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India Board, February 7, 1843.

THE dispatch, of which the following is a copy, has been received to-day at the East India-House :

Major-General M'Caskill, K. H. Commanding Infantry Division, to Captain Ponsonby, Assistant-Adjutant-General.

SIR,

*Camp, Khwaja Rowash,
October 6, 1842.*

THE troops entrusted to my charge for a special service in the Kohistan, having pitched their tents at this place previously to returning to their respective encampments, I take this opportunity of requesting you to solicit the attention of Major-General Pollock, C. B. to some points, which, in the hurry of our active operations, I had neglected to dwell upon. I have already intimated, that Brigadier Stacy's report of the part borne by his brigade in the capture of Istaliff, on the 29th ultimo, did not reach me till the 2d instant. It will ever be matter of regret to me if this accidental delay should prevent the merits of some of the officers and troops under me, being prominently brought to the notice of the Right Honourable the Governor General and his Excellency the Commander in Chief. The brunt of the action certainly fell on the infantry corps, and sappers, of Brigadier Tulloch's brigade; but the credit of turning the enemy's extreme right; of allowing him no respite or breathing time on that line; of aiding in completing the capture of the town, when its possession was hotly disputed from behind walls, and from the tops of houses, from court yards and in winding streets built on steep declivities, is due to the regiment under Brigadier Stacy. My commendations have been especially

earned by Major G. Browne and H. M's 41st regiment, for the share they took in these gallant efforts, and for the exemplary humanity displayed by the men towards the unfortunate families of the vanquished. That corps was zealously emulated, and supported, by the 42d native infantry under Major Clarkson, and the 43d under Major Nash.

In addition to the services of Major Sanders, as Field Engineer, I ought to have remarked on the distinguished gallantry with which he accompanied the heads of columns in the advance of Brigadier Tulloch, against the gardens and town. Neither must I leave, without record, the marked intrepidity of Lieutenant Mayne, Deputy Assistant-Quartermaster-General, in pointing out the path of the same column amidst the hottest of the fire, and in aiding in following up the victory. I have before mentioned that the light companies of H. M.'s 41st, and the 42d and 43d native infantry, covered the manœuvres of their own brigade. This onset was led very bravely by Lieutenant Evans, who was afterwards killed in the town (and was succeeded in command by Lieutenant Madden), and by Lieutenant Woollen, 42d native infantry, and Captain Macpherson, 43d native infantry.

I have, &c.

JOHN M'CASKILL, Major-General,
Commanding Infantry Division.

St. James's-Palace, January 26, 1843.

The Queen has been pleased, on the nomination of Lord Forester, to appoint James Tyler, Esq. one of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, vice MacIntosh, retired.