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GENERAL ORDERS BY THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA.

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Allahabad, March 9, 1858.

THE Right Honorable the Governor-General has the gratification of publishing the following report of an action fought on the banks of the Gogra, near the village of Phoolpore, in which the Sarun Field Force, under Colonel Rowcroft, reinforced by the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division of the Nepalese troops, under the command of Maharajah Jung Bahadoor, overthrew and dispersed a rebel force under the guidance of Gholam Hossein, capturing their guns, camp equipage, &c., and securing the passage of the river. In this engagement his Excellency the Maharajah Jung Bahadoor himself laying a gun from one of his own batteries, blew up one of the enemy's tumbrils.

To Colonel Rowcroft, commanding the Sarun Field Force, to Brigadier Junga Doje, commanding the Goorkha Brigade, and to all the officers and men under them, the Right Honorable the Governor-General offers his cordial acknowledgments of their gallant exertions on this occasion.

G. F. EDMONSTONE,
Secretary to the Government of India
with the Governor-General.

No. 30.

Brigadier-General G. H. MacGregor, C.B., to the Secretary to Government with the Governor-General.

Camp, Moharuckpore, February 25, 1858.

SIR, (No. 178.)

I HAVE the honor to enclose, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council, the report of an action fought about two miles in front of the village of Phoolpore, between the Sarun Field Force, under Colonel Rowcroft, reinforced by the 2nd Brigade of the 1st Division of the Nepalese Army, and the enemy, under command of Gholam Hossein, son of Mahomed Hossein.

2. The enemy, about 2,000 strong, with some cavalry and 5 guns, occupied a position on the right bank of the river, with their left resting on it. Colonel Rowcroft marched to attack them, and after an action of an hour, the details of which are given in his own despatch, the enemy was completely defeated and driven from the field, with the loss of three of his five guns, camp equipage, &c.

3. Colonel Rowcroft's attack was materially aided by the fire of a battery which was disposed on the left bank of the river by his Excellency Maharajah Jung Bahadoor in person, who rode down to the bank on hearing the firing, and observing that the position of the battery enfladed the left of the enemy's position, he immediately ordered it to open fire. The fire was most effective. It silenced the enemy in that part of the line before the action ceased on the right, and a shot from a gun laid by his Excellency himself, blew up one of the rebel's tumbrils.

4. In conclusion, it is my pleasing duty to bring to the notice of his Lordship in Council, the names of the officers who distinguished themselves in this gallant, and, as affecting the crossing the river, very important action.

5. Brigadier Junga Doje, commanding the 2nd Goorkha Brigade, Colonel Turke Khan, commanding Sereenath Regiment, Colonel Shreekiassna Sohae, commanding Lungenath Regiment, Major-Captain Sreebukht Kunka, commanding Ramdul

Regiment, zealously exerted themselves in the field and did good service. Colonel Lall Sing, commanding the battery on the left bank of the river, Major-Captain Soojin Sing, commanding Goorkha Artillery, with the 2nd Brigade, and Lieutenant Tuckman Jasse, in charge of a half battery, all distinguished themselves by their zeal and precision of fire. To all these officers and the whole Goorkha troops engaged, my best acknowledgments are due.

6. I beg to bring prominently to the notice of his Lordship in Council, the services of Colonel Rowcroft, commanding the Sarun Field Force. The skilful dispositions which he made, and the admirable manner in which he carried them out, left nothing to be desired. His complete success secured the passage of the river.

7. To Captain Sotheby and Lieutenant Turnour, R.N., the Hon. V. A. Montague, Acting Aide-de-Camp to Colonel Rowcroft, Lieutenant Pyne, commanding Royal Marines, and all the officers and men of the Naval Brigade, my best thanks are due for their zeal and bravery.

8. Captain Morgan, Field Force Staff, is most honorably mentioned by Colonel Rowcroft and Lieutenant Burlton, commanding detachment of Sikhs; to both these officers my acknowledgments are due.

9. Captain Brooks, attached to the Ramdull Regiment greatly distinguished himself. This officer's leading of the attack on the left attracted the particular notice of his Excellency the Maharajah, who personally mentioned it to me.

10. Lieutenant Sankey, Engineers, was on the field, and made himself useful, carrying orders for Colonel Rowcroft.

11. The officers attached to Brigadier Doje's Brigade, Captain Montgomery and Lieutenants Francis and Gibb, are also honorably mentioned.

I have, &c.,

G. H. MACGREGOR,
Brigadier-General and Military Commissioner.

No. 31.

Colonel Rowcroft, to Brigadier-General MacGregor, C.B., Military Commissioner with Maharajah Jung Bahadoor.

Camp, near Phoolpore, right bank of the Gogra, February 22, 1858.

SIR, (No. 172.)

I HAVE the honor to report to you, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor-General and his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the following movements and operations of the Field force under my command.

2. Late on the evening of the 18th instant, it was decided not to give up the preparations for crossing the River Gogra at Chupra Ghat, with the whole Field force then under my orders, my force having been reinforced by the 2nd Brigade of three regiments and six guns, of the 1st Division of Nepalese troops, as likely to cause much delay in the upward progress of the fleet of boats. The necessary orders were issued for the fleet of boats, under charge of Captain Reed, with escort, as formerly, of a detachment of the Naval Brigade and Sikhs Detachment, with the addition of two companies of the Ramdull Goorkha Regiment, and two 12-pounder howitzers, under the command of Captain Sotheby, R.A., of Her Majesty's steam frigate Pearl, to continue progress next morning. I ordered two companies and three guns of the 2nd Brigade to march early the next morning up the bank of the river about three miles, to cover and protect the fleet of boats and steamer