

21st ultimo ; and, on the day following, intelligence was received that the Allygurh insurgents, numbering 5000 to 6000, under Ghose Mahomed Khan, Naib Soobah of the King of Delhi, had assumed the offensive, and were marching to attack our position ; further, that their advanced guard had been pushed forward to Mudrok, about twelve miles from Hattrass. But as the information, though most important, could not be depended upon, Mr J. O'B. Tandy volunteered, accompanied by Mr C. Daniell, C. S., and Lieutenant De Kantzow, to ride on in the direction the enemy were said to have taken up their position, for the purpose of obtaining reliable and certain information of the movements and position of the insurgents as far as possible.

In the meantime, I made the necessary arrangements for repelling an attack, and to prevent a surprise during the night.

At midnight Mr Tandy and party returned, bringing intelligence that the advanced guard of the insurgents had fallen back, leaving a party of horse (supposed to be the mutineers of the 15th Irregulars) at Mudrok, and had taken up their position, determined to fight, in a garden with high embankments, belonging to Maun Sing, close to and connected with similar enclosures, near to and on the outskirts of the city of Allygurh.

From the information I received, I determined at once, in concurrence with the Commissioner A. Cocks, Esq., on special duty, to attack their position at all hazards ; and on Sunday the 23d ultimo, commenced our march towards Allygurh, lightly equipped, and prepared against any contingency, and arrived at Sasnee about the close of the evening, having been detained by heavy rain on the line of march, and halted for the night : an old indigo factory close to the road, with adjoining buildings, and the Government carts placed at my disposal, afforded tolerable shelter for both men and officers ; and, by the assistance of the civil authorities, large fires were lighted throughout the camp by which the men dried their clothes. Every precaution was taken for the protection of the camp, and the night passed off without anything occurring worthy of notice beyond the capture of a youth near one of the guns, who was confined, and subsequently flogged, it having been ascertained that he had come from Allygurh.

At daybreak, we resumed our march towards Allygurh in good heart, and elated with the prospect of meeting and chastising, with retributive vengeance, rebels and mutineers unequalled for their cruel fiendish malignity and cowardly atrocities to our helpless (in most instances) countrymen and their families, though so vastly superior in numbers ; but still, fighting in a good cause, and with the fullest reliance on the Almighty's aid, of the result, on closing with the enemy, there was but one feeling which animated and pervaded the minds of most composing the detachment.

I must here mention that on starting from Sasnee, Mr Cocks placed at my disposal seventy Jât horse and matchlock-men, belonging to Thacoor Gobind Sing, the former being under the command of Captain J. J. Murray, of the late Gwalior Contingent, and the latter of Mr Daniell, C. S., and who, as will afterwards appear, were of great service.

On nearing Mudrok, about seven miles from Allygurh, we observed a party of cavalry quietly retiring fully a mile a-head of our advance guard, which consisted of a company of the 3d Europeans, on elephants, preceded by the Militia Cavalry and Jât Horse ; the enemy's cavalry had evidently no wish to interfere with our advance, and continued to retire till, nearing their position, they sided off to the left, and were joined by others.

The detachment continued to advance to within

a quarter of a mile of Maun Sing's garden ; and on ascertaining the exact position of the enemy, measures were promptly taken for the protection of the carriage, &c., consisting of a numerous train of waggons, 130 head of cattle, 16 elephants, and many camels, with ammunition and stores, which, surrounded as we were on nearly all sides by overwhelming numbers of the enemy, caused me no little anxiety.

The carriage, &c., having been collected on the smallest possible space by Captain Fanshawe, I placed at his disposal, for their protection, the Jât matchlock-men and a few sowars, under Mr Daniell, who performed that important duty most efficiently and satisfactorily.

Having secured the baggage, &c., my greatest care and anxiety, I commenced the action by attacking with the Militia Cavalry, under Lieutenant De Kantzow, and the Jât Horse, a large body of cavalry, chiefly irregulars, who threatened our left and rear.

This duty was most gallantly and promptly performed, and our left and rear having thus been cleared of the enemy's cavalry, who were driven back to the rear of their main body, I brought the guns into position, under cover of skirmishers, and opened fire, which was sharply replied to by the enemy from behind the garden walls, against which I found the artillery of little avail. Information was now brought to me by Mr P. Saunders, who considerably and kindly placed his services at my disposal, that the enemy were in great force on the right of the garden. I immediately directed Captain Murray to move round to the right with the Jât Horse, and cut off the enemy, on the general assault, and carrying of their position with the infantry ; and at the same time ordering Lieutenant Griffin to move up two of his guns in the same direction.

This movement took some little time, evidently occupying the attention of the enemy, and enabled me to make arrangements for the assault.

Leaving a sufficient number of men under Captain Stover to protect the gun on the left, and all being ready, I gave the word "Forward," and went to the front accompanied by Lieutenant Clarke, and followed by No. 8 Company of the 3d European Regiment, under Lieutenant Blake. On reaching the garden wall, a large party of fanatical Mussulmans, headed by Moulvees, rushed forward, sword in hand, from the right corner, and there ensued a most desperate hand to hand encounter, which terminated in their total destruction, and where we met our chief loss, which might in a great measure have been avoided, had Captain Bacon's Company, attached to the two guns on the right, fired upon them as they debouched from the garden immediately on their front. Fortunately at this moment Lieutenant Griffin, at Captain Murray's request, moved up his two guns, and getting well to the right, opened fire with terrible effect on their reserve, killing great numbers and completely dispersing the remainder. Captain Murray, at the same time, taking advantage of an opening in the wall, dashed forward with part of the Jât Horse, entered the garden, and cut up the Ghazees who remained in it, among whom was the Chief Moulvee, Abdool Zuleel, who was cut down in a hand to hand encounter with that officer.

The field was now our own, after two hours' fighting, the enemy having been completely routed and dispersed in all directions, leaving at least three hundred dead ; thus terminating in a decided victory against great odds, and with comparatively small loss on our side, considering the strength of their position and the number of Ghazees, who fought with the desperation and contempt of life of Mussulman fanatics.

On the termination of the action, Mr Cocks, who throughout the day was by my side, strongly urged