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THE Secretary of State for India in Council has received the following papers :

No. 1.

The Principal Commissary of Ordnance, to the Military Secretary to Government.

SIR, *Allahabad, January, 1859.*

I HAVE the honour, in accordance with your request, to enclose, for submission, to the Right Honourable the Governor-General, documents regarding the eminent services rendered by Captain Russell, Commissary of Ordnance, on the occasion of the mutiny of the Native Troops at Allahabad, in June, 1857.

2. These documents are sufficiently conclusive, that the disarming of the Native Guard in the fort of Allahabad having been successfully carried out, under circumstances of peculiar danger and difficulty, was mainly attributable to the admirable foresight, coolness, and courage of Captain Russell, and that to him is chiefly due the credit of having saved the fort from falling into the hands of mutineers.

3. His heroic courage and self devotion were still more conspicuous in the preparation he had made for blowing up the arsenal, in case of the garrison being overpowered.

4. Captain Russell's services, in connection with the duties of his appointment, were no less remarkable; and it was in a great measure owing to his unwearied energy and fertility of resource, that the armies employed in the North Western Provinces and Oude, were abundantly supplied with ammunition and materiel, from the first outbreak until the present campaign.

5. Services such as these are eminently deserving of reward, and I therefore take the liberty of earnestly recommending Captain Russell to the favourable notice of Government.

I have, &c.,

H. LEWIS, Captain,
Principal Commissary of Ordnance.

No. 2.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. Brasyer, C.B.

*Camp, Siswa,
10th January, 1859.*

SIR,

WITH advertence to your letter of the 3rd instant, regarding the service rendered by Captain Russell, Commissary of Ordnance, on the outbreak of the mutiny at Allahabad, I have the honour to report that, on arriving at Allahabad, myself, with the regiment of Ferozepore. in May, 1857, it clearly appeared to me that a dangerous time had arrived, and that it was necessary to take every precaution to avert the pending crisis. I, therefore, lost no time in making the acquaintance of Captains Russell and Brown, the principal Ordnance and Artillery Officers there. Their labours in arranging the guns, preparing and storing in convenient, but safe, positions, ammunition, &c., as well as attending to their other multifarious duties in the arsenal, were increasing, and by the 1st of June, as far as I could judge, everything depending on their exertions was as complete as circumstances would admit of; without increasing the alarm, or showing symptoms of fear, still their labours continued; and we frequently consulted each other, as to the best mode of averting the evil too clearly seen by us to admit of doubt of its near approach.

On the evening of the 6th of June, having received from Lieutenant Alexander (the late), a note, showing that the mutiny of the 6th Regiment, N.I., had commenced, I at once communicated the facts to both these officers, recommending silence, and requesting them to be prepared to assist in keeping off the outside mutineers, as well as for any emergency inside the fort. They were with me instantly, and from place to place silently, until our separate duties separated us occasionally. Thus for three days and nights we never slept for more than a few minutes at once, watching with, and earnestly for each other, solemnly and confidently trusting to our Creator for relief; and others were so completely exhausted that we could scarcely find a man to stand