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DOWNING-STREET, APRIL 5. 1804.

A dispatch, of which the following is a copy, was this day received by the Right Hon. Lord Hobart, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from the Hon. Frederick North, Governor of his Majesty's Possessions in the island of Ceylon:—

Lord Hobart, &c. one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, London.

MY LORD,

It has pleased God to bless the exertions of our small squadron with the most extraordinary success. Not more than eight days ago, the King of Candy, at the head of the most numerous force which he could collect in his dominions, burst into these settlements at Sitawaca, and attacked the petty fortrefs of Hangwelle, at the distance of 18 English miles from this city, which was defended by a small garrison of 50 Europeans, 160 Sepoys, and 17 Gun Lascars, on the 3d, 4th, and 6th of this month.

Of these actions, the last was by far the most bloody and decisive. After a combat of an hour and a half, the Candians were defeated with great slaughter, their guns taken, together with the royal standard, and more than 120 Bengal and Madras Lascars, who had been made prisoners at Candy, and compelled to work at the Candian guns, were brought back again to our service. The King fled at the beginning of the action, and was followed by Leuke, Deffave of the four Corles, and by the Maha Mohottiar, or Chief Secretary of State, both of whose heads he ordered immediately to be struck off.

A reinforcement was sent up on the night after the battle, consisting of 50 Europeans and 80 Sepoys, under Captain Hankey, to join Captain Pollock, who had commanded on that day, the ill health of Lieut. Mercer, who had hitherto defended the place with great vigour and judgment, having rendered it necessary to relieve him from that fatiguing command.— Captain Pollock marched forward towards the Candian frontier, on the morning of the 9th, and, after overcoming all opposition, arrived, on

the morning of the 13th, at Rovanelly, on the Calany Gunga, in the Candian territory, where the King had formed his principal magazine. Captain Buchan (who had proceeded with a detachment from Negombo, through the Hina and the Hapittigam Corles) arrived there, at the same time, on the other side of the river; the enemy fled; the stores fell into our hands, and have been brought away, and the town, with the King's new Palace there, entirely burnt.

The districts of Galla and Matura, of Chilow and Putlam, are also delivered from the enemy, and restored to perfect obedience and tranquillity, and the increase of our force by the recovery of the Malays, will enable me to send a small body of troops to Minaar, to protect the northern districts, of the situation of which we have no information for these last three weeks, as the passage of the mail had been intercepted.

Two hundred of the 34th regiment have been sent to Trincomale by the Madras Government, and will soon be relieved by 250 of the 10th; and Lord Wellesley has destined the battalion of Bengal Volunteers for this island.

I have the honour to be, &c.

FRED. NORTH.

P.S. Since I concluded my letter, I have received intelligence from Ensign Pendergalt, commanding at Hambangutte, that he had been blockaded in that new colony from the 23d ult. to the 9th of this month, but had beat off the enemy, and that his Majesty's ship *Wilhelmina* had touched there with the Royal Artillery from Trincomale, destined for this side of the island, and left eight men there.

(Here follow the thanks of the Governor to Captains Beaver and Pollock, and to Lieut. Mercer, for their meritorious services, and extracts from the Ceylon Gazette, the substance of which is contained in the above dispatch.)

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, MARCH 31.

Copy of a letter from Capt. Maitland, of his Majesty's ship *Loire*, to Admiral Lord Gardner.

Loire, at Sea, March 17. 1804.

MY LORD—I have the honour of informing

you, that last night, after a chase of seven hours, his Majesty's ship under my command captured the *Brave of St Maloes*, a ship privateer carrying sixteen twelve and sixes, with a complement of a hundred and ten men; she is coppered; appears to sail fast, and had been out of L'Orient three weeks without having made any captures.—I have the honour to be, &c.

FRED. MAITLAND.

WAR-OFFICE, APRIL 7.

East Lothian Gentlemen and Yeomanry Cavalry.—Robert Hunter, jun. to be Cornet; vice Bertram, resigned.

Berwickshire Volunteer Infantry—Lieut.-Col. R. Johnston to be Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant; Major William Robertson to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Robert Logan to be Lieutenant, vice Darling, resigned; Thomas Trotter to be Ensign.

2d or Eastern Bat. of Caithness-shire Volunteers.—Alexander Rose Sutherland, Esq. to be Captain, vice Williamson, resigned; Lieut. William Stavelly to be Captain, vice Macbeath, deceased; Ensign William Macbeath to be Lieutenant; Ensign George Leitch to be Lieutenant; Lieut. William Torrance to be Surgeon; Rev. Joseph Taylor to be Chaplain.

Orkney Volunteers—Major Walter Ross to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Urquhart, resigned; Charles Lockhart, Esq. to be Major, vice Ross; Charles Lockhart, Esq. to be Captain, vice Urquhart, resigned; Lieutenant James M'Kenzie to be Adjutant.

Elginshire Regiment of Volunteer Infantry—Captain Henry Cumming to be Adjutant, with the Brevet rank of Captain.

Kirkcaldy District of Fifeshire Volunteers—Lieut. Thomas Collier to be Adjutant.

Kilmarnock Volunteer Riflemen—Lieut. John Barr to be Captain; Ensign James Henarie to be Lieutenant; Thomas Baird to be Lieutenant; George Milne to be Ensign; Robert Howe to be Ensign.

BANKRUPTS.

Josiah Fletcher, Stockport, Chester, silkman. John, Thomas, and Christopher Clarkson, all now or late of Bedale, York, linen-manufacturers. Wm.



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