

quarter of a mile from the road, and almost entirely owned by mutineer sepoys, many of whom had only a few days previously returned from Delhi. I halted the column, and detached a company to destroy any rebel sepoys who might be found there. Some escaped upon the approach of this party, but those overtaken were shot down, and the houses of all that were pointed out by Captain Bruce destroyed.

Two or three regular cavalry horses being taken, the force then rested at Bittoor for the night, returning to Cawnpore yesterday morning at 8 o'clock.

Herewith I inclose returns of killed and wounded, also returns of advance stores captured from the rebels in the village of Sheorajpore.

I take this opportunity of recommending to the notice of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Major Barnston, Her Majesty's 90th Light Infantry, who led on his men with much steadiness and gallantry. To Captain Bruce, 5th Punjaub Cavalry, and Captain Impey, Executive Engineer (who volunteered his services,) I am very much indebted for their valuable assistance. To Captain Down, 1st Madras Fusiliers, my Acting Brigade Major, and Lieutenant Graham, — Regiment Native Infantry, my acting Aide-de-Camp, my thanks are also due.

I have, &c.,

N. WILSON, Colonel,
Commanding Cawnpore.

No. 3.

The Secretary to the Government of India, in the Military Department, to the Deputy Adjutant-General of the Army.

SIR, November 21, 1857.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your docket, No. 1304, dated 4th November 1857, and in returning the letter dated 21st ultimo, from Colonel N. Wilson, commanding at Cawnpore, to the address of Major-General Mansfield, Chief of the Staff, reporting the operations against a division of Delhi fugitives, mustering 3,000 men, and 8 guns, whom he attacked at Sheorajpore, 22 miles from Cawnpore, and completely routed, to acquaint you that the same has been laid before Government.

I am, &c.,

R. J. H. BIRCH, Colonel,
Secretary to the Government of India,
in the Military Department.

No. 4.

Extract Military Letter from Bengal, No. 307.

Dated December 3, 1857.

THE papers recorded in the margin relate to the field operations of a wing of the Shekhawattee Battalion in the Maunbhoom district, under the command of Colonel Forster, C.B.

We have expressed our high satisfaction at the sound judgment and energy with which Colonel Forster carried out this duty, and which was in consequence crowned with success.

No. 5.

Major-General Sir J. B. Hearsey, K.C.B., to the Deputy Adjutant-General of the Army.

SIR, Barrackpore, November 16, 1857.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, and for the purpose of being submitted to the Government of India, the annexed copy of a despatch from Colonel Forster, C.B., commanding Shekhawattee battalion, dated the 13th current, reporting a successful field operation recently accomplished in the Maunbhoom district by a wing of that regiment under his personal command.

2. It affords me much satisfaction to be the channel of making known to his Excellency and to Government the good and soldier-like conduct of all ranks on this occasion, and at the same time to bring prominently to favourable notice the zeal and intelligence of Colonel Forster, who is an officer of great Indian experience, and of acknowledged ability.

I have, &c.,

J. B. HEARSEY, Major-General,
Commanding Presidency Division.

No. 6.

The Officer Commanding the Shekhawattee Battalion, to the Assistant Adjutant-General Presidency Division.

SIR, Camp, Poorolea, November 13, 1857.

I HAVE much pleasure in reporting for the information of the Major-General commanding the Presidency Division, that the wing of the Shekhawattee Battalion under my command having successfully accomplished all that was required of them by Government in Maunbhoom, the Commissioner of Burdwan (now present in camp) will report the same for the satisfaction of his Lordship in Council, and of his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

Mr E. Lushington informs me that our services will now not be needed here, and in the event of my not receiving immediate further orders for any other duty, I shall, with the concurrence and advice of the officiating Commissioner, retrace my steps towards Midnapore via Bancoorah, as soon as our services are finally dispensed with at Poorolea.

The great scarcity of atta and other food for the troops obtainable at Poorolea, renders a move advisable, the supplies from Calcutta not having as yet reached us.

I am to make over the Chief of Packete (Neelmoney Sing), who is a prisoner under my charge at present, to the civil and political officer (Captain Davies).

The native officers and sepoys, I am proud and happy to add, have most zealously and cheerfully undergone the fatigue and privations, for they were on half rations of atta for many days, and for some days without any, and have given proofs, by their alacrity in surrounding the Chief's camp, and his four hundred followers, and taking him a prisoner, and subsequently proceeding against the formidable stronghold at Kasheepore, which surrendered to the troops, capturing four pieces of artillery, a large number of arms and munitions of war, together with treasure, all which had been buried and hid under rubbish and earth, of their earnest loyalty.

The fort I have delivered over to Mr Lushington, the officiating Commissioner, and it is safely occupied by the police of this district.

I must now hope that these favourable results