

IX. The reports of the operations of the three columns accompany this, and I am most gratified to find all my instructions have been carried out with the utmost precision.

X. I had not anticipated the opposition made by Radha Govind, nor did I contemplate his awaiting an attack, but I learnt afterwards that he had determined to die on the spot, which was one of great sanctity, wearied as he was with constant fear of being captured and from the harassing clamors of his followers for arrears of pay and supply of provisions. He had sent away his elephant, which was afterwards captured.

XI. They in Lieutenant-Colonel Hinde's camp who know Radha Govind recognised him and his brother dead on the field, when the gallant troops of the Lieutenant-Colonel had reached the summit of the heights.

XII. It is now a pleasing duty to recommend Lieutenant-Colonel Hinde to the very favourable notice of his Lordship the Commander-in-Chief.

2. I went over the position which had been assigned to Lieutenant Colonel Hinde; and it is but justice to praise that officer's admirable arrangements for attack, the gallantry of his troops, and the alacrity with which the heights were stormed when the advance was ordered.

3. The company of Her Majesty's 43rd Light Infantry, under Captain Disbrowe, worked up the heights with their well known energy and knowledge of the duties of light troops, and, with their officer, deserve all approbation.

4. It was the first time the Rewah Levies had been regularly opposed to the enemy, and from the various accounts of their conduct they deserve every praise.

5. Captain Mathias, Lieutenant Cracroft and Mr. Kirke, of the Rewah Levies, behaved most gallantly.

6. It is with much satisfaction that I solicit his Lordship's attention to the names of the native officers mentioned by Lieutenant-Colonel Hinde, and especially to those of Acting-Jemadar Adjoondah Sing and Subadar Rajkoop Oosundra, the latter mentioned by Captain Pasley.

7. The detachment 50th Native Infantry co-operated in the movement, and behaved well under Ensign Gosling.

8. The guns worked by a detachment of the Royal Artillery were very much exposed for some time to a heavy flanking fire, whilst the enemy's battery found their range, but our guns, notwithstanding, were most active in silencing the musketry fire of the enemy and distracting their attention from the infantry, who steadily advanced and captured the battery.

9. Captain Pasley has been noticed by Lieutenant-Colonel Hinde most favourably, and he, with his fine and able body of men, deserve my best thanks.

10. The conduct also of Dr. Macfarlane, the Field-Surgeon, has called forth commendation. I well know the value of this officer's services on all occasions, which prove him worthy of my special recommendation to the most favourable consideration of Lord Clyde.

XIII. The left column, under Captain Southey, performed its duties most efficiently, and that officer deserves favourable mention to his Lordship, to whom I beg to recommend him.

2. Lieutenant Thomson, of the Madras Horse Artillery, in charge of the mortars, Lieutenant Hodges, of the 1st Madras Native Infantry, and Ensign Sheffield, of the 3rd Madras European Regiment, have been favourably noticed by Captain Southey.

3. My Assistant Adjutant-General, Lieutenant Williams, of the 3rd Europeans, whom I had

attached to this column, an intelligent, zealous officer, is spoken of very favourably.

4. It is true this column was not exposed to the heavy fire the centre column had to encounter, but its movement on the left was of the greatest importance, compelling the enemy to keep the centre road, which threw them back on the right column, the artillery, cavalry and infantry, which were so opportunely and skilfully posted by Major Mein, leading to a heavy loss of the enemy, the capture of two elephants, with the Radha Govind's state silver howdah and his palanqueens, with a mass of correspondence. So great was the surprise of the enemy on finding the country occupied by our troops around the village of Dudree, that they were completely bewildered. Flying in all directions to the jungles, a body took shelter in a hill thickly studded with jungle close at hand: the activity of the cavalry, the watchfulness of the artillery, who were everywhere, prevented their escape; and a party of 3rd Europeans and Sappers, under Lieutenant Campbell, killed the whole, amounting to 120. A small party of the 3rd Madras Europeans, under Lieutenant Hunt, used their bayonets and Enfields most effectually, killing several.

XIV. I beg permission to bring Major Mein to the special notice of Lord Clyde. His arrival on his ground was so admirably timed, and his disposition of his troops so judicious, that they effected all that could be expected from them.

2. The state of the ghaut which extends about a mile, at one time almost frustrated the hope of bringing up the guns to the summit, but it was effected without accident, and the A Troop Madras Horse Artillery claim my every acknowledgement and cordial thanks for their skill and their energetic perseverance in surmounting obstacles which really appeared at times to baffle all further progress.

3. Captain Menegan, commanding the troops, and Lieutenants Stewart and Anderson, deserve the greatest praise for the celerity with which their guns were moved, and always to the proper place, to act if occasion required. Lieutenant Anderson's capture of the two elephants was a most dashing affair.

4. Captain Harrison, Artillery Brigade-Major, a smart and active officer, attracted my attention by the able manner in which I saw him convey orders to every part of the field.

XV. Major Prior, of Her Majesty's 12th Royal Lancers, moved his squadron most efficiently, and deserves every notice, whilst his men, first employed in vidette duties, then in operations on the enemy, evinced a conduct most praiseworthy.

XVI. The gallant squadron of the Hyderabad Contingent, was here, as always, zealous, brave and energetic. Captain Macintire was at their head, and his conduct was as usual most gallant.

2. Of Surgeon Bradley, Hyderabad Contingent, I cannot speak too highly. Whatever his duties have been, however heavy his medical charge, he has always been at his post, and here as elsewhere has ever merited commendation. May I respectfully solicit his Lordship's special notice of this officer who has been with his squadron in the field since September, 1857, without interruption.

XVII. Captain Lawder, my Assistant Quartermaster-General, merits my best acknowledgements. He was most zealous in seeing my orders carried out for the formation of the troops, and most useful to me throughout the day.

XVIII. Lieutenant Heath, of the Commissariat Department, had two days' provisions in the field before the fight was over. He is young in the department, but he conducted his duties most satisfactorily.