

bring under their Lordships' notice the zeal and activity displayed by—

Captain W. G. Luard, of the "Conqueror,"
 Captain J. H. J. Alexander, of the "Euryalus,"
 Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. Suther, commanding
 Royal Marine Battalion,

Commander John Moresby, of the "Argus,"
 Commander Augustus J. Kingston, of the
 "Perseus,"

Commander E. T. Nott, of the "Conqueror,"
 Commander Jas. E. Hunter, of the "Euryalus,"
 Commander A. G. R. Roe, of the "Coquette,"
 Lieutenant H. L. Holder, commanding the
 "Bouncer," and

Lieutenant Rd. H. Harington, of the "Eury-
 alus," who succeeded to the command of
 the Naval Brigade on Captain Alexander
 being wounded.

as well as Captain du Quilis, of the "Semiramis,"
 Captain Müller, of the "Amsterdam,"

Captain de Casembroot, of the "Medusa," and
 Lieutenant Pallu, commanding the "Tancredi,"
 and I have to thank Lieutenant Pearson, of the
 United States' Navy, for the efficient assistance
 rendered by him in the chartered steam-vessel
 "Takiang," in towing boats, and for subsequently
 consenting to receive on board the wounded
 men of the squadrons.

15. To the hearty co-operation and the cor-
 dial goodwill displayed by Rear-Admiral Jaurès,
 during the preparations for and the progress of
 these operations, I am deeply indebted; I have
 endeavoured to express to that officer the satis-
 faction I have felt in having been associated with
 him in the conduct of this affair, and my appre-
 ciation of the good service rendered by the able
 and efficient force under the Rear-Admiral's
 command. I have also conveyed to Captain de
 Man, the senior officer of His Netherlands Ma-
 jesty's ships, my thanks for the efficient co-
 operation and assistance of the squadron under
 his command, as well as to Lieutenant Pearson,
 of the United States' Navy, for the readiness
 with which he has sought to carry out my wishes
 on all occasions. Without the cheerfully ren-
 dered and able support of these officers, and the
 perfectly good understanding which has prevailed
 throughout the allied squadron, the very rapid
 and brilliant successes that have attended our
 operations could scarcely have been secured with-
 out greater losses and considerable delay; and I
 trust that the satisfactory result will receive the
 approbation of their Lordships.

16. Much credit is due to the Masters of the
 squadron for the skilful manner in which the
 various ships were manœvered amongst nume-
 rous difficulties, and particularly to Mr. George
 Williams, Master of my flag-ship, and Mr. John
 C. Solfleet, of the "Conqueror," whose zeal and
 intelligence have deserved my special notice; and
 the praiseworthy conduct of Mr. James G. Lid-
 dell, of the "Bouncer," the senior Second Master
 on the station, has been brought favourably before
 me by Lieutenant Holder, commanding that gun-
 boat.

17. Mr. D. L. Morgan, Surgeon of my flag-
 ship, has called my attention to efficient service
 rendered by the Medical Staff employed on shore
 under his directions, and to their devotion and
 attention to the wounded.

18. I should wish also to bring under their
 Lordships' favourable notice my Secretary Mr.
 Hemsley H. Shanks, and Flag-Lieutenant Robert
 P. Dennistoun, who accompanied me on shore
 and afloat throughout the operations and rendered
 me valuable assistance.

19. To Major Wray Royal Engineers, whose
 services have been placed at my disposal by the

War Office, I am indebted for much useful in-
 formation as to the nature and position of the
 batteries; and I have much pleasure in recording
 my sense of the energy and zeal displayed by this
 officer throughout the operations, and in the de-
 struction of the batteries and magazines. Lieu-
 tenant Crowdy, Royal Engineers, who accom-
 panied the expedition at my request, with the
 permission of Lieutenant-Colonel Browne, com-
 manding Her Majesty's troops at Yokohama,
 also rendered valuable service with his men, both
 whilst attached to the Naval Brigade, and subse-
 quently in the embarkation of the heavy guns.

20. Mr. J. F. Lowder and Mr. Ernest Satow,
 Interpreters, attached to the squadron by Sir
 Rutherford Alcock have afforded me every assist-
 ance and have been most zealous in the perform-
 ance of their duties.

21. Since the conclusion of these operations
 I have satisfied myself, by personal examination,
 of the entire Straits, that no batteries remain in
 existence on the territory of the Prince of Cho-
 shiu, and thus the passage of the Straits may be
 considered cleared of all obstructions.

22. On the 8th instant, whilst the demolition
 of the batteries and the embarkation of the guns
 were in progress, an Envoy of the Prince of
 Choshu came on board my flag-ship, under a flag
 of truce, charged, as he informed me, with in-
 structions from the Prince to negotiate for a
 termination of hostilities. He produced docu-
 ments said to have been written by command of
 the Prince of Choshu, and stated that no oppo-
 sition would henceforth be offered to the free
 passage of the Straits. The Envoy also exhibited
 copies of letters to substantiate the statement,
 that, in the various acts of hostility towards
 foreign flags recently carried into effect, the
 Prince had acted under the direct authority of
 the Mikado and of the Tycoon.

23. Having conferred with Rear-Admiral
 Jaurès, who was present at the interview, it was
 determined that, to convince us of the sincerity
 of the Prince's desire for peace, it was indis-
 pensable that we should receive a written requi-
 sition, under his own hand, to that effect; and
 the Envoy having observed, that an interval of
 two days would be required to obtain the desired
 communication, a suspension of hostilities for
 that time was agreed upon, and the squadrons
 were immediately directed to hoist flags of truce.
 It was, however, stipulated, that the armistice
 should not interfere with the work of embarking
 the guns from the batteries, then in progress, and
 it was accordingly proceeded with and completed,
 as previously described.

24. True to the time named, at noon on the
 10th instant, the Chief Councillor of the Prince
 of Choshu (Mori Idzumo) came on board the
 "Euryalus," and placed before me a despatch
 from the Prince (identical despatches being also
 brought for the senior officers of the Allied
 squadrons).

25. The very satisfactory character of the
 Prince's written communication, and its humble
 tone, afford, in the opinion of Rear-Admiral
 Jaurès and myself, reasonable grounds for the
 presumption that, apart from the brilliant success
 achieved in a military point of view, and the great
 extent of the injury inflicted upon the Prince of
 Choshu, his power and prestige, advantages of
 an important nature in a political sense, may very
 possibly result from the presence of the Allied
 squadrons in these Straits. I have duly informed
 Sir Rutherford Alcock of these events, and have
 placed at his disposal the means of communicating
 with me here should he desire to do so.