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to the other bank, it will move on probably tomorrow. Indore
Troops have not rallied they have been driven away from
Muktra as well as from Bhurspore. Letters from Delhi to
10th no news except that a Commission will be set upon
the King. Will report but not pass any decision. Gwalior
Contingent likely to march on 15th via Jhansi towards
Cawnpore.

Calcutta
C. I. Office
The 21st of Oct 1857

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(True Copy)
Sigs J. J. May
M. Capt. in charge

Genl W. Muir Esquire, *copy*
(Tel. message)

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Copy of Service message received by Sec. Telegraph

From *copy* 9th October via Cawnpore, Thursday 15th Oct 5-3 PM

Genl W. Muir
To Calcutta.

To G. F. Edmonstone, Esq^r

Reinforcements of Cavalry and artillery
effected this evening, Captain the Honorable Anson just
ridden in full camp - Rest of movable Column probably
tomorrow. Indore Mubinars crossed the Khara and insolently
menace. They will be attacked tomorrow or next day unless
news of our reinforcements makes them fly before. Present
quiet and Revenue is same as Pithor.

Cal. Sec. Tel. Dept.
The 16th Oct 1857

(True Copy)
Sigs L. C. Brien
M. Capt. in charge

Genl Chester Esquire
Commissioner at Allahabad
(To C. Brien Esq^r)

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To C. Brien, Esq^r
My dear Sir,

(Copy) Allahabad, Oct 16th 1857

At Sher's request I enclose the
accompanying

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accompanying scraps - The lower Dab is more disturbed at this present time than it has yet been - the bedmashes see that their time is pretty nearly up, and they want to make the most of it.

allahabad
The 10th Oct. 1857

Yours sincerely
G. C. Chester

Memorandum of Intelligence

Agra, 29th September, 1857

Delhi Sept. 22^d - Our regular despatches for the 22^d have now come in; the following are Extracts from Mr. Saunders's letter.

I am glad to be able to report that the King of Delhi through the exertions of Captain Hodson, and of Moulvie Sujjat-ally was induced to yield himself a prisoner to the British Government, on the sole condition that his own life and that of his Begum Zennat-car-Nissa, should be spared. He is now a prisoner under my charge and is placed in the house of the above Begum under a European Guard, and is guarded and treated with the consideration which his present position rather than his former circumstances and conduct entitle him to expect.

Captain Hodson also went out again this morning with a strong party of Cavalry and surrounded the tomb of Humayun and took prisoner Mirza Mogul, Mirza Khizr Sultan, two of the King's Sons, and Mirza Abul Bacr, his grandson, (all of whom had been prominent in the insurrection) and after having made them prisoners shot them on the spot.

"A movable Column has been formed which marches tomorrow morning (25^d) to the tomb and from thence in the direction of Agra." Mr. W. Clifford accompanies this Column. It consists of European and Sikh Infantry and Cavalry, with 18 Horse Artillery Guns.

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Every thing is perfectly quiet at this place. The City is deserted by all but our own troops - The Chandni Chuk, and in fact every street in the place, presents a most mournful spectacle of ruin and desolation. Our enemy since the commencement of the Siege must have lost an almost incredible number of men, and the destruction of house property by our Artillery fire from the time when we opened our advanced batteries is very remarkable.

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Cawnpore 22^d and 23^d September. Mr Sherer in a letter of the 22^d Instant, writes - "The crossing was effected in first rate style on Saturday and Sunday; the troops the first day, and the ammuniarib, the next. The enemy brought down a gun and opened fire, but Alpher's waited upon them with one or two of his field pieces, which have been newly horsed, and they withdrew the gun to Mungulwara.

The force marched on this latter place yesterday at daybreak, and about 7 o'clock we heard a heavy cannonade which lasted about an hour. They went right on; and not meeting with much opposition at Quao as we supposed, pushed for Bascongunge where it is thought they encamped last night.

Talwarpur is re-occupied by 200 Europeans to be increased to 300 directly.

"Dumfries Troops still at Kanhera"

On the 23^d Mr Sherer says - "We have had a letter from the Lucknow force, dated Monday Evening (21st) They took seven guns at Mungulwara on Monday morning, and only lost one man. They went straight on, and had seen nothing of the enemy up to Bascongunge." He adds that news had been received of the safety of some families near Lucknow for whom fears had before been entertained.

Another letter of the 23^d gives the following Extract of a communication from the Camp dated the 21st. "The enemy were prepared to oppose us at Mungulwara with 7 or 8 Guns planted at the villages on each side of the road, and a "Moorcha" on the road itself, but were driven off after exchanging a few shots, leaving four of their guns - They were followed up for several miles, and two more guns were taken. They were slaughtered like sheep. I have only heard of 2 killed and 6 or 8 wounded; no officers. We have moved on to Bascongunge 16 miles from the river."

The Cawnpore letter adds - "The force was all in high spirits at Banni bridge yesterday (22^d) and the Lucknow

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Lucknow Garrison was all safe and sound on the 29th, and able to hold out a fortnight or more.

The following Report has just reached us:—

The Muthra Moolchies have not been able to cross yet, there is a dispute amongst them, the Parsilly Brigade wants to leave but the others will not let them, unless they give up their spoil and ammunition, this Brigade is the strongest and wealthiest. It is to be hoped that this dispute will give our flying Brigade time to come up with them."

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Delhi— We have no despatch direct from Delhi, but a letter has been received from Ghazeewood-deer-muggur dated the 25th Instant.

It appears that Colonel Gwatkin's pursuing Column is marching down the left bank of the Jumna, not by the Kootkut and Pulout as at first intended. It consists of nearly 3000 men, of whom nearly one third are Europeans.

It reached Ghazeewood-deer-muggur on the 24th, and was to be at Dadree on the 26th. Mr. Brown Supte has joined it in Civil charge.

Mr. Clifford, writing from Ghazeewood-deer-muggur says that the fugitive army, or rather rabble of Moolchies were crossing the Ganges and making for Oude. Mulood Khan, he was afraid, had fled, or would do so as soon as he heard of our troops reaching Dadree, which is close to Malagurk.

Regarding the Moolchies on the right bank he writes: a drum major of the 29th N. I. who came to us, declares the Pindies had determined to cross the river at Muthra, and join the Lucknow rebels, not having any notion of forming a junction with the Gwalior men."

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The villagers along our route all appear, their readiness to pay up their Revenue as soon as it is called for."

The Indian army has sustained a heavy loss

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in the death of General Nicholson, which melancholy event occurred on the 20th Instant.

Cawnpore, Sept. 24th — Letters had been received at Cawnpore from the force proceeded to Lucknow dated the evening of the 22nd Instant. It was there encamped at Begun Gunge, 14 miles from Lucknow. On the 21st, we halted 20 miles from Cawnpore, and on the 22nd, march 14 miles.

The enemy was flying before us. Their retreat was too precipitate to allow them to destroy Bunnce bridge; only 4 more guns taken (total ten;) but many said to have been thrown into wells, as also four passed over the bridge.

Firing at Lucknow distinctly heard; a royal salute by our 24 pounders to announce our approach to the garrison there.

"Our Army will have arrived at Lucknow, either last night or this morning."

Another letter says — "after Mungulward, a very feeble resistance, instantly overcome at Conao, was all that our force had heard of the enemy. The flight was so hasty that they had no time to destroy the bridge over the Tye at Bunnce, and only four guns were carried by the enemy over the Muddoe. Of the remainder four came into our hands, (I suppose they were left on the road,) and the rest were thrown down wells previous to our advance. Tremendous rain had been encountered, but our Troops were marching capitally, and all were in high spirits. The General fired a Royal Salute of 24 pounders at Begun Gunge to let our friends in the Garrison know the army was close at hand.

Futtolpore is quite re-occupied. Mr. Hodger is going as Collector, Mr. Edwards as Judge, and Mr. Macnaghten as a pistark; also as Deputy Magistrate, Mr. William Glyn. 300 Europeans in the shell of Mr. Edwarstone's house.

A telegraphic message from Benares states that parts of the 23rd, 82nd, and 93rd Regiments with 3000 artillery had arrived in Calcutta, within the last few days, in all
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For: Dept (Secret) No. 170 (Contd.) 2000 men; and the remainder of these Regiments is daily looked for. Some of the 89th had arrived at Bombay; and the rest, with the 95th Regiment, daily expected from the Cape. Sign: W. Murray

From Lieutenant Colonel O'Brien, Allahabad (Tel. message)

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From Allahabad, 6th September

From Lieutenant Colonel O'Brien

To the Governor General, and Commander-in-Chief

The following Telegram has been received from General Keill, Cawnpore. News from Lucknow of the 2nd Sept. - British Guard all right - enemy's two heavy guns disabled, and they can neither fire nor move them.

Cal: Sec: Tel. Office (3) The 7th Sept. 1857

From M. Tucker Esquire - Benares (Tel. message to C. Beadon, Esq.) (Copy)

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From Benares, 10th September

From M. Tucker

To Calcutta

To C. Beadon

The first batch of the 70th Regiment 54 men arrived yesterday at 10 a. m. The second batch of the same Regiment 54 men arrived today at 9 a. m. Both parties all well - Do not delay in sending up coal - I hear there is none left at Ghazepore and Benares.

Cal: C. I. Office (3) The 12th Sept. 1857

From Brigadier General Havelock (To General Mansfield) (Tel. message)

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From Bapatnagar, September 21st (Tel. message by Sec: Telegraph)

From Brigadier General Havelock

To General Mansfield, Chief of the Staff

I have to request that you will inform