

the 14th and 15th, he prepared to attack the enemy on the morning of the 16th, which was accordingly done, and the manner in which this important service has been achieved reflects the highest credit upon the judgment and professional talents of the gallant officer who commanded, as well as upon the discipline and determined valour of the excellent troops who so nobly carried into effect the able and well judged plans of their General.

The Commander in Chief cordially concurs in the expressions of approbation conveyed in the Brigadier-General's dispatch, of the distinguished conduct of Lieutenant Colonels Mac Leod, Scott, Gaban, Mackellar, and Crossdill, commanding brigades; of Major Munt, and Captain Webster, commanding corps of cavalry, and of Lieutenant Colonels Stewart and Fraser, and Majors Pereira, Pollock, Mac Donall, Weldon, Macbean, and Garner, commanding corps of artillery and infantry, as well as to Lieutenants Poggenpohl and Hunter, of the horse artillery, and to these officers His Excellency desires to offer his thanks and praise for their able and gallant exertions, as described by Brigadier-General Doveton.

To Major Mac Leod, and the officers of the general-staff, to Captains Morgan and Edmunds, on the personal staff of the Brigadier-General, and to the other staff officers, the Commander in Chief's acknowledgements are most justly due for their able conduct, and zealous exertions, in the action on the 16th December.

His Excellency desires particularly to express the high sense he entertains of the conspicuous exertions, and well-directed ability which have been so eminently displayed in the conduct of Lieutenant Davies, senior engineer, to whom he offers his best thanks and applause.

His Excellency also notices with feelings of the highest admiration the conduct of Lieutenant Bayley, who, although labouring under a severe wound received on the memorable 26th November, volunteered his services with the Brigadier-General on the 16th ult. and has again proved his well-earned title to the warmest acknowledgements and praise of the Commander in Chief.

The Commander in Chief has also received dispatches from General Doveton, detailing his operations subsequent to the 16th ultimo, the successful termination of which on the 30th ultimo, by the capitulation of the City of Nagpore, His Excellency has already had the gratification of announcing to the army in General Orders of the 8th instant*.

The city, it appears, was defended by 5,000 Hindostanee Troops, and 3,000 Arabs, strongly posted in the palace of the Rajah, and other stone buildings in the town;—the arrangements made by Brigadier-General Doveton for their expulsion, and the gallantry, steadiness, and discipline of the troops in the attack of the 24th ultimo, are entitled to the Commander in Chief's grateful acknowledgements; and he desires that the expression of his

* Not yet received.

unqualified praise and approbation of the conduct of the troops employed throughout the operations against Nagpore, may be communicated and particularly explained to them all,

His Excellency in conclusion offers to Brigadier-General Doveton his cordial congratulations upon the success which has crowned his gallant exertions at Nagpore, which the Commander in Chief will not fail to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General, in the terms of approbation and applause they have so well merited.

T. H. CONWAY,
Adjutant-General,
of the Army of the Deccan.

Copy of a Report from Major-General Sir W. Keir to the Adjutant-General, dated Camp, near Jaboh, 11th February 1818.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, that a few days subsequent to my letter of the 3d instant, I received instructions from His Excellency Sir Thomas Hislop to disperse a body of troops, assembled under Bheema Bhye, a sister of Mulhar Row Holkar, who had been for some time past exacting money, and committing excesses throughout the country; I accordingly moved from Budnawur† on the 7th instant, leaving the heavy stores and baggage at that place, under a strong escort, and after very long and severe marches arrived at this place yesterday morning, and encamped close to Bheema Bhye's force.

My instructions, prescribing in the first instance an attempt at an amicable arrangement, I communicated to Bheema Bhye the line of conduct which it was necessary to pursue, requesting her immediately to disband her troops, and place herself under my protection, in order that she might be enabled to proceed to Rampoora, conformably to the wishes of Holkar's Ministers.

To these demands she considered it prudent to accede, and came over to my camp in the evening with two hundred followers, having discharged the remainder of her troops, consisting of near two thousand men, who have been granted a safe conduct to Tandlah, where they have engaged to separate, and return to their respective places of abode.

The Bhye is at present in such reduced circumstances that I have been under the necessity of providing for her expences to Rampoora, at the rate of two hundred rupees a day, and have reported the circumstance to Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Hislop and Brigadier-General Sir John Malcolm, Political Agent to the Governor General.

I shall move to-morrow, and return to my position at Budnawur, by easy marches.

I have, &c.

G. W. KEIR, Major-General.

* About eighty miles to the westward of Ougein.

† About thirty miles west of Ougein.