



SUPPLEMENT

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**D**ISPATCHES 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 extracts and copies:

*Extract of a Letter from the Governor-General in Council at Fort William, in Bengal, to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors of the East India Company, dated 9th December 1825.*

WE have the honour to transmit to your Honourable Committee copies of some dispatches received this day from Major-General Sir Archibald Campbell, from which, we regret to say, you will learn that a body of Native troops, sent in advance to dislodge the enemy from a position they occupied on the route by which the British army was to move from Prome, failed in its object, and was compelled to return with the loss of its Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Mac Dowall killed, and thirteen Officers wounded.

*Extract of a Letter from Major-General Sir Archibald Campbell, K.C.B. to George Swinton, Esq., Secretary to the Bengal Government, dated Head-Quarters, Prome, 16th November 1825.*

THE enemy having pushed forward a division of his army upon the road, by which we shall advance, to within a few miles of Prome, and it appearing desirable that our columns should not be harassed and delayed at the very commencement of our

march, I yesterday directed Colonel Macdowall, of the Madras army, to move forward with four regiments of Madras Native Infantry, and dislodge the enemy from his posts.

*Copy of a Letter from Major-General Sir Archibald Campbell, K.C.B. to George Swinton, Esq. Secretary to the Bengal Government, dated Head-Quarters, Prome, 18th November 1825.*

SIR,

IN continuation of my letter of the 15th instant, I much regret to state, for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council, that the important movement therein contemplated could not be carried into effect, owing to the enemy's superior force, and the strength of his positions.

The point upon which the different corps were directed to move was the village of Watty-goon, distant from Prome twenty miles, where my information led me to suppose a body of only two thousand five hundred Shauns and Burmese were assembled, and from the easterly position they had chosen, with the apparent purpose of harassing our right flank in advancing, or of falling into our rear, annoying the garrison of Prome, and endeavouring to intercept our communication with that place.

For the purpose of dislodging this force (as I yesterday did myself the honour of stating) I placed two brigades of Madras Native Infantry under the command of Colonel M<sup>r</sup> Dowall, directing him to approach the enemy's position at Watty-goon, with