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THE following Papers have been received at the East India House :—

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No. 150 of 1858.

THE Right Honourable the Governor-General is pleased to direct the publication of the following Despatch from Major-General Sir J. H. Grant, K.C.B., commanding Lucknow Field Force, No. 85, dated the 24th of April 1858, reporting operations at Barree against a rebel force assembled there.

No. 31.

Major-General Sir J. H. Grant, K.C.B., Commanding Lucknow Field Force, to the Deputy-Adjutant-General of the Army.

Lucknow, April 24, 1858.

SIR,

No. 85.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that, agreeably to the instructions I received from his Excellency, I marched with the force detailed in the margin* on the 11th instant, towards Barree, where a rebel force was reported to be assembled under the Fyzabad Moulvie. Early on the morning of the 13th, when about a mile from Camp Uttereah, my advance guard, consisting of one troop Irregular Cavalry, one squadron 7th Hussars, two Horse Artillery guns, pioneers of regiments, and 100 infantry, came upon an advance force of the enemy. The advanced guard, under the orders of Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. Hagart, was immediately formed to the front. The enemy's cavalry charged two Horse Artillery guns under the command of Lieutenant Hunter, opened a well-directed and rapid fire upon them, and a detachment of the

* DETAIL.—Cavalry : Her Majesty's 7th Hussars ; Her Majesty's 2d Dragoon Guards (1 squadron) ; 1st Seikh Cavalry (Wale's) ; Hodson's Horse (1 squadron). Artillery : 1 troop Horse Artillery ; 1 Light Field Battery ; 1 Heavy Field Battery. Infantry : Brigadier Horsford's Brigade, consisting of Her Majesty's 38th Regiment, Her Majesty's 2d Battalion Rifle Brigade, 1st Bengal Fusiliers, a wing 5th Panjaub Rifles ; Detail of Sappers and Miners.

1st Seikh Cavalry, under command of Lieutenant Prendergast, met them in a very gallant style, and had a hand-to-hand encounter with them, in which Lieutenant Prendergast was wounded. A squadron of the 7th Hussars was covering the guns and in support. The enemy's cavalry was soon driven off with loss. In the meantime I had ordered the column to be formed to the front, the cavalry to the right. The 2d Battalion of the Rifle Brigade in the first line, on the left, supported by the wing of the 5th Panjaub Infantry, the 38th in the second line. The enemy's cavalry, which had retired to my right, moved round towards the rear, and made an attack upon the baggage, but they were repulsed and driven off by a troop of the 7th Hussars, under Lieutenant Topham, supported by a squadron of that regiment under Major Horne, and the 1st European Bengal Fusiliers, which I had ordered to cover the right rear. I then advanced against the main body of the enemy's infantry, which was posted in a strong position in my front and towards the left. The battalion of the Rifle Brigade soon drove them off, and they retired in disorder towards Barree. On this occasion the rapidity and steadiness with which the cavalry under Lieutenant-Colonel Hagart was manœuvred on my right and right rear, when the enemy attempted to attack the long line of baggage, is deserving of great praise. The Horse Artillery and the Field Battery also did good service here ; whenever the enemy showed himself there was a detachment to meet and repulse him ; on one occasion two companies of the 1st Bengal Fusiliers in line defeating a charge of cavalry.

I would also bring to the notice of his Excellency the steadiness of the Rifles in the general advance, reserving their fire until it was really wanted.

The enemy showed no guns on the field, but a tumbril full of ammunition was found deserted.

My acknowledgments are due to the following officers for the support they rendered me on this occasion :—

Brigadier Horsford, C.B., commanding the infantry, whose coolness and ability in manœuvring his brigade I wish to bring to his Excellency's notice.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hagart, commanding the cavalry, who had also the superintendent

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