

guns of the three Shaneen forts, destroying the powder.

At 5h. 0m. Pluto anchored off the English factories and landed her troops.

At 6h. 0m. Corsair proceeded to Whampoa with Commander Thompson, of the *Espiegle*, to bring that ship up, if practicable.

At 7h. all the troops were landed, except a small party of the 42d, left on board Pluto as a guard.

April 4th.—2h. 0m. A. M. paddle-box boats landed the ordnance guns and ammunition.

April 5th.—The boats, with a party of the 18th Royal Irish and sappers, under Col. Philpotts and Major Aldrich, proceeded to French Folly fort and blew up the keep, clearing the river of junks, &c. and then landed at Dutch Folly and spiked the guns, relanding the troops after examining the Ruge fort. On the Corsair's returning, I proceeded in her to Whampoa to endeavour to bring up the *Espiegle*, more powder, and the troops that could be spared from *Vulture* and *Espiegle*, and likewise to satisfy myself that no attempts were making to obstruct the passage of the river.

I returned at 2h. 30m. having succeeded, through the great exertions of Commander Thompson, his officers, and crew, by warping, towing, &c. in bringing the *Espiegle* above the barrier forts, she having frequently grounded upon the numerous obstructions made in the river during the late war; I then ordered the river to be entirely cleared of junks from the entrance of the Macao Reach to the French Folly fort, to prevent the possibility of our being harassed or annoyed by fire vessels or rafts.

April 6.—Steamers and boats kept in perfect readiness to take their positions to attack the town.

April 7.—All the boats but the pinnace and gig returned to *Vulture*.

April 8.—Commenced reimparking the troops with the addition of the boats of the *Espiegle*, under the direction of her First Lieutenant, Vashon Baker.

At 2h. 40m. returned to Whampoa, leaving a guard at the Factories, and the *Espiegle* at anchor above the barrier forts.

Before daybreak of the 9th, the expedition left Whampoa, on return to Hong Kong, and when passing the Bogue forts, between 8 and 9 A. M. observed them full of troops, and the tompons out of the guns; we reached this anchorage about 3h. P. M., after having spiked eight hundred and seventy-nine guns, within the Bogue forts, and destroyed all their ammunition, with the exception of the fort in Tiger island which owes its salvation to the ebbing of the tide, and the Major-General's and my anxiety to be at Canton on the night of the 2d, for the protection of British life and property.

The cordiality and unanimity that prevailed between both Services, during the whole of the within operations, was most gratifying to his Honour the Major-General D'Aguiar. I am under the greatest obligations for the courteous manner in which he adopted my suggestions, in reference to the naval operations. Colonel Brereton, royal horse artillery, did me the favour to accompany me in my gig; his council was invaluable. Commander Thompson, of Her Majesty's sloop *Espiegle*, rendered me the greatest assistance. Lieutenant Airey, R. N., in command of the Honourable Company's steamer *Pluto*, con-

ducted himself much to my satisfaction, he is an officer of long standing. Mr Soames, the Master of the Corsair merchant steamer, did his utmost to meet my wishes. It is impossible to say too much in favour of all. The conduct of those officers and men employed in the boats was most creditable; and when under fire, steady and commendable.

No casualties of any description occurred that came to my knowledge, every individual was animated with the same spirit of enterprise and devotion for Her Majesty's Service.

I have the honour, &c.

J. M'DOUGALL,  
Captain and Senior Officer.

*Memorandum of the Troops employed upon the Expedition to Canton, 2d April 1847.*

Her Majesty's Steam ship *Vulture*, 18th Regiment—24 officers, 403 non-commissioned officers and rank and file.  
Her Majesty's sloop *Espiegle*, 42d Regiment, M. N. I.—4 officers, 145 non-commissioned officers and rank and file.  
Hon. Company's ship *Pluto*, 42d Regiment, M. N. I.—12 officers, 268 non-commissioned officers and rank and file.  
Hired steamer *Corsair*, 18th Regiment—4 officers, 106 non-commissioned officers and rank and file.

Total Infantry—44 officers, 922 non-commissioned officers and rank and file.

Hired lorch, No. 1, armed as a gun boat—Detachment Royal Artillery, and all the Ordnance stores.  
Hired lorch, No. 2—Detachment Royal Sappers and Miners, with tools, scaling ladders, and other materials.

J. M'DOUGALL, Captain and Senior Officer.

*Return of Iron and Brass Ordnance taken and spiked by the British Force, on the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 5th April 1847.*

Forts of the Bocca Tigris.

Anunghoy—194 iron ordnance, 14 brass ordnance; total 208.  
N. Wangtang Island—140 iron ordnance, 10 brass ordnance; total 150.  
S. Wangtang Island—101 iron ordnance, mounted, 3 iron ordnance, dismounted, 5 brass ordnance; total 109.

Forts of the Staked Barrier of the River.

Pachow Fort—35 iron ordnance, mounted; right bank, 29 iron ordnance, dismounted; total 64.  
Wookongtap—35 iron ordnance, mounted; left bank, 6 iron ordnance, dismounted; total 41.  
Rapier's Island—48 iron ordnance, 1 brass ordnance; total 49.  
Whampoa Creek—63 iron ordnance, 2 brass ordnance; total 65.

Forts of the City of Canton.

French Folly—38 iron ordnance; total 38.  
Dutch Folly—23 iron ordnance; total 23.  
Ruge Fort—26 iron ordnance; total 26.  
Zigzag Battery—20 iron ordnance; total 20.  
Segment Battery—30 iron ordnance; total 30.  
Shaneen Battery—56 iron ordnance; total 56.

Total—847 iron ordnance, 32 brass ordnance.  
Grand total—879.

Time did not admit of taking the calibres of the guns in the several forts; their bores were found to be of unusually large diameter, some of nearly thirteen inches, and none under five inches; all were mounted upon new garrison carriages, on the English construction, and with iron truck wheels.

W. BRERETON, Lieut. Col. R. H. A.  
Commanding Artillery.

WHITEHALL, June 24, 1847.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend John M'Laren to the united churches and parishes of Larbert and Dunipace, in the presbytery of Stirling and county of Stirling, vacant by the deprivation of the Reverend Francis M'Gill, late Minister thereof.

BUCKINGHAM-PALACE, June 24, 1847.

This day had audience of Her Majesty, his Excellency the Count de Ste. Aulaire, Ambassador Extraordinary from the King of the French, on his return to this country after temporary absence:

To which his Excellency was introduced by Viscount Palmerston, G.C.B. Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Colonel the Honourable Sir Edmund Cust, K.C.H. Her Majesty's Master of the Ceremonies.

FOREIGN-OFFICE, June 22, 1847.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Don Guiseppe Folliero, as Vice Consul at Malta for His Majesty the King of the Two Sicilies.

DUBLIN-CASTLE, June 25, 1847.

Her Majesty's Letters Patent have passed the Great Seal of Ireland, appointing the Right Honourable William Frederick Fownes Tighe, Lieutenant of the County and County of the City of Kilkenny and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Kilkenny, in the room of John William, Earl of Bessborough, deceased.

WESTMINSTER, June 21, 1847.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that the Lords, authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

- An Act for limiting the time of service in the Army.
- An Act for allowing the subscriptions to the loan of eight millions raised in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven to be paid up under discount.
- An Act to amend the laws relating to the removal of poor persons from England and Scotland.
- An Act for consolidating in one Act certain provisions usually contained in Acts for paving, draining, cleansing, lighting, and improving towns.
- An Act to amend an Act to enable burghs in Scotland to establish a general system of police, and another Act for providing for the appointment and election of magistrates and councillors for certain burghs and towns of Scotland.
- An Act to authorize the purchase by the Aberdeen Railway Company of a piece of ground, at the upper part of the Inches, and upper part of the harbour of Aberdeen, now vested in the Aberdeen Harbour Commissioners, and to enable such Commissioners to make certain alterations and new works connected with such harbour.
- An Act for extending the powers of the Imperial Continental Gas Association.
- An Act to enlarge and improve the meal, corn, and grain markets of the city of Edinburgh, and for other purposes in relation thereto.
- An Act for the better maintenance, improvement, and repair of the Glasgow and Shotts turnpike roads.
- And several English and Irish Acts.

WAR-OFFICE, June 25, 1847.

2d Regiment of Life Guards—James Alexander George Lord Loughborough to be Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant, by purchase, vice the Viscount Nevill, who retires.  
2d Dragoon Guards—Lieutenant James Ley to be Captain, by purchase, vice Knox, who retires. Cornet Leicester Hibbert to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Ley. Thomas Belsey Tomlin, gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Hibbert.  
2d Dragoons—Cornet Edward Amphlett to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Carruthers, who retires. Devereux P. Cockburn, gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Amphlett.