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INDIA-OFFICE, September 27, 1859.

THE Secretary of State for India in Council has received the following Papers :—

No. 1.

No. 1039 of 1859.—His Excellency the Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct the publication of the following letter from Brigadier-General Sir R. Napier, K.C.B., Commanding Gwalior Division, forwarding a report of a successful action against the rebels under Adil Mahomed Khan, in the Basoda District, by a detachment under Lieutenant Roome, 10th Bombay Native Infantry.

His Excellency in Council desires to record his appreciation of the spirit and gallantry on this occasion of Lieutenant Roome, who commanded, and of Lieutenant Bradford, of Mayne's Horse; and his approval of the conduct of all concerned in this affair.

No. 2.

Brigadier-General Sir R. Napier, K.C.B., Commanding Gwalior Division, to the Chief of the Staff.

Head-Quarters, Simla,
Morat, June 15, 1859.

Sir, No. 395.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the information of the Right Honourable the Commander-in-Chief, a report of a success gained over the rebels under Adil Mahomed Khan, in the Basoda District, by Lieutenant Roome, of the 10th Bombay Native Infantry, whom I had sent out in command of a small column.

I beg to recommend Lieutenant Roome to his Lordship's favourable notice, as a most promising officer, of much spirit and intelligence. His exertions in the field were continued when he should have been in sick quarters, and I regret to learn that he has suffered severely in consequence.

Lieutenant Bradford, in charge of the Detachment Mayne's Horse, has, on several previous occasions, been very favourably reported to me.

I have called on Lieutenant Roome for a more particular report of the services of the native officers, with a view to bring them to his Lordship's notice.

Although the regiment has been so lately raised, the men have never lost an opportunity of distinguishing themselves.

I have, &c.,
R. NAPIER.

No. 3.

Lieutenant F. Roome, 10th Regiment Bombay Native Infantry, Commanding Field Force, Basoda District, to Major Todd, Adjutant-General, Gwalior Division.

Camp, Reechea,
May 16, 1859.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of General Sir R. Napier, K.C.B., Commanding Gwalior Division, that having heard that Adil Mahomed Khan was collecting a force in this neighbourhood for the purpose of attacking Basoda, I left Mungrowlie for this place with force as per margin.*

To deceive the enemy as to my intentions, I had already ordered supplies, &c., to be collected at Natarran and Aijdah, giving out that I was going that way.

I started yesterday at 1 A.M., halting during the heat of the day at Bhoraso, which I left again at 4 P.M.

Adil Mahomed Khan having influential friends in the Koorwae District, it was necessary to take a circuitous route to avoid villages supposed to be friendly to him. On the same account we had to refrain from crossing the Betwa till we reached Bhairkairie. This lengthened our route so considerably that we did not reach this place till about half an hour after daybreak, when we found that the enemy had left a few hours before.

Not being able to get any information from the villagers I divided the cavalry into three parties, to seek for the enemy's tracks. The party which I accompanied, consisting of forty of Mayne's Horse under Lieutenant Bradford, came upon some fresh foot-prints on a jungle path leading towards Konda.

We proceeded along this road at a ~~rather~~ ^{rather} ~~and~~ ^{and} when we had gone about four miles, ~~we~~ ^{we} ~~saw~~ ^{saw}

* 250 10th Regiment N.I.; 200 Mayne's Horse; 200 Camel Corps.

