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miralty, a rough sketch showing the position of the troops and ships occupying and blocking the Peninsula of Perak. It shows how completely the country is now in the possession of the British Government.

The natives are gradually gaining confidence at the different stations where the troops are quartered, and are returning to their homes, bringing in fresh supplies for the forces.

The Punglemi, or chief of the village, has promised to report himself to-day at head-quarters, and we hope to gain some valuable information

from him.

Ex-Sultan Ismail and Maharajah Lela are in the jungle, but their exact position is not known.

The Naval Brigade is distributed as follows:—At Blanga, sixty men and officers; at Kinta, forty-eight men and officers; at Quetta, Kanza, twenty-five officers and men.

As soon as the feeling of the country towards the British Government is more fully understood I propose, with the concurrence of the Major-General Commanding, to re-embark the men in their respective ships.

I have, &c.,
(Signéd) ALEX. BULLER,
Captain and Senior Officer,
Straits Division.

Return of Officers and Men forming Naval Brigade employed on the Perak River, and in the march to Kinta (vide Captain Buller's letter of this date):—

- At Kinta.—Captain Alexander Buller, Her Majesty's Ship "Modeste;" Commander U. C. Singleton, Her Majesty's Ship "Ringdove;" Lieutenant John P. Pipon, and Mr. John Grant, Gunner, Her Majesty's Ship "Modeste;" Dr. A. Gonham, Surgeon, "Ringdove;" Mr. W. C. Gillies, Assistant-Paymaster; Mr. G. Smith Midshipman, and 28 petty officers and seamen, Her Majesty's ship "Modeste;" 13 petty officers and seamen Her Majesty's ship "Ringdove." Total—7 officers, 41 seamen.
- At Blanga.—Mr. Walter T. Warren, Sub-Lieutenant, Her Majesty's ship "Modeste"; Mr. T. B. Hughes, Navigating Sub-Lieutenant, Her Majesty's ship "Ringdove"; Dr. Charles C. Gedding, Surgeon, and six petty officers and seamen, Her Majesty's ship "Modeste"; 11 petty officers and men, Her Majesty's ship "Ringdove"; two petty officers and men, Her Majesty's ship "Thistle." Total 3 officers, 19 seamen. Grand total—10 officers, 60 seamen.

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