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PREFACE.

THIS volume deals with the administered areas of the Sibi District, including the Nasírábád, Sibi, Sháhrig and Kohlu tahsils, as well as with the Marri and Bugti tracts, which are under the control of the Political Agent, Sibi, and of which a separate description is given in Chapter V. The same officer also exercises political control over the Dombkís and Kahéris, but as these tribes reside within the limits of the Lahri Niábat of Kachhi in Kalát State territory, their affairs are only briefly touched upon in this volume, and a more detailed account will be found in the *Gazetteer of Kachhi*.

The greater part of this work consists of original matter collected and collated by Rai Sáhíb Diwán Jamiat Rai with the help of the Gazetteer staff. The Rai Sáhíb has also personally served in the district, and his varied and intimate knowledge of the country has been of the greatest assistance.

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