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P R E F A C E .

IN the autumn of 1863, the British Government sent an expedition of 5,000 men into the mountains beyond the North-west Frontier of India, and on the confines of Afghanistan. The object was to punish certain Fanatics and independent tribes, who had for a long time been committing depredations in our border districts. The march of our columns into the mountains so excited the anger of the neighbouring Mahomedan tribes, that a general combination ensued against us, and the force had to fight hard to maintain its ground, and to accomplish its purpose.

Having been present towards the close of the operations, I am in hopes that my knowledge of the scene will have enabled me to give a clear account of the campaign, which, though short, was a very interesting one, both in its military and political aspects, and more especially as having occurred in a part of the country never before entered by British troops.

In drawing up my account, I have consulted the following works:—

1. Report on the Settlement of the Peshawur District; by the late Major Hugh James, C. B., Commissioner.
2. Report showing the Relations of the British Government with the Tribes on the North-west Frontier; by Mr. Temple, former Secretary of the Punjab.
3. Papers relating to the Disturbances in the North-west Frontier of India. Presented to Parliament, 1864.
4. Military Despatches of the operations.
5. Treaties with the Frontier Tribes. Aitchison, 1864.

I have also been favoured with a copy of the *Minute* of Sir William Denison, who on the death of Lord Elgin succeeded as Viceroy of India at a critical period of the campaign.

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LONDON, Nov. 1866.

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