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IS,

WITH THE GREATEST RESPECT,

Dedicated By

HIS LORDSHIP'S MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT,

THE AUTHOR,

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PREFACE.

The object of this work is to facilitate the acquisition of the Hindustání, Persian and Gujaráti languages, by conveying to the eye, at first sight, all that is essentially necessary to know regarding their Grammatical forms and construction, without distracting it with the extended and intricate rules and examples which exhibit themselves on a cursory glance at larger works, such as the Grammars of Forbes, Shakespear, Sir William Jones, and Mr. Clarkson, which are so useful in their own place to the advanced student. When once the simple rules and principles here laid down are thoroughly mastered and fixed in the memory, they will serve as a key, to the speedy understanding of more abstruse and elaborate works on philology, the study of which would otherwise prove difficult and embarrassing to beginners. These outlines have been compiled in such a manner as to convey the greatest number of facts, in the fewest possible words, with a careful avoidance of all redundancy of expression, and superfluous explanations in matters that must be self-evident to an ordinary mind. They do not, however, profess to obviate, or simplify, known difficulties in those peculiarities of idiom and construction with which oriental languages abound, and which can only be comprehended and acquired by a long course of study, and careful attention and application. They are condensed and arranged in an easy and accessible form; and their compiler takes credit to himself only for having methodised, briefly defined, and arranged under their proper heads, matter that appeared to him to be scattered, and sometimes misplaced, in the different grammars from which he has freely extracted,

and which has not unfrequently the effect of misleading and perplexing, instead of aiding the beginner in his studies. It would be presumptuous to think that they are altogether free from the inaccuracies and defects against which he sought to guard.

In the compilation of this little volume, the Compiler's obligations are due to the Grammars of Dr. Forbes, Mr. Shakespear, Sir William Jones, and Mr. Clarkson, from whose works he acknowledges to have borrowed largely; and also to the Rev. Dr. John Wilson, for the valuable assistance rendered, and suggestions offered by him during the time the work has been passing through the press.

GENERAL RULES AND PRINCIPLES

OF THE

HINDUSTÁNÍ GRAMMAR.