

before the time hereby appointed for the meeting of the said Peers to proceed to such election.

Witness George Prince of Wales, Regent of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, at Westminster, the twenty-ninth day of September one thousand eight hundred and twelve, in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's reign.

GOD save the KING.

Whitehall, September 29, 1812.

THE following extracts and letter have been received at the East India House from the Governor General in Council at Fort William, in Bengal.

Extract of a Dispatch from the Governor-General in Council, dated 6th March 1812.

WE deem it proper to transmit a circumstantial detail of the assault upon the celebrated fortress of Callinger; and the insuperable obstacles which occasioned its failure. This detail is contained in a dispatch from Colonel Martindell, commanding the troops, dated the 4th ultimo. We have the honour to transmit a copy of that dispatch, together with the copy of a letter from the Adjutant-General, in which the former has been communicated to Government:

We participate most cordially in the applause bestowed by his Excellency the Commander in Chief and by Colonel Martindell, on the exemplary gallantry and persevering intrepidity manifested by the officers and men engaged in the assault; an assault which, although it failed in the immediate attainment of its object, can scarcely be deemed unsuccessful; since to the terror inspired by it must be ascribed the subsequent surrender of this almost impregnable fortress, on terms and in a manner which have maintained the credit of our arms, without any sacrifice of dignity, or any concessions of material importance to our interests. We concur also entirely in the praise bestowed by the Commander in Chief on the distinguished zeal, judgment, and exertions of Colonel Martindell, in conducting the arrangements and operations of the late service in Bundelcund.

We deeply lament the loss, in killed and wounded, which, by the return accompanying Colonel Martindell's dispatch, your Honourable Court will find has attended this enterprise, but we have the satisfaction to learn, that, with very few exceptions, the wounded are in a state of recovery, and that the total number of those who have been killed, or who have died of their wounds, including officers, does not exceed nineteen or twenty.

To N. B. Edmonstone, Esq. Chief Secretary to Government, Secret Department.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Commander in Chief to request you will lay before the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council, the enclosed copy of a dispatch dated the 4th ultimo, but only received this morning, from Colonel Martindell, command-

ing in Bundelcund, detailing the particulars of the assault on Callinger, on the morning of the 2d of February, and transmitting a return of the killed and wounded in that most gallant enterprise.

Although the Commander in Chief deeply laments the loss sustained by the British troops in the attempt to carry Callinger by storm, his Excellency considers the early surrender of that celebrated fortress to the British power, as the immediate consequence of the impression made on the mind of the enemy, by the determined spirit shewn in the assault of the breach, and by the severity of the loss he experienced on that occasion.

The Commander in Chief trusts that, although the exertions of Lieutenant-Colonel Mawbey, of His Majesty's 53d foot, and of the brave officers and men who acted under him on this arduous service, were not crowned by the immediate success which they deserved, owing to the formidable natural obstacles which opposed them, their zeal and gallantry will not be viewed the less entitled to the distinguished approbation of his Lordship in Council.

Reverting to the arrangements made for assembling the force before Callinger, and for investing the place, as well as to the progress of the siege, the Commander in Chief finds just occasion for bringing to the favourable notice of Government, the conduct of Colonel Martindell in the general direction of the important service confided to his experience and ability; and the persevering zeal and exertions manifested by all descriptions of the troops, the detachments of the European cavalry, artillery, and infantry, the native infantry and pioneers in the laborious operations of the siege prior to the assault on the 2d February. The Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council will have noticed with peculiar satisfaction, in Colonel Martindell's former dispatches, the testimony borne to the services rendered by the artillery and engineer departments throughout the siege; and to the exemplary valour displayed by Captain Smyth, the directing engineer, on the morning of the 2d February.

I have the honour to be, &c.

G. W. FAGAN, Adjutant-General.

*Adjutant-General's Office, Fort William,
March 5, 1812.*

To Lieutenant-Colonel Fagan, Adjutant-General.

SIR,

WITH reference to my letter to your address of the 2d instant, reporting the failure on the morning of that day, I have now the honour to transmit a return of the killed and wounded, and to state for the information of his Excellency the Commander in Chief, that the storming party consisted of five companies of His Majesty's 53d regiment, twelve companies of grenadiers, and nine companies of light infantry of the line, divided into three columns of eight companies each, exclusive of the grenadiers and light infantry of His Majesty's 53d, under Captain Fraser of that corps; and the following is the disposition that was made on the day previous to the attack.

The forlorn hope, consisting of a serjeant and