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India Board, January 17, 1853.

A DISPATCH, from which the following is an extract, has been this day received at the India House.

The Governor-General of India in Council to the Secret Committee of the East India Company.

Fort William, December 7, 1852.

YOUR Honourable Committee will learn from the despatches of his Excellency Commodore Lambert and Major-General Godwin, C.B., that the city of Pegu was captured and occupied by our troops on the 21st ultimo, after some resistance and with some loss. We have issued a General Order on the occasion, and have expressed our approbation of the steadiness and gallantry displayed by all who were engaged in the expedition.

GENERAL ORDER

By the Most Noble the Governor-General of India in Council.

Fort William, December 6, 1852.

THE Governor-General in Council has much satisfaction in publishing, for general information, despatches which have been received from his Excellency Commodore Lambert, and from Major-General Godwin, C.B., reporting the capture and occupation of the town of Pegu, after resistance, and with some loss.

The Governor-General in Council desires to express his full approbation of the steadiness and gallantry that have been displayed by all who were engaged upon this service.

His Lordship in Council offers his best thanks to Major-General Godwin, C.B., to Brigadier McNeill, in command of the troops, to Commander Shadwell, R.N., who directed the naval arrangements, to Lieutenant-Colonel Tudor, Bengal Fusiliers, to Major Hill, Madras Fusiliers, to Major Shubrick, 5th Madras N.I., to Captain Mallock, with the guns, and Captain Brown, in command of the Rifle Company, 5th Madras N.I.

His Lordship in Council desires also to offer his thanks to the Officers of the Staff, to Major Mayhew, Deputy Adjutant-General, Major Boulderson, Deputy Judge Advocate-General, Captain Hamilton, Assistant Adjutant-General, Captain Darroch, Deputy Assistant - Quarter - Master - General, Captain Burne, Military Secretary, Captain Renaud, Brigade-Major, Captain Latter, Interpreter with the Force, Captain Chads, A.D.C.,

and to all the officers, non-commissioned officers, soldiers, and sailors who were engaged upon the expedition.

By Order of the Most Noble the Governor-General of India in Council,

C. ALLEN,

Officiating Secretary to the Government of India.

Commodore G. R. Lambert, to C. Allen, Esquire.

Her Majesty's ship Fox, at Rangoon,

November 25, 1852.

SIR,

MAJOR-GENERAL Godwin having decided on driving the enemy out of the city of Pegu, where they had re-assembled, and occupying it with a British force, I placed at his disposal four small steamers and the boats of the Squadron, under Commander Shadwell, of Her Majesty's steam sloop Sphinx, and have the honour to forward to you, for the information of the Most Noble the Governor-General in Council, the report of that Officer, detailing the result of the expedition.

I have, &c.

GEORGE R. LAMBERT, Commodore
First Class, Commander-in-Chief.

Commander Charles D. A. Shadwell to Commodore G. R. Lambert.

Her Majesty's Steam Sloop Sphinx's Gig, attached to the E. I. C. Steamer Mahanuddy, Pegu, November 23, 1852.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report, for your Excellency's information, the proceedings of the expedition to Pegu.

The troops having embarked at Rangoon on the evening of the 18th instant, on board the E. I. C. Steamers, Mahanuddy, Nerbudda, Dammooda, and Lord William Bentinck, as set forth in the accompanying memorandum, showing the details of the whole force, dropped down the river below the Hastings' Shoal, and waited for the morning tide.

A convoy of boats, containing provisions, stores, and camp-followers, escorted by the gun-boats, under the command of Lieutenant Mason, preceded the steamers on the afternoon of the 18th.

Weighing at early day-light on the 19th, and taking the whole of the flood-tide with them, the vessels, led by the Lord William Bentinck, proceeded up the Pegu River, and arrived in the evening at stations a few miles below Pegu.