

this, as well as every other previous service in which the detachment has been engaged. His Excellency the Commander in Chief also desires that Captain Rose, of the 2d battalion 9th regiment, will accept his acknowledgments for the gallant and spirited manner in which he led the advance of the storming party into the fort of Badaniy. The expression of His Excellency the Commander in Chief's approbation and applause is also due to the gallant detachment of His Majesty's 22d regiment light dragoons (dismounted); the flank companies of the 2d battalion 4th regiment, the flank companies of the 2d battalion 9th regiment, and the detachment of Madras pioneers, for the admirable spirit and coolness which they evinced in the attack.

The Commander in Chief has received from Brigadier-General Smith, commanding the fourth division of the army of the Deccan, the official details of the important success gained by the troops under the Brigadier-General's command, on the 20th ultimo, at Ashta\*, over the army of Bajee Row, and His Excellency hastens to record his admiration of the ability and gallantry which have led to this important result.

It appears that after a most persevering pursuit, which the troops of the fourth division kept up with exemplary cheerfulness, during a period of three months, their exertions were rewarded by coming up with the enemy on the above day. The opposition made by the Mahratta cavalry was brave and resolute, but the successive charges made by our gallant cavalry soon compelled them to fly in confusion, with the loss of about three hundred men, and a great part of their baggage.

The death of their Leader, Goklah, who fell in the action, and the rescue of His Highness the Rajah of Sattarah, who with his family is now happily under the protection of the British Government, are among the more striking features of this brilliant affair, and their importance will certainly be fully appreciated by the Most Noble the Governor-General.

His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Hislop begs leave to tender his grateful acknowledgments to Brigadier-General Smith, for the unceasing energy and high military character which have marked that Officer's proceedings during a short but eventful period of hostilities with Bajee Row; and His Excellency assures the Brigadier-General, that, in the report of the present affair, which will be immediately laid before the Most Noble the Governor-General, it will be His Excellency's endeavour to do justice to his distinguished conduct.

His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Hislop notices with the highest satisfaction the intrepid and well-timed charge made by the two squadrons of His Majesty's 22d dragoons, under Major Dawes, by which the enemy were first routed, and the no less admirable conduct of the 2d and 7th regiments of Madras cavalry, under Majors Walker and Doveton respectively, which gallant corps composed the brigade commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Colebrooke, C. B. and whose

exertions on this occasion have been such as to excite in His Excellency's mind the strongest sentiments of approbation of the skill and decision of those Officers, as well as of the gallantry and discipline displayed by their exemplary corps.

The Commander in Chief also desires that Captain Frith of the Madras Artillery, will accept his acknowledgments for the very able and judicious manner in which he brought the gallopers under his command into action with the enemy.

The important services of Captain Tovey, Deputy Adjutant-General, and of Captain Mayne, Deputy Quarter-Master-General, and the active zeal and promptitude of Brigadier-General Smith's Personal Staff, Captain Hardcastle, Lieutenant Place, and Lieutenant Billamore, have been brought to His Excellency's notice in a manner which entitles them individually to receive His Excellency's thanks and applause.

The Commander in Chief has also much pleasure in offering his best acknowledgement to Major Hall, Deputy Commissary-General, whose excellent arrangements, foresight, and assiduity, are represented by the Brigadier-General to have overcome many obstacles to the supply of the division during its recent operations.

The Paymaster of the fourth division, Captain James, the Commissary of Stores, Captain Griffiths, of the Bombay Artillery, and Mr. Superintending Surgeon Phillips, are also entitled to the Commander in Chief's praise and acknowledgments for the efficiency which has prevailed in their respective departments.

The fort of Singhur\* having surrendered to Brigadier-General Pritzler's detachment, on the 2d instant, his Excellency the Commander in Chief congratulates that Officer, and the gallant troops under his command, on the possession of so strong a fortress with so little loss.

The able and judicious arrangements made by Brigadier-General Pritzler, for conducting the operations of the siege, reflect the highest credit on that Officer's military character, and the Commander in Chief requests the Brigadier-General to be assured that he will report his high estimation of the services he has rendered in appropriate terms to the Most Noble the Governor-General.

The professional ability and experience of Lieutenant-Colonel Dalrymple, of the Madras artillery (who commanded the artillery employed at the siege of Singhur), are reported by Brigadier-General Pritzler to have been conspicuous, and his Excellency the Commander in Chief requests Lieutenant-Colonel Dalrymple to be assured how duly he appreciates the value of his zealous services on this as well as on every other occasion.

The Commander in Chief also requests that Captain Nutt, of the Bombay engineers, and Lieutenant Grant, of the Madras Engineers, will accept his thanks and cordial approval of their zealous and valuable services during the siege.

The conduct of the artillery, pioneers, and troops in general, was highly praiseworthy, and the Commander in Chief notices with great satisfaction the

\* Brigadier-General Smith's account of this action was published in the Gazette of 16th July 1818, p. 1281.

\* Brigadier-General Pritzler's report of the capture of Singhur was published in the Gazette of 28th September 1818, page 1731.