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BEING A PRACTICAL TREATISE

ON

THE HEALTH, SANITATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF VILLAGES
AND THE MATERIAL PROSPERITY OF ZAMINDAR AND RYOT .

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PREFACE.

THIS book gives in a compendious form the relations between the *ryots* and the Zamindar, the relations between the Zamindar and the Government, things that the Government expects from the Zamindar, things that are likely to prove beneficial to the *ryots* and everything that is likely to enable Zamindars and tenants to live well, to attain distinction and maintain their position with selfrespect and dignity.

It need hardly be said that it does not contain much that is new or that is not in actual use or by neglecting which a Zamindar or a *ryot* can get on. The information given here may be found scattered over many volumes not available to everybody but it had not been compressed into a handy book like this up to this time.

It should be borne in mind that no advantage can ever be gained by the mere study of books till the information contained therein can be practically utilized and it is earnestly hoped that readers will profit themselves by study as well as the practice of the principles contained in it.

For success in every kind of work one has to depend more or less on good luck or the grace of God even after doing everything connected with the work to the best of one's knowledge and ability.

The subjects given in this book are mainly those which, in my humble opinion, would prove useful to landholders and *ryots*. I had been thinking over them for many years before the plan of this work was made. May this book prove useful to every reader and beneficial to the public.

I have much pleasure in thanking all who had been good enough to help me in completing it.

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