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DISPATCHES have been received at the East India-House from the Government of Bombay, dated the 10th March and 9th April 1821; of which dispatches, and of their inclosures, the following are extracts and copies:

Extract of a Dispatch from the Governor in Council of Bombay to the Court of Directors of the East India Company, dated 10th March 1821.

THE expedition under the command of Major-General Smith, C. B. arrived at Zoor*, the port of debarkation, on the 28th, and the Imaum on the 30th January, after putting his army in motion on three different routes to effect a junction. The troops immediately landed, and took up a position about two miles and a half in advance of Zoor.

General Smith's advance into the interior was delayed by an unexpected deficiency in carriage, which the Imaum was to furnish. On the night of the 10th of last month, a party of the enemy, in numbers from four to five hundred, of the most efficient of the tribe, and conducted by their two Shieks, Mahomed bin Ali and Cadeem bin Ali, after having surprised the piquets in that direction, made a bold attack on the left of our camp, succeeded in penetrating into the rear of the lines of the Bombay European regiment, and committed very serious injury among the Officers and men of that regiment while getting under arms. As soon, however, as the inlying piquet and portion of the regiment could form and pursue the enemy, they

* The Imaum of Muscat.

immediately withdrew; but this daring enterprise was attended with considerable loss; one Officer, Captain Parr, and eleven privates, having been killed, and three and twenty privates wounded.

The Arabs left Ban Ali on the afternoon of the 8th, traversed a country almost a desert, and with very little water, and by a circuitous and very difficult foot-path among the mountains, made a long march the last day, and without halting, except to leave a few camels they had with them, reached a place called Masbach, within an hour's march of our camp.

From Masbach they moved in two divisions. It was intended that one should proceed round to the rear, and the other to the front of our camp, carry it, and then to attack and take the fort of Saone. The two divisions, however, met again accidentally in a date grove on our left, the original plan was changed, and both advanced and surprised the left of our camp.

Copy of a Letter from Major-General Smith, C. B. to the Adjutant-General, dated Camp, near Zoor, 11th February 1821.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that on the night of the 10th instant, a party of the enemy, after having driven in the piquets on the left of our camp, near the upper fort of Zoor, succeeded in penetrating into the rear of the lines of the Bombay regiment, and committed very serious injury among the Officers and men of that regiment while getting under arms,