

Copy of a Letter from Major Alfred Richards, Commanding a Detachment of the Nagpore Subsidiary Force, to Captain J. Aubert, Major of Brigade, dated Camp, Sitroper, 24th February, inclosed in a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Adams to the Adjutant-General, dated the 2d March 1818.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour, for the information of Lieutenant-Colonel Macmorine, to transmit a detailed account of the little affair between the enemy and my detachment yesterday.

Agreeably to the instructions received from you, I marched with two hundred fire-locks of the corps I command; and sixty of the 2d corps of irregular horse, at one o'clock yesterday morning, to attack a party of matchlock men from the Fort of Chouraghur, who it was said had joined a party of Ghooonds in the village of Gopaulgunge, situated in the hills. I reached the enemy's picquet at the entrance of the Ghaut, at five o'clock,—of it I took one prisoner and killed two, the remainder fled. I prosecuted my march as quickly as possible, but from the nature of the country I did not reach the village at which the enemy were until seven A. M.

They appear to have heard of my approach, and took post on the hills, and opened at about fifty yards distance. The troops formed, and stormed the hill in the most determined and spirited manner. The enemy retreated across the Sunkir-muddy, in effecting which several were drowned, and took post on the opposite side to oppose our crossing; but the galling fire from the party which I posted to cover our passage, soon dislodged them with considerable loss, after which they continued their retreat towards Chouraghur closely pursued. We took eighteen prisoners, some of whom are wounded: they informed me their force consisted of five hundred men united there for the purpose of plundering the villages in the valley. I calculate their loss at fifty killed, and their wounded at a proportionate number. It may be thought surprising that I did not lose a single man in this affair, but the hills are covered with a thick jungle, which protected the troops from the discharges of the enemy. I have much pleasure in stating that the conduct of the detachment merited my highest approbation, considering the difficulties they had to surmount, and every man did his duty. I pay a just tribute to the exertions and zeal of the irregular cavalry, when I state that their exertions in order to enter into the action, (which the nature of the country prevented,) was in the highest extreme praiseworthy. We returned to Camp at seven P. M. having traversed a distance of full thirty miles.

I have, &c.
A. RICHARDS, Major,
Commanding Detachment.

Extract from a Report from Lieutenant-Colonel Macmorine, commanding the 1st Brigade of the Nagpore Subsidiary Force, to the officiating Assistant Adjutant-General, dated Camp, near Jytone, 19th February, inclosed in a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Adams, C. B. to the Adjutant-General, dated 24th February 1818.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the informa-

tion of Lieutenant-Colonel Adams, C. B. that a party of armed men from Chouraghur approached my camp yesterday to within two and three hundred yards, and commenced a fire of matchlocks. In consequence I ordered out the picquets under Lieutenant Campbell, and a company of the first battalion, 10th regiment native infantry, under Lieutenant Bowie, to ascertain their force, and the object of their fire. Lieutenant Bowie, on arriving at the spot from whence the firing was kept up, found about one hundred and fifty matchlock-men from Bhownaighur, who had posted themselves in a strong position. On the approach of our party, they immediately opened a fire, which induced Lieutenant Bowie to resolve on dislodging them from their position, and he immediately ordered his men to ascend the hill, which was done in the most prompt and spirited manner. The party fled with precipitation, leaving fourteen men killed: a number must have been wounded. I regret to state that in this affair we had one sepoy killed.

Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant H. A. Montgomerie to the Commissioner in the Ceded Districts, dated Camp, Kullinapoor, 13th May 1818.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you that the town of Chouraghur having been evacuated by the enemy, was occupied yesterday evening by the British troops, and this morning the party proceeded to the occupation of the fort of Chouraghur, it being in like manner abandoned during the night.

I have, &c.
H. A. MONTGOMERIE,
In charge of the District.

Extract from a Report from Major O'Brien, commanding at Jubulpore, to the Adjutant-General of the Army, dated Camp Dhooma, 3d March 1818.

I BEG leave to acquaint you, for the information of the Most Noble the Commander in Chief, that having proceeded with an escort to Mundlak*, to settle the arrears of pay, and receive the surrender of that fort, agreeably to instructions from Mr. Jenkins, I arrived within three miles of the place on the 28th ultimo.

Several letters and messages passed during the day between Saheb Roy Huzzary, the Killadar, and Nuthoo Ram Huzzary, sent up from Nagpore, by Mr. Jenkins, on the part of the Rajah and myself. Every thing appeared in a prosperous train of immediate settlement at eight o'clock in the evening, and in the middle of the night assurances were brought me that all were peaceably inclined, and that Nuthoo Ram would wait on me in the morning for final adjustment.

Under the impression of peace and amity, I rode out in the morning of the 1st instant, when to my surprise I saw the night had not been passed idly by the garrison, who had crossed the river with four guns, four hundred cavalry, and three thou-

* A town on the Nerbudda, about one hundred and twenty miles north-east of Nagpore.