

many of the slain, were carried off by their countrymen.

His Excellency, the Commander of the Forces, will, probably, give your Lordship an account of the munitions of war and government stores which have fallen into our hands, including a large quantity of gunpowder and a foundry for cannon, where some guns of very large calibre, newly cast, have been discovered.

We have been constantly employed in destroying the guns, and, as far as it has been practicable, the batteries taken on the 26th. The last two days Commander Fletcher, with a party of seamen and marines, has been also detached in the *Nemesis*, and with very commendable zeal, has completely disabled the guns on every battery on the north east and the south west sides of the bay, and the fortified islands at the entrance, of which your Lordship will find official returns.

The superiority of the bay and inner harbour of Amoy has much exceeded our expectations. The anchorage in the former appears excellent; and the latter, as far as our hasty surveys have gone, affords perfect security for ships of any class, and, to a great extent, with a reasonable prospect of proving a healthy situation. Sir Hugh Gough and myself have, therefore, entirely concurred with his Excellency Sir Henry Pottinger, in the expediency of retaining possession of the island of Golong-soo, which will at any time give us the command of Amoy, until your Lordship's wishes, or the pleasure of Her Majesty's Government is known. For this purpose a sufficient garrison will be placed on the island by the General, and I propose to leave Captain Smith, of the *Druid*, with the *Pylades* and *Algerine* for their support.

The wind is, unfortunately, at present adverse; but your Lordship may be assured that the expedition will proceed to the northward the moment it is practicable, in the further execution of our instructions.

I have the honour to be, &c.

W. PARKER, Rear-Admiral.

To the Right Honourable the Earl
of Auckland, G. C. B.

A List of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels, and of the Honourable East India Company's Steam Vessels, in Action with the Batteries and Defences of Amoy, 26th August 1841.

Wellesley, flag ship, 72 guns, Captain Thomas Maitland.

Blenheim, 72 guns, Captain Thomas Herbert.

Blonde, 44 guns, Captain Thomas Bouchier.

Druid, 44 guns, Captain Henry Smith, C. B.

Modeste, 18 guns, Captain Henry Evres.

Cruizer, 16 guns, Commander H. W. Giffard.

Pylades, 18 guns, Commander T. V. Anson.

Columbine, 16 guns, Commander Thomas J. Clarke.

Bentick, 10 guns, Lieutenant Richard Collinson.

Algerine, 10 guns, Lieutenant T. H. Mason.

Rattlesnake, troop ship, Master James Sprent.

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Steam Vessels.

Sesostris, 4 guns, Acting Commander Ormsby.
Phlegothon, 4 guns, Lieutenant M' Cleverty, R. N.
Nemesis, 2 guns, Master W. H. Hall, R. N.
Queen, 2 guns, Acting Master W. Warden, R. N.

(Enclosure No. 1.)

On board Her Majesty's ship *Wellesley*, off Amoy,
August 26, 1841.

The undersigned, Sir H. Pottinger, Bart. Her Britannic Majesty's Plenipotentiary; Sir W. Parker, commanding in chief the naval forces; and Sir H. Gough, commanding in chief the land forces of the British nation in these parts, to his Excellency the Admiral, commanding in chief the naval forces in the province of Fukien.

There being certain differences subsisting between the two nations of Great Britain and China, which have not been cleared up, the undersigned Plenipotentiary and Commanders-in-Chief have received the instructions of their Sovereign that, unless these be completely removed, and secure arrangements made, by accession to the demands last year presented at Treatsin, they shall regard it as their duty to resort to hostile measures for the enforcement of those demands.

But the undersigned Plenipotentiary and Commanders-in-Chief, moved by compassionate feelings, are adverse to causing the death of so many officers and soldiers as must perish, and urgently request the Admiral commanding in chief in this province forthwith to deliver the town and all fortifications of Amoy into the hands of the British forces, to be held for the present by them. Upon his so doing, all the officers and troops therein will be allowed to retire with their personal arms and baggage, and the people shall receive no hurt; and whenever these difficulties shall be settled, and the demands of Great Britain fully granted, the whole shall be restored to the hands of the Chinese.

If these terms be acceded to, let a white flag be displayed from the fortifications.

H. POTTINGER, Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary.

W. PARKER, Rear-Admiral.

H. GOUGH, Major-General.

Her Majesty's ship Blonde, Inner Harbour of Amoy August 27, 1841.

Sir, - The operations of the force you did me the honour to place under my command for the attack of the island of Golong-soo were so immediately under your observation that little remains to me beyond the agreeable duty of bringing to your Excellency's notice the admirable conduct of every officer and man I had the honour to command.

The squadron was led into action by Captain Eyres, commanding Her Majesty's sloop *Modeste*, with the most perfect skill and gallantry. The *Blonde* and *Druid* followed, and were placed as near as the shoalness of the water would admit to the three principal batteries, which they succeeded in silencing after a fire of one hour and twenty minutes, when the Marines, under the gallant Captain Ellis, were landed,