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SIR,

Admiralty, September 4, 1855.

DESPATCHES, of which the following are copies, have been received at the Admiralty from Rear-Admiral the Honourable R. S. Dundas, Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Baltic.

No. 431. Sir,

Duke of Wellington, in Nargen August, 27, 1855.

I HAVE the honour to transmit, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a letter from Captain Warden, of Her Majesty's ship Ajax, enclosing a report, detailing the proceedings of Captain Henry C. Otter, in Her Majesty's ship Firefly, before Brandon, the sea-port of Wasa, in the Gulf of Bothnia, which are highly creditable to that officer, and to the officers and crew under his command; and I beg leave to recommend to the favourable notice of their Lordships the gallant conduct of Lieutenants Edward Burstal and John Ward, as well as that of Mr. John A. Bull, Second Master, and Mr. James W. Salter, the Gunner, on the occasion.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) R. S. DUNDAS, Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

The Secretary of the Admiralty.

No. 34. Sir,

Ajax, in Fogle Fiord, August, 22, 1855.

I HAVE the honour to lay before you the accompanying report of Captain Otter, of the Firefly, of his proceedings between the 27th July and 11th instant, at Brandon, in the neighbour-

hood of Wasa, whilst temporarily occupying that part of the station, together with a list of vessels taken, and property and vessels otherwise dcstroyed; and I desire to draw your favorable notice to this report, as it bears witness to the zeal and energy of Captain Otter in the performance of this service.

I have, &c.; (Signed) FRED. WARDEN. Rear-Admiral The Hon. R. S. Dundas, C.B., &c. &c. &c.

Her Majesty's Ship Firefly, Korsoren Beacon, August 11, 1855.

I BEG to acquaint you that after leaving Fogle Fiord on the 27th ultimo, I communicated with Her Majesty's ship Harrier, and His Imperial Majesty's corvette D'Assas, on their stations, and on the evening of the 31st, despatched Her Majesty's ship Driver to you from Noorskar Light. At 10 A.M. on 1st August, I anchored Her Majesty's ship Firefly half a mile outside of Korsoren Beacon, and with the two paddle-box boats and the gig, accompanied by Lieutenant Ward and Mr. Bull, pushed on to the south-east; on our way we got information of a large barque at anchor to the eastward of Wasklöt, and also that there was a military force in the neighbourhood.

On arriving within two miles from Brandon, a telegraph was observed on a small island in Korsham Fiord, signalizing with three large balls, and on pulling in towards it, two men in a boat pushed off from the land with a flag of truce; fortunately I did not fire, for the flag was so large