

A.M. The gun-boats are then to be ready to weigh, and are to follow the Hong Kong.

13. The officers are to take care, and are to caution their men, that unarmed Chinese are in no way to be molested, and that, afloat or on shore, private property is not unnecessarily injured.

(Signed) CHAS. G. B. ELLIOT,
Commodore and Senior Officer in the
Canton River.

*To the Captain, Commanders, and
Commanding Officers of Her
Majesty's ships and vessels pre-
sent.*

*Sybille, 2nd Bar, Canton River,
May 26, 1857.*

GENERAL MEMORANDUM.

WITH the view of getting at the war boats that escaped yesterday, the following arrangements are to be attended to.

The second division to be under the orders of Commander Forsyth.

The Hornet is to anchor off Escape Creek.

The Sir Charles Forbes and Bustard, with the launches of the Raleigh and Sybille, and the Hornet's boats, are this evening to take up a position off the lower lime-kilns, about three miles up Escape Creek, in order to prevent the war junks escaping to Canton by the small creeks leading up towards Whampoa. The first division to be under the orders of Captain Edgell.

The remainder of the gun-boats, steam tenders, and ship boats, with the exception of the Inflexible's pinnace, are to be ready to proceed down the river at 5 P.M. to day, to join the Tribune off Sawshee Channel, up which it is my intention to go to-morrow morning. Commanders Corbett and Turnour will command respectively the van and rear of this division under Captain Edgell.

On account of the delay and inconvenience that may be caused by any boats separating from the others, I look upon it to be an important part of the duty of the officer stationed in the rear, to see that all the boats are up with him.

The boats are to take two days' provisions with them.

(Signed) C. J. B. ELLIOT, Commodore
and Senior Officer in the Canton River.

*The Captains, Commanders, and
Commanding Officers of Her
Majesty's Ships and Vessels
present.*

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ATTACK ON WAR JUNKS IN
FATSHAM CREEK.

*Coromandel, at Macao Barrier,
31st May, 1857.*

GENERAL ORDER.

HAVING determined on attacking the junk fleet above Hyacinth Island, in the Fatsham Creek, the following arrangements are made known for the guidance of the Commodores, Captains, and other officers to be employed in that operation.

The whole of the ships' boats, manned and armed, are to be ready at 3-30 o'clock on Monday morning the 1st June, the crews having previously

breakfasted and been victualled for two days, according to memorandum already issued. Particular attention is called to the division of the forces as hereafter enumerated. The gun-boats and boats will advance in the order in which they stand, in such full open order as will prevent crowding or the possibility of accident.

The movement will commence by the Hornet,* Cruiser,* and Coromandel, moving up to a berth as close to Hyacinth Island as depth of water will permit, convenient for landing the Seamen and Royal Marines told off for the attack on the fort and guns in position for the defence of the junks; but the general advance of the gun and other boats is not to be impeded by the possibility of the two first named ships not being able to get into their positions.

When the forts and outworks are taken possession of, they are to be held, if desirable, and the officer commanding will determine either to advance by land or to re-embark in the boats, to unite with the other divisional attacks on the junk forces. The Commander-in-Chief objects to long range firing, and in the advance, the return to the Chinese fire is to be regulated by the officer commanding the leading division. The all important object is to reach the junks through narrow and shallow water, requiring attention to navigation, which should not be diverted by a too hasty discharge of guns. The Niger is to provide a second guns' crew to the Plover, and the Fury to the Bustard.

It is to be understood that if any impediments exist to the steam gun-boats' progress up the creek, which cannot be overcome, it is not to delay the prompt advance of the row-boats. All casualties for hospital treatment, are ultimately to be conveyed to the Inflexible, for conveyance to Hong Kong.

The Commander-in-Chief impresses on the officers the necessity of restraining their men from attacking unarmed people, confining operations against the war junks and troops, and they are strictly to respect and protect the persons and property of the peaceable inhabitants.

(Signed) M. SEYMOUR,
Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

*To the Captains and Commanding
Officers of Her Majesty's Ships
and Vessels, Canton.*

*Force destined for the Attack on the Junk Fleet,
in Fatsham Creek, on Monday, the 1st June,
1857.*

FIRST DIVISION.

Commander-in-Chief.
Commodore the Honourable Charles Elliott.
Coromandel, Cruiser, and Hornet.
Boats of Tribune, Inflexible, Hornet, Cruiser, and
Fury.
Black barge of Calcutta.
Pinnace from Macao Fort.
Captain H. E. Edgell.
Commander C. C. Forsyth.
Commander John Corbett.
Commander Charles J. Leclie.

* In consequence of the doubtful depth of water, these ships were not taken up for fear of impeding the progress of the other vessels, and the Haughty was substituted.