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That court, "from the evidence before them, are of opinion that the Sikhs and Mussulmans of the Thirty-fourth Regiment of Native Infantry are trustworthy soldiers of the State, but that the Hindoos generally of that corps are not trustworthy."

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the report of a Court of Inquiry, which sat upon the disturbance at Barrackpore. #1857_Mutiny

(Cawnpore - The Station, The Outbreak, The Siege, The Treachery, The Massacre - by G.O. Trevelyan)

While at one end of Northern India stout Sir John was fighting his province in the interests of the general weal; denuding himself of British soldiers, and committing his existence and reputation to the faith of Sikh allies....

(Cawnpore - The Station, The Outbreak, The Siege..)

another gem:

Then came the Highlanders, and the bulk of the artillery; followed by the Sixty-fourth, the Eighty-fourth, and the Sikh battalion. For some time the mutineers seemed to be unconscious of what was going on...

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one more:

The rocks coated with frequent films of lead, and the wreck of a small temple, testify that this is the famous post, known in military history as the "Sammy-house picket," which Briton, and Sikh, and Ghoorka, fighting shoulder to shoulder.

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High-caste Brahmins all, proud as Lucifer, they deemed that to them of right belonged the treasures and the empire of India. They were bent upon the foundation of a gigantic military despotism..

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There were nearly 600 high-caste men in the ranks, and corps was stationed among local associations which fostered most lively emotions in the minds of men in a state of high religious excitement.

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In year 1825, Barrackpore had been the scene of a military tumult which had been repressed with timely severity. One of the ringleaders, a Brahmin sepoy, had been hanged in presence of his comrades.

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Then their hearers were warned that a like fate was in store for all; that a strenuous and united effort could alone save their freedom and their religion; and that the hour was fast approaching when the Brahmins of the army must rule, or be for ever slaves and Christians.

Thus the "Brahmin battalion" had a complete outfit of "Brahmin officers"; and this it was that rendered the rebellious army so "terribly efficient for evil". #1857_Mutiny

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towards the end of April, a party of "disbanded Brahmins" of the Nineteenth regiment came from the west, and spread through the Sepoy lines strange tales of greased cartridges, and gibbets, and midnight tumults and officers cut down in the midst of the parade-ground. #1857_Mutiny

it was just as probable that Mahomedans of India should succeed in inciting to rebellion a "100,000 Brahmin sepoys", by working upon their religious susceptibilities, as that the Orangemen of Ireland should direct Roman Catholic population in a crusade against the English Crown.

a company of "Brahmin sepoys", whose orthodox indignation took a more practical turn, marched off to the Mahomedan quarter; bombarded the residence of the Nunhey Nawab, the most influential Mussulman noble... #1857_Mutiny

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A European knew that, if one set of Pandies (Pandeys for the British) entertained any qualms of compassion or gratitude, the next squad who came across him would infallibly cut his throat. #1857_Mutiny

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It is difficult to imagine the horror with which a punctilious and devout Brahmin cannot but regard a people who eat the flesh of cow and pig, and drink various sorts of strong liquors. It is at least as hard for such a man to look up to us as his betters, morally and socially