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**SYSTEM OF REVENUE SURVEY AND
ASSESSMENT**

AND ITS ADMINISTRATION

IN THE

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.

WITH THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL AND THE DEBATES ON THE INTRODUCTION OF
ACT I. OF 1865.

CONTAINING ALSO

THE REVISED "SURVEY RULES," ACT I. OF 1865, ACT IV. OF
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PREFACE.

A COMPILATION of the official correspondence on the system of Revenue Survey and Assessment carried out in the Bombay Presidency was published by Government in 1847. A revised edition of it was subsequently published in 1859, but as no copies of either are now obtainable, Government have directed the work to be reprinted.

But apart from the circumstances of the compilation being out of print, it has become imperfect as the Text Book of the Survey system owing to the many changes made since the last edition was brought out. The passing of an Act (I. of 1865) by which a legal status has been given to the operations of the Survey generally, and in connection with that measure, the introduction of a new Code of Rules for the administration of Survey settlements, in supersession of that embodied in the original Compilation, may be mentioned as the most important of the changes made.

In compiling the present edition it has been deemed advisable to reprint such parts of the correspondence embodied in the former compilation as will serve to explain the system of Survey and Settlement as originally introduced in this Presidency. The Superintendents' Joint Report, with parts of its accompanying correspondence explanatory of the early operations of the Survey Department, has therefore been introduced as the first part of the present work.

The second part begins with extracts of the Debates in the Legislative Council of the Presidency upon the Survey Act, followed by a copy of that Act. The debates have been introduced, not so much on account of their being explanatory of the measure, but because

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they contain a full and graphic description of the origin, progress and results generally of the Survey system of Settlement as applied and administered in this Presidency from its introduction to the date on which the discussion took place.

The Publication closes with the new code of administration Rules framed in accordance with the provisions of the Act, and which may be regarded as the Text Book of the survey system as it is now being administered.*

* These Rules, as applicable to the Province of Mysore, will be found in the Chief Commissioner's Notification No. 39 of 1869, at page 211 to 237 of the "Mysore Government Gazette" of the 5th of June 1869.

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