

2. At about 4 P.M. on the 3d instant, I observed the signal (previously arranged) for the small-arm men of Her Majesty's ships to land, which was promptly obeyed.

3. I shortly received a message from Commander the Honourable G. D. Keane (who happened to be on the spot at the time) that the Imperial troops were firing on our people, and the ground was being held by the marines of the main-guard.

4. I advanced with the Encounter's men to the spot indicated (the race course), which is within the limits of our boundary, where a sharp firing was being maintained on either side.

5. Her Majesty's Consul and Vice-Consul were there; and at the former's requisition, and quite in accordance with my own views, I determined on at once acting on the offensive, and having clearly ascertained the camp from which the aggression had been made, took it and burnt it, which I am happy to say was effected without loss, as the troops retired the moment we opened fire upon them.

6. Commander Kelly, of the United States' ship Plymouth, also landed his crew, and having arranged with him for the protection of the settlement during the night by means of strong patrols, the rest of the crews were re-embarked.

7. Her Majesty's Consul deeming it advisable to take further steps for the security of the settlement, I suggested the taking possession of the Chinese Fleet, and holding it until a camp (which most unnecessarily has been pitched close to the boundary, and from which most wanton attacks have frequently been made) was removed, and in this he concurred:

8. In accordance with the above, I sent the boats of the Grecian, with the pinnace of the Encounter (commanded by Lieutenant Dew), under the command of Commander the Honourable G. D. Keane, to take possession of the junks, and bring them down under the Encounter's guns, which he effected most judiciously; and I take this opportunity of stating that from him I received every assistance that adroitness and promptitude could afford.

9. I think it my duty to call your attention to the conduct of Lieutenant Majendie, of Her Majesty's sloop Grecian; he was officer of the guard at the time the aggression took place, and on being sent for repaired to the spot with ten marines, and there kept a considerable body of men at bay until reinforced; and I feel it due to Lieutenant R. Dew, 1st Lieutenant of this ship, to mention the promptitude and smartness with which the crew of the Encounter were landed.

*Advanced Post, Shanghai,
April 5, 1854.*

10. Since the above was written I have the honour further briefly to inform you, that at the request of Her Majesty's Consul, in accordance with the other Consuls, we have found it requisite to attack the Imperial camps near our boundary, which have been most gallantly taken. I have not time to enter into details, as I am writing this on the field.

11. The Imperialists have retired in considerable force (4 to 5,000 men) to the main camp. My object will be now to defend the settlement, but the force at my disposal is small, and I urgently request a reinforcement, if possible some troops; indeed so critical do I deem our position that I have resolved on ordering the Styx up, if the senior officer at Amoy can spare her.

12. I cannot too strongly praise the conduct of Commander Keane and Lieutenant Dew, who

most gallantly stormed the very strong works thrown up.

13. I am anxious this should reach as soon as possible, and for this purpose the Nymph clipper will sail to-night or to-morrow morning.

14. Our available force is about 300 men, with the Americans. Captain Kelly, with his gallant crew, has operated with me in a most effective and cordial manner. I am much indebted to the gallant and steady conduct of himself, officers, and men, and to all under my command. (Enclosed is a list of the killed and wounded.) Her Majesty's Consul and Vice-Consul, the latter with 40 gentlemen of the settlement,—have been with me in the field, and afforded me much assistance.

15. I will take the earliest opportunity of affording you a more detailed account; but of this you may rest assured, that the extreme measures taken were positively requisite for the safety of the community.

*List of Officers engaged in the destruction of
Chinese Imperialist Camps off Shanghai, on the
3d, 4th, and 5th days of April 1854.*

Captain G. W. D. O'Callaghan.
Lieutenant R. Dew.
Lieutenant L. E. Montgomery.
Dr J. T. Jenkins, Surgeon.
Mr Hardy, Mate.
Mr Butler, Mate.
Mr Duckett, Assistant-Surgeon.
Mr Turner, Passed Clerk (Acting as Aide-de-Camp to the Senior Officer).
Mr Hardinge, Midshipman.
Mr Tupman, Naval Cadet.
Mr Pardon, Gunner.

Her Majesty's ship Grecian.

Commander the Hon. G. D. Keane.
Lieutenant Majendie.
Dr Layton, Surgeon.
Dr Little, Assistant-Surgeon.
Mr Jardine, Mate.
Mr Rusden, Acting Second-Master.
Mr Williams, Midshipman.
Mr Thursby, Midshipman.
Mr Kelly, Passed Clerk.
Mr Mankey, Gunner.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. O'CALLAGHAN, Captain
and Senior Officer.

Sub-Enclosure in Enclosure No. 1, in No. 23.

*List of Killed and Wounded in an attack on the
Chinese Imperialists Camp, off Shanghai, April
4, 1854.*

Her Majesty's ship Encounter.

Lieutenant R. Dew, slightly.
Mr Tupman, Naval Cadet, slightly.
Wm. Blackman, Carpenter's Crew, killed.
Wm. Stevens, Ordinary, slightly.

Her Majesty's ship Grecian.

Jno. Badge, A.B., severely.
Henry Wilcox, Quartermaster, severely.
Henry Nichol, Marine, severely, (arm amputated).
Geo. Bailey, Captain Foretop, severely.

Shanghai Volunteers.

Mr Brine, mortally.
Mr Grey, very severely, (thigh amputated.)