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No. 39.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency SIR JOHN BOWRING, Knight, LL.D., Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary, &c., &c., has directed the publication, for general information, of the following Copy of a Despatch from His Excellency Rear-Admiral SIR MICHAEL SEYMOUR, K.C.B., &c., &c., enclosing a Report from Lieutenant WILDMAN, Commanding Her Majesty's Gun-boat *Staunch*, of an action fought with three Piratical Junks off the Island of Taou-pung.

By Order,

G. W. CAINE.

Superintendency of Trade, Victoria, Hongkong, 6th September, 1858.

No. 15.

Calcutta, AT HONGKONG, 28th August, 1858.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward to Your Excellency a copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Wildman of the *Staunch* Gun-boat, dated the 4th instant, describing a very gallant action he fought with a superior piratical force, in which two Vessels were captured and destroyed.—I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

M. SEYMOUR,
Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

His Excellency SIR JOHN BOWRING, LL.D.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Hongkong.

H.M.'s GUN-BOAT *Staunch*, OFF PE-SHAN ISLAND, 4th August, 1858.

SIR,—I have the honor to report for Your Excellency's information the particulars of an engagement which took place this morning off the Island Taou-Pung, about 50 miles to the north of the Port of Wanchow, between H. M. Gun-boat under my command and three Piratical Junks.

At 8 A.M., whilst at anchor off that Island, two San-pans came alongside, with information that some Piratical Junks had attacked and plundered a village, and were then rounding a neighbouring point.

I immediately weighed, cleared for action, and stood (under steam) towards four Junks which had just then cleared the Point,—one flying an English Ensign, a second a Portuguese, the other two Chinese Flags. When we had closed within 200 yards, the three largest Junks opened a smart and effective fire on us, doing much damage aloft; and to prevent injuring my Boats, as I determined to take them by boarding, I deemed it prudent to lower and tow them astern. I then returned their fire with the *Staunch's* two Howitzers—still closing with them; but as our Gun had been sent on board H. M. S. *Fury* by Your Excellency's orders, to ease the Gun-boat coming down the China Sea during the typhoon season, our fire was comparatively feeble.

I went ahead at full speed on to the largest Junk, giving orders to lash her alongside us; but the instant we touched, such a shower of stink-pots and other combustible matter was thrown on board us, it was impossible for any person to remain forward, or to see through the dense smoke they occasioned.

It was at this moment, I deeply regret to state, that Edward George, A.B., who was actually engaged in lashing the Junk alongside, having gallantly jumped on board her for that purpose, was cut to pieces, and his remains thrown overboard. The strong breeze favoring the Junk, and a heavy swell making it difficult to lash her, she sheered off; and the Chinese having in the meantime cut our boats adrift, and being close to the rocks, I backed astern, and having picked them up, I remounted the Howitzers, which had been dismounted from the rapidity of my fire, and renewed the engagement, running alongside one and boarding, killing a great number of her crew, many of whom endeavoured to escape by jumping overboard, but only a small number reached the shore.

Leaving this vessel in charge of Mr Morice, the second Master, and a party of men, I gave chase to a second in my Gig; and having come up with her, I boarded and took possession, making prisoners of the only two living men on board, many having been killed, and a few escaping by jumping overboard. The third Junk in the meanwhile having got some distance away, and not having more than 5 effective men left after the engagement, I deemed it prudent not to follow her amongst the numerous rocks and intricate passage she had taken; and being unable to spare any officers or men for the captured Junks, I gave directions for them to be burnt, which was done.

I should observe, that during the time Mr Morice and the men whom I had left with him to burn the first Junk were performing this duty, a number of San-pans pulled alongside and endeavored to recapture her, firing her long Gun below where our people were lighting a fire. Fortunately it did no harm to them, but caused an explosion which killed from 20 to 30 of the Chinese.

The fourth Vessel having been a capture made by the Pirates, I released, having previously obtained a written statement to that effect.

I have great pleasure in bringing to Your Excellency's notice the admirable and gallant conduct of Mr Moric, Second Master, the other crew, and Ship's Company of the *Staunch*, in this action, under the double disadvantage of a very reduced complement and armament, with three Junks, each carrying a long 24-Pounder Gun amidships, and six Broadside Guns of smaller Calibre, besides several mounted guns.

Charles Ansell, Quarter Master, I also wish particularly to bring to your notice, for his assistance in pointing the Howitzers, and his gallant conduct throughout the engagement.

I enclose my List of Casualties and Defects.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

LEVESON WILDMAN,
Lieutenant and Commander.

Rear-Admiral SIR MICHAEL SEYMOUR, K.C.B.,
Commander-in-Chief.

P.S.—I should have mentioned, that from the quantity of European Minies, Revolvers, Cartridges, and Rifles, and the desperate resistance made in keeping up a heavy fire, that Europeans must have been on board; the engagement having lasted 5 hours.

(Signed,) L. W.

True Copies,
H. F. HANCE.

No. 40.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency SIR JOHN BOWRING, Knight, LL.D., Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary, &c. &c., has directed the publication, for general information, of the following Copy of a Despatch from His Excellency the Naval Commander-in-Chief, with Extracts from enclosures reporting the most successful results of an Expedition under the Command of Captain VANSITTART, of H.M.'s Steam-frigate *Magicienne*, against a large Piratical Fleet which has long interrupted the trade on the West Coast of China.

By Order,

G. W. CAINE.

Superintendency of Trade, Victoria, Hongkong, 7th September, 1858.

No. 17.

Calcutta, AT HONGKONG, 6th September, 1858,

SIR,—In my despatch No. 14, of the 25th ultimo, I informed your Excellency of my intention to send out a Squadron to attempt the destruction of the hordes of Pirates which have for some time past paralyzed the Chinese Coasting Trade to the Westward. The accompanying Despatch from Captain N. Vansittart of Her Majesty's Ship *Magicienne*, will shew your Excellency how eminently successful the Expedition has been, having destroyed no less than 100 Junks and Fast-Boats, besides burning Coulan, the headquarters of the Pirates, and being in a great measure to the presence and energy of Mr Caldwell, the Registrar General, whose services have on this occasion, as heretofore, been most valuable.

The Squadron has now gone to the Eastward, to clear the Coast in that direction.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

M. SEYMOUR,
Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

His Excellency SIR JOHN BOWRING, LL.D.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Hongkong.

No. 6.

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS.

H.M.'s SHIP *Magicienne*, OFF LINTING ISLAND, 4th September, 1858,

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you, that in obedience to your orders for me to take under my directions H.M.'s Ships *Inflexible*, *Plover*, *Algerine*, and proceed with them to destroy and capture the many Pirates represented as being in this neighbourhood, that I left the anchorage of Hongkong with the said vessels and H.M.'s Ship under my Command on the morning of the 26th ultimo, as soon as Mr Caldwell, the Registrar General, and three Chinese informers had come on board.

From Hongkong we proceeded and examined carefully the whole Coast as far Westward as Mamee, having up to the present date destroyed—1 fortified Stockade mounting 14 Guns, 26 piratical fighting Junks, 74 fast Row-boats, 236 Guns, about 372 Pirates and 36 pirates taken alive, 6 Cargo Vessels recaptured from pirates, 54 Men and 6 Women retaken from pirates; with only a few wounded on our side.

I enclose herewith a detailed account of each day's proceedings, with list of captures, people rescued, casualties, officers employed in the Expedition, &c. I cannot say too much for the valuable assistance I have received from Mr Caldwell, the Registrar General, who was most intelligent in his exertions, gaining much valuable information from the Prisoners rescued, and by other means, thereby being in a great measure the cause of our success, and showed much judgment in discriminating the innocent from the guilty of those captured on board the ships, besides being a valuable acquisition from his intimate knowledge of the Chinese language.

I have despatched the *Algerine* into Hongkong with Mr Caldwell, the three Chinese informers, and the remainder of the persons rescued from the Pirates not yet disposed of. Upon the *Algerine's* return with Mr Caldwell, I propose searching well the Bays in the neighbourhood of Hongkong to the Eastward, as we have every reason to believe that there is still one fleet of Junks undiscovered.

The energy of Mr Caldwell in finding out and gaining information as to where the Pirates are, does him the very greatest credit.

Trusting you will approve of my proceedings since leaving Hongkong on the 26th ultimo,

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

NICHOLAS VANSITTART,
Captain.

Rear-Admiral SIR M. SEYMOUR, K.C.B.,
Commander-in-Chief, &c., &c., &c.

Detailed Account of the Proceedings of H. M. Ships "*Magicienne*," "*Inflexible*," "*Plover*," and "*Algerine*,"
when upon a Cruise for the Suppression of Piracy.

1858, 26th August.—Leaving the anchorage at Hongkong at 6.30 A.M., we proceeded, and carefully examined Pootoy, the Lema, Sammoon, Lingting and Chungchow; sending the *Inflexible* and *Algerine* to the Westward of Lingting, the *Magicienne* with the *Plover* going to the Eastward, we came upon two piratical fighting junks and one fast-boat. One of the junks having her anchor up, made for the shore, the Crew taking to their boats. I immediately despatched the *Plover*, directing Lieutenant Wynniatt to bring her out, which he did, and was fortunate in recapturing Chas. Deacon, an Englishman (belonging to the American ship *Antelope*) who had been taken by the Pirates three weeks before, in company with the Mate and eight Chinese; the former and four of the latter he saw cut down and thrown aboard at the time of being captured. The second junk was at anchor, which the Pirates had abandoned and laid a train to, but she was blown up before the *Plover's* boat reached her. Being informed that there were about 120 pirates on the island, who had taken to the hills and rocks, I despatched Lieutenant Soady, 1st Lieutenant of this ship, and Lieutenant Tuson, R.M.A., with a strong party of men, to cut off any Pirates; but found here as elsewhere that it was useless following them, so shot at the different parties as they showed themselves. The junk blown up being nearly awash, I directed Lieutenant Soady to recover as many of the guns on board her as he could, and to bring them out into deep water; which by nine the next morning he completed, bringing out with those on board the captured junk, 50 guns of from 6, 9, 12, and 18-pors, all of which were taken into deep water and junks destroyed. Ashore, much powder and ammunition was found, all of which was destroyed.