

To: William the 25th September 1857

To: Dept. from Home Department (Office Memo.)

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No 220

Message received by Electric Telegraph,
From Allahabad Friday 28th August 11/5 PM.
From C. Chester.

To Calcutta
To Cecil Beadon Esquire

The following is Extract from a letter from Mr. Grenthorpe to Mr. Colvin dated Delhi the 14th August 1857 - Extract begins - General Nicholson's Column marched in here this morning, it consisted of the fifty second light Infantry being sixty first two hundred Cavalry - These troops are in excellent order and form an important reinforcement - The enemy were more quiet yesterday they must see that their new system of tactics makes no impression the Telewallah Battery is not allowed to speak being always shut up by our fire and the Mirmishing with light Guns is of course ineffective against an entrenched position - The picquets on our left in advance of Metcalfe's house which for a long time were unmolested is now kept more on the alert but they hold an impregnable position and the fire of the enemy has ceased to command attention - Extract ends -

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Calcutta
Off. Sec. Office
30th August 1857

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By Cecil Beadon
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From Commissions - Allahabad - (From Beadon Sec. Message)

No 221

Service Message by Electric Telegraph
(Recd by Express at Meerghobby.)
From Allahabad Sunday - 31st August 11/35 AM.
From C. Chester

To Calcutta
To C. Beadon Esq.

The following is Extract from a letter from Mr. Grenthorpe dated Delhi the 16th August - There has been a lull since the 12th and the enemy has ceased firing round shots at the tables in Metcalfe's ground, occupied by a picquet - They knocked down a corner of the building but they would not

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not have been nearer their object, if the whole had been demolished for an attack would still have had to be made on the breastwork and that is the rub they do not relish. They have mortars in Kishengunge - Their mortar practice is not so good as their Howitzers - The aim is true enough but the shells don't burst - Under the new disposition of the Army, Nicholson has the Command of a moveable Column consisting of the 1st Fusiliers 1st and 2^d Punjab Corps as he is not a full Colonel, he could not be appointed Brigadier in supersession of his Senior, and he was too good a man to lose - The Arrangement affords satisfaction - Captain Madson is out with his Cavalry watching the movements of a detachment sent to levy contributions from Gurgaon and Rohruet - They got one hundred sixty thousand from the Nawab - A party of their Cavalry went to Putrodee and Truez a few thousands of the Nujicks - They then set to plundering the town but were beaten off with loss by the Citizens, and the King has disallowed their acts, it was intended to send out more Columns to loot the Country on both sides of the River, but some one suggested it was a device of the Nakeems to betray the place, after weakening the Garrison the Sikhs of the several Regiments are formed now into two Battalions - The real object is not yet known, but the Sikhs obtain the arrangement as a pledge to show the others the way in attack &c..
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From Magistrate - Allahabad. (To Mr. Peardon - Tel. Message)
Message by Electric Telegraph.

No. 222

From Allahabad - Friday 22nd August 12 P.M.
From Magistrate

To Calcutta

To C. Peardon Esq. -

Secy. to the Govt. of India

The Cudh Subseeldars under orders from Lucknow and also for self aggrandizement have driven my Police and Revenue Establishment out of Pergunnah Math offunges - I am trying to bring in records and save outpost Police - but Government there is for the present helplessly gone - The Janges forms the line of our authority.

Calcutta E. T. Office
the 22nd August 1857

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