

commendation which Brigadier-General Pritzler has bestowed on them for their zeal and cheerfulness on all occasions.

His Excellency the Commander in Chief has great satisfaction in announcing to the army that the fortress of Chakun\* surrendered to the detachment, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Deacon, of the Madras establishment, on the 22d ultimo. The judgment, spirit, and decision, with which the short but active operations against the fort of Chakun were carried on, speak sufficiently the ability and character of Lieutenant-Colonel Deacon, and his Excellency the Commander in Chief requests that Officer to accept his praise and acknowledgments for the important services he has rendered.

The Commander in Chief's approbation is also due to Captain Thew, commanding the Bombay artillery, Ensign Slight, of the Bombay engineers, employed on this service, as well as to the whole of the Officers and troops of the detachment.

T. H. S. CONWAY,  
Adjt.-Gen. of the Army of the Deccan.

*Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Cunningham to the Honourable Mountstuart Elphinstone, dated Camp, near Pritchethgur, 10th June 1818, inclosed in a Letter from Mr. Elphinstone to Mr. Warden, Chief Secretary to the Bombay Government, dated 16th June 1818.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, for the information of General Smith, that the detachment under my command encamped yesterday as near to Pritchethgur as the jungle would admit, and shortly afterwards occupied a high hill which completely commands that place. I immediately sent to the Killedar, requesting him to deliver up the fort, but without effect,—and in the course of the day Captain Spillar went over and was admitted under a flag of truce, and did every thing in his power to induce the garrison to comply with my demand, which they promised to do the following day; as I however put but little faith in their assurances, I sent back during the night to the top of the Moreghurry Ghaut for one of the guns, which had been carried up the day before, and owing to the exertions of the detachment and the assistance which had been sent me from Sattara, I had the pleasure of seeing it brought up and mounted upon the hill which we occupied by two o'clock: I then warned the Killedar of the consequences that would ensue if the place was not immediately put in my possession, and on receiving no satisfactory answer commenced hostilities.

The first two shells seemed to alarm them a good deal, but unfortunately they had so much cover that it was impossible to reach them; sensible of this they rose up the moment our gun was fixed, and set us at defiance. Under such mortifying circumstances the only way I thought it possible to get into the place was by blowing open the gateway by musketry, which service Captain Spillar, in the most gallant manner, offered to perform;

\* The surrender of Chakun was notified in the Gazette of the 28th September 1818, page 1733.

Lieutenant Redford also volunteered to accompany him.—Fifty men from the 6th regiment, and a party from the auxiliary horse, were immediately formed, and advanced to the gateway on the opposite side of the tower.

Fearful that Captain Spillar might be overpowered by numbers, I joined him with a reinforcement, and had soon the happiness of seeing a hole blown through the gate, sufficiently large to admit one man at a time. The enemy were completely panic struck, and fled in all directions; and in the course of a few minutes the fort was in our possession. The Rajah and his family were made prisoners, and are now in camp. The enemy had five men killed, and the Subidar of the fort wounded. I ought to have mentioned that during our advance to the gateway the gun was well directed by Lieutenant Roe, which, no doubt, prevented the enemy from occupying that part of the works.

I have, &c.

J. CUNNINGHAM, Lieut.-Col. commanding detachment.

*Extract from a Dispatch from the Governor in Council at Bombay to the Secret Committee, dated July 15, 1818.*

THE following dispatches have been received, viz.

From the Resident at Nagpore, dated the 24th May, inclosing a letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Adams, reporting the particulars of the operations against the important fortress of Chanda, which surrendered to the force under his orders.

From the Honourable Mr. Elphinstone, dated the 4th instant, reporting the seizure of Trim-buckjee Dainglia.

On this event we offer our congratulations

*Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Adams, C. B. to Mr. Jenkins, Resident at Nagpore, dated Camp, Chanda, 22d May 1818, inclosed in a Letter from Mr. Jenkins to Mr. Warden, Chief Secretary to the Bombay Government, dated 24th May 1818.*

SIR,

MY dispatch\* to your address of the 20th instant, will have acquainted you that the strongly fortified city of Chanda was carried by assault that morning, and I have now the honour to state, for your information, the details which led to this glorious result.

During the night of the 17th instant, a battery for four twelve-pounders, a small one for two howitzers, and a sunken one for two six-pounders, were finished, and opened on the morning of the 18th instant, the former at a distance of about four hundred yards from the wall; and I viewed, with high satisfaction, on visiting them at sun-rise, the vivacity and excellent effect with which they played against the place.

The requisite materials being ready, the breaching battery for three eighteen-pounders was marked out at a distance of about two hundred and fifty

\* See Gazette, 6th November 1819, p. 1973.