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This is a companion volume to my Economic History of the Bombay Deccan and Karnatak. It pictures the economic conditions prevalent on the advent of the British, and the efforts by that able body of administrators to establish a capable and vigorous rule in the country. They genuinely desired to work for the well-being of the ryot. In spite of their shortcomings they were extremely sincere in all their endeavours. I trust the readers will consider this work a testimony to the industry, intelligence and good-will of our early collectors and commissioners, who did their all to leave the administration happier than they found it.

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