

1st Batt. 2d. N. I.—Lieutenant Dowker.
Detachment of Artillery.—Lieutenant King.
His Majesty's Royal Scots.—Ensign Thomas.

G. MAITLAND,

Major of Brigade.

5th and 7th June 1818.

I REQUEST you will report, for the information of Brigadier General Doveton, that Ensign Purton was wounded yesterday in the head, but I am happy to say it is merely a graze.

I forward a copy of the orders I issued the 29th and 30th ultimo.

Camp before Malligaum, 29th May 1818.

Notwithstanding Major Greenhill and the officers and men who moved towards the breach this morning met with obstacles not to be surmounted, and were in consequence recalled, Lieutenant-Colonel M'Dowell was highly gratified at witnessing the cool and determined courage of the Europeans and Sepoys on this trying occasion; and begs that Major Greenhill, the officers and men in this attack, will accept his best acknowledgements for their gallant conduct.

Every European and Sepoy this morning engaged, as well as the reserve in the trenches, must be convinced of the superiority of our troops over these Arabs, although behind walls; and the commanding officer looks forward for a good road to the breach, to make an excellent example of them. This order to be particularly explained to the native troops of this detachment.

G. MAITLAND, M. B.

Camp before Malligaum, 31st May 1818.

IN turning the siege of Malligaum into a blockade, the commanding officer has to lament the severe loss this detachment has met with in the fall of so many valuable officers and men since the 18th instant, particularly in Ensign Nattes of the engineers in leading the sappers and miners at the head of the storming party yesterday; the service at large, but particularly his corps, has lost in him a gallant and skilful officer. While Lieutenant-Colonel M'Dowell thus deploras the loss in this siege of two successive commandants of the corps of sappers and miners, he cannot withhold his approbation from the surviving officers, and he requests Ensigns Purton, Lake and Underwood will accept his thanks for their zeal and unwearied exertions on all occasions, since they joined this detachment.

Lieutenant-Colonel M'Dowell also laments the fall of Captain Kennedy, of the 2nd battalion 17th regiment C. L. I. who was mortally wounded close to Ensign Nattes, and Lieutenant Wilkinson of the 2nd battalion 13th regiment N. I. who fell at the head of his company, on the same occasion, as also Lieutenant Egan of the same corps, who died of the wound he received on the night of the 28th, while in command of the left post. He is happy, however, to find that he will not long be deprived of the services of Major Greenhill and the other wounded officers.

The commanding officer takes this opportunity of returning his best thanks to Lieutenant-Colonel Crossdill and the officers and men of the artillery for

their great and laborious exertions in the different batteries during eleven days, by which a breach was completed, with a few guns nearly unserviceable.

Lieutenant-Colonel M'Dowell has not yet received from Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart, or Major M'Bean, reports of the operations of the parties under their command in the assaults on different parts of the Pettah, but he is happy to know that their success has given us complete possession of the town.

G. MAITLAND, M. B.

Copy of a Report from Lieutenant-Colonel M'Dowell, to the Adjutant General, dated Malligaum, 17th June 1818.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that the garrison of Malligaum surrendered unconditionally on the morning of the 14th instant.

After forwarding to you, on the 1st, a return of killed and wounded, and reporting the result of the attacks on the Fort and Town, on the morning of the 29th May, I changed ground to the Pettah side, throwing up a strong redoubt where our breaching battery was, and keeping possession of all our advanced posts on that side, and blockading the place as closely as the range of the shot from the fort would admit.

I now commenced laying in fresh materials for renewing active operations to occupy if possible the place before the heavy rains set in, taking our two unserviceable eighteen pounders off the carriages, and bringing from Chandoor and Unki-Tunki two others.

On the 18th, gabions and fascines for two batteries were completed, and on the 9th, owing to the great exertions of Brigadier General Smith, a park of four eighteen-pounders, three brass twelve-pounders, some mortars and howitzers, escorted by the 1st battalion 4th Bombay infantry, under Major Watson arrived. On the morning of the 11th a battery of one 10-inch mortar, and seven 8-inch mortars and howitzers opened. Several were thrown to ascertain the proper length of the Bombay fuses, when we commenced a smart bombardment, and at 11 A. M. I had the satisfaction to see the enemy's grand magazine blow up, carrying with it, from the foundation, about twenty-five yards of the work of the inner fort, some of the Pagah wall, and filling up part of the ditch; still an immense strong wall of the outworks was entire.

Within four hundred yards of this a breaching battery was nearly finished on the night of the 11th, when the garrison called out for quarter; our fire on the breach however continued till morning, when the enemy hoisted a flag, and two Arab Jemidars came out; I told them unconditional surrender was the only terms I could give them; These in the course of this day, the 12th, were accepted, and next morning a native officer's party was admitted, and the British flag hoisted on the Tower of the inner fort.

Finding that treachery on our part was suspected, and wishing to do away a report all over Kandeish so prejudicial to our character, I did not hesitate