

ability the preservation of that country is due, have been set forth by the distinguished chief, Sir John Lawrence, with a fulness which leaves little to be added.

Of what is due to Sir John Lawrence himself, no man is ignorant. Through him, Delhi fell, and the Punjab, no longer a weakness, became a source of strength; and but for him, the hold of England over Upper India would have had to be recovered at a cost of English blood and treasure which defies calculation. It is difficult to exaggerate the value of such ability, vigilance, and energy, at such a time.

35. Next, but not inferior to any man in his claim to the gratitude of his country, is Mr. Montgomery, the present Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab. I know but one opinion of the value of his prompt and courageous counsels, tempered as they always have been with the soundest and most generous judgment. Before he received charge of the great government of the Punjab, I claimed the benefit of his experience and ability in the reorganization of Oude. I shall have to speak elsewhere of his services as Chief Commissioner of that Province: here it is sufficient to say, that they have largely enhanced his high reputation, and his claim to the favour of the Government.

36. The officers for whose services I solicit the favourable consideration of Her Majesty's Government, are Mr. Macleod, the Financial Commissioner; Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert Edwardes, the able and fearless Commissioner of Peshawur; General Van Cortlandt, who, with a small force of police, recovered and held Hurriannah; Captain James, the Deputy Commissioner of Peshawur; Major Becher, the Deputy Commissioner of Hazara; Captain Henderson in Kohat; Mr. G. C. Barnes, the experienced Commissioner of the Cis-Sutlej States; Mr. G. H. M. Ricketts, Deputy Commissioner at Loodianah, for whom I earnestly request that an error committed elsewhere in quieter times may not be an obstacle to the acknowledgment of his remarkable service in the crisis of the Punjab's danger; Mr. A. Roberts, the Commissioner of Lahore; Mr. F. Cooper, the Deputy Commissioner of Umritsur, who, I hope, will be judged by his acts done under stern necessity, rather than by the narrative of them; Lieutenant-Colonel Macpherson, Military Secretary; and Lieutenant-Colonel R. Lawrence, at first Captain of the Lahore Police, and afterwards commanding the Cashmere Contingent; Mr. T. Forsyth, Deputy Commissioner of Umballa; and Major Marsden, Deputy Commissioner at Ferozepore.

37. Sir John Lawrence has borne grateful testimony to the manner in which the officers of the Punjab of all grades did their duty.

Major Hamilton, Commissioner of Mooltan, Captain Briggs, Captain Lewis, and Lieutenant Dobbin, rendered service in the transport of troops and stores which deserves special notice.

38. There is one department of the Civil Government, which, though established in Calcutta, has concern with all parts of Bengal where troops are in the field, or in movement,—the department of the Superintendent of Marine.

The calls for exertion and watchfulness in this department have been constant, from the time when the transports with English troops began to arrive in the river, up to the present moment, when the despatch of supplies and stores by the inland steamers is only just slackening.

To Mr. Howe, in the first instance, and to Captain Rennie, from the time when he took up his appointment at the beginning of 1858, great

praise is due for the manner in which the duties of the office have been discharged.

I trust that the services of these two officers will receive notice from Her Majesty's Government.

39. Lastly, I must request that due acknowledgment and honour be given to the gentlemen who, during these times of difficulty and anxiety, have discharged the onerous duties of the Secretariat of the Government of India.

40. As might be expected, the heaviest burden has, perhaps, fallen upon the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, Major-General Birch, C.B. I cannot speak too highly of the ability and assiduity with which his work has been performed. For the clearness and precision with which he has conducted very complicated duties, and the hearty zeal with which he has given his days and nights to the extraordinary press of labour that has come upon, and still rests upon, his department, he has my warmest thanks.

Major Atkinson, the Under Secretary in the same department, had responsibilities thrown upon him, during this year, when his superior was absent with me from Calcutta, which were much beyond the ordinary scope of his duties; and he discharged them in a manner which has given great satisfaction to the Government of India.

41. The post of Secretary to the Foreign Department was filled, up to the 20th January, 1859, by Mr. G. F. Edmonstone, now the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Provinces. I can give to this *valuable* servant of the Government no higher praise than to say that the performance of the duties which fell upon him, and which were heavily increased by the state of affairs that has prevailed in the many large and important districts superintended through the Foreign Office, has been exactly what might have been expected from those who knew the character of his former service. It has been admirable, and I rejoice to have been able to mark my own sense of it, and my confidence in him, by naming him to the highest office which the Governor-General of India in Council can bestow.

Mr. Edmonstone has been zealously and indefatigably seconded by Mr. Robert Simson, the Under Secretary of the department, whose thorough knowledge of his work has been of great value to the Government.

42. The labour of the Secretary of the Home Department, Mr. Cecil Beadon, has been rendered unusually heavy and anxious from the very commencement of the Mutinies: much work connected with transport by land and water, and with the despatch of the Naval Brigades, beginning with that under the late Sir W. Peel, was thrown upon his department, and the efficiency with which it was done, although for the most part of a very novel nature, has been most creditable to him.

I desire to record my very high appreciation of the value of Mr. Beadon's services.

43. In the office of the Financial Secretary, Mr. Lushington, the pressure of the times has been felt, especially of late. In his own department, and in those under its control, particularly in that of the Accountant-General, the Honourable Mr. Drummond, the business of Government has been zealously discharged.

44. There remains the office of Secretary in the department of Public Works.

From the moment that it became certain that a vast increase of accommodation, temporary and permanent, for the English troops, would be necessary, the labours of this office in prescribing the work, and in directing and controlling the staff