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THE Secretary of State for India has received the following Paper from the Government of India :

Minute of the Governor-General of India regarding the Services of Civil Officers and others, during the Mutiny and Rebellion.

1. THE bloodshed, strife, and general disorganization, consequent upon the mutiny of the Bengal Army, which declared itself two years ago, are drawn to a close.

Here and there a few bands of turbulent and disaffected marauders still remain in arms; but there is no unity amongst the enemies of the State; and, although the complete and universal security which prevailed before the outbreak has not in all places returned, there is no part of the Queen's Indian possessions to which civil government has not been restored.

A day of solemn thanksgiving for this happy result has been appointed.

2. This being so, it becomes my grateful duty to bring to the notice of Her Majesty's Secretary of State, the names of those earnest, devoted men, by whose abilities, sound judgment, and unexampled labours, the civil authority of the British Government has been upheld or re-established.

3. Although civilians by profession, or holding for the time civil offices, the duties which they have performed have been, for the most part, full of peril and toil.

Only some few of them have been called on occasionally to take part in the operations of the army, and have thereby had the satisfaction of seeing honour done to their names in the Gazettes of the day. But there are others who have been distinguished by conduct in front of an enemy which would make any army proud of them.

They have organized levies and led them; defended stations; kept in check large disaffected communities; reassured the wavering; and given confidence to the loyal.

Many of them have, in the service of the State, carried their lives in their hands for months together.

Their position has been such as to try not only their physical courage, but the judgment, intelligence, and self-reliance of each individual, and to keep these qualities unceasingly on the strain.

4. The most anxious part of their long task is now at an end, and I confidently claim for them

from Her Majesty's Government the same respect, admiration, and gratitude, as have been so deservedly bestowed upon their fellow labourers of the Army.

5. The Return which accompanies this Minute, shows some of the services of those who have been most actively engaged, but very briefly and imperfectly.

6. I will speak first of Bengal.

The value of the services rendered by the late Lieut.-Governor, Mr. Halliday, is as well known to the Home Government as to myself. With a charge of enormous extent and responsibility, and called upon to take a large share of the work by which troops and munitions of war were forwarded from Calcutta to other Local Governments, Mr. Halliday was the right hand of the Government of India for many months. The efficient aid given by Mr. Halliday to the Government, the watchfulness and sound judgment which marked his advice in regard to affairs within his own jurisdiction, and the promptitude and completeness with which he carried out all the precautionary and defensive measures sanctioned by the Government of India, effectually checked the spread of rebellion in Bengal. And although in this province, the people are for the most part less warlike and turbulent than those of Upper India, there are in it many dangerous centres of fanaticism, and many wide, and not easily accessible, tracts, where an outburst of rebellion would have sorely crippled the small means at the disposal of Government, and where peace was to be maintained more by good management than by show of force.

As the head of the Government, I feel myself deeply indebted to Mr. Halliday for his most useful aid, and I confidently trust that the Secretary of State will not be forgetful of his services.

7. Of the officers of the Bengal Government who have been brought to notice by Mr. Halliday, I wish to recommend to the favourable consideration of Her Majesty's Government Mr. G. Yule, the Commissioner of Bhaugulpore; Mr. A. Money, Magistrate of Shahabad and Gya, whose good service has already attracted the notice of the Home Government; Mr. S. Wauchope, Commissioner of Police in Calcutta, who has had a most irksome and difficult post, and has discharged the duties of it fearlessly and excellently; Mr. E. A. Samuells, the late Commissioner of Patna; and Mr. H. C. Wake, Magistrate of Shahabad.

8. The following officers have also well deserved the notice of Her Majesty's Government: Mr.