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*India Board, February 15, 1858.*

THE following papers have been this day received at the East India House :

No. 1.

### GENERAL ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

*Fort William,  
December 22, 1857 (No. 1625).*

THE Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct the publication of the accompanying despatches relating to the first relief of the garrison of Lucknow, which have lately reached Government.

These despatches contain an account of the proceedings of the force under the command of the late Major-General Sir H. Havelock, K.C.B., before he forced his way into the city, as well as of the various operations carried on under Major-General Sir James Outram, G.C.B., after a junction had been effected with the garrison of the Residency on the 25th of September until the arrival of the relieving force under His Excellency General Sir Colin Campbell.

They show how thoroughly this gallant band has sustained the reputation of British soldiers for courage, discipline, and determination, whether in the plain, in the hand to hand struggle of the street-fighting, or in the more wearying labours of the siege.

The Governor-General in Council has already had the satisfaction of acknowledging the obligations of the Government of India to Sir James Outram ; but his lordship in Council cannot deny himself the pleasure of expressing again his appreciation of Sir James Outram's eminent services, and his respect for the generous and soldier-like feeling which prompted Sir James to abstain from assuming the position due to his superior rank, and to leave in the hands of Sir Henry Havelock the completion of the undertaking which the latter had successfully begun.

To Brigadier Inglis, the Governor-General in Council can give no higher praise than to say that, during the continuance of the siege, after Sir James Outram had assumed the chief command in the Residency, his ability, energy, and vigilance were worthy of the lasting reputation which his conduct of the defence has secured to him.

Sir James Outram has acknowledged the efficient co-operation which he had from Brigadiers Hamilton and Stisted. To these officers, as well as to Captain Bouverie and Captain Spurgin, serving on the Brigade Staff, the Governor-General in Council desires to offer his hearty thanks for the good service they have done.

His Lordship in Council conveys to Major Eyre, who had already established a claim on the gratitude of the Government ; to Captain Maude, Royal Artillery ; to Captain Olpherts, Bengal Artillery ; to Lieutenant Thomas, Commissary of Ordnance ; and to the officers and men of the combined force of Artillery, the assurance of the satisfaction with which he has received the evidence of their zeal and gallantry.

The labours that devolved upon the Engineer Department have been of a most important and difficult nature, and the Governor-General in Council begs to assure Captain Crommelin, commanding the Engineers ; Lieutenant Hutchinson, second in command ; Lieutenants Russell and Limond ; the officers and men attached to, as well as those who volunteered to work with, the Department—his appreciation of the courage, skill, and energy with which they bore their very arduous part in the siege.

Lieutenant-Colonel Purnell, commanding Her Majesty's 90th Light Infantry, deserves praise for the able manner in which he held an advanced post, exposed to the unceasing attacks of the enemy ; and to Captain Brasyer, commanding the Regiment of Ferozepore ; to Captain Lockhart, commanding Her Majesty's 78th Highlanders ; to Captain Shute, commanding a detachment of Her Majesty's 64th, who have each maintained a difficult post with complete success ; to Captain Willis, commanding Her Majesty's 84th ; to Captain