

extreme gallantry and good conduct of the officers and men engaged.

2. I would particularly bring to the notice of his Lordship the coolness and good management of General Kurruck Bahadoor, who, in most difficult ground, so admirably disposed his troops as to secure the splendid result above-mentioned. To Brigadier Run Sing and Junga Doje my best thanks are due, and they will doubtless merit the approbation of Government.

3. Colonels Luckmun Goonung, Teela Bickram Sing Tappah, Beemul Alie Jusdeen Sing, Purtimur Koer Ranajee, Sri Krishen Sohoy, and Soorut Tappah, are favorably mentioned by Captain Plowden, as well as Major-Captains Runojal Sing Tappah, Soojun Singh, and Meerwan Singh, all of whom rendered active and excellent service.

4. Captain Plowden, who mentions the name of Lieutenant Aiteram Bishtah, for his distinguished gallantry, he having cut down 5 of the enemy.

5. My best thanks are due to Captain Plowden, for the sound and judicious advice which he gave regarding the disposition of the troops, as well as to Captain Lane, in military charge of Brigadier Junga Doje's brigade, and to Lieutenants Francis, Gibb, Bogle, Sankey, and Foote, attached to the force, as also to Lieutenant Owen, late 19th Native Infantry, who volunteered his services.

6. The medical officers, namely, Surgeons McClelland and Morton, and Assistant Surgeons Playfair and Gee, are favourably mentioned by Captain Plowden, as well as Mr. Forbes, Civil Service, and Serjeants Hone and King, of the Bengal Artillery.

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

No. 14.

*Captain A. C. Plowden, in Military Charge of a
Division Goorkha Force, to Captain Mac-
Andrew, Secretary to Military Commissioner.*

SIR, *Before Lucknow, March 11, 1858,*

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of Brigadier-General MacGregor, C.B., particulars of an action in which the advanced division of the Goorkha force under my military charge, was engaged, on the 5th instant, against a force of the enemy, amounting to 4000 men, under the command of Nazim Mehndee Hoossein, which resulted in a loss to the rebels of nearly 600 killed, and the capture of 1 gun, whilst the casualties on our side were 1 killed and 16 wounded, 2 of the latter having since died.

2. Having received information that the rebels had taken up a strong position on the Kandoo Nuddee, and had erected a battery by the side of the bridge on the Lucknow road, for the purpose of disputing our passage; moreover, that they had advanced across the bridge, I proposed a plan of attack, which was approved of by General Kurruck Bahadoor, and successfully carried out.

3. The division, consisting of the strength as per margin,* advanced in quarter distance columns, at deploying distances, 5 regiments, forming the first line, and 2 on either flanks as a reserve.

4. On viewing the enemy, who was posted in detached parties extending from our left to right front, I halted the columns and deployed into line.

* 13 guns, 7 Regiments of Infantry; aggregate force, 3,800.

I was much deceived as to the nature of the ground between us and the enemy; what at first appeared to be level, with a few fields of cultivation in front of the Right Brigade, afterwards proved to be deep ravines, with bush jungle, though the ground in front of the left brigade was a plain facing the enemy's battery. At this point our guns opened; after a few rounds from the right, or Brigadier Run Singh Bahadoor's Brigade, which caused the enemy in front to retire into the ravines, the advance was sounded. The Right Brigade had scarcely advanced fifty yards, when the enemy opened a sharp fire of musketry from a jungle on our right front; presuming he was in greatest force in that direction, I requested Brigadier Run Singh Bahadoor to make an oblique movement in that direction, which at once brought him in contact with the rebels. The brigade rushed gallantly into the jungle with a loud cheer, formed a line of skirmishers, and forced the rebels to make a rapid retreat. The Goorkhas were quite at home in this mode of warfare; their pursuit was so rapid through the ravines that numbers of the rebels were very soon overtaken, shot, and cut down. Many instances of individual bravery on the part of the Goorkhas were brought to my notice; there were several who each cut down three or four of the enemy. The pursuit was followed up for two miles, when the enemy having disappeared through a thick jungle, the "assembly" was sounded, and we formed our camp on the Nuddee.

5. The part taken in the engagement by the left or Brigadier Junga Doje's Brigade, under the military charge of Captain Lane, is described by that officer, in a letter to my address, which, together with one from Lieutenant Gibb, in charge of the batteries of the division, are herewith annexed.

6. I have now the pleasure to record the meritorious services of the Nepalese officers. General Kurruck Bahadoor displayed great coolness and a generous confidence in my advice. Brigadier Run Singh Bahadoor, a smart and intelligent officer, led his brigade with great coolness and spirit, ably assisted by the following colonels of regiments:—Luckmun Goonung Kalee, Bahadoor Regiment; Teela Bickram Singh Tappah, Roodroo Doje Regiment; Beemul Alie, Nia Goonuck Regiment; and Captain Major Runojal Sing Tappah, Commanding Nursing Dull Regiment; also Colonel Jusdeen Sing, and Major Soojun Sing, commanding batteries. Captain Lane brings to my notice the services of Brigadier Junga Doje, and the following colonels commanding regiments in his brigade, viz.:—Colonels Purtimur Koer Ranajee, Sirnath Regiment; Sri Krishen Sohoy, Junganath Regiment; and Soorut Tappah, Shumshere Dull Regiment; and Captain Meerwan Sing, Junganath Regiment, who, together with the non-commissioned officers and men of the division, merit the approbation of His Highness the Maharajah.

7. My best thanks are due to the British officers attached to the division, for the ready assistance I received from all in the field, and have great pleasure in submitting their names for favourable notice, viz.:—Captain Lane, in charge of Brigadier Junga Doje's Brigade; Lieutenants Francis, Gibb, in charge of the batteries of the division, Robertson, Bogle, who, though attached to the rear division, joined Lieutenant Gibb's batteries; Lieutenants Owen, late 19th Regiment Native Infantry, and Sankey, Madras Engineers; and Lieutenant Foote, attached to the advanced regiments of the Right Brigade; Surgeons McClelland, Morton, and Assistant-Surgeons Playfair and Gee, were unremitting in their attention to the wounded, both in the field and subsequently.

8. I cannot conclude without offering my best