

A card containing a statement of the object of the Addresses or Petitions, with the names of the persons who are to present them, must be sent to the Lord Chamberlain's Office two clear days before the Levee. Two other cards, containing similar information, are to be taken to the Levee, one to be delivered to The Queen's Page in Attendance in the Corridor, and the other to the Lord Chamberlain, who will read its contents to The Queen.

On these occasions no other statement is to be addressed to Her Majesty.

A Deputation to present an Address is not to exceed four persons.

The members of a Deputation, who have not previously attended Court, must be presented to The Queen.

SYDNEY,
Lord Chamberlain.

India Office, March 13, 1860.

THE Secretary of State for India has received the following Minute of the Governor-General of India, in continuation of that published in the London Gazette of the 7th October, 1859.

Minute by his Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General of India on the Services of Civil Officers and others during the Mutiny and Rebellion.

1. I PROCEED to complete the minute of the 2nd of July last, which was in some respects imperfect.

2. First, as regards Oude.

In every part of Oude, except within the walls of the Lucknow Residency, the Civil Officers of the Government were killed at their posts, or escaped by concealment and flight, under the most trying difficulties.

The Civil Government was overwhelmed and swept away, and, for the ten months following the outbreak of the mutiny, the history of the Civil Officers of the province is comprised in the accounts of the siege, relief, and recovery of the seat of the local Government in Lucknow, which have already been submitted to Her Majesty's Government.

But there are some of the officers of Sir Henry Lawrence's Government who still survive to bear testimony to the great qualities of their noble chief, and who have also had a share in the recovery of the province, and in re-establishing the administration. And there are those whose services in the province began with the relief of the garrison, or the recovery of the city.

3. Mr. Martin Gubbins held the post of Financial Commissioner of Oude until the office was abolished on the reorganisation of the local Government. During a great part of the siege he had charge of the Intelligence Department, and his energy in the construction and superintendence of defensive works, and in other respects, were very praiseworthy, and call for the notice of Her Majesty's Government.

4. Mr. G. Couper held the office of Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Oude. Sir J. Inglis bears grateful testimony to the value of the aid which he received from this able and zealous officer in military as well as civil matters. Mr. Couper's services were very remarkable, and I

strongly recommend him to the favourable consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

I also beg that the services rendered by Mr. W. Forbes, Deputy Commissioner, whose good service, almost single-handed, on the south-eastern border of Oude, was conspicuous; and by Major J. W. Carnegie, Deputy Commissioner; may be favourably considered.

5. The services of the following officers should, I submit, receive the notice of Her Majesty's Government:—Major Hutchinson, who, after taking an important part in the military operations, was of signal service as a civil officer and military secretary to the Chief Commissioner; Mr. S. Martin, Deputy Commissioner; Captain Reid, Deputy Commissioner; Mr. C. Denison, on temporary service in Oude; Captain H. Evans, Deputy Commissioner; Captain A. P. Orr, Deputy Commissioner; Mr. G. H. Lawrence, Deputy Commissioner; Mr. W. C. Capper, Deputy Commissioner, whose conduct in the garrison of the residency has been commended by Sir J. Inglis; Mr. Balmain, Deputy Commissioner; Lieutenant E. Chamier, Assistant Commissioner; Mr. Kavanagh, Assistant Commissioner, whose courage at a most critical time of the siege has already won for him high reward; Mr. R. Moss King, Assistant Commissioner; Captain Thurnburn, attached to General Walpole's column, and since employed in Lucknow; and Captain Bunbury, formerly of the intelligence department, and afterwards in command of a police battalion.

6. The valuable services of Major H. Bruce, Chief of the Police, have been recognised by Her Majesty's Government. The officers of his corps have done their duty admirably: Captain Chamberlain, Captain Boileau, and Captain Dawson have much distinguished themselves.

7. Major L. Barrow has also received acknowledgment for his good services; but, in addition to those which were rendered in the field, he has the credit of having discharged with great judgment the task of making settlements with the landholders.

8. Of gentlemen not in the regular service of the Government, Mr. Schilling and Mr. Crank, of the Martiniere College, Mr. McCrae, Civil Engineer, and Mr. Cameron deserve that their valuable exertions during the siege, to which General Inglis has already borne testimony, should not be passed over, although the service was military rather than civil. To these should be added Mr. F. Lincoln, Superintendent of the Judicial Commissioner's office.

9. But it was to the Chief Commissioner of Oude, Sir Robert Montgomery, that, from the time when the reorganisation of the province began, the praise of directing and steadily advancing the work, with scarcely a single check, mainly belonged. I cannot too warmly express my thanks for the service which he rendered to the State, in the ten months during which the Chief Commissionership was in his hands.

10. I have next to refer to Nagpore, a full report from this province being now before me.

The task which fell to the Civil Officers and others of the Local Government in Nagpore was, for the most part, one of prevention and repression, rather than a struggle against open rebellion; but it was most judiciously, as well as promptly and vigorously performed, and to this is due that, not even in the wild and remote parts of that province, were those fearful tragedies enacted, of which other provinces have been the scenes. Services which secured this result are eminently deserving of praise.