

Foreword

The appearance of this volume, the fourth in the *Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Studies Series*, records a forgotten but very significant series of events in the history of Hong Kong. Dr Patrick Hase has made an important contribution by his scholarly research and lively description of the serious fighting that took place as the British asserted their control over the New Territories.

The publications in the *Studies Series* have been made possible initially by the very generous donation of seeding capital by the Trustees of the Clague Trust Fund, representing the estate of the late Sir Douglas Clague. This donation enabled us to establish a trust fund in the name of Sir Lindsay and Lady Ride, in memory of our first Vice President. The Society itself added to this fund, as have a number of further generous donors.

The result is that we now have funding to bring to students of Hong Kong's history, culture and society a number of books that might otherwise not have seen the light of day. Furthermore, we were delighted to be able to establish an agreement with Hong Kong University Press which sets out the basis on which the Press will partner our efforts.

This book is the fourth in the series which began in 2005. The Trustees of the Ride Fund are actively pursuing a further dozen or so titles, all in various stages of progress.

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