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PREFACE

The manuscript of the present Assam Buranji was obtained by the late Srijut Hemchandra Goswami in the family of the late Srijut Sukumar Mahanta of North Gauhati during his deputation for the search of Assamese manuscripts in 1912-13.

The manuscript is written on strips of Sanchi bark each measuring 15"×4½". It has 114 folios and each folio having been written on both sides there are therefore 228 pages in the manuscript.

The chronicle is divided into four sections. The first section, folios 1 to 93, deals with the origin of the Ahom rulers from the period prior to their advent to Assam, up to the reign of Swarga-deo Gadadhar Singha, A. D. 1681-1696. This section is reproduced in entirety in the present *Assam Buranji*.

The second section, folios 94 to 101, deals with the origin of the several Ahom families of eminence, in which the unknown author has tried to distinguish between the earliest Ahom settlers in Assam in the shape of commanders, counsellors and camp-followers of Sukapha, the first conqueror, and those who were admitted later into the Ahom fold. This portion has been left out as it is reproduced in *Purani Assam Buranji*, pages 26 to 45, edited by the late Srijut Hemchandra Goswami.

The third section folios 102 to 112, deals with the origin of the rulers of the Naras, Mantaras, Kacharis, Jayantias and Chutias. This section has been left out in the present *Assam Buranji* as it has been virtually reproduced in an earlier publication of this Department, viz., *Deodhai Assam Buranji*, pages 162 to 196.

The fourth section, enumerates the hills in Gauhati and its neighbourhood. The list was compiled under the orders of King Rudra Singha, 1696 to 1714, from the *Yogini-Tantra*. The relative distances of the sacred hills are also given making their respective names unalterable and fixed for all ages. Professor G. Tucci of the University of Rome referred to this list in the *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, London, for April 1929, page 247, in the following words,—"My friend, Professor Bhuyanhas found in one of the Buranjis or Assamese chronicles, a list of all the sacred places as recorded in the *Yogini-Tantra*, with their vernacular names and the exact distances from each other. The chapter will, when published, be of the greatest importance for the study of the topography of the Kamakhya hills." This list has been omitted from the present volume as it was inserted in an earlier publication of this Department, viz., *Kamrupar Buranji*, pages 128-132.....