

second in command, and commanded by Lieutenant-Colonels Mallet, Parlbly, Brodie, and Captain Wilson, of the 38th regiment. At a quarter before twelve I ordered every gun that would bear upon the trenches to open, and their fire was kept up with an effect that never was surpassed; Major Sale at the same time, as directed, making a diversion on the enemy's left and rear. At twelve o'clock the cannonade ceased, and the columns moved forward to their respective points of attack. Every thing was done under my own immediate eye, but where all behaved so nobly, I cannot particularise; but I must in justice state, that Captain Wilson's and Lieutenant-Colonel Parlbly's divisions first made an impression, from which the enemy never recovered. They were driven from all their works without a check, abandoning all their guns, with a great quantity of arms of every description, and certainly not the least amusing part of their formidable preparations was a great number of ladders, for escalading the Great Pagoda, found in rear of their position. The total defeat of Bundoola's army was now most fully accomplished; his loss in killed and wounded, from the nature of the ground, it is impossible to calculate, but I am confident I do not exceed the fairest limit when I state it at five thousand men. In every other respect the mighty host, which so lately threatened to overwhelm us, now scarcely exists; it commenced its inglorious flight during last night; humbled, dispersing, and deprived of their arms, they cannot, for a length of time, again meet us in the field, and the lesson they have now received will, I am confident, prove a salutary antidote to the native arrogance and vanity of the Burmese nation. Thus vanished the hopes of Ava; and those means which the Burmese Government were seven months in organizing for our annihilation have been completely destroyed by us in the course of seven days. Of three hundred pieces of ordnance that accompanied the grand army, two hundred and forty are now in our camp, and in muskets their loss is to them irreparable.

Our loss in killed and wounded, although severe, will not I am sure be considered great for the important services we have had the honour to perform.

Of my troops I cannot say enough; their valour was only equalled by the cheerful patience with which they bore long and painful privations. My Europeans fought like Britons, and proved themselves worthy of the country that gave them birth; and I trust I do the gallant sepoys justice when I say, that never did troops more strive to obtain the palm of honour, than they to rival their European comrades in every thing that marks the steady, true, and daring soldier.

My obligations to Captains Chadds and Ryves, and the Officers and seamen of His Majesty's Navy, are great and numerous; in Captain Chadds himself I have always found that ready alacrity to share our toils and dangers, that has ever characterised the profession he belongs to, and the most cordial zeal in assisting and co-operating with me on every occasion. I have also to notice the good conduct of the Honourable Company's cruizers, the gun flotilla, and row boats; nor ought I to omit mentioning the handsome conduct of Captain

Binny, Acting Agent for the Bengal Transports, in volunteering both his European crew and ship for any service; on the present occasion she was anchored off Dalla, and sustained some loss from the enemy's fire. I may also add, that every transport in the river was equally anxious to contribute every possible assistance to the public service.

To Lieutenant-Colonel Miles and Major Evans, commanding the 1st and 2d divisions, my most particular thanks are due, for the alacrity and promptitude with which my orders were carried into effect by their respective divisions; and Major Frith, of His Majesty's 38th regiment, commanding in the pagoda, attracted my particular notice, by his steady method of conducting all the severe duties of that important post.

The services of the artillery from the three presidencies, commanded by Captains Tumbrell and Montgomerie, under the general direction of Captain Murray in the lines, and of Captain Russell, of the Bombay artillery, in the town and its vicinity, were most conspicuously brilliant.

To Captain Cheape, commanding engineer, and every individual of the department, the greatest credit is due; and the conduct of Captain Wheeler and the Madras pioneers is justly a theme of praise to every Officer whose command they are placed under.

The extent and long continuance of our late operations necessarily entailed a most arduous and severe duty upon my Deputy Quartermaster General, Major Jackson, whose zeal, talent, and activity entitle him to my fullest approbation; Lieutenant-Colonel Tidy, my Deputy Adjutant-General, performed the duties of his station with that ability and cheerful readiness that has ever distinguished him, and from my Personal Staff, Captains Snodgrass and Campbell, I received every aid and assistance that devotion to the service could command.

Many points may remain unnoticed upon which the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council may desire to be informed, and I have therefore directed my First Aide-de-Camp, Captain Snodgrass, an Officer of long standing and experience, and who has seen much service, to be the bearer of this dispatch; he enjoys my fullest confidence, is intimately acquainted with all my views and intentions, and most capable of affording any information that may be required, and I beg most earnestly to recommend him to the kind protection of the Right Honourable the Governor-General.

I have, &c.

A. CAMPBELL, Brig. Gen.

General Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the Army under the Command of Brigadier-General Sir Archibald Campbell, K. C. B. from the 1st to the 7th December 1824.

*Head-Quarters, Shoe Dagon Pagoda,
8th December 1824.*

The Right Wing of the Governor-General's Body Guard—2 horses missing.

Bengal Artillery—3 rank and file, 3 lascars, 1 bheesty, wounded.

Madras Artillery—1 lascars killed; 3 rank and file, 4 golaudauz, 1 lascar, wounded.