

6th instant, the state of the weather obliged me to put to sea again; but, on the following day, the 7th, the wind moderating, we were able to return, and anchored abreast of Trullön Island, as near as we prudently could to the bar, in four fathoms water, the Odin in Company.

The boats, as per enclosed list (1), were dispatched under charge of the senior lieutenant of the Vulture, Mr. Charles A. Wise, with signals and directions for his guidance, as per enclosures (Nos. 2 and 3).

It is my painful duty to report that they were met in force by the enemy, and beaten off, with the loss of the Vulture's paddle-box boat.

Immediately on perceiving the attack, the reserve was ordered away, consisting of one paddle-box boat from each ship, accompanied by Captain Francis Scott, in his gig, who having gallantly volunteered his services, I readily entrusted with the charge of bringing the boats out of action, as I observed the fire of the enemy evidently proceeded from an overwhelming force.

The following day under a flag of truce, Lieutenant Wise proceeded with a letter to the Governor of Gamla Carleby; he returned without communicating, the flag not being acknowledged, and reported that a regiment of regular troops were drawn up during the time the boat remained off the beach, and apparently a second regiment, from the difference of their uniforms, employed throwing up breastworks, with embrasures.

From there being only thirteen feet water on the deepest part of the bar, and the impossibility of getting ships of the draft of water of the Vulture and Odin over, I considered our further operations there impracticable, and sailed at six P.M., for the rendezvous at Hallgrund Beacon, off Jacobstad, but the unfavourable state of the weather has prevented our employing our force in its immediate neighbourhood.

Enclosed is Lieutenant Wise's report (No. 4), as also the returns of killed, wounded, and missing from the two ships (5 and 6), and a copy of my letter to the Governor of Carleby Gamla (7), and of my sailing orders (No. 8).

I have, &c.

(Signed) FREDERICK H. H. GLASSE,
Captain.

Rear-Admiral J. Hanway Plumridge.

Her Majesty's ship Vulture, off Gamla Carleby, June 8, 1854.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report to you, that in obedience to your orders, I proceeded with the boats of Her Majesty's ships Vulture and Odin, named in the margin,* towards Gamla Carleby.

Having anchored the boats in line abreast, their guns pointed towards the beach, I landed in the gig with a flag of truce, for the purpose of communicating with some persons whom I observed on the adjacent shore. The flag was duly received, and I addressed one who styled himself the Burgomaster, demanding that all the property of the Emperor of Russia should be given up to me, and that on this condition, in compliance with

* Centre—

Vulture's 1st gig.

Vulture.—Starboard Division—

Pinnace.

2nd paddle-box boat.

1st cutter.

2nd cutter.

Odin.—Port Division

1st paddle-box boat.

Pinnace.

1st cutter.

2nd cutter.

Admiral Plumridge's notice, the town and private property would be respected. Not being able to obtain a satisfactory answer, and assistance in communicating with the Governor being denied me, re-embarked and directing Lieutenant Carrington to proceed ahead in a boat of light draught to sound, ordered the boats to weigh and form in two lines abreast, but before this was executed the enemy's fire from storehouses on our right, opened with field pieces and musketry, which was promptly returned by our guns and small arms.

The enemy being in great force and rapidly increasing—their position well chosen, and protected among wood and houses, behind which they were completely concealed, and from which they poured a most destructive fire—I deemed it expedient to withdraw the boats, and accordingly made the signal for the general recall.

I did not, however, accomplish this without the loss of the paddle-box boat of this ship, which was destroyed by the enemy's fire; and it is with sorrow I contemplate the severe loss of officers and men we have sustained. Lieutenant Carrington, of the Odin, fell while in the act of carrying out my orders. His boat, a cutter, was the object of the enemy's first fire, by which she had eleven struck down, and gave us first notice of their proximity. Mr. N. J. Morphy, mate, in charge of the Vulture's paddle-box boat, I observed encouraging his crew with great gallantry. Mr. C. F. H. Montague (mate), Odin, I am sorry to say fell mortally wounded while most gallantly doing his duty in the paddle-box boat of that ship. I have to add that the conduct of every officer and man was most exemplary. I cannot close this report without mentioning my approbation of the cool and praiseworthy conduct of Lieutenants Madden and Fellowes, who commanded the other two boats with guns.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) CHAS. A. WISE,

Senior Lieutenant H.M.S. Vulture.

Captain F. H. H. Glasse,
H.M.S. Vulture.

Return of the Boats of Her Majesty's ships Vulture and Odin, employed in the attack on Gamla Carleby, the night of the 7th and 8th June, 1854.

Vulture's Boats.

Pinnace—Edward Madden, lieutenant; 22 men.
2nd Paddle-box boat—Nathl. J. Morphy, mate; 27 men.

1st Cutter—George P. Chapman, 2nd master; George Duncan, M.D., assistant-surgeon; 14 men.

2nd Cutter—J. V. D. Butler, naval cadet; 11 men.

1st Gig—Charles A. Wise, lieutenant; Wm. P. Burton, 1st lieutenant, R.M.A.; 5 men.

Total—Officers 7; men 79.

Reserve: 1st Paddle-box boat—Charles F. Hill, mate; 22 men.

Vulture's whole total—Officers 8; men 101.

Odin's Boats.

Pinnace—Thomas H. B. Fellowes, lieutenant; Henry Magrath, midshipman; Henry Salmund, naval cadet; 29 men.

1st Paddle-box boat—Edward M. W. Carrington, lieutenant; Charles F. Montague, mate; Arthur Lewis, lieutenant R.M.; Ernest Rice, naval cadet; 40 men.