

[A—Enclosure (1) to Serial No. 15.]

Dated Fort William, the 18th February 1875.

From—The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,

To—The Quartermaster General, Umballa.

Your No. 1639 of 11th. Headquarters and Wing, 16th Native Infantry, may go back to Jalpaiguri as soon as General Stafford thinks he can properly dispense with their services.

[B—Enclosure (2) to Serial No. 15.]

No. 867, dated Fort William, the 18th February 1875.

Memo. by—The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Copy of the above and of the message No. 61 of this date forwarded to the Foreign Department for information.

[C—Enclosure (3) to Serial No. 15.]

No. 61, dated Calcutta, the 18th February 1875.

From—The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,

To—The Quartermaster General, Umballa.

Please move His Excellency to issue such orders as may seem expedient for breaking up Duffla expedition and for return of troops to their stations, those troops, coolies and establishment which may be needed to punish the offending Nagas being retained.

[Serial No. 16.]

No. 164D.E., dated Tezpur, the 15th March 1875.

From—Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. GRAHAM, Political Officer, Duffla Field Force,

To—The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam.

I have the honour to submit, for the information of the Chief Commissioner, the following report of the operations carried on in the Abor-Duffla Hills, during the cold season of 1874-75, by the force under the command of Brigadier-General Stafford, C.B.

2. My services having been placed at the disposal of the Brigadier-General as Political Officer with the force, from 1st November, I left Tezpur and arrived at Narainpur in North Lakhimpur, the proposed base of our future operations, on the 14th idem, and on the way was met at Picholamukh by Captain Peet, the officer in civil charge of the sub-district of North Lakhimpur, who had been directed by your office to place himself and all the resources of his district at my disposal for the furtherance of the objects of the expedition.

3. There having been doubt as to whether the depth of the water above Picholamukh would admit of steamers passing further up the river Lohit to a point nearer Narainpur, there had been some intention of disembarking the force at Picholamukh; but it having been found that there was ample water up to the mouth of the river Dikrang, Captain Peet had not only cleared a fair track from this point to Narainpur, but had struck out a new line of road for Harmutti tea garden. The second portion of this road was afterwards considerably improved by the military, and proved most serviceable, and, by means of the new line from Dikrangmukh, a distance of at least twenty-one miles, the swamp (for it cannot be called a road) leading from Picholamukh to Harmutti, *via* Laluk Doloni, a distance of certainly thirty-four miles, was avoided. To have had to pass supplies and men over this last-mentioned road, or swamp, would have entailed enormous labour and everything which is disagreeable; and for the labour and exposure which he underwent in laying out and clearing the new track, Captain Peet deserves much credit.