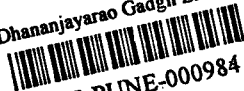


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To Mr. Robert Barclay Chapman, of the Bengal Civil Service, I owe most of the materials for the narrative of Lord Mayo's financial administration. Mr. Chapman, as Financial Secretary to the Government of India during the past seven years, enjoys the advantage of knowing the actual facts of Lord Mayo's reforms, both in their inception and in their results. Mr. Fitzjames Stephen, Q.C., the Legal

Member of Council during Lord Mayo's Viceroyalty, has kindly written the Legislative chapter for me, and enhanced the favour by permitting me to print it in his own words. To the Honourable Sir John Strachey, of the Bengal Civil Service, I owe some interesting materials; indeed, a paper written by him shortly after Lord Mayo's death first suggested the idea of this work.

The earlier chapters have been written from documents supplied by Lord Mayo's family; and to them I would express my obligations for much valuable advice.

In conclusion, I beg it to be understood that this book possesses no element of official authority. The able men who laboured around Lord Mayo in India, soldier and civilian alike, have felt that a faithful record should be preserved of the real and noble work which he did for that country. To this end, documents have been placed at my disposal by the Heads of the various Departments. But it would be a poor requital for the materials which I have thus received, if any doubt were to arise as to the purely personal responsibility that rests with me for the use which I have made of them. The reader will find that most of the statements and views in the chapters on Indian policy are derived from Lord Mayo's writings, and, whenever convenient, are reproduced in his own words. Such quotations must be taken as the expres-

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sion of his individual opinion. The Viceroy is the head, and should occasion arise the absolute head, of the administration in India; but it would be a public misfortune if the words of any single servant of the Crown, however exalted, were to be confounded with the deliberate policy of Her Majesty's Indian Government.

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