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PREFACE.

THE inquiries of the Famine Commission, to answer which this report has been prepared, form the first paper in the volume. Following it, will be found a letter addressed by the Secretary of the Commission to the Punjab Government; and the instructions which that Government thereon issued for the preparation of these papers.

Pursuant to those instructions a considerable portion of the replies to the 1st Chapter of the inquiries have been prepared by me; but the chapter contains a number of papers furnished by Deputy Commissioners and Settlement Officers and other gentlemen. The authorship of papers not supplied by myself is distinctly stated in the heading of each.

The authorship of the replies of Chapters II, III, and IV, is similarly indicated.

In preparing the replies to the first chapter, where the question under reply covered subjects dependent rather on opinion than on statistics, I have given as far as possible the views of the Financial Commissioner. And in such cases I have so framed the text, as to make it clear that his views are being stated.

FINANCIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
LAHORE:
January 1879.

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E. WACE, MAJOR,
Deputy Commissioner.

P. S.—While these papers were passing through the press, and before the replies to Section 3 of Chapter III and to Chapter IV had been completed, the Financial Commissioner, Mr. Gore Ouseley, under whose control they had been drawn up, died on the 4th January 1879. Consequently, the replies to Chapter IV and to Section 3 of Chapter III are not so complete as they would have been but for this lamented occurrence.

The views expressed in these papers, as those of the Financial Commissioner, were dictated by Mr. Ouseley.