

that he had continued for some days his operations on the north side of the Amatolas, —another proof of the activity and energy of this experienced officer. I inclose his report in the shape in which I have given it publicity in a General Order.

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Schedule of Enclosures in Governor Sir H. Smith's Dispatch to Earl Grey, No. 116, dated 3rd July, 1851.

1. Major-General Somerset's report, dated 28th June, 1851.
2. Colonel Mackinnon's report, 1st July, 1851.
3. Lieutenant-Colonel Michel's report, 1st July, 1851.
4. Lieutenant-Colonel Eyre's report, 30th June, 1851.
5. Lieutenant-Colonel Cooper's report, 1st July, 1851.
6. General Order, 3rd July, and Government, 1st July, 1851.
7. Letter from Captain Maclean, with enclosure.
8. General Order, and report of Major-General Somerset, dated 3rd July, 1851.

*Camp on the Quisana,
June 28, 1851.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that agreeably to the instructions contained in the Commander-in-Chief's memorandum of the 14th instant, I moved from this camp with the troops under my orders before daylight on the 26th instant.

At dawn, I ascended the western range of the Amatola heights in two columns, and having established the troops on the ridge, I halted preparatory to attacking the position of the enemy in the forest on the northern range of the Amatola, previous to which I proceeded with a detachment of the Cape Mounted Rifles to reconnoitre the position of the enemy along the slope of the Victoria heights; on reaching the southern point of the range, the enemy opened a brisk fire on my party, which was returned by the Cape Mounted Rifles, and was sustained on both sides until the column of the Levies, consisting of the George, Graaff-Reinet, and Fort Beaufort Fingoes, whom I had detached to the right under Captain Heathcote, had been brought up; these I immediately moved forward, supported by two companies 91st Regiment under Major Forbes, the whole commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Sutton, and the enemy was driven from his position into the valley below.

While these operations were going forward, I returned to my left, and moved the 74th Regiment, Cape Mounted Rifles, European Levy, Kat River Levy, and Alice and Port Elizabeth Fingoe Corps, down the valley into the Amatola basin. Perceiving the enemy's force of Kafirs and rebel Hottentots strongly posted along the lower ridges under the northern range of the Amatola, and collected in a strong body on the extreme point of the ridge, partly concealed, and covered by the high rocks and stones; I directed Lieutenant-Colonel Fordyce to move his regiment on to the attack—this movement being flanked by the Alice and Port Elizabeth Fingoes under Captains Cumbers and Ayliff.

The enemy commenced a brisk fire on the advancing troops and Fingoes, both from the forest and the ridge—the 74th Highlanders steadily moving forward and deploying into line under fire, extended and opened its fire on the enemy, who still kept up a galling fire on the troops, and

continued it until the position was most gallantly carried, and the regiment placed in position on the ridge—not, however, I regret to say, without some loss on our side, three men of the 74th Highlanders being killed, and one officer and nine men wounded.

The force under Lieutenant-Colonel Sutton had in the meantime driven the enemy from his position on the lower range into the valley, and up the ridges of the Victoria heights, but with the loss of three men killed of the George Levy, and five Fingoes severely wounded, two of them since dead.

The Fort Beaufort Fingoes having again rejoined me, I moved the Kat River Levy, European Levy, and Fort Beaufort Fingoes up the ridges of the northern range of the Amatola, proceeding also to that point myself with the Cape Mounted Rifles and Mounted George Levy, at which point I met the 74th Regiment, where Lieutenant-Colonel Fordyce had again been strongly attacked by the enemy from a strip of forest bush which intersected the ridges at that point, and where two of his gallant soldiers were killed.

Having assembled the troops at this point, it being then 1 o'clock, I halted the troops to refresh, and proceeded myself to reconnoitre the ground and country at the head of the Zanooka or Wolf River: on the ridge at the left bank of the Zanooka, I observed a reconnoitring party of the Cape Mounted Rifles, from, I imagine, one of the detached columns from Head-Quarters. On my returning to where I had left the troops, some of the rebels, I understood, had called out that they wished to surrender. Lieutenant-Colonel Sutton rode out to hear what they had to say, when they stated that many of them wished to come away but were afraid, that they wished time to collect their people, that they might consult and all come together, and they requested a week. I caused them to be informed that they must surrender immediately, and that I would only give them half an hour.

At the expiration of the time, the troops being refreshed, I moved the 74th Regiment again upon their position, flanked by the Fort Beaufort Fingoes; Lieutenant-Colonel Fordyce took the opportunity to inter two men of the 74th, who had fallen, and then moved on; some sharp firing took place, but the enemy retired into the forest and up the mountains, and abandoned the position; one soldier of the 74th Regiment, was, I am sorry to say, severely wounded upon this occasion. I then retired the troops into the Amatola valley, and at 5 p.m. bivouacked for the night.

On the morning of the 27th instant, I made arrangements for conveying the wounded to my camp on the Quisana, which occupied some time.

At 12 o'clock I moved the force in three columns up the eastern range of the Amatola mountain, the enemy showing in small bodies on several points.

The ascent of the mountain is precipitous and very difficult; crossing the ridge I moved the troops down the valley to the sources of the Zanooka, and ordered them to encamp, taking the Cape Mounted Rifles, and Kat River Levy and Alice Fingoes with me—I proceeded along the ridges towards the head of the Ligney stream, I observed a reconnoitring party of the enemy, posted in the forest bush which intersects the ridge near Mount Macdonald; when moving up with the Cape Mounted Rifles we were briskly attacked, but the enemy was driven back by a sharp fire from the Cape Mounted Rifles, and the levies and Fingoes then coming up, the