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DEODHAI ASAM BURANJI

With Several Shorter Chronicles of Assam.

[Compiled from old Assamese Buranjis]

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नत्वा श्रीकृष्णपादाब्जे सन्मनो मधुलेहके ।
लिख्येते शक्रवंश्यानां नृपाणाञ्चन्मकर्मणी ॥
विचित्रकर्मणां तेषां नृपाणां कर्मकीर्त्तने ।
नात्र हास्यास्पदं विज्ञा यतो ज्ञेकत्र संस्थितिः ।
एकत्रीकरणे तेषां शक्तिः केषां न कुष्ठिता ॥

After due salutation at the lotus-feet of Srikrishna, which are drunk by the hearts of the righteous like so many honey-sucking bees, the origin and deeds of the Kings sprung from the line of Indra are here described. Oh learned ones! In the recital of the history of those Kings who are credited with varied and brilliant achievements one is not to be an object of laughter (if mistakes and discrepancies creep in), as the accounts exist in diverse places, and in their unification whose powers are not strained?

— Sanskrit preamble to an old Buranji.

PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

The present publication, *Deodhai Asam Buranji*, derives its name from the first sustained chronicle inserted in the book, which is followed by a number of shorter chronicles dealing with the establishment and consolidation of Ahom power in Assam. An account is also given of certain social customs of the Ahoms, such as marriages, recreations and burials of Ahom monarchs. Accounts of the legendary origin of some of the Assam tribes with whom the Ahoms had intimate political relations, e.g. the Koches, the Kacharis, the Jayantias, the Chutias, the Naras, the Mantaras and the Mikirs, a very carefully compiled list of the Ahom kings from the descent of Khunlung and Khunlai in 569 A.D. to the termination of Maharaja Purandar Singha's rule in 1838 A.D., as well as a table showing the corresponding *Saka* years of Ahom *Laklis*, have been appended to the book. The contents of the entire book, except the account of the Mikirs, have been reproduced verbatim from old buranjis. The selection has been made with the object of furnishing an early history of the Ahoms in Assam as depicted in the old unsophisticated buranjis, and the book can be studied as a history of foundations. As an old classic the book in its present form will supply valuable specimens of the different types of Assamese prose.

The book has been edited on the lines of the other publications of the Department. A running marginal summary has been provided for all the paragraphs and we have tried to convey an accurate idea of the nature of the contents in the Introduction in English which will render the book useful to those who are not acquainted with the Assamese language. The various original sources laid under contribution are enumerated after this Preface.

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