

AN ACCOUNT
OF THE
BURMAN EMPIRE,
COMPILED FROM THE WORKS OF COLONEL SYMES, MAJOR
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BUCHANAN, &c. &c. &c. ;
A DESCRIPTION OF
DIFFERENT TRIBES
INHABITING IN AND AROUND THAT DOMINION ;
AND
A NARRATIVE
OF THE
LATE MILITARY AND POLITICAL OPERATIONS :
IN THE
BURMESE EMPIRE,
WITH SOME ACCOUNT OF THE PRESENT CONDITION OF
THE COUNTRY, ITS MANNERS, CUSTOMS AND
INHABITANTS.

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gent King Berring. The jack, mangoe, betel nut, and other fruit trees, had been cut down, and all the grain either destroyed or removed.

The natives of Arracan Proper call their country Yekein; the Hindoos of Bengal, Ros-saun. The latter, who have settled in great numbers in Arracan, are denominated by the original inhabitants Kulaw Yekein, or unnaturalized Arracaners. The Moguls know this country by the name of Rakhang, and the Mahomedans who have been long settled in the country, call themselves Rooinga, or natives of Arracan. The term Mugh is never used by the natives of Arracan as applicable to themselves, and its origin has never been properly ascertained. The Rakhing is the original language of the inhabitants of Arracan, who adhere to the tenets of Buddha, and is the first of that singular class of Indo-Chinese languages which may be properly termed monosyllabic, from the mass of their radical words consisting of monosyllables, like the spoken dialect of China. Until the last conquest by the Burmans, the tribes of Arracan seem for a long period to have preserved their independence; their language is consequently purer than that of the Burmans, who sustained various revolutions. The national name of the Arracan race is Ma-rum-ma, which appears to be only a corruption of Maha Vurma; Vurma being an appellation peculiar to tribes of Khetri extraction. A native of Arracan cannot, without extreme difficulty, articulate a word which has a consonant for a final.

Until the Burman conquest, the ancient government of Arracan had never been so com-