

Copy of a Dispatch from Lieutenant-General Sir T. Hislop, Bart. to the Governor-General and Commander in Chief, dated Head-Quarters, Army of the Deccan, Camp near Maheidpoor, 23d January 1818.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith, for the information of your Lordship, the copy of a dispatch, dated 24th ultimo, from Brigadier-General Munro, announcing the successful commencement of his military operations in the southern Marhatta country.

I have the honour to be, &c.

T. HISLOP, Lieut.-Gen.

Copy of a Report from Brigadier-General Munro to the Adjutant-General, dated Camp, at Morab, December 24, 1817.

SIR,

I HAD the honour to address you on the 22d instant from Koosgul. The force by which I was then accompanied consisted of two flank and three battalion companies from the garrison of Darwar. The battalion companies proceeded next morning to meet the battering train from Bellary, and I marched at the same time with the flank companies, with one of the battalion guns, and a five and half-inch mortar, under the command of Major Newall, for Nawelgoond, in order to relieve that place, in which I had a garrison of Peons, hard pressed by Cassi Row Goklah. On approaching within two miles of Nawelgoond* some small parties of horse were seen; and advancing about a mile further the main body was discovered moving slowly along the side of a rising ground, at the distance of about a thousand yards; its strength appeared to be about seven hundred, and as it seemed to have an intention of coming round upon our baggage, two shells were thrown, by which two horsemen were killed. The whole body upon this moved off, attended by about two hundred foot, which Cassi Row had brought with him, and the garrison of Lallghurry†, amounting to about one hundred men, and was soon out of sight.

When the Peishwah commenced hostilities it became evident that the local situation of this province, and Gokla's extensive Jagheers in it, would give great facility to the enemy in making incursions into the Company's territory. The most likely way of preventing it was to find the enemy employment in the defence of his own possessions; but as there was no disposable regular force present, I determined at once to avail myself of the aid of the inhabitants in accomplishing this object; as much progress in this plan has already been made as was possible with the means within my reach.

I appointed military Aumildars to most of the districts in the enemy's possessions on this side of the Malperbah, with orders to raise Peons‡, and get possession of as much of their respective districts as was practicable. Among these men Ram Row, a native of Mysore, was appointed to Nawelgoond;

* Probably Noulgound, on Arrowsmith's large map, about 25 miles to the east of Darwar.

† Not marked upon the map.

‡ Peons, foot soldiers generally employed in revenue and police duties.

he got possession of above half the district in a very short time, and on the 19th instant he advanced from a village about two miles from Nawelgoond with five hundred Peons to attack Govind Row Goklah, who was at that place with a body of seven hundred horse, and about six hundred of this body were picquetted in the streets and the open space between the Pettah and fort. The rest were mounted, and watching Ram Row, who advanced at noon so rapidly that he entered the pettah before the body there could mount and get out of it. The panic was so great that they galloped off in every direction without attempting to make any resistance. Nineteen horses were taken, above twenty were left dead. A considerable number of the enemy were killed. Govind Row, who commanded, escaped with difficulty; and of two Sardars, under him, one was killed, and the other wounded and taken.

Cassi Row Goklah, who was then at Badami, on hearing of the defeat of his son, marched to join him with two hundred and fifty horse and two hundred foot, and after collecting the fugitives, he arrived at Nawelgoond on the 22d, Ram Row having retired into the old fort: he occupied the pettah* before daylight on the 23d, and was pressing the fort very hard, when the approach of Major Newall's detachment saved the garrison, as its ammunition was nearly expended. The enemy left nine or ten dead in the streets, and they were so much dispirited by their loss in the two attacks that they abandoned Lallghurry, the ghurry that protects Nawelgoond, and carried off the garrison.

I have given these details, because without them I could not have done justice to Ram Row, whose conduct is entitled to the highest praise.

I have, &c.

THOS. MUNRO, Brig.-Gen.

Extract from a Dispatch from Lieutenant-General Sir T. Hislop, Bart. to the Governor-General and Commander in Chief, dated Camp, at Sammookee, 28th January 1818.

I HAVE the satisfaction to transmit herewith the copy of a letter received from Major-General Sir William Keir, reporting a successful attack† he has made on the depôt of the Pindarry Chiefs, nearly an hundred of whose adherents he has destroyed.

Brigadier-General Sir John Malcolm marched on the 24th instant from Mundipoor‡ towards Boojkairah, near the confluence of the Sone and Chumbul.

Lieutenant-Colonel Adams had arrived by my latest accounts at Shujawulpoor§.

I have already reported to your Lordship the reduction of the fort of Guddluck, by the detachment with Brigadier-General Munro, and I have now the further satisfaction to transmit the copy

* Pettah, the suburbs of a fortified town.

† An extract from a dispatch from the Governor in Council of Bombay, dated 19th February, containing a notice of this affair, was published in the London Gazette of 16th July, page 1279, the dispatch from Sir W. Keir, now published, had not then been received.

‡ About ninety miles N. W. of Ougein.

§ About sixty miles from Ougein, in an easterly direction.