

his entire concurrence in the expression of the sentiments of that Government, and fully appreciates the eminent services rendered by Major-General Roberts, and the officers and men under his command.

R. J. H. BIRCH, Major-General,  
Secretary to the Government of India,  
Military Department,  
with the Governor-General.

No. 60.

H. L. Anderson, Esquire, Secretary to Government,  
Bombay, to G. F. Edmonstone, Esquire, Secretary  
to the Government of India, with the Governor-  
General, Allahabad.

Bombay Castle,  
September 15, 1858.

SIR, No. 152 of 1858.

I AM directed by the Right Honourable the Governor in Council to transmit to you, for submission to the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India, the accompanying copy of a letter, dated the 3d instant, No. 3263, from the Adjutant-General of the Army, with its enclosure from Major-General Roberts, commanding the Rajpootana Field Force, detailing the result of an encounter with the Gwalior rebels on the 14th August last, as also transcript of a resolution passed by this Government, under date the 9th instant.

I have, &c.,

H. L. ANDERSON,  
Secretary to Government.

No. 61.

The Adjutant-General of the Army to the Secretary  
to Government, Dapooree.

Head-Quarters, Poona, September 3, 1858.

SIR, No. 3263.

I AM directed by the Commander-in-Chief to request you will submit to the Right Honourable the Governor in Council the enclosed Despatch, dated the 16th ultimo, No. 241 A, from Major-General Roberts, commanding the Rajpootana Field Force, detailing the result of an encounter with the Gwalior rebels on the 14th idem.

2. His Excellency desires me to express the exceeding pleasure with which he has perused the account of the successful pursuit of these rebels and mutineers, who only escaped a similar catastrophe overtaking them at Sanganeer on the 8th August last from the Major-General having no cavalry with him, the rapidity of the insurgents' flight, and the coming on of night.

3. For 340 miles this pursuit has been maintained, under fearful heat in the earlier part of it, and an unexampled deluge of rain, which ceased only shortly before the signal results were achieved, as related in the Major-General's report.

4. The hardships and privations which the troops have undergone have been of no ordinary character, and his Lordship in Council will, the Commander-in-Chief is assured, peruse with pleasure Major-General Roberts' acknowledgment of their patient endurance.

5. The Commander-in-Chief commends Major-General Roberts, and his gallant officers and

soldiers, to the protection of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, under the assurance that their sufferings, endurance, and courage, will meet with the acknowledgments they so well deserve.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD GREEN, Colonel,  
Adjutant-General.

No. 62.

Major-General H. G. Roberts, Commanding Rajpootana Field Force, to the Adjutant-General of the Army, Poona.

Camp, Moe, August 16, 1858.

SIR, No. 241 A of 1858.

I HAVE the gratifying duty to report that the troops under my command, as per margin,\* fought a general action with the enemy on the 14th August, and completely defeated him.

2. A guard, as per margin, was detached with baggage and siege guns, in addition to the regular guards from each regiment, and placed under the orders of Lieutenant Vibart, Acting Assistant Commissary of Ordnance.

3. The rebel army was eight miles from us on the 13th, after the troops had marched near 70 miles in three successive days. The long and continued pursuit had taken effect, and their horses and cattle were much done up.

4. On finding our troops approaching they moved out, and took up a strong position on a rocky ridge of low hills which forms the right bank of the Bunnas, which flowed at the foot of the ridge along the whole front of their position; on our side the river was a perfect level plain. Their guns were placed on their right, and swept the whole of this plain before us.

5. Our troops formed behind a ridge which concealed them from their view.

6. Supported by the cavalry on their left, the Horse Artillery galloped forward to about 400 yards from their guns, and replied to their fire, which had become sharp; and the battle of the Bunnas commenced.

7. Our infantry now merged into and across the plain, crossed the river knee-deep, accompanied by the three guns No. 8 Light Field Battery, attacked and drove the enemy from the ridge he occupied, taking his four guns.

8. The guns secured, our artillery and cavalry passed the river, and the latter were pushed forward, charged, and cut up vast numbers.

9. The infantry advanced in line, H. M.'s 72d Highlanders being in reserve, killing numbers of the enemy; it was by one concealed amongst the rocks that I have to deplore the loss of the Serjeant-Major Holland, of the 8th Hussars, who was mortally wounded by a musket-shot.

10. After passing these rocks H. M.'s 72d Highlanders and two guns were detached to the right to drive back a body of infantry who had been pursued by a small detachment of the Guzerat

\* 2d Troop Horse Artillery, of all ranks, 6 guns; left half No. 8 Light Field Battery, 3 guns; left half Royal Engineers and 3d Company Sappers and Miners; H. M.'s 8th Hussars, detachment about 125; 1st Light Cavalry Lancers, about 100; H. M.'s 72d Highlanders, about 270; H. M.'s 83d Regiment, about 562; 12th Regiment N.I., about 336; 13th Regiment N.I., about 330; Guzerat Irregular Horse, about 50; Lieutenant Macaulay's Belooch Horse; 2d Company's 12th Regiment, N.I.—Some Belooch Horse.