



SHIKARPUR BAZAAR, INDIA.

The British  
Empire governs  
in India alone  
250,000,000.

The first thing that impressed me in India was the good quality of the temperament of the Hindu. He is supple, subtle, fine, keen-edged. He is not strong. He is enervated, no doubt, by his child-marriages, by the climate, by his diet of rice, by frequent famines, and by poor conditions among the lower classes generally. You find many Brahmins, however, who have this same excellent quality of organization, together with normal size of body and brain. They have physical vigour—not equal to that of the Briton, or German, or American; but they are forceful, as well as keen-edged. The Sikhs and the Rajpoots are tall, well-developed, strong men. The Gourkas, from the slopes of the Himalayas, are short, but thick-set and famed for military valour. The Marathi Brahmins, the very best of the Brahmin class, in the central portion of India, have in many cases the real vigour of mountaineers.

Omaha, or from Paris to St. Petersburg. The distance from Bombay to Calcutta is that from Boston to St. Louis.

Gibbon estimated that imperial Rome, at the height of her power, governed only 120,000,000 of men.