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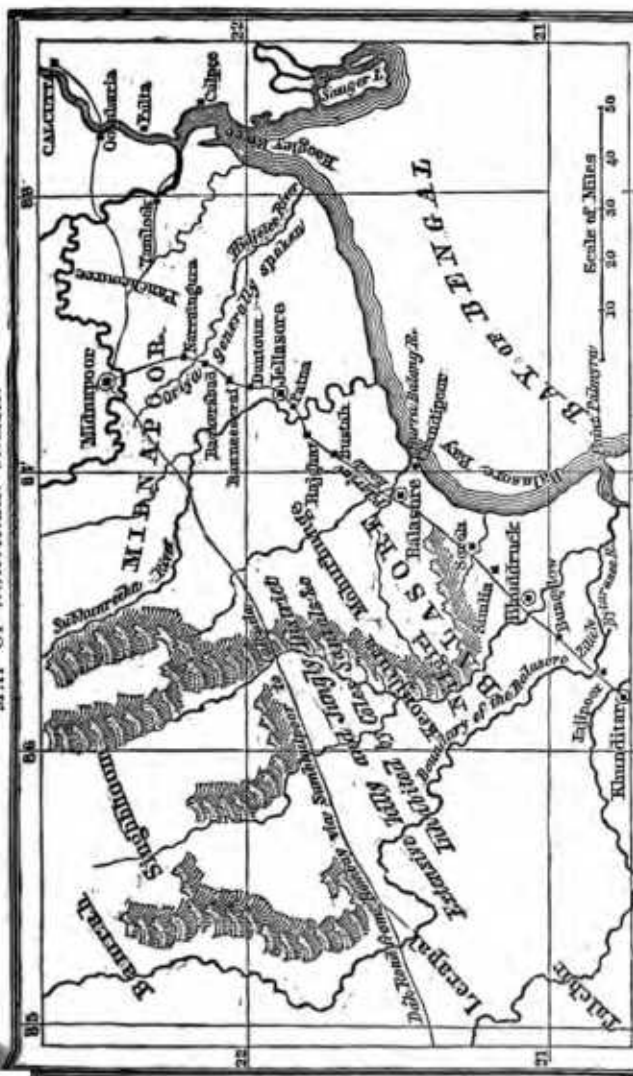
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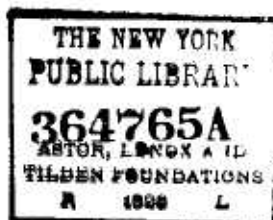
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PREFATORY NOTES.

1. This little work is designed to answer the many inquiries that are often made in regard to our field and missionary operations in India.

2. Some few works have been consulted as authority, principally Marshman's History of India, History of Pooree, by a native, and the correspondence of our missionaries, &c.

3. The Map has been kindly supplied from an engraving prepared for "Sutton's Orissa and its Evangelization;" the Cuts by the American Board and Dr. Noyes.

4. The Music has been kindly written out by H. S. Cutler, Esq.

5. An attempt has been made to secure a correct pronunciation of oriental names. With the exception of the map, and a few names, the pronunciation of which is established in this country, all the proper names and Hindu terms employed in this work are represented as they are pronounced by the natives. By consulting the accompanying rules, any one may pronounce these names correctly.

RULES OF PRONUNCIATION.

A	is pronounced like a	in all.
Ā	"	" " " father.
E	"	" e " prey.
I	"	" i " pin.
Ī	"	" ee " spleen.
U	"	" u " tube.
G is always hard.		

Accent each syllable alike, and sound the vowels full and distinct.

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