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WHITEHALL, August 9, 1858.

THE Right Honourable Spencer Horatio Walpole has received the following Despatch from the Earl of Malmesbury, dated Cherbourg, August 5, 1858 :—

SIR,

Cherbourg, August 5, 1858.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that Her Majesty, the Prince Consort, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, arrived here at 6·30 yesterday evening, in the royal yacht, after a passage of five hours from Osborne. Her Majesty was attended by the Earl of Delawarr, Sir John Pakington, myself, and by the Countess of Desart and Miss Bulteel. The escorting squadron met the yacht five miles from Cherbourg, and entered the harbour in two lines, the royal yacht leading the centre. Her Majesty was received by a general salute from nine line-of-battle ships and a heavy frigate, ranged in line within the breakwater, and from all the batteries. This was returned by the English ships, and the roar of two thousand pieces of cannon produced a most striking effect. The royal yacht anchored within the French line-of-battle, surrounded by the escort, at 8·30. The Emperor Napoleon and the Empress came on board under a general salute. Their Majesties were attended by the Maritime Prefect, the Admiral of the Fleet, the Minister of Marine, Marshals Pelissier and Baraguay d' Hilliers, Generals Niel and McMahon, and the Princess d'Essling. Their Majesties retired at 9·30, under a general salute and illumination of the British men-of-war. This day Her Majesty will breakfast with the Emperor, at the Prefecture, and dine with His Majesty on board the Bretagne, four-decker.

To-morrow Her Majesty proposes to return to Osborne, at twelve o'clock.

Her Majesty and the Royal Family are in perfect health, and appear much pleased with their reception.

I have, &c.,

MALMESBURY.

The Right Hon. S. H. Walpole, M.P.,

&c., &c., &c.,

INDIA BOARD, August 10, 1858.

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

No. 1.

Major-General Sir Hugh Rose, K.C.B., Commanding Central India Field Force, to the Adjutant-General, Bombay Army.

Camp, Pooch, April 30, 1858.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report to you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India, that on the 1st of April the force under my orders fought a general action with the so-called Army of the Peishwa, which attempted to relieve Jhansi while I was besieging it, and gained a complete victory over it, pursuing him two miles beyond the river Betwa, taking 18 guns, of which one was an eighteen-pounder, one an eight-inch mortar, two twelve-pounders, and two English nine-pounders, and killing upwards of 1,500 rebels.

For sometime past Sir Robert Hamilton had given me information that Tantia Topee, a relative and the agent of Nana Sahib, had been collecting and organizing a large body of troops in the neighbourhood of Mhow and Nowgong, in Bundelcund, which was called "The Army of the Peishwa," and displayed the standard of that abolished authority. After the fall of Chicharee this army was reinforced by the numerous rebel troops, sepoy from Calpee and Bundelas, who had besieged and taken it. Towards the end of last month I received constantly reports that this force, estimated at 20,000 or 25,000 men, with 20 or 30 guns, was advancing against me. On the 30th ultimo, Sir Robert Hamilton informed me that its main body had arrived at Burra-Saugor, about three miles from the Betwa, would cross that river during the night, and attack me next morning.

In hopes of forcing the enemy to engage, with the river in his rear, I left the parks and heavy baggage of the second brigade, with which I was, with the first brigade, and marched at 9 P.M., on the 30th ultimo, from Jhansi to the village of Bussoba, six miles from Jhansi, which commands the fords of Rajpore and Kolwar, by which the enemy coming from Burra-Saugor must cross the Betwa.

At Bussoba I received reports from the two posts which I had sent to watch the fords, that they had been and heard nothing of the enemy. The next morning they made a similar report.

