

which took place between the party under my command, and the enemy this morning.

In the early part of the morning the fog was so thick as to preclude our seeing any thing in our front, and on its clearing up, I discovered, by means of a reconnoitering party, that the enemy were in considerable force on the edge of the jungle in front of my left, and shortly after I discovered them marching in three columns across my front, for the attack of my right, left, and centre—their main object being evidently to gain the right of the village. I consequently detached a party to turn their left, and had in a few minutes the satisfaction to observe that column retiring in confusion, and with considerable loss. I then moved forward, with the remainder of my party, to attack their centre, which also retired in confusion after a very few rounds—during this time, their right was engaged with a strong picquet which I had placed to dispute the passage of a bridge on the left of the village—this they effectually did. In both the defence of my centre and left, I was much indebted to the prompt assistance afforded me by Lieutenant Kellett, R. N.

The enemy's force consisted of two gilt chattahs and about eight hundred men, armed with muskets and spears, with two or three jingals; their loss I conceive to have been about twenty-five or thirty men killed. We had not, I am happy to say, a single man wounded. The enemy, however, from the great extent of the village, succeeded in setting it on fire at both ends, but very little damage was done, as we extinguished it almost immediately. The Rajah and all his attendants deserted the place the moment the firing commenced; he has, however, just returned, and appears much more composed, and highly delighted with the result. I have, &c.

C. DEANE, Captain,
Commanding Detachment.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Deane to the Adjutant-General of the Forces, dated Padoon, 25th November 1825.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Commander of the Forces, another affair which we have had with the Burmese this morning.

A little before day-break we had embarked twenty men of the Royals and thirty Sepoys of the 26th Madras N. I. in the light row-boats intended to co-operate with Lieutenant-Colonel Godwin on the opposite side of the River. They were just in the act of shoving off from the shore, when the enemy, to the amount of five or six thousand, made a rush at our works, howling most horribly, and at the same time setting fire to the village, which they had entered at all points.—We had fortunately got an eighteen pounder into the battery late yesterday evening, which, added to two twelves, which we had before, did great execution.

Lieutenant Kellett, R. N. was at the moment shoving off with the row-boats, but instantly returned to our assistance, with all his men, and

kindly undertook the superintendence of the guns, the well-directed fire of which so mainly contributed to our success. The enemy, after nearly two hours sharp firing, retired in admirable order, carrying off great numbers of dead and wounded, so much so, that we have not been able to find more than ten or twelve dead bodies. I am happy to add, with the exception of one man slightly grazed in the elbow by a musquet shot, we have not a man either killed or wounded: The Rajah's house was very early in flames, and is burnt to the ground; indeed, I may almost say, the village is completely destroyed. The guns in the boats were also of the greatest assistance in scouring the village with their grape. We have got possession of one jingal and three musquets. The enemy appeared to have several mounted men, but I cannot say what they were.

I duly received the Deputy Quarter Master General's instructions, to place myself under the orders of Lieutenant-Colonel Godwin, but I have as yet heard nothing of him, except being informed by a Serjeant's party of His Majesty's 41st regiment, who came down in the boats (and arrived during this affair, in which they took part) that he was on his way down, I thought it most prudent to report direct, not knowing how long it might be before he arrived. I have, &c.

C. DEANE,
Captain, Commanding Detachment.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Deane to the Adjutant-General of the Forces, dated on the River, near Prome, November 26, 1825.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Commander of the Forces, that the enemy appeared in great force this morning at day-break all along our front, and had a good deal of skirmishing with the picquets, but we could not succeed in drawing them within musket-shot of our works. They are all armed with muskets, and have a great many jingals, and two or more guns, with which they annoyed us very considerably, having taken up a position in the woody part of the village; from whence they opened a musket fire on the boats. From this I determined to dislodge them, and sent out a strong party for that purpose; these came close upon them, and drove them out, with, I have every reason to believe, considerable loss. They are, however, by no means discomfited, and are, I understand, determined to entrench themselves round us, and make regular approaches, as their orders are peremptory to carry the place. In confirmation of this a number of their entrenching tools were left behind by the killed and wounded. Our only casualty this morning, I am happy to say, is one Lascar severely, but not dangerously, wounded. The shot first grazed the jaw bone, entered the shoulder, and came out under the arm-pit. From one of the prisoners taken this morning, whom I have, by this opportunity, forwarded to Major Jackson; I learn there are absolutely five thousand five hundred men now here, and that a