

another huge army of twenty-three *akṣauhīnis*, encamped at Yamunā banks and slept that night. Kṛṣṇa divided his army into three divisions and attacked the enemy on all sides by surprise. All Jarāsandha's followers took to flight leaving all their belongings which were presented to Ugrasena.

Then he called on Bāṇa at his city Śoṇitapura soliciting his help against the Yadus. Bāṇa's welcome and offer to help; with this force he again besieged Mathurā. Fight between him and Rāma. Defeat of Kumbhāṇḍa and retreat of Kūpakarna and other soldiers of Bāṇa to their city. Jarāsandha's return to the city.²

Felt angry at Śṛṅgāla's end and led another expedition to Mathurā. Defeat and return. In this way he led seventeen expeditions. During the eighteenth expedition a certain Yavana sent by Nārada besieged the city.³ Jarāsandha attacked the Yadus going to Dvārakā after vanquishing the *mlecchas* by the formation of *Makaravyūha* when Kṛṣṇa destroyed it by throwing a big tree on it. Rāma also gave them mighty blows. Then he turned upon two brothers who were unarmed and who ran to Pravarṣaṇa hill. Jarāsandha followed them and burnt the hill by besieging it from all sides. The brothers leaped into the plains and regained Dvārakā, but were taken by their enemies to be burnt dead. His defeat at Kṛṣṇa's hands during the *svayamvara* of Rukmiṇi is mentioned. Arrival at Kuṇḍina; went to Śiśupāla and comforted him that all was due to fate, and returned to his city.⁴ His defeats were recalled by Kṛtavarma.⁵ He had his capital at Girivraja, where thousands of kings were kept imprisoned.⁶ A preliminary to Yudhiṣṭhira's *rājasūya* was to kill Jarāsandha. Finding him unconquered and also devoted to Brahmanas, Kṛṣṇa, Bhīma and Arjuna went to him in Brahmana's guise and asked for meals. Jarāsandha understood them to be Kṣatriyas and still recalled Bali giving the earth to Hari in a Brahmana's guise. So he offered to give his head. Then Kṛṣṇa and his two friends revealed themselves and invited him to battle. He refused to fight a