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### A hunting-party with the Maharaja of Cooch Behar, 1895-1896

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76 gelatin silver prints, 90 albumen prints, mostly captioned below in ink, contemporary morocco, worn, joints split, folio

*images various sizes*

#### Footnotes

Compiled by S.H. Pollen, who sailed out to India on the P&O *Caledonia* in October 1895. After some sight-seeing in Sikandra, Fatehpur Sikri, and Agra (one image showing Lady Christian and Lady Veronica with a camera on tripod), they travelled on to Calcutta, and thence to Cooch Behar. There, together with Hans Heinrich XV, Prince of Pless, and his wife Daisy, they were entertained by Maharaja Nripendra Narayan. Images include: the hunting party, a fine series of views of elephants (one carrying the Maharaja and the Princess of Pless, another carrying the Maharani and the Prince, crossing rivers, morning bath, etc.), a buffalo shot by Nirmul Sen of the Cooch Behar State Service, a 500lb tiger shot by Pollen himself, scenes on the Reidak River, and a rhino shot by the Maharaja. The album also includes: a party at Mashobra, Simla, to celebrate the birthday of the Viceroy, Lord Elgin in 1896 where guests included the Maharaja of Gwalior; a trip in the Bay of Bengal on board R.I.M.S. *Warren Hastings*; more hunting at Rajshaye; two groups on bicycles in the Calcutta Botanical Gardens, 1897; Lady Elgin and the newborn Victor Alexander Bruce. Pollen, then a Lieutenant-Colonel, was commended by General Sir Ian Hamilton, to whom he was Military Secretary, for his conduct at Gallipoli in 1915. See illustration on preceding page.

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