FOREWORD

This History of Bengal covers the period from the battle of Plassey to the First Partition. It is a companion volume to the History of Bengal in two volumes, published by the University of Dacca, in 1943 and in 1948, on Hindu and Muslim periods. There has been a long interval between the inception of this work and its passing through the press. The editor has explained the reasons for this delay. It is not necessary to recapitulate the difficulties he faced. Some of them are perhaps inherent in projects of this kind. Funds were made available for this publication by the University Grants Commission, Government of West Bengal and the University of Calcutta. It is a great pity that Dr. R. C. Mitra, whose valuable contribution on education in Bengal has enriched this publication, did not live to see it in print. On behalf of the University of Calcutta and of the History of Bengal Publication Committee I thank all those learned scholars whose contributions have made this publication possible.

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