

that he hopes to cross the river with the Bengal division, on the afternoon of the 19th instant, and intends to push on, after the flying enemy, with all expedition. He must, by this time, have reached Peshawur; and the Ameer, will hardly venture to meet him in the field.

*General Order by the Right Honorable the Governor-General of India.*

*Camp, Ferozepore, March 17, 1849.*

The Governor-General has the utmost satisfaction in directing that the dispatches which he has, this day, received from his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and from Major-General Sir Walter Gilbert, K.C.B. be published for the information of the Army, and of the People of India.

The British subjects who were prisoners in the hands of the enemy, have all returned in safety.

On the 14th instant, Sirdar Chuttur Sing, Raja Shere Sing, and the principal Sikh Sirdars and Chiefs, delivered their swords into the hands of Major-General Sir Walter Gilbert.

Forty-one pieces of artillery were, at the same time, surrendered; and the remains of the Sikh army, to the number of 16,000 men, laid down their arms, in the presence of the British troops.

The Governor-General offers to his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to Major-General Gilbert, and to the whole Army, his heartfelt congratulations on this glorious result of the battle of Goojerat, and of the operations subsequent to it, so admirably conducted by the Major-General, in fulfilment of his Excellency's instructions.

But the war is not yet concluded: nor can there be any cessation of hostilities, until Dost Mahomed Khan and the Affghan army are, either driven from the province of Peshawur, or destroyed within it.

The British army has, already, resumed its march upon Attock; and the Governor-General confidently hopes, that the entire success which, with God's blessing, will attend it, may enable him soon to announce the restoration of peace.

The Governor-General directs that, in honor of the important events which have now been notified, a salute of 21 guns be fired, from every principal station of the army in India.

*The Commander-in-Chief to the Governor-General of India.*

*Head-quarters, Camp, Kullalla, March 16, 1849.*

I have the greatest gratification in reporting to your Lordship the further happy results of the decisive victory obtained at Goojerat, on the 21st ultimo.

Major-General Sir Walter Gilbert, with that energy and judgment which induced me to select him to conduct the ulterior operations subsequent to that action, has well fulfilled the trust reposed in him, by rapidly pressing the routed enemy, which has led to their unqualified submission, the surrender of their remaining guns, and about 16,000 stand of arms, all of which are now in our possession; and I rejoice to add, that this fortunate consummation has been obtained; without a single shot being fired.

The whole of the Sikh force, with their Sirdars, have now come in, with the exception of Bhaee Maharaj, and Colonel Richpaul Sing, who have absconded, but without followers.

We have now in our possession 56 guns taken at Goojerat, and abandoned by the enemy in his retreat, on the 21st of February; 40 surrendered to Major-General Sir Walter Gilbert, since that event; 12 captured at Chillianwalla; and 50 at Mooltan; making a total of 158 pieces of ordnance, which have fallen into our hands, during the present campaign.

*Major-General Sir W. R. Gilbert, K.C.B. Commanding Field Force on Special Service, to the Secretary to the Government of India with the Governor-General.*

*Camp, Rawul Pindee, March 14, 1849.*

Since I addressed you, on the 11th instant, from Hoormook, I have advanced to Rawul Pindee, which place I reached to-day.

I have now the high gratification of reporting, for the information of the Governor-General of India, that the disarming of the Sikh army, commenced at Manikyala, has been, this day, completed, by the surrender of their swords by the Sikh Sirdars, in presence of the commanding officers of divisions and brigades, and their staff.

The total number of guns surrendered is 41, of which a return shall be forwarded hereafter; and the number of stand of arms laid down, before the force under my command, is about 16,000.

*Major-General Sir W. R. Gilbert, K.C.B. to the Adjutant-General.*

*Camp, near Attock, March 18, 1849.*

Since my dispatch from Rawul Pindee, of the 14th instant, I have advanced to this place, and beg to report, for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, that I am, to-day, in possession of the fort of Attock.

On the 15th instant, the Bengal division of the force under my command moved to Jani-Ke-Sung, 17 miles, and, on the 16th, reached Wah, after a march of 14 miles. While at Wah, intelligence reached me that the bridge over the river Indus was still standing, and that Attock was occupied by the Affghan troops: seeing, at once, the importance of securing the bridge, or, at all events, the boats forming it, or such of them as could be rescued from the hands of the enemy, I resolved upon advancing on Attock, by a forced march of thirty-one miles, relying with confidence on the utmost exertion being made, by every officer and soldier under my command, to effect so great an object as that of securing the means of rapidly crossing the river Indus. This confidence has not been misplaced.

At 6 o'clock P.M. on the 16th, the force moved from Wah, bivouacked for a few hours at Booran, and reached Shumshabad, about sunrise. From Shumshabad, after feeding the horses, I pushed on, with my cavalry and artillery, to Attock, before which fortress I arrived, with the cavalry, at half-past 11 o'clock, the artillery coming up at 1 P.M. The fort of Attock I found to be evacuated; and the rear-guard of the Affghan army was in the act of crossing the bridge of boats. Our troops had hardly shown themselves, when the bridge was broken up, and many of the boats allowed to float down the river.

The enemy was drawn up in force on the right bank, and on the sloping ground extending from the river to the hills in his rear: on the river bank, he had placed three batteries, two of them of three guns each; the third or right battery