

of considerable extent and some strength, situated about the centre of it, this being protected by several forts upon hills, and one of them completely commanding the road by which you approach. The inhabitants are in quiet occupation of their houses, and Napat Nunn, at their solicitation, has been continued in his office of Jemidar, charged with the maintenance of peace and good order upon the island.

I have directed that eight companies of the 40th regiment Bengal native infantry, with the detachment of artillery from Cheduba, under the command of Major Murray, should constitute the garrison of Ramree, and I consider that they will be quite equal to all the duties that may be required of them at present.

To Commodore Hayes, I am most indebted for his hearty co-operation upon all occasions, and feel the fullest confidence from his able assistance. I have every reason to be satisfied with the officers and soldiers under my command, and am happy to inform you they have continued to be healthy.

Herewith is transmitted a return of captured ordnance.

I have, &c.

W. M'BEAN, Brig. Gen.

Return of Ordnance and Stores captured at Ramree by the Force under Brigadier-General M'Bean, C. B. 22d April 1825.

Brass Gun—1 two-pounder.
 Iron Guns—1 six-pounder, 1 two-pounder, 3 one-pounders.
 13 jingals, 16 muskets, 264 dows, 150 spears, 1200 flints, Europe.
 6 twenty-four-pounds shot, Europe.
 4 twelve-pounds shot, Europe.
 3 nine-pounds shot, Europe.
 2 six-pounds shot, Europe.
 150 grape shot, Europe.
 Twenty hundred weight of leaden balls.
 Five hundred weight of iron balls.
 Four hundred weight of spare lead.
 A quantity of gunpowder destroyed.

GEO. DYKE, Lieut. commanding Artillery Detachment.

Copy of a Letter from Brigadier-General M'Bean to Brigadier-General Morrison, C. B. dated Ramree, 5th May 1825.

SIR,

PART of the force under my command having arrived at the entrance of the Sandrine River on the 28th of last month, it was determined by Commodore Hayes and myself that the troops should be put into boats, and proceed up the following day.

The Macnaughten transport having grounded in the passage from Ramree, Captain Anderson, with four hundred and fifty of the 16th regiment Madras native infantry on board, never joined us.

A stockade at the mouth of the river was evidently evacuated, and information was at this time

given by inhabitants (Mugs) that the enemy had also left the stockades at Sandowey.

The boats having moved about eight miles up the river, Commodore Hayes leading, about dusk came upon a stockade and entrenchments. The enemy had also constructed breast-works in different commanding points, and had staked the river below the entrenchments. A space however had been left sufficiently wide for the boats to pass. The troops had been landed for the night, and being re-embarked early the next morning the whole were in progress up the river at four o'clock.

No opposition was made to our passage, and having reached Sandowey soon after seven o'clock, the stockades were taken possession of. There are two, neither of any strength, though the ground upon which one is constructed, had been well chosen. Many acts of cruelty are reported to have been committed by the Burmese previous to their departure, and four bodies were found, said to be executions that had taken place for refusal to accompany them in their retreat.

It did not appear to me that there was any object to be gained by remaining at Sandowey, I therefore determined upon embarking the troops, and that they should join the division.

I have to repeat how much I owe to Commodore Hayes, and my admiration in him of the good effect of a zealous and animated example for enterprise.

The Officers and men under my command have given me much cause to speak well of them; for, although the enemy has not given us the opportunity of a meeting, they have suffered much from continued exposure to extreme heat, and in a variety of ways have undergone much fatigue, which they have borne with becoming spirit and cheerfulness.

Captain Hall, of the artillery, was obliged to proceed sick to Cheduba, without furnishing me with any return of the captured ordnance.

I am happy to acquaint you that the troops have continued remarkably healthy, there being at present only two Europeans sick.

I have, &c.

W. M'BEAN, Brig. Gen.

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE, R.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to provide for the assimilation of the currency and monies of account throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland," it is, amongst other things, enacted, that from and after such day, after the commencement of the said Act, as shall be named and appointed in and by any Proclamation which shall be made and issued for that purpose by His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council in Great Britain, and by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council in Ireland, the several silver and gold coins of Great Britain shall circulate and be