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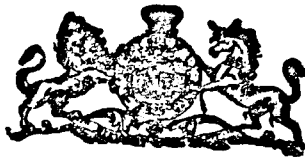
EASTERN BENGAL DISTRICT  
GAZETTEERS.

TIPPERA

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## PREFACE.

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The old correspondence on the Collector's side is well preserved, but the changes in the constitution of the district down to 1835 cause many gaps; and on the Magistrate's side no letters are forthcoming before 1842.

The nomenclature too is puzzling and liable to mislead. Many of the old revenue terms have dropped out of use and are difficult to understand, and other terms appear to be used carelessly. We find Tippera spoken of either as a province or as a district, and the latter term—often means *pargana*. *Mahāl* is used of an entire estate or of a village within an estate. There were at first Commercial Chiefs, besides Political Chiefs at Dacca and Chittagong; there were Collectors of Customs as well as Collectors of Revenue; and it is often difficult to make out who are meant and what the functions and positions of the different officers really were.

For the sake of clearness most statistics are given in round figures, omitting fractions and in many cases taking the nearest hundred or thousand.

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