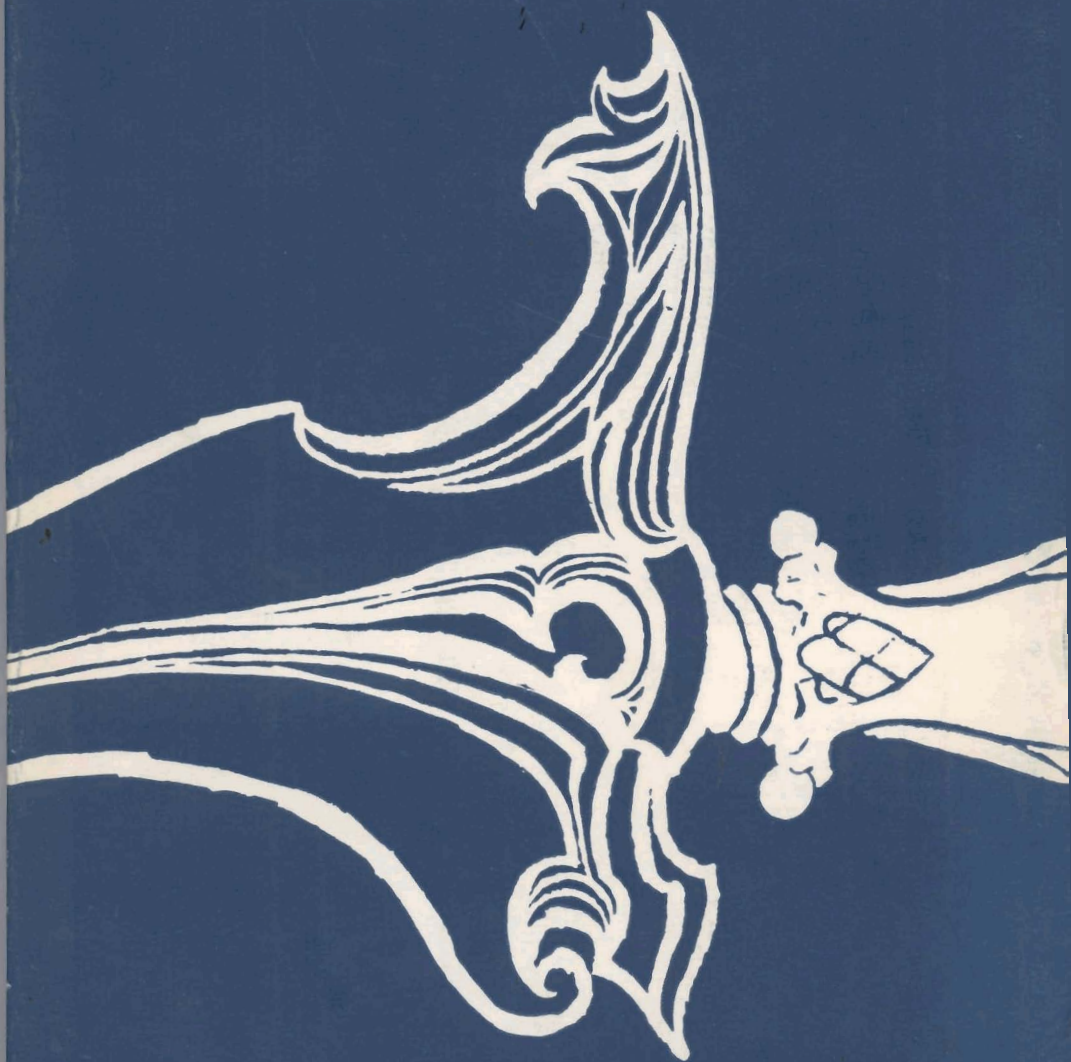


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## PREFACE

THE achievement of Malayan independence in 1957 has stimulated considerable research into the history of Malaya, and in recent years publications have widened our knowledge of many periods of Malayan history, as well as introducing readers to look at this history in a Malayan context rather than as an adjunct to European politics. Thus to-day it is recognised that the Peninsula was possibly affected less by the Dutch than by the Achinese and Bugis in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The author has been fortunate in being able to take advantage of these new publications and of this new emphasis. And while the bibliographies at the end of each chapter recognise the sources of the information used, he would particularly like to acknowledge his debt to Dr. C. D. Cowan, Dr. D.K. Basset and Dr. A. Lamb. This book does not pretend to any originality of material but rather to a synthesis of present-day views on Malayan history.

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The general layout of the book is based on experience gained in teaching in upper forms in Malayan schools. It is hoped that others teaching at this level will find the book useful for their pupils and that it will also appeal to the general reader who requires a short, up-to-date account of Malaya's development.

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