

in consequence of information received from Mr Assistant Magistrate Wigram, that a body of rebels were in the jungle, north-east of Jheejun, I marched thither at 11 o'clock P.M., on the night of the 5th, with the force as per margin.* After marching some eight miles we arrived at the outskirts of the thick jungle in which the rebels were said to be encamped, and I here halted for a short time to rest both men and horses.

Learning that the position which was held by the enemy was totally impracticable for cavalry, and having further ascertained the jungle was more open to the east and west, I despatched the avans in two detachments, as per margin,† one to each flank, with orders to be on the alert, patrolling the edge of the jungle, and to cut up any fugitives that might attempt to escape in those directions. Proceeding about five miles further, through jungle of so dense and thorny a nature that it was with great difficulty that we made any way at all, we came upon their advanced picquet, and drove it in without loss on either side; pushing on with every possible despatch we surprised their camp, situated on a very rocky and difficult hill, well known as one of their favourite resorts; after a short stand made at a wall of rocks, about six feet in height, which they had raised across the path, they fled precipitately through the jungle in every direction; owing to the early hour at which this took place, (viz., about an hour before sunrise) and the notorious denseness of the Jheejun jungle, I was unable to pursue them as efficiently as I could have wished, but many I believe were shot down and wounded during their flight. My own casualties were 1 sepoy, Mattadeen Doobay, of the 5th Company, 31st Regiment Native Light Infantry, killed. The completeness of the surprise may be imagined, as more than 100 pairs of shoes, together with bedding of every description, were left scattered over the ground of their late camp, the paths of the jungle on every side were strewn with clothes and weapons which they abandoned in their flight. Part of them attempted to escape on the east of the jungle and were attacked by the Rissaldar of the Police, whom I had detached to that point; three of them were killed, and the rest effected their escape back into the jungle, where it was impossible for cavalry to pursue.

The main body of the rebels retreated in the direction of Jheejun, where they ought to have been met by Captain Scott, of the 17th Regiment Madras Native Infantry, with his detachment; but owing to some mistake as to procuring guides, I regret to say that their retreat in that direction was unmolested.

On re-assembling my men on the hill of Kalee Paharee, where the enemy's camp had been, I saw a small force of about fifty men, as well as I could judge, for they were more than a mile off, advancing towards the hill from the north-east; from the regularity of their movements, as well as from the glittering of their fixed bayonets, I supposed them to be the detachment of the 17th Madras Native Infantry, although coming from a different direction to that in which we expected them; but this morning a letter from Captain Scott states that owing to the reasons stated above he did not move from his original position at Pipera. I can therefore only conjecture that it was the party of rebel

sepoys who are said to accompany Desput in all his wanderings. I consider that the effect produced on the rebels by this affair will be most beneficial, as showing them that the densest jungle and most favorable position affords them but little more shelter than the open plain.

Their numbers, I am informed, were from 4 to 500 men, and it is supposed under the command of Desput himself, as papers directed to him, and some bearing his signature, together with one or two articles which were identified as belonging to him, were found in their camp.

They are said to have carried some wounded with them in their retreat.

My best thanks are due to Mr P. Wigram, who was to the front during the whole affair, and afforded me every assistance.

I have, &c.,

T. H. LEWIN.

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Adjutant-General's Office,
Head-Quarters, Simla,
July 21, 1859.

No. 917.

FORWARDED to the Secretary of the Government of India, Military Department, for the information of his Excellency the Governor-General, with Lord Clyde's approval.

By Order of the Commander-in Chief,

H. W. NORMAN, Major,
Officiating Adjutant-General of the Army.

By virtue of an Act passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to repeal so much of two Acts made in the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign of His present Majesty as authorizes the Speaker of the House of Commons to issue his warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for making out writs for the election of Members to serve in Parliament, in the manner therein mentioned, and for substituting other provisions for the like purposes."

I do hereby give notice that the death of Patrick James Herbert Crichton Stuart, commonly called Lord James Stuart, late a Member serving in this present Parliament for the county of Ayr, hath been certified to me in writing, under the hands of two Members serving in this present Parliament, and that I shall issue my warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the said county of Ayr, at the end of fourteen days after the insertion of this notice in the London Gazette.

Given under my hand this twenty-sixth day of September 1859.

JOHN EVELYN DENISON, Speaker.

WHITEHALL, August 10, 1859.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Henry Andrew Grant Evans Gordon, of Bonaccord Place, in the Island of Guernsey, Esq. late a Lieutenant in the 22d Regiment of Foot, and unto Sarah Cookson, of Whitehall, in the parish of Chester-le-Street, in the county palatine of Durham, widow and relict of John Cookson,

* 31st Regiment Native Light Infantry—1 subadar, 2 jemadars, 7 havildars, 3 naicks, 1 bugler, 51 sepoy. Military Police Sowars—1 rissaldar, 1 jemadar, 2 duffadars, 28 troopers.

† 1st Detachment—1 Rissaldar, 1 duffadar, 18 troopers. 2d Detachment—1 jemadar, 1 duffadar, 15 troopers.