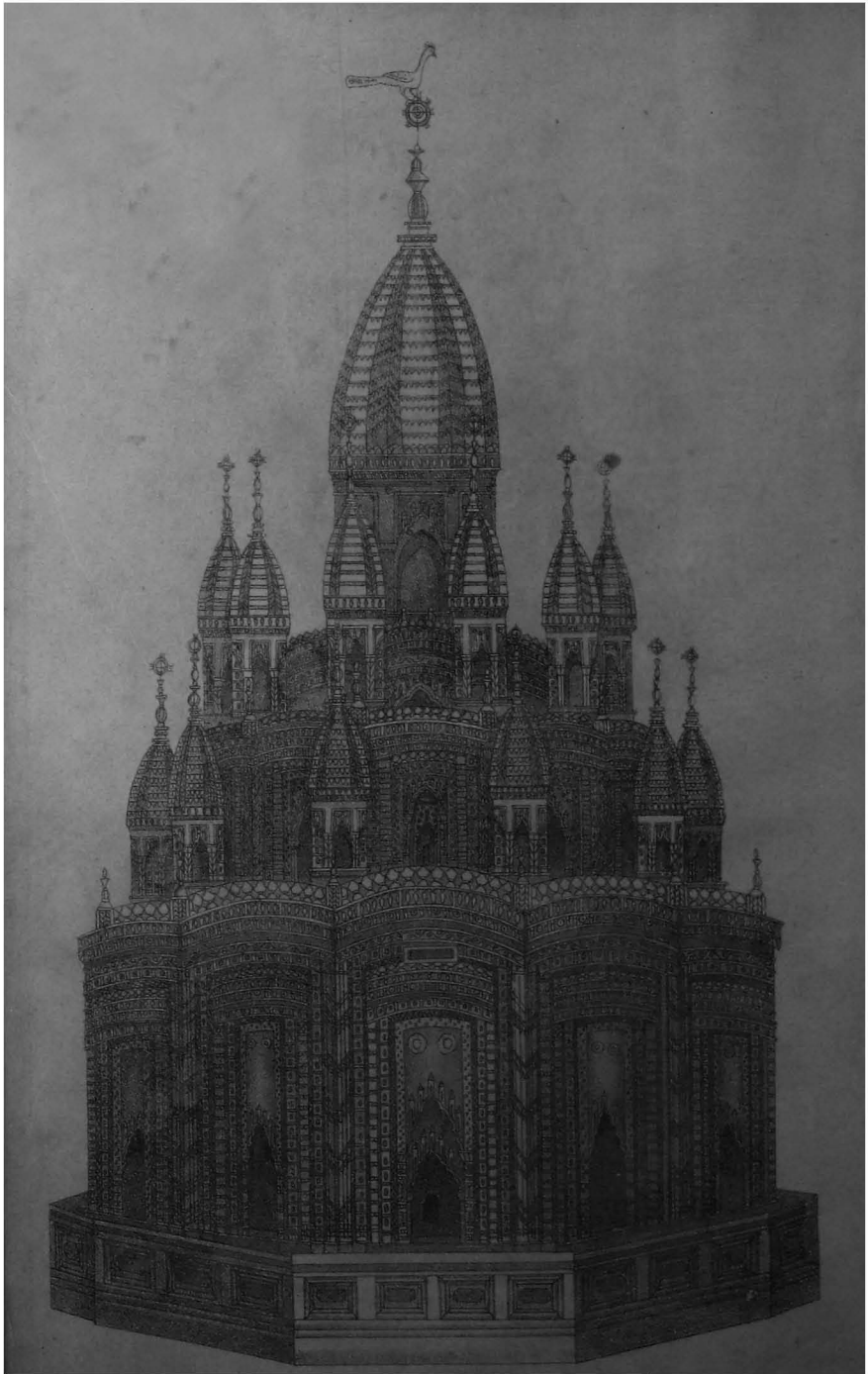


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## INTRODUCTION.

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The present volume of the official survey of "Eastern India" includes the Zilahs or districts of Bhagulpoor, Goruckpoor (northward division) and Dinajepoor. The particulars given of the social state of the numerous inhabitants of these fertile and important Provinces are equally, if not more valuable and interesting with those detailed in the preceding volume. There may be some individuals who cannot appreciate the merit of the minutiae which this survey presents, but the philosophic mind will arrive at juster conclusions respecting the character and condition of the people by means of this very minute specification, than by any other mode of ratiocination. The merchant and the capitalist will be also the better enabled to judge of the capability of the country for the speculations of commerce, and the employment of capital [in particular see Dinajepoor Appendix for the monthly household expenditure of families of different ranks]—and dependent as the proprietors of the East India Company now are for their dividends on the territorial revenue of India, the circumstantial account of the rent, tenure and produce of land—and the management of public and private estates, will prove of inestimable value. Since the appearance of the preceding volume, many old Anglo-Indians have declared that this survey has presented them with a clearer view of the actual frame-work and anatomy of society in the East, than any thing they saw or heard during their sojourn

in Hindostan. The famine now devastating the Upper Provinces of the Bengal Presidency, gives an additional, painful interest to the details which this survey presents of the physical condition of the people.

The desire to preserve as many details as possible relative to the landed tenures and the cultivation of private estates in Bengal and Behar, has added considerably to the size of the volume, while at the same time its intrinsic worth has been much augmented.

The ensuing volume, which concludes the survey, will contain the Zillahs or districts of Paraniya, Rungpoor and Assam.

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