

south fort would share the same fate as the north one. From this period till the 30th, repeated messages were sent from the shore, leading to no satisfactory result.

On the morning of the 30th, therefore, we commenced bombarding the south fort, which, by two P.M., was taken possession of and blown up, the guns spiked, and the barracks burnt.

These decisive measures produced the desired effect. Ameer Fathullah, who had superseded the Dola, Fukee Hussan, came on board with several others early in the morning of the 2d January, and produced his powers; and having afforded Captain Bruce the strongest assurances of a full admission of our demands, that Officer landed on the 4th, and rode to the house of Ameer Fathullah, who received him in the politest manner. The late Dola, Fukee Hussan, was present, but placed on a seat at some distance from the Ameer; in the evening he was put under close confinement, with a guard over him, his property seized and confiscated by an express order from the Imaum, for having transmitted false accounts of the state of affairs; this was at least the reason assigned by Ameer Fathullah. In the evening the Ameer returned Captain Bruce's visit, an extraordinary proof of condescension, as no instance existed of a Dola's returning the Resident's visit.

A day having been fixed for Hajee Futteh's affording publicly an atonement for the indignities he had committed on the British Representative at Mocha, Ameer Fathullah, accompanied by a number of other Functionaries and the principal merchants, brought the offender to Captain Bruce's house, on Saturday the 6th of January, where Captain Lumley and a large party of gentlemen from the squadron were assembled. Ameer Fathullah, leading Hajee Futteh by the hand, formally announced to Captain Bruce, that he had brought him by the Imaum's order to be delivered up to us, to be punished in any way we thought proper; that His Highness was very sorry for what had occurred, and that it was perfectly unauthorised on his part. He trusted, therefore, this public acknowledgment would be considered a sufficient atonement. He then delivered Hajee Futteh into Captain Bruce's hands. Captain Lumley and Captain Bruce replied, that sufficient satisfaction had been offered, and that Hajee Futteh was freely forgiven.

On the following day Captain Lumley, Captain Bruce, and two Officers, accompanied by a Sirdar on the part of the Dola, rode through the Shadeley gate and round the town, after which Ameer Fathullah issued a proclamation, which was repeated for three successive days, announcing "that no one was to presume to offer molestation or insult to any person belonging to the English in the streets, or at the different gates of the town, which were to be at our free use whenever we pleased, the same as to themselves; that any one transgressing this public proclamation, would be severely punished."

On the 14th, Ameer Fathullah delivered a letter from His Highness the Imaum, enclosing a firman, reducing the duties to two and a quarter per cent. and in the course of the next day copies of the treaty which Captain Bruce had drawn up and sent him, were returned, signed and sealed by him-

self and the Members of his Council, and which your Honourable Court will perceive comprehends the whole of our demands, and places the British Factory on that respectable footing on which it ought alone to be maintained.

Although we have not yet received the sentiments of the Honourable the Governor on these proceedings, we considered it to be our duty, as the Topaze was proceeding to join the flag, to express to Captain Lumley and the Officers, seamen, and marines under his command, our sense of their exertions and services on this important occasion.

We beg to offer to your Honourable Court our congratulations on the success of an expedition which has so honourably redeemed the national character from that stain which the natives in Arabia admitted it had received, and were surprised we had so long tolerated; and on the honourable and advantageous conditions which have been obtained and secured to us by treaty.

*Extract of a Letter from Major-General Smith to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Camp, at Beni Boo Alli, 3d March 1821.*

I HAVE great pleasure in acquainting you for the information of the Honourable the Governor in Council, that the division under my orders having left Zoor, on the 24th ultimo, arrived after a very difficult march at Beni Boo Alli, on the 2d instant, and succeeded in carrying the enemies whole fortified position in the course of that evening.

The principal action fell on Lieutenant-Colonel Warren's brigade, the left of which was very vigorously attacked by the enemy and sustained considerable loss. He was however very quickly repulsed by the destructive fire of the brigade, and left upwards of two hundred men killed in the field.

Taking advantage of his defeat I pushed on to occupy his various defences as fast as possible; as we approached his citadel or principal fort the enemy sent out a message to His Highness the Imaum asking for quarter. His Highness had gone back in the morning to Beni Boo Hassen, to hasten the junction of the principal body of his army, and to send forward two eighteen pounders (which were left at that place), for the purpose of reducing the forts; the active character of the enemy requiring that my line in the first instance should be incumbered with as few heavy stores as possible. I sent an answer to inform the enemy of His Highness's absence, and offering to spare the lives of the garrison if they immediately surrendered themselves prisoners of war and laid down their arms. It very shortly appeared they were only endeavouring to gain time, and finding that our twelve pounders very quickly opened the outer wall of the fort, and that the enemy was endeavouring to make his escape, I was on the point of ordering the assault, when the shrieks of the women and numerous families in the interior induced me, in order to save their lives, to offer quarter. All the men in the fort were immediately disarmed, and became prisoners of war.

His Highness has requested me to blow up the fort and principal defences of the place which I am preparing to execute accordingly.