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WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1920.

*Army Headquarters, India,
Simla, the 1st August, 1920.*

From His Excellency General Sir Charles Carmichael Monro, G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., A.D.C., Commander-in-Chief in India.

To the Secretary to the Government of India, Army Department.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit herewith, for the information of the Government of India, a report on the operations in Waziristan during the period 3rd November, 1919, to 7th May, 1920.

INTRODUCTORY.

2. I propose first to refer briefly to the events leading up to the operations with which this despatch deals

3. As was anticipated, when the Afghans, in May, 1919, invaded our territory, they were actively supported by the tribes of Waziristan. The latter had been led to believe that our military weakness would enable them to secure an easy victory, and that we should in consequence be compelled to evacuate Waziristan.

During May, 1919, their resistance had been strengthened and their moral raised by

the successes they achieved against the Militia by the capture from the latter of rifles and small arm ammunition in considerable quantities, and by our evacuation of certain posts in the vicinity of Wana and Sarwekai. These events have already been brought to your notice in my despatch dated 1st November, 1919, which dealt with the operations against Afghanistan.

4. The conclusion of the peace negotiations with Afghanistan on the 8th August, 1919, did not affect the situation in Waziristan. In fact, at this time, the hostility of the tribes towards us was increased by a widespread belief that the British Government had made a compact with the Amir to transfer their country to Afghanistan, six months after the peace had been signed.

On the 8th August the most westerly positions held by our troops in Waziristan were in the Tochi Valley, Miranshah and Dardoni and in the Derajat area Jandola on the Tank Zam and Murtaza on the Gumal. The Waziristan Force, under the command of Major-General S. H. Climo, C.B., D.S.O., was then directly under Army Headquarters and remained so throughout the operations.

5. During the operations against Afghanistan considerations of transport prevented a