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A DISPATCH has been received at the East India-House from the Governor-General in Council at Fort William, in Bengal, dated 24th of August 1825; with inclosures, of which the following are copies:

Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Neuville to Captain Martin, Major of Brigade in Assam, dated Now Dheeing Mokh, 9th May 1825.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Colonel Richards, commanding, that having received authentic intelligence that the body of the enemy, recently arrived from Mogaum, had pushed on an advanced party of sixty, with three mounted chiefs, to within an accessible distance from my post, for the purpose of throwing up entrenchments at a village about twenty-five miles off, on the Dheeing, I deemed it highly expedient to dislodge them. With that view I embarked in canoes on the afternoon of the 7th, taking with me Ensign Bogle and half the strength of the detachment, calculating that by pushing on the whole night I might be able to reach them by day-break in the morning. The arrangement, I am happy to say, was attended with complete success. I landed about half a mile below the place at early dawn, and by making a detour round the jungle, came on the quarter occupied by the Burmese at a little before five.

On our charging, the enemy immediately fled in the greatest confusion, very closely followed by our men as far as the ground would admit; but as they threw away their arms, and every thing that

could impede their flight, even their clothes, we were soon distanced, and obliged to discontinue the pursuit.

They lost either eight or ten killed, and I should suppose many must be wounded from the precision with which the men fired. The principal of the three chiefs (who was recognized by my Burmese to be Lab Daungh Pah) escaped most narrowly, being several times almost at the point of the bayonet.

The only casualty on our part is one sepoy wounded by a punjah.

I have brought down with me the Chiefs of the village, prisoners, as security for the ransom of the numerous Assamese captives confined in their jungles.

I feel greatly indebted to Ensign Bogle for his active and cordial co-operation, and the cheerful soldier-like conduct of the men deserves the highest praise.

I have also the honour to report, that having heard of a few straggling Saums from amongst those who quitted Rungpore with Baglee Phokun being concealed in the jungles near Suddeeya, I detached a party to bring them in. Five out of the nine were secured with their families, and I shall take the earliest opportunity to send them down.

I have received a letter from the three Chiefs newly arrived, written in their usual style of verbiage, and finishing with a desire that I should immediately go back to Rungpore, and on my arrival there fall back with the whole force out of Assam; to which I returned the annexed reply.

I have, &c.

J. B. NEUFVILLE, Lieutenant,
Commanding Now Dheeing Mokh.