

fall into our hands; or be obliged to try the road to Munnipore, in which case their annihilation is certain, as the Naghas will no doubt cut them up.

*Copy of a Letter from Major Cooper to Captain Bayldon, Major of Brigade, in Assam, dated Kulliar, 31st October 1824.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Lieutenant-Colonel Richards, commanding the troops in Assam, that having obtained information of a party of sixty Burmahs being at Dickaree, in Chardoar, under Cogcutie and Hillee Fookans, belonging to the Moogum Rajah, I detached a party of forty men there, under the command of Lieutenant Watson (Chumparun light infantry), in three police row-boats, on the evening of the 29th instant, considering my detachment to be within one day's journey of Kulliar.

I have now the satisfaction of reporting, that Lieutenant Watson's party succeeding in surprising the enemy yesterday afternoon in some huts at Dickaree, in which little affair Cogcutie Fookan and six Burmahs were killed, Hillee Fookan and four Burmahs, two Doannees, and thirteen women and children, taken prisoners; also a small war-boat and nine indifferent muskets have been taken.

The surprise of the enemy, I am happy to state, has set at liberty two Christians (natives) in the employ of Mr. Bruce, of Juggy-gassal, named Henry Collins and Frederick Swain, also a native merchant, named Shaik Saharge, who were permitted, on paying a sum of money, to leave Joorhaut eight days ago.

Lieutenant Watson's party and prisoners joined me again to-day; he reports, that the men of the corps behaved in a steady and spirited style. I must, in a great measure, attribute their success to the judicious arrangements adopted by Lieutenant Watson for the attack, and to the military ardour and zeal, for the good of the service, I have on all occasions observed him to possess, and which I trust will, at a proper time, meet with His Excellency the Commander in Chief's favourable consideration.

I have also to report, that the Champarun light infantry and four gun-boats reached Kulliar this evening, and that the post is unoccupied by the enemy, who I am informed are principally collected at Namgong.

This detachment has been much longer in reaching Kulliar than I expected, owing to the easterly winds, strong current, and the tracking grounds being covered with strong and high reeds.

I have, &c.

G. COOPER, Major, commanding Chumparun Light Infantry and Detachment.

*Copy of a Letter from Major Waters, commanding the Dinagore Local Battalion, to Lieutenant-Colonel Richards, commanding in Assam, dated on the River Kullung, 29th October 1824.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report to you, that I ar-

rived on the evening of the 27th instant, at a point of the river opposite the village of Moree Kullung, about one third of the distance between Jaggee and Raha Chokey, where I received intelligence from Lieutenant Neuville, of the Quarter-Master-General's Department, of a party of the enemy, amounting to about two hundred and fifty men, being stationed at the village of Hautgong, a few miles inland on the north bank.

I determined on surprising them, and with that view proceeded at one o'clock A. M. yesterday morning, with a detachment of one hundred light infantry of the Dinagore battalion, which I deemed sufficient, having ascertained that their post was open. After a very fatiguing march of seven hours we reached their position, and completely succeeded in effecting our purpose, the enemy having no intimation whatever of our approach; owing however to the thickness of the jungle, and the numerous outlets from the village, their loss has been comparatively small; we did not remain to ascertain the exact amount, but those found killed were chiefly Usseel Burmese. Had a small party of cavalry been with the detachment not a man could have escaped, as the enemy effected it with great difficulty, and only by abandoning their women and baggage. After continuing the pursuit some distance over very heavy ground and through grass jungle, and finding I could not gain upon them, I returned to the village of Hautgong and subsequently to my boats.

I have every reason to be highly satisfied with the steadiness and cheerful exertion of the men in this fatiguing march of thirty-five miles, exposed to almost incessant rain, and through country mostly inundated; and feel particularly indebted to the Officers who accompanied the detachment (all being on foot), Lieutenant Neuville, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Lieutenant Jones, of the 46th regiment, temporarily doing duty with my corps, and Mr. Assistant-Surgeon C. Stewart, for the active assistance afforded me by them in every respect; and I beg further to add, that the correct information I received from the Intelligence Department, paved the way to ultimate success.

I have, &c.

E. F. WATERS, Major, commanding Dinagore local battalion.

*Copy of a Letter from Major Waters to Lieutenant-Colonel Richards, dated Rahachokey, on the River Kullung, 3d November 1824.*

SIR,

IT is with extreme satisfaction that I have the honour to report to you the successful result attending an attack on this post, on the morning of yesterday.

On approaching Rahachokey, I had every reason to believe, from the information received from Lieutenant Neuville, of the Quartermaster-General's Department, that my attack on Hautgong had directed the attention of the enemy to the line of the great river, and that they were quite unaware of my advance up the Kullung, or that our attack had been made from that quarter.