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PREFATORY NOTE.

THE extant Settlement Reports on the Chhindwāra District are those of Mr. W. Ramsay (1869) and Mr. C. W. Montgomerie (1900). Mr. Montgomerie's Report gives a very interesting account of the District, and its agriculture and population, and a large part of the Gazetteer is merely reproduced from it, especially the descriptive portions. Besides numerous other extracts and quotations, the description of the District and its scenery, the chapter on Land Revenue Administration, and the articles on the jāgirs in the appendix are taken almost entirely from this Report. Mr. J. A. C. Skinner, Deputy Commissioner, has contributed a note on the material condition of the people and a draft of the chapter on General Administration. The sections on Geology and Minerals have been taken from the *Geology of India* (Medlicott and Blanford) and from articles by Mr. Jones on the Southern Coal-fields of the Sātpurā basin and by Mr. L. Leigh Fermor on the Manganese Mining Industry. Mr. Fermor has corrected the articles and made some additions, especially the whole of paragraph 14 (Geology). The writer is indebted to Mr. Ditmas, Manager of the Pench Valley Coal Mines, for information on the mines. Mr. A. Brooke-Meares, District Superintendent of Police, has contributed a note on wild animals and birds. Mr. G. Falconer Taylor, Deputy Conservator of Forests, has sent notes on the Botany and Forests of the District. Mr. Montgomerie and Mr. E. Danks, Deputy Commissioner, have kindly read the proof and suggested some alterations.

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*List of the Deputy Commissioners who have held charge of
the Chhindwāra District since 1863, with the dates
of their periods of office.*

Name of Deputy Commissioner.	Period.	
	From	To
Major C. M. Shakespear
Captain A. B. Cumberlege	9-3-63	28-12-63
Captain H. F. Bolton	29-12-63	21-1-64
Major J. Ashburner	22-1-64	3-3-64
Captain H. F. Bolton	4-3-64	20-3-64
Captain C. V. Gordon	21-3-64	26-5-64
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Captain M. P. Ricketts	9-6-67	14-7-67
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Lt. R. M. B. Thomas	3-4-69	1-5-69
Major E. M. Playfair	2-5-69	1-4-71
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Lt.-Col. H. F. Waddington	11-4-71	1-4-72
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the Chhindwāra District, etc. (concl'd.)*

Name of Deputy Commissioner.	Period.	
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