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The Economic Changes of Sri Lanka Under British Rule from 1796 to 1831

The title of this research is 'The economic changes of Sri Lanka, under British Rule from 1796 to

1831'. There were several reasons to select the topic. Many scholars paid attention on the

economic background in Sri Lanka after the Colebrooke - Cameron Amendments in 1832. There

was a rapid increase in the estate plantation after the Colebrooke - Cameron Amendment in 1832,

and many books were written on them. Less attention was paid on the economic condition of Sri

Lanka under British rule from 1796-1831. One objective of this research is to obtain information

and to compile a book on British rule and economic changes from 1796-1831. Since less attention

has been paid on the indigenous industries in the period, the other objective was to study the nature

of the Sri Lankan indigenous industries.

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