

command, and all vie with each other in the honourable discharge of duty, the task of selecting individual names for the notice of his Lordship becomes difficult and embarrassing, and I am compelled to adopt the principle of particularizing those alone on whom the heaviest share of exertion happened to devolve on this occasion; it fell to the lot of the artillery to occupy this conspicuous station in the events of the day; in behalf, therefore, of Lieutenant-Colonel Hopkinson, commanding the whole, and of Lieutenant-Colonel Pollock, commanding Bengal artillery, and Captains Lumsden, Bengal horse artillery, and Montgomerie, Madras artillery, commanding the batteries, I have to solicit your recommendation to his Lordship's favourable attention. The rocket practice under Lieutenant Blake, of the Bengal horse artillery, was in every way admirable; of three hundred and four rockets which were projected during the day, five alone failed of reaching the spot for which they were destined, and uniformly told in the works or in the ranks of the enemy, with an effect which has clearly established their claim to be considered a most powerful and formidable weapon of war.

The conduct of His Majesty's 13th and 38th regiments during the advance, and their gallantry in the storm, far exceed all that I can write in their praise. I sincerely hope that I shall not long be deprived of the services of these two brave Commanders.

Brigadier-General Cotton's arrangement for intercepting the retreat of the enemy, and the movement of Lieutenant-Colonel Hunter Blair to effect the same object, merit my warmest commendations.

To Captain Chads, of the Royal Navy, and every Officer and seaman of His Majesty's ships and the Honourable Company's flotilla, I am deeply indebted, for the able and judicious manner in which the troops were transported to points of attack so near to a formidable work which they had to assail. I have the honour to inclose Captain Chad's report, together with his return of killed and wounded.

Upon this short, but important service I derived every support from the zeal and ability of my staff, general and personal.

Lieutenant Wilson, of His Majesty's 13th light infantry, Aid-de-Camp to Brigadier-General Cotton, who will have the honour of delivering this dispatch, was present during the whole affair, and is well qualified to give any further information which may be required by his Lordship on the subject.

I have, &c.

A. CAMPBELL, Major-Genl.

General Return of Killed and Wounded in the Army under the Command of Major-General Sir A. Campbell, K. C. B., in the attack on the entrenched position at Melloon, on the 19th January 1826.

Camp, Patanagoh, before Melloon, 20th January 1826.

H. M.'s. 13th light infy.—1 rank and file, killed; 1 lieutenant-colonel, 3 rank and file, 2 bheesties, wounded.

H. M.'s 38th regt.—4 rank and file, killed; 1 major, 1 serjeant, 1 drummer, 14 rank and file, 6 bearers, wounded.

Bengal Engineers,—1 Lieutenant, wounded.

Flotilla—4 lascars, killed; 5 European seaman, 9 lascars, wounded.

Names of Officers Wounded.

Lieut.-Col. R. H. Sale, H. M.'s. 13th light infy., commanding brigade, severely, not dangerously.

Major H. Frith, H. M.'s. 38th regt., severely.

Lieutenant W. Dixon, Bengal engineers, slightly.

F. S. TIDY, Lieut.-Col. D. A. G.

Return of Ordnance and Military Stores, captured on the 19th January 1826, in the Operations against the Enemy at Melloon, by the Forces under the Command of Major-General Sir Archibald Campbell, K. C. B. &c. &c. &c.

Brass Guns—1 forty-two-pounder, 1 six ditto, 1 four ditto, 1 one ditto, 10 jingalls.

Iron Guns (long)—7 twelve-pounders, 10 nine ditto, 2 six and a half ditto, 6 six ditto.

Iron carronades.—1 twenty-four-pounder, 1 twelve ditto.

Iron round shot of different sizes—11,000, ditto ditto for jingalls, 7000.

Gum-powder destroyed—20 tons $1\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in boxes of 45 pounds each.

1700 muskets, 100,000 musket-balls, 2000 spears. An immense quantity of refined saltpetre and sulphur; iron, unwrought, upwards of a ton; also a quantity of grape, quilted and loose; but the exact amount of the above articles cannot be ascertained for want of time.

C. HOPKINSON, Lieut. Col. Commanding the Artillery with the Forces.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Chads to Major-General Sir A. Campbell, K. C. B. dated on board the Honourable Company's Steam Vessel Diana, off Melloon, 20th January 1826.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inclose you a return of the casualties on board the flotilla, in action yesterday at Melloon, also an account of the boats captured.

As this service was performed under your own immediate eye, it would be presumptuous in me to speak of the gallantry and zeal displayed by every individual in the flotilla, but which I trust was such as to merit your commendation.

I have, &c.

H. D. CHADS,

Captain of H. M.'s. S. Alligator, in command of the flotilla.

Return of Killed and Wounded on board the Flotilla at Melloon, 19th January 1826.

Boats of His Majesty's Ship Alligator—None killed; 4 severely, 1 slightly, wounded.

3d Division of Honourable Company's Gun Boats—1 killed; 6 wounded severely.

4th Division of Honourable Company's Gun Boats—1 killed; 1 dangerously, 1 slightly, wounded.

5th Division of Honourable Company's Gun Boats—2 killed; 1 dangerously wounded.

Total—4 killed; 14 wounded.

H. D. CHADS, Captain of H. M.'s. S. Alligator, in command of the flotilla.