

7th January, 1855.

1ST REGIMENT OF FOOT.

2812 Lance-Serjeant Michael Kanavan, slightly
2992 Private Thomas Mullins, slightly
3375 John Moran, slightly

38TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3542 Private William Frawley, severely

47TH REGIMENT OF FOOT.

3074 Private Michael Cormick, slightly

J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT,
Adjutant-General.

Erratum in the London Gazette Extraordinary of
Sunday, November 12, 1854.

In Lieutenant-General Sir De Lacy Evans's report to Field-Marshal Lord Raglan, of the 27th of October, 1854,—For, "to Lieutenant-Colonels Woodham and Hemlin we are under the greatest obligation,"—Read, "to Lieutenant-Colonels Wodehouse and Hamley we are under the greatest obligation."

Admiralty, January 25, 1855.

THE following Despatch and Enclosures have been received from Rear-Admiral Sir James Stirling, Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's ships and vessels on the East India and China station:

ON THE REPRESSION OF PIRACY.

*Winchester, at Hong Kong,
November 25, 1854.*

SIR,

IN the fourth paragraph of my general letter, Number 78, of the 9th instant, I had the honour to report the existing necessity for rigorous measures in regard to piracy in this neighbourhood, complaints and representations on the subject of which were addressed to me daily, either by the local government or private persons; and I now beg leave to state the course I adopted for the repression of that evil.

2. In the first instance I requested Mr. Robertson, the Acting Superintendent of Trade, to call upon the Viceroy of Canton, to take certain measures for the capture and detention of the numerous vessels engaged in the business of robbery upon the waters within the imperial jurisdiction, but the Viceroy candidly admitted his want of force. I then requested Mr. Robertson to inform his Excellency that if he would send a mandarin of rank, instructed to co-operate with me upon this service, and would direct and authorise him to visit and examine every port and place upon the coast, known or suspected to be haunts of pirates, and every vessel of a suspicious character, I would provide for the safety of this officer and any junk accompanying him, and give him the aid and support of British vessels-of-war in the search; and that I felt assured, with the legal sanction afforded by an imperial officer's presence, and his acquaintance with localities and persons, a stop might be put to an evil which threatened to increase, if unopposed, to a most destructive extent.

3. To this proposal the Viceroy gave a hearty assent (Enclosure No. 1). I accordingly despatched a steamer to the Bogue, and on the 5th instant she brought back the mandarin commanding the station, and a war junk. In the meanwhile

I had directed Captain O'Callaghan to take charge of the intended operations under orders, copies of which are hereunto annexed; but before I proceeded to report the proceedings of Captain O'Callaghan, after the mandarin arrived, I beg to place before their Lordships the following circumstances.

4. The Governor of Macao, whose acquaintance I have long had the satisfaction to enjoy, made me a cordial offer of all the aid he could afford; the American Commodore placed a steam vessel, the Queen, at my disposal; the leading native merchants at Canton transmitted to Messrs. Russell and Company 5,000 dollars, to be used as I might see occasion; an opulent Chinese trader chartered two steamers of the Peninsular and Oriental Company to accompany any expedition I might send; and the Lieutenant-Governor of Hong Kong gave every assistance in his power. These concurrent acts, I trust, will satisfy their Lordships of the necessity for action; and, accordingly, while waiting for the arrival of the mandarin, on the 3rd instant, I despatched Lieutenant Charles Fellowes with the boats of the Winchester and Spartan, the latter under Lieutenant Wray Palliser, both of whom had been so often previously reported as having been most creditably engaged in such enterprises, to enquire into a robbery committed that same day, in one of the channels leading to this harbour. Lieutenant Fellowes's report of proceedings I have herewith the honour to lay before their Lordships; and I venture to hope the entire success of that operation, and the very judicious and gallant conduct evinced by Lieutenant Fellowes, and the excellent behaviour of all who were employed under him, may meet with their Lordships' approbation.

5. On the evening of the 4th instant, Lieutenant Preble, of the American Navy, in command of the Queen, arrived, and informed me he had been fired upon by a squadron of piratical junks not far from this anchorage; and Captain O'Callaghan, who had been made aware of that circumstance, informed me he was then blockading that squadron and awaiting my instructions. I accordingly despatched a reinforcement to the place, as described in the margin,* and on the following day I had the satisfaction to receive the accompanying report of the entire success of Captain O'Callaghan and his force, in the destruction of all the piratical junks in the Bay of Tyho. In that report high commendation is given to Lieutenants Fellowes, Palliser, and Montgomerie (the latter of whom was highly distinguished at the Shanghai conflict in April last). It may here be added, that soon after our squadron left the Bay of Tyho, an imperial squadron entered it, and, having landed part of their people, they captured 60 pirates, whom they carried to the Bogue, and 48 of them having been convicted on the evidence of the other 12, were sentenced for execution.

6. On the 17th instant, Captain O'Callaghan and his vessels returned to this place, and having received orders, copy of which is herewith annexed, he put to sea and proceeded on the service indicated, the importance of which may be estimated when I say that for the last four years Coulan has been the principal stronghold of the pirates in this neighbourhood. Captain O'Callaghan's proceedings at that place are fully described in his accompanying report, and in a private narrative published in the "Friend of China," of which I beg to annex a copy. My task is therefore limited to requesting in the strongest possible terms the attention of their Lordships to the skilful

* Barracouta, and the boats of the Winchester and Spartan.