

war purposes, as they differed in many respects from trading junks; their armament, besides the usual complement of spears, muskets, stinkpots, &c., comprised many large guns, there was a 68-pounder and a large 18-pounder not weighing less than 50 cwt., 32, 24, 12, and 6-pounders; one junk had twenty-one guns mounted.

It is impossible to speak too highly of the American co-operating party engaged; they were with the Rattlers emulating each other in the thickest of the attack. It was in capturing a junk which blew up, killing two and wounding eleven of the Americans, and capsizing my gig, that I witnessed the cool bravery of Lieutenant Rolando, U.S.N., to whose timely rescue I am indebted for my life; but my warmest thanks in particular are due to Lieutenant Pegram, the American senior officer; his encouragement of the men, and coolness under a heavy fire, and determined bravery when surrounded by a persevering and revengeful foe, was conspicuous to all; indeed, every officer and man belonging to that frigate acquitted themselves much to my satisfaction.

While bestowing all due credit on our American friends, I cannot pass over the conduct of Mr. R. Brownsdon, Paymaster, in charge of the first cutter, whose boat, in an attack on a junk, had three men killed and seven men wounded by stink pots and spears; nor that of Mr. John James, the boatswain, who gallantly attacked a junk in a five oared gig with musketry, till Lieutenant Pegram generously came to his aid and enabled him to take possession. Lieutenants Wrey and Greer, and Mr. Lomax, mate, in the pinnace, returned from their chase of the lorch, in time to burn all the junks we had captured, when I was obliged to retire with the wounded. I regret for their sakes they were not in the action, as they have always when the opportunity offered greatly distinguished themselves.

In conclusion, I must express to your Excellency my entire satisfaction with the conduct of every one employed under me; indeed, all exhibited on this occasion the same gallantry and coolness under fire that they did on the three former occasions, when I had the honour of commanding them.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. A. FELLOWES.
Commander.

P.S.—I placed the use of the hospital at the disposal of Captain McCluney for the treatment of his wounded, who at once accepted my offer.

(Signed) W. A. F.

*His Excellency Rear-Admiral
Sir J. Stirling, Commander-in-Chief.*

List of the Names of Men belonging to Her Majesty's steam-sloop Rattler, Killed and Wounded, &c., in the engagement of the 4th August, 1855, with the Piratical Fleet near Kulan.

KILLED.

John Massey, Gunner, R. M. Artillery.
George Mitchell, A.B.
James Silvers, Carpenter's Crew.

WOUNDED.

John Lindsay, Gunner, R. M. Artillery, burnt severely.
David Lloyd, Gunner, R. M. Artillery, burnt severely.
Richard Clark, Stoker, slightly wounded and burnt

James Poulter, A.B., burnt severely.

John Eade, A.B., burnt severely.

James Paull, Boy, 1st Class, burnt badly.

William Robinson, Gunner, R. M. Artillery, contused head.

MISSING.

William Oliff, Private R. M., supposed to be drowned.

(Signed) W. A. FELLOWES, Commander.

(Signed) F. B. PRITCHARD, Surgeon.

*Her Majesty's Steam Sloop Rattler,
Hong Kong, 6th August, 1855.*

List of Killed and Wounded in the Engagement with Pirates at Kulan, on the 4th August, 1855.

United States Boat Division.

KILLED.

Joseph A. Halsey, Landsman.

Isaac Coe, Landsman.

WOUNDED.

Lieutenant Pegram, contusion of hand.

Lieutenant Rolando, burn of hand.

John Pepper, Seaman, mortally (dead).

B. Adamson, Marine, gun shot, dangerously (dead).

J. Pendergast, Landsman, fracture of left clavicle and burns.

Samuel Mullard, Marine, burn, very severely (dead).

Frederick Hommel, Marine, burn, very severely.

P. Walderschmidt, Marine, burn, very severely.

Joshua Lewis, Seaman, burn, very severely.

William Taylor, Captain Aft. Guard, burn, very severely.

Charles Tingwell, Seaman, cutlass wound.

(Signed) ALBERT SCHRIVER,
Assistant-Surgeon, U.S.N.
U.S. Steam Frigate Powhatan.

(Copy.)

(Signed) W. A. FELLOWES,
Commander H.M.S. Rattler.

TRANSMITTING REPORTS FROM COMMANDER VANSITTART OF CONFLICTS WITH PIRATICAL JUNKS.

*Winchester, at Hong Kong,
9th November, 1855.*

SIR

I HAVE the pleasure to transmit herewith a report from Commander Vansittart of Her Majesty's Sloop Bittern, detailing certain operations against pirates in the Gulf of Leotung, together with a copy of my reply to that officer in acknowledgement of the services above referred to.

I have also the honour to forward the accompanying reports from Commander Vansittart, in relation to a later action between the Bittern, and a greatly superior force of junks, in Shiepo Bay, on which occasion the pirates appear to have commenced hostilities. I also forward my reply to Commander Vansittart's report upon that service; and I cannot recommend to the notice of their Lordships in terms too high, the skill, gallantry, and resolution, displayed by Commander Vansittart, and by the officers, seamen, and marines, who were engaged.

I regret to add that success was not achieved without serious loss, and I beg to recommend to the consideration of their Lordships, the case of the family of Mr. Turner, late Master of the