

APPENDIX L

Pages 151-156 and (B) 193 of "Papers Relating to Tibet, 1904."

(The long and energetic letter of Lord Curzon, from which extracts are here given, may fairly be considered as the official basis for the attack upon Tibet. It is verbose, but it cries "Forward!" so insistently that the weary Indian Office in London finally echoes "Forward!"—a little weakly, yet loudly enough to satisfy the strenuous Viceroy. His enthusiasm makes him swallow secret treaties and Russian arms in Lhasa.—O. T. C.)

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Extracts from a Letter from the Government of India, in the Foreign Department, to the Right Honourable Lord George F. Hamilton, His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated Camp Delhi, the 8th January, 1903. (Received the 24th January, 1903.)

In a despatch, dated 11th April, 1902, Your Lordship agreed to our proposal for the employment of Mr. White, and you forwarded to us copy of a letter from the Foreign Office dated March 26th, in which the Marquess of Lansdowne expressed his concurrence with us in believing that further negotiations on the subject of our relations with Tibet with the Chinese Government would not be likely to lead to any satisfactory result, and that it would be necessary to resort to local action in order to vindicate British rights under the Convention of 1890. Mr. White conducted his Mission during the past summer with expedition and success. In a despatch, dated 10th July, 1902, we explained to Your Lordship the revised instructions which we issued to him before starting and which he duly observed; and we now