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COPIES of the following Dispatches have been received at the East India-House, though not officially transmitted:

Copy of a Letter from Major General Sir Archibald Campbell, K.C.B. to George Swinton, Esq., Secretary to the Bengal Government, dated Head Quarters, Prome, 30th November 1825.

SIR,

THE enemy, in closing in upon our front, has been unremitting in his endeavours to intercept our communication with Rangoon.—Large bodies of troops for this service have lately pressed our flanks on both sides of the Irrawaddy, and the state of that River, covered, as it has lately been, with large and valuable convoys of stores and treasure, has necessarily caused me much anxiety, and retarded my moving forward.

Shudoun-Mew, and the Sarrauddy Districts, have been over-run by these itinerant bands, and I have been under the necessity of detaching Lieutenant-Colonel Godwin, with a strong detachment, for the purpose of driving the enemy from Shudoun, and, if possible, of surprizing any parties he might have in that neighbourhood. On the night of the 24th, the Lieutenant-Colonel marched to Shudoun, but the enemy receiving intelligence of his approach, fled to the interior, and the Detachment returned to quarters, after clearing the left bank of the river for fifteen miles below Prome.

On the Western bank, I deemed it of importance to retain possession of Padoun-Mew, and for that purpose stationed one hundred men of His Majesty's

Royal Regiment, and one hundred of 26th Madras Native Infantry, at that place, under the command of Captain Deane, of the Royals, and supported on the River by a division of the flotilla, under Lieutenant Kellet, of the Navy. This party was repeatedly attacked by the enemy in great force, and the meritorious conduct of both Officers and men, as detailed in the enclosed copies of letters from Captain Deane, will, I am certain, obtain for them the approbation of the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council.

The First Division of His Majesty's 87th Regiment, in coming up the River, was fired at from the bank by a party of the enemy, and two men were unfortunately killed, with one Officer wounded. The soldiers immediately landed, and drove the enemy from his post with some loss. The particulars are detailed in a Report from the Commanding Officer, Major Gully, of which a copy is herewith enclosed.

Two divisions of His Majesty's 87th Regiment, with the treasure boats, have now arrived, and I purpose marching out to attack the enemy tomorrow, the consequence of which will, I trust, be felt by all the dependent corps which have so long annoyed us. I have, &c.

A. CAMPBELL, Maj. Gen.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Deane to the Adjutant General of the Forces, dated Padoon, 20th November 1825.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Commander of the Forces, a brush