

## DCCXIV.

AGRA, December 1.

CAWNPORE.—November 25.—“The Contingent have shaken off their vacillations, and are steadily advancing. They have got over their heavy guns, after all; but they came last of everything across the bridge. Gwalior Contingent advances on Cawnpore.”

“The first Division, with Koer Singh’s men and six guns, arrived this morning at Sucheindee, which is only twelve miles off, and six from our camp; but this must be a blind to cover the advance of the two Divisions towards the Ganges or Bithoor. We have two thousand Europeans with Enfields watching for the first Division at the canal bridge, six miles from here; and if the infatuated fools advance another step they advance to certain destruction.”

On the 26th, I learn from the statements of the Cossids who brought the above despatch, there was an engagement between our troops and the advanced Division of the rebel Army. The action was fought near the Pandoo Nuddee, in advance of our Camp; two out of four guns which the enemy had in the field were taken, and he was driven back some way from Sucheindee. As our messengers state that they were eye-witnesses of this action, their report may be accepted, without reliance on its details, as founded on fact, pending the receipt of further despatches. Action near Pandoo Nuddee.

The Commander-in-Chief would seem to have been still at Lucknow, arranging probably for the carriage of the sick and the women and children to Cawnpore.

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## DCCXV.

AGRA, 3rd December 1857.

MUNDESSORE.—28th Nov.—A despatch has been received of that date from the Mhow Column encamped at Mundessore. The proceedings there have been attended with complete success.

The Army of the Shahzada having attacked Mehidpore on the 8th ultimo, and having been joined by the Mutineers of the Malwa Contingent, was proceeding with the Mehidpore Artillery to Mundessore, when on the way they were attacked by our Hyderabad Contingent Horse. “Our Cavalry dashed at them at once,” etc.<sup>1</sup> Action (at Ravul) near Mandesaur.

<sup>1</sup> The action is fully described in No. CCXXV., p. 293, vol. i.

NUSSEERABAD.—28th Nov.—The Head Quarters H.M.'s 83rd with guns, etc., from Deesa, marched in on that date.

## DCCXVI.

AGRA, December 7th, 1857.

Troops  
expected at  
Karachi.

LAHORE. — Nov. 30th. — "Three Regiments of European Infantry, one of Dragoons, and a lot of Artillery are every day expected at Kurrachee, and will be sent up to Lahore as quickly as possible."

Road to Cawn-  
pore from Agra  
disturbed.

The road to Cawnpore is so beset by plundering parties that our Cossids have not been able of late to get through with any letter.

## DCCXVII.

AGRA, 12th Dec. 1857.

CAWNPORE.—A despatch has been received, dated the 3rd instant, but without any mention of our engagements with the Gwalior Contingents. The letters on that subject have evidently miscarried.

Lucknow  
families sent  
down country.

The Commander-in-Chief appears to have reached Cawnpore from Lucknow on the 30th ultimo, with the families, sick, etc., for whose immediate passage to Allahabad arrangements were speedily made. So soon as they were well in the rear on their journey down the country, operations were to commence for the attack and dispersion of the rebels who occupied the environs of Cawnpore and a portion of the town itself.

Gwalior  
Contingent  
defeated at  
Mogul Serai.  
Balla Sahib  
wounded.

Intelligence has been received, through the Gwalior news-writer at Calpee, that a most decisive action took place on the 6th or 7th instant, which ended in the entire discomfiture of the Contingent and other insurgents, in the capture of all their Artillery, baggage, and in driving them back towards Calpee, in the fort of which place the Balla Sahib (brother of the Nana), who was himself wounded, has taken refuge. The villagers are said to have refused shelter to any of the fugitives.

In the absence of our own despatches, this grateful intelligence may be received as authentic; for the Gwalior news has always been, in the main, trustworthy.

AJMERE.—6th December.—"We hope to have a good force up here soon. A European Dragoon Regiment, a complete one of Infantry, a troop of Horse Artillery and natives, with some European Sappers and Miners, are our expected reinforcements."

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