

battery upon the island of Menarc, from which it might have been effectually bombardd.

I have the Honour to be, &c.
ROBERT STOPFORD, Rear-Admiral.
To John Wilson Croker, Esq; Admiralty.

His Majesty's Ship Scipion, off Sourabaya,
SIR, *September 29, 1811.*

I HAVE the honour to transmit, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, copies of Captain Beaver's reports, to me relating to his proceedings at Cheribon, and Captain Hillyar's at Taggall, alluded to in my letter to you of this day.

I have the honour to be, &c.
ROBERT STOPFORD, Rear-Admiral.
To J. W. Croker, Esq; Admiralty.

His Majesty's Ship Nisus, at anchor off Cheribon, Sept. 4, 1811.
SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that with the Nisus, President, and Phæbe, I got within seven or eight miles of this place, last night at dark, when I anchored.

At day-light this morning, I dispatched Captain Warren, of the President, in a boat under a flag of truce, with the accompanying summons to the Commandant of Cheribon, and immediately after weighed with the three frigates, stood towards the fort, and anchored them as near as we could get to it, in three fathoms and a quarter; when the French colours were hauled down, and English hoisted in their place. The marines, amounting to one hundred and eighty, were immediately landed, and took possession of the fort; and I have the satisfaction to inform you, that just at that moment, the French General Jamelle, arrived at the Landroosts, from Buitenzorg, and was made our prisoner, together with an aid de camp of General Jansens, and a lieutenant of infantry.

From the French General, I learned that he left Buitenzorg the night before our troops arrived there, and that detachments of the enemy were on their march from that place to this—about three hundred infantry and two hundred and fifty cavalry of which were hourly expected to arrive at this place.—I therefore immediately landed one hundred and fifty seamen to garrison and defend the fort of Cheribon; leaving all the marines to act offensively against the enemy in the field, if occasion should require it, and placed three launches with cartridges in the river to enfilade the two chief approaches to the fort.

Herewith I transmit to you a return of ordnance stores, &c. found in the fort, as well as prisoners made there; but as all the latter, except the Commandant and Bombardier, were natives, I returned to them their creses, and desired them to go home, and remain there quietly; assuring them, that if any were found to act afterwards against the British, they would be immediately hanged; they seemed grateful, and departed. I have sent a prow with this letter, conceiving that it is of some im-

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portance that you should have as early intimation as possible of the capture of General Jamelle.

The Hesper sailed so ill, that I was obliged to proceed without her, but expect her appearance every hour, as well as the Sepoys, who are to act under Colonel Wood, on whose arrival I shall immediately re-embark the marines, and proceed to Taggall and Samarang; without whose assistance, we should be too weak to make any impression on the latter place.

I have the honour to be, &c.
 (Signed) **P. BEAVER.**
Honourable R. Stopford, Rear-Admiral of the Red, &c. &c.

His Britannic Majesty's Ship Nisus,
SIR, *off Cheribon, Sept. 3, 1811.*

THE city of Batavia, with the strong posts of Cornehus and Baitenzorg, and indeed the whole kingdom of Jacatra, being already in the possession of His Britannic Majesty's forces, I have arrived here with a squadron, to take possession of every place yet in the hands of the enemy in the kingdom of Cheribon.

My force is sufficiently strong to make all attempts at resistance futile and vain.

I therefore summon you to surrender the town, fort, and factory of Cheribon, to His Britannic Majesty's squadron under my command. Five Minutes are allowed for your decision; after which time, unless the place is surrendered, hostilities will commence.

The garrison will be prisoners of war, and all private property shall be respected.

But all public property and stores, of what kind soever, together with all plans, archives, &c. &c. shall be faithfully and immediately given up to the commanding officer of the troops that may be landed, or such other person as I may appoint to receive them.

And you may be assured that if there is any attempt to spoil, damage, or destroy by fire or otherwise, any public property, buildings, stores, or warehouses whatsoever, at Cheribon or its neighbourhood, a very severe example will be made of the persons concerned therein, and a dreadful retaliation will await not only the town but the whole kingdom.

I am, &c.
P. BEAVER,
 Commanding the British Squadron.

To the Commandant at Cheribon.

List of Troops who surrendered at Fort Cheribon on the 4th September 1811.

1 Lieutenant-Commandant, 1 Bombardier, 2 Corporals, 33 Artillerymen, 96 Infantry.

Total—133.

P. BEAVER.

Prisoners made in Cheribon on Hour after its Surrender to the British Squadron.

Jamelle, General de Brigade, Commandant les Troupes.

