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- the treatment of native peoples in the British empire?
- the importance of the Indian army to Britain?

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