

LATER AND INTERESTING FROM CHINA.

We had, last week, the pleasure of publishing Sir Henry Pottinger's circular, giving an account of the gallant repulse, by Her Majesty's forces, of a large body of Chinese. By the *Mysore*, transport, since arrived, we have had accounts of new deeds of arms; and as several of our friends have kindly allowed us the perusal of their letters, we shall now lay before our readers a brief account of the occurrences of the 15th and subsequent days. It appears that after the unsuccessful attack on Ningpo, the Chinese attempted to annoy the British garrison, by obstructing the supply of provisions, and intelligence having, at the same time, been received that a body of 3 or 4000 men were encamped at Tsee-kee, about eleven miles to the westward of Ningpo, Sir Hugh Gough determined to attack them. A force, consisting of detachments of the 18th, 26th, and 49th Regiments, and a naval brigade, in all about 1100 strong, was taken on board and in tow of the *Nemesis* and *Phlegathon* steamers, on the 15th of March, and on arriving near Tsee-kee, the Chinese were seen posted in a tolerably strong position, immediately to the west of the town, the walls of which were scaled at once without meeting with any resistance. When, however, the British troops went out to attack the encampment, the Chinese fought well, keeping up, for some time, a fire from gingalls and matchlocks.

The Marines and sailors were directed to attack them on the hill which formed the right of their position, while the 49th took the centre, and the 18th and 26th the left of their camp. Here, it seems, the much shorter distance (and, no doubt, impatience to engage) which the Marines and 49th had to traverse, brought on the fight rather prematurely, they getting into action much sooner than the 18th and 26th, who had a long distance to go over steep hills; the 18th were unable to get at the Chinese till they had begun to run, and they then tumbled a few over. According to all accounts, the Chinese have shown more courage on this than any other previous occasion, and their loss, as well as numbers, are very variously estimated in different letters we have seen; the former at from four to nine hundred killed, the latter at from 14 to 15,000, although most of the letters mention the enemy to have been about 6000 strong. On the side of the British, the loss of the Naval brigade was 3 killed and 14 wounded, including a Marine Officer, Mr. Hamby; of the 49th, there were 6 or 8 wounded, among them, Capt. Reynolds, slightly, and Lieut. Montgomerie and Lane severely; the latter was so severely hurt in the arm, that it was obliged to be taken off in the field. On that night, the British troops slept in the neighbourhood of Tsee-kee, and on the following morning burnt the camp and several mandarin and government houses in the city and suburbs. Intelligence of another camp existing at about five miles distance, the troops were marched there, but found it utterly deserted.

On the following morning, the troops returned to Ningpo and Chinhae from this successful expedition. It seems that the flying Chinese have been rallied by some mandarins and reinforced by new troops, and that they were again gathering near a large city of the name Shouking, to the north of Yuyou, and that Sir Hugh Gough intended to route them thence within a few days after the date of our intelligence. Rumours were also rife of an intended attack on Ningpo by a very large force, say 30,000 men, on about the 25th, so that our gallant men will have enough on their hands for some time to come. It was said to be Sir Hugh Gough's intention immediately to move on Hang-chow-foo, the capital of the Province of Chekeang; to execute which movement, the position of Ningpo will, no doubt, have to be abandoned. The *Sesostis* steamer had been despatched to Amoy, to bring up 300 men of the Royal Irish. Most of the letters we have seen agree in representing our loss at Tsee-kee at three killed and forty wounded, and that of the Chinese uncertain, as above stated.—*Canton Press*, April 14.

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