

a-half from there, pushing on their picquets about a mile and a-half towards us. I sent out a cavalry patrol on the 5th instant, to reconnoitre the enemy's position, and finding that they were likely to remain there, I determined upon moving to attack them with the force as per margin.* I accordingly marched from this at half-past two o'clock A.M., for Kintoor, taking the European Infantry on elephants, and using bullocks to draw the artillery, thereby easing the horses, and enabling all to go fresh into action. I halted a short time before daybreak, and about 6 o'clock the enemy's advanced picquet was distinctly visible, upon which I ordered the cavalry to drive in the same, and ascertain the exact position of the main body of the rebels, directing at the same time the guns of the European Artillery, under Lieutenant Swinton, and Kuppurthullah Contingent, under Ensign Roddy, to be immediately horsed, and proceed to the front as quickly as possible, which was accomplished most satisfactorily, having 3 miles to gallop up to them. Ensign Roddy's guns were the first to open on the rebel cavalry, reported to be some of the late 3d Light Cavalry, of Meerut notoriety, under the command of a Havildar Major of the same corps, and who had drawn up his men in good order, sounding the different cavalry calls, and apparently with the intention of charging, when Ensign Roddy sent grape into their ranks, the first discharge emptying six saddles, and causing the commandant to retire himself, and a few more rounds threw them into confusion, and they retreated. The only gun that opened on us now received Ensign Roddy's attention; the first round shot knocking over three of the gun bullocks in one yoke, having passed through two and lodged in the third, and the gun was shortly afterwards captured by Ensign Roddy's guns, when he immediately pursued the retreating enemy for five miles, accompanied by the cavalry, and as he drove the enemy from Kintoor towards Buddu Serai, they were followed up by the cavalry, and intercepted by the European artillery placed on a commanding eminence, so as to cut off their retreat to the latter place, which was most effectually done. The chief work of the day devolved on the Kuppurthullah Contingent guns, under Ensign Roddy, Hodson's Horse, under Lieutenant Battye, of the 19th Native Infantry, doing duty with the Bengal Fusiliers, and the Kuppurthullah Cavalry, under Lieutenant Woodgate, 11th Native Infantry; these officers, with their respective troops, forming the pursuing force, with 100 men of the Oude Military Police, whilst the European guns, under Lieutenant Swinton, occupied the left position towards Buddu Serai, and held the enemy in check there.

2. The enemy were estimated at 3,000 infantry, and 200 or 300 cavalry, and four guns, originally; but, from getting intelligence the previous night of our intended attack, they removed some of their guns at once, and the only gun which opened on us was captured, a copper 9-pounder of native manufacture. I was not aware of this gun being taken until the return of Ensign Roddy, when he reported the same, and concluding that we should follow in his rear, and so take charge whilst he was in pursuit, did not send to inform me of it. I immediately started off with Lieutenant Chamier, Assistant Commissioner, Lieutenant Morland, my orderly officer, and 100 sowars of the Oude Police,

under Lieutenant Sadlier, to obtain the gun, which we found had been removed by the enemy, and, after following the track of the carriage for about four miles at a sharp gallop, we sighted the cavalry retreating far in advance. We pursued as far as was judicious, and on our return found the gun and bullocks deserted near the spot where we first saw the enemy's cavalry retreating. On my return after this, I placed the troops in topos for the remainder of the day, no opportunity having offered of the infantry being engaged, though I believe that the fact of seeing them in the distance on elephants had a wonderful effect on the rebels in causing them to retreat rapidly.

3. Everything passed off most satisfactorily, and the severe chastisement the enemy have received will I hope prove beneficial, 450 having been killed, including some natives of rank, added to which we burnt their camp, captured an elephant, 10 camels, and several bullocks, some with the Government brand, and destroyed their ammunition and new gun limbers, which were being made. Their dead were lying quite thick, 50 in one space, and 30 in another, altogether. Mr Bradford, the Assistant Commissioner, reports that from native information alone the affair was most complete; the casualties on our side are very trifling, being 4 men wounded, 7 horses wounded, and 1 killed.

4. My best thanks are due to Lieutenant Chamier, Assistant-Commissioner, Durriabad, and in political charge Kuppurthullah Contingent, for his most valuable assistance on this, as also previous occasions; to Lieutenant Sadlier, commanding detachment Oude Military Police, who at my solicitation deferred his march from this for a day, and kindly placed his services and that of his cavalry at my disposal; this augmentation to that branch, in which we are deficient, being most acceptable; and the meritorious conduct of Kote Duffadar Phoola Singh, of the Oude Military Police Cavalry, having been brought to my notice by Lieutenant Sadlier, as being severely wounded when engaged with three of the enemy, I have much pleasure in recommending him to favourable consideration; also to Lieutenant Hamilton Maxwell, my Detachment Staff, as also Lieutenant Morland, my Orderly Officer, both of whom were most active and energetic in the performance of their respective duties; and to Lieutenant Swinton, commanding the European Artillery; and Ensign Roddy, of the Kuppurthullah Contingent, for their excellent practice and great execution; as also to Lieutenant Woodgate, 11th Native Infantry, commanding the Rajah's Cavalry, and Lieutenant Battye, 19th Native Infantry, commanding detachment Hodson's Horse, both of whom, aided by unattached Ensign Nuthall, belonging to the Punjab Sappers, who volunteered to do duty with Hodson's Horse, as he was remaining at Durriabad for the day, and who, I am informed, killed three men himself, my thanks are equally due for their exertions in pursuit of the enemy.

5. His Highness the Rajah of Kuppurthullah, and his brother, accompanied the column, and remained with the same during, and was highly gratified with the favourable result of the day's labours.

6. The rebel leaders are reported to be four, viz.—

Collector Darakhaie, relative of Mummo Khan,
Darogah of the Begum,

Ditto, Abid Khan, ditto, ditto, ditto,

Abson Khan, Major-General,

Mahomed Ameer Khan, eunuch,

* 1st Bengal Fusiliers, 150 rank and file; 2d Company 3d Battalion Artillery, two 9-pounder guns; Hodson's Horse, 56 sabres; Oude Military Police Cavalry, 200 sabres; Kuppurthullah Contingent—Artillery 5 8-pounder, three 6-pounder guns; Cavalry, 124 sabres; Infantry, 650 rank and file.