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WHEN the Statistical Account of Bengal, by Sir W. W. Hunter, was published, the district of Muzaffarpur had only recently been constituted, and it was treated as part of the old district of Tirhut, in which it was comprised until 1875. The present volume is, therefore, the first Gazetteer in which Muzaffarpur has been treated as a separate district.

I desire to acknowledge the very great assistance I have derived in compiling this volume from the Muzaffarpur Survey and Settlement Report by Mr. C. J. Stevenson-Moore, I.C.S., an exhaustive review of the economic conditions of the district, my obligations to which will abundantly appear in the various Chapters of the Gazetteer.

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