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THE following copy of a report from Lieutenant-Colonel Maxwell, of the East India Company's Service, to the Adjutant-General of the Army in Bengal, dated Camp, at Mongroule, October 1, 1821, has been received at the East India-House:

SIR,

FOR the information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Commander in Chief I have the honour to report, that Captain Tod, Political Agent in the Western Rajpoot States, intimated to me yesterday, all hopes of negotiation having failed, and that I was consequently at liberty to attack the Maharao\* Kishore Sing, but that it was politically expedient that the troops of the Raj Rana Zalim Sing should be principal, or at all events participate fully in the action. This morning both forces moved from their respective encampments at three and half-past three o'clock, for the purpose of engaging the enemy near Mongroule, and found him drawn up irregularly to the north of the town, with a nullah and broken ground in the rear. The cavalry, under the Maharao in person, upon the right, and his infantry or detached parties, with two guns, extending about three-fourths of a mile on the left, covered by a deep tank in front. On arriving within a quarter of a mile of his position, Captain Tod was desirous of once more giving the Maharao an opportunity of coming over, and requested operations might

\* Of Kotah.

be suspended pending his proposal, but this terminating like all former attempts, the action soon after commenced by the Raj Rana's artillery, and six pieces, under Captain Campbell, opening directly upon, and within three hundred and fifty yards of the Maharao, whose cavalry appeared devoted to destruction in his behalf; but the whole of the artillery was too well served to be resisted beyond a few minutes by the most determined enemy. Unfortunately the continuation of Zalim Sing's fire, longer than was actually necessary to break those opposed, prevented so immediate a charge or pursuit as might have been wished. On its cessation the troops crossed the nullah, and Major Ridge, with two squadrons 4th light cavalry, soon came in sight of the principal body of the enemy's cavalry, under the Maharao in person.

He immediately formed and charged with the greatest promptitude, but I am deeply concerned to add, with the loss of two brave enterprising young Officers, Lieutenants Reade and Adjutant Clerk, who nobly fell in the service of their country. Major Ridge was severely though not dangerously wounded by a sabre in his head, and much as all those who admire his distinguished gallantry must be concerned at his sufferings, yet considerable consolation arises from the assurance of its not being likely to keep him more than a few days from the able discharge of his duty. The enemy was followed up till twelve o'clock by all the troops, and Zalim Sing's horse were then directed to continue it so long as any hostile parties could be traced.

In result I have the honour to report the capture of two guns, nearly the whole of the baggage, and all the camp which was left standing, as if such a (to them) disastrous termination had never been contemplated. It is difficult to ascertain his loss with perfect accuracy, but from what has fallen under my own observation, I do not think it can be estimated under two hundred killed, including many Chiefs; and such of their own reports as have hitherto reached us make it five hundred. The Maharao's palkee\*, with gold and silver sticks, have been brought into the Raj Rana's camp, and his younger brother, Maharao Pirthee Sing, is a prisoner with us, severely and dangerously wounded. I now come to the performance of a most pleasing part of my duty, in reporting generally the good conduct of all the troops under my command, but my best thanks are particularly due to Major Price, who commanded the right column of attack with the desired success; to Major Ridge and his highly distinguished corps, to the 4th light cavalry; to Major Kennedy, of the 5th light cavalry, for the zeal and energy displayed throughout the day, and the ready alacrity with which he advanced to the support of their more fortunate fellow soldiers in the 4th.

The promptitude, ardour, and indefatigable exertion of Captain Campbell, and his troop of native horse artillery were so conspicuous throughout the whole operation, as to claim my warmest approbation and thanks; nor can I pass over the exertion of Captain Farrington and the artillery under his immediate command, attached to Major Price's column, without the expression of my cordial acknowledgement. Captain Martin, commanding 2d batt. 6th reg. led on his corps with the greatest coolness and regularity, and soon defeated the enemy's infantry in his front. As it was necessary to have an Officer duly qualified attached to the troops of the Raj Rana Zalim Sing, I nominated Lieutenant M'Millan, of the 1st of the 6th, who was a volunteer in camp; to that important duty; and I feel much satisfaction in reporting his successful exertions and able management of that force. The conduct of those troops is highly praiseworthy and merits my warmest approbation. The artillery was admirably well served, and the whole were firm and collected during the action.

\* Palanquin.

A sense of duty induces me to acknowledge this, while at the same time I have no hesitation whatever in declaring that the result would have been if possible more satisfactory, had not their presence cramped the operations of the British force, or had they been so decidedly at my disposal as to have allowed me to have availed myself of their services at discretion.

It is with much pain I inclose a list of the killed and wounded, for though numerically small, the most brilliant success would have been dearly purchased by the loss and sufferings of those highly lamented Officers, whose names have been already recorded in this report.

In conclusion I have so many opportunities of noticing the admirable exertions of the Assistant Quartermaster-General, Captain Hall, that to enlarge upon them at present might be deemed superfluous; I can only add, that I this day received from him every assistance that the most active and indefatigable mind could possibly suggest.

My most sincere and grateful thanks are also due to Brigade Major Spiers, Captain Cubitt, Detachment Staff, and Lieutenant Burns, of the Commissariat, for their very great exertions and the zeal and promptitude with which they conveyed all my orders and instructions.

I have, &c.

W. G. MAXWELL, Lieut. Col. Comg.  
Field Force in Harrowtee.

*Return of Killed and Wounded of a Detachment, under the Command of Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. Maxwell, in Action near Mongroule, 1st October 1821.*

2 lieutenants, 2 havildars, 3 rank and file, 6 horses, killed; 1 major, 4 havildars, 16 rank and file, 1 horse, wounded.

*Names of Officers killed and wounded.*

*Killed.*

Lieutenant Reade and Adjutant Clerk, 4th Regiment Light Cavalry.

*Wounded.*

Major Ridge, severely, not dangerously, 4th Regiment Light Cavalry.

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