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## Preface

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Bishop Heber's Journal was first published in 1828, in two volumes, and it is from this edition that the following selections have been made. The Journal was originally edited by Heber's wife Amelia, out of material in the form of notes and letters which he wrote to her during his tour.

These selections represent about half of the original edition. As so much of that very lengthy work has had to be omitted for reasons of space, it seemed best to concentrate on the main north Indian section, starting in Calcutta and ending in Bombay; and the scope of the Introduction is limited accordingly. The chapter on Ceylon in the original was in any case based on Amelia Heber's Journal, while that on Madras is a mere fragment owing to the Bishop's untimely death only a month after the start of his tour through the southern presidency. Otherwise I have tried to present a fair sample of the original Journal, to illustrate Heber's own attitudes and the condition of the country in 1823-5.

For the spelling of Indian place-names, I have as a rule used the form in current use in India in my annotations. In the text I have left the 1828 spelling—of names and other words—unchanged.

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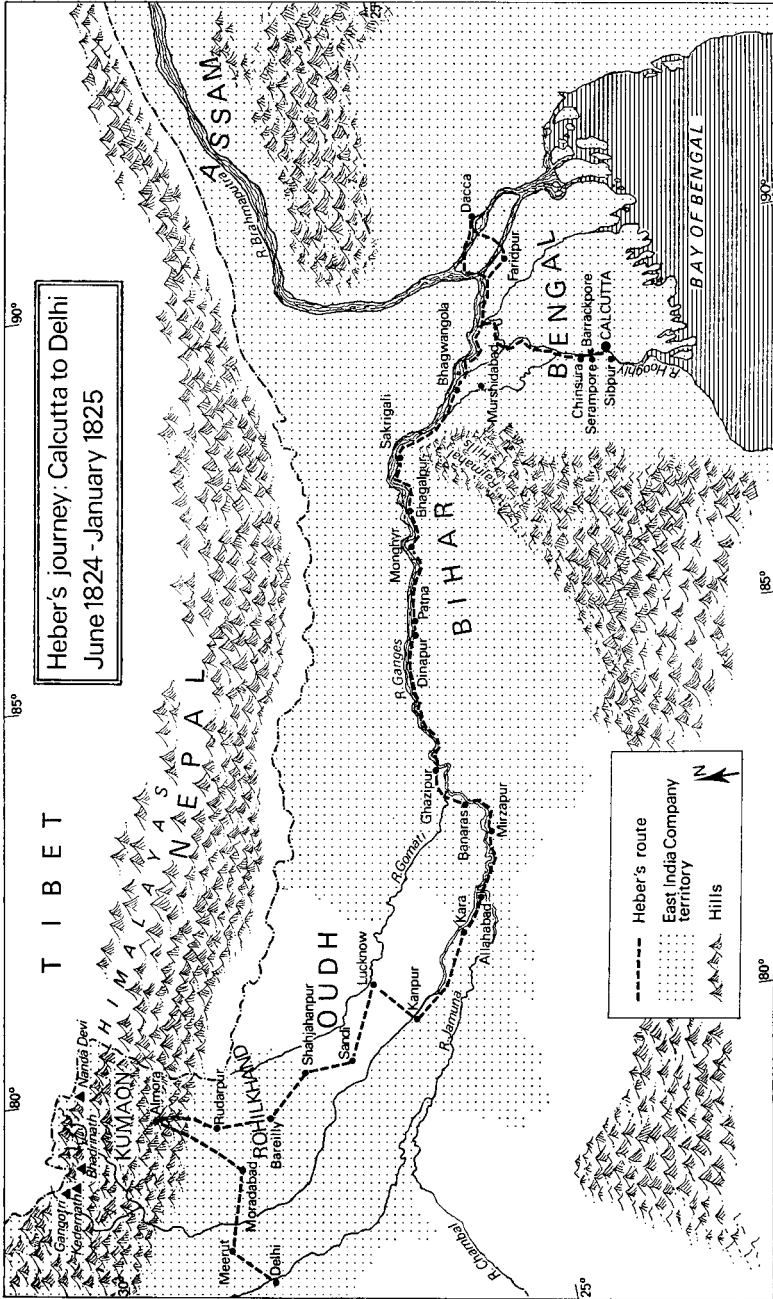
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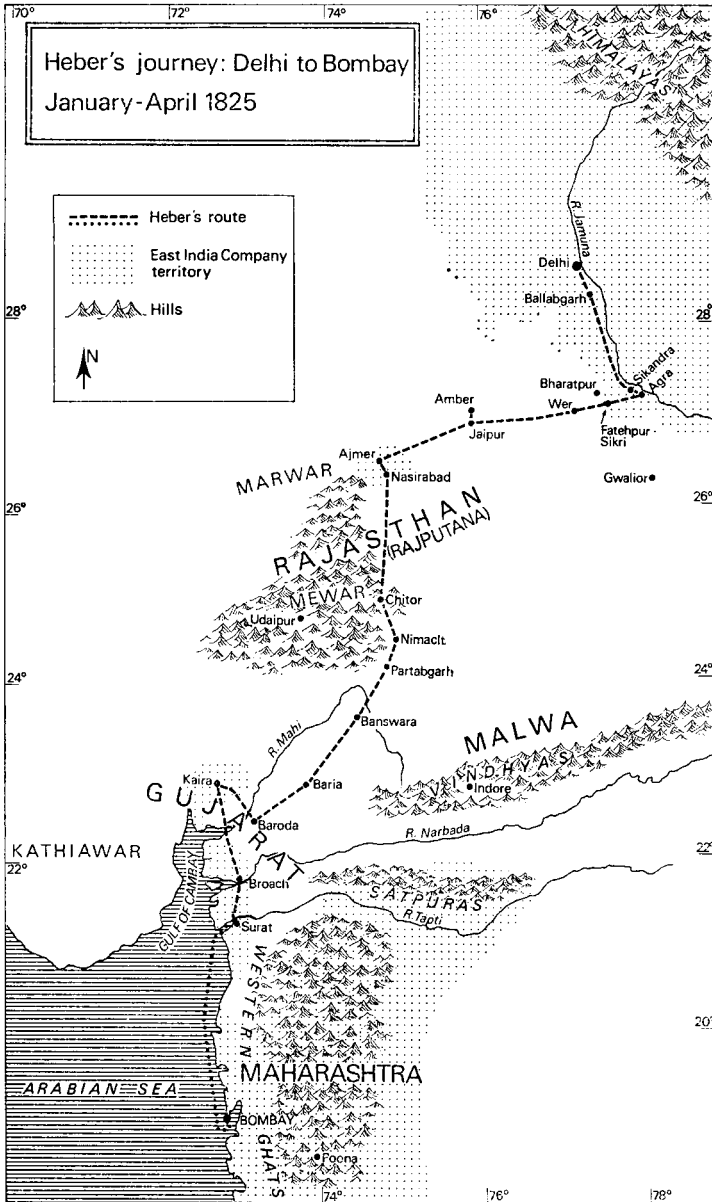
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Map 2 Heber's journey: Delhi to Bombay, January-April 1825