

II.—The work performed since the formation of the Hazara Field Force by Majors J. Morland and C. C. Johnson, respectively Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General, has been very severe, and I can state, for his Excellency's information, that there has not been a single misdirection of orders, or any confusion in the many intricate details these officers have had to control. They have both evinced great zeal, much knowledge, and a peculiar aptitude for the responsible appointments they held.

III.—As his Excellency is aware, the health of the men and consequent safety of a force in a hill campaign, must mainly depend upon the excellence of its carriage and commissariat arrangements. No force ever took the field so well and skilfully provided as this one, and this result was entirely due to the exertions and ability of Lieutenant-Colonel A. D. Dickens, Assistant Commissary-General, whose exertions I beg thus publicly to acknowledge.

IV.—Much of the success of the late expedition is due to the talents and labours of Lieutenant-Colonel H. C. Johnstone, of the Survey Department, whose services were fortunately placed at my disposal. I would refer to the remarkable correctness of the sketch map this officer prepared from native information before we entered the hills. Lieutenant-Colonel Johnstone served in the "Cabul" Kheyl and Mahsood Wuzereee Expeditions, and also at Umbeyla. I trust this occasion may be availed of to reward this most devoted and excellent public servant.

V.—Lieutenant-Colonel E. Atlay commanded the Artillery of the Hazara Field Force, and the manner in which the elephant and mortar batteries were equipped reflects the highest credit on this officer.

VI.—In connection with this campaign, I have to mention the name of Lieutenant-Colonel O. E. Rothney, commanding the 5th Goorkha Regiment. This officer commanded in this valley during the first disturbances in August up to the end of September. He evinced in this difficult position great judgment and discretion, particularly in his attack on the enemy on the 12th August. On the force moving into the hills, I considered it my duty, in the interests of the public service, to leave him in command of the camp at "Oogie," and I trust this will not in any way be allowed to affect his professional prospects.

VII.—I have every reason to be satisfied with the rapidity with which the field telegraph line was constructed and worked by Lieutenant J. A. Armstrong, R.E., Assistant Field Engineer.

VIII.—The arrangements of the Medical Department were efficiently completed by Deputy Inspector-General of Hos-

pitals G. E. Morton, and I have to acknowledge the zeal and activity displayed on all occasions by Captain Holmes, R.E.

IX.—In conclusion of my recommendations in favour of the staff of this force, I beg to bring to his Excellency's notice Major W. Paget, my Aide-de-Camp, who has from the very commencement of hostilities, rendered me great assistance. This officer bears a high character in the Punjab Frontier Force (in which he has served twenty-years), for intelligence and devotion to his duties.

13. I append a list of officers commanding batteries and regiments, with remarks attached significant of their merits, and the opportunity their men have had of doing service during this command.

14. I transmit, for the perusal and consideration of his Excellency, the reports and commendations of Brigadier-Generals Bright and Vaughan, and Lieutenant-Colonel Atlay.

15. From the commencement to the termination of hostilities, I have been in perfect accord with Major Pollock, the Chief Political Officer, and his Deputy, Captain Ommanney, and again I beg to record my thanks to him for his co-operation.

16. I have to acknowledge the support and encouragement I have invariably received at his Excellency's hands during the time I have had the honour to hold my present responsible post.

I have, &c.

A. WILDE, Major-General,
Commanding Hazara Field Force.

LIST OF ANNEXURES.

- I.—List of Commanding Officers.
- II.—Casualty Return from 30th July to 2nd October, 1868.
- III.—Casualty Return from 3rd October to 22nd October, 1868.
- IV.—Brigadier-General Bright's Report, dated 22nd October, 1868.
- V.—Brigadier-General Vaughan's Report, dated 22nd October, 1868.
- VI.—Lieutenant-Colonel E. Atlay's Report, dated 23rd October, 1868.
- VII.—Nominal Roll of wounded men, and how progressing.
- VIII.—Map by Lieutenant-Colonel H. C. Johnstone, showing the country through which the force moved.
- IX.—Six Disposition Maps by Major C. C. Johnson, 1st Assistant Quartermaster-General.
- X.—Photographs presented to Government by Major-General A. Wilde, C.B., C.S.I. (to be forwarded hereafter).