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THE LIFE

OF THE

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which shall pay its own expenses. His command (as I now intend it) will include Calpee, Bundelcund, and the other lands lying between the Jumna and Nerbudda, Gohud excluded. At present he stands appointed to the forces stationed in Rohilcund, with a declaration that he shall succeed to the first vacant brigade; and he is satisfied. To save His Majesty's expense, and indeed for my own relief, I propose to make him fixed commandant of Fort William.

Of Major Popham I shall speak under the following head:—

*Moodajee Boosla.*—(This is repetition, but do not regard that—read on.) You already know that he rejected our treaty. His answer arrived about the 14th January. He objected to every article, and because he knew (as he said) that it would not be accepted by the administration at Poona, and a term of five months had been allowed for its acceptance, he had therefore kept the originals to be disposed of as I should direct, in hopes that I would amend them; and at the same time, that they might not miss their chance of producing a better effect than he expected on the mind of the minister, copies of them had been instantly despatched to the latter. I need not give you more particulars, as you have the entire letters, which I sent to you from Looksaugur. You will probably have observed in reading them that they contained, as usual, liberal professions, but dictated in short language mixed with reproach, in a manner which marked disappointment, and an opinion that our affairs were grown so desperate as to warrant the assumption of the tone of superiority. This conclusion further appeared in a letter received about a fortnight after from Dewangur Pundit to Beneram, telling him of our success against Bassein, and the defeat and death of Ramchunder Gunnis, and desiring him to give me a caution not to discredit what