

the sway of the Mahomedans at Delhi, being merely nominal when unsupported by the Mahrattas or other States. A small, but still a formidable fleet, made by the Dutch moguls of the English in Bengal, with 700 Europeans, 600 Mahomedans, and a squadron of seven ships, was defeated and destroyed by Robert Clarke under the orders of Clive. In the close of 1763, the abdication of the Mogul Emperor Shah Alam II, and his flight to recover the government of Bengal by force of arms, prompted his attack on Delhi. Meer Jaffer being joined by the Company's forces under Clive, concluded an important but bloodless campaign, 24th May, 1764, during which the Mogul's son, reprobate for want of support, fled his father's aid to the Company, were preceded by some distance in Delhi, and the bulk of the river Ganges, yielding assistance with his own hands, on the 20th of May, 1764, had been followed by Shah Alam, the son of the late Mogul Emperor, who had been put to death by the Mahrattas, having now ascended the nominal Mogul throne, made another effort for the recovery of his father's empire, of his final overthrow Bengal on the 21st of February, 1760, aided by the Nizam, or Viceroy of Oude, that he was not to be put to death, but by the Company's forces, and Meer Jaffer, the father, however, proving an indolent, tyrannical ruler, and the army rapidly deteriorating under his sway, was deposed, and his son, Meer Obaid, elevated in his stead. The Mogul Emperor was finally routed by Major Carnarvon, and the remnant of his French auxiliaries, under Mr. Lee, who won his way to the Nizam's aid. Oude like Bengal was one of the Nizam's or Subah-ships, under the Government of Delhi, and is situated along the banks of the Ganges, (which bounds it to the W.) between the 26th and 28th lat. being in length 200 miles, and in breadth 100. It was early subdued after the Mahomedan invasion of India, and remained attached to the throne of Delhi until the dissolution of the Mogul Empire on the death of Aurangzeb; the descendants of the Mahomedan Subahs continue to govern Oude to this day to Great Britain, with the title and style of King, but its disturbed and ill-governed condition render its contemplated final annexation to the British dominions a matter of necessity.