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Camp on the road to
Bareilly, Nov 22^d 1814

Sir

Some weeks ago, on recei-
-ving the first intelligence of the fortu-
-rate events by which the war in Europe
was terminated, I took the liberty of express-
-ing by letter my congratulations on the share
which the vicissitudes of your Royal Highness

led in producing that glorious result. As let-
 -ters from this Country are subject to failure,
 I may be indulged with the permission to
 repeat these expressions of my joy at
 all that contributes to the honour of
 your Royal Highness. The general sense
 of Europe will establish how mainly this
 wonderful revolution in Affairs is ascribed
 - to your Royal Highness's influence.
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of the inappreciable advantages which you
have secured for your Country.

All here most appear on so dismis-
-tion a scale after the gigantic Contest
just finished that I know not whether
I ought to touch upon such inferior
interests. The Death of his General Gillespie,
Lawson, may excite some curiosity respecting
our present warfare than would otherwise at-
-tend it. Not till after the year 1760 was
the name of the Yorks known. They were an

an obscure tribe of mountaineers, numerous & bold
but of scanty resources. Emerging from their
Hills, they conquered the Kingdom of Kipaul^{then}
in a state of civil war, more by perfidy than by
valor. This success gave them a treasury & an
ample command of men. They pursued several
battles, subdued a number of petty states in their
neighborhood, & at length made themselves
masters of the Kingdoms of Kenacoo & Sinea-
-gou with many adjoining territories. Their
Empire now extends eastward almost as far
as ours; & westward it has the same boundary

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the River Settlement, a branch of the Indians. Their
encroaching spirit could not be satisfied with
extension in that direction. They descended
from the Ridge of Hills, their natural boundary
& occupied large tracts in the Plain really
belonging to us. By change of opinion, these
aggressions were not timely checked, and they
could plead a tacit admission on our part
to justify their occupation of vast tracts thus
appropriated. Recently they established a new
line of location in a particular District, in-
cluding a very considerable portion of our ter-

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-officers. Lord had been to review the troops against the
-troops. The Gorkhas insisted upon little, but his
-friendship, reluctant to proceed to extreme measures
-based that Conspicuous should meet to de-
-termine the point. They met accordingly by
-it was soon visible that the Gorkha Conspic-
-uous had no purpose of substantiating any
-right, being in hopes that they should live as
-by unmeaning dispositions & that we should
-not ultimately present the question. I must,

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however, indignant at being trifled with, gave
notice that if the matter was not settled
by a specified time our troops should re-
-treat our Revenue Officers in the District.
In this menace of the British Government
I succeeded; & being failed in another attempt
& being the Rajah of Nepal to war, I
felt the credit of our Power staked upon our
not making an idle threat. At the time fixed,
our troops advanced. The Gurkha troops retired
without contest, & it appeared that the pro-

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-cedure was quietly acquiesced in by the Hyderabad
Government. When the season arrived in which
rivers really pestilential reign in that tract,
I was able to expose our troops to the malarial
& I ordered them back to healthy positions. On
this, the Gorkha troops, attacked by surprise,
of course carried, our defenceless bivouacs &
-tents, murthering the Prisoners in cold blood.
Redress for this outrage, & for an atrocious at-
-tempt to poison the wells of our frontier vil-
-lages, having been sought in vain from the
Rajah of Bijapur, the chastisement of the

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Approvers was incumbent on us, and I was resolv-
-ed it should be undertaken effectually. A body
of the Gurkhas was on the banks of the Sutledge.
Colonel Peterburg was directed to occupy it at
-tentive, tho' there was little hope of being able
to strike at it and the Merutaris with which
it is enveloped. Mr. General Gillespie was to
penetrate with another Division in a directi-
-on which would facilitate Col. Peterburg's
movements, & was afterwards to secure the
Country of Kesoon, by entering it on a side
where it is open. Mr. General Wood was to advance

from Gunkhore to Palkh in the hope of rising
 these conquered Districts against their savage
 Sackmasters the Serkhas & reestablishing the
 expelled Rajahs. The fourth & principal At-
 tack was to be conducted by M: General Mac-
 -donald; its object was Catewana the capi-
 -tal of Bijaul. Fearful of M: General
 Gillespie's impetuosity I gave him precise
 written Instructions that no participation
 of a description to require that Cannon should

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be used against shall be attacked in any other
 way. Colonel Mackenzie of the 53^d, second in Com-
 -mand, reconnoitred the Fort of Kalunga;
 & in obedience to the instructions, decli-
 -ned assaulting it as he considered that
 nothing but artillery could reduce it. On
 this report reaching Major-General Gillespie, he
 hastened from his own Column & immedi-
 -ately ordered the Assault of the Place. When
 the Troops got to the foot of the Rampart,

it was discovered that there was no possible mode
of getting into the fort. The walls were very high,
there was no breach, no scaling ladders, in short
no means whatever of gaining entrance. The
troops of course retired with much loss. ^{of the} ^{100/100}
-ral Gillespie, probably frantic for ^{the} ^{100/100}
-discretion, persisted in walking round the fort
to look for some vulnerable place till he en-
-countered a musket shot which killed him in-
-stantly. His heroic valor makes him a con-
-spicuous notwithstanding this error.

With no less devoted affection than be-
-spect, I remain, Sir, your loyal Highness's
The Prince of Wales Ever grateful Subject
The Prince of Wales