

No. 38.

*Major-General G. C. Whitlock, Commanding
Saugor Field Division, to Major-General J.
Mansfield, Chief of the Staff, Bengal.*

Camp Banda, April 30, 1858.

SIR,

No. 135.

I MUCH regret I omitted to mention, in my despatch of the 24th instant, the name of the Political Agent for Bundelcund, Major Ellis, who accompanied the force from Punnah, and his services have been most useful to me; he was on the field during the action of the 19th instant, and it was through his valuable intelligence, I became acquainted with the position of the rebels.

I have, &c.

G. C. WHITLOCK, Major-General
Commanding Saugor Field Division.

No. 39.

Allahabad, May 22, 1858.

No. 159 of 1858.

THE Right Honorable the Governor-General is pleased to direct the publication of the following despatch from Brigadier Rowcroft, commanding Sarun Field Force, No. 258, dated 30th April, 1858, forwarding a report from Captain Clerk, commanding detachment at Bustee, of an action with the rebels in that neighbourhood on the 25th April 1858 :—

No. 40.

*Brigadier H. Rowcroft, Commanding Sarun Field
Force to Colonel Birch, C.B., Secretary to
Government of India, in the Military Depart-
ment, Allahabad.*

*Camp Captaingunge, District of Goruckpore,
April 30, 1858.*

SIR,

No. 258.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor-General, a report in original, from Captain Clerk, of the 4th Madras Cavalry, commanding a small detachment at Bustee, of an encounter which he had with a party of rebels in that neighbourhood on the 25th instant, and which appears to have been very ably carried out by Captain Clerk.

2. Mr. Wilson, deputy magistrate, gallantly lead the small detachment of Goorkhas to the attack, and received a bullet through his hat, close over the head.

3. Sheogholam Singh, the leader of the insurgents, who was killed, was a man of considerable influence, and the Commissioner was about to offer a reward of rupees 3,000 for his capture.

4. Captain Clerk has since reported to me, that the loss of the enemy killed and dead of their wounds, has been ascertained to be sixty.

I have, &c.,
H. ROWCROFT, Brigadier,
Commanding Sarun Field Force.

No. 41.

*Captain E. Clerk, Commanding Detachment 4th
Regiment Madras Light Cavalry, to Captain
Morgan, Brigadier Major, Goruckpore Field
Force, Amorah.*

SIR, *Camp Captaingunge, April 26, 1858.*

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of Brigadier Rowcroft, commanding the Goruckpore Field Force, that, having received intelligence yesterday, that a party of rebels, under Sheogholam Sing, had taken up a position at Pyrah, about six miles north of Bustee, on the road to Rudowlee, I proceeded with the force noted in the margin* to attack them.

2. I found the rebels in a large grove of mango trees, terminating in a small village surrounded with bamboos, and separated by small spaces of open country from numerous other groves which extended to a considerable distance. Directing the Goorkhas to form line and advance straight on the enemy, I rode round with my troop to intercept their retreat from the further side of the village. At first the enemy formed line at the edge of the grove of trees, but, as the Goorkhas advanced, he retired, keeping up a sharp but ill-directed fire, under the shelter of the bamboos, where he, for some time, made a stout resistance, till driven out by a party of Goorkhas led on by Mr. Wilson, the assistant magistrate. As soon as the rebels appeared in the open, I charged them with my troop, cutting down and wounding several, and driving them till they were completely dispersed in the surrounding groves.

3. As intelligence had been received, that another party of rebels were about five miles from Bustee on the north-west, I did not consider it advisable to follow Sheogholam Sing's party further, and accordingly returned to camp.

4. Our loss is two killed and five wounded, six horses wounded and one missing.

5. I herewith forward a casualty list.

6. The enemy must have numbered from four to five hundred, half of whom however retreated, on the opposite side of the village which I took, without taking any part in the fight. Twenty-four bodies were found lying on the field, and amongst them that of Sheogholam Singh.

I have, &c.,
E. CLERK, Captain,
Commanding Detachment 4th Regiment
Madras Light Cavalry.

* 49 Sabres; 4th Madras Cavalry; 150 Goorkhas, Baruck Regiment.

No. 42.

*MEMORANDUM of Casualties which occurred in the attack on the Rebels at Pyrah, on the 25th of
April, 1858.*

Camp Captaingunge, April 26, 1858.

4TH MADRAS LIGHT CAVALRY.

Name.	Rank.	Troop or Company.	Nature of wound.	Remarks.
Said Hossein	... Troop Havildar-Major	C.	Killed
Sheik Hossein	... Lance Naick ...	C. ...	Slightly ...	Incised wound of left arm