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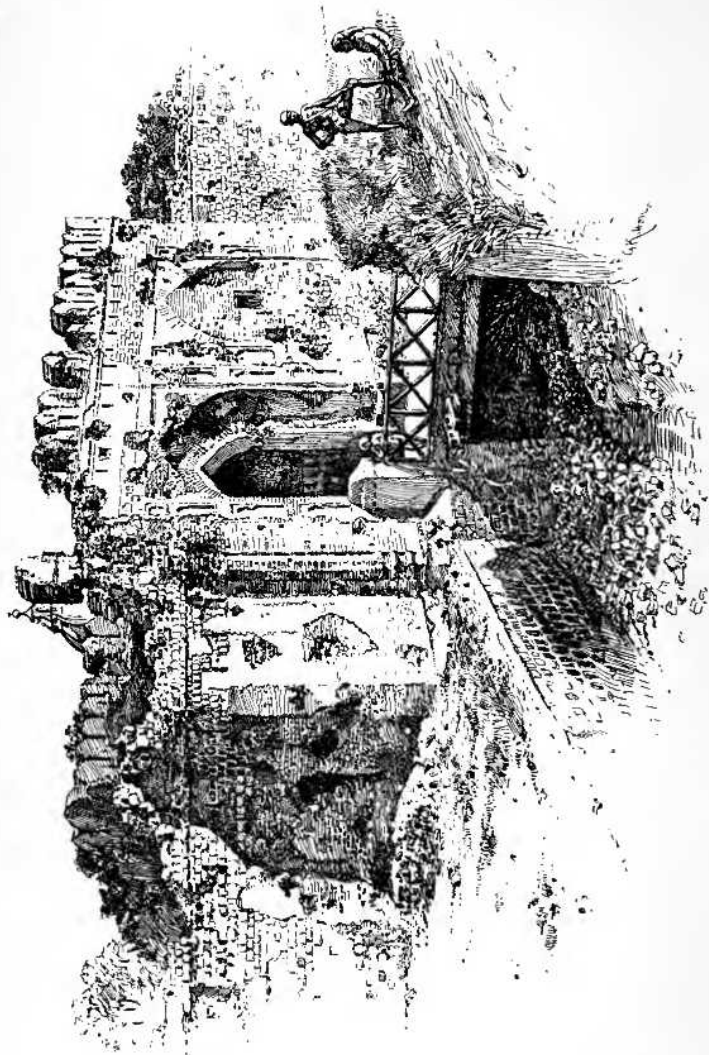
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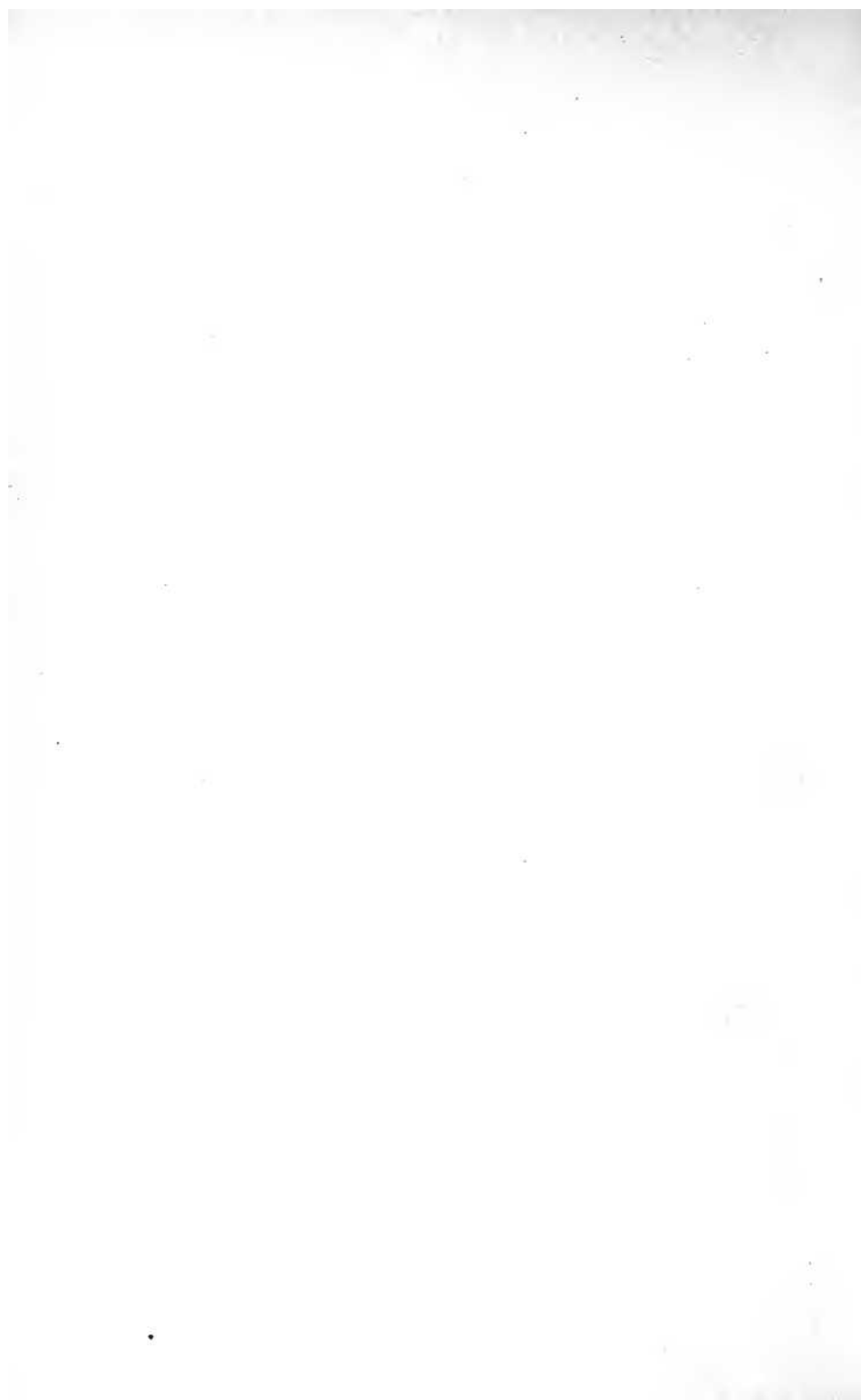
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PREFACE.

No introduction to this little account of what I saw of the great Sepoy Mutiny of 1857 can be more appropriate than a short account of the glorious regiment with which I was permitted to serve. The 52nd Light Infantry was the first regiment in the English army that was distinguished from other regiments by the affix of "Light Infantry."¹ The discipline of the regiment was admi-

¹ Sir John Moore, who in 1801 became Colonel of the regiment, writes in 1805, on his being made K.C.B., "As a Knight of the Bath I am entitled to supporters. I have chosen a Light Infantry soldier for one—being Colonel of the First Light Infantry Regiment."