

must arise which should again force that expansion of empire which English historians (and latterly American apologists also) virtuously deplore. The way was now prepared for the self-sacrificing advance. It was, then, in a moment of fatal digression from a traditional policy of non-intercourse, that the Dalai Lama, a few years ago, sent presents to the Czar, thus "offending" the British Government and giving Lord Curzon argument with which to partially satisfy the Exeter Hall conscience of his nation. We are now brought to a consideration of recent events.