

Sand Bag Battery, N. E. of South Anunghoy Fort.

1 twelve pounder, 6 nine pounders, 1 six pounder,
2 three pounders, 3 four pounders, 2 less than
three pounders.

Total.—15.

All the guns of Chinese manufacture, except one
English.

*Return of Ordnance on the Island of Wangtong,
when captured on the 26th February 1841.*

Iron Guns.

1 sixty-eight pounder, 1 forty two pounder, 18 from
twenty-four to thirty-two pounders (including
both calibres), 11 from eighteen to twenty-four
pounders (the former calibre included), 16 from
twelve to eighteen pounders (ditto), 24 from
nine to twelve pounders (ditto), 35 from six to
nine pounders (ditto), 52 from three to six
pounders (ditto), 6 less than three pounders,
3 destroyed by shot.

Total.—167.

Twelve of these were very large guns, with great
thickness of metal throughout, with Chinese characters
inscribed on the chase.

General Abstract.

South Anunghoy Fort. — 102 guns.

North Anunghoy Fort. — 40 guns.

Sand Bag Battery, East Side of South Anunghoy
Fort. — 15 guns.

Sand Bag Battery, North East Side of South Anunghoy
Battery. — 15 guns.

Island of Wangtong. — 167 guns.

Total.—339 guns.

(Signed) J. KNOWLES, Captain,
Royal Artillery.

Commodore Sir J. J. Gordon Bremer, Knt.

C. B. K. C. H. Commander in Chief,

&c. &c. &c.

Wellesley, Wantong, 28th February 1841.

SIR,

BE pleased to acquaint their Lordships, that at
day light on the morning of the 27th the advanced
squadron, consisting of ships named in the margin,*
proceeded up the river, under the command of Cap-
tain Herbert, of the Calliope, and this day I was
gratified by receiving a report from that gallant Of-
ficer, a copy of which I enclose.

His letter details his proceedings in so clear and
unassuming a manner, that it is unnecessary for me
to occupy their Lordships time by repetition. I can-
not, however, refrain from the expression of my ad-
miration of the gallantry displayed, and of my cor-
dial thanks to Captain Herbert, the Captains Nias
and Kuper, Commanders Belcher and Eyres, and to
the Commanders of the Nemesis and Madagascar

* Calliope, Herald, Alligator, Sulphur, Modeste, and Ma-
dagascar and Nemesis steamers.

steamers, together with every officer and man en-
gaged in this well executed attack.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. J. GORDON BREMER,
Commodore of the First Class,
Commander-in-Chief.

R. M. O'Ferrall, Esq., M. P.

*Her Majesty's ship Calliope, above the first bar,
and below Whampoa, February 27, 1841.*

SIR,

THE division named in the margin,* that you did
me the honour to place under my command, advanced
up the river this morning, passing Tiger Island, the
second bar, and reaching near the first bar by noon,
piloted by Captain Elliot, her Majesty's Plenipoten-
tiary, whose perfect knowledge of the shoals enabled
us to effect the passage without difficulty. From
this position we observed the enemy 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 Indianman, of nine hun-
dred tons, with an Admiral's flag at the main. On
approaching within three miles I proceeded with the
steamers, his Excellency, and Commander Bel-
cher, to reconnoitre, and find out a clear passage
(a number of vessels having been sunk); on advanc-
ing, a heavy fire was opened on the steamers, which
was immediately returned with great effect. Having
satisfied myself that the enemy could be dislodged,
I hastened up the ships, the Sulphur leading, the
whole taking up such an admirable position that the
enemy's batteries, protecting their strongly entrenched
camp, and the guns of their fleet, were in an hour
nearly silenced, when I landed with the seamen
and marines under the officers named in the margin,†
and stormed the works, driving before us upwards of
two thousand of their best 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 by
some of the troops composing the Governor's Guard),
mounting on the river front forty-seven guns; in
the left flank, three; a field work, four. The Cam-
bridge with thirty-four, besides ten unmounted in a
junk, making together ninety-eight guns. While
the entrenchments were storming Lieutenant Wat-
son, assisted by the officers enumerated in the mar-
gin,‡ gallantly boarded the Admiral's ship, whose
flag, hauled down by Mr. St. Leger, mate of the Cal-
liope, I have the honour to send you. The war
junks escaped up the river, while we were prevented
from pursuing by a strong raft placed across the
passage. The guns of the fleet, and other muni-
tions, have been destroyed, and the Cambridge set
on fire, whose explosion must have been heard at
Canton.

It affords me much satisfaction in having to speak
of the excellent and efficient practice of the Nemesis

* Calliope, Herald, Alligator, Sulphur, Modeste, and
Madagascar and Nemesis steamers.

† Vide list.

‡ Vide subjoined list.