

Sub-Enclosure No. 3, in Enclosure No. 1, in Sir Charles Napier's Letter No. 151.

His Majesty's ship Leopard, off Uleaborg,
June 4, 1854.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to enclose the reports of the officers commanding the several detachments of boats of the squadron sent from this ship on the 1st and 2nd instant, after the ships had anchored within range of the town of Uleaborg; and I have much pleasure in again bringing the zeal and ability of Lieutenant Benjamin P. Priest, who commanded the principal force, to your notice.

All the officers and men engaged in this trying duty for nearly 12 hours (and during a snow storm of six hours' duration) conducted themselves entirely to my satisfaction, and the destruction of enemy's shipping and property has been very great.

From the enemy having sunk all their shipping, it was found that no vessels could be rendered serviceable to embark any of the valuable property without great loss of time, and it was burnt without a murmur or thought of prize money.

I take this opportunity to report to you the unwearied zeal and ability of Mr. George B. Swain, master of this ship, assisted by Mr. D. M. Jago, the master of Her Majesty's ship Odin, and their assistants, in sounding and buoying the intricate and shallow channels for upwards of 30 miles leading to this port, they being employed day and night for 48 hours, and having no plan of the place.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE GIFFARD.
Captain.

Rear-Admiral J. H. Plumridge,
H.M.S. Leopard.

Total number of Vessels destroyed.

Lieutenant Priest's division	{ 13 building, and on shore.
Lieutenant Priest's division	{ 7 afloat, but scuttled.
Lieutenant Graham's division	2 building.
Lieutenant Graham's division	{ 1 afloat, un- seaworthy.
Lieutenant Lloyd's division	5 small vessels.
Captured by Lieutenant Young on the 31st May, and burnt	{ 3 schooners. — 31 —

Naval Stores burnt.

From 40 to 50,000 barrels of tar and pitch.
6,000 square yards of rough pitch.

A vast number of stacks of timber, spars, planks, deals, &c.

A large number of storehouses, containing sails, rope, and all kinds of stores, workshops, forges, &c.

Several building yards, and a great extent of wharfage.

Estimated damage to the enemy above £300,000.

Her Majesty's ship Leopard, off Uleaborg,
June 2, 1854.

IN compliance with your orders, I yesterday evening took under my command, the boats of Rear-

Admiral Plumridge's squadron, as per margin,* and proceeded up the river to Uleaborg.

Taking possession of the town of Uleaborg, I spent two hours in examining the buildings, of which none appeared to belong to the Russian Government, except the Cossacks' Barracks, situated in the very heart of the town; and as its destruction by fire would have involved the burning of a large number of private houses, if not of the whole town (containing several thousand inhabitants), I judged it better to spare it.

In thus acting I had the less reason to expect your disapprobation, as it was little better than a collection of hovels.

The storehouses within the town were for the most part cleared out; no naval stores were found in any of them, and as their burning would also have endangered the town, they were spared.

I next detached Lieutenant L. U. Hammet, (flag lieutenant) in command of a division to examine both the sides of a river, below the narrows, to recover any of the sunken vessels, if practicable in a short time; otherwise to destroy all the enemy's shipping and naval stores; impressing upon him your orders to be careful not to damage any private dwelling, a service which he performed with discretion and ability.

Proceeding myself with the other division to the island opposite to the town, I fired and destroyed all the ships building, together with the storehouses containing ship-building materials, and workshops, and continuing destroying as I passed down on both sides of the river, I rejoined Lieutenant Hammet and returned on board.

During the performance of this service, the men were exposed to great trials and temptations, both from the almost uninterrupted sleet, with very cold weather, and the large number of spirit stores open; yet, notwithstanding this their general behaviour gave me the greatest confidence in their devotion and daring, had the enemy shown opposition.

* LEOPARD'S	
1st Gig . . .	Lieutenant B. P. Priest. W. J. Kay, passed clerk.
1st Cutter . . .	W. T. C. Wall, acting assistant-surgeon. Lieutenant Hammet (next in command). Mr. R. Harrington, midshipman.
1st Launch . . .	Mr. Payne, mate.
Pinnace . . .	Lieutenant E. D. Thelwall, R.M.A. W. J. Lawrence, second master.
VALOROUS'	
1st Launch . . .	Lieutenant C. C. Dent. Lieutenant W. S. Davies, R.M.A.
Pinnace . . .	Mr. R. F. Broadrick, mate.
1st Cutter . . .	Mr. Hare, midshipman.
2nd Gig . . .	Mr. G. Trefusis, naval cadet. Mr. W. Ray, M.D., assistant-surgeon.
VULTURE'S	
1st Launch . . .	Lieutenant Wise.
Barge . . .	Mr. C. F. Hill, mate.
Cutter . . .	Mr. Fortescue, midshipman.
Gig . . .	Mr. Butler, naval cadet. W. G. Duncan, assistant-surgeon.
ODIN'S	
1st Launch . . .	Lieutenant W. Mould. Mr. Montague, mate. Lieutenant A. O. Lewis, R.M.A.
Pinnace . . .	Lieutenant Fellowes. Mr. R. Athorpe, midshipman.
Gig . . .	Mr. C. Rice, naval cadet. Mr. J. E. Hamilton, assistant-surgeon.
Gig . . .	Mr. Salmond, naval cadet.

TOTAL.

4 gun-boats, each with 24-pounder howitzer.
4 gun-boats, each with 12-pounder howitzer.
27 officers.
203 seamen,
98 marines.

GRAND TOTAL.
8 gun-boats
8 smaller boats.
27 officers.
301 men.