

The Peishwa abandoned his palanquin early, and took to horse, and I regret exceedingly his person could not have been secured; but the troops had marched nearly thirty miles before this affair commenced, and the pursuit and return (nearly sixteen miles more) exhausted the horses.

Twelve elephants, fifty-seven camels, several palanquins and aftaubgurs, and a few horses, fell into our hands.

I inclose a copy of the Orders which convey my sentiments on the conduct of the troops, and also a list of the killed and wounded; and I cannot close a dispatch which may claim some interest, without bestowing the praise justly due to the Staff.

I have been greatly and cheerfully assisted in all my duties by Captain Tovey, the Deputy Adjutant-General, and by Captain Mayne, the Deputy Quarter-Master-General, Officers well experienced in their departments, and of valuable professional acquirements. You are already aware that although I had taken the precaution of forming a considerable grain depôt, from the general aspect of affairs with the Peishwa's Government, his sudden treachery prevented my obtaining timely carriage for it with the army; the good arrangement, foresight, and assiduity of Major Hall, the Deputy Commissary General, greatly overcame this and other difficulties, and I owe it to that Officer to state my sense of his abilities and services in thrt important department.

The Paymaster of the Force, Captain James, the Commissary of Stores, Captain Griffiths, of the Bombay Artillery, and the Medical Branch, under Mr. Superintending Surgeon Phillips, are entitled also to my earnest praise, in always keeping their departments in perfect arrangement and efficiency.

The Officers of my Personal Staff, Captain Hardcastle, Lieutenants Place and Bellamore, have been most active and zealous in their duties, and deserve the public expression of my grateful acknowledgements.

I have not yet been able to trace the course of the Peishwa's flight, or can I follow him till I have disposed of the Rajah's family in Poona: and as he has made earnest entreaties for an early interview with you, I beg you, if possible, to meet me on my route there, that I may the sooner proceed again in quest of the enemy.

I have the honour to be, &c.

LIONEL SMITH, Brig.-Gen.

P. S. A third Sirdar was found killed, supposed to be the Balla Rajah. LIONEL SMITH.

(Inclosed in the preceding.)

DIVISION ORDERS, by Brigadier-General Smith.

Camp at Kurhumb, 21st Feb. 1818.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL SMITH begs to express his entire satisfaction with the conduct of the whole of the troops engaged in the affair with Gokla's horse yesterday, and which led to such important results as the death of that Chief, together with the rescue of the Rajah of Sattara and family from the hands of the enemy.

The Brigadier-General particularly noticed the gallant exertions of Major Dawes and the two squadrons of His Majesty's 22d dragoons, also Majors Doveton and Walker, with the 7th and 2d of Madras light infantry, under the direction of Lieutenant-Colonel Colebrooke, who is requested to accept Brigadier-General Smith's thanks, and to convey to the whole of the cavalry brigade, and to

Captain Frith, in charge of the gallopers, the high sense which he entertains of their important services; although Captain Pierce and the horse artillery were unavoidably kept in reserve upon this occasion, the Brigadier-General takes the opportunity of expressing the obligations he is under to this corps, and his admiration of their exemplary conduct throughout the present service.

The operations of yesterday were necessarily confined to the cavalry, but the zeal and good conduct evinced by the whole of the troops during a period of three months of incessant marching have been eminently conspicuous, and the Brigadier-General regrets that it was impossible upon the present occasion to afford them all an opportunity of meeting the enemy.

H. TOVEY, D. A. Gen.

*List of Casualties in the Cavalry Brigade, in the affair with the Enemy, 20th February 1818.*

22d Dragoons—1 lieutenant, 1 trumpeter, 13 rank and file, wounded; 3 regimental horses killed; 1 officer's horse, 13 regimental horses, wounded; 1 officer's horse, 7 regimental horses, missing.

2d Light Cavalry—1 trumpeter, 1 rank and file, wounded; 4 regimental horses wounded; 7 regimental horses missing.

7th Light Cavalry—1 rank and file killed; 2 rank and file wounded; 5 regimental horses wounded; 7 regimental horses missing.

Total Killed and Wounded—1 private, 3 regimental horses, killed; 1 lieutenant, 2 trumpeters, 16 privates, 1 officer's horse, 22 regimental horses, wounded; 1 officer's horse, 21 regimental horses, missing.

*Officer wounded.*

Lieutenant Warrand, 22d dragoons, slightly.

J. COLEBROOKE,  
Lieut.-Col. Commanding  
Cavalry Regiment.

*Copy of a Dispatch from Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Hislop to the Governor-General and Commander in Chief, dated Head-Quarters, Army of the Deccan, Camp at Maheidpoor\*, 22d January 1818.*

MY LORD,

I have extraordinary satisfaction in transmitting, for the information of your Lordship, the official details of one of the most heroic actions† which has ever been fought and gained by an handful of men over a large army.

The accompanying transcript of Brigadier-General Smith's dispatch, and of the General Order which I yesterday published to the army on this brilliant occasion, will place your Lordship in full possession of the particulars of the battle in which the 2d battalion of the 1st regiment of Bombay native infantry, aided by a small party of Madras artillery-men, with two six-pounders, and about three hundred auxiliary horse, have nobly sustained during a whole day, and finally repulsed the unceasing and vigorous efforts of the Peishwa's army, under circumstances of peculiar difficulty and privation, which render the exploit altogether unparalleled.

\* Situated on the Soopra River to the north of Ougein.

† The Division Orders of Brigadier-General Smith, relative to this action, were published in the London Gazette of the 5th of June last, as were also some extracts from the dispatches of the Government of Bombay, on the same subject, in the Gazettes of the 18th of April and 9th of June.