

3. I am also desired to state it affords great pleasure to the Right Honourable the Governor-in-Council to recommend to the protection of the Right Honourable the Governor-General, the officers mentioned in Major-General Michel's Despatch.

I have, &c.,
H. L. ANDERSON.

No. 9.

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

Head-Quarters, Poona, October 20, 1858.

SIR, No. 4388.

I AM directed by the Commander-in-Chief to transmit, for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor-in-Council, the accompanying Despatch from Major-General Michel, C.B., detailing further successful operations against the rebels in Malwa.

The arrangements made by the Major-General, and the conduct of his troops, European and Native, appear to His Excellency to deserve much commendation, as resulting in the defeat of the enemy, with a very trifling loss on our side; and Sir Henry Somerset much regrets that circumstances deprived the Major-General of the valuable services of the main body of his cavalry, who could have rendered the discomfiture of the enemy complete.

I am to convey the expression of his Excellency's hope that the favourable notice of Government will be accorded to the officers prominently brought to notice by the Major-General.

I have, &c.,
EDWARD GREEN, Colonel,
Adjutant-General.

No. 10.

The Major-General Commanding Malwa Division to the Adjutant-General of the Army.

Camp, Mungrowlee, October 10, 1858.

SIR, No. 323.

I HAVE the honour to inform you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that, from a Report I received during the night of the 8th, whilst at Bhuderpore, I had reason to believe that the rebels had reached, late that night, a village two coss from Mungrowlee, en route from Chandairee. I consequently marched with force as per margin,* before daylight.

2. On reaching Mungrowlee I was informed by scouts well in advance, that the enemy was seen advancing about two miles from Mungrowlee, their number about 5,000.

3. We found the advance of the enemy, about 1,000 strong, close to the village of Barulpore. A few rounds of shell drove this force back on the main body, who were strongly posted at the elevated village of Shahjehan Mhow.† The whole country round the village was covered with high scrubby jungle, in which infantry could not see the enemy until quite close to them; our force then advanced, each regiment affording a quota of skirmishers.

4. The guns were brought up, and the enemy, deserting the village, endeavoured to outflank our

left, and from six guns played upon our troops advancing.

5. The jungle was so thick that a column of the enemy, without being perceived, got entirely in the rear of our support; when, luckily perceiving this, I ordered Sir W. Gordon, with a troop of the 17th Lancers, to disperse them.

6. He charged them, dispersed them, and cut up between one and two hundred.

7. I solicit to bring this officer's service prominently to the notice of His Excellency, and the squadron under his command, who did their duty admirably.

8. The enemy stood fairly to their guns, one or two of which were taken by a rush of the 92d and 71st combined.

9. The 19th Regiment Native Infantry, under their very able and zealous commander, Captain Barrow, emulated the conduct of the British troops.

10. At one period the enemy, in great numbers, were on all sides close to our front, flanks, and rear, and yet so dense was the jungle that their fire was utterly ineffective.

11. After their guns, 6 (six), were taken, they dispersed in every direction.

12. Unfortunately all my cavalry, except 85 of the 17th Lancers, were detached to Brigadier Smith's column, near Chandairee, or hardly a man could have escaped.

13. The heat of the day and the distance the men had already marched, together with the want of cavalry, prevented pursuit beyond the village. I have since learnt that about 2,500 of the fugitives crossed the Betwah that night, at a ford about eight miles from Shahjehan Mhow, near the road to Chandairee, the water up to their chins.

14. In my telegram of yesterday's date, the amount of killed was rated by me at about 150. I have since reason to think that I then much understated the number; perhaps double the number would be nearer the truth.

15. As at Rajgurh, so our loss has been trifling, although in this fight the enemy stood their ground for about an hour well, and the principal portion of the killed was in the middle of our column to the rear.

16. My warmest thanks are due to Colonel Lockhart, commanding the Brigade.

17. He records his approbation of the conduct of Colonel Hope, commanding 71st Regiment; Captain Bethune, commanding 92d; Captain Barrow, commanding 19th Regiment; 2d Captain Le Marchand, commanding Bengal Artillery; and to Sir W. Gordon, commanding the 17th Lancers; as also of that of his Brigade Major, Captain Parker, 71st Regiment; and of Ensign D. B. Hope-Johnstone, who on this occasion, and at Rajgurh, acted as his A.D.C.

18. My Assistant Adjutant-General, and Acting Quartermaster-General, Captain Champion of the 24th Regiment Native Infantry, and St John, of the 92d Regiment, together with my Aide-de-camp, Major Elkington, Her Majesty's 6th Royal Regiment, did their duty zealously and well.

19. Since I left the Bhopal territory, Captain Gordon, commanding 17th Regiment Native Infantry, has been attached to me as Political Agent, and I cannot too highly speak of his exertions both as regards his civil duties and the assistance he gave me in the field.

I have, &c.,
J. MICHEL, Major-General,
Commanding Malwa Division.

* Bengal Artillery, 4 guns, 62 men; 17th Lancers, 90 men; 71st Regiment, 210 men; 92d Highlanders, 300 men; 19th Regiment, 429 men. Total, 991 men.
† Leaders—Tantia Topce. Nawab of Banda.