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WHITEHALL, April 30, 1857.

THIS Morning, at a Quarter after Five o'Clock, Her Royal Highness The DUCHESS of GLOUCESTER, Aunt to Her Most Gracious Majesty, departed this life at Gloucester House, to the great grief of Her Majesty, and of the Royal Family.

INDIA BOARD, April 28, 1857.

THE following Despatch has been this day received at the East India House:—

From the Governor-General of India in Council to the Secret Committee of the East India Company, Fort William, March 24, 1857.

(Extract.)

WE forward a printed copy of a Notification, publishing Sir James Outram's Despatch to His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Somerset, reporting his signal victory over the Persian Army, commanded by Shooja-ool-Moolk, in their entrenched camp at Borazgoon, on the 8th ultimo. We beg to bring to the favorable notice of your Honorable Committee the service rendered by the officers and men on this occasion, and the manner in which it has been performed.

NOTIFICATION.

*Fort William, Foreign Department,
March 12, 1857.*

The Governor-General in Council has great pleasure in publishing the accompanying Despatch* from Lieutenant-General Sir James Outram, K.C.B.

It describes a new success of the British Army in Persia, achieved, between the 3d and the 9th of February, against a force much superior in

number, and in the face of difficulties which have made conspicuous the energy and promptitude of the Commander and of the Officers associated with him, as well as the courage, discipline, and cheerful endurance of the Troops.

The rapid and toilsome night-marches, deliberately planned, and accomplished with precision; the inclement weather, against which no protection of any kind was available to men or officers; the steady resistance to an attack in circumstances the most trying to the patience and order of an Army; and the utter rout and confusion of the enemy with very heavy loss, when the morning light enabled our soldiers to discern their assailants,—have marked this operation against the Persian entrenched camp at Borazgoon, as one of which the force under Sir James Outram's command may well be proud. In the course of it officers and men have exhibited all the qualities which make an Army invincible.

To Lieutenant-General Sir James Outram, and to his brave Companions in Arms, the Governor-General in Council desires to offer an early assurance of the warm approbation and thanks which they have so well earned. These are especially due to Major-General Stalker, C.B., and to Colonel Lugard, C.B., Chief of the Staff, who are described by Sir James Outram as having guided the troops to victory in the ^{most} ~~most~~ ^{most} happily not of long consequence—during which he was disabled by a ^{fall} ~~fall~~ ^{fall} from his horse. But they are due to all the rank who have taken share in this signal ^{successful} ~~successful~~ ^{successful} exploit, which has called

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