

work, the road having to be made for a mile or more, but the ground being stiff clay, no difficulty was found in making a practicable road.

10. The valuable services of Captain Reid are well known to the Brigadier-General, and therefore need no comment from me, but I would beg to bring to the notice of the Brigadier-General the very valuable aid I have had from Lieutenant Garnault, of the engineers, and Lieutenant Mylne, of the artillery. Their labor has been unremitting both night and day in bringing the work to a satisfactory conclusion.

11. The Clashes, placed at my disposal by his Highness the Maharajah, have rendered the most efficient aid in keeping the communications perfect by a supply of jhowa when needed, and Colonel Lall Sing has been indefatigable in directing their labor.

I have, &c.

R. H. SANKEY, Lieutenant,
Madras Engineers, on special duty.

No. 3.

*Brigadier Wheler, Commanding Saugor District,
to the Adjutant-General of the Army.*

Camp, Bunda, March 1, 1858.

SIR,

No. 136.

I BEG that you will acquaint his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief that I had an affair with a body of about 300 rebels at a village called Jalimpore 7 miles hence, just across the Shah Gurh frontier.

2. The enemy were quite unaware of my approach till I was within a mile of them; they posted themselves in a village, with a densely wooded hill in their rear.

3. They opened fire on me with Zumbooruks, but after a few rounds from my guns, and seeing the infantry approach to storm the hill-side, they retired deliberately into the jungle.

4. The head-quarters of the 31st Native Infantry, under Major Hampton, and 150 of the Hyderabad Contingent Infantry, under Captain Hare, in skirmishing order, ran them through the jungle and on the hills, until they were totally dispersed and had lost their zumbooruks and plunder, together with their two loads of gunpowder. Some of the enemy were killed and our loss nothing.

5. By order of Major-General Sir H. Rose, K.C.B., I am now going to make a feint on Shahgurh and await further orders at Bamoie, the fourth march on the Calpee road from Saugor.

I have, &c.

F. WHEELER, Brigadier,
Commanding Saugor District.

No. 4.

*Brigadier-General G. H. Macgregor, C.B.,
Military Commissioner, to the Secretary to the
Government with the Governor-General, Foreign
Department.*

No. 181.

*Camp Rowneeah, near Daondpore,
March 4, 1858.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor-General, that when on the line of march, on the 26th ultimo, from Mobarukpoor to Ukberpoor, at as Maharajah Jung Bahadoor and myself were proceeding along the road, we were informed that at a fort near at hand, some 40 rebels were there.

2. The Maharajah remarked that they might rob the carts, and sent some of his body guard to see what they were. They rode up to the place and completely surprised them, and actually got into the place. The men inside proposed submission, and said they would lay down their arms in two ghurries (about forty minutes) if allowed that time to prepare. Unaccountably the Goorkhas fell into the trap, and left the place for that time, and on their return, reinforced by three companies, they were fired on, and several were killed and wounded.

3. The news of this reached us immediately after our arrival in camp, and the Maharajah first despatched his brothers, and subsequently in my company went himself back to the place, about six miles.

4. I have the pleasure to inclose the reports of the officers in charge of brigades present, as well as that of Lieutenant Sankey, Madras Engineers,, which will put his Lordship in possession of the style of place and the manner of its capture.

5. Previous to the arrival of the Maharajah, though I believe arrangements for an assault were made by Generals Ranodeep Singh and Dere Shumshere, yet no progress had actually been made. The arrival of his Highness gave a spur to the whole body. He immediately directed an assault, caused the bugles to be sounded, and in an hour after his arrival I accompanied him into the place.

6. I cannot speak too highly of the courage and gallantry shown by the officers and men engaged in this little, but desperate affair. The heavy list of casualties will show to his Lordship the strength of the defences, and the desperation with which they were held. It was manifest from this day's work that the Goorkhas were capable of anything in the way of an assault, when animated by the presence of the Maharajah, and I was very much pleased indeed with their demeanour throughout, for the service was really a trying one.

7. I beg to bring to the notice of his Lordship the excellent arrangements of Generals Runodeep Sing, second in command, and Dere Shumshere, the Maharajah's brothers. Their dispositions insured the capture of the place, and prevented the escape of the enemy.

8. Brigadier Sunnuck Sing and Jodh Adhikaree were on the field, and greatly exerted themselves. Captain Edmonstone records the distinguished gallantry with which the former led on his men, who bore the brunt of the affair.

9. Colonel Koochun Sing, Lall Sing and Ramchunder Sing Allie, as well as Major Captain Balla Bahadoor Pandey and Rung Soor Bishtee, Jugga Bahadoor Gaitu, and Major Jungbeer Kooner Ranajee are also honorably mentioned.

10. The conspicuous gallantry of Lieutenant Sankey, Madras Engineers, was the admiration of every one. It was by his advice the gun was brought up which breached the wall, and he was the first man in the fort, followed by the rifle regiment, with Captain Edmonstone. The latter officer's conduct was most gallant and praiseworthy.

11. I am also indebted to Captain Baring, the senior officer present, in charge of a brigade, as well as to Captain Holland and Lieutenant Mylne of the Artillery, and Captain Lane, Lieutenant Cory, and Lieutenant Garnault, all of whom exerted themselves greatly.

12. Captain Brander, Deputy Assistant Commissary-General, was on the field, and opportunely set fire to the village at the only part of the fort where there was no bamboo hedge, thus preventing the escape of the rebels.