Preface

In preparing this second edition (April, 1952), many minute corrections have been made by using the new materials found during the 28 years that have passed since the first edition was published in 1924. The old references to the ms. Mirat--Ahmadi have been replaced by citations of the edition of it printed in the Gaekwad Oriental Series, and full use has been made of Francois Martin's Mémoires, now available in three volumes in print, discarding Käeppe- lin's summary. Three new appendices (A, B, and C) have been added in order to embody fresh materials. The longest addition is the Chapter on the Empire, its resources and administration (Ch. 64), which was at first included in my Short History (1930), but has been now transferred to this volume, in order to give completeness to my survey of the reign. I am deeply indebted to Professor Tapan Kumar Ray Chaudhury, D. Phil., for assistance in reading the proofs.

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