

*Furious.*

- Josh. McBoil, Stoker, severely burnt, by an explosion of gunpowder, on December 31.  
 Thomas White, Captain Mizen Top, severely burnt, by an explosion of gunpowder, on December 31.  
 H. G. Ravenhill, Leading Seaman, severely burnt, by an explosion of gunpowder, on December 31.

*Hornet.*

- Thomas King, Ord., severely burnt, by an explosion of gunpowder, on December 31.  
 Edward Cheeney, Ord., severely burnt, by an explosion of gunpowder, on December 31.

*Woodcock.*

- James Gorman, Quartermaster, severely burnt, by an explosion of gunpowder on December 31.

Killed and since dead, 10; Wounded 65.

(Signed) DAVID DEAS,  
 Medical Inspector of Hospitals and Fleets.

*Abstract of Loss.*

	Killed.	Wounded.
Naval Brigade . . .	10	46
Royal Marines . . .	—	19
Troops . . . . .	3	18
French Brigade . . .	2	30
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>113</b>

## OPERATIONS AT CANTON SUBSEQUENTLY TO CAPTURE.

No. 17.

"Coromandel," at Canton,  
 January 14, 1858.

SIR,

IN continuation of my letter No. 14, of the 13th instant, I have the honour to report proceedings at Canton, subsequent to the 30th December.

2. On the 31st, parties of sappers and miners commenced their preparations for blowing up Gough's Fort and the Upper Blue Jacket Fort, outside the walls to the northward of the city, and they were destroyed on the following day, the former by the English, the other by the French. On the evening of the 31st a heavy explosion took place near the North-east Gate. A magazine of Chinese powder was being cleared out, when, by some accident, it exploded, and 17 seamen were severely burned.

3. On the 1st January, the French and English Ambassadors visited Canton, under salutes, both on arrival and departure.

4. No communications having been received from the Chinese authorities, who had not in any way recognized our capture of the city, it was determined to march a body of troops through it and endeavour to effect their capture. On the 5th instant, therefore, at 8 o'clock in the morning, the city was suddenly entered in three different places. A strong division of the French Brigade, headed by their gallant Commander-in-Chief, proceeded to the West Gate, and, leaving a portion in possession of that point, hastened to the residence of the Tartar General, who was captured by Captain Jules Collier. The General and myself entering to the northward, marched down the north street towards the Yamun of Pequi, the Governor, who was taken by the Royal Marines under Colonel Holloway; and, as we were holding a conference with the prisoners already in our possession, Mr. Parkes, Her Majesty's Consul,

arrived, with the gratifying intelligence that Commodore the Honourable Charles Elliot, with Captain Key's division of the Naval Brigade, had seized Yeh, the Imperial Commissioner, with all the provincial Records, which are now being examined by Mr. Wade, Chinese Secretary. We directed the three captives to be taken to head-quarters, much against the inclination of Pequi and the Tartar General, who stated their willingness to treat, and that they had not been informed by Yeh of our summons for the surrender of the city. A party of Royal Marines under Colonel Lemon, was also sent to secure the Imperial Treasury, which was effected, and three hundred thousand dollars in Sycee silver taken possession of; no opposition was offered to any of these proceedings, and the troops returned to their quarters. The silver is now on board the Calcutta for custody.

5. An account by Commodore the Honourable Charles Elliot, of the manner in which Yeh was taken, is herewith enclosed, No. 1, for their Lordship's perusal.

6. The streets of Canton are narrow and the houses are mostly of one story, and with the exception of the public buildings and stone arches, are of mean appearance. There is a great deal of open ground inside the walls.

7. On Yeh's arrival at head-quarters, he was asked after the foreign prisoners, known to have been in his possession. His Excellency was perfectly indifferent on the subject, and replied that he would show us their graves, as they had all died. He added that he had taken great trouble with their burial. It having been determined to send Yeh to the Inflexible till it shall be decided how his Excellency is to be disposed of, Captain Hall conveyed him on board; Pequi and the Tartar general remained at head-quarters.

8. On the 6th instant a conference was held by the Ambassadors in the city, to determine what should be done with the captives. It was agreed that the Inflexible should proceed with the Imperial Commissioner, and anchor off Tiger Island, and that the government of the city should be restored to Pequi, subject to our control, on the conditions specified in the inclosed paper No. 2, which his Excellency acceded to.

9. On the 9th, therefore, the Ambassadors, and the Commanders-in-Chief of the allied forces, proceeded in state to the city, and having installed Pequi under a salute, as Governor of the city, appointed a tribunal, as settled by the terms submitted to his Excellency, composed of Colonel Holloway, Royal Marines, Capitaine de Frégate Martineau and Mr. Parkes, Her Majesty's Consul at Canton. A guard of two hundred Royal Marines (which has since been increased) and a party of the French Naval Brigade, were left in the Yamun to support the Governor. The City Gates are now open by day, and tranquillity has been uninterrupted from the moment of the possession of the city.

10. In consequence of the peaceful aspect of affairs, I have, with the sanction of Major-General Van Straubenzee, removed the whole of the Naval Brigade to their ships, leaving the garrison composed of the Troops, Royal Marines, and French Naval Brigade. I enclose a copy of a General Order, No. 3, issued by the Major-General on the Brigade quitting Canton.

11. An excellent line of communication has been made by Captain Hall, assisted by Commander Fellowes and Captain Fisher, Royal Engineers, along the east city wall to the water, above the French Folly, with a serviceable pier; and the Commissariat and military stores of the