



SUPPLEMENT

TO

The London Gazette

Of SATURDAY the 10th of JUNE.

Published by Authority.

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1826.

India-Board, June 10, 1826.

DISPACHES have been received at the East India-House from the Government of Bengal; with inclosures, of which the following are extracts and copies:

Extract of a Dispatch from His Excellency General Lord Combermere, G. C. B. Commander in Chief, to the Right Honourable Lord Amherst, Governor-General, &c. &c. &c. dated Head-Quarters, Camp, before Bhurtpoor, December 23, 1825.

I HAVE the honour to acquaint your Lordship, that the engineers having reported to me that they were prepared for commencing operations against the town of Bhurtpoor, I this morning advanced a force into the jungle, and took possession of the small places called Kuddum Kundee and Buldeo Singh's Garden, which afford cover for the troops, and on being joined by a covered way will form the first parallel, at a distance from the fort of about eight hundred yards. I expect that this parallel, with a mortar-battery of twenty pieces at the Garden, and a gun-battery of six eighteen-pounders at Kuddum Kundee, will be prepared by to-morrow morning, when we shall return their fire.

I have enclosed, for your Lordship's information, a sketch of the country round Bhurtpoor, shewing the encampment of the troops, and I hope to-morrow to be enabled to forward a plan of the intended works; in the mean time I beg to observe, that our operations will, in the first instance, be directed against the north-east angle of the town.

The return of casualties in the army this day has not yet been received, but no loss was experienced in taking possession of the ground this morning; and though the enemy have kept up a constant fire during the day, it has been by no means injurious.

A return of casualties since the 14th instant is herewith transmitted; our loss at present has been confined to a few casual shot from the fort, at our reconnoitering parties, and some trifling skirmishes with the enemy's cavalry outside of the fort, who have endeavoured to harass our foraging parties.

Being desirous of saving the women and children in the fort from the horrors of a siege, I addressed a letter, on the 21st instant, to Doorjun Sal, calling upon him to send them out of the fort, promising them a safe conduct through our camp, and allowing him twenty-four hours for the purpose; having received an evasive reply, I have again sent to him, allowing him a further extension of the time for twelve hours. To this letter I have not yet received an answer, though he must have received it yesterday afternoon.

Return of Casualties in the Second Division of the Army, under the Command of Major-General Nicolls, on the 15th December 1825.

11th Regiment N. I.—3 privates wounded, 2 missing, supposed to be killed while skirmishing.
31st Ditto—1 private wounded.

W. L. WATSON, Adj.-Gen.

Return of Killed, Wounded and Missing of the outlying Picquet of H. M. 11th Light Dragoons, and a Foraging Party of the 4th Regiment Light Cavalry, on the 20th and 21st December 1825.

H. M. 11th Light Dragoons—1 lieutenant, 2 privates, 4 horses, wounded.
4th Light Cavalry—1 corporal, 2 privates, 4 horses, wounded.

Officer wounded.

Lieutenant Wymer, slightly.

W. L. WATSON, Adj.-Gen.

Extract of a Dispatch from His Excellency General Lord Combermere, G. C. B. Commander in Chief, to the Right Honourable Lord Amherst, Governor-General, &c. &c. dated Head-Quarters, Camp, before Bhurtpoor, 26th December 1825.

I HAVE the honour to acquaint your Lordship that, since my dispatch of the 23d instant, the works against the town of Bhurtpoor, have proceeded as regularly as I could have expected, and with very little opposition from the enemy, except on the night of the 24th, when the working parties were a good deal annoyed by the enemy's match-lock men.

On the morning of the 24th, a battery of eight eighteen-pounders in front of Kuddam Kundee, and one of six mortars, which in the course of the day was increased to fifteen in front of Buldeo Singh's garden, were opened, and this morning the advanced battery between those positions, as shewn in the sketch sent to your Lordship, was completed with five eighteen-pounders and five twenty-four pounders at a distance from the north-east angle of about two hundred and fifty yards, by means of which the defences on the east face of the work as far as the large projecting bastion have been in a great measure destroyed.

The approach from Buldeo Singh's garden, towards the north-face of the town, will be commenced this night.

I beg to inclose a return of casualties to the 24th instant, inclusive; I fear that I shall be for some time deprived of the very efficient services of Captain Smith, of the Engineers, who has unfortunately received a severe contusion on the left shoulder from a spent shot from a jingal.

My endeavours to save the unfortunate women and children have failed. Several Ryots with their families have however escaped from the town.

General Return of Casualties in the Army before Bhurtpoor, from the 23d to 25th December 1825, inclusive.

7 privates killed.
1 captain, 1 ensign, 1 serjeant, 1 havildar, 3 naiks, 38 privates, wounded.

Names of Officers wounded.

Captain Smith, Engineers; Ensign Geils, 60th Regt. N. I.

W. L. WATSON, Adj.-Genl.

Copy of a Dispatch from His Excellency General Lord Combermere, G. C. B. Commander in Chief, to the Right Honourable Lord Amherst, Governor-General, &c. &c. dated Head-Quarters, Camp, before Bhurtpoor, 29th December 1825.

MY LORD;

I HAVE the honour to acquaint your Lordship that the engineers were employed from the night of the 26th instant, (the date of my last dispatch), until the morning of the 28th, in forming the approach to and constructing a battery bearing on the north-face of the north-east angle of the town at a distance of about two hundred and fifty yards from the walls, and on the same afternoon the battery was armed with four eighteen-pounders and eight twenty-four-pounders; last night a second parallel connecting the two advanced batteries was commenced and is now completed.

The next work intended is to run a trench to the southward, and construct a battery bearing on the curtain to the southward of the large northern bastion.

I beg to acquaint your Lordship that, on the evening of the 26th, a small party of the enemy's horse effected their escape from the west of the town: an attempt having been again made by about two hundred horsemen on the night of the 27th, they were attacked by our picquets and nearly all either killed or taken prisoners. I regret to observe that three Officers were wounded on this occasion, though otherwise our loss was trivial. Enclosed I transmit, for your Lordship's information, Brigadier-General Sleigh's report of the affair.

I have likewise the honour to enclose a return of the casualties in this army since the 26th instant, inclusive.

I have, &c.

COMBERMERE.

Copy of a Report from Brigadier-General Sleigh to Lieutenant-Colonel Watson, Adjutant-General, dated Camp, Munswarra, 28th December 1825.

SIR,

FOR the information of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, I have the honour to report about two hundred of the enemy's horse left the Uttell Bund, between eight and nine o'clock last night, and after feeling the picquet on the Arah-road, fell back under the walls of the fort until eleven o'clock, when they endeavoured to force their way by the Koombeer-road, and between the villages of Munswarra and Bussie. They were obliged to retire in the direction of the fort with the loss of thirty or forty men killed, fifteen wounded, and one hundred and seven prisoners; ten or twelve succeeded in forcing their way through a part of the camp.

I regret to add, Captain Chambers, commanding the 9th light cavalry, with Captain Palmer and Lieutenant Brooke, have been wounded; Captain Palmer severely by sabre cuts on the arm and leg.

I have, &c.

J. N. SLEIGH, Brigr.-Genl.
Commanding the Cavalry.

General Return of Casualties in the Army before Bhurtpoor, from the 26th to 29th December 1826, inclusive.

7 privates killed; 2 captains, 1 lieutenant, 1 jemadar, 1 serjeant, 5 havildars, 32 privates, wounded.

Names of Officers Wounded.

9th Regt. Light Cavalry—Captain Palmer severely, Captain Chambers and Lieutenant Brooke, slightly. W. L. WATSON, Adjt. Genl.

Copy of a Dispatch from His Excellency General Lord Combermere, G. C. B. Commander in Chief, to the Right Honourable Lord Amherst, Governor-General, &c. &c. &c. dated Head-Quarters, Camp, before Bhurtpoor, 2d January 1826.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint your Lordship that, since my dispatch of the 29th ultimo, the engineers have been employed on the following works :

By the morning of the 30th, an advanced battery for two eight-inch howitzers was constructed, commanding the whole of the northern face of the north-east angle of the town and the ditch in front, with a trench connecting it with the advanced parallel, likewise the grand battery of twelve guns was augmented to sixteen.

By the 31st a battery of ten guns was constructed in front of the battery before Kuddeem Kundee, connected by a trench with the advanced parallel, and the sap was commenced on the counterscarp of the ditch on the north face.

By the 1st January a new mortar-battery was constructed to the left of the ten gun battery, and a similar one was commenced on the extreme right, the sap on the counterscarp was also extended fifty yards, and from thence the gallery for a mine towards the ditch on the north face was commenced.

Since that day these works have been in progress for completion, and I trust, that by to-morrow morning every thing will be prepared for commencing the intended breaches.

A battery for four eight-inch mortars is in preparation on the west side of the town, to play on the inner fort in concert with the batteries on this side.

It would seem that the enemy are determined to reserve to the last their means of defence, as our operations hitherto have never been materially interrupted; our loss consequently has been extremely small, though I regret to have to report the death of First Lieutenant Tindal, a promising young Engineer Officer, who was killed in the trenches yesterday.

I have the honour to inclose, for your Lordship's information, a return of the casualties in this army since the 29th ultimo, inclusive.

I have, &c.

COMBERMERE.

General Return of Casualties in the Army before

A 2

Bhurtpoor, from the 29th December 1825, to the 1st January 1826, inclusive.

2 Europeans, 2 Natives, killed; 2 Europeans, 29 Natives, wounded.

Engineers—Lieutenant Tindal, killed by a cannon-shot on the night of the 1st January 1826.

W. L. WATSON, Adjt. Genl.

Copy of a Dispatch from His Excellency General Lord Combermere, G. C. B. Commander in Chief, to the Right Honourable Lord Amherst, Governor-General, &c. &c. &c. dated Head-Quarters, Camp, before Bhurtpoor, 5th January 1826.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint your Lordship that, since my dispatch of the 2d instant, the artillery have been actively employed in breaching the curtains to the right of the north-east bastion, and to the southward of the long-necked bastion on the left of our approaches. The ditches in front of both curtains have been found dry, and from the ruggedness of the counterscarps, offer less obstacle than I had reason to expect; owing, however, to the extreme toughness of the walls, they have with difficulty been made to yield to our shot, but I trust, that in the course of three or four days at farthest, every thing will be prepared for our storming the town.

The engineers have been employed in driving the galleries of the mine, extending the sap in front of our left batteries, and in executing the necessary repairs to the batteries, also in constructing a small battery in front of the Jugeena-gate to destroy the defences on our right.

I beg to inclose a return of casualties to the 5th instant, and have the honour to be, &c.

COMBERMERE.

General Return of Casualties in the Army before Bhurtpoor, under the personal command of His Excellency Lord Combermere, from the 1st to the 5th January 1826, inclusive.

Camp, before Bhurtpoor, 5th January 1826.

Foot Artillery—1 staff-serjeant, 1 goulondauze, 1 bullock-driver, wounded.

Sappers and Miners—1 Lieutenant, 1 staff-serjeant, killed; 1 havildar, 4 privates, wounded. (Name of Officer killed, Lieutenant Tindal).

H. M. 14th Regiment—1 private killed.

11th Regiment N. I.—1 staff-serjeant wounded.

21st Regiment N. I.—2 sepoy wounded.

23d Regiment N. I.—1 subadar wounded.

32d Regiment N. I.—1 staff-serjeant killed.

36th Regiment N. I.—1 captain (slightly), 1 sepoy, wounded. (Name of Officer wounded, Captain Godby).

37th Regiment N. I.—1 havildar, 6 sepoy, wounded.

63d Regiment N. I.—1 havildar wounded.

1st Nusseere Battalion—1 sepoy killed.

Total killed—1 Lieutenant, 2 staff-serjeants, 2 privates (European and Native).

Wounded—1 captain, 2 serjeants, 1 subadar, 3 havildars, 14 privates (European and Native), 1 bullock-driver. W. L. WATSON, A. G.

Copy of a Dispatch from His Excellency, General Lord Combermere, G. C. B., Commander-in-Chief, to the Right Honourable Lord Amherst, Governor-General, &c. &c., dated Head Quarters, Camp, before Bhurtpoor, 11th January 1826.

MY LORD,

I HAVE delayed some days addressing your Lordship, in the hope that I should have been enabled to report the result of an assault on the town of Bhurtpoor. The breaches, however, have not yet been rendered practicable.

It having been ascertained that the batteries were not sufficient effectually to breach the walls, a mine was commenced on the evening of the 6th instant, in the scarp of the ditch, on the northern face, to improve the right breach; the engineers, however, fearing a discovery, should they continue their operations during the day, sprung it at day light on the following morning, when not sufficiently advanced to have any material effect on the wall.

A second attempt was made, when our miners were driven away, having been countermined from the interior, before they had entered many feet. This gallery was subsequently blown in by us having discovered that the enemy were keeping watch in it.

Brigadier Anbury having represented to me that it was his decided opinion that the breach was not sufficiently easy to authorize his reporting it practicable, I was induced to delay the assault, waiting the result of two mines, which he is now driving into the curtain, from the sap, and under the ditch. Much as I must regret this unexpected delay, I feel a consolation in a hope that the place will eventually be stormed with comparative facility to the troops.

The mines under the counterscarpe of the ditch, in front of the right breach, have been sprung with success, and similar ones are nearly ready in front of the left breach.

A serious accident occurred on the night of the 8th instant, by the blowing up of several tumbrils in rear of the old mortar battery, in front of Buldeo Singh's garden, setting fire to a number of cotton bags collected there, and destroying about twenty-thousand pounds weight of ammunition. I am happy, however, to state that the loss in lives was not so extensive as might have been expected, only eight sepoy and some few labourers having been killed; the explosion was occasioned by a shot from the fort, passing through one of the tumbrils.

I beg to inform your Lordship, that Doorjun Sal having sent a message, offering to come over to my camp, and declare Bulwunt Sing Rajah, he was informed that he would be received in camp, but that hostilities would not be suspended until the town and fort should be unconditionally surrendered, since which no serious proposition has been received from him.

I beg to enclose, for your Lordship's information, a return of casualties which have occurred since the 5th instant, and have the honour to be, &c.

COMBERMERE

General Return of Casualties in the Army before Bhurtpoor, from the 5th to the 11th January 1826.

Killed—2 naicks, 22 privates.

Wounded—1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 ensign, 2 soubadars, 2 jemadars, 2 havildars, 1 serjeant, 3 naicks, 54 privates; 2 horses killed, and 1 wounded.

Officers wounded.

33d Regt. N. I., Lieutenant-Colonel Faithfull, severely not dangerously, Ensign Campbell, slightly. W. L. WATSON, Adjt. Gen.

A DISPATCH has also been received at the East India-House from the Governor-General in Council, dated 29th January 1826; of which dispatch, and of its enclosures, the following are copies:

Copy of a Letter from the Governor-General in Council, at Fort William, in Bengal, to the Court of Directors of the East India Company, dated 29th January 1826.

HONOURABLE SIRS,

WE have the honour to transmit to your Honourable Court, the accompanying copy of a dispatch from his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, dated the 19th instant, announcing the capture of the fortified town and citadel of Bhurtpoor, and to offer our most cordial congratulations on this highly important and glorious event.

We have, &c.

AMHERST.

J. H. HARRINGTON:

W. B. BAYLEY.

Copy of a Dispatch from His Excellency General Lord Combermere, G. C. B., Commander-in-Chief, to the Right Honourable Lord Amherst, Governor-General, &c. &c. &c., dated Head-Quarters, Bhurtpoor, 19th January 1826.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the satisfaction to acquaint your Lordship, that the town and citadel of Bhurtpoor fell yesterday morning to the British army under my command.

Since my dispatch of the 14th instant, the whole attention of the engineers was directed towards the completion of the mines under the projecting bastion on the left, and the north east angle on the right.

On the 14th instant, a mine, under the bastion on the left, was precipitately exploded, and failed in its object. I therefore directed two more mines to be driven into that bastion, which were blown on the 16th, and, with the aid of a day's battering, an excellent breach was made.

The explosion of the mine under the north east angle, at eight o'clock yesterday morning, was the signal for the storm, when the columns, composed of Brigadier-General M'Combe's brigade on the right, and Brigadier-General Edwards's brigade on the left, advanced with the greatest order, gallantry and steadiness, and, notwithstanding a determined

opposition on the part of the enemy, carried the breaches. In the course of two hours, though vigorously and bravely defended at every gate-way and bastion, the whole rampart surrounding the town, together with the command of the gates of the citadel, were in our possession; Major-General Nicolls having moved his column to the left, until he met a detachment of His Majesty's 14th foot, commanded by Major Everard, at the Kombheergate. The citadel was surrendered at about four o'clock.

I regret to state that the mine having exploded in an unexpected direction, several men of His Majesty's 14th foot, at the head of the column of attack, lost their lives, and Brigadier-General M'Combe, Brigadier Patton, and Captain Irvine, Major of Brigade of engineers, received severe contusions.

Having directed Brigadier-General Sleigh, commanding the cavalry, to prevent the escape of the enemy's troops, after the assault, I am happy to say that he made such a disposition of his forces, that he succeeded in securing Doorjun Sal, who with his wife, two sons, and a hundred and sixty chosen horse, attempted to force a passage through the 8th light cavalry.

I cannot compute the loss of the enemy at less than four thousand killed, and owing to the disposition of the cavalry, hardly a man, bearing arms, escaped. Consequently, as by the surrender of the town, all the stores, arms and ammunition are in our possession, I may say that the whole military power of the Bhurtpoor State has been annihilated. The prisoners, after having been disarmed, were set free.

I have the pleasure to acquaint your Lordship, that the conduct of every one engaged was marked by a degree of zeal which calls for my unqualified approbation, but I must particularly remark the behaviour of His Majesty's 14th regiment, commanded by Major Everard, and 59th, commanded by Major Fuller; these corps having led the columns of assault, by their steadiness and determination decided the events of the day.—Two companies of the 1st European regiment, leading a small column under Lieutenant-Colonel Wilson, co-operating with Major-General Nicoll's attack, behaved with equal gallantry. The 6th regiment of Native infantry, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Pepper, one wing of the 41st by Major Hunter, the 23d by Lieutenant-Colonel Nation, the 31st by Lieutenant-Colonel Baddeley, the 60th by Lieutenant-Colonel Bowyer, the grenadier company of the 35th, and light company of the 37th, which corps followed the Europeans in the assault, proved themselves worthy of the distinguished places they held, as did the Sirmoor battalion, which covered the advance.

I beg to acquaint your Lordship, that since I assumed the command of this army, I have received the most effectual support and assistance from Major-Generals Reynell and Nicolls. The excellent dispositions made by them for the attack, as well as the manner in which they conducted it, entitle them to my warmest thanks, and I therefore beg most strongly to recommend them to your Lordship's notice.

Brigadier MacLeod, C. B., commanding the

artillery, Brigadiers Hetzler and Brown, as well as every Officer and private of the artillery, performed their arduous and fatiguing duties throughout the siege in the most exemplary manner; and will, I trust, meet with your Lordship's approbation.

Brigadier Anbury, C. B., and the Engineer Officers, as also the Native Officers and privates of that valuable corps, the sappers and miners, and the pioneer corps, performed the harassing duties allotted to them with a cheerfulness, courage, and zeal which demand my acknowledgements, and I beg to recommend them to your Lordship accordingly. The result of our operations proves the efficiency of the Brigadier's plans.

The services rendered by Brigadier-General Sleigh, C. B., commanding the cavalry, during the whole siege, have been most important, and I beg to recommend him, as well as Brigadiers Childers and Murray, C. B., to your Lordship's notice; and I cannot pass over in silence the general good and active conduct of the cavalry, and the spirited manner in which they volunteered their services when I conceived (before the arrival of the 1st European regiment) that it might have been expedient to employ them in the storm.

I must also bring under your Lordship's particular notice, Lieutenant-Colonel Skinner, and the two regiments of Native irregular cavalry under his command, who have performed every service that has been required of them in a manner which merits my entire approbation.

To Brigadier-Generals Adams, C. B., MacCombe, and Edwards, Brigadiers Whitehead, Patton, C. B., and Fagan, my acknowledgements are due for the manner in which they have so ably conducted the duties assigned to them, and I therefore recommend them to your Lordship's favourable notice.

I received every assistance from Major-General Sir Samford Whittingham and Lieutenant-Colonel MacGregor, Quarter-Master-General and Acting-Adjutant-General of the King's troops.

The eminent and zealous services of Lieutenant-Colonel Watson, and Lieutenant-Colonel Stevenson, Adjutant-General and Quarter-Master-General of the army, demand my warmest thanks, and I beg particularly to bring them under your Lordship's notice, as also the Officers of their respective departments.

The arrangements made by Lieutenant-Colonel Cunliffe, Commissary-General, for the supply of the army, were most efficient, and I have much pleasure in recommending him to your Lordship.

I also request to bring to your Lordship's notice Lieutenant-Colonel the Honourable John Finch, my military secretary, and the Officers composing my personal staff, from whom I received every aid.

The situations in which Lieutenant-Colonel Delamaine, 58th N. I., Lieutenant-Colonel Wilson, commanding a detachment, Majors Hunter, 41st N. I., Everard, H. M. 14th, Fuller, H. M. 59th, and Bishopp, of H. M. 14th, were placed, gave them opportunities for distinguishing themselves, of which they took every advantage. Captain Irvine, Major of Brigade of engineers, also brought himself under my particular observation during the course of the siege.

Major-Generals Reynell and Nicolls, and Briga-

Brigadier-General Sleigh, have expressed their entire satisfaction with the assistance they received from the Officers of their general and personal staff.

The returns of killed and wounded have not yet been received, but I am happy to be able to state that they are few, considering the service on which the troops have been employed. I, however, transmit a return of the Officers who have been reported. I regret that the service has lost three valuable Officers in Captain Armstrong, H. M.'s 14th, Captain Pitman, H. M. 59th, and Captain Brown, of the 31st Regt. N. I., who fell leading their men on the ramparts. Brigadier-General Edwards, who was wounded gallantly leading his brigade, is also, I fear, past recovery.

I have sent this dispatch by my Aide-de-Camp Captain Dawkins, who will also take two of the enemy's standards, of which I request your Lordship's acceptance, and in referring to Captain Dawkins for any further information which your Lordship may require, I beg to recommend him to your protection.

I have the honour to be, &c.

COMBERMERE.

List of Officers killed and wounded in the Assault of Bhurtpoor, on the 13th January 1826.

Killed.

Captain Armstrong, H. M. 14th Foot; Captain Pitman, H. M. 59th; Captain Brown, 31st N. I.

Wounded.

Staff.—Brigadier-General MacCombe, commanding 1st brigade; Brigadier-General Edwards, commanding 2d brigade, dangerously; Brigadier R. Patton, C. B. commanding 5th brigade; Major Beatson, D. A. G.; Captain Campbell, M. B.

Engineers.—Captain Colvin, Captain Irvine, M. B. Artillery.—Lieutenant MacGregor.

14th Foot.—Lieutenant Stack, Lieutenant Daly.

59th Foot.—Lieutenant Long, Lieutenant Hoctor, Lieutenant Pittman, Mr. Wright, Volunteer.

1st European Regiment.—Captain Davidson, Lieutenant Warren, Lieutenant Candy.

23d N. I.—Lieutenant-Colonel S. Nation.

31st N. I.—Captain Heptinstall.

41st N. I.—Major George Hunter.

53th N. I.—Captain John Hunter, Lieutenant Turner, Lieutenant Lumsdaine.

N. B. This is from private information, no return having been received.

W. L. WATSON, A. G.

Printed by ROBERT GEORGE CLARKE, Cannon-Row, Parliament-Street.

[Price Eleven Pence.]

Missing Page

This page has been determined to be missing
from the bound volume.

Missing Page

This page has been determined to be missing
from the bound volume.