

Government, as deserving every praise for their exertions and valour on every occasion.

Previous to this attack with the military, we had with a party of seamen and marines, under Lieutenant Wyndham, several skirmishes with the enemy, and had succeeded in defeating them, in two successive attacks, and in taking and burning two of their villages, strongly defended by five hundred men, sent from Ramree for the purpose; two prisoners were taken, one of them a Chieftain that commanded the party. I am sorry to add, that Thomas Power, a marine, was seriously wounded on one of these occasions, but is getting better, I reconnoitred the creek under a smart fire, and gave the Lieutenant-Colonel the result of all my observations, and also every professional information connected with the service. Inclosed is a return of our killed and wounded: our boats suffered from the enemy's shot.

I further beg to acquaint you that the ships and vessels under my orders, at Cheduba, have been actively employed on the enemy's coasts and possessions since I took command.

The serjeant and six privates of His Majesty's 54th regiment, on board the Honourable Company's armed cutter Matchless for their health, volunteered to serve on this occasion with our marines, under Lieutenant Bell, and they are of course included in the Lieutenant-Colonel's detachment orders and letters of thanks, copies of which I forward for your information, and beg to add my testimony to that of the Lieutenant-Colonel in favour of Lieutenant Bell: I regret to say one of them fell, and one was slightly wounded; the others I would forward in the Meriton; but they have expressed a wish to remain until their comrades are well. I have consented to their application, as we are all under orders for Arracan.

The cutter Matchless is now going into Cheduba creek to undergo repairs and caulking, after which I intend examining Chandowah and some of the creeks on the eastern side of Ramree Channel, that are said to lead into the Irrawaddy, unless called up to Arracan.

By this opportunity I have the pleasure to forward to you a plan of Ramree channel, creek, and harbour, as surveyed, by my orders, by Lieutenants Wyndham and Harrison, assisted by Mr. Carless, Master's Mate, of this ship, and beg to recommend those Officers to your consideration as deserving notice.

I have the honour to be, &c.

H. HARDY, Captain, commanding the Marine Force, Cheduba.

*Report of the Killed and Wounded of the Honourable Company's Frigate Hastings, at the Attack on Ramree, 3d February 1825.*

*Killed.*

Mr. J. Graves, master's-mate.

*Wounded.*

John Welsh, quartermaster, severely (since dead).

J. Hargrave, seaman, severely.

John Henly, boatswain's-mate, slightly.

M. Lowes and Thomas Pattenden, seamen, slightly.

H. HARDY, Captain.

*Extract of a Letter from the Governor in Council at Bombay to the Court of Directors of the East India Company, dated April 16, 1825.*

WE have the honour to transmit to your Honourable Court a series of dispatches from Lieutenant Walter, the Assistant in charge of the Residency at Bhoój, and from Captain Noble, acting for the former during his temporary absence in the districts, conveying to us the unpleasant intelligence of the irruption into Cutch of considerable bodies of armed men, who have plundered and laid waste several villages, and taken up a strong position within a few miles of the capital, parties of their horse patrolling nightly within a hundred yards of the town walls.

The plunderers are said to be under the command of Tar Looni, the outlaw, who surrendered himself to Mr. Williams when in Cutch, and was released on the security of some of the principal Jharija Chieftains.

*Extract of a Letter from the Governor in Council at Bombay to the Court of Directors of the East India Company, dated April 30, 1825.*

IN continuation of the correspondence transmitted with the second paragraph of our letter of the 16th instant, regarding the irruption into Cutch, we have much satisfaction in transmitting to your Honourable Court copies of two further letters from Lieutenant Walter, of the 7th and 10th April, conveying intelligence of the total defeat and dispersion of this formidable band of plunderers.

Your Honourable Court will not fail to notice, with great satisfaction, the judgment and energy evinced by Lieutenant Walter throughout the whole of these proceedings, which have received our fullest approbation.

*Extract from a Letter from Lieutenant Walter, Assistant-Resident in Cutch, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Bhoój, 7th April 1825.*

I HAVE the honour to report the return of the small force detached against the Hill Fort of Bullaree, situated in the Hubbai Hills. The result of this expedition has been productive of more advantage than could have been anticipated. The gun taken from the Rajah's troops, on the 1st instant, was recaptured, and the prisoners which fell into the enemy's hands on that occasion were rescued. In the fort were found near one thousand head of cattle, a great quantity of grain and implements of husbandry, the plunder of the villages of the surrounding country. The smallness of our force and the weakness of the brigade, rendered it necessary, after the property had been removed, to abandon the fort and return to Bhoój. It appears that previous to our attack of the enemy's fort at Bullaree, eight hundred men had been detached by them for the attack of Anjar. On the first intimation of the impending danger, I had taken measures for the protection of the bunders (harbours); and, fortunately, the day previous to the attack, three hundred Arabs and Sebundy had ar-