

The judicious Arrangements which were made by Colonel Duff in the Artillery Department, and his Exertions, and those of the other Officers and the Soldiers of that Corps in general, in the Service of the Batteries, are intitled to his Lordship's highest Approbation; to which he desires to add, that he thinks himself much obliged to Lieutenant-Colonel Geils for the able Manner in which he directed the Fire during the Day of the 21st.

Lord Cornwallis is so well acquainted with the Ardour that pervades the whole Army, that he would have been happy if it had been practicable to have allowed every Corps to have participated in the Glory of the Enterprize of last Night; but it must be obvious to all, that, in forming a Disposition for the Assault, a certain Portion of the Troops could only be employed.

The Conduct of all the Regiments which happened in their Tour to be upon Duty that Evening, did Credit, in every Respect, to their Spirit and Discipline; but his Lordship desires to offer the Tribute of his particular and warmest Praise to the European Grenadiers and Light Infantry of the Army, and to the 36th, 72d, and 76th Regiments, who led the Attack, and carried the Fortress, and who, by their Behaviour on that Occasion, furnished a conspicuous Proof, that disciplined Valor in Soldiers, when directed by Zeal and Capacity in Officers, is irresistible.

The Activity and good Conduct of Lieutenant-Colonel Maxwell, in the Command of the Pettah for several Days previous to the Assault of the Fort, was, in every Respect, highly commendable; but his Lordship desires that he will accept of his particular Thanks for the judicious Arrangements which he made for the Assault which was committed to his Direction, and for the Gallantry which he displayed in the Execution of them.

He likewise returns his warmest Acknowledgements to Major Kelly, who undertook the Command of the Corps that commenced the Attack of the Breach, and who, by animating them by his own Example, contributed essentially to our important Success.

Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart may be assured that Lord Cornwallis will ever retain the most grateful Remembrance of the valuable and steady Support which that Officer affords him, by his Military Experience and constant Exertions to promote the Public Service; and although his Lordship is unwilling to offend General Medow's Delicacy, by attempting to express his full Sense of the able and friendly Assistance which he uniformly experiences from him, he cannot avoid declaring, that it has made an Impression on his Mind that can never be effaced.

A true Copy from a private Copy.

(Signed) *W. C. Jackson, Sec.*

SECRET DEPARTMENT.

Sir CHARLES OAKLEY, Bart. Senior Member, and Council of Fort St. George.

GENTLEMEN,

HAVING received Information from Lieutenant Stuart of the actual March of Rajah Feijewunt, and being sensible of the great Importance of securing the Junction of so considerable a Body of Cavalry, and of the Probability that Tippoo would use every Means in his Power to harass and obstruct their March, I have determined to move to the Northward, in the Direction in which they may be expected, and I am further induced to adopt this Measure, from the Assurances which I have received

that the friendly Poligars in that Part of the Country have collected a large Quantity of Grain, and a great Number of Cattle, for the Use of the Army, within Fifty Miles of this Place.

After the Acquisition of Rajah Feigewunt's Cavalry, I shall hope to cover so large a Tract of Country, as to prevent the distressing Effects at least of a partial Fire brand, and to ensure the March of Lieutenant-Colonel Oldham's Detachment from Amboor, without being obliged to go to the Head of the Passes to meet him.

Whether I shall be able to attempt the Reduction of Seringapatam before the Rains, or whether I must limit my Views to Onjore, and an Establishment in this Country, will depend on Circumstances of which it is impossible for me at present to form a precise Judgment; I can, however, most truly assure you, that nothing but absolute Necessity shall make me abandon my former Plan.

I have, with a View to expedite the Re-equipment of the heavy Artillery, appointed Colonel Duff to command in Bangalore, into which Place I have put the 76th Regiment and Three Native Battalions.

The Quantity of Military Stores of all Sorts that we have found in it is astonishing, and there is in particular more Gunpowder than we can possibly have Occasion for during the present War.

I have the Honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) CORNWALLIS.

Camp at Bangalore, March 27, 1791.

A true Copy,

George Parry, Acting Dep. Sec.

SECRET DEPARTMENT.

Sir CHARLES OAKLEY, Bart. Senior Member, and Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I Left my Camp, to the Southward of Bangalore, on the 28th Ult. and that Day fell in with the Rear of the Enemy's Line of March at Elevancum; and although our Infantry could not come up in Time to gain any material Advantage, we pursued them closely for several Miles, and obliged them to relinquish the Object, which they appeared to have in View, of getting between our Army and the Corps of the Nizam's Cavalry, which was expected to join us from Gunjecottah. Tippoo retired to Pedibalararam, leaving behind him One Brass Nine Pounder, which broke down, and he has since moved towards Shevagunga. In pursuance of the Plan, which I mentioned in my Letter of the 27th Ultimo, I came on, by the Way of Dionelly, to this Place, where I shall probably remain a few Days, as our Situation here is well calculated for preventing the Enemy from disturbing the March of our Allies. I am sorry, however, to add, that Rajah Turje Want, on the Pretence of the most absurd and ill-founded Reports, has halted at Wimpilly, which is only Eighteen Co's on this Side of Gunjecottah, and has declared that he will not proceed (unless he should receive positive Orders for that Purpose from his Master) until I inform him that I will send a Detachment to meet him at Chitomurrypait. The Fall of Bangalore, and the March of our Army to the Northward, with the Assurances I have given him that I will most attentively observe the Movements of the Enemy, will probably relieve him from his Fears, and induce him to come forward, if he seriously intends to join us; but I have acquainted him,