

To Rear-Admiral Malcolm, and the several Captains employed in the landing, &c. I confess the greatest obligation. I must leave it to the Vice-Admiral to do them the justice they so much deserve, for I cannot find words to express the exertions made by every branch of the Navy, since the period of our arrival on this coast.

In the attack made on the centre, Lieutenant-Colonel Stovin, Assistant-Adjutant-General, received a severe wound, which deprived me of his able services; to him and Major Forrest, Assistant Quarter-Master-General, I feel greatly indebted; they are both Officers of great merit; Colonel Brooke is entitled to every praise for securing our right flank.

To Colonel Thornton I feel particularly grateful; his conduct on the night of the 23d, I shall ever admire and honour. He headed his brigade in the most spirited manner, and afforded it a brilliant example of active courage and cool determination.

I have every reason to be satisfied with Lieutenant-Colonel Brooke, commanding the 4th regiment; as also with Major Mitchell, of the 95th, who was unfortunately taken prisoner at the close of the affair.

The exertions of Major Monroe, of the royal artillery, were unremitting; to him, and the officers under his command, I feel every obligation. The assistance given by Captain Blanchard, and the officers of the royal engineers, was most conspicuous, and entitle them to my best thanks.

Brevet Major Hooper, Acting Deputy Assistant-Adjutant-General, was attached to the light brigade. Colonel Thornton states, that he derived the greatest benefit from his activity, zeal, and judgment. I regret to have to add that he was very severely wounded, and had his leg amputated in the course of the night.

The indefatigable zeal and intelligence displayed by Lieutenants Peddie and Evans, of the Quarter Master General's department, entitle them to the most favourable consideration.

Assistant Commissary General Wemyss's arrangements were satisfactory, and Deputy Inspector Thompson claims my best acknowledgements, for the care and attention shewn the wounded, the whole of whom were collected, dressed, and comfortably lodged, before two in the morning.

Major Mills of the 14th light dragoons accompanied me on shore; from him, Captain Persse, my aid-de-camp; and the Honorable Lieutenant Curzon, naval aid-de-camp, I received every assistance.

Trusting that the steps I pursued while in command, will meet your approbation,

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) JOHN KEANE, Maj. Gen.

Major-General the Hon. Sir E. Pakenham, K. B. &c. &c. &c.

*Redoubt, on the Right Bank of the
MISSISSIPPI, Jan. 8, 1815.*

I LOSE no time in reporting to you the success of the troops which you were yesterday pleased to place under my orders, with the view of attacking

the enemy's redoubt and position on this side of the river.

It is within your own knowledge, that the difficulty had been found so extremely great of dragging the boats through the canal which had been lately cut with so much labour to the Mississippi, that, notwithstanding every possible exertion for the purpose, we were unable to proceed across the river until eight hours after the time appointed, and even then, with only a third part of the force which you had allotted for the service.

The current was so strong, and the difficulty, in consequence, of keeping the boats together, so great, that we only reached this side of the river at day break, and by the time the troops were disembarked, which was effected without any molestation from the enemy, I perceived by the flashes of the guns, that your attack had already commenced.

This circumstance made me extremely anxious to move forward, to prevent the destructive enfilading fire, which would of course be opened on your columns from the enemy's batteries on this side; and I proceeded with the greatest possible expedition, strengthened and secured on my right flank by three gun boats, under Captain Roberts of the Navy, whose zeal and exertions on this occasion were as unremitted as his arrangements in embarking the troops, and in keeping the boats together in crossing the river, were excellent.

The enemy made no opposition to our advance, until we reached a picquet, posted behind a bridge, at about five hundred paces from the house in the Orange Grove, and secured by a small work, apparently just thrown up.

This picquet was very soon forced and driven in by a division of the 85th regiment, under Captain Schaw, of that regiment, forming the advanced guard, and whose mode of attack for the purpose was prompt and judicious to a degree.

Upon my arrival at the Orange Grove, I had an opportunity of reconnoitring, at about seven hundred yards, the enemy's position, which I found to be a very formidable redoubt on the bank of the river, with the right flank secured by an entrenchment extending back to a thick wood, and its line protected by an incessant fire of grape. Under such circumstances it seemed to me to afford the best prospect of success, to endeavour to turn his right at the wood; and I accordingly detached two divisions of the 85th, under Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Gubbins, to effect that object, which he accomplished with his usual zeal and judgment, whilst one hundred sailors, under Captain Money, of the Royal Navy, who, I am sorry to say, was severely wounded, but whose conduct was particularly distinguished on the occasion, threatened the enemy's left, supported by the division of the 85th regiment, under Captain Schaw.

When these divisions had gained their proper position I deployed the column composed of two divisions of the 85th regiment, under Major Deshon, whose conduct I cannot sufficiently commend, and about one hundred men of the royal marines under Major Adair, also deserving of much commendation, and moved forward in line, to the attack of the centre of the intrenchment.

At first the enemy, confident in his own security, shewed a good countenance, and kept up a