

No. 136.

## GENERAL ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA.

Allahabad, November 13, 1858.

No. 424 of 1858.

THE Right Honourable the Governor-General is pleased to direct the publication of the following letter from the Adjutant-General of the Army, No. 1202, dated the 16th ultimo, forwarding a Despatch from Brigadier Chute, commanding at Lucknow, reporting the defeat, on the 6th and 8th October last, of a large body of rebels near Sundeela, by the troops under the command, respectively, of Major Maynard, Her Majesty's 88th Regiment, and Brigadier Barker, C.B.

The ability and vigour which has characterized the operations of Brigadier Barker have deservedly obtained the marked approval of the Commander-in-Chief, in which the Governor-General fully concurs.

The Governor-General has also perused with great satisfaction the report on the conduct of Major Maynard and Lieutenants Green and Chamberlain on this occasion.

No. 137.

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

Head-Quarters, Allahabad,  
October 16, 1858.

SIR,

No. 1202.

I HAVE the honour, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, to forward, for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor-General, a letter, in original, from Brigadier J. Chute, commanding at Lucknow, dated 10th instant, with its enclosures, reporting the defeat of a large body of insurgents near Sundeela, by the troops under command of Major Maynard, Her Majesty's 88th Regiment, and subsequently of Brigadier Barker, C.B.

2. The Commander-in-Chief desires to draw the attention of his Lordship to the ability and vigour which have characterized Brigadier Barker's attack and pursuit of the enemy, the results of which have been so signal; and Lord Clyde recommends that officer and Major Maynard to special notice.

3. I am also to request marked attention to the gallantry of Lieutenant Green of the Rifle Brigade, who has been dangerously wounded; and to the active part taken by Lieutenant Chamberlain, of the Oudh Police, in this, as in other operations in which he has been engaged.

I have, &amp;c.,

W. MAYHEW, Lieutenant-Colonel,  
Adjutant-General of the Army.

No. 138.

Brigadier Chute to the Chief of the Staff.

SIR,

Lucknow, October 10, 1858.

On the afternoon of the 4th instant, I received intelligence from the Chief Commissioner that the Police Force at Sundeela, under Captain Dawson, was threatened to be invested by a large body of rebels, with a request that a small force might be sent with 2 guns to assist him.

Accordingly, at 10 o'clock that night, a force under Major Maynard, 88th Regiment, as per margin,\* proceeded from Lucknow towards Sundeela.

\* 2 guns No. 12 battery; 2 5½-inch mortars; 88th Regiment, 120 bayonets; Police Infantry, 600; Police Cavalry, 278 sabres.

The following morning a message was received by the Chief Commissioner, that Captain Dawson was in a serious position, his force being completely invested, and the enemy's numbers said to be increased up to 12,000 men.

Fearing therefore that the force sent on the previous night would be hardly sufficient, under these circumstances, for carrying out the operations they were intended to, I deemed it advisable to despatch a large additional force.

Brigadier Barker, C.B., having proffered his services, I gladly availed myself of them, and at 9 P.M., a column, as per margin,\* marched for Sundeela under his command.

I have the honour to enclose the following Despatches:—

1st. From Major Maynard, commanding the force sent on the 4th instant, which relieved Sundeela on the 6th instant, and caused the enemy to retire some distance, with a loss of one gun and 150 men killed.

2d. From Brigadier Barker, C.B., who attacked the rebels, strongly posted about three miles beyond Sundeela, on the 8th instant.

The force under this distinguished officer completely dispersed the main body of the rebels, taking 4 guns, and killing upwards of a thousand of the enemy.

The country round Sundeela is now reported to be completely clear of the rebels, who have retired across the Goomtee.

I beg you will bring to the favourable notice of his Lordship the Commander-in-Chief, the valuable services of Brigadier Barker, C.B., and Major Maynard, 88th Regiment, as also the officers mentioned in their Despatches.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. CHUTE, Brigadier,  
Commanding at Lucknow.

No. 139.

Major Maynard to the Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General.

Camp, Sundeela,

October 7, 1858.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Brigadier Chute, commanding troops at Lucknow, that, according to instructions, I marched from Lucknow with the force as per margin,† on the night of the 4th instant, and arrived at Mulleabad about 7 the following morning, where I was joined by 460 of the 2d Oudh Police Cavalry; halted there till half-past 3 o'clock P.M., when I again proceeded towards Ruheemabad, which place we reached about 7 P.M., and there halted for the night.

The following morning, the 6th instant, we marched for Sundeela, and as we approached the city, about 6 A.M., discovered the enemy's cavalry picquets in our front. I threw forward my cavalry in skirmishing order, supported by the infantry and guns in line, showing as strong and extensive a front as possible. In this order we advanced for some distance, driving in the picquets, and, on nearer approaching the city, were assailed

\* 2d Dragoon Guards, 200 sabres; Hodson's Horse, 25 sabres; 88th Regiment, 200 bayonets; 3d Battalion Rifle Brigade, 100 bayonets; 2 guns of No. 12 battery.

† Royal Artillery, 2 5½-inch mortars; Bengal Artillery, 2 9-pounder guns; Detachment 88th Regiment, 1 field officer, 1 captain, 2 subalterns, 6 sergeants, 3 drummers, 120 rank and file; 5th Oudh Police Cavalry, 278 sabres, under Lieutenant Drummond; 2d Oudh Police Cavalry, 460 sabres, under Lieutenant Graham, who joined at Mulleabad; 7th Oudh Police Infantry, 600 bayonets, under Lieutenant Worsley.