

accomplished in a complete and decisive manner, without the aid of artillery and Europeans (which assistance was deemed advisable by the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal to make, but which his Excellency, the Commander-in-Chief, could not at present grant), upon which his Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was pleased to leave the conduct of the future hostile proceedings in this district entirely to my discretion and judgment, these measures will, by their complete and successful results, I trust, obtain for me your approbation, and that of his Excellency, the Commander-in-Chief, as well as of his Lordship the Governor-General in Council, for the moral effect thus produced has been of value in causing the entire districts of Singhbhoom and Maunbhoom, to settle down into perfect quietness.

I have, &c.,
H. FORSTER, Colonel,
Commanding Shekhawattee.

No. 7.

The Officer commanding the Shekhawattee Battalion, to Lieutenant-Colonel A. Sanders, Deputy Quartermaster-General of the Army.

Sir, *Camp, Rogonathpore, November 9, 1857.*

I DO myself the honour to report for the satisfaction of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, having been called upon to coerce the Chief of Pakete, and to gain possession of his stronghold at Kasheepore (if I deemed the force at my disposal sufficient for that object), I lost no time in marching at once towards Rogonathpore on the morning of the 6th instant, and having accomplished the distance of thirty miles, on the following day I had the honour to join Mr. E. Lushington, officiating Commissioner of Burdwan, at Rogonathpore, with whom I was desired to consult before adopting any ulterior proceedings.

The Chief Neelmoney Sing, I found encamped a short distance close to the neighbouring hills, with about 400 followers, and had finally refused to come in and deliver himself up, or to answer for his late contumacious conduct to the Commissioner, openly defying British authority.

There remained but one obvious line for me to pursue, and having obtained the concurrence of the officiating Commissioner, I moved up my troops with the view to compel him to obedience.

The moment this Chief saw us approach, and when within musket-shot, his heart appeared to fail him, and he quickly proceeded in his palan-keen to meet and surrender himself to me.

Having got possession of his person, I brought him up to camp, and duly gave him up to the officiating Commissioner, who subsequently requested me to keep him under a guard in camp, where he still remains a prisoner.

Yesterday, the 8th instant, I proceeded with the disposable portion of the wing of the Shekhawattee battalion to the Chief's stronghold at Kasheepore, which I found to be a much more formidable defensive post than was represented to me; it has strong high walls, twenty-five feet high, with loop holes, an outer ditch, and (recently erected) outer defences; these had been made with fresh earthworks. There were four guns within the fort, two of them English (iron 6-pounders), and two smaller native 3-pounders, with a number of wall pieces; the former I have spiked. This fort was finally made over to the civil authorities when we evacuated it, and Mr. Lushington has placed a police guard for the present.

Great quantities of powder, matchlocks, swords, spears, and other warlike stores were found con-

cealed under rubbish; the powder I destroyed, although from the quantities of sulphur, saltpetre, and other ingredients discovered hid, there is no reason to doubt that a manufactory for ammunition of all descriptions had been established within this dangerous hold thus timely secured by us.

I now trust that these successful operations, promptly achieved without bloodshed or aid of artillery, will prove acceptable both to his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, as well as to his Lordship in Council.

I cannot express too highly the zealous, willing, and ardent manner in which the whole of the native officers and men of this force conducted themselves in these operations, supported as we were by the active and energetic decision of the officiating Commissioner of Burdwan, together with no less earnest endeavours of Captain Davies, officiating Assistant Commissioner of Maunbhoom, to back my humble efforts in effecting the decisive termination of this successful operation. I cannot omit the cheerful and varied assistance of Mr. Assistant-Surgeon H. R. Daniell, whose aid I found of the highest value, in the absence of any other officer with this wing.

I have, &c.,
H. FORSTER, Colonel,
Commanding Shekhawattee Battalion.

No. 8.

The Secretary to the Government of India in the Military Department, to the Deputy Adjutant-General of the Army.

Sir, *November 26, 1857.*

WITH reference to your letter No. 1430, of the 19th instant, submitting a report of the operations of a wing of the Shekhawattee Battalion in the Maunbhoom district, under the command of Colonel H. Forster, C.B., I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that the Right Hon., the Governor-General in Council, has been pleased to express his high satisfaction at the sound judgment with which Colonel Forster carried out this duty, which was in consequence crowned with success.

I am, &c.,
R. J. H. BIRCH, Colonel,
Secretary to the Government of India, in the
Military Department.

No. 9.

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE GOVERNOR
OF BOMBAY.

Bombay Castle, January 8, 1858.

No. 40 of 1858.

THE Right Honourable the Governor in Council has received a detailed report, drawn up by Captain Simpson, of the 2nd Light Cavalry, the officer in command, and submitted to Government by his Excellency the Commander in Chief, of the gallant defence made by the troops* in the fortified enclosure at Neemuch, against the attack of a large body of rebels, estimated at 4,000 men, from the district of Mundisore.

In this defence, the details of which have been already published to the army by his Excellency

* Detachment Her Majesty's 83rd Regiment; detachment 12th Regiment Native Infantry; detachment 2nd Light Cavalry.