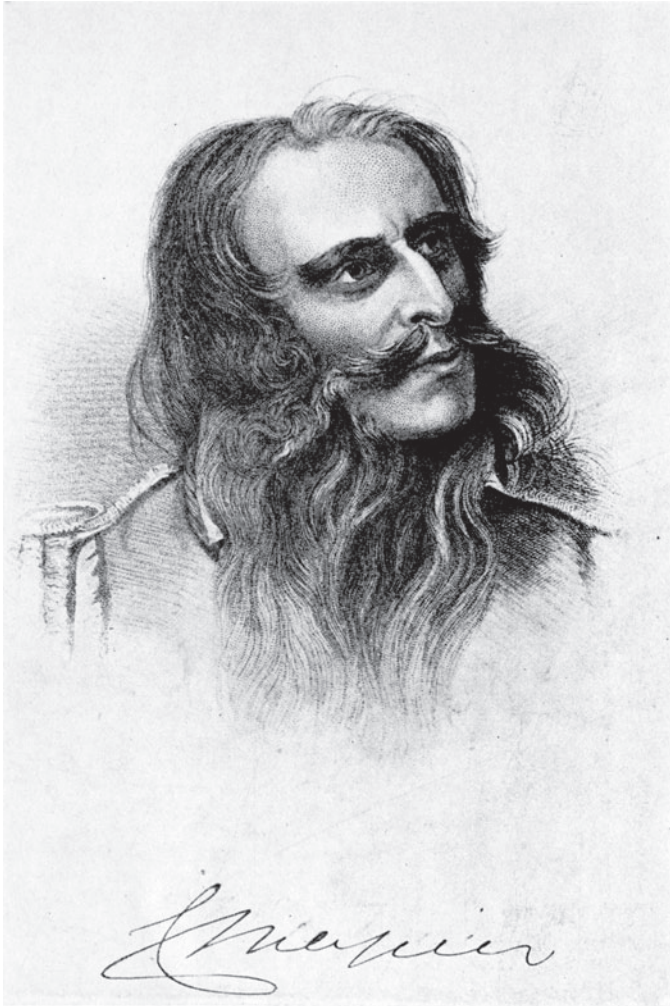


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PREFACE

THIS biography, in its original form, appeared in 1889 in a volume called *Four Famous Soldiers*, and was based upon almost all the materials, printed and manuscript, that were then available. In 1890 I received information from surviving officers, especially Sir Montagu McMurdo, which enabled me to amend the description of the battle of Miani; within the last two years I have made use of the private letters written by Lord Dalhousie to Sir John Hobhouse, which were deposited in the British Museum in 1900, and of other documents. The whole work has been revised, word by word. Much has been deleted, much added, much rewritten; for, although there were very few mistakes to correct, I found need for improvement on almost every page. With a few exceptions, sanctioned by the authorized lists which the Government of India issued towards the end of the last century (see p. xii of the latest edition of my *History of the Indian Mutiny*), I have of course followed the modern spelling of Indian names; but in quotations the old forms remain unaltered, and in the Index they have been printed occasionally in brackets for the convenience of readers who are not accustomed to the new.

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