

The first dispatch from his Excellency reports the operations of the army on the evening of the 18th instant at Moodkee, where the enemy attempted to surprise the British camp, and were repulsed at all points with the loss of 17 guns.

The second dispatch reports the glorious successes obtained by the army under the immediate command of his Excellency, on the evening of the 21st, and the morning of the 22nd, at Ferozeshah, where the British army assaulted the intrenched camp of the Sikhs defended by 108 pieces of cannon, some of heavy calibre, and, after driving the enemy from his position, captured 74 guns. Thus the enemy have been forced to relinquish to their victors on these occasions upwards of 90 pieces of artillery, with all the munitions of war in their camp.

All the objects which the Governor-General desired to effect have been accomplished by his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief. The British force posted at Ferozepore, thus suddenly and treacherously surrounded by the Sikh army, with a large park of artillery, has been relieved; the brave garrison, under its able commander Major-General Sir J. Littler, not only maintained a firm attitude of defence, but had the satisfaction, so grateful to brave soldiers, of skilfully forming a junction with the Umballa force, and gallantly taking part in the discomfiture of the enemy which had so recently invested them.

The Governor-General again cordially congratulates his Excellency General Sir Hugh Gough, G.C.B., on the great and important victories obtained by the army under his immediate command.

The Governor-General, in the name of the Government and of the People of India, gratefully acknowledges the noble services rendered to the public by his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief by all the general and other officers, and by the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the brave Indian army.

The Governor-General's thanks are due to all the infantry regiments of Her Majesty, and to the First European Light Infantry of the East India Company's Service, all of which regiments distinguished themselves by the most devoted courage in braving the destructive fire of the enemy's batteries, and valiantly capturing their guns.

The Governor-General offers his thanks more especially to Her Majesty's 3rd Dragoons, who, on all these occasions, sought opportunities of useful

conflict with the enemy, and fought with that superiority over their opponents which skill and discipline impart to brave and determined men.

The European and Native Artillery maintained their accustomed character for steady, unyielding courage, when exposed to a very heavy and galling fire.

The Governor-General's thanks are justly due to the brave infantry of the Native army, whose valour so mainly contributed to these victories, and he cannot withhold his admiration for the patience and perseverance with which they endured privations inseparable from forced marches.

The Artillery, Cavalry, and Infantry, united together by the bonds of mutual esteem, may be confident that, when they rely on each other's courage, the three arms, combined and acting together, will ever be found to be an invincible army.

The Government of India, as a tribute of their esteem for the meritorious conduct of the troops engaged in the recent operations, will grant to every officer and soldier in the service of the Government of India, engaged in these battles, a medal to be worn with their uniforms, on which the word "Ferozeshah," shall be inscribed as denoting that they have served in this important campaign.

The Commander-in-Chief will be so good as to furnish the Governor-General with lists of all the officers and soldiers engaged in the operation of this campaign.

The Governor-General is further pleased to order that the following corps be permitted to wear the word "Ferozeshah" upon their appointments, standards, and colours, in perpetual commemoration of their gallant services:—

1st and 3rd Brigades Horse Artillery  
2nd, 3rd, and 4th Companies, 4th Battalion  
2nd and 4th Companies, 6th Battalion  
2nd Company, 7th Battalion, Foot Artillery  
Governor-General's Body Guard  
4th, 5th, and 8th Regiments Light Cavalry  
3rd, 8th, and 9th Regiments Irregular Cavalry  
1st European Light Infantry  
2nd, 12th, 14th, 16th, 24th, 26th, 33rd,  
42nd, 44th, 45th, 47th, 48th, 54th, and 73rd Regiments of Native Infantry.

By order of the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India.

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