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A NOTIFICATION by the Viceroy and Governor-General of India, of which the following is a copy, has been received at the India Office :—

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Simla, November 21, 1879.

HIS Excellency the Right Honourable the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council has much gratification in directing the publication of the following Despatches from Lieutenant-General Sir F. S. Roberts, K.C.B., V.C., reporting the operations of the troops under his command from the date of his again taking the field at Thull, on the 10th September, 1879, to his entry into Kabul on the 13th of October following.

It will be the grateful duty of the Governor-General in Council to see that the excellent services rendered by Sir Frederick Roberts and his force, throughout the operations which he has conducted with such conspicuous ability and success, are brought to the knowledge of Her Majesty's Government for such acknowledgment as the Queen Empress may be graciously pleased to extend to them.

Meanwhile the Governor-General in Council desires on his part to assure Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick Roberts and the officers and men under his command, especially those, both British and Native, who have received the high distinction of honourable mention in these Despatches, that their zeal, courage, and devotion are heartily recognized and gratefully acknowledged by himself and the Government over which he presides.

KABUL.
No. 5159A.

From the Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla.

*Office of the Adjutant-General in India,
Head Quarters, Simla,*

SIR,
October 25, 1879.

I AM directed by the Commander-in-Chief to submit to Government a Despatch, No. 1122 of the 15th October, to the Chief of the Staff, from Major-General Sir F. Roberts, K.C.B., V.C., commanding Kabul Field Force, detailing the advance of the troops from Kuram to Zergan Shuhr in the Logur Valley, and the incidents which occurred between the 12th September and 2nd October, 1879.

2. His Excellency would draw attention to the activity and judgment which enabled the Major-General to so successfully achieve the passage of the Shuturguridan Pass in the manner detailed, as also to the excellent bearing of the troops on all occasions when in contact with the enemy.

3. The successful repulse of the Ghilzie attack on the Shuturguridan post on the 2nd October by the force left under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel G. N. Money, was most creditable to that officer and all concerned.

I have, &c.,

P. S. LUMSDEN, Major-General,
Adjutant-General in India.

KABUL EXPEDITION.—FIELD OPERATIONS.

No. 1122.

From Major-General Sir F. S. Roberts, commanding Kabul Field Force, to the Chief of the Staff, Army Head Quarters, Simla.

Head Quarters, Bala Hissar, Kabul,

SIR,
October 15, 1879.

I HAVE the honour to report that I reached Thull on the 10th of September, and pushing on with all speed arrived at Ali Kheyl on the 12th idem.

2. There the satisfactory intelligence met me, that on the previous day, the 23rd Pioneers, 5th Goorkhas, and No. 2 Mountain Battery, whom I had ordered to seize and hold the Shuturguridan, had accomplished their task without opposition and were securely entrenched on the crest of the Pass.

As it was a matter of the greatest importance that every facility should be afforded for the easy passage of our artillery across the Shuturguridan, I telegraphed orders on the 9th of September, directing the 7th Company of Sappers and Miners, then at Shalozan, to march with all speed towards the Shuturguridan. This order was acted upon immediately, and by the 13th instant the company was at work on the Sirkaie Kotal, a steep and awkward ascent, some 3 miles this side the summit of the Shuturguridan Pass.

3. Meanwhile as much of the force in the Kuram Valley, as carriage would admit of my moving, and as could be withdrawn with a due regard to the maintenance of our communications, was at once set in motion for the front.

4. Transport was, however, the great difficulty which had to be met. Owing to the continuous hard work to which the transport animals of the Kuram Field Force had been subjected, their