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A DISPATCH has been received at the East India-House from the Governor in Council at Bombay, dated 19th May 1818, inclosing a report from Brigadier-General Thomas Munro to the Honourable Mountstuart Elphinstone, of which the following is a copy :

*Camp before Sholapore\*, May 11, 1818.*

Head-Quarters, Field Division.

To the Honourable Mountstuart Elphinstone, Commissioner.

SIR,

ON the 9th instant I had the honour to report to you the arrival of the division under my command before this place, and that Gunput Row

\* Sholapore, a town in the late Peishwah's dominions, near the western boundary of the Nizam's, about 140 miles south east of Poona.

Paunsee had returned here from the south of the Beema River the day before, and was encamped under the guns of the fort, in a strong position, with Bajee Row's guns and infantry.

Yesterday morning, at day-break, I carried the outward pettah by escalade, and made a lodgement in the inner pettah (close up to the fort), where the Arabs continued to defend the houses on that side of the fort, assisted by the garrison, for a considerable time. It is now in our possession, I am happy to inform you.

Just as we got possession yesterday of the outward pettah, Gunput Row led a considerable body of his infantry, with a few hundred horse, round by the eastern side of the fort, and opened five guns upon our reserve. Finding our battery did not silence these guns, I ordered them to be charged, and carried three of them; the other two having been unfortunately withdrawn just then

under the fire of the fort. Gunput Row was wounded, and Victul Punt Tattiah killed, besides several others of less note, at their guns and in their retreat.

Having understood that the enemy were going off about four o'clock P. M. from their camp, I ordered out our small body of cavalry, under Brigadier-General Pritzler, to pursue them. Fortunately Dhooly Khan came into camp just before from Tooljapoor\* with three hundred horse, after a long march, and joined in the pursuit.

I have great satisfaction in acquainting you that the Brigadier-General was fortunate enough to overtake them about seven miles from camp, and he pursued them five miles to the banks of the Seenat† river, and only gave over as the night closed in, leaving between seven and eight hundred killed and wounded on the field, and amongst the former, I believe, Major de Pinto: his party, and the Arabs under Dyaub, who did not part with their arms, suffered most. The enemy were about five thousand infantry, and six or seven hundred horse: the latter all escaped, having had so great an advantage in starting; those of the infantry who got off threw away their arms, so I hope I may congratulate you upon the complete defeat and dispersion of Bajee Row's infantry, and as his guns were taken into the fort, I expect we shall soon have the remainder of them also. The enemy lost all their baggage, camels, &c. &c.

Our loss yesterday, I fear, has been severe; as yet I have not received the returns of the killed and wounded.

I shall do myself the honour to send you a detailed account to-morrow, of the operations of yesterday.

The garrison now consists of only eight hundred or one thousand infantry; and our mortars are playing on the fort from the inner pettah since morning.

I have the honour to be, &c.

T. MUNRO.

*Field Army Orders‡, by Major-General Marshall, commanding.*

*Camp, before Hattrass, March 6, 1814.*

Major-General Marshall congratulates the army

\* An unfortified place, 110 miles S. E. of Ahmednuggur.

† A river falling into the Beema.

‡ Through some accident, the dispatch from the Governor-General in Council, covering these Orders, has not been received.

he has the honour to command, on the successful termination of its services against the fortress and town of Hattrass; which event has led to the surrender of Moorsaun and eleven other forts.

To Major-Generals Donkin, Sir J. Horsford, and Brown, and Major Amburey, General Marshall feels extremely indebted for the judgment, zeal, promptitude, and energy, which they invariably displayed in carrying into effect the operations devolving upon the several branches of the service to which they were attached.

The science and skill displayed by the engineer and artillery departments were eminently conspicuous; and the bombardment and explosion of the enemy's principal magazine, which, without derogating from the merits of others, must be allowed to have given us almost immediate possession of the place, will long be regarded as the most memorable among the brilliant events of the last fortnight, and as demonstrative of the extent and soundness of that judgment and penetration, which, in the avowed anticipation of these very consequences, enabled the army, by the provision of adequate means, to insure them. The practice of the artillery has answered the expectations of that high authority, to which the Major-General has ventured to allude in the foregoing observations. Another motive for them is to bring forward and illustrate the fact more closely; that where the means are equal to the science and practical knowledge known to pervade every branch of the army, the results must invariably be rapid and successful, even against such strong and formidable forts as Hattrass has proved to be.

The infantry and cavalry on this occasion had abundant opportunities of shewing their bravery, zeal, and devotion to the service.

On one occasion, particularly, the Major-General was highly pleased with the alacrity and eagerness displayed by the infantry, who were formed in columns ready to storm the works of the town, holding out every expectation of success from men who evinced such resolution and desire of being led on.

The duties of investing the fort latterly devolved on the cavalry, and their vigilance and constancy in maintaining the blockade entitle them to the Major-General's highest consideration. The loss sustained by the enemy in making their retreat from the fort, reflects great credit on the two squadrons of His Majesty's 8th light dragoons.

the 7th native cavalry, and part of the 1st Rohilla cavalry, who entered—and routed them.

The pioneer corps has given another proof to the many already on record of their coolness in the most trying situations, and of their extraordinary skill and dispatch in the labours which belong to them in this particular species of warfare.

Having thus noticed his high approval of the conduct of every branch of the army, Major-General Marshall desires that the several Officers employed on the General Staff of the army will accept his warmest thanks for the able manner in which their several duties were conducted.

The Major-General's Personal Staff, consisting of Captain James, Aide-de-Camp, Major Cartwright, and Lieutenant Sneyd, of the Quarter-Master

General's department, who both volunteered their services on this occasion, and acted as Aides-de-Camp, are entitled to his best thanks for their ready assistance on all occasions.

The Commissariat-Department, under Lieutenant-Colonel Stevenson and Captain Cuncliffe, answered the high expectations formed of it from past experience.

Lieutenant Aplin's exertions as Acting Assistant Quarter-Master-General marked the zeal, intelligence, and ability of this deserving and promising Officer; Captain Watson, Provincial Assistant Adjutant-General, and Brigade-Major Gough, had important and laborious details to conduct, which they performed to the entire satisfaction of the Major-General.

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