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*India Office,
July 16, 1912.*

The following Army Department notification, dated 23rd May, 1912, publishing extracts of a despatch from Major-General H. Bower, C.B., regarding the recent operations against the Abors on the North-Eastern Frontier of India, has been received from the Government of India:—

ARMY DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 23rd May, 1912.

FIELD OPERATIONS.—ABOR.

No. 480.—The Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council has much pleasure in directing the publication of the following letter from the Chief of the General Staff, dated the 13th May, 1912, together with extracts from the despatch therein referred to from Major-General H. Bower, C.B., describing the recent operations against the Abors.

The Governor-General in Council concurs with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in his opinion that, in spite of great physical difficulties, the main objects of the expedition have been accomplished, and that the operations were conducted by Major-General Bower with ability and care.

His Excellency in Council also shares in the Commander-in-Chief's appreciation of the

energy and good feeling displayed by all ranks of the Force.

No. 3141-108, dated Simla, the 13th May, 1912.

From Lieutenant-General Sir Percy Lake, K.C.M.G., C.B., Chief of the General Staff.
To the Secretary to the Government of India, Army Department.

I am directed to forward herewith for the information of Government, a despatch No. 1199-A., dated 11th April, 1912, from Major-General H. Bower, C.B., describing the operations against the Abors, 1911-12.

2. I am to say that the Commander-in-Chief is of opinion the results show that although it proved impossible to explore the valley of the Dihong, where it breaks through the main mountain range on the confines of Thibet, and the inclemency of the weather seriously interfered with survey operations, nevertheless in spite of great physical difficulties the main objects of the expedition have been accomplished. It will be seen that the principal persons implicated in the murder of Mr. Williamson have been punished; that a considerable amount of exploration and survey work has been carried out, which when compiled, will add materially to our knowledge of this part of the Assam border; while the completion of the