

and which, therefore, the true men of all races should join to denounce, with the severest expressions of abhorrence, while at the same time they cannot but bring the feeling of bitter grief to the mention of sufferings so excessive and pathetic. and pay with generous impulse the homage of their admiration to the fortitude and piety with which those sufferings were endured. But those disciples of Hildebrand, slaves to the labor of establishing an impossible despotism, can see nothing in this dire calamity but the punishment of heresy and a pointed retribution for the wrongs we have heaped upon the head of India. English pride, insolence, heresy, cruelty and extortion have filled up the cup of our iniquity, and justice, yes, justice, has called for an atonement, and taken it in the blood of women and children. But every word from the rebellion itself gives the lie to their accusation. Every word that the wretched insurgents have put forward to justify their insurrection and their wrath, proves that the accusations of our European enemies have their origin in incredible delusions, or else are envenomed falsehood. We need scarcely wait for posterity to give its verdict upon the main points of the case. There is happily no confusing prolixity in the counts of the indictment—no mysterious contradictions in the evidence. We are charged with having done foul wrong to the people of India, and it is asserted that, *therefore*, India has rebelled. But we need not ask for the particulars of the wrong. The general charge is refuted in a general answer. The people of India have been, and still are, our subjects and our friends. The *rebels* of India are the pampered soldiers of Bengal, and the desperate ruffians that were let loose from its prisons. The adherents of the puppet King of Delhi were those military assassins that we paid too liberally and indulged far too much; united in fitting fellowship with the emptyings of the dungeon and the scum of the Mahomedan cities. But the people of India, the tribes of Nepaul and