

field allowance of the Sepoys of the Honorable Company's service.

I cannot speak as to the discipline of these troops, but a certain degree of regular discipline is common throughout India, in consequence of the multiplicity of corps of this description established of late years in the service of the native powers, and those in the army of Runjeet Singh are, I suppose, neither better nor worse than the generality of those that are not under the management of European officers. These battalions accompany the guns, and with them form the principal strength of Runjeet Singh—that is, in his own belief; and indeed, in the war of subjugation and exaction which he carries on against petty chiefs, they do form his principal strength; but any reliance on them in a contest with a power possessing a regular army would probably prove fatal to him. This species of force is of late introduction in his army.

The irregular infantry is collected when required from the country. Of these there are two descriptions: those that are always entertained, and those that are levied on occasion. The former hold lands in exchange for their military service, and can always be called upon. The latter are hired, and receive pay in coin. Runjeet Singh levied a considerable number of these for this campaign, but finding the expense insupportable, he dismissed them, to the number of about four thousand, at Fureedkote. The irregular infantry are armed with matchlocks, or spears, or bows and arrows, but always with the addition of a sword. The number of these it would be difficult to calculate, as it might be increased to any amount from the country upon an exigency; but the number that the Rajah could support for any length of time cannot be very great.

The train of artillery which Runjeet Singh parades about the country, and which, without firing a shot, strikes terror into the minds of all and prevents the thoughts of opposition, consists of thirty-five or forty pieces of various sorts and sizes. In visiting the Rajah, I have occasionally observed in his camp