

Having taken possession of the heights, the other positions, and advanced to within fifty yards of the Town, driving the enemy before us the said place, Commander Leckie, Messrs Barton and Sullivan, as also myself, were of opinion that a good bombardment from the boats would be more advisable and more likely to be the means of recovering the Sugar than if we went in and set fire to the Town. Orders were given to that effect—the force that was landed taking up a commanding position at a hundred yards from the Town. The Bombardment was most successful, the shell firing from the boats being perfect, as also was the rocket practice, the firing being kept up with little intermission for upwards of two hours. The steadiness and good order maintained does much credit to Commander Leckie and to the officers employed. The casualties on our side were two severely wounded, John O'Hearn, A.B., and Henry Bidder, Ordinary, both belonging to this Ship. Another Letter having been forwarded to demand the Sugar, stating that if they still refused, a second visit would be paid, and the town not being taken, the expedition returned to their respective Ships the same afternoon. Having remained at anchor in H.M. Ship under my command until their answer should arrive, which I am happy to say is to the effect that they are willing to hand over the Sugar and come to any settlement, I left the said anchorage on the 19th instant, leaving the further arrangements to Commander Leckie, arriving here this day.—I have, &c.,

NICHOLAS VANSITTART,
Captain.

His Excellency Rear-Admiral SIR MICHAEL SEYMOUR, K.C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Commander-in-Chief.

True Copies,

H. F. HANCE.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notification, having been submitted to and approved by His Excellency Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of Trade, is hereby published for the information of Her Majesty's Subjects.

By Order,

G. W. CAINE.

Superintendency of Trade, Victoria, Hongkong, 25th October, 1858.

NOTIFICATION.

FOOCHOW, 19th October, 1858.

The undersigned hereby give notice for the information of all whom it may concern, that they have established at this Port, with the sanction of the Chinese Authorities, a system of Certificates, under which the Pilotage of the River Min is for the future to be conducted. The Certificates bear the Signatures and Seals of the undersigned and are only granted to such individuals, Foreign or Chinese, as are declared by a Board specially nominated for the purpose, competent to Pilot Vessels between the White Dogs Islands and Foochow; and Shipmasters are particularly requested to take notice, that no others will be recognised. The Rates of Pilotage are distinctly laid down in the body of the Certificate, and a list of the parties authorised to act as Pilots is exhibited at each of the Offices of the undersigned. All previous Certificates are invalid after this date.

[L.S.]	(Signed)	W. H. MEDHURST, <i>H.B.M.'s Consul.</i>
[L.S.]	"	THOS. DUNN, <i>Officiating U. S. Consul.</i>
[L.S.]	"	WM. S. SLOAN, <i>Consul for Sweden and Norway.</i>
[L.S.]	"	A. STUART, <i>Vice-Consul for Hamburgh.</i>
[L.S.]	"	W. H. GREEN, <i>Denmark Consul.</i>
[L.S.]	"	A. W. G. RUSDEN, <i>Vice-Consul for Spain.</i>
[L.S.]	"	J. S. BAPTISTA, <i>H.M.F.M.'s Vice-Consul.</i>

True Copy,

H. F. HANCE.

NOTICE.

HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, 23d October, 1858.

All Persons intending to apply for "Seamen's Boarding-house Licenses" for the Year 1858-9, under Ordinance No. 6 of 1852, whether for Houses already occupied, or for new Boarding Houses, will send in their Applications in writing to this Office before Monday the 15th November next, stating the Name of the Applicant, the District number of the House, and whether the latter is now Licensed or not.

It is further notified, that preference will be given to large airy Houses situated on the Queen's Road to the westward of Gough Street Stairs.

A. L. INGLIS,
Harbour Master.