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## PREFACE.

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These few notes were originally commenced with the intention of aiding the Police to recognize, and cope with, the Criminal Tribes who frequent these parts of India. At the request of friends the papers appeared first in the *Times of India*, and in hopes that they may be of some slight interest to the public, and especially to those whose duty brings them in constant contact with the predatory classes, they are now issued in book form.

Much time and trouble has been expended in collecting and verifying the facts set forth, from the people themselves concerning whom they are written, and it is believed they will be found accurate.

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# NOTES ON CRIMINAL TRIBES.

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## CHAPTER I.

### BOWRIE<sup>o</sup> (Budhuck).

BOWRIES, who are Hindoos, are known by different names, according to the part of the country in which they have settled, *i.e.*, Bagoris, Bagris, or Wagris, Budhucks, Moghyas, Delhiwal Bowries, Malpooras, Marwarras, &c., &c. All make use of the same language, which was originally Guzeratee, and observe

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\* In Khandeish, Berar, parts of the Central Provinces and Deccan generally, there are six tribes who are of the true Bowrie family, who immigrated south into these parts many generations ago, and still retain their caste names, though they are known in the provinces by assumed ones. They are—

1. Wagris or Moghyas known as Takenkars.
2. Bowries known as Lungotee Pardhis.
3. Bowries known as Chestawalla Pardhis.
4. Bowries known as Seelsjeet Pardhis.
5. Maywarrees known as Phansi Pardhis.
6. Bowries known as Kalballias, disguised as Kanipon Naths.

All these use a language similar to that of the Bowries or Budhucks of the north.