

upon which three of the natives were mounted, at one stroke of his paw tore a portion of the pad from under them ; and one of the riders, panic-struck, fell off. The tiger, however, seeing his enemies in force, returned, slow and indignant, into his shelter, where (the place he lay in being marked) a heavy and well-directed fire was poured in by the principal marksmen ; when, pushing in, we saw him in the struggle of death, and, growling and foaming, he expired.

“ We then proceeded to seek the others, having first distinguished the spot by pitching a tall spear, and tying to the end of it the muslin of a turban. We roused the other three in close succession, and, with little variation of circumstances, killed them all. The oldest and most ferocious of the family had, however, early in the conflict, very sensibly quitted the scene of action, and escaped to another part of the country.

“ While the fate of the last and largest was depending, more shots were fired than in the three other attacks. He escaped four several assaults ; and, taking post in different parts of the jungle, rushed upon us at each wound he received with rekindled rage, and as often put the whole line to flight. In his last pursuit he singled out the elephant upon which was Lady Day, one of the females of the party, and was at its tail, with jaws distended, and in the act of rising upon his hind paws to fasten on her, when, fortunately, she cleared the jungle ; and a general discharge from the hunters having forced him to give up the