

Preface

In Government House Library is an admirable work in two large volumes by Marquis Curzon of Kedleston called **BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN INDIA - THE STORY OF THE VICEROYS AND GOVERNMENT HOUSES** published in 1925 by Cassell and Company.

It is the result of indefatigable original researches made by Lord Curzon during his Viceroyalty (1899-1905) and also afterwards, partly out of love of the great office he held, and partly out of love for Government House, Calcutta, which was modeled on his ancestral home Kedleston Hall. He states that it was the similarity between the two houses that first turned his attention, when a boy, to India and planted in him the ambition, from an early age, to pass from a Kedleston in Derbyshire to a Kedleston in Bengal. His ambition was fulfilled and he repaid the debt by writing the history of the house and its inmates. When he died in 1925 he volume collects together in the form more or less of a was still engaged in correcting the proofs and preparing the Index.

This small guide book, condenses and in some cases adds to such information from the five hundred pages of Lord Curzon's work as is thought by one who is interested in his surroundings may appeal to others who are of like mind. Hundred pages of Lord Curzon's work as is thought by one who is interested in his surroundings may appeal to others who are of like mind. Those whom it interests are recommended to read the intensely interesting full work by Lord Curzon.

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