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Whitehall, October 7, 1805.

THE following Intelligence has been received at the East India House:

William Ramsay, Esq; &c. &c. &c.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to request that you will be pleased to lay before the Honorable the Court of Directors the accompanying Calcutta Gazette Extraordinary, dated 23d of April, and this Moment received.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(Signed) F. WARDEN, Sec. to Gov.

Bombay-Castle, May 16, 1805.

CALCUTTA GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY.

Fort William, April 23, 1805.

The following Heads of Intelligence, compiled from official and authentic Documents, received by His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor-General, from His Excellency the Right Honorable the Commander in Chief, are published for general Information.

MAJOR-GENERAL SMITH, with a Detachment of Cavalry under his Command, having effected the Expulsion of Meer Khan from Rohilcund and the Doab, rejoined the Army of the Right Honorable the Commander in Chief before Bhurtpore, on the 23d March. Meer Khan having re-crossed the Jumna, had arrived at Futtypore Seckree Two Days before General Smith's Arrival at Bhurtpore. This Chieftain had been abandoned by his Troops, with the Exception of a small Body of Cavalry. The whole of his Infantry and Artillery quitted his Service about the Period of his Incurtion into the Doab, and have since been employed by other Chieftains. Meer Khan himself is gone off in Search of Employment, attended only by a few Hundred predatory Horse.

On the 29th of March, His Excellency the Right Honorable the Commander in Chief, with a Column of Cavalry under his Lordship's personal Command, and a Column of Infantry under Lieutenant Colonel Don, marched at Two o'Clock in the Morning to surprise the Cavalry of Jeswunt Rao Holkar, which was encamped at the Distance of a few Cols from Bhurtpore. The Apprehension of being surprised had induced the Enemy to encamp in several separate Divisions, and the Operations of the British Troops

were directed against Two of his principal Encampments. His Lordship, with the Cavalry, took a circuitous Direction to the Right under the Hills; whilst Lieutenant-Colonel Don, with the Infantry, proceeded to the Left, by the direct Road to the Position of the Enemy. The Enemy having received Information from his Hircarrahs, of the Approach of the British Troops, was prepared for Flight when Lord Lake reached his Camp. The Enemy however suffered some Loss in his Retreat from the Fire of the Column of Infantry; and, notwithstanding the Rapidity of his Flight, a Charge was effected by the British Cavalry, in which about Two Hundred of the Enemy were destroyed. A Quantity of Baggage and Cattle, consisting chiefly of about Fifty Camels, One Hundred Horses, Two Elephants, and Twenty Hackeries, was captured by the British Troops. Lord Lake, after pursuing the Enemy to a considerable Distance, returned to Camp at Eleven o'Clock in the same Morning.

On the 1st of April, Lord Lake received Intelligence that Jeswunt Rao Holkar, having retired to a greater Distance from the British Army, had assembled the greater Part of his Troops and Baggage at a Position Eight Cols from Bhurtpore, in the Direction of Futtypore, Lord Lake, in the Expectation that the Vigilance of the Enemy would be diminished in consequence of the Distance to which he had removed, determined to attempt to surprise his Camp. His Lordship accordingly marched at One o'Clock on the Morning of the 2d of April, with the whole of the Cavalry, the Horse Artillery, and the Reserve of the Army, and arrived in the Neighbourhood of Jeswunt Rao Holkar's Camp before the Dawn of Day; Jeswunt Rao Holkar had received Intelligence of Lord Lake's Approach about Two Hours before his Lordship had reached the Vicinity of his Camp, and had sent off a Part of his Baggage. The Enemy was posted round a high Village, with his Front covered by cultivated Fields, surrounded by high Enclosures. It was still Dark, but the Fires of the Enemy enabled Lord Lake to make his Disposition for the Attack without waiting for Daylight.

The Cavalry, formed in Two Lines, moved round to the Right, whilst the Reserve and the Horse Artillery, under Lieutenant-Colonel Don, was ordered to gain the Left of the Village with as much Expe-