

Field Engineer, whose report I beg leave to attach.

In the town, on the river side, there was a great quantity of rice, which I permitted the Peguers to carry away in boats.

Surrounding the pagoda there is also another town, in which much rice was found; this I caused to be burnt, after allowing the inhabitants to carry away as much as they could.

The cooperation of the naval force under Captain Tarleton, Her Majesty's ship Fox, and under Captain Neblett, East India Company's ship Phlegethon, was most active and efficient, and I would beg my most sincere thanks and congratulations for success should be conveyed to them, officers and men, through the proper channel. Before concluding this report, I hope I may be permitted to mention my admiration at the gallantry displayed by all comprising my detachment, including the naval parties, officers and men. The union, cordiality, and good feeling which existed are beyond all praise, and not a single complaint was made against any one during the whole time. I beg to notice, for the information of the Lieutenant-General, Captain Ormsby, commanding a company of Her Majesty's 80th, and Lieutenants Amiel and Fraser, of the same Regiment, and Dr. M'Kellar, East India Company's Service, in medical charge, who, in addition to his other duties, displayed great humanity in attending to the wounded Burmese; Lieutenant Mackintosh, 52nd Regiment M. Native Infantry, Second Lieutenant Mayne, Assistant Field Engineer, who entered the pagoda with the Sappers and 80th, and Captain Hicks, commanding Rifle Company, 67th Regiment Native Infantry, Lieutenant Clarke and Ensign Thompson, of the 67th Regiment, all of whom rendered me the greatest assistance, and with whose conduct I was much pleased. I left Pegu, at twelve o'clock A. M. on Saturday last, with my detachment in progress to Rangoon, and

I have, &c.

H. COTTON.

67th Regiment.

P.S.—I beg to enclose a list of casualties,—of guns and arms captured,—also a plan of operations drawn by Lieutenant Mayne, Madras Engineers, Assistant Field Engineer.

Return of Ordnance captured at Pegu, June 4, 1852.

Small calibre.—2 brass guns, good, carriages destroyed; 6 iron guns, 2 good, 4 very bad, carriages destroyed.

10 gingals, 3 sunk in the river at Pegu.

400 to 500lbs. of powder: 100lbs. used in blasting.

List of Casualties in the Detachment under the command of Major Cotton, 67th Regiment, at the Capture of Pegu, June 4, 1852.

Wounded.

67th Regiment Bengal Native Infantry—2 rank and file; 1 camp follower.

Commodore G. R. Lambert, R.N. Her Majesty's Ship Fox, to the Secretary to the Government of India.

SIR, Rangoon, June 8, 1852.

THE Lieutenant-General commanding having expressed his wish that a military and naval force should make an attack upon the city of Pegu, I therefore sent Commander Tarleton, with the boats of Her Majesty's ship Fox and the East India Company's steam vessel Phlegethon, to per-

form this service, in conjunction with two hundred and thirty troops, under the command of Major Cotton, and I have the honour to request you may be pleased to lay Commander Tarleton's report of proceedings before the Governor-General.

I enclose also a list of killed and wounded in the naval force.

I have, &c.

G. R. LAMBERT, Commodore.

Commander Tarleton, R.N. to Commodore G. R. Lambert, R. N. Commanding the Naval Forces at Rangoon.

Her Majesty's Ship Fox, Rangoon,

June 8, 1852.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that, in pursuance of your orders, I proceeded on the morning, 3rd instant, with the boats expressed in the margin,* to the East India Company's steamer Phlegethon, which vessel having embarked 98 men, Bengal Native Infantry Rifle Company, Major Cotton commanding detachment; 100 men, Her Majesty's 80th Regiment, Captain Ormsby; 30 men, Sappers and Miners of the Madras division, Lieutenant Mackintosh; Lieutenant Mayne, Assistant Engineer, Captain Latter, Interpreter to the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, also accompanied us.

We proceeded up the Pegu River, as far as the village of Peinkeong, which we reached a little before 8 P.M. it being then high water. The stream becoming extremely narrow and shallow at this point, I did not deem it prudent to ascend it further, and therefore arranged with Major Cotton for proceeding with his detachment in the boats, on the next flood tide, which I looked for about two A.M. but the ebb ran for 9½ hours, so that we could not leave the steamer before 5. 30 A.M. on the 4th. At Peinkeong, Captain Latter obtained information that a large number of Peguers had put themselves under the direction of one of their countrymen named Moungha; that they had assembled on the right bank of the river, where the day previous they had been engaged with a body of men under Moungyawik, the Birman Governor of Pegu. By the villagers' account, the latter had been worsted, and had retired in the direction of Zangauain, situated on the river bank, immediately opposite Pegu. When within about five miles of this place, the chief, Moungha, came off to the boats, and confirmed the reports which had been previously received: his force, consisting of about 1500 men (imperfectly armed), lined the right bank of the river, and advanced with the boats. From his communication with Moungha, Captain Latter was satisfied that the enemy's chief strength lay on the right bank. Major Cotton therefore decided on landing his detachment on that side, while I proceeded with the boats (as soon as the men were disembarked), to cooperate on his right flank. The river at this point is not more than sixty yards wide; the present village of Pegu stands on the left bank, which is steep and muddy below high water mark. About a quarter of a mile, in the rear of the houses, there is a broad ditch, the bottom of which, at this season, is a swamp; it runs along the west face of the old wall of Pegu, for the distance of two or

* Her Majesty's ship Fox.—Launch. Mr. M'Murdo, Mate; Mr. Lucas, Midshipman; crew, 15 men.—Pinnace. Mr. Copland, Mate; Mr. Hudson, Midshipman; crew, 15 men.—Gig. Mr. Cottam; crew, 6 men.—Cutters. Mr. Alexander, Mr. Lisboa; crew, 9 men each.—Mr. Morgan, Assistant-Surgeon, Her Majesty's ship Fox.—East India Company's steamer Moozuffur. Mr. Harding; crew, natives, in paddle-box boats.—A large canoe, fitted for the conveyance of the camp followers.