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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