

tempted to penetrate our Flanks, but were repulsed with Loss. A Body of Alee-Gholes moved on in a very daring Manner upon our Line: they were charged by a Squadron of His Majesty's 8th Light Dragoons, and a Squadron of His Majesty's 27th Light Dragoons, and were completely destroyed. After the Destruction of the Infantry, the Cavalry of the Enemy fled in every Direction. They were pursued beyond the Town of Ufszulghur. The Enemy's Baggage had been sent off in the Morning, when first they received Intelligence of our Approach; their Flight was therefore unincumbered, and the Fatigue which our Horses had sustained, the late Hour of the Day, and the Nature of the Country, prevented a farther Pursuit. Above Thirty of the Enemy's Colours fell into our Hands; among the Number are Two golden Standards, which were carried by the Yekus, a Body of chosen Men attached to the Person of Meer Khan. Three of Meer Khan's principal Sirdars, Mohamed-Sauzed Khan, Jumsher Khan, and Moortuza Khan, were killed; his Brother, Shuhmut Khan, and Ruhmut Khan, one of his principal Sirdars, are stated to have been wounded; Gholam Ulee Khan, a principal Sirdar, was wounded, and is now in our Camp; Meer Khan himself escaped, but the best and bravest of his Troops suffered. I feel infinitely indebted to the Whole of the Officers and Men under my Command, for their gallant, steady, and praise-worthy Conduct. I have the Honor to enclose a Return of our Loss. The Wounds received by the Officers, are, I am sorry to say, severe, but I trust not dangerous. I shall continue to pursue the Enemy in whatever Direction they may proceed.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) JOHN SMITH, Maj. Gen.
Camp, Six Miles from Ufszulghur,
March 3, 1805.

*Return of Casualties in the Action near Ufszulghur,
March 2, 1805.*

Total.—5 Rank and File, killed; 1 Major, 2 Captains, 1 Lieutenant, 5 Sergeants, 1 Trumpeter, and 26 Rank and File, wounded.

Officers wounded.

29th Light Dragoons.—Major Carden; Captain Burke.

27th Ditto.—Captain Gore; Lieutenant and Adjutant Bunce.

(Signed) T. MARTIN, Major of Brigade.

(Signed) J. GERARD, Adjutant-General.

Return of Casualties in Captain Skinner's Corps of Independent Cavalry, on the 2d of March, at Ufszulghur.

4 Privates, killed; 1 Ruffaldar, and 7 Privates, wounded.

Total.—1 Ruffaldar and 11 Privates.

(Signed) T. MARTIN, Major of Brigade.

(Signed) J. GERARD, Adjutant-General.

In the Letter of the Governor-General and Council, transmitting the foregoing Accounts, is the following Paragraph:

ON the 24th of February, the Commander in Chief took up a new Position on the North East Side of Bhurtpore; and His Excellency is prepared to recommence Operations against that Place as soon as he shall have received Supplies of Stores and

Ammunition, which are advancing towards the Army from the Stations within the Company's Provinces at which they had been collected. The Commander in Chief expresses a confident Hope of obtaining Possession of Bhurtpore before the Conclusion of the Season for active Military Operations in that Quarter of India.

Admiralty-Office, August 24, 1805.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Mudge, of His Majesty's late Ship Blanche, to William Marsden, Esq; dated on board the French National Ship Topaze, 22d July 1805.

SIR,

I AM sorry to inform you of the Loss of His Majesty's Ship Blanche, which was captured by a French Squadron, as per Margin*; but, thank God, she was not destined to bear French Colours, or to assist the Fleet of the Enemy.

On Friday Morning, July 19th, in Lat. 20 Deg. 20 Min. N., Long. 66 Deg. 44 Min. W. (Weather hazy) at Eight, Four Sail were seen off the Weather Cat-Head, Three Ships, and a Brig on the opposite Tack, under easy Sail. I kept to the Wind until we were near enough to distinguish Colours. I then made the necessary Signals to ascertain whether they were Enemies. At Ten, when a breast, about Three Miles distant, they all bore up, and hoisted English Ensigns; but, from the Make of the Union, and Colour of the Bunting, with other Circumstances, I concluded they were French, and therefore determined to sell the Ship as dearly as possible (for sailing was out of the question, the Blanche having little or no Copper on these last Nine Months, and sailed very heavy). Having brought to, with the Mainsail in the Brails, at Eleven the Commodore ranged up within Two Cables' Length, shifted his Colours, and gave us his Broadside. When within Pistol-shot she received our's;—the Action became warm and steady, the Ships never without Hail of each other, running large, under easy Sail,—Le Departement des Landes on the Starboard Quarter, and the Two Corvettes close a stern. At Forty-five Minutes past Eleven the Ship became ungovernable, and was reduced to a perfect Wreck; the Sails totally destroyed, Ten Shot in the Foremast (expecting it to fall every Minute), the Mainmast and Rigging cut to Pieces, Seven Guns dismounted, and the Crew reduced to One Hundred and Ninety, and the rest falling fast, with no Probability of Escape, I called a Council of Officers for their Opinion, who deemed it only sacrificing the Lives of the Remainder of as brave a Crew as ever fought, to hold out longer, as there was not the smallest Prospect of Success, I there-

* La Topaze, of 44 Guns, 28 Eighteen-Pounders on the Main Deck, 10 Thirty-six-Pound Carronades and 6 Twelve-Pounders on the Quarter-Deck and Forecastle, Captain Bourdin, Commander, 340 Men, 10 Officers, and 60 Privates, Legion de Midi.—(470.)

Le Departement des Landes, of 20 Guns, Nine-Pounders, and 2 Six-Pounders on the Forecastle, Captain des Mantel, 200 Men, 6 Officers and 30 Privates, Legion de Midi.—(236.)

La Torche, of 18 Guns, long Twelve-Pounders, Captain Brunet, 190 Men, 3 Officers and 20 Privates, Legion de Midi.—(213.)

Le Faune, of 16 Guns, Nine-Pounders, Captain Delun, 120 Men, and 3 Officers Legion de Midi.—(123.)