

No. 3.

*Camp Bustee,
October 15, 1858.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report for your information the proceedings of a detachment of the Pearl's Naval Brigade under my orders, from the 27th September to the 7th October. We left Bustee, at two A.M. of the 27th, with the force named in the margin,* under the command of Captain Twynam. H.M.'s. 13th Light Infantry arrived at Bansee on the 28th, 40 miles, and crossed the Raptee at 9 P.M., and encamped in the entrenchments.

On the 29th we crossed the Paranassi Nuddee, and joined Captain Howlett's force, as per margin,† at one P.M. marched to Chetteah, where we halted for the night, the men and cattle being much fatigued from the heavy rain during all the day, and flooded state of the country. Next morning proceeded to Mowee, and thence towards the jungle; the cavalry came upon the rear guard of the rebels, 400, at the edge of it. The guns were got quickly to the front, and opened with shell, at 600 yards, and quickly dispersed them, and pursued them for six miles into the jungle, but it was impossible, owing to the nature of the country, to come up with them; we then halted, after a most harassing day.

Our object having been accomplished we returned to Bansee the following day, and marched back to Bustee on the 5th.

I have great pleasure in bringing to your notice the ready and obedient manner in which the detachment under my command performed this arduous and trying service, wading through a most flooded country and into thick jungle, during heavy rains with occasional hot sun.

Mr. H. H. Edwards, Midshipman, accompanied the expedition.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) A. W. INGLES,
Acting Lieutenant, R.N.

*Captain E. S. Sotheby, C.B.,
Commanding H. M. S. Pearl's Naval Brigade.*

SIR,

Amorha, October 2, 1858.

I HAVE the honour to report for your information, the proceedings of the detachment of the Pearl's Naval Brigade under my command, engaged against the enemy at Amorha on the 1st instant.

At noon the patrol and villagers reported that the enemy, in number about 1200, were advancing in our front with others on either flank. Captain Gerrard of the 27th Madras Infantry, in command of the force as per margin,‡ moved out and took up a position in a village about 800 yards from camp; parties of infantry were thrown out on both flanks. The seamen and Seikhs, with the guns, formed our centre. The enemy, about 2 o'clock, commenced the attack from both flanks and centre, which they renewed several times, but were repulsed each time by the precision of the rifles, and our shells; at 4 o'clock they slackened their fire, and commenced retreating.

* Pearl's Naval Brigade, 2 12-pounder howitzers; Mountain Train; 30 men and 2 officers; 72 H.M. 13th Light Infantry; 27 Bengal Yeomanry Cavalry.

† 200 27th Madras Native Infantry; 100 Seikhs; 1 troop 6th Madras Light Cavalry.

‡ 50 Naval Brigade, two 12-pound howitzers; 50 13th Light Infantry; 50 Seikhs; 70 Madras Infantry; 1 Troop of 6th Madras Cavalry.

Captain Gerrard immediately followed them up with our horsed gun, at a gallop, supported by cavalry and Seikhs. We pursued them for about three miles and fired a few rounds of grape and case, with good effect. The cavalry charged and cut down several on our left. The infantry, not being able to keep up, a few of the guns' crews assisted the troopers attached to the gun with their rifles, especially John Lee, A.B., who was engaged with his cutlass against several sepoys, being unsupported for some little time, but who, I regret to say, while thus engaged, was severely wounded in the left arm.

From the bodies seen and the report of the natives the loss of the enemy is computed at about 200. The conduct of the men was most praiseworthy and the practice of the guns most accurate. Acting Lieutenant T. M. Maquay was in charge of the guns. Dr. Wilson in attendance on the wounded.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. FAWKES, Lieutenant.

I beg to enclose a list of casualties in Naval Brigade:—

John Lee, A.B., severely wounded in arm.
William Rayfield, A.B., contusion in left arm.
John Williams, A.B., slightly wounded in arm.

*Captain E. S. Sotheby, C.B.,
Commanding the Pearl's Naval Brigade.*

Foreign-Office, December 24, 1858.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable William George Grey, now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Stockholm, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Berlin.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable Edward Morris Erskine, now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Washington, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Stockholm.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint William Douglas Irvine, Esq., now First Paid Attaché to Her Majesty's Legation at Vienna, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Washington.

Foreign-Office, December 27, 1858.

■ The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. J. G. Volkart as Consul at Bombay for His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Daniel David Dymes, as Consul at Madras, for the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
December 28, 1858.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Madrid, enclosing a translation of regulations, containing the following provisions, adopted by the Spanish Government, for levying Health, &c., dues on vessels in Spanish ports.