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Malaria was considered one of the most widespread disease-causing entities in the nineteenth century. It was associated with a variety of frailties far beyond fevers, ranging from idiocy to impotence. And yet, it was not a self-contained category. The reconsolidation of malaria as a diagnostic category during this period happened within a wider context in which cinchona plants and their most valuable extract, quinine, were reinforced as objects of natural knowledge and social control. In India, the exigencies and apparatuses of British imperial rule occasioned the close interactions between these histories. In the process, British imperial rule became entangled with a network of nonhumans that included, apart from cinchona plants and the drug quinine, a range of objects described as malarial, as well as mosquitoes. *Malarial Subjects* explores this history of the co-constitution of a cure and disease, of British colonial rule and nonhumans, and of science, medicine and empire. This title is also available as Open Access.

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Abbreviations

BL	British Library, London
BMJ	British Medical Journal
CSSSC	Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta Archives
Economic-Products	Economic Products Branch
Finance, Miscellaneous	Financial Department, Miscellaneous Branch
General, General	General Department, General Branch
General, Industry-Science	General Department, Industry and Science Branch
General, Medical	General Department, Medical Branch
General, Miscellaneous	General Department, Miscellaneous Branch
General, Sanitation	General Department, Sanitation Branch
Home, Jails	Home Department, Jails Branch
Home, Medical	Home Department, Medical Branch
Home, Patents	Home Department, Patents Branch
Home, Port Blair	Home Department, Port Blair Branch
Home, Public	Home Department, Public Branch
Home, Sanitary	Home Department, Sanitary Branch
IMG	Indian Medical Gazette
LMA	London Metropolitan Archives
Municipal, Medical	Municipal Department, Medical Branch
Municipal, Sanitation	Municipal Department, Sanitation Branch
NAI	National Archives of India
NL	National Library, Calcutta
Political, Medical	Political Department, Medical Branch
Prog.	Proceedings
Rev-agriculture	Revenue and Agriculture Department

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Rev-agriculture, Agriculture	Revenue and Agriculture Department, Agriculture Branch
Rev-agriculture, Famine	Revenue and Agriculture Department, Famine Branch
Rev-agriculture, Forests	Revenue and Agriculture Department, Forests Branch
WBSA	West Bengal State Archives, Calcutta
WL	Wellcome Library, London