

Rice when he was wounded; and in storming the stockade his conduct was most gallant.

My thanks are general to the officers and men who served under my orders on this occasion for the steady, gallant, and cheerful conduct with which they performed the duty; neither can I omit remarking that the most perfect unanimity prevailed between the two services.

Since my last visit to Negrais the old governor of Bassein has been removed, and the government entrusted to another officer who arrived here from Ava with 4000 regular troops, which increased the strength of the garrison to 6000 men.

I have the honour to forward herewith a list of killed and wounded in the squadron: the casualties among the troops I understand amounted to about twenty-five more: and I also inclose a return of the number of cannon captured from the enemy.

I have, &c.

GEORGE R. LAMBERT, Commodore.

A List of the Naval Force commanded by Commodore G. R. Lambert, in the action and capture at the city of Bassein, on the 19th of May 1852.

East India Company's steam-sloop Tenasserim, Commander W. Dacey (broad pendant of Commodore Lambert, R.N.)—two 8-inch, four 32-pounders; total, 6 guns. Officers and crew, 139. Also on board, Commodore Lambert, of Her Majesty's ship Fox, James L. Southey, Esq. Secretary, Mr. G. Digby Morant, Signal Midshipman, and a boat's crew of the Fox.

East India Company's steam-frigate Sesostris, Commander C. D. Campbell, I.N.—two 8-inch, two 32-pounders, two 12-pounders; total, 6 guns. Officers and crew, 168.

East India Company's steam-frigate Moozuffer, Commander H. H. Hewett, I.N.—five 8-inch, two 32-pounders; total, 7 guns. Officers and crew, 228.

East India Company's steam-vessel Pluto, Commander C. Burbank, one 32-pounder, four 12-pounders, two 6-pounders; total, 7 guns. Officers and crew, 80.

A party of seamen from Her Majesty's ship Fox, Lieutenant Geo. W. Rice in command—one 12-pounder; total, 1 gun. Officers and crew, 19. Includes Mr. F. M. Lisboa, Midshipman, and Mr. Fred. Morgan, Assistant-Surgeon.

Royal Marines of Her Majesty's Ship Fox, First Lieutenant John Elliott in command. Officers and crew, 45. Includes Second Lieutenant Nightingale.

Total—9 8-inch, 9 32-pounders, 7 12-pounders, 2 6-pounders; total of guns, 27; total of officers and crews, 679.

G. R. LAMBERT,
Commodore.

List of Killed and Wounded in the Squadron under the command of Commodore Lambert, at the capture of the City of Bassein, on the 19th May 1852.

Tenasserim, David Hughes, A.B., wounded, slightly; contused wound by a bullet.

Pluto, Mr. Charles Bolt, purser, wounded, slightly; contused wound.

Party of seamen from Her Majesty's ship Fox, under the command of Lieutenant George Rice. George Woolridge, boatswain's mate, killed; shot through the head. George W.

Rice, Lieutenant, Royal Navy, wounded, severely; musket ball through hand and wrist. George Odgers, A. B., wounded, severely; musket ball through fleshy part of thigh. Thomas Metcalfe, A.B., wounded, severely; musket ball through the right shoulder.

Royal Marines of Her Majesty's ship Fox, under the command of 1st Lieutenant John Elliott. John Elliott, 1st Lieutenant, wounded slightly; contused wound by a bullet in right arm. Samuel Gray, private, wounded, dangerously; musket ball through the arm. George Davis, private, wounded, slightly; musket ball through the finger. George Jones, private, wounded, slightly; bayonet wound in the thigh.

Her Majesty's ship Fox, one killed and seven wounded.

Tenasserim, one wounded.

Pluto, one wounded.

Total, one killed and nine wounded.

GEORGE R. LAMBERT.

Commodore G. R. Lambert to the Secretary to the Government of India.

H. M. S. Fox, Rangoon,
May 24, 1852.

SIR,

REFERRING to my dispatch of the 20th inst, I request you will inform his Lordship in Council, that after we had obtained possession of the city of Bassein, I sent the Pluto a short distance up the river, to endeavour to intercept the retreating army.

She returned next morning, and Commander Burbank acquainted me that he proceeded up the river above Bassein about forty miles, that he communicated with the village of Mamoon, from which the inhabitants came off, and informed him that one of the party then on board was a person of high command at Bassein, during the attack; that he then arrested this person, and he has delivered him over to me, together with another officer of high rank.

Commander Burbank having been informed that a party of the retreating force, in two boats, had that night left the village, he proceeded in chase, succeeded in capturing one of the boats, in which he found a quantity of arms and ammunition, which he destroyed; the troops landed and fled into the jungle.

The Pluto afterwards fell in with another portion of the defeated Burmese, encamped, but who fled on being observed, leaving their arms, all which have been destroyed, as well as their barracks.

A party of seamen from the Fox embarked in the Pluto, to assist in the operations, under Mr. Lisboa, midshipman (Brazilian Navy).

The Proserpine steam vessel, having joined me from Moulmein, I despatched her, with the Fox's marines, to destroy some unoccupied stockades in the neighbourhood of the village of Naputa, which was accomplished without any opposition, assisted by the villagers.

I also request you will inform his Lordship, that the squadron under my command, detached to Bassein, returned to Rangoon on the 23rd, with the exception of the Sesostris, which I left to cooperate with the troops in garrisoning that place, and of the Pluto, which I have sent to Penang, agreeably to orders I had received from Rear-Admiral Austen.

In continuation of my letter of the 11th