

26th ultimo, three guns of the battery under my charge were detached with a portion of your brigade to attack the rebels at Berozepoor. On arriving near that village, I found the battery attached to Brigadier Sunnuck Sing's Brigade, under charge of Lieutenant Mylne; after a short consultation, the guns opened fire (chiefly with shells) on the south face of a dense bamboo tope, in which the rebels were said to be posted, at a distance of about 500 yards. After a few rounds I moved the 3 guns under my charge round to the east face of the tope, and opened fire at about 200 yards, at a loop-holed wall, which appeared about 5 feet above the level of the ground; finding, however, after a short time, that from the nature of the defences, our fire was of little effect, it was resolved to carry the place by assault. Accordingly, after a short pause, and as soon as the skirmishers began to advance, I opened and continued a sharp fire from 3 guns, under cover of which a lodgement was effected within the outer bamboo enclosure and ditch; it was then discovered that there was an inner entrenchment and wall, which it was found necessary to breach. Accordingly, a 6-pounder gun was, with great difficulty, dragged through the bamboo fence and outer ditch, to within a few feet of the inner wall; after a few rounds a breach was effected, through which the Goorkhas, headed by Lieutenant Sankey, Madras Engineers, poured in, and carried the place. Immediately after the first lodgement, I distributed portions of port fire and lighted slow match among the Goorkha riflemen, to set fire to the houses and bamboo tope on the west side; this was done almost simultaneously with the final assault.

2. In conclusion, I beg to state that I observed, with the utmost satisfaction, the precision of fire of the guns under Lieutenant Mylne, who makes particular mention of the professional services of Colonel Lall Sing, and Captain Bhyrut Bahadur, of the Nepalese Artillery. I also beg to bring to your favourable notice, the names of Major Jugheer Kooner, and Captain Indr Bheer Lama, of the Artillery under my charge.

I have, &c.,
G. HOLLAND, Captain
Bengal Artillery.

No. 8.

Captain Edmonstone to Captain Baring,
Camp, Huree Sunree,

SIR, February 27, 1858.

UNDER instructions from the Brigadier-General, conveyed to me by yourself, I have the honour to report for his information, the circumstances that came under my notice in the assault and capture yesterday, of the small fortified position of Berozepore, Jumalpoore.

2. On the line of march, about 6 miles from Akburpore, at about 9 A.M., a report was brought from the rear to Brigadier Sunnuck Sing, commanding the brigade of which I am in military charge, that a small body of rebels had been discovered in a fortified position about a mile to the westward of the road along which we were advancing. With my concurrence the Brigadier upon this gave orders for 3 companies of the rear regiment, the Kalee Pershad, to be detached, if possible, to capture or destroy the party, the remainder of the regiment was halted at that post, and the rest of the brigade continued its march.

3. A short time subsequently, five musket shots were heard from the direction of our right rear, and immediately afterwards, the brigade being distant about 3 miles from Akburpore, another

report was brought from the rear that the detached companies had received a severe check and met with considerable loss. I immediately directed that the intelligence should be sent to the Maharajah, and galloped on myself to camp, to report the circumstances to the Brigadier-General.

4. Orders were then given that 1 regiment and 2 guns should be sent back to the assistance of the Kalee Pershad, and accordingly I found them on my return in position in an open plain in front of a thick clump of bamboos, apparently joining a tope of mango trees to the westward, a hut being visible here and there in both. Closer observation showed a fence of dry bamboos, under the green bamboos, and this, confirmed by the report of a villager who had joined us, was rightly conjectured to be the enemy's position, the rebels within it were said to be from 30 to 40 strong, which also was found to be quite correct.

5. Some delay here took place in consultation as to the best mode of attack, during which the rest of the brigade came up, and, simultaneously with it, Generals Runodeep Sing and Dere Shumshere—yourself joining us at the same time, with, I believe, 1 regiment and 3 guns. You then assumed charge of the operations, but as my brigade was principally concerned in them, I continue the report of what came under my own observation, confining myself, except when absolutely necessary for explanation, to the part taken in them by my own brigade.

6. About half-past 1 P.M., a part of the rifle regiment, the Kalee Pershad regiment, and 2 companies of the Sooraj Dall, with 7 guns, the portion of my brigade actually engaged, the remainder being absent on various guard duties, in all about 800 of all ranks, having been previously placed in skirmishing order on either flank of the village, leaving a party to protect the guns, they (the guns of my brigade, under the direction of Lieutenant Mylne) opened with round shot and shrapnell at a distance of about 250 yards from the southern face of the enemy's position; your 3 guns commencing firing at the same time on my right, about 150 yards further back.

7. After a few rounds, it was decided by the Generals above mentioned, with our concurrence, to move your 3 guns to a point about 300 yards from the enemy's position, immediately opposite its eastern face, which was there partially discernible, and in which the villager whom I had kept with me, declared the entrance to be. The flanking parties were then moved in accordance with our change of position, the guns again opened, and several rounds were fired as before, the guns being advanced from time to time, until they had attained to a distance of about 200 yards from the bamboos.

8. The proper moment having arrived, the Generals, with our concurrence, ordered the assault. The troops of my brigade, stationed as above, having advanced on all sides, as the guns moved on, were then closed up on their respective alignements, and the 2 companies of the Sooraj Dall being kept slightly in the rear as a support, the bugles for the advance sounded. The whole then advanced with a rush, loudly cheering. I stationed myself with the portion of the rifles in the centre, and on arriving at the bamboos, I saw immediately the great strength of the position. It was a small enclosure, barely 30 yards square, with high loop-holed walls, surrounded by a thick fence of green bamboos, rendered completely impervious by a screen of dry bamboos, the base of which was strongly fixed in the ground, on either side of which was a broad, deep ditch.

9. I went round three sides of the position, for it was nothing less, and although

