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INDIA-OFFICE, May 17, 1859.

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

No. 1.

Brigadier Douglas, C.B., Commanding the Districts of Shahabad and Ghazepore, to the Adjutant-General of the Army.

SIR, Arrah, December 18, 1858.

In continuance of my report of operations in the Jugdespore Jungle, I have now the honour to forward, for submission to the Right Honourable the Commander-in-Chief, the accompanying reports, which reached me subsequent to the transmission of my despatch of date 31st October 1858.*

To Major Carr and Captain Snow had been assigned, as already notified, the command of the posts of Ekil and Puharee Chuck, and it was on forcing their way to these positions and maintaining them, preparatory to my attack on Jugdespore, that the circumstances occurred which are detailed in the enclosed documents. I have already expressed my obligations to Major Carr and Captain Snow for their co-operation, but I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without bringing to the notice of the Commander-in-Chief the conduct of Ensign Jarrett, whose conspicuous gallantry excited the admiration of all who witnessed it; and, in consideration of the excellent example shewn to his men, perhaps the Commander-in-Chief may deem Ensign Jarrett worthy of receiving the Victoria Cross; and I must also express my sense of the energy and activity displayed on all occasions by those two intelligent cavalry officers, Lieutenant Ryall, commanding 3d Seikh Cavalry, and Lieutenant Gibson, of the 3d Seikh Cavalry. I would also add that Major Carr has brought prominently to my notice the valuable assistance he has received from Dr Corbyn, of the 3d Seikh Cavalry, who not only in his professional capacity, but by his intimate knowledge of the several dialects of this country, has rendered essential service to the force to which he was attached. I beg to enclose a sup-

plementary return of casualties, also a return of three guns found in Jugdespore since my last report.

I have, &c.,

JOHN DOUGLAS, Brigadier,
Commanding the Districts of Shahabad
and Ghazepore.

No. 2.

Captain W. C. Snow to Major Sir H. Havelock, Bart., Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Brigadier Douglas's Force.

Camp, Sudhokar,

SIR, November 7, 1858.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Brigadier Douglas, C.B., that after leaving Major Carr at Choungien on the 15th of October, I at once proceeded to Puharee Chuck, where I arrived at 8 A.M., and despatched my cavalry at once to watch the jungle west of the Jhoree Nuddee, under command of Lieutenant Gibson, Her Majesty's 87th Regiment, Adjutant of 3d Seikh Cavalry. My left post was at Uraila, and right rested on the village of Kookhora, communicating on my left with Colonel Dunsford, C.B., and on my right with Major Carr's force. On the 16th I marched to Beradhee, about half-a-mile west of the Nuddee, myself, as ordered, starting at about 2 P.M. Just before I marched, I received a letter from Lieutenant Gibson, stating that his left post had been driven in three times by the enemy, and that, as they were in force, he himself had been compelled to retire. On my advancing, he again pushed on; and on my arrival at Beradhee, I saw the enemy in force on the east of the Nuddee, amounting to about 2,000 men and 70 sowars. Finding that I could not induce them to cross the Nuddee, I threw out a company of the 84th Regiment in skirmishing order, with the 20th Punjaub Infantry between them; and, keeping another company of the 84th in support, with 100 Seikhs, I advanced to the edge of the jungle, upon which the rebels retired to the edge of the jungle and into the village of Sheepoor, firing at us, although we were out of range even with an

* London Gazette, February 22, 1859, page 691.

