

The complete Index of Local Names which I have added to these Appendices is primarily meant to facilitate reference to the maps in respect of particular localities. But in view of the special care I had taken about the correct phonetic record of all names, I hope, it will in competent scholars' hands prove useful also for philological enquiries into the local nomenclature of that Eastern Turkish language which has spread its place names over vast regions of Asia. For the preparation of the General Index to the Memoir I am mainly indebted to the help of my archæological assistant Miss F. M. G. LORIMER.

Indices of  
Memoir

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Printing of  
Memoir.

The ready help of the Photo.-Litho. Office of the Survey of India, Calcutta, has made it possible to add to the Memoir the series of plates which, I hope, will be useful in bringing before the eyes of the reader, whether of the maps or the text, characteristic features of the ground in the mountains and deserts we surveyed. The photographs reproduced were taken by myself and have already partly served for the illustration of my Personal Narratives and Detailed Reports of the first and second journeys. For the reproduction of the panoramic views in Plates 3, 5, 7, I am indebted to the kind permission of the Royal Geographical Society which had first published them in my *Mountain Panoramas from the Pamirs and Kwen Lun*.

Illustrations.

If I have left it to the last to express my personal gratitude to my Indian surveying assistants it is merely because the Memoir itself shows how preponderating was their share in the labours which the surveys recorded in the maps have cost. I may safely leave it to those who will use our maps, whether in the field or in the study, to judge of the value of these labours. Of the self-sacrificing efforts which my travel companions had to make in order to carry out their tasks, mostly on desert ground or in equally forbidding mountain regions, I have had ample occasion to furnish proofs in the published accounts of my journeys. Rai Sahib RAM SINGH, the earliest of my companions in the field and skilful alike with plane-table and theodolite; Rai Bahadur LAL SINGH, the veteran of indomitable energy whose exertions neither risks nor hardships could ever restrain, and young AFRAZ-GUL KHAN, now Khan Sahib, who, joining me last in the field, soon proved possessed both of a keen topographical sense and a true spirit of daring,—they all faced their duties with unflinching devotion, in spite of severe trials and privations. In Gurkha, Sikh and Pathān I was fortunate enough to find ever faithful, hardworking companions, and with their help I shall always associate my happiest recollections of travel.

Help of surveyors  
in the field.

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