

TO
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MY LORD,

In offering to the public the first part of my work on the Modern History of the Indian Chiefs Rajas, Zamindars, &c., in its present condensed form—first attempt it may be noted—I have felt that it cannot be more fittingly dedicated than to your Excellency, who is the worthy Viceroy of Her Most Gracious Majesty, the Queen—Empress of India. But a dedication so made would be the fulfilment of a mere duty. It, however, becomes a heart-felt pleasure when I know that your Excellency yourself represents a great House, already illustrious from its antiquity and rendered still more illustrious by the eminent literary achievements of your noble father as well as of your Excellency.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

With the greatest respect,

Your Excellency's Most Obedient Servant,

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P R E F A C E.

It had often occurred to me that a work, containing a brief historical, and political account of the Princes, Chiefs, and the local aristocracy of India as well as of the many native gentlemen, who have raised themselves above the surface of Indian Society, would be an acceptable contribution to our local literature. To readers of newspapers particularly such a book was felt to be likely to be very useful, as it would be helping to explain many allusions to names of native notabilities which are generally unintelligible. What scanty information that is available is practically inaccessible, either from the variety of the sources, in which it is comprised, or from the great cost of the few books, in which it is contained in a scattered and fragmentary form. As regards the great historical houses, which owe fealty to the British Crown, Aitchison's edition of Treaties with the authorities on which the narrative part of his work is based, affords ample information; and Lieutenant Talbot's edition of Aitchison's work revised down to 1876, has been taken, as far as it could be utilised, as the groundwork for the first part of my own book. Colonel Tod's *Annals and Antiquities of Rajasthan*, Colonel Malleon's *Historical Sketch of the Native States of India*, Sir John Malcolm's *Central India*, Griffin's *Rajas of the Panjab*, Wilks' *Maisur* and Brooks' *History of Mewar* have also been drawn upon. But it has been a far more difficult task to collect the history of the noble and leading families of India. No previous attempt has ever been made to do for the Indian Nobility and Gentry what Burke has done for the upper classes of the British Isles. It has consequently been necessary for me to apply direct to the heads of families scattered throughout the country for the necessary information which has in many cases been with difficulty procured. The information so collected will be published in the second part.

My original idea was to have thrown my work into the alphabetical and, therefore, convenient form, adopted with such success by the authors of the books of the English Peerage and Gentry. But as the information was being gathered from such scattered and distant quarters, I felt that that plan would be impracticable except at the risk of such

delay in publication, as would have been distasteful to the many Princes and Nobles who had contributed valuable materials towards the compilation of the book. Should my present venture meet with favourable acceptance, I hope to bring out a second edition of the book, considerably enlarged and arranged upon the most approved form.

The appended list of the works that have been consulted in the course of this compilation will bear testimony that no available source of authentic information has been neglected and that my labours have not been inconsiderable. I publish the first part in the earnest hope that, in estimating the value of the work, some reasonable allowance will be made for the novelty of the attempt, and for the great difficulties by which it was surrounded.

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X.—Bhadawar (Agra).	<i>ib.</i>	XXXI.—Rajabazar (Jaunpur).	<i>ib.</i>
XI.—Bhareh (Etawa).	<i>ib.</i>	XXXII.—Rajaur (Etah).	<i>ib.</i>
XII.—Bijaigarh (Mirzapur).	<i>ib.</i>	XXXIII.—Rampur (Etah).	<i>ib.</i>
XIII.—Eka (Mainpuri).	<i>ib.</i>	XXXIV.—Rampur (Jalaun).	<i>ib.</i>
XIV.—Farukhabad.	<i>ib.</i>	XXXV.—Rura (Etawa).	<i>ib.</i>
XV.—Fatehpur.	<i>ib.</i>	XXXVI.—Singrauli (Mirzapur).	<i>ib.</i>
		XXXVII.—Tamkubi (Gorakhpur).	<i>ib.</i>
		XXXVIII.—Tirwa (Farukhabad).	<i>ib.</i>
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NAMES.	REMARKS.
His Highness Maharaja Sir Dhuleep Singh, Bahadur, G.C.S.I. ...	His Highness the Maharaja is now in England. Received 21 guns as a personal salute at the Delhi Darbar, held on the 1st January 1877.
His Highness Nawab Khodadad Khan of Khelat ...	Entitled to a salute of 19 guns. His Highness was present at the Delhi Darbar, held on the 1st January 1877.
His Highness Nawab Mansur Ali Khan, Nawab Nazim of Bengal. ...	Received 19 guns as a personal salute at the Delhi Darbar, held on the 1st January 1877.
His Highness Sir Asim Jah Zahir-ud-daulah Bahadur, G.C.S.I. Prince of Arcot. ...	Met His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at Madras and was present at the levee held there. The Prince gave him <i>attar</i> and <i>pan</i> .
Her Highness Princess Vijaya Mehem Mukta Boyi Amonani, Raja Sahib of Tanjor. ...	Created a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, and received 15 guns as a personal salute at the Delhi Darbar, held on the 1st January 1877.
Her Highness Vijaya Muktamba, Princess of Tanjor. ...	Met His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at the levee held in the Government House, Madras. The Prince shook hands with her from a corner of the screen. Received 13 guns as a personal salute at the Delhi Darbar held on the 1st January 1877.
His Highness Maharaja Sir Mirza Viziam Gajapatty Rej Mania Sultan Bahadur, K.C.S.I., of Vizianagram. ...	Received the insignia of the Order of the Crown of India in 1878. Her Highness has established a Sanskrit College where boys are admitted free.
	The Maharaja paid his respects to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at Madras on the 13th December 1875. The Prince received him at the levee held at Madras, and visited him at Benares and opened the new Town Hall erected by him in commemoration of the Duke of Edinburgh's visit to India.
	The Maharaja has from time to time made princely donations to several chari-

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NAMES.	REMARKS.
His Highness Maharaja Dhiraj Mahtab Chand Bahadur of Burdwan.	table institutions and has lately very liberally offered Rupees 10,000 to the Monegar Choultry Madras for the erection of a ward for bed-ridden paupers. This ward has been called after his name. His Highness the Maharaja received 13 guns as a personal salute at the Delhi Darbar, held on the 1st January 1877.
His Highness Omar bin Sallah bin Muhammad, Nukeeb of Maculla. ...	Received 13 guns as a personal salute at the Delhi Darbar, held on the 1st January 1877.
His Highness Awadh bin Omar Alkayati, Jemadar of Shahar. ...	Received 12 guns as a personal salute at the Delhi Darbar, held on the 1st January 1877.
His Highness Maharaja Sir Dig Bijai Singh of Bulrampur. ...	do. do. do.
His Highness Udit Pertap Deo, Raja of Kharond.	Received 9 guns as a personal salute at the Delhi Darbar, held on the 1st January 1877.
His Highness Sidi Abdul Kadir Muhammad Yacub Khan, Nawab of Buchin.	do. do. do.
His Highness the Sultan of Socotra	do. do. do.
His Highness Mir Muhammad Khan, C.I.E., eldest son and heir of the Khan of Khelat. ...	do. do. do.
His Highness Mir Ali Khan, C.I.E., eldest son and heir of the Jam of Lus Beyla, Khelat.	Invested with the insignia of a Companion of the Order of the Indian Empire on the 1st January 1878.
His Highness Sirdar Asad Khan, C.I.E., Chief of the Sarawan Brahuis, Khelat.	do. do. do.
His Highness Sirdar Gohur Khan, C.I.E., Chief of the Jelawan Brahuis, Khelat.	do. do. do.
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APPENDIX B.

Political Pensioners.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	MONTHLY STIPENDS.		REMARKS.
		Rs.	A. P.	
<p>EX KING OF OUDH. Abdool Munsoor, Nazur- ud-din, Sikundur Jah, Wajid Ally Shah. ...</p>	<p>Muchikhol'a, Calcutta.</p>	<p>1,00,000</p>	<p>0 0</p>	<p>Is highly proficient in music, and the composer of the "Lucknow Tungri" which is much appreciated by the musicians of this country. As a great lover of animals he keeps a fine menagerie at Muchikhola. The Government of Oudh was annexed by the British Government in February 1856.</p>
<p>REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEISHWAS. Madhu Rao. ...</p>	<p>Bareilly. ...</p>	<p>2,000</p>	<p>0 0</p>	<p>This young Brahman "is the lineal representative of the Peishwas, who, at the beginning of this century, ruled over a wide and magnificent Empire, and exacted homage and allegiance from the great Houses of Sindhia, Holkar, Gaikwar, and Puar."</p>
<p>DESCENDANT OF RANJIT SINGH. His Highness Maharaja Sir Dhuleep Singh, Bahadur, G.C.S.I. ...</p>	<p>England. ...</p>	<p>1,000</p>	<p>0 0</p>	<p>Reputed son of Ranjit Singh, surnamed the "Lion of Lahore." Resigned the sovereignty of the Panjab on the 29th March 1849.</p>