

No. 6.

SUPPLEMENTARY RETURN of Captured Ordnance at Jugdespore, between the 18th of October and 1st November 1858.

No.	Description of Ordnance.	Length.		Calibre.	Remarks.
		Feet.	Inches.		
1	Brass Howitzer....	2	8	4 1-10 inches	Country manufacture, carriage, &c., complete
2	Brass Gun.....	3	3	4 inches	Country manufacture, carriage broken, found in a well, near the western entrenchment.
3	Brass Gun	2	6½	3 1-10 inches	Country manufacture, carriage, &c., complete, found in a well, near the eastern entrenchment.

No. 7.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. W. Turner, to the Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General with Brigadier Douglas, C.B.

SIR, Sasseram, December 29, 1858.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Brigadier Douglas, C.B., commanding in the disturbed districts, that, pursuant to his order, transmitted through you, I marched from Sasseram on the 6th instant, with the force marginally noted,* for the purpose of operating against a large body of rebels reported to be plundering near Gurwah in the Palamow district, under the leadership of Ummur Sing. I reached Gurwah on the 10th instant; but unable to ascertain anything of the rebels' movements, who had not approached it nearer than 15 miles, I continued my march to Chynepore, adjoining Shapur, where the Assistant Commissioner, Lieutenant Graham, with the remains of the Ramghur Battalion, was then encamped.

His information gave Sunnya, a village situated in a valley beyond the passes of the mountains, about 16 miles east of Burgurh, and 35 miles south of Chynepore, as their main position; that their strength was from 1,200 to 1,400 men, and that they had fortified the different passes with the intention of defending them.

These passes were three in number, namely, the Panch Nudia, through which passes the road from Chota Nagpore; the Boogloo Mara, on the direct road from Chynepore; and the Bunjunna, a mile and a half to the west of that road.

The first was said to be the strongest by nature, and held by 1,200 men, the enemy evidently expecting the attack from that side; the second by 800 men; and the third by a small picquet. I therefore decided on marching rapidly on the Boogloo Mara, which I reached by noon on the 14th instant, and immediately sent in a copy of the proclamation, with a summons to lay down their arms. The only reply was a harmless fire, and, shortly after midnight, a feeble attack on one of the outlying picquets.

* Head-Quarters, Her Majesty's 29th Regiment, 9 officers and 299 men. Her Majesty's 37th Regiment, 4 officers and 64 men. 3d Seikh Irregular Cavalry, 1 officer and 85 men. Cavalry attached to Bengal Seikh Battalion, 1 native officer and 34 men.

The following morning, finding the enemy still silent on the subject of the summons, I determined on forcing the two passes, without firing, unless fired upon.

At 9 A.M., therefore, I directed Lieutenant Gibson, Her Majesty's 87th Royal Irish Fusiliers, commanding the cavalry detachment, to march at once upon the Bunjunna Pass, which, as I before mentioned, was only watched by a small picquet; to pass through, descend into the Kootkoo plain beyond, which is directly in rear of the Boogloo Mara Pass, and be prepared to act against the enemy holding it, as soon as my advance should force him into retreat.

This pass (the Boogloo Mara), naturally strong, and flanked on both sides by wooded spurs of greater elevation, and only 50 yards distant, was defended near the top by an abattis stretching from side to side, which again was flanked by three circular stone breastworks loopholed.

At 10 A.M., hearing the volley fired by the picquet in the Bungunna Pass at Lieutenant Gibson's advance, I moved forward with troops in the following order:—

40 of Her Majesty's 37th Regiment, under Captain Luxmoore, supported by a similar number of Her Majesty's 29th; the whole under the command of Captain Colvill, of the latter regiment, to secure the spur commanding the enemy's right; a similar detail of Her Majesty's 29th, under Captain Kneebone of that corps, to secure the spur dominating the enemy's left; then, giving these two parties half an hour's law, I advanced with the remains of the Ramghur Battalion, under Lieutenant Graham, supported by the reserve of the detachment Her Majesty's 29th Regiment, under Major Wheeler, into the mouth of the pass, and pushed steadily upwards. The enemy almost immediately after firing a few dropping shots, retreated, and skirting the edge of the river, which flows round the base of the river side of the pass over a very rocky bed, dispersed in all directions through the jungle lining its banks.

Collecting the troops in the Kootkoo plain, after crossing the river, I made a rapid advance upon Sunnya, which was totally deserted, and after searching the neighbouring jungles without finding any signs of the enemy, bivouacked for the night.