

PREFACE  
TO THE  
POETICAL SERIES  
OF THE  
RUSSIAN, PERSIAN AND CHINA WARS,  
INCLUDING  
THE REBELLION OF BRITISH INDIA.

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IN submitting this poetical volume to the full inspection of a religious and enlightened people, I have studiously evaded all superfluity which I have often met with, both written and oral, during that sanguinary period. I have, therefore, considered it most expedient to divide the work into four periods, embracing the wars of Russia, China, Persia, and lastly, the rebellion of British India, which I have minutely entered into with unremitting assiduity, pointing out the cause, the consequence, their struggles and overthrow.

It is absolutely true, I have neither spared cost nor time in making myself acquainted with all realities emanating from the different seats of war. Day after day have I traced with assiduity the columns of the *London Times*, where I have found a great many well written articles, principally emanating from Russell, its most able correspondent, who had been ordered to attend the battle-field and give a fair and impartial narrative of the passing events then struggling in the different contests of the field. I must also acknowledge to be greatly indebted to other papers, largely circulated through these