

to your orders) the Leopard, Hecla, and French steamer Cocyte into a delightful sequestered position, screened from observation by the trees on the neck of land to the eastward of the tower, having the great Bomarsund Fort and it in one, so that our over shot and shell should fall to the lot of Bomarsund.

The simultaneous opening fire from the three broadsides was the first intimation the tower inmates had of our movements, and I had the satisfaction of seeing (at times from aloft) the steadiness and precision with which the shot and shell were delivered from each vessel. I only regret that the trees alluded to obscured us all from your view, as I feel almost assured this bit of service would have been deemed worthy of better notice than it becomes me to give at so short a distance from your flag. It is however, Sir, my most gratifying duty to state, on behalf of the whole of the officers and ships' companies, that I entertain the most lively admiration of their exertions, as well as of the exemplary animation exhibited by Captains Hall and Giffard, and Lieutenant de Vaisseau A. Georgette du Buisson, of His Imperial Majesty's steam-vessel Cocyte.

I have, &c.

HANWAY PLUMRIDGE,  
Rear-Admiral of the White.

*Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Napier, K.C.B.,  
Commander-in-Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

*In Camp, Bomarsund, Aland Islands,  
August 18, 1854.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you that in compliance with your directions, I landed at Bomarsund on the 8th instant, in command of a battalion of Royal Marines, and placed myself under the orders of Brigadier-General Jones, R.E., the general officer commanding the brigade.

The brigadier-general having by a brigade order of yesterday's date, thanked the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Marines under my command for their good conduct during the period they have been employed on shore, as also for the cheerful and willing manner in which they have performed the very laborious duties they were called upon to perform, and which has contributed so greatly to the successful results which have been obtained, I have only to bear my testimony to their zeal and steadiness in the performance of every duty allotted to them.

The artillery companies of the corps under the direction of Captain Ramsay, R.N., with Lieutenants Mawbey, Poore, and Hewett, R.M.A., performed their part well. The exactness and precision of their fire from the battery reflected great credit on the officers in command of the several guns.

The divisional companies were repeatedly exposed to a heavy fire of round and grape as well as from the Minnie rifle, the casualties have been few, for which we have to be thankful to a divine providence.

I beg to bring to your favourable notice the zeal and energetic conduct of the two officers appointed by brigade orders of the 9th instant, to perform the duties of field officers, viz. ; Major Nolloth and Captain Heriot, R.M., of my brigade, Major Captain W. C. P. Elliott, whose exertions in support of my orders call forth my warmest thanks.

I beg also to assure you that the captains of companies, subalterns, non-commissioned officers and men, did their duties in a manner highly satisfactory to me.

Lieutenant Fraser, R.M., acted as the adjutant, and Lieutenant Leinnox as my orderly officer, and I have great pleasure in bringing them both under your favourable consideration as deserving officers, together with Assistant-Surgeon Daniel John Duigan, and the other medical officers employed under my orders, who evinced the greatest willingness and promptitude in the execution of their duties.

I have, &c.,

F. GRAHAM,  
Colonel, Royal Marines, A.D.C., in  
command of Brigade in Camp.

*Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Napier, K.C.B.,  
&c. &c. Commander-in-Chief.*

*Head-Quarters, Bomarsund,  
August 19, 1854.*

SIR,

I BEG leave to enclose a copy of a Brigade Order which I directed to be issued previous to the seamen and marines, who have been employed on shore, returning to their respective ships, and it affords me great satisfaction to state that the discipline observed merits my warmest approbation; not a single complaint has been addressed to me on the part of the inhabitants against any individual of the force employed on shore under my orders.

I beg leave to bring to your notice the valuable assistance I have received from my naval aide-de-camp the Honourable Ernest Cochrane, who has been most zealous and active in the discharge of the duties required of him, many of which have, in consequence of Lieut. Cowell's absence, from his wounds, partaken more of the military character.

Mr. Cochrane is a young officer of great intelligence, and I beg leave to recommend him most strongly to your favourable notice, and to express a hope, should a force be again employed on shore, that I may have the benefit of his assistance.

I have, &c.,

HARRY D. JONES,  
Brigadier-Général.

*Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Napier,  
&c., &c. &c.*

No. 396.

*Bulldog, off Bomarsund,  
August, 22, 1854.*

SIR,

I BEG to transmit their Lordships the enclosed letter I have received from General Baraguay d'Hilliers, expressing his satisfaction at the zealous manner in which Commander the Hon. Arthur Cochrane performed his duties during the time he was attached to the General's Staff.

Commander Cochrane was in the batteries throughout the operations of the siege of Bomarsund, and General Baraguay d'Hilliers has spoken to me in the highest terms of his conduct.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES NAPIER,  
Vice-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

*The Secretary of the Admiralty.*

*Bomarsund, le 20 Août, 1854.*

MONSIEUR L'AMIRAL,

PENDANT les opérations militaires dont l'Isle d'Aland vient d'être le théâtre, vous avez eu la bonté de détacher près de moi pour faciliter les relations de l'armée Française, avec la marine Anglaise, Monsieur le Commandant Cochrane dont j'ai eu beaucoup à me louer.