

No. 24.

The President of the Council of India in Council to the Court of Directors of the East India Company.

Fort-William, Foreign Department,
March 22, 1858.

No. 20.

IN continuation of our letter, No. 13, dated 8th instant, we have the honour to transmit herewith, further lists of persons killed and wounded by the rebels as noted in the margin.*

No. 25.

G. Plowden, Esq. Commissioner of Nagpore, to G. F. Edmonstone, Esq. Secretary to the Government of India with the Governor-General.

Allahabad, Nagpore Commissioner's Office,
February 27, 1858.

SIR,

No. 23 of 1858.

IN pursuance of the orders contained in your circular, No. 4372, dated the 3d of November last, I have the honour to transmit a statement in the prescribed form, of a European belonging to the East India Company's Service, who was murdered at Raepore, by a rebel, on the 18th ultimo.

I have, &c.,

G. PLOWDEN,

Commissioner of Nagpore,

No. 26.

Statement of a European, belonging to the East India Company's Service, Murdered by a Rebel in the Province of Nagpore.

Name.	Designation.	Place.	Date.	Remarks.
Samuel Sidwell	Serjeant-Major, 3d Infantry, Nagpore Ir- regular Force	Raepore	Jan. 18, 1858	About half-past 7 on the evening of the 18th of January, Serjeant-Major Sidwell, having nearly completed the preparations for the march on the following morning, of a detachment of Irregular Artillery and Infantry, with two guns, from Raepore, to join Captain Shakespeare's force on the Sumbhulpore road, dismissed his only attendant, and was sitting in his house in the lines when Hunoman Sing, a Magazine Lascar of the 3d Infantry Regiment entered, upon what pretence is not clearly known, and attacking the Serjeant-Major, apparently from behind, inflicted nine severe wounds, of which he died shortly before 11 o'clock of the same night. The murderer then rushed down the lines of the 3d Infantry, towards the Quarter Guard, where the two guns were, calling on the men of that Regiment, of whom there were about 164 in the lines,—the remainder being on Field Service,—to rise and murder the Christians. He was joined by only two Sepoys. With these he took refuge behind the guns, which had in the meantime been manned and pointed on the lines by the Artillery detachment, consisting of a Havildar and 14 men. This detachment had arrived from Nagpore only four or five days before, and was in open mutiny. Two of the men had watched the gates of the Serjeant-Major's house with drawn swords while the Lascar was engaged in murdering him. When the murderer and mutineers found that the men of the 3d Infantry would not join them, the former fled under cover of the night, and the latter, consisting of the Artillery detachment, 15 in number, and two Sepoys of the 3d Infantry, in all 17 men, gave themselves up. They were immediately brought to trial, and having been fully convicted on the afternoon of the 21st instant, were all hanged together on the following morning. The murderer has not yet been captured, but every effort will continue to be made for his apprehension, and he cannot, it is believed, remain undiscovered long.

Nagpore Commissioner's Office.

G. PLOWDEN, Commissioner of Nagpore.

* Office Memorandum.—From the Military Department, dated 2d March 1858, No. 64. From the Commissioner of Nagpore, dated 7th March 1858, No. 23.