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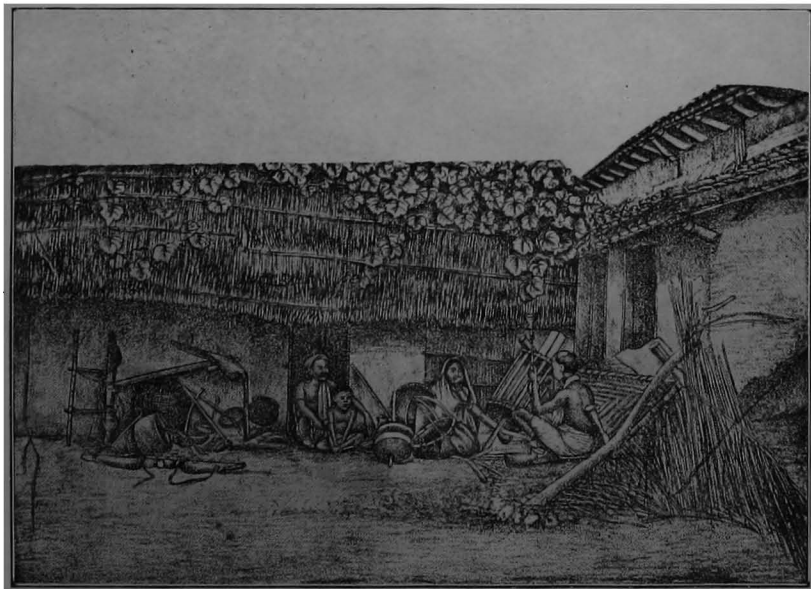
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THE HISTORY AND STATUS  
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*Governor of the United Provinces*

*for*

*His keen interest in village uplift*

*and*

*His solicitude for landed interests*

## FOREWORD

In his treatise on the tenantry of the United Provinces Mr. Najmuddin Jafri has given a description of the rural life of the province. He has described the origin of the revenue system and has traced its history from early times, and shown how it developed under the Moghul kings and British rulers. He describes the assessment method of Akbar and the settlements of later times. Then from Chapter VI he explains the position of the tenantry and shows how their rights to permanent or almost permanent occupancy have been increased or recognised by law. In Chapter VIII he gives a brief history of Oudh and explains the taluqdari and other proprietary systems, the various under-proprietary tenures, and the position of the tenants. In Chapter IX he explains the administrative methods by which the various tenures and cultivatory rights are recorded and safeguarded.

In Part II he deals with village life, methods of agriculture—past and present, irrigation, education, indebtedness and its causes, and touches on rural economy and village uplift.

This rough summary will show the scope of his work, and how he carries out his object, which is to describe the evolution of the tenantry and other landed interests under British rule, and to explain the great constructive work which has gradually resulted in the establishment of a stable tenantry with definite rights in the land.

The book should be of great value to all, politicians and others who desire to understand the problem of proprietary and tenant rights of this province, who are mindful of the fact that the real India is rural India, the home of more than 80 per cent of its people, and realize that the future not only of the United Provinces, but of India, depends mainly on the prosperity of the countryside, and that it is the duty of all to develop and not to exploit that country side.

The collection of material for this book must have been a heavy task. Mr. Najmuddin Jafri is to be congratulated on his diligence and on the result of his labours.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

- S.D.B.R.—Selected Decision, Board of Revenue.  
V.U.D.—Unpublished Decision of the Board of Revenue, published  
by Vishun Nath.  
L.R.Rev.—Law Reporter, Allahabad Section, Revenue.  
Rev. & Cr. L.J.—Revenue and Criminal Law Journal, published at  
Aligarh by M. L. Verma.  
B.D.A.—Bengal Diwani Adalat.  
I.L.R.—Indian Law Reports.  
B.R.S.D.—Bengal Reporter, Selected Decision.  
B.L.R.—Bengal Law Reports.  
F.B.V.—Double Volume of Full Bench rulings.  
S.D.A.—North-Western Province, Sudder Dewani Adalat Report.  
L.R.—Legal Remembrancer, Rent and Revenue lists.  
N.W.P.—North-Western Provinces, High Court Reports  
(Allahabad).  
F.B.—Full Bench rulings.  
All.—Allahabad Law Reports, Allahabad.  
A.W.N.—Allahabad Weekly Notes.  
O.P.—Parliamentary papers relating to Oudh.  
Cal.—Calcutta.  
O.W.N.—Oudh Weekly Notes.  
P.C.L.J.—Privy Council Law Journal.  
U.D.—Unpublished Decision by Saksena.  
S.C.—Selected Cases of Oudh.  
R.C.L.J.—Revenue and Criminal Law Journal, United Provinces.  
I.O.L.—India Office Library, London.,



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