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# 1 | Roberts Ch. 5

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## 1.1 | India

- England challenged the “Indian Ocean supremacy”
  - England had before sought to enter spice trade of India, but had issues trying to do so
  - Had French interference when trying to do business in India
  - For a century held only Fort St. George and Bombay
  - Conducted trade in Coffee and Textiles
- Coffee!
  - Establishment of coffee-houses of London brought popularity of the drink
  - Tea drinking was also growing at the time
- Company growth
  - East India Co. 1689 defeat pivoted direction to use non-force strategies
  - Collapse of Mughals after 1707 brought energy and land to the British Trade
    - Increased polarity between the Marathas Hindus and the Mughals caused distress
    - Sikhs formed their own sect of Hinduism, detaching from both true Hindu ideology and Islamic ideology
    - 1730s Persian invasion caused loss in territory
  - Britian did not invade the Indian region until much later than the 1740s => CLAIM: because it considered trade very important
    - Finally decided to take action due to CLAIM: hostility towards the French
    - Ownership of station at Calcutta provided access to riches part of India
    - Wanted not to interfere with Indian politics, and instead employ the Mughal model of acceptance-and-profit
- British vs French conflict
  - Supported opposite Indian princes
  - Brought armed struggle between French and British forces
  - French governor Dupleix controlled brilliantly, but was recalled
  - Provincial government of Bengal attacked + captured Calcutta
  - East India Co.’s army recaptured the city + recaptured both territory of he French and of the governors
  - Recapturing opened the way to British monopoly in India + diminishing of French dominance
- British Raj
  - Britian proper sent an army to India, legetimizing the corporate armies of the Co.
  - Taking over Mughal government services @sushu
    - TAX FARMING: government gives a person right to collect taxes
  - The Co. formally became ruler of Bengal in 1764
    - French bases became scattered/useless
    - Peace of 1763 left only 5 French trading posts
    - 1769 Compagnie des Indies dissolved
  - Took Cerlon from Dutch year after #verify?
  - Growth => Decline

- The company turned a bit too territorialist
- Gave employees too many opportunities to cheat/bribe, and not enough profit for the company itself
- British government began nationalizing
  - Set up system of “dual control” in 1784 => lasted until 1858
- Britain successful because of the tax-and-spend cycle
  - Heavy tax to citizen
  - Use tax to fund expansion
  - Citizens get benefit of expansion + don't mind high taxes
- Obviously, this works only if your country is mercantilist where

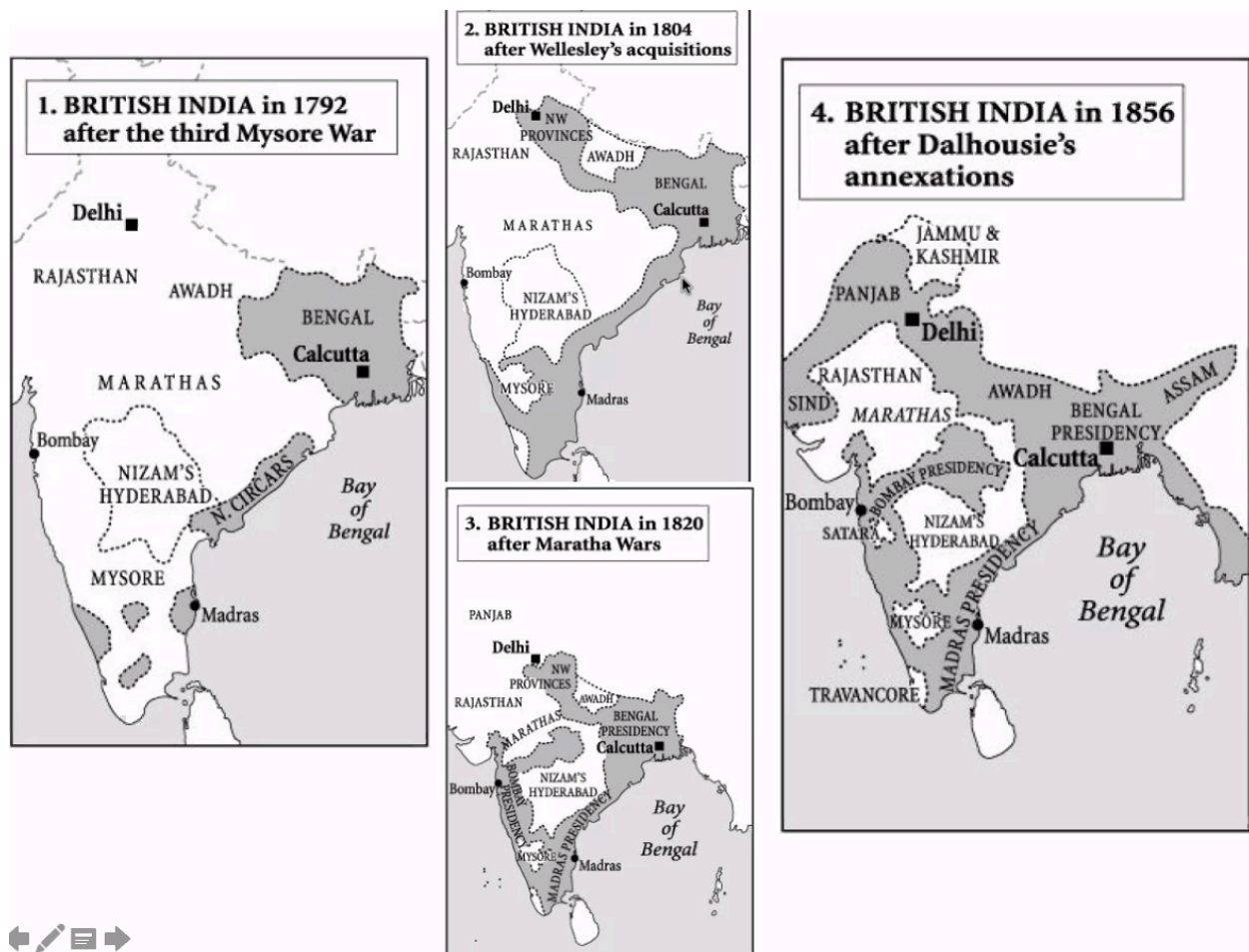


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- Roberts => empirization is because of increased commercial opportunity
- Trauttmann => sta
- Salt hedge
  - Salt in + opium out
  - 400 miles (SF:Chicago)
  - Controlled the economy

## 1.2 | Carribeans

- Brazil and Carribeans boomed due to sugar crops
- Main crops: tobacco, hardwood, coffee
- Spanish influence on Caribbean agriculture
  - Began with growth of fruit + cattle
  - Sugar and Rice was then introduced, but production was slow
- European settlements later appeared with the usual suspects => Netherlands, England, French \*  
England established 2 colonies => St. Christopher + Barbados \* St. Christopher => 3000, Barbados  
=> 2000
  - Early successes due to tobacco: “tobacco colonies”
    - Supplied great customs values to England
    - Left the French with 7,000 and England, 50,000 in the island
  - Introduction of sugar crops lead to shift towards Slave trade
    - Tobacco economical if cultivated in small quantities
    - Sugar needed large plantation
    - => Contributed to the overall demographic change in North America
  - Spanish control now vested on its control of the slave trade
- Eventually, North America emerged to be a bigger economy than that of new Spain

## 1.3 | Impacts

- Colonies had extracted varied economic benefit from their colonies
  - Spanish => Silver from South America: broke the world economy
  - England => Stimulated European exports + manufacturing: leading people to flow from Europe to Africa to Asia
  - CLAIM: colonization of Americas brought huge, incalculable economic benefits
- The Western hemisphere is decidedly European
  - Organized under European legal system
  - Christianized

Europeans did not just conquer; they exterminated local cultures and peoples and replaced them with their own.

- The older American cultures cut off from populating other parts of the world
- CLAIM: the European dominance was a sign to “Asian Nationalists” (Japan??) as the sign of European injustice
- Americas suffered some species going extinct, and yet others massively planted
  - Plants
    - Potato
    - Sweet potato
    - Maize
  - Domesticated Animals
    - Pigs
    - Sheep
    - Chicken
  - => “Colombian exchange”