

previous to its transmission to higher authority, should such a measure be deemed suitable.

The Adjutant-General of the Army to the Secretary
with the Governor-General.

Camp, Chillianwalla, January 28, 1849.

By direction of the Commander-in-Chief, I have the honour to enclose, for the information of the Governor-General of India, a copy of a despatch of the 22d* instant from Major-General W. S. Whish, C. B., commanding the Mooltan Field Force, reporting the surrender, on the morning of that day, of the garrison and citadel of Mooltan.

I am further to add for communication to his Lordship, that on the receipt of this despatch his Excellency was pleased to issue to the army of the Punjaub an order (a copy of which is herewith transmitted) expressive of his sense of the great services thus brought to a brilliant and successful termination by the Major-General and the admirable troops under his command.

General Orders to the Army of the Punjaub.

*Head-Quarters, Camp, Chillianwalla,
January 26, 1849.*

The officer commanding the artillery will be so good as to direct a royal salute to be immediately fired from the heavy guns in honour of the capture of Mooltan by the British Force, under command of Major-General W. S. Whish, C. B., on the morning of the 22d instant.

The Right Honourable the Commander-in-Chief most heartily congratulates Major-General W. S. Whish, and the brave officers and troops under his command, on the very important success their intrepidity, valour, and exemplary discipline have thus achieved.

Commander Powell, I. N., commanding the Indus Flotilla, to the Commodore commanding the Indian Navy.

Camp before Mooltan, January 11, 1849.

Since the despatch of my letter, dated the 3d instant, announcing the fall of the city of Mooltan, I have the honour to report that the siege has been carried on against the fort, and that our batteries are now within one hundred and eighty yards of the ditch : in one of these, mounting seven 18-pounders, the officers and men of the Indian Navy were employed on the 9th, when unfortunately the fascines, of which the lower part of the battery was formed, took fire by the bursting of one of the enemy's shells ; every exertion was made by Lieutenant Berthon, and the officers and men under his command, to extinguish it, but without avail, and it became necessary to move the guns out of the battery into the trench, when the enemy opened a very heavy fire of all arms on them, and I regret to state the men, as per enclosed casualty return, were wounded, and Mr. Elder, Acting Master, had his foot crushed by one of the guns, but he is not seriously hurt.

2. It is also my painful duty to report the death of Alexander Johnstone, Quartermaster, who died yesterday a little after noon, of the wounds he received in the morning : this is the same man who was slightly wounded on the 31st ultimo, and had gallantly returned to duty : the rest of the wounded I am glad to say are doing well.

* Gazette of March 9th, p. 237.

3. The Comet and Conqueror steamers are still above Mooltan, stopping all water communication. The former vessel will be despatched to Kurrachee in a day or two for Lady Lawrence and her party.

4. The Napier and Meteor are stationed off Raj-Ghaut, protecting the bridge and pontoon boats, also those the siege train came up in ; and the Meeanee is towing up commissariat grain boats to the same Ghaut. The Planet also arrived there yesterday, with two 10-inch mortars, 630 shells, and 44 bales of clothing ; she is now having a few repairs made good, and will be held ready for service down river.

5. It is not yet decided what portion of this force is to go to the north-east after the fall of the fort, and I am afraid the flotilla will be able to afford it but very little assistance beyond protecting the boats, and that only to the junction of Jhelum, as the water is lower than I have ever seen it.

List of Killed and Wounded of the Indian Navy during the Siege of the City and Fortress of Mooltan.

Camp, near Mooltan, January 11, 1849.

Alexander Johnstone, Quartermaster, slightly wounded, December 31, from musket shot ; discharged, January 2.

Henry Sandford, A. B., severely wounded, January 2, from musket shot.

John Chandlor, A. B., severely wounded, January 9, from musket shot.

Henry Jones, A. B., wounded severely, January 9, from musket shot.

Alexander Johnstone, Quartermaster, wounded from a shell, January 10 ; since dead.

George Elder, Acting Master, slight contusion from gun wheel, January 9.

J. MACKENZIE,
Assistant-Surgeon Indus Flotilla.

Commander Powell, of the Indus Flotilla, to the Commodore Commanding the Indian Navy.

Mooltan, January 25, 1849.

(Extract.)

I have great pleasure in reporting the occupation of the fort of Mooltan, by the troops under Major-General Whish, C. B., on the morning of the 22d ; the Dewan Moolraj, during the night of the 21st, when both breaches had been made practicable, having agreed to an unconditional surrender of himself and garrison, who laid down their arms on the glacis, and marched out at 9:30 A. M. on that date.

During the latter part of the siege, the officers and seamen of the Indian Navy were constantly employed in a battery within the city, in two watches, under Senior Lieutenant Berthon, and Mr. Acting Master Davis, and the services of all have been very handsomely acknowledged by Brigadier Leeson, commanding the artillery.

The Meteor and Comet steamers left Raj-Ghaut on the 14th and 16th instant, for Sinder, the former to bring up treasure from Sukkur, and the latter, with a number of wounded officers, for Kurrachee, where she is to receive on board Lady Lawrence and party, and bring them to Bukree, at the junction of the Sutlej and Chenab Rivers.

Since the withdrawal of the Comet, the Conqueror has been employed above Mooltan, stopping all communication by the river ; but as this is no longer required by the Assistant-Resident, orders were sent yesterday directing Mr. McLaurin to drop down to the junction of the Ravee, and