

5. Captain Brown, with three guns of No. 8 Light Field Battery, soon brought them into action, and having broken the enemy's right, and caused much confusion amongst them, I crossed the river with the infantry under fire of two of the enemy's guns, which were well directed. Having forced the enemy's right to retire and close to their left, I brought my force on, left thrown forward, and directed a party of Her Majesty's 83d to storm and occupy the small hamlet of Rowarree, on an eminence on our right. This of course was gallantly done, and I then brought forward the artillery, and which, with the Enfields of Her Majesty's 83d, opened fire again on the enemy's left.

6. I had one 8-inch howitzer with me, and which was close up during the whole march yesterday, of near 30 miles, and Lieutenant Vibart, who has shown great energy, brought it into action on high ground on the left of the hamlet, but the enemy retired out of even its reach after the first discharge.

7. In the meantime the artillery, with a portion of Her Majesty's 83d, under Colonel Steele, and 13th Native Infantry, under Major Lye, had driven the enemy's left in, and all were completely out of range, and fast retreating towards Beelwara, and the dark of night coming on, I recalled all and bivouacked for the night on this high ground, a better position than it accidentally afforded can hardly have been conceived.

8. I have the pleasure to report that not one single casualty occurred on our side; the enemy's loss was not great, about 50 or 60 in all killed and wounded.

9. The greater part of the rebels are cavalry, and have belonged to different regiments of the Bengal army; but more arrant cowards I have never seen, and there appears little credit in having beaten so large a body, averaged at 5,000 men, with the small number of 800 of such men as I had the honour to command.

10. The enemy had 5 guns, but I think only two in action, an 8 and a 6-pounder, with some elephants; and it was obvious that had I had any cavalry, the whole of the material must have been captured, and numbers destroyed. You are aware I had sent all my available cavalry in pursuit of the enemy from Tonk, with Colonel Holmes.

11. I need not inform you of the good conduct of the troops, such being a matter of course. I am indebted to every officer with me for valuable work, and to every man in the ranks for a patient endurance and contempt of fatigue, which enabled me to bring the enemy to action after marching close on 30 miles.

12. My personal Staff rendered me all the assistance that any General Officer could desire.

13. The enemy at once left Beelwara, and I have heard of them this morning a good way off, retreating still with all speed towards Bagore, from whence the line of march is at present unknown.

14. I have intelligence from Colonel Holmes, dated 8th; he also was pushing on after the enemy to Beelwara, and would reach to-day, so that the enemy have had a very narrow escape.

15. I cannot conclude this Despatch without expressing my grateful thanks to Captain Eden, of the Madras army, Political Agent at Jyepoor, who has accompanied me throughout, and acted on my personal Staff; and it has been through him that I have been enabled to procure supplies, and that which was almost as necessary, good information; he was good enough also to send some very intelligent men with Colonel Holmes.

I have, &c.,

H. G. ROBERTS, Major-General,
Commanding Rajpootana Field Force.

No. 79.

GENERAL ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of INDIA.

Military Department,

Allahabad, October 18, 1858.

No. 480 of 1858.

THE Right Honourable the Governor-General is pleased to direct the publication of the following Report from Major A. Hume, commanding at Durriabad, of a successful attack on a body of rebels on an island near Bhumore Ghat, on the Gogra, on the 18th September 1858.

Ressaida Mirza Ahmed Beg, whose gallant conduct has been brought to notice, will be immediately rewarded.

R. J. H. BIRCH, Major-General,
Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, with the Governor-General.

No. 80.

Major Hume to Major Hamilton, Assistant-Adjutant-General.

Camp, Durriabad, September 19, 1858.

SIR,

No. 29.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Major-General Sir Hope-Grant, K.C.B., commanding, that on the 17th instant I received a communication from Major Carnegie, the Deputy-Commissioner of Durriabad, that the rebels were increasing on the island near Bhumore Ghat, about 11 miles off to the north-west; and that, since the troops from this were there on the 15th instant, Ram Sing, who was then in command, had been joined by Outar Sing, Byrung Sing, Gujadhur Sing, &c., and that their united forces amounted to upwards of 2,000. I immediately decided on dispersing the rebels, and arranged for the troops, as per margin,* to move from this at 12 P.M., on the 17th instant, which would enable all to have a rest before advancing on their position. After leaving sufficient for the protection of the camp and the town guards, added to the police corps under command of Captain Bunbury, the troops marched as directed, but in consequence of having to proceed by a longer and more circuitous route than we did on the previous occasion, as we found the rebels fully reckoned upon the troops advancing by the same road as before, and had accordingly made arrangements for us, which, by taking the way we did, were defeated, great difficulty was experienced in obtaining any intelligence from the neighbouring villages, the entire population being apparently friendly to the rebels. I therefore halted the Europeans under a tope, to enable us to ascertain the position of the enemy. At half-past 7 A.M. I formed up the column, having determined upon detaching the 3 guns of the Contingent, with 2 companies Bengal Fusiliers, 2 companies of the Rajah's troops, and the regular cavalry belonging to the Rajah. I placed this force under the command of Lieutenant Magniac, Bengal Fusiliers, with directions to proceed up the west bank of the nuddee, to prevent the enemy crossing inland from the island, whence I decided upon moving with the main portion of the troops, 4 companies Europeans, Kuppoothullah Infantry, and Hodson's Horse, and so compelling the rebels to fight or run the risk of drowning in the Gogra. The 2 columns moved off simultaneously, that under my command

* 1st Bengal Fusiliers, 6 companies; Kuppoothullah's Contingent; Artillery, 3 6-pounders; Cavalry, 120 sabres; Infantry, 600 rank and file; Hodson's Horse, 70 sabres.