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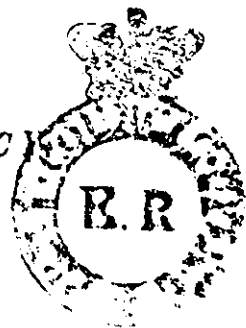
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### Affairs of the East India Company.

*The Select Committee appointed to enquire into the present state of the affairs of the East India Company, and to report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their observations thereupon, to the House;—Have, pursuant to the Order of the House, examined the matters to them referred; and have agreed upon the following Report:*

YOUR Committee having furnished the House with as correct a view as the official records of the East India Company has enabled them to afford, of the past history and present state of the extensive possessions under the Bengal Government,\* with reference to the immediate objects of this Report; they will now lay before it, a similar detail respecting the territories subject to the presidency of Fort St. George.

In the prosecution of this further purpose, their attention will, in conformity to the arrangement which they have pursued in the preceding branch of their Report, be directed, in the first instance, to the revenues of that presidency: And, in stating the information which they deem necessary, with a view to the elucidation of this extensive topic of enquiry, your Committee will report upon it, in the following order:

1st.—They will give an account of the measures and systems which have been progressively resorted to, for the administration of the revenues in the ancient possessions of the Company under the government of Fort St. George, down to the period when the system of permanent zemindary tenures was established therein.

2nd.—They will furnish the same kind of information, with respect to the modern possessions subject to that government, into which the system of permanent zemindary tenures has hitherto been introduced only to a limited extent.

#### ANCIENT POSSESSIONS.

OF the ancient possessions under the presidency of Fort St. George, the Committee will first call the attention of the House to those denominated the Northern Circars.

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\* See Volume I. of this edition.

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