

and the works partly destroyed; from the intelligence collected from the natives of Cachar, who had been captives with the Burmese, it appears that the main body of the army, which occupied a large cantonment at Doodpatlee, left, in progress to Munnipoor, early yesterday morning, and the rear guard vacated Tiloayn early last night; the same body is said to be now at Banskaidy, on the route to Munnipoor, and distant from my present position four days march in the dry season, but at present I regret to say, the country remains so much under water that it would be impossible to march regular troops across, consequently the enemy are now beyond pursuit.

*Extract from a Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Innes, C. B., Commanding the Sylhet Frontier, to Lieutenant-Colonel Nicol, Adjutant-General of the Army, dated on the River near Panchguon, the 30th October 1824.*

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that I proceeded up the Barak river, on the morning

of the 26th, towards the posts lately occupied by the Burmese force at Tiloayn and Doodpatlee. The first named place is occupied by a detachment of the 52d regiment under Captain Lister, and I have instructed that Officer to have the outward defences destroyed, the palisades on the summit renewed, and the hill itself rendered tenable by a small body of men; the stockades on the heights to the South of Tiloayn have been directed to be destroyed also.

The Burmese position at Doodpatlee, consisted of seven Stockades of a most formidable nature; from their extent and the number of huts, I should not imagine the strength of the enemy to have been less than ten thousand men. The whole of the stockades, with the exception of a principal one erected round a Pucka-house, I have directed to be destroyed; in it I have posted Rajah Ghumbeer Sing with his levy, he having returned with a great proportion of his men, not being able to come up with any part of the enemy's rear guard.

Cachar may now be esteemed entirely vacated by the enemy, for as far to the Eastward as Banskaidy, they are said to have passed; six days ago, in full retreat for Munnipoor.

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