

European portion would proceed to Ghiznee; and that, after reaching this place, the whole of the Bengal division would march on Cabool. No authentic intelligence had been obtained of the intention of Dort Mahomed; but there is good reason to believe that he has already been deserted by many of his chiefs and followers.

The intelligence of the state of affairs at Herat continues satisfactory. A mission, under the guidance of Major Todd, was about to be deputed to that place, with presents from the Right Honourable the Governor General of India to Shah Kamran; several officers of the Engineers and Artillery are to accompany the mission, for the purpose of improving the fortifications of Herat; but we do not understand that it is considered necessary to send any portion of our army, now in Afghanistan, to that place.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Head-Quarters, Camp, Candahar, May 4.

THE combined forces of Bengal and Bombay being now assembled at Candahar, the Commander in Chief congratulates all ranks on the triumphant, though arduous, march which they have accomplished, from distant and distinct parts of India, with a regularity and discipline which is much appreciated by him, and reflects upon themselves the highest credit. The difficulties which have been surmounted have been of no ordinary nature, and the recollection of what has been overcome must hereafter be a pleasing reflection to those concerned, who have so zealously, and in so soldier-like a manner, contributed to effect them, so as to arrive at the desired end. The engineers had to make roads, and, occasionally, in some extraordinary steep mountain passes, over which no wheeled carriage had ever passed. This was a work requiring science and much severe labour; but so well has it been done that the progress of the army was in no way impeded. The heavy and light ordnance were alike taken over in safety, by the exertions and good spirit of the artillery, in which they were most cheerfully and ably assisted by the troops, both European and native, and in a manner which gave the whole proceeding the appearance that each man was working for a favourite object of his own.

2. His Excellency shares in the satisfaction which the troops must feel (after the difficult task they have accomplished, and the trying circumstances under which they have been placed, the nature of which is well known to themselves, and therefore unnecessary for him to detail) at knowing the enthusiasm with which the population of Candahar have received and welcomed the return of their lawful Sovereign, Shah Shooja-ool-Moolk, to the throne of his ancestors in Afghanistan. Sir John Keane will not fail to report to the Right Honourable Lord Auckland, Governor-General of India, his admiration of the conduct and discipline of the troops, by which means it has been easy to effect and to fulfil the plans of his Lordship in the operations of the campaign hitherto.

3. The Commander-in-Chief has already, in a general order, dated the 6th ultimo, expressed his acknowledgments to Major-General Sir Willoughby

Cotton, for the creditable and judicious manner in which he conducted the Bengal column to the valley of Shawl. His Excellency has now a pleasing duty to perform, in requesting Major-General Wilshire, commanding the Bombay column, to accept his best thanks for his successful exertions in bringing the troops of that presidency to this ground in the most efficient and soldier-like state.

4. The Commander-in-Chief entertains a confident expectation that the same orderly conduct which has gained for the troops the goodwill of the inhabitants of the states and countries through which they have passed, will continue to be observed by them during their advance upon Cabool, when the proper time for the adoption of that step shall have been decided upon by his Excellency, in concert with his Majesty Shah Shooja-ool-Moolk, and the Envoy and Minister W. H. Macnaghten, Esq., representing British interests at the Court of the King of Afghanistan.

May 5.

On the occasion of his Majesty Shah Shooja-ool-Moolk taking possession of his throne, and receiving the homage of his people at Candahar, the following ceremonial will be observed:—

The whole of the troops now at head-quarters will be formed in review order at daylight in the morning of the 8th instant, on ground which will be pointed out to Assistant Adjutants General of Divisions to-morrow afternoon, at five o'clock, by the Deputy Adjutant General of the Bengal army.

The troops will take up their ground in the following order from the right:

Bengal.—Horse artillery, cavalry brigade, camel battery, 1st brigade of infantry, 4th brigade of infantry.

Bombay.—Horse artillery, cavalry brigade, infantry brigade.

The 4th local horse will take up a position in front of the right flank, and the Poonah auxiliary horse in front of the left flank, for the purpose of keeping the space in advance of the troops clear of the populace.

A platform will be erected for His Majesty Shah Shooja-ool-Moolk in front of the centre of the line, on either flank of which detachments of His Majesty's cavalry will take post to prevent the intrusion of the populace.

Captain Lloyd's battery of Bombay artillery will be stationed at the Edgah gate of the town, and will fire a royal salute as His Majesty passes.

The troops of His Majesty Shah Shooja will be drawn up in the street in the most convenient situation, between the gate and the British army, and will salute His Majesty as he passes. The King's artillery will be formed near the Palace, and will fire a royal salute on the departure and return of His Majesty.

On His Majesty approaching the platform, a royal salute is to be fired from one of the batteries in the line; and, on his appearing in front of the troops, he will be received with a general salute from the whole line, the colours being lowered in the manner that is usual to crowned heads, and, as soon as the infantry have shouldered arms, one hundred and one guns are to be fired from the batteries in line, under directions of Brigadier Stephenson.