

Naval Commander, with the exception of one gun burst and another sunk in the river*.

The country on both sides of the river was generally woody, and the few open spots which evidently had been cleared for the purpose of cultivation, are now overgrown with high grass and covered with a considerable depth of water. Few villages were seen, and the population appeared inconsiderable. Some herds of buffaloes were discovered, but no other cattle.

My best thanks are due to Captain Chadds, of His Majesty's ship *Arachne*, for the cordial co-operation and assistance I received from him during the whole of the operations; and I cannot omit to notice the zeal and alacrity with which Lieutenant Keele and Mr. Lett, Master's Mate, of His Majesty's ship *Arachne*, Lieutenant Bazeley and Mr. Windson, of His Majesty's ship *Sophie*, performed the different duties assigned to them by Captain Chadds:

Major Sale, and all the Officers and men (both Europeans and natives), evinced the utmost zeal and spirit in the performance of every duty required from them, and endured their fatigues with the utmost cheerfulness.

The native troops I beg particularly to notice, who, for the space of four days, had few opportunities of dressing any food.

I have much pleasure in stating, that I received every assistance I could possibly wish from the different Staff Officers who accompanied me, viz.

Captain Ketson, Brigadier-Major, Captain Steel, Assistant Quartermaster-General, and Lieutenant Lake, Superintendent Engineer, who performed their respective duties in a manner highly creditable to themselves.

I have, &c.

H. FRASER, Brig. Gen.

Copy of a Letter from Brigadier-General Sir Archibald Campbell, K. C. B. to George Swinton, Esq. Secretary to the Bengal Government, dated Headquarters, Rangoon, 11th October 1824.

SIR,

BEING informed that a part of the enemy's force, I formerly stated as having concentrated in the vicinity of Pegue, had advanced in this direction, and taken up a position, fourteen miles from hence, in the neighbourhood of Annauben and the pagoda of Keykloo; I ordered out a reconnoitring party on the morning of the 5th instant, consisting of eight hundred rank and file, from the Madras brigade of native light infantry, under its Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant Smith, C. B. accompanied by two camel howitzers, and a competent number of pioneers, with the scaling ladders, &c. with orders to advance upon the enemy's position, and to attack him as often as he might consider his force and means adequate to do so with effect.

I afterwards reinforced the above detail with three hundred rank and file from the 28th and 30th

* No regular return of the ordnance was taken, in consequence of the hurried nature of the operations and the necessity of taking advantage of the tide to reach the anchoring ground, but the number of all calibres is estimated by the Naval Commander at fifteen pieces.

regiments of Madras native infantry, and two more camel howitzers; and with this combined force, Colonel Smith arrived at the enemy's stockaded position, at Annauben and Keykloo, on the evening of the 7th instant.

For a detail of the operations of this force, during the period of its absence from quarters, I beg leave to refer you to the accompanying report.

That their close was very different in result from the promising commencement made at Todgaghee, is to me a most painful task to notice; but it forms a pleasant part of my duty to observe, that Lieutenant-Colonel Smith's orders for the attack of Annauben, were judicious, and the coolness and bravery of conduct of himself, and every British Officer present, in endeavouring to support discipline during the attack, and afterwards to re-establish order and regularity among the troops, were highly conspicuous.

Unpleasant as the circumstances detailed in Lieutenant-Colonel Smith's report must be, the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council may rest assured, that the enemy shall not long be left to exult in his present triumph.

I have, &c.

A CAMPBELL, Brig. Gen.

Copy of a Report from Lieutenant-Colonel Smith, C. B. to the Deputy Adjutant-General, dated Rangoon, 10th October 1824.

SIR,

CONFORMABLY to the instructions conveyed to me by the Deputy Quartermaster-General, I marched, on the morning of the 5th instant, with a detachment of the Madras native light brigade, consisting of eight hundred rank and file, two four and a half inch howitzers, and forty pioneers, by the route pointed out by the guides, the first part of which was low and marshy, and in many places one or two feet under water, but, on clearing an extensive swamp, over which is thrown a wooden bridge, requiring some repairs, the road became good, and lay through a large stockade in ruins; at ten o'clock, I arrived at Todgaghee, and finding the troops much exhausted, from the intense heat, I halted a few hours to refresh; during our halt the rains fell plentifully.

At two o'clock, the detachment moved on, and in twenty minutes the head of the column was obstructed by a deep nulla, affected by the tides; but by the assistance of a temporary bridge, which I had caused to be put together prior to my leaving the lines, I passed over the advanced guard, which had no sooner crossed, than it received a line of fire from the enemy:

The leading company of the 3d light infantry, under Lieutenant Sherman, was quickly pushed on, and proceeded fifty or sixty yards, under cover of trees and brush wood, till he reached an open spot, where a party of the enemy had taken post to annoy us in crossing the nulla; these he quickly dispersed, and, in pursuing the fugitives, a stockade was discovered directly facing the main road, a plain bounding it on the right, its left face being enveloped in jungle. After reconnoitring the position, I directed Lieutenant Sherman to make