

have led to the immediate evacuation of the former, and to the consequent occupation of positions by our troops of the greatest importance to our ultimate success, whilst the decisive effects on the minds of the defenders of the fort, caused by the battery which had been planned by the latter of these Officers, affords the best test of it's position having been judiciously chosen.

To Major Butler, who voluntarily undertook the superintendance of the artillery detail; to Captain Arden, of the 27th regiment native infantry; Lieutenants Pringle and Air, of the pioneers, and generally to all the Officers and men employed on this occasion, the Brigadier begs leave to offer his best thanks. The facility with which during a very stormy night, and in spite of great natural obstacles, the battery was erected by the pioneers, clearly shews how much may be expected from the services of that valuable corps.

In the judicious and successful application of the labour of the public servants and cattle on this occasion, Lieutenant Sneyd, of the Commissariat Department, has established an additional claim to that approbation on the part of Brigadier Knox, which his former conduct had so justly excited.

A. KNOX, Brigadier.

Extract from a Report from Lieutenant-Colonel Baldock to the Adjutant-General, dated Hansa, 28th July 1818.

I HAVE the honour to report to you, for the information of the Most Noble the Commander in Chief, that Futteeabad* was occupied on the evening of the 26th instant, by two rissallahs of Skinner's horse, which, when I received intelligence of the place having been evacuated by the Bhuttees, I directed Major Fast to detach from Hissar to take possession of it.

Copy of a Letter from the Adjutant-General to Mr. Adam, Chief Secretary to the Bengal Government, dated 17th August 1818.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Commander in Chief to report, for the information of the Governor-General in Council, that the detachment under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson gained possession of the town of Madarajpoora† on the night of the 29th ultimo, with the trifling loss of four men killed and ten wounded.

One column entered the town by the breach which had been made in the walls, and two others by escalade, and Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson reports the good conduct of the Officers and troops employed on the service. The fort still held out.

I have, &c.

JAS. NICOL,
Adjutant-General of the Army.

* In the Bhutte country.

† In the Rajpoot territory, between Oudeypore and Jypore.

Extract from a Report from Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson, C. B. to the Assistant Adjutant-General, dated Camp, Madarajpoora, 2d August 1818.

I BEG leave through you to offer my congratulation to Major-General Sir David Ochterlony, Bart. G. C. B. in the surrender last night of the fort of Madogurh to the detachment under my command; the fort is at present occupied by a party of our troops under Captain Watson, 1st battalion 28th, and Baorat Sing quits it as soon as cattle can be provided for the conveyance of his baggage. He expresses his intention of proceeding to Muttra, and I have agreed to assist him with the loan of carriage, cattle, and a tent for his journey; he is also to be permitted to dispose of what grain he has in the fort, but in all other respects his surrender is unconditional; I trust this arrangement will meet the Major-General's approbation.

I cannot refrain from calling the Major-General's attention to the zealous exertions, activity, and cheerful endurance of fatigue manifested by the whole of the Officers and men employed in the present operations, and I should conceive it an injustice were I not to express how much the successful result is to be attributed to the unremitting exertions of Ensign Field, Engineer, whose perseverance, although in a state of ill health, is highly meritorious and deserving of my best thanks.

Major Butler and the Officers and men of the artillery sustained the well known reputation of that distinguished corps, and are entitled to the highest commendation, the practice of the mortar and breaching batteries (the former under the command of Captain Pereira, and the latter under Captain Graham, who zealously volunteered his services to command the breaching batteries both against the town and fort), was most excellent; to which and the fire from the other batteries, under Lieutenants Smith, Baker, and Whinfield, the surrender of the fort with so small a loss on our part must be attributed.

Lieutenants Pringle and Aire, commanding the two companies of pioneers, evinced great zeal, and the exertions and fatigue gone through in erecting the several batteries, where materials were procured with so much difficulty, is highly praiseworthy, the ladders also which preceded the different columns of attack upon the town were carried and placed by the pioneers under the direction of these Officers; and the whole detachment has been employed working day and night ever since our arrival before the place.

The several columns of attack upon the town were commanded by Captains Leith, Arden, and Watson, and the steadiness shewn by the men during the attack, and the great vigilance exerted after the capture in the occupation by our troops are highly creditable to those Officers who since commanded these alternately, and although no serious opposition was made, yet the determination and ardour displayed by the Officers and men is a sufficient proof that no resistance of the enemy would have availed them.

To Captain Gough and to Lieutenant Hall,