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PREFACE

THIS book continues the history of Malaya from the capture of Malacca by the Dutch in 1641 to August 31, 1957, when Malaya achieved her independence, and took her place as a new State in the world. It will be observed that in the present volume, much less space has been given to the history of her neighbours than was the case in the first book. There it was a question of trying to observe Malaya's emergence from the welter of surrounding petty states by emphasising her shadowy outline against the background of those states. But in the modern period, thanks to the much more abundant sources, it is possible to trace Malaya's development into an entity in her own right: and an attempt to give a more detailed survey of the history of her neighbours would have unduly extended the size of this book. Nevertheless, I have tried, where possible, to indicate some of the occasions when Malaya's neighbours affected her development.

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