

made by the Major-General, the rapidity with which the outworks were attacked, and the valour and energy so conspicuously displayed by the Officers and men in the performance of their duty.

The Governor in Council entirely concurs in the sentiments of approbation and applause bestowed on Lieutenant-Colonel Clifford, C. B. who commanded the attack, and on the whole of the Officers and men composing the detachment under his immediate command; and sincerely hopes, that the public service will not long be deprived of the services of the two gallant Officers of His Majesty's 89th regiment, who were wounded on the occasion.

The Governor in Council also notices with much satisfaction the commendation bestowed by the Major-General on the active and cordial co-operation of Lieutenant Tanner, and the Officers and men of the Honourable Company's cruiser Thetis, whose conduct on the occasion fully entitle them to the approbation of Government.

The military operations in Sawunt-warree have terminated with the conclusion of a treaty with the Government of that State on the 17th instant.

*Copy of a Report from Major-General Sir William Grant Keir to the Adjutant-General, dated Camp, Rairee, 14th February 1819.*

SIR,

I HAD the honour yesterday evening to forward a brief report of the success of the attack on the enemy's lines before Rairee, and have now the pleasure to acquaint you that the fort was this morning taken possession of by a detachment from my camp.

The difficulties experienced in the disembarkation of the ordnance and stores retarded our operations in a considerable degree, but on the night of the 12th instant we succeeded in erecting our batteries, and opened on the fort at day-break the next morning with four battering guns and as many eight-inch mortars, which were served with such vigour and precision as to dismantle the whole of the guns in the outer works in the course of an hour, when our fire was directed against the general defence of the place; about three o'clock a breach was effected in a curtain of the advanced outworks, and a party of three hundred and fifty grenadiers formed for the assault, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Clifford, His Majesty's 89th regiment. The troops moved to the attack about four o'clock, and passed the breach without difficulty, driving the enemy in considerable numbers toward the second lines, which were immediately carried and a lodgment effected within half musket-shot of the upper fort, to which the enemy were pursued and many bayoneted at the lower gate, which was for a short time in our possession. The spirit and rapidity of the attack, added to the advantageous position which was gained by the advance of our troops, struck the enemy with such terror, that nearly the whole of the garrison evacuated the fort during the night.

This morning Sambajee Sawunt proposed to surrender, and was permitted to march out with about fifty adherents, the small remnant of a garrison,

which is said to have consisted of near twelve hundred men at the commencement of the siege.

I beg leave to inclose a more detailed report of the attack, transmitted by Lieutenant-Colonel Clifford, whose conduct on the occasion is deserving of the highest applause.

I have likewise the pleasure to forward a copy of the Field Orders, conveying my sentiments on the behaviour of the troops, together with a list of killed and wounded.

I shall march toward Warree in order to accelerate the treaty with that Government, which will I trust be speedily brought to a favourable conclusion.

I have the honour to be, &c.

W. G. KEIR, Major-General.

*Field Order by Major-General Sir William Grant Keir, K. M. T.*

*Camp, Rairee, 14th February 1819.*

THE Major-General congratulates the troops on the successful termination of the operations against the fort of Rairee, and begs that the Officers and men employed will believe him highly sensible of their exemplary good conduct and exertions during the siege.

The Major-General is impressed with a high sense of the great advantage he has derived from the advice and assistance afforded him by Captain Dickenson, of the Engineers, to whose skill and indefatigable exertions he considers himself, in a great degree, indebted for the speedy reduction of the place.

Lieutenant Groundwater and the detachment of artillery have performed their duties entirely to the satisfaction of the Major-General. The accuracy of the firing in the batteries reflects the highest credit on the Officers who directed, and the exertions and steadiness of the whole detachment merit the highest praise.

Captain Talbot and the Madras pioneers have particularly distinguished themselves by the alacrity and perseverance with which they have discharged their laborious duties throughout the whole of the service; and the Major-General requests Captain Talbot to accept of this public acknowledgement of the advantages he has derived from his exertions.

The Major-General is sorry he had not an opportunity of employing the Madras cavalry, as he feels confident that their conduct would have been highly meritorious. He has, however, appreciated the zeal of Cornet Bridges on all occasions, and particularly noticed the dashing style in which he led his detachment across the river, to the support of the advanced guard, on the 9th instant.

The whole of the Staff have merited the Major-General's warmest approbation, and he begs them to accept his sincere thanks for their good conduct.

The whole of the troops have uniformly conducted themselves with credit; but it has fallen more particularly to the lot of the detachment which stormed the pettah and outworks of the fort, to display that gallantry which the Major-General feels persuaded is common to all; and he begs to offer his highest tribute of applause and thanks to Lieutenant-Colonel Clifford, C. B. for