

SELECTIONS

FROM THE

PAPERS OF LORD METCALFE.

PART I.

THE POLICY OF SIR GEORGE BARLOW.

[With the exception of a memorandum written in 1804, relative to the advantages of locating a proposed subsidiary force at Kotah, and published in his Memoirs, the following is the earliest political document of any importance to be found among Lord Metcalfe's papers. It was written in 1806, at the age of twenty-one, when he was attached to Lord Lake's army; and seemingly drawn up for the perusal of his father. Embodying as it does, in clear, forcible, but not always very official language, the views of the Wellesley School, it illustrates, in a very remarkable manner, the early political development of the old race of Indian civilians. The Elphinstones and Metcalfes—the Jenkinases and Adams—of the first years of the present century were ripe Indian statesmen at an earlier age than that which is now fixed for the first entrance of the new race into the public service.]

SIR GEORGE BARLOW has determined, from some motives which he designates "the fundamental principles of his administration," to withdraw from all connexion and alliance with the states situated west of the Jumna, and to get rid of all our possessions west of the same river, with the reservation of a strip of land along its western bank of a few miles' breadth. This