

25th, that I was enabled to cross the column over to the village of Manglee.

On the morning of the 26th I commenced my march for Etonda. The advance guard of cavalry and detachment 72nd Highlanders crossed a nullah a short way in my front, and the artillery was about to follow, when the water rose so rapidly that no further progress could be made, and it was with difficulty that I could recross that portion of the force which had already passed over. After doing so, the river to my rear and the nullah to my front rose to so great a height, that I was obliged to halt till the 30th instant.

During the halt it was with the utmost difficulty that I could obtain supplies, and it was only by the construction of rafts, and by the employment of some men of the 12th Regiment Native Infantry (expert swimmers), that I was enabled to procure supplies for the subsistence of the troops, and horses of the artillery and cavalry. During this protracted delay, I was receiving intelligence of the rebels being at Keera, Jellodra, Maunpoora, Hora and Mundelgurh.

On the 31st at 10 A.M. the nullah becoming fordable, I crossed the force over, encamped the cavalry and infantry just across the nullah.

On the 1st August at 3 P.M. I marched to Sarspoora, distant 4 miles, the road exceedingly deep in mud.

On the 2nd August, at 2½ I marched to Tookra, distant 5 miles; the road most difficult for artillery, and it was with the greatest exertions that the Troop Horse Artillery reached the encamping ground, between 7 and 8 o'clock; and part of the baggage, sick, carts, &c., did not arrive till the next morning.

On the 3rd August I was obliged to halt as the road ahead which I had directed to be examined, was pronounced impracticable.

On the 4th August, having discovered another route, I marched to Johaypore, where I received information of the Rebels being at Mundelgurh.

It was my intention to have resumed my march on the 5th, but I was prevented in consequence of the want of carriage with the force, great numbers of camels having died on the march from Indagurh to Boondee, and during the eleven days' detention at Nowagaum and Manglee, as also on the march to Johaypore.

On the morning of the 6th I marched to Kujooru, where information was brought that the rebels were crossing the Bunnass river at the Turbanee ford, and intended to march to Bheelwara.

On the morning of the 7th I marched to Kurhola. The Bunnass river was 4 or 5 miles in front, and said to be impracticable, excepting where the rebels had crossed, and it was not till after many hours' search, and till too late to make any further movement, that the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Captain Heathcote, was able to discover one.

At 4 A.M. on the morning of the 8th, I moved on the ford, which was broad and upwards of three feet deep; and the passage of troops and baggage was not effected till nearly 5 o'clock.

About 2 o'clock P.M. I received intimation from the Assistant Quartermaster-General, that the General's camp was at Sanganeer, and that the rebels were encamped at Bheelwara. I immediately made arrangements to march on Bheelwara as soon as the men had dined.

The troops had fallen in for the march at 6½ P.M.; but, not being furnished with proper guides, the march was not commenced till 9½ o'clock. The troops marched all night, and between 2 and 3 o'clock P.M., on the 9th instant, reached Bheelwara, having marched about 35 miles, when I had

the gratification of hearing of the successful action that had been fought the evening before.

From the date of my leaving head-quarters camp, it had been my earnest endeavour to pursue as rapidly as possible, but the difficulties of the road were great, and the heat of the weather in the first instance told upon the Europeans, and afterwards the heavy rains impeded the progress of the artillery and baggage, and for eleven days the force was obliged to halt at the villages of Nowagaum and Manglee, in consequence of the flooded state of the Mey river, and a swollen stream in front of Manglee; yet in spite of these difficulties, added to the loss of a large number of our baggage camels, the troops had marched upwards of 240 miles from the date of leaving, till joining the head-quarters-camp; and though I was unable to overtake the rebels, yet they were so constantly kept on the move, that they were prevented from plundering many villages and towns, which, but for the fear of being overtaken, they would have done.

The conduct of the troops was admirable; they met every difficulty and privation with the utmost cheerfulness; and, from the commanding officers of the different detachments of the force, I have received the most cordial support.

A native gentleman, Moulvee Mehomed Moheedeem, Vakeel of Jeypore, who accompanied me through the pursuit, rendered me so much good service (in procuring information, carriage, supplies, &c.) that I beg strongly to recommend him to the Major-General's consideration.

I have, &c.,

J. HOLMES, Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel,
12th Regiment Native Infantry, late
in command Light Field Detachment.

No. 7.

GENERAL ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA.

Allahabad, November 29, 1858.

No. 550 of 1858.

THE Right Honourable the Governor-General is pleased to direct the publication of the following letter from the Secretary to Government at Bombay, No. 209, dated 5th November, 1858, forwarding a Report from Major-General Michel, C.B., detailing further successful operations against the rebels in Malwa.

The Governor-General offers his thanks to Major-General Michel, and to the officers and men engaged on this occasion.

No. 8.

The Secretary to the Government, Bombay, to the Secretary to the Government of India.

Bombay, November, 1858.

SIR,

No. 209.

I AM directed by the Right Honourable the Governor in Council to forward, for submission to the Right Honourable the Governor-General, copy of a letter from the Adjutant-General of the Army, dated the 26th October last, No. 4388, enclosing copy of a despatch from Major-General Michel, C.B., detailing further successful operations against the rebels in Malwa.

2. In forwarding this despatch, I am desired to request that you will draw the favourable attention of his Lordship to the gallant service rendered by Major-General Michel, and by the force under his command, in the action near Mungrowlee,