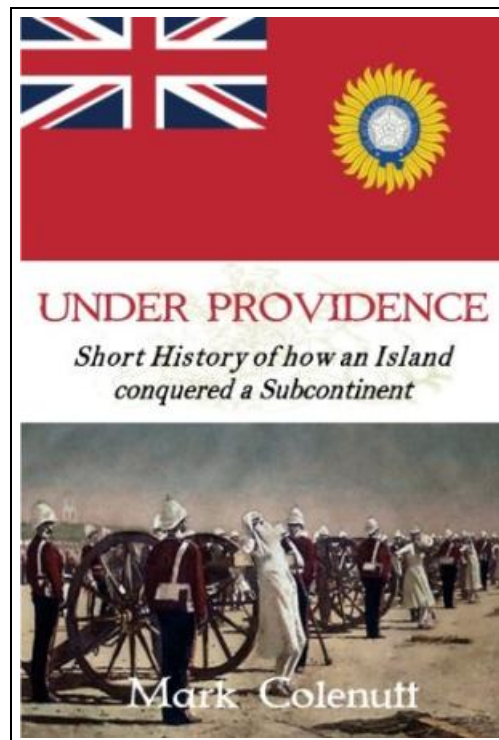# Under Providence: Short History of How an Island Conquered a Subcontinent

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