



## Florence Nightingale s Indian Letters: A Glimpse Into the Agitation for Tenancy Reform, Bengal, 1878-82 (Classic Reprint)

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