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A DISPATCH, dated Fort William, March 11, 1816, has been received at the East India-House from the Governor-General in Council, with inclosures; of which the following are extracts and copies:

WE desire to offer to your Honourable Committee the expression of our cordial congratulations on the signal success which has attended the first operations of our arms, and to draw your particular attention to the distinguished merits and services of the officers and troops engaged in them, whose zeal, gallantry, and perseverance, demand our warmest applause.

Your Honourable Committee will not fail to perceive in the plan of operations adopted by Major-General Ochterlony the same judgment, ability, and military skill, which have always characterized that officer's proceedings, and which on the present occasion, supported by the bravery and discipline of the troops under his command, have enabled him to surmount difficulties of no ordinary magnitude, in passing the first range of hills, and to defeat the bold and desperate efforts of the enemy to oppose his subsequent progress.

The conduct of Colonel Kelly, in the command of the detached column directed against Hurrypore, is justly entitled to our high approbation; and we have great satisfaction in pointing out to the notice of your Honourable Committee the testimony borne by Major-General Ochterlony and Colonel Kelly, to the merits and services of Lieutenant-Colonel Miller, of His Majesty's 87th regiment; Lieutenant-Colonel Burnet, of the 8th regiment of native infantry; and Lieutenant-Colonel O'Halloran, of the 18th regiment native infantry; and the other officers particularly mentioned in the inclosed reports.

*Copies of Letters and Inclosures from Major-General Sir David Ochterlony, K. C. B. to Major Nicols, Acting Adjutant-General.*

SIR,

I BEG you will do me the favour to report to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, that I marched at seven o'clock yesterday morning from Etowndah, after placing the defences of the fortified depôt there in a favourable state of preparation, and leaving for its defence four six-pounders, and seven companies of the 2d battalion of the 4th native infantry, under Major Campbell, the remaining three companies of that corps being posted on the crest of the Chireeah Ghatee pass.

At three in the afternoon the advance brigade, with the light train, arrived at our present ground in the Chowghera Mandee, which is an open level ground immediately to the southward of the hills which cover the fortified heights and detached defences of Muckwanpore, and somewhat above two miles from the forts.

The train and 4th brigade arrived this morning at nine o'clock, various obstacles and difficulties having retarded their progress yesterday, though the distance from Etowndah is only six miles.

On our arrival, the enemy had a strong party posted on a steep hill, opposite our left flank, also one considerably to the right on the same ridge; the former of these positions they evacuated early this morning, and a party of three companies, and a small detachment of His Majesty's 87th foot, are now posted there; and I am in hopes of turning it to good account in my further operations, or at any rate it will open our view of their positions.

Colonel Nicols reports from Ekoor, under date of the 25th, that he was induced to leave the 5th

grenadier battalion and the 1st battalion 8th native infantry, with their proportion of field guns, at that place, under Major Lumley, with a view of checking any attempt on the part of the enemy on the vallies of the Raptée, from their posts of Kadrung and Oopuduring, to which they had retired on his advance. The Colonel also stated his intention of proceeding next morning along the Raptée with the remainder of his force, to join me at Etowndah, and I trust he will be able to effect a junction with this camp in two or three days.

I have, &c.

(Signed) DAVID OCHTERLONY,  
Major-General.

Camp, near Muckwampore, February 28, 1816.

SIR,

WHEN I had the honour of addressing you yesterday, I could hardly suppose that a post so recently and voluntarily abandoned would have been a subject of contest; but I hardly closed the letter, and after ascending a short way up the hill, on the left, to reconnoitre the enemy's position, had proceeded towards the front of the right to examine a stockade, supposed to be situated at the eastern extremity of the same ridge, when a smart firing advancing on our post from the eastward, at half-past twelve, announced an attack in great force.

On my return to the front of the line, I had a very distinct view of the enemy's approach in large bodies; and successively detached to the aid of the party on the hill the light company of His Majesty's 87th, and the 2d battalion 25th native infantry, two more companies of the 87th, with the 2d battalion 12th native infantry, and two six-pounders on elephants, accompanied by Colonel Miller; and lastly, the 2d battalion 8th native Infantry.

The number of the enemy could not be less than two thousand men, with several guns, and repeated reinforcements; and during a momentary superiority in numbers, he approached close to the village, which was obstinately and gallantly disputed by our small party, until the arrival of more troops changed the fortune of the day; and from this time, until half-past five, their repeated assaults on our positions were invariably repulsed, and he was at length driven off in confusion, chiefly by a charge of the 2d battalion of the 8th native infantry, in the direction of the enemy's guns, one of which, a four-pounder on a carriage similar to a mountain-train, was abandoned, and brought in this morning; also a considerable quantity of gun and musquetry ammunition, which was found strewed about in the utmost confusion.

The loss sustained by the enemy has been very considerable, and is supposed, by many, to be not less than five hundred men, including several of their officers, as appears by their dresses.

The casualties on our part are, I am grieved to say, many, as will be seen by reference to the inclosed return.

My sense of the gallant conduct of the corps engaged, and of individuals, is feebly expressed in the accompanying copy of Division Orders of this date, which I trust will meet the sanction and ap-

proval of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) D. OCHTERLONY,  
Major-General.

Camp, near Muckwampore, Feb. 29, 1816.

Division Orders by Major-General Sir David Och-  
terlony, K. C. B.

Camp, near Muckwampore,  
February 29, 1816.

The Major-General returns his thanks to Lieutenant-Colonel Burnet, Major Shapland, Captains Smith and Fenton, and generally to the officers and men of the corps engaged with the enemy yesterday.

His position enabled him to see the gallant style in which they ascended, and the ardent spirit with which they attacked and drove the enemy from their vantage ground.

Whilst he returns his thanks to Lieutenant Kerr and Ensign Impey, for maintaining the village till reinforced, he cannot but regret the loss of so promising an officer as Lieutenant Tirrell.

Lieutenant Pickersgill, Assistant-Quarter-Master-General, in re-ascending the heights with the 12th native infantry, evinced a continuance of that zeal, spirit, and ability, which has already been frequently noticed, and entitles him to the thanks of the Major-General.

The Major-General feels himself inadequate to express his sense of the conduct of Lieutenant-Colonel Miller, or the obligations he has conferred on this, as well as on other occasions; and he can offer his acknowledgments, with an assurance that his being on the heights gave him the most perfect confidence, that every thing possible would be done, and nothing practicable omitted; and this confidence was repaid by the charge of the 2d battalion native infantry, which was executed under his orders, and closed the day; and whilst it did honour to his judgment, it reflected the highest credit on the corps which had the glory to carry them into effect.

Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing, in an  
Attack on the Heights, near Muckwampore, on  
the 28th of February 1816.

Killed.

87th Foot (Light Company)—11 rank and file.  
12th Bengal Native Infantry, 2d Batt.—1 serjeant  
or havildar, 7 rank and file.  
22d Bengal Native Infantry, 2d Batt. (one Com-  
pany)—1 rank and file.  
25th Bengal Native Infantry, 2d Batt.—1 lieute-  
nant, 1 subadar, 3 serjeants or havildars, 20  
rank and file.

Wounded.

87th Foot (Light Company)—19 rank and file.  
8th Bengal Native Infantry, 2d Batt.—2 havildars,  
19 rank and file.  
12th Bengal Native Infantry, 2d Batt.—1 lieute-  
nant, 1 subadar, 1 jemadar, 7 havildars, 71 rank  
and file.

22d Bengal Native Infantry, 2d Batt. (one company)—1 rank and file.

25th Bengal Native Infantry, 2d Batt.—1 havildar, 51 rank and file.

Pioneers or Sappers—1 rank and file.

*Missing.*

12th Bengal Native Infantry, 2d Batt.—2 rank and file.

Total killed, wounded, and missing—1 lieutenant, 1 subadar, 4 serjeants or havildars, 39 rank and file, killed; 1 lieutenant, 1 subadar, 1 jemadar, 10 serjeants or havildars, 162 rank and file, wounded; 2 rank and file missing.

Grand Total—45 killed; 175 wounded; 2 missing.

*Names of Officers killed and wounded.*

*Killed.*

20th Bengal Native Infantry, 1st Batt.—Lieutenant and Adjutant Tirrell, doing duty with the 2d Batt. 25th native infantry.

*Wounded.*

2d Batt. Native Infantry—Lieutenant and Adjutant P. Young, severely, but not dangerously.

N. B. 1 bheestee, 2d Batt. 25th native infantry, and 1 bildar of pioneers, killed; and 2 bildars wounded, not included above.

*Copy of a Letter and Inclosure from Colonel W. Kelly, Commanding the 1st Brigade, to Major-General Sir David Ochterlony.*

SIR,

I had the honour in my letter of the 28th ultimo, to acquaint you with my intention of proceeding to this point of the Hurryhurpoor-Hill, which movement I executed accordingly.

On the best reconnaissance that could be made without particularly calling the attention of the enemy to our movements, it appeared that a strong point within about eight hundred yards of the stockade I mentioned had been neglected. This stockade runs upon the range and to the westward of the Hurryhurpoor-Fort, supposed to be about one thousand yards from it, in form a semicircle, and the mountain nearly perpendicular to the extremities, two guns in it, and in all respects formidable.

As the occupation of this neglected point appeared to be of great moment, it was advisable to take it by surprise: I consequently ordered the light infantry companies of the brigade, with two companies of each of the following regiments, viz. His Majesty's 24th, 18th native infantry, Chumparun light infantry, and one company of the 2d battalion 21st native regiment, with two three pounders, carried by bearers, to march at three o'clock yesterday morning, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel O'Halloran, who took possession of the position a few minutes before six, dislodging a picquet left for its protection. The enemy, in very considerable force, made a most desperate and obstinate attack to recover this point, I was therefore obliged to send a few companies

to support the rear of the position which was threatened.

It was impossible, from the nature of the ground, to close or use the bayonet, and the musquetry continued without interruption until half past eleven o'clock, when the arrival of two six-pounders and two five and a half-inch howitzers on elephants, in a few minutes decided the affair, and left us in possession of an almost natural redoubt, very advantageously situated for further operations.

I do myself the honour to inclose a list of killed and wounded, which, considering the length of time the affair lasted, is not great. Amongst the wounded you will find Captain Lindsay, of the artillery; although his wounds are not severe, I fear I shall lose his active services for a time, which I lament exceedingly, having found Captain Lindsay a most zealous able Officer, both as an artillerist and engineer.

I am highly indebted to Lieutenant-Colonel O'Halloran, for the able and officer-like manner in which he executed this duty; and nothing can possibly be more flattering or creditable, than his report of the gallant conduct of the troops throughout.

From every report, it appears that the enemy have suffered severely; numbers of their killed are lying in all directions round the point of attack. Two or three hundred Gorkahs have been brought in, but they are, from the severity of their wounds, unable to speak or give intelligence.

The advanced position only admits nine companies, which, with a Field-Officer, I relieve every twenty-four hours. It will take some time to make the road for the heavy guns. We are, however, this day employed in getting up the twelve pounders, which will probably breach the stockade.

I am still deficient of intelligence, and uncertain of the real numbers of the enemy; but believe them to be as I before stated. The heavy rain of last night and this morning interrupts our operations; but I hope it is about to clear.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) W. KELLY, Colonel.

P. S. I have the highest gratification in announcing the occupation, by the advanced guard under the Field-Officer, Major Robeson, of His Majesty's 24th regiment, of the stockade, fort, and hill, which were evacuated some time this morning, during the rain and thick weather, by the Gorkah force, under Runjoor Kajee, who joined during the action of yesterday, and commanded.

(Signed) W. KELLY.

*Return of Killed and Wounded in the 1st or Colonel Kelly's Brigade, in Action on the Heights of Hurryhurpoor, on the 1st March 1816.*

*Camp, near Hurryhurpoor, March 2, 1816.*

Artillery—Captain Lindsay, wounded severely, but not dangerously; 2 lascars wounded.

24th Foot—Brevet Major Hughes, wounded slightly; Captain Smith, Lieutenant O'Leary, wounded severely, but not dangerously; 4 privates killed; 1 serjeant, 22 privates, wounded.

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18th Native Infantry, 1st Batt.—2 sepoy killed;  
1 naick, 4 sepoy, wounded.

21st Native Infantry, 2d Batt.—1 sepoy killed;  
1 naick, 1 sepoy, wounded.

Chumparun Light Infantry—Lieutenant De Voeux,  
wounded severely, but not dangerously; 1 sepoy  
killed; 1 jemadar, 11 sepoy, wounded.

Pioneers—2 privates killed.

Total killed—4 privates of 24th Foot, 4 sepoy.

Total wounded—1 brevet major, 2 captains,  
2 lieutenants, 1 jemadar, 1 serjeant, 22 pri-

vates of 24th Foot, 2 naicks, 16 sepoy,  
2 pioneers, 2 gen lascars.

(Signed)

GEO. CASEMENT,  
Major of Brigade.

N. B. Authentic intelligence has been received  
of the ratification by the Rajah of Nepaul, of the  
Treaty mentioned in the Gazette of the 11th of  
May; but no official copy of the ratified Treaty  
has been received.

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