

DESTRUCTION OF A RHINOCEROS.—Some short time ago, intelligence was received on board one of the company's ^{pass} schooners, cruising off the mouth of the river Hoogly, that a rhinoceros had latterly infested the neighboring villages, and that the animal had destroyed several of the native ryots. Licut. Souter, and a Mr. Lewis, an officer in the pilot service, agreed to put, if possible, a stop to any further mischief from so formidable an enemy, and as they were aware that neither muskets nor rifles would have any immediate effect on the horny mail of the animal, they provided themselves with two six-pounder carronades, which they contrived to convey into an adjacent part of the jungle, close to a large tank, which the beast was in the habit of nightly frequenting to slake his thirst. There was one track which he favored, leading down to one of the sides of the tank. Having directed the guns to a particular spot in this path, loaded with grape, they ascended a soondree tree. Having waited patiently for more than two hours, they beheld a huge beast coming down the descent,

when Lieut. Souter descended by the ladder, and, bringing one of the guns to bear upon the beast, applied the fuse and discharged the contents at the object. After some minutes they cautiously reconnoitered the spot, but could discover no signs of their having done execution, and consequently returned that night to the vessel. In the morning, however, attended by a company of Lascars and some natives, they repaired to the scene of the last night's excursion, and on advancing some little way into the jungle they detected the beast apparently reclining at the base of a soondree tree; but, finding he remained motionless, the Lascars ventured to approach nearer, when they pronounced him lifeless. On examination, it was found that three of the shot had penetrated deeply into his body. Being too cumbrous to remove, they cut a few thongs from the hide, which they brought away and took to Calcutta as trophies

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