

guard, with a galloper, to drive them off, which was immediately accomplished.

*Extract from a Report from Brigadier-General Smith, to Lieutenant-General Sir Miles Nightingall, K. C. B. dated Camp, four miles North of Ahmednuggur, 24th December 1817.*

IN a letter I addressed to the Adjutant-General from Seroor, I begged him to acquaint you, that nothing whatever of interest had occurred since my report\* to you from Punderpore.

The enemy appeared in greater force than I have ever yet seen, since he broke up from Gorpurat, at our passage of the Gore River, but he attempted nothing, except keeping up an incessant fire of matchlocks, scarcely within cannon range. We had not a man touched, and I never returned his fire in any way. Gokla's, the Vinehoorkur and Narroo Punt Apty's divisions appear to have united at that time, and amounted probably to about ten thousand horse; they left a small body when I halted between Seroor and Poonah, and then followed the Peishwa, who, by our latest

\* Not published, as it merely narrates the operations reported in the foregoing extract.

accounts, was near Nassick. His Highness marched himself through the strong hilly country of Kulliaian and Ioneer, having been previously joined by Trimbuckjee with about one thousand Bheels and Arab infantry from Sungumner; he had been also joined on the Beemah by some infantry and four or five guns, under Bapoo Sindiah, the late Chief of Darwar. I have not yet heard how he disposed of those guns, but conclude he has not taken them with him in the very difficult strong country he has entered, which indeed determined me on my present route, and will also enable me the better to keep him from passing into Khandeish. If I could have possibly persuaded His Highness to any particular route for our advantage, he has brought me in that I should have named, and which has enabled me to provide supplies for our bazar, and every thing we required.

By his having taken up infantry also (and no other troops can defend him in the Ghaut), I earnestly hope I may be able to get up with him. I should be at Nahoorie to-morrow, on the Moola Ghaut, and shall have turned all the Ghauts to the westward, and be prepared to act either with or without light guns.

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