

(c) The operations and the result of the war.

(d) What is to be thought of Hastings' conduct in regard to it.

3. The Letters of Junius (chapter X).

(a) What? Where? When? For what noted?

(b) Reasons for thinking Francis was the writer. (1) Coincidence of certain facts. (2) Resemblance of moral character.

(c) If Francis was the writer, why he ceased writing?

4. "The Downfall and Death of Nuncomar," (chapters V., VI., XI., XII.).

(a) Who Nuncomar was; his character.

(b) Why and how he sought revenge, and his apparent triumph.

(c) His arrest, trial, and death.

(d) Impey's conduct in the matter.

(e) Hastings' conduct.

5. Hyder Ali (chapter XVI.).

(a) Who and what sort of man he was?

(b) His sudden and successful attack on the British.

(c) Measures adopted by Hastings to repel it and the result.

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