

INDIA OFFICE, February 2, 1859.

THE following Papers have been received by the Secretary of State for India in Council :—

No. 1.

GENERAL ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA.

No. 548 of 1858.

THE undermentioned non-commissioned officers of the 1st and 2d European Bengal Fusiliers and Artillery, having distinguished themselves in several actions, having been specially recommended by their Commanding Officers, and being considered by the Right Honourable the Commander-in-Chief to be eminently deserving of reward, the Right Honourable the Governor-General, concurring in that opinion, is pleased to confer upon them the rank of Ensign Unattached, subject to the approval of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India :—

Colour-Serjeant Thomas Hardy, 1st European Bengal Fusiliers.

Quartermaster-Serjeant Richard Richardson, 2d European Bengal Fusiliers.

Staff-Serjeant Henry Murray, 3d Troop 3d Brigade Horse Artillery.

Quartermaster Thompson, 2d Company Artillery, Hyderabad Contingent.

No. 2.

No. 549 of 1858.

In publishing the following Despatch from the Secretary to Government, Military Department at Bombay, No. 6498, dated 9th October 1858, reporting the proceedings of a Field Detachment under Lieutenant-Colonel Holmes, of the 12th Native Infantry, sent from Tonk in pursuit of the rebels, the Right Honourable the Governor-General notifies his entire approval of the energy and endurance of Lieutenant-Colonel Holmes, and the Officers and men under his command on this occasion.

No. 3.

The Secretary to the Bombay Government to the Secretary to the Government of India.

Bombay Castle, October 4, 1858.

No. 6498.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Right Honourable the Governor-in-Council to transmit to you, for submission to the Government of India, the accompanying copies of a letter from the Quartermaster-General, No. 2030, dated 14th ultimo, and its enclosures, reporting the proceedings of a Field Detachment sent in pursuit under command of Lieutenant-Colonel Holmes, 12th Regiment Native Infantry, by General Roberts, from Tonk.

The Right Honourable the Governor-in-Council considers the march performed by this Detachment in pursuit of the rebels, from Tonk to Bheelwara, to reflect the highest credit upon the Officers and men who were engaged in it.

I have, &c.,

P. M. MELVILL, Colonel,  
Secretary to Government.

No. 4.

The Quartermaster-General of the Army to the Secretary to Government.

Poona, September 14, 1858.

No. 2030.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Commander-in-Chief to submit, for the favourable notice of the Right Honourable the Governor-in-Council, copies of letters containing an account of a Field Detachment sent under command of Lieutenant-Colonel Holmes, 12th Native Infantry, by General Roberts, from Tonk, on the 8th July, to pursue the rebels, accompanied by a sketch of the route traversed by the force.

I have, &c.,

R. PHAYRE, Lieutenant-Colonel,  
Quartermaster-General.

No. 5.

Major-General Roberts, Commanding Rajpootana Field Force, to the Quartermaster-General of the Army.

Camp, Koorj,  
August 17, 1858.

No. 655.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, a Report by Lieutenant-Colonel Holmes, 12th Native Infantry, whom I sent on the 8th ultimo from the further side of Tonk, to pursue the rebels.

2. I trust that the perseverance which Colonel Holmes displayed, and the patient endurance by the troops, forced marches for 340 miles, partly during heat so intense that I lost 22 Europeans in three days by sunstroke alone, when marching in the early morning, and partly during rains, said to be heavier than any which have been known in Rajpootana, will meet with the approval of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

3. I beg to bring to notice that these men had already gone 135 miles with me, when we marched to save Jeypoor, and that, on rejoining, after one day's halt, they accompanied me during the three forced marches, which enabled me on the fourth day (August 14th,) to close with the rebels on the Bunnass.

I have, &c.,

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

No. 6.

Lieutenant-Colonel Holmes to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Rajpootana Field Force.

Camp, Moeë,  
August 16, 1858.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Major-General commanding Rajpootana Field Force, the operations of the Light Field Detachment\* which he did me the honour to

\* Strength of the Light Field Detachment.—2d Troop Horse Artillery, Captain Petrie, commanding; Her Majesty's 8th K. R. I. Hussars, Lieutenant-Colonel Naylor, commanding, 8 officers, 139 sabres; 1st Bombay Lancers, Captain Dennis, commanding, 3 European officers, 5 Native officers, 115 sabres; Her Majesty's 72d High-