

# An Indian Adventure

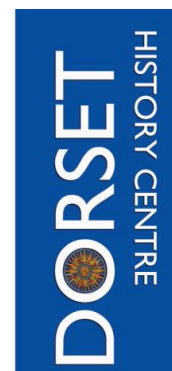
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## **SESSION OVERVIEW**

This pack contains a series of extracts from letters and journals – mostly from the travel journal of Captain Robert Carter Oakley (Catalogue Reference D-PLR/F/44-55).

Where appropriate we have provided transcriptions or summaries of the original text, to help pupils tackle the more difficult handwriting.

Each section is followed by a series of activities for pupils to complete.

The activities in this pack are principally aimed at Key Stage 2 or Upper Key Stage 1.

## **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

At its height, the British Empire was the largest in history, with around a quarter of all the people in the world being British subjects. To control and protect this empire, a large army and navy were needed.

An important part of this empire was India, which effectively came under the control of the British from the mid-1700s. India had a range of valuable resources and commodities which were exported back to Britain, which included cotton, silk, tea and indigo (a dye).

Robert Carter Oakley was a captain in the 20<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot. He had served in the Napoleonic Wars, and had been even part of the garrison on St Helena which guarded Napoleon after he was defeated.

Most of the extracts in this pack come from Oakley's journal, written in the 1820s, in the later part of his army career when he was sent to serve in India.



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- Providing copies of original source material in paper, electronic or CD format to support your lessons. The material will be made accessible before being supplied to the school, and we can supply extracts of complete or incomplete documents within a variety of different types of sessions. These include (but are not limited to):
  - World War 1
  - World War 2
  - Ancient Egypt
  - Local Art and Design
  - Development of local Towns, Schools and general local history
  - Source Analysis, Archive Skills, and Research Sessions
- Visiting your school and delivering workshop sessions based around copies of original source material, for a variety of ages and topics.
- Hosting a full class or group of pupils at DHC, giving pupils the chance to work with original documents. This also comes with the optional extra of a 'behind the scenes' tour, a chance to see how DHC works and how archive documents are preserved.
- Supplementing your visits to any of the local Dorset museums with additional resources to help prepare for, or follow up on, your school trips.
- Working with small groups of students to study their own family history or other larger projects around local history (such as Extended Projects).

Please visit our website for more information about the types of sessions that we run and for our searchable catalogue.

Please note that there is a charge attached to centre activities, which may vary depending on what you require. For further details, please contact the centre.

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