



British Diplomacy and Administration in India 1807-13

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Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd., 1971. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. First. 15 X 23. This is a study of the Governor-Generalship of Lord Minto I who was an active and ambitious administrator with scholastic tastes and closely associated with Burke, Fox and Sheridan. His administration was distinguished by moderation in his approach to Indian problems and his foreign policy was marked by considerable ability and energy which he had gained by his varied experience during his past career. Indeed, he avoided the two extremes of the policy pursued by Lord Wellesley and his two successors and steered his way cautiously without giving up the British aims in India and also without arousing bitter criticism by any section of official opinion in India or England. The instructions from the Court of Directors, the financial position of the Company and needs of consolidation of enormous gains already acquired during Lord Wellesley's regime, prevented him from contemplating a vigorous policy of annexation. As an administrator, Lord Minto set up a good example of sober industry, adventurous spirit and administrative drive. He effected some useful reforms in revenue, judicial, police, customs and postal departments. In the diplomatic sphere too, Lord Minto was quite successful....



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