

no But one of those epochs which mark the decline or advance of a nation had now spread his influence over Britain, who stood it necessary to combat for privileges, as well as for pre-eminence, in Europe and in Asia with her Gallic neighbours, whose efforts has disputed the palm of superiority with her insular competitor; and fortunately for the latter, she regarded the progress of England in the east, rather than she started in a busy life one of those extraordinary personages who, notwithstanding all impediments, seem destined to succeed in whatever undertaking they commence. And here let the author be permitted to observe, that it does not fall within his province in a work like the present to analyse motives of criticism, the meaning by which the British possessions have been acquired in any part of the globe; so Unfortunately the annals of man from the earliest ages show that when the desire and the power to seize on the property or rights of others are combined, occasions are soon found for the purpose to which it may afford some consolation to think that Britain more than any other great nation has been less guilty of wars of aggression, her acquisitions in India as well as other places originating principally in the all imperious necessity of self-preservation avouched as in her battles who were not to be seen and it may be said if the English were now forcibly expelled from Bengal by the natives, and they had the right to return, much in fact has been the argument used from the days of Butte to the present period; but the assertion is neither just nor founded on the right of nations which is more in a more extended sense the principles by which an individual of the social compact is governed, granting for argument sake that the English had been driven from Bengal by the natives; in the first place, the former were entitled to compensation for the loss of their factory which they had been legally permitted to purchase, and unless restitution were made, the sufferers had a moral right to obtain it by force, as had to punish the murderers of their countrymen, who had committed no offence and offered every possible submission.

In the second place, the British and French nations were