

Captain Murray, Resident at Rassa, who accompanied the force, and to this officer's indefatigable exertions with regard to the Chinese coolies who formed our transport, and one of our greatest difficulties, we are entirely indebted for the success of this harassing march. To Captain Stirling and officers R.N., Captain Mercer, Goorkhas, and Lieutenant Henriques, R.A., I owe hearty thanks for their assistance and aid rendered to me at all times.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) R. SALE HILL, Lieut.-Col.,
Officer Commanding 1st Goorkhas L.I.

To the Staff Officer,
Malacca Column.

Camp, Terrachee,
December 22, 1875.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report that agreeably to orders received on 20th December, 1875, from officer commanding Malacca column, I reconnoitred the ground towards Bukit Pass, with the view of ascertaining the practicability of a good position for guns and the situation of enemy's stockades. I was accompanied by Lieutenant North, R.E., and A Company 1st Goorkhas, numbering fifty rank and file. I started from Camp, Dato Pando, at 10 A.M., and after proceeding a mile towards pass turned up to left and proceeded up a mountain side and along ridge through dense tree jungle for three miles; as the guides with me evidently knew nothing of the position of the enemy I returned and then proceeded straight up towards the pass. At 4 P.M. after marching a mile along the bed of a torrent, I found the road completely blocked up by felled trees; I threw out flanking parties, and leaving a rear guard with Lieutenant North to cut through the tree jungle, I saw one of the enemy's log stockades, a palisade enclosed it, and the ground was covered with ranjons (crows' feet of sharp bamboos) I jumped over and heard the Malays talking inside, and taking the opportunity of their careless look out, I rushed in with two or three men, and took the stockade, which was held by 25 or 30 Malays: a fire was at once opened on me from a lower stockade 80 yards off, and from one on my right 160 yards across the pass; getting the men under cover, I kept up a steady fire on both stockades. The enemy, after half an hour's firing, evacuated the lower stockade, and shortly afterwards the one on the right. Reinforcements from camp and my rear guard came up at sunset, when the lower stockade was occupied (the enemy lost five killed), four in the first stockade taken. Of the first Goorkhas, one Naick was killed, and one Sepoy severely wounded, two others slightly with ranjons; it was impossible to ascertain the number of the enemy killed or wounded in the other stockades.

The stockades were strongly built of logs, loop-holed, and the jungle between each was almost impassable. All these commanded the entrance to the pass. I have to thank Lieutenant North, R.E., for the assistance he afforded throughout. The Goorkhas behaved steadily and well.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) G. N. CHANNER, Captain,
1st Goorkhas.

To the Staff Officer,
Malacca Column.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 12th day of February, 1876.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty King George the Third, chapter one hundred and thirty-four; of the Act of the second and third years of Her Majesty, chapter forty-nine; of the Act of the third and fourth years of Her Majesty, chapter sixty; and of the Act of the nineteenth and twentieth years of Her Majesty, chapter fifty-five, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a representation, bearing date the twentieth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, in the words and figures following; that is to say:—

"We the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England in pursuance of the Act of the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty King George the Third, chapter one hundred and thirty-four, of the Act of the second and third years of your Majesty chapter forty-nine, of the Act of the third and fourth years of your Majesty chapter sixty; and of the Act of the nineteenth and twentieth years of your Majesty chapter fifty-five have prepared and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council the following representation as to the assignment of a district chapelry to the consecrated church of Saint Margaret situate at Birmingham within the limits of the new parish of Saint John Ladywood Birmingham in the county of Warwick and in the diocese of Worcester.

"Whereas it appears to us to be expedient that a district chapelry should be assigned to the said church of Saint Margaret situate at Birmingham as aforesaid.

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the Right Reverend Henry, Bishop of the said diocese of Worcester (testified by his having signed and sealed this representation) we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners humbly represent that it would in our opinion be expedient that all that part of the said new parish of Saint John Ladywood, Birmingham which is described in the schedule hereunder written, all which part together with the boundaries thereof is delineated and set forth on the map or plan hereunto annexed should be assigned as a district chapelry to the said church of Saint Margaret situate at Birmingham as aforesaid and that the same should be named 'The District Chapelry of Saint Margaret Birmingham.'

"And with the like consent of the said Henry Bishop of the said diocese of Worcester (testified as aforesaid) we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners further represent that it appears to us to be expedient that banns of matrimony should be published and that marriages baptisms churchings and burials should be solemnized or performed at the said church of Saint Margaret situate at Birmingham as aforesaid and that the fees to be received in respect of the publication of such banns and of the solemnization or performance of the said offices should be paid and belong to the minister of the same church for the time being: Provided always that so long as the Reverend John Leech Porter the present vicar or incumbent of the vicarage of the said new parish of Saint John Ladywood, Birmingham, shall continue to be such vicar or incumbent all the fees which may be received in respect of such publication solemnization, or performance at the said church of Saint Margaret situate at Birmingham as aforesaid shall be paid over to the said John Leech Porter and