

*Duchy of Lancaster, Somerset-Place,
February 1, 1813.*

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, has been this day pleased to appoint William Farington, of Shawe-Hall, Esq. Sheriff of the County Palatine of Lancaster for the year ensuing.

*Office of Commissioners for the Affairs of India,
February 11th, 1813.*

COPY of a dispatch from Colonel Gillespie, commander of the forces in Java, to the Honourable T. S. Raffles, Lieutenant-Governor of that island, dated Djocjocarta, June 25th, 1812.

HONOURABLE SIR,

WITHOUT entering upon any of the political points on which you did me the honour to consult with me, previous to the adoption of hostilities against the Sultan of Djocjocarta, I shall proceed to report to you the various operations of our small force, and the measures adopted under my authority for bringing this insolent and refractory Sovereign to a sense of what was due to the supremacy of the British Government upon Java.

On the afternoon of the 18th instant, you did me the honour to acquaint me, that the Sultan of Djocjocarta, had refused his acquiescence to those terms, which in your wisdom you had been pleased to offer; that confident of the strength of his fortified position, he had determined to brave the consequences our power might inflict, and that he had assembled his army from all parts of the kingdom, who were prepared and determined on resistance. The troops I had collected at this period of the service, though few in numbers, were formidable in gallantry; they consisted altogether of about six hundred firelocks, a proportion of artillery, and two troops of His Majesty's 22d dragoons. The remainder of our force, with our principal supply of ordnance, were coming forward under the orders of Lieutenant-Colonel Mac Leod, and were expected to join my head-quarters during the course of that night. Hostilities had in some measure commenced upon the previous evening. On our arrival at Djocjocarta, Lieutenant-Colonel Watson reported, that a considerable body of the Sultan's troops had left the Krattan, through the east gate, and had proceeded upon some offensive or predatory excursion, which I thought it my duty immediately to prevent. I accordingly desired a detachment of fifty dragoons to escort me on a reconnoitering party, and I proceeded with my staff along the east wall of the Krattan, and pursued them on a road to the eastward, which the people of the country reported they had taken; after a very circuitous route, we arrived again upon the environs of the town, where we found large bodies of the enemy collected, who were well armed, and evidently prepared for resistance. At this period, you had not communicated to me any final determination with respect to the Sultan of Djocjocarta, and I was therefore withheld by sentiments of honour, from dispersing those people by force of arms, which I had afterwards reason to regret. Mr. Crawford, the resident, who accompanied me on the excursion,

endeavoured, by every possible means in his power, to induce them to return. His solicitations and threats were equally unavailing, and we were at length so insulted by stones from the houses, and one of our dragoons was so severely wounded by a spear in the side, that we were compelled to act upon the defensive, and in a short time they were dispersed. In this affair I regret to say, that one serjeant, and four dragoons were wounded, the serjeant and one of the privates dangerously, and in another part of the town, a serjeant's patrol of twenty-five dragoons, was fiercely attacked by a considerable number of the Sultan's troops, whom they cut their way through, with the loss of one man killed, and one wounded.

I shall now return to the afternoon of the 18th, where every thing was prepared for offensive operations, as well as our scanty supply of ammunition would admit. I am always an advocate for promptness and decision, and I am aware, that any measure of a contrary nature, would not only weaken the confidence of our troops, but increase the insolence of the enemy. I therefore directed Major Butler to open a fire from our fort, which was immediately returned by the Sultan, but with inconsiderable effect. Captain Teesdale, of the royal navy, was wounded, and a magazine in the battery having accidentally blown up, I lost the services of two active Officers, Captain Young, and Lieutenant Hunter, who were severely burnt by the explosion. Light parties were detached to scour the villages on the right and left, and a body of the Sultan's troops kept Major Dalton, and part of his battalion, on the alert during the night; they were attacked four successive times with great spirit, but they repulsed the enemy with steadiness and good conduct.

At about three o'clock in the afternoon, I became exceedingly anxious for the arrival of Lieutenant-Colonel Mac Leod and his party. I had received no report whatever of his progress, and I was apprehensive that he had encountered some difficulty upon the road, which might retard the service. I therefore detached Lieutenant Hale with twenty-five dragoons, to obtain some information respecting him, and I afterwards supported him with a further reinforcement of forty men, under the command of Lieutenant Keir, of the same regiment. The first detachment under Lieutenant Hale, was repeatedly attacked by large bodies of the Sultan's infantry, in situations where cavalry were unable to act. The promptitude and celerity of this Officer's advance, excited my warmest approbation; he was severely wounded himself, and lost five of his dragoons in the conflict; but notwithstanding his perilous and hampered situation, he executed his important trust by joining Lieutenant-Colonel Mac Leod. On the following forenoon, the whole of this party arrived, consisting of a detachment of the royal artillery, the grenadiers of His Majesty's 59th regiment, and the flank companies and rifle company of His Majesty's 78th. This reinforcement determined me upon my plan of operations.

The palace or Krattan of the Sultan, is surrounded by regular works about three miles in circumference; at each corner there is a formidable bastion, enfilading the curtain, and the principal entrance in front is strongly defended by cannon. The whole of the fortification is surrounded by a