

would probably be in itself something of an obstacle or present at least the facility of creating one. In a narrow river a little obstruction might raise the water a few inches, and even that is worth having ; a few inches might make the difference of wetting pouches of the assailants or of creating a little more confusion. A few trees felled into a ford or below it with stray rubbish gates, hurdles, &c. would soon render a ford impassable or almost so.