ABBREVIATIONS

BM  British Museum
IO  India Office Library
KNT Kshitindranath Tagore Collection, Rabindra Bharati University
NAI National Archives of India, New Delhi
PRO Public Record Office
WBSA West Bengal State Archives, Calcutta
In America, until recently, many potential poets and philosophers became businessmen . . . and the paradox is that these misplaced individuals who do not really belong are often the ones who shape the character and style of the sphere in which they operate. It was not conventional businessmen but misplaced poets and philosophers who set in motion the vast combinations and the train of ceaseless innovation which gave American business its Promethean sweep and drive. To a philosopher who finds himself immersed in a milieu of sheer action, all action will seem of one kind and he will shift easily from one field of activity to another. He will combine factories, mines, railroads, oil wells, etc. the way a philosopher collates and generalizes ideas.

Eric Hoffer,  
*The Temper of Our Time*  
(New York, 1964)

Why, one asks, are the Tatas unique—or nearly so? Where were the *entrepreneurs* of the same calibre, whether Indians or Englishmen, who should have been doing what they did, and much more of the same kind, fifty or sixty years earlier?

H.N. Brailsford,  
*Subject India*  
(New York, 1943)