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DISPATCHES have been received at the East India-House, from the Governor in Council at Bombay, dated 30th May, 3d and 8th June 1818, of which dispatches, and of their inclosures, the following are copies and extracts :

Extract from a Dispatch from the Governor in Council at Bombay to the Secret Committee, dated 30th May 1818.

WE have the honour of transmitting to your Honourable Committee, for your information, copies of dispatches which have reached us subsequently to our dispatch of the 19th instant, viz.

Two dispatches from His Excellency the Commander in Chief, dated the 15th and 19th instant, detailing the operations of the force under Lieutenant-Colonel Prother, employed against Ryghur.

Another letter, dated the 21st, announcing the surrender of the fort of Anjenwell*.

From Mr. Elphinstone, dated the 20th, inclosing one to him from Captain Briggs, reporting a successful attack against a body of Arabs in Kandeish.

Another letter from Mr. Elphinstone, dated the

21st, transmitting copies of dispatches from Major Eldridge, giving an account of his operations in the valley of Jooneer*, which your Honourable Committee will have the satisfaction of observing have led to the complete occupation of that part of the country.

Another letter, of the same date, giving cover to a dispatch from the Political Agent at Sattara, announcing the surrender and occupation of the fort of Pertaubghur†.

From Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy, and extract of one from Lieutenant-Colonel Prother to the Adjutant-General, dated the 20th and 21st, reporting the occupation of several further forts in the Concan.

Copy of a Dispatch from His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir Miles Nightingall, K. C. B. Commander in Chief, to the Governor in Council at Bombay, dated 15th May 1818.

Honourable Sir,

I DO myself the honour of transmitting a fur-

* The country in the vicinity of Poona.

† A hill fort in the southern Concan, 50 miles east of fort Victoria.

* On the Sea Coast, 30 miles south of fort Victoria.

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ther* detail of the operations at Ryghur, containing copy of Brigade Orders issued by Lieutenant-Colonel Prother, which more particularly mark the zeal and gallantry displayed by the several Officers, corps, and departments therein named, in which I fully concur, and beg to draw the attention of your Honourable Board to the active and laborious performance of the various duties that have devolved on the whole detachment, during an arduous siege of fourteen days.

A copy of the agreement with the Killadar, also sketches and plans of Ryghur, form accompaniments to Lieutenant-Colonel Prother's dispatch, which I have also the honour to forward.

I have, &c.

M. NIGHTINGALL, Lieut. Gen.

Extract from a Report from Lieutenant-Colonel Prother, C. B. to the Adjutant-General, dated Camp, Ryghur, 12th May 1818.

AFTER a siege of fourteen days, wherein the force under my command, in every branch of the service, gallantly and zealously performed their duty, I deemed it advisable to close with the offer to treat on the part of the enemy, and after experiencing all the delays, equivocations, and evasions so customary with natives, I took possession of the fort of Ryghur yesterday.

The force I have had the honour to command will be found I hope to have cheerfully performed its duties; I inclose a copy of my orders on the occasion. I cannot too strongly repeat here to His Excellency that I have no where praised an individual but for his well acquired merit.

Extract of Brigade Orders, dated Camp, before Ryghur, 12th May 1818, by Lieutenant-Colonel Prother.

THE surrender of the fortress of Ryghur having closed the operations, the commanding Officer has peculiar pleasure in offering a public acknowledgment to the merits of those by whom this event has been so much accelerated.

The professional ability, zeal, and gallantry displayed by Lieutenant Remon, commanding Engineer, in the arduous duties he had to perform during the siege of Ryghur, are duly appreciated by Lieutenant-Colonel Prother, and to that Officer, as well as Ensigns Jopp and Dashwood, the Lieutenant-Colonel tenders his just approbation.

The admirable practice of the artillery, under the command of Major Bond, has never been more conspicuous during the whole campaign than against Ryghur. The quick and successive fire when unavoidably labouring under disadvantages in a confined situation, tended materially to distress the enemy; and the firing of the Palace, with the number of wounded in a fort of such extent, is a convincing proof of the very superior practical abilities of Major Bond and his Officers.

* A letter from Sir Miles Nightingall, with Lieutenant-Colonel Prother's report of the surrender of Ryghur, was published in the Gazette of the 28th September 1818, page 1737-8.

The Commanding Officer directs, that Major Bond will, the first convenient opportunity, convey to the Officers, non-commissioned Officers, and privates of the detachment of artillery, his unqualified approbation of their zeal, ability, and good conduct.

The conduct of the troops in the cheerful endurance of unusual labour, in bringing the ordnance up a steep ascent, and placing them in the batteries, with their behaviour during the siege, justly entitles them to merit; and in returning his thanks to the Commanding Officers for their support, Lieutenant-Colonel Prother requests Major Hall, commanding detachment 89th regiment, Captain Hutchinson, commanding detachment battalion, Captain Soppell, commanding 1st battalion 9th regiment, and Captain Delamotte, commanding corps of pioneers, will express his approbation to the Officers, non-commissioned Officers, and privates of their respective corps, for their laudable exertions.

Although Major Benjafield, and detachment of His Majesty's 67th regiment, did not arrive until nearly the end of the siege, yet the share taken by them fully deserves the Commanding Officer's thanks.

The Commanding Officer takes this opportunity of noticing an omission in his Orders of the 26th ultimo, and to assure Lieutenant Powell, Brigade Quarter-Master, that his exertions that day in securing the elephants, camels, and horses belonging to Ryghur, when that Officer composed part of the gallant detachment, under Major Hall, is deservedly regarded.

The detachments of the Commissariat, under Captain Wilson, and Ordnance Commissariat, under Lieutenant Miller, were ably conducted; the zeal and fatigue the latter Officer experienced did not escape the Commanding Officer.

To Captain Moore, Major of brigade, the Commanding Officer tenders his acknowledgments and unqualified approbation, for his active and zealous performance of the various duties that have devolved on him, and which have been conducted in such a manner as to entitle that Officer to the attention of those who have it in their power to appreciate and reward them.

Copy of a Dispatch from Sir Miles Nightingall to the Governor in Council at Bombay, dated 19th of May 1818.

HONOURABLE SIR,

I DO myself the honour to lay before you copy of a letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Prother, dated 13th instant, with accompaniments, giving the particulars of an affair with the enemy before Ryghur, on the troops first approaching that fortress, which seems to have been ably conducted by Major Hall, of His Majesty's 89th regiment, and is very creditable to that Officer and the detachment under his command; and the result, no doubt, contributed essentially in forwarding the operations of the siege.

I have the honour to be, &c.

M. NIGHTINGALL, Lieut.-General.

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Copy of a Report from Lieutenant-Colonel Prother to the Adjutant-General, dated Camp, Ryghur, 13th May 1818.

SIR,
FROM some unaccountable accident two dispatches, relative to an affair that took place between a party of the enemy and a detachment of the field force, under Major Hall, on the 24th April, have been, I have every reason to believe, lost.

In justice to Major Hall I send an account of the gallant conduct of himself and the detachment, and in recommending that Officer to His Excellency the Commander in Chief, I do so from the sentiments I entertain in respect to the merit of the exploit of the 24th, it having, no doubt, accelerated our batteries being erected sooner, which contributed so essentially to induce the enemy to surrender.

I have the honour to be, &c.

D. PROTHER, Lieut.-Colonel.

(Inclosed in the preceding.)

SIR, Camp, at Ryghur, April 26, 1818.
I HAD before reported my intention to push forward to Mahar with all possible expedition, and I reached it on the 24th instant, without experiencing any obstacles of importance, except near the town, the road then became rugged and difficult for the battering train, and I was in consequence obliged to halt a day to give it time to pass the river; prior to this I had received information that the enemy were using every precaution in their power to resist our approaches to the fort, and there was a probability that the Peishwah's family would resolve to quit it, there being two elephants, several camels, and horses kept in readiness for that purpose.

I therefore came to the determination to endeavour to cut off the enemy's retreat from the fort, and accordingly ordered two hundred Europeans, an equal number of natives, and fifty auxiliary horse, with a proportion of pioneers, to march on the morning of the 24th, with a discretionary power to Major Hall, of His Majesty's 89th Regiment, to act to the best of his judgment for the advantage of the service.

I have the pleasure to say that the party reached the enemy's stockade and carried it just at day-break, and were not discovered by them till within three hundred yards, when the enemy fired a few shots and retired in haste to the pettah. Major Hall however lost no time in following them up, advanced double quick, and found the enemy drawn up on a rising ground, when they fired, and our party gave them a warm fire in return, which brought down several. On this they fled into the advanced works, leaving on the ground twenty killed and several wounded, when our party returned and established themselves in the pettah, thus entirely precluding the enemy's escape in that quarter.

In the mean time Lieutenant Powell, my Brigade Quarter-Master, having obtained information that the elephants and camels had gone off early in the morning, pursued them with a few of the auxiliary horse, and had the good fortune to capture and

bring the whole, being two elephants, thirteen camels, and a number of mares and tattoos into camp.

The gallantry of Major Hall, Officers, and men composing his detachment, I cannot too strongly represent to His Excellency the Commander in Chief. I inclose Major Hall's report.

I have, &c.

D. PROTHER, Lieut.-Col.

Copy of a Report from Major Hall to Lieutenant-Colonel Prother, dated Camp, near Ryghur, 24th April 1818.

SIR,

AGREEABLY to your instructions I marched on Ryghur last night, and arrived at the enemy's first stockade, on the road leading up to the fort, at day-break. This they abandoned on our approach. Shortly after our advance fell in with their main body, in the vicinity of the pettah, about three hundred strong, part of them mounted.

They immediately opened a sharp fire, on which I advanced the column, in double quick time, and after a considerable fire of musquetry drove them into the fort.

We had three men of the 89th regiment wounded, and the enemy about twenty men killed.

The object of my advance being thus effected, I fell back to my present position, first leaving one hundred men of the 89th and fifty sepoys in the pettah, under the command of St. Leger; and I beg you will inform me if it is your wish that we should retain possession of it. It is quite sheltered from the fire of the fort.

The road leading to the fort is very steep and rough, and in its present state quite impassable for guns. I have been obliged to return thus far owing to the scarcity of water.

I have, &c.

S. HALL, Major, 89th Reg.

Copy of a Report from Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy to the Adjutant-General, dated Camp, near Anjenwell, 17th May 1818, inclosed in a Letter from Sir Miles Nightingall to the Governor in Council at Bombay, dated 21st May 1818.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that I am now in possession of the fort of Anjenwell, and expect very shortly to have under my command all the forts in the Anjenwell district.

I made preparations on the 14th instant, to proceed against the forts of Anjenwell and Gowulhote*, when on the morning of the 15th, I received a communication from Mr. Pelly, the Resident at Fort Victoria, that the Anjenwell district would be surrendered to the British authority; accordingly I put into immediate execution the arrangements I had made; Lieutenant Adamson with a detachment of two hundred and fifty men crossed the river at Dabool, this day, at three o'clock, at the same time that I myself with two hundred more men

* In the Concan.

landed to the southward of the fort from the Honourable Company's cruisers and some pattamars.

It was my intention, in case any opposition should be offered, to make a battery of two twelve pounders to be procured from the ships, but such a measure was not necessary, the fort having been abandoned on the first appearance of the detachment.

I proceed to-morrow morning to Gowulkhote, and thence to the forts of Byramghur and Vujeeghur, and will give you the earliest information. Some grain and I believe a number of articles of value of the Peishwah's equipage have been formed in the fort, of which a report shall be forwarded to-morrow.

I have, &c.

M. KENNEDY, Lieut.-Colonel.

Extract from a Report from Captain Munn to Captain Briggs, Political Agent in Kandeish, dated Burdull, 15th May 1818, inclosed in a Letter from the Honourable Mountstuart Elphinstone, to the Secretary to the Bombay Government, dated 20th May 1818.

HAVING received information that the Arabs had attacked this place, and encamped near it, I marched from Soangeer yesterday evening at seven o'clock, and arrived here this morning at break of day, having with me one hundred and sixty rank and file, two six-pounders, and the auxiliary horse under Captain Rind. I found the enemy had possession of a deserted village, surrounded by a mud wall, distant one mile. The people of this place pointed out the advanced picquet, against which I advanced, and in a short time twenty-seven of the Arabs were either shot or bayoneted; some horse belonging to this picquet, endeavouring to escape, were cut up by the auxiliary horse. The enemy were now advancing from the village in great numbers, and appearing on the flanks and front, with an apparent intention of surrounding us, I thought it advisable to fall back upon Burdull; they followed for some distance, but were driven off with considerable loss.

I am sorry to state that three sepoy were killed and one subidar and six sepoy wounded.

Extract from a Report from Major Eldridge to Captain Hallifax, Acting Deputy-Adjutant-General to Brigadier-General Smith's Division of the Army, dated Camp, Jooneer, 29th April, inclosed in a Letter from Mr. Elphinstone to the Bombay Secretary, dated 21st May 1818.

I HAVE the honour to report to you, for the information of Brigadier-General Smith, my arrival yesterday morning at Jooneer, the fort and gurie of which were taken possession of by Lieutenant White, of the 1st auxiliary battalion, with his detachment, on the night of the 26th instant. He moved on for the purpose from Narriangaum before the brigade came there, having heard that they were evacuated that day or the preceding night.

In the course of yesterday afternoon a Jassoot, whom I sent out for intelligence, returned with a confirmation of the report I had before heard,

that Annabhoy Rattiker, the Subidar of Jooneer, was at Hursur, a fort about three coss off. I immediately directed Major M'Leod, with a party of his horse, to proceed to the place. I am happy to report that the Subidar, with some of his followers, twenty-five horses, and four camels, were taken, which I attribute in a great measure to the alacrity and promptness which which Major M'Leod acted on the occasion. I have ordered out a party of infantry to take possession of the fort of Hursur; and in a few days I hope to be able to report the fall of all the other forts in this neighbourhood.

Extract from a Report from Major Eldridge to Captain Hallifax, dated Camp, Chawund, 4th May 1818, also inclosed in Mr. Elphinstone's Letter of the 21st May.

I HAD the honour to report my having got possession of the forts of Shunurie, the Gurry of Jooneer, and the fort of Hursur, and have now the pleasure to report, for the information of General Smith, the reduction of the two strong hill forts of Chawund and Joodeen. On the 1st instant the brigade encamped before Chawund, which is about three miles and a half or four miles from Hursur, and the Killadar having refused to give it up without an order from his master, I immediately ordered down some mortars and howitzers, which opened on the fort at six P. M. The bombardment continued all night, and until six o'clock next morning, when the garrison surrendered unconditionally—about one hundred and fifty shells were thrown. There were upwards of one hundred men in the fort, whom I disarmed and sent off with orders to go to their villages, being all Malhattas. Yesterday the brigade marched to Joodeen, which is situated in the grand range of ghauts, and commands an extensive view of the Concan, and close to the Nanee Ghauts. The Killadar, who had been summoned two days before, declined giving up the fort, and gave out that he would fight eight days. On the approach of our advanced party with Captain Nutt, the Engineer, to reconnoitre, they were fired on frequently from the guns and matchlocks. I am happy to say, without sustaining any loss. A spot was soon fixed upon for the mortars, and also a battery for two brass twelve pounders, till the eighteen pounders could be got ready to play on the masonry about the gate. The mortars opened at about twelve o'clock, and after firing an hour, having thrown about twenty shells, a man was sent down to say that they would open their gate, which was immediately taken possession of by a party of the Bombay European regiment, then on duty in the battery. The garrison after being disarmed, I dismissed.

I am now on my march back by Jooneer to Hurruchundlinghur, which is almost the only fort remaining in the enemy's possession in this part of the country.

Extract from a further report from Major Eldridge to Captain Hallifax, dated Camp Dungowarrah, 8th May 1818.

SINCE my letter of the 4th, I have the pleasure

to report that the forts of Hurrichundighur and Hoonjilghur have been taken possession of by a detachment of the S. A. battalion, under Captain Sykes. At Chawund I learned that a short road lay over the hills to these forts, and in hopes that they would surrender to a party, and prevent the trouble of taking the guns round, I sent off the above detachment which completely succeeded. The brigade is now encamped about six miles north of Jooneer. Major M'Leod with his detachment is still on the look out for any bodies of horse that may make their appearance in this part of the country.

Extract from a Report from Lieutenant Mansfield to Major Thomas Thatcher, commanding at Sattara, dated Pertaubghur, — May 1818, inclosed in a Letter from Mr. Elphinstone to the Bombay Secretary, dated 21st May 1818.

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that agreeably to your orders, I marched from Sattara on the morning of the 12th instant, and in conformity to instructions received from Captain J. Grant, Political Agent, arrived here on the 14th, at two P. M. after a most harassing march, from the road having been rendered impracticable for horses and almost for foot, by the felling of large timber in the ghauts, which obliged us to proceed on foot for the last ten miles

On my arrival at the village at the foot of the ghaut leading to the fort, I sent a flag of truce with the summons for the surrender of the fort, which, with the exception of a carkoon, one sepoy, and a prisoner, had been evacuated on the 12th instant. I immediately marched up with the party of the 2d of the 9th, and I am happy to say have thus got quiet possession of Pertaubghur, a fort that was capable of giving us a great deal of trouble, especially at this advanced season of the year. A Duffedar has this moment arrived from Mukunghur, and I am happy to say with the surrender of the fort; and I have dispatched a Havildar's party to take possession. I conclude with mentioning the great obligations I am under to Lieutenant Jellicoe, for his assistance ever since I left Sattara.

Extract from a Report from Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy to the Adjutant-General, dated Camp, near Chiploon, 20th May 1818.

I LEFT Anjenwell yesterday, with a detail of three hundred and fifty men, and took possession of the fort of Gowulkhote.

It having been reported to me on my arrival (which happened at two P. M.), that twelve or fifteen hundred Ramooses had been plundering in the neighbourhood of Chiploon*, and had been desirous even of seizing Gowulkhote*, I immediately ordered a party of one hundred and fifty men, under Lieutenants Adamson and Capon, to go and drive them out of some strong buildings in the town of Chiploon, where they had taken post.

The party left Gowulkhote at three P. M.; on its near approach to Chiploon, a messenger from the

Ramoossee Sirdar delivered a letter to Lieutenant Adamson, which, on being opened, was found to contain congratulations to myself, and offers of service from the Sirdar to assist in expelling the Peishwah's troops from the district. The answer returned on the spot was, an order for the buildings at Chiploon to be immediately evacuated, and the party marched on.

Extract from a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Prother to the Adjutant-General, dated Camp, near Mhar, 21st May 1818.

I HAVE the satisfaction to report the occupation of Lingannals, Khanguoree, Chunderghur, and Myputghur*, by the troops under my command. Anjenwell has been given up, and Mr. Pelly writes, he is in daily expectation of the surrender of all that may still be occupied. Ryghur appears to have been the only hope on which the enemy rested.

Extract from a Dispatch from the Governor in Council at Bombay to the Secret Committee, dated 3d June 1818.

WE have the satisfaction of forwarding copy of a dispatch from the Resident at Nagpore, dated the 22d ultimo, reporting that the large fortified city of Chanda† had been taken by storm by the force under Lieutenant-Colonel Adams, on the 20th of that month.

Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Adams, C. B. to Mr. Jenkins, the Resident at Nagpore, dated Camp, Chanda, 20th May 1818, inclosed in a Letter from Mr. Jenkins to the Bombay Secretary, dated 22d May 1818.

SIR,

IT is with peculiar satisfaction I have the honour to report, for your information, that the large fortified city of Chanda was stormed this morning, a little after five o'clock; that the breach was carried with a spirit and energy I have never seen excelled; and that in little more than an hour the whole of this extensive capital was in the possession of Colonel Scott, who gallantly conducted the assault, and the brave troops under his command.

I am most happy to add, the loss has not been severe: Captain Charlesworth, Lieutenant and Adjutant Watson, Lieutenants Fell and Casement, are the only Officers wounded. I shall do myself the pleasure of transmitting my detailed account by to-morrow's dawke‡.

I have, &c.

J. W. ADAMS, Lieut.-Col. commanding Nagpore subsidiary force.

Extract from a Dispatch from the Governor in Council at Bombay to the Secret Committee, dated 8th June 1818.

WE have the honour of transmitting to your Honourable Committee, for your information, copy:

* Also forts in the Concan.

† About seventy miles south of Nagpore.

‡ Post.

* Forts in the Southern Concan.

of a letter from His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, dated the 30th May, with the papers referred to from Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy, reporting his having taken possession of the forts of Byramghur and Bowanghur*.

Extract from a Report from Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy, to the Adjutant-General, dated Camp, near Bowanghur, 24th May 1818, inclosed in a Letter from the Commander in Chief to the Governor in Council at Bombay, dated 30th May.

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that I marched from Chiploon on the evening of the 21st instant, and encamped at Sewarda, from whence I detached Lieutenant Capon with one hundred rank and file, on the morning of the 22d to take possession of the strong hill fort of Byramghur (about nine coss from thence in an easterly direction), and that Officer having rejoined me this morning with a part of the detachment, I beg leave to refer you to the report of his proceedings, which is herewith transmitted.

I marched the same morning myself with the remainder of my detachment (six artillery men, one three pounder, and fifty rank and file), for the purpose of taking the fort of Bowanghur, situated on a high and very steep hill, which was in the possession of a body of Ramoosses†, who had some time since taken it from the late Peishwah's troops.

On my arrival here at sunset yesterday, preparations were immediately made for carrying the fort

* In the Southern Concan,
† A predatory tribe.

by escalade, and orders were issued for a detachment to march at three o'clock this morning; accordingly a party of six artillerymen and sixty rank and file of the 1st battalion, 10th regiment, under Brevet Captain Hughes of the 2d battalion, 2d regiment, with Lieutenants Seymour and Adamson of the 1st battalion, 10th regiment, proceeded (with ladders formed from tent poles) and arriving near the gateway by day-light, followed the enemy so closely into the fort, that the garrison had only time to escape by the sally port on the opposite side.

Extract from a Report from Lieutenant Capon to Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy, dated Camp at Tullorda, 23d May 1818.

I HAVE the honour to report that, agreeably to your instructions, I marched with a detachment of one hundred rank and file, and arrived at Tullorda (the village at the foot of Byramghur) this day at ten A. M.

My party being much fatigued with the length of the march, I did not think proper to ascend the hill, which is nearly three coss in ascent, but sent for the Killedar, who coming with a small party, arrangements were quickly made for my being put in possession the next morning. The Killedar only required that the arms and property of himself and garrison, amounting to about one hundred and fifty, should not be taken away, which I agreed to; the Ramoosses being in some strength likewise in the vicinity of the fort, the Killedar and garrison begged a party of sepoys to escort them to Pattan in the Deccan.

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