

Colonel Stevenson's Division and mine both marched to this Place Yesterday; the Colonel having, with great Prudence and Propriety, halted on the 28th at Hattee Andorah, to enable me to co-operate in the Attack of the Enemy. We found on our Arrival that the Armies of both Chiefs had decamped; and I could perceive, from a Tower in Parterly, a confused Mass, about Two Miles beyond Serfooly and Scindiah's old Camp, which I concluded to be their Armies in March.

The Troops had marched a great Distance on a very hot Day, and therefore I did not think it proper to pursue them; but shortly after our Arrival here Bodies of Horse appeared in our Front, with which the Mysore Horse skirmished during a Part of the Day; and when I went out to push forwards the Picquets of the Infantry to support the Mysore Cavalry, and to take up the Ground of our Encampment, I could perceive distinctly a long Line of Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery, regularly drawn up on the Plains of Argaum, immediately in Front of that Village, and about Six Miles from this Place, at which I intended to encamp.

Although late in the Day I immediately determined to attack this Army. Accordingly I marched on in One Column, the British Cavalry leading, in a Direction nearly parallel to that of the Enemy's Line, covering the Rear and Left by the Mogul and Mysore Cavalry.

The Enemy's Infantry and Guns were in the Left of their Centre, with a Body of Cavalry on their Left. Scindiah's Army, consisting of One very heavy Body of Cavalry, was in the Right, having upon its Right, a Body of Pindaries and other light Troops. Their Line extended above Five Miles, having in their Rear the Village and extensive Gardens and Enclosures of Argaum, and in their Front a Plain, which, however, was much cut by Water-Courses, &c. &c.

I formed the Army in Two Lines: the Infantry in the first, the Cavalry in the second, and supporting the Right; and the Mogul and Mysore Cavalry the Left, nearly parallel to that of the Enemy, with the Right rather advanced to press upon the Enemy's Left. Some little Time elapsed before the Lines could be formed, owing to a Part of the Infantry of my Division which led the Column having got into some Confusion. When formed the Whole advanced in the greatest Order; the 74th and 78th Regiments were attacked by a large Body (supposed to be Persians) and all these were destroyed. Scindiah's Cavalry charged the 1st Battalion 6th Regiment, which was on the Left of our Line, and were repulsed; and the whole Line retired in Disorder before our Troops, leaving in our Hands Thirty-eight Pieces of Cannon and all their Ammunition.

The British Cavalry then pursued them for several Miles, and destroyed great Numbers, and took many Elephants and Camels, and much Baggage. The Mogul and Mysore Cavalry also pursued the Fugitives, and did them great Mischief. Some of the latter are still following them; and I have sent out this Morning all the Mysore, Mogul, and Mahratta Cavalry, in order to secure as many Advantages from this Victory as can be gained, and complete the Enemy's Confusion.

For the Reasons stated in the Commencement of this Letter the Action did not begin till late in the

Day, and, unfortunately, sufficient Daylight did not remain to do all that I could have wished; but the Cavalry continued their Pursuit by Moonlight, and all the Troops were under Arms till a late Hour in the Night.

I have the Honor to enclose a Return of our Loss in this Action. The Troops conducted themselves with their usual Bravery. The 74th and 78th Regiments had a particular Opportunity of distinguishing themselves, and have deserved and received my Thanks. I am also much indebted to Colonel Stevenson for the Advice and Assistance I received from him; to the Honorable Lieutenant-Colonel St. Leger, for the Manner in which he led on the British Cavalry; and to Lieutenant-Colonels Wallace, Adams (who commanded Lieutenant-Colonel Harness's Brigade, the latter being absent on account of severe Indisposition), Haliburton, Maclean, Pogson, and Major Huddleston, who commanded Brigades of Cavalry and Infantry; to Major Campbell, commanding the 94th Regiment; to Captain Beauman, commanding the Artillery with the Division under my immediate Command; to Captain Burke, commanding the Artillery with the Subsidiary Force; and to the Officers of the Staff with my Division, and belonging to the Subsidiary Force.

I have also to inform your Excellency, that the Mogul Cavalry under Solabut Khan, and the Mysore Cavalry under Bittnapah Pundit, distinguished themselves. The former took a Standard from Scindiah's Troops.

The Mahratta Cavalry were not engaged, as the Person who went to them with Orders missed his Road. Amrut Rao was not in the Action, as he had encamped some Distance in my Rear on the 28th, and he could not march the whole Distance to Parterly Yesterday Morning; but he sent for Orders as soon as he heard that I intended to attack the Enemy.

I propose to march To-morrow towards Gawilghur, and I shall lose no Time in attacking that Place.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) ARTHUR WELLESLEY.

*Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the Troops under the Command of Major-General the Honorable Arthur Wellesley, on the 29th November 1803, in the Action on the Plains of Argaum, with the United Armies of Dowlut Rao Scindiah and the Rajah of Berar, commanded by the Maharaja and Munnoo Bappoo, Brother to the Rajah of Berar.*

*The Troops composing the Honorable Major-General Wellesley's Division of the Army.*

His Majesty's 19th Light Dragoons.—1 Quarter-Master and 5 Privates, wounded.

Hon. Comp. 4th Reg. N. C.—1 Trooper, 1 Officer's, and 1 Regimental Horse, killed; 1 Trooper and 1 Horse, wounded; 6 Horses, missing.

Hon. Comp. 5th Ditto.—1 Horse, killed.

Hon. Comp. 7th Ditto.—3 Horses, killed; 2 Horses, wounded; 1 Trooper and 3 Horses, missing.

Artillery.—2 Lascars, killed; 1 Corporal, 1 Gunner, 4 Matrosses, and 11 Gun Lascars, wounded.

His Majesty's 74th Reg.—1 Serjeant and 3 Rank and File, killed; 1 Lieutenant, 5 Serjeants, 1 Drummer, and 41 Rank and File, wounded.