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## Liberalism, Imperialism, and the Historical Imagination

This book examines the ways in which imperial agendas informed the writing of history in nineteenth-century Britain and how historical writing transformed imperial agendas. Using the published writings and personal papers of Walter Scott, J. A. Froude, James Mill, Rammohun Roy, T. B. Macaulay, E. A. Freeman, W. E. Gladstone, and J. R. Seeley among others, Theodore Koditschek sheds new light on the role of the historical imagination in the establishment and legitimation of liberal imperialism. He shows how both imperialists and the imperialized were drawn to reflect back on Empire's past as a result of the need to construct a modern, multi-national British imperial identity for a more economically expansive and enlightened present. By tracing the imperial lives and historical works of these pivotal figures, Theodore Koditschek illuminates the ways in which discourse altered practice, and *vice versa*, as well as how the history of Empire was continuously written and re-written.

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## Abbreviations

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- BKCS Meredith Borthwick, *Keshub Chunder Sen: A Search for Cultural Synthesis* (Calcutta, 1977)
- BME Marilyn Butler, *Maria Edgeworth: A Literary Biography* (Oxford, 1972)
- CLR Sophia Dobson Collet, *The Life and Letters of Raja Rammohun Roy* [1900], ed. D. K. Biswas and P. K. Ganguli (Calcutta, 1962)
- CM John Clive, *Macaulay: The Shaping of an Historian* (New York, 1974)
- DEHI Romesh Chunder Dutt, *The Economic History of India*, I, *Under Early British Rule* (London, 1903); II, *The Victorian Age* (London, 1906)
- DF Waldo Hilary Dunn, *James Anthony Froude, A Biography*, I, 1818–56 (Oxford, 1961); II, 1857–94 (Oxford, 1963)
- DHAI Romesh Chunder Dutt, *The History of Ancient India*, 2 vols. [1889–90] (New Delhi, 2000)
- DNB *Dictionary of National Biography*, 22 vols. (London and New York, 1908–9)
- ECRE Maria Edgeworth, *Castle Rackrent and Ennui*, ed. Marilyn Butler (New York, 1992)
- EIC East India Company
- FEI J. A. Froude, *The English in Ireland in the Eighteenth Century*, 3 vols. [1872–4] (New York, 1888)
- FHE J. A. Froude, *History of England from the Fall of Wolsey to the Death of Elizabeth*, 12 vols. (London, 1862–70, New York, 1969)
- FNC E. A. Freeman, *The History of the Norman Conquest of England*, 5 vols. (Oxford, 1867–78); I, II, 3rd edn. (Oxford, 1877); III, IV, 2nd edn. (Oxford, 1875, 1876)
- GLD J. N. Gupta, *Life and Work of Romesh Chunder Dutt, CIE* (London, 1911)
- ICS Indian Civil Service

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JWS	Edgar Johnson, <i>Sir Walter Scott: The Great Unknown</i> , 2 vols. (New York, 1970)
LHI	W. E. H. Lecky, <i>A History of Ireland in the Eighteenth Century</i> , 5 vols. (London, 1892)
MEL	T. B. Macaulay, <i>Essays and Lays of Ancient Rome</i> (London, 1899)
MHE	T. B. Macaulay, <i>The History of England from the Accession of James II</i> , 5 vols. [1848–61] (New York, n.d.)
MJAF	Julia Markus, <i>James Anthony Froude: The Last Undiscovered Great Victorian</i> (New York, 2005)
MLS	P. C. Mazoomdar, <i>The Life and Teachings of Keshub Chunder Sen</i> (Calcutta, 1931)
MMW	T. B. Macaulay, <i>Miscellaneous Writings and Speeches</i> [1860] (London, 1897)
NUBR	Dadabhai Naoroji, <i>Poverty and Un-British Rule in India</i> (London, 1901)
ODNB	<i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i> , 60 vols. (Oxford, 2004)
PLM	<i>The Letters of Thomas Babington Macaulay</i> , ed. Thomas Pinney, 6 vols. (Cambridge, 1974, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1981, 1981)
SCH	William Stubbs, <i>The Constitutional History of England</i> , 3 vols. [1874, 1875, 1878], I, II, 3rd edn. (Oxford, 1880); III, 2nd edn. (Oxford, 1878)
SEE	John Seeley, <i>The Expansion of England</i> [1883] (London, 1885)
SHML	Walter Scott, <i>The Heart of Mid-Lothian</i> [1818] (London, 1994)
SRR	Walter Scott, <i>Rob Roy</i> [1817] (London, 1995)
SW	Walter Scott, <i>Waverley</i> [1814] (London, 1972)
TBM	Thomas Babington Macaulay
TLL	George O. Trevelyan, <i>The Life and Letters of Lord Macaulay</i> , 2 vols. [1876] (Oxford, n.d.)

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