

consisted of the steamers and boats named in the margin*:

I intended the Sesostris to take up a position to cover the advance of the two small steamers containing troops. but on observing her take the ground, I desired the commander of the Mahanuddy to proceed ahead of her, pass the batteries, and anchor his ship close to the bank above them. The Medusa was to follow us, but that vessel having unfortunately got into the Chow-chow water, was unable to keep her station, notwithstanding Lieutenant Fraser used every exertion to do so.

On arriving within range of the forts they opened a steady and well directed fire on the Mahanuddy, which was returned with shell, and having most fortunately passed them without a casualty, I disembarked at a landing-place just above them, which the native guide pointed out. We formed on the beach, and I found myself at the head of a reduced force of 42 men, who, with 50 men of Her Majesty's 80th regiment under Captain Montgomery, made a total of 104 officers and men.

We advanced by a narrow pathway leading to the rear of the Upper Stockade. When in sight of this work, I had the gratification also of seeing the Bentinck, bearing your Excellency's pendant, open fire upon it. We advanced at the double, charged into the fort, and found that the enemy had retreated to the second.

Leaving a party in possession, we at once moved rapidly on to the Lower Stockade, which was also deserted by the time we entered it, and I regret to say that the enemy had here succeeded in removing their ordnance. From the position we found the guns in on the larger work, it was evident that they were in the act of withdrawing them also, when we appeared. We captured five guns and a jingall, besides a considerable supply of ammunition.

Although your Excellency visited the works yourself, might I be permitted to call your attention to their admirable construction. They were casemated stockades, formed in the shape of a horse-shoe, with three strong lines of abattes in their front; within, they had circular shell-proof galleries, into which they could retreat, and also use them for magazines.

The officers and men behaved with spirit and coolness, and I have great satisfaction in repeating to your Excellency names mentioned on previous occasions.

Commander F. Beauchamp Seymour again volunteered, and was forward on every occasion.

Lieutenant Hillyar brought up his small detachment rapidly and well. I left him in charge to burst the guns and destroy the works, in conjunction with the Sappers, which service was effectually performed.

The Medusa came up after we had captured the forts and instantly landed the seamen and Marines, artillery-men (enumerated in the margin,) and fifty men of her Majesty's 51st Regiment, who chased the retreating enemy into the jungle.

The Honourable Company's steam frigate Sesostris, Commander Campbell, after she floated, opened her fire on the forts at a distant range.

* H. C. steamer Mahanuddy, H. Simpson, Esq., towing Winchester's gig, 6 men; barge, 15 men, Lieutenant Hillyar, Mr. Round, mate, and Mr. Slade, assistant surgeon; launch, 21 men, Lieutenant Nelson, Mr. Hinde, mate, and the Honourable H. D. Lascelles, midshipman. H. C. steam-frigate Sesostris, Commander Campbell. H. C. steamer Medusa, Lieutenant Fraser commanding, towing Winchester's pinnace, 8 men, Lieutenant Pearse, and Mr. Bond, mate; cutter, 9 men, Mr. Allingham, midshipman, Mr. Gregory, N. cadet. Sesostris and Medusa's landing party, Lieutenant Lewis, Mr. Duval, mate, 42 men; Lieutenant Fraser, Mr. Douglas, mate, 25 men. Fervaz, Mr. Hurlock, midshipman, 8 men.

The co-operation of the half company of her Majesty's 80th Regiment, under Captain Montgomery, with my broken party, was most satisfactory; and had we not advanced on the instant, it is my opinion the enemy would have continued longer at their guns, besides lining the jungle with skirmishers, through which the narrow pathway went.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) GRANVILLE G. LOCH,
Captain.

To His Excellency Commodore G. R. Lambert,
Commander-in-Chief, Prome.

St. James's-Palace, December 30, 1852.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Lord Ernest Augustus Charles-Brudenell-Bruce, to be Vice-Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household, in the room of the Right Honourable Orlando-George-Charles-Bridgeman, Viscount Newport, resigned.

St. James's-Palace, December 30, 1852.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Thomas Henry Lord Foley to be Captain of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, in the room of John-William, Earl of Sandwich, resigned.

St. James's-Palace, December 30, 1852.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint John-Robert Viscount Sydney to be Captain of Her Majesty's Guard of Yeomen of the Guard, in the room of William-Lennox-Lascelles Lord de Ros, resigned.

Whitehall, December 29, 1852.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend Edward Morris Pridmore, M.A. to the united vicarage of Breage and Germoe, in the county of Cornwall, and diocese of Exeter, the same being void by the death of the Reverend Richard Gerweys Grylls.

Whitehall, December 30, 1852.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal granting to the Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone, the offices of Chancellor and Under Treasurer of Her Majesty's Exchequer.

The Queen has also been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, appointing the Right Honourable Sir Charles Wood, Bart. to be Her Majesty's Commissioner for the affairs of India.

The Queen has also been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the office and place of Advocate General or Judge Martial of Her Majesty's Forces to the Honourable Charles Pelham Villiers.

The Queen has also been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal for nominating, constituting, and appointing the Right Honourable Matthew Talbot Baines to be a Poor Law Commissioner for England.

The Queen has also been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable Sidney Herbert to be Her Majesty's Secretary at War.

The Queen has also been pleased to grant the