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WITH REMARKS ON H.I.M. MOZUFFER-ED-DIN
SHAH, AND THE PRESENT SITUATION
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PREFACE

ON revisiting Tehran last autumn, I was struck with the evidence of progress and improvement in Persia, and on returning home I formed the idea of publishing a short account of my journey, with observations and opinions which are based on my previous experiences, and have reference also to what has been recorded by others. In carrying out this idea, I have made use of information given in the well-known books on Persia by Malcolm, Fraser, Watson and Curzon.

‘Persia Revisited,’ as first written, comprised up to Chapter VI. of the book ; but just as I had finished it for publication, the sad news of the assassination of the Shah, Nasr-ed-Din, was received. I then saw that my book, to be complete, should

touch on the present situation in Persia, and accordingly I added two chapters which deal with the new Shah and his brothers, and the Sadr Azem and the succession.

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INSCRIPTION ON THE SEAL OF THE LATE SHAH, SHOWN ON THE COVER.

*'El Sultan, Bin el Sultan, Bin el Sultan, Bin el Sultan.
El Sultan, Nasr-ed-Din Shah, Kajar.'*

*'The King, Son of the King, Son of the King, Son of the King.
The King, Nasr-ed-Din Shah, Kajar line.'*