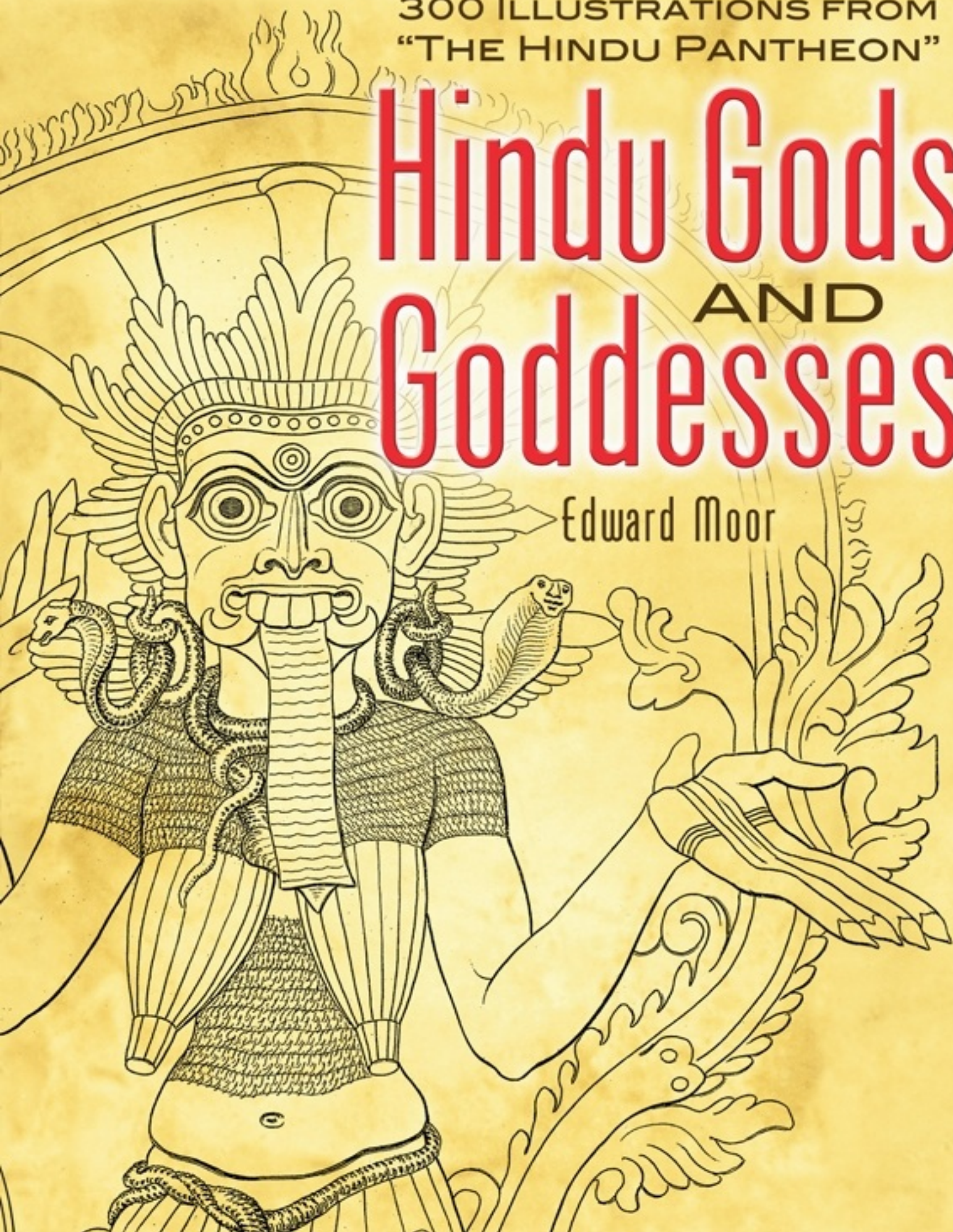


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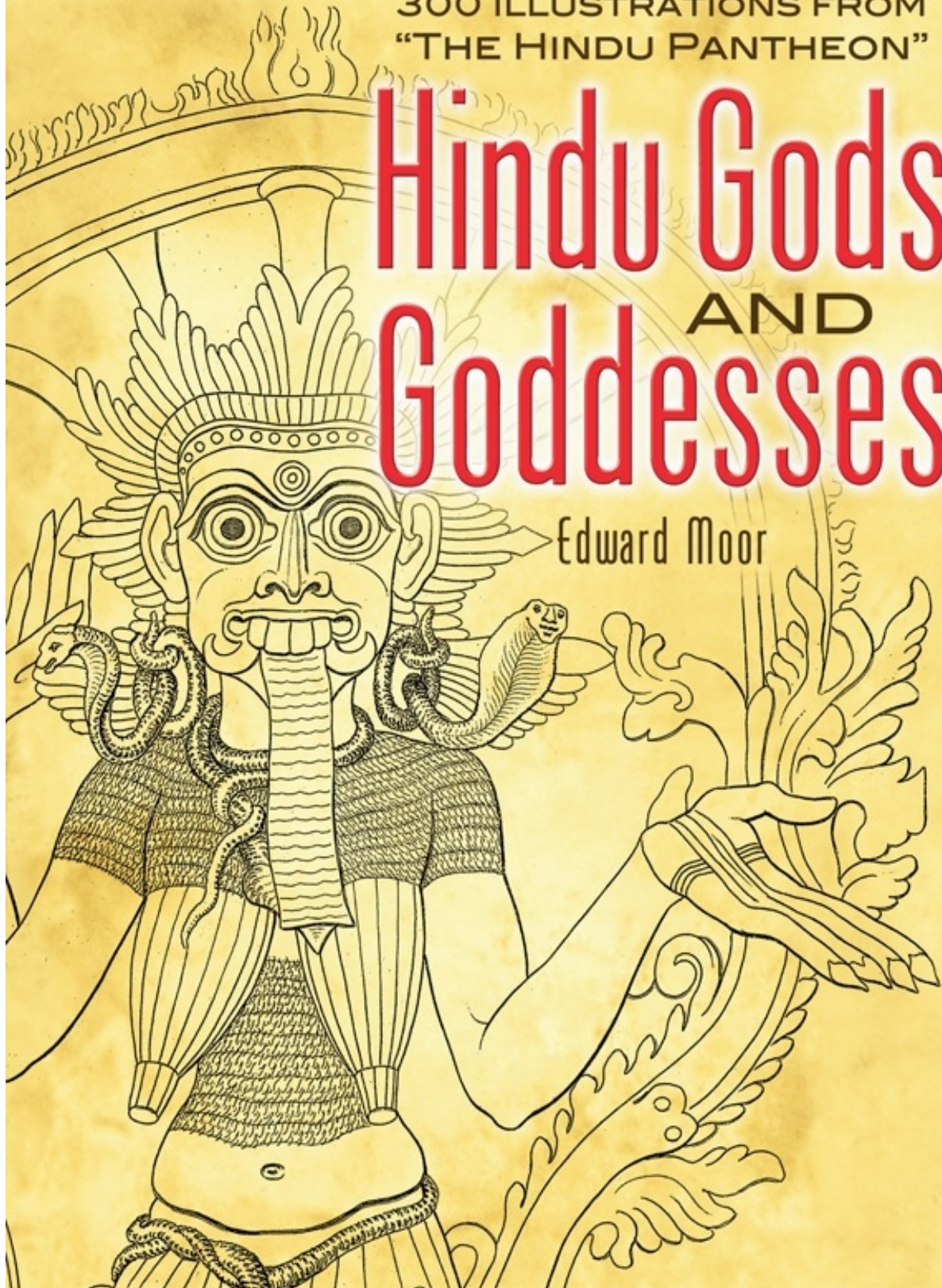
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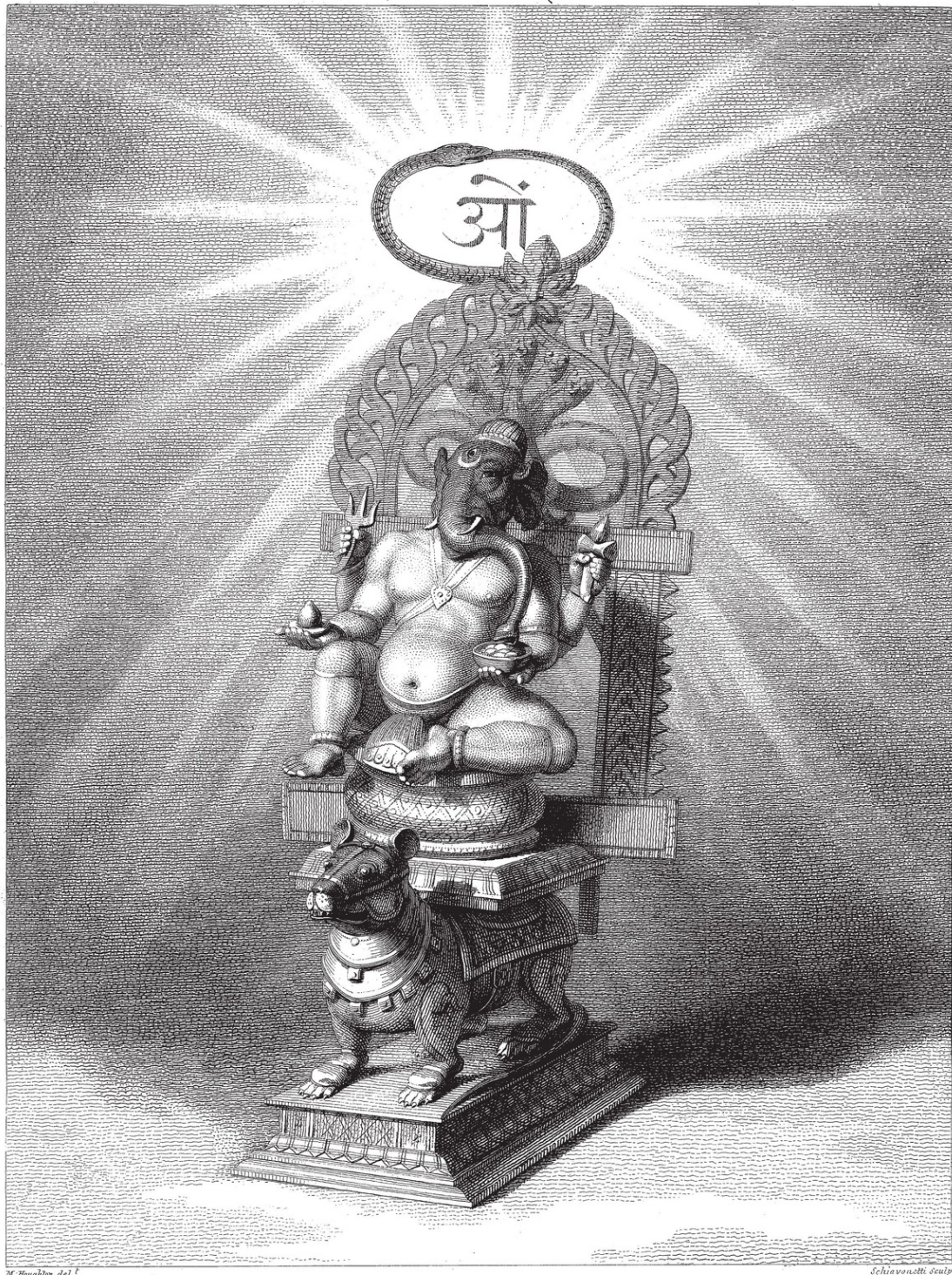
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- (3, 4) Probably Lakshmî; unless the cup in the inferior left hand distinguish the figure as Dêvî, the consort of Çiva.
- (5) LAKSMÎ.

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(6, 7) VISHNU, in a subordinate Avatâr, called Wittoba; and Lakshmî.

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(3) ÇIVA or MAHÂDÊVA with PÂRVATÎ In bronze about ten inches

(3) ŚIVA or MAHÂDÊVA, with PÂRVATÎ. IN BRONZE, ABOUT TEN INCHES high.

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(3) BHAIRAVA, an Avatâr of Mahâdêva.

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(1) The same subject as in the lower half of PL. 33.

(2) From a small and very rude cast in brass, made, probably, to invoke a happy calving-season, with reference to Surabhî, the Cow of Plenty.

(3) From a thin piece of embossed copper. SAPTÂPSARÂ, or the seven Apsaras, or inferior deities, who presided over wells and fountains. The accompanying buffalo is an animal that delights in water, and is often used in raising it for purposes of irrigation.

PL. 35. The same subject as in PL. 34, 1.

PL. 36, 37, 38, 39. DÊVÎ, under various forms. The casts are all about the same size as the figures. (2) of PL. 38, and (1), (2), (6), of PL. 39, represent the avenging character of the goddess. In (3) and (4) of PL. 39 are seen the elephants, as before in PL. 30 and 33.

PL. 40. (*From thin stamped plates of copper, the size of the figures.*)

1. Bhavânî; when sitting, as here, on a litter, called PALYANKA.

2. A local deity or saint, named YENKUBA, with Gaṇeṣa, here called GANAPATI.
3. DÊVÎ, mounted on a tiger; under this form called VYÂGHRAYÂYÎ.
4. HANUMÂN.
5. DÊVÎ, under the form called RUDRÂNÎ.
6. GARUDA.
7. DÊVÎ, on a buffalo ; under this form called MAHISHAÇÂYÎ.
8. Unexplained by the author. The names in the Plate probably given on the authority of Pandits.
9. A form of BHAVÂNÎ.

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- (1) DÊVÎ, marked by the trident and cup.
- (2) DÊVÎ.
- (3) From a very old and rude cast, said to be Bhairava.
- (4) Doubtful ; the Çankh and Chakra seem to indicate Vishnu, or Lakshmî.
- (5) DÊVÎ, under the form called Satvadêvî.

PL. 42.

- (1), (3), (4). DÊVÎ, with various attributes, some rather rare.
- (2) Probably ÇIVA and PÂRVATÎ.

PL. 43. *Upper figures:* Marked in Plate BHAIRAVA. Some of the attributes of the left hand figure are those of Dêvî ; as is also the Linga in the hand of the figure on the right.

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Below : SARASWATÎ, as before, with an attendant.

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Below : BHAIRAVA (see PL. 24, 3), with worshipper and attendant.

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PL. 50. (*From a cast designed by Wilkins.*) Vishnu, in his fourth incarnation, as the Narasinha, or man-lion ; here represented as bursting forth from a rent pillar to avenge the impiety of Hiranyakaçipu, who, denying in an argument the omnipresence of the Deity, had pointed to a pillar, and derisively asked, "Is, then, the Deity here ?"

PL. 51. (*From the set of casts by Wilkins.*) (1) Vishnu, in his incarnation as KRISHNA.

(2), (3), (4). The incarnations known as Halâyudharâma, Râmachandra, Paraçurâma; (or Plough-armed Râma, Moon-or bow-armed Râma, and Axe-armed Râma). Of Vishnu's incarnation, as VÂMANA, the dwarf, the author has given no illustration.

PL. 52. (*This Plate, together with the five following, is taken from drawings illustrating the Râmâyana.*) The contention between Râma and Râvana for the possession of the beautiful Sîtâ (an incarnation of Lakshmi). *Above* : Is the discomfiture of the many-headed Râvana in his attempt to bend the bow Dhanush, witnessed by Râma and others. *Below*: Râma is performing the difficult condition of victory, to shoot with the bow Dhanush through the left eye a fish, while revolving on a pole, without seeing the fish, but only its reflection in a pan of oil.

PL. 53. HANUMÂN, assisted by SUGRÎVA and his associates, building Râma's bridge from the Continent to Ceylon, in order to attack Râvana, and rescue Sîtâ. The rocks with which it was constructed, being marked RÂ, MA, adapted themselves by the magic potency of these syllables, to the precise spot destined for them, Hanumân having merely to receive and place them.

PL. 54. (*From pictures representing legends in the Râmâyana.*) *Above* : HANUMÂN, five-headed, as son of Çiva (see PL. 19), supporting on his arms Râma and Sîtâ.

Below: HANUMÂN, having an audience with the ten-headed and twenty-handed Râvana, tyrant of Ceylon. On this occasion, it is related, Hanumân's tail, on which he was seated, spontaneously lengthened itself, and, by its repeated folds, raised his head above that of Râvana.

PL. 55. *Below :* SÎTÂ learning from RÂMA the necessity of her undergoing the fire-ordeal, to satisfy the world of her chaste escape from the power of Râvana.

Above : SÎTÂ is seen in the flames, comforted by the presence of AGNI, the God of Fire.

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PL. 59. KRISHNA nursed by his mother DÊVAKÎ, or by his foster-mother Yaçodhâ.

PL. 60. (*From casts, except fig. 9, which is from a picture.*) (1)—(6).

BÂLAKRISHNA, or Krishna as a boy. The ball in the hand is said by some to represent the world, by others to be a plaything. In (7), while yet a boy, he is destroying the serpent *Kâliya*. In (8), he is seen in his character of *Muralîdhar*, “the Tuneful.” (9) seems to combine both characters; identifying him with Apollo, the slayer of the serpent Pytho, and the deity presiding over music.

PL. 61. KRISHNA uplifting the mountain Gôvardhana, to shelter his worshippers from the wrath of Indra, the Jupiter Pluvius of the Hindu Pantheon, who is attempting to destroy the world by the deluge of rain seen falling above.

PL. 62. Described by the author, with some doubt, as representing “Krishna about to destroy the serpent *Kâliya*.”

PL. 63. RÂSAMANDALA, a circular dance in honour of Krishna. The following legend is related in order to account for the multiplied appearance of Krishna :—A number of virgins having assembled to celebrate the descent of Krishna, the deity himself appeared among them, and proposed a dance, and, to supply the deficiency of partners, he divided himself into as

many portions as there were damsels.

PL. 64. *Above* : The marriage of KRISHNA with a bear.

Below : A miracle attributed to KRISHNA. "Being on one occasion in great jeopardy from the wrath of some of his numerous enemies, he produced an immense snake, which received and sheltered in his capacious stomach his flocks, herds, himself, and fellow-shepherds."

PL. 65 and 66. Whimsical combinations of KRISHNA and his attendant GÔPÎS.

PL. 67. KRISHNA, with his chief wife RÂDHÂ, and attendants.

PL. 68. (*From a statue of black marble of life size.*) BUDDHA. The rings in the ears are probably given, by a mistake of the engravers, for the elongated ears common in the statues of Buddha (see PL. 73).

PL. 69. (*From a statue in white stone.*) BUDDHA, represented with seven faces. The author is inclined to consider this an unauthorized innovation on the part of the sculptor, never having seen Buddha thus represented elsewhere.

PL. 70.

(1), (2), (3), (4) (*From metal casts of the size given.*) Possibly Buddhas, but in rare and exceptional forms.

(5) BUDDHA, from a fine cast in brass, gilt. The peculiar mark on the forehead may represent the lock of hair mentioned as one of the special beauties of Buddha.

(6), (7), (8) From small casts in *lak*, dug up at Buddhagaya.

PL. 71.

(1) BUDDHA, from Wilkins' set of Avatârs, cast at Benares: it is of zinc, six inches high. "The position of the hands and feet, and the woolly head, are in the usual style; but being a Brahminical Buddha, we here see long hair braided in a neat knot on the top of the head; and he has not the pendent ears common to the Buddhas of Ava, the Dekkan, and Ceylon."

(2) A BUDDHA, from China; of alabaster, delicately sculptured, about six inches high.

(3) A BUDDHA, from Ava ; of silver, eleven inches high.

PL. 72. BUDDHA, from a sculpture in the rock temple at Karlee, between Bombay and Poonah.

PL. 73.

(1) Colossal statue of Gomatîçvara, or Gomata Râya, seventy feet high,

at Sravana Belgula, a village in the Mysore, in which the Jain tenets still continue to be prevalent. The statue is of one solid block, and is supposed to have been formed by hewing away the original mass of rock, until the statue alone remained.

(2) A similar statue of the same at Einûru, in Canara.

PL. 74. "The sketch from which PL. 74 is taken, I must, I think, have obtained from the same source as that of fig. 1 of the last plate ; but having omitted to mark it, I am not certain."—*Hindu Pantheon*, p. 254.

PL. 75.

(1)- Vishnu, gorgeously attired and decorated, with his usual attributes, standing upon an expanded lotus. The canopy is formed by Çesha doubled; a very rare form.

(2) Mythological group representing the union of the three sacred rivers, Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswatî, personified respectively by Pârvatî, Lakshmî, and Saraswati. This figure is called TRIVÊNÎ, or "three plaited locks," and forms a female Triad.

(3) BUDDHA, as a Brahminical Avatâr.

PL. 76. Above : BALLAJI (a form of Vishnu), with two wives.

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PL. 78. A wooden pillar from a palace at the same place.

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Below, to the right: AGNI, seated. To the left: Probably PÂVANA, holding the infant Hanumân.

PL. 81. TRIMÛRTI, the Hindu Triad. From a bust in granite, about two feet high, dug from the ruins of a temple in the island of Bombay, and deposited by Major Moor in the Museum of the India House.

PL. 82. The TRIMÛRTI, represented at full length, very rare. The original is about two feet high and broad, and one foot thick; the back unhewn. It was found in the same place as the preceding.

The small figure in the upper corner is from the rock temple of Salsette,

“representing an individual of one of the many celestial bands introduced among the epic machinery of the Hindus.”

PL. 83.

- (1) A complicated form of *Linga*, from an ancient and rude cast in brass of the size of the figure.
- (2) From a very old cast of the same size, apparently representing a tiger bound to a stake, with a *Linga* and *Nandî* beside it; possibly a votive offering of gratitude, in allusion to some personal escape.
- (3) A subject similar to fig. 1, carved in hard black wood, of the size of the figure.
- (4) An expanded lotus-flower, borne on the back of a tiger, forming a lamp.
- (5) A group in brass, about three inches square. At the back is *Gaṇêça*, and in front a *Linga* and *Nandî*.

PL. 84.

- (1) From a brass cast. *Nandî* kneeling before a *Linga*.
- (2), (3) The same, with the addition of the serpent *Nâga*, with a hood expanded over the *Linga*. The five balls in fig. 2, appearing again in PL. 85 (1), are said to refer mystically to *Gaṇêça*, *Dêvî*, *Sûrya*, and *Vishnu*, with *Mahâdêva* resting upon them.
- (4) A lotus borne by *Garuda*, from a cast in copper, of the size represented.

PL. 85.

- (1), (3) Groups composed of the same elements as fig. 2 of PL. 84; the *Nâga* in fig. 1 being five-headed.
- (2) A five-wicked lamp, used in *pûjâ* to *Çiva*.
- (4), (6) Spoons for laving images with holy water. The usual Sanskrit name for them is *Sruva*.
- (5) A *Kamala*, or lotus, closed; borne by a tortoise (*Kûrma*); used, when expanded by screwing down the confining circle round the base, for holding flowers in *pûjâ* to *Vishnu* in the *Kûrmâvatâra*.

PL. 86. (1), (2) Two sacrificial spoons richly ornamented.

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In (2) the handle is formed by Gaṇeṣa holding the Linga in his lap, overshadowed by Nâga.

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PL. 87. SŪRYA, the Sun; from a cast executed at Benares, under the superintendence of Wilkins, from a sculpture in the temple of Viṣvêṣvara (Çiva).

PL. 88. (*From a picture.*) The Hindu Zodiac, called Râçiohakra. In the centre is (1) Sûraj, the Sun; surrounded by (2) Vrihaspati (Jupiter); (3) Kêtu (the descending node); (4) Râhu (the ascending node); (5) Budha (Mercury); (6) Mangala (Mars); (7) Chandra (the Moon); (8) Çanîchar (Saturn); (9) Çukra (Venus). The names are here given in their Hindi forms.

PL. 89. (*From tinted pictures.*) SŪRYA, the Sun; and CHANDRA, the Moon; each bearing the Çankh and Chandra of Vishnu, and his sectarial mark. Both figures are copper-coloured; their cars and banners are alike: the banners deep red; the only difference in colour is in the scarfs, Sûrya's being yellow, Chandra's blue fringed with yellow. Sûrya's car is drawn by his seven-headed horse, driven by the legless Arun; his glory is white, with golden rays. Chandra is drawn by a pied antelope, and has a silver crescent.

PL. 90. *Above:* HANUMÂN struggling with Garuda. *Below:* GARUDA bearing VISHNU in an uplifted arga, the deity being about to reveal himself to Viçvamitra, the Guru, or spiritual guide of Rama.

PL. 91. (1) (*From a fine cast in brass, of the size represented.*) HANUMÂN. The ground of the circle surrounding the figure is perforated, giving the effect of filigree work. The figure at the top is Krishna, seated upon and overshadowed by the five-headed serpent. On the sides of the rim are seen the Çankh and Chakra of Vishnu. The small prostrate figure on the rim below may allude to some warlike exploit of the hero.

The figures in the four corners of the plate are from casts of the same size, representing Hanumân; and (6), a cast of a monkey, may have some reference to him.

PL. 92.

(1) Possibly HANUMÂN, surmounted by Nâga; cast separately, for the purpose of being inserted behind casts similar to (5) of this plate, and (1) of PL. 91.

(2) A small bell, the handle formed by a figure of Hanumân.

(3) HANUMÂN and GARUDA, back to back, forming the handle (apparently) of a bell.

(4), (6) GARUDA, known by his beaked nose and wings.

(5) The same subject as (1) of the preceding plate.

(3) The same subject as (1) of the preceding plate.

PL. 93. *Above*: HANUMÂN “appears on this occasion full-gifted. He bears the *triçûla* (trident) of his reputed father Çiva; the sword of *Kâlî*, and a corpse emblematical of death; the *gadâ* (club) of Vishnu; the *pâça* (cord) of Varuna; the shield of Lakshman; the *ankuça* (hook) of Gaṇêça; the *pârijâta* (tree of Paradise) of Indra; and the sacrificial vase of Brahmâ.” The figure may represent an epitome of Hanumân’s character and actions.

Below: The meaning of this figure is very doubtful. The author describes it as a Hippogriff appearing to Lakshmi, and gives it the name Virâtârûpâ, “Universal-monarch-form.” The peacock’s head is devouring a city (compare Mahâpralaya, in PL. 10); the uplifted man’s hand holds the *gadâ* of Vishnu; the other fore-foot is that of an elephant; one hind foot corresponds to the body, which is that of a tiger; the nearer hind-quarters and remaining hindfoot are those of a horse; a serpent forms the tail (comp. Rev. ix. 19).

PL. 94. Four casts representing the Avatâr of Çiva known as Kanda Rao. Of these (1) and (2) are very old and rudely executed. In (4) the dog is added, as in PL. 23. The sun and moon on the pedestal of fig. 2 should be noticed. See PL. 25, and PL. 26, fig. 3.

PL. 95. Figures from stamped plates of metal, generally copper, similar to those given in PL. 40. (1) and (3) represent the same subject as the preceding plate.

(2) Bhairava; a son, sometimes spoken of as an Avatâr, of Çiva; with whom also (4) and (5) must, from the accompanying attributes, be in some way connected; unless the bow and arrows, in the case of (5), mark this figure as Paraçurâma.

PL. 96. From a picture representing a miracle performed near Poonah, by Nânêçvara, a local Avatâr of Vishnu. The story is briefly as follows :— Nânêçvara, with his brothers and sister, was seated on a wall, when a holy man, named Changa Dêva, was known to be approaching to visit him. Nânêçvara caused the wall to move forward and convey him and his companions to the presence of the visitor, who appeared mounted on a tiger, with a cobra for a whip. The picture exhibits a *double action*: the two principal personages having also met, Nânêçvara being in the act of raising the prostrate worshipper. The miraculous wall is said to be still shewn at Alundy, a few miles from Poonah.

PL. 97. (From a modern cast in brass.) BALLAJI (an Avatâr of Vishnu) with his wives (see PL. 76).

PL. 98, 99, 100. (*Chiefly from old and very rude casts in brass.*) The connection of many of these figures with the Hindu Pantheon might seem very doubtful, except when marked by the Linga, five balls, sun or crescent, or other distinctive sign. They probably occupy the position of Penates, of obscure and almost undefined character.

PL. 101. (*From a fine four-sided cast in brass.*) The four figures in order are, probably, GAṆĒṢA, VISHNU, ṢIVA (MAHĀDĒVA), and PĀRVATÎ. Of the second and last of these, the attributes are not distinctly given in the cast.

PL. 102. (*From a very old and rude four-sided cast in brass.*) This very complicated subject may, from the tortoise being the leading figure, be considered to have some reference to the Kûrmâvatâra, or tortoise-incarnation of Vishnu. The chief difference noticeable between the four several sides consists in the groups of figures on the lowest tier. These are, in the order shewn in the Plate, 1. GAṆĒṢA; on his right, a sword and human figure in posture of adoration; on his left, a tree and some quadruped. 2. GARUDA; on his right, a shell, a quadruped, and a bird; on his left, a head and a human figure. 3. HANUMÂN; at the feet of the animal on his right, a bow and arrow; of that on the left, a sword. 4. BHAHMĀ, four-faced; on his right, a bird and a vase; on his left, a bird and a boat-shaped argha; in front, a sceptre. As to the exact reference of the pair of feet on the back of the tortoise, overshadowed by Nâga, the author can give no satisfactory explanation.

PL. 103. Gold coins, of the size represented, from the collection of Tippoo Sahib.

PL. 104. A sacrificial vase of gilt copper, of elaborate workmanship. The handle is formed by Nâga, with Garuda behind, and a figure holding a Çankh in front. In the place of a spout is a lamp, supported by a monster; on its sides are two kneeling figures, armed with sword and shield, attendants, perhaps, of Durga, who is in the act of spearing the personification of Vice.

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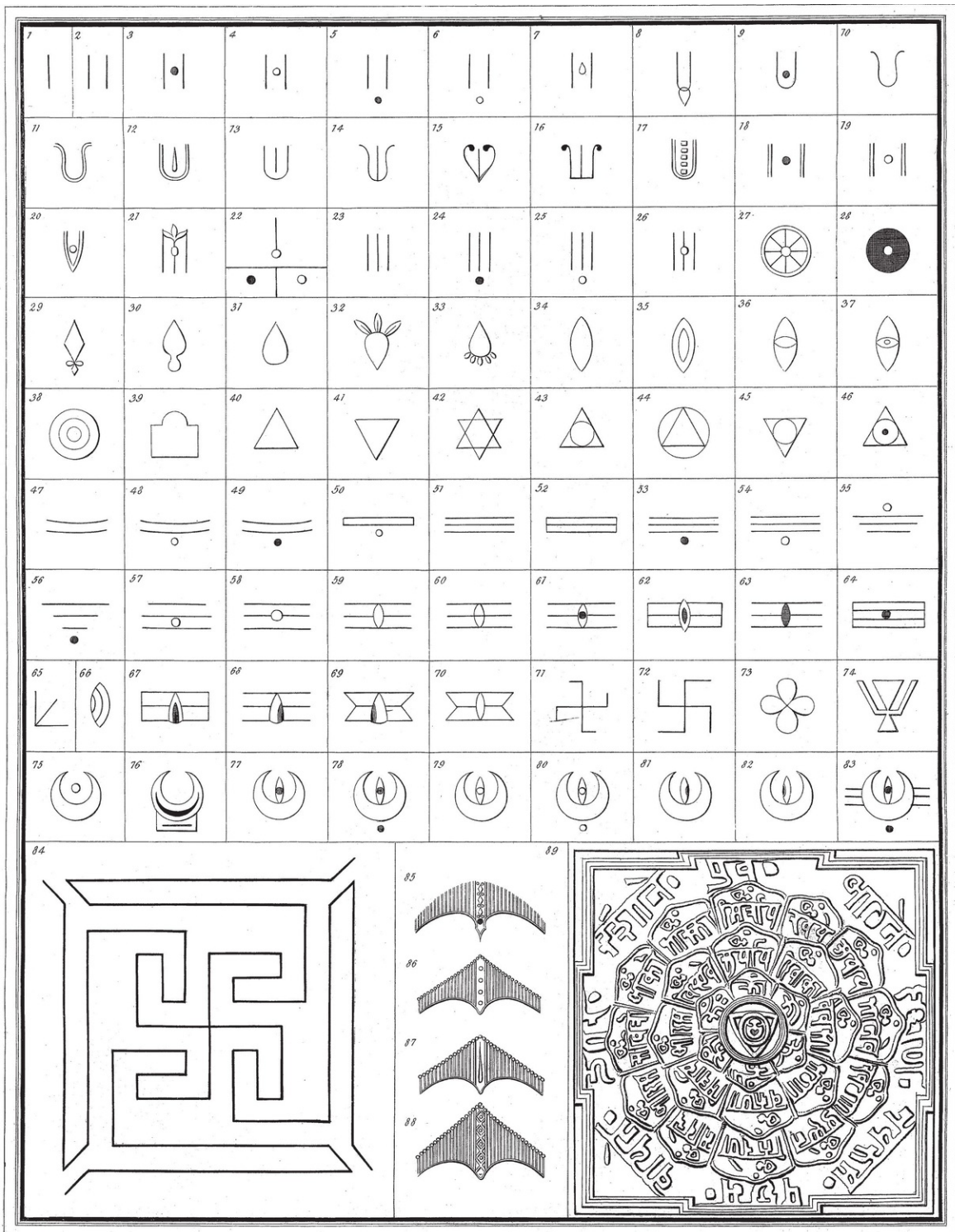
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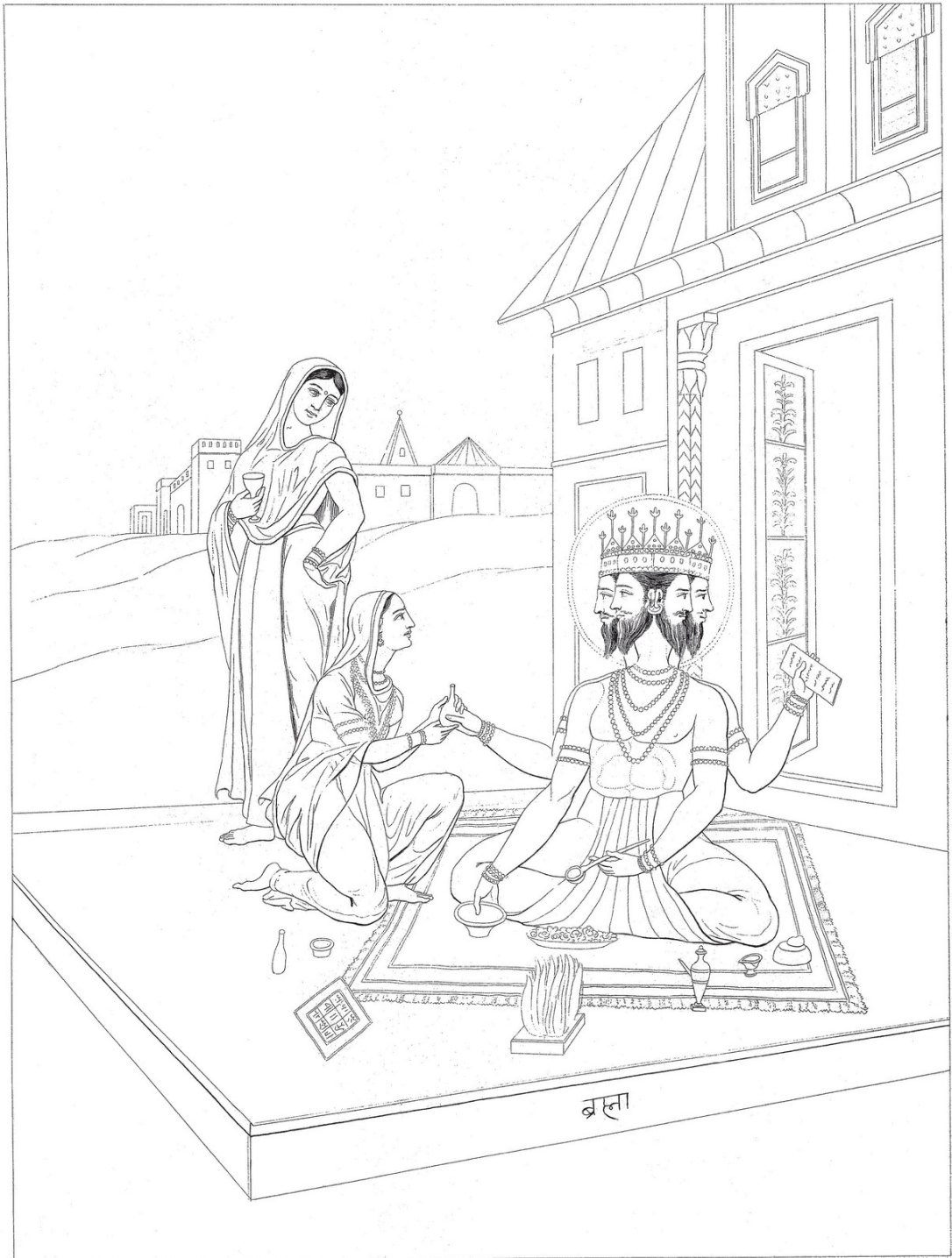
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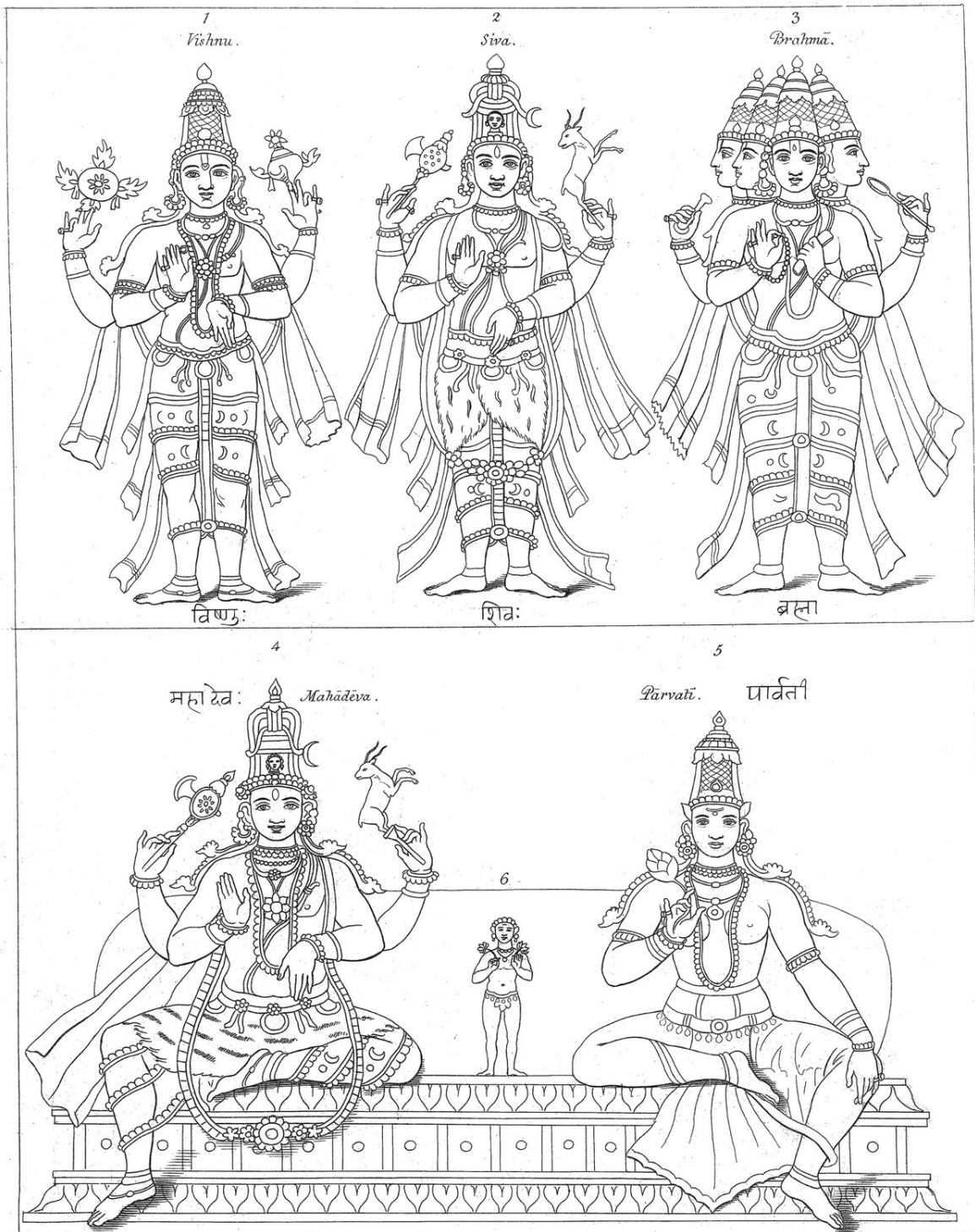


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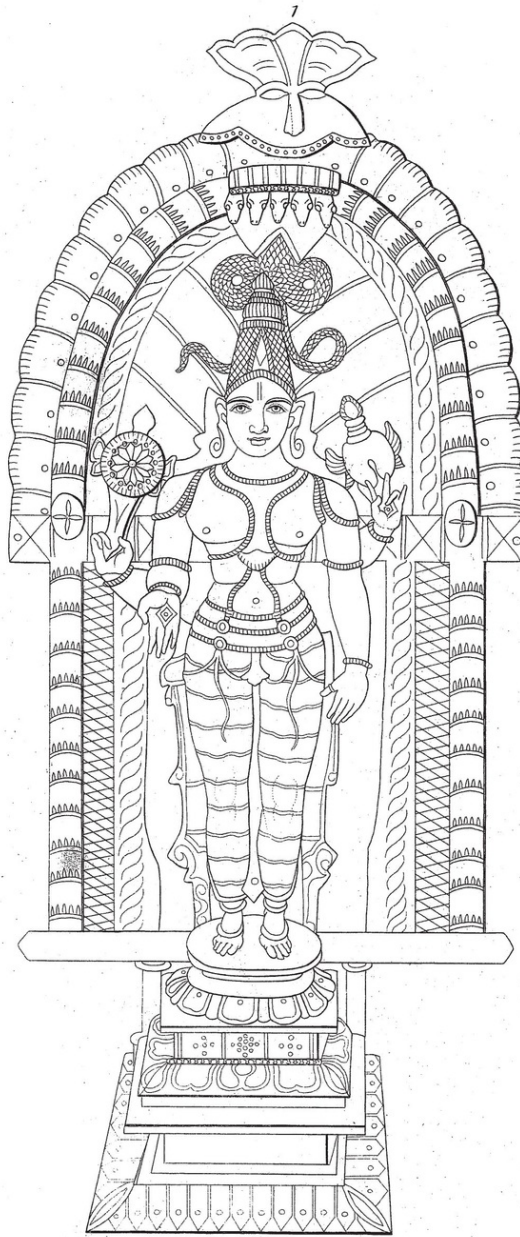
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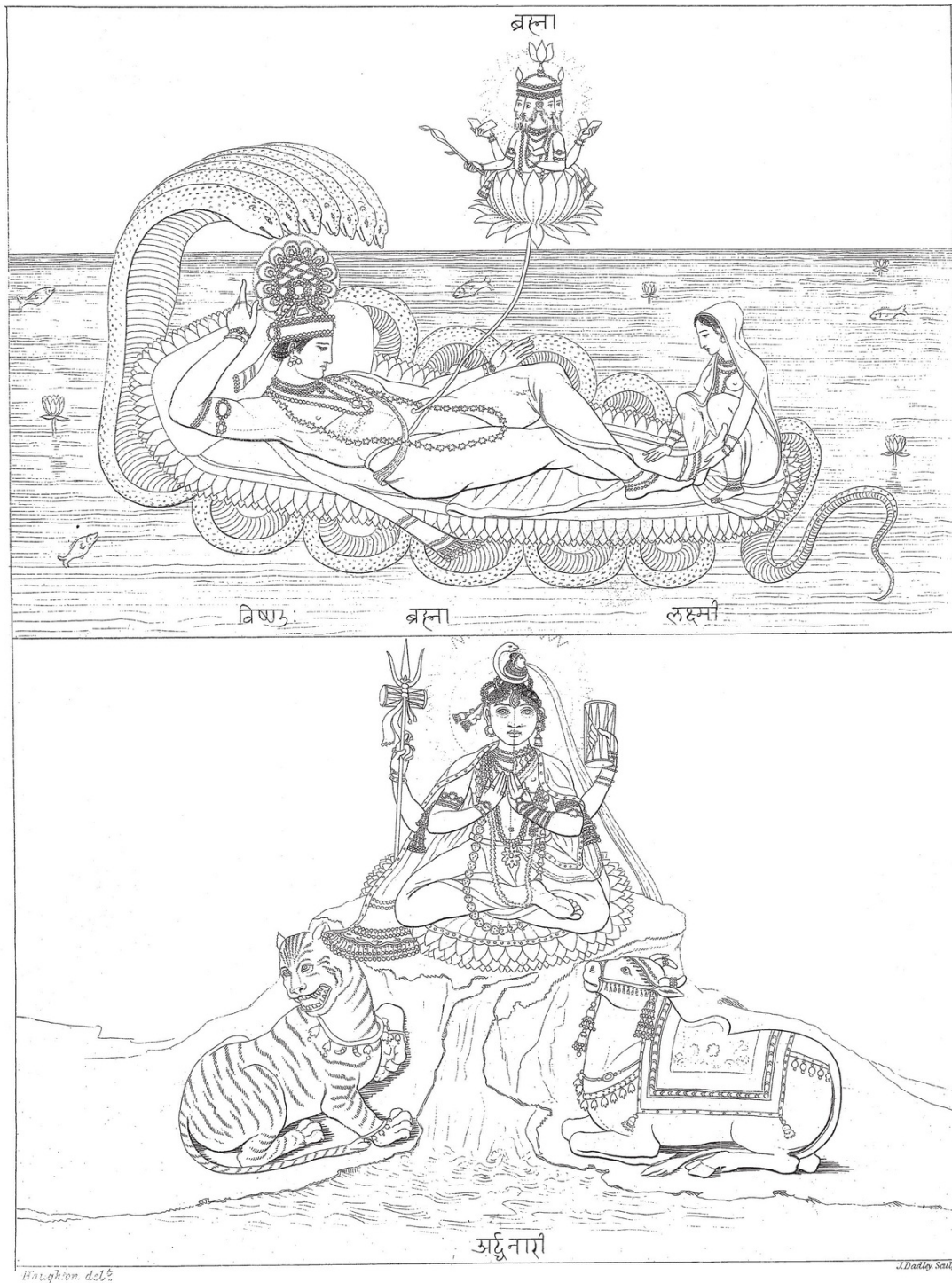
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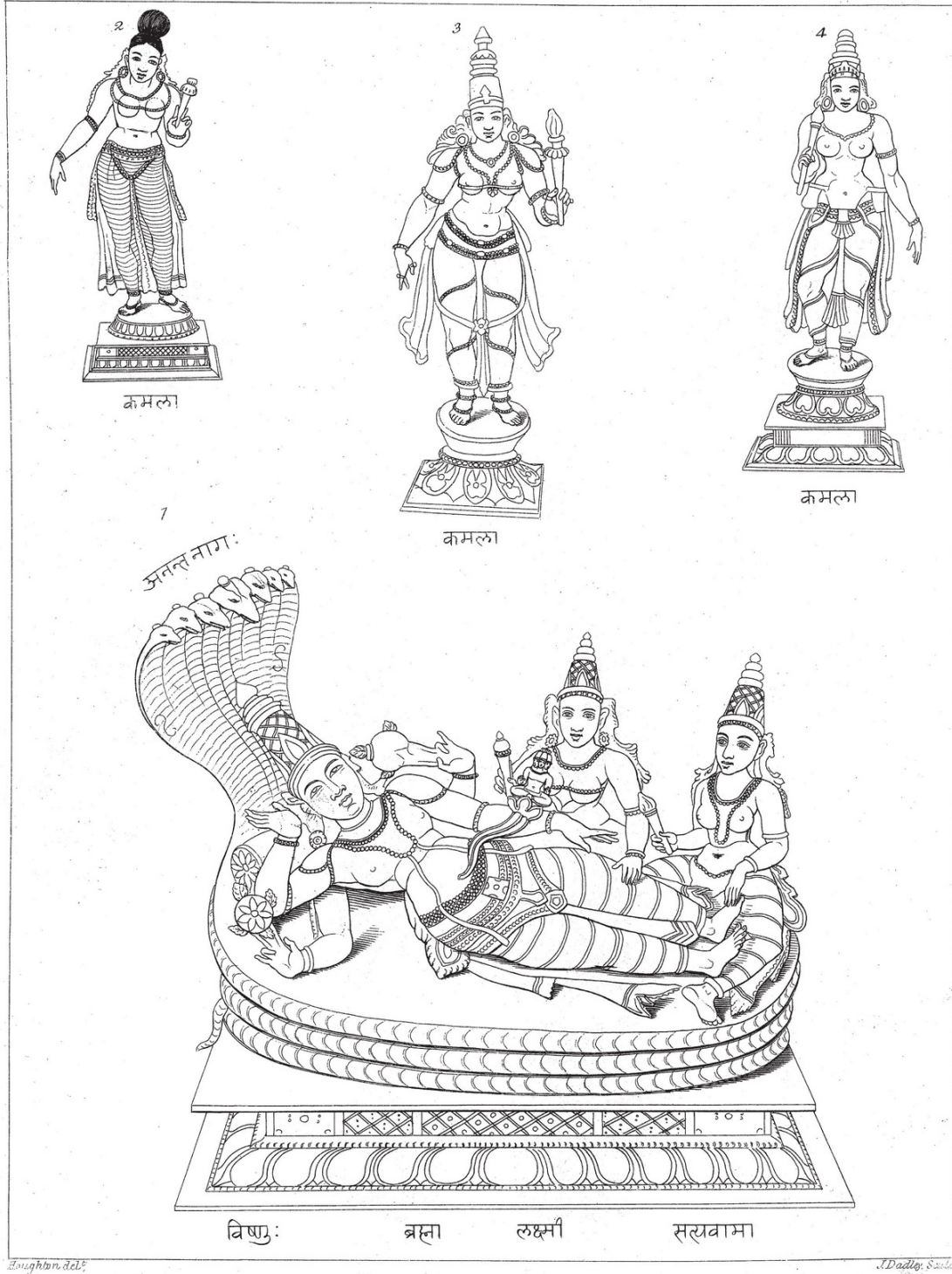
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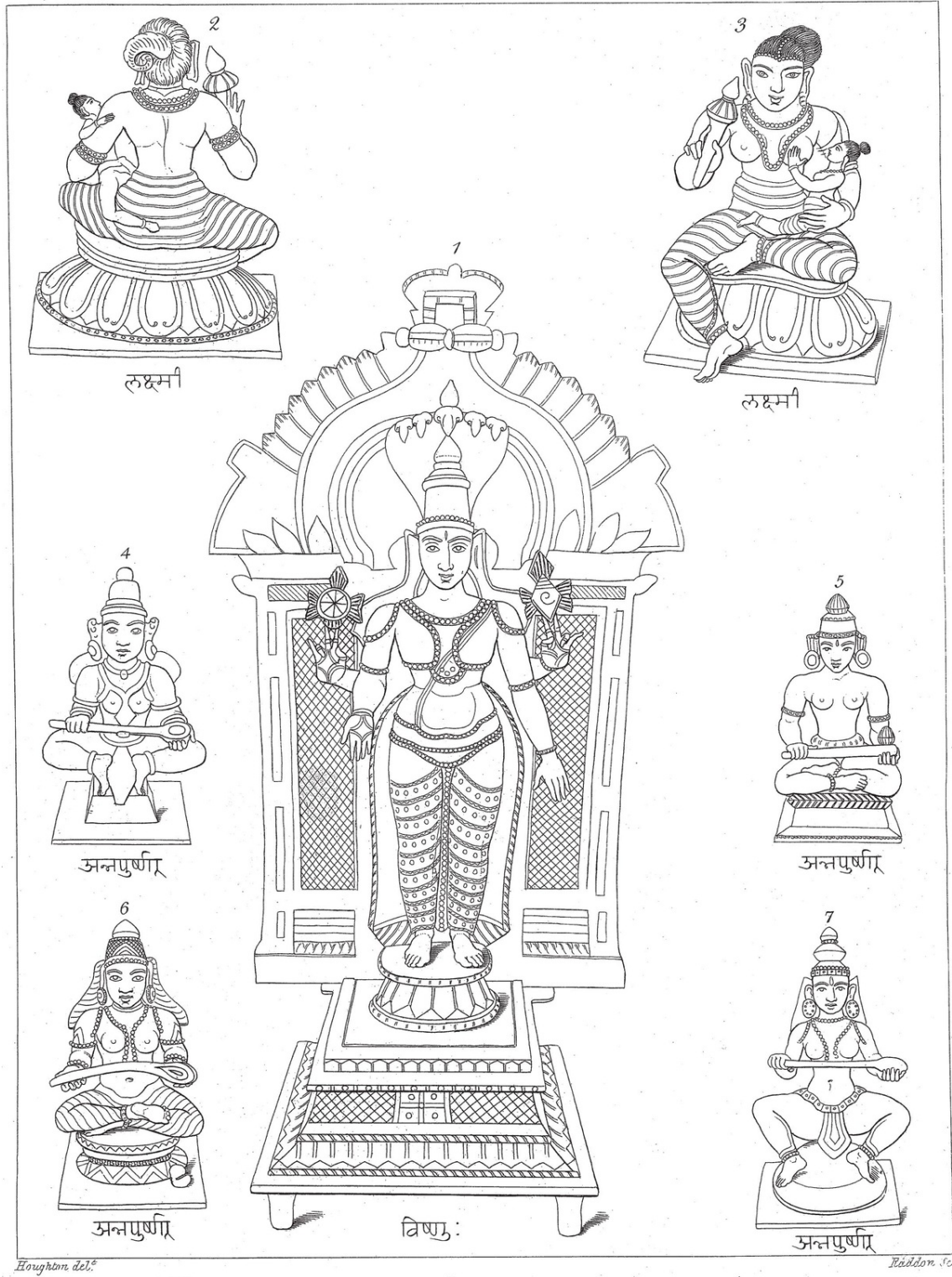
VISHNU & LAKSHMI on SESA or ANANTA contemplating the Creation, with BRAHMĀ springing on a lotos from his Navel to perform it. Below, SIVA & PĀRVATĪ conjoined, called then ARDDHA-NĀRĪ.

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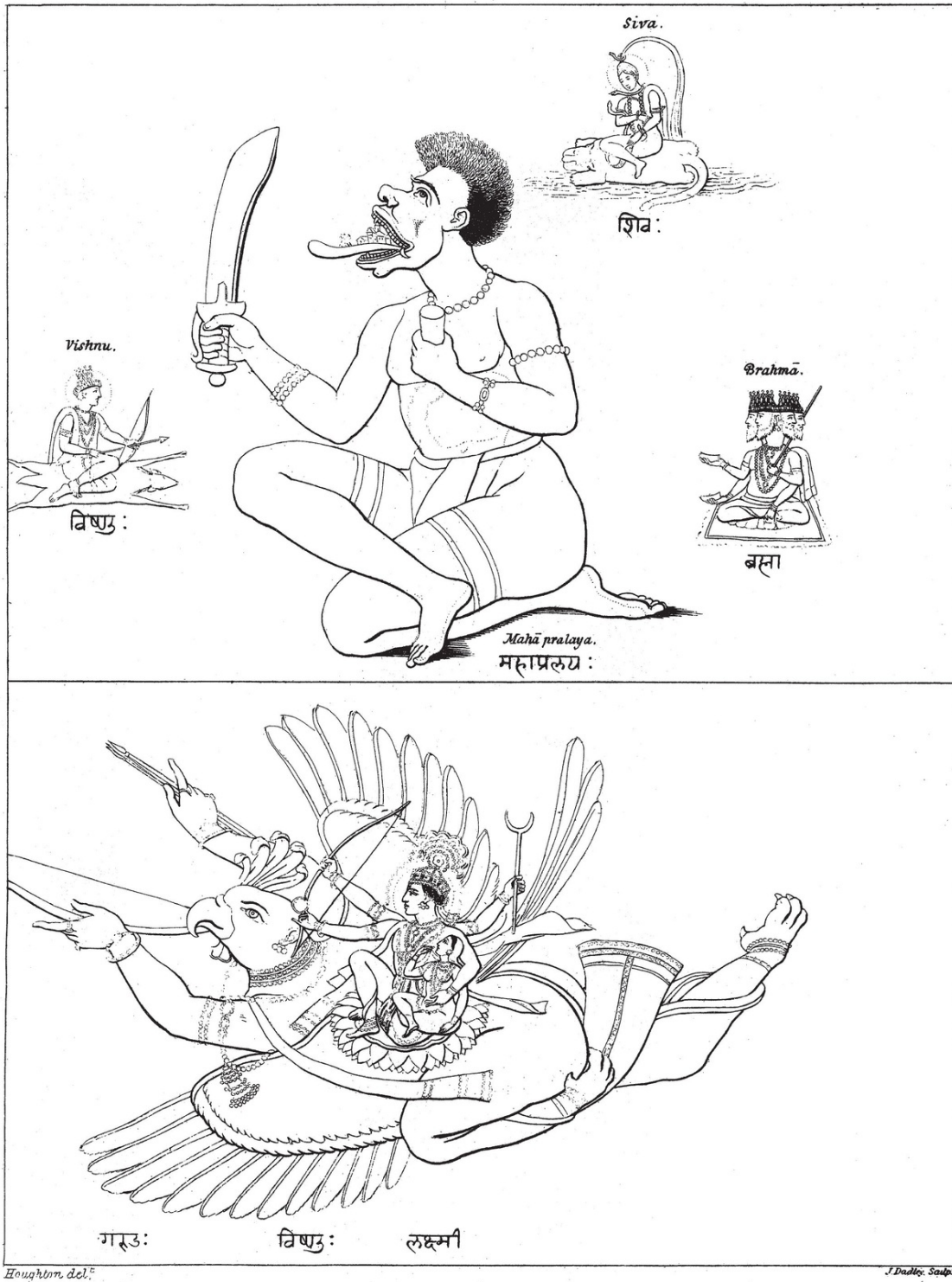
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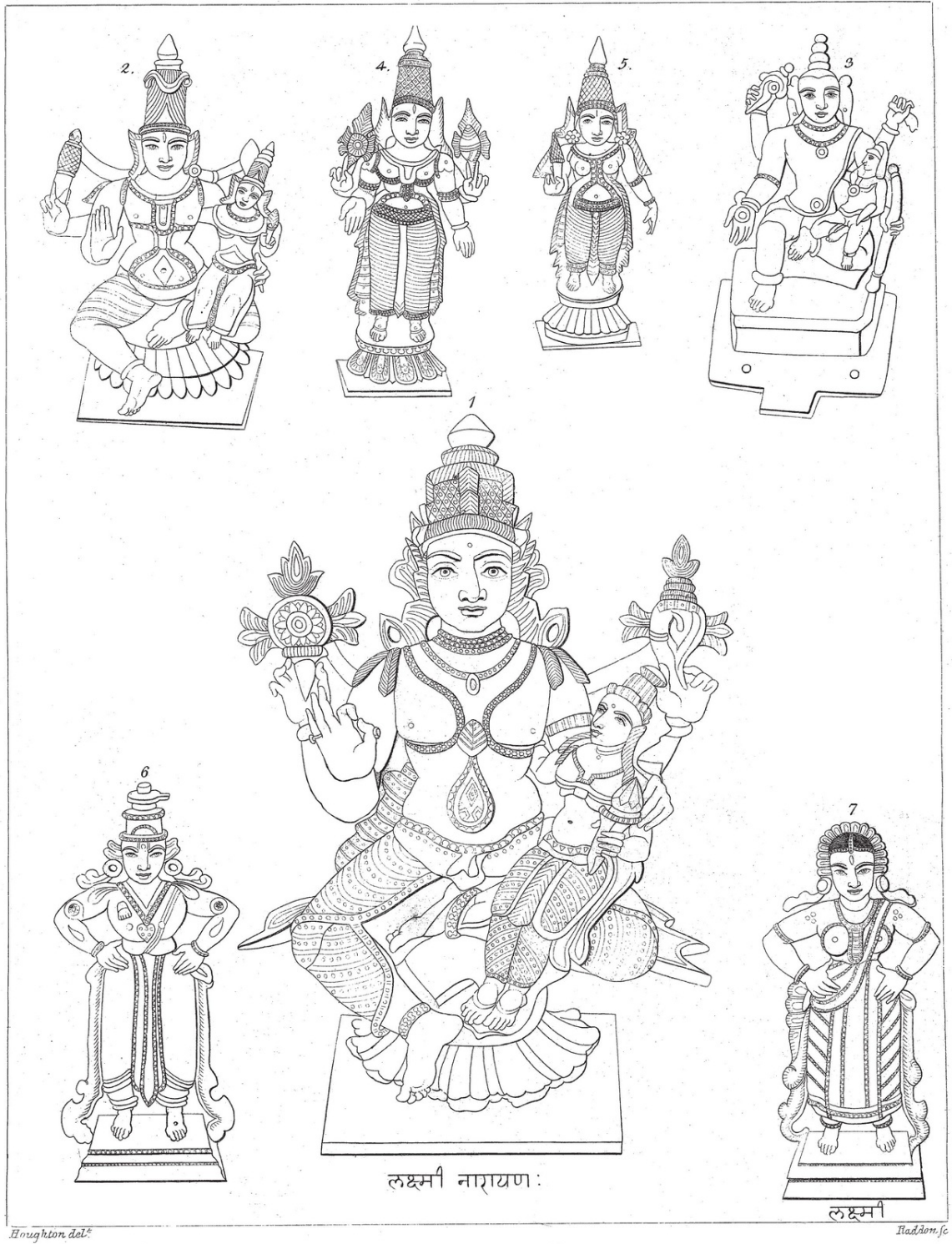
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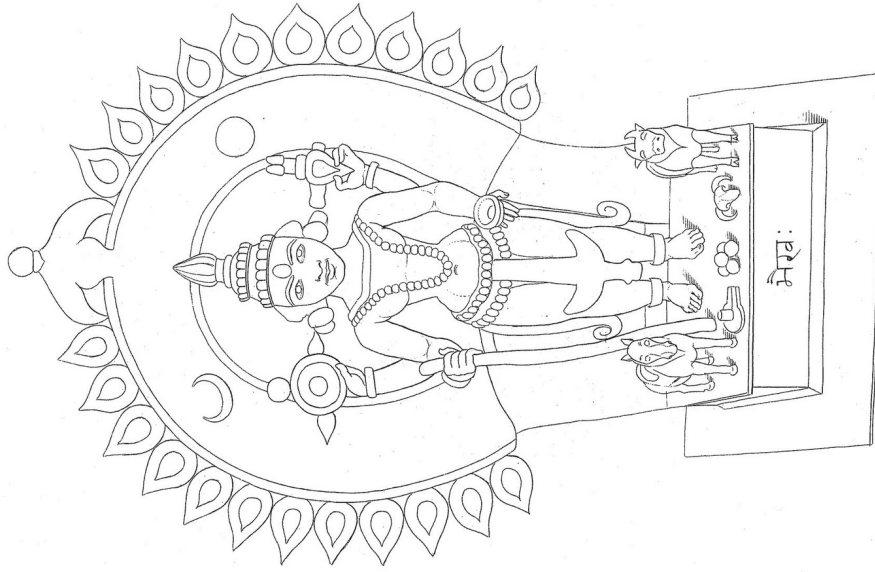
VISHNU and LAKSHMĪ on GARUDA; and MAHĀ-PRALAYĀ.

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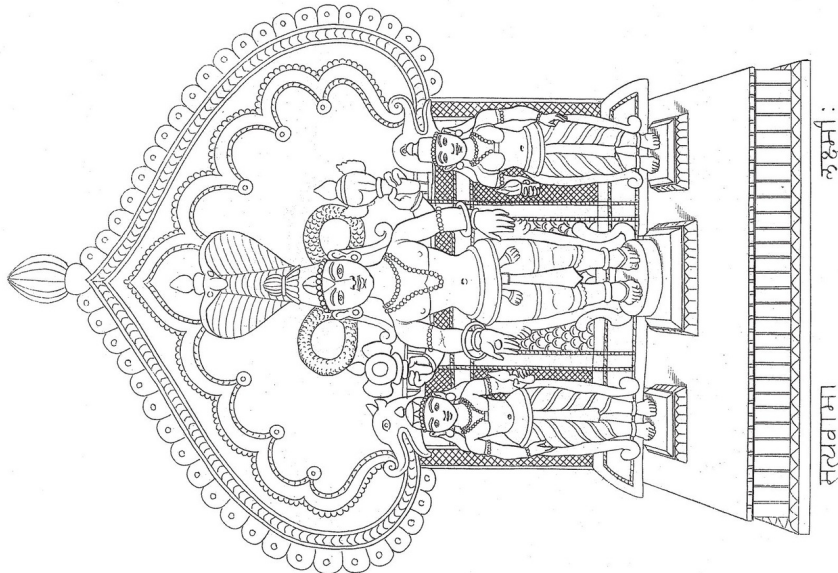
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BHAIRAVA an AVATĀRA of MAHA-DĒVA.

From a cast in Brads.



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BALLAJI and his wives LAKSHMĪ & SATYAVMĀ.

From a statue in Silver.



SIVA

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VISHNU

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MAHĀDĒVA destroying TRIPURĀSURA

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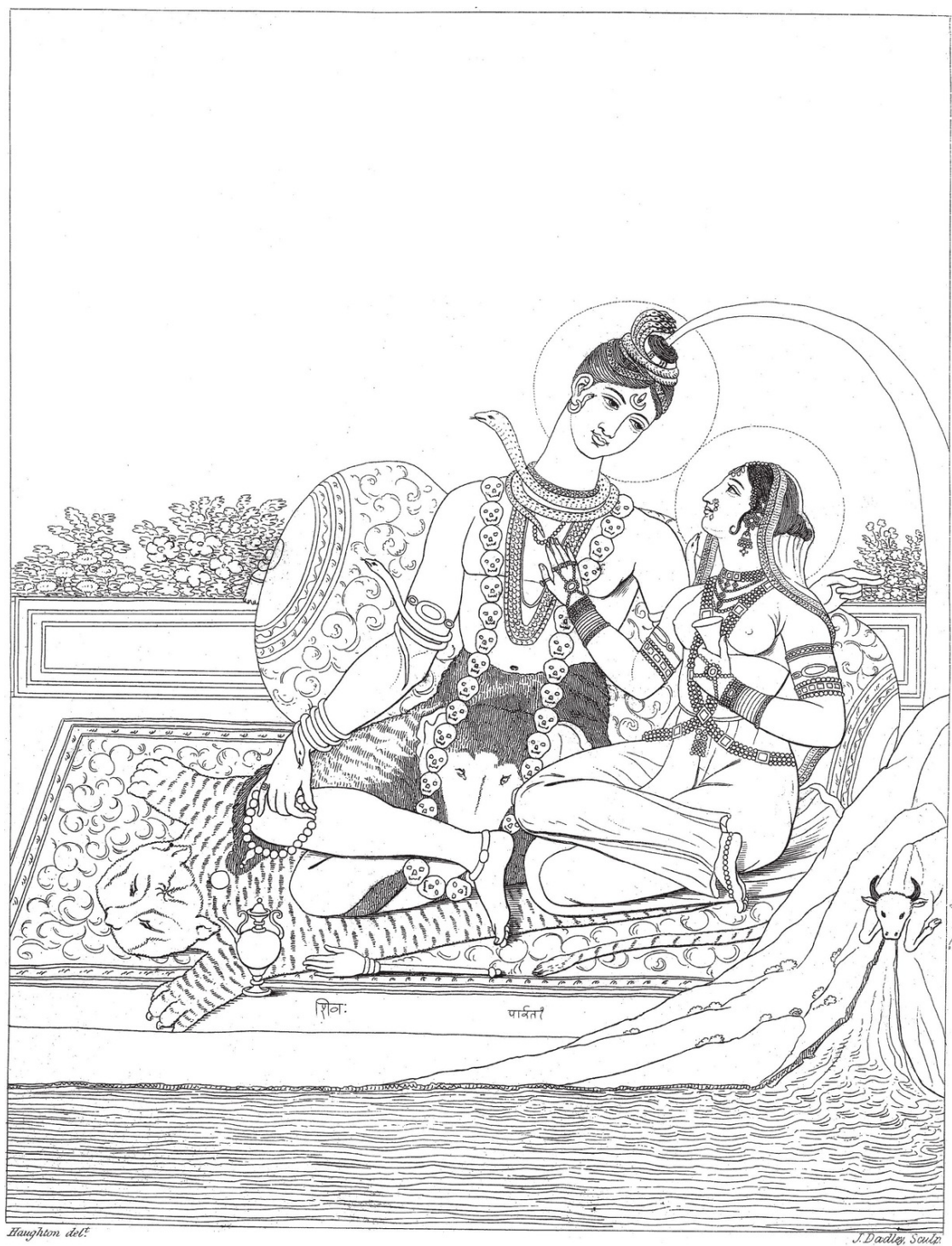
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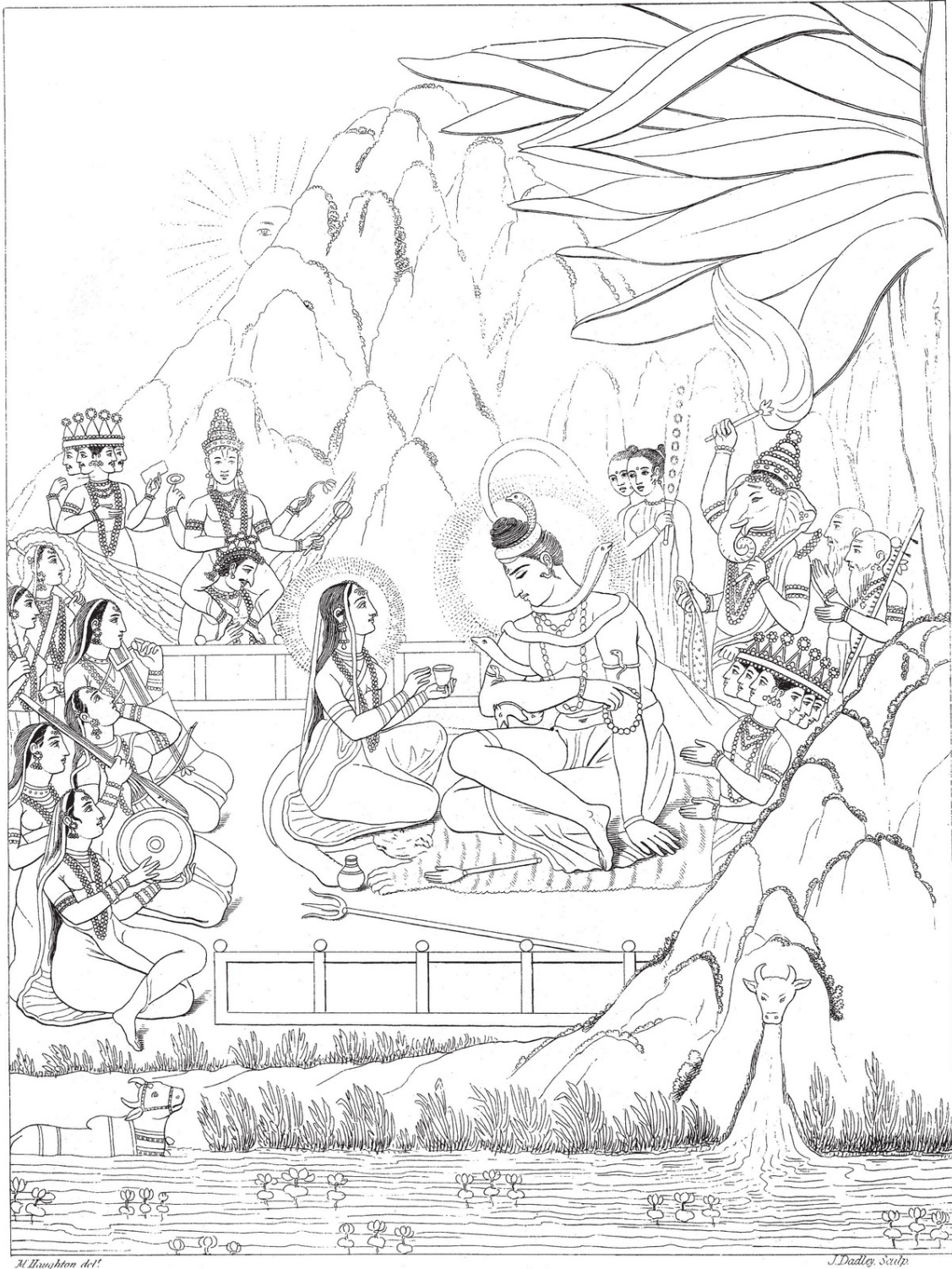
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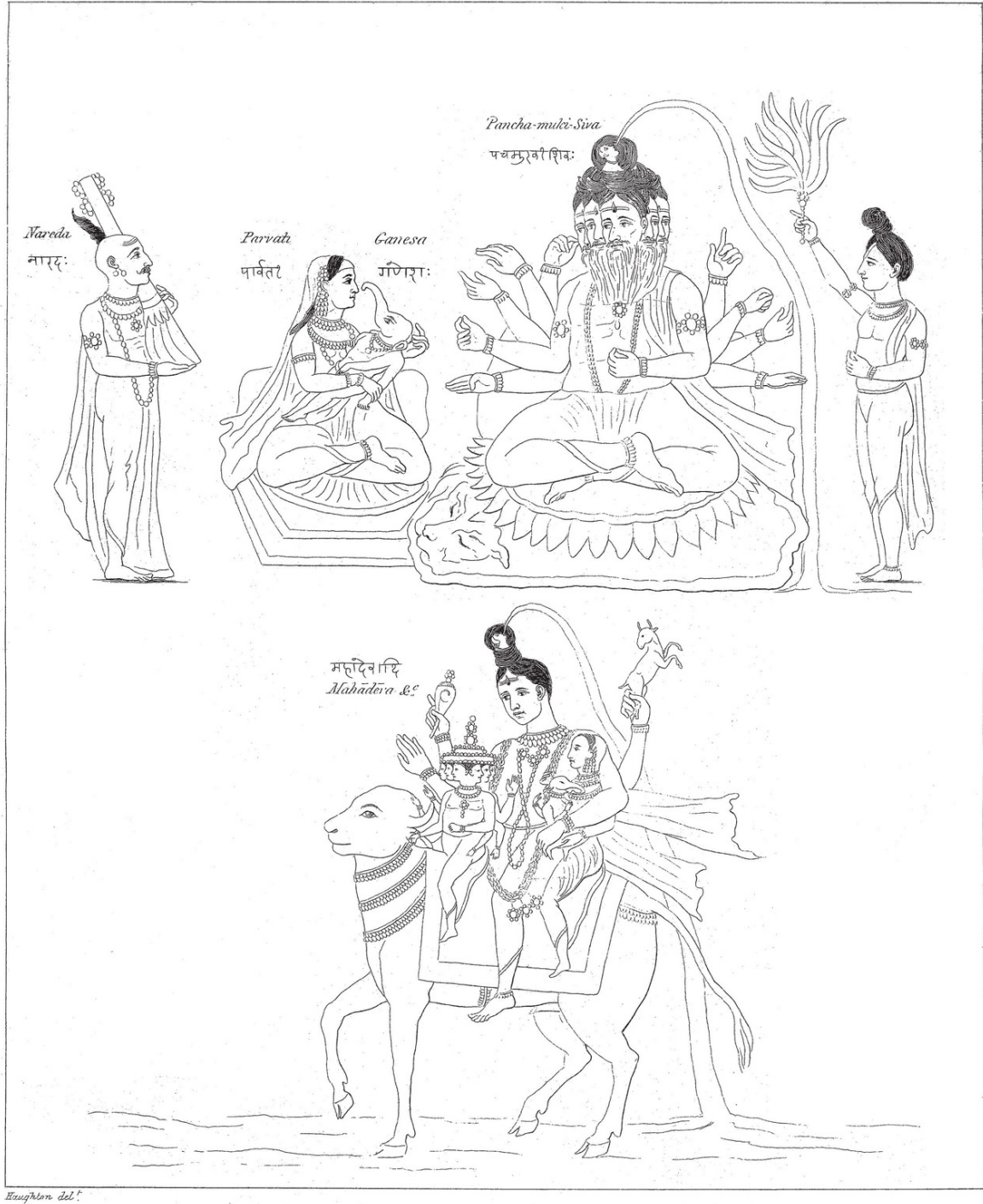
MAHĀDĒVA and PĀRVATĪ.

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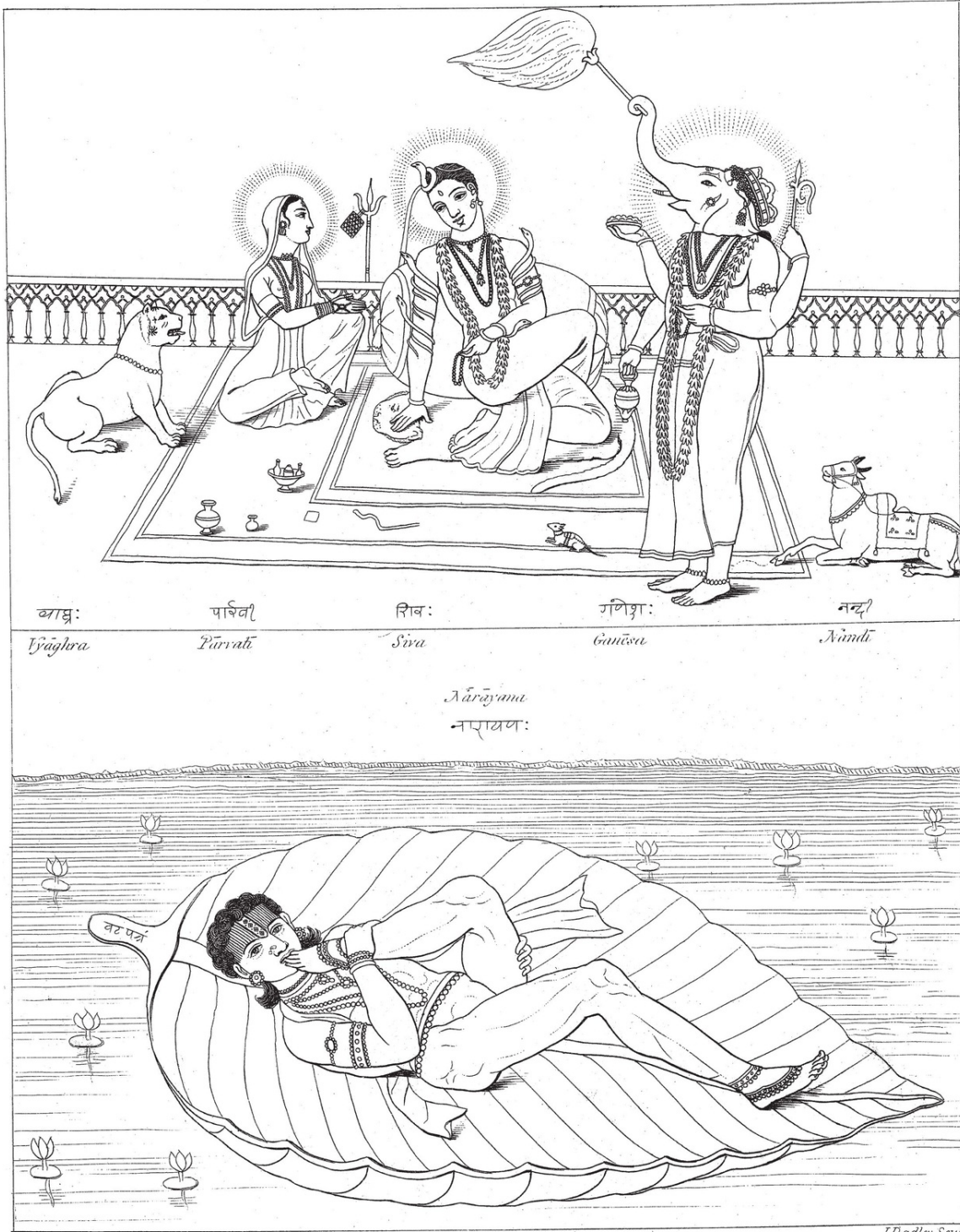
MAHĀDĒVA and PĀRVATĪ on KAILĀSA, the HINDU OLYMPUS: BRAHMĀ, VISHNU on GARUDA GANĒ SA. and KĀRTIKYA:

with celestial choristers (gandharvas) and others in attendance.



MAHĀDĒVA-PĀRVATĪ-GANĒSA and KARTIKIYA.

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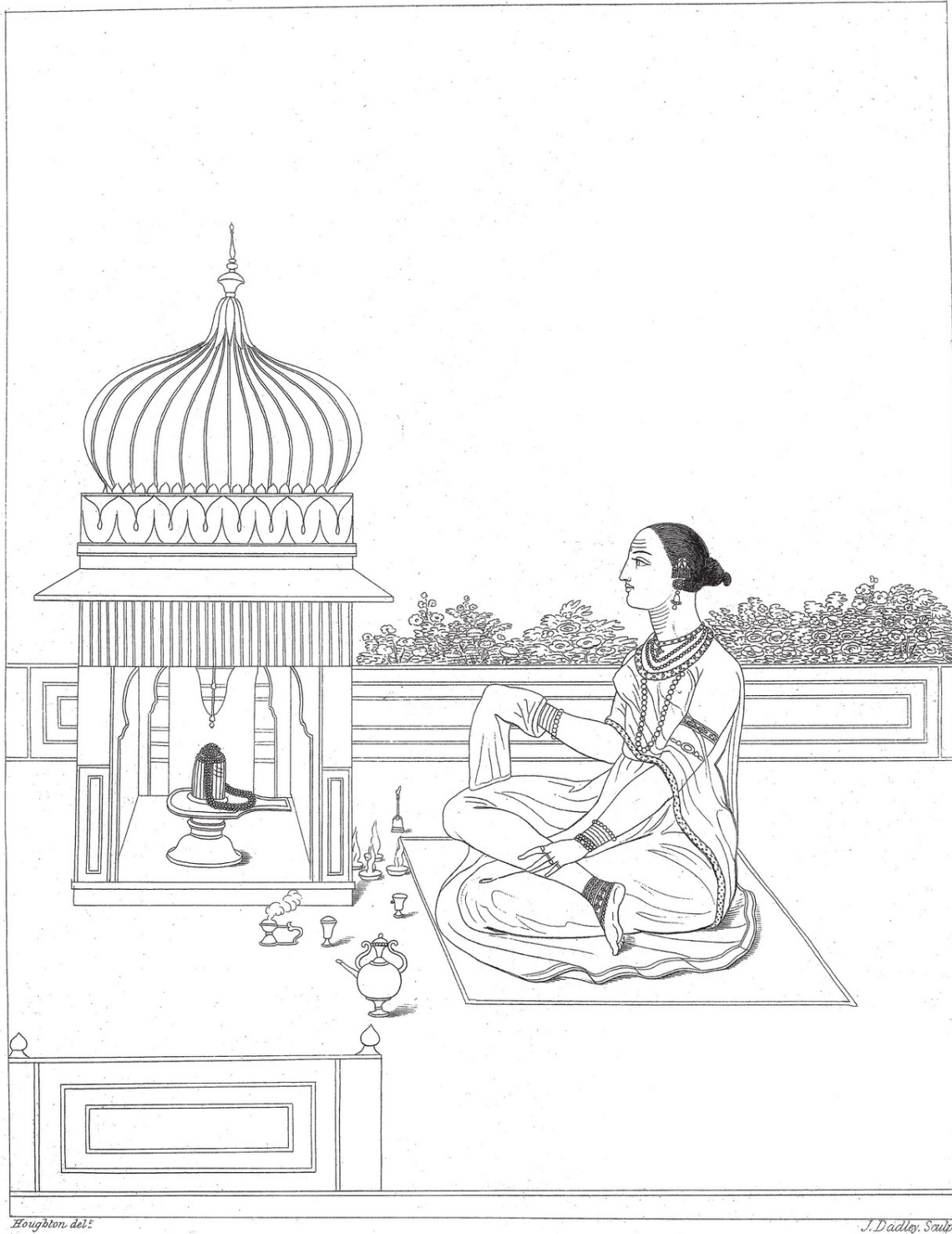


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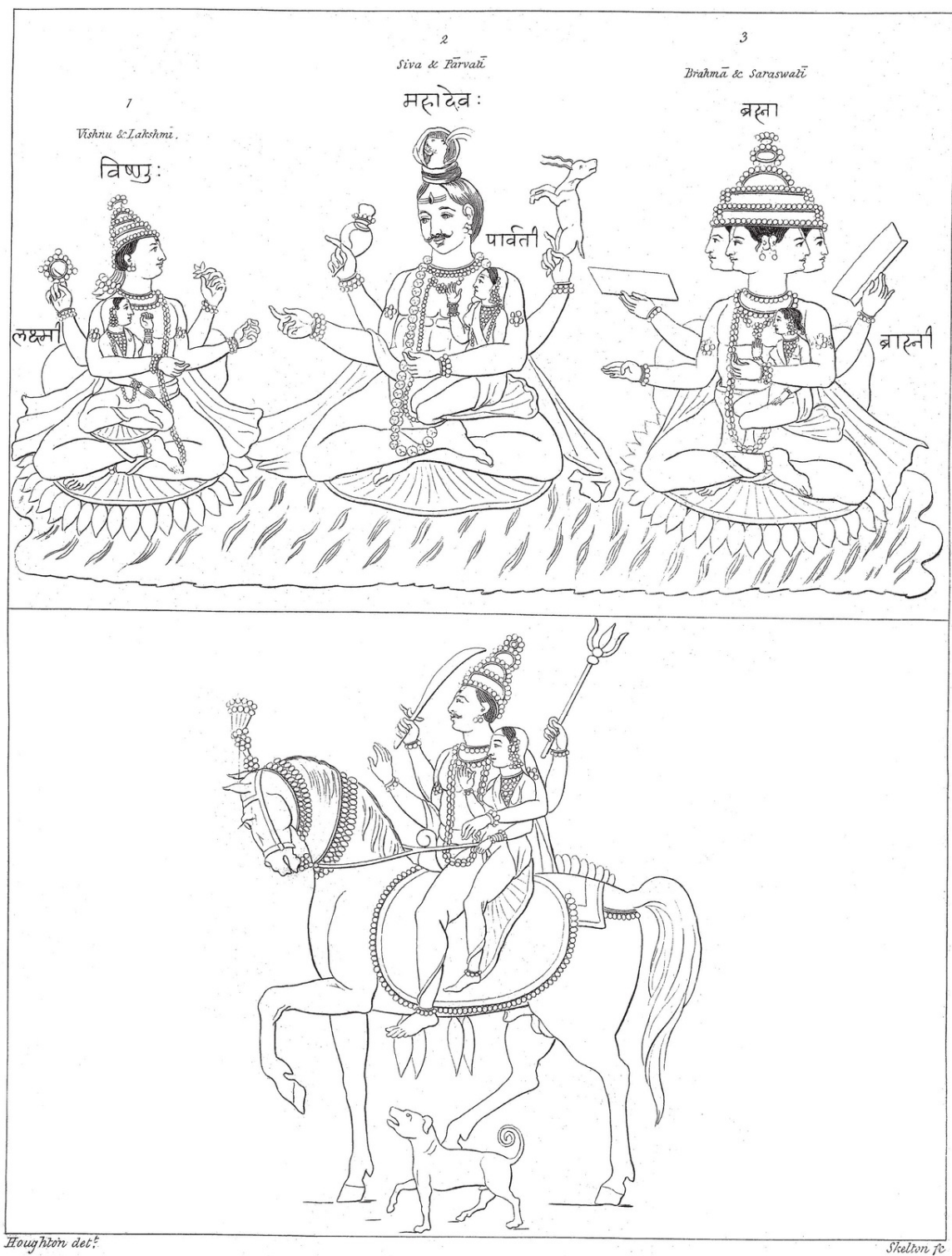
MAHĀDĒVA & PĀRVATĪ.

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PĀRVATĪ or some holy female at the ceremony of LINGA PŪJĀ in honor of MAHĀDĒVA.

From a highly finished Picture.



KANDEH RAO & MALSARA.

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BHAIRAVA.

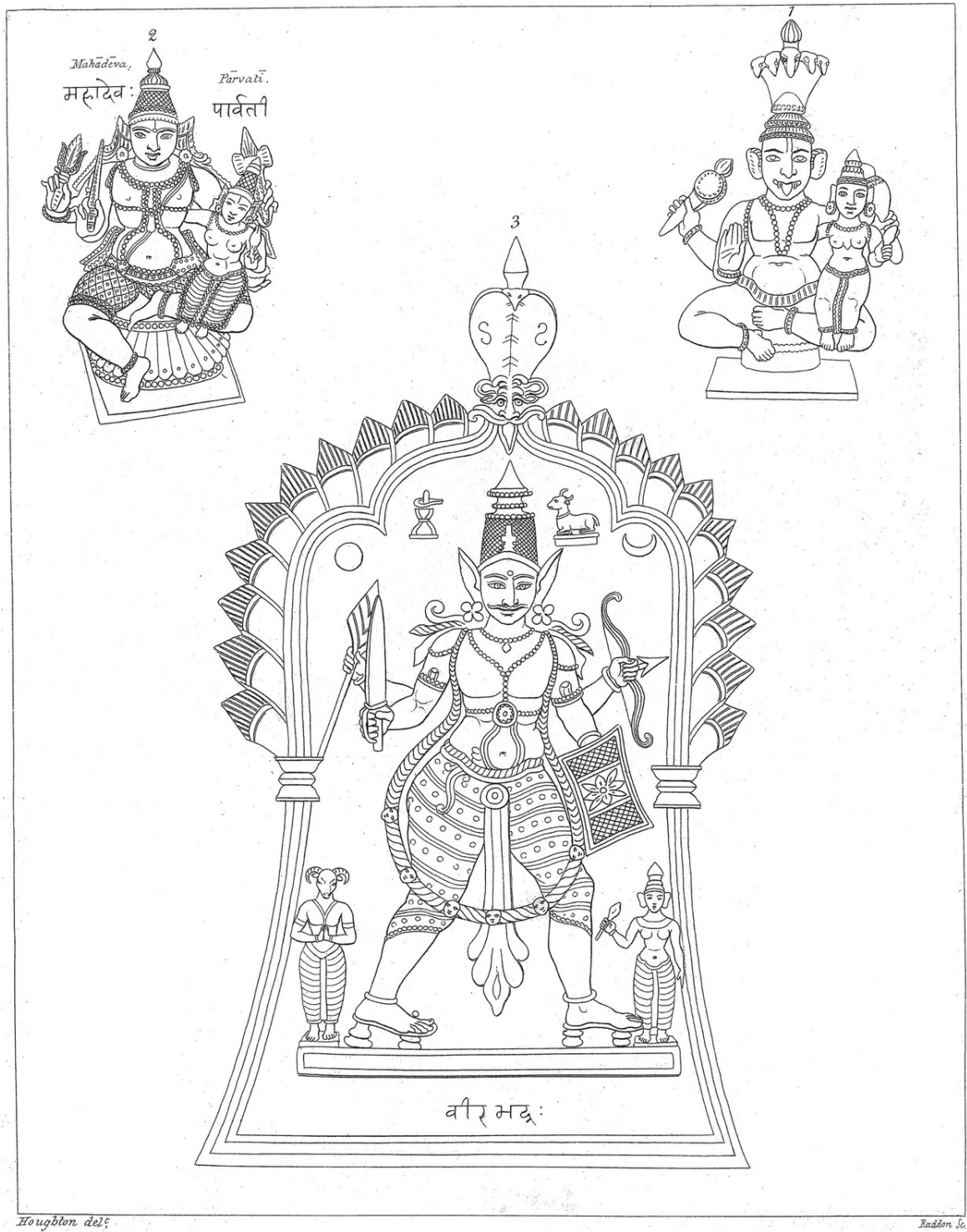
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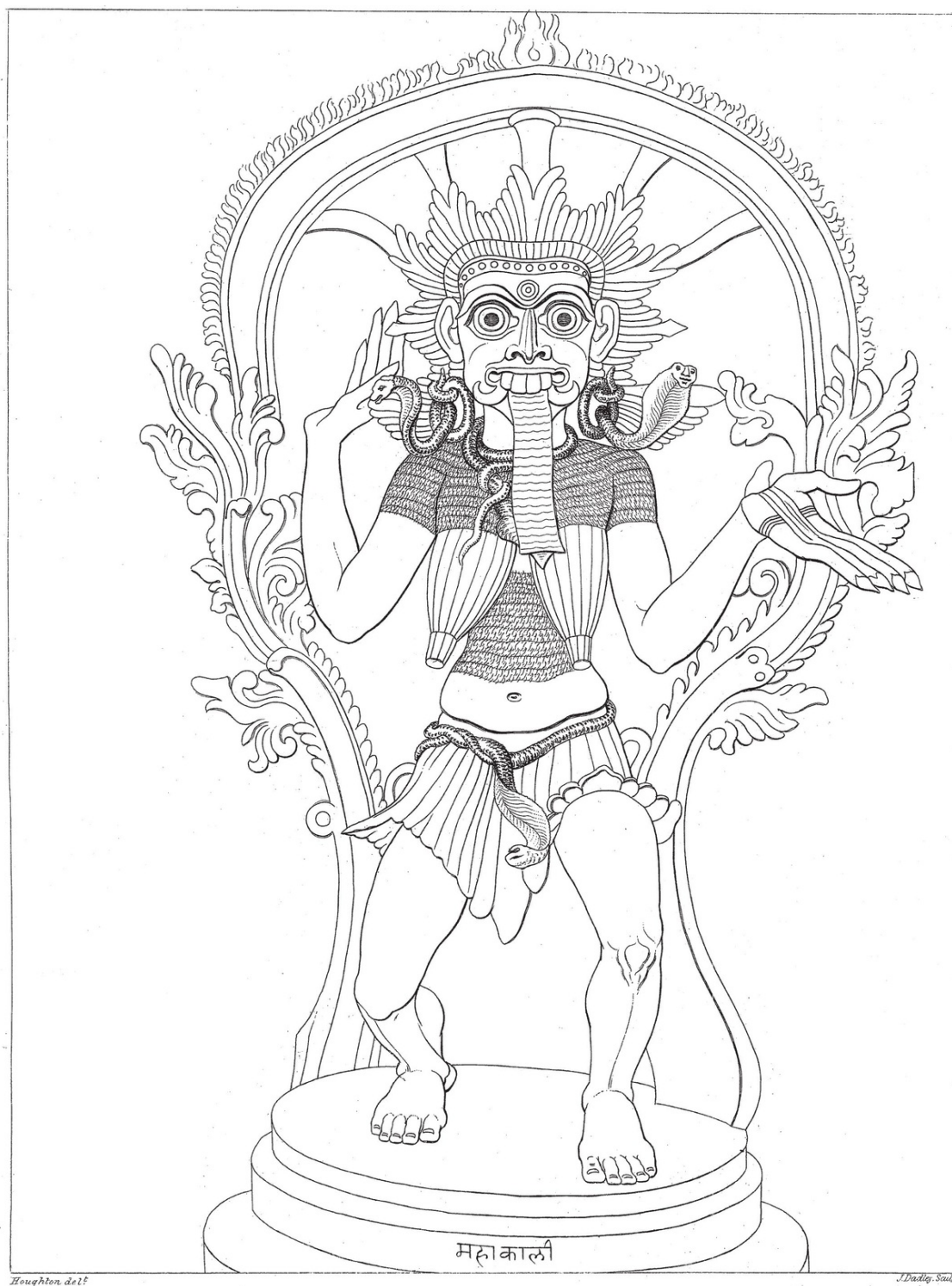
VĪRA BHADRA an AVATĀRA of MAHĀDĒVA.

From an embossed brads shield in the collection of the Right Hon. Viscount Valentia.



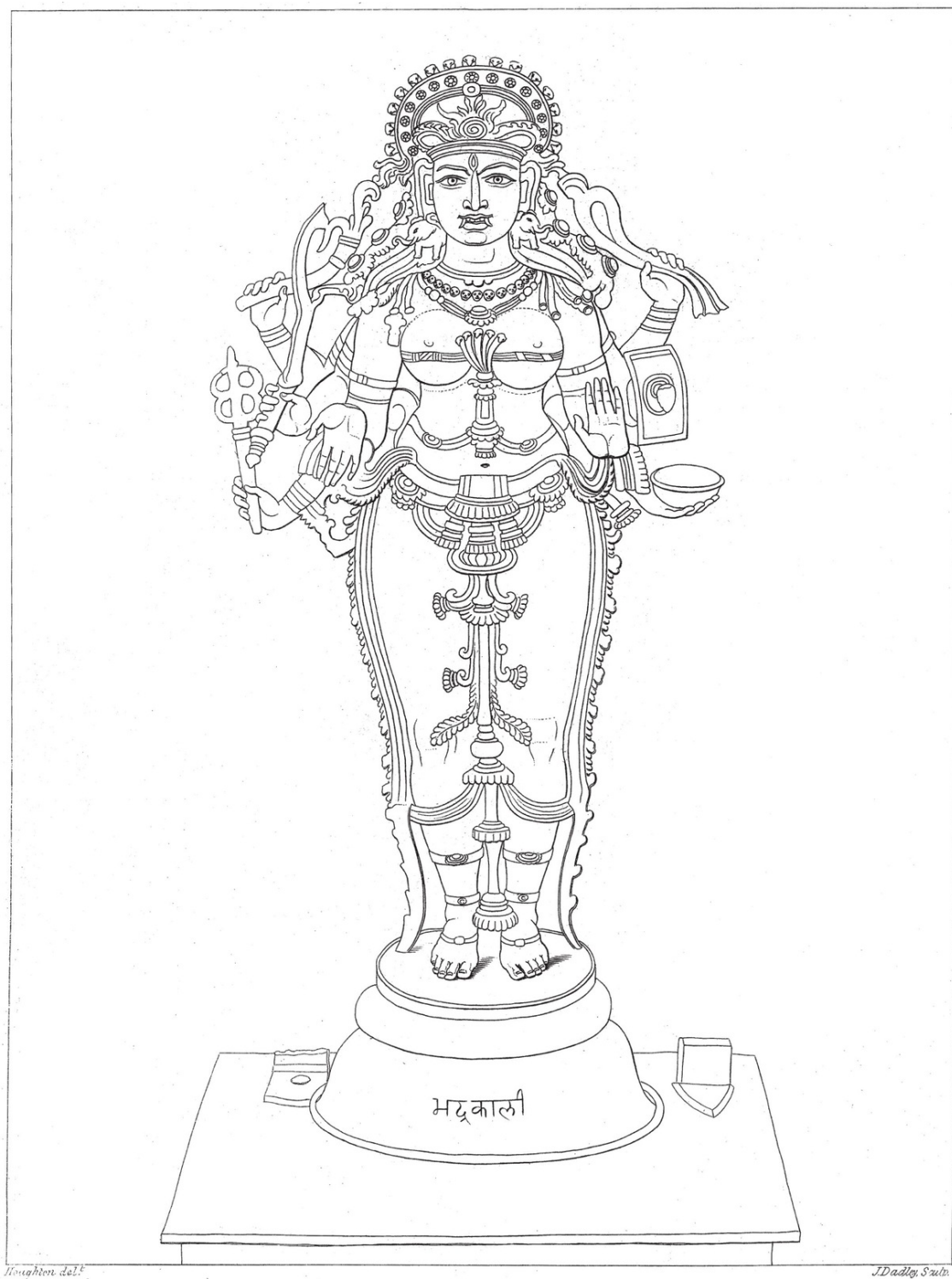
VĪRA BHADRA &c.

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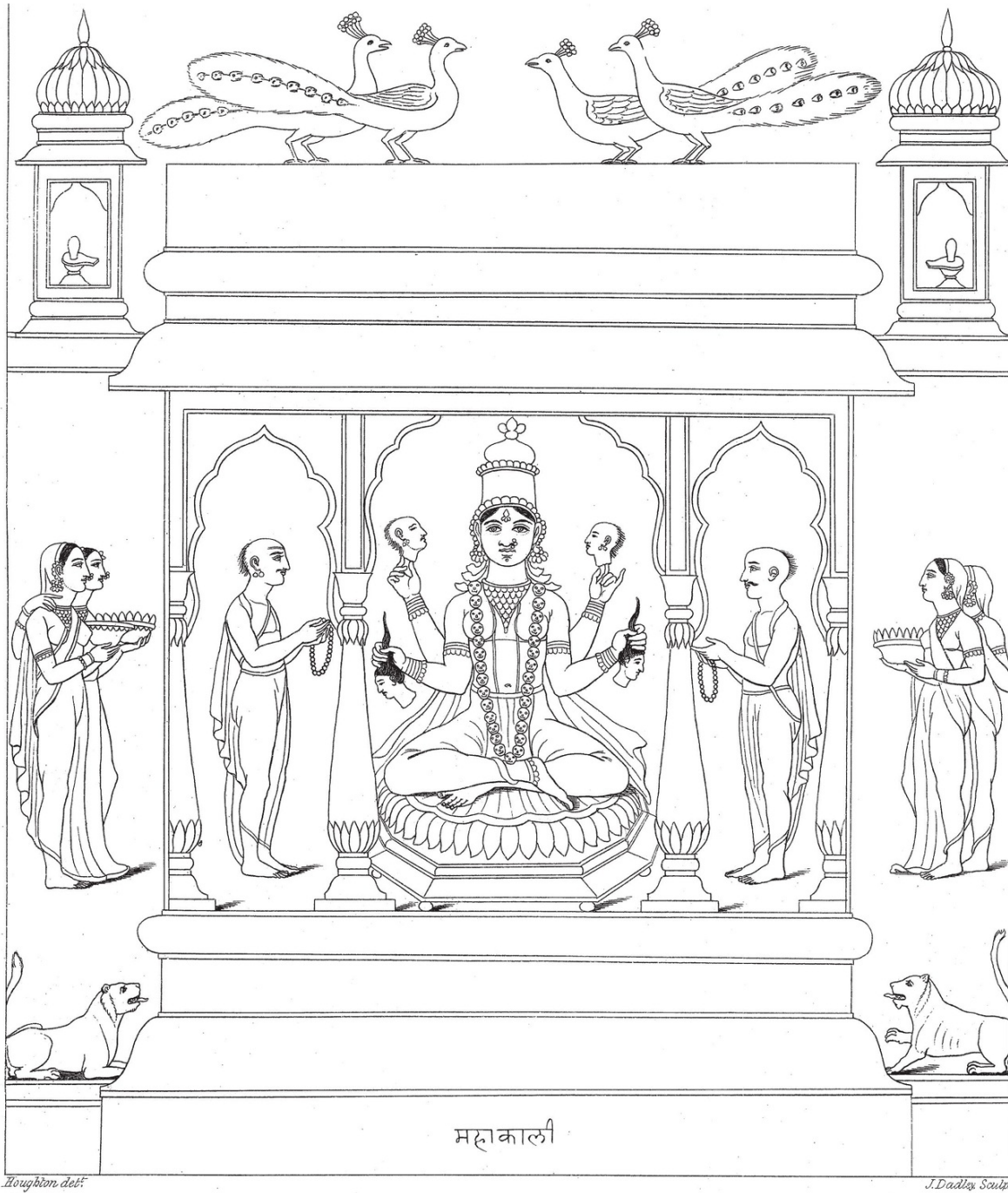
KĀLĪ, BHAWĀNĪ, PĀRVATĪ, or DURGĀ, consort of SIVA.

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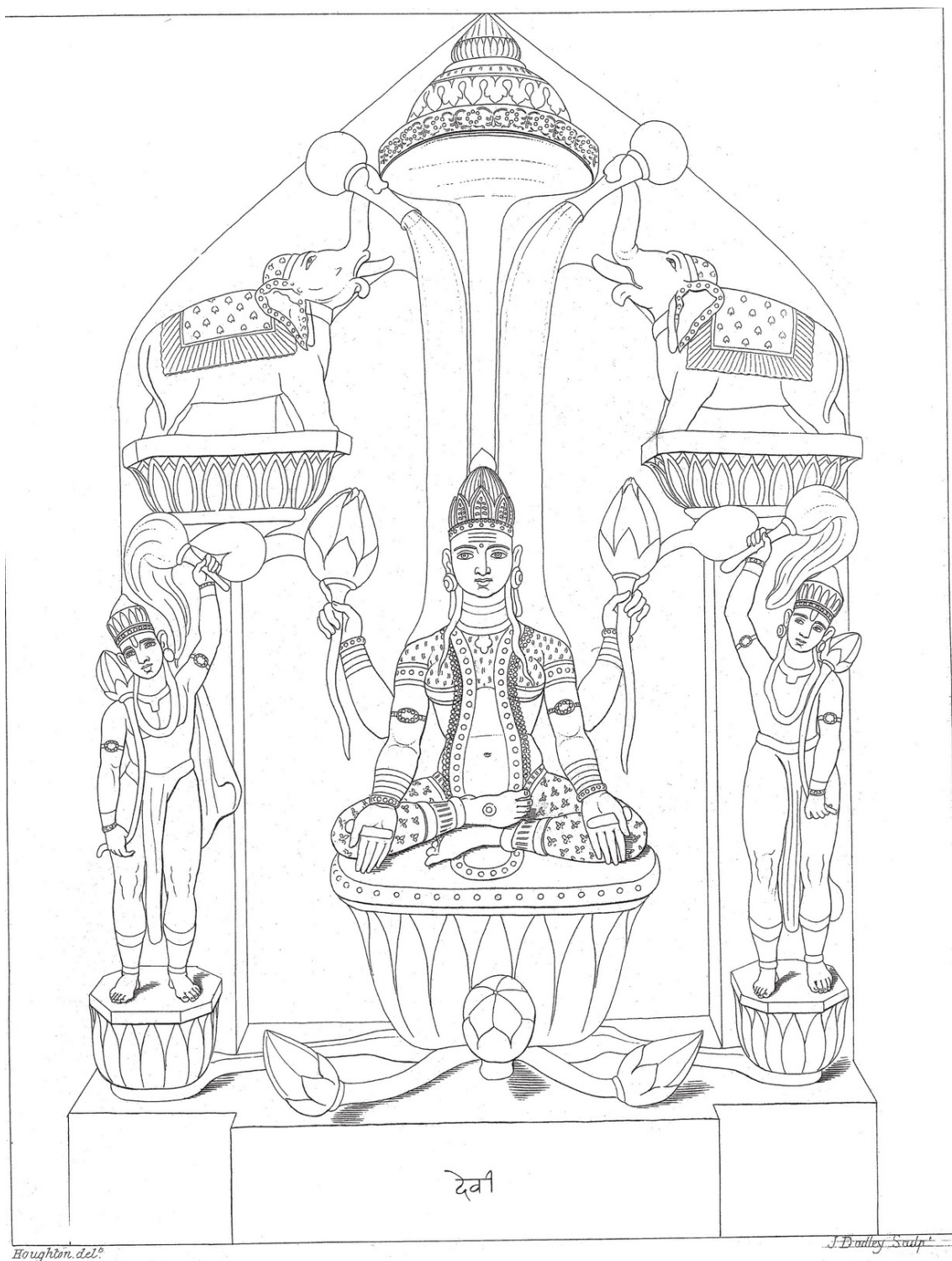
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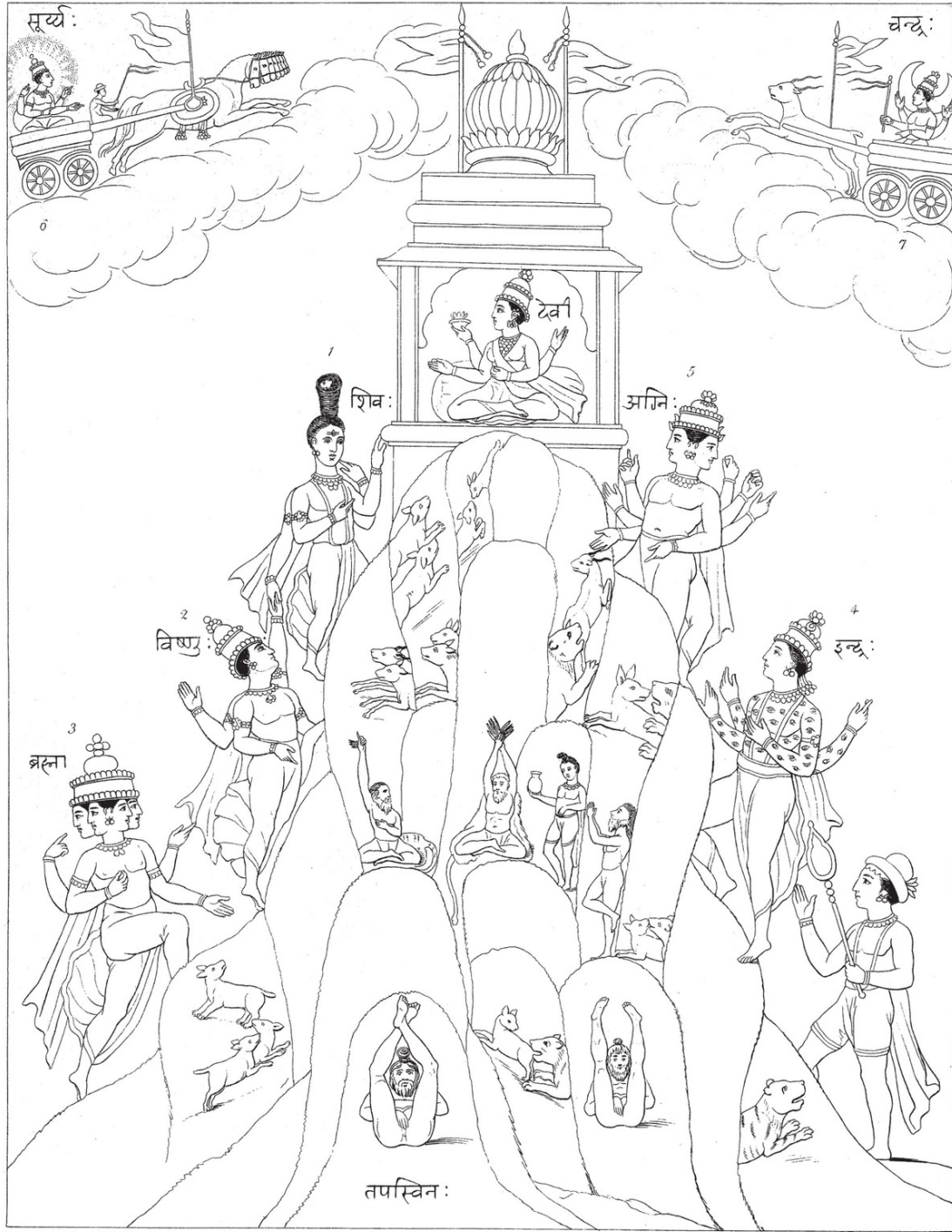
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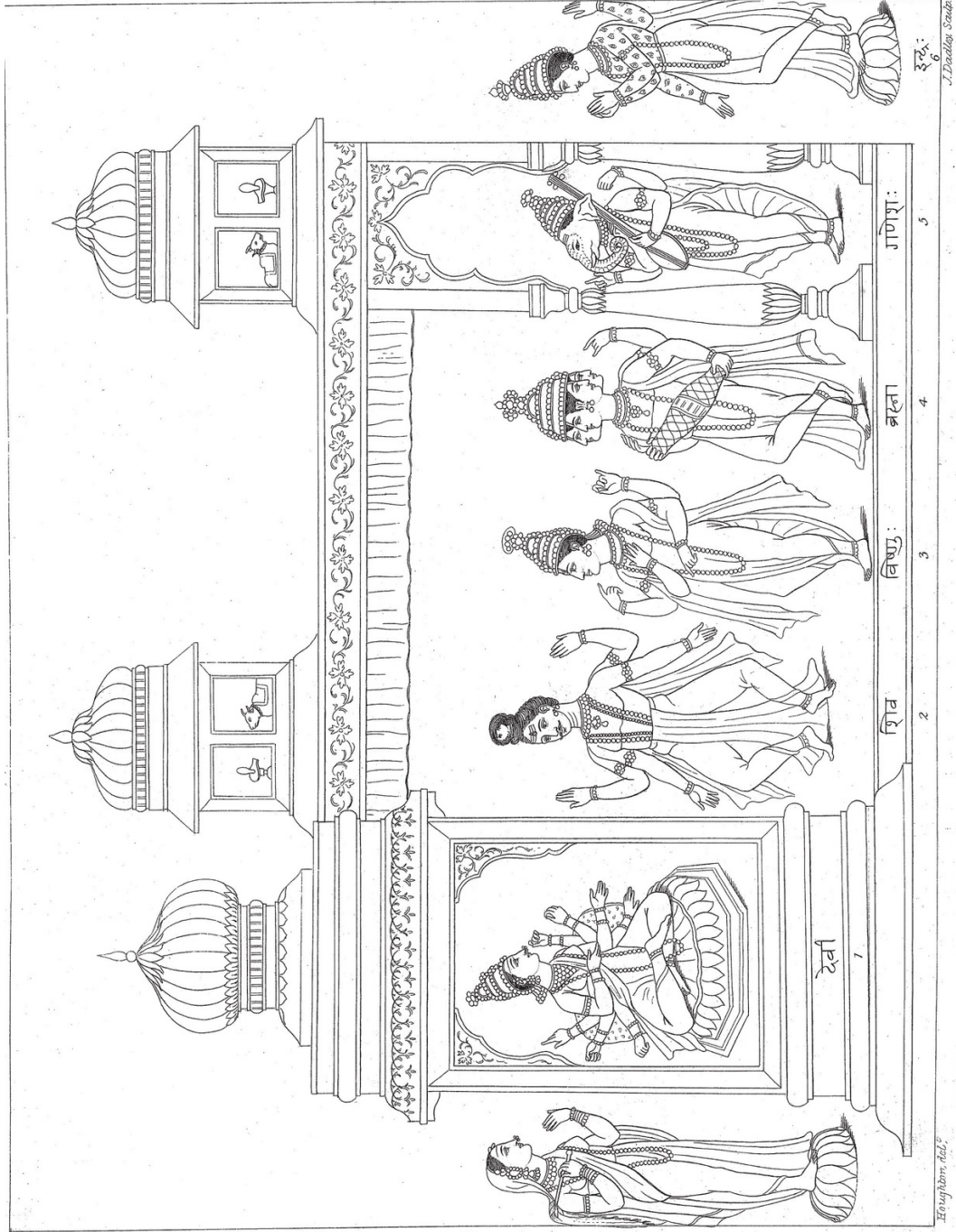
DĒVĪ.

From a subject in Marble brought from INDORE the capital of HOLKAR.



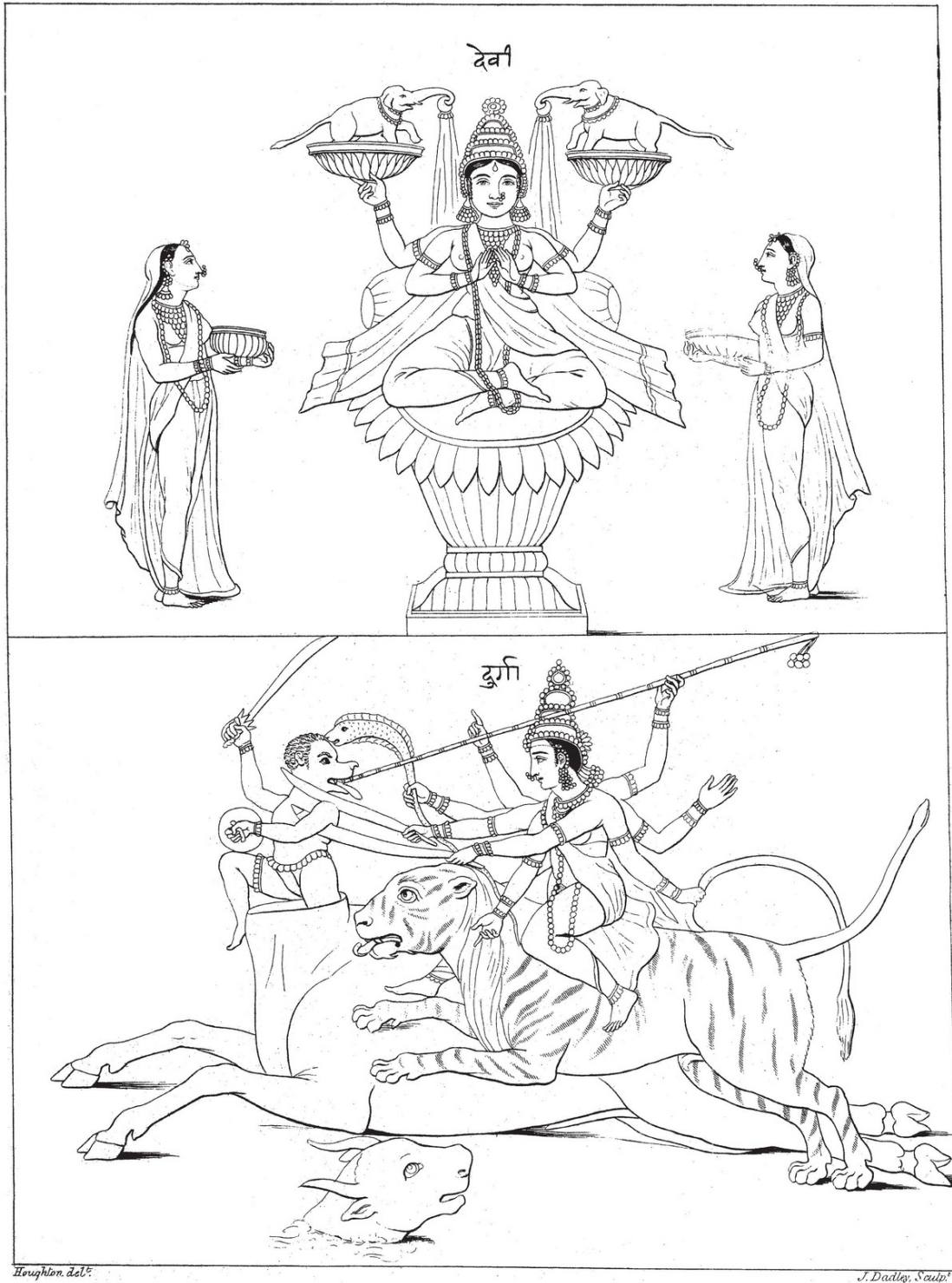
DĒVĪ or PĀRVATĪ, Propitiated by 1. SIVA, 2. VISHNU, 3. BRAHMA, 4. INDRA, 5. AGNI, 6. SŪRYA, 7. CHANDRA. and devotees in several postures or penance & austerity.

From a Picture



1. DĒVĪ, or BHAVĀNĪ honored by 2. MAHĀDĒVA, 3. VISHNU, 4. BRAHMĀ, 5. GANĒSA and 6. INDRA.

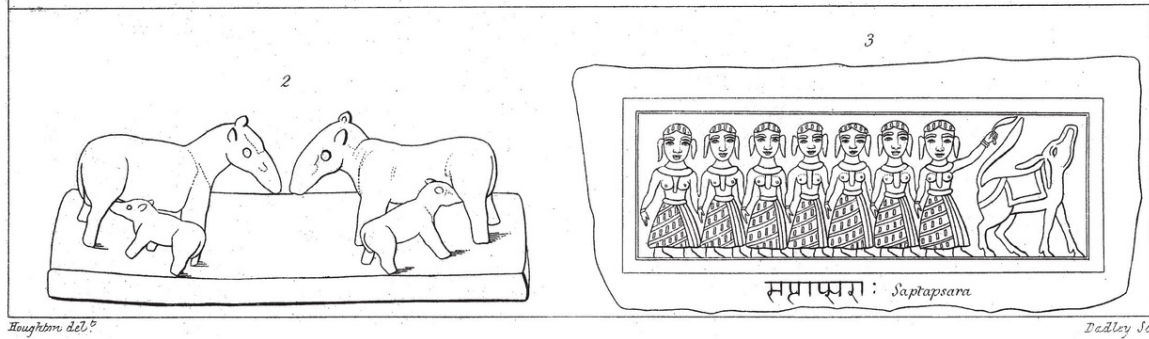
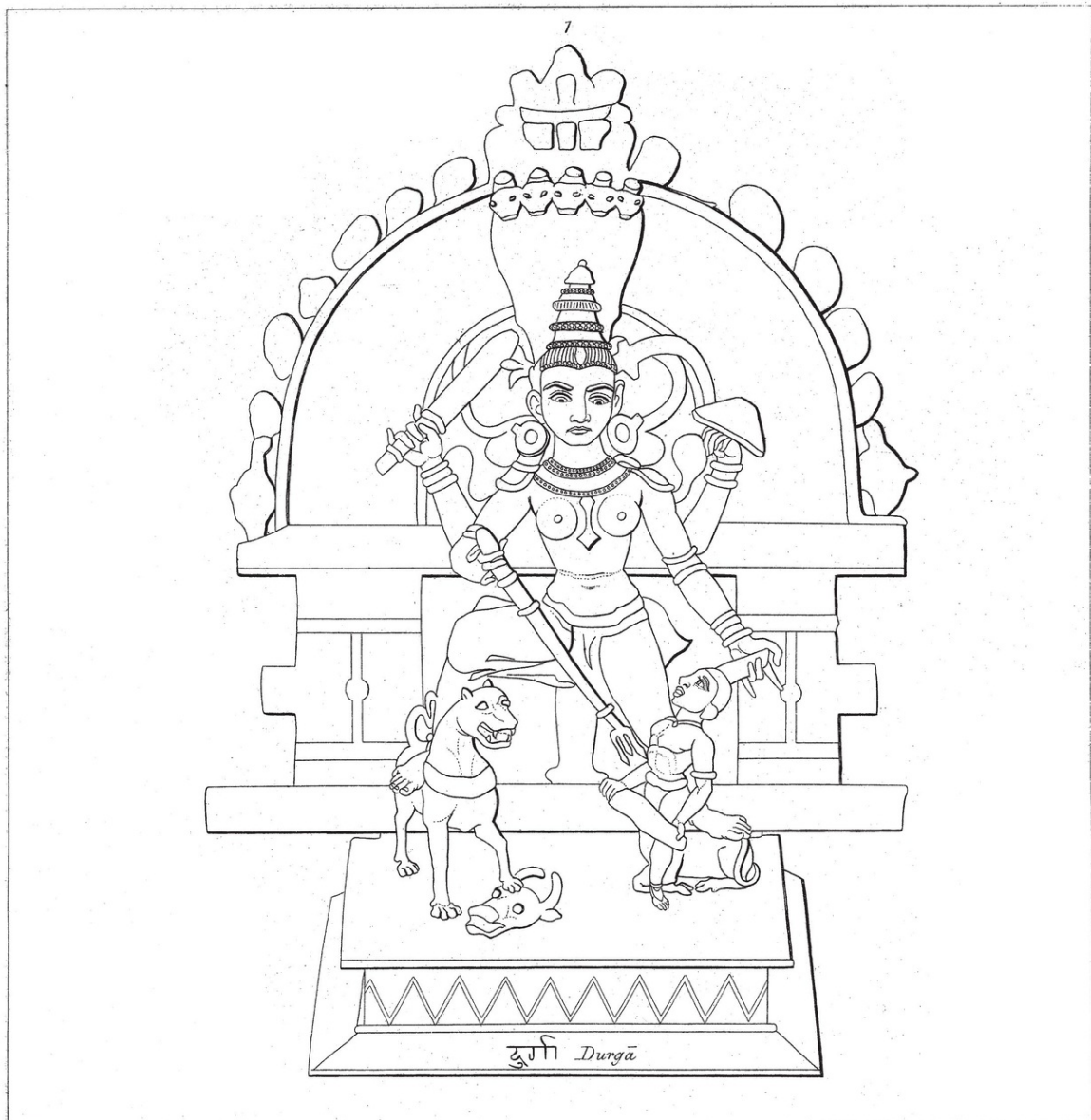
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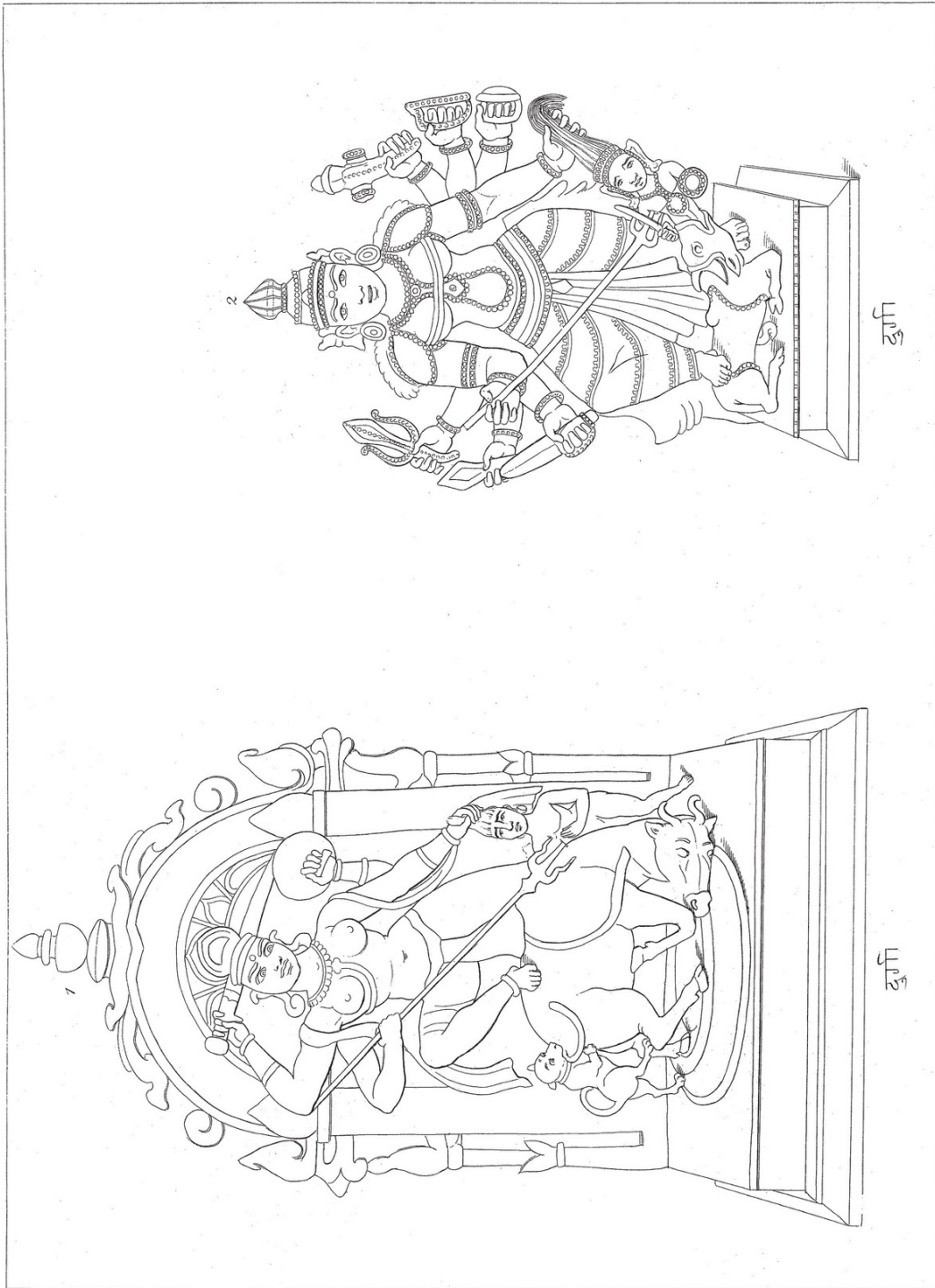
DURGĀ or ACTIVE VIRTUE slaying MAHISHĀSURA a personification of VICE.

Above is DĒVĪ.

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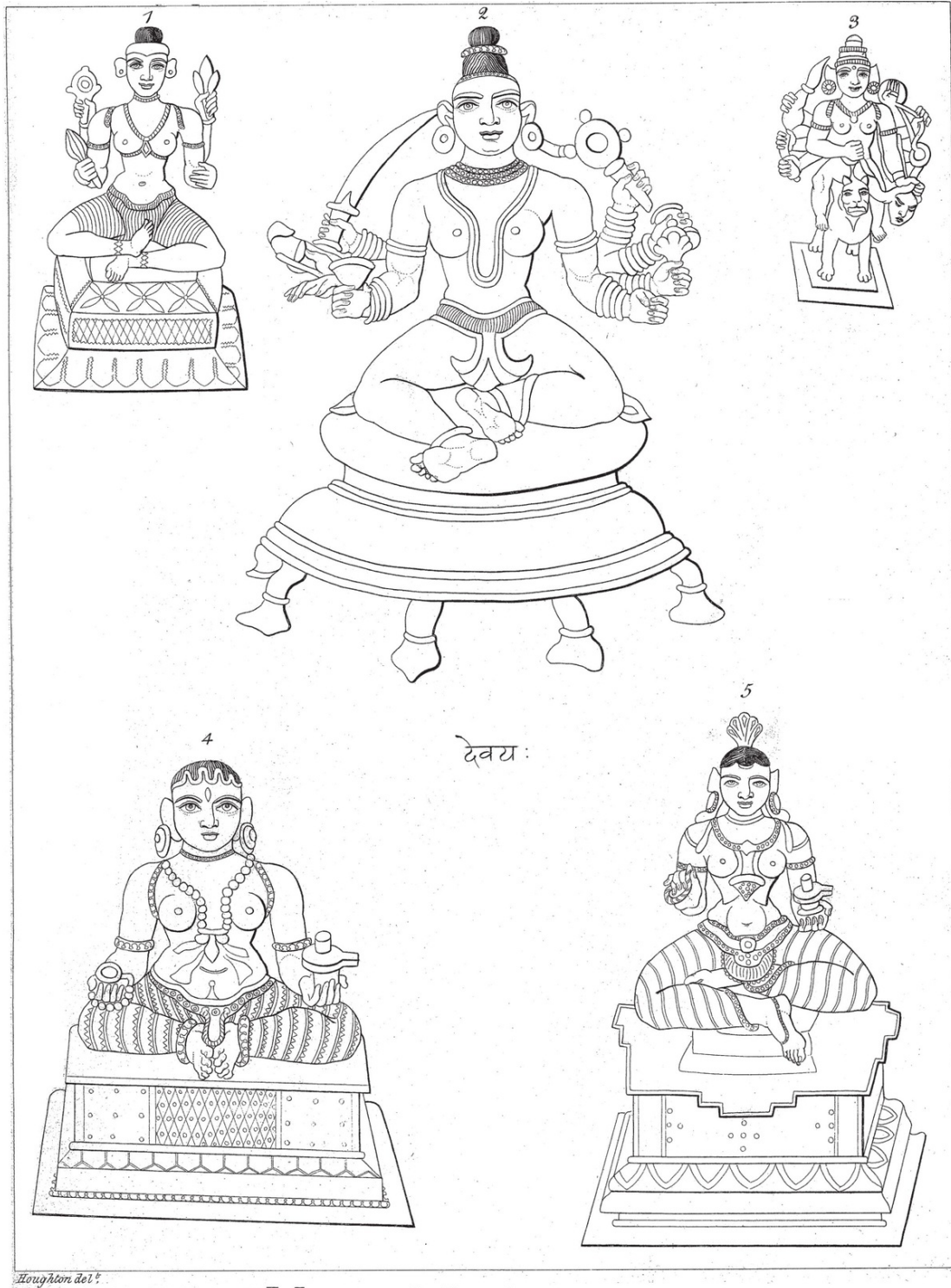


From casts in brads



DURGĀ, or ACTIVE VIRTUE, slaying the monster MAHISHĀSURA, or VICE personified.

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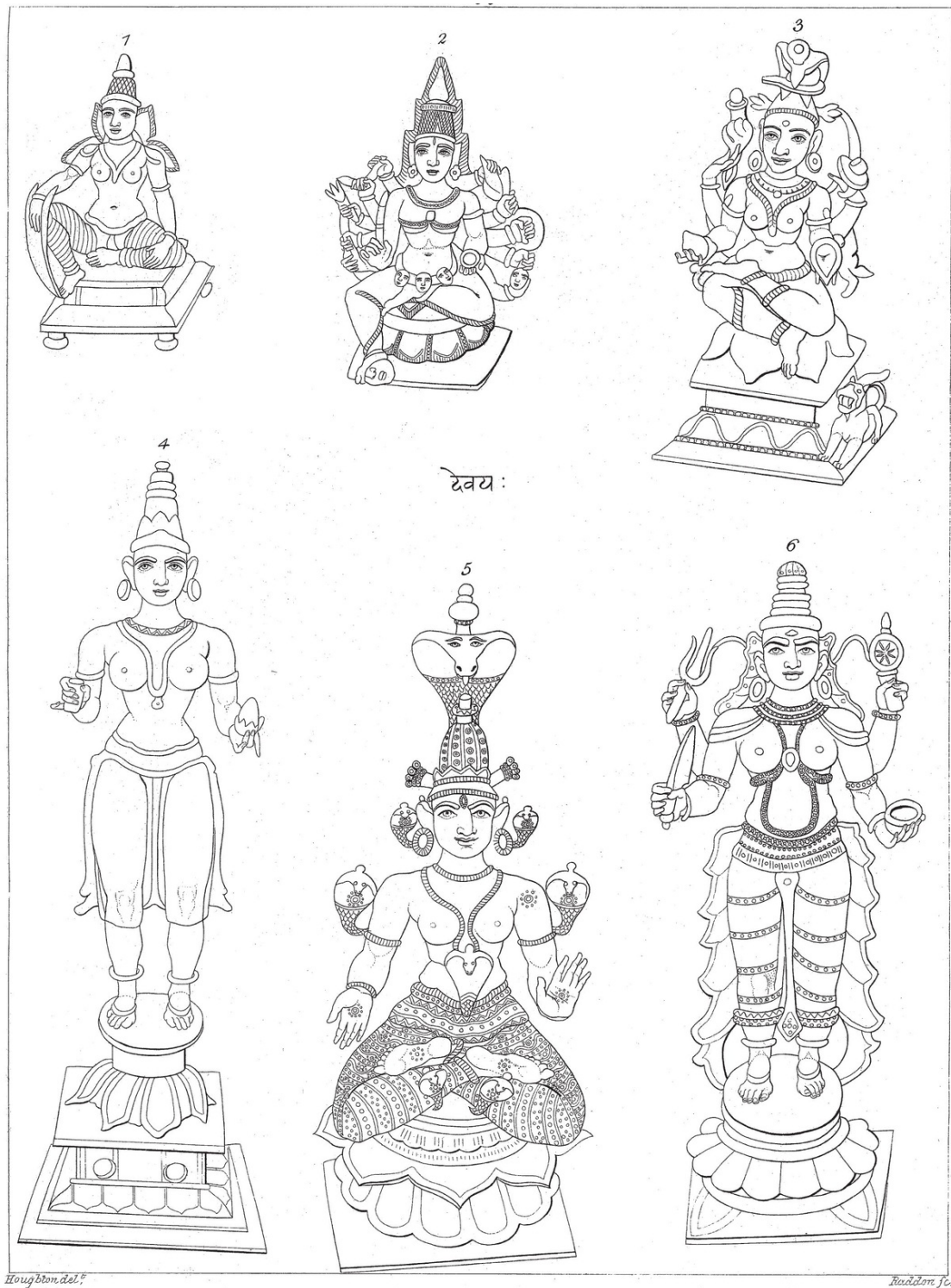
DĒVĪ or BHAVĀNĪ in different characters.

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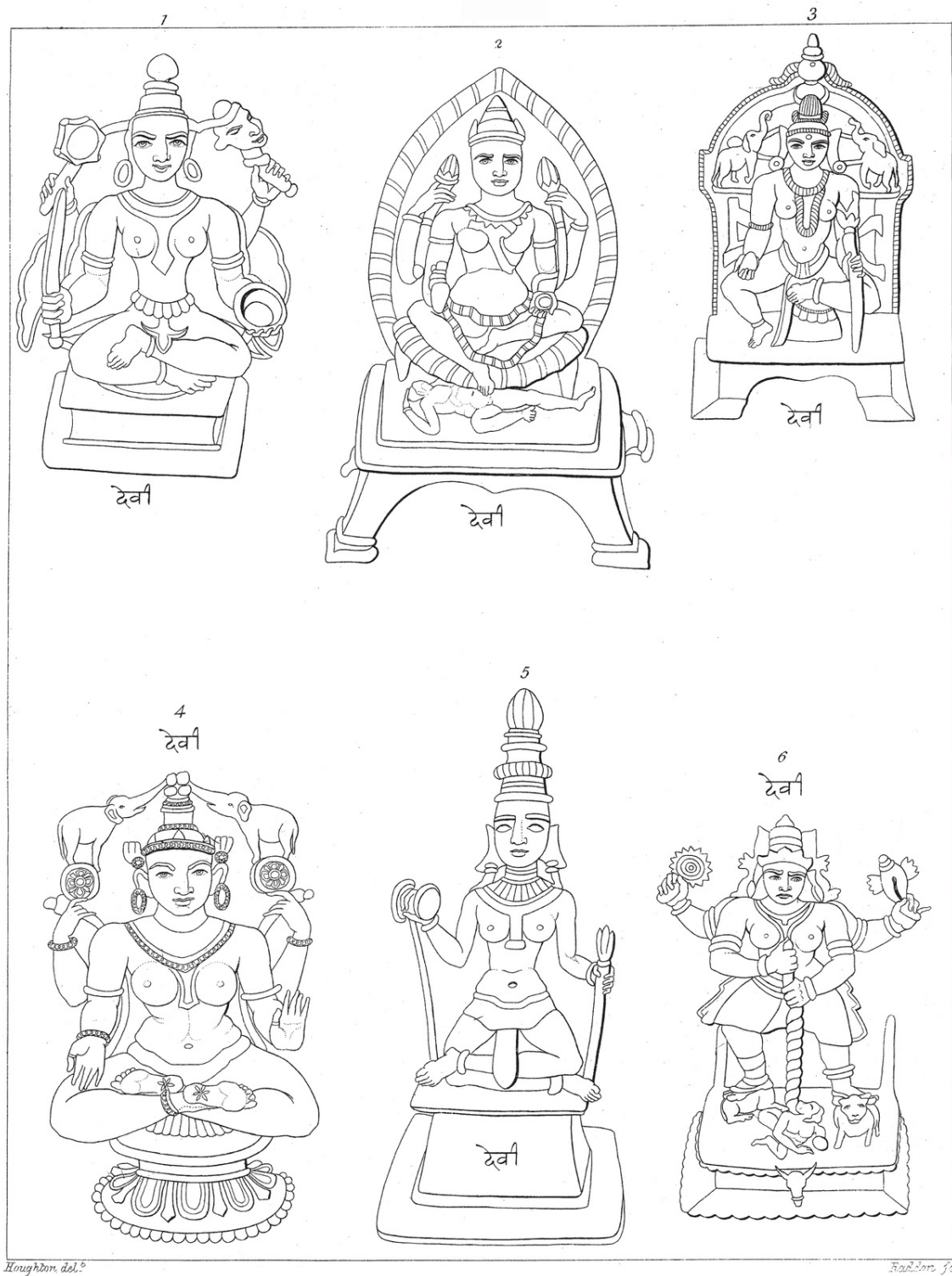
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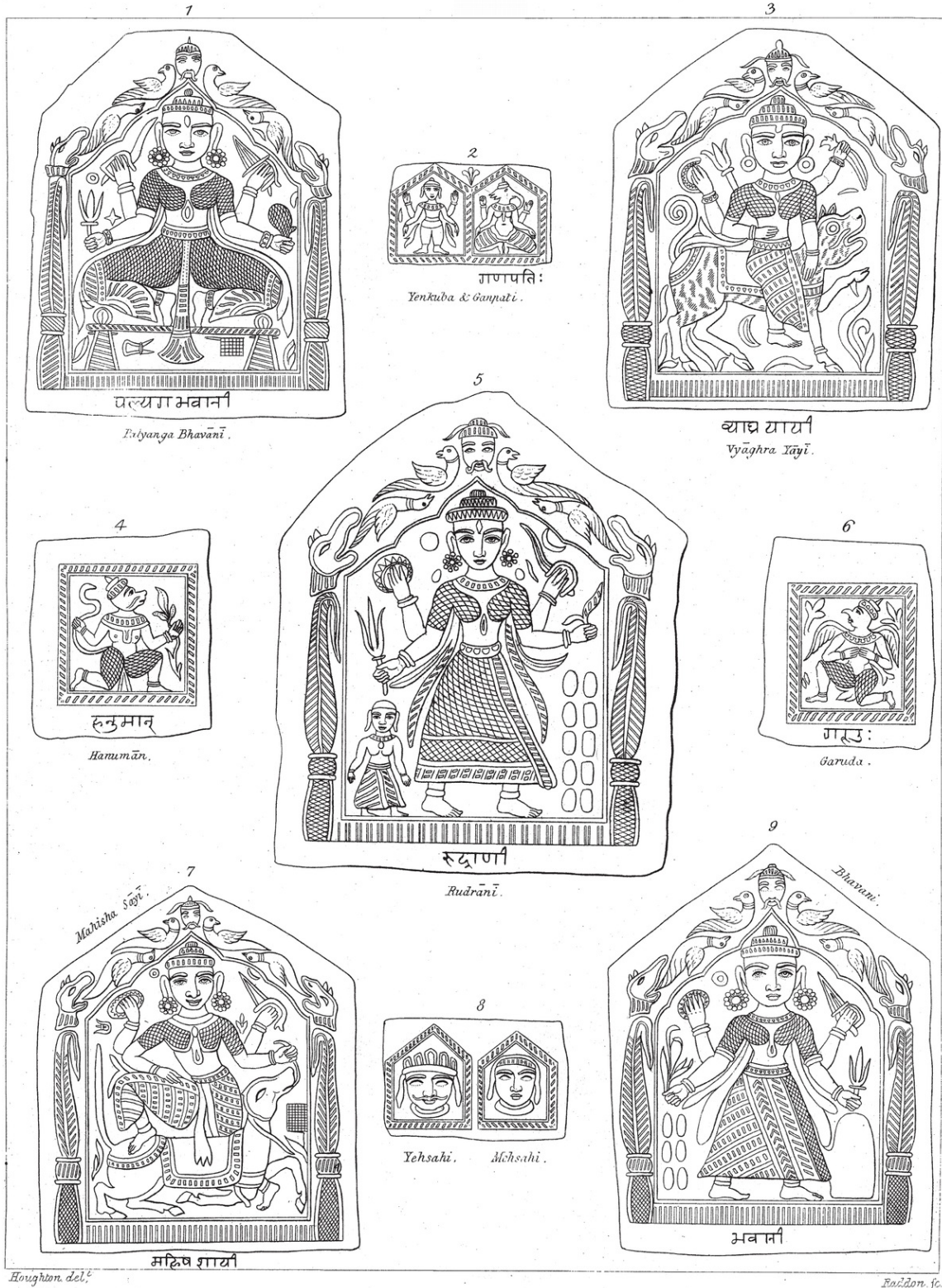
DĒVĪ, or the GODDESS, consort of SIVA, in different forms.

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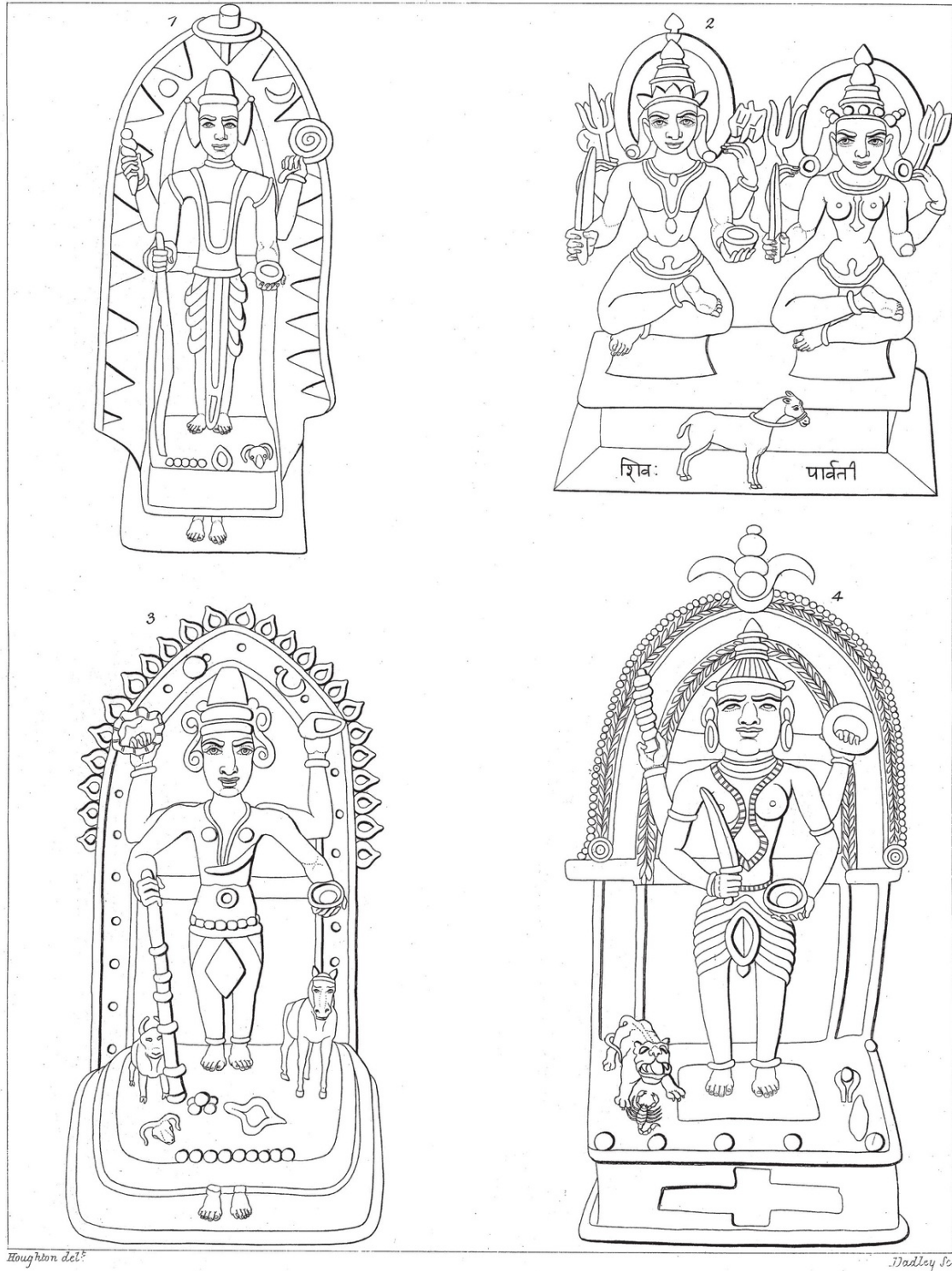


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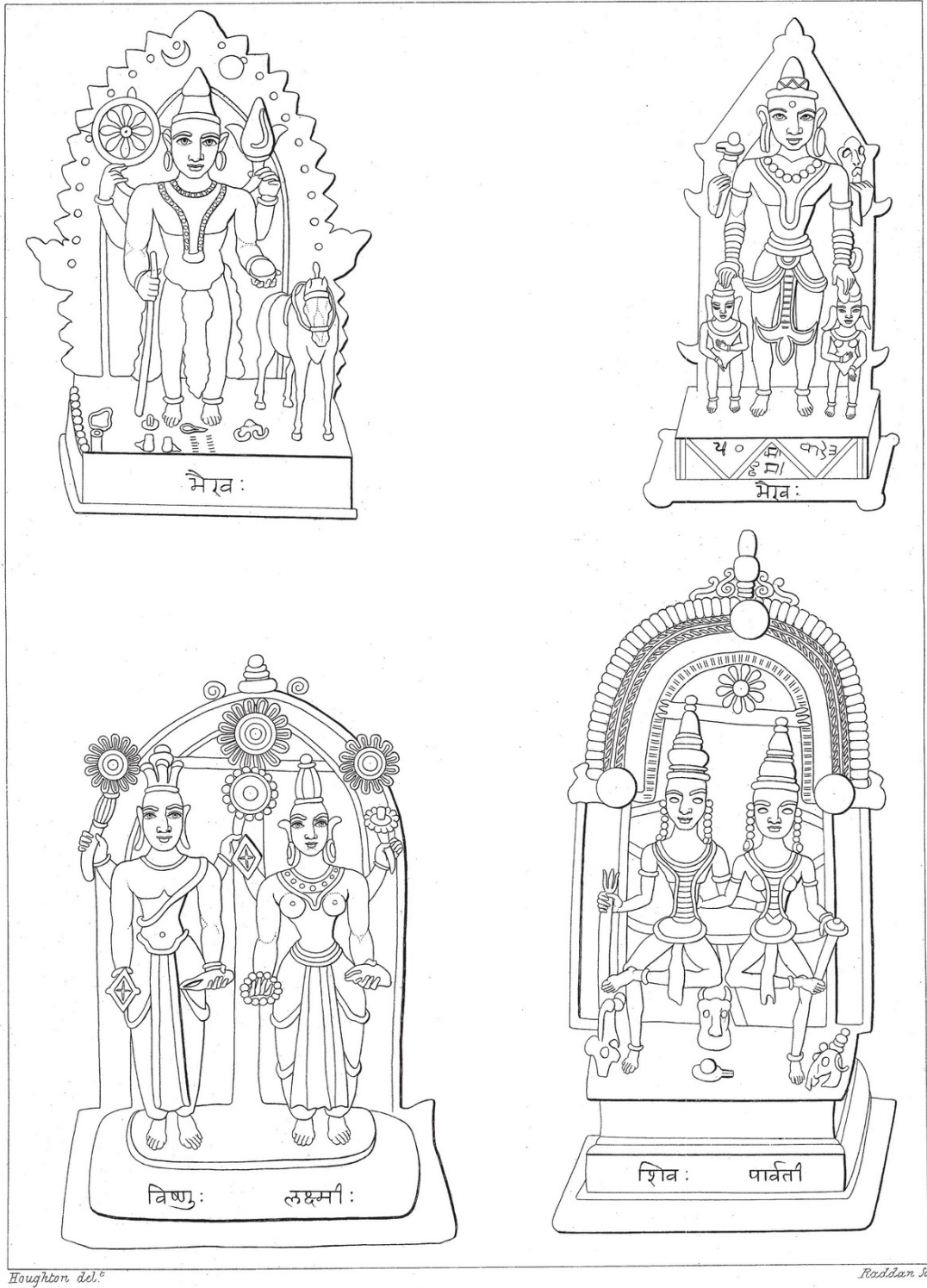
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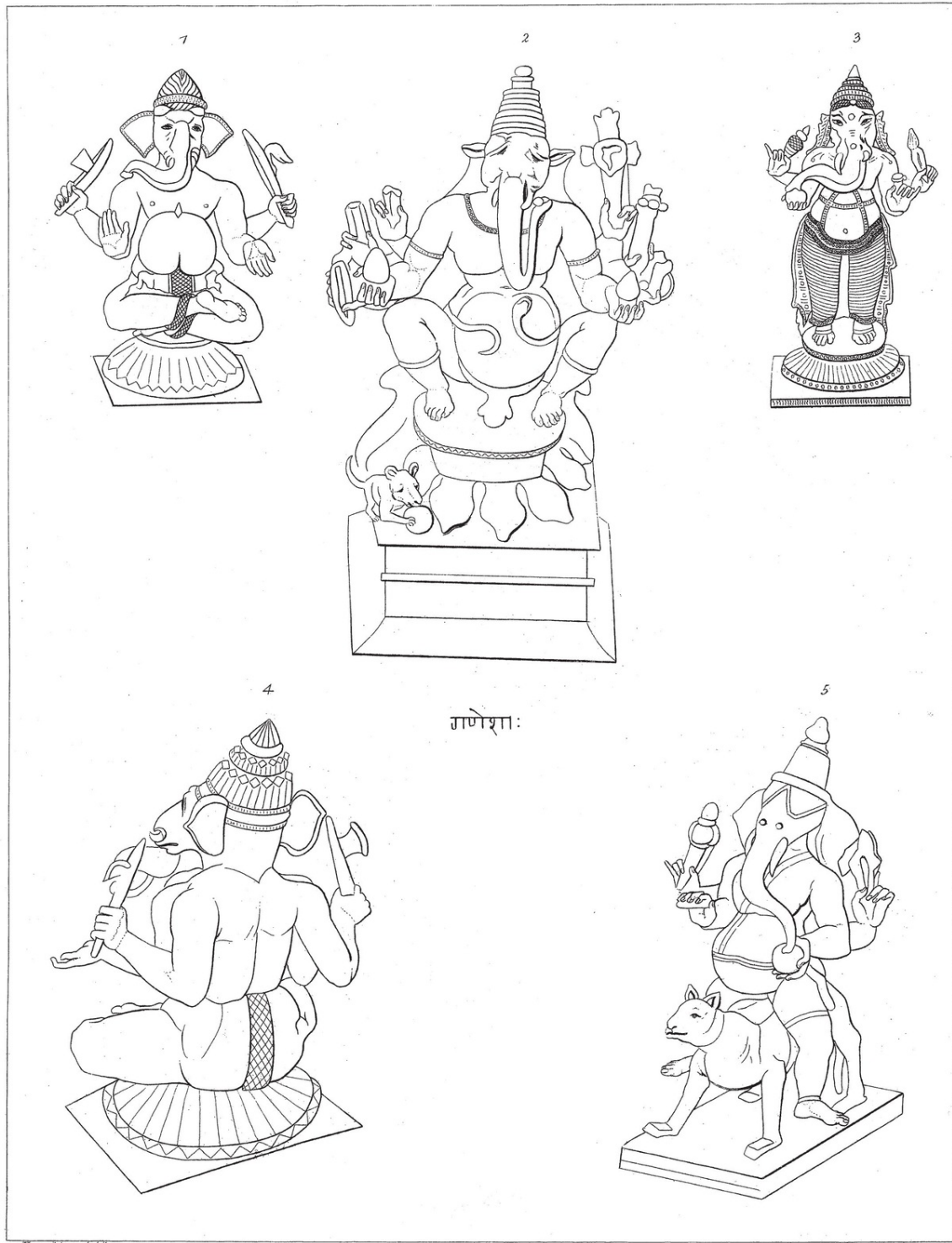
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And other subjects, From casts in brafs.



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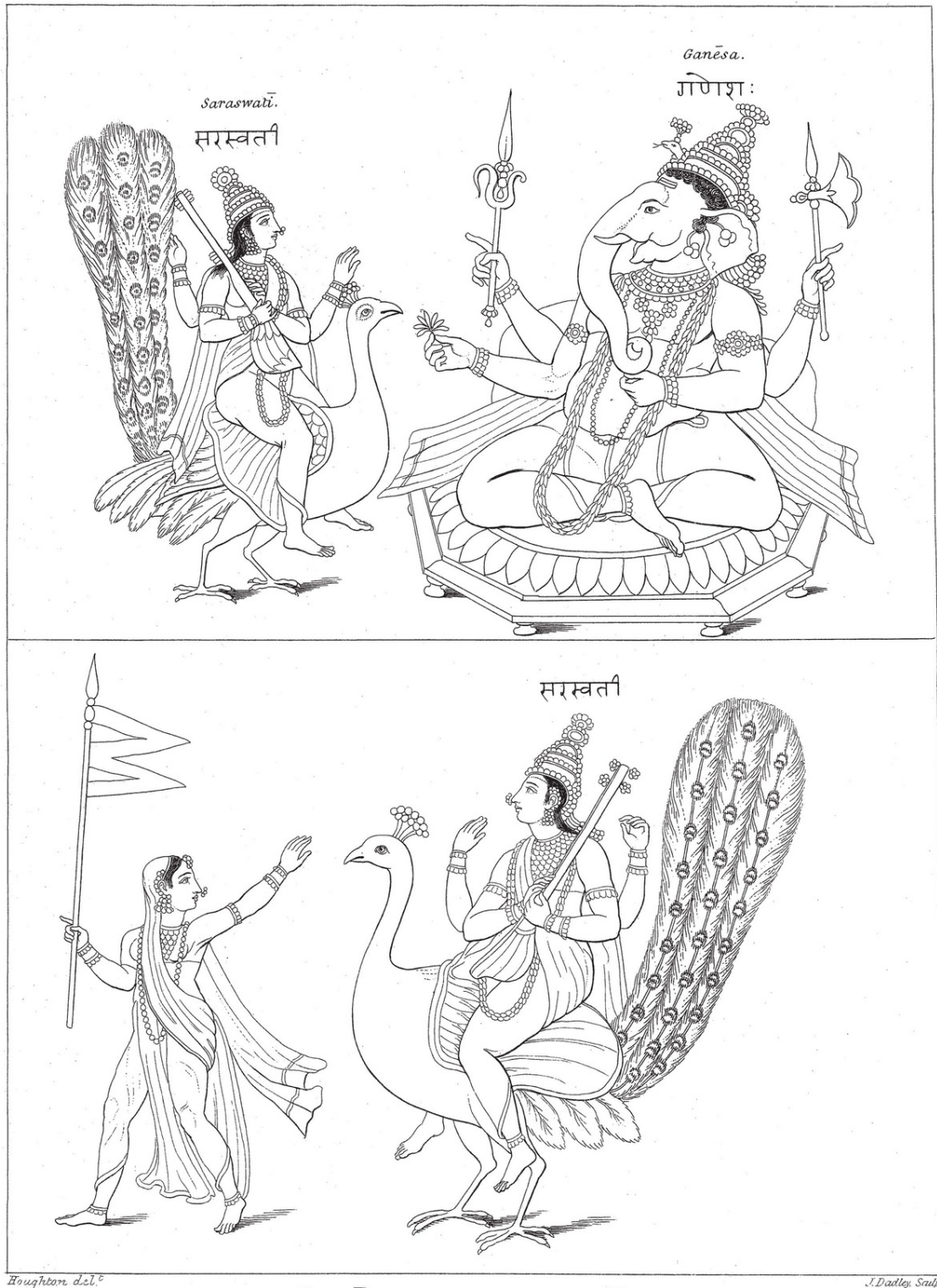
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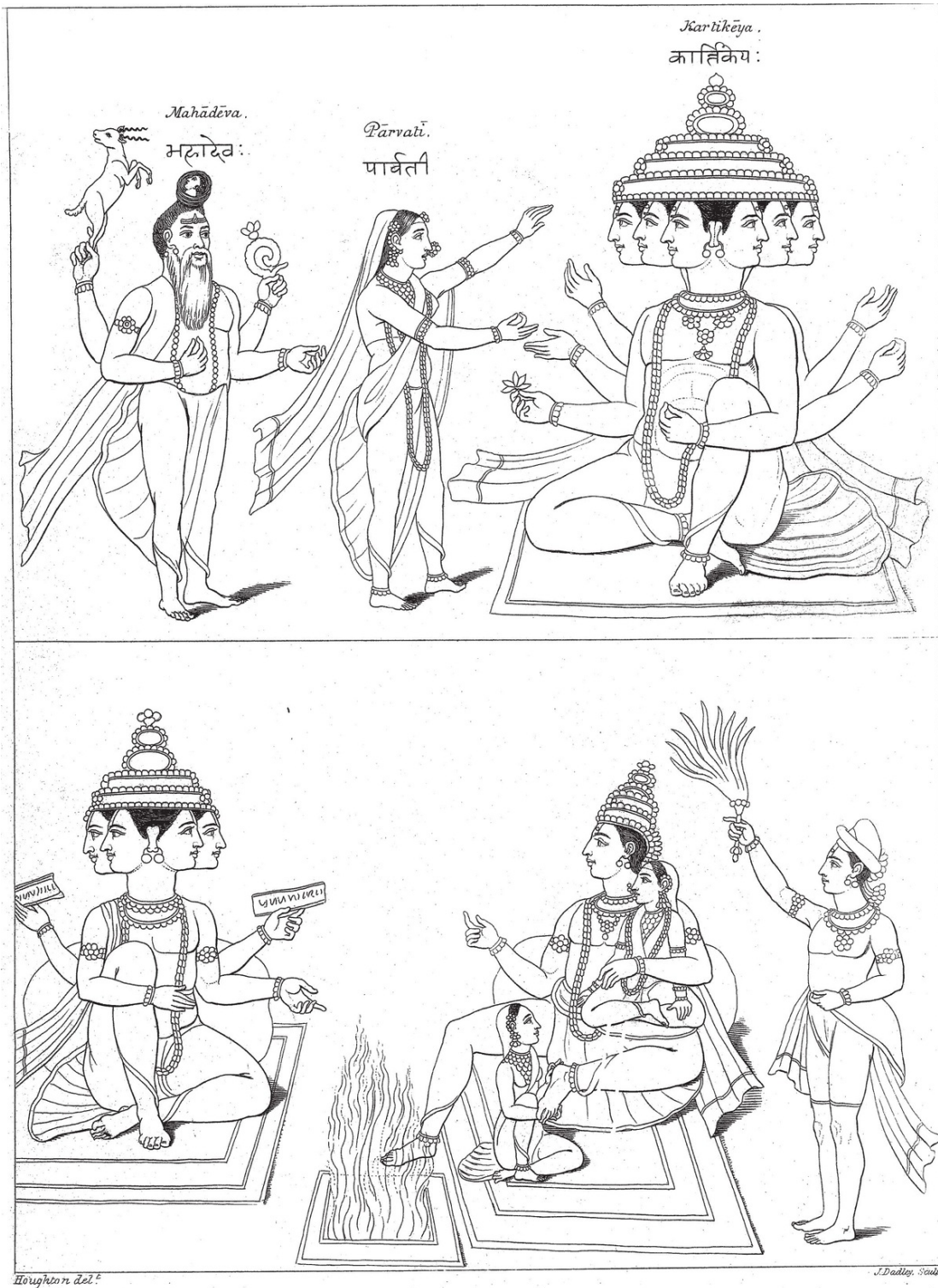
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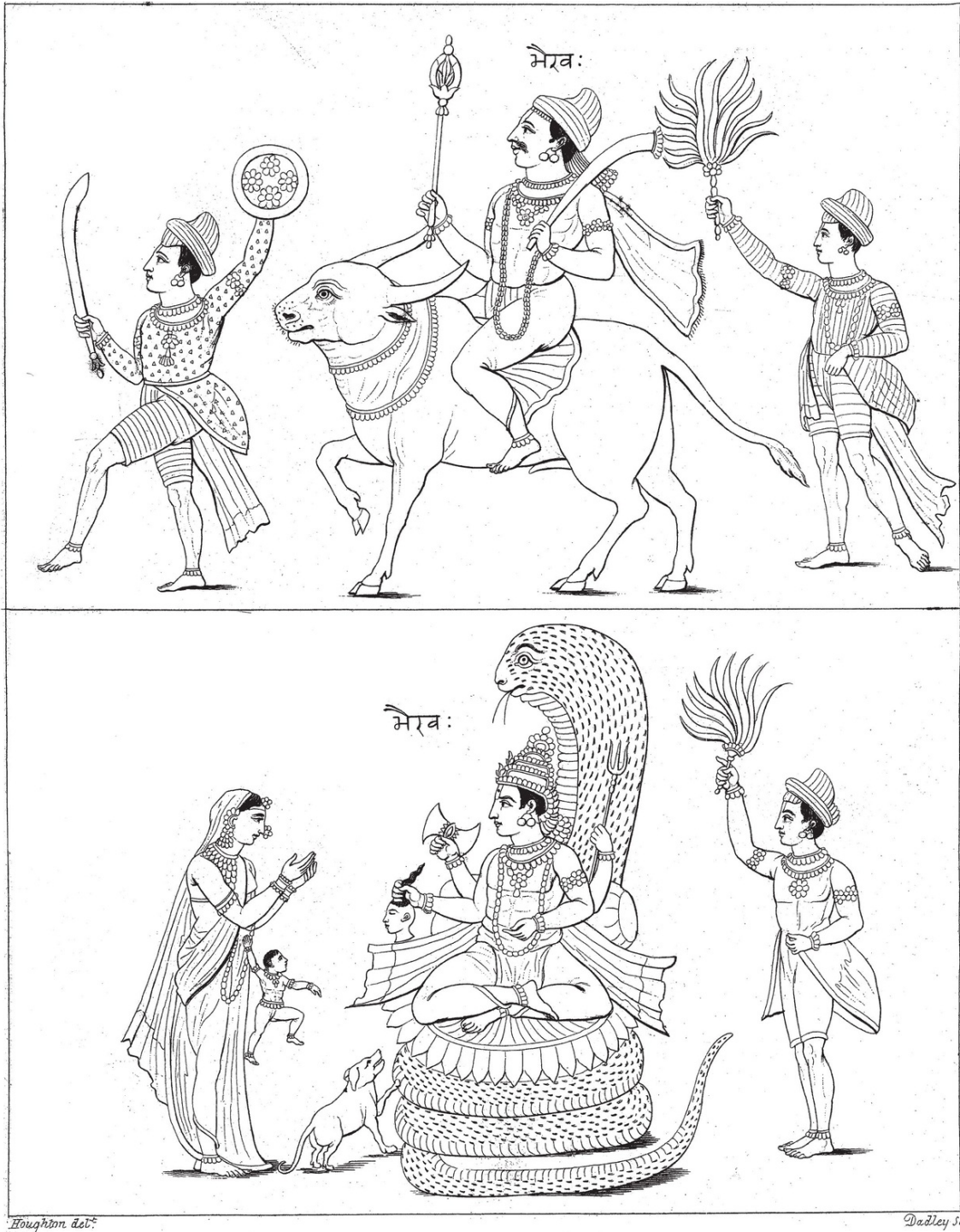


GANĒSA and SARASWATĪ.

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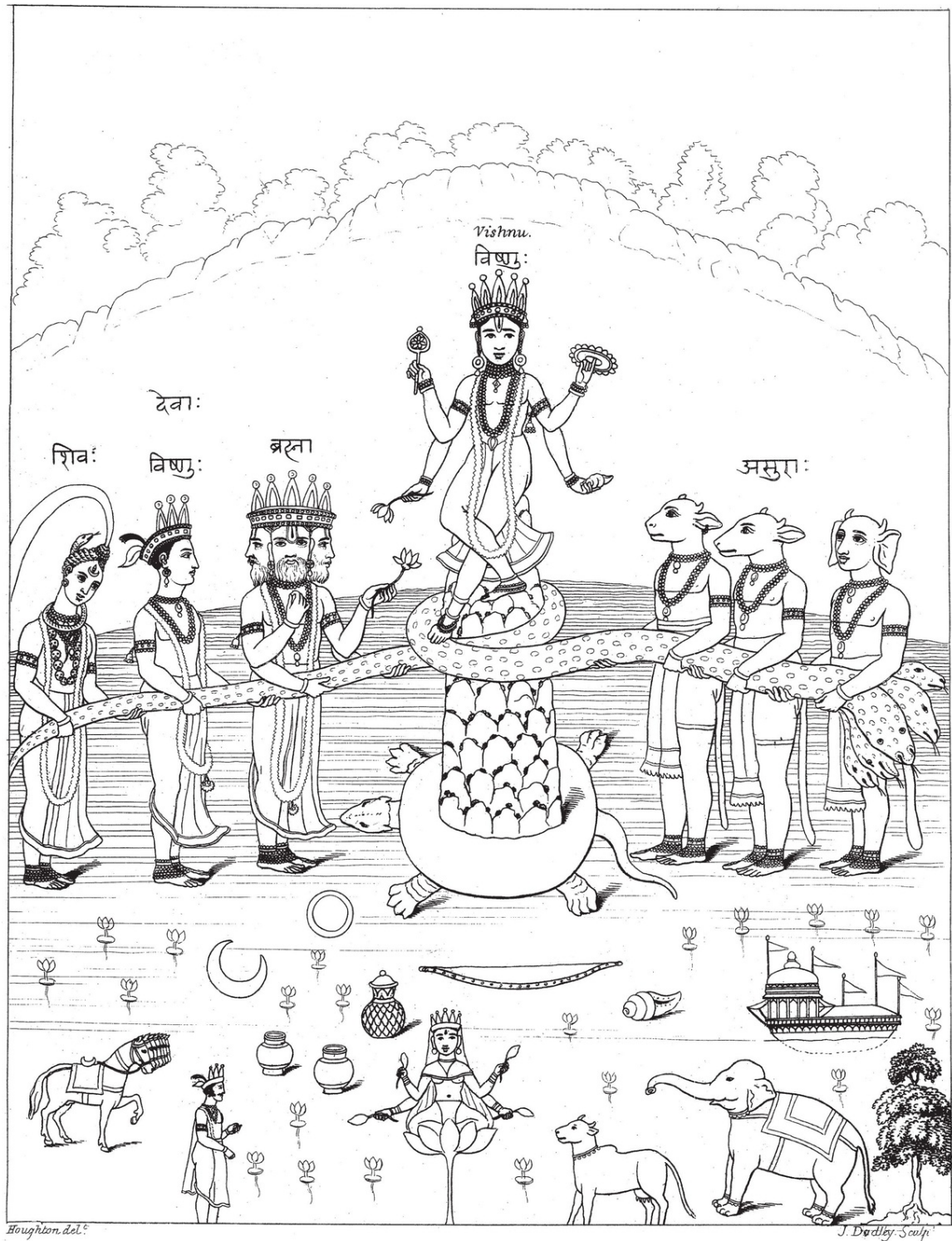
BHAIRAKA an AVATĀRA or son of SIVA.

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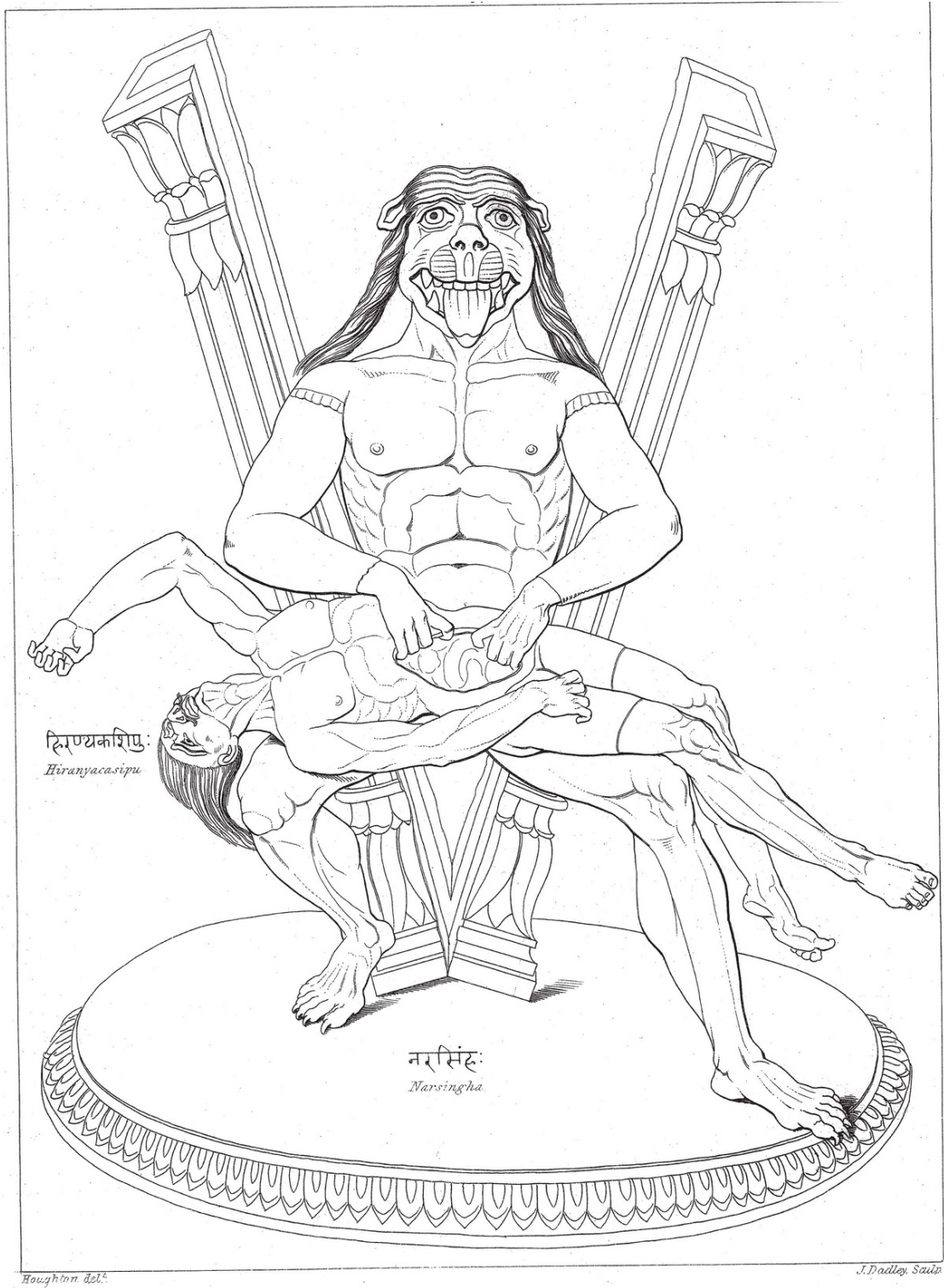
The three first AVATĀRAS of VISHNU, in the forms of a FISH, a TORTOISE, and a BOAR.

From Zinc images in the museum at the India House.



The 2nd or KURMĀVATARA of VISHNU,

From a picture.



The fourth AVATĀRA of VISHNU as NARSINHA.

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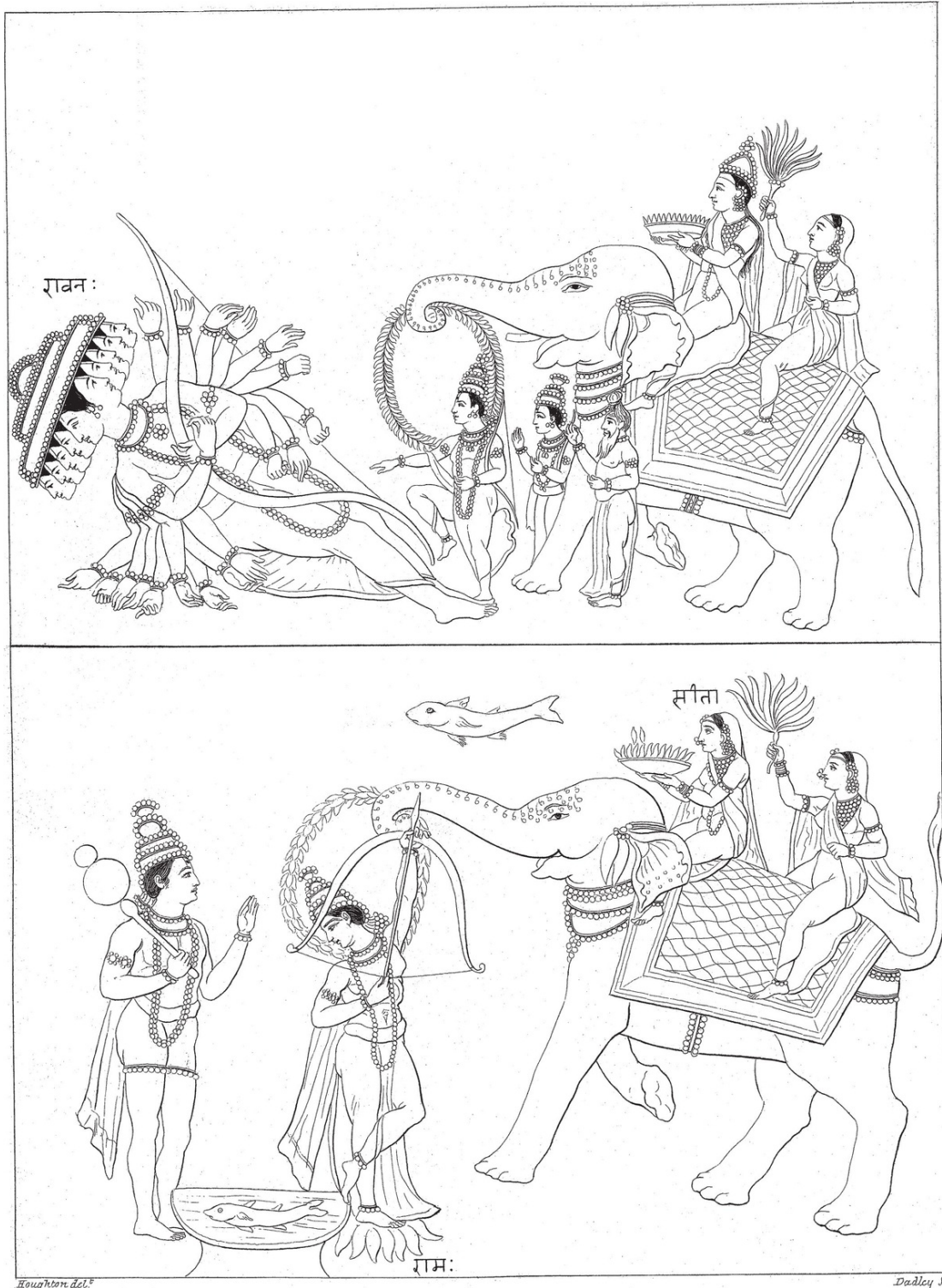
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The AVATĀRAS of VISHNU in the persons of KRISHNA and the three RĀMAS.

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RĀMA winning SĪTĀ, after the discomfiture of his competitor RĀVANA.

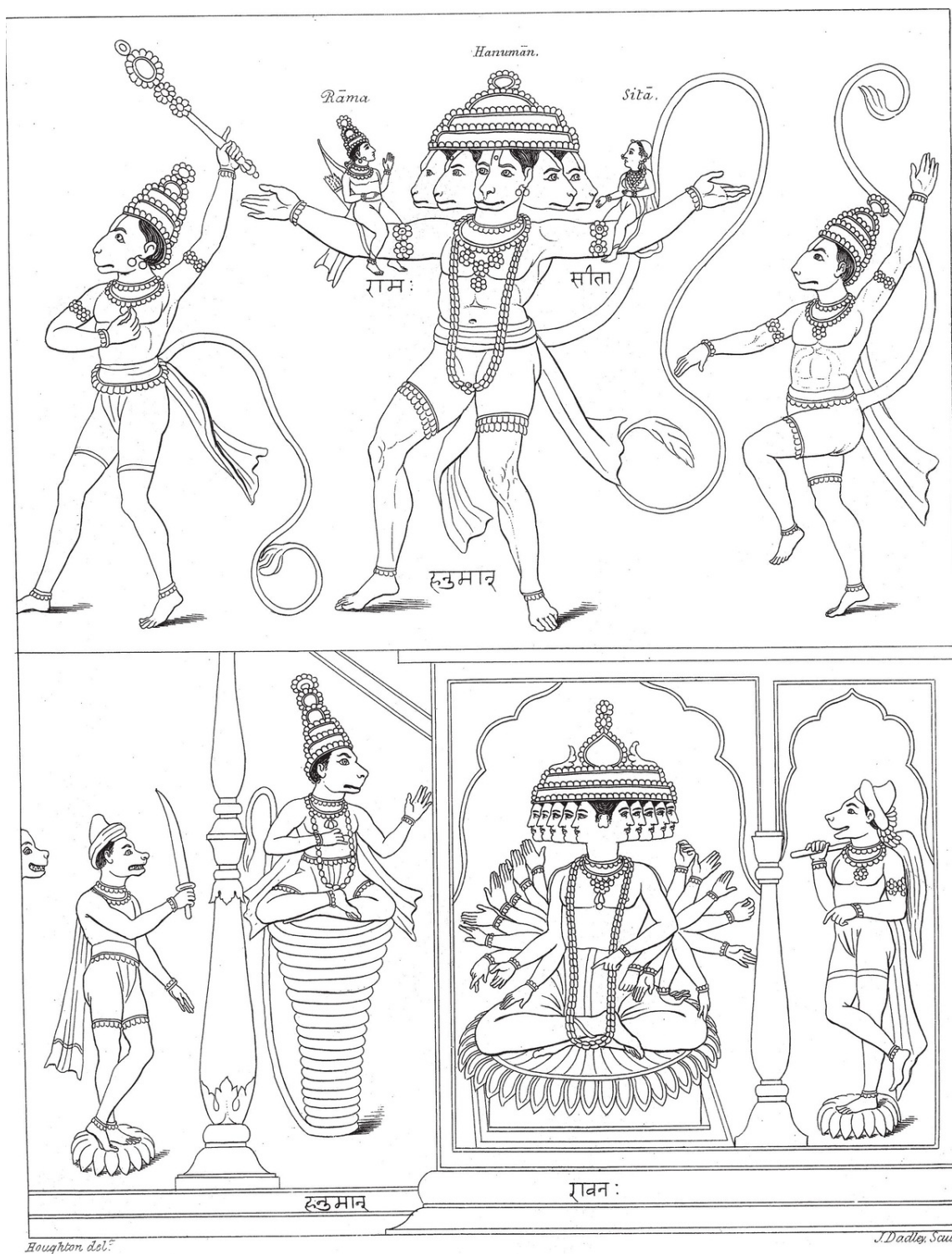
From drawings taken from the Ramayana.



HANUMĀN assisted by SUGRĪVA and his associates building RĀMA'S bridge

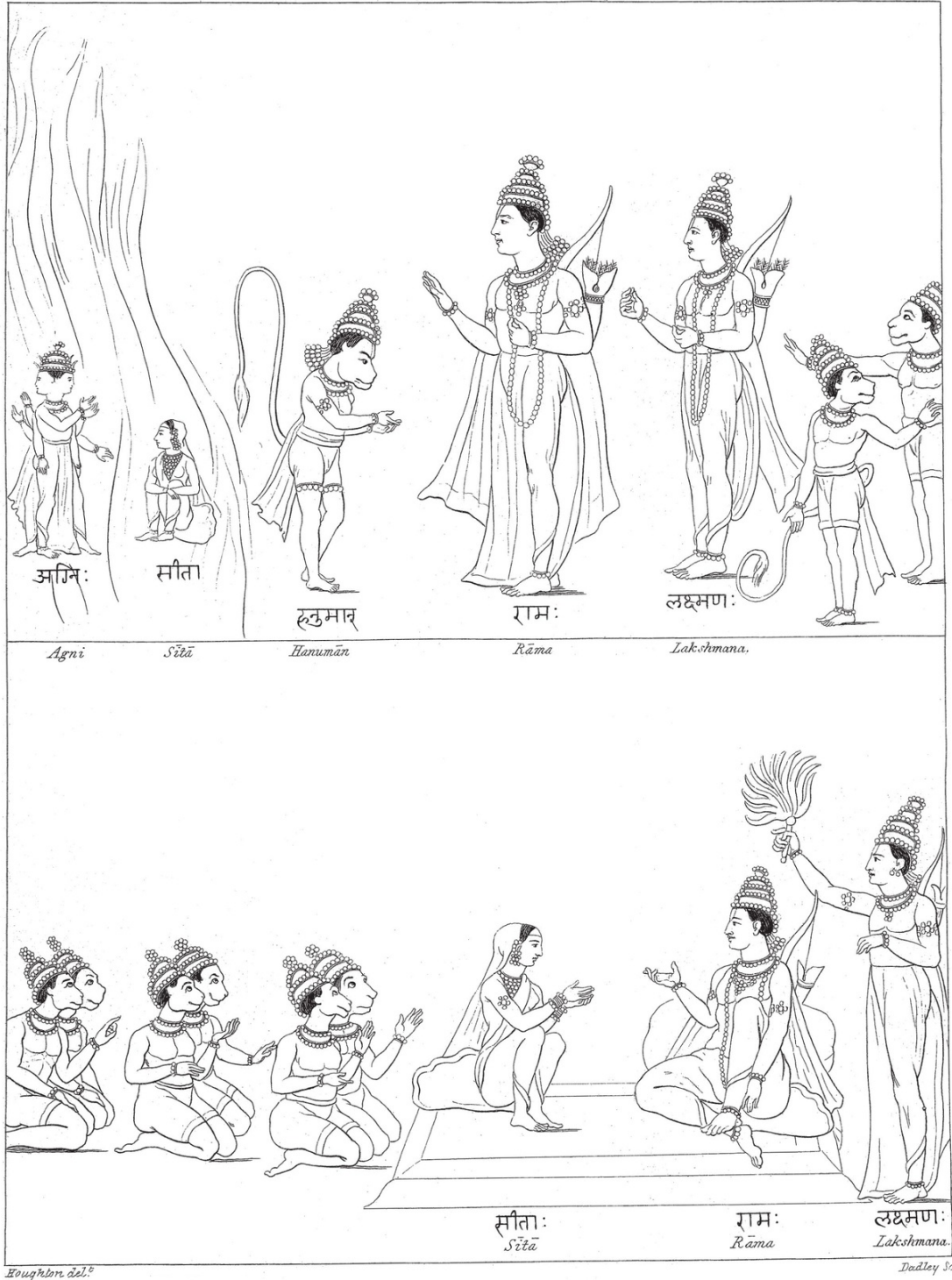
from the CONTINENT to CEYLON to attack RĀVANA.

From the Ramayana.



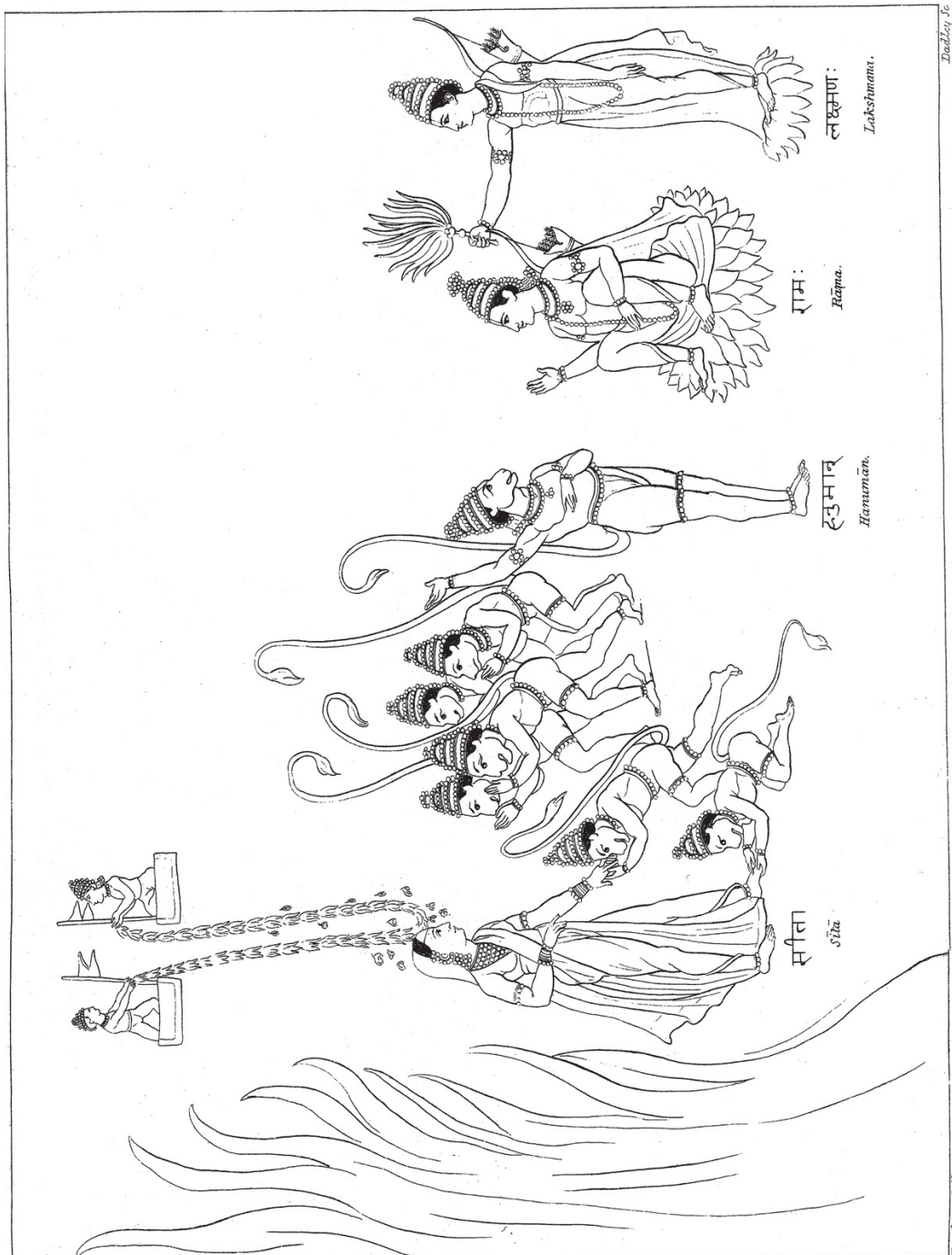
HANUMĀN and RĀVANA.

From Legends in the Ramayana.



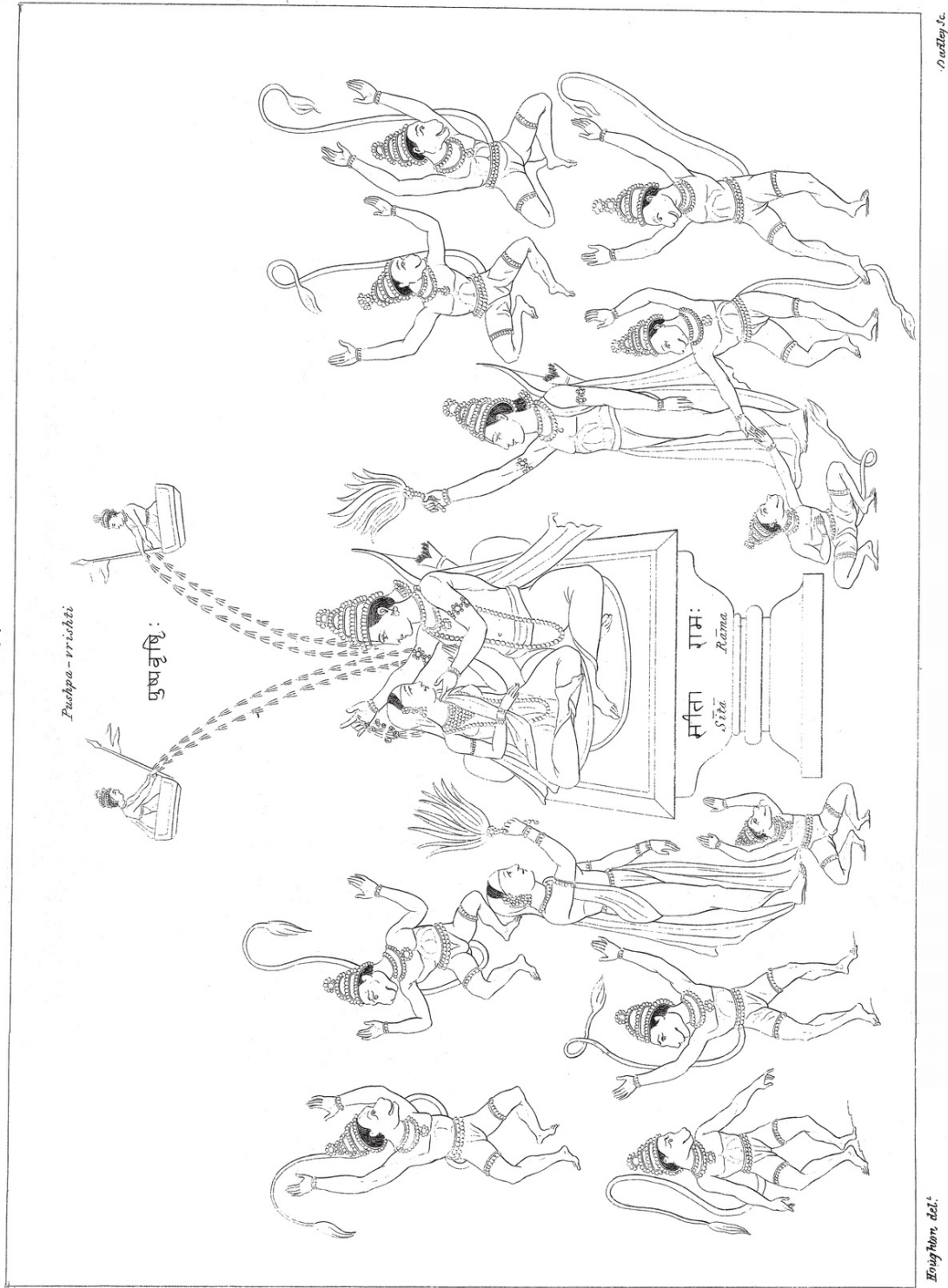
SĪTĀ. learning from RĀMA the necessity of her purification by FIRE, in which she is (above) supported and comforted by AGNI it's Recent.

From the Ramayan.



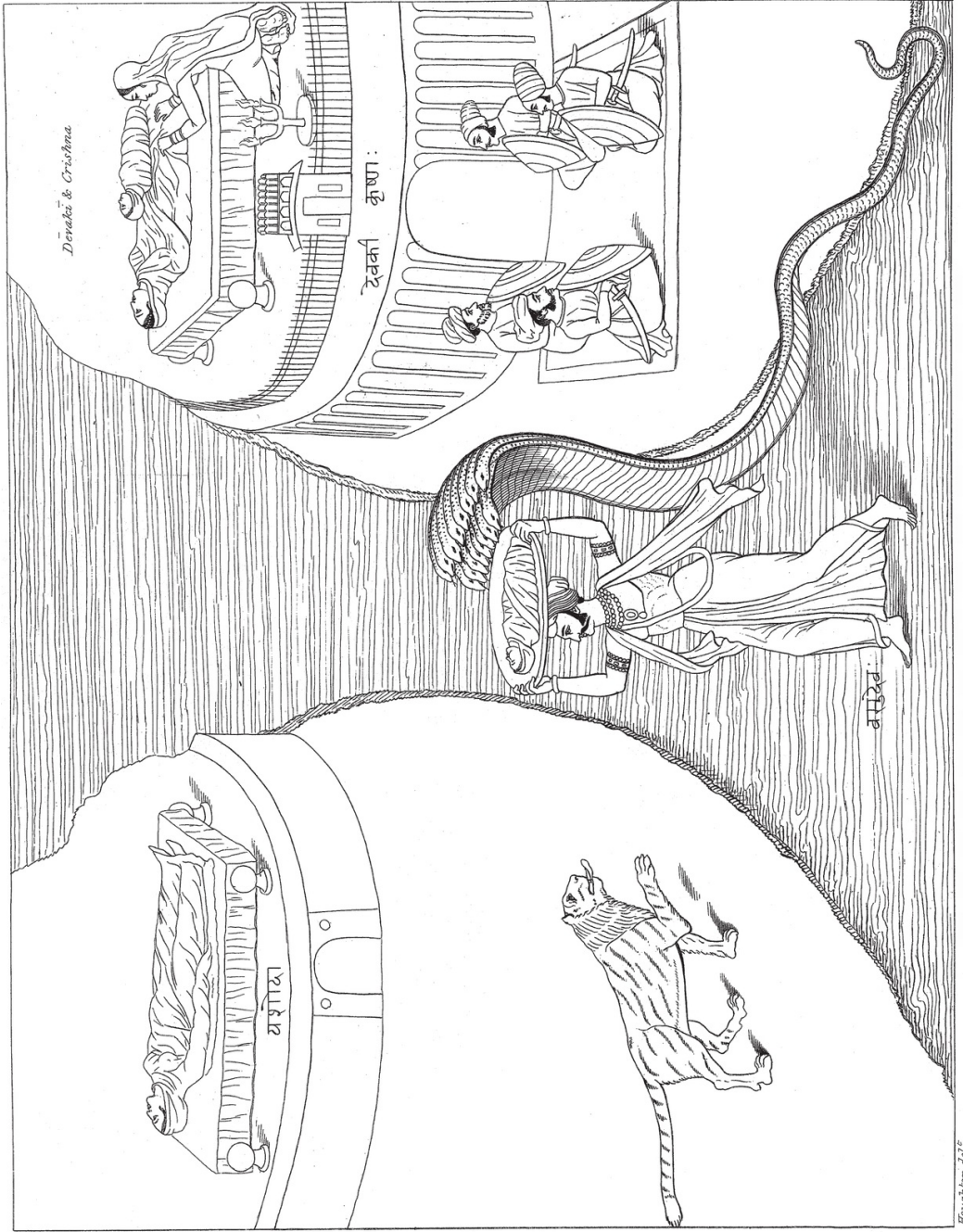
HANUMĀN anounceing to RĀMASītĀ'S honorable acquital by the Fiery
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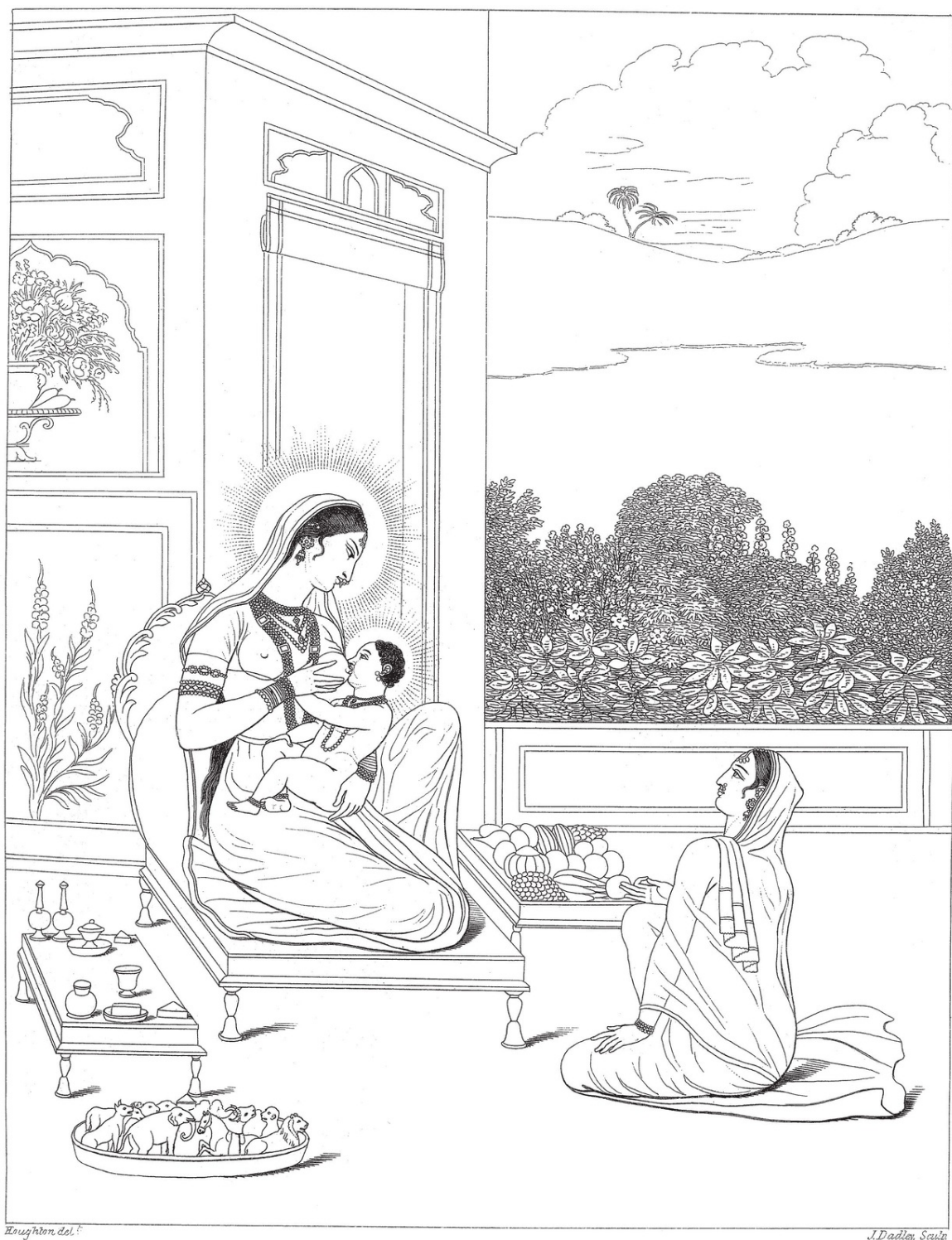
RĀMA and SĪTĀ'S Reunion after her honorable acquital by Fiery Ordeal.

From the Rāmāyṇa.



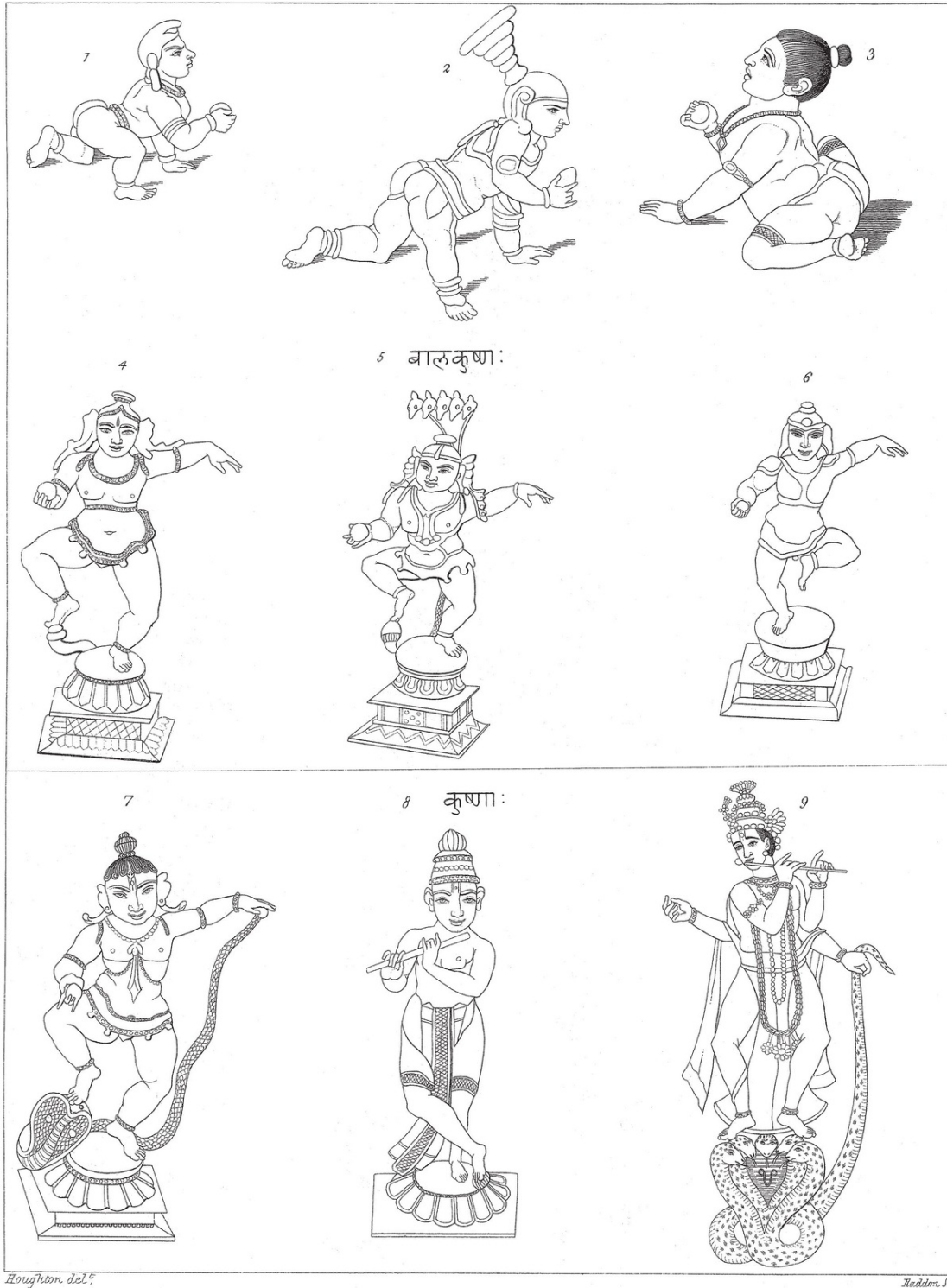
CRISHNA conveyed over the YAMUNA by VASUDĒVA, Miraculously escapes from his uncle CANSA, the HEROD of HINDU Scripture History

From the Sṛī Bhāgavata



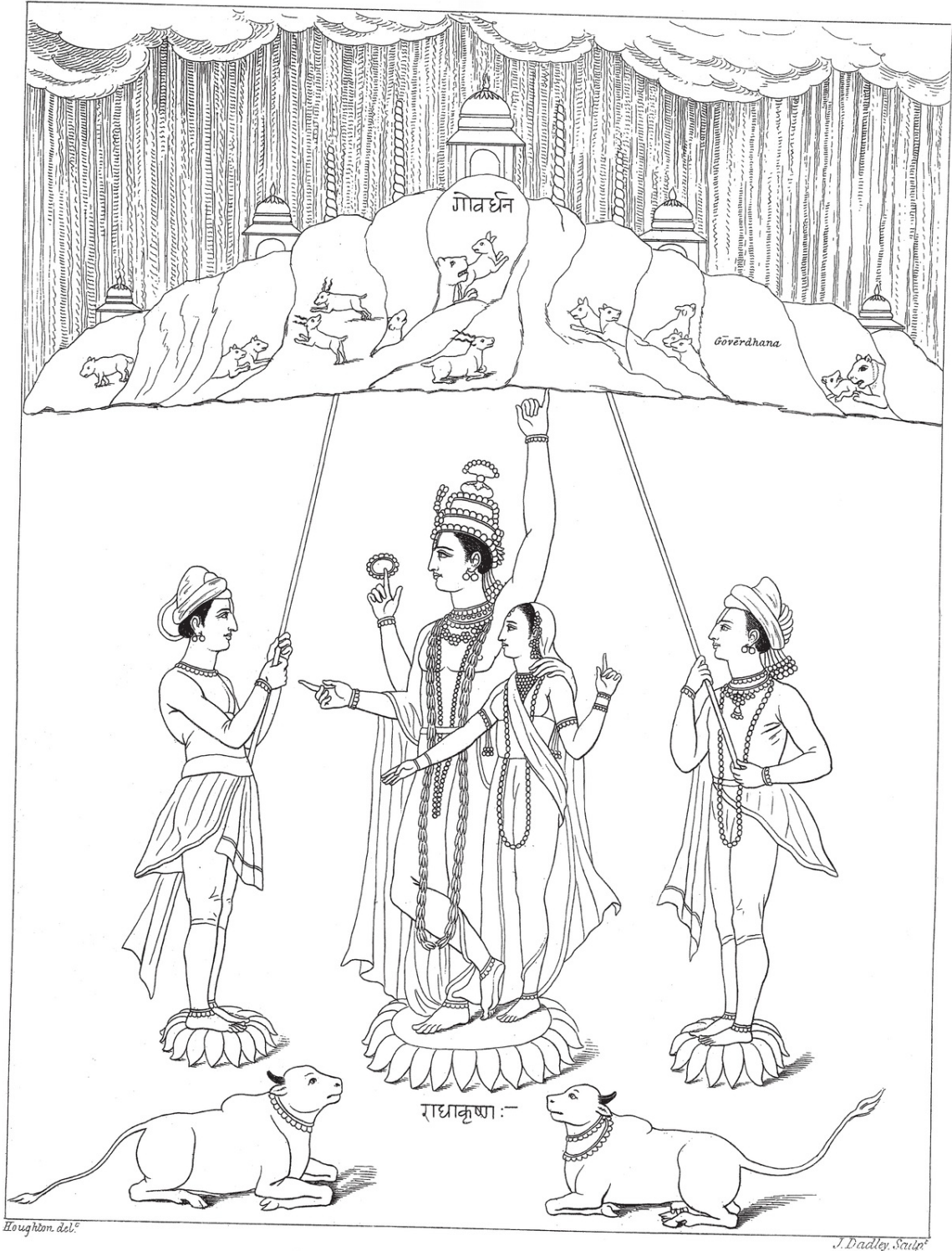
CRISHNA nursed by DĒVAKĪ.

From, a highly finished picture.



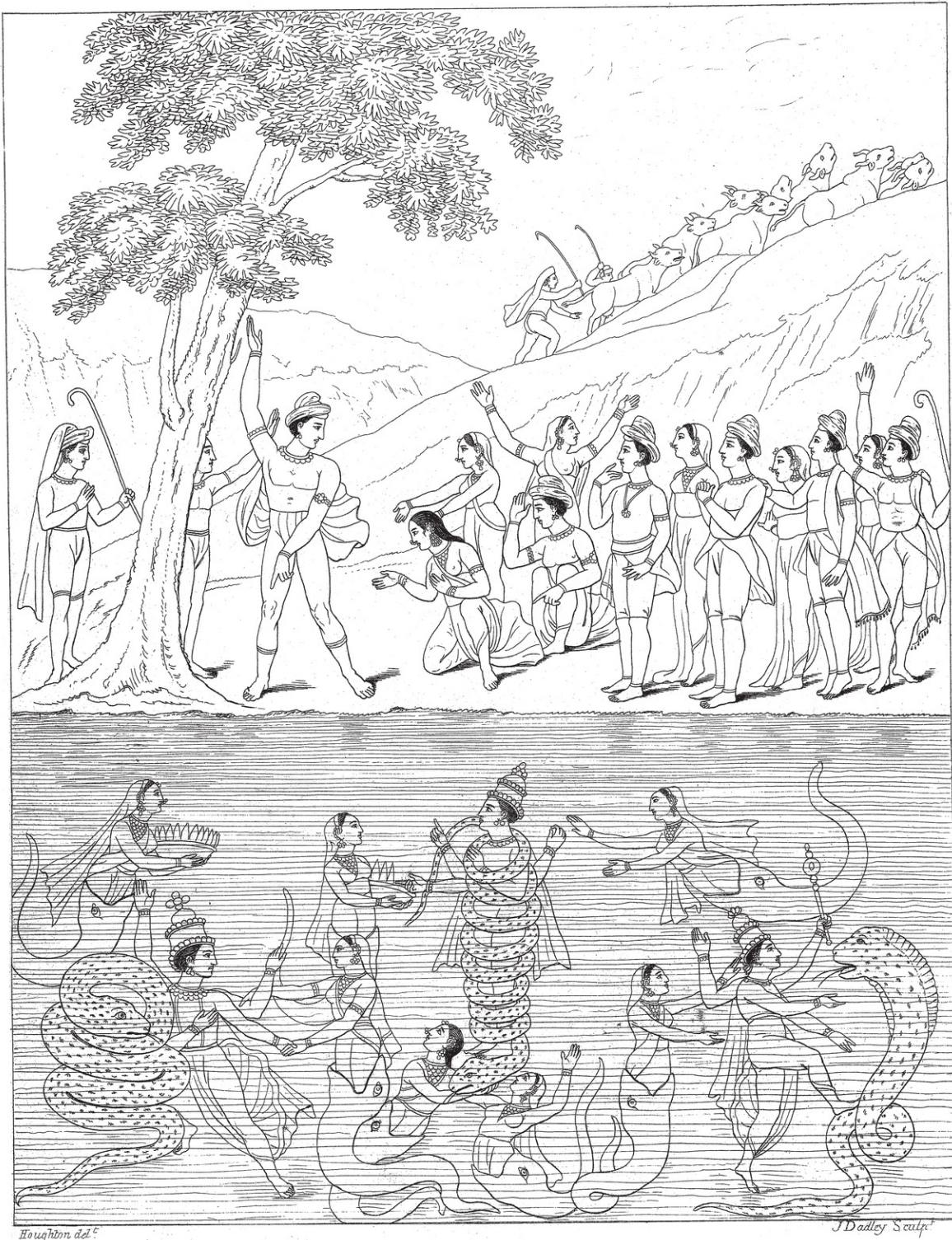
BĀLA KRHIHNA.

From brafs and other images of the Infant Krishna,...



KRISHNA up lifts the mountain GŌVĒRDHANA to Shelter his worshippers from the wrath of INDRA

From a picture.



KRISHNA about to destroy the Serpent KALIYA, the NERIEDS. his wives,

interceding.

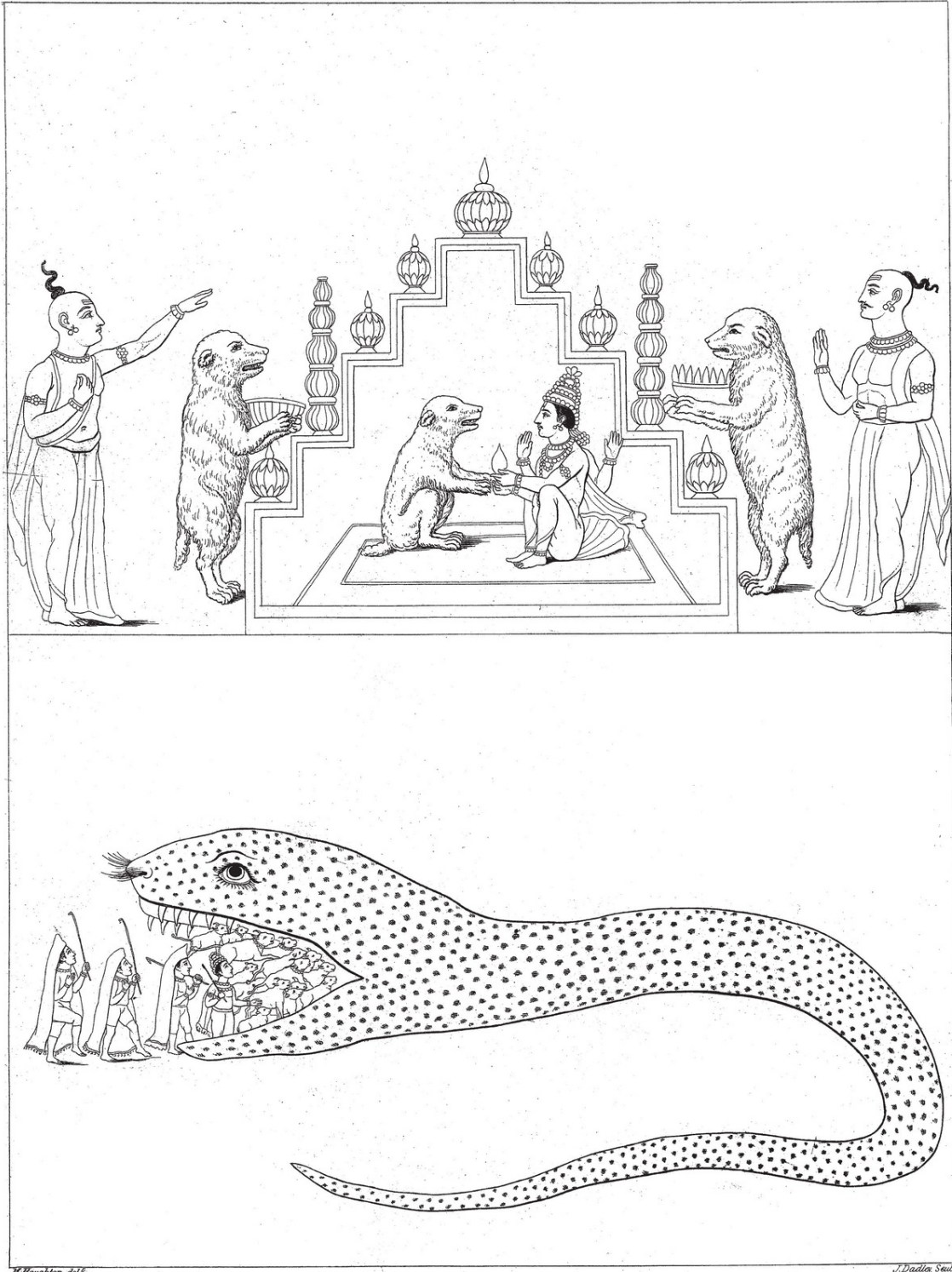
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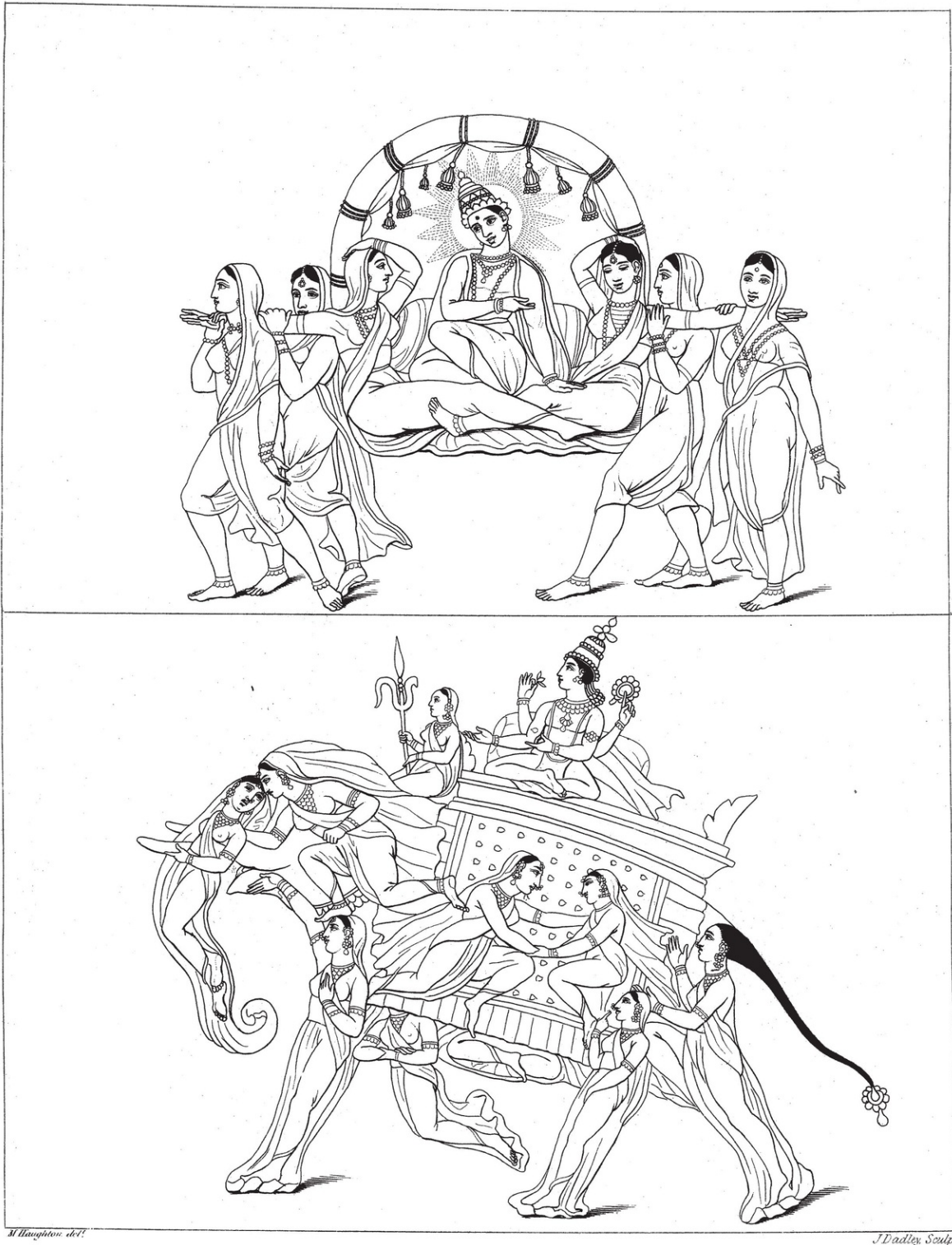
*RĀSA-MANDALA,
KRISHNA(the SUN) and the celestial bodies in harmonious movements round*

him.

From a Sketch.



from Pictures in the SRI BHAGAVATA, or life of KRISHNA.



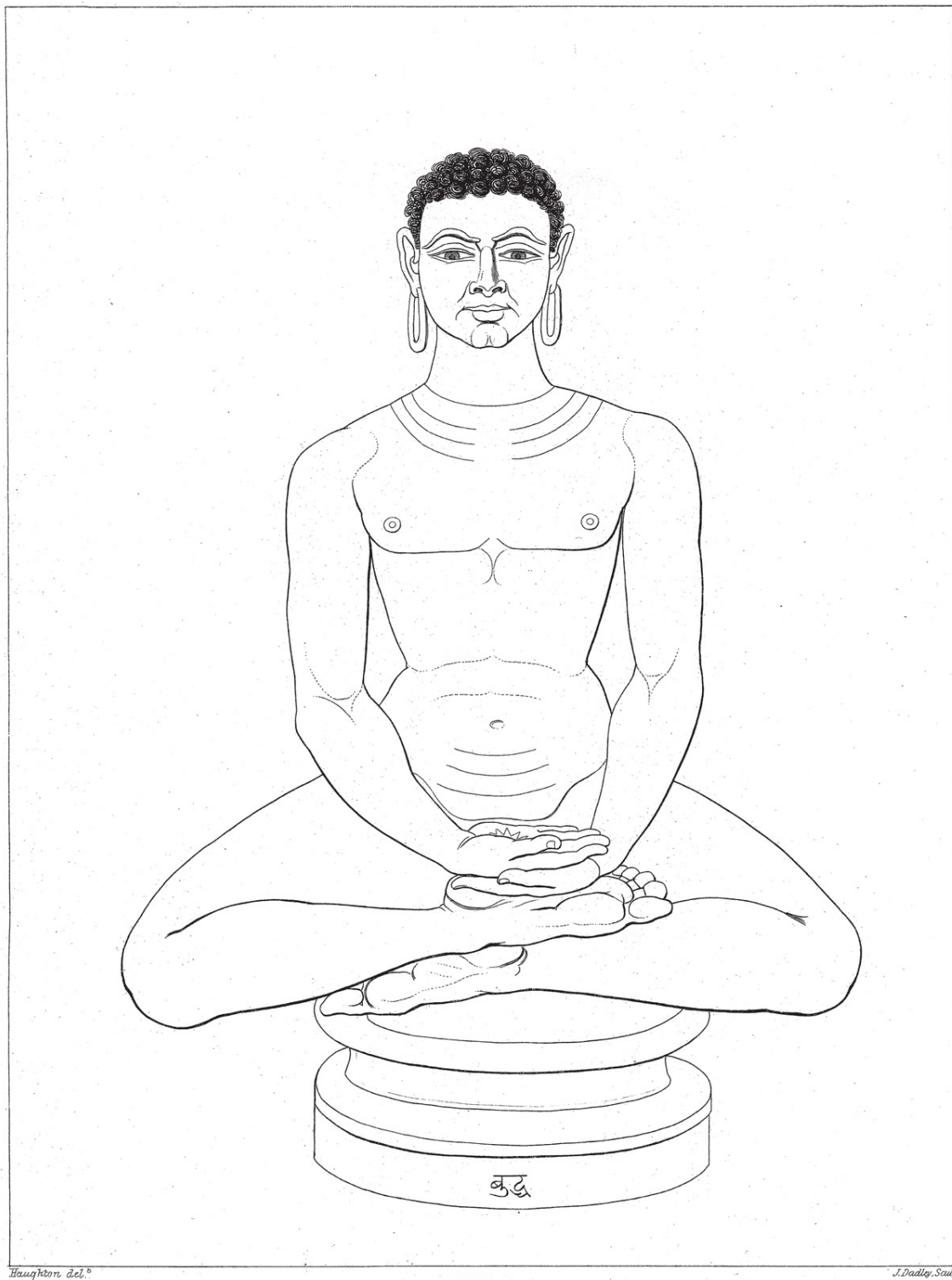
KRISHNA and the GŌPIA.

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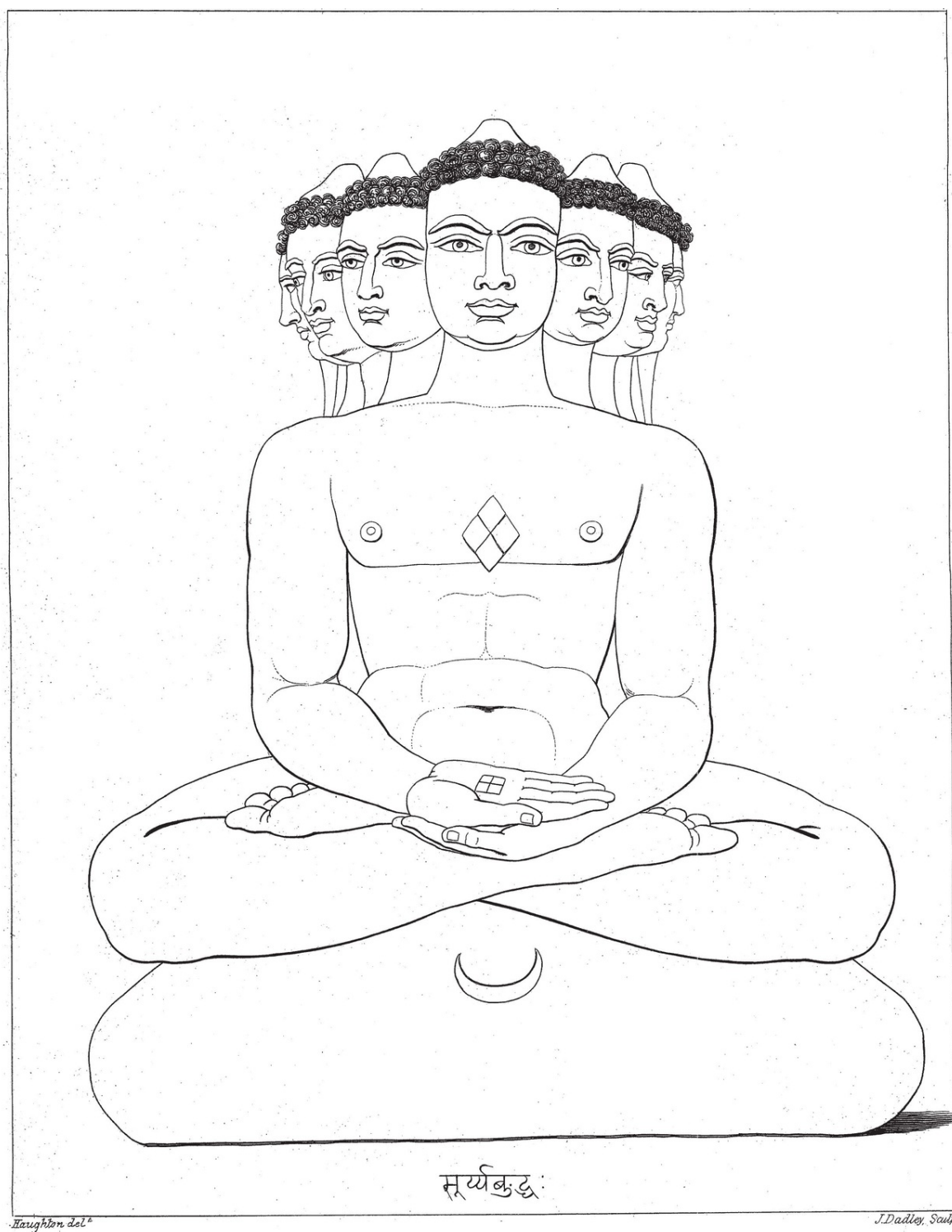
RĀDHĀ, KRISHNA, and attendant GOPIA.

From. a Picture.



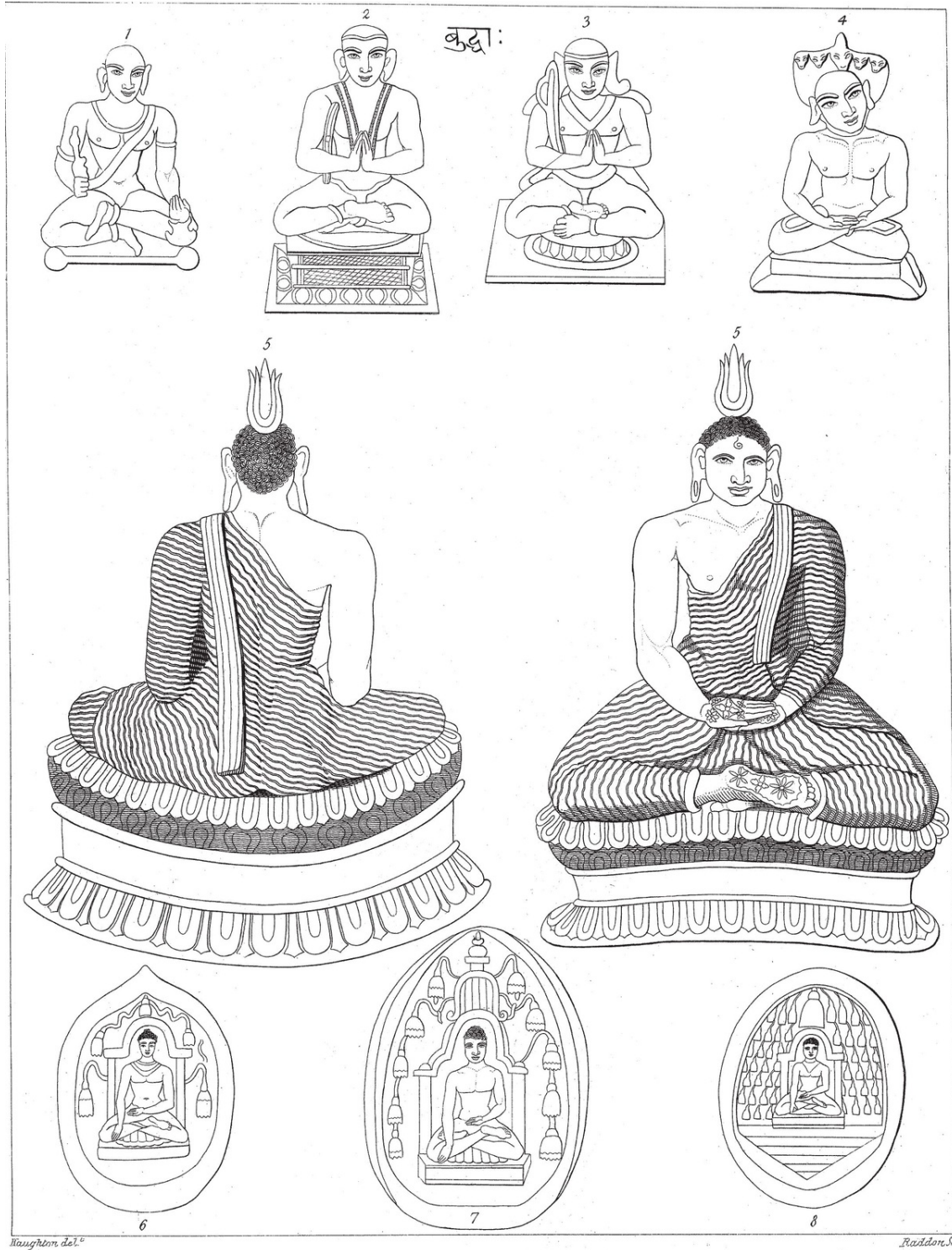
BUDDHA.

From a Statue in black marble in the Museum at the India House.



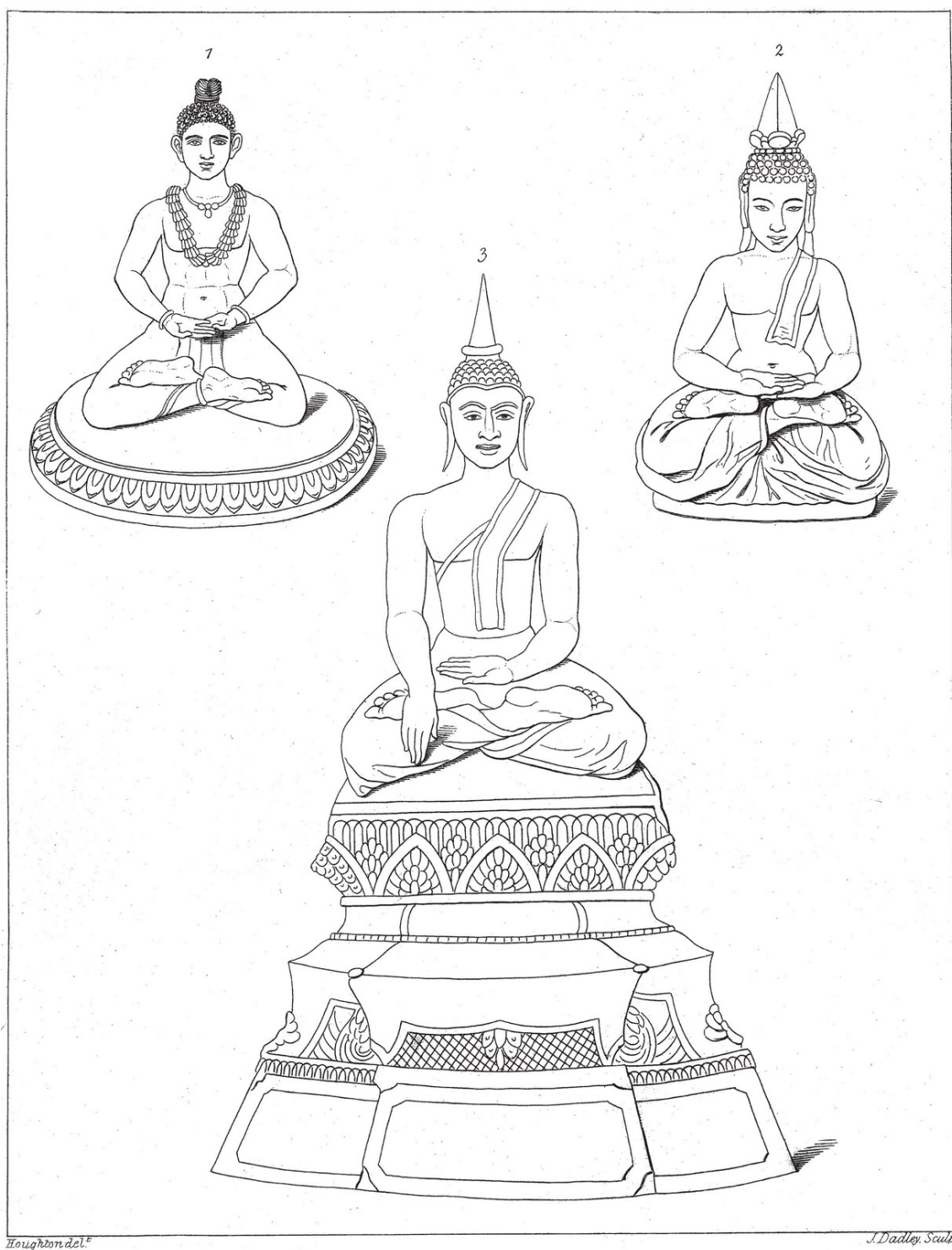
SŪRYA BUDDHA.

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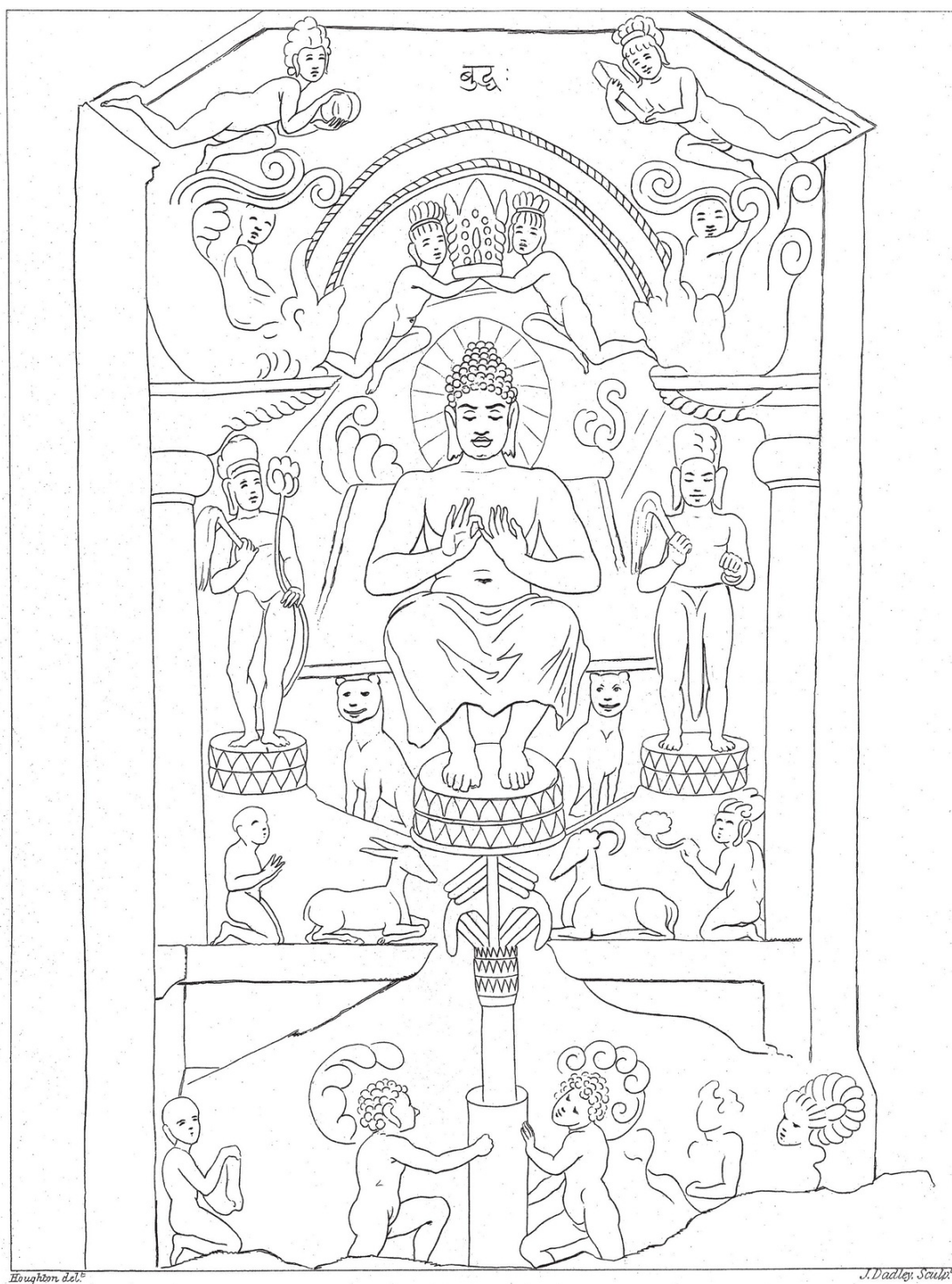


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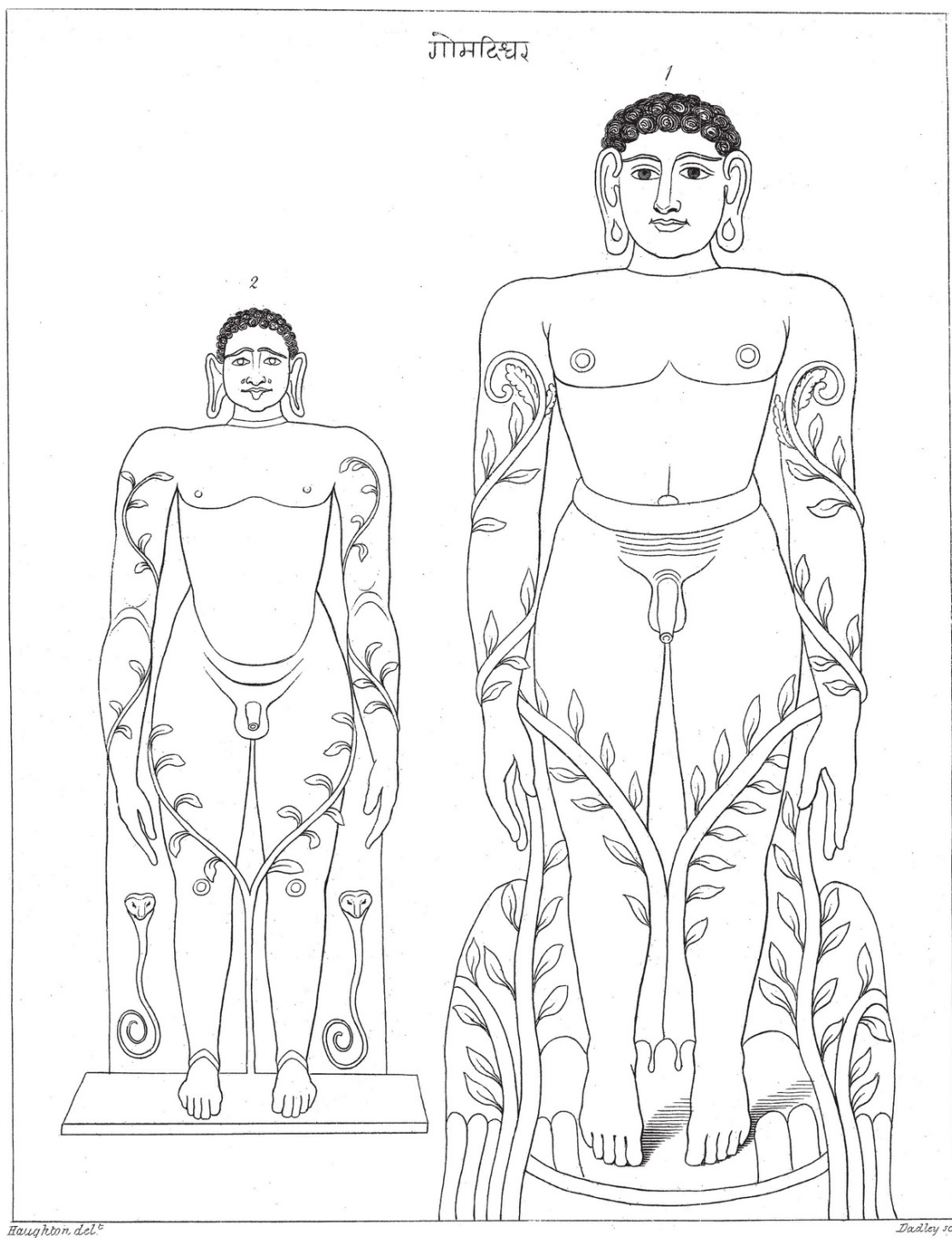
BUBBHĀ.

N°1 of zinc cast at BENARES. 2. of marble from CHINA. 3. in Silver from AVA.



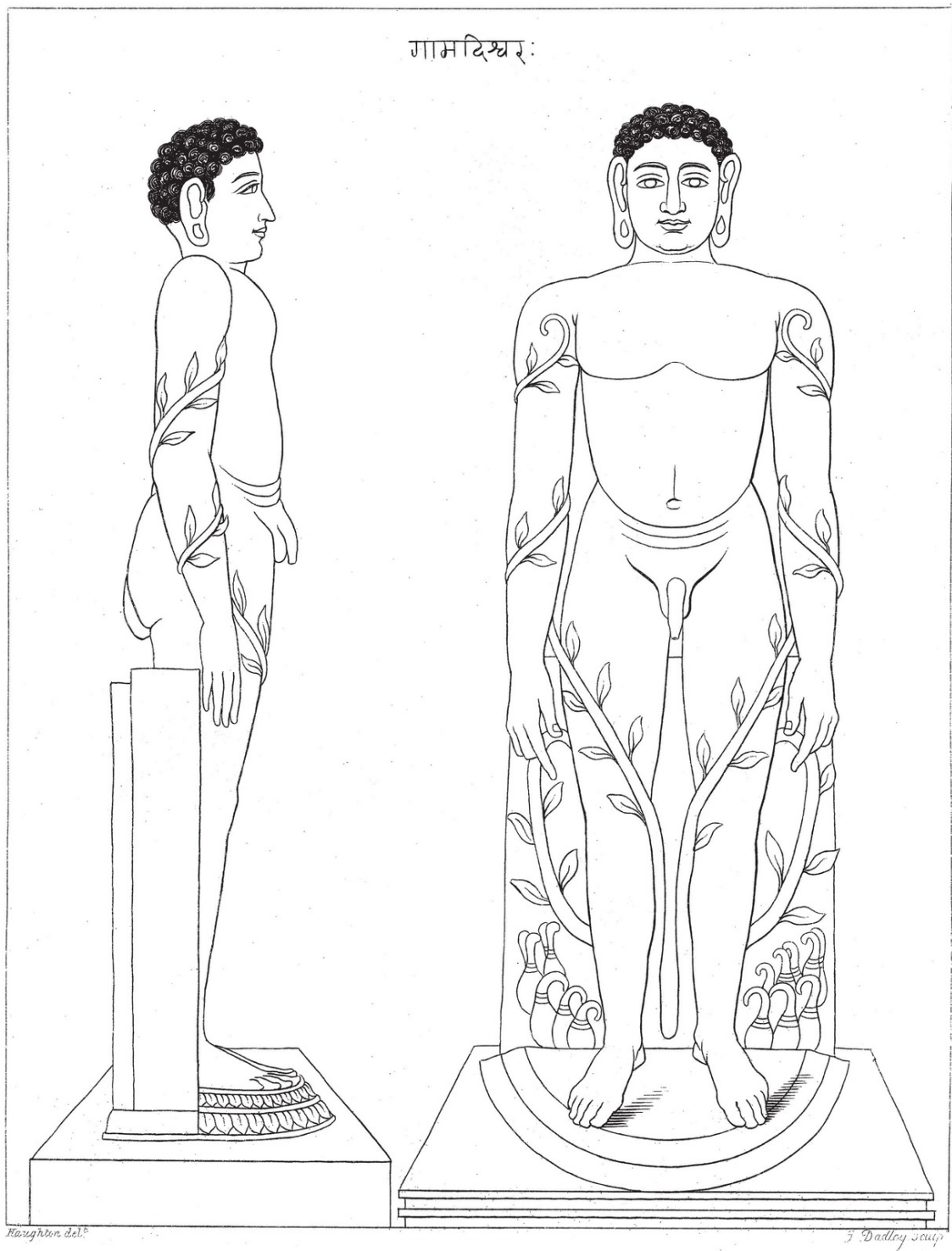
BUDDHA from a **SCULPTURE** in **KARLY CAVE**. between **POONA & BOMBAY**,

Copied from a **SKETCH** in the collection of the **RIGHT HON. VISCOUNT VALENTIA**.



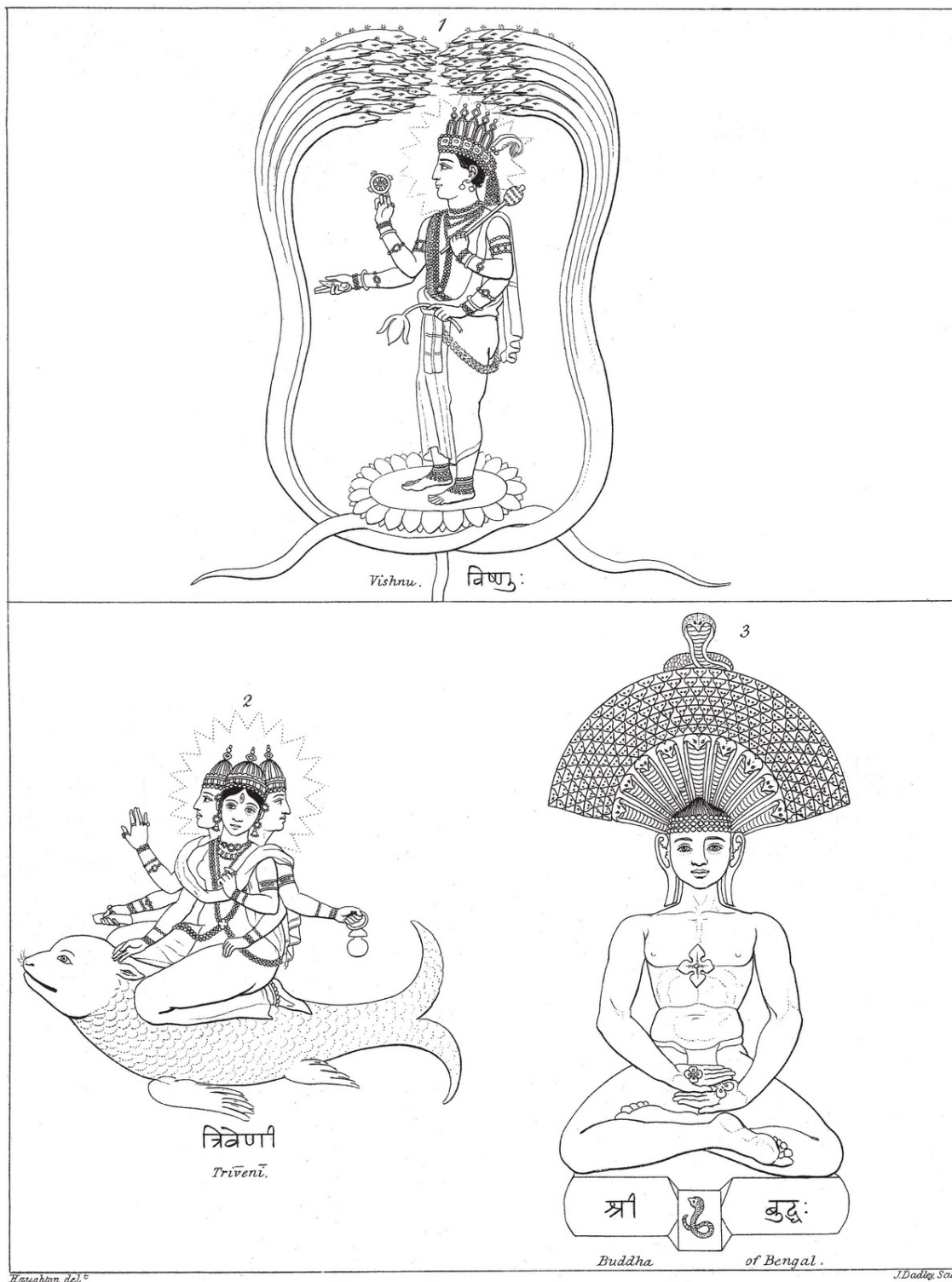
STATUE of GŌMAD ISWARA at SRAVANA BELGULA in KANARA 70 feet in height.

From a picture in the collection of the Right Honorable Sir ARTHUR WELLESLEY. 2. Of the same at EINURU or YENNOOR in KANARA 35 feet high.

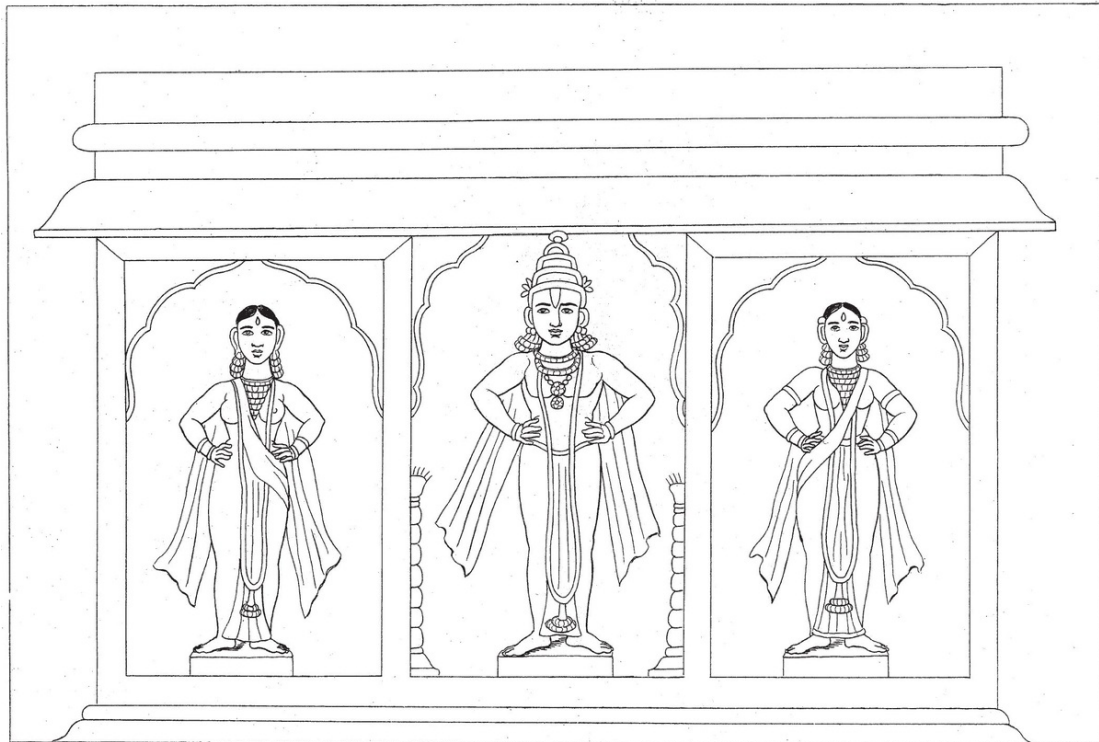


Statue of GOMAD ISWARA or GOMUTA RAYA at KARKULLY in KANARA.

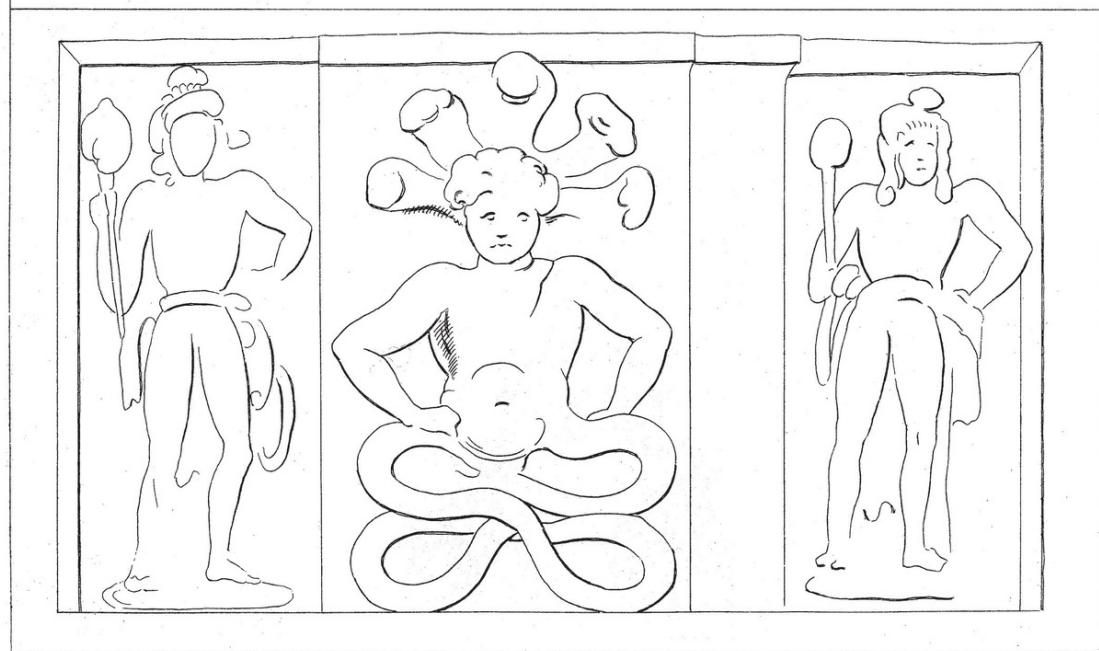
36 feet 6 Inches in height.



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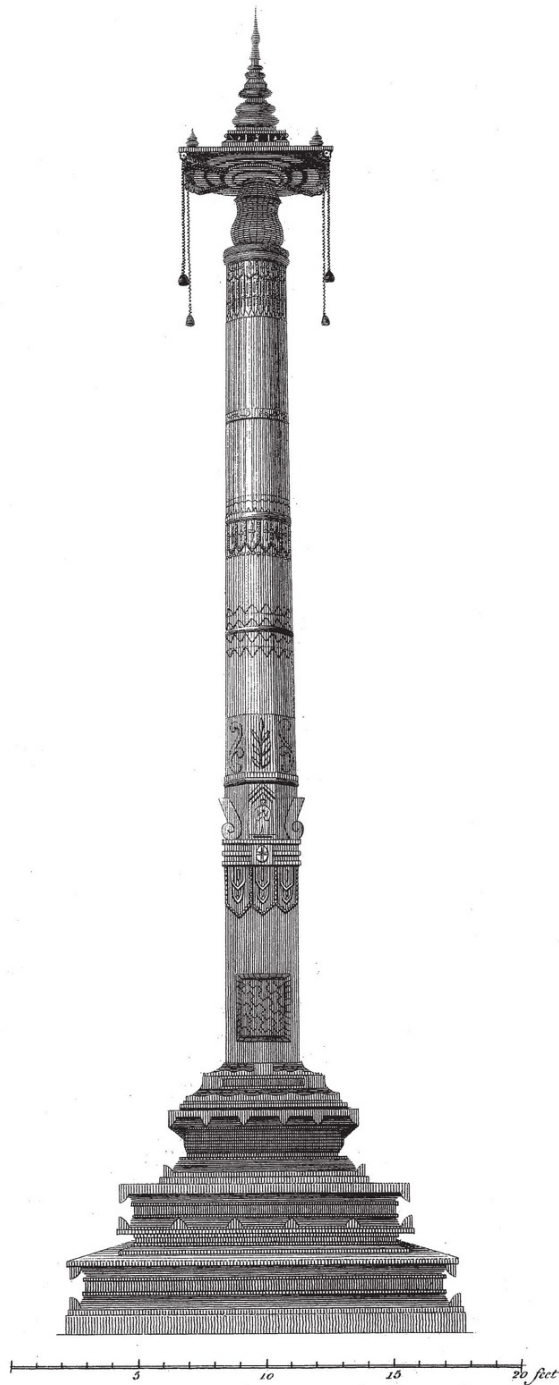
BALLAJI and his wives LAKSHMĪ and SATYAVAMĀ.
from a picture



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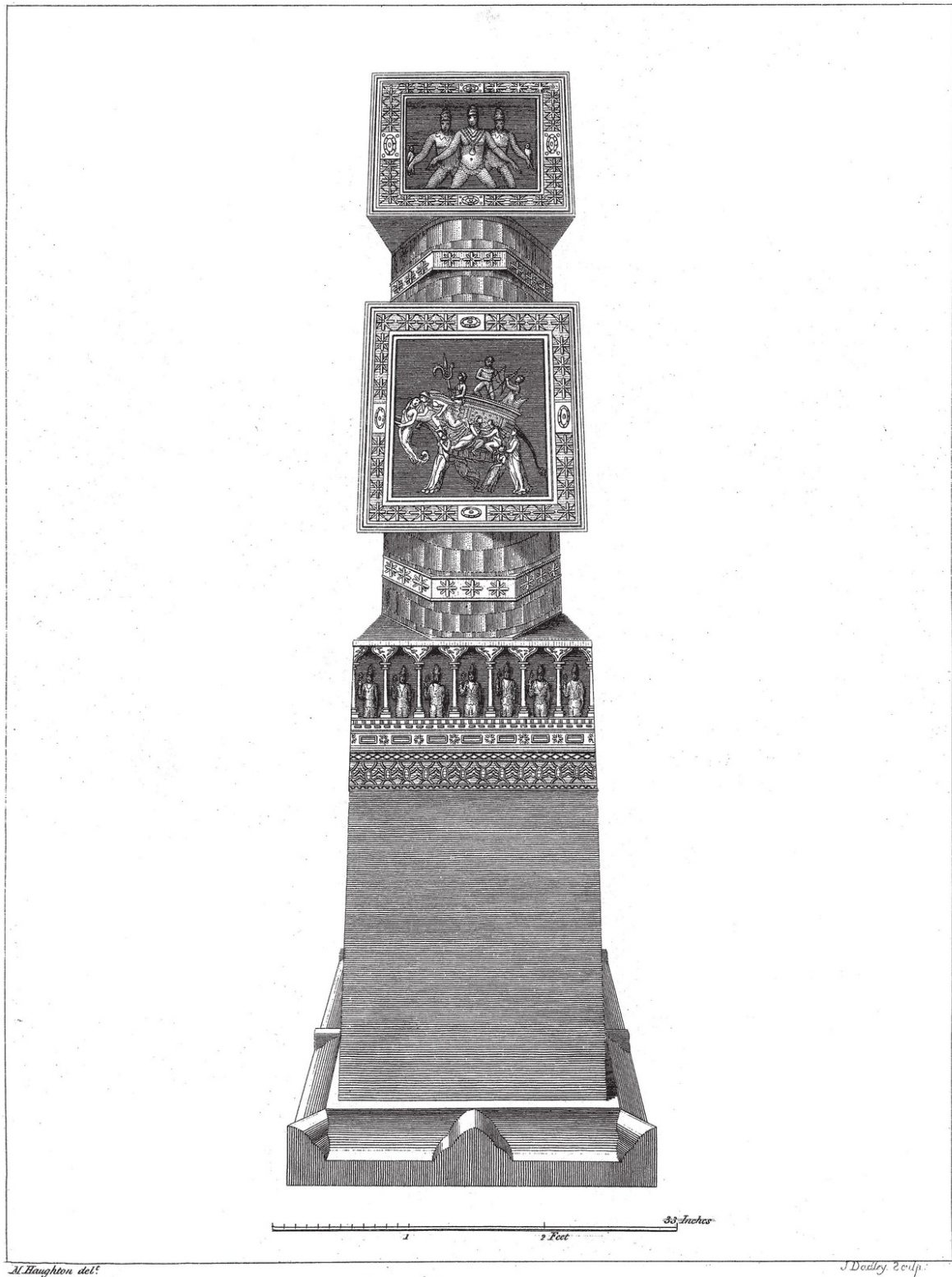
From a ruined temple at SIVA SAMURA, on an Island in the CAVERI.



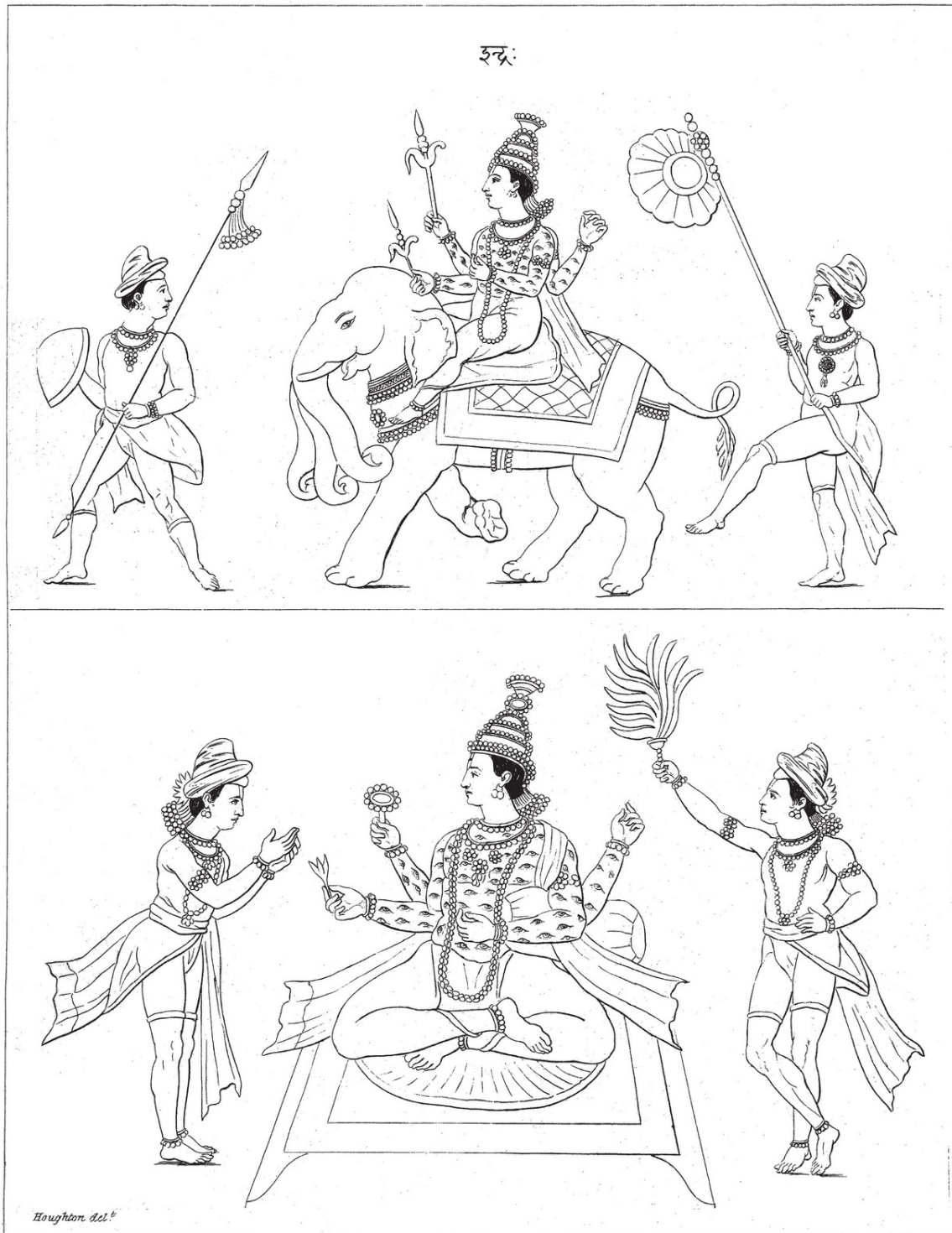
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Elevation and Tien of an OBESLYK of granite 52 is feel a JAIN Temple at MUDUBIDERY, or MORBIDRY, near MANGALORE in KANARA.



A WOODEN PILLAR in the PALACE at MUDU BIDERY, or MOORBIDY near MANGALORE IN KANARA.



INDRA, GOD of the FIRMAMENT.

From pictures.



AGNI, GOD of FIRE. PĀVANA, REGENT of WINDS.

From Pictures.



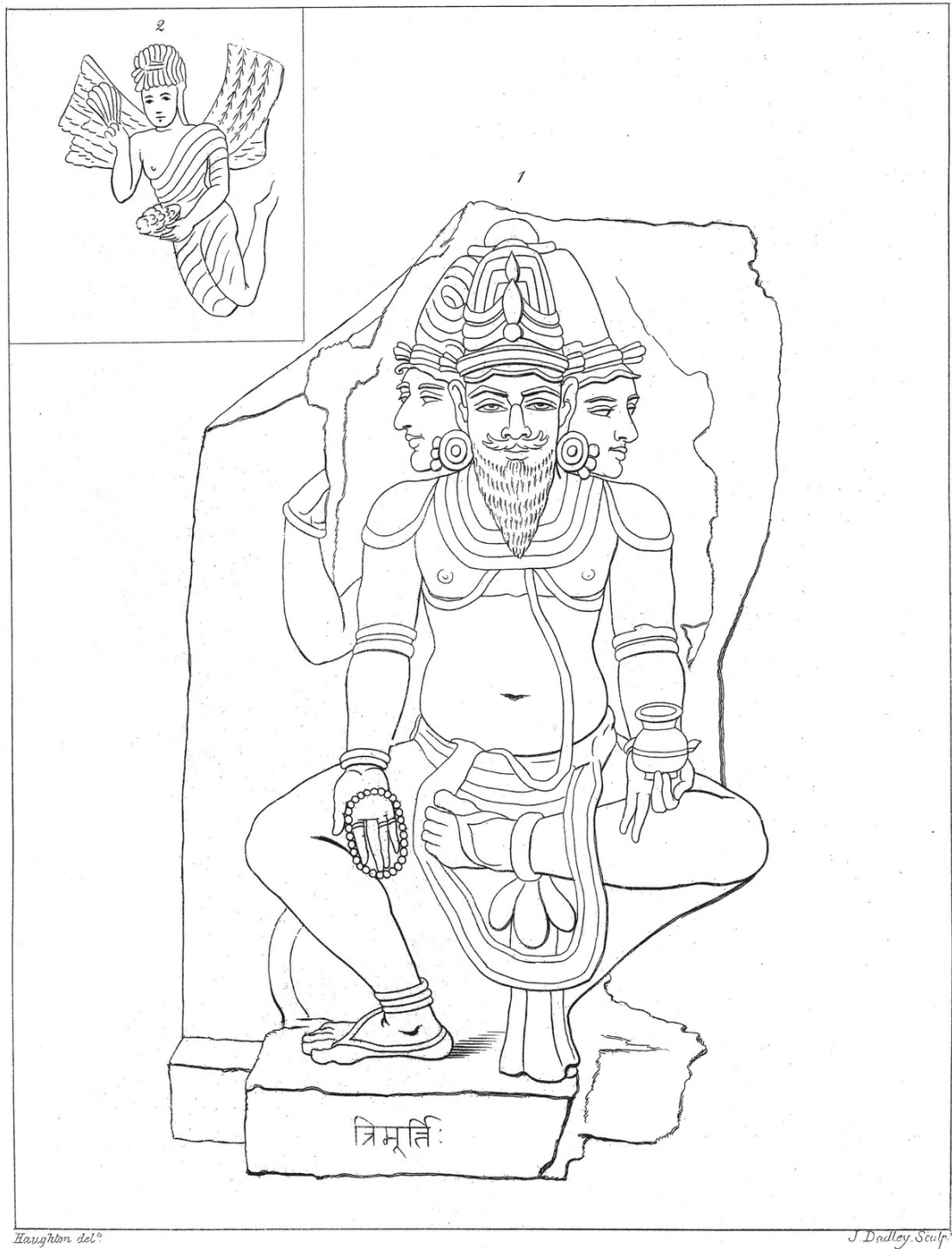
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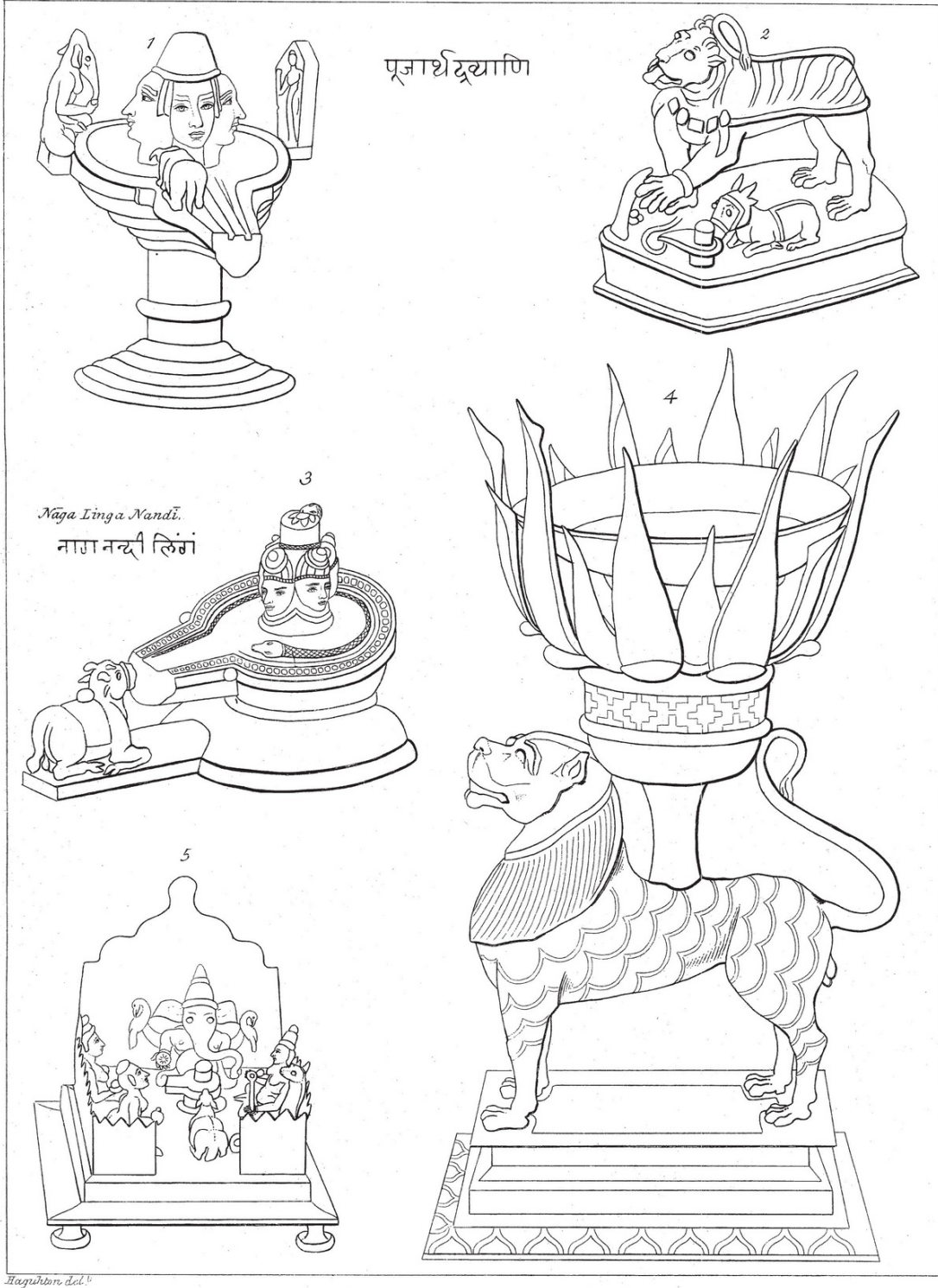
TRIMŪRTI the. HINDU TRIAD,

From a very ancient Granite in the Museum at the India. House.



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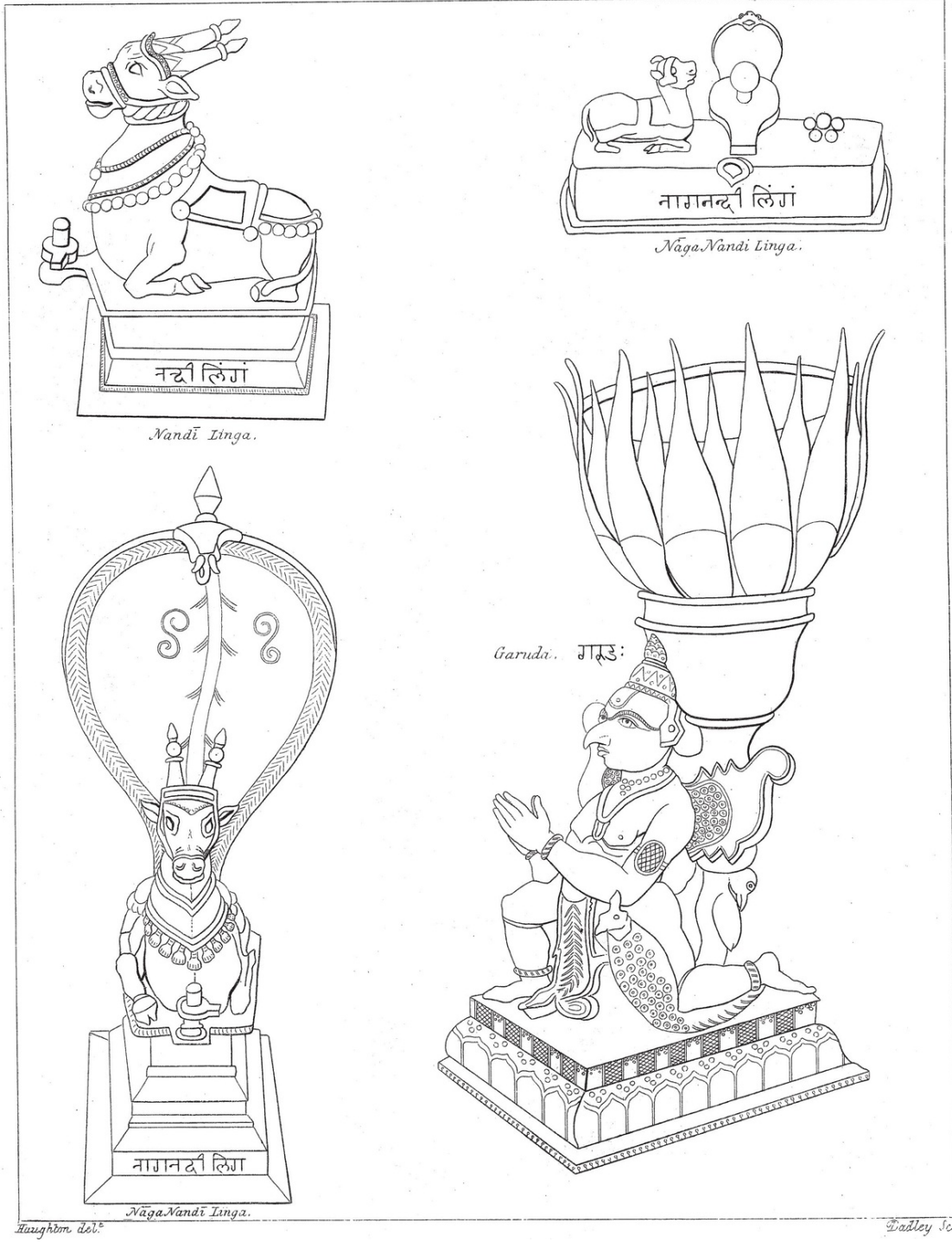
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PŪJĀRTHA DRAVYĀNI, SACRIFICIAL IMPLEMENTS &c.

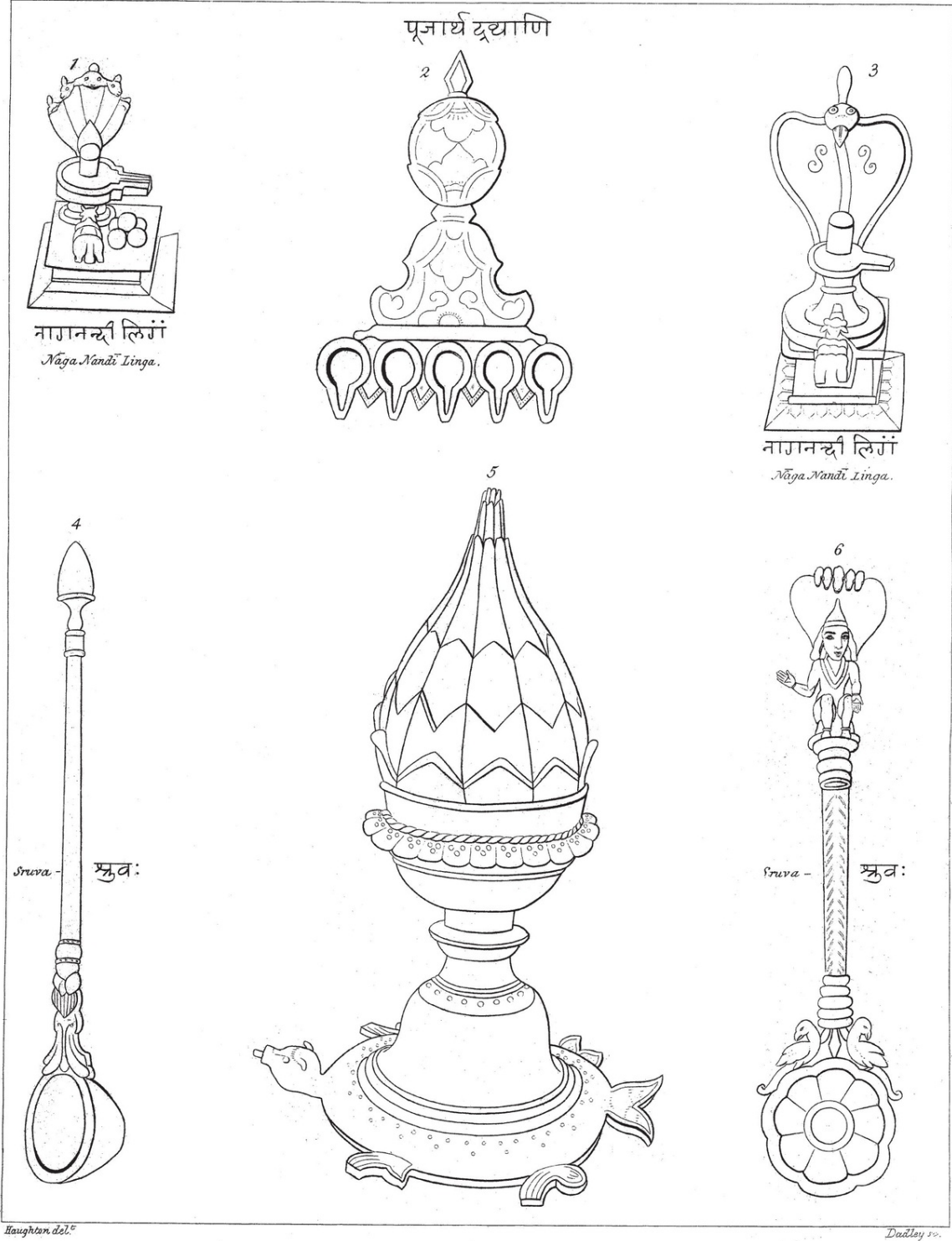
From subjects in brafs &c.

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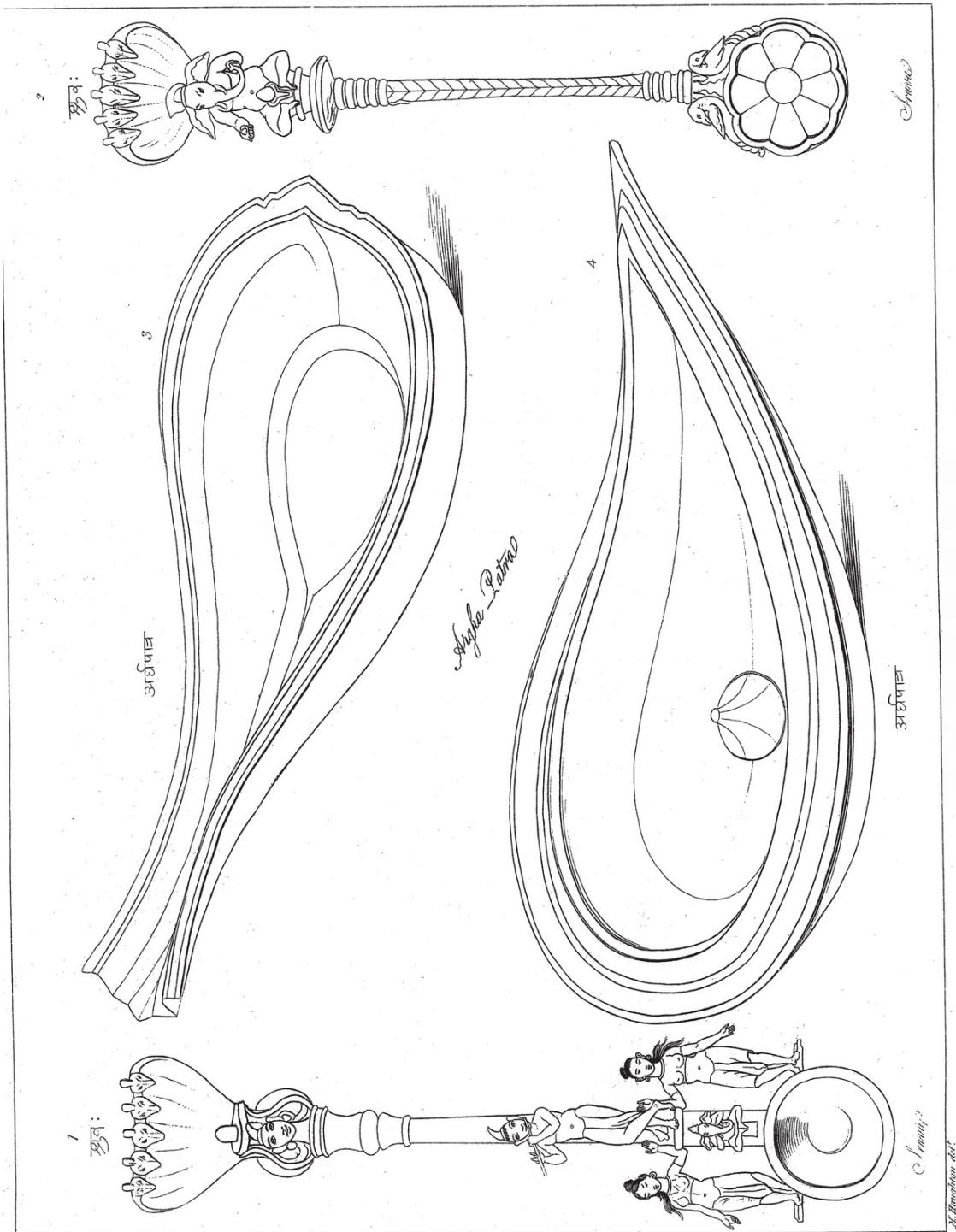
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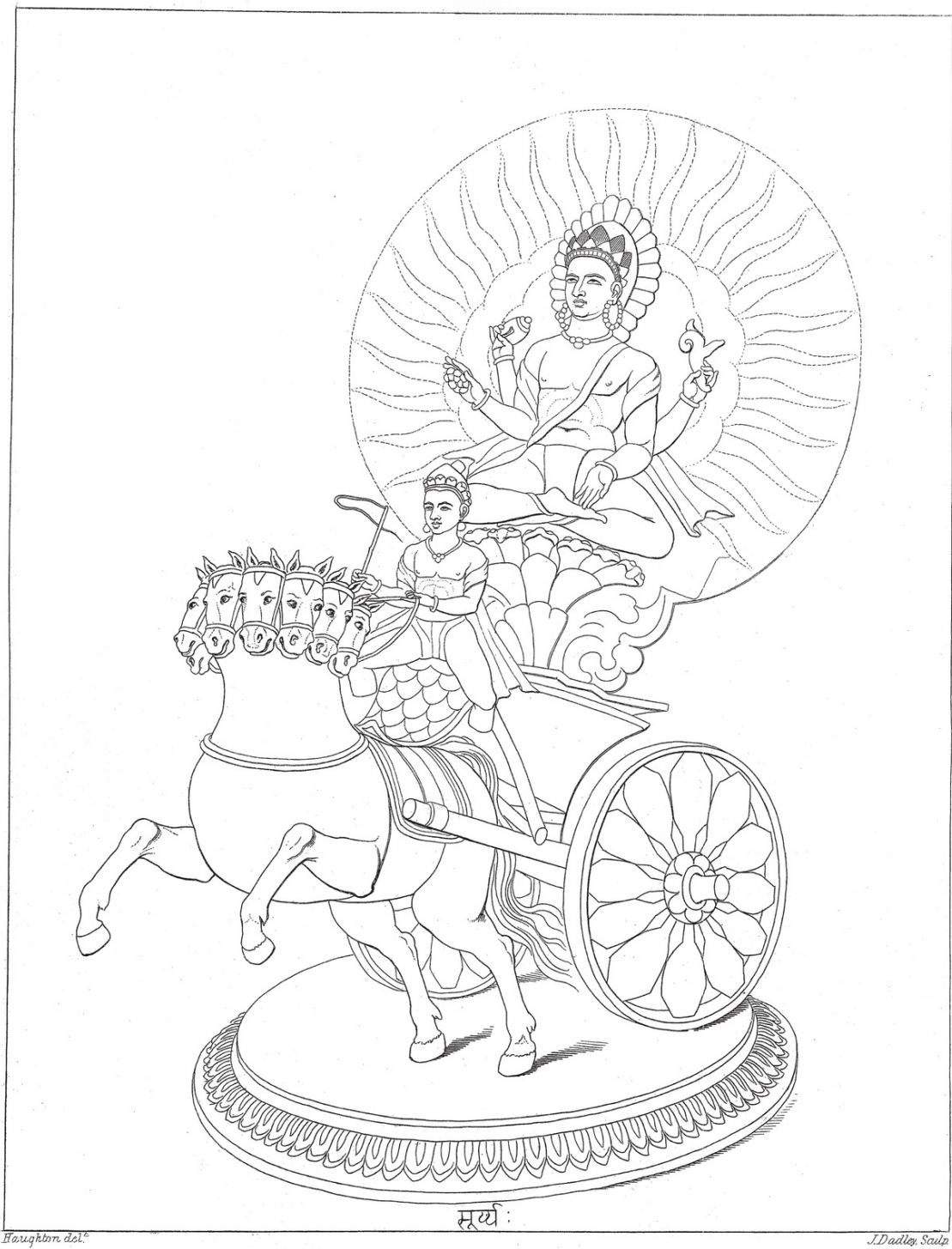
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PŪJĀRTHA DRAVYĀN, SACRIFICIAL UTENSILS.

From subjects in Copper &c.





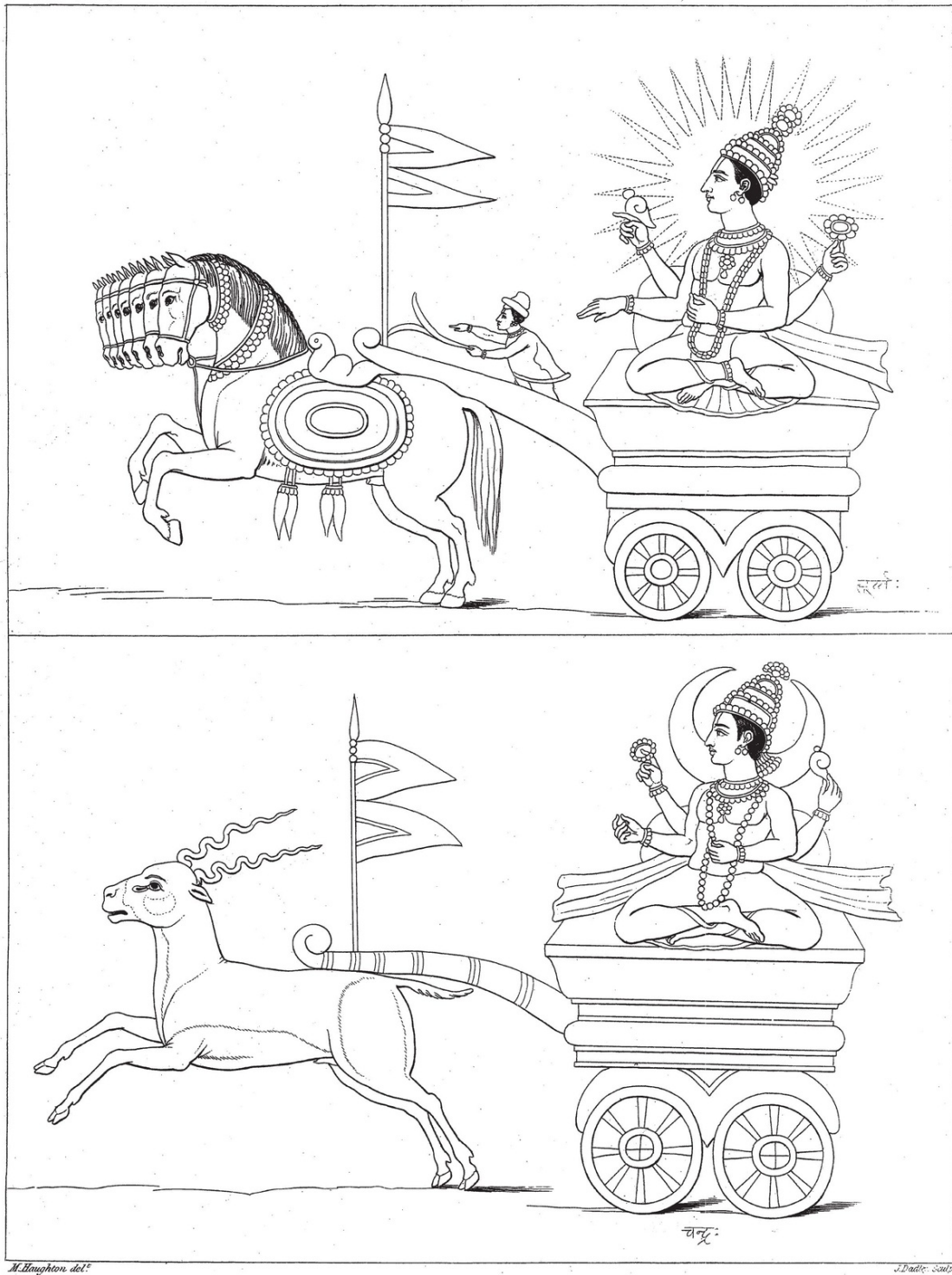
SŪRYA the SUN.

From a cast in the Museum at the India House. Copied from a Sculpture in the temple of VISWESWARA at BENARES.



RĀSI CHAKRA. The HINDU ZODIAC, and SOLAR SYSTEM

From a picture in the collection, of Colonel Stuart.

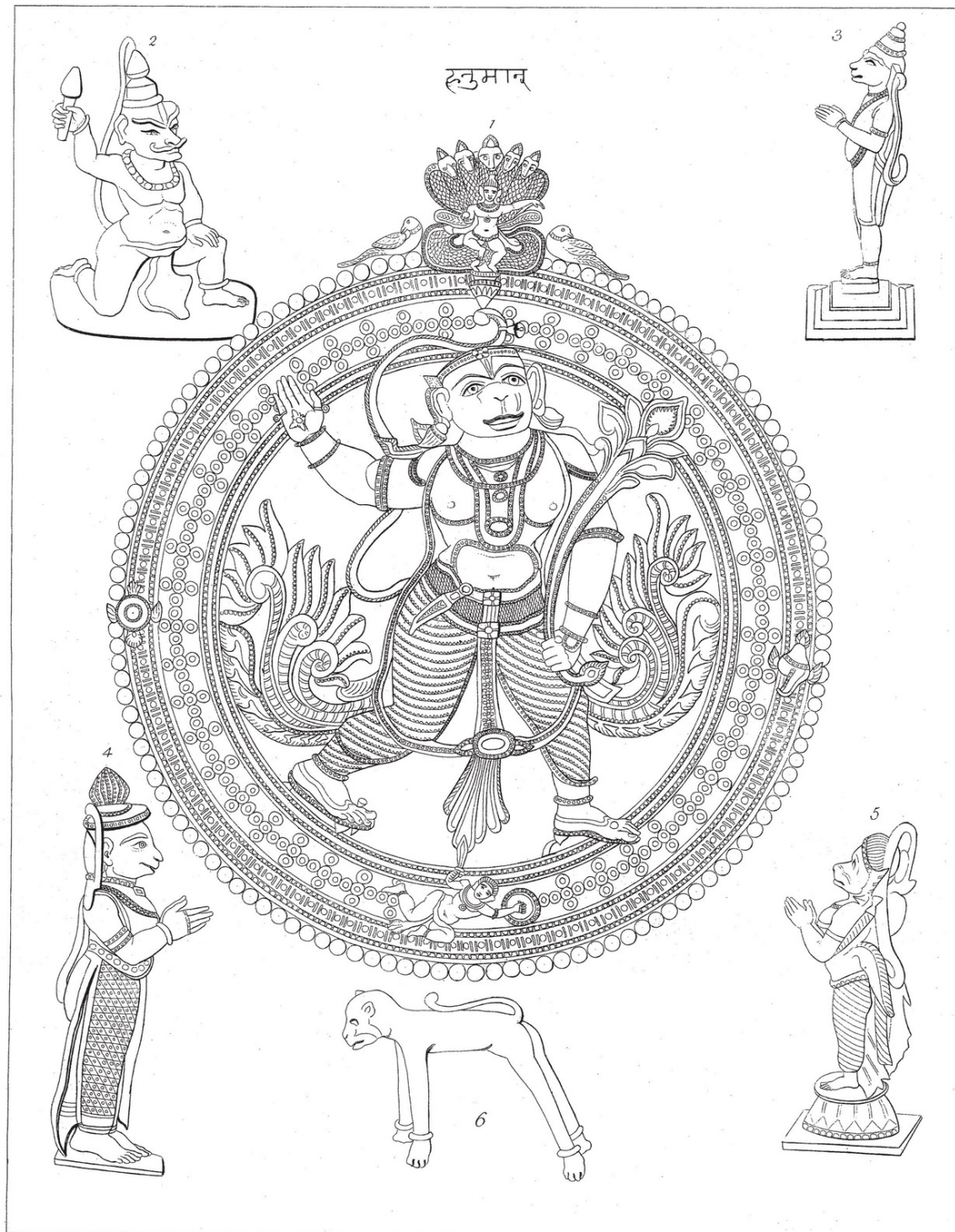


SŪRYA and CHANDRA. The SUN and MOON

from Pictures

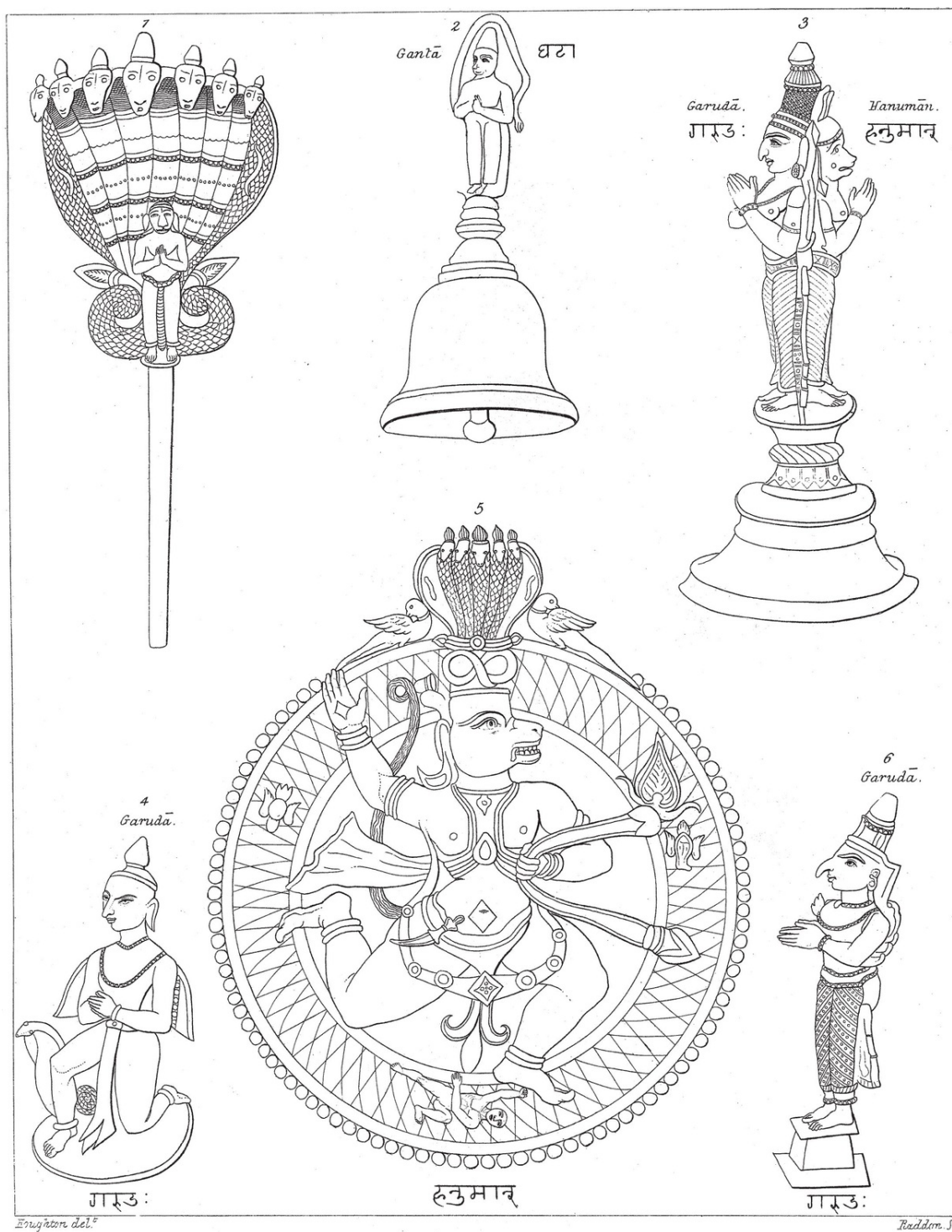


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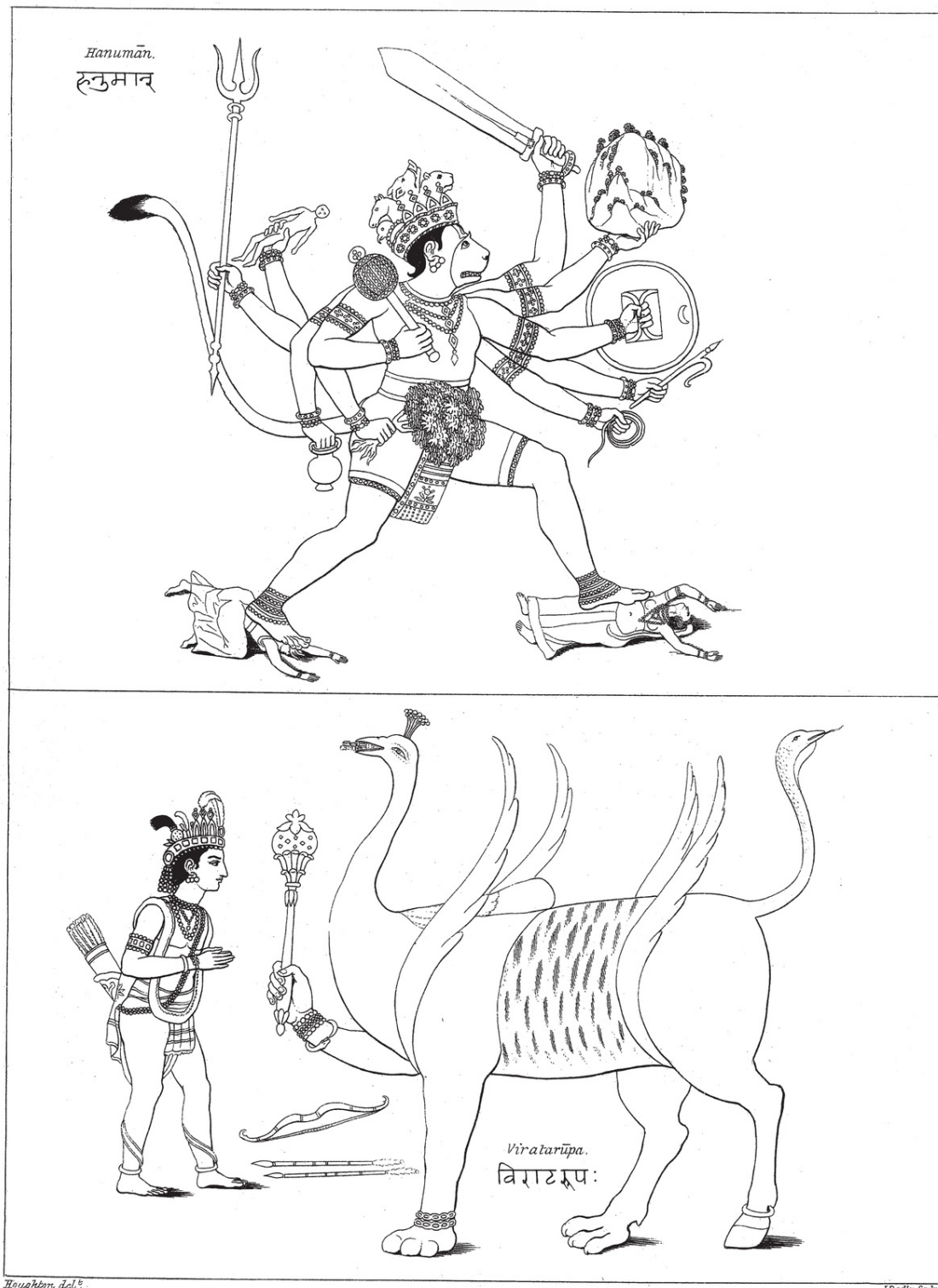
HANUMĀN

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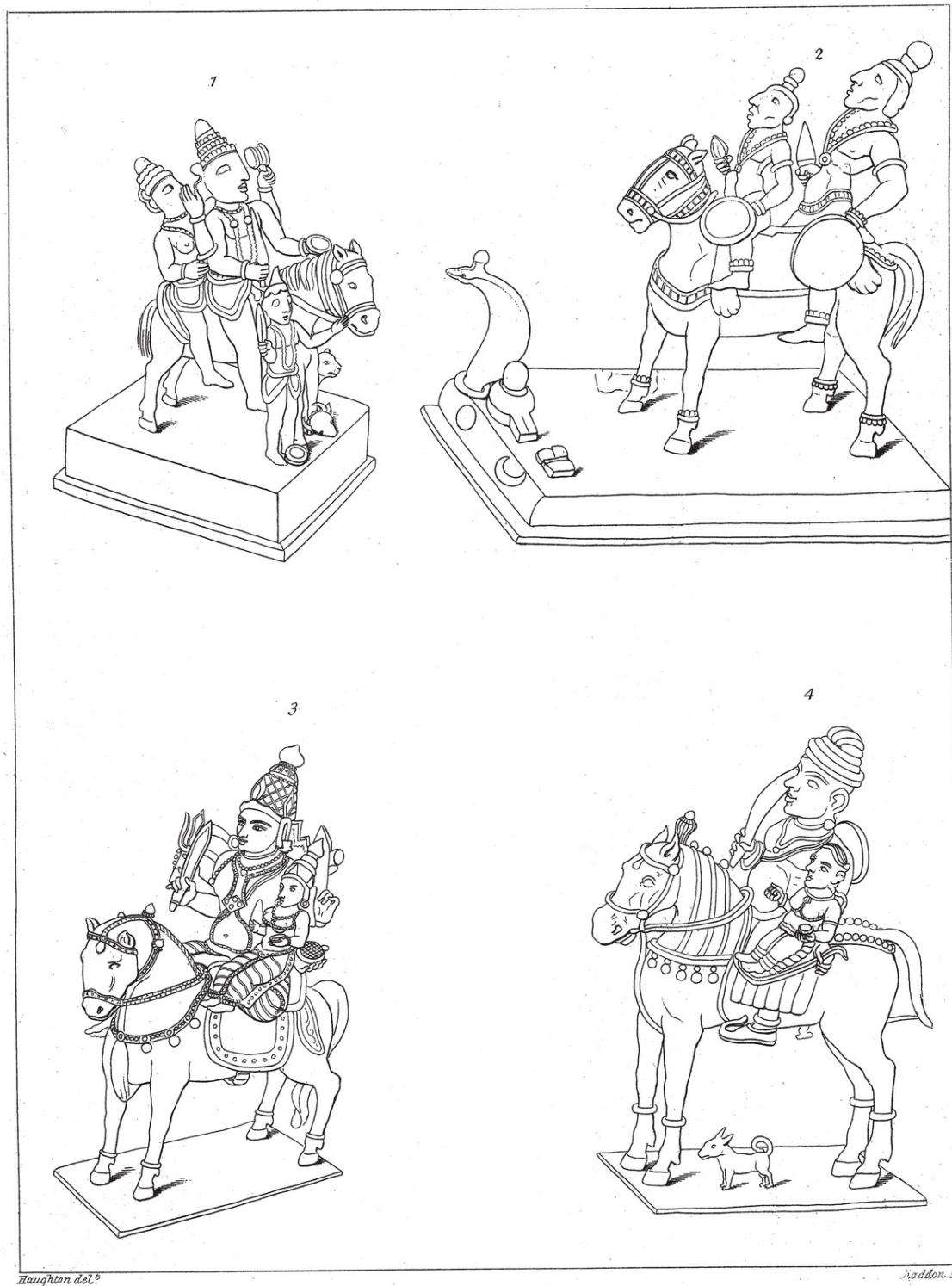
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KANDARAO and MALSARA an AVATĀRA of MAHĀDĒVA and PĀRVATĪ.

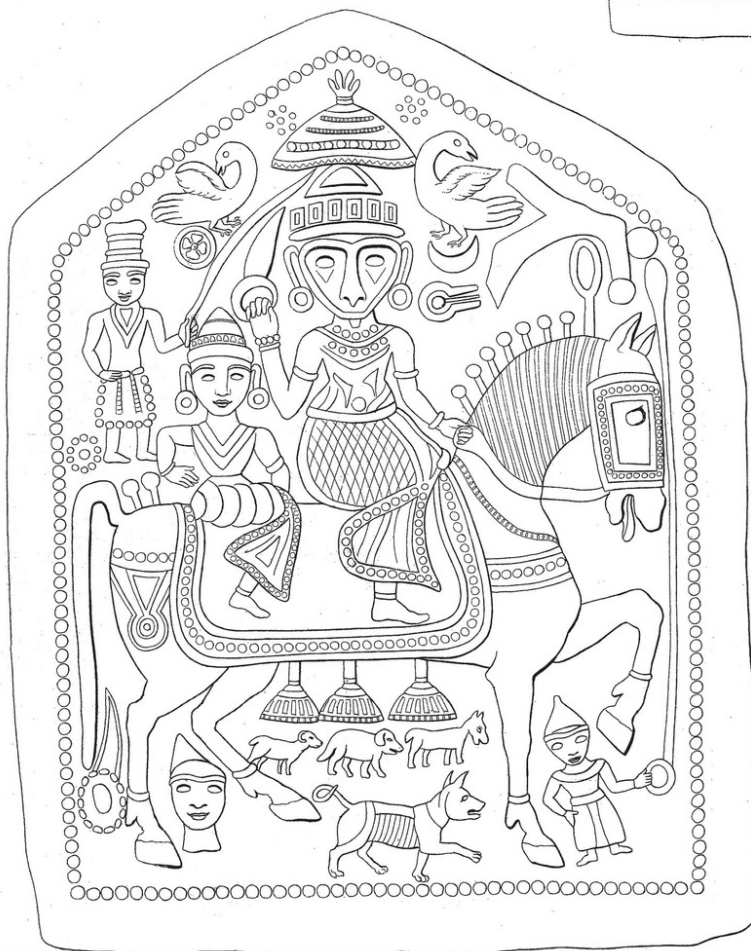
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Kandaras and Malsara



Bhairava



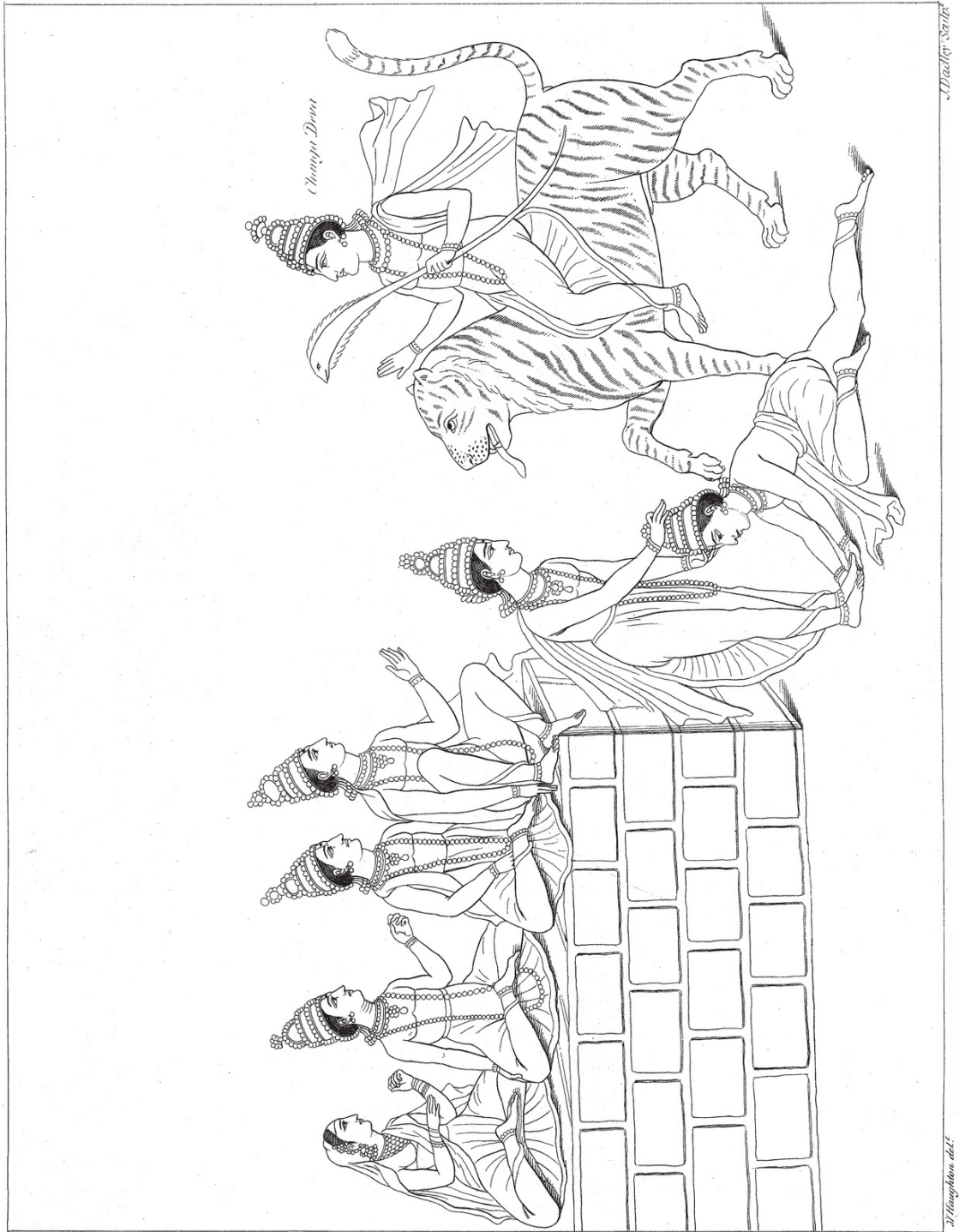
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Parasu Rāma

Raddon sc.

From thin plates of embossed copper.

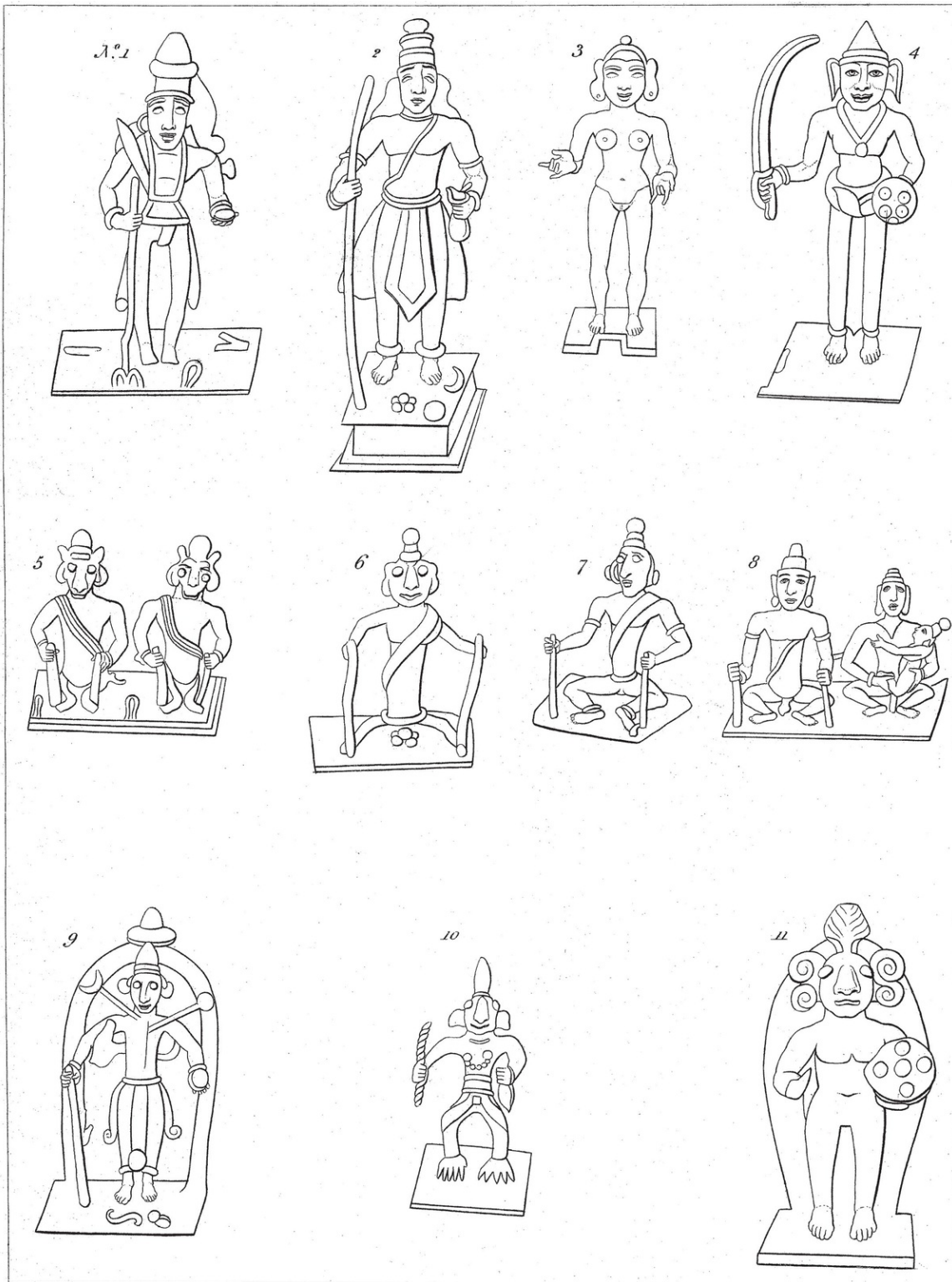


From a Picture representing a Miracle performed near POONA by NANESHWER, an AVATAR of VISHNU.



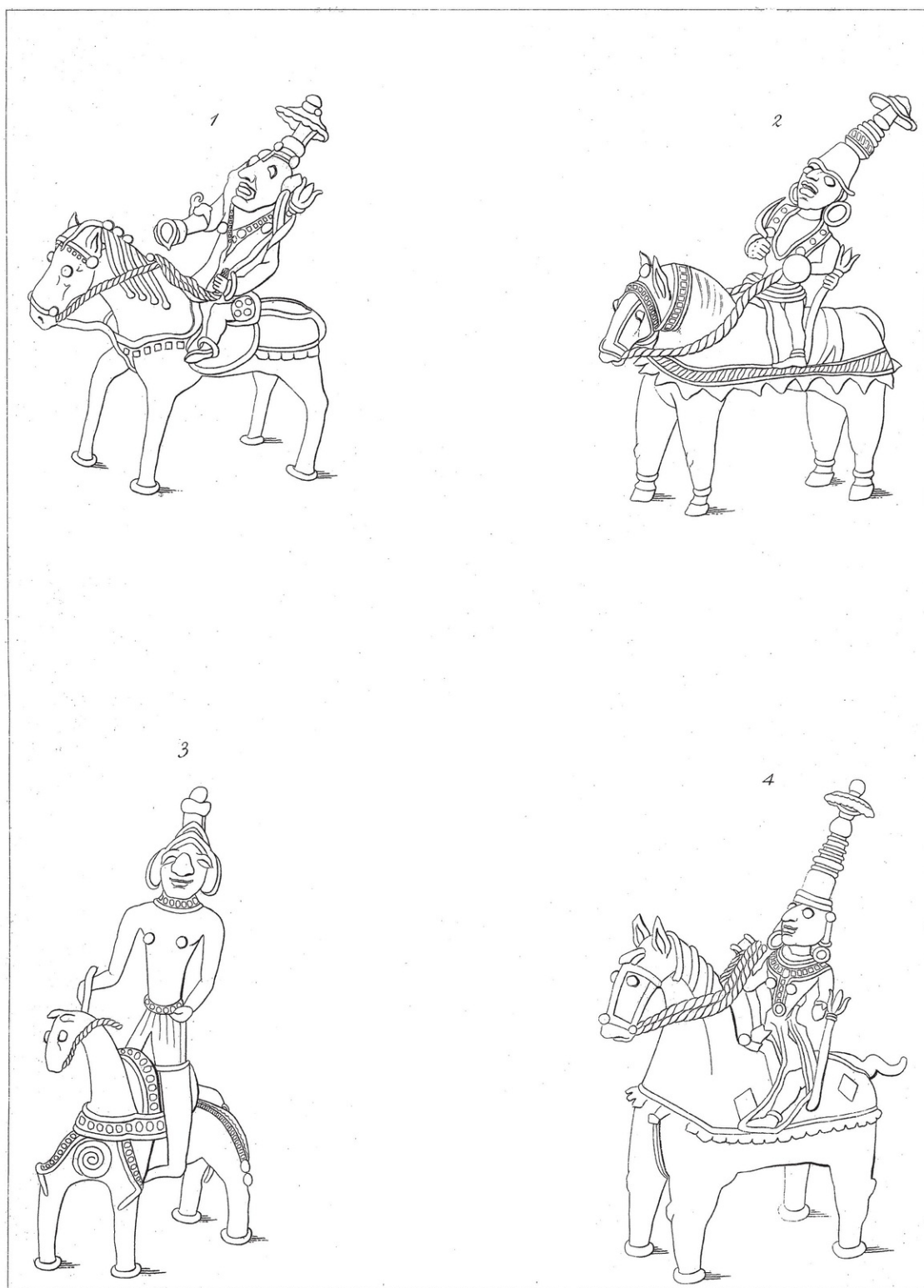
BALLAJI an AVATĀRA of VISHNU and his wives LAKSHMĪ and SATYA VĀMĀ,

From a subject in brāh.



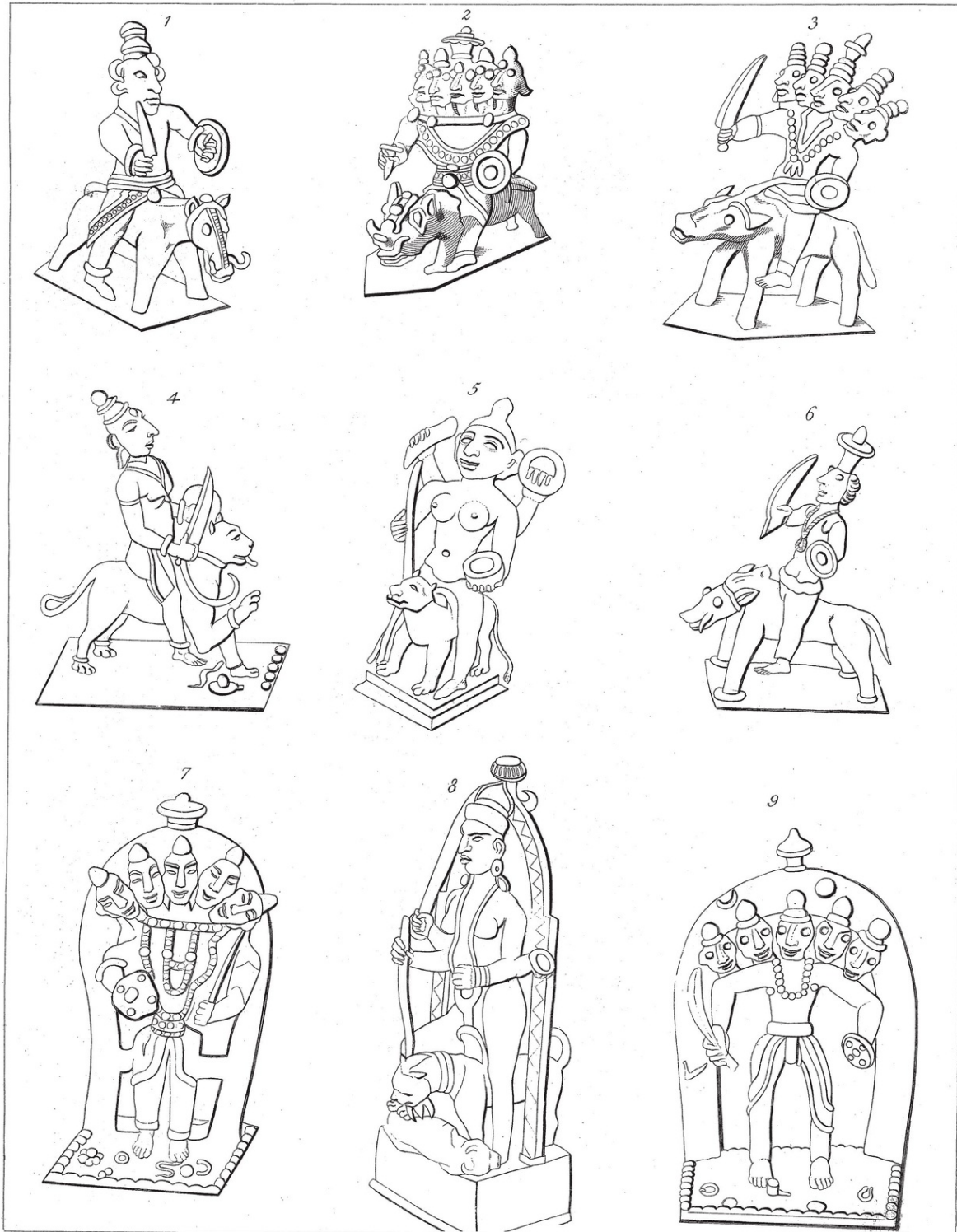
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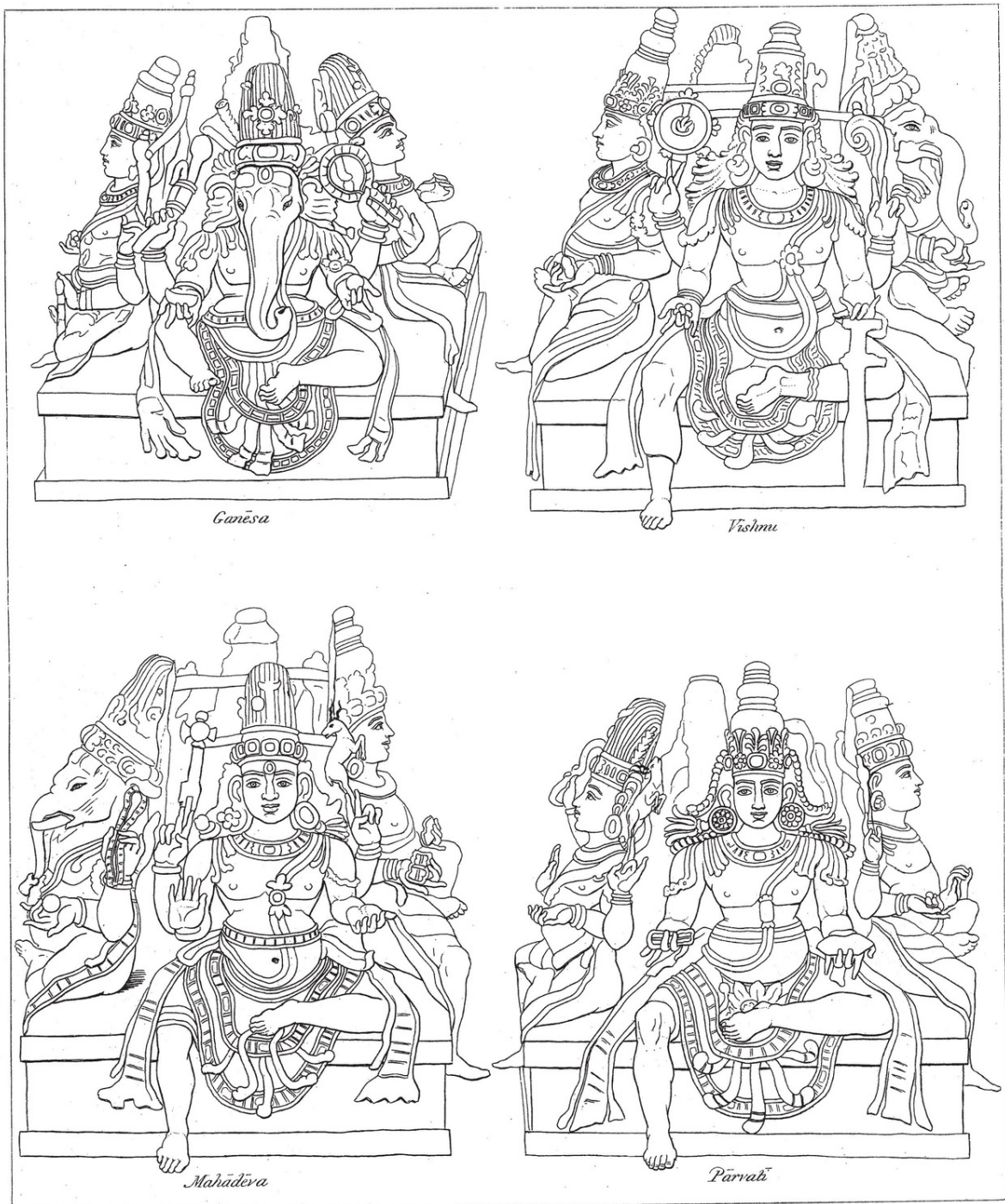
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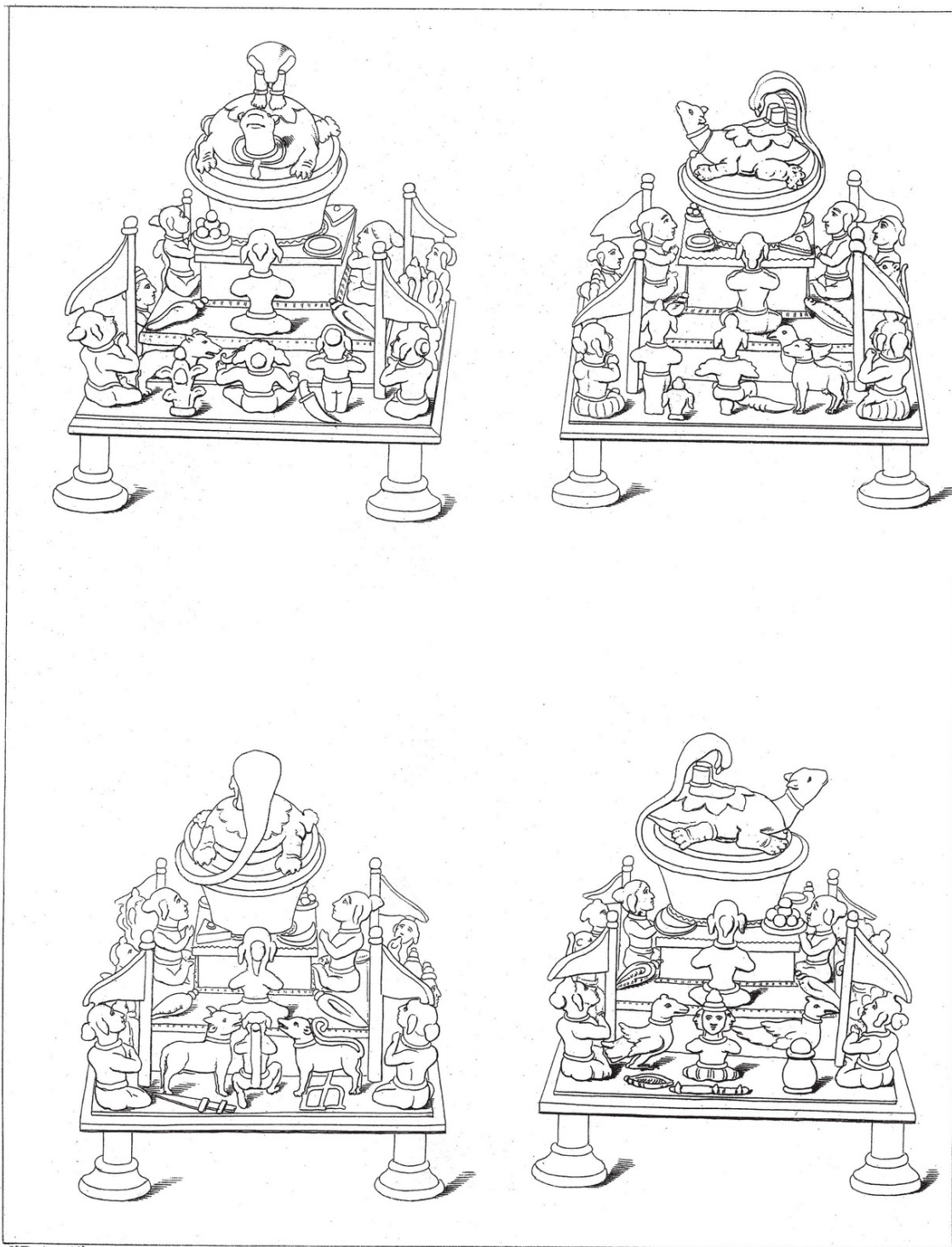
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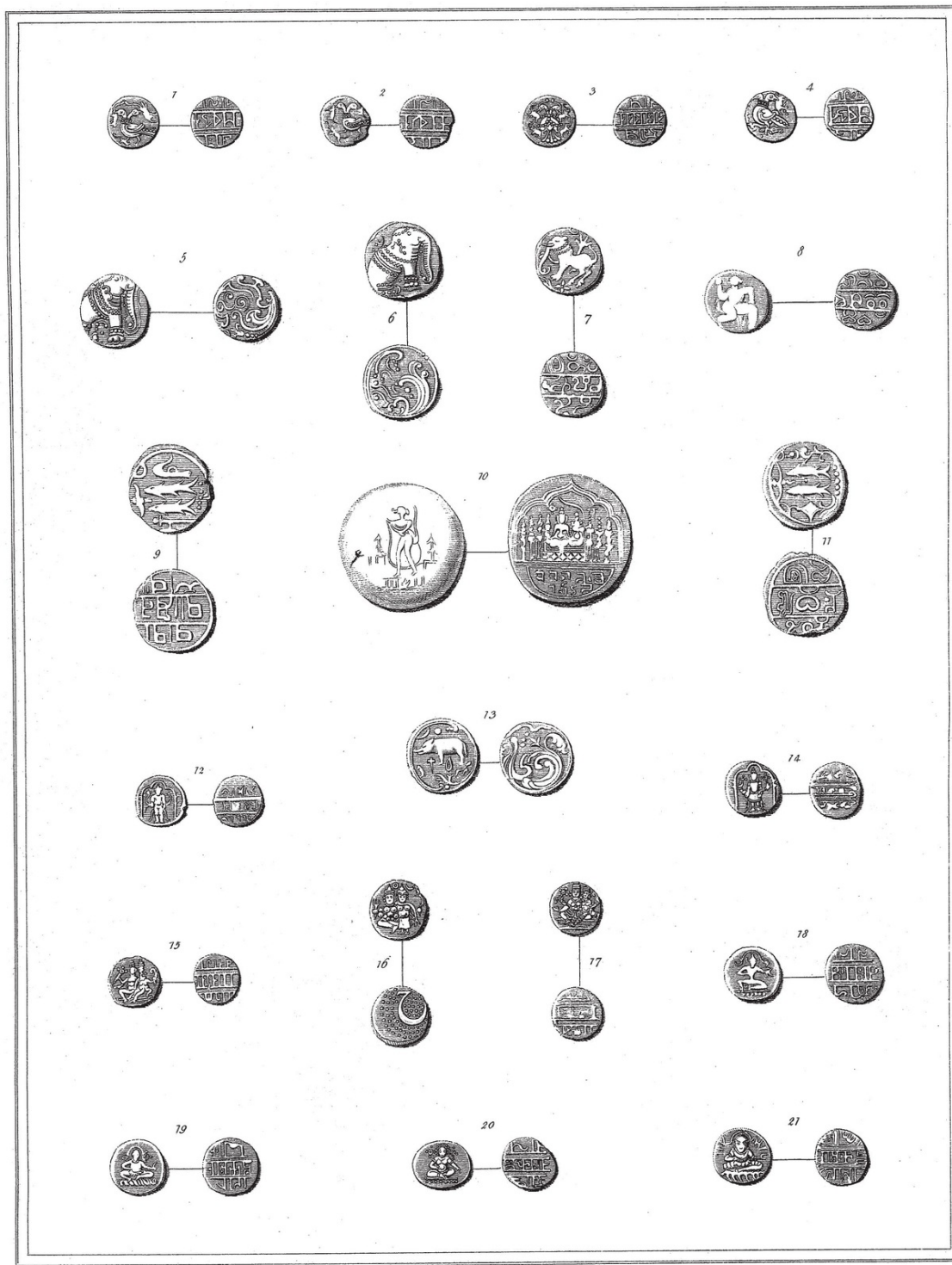
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From a four sided cast in bronze



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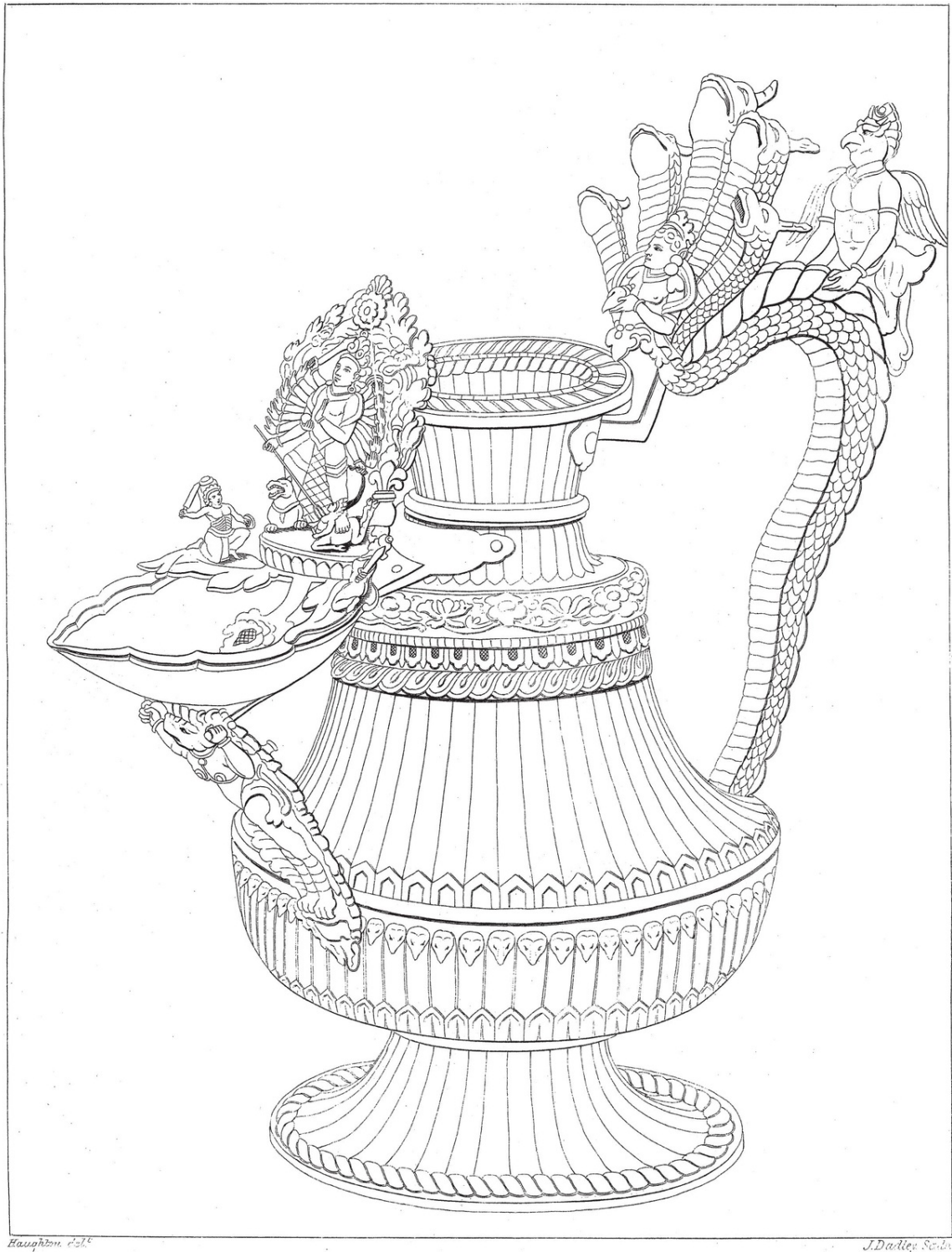
From a four sided Cast in Braf. In the collection of the Right Honorable Viscount Valentia.



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ANCIENT HINDU COINS & MEDALS.

From the CABINET of the late TIPPOO SULTAN, now in the Pofsefsion of MAJOR DAVID PRICE.



a SACRIFICIAL VASE of gilt Copper.

in the Museum at the India House.