

as well as all the inferiors, wears a *doty*, in the usual manner: though some few wear a kind of petticoat-trowser, not unlike the Highland kelt. *Cummer-bunds* are also in general use; though, with few exceptions, of a very coarse quality. Many gentlemen present their *bearers*, *hirkarahs*, *peons*, *syces*, *khedmutgars*, and *mōsaulchies*, annually, with a set of *turbans* and *cummer-bunds*, all of the same color; so that the whole appear, to a certain extent, in livery. In this indulgence many of the natives take great pride: on the whole, indeed, they are as vain as our beau-footmen; and, like them, can assume wondrous airs, when they have to deal with the servant of a person inferior in rank to their own master.

While speaking of bearers, I shall describe the various kinds of palanquins in use; observing, that the greatest improvements, which perhaps ever took place in any vehicle, have been brought forward in the construction of this *sine quā non* of Indian luxury. In order to preserve due order, I shall commence with a description of the *naulkeen*, or *naulkee*, it being the first in rank among the contrivances of this description.

This immense carriage is only used by crowned heads, and may be compared to a portable throne, on which the prince sits with his feet crossed, and tucked up under his hams, (the usual sitting position of Asiatics,) having at his back an im-