

nessey, received three very severe sword-cuts in the right arm, and which will deprive me of his valuable services for some time, and 2 sowars of the Jat Horse were killed; 3 horses are also missing.

The advanced portion of the enemy's cavalry, thus driven back, numbered about 200, and came on with great boldness, well knowing that my men were newly raised and without fire-arms.

It appears that the enemy, being checked in their advance in this direction, subsequently, with a strong force, proceeded to the village of Arhair, two miles above the Ghaut, where Darah Sing Thakoor has a strong Ghurrie, defended by 250 armed followers, with a gun. The enemy attacked the place, but were unsuccessful, and recrossed the river in the afternoon, taking with them a gun, which had been left outside the Ghurrie.

When they retired, Darah Sing and his followers left the place, and are now in Sarun. The enemy lost a number of men, and the Thakoor one or two.

I have, &c.,

J. J. MURRAY, Captain,
Commanding Jat Horse.

No. 15.

GENERAL ORDERS BY THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA.

*Military Department,
Allahabad, March 22, 1858.*

No. 40 of 1858.

THE Right Honorable the Governor-General is pleased to direct the publication of the following Report, by Colonel F. Rowcroft, commanding Sarun Field Force, detailing the particulars of the signal victory obtained on the 5th instant, by the troops under his command, over a rebel force greatly outnumbering them.

Fully concurring in the praise bestowed by Colonel Rowcroft on Captain Sotheby, R.N., commanding the Naval Brigade of Her Majesty's ship Pearl; on Major Richardson, and Captain Chapman, and the Bengal Yeomanry Cavalry led by them; on Colonel Byroon Sing Kooer and Major-Captain Sewuckram Thappa, and in his acknowledgment of the good services of the officers and men of all arms under his orders, the Governor-General further desires to place on record his full appreciation of the admirable manner in which they were commanded in this action by Colonel Rowcroft himself.

By order of the Right Honorable the Governor-General.

R. J. H. BIRCH, Colonel,
Secretary to the Government of India,
with the Governor-General.

No. 16.

Camp Amorah, March 6, 1858.

ON the signal and complete defeat yesterday of the enemy, who had moved up in great force, from Belwa, Fyzabad, and Nawabgunge, Colonel Rowcroft, commanding the Field Force, offers, with great pleasure, his best thanks and congratulations to all the officers and men of the Pearl's Naval Brigade, under the command of Captain Sotheby, R.N.; the Bengal Yeomanry Cavalry under Major Richardson; Gorrucknath and Bunuk Goorkha Regiments, under military charge

of Captains Barclay and Brooks, with Captain MacGregor attached; to Colonel Byroop Singh Kooer, and Major-Captain Sewuckram Thappa, Goorkha Commandants; Lieutenant Turnour, R.N., in charge of the naval artillery; Lieutenants Ratcliffe and Grant, R.N., in charge of the Naval Column; Lieutenant Pym, R.N., in charge of marine skirmishers, aided by a party of rifles from the Naval Column, under Lieutenant Ingles; Lieutenant Burlton, in charge of Sikh skirmishers—all rendered their usual most active and excellent services. The charges of the yeomanry cavalry were gallant and most effective; early in the action, that of the right squadron, under Captain Chapman, ordered and directed by Colonel Rowcroft, was carried out with a rapid and telling effect, driving in the left of the enemy, killing great numbers, turning and shaking their centre. The advance of the Naval Brigade and Gorrucknath Regiment, ordered at the same time, drove the whole line of the enemy into full retreat, compelling them to abandon their guns; and here a detachment of 20 troopers, yeomanry cavalry, with Cornets Copland and Prinsep, ordered from the right squadron to the rear of naval guns, to cover and protect them, did excellent and useful service: the combined movements and advance of all the troops leading to the capture of 7 of the enemy's guns. Shortly before this movement, Colonel Rowcroft received a Report from Major Richardson, commanding left squadron on the left, that the enemy, in great force, had got round our left rear, threatening our camp. Orders were sent to Major Richardson, with a troop of his whole squadron, to attack and clear out the enemy; most gallantly and effectually carried out by Major Richardson and his squadron, actively aided by a few Goorkha companies, under Captain Brooks. Major Richardson reports that he received great assistance from Cornets Kloeer and Troup, who were his Orderly Officers. Colonel Rowcroft's best thanks are also due to Captain Morgan, Field Force Staff, and to the Honorable V. A. Montague, his Acting Aide-de-Camp, for their ready and zealous services; also to Drs. Shore and Dickenson, of the Naval Brigade, and to Dr. J. W. R. Ainesbury, of the Bengal Yeomanry Cavalry and to Rev. W. Williams, Naval Chaplain, present in the field.

The field force* moved out about 7½ A.M., took up a position and formed line a little to the west of the village of Amorah and our camp, when the bugle calls of the enemy were soon heard, and their lines seen over-lapping our flanks. The action commenced at 8½ A.M. and closed at 12½ P.M., in four hours; the enemy, reported to be 4,000 sepoys of the 1st, 10th, 58th, 56th, 5th Gwalior Contingent, and 2nd Oude Police Corps, 700 strong, 10,000 irregulars, 300 sowars, and 9 guns, being beaten at all points, pursued 7 miles, and completely routed with heavy loss of 7 gunst with limbers and ammunition, and 500 killed and wounded. This most successful action by the field force may be considered to have saved Goruckpore from a second immediate rebellion.

Colonel Rowcroft is very happy that our Casualty List is not heavy, though he has to regret the loss of Second Master, Mr. John Fowler, R.N., of the Pearl, killed in action by a round shot.

The above ordered to be read and explained to regiments and detachments at a parade ordered for that purpose.

* Royal Marines 32, Naval Column 140, Bengal Yeomanry Cavalry 200, Goorkhas 850, Sikhs 39, 4 12-pounder howitzers.

† Enemy's guns captured—1 18-pounder, 1 9-pounder, 2 6-pounders, 3 2- and 4-pounders.