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## Frederick Sleigh, Lord Roberts (1832

We had not met before, and he certainly received me in a very off-bfnd manner. I travelled via Murree to Abbottabad, along the route now well known as the 'Gullies.

## 41 Years in India

From a Painting by J. Fortunately the 4th Sikhs from Abbottabad had that very morning marched into Ludhiana, and Bicketts hoped, with their assistance, to hold the sepoys in check until the arrival of the British troops, which he believed must have been despatched from Jullundur in pursuit of the mutineers. Within a week from that time I had started for Bawal Pindi to be ready to join the Movable Column, which was to be formed at Wazirabad as soon as the troops could be got together.

## Siege of Lucknow

Gough never heard of them again, though he tried hard to trace what had become of the men who proved themselves such 'friends in need. Early in September we said good-bye to the happy valley and returned to Peshawar, where I rejoined the Mountain Battery.

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From information obtained by the civil officers with the eolnm, we sus- pected that Urge numbers of mutineers were collected in the neigh- bourhood. At the last-named place I parted from my companions, who travelled onwards to Simla by the Kulu valley, while I took the shorter route via Bilaspur. Being thus disappointed in their hope of surprising the white soldiers, the 3rd Cavalry proceeded without a moment's delay to the gaol, broke into the cells, and released their eighty-five comrades and all the other prisoners, about 1,200 in number.

## Siege of Lucknow

Foot was halted at Attock, and the 24th Foot and Kamaon battalion were kept at their stations ready to move towards the frontier.



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