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THIS volume contains the Reports on events in 1857 submitted in 1858 by Commissioners of Divisions and District Officers to Mr. R. Montgomery, Judicial Commissioner of the Punjab, and also a reprint of the "Punjab Mutiny Report," which has been included for convenience of reference. Mr. Montgomery's Report, compiled from the reports of Commissioners and District Officers, reached the Chief Commissioner of the Punjab, Sir J. Lawrence, in March 1858, and was submitted to the Government of India with a Narrative and Comments by Sir J. Lawrence in a letter dated the 25th of May 1858, from Mr. R. Temple (later Sir Richard), who was then Secretary to the Chief Commissioner. It may be noted that the names of persons and places have been spelt as in the original manuscript.

Mr. Montgomery's Report and Sir J. Lawrence's Narrative and Comments formed the "Punjab Mutiny Report," which first appeared in a Blue Book issued in 1859, and was later reprinted more than once by the Punjab Government.

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- (a) Report by Mr. G. C. Barnes on events in the Cis-Sutlej States, with the reports on the Ambála

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and Ludhiána Districts submitted by Messrs. T. D. Forsyth and G. H. M. Ricketts, Deputy Commissioners of those districts respectively.

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 - (c) The report on events in the Pesháwar Division by Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert Edwardes, with the Hazára District Report by Major J. R. Becher, Deputy Commissioner.
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