

town had been evacuated by the enemy on being apprized of the capture of Pōwrie. I learned at the same time that a party of more than two hundred of them had just appeared at both those places, having quitted the former two or three hours previously to the arrival of my detachment, and towards evening information was brought me of their being then at Bhamungaum, a place represented as one of their retreats, about seven miles beyond Chimmoor and fifteen from my camp.

I marched at half past twelve o'clock last night to surprize them, with the detachment of the Pallamkotah light infantry under Captain Agnew, and a party of the 5th regiment Bengal cavalry under Lieutenant Smith, leaving the 2d battalion 1st regiment Dépôt corps, Mogul horse, and all the baggage, to march to Chimmoor in the morning under Lieutenant Haultain; and I am happy to say we succeeded, as far as situation and circumstances permitted, in surprizing a body of about seventy or eighty of the enemy, and killing thirty-two of them: that it was not more complete was owing to a very deep nullah which delayed the centre party for two or three minutes at a critical time when close upon the enemy, and the number of them was so much fewer than had been told me from many having dispersed in the evening, and taken different directions.

Trifling however as this affair is, I hope I may be permitted to express for the approbation of Colonel Scott, my satisfaction at the assistance afforded me by Captain Agnew, and all the other Officers, and at the good conduct of the Native Officers and men employed on the occasion.

Extract from a Report from Captain Gordon to Captain Bayley, Military-Assistant to the Resident at Nagpore, dated Camp, near Pertaubghur, 22d October 1818.

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you for the Resident's information, that I arrived before Pertaubghur* at eleven o'clock yesterday morning, and found it occupied by the rebel Zemindar Chunder Shaw's men, of Barra Battee. At half past two P.M. I moved out of camp to reconnoitre, and ascended a hill adjoining the fort, on the northern face and opposite the wicket. Seeing me approach them so near, the garrison became alarmed, discharged a few matchlocks, and evacuated the place. I immediately descended the hill, moved round to the village of Pertaubghur on the S. E. of the fort, and from that side moved up and took possession of it about half past seven P. M. I secured the wicket and gate, and left in it one hundred sepoy, when I returned to camp, which I reached at half past nine o'clock P. M.

Extract from a Report from Captain Roberts to the Assistant-Adjutant-General, dated Bunkeire, 5th December 1818.

I HAVE the honour to state that the detachment under my orders moved down to Fut-

* In the Nagpore country.

typoor yesterday morning, in rear of which, and on the slope of the hills which are covered with thick jungle, with two nullahs in front, the enemy were encamped. The streets of the town they had barricadoed. The guns were brought up on a height this side of the town, on the banks of a deep nullah, which was round the north side of Fatty-poor; this spot commanded the enemy's positions, and afforded complete range for the shrapnells.

The infantry under the command of Lieutenant Tulloch, supported by half the cavalry, were pushed on to clear the town. On reaching the first nullah on the other side of the town, the enemy's fire from the heights became very brisk. The guns were now advanced to a second position, sufficiently near to fire grape, when the enemy ultimately retreated. From their numbers, I am inclined to believe their loss has been heavy; as they were situated opportunity presented to carry their killed and wounded into the hills.

The Officers and men of the detachment merit my best thanks, and I beg to draw the commanding Officer's attention to Lieutenant Debrett, who is entitled to my warmest approbation and acknowledgments. The guns were served in superior style, every shell bursting over the thickest of the enemy. They are stated to have had four thousand men.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Jenkins, Resident at Nagpore, to the Honourable Mountstuart Elphinstone, dated January 19, 1819.

SIR,

I HAVE much satisfaction in acquainting you, that Major Duncan, with the right wing of the 1st battalion 2d regiment of Bengal native infantry, by a well concerted enterprise, succeeded in completely surprising and defeating, on the 13th instant, a body of five hundred Gonds and Pindaries, under the Chiefs Futteh Sing, Ram Sing, and Pertaub Sing.

This party was very strongly posted within the hills near Sohugpore*, having stockades in their fronts, which were all turned in the night, and the enemy, driven out of the village by the bayonet, fled in all directions, many being killed or drowned in a deep nullah, at the bottom of the mountains.

Two villages and the stockades were burnt or destroyed, with large quantities of grain and ammunition.

I have, &c.

R. JENKINS, Resident.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Russell, the Resident at Hyderabad, to the Honourable Mountstuart Elphinstone, dated February 5, 1819.

SIR,

I HAVE the pleasure to inform you, that the fort of Nowab† was taken by assault by the force under the command of Major Pitman, on the 30th ultimo. The garrison, consisting of upwards of five hundred men, principally Arabs, having twice

* Fifty miles East of Hoosingabad.

† In the territory of His Highness the Nizam, on the frontier of Berar.