

about 150 or 200 strong, with 2 guns; upon the column advancing towards the position, the enemy opened fire upon us, throwing several shot with precision, but fortunately without causing any casualty. I immediately sent Lieutenant-Colonel Tombs, with half of his troop, to the right front, supported by a troop of carabineers and a party of the Mooltanee Horse, under Captain Cureton. Lieutenant-Colonel Tombs advanced his guns to within about 600 yards of the enemy's, and opened fire upon them with great rapidity. Such was the precision of his fire that, after a very few rounds, one of the enemy's guns was struck and dismounted, and the cavalry beginning to show signs of confusion, Lieutenant-Colonel Tombs advanced rapidly, when all the horsemen took to flight, and 2 brass guns (a descriptive return of which is enclosed) were taken possession of by him. The whole line in the meantime had been advancing, and I now pushed forward 3 companies of the 60th Rifles, and an equal number of the 82nd in skirmishing order, and entered the city, leaving the heavy guns outside, protected by the 22nd Punjaub Native Infantry. At the same time, I ordered 3 guns of Lieutenant-Colonel Tombs's troop of horse artillery with a squadron of Mooltanee Horse, and a troop of carabineers, to work round the left of the town, whilst the remainder of the Mooltanee Horse circled round by the right. The city, however, was unoccupied, and totally deserted by the inhabitants. Having passed right through the town to the opposite side, from whence a commanding view of the surrounding country was obtained from high ground, and having ascertained that no force of the enemy was in sight, I retired the force back through the town, and sent in a detachment of engineers, under Lieutenant Jeffreys, together with the 22nd Punjaub Native Infantry, under Captain Ouseley, to burn and destroy the buildings, according to

the instructions received from the Brigadier-General. During the course of the day his desire was fully carried out. About twelve of the largest and most important buildings were blown up, and the whole town set fire to in several places. Having accomplished the object of the expedition, the force marched at 7 o'clock yesterday evening, halted near Badshanugger for four hours during the night, and returned to camp at Shahjehanpore at 6 o'clock this morning. I am happy to say only two casualties occurred in the force, one man of the 60th Rifles wounded by musket shot, and one conductor of the engineer park slightly burnt by an explosion of gunpowder. Of the enemy a few sowars were cut up by the Mooltanee Horse, and a few matchlockmen were killed by the skirmishers going through the town.

To all the officers commanding corps and detachments, Lieutenant-Colonel Tombs, Horse Artillery, Major Bickerstaff, Carabineers, Captain Cureton, Mooltanee Horse, Lieutenant Stubbs, Heavy Battery, Captain Maguire, 60th Rifles, Lieutenant-Colonel Watson, 82nd Regiment, Captain Ouseley, 22nd Punjaub Native Infantry, and Lieutenant Jeffreys, Engineers, my thanks are due for the cordial assistance I received from them; more especially am I indebted to Lieutenant-Colonel Tombs, C.B., and Captain Cureton, whose experience and advice were of great use to me.

Lieutenant Hudson, 64th, Brigade Major, acted with great intelligence and zeal, and Lieutenant F. P. Campbell, 79th Highlanders, acting as my Orderly Officer, performed his duties entirely to my satisfaction.

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W. M. TAYLOR, Lieutenant-Colonel,
79th Highlanders,
Commanding Brigade.

No. 7.

Brigadier Taylor's Brigade. Casualty Return.

Camp Shahabad, June 1, 1858.

Corps.	Rank and Name.	Wounded.	Remarks.
Her M.'s 60th Rifles	Private Thos. O'Donnell	1	Gun-shot wound in left wrist (severely)
Ordnance Department	Conductor Bruce	1	Burnt by explosion of powder (slightly)
	Total	2	

W. M. TAYLOR, Lieut.-Colonel Commanding Brigade.

No. 8.

RETURN of Ordnance captured at Shahabad by the Force under Command of Brigadier Taylor, C.B., on June 1, 1858.

Nature of Ordnance.	Weight.	Manufacture and Remarks.
Ordnance brass gun, 9-pounder	Cwt. qrs. lbs. 10 0 0	These guns are both of foreign manufacture, have been but little used, and were drawn by horses.
Do do 6-pounder	7 0 0	

TOD. BROWN, Lieutenant, Commissary of Ordnance.