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SECTION XII.

Of the Reign of Jeichund.

JEICHUND was commander in chief of the armies of the former King, and having the power in his hands, he mounted the throne at the death of his sovereign. In this reign a dreadful famine and pestilence devoured the land. The King neglecting the public calamity in the city of Biana, spent his time in riot and festivity. Many towns and villages upon this occasion became desolate, and the whole kingdom of Hindostan put on the aspect of ruin and distress. Jeichund, at the expiration of sixty years, withdrew into the regions of eternity. He was cotemporary with Bemin and Daraab, and sent them an annual tribute. He left one son of tender years, so that the mother of the child took the reins of administration into her hands; but being too weak to guide the chariot of empire, Delu, the brother of Jeichund, seized that opportunity of usurping the government.

Before Christ

503.

Jeichund.

A dissolute

prince.

Dies.

Dela usurps

the throne.

SECTION XIII.

Of the Reigns of Delu and the two Foors.

DELU was a prince uncommonly brave and generous, with a disposition benevolent towards men, and entirely devoted to his creator. He founded the city of Delhi in the fortieth year of his reign; but a Raja of his own family, whose name was Foor*, and who ruled the country of Cumaoon under him, rebelled, and having

Before Christ

443.

A brave and

generous

prince.

Foor or Porus rebels.

* Foor was father to the famous Porus who fought against Alexander.

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Defeats and
deposes Delu.

His son ne-
glects to pay
the tribute to
Persia, and is
overthrown
and slain by
Alexander.
Before Christ
330.

first secured that country, drew a great army together, and invaded the Emperor in Kinnoge. Thus a bloody war was commenced, in which the Emperor was taken prisoner and sent to be confined in the fort of Rhotas. Foor led his army towards Bang, and conquered the country as far as the ocean, and became a great and powerful prince: but his son Foor confiding in his strength, neglected to pay the customary tribute to the King of Iran, which drew the victorious army of the great Secunder * upon his head. Foor, notwithstanding, would not submit; but with an army numerous as the locusts, met Secunder at Sirhind, about eighty crores from Delhi, where a terrible battle was fought, in which he bravely lost his life with many thousands of his subjects.

When the great Secunder came to Hindostan, there was a Raja of the Decan, whose name was Bider, and founder of the castle of that name, who upon hearing of the victory of Secunder and the death of Foor, sent his son with great wealth to the conqueror to obtain peace, which being granted, and a mutiny arising in his army, Secunder returned to Iran.

Sinfarchund. After the death of Foor, and the return of Secunder, Sinfarchund assumed the imperial dignity, and in a short time regulated the empire, which was then in great confusion, but he neglected not to send his regular tribute to Kodirs and Nirfi, who at that time held the Sultanit of Iran.

Jonah, After he and his family of the same name had reigned seventy years, a Raja whose name was Jonah, invaded the empire, and gained the ascendancy. Some say that Jonah was the nephew of Foor, but this is not well attested. However, when his fortune raised him to a good prince, the throne, he became an excellent prince, taking great pains in peopling and cultivating the waste parts of his dominions, and found-

* Alexander the Great.

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