

No. 7.

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

Head-Quarters, Residency Division, Barrackpore, January 25, 1858.

SIR,

(No. 9.)

In continuation of my letter to your address, No. 1, dated the 6th instant, I have the honour to transmit, for submission to the Government of India and his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, a despatch, in original, from the Officiating Commandant, Sylhet Light Infantry Battalion, dated the 13th instant, reporting the particulars of an engagement he had fought on the preceding day with the remaining mutineers of the 34th Native Infantry, in which the latter would appear to have sustained considerable loss, and been driven into the heavy jungles.

2. Captain Stevens reports the spirited conduct of Lieutenants Ross and Buist, commanding separate detachments, as well as of the valuable assistance he received from Dr Shircore, his medical officer, and superintending the intelligence department.

3. Captain Stevens likewise highly commends the behaviour of all the native commissioned, non-commissioned officers and sepoy who composed the force under his command.

4. I beg leave to recommend the excellent conduct of all ranks to the favourable notice of Government and the Commander-in-Chief.

I have, &c.,

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

No. 8.

Captain Stevens to Major A. H. Ross, Assistant Adjutant-General, Residency Division, Barrackpore.

Camp, Buniakandy, left bank River Barati, opposite Luckipore, January 13, 1858.

SIR,

I do myself the honour to report, for the information of Major-General Sir J. B. Hearsay, K.C.B., Commanding the Residency Division, that the 34th mutineers were attacked and dispersed by the force under my command, yesterday, the 12th instant, with a loss of 17 killed, 3 shot dead by drum-head court-martial, and several wounded; the loss on my side being 2 killed and 1 wounded. I would beg to state, at the commencement of the action, the battalion under my command was separated into three detachments, respectively under command of myself, Lieutenant Ross, and Lieutenant Buist. I was encamped at Luckipore, on the north bank of the river Barah; Lieutenant Ross had just returned after a long and tedious night march from detached duty at Tenee, when I immediately ordered him to the south bank. Lieutenant Buist had previously left with 50 men (proceeding along the north bank) to strengthen the detachment at Cachar, and after proceeding a little distance his rear-guard was fired on from across the river; intimation had thus reached me of the position of the mutineers, who were posted in several villages on the south side of the river, numbering 100 men, and who had been joined by several Muniporie Punies with their followers, intending to cross over to Luckipore, plunder that place, be joined by several others, and march on to Munipore. Such was their intention, but I am glad to say their object was most signally defeated. Lieutenant Ross's detachment, immediately on crossing, marched up to where they were in posi-

tion, myself crossing with my men almost opposite them. Lieutenant Ross commenced attacking them in a most spirited manner; shortly the whole force was engaged, and they were driven, after a spirited action of one hour and a-half, from their position, and dispersing, took refuge in the jungles. I immediately ordered a pursuit in several directions, but such was the nature of the ground, &c., we did not come across any of them. This affair seems to have had a most signal effect; it had been the means of completely cowering the Munipoories, who have, I am told, left the mutineers to their fate. Whether the latter will again concentrate, remains to be seen.

2. I would beg especially to bring to the notice of the Major-General the conduct of Lieutenants Ross and Buist; of the former officer especially, who was first engaged with the mutineers:

3. It also affords me infinite pleasure in stating the conduct of all ranks was all I could wish; but one spirit pervades the whole body.

4. I am also much indebted to Assistant-Surgeon Shircore, attached to my force as Medical Officer, and Superintendent Intelligence Department. This officer was foremost in the action, and greatly assisted me.

I have, &c.,

J. H. STEVENS, Captain,
Officiating Commandant Sylhet
Light Infantry Battalion.

No. 9.

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

Calcutta, January 29, 1858.

SIR,

(No. 250.)

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council, copy of a letter from Major-General Sir J. B. Hearsey, K.C.B., commanding the Presidency Division, No. 1, of the 6th instant, with its inclosures, reporting the particulars of an action fought at the village of Latoo by a detachment of the Sylhet Light Infantry, under command of Lieutenant Sherer, the Adjutant, with the mutineers of the 34th Native Infantry, and to express the Commander-in-Chief's approval of the conduct of all concerned in this spirited affair.

I have, &c.,

W. MAYHEW, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Adjutant-General of the Army.

No. 10.

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

Barrackpore, January 6, 1858.

SIR,

(No. 1.)

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith, for submission to the Government of India and his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the accompanying copy of an official despatch from Lieutenant Sherer, Adjutant, and commanding the head-quarters of the Sylhet Light Infantry in the field, dated the 19th ultimo, reporting the particulars of an engagement fought on the previous day by a detachment of that battalion with the 3 companies of the 34th Regiment Native Infantry, which mutinied at Chittagong on the