

thorough acquaintance with Malay has been of the greatest use.

This party halted at some open ground about two miles from Kinta. The main body advanced on the following morning, the 17th, and arrived at this spot at about 12 mid-day (the road being equally bad or worse than on the former days). The enemy were found in occupation of a stockade some short distance in advance, and after some firing were dislodged.

The force proceeded to Kinta, which was taken after a slight resistance, the enemy abandoning the town and defences, and retreating up the river in their boats.

Nine (9) bronze guns of small calibre were left by them,—some thrown into the river. There is no doubt the ex-Sultan Ismael had preceded us at a short interval, and from information received that it was intended strongly to obstruct the road from Blanja. There were evident signs of a hasty retreat, which I regret the smallness of the force, the situation of the town on the opposite bank of the river, and its great length and the character of the country, prevented our effectually interrupting. I am convinced that it has been of great importance to secure this road before the hostile Malays had time to obstruct the passage through this dangerous jungle more effectually than they did, and I am assured by the Commissioners that the moral effect of the occupation of Kinta will be very beneficial. The Rajah Lela, with the ex-Sultan Ismael, are supposed to have fled together into the Patani, or Lower Siam territory. It is my intention to remain here until receiving further instructions from His Excellency the Governor.

I imagine it will be considered necessary to occupy this part of the country with a military force until matters are settled, and the murderers of the Resident are given up, or satisfaction obtained.

I expect shortly the arrival of a portion of the 3rd Regiment (Buffs), and a part of the Goorkha Force from Qualla Quansa.

The troops proceeded on the march without tents, carrying their waterproof sheets and blankets, but their white clothing is very ill adapted to the present service.

I am happy, however, to state that, notwithstanding the exposure, the occasional heavy rains, and change of temperature at night, the health of the men has been good, and they are now comfortably housed in this town.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) FRANCIS COLBORNE,
Major-General Commanding China
and Straits.

Foreign Office, January 28, 1876.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable Francis Richard Plunkett, now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Yedo, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Washington.

By virtue of an Act passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of His Majesty King George III, intituled "An Act to repeal so much of two Acts made in the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign of His present Majesty, as authorizes the Speaker of the House of Commons to issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for making out writs

"for the election of Members to serve in Parliament, in the manner therein mentioned, and for substituting other provisions for the like purposes;" and of an Act passed in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to further limit and define the time for proceeding to Election during the Recess."

I do hereby give notice, that it hath been certified to me in writing, under the hands of two Members serving in this present Parliament, that the Honourable Arthur Philip Stanhope (commonly called Viscount Mahon), late a Member serving in this present Parliament for the Eastern Division of the county of Suffolk, is become a Peer of the United Kingdom, and that a writ of Summons hath been issued to him under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom to summon him to Parliament, and that I shall issue my Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for said county, at the end of six days after the insertion of this notice in the London Gazette.

Given under my hand this thirty-first day of January, 1876.

H. BRAND, Speaker.

Whitehall, January 19, 1876.

The Queen has been pleased to grant unto Georgina Katherine Vernon, of Royal York-crescent, Clifton, in the county of Gloucester, widow and relict of Charles Vernon, late of York-crescent aforesaid, Esquire, deceased, Her Royal licence and authority that she and her issue may, in compliance with a proviso contained in the last will and testament of George Gore, late of Clifton aforesaid, Esquire, sometime Lieutenant-Colonel of the 9th (Queen's Royal) Regiment of Lancers, deceased, take and henceforth use the surname of Gore in addition to and after that of Vernon, and bear the arms of Gore; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's said College of Arms.

Admiralty, 31st January, 1876.

Royal Marines.

The following Gentlemen have been appointed Lieutenants in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, viz. :—

- Cyril Venn Wilton Williamson. Dated 27th January, 1876.
Albert Farrar Gatliff. Dated 27th January, 1876.
Edward Andrée Wykle. Dated 27th January, 1876.
Charles Radcliffe Thursby. Dated 27th January, 1876.
Everard Vaughan Goldsmid. Dated 27th January, 1876.
Arthur Edmund Horniblow. Dated 27th January, 1876.
Charles Herbert Powell. Dated 27th January, 1876.
Alexander Houghton Abercrombie. Dated 27th January, 1876.
Harry Clements Powell. Dated 27th January, 1876.