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A DISPATCH has been this day received at the East India House, addressed by the Governor-General of India to the Secret Committee of the East India Company, of which the following is a copy:

Camp at Bhurtpore, December 12, 1839.

I DO myself the honour to forward copies of the Dispatches noted in the margin, relative to the assault and capture of the fort of Kelat.

2. The decision, the great military skill, and excellent dispositions of Major-General Willshire, in conducting the operations against Kelat, appear to me deserving of the highest commendation. The gallantry, steadiness, and soldier-like bearing of the troops under his command, rendered his plans of action completely successful, thereby again crowning our arms, across the Indus, with signal-victory.

3. I need not expatiate on the importance of this achievement, from which the best effects must be derived, not only in the vindication of our national honour, but also in confirming the security of intercourse between Sinde and Afghanistan, and in promoting the safety and tranquillity of the restored monarchy; but I would not omit to point out that the conduct, on this occasion, of Major-General Willshire, and of the officers and men under his command (including the 31st regiment of Bengal Native Infantry, which had not been employed in the previous active operations of the campaign), have entitled them to more prominent notice than I was able to give them in my General Order of November 18; and in recommending these valuable services to the applause of the Committee, I trust that I shall not be considered as going beyond my proper province in stating an earnest hope that the conduct of Major-General Willshire in the direction of

the operations, will not fail to elicit the approbation of Her Majesty's Government.
I have, &c. AUCKLAND.

GENERAL ORDERS,

By the Governor-General of India.

Camp, Deothanee, December 4, 1839.

THE many outrages and murders committed, in attacks on the followers of the army of the Indus, by the plundering tribes in the neighbourhood of the Bolan Pass, at the instigation of their Chief Meer Mehrab Khan of Kelat, at a time when he was professing friendship for the British Government, and negotiating a treaty with its representatives, having compelled the Government to direct a detachment of the army to proceed to Kelat, for the exaction of retribution from that Chieftain, and for the execution of such arrangements as would establish future security in that quarter, a force under the orders of Major-General Willshire; C. B. was employed on this service, and the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India having, this day, received that Officer's report of the successful accomplishment of the objects intrusted to him, has been pleased to direct that the following copy of his dispatch, dated 14th ultimo, be published for general information.

The Governor-General is happy to avail himself of this opportunity to record his high admiration of the signal gallantry and spirit of the troops engaged on this occasion; and offers, on the part of the Government, his best thanks to Major-General Willshire, and to the officers and men who served under him.

By command of the Governor-General,
T. H. MADDOCK, Officiating Secretary
to the Government of India with the
Governor-General.