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K. C. B.  
COLONEL OF THE FIRST BATTALION RIFLE BRIGADE,  
AND ITS LEADER  
DURING A LONG AND BRILLIANT PERIOD  
OF ITS HISTORY,  
THIS VOLUME IS RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED  
BY HIS VERY OBEDIENT  
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IN tracing the following scenes, I have chiefly drawn on the reminiscences of my military life, and endeavoured faithfully to convey to the mind of the reader the impression which they made on my own at the time of their occurrence. Should any errors, as to dates or trifling circumstances, have inadvertently crept into my narrative, I hope they will be ascribed to want of memory, rather than to any

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wilful intention to mislead. I am aware,  
that some objections may be taken to  
my style; for

“ Rude am I in my speech,  
And little bless'd with the set phrase of peace :  
For, since these arms of mine had seven years' pith,  
Till now, some nine moons wasted, they have us'd  
Their dearest action in the tented field :  
And little of this world can I speak,  
More than pertains to feats of broil and battle ;  
And therefore little shall I grace my cause  
In speaking for myself ; yet, by your gracious patience,  
I will a round unvarnished tale deliver,”

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