

consisted of a larger number of guns. To his right was the fort of Khyrabad, where he had placed two guns, outside that fortress. Each battery was supported by a regiment of regular infantry; and crowds of irregulars, both infantry and cavalry, were formed on the sloping ground, in rear of his guns.

From his position, with a rapid river in his front, I was led to expect that he would have offered some resistance to our passage; but, in this belief I was mistaken, and was disappointed by his moving off, almost immediately on my arrival with the cavalry, and before my guns could come up.

The batteries on the river side, and the guns at Khyrabad, opened upon such parties as showed themselves, while the guns remained in position; and an exchange of musketry was kept up by the Jezzailchies and some of our troops, until late in the day, but, apparently, without loss on either side.

Seventeen boats have been secured, and are sufficient to form a bridge, which shall be made with all possible dispatch. I hope to cross the river, with the Bengal division, on the afternoon of the 19th instant, and shall push on, after the flying enemy, with all expedition.

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

*Camp, Ferozepore, March 10, 1849.*

The name of Lieutenant-Colonel Birch, Judge-Advocate-General, having been inadvertently omitted in the General Order, dated the 1st of March, publishing the details of the action at Goojerat, I am directed by the Governor-General to request that that officer's name may be inserted, immediately after that of Lieutenant-Colonel Garden, C.B.

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

*Camp, Kullalla, March 15, 1849.*

On re-perusal of my dispatch, relative to the operations of the 21st of February at Goojerat, I regret to find I omitted mentioning the names of Lieutenants Lumsden and Hodson, of the Corps of Guides, and Lieutenant Lake, of the Engineers, attached to the Political Department.

These officers were most active in conveying orders, throughout the action; and I now beg to bring their names to the favorable notice of your Lordship.

*Major-General Whish, C.B. to the Adjutant-General of the Army.*

*Camp, Ramnuggur, February 13, 1849.*

In my dispatch of the 22d ultimo, I expressed my apprehension that I might have omitted mention of some who merited particular notice, and I beg leave, now, to repair the omission.

After Lieutenant Garforth was wounded, on the 2d ultimo, Lieutenant Maxwell, of the Engineers, who had, on the 27th of December, accompanied the column of attack, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Young, Her Majesty's 10th Regiment, was appointed to officiate as Brigade-Major, and carried on its duties with great efficiency, giving, as his predecessor had done, every satisfaction to the Chief Engineer, who also makes favorable mention of Captain Longden, Her Majesty's 10th Regiment, Acting Field Engineer,

whose diligence and useful services have, frequently, during the operations before Mooltan, come under my own notice: and although, at the earliest commencement of them, I drew his Excellency's attention to the ability and perseverance evinced by Lieutenant Glover, of the Engineers, in performing (in August last) the important duty, assigned to him on my approaching Mooltan, of blocking up the mouth of the Grand Canal, I would fain recur to it in this, as that officer's course has, ever since, been consistent with this beginning.

As, from July last, the arduous, and often harassing, duties of Brigade Quartermasters of the Bengal field force, have been uniformly carried out by the undermentioned officers, with an energy and attention most creditable to them, I beg to bring them to his Lordship's favorable notice.

Artillery—Lieutenant W. K. Fooks.

Engineers—Lieutenant J. E. Cracroft, 69th Native Infantry.

Cavalry—Lieutenant J. H. Toone, 11th Light Cavalry.

1st Infantry Brigade—Lieutenant G. G. Moxon, 52d Native Infantry.

2d Infantry Brigade—Lieutenant J. H. Reid, 51st Native Infantry.

I have the honor to enclose a detailed return of the ordnance, captured from the enemy, during our operations before Mooltan; total 50 pieces, including 4 large mortars; also Major Garbett's letter of the 23d ultimo, that accompanied it; and with which I also associate letters, of the same date, from Brigadier Cheape, C.B. Chief Engineer, Major Napier, and Captain Siddons.

I have, in conclusion, the honor of forwarding a general casualty list of the force, from the 17th of August 1848 to the 22d of January 1849, which will, I trust, prove, under all the circumstances, a satisfactory document.

Of all ranks, total; killed, 210; wounded, 982.

*Major H. Garbett, Commanding Artillery, Bengal Column, to the Assistant Adjutant General, Mooltan Field Force.*

*Camp, Mooltan, January 23, 1849.*

In forwarding, for the information of the Major-General commanding the Mooltan Field Force, the enclosed document\* connected with the late siege of Mooltan, I have, particularly, to bring to his notice the indefatigable zeal of the Commissary of Ordnance, Lieutenant Christie; and the system and regularity with which the constant and heavy demands of the batteries were supplied.

I would also, most strongly, recommend to his notice, the conduct of Mr. Deputy Commissary Spencer, who, in the embarkation and disembarkation of the train, and, indeed, on all occasions, evinced the utmost zeal and attention; and I should feel highly gratified by the services of this Ordnance officer, of long standing, being brought especially to the notice of the Government.

*Brigadier J. Cheape, C.B., Chief Engineer, Army of the Punjab, to the Assistant Adjutant General, Mooltan Field Force.*

*Mooltan, January 23, 1849.*

At the close of our operations against the Town and Citadel of Mooltan, I believe it is my duty to

\* Return of ordnance captured.