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PREFACE

In the following pages I have printed some important documents relating to the constitutional developments in India during perhaps the most eventful period in her long history, 1939—1947. I have naturally given prominence to the Cripps Proposals, the Wavell Plan, the Cabinet Mission Plan and the Mountbatten Plan culminating in the division and independence of our country. Particular attention has been directed to the views of the Indian National Congress and the Muslim League, but I have tried to provide some space for all important parties and interests, and the Indian States have not been ignored. I have taken particular care to reproduce the authentic texts of all documents ; in all cases where newspaper reports have been accepted in the absence of better substitutes, I have indicated that fact in the footnotes. I hope this compilation will have some enduring value as a source book of Indian constitutional history.

The second volume of this work will give my readers my own interpretation of the documents published in the present volume. I have deliberately kept the two volumes separate in order to make it easy for them to form their own conclusions on the basis of the documents. I hope it will be possible for me to bring out the second volume within a few months.

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Netaji's Birthday,
January 23, 1948.

In memory of
MY FATHER
Late SURESH CHANDRA BANERJEE
Who hailed the Day of Independence
15 August 1947
From his death bed

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