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INDIA-OFFICE, July 21, 1859.

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

No. 1.

No. 708 of 1859.

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct the publication of the following Report from Lieutenant-Colonel J. Cormick, Her Majesty's 20th Regiment, commanding a detachment on service, of operations against a body of rebels near Gondah.

2. His Excellency in Council concurs with the Commander-in-Chief in the approbation expressed by his Lordship regarding these operations.

No. 2.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. Cormick, 20th Regiment, Commanding Column, to Brigadier A. Horsford, Commanding Trans-Gogra.

Sir, Gondah, April 15, 1859.

I HAVE the honour to report that in consequence of information received respecting the rebels destroying the village of Authona, I, on the morning of the 7th instant, proceeded to Mahrajhunge, with a force (strength as per margin),\* accompanied by Mr Ross, Assistant Commissioner. On arrival, the intelligence given was of so unsatisfactory and doubtful a nature with respect to the movements of the rebels that I remained there until the evening of the 9th, during which time I received a note from Lieutenant-Colonel Hill, Rifle Brigade, stating that the rebels had left Authona, and were proceeding westwards. The 1st Sikh Cavalry having likewise scoured the country, without seeing any signs of them (with the exception of one man taken prisoner, who stated that they left that neighbourhood on the morning of our arrival); I returned to Gondah on the evening of the 9th April.

The following evening (10th instant) I left again (force as per margin,\*) with Mr Ecford, Assistant Commissioner. At our first halting station, Choutgettee Ghât, I heard that the rebels were at Muchlee Goan, a distance of about five miles from us. I marched there on the morning of the 11th, and found them collected in force in an extensive jungle; any operation against them in the jungle was almost out of the question; but Mr Ecford, who always obtained reliable intelligence, having heard that a portion of them were in a ravine not far in the interior of the jungle, I immediately proceeded there with 200 men of the 20th Regiment, under the command of Captain Edridge; two guns, under Lieutenant St George (in hopes that an opportunity might offer of bringing them into play), and a portion of the 1st Sikh Cavalry, commanded by Captain Jones. We advanced the 20th in skirmishing order, and completely surprised the rebels at the ravine; who, after an ineffectual fire, took to the dense jungle, followed by Captain Edridge with his men; evening coming on, I was compelled to recall the skirmishers, and returned to camp. The rebels lost about 20 killed, and a number of horses. No casualties on our side. On the morning of the 12th we left about 10 A.M. for Wuzeer-gung. Mr Ecford having heard that the communication between Gondah and Fyzabad had been stopped, we deemed it advisable to take that route and disperse the rebels. On the morning of the 13th we advanced towards Gondah via Kober jungle and the village of Magowa. The rebels were reported to be in the Kober jungle, on approaching which, we saw them at a distance rapidly retreating. I immediately ordered the artillery to the front, who soon got within range, and opened a most destructive fire; for nearly three hours after this it was nothing but one rapid advance, unlimbering and opening fire with fearful effect on them; the Sikhs, under Captain Jones, and Hodson's Horse, under Lieutenant Meham, charging when opportunities offered; the rebels were at last driven into a large expanse of water skirting their rear; they were now entirely at our mercy; Captain Jones crossed with

\* H. M.'s 20th Regiment, 250 men; Bengal Horse Artillery, 2 guns; 1st Sikh Cavalry, 180 men.

\* H. M.'s 20th Regiment, 300 men; B. H. A., 2 guns; 1st Sikh, 200 men; Hodson's Horse, 150, joined on the night of the 12th instant.

