The Cargo Rebellion
Those Who Chose Freedom

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What happens in history is different from how people remember it, which happens in things like books, movies, and songs. The story at the heart of this book—the Robert Bowne rebellion—is visual and visceral and begs to be told out-loud, and that’s how the CARGO project began. Archival research into this lone event spurred questions of how to make urgent the broader history at its core: the exploitation of hundreds of thousands of Chinese and South Asian workers in the “coolie trade.” Thanks for reading and for thinking about everything involved.

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