

for the subvention of a body of British troops. He was accordingly restored to his seat at Poonah by armed force; but his submission to the governor-general led to two wars between the East India Company and the other Mahratta princes.

First Scindia, and his ally the rajah of Nagpore, attacked the British; but they were unable to hold their ground. Lord

**Battle of Laswari—  
Capture of  
Delhi.** Lake, starting from Bengal, beat Scindia's northern army at Laswari (November 1, 1803), and took Delhi, the ancient capital of India. There he found the aged Mogul emperor, Shah Alum, who

had long been the captive of the Mahrattas, and, having rescued him from his oppressors, proceeded to use his name to legitimize all our doings in Hindostan. Meanwhile, Arthur

**Battle of Assaye and  
Argaum—  
Scindia  
submits.** Wellesley, the governor-general's brother—the Wellington of a later day—was operating further to the south. At Assaye he cut to pieces Scindia's French Sepoys, after the bloodiest struggle that India had yet seen. Forging a deep river and

advancing on a narrow front under an overwhelming fire of artillery, he threw his troops upon the disciplined battalions of the Mahratta chief. Nearly a third of the British fell, but Scindia's host was broken and his regular troops cut to pieces (September 23, 1803). A few weeks later Wellesley attacked the rajah of Nagpore at Argaum, and inflicted upon him an equally severe lesson (November 28, 1803). The allied princes thereupon came to terms, and acknowledged the British supremacy. Scindia was compelled to surrender Delhi and the Doab, the nucleus of our "North-West Provinces," as also some maritime districts opposite Bombay, while the rajah of Nagpore ceded Orissa, on the eastern coast of India, which was incorporated with the presidency of Bengal. Immediately

**Submission  
of Holkar.** after it became necessary to attack Scindia's rival and enemy, Holkar, who tried in his turn to expel the British from North-Western India. He was an evasive and lightly moving enemy, who proved very difficult