During the early years of the Eighties when I was posted as Deputy Magistrate and Deputy Collector at Jangipur in the District of Murshidabad I had to undertake extensive tours within and around the Sub-division of Jangipur. As a student of history I was curious about the historical background of this district as well as numerous tales and anecdotes associated with various places of this district. Also as a petty cog of the administration of the district, I took special interest in the administration of Bengal during heydays of Murshidabad. I read available books mostly written during the Eighteenth Century. A question then haunted my mind: Why the strong administrative machinery founded by Nawab Murshid Quli crumbled within two decades after his death. It was found that most of the available books deal with the political events and there is an absence of a total and impartial assessment of the administration of the Province of Bengal during the aforesaid period though scattered information in this regard is available here and there. At about this time I had come in contact with Professor Syed Manal Shah Alqaderi. I took much help from him in reading Persian books and documents. He was kind enough to suggest me to collect materials carry out a research work for presenting a composite picture of the administration of our Province during the rule of Nawabs of Murshidabad and present the same in the form of a thesis for the degree of the Ph.D. The result is the present work.
Since most of the administrative documents and contemporary books are written in Persian, I decided to get my research work registered in Persian and Arabic Department.

In discussing various aspects of administration of Bengal, I have used my sources in critical and analytical spirit using Persian & European as well as Bengali sources. I have tried to find out the loopholes of the administration in our Province which were successfully utilized by a powerful neoricher class of our Province. European Trading Companies in their own interest. I have also tried to examine the administration of Bengal from its actual working.

As regards the use of names of the authors of contemporary & near contemporary Persian Books & manuals of administration, I have used the proper names of the authors first as far as possible; their surnames follows there after while the surnames of the authors precedes the proper names in case of the authors of later periods.

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