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INDIA-BOARD, June 22, 1853.

THE papers, of which the following is a copy, have been received at the East India House:—

NOTIFICATION.

Fort-William, April 22d, 1853.

THE Most Noble the Governor-General in Council has much satisfaction in publishing for general information, extracts from Despatches reporting the operations of Brigadier-General Sir John Cheape, K.C.B., against the force under Myat-toon, who had established himself near to Donabew.

The Governor-General in Council regards with the highest admiration the gallantry, perseverance, and cheerful endurance displayed by the force under the Brigadier-General's command, throughout a service which was rendered peculiarly severe, not more by the formidable resistance that was offered than by the sufferings incident to prolonged exposure in pestilent jungle, and at such a time.

His Lordship in Council, regretting the loss that has been incurred, fully appreciates the service that has been done, and he requests the Major-General commanding the troops in Ava to convey to Brigadier-General Sir John Cheape, to the officers and soldiers whom he has specially named, and to all who were under his command, the approbation and cordial thanks of the Supreme Government.

By Order of the Most Noble the Governor-General of India in Council.

C. ALLEN, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India.

Extract of a Letter from Major-General H. Godwin, C.B., Commanding the Forces in Ava, Arracan, and the Tennasserim Provinces, to C. Allen, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, April 1st, 1853.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the information of the Governor-General in Council, reports from Sir J. Cheape, dated the 13th and 25th ultimo, detailing the proceedings of his force, since his report of the 3d ultimo, forwarded in my despatch, of the 15th instant.

The Governor-General in Council will see and appreciate this most arduous service; protracted as it has been from time to time by the difficult

nature of the country, added to which unwilling, if not false guides, leading him in wrong directions.

The Brigadier-General so forcibly represents his various attacks, and the gallantry of the troops on every occasion, that I can add nothing more than my high sense and appreciation of their admirable conduct.

Extract of a Despatch from Brigadier-General Sir J. Cheape, K.C.B., Commanding the Bengal Division, to the Deputy Adjutant-General of the Army of Ava.

Donabew, March 25th, 1853.

WHILE at Kyomtano I ascertained the jungle to the westward to be quite impenetrable, and that there were only two routes to Kyomenzeen, one to the southward via Gyet-thoun-zeen, and the other to the northward, by Ngyoung-youn; the distance by these routes was said to be about equal, and the same opposition and obstacles were to be expected by either. I resolved to follow the latter route.

It was desirable to give the enemy as little time as possible for preparation, and on the evening of the 17th instant, at 2 P.M., I sent on the right wing under Major Wigstone, 18th R. I., consisting of H. M.'s 18th R. I. Regiment, H. M.'s 80th Regiment, and the 4th Seikh Local Regiment, with a detail of Sappers and some rockets, to take post at a breastwork about three miles in advance, in the middle of the forest, and on the verge of a large lake. It was of importance to clear the road so far, to enable the force to march early next morning without waiting for the fog to clear off.

Major Wigstone found the road clear till within about a mile of the breastwork; he had then to cut his way through many obstructions, and to open the road round felled trees, and to clear away abattis. On reaching the breastwork he found it occupied, and it was most gallantly carried by the 18th R. I. who were leading, and by the 4th Seikh Local Regiment in support; several jingals and arms of different sorts were captured. Major Armstrong, 4th Seikh Local Regiment, on this occasion personally distinguished himself, and I beg to send a copy of Major Wigstone's letter of date the 20th instant, reporting most favourably of the conduct of the troops. A prisoner was taken upon this occasion, who was of some use in