

No. 151.

RETURN of Ordnance captured at Kintoor, by the Force under the Command of Major A. Hume, on the 6th day of October 1858.

Camp, Durriabad, 7th October 1858.

No.	Nature of Ordnance.	Manufacture.
1	Copper gun, 9-pounder	Native

A lot of Ammunition which was destroyed.

ALEX. HUME, Major,
Commanding at Durriabad.

No. 152.

GENERAL ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA.

Allahabad, November 20, 1858.

No. 536 of 1858.

THE Right Honourable the Governor-General is pleased to direct the publication of the following letter from Brigadier Rowcroft, commanding Goruckpore district, submitting the Report of Captain Howlett, 27th Madras Native Infantry, of two successful actions with the rebels near Bansee, on the 28th and 30th September 1858.

No. 153.

Brigadier Rowcroft to the Adjutant-General of the Army.

Camp, Bustee, District of Goruckpore, October 7, 1858.

SIR,

No. 491.

I HAVE the honour to transmit to you, for submission to the Right Honourable the Commander-in-Chief, the accompanying Report from Captain Howlett, 27th Regiment Madras Native Infantry, commanding the outpost at Bansee, of two successful actions with the enemy, about 1,200 or 1,500 strong, near Chittiah, about six miles from Bansee, on the 28th and 30th September, with the detachments under his command, of the 27th Regiment Madras Native Infantry, 2d Seikh Military Police Battalion, a troop 6th Madras Cavalry, and one of the Bansee Rajah's guns, on the first day; and on the second day with the reinforcement sent up from Bustee of 2 guns and 30 men Pearl's Naval Brigade, 70 men 13th Light Infantry, and half a troop Bengal Yeomanry Cavalry. On the 28th the enemy suffered a loss of about 50 killed and wounded. On the 30th the enemy were driven from a very strong position, but few are reported to be killed in this attack, as, immediately the guns opened, they rapidly retired over a difficult and swampy country, pursued by our troops for a considerable distance, and making for the westward, towards Biskohur and the forest.

2. In the first action one of their leaders was killed, and another leader, a Subadar, had his horse shot under him, and in the retreat was murdered by the rebels, accused of having got them into difficulty and trouble.

3. I am happy to say our Casualty List is very light.

4. The good conduct, zeal, and cheerful alacrity of the officers and troops of all arms, in bad wet weather, and over a difficult country, is highly spoken of, and I beg to recommend them and Captain Howlett, commanding the detachment, to the most favourable notice of the Right Honourable the Commander-in-Chief.

I have, &c.,

F. ROWCROFT, Brigadier,
Commanding Goruckpore District.

No. 154.

Captain Howlett to the Brigade-Major, Bustee.

Camp, Bheyseyrah, near Bansee, September 30, 1858.

SIR,

I REPORTED, on the evening of the 27th ultimo, my intention of bridging the Parassy Nuddee, in readiness for offensive movements against the rebels, who, to the number of about 2,000, occupied an entrenched position in Chittiah and the neighbouring villages, three coss north of Bansee.

2. Accordingly, early on the 28th, I took out coolies and materials, with an escort of 120 men of the 27th Madras Native Infantry, under Captain Kenney. On reaching the river's bank my advanced guard was met by a sharp file fire from the rebel picquets, who were soon after supported by their main body. The swell of the ground and much brushwood afforded them good cover, and the bend of the river upon our right flank exposed us to the fire of their left, where they brought their gun and zumbooruk to bear upon us; there was also some brushwood on our side of the river, under cover of which I extended my men and returned the fire, sending back to Bansee for a gun and more troops, and constructing meanwhile a raft with which to force a passage. This was ready in about three hours, during which time a constant interchange of fire had been kept up. I then crossed over with all my force, seizing a village which covered the right flank of the rebels. Here very heavy rain, which had been falling for a considerable time, and the lateness of the hour, induced me to halt, as I could not expect to accomplish more before dark. Next morning the European reinforcements from Bustee arrived, and I marched on Chittiah with the force detailed