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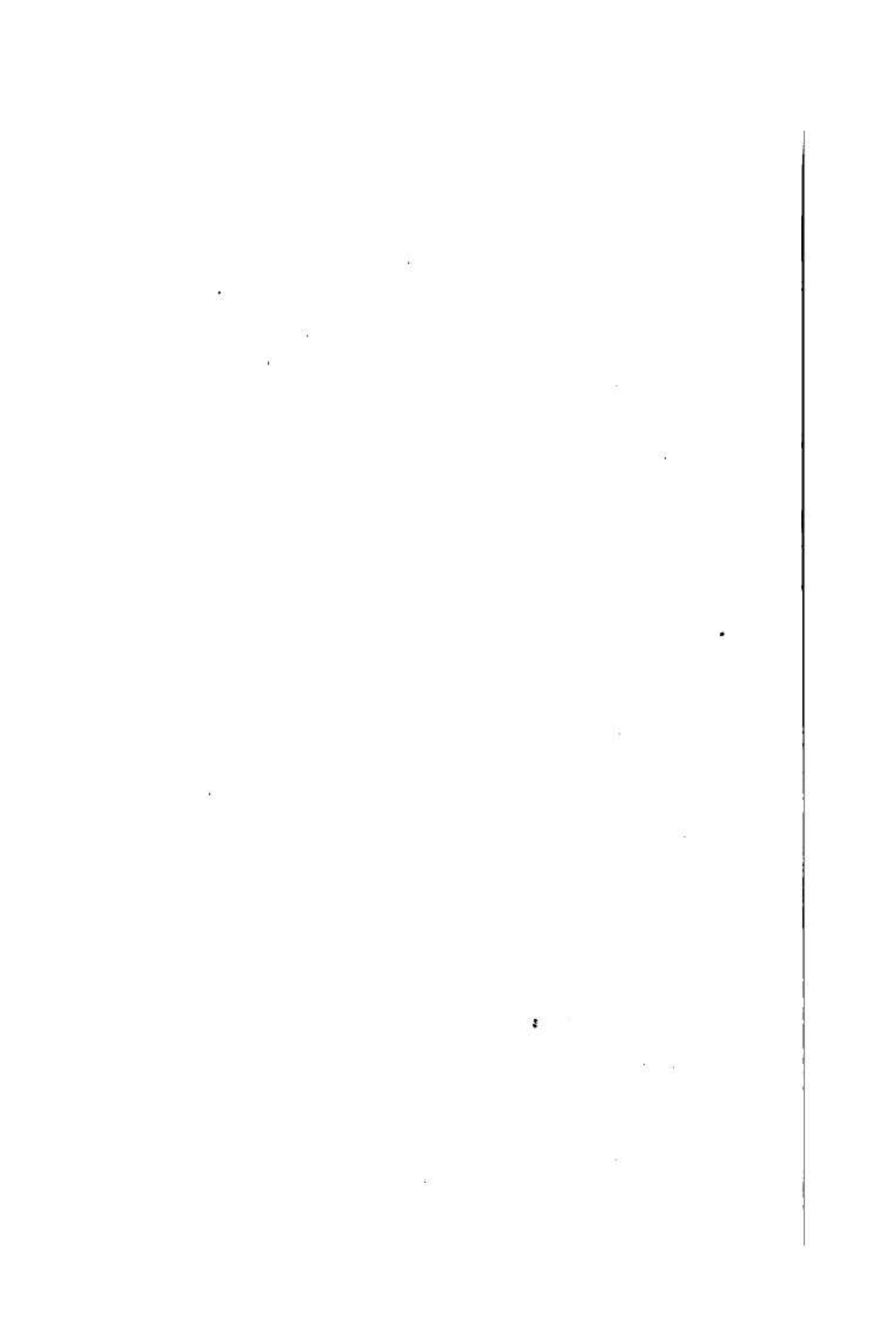
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PREFACE.

This Code of tribal custom has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 565 of Douie's Settlement Manual. A record of tribal custom was printed at last Settlement for each tahsil under the orders of the Settlement Officer (Mr. O'Brien) but no abstract thereof was prepared in English. The *Rivaj-i-am* has been re-attested, but instead of collecting information by tahsils I summoned the headmen and other leading members of each important tribe at one time, put the questions suggested in Sir Lewis Tupper's Punjab Customary Law, Volume III, to them, and recorded their answers in vernacular. The dates on which the customs of each tribe were attested, the number of men who attended each attestation, and the percentage of the members of each tribe to the total population, are noted in the table below:—

1	2	3	4	5	6
No.	Name of Tribes.	Number of the tribes in the district.	Percentage of the total population.	Date of attestation of tribal custom.	Number of the representative present.
1	Jat	1,69,110	41	10th and 11th July 1902.	159
2	Biloch	76,586	19	22nd and 23rd July 1902.	57
3	Sayyad	7,567	2	Do :	24
4	Pathan	4,019	1	26th April 1902, and 9th and 10th July 1902.	10
5	Kareshi	3,054	1	22nd and 23rd July 1902.	9
6	Hindu	55,446	14	25th and 26th July 1902.	75
	Total	8,15,782	78

I was present at every one of the meetings, and the greater part of the work was done by me personally in presence of the Extra Assistant Settlement Officer and the Tahsildars. When, however, I had to attend to other work, my Extra Assistant, Sheikh Mubammad Muir, did the attestation during my absence. The questions now put differed considerably from those answered at last settlement, but