

steam-vessel *Nemesis*, who ably seconded me; Lieut. Aylesbury, I.N., who commanded the small armed party; Lieut. G. Rennie Manderson, of the Bengal Artillery, of whose volunteered services I gladly availed myself, and put him in charge of the guns; and of Mr. Arthur Baker, first officer of the *Nemesis*, who most efficiently assisted in moving our Artillery, and who, from his letter to my address (a copy of which I beg to forward), was, whilst in advance with the native force, in a trying and critical position.

Enclosed, I have the honour to forward a nominal roll of officers and men under my command, composing the expedition, also a detail of Ordnance captured by the force.

A. Baker, Esquire, to Commander J. Rennie, I.N., commanding the E.I.C. Steam-frigate, Zenobia, to Senior Officer, Bassein.

H.C. Steamer Nemesis, Bassein River, February 1, 1853.

SIR,
AGREEABLY to your request, I started from the village of Se Whyat Kua, at 3 A.M., on Saturday, the 29th of January, accompanied by 300 natives and an interpreter, amongst them there were 130 muskets and the rest dha and spearmen.

When about half way to the place of rendezvous my party was fired at from a small belt of jungle which I thought (and the natives agreed with me) was a signal to the Mynghee that a party was approaching him.

On my arrival at the place appointed, which was about 9 A.M., I observed several horsemen, to whom I immediately gave chase, but they, unfortunately, were too swift, and soon got out of sight. I then crossed the plain to a village, and there received information that the men I saw were stragglers from the Mynghee's advanced guard, which had passed an hour before. On hearing this, I immediately sent out scouts, who brought me information that the above party were quietly eating about 4 miles off, and that the main body were advancing in great numbers. I then placed the rocket gun that I had with me in the road, and having distributed the musket men among the bushes, awaited their coming. I had not waited long before I observed a large mass of men advancing me, in numbers, as far as I could judge, fully 4000. Having allowed them to advance sufficiently near, I discharged three rockets in succession, which caused them all to halt and sit down, with the exception of a party of horse and musket men: these made towards the men I had placed as skirmishers. About this time, on looking round, I discovered that only about 40 of my men had remained by me, the rest having deserted; considering my force altogether unequal to the one opposed, my only plan was to retreat from the place I had occupied in their front, and fall back on the jungle in the rear, from which I directed my course towards your party with my few remaining followers.

I have, &c.,

A. BAKER,

1st Officer of the E.I.C. Steamer, *Nemesis*.

Return of Ordnance captured in the Expedition against the Mynghee.

Garrison 6-pounder,	4	in number.
Do. 3-pounder,	2	"
Jingals, iron, large,	1	"
Muskets - - -	300	"

And a great quantity of dhas and spears, which were given to the natives who accompanied the expedition.

List of Wounded, &c., in the Expedition against the Mynghee.

Lieutenant Aylesbury, I.N., of the E.I.C. steam-frigate *Zenobia*, a contusion.

Serjeant Neville, Bombay Artillery, severely burned.

One seaman of the *Zenobia*, and one seaman of the *Nemesis*, slightly wounded, and a number of the natives whose names I have not been able to obtain.

J. RENNIE, Commander.

Nominal Roll of Officers and List of Men of the E.I.C. Steam-frigate Zenobia, employed in an Expedition on the Bassein River and Creeks, between the 21st of January and the 3rd of February, 1853.

Gig—Commander Rennie; Mr. Dowell, midshipman; 6 seamen.

Pinnace—12-pounder; Mr. Wood, mate; Mr. McEvoy, warrant officer; 13 seamen.

Port paddle-box boat—12-pounder; Lieutenant Aylesbury; Assistant-Surgeon Crawford; 14 seamen; 2 artillerymen; 2 natives.

Starboard paddle-box boat—12-pounder; Lieutenant Manderson*; Mr. Eckley,† midshipman; 6 seamen; 3 artillerymen; 10 natives.

Cutter—3-pounder; Mr. Channon,† midshipman; 13 seamen.

Total—1 commander; 2 lieutenants; 1 assistant-surgeon; 1 mate; 3 midshipmen; 1 warrant officer; 52 seamen; 5 artillerymen; 12 natives.

J. RENNIE, Commander.

R. Goodwin, Esq., to Commander J. Rennie, I.N., SIR

I HAVE the honour to forward a list herewith of the officers and men belonging to the vessel under my command, serving in the late expedition against the Mynghee.

In the first one at Eugma.

Mr. Arthur Baker, 1st officer, in charge of the starboard paddle-box boat, with 11 Europeans, and Mr. Ivory, carpenter, volunteer.

Mr. William Warrington, 3rd officer, in charge of the port paddle-box boat, with 10 Europeans.

Mr. Diego Dias, midshipman, in charge of 1st cutter, with 5 Europeans and 4 Seedies, accompanied by Mr. William Stevenson, surgeon. I myself accompanied Deputy Commissioner Fytche in the native war boat, with 1 European.

In the second at Eugma.

Mr. Arthur Baker, 1st officer, in charge of starboard paddle-box boat, with 11 Europeans, and Mr. Arthur Farquhar, clerk in charge, volunteer.

Mr. Henry John Jane, 2nd officer, in charge of port paddle-box boat, with 10 Europeans, and Mr. Ivory, carpenter, volunteer.

Mr. Diego Dias, midshipman, in charge of 1st cutter, with 5 Europeans and 4 Seedies, accompanied by Mr. William Stevenson, surgeon.

I have, &c.,

R. GOODWIN,

E.I.C. Steamer *Nemesis*.

* Of the Bengal Artillery, who volunteered his services.

† These two officers belong to the Bengal Service, and were received on board at Rangoon for passage to join the surveying vessels *Krishna* and *Spy*, and, having no midshipmen, I availed myself of their services.