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*India Board, June 3, 1841.*

A DISPATCH has been this day received at the East India House, from the Governor in Council at Bombay, dated May 1, 1841, of which the following is an extract:

THE accompanying Calcutta Government Gazette Extraordinary, dated the 20th ultimo, has reached this Government, containing a notification issued under the orders of the Governor General of India in Council, publishing, for general information, the details of brilliant successes which have been recently achieved in China, ending in the entire destruction of the defences of Canton, and in the placing of that city at the mercy of Her Britannic Majesty's forces.

*Secret Department, the 20th April 1841.*

### NOTIFICATION.

THE Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council has great satisfaction in publishing, for general information, the following details of brilliant successes which have been recently achieved in China, ending in the entire destruction of the defences of Canton, and in the placing of that city at the mercy of Her Majesty's forces.

His Lordship in Council has directed a royal salute to be fired in honour of this occasion.

T. H. MADDOCK, Sec. to Gov.

*Wellisley, off North Wangton,  
March 10, 1841.*

*To the Right Honourable George Earl of Auckland,  
G. C. B. &c. &c. &c. Governor-General of India.*

MY LORD,

IT is with feelings of gratification I have the honour to announce to you, that, the forts of the

Bocca Tigris, together with every other of the Chinese defences with which we are acquainted, have fallen to Her Majesty's arms; the British flag flying on the fortress of Wangtong, in which is a garrison, and all the other batteries have been blown up and utterly destroyed; and as I am aware of the intense interest which is felt by your Lordship, I avail myself of the earliest opportunity of forwarding to you a detail of the events which have led to this result.

On the 20th January, the preliminaries of a treaty of peace were agreed upon by Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary, under the seal of the Chinese Commissioner, one of the conditions of which was the cession of the island of Hong Kong to Her Majesty, and the restoration of Chuenpee and Tycock Tow to the Chinese, together with the evacuation of Chusan at the earliest possible period. His Excellency in consequence requested me to move the force from the immediate neighbourhood of the Bocca Tigris, and, having made the necessary arrangement with the Chinese Admiral Commanding in Chief, the forts were delivered to his officers, under the usual salutes, on the 21st, and the fleet proceeded to the anchorage off the west end of Lantau Island.

Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and the Imperial Commissioner having arranged to have a formal meeting at the Second Bar, in the River, on the 26th, I detached the Calliope and Larne, and Madagascar and Nemesis steamers, to the Bocca Tigris, under the immediate command of Captain Herbert, of the Calliope; a guard of honour, composed of one hundred picked men of the royal marine, under the command of Captain Ellis, R. N. of the Wellisley, and the band of that ship were embarked. Captains the Honourable R. S. Dundas and Maitland, of Melville and Wellesley, together with as many of the Officers of the Fleet as could be spared, accompanied his Excellency; the party was received with every possible mark of distinction and respect, the