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Major-General Wilson's despatches, reporting the final capture of Delhi and our General Order on the occasion, No. 1,383,* of the 6th November, 1857, accompanied our Secretary's list of packet, No. 105 of 1857, and our general letter No. 307 of 1857, paragraph 24.

No. 20.

General Order by the Governor-General of India in Council. (No. 1,529.)

Fort William, December 4, 1857.

THE Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct that the despatches and returns relating to the operations carried on during the siege of Delhi, and received by the Government at irregular intervals, should be made public.

These despatches contain the reports of the officers commanding in the first actions with the mutineers at Ghazeeoodeen Nuggur, where the gallant conduct of Her Majesty's 60th Regiment, of the Carabiniers, and of the Bengal Artillery, was conspicuous, and at Budlee ka Serai; as well as the accounts of other contests in which the British troops have been engaged, always successfully, with the enemy; each occasion furnishing examples of the undaunted courage, determination, and endurance by which the last crowning success was subsequently achieved.

The Governor-General in Council has already recorded his gratitude to Major-General Wilson, and the officers and men engaged in the final operations against the city. His Lordship in Council now offers his thanks to those who specially distinguished themselves in the preceding operations, and to the noble army by which they were supported.

The warm acknowledgments of the Governor-General in Council are due to Brigadier Hope Grant, C.B., and to Brigadier Showers, for their excellent services; and his Lordship in Council desires to express his high approbation of the zeal and good judgment displayed by Lieutenant-Colonel Custance, of the Carabiniers, and Lieutenant-Colonel Yule, of the 9th Lancers, in the frequent engagements in which they have been opposed to the enemy.

Lieutenant-Colonel Yule has unhappily fallen, and the Queen's army has to deplore the loss of a brave and skilful officer.

The thanks of the Government of India are due to Lieutenant-Colonel Greathed, commanding Her Majesty's 8th Regiment; to Lieutenant-Colonel Deacon, commanding Her Majesty's 61st Regiment; and to Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert, commanding Her Majesty's 75th Regiment; as also to Colonel Welchman, who was at the head of the 1st Bengal European Fusiliers, and was severely wounded; and to Lieutenant-Colonel T. Seaton, C.B., of the 35th Regiment Native Infantry, to whose command a column was entrusted.

The example which has been set, throughout these operations, by the courageous and indefatigable exertions of Major Reid, commanding the Sirmoor Battalion, is warmly acknowledged by the Governor-General in Council.

Major Coke, of the Punjaub Irregular force, has added to his high and well-earned reputation as one of the foremost frontier soldiers of India; and Lieutenant Hodson's good service, at the head of the Irregular Horse, merits much praise.

* See "Gazette," December 15, 1857.

The thanks of the Government are eminently due to Lieutenant-Colonel Baird Smith and the Corps of Engineers under his direction. Their labors have been unremitting, and have deserved success.

The readiness and coolness, as well as the gallantry, evinced by Major Poinbs, of the Bengal Artillery, on various occasions recorded in these papers, and the signal daring of Lieutenant Hills, who, alone and unsupported, charged a body of the enemy's cavalry and saved his battery, command the admiration of the Governor-General in Council.

Major Scott and Captain Remington, of the Artillery, have well earned the acknowledgment of their services which the Governor-General in Council now tenders to them.

His Lordship in Council desires to record his appreciation of the services of Lieutenant-Colonel Murray Mackenzie, of the Artillery, and of Major Jacob, of the 1st Bengal European Fusiliers, who died of the wounds received by them in these operations.

The general officers who have held command of the army before Delhi, have brought to notice the ready assistance, at all times afforded to them, by that very distinguished officer, Brigadier-General Chamberlain, who, after the death of the lamented Colonel Chester on the field of Budlee ka Serai, was appointed to the office of Adjutant-General; by Captain Norman, whose services have been unremitting and most valuable, and by the officers of the Adjutant-General's Department; by Colonel Becher and the officers attached to the Quartermaster-General's Department; by Colonel Congreve, C.B., Acting Adjutant-General of Her Majesty's forces; by Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. R. Curzon, Acting Quartermaster-General of Her Majesty's forces; by Lieutenant-Colonel Thomson, Deputy Commissary-General, and the branch of the service under his orders; by Lieutenant-Colonel Young, Judge Advocate-General, and his department; and by the officers of the head-quarters, as well as of their own personal staff. To these officers, the Governor-General in Council again expresses his hearty thanks for the good services which they have rendered, and which it will be his grateful duty to bring to the notice of the Court of Directors and of Her Majesty's Government.

During a portion of the time over which the siege operations extended, dating from the first arrival of the army under the walls of Delhi, the command was held by Major-General Sir Henry Barnard, K.C.B. But this gallant officer was not permitted to witness the final success of the undertaking confided to him, and of which his own brilliant victory at Budlee ka Serai was the worthy commencement. Struck down by sickness, he died at his post, giving his last energies to the discharge of his trust; and the Governor-General in Council cannot close this notice of the campaign of Delhi without offering a tribute of sincere respect to the courage, constancy, and devotion to duty which marked the command of Sir Henry Barnard.

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Secretary to the Government of India,
in the Military Department.

No. 21.

Brigadier A. Wilson, commanding Field Force, to the Adjutant-General of the Army, Hewitt-Quarters.

*Camp, Ghazeeoodeen Nuggur,
May 31, 1857.*

(See "Gazette," October 13, 1857.)