

There now remained but the one pass, namely, Panch Nudia, in possession of the enemy, which I was thus in a position to attack directly from the rear.

Accordingly, the next morning (the 16th instant) I moved forward the following troops;—the Ramghur Battalion, under Lieutenant Graham, and 100 of Her Majesty's 29th Regiment, under Captain Colvill, to attack it; but the enemy at once dispersed without firing a shot.

This pass was strongly defended by four different lines of loopholed breastworks, flanked by small rifle-pits. These breastworks were destroyed.

Holding the pass with the 100 men of Her Majesty's 29th, I directed Lieutenant Graham to pass with the Ramghur Battalion, effect a junction with Captain Davis, at Chicharee, who had under his command there about 80 cavalry and 100 infantry of the Seikh Volunteers, and then return with him and his force the following day to my bivouac at Sunnya.

I likewise despatched Lieutenant Gibson, with the whole of the cavalry, through the plain to the westward, as far as the Mudguree Pass, with orders to search the whole country, and bring in intelligence of the enemy's movements. He failed in finding any traces either of them or the inhabitants, and, though out from sunrise to sunset, found only one half-starved native living behind a rock; this man he secured and brought in; and he, on examination, stated that of sepoys there were only 200 in the hills, and that the rest were men of the Khyrwa tribe, who are in fact regular hill robbers.

Having thus obtained possession of the whole of the passes, and of the plateau inside of them, I made them over to the Deputy Commissioner, Lieutenant Graham, leaving with him the whole of his own troops and those under Captain Davis, amounting to about 220 infantry and 80 cavalry, with 110 matchlock men, under the Tackoor of Chynepore, and then commenced my return march to Sasseram, with the troops belonging to that station.

The 200 sepoys above alluded to have since been reported as having marched to Sirgoojah.

In conclusion, I beg to report the conduct of the troops as most excellent, and tender my thanks to Major Wheeler, commanding the headquarters wing of Her Majesty's 29th Regiment, Captain Luxmoore, commanding the detachment Her Majesty's 37th Regiment, and Lieutenant Gibson, of Her Majesty's 87th Regiment, commanding the cavalry.

I have, &c.,

W. W. TURNER, Lieut.-Colonel,  
Commanding Troops Grand Trunk Road.

No. 8.

Lieutenant-Colonel Turner to the Adjutant-General.

Sasseram,

SIR, December 30, 1858.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the information of his Lordship the Commander-in-Chief, a copy of a report of operations against the rebels, sent this day to Brigadier Douglas, C.B.

I have, &c.,

W. W. TURNER, Lieutenant-Colonel,  
Commanding Troops Grand Trunk Road.

No. 9.

Allahabad, January 20, 1859.

FORWARDED to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, for the information of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General.

By Order of the Commander-in-Chief,

W. MAYHEW, Lieutenant-Colonel,  
Adjutant-General of the Army.

No. 10.

The Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General of the Army.

Fort-William,

SIR, February 9, 1859.

IN acknowledging the receipt of your endorsement, No. 141, of the 20th January 1859, forwarding a letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Turner, C.B., commanding troops, Grand Trunk Road, and a report of operations against the rebels in the Palamow District, I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honourable the Commander-in-Chief, that it has been laid before Government.

I am, &c.,

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

No. 11.

Captain G. T. Hilliard, Commanding Hummeerpore Field Detachment, to the Chief of the Staff.

Camp, Chiariori, Allipore District,  
December 6, 1858.

I HAVE the honour to report particulars of an attack on the camps of the rebel chiefs, Despot, Chutter Sing, Oomroo, and others, by the field detachment under my command, at or near Bagowra, on the morning of the 5th instant, which was eminently successful as far as complete surprise and discomfiture of the enemy, who lost 50 men killed, 4 camels, and 46 horses and ponies taken, and 4 more wounded and subsequently shot, several matchlocks, swords, 2 ginjalls, and a quantity of miscellaneous property, and 6 prisoners taken, though I am sorry to be obliged to add that, as far as I am at present informed, I fear the chiefs have all managed to effect their escape. The entire loss of all they possessed, however, owing to their having had no time to carry anything away with them, will render them helpless for a time at any rate.

From information I received on the evening of the 4th instant, I determined to lose no time, and consequently started with the troops as per margin,\* at 2 A.M. on the 5th, from this place for Bagowra, via Joran. As guns could not be taken, I left the camp standing, guarded by the detachment Madras Artillery, under Lieutenant Johnson, and a native officer's party, from the detachment

\* 43d L. I., officers 2, bayonets 58; 50th M. N. I., officers 2, native officers 4, bayonets 130; Jât Horse, officers 1, native officers 2; sabres 65. Assistant-Surgeon Heard in medical charge.