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GENERAL PEREIRA, nearly up to the last day of his life, kept a diary of his travels, and literally up to the last day of his life made observations for his map. He was exceptionally methodical in his observations, and no illness or discomfort was ever allowed to stand in the way of making his record.

From his survey maps have been compiled in the War Office, and copies may be seen at the rooms of the Royal Geographical Society; and it is from these that the map accompanying this book has been compiled. And to make the story of his travels available for the general public, his brother, Sir Cecil Pereira, placed the diaries at my disposal. With so much detail available it has been possible to describe with great accuracy the route followed on his journeys. But General Pereira was singularly restrained in the expression of those feelings which every traveller has: it is not possible, therefore, to describe what he felt. But how concentrated and intense his feelings must have been we may conclude from the single fact that these journeys were made at all—made in the face of physical