

private hostile communications from the assembled chiefs, were bent upon Outram's destruction. The Major had no other guard than one Company* of the 22nd Regiment, and who, upon seeing the state of things, were soon prepared for action. Nothing was wanted but the word, and all would have been massacred. At the conclusion of the conference, the Major would most assuredly have been cut up, but for two of the Ameers, who, with drawn swords, threatened the mob, if they attempted to fire a shot. Outram reached the Residency, under their protection, in safety, which was soon surrounded by several thousands of Beelooches; they commenced an attack; but two small steamers in the river came up, and in conjunction with the European guard, kept off the mob for a very long time, and the whole got in safety to the boats, and sailed up the river to Sir Charles; and thus commenced the outbreak. Napier came down at once, and on the 23rd of February, 1843, met Shere Mahomed's force, of about 12,000, at Meeanee, and after a smart battle of several hours, gained a victory. The following day, brought the surrender of all the Ameers, except Shere Mahomed, who still kept the field, and determined on another attack. In vain were attempts made to bring him in; a Detachment was sent off to Emaum Ghur, a fortress belonging to him, in the middle of a desert, and where he was reported to be sojourning. The troops sent to storm the place,

*The Light Company.