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TO
COLONEL YULE, C.B.,
AND
AUGUSTUS FRANKS, F.R.S., F.S.A.

I DEDICATE the following pages to two friends whom I deem it a singular privilege to have known. Colonel YULE, who has restored to us so much of the romantic history of the East, and whose accuracy and breadth of view have made his works European classics. He has proved to the letter the truth of the adage, that he who seeks to bring home the wealth of the Indies must fill his galleons with corresponding wealth before he starts. He will not blame a scholar who wishes to put his master's name on the threshold of his work. Nor will my other friend, Mr. FRANKS, *facile princeps* as an archæologist within our four seas, who distributes his bountiful knowledge with the generous prodigality that becomes the possessor of an overflowing store. Those who know him best will not dwell, however, on what is so well assured as his reputation, but will rather revert to that urbanity and unfailing kindness which knits men closer together than all the wisdom of Solomon.

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