

the next morning at day-light for this place, where I now have the honour to report myself, and am,
Sir, Yours, &c.

J. W. GUY, Lieutenant, commanding
Honourable Company's cruiser Vestal.

Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Macmorine, commanding the Eastern Frontier, to Lieutenant-Colonel Nicol, Adjutant-General of the Army, dated Camp, Gowahatty, 22d May 1824.

SIR,

YOU have been already apprised, that Lieutenant-Colonel Richards had been detached to the eastward with the flotilla and 2d battalion 23d native infantry (not having at the time tonnage for the conveyance of more troops), to take up a position at Kulluabar for the purpose of giving protection to the country, confidence to the inhabitants, and prevent (if possible) the Burmese returning to that quarter, when he found on his arrival, that a party of the enemy had very unexpectedly made their appearance in the vicinity of that place. I have now the honour to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that by intelligence received this morning from Lieutenant-Colonel Richards, dated Kulluabar, the 18th instant, it appears the enemy had evacuated the stockade at Haulbar, and had retired to a place called Rungby Ghur, about eight hours march from the further post. Lieutenant-Colonel Richards accordingly countermanded the order that had been issued for the movement to Haulbar, and proceeded himself to Captain Horsburgh's camp, to make another arrangement for the advance to Rungby Ghur.

On Lieutenant-Colonel Richards advancing with a havildar's guard and a few Suwars, to examine and give orders for demolishing the stockade which the enemy had evacuated, he was informed, on his arrival there, by a villager, that about sixty of them had returned to it; on this he immediately directed a party from Captain Horsburgh's detachment, of one ressalla of cavalry and a company of infantry, under Lieutenant Richardson, of the 2d battalion 23d native infantry, up to the place, and endeavour to surprise them; and as the Lieutenant-Colonel had previously made his observations of the ground, he was enabled to direct Lieutenant Richardson, on his approach to the stockade, to lead the cavalry, in a gallop, round the edge of a jungle to the first open spot in the rear and across the road, and to send the infantry direct on the enemy's position (an unfinished stockade), with the view of forcing them upon the cavalry. This measure, I am happy to say, had the desired effect, the enemy fired a few shot on the advancing party, without doing any injury, and then retired, in great confusion, in the direction where the cavalry were posted, who instantly charged and killed twenty of them and a Phekeen (all real Burmese), without our sustaining any loss; but three horses are reported to have been wounded.

Lieutenant-Colonel Richards speaks in high terms of Lieutenant Richardson in this affair, and

my thanks are justly due to both of them, as well as to the Officers and privates engaged on the occasion.

Lieutenant-Colonel Richards reports, that he had reinforced Captain Horsburgh's detachment, and instructed that Officer to advance slowly upon Rungby Ghur (where there is a stockade), whilst he himself, with the flotilla and the remainder of the force, intended to make a corresponding movement by water and get to the rear of it, and endeavour to place the enemy between two fires, and prevent their escape.

I have, &c.

G. MACMORINE, Lieutenant-Colonel.

Extract from a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Richards, commanding the advanced Force in Assam, to Captain Bayldon, Major of Brigade at Gowahatty, dated on the Kullung River, near Rungby Ghur, 26th May 1824.

I HAVE the pleasure to report, for the information of Brigadier Macmorine, that the enemy got a good drubbing from Captain Horsburgh's detachment on the evening of the 23d instant. The Brigadier is aware that I posted Captain Horsburgh, with four companies and the Rissalahs, in the stockade at Haulbar, from which the enemy were driven by Lieutenant Richardson on the 17th instant. This position the enemy had the temerity to advance upon, with the view it is supposed of attacking it, for they were within three hundred yards before they were discovered by some of the camp followers who were driven in. The inclosed is Captain Horsburgh's report to me; by his account it appears the enemy suffered a good deal, and about two hundred men were deprived of their arms. This defeat induced them to evacuate their stockade at Rungby Ghur yesterday morning, which Captain Horsburgh has destroyed.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Horsburgh, commanding a Detachment of the 23d Native Infantry, to Lieutenant-Colonel Richards, commanding the Advance in Assam, dated Kulluabar, 24th May 1824.

SIR,

The enemy have had the hardihood to come out of their stockade and attack our party, for which I am happy to say that some of them have paid dearly.

About three o'clock this afternoon there was an alarm given that the enemy were cutting up our grass cutters. The picket marched out, and I got the rest of the men quickly under arms, cavalry as well as infantry. When I came out to the picket I found them carrying on a brisk fire (Lieutenant Jones at its head) with the enemy, who were in the jungle to the right of the road, where they had planted a number of jingals. I sent Lieutenant Jones to the right with the cavalry, with directions to endeavour (if possible) to get into their rear and intercept their retreat to their stockade at Rungby Ghur.

I ordered the picket to proceed along the bank