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EXPEDITION TO PALEMBANG.

Batavia, May 5.—We have to announce the arrival, on the 1st inst., of his Majesty's ships *Tromp*, *Ajax*, and *De Een-dragt*. Rear Admiral Wolterbeck has returned by this opportunity.

We have received some further accounts concerning the expedition, commanded by Col. Keer, and also of another, led by Col. Riesz, which will be highly interesting to our readers. They are as follow :

Having left Muntok on the 14th of March, and driven the Palembangers, on the 17th, out of an old stone fortress near *Tampilang*, we advanced, on the 19th, as far as the mouth of the river of *Kotta Waringin*, from whence, after sailing three days, we came in sight of their fortifications, and found the river blocked up with stockades. Col. Keer did not consequently think it advisable to make an opening for the boats, on account of the fire from the batteries, but chose another passage, in order to attack the enemy from a quarter where they did not expect us. Having proceeded by this way, we encountered great obstructions from trees, which we had to cut down at every step we moved, and fell in with a body of the natives, armed with pikes and blunderbusses, with which they instantly fired at our advanced party, commanded by Lieut. *Genett*; he attacked them, however, with great alacrity and force, and compelled them to retreat to the woods, leaving several dead, three houses, which were fortified by them, and a large quantity of ammunition and stores behind them.

On the 28th, we arrived close to the great *Benting* of *Kotta Waringin*, which was stormed by Col. Keer, and taken by him after an obstinate resistance of about a quarter of an hour. Great praise is due to Lieut. *Mours* and his men, who conducted the advanced party, for their gallant behaviour, assisted by Lieut. *Hos-tingsky*, whose examples were followed by all that were engaged. The wounded refused to quit the field, and desired to share in the engagement as long as their strength would permit. We have found in the *Benting* nine pieces of ordnance of different calibres, several blunderbusses, and other warlike stores.

Whilst the above operations were carried on by Col. Keer, another detachment, consisting of 170 men, commanded by Lieut. col. *Riesz*, had left *Pankal Pinang*, to tranquillize the disturbed districts, and finally to form a junction with Col. Keer, but which was found to be impracticable, on account of the bad state of the roads. Col. *Riesz* proceeded with great speed towards those points which had made preparations to resist; and on his route, successfully destroyed their fortifications. He arrived on the 20th of March at *Nibong*, where he was stopped in his progress by five *Bentings*; Col. R., however, took them all, after some resistance, drove the enemy to the woods, and returned to *Pankal Pinang*. He speaks highly of the conduct of the officers and men who served under him, but especially of the gallant conduct of Lieut. *Greveston* and *Hartman*.

Our loss is very trifling in comparison with the advantages which we have obtained, and of the number of rebels who have perished. Col. Keer has lost only 15 men, and Col. *Riesz* not more than five killed and wounded.

As soon as we receive the official reports, we hope to be able to give a more detailed account of the above, also the names of the officers who have signalized themselves on the occasion.

The troops at Muntok were in good health.—*Hurk.*, as quoted by *Bom. Gaz.* Aug. 30.