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Free use has been made of the old Malabar Manual published in 1887 by Mr. W. Logan, Collector of Malabar, whose intimate knowledge of the district and the people renders his work a permanent authority of the utmost value. Other authorities to which reference has been made, have been quoted as far as possible in the foot-notes. A list of the principal books consulted is appended. The literature dealing with Malabar is extensive, and it has often been impossible, within the circumscribed limits of an official compilation such as this, to do more than indicate where fuller and more interesting information may be found.

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