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No. 153.

From,

The Right Honble

the Governor General of India.

To,

W. M. Elliot Esquire,

Secretary to the Govt of India
on a mission to Lahore.

Camp Ferozepore, 26th March 1849.

Sir,

I have this day had the satisfaction of receiving from His Excellency the Commander in Chief the copy of a despatch from Major General Sir Walter Gilbert, K. C. B., dated 21st Instant, announcing the occupation of Peshawar by the force under his command, and the precipitate retreat of the Affghans through the Whzyber Pass.

The remains of the Sixth Army having surrendered to General Gilbert, and the Ameer with his troops having fled to Cabul, the war in the Punjab has been brought to a happy termination.

The time has thus arrived at which it is necessary that the determination which the Governor General has formed regarding the future

Administration of the Punjab, should be com-
municated to the Govt. at Lahore.

I have, therefore, to request that you
will proceed for that purpose to Lahore tomorrow
morning.

On meeting the Council of Regency
you will present to them the note herewith
transmitted, in which the determination of
the Govt of India regarding our future relations
with the Punjab is fully set forth.

If the Government of Lahore should
acquiesce in that determination and should
obtain the favorable consideration of the
Governor General for His Highness the Maharaja
and his followers, you are authorized to grant
the Terms which are contained in the enclosed
papers; and for the granting of which I
herby vest you and Sir Henry Montgomery
Lawrence with full necessary powers.

If these terms should be accepted
and should be signed, as the former treaty, by
the Maharaja and the Members of the Council
of Regency, you will issue in my name the
Proclamation which is also enclosed.

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If any resistance should be attempted, or if application for, or acceptance of, the terms should be declined; the Resident, on your intimation thereof, will proceed to take such measures as may be necessary at Lahore for carrying the resolution of the Govt. of India into immediate effect; and you will issue the Proclamation above mentioned accordingly.

The Resident will take every proper precaution for providing against the possibility of disturbance, on the intentions of the Govt. of India being made known.

An additional brigade of troops has been ordered to Lahore and will arrive there on the 28th Instant.

You will preserve a record of the conferences and will be so good as to report to me your proceedings.

I have &c
Camp Secroepore, } By Dalhousie
26th March 1849.

(True Copy)

P. Nicholson
Under Secy to the Govt of India
with the Governor General.

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