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A DISPATCH has been received from the Right Honourable Lord William Bentinck, Governor General and Commander in Chief in India, dated 22d May 1834, of which, and of its enclosure, the following are copies:

SIR, Ootacamund, May 22, 1834.

I HAVE the honour to enclose, for the information of the Honourable the Court of Directors, copy of my General Order to the army on the close of the Coorg war; and to request that the distinguished and gallant manner in which Colonel Foulis conducted the operations of the column under his command, may be brought to the particular notice of His Majesty's Government.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) W. BENTINCK, General Commander in Chief, East Indies.

Henry St. George Tucker, Esq. Chairman to the Honourable the Court of Directors.

GENERAL ORDER by His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor General and Commander in Chief in India.

Head Quarters, Ootacamund, May 17, 1834.

THE Governor General and Commander in Chief has much pleasure in expressing to Brigadier Lindsay, C. B. his entire approbation of the manner in which the military operations under his general controul against the Rajah of Coorg,\* have been brought

\* An account of the military operations in Coorg was published in a Supplement to the London Gazette of the 16th September 1834.

to a speedy and successful termination. His Lordship had confidently anticipated this result, from the Brigadier's long experience and established reputation.

To Lieutenant-Colonel Steuart, who commanded a detachment from the main column, under Brigadier Lindsay, the expression of his Lordship's satisfaction is also due, for having successfully overcome all the obstacles opposed by the enemy to his progress, and for having effected, in obedience to his orders, a junction with the column under Colonel Foulis' command.

The column under the command of Colonel Waugh met with complete failure; the loss of many brave men is to be deplored, and of none more than of the gallant Lieutenant-Colonel Mill.

The determined valour displayed by the Officers and troops, and more especially by His Majesty's 55th, is the best consolation for this misfortune. His Lordship has carefully examined the detailed reports which he had required of the operations of this column, and is happy in generally concurring in the opinion of Brigadier Lindsay, that Colonel Waugh is not justly chargeable with blame; that all his orders and arrangements appear to have been made with sound discretion; and a due observance of correct military principles; and that the disaster may be ascribed to the extreme difficulty of the country, and to those accidents to which the best concerted schemes will occasionally be liable.

It may perhaps be regretted that the attack was so long persevered in; but the good order in which the retreat was made to the ground occupied before the attack, proves that the arrangements were ably made, while the perseverance, in which the main object

of the operations of this column was followed up reflects the greatest credit upon Colonel Waugh.

The good disposition made by Colonel Foulis, in command of the south western column, for the attack of the Huggula Ghaut, and the gallantry with which it was carried, reflect the greatest credit upon that Officer, and the Officers and men under his command: Colonel Foulis' name will be brought to the particular notice of the Honourable Court.

To all the Officers and men composing the several columns above enumerated his Lordship expresses his thanks for their zealous and gallant conduct; although the troops have had to engage an enemy much inferior to themselves, yet the excessive strength of the mountains and densely jungle country constituted a resistance which the greatest perseverance and courage could alone have surmounted. The army have the satisfaction of knowing that a sanguinary tyrant has been subdued, and a valuable acquisition been made to the Company's territories. To the excellent order and discipline of the troops may in part be ascribed the general desire expressed by the inhabitants to become the subjects of the British Government.

The conduct of Lieutenant-Colonel Jackson, in command of the north western auxiliary column, being under investigation his Lordship refrains, for the present, from making any remarks upon the operations of that part of the force.

The Governor General cannot omit to mention, in this place, the eminent services of Lieutenant-Colonel I. S. Fraser, to whom was entrusted the conduct of our negotiations with the enemy. By the judicious arrangements which that Officer adopted the successes of the troops were ably seconded, while his subsequent measures in administering the affairs of the Coorg country have been so discreet and conciliatory as to gain for him the confidence of the inhabitants, and to secure their entire and willing obedience.

By command of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor General.

(Signed) W. H. MACNAGHTEN,  
Secretary to the Governor General.

(True copy.)

(Signed) SAML. WHITTINGHAM,  
Major-General and Acting Military Secretary.

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