May, I request that his lordship may be informed that the Phlegethon returned here to-day, having made a most successful expedition, in conjunction with the barge of this ship, in charge of Acting Lieutenant Lawrence, which I had despatched to rejoin that vessel.

While Commander Neblett was waiting for sufficient water to get into the Rangoon River, I directed him to reconnoitre Donabew; he accordingly proceeded to that place, and found that the Governor of Dallah had fled, and that this once famous stronghold was unoccupied and defenceless. The inhabitants seemed desirous of affording every assistance, and informed him that a considerable force was collected further up the river, to which spot he also proceeded, and at about ten miles

above Donabew, near the town of Sagadjee, he fell in with them.

The Phlegethon opened fire upon this force, consisting of about five thousand men, which retreated and fell back upon Sarawah, a town 30 miles higher up the river, he afterwards ascertained that a portion of them crossed over to Henzadd at the junction of the Basseir River.

Commander Neblett informs me that, wherever the Philegethon made her appearance, he was received by the natives with every demonstration of friendship, and an anxiety for him to afford them protection from the marauders and Burmese troops.

I have, &c.

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