

such as they have displayed I am well assured their Lordships will not suffer to pass unnoticed.

*Extract of a Letter from Captain Marryat, of His Majesty's Sloop Larne, to Commodore Grant, dated Rangoon, 6th August 1824.*

BRIGADIER-GENERAL Sir Archibald Campbell having, on the 4th instant, ordered a detachment of six hundred men, under the command of Colonel Smelt, to attack the enemy, who had stockaded themselves in the old fort of Syriam, I have the honour to inform you that I went, with two boats from His Majesty's ship Larne, to superintend the disembarkation, and render every assistance in my power.

The enemy having broken down a bridge across a nullah, not fordable, I ordered the seamen to advance and repair it, that the troops might be enabled to pass, which service they performed in a highly creditable manner, exposed to a galling fire of musketry and the guns of the stockade.

This service being effected, the advance was sounded, and the stockade taken in good style by the combined force.

I hardly need observe that the Officers\* and men of this ship did their duty on this occasion, but I conceive it justice particularly to mention the conduct of Mr. John Duffell, Master's Mate, of this ship, and Mr. George Winsor, Admiralty Midshipman, lent from the Sophie.

*List of Wounded.*

Larne—William Wyllie, captain main-top, severely; Thomas Edwards, seaman, severely. Lent from Sophie—Thomas Freeman, seaman, slightly.

*Extract of a Letter from Captain Marryat, of His Majesty's Sloop Larne, to Captain Coe, dated Rangoon, 9th August 1824.*

I HAVE the honour to inclose, for your information, a copy of a letter from Lieutenant Fraser, stating the result of the expedition up Dalla Creek. Had it not been for the decided gallantry of the troops and seamen employed in this expedition, the loss would have been much more severe than what it has been, the false intelligence having been given with a view to decoy.

The stockades, instead of being composed of bamboo, were built of strong teak timber, and placed in a situation where the assailants had every natural difficulty to contend against. The firing was so heavy and so continued, that (at the request of Sir Archibald Campbell) I took up a reinforcement of two hundred men of the 41st regiment, under the command of Major Chambers; but the stockade was in our possession, and all firing had ceased previous to my arrival.

The gallantry of the Officers who were employed in this expedition, viz. Mr. Thomas Fraser, Second Lieutenant; Mr. Robert Atherton, Purser; and

\* Lieutenant W. B. Dobson; Mr. R. Atherton, Purser; Mr. J. Duffell, Master's Mate; Mr. G. Winsor, Midshipman; Captain Gillespie, H. M. 4th Light dragoons, a volunteer,

Messrs. Duffell, Winsor, and Norcock, Midshipmen; deserves the highest encomiums.

I am sorry that our list of wounded is so heavy, but it will be accounted for when I state, that in all these attacks the lascars, who man the other boats, will not pull in to the fire unless they are led by the Officers and seamen of His Majesty's ship Larne.

The conduct of Mr. Maw, Midshipman of the Liffey, has, during the whole period of his service here, been a series of gallantry. I have great pleasure in transmitting a letter from Sir Archibald Campbell, relative to his conduct, and adding my testimony to that of the Commander in Chief.

*H. M. ship Larne, Rangoon,  
9th August 1824.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that, according to your directions, I proceeded with a party of seamen and marines, in company with a detachment of the Madras Europeans, under the command of Colonel Kelly, to reconnoitre a stockade and village reported to be situated about eighteen miles up the Dallah creek.

We had not rowed above two miles up the creek before we fell in with two strong stockades, in a very narrow part of the river. The boats of His Majesty's ship Larne having waited a few minutes, to allow the other boats and the launch with the scaling ladders to close, the advance was sounded, and the attack was made under a heavy fire of guns and musketry from the Burmese. The scaling ladders being placed, the stockade was stormed, under every disadvantage, with great gallantry, the enemy running out in every direction into the jungle.

During the storming of the principal stockade, the Bombay artillery in the row-boats kept up a fire on the other, and succeeded in driving the Burmese out; and the second stockade was taken possession of without loss.

I have the honour to be, &c.

THOMAS FRASER, Lieut.

To Captain Marryat, H. M. ship Larne.

*List of Killed and Wounded in Action against two Stockades up the Dalla Creek, 8th August 1824.*

*Killed.*

Transport Reliance—1 lascar.

Row Gun-Boats—1 gunner, Robert Wood, 1 tindal, 1 lascar.

*Wounded.*

Liffey—Mr. Henry L. Maw, Midshipman, dangerously.

Larne—Mr. John H. Norcock, Midshipman, slightly; John Smith (2) boatswain's mate, dangerously; William George, seaman, dangerously; James Parham, corporal royal marines, dangerously; James Morrison, ship's cook, slightly; William Evans, seaman, slightly; John Tyley, captain forecastle, slightly; James Degee, seaman, slightly.

Row-Boats—3 lascars, severely; 1 lascar, slightly.

Transport Eliza (2d)—1 lascar, severely.

Total—4 killed; 14 wounded.

(Signed) F. MARRYAT, Captain.