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The Complete  
**Monumental Register:**

CONTAINING ALL THE

**EPITAPHS, INSCRIPTIONS,**

&c. &c. &c.

IN THE DIFFERENT

**CHURCHES AND BURIAL-GROUNDS,**

IN AND ABOUT CALCUTTA;

INCLUDING

**Those of the Burial-Grounds**

OF

**HOWRAH,—DUM-DUM,—BARRASUT,—BARRACKPORE,—  
PULTAH,—SERAMPORE,—CHANDERNAGORE,—CHIN-  
SURAH, AND THE CONVENT OF BANDEL.**

TOGETHER WITH

**SEVERAL INSCRIPTIONS FROM THE PRESIDENCIES**

OF

**MADRAS, BOMBAY, ISLE OF FRANCE, &c.**

TO WHICH IS ADDED

**SHORT SKETCHES, ANECDOTES &c. &c.**

**ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES, GENERAL  
CHARACTERS, AND VIRTUES OF THE DEAD.**

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the 16th of September 1767  
 in the 26th Year of her Age.  
 One who Adorned the Amiable Virtues  
 of a Dutiful Child,  
 a Sincere loving Wife,  
 A tender Affectionate Parent,  
 a Kind Relation and True Friend,  
 a Humane Mistress and real well  
 Wisher to all her fellow Creatures.  
 Here also is Interred her Infant Son,  
 who died the 17th November following,  
 Aged One Month and 27 days.  
*This Tomb remains standing.*

MRS. FRANÇES JOHNSON,

THE OLDEST BRITISH RESIDENT IN ASIA.

Died on the 3d February, at her late Dwelling House, to the Northward of the Old Fort, Calcutta, the venerable Mrs. FRANÇES JOHNSON, in the 87th year of her age, the oldest British Resident in Asia. This Lady, whose name and character, are no doubt, well known to many of our Readers, was the second Daughter of EDWARD CROOK, Esq. of Herefordshire, Governor of Fort St. David, on the Coast of Coromandel, and was born on the 10th of April, 1728. Mr. CROOK, previously to his return from India, was offered the Government of Fort St. George; but declined the appointment, on account of his age and infirm health, and returned to his native country, where he was received with high respect by the Court of Directors of the East India Company.

In 1738, Miss FRANÇES CROOK, in the 13th year of her age, married PARRY PURPLE TEMPLER, Esq. Nephew to Mr. BRADDYLL, then Governor of Calcutta, by whom she had two children, both of whom died young; in about five years after her marriage she was left a widow by the death of Mr. TEMPLER. She married, secondly, JAMES ALTHAM, Esq. a civil servant on the Bengal establishment.—This second union was of short duration; in twelve days after his marriage, Mr. ALTHAM died of the small pox.

Mrs. ALTHAM remained a widow for about two years, when she married WILLIAM WATTS, Esq. then senior member of the Supreme Council, and subsequently appointed Governor of Calcutta; but at the time his appointment reached India, he was on his return to England. In 1756, when Calcutta was taken by SURAJ-UD-DOWLAH, Mr. WATTS was Chief at Moorsshedabad, and both he and Mrs. WATTS were in that City at the time of the surrender of Fort William. The Nabob, elated by his momentary success, threa-

tened destruction to every British Subject, male and female. Mr. WATTS and his family were placed in custody at Moorshedabad, to await the arrival of the Nabob; but they were both favorites of the Begum, the mother of the Nabob SURAJ-UD-DOWLAH, and to her friendship they were both indebted for their preservation; on this occasion, Mrs. WATTS was placed under the same roof with the ladies of the Nabob's Court, by whom she was treated with the utmost delicacy, kindness, and respect. At the expiration of thirty-seven days, and while SURAJ-UD-DOWLAH still continued in the vicinity of Calcutta, the Begum found a safe conveyance for Mrs. WATTS, and sent her, under an escort, by water, to Chandernagore, where she was received with all possible hospitality and attention by M. LAUS, the French Governor.

Her husband being still closely confined at Moorshedabad, Mrs. WATTS addressed a memorial to her friend the Begum, Mother of SURAJ-UD-DOWLAH, entreating her kind offices for the release of her husband. The Begum possessed great ascendancy over her son, the Nabob, and at her intercession he consented, though with great reluctance, to the release of Mr. WATTS, who was thus safely restored to his family.

Mrs. WATTS had four children by her third husband, Mr. WATTS, one of whom died in early infancy; with the other three, namely, a boy and two girls, Mr. and Mrs. WATTS, about the year 1760, returned to England, where the eldest girl, AMELIA, a lady of great beauty and accomplishments, married the Right Honourable CHARLES JENKINSON, afterwards Earl of Liverpool, and father to the present Earl. The only son of Mr. and Mrs. WATTS, is the present EDWARD WATTS, Esq. of Hanslope Park, in Berkshire. The second daughter, who is alive, married GEORGE POYNTE RICKETTS, Esq. late Governor of Barbadoes.

Mr. WATTS died in England; and the state of his affairs in India requiring the presence of his widow, Mrs. WATTS returned to Bengal about the year 1769; and on the 1st of June, 1774, she gave her hand to the Reverend WILLIAM JOHNSON, principal chaplain to the Presidency of Fort William; who returned to England in a few years after his marriage, and Mrs. JOHNSON continued ever since to reside in Calcutta, in a style of dignified hospitality.—Her manners were cheerful, polished, and highly pleasing. She abounded in anecdote; and possessing ease and affability of communication, her conversation was always interesting without any tendency to fatigue the hearer. She had a strong understanding, to which she superadded much and accurate observation.—Her views of life were correct, and the benevo-

lence of her heart, and the warmth of her affections continued unimpaired to the latest period of her life. Though prone to reflect and to discriminate, yet her judgment did not abridge, but served to guide and to exalt her benevolence. As a Christian she was sound in her principles, and exemplary in her practice;—in fine, her conduct in all the relations of life was such as to gain the universal respect and esteem of society.

She continued to enjoy excellent health till a few weeks ago, when she was seized with the illness that led to her dissolution. Her spirits were gay and cheerfull; her faculties were unimpaired, and her personal strength was such, that till within the last few months of her life, she was wont to join in the country dance at domestic parties.

Her remains were interred on Tuesday morning, in the ground belonging to St. John's Church. The funeral procession began at half past seven o'clock, and passed through Tank-square to the Eastern gate of the Church-yard; the bell of St. John's tolling, during the procession. The body was carried in the Church, and being placed before the pulpit, the following Anthem was sung by the Choir, accompanied by the Organ:

The Righteous Souls, that take their flight,  
Far from this world of pain,  
In God's paternal bosom blest,  
For ever shall remain.  
To minds unwise they seem to die,  
All joyful hopes to cease:  
Whilst they secur'd by faith repose,  
In everlasting peace.  
For at the great the awful day,  
When Quæter descends from high,  
With myriads of Angelic Saints,  
They'll meet him in the sky.  
Their God, their JUDGE, their mighty LORD,  
Shall pour redeeming grace,  
And call them over to behold,  
The brightness of his face.

The Reverend Dr. WARD then read the 39th and 90th Psalms, and the Lesson from the 15th Chapter of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. This part of the service being ended, the body was carried to the North West Angle of the Church-yard, immediately to the Northward of the Monument erected over the grave of Admiral WATSON, where a spot of ground, for a Cemetery, had been allotted for the deceased, during the Government of Lord WELLESLEY. Here the remaining part of the Service was performed, and the ceremony ended.

The funeral was attended by a numerous company, among whom were the Right Honorable the GOVERNOR GENERAL,

in the State Coach, with six Horses, and a detachment of the Body Guard, the Honorable Sir HENRY RUSSELL, the Honorable JOHN LUMDEN, Esq. &c. &c.

Beneath  
are deposited the remains  
of

**MRS. FRANCES JOHNSON :**

She was the second Daughter of EDWARD CROOK, Esq.

Governor of Fort St. David  
on the Coast of Coromandel;

and was born the 10th of April, 1725.

In 1738 she intermarried with

PARRY PURPLE TEMPLER, Esq.

Nephew of Mr. BRADYLL, then Governor of Calcutta,  
by whom she had two Children, who died Infants.

Her second Husband was

JAMES ALTHAM, of Calcutta, Esq.

who died of the Small Pox a few

Days after the Marriage.

She next intermarried with

WILLIAM WATTS, Esq.

then Senior Member of the Supreme Council of Bengal,

by whom she had Issue four Children.

AMELIA, who Married

The Right Honorable CHARLES JENKINSON,

afterwards Earl of Liverpool,

by whom she had Issue one Child, ROBERT BANES,

now Earl of Liverpool, &c. &c.

EDWARD, now of Hanslope Park

in the County of Bucks, Esq.

SOPHIA, late the Wife, and now the Widow of

GEORGE POYNIZ RICKETTS, Esq.

late Governor of Barbadoes,

and WILLIAM who died an Infant;

After the Death of Mr. WATTS, she in 1774

intermarried with the Reverend WILLIAM JOHNSON,

then principal Chaplain of the Presidency of Fort William,

by whom she had no Issue,

She died the 3d of February, 1812, Aged 87.

*The oldest British resident in Bengal, universally beloved, respected  
and revered.*