HEAVEN’S COMMAND
An Imperial Progress

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Jan Morris Introduction

HEAVEN’S COMMAND: AN IMPERIAL PROGRESS

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In Liverpool, Bristol and Glasgow, entire communities...

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Chapter 2: HIGH AND HOLY WORK

The refinery had a churchy look, its limestone finely dressed...

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Freetown society was rich and strange. The founders...

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It was idealism that changed all this.

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So, the little city had been elevated by a number of good Regency…
Aborigines wandered drunk and dispossessed…
The first party disembarked upon the shore of what is now called…
The more cruelly the peasant was exploited, the more his family…
Mallow too had its castle, in a park at the end of town....
Even as the force paraded, news arrived that a body of police....
A commission of some 80 young company men imposed...

John Lawrence grew into something different.

Like so many of his contemporaries, Nicholson first saw...

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And most of all the railways: those supremely British...

There were mills on the southern shore, and all around them...
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Hill stations were never thought of by the Moghul rulers of India...
Explorers such as Speake or Grant saw themselves as God’s scouts...

‘But God has given us one little thing…’

In Cape Town Bishop Robert Gray, the Metropolitan…
Farcical scenes ensued. Colenzo, returning from London…

This occasion figures in every Anglo Indian memoir of the period.

Red River was the only sizeable settlement in Central Canada.

Wolseley was to talk about it for the rest of his life…

All this made for a rag-bag cosmopolitan society.
Cakobau was a Christian and knew white men very well.

Between the two communities lay the islands of The Strait.

By the end of July, the British had landed a force of Royal Marines...
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It was still essentially an army of Empire, different in kind...

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Presently, Robinson himself, having rounded up every last aboriginal...

Through the land league, Parnell ruthlessly exploited...
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