

21ST APRIL 1885, No. 1039, JUDICIAL.

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Total ..		352

Strongly recommended.

(Signed) A. M. DAVIES, Colonel,
Deputy Inspector-General, Southern Range.

16th March 1885.

From W. LOGAN, Esq., District Magistrate of Malabar, to the Superintendent of Police, Malabar, dated Calicut, 11th March 1885, No. 951.

In reply to your letter, No. 195, dated 9th instant, I have the honor to state that I entirely agree with you in thinking that the reserve men present at Trikkalore on 28th and 29th December last are deserving of the reward you propose to give them. They did most excellent service particularly in hemming in the fanatics on the night of the 28th December, the eastern gate, perhaps the most difficult gate of all to guard, having been in their sole charge on the night in question. I have already brought their good conduct to the notice of Government, and I consider that the state of efficiency, in which they proved themselves to be, reflects the greatest credit on Inspector Sweeney.

ORDER—dated 21st April 1885, No. 1039, Judicial.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has read the report on the conduct of the Malabar police reserve with much interest, and he congratulates Major Hole and his men on the excellent manner in which they performed their duties. The rewards of a month's pay to each officer and man, as recommended by the Inspector-General, are sanctioned. The conduct of head-constable Krishnan Nair is, however, especially commendable, and the reward proposed for him will be raised to Rs. 100 in consideration of the coolness and courage displayed by him. The two constables, Chachoo Nair and Ramen Nair, will each be granted a reward of two months' pay.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Police.
" District Magistrate of Malabar.
" Accountant-General.

Copy to the Military department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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In forwarding the enclosed papers, for the favorable consideration and orders of Government, I have the honor to state that I fully concur in the remarks made Enclosures 3.

by the District Magistrate and Superintendent regarding the efficient state of the reserve and their conduct at the attack on the temple and afterwards.

ENCLOSURES.

From Major F. HOLE, Superintendent of Police, Malabar, to the Inspector-General of Police, Madras (through the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Southern Range), dated Calicut, 13th March 1885, No. 206.

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to recommend to Government that a reward of one month's pay may be granted to each of the police officers* of the reserve present at the attack on the Moplah fanatics at the Trikkalore temple on the 28th and 29th December 1884.

* List enclosed.

2. I enclose a true copy of letter, No. 951, dated 11th March 1885, from the District Magistrate of Malabar, from which you will see that he quite agrees with me in thinking that the police officers mentioned are deserving of the reward proposed.

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4. I have included in the list the name of second-grade head constable, No. 419, Krishna Nair, of the Malapuram station, for his plucky conduct in bringing up axes to cut open the doors of the temple on the 28th December 1884 (vide paragraph 30 of my report above mentioned), as I consider he also is deserving of the reward.

List of men recommended for rewards for good conduct during the attack on the Trikkalore temple on 28th and 29th December 1884.

No.	Rank and Name.	Amount. RS.
...	Third-class Inspector P. M. Sweeney	100
419	Second-grade head constable Krishnan Nair	20
721	Do. do. Syed Latiff	20
955	Third-grade do. K. Ramen	15
1097	Fourth-grade do. Cumarar Nair	12
25	First-class constable Govindan Puniker	8
48	Do. David Vedom	8
57	Do. Moideen Ali	8
215	Do. Chekkutti	8
292	Do. Ali Khan	8
295	Do. Rarachen	8
239	Do. Kopuny Nair	8
762	Do. Krishnan Nair	8
935	Do. Muhammad Khan	8
1000	Do. Gunapathy Naiken	8
1083	Do. Chanen Nair	8
1157	Do. Rhyman Khan	8
1187	Do. Cherookoman Nair	8
1207	Do. Shungren Nair	8
1310	Do. Caruppan	8
1311	Do. Komoo Curup	8
1385	Do. Veeran	8

21. During the night, which we had to spend in the open, and which, owing to cold and damp, I may be permitted to say was one of the most miserable nights I ever spent in my life. Captain Curtis, of the Oxfordshire Regiment, arrived from Malapuram bringing with him a soldier called Miles and a box of dynamite. Mr. Twigg, the Special Assistant Magistrate, also came up.

22. About 7 o'clock the next morning, Captain Maxwell, of the Royal Fusiliers, arrived from Calicut, and it was then decided, the Military officers of the Oxfordshire Regiment having previously reconnoitred the building, to station the soldiers on the west and east fronts of the outer wall and the police on the north and south fronts, a reserve of soldiers being kept outside the western wall in readiness to rush in on the fanatics, should they make a rush out.

23. After we had taken up our positions, we all began to fire on the upper storey of the guard-house, and soon after the western door was blown in with a charge of dynamite. This I believe drove all the fanatics to the upper storey of the guard-house from which they fired down at us; and I regret to say they succeeded in killing the unfortunate soldier Miles who had come up with Captain Curtis during the night. They also

I have marked the spot where he was killed with the letter M.—H. C.

and who, I believe, had just a minute before succeeded in killing one of the fanatics. They also wounded another soldier.

24. A brisk fire was kept up on the upper storey of the guard-room for about 4 hours, during which several other dynamite cartridges were exploded, blowing in the northern and eastern doors and a corner of the lower storey of the guard-room; and at the end of that time the firing from the upper storey ceased, and we concluded that the rebels had been killed.

25. The reserve were then sent in to search the buildings, and this rather disagreeable duty they performed willingly and with alacrity. On arriving at the room underneath the upper storey, it was found that the trap-door leading up to it had been barred down, and it was impossible to force it, so another dynamite cartridge was exploded underneath it, and the door was blown open.

26. On entering the room the bodies of twelve Moplahs were found lying on the floor; nine of them were quite dead, two were on the point of death and died shortly after, and one man was very severely wounded. He has since died.

27. One large bore rifle by Samuel Nock, one old double-barrelled gun by Westley Richards, one large carbine, of the old Brown Bess pattern, two native guns, four new large knives, some small knives and some cartridges, loose powder, caps, new cloths, &c., were found with the fanatics.

28. In the evening the corpses and the wounded man were brought down and identified and handed over to the charge of Captain Maxwell and his party, who escorted them to the Calicut Jail, where the corpses were burnt on the following day.

29. I cannot conclude this report without bringing to your notice the good conduct of Inspector Sweeney and the men of the reserve. They started from Calicut within 3½ hours of receiving orders and marched 16 miles to Kondotti where they arrived that same night about 9-30 P.M. A very scanty meal was all that could be procured for them then, and they started from there again about 3-30 A.M. the next morning; and marched straight to Trikkalore, a distance of 14 miles halting only for a few minutes at Areacode where a few cocoanuts were distributed amongst them. At Trikkalore cocoanuts were all that could be provided for them in the way of refreshments during the whole day, and that same evening they attacked the fanatics behaving with great coolness and bravery throughout. During that night I could only procure about half a meal of rice for each man, and the next morning they again took their share in the attack on the temple.

30. I would especially bring to your notice the conduct of the two constables (2nd-class constable, No. 132, Chachoo Nair, and 2nd-class constable, No. 93, Ramen Nair) mentioned in paragraph 16, who endeavoured to break down the door with the axes, and of 2nd-grade head constable, No. 419, Krishnan Nair of Malapuram station, who, in the most plucky manner, rushed with the axes through the narrow passage opposite the western door down which the fanatics were constantly firing through the loop-hole in the door.

Major Hole's disposition of his men was excellent; and their conduct, from all I hear from Mr. Logan and the officer of the Military detachment, was very good.

2. The position occupied by the fanatics is one of great strength: the doors of the temple were strongly barricaded and the buildings were skilfully loop-holed; it is surprising that the loss of life on the side of order was so small, as at least two of the fanatics were good workmen. In future either a light gun or explosive material to force an entrance into strong buildings similarly occupied by fanatics armed with guns should be taken by military or police.

(Signed) A. M. DAVIES, Colonel,
Deputy Inspector-General, Southern Range.

AREACODE,
8th January 1885.

7. On arrival at Kondotti about 8-30 P.M., we found no information awaiting us; but about 10 P.M. a Moplah, follower of the Kondotti Tangal, came in bringing the news that the Moplahs, headed by one Kolakoden Kutti Assan and carrying guns and swords, had taken up their position at the Trikkalore temple in the Urangattiri amsam, and Mr. Logan thereupon wrote to the officer commanding Malapuram to send troops there.

8. On the following morning (28th), we started very early for Trikkalore, *via* Areacode, and on reaching the latter place, which is 10 miles from Kondotti, we halted for a few minutes in order to give the reserve a slight rest. After this we pushed on and arrived near the Trikkalore temple about 10-30 A.M.

9. There we determined to wait until the troops had come up from Malapuram, and ascertained all we could regarding the position of the temple, &c.

10. The temple is situated on the top of a hill about 200 feet high and close to the eastern side of it, which is extremely steep and is covered with trees of different kinds. The other three sides of the hill are also very steep. On the west side there is a maidan about 350 yards in length.

11. I enclose a rough plan of the temple. You will perceive that it is a rectangular building, about 210 feet long by 177 feet broad, having an outer wall surrounding it (and enclosing a court-yard) about 90 feet from the building. There are four entrances to the building itself, viz., one on each side, whilst there are two regular entrances through the outer wall, viz., on the east and west. Pathways have been made through the outer walls, which have been broken down, on the northern and southern sides. The building on three sides, viz., north, south, and west, is a sort of tiled verandah facing inwards and presenting only a bare wall on the outside. On the north-east and south-east sides the verandah is closed in, thus forming rooms, and on the east side there are other similar rooms, and between them is an upper-storeyed building, the sides of which are formed with planks * about half an inch apart from each other, which is intended

* These planks were loop-holed by the fanatics.

for a guard-house, and which commands the approaches to the temple on all sides.

In the court-yard of the building there is a mandappum immediately in front of the guard-house, and close adjoining it in front is a large domed Sri covil. In the south-west corner is a small building containing the God Ganapathy, and in the north-east corner is a well.

12. About 2-30 P.M. Lieutenant Day, of the Oxfordshire Regiment, with twenty-eight men joined us, and we determined to attack the Moplahs by the west front of the temple.

13. After the troops had rested for a short time, we all marched on through the paddy-fields and up the hill on the western side. On arriving at the top, Lieutenant Day extended his men and fired a few shots at the upper storey of the guard-room of the temple, and the fanatics at once returned the fire. The soldiers then pushed on and the police followed up in reserve, the fanatics firing at them as they advanced. On reaching near the western entrance the soldiers rushed through and took up their position on the north-west and south-west corners of the building, whilst the police following closely rushed in and took up their position close against a sort of raised pial, two or three feet, in front of the western door on either side of it and between the soldiers.

14. This position was taken up, as it was expected that the fanatics following their usual custom would come out and attack us; but this time they completely altered their tactics and would not come out.

15. Shortly after this position was taken up, Lieutenant Day, whilst reconnoitring round the building, was wounded and had to retire, and

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I then took charge at his request.

16. After waiting for some time, during which the Moplahs were walking up and down inside rattling the tiles and firing through the roof and a loop-hole in the door at us, and finding that the Moplahs would not come out, I procured, with Mr. Logan's assistance, a couple of axes, with which two of the reserve constables (Nos. 132 and 93) endeavoured to break down the door. In doing this one of them (No. 132) was as nearly as possible hit by a bullet fired through the loop-hole in the door.

17. All our endeavours to break open the door proving of no avail, and the sun beginning to get low in the horizon, I determined at last to withdraw the men outside the outer wall, and to wait until the next day when further reinforcements were expected from Calicut as well as some dynamite.

18. To effect this withdrawal, I ordered four men of the Oxfordshire Regiment to double outside the outer wall, and keep up a strong fire on the western door for a time to drive back the Moplahs who were firing through it. After they had fired several shots I ordered them to cease firing, and then, after directing as many of the police as possibly could do so to fire into the door, I gave the order to retire, and all reached the outside in safety.

19. Just as we reached the outside, Lieutenant Cardew, of the Oxfordshire Regiment, came up with twenty-five extra men.

20. At dusk double sentries of police and soldiers were placed round the building.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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2. The conduct of 2nd-grade head constable (No. 419) Krishnan Nair, (the Malapuram station-house officer), was not only plucky at the temple, but, in the absence of the Special Assistant Magistrate and Special Assistant Superintendent of Police for the holidays, and of the Tahsildar and Inspector of Police on duty at Manjeri, his action in telegraphing the first intelligence and informing the officer commanding the troops was prompt and judicious. The two constables mentioned by Major Hole will be rewarded by promotion.

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Read also Current No. 1335.

(received subsequent)

Order.

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Has 2. The rewards to the 7/4/ officers and men proposed by Major Hole are sanctioned with

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Jail (1885) DEPARTMENT.

From Col. H. D. Cloete
Inspector General
of Police,

Order
The proposed rewards
are sanctioned

No. 1838

Dated 26th March 1885.
Recd. 8th April

No.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarded for favorable consideration and orders the enclosed papers from the Supt of Police in Malabar recommending a month's pay as reward to Police Officers for their good conduct during the attack on the Trikkakur Temple.

No. 16/4

2-12
No. 1838.

Office of the Inspector General of Police,

Rajahmundry, 26th March 1885.

Despatched 8th April

From

Colonel H. D. Cloete

Inspector General of Police,

To

The Chief Secretary,
to Government
Fort St George.

SIR,

Enclosures
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Your most Obedt Servant

H. D. Cloete - Colonel

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ENCLOSURES - 3

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N^o 901

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(True Copy)

Enc. Sh. S. Major
Superintendent of Police
Malabar

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men employed at the fight with
the fanatics at Irithallur large

forwarding letter N^o 951 dated

N^o 206

Encls. 2.

Dated 13-3-85

The Inspector General of Police
Madras.
S. R.
By-Dep. Secy. to the
S. R.

JC No 1335/85

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Your most obed^t servant,
C. S. Major
Superintendent of Police
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District Police Office
Calicut 13th March 1885.

Jan 11-11-84: 27/1/85

Judicial CURRENT No. 147
Public (1886) DEPARTMENT.

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FROM Col. H. D. Hoete
INSPECTOR GENERAL
of Police,

From

To Superintendent of Police
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SUBJECT.

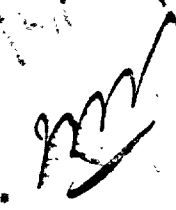
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at the attack on the fanatics
was

No. 226.

Chief Office of the Inspector General of Police,

Campalicut, 8th January 1885.
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FROM

Colonel H. D. Fleet

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,

TO

THE Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George.

SIR,

Enclosures. one.

X To be returned
for record in Chief
office if not required
by Government.

I have the honor to
enclose the report of the Super-
intendent of Police Malabar
on the late Moplah outrage
and subsequent steps taken
in connection therewith, I
was at Cannanore when
I received the intelligence
and on arrival here finding
that

Public DEPARTMENT.

ENCLOSURE. /

Is a letter from the Inspector
General of Police, dated Calicut
8th January 1885. No. 226.

From

The Supd. of Police
Malabar.

To,

The Inspector General of
Police

No. 10
1884.

Dated 7th January 1885.

Despatched

Received //

Subject

Reporting a Moplah
outrage & measures taken
against the fanatics at
Trikkalore -

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occupied by fanatics armed
with guns, shields & lathis
by military & Police

occupied by the British
officers & 183
at Calicut

Malapuram station who in the most
plucky manner pushed with the axes
through the narrow passage opposite the
Western door down which the fanatics
were constantly firing through the loop
hole in the door -

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant.

J. S. S. is Major
Superintendent of Police
Malabar.

Major Hole's despatch of his men was
excellent, and their conduct, from all
I hear from Mr. Logan and the officers
of the Military Detachment, was very
good. The position occupied by the fanatics in
one of great strength, the doors of the
Temple were strongly barricaded and
the building, very skillfully captured,
it is surprising that the loss of life
on the side of the police was so small, &
at least two of the fanatics were good
marksmen, in fact, either a light gun
or explosive material to force an
entrance into strong buildings. Similarly

16 miles to Kondotti where they arrived that
same night about 9-30. P. M. - a very scanty
meal was all that could be procured for
them then & they started from there again
about 3-30 A. M. the next morning, and
marched straight to Trikkalore a distance
of 14 miles halting only for a few minutes
at Arcacode where a few cocoanuts were
distributed amongst them. At Trikkalore
cocoanuts were all that could be provided
for them in the way of refreshments during
the whole day & that same evening they
attacked the fanatics behaving with great
coolness & bravery throughout. During that
night I could only procure about half a
meal of rice for each man & the next
morning they again took their share
in the attack on the temple -

30- I would specially bring to
your notice the conduct of the 2 Constables
(2^d Class Const. No 132 Chachoo Nair & 2^d Class
Const. No 93 Ramen Nair) mentioned in para
16 who endeavoured to break down the
door with the axes & of 2^d Grade Head
Constable No. 419 Krishnan Nair of
Malapuram

underneath it & the door was blown open -

26. On entering the room the bodies of 12 Snoplahs were found lying on the floor - 9 of them were quite dead, 2 were on the point of death & died shortly after, and one man was very severely wounded - He has since died -

27. One large bore rifle by Samuel Rock, one old double barrelled gun by Westley Richards, one large carbine, of the old Brown Bess pattern, 2 native guns, 4 new large knives, some small knives and some cartridges, loose powder, caps, new clothes &c were found with the fanatics -

28. In the evening the corpses & the wounded man were brought down and identified & handed over to the charge of Captain Maxwell & his party who escorted them to the Calicut Jail, where the corpses were burnt on the following day -

29. I cannot conclude this report without bringing to your notice the good conduct of Inspector Sweeney & the men of the Reserve - They started from Calicut within 3 1/2 hours of receiving orders and marched

succeeded in killing the unfortunate soldier Miles who had come up with Captain Cartis during the night, & who I believe had just a minute before succeeded in killing one of the fanatics. They also wounded another soldier -

24. A brisk fire was kept up on the upper storey of the guard room for about 4 hours during which several other dynamite cartridges were exploded blowing in the northern & eastern doors & a corner of the lower storey of the guard room, & at the end of that time the firing from the upper storey ceased, and we concluded that the rebels had been killed -

25. The Reserve were then sent in to search the buildings, and this rather disagreeable duty they performed willingly & with alacrity - On arriving at the room underneath the upper storey, it was found that the trap door leading up to it had been barred down & it was impossible to force it, so another dynamite cartridge was exploded underneath

Shame mention
the spot where he
was killed with
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bringing with him a soldier called Miles & a box of dynamite - Mr. Swigg, the Special Assistant Magistrate also came up -

22. About 7 o'clock the next morning Captain Maxwell of the Royal Fusiliers arrived from Calicut & it was then decided, the Military Officers of the Oxfordshire Regiment having previously reconnoitred the building, to station the soldiers on the West & East Fronts of the outer wall & the Police on the North & South Fronts, a reserve of soldiers being kept outside the Western wall in readiness to push in on the fanatics should they make a push out -

23. After we had taken up our positions we all began to fire on the upper storey of the guard house, & soon after the western door was blown in with a charge of dynamite. This I believe drove all the fanatics to the upper storey of the guard house from which they fired down at us, & I regret to say they succeeded

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Read the following

No. 149.

No. 1335.

21 April 1854 No. 1039.

Rt. Hon. the G. in C.

read the report on the

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to each officer and man,

recommended by the

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act of Head Constable

Man Nair is, however,

highly commended.

10-30-2-87

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round the building was wounded, &
had to retire & I then took charge at
his request.

16. After waiting for some time
during which the Inoplahs were walking
up & down inside, rattling the tiles, & firing
through the roof & a loop hole in the
door at us, & finding that the Inoplahs
would not come out I procured with
Mr. Logan's assistance a couple of axes, with
which 2 of the Reserve Constables
(Nos 132 & 93) endeavoured to break
down the door. In doing this one of
them (No 132) was as nearly as possible
hit by a bullet fired through the loop
hole in the door.

17. All our endeavours to break
open the door proving of no avail, and
the sun beginning to get low in the
horizon, I determined at last to withdraw
the men outside the outer wall, and to
wait until the next day when further
re-inforcements were expected from
well as some dynamite.

Western side - On arriving at the top
Lt. Day extended his men, and fired
a few shots at the upper storey of the
guard room of the Temple and the
fanatics at once returned the fire. The
soldiers then pushed on & the Police
followed up in Reserve, the fanatics firing
at them as they advanced. On reaching
near the Western Entrance the soldiers
rushed through & took up their position
on the North West & South West corners
of the building, whilst the Police following
closely rushed in & took up their position
close against a sort of raised platform 2
or 3 feet in front of the western door
on either side of it and between the
soldiers.

14. This position was taken up as
it was expected that the fanatics following
their usual custom would come out &
attack us, but this time they completely
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on the outside - On the North East and South East sides the verandah is closed in thus forming rooms - And on the East side there are other similar rooms & between them is an upper storied building the sides of which are formed with planks about ^{half an} inch apart from each other which is intended for a guard house, & which commands the approaches to the temple on all sides.

* These planks are supported by the families.

In the Court yard of the building there is a Mandappam immediately in front of the guard house & close adjacent to it in front is a large domed Sri Coril. In the South West corner is a small building containing the god Ganapathy & in the North East corner is a well.

12. About 2.30 P.M. 2nd Day of the Oxfordshire Regiment with 28 men joined us and we determined to attack the Moplah by the west front of the temple.

13. After the troops had rested for a short time we all marched on through the paddy fields & up the hill on the

well

Western

of the Reserve consisting (1) from Major Sweeney 3 Heads and all we had started about an hour from the temple. On arrival at Kondotti about high & close we found no information available is extremely late 10 P.M. a Moplah follower & different Sangal came in bringing the Moplahs headed by one Kutti Assau & carrying guns

taken up their position at the temple in the Urangattiri & long by a Mr. Logan thereupon we commanding Malapuram about 90 feet there -

On the following morning each side, we very early for Sri Kalore entrances through and on reaching the latter part & West - miles from Kondotti we halted. The minutes in order to give the broken down, a slight rest. After this we proceeded to the South & and arrived near the Mandah facing temple about 10.30 A.M. a bare wall

The troops had come up from
Japurum, and ascertained all we
knew regarding the position of the temples.

10. The temple is situated on the
top of a hill about 200 feet high & close
to the Eastern side of it, which is extremely
steep & is covered with trees of different
kinds. The other 3 sides of the hill are
so very steep. On the west side there is
a maidan about 350 yards in length.

11. I enclose a rough plan of the
temple. You will perceive that it is a
rectangular building about 210 ft long by
77 feet broad having an outer wall surrounding
it (enclosing a court yard) about 90 feet
from the building. There are 4 entrances to
the building itself viz one on each side, & whilst
there are 2 regular entrances through
the outer wall viz on the East & West.
Pathways have been made through the
outer walls, which have been broken down,
on the Northern & Southern sides. The
building on 3 sides viz North, South &
East is a sort of tiled verandah facing
west & a bare wall