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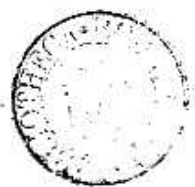
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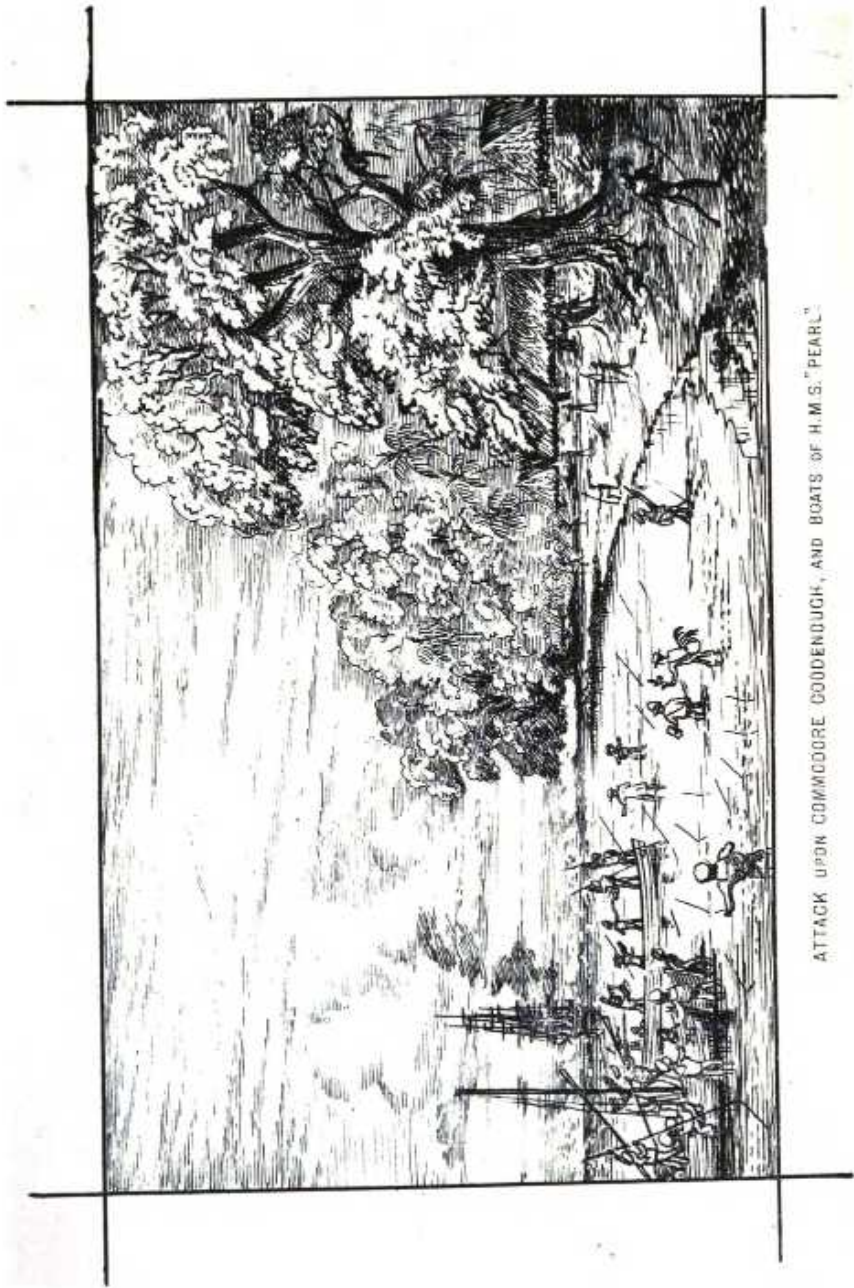
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ATTACK UPON COMMODORE COODENUGH, AND BOATS OF H. M. S. "PEARL."

PREFACE.

THE following Letters are printed for private circulation, to assist in raising funds for an important work of charity in the parish where the writer was born, and of which his father has been Vicar for forty-four years. The first three were written during the last two cruises made by H. M. S. "Pearl," under Commodore Goodenough, and the fourth immediately after the death of that lamented officer.

The sketches were originally made at the various places by the writer of the letters, and, after his return to England, were etched by his own hand on paper prepared for the purpose, and the etchings thus transferred to the lithographic-stones. The descriptions and illustrations are, therefore, quite genuine and authentic, which, it is hoped, will be accepted as an apology for any roughness or imperfection there may be in their execution.

The profit from the sale of the narrative will be devoted towards paying off a debt incurred in the cause of religious education by the Rev. J. N. Harrison, Vicar of Laugharne, father of the writer of the letters, under the following circumstances :—

Four years ago, an order was issued from the Education Department for increased School accommodation in the hamlet of Brook, in the

parish of Laugharne. In this place a National School had been built in 1861, and a licence having been granted by the Bishop of St. David's, Divine Service has been performed there on Sundays for about seventeen years. To provide the required additional school accommodation in a building which should also be suitable for Divine Worship, testifying by its very construction the double object which the builders contemplated, and thus perpetuating, as far as might be, their intentions, required an outlay of upwards of £400. To raise this sum by voluntary contribution in a Welsh parish was impossible. The choice lay between a School Board, or for the Vicar to make himself responsible for the expense of the building, and raise what he could in the parish. He chose the latter alternative, rather than to see, in the forty-fourth year of his incumbency and the seventieth of his age, an educational revolution, which would, in great measure, undo the labour of his life. Happily he met with a kind friend, who lent him £300 free of interest; and to this liberal friend, who has no personal connection with the parish, he is still indebted £229, to pay off which it is hoped that the sale of this narrative may contribute. It has, at least, this interest, that the letters were written by one who was by the side of Commodore Goodenough when he received his first wound.

