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DISPATCHES have been received at the East India House, from the several Governments in India, of which dispatches and of their inclosures the following are copies and extracts:

GENERAL ORDER by His Excellency the Governor-General, dated Camp Sonarie, December 17, 1817, inclosed in a Letter from Mr Lushington, Secretary to the Vice President in Council, at Fort William, dated 7th January 1818, to Mr. Cobb, Secretary to the East India Company.

THE Governor General experiences the most lively satisfaction in announcing the repulse and entire defeat, by the British troops at Nagpore*, of the forces of the Rajah of Berar, by which they were attacked without any previous declaration of hostilities, or the slightest act of aggression on the part of our Government or troops.

The conduct of the Rajah having afforded decided indications of an hostile design, the brigade of British troops, consisting of two weak battalions† of Madras native infantry, and three troops of the 6th regiment of native cavalry, the whole amounting to not more than one thousand two hundred fighting men, took post at the Residency on the 25th of November, and during that and the following day occupied themselves in strengthening their position. On the evening of the 26th they were attacked by the enemy, with a force computed at upwards of twenty thousand men, who assailed

them at all points with cavalry, infantry, and artillery. The action lasted eighteen hours, and the repeated charges of the enemy were sustained with the greatest gallantry and perseverance by our troops, who succeeded, after a most desperate contest, in completely repulsing and defeating the enemy with great loss, capturing eight of their guns. Captain Fitzgerald, of the 6th Bengal native cavalry, is reported as having particularly distinguished himself in a most spirited charge against the enemy's cavalry, in which he captured four of their guns, and immediately turned them against the enemy with great and decisive effect. At this period the enemy appeared to be thrown into confusion by the blowing up of a tumbril. The advantageous moment was nobly seized—our troops charged and broke through the enemy and pursued their success, until the fortune of the day was completely decided in their favour.

Our loss was considerable, but the amount has not been exactly ascertained.

After the action the Rajah sent in Vackeels to sue for a suspension of hostilities, but the Resident, Mr. Jenkins, refused to communicate with him until all the troops were withdrawn from the vicinity of the Residency, which was accordingly done.

Reinforcements are on their march to Nagpore from several quarters, and a considerable British force will shortly be assembled there.

His Excellency the Commander in Chief is requested to direct a royal salute to be fired from the Artillery Park.

By command of His Excellency the Governor-General,

J. ADAM,
Secretary to the Governor-General.

* Lieutenant-Colonel Scott's detailed account of this action, dated 29th November 1817, was published in the Gazette of the 6th May last.

† The 1st of the 20th, and the 1st of the 24th.