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Section IX. The reign of Sultan Secunder Ben Sultan Beloli.

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A. D. 1488. came to the empire, he divided the treasure among his friends, and could be feldom prevailed upon to mount the throne, faying, "That it was enough for him, that the world knew he was king, " without his making a vain parade of royalty." He was extremely temperate in his diet, and feldom eat at home. Though a man of no great literature himfelf, he was fond of the company of learned men, whom he rewarded according to their merit. He had given fo many proofs of perfonal bravery, that none could doubt it; at the fame time, he was often cautious to excess, never chusing to trust much to chance, and delighting greatly in negotiation.

SECTION IX.

The reign of Sultan Secunder Ben Sultan Belolf.

A. D. 1488. HE omrahs, immediately upon the death of Beloli, formed Hig. 894. themselves into a council, in which some appeared to be The omrahs attached to the interest of Azim Humaioon, some to Barbeck, the eldest son of the sultan then living, and some to Secunder, in con-Debate about sequence of his father's will. When they were debating, the moa fuccessfor to ther of Secunder, whose name was Rana, originally a goldsmith's daughter, but raised to the sultan's bed, by the same of her beauty, came behind the curtain, in the great tent, and made a speech to the omrahs, in favor of her fon. Upon which Isah Chan, the nephew of Beloli, answered her, in a disrespectful manner, and concluded with faying, that a goldsmith's offspring was not qualified to hold the empire.

Firmilli's boldness.

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Chan Chanan Firmilli, a flout daring man, took him up, and told him, That the fultan was yet scarce cold in his hearse, and that the man who threw fuch ungenerous afperfions upon his family ought

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to be despised. Ifah Chan replied, That silence would better become A. D. 1488. him, who was only a fervant of the frate. Upon which the other rose up, in a rage, and told him, he was, indeed, a servant of Sultan Secunder, and would maintain his right against all who durst oppose it. He rushed out of the council, followed by all his party. and carried off the body of the deceased king to Jellali, where he was Seconder met by Sultan Secunder, who there afcended his father's throne.

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Secunder fending the corpfe of his father to Delhi, marched against Ifah Chan, and having defeated him, afterwards forgave his offence. Defeats and Returning then to Delhi, he, in the manner of his father, con-Chan. ferred favors upon all his kindred.

Secunder had, at this time, fix fons, Ibrahim Chan, Jellal Chan, Ishmaiel Chan, Hassein Chan, Mahmood Chan, and Shech Azim Humaioon; and likewise fifty three omrahs of distinction in his fervice.

Some time after his acceffion, Secunder marched towards Ra-Marches beri, and befieged his own brother, Allum Chan, in the fort of brother Chundwar, for fome days. Allum evacuated the place, and fled Allum. to Isah Chan Lodi, at Pattiali. Sultan Secunder gave Raberi to Chan Chanan, went, in person, to Attava, and calling Allum Chan, his brother, to court, gave him possession of that country. He then advanced to Pattiali, engaged Isah Chan, wounded, and defeated Again defeates him; after which Isah Chan threw himself upon Secunder's mercy, was pardoned, and foon after died of his wound.

Sultan Secunder, about that time, fent a trufty perfon to Barbeck Shaw, his brother, king of Jionpoor, defiring he would do him homage, and order his name to be read first in the chutba all over his dominions. Barbeck rejected these proposals, and Secunder marched Marches against him. Barbeck Shaw and Calla Par came out in order of brother Barbattle beck I 2

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defeated,

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A. D. 1488 battle to meet him. An action enfued, in which Calla Par, charging 894 ing too far among the troops of Delhi, was taken prisoner. Sultan His policy. Secunder, upon seeing him, alighted from his horse, and embraced him, saying, that he esteemed him as his father, and begged he would look upon him as his son.

Calla Par, confounded at this honor done him, replied, that, except his life, he had nothing to make a recompence for fuch kindness, desiring to get a horse, that he might show himself not wholly unworthy of his favor. He was accordingly mounted, and he persidiously sold his honor for a compliment, turning his sword against Barbeck Shaw; which circumstance, in some measure, contributed to the success of Secunder. The troops of Barbeck seeing Calla Par charging them, imagined that all his forces were also gone over to the enemy, and betook themselves to slight. Barbeck Shaw did all that bravery could perform, but finding himself deferted, he sled to Budaoon, while Mubarick Chan, his son, was taken prisoner.

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Sultan Secunder pursuing him close, invested Barbeck Shaw in and taken; Budaoon, who, soon driven to distress, capitulated, and was receivined with kindness and ed with great kindness and respect. The sultan carried Barbeck with him to Jionpoor; but as Sultan Hassein Shirki was still a powerful prince in Behar, he thought Barbeck would be the properest person to check him, and accordingly confirmed him as before in the government of Jionpoor; leaving, however, some trusty friends at his court, upon whom he bestowed jagiers and pergunnahs, to keep them firm in his own interest.

Secunder marches to Calpie. Secunder returning to Calpie, took the place from Azim Humaioon, and gave it to Mahmood Chan Lodi. He marched from thence to Kurrah, and the governor, Talar Chan, paying him homage, he confirmed him in his office, and turning towards the fort of Gualier,

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he fent Chaja Mahummud with an honorary drefs to Raja Maan, who A.D. 1490. dispatched his nephew with presents to accompany the king to Biana.

Sultan Sherrif met the emperor, upon friendly terms, at Biana. The king ordered him to give up Biana, and he would appoint him governor of Tellafar, Chandwar, Marrara, and Sekite. Sherrif took Omar Chan Serwani with him to put him in possession of the Su'ton Sherfort, but when he had got within the walls, he that the gates upon give up Omar Chan, and prepared to defend himfelf, or specials stoned

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The fultan despairing of reducing the place, went to Agra, where Securder Hybut Chan Serwani, who held that fort for Sultan Sherrif, shut Agra. the gates against him, contrary to his expectation. This infult enraged the fultan to that degree, that he determined, let the event be what it would, to reduce Sultan Sherrif to his obedience. He accordingly, leaving part of his army to beliege Agra, returned himself, with the utmost expedition, towards Biana, which he immediately befieged. The fiege proved long and bloody; however, Sultan Sherrif, in the end, was obliged to capitulate, in the year Reduces eight hundred and ninety seven, when that government was given to Chan Chanan Firmilli.

The fort of Agra falling, about the same time, into the sultan's and Agra. hands, he returned to Delhi, where, in a few days, he received advices of an infurrection at Jionpoor, among the zemindars, to the An infurrecnumber of one hundred thousand horse and foot; and that they had poor. already flain Sheri Chan, the brother of Mubarick Chan. Mubarick Chan himfelf being driven from Kurrah, was taken prisoner by Rai Bhede, of Battea, and Barbeck Shaw obliged to go to Barage, to follicit the affiftance of Calla Par; fo that the fultan, after twenty two days respite at Delhi, was under the necessity of marching towards Jionpoor. When he arrived at Dilmow, he was joined by Barbeck Shaw; and Rai Bhede hearing of the fultan's approach, releafed Mubarick,

Rai Bhede fubmits.

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A. D. 1491. Mubarick Chan, and the zemindars dispersed themselves. The sultan carried Barbeck Shaw to Jionpoor, and having left him there to The infergents disperse upon Secun punish the offenders, he spent a month in hunting about Oud. der's ap-Bhede took the route of Sirkutels, and died upon his march. The proach.

At Oud intelligence was brought to Secunder, that the zemindars They rife a had rifen again, and befieged Barbeck Shaw, in Jionpoor. He ordered immediately that Calla Par and Azim Humaioon Serwani, and Chan Chanan Lowani, by the way of Oud, and Mubarick Chan, BarbeckShaw by the way of Kurrah, should march against them, and send Barimprisoned. beck Shaw prisoner to the presence. His orders were accordingly executed, and Barbeck was given in charge to Hybut Chan and Omar Chan Serwani, being esteemed an improper person for the government, and too dangerous to be trufted with his liberty.

Haffein to put his army in motion, and march directly against Sul- Haffein for

The fultan, after these transactions, marched towards Chinar, which was held for Sultan Haffein Shirki; upon his approach, the garrison made a fally, and were driven back into the fort; but the fultan, upon reconnoitring the place, looked upon it as almost impregnable, and immediately left it, marching his army towards Battea. Rai Bhede came out of Battea, and paid him homage, upon which the king confirmed him in his dominions, and returned to Areil, ordering Rai Bhede to accompany him; but Rai Bhede fufpecting some design against himself, left all his retinue, and deserted the camp alone. The fultan fent him back his effects. He, however, permitted his troops to plunder the country of Areil, and croffing the river, by the way of Kurrah, went to Dilmow, where he married the widow of Sheri Chan.

From Dilmow the fultan marched to Shumfeabad, where he remained fix months, and then went to Simbol; but returning from thence, in a few days, to Shumseabad, he plundered the town of Mudeo-makil, where a band of banditti refided. Secunder spent the rainy feafon at Shumfeabad.

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In the year nine hundred, the fultan made another campaign to- A. D. 1494wards Battea, defeating Bir Singh, the fon of Rai Bhede, at Car-Secunder rangatti, who fled to Battea; but, upon the fultan's approach, Rai against Bhede took the route of Sirkutch, and died upon his march. fultan, after this victory, proceeded to Sezdewar; but provisions growing scarce in his camp, he was obliged to return to Jionpoor, having, in this expedition, loft a great part of his cavalry by fatigue, bad roads, and the want of forage.

Buleckshow by the way of Kurrah, should march against them, and send Bai.

Lickim Chund, the fon of Rai Bhede, and other zemindars, wrote to Sultan Hassein, of Bekar, that the cavalry of Secunder was now in a wretched condition, and that it was an excellent opportunity for him to take fatisfaction for his former defeats. This induced Sultan Haffein to put his army in motion, and march directly against Sul-Haffein fets tan Secunder. Secunder hearing of his intentions, put his army upon the best footing possible, and crossed the Ganges to meet him, which he did eighteen crores from Benaris: An obstinate battle was fought, in which Sultan Haffein was defeated, and fled to Battea. but is over-

thrown.

Sultan Secunder leaving his camp with a proper guard, purfued the fugitives for three days, with a party of horse; but hearing Sultan Haffein was gone to Behar, he stopped, and upon the ninth day returned to his camp. He then marched with his whole army towards Behar, but upon his approach, Sultan Haffein left Malleck marches to Cundu to guard the city, and fled himself to Calgaw, in the domi-Behar. nions of Lucknouti *. Sultan Alla ul Dien, king of Bengal, called Hassein to his court, and treated him with the greatest respect during the remainder of his days, which he passed with him; so that with Haffein the royal line of Jionpoor was extinguished.

Sultan Secunder, from his camp at Deopar, fent a division of his army against Malleck Cundu, who evacuated the city and fled, Behar eva-* Bengal.

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Secunder marches to Bengal. Barteb talen and defirov

A. D. 1494 leaving the whole country open to the enemy. The fultan left Mohabut Chan with a force in Behar, and marched towards Turhat, the raja of which submitted himself to his elemency, and laying down a large fum, agreed to pay an annual tribute. To collect the tribute, the fultan left Mubarick Chan, and returned to Dervethpoor, and from thence went to visit the tomb of Shech Sherrif at Behar, and distributed presents to the dirveshes who lived there upon the charity of pilgrims. About this time, the accounts of Mubanck Chan Lodi being

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Secunder having regulated his army, marched towards Bengal, but when he had reached Cuttlishpoor, Sultan Alla ul Dien sent Danial his fon to oppose him. Sultan Secunder detached Zere Zichme, one of his generals, to acquaint him, that he had no intention to fubdue the country, but as their dominions now bordered upon each other, it became necessary to know upon what footing he must esteem Alla, before he left that country. The king of Bengal tween Secun- gladly accepted of a peace, wherein it was stipulated, that neither monarch should permit any of their governors to invade each other's dominions, and that neither of them should give protection to the other's enemies.

A dearth in Hindoftan.

The fultan returned to Dirveshpoor. Mubarick Chan at that time dying, the care of Turhat was given to Azim Humaioon, the fon of Chan Jehan, and Behar was bestowed upon Deria Chan, the fon of Mubarick. There happened, at this time, a great dearth in the country, but all duties being taken off by the fultan's order, that calamity was in a great measure mitigated. Secunder, in the mean time, reducing the districts of Sarin, which were then in the hands of some zemindars, gave the lands in jagiers to some of his omrahs; then returning by the way of Movilligur to Jionpoor, he refided there fix months.

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The fultan having asked the daughter of Sal Bahin, Raja of Bat-A. D. 1498. tea, in marriage, the father refused to comply with his request. Secunder, to revenge this affront, put his army in motion against the Raja, in the year nine hundred and four, and marching to Bat-Battea taken and destroytea, sacked it. After having ravaged the country round Bandugur, ed. he returned to Jionpoor, where he spent some time, in the civil regulations of the empire.

About this time, the accounts of Mubarick Chan Lodi being Mubarick inspected for the time of his administration in Jionpoor, and a great accounts inballance being found due to the royal revenue, the king ordered it spected. The omraha among whom Mubarick Chan was very much esteemed. A faction accordingly arose in the army, which first discovered itself by private quarrels. For, one day, as the sultan and his court were playing a party at club and ball, on horseback, the club of Hybut Chan, by accident, or design, fractured the scull of one Soliman. Chizer, the brother of Soliman, came up, and returned the compliment to quarrels in Hybut Chan; so that, in a few minutes, the parties on either side, joined in the quarrel, and the whole field was in one uproar and consustion.

The fultan, fearing a conspiracy, sled to the palace, but nothing The sultan of that kind transpiring, he made another party at the same game, some some days thereaster, and a quarrel of the same nature ensued, for which Shumse Chan, who begun it, was disgraced, and bastinadoed. But the sultan would not be satisfied but that there was some plot in agitation, and therefore ordered his guards to be selected, and to keep upon the watch.

The king's jealousies were not groundless; for at that time, Hybut A plot dischan, and two other chiefs, had proposed to Fatti Chan, the king's covered brother, to cut off the sultan, who, they said, was now disliked by Vol. II.

and accordingly died armarter to his faith, which reflects no finall A. P. A. D. 1409 the generality of the omrahs, and to place Fatti upon the throne. Hig. 905. Fatti Chan defiring some time to consider of it, disclosed the secret to Shech Cabuli, and to his own mother, who advised him against fo horrid an action; and, left the affair should, by any other means, transpire, the defired him to acquaint the sultan of their proposal. This he did accordingly, and the conspirators were detached upon different fervices, where they were put to death by the fultan's Valuammed Shaw, were banished to Guzerat.

The fultan retires for Simbol.

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in Biana

Secunder, in the year nine hundred and five, marched to Simbol, four years to where he spent four years in pleasure, and in transacting civil affairs. But hearing of some bad administration of Asghir, the governor of Delhi, he sent an order to Chawass Chan, governor of Matchiwarri, to march to Delhi, and fend Afghir prisoner to court. The governor receiving advice of this order, left Delhi, and threw himfelf at the fultan's feet, but not being able to form any excuse for his bad practices, he was ordered into confinement.

A remarkable instance of religious perfecution.

Secunder

At this time there happened a remarkable inflance of religious zeal and perfecution. A Brahmin, whose name was Bhodin, upon being abused by a Mahommedan, for his idolatry, happened to make a very moderate, but what proved to him a fatal reply. The reply was this: "That he esteemed the same God to be the " object of all worship, and, therefore, believed the Mahomedan " and Hindoo religions to be equally good." The bigotted Mahommedan, for what he thought the impiety of this answer, fummoned the Brahmin immediately before the casy. The affair making some noise, by the various opinions of the public, the king called together all the Mahommedan doctors of fame in the empire, to decide the cause. After many long disputes, the doctors brought in their verdict, that the Brahmin should be forced to turn Mahommedan, or be put to death. The Brahmin, however charitable he might have been to all opinions upon religion, refused to apostatize,

and accordingly died a martyr to his faith, which reflects no small A. D. 1501. dishonor upon the sultan and his inquisitors.

When Chawass Chan entered Delhi, he found an order from the emperor to proceed immediately to court, with which he infantly At the same time, Seid Chan Sirwani came from Lahore, who was a man of a very factious disposition, and commenced some treasonable projects, for which he, Tattar Chan, and Some fac-Mahummud Shaw, were banished to Guzerat.

In the nine hundred and feventh of the Higera, Rai Man Sing, of Gualier, fent Nehal to the king with rich prefents; but as this embaffador talked in too high a strain, the emperor ordered him to depart, and declared war against his master. But he was prevented Seconder's from the execution of his purpose, for some time, by the death of against Gua-Chan Chanan Firmilli, governor of Biana, and by those disturbances Disturbances in that province, which succeeded his death. The government of in Biana. Biana having devolved upon Ameid Soliman, the fon of Chan Chanan, who was yet too young and unexperienced for fuch a charge, the king gave that appointment to Chawass Chan. Sifdir Chan was sent with a force to reduce Agra, which belonged to the province of Biana, and had then revolted; another detachment being fent, at the same time, to reduce the fort of Dolipoor, which was in the possession of Raja Benaecdeo, who had begun to make warlike preparations. Here Chaja Bein, a warrior of great fame, fell by the fword, which fo irritated the fultan, who had a great effect for him, that he marched himself against that place. Upon his approach Rai Benaecdeo left some friends in the fort, and fled towards Gualier. but the garrison, the next night, evacuated the place, and left the fultan to take possession of it.

He tarried there about a month, and then marched to Gualier. Secunder The raja of which place, changing his haughty stile, now humbly Gualier.

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A D. 1504 fued for peace, fending him Seid Chan, Baboo Chan, Rai Giniff, and others, who had, at different times, fled from the fultan, and taken protection under him. At the fame time, he fent his own fon, Bickermagit, with prefents, who had the address to procure and all the relapor garrion put to the tword, the temples def peace. and molones ordered to be built in their places. This government

The fultan returned to Dolipoor, which he again bestowed upon Rai Benaecdeo; then marching to Agra, he, for the first time, Makes Agra made that city imperial, by fixing his refidence there, and abanthe royal redoning the city of Delhi. Here he remained during the rains, and, in the year nine hundred and ten, marched towards Munderael, which he took, and destroyed the Hindoo temples, ordering mosques to be built in their stead. Secunder returning to Dolipoor, removed the raja from his office, and gave it to Shech Kimir ul Dien. He passed from thence to Agra, giving his omrahs leave to return to their respective estates.

A. D. 1505. Hig. 911. An earthquake at Agra.

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In the following year, upon Sunday the third of Siffer, there was a violent earthquake in Agra, so that the mountains shook on their broad bases, and every lofty building was levelled with the ground, fome thousands being buried in the ruins. The fultan, in the same year, moved towards Gualier, and stopped by the way some time at Dolipoor, where he left his family, and, with an unincumbered army of horse, proceeded to the hills, to plunder some Hindoo rajas, from whom he took great spoils, and ravaged their peaceful habitations. Just as the fultan was passing by the town of Javer, in the dominions of the raja of Gualier, he was attacked by a resolute body of men, who had laid in ambush for him; but, by the bravery of Awid Chan and Ahmed Chan, the fons of Chan Jehan, the Hindoos were defeated, and a great number of rajaputs put to the maked, for the food of be menthe at the see breaker

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fidence.

The fultan returned to Agra; and, in the year nine hundred and A. D. 1506. twelve, he went towards the fort of Awintgur; and, as he had def- Secundentepaired of reducing Gualier, he bent his whole strength to the re-gur, which is duction of this place. It was accordingly, in a short time, taken, and all the rajaput garrison put to the fword, the temples destroyed, and mosques ordered to be built in their places. This government was conferred upon Bickin, the fon of Mujahid Chan, when fome envious persons gave the king information that Mujahid Chan had taken a bribe from the raja of Awintgur, when they were marching against him, in order to divert the king from that resolution. This being proved, Mujahid Chan was imprisoned at Dolipoor; after which the king, returning towards Agra, on the way loft eight hundred men, in one day, for want of water.

t to Sheeh Kimir of Dien. He The fultan, eyeing from his march the ruins of Agra, moved secunder towards Narvar, a strong fort, in the district of Malava, then in the against Narpossession of the Hindoos. He ordered Jellal Chan, governor of var, Calpie, to advance before him, and invest the place, which was accordingly done. When the fultan arrived before Narvar, Jellal Chan drew up his army, out of respect, that the king might review them as he paffed. This circumstance proved very hurtful to Jellal, for, from that time, the king became jealous of his power, and determined to ruin him. Dolinoor, where he left his fa

The fultan furrounded the place, which was eight crores in circumference, and began to carry on the fiege. The fiege was now protracted eight months, when the fultan received intelligence, that a treasonable correspondence was carried on between some of his omrahs and the garrison, for which Jellal Chan and Sheri Chan were imprisoned in the fort of Awintgur. The garrison, soon after, was obliged to capitulate, for want of provisions; and the king re-which be mained, for the space of fix months, at Narvar, breaking down temples,

A.D. 1509 temples, and building mosques. He there also established a kind Hig. 915. of monastery, which he filled with divines and learned men.

Shab ul Dien, the fon of Nasir ul Dien, king of Malava, being at this time discontented with his father, proposed to meet Secunder. The fultan immediately fent him a drefs, and promifed to fupport him in the government of Chinderi, against the power of his father. But circumstances fo fell out, that it became unnecessary to take that unnatural step. more mid bordered bins rome and he speri

fiest morning at day-light, or that otherwife The fultan, in the month of Shuban, nine hundred and fourteen, marched from Narvar; but after he had advanced to the river, he began to confider that it would be proper to furround that fortress with another wall. He therefore ordered that work to be immediately begun, and then he himself took the rout of Lohar. At that place he bestowed Calpie, in jagier, upon Niamut Chatoon, the wife of Cuttub Chan Lodi, and daughter of the prince Jellâl Chan. He then directed his march towards the capital, and arriving at Hitgat, fent a detachment against some rebels in that country, and destroyed all their habitations, placing fmall garrifons at proper distances to overawe them. About this time he received advices, that Ahmed Chan, the fon of Mubarick Chan Lodi, governor of Lucknore, had turned idolater; upon which orders were dispatched to fend him prifoner to court, and that his fecond brother, Sud Chan, should take the administration of affairs in his stead.

In the year nine hundred and fifteen, the king marched to Dolipoor, and ordered caravanferas to be built at every stage. Mahummud Chan Nagori having defeated Ali Chan and Abu Bicker, who had conspired against him, they fled to the sultan for protection. Mahummud Chan, fearing they would bring the fultan against him, fent presents by way of prevention, and ordered the chutba to be bringing this matter to bear, retolved will is prevent the majore

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read in Secunder's name. The fultan, pleafed with his fubmission, A. D. 1509. sent him a dress of confirmation, and returned to Agra.

The fultan returns towards Agra.

He spent some months there in building, making spacious gardens, Secunder's and in hunting, then returned to Dolipoor, ordering Miah Soliman, at Dolipoor. the fon of Chan Chanan, to fuccour Huffen Chan. Soliman very imprudently told the king, that he could not prevail upon himself to leave the presence. This expression threw the sultan into a violent rage, and he forthwith ordered bim from his fervice and camp by next morning at day-light, or that otherwise all his effects should be given to the foldiers as public plunder.

Much about this time, Bogit Chan, governor of Chinderi, who Reduces held that place of the king of Malava, seeing the weakness of his own prince, turned his face to Sultan Secunder. That monarch fent Amad ul Muluck to support Bogit in his rebellion. He soon after returned to Agra, and iffued a proclamation bearing the fubmission of Bogit Chan, and his own consequent right to that country. He fent more troops and omrahs to Chinderi, who entirely fettled it as an appendage of the empire. Bogit Chan found matters carried on in his government in fuch a manner, that he was con-

After this, we find no transactions worthy of memory in the empire, till the year nine hundred and twenty two. Ali Chan Nagori, fuba of Suifuper, in that year prevailed upon Dowlat Chan, governor of Rintimpore, which he then held of Malava, to deliver the fort to Sultan Secunder, if that monarch should come in person to take possession of it. The sultan, with great joy, closed with the proposal, and set out towards Biana, to which place the governor of Rintimpore came to meet him, and was graciously received. But Disappointed Ali Chan, who had been disappointed in some favors which he ex- in his denigns pected for bringing this matter to bear, refolved still to prevent the timpore.

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