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INDIA-OFFICE, June 16, 1859.

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

No. 1.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. Reece, Commanding Field Detachment of the Saugor Field Division, to the Adjutant-General, Bengal Army.

Camp, Benaika,

January 19, 1859.

I HAVE the honour to an ex copy of a letter which I yesterday address to the Major of Brigade, Saugor District.

No. 2.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. Reece to the Major of Brigade, Saugor District.

Camp, Bareitee,

January 18, 1859.

CONSEQUENT on the information received from Brigadier Wheler's note to Mr Thornton, (dated 13th instant, which was handed to me,) to the effect that a thousand rebels (150 of which were Poorbeas) were collected in villages in the vicinity of Luckinger, I determined to advance on this place itself, with my detachment, while Lieutenant Dickens, with the Saugor Police, should move on Pertabghur viâ Benaika; and I had requested Lieutenant Cock to move from Mowrara on Tingunnah, (both these officers to be at their posts by dawn of day,) and, after overcoming any opposition, to advance on Papro.

I accordingly left Kuttora at midnight of the 16th; marched on this place (Bareitee), where I arrived before daylight.

Having made arrangements for the security of the baggage and camp during my absence, I proceeded on, and at a short distance entered the jungle and descents leading to the valley of the Dessan.

The skirmishers of the advanced guard, while crossing the river, observed some six men with matchlocks on the opposite bank, who immediately ran and got off, with one exception, who was an old man.

The advanced guard, after crossing, moved rapidly on the village of Luckinger, whence some 25 of the enemy were retreating with all haste to the hill, which is about 500 feet high, and thickly covered with jungle. This hill, about a quarter of a mile from Luckinger, forms a succession of table lands reaching to Papro.

The advanced guard, under Captain Keating, dashed into the jungle in pursuit, when a spirited fire was opened by the enemy, some of whom were posted on the right and left in the jungle on the hill face.

The rapid advance of the detachment however prevented them holding the jungle, and they fled precipitately, pursued by us, but I am sorry to say we were unable to overtake them.

I must observe that the jungle is so dense, and the foliage so thick, that it forms a safe retreat to an enemy of this description.

On arriving on the table land of the hill, a few of the enemy were followed in the direction to the left, and all but one, who was made prisoner, got off.

Observing that nothing more could be done on the Luckinger side, I recommenced my march in the direction of Papro, guided by the prisoners, in the hope of finding the main body of the rebels, which I had been led to believe were collected together.

After proceeding about four miles I came upon the advanced party of Lieutenant Cock's detachment, and that officer reported to me that he had advanced on Tingunnah and Bunho, according to my directions, and ascended the hill at Papro; these three villages were found entirely free of rebels.

I therefore countermarched on Luckinger, accompanied by Lieutenant Cock and his detachment, at which place I found Mr Thornton, who had come up during my absence; and as

