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DISPACHES have been received at the East India-House from the Governor-General in Council at Fort William, in Bengal; with inclosures, of which the following are copies:

Copy of a Letter from Brigadier-General Sir Archibald Campbell, K. C. B. to George Swinton, Esq. Secretary to the Bengal Government, dated Head-Quarters, Rangoon, 25th November 1824.

SIR,

SINCE I had the honour of announcing the capture of Martaban* by the troops under the orders of Lieutenant-Colonel Godwin, I have received intelligence of the submission of Tenasserim, and the town and small province of Yeah; these places of their own accord requested our protection; and the whole Burmese coast, from Rangoon to the eastward, is now subject to the British arms. The enemy's troops, which fled from the captured towns, and assembled at Yeah, embarked there in forty boats, and I understand have since landed in the district of Dalla. The reiterated accounts I have lately received, from all quarters, of a numerous army collecting in the neighbourhood of Prome, for the purpose of expelling us from Rangoon, now fully convince me the effort will be made. Maha Bundoola is said to have been nominated to the chief command, and I make no doubt we shall, ere long, have the whole strength and talent of the empire to contend with in this neighbourhood. Lieutenant-Colonel Miles, with the European part of the force detached to Tavoy and Mergui, has returned to head-quarters.

* See London Gazette, 20th April 1825, p. 689, et sequ.

Herewith I have the honour of enclosing a report from Lieutenant Greer, of the Honourable Company's marine, of a gallant little affair with the enemy's boats on the 7th instant.

I have the honour to be, &c.

A. CAMPBELL, Brig. Gen.

Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Greer, Commanding the East India Company's Cruiser Thetis, to Brigadier-General Sir A. Campbell, K. C. B. dated 14th November 1824.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report that on Sunday, the 7th instant, at eleven A. M. I left the ship in a row-boat, with a guard of six sepoy of the Bombay marine battalion, for the purpose of waiting on the senior Officer at Rangoon. Abreast of a small creek, a little below Basseen Creek, six war-boats pulled out and stood up close along till abreast of Basseen Creek, when eight more boats, of the same description, joined them; they then came out and endeavoured to cut her off by pulling across the river, ahead of the row-boat; I kept up a constant fire from the twelve-pounder and musketry, until two of the boats came along side; I immediately jumped on board of them with the sepoy, and succeeded in bayoneting every man. In one of the boats there appeared to be a chief, whom I shot in the act of darting a spear at me. The other twelve boats were coming close up, but seeing the fate of the other two, made off towards the shore, upon which I kept a smart fire while within range. I am sorry to state that during the action, one sepoy and one row boat man were severely wounded, the former in two places; in each of these boats were from thirty to forty men. I cannot conclude this re-