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PREFACE

This is the second volume arising from the Cambridge Seminar in Ancient History directed by Professor Moses Finley. We take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the active assistance and encouragement he has given us as editors and scholars.

This volume reflects the aim of the architect of the Seminar to approach the subject of imperialism on a broad front. Unlike its predecessor, Studies in Roman Property (1976), it ranges over a wide expanse of history and covers a number of different societies, from New Kingdom Egypt to Rome under the Principate. Despite the inevitable gaps and unevenness of coverage, all important aspects of imperialism are given detailed and systematic attention in one or more studies. There is sufficient overlap of subject matter and interests to invite comparative assessment. Uniformity of viewpoint has not been sought after, nor has it been attained. In this, the volume reflects the present state of the debate on imperialism in the ancient world.

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