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PREFACE.

THIS work does not include any detailed account of the districts belonging to His Highness the Gáikwár which lie in the Káthiawár peninsula. For information regarding the Amreli Division the reader is referred to the Káthiawar portion of the Bombay Gazetteer.

It has not been possible to collect statistics regarding the Baroda State which can approach in fullness and accuracy the accounts given of other portions of the Bombay Presidency. No real survey of the land has yet been effected ; departments have come into existence within the last seven years ; administration reports, periodical returns from district officers, systematized and published observations of any kind are of no earlier date. Some day the State records may be searched and their contents be given to the public.

The information afforded by this work has not been obtained by the collective efforts of any large number of officers. I am chiefly indebted to the assistance of Khán Bahádur Kázi Shábuddin, C.I.E., now Minister of the State ; Khán Bahádur Pestonji Jahángir, C.I.E., and his brother Sorábji Jahángir ; the brothers Bhátavadekar ; Ráo Bahádur Vináyakráo Kirtane ; the acting Súbba of Baroda, and some others. I am specially indebted to Mr. Lakshman Jagannáth Vaidya, the present Sar Súbba. The proofs have been corrected in the office of the Compiler of the Government Gazetteer.

Much that has been written concerns the administration of Rája Sir T. Mádhavráo, K.C.S.I., whose resignation was accepted on the 27th of March 1883. It may be objected that too great a stress has been laid upon the changes that have taken place in the seven years during which the Minister worked to reform abuses. If, however, his career should prove to mark the time when, after a crisis, Baroda entered on a perfectly new course, too much has not been written. And it is probable that a long course of steady progress now lies before the State, for the government of the country has fallen into good hands.

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ERRATA.

- P. 7, l. 26, for "Forts" read "Fort".
P. 8, l. 23, for "its" read "it".
P. 19, l. 4, for "slop" read "slope".
P. 20, l. 11, for "going close to" read "all round".
 l. 24, after "Baroda" read "and others".
 l. 28, for "32" read "42".
P. 25, note 3, l. 2, for "matter" read "latter".
P. 56, l. 33, "Rajputs themselves" omit "themselves".
P. 75, note 1, l. 2, for "heirs" read "heir".
P. 82, note 1, omit sentence beginning "As the divisions".
P. 83, l. 47, for "26, 73, 264" read "2, 65, 277".
P. 85, l. 28, for "end it is" read "end is".
P. 86, l. 13, for "71,797" read "78,797".
P. 93, l. 27, for "There" read "These".
 l. 35, for "land" read "field".
P. 99, l. 11, for "as field" read "as a field".
P. 101, l. 17, for "1853" read "1858".
P. 104, l. 22, for "were" read "had".
P. 213, l. 2, for "will" read "worth".
 l. 4, for "91,58,732" read "41,38,732".
P. 217, l. 21, for "Rámdin" read "Nurdin".
P. 258, l. 35, for "Jámnábái" read "Joítábái".
P. 262, l. 6, for "1820" read "1810".
P. 568, l. 2, for "and the" read "and to the".
 l. 14, for "washed" read "worked".
P. 587, l. 32, for "is" read "are".
 l. 44, for "Ran" read "Ráni".
P. 599, l. 1, "his grandson and" omit "and".

Note.—Owing to the distance I was from Bombay I was unable to correct the final proofs, and consequently errors have been allowed to stand of which the above are the chief.—F. A. H. E.

APPENDIX.

The following is a translation of an inscription on a marble slab on the left side of the east gate of Dabhoi:

Appendix.

Salutation to Ganesh. First salutation to you Ganesh, the favoured of Sidhi and Budhi, the giver of knowledge to the whole world, the destroyer of evil, the primeval god (1). Salutation to Sháradá, by whose favour a strong impetus is given to one's power of making poetry (2). Third salutation to the great preceptor the favour of whose feet is enough to make me versed in the knowledge of books (3). The primeval goddess Shri Kálíka, thou art the mother of the whole world (4). Always devoted at your feet is Piláji's brave son Damasing called Samsher Bahádur, and well known throughout the world (5 and 6). His humble servant Sayáji, the son of Yamunáji (धात्रक निधन?). The old city of Darbhávati was built by one Vishaldev (7). The city was full of astrologers well versed in their science; the enemy having approached it got terrified (8). Having established the mother (Máta) in the principal seat and the Dikpáls in the eight directions he protected the fort night and day by the order of the mother (Máta) (9). In the east the Marutas, as the world still sees, punish offenders in the very act of theft and other illegal actions (10). In the Kaliyug the Musalmáns, after they became the rulers, saw the place to be an old one and worshipped there Mái Dokri (11). Behind the goddess (Máta) is the Amritkup. The sun has given its lustre to its waters and they, like those of the Ganges, are incomparable (12). Beautiful women of fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen years went there to fetch the waters (13, 14, 15, 16, 17). To the south the primeval mother of blessed and peaceful form called Shitala gave pleasure to her devotees (18). There is a *pir* there called Chantria worshipped with devotion by the people (19). In the fort the Pancheshvar the five-faced god, the Ganesh, the brave Hanumán protect the south (20). There is a gate there called Nándodi, where people came to see the new army (21). To the south-west is the large bastion called Bhadar which can be seen from the north-west (22). The arrangement in the western direction is really beautiful (23). There is a gate there called Baroda which destroyed the enemy's power (24). There the said *pir* is worshipped by the Musalmáns with lamps of *ghi* (25, 26, 27). In the north is the beautiful Chámpáner gate (28, 29). In the north-east is the Sád bastion protected by powerful Vishvagajas. The enemy here was powerless like straw (30). There is a *pir* there called Rasa.... (31, 32). Near Vadanna is the dreadful god Narsinh (33, 34, 35). Such was the old town. It had lost its beauty. It was renewed by धात्रक(?) by the favour of the lord (36). Near the Kálíka goddess the well known Barhánpur gate..... (37, 38, 39). Near at hand the mother (Máta) of the world, the protector of the poor, guards the fort night and day (40). In the Gujarát country, on the face of the earth, the brave Damasing held (?) Hálár, Sauráshtra, Dánta, Cutch, and Virsen Pattan, the capital of the country of Nal (41 and 42). Having conquered Karnáli, Chándod and Mándva.... (44). Shri Kuber and Someshvar (48). In the north of Narbada is prevalent the Vikram Samvat. Sixteen (hundred) years of Shálivahan had passed, and the year was Prajádhi, the day 7th of Mágha krishna pahsha (50). The father

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(whose ?) was A'baknáth, the mother had come from Benares, Dhundhiraj, the elder brother....., the sisters were Káshi and Mankarnika (53).

Prosperity to the writer, the reciter, and all persons and the earth and the king (54).

This inscription is found on the public office and jail: What a beautiful palace has been built! It is like the one in Dwárka created by Vishvákarma. The artist has given it the same beauty as is to be found in the city of the gods. Ismál and Sultán well known members of the Kadýa caste built the Sabhámandap like the palace of Indra.

On the west side of the gate is a Sanskrit inscription with many breaks here and there. The letters appear to be later than the thirteenth century.

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