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PREFACE.

In the various histories which have been published recording the events of the late war, the greatest praise has invariably been given to those regiments whose officers were of high birth and aristocratic connexions; while other corps, not possessing these fortuitous advantages, have had the mortification to find their services pass altogether unnoticed. This cannot be imputed as a fault to the historian, as he derived his information from the official despatches: the onus, then, must rest with the General commanding, and without ascribing to him any corrupt motive, we may consider it to have been but natural for him to make the most honourable mention of those regiments whose officers he was desirous of recommending to the special notice of head-quarters. However, favouritism always has existed, and doubtless always will. I shall endeavour, therefore, in the following pages, simply to

place on record some of the exploits of the regiment in which I served, as well as of some others with whom we occasionally co-operated; but who, like ourselves, had not the honour to be noticed in public despatches, for the reasons I have before stated.

As I have no written data to go by, but trust entirely to memory, should any inaccuracies be discovered, I hope it will be imputed to that circumstance, rather than to any wilful intention on my part to record events which I do not know or believe to be true.

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