



HALL OF A THOUSAND COLUMNS, SERINGHAM.

feet above the street at its foot. This fortress-crowned rock is conspicuous all over the town, especially when viewed from the river, and forms one of the most striking and picturesque objects in India. The refraction of the sun's rays on this huge bare mass makes Trichinopoli likewise one of the hottest places in India.

The old fortifications surrounding the rock, the scenes of many a fight, described by Orme, were all demolished thirty years ago, and the citadel and the small temple which crown the summit are approached by a pillared passage cut in the rock. Emerging from this covered way, a farther flight of steps is cut in the rock