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THE following Dispatches have been received at the East India-House by Way of Bagdad :

To His Excellency the Most Noble Marquis Wellesley,  
*Et. Et. Et.*

*Camp, Four Miles to the Westward of  
 Cassowly, Nov. 1, 1803.*

MY LORD,  
 I HAVE the Honor to inform your Excellency that I marched from Agra upon the 27th Ultimo, in Pursuit of the Mahratta Force, which was composed of the Brigades which had been detached from the Dekhan, in the early Part of the Campaign, and of a few Battalions which had effected their Escape from Delhi. I was the more anxious to defeat this Corps from its being furnished with a numerous Artillery. Owing to the Detention the Army met with from a heavy Fall of Rain, it was not until the 29th that it reached a Camp to the Westward of the Futtipoor. From Intelligence I received here of the rapid Manner in which the Mahratta Army was moving, I determined to leave the heavy Artillery, with a proper Detachment of Infantry, for its Protection, and to pursue the Enemy by forced Marches, in the Hope of being able the more speedily to come up with him. On the 31st the Army encamped at a short Distance from the Ground which the Enemy had quitted the same Morning. Possessed of this Intelligence, I resolved to make an Effort to overtake him with all the Cavalry of the Army, in the Intention of delaying him, by a light Engagement, until the Infantry should be able to come up. To this End the Cavalry marched at Twelve last Night, and having performed a Distance of more than Forty Miles in Twenty-four Hours, came up with the Enemy this Morning, soon after Day-break. From the sudden Manner in which I came upon the Enemy, I ventured to make an Attack with the Cavalry alone, supported by the Mounted Artillery; but finding him too advantageously posted to hope for complete Success without too much Risk, I drew the Cavalry out of Reach of Cannon Shot, and waited the Arrival of the Infantry. Soon after their Arrival I made a general Attack upon the Enemy's Position, the Result of which I have the Satisfaction of informing your Excellency has been

a complete, though I sincerely lament to add, dear bought Victory.

The Enemy were totally defeated, with the Loss of all their Cannon, Tumbrils, and Baggage; but this important Advantage has only been gained by the Loss of many valuable Officers, the principal of whom are Major-General Ware, Colonel Vaudeleur, Major Griffiths, Major Campbell, the Deputy Quarter-Master-General, and my Aide-de-Camp, Lieutenant Duval, who gloriously fell in this honourable Contest.

I have not been able to ascertain the exact Account of our Loss in Killed and Wounded, Returns of which, with a detailed Account of this important Affair, I shall have the Honor of transmitting to your Excellency by the first Opportunity.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) G. LAKE.

To His Excellency the Most Noble Marquis Wellesley,  
*Et. Et. Et.*

MY LORD,

IN my Dispatch of Yesterday's Date I did myself the Honor to state, for your Lordship's Information, some Particulars of the March of the Army from Agra to the Camp it now occupies, together with the general Result of the Action, which took place Yesterday. I now have the Honor to send your Excellency a more detailed Account of that Affair.

After a forced March of Twenty-five Miles, which was performed by the Cavalry in a little more than Six Hours, I came up with the Enemy, who appeared to be upon their Retreat, and in such Confusion, that I was tempted to try the Effect of an Attack upon him with the Cavalry alone. By cutting the Embankment of a large Reservoir of Water, the Enemy had rendered the Road very difficult to pass, which caused a considerable Delay in the Advance of the Cavalry; of this the Enemy had availed himself to take an advantageous Post, having his Right upon a Rivulet, which we had to cross, and his Left upon the Village of Saswarce; the whole of his Front was amply provided with Artillery. I was prevented from discovering this Change in the Situation of the Enemy, by the Quantity of Dust, which, when once clear of the Water, totally obscured him