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INDIA OFFICE, June 12, 1860.

THE Secretary of State for India in Council has received the following General Order, published by his Excellency the Governor-General of India:—

Camp, Roopur, April 6, 1860.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General considers it due to Her Majesty's 8th (the King's) Regiment of Foot, to take leave publicly of the regiment on its departure to England, and to offer to its officers and men the acknowledgements of the Government of India, for their services in this country.

The 8th Regiment embarked for India in April 1846, and, after serving for some years in the Presidency of Bombay, was transferred to the Bengal Presidency in December 1853.

The regiment was at allundur in 1857, when the Mutiny of the Bengal Army broke out, and did essential service at that station in resisting and punishing the mutineers.

It joined the Army before Delhi soon afterwards, and served with much distinction in the siege and capture of that fortress. It bore a conspicuous part in the complete repulse given to the forces of the mutineers in their persevering sorties on the 14th, 18th, and 23d of July 1857; and, in the glorious struggle within the city, which lasted for six days after it was stormed in September, the 8th Regiment was amongst the foremost in exhibiting the irresistible effect of the valour and endurance of British soldiers.

The regiment formed part of the pursuing column under Brigadier Greathed, C.B., and was present in the actions at Boolundshuhur, Allygurh, and Agra.

It subsequently served with the force under his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in the relief of the garrison of Lucknow, and at Cawnpore; and was subsequently employed in the final conquest of the Province of Oude, and exhibited its characteristic bravery in the capture of the town and fort of Sandee.

The Governor-General begs to assure the 8th Regiment, of the very high sense entertained by him of its services and soldierly conduct, whether in quarters or in the field, and of the interest which he will always feel in its future welfare.

R. J. H. BIRCH, Major-General,
Secretary to the Government of India,
with the Governor-General.

By The QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION,

For the Encouragement of Piety and Virtue, and for the preventing and punishing of Vice, Profaneness, and Immorality.

VICTORIA R.

WE, most seriously and religiously considering that it is Our indispensable Duty to be careful above all other Things to preserve and advance the Honour and Service of Almighty God, and to discourage and suppress all Vice, Profaneness, Debauchery, and Immorality, which are so highly displeasing to God, and so great a reproach to Our Religion and Government: To the Intent, therefore, that Religion, Piety, and Good Manners may flourish and increase under Our Administration and Government, We have thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby declare Our Royal Purpose and Resolution to discountenance and punish all Manner of Vice, Profaneness, and Immorality, in all Persons of whatsoever Degree or Quality within this Our Realm: And We do expect and require that all Persons of Honour, or in Place of Authority, will give good Example by their own Virtue and Piety, and to their utmost contribute to the discountenancing Persons of dissolute and immoral Lives: And We do hereby strictly enjoin and prohibit all Our loving Subjects, of what Degree or Quality soever, from playing, on the Lord's Day, at Dice, Cards, or any other Game whatsoever, either in Public or Private Houses, or other Place or Places whatsoever: And We do hereby require and command them, and every of them, decently and reverently to attend the Worship of God on every Lord's Day. Our further pleasure is, and We do hereby strictly charge and command all Our Judges, Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and all other Our Officers and Ministers, both Ecclesiastical and Civil, and all other Our Subjects whom it may concern, to be very vigilant and strict in the Discovery, and the effectual Prosecution and Punishment of all Persons who shall be guilty of dissolute, immoral, or disorderly Practices; and that they take care also effectually to suppress all Public Gaming-Houses and Places, and lewd and other disorderly Houses; and also to suppress and prevent all Gaming whatsoever, in Public or Private Houses, on the Lord's Day; and