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Copy of service Message received by Electric Telegraph.

From Cawnpore 29th Nov. via Allahabad Wednesday 2^d Dec^r
1/45 P.M.

To
Commander in Chief.

To
Calcutta

To
The Government General.

Having heard that Cawnpore was besieged
I reached in thirty six miles arriving at dark yesterday.
Cawnpore is now relieved and the Rebels apparently
commencing a retreat. I am engaged in bringing
my long convoy of families and women and wounded
men from the left bank of the Ganges. I cannot act
decidedly against the enemy until I have seen them
on their way to Allahabad.

Calcutta Electric Telegraph Office
The 2^d of December 1857

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Mr. ^{Secret} Dept
 Electric message from the Comdr
 in Chief
 Is the Governor genl
 of 29th hour 184
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Reports his arrival at Cawnpore
 that the Rebels are apparently com-
 -encing a retreat - and that he
 cannot decidedly ^{act} against the
 enemy until he has seen his
 country on its way to Allahabad

