



Mid-19th century map of Northern India with decorative vignettes

TALLIS, John.
 Northern India.

London, John Tallis & Co., c.1851. Steel engraving with original outline colour. 320 x 250mm.

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A detailed map of Northern India with Nepal and Bhutan, within an ornate border and decorated with six vignette scenes, including the Seal of the East India Company, the British Residency at Hyderabad, ruins of Old Delhi, a tiger hunt. Also shown is the 'Car of Juggernaut', a massive cart drawn by elephants, containing the image of a Hindu deity. The deaths of worshippers under the wheels, caused by the crush of the crowds, inspired the modern English usage of 'juggernaut'. The map was drawn and engraved by John Rapkin for the 'The Illustrated Atlas, and Modern History of the World, Geographical Political, Commercial & Statistical', edited by Montgomery Martin, which was one of the last decorative atlases to be published.

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