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PREFACE

The following pages constitute an endeavour to escape from the traditional hero of French and villain of English writers, and to ascertain by a study of original materials what Muhammad 'Ali really did. In many respects this task has become much easier of late years than ever it was before. A large amount of most important matter has been published by the Société Royale de Géographie d'Égypte, under the wise patronage of His Majesty King Fouad. Its publications include French, English and Italian documents of great interest and value.

Besides these I have examined in detail the reports of our own agents preserved among the records of the Foreign Office and the India Office.

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