

sionally into Anunghoy, which fire was returned by the Chinese with great spirit, from a battery immediately opposite, having also kept up a fire during the greater part of the preceding night (during the erection of the work), which slackened towards two A. M., and finally ceased.

At eleven o'clock the breeze springing up, the signal was made, and the fleet stood in.

The attack on Anunghoy I entrusted to Captain Sir H. Le Fleming Senhouse, of Her Majesty's ship *Blenheim*, having with him the *Melville*, *Queen* steamer, and four rocket boats. The *Wellesley*, *Calliope*, *Samarang*, *Druid*, *Herald*, *Alligator*, and *Modeste* were opposed to the batteries on the south, south-west, and north-west of Wangtong, and the forts on the western side of the channel.

In less than an hour the batteries on Wangtong were silenced, and the troops (under Major Pratt, of the 26th Cameronians), which had been previously embarked in the *Nemesis* and *Madagascar* steamers, consisting of the detachments of Her Majesty's 26th and 49th regiments, 37th Madras Native Infantry, and Bengal Volunteers, together with the Royal Marines, were landed, and in a few minutes masters of the island, without any loss; 1,300 Chinese surrendered.

The Anunghoy batteries had now been silenced by the beautiful precision with which the fire of the *Blenheim*, *Melville*, and *Queen* had been directed, and perceiving that the enemy were shaken, Sir Le Fleming Senhouse, at the head of the marines and small-arm men landed on the southern battery, and drove them in succession from that, and the two others, and at one o'clock the British colours were flying on the whole chain of these celebrated works; and the animated gallantry displayed by the whole force, convinces me that almost any number of men the Chinese could collect, would not be able to stand before them for a moment.

Our casualties are trifling, five wounded, slightly, in the whole force; the main-top-mast, and foreyard of the *Blenheim* were shot through, one thirty-two pounder gun rendered unserviceable, several shot in the hull, and the rigging much cut up; the *Melville*'s main-topmast wounded, and rigging considerably injured; the *Calliope* was struck in several places, and the other ships had merely a few ropes cut. The loss of the enemy was severe, but not so heavy as at Chuenpee, 1,300 (as before stated) having thrown down their arms. I should estimate their killed and wounded at two hundred and fifty in Wangtong; probably as many in Anunghoy; at which place the Chinese Admiral, Kwan, and several other Mandarines of rank fell. The body of the Admiral was recognized by his family, and taken away the day after the action, under a fire of minute guns from the *Blenheim*.

On the morning of the 27th, the light squadron proceeded up the river, under the command of Captain Herbert of the *Calliope*, and on the day following I was gratified by receiving a despatch from him, reporting, that on their arrival off the first bar, the enemy were observed strongly fortified on the left bank of the river, close to Whampoa Reach, with upwards of forty war-junks, and the *Cambridge* (formerly an East Indiaman of 900 tons), on approach-

ing within three miles, the *Madagascar* and *Nemesis* steamers, having on board his Excellency and Captain Herbert proceeded to reconnoitre; and find out a clear passage, a number of vessels having been sunk; on advancing, a heavy fire was opened on the steamers, which was returned with great effect; the ships were now brought up, and opened fire on the junks, *Cambridge* and *Batteries*, which in an hour were nearly silenced, when the marines, and small-arm men were landed, and stormed the works, driving before them upwards of two thousand of the Chinese troops, and killing nearly three hundred. In about half an hour after landing, all the defences were carried (though in several places brave and obstinate resistance was made). In the mean time, the *Cambridge* was boarded, and carried by the boats of the *Calliope*, *Nemesis*, and *Modeste* and almost immediately set on fire; the explosion of this vessel's magazine, must have been heard at Canton. The fort (mud) mounted on the river front forty-seven guns; on the left flank three; a field work four; the *Cambridge* thirty-four; besides ten mounted in a junk, making altogether ninety-eight guns.

The war junks escaped up the river, where the ships were prevented pursuing them, by a strong raft placed across the passage. The guns, and other munitions were destroyed. In this gallant affair the casualties, (considering the opposing force,) are few; one killed; three dangerously, and five slightly wounded.

On the morning of the 1st instant I proceeded up the river, to join the advanced squadron, in the *Madagascar* steamer, taking the transport *Sophia* in tow; Captain Maitland with the boats and one hundred small-arm men, together with the marines of the *Wellesley*, accompanied me. The *Queen* taking the *Eagle* transport in tow, on board which ship I had embarked the marines of the *Blenheim*, *Melville*, and *Druid*, also attended by the boats of those ships all being armed with their guns and howitzers.

On arriving at Whampoa, I found from Captain Herbert's report, that the enemy were in considerable force at the end of "junk reach" having as usual sunk several large junks in the river, and further protected themselves by a strong double line of stakes across it, and large bamboos and branches of trees between them. On the following morning I detached Commander Belcher, in Her Majesty's ship *Sulphur*, up junk river to reconnoitre, that ship being taken in tow by three of the *Wellesley*'s boats, under command of Lieutenant Symonds, Senior Lieutenant of the latter ship; on rounding a point on the right bank, they came in front of a low battery of twenty-five guns, masked by thick branches of trees which opened a heavy fire on them; Lieutenant Symonds instantly cut the tow rope, and gallantly dashed into the battery, driving the enemy before him, and killing several of their number. The *Sulphur* anchored, and some shot from her completely routed them from the thick underwood in the vicinity, in which they had taken shelter, the guns were destroyed and the magazine and other consumable materiel set on fire. The number of troops was probably two hundred and fifty, and they were of the chosen Tartars; their loss was about fifteen or twenty killed—ours was one seaman of the *Wellesley* mortally