Shri Santosh Kumar Chakravarti, a Research Scholar in the Department of History of the University of Burdwan, worked under my supervision in this University for the last four years. He had taken up a very important topic of the formative period of British rule in Bengal on which hardly any advanced research work has been done so far. The Bengal-based strength of the Company was further reinforced by the loyalty and co-operation of the biggest and strongest Zamindar family of Bengal, the Maharajas of Burdwan. The way in which this relationship was built up under most trying circumstances is yet to be investigated in detail and Shri S.K. Chakravarti who has collected all the original materials bearing on the problem during all these four years has reconstructed the history of Burdwan’s relations with the Company. Shri Chakravarti has already submitted his thesis to this University and the same reflects his competence for critical research work of the above description and I have no doubt in my mind that his work when finally approved will be a remarkable contribution in this field of study.