

a dizzy pathway, and dispersed the fugitives by its effective fire. Our reserve was now established on the lower heights, and the whole of the place, filled with property of every description, much of it plundered from our army in 1841, was in the hands of our force; two guns, brass field pieces, were also taken, and one of them was seized with such promptitude that its captor, Lieutenant Elmhirst, Her Majesty's 9th foot, turned its fire upon the fugitives with some effect. I directed the town to be set on fire in several places, after taking out various supplies which might be useful to our troops, and the work of demolition is still proceeding under the direction of Major Sanders, of the engineers. Our loss has been trifling, for the advance of our officers and men was too rapid and decisive to allow of the sharp fire of the enemy telling much upon them, and, deceived by the direction of the reconnoissance of the 28th, the Affghans had expected the attack on their left, and posted their guns and the elite of their force in that quarter.

I have now the pleasing task of expressing the amount of my obligations for their exertions in the field to Brigadiers Tulloch and Stacy, commanding brigades and columns; to Lieutenant Colonel Taylor, K. H., Her Majesty's 9th foot; Major Huish, of the 26th native infantry; and Captain Broadfoot, of the sappers, commanding corps on the right, which bore the brunt of the action; to Major Simmons, Her Majesty's 41st foot, commanding the reserve; to Captain Backhouse, commanding the mountain train, and Captain Blood, commanding the battery of 9-pounders; the last was ably aided by Lieutenant Terry. I have received valuable assistance throughout our operations from Major Pottinger, C. B., and Major Sanders, engineers, and yesterday from Captain Mackenzie and Lieutenant Airey, Her Majesty's 3rd buffs, and Lieutenant Webb, 30th regiment Madras native infantry, temporarily attached to me, and, since we marched from Cabool, as on former occasions, from my own staff, departmental and personal, viz. Captain Havelock, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General; Lieutenant Mayne, Deputy-Assistant Quarter-Master-General; Lieutenant Pollock, artillery, Aide-de-Camp to the Major-General, who volunteered his services with me; and to Lieutenant Bethune, Her Majesty's 9th foot, my own Aide-de-Camp. Regarding the last-mentioned officer, I take the opportunity of rectifying an oversight on my part: I ought specially to have reported to Major-General Pollock, Lieutenant Bethune's valuable services in the recent affair at the Huft Kotul, in which I was entrusted with the command of the main column. Brigadier Tulloch reports in very strong terms the good conduct on the present occasion of Captain Smith, Her Majesty's 9th foot, his Brigade-Major. I enclose a return of the killed and wounded, and of the two guns captured.

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JOHN M'CASKILL, Major-General,
Commanding the Force in the Kohistan.

Return of Killed and Wounded of the Troops under the Command of Major General M'Caskill, K. H.

Camp, Istalif, September 30, 1842.

Mountain Train—1 European officer wounded.
3d Company 1st Batt. Bombay Artillery—2 rank and file wounded.
Christie's Irregular Cavalry—2 horses killed, 2 horses wounded.
H. M. 9th Regt. Foot—1 rank and file killed; 1 officer, 1 serjeant, 13 rank and file wounded.
26th Regt. N. I.—1 rank and file killed; 1 European officer, 3 havildars, 8 rank and file, wounded.
Broadfoot's Sappers—2 rank and file killed; 1 European officer, 6 rank and file, 1 horse, wounded.
H. M. 41st Regt.—1 officer, 1 rank and file, killed; 4 rank and file wounded.
42d Regt. N. I.—4 rank and file wounded.
Total—1 officer, 5 rank and file, 2 horses, killed; 4 European and Native officers, 4 serjeants and havildars, 37 rank and file, 3 horses, wounded.

Names of Officers killed and wounded.

Lieutenant Evans, H. M. 41st foot, killed.
Lieutenant Richardson, horse artillery, slightly wounded.
Lieutenant and Adjutant Spencer, 26th N. I. slightly wounded.
Lieutenant Lister, H. M. 9th Foot, slightly wounded.
Captain Broadfoot, sappers, slightly wounded.
Lieutenant and Adjutant Orr's charger wounded.

H. HAVELOCK, Captain, Deputy Assistant-Adjutant-General Infantry Division.

Return of Ordnance captured from the Enemy on the 29th September 1842.

Camp, Istalif, 30th September 1842.

2 brass six-ponnder field pieces, of native manufacture.

J. B. BACKHOUSE, Captain, Commanding Artillery with the Force.

[The following article is substituted for that which appeared in last Friday's Gazette.]

Whitehall, November 30, 1842.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Earl of Lincoln, Lord Lyttelton, Lord Colborne, the Right Honourable James Charles Herries, the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of the city of London, Sir Robert Harry Inglis, Bart.; Sir Charles Lemon, Bart.; Henry Thomas Hope, Esq.; Henry Gally Knight, Esq.; Alexander Milne, Esq.; the Honourable Charles Gore; Sir Robert Smirke, Knt.; and Charles Barry, Esq. to be Her Majesty's Commissioners for enquiring into and considering the most effectual means of