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THE

# DEFENCE OF LUCKNOW.

A DIARY

RECORDING THE DAILY EVENTS DURING THE SIEGE OF THE  
EUROPEAN RESIDENCY

FROM 31ST MAY TO 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1857.

BY A STAFF OFFICER.

WITH A PLAN OF THE RESIDENCY.

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THE AUTHOR of this work desiring, for military reasons, to withhold his name from the publication, the Publishers feel it due to the public to vouch for the authenticity of the "Diary," by stating that the Author is an officer of the Staff of the Anglo-Indian Army, and was in Lucknow during the whole of the siege; as, indeed, will be apparent from the full details of all that transpired in the garrison.

They beg to add that the only alteration made by them is the substitution of the most recent and complete list of the killed and wounded during

the defence, as given in the "Homeward Mail," for the list appended to the MS. They have also appended the eloquent despatch of Brigadier Inglis, recording the services of the garrison.

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FOR about ten days previous to the outbreak, daily reports were made that an *émeute* was intended, and Sir H. M. Lawrence had ordered all kinds of stores to be purchased and stored in the "Muchee Bhawun" and the City Residency. But latterly the intelligence began to excite less attention, as so many days had passed away which had been named for the outbreak. On the evening of the 30th May, however, a sepoy of the 13th Native Infantry, who had shortly before received a reward from Sir Henry Lawrence for having assisted in the capture of a spy, came to Captain Wilson of the 13th Native