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INDIA-OFFICE, May 4, 1859.

THE Secretary of State for India has received the following Papers :—

No. 1.

Fort-William, March 7, 1859.

No. 307 of 1859.

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council directs the publication of the following Report of operations ably conducted under the command of Captain Forrest, 3d Bombay European Regiment.

No. 2.

Brigadier-General Sir R. Napier, K.C.B., commanding Gwalior Division, to the Chief of the Staff.

Camp, Soopoor,
January 19, 1859.

SIR,
I HAVE the honour to forward a Report of operations conducted under the command of Captain Forrest, 3d Bombay European Regiment, and trust that that officer, and those mentioned by him, may receive the favourable notice of the Right Honourable the Commander-in-Chief, for the able manner in which their duties appear to have been performed.

I have, &c.,
R. NAPIER, Brigadier-General,
Commanding Gwalior Division.

No. 3.

Captain J. O'B. Forrest, 3d Bombay European Regiment, Commanding Field Force Detachment at Lullutpore, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. Liddell, Commanding Field Force at Lullutpore.

Camp, Poorah,
January 1, 1859.
SIR,
I HAVE the honour to forward, for your information, a Report of the proceedings of the force

under my command (strength as per margin,*) since my arrival at Talbehut on the 27th ultimo.

The information not having been good enough to warrant my moving immediately, I halted a day there to enable the spies I sent out to return, which they did on the evening of the 28th, and reported that the enemy, under Takoor Telook Sing, and Dewan Murdun Sing, had barricaded the road about a mile to the west of Sonorie, and had collected their followers to the number of 300 men (amongst whom were mutineer Sepoys, with percussion arms), with the intention of disputing the passage.

I marched at day-break in the following order :
Advanced Guard—7 files of the 3d Europeans, 12½ files 24th Regiment Native Infantry, 7 files of the Military Police (which Captain Sneyd had kindly placed at my disposal), under Lieutenant Leslie ; Main Body—the remainder 24 Europeans, ditto, 24th Regiment Native Infantry, and about 60 Police Cavalry and Infantry ; Rear Guard—the troop 3d Light Cavalry, under Lieutenant Combe.

We proceeded for about three miles without opposition, through a very dense jungle, but on coming to a sudden turn of the road, commanded by high rocks on either side, in the very thickest of the wood, we were received with a heavy fire from muskets and matchlocks, with, I regret to say, fatal result to one of the Europeans. The enemy were driven in gallant style from the rocks by the Advanced Guard, and retreated slowly, disputing every inch of ground for about a mile, where, the jungle not being so dense, I ordered a more rapid advance, which resulted in the total dispersion of the rebels, who fled in the direction of some hills to the north-east of Sonorie. They left in the jungle between 20 and 30 killed, and their wounded must be computed at still greater numbers. From the difficult nature of the country, I deemed it advisable to send back a reinforcement of 50 Native Infantry to Lieutenant Combe. The

* 29-pounder guns, Bengal Artillery ; 150 rank and file, 3d Light Cavalry ; 50 rank and file, 3d Europeans ; 150 rank and file, 24th Regiment Native Infantry ; 60 Cavalry and 60 Infantry Military Police, under Captain Sneyd.

