

am sorry to add, that the Ditch was found so broad and deep, that every Attempt to pass it proved unsuccessful, and the Party was obliged to return to the Trenches without effecting their Object. The Troops behaved with their usual Steadiness; but I fear, from the heavy Fire they were unavoidably exposed to for a considerable Time, that our Loss has been severe. I shall have the Honor to forward Returns of the Killed and Wounded as soon as possible. I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) G. LAKE.

*Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing in the Assault of Bhurtpore, on the 21st of January 1805.*

Total.—2 Captains, 1 Captain-Lieutenant, 13 Lieutenants, 22 Serjeants, 19 Corporals, 2 Drummers, 201 Privates, 6 Subadars, 5 Jemadars, 15 Havildars, 30 Naicks, 6 Drummers, 200 Sepoys, 3 Bheetes, 1 Tindal, 13 Lascars, and 6 Bildars.

*Names of Officers, killed, wounded, and missing.*

*Killed.*

76th Reg.—Lieutenants D. Macrae and C. M. Bland.

2d Batt. 15th Reg.—Lieutenant T. M'Gregor.

*Wounded.*

75th Reg.—Captain W. Hessman; Lieutenants T. Grant and J. C. Dumas.

76th Reg.—Lieutenants C. Templeton, J. Macrae, and W. Bright.

22d Reg.—Captain Lindsay.

2d Batt. 9th N. I.—Lieutenant Trowers.

2d Batt. 15th N. I.—Captain-Lieutenant H. Adison.

2d Batt. 22d N. I.—Lieutenants Watson, Day, and Pollock.

Pioneers.—Lieutenant Gallaway (doing Duty).

(Signed) J. GERARD, Adj. Gen.

*Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the Flank Companies of the European Regiment, in the Storm of the Town of Bhurtpore, Jan. 21, 1805.*

*Camp before Bhurtpore, Jan. 25, 1805.*

1 Corporal and 1 Private, killed; 2 Lieutenants, 2 Serjeants, 4 Corporals, and 31 Privates, wounded; 1 Private, missing.

*Officers wounded.*

Lieutenants Morris and Watson, the former severely.

J. GERARD, Adj. Gen.

*Letter from Lord Lake to the Governor-General, dated Head-Quarters, Camp before Bhurtpore, 23d January 1805.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the Honor to inform your Lordship, that I, Yesterday Morning, detached the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry, and the 1st Battalion 15th Regiment, under the Command of Captain Welsh, of the former Corps, to meet a Convoy of Provisions, on its Way from Muttra to my Camp. The Detachment having, Yesterday Evening, joined the Convoy, halted for the Night about Six Cois from my Camp, and moved again at an early Hour this Morning. The Detachment was attacked on its March by a very considerable Body of Infantry with Guns, and the Whole of the united Force of Cavalry belonging to Holkar, Ameer Khan, and Bappoojee Scindiah, about Four Cois from Camp, which obliged them to occupy a Village, for the

Purpose of collecting the Convoy, and preserving it from the numerous Cavalry of the Enemy. Immediately on hearing the Firing, I ordered Lieutenant-Colonel Need, with His Majesty's 27th Light Dragoons, and the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry, to proceed to the Relief of the Party, whilst I followed with the Main Body of the Cavalry of the Army. I have the Pleasure to inform your Lordship, that the Detachment under Captain Welsh made a most gallant Defence; and immediately, on the Approach of Lieutenant-Colonel Need, they moved out of the Village, charged, and totally routed the Enemy to whom they were opposed. Great Numbers of the Enemy were killed; and nearly Forty Stands of Colours, and all the Artillery they had in the Field, consisting of Four Guns, with their Tumbrils, fell into our Hands. This Body of Infantry was commanded by Ameer Khan, who, according to the Information I have received from some of his Servants who were made Prisoners, was so closely pressed, that, to prevent himself from being known, he stripped himself of his Clothes and Arms, and is supposed to have escaped in that Situation; some Accounts render it probable that he has fallen, but on this Subject I have no certain Information. Ameer Khan's Palanquin, with a complete Suit of Armour, said to be his, has been brought into Camp, as has also Bappoojee Scindiah's Palanquin. Too much Praise cannot be bestowed on the Troops engaged, for their good Conduct and Activity on this Occasion; and I feel infinitely indebted to Captain Welsh, who commanded the Escort, for the Gallantry with which he resisted the repeated Attacks of a numerous Enemy. Lieutenant-Colonel Need is likewise entitled to my best Thanks, for the Activity and Spirit with which he charged and completed the Rout of the Enemy, whose Loss has been very great. I feel it particularly incumbent on me to mention the Service rendered by Major Salkeld, the Deputy Quarter Master-General, who carried my Orders to Lieutenant-Colonel Need, and proceeded to point out the Road to that Officer; his Services on this, as on every Occasion, have been most conspicuous for Zeal and Gallantry. I want Words to express to your Lordship how infinitely I feel indebted to this meritorious Officer for the Assistance he has rendered me in every Instance where I have had an Opportunity of availing myself of his Services. I am happy to add, that our Loss on this Occasion has not been considerable. Lieutenant Gordon, of the 15th Native Infantry, and Cornet Erskine, of the 1st Native Cavalry, have been wounded, but I hope not dangerously. The Number of Privates wounded does not exceed Twenty, and I believe only Two Men have been killed. I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) G. LAKE.

*Letter from Lord Lake to the Governor-General, dated Head-Quarters, Camp before Bhurtpore, 21st February 1805.*

MY LORD,

MY Dispatch of the 20th will have informed your Lordship of our Failure on that Day, in an Attempt to carry Bhurtpore by Assault.

I have now the Honor to detail, for your Lordship's Information, the Plans that were formed to ensure, if possible; the Success of the Attempt.

