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DESPATCHES, of which the following are copies have been received from Captain Peel, C.B., of Her Majesty's Ship Shannon, commanding the Naval Brigade in India, dated Camp before Lucknow, November 11, 1857.

Camp before Lucknow,

Sir,
November 11, 1857.
I HAVE the honour to forward for the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the copy of my letter to his Excellency Sir Michael Seymour, with its enclosures, reporting the proceedings of Her Majesty's Ship "Shannon's" Naval Brigade.

I have, &c.
(Signed) WILLIAM PEEL,
Captain, R.N.

To the Secretary of the Admiralty.

*Between Cawnpore, and Lucknow,
November 9, 1857.*

PROCEEDINGS OF NAVAL BRIGADE.

SIR,
ON the 20th ultimo Lieutenant Vaughan joined me at Allahabad, with a reinforcement of 126 officers and men, which raised the total strength of the "Shannon's" Brigade at Allahabad to 516. This reinforcement was composed for the most part of merchant seamen raised at Calcutta, and the fine appearance of the men, their good behaviour, and excellent discipline displayed the ability and zeal of Lieutenant James W. Vaughan. I beg to recommend this excellent officer to your favourable notice. I think, also, that it showed the fine spirit of the Merchant Service, as these men entered on board the Shannon without any conditions, and against £6 per month wages offered by the shipping.

On the 23d ultimo, in obedience to a telegram from the Chief of the Staff, I sent a party of 150 seamen, consisting of Lieutenant Nowell Salmon's Company of small arm men, and a field piece party, the whole under the command of Lieutenant Vaughan, to proceed with four siege train 24-pounders to Cawnpore. That party is now with the column before Lucknow.

On the 27th ultimo, a further detachment of 170 men, under the command of Lieutenant Thos. J. Young, the gunnery officer of the "Shannon," consisting of Lieutenant Edward Hay's company of small arm men, a field piece party, and the Marines

under Captain Thos. C. Gray, with a siege train of four 24-pounders and two 8-inch howitzers, and a large amount of ammunition, under convoy of troops, was sent on the same service; and on the following day, by order of the Commander-in-chief, I was sent to accompany it. Lieutenant-Colonel Powell, with the head-quarters of the 53rd regiment, soon afterwards joined us on the march; and the battle that ensued at Kudjwa, the defeat of the enemy and the death of the gallant Colonel Powell, are reported in the accompanying copy of my despatch to the Chief of the Staff. I have since been informed that the Commander of the rebel army was also among the slain.

Since that battle was fought, with the exception of one day's rest for the footsore men, who had marched 72 miles in three days, besides fighting a severe engagement, we have made daily marches, and are now on our way to join the column before Lucknow.

At Cawnpore I was obliged to leave Lieutenant Hay with 50 men, to serve as artillerymen for that important position.

The remainder of my brigade, consisting of nearly 240 officers and men, are at Allahabad under the command of Lieutenant Wm. C. F. Wilson, assisted by Lieutenants Hy. R. Wratislaw, and Lind ap Hazeley (Swedish Navy). They are doing duty at the garrison.

I am much gratified with the conduct of all the Brigade, and there is no departure whatever from the ordinary rules and custom of the service.

I have, &c.
WILLIAM PEEL,
Captain, R.N.

*Rear-Admiral
Sir Michael Seymour, K.C.B.,
&c. &c. &c.*

Enclosed is the return of our casualties in the Battle of Kudjwa.

Cawnpore, November 7, 1857.

Detachment under Captain W. Peck, R.N., C.B., &c. Return of Killed and Wounded of the above detachment in the action at Kudjwa, on 1st November, 1857.

Lieutenant Edward Hay, R.N., slight graze on back of hand;—doing well.
Lieutenant William Stirling, R.M., gunshot wound through calf of leg;—doing well.
William Ballard, ordinary seaman, gunshot wound through calf of leg;—doing well.