

3. *Notice of an Earthquake and a probable Subsidence of the Land in the district of Cutch, near the mouth of the KOREE, or Eastern branch of the INDUS, in June 1845.* Extracted from a Letter to Capt. NELSON, R.E.

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“ONE of Capt. McMurdo’s guides was travelling on foot to him from Bhooj. The day he reached Luckput there were shocks of an earthquake, which shook down part of the walls of the fort, and some lives were lost. At the same time as the shock the sea rolled up the Koree (the eastern) mouth of the Indus, overflowing the country as far westward as the Goongra river (a distance of twenty English miles), northward as far as a little north of Veyre (forty miles from the mouth of the Koree), and eastward to the Sindree Lake. The guide was detained six days (from June 19th to 25th) during which time sixty-six shocks were counted. He then got across to Kotree, of which only a few small buildings on a bit of rising ground remain. Most of the habitations throughout the district must have been swept away, the best houses in Scinde being built of sun-dried bricks, and whole villages consisting only of huts made of a few crooked poles and reed mats. The guide travelled twenty miles through water on a camel, the water up to the beast’s body. Of Lak nothing was above water but a Fakcer’s pole (the flagstaff always erected by the tomb of some holy man); and at Veyre and other villages only the remains of a few houses were to be seen.

“There are said to be generally two earthquakes every year at Luckput. The Sindree Lake has of late years become a salt marsh.