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WHITEHALL, August 23, 1839.

**T**HE Queen has been pleased to appoint  
The Most Honourable the Marquess of Breadalbane, K. T.  
The Right Honourable the Earl of Dalhousie ;  
The Right Honourable the Earl of Rosebery ;  
The Right Honourable Viscount Melville, K. T. ;  
The Right Honourable Lord Belhaven ;  
The Honourable Fox Maule ;  
The Right Honourable Sir William Rae, Bart. ;  
Thomas Maitland, Esq. Advocate ;  
John Shaw Stewart, Esq. Advocate ;  
Alexander Earle Monteith, Esq. Advocate ;  
Adam Anderson, Esq. Advocate ;  
Graham Spiers, Esq. Advocate ;  
Frederick Hill, Esq. ; and  
John Wigham, Jun. Esq. ;

in addition to certain *ex officio* Directors appointed by the Act passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to improve prisons and prison discipline in Scotland," to form the General Board of Directors of Prisons in Scotland.

WHITEHALL, August 24, 1839.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Andrew Murray, jun. Esq. Advocate, to be Secretary to the General Board of Directors of Prisons in Scotland.

DOWNING-STREET, August 29, 1839.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Charles Poulett Thomson to be Governor-General, Vice-Admiral, and Captain-General of all Her Majesty's Provinces within and adjacent to the Continent of North America.

INDIA BOARD, August 29, 1839.

**A** DISPATCH has been received at the East India-house, from the Governor in Council of Bombay, of which the following is an extract :—

WE avail ourselves of the departure of the East India Company's steamer *Berenice*, for the Persian Gulf, to transmit to the Honourable the Secret Committee our latest intelligence up to this date.

Private letters have been received from Candahar up to the 20th of May, and the intelligence they communicate is satisfactory.

His Majesty, Shah Shooja-ool-Moolk, was crowned on the 8th of May, and we have the honour to enclose, in this dispatch, copies of three General Orders, issued on the occasion, by his Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir John Keane. We have not obtained these officially, but we have no doubt of their authenticity.

A force under command of Brigadier Sale, having been detached against Gerishk, that place was occupied, without opposition, on the 15th of May, the Sirdars of Candahar having decamped before the Brigadier's arrival.

The troops were generally healthy, and provisions, though still scarce, were becoming more plentiful. It was anticipated that the army would be able to commence its march on Cabool about the 10th of June, its movement before the above date being delayed on account of a large convoy of treasure and supplies expected from Shikarpore.

It was generally believed, in camp, that the native portion of the Bombay division of the Army of the Indus would remain at Candahar ; and that the European portion would proceed to Ghiznee ; and that, after reaching this place, the whole of the Bengal division would march on Cabool. No authentic intelligence had been obtained of the intention of Dort Mahomed ; but there is good reason to believe that he has already been deserted by many of his chiefs and followers.

The intelligence of the state of affairs at Herat continues satisfactory. A mission, under the guidance of Major Todd, was about to be deputed to that place, with presents from the Right Honourable the Governor General of India to Shah Kamran ; several officers of the Engineers and Artillery are to accompany the mission, for the purpose of improving the fortifications of Herat ; but we do not under-

stand that it is considered necessary to send any portion of our army, now in Afghanistan, to that place.

## GENERAL ORDERS.

*Head-Quarters, Camp, Candahar, May 4.*

THE combined forces of Bengal and Bombay being now assembled at Candahar, the Commander-in-Chief congratulates all ranks on the triumphant, though arduous, march which they have accomplished, from distant and distinct parts of India, with a regularity and discipline which is much appreciated by him, and reflects upon themselves the highest credit. The difficulties which have been surmounted have been of no ordinary nature, and the recollection of what has been overcome must hereafter be a pleasing reflection to those concerned, who have so zealously, and in so soldier-like a manner, contributed to effect them, so as to arrive at the desired end. The engineers had to make roads, and occasionally, in some extraordinary steep mountain passes, over which no wheeled carriage had ever passed. This was a work requiring science and much severe labour ; but so well has it been done that the progress of the army was in no way impeded. The heavy and light ordnance were alike taken over in safety, by the exertions and good spirit of the artillery, in which they were most cheerfully and ably assisted by the troops, both European and native, and in a manner which gave the whole proceeding the appearance that each man was working for a favourite object of his own.

2. His Excellency shares in the satisfaction which the troops must feel (after the difficult task they have accomplished, and the trying circumstances under which they have been placed, the nature of which is well known to themselves, and therefore unnecessary for him to detail) at knowing the enthusiasm with which the population of Candahar have received and welcomed the return of their lawful Sovereign, Shah Shooja-ool-Moolk, to the throne of his ancestors in Afghanistan. Sir John Keane will not fail to report to the Right Honourable Lord Auckland, Governor-General of India, his admiration of the conduct and discipline of the troops, by which means it has been easy to effect and to fulfil the plans of his Lordship in the operations of the campaign hitherto.

3. The Commander-in-Chief has already, in a general order, dated the 6th ultimo, expressed his acknowledgments to Major-General Sir Willoughby Cotton, for the creditable