

5. A party of the grenadier company 20th regiment native infantry were ordered to scour the enclosure, and here, I am happy to say, they discovered Meer Shah Mahomed under some very thick bushes. He at first refused to surrender, but he eventually did so to Captain Travers, 23d regiment Bombay light infantry. I beg to enclose a letter from Captain Keily on this subject.

6. The result of the expedition has been the capture of Meer Shah Mahomed, his guns, and standard, and the total dispersion of his force, together with the release of some horsemen of his Highness Meer Ali Morad, taken prisoners by the enemy on the 6th instant.

7. The loss of the enemy was great, about ninety dead on the field; and we have seventeen prisoners; our own loss, as you will observe by the return, has been trifling.

8. I beg to bring to the notice of his Excellency the valuable services rendered me by Major Benbow, 15th regiment native infantry; Major Blood, artillery; Captain Keily, 20th regiment native infantry; and Lieutenant Johnstone, of the 6th regiment native infantry; and I cannot sufficiently express my admiration of the gallant conduct of Captain Walter, who charged with his small, but intrepid, band, into the midst of a large body of the enemy.

9. I have also to bring to the notice of his Excellency the great assistance rendered me by Captain Mayor, Major of Brigade, Captain Baynes, A. Quartermaster-General (who also took command of the advance, consisting of the light company 20th regiment native infantry), and of Captain Travers, 23d regiment Bombay light infantry, Assistant-Commissary-General, who kindly volunteered his services on my staff.

10. I must not forget to mention the important services I have received from a Patan, by name Aliff Khan, well known to many officers of the Sukkur agency. His information principally led to the success we have met with; and, when with Captain Walter, he killed four of the enemy.

11. I regret extremely to have to inform you, that two European artillerymen died of coup de soleil; the heat, after nine o'clock, became most awful, and the whole detachment much distressed by the time we returned to this place, at one o'clock P.M. Had we moved with camp equipage, &c. the operation could not have been accomplished with the secrecy necessary to ensure success.

12. There was no valuable property, and I burned as much as I could not remove from the spot. A few camels I have transferred to the commissariat department. Some tattoos, mules, swords, and matchlocks will be sold this evening by public auction. I have, &c.

H. G. ROBERTS, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding Field Brigade, Sehwan.

*Captain E. Walter, 3d Regiment Light Cavalry,
to Captain Mayor, Brigade Major.*

SIR, *Camp, Sehwan, June 9, 1843.*

IN accordance with orders received from Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts, I advanced, on the morning of the 8th of June, with the troop under my command, for the purpose of holding in check the enemy under Meer Shah Mahomed, until the arrival of the remainder of the force. On approaching the spot, towards which I had seen small bodies retreating, and perceiving larger parties dispersing to the right and left, I attacked a party of horse and foot, to the number of about two hundred and fifty, who were drawn up in rear of two guns, which they discharged at the time of my passing. I succeeded in cutting up between seventy and eighty; and their loss would have been greater but for the thick jungle, which favoured their escape. I am happy in being able to report, that all under me did their duty. I do myself the honour to forward casualty rolls of men and horses.

I have, &c.

E. WALTER, Captain 3d Regiment
Light Cavalry.

*Captain J. R. Keily, Commanding 20th Regiment
Native Infantry, to Captain Mayor, Brigade
Major, Sehwan.*

SIR, *Camp, Sehwan, June 9, 1843.*

IN compliance with yesterday's orders, I do myself the honour to state, that the sub-division of the grenadier company, which I detached at the desire of Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts commanding, for the purpose of searching the garden and burial ground occupied by Meer Shah Mahomed and his followers, fortunately discovered him concealed in some thick underwood, together with three or four servants.

On seeing the sepoy, he raised his gun, and one of his followers drew his sword; the men, supposing that he intended opposition, levelled their musquets, and would have shot him, had he not called out that he was the Meer, and, Captain Travers coming up at the time, he delivered up his sword to him.

I consider that the men shewed great forbearance in not firing, as they had been much exasperated at the conduct of a Belooch, who, only a few minutes before (after the firing was over), had jumped out of a bush, and severely wounded Lieutenant Lancaster, the acting Adjutant, in the arm. He was, however, immediately afterwards killed by a sepoy, named Khyrula Khan, who most probably saved that officer's life.

I beg to forward the arms taken from the Meer and his followers, viz.:

One English doubled barrell'd gun; one matchlock, with flint lock, inlaid with gold, and silver clasps; two swords, one with a gilt handle. The Meer's sword was delivered over to him yesterday.

I have, &c.

J. R. KELLY, Captain,
Commanding 20th Regiment Native Infantry.