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TO
MAJOR-GENERAL SIR A. CUNNINGHAM, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.,
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M. CHARLES SCHEFER,
MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF FRANCE, ETC., ETC.

IT is very grateful to me to be able to associate this volume of a long and laborious work with the names of two friends whom I hold in high esteem, and whose reputation is world-wide—Sir Alexander Cunningham, who for forty years has studied so well, and so much to our profit, the archæology and history of India, and who is not less known for his urbanity and high character than for his deep and scientific knowledge of the East; and M. Charles Schefer, the *doyen* of French Orientalists, whose encyclopædic knowledge of the history, literature, and art of the Muhammedan world are unrivalled, and who has always been ready and willing to put his knowledge and his skill at the service of others.

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