

service, with a return of ordnance destroyed in the defences near Canton.

Your presence at the close of the action releases me from going further into detail.

From the various reports brought in, we have been able to ascertain, that the enemy's loss has been about four hundred men.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) T. HERBERT, Captain.

List of the Ships, Steamers, Boats, &c. employed at the Capture of Canton, on the 16th instant.

H. M. ship Herald, Captain Nias; H. M. sloop Modeste, Commander Wyres; H. M. sloop Havacinth, Commander Warren; H. M. brig Algerine, Lieutenant Mason.

Tenders.—H. M. schooner Starling, Lieutenant Kellett; H. M. schooner Hebe, Mr. Quin, Mate; H. M. cutter Louisa, Mr. Carmichael, Mate.

Steamers.—H. C. steamer Madagascar, Captain Dicey; H. C. steamer Nemesis, Captain Hall.

Boats.—First Division.—Commander Barlow; Lieutenants Williams, Stewart, and Drury; Lieutenant Dewes, Acting; Messrs. Walter Kendall, Purver, Woolcome, Baker, and Kator, Mates; Mr. Comber, Midshipman; Mr. Scott, Volunteer first class.

Second Division, Commander Clark.—Lieutenants Hamilton, Beadon, and Shute; Mr. King, Master Acting; Messrs. Miller, Fitzgerald, Pearse, Read, and Turnour, Mates; Mr. Crofton, Midshipman.

Third Division.—Lieutenants Coulson and Ingram; Messrs. Christopher, Walker, and Anderson, Mates; Messrs. Purvis, Coke, and Lyons, Volunteers first class; Mr. Stanley, Assistant-Surgeon.

Western Division.—Commanders Warren and Belcher; Lieutenants Haskell, Watson, Hay, Moorshed, D'Eyncourt, Wood, and Haves; Mr. Airy, Master; Messrs. Daly, Rivers, Jefferies, Le Vesconte, Egerton, Drake, St. Leger, and Bryan, Mates; Mr. Brown, Master-Assistant; Mr. Butler, M. D. and Mr. Tweeddale, Assistant-Surgeons.

Volunteers.—Lieutenant Mackenzie, H. M. 90th regiment, Acting Military Secretary to the Naval Commander in Chief; Mr. Johnson, Master H. M. ship Conway; Mr. G. Ramsden, Clerk H. M. ship Calliope; Lieutenant Giffard, H. C. 12th regiment.

Return of Ordnance destroyed in the Defences near Canton.

Lower Battery, left Bank, Macao Passage—22 guns.

Upper Battery—9 guns.

Sand Bag Battery on Wharf—9 guns.

Western Fort, Canton Suburbs (Shaween)—10 guns.

Red Fort, opposite Canton Factories—20 guns.

Dutch Folly—25 guns.

Sand Bag Battery above Arsenal—13 guns.

Two Junks moored off Admiral's House—15 guns.

Total—123.

Besides those destroyed in Lin's and the Mandarin war boats.

(Signed) THOS. HERBERT, Captain.

A List of Casualties in the Force employed in the Attack and Occupation of the Defences of the City of Canton, on the 18th day of March 1841.

Lieutenant Stransham, royal marines, severely.

Calliope—2 wounded slightly.

Hyaciuth—2 wounded, 1 slightly, 1 severely.

Modeste—2 wounded slightly.

(Signed) THOS. HERBERT, Captain.

His Majesty's Ship Welles'ey, Bocca Tigris, March 11, 1841.

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

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to report to your Lordship my arrival, on the 1st instant, in the Canton river, and of my having joined and assumed the military command of the expeditionary force, on the 2d, at Whampoa Reach, where I found Commodore Sir Gordon Bremer and Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary Captain Elliot, with the advanced division of the fleet and transports, except two hundred men of the 37th Madras N. I. left at North Wang-Tong, as a protecting force.

2, The Commodore will have communicated to your lordship the operations up to that period, embracing the capture of the Bogue forts at either side the Bocca Tigris on the 26th February. The forcing the barrier at the first bar on the following day, together with the assault and capture of a heavy battery which flanked it, and the destruction of the ship Cambridge.

3. Having unfortunately arrived too late to participate in those operations, I cannot refrain from expressing my admiration of the noble, daring, and judicious execution which thus reduced, within a few hours, and almost without loss, what were considered by the Chinese as impregnable, and what, in the hands of almost any other nation, would have been nearly so. It is a great satisfaction to me to find Sir Gordon Bremer speak most favourably of the conduct of Major Pratt, of Her Majesty's 26th, and the troops employed on this occasion.

4. Having communicated with the Plenipotentiary and the Commodore, I found it was proposed to continue the operations in advance the following day (the 3d), by attacking the last defences on the Canton river, consisting of a square stone built fort mounting thirty-two guns, in front of which the river was barricaded by a double row of strong piles firmly driven in with an intervening space of about thirty feet, which the Chinese had filled, by sinking junks, and placing masses of bamboos, together with timber of every