

Notwithstanding great superiority in numbers, and the formidable position which he occupied, the Enemy, after a severe and obstinate resistance, was driven back, and retreated from every part of his position in great disorder, with much slaughter, and with the loss of twelve pieces of Artillery.

The Governor-General congratulates the Commander-in-Chief on the Victory thus obtained by the Army under his command: and, on behalf of the Government of India, he desires cordially to acknowledge the gallant services which have been rendered on this occasion by his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the Generals, the officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the army in the field.

The Governor-General offers his thanks to Major-General Sir Joseph Thackwell, K.C.B. and K.H. for his services; and to Brigadier White for his conduct of the brigade of cavalry on the left.

Major-General Sir W. Gilbert, K.C.B., and Brigadier-General Campbell, C.B., are entitled to the special thanks of the Governor-General, for the admirable manner in which they directed the divisions under their orders.

To Brigadier Mountain, C.B., and to Brigadier Hoggan, the Governor-General tenders his acknowledgments for the gallant example they offered in the lead of their men; and to them, to Brigadier Godby, C.B., and Brigadier Pennycuik, C.B., for their able conduct of their respective brigades.

The warm thanks of the Governor-General are due to Brigadier-General Tennant, commanding the artillery division, to Brigadier Brooke, C.B., and Brigadier Huthwaite, C.B., for their direction of the operations of that distinguished arm, and for the effective service which it rendered.

To the heads of the various departments, and to the officers of the general and personal staff, whose services are acknowledged by the Commander-in-Chief, the Governor-General offers his thanks.

The Governor-General deeply regrets the loss of Brigadier Pennycuik, C.B., and of the gallant officers and men who have honourably fallen in the service of their country.

It has afforded the Governor-General the highest gratification to observe, that the conduct of the troops generally was worthy of all praise.

The Governor-General, indeed, is concerned to think that any order or misapprehension of an order could have produced the movements, by the right brigade of cavalry, which his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief reports.

To the Artillery, European and Native, to the Cavalry on the left, and to the European and Native Infantry, the Governor-General offers his hearty thanks; especially to those corps, European and Native, which his Excellency reports to have acted, under trying circumstances, with a gallantry worthy of the greatest admiration.

The Governor-General will have sincere satisfaction in bringing the services of this Army under the favourable notice of Her Majesty's Government and the Honourable East India Company.

A salute of 21 Guns has been ordered to be fired from every principal Station of the Army in India.

The Governor-General repeats to the Commander-in-Chief, and to the Army the assurance of his cordial thanks; and expresses his confident belief that the Victory which, under Divine Providence, they have won, will exercise a most important influence on the successful progress of the war in which they are engaged.

By order of the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India.

H. M. ELLIOT, Secretary to the Government of India, with the Governor-General.

*The Secretary with the Governor-General to the Adjutant-General of the Army.*

*Ferozepore, January 31, 1849.*

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's despatches, dated the 5th, 10th and 16th ultimo, reporting the particulars of an action with the enemy at Sadoolapore, and the passage of the Chenab by Major-General Sir Joseph Thackwell, K.C.B.

2. The Governor-General regrets to find that he inadvertently omitted to issue instructions founded on a minute which he had recorded on the subject of the despatches under acknowledgment.

3. His Lordship begs to congratulate the Commander-in-Chief on the success of the measures which he adopted for effecting the passage of the Chenab, and to convey to him the assurance of his satisfaction with, and his best thanks for, the judicious arrangements by which he was enabled, with comparatively little loss, to carry into execution his plans for the passage of that difficult river, and for compelling the retreat of the Sikh army from the formidable position which they occupied on its further bank, after they had been engaged, and beaten back by the forces under Major-General Sir Joseph Thackwell.

4. The result of his Excellency's movements, in driving the Sikh army from their entrenchments, and forcing them to retire to the other extremity of the Doob, was of much importance.

5. The Governor-General offers his best thanks to Major-General Sir Joseph Thackwell for his successful direction of the force under his command, and for the dispositions by which he compelled the enemy to retire, and ultimately to quit, the ground he had occupied.

6. The Governor-General tenders his best thanks to Brigadier-General Campbell for the able assistance which he rendered to Major-General Sir Joseph Thackwell, and to Lieutenant-Colonel Grant for the powerful and effective use which he made of the artillery under his command.

7. The Governor-General has had much gratification in observing the terms in which the Commander-in-chief has spoken of the army under his command in the field; and he concurs with his Excellency in bestowing upon them the praise which is their due.

*Errata in the Gazette of March 7, page 800.*

For 19th Bombay Fusiliers, read 1st Bombay Fusiliers.

For Superintendent of *Brigades*, read Superintendent of *Bazaars*.

For Major *Jackson*, read Major *Leeson*.

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