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PREFACE.

That portion of the Bolán Pass and Nushki Railway District which is included in Agency Territories is alone dealt with in the accompanying volume. An account of the Kúrds, Santakzais and other tribes, which are outside the tahsildár's jurisdiction for political purposes, is included in the Gazetteer of Sarawán.

Most of the matter included in the volume is original, but, in dealing with the two most important subjects, viz., the distribution of the Kirta lands and the levy service, much assistance has been derived from reports written at various times by Major H. M. Temple, formerly Political Agent in Kalát. The constant disputes which have arisen over the Kirta land, and the magnitude of the levy service in such a relatively small area constitute the justification for the length at which these two subjects have been treated. It is hoped that the statement in Volume B, showing the actual distribution made of the Kirta land in October 1905, will be particularly useful to the District Officers.

As in the case of Quetta-Pishín, the material for the volume was collected by Rai Sáhib Diwán Jamiat Rai who personally visited the Bolán on more than one occasion. He had previously acquired an intimate acquaintance with local conditions when serving as Native Assistant in the Bolán in 1897. I take this opportunity of tendering him my acknowledgments for the great assistance he has rendered me. I am also indebted to the local officials for the promptness with which the numerous references, which had to be made, have been attended to.

The draft has been examined and passed by Major H. L. Showers, C. I. E., Political Agent, Kalát, whose courtesy in placing his office records at my disposal I also have to acknowledge.

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