

terized by the ardent and unyielding courage, the devotion and exemplary discipline, which they had shown throughout the campaign. And all of us witnessed, with admiration, the skill and noble courage with which the troops of the Bengal army, under Lieutenant-Colonel Maxwell, fought by our side, and contributed so largely to the success of the operations. I beg most respectfully to recommend these gallant soldiers, those of the Bengal, as well as those of the Bombay army, one and all, to the most favourable consideration of his Excellency the Commander in Chief. They had to contend, under a deadly sun, and in most difficult ground, with a desperate foe, greatly their superior in numbers. They fought till they dropped, or conquered. The fort and town of Calpee exhibited proofs of the high service of Captains Blunt and Turnbull, of the Bengal artillery and engineers, and of their officers and men stationed in the batteries on the other side of the Jumna. The shells had fallen almost as I could have wished, and caused a destruction, which no doubt influenced a good deal the rebels in their determination to abandon the fort and town.

I have the honour to enclose returns of the casualties of the forces engaged in the operations before Calpee\*, and of the enemy's ordnance captured in the fort of Calpee; and in the pursuit of the rebel army.

I was placed by the Commander-in-Chief in India, during his Excellency's absence in Rohilcund, under the direct orders of the Governor-General; and it is a grateful duty to me to state that my force and myself are under the greatest obligations to his Lordship for the liberal and excellent arrangements which he caused to be made for furnishing us with supplies; and for the practical sympathy which led his Lordship, overwhelmed as he must have been by important affairs, to give immediate attention to all my applications in favour of the troops, even for the smallest items of medical comforts.

I am equally indebted to Lord Elphinstone and the Bombay Government and to his Excellency Sir Henry Somerset, for doing all that was possible to render my column efficient, from the time it started till it was hundreds of miles distant from Bombay; proofs of their constant and efficacious care for the welfare of the force, reaching it on the banks of the Jumna.

The Bombay and Indore Bullock Train, which Lord Elphinstone created and organized with laudable promptitude, shortened the great distance between my original base, Bombay, and Central India, and assisted my operations essentially. I beg to make special mention of Major Kane, 15th Regiment Bombay Native Infantry, Director of the Train, for the great energy and intelligence with which he developed, and turned to the best account, the resources of this newly-raised military transport.

**Sir Robert Hamilton**, Agent of the Governor-General for Central India, who, in his official capacity, accompanied my force throughout the campaign, rendered very important service in obtaining supplies for the troops, and intelligence for myself, respecting the plans and movements of the enemy. Sir Robert Hamilton, whose knowledge of the roads and country is very great, gave me the first news as to the formation of the so-called Peishwa's army, intended to establish the Peishwa's rule in the ancient Peishwarate, and of their rapid and determined advance against me to relieve Jhansi. Sir Robert Hamilton showed great sympathy for the sick and wounded, and spared no trouble to alleviate, by all the means in his power, their sufferings.

So much of the success of the operations is due to the portion of the Hyderabad Contingent which formed part of my force, that I ought not to fail to express my best thanks to Colonel Davidson, resident at Hyderabad, for the proof of confidence which he placed in me by putting at my disposal troops, whose organization in the three arms, light equipment, knowledge of the Indian language and country, combined with their high military qualities, enabled them to act as the wings of my operations.

I am much indebted, for their good will and assistance, to Major Rickards, Political Agent for Bhopal, who was wounded, when spiritedly accompanying the charge of Captain Need, of Her Majesty's 14th Light Dragoons, at the Betwa; Major Western, Deputy Commissioner of the Saugor District; Captain Keatinge, Officiating Political Agent for Western Malwa, dangerously wounded when very gallantly leading the storming party at Chundayree, having previously reconnoitred the ground and the breach; Captain Pinkney, Commissioner of the Jhansi and Jaloun Districts, specially mentioned by me for gallantry in the pursuit after the storming of the Mudunpoor Passes, his horse killed; Captain Ternan, Deputy Commissioner of Jaloun, and Captain Maclean, Deputy Commissioner of Jhansi.

Sir Robert Hamilton and these Officers of the Civil Service were, at different times, voluntarily under fire. On these occasions their bearing was that of English gentlemen. I venture to hope that, under these circumstances, the Commander-in-Chief in India may be pleased to bring to the notice of the Governor-General and Viceroy my favourable opinion of the conduct of these gentlemen.

Brigadiers Sage and Wheler, commanding at different times at Saugor; Captain Ogilvie, Assistant Commissary-General, and Captain Nicholl, Commissary of Ordnance, all of the Bengal Service, were of very great assistance to the force in giving me elephants, two 6 pounder guns, with which I completed the 1st Troop Bombay Horse Artillery, other warlike stores, all they had, and supplies.

I hope that his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India will do me the favour to represent to the Governor-General the great obligations I am under to the Ranees of Bhopal. Her Highness displayed the very best feeling towards the English and British interests; she did so courageously, in the worst times, when the natives, in her part of the world, thought that rebellion must triumph. Her Highness gave me two 9-pounder guns, and a 24-pounder howitzer, with the gunners belonging to them, very good artillerymen, when I marched through Bhopal, which enabled me to complete No. 18 Light Field Battery. Her Highness was indefatigable in obtaining supplies for my force, when it was very much in want of them.

So great and varied were the difficulties with which the Central India Field Force had to contend, all of which I have not thought it necessary to detail, that, having stated so fully the obligations I am under to human aid, I should not do justice to my own feelings, nor I am sure to those of the generous spirits whom I led, were I not to say how large a share of our gratitude for preservation and success is due to the signal mercy of Heaven.

I beg to apologize for the length of this report; it would have been more convenient for me to have written a short one. But justice to the troops would not allow me to curtail the details either of their deeds or of their sufferings.

In excuse of the very tardy arrival of this

\* No. 8 Enclosure; No. 9 Enclosure.