

they so well merited. To him and every Officer and soldier employed my best thanks are due.

I cannot do adequate justice to the sense I entertain of the ability and readiness with which I find myself at all times supported by Captain Marryat, and the Officers and crew of the ship, under his command; nor ought I to omit mentioning that the Officers and crew of the transport ship *Moirá* are volunteers on every occasion when the enemy is likely to be met with.

I am, &c.

A. CAMPBELL, Brig. Gen.

Copy of a Letter from Brigadier-General Sir Archibald Campbell, K. C. B. to George Swinton, Esq. Secretary to the Bengal Government, dated Headquarters, Rangoon, September 9, 1824.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council, the inclosed report from Captain Marryat; of His Majesty's ship *Larne*, of an attack upon a small post established a short distance up the Dalla creek.

The gallantry and good conduct of all engaged in this first rencontre with the enemy's war-boats, affords me much satisfaction; and Captain Marryat has particularly mentioned to me the steadiness with which Lieutenant Wright, and a piquet of the 18th Madras native infantry, received the enemy, both by land and water.

All accounts concur in bearing testimony to the resolute gallantry of Mr. Crawford, in defending his vessel, the *Kitty*, against very superior numbers, although wounded early in the attack; and I beg leave to bring his name to the favourable notice of the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council.

I have, &c.

A. CAMPBELL, Brig Gen.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Marryat, commanding His Majesty's Ship Larne, to Brigadier-General Sir Archibald Campbell, K. C. B. dated off Rangoon, 8th September 1824.

SIR,

IN compliance with your request for a detail of the circumstances which occurred in the attack on the Dalla stockade, made by the Burmese on the morning of the 6th instant, I have the honour to inform you, that at midnight on the 5th, a straggling fire was heard in that direction, and shortly afterwards a rocket was thrown up, the signal previously arranged with the detachment in case of immediate assistance being required.

With the advantage of a strong flood-tide, the boats of His Majesty's ship *Larne* proceeded rapidly to the scene of conflagration, where a heavy fire was exchanged. As our approach could not be perceived from the smoke, we cheered to announce that support was at hand, and had the satisfaction to hear it warmly returned, both by the detachment in the stockade, and the crews in the gun-vessels.

It appeared that the attacks of the enemy had been simultaneous, the gun-brigs lying in the creek

having been assailed by a number of war-boats, while the detachment on shore had been opposed to a force estimated at fifteen hundred to two thousand men.

Upon our arrival we found the enemy on shore had not retreated, but still kept up a galling fire; the war-boats, which had endeavoured to board the *Kitty* gun-brig, had been beat off by the exertions and gallantry of Mr. Crawford commanding that vessel, and were apparently rallying at a short distance up the creek, with a determination to renew the attack, but on perceiving our boats advancing a head of the gun-brigs, they made a precipitate retreat.

Although from their superior speed there was little probability of success, chase was immediately given, and five of the war-boats which had been most severely handled, and could not keep up with the main body, were successively boarded and captured: many others appeared to be only half manned, but we could not overtake them, and the pursuit was abandoned about four miles above the stockade.

The spears remaining on the sides of the gun-brig, the ladders attached to her rigging, and the boarding netting cut through in many places, proved the severe conflict which had been sustained; and I trust you will be pleased to recommend the very meritorious conduct of Mr. Crawford to the consideration of the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council.

Great praise is due to Mr. J. King of the *Narcissa*, and Mr. Franes of the *Tiger*, for the well directed and destructive fire which they poured into the war-boats, and I trust, as an eye witness, I may be allowed to express my admiration of the intrepid conduct of the Officer commanding the detachment on shore.

The loss of the enemy in this attack cannot be correctly ascertained, but from the number of dead in the boats captured, and the crippled state of many others, it cannot be estimated at less than two or three hundred men.

I have, &c.

F. MARRYAT, Captain,
H. M. S. *Larne*.

Extract from a Letter from the Governor-General in Council to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors of the East India Company, dated Fort William, 12th November 1824.

SINCE the date of our last address, to your Honourable Committee we have received several important dispatches from Brigadier-General Sir Archibald Campbell, copies of which we hasten to transmit for your information. From these dispatches your Honourable Committee will learn the particulars of the capture of Tavoy and Mergui, the most valuable possessions of the Burmese on the Tenasserim coast. You will also be apprised of a very brilliant and decisive attack on the 8th and 9th October, by a detachment of troops under the command of Major Evans, on the enemy's stockades near the village of Martabain, in the neighbourhood of Rangoon, where the Prince of Sarawaddy had pushed forward a part of his force, under the immediate command of the two principal