

our wounded embarked, and attack it as expeditiously as possible.

At one P. M. the 16th, the whole of the combined forces marched on it for that purpose, but on ascending the lofty heights it was found entirely evacuated, nothing therefore remained but to destroy the works, arms, and large quantities of provisions, which the Chinese had not time to remove; and when this was effectually accomplished we returned to Tze-Kee, and on the morning of the 17th re-embarked the whole of our forces and arrived at Ningpo at four P. M.

We flatter ourselves that the success which has attended this movement will have a very beneficial effect in our future operations, and their Lordships may be assured that no opportunity will be lost by the General and myself in prosecuting with our best energies any measure which is likely to advance the object of Her Majesty's Government, and bring our contest with the Chinese to a speedy and satisfactory termination.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) W. PARKER, Rear Admiral.

*A List of Officers belonging to Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels, and those of the Indian Navy, employed on Shore at Tze-Kee, under the Command of Captain Thomas Bouchier, C. B. of Her Majesty's Ship Blonde, between the 15th and 16th March 1842.*

*Her Majesty's Ship Blonde.*

Captain Thomas Bouchier, C. B.; Lieutenants Charles Starmer and S. B. Dolling; Messrs. George Walker, Alexander Anderson, J. F. C. Hamilton, and John O. Johnson, Mates. Royal Marines—First Lieutenant C. C. Hewitt, Second Lieutenant F. J. Polkinghorne.

*Her Majesty's Ship Cornwallis.*

Captain Peter Richards, Lieutenant James Fitzjames; Messrs. George H. Hodgson, Nicholas Vansittart, and Charles R. Jackson, Mates; Mr. Hugh H. Monk, Assistant-Surgeon; Mr. Henry D. P. Cunningham, Secretary's Clerk; Messrs. William Bowden and D'Arcy S. Preston, Volunteers 1st class.

Royal Marines—Captain James Uniacke, commanding; Captain Francis S. Hamilton; First Lieutenants George Elliot, W. S. L. Atcherly, Henry Timpson, F. J. White, and A. J. B. Hambly.

*Her Majesty's Sloop Modeste.*

Commander R. B. Watson, Lieutenant W. A. R. Pearse; Messrs. P. A. Halkett and Henry R. Crofton, Mates; and Mr. Henry S. Wilmott, Assistant-Surgeon.

*Her Majesty's Sloop Columbine.*

Lieutenant Philip A. Helpman; Mr. William S. Miller, Mate; Mr. John T. Veitch, Assistant-

Surgeon; and Mr. Robert Shadden, Midshipman.

*Honourable Company's Steam Ship Sesostris.*

Lieutenant James Rennie; Messrs. Arthur J. Smith and Henry Broughton, Midshipmen.

*Flag Lieutenant.*

Lieutenant Charles E. Tennant, Senior Lieutenant on the station.

W. PARKER, Rear-Admiral.

*H. C. Steam Vessel Phlegethon,*  
March 15, 1842.

SIR,

IN pursuance of your orders of this day to proceed in the vessel under my command, accompanied by the barges of Her Majesty's ships Cornwallis and Blonde, and to get as near as possible in the flank of the Chinese army assembled on the heights above Tze-Kee, I directed my course up the river towards Yu Yaa, but finding that I was getting further from the enemy's camp, I turned into the branch that leads to the eastward; in getting up about two miles, and turning a very sharp bend of the river, I suddenly came upon five gun boats moored close to a large mandarin house, who immediately opened their fire on us, which we returned with grape and cannister, and quickly driving their crews from them, I sent the boats of this ship, under the command of Acting Lieutenant Herbert Rynes, Mr. Goodridge, Second, and Mr. Coverly, Third, Officers, the boats of Her Majesty's ships Cornwallis and Blonde commanded by Nicholas Vansittart and J. F. C. Hamilton, Mates, to destroy them, which service they effectually performed, and also the large mandarin house, which was a magazine of powder, arms, and military stores, all of which they set fire to and blew up, the gun boats consisting of five large flat bottomed boats, each armed with an eighteen pounder carronade, mounted on ship carriages; they also discovered fourteen boats fitted as a fire raft, which they destroyed; after performing this service we again proceeded for the Camp, off which place we arrived, within gun shot, at five P. M., and immediately opened on with shell and rockets, and shortly afterwards, on their retreating, close to the Phlegethon, before the combined force, I accepted the service of the crews of the boats of the Cornwallis, Blonde, and this ship, who gallantly volunteered to intercept them, they were commanded by the same Officers as before, accompanied by Doctor Playfair, Surgeon, and Mr. Edward Ommaney, Purser of this ship, as volunteers; at seven P. M. they returned, having pursued the enemy in various directions, and destroying a number of them. In the execution of these duties I beg to express my satisfaction of the conduct of every person whom I had the honour to command, particularly Messrs. Vansittart and Hamilton, with their boats' crews, for the prompt and gallant