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Hon. Spencer Jerome

Lucas. 1895

Trusting that in Oriental
lucubration, you may
not be perturbed by the
stridency of moral voices,
or the rattle of those who
strive for good in
strumous ways.

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I.

THE OLD PINDAREE.

On the Nerbada, 1866.

ALLAH is great, my children, and kind to a
slave like me ;

The great man's tent is gone from under the
peepul tree ;

With his horde of hungry retainers, and oil-
fed sons of the quill ;

I paid them the bribes they wanted, and
Satan may settle my bill.

It's not that I care for the money, or expect
a dog to be clean,

If I were lord of the ryots, they'd starve ere
I grew lean ;