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Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 20, 1858.

ORDERS for the Court's going into Mourning on Sunday next, the 23rd instant, for Her late Royal Highness The Duchess of Orleans; viz.:

The Ladies to wear black Silk, fringed or plain Linen, white Gloves, Necklaces, and Ear-rings, black or white Shoes, Fans, and Tippetts.

The Gentleman to wear Black full-trimmed, fringed or plain Linen, black Swords and Buckles.

The Court to change the Mourning on Sunday the 30th instant:

The Ladies to wear black Silk or Velvet, coloured Ribbons, Fans and Tippetts, or plain white, or white and gold, or white and silver Stuffs, with black Ribbons.

The Gentlemen to wear black Coats, and black or plain white, or white and gold, or white and silver Stuff Waistcoats, full-trimmed, coloured Swords and Buckles.

And on Wednesday, the 2nd of June next, the Court to go out of Mourning.

Admiralty, May 18, 1858.

A DESPATCH, of which the following is a copy, has been received by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty from Captain Sotheby, of Her Majesty's steam-ship Pearl, reporting the proceedings of the Naval Brigade under his command in India, from the 13th February to the 9th March, 1858:—

*Camp Amoral,
March 16, 1858.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report for your information, the proceedings of the Naval Brigade under my charge since the 13th February.

On the 13th I received instructions from Brigadier-General MacGregor, Military Commissioner at Jung Bahadoor's Army to form a force consisting of 140 of the Naval Brigade, with 100 Goorkhas, to proceed to Raibundpore, and escort a fleet of 150 boats, which were required to construct a bridge for the Nepaulese Army to cross over into Oude.

On the 14th we left, attended by the Jumna steamer, but from the fresh wind only made five

miles, the boats constantly fouling, and at times in crossing over the utmost confusion prevailed.

On the 15th it blew a perfect gale, with clouds of sand, which made it excessively hot and disagreeable.

On the 16th, at about 2 P.M., we collected the boats, two miles below the village and Fort of Chandepore, which completely commanded the river, and having received information that the village and fort were prepared to resist, I landed on the 17th at 10 A.M., with the force named in the margin,* to attack and drive out the rebels, who were reported to be in some force. Having formed line with the seamen, with 1 small howitzer in the centre, under Lieutenant N. E. B. Turnour, preceded by a strong body of skirmishers formed by the marines and seamen, with supports by other seamen and Seikhs, under Captain Weston, Lieutenant Burlton and Mr. Alex. W. Ingles, Mate, and leaving the Goorkhas as a reserve, I quickly pushed forward through the thick cover, topes, and high growing crops, and passed through the village, which was deserted; but on emerging from it the skirmishers were instantly received by a heavy fire of musketry and shot from 2 guns, from men concealed in the rifle pits and breastworks in the thick prickly jungle of bamboo. Captain Weston most gallantly dashed forward with the marines, and whilst trying to force in the outer gate of the entrance was severely wounded by a scoundrel who had just implored mercy. The column quickly moving up, a sharp fire was maintained on both sides, our men getting shelter in the village within 50 yards of the jungle. The gun, with some difficulty, owing to the narrowness of the lane, was placed within 100 yards, and plied well with grape. At the same time I ordered Mr. John Fowler, Second Master, in the Jumna, to steam a-head and enfilade the fort with grape, and the Goorkhas to threaten the right flank. The enemy, fearing their retreat might be cut off, fled out in the rear, when we advanced in front and captured 2 guns and limbers, spare waggon, with ammunition, &c., a quantity of rich dresses, arms, grain, and money. The action commenced at 11, and ceased at 12.15. It is probable that the loss of the enemy, which is reported to be about 300, was but small, as they were entirely concealed, fighting behind breastworks and pits. Our casualties were but 4 wounded, owing to their high fire.

The object being accomplished, I did not attempt to pursue the enemy through the thick

* 130 Naval Brigade, 35 Seikhs, 60 Goorkhas.