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THE following General Order by the Government of India has been received at the India Office:—

## GENERAL ORDER.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

*Simla, the 27th September, 1880.*

### FIELD OPERATIONS.

No. 551.—THE Governor-General in Council directs that the following correspondence and despatches, concerning the action of Maiwand on the 27th July, 1880, shall be published, for general information, in the Gazette of India Extraordinary.

From Colonel Allen Johnson, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No. 8453-K., Kabul Field Operations, dated Simla, the 27th September, 1880).

I AM directed to acknowledge your letter No. 5351-K.,—"Kabul,"—dated the 25th September, 1880, forwarding a despatch from Lieutenant-General Primrose, C.S.I., giving cover to Brigadier-General Burrows' and Brigadier-General Nuttall's accounts of the operations which took place under the direction of the former officer on the 27th July last.

2. The Governor-General in Council concurs with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief as to the meagre and unsatisfactory character of the accounts furnished, which, notwithstanding the time that has elapsed since the date of the occurrence to which they refer, still leave the Government of India in ignorance as to the true facts of the case and the exact circumstances to which the reverse sustained by Her Majesty's arms is to be attributed.

3. The Governor-General in Council, however, understands that a full report of the situation, drawn up by Lieutenant-General Sir Fred. Roberts, after his arrival at Kandahar, is now on its way to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and as doubtless this will throw much light on what these despatches leave in obscurity, the Government of India will await the arrival of the report before deciding on any further course of action in connection with the operations of the 27th July, 1880.

4. It is not, however, necessary to wait for further information to enable the Governor-General in Council to express his hearty concurrence in the high tribute paid by the Com-

mander-in-Chief to the admirable behaviour of the officers and men of the E-B Battery of Royal Horse Artillery.

Notwithstanding its loss of guns, and that the result of the day was disastrous, the E-B Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, may look back on the action of Maiwand as one in which they nobly maintained the credit of their distinguished regiment.

5. The Government of India entertained no doubt of the good conduct of Her Majesty's 66th Foot, but it is still a satisfaction to have obtained the voluntary testimony of the enemy to the devoted courage with which the colours of the regiment were defended to the last against overwhelming odds.

6. The Governor-General in Council has much satisfaction in receiving the names of those officers whose services are specially brought to notice by His Excellency.

7. The names of those of the British troops who were killed and who have since died of their wounds have been telegraphed to the Secretary of State. The complete list of casualties, both British and Native, will be published, together with the despatches and this correspondence, in the Gazette of India.

8. It is, I am to add, needless to give expression to the deep grief the Government of India feel in reading this sad roll of the losses sustained by the force employed under Brigadier-General Burrows.

From Major-General G. R. Greaves, C.B., Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 5351-A.,—"Kabul,"—dated the 25th September, 1880.)

I HAVE the honour, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, to transmit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, the accompanying despatch from Lieutenant-General Primrose, C.S.I., giving cover to Brigadier-General Burrows' and Brigadier-General Nuttall's accounts of the operations which took place under the direction of the former officer on the 27th July last.

2. Circumstances have delayed the receipt of these despatches, and even now they contain but isolated and bare statements of the sad events of the day, almost entirely failing to convey to us information as to how they were brought about.

3. Before proceeding to a general review of the operations, and in order to make the reports