

"It is certainly marvellous to see the works attacked by that small detachment.

"The indomitable pluck of Englishmen is the secret of all their success.

"The small party, far from support, unacquainted with the strength of the garrison and with the country, did not hesitate to attack a place of considerable strength, and had they had a good petard, they would have taken it.

"The best shots in India, I believe they went to work systematically and cleared the parapets; through a chink in the strong gate they fired and cleared the gateway, and drove from two guns, planted to command the entrance, the gunners, who were ready to fire on them. They had previously assaulted and taken the two outer gates.

"The place belongs to Kotah. The guns were all burst, and the fort considerably dismantled.

"The Kotah Vakeel has come here, and professes that the Killadar will be hanged when captured.

"The camp followers had got into the town, which was entirely deserted, in spite of guards and sentries posted by Major Chetwode; but, on my arrival here, by putting additional guards, and severely punishing offenders, I put a stop to it, and the town is filling again."

Extract of a Letter from Brigadier-General Sir R. Napier, K.C.B., Commanding Gwalior Division, to Major-General Sir W. R. Mansfield, K.C.B., Chief of the Staff, dated Camp, Naharghur, 31st January, 1859, No. 54.

IN continuation of my letter, dated 21st instant, I have the honour to report, for the information of the Right Honourable the Commander-in-Chief, that I arrived at Naharghur on the 23rd instant, and found the Fort in possession of Major Chetwode's Detachment, which had been sent from Goonah to Captain Lambton's assistance.

The garrison abandoned the Fort on the 21st, having maintained a fire of round shot upon Captain Lambton's detachment, as long as it continued within range. I beg to transmit Captain Lambton's report.

The fort is very strong, and had eleven guns and a garrison of 200 men.

Captain Lambton's party consisted of sixty men of the 71st Regiment. They forced the gate of the town and the outer gate of the fort, and only failed in storming the fort itself, from the absolute want of means, except a few pounds of powder, to burst open the strong iron-bound gates of the inner gate-way. In this they nearly succeeded.

The conduct of Captain Lambton and his party evinced the utmost gallantry, and cannot fail to excite the most lively admiration in any person who views the formidable character of the work they attacked, although the origin of the conflict is to be regretted.

It has produced a very great improvement on the bearing of the people in the country, who send supplies into Camp readily where they were before hardly procurable.

P.S.—The guns in the Fort were destroyed by General Michel's order, and the defences have been partially dismantled.

No. 2.

Captain F. W. Lambton, Commanding Detachment Her Majesty's 71st Highland Light Infantry, to Captain H. O. Mayne, Political Assistant in Gwalior.

SIR,

Dated Naharghur.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that when

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the detachment under my command, strength as per margin,* arrived here yesterday afternoon, I sent to the town for provisions; they were refused, and the Kotwal threatened to shoot the first European that came into the town. An armed party, under command of a subaltern, was sent into the town to seize them. They found the gates closed, and matchlocks were fired at them. The remainder of the detachments then proceeded to reinforce the first party, the gates were forced in, and the outer part of the fort taken with slight resistance. The inner part, however, we were unable to take, owing to the great height of the walls, and there being only one gate, which is strongly plated with iron.

We therefore retired, and attempted again to take it this morning. We were unable to blow it open, owing to the scarcity and coarseness of the powder. The enemy during this time kept up a brisk fire with matchlocks and big guns. I understand that there are two hundred men, and nine or ten guns of different sizes in the Fort. The enemy were frequently summoned to surrender, but refused. I await further instructions.

I have, &c.,

F. W. LAMBTON, Captain,
71st Highland Light Infantry.

No. 3.

NOMINAL ROLL OF CASUALTIES.

71st Highland Light Infantry.

Private Charles Sweetland, wounded severely, gun shot wound in the upper lip and cheek.

Lance-Corporal Andrew Allison, wounded slightly, gun shot wound in the left shoulder.

A doctor and ammunition and supplies urgently required.

No. 4.

Major G. Chetwode, Commanding at Naharghur, to Captain H. O. Mayne, Political Assistant in Gwalior.

*Camp, Naharghur,
January 23, 1859, 2 A.M.*

SIR,
YOUR note of yesterday's date has this moment arrived. The town and fort of Naharghur have been in our possession since the morning of the 21st, and I am now engaged in blowing up the defences and bursting the guns. I have written to stop the only force that I knew was advancing to join us, namely, some Lancers, Royal Horse Artillery guns, and Native Infantry, that were detached from General Michel's Force, as provisions are so difficult to procure here. As far as I can learn, the garrison of the place only consisted of some 200 men, who have dispersed in the jungle. Maun Sing was not here.

I have, &c.,

G. CHETWODE, Major,
8th Hussars, Commanding at Naharghur.

R. J. H. BIRCH, Major-General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

* 2 officers; 60 men 71st H.L.I.; 224 Gwalior Camel Corps.