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PERSONAL ADVENTURES

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INDIAN REBELLION

IN

ROHILCUND, FUTTEIGHUR, AND OUDE.

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P R E F A C E.

THE following Narrative, drawn up as opportunity offered, under circumstances of great personal danger and considerable anxiety, was transmitted to my family in England, the day after I had providentially succeeded with my companions in escaping into Cawnpore, and joining the force under the late General Havelock. From that time until April last, when, from the failure of my health, I was forced to leave India, I had no opportunity of reverting to the subject of my escape.

Since my return, last month, I have had leisure to look the Diary over, and have been

induced to offer it for publication, under the impression that, at a time like the present, when public attention is so much occupied with the Indian Rebellion, the events it relates, although of a purely personal nature, may not be without interest.

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KUSSOURAH, LEFT BANK OF THE RAMGUNGAH, ABOUT
TWELVE MILES N.E. OF FUTTEHGHUR, JULY 27TH,
1857.

This day, for the first time since the first of June, I have writing materials at my disposal. I shall therefore endeavour to record, as correctly as I can from memory, a narrative of the events that have occurred to me since that sad day, the first of June, when it pleased God that I should become a wanderer and a fugitive. I must premise that shortly after the outbreak and massacre at Meerut, about the 19th May, so far as I can recollect, the spirit of disorder began to show itself in the Budaon district in Rohilkund, of