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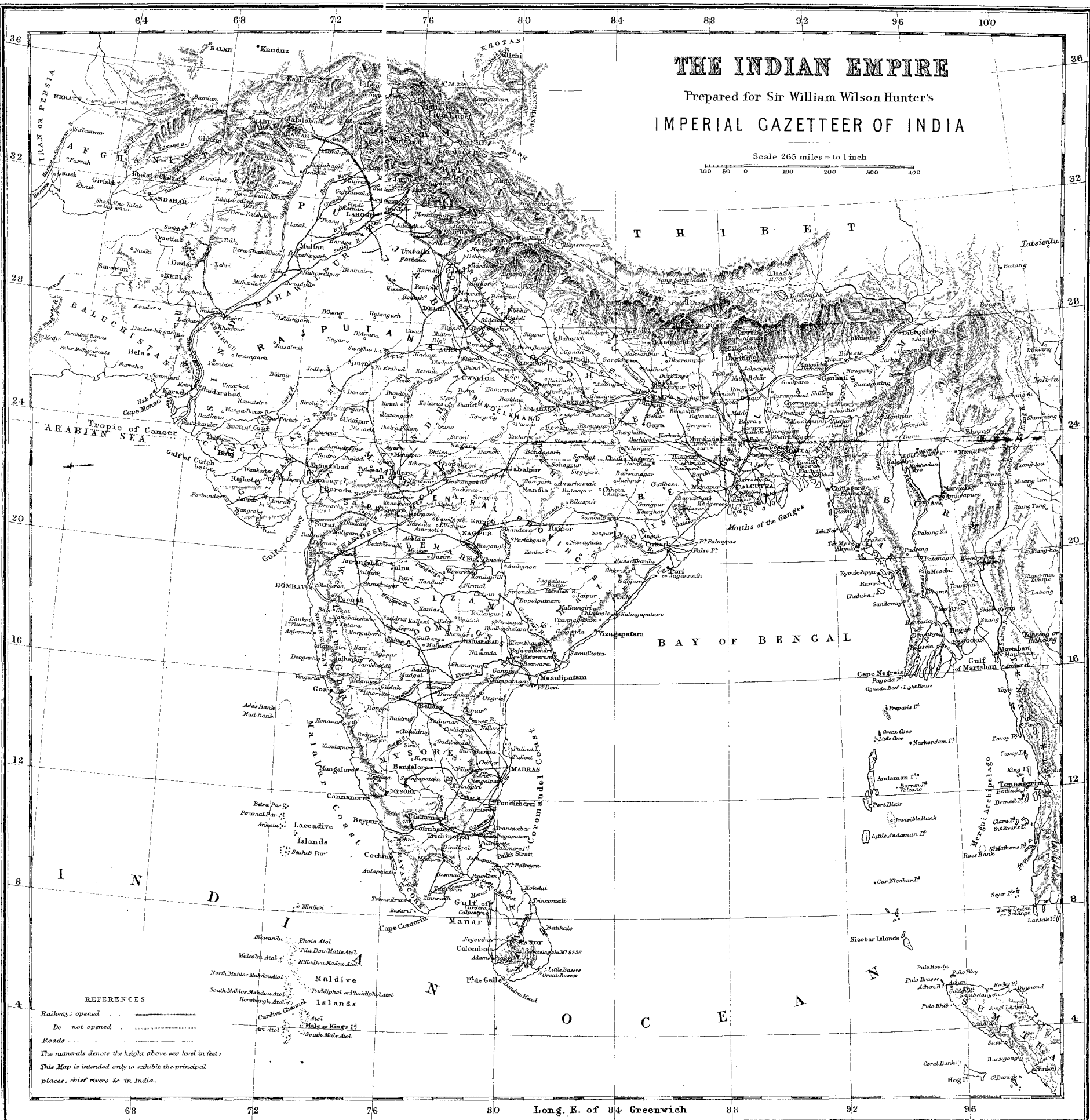
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a, as in woman : *d*, as in fathers : *ɛ*, as in police : *ɛ̃*, as in intrigue : *o*, as in cold : *u*, as in bull : *ʊ*, as in sure : *e*, as in grey.

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