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between the Nabob's division and the English; as if they were determined to close in, and share with, the conquerors, in the triumphs of victory, on which side soever it might declare; or, if the English army had been cut off and utterly destroyed, to fall upon the Nabob's troops fatigued and wasted with the service of the day, and so work their deliverance from both the Nabob and the English.

In this doubtful situation, Providence supplied the deficiency of numbers. It was desperate to march up to the mouths of so numerous an artillery. A smart shower of rain removed this difficulty and danger. The enemy drew their cannon out of the rain into the camp under cover. Colonel Clive availed himself of this capital error, by a well placed detachment, which prevented their being brought again into action; and with a presence of mind, resolution and conduct, peculiar to himself, having hitherto covered his men from the enemy's cannon, by a favourable disposition under a mud wall, that encompassed a grove in the midst of the plain, he resolved to attack the Nabob's trenches, about four in the afternoon. The grenadiers under the command of Major Kelpatrick were ordered to advance, with two pieces of cannon: which they performed with extraordinary resolution and bravery, doing great execution with their field pieces, in their first onset. They then made a second attack upon another quarter; and, in about half an hour, a third against a third post, the Sepoys keeping a continual fire, the whole time, into the enemy's trenches,