

and a canvass tube, filled with gunpowder, was lying handy to blow us up, in which, however, I do not think they would have succeeded, as the powder was dry, and another stroke of the pick would have broken into our countermine; we also brought in the one gun which they had left on the top of the opposite house. During the whole siege only one man, a Seikh, was severely wounded, though two or three got scratches and blows from splinters and bricks. Everybody in our garrison behaved well, but I should be neglecting a duty did I omit to mention specially Mr Boyle, to whose engineering skill and untiring exertions we, in a great measure, owe our preservation, and Mr Colvin, who rendered the most valuable assistance, and who rested neither night nor day, and took on himself far more than his share of every disagreeable duty. In conclusion, I must earnestly beg that his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor will signally reward the whole of our gallant little detachment of Seikhs, whose services and fidelity cannot be overrated. The Jemadar should at once be made a Subadar, and many of the rest are fit for promotion, and when required I will submit a list, with details. I have, &c.,

H. C. WAKE, Magistrate.

No. 41.

The Secretary to the Government of India to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

SIR, August 20, 1857.

I AM desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1330, dated the 15th instant, with inclosure, describing the gallant defence made by the officers of the Station of Arrah and other gentlemen, and aided by a detachment* of the Sikh Police Battalion against the men of the three mutinous regiments from Dinapore, and a large number of insurgents under the rebel Koor Sing of Jugdispore.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council cordially joins the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor in acknowledging the admirable conduct of the officers and gentlemen who were engaged in this affair, and the courage and fidelity of the Sikh officers and soldiers who composed the guard. I am directed to request that these sentiments of his Lordship in Council may be made known to all concerned.

3. His Lordship in Council sanctions the promotion of such of the native officers and men of the Sikh Police Corps as may be recommended by the Magistrate, and the grant of a gratuity of 12 months' pay to the whole of the officers and men of the detachment. I have, &c.,

C. BEADON.

No. 42.

The Secretary to the Government of India to the Deputy Adjutant-General of the Army.

SIR, August 21, 1857.
In transmitting to you, for submission to his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the accompanying Despatch from the Acting Adjutant-General of the Army with the force before Delhi, dated the 2d July 1857, of military operations on the 19th of the previous month, I am instructed to request that his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will have the goodness to make it known to Major-General Wilson, now in command of that force, that the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council, while regretting the severe loss sustained on the occasion, has perused with much

satisfaction the gallantry displayed by the officers and men under Brigadier Grant, C.B., in repelling the mutineers.

2. I am to request the return of the original enclosure when no longer required.

I am, &c.,

R. J. H. BIRCH, Colonel.

No. 43.

The Secretary to the Government of India to the Deputy Adjutant-General of the Army.

SIR, August 21, 1857.

IN returning the enclosures of your letter, No. 724 of the 31st ultimo, I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council has read Brigadier-General Havelock's reports* with the highest gratification; and his Lordship in Council desires to assure his Excellency that the Government of India will not be unmindful of the courage, skill, and exertions which have marked the progress of the Brigadier-General's column, and of the signal service which that gallant force and its Commander have rendered to the Government. I am, &c.,

R. J. H. BIRCH, Colonel.

No. 44.

The Secretary to the Government of India to the Deputy Adjutant-General of the Army.

SIR, August 21, 1857.

WITH reference to your docquet, No. 745 A, dated the 13th instant, forwarding a report from Major Eyre, of Artillery, of the operations of a force under his command which proceeded from Buxar to the relief of Arrah, I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council has perused the report with the highest satisfaction, and to express the admiration of his Lordship in Council for the zeal, judgment, and resolution with which Major Eyre and his gallant little force encountered and overcame the formidable obstacles opposed to them.

2. I am further directed to request that you will move his Excellency to convey the thanks of his Lordship in Council to Major Eyre, and to the officers and men under his command.

I am, &c.,

R. J. H. BIRCH, Colonel.

* Dated respectively, Camp, Pandoo Nuddes, the 15th, and Camp, Cawnpore, the 20th July 1857.

FOREIGN-OFFICE, October 13, 1857.

It is hereby notified that the Right Honourable the Earl of Clarendon, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Despatch from Rear Admiral Sir Michael Seymour, K.C.B., Commanding Her Majesty's Naval Forces in China, dated from on board Her Majesty's ship the Calcutta, August 8th, 1857, stating that he had on that day established a Blockade of the port and river of Canton, by a competent force under his command. And it is hereby further notified that all the measures authorised by the Laws of Nations and Treaties will be adopted and executed with respect to all vessels which may attempt to violate the said Blockade.

* 1 jemadar, 2 havildars, 2 naiks, 45 sepoy's