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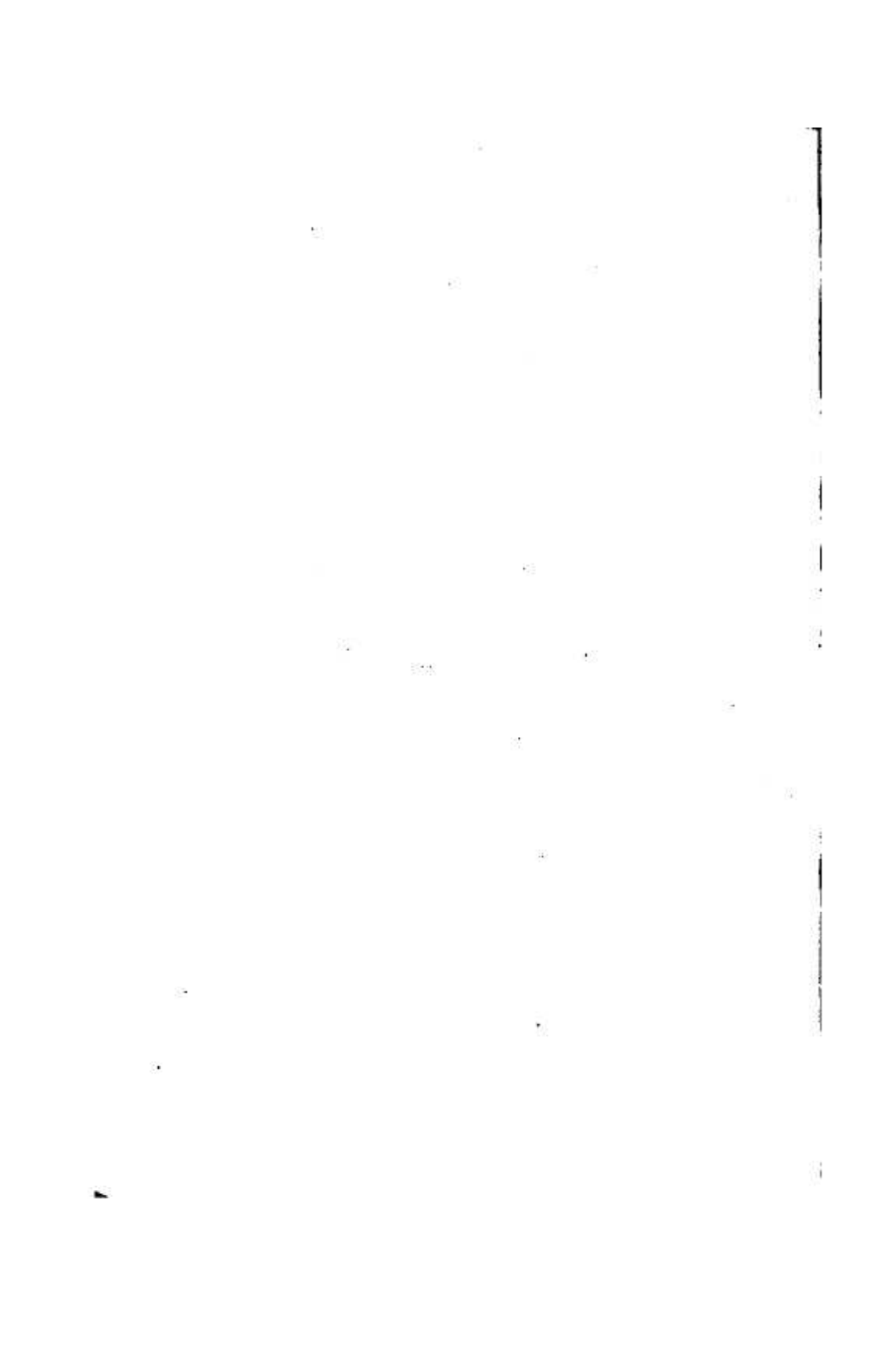
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PART I.—INDIA



CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTION.

THE connection between England and India is a political anomaly that has no parallel in history. We sometimes talk of "our Indian fellow-subjects;" but such a phrase is altogether misleading. The Queen of England is, by right of her English crown and by Act of the English Parliament, Empress of India. And natives of India, if they happen to sojourn in this country, are not aliens. There seems no reason why they should not be registered as parliamentary electors; they might even be returned as members of the House of Commons. So far, Englishmen and Indians stand in a similar relation to a common monarch, and share in one great empire. But their relation to that monarch is not identical, nor are they equal sharers in that empire. Hard as it may be to define precisely this political anomaly, the broad facts must not be disguised. We all know and feel that England is the mistress, India the subject land.

That sovereignty must reside somewhere is a first principle in the philosophy of politics. To detect the sovereign power is sometimes difficult in practice, though it can never be impossible. According to the English