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"India, fertile in heroes, has shown, since the days of Clive, no man of greater and earlier promise than ELDERED POITINGER. Yet, here as he was, you might have sat for weeks beside him at table and not have discovered that he had seen a shot fired. . . . Seldierly and straightforward he gave his opinion decisively at the last Military Council . . . that it was destruction to retreat. But when the fiat was passed . . . he signed the doomed treaty, *knowing he would be held* responsible for what had been the work of others. . . . At Bamian his genius appeared to rise. . . . He seems to have been unanimously elected leader and to have effected what thousands of troops could not have done."

SIR HENRY LAWRENCE, K.C.B.