

following up our success, on political grounds, by an immediate advance on Allygurh; but, having to thread a defile of walled enclosures (most of which were occupied) a greater part of which running under and close to the city with an enormous population; with our grape and canister nearly expended; without scarcely the possibility of getting at the enemy; with our detachment, in the first instance scarcely equal to the undertaking, much reduced by the killed and wounded; with reports of aid for the insurgents being daily expected from Delhi; with no possibility of obtaining assistance from any quarter nearer than Agra, from whence a man could scarcely be spared; with our wounded to attend to; and all being well considered and explained to Mr. Cocks, I, with his fullest concurrence, decided on returning to our head quarters at Hattrass, taking with us our killed and wounded, with the determination of occupying Allygurh on completing our ammunition, and which we did on the 27th, without the slightest opposition.

The force opposed to us, commanded by Ghose Mahomed Khan, Naib Sooba, on the part of Waleedad Khan, appointed Sooba by the King of Delhi, was chiefly composed of Mussulmans, among whom were many Ghazees, numbering from five to six thousand, with one hundred and fifty Irregular Cavalry and two hundred Mahomedan horse, aided by levies of Zemindaree horse and foot, chiefly Mewaties, amounting to 6 and 700 men, the whole headed by Moulvee Abdool Zuleel, a very influential religious instructor, and leader of the Ghazees, being assisted by several other Moulvees, three of whom, including Abdool Zuleel, were killed, and a fourth wounded.

I attribute the success of the action to the cordial co-operation and assistance I received from the civil authorities and officers and men under my command, and my best thanks are due to Captain Stover, second in command (who, in quarters and in the field, has rendered me every assistance): to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 3rd Europeans, which, though a young regiment, and under greatly trying circumstances, behaved with the valour and spirit of British soldiers;

To Lieutenant Griffin, non-commissioned officers and men of the artillery, for the promptitude with which my orders were carried out, and to whose energetic exertions I attribute, in a great measure, the success of the day;

Lieutenant De Kantzow and the militia cavalry, who (with the Jât horse under Captain Murray*) rendered most important service by attacking, and dispersing, a large body of irregular cavalry at the commencement of the action: of the conduct of the militia, both in the field and in quarters, I cannot speak too highly:

To Assistant-Surgeon Mackillar, for his judicious medical arrangements, and his assiduous and humane attention to the wounded;

To Lieutenant Blake, 3rd European Regiment, and Lieutenant Clarke, of the late Gwalior Contingent, who behaved with conspicuous bravery, the latter being severely wounded;

Ensign O'Donel, 67th Native Infantry, who, during the march and in the field, assisted me very greatly;

Mr. Volunteer Hennessey, who greatly distinguished himself, shooting five men with his rifle and one with a revolver; and as he was also present in the action of the 5th July, and is the son of an old and deserving officer, I respectfully solicit that the services of the youth may specially be brought

* This officer signally distinguished himself in a single-handed encounter with a Ghazee, who, I am happy to say, was shot down, though not till Captain Murray received a severe contusion in the arm.

to the notice of Government, with a view to his obtaining military employment.

I beg to bring prominently forward the praiseworthy conduct of Rev. Mr. Kellner, who gratuitously accompanied the detachment, and for whose humane and unremitting attention to the wounded, during the action and under fire, too much praise cannot possibly be bestowed.

I am also greatly indebted to Mr. Cocks, for his cordial co-operation and assistance on all occasions, particularly on the day of the action, and for the very accurate information he obtained, when the most conflicting and contradictory accounts were spread abroad, evidently with the view of discouraging and throwing difficulties in the way of our advance; also to Mr. Paterson Saunders and Messrs. Lane and Colvin, of the Civil Service, whose services I cannot speak too highly of, in conveying orders throughout the heat of the action;

To Captain Fanshawe, in charge of the carriage, &c., for his admirable management in providing ample carriage for the detachment, and energetic exertions in the postal department, as also for the very accurate information he has at all times procured;

To Mr. Daniell, Civil Service, to whom was assigned the responsible duty of protecting the baggage, with the Jât matchlock men.

I deeply lament the loss of J. O'B. Tandy, Esq., and Ensign Marsh, 16th Grenadiers, both of whom were volunteers; the former fell whilst attempting quite alone to enter the walled enclosures. This gentleman's daring and gallantry could not be surpassed, and, possessing, as he did, every qualification that could adorn a soldier and a gentleman, his loss has been a matter of the deepest regret to the whole of the party. Ensign Marsh, the son of an old cavalry officer, behaved most gallantly, and, at last, overpowered by odds, fell, out to pieces by the fanatic Ghazees.

A list of the killed and wounded I have the honor herewith to enclose.

I have, &c.,

G. J. MONTGOMERY, Bt.-Major,
and Major of Brigade,
Commanding Detachment.

No. 72.

Return of the Killed and Wounded of a detachment under the command of Major Montgomery, in an engagement with the Insurgents at Maun Sing's Garden, on the 24th of August, 1857.

KILLED.

J. O'B. Tandy, Esq., Indigo Planter.
Ensign Marsh, 16th Grenadiers.
Lance Corporal Wm. Armstrong, 3 Co., 3rd European Regiment.
Private Nicholas Fitzgerald, 3 Co., 3rd European Regiment,
Private Patrick Laving, 8 Co., 3rd European Regiment.

WOUNDED.

Lieutenant Clarke, late Gwalior Contingent, severely, 3 sword cuts.

Artillery.

Saddler Sergeant Robert McGill, severely, gunshot.

Gunner Robert Lockhart, mortally, since dead.

3rd European Regiment.

Private James Fitzgerald, 2 Co., very slightly.
Colour-Serjeant John Ryan, 3 Co., severely.
Serjeant Patrick Mc Carthy, 3 Co., severely.
Nicholas Hand, 3 Co., very slightly, sword cut.