

SIR, *Najow, May 18, 1862.*

I HAVE the honour to report for your information the capture yesterday of the fortified town of Najow by the allied British and French forces, and I might have added with trifling loss, had it not been for the death of Admiral Protêt, Commanding H.I.M. Naval Forces in China, who was unfortunately shot through the heart during the advance of the storming party.

In Admiral Protêt the French Navy has lost a most able and zealous officer, and one whose hearty energetic co-operation greatly conduced to the success of the recent operations.

The mail being on the eve of departure, I must defer entering into details of the attack until another opportunity.

A return of casualties, so far as I have been enabled to ascertain, is enclosed.

I have, &c.

(Signed) C. STAVELEY,
Brigadier-General Commanding
H.B.M.'s Troops in China.

*The Right Honourable
The Secretary of State for War,
War Office, Pall-Mall.*

*RETURN of Casualties of a Field Force under
Command of Brigadier-General Staveley, C.B.,
during the Attack and Capture of Najow on the
17th May, 1862.*

English.

H.M. 31st Regiment, 4 privates, severely wounded.
Military Staff Department, 1 staff-clerk, severely wounded.

Royal Navy, 1 seaman, severely wounded.

French.

L'Amiral Protêt, commanding H. I. M. Naval Forces in China, killed.

Navire Française, 2 officers, severely wounded.

Infanterie de Marine, 2 men, severely wounded.

Matelots, 5 men, severely wounded.

Total casualties, English and French, 1 officer killed, 2 officers wounded, 13 rank and file and sailors.

Correct,

LOFTUS MANSERGH,
Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General.

Najow, May 18, 1862.

*DETAIL of Troops, &c., employed under Command of Brigadier-General C. W. D. Staveley, C.B.,
at the Capture of Tserpoo, on the 17th April, 1862.*

Corps, &c.	No. of Seamen and Marines.	No. of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men.	Guns.	Officers Commanding.
Royal Navy	293	...	3 12lb. Howitzers	Captain Borlase, C.B., R.N.
8-14 Brigade Royal Artillery	...	89	4 Mountain	Captain Bradshaw, R.A.
H.M.'s 99th Regiment	...	76	...	Captain Burton, 99th Regt.
H.M.'s 5th Regiment B.N.L.I.	...	398	...	Lieutenant-Colonel Stanley
H.M.'s 22nd Regiment Punjaubeese	...	395	...	Major Stafford
French	400 Seamen and Zephyrs	...	5 Mountain	Admiral Protet
Colonel Ward's disciplined Chinese Troops	...	300	...	
Totals ...	693	1258	12	

April 19, 1862.

(True Copy.) (Signed)
LOFTUS MANSERGH,
Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General.

C. W. D. STAVELEY, Brigadier-General,
Commanding Her Majesty's Troops in China.