

and to this alliance the former is principally indebted for his extraordinary rise. The quiet character of Futteh Singh, who was the equal if not the superior in rank and power of Runjeet Singh, has yielded to the bold, commanding spirit of the other, and he has been the ladder by which Runjeet Singh has mounted to greatness. He now finds himself not a companion and friend of an equal as formerly, but the nominal favorite of a master. The outward show of intimacy and friendship is preserved, but there is no confidence. He is not of the Rajah's council, nor is he entrusted with his secrets, but he marches with a considerable force in the train of Runjeet Singh, without knowing whither or for what purpose. Futteh Singh, in rank and consideration, in military force and territorial possessions, is the first of the chiefs of Runjeet Singh's army. He possesses the country east of the Sutlej, from Jaguàum to that river, the country in general between the Sutlej and the Beeas, and the country to the west of the Beeas as far as Umritsur. He has a very fair reputation, and is looked up to by the disaffected as the fit person to be put at the head of a confederacy to throw off the yoke; but he is evidently not a revolutionist; he is mild and good-natured, seemingly simple, and undoubtedly wanting in energy. This is the chief who was in Lord Lake's camp on the banks of the Beeas; he there acquired a respect for the British character, which causes him to look to the British Government with the hope of obtaining from it a release from the overbearing tyranny of Runjeet Singh. As a matter of information, I have thought it proper to mention the circumstances of this chief, whose case may be entitled to attention with reference to future possible events, from the situation and extent of his country, and his personal character and disposition.