

Chief, that, having arrived at Lullutpoor on the 22d instant, with force as per margin,* information was brought to me that the enemy had been checked at the Syrus Ghât of the Betwah, and had rapidly returned to Jaclone. This place is about 8 miles south south-west of Lullutpore.

2. Without guns or wheeled carriage, the rebels were able to move through the mountains and dense jungle, which comprises the country from Jaclone, proceeding viâ Pauly, Narhut, Balabert, to Kunjea. I was therefore compelled to move by Malthon and Doojee by forced marches.

3. On the night of the 24th, I heard that the enemy was at Kimlasa; knowing that he would move during the night, I moved on Kurai at 2 A.M., and at dawn on the 25th we decerned the rebel army crossing our front, just beyond Kurai.

4. As I was desirous of bringing my infantry into action, I had ordered their march one hour before the cavalry; the consequence was, that the cavalry had only just come up in the rear, when the infantry, under Colonel Lockhart, having cut the enemy's line of march in half, had wheeled to the right, and part advanced skirmishing. The infantry had already dispersed the enemy, who were not formed up in order of battle when the cavalry arrived.

5. Their duty then consisted in rapid pursuit; the ground was of so broken a nature that this could not be easily effected.

The cavalry accordingly, in three different directions, pursued different bodies of the enemy.

* 1st Column.—Fighting men: 3d troop Bombay Horse Artillery, 60, and 4 guns; Her Majesty's 8th Hussars, 118; Her Majesty's 17th Lancers, 90; 1st Bombay Lancers, 93; 3d Bombay Light Cavalry, 98; Her Majesty's 95th Regiment, 20; Mayne's Horse, 150; total, 629.

2d Column.—3d Bombay Light Cavalry, 50; Bombay Artillery, 80, and 4 guns of 2-6; Her Majesty's 71st Highlanders, 210; Her Majesty's 92d Highlanders, 320; 19th Regiment Native Infantry, 550; total, 1,190. Grand total, 1,819.

Colonel Curtis, on the right, did not come up with any body of the enemy, who were on his side principally cavalry, and was unable to advance very far, as the enemy threatened our long line of baggage. Captain Sir W. Gordon, commanding a body consisting of the 17th Lancers, and 3d Light Cavalry under Captain Oldfield, pursued for about 6 miles, and as usual, did his duty very efficiently and well, cutting up numbers of the enemy.

Captain Mayne, with about 60 of his Horse, did thorough good service, pursuing the enemy for 9 or 10 miles, and killing about 150.

6. The infantry followed about 5 miles, clearing villages of the enemy, and occasioning them some loss. The result of the day's proceedings was the cutting off, and driving to the north, about 3,000 of the rebels, of which about 350 were killed: one-half of the remainder threw down their arms, and the remainder were so spread over the face of the country as to make it a matter of difficulty again to reassemble.

7. The main body, under Tantia Toppee, passed Kurai about two or three hours before our arrival, on march to the south.

8. It will be seen by the map that the enemy, on the night of the 23d, were 8 miles nearer Kurai by the jungle route; and as this could not be traversed by the force under my command, so the enemy were in fact at least 20 miles nearer to Kurai than ourselves.

9. The infantry, by 1 o'clock P.M. on the 25th, had traversed 62 miles in sixty hours, 12 miles of which was over broken ground, skirmishing with the enemy.

I solicit to bring this fact prominently to the notice of his Lordship, as a proof of the excellent spirit and devotion of the soldiery.

I have, &c.,

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Commanding Malwa Division.

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CASUALTY ROLL of the Action before Kurai on the 25th October 1858.

Regiment.	Rank and Names.	Wounded.		Horses.	
		Severely.	Slightly.	Severely.	Slightly.
3d Bengal Cavalry Mayne's Horse	1	...
	Duffadar Mahboob Ali	1	...	}	1
	Sowar Alif Khan	...	1		
	Total.....	1	1	3	1

J. H. CHAMPION, Captain,
Assistant-Adjutant-General, Malwa Division.