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The system followed in the transcription of Sanskrit and other Indian as well as of Persian, Turkī, and Arabic words closely agrees with that approved by the International Congress of Orientalists in 1894. In the case of local names, no attempt has been made to restore the original forms of any Persian or Arabic elements contained in them or to systematize the spelling of such Turkī words as enter into their composition, but the actual forms heard on the spot have been reproduced both in text and maps in a simplified form of phonetic transcription as adopted for cartographical use by the Survey of India. The spelling of Chinese names and terms conforms to the Wade system of transliteration (as adopted in Professor A. H. Giles's *Chinese-English Dictionary*), except in Appendix A, where M. Maspero has followed the system adopted by the École Française d'Extrême-Orient. Where discrepancies have occurred in transcription, the Index is to be taken as a criterion.

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