

been hindered by the want of a settled form of government, and the unhappy wars of succession, which have invariably been the consequence of Oriental politics, perfectly undetermined on this head, may possibly even sooner, enter into the line of cultivated nations, on account of her intimate connexion with Russia. The reception of a resident Russian embassy, contrary to all the former usages of Asiatic governments, has made a great step towards this aim. The bible-societies have also found an entrance there, and in conjunction with the religious main object, the encouragement to learn those languages, which have not been admitted within the literary sphere, as preparatory to a nearer intercourse with those nations hitherto without the limits of modern civilization, is possibly not one of the smallest collateral causes of the zeal, with which the British nation supports these societies. No person of information will deny, that Persia, unanimous in herself and relying upon Russia, may one day become dangerous to the British dominion in the East Indies, under the cooperation of the independent and discontented nations to the North, and North-West of the territories of the English company; nor can it be doubted, that the native Indians as well as the rival European powers would rather behold this extensive kingdom under a native government, than under the present mer-

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