

The village is situated on the slope of a small hill, which was occupied by the enemy. I sent Meade's Horse to cut off their retreat, and advanced the matchlock-men in skirmishing order, supporting them with my cavalry; but the fire soon became too hot for the skirmishers, who, after a few of their number had been disabled, could not be persuaded to close with the enemy.

I then gradually withdrew the cavalry in hopes that the rebels would follow, and give me an opportunity of charging them on favourable ground; just at this critical moment the shouts of Meade's Horse, charging from the opposite side of the hill, showed me their position, and, leading up my own party, we cleared the hill, driving the enemy to take shelter in the adjacent jungles. Twenty-five bodies were counted on the field after the charge, in which Hurdeo Sing, Duffadar of Meade's Horse, particularly distinguished himself. We rescued a Zemindar, who was a captive in the hands of the rebels, together with a couple of bankers. The enemy mustered two hundred matchlocks, according to the report of the captives. After burning their village, we carried off a number of their cattle, together with one prisoner taken in the charge, with arms in his possession. Dhakunjee, the Zemindar of Gurohie, was also in arms against us.

Where all did well, it would be injustice to laud one more than another. I am extremely indebted to the jemadars of the different troops; to Ram Sing, jemadar of the Bolundshere Horse, Sheikh Omar, of the 1st Bomby Lancers, and Narain Sing, of Meade's Horse.

I annex a return of casualties.—Meade's Horse, 3 men wounded; Bolundshere Horse, 3 horses wounded, 1 killed; Matchlock-men, 1 man wounded and 1 killed.

I have, &c.

AUGUSTUS TONNOCHY, Cornet,
Her Majesty's 8th Hussars.

No. 8.

Allahabad, February 12, 1859.

FORWARDED to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, for the information of the Right Honourable the Viceroy and Governor-General.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief.

W. MAYHEW, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Adjutant-General of the Army.

No. 9.

No. 309 of 1859.

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council directs the publication of the following letter from Brigadier Rowcroft, C.B., Commanding Goruckpore District, forwarding reports of successful actions with the rebels in the Goruckpore District.

No. 10.

Brigadier H. Rowcroft, Commanding Goruckpore District, to Lieutenant-Colonel Mayhew, Adjutant-General of the Army.

Camp, Sirsa, 16 miles East of Toolseepore.
Sir, January 22, 1859.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for submission to the Right Honourable the Commander-in-Chief,

the enclosed letters, as noted in the margin,* reporting certain successful actions with rebels in the Goruckpore District, which, from the immediate movement and marches of the Goruckpore Field Force, I regret to say have accidentally been omitted to be earlier transmitted.

2. I beg to solicit for the officers commanding detachments, and for the officers and men of all arms, for the zealous, gallant, and cheerful manner, in which the several successful attacks were carried out, the most favourable consideration of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

I have, &c.,

H. ROWCROFT, Brigadier, Commanding Goruckpore District.

No. 11.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. Brasyer, Commanding Regiment of Ferozepore, to Captain Morgan, Major of Brigade, Bustee.

Camp, Bhanpore,

November 11, 1858.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Brigadier Rowcroft, that I marched from Bustee towards Bhanpore, with the Regiment of Ferozepore, this morning, as directed. Just before day-break, I was informed that the rebels had strong picquets, of about 100 men each, in the nullah and jungle close by, on my then left; that they had been sounding their bugles, and were very busy running about in the border of the jungle. Continuing my advance, I arrived near Bhanpore at sun rise; the rebels (as they proved to be) began firing musketry, keeping under cover of the jungle, and immediately fired a gun. Captain Browne opening fire on my right front, my skirmishers having reached within musket shot of the village, and the rebels retiring towards my left and rear, I, keeping my my right close to the village, attempted to cut off the enemy's retreat, by dashing through the jungle on the left of the road. This proved but an attempt, for I cleared the jungle only just in time to see them retreating towards the Khoanee Nuddee, still more to my then left.

The enemy retreating under cover of the jungle, and out of reach of musketry, I am inclined to think they had but few or no casualties, and I am happy to say but one man (of the Bengal Yeamanry Cavalry) was wounded on our side.

The position of the enemy evidently shows they intended to have got round upon the rear of (either) one party, had we not advanced from two different directions at one and the same time; and their preparations for retreat show they had intimation of our advance. They are now said to have crossed the Khoanee River, about a *coss* in our present front.

I have, &c.,

J. BRASYER, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding Regiment of Ferozepore.

* Letter dated Camp, Bhanpore, 11th November, 1858, from Lieutenant-Colonel Brasyer, C.B., Commanding Regiment of Ferozepore; letter dated Bhanpore, 11th November, 1858, from Captain Browne, Her Majesty's 13th Light Infantry, Commanding Detachment; letter dated Goruckpore, 21st November, 1858, from Lieutenant-Colonel King, Her Majesty's 13th Light Infantry, Commanding at Goruckpore; letter dated Camp, Bhanpore, 25th November, 1858, from Lieutenant-Colonel Brasyer, C.B., Commanding Regiment of Ferozepore.