

Scinde. The first thing done was to compel them to sign a treaty of such a severe tenor as at once to dispossess them of almost every power they had a right to in their own country,* a part of whom only signed it; and Meer Shere Mahomed refused most peremptorily, and at length took the field with an immense army, to oppose Sir Charles to the last. Meer Ali Morad, of Khyrpore, one of those who signed the Treaty, being an enemy of his brother; Shere Mahomed, clung to the British, and volunteered his services, with his tribe, to Napier, with the double view of securing his territory, and revenging himself on the rebel chief. Matters now had gone too far to expect an amicable conclusion to be brought to bear; the majority of them looked upon Outram to have been the origin of their downfall, and privately determined on his massacre. Outram was still living at the Residency, a building about two hundred yards from the Indus. Durbar after durbar was held, and conference after conference; they called upon Outram to defend them, to prove that the charges against them were false. Outram in vain declared his powerless position; they would not believe he had been so divested of his diplomatic influence; and as was the case with Sir Alexander Burnes, an infatuated mob, excited by some

*I would give copies of the Treaties, which I have in my possession, but for the vast space I should require, and have not room.