

transport work, and to his natural ability and zeal, he had already rendered most valuable aid in the difficult task of organizing the transport trains. I much deplore his death, both personally, and on account of the loss which the public service has sustained.

17. The conduct and steady behaviour of the 5th Goorkhas on this occasion merit my warmest commendations. For nearly five hours this regiment maintained a rear guard fight over most difficult ground, with a bold and active enemy thoroughly acquainted with the locality; and so successfully was their duty performed, that not a single baggage animal or load was lost. It is therefore my pleasure and my duty to bring the gallant conduct of this fine regiment once more to the special notice of his Excellency and of the Government of India.

18. The British officers present with the corps on this occasion were Major A. FitzHugh, Commanding, Captain J. Cook, Captain C. F. Powell, Lieutenant A. R. Martin, Lieutenant C. C. Lucas, and Surgeon-Major G. Farrell. All these officers set an excellent example to their men, and were, Major FitzHugh reports, ably seconded by the native officers and non-commissioned officers.

19. But the 5th Goorkhas did not perform their duty without sustaining severe loss. Captain C. F. Powell, who was most forward and gallant in the fight, was very severely wounded; three Goorkha sepoy were killed, and eleven wounded, of whom one has since died. The whole force mourns the loss of these brave men.

20. Valuable service was also rendered by some men of the 72nd Highlanders (especially by Sergeant William Greer) who were on baggage guard, and who by their cool behaviour and excellent shooting did much to keep back the enemy.

21. The whole of the baggage and rear guard had cleared the hills before night-fall.

22. On the 14th December, Field Force headquarters moved to Kuram Fort, but I left the troops in camp at Kharaiah, pending the result of enquiries which I have caused to be made by the Political Officers attached to the column, regarding the possibility of punishing the Mangal tribes for the attack made on us.

23. I may add that from the fact of an Enfield rifle having been picked up in the Pass, and from a few of the men being partially dressed in uniform, it is probable that the attack was incited and shared in by some of the refugees from the Amir's troops, who were driven out of the Peiwar Kotal position on the 2nd instant.

24. The road from Kharaiah to Kuram Fort lies entirely along the left bank of the river, and presents no features worthy of report.

25. The Kotal and defile of Sapari are now ascertained to be unsuited for the passage of convoys or troops with camel carriage. Infantry and mountain guns could traverse the route, though the natural features of the ground would always make it difficult to force a passage if the defile were held by an enemy.

KURAM FIELD FORCE.

List of Casualties in the Sapari Pass on the 13th December, 1878.

Camp Kuram, 15th December, 1878.

KILLED.

5th Goorkhas.

Sepoy Dulbeer Thapa.
Sepoy Saigbeer Goorung.
Sepoy Dunbeer Rana.

WOUNDED.

5th Goorkhas.

Captain C. F. Powell, very severely.

Hyderabad Contingent.

Captain F. T. Goad, very severely.

72nd Highlanders.]

Private Thomas Woods, slightly.

5th Goorkhas.

Sepoy Rubilall Thapa, severely
Sepoy Hewa Girti, severely.
Sepoy Inderbeer Girti, severely.
Sepoy Rama Thapa, severely.
Sepoy Dhurm Baz, severely.
Sepoy Nur Sing Rana, severely.
Sepoy Dela Thapa, slightly.
Sepoy Dulbeer Thapa, slightly.
Sepoy Duljeet Rai, slightly.
Sepoy Surubjeet Thapa, slightly.
Sepoy Lutchman Thapa, slightly.

No. 1 Mountain Battery.

Gunner Basawul Sing, severely.

23rd Pioneers.

1 Company Cook, killed.

1 Bunneh and 1 Regimental Chowdrie, wounded

Abstract.—3 rank and file, 1 follower, killed.
2 officers, 13 rank and file, 2 followers, wounded.

(Signed) FRED. ROBERTS, Major-General
Commanding Kuram Field Force.

Examined.

(Signed) W. GALBRAITH, Major,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

Foreign Office, February 20, 1879.

CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN IN ITALY.

HER Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has been informed by the Italian Ambassador at this Court, that the Certificates of Origin required on all goods entering Italy, of which Notice was given in the London Gazette of the 23rd of July last, will be no longer required.

Foreign Office, February 8, 1879.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Right Honourable the Earl of Dufferin, K.P., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., to be Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Emperor of Russia.

*The Prince of Wales's Council Chamber,
Buckingham Gate, February 18, 1879.*

HIS Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal of the Duchy of Cornwall appointing Michael Henry Williams, of Tredrea, Esq., Sheriff of the County of Cornwall.