

V.

The decision shall be given by majority of votes, and in case the votes be equally divided, a fifth person shall decide, who shall be drawn by lot from a list of eight persons, four Oriental citizens, and four Englishmen and Frenchmen, named beforehand, in the same way as the arbitrators.

VI.

The claims shall be presented in the term of ninety days for persons residing in the territory of the Republic, and of a hundred and eighty days for those who may be abroad, counting from the day on which the Mixed Commission shall publicly announce their installation. This term ended, no claim shall be admitted, the right of claiming being annulled.

VII.

The amount of the indemnities which the Mixed Commission shall have admitted as proved, shall be acknowledged by the Government of the Republic as National Debt, the extinction of which shall be settled by a special Convention.

In witness whereof the above-mentioned Gentlemen agreed to conclude the present Act, in three identical copies, which they signed and sealed accordingly in Monte Video the twenty-third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

(Signed)

(L.S.) JOAQUIN REQUENA.

(L.S.) EDW. THORNTON,
Chargé d'Affaires of Her Britannic
Majesty.

(L.S.) M. MAILLEFER,
Le Chargé d'Affaires de Sa Majesté
l'Empereur des Français.

Notice is hereby given, for the information of all persons concerned, that the Mixed Commission appointed in pursuance of the foregoing Agreement, was installed at Monte Video on the 23rd of June, 1858; and that, consequently, claims of persons residing within the territory of the Republic will be admitted up to the 21st of September next, and claims of persons beyond that territory up to the 20th of December next.

Foreign-Office, August 14, 1858.

India Board, August 17, 1858.

THE following papers have been received at the East India House:—

No. 1.

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

SIR, *Head-Quarters, Saugor,
April 18, 1858.*

I HAVE the honor to forward a letter from Major Hampton, commanding 31st Native Infantry, dated Marowra, 16th instant, transmitting a report from Captain Finch, of an attack made by him on some Bundela rebels at Patna in the hills near Mooltan.

Just at the time these rebels were known to have collected two guns, and the head-quarters 3rd

Irregular Cavalry (which had been sent to aid in the taking of) were ordered to return to Saugor to Major Hampton, he took the opportunity to attack the rebels at Putna, which is a mile off the road.

The service seems to have been satisfactorily carried out.

I have, &c.

F. WHELER, Brigadier,
Commanding Saugor District.

No. 2.

*Major Hampton to Major Lamb, Assistant
Adjutant-General, Saugor District.*

Camp, Marowra, April 16, 1858.

SIR,

No. 68.

IN continuation of my letter, No. 62, of the 14th instant, I have the honor to forward the report of Captain Finch, 31st Regiment Native Infantry, detailing the particulars of the attack on the position held by rebels at the village of Putna, for the information of Brigadier Wheler, commanding the Saugor District.

2. In submitting this report to the Brigadier, I shall feel obliged by your bringing to his favorable notice the satisfactory manner in which Captain Finch and the detachment under his command have performed the service in which they have been employed.

I have, &c.

W. P. HAMPTON, Major,
Commanding 31st Regiment N.I.

No. 3.

*Captain Finch, Commanding Detachment, to Major
Hampton, Camp Brigadier.*

SIR,

Camp Bugnas, April 15, 1858.

AGREEABLY to instructions, I marched at 10 o'clock A.M. yesterday to Putna with detachment as per margin,* and arrived there at about 7 o'clock A.M., and found that, instead of Putna being a loop-holed house, it was a strong fort on the extreme end of a precipitous hill of about half a mile in length. I found both hill and fort strongly occupied by five or six hundred matchlock men, and as I had no battering-guns, I did not expect I should have been able to take the fort. I consequently determined to crown the heights, and drive the enemy into the fort and jungle.

I opened fire with round shot and shrapnel into large bodies of rebels on both fort and hill for upwards of an hour and a half, and in the meantime had sent off two parties of about 60 sepoy in each to crown the height and take the enemy in flank and rear, and it gives me the greatest pleasure to state that the behaviour of these men, led by Lieutenant Fellowes and Jemadar Ramdun Puttuck, is beyond all praise.

The enemy, finding themselves commanded and out-flanked, and likely to be cut off, retreated as we advanced, and evacuated the fort, leaving behind them quantities of baggage and provisions.

I am happy to say that we had not a single casualty, and that the enemy suffered severely, but I can make no correct estimate of their loss in consequence of the dense jungle into which they carried their killed and wounded.

I marched with the detachment to Mundunpore the same evening (having marched during the day

* 2 6-pounder guns, 4 European sergeants of artillery, 150 sepoy 31st Regiment N.I., 18 sepoy Bhopul Force, 22 sowars 3rd Irregular Cavalry.