

OPERATIONS IN THE STRAITS OF KERCH.

SIR,

*Royal Albert, Straits,
June 2, 1855.*

IN my letter, No. 398, of the 26th ult. I stated that we had captured fifty of the enemy's guns. It now appears that more than a hundred guns have fallen into our hands in the different sea defences, many of them of heavy calibre, and remarkably well cast. Those which may not be required for the land defences which the Allied Armies are now constructing, will be shipped and sent to England and France.

It has been ascertained from the Custom House returns, that the enemy on evacuating Kertch, on the 24th ultimo, destroyed 4,166,000 lbs. of corn and 508,000 lbs. of flour. This quantity, taken together with what has been destroyed by the Allied Squadrons in the Sea of Azof, comprises

nearly four months' rations for an army of a hundred thousand men; and it seems that shortly before our arrival the enemy had commenced sending towards Sevastopol daily convoys of about fifteen hundred waggons, each containing half a ton weight of grain or flour.

4. Sir George Brown confidently expects that by the 7th instant Enikalé will be in such a state of defence as fully to justify his leaving it in charge of the Ottoman troops now here, under the command of Hadji Reschid Pacha, and that the British and French forces will be at liberty to proceed to the attack of Anapa and Soujak Kaleh, in order to drive the enemy out of his last holds on the coast of Circassia.

I am, &c.,

E. LYONS,

Rear-Admiral.

To the Secretary of the Admiralty.

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