

His Lordship also concluded that Outram was not as zealous a servant as he could wish to have on this spot, and looked upon Sir Charles Napier as one more likely to act according to his directions, both in the office of diplomatist, and in that of a fighting General, the more particularly, as the Troops in Afghanistan were about evacuating it, and a large force would be concentrated at Sukkur. Sir Charles was ordered from Bombay to the mouth of the Indus, with, amongst other instructions, the following order from the Governor General:—

“It may be convenient that you should be at once informed, that if the Ameers, or any one of them, should act hostilely, or evince hostile designs against our army, it is my fixed resolution never to forgive the breach of faith, and to exact a penalty, which shall be a warning to every Chief in India.”

Thus ran the instructions conveyed to Sir Charles, and thus was swept away all diplomatic agency in Scinde. General Napier was entrusted to select his own party, and the indefatigable, and universally acknowledged zealous Major Outram, who hitherto had been held in the highest confidence by the Ameers, was at once shut out even from further communication with them. The Princes, finding affairs thus, turned now just as averse to Outram as they had been otherwise. They presented to Government a series of com-