

British troops and ships
involved in the 1st Opium war
(1839-1842)

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The First Opium War (1839-1842)

- The late 18 century: Britain started to sell opium in China
- 1839: Qing Government adopted measures to eradicate the opium trade
- Sino-British relationship soured:
 - Banned the opium trade in China
 - Death of Lin Weixi (the 1st opium war started)
- the British Government: dispatched the expeditionary forces to China in 1840

Units

Royal Marines

18th Royal Irish Regiment

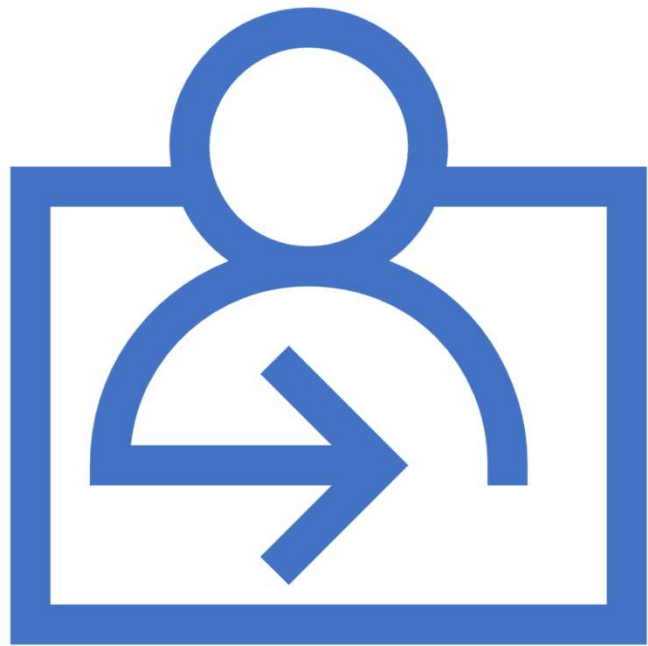
26th Scottish Rifles

37th Regiment of Madras Native Infantry

The Corps of Madras Sappers and Miners

The Corps of Bengal Sappers and Miners

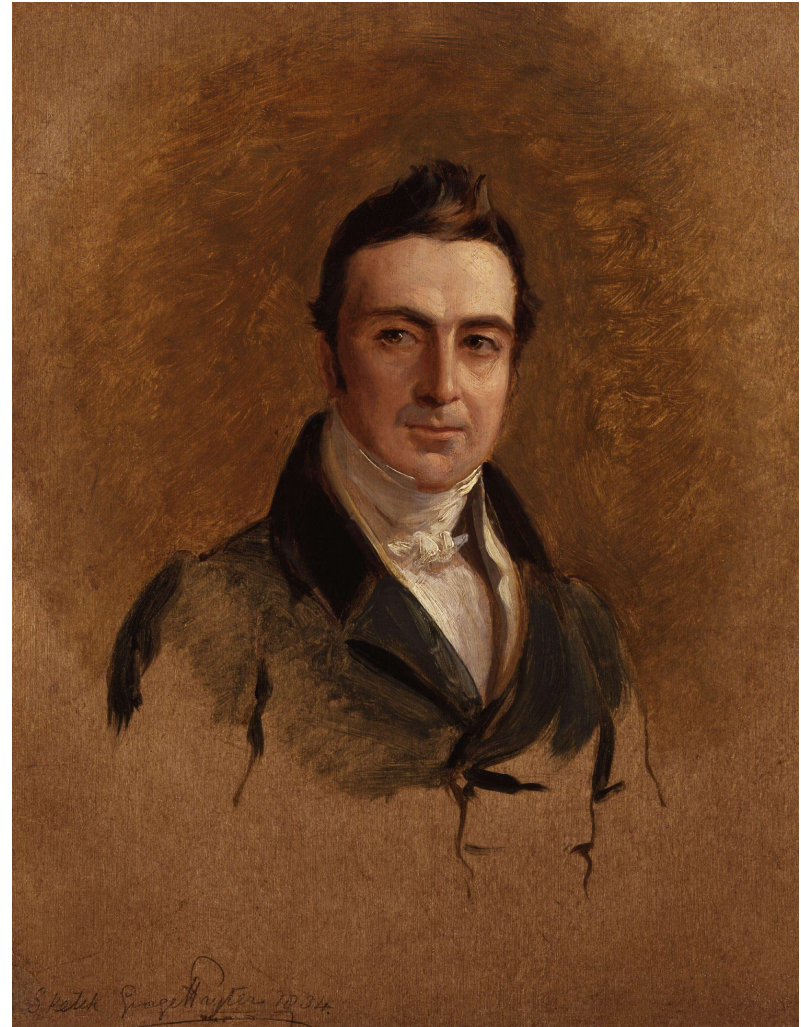
Bengal Volunteer



Major Participants

George Elliot

- 1784-1863
- Rank: Admiral
- Commander-in-chief
- Returned to Britain in November 1840 due to heart trouble



Gordon James Bremer

- 1786-1850
- Rank: Rear-Admiral of the Blue
- Commander-in-Chief
- Replaced George Elliot in
November 1840



William Parker

- 1781-1866
- Rank: Admiral of the Fleet
- Replaced Gordon Bremer in 1941
- Took part in:
 - Battle of Ningpo (March 1842)
 - Battle of Wooshan (June 1842)
 - Battle of Chinkiang (July 1842)



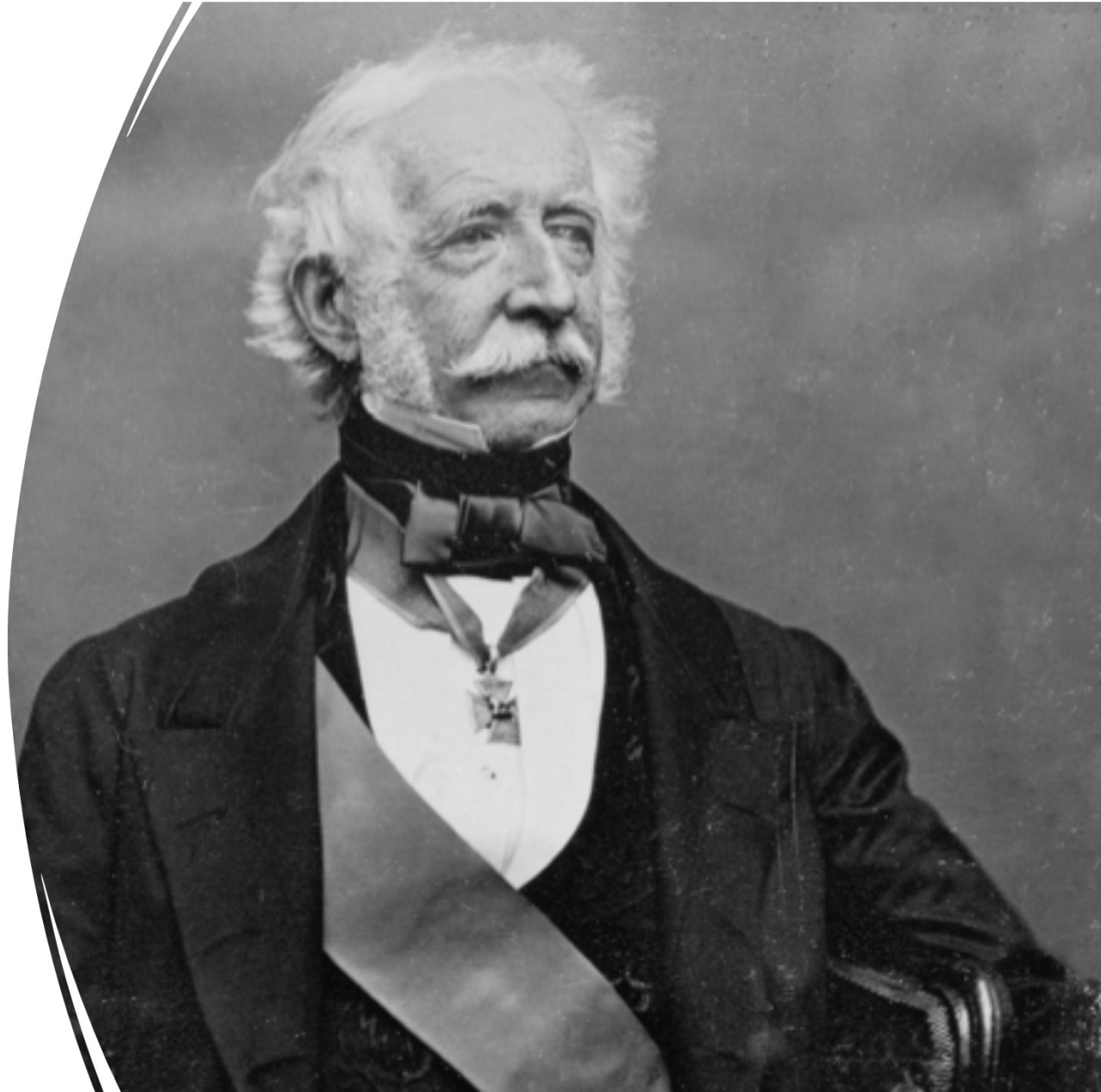
Charles Elliot

- 1801-1875
- Chief Superintendent of British Trade in China from 1836-1841
- Became the Deputy Commander during the First Opium War



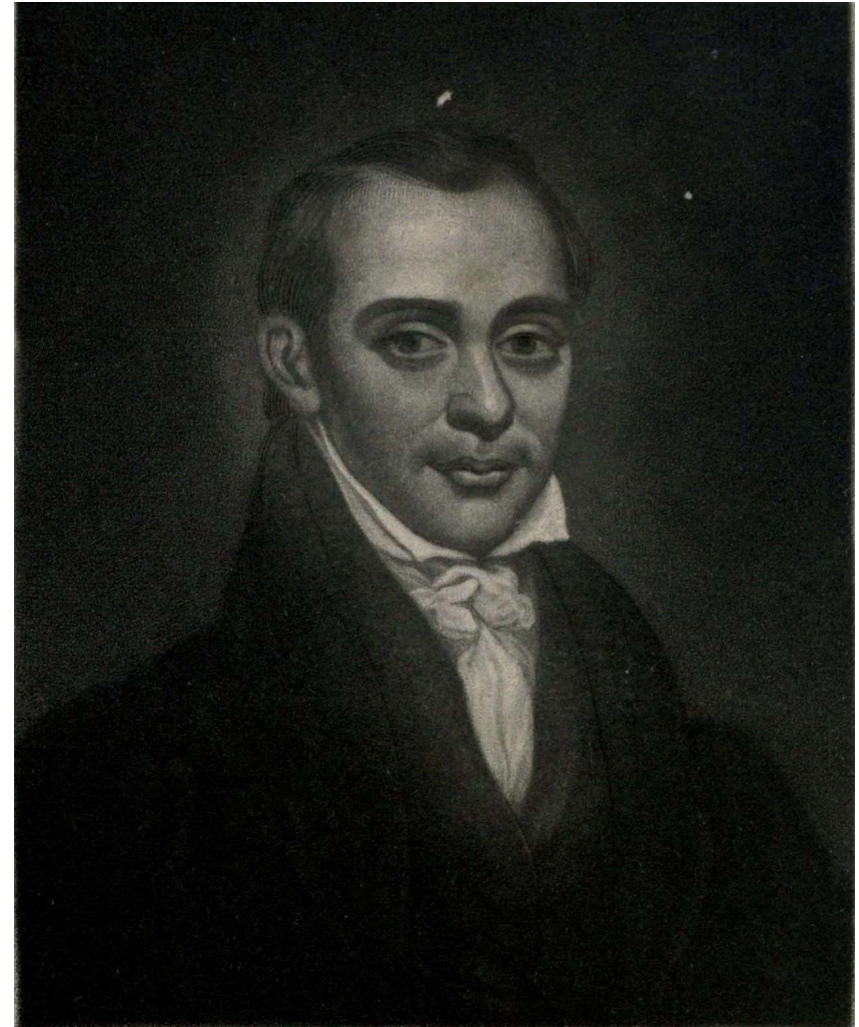
Hugh Gough

- 1779-1869
- Rank: Field Marshal
- Commander-in-chief



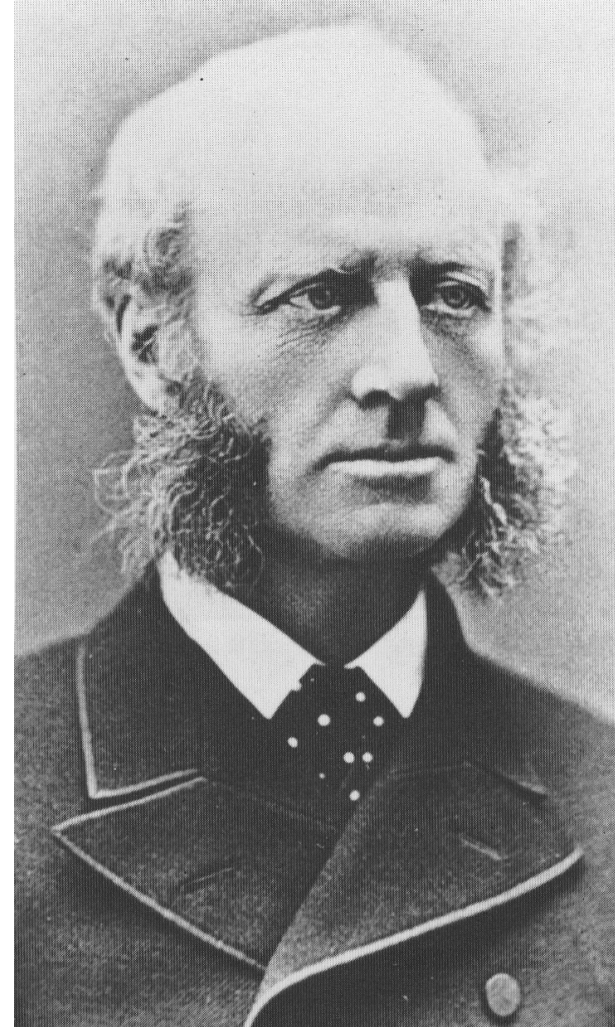
Karl Gutzlaff

- 1803-1851
- The first missionary to China
- Served as the interpreter in British force during the Opium war (1839-1842)



Harry Parkes

- 1828-1885
- British diplomat
- Served as an interpreter during the Opium war (1842)
- Attendant of Pottinger

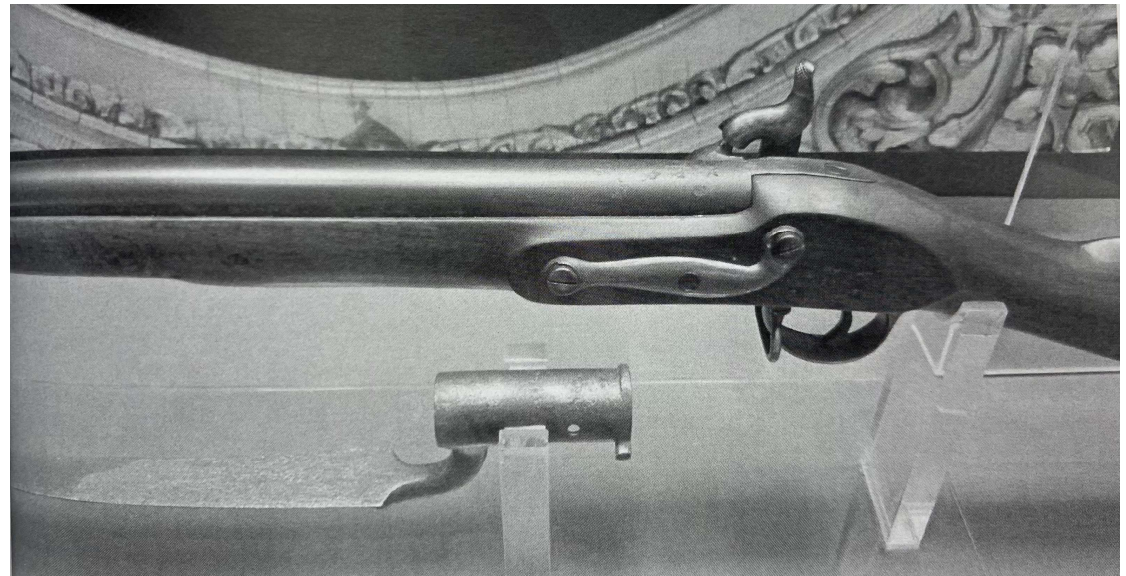




**Royal Navy
Uniform and
weapon**

Weapon—— Infantry Musket

- 0.75-calibre with socket bayonet

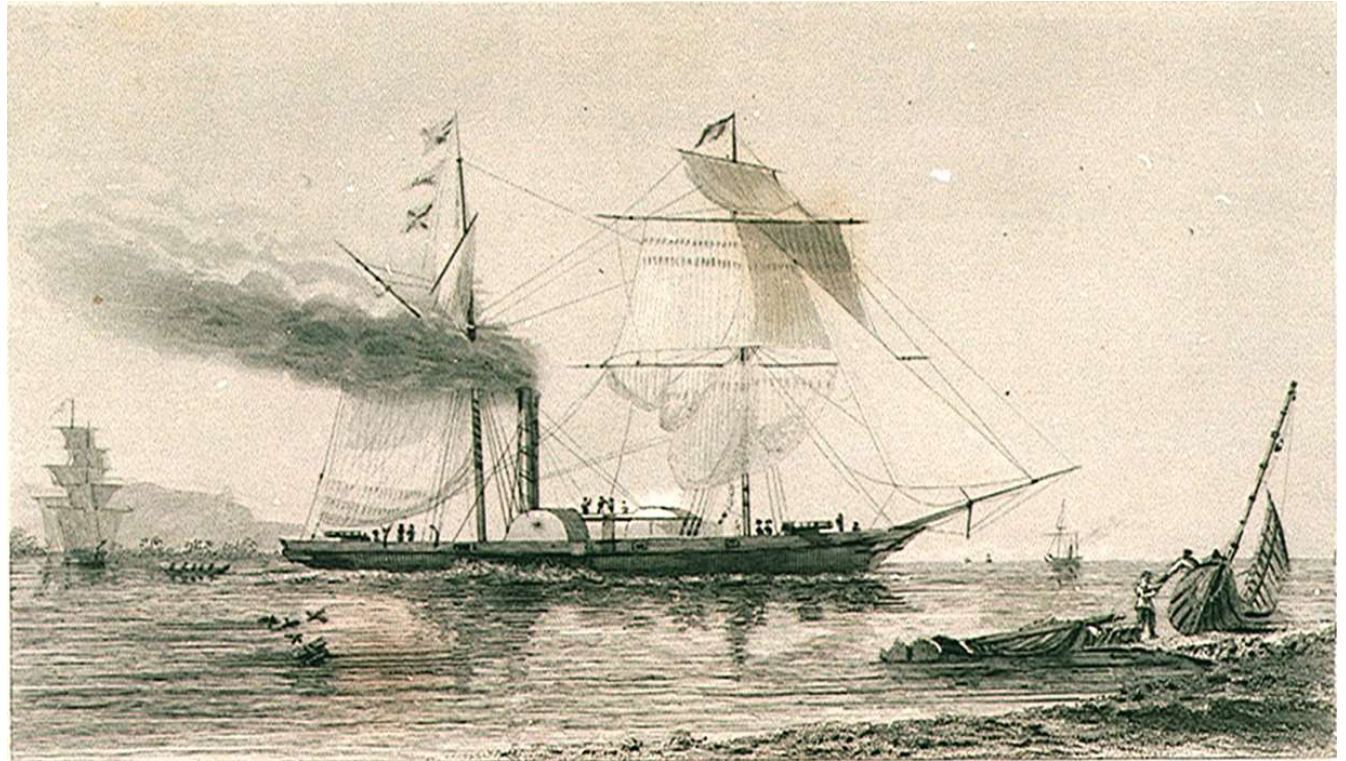




Royal Navy Warships



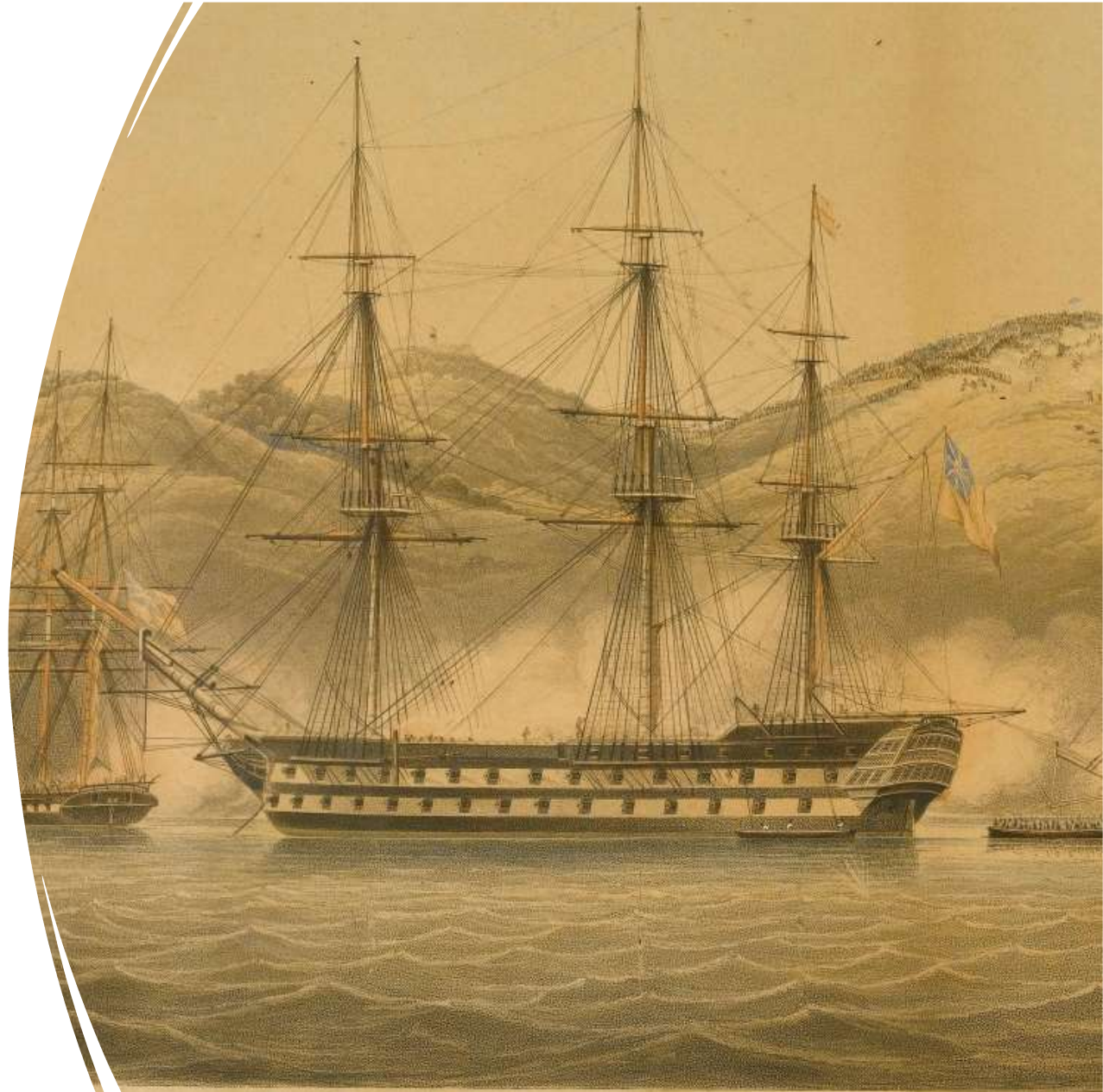
HMS *Nemesis*,
1839, iron
steamship



HMS *Calliope*, 1837,
sixth-rate frigate, Sir
William Parker



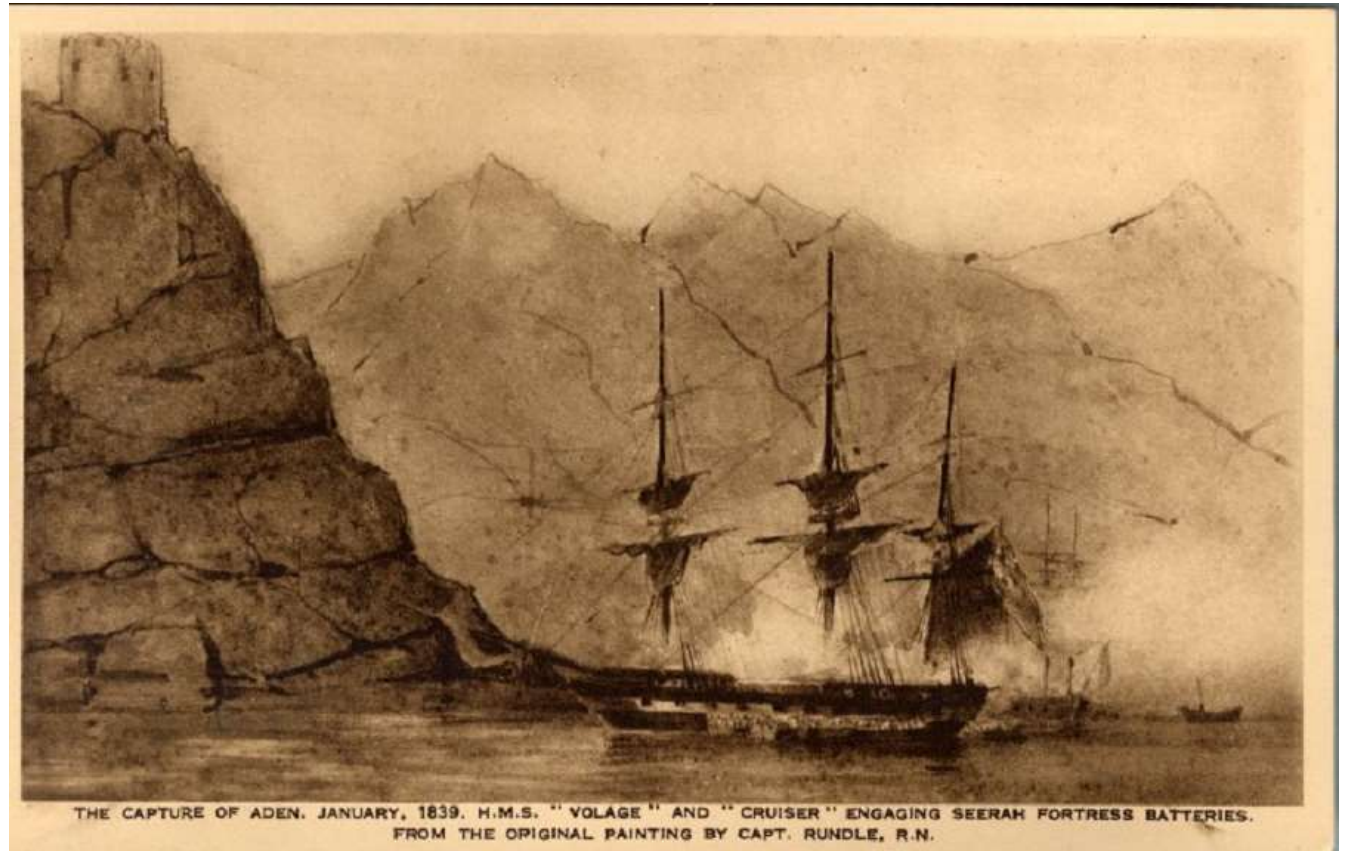
HMS *Wellesley*, 1815,
ship of the line,
Commodore Gordon
Bremer



HMS *Alligator*,
1821, Sixth rate
frigate, 28 guns



HMS *Volage*,
1825, sixth-
rate sailing
frigate, Captain
Henry Smith



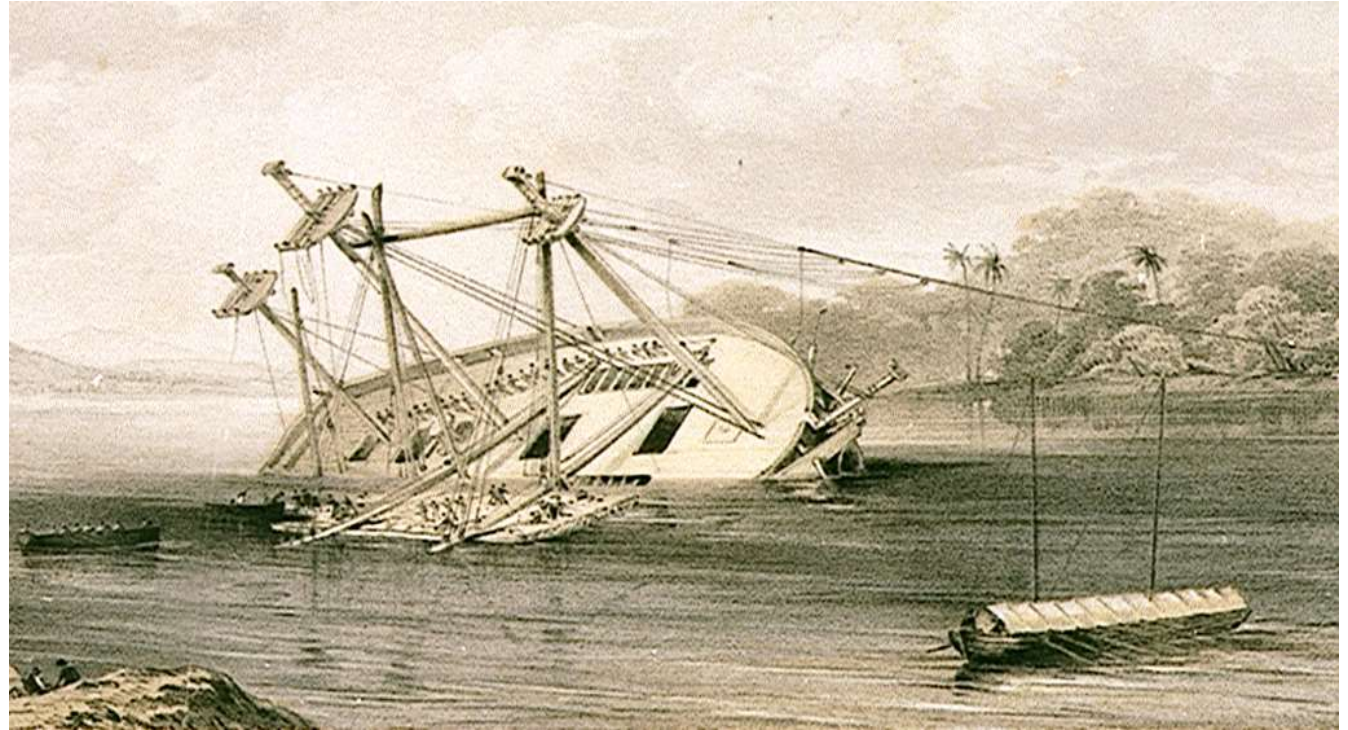
HMS *Melville*, 1817,
ship of the line, 74
guns, Captain
Richard Saunders
Dundas



HMS *Blenheim*, 1813,
ship of the line, 74 guns,
Captain Humphrey
Fleming Senhouse



HMS *Samarang*,
1822, Sixth rate,
28 guns, Admiral
Edward Belcher



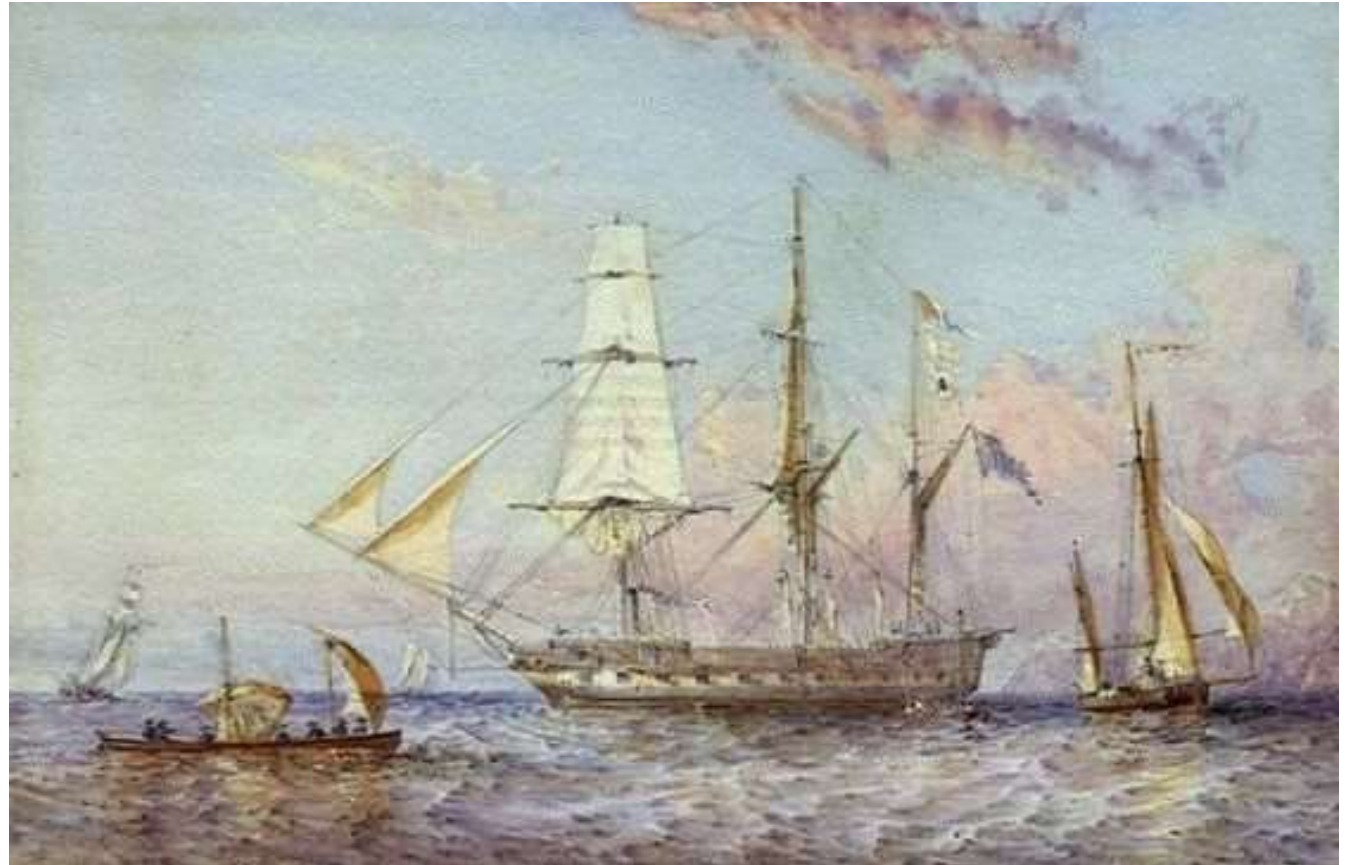
HMS *Herald*, 1824,
sixth-rate corvette,
28 guns, Sir
William Parker



HMS *Cornwallis*,
1813, ship of the
line, 74 guns



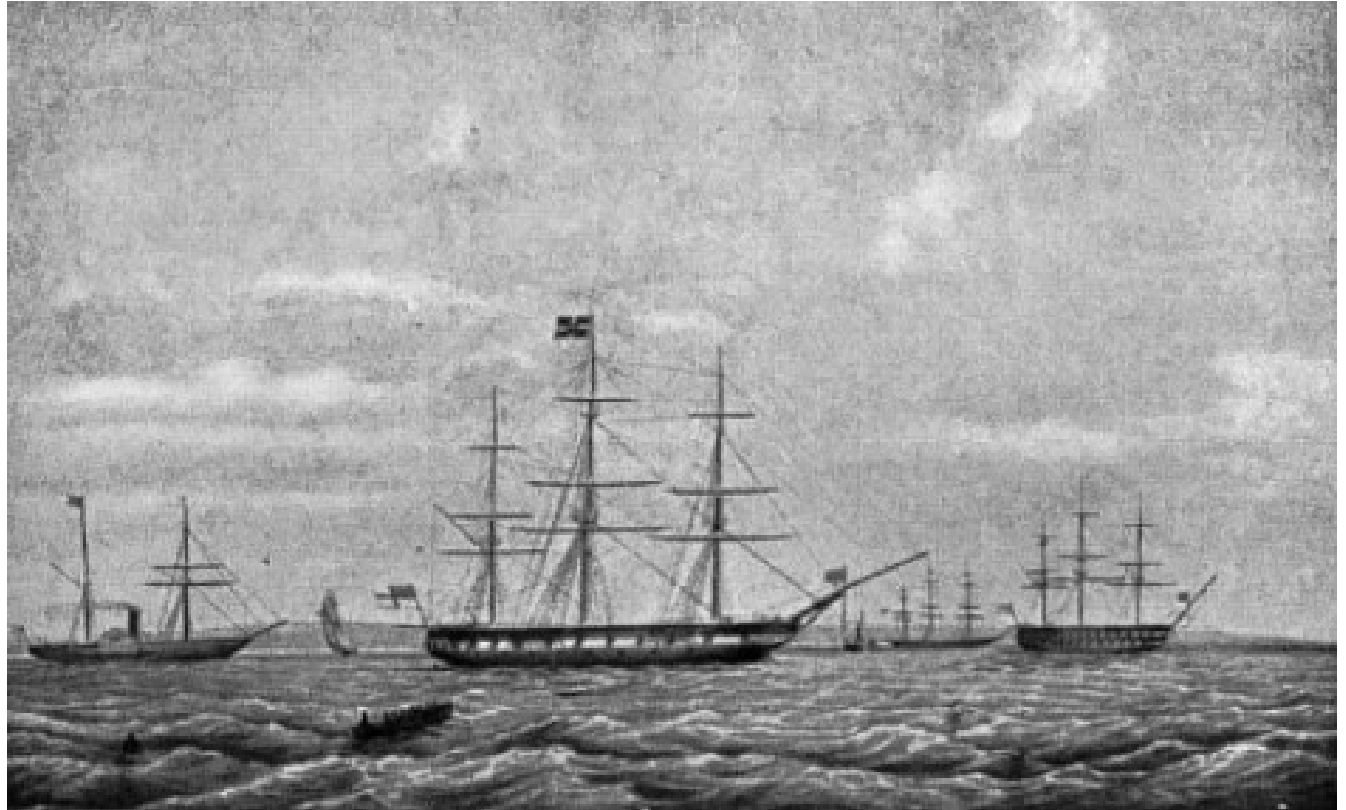
HMS
Rattlesnake, 1822,
sixth-rate corvette,
28 guns, Sir
William Parke



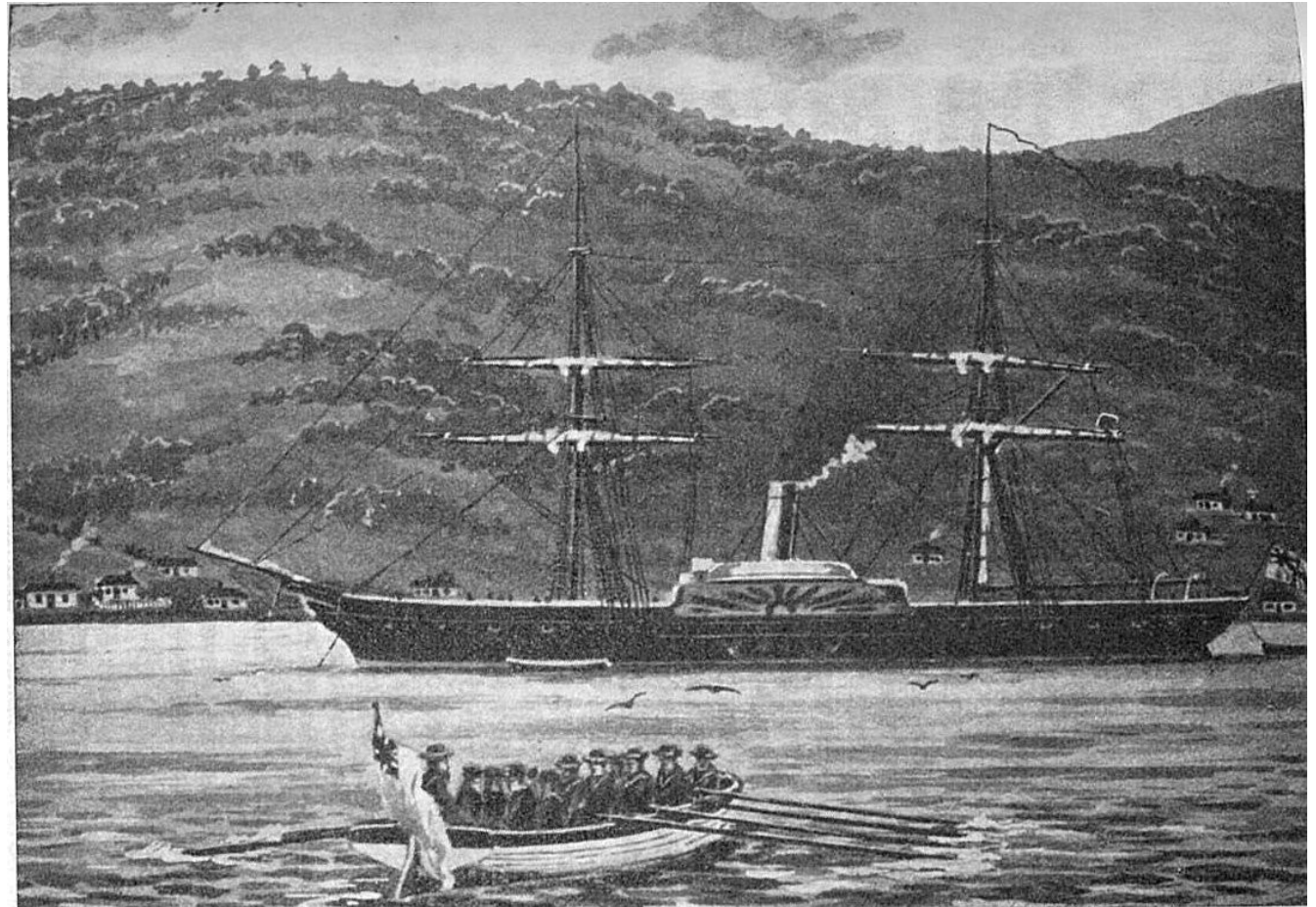
HMS *Clio*, 1807,
brig sloop, 18 guns



HMS *Conway*,
1832, corvette,
28 guns



HMS *Driver*,
1840, wooden
paddle sloop,
6 guns



HMS *Endymion*,
1797, frigate, 40
guns



HMS *Minden*, 1810,
ship of the line, 74
guns



HMS *Pelican*, 1812,
brig sloop, 18 guns



HMS *Vindictive*,
1813, ship of the
line, 74 guns



Other warships

- HMS *Sulphur*, 1826, bomb vessel, 10 guns
- HMS *Larne*, 1829, sloop, 18 guns
- HMS *Blonde*, 1819, fifth-rate frigate, 46 guns
- Steamer *Madagascar*, 1838, Paddle steamer
- HMS *Hyacinth*, 1829, sloop, 18 guns
- HMS *Druid*, 1825, frigate, 46 guns
- HMS *Modeste*, 1837, corvette, 18 guns
- HMS *Pylades*, 1824, sloop, 18 guns
- HMS *Cruizer*, 1828, sloop, 18 guns
- HMS *Ariadre*, 1839, paddle sloop
- HMS *Apollo*, 1805, fifth-rate frigate, 54 guns

Other warships (2)

- HMS *Belleisle*, 1819, ship of the line, 74 guns
- HMS *Cambrian*, 1841, fifth rate frigate, 36 guns
- HMS *Cameleon*, 1816, brig sloop, 10 guns
- HMS *Childers*, 1827, brig sloop, 10 guns, 16 guns
- HMS *Columbine*, 1826, wooden screw sloop
- HMS *Dido*, 1836, corvette, 18 guns
- HMS *Harlequin*, 1836, brig sloop, 16 guns
- HMS *Hazard*, 1837, sloop, 18 guns
- HMS *Jupiter*, 1813, fourth rate frigate, 50 guns
- HMS *Louisa*, 1834, cutter
- HMS *Nimrod*, brig sloop, 1828, 18 guns

Other warships (3)

- HMS *North Star*, 1824, sixth rate, 28 guns
- HMS *Plover*, 1842, cutter
- HMS *Pylades*, 1824, sloop, 18 guns
- HMS *Sapphire*, 1827, sixth rate, 28 guns
- HMS *Serpent*, 1832, brig sloop, 16 guns
- HMS *Starling*, 1829, schooner, 4 guns
- HMS *Thalia*, 1830, fifth rate, 46 guns
- HMS *Vixen*, 1841, wood paddle sloop
- HMS *Wanderer*, 1835, brig sloop, 16 guns
- HMS *Young Hebe*, 1839

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