

with cannon and musketry from the various stockades, which was instantly answered by a cheer from the party landed, who stormed and carried the Pagoda.

As soon as the enemy commenced firing, the ships opened their fire on the different batteries.

Observing the stockade opposite the town had been silenced, I directed Commander Campbell, of the *Sesostris*, to land with the boats of his own ship and the *Mozuffer's*, and to storm it, which he effected in gallant style, driving the Burmese from their guns, with considerable loss to them in killed and wounded.

Commander Campbell has called my special attention to the zeal and activity displayed on this occasion by Lieutenants Robinson and Lewis, of the Indian Navy.

At half-past five I had the satisfaction of hearing that the last and most formidable of the stockades had been carried; but not without considerable loss on our part from the great resistance shown by the enemy. Amongst those I have to enumerate as sufferers on this occasion, I have to name Lieutenant George W. Rice, of Her Majesty's ship *Fox*, who received a severe and painful wound through the right hand whilst gallantly leading his party of seamen into the stockade; and as this officer has been specially named by the Commander-in-Chief at the taking of Rangoon, I beg to recommend him most strongly to their Lordships' consideration for promotion.

I feel it my duty also to mention the steady conduct of the Royal Marines under the command of First Lieutenant John Elliott; and I cannot conclude without expressing my best thanks to Commanders Campbell and Hewett, of the Indian Navy, for the skill and ability with which they brought their ships up a river which has hitherto been but imperfectly surveyed for a distance of more than sixty miles. Nor can I refrain from expressing how much I am indebted to Commanders Dicey and Burbank, of the Bengal Marine, for the assistance I received from them; and I attribute our being able to perform this service without accident, to the careful and judicious manner with which the commander of the *Pluto* went in advance and communicated the soundings.

My thanks are general to the officers and men who served under my orders on this occasion, for the steady, gallant, and cheerful conduct with which they performed the duty; neither can I omit remarking that the most perfect unanimity prevailed between the two services.

8. Since my last visit to Negrais, the old Governor of Bassein has been removed, and the government intrusted to another officer, who arrived here from Ava with four thousand regular troops, which increased the strength of the garrison to six thousand men.

9. I have the honour to forward herewith a list of killed and wounded in the squadron. The casualties among the troops amounted to three men killed; and five officers and seventeen men wounded.

I also enclose a Return of the number of cannon captured from the enemy.

10. And I beg permission to bring to their notice, Mr Frederick Morgan, Assistant-Surgeon of Her Majesty's ship *Fox*, who attended with the storming party, and whose kindness to the wounded on this occasion, as well as his unremitting attention to the numerous sick, during the protracted stay of the *Fox* in the Rangoon river, is deserving of every praise.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) GEORGE R. LAMBERT, Commodore.

A List of the Naval Force commanded by Commodore G. R. Lambert, in the action and capture of the City of Bassein, on the 19th of May 1852.

Honourable India Company's steam-sloop *Tenasserim*, Commander Wm. Dicey (broad pendant of Commodore Lambert).—two 8-inch, four 32-pounders; total, 6 guns. Officers and crew, 139. Also on board, Commodore Lambert, of Her Majesty's ship *Fox*, James L. Southey, Esq. Secretary, Mr G. Digby Morant, Signal Midshipman, and a boat's crew of the *Fox*.

Honourable India Company's steam-frigate *Sesostris*, Commander C. D. Campbell, I. N.—two 8-inch, two 32-pounders, two 12-pounders; total, 6 guns. Officers and crew, 168.

Honourable India Company's steam-frigate *Mozuffer*, Commander H. H. Hewett, I. N.—five 8-inch, two 32-pounders; total, 7 guns. Officers and crew, 228.

Honourable India Company's steam-vessel *Pluto*, Commander C. Burbank—one 32-pounder, four 12-pounders, two 6-pounders; total, 7 guns. Officers and crew, 80.

A party of seamen from Her Majesty's ship *Fox*. Lieutenant Geo. W. Rice in command—one 12-pounder; total, 1 gun. Officers and crew, 19. Includes Mr F. M. Lisboa, Midshipman, and Mr F. Morgan, Assistant-Surgeon.

Royal Marines of Her Majesty's ship *Fox*, First Lieutenant John Elliott in command. Officers and crew, 45. Includes Second Lieutenant Nightingale.

Total—9 8-inch, 9 32-pounders, 7 12-pounders, 2 6-pounders; total of guns, 27; total of officers and crews, 679.

(Signed) GEORGE R. LAMBERT,
Commodore.

List of Killed and Wounded in the squadron under the command of Commodore Lambert, at the capture of the City of Bassein, on the 19th of May 1852.

Tenasserim—David Hughes, A.B., wounded, slightly; contused wound by a bullet.

Pluto—Mr Charles Bolt, purser, wounded, slightly; contused wound.

Party of seamen from Her Majesty's ship *Fox*, under the command of Lieutenant George W. Rice, R. N.—George Woolridge, boatswain's mate, killed; shot through the head. George W. Rice, Lieutenant, wounded, severely; musket ball through hand and wrist. George Odgers, A.B., wounded, severely; musket ball through fleshy part of thigh and testicle. Thomas Metcalf, A.B., wounded, severely; musket ball through the right shoulder.

Royal Marines of Her Majesty's ship *Fox*, under the command of First Lieutenant John Elliott, Royal Marines—John Elliott, First Lieutenant, wounded, slightly; contused wound by a bullet in right arm. Samuel Gray, private, wounded, dangerously; musket ball through the arm. George Davis, private, wounded, slightly; musket ball through finger. George Janes, private, wounded, slightly; bayonet wound in the thigh.

Totals:

Her Majesty's ship *Fox*—1 killed, and 7 wounded.

Tenasserim—1 wounded.

Pluto—1 wounded.

Grand Total—1 killed, and 9 wounded.

(Signed) GEORGE R. LAMBERT,
Commodore.

