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ENVOY AND MINISTER AT THE COURT  
OF  
HIS MAJESTY, SHAH SHOOJA OOL MOOLK;  
IN GRATITUDE  
FOR  
THE CONFIDENCE WHICH INDUCED HIM  
TO EMPLOY THE AUTHOR  
IN VARIOUS  
IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND MILITARY DUTIES,  
AS WELL AS FOR  
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CIRCUMSTANCES have induced me to consent to the printing of the following rough notes from my journal during the late Campaign in Sindh and Afghanistan. I presume not to attempt a narrative of the great Military operations, or to describe minutely the countries and people which our arms have subdued. All this I leave to abler authors, whose works will, I doubt not, in due time, be submitted to the judgment, and for the information of the public, while this volume, which consists chiefly of personal details, has been printed simply for the perusal of those valued friends, to whom it will be PRESENTED, and to whom it is accordingly OFFERED as a token of my thankfulness for the warm and continued interest which they have evinced in my proceedings during the period I served in the Army of the Indus. With the view of illustrating my journal, and to compensate in some measure for its barrenness in details of general interest, I have directed the chief public papers referring to the Campaign, to be embodied in an Appendix.

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