

we progressed, hiding in the ravines and jungle. Lieutenant Osborne, Political Agent of Rewah, was wounded by a sword cut on the right hand. He was at the time he was attacked, closely followed by three men of the 43rd Light Infantry, two men of the artillery being a few paces in front of him. Private Henry Addison, of the 43rd Light Infantry, seeing him attacked and on the ground, rushed forward to defend and cover him in a most gallant manner. In doing this, I much regret having to record, that he received two very severe sword cuts, one on the left leg which rendered immediate amputation of the limb above the knee necessary, and another causing compound fracture of the left fore-arm. The heroism displayed by Private Addison in thus placing himself between Lieutenant Osborne and his assailant at the critical juncture he did, thereby saving that officer's life, may, I hope, be deemed worthy of the Victoria Cross, for which honour I earnestly beg to recommend him.

4. Finding that the rebels had all fled, and that any further pursuit would be fruitless, I recalled my party, and we retraced our steps to the village, breakfasted, and reached our camping ground at Bursingpore, at half-past four P.M., having gone over some thirty miles in twenty-four hours, exclusive of the ground covered in the pursuit. Having given the men a good night's rest here, we proceeded after breakfast to Kothee, and arrived there at six P.M., on the 3rd instant.

5. The party of rebels whose defeat I have described, appeared to be all trained soldiers, and I should say numbered from 250 to 270, of whom 45 to 50 were killed, but exact numbers could not be ascertained, as the fighting ground covered an extensive space. Their wounded it is impossible to give any account of; three prisoners were taken, two of whom were fully armed. One was he said in the Maharajah's Contingent, and the other a relative of a sepoy, killed at Punghuttee in September last. The third prisoner was a mere lad. The two former were hung, and the latter brought on, as also a woman and two children, who were found near the rebels' camp;

several articles of clothing belonging to the late Bengal army, percussion arms and pouches, with Delhi arsenal stamps on them, were also found.

6. In bringing this report to a close, it affords me gratification to bear testimony to the admirable conduct of the troops, Europeans and Natives, and to the efficient and cheerful manner in which both officers and men did their duty; my thanks are due to Captain Palmer, Royal Artillery, in command of the party of that arm; to Lieutenant Gompertz, Staff Officer, I am much indebted, for the assistance he afforded me, and for the very efficient way in which he managed his small detachment of cavalry: the service of Doctor Abbott attached to the Rewah agency, the medical officer who accompanied the expedition, have my commendation, for the attention and care he bestowed on the wounded; the gallantry of Jemadar Mahomed Khan, in charge of the Rewah Sowars, and of Sikh Sowar Khan Singh, who received a gun shot wound in the right shoulder, have been brought to my notice, for favourable report by Lieutenant Gompertz, and I have much pleasure in doing so; I cannot omit to mention in this report, the name of an old and most meritorious native officer Subadar Purwarish Khan, of the 1st Madras Native Infantry, who was in command of the men of the regiment, he is a most zealous and very superior officer of good family, and if my honest recommendation should prove the means of his obtaining any reward I shall have much pleasure in feeling that I was instrumental to it.

7. I have now only to place on record the valuable services of Mr. Coles, Political Assistant Rewah, who was most indefatigable in promoting the success of the expedition; Lieutenant Osborne and Mr. Coles, both present with the expedition throughout, for their hearty co-operation and support have my sincere thanks.

8. I beg to forward a nominal roll of officers employed, a casualty roll, and a return of arms captured.

I have, &c.,

FRED. GOTTREUX.

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NOMINAL ROLL of Officers present at Kurrereah, 2nd January, 1859.

| Corps. | Rank and Names. | Remarks. |
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| 1st Regiment Madras N.I. | Lieutenant-Colonel F. Gottreux | Commanding Field Detachment |
| Royal Artillery... | Captain E. Palmer | |
| 1st Regiment Madras N.I. | Lieutenant E. D. Gompertz | |
| Her Majesty's 43rd L.I. | Ensign G. Young | |
| 1st Regiment Madras N.I. | Subadar Purwarish Khan | |

FREDERICK GOTTREUX, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding Field Detachment.