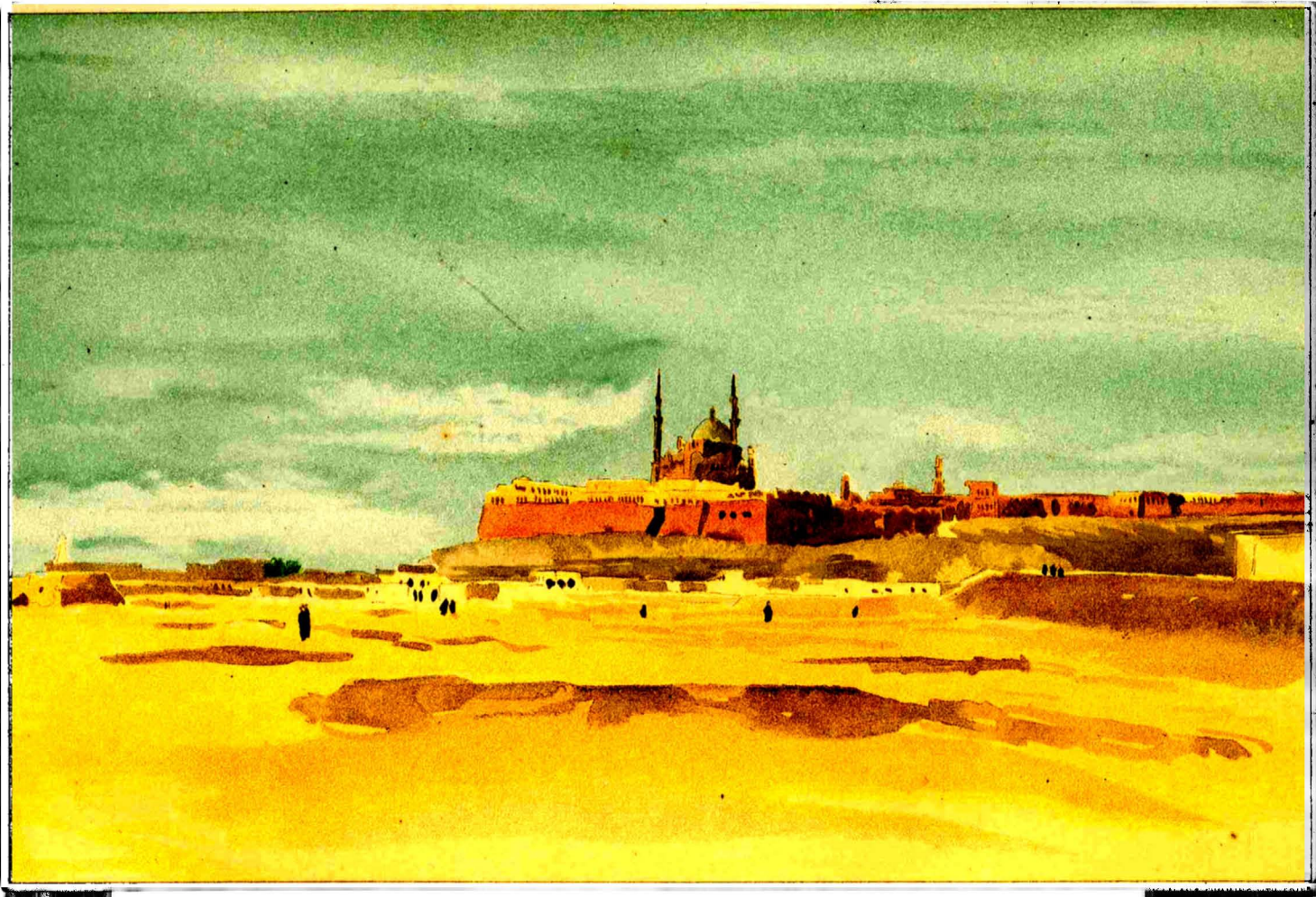


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Preface

IN this book I have endeavoured to give some account of the physical and social characteristics of Egypt, and to exhibit these characteristics in connection with the work of political reorganization and industrial development which is now in progress. The sketches and the information which I have ventured to present to the reader are the fruits of a visit, undertaken for the purpose, during the winter of 1898-99.

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The use which I have made both of the admirable reports which are forwarded from time to time by the British Agent to the Foreign Office, and of the official publications of the Egyptian Government, will, I hope, be found to be duly acknowledged in the text.

In the spelling of the modern Egyptian names and words I have, in general, endeavoured to mark the special value of the vowel sounds by the use of the circumflex accent. But, while I have retained this accent in the descriptive chapters, I have omitted to place it on Arabic words which have become practically anglicized by their frequent occurrence in the English reports, when such words—*e.g.*, *kuttab* and *mudir*—have constantly recurred in the political chapters.

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