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*India Board, February 23, 1846.*

**A** DISPATCH, from which the following is an extract, has been this day received, at the East India House :

*From the Governor General of India to the Secret Committee of the East India Company, dated Camp, Ferozepore, December 31, 1845.*

(Extract).

THE Sikh army, in large numbers, commenced crossing the Sutlej on the 11th, and, after investing Ferozepore on one side, took up an entrenched position at the village of Ferozeshah, about ten miles in advance of Ferozepore, and about the same distance from the village of Moodkee.

In this camp the enemy had placed one hundred and eight pieces of cannon, some of large calibre, with a force exceeding 50,000 men, for the purpose of intercepting the approach of the British force moving up from Umballa, to the relief of Ferozepore, which had been thus treacherously attacked, without provocation or declaration of hostilities.

I had ordered, on the 8th instant, that portion of our army posted at Umballa for defensive purposes, to move up on the 11th; and, after a rapid march of 150 miles, it reached Moodkee on the 18th, where, on the evening of the same day, it repulsed an attack of the Sikh army, and captured 17 guns. On the following day the army was concentrated at Moodkee, and, on the 21st, moved by its left on Ferozepore; and having on the march formed its junction at half past one o'clock with 5000 men and 21 guns, under Major-General

Sir John Littler, which had moved from Ferozepore that morning, the Commander in Chief formed the army in order of battle, and attacked the enemy's entrenched camp, and on that evening, and the following morning, captured 70 pieces of artillery, taking possession of the enemy's camp, with large quantities of ammunition and warlike stores.

These successful and energetic operations have been followed by the retreat of the Sikh army to the other side of the Sutlej; the British army being now encamped between Ferozepore and the fords of the Sutlej.

You will not fail to observe, that these important and brilliant successes have been achieved by that portion of our army posted at and in advance of Umballa for defensive purposes; and that our forces from Meerut and other stations from the rear, ordered to move up at the same time, are in reserve, and will reach this neighbourhood between the 5th and the 9th of January.

I have the honour to enclose two reports from the Commander in Chief, detailing the admirable manner in which these important duties have been performed; and I am convinced the Court of Directors of the East India Company, in concurrence with Her Majesty's Government, will highly appreciate the eminent services rendered by the Commander in Chief, and by the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Soldiers of the Indian Army.

The Commander in Chief has successfully accomplished every object I had directed him to effect for the relief of Ferozepore, and the protec-