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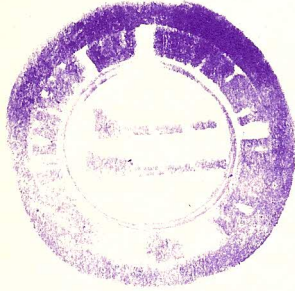
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## Preface

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*Studies in the Economic History of North East India* contains thirty-three papers to cover 'Pre-colonial state & Economy', 'Land System, Taxation and Revenue', 'Trade & Commerce', 'Trade & Industry', 'Plantation and Agriculture' and 'Colonial Impact'. We are aware of the fact that the studies are isolated and desperate, and our volume does not present a comprehensive view of the economic development in the region. But this is what we could immediately do to respond to the demand of the Universities in the region which have introduced studies in regional economic history or aspects of it. However, the book shall prove to be a useful reference. Our association also intends to bring out similar collections in future.

I am thankful to the Executive Committee of the Association for asking me to edit the volume and to the

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