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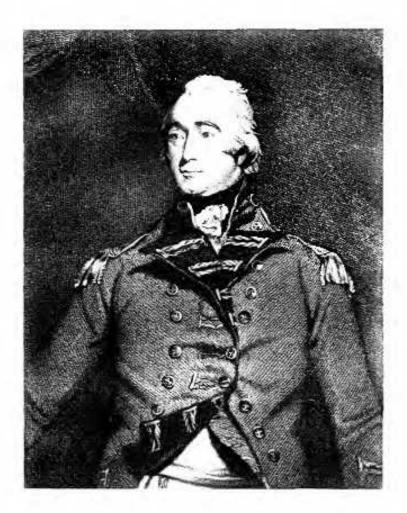
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PREFACE

In compiling the following sketch of the Indian Administration of the Marquess of Hastings, I have devoted a few pages to the history of that celebrated soldier and statesman, both before and after the period of his rule in the East. In this part of my work, I have been much assisted by Lord Donington, who most kindly placed at my disposal some notes on the life of his distinguished relative.

The rest of the volume is partly drawn from Mr. Prinsep's History of the Political and Military Transactions in India during the administration of the Marquess of Hastings, 1813-1823, 2 vols.. London, 1825. Many of the military details of the Pindárí and the third and last Maráthá war have been taken from Colonel V. Blacker's Memoir of the operations of the British Army in India during the Maráthá war of 1817, 1818, and 1819, London, 1821. The numerous other authors consulted are referred to in the foot-notes of the following pages.

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