

CCCXXVIII.

5th of September.—The Tehseeldar of Khyragurh reported that on Friday, the 4th, 70 Sowars, 300 Infantry, and 2 guns crossed at Dholpore; that the rest was at Choundee.

The whole force—3 "pultuns," 3 troops, and 1200 Gwalior Sowars—would assemble at Dholpore on Wednesday, and on Thursday, having formed a camp, start for Agra.¹

Tehseeldar of Khyragurh reported Gwalior troops to assemble at Dholpore.

W. M.

CCCXXIX.

Major Macpherson's Memorandum of the 6th September 1857.
—On the 2nd of August the Indore and Mhow insurgents, under Shahzada Ferozeshah of Dehli, marched from Morar Cantonment to the Residency. They consisted of:—

Indore and Mhow insurgent force.

23rd N.I., strength about	800
Irreg. 1st Cavalry	120
Holkar's Foot	400
"Gole" of Hindustanis, under Sirdar Waris Mahomed Khan of Bhopal, late prisoner at Indore	300
Ghazees	700
Golundaz	100
The 4th troop of the 2nd Contingent Cavalry, which requested the Maharajah's permission to depart because, from having killed English officers, it considered itself beyond pardon both by the Government and the Maharajah	100
About 10 men from each Contingent Regiment, excepting the 5th	60
From the 4th Contingent Infantry, in the same position as the 4th troop of 2nd Cavalry	100
	<u>2680</u>

This force, on the 3rd, detached by forced marches to the Chumbul about 500 men, consisting of three companies of the 23rd N.I., 100 Horse in English uniforms, 100 Gole and Ghazees, and 2 guns. They reached the Chumbul on the 4th, and the Infantry and Cavalry crossed at the Katree Ghat that evening.

Part of force crossed the Chumbul on the 4th September.

The object in pushing on this detachment was said to be to secure against the supposed advance of an English force the

¹ More than a month before they advanced on Agra (Oct. 10th).—W. M.

river Ghats and the Fort at Dholpore on the river's bank, and especially, it is said, with a view to depositing in the Fort the contents of the Gwalior Magazine. The Fort was left open to this party. I have not yet heard of its entrance into it.

On the 4th the remainder of the Indore insurgent force moved from the Residency, and was to reach the Chumbul to-day, —it has 400 or 500 carts, with very many women and children; they will take at least to-morrow to cross. They had on the 3rd no share of the Gwalior Magazine, and only 40 maunds of powder brought from villages, and from 10 to 20 . . . (?) guns.

Their further movements depend mainly on the course which the rebels at Gwalior shall take.

CHARTERIS MACPHERSON,
Political Agent.

CCCXXIXA.

6th September. *Statement of Huttee Singh Meena, employed by Mr. Phillipps, Magte. and Collector.*—Was with the Indore troops when they left, having had no pay for 5 months. I went with them to the Residency on the 2nd. There was no plunder or disturbance there. They halted on Thursday, and intended to remain there 2 or 3 days in hopes of getting the Contingent to go with them. While encamped there, about 10 or 11 a.m., a letter was received from some one at Dholpore by the Bhopal Nawab, saying that whoever came first, the British or the rebels, would take Dholpore—the Fort and Ghats—that there would be no local resistance. The Nawab immediately called the Havildar Major and Subadar Major (both Mussulmans) and ordered 2 companies, 2 guns, 2 troops, and 100 of the new levies to go forward and seize the Ghats and occupy Dholpore; so they set out about midday and pitched at Cheounda, and started in the morning.

[Here follows detail of troops, about 7000; and of arrangements at ferry, etc.]

No Contingent Regiments are with them. Only a few here and there from Contingent Regiments joined the Army on Thursday. They have no certain hopes now of the Contingent Regiments coming. They hope the 2nd and 5th will join. The 5th has gone to the Body Guard, but not yet got its pay.

The Magazine of the Contingent has not been opened or touched. The Indore people say they have plenty of

U O P N