

3d of February, a letter from the Lieutenant-Colonel, dated at Ganiteynne, on the 2d, informed, that the advance of that division, under Major Moffatt, of the 1st Ceylon regiment, having been detached to support a patrolle which was conceived to be in danger, had advanced so near the fortified post which commands the Balani Pass, that it was deemed advisable to attack it; and it had been carried, after a trifling opposition.

At Attypittya, on the 4th, I received Major Hook's report, dated from Gerigamme the preceding day, apprizing me that he had taken possession of that strong position and the neighbouring hill fort of Galgederah, with hardly any resistance, and no loss.

On the 6th I reached Ganiteynne, where it became necessary to halt for some days, to give time for the concentration of the divisions advancing from Trincomalee and the east side of the Kandian territory. Lieutenant-Colonel O'Connell was encamped here, and Major Moffatt posted at Amenoopora, one mile and a half beyond the pass, and a free communication open between the two corps.

Here the Akdiar Molligodde, by a message through Mr. D'Oyley, requested permission to surrender himself with the banners and records of the four Korles, of which he is Dessave, having received intimation of the escape of his family from Kandy. My consent being signified to him, he, on the 8th February, came into camp in state, attended by a number of Chiefs of the four Korles, who had not previously appeared, and formally gave up the insignia and records of his Dessave into the hands of Mr. D'Oyley, whom I had deputed as Commissioner on the part of the British Government to confer with him.

Learning by reports from Major Kelly, commanding the 3d division, and proceeding through the province of Saffragam and Onrah towards the Indulgasinha Pass, that he could be sufficiently advanced to support a forward movement on the part of Lieutenant-Colonel O'Connell and Major Hook's divisions, I, on the 10th, directed Lieutenant-Colonel O'Connell to ascend the Pass and occupy Major Moffatt's position, sending his detachment a little in advance; and on the evening of the same day, I joined the camp at Amenoopora.

The Adikar Cheylapola, who had followed my progress as far as Ganiteynne, proposed to take a different route from thence; and being furnished with an escort of about fifty men, proceeded up the mountains, by a road to the right, leading into the province of Oudinooora, the inhabitants of which he was desirous to communicate with.

Late in the evening of the 11th, a report was brought to Mr. D'Oyley, that a division of the British troops, supposed to be that commanded by Major Hook, had reached Kattugastotte, a ferry of the great river called Mabavilliganga, about three miles distant from Kandy; that the King had quitted the capital, and that the defences at Gonarooha, another ferry of the same river, about an equal distance from the city, were abandoned.

A patrolle, sent forward during the night, under the command of Major Brownrigg, reached Gonarooha early in the morning, and, fording the river, ascertained the truth of the intelligence in

all its parts. Batteries of great extent were erected here, reaching from the common place of crossing for a considerable distance along the opposite bank, and commanding the ford; but were entirely destitute of either men or guns. Hideous objects of the King's resentment here presented themselves, in the remains of poor wretches stuck up on poles on both sides of the river, seven of which were full in view at the ferry, and the whole number counted in that neighbourhood was nineteen.

Major Moffatt, with the advance of the 2nd division, being a few miles in front of the general encampment, was, by Major Brownrigg, on his return with the patrolle, directed to proceed forward to Gonarooha, in consequence of my orders to that effect.

On learning the foregoing particulars, I, on the 12th, dispatched Major Willerman, Deputy Quarter-Master-General, towards Kandy, with instructions to prevent the possibility of injury to persons or property, by prohibiting the entry of the troops within the gates of the city, otherwise than as guards, under such disposition as Major Willerman might judge advisable.

Mr. D'Oyley, who had accompanied the patrolle the preceding evening, and remained at Gonarooha until joined by Major Moffatt's detachment, with which, before the arrival of Major Willerman, he had advanced to the city, which was found entirely deserted of inhabitants, and stripped of all property; empty chests, baskets and mats, were the only things found, except some few articles of furniture, not portable enough nor of sufficient value to be removed.

The detachment encamped without the gate.

On the 13th in the morning I left the position at Amenoopora with Lieutenant-Colonel O'Connell's division, which I caused to halt at a convenient place on the hitherside of the river, proceeding myself to the King's granary, between Gonarooha and the town, where I passed the night; and on the following day entered Kandy with my personal suite, and fixed my quarters in the Palace.

In the mean time I had learnt by reports from Major Hook, that he had been induced to advance, in prosecution of a plan formed with Captain de Bussche, who, with his detachment, had ascended the Jaltoevre Gravat, and was in communication with the first division, at a short distance to the left.

Information which those Officers had received, rendered it probable that the King was about to fly, and that the only remaining hope of securing him was by a rapid and secret movement of those two corps.

I was apprized by Major Kelly that he had, after a faint resistance by the enemy, possessed himself of the batteries commanding the Idalgasinha Pass, and ascended the mountains. A subsequent letter of the 13th announced the further progress of this division as far as Maturate, and by one, dated in the afternoon of the same day, at Maugala Dobbada Ganecure, one day's march from Haugeraukette, received by me on the 14th, soon after reaching the Palace, I was informed of Major Kelly having seized (together with a great deal of treasure) a number of women and children, whom he considered to be of the King's family; but this idea was afterwards found erroneous, though seven-