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Sir

INDIA BOARD, April 28, 1858.

THE following Papers have been received at the East India House :-

No. 1.

GENERAL ORDER BY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE GOVERNOR GENE-RAL OF INDIA.

> Military Department, Camp, Allahabad, March 1, 1858. No. 21 of 1858.

THE Right Honourable the Governor-General of India is pleased to publish, for general infor-mation, the following Despatch from the Deputy Adjutant-General of the Army, No. 105 A, dated the 24th of February 1858, with a Report from Colonel J. K. M'Causland, commanding in Kumaon, of the entire defeat of the rebels at Churpoorah, on the 10th of February, by the troops under his command. The Governor-General offers his thanks to Colonel M'Causland and the officers under him, to the civil officers who accompanied the troops, and to the whole of the men engaged on this occasion.

By order of the Right Honourable the Governor-General.

R. J. H. BIRCH, Colonel,

Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, with the Governor-General.

No. 2.

The Deputy Adjutant-General of the Army to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, with the Governor-General.

Head-Quarters, Camp, Cawnpore, February 24, 1858.

No. 105 A.

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In forwarding for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor-General, copy of a Despatch, No. 66, dated the 12th instant, from Colonel J. K. M'Causland, Commanding in Kumaon, re-porting his defeat of the rebel troops at Chur-poorah, on the 10th idem,* I am directed to ex-

* With Report from Colonel M'Causland of the defeat, by the troops under his command, of a body of rebels at Churpoorah, on the 10th instant.

press his Excellency's entire approval of the ar-rangements made by Colonel M Causland in the conduct of this affair, and his extreme satisfaction with the behaviour of the officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers engaged on the occasion.

2. The reports of subordinate officers referred to in Colonel M'Causland's report, and the copy of his order, contain no further information, and are therefore not forwarded. I have, &c., H. W. NORMAN, Major,

Deputy Adjutant-General of the Army.

Colonel J. K. M'Causland, Commanding in Kumaon, to the Chief of the Staff.

Army Head-Quarters, Camp, Huldwanee, February 12, 1858.

No. 66.

I HAVE already reported, for the information of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, my having formed a camp at this place, with the view, first, of protecting the Kumaon Hills; second, of clearing the Barbur and Turaee Pergunnahs of rebels. 2. On my arrival here I found the position of

the enemy as follows :-

A force of 3,000 infantry, with 800 cavalry and 6 guns, commanded by Fuzul Huq, was encamped at Sunda, in a strong position on the banks of the Sookhee River, about fifeeen miles from my camp.

Another force, commanded by Khali Khan, of 4,000 infantry, 800 cavalry, and 4 guns, was en-camped at Bundea, but within the last few days had advanced in this direction, and formed a camp at Churpoorah, on the Paha Nuddee, sixteen miles from here.

3. From the best information I was able to obtain, it appeared the intention of the enemy was to make a combined attack on Huldwanee, with a view, if successful, of endeavouring to force the hill passes; my arrangements were made to act on the defensive, and there can be no doubt, had they attempted such a move, it would have ended is their utter defeat.

4. On the afternoon of the 9th instant, celler information having been obtained that the under Fuzul Huq was about to effect a function with Khali Khan's force, I considered it advisate, if possible, to crush the latter before such Jungton could be effected. My great fear was, that the enemy might hear of my movements, and escape