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- 1 Besides referring to the critical remarks formulated in my review of this book in *St. Ir.* 39/2, p. 295-299, I would like to insist on a few points. The article is drawn from British archives and published travel accounts (for instance, the *Travels* of Sir Robert Ker Porter who is cited as “Ker Porter”). Articles from *Encyclopædia Iranica* are cited without the author’s name. The text abounds in spelling and historical errors. Place names for decisive battles are misspelled or not given: Toprah Kaleh for Toprak Qal’e on the northern front, nothing for the southern front (See my forthcoming study on the battle of Shahrezur). The name of the governor of Soleymaniye, Maḥmūd Pāšā Bābān, has become “Mahommad Pasha” (p. 93); his replacement was the main pretext for the war against Ottoman Iraq. The “feudal army of Mohammad Ali Mirza” (p. 94), having been equipped and drilled by European officers, severely defeated the Ottomans. To its merit, this article has drawn information from British testimonies; but these are uncritically presented, and Persian as well as and French sources having been neglected.

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