

Warren Hastings, an essay by Macaulay. Edited with notes by G. Mercer Adam, late editor *Canadian Monthly*, &c.

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