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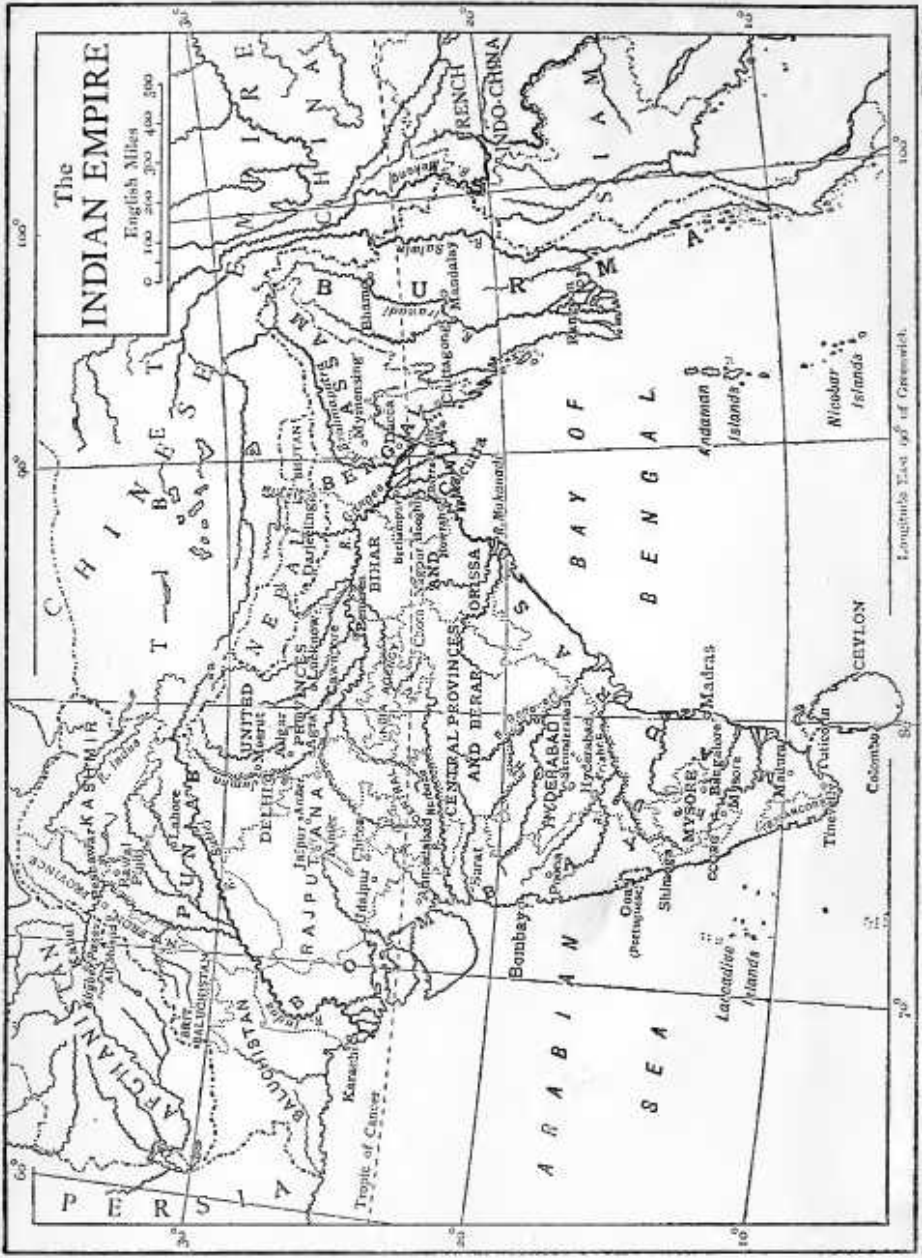
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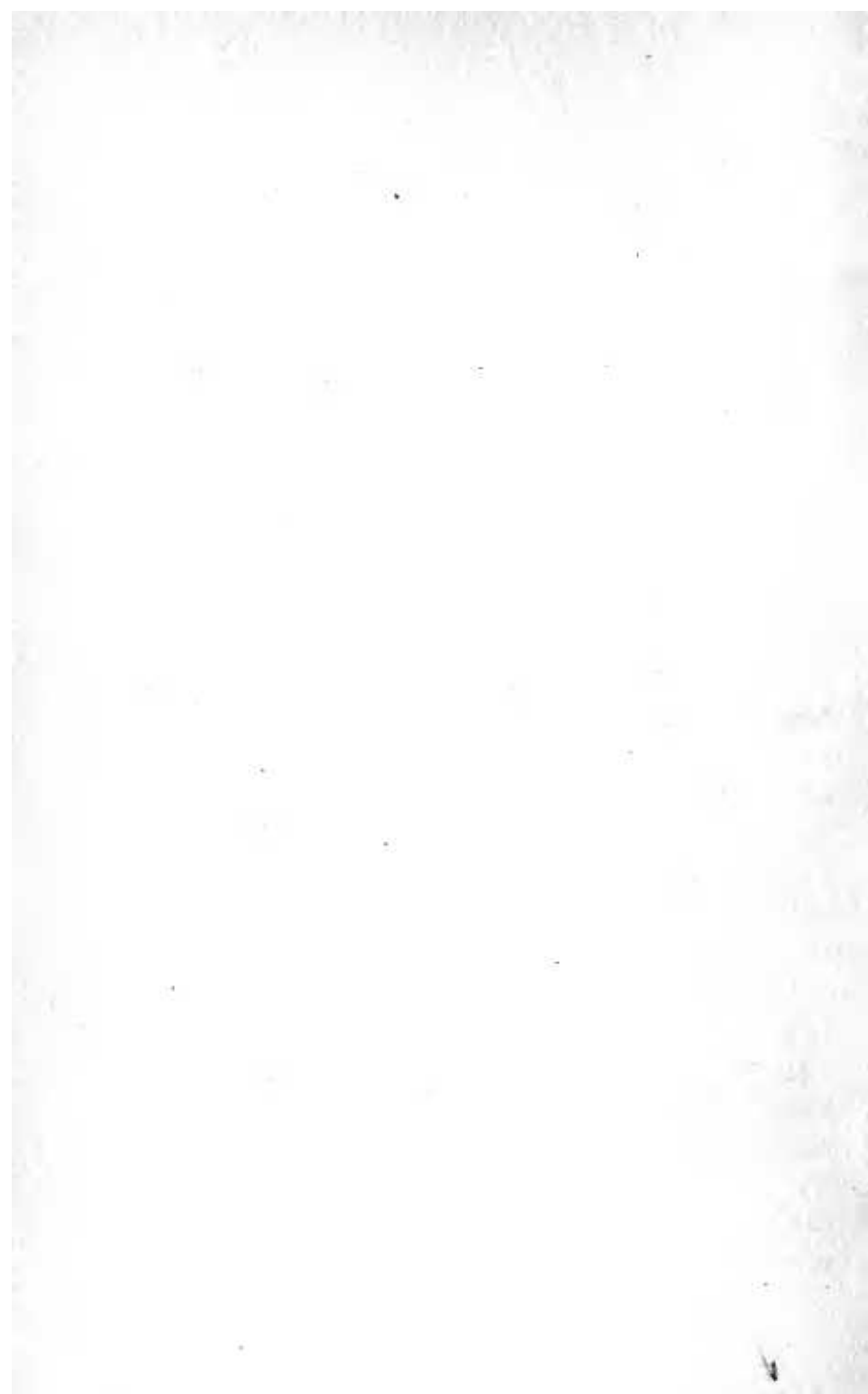
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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTORY AND DESCRIPTIVE OF TOUR

THE last few years have seen a revival of interest in India and in our British administration of the great Indian dominions of the King-Emperor, unequalled in intensity since the dreadful days of the Mutiny. Fortified by the universal eulogy of travellers, strong in the consciousness of their own benevolence, reliant upon the evidence of material prosperity and mental growth amongst the inhabitants of the proudest of their possessions, the British public had been satisfied with tranquillity and had reposed in security. But this tranquillity was disturbed by a series of outrages culminating in political assassinations and by conspiracy and disturbance in several Indian districts. Meanwhile the administration was attacked not merely in the native press but also by publicists of a more prominent and respectable type, including several retired officials. Legislation intended to improve the Indian Universities was met by a chorus of studied indignation from