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1805. Khan, who had been left at Patna, came up, having travelled by land nearly one hundred and fifty miles, to overtake the boats.

Nov. 25. This morning we left Boglepore at daybreak, and at ten saw the hills at Calgong. At four we brought to at a place near the river, which contained a great deal of various kinds of game and jungle fowls among the rest. We walked for nearly two hours near the banks of the river. Becher shot a fine jungle fowl; they resemble the bantams at home in size and colour, but the flavour very superior; the young ones are delicious, but they are exceedingly shy and difficult to shoot.

Nov. 26. We passed the range of hills to-day between Calgong and Sickly Gully, and a more delightful sight the imagination cannot form, and quite a rarity to us, who, up the country, never scarcely saw a hill or jungle of the kind of those about Calgong. We passed the Gogra Nullah, on the banks of which the Malings and myself had such famous shooting when we went up the country in February, 1801.

About four o'clock we brought to at the village of Sickly Gully, about which are some of the likeliest covers for game I ever saw. The hills here are charming—more romantic than can be conceived. We shot some jungle fowl and peacock in our walk from the boats this evening.

In our walk this evening we saw the print of the foot of a rhinoceros, which the villagers told us frequently came out of the hills and did great mischief; a short time before he had killed a man and woman, and the whole neighbourhood was living in dread of him.

Nov. 27. We left Sickly Gully at daybreak this morning, and about twelve arrived at Rajmehal, where we went on shore and walked over the ruins of a fine building