

FINAL REPORT
OF THE
REVISION OF SETTLEMENT
OF THE
SIRSÁ DISTRICT
IN THE
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PREFACE.

I HAVE the honour to submit for the sanction of Government the Final Report on the Revision of Settlement of the Sirsá District. The operations of the Settlement were, with the exception of the case of the Farm Villages, practically completed in September 1882, and the delay in the submission of this Report is due to my having been called away to much more urgent and important work among the distressed villages of Gurgáon and Jhajjar. I have taken advantage of the delay to incorporate the statistics which have since become available, and have given an account of the working of the Settlement up to the present date, so that the report is more complete than it would have been had it been written a year ago.

I hope that its great length will be pardoned in consideration of the exceptional character of the Sirsá District. The precarious nature of the produce made it necessary to give a very full account of the observations on which my estimates of the average produce were founded ; and the recent colonisation of the District, the rapid increase of population and cultivation, the extraordinary development of rights in the land, the primitive character of the people, and the unusual diversity of their physique, dialects, and customs formed subjects of exceptional interest, which it was impossible to treat except at some length.

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