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INDIA-OFFICE, September 26, 1859.

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

No. 1.

Extract of a Military Letter from the Government of India to the Secretary of State for India.

No. 114, dated August 8, 1859.

Paragraph 14. We have the honour to forward for your Lordship's information, the accompanying copy of a letter from the officer commanding the Saugor Field Force, submitting the Report of an encounter on the 2d of January 1859, with the rebels at Kurrereah, by a Field Detachment under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Gottreux, of the 1st Madras Native Infantry.

No. 2.

Major-General G. C. Whitlock, Commanding the Saugor Field Division, to the Chief of the Staff.

Dated Camp, Kerwie,
January 26, 1859.

Sir,

No. 49.

The accompanying Report, which has just reached me, of an encounter with the rebels by a Field Detachment under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Gottreux, of the 1st Madras Native Infantry, I have the honour to submit for the information of the Right Honourable the Commander-in-Chief, and am gratified to find that all conducted themselves so much to the satisfaction of their commander on the occasion; and I beg to bring the names of the officers mentioned by Lieutenant-Colonel Gottreux to the favourable notice of the Right Honourable the Commander-in-Chief; Lieutenant Osborne, Political Agent of Rewah, and his Deputy, Mr Coles, have, by their information of the position of the rebels, materially contributed to their defeat.

A special Report will be made by me without delay, on the gallant conduct of Private Addison, of Her Majesty's 43d Regiment.

I have, &c.,

G. C. WHITLOCK.

No. 3.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. Gottreux, Commanding Field Detachment, to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Saugor Field Division.

Dated Camp, near Kerwie,
January 15, 1859.

Sir,

UNDER instructions received when in camp at Punghuttee, on the 1st instant, to proceed in command of a party to look up a body of mutineers who were in the hills, near the village of Surbhungab, I have the honour to report, for the information of Major-General Whitlock, commanding Saugor Field Division, that I left camp, at quarter past five P.M., on that day, with the troops detailed in the margin,* for that purpose.

2. Having marched until half an hour after midnight, we reached an open plateau in the hills, situated about three miles from Surbhungab, where we bivouacked for the remainder of the night. A spy of Mr Coles' came up, and reported that the fellows we were in search of had shifted their camp, and were then about three miles from us, in some dense jungle in the neighbourhood of Kurrereah; the head man of that village arrived shortly afterwards, confirming the report, and as he was acquainted with the enemy's locality, he was detained to be our guide in the morning. The baggage and all followers were left in this place under an escort, with instructions to follow to Kurrereah in a couple of hours. We started at half-past five for the rebel camp, and shortly after came in sight of their fires. On our being observed, the enemy opened a sharp fire on us, and commenced their retreat, leaving their baggage ponies in their rear.

3. Lieutenant and Adjutant Gompertz, Acting Staff-Officer, was detached with the cavalry, a little in advance of the main body, and intercepting the enemy's retreat, came into close contact with them, during which many were killed. The main body moved on as fast as the nature of the ground would allow, for about two miles, many detached small parties of the artillery and infantry having hand-to-hand encounters.

* Royal Artillery, 2 mortars, 11 men; H.M. Light Infantry, 30 men; 1st Madras Native Infantry, 50 men; Seikh Sowars, 10 men; Rewah Sowars, 10 men; Nagoda Sowars, 8 men; Rewah Infantry, 10 men; Nagoda Matchlock, 90 men; total 226.

