

he could not attend on his army ; yet, notwithstanding his sickness, which hindered him from lying down, he used to sit at the door of his tent on a stool, covered with scarlet cloth, to see his troops exercise.

On the 13th of April Abudahap came in sight of Ali Bey's camp, and though we were so greatly inferior in number, yet the army was drawn out in proper order to meet Abudahap. Our left wing was commanded by Sheik Slebi, and Sheik Crime. The right by Tantavi, and the other Beys ; the infantry was in the center. The battle began about eleven o'clock in the morning, and Tantavi was very successful on the first attack, but Slebi and Crime were not so fortunate, however, victory seemed to favour us, when our faithless infantry deserted to the enemy. Then all was horror ; Tantavi was surrounded and slain ; Slebi met the same fate ;

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Sheik

Sheik Crime seeing his brother and most of his men killed, joined Sheik Haffan, and came towards me. With much difficulty we got to Ali Bey's tent, who, as soon as he saw us, asked, What news? Crime, with tears in his eyes, told him all was over, no time was to be lost, and besought him to mount his horse, and fly immediately to Gaza; but Ali Bey was inflexible, and said he would rather die than go back. Whilst we were thus discoursing, Rufvan Bey came up. Ali then ordered that all, who would save their lives, should hasten their flight before the enemy approached; we obeyed his command, took our leaves of him, and departed about four in the afternoon, with Abdourahman Bey, Morat Bey, Suleiman Kiahaya, and about three hundred of his slaves,

We travelled all that day and the next, till seven in the evening, when we got to Hanneunus, and took some refresh-

refreshments. At four the next morning we set out for Gaza, and got there at noon. When the good old Sheik Daher saw us approach, and heard of the death of his eldest son, and the loss of his friends and army, he fell on the ground on his face, crying out, From this day I am undone. His son in law Sheik Crime, with Sheik Haffan, and all of us strove to comfort him as much as we could, but alas, we were ourselves inconsolable for the loss of our prince, and all our property. Sheik Daher, however, having recovered from the shock occasioned by this intelligence, ordered all his troops to be ready the next morning. But on the evening of the 15th of April, some of our men, who had escaped in the night after we came away, arrived at Gaza, and brought us the melancholy news of Ali Bey's fatal catastrophe, which was effected in the following manner.

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Soon after we had left Ali Bey, the Kiahaya of Abudahap approached his tent with a party of about thirty men, and forced their way in, through ten pages of Ali Bey, who opposed their entrance as much as they could, killing and wounding some of the enemy. They being soon overpowered, Ali Bey, sick and infirm as he was, endeavoured to defend himself with his sabre; he killed the first man who approached, with one blow, and wounded two more, when the enemy finding such resistance to their taking him prisoner, fired their pistols at him, and wounded him through his right arm and his thigh. He still resisted, and fired his pistol with his left hand, which wounded the Kiahaya. He then received a blow with a sabre on his left arm, which brought him to the ground, and he was taken alive, and carried to Abudahap's tent. When Abudahap beheld Ali Bey in this condition, he could not refrain from tears, and
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severely chid his Kiahaya and his men, for daring to wound him, as his positive orders were to take him without any hurt to his person. They excused themselves, by laying their breach of orders to the resistance made by Ali Bey, which obliged them to use their arms before they could take him. The unfortunate prince was then carried to Mafr, where, eight days afterwards, he died of his wounds; his fever, and his anxiety of mind joining to make them incurable.

Such was the end of Ali Bey, in the forty-fifth year of his age. He was five feet ten inches high, of a fair complexion, light brown hair, and an oval countenance, with large eyes, and a majestic appearance. He was of an undaunted courage, affable in his disposition, of a free and generous mind, of great justice, and of rigid severity in his punishment of offenders.

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