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## PREFACE.

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The Gazetteer of the City and Island of Bombay was originally intended to form the last of the monumental series of District Gazetteer volumes to the compilation of which the late Sir James Macnabb Campbell, K.C.I.E., devoted the greater portion of his life. Various circumstances however combined to prevent the final completion of the scheme and at the date of Sir James Campbell's departure from India the public finances were unable to bear more than the cost of printing three volumes of historical materials which he had collated and arranged as the foundation of the future official account of the City and Island. So matters remained until 1906 when the present compiler was directed to resume the work at the point where Sir James Campbell had perforce relinquished it, being instructed at the same time to frame the account on less elaborate lines than those formulated by the founder of the Gazetteer of the Bombay Presidency. This order of the Government of India has obliged the compiler to prune and omit much of the information contained in the syllabus originally drawn up by Sir James Campbell. It is hoped nevertheless that the three volumes now submitted to Government and the public will be found to contain all the information essential to a comprehensive grasp of the history of the City and Island under various aspects. They who desire more detailed knowledge of facts and events relating to the early period of British dominion may suitably consult the three volumes of materials (Bombay<sup>1</sup> Gazetteer, Vol. XXVI, Parts I—III) which represent Sir James Campbell's priceless contribution to the history of this city.

In the compilation of these three volumes many friends have lent generous aid. Mr. A. M. T. Jackson, I.C.S., wrote the article on the Hindu period of history and has read and revised the proofs of the whole work. Com-

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