

this contribution will be best appreciated by those who have been constrained hitherto to glean scanty and unsatisfactory information on these important subjects from unauthentic sources. We have then a list of the treaties which have been formed with the various princes and chiefs of India since the 9th February, 1757, when Clive said, eighty-four years ago, 'We cannot stop here.' They amount to no fewer than three hundred and ninety-one. We have next a Chronological Table of events connected with India; full particulars of the public debt; and then the receipts and disbursements of each Zillah. We would suggest the propriety of adding in the next edition the sum expended in each district in the education of the people, and the separation of the charges in the civil and criminal department, which are now thrown into one lump.

The Third Part contains the Directory, or rather the Court Calendar, and gives us, with minute detail, the civil, military, ecclesiastical, marine, and medical establishments of the state. It is superior to all the Directories hitherto published, in as much as it affords us for the first time, an accurate and official account of all the salaries and allowances paid to all the servants of the state, from the Governor-General to the youngest clerk.

Such is a very brief outline of the contents of this publication. We have no hesitation in saying that a more important work, more replete with original and valuable information, has not issued from the press in India. The Compiler, whose name, as it is not given in the work, we are perhaps not at liberty to pronounce, deserves well of the Indian community, for the public spirit which led him to engage in the undertaking, and the unexampled labour, and diligence which he has employed in the preparation of it. Nor is our gratitude less due for the very reasonable price which has been fixed on it. We believe a cheaper work than the present has never appeared in Calcutta; and we trust, that those who supported the enterprise with their names, will not fail to relieve the Publishers from the risk of loss by a practical discharge of their subscriptions.

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To attempt to analyse the contents of two such elephant octavos as Messrs. Rushton and Co. have devoted to the illustration of Bengal and Agra, would be a task of more labour than we can spare time for, and embodying more desultory matter than most of our readers would be willing to wade through. The work is, however, too important to be dismissed with a mere note of commendation. Indeed, as a specimen of its class, it is not excelled by any European publication in the extent and practical value of its information. In some respects it is an Universal Gazetteer, but this we are inclined to complain of, since it extends the mere size of the volumes to an inconvenient unwieldy bulk. All *Scientific*, *Geographical*, *Statistical*, and such like matter, which did not immediately relate to Bengal or Agra, should on this account have been omitted. The Gazetteer as a work of reference, notwithstanding the great number of subjects contained in it, is clearly and lucidly arranged. The index is also so correctly drawn up, that no time and trouble are wasted in hunting through its pages for any point of information required. As might be expected, it is a work chiefly of careful compilation; but in addition possesses special claims to notice for the originality of those subjects, which admitted of being expressly written for it. In glancing over its contents, we shall comment briefly on these, as they fall in our way.