

# BOMBAY COURIER.

## EXTRAORDINARY.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1842.

The following extracts from a *Delhi Gazette Extraordinary* of the 8th instant, contain some interesting information from Afghanistan—Captain C. Mackenzie, arrived at Jellalabad on the 25th ultimo, bearing proposals from Ukhbar Khan for the release of the British captives. General Elphinstone had died a day or two previous. His remains were to be brought to the British camp—It is now certain that Ukhbar Khan murdered Sir Wm. MacNaghten with his own hand: Captain Mackenzie having witnessed the deed. It appears that most of the Officers, who were in Ghuznie, at the time of its capitulation are alive and well. Their names will be found below:—

### ARRIVAL OF CAPTAIN MACKENZIE AT JELLALABAD.

Long letters from Jellalabad of the 26th April, and from Peshawur without any date, announce the arrival on the 25th, in General Pollock's camp, of Captain Colin Mackenzie, of the Madras Service, one of the prisoners, sent on his parole on a mission with proposals from Mahomed Ukhbur and Mahomed Shah Khan the Ghilzie, for the surrender of the prisoners, but the particulars of the conditions had not transpired. Captain Mackenzie states that Mahomed Ukhbur has only one hundred followers, as after his defeat by Sale his soldiers dropped off one after another until reduced to the present scanty numbers.

The prisoners, male and female, are confined in two separate forts within the valley of Tezeen; they are pretty well treated. Four accouchements had taken place, and four more were shortly expected; one Lady, Mrs. Waller, had to march, being allowed a litter, the day after her confinement.

Captain C. Mackenzie brought in the intelligence of the death of General Elphinstone, who expired on the 23rd or 24th of April, and that Mahomed Ukhbur had agreed to send his body to Jellalabad, where it was expected to arrive on the night of the 26th. It is very satisfactory to know that the day previous to his death, he signed a document, containing full and authentic details of all the occurrences from the commencement of the Kabul difficulties to the time of his being taken prisoner, and which, it is said, will, to a great degree, exonerate the General from the charges which have been brought against his personal character. Captain C. Mackenzie had been allowed several days' absence by Mahomed Ukhbur, but decided on returning forthwith. His testimony regarding the murder of Sir William Macnaghten, by the hand

of Mahomed Ukhbur, is most conclusive; "He saw the ruffian perpetrate the murder;" while Shah Soojah is implicated deeply in the rebellion. General Elphinstone's report was brought in by Captain Mackenzie, and, it is currently stated in the Camp, that at the Council of War, held previous to the retreat, Major Pottinger's objections to such a step were overruled. Other narratives have also been prepared by the prisoners, one, it is said by Captain Eyre of the Artillery, which is reported to be very full and accurate.

Much sickness, we regret to say, prevails at Jellalabad, and the death of Cornet A. Fisher of H. M. 3d Dragoons followed that of Major Anderson on the evening of the 25th April.

We are glad to state that one of our correspondents, in allusion to the letter of enquiry respecting the existence of Dr. John Forsyth, which appeared in our columns, says that that Officer is alive and well at Jellalabad.

A junction had been effected near the W. end of the Khyber pass, between Brigadier Monteath's and Colonel Bolton's Brigades, and it was hoped that the whole would be at Jellalabad sooner than we anticipated in our issue of yesterday, as the orders to Brigadier Monteath were to avail himself of the moonlight nights to hasten back.

Provisions are being collected with increased rapidity at Jellalabad and every thing portended advanced preparations for a forward movement. The officers named in our last as on their way to the provinces had reached Peshawur; they are Major Fraser, Capt. Younghusband, Lieut. Williams and others.

The Syce noted as having reached Jellalabad from Ghuznee mentions the following as the Officers who have escaped: Col. Palmer, Capt. Alston, Ens. Williams, Lieut. Harris, a Doctor, Lieut. Barnes, Lieut. Crawford of the Bombay Establishment and another.

The prices realized by Major Anderson's property when sold by auction at Jellalabad, may be taken as proofs of the scarcity which is prevalent in the Camp. We select the following from a long list:—

Six quires letter paper, 25 Rs. !  
An old small tea kettle, 23 Rs. !!  
A cup and saucer, 10 Rs. !!!  
About 2 seers Sugar Candy, 25 Rs. !!!!  
Less than 2 seers Tea, 55 Rs. !!!!!

These are all merely "*excerptæ*" from the very interesting letters which will appear at length in our columns of Wednesday, by which day we shall, probably, have further gratifying news respecting the captives.

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