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Fort-William, 2d October, 1857.

NOTIFICATION.

THE Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council has received, by a Telegraphic Message, the gratifying announcement that Delhi is entirely in the hands of Major-General Wilson's Army.

Delhi, the focus of the treason and revolt which for four months have harassed Hindostan, and the stronghold in which the Mutinous Army of Bengal has sought to concentrate its power, has been wrested from the Rebels. The King is a Prisoner in the Palace. The Head-quarters of Major-General Wilson are established in the Dewan Khasi. A strong column is in pursuit of the fugitives.

Whatever may be the motives and passions by which the mutinous soldiery, and those who are leagued with them, have been instigated to faithlessness, rebellion, and crimes at which the heart sickens, it is certain that they have found encouragement in the delusive belief that India was weakly guarded by England, and that before the Government could gather together its strength against them their ends would be gained.

They are now undeceived.

Before a single soldier of the many thousands who are hastening from England to uphold the supremacy of the British power has set foot on these shores, the rebel force, where it was strongest and most united, and where it had the command of unbounded military appliances, has been destroyed or scattered by an Army collected within the limits of the North-Western Provinces and the Punjab alone.

The work has been done before the support of those battalions which have been collected in Bengal from the forces of the Queen in China and in Her Majesty's eastern Colonies could reach Major-General Wilson's Army; and it is by the courage and endurance of that gallant Army alone; by the skill, sound judgment, and steady resolution of its brave Commander; and by the aid of some Native Chiefs true to their allegiance that, under the blessing of God, the head of rebellion has been crushed, and the cause of loyalty, humanity, and rightful authority vindicated.

The Governor-General in Council hopes that the receipt of Despatches from Major-General Wilson will soon place it in his power to make known the details of the operations against Delhi, and to record, fully and publicly, the thanks and commendations which are due to the Officers and Men by whose guidance, courage, and exertions those operations have been brought to a successful issue.

But the Governor-General in Council will not postpone till then his grateful acknowledgment of the services which have been rendered to the Empire, at this juncture, by the Chief Commissioner of the Punjab.

To Sir John Lawrence, K.C.B., it is owing that the Army before Delhi, long ago cut off from all direct support from the Lower Provinces, has been constantly recruited and strengthened so effectually as to enable its Commander not only to hold his position unshaken, but to achieve complete success.

To Sir John Lawrence's unceasing vigilance, and to his energetic and judicious employment of the trustworthy forces at his own disposal, it is due that Major-General Wilson's Army has not been harassed or threatened on the side of the Punjab,

and that the authority of the Government in the Punjab itself has been sustained and generally respected.

The Governor-General in Council seizes, with pleasure, the earliest opportunity of testifying his high appreciation of these great and timely services.

By Order of the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council,

R. J. H. BIRCH, Colonel,
Secretary to the Government of India,
in the Military Department.

Fort-William, October 8, 1857.

NOTIFICATION.

THE Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council has the great satisfaction of publishing the subjoined letter of this day's date, from His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, accompanied by letters from the General in Command and from the Adjutant-General of the Army at Delhi.

It will be seen that further and more complete reports from Major-General Wilson are yet to follow.

Most cordially does the Governor-General in Council join in the high encomium passed upon Major-General Wilson and his brave Troops by General Sir Colin Campbell; from whom praise so hearty and so just will not fail to be appreciated by every Soldier, British or Native, in the Army of the North-West.

The noble qualities which that Army has evinced during the arduous and wearing struggle of the last three months are indeed worthy of the highest admiration and praise. Its steady perseverance and eager resistless courage have gloriously upheld the authority, and will not disappoint the expectations of England.

By Order of the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council,

R. J. H. BIRCH, Colonel,
Secretary to the Government of India,
in the Military Department.

Council-Chamber, Fort-William,
8th October 1857.

*Government House, Calcutta,
8th October, 1857.*

To Colonel Birch, C.B., Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward for submission to his Lordship the Governor-General in Council two Despatches which have arrived from Major-General Wilson, Commanding the Field Force before Delhi, and the Adjutant-General of the Army.

I beg very particularly to call the attention of his Lordship to the matter contained in these two communications, and to give expression to the very cordial feeling I experience towards Major-