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Estimated Surplus Charge, 1829-30 £808,565
EAST INDIA TRADE.

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The magnitude and variety of the information thus communicated are such, that it is quite impossible to comprise, within the space that can be afforded to it in this year's *Companion*, any abstract of its entire contents that would prove useful or satisfactory. We propose, therefore, to

The property in the land throughout the dominions possessed by the East India Company is virtually vested in that body, which hence derives the principal part of its revenues. It does not, indeed, retain the actual possession of the soil, nor does it exercise the sovereign power with that body.

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In 1793, the Company's Government in India, then administered by the Marquis Cornwallis, formed the resolution of fixing the assessment, with the view of placing the zamindars in the situation of proprietors of the soil, engaging never, at any future time, to raise the assessments upon

If the zamindar should fall into arrears with the government in the payment of his rent, recourse is had to a very summary mode of proceeding. It is the usual plan, where the default has existed for three months, to advertise the estate for sale, and to sell it to one-half of the

When the arrear is not paid up, sale takes place, if the claim of the government should not be satisfied by the means, the proprietor may be seized and imprisoned. Should the ryots fall into arrear with their rent, the zamindar obtains the assistance of the police, and duces

At the amount of the assessment levied at the permanent settlement were as high, and in some instances even higher than had ever been realized by any government, the Company lost nothing by the bargain, the advantage of which to the native possessor consisted in the inducement

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It is evident that, however advantageous the zamindari system might be to the few who should become possessed under it of a kind of property in the land, it would yet leave the actual cultivators, who form the mass of the population, as completely

ers. In this manner the legal claim of the government is, with but few exceptions, always greater than can be enforced without ruining the tenant, to whom abatements are made from year to year, varying in amount with the circumstances.


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ON DRUNKENNESS.—Wine, moderately taken, invigorates both the mind and body, banishes cowardice, and inspires men with courage and alacrity. According to some writers, the Greeks and Romans owe

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spirits were not discovered, as it turns out, before the Christian era, since the writers of the New Testament would doubtless have prohibited their use as Mahomet, who lived afterwards, found it necessary to do. His religion was policy, and had he prohibited the use of opium he would have

very person can procure the means of temperance, but it is obvious that the poorer classes will prefer the liquor which gives them the greatest amount of intoxication at the least expense; and as drunkenness from wholesome beer is confessedly less injurious than the same from ar-



SLOGANS, OR WAR CRIES.—The war-cry may be traced up to the earliest ages amongst the most ancient people, and it seems, till a recent period, to have been almost universal. Sometimes the cry was of an invocatory nature for protection; at

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