

bert Beaver, of the 19th Regiment, has hitherto proceeded in recovering the important Province of Matura from the Candians, and in bringing back its deluded Inhabitants to their Duty. The indefatigable Activity, Zeal, and Ability which that Officer has displayed, since his Assumption of the Command in that District, has fully justified the high Opinion which His Excellency had formed of him from his former Services, and which induced him to appoint him to that arduous Station in a Time of such extreme Difficulty and Discouragement.

His Excellency is highly pleased with the firm, temperate, and humane Conduct of Captain James Shortt, of the 51st Regiment, at Belligham, and has no doubt but that so striking an Instance of Justice and Clemency at the present Moment will have the most beneficial Effect on the Native Inhabitants of these Settlements.

The Governor requests Captain Beaver to communicate his Thanks to the Officers under his Command, and to assure the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of his high Approbation of the Zeal, Activity, and Alacrity with which they have performed their late active Services.

By His Excellency's Command,
(Signed) R. ARBUTHNOT, Chief
Sec. to Government.

By Order of Major-General Macdowall,
(Signed) R. MOWBRAY, Acting
Dep. Adj. General.

5th September 1803.
GENERAL ORDER. By Major-General Macdowall.

THE following Order, by His Excellency the Governor, is published by his Desire to the Troops serving on Ceylon.

GENERAL ORDER. By the Governor.

THE Governor requests Lieutenant Mercer to accept his Thanks for the great Ability, Firmness, and Intrepidity which he has displayed in the Defence of Hangwelle.

He regrets sincerely that the Health of that Officer has suffered by his successful and honorable Exertions, and considers it of too much Value to be endangered by a longer Continuance in so arduous and fatiguing a Command.

His Excellency has heard with great Pleasure how ably and effectually Lieutenant Mercer has been seconded by Lieutenant MacNeagh, of His Majesty's 77th Regiment, doing Duty with the 51st, and all the Officers of his Detachment, and highly approves of the spirited and zealous Conduct of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates.

By His Excellency's Command,
(Signed) R. ARBUTHNOT, Chief
Sec. to Government.

By Order of Major-General Macdowall,
(Signed) R. MOWBRAY, Acting
Dep. Adj. General.

Extract from the CEYLON GOVERNMENT GAZETTE
of 14th September 1803.

13th September 1803.

G. O. By Major-General Macdowall.

THE following Order, by His Excellency the Governor, is published by his Desire to the Troops serving on Ceylon.

G. O. By the Governor.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM POLLOCK of His Majesty's 51st Regiment, in Command of a Detachment from the Garrison of Columbo, having, by a rapid Succession of brilliant and important Victories, driven the Grand Army of the Candians, commanded by the King in Person, out of the British Territories, taken all their Artillery, and their Royal Standard, recovered from them many of the Malays and Gun Lascars, who were made Prisoners by Treachery at Candy, and finally seized the Magazines and Stores prepared by them at Roanally, within their own Limits, His Excellency the Governor is unable to express, in adequate Terms, his lively Sense of the great Services rendered to his Government by that distinguished Officer, and the small, but heroic Detachment which he commands.

He requests him, however, to accept his Thanks, and to communicate them to Captain John Buchan of His Majesty's Ceylon Native Infantry, Captain Frederick Hankey, of His Majesty's 19th Regiment, and all the Officers who have so nobly seconded his Exertions, as well as to Mr. John Orr, Assistant Surgeon of the Bengal Artillery, for the signal Service rendered by him in taking Charge of the Lascars whom we recovered from the Enemy.

His Excellency further desires Captain Pollock to assure the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of his high Approbation of their spirited and exemplary Conduct.

By His Excellency's Command,
(Signed) R. ARBUTHNOT, Chief
Sec. to Government.

By Order of Major-General Macdowall,
(Signed) R. MOWBRAY, Acting
Dep. Adj. General.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Pollock, commanding the Detachment on the Expedition to Rowanella, to Captain R. Mowbray, acting Deputy Adjutant-General, dated Anisfawelle, 13th September 1803.

S I R,

I HAVE the Honor to report, for the Information of Major-General Macdowall, that I marched Yesterday Morning with the Detachment under my Command for Rowanella. I found the Enemy posted at all the Passes on the Road, and very strong Batteries erected for their Defence, from which they were driven with considerable Slaughter, and I am happy to say with only the Loss of One Gun Lascar Tindall wounded on our Side.

On arriving at the Rowanella River, we found the opposite Bank lined with Batteries, and several Pieces of Cannon, from which the Enemy kept up a heavy Fire of round and grape Shot, and a constant Fire of Musquetry; not being sufficiently acquainted with the State of the River, to attempt fording it immediately, the Detachment were here obliged to halt a few Minutes, when a Ford was discovered; Captain Hankey and Lieutenant Mercer, with the Advance, instantly pushed over, and Captain Buchan, with his Detachment, appearing at this Moment on the Enemy's right Flank, they fled in all Directions.

I have the Honor to enclose a Return of Ordnance and Stores captured upon this Occasion, all of which I have brought off. I have much Pleasure in reporting the good Behaviour of the whole Detach-