

probably never less than fifty of these creatures, well supplied with weapons and ammunition, and supported by a powerful artillery, for every man that stood within the Residency, to fight for the honor and existence of the sacred charge that had sought shelter and protection there. Fifty to one at least, and that was not all they had to think of. That little garrison knew, and the women knew, and the children and invalids knew, that their myriad enemies were animated by a spirit of cruelty more loathsome, insatiable and outrageous than was ever ascribed to fiends. They were in danger, not merely of instant death, for that all *men* at least are expected to face with equanimity, they had to fear not only physical torture, for that a noble host out of all lands have unflinchingly endured, and yet not reached a point of suffering like to that which had to be dreaded here. For they could feel themselves almost in the grasp of wretches that knew all the reserved and delicate sensibilities through which our nature could be most acutely wounded, and were resolved to pierce them all. They were surrounded by monsters that had enough of humanity to know all the sacred feelings that were most alive to the agony of insult, and who had already in Delhi and Cawpore availed themselves of that knowledge, without one spark of human pity to guide them through deeds of infamy that are past expression, and beyond the power of earth to avenge. They lived through all this awful suspense for nearly ninety days. They saw their scanty stock of provisions diminishing at a rate that would soon bring them to the edge of starvation. They saw their numbers daily lessening by the twofold drain of disease and slaughter. The artillery of the enemy, some of it very heavy and placed at a distance of only fifty yards from the ramparts, had knocked every tenement into ruins. Their slight defences were breached incessantly by the fire of the heavy guns, and in some parts were completely blown away by the explosion of

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