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THE following are Copies and Extracts of General Orders, Dispatches, and Reports concerning Military Operations in India, which did not arrive in the regular course of the dates.

GENERAL ORDER, by His Excellency the Governor-General.

Gorruckpore, June 18, 1818.

THE service within the Nagpore territory having been closed by the reduction of the fortresses of Mundelah and Chanda, the Governor-General has infinite pleasure in professing his acknowledgements to Major-General Marshall, and to Lieutenant-Colonel Adams, under whose able management the captures were respectively effected.

The difficulties which Major-General Marshall had to encounter in getting forward his battering-train, through a country singularly rough, and wholly devoid of roads, were such as, notwithstanding the indefatigable efforts of Captain Cane, and of the Ordnance Department, under Acting Deputy Commissary Donald, could not have been surmounted by ordinary means. Nothing could have overcome the obstacles but the admirable zeal which appears to have pervaded every branch of the division. The sepoys deserve the highest encomiums for their patient and protracted labour in dragging the artillery and waggons up the rocky steeps; and the Governor-General desires that his warm praise may be communicated to them: but it is obvious that their cheerful perseverance in such severe toil could only flow from the cordial confidence subsisting between their Officers and them. To the Officers, therefore, his Lordship directs it to be explained,

that from an effect so beneficial to the public he knows how to appreciate justly the habitual tenor of their behaviour towards their men, for which he offers them his applause and thanks.

The conduct of the siege by the principal engineer, Captain Tickell, was marked with the same science and judgment observable at Dhannonie, and does great credit to the professional skill of that Officer. The high terms in which Major-General Marshall represents the exertions of Captain Tickell, as well as those of Lieutenants Peckett and Cheape, Ensigns Colvin and Irvine, and Cadet Warlow, of the same corps, are amply justified by the circumstances attending the fall of the fort.

The gallant manner in which Brigadier-General Watson led the assault, and dislodged the rallying enemy from various parts of the town, reflects great honour upon him and must have materially influenced the success of the attack.

Major O'Brien in procuring information on which to ground the plan for investing the place, manifested a judicious activity extremely useful.

The zeal and intrepidity of Lieutenant Pickersgill, Deputy Assistant-Quarter-Master-General, in reconnoitering the breach, will remain duly impressed on the Governor-General's memory. His Lordship has further to be mindful of the unwearied assistance which Major-General Marshall states himself to have received from Captain Watson, Assistant-Adjutant-General, and from Captain James, Deputy Assistant-Adjutant-General to the Division.

No exposition of the meritorious service of the storming column, nor any proof of the energy of Brigadier Dewar who commanded it, with Majors Midwinter and Thomas under him, can be requisite, beyond the fact of its complete success: Lieu-