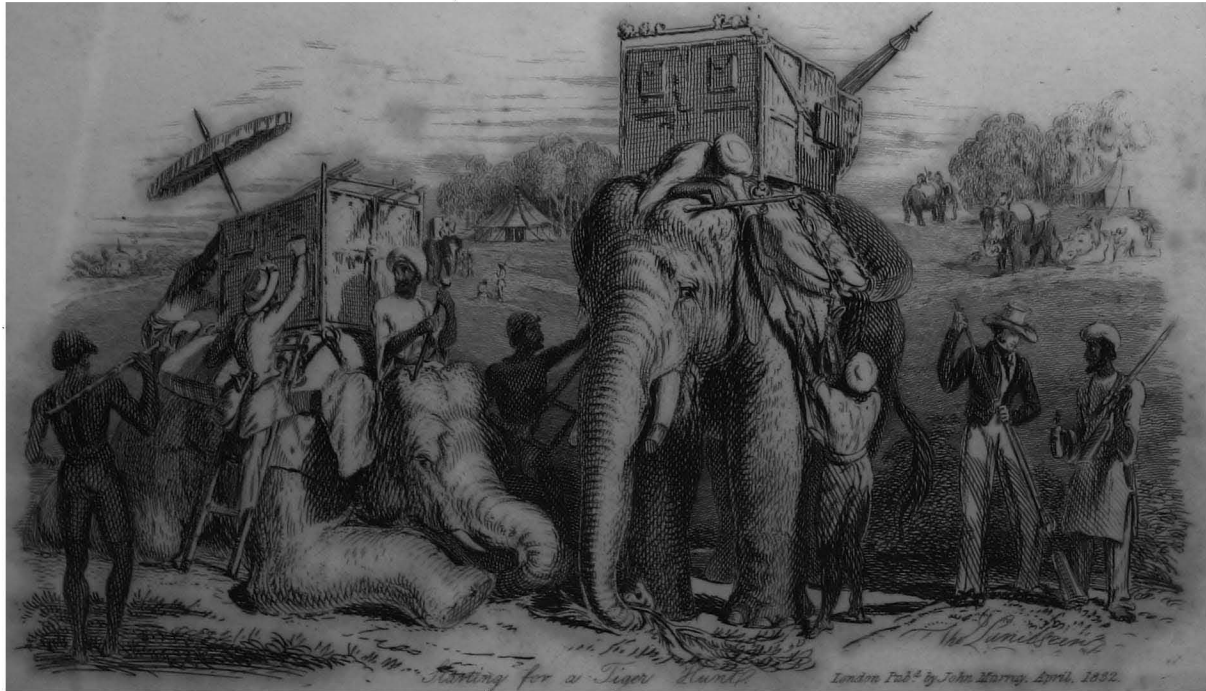


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TO
GENERAL LORD VISCOUNT COMBERMERE,
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THIS JOURNAL
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GRATITUDE,
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THE AUTHOR.

P R E F A C E.

A BRITISH Sage has pronounced that ‘ every man, who will take the trouble of describing in simple language the scenes of which he has been a spectator, can afford an instructive and amusing narrative.’ No such public-spirited motive, however, influenced the pen or pencil of the writer of the following pages. On the contrary, the manuscript journal and portfolio, from which these slight and unpretending ‘ Sketches of a Tour’ have been well-nigh *verbatim* and *lineatim* extracted, were most selfishly and unambitiously scribbled for his own amusement, and (undutiful confession!) as a sort of promised sop held out to allay epistolary expectations at home: and it was not until a year after his return to England, that, prompted by the encouragement of perhaps partial friends, and finally rendered desperate by what may almost be said to have amounted to a paternal mandate, he found himself—correcting the proofs.

He has simply described scenes and characters as they appeared, incidents as they occurred, and anecdotes as they were related to him. The number of engravings being necessarily restricted, he has for the most part selected those bearing on Indian sporting, as presenting more of novelty to the English eye than the more hackneyed subjects of landscape.

Should the reader then be disposed, in some idle hour, to accompany the Author in his flying tour through India, he is hereby promised, if not 'Good Entertainment,' at least 'Expeditious Travelling;'—and though he fail to be satisfied with his vehicle, he may see enough of an interesting country to induce a wish for a second journey—under the guidance of a more able conducteur.

G L O S S A R Y.

Anna	A coin—the 16th part of a rupee.
Ankoos.	Goad to drive the elephant.
Bungalow.	Thatched house.
Bhause	Short-winged hawk.
Bheiree	Long-winged do.
Begum	Mahomedan princess.
Bunneer.	Shop-keeper.
Bowlee	A well.
Bagheecha.	Fruit garden.
Bund	Embankment.
Burkindass.	Armed attendant.
Burra Sahib.	Great man. Chief.
Buckshees	A gift.
Bhistey.	Water-carrier.
Budjerow	Decked passage-boat.
Beauliah.	Small decked boat.
Chobdar	Mace-bearer.
Cummerbund	Waist-cloth.
Cheraug.	Small Indian lamp.
Choor! Choor!	Stop thief!
Chokee.	Police station.
Chuprassee.	Upper servant.
Charpoy	Low bed, or stretcher.
Chupâtties	Unleavened cakes.
Chowrie	Fly-flapper, formed of the tail of a Thibet cow, and only used by per- sons of high rank.
Chick.	Thin curtain, made of thread and strips of bamboo.
Chout.	One-fourth of the revenue claimed by conquerors of the soil.

Chunam	Cement made of shells.
Coolie	Man of low caste.
Dāk	Travelling post in palankeen.
Dāk Hurkarah	Post messenger.
Dewanee Khās	Hall of audience.
Durbar	Indian levée or council.
Dekkanee	Belonging to the Deccan, a province of India.
Dhāllee	Basket of garden-stuff.
Fakir	Holy mendicant.
Florikan	Bird of the bustard tribe.
Guddee	Hindoo throne.
Gongwalas	Villagers.
Gurrah	Earthenware vessel.
Gram	Species of vetch.
Ghoont	Mountain pony.
Goru	Teacher, or priest.
Guzzul or Gazele	An Erotic ode.
Hackery	Cart.
Houdah	<i>Anglicè</i> —elephant's castle.
Haremzadeh	Savage—literally Filho da Puta.
Hakim	Physician.
Hurkarah	Messenger.
Hookam	Order or command.
Hafiz	The Horace of the Persians.
Jheel	Lake.
Jemadar	Sepoy serjeant—upper servant.
Jhool	Elephant's housings.
Jaghire	Territory.
Jampaun	Mountain sedan-chair.
Jât	Race or tribe.
Jehanum	Pluto's realm.
Kookaree	Knife worn by the Nepalese.
Khodabund! Maraj!	Titles of respect.
Khanaut	Wall of a tent.
Kuskus	A fragrant grass.

Khansamah	Butler.
Khalâmuts	Bards.
Kutwâal.....	Police officer.
Kucker.....	Barking deer.
Keemcab	Brocade.
Kitmutgar	Table attendant.
Killar	A fortress.
Kurwar.....	Coarse cloth.
Khilaut	Dress of honour.
Kutcherrie	Court of justice.
Lal Purdah	Great red curtain.
Lâl Sherâb	Claret.
Mahout	Elephant's driver.
Musnud.....	Mussulman throne.
Mut	Temple.
Michaun.....	Platform of bamboo.
Mussalgee	Torch-bearer.
Minar	<i>Anglicè</i> , minaret.
Musjed.....	<i>Anglicè</i> , mosque—Mahomedan place of worship.
Maungee	Boatswain.
Mooluck.....	Kingdom.
Mussuck.....	Sheep-skin water-bag.
Nullah	Brook, or small river.
Nautch.....	Indian dance..
Nautch Lûg.....	Dancers.
Nuzzar.....	An offering, or gift of homage.
Nusseeb	Fate.
Paun.....	Betel-nut.
Paundan.....	Vessel holding paun.
Patarras	A pair of boxes slung on a bamboo.
Pâl	Servants' tent.
Pariah	<i>In this sense</i> , a wild dog.
Purdah	Curtain.
Punkah.....	Large fan hung from the ceiling.
Puharrees... ..	Mountaineers.

Pillau, Khawaub	Eastern dishes, almost as well-known as curry.
Qui-hior Koe-hui, Who's there? or, Who waits?—a summons for servants in Bengal, and applied as a sobriquet to the Anglo-Bengâlese.
Râm-Râm !	Hindoo salutation.
Routee	Sleeping tent.
Sirdar-bearer	Head bearer.
Shuter-suwar	Camel Courier.
Shikkaree	Native hunter.
Seikh	Hindoo sect.
Shemianah	Canopied entrance.
Serwans	Camel drivers.
Syces	Indian grooms.
Suwarree	A cavalcade.
Suwar	Horseman or trooper.
Serai	Public building for the reception of caravans or travellers.
Sahib	A gentleman—Sir!
Sunderbunds	Forest tract in the Delta of the Ganges.
Suppose	Chimney of the hookah.
Sircar	A native writer.
Schroff	Banker.
Tom-tom	Indian drum.
Tattee	Skreen of grass placed in a window, and cooled by water.
Toofaun	Hurricane.
Tope	A grove.
Tumâsha	Grand display.
Vina	Species of guitar.
Vakeel	Ambassador.
Videri	A dark-coloured compound metal.
Zenâna	Seraglio.

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