

Extract of a Letter from the Governor in Council at Bombay to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors, dated 3d October 1803.

WE have now the Honor to forward an Official Report from Lieutenant Colonel Woodington, under Date the 21st Ultimo, of the Progress of the Siege, and subsequent Capitulation of the Garrison of Powanghur, preceded by a Letter from Colonel Murray to the Commanding Officer of the Forces at this Presidency, on that Subject, of the same Date.

Since that Period our President has received from the Honorable Major General Wellesley, a Dispatch of the 25th Ult. as per Copy enclosed. From the Report contained in it, your Honorable Committee will observe, that the General attacked the combined Forces of Dowlut Row Scindia and the Berar Rajah, on the 23d September, in the Vicinity of the Adjanty Pass, with the Division of the Army under his own immediate Command, and that the very obstinate Action that ensued terminated in the complete Defeat of the Confederates, with the Loss to them of 90 Pieces of Cannon, which the Honorable General Wellesley has captured. We have not received an Official Report of Casualties during the Engagement, but the General states our Loss of Officers and Men to have been great. As far as private Information has enabled us, we have endeavoured to supply this Deficiency, in the enclosed List of Killed and Wounded on that Occasion. It is considered to be incomplete, in not containing the Names of all the Officers who suffered; but, in other Respects, it is supposed to be correct.

From the most Recent private Account from the Honorable Major-General Wellesley, it appears that Scindia and the Rajah of Berar had descended the Adjanty Ghaut, and that the British Forces were immediately to proceed in Pursuit of them, beyond the Nizam's Frontier.

(ENCLOSURE, No. I.)

To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan, Esq; President and Governor in Council.

HONORABLE SIR,

THE enclosed is a Copy of a Letter from Colonel Murray, giving Cover to one from Lieutenant-Colonel Woodington, respecting the Capitulation of Powanghur.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

OLIVER NICOLLS, Major-General.
Bombay, 27th September 1803.

No. 1.

SIR, *Head-Quarters, Baroda, Sept. 21, 1803.*
I HAVE the Honor to enclose a Letter which I received this Morning from Lieutenant-Colonel Woodington. It is necessary to inform you that the Delay of this important Communication arises from the Miscarriage of the Colonel's Letter, although sent in Duplicate.

Colonel Woodington highly praises the Zeal and Activity of the Troops under his Command, and, to judge by their Success, the Praise is well merited.

Colonel Woodington has in a most particular Manner requested that I should lay the meritorious Services of Serjeant Moore, of His Majesty's 86th Regiment, before you. He led the forlorn Hope at the Assault of Broach, and behaved with the ut-

most Gallantry on that Occasion. Major Cuyler speaks highly in Favor of his general Character.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

J. MURRAY, Colonel.

To Major-General Nicolls.

(True Copy.)

J. C. HARRIS, Acting Mil. Secretary.

To Colonel Murray, commanding the Forces in the Guzerat.

SIR,

IN consequence of your Communication to me last Night that you had not received my official Communication on the Surrender of Powanghur by Capitulation, I have the Honor to address you again on the Subject.

After a Breach had been effected in the Wall of the inner Fort, as also that another was almost practicable in a Tower at the Angle of the outer Fort, the Garrison offered to capitulate on the Morning of the 17th, on Condition of being protected in their Persons and private Property.

To these Terms I agreed, on Condition of immediately taking Possession of the Breach in the inner Wall, with a Company of Sepoys. They, however, tacked other Stipulations to the Capitulation, viz. that I should agree to pay them the Arrears due from Scindia, and that Two of the Commanders of the Gwicawar Cavalry with me (amounting to about Three Hundred Horse) should sign the Agreement. To those latter Articles I would on no Account agree; and it was not until Four P. M. when the found, from our continuing to batter, that I would admit of no Delay, that they agreed to the original Terms, which were immediately carried into full Effect by their Evacuation of the Fort and Mountain, of which we took Possession.

If this had not taken place, I had made the necessary Arrangements for storming both Breaches on the Morning of the 18th; and I conceive that the Garrison were intimidated from a Knowledge that if they opposed us on our entering the Breaches, their Communication with the upper Fort would be cut off, and they had no other Way to escape than the Road which led down by our Battery.

Could they have obtained Possession of the Upper Fort, or Balla Killa, at the Top of the Mountain, I am inclined to think it utterly impregnable.

I have left Captain Cliffe, of the Engineers, to take a Plan and View of the Forts and Works on the Mountain, which, I doubt not, from his known Abilities, will be ably executed.

It is with the greatest Pleasure that I embrace this Opportunity of submitting, for your Notice, the Merits, Zeal, and great Exertions of all Ranks on this Service.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

HENRY WOODINGTON,
Lieut. Col. &c.

Baroda, 21st September 1803.

(ENCLOSURE, No. II.)

Jonathan Duncan, Esq; &c. &c. &c.

SIR,

I ATTACKED the united Armies of Dowlut Rao Sindia and the Rajah of Berar with my Division on the 23d, and the Result of the Action