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Wall painting from the head offices of the British East India Company, 1778  
([The British Library](#): Foster 245, Roma Spiridione, 'The East offering its riches to Britannia')



## How to use this source

Study this source carefully. Different parts of the source will contain clues about why the British became empire builders in India. As you study the source, ask yourself:

- Can you spot the various features of the painting that are outlined in the useful notes?
- Can you explain which aspects of the painting show Britain as strong?
- Which parts of the painting show Britain as kind?
- Does this source provide any clues as to why the British became empire builders in India?

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