

Return of killed and wounded in a Detachment under the Command of Major Newton, during operations against the Burmese, near Bickram-pore, on the 17th January 1824.

1st Battalion 10th Regiment Native Infantry.—
1 sepoy killed; 1 wounded.
2d Battalion 25th Regiment Native Infantry.—
3 sepoy killed; 1 naik, and 6 sepoy wounded.
Rangpore Light Infantry.—1 sepoy killed; 1 naik,
1 drummer, and 4 sepoy (one of whom is since
dead) wounded, 1 elephant wounded.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Johnston, commanding a Detachment of the 23d Regiment of Native Infantry, to the Deputy Adjutant-General of the Army, dated Budderpore, 14th February 1824.

SIR,

THE command of this post having devolved upon me, in the absence of Major Newton, I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that the Burmese advanced yesterday morning in very great force to within one thousand yards of this post, on the north bank of the Soormah River, and commenced upon the construction of five separate stockades on most advantageous ground.

Having obtained the sanction of Mr. Scott, the Governor-General's agent, for dislodging them from positions which if permitted to be finished would form a serious hindrance to our future plans, and inevitably cause the sacrifice of many lives in their reduction, I was determined, if possible, to drive the enemy from them in their unfinished state, and with this view directed Captain Bowe, with part of the left wing 1st battalion 10th regiment, a detachment of the 2d battalion 23d native infantry, and a party of the Rangpore light infantry to cross the Soormah, whilst I proceeded, accompanied by Mr. Scott's interpreter, up the river, in order to induce them to desist from throwing up these fortifications, but seeing no probability of their acquiescence, and that they were rather waiting for further reinforcements, I thought proper to direct the advance of the column.

On reaching the first stockade the enemy fired upon the leading sections, who ascended the height and instantly drove the enemy with the bayonet from the stockade, and rapidly followed them up without giving them time to rally, till every stockade was carried in the same gallant manner and left in our possession; my instructions from Mr. Scott being not to commence firing, unless much resistance was made, prevented the enemy's loss from being so great as they otherwise must have sustained: with the stockades the enemy abandoned a number of gingals and muskets, and the whole of their ammunition.

I am sorry to add that this success on our part was not obtained without the loss of a jemadar of the 1st battalion 10th regiment and a number of men wounded, principally by spikes and bows set in the ground to impede the advance of the detachment.

I cannot close this dispatch without bringing to His Excellency's notice the gallant conduct of

Captain Bowe, who commanded the column of attack, and that of Lieutenant Ellis, who commanded the detachment 2d battalion 23d native infantry, and of whom Captain Bowe makes particular mention; indeed the whole of the detachment behaved with the utmost steadiness and bravery throughout.

I have, &c.

J. JOHNSTON, Capt. 23d Regiment.

Return of killed and wounded of a Detachment under the Command of Captain W. Bowe, in an Action with the Burmese, on the 13th of February 1824.

1st Battalion 10th Regiment.—1 jemadar killed; 1 quarter-master-serjeant, 1 subadar, 7 naicks, 1 drummer, 26 sepoy, wounded.
2d Battalion 23d Regiment Native Infantry.—2 sepoy wounded.

Copy of a Dispatch from Lieutenant-Colonel Bowen to David Scott, Esq. Political Agent on the Bengal Eastern Frontier, dated Camp, near Tiloy, 19th February 1824.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you that agreeably to your requisition the whole of the detachment at Budderpore embarked on board the boats in which the right wing 1st battalion 10th regiment arrived under my command from Dacca, and proceeded up the Soormah River towards Juttrapore on the 16th instant. The same morning I detached Major Newton to the latter place by land, with two hundred men, for the purpose of occupying the stockades at that place, should it be found that the enemy had quitted them, as was supposed to be the case. About half way towards Juttrapore four stockades which had been deserted by the enemy were destroyed, and I had the satisfaction of learning here, that Major Newton had taken possession of Juttrapore, where we arrived on the 17th. It appears that the enemy had abandoned these very strong and extensive stockades on the evening of the 13th, after having been driven from those opposite Budderpore, by the detachment at that place; and that a considerable number of them had retired to the fort of the Berteaka pass, in the range of hills to the north-east of Juttrapore.

Having left Major Newton with a detachment of about two hundred men at Juttrapore, to protect the stockades and to prevent the enemy from returning in that direction and occupying them; and it being ascertained that several of the Burmese Chiefs had concentrated their forces and taken up their position under the Berteaka pass, the detachment continued its route in the boats to the mouth of the Jeltinghy River, where it disembarked at nine o'clock on the morning of the 18th, and moved in the best order towards the enemy's position, where we arrived about eleven A. M. and found them strongly posted in two stockades on the left bank of the river, the passage of which, at the only place where it was supposed to be fordable, was completely commanded by one of them. Their position was naturally very strong, and had been