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A DISPATCH, dated Fattyghur, 1st June 1815, has been received at the East India House from General the Earl of Moira, K. G. Governor-General and Commander in Chief of the British territories in India; together with the following inclosures:

Copy of a Letter and Inclosure from Colonel Nicolls, C. B. to the Adjutant-General.

Camp before Almora., April 23, 1815, Seven P. M.

SIR,

I HAVE very great satisfaction in transmitting, for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, a copy of a letter just received from Major Patton, commanding the detachment which marched last night against Hustee Dhull, by which His Excellency will, I am sure, with pleasure observe, that the gallantry of the Officers and men employed, has with ease obtained advantages of very considerable importance over that Chief, and the *élite* of the army under his command. The enemy is already much agitated by this happy event, and is reinforcing his detachment, which I shall also do.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) J. NICOLLS, Colonel.

To Lieutenant Webb, Acting Major of Brigade.

SIR, Camp near Gunnanath, April 23, 1815.

I HAVE the pleasure of acquainting you, for the information of Colonel Nicolls, that the detachment he did me the honour of placing under my command last night, came up with the force under the Goorkah Chief Hustee Dhull, and after a sharp action, and pursuit over several hills, completely defeated and dispersed them.

Nothing could exceed the gallantry of our Officers and soldiers; all were anxious to close with the enemy, and actually drove them over the brink of a precipice.

I am sorry to say, we had two or three killed, and thirteen or fourteen wounded; a particular return shall be sent as soon as collected.

I have the honour to be, &c.  
(Signed) R. PATTON,  
Major commanding Detachment.

Copy of Letters and Inclosures from the Adjutant-General to the Secretary to Government.

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

SIR, Fattyghur, April 30, 1815.

BY the Commander in Chief's desire, I yesterday had the honour to transmit to you Colonel Nicoll's dispatch of the 23d instant, announcing the complete defeat of Hustee Dhull Chowtra. I have now, by his Excellency's command, the satisfaction to forward, in order to be laid before the Right Honourable the Governor-General, the inclosed copies of dispatches from Colonel Nicolls, dated the 24th and 25th instant, reporting the death of Hustee Dhull Chowtra, who fell mortally wounded in the engagement with Major Patton's detachment; the subsequent capture, by storm, of the enemy's stockaded positions in front of Almora, and the occupation of that capital by the British arms.

The decisive and brilliant successes obtained by the detachment under Colonel Nicolls, are considered by the Commander in Chief to be most honourable to our arms, while they promise, in their consequences, to be attended with the most beneficial influence on the general success of the war.

The Commander in Chief begs to solicit the particular notice of the Governor-General to the consummate judgment, energy, and skill, with which Colonel Nicolls has conducted the important service entrusted to him in Kemaoon, and to the unsurpassed zeal and gallantry of the troops, who have so nobly seconded his efforts in the service of his country.

The Right Hon. the Commander in Chief receives the public expression of his thanks and approbation to Colonel Nicolls and his detachment, until the receipt of that Officer's report of the result of the operations in which he was engaged at the date of the last dispatch.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) G. H. FAGAN, Adjutant-Gen.

SIR, Camp before Almora, April 24, 1815.

I HAD last night the honour to transmit a copy of a letter, received from Major Patton, command-

ing the detachment\* which I ordered to march on the night of the 22d, against Husteé Dhull Chowtra.

With the sincerest satisfaction I have the honour to transmit, for the information of his Excellency the Commander in Chief, a subsequent report from Major Patton, and to add, that the rout and dispersion of that Chief's selected force is fully confirmed. Some have returned to Almora, but by no means the whole force, if we can credit reports. With sentiments of regret for the death of a gallant Chief, mixed with those of joy for the removal of an active and vigilant enemy, I have to announce the death of Husteé Dhull Chowtra, uncle to the reigning Rajah of Nepal; he was shot through the temple, and died upon the road to Almorah.

A Sirdar, named Jeyrookah, has also been brought into Almorah, dangerously wounded through the body.

I hope to open the eight-inch mortars upon Sittolee to-morrow, and, under the prevailing alarm and dejection, I dare say the apprehension of these formidable engines will induce the enemy to an early evacuation of that post.

I transmit herewith a list of the killed and wounded, which is not as great as might have been expected, a circumstance on which I very heartily congratulate his Excellency the Commander in Chief.

Major Patton's conduct in directing this enterprise, entitles him to my warmest approbation; his decision and promptitude were only equalled by his skill and gallantry.

I wish he had named the Officers, European and native, who have had, and embraced opportunities of distinguishing themselves, in order that I might have performed the grateful duty of bringing their achievements to the notice of his Excellency.

This delightful task is, however, only postponed, as I feel that my pleasure at this success, cannot be complete, until I have held up the gallant promoters of it to the grateful admiration of their honourable employers, their country, and their Sovereign.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) J. NICOLLS, Colonel.

To Lieutenant Webb, Acting Major of Brigade.

SIR, Camp.

I HAVE the honour of sending you a return of killed and wounded of the detachment in action with the enemy on the 23d of April 1815.

I am most anxious to remove the wounded, as soon as practicable, into your camp, and as Mr. Davis has reported five most dangerous cases, which cannot be properly attended to in this camp, I have directed them (provided we can find means) to be conveyed to Kutra Mull, with as little delay as possible, under an escort of a few regulars and a party of Colonel Gardner's irregulars.

We have a report in camp, that Husteé Dhull has been very desperately wounded, and carried into Almora, and there is certainly another of their Chiefs killed, his embroidered belt, musket, &c. having been brought into camp.

All the reports I have received this morning state, that the enemy have all retired to Almora.

I have, &c.

R. PATTON, Major Commanding Detachment.

P. S. Let me beg of you to expedite supplies to us. The country has hitherto produced nothing.

\* 1 six-pounder field piece; 1 four two-fifth mortar; detail of artillery; five companies 2d battalion 5th regiment; five ditto flank battalion; Havildars; and a day's provision; and a whole of irregulars.

*Return of Killed and Wounded of a Detachment under Major R. Patton, in Action with the Enemy, April 23, 1815.*

*Killed.*

Detachment Flank Batt.—1 sepoy.

Detachment 2d Batt. 5th Native Reg.—1 sepoy.

*Wounded.*

Detachment Flank Batt.—1 ensign, 1 havildar, 7 sepoys.

Detachment 2d Batt. 5th Native Reg.—1 havildar, 16 sepoys.

Total—2 sepoys killed; 1 ensign, 2 havildars, 23 sepoys, wounded.

*Name of Officer wounded.*

Flank Batt.—Ensign Blair, severely and dangerously.

Five of the above wounded cases are reported to be extremely dangerous.

(Signed) ROBERT PATTON,  
Major, Commanding Detachment.

To the Adjutant-General, Head-Quarters, Futtyghur.

SIR,

*Almora, April 25, 1815.*

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that I advanced at one P. M. with the 1st battalion 4th regiment, and flank battalion, towards the enemy's principal stockade, upon the north end of the Sittolee ridge. It was my intention to have established the heavy mortars in battery within six or eight hundred yards of that work, and I had taken up the ground for that purpose, when finding that our troops were confident, and the enemy disheartened, I ordered their two stone breast-works to be carried by assault—a service cheerfully performed by the 1st battalion 4th, gallantly led by Captain Faithful.

The irregular infantry, under Lieutenant-Colonel Gardner's personal command, advanced by a ridge, parallel to ours, and animated by the gallantry of the 1st battalion 4th regiment, they diverged to the right when near the summit. They very easily possessed themselves of the three remaining breast-works upon the Sittolee ridge.

Whilst this was passing, fifty men of the 4th possessed themselves of a small breast-work on the left.

The 1st battalion 4th regiment was halted on the ridge until the flank battalion came up; I then ordered Captain Leys to advance upon the retreating enemy, and finding five roads, the troops pursued them by each of them, until they possessed themselves of one stockade leading to Kulmuttea, a small stone fortification, and the Rajah's palace.

We have thus cut off all retreat to Kulmuttea, and perfectly divided the enemy's force, which must fall as soon as our small mortars and six-pounders come up.

Lieutenant Wright and Captain Faithful led their men into the embrasure of the breast-work, in doing which, I regret to say, the former was dangerously wounded. I saw Captain Faithful immediately cut the Goorkha down.

The only other Officer of that corps, or any other of whom I have received any reports as yet, of having been wounded, is Lieutenant Purvis, a very gallant Officer, who led the advance in a style that will ever do him honour.

I suppose about forty men may be killed and wounded.

I congratulate His Excellency the Commander in Chief on the glorious result of the noble exertions of the troops, whom it will be a source of pride to me to the end of life to have commanded.

Major Patton's corps remained at Gungo Nath and Katar Mall, and about fifteen hundred of the irregulars and provincials are absent on various duties.

It is almost superfluous to say that the troops behaved well. It will suffice to report, that they marched for nearly two hours up hill, and drove an enemy, equal in number to their own, from seven breast-works and strong fortified houses, in less than three hours.

I have, &c.  
J. NICOLLS, Colonel.

Lieutenant Field, 4th regiment, also conducted himself in a most admirable manner.

SIR, *Almorah, April 26, 1815.*

I HAD the honour, yesterday evening, to apprise you, by express, for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that the troops had carried the breast-works on the Sittolce ridge, and pushed their success so far as to occupy about one third of the town, and three important positions upon the line between Kulmuttea and Lalmundy.

These advantages were quietly retained till eleven P. M. at which hour our northern post, under Lieutenant Cosly, of the 1st battalion 4th regiment, was carried by overpowering numbers. Lieutenant Brown and Lieutenant Winfield, of the flank battalion, were instantly detached with one hundred men to the assistance of the party, and Lieutenant-Colonel Gardner, who happened to be with me at the moment, instantly led one of the gholes to the spot. By the zeal, judgment, and gallantry of these Officers and troops, this invaluable position was recovered and retained. The Goorkhas charged our troops two or three times, but were always repulsed. The loss on both sides was considerable.

Though I believe there was not any previous concert, the very sharp firing upon the hill encouraged the garrison of the fort to make a sortie; they came up to the wall of our advanced post, about six feet high or more, and threw stones over it. One Goorkha had the temerity to mount the wall, from which he instantly fell dead. Throughout the night an incessant skirmishing prevailed, occasioning many casualties. Amongst others, Lieutenant Tapley, of the 27th native infantry, received a mortal wound.

The small mortars opened about six P. M. and one of the large ones at twelve. I feel much indebted to Lieutenants Bell and Wilson, for their activity in laying and bringing these mortars into use so soon.

This morning the advanced post in town was pushed to within seventy yards of the fort of Almorah, and remains established there. Lieutenant Bell having thrown several eight-inch shells into the fort, the garrison was compelled to remain concealed, and the Goorkhas and Kussias having quitted it in great numbers, it was too easily considered by our advanced parties to have been evacuated. They proceeded up the street which bounds it on the east side, in order to get to the door by which so many had quitted it. The garrison suddenly shewed themselves, and a hot fire rendered it necessary to retreat, which was accordingly done, but with a good countenance.

At nine A. M. a flag of truce brought me a letter from the Choutra Bum Sah, and another from Captain Heasay, written with that Chief's concurrence, requesting that a suspension of arms might be granted, in view to the termination of hostilities in the province, on the basis

of terms offered to the Choutra several weeks ago by the Honourable E. Gardner.

With the concurrence of Mr. Gardner, this suspension has been agreed to, and Lieutenant-Colonel Gardner will meet the Choutra and the three principal Sirdars, now serving, as soon as one of them, Chumoo Bundaree, can be brought in from one of their out-posts.

The result I shall report to you this evening, for His Excellency's information.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) J. NICOLLS, Colonel.

To the Adjutant-General, Head Quarters, Futtyghur.

SIR, *Almorah, April 27, 1815.*

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith a return of officers, non-commissioned officers, and sepoy, killed and wounded in the attack upon the town of Almorah, and the breast-works which covered the approach to it, upon the 25th instant, and in the operations which have been carried on since.

I hope His Excellency the Commander in Chief will not conceive that the loss of men, considerable as it is, is disproportioned to the service performed.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gardner being at present employed in preparing the terms upon which the Gorkah garrison may evacuate the province unmolested, I have not yet been able to obtain the return of casualties in the irregular levy under his command, but it is understood to be within, rather than beyond, the number mentioned.

I have the honour to be, &c.  
(Signed) J. NICOLLS, Colonel.

*Return of Men killed and wounded on the 25th and 26th April 1815.*

*Killed*

1st Batt. 4th Reg. Native Infantry—1 subadar, 1 jemadar, 4 havildars, 1 naik, 21 sepoy.  
Flank Detachment—1 lieutenant, 1 sepoy.

*Wounded.*

1st Batt. 4th Reg. Native Infantry—2 lieutenants, 8 havildars, 2 naiks, 58 sepoy, 1 lascar.  
Flank Detachment—1 havildar, 2 naiks, 26 sepoy.

Grand total—130 killed and wounded.

*Names of Officers killed and wounded.*

Flank Detachment—Lieutenant Tapley, killed.  
1st Batt. 4th Reg. Native Infantry—Lieutenant Purvis, slightly wounded; Lieutenant Wight, severely wounded.

(Signed) W. S. WEBB, A. M. B.

To the Adjutant-General, Head-Quarters, Futtyghur.

SIR, *Almorah, April 28, 1815.*

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith a return of killed and wounded of the irregular infantry under Lieutenant-Colonel Gardner's command, during the operations against the defences of this town.

The total certainly is considerable; but I beg you will assure His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that I have endeavoured, by every means, to prevent the expenditure of our gallant troops.

It is a great satisfaction to me to state, that many of the wounded are slight; among the whole there are, I think, but four compound fractures.

I have the honour to be, &c.  
(Signed) J. NICOLLS, Colonel.

*Return of the Killed and Wounded of the Irregulars under the Command of Lieutenant-Colonel Gardner, in the Assault of the Enemy's Positions at Almorah, the 25th April 1815.*

*Killed.*

3 neshunchees, 3 enticizees, 13 sepoy, 1 bhestee.

*Wounded.*

2 jemadars, 2 ueshunchees, 11 enticizees, 44 sepoy, 1 bhestee, 1 jerra.

Total killed and wounded—81.

(Signed) W. L. GARDNER, Lieut. Col. commanding Irregulars.

General Order, by His Excellency the Governor-General.

*Futtyghur, May 2, 1815.*

THE Governor-General having received official advices of the capture, by assault, of the fortified heights and town of Almorah, on the 25th ult. by the forces under the command of Colonel Nicolls, of the total repulse of the enemy in a night attack on our positions in the night of the same day, and of the conclusion, on the 27th ult. of a convention with the principal Goorkha Chiefs in Kemaon, by which, in return for permission to retire across the Serdah with their troops, they engage to evacuate all the fortified places in the province, in ten days, surrendering at the moment the fortresses immediately round the capital; His Excellency is pleased to direct, that a royal salute be fired at all the principal stations of the army, in honour of the signal and distinguished success of the British troops at Almorah, and the reduction to the British power of the valuable and important province of Kemaon.

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General.

Published by command of the Honourable the Vice-President in Council.

General Order, by the Right Honourable the Governor-General.

*Futtyghur, May 3, 1815.*

THE Governor-General has singular satisfaction in acknowledging the important service rendered by Colonel Nicolls in the reduction of the province of Kemaon.

The judgment of Colonel Nicolls in his preparatory measures, the unremitting activity with which he pursued the object intrusted to his management, and the gallant promptitude with which he seized and improved every opening that could lead to the fulfilment of his instructions, not only reflect the highest credit on himself, but afford so salutary a lesson for the whole army, that his Lordship cannot let slip the opportunity of recommending it to their attention.

The success of Colonel Nicolls (and the observation will be supported by the brilliant consequences which have attended similar exertions on the part of Major-General Ochterlony), under the complicated difficulties presented by the quality of the country, the fortifications by which its natural strength was assisted, and the obstinate resistance of a courageous enemy, should prove the superiority conferred by military service, and the certainty that a strenuous application of its principles must entail honourable distinction on a Commander.

Warfare in a mountainous region offers embarrassments which, when viewed at a distance, appear insurmountable, but which dwindle into comparative insignificance under the grasp of vigour and genius. It is only in unusual situations, de-

manding readiness of resource and animated efforts, that the difference between officer and officer can be displayed; and it ought to be always present to the mind of every military man, that he who in circumstances of perplexity tries and fails, has to plead those chances from which no operation in war can be secured; his pretensions to the character of zeal and energy being in the mean time maintained; while he who contents himself with urging difficulties as an excuse for doing nothing; voluntarily registers his own inefficiency.

The Governor-General, in expressing his warm approbation of the excellent conduct of Colonel Nicolls, desires also to record the merits of those whose services in this enterprise have been indicated as possessing peculiar claim to notice.

Colonel Nicolls has earnestly represented the admirable management of Lieutenant-Colonel Gardner, at the head of his irregular corps, in forcing the enemy to abandon so many strong positions, and in finally establishing himself before Almorah; the skill and spirited decision of Major Paton, commanding 2d battalion 5th regiment, in the attack of the detached corps, which he defeated on the 23d April; the exemplary valour manifested by Captain Faithful, commanding 1st battalion 4th regiment, in the successive assaults of the different works of the enemy on the 25th, nobly emulated by Lieutenant Wight; and the behaviour of Captain Leys, marked equally by intrepidity and judgment, at the head of the flank battalion.

Lieutenants Field and Purvis, of 4th regiment, with Lieutenants Bell and Wilson, of the artillery, are also mentioned in terms of strong commendation.

To all those officers the Governor-General offers his sincere applause, as likewise to all the other officers (Native as well as European), non-commissioned officers and men, who have so becomingly supported the character of the British army in this laborious service: and his Lordship trusts that this splendid proof of what a just confidence in their own powers can achieve will satisfy our native troops of their own infinite superiority over the enemy with whom they have to cope.

By command of the Right Honourable the Governor-General.

(Signed) J. ADAM, Sec. to Gov.

*Copy of a Dispatch from the Adjutant-General to the Secretary to Government.*

To J. Adam, Esq. Secretary to Government.—  
Secret Department.

SIR,

*Futtyghur, April 25, 1815.*

I HAVE now the honour, by direction of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, to transmit to you, in order to be laid before the Right Honourable the Governor-General, the inclosed copy of a dispatch, dated the 17th instant, from Major-General Ochterlony, containing a detailed report of the combined operations, directed by that officer, against the enemy's fortified positions on the Malown range of mountains, during the nights of the 14th and 15th instant, which have terminated in the establishment of the British troops on that range, the evacuation by the enemy of the fort of Sooreyghur, and all the dependent southern stockades, and in his complete repulse, on the morning of the 16th instant, after a most desperate attempt, directed by the Goorkha Commander in person, to carry by assault the position occupied by the reserve, under Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson.

Numerous as have been the occasions afforded

during the arduous service which Major-General Ochterlony has conducted with so much credit to himself, and so much benefit to the public interests, for the expression of the highest approbation of Government and the Commander in Chief, none has occurred wherein the consummate judgment of the Commander, the zeal, intelligence, and exemplary valour of the officers, and the determined courage of all descriptions of the troops, have been more conspicuous than in the course of those able movements which have produced the highly important and honourable results described in the accompanying dispatch.

The Right Honourable the Governor-General will perceive, with regret, that the loss of the British troops has been severe, though not more than might have been expected, considering the strength of the enemy's positions, and the determined nature of the resistance he opposed to our arms.

The plan and sketch of the attack, referred to by Major-General Ochterlony, are transmitted herewith.

I have the honour to be, &c.

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

*Copy of a Letter and Inclosures from Major-General Sir David Ochterlony, K. C. B. to Lieutenant-Colonel Fagan, Adjutant-General.*

SIR, Camp Buttoh, April 17, 1815.

I HAD the honour to send you, by express, a plan of my intended operations for the night of the 14th and morning of the 15th, together with a brief account of the repulse of the enemy in a most daring and desperate attack on the position of Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson.

To that sketch, and the general memorandum to Officers in command of columns, I must beg leave to refer His Excellency the Commander in Chief, for an elucidation of the following detail:

On the night of the 14th, two companies of light infantry, under the command of Lieutenants Flemming and Grant, of the 19th native regiment, three hundred of the Hindoor Rajah's household troops, three hundred of the Nusseeree Goorkha's, and about three hundred of the Munna Magra auxiliaries, marched from the village of Punjur, and about one o'clock gained the post they were intended to occupy between Dab and the first Deentheel, without opposition, which was immediately strengthened, as well as the time and circumstances could admit before morning. The preconceived signal being given of the possession of that post, it was answered from a hill in the rear of my camp, and the several columns moved down to the Gaurora, to proceed at dawn to the several points laid down in my instructions.

The columns, under Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson and Major Lawrie, gained the heights of the second Deentheel almost at the same moment, and, having ascended in a very gallant style, were proceeding along the ridge to gain an advanced post, when the head of the column (consisting of light infantry) received a check, by a charge from the enemy, sword in hand, which induced them to fall back on the main body, by this time posted on the second Deentheel, and the ground thus lost, we were not able to regain in the course of that day. The enemy, strongly reinforcing their advanced body, were able to give us great annoyance, by sniping from the cover which the jungle afforded, and from behind the rocks between the post and Narrah Kote whilst they were unexposed to the snipers thrown out by Colonel Thompson.

During the whole day the pioneers were most

busily employed in strengthening the post under the directions of Lieutenant Hutchinson, Assistant Engineer, and the orders of Lieutenant Armstrong, whose indefatigable exertions I cannot sufficiently commend; but as the labour was very great, and many of the pioneers, with Lieutenant Bagot (since dead), were reported to be wounded, I requested the Hindoor Rajah to collect every man he possibly could, accustomed to labour, and dispatched them to aid Lieutenant Armstrong in his laborious duties. They were, I hope, of some use, and the Lieutenant-Colonel's position, though not strong, was as much strengthened as possible. Some false alarms occurred in the course of the night, alluded to in Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson's report; and at the earliest dawn of day, a most bold and desperate attack was made by near two thousand of the enemy on all sides of the post, excepting Singe, which, after a contest of more than two hours, and the death of Bhugtee Thappa, who led the attack, terminated in the total repulse and defeat of the enemy, with very severe loss.

Ummer Sing in person was at musket-shot distance, with a stand of colours, encouraging his men; and to mention the impetuous courage of the enemy is only to bestow the due meed of praise on the conduct and valour of those who resisted one of the most daring and impetuous assaults ever sustained.

Lieutenant Cartwright, of the artillery, was left with only one man wounded, and with that one man secured his gun, whilst the other was manned by Lieutenants Armstrong and Hutchinson, and two of the pioneer sergeants.

Many instances of individual exertion and courage occurred both amongst the regulars and irregulars, in this arduous contest; and the conduct of the latter, as being less expected, I shall consider it a duty to bring to His Excellency's notice in a separate dispatch.

Major Innes's column moved from my own camp, and proceeded in admirable order to the post, already occupied by the night movement, whilst Captain Hamilton shewed his judgment, where no attack was intended, in moving very briskly under the fire of the first Deentheel stockade, to the same point.

As this point was found very limited, and very strong, I was enabled to draw from it during the day two companies of grenadiers, and Captain Hamilton's detachment, and by this means to send a reinforcement of one hundred and fifty, and subsequently a company from the 2d battalion 6th native regiment, to Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson. In the columns of diversion, under Captains Showers and Bowyer, I have to express my entire approbation of the conduct of Captain Bowyer and of Lieutenant Rutledge, on whom the command devolved, and to lament the loss of a most zealous, brave, and excellent Officer in Captain Showers, who fell gallantly, setting an example of heroism to his men, which might have been of the utmost importance, had not his death, at a most critical moment, staggered his troops, and given confidence to the enemy.

In mentioning the columns of division, I hope I may be permitted to indulge my personal feelings in expressing the sentiments of gratitude and obligation to Colonel Arnold, who, finding the Sikh auxiliaries did not appear, as ordered, to join Captain Showers' column, strengthened it from his small body of regulars, left to defend his own position.

Having now given a brief and very inadequate detail of the operations of the 14th, 15th and 16th, it only remains for me to express my acknowledg-

ments to Lieutenant Colonel Thompson, in command of the first or principal column; and to Major Lawrie, for the able and gallant manner in which they conducted them to the heights of the second Deentheel; and to Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson, for the whole of his conduct from the time of his arrival to the moment of the defeat of the enemy, a long interval, in which the whole force were incessantly harassed by a concealed and galling fire, and suffered the greatest inconvenience and privations with a cheerfulness and zeal, which, I am fully persuaded, will insure to all the Officers and men the strongest expression of His Excellency's approbation. My thanks are not less due to Major Innes and to Captain Hamilton.

Lieutenant Lawrie accompanied the night movement, and evinced his usual zeal and indefatigable activity; and it is to the intelligent mind, the diligent inquiry, and personal observations of this Officer, that I feel indebted for the knowledge which enabled me to have the outlines of a plan which has been crowned with greater, more important, and earlier success than my most sanguine expectations had anticipated, as the result has terminated in the evacuation of the fort of Soorujgurn, and all the southern dependent stockades.

Some indications, given early in the evening, induced Lieutenant Murray, in command of the Hindoorials, to suspect this flight, and by a happy foresight, in which he displayed equal judgment and discretion, he placed himself in a situation to obstruct their retreat, in which he was eminently successful, and afforded an opportunity to the Hindoorials to manifest an additional proof of their devotion to the cause, by a display of courage highly creditable.

Lieutenant Dunbar, who was selected by Colonel Arnold long since for his particular acquaintance with the language and customs of the natives, has on all occasions obtained my approbation, and, on the 15th, with a small body of regulars and irregulars, was intended to form a corps of reserve for the columns of division to retire on; but seeing the shameful flight of the Sikh auxiliaries, advanced and joined Captain Bowyer, who has noticed, in his report, the good effect of this movement, and his obligations to Lieutenant Dunbar.

Having in an early part of this report had occasion to mention the conduct of Lieutenants Armstrong and Hutchinson, it is perhaps hardly necessary to say, that the same zeal and the same activity were shewn in strengthening the position, and claim my best thanks.

Herewith I have the honour to transmit returns of the killed, wounded, and missing, during these combined operations and movements.

I have, &c.

(Signed) D. OCHTERLONY, Major-Gen.

Major-Gen. Ochterlony, Commanding, &c. &c. &c.

SIR,

I HAVE the painful task to report the death of Captain Showers, of the 1st batt. of the 19th, at the head of his detachment, as he was gallantly leading it on at the period when he had more than half ascended the immense steep ridge of the hill between the Kuckre stockade and the fort of Malown.

The moment this valuable Officer was killed, the detachment retreated to the village of Lag, the Goorkahs following, in some force, under the advantage of ground. The detachment rallied at the village, repulsed the Goorkahs, and pursued them up the steep hill again to some distance from the village

The object for which they were at first intended, to make a diversion and draw the enemy to that point, being accomplished, I sent an order to the Officer in command, which was found to be Lieutenant Rutledge (Lieutenant Spellessy having been wounded), to move the detachment to his left, to cover part of a ressalah and some regular sepoys, from Ghausse Ram's post at Tipnoo, who were gallantly approaching the stone bastion to the left of the Kuckre stockade, and eventually to aid a party making a detour still more to the left in that direction, which was supposed to be Captain Bowyer's detachment.

The firing and sniping ceasing, I directed the detachment to return to camp.

It is necessary to report, that on seeing the detachment falling back to the village of Lag, I caused it to be reinforced by a party under Lieutenant Casement, who afterwards staid at the village to protect the doolies and protect the wounded.

On the return of the detachment, I shall lose no time in transmitting the regular reports.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. ARNOLD, Col. Com.

To Captain Cartwright, Major of Brigade.

SIR, *Ruttungurh, April 16, 1815.*

IN conformity to the instructions communicated to me by Lieutenant Lawrie, the force Major-General Ochterlony did me the honour to place under my orders, moved from the village of Kalli, at day-break yesterday morning. The detachment had proceeded as far as the village of Malouns, when the enemy commenced an attack; and I regret to add, that the irregulars, notwithstanding that they were strongly and numerously posted on the heights to our left, abandoned the position I had directed them to maintain, and fled with the utmost precipitation and confusion.

In consequence of this unfortunate occurrence, it became necessary that I should occupy a strong position with the regulars, and I entertained the hope that the irregulars would rally and enable me to prosecute, in co-operation with Captain Showers, the ulterior objects in view. With the exception, however, of about one hundred men, they did not come near us during the whole day. The enemy had, by this time, collected in considerable force, and made several ineffectual attempts on our post. At about eleven A. M. I learnt the fate of Captain Showers's detachment, and it was obvious, that with the limited means at my disposal, an attack on any of the enemy's stockaded positions would be but an useless sacrifice of lives. Accordingly, after remaining in position (which, however, was too remote, and not of a nature likely to be of eventual service) another hour, I determined to retire in the direction of Tipnoo stockade, and this operation was effected with a regularity and order which reflects much credit on the Officers and men composing the detachment. Our loss, I am happy to say, does not exceed eighteen or twenty killed, which is to be ascribed entirely to the steady countenance opposed to the enemy, during a retrograde movement of several hours continuance. Upon the whole, I trust the Major-General will deem the object, for which this detachment was formed, to have been fully accomplished, as far as circumstances admitted.

I have, &c.

(Signed) C. BOWYER, Captain.

P. S. I have omitted to mention, that Lieutenant Dunbar, with a small detachment of the 7th native infantry, and some irregulars, joined me, and I

beg to return my thanks to this Officer for the support and assistance he afforded me.

(Signed) C. BOWYER, Captain.

*Abstract Return of the Killed and Wounded of the Troops under the Command of Major-General Ochterlony, in two Actions with the Enemy on the Malown Range of Mountains, on the 15th and 16th April 1815.*

*Killed.*

Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson's Detachment—1 subadar, 1 havildar, 4 naicks, 24 sepoy.  
 Captain Showers's Detachment—1 captain, 1 subadar, 2 havildars, 23 sepoy.  
 Lieutenant Dunbar's Detachment—4 sepoy.  
 Captain Bowyer's Detachment—1 sepoy.  
 Party at Ruttonghur, under a Native Officer—1 subadar.

*Wounded.*

Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson's Detachment—1 serjeant, 4 mattrasses, 12 havildars, 13 naicks, 145 sepoy, 3 lascars, 1 gun driver.  
 Capt. Showers's Detachment—1 lieutenant, 7 mattrasses, 1 subadar, 6 havildars, 5 naicks, 1 drummer, 22 sepoy, 3 lascars, 1 gun driver, 1 bhestee.  
 Lieutenant Dunbar's Detachment—1 naick, 6 sepoy.  
 Captain Bowyer's Detachment—1 havildar, 2 naicks, 1 drummer, 14 sepoy.  
 Party at Ruttonghur, under a Native Officer—1 naick, 2 sepoy.  
 Total—63 killed, 289 wounded.

*Names of Officers killed and wounded.*

1st Batt. 19th Native Infantry—Captain Showers, killed.  
 2d Batt. 7th Native Infantry—Lieutenant Spellessy, wounded severely.  
 Major Lawrie, wounded very slightly.  
 Light Batt.—Lieutenant Gabb, wounded severely.  
 Pioneers—Lieutenant Bagot, wounded dangerously (since dead)  
 2d Batt. 3d Reg.—Ensign Dalgairns, wounded slightly.

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

N. B. Five commissariat coolies wounded, two of them severely, while carrying the ladders. Grassie Ran's irregulars, and the Tipoo regulars, which acted under Colonel Arnold's orders, not included in the return.

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J. ADAM, Secretary to Government.

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General Orders by the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief.

*Head-Quarters, Futtighur, April 26, 1815.*

THE Commander in Chief has this day received from Major-General Ochterlony, commanding the 3d division field army, a report, announcing the successful result of a series of combined movements, which he had directed to be made during the nights of the 14th and 15th instant, against the fortified positions of the Goorkah army, on the heights of Malown, which terminated in the establishment of the British troops on those heights, the evacuation of the fort of Sooraghur, with its dependant stockaded posts, and in the final repulse, on the morning of the 16th instant, of the main body of the Goorkah army, directed by its Chief Commander, Ummer Sing Thappah, in person, in a daring

and desperate assault on the position occupied by the reserve under Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson. His Excellency feels it to be due to Major-General Ochterlony, and the brave officers and troops serving under him, to express, in public orders, his highest approbation of the eminent ability and skill with which the attack on the enemy's positions was planned; the intelligence, ardent zeal, and exemplary valour with which it was executed by the several officers entrusted with the direction of separate columns, and of the patience and fortitude displayed by the whole of the troops during those fatiguing and arduous operations, as well as of their distinguished gallantry in that last effort, which completed their triumph over an enemy of determined courage and indefatigable activity.

The Commander in Chief considers this success of the division under Major-General Ochterlony, under all the circumstances in which it was achieved, and in the important consequences by which it was followed, as highly honourable to the British arms, the superiority of which it has pre-eminently asserted and maintained.

The Commander in Chief desires to offer, in this public manner, his warmest acknowledgments to Major-General Ochterlony, for the ability, zeal, judgement, and persevering fortitude with which he has uniformly conducted the arduous and important service entrusted to him, from the first commencement of his operations, to that recent success which His Excellency confidently trusts will be decisive of their speedy and honourable termination.

The Commander in Chief also desires to offer, in this public manner, his best thanks to the under-mentioned Officers, who have obtained the approbation of Major-General Ochterlony, and to whose services in the attack on the heights of Malown, and in the subsequent repulse of the enemy, he has borne the most ample and creditable testimony in his report to his Excellency.

To Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson, commanding the principal column, for the manner in which he conducted it to its destined point in the general plan of attack, and for the whole of his conduct from the period of gaining the heights, as well as for his cool intrepidity in meeting the assault on his position on the morning of the 16th instant, which after an obstinate contest, and the death of Bhurglee Thappah, a distinguished Goorkah Commander, who led the attack, terminated in the total repulse and defeat of the enemy, with very severe loss.

To Majors Lawrie, of the 2d battalion 7th native infantry, and Innes, of the 1st battalion 19th, for the gallant manner in which they led the columns respectively entrusted to their direction; and to Captains Hamilton, of the 2d battalion 7th, and Bowyer, of the 1st of the 19th, for the judicious and spirited manner in which they fulfilled the part assigned to them in those arduous operations, as well as to Lieutenant Rutledge, of the 1st of the 19th, for his good conduct in the command of a column of division, which devolved upon him on the lamented death of Captain Showers, of the 19th regiment, who after having slain the enemy's Commander in a personal conflict, unfortunately fell, while setting an example of heroic devotion to his men.

Major-General Ochterlony has likewise noticed, with particular approbation, the judicious and prudent conduct of Lieutenant Murray, of the 1st regiment, in command of the Hindoo auxiliaries, and of Lieutenant Dunbar, of the 7th regiment, commanding a small body of regulars and irregulars, in two well-timed and spontaneous movements made by those intelligent and active Officers, the

former to intercept the fugitives from the fort of Soorajghur, in which he completely succeeded, and the latter to support Captain Bower's detachment after the defection of the Sikh auxiliaries.

In operations of the nature of those conducted on the Malown range, the services of the engineer, artillery, and pioneer departments, are of a peculiarly arduous nature, and of proportionate value. His Excellency recognises, with unfeigned satisfaction, throughout the whole course of these operations, the same zeal, activity, and indefatigable exertions which have characterised those branches of the service wherever they have been called into activity in the present war, and in no situation have those qualities been more conspicuous, than with Major-General Ochterlony's division.

The full approbation and thanks of the Commander in Chief are justly due to Lieutenant Lawtie, Field Engineer, and Acting Aide-de-Camp to Major-General Ochterlony, who accompanied the night attack, for the characteristic zeal and activity evinced by him on that occasion, and for the aid which Major-General Ochterlony states he derived from the professional talents of that Officer, in the preparation of the plan of attack on the enemy's positions.

The zeal, activity, and intelligence shewn by Lieutenant Hutchinson, Assistant-Field-Engineer, in directing the works necessary for the security of Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson's position, and the judgment and the indefatigable exertions of Lieutenant Armstrong, in superintending and directing the labours of the pioneers, by whom those works were executed in the face of an enemy, are noticed with particular approbation by the Commander in Chief. His Excellency has equally to offer the tribute of his applause to the intrepid gallantry of Lieutenant Fireworker Cartwright, of the artillery, who, when the desperate perseverance of the enemy had left him with only one man unwounded, with that one man secured his gun; the other being manned with equal zeal and valour by Lieutenants Armstrong and Hutchinson, and two serjeants of pioneers.

(Signed) G. H. FAGAN, A. G.

General Order, by His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor General.

*Futtyghur, May 21, 1815.*

THE indefatigable exertions of Major-General Ochterlony having at length been crowned by the surrender of Unur Sing Thappa, with the evacuation of the fortresses of Malown and Iyctuck, and the cession of the whole country from Kemaon to the Sutlege, the Governor-General directs that a royal salute be fired at all the principal stations of the army, in honour of an event so creditable to the British arms, and so important to the interests of the Honourable Company.

So complete a fulfilment of his instructions, under difficulties known before-hand to be of no common amount, would alone have been sufficient to establish a high rate for Major-General Ochterlony's reputation as a Commander. But there are details in the arduous service so ably conducted by him, which must meet from the mind of every one a more particular attention. The unremitting zeal, the sagacious foresight, and the

valuable opinion which he has had the opportunity of forming, will make him feel himself indebted to the arrangements he has had to encounter, and which have only served to mark the brighter extent of his claim to approbation.

The gallant and able manner in which the efforts of the Major-General have been supported by Colonel Arnold, Lieutenant-Colonel Cooper, and Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson, reflects the greatest credit on each of those Officers.

The unvaried alacrity, the labour, the conspicuous gallantry, and the skill displayed by the whole of the artillery, engineer and pioneer departments, throughout the course of the service, and the conduct of all the staff attached to Major-General Ochterlony's division, have been pointed out to the special notice of the Governor-General; and His Excellency accordingly professes his earnest sense of the meritorious conduct exhibited by Major MacLeod, commanding the artillery, by Captain Webb, of the same corps; Captain Cartwright, Major of Brigade, and principal staff officer of the division; Captain Baines and Lieutenant Armstrong, of the pioneers; and Ensign Hutchinson, Assistant-Field-Engineer, as well as by all the officers belonging to, or temporarily serving with those departments, or on the staff, during the campaign.

Most laudable exertions, no less than distinguished courage, have marked the important services of Lieutenant Ross, of the 6th, and Lieutenant Murray, of the 1st, in the difficult situations for which they were selected by Major-General Ochterlony.

It is painful to think, in this hour of exultation, that an individual, whose skill, whose judgment, and whose animated devotion, materially forwarded the proud result, should not have survived to share in the triumph; but the grateful recollection of his fellow soldiers, and of Government, will associate the memory of Lieutenant Lawtie with all the trophies which he so eminently contributed to raise.

The patience, the ardour, and the intrepidity of all the officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers of the division, must be justly appreciated and admired by all who have contemplated their conduct.

The Governor-General offers to Major-General Ochterlony, and all who acted under him, his warm applause; sensible as His Excellency believes they will be to that acknowledgement of their merits from Government, a still more elevating consideration attends them; they have to reflect, with honest pride, on the further lesson which they have held forth to every power in India. The British Government is too satisfactorily conscious of its own superior strength ever to abuse it by trespassing wantonly on any of its neighbours: but if its forbearance be insulted, and its patience outraged by aggression, it will always prove, that whatsoever obstacles may retard its earlier efforts, its perseverance will not fail ultimately to crush the assailant.

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General.

(Signed)

J. ADAM,

Secretary to the Government.