

the prospective archaeological 'finds.' Recognizing the services rendered by this great institution in the past towards Oriental researches, it is gratifying to me to think that it has been possible for me to bring back a collection of antiques which has made this share, even from a financial point of view, a very profitable investment.

When the time came in 1906 for the start on my journey the kind interest shown in my enterprise by Lord Minto, then Viceroy of India, was a great encouragement. It continued through the whole course of my travels, as shown in the letters of my old friend Colonel (now Sir James) Dunlop Smith, then the Viceroy's private secretary. I shall always remember with sincere gratitude the effective support which my subsequent efforts to secure adequate leisure for the elaboration of my results received from Lord Minto.

For the execution of my geographical tasks the help of the Survey of India Department has proved, as before, of the utmost value. Under the direction of Colonel F. B. Longe, R.E., it readily agreed to depute with me one of its trained native surveyors, and to provide by a special grant for all costs arising from his employment. Colonel S. Burrard, R.E., F.R.S., then Superintendent of Trigonometrical Surveys and now Surveyor-General of India, lost no opportunity to encourage and guide our labours in the field and to facilitate the preparation of their cartographical record in his office. It is mainly due to his unfailing help that our geographical results are now worked out and embodied in an Atlas of ninety-four map sheets, on the scale of four miles to one inch, which await publication with my Detailed Report. In Rai Ram Singh, the excellent Surveyor who had accompanied me on my first journey, and in his equally experienced and hard-working colleague Rai Bahadur Lal Singh, who subsequently relieved him when considerations of health necessitated the former's return to India, I found not only most