

gallant bearing was the subject of general remark subsequently.

I have, &c.,
V. EYRE, Major.
Commanding Field Force, Arrah.

No. 34.

Captain L'Estrange, Commanding Detachment 5th Fusiliers, to the Assistant Adjutant-General of the Dinapore Division.

SIR, *Arrah, August 4, 1857.*

WHEN I had the honour of addressing you, on the morning of the 2nd instant, from our camp, near this place, I was so anxious to finish my dispatch, and to include it with that of Major Eyre, that time did not permit me to do more than record the services and gallantry of the officers belonging and attached to the detachment of the 5th Fusiliers, which was under my command on the eventful day of Sunday the 2nd instant.

It is with feelings of the greatest pleasure that I have now to speak of the eminent services which were rendered to our force by Captain the Honorable E. P. Hastings, from the first moment when our expedition was projected, up to the present time.

The gallantry of this officer was so conspicuous that it excited universal admiration, while I can at the same time assert with equal confidence, that nothing could have surpassed the exertions which he made for providing every comfort and assistance for our men during their long and fatiguing march, followed as it was by the hard fought contest against a host of rebels and marauders. As I have before observed, I was unable in my dispatch from the camp to give you these details of the obligations under which we are to our Acting Quartermaster-General, and at the same time I have to request that you will consider this report as supplementary to my previous one.

I have, &c.,
F. W. L'ESTRANGE.

No. 35.

The Officer Commanding at Dinapore to the Deputy Quartermaster General.

SIR, *August, 10, 1857*

I HAVE the honor to report for the information of the Acting Commander-in-chief, that a detachment of Her Majesty's 10th Foot (of the strength as per margin),* marched from this station on the 7th instant, with instructions to join the force under the command of Major Eyre, B.A. at Arrah, and to act according to his orders.

2. The object in view is to enable Major Eyre to make an attack on Koor Sing at Jugdispore (12 miles distant from Arrah), to which place he is known to have retired with the greater part of the mutinous Sepoys.

3. Major Eyre has reported the arrival of the Detachment at Arrah on the 8th instant, and on the Force being completed by a party of 100 Seikhs (which should join him this day) that he will be in a condition to commence operations.

I have, &c.
P. M. N. GUY, Colonel, Commanding at Dinapore.

No. 36.

The Officer Commanding at Dinapore to the Deputy Adjutant-General.

SIR, *Dinapore, August 14, 1857.*

FOR the information of his Excellency, the Acting Commander-in-chief, I have the satisfaction

* 1 Captain, 2 subalterns, 2 ditto attached, 1 Madras Officer, and 200 rank and file.

of transmitting the enclosed despatch No. 11, dated 12th instant, from Major V. Eyre, Commanding Field Force in the Arrah district, reporting an attack made by him the same day upon the Rebel Koor Sing, his adherents and the mass of the mutineers from Dinapore, which terminated in their total discomfiture.

I have, &c.,
P. M. N. GUY, Colonel.

No. 37

Major V. Eyre, Commanding Field Force, to Major W. Lydiard, A.A. General, Dinapore. Koor Sing's Palace,

SIR, *Jugdispore, August 12, 1857.*

I HAVE the pleasure to report the total rout of the rebel force under Koor Sing this day, by the force under my command, as per margin*

2. The enemy mustered, as far as can be ascertained, about 3000 strong, of whom 1,500 were Sepoys.

3. The action commenced at the village of Dulloor at 11 A.M., where a strong position had been taken up and entrenchments raised. Here they made a resolute stand for about an hour, when they fell back upon the dense and formidable jungle, which extends from thence about a mile and a half to Jugdispore: a running fight was kept up to that place which we entered in triumph at 1 o'clock, and immediately occupied Koor Sing's residence, where much promiscuous property fell into our hands.

4. Two guns were captured in the action.

5. Koor Sing has fled to the South, and I hear that his army is dispersing, and I trust the blow now struck may be the means of effectually destroying his influence.

6. In my next I will give full details of my march from Arrah, and of the services performed by my force, making special mention of those who distinguished themselves.

7. A return of killed and wounded shall be sent with my next dispatch; our loss was trifling, that of the enemy severe.

I have, &c.,
V. EYRE, Major.

No. 38.

The Secretary to the Government of Bengal to the Secretary to the Government of India.

SIR, *Fort William, August 15, 1857.*

I AM directed by the Lieutenant-Governor to request that you will lay before the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Commissioner of the Patna Division, No. 747, of the 8th instant, and of its inclosures, in which is described the gallant defence by the Officers of the station and other gentlemen, aided by 50 men (Seikhs) of the Bengal Police Corps, against three regiments of mutineers from Dinapore and a large number of insurgents under Koor Sing of Jugdespore.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor doubts not that his Lordship in Council will read this report with the same interest that he has himself felt, and desires to express his sense of the excellent conduct of the officers and gentlemen concerned, as well as of the courage and loyalty evinced by the Seikhs, which, in his Honor's opinion, calls for the most marked approbation and acknowledgments of the Government.

* In round number, artillery, 3 light-field guns, 36 men; Her Majesty's 5th, 140 men; Her Majesty's 10th, 190 men; Rattray's Seikhs 140 men; yeomanry 16 men, Total, 522.