



SUPPLEMENT

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India-Board, Whitehall, May 16, 1815.

THE following letter from the Adjutant-General of the Forces in Bengal to the Secretary of the Supreme Government, with its inclosures, has been received at the East India-House, from the Vice-President in Council, in a dispatch dated the 18th November 1814.

To John Adam, Esq. Secretary to Government,
Secret Department.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief to transmit to you, for the information of Government, copy of a dispatch received this afternoon from Colonel Mawbey, at present commanding the British troops in the Dhoon, reporting the particulars of the gallant, but unsuccessful, attack on the fort of Kalunga, on the 31st ultimo. Great as is the loss sustained on this occasion, and deeply as it is to be deplored, it is some satisfaction to the mind of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief to observe, it falls considerably short of the number there was at first reason to apprehend had fallen and suffered.

The undaunted valour displayed by the officers and troops who were engaged, under the serious disadvantage of one column only, and the reserve having (from the accidental cause mentioned by Colonel Mawbey) reached the destined points of assault, out of four columns and a reserve, ordered by their lamented leader in the original plan of attack, has excited the highest admiration in the Commander in Chief, and the firmest conviction in His Excellency's mind, that the object would have been effected, if the most determined valour could possibly have achieved it under the circumstances of the contest.

Orders have been given for the close investment

of the place, and means are about to be employed for its reduction, which will, the Commander in Chief trusts, prove speedily effectual.

The Commander in Chief cannot conclude without reiterating the sentiments of deep concern which he has already expressed at the severe public loss sustained, by the untimely and ever-to-be lamented fall of Major-General Gillespie, who evinced in the mournful close of his career, that ardour of heroism and devoted zeal, which had so strikingly distinguished its whole course.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) G. H. FAGAN, Adj. Gen.

Head-Quarters, Lucknow, Nov. 9, 1814.

P. S. Colonel Ochterlony, with the Ludheanah detachment, joined the other corps of his division at Rooper on the 30th instant, and was at Plapea on the 31st, preparatory to moving against Nallaghur, the key to the principal passes leading to Ummer Sing Thappah's position at Irkih, near the Sutledge.

SIR, *Camp before Kalunga, Nov. 1, 1814.*

IN continuation of the brief and hurried account of the melancholy transactions of yesterday, which I had the honour to forward to you, I now beg leave to transmit, for the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief's information, the following more detailed and connected report of the unfortunate and unsuccessful attack on the fort of Kalunga, in the Dhoon.

In pursuance of the arrangements and instructions of our late noble and gallant leader, Major-General Gillespie, the army was formed into four columns of attack, with a column of reserve, on the 29th of October, agreeable to the inclosed statement.