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INDIA BOARD, May 24, 1849.

THE Dispatch, of which the following is an extract, and the accompanying papers, have been this day received at the East India-House, from the Governor-General of India.

The Governor-General of India to the Secret Committee of the East India Company.

Camp, Sidham, April 7, 1849.

(Extract.)

On the 21 ultimo, Major-General Sir Walter Gilbert took possession of the city of Peshawur. Dost Mahomed Khan had fled with his army on the 19th, and had reached the western side of the Khyber Pass. The city of Peshawur was found uninjured; but most of the garden houses in the neighbourhood had been burnt by the Afghans, and the Sikh cantonment completely destroyed.

You are aware, from my Dispatch of the 24th ultimo, that I looked to the occupation of Peshawur, and flight or destruction of Dost Mahomed Khan as results, the accomplishment of which was necessary to enable me to declare the war concluded, and peace restored. The indefatigable ardour of Sir Walter Gilbert, inspiring his troops with like zeal, achieved, with singular rapidity, the crowning successes of the war.

I request your attention to the General Order issued by me on the 2d instant, and to the names of the officers particularly noticed therein.

General Order by the Governor-General of India.

Camp, Ferozepore, April 2, 1849.

The Governor-General has the gratification of publishing, for general information, Dispatches which have been received from his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and from Major-General Sir Walter Gilbert, K. C. B. announcing the termination of hostilities in the Punjab.

The Governor-General declared that, before the war could cease, every enemy, whither Sikh or Afghan, should be driven from before us; and the British army has well and gallantly made good his words.

The Sikh Sirdars and the remnant of their army were pursued, have surrendered, and have been disarmed.

The Ameer of Cabool with his troops has fled before the British force, and has been chased ignominiously from the territories he invaded.

The war has thus been brought to an end, and the Punjab has been declared a portion of the British empire in India.

Once again the Governor-General offers to his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to the General Officers, the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Soldiers of the Army, the assurance of his deep and unfeigned gratitude for the great services they have rendered to the country, for the zeal and gallantry they have displayed, and for the sustained and cheerful exertions they have made.

In anticipation of the wishes of the Honourable Court of Directors, the Governor-General will grant to every officer and soldier who has been employed within the Punjab in this campaign, to the date of the occupation of Peshawur, a medal bearing the word "Punjab," in commemoration of the honourable service they have done.

The Governor-General is also pleased to direct that every corps which has been so employed shall bear the same word on their standards, colours, and appointments.

The Governor-General desires to take this opportunity of acknowledging his obligations to officers who have been serving in various positions connected with the army in the field.

The Governor-General is sensible of the zeal and activity of Major-General Sir D. Hill, K. C. B. commanding the reserve, and he would have looked with confidence to his service, if the division under his command had been called into operation.

Brigadier-General Wheeler, C. B. has executed the several duties which have been committed to him with skill and with success, and the Governor-General has been happy to convey to him his thanks.

The Governor-General is indebted to Brigadier Stalker, commanding at Mooltan, for the successful exertions which have been made under his directions, for placing the fort again in a condition of defence, and for maintaining the tranquillity of the country.

The Governor-General begs to acknowledge the service which has been rendered by Lieutenant-Colonel McSherry, 1st Native Infantry, commanding at Govindghur. The energy, vigilance, and tact which he has exhibited, during his occupation of that fortress, have been of much value to the Government of India.