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## P R E F A C E

The rise and growth of Bombay present interesting problems to a student of history. While the city has been built in comparatively modern times the formation of the island and its rock temples arouse the interest of the geologist and the antiquarian. The history of the island upto 1500 A.D. is not very eventful; this tropical island and its native population slumbered in peaceful repose till the first European set foot on its soil and set in train forces which transformed it into one of the largest cities in the East and made it the beehive of commerce and industry. How this transformation was wrought, what factors contributed to it, has been narrated in the pages that follow.

The object of the book as the title explains is to narrate the story of the island city in simple outline. The main sources of information are Edwardes' Rise of Bombay and the statistical Account of the town and island of Bombay based on old Government records and prepared for the Bombay Gazetteer. Other sources have also been consulted. The account of research institutes in the city will, it is hoped, interest Orientalists and Historians. The bibliography at the end, of books on Bombay, has been prepared by Mr. P. W. Gandekar, Assistant Librarian, Bombay Branch Royal Asiatic Society. Mahamahopadhyaya Dr. P. V. Kane very kindly went through a part of the manuscript and made valuable suggestions for which we feel greatly indebted to him.

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