

7. A running engagement and exciting chase for about seven miles, led by Captain the Honourable A. Cochrane, now took place, the enemy quitting their vessels as they became disabled or leaky from the effects of our shot. Twelve of them were come up with in this manner; eight reached the extensive and populous town of Fatsham, three of which got in and escaped, as we could not follow and capture them without damaging the town (which is not fortified), or by otherwise annoying the peaceable inhabitants, contrary to your Excellency's instructions.

8. The other five junks we secured at the entrance to Fatsham, and have brought them down as prizes; the twelve taken on the way up have been burnt; each of these vessels mounted from ten to fourteen guns, the bow and stern being long 32-pounders.

9. With so large a force, I have not commented on the individual zeal or gallantry of any particular officer; there was plenty to do for the whole of them, and your Excellency is the best judge of how they performed their duty. I have contented myself with enclosing a list of the steam, gun, boom, and other boats, with the names

of the officers who commanded or served in them, and I might venture to remark that, with such material, failure would almost appear to be impossible.

10. I have not had an opportunity of ascertaining the amount of injury sustained by all the steam, gun, and other boats of my divisions, but the Hong Kong was hulled eleven or twelve times, the Plover, Starling, and Haughty gun-boats were struck, the Calcutta's launch was swamped, and several others much damaged.

11. I have the honour to enclose a list of casualties which, fortunately, is not so large as might have been expected from the nature of the service.

12. I have also endeavoured by a rough sketch to explain the position of the second division of the enemy at the time we met with our temporary check.

I have, &c.

(Signed) HENRY KEPPEL,
Commodore.

*To His Excellency Rear-Admiral Sir
Michael Seymour, &c., &c., &c.,
Commander-in-Chief.*