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THE following Intelligence has been received at the East India-House, from Bengal:

To His Excellency the Most Noble Marquis Wellesley,
Governor-General, &c. &c. &c.

MY LORD,

MY Dispatches of the 24th and 25th Instant* will have informed your Lordship of the complete Success of our Operations against the Town and Fort of Deig.

I attribute our early Possession of this strong Fortress, entirely to the Panic which the Garrison experienced, on witnessing the irresistible Valour and Intrepidity of our Troops in carrying by Assault the Outwork, and storming their numerous Batteries, under the Walls of the Town, which were supported by extensive Entrenchments, occupied by a large Force, consisting of several of the Rajah of Bhurtpore's Battalions, and the remaining Infantry of Jeswunt Rao Holkar. The Number of the Enemy killed on the Night of the 23d Instant was immense.

The ardent Zeal, Energy, and irresistible Valour, which has marked the Conduct of our Officers and Troops employed on this Occasion, under Circumstances of peculiar Difficulty and Danger, must ever reflect on them the highest Credit; and the Benefit the Nation has received from their exemplary and heroic Behaviour, must be Matter of proud Exultation to every Well-wisher of the British Empire.

Too much Praise cannot be bestowed on every Corps engaged, for the perfect Regularity with which this Service was performed.

I found it necessary to divide the Force destined for this Service into Three Columns, the Whole moving off so as to reach the different Points of Attack a little before Twelve at Night.

The Right Column, under Captain Kelly, consisting of Four Battalion Companies of the Honorable Company's European Regiments, and Five Companies of the 1st Battalion 12th Regiment Native Infantry, was ordered to carry the Enemy's Batteries and Trenches on the high Ground to the Left of the Town. The Success of this Party was complete, and entitles Captain Kelly to every Praise for the

* These Letters have not been received.

Manner in which it was conducted, and for the Coolness and Gallantry he displayed under every trying Circumstance, exposed to a heavy Fire from Artillery, which was defended with desperate Resolution. Captain Raban, of the Artillery, who accompanied this Party for the Purpose of spiking or bringing off the captured Ordnance, particularly signalized himself on this dangerous Service.

The Left Column, under Major Radcliffe, consisting of the remaining Four Battalion Companies of the Honorable Company's European Regiment, and Five Companies of the 1st Battalion 12th Regiment Native Infantry, was destined to carry the Trenches and Batteries on the Enemy's Right. This Column was equally successful with that opposed to their Left; and the Service was performed with equal Gallantry and Spirit, and reflects infinite Credit on Major Radcliffe.

The Centre Column, led by Lieutenant-Colonel Macrae, (who had the general Command of the Whole,) consisting of the Flank Companies of His Majesty's 22d, 76th, and of the Honorable Company's European Regiment, and of the 1st Battalion 8th Regiment Native Infantry, composed the storming Party.

I have hardly Words to express my Sense of the Conduct of this Party, who, under a galling Fire, on their Flanks, of Cannon and Musketry from the Enemy's Batteries and Trenches, and over broken and extremely unfavourable Ground, rushed on to the Breach, and gained Possession of the Work, with a Spirit and Ardour which must have ensured Success whatever might have been the Opposition.

I feel myself under the greatest Obligations to Lieutenant-Colonel Macrae, to whose Conduct on this Occasion I attribute the ultimate Success of the Attack.

Lieutenant-Colonel Ball, who commanded the 1st Battalion 8th Regiment Native Infantry, is entitled to the greatest Praise for the Activity and Spirit he displayed in leading on his Men; and for the able Assistance he rendered Colonel Macrae, in the Adoption of such Measures as became afterwards necessary to secure us in Possession of the Place. It is with sincere Grief I add, that this valuable Officer received a severe, though, I trust, not dangerous Wound, but which will, I fear, deprive me of his Services for some Time.