

sentry or work the guns. I frequently saw them working as gunners, &c., much to the admiration and encouragement of others, although themselves frequently compelled from exhaustion to desist for a few seconds; and I confidently assert that, during a short stay at Allahabad, (leaving that garrison myself on the 30th of June, 1857,) without enumerating particular acts, the service rendered by Captains Russell and Brown could not have been excelled by any one in their position; and, in my humble opinion, they are both eminently deserving of reward.

I have, &c.

J. BRASYER, Lieut-Colonel,  
Commanding Regiment of Ferozepore.

### No. 3.

*Fort William, 3rd May, 1859.*

### No. 609.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General in Council has much satisfaction in publishing the following letter from the Officiating Adjutant-General of the Army, No. 132, of the 17th April, 1859, forwarding detailed reports of the attack made on the insurgents in the first range of the Nepal Hills on the 28th ultimo, by the troops under Colonel Kelly, C.B.

His Excellency in Council, while concurring with the Commander-in-Chief in the approbation expressed by his Lordship, desires to record his thanks to Colonel Kelly and Captains Renny and Stafford, in command of columns, and the officers and troops employed on this occasion.

### No. 4.

*The Officiating Adjutant-General of the Army,  
& to the Secretary to the Government of India.*

*Head Quarters, Camp, Bootana,*

SIR, 17th April, 1859.

IN continuation of my letter of the 6th instant, No. 93,\* I have the honour, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, to transmit, for the information of his Excellency the Governor-General in Council, detailed reports of the attack made on the insurgents in the first range of the Nepal Hills on the 28th ultimo, by the troops under Colonel R. D. Kelly, C.B., of Her Majesty's 34th Foot.

2. Lord Clyde desires to record his approval of Colonel Kelly's arrangements, and to recommend to the favourable notice of the Governor-General Captains Renny and Stafford in command of columns, and the officers and troops employed.

3. His Lordship further solicits the bestowal of the 3rd Class of the Order of Merit upon the native officers and soldiers of the 3rd Sikh Infantry and 7th Punjab Infantry, who are specially brought to notice.

I have, &c.,

H. W. NORMAN, Major,  
Officiating Adjutant-General of the Army.

### No. 5.

*Colonel R. D. Kelly, Commanding Field Force,  
to the Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Oude  
Division, Lucknow.*

*Camp, near Bootwal,*

SIR, 30th March, 1859.

IN my letter No. 186, of 28th instant, to the address of the Quartermaster General of the

Army, I gave a short statement of the successful attack made on the morning of the 28th instant, by a portion of the force under my command, on the rebels posted in the first range of the Nepal Hills; and I have now the honour to forward, for the information of Major-General Sir Hope Grant, K.C.B., a more detailed account of the affair, which I request he will have the goodness to transmit for submission to his Lordship the Commander-in-Chief.

2. The force intended for the attack was divided into two columns; that on the right, commanded by Captain Stafford, 7th Punjab Infantry, consisted of that regiment and a detachment of 92 men of Her Majesty's 13th Light Infantry, commanded by Lieutenant Gilbert; the left, under Captain Renny, of his own regiment, the 3rd Sikh Infantry, and a detachment of 92 men, of Her Majesty's 13th Light Infantry, under Captain Peel: the strength of these columns is given in the margin.\*

3. The remainder of the Force, consisting of the Field Battery Royal Artillery, under Major Henry; the remainder of the wing Her Majesty's 13th Light Infantry, under Lieutenant-Colonel King; Her Majesty's 34th Regiment, under Lieutenant-Colonel Simpson; the Jât Horse, under Major Murray; Lahore Light Horse, under Captain Jackson, Her Majesty's 70th Regiment; and Pathan Horse, under Lieutenant Vivian, were distributed in a chain of pickets skirting the jungle, to cut off the escape of the enemy, should they attempt it from the direction of the base of the hills. Three companies of Her Majesty's 34th Regiment, under Major Maxwell, were left to guard our camps, which were left standing.

4. At daybreak, the attacking columns left the camp, and, pushing through the dense belt of jungle skirting the base of the hills, commenced their steep ascent at the points selected by me the previous evening; and, skilfully led by Captains Stafford and Renny, they ascended the spurs of the hills, by which they commanded the gorges on either side; and, notwithstanding the opposition made by the rebels, greatly superior to them in numbers, with all the advantages of position in their favour, fairly drove them from ridge to ridge completely over the crest of the range, inflicting on them a loss of at least four hundred in killed alone, and a quantity of arms of all sorts thrown away by them: six elephants, and about twenty-five camels, and three hundred horses and ponies, were also captured.

5. Our loss amounted to five men killed, and one European officer, Lieutenant and Adjutant Baillie, 7th Punjab Infantry (who, although severely wounded, is, I am glad to say, doing well), one native officer and eight men wounded, total five killed and ten wounded; which, although to be regretted, will not, I hope, be considered out of proportion to the advantage gained.

6. I enclose, for the information of the Major-General, the reports of their operations, made to me by Captains Renny and Stafford; and I trust that he will support my recommendation that their valuable services on this occasion, as well as on that of the affair of the 25th instant, may receive some recognition. The conduct of all engaged, both officers and men, was admirable.

7. The difficulties of a steep ascent through a thick jungle, and under a burning sun, and exposed to a heavy fire, were overcome with cheerfulness,

\* Right Column; Her Majesty's 13th Light Infantry, Lieutenant Gilbert, Lieutenant Sandeson, 6 sergeants, 1 bugler, 85 privates; 7th Punjab Infantry, 3 European officers, 9 Native officers, 44 havildars, 4 buglers, 471 sepoy; Left Column, Her Majesty's 13th Light Infantry, 2 officers, 4 sergeants, 1 bugler, 87 privates; 3rd Sikh Infantry, 4 European officers, 15 native officers, 44 havildars, 623 rank and file.