

continue at Bushire: if rejected, war, on the expiration of the time named.

By order of the Sirdars General and Admiral Sahibs, Commanding the combined British Forces before Bushire.

FELIX JONES, Political Agent with the Forces.

Done on board the steam-frigate "Assaye," bearing the flag of Rear-Admiral Sir Henry J. Leeke, Knight, K.H., this ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

PROCLAMATION.

*British Residency, Bushire,
December 11, 1856.*

The town and outworks of Bushire, after a four hours' cannonade, having surrendered unconditionally to a combined naval and military force assembled for storm before the place, were formally taken possession of, in the name of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, yesterday afternoon. The British colours were hoisted at the Residency flagstaff in the town at 4.30 P.M., the topmast of His Majesty the Shah of Persia's flagstaff having been felled in token of submission.

This occupation of Bushire, on the main land of the Persian territories, was announced officially this day, with a salute of twenty-one guns from the fleet, the ships being dressed in the usual form.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

By order of the Major-General Commanding the Persian field force.

FELIX JONES, Political Agent with the Persian field force, and Resident in the Persian Gulf.

With reference to the above Proclamation, the town of Bushire is declared to be a military post, under British rule, and, for the present, subject to the operations of martial law. All parties, therefore, living under British protection, are warned of the bad consequences of trespassing upon the rights of individuals, or in aiding or abetting others in designs against the State.

2. The port of Bushire is declared free from all duties until further notice.

3. Warlike stores of every description, coming under the denomination of contraband of war, will be seized and confiscated; as also wines, beers, spirituous liquors, which are pronounced unsaleable in the town or districts without especial license.

4. All other articles, whether for consumption or trade, may be imported or exported at will.

5. The traffic in slaves is abolished. Newly-imported negroes of every age and sex will be seized, and set free.

6. Parties desirous of settling here will be permitted, so long as they continue to live peaceably in recognition of British law.

7. Wearing arms, except by the military and police, is declared unlawful. Weapons will therefore be seized wherever found. Parties coming in from the sea, or from the country, such as muleteers, Arab seamen, or travellers in pursuit of peaceful occupation, are required only to deposit their arms at the bunders or at the gate. They will be restored again on quitting the town.

8. All parties living under the protection of the British Government may pursue their lawful occupation without let or hindrance; and the free worship of Almighty God, according to conscience, is tolerated by British law. Let none, therefore, fear oppression on account of religious opinions.

9. Petty crimes and misdemeanours are punishable in conformity with camp and garrison usages; but graver offences must be referred for the decision of the Major-General Commanding the Expeditionary Force.

By order of the Major-General Commanding the Persian Field Force,

FELIX JONES, Political Agent with the Field Force, and Resident in the Persian Gulf.

British Residency, December 11, 1856.

[Translated into Persian and Arabic, and copies pasted up on the principal buildings of the town.]

Appended Article.

10. Parties, debtors to people in the town, until they provide sufficient security for payment to their creditors, will not be allowed to quit the town of Bushire.

By order of the Major-General Commanding the Persian Field Force.

FELIX JONES, Political Agent Field Force, and Resident, Persian Gulf.

NOTIFICATION.

Political Department.

Bombay Castle, December 29, 1856.

With reference to the Government Notification of the 27th instant, announcing the capture of Bushire by the British forces on the 10th instant, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council publishes, for general information, the following Return, which has subsequently been received, of the Killed and Wounded of the field force under the command of Major-General Stalker, C.B., in the attack on Reshire on the 9th instant, and also a Return of the Ordnance found in the Fort of Bushire on its surrender on the 10th instant.

By order of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

H. L. ANDERSON, Secretary to Government.