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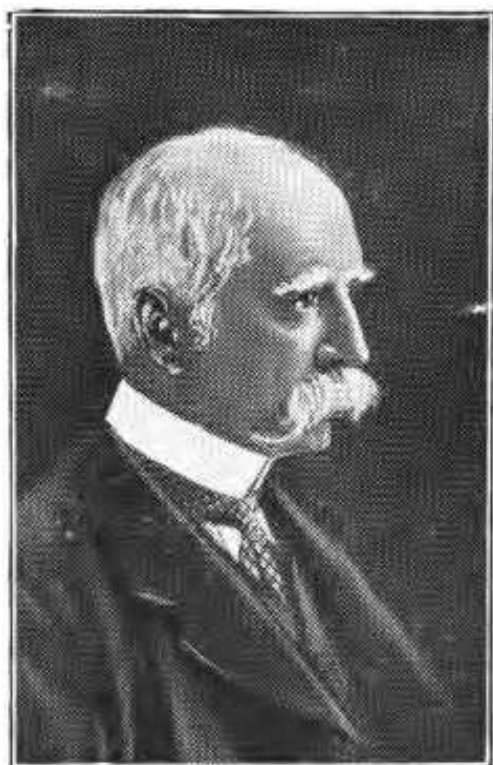
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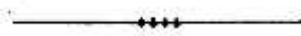
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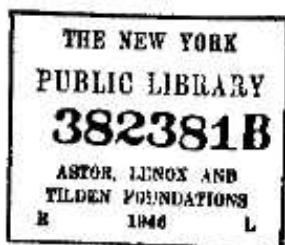
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To

COLONEL THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

SIR GODFREY CHARLES MORGAN,

VISCOUNT TREDEGAR,

Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of
Monmouth, this attempt to place on record the story of the
Volunteer movement is dedicated by his humble and obedient
servant,

THOMAS MITCHELL.

Spun K. Fletcher - October 25, 1926

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P R E F A C E .

In the year 1891, allusion was made in the *South Wales Daily Telegraph*, a local evening paper, to the remarkable changes which had taken place in the numbers, or titles, of the three Monmouthshire Battalions of Volunteers since their first formation. Having joined the force at its inception in 1859, and passed through the several grades of rank from Ensign in January, 1861, to Major and second in command in 1873, and finally, at the death of Colonel Roden in 1887, to Lieut.-Colonel, and Hon. Colonel, in command of the Battalion, I became familiar with these changes, and accordingly wrote an article which appeared in the paper referred to, explaining the transitions through which the corps had passed from their first formation as separate companies, or corps, into one consolidated and two administrative battalions, the conversion of the latter into consolidated battalions, and eventually the affiliation of the three battalions, with the Breconshire Battalion, to the South Wales Borderers. The article was very favourably received by both officers and members of the force, many of whom expressed a wish that I would write a history of the movement in Monmouthshire. This I have attempted to do, and have endeavoured to give a plain and accurate narrative of the many changes, progress made, and incidents of note which have come within my observation and experience from the inauguration of the movement in 1859 to my retirement in September, 1891, and I now submit the result of my effort, trusting the work may be found interesting and accorded a favourable reception.

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