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Preface

After the fall of Tipu Sultan in 1799, the East India Company resolved to obtain a survey and General statistical account of the territories that attracted attention not only in India, but also in England, France and other European Countries.

Dr. Francis Buchanan was accordingly deputed in 1800, followed by Marquis Wellesley to travel through and report upon "the Dominions of the Raja of Mysore, and the country acquired by the company in the late war from the Sultan as well as that part of Malabar which the Company annexed to their own territories in the former war under Marquis Cornwallis". His report, written from day to day while travelling was sanctioned publication in 1805 and was released in 1807 in three quarto volumes, under the title *A Journey from Madras through the countries of Mysore, Canara and Malabar*.

The first step towards the compilation of a Gazetteer for each district was taken during 1867 and during the next two years nine manuscript volumes were prepared. Only three however came to be printed, namely one for Mysore District by Mr. Wellesley, one for Kolar, presumably by Krishna Iyengar and one for Coorg by Rev. G. Richter. In 1873, B. L. Rice was appointed editor to bring out one work on uniform plan and was entrusted the compilation of the Gazetteer of Mysore and Coorg. The Gazetteer thus finally

taken the shape of two volumes devoted to Mysore and a third to Coorg, the first treating of Mysore in General and the second of Mysore by Districts, eight in number. This edition was issued in 1876.

Sir William Wilson Hunter, the Editor of the Imperial Gazetteer of India described the first and second editions in an official report of 1877 as better than anything he himself had been able to do even for Bengal. Twenty years later in 1897 Mr. Rice published a revised edition, which won high appreciation. This edition was out of print for some years. His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore therefore resolved to publish a new edition of the work.

Orders were accordingly, issued in July 1914 appointing Mr. Rao Bahadur R. Narasimhachar, then Director of Archaeological Research in Mysore as compiler. He was later succeeded in that capacity by Mr. V. R. Tyagaraja Iyer, Director of Statistics and subsequently Superintendent of Census operations, Mysore state during 1921. In Feb. 1924 Rao Bahadur C. Hayavadana Rao was entrusted with this work and was appointed editor.

Since several changes had taken place in the past thirty years in the administration of state, and His Highness's Government deemed it necessary to incorporate them in the new edition, Sri Hayavadana Rao revised the work, introduced changes in the general plan and brought out five volumes in eight books. The single volume of

B.L.Rice dealing with the state in general was expanded into four volumes, entitled 'Descriptive', 'Historical' 'Economic' and 'Administrative'. The volume 'Historical' was brought out in four parts covering from ancient period to modern period in a comprehensive manner. Volume V is devoted to the eight districts. Thus five volumes in the form of eight books were compiled and edited by Sri C.Hayavadana Rao.

It is these volumes, the Department of Gazetteer, took up for scanning and reprinting. For convenience sake, Volume V is split into two books (Part-I and Part-II) each covering four districts. The work has been accomplished with the guidance and support of Sri Govinda M. Karajola Hon'ble Minister for Minor Irrigation and Kannada and Culture and I express my gratitude to the Hon'ble Minister. Similar has been the support of Sri S.V.Ranganath IAS, Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka and Chairman of the Gazetteer Advisory Committee and Sri Ramesh B.Jhalki IAS, Secretary to Government, Department of Kannada and Culture and Information. I also acknowledge the initiative taken by Sri S.A.Jagannath incharge senior editor, and the co-operation extended by my editorial staff in the completion of this work.

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