

some brass guns, seemingly six-pounders, of a neat appearance; otherwise I have not seen any of his artillery, except four heavy pieces, which on the morning of his march from Kussoor were marched past the camp of the Mission, evidently for the purpose of being noticed, as the other guns and the army in general marched by another and a better road. These guns, of which the Rajah is very proud, and which, under the appropriate appellation of great guns, are bugbears to the unfortunate people, who would wish if possible to oppose his oppression, are on carriages with three wheels, one small one being fixed in the truck, and are without limbers; each is drawn by forty or fifty buffaloes; they are iron, and have the appearance of 18 and 24-pounders.

The Rajah's attachment to guns, and his opinion of their weight, are both so great, that he will never miss an opportunity of obtaining a gun. If he hears that there is a gun in any fort, he cannot rest until he has taken the fort to get at the gun, or until the gun has been given up to him to save the fort. He immediately dismounts the gun from the wall, and drags it after him as an addition to his field-train. He has, it is said, procured three guns from Umballa. He boasted to me once, that he had made the Rajah of Puteeah give him a fine gun which the Rajah wished to rescue for twenty thousand rupees. Exclusive of his guns, he has a number of swivels mounted on camels. His artillerymen are partly from Hindostan and partly natives of the Punjab. The Hindostanee artillerymen are the best; and without particular reference to Runjeet Singh's army, these are known to be generally skilful, brave, very steady, and devoted to their guns.

The Hindostanee artillerymen are paid in coin, and the Punjabee in land.

The cavalry of the army is numerous and well equipped. The horsemen are generally armed with a matchlock, in the use of which, as well as in the management of their horses, they are expert. Their mode of fighting is calculated to harass troops without cavalry. Individuals rush forward in numbers,