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F E R I S H T A ' s
HISTORY OF DEKKAN,

FROM

THE FIRST MAHUMMEDAN CONQUESTS :

WITH

CONTINUATION FROM OTHER NATIVE WRITERS, OF THE EVENTS IN
THAT PART OF INDIA, TO THE REDUCTION OF ITS LAST
MONARCHS BY THE EMPEROR AULUMGEER AURUNGZEBE :

ALSO,

THE REIGNS OF HIS SUCCESSORS IN THE EMPIRE OF HINDOSTAN
TO THE PRESENT DAY :

AND

THE HISTORY OF BENGAL,

FROM THE ACCESSION OF ALIVERDEE KHAN TO THE YEAR 1780.

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PART III.
AURUNGZEBE'S
OPERATIONS IN DEKKAN.

P R E F A C E.

MR. ORME, with whose elegant works relative to India the publick are well acquainted, has, in his Historical Fragments of the Mogul Empire, inserted the following note :

“ We are not without hopes, that some of the many in
“ India, who have the means, will supply the portions of in-
“ formation which are deficient, and must, otherwise, always
“ continue out of our reach. The knowledge is well worth
“ the enquiry ; for, besides the energy of the characters which
“ arise within this period, there are no states or powers on
“ the continent of India, with whom our nation have any
“ connection or concern, who do not owe the origin of their
“ present condition to the reign of **AURUNGZEBE**, or to its
“ influence on the reigns of his successors.”

The perusal of **MR. ORME**'s works, when in India, first excited my curiosity to obtain that information, the want of which he regrets ; and for this purpose I procured every manuscript likely to afford any anecdotes of **AURUNGZEBE** and his successors. Of the Transactions of his reign, especially his Oper-
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ations in Dekkan, by far the most important, (unless we except his wars with his brothers, and the depofal of his father, which have been published by colonel Dow, in his third volume of the History of Hindooftan,) I have not met with a better account than the following. It is a free tranflation of a Journal kept by a Bondela officer, who attended Dulput Roy, the chief of his tribe, in all AURUNGZEBE's campaigns, which was prefented to me by the Raja of *Dutteah, a great grandfon of Dulput Roy, when I acted as Perfian interpreter to a detachment under colonel POPHAM, in the Ghoed country.

* A principality, according to the imperial divifion of the empire, forming part of the Agra province. This raja is now tributary to the Mharattas, as well as all the other Bondela chiefs, whose country is denominated, in our maps, Bundelcund.