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An illustration showing the imperial durbar (ceremony) in 1877  
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- the treatment of native peoples in the British empire?
- whether native people were involved in running their own countries?
- the relationship between the British and the high ranking members of Indian society?

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