PREFACE.

It was at the request of Raja Binaya Krishna, a descendant of Maharaja Nubkissen's, that I undertook to write this book. The materials were obtained by the efforts and at the expense of the Raja, and he has also borne the cost of printing and publication.

The Hon'ble Sir John Woodburn, as Member in charge of the Home Department of the Government of India, gave permission to search the old records in the Library of his Office. Mr. (now, Sir William) Cunningham, Secretary to the Foreign Department, gave, at the request of the Hon'ble Sir A. E. Miller, access to the records in the Library of his Office. The Hon'ble Mr. H. J. S. Cotton allowed a search in the records of the Bengal Office. Messrs. Grimley, Bolton and N. K. Bose granted permission to search the papers in the office of the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces. Raja Rajendra Narayan Deb Bahadur offered help by lending papers and books from his library. Dr. Murison rendered valuable services by supplying copies of papers that he found by a diligent search in the British Museum and the Library of the India Office. To the memory of Raja Rajendra Narayan and Mr. N. K. Bose a grateful tribute is offered; and Raja Binaya Krishna and myself tender our warmest acknowledgments to the other gentlemen for the help they have given.
For all opinions expressed in the book and for defects of style and arrangement none is responsible except myself. No portion of the work has been touched by any hand but mine.

In the spelling of Indian names I have followed the custom of leading English writers and not any principles of transliteration. The subject of these Memoirs appears to have been in the habit of signing his name as "Nubkissen." In contemporary documents he is generally referred to as Nubkissen, Nobkissen or Nobokissen. There is high authority also for writing "Nuncomar."

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