خرجه وكمل رسپاندنت در خرجه وكيل خودش بر ممبلغ مزكور هفتاد وپنج روپيه هفت انه بدهد

این عدالت بر مبلغ یک هزار شش صد وسي و پنج روپيه هقناد و پنج رويمه هفت إنه يدهد

Signed, I. Stuart,

Signed, W. Cowper.

Acting Register.

A true Translation,

Thomas Hayes, B. Translator.

CHAPTER III.

ARIZDASHTS,* OR LETTERS FROM INFERIORS.

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From Jesserut Khan, Naib or Governor of Dacca, to the Nabob of Moorshudabad, probably Sief Addowleh.

Previous to this, twenty large (copper) pots with covers and spoons, being part of the government order in the kitchen department, were, in obcdience to your commands, despatched on some Pulwar boats, on the 19th of the month Zihij, of the year 9, (of his Majesty's reign). At this time all the other furniture, which by the exertions of Mohammed Cossim have been prepared, together with the instruments for the band of music, which were ordered, have this day, being the 27th of the above mentioned month, been forwarded on three Willack boats, under charge of Mohammed Cossim. An exact list of these articles, specifying the weight of each, is enclosed in this despatch, and will be submitted to your Highness's inspection. The (copper) baths and other articles which are not yet ready, shall be shortly sent. Received according to List, A B.

N.B. Dacca was at this time famous for these manufactures; the copper was chiefly English. The instruments of the band were principally trumpets, kettle-drums, &c.

^{*} The words Arzy and Arisdasht, were formerly synonymous. The former is now generally confined to Petitions, the latter to Letters.

باب سوم

عرصداشت

اوّل

عرضداشت دولت خواه جسارت خان

قبل از این بیست عدد دیگ کلان مع سرپوش و کفگر منجهله ظروف فرمایشی باورجبخانه سرکار برطبق پروانه تاکید بحمل کشتی های پلوار بتاریخ نوازدهم اشهر دیدیج روانه حضور نموده و الحال نیز هر قدر ظروف باهشمام محمد قاسم تبار شده بالوازمه نقار خانه که بموجت فرمایش تبار گردیده بود امروز که بیست و هفتم شهر مزکور است بحمل سه منزل اولای مصحوب محمد قاسم مزکور ارسال میگارد ارسال نامه آن بقید وزن مطاوی عرضی هذا ترسیل میدارگار نظر فیض مظهر خواهد گذشت عرضی هذا ترسیل میدارگار نظر فیض مظهر خواهد گذشت خوض و غیره چند چیز تبار نشده انهم عنقریب ابلاغ خواهد نمود بهوجب داخلای رسید

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From the Same to the Same.

Your gracious and illustrious letter, directing me (your humble servant) to ascertain and send a list of the number and value of the barges, and other boats of government, which are now on the stocks, but the completion of which has been discontinued, and that, after the said list had been submitted to your special inspection, orders should be issued for my further guidance, honoured and elevated me by its arrival. During the period that the Nuwab Intizam Addowleh resided at Jehangire Naghui (Dacca), the works on all the boats, whether for use or pleasure, both in this district and Silhet, were discontinued, but from time to time a few of them were repaired. For a long time, things remained in this state, after that an order was issued, directing some of them to be completed, and others to be entuely laid ande, the former were in consequence sent to the presence; with respect to those which, being only half finished, were laid aside, on the arrival of your gracious letter, I sought in Dacca for some purchasers, in order to ascertain and send you an account of their value; but being disappointed in this, I employed the head carpenter and smith, to give an estimate of the expense of the wood and iron; I also got the traders in woollens, and the inspectors of this art to do the same. Both of these lists are enclosed in this despatch. Your well wisher felt repugnance to send these estimates, because they are not all commensurate to the real value, and great loss must

ِ دوييم أيضاء

نوازش نامه عظائمي مشنمل برّينكه كشتيهاي بجرة و غنود سركار که موقوف شده درکار خانه است احقر قیمت آن مشخص كردانده فرد قسمت بقيد تعداد كفشهاي مزكور ابلاغ دارد بعد ملاحظه خاص قسمیٰ که ارشاد شود مطابق آن بعمل ارد عز ورود بخشبد معزز وممتازساخت درايام كه نواب انتظام الدولة مهادر بجهانگبرنگر تشریف اورده تمامی کشتبهای خاص بحرو سبراب تهانه سلهت و سركارعالي موقوف ساخته بودند كشتبهاي مزبور اندك اندك مرمت شده مدتي همچنان مانده بود بعد از آن که پروانه بحالی و موقوقی کششها صادر گردید موافق ان کششهای بمالي تبار گردانده روانه حضور نموده و کشتهای صوقوفي نسم کاره مانده بورود نوازش نامه هرچند در جهانگرنگر خریدار تلام نموده بهم نرسدكه از او قبمت فبصل ساخته معروض دارد للهار از مهتر درودگران و اهنگران تخمینا صرف قیمت تخته و اهن و قيمت پوشش كشتيهاي مسطور بوقوف بانات فروش و مبصران إلين فن مشخص گردانيده افراد آن مطاوي عرضي هذا الرسال إبيته يرواب خواه نعي خواست كه افراد مرقوم ترسيل سازد كه باين قير و تقوي المرابع الماسية تدارد و نقصان كلي

therefore be expected; but in compliance with your order, and if at any future time these boats should be broken up, the planks and iron may be used for the repair of others, I have forwarded them; I have also sent a particular account of the expenses of the boats for this year, the works of which are postponed. I am hopeful that orders may be given to the government agents to inspect both these papers, and that you will signify to me your Highness's pleasure thereon, that I may act accordingly.

Endorsement, probably by the Nuneab, as the heads of the answer for his Secretary.

But known, the papers which were sent, arrived, after being inspected, directions will be forwarded for your guidance. What further need be said?

Signed, with a Cypher

N B. Jesserut Khan was the ancestor of the present Nuwab of Dacca, when ordered by Cassim Aly to put the English, then at Dacca, to death, he very magnanimously refused, and sent them all to Calcutta, on which account his descendants have the title of Nuwab, and a pension from government.

III.

Arizdasht supposed to be addressed to the Nuwab of Moorshudabad.

May the cherisher of the poor be prosperous!

The excellent Moolavy Ahmed Sayd, inhabitant of the village of Bedehana part of the lands held in free gift from government, has a numerous family, and but slender means, it is requested, that some daily allowance may be granted him by government, that being enabled to support his family and dependants in a comfortable manner, he may employ himself in teaching the sciences, and be occupied in praying for an increase of your life and prosperity, (the granting this favour) will be praiseworthy in this world, and will obtain a glorious reward in futurity. May the sum of longevity and fortune continue to shine.

Note. As the seal or signature is generally affixed to the envelope, the writer is not known, but it is an excellent specimen of terse writing, so uncommon with the Persians.

See Plate 13, No. I.

متصور است لکن تاکبه خضور و بنابر اینکه اگر در سال اینده این کشتها شکست شود تخته و اهن بکار کشتیها دراینده روانه نموده و امستالی که در مرمت کشتیهای موقوفی خرج گردیده است کاغذات نیز تفصیل وار ابلاغ میدارد امسدوار است بمتصدیان حضور ارشاد شود که هر دو کاغده را ملاخطه نموده بنهجیکه مرضی مبارک باشد ارقام فرسایند که مطابق آن بعمل اید

معلوم تشود کاغن مرسله رسید بعد ملاحظه قسمیکه نگارش رود بعمل خواهد اورد ریاده چه برطرازد بیض

سيوم

غريب پرورسلامت

فضیلت ماب مولوی احمد سعبد متوطن قصبه بدهانه محال التمعا سرکار کثرت عبال وقلت معاهی دارد امبدوار است که چیزی یومیه از سرکار فیض اثار مقرر شود که با عیال و چندی طلبه دیگر معاش بسر برده در تدریس علم مشغول شده دعه از دیاد عمر و جاه و ظبفه و ورد خود سازد باعث رسم جمیل در دُنیا و اجر جزیل قرآ خرت خواهد شد افتاب عمر و دولی تابان و در خشان باد

IV.

May the shadow of the Kibleh and Kābā of his Servants be perpetual! Thanks be to God, that the fruit of your kindness and exertion has through the divine favour arrived at perfection. In consequence of the desire of the worthy Mr. Davis, may his prosperity endure! Your humble servant repaired to the office (or court) and passed half an hour there, after which he returned home. The other circumstances cannot be communicated in writing, but must remain for a personal interview. * what further need be said?

See Plate 13, No II.

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V.

May the prosperity of your Excellency endure!

AFTER the performance of due respect, it is represented to the attendants of your Excellency, that your humble servant stated the particulars of his situation at Balooghaut, when you were so kind as to say that in the advancement of your affairs I will not be deficient; my Lord, up to the present time you have not done any thing for your humble servant, on this account he is much vexed and hurt, that notwithstanding such protection and patronage he cannot succeed. He is therefore helpless, and must impute it to fate, but he still retains hopes from your generosity and kindness, and begs that you will speak a few words for

^{*} Literally, lip to lip.

جهارم

قبله وكعبه بندها دام ظلهُ

سپاس است قادر کریم را که انجه ثمره اشفاق و محست کشی انجناب بوده بعون عنایت کردگار بظهور رسده چون رفتن بنده تاکجهره حسب الطّلت جناب فیضهاب مستر دبوس صاحب دام دولته اتّفاق شده و یک نسم ساعت زمانی را در انهقام صرف کرده باز عود بحانه نموده شد دیگر مراتب بجر مشافهه قابل تحریر نست زیاده حه عرض نهاید

پنجم خداوند تعمت دام اقبالهٔ

بعد آدای آداب تسلیمات بسدگانه بجا آورده معروض بجناب ملازمان حضور پرنور مسدارد همگی احوال فدوی در مکام بالوگهات بجناب عالی التماس نموده بود و از زیان مسارک خود فرموده بودند که در حق شما بهر نوعیکه بهتر شود قصور نخواهم کرد خدایگان مین لیکن تاهنوز در ماده فدوی هیچ اثار بهتری نفرموده اند از اینمعنی فدوی غایت حران و پریشان مسباشد که اینچندین اتکای و پشت پناهی داشته کار فدوی صورت نمی دهد چاری نیست گرده از راه بنده نوازی دو کلمه برای فدوی نره و کرم است توقع که از راه بنده نوازی دو کلمه برای فدوی نره

hun to the Governor, in order that he may obtain his wishes, this subject has been also stated to Captain Stewart, who will acquaint you with all the circumstances of your humble servant. All my success in life depends upon your Excellency. I have no other aid or support. It was proper to represent this. May the sun of prosperity and good fortune continue to shine!

The representation of Goolab Sing Subadar

Note. This letter was addressed to Colonel Symes in the year 1803. The writer was one of the Subadars belonging to the escort which went to Ava. The object of the writer was to retire on full pay, but his claim was not considered sufficient.

VI

Hail, cherisher of the poor!

AFER approaching the illustrious threshold of the court, the axis of bounty, it is represented to the attendants of the illustrious Presence, that this day your humble servant is prevented from waiting on you, in consequence of some business of the press. It was proper to represent this. God grant that the sun of dignity and prosperity may continue to shine, and be resplendent from the horzon of your wishes!

The representation of Hussein Aly.

VII.

Hail, cherisher of the poor!

AFTER approaching the illustrious threshold of the repository of bounty, it is

صاحب كلان سعي نمايند كه مقصد فدوي حاصل شود واينمعني هم بحضور كپتان استور صاحب عرضي نموده است از صاحب موصوف حقيقت فدوي واقف شوند خداوند مالك و مختار حال و مال اينفدوي هستند و بغير از جناب عالي بشت و پناهي جاي ديگر ندارد واجب بود عرض نموده افتاب دولت و اقبال تابان باد

عرضداشت فدوي گلاب سنگ*ث* صوبهدار

ششم

غويب پرورسلامت

بعد تقديم سدة سنة دربار فيض مدار ملازمان حضور فيض ظهور عرص مبدهد كه امروز فدوي از بعضي كارضروري چهاپه خانه از ملازمت فيض موهبت باريابان حضور لامع النور محروم مانده واجب بود عرض نهوده اللهي افتاب حشمت و دولت و اقبال ازافق مراد لامع وساطع باد

عرضي حسبن علي

هفتم

غريب پرور سلامت بعد نقديم سدة سنيه بجناب فيضماب باريابان حضور لامع النور represented to the attendants of the illustrious Presence, with respect to the number of books that have been ordered, whatever number you may direct, shall be got ready by the day after to-morrow, and I will bring them with me. You humble servant's lodgings are in Kolingy, near to the habitation of Moolavy Roshen Aly. It has been represented for your information. May the sun of prosperity and good fortune continue to shine and be resplendent!

The representation of your devoted Hussein Aly.

VIII

May God extend the shadow of the cherisher of the poor, the lord of bounty! After performing due respect, it is represented that two copies of the Mussi Alumgary, which have been compared, are herewith sent, and will be submitted to your illumined sight. On account of the indepention of Mohammed Vehay, your humble servant is obliged to attend the press in his room, and cannot therefore wait on you. It was proper to represent this. May the sun of dignity and good fortune slune, and be resplendent from the horizon of greatness and glory!

Hussein Aly.

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Arizdast.

May God preserve the exalted, the illustrious, and bountiful to his friends?

AFTER performing the duties of respect, it is represented to your intelligent mind, that the fresh instances of your attention at this time, respecting the new

عرض میدهد برای چند عدو کتاب که ارشاد شده است مقدار و چند آن که ارشاد فرمایند انقدر پس فردا تیار نموده همراه خود بحضور عالی بیارد و مکان فدوی در محله کلنگه متصل مکان مولوی روشن علی صاحب است بنابر اطلاع عرض نموده افتاب دولت و اقبال تابان در خشان پاد

عرضي فدوي حسين علي

هشتم

غریب پرورخداوند نعیت مد طلهٔ العلی ادابیکه در خور ملازمان است بعضور ایستادهای فیض گنجور مودی ساخته عرض میدهد که دو جُز ماثر عالم گیری که در معرص مقابله آمده بود ارسال یافته از نظر انور خواهد گذشت واحضار فدوی از باعث نادرستی طبیعت منشی محمد وها که بنده بعوض ایشان در جهایه خانه خواهد رفت در جلباب خفا مختفی ماند واجب بود معروض نموده نیرحشمت واقبال از افق سطوت و اجلال ساطع و لایم باد ایضا

لهم

صاحب والا مناقب رفيع الهنزلت عالي مرتبت فيض رسان مخلصان سلمة الله تعالي بعد تقديم اداب تياز وخاكسري مكشوف خاطر فيض مظاهر ميكرداند كه در اين ولا از توجهات تاري انقدز

book, has laid a load of obligation on the neck of your humble servant, he therefore thinks it incumbent on him to express his gratitude. In consequence of your kindness and favour, the Honomable Company have returned the said book, and have beside made a present of one hundred pounds. As this instance of bounty proceeds entirely from your exertions, your humble servant is laid under such innumerable obligations, that a recital of them is beyond the bounds of repetition or writing. May the Almighty preserve you, and continue your kindness and bounty!

From your humble servant,

Croydon,

Sted Hussem Aly

Dated, 14th of the present month,

A. D. 1813.

Note. The book alluded too, was a Hindustany Grammar written by himself in English. I doubt whether he was satisfied with its fate, and therefore suspect the letter is ironical.

X,

Direction.

Please God, may this be presented in Sultanpore, to the benevolent sight of my Lord, the generous and beneficent Captain Stewart, may his shadow be extended to.

MAY the prosperity of my beneficent and generous lord and master endure!

After salutation and humble respects, which is the practice of faithful servants, it is represented that a long time and a distant period has elapsed, since I have

دان که در تقدیم نصنیف این نصف عمل فرموده اند گردن خودرا زیربار منت انقدردان یافتهٔ شکر کذاری انرا بر ذمت همت خود لازم و واجب دانست اعنی انچه از عنایت و نوازش انقدردان کمپنی بهادرکتاب معلوم را مسترد نموده و علاوه بر آن مبلغ یکصد پوند انعام فرمود پس برانچه مساعی جمیله انجناب باعث این انعام گردیده اند از آن ممر این خاکسار ممنون و مرهون متنت بی شمار فرموده اند که ادای آن از حیط تقریر و تحریر برون است او تعالی با این مهربانی ها سلامت با کرامت داراد

من العبد المزنب سيد حُسن على تحرير جهاردهم شهر حال سنه ۱۸۱۳ عيسو*ي*

ازبلده كريدن

دهم

سرنامه

انشاء الله تعالي در سلطانپور

از نظرفیض اثر صاحب خداوند خدایگان فیض بخش فیض رسان کپتان استوارت صاحب مد ظلهٔ العالی بگزرانند

صاحب خداوند خدایگان فبض بخش فیض رسان دام اقبالهٔ بعد عرض بندگی و تسلیمات که شیوهٔ فدویان راسخ العتقاد است معروض خدمت فیض درجت میگرداند مدت مدید وعهد بعید برآمده که باطلاع خیریات مزاج ذخیرهٔ اندوز مسرت وشادمانی

had the happiness and pleasure of any information respecting your health and welfare; the mind of your attached servant has been long accustomed to your kindness, he is therefore anxious and desirous of paying his respects. Sometime ago, I heard verbally from Meer Ashruf Hussein, that he had the honour of waiting on you at Cawipoor, and found you in good health. I also learn: from him, that you had kindly enquired respecting the situation of your humble servant; on hearing of this circumstance, I was much comforted and elevated. May the Glorious God preserve you, and enable you to assist mankind! I also, on hearing of your being at Cawipore, sent a letter thither, but I suppose, from the negligence of the postman it did not reach your illustrious sight, or I should have been honoured with an answer. Now that you are stationed at Chinar, please God, I will shortly do myself the honour of waiting on you. Your humble servant has been for these last two years in Joanpoor. I have thought it proper to state this: what further can I represent? May the sun of prosperity and good fortune be ever shining and resplendent by the favour of the Lord!

The representation of Meer Dost Aly.

Section 1

XI.

May the prosperity of my bountiful lord, the Captain, the refuge of the poor, the asylum of the helpless, endure

It is represented to your beneficent presence, that sometime since, viz. on the 29th of July, I sent a letter, containing an account of my situation, by the post,

نگردبده دل فدویت منزل خو کردهٔ اشفاق قدیمی است نگرانیها دارد و مشتاق ملازمت مساشه قبل از این زیانی میر اشرف حسین که درکانپور بهلازمت سرفراز شده بودند حیریات سزاج شریف معلوم شده بود و این هم معلوم شد که از راه خداوندی استفسار احوال فدوي ميفرمودند باستماع اينمعني خبلي جمعیت خاطر و سربلندی حاصل گردید او سبحانه جل شانهٔ باین خداوندي سلامت وكامرواي كافه انام گرداناد و فدوي هم باستماع تشریف داشتن درکانپورعرضی نموده بود لیکن معلوم ميشودكه ازنارساي قاصدان ازنظرعالي نكذشته والابجراب سرفر از میشد حالا که در چنارگده تشریف فرما شدهاند انشا الله تعالى عنقريب بملازمت مشرف، خواهد شد و فدوي از عرصه دوسال در جونبور است بنابر اطلاع معروص داشت زیاده چه عرض نماید افتاب دولت و اقبال دایما تابان و درخشان باد یوب العباد

عرضی میر دوست علی

يأزدهم

كپتان صاحب خداوند نعمت ملازِ غريبان ملجاي بيكسان دام اقباله.

بعضور قیض گنجور قبل ازاین بیست نهم شهرجولای عریضه نیاز مشتمل براحوالات and hope it arrived. Although your humble servant is desirous to pay his personal respects by proceeding to your illustrious presence, to explain his attuation more particularly, as my master, Mr. Roberts, is averse to it, I must for this reason put off asking leave of absence. But I have the greatest anxiety to hear of your welfare, if you will honour me by a scrap of a letter, I shall obtain two objects, First, from its contents I shall derive comfort, and tranquility of mind. Secondly, its arrival will raise me in the estimation of my companions. As I sometime ago accompanied my master to Jynaghur, I have made a map of the road, with the distance marked in miles, from Agra to Jypoor, if you choose I will send it to you. God grant that the sun of fortune and prosperity may continue to shine!

The representation of Mooneef Aly.

XII.

Direction.

May this be honoured by the illustrious reception of Captain Stewart in Calcutta.

MAY the illustrious shadow of my lord the Captain be extended! Beeby

يوسييل داک ارسال حضور عالي ساخته اگر بنظر فيضائر در امده باشد زهی شرف هرچند که این قدوی میخواهد که در انجا رسیده بهشاهده جهال مبارک دیدهرا روشنی دهد و احوال سرگذشت خود منن وعنن ظاهرسازد چون مزاج صاحب خداوند نعمت رابرتس صاحب بهادر بنوع دیگر است از این باعت در طلبدن رخصت متوقف است تمناي در يافت احوال خود بدولت بدرجه اتم بدل صبدارد اكريك پرچه سرفراز نامه عالى این فدوی سرفراز شود دو مطلب می براید اوّل انکه ادراک حقبقتش تسلی و تسکین دست سیدهد دویهی از ورودش در همچشمان موجب سرخ روي چون درآن والاهمراد صاحب خداوند، نعمت اتفاق رفتن جينگر افتاده بود نقشه از اكبر اباد نا جبهور بحساب مبل نوشته است اگر حُكم شود ارسال حضور سازد الهي افتاب دولت واقبال درخشان باد

عرضي منيف علي

دوازدهم

سرنامه

بجناب فیضماب خداوند خدایگان کپتان استوارت ضاحب درکلکمته

كهتان صاحب خداولد خدايكان مد ظله العالي بيبي جنث

Jennet having performed the duties of respect and attachment represents the state of your humble servant to the time of writing, excites her grantude, and she petitions day and night at the court of the omnipotent for the joyful udings of your health and welfare. My Lord, a long time has clapsed that I have not heard any news of the welfare of my lord the Colonel, not of his illustrious son, nor his respected lady, wherefore my heart is anxious and perturbed, my heart burns, and my eyes weep; I trust that if you know any thing of their situation you will communicate it to your humble servant, and whenever you write to Europe, constantly present my compliments and service. What more beyond my humble respects.

The Petition of Beeby Jennet.

XIII.

Direction.

May this address be presented to the benevolent and illustrious Captain Stewart, may his prosperity endure!

May the prosperity endure of my gracious and kind master! Your servant, by the auspices of your Excellency, is arrived with the baggage at Chytpoore; he is hopeful that you will give him a note to Mr. Harrison, the custom master of Hoogly to grant him a passport, that he may not be molested, stating that Moonshy Meer Jyeen is going with his family to Patna (and has nothing with بعد اداي بندگي و شبود پرستندگي بجا آورده معروض ميدارد احوال عاجزد لغايت تحرير بحمد است و خيريت و نويد مشرده صحت سلامتي ذات ستوده صفات شبانه روز انحدايگان از در گاه جل شانه مسالت دارد خداوندا عرصه بعيد در امده که هبچ اخبار سلامتي خداوند نعمت کرنل صاحب دام اقباله و صاحب زاده بلند اقبال و بيبي صاحبه مکرمه در اصغاي اين ضعيفه نرسيده لهذا دل نهايت مضطر و مشوش مي باشد چشم گريان و سينه بريان است ترصد که اگر انخداوند را جيزي احوال صاحب مهدوح معلوم باشد انخداوند باين ضعيفه اطلاع فرمايند که موجب تسلي خاطر حزين باشد و در جهتي ولايت بصاحب موصوف از جانت اين ضعيفه سلام بندگي نويسان باشند زياده بندگي نويسان باشند زياده بندگي

سبردهم

بجناب فلک ماب جناب خداوند نعمت ولي نعمت كهتان استورصاحب دام اقباله

خداوند نعمت ولي نعمي دام اقسالهٔ غلام از اقبال جناب عالي در چيت پور معه لوازمه رسيده است اميدوار که چهتي جهت راه داري وعدم مزاحمت بنام هارسين صاحب صاحب پرمت هُگلي عنايت شود بمضمون اينکه مُنشي مير جيدن و غيره از چيت پور

him) but articles of food and clothing. May the sun of prosperity continue to shine through the favour of the lord of all his servants?

The petition of Moonshy Meer Jyeen.

XIV.

May the fame and prosperity of the Captain of exalted virtues, and high dignity, the benificent of the age, be perpetual?

Considering the performance of my duties (to you) as the source of constant success, it is represented, that previous to this several letters were dispatched by post, addressed to the dependants of your illustrious Presence, most probably some of them were honoured by your perusal, but as yet (your humble servant) has not been gratified by an answer to any one of them. God grant that the cause of this may only be pleasant and useful occupations, the strong desire which constantly pervades the heart of your supplicant is beyond the power of the pen to transcribe. May God, through his universal bounty, preserve the person of that source of goodness to all eternity, and grant him power in this world to assist the helpless, and illumine the eyes of his servants, with the dust of his blessed footsteps. The situation of your humble servant is this, that having served Colonel Ashe for three years, for the last seven months I have been at home without employment. When Colonel Symes was about to

معه لوازمهٔ خور و پوش و غبرته بعظهم اباد سیرود الهی افتاب دولت تابان باد برب العباد

عرضي مُنشي ميرجيين

چهاردهم

كيتن صاحب والامناقب عالى منزلت خداوند نعمت فساضِ زمان دام اقبالهم و اجلالهم

ادای مراسم عبودیت را سعادت ابدی یقین کرده عرضهبدارد سابق از این چند قطعه عریضِ نیاز ترسبل داک بخدمت بهره يابان حضور پرنور ارسال داشته غالب که از نظر انور منور شده باشند ليكن تاهنور بجواب يكي سرفراز وممتاز تكشته الهي باعث این جزمعبش وعشرت و کارباردنیوی امری موانعش مباد تمنای استان بوسى جناب فيض ماب قدريكه بدل نباز منزل هرساعت ميدارد قلم بريده زيان بيانش كردن نميتواند او سبحانه تعالى يفضل عميم خويش ذات مصمر حسنات راتا ابد الدهر سلامت باكرامت كار فرماي جهان ومشكل گشاي محتاجان داشته از خاک پاک قدمان مبارک هیدهٔ رصد رسیده بنده را نور اگین نهایند احوال فدوی بر این منوال است تا سه سال بخدمت كرنل آيش صلحب خداوند نعمت اوقات بسري نموده ازعرصه هفت ماه معطل محض خانه نشین است در آن روز هاکه

proceed as Envoy to Ava, that source of bounty was pleased to call me to recollection, but Colonel Ashe would not permit me to leave Sindeels; still I am hopeful from your bounty and favour that you will honour me by an answer, which will raise me in the esteem of my acquaintances, and whatever further favours you may be pleased to confer, will be the cause of your celebrity through the world; it was proper to represent this, to add more would exceed the limits of propriety. God grant that the sun of prospenty and good fortune may continue to shine and be resplendent!

P S. I have not written you any account of the country, or of the war, fearing that my letter might fall into the hands of any other person, and that I might be improperly suspected, but if you desire it, I will constantly inform you of the occurrences in this neighbourhood.

The representation of Anunteram, inhabitant of Ferrokhabad.

Note. The writer was a *Hindū* Moonshy, and although his letter may not bear minute criticism, he was a very clever intelligent person. I recommended him to Colonel Ashe, who would not part with him when I wished him to accompany the Embassy to Ava.

Direction of the Envelope.

Please God may this be honoured by the perusal of the illustrious Captain of exalted virtues and high dignity, Captain Charles Stewart, Calcutta.

XV.

May the cherisher of his dependants, Major Stewart, be ever prosperous!

The habitation which has been selected for Muza Kheleel is too confined.

کونل سهس صاحب بعهدهٔ و کالت سهت آوا عازم بودند انجشههٔ فیض از راه بنده نوازی یاد فرمودند امّا کونل آیش صاحب از مندیلهٔ رخصت ندادند خیر العال اصدوار فضل و کرم انست که یجواب عریضه سرفراز و ممتاز فرمایند بههجشهان سرخرو شود و انچه بحق غلام توجّه خواهنده فرمود نیک نامی جهان خواهد گردید و اجب بود بعرض رسانید زیاده حدّ ادب الهی نیر دولت و اقبال تابان و درخشان باد مکرر انکه

احوال مُلک وجنگ ازاین ترس عرضنداشته شاید بدست کسی افتد ناحق ملزم شوم اگر آرشاد شود همیشه از کیفیت اطراف ملتهس ماند

سرضي بنده ائنت رام ازمقام بلده فرخاباد

سرنامه

انشاءالله تعالى دركلكته

از نظر کمیا اثر کپتن صاحب والا مناقت عالی منزلت کپتن چارلِس استوارت صاحب معزز باد

پانردهم

میجرصاحب تفضلات فرمای منتوسلان دام اقبالهٔ مکانی که برای بودن میرزا خلیل تجویز شده است چون مکان and has no private apariments; wherefore the aforesaid Mirza requests, that through the kindnes and favour of your Excellency, some other residence may be appointed for him; to write more would exceed the bounds of respect.

The representation of Abd al Aly.

N. B. The writer was a very genteel man and a good scholar; he joined the East India College in 1807, and died in 1815, his tomb is in the churchyard of All Saints, Hertford.

XVI.

Petition of Mirza Kheleel to the Court of Directors.

May the prosperity of the Lords of Bounty be perpetual? Where as the poor and the helpless are always relieved by the bounty of the Company, I therefore represent that my agent Lala Bowany Purshad Pundit, who lives at Lucknow, is adorned with honesty and rectitude, and is perfectly skilled in commerce and in accounts, and has been long employed on the part of my father, the chief of merchants, Hajy Kerbela Mohammed Tehrany, in the most important duties under the government of the Nabob Assuf Addowleh, and Hussen Rezā Khān. I request that some situation may be conferred on him, that by such means he may gain a livelihood, and be employed in prayers for the continued prosperity and good fortune of the Company.

XVII.

AFTER performing the salutations which is the practice of faithful servants, it is represented to your honour, that this being the auspicious day, and (1st) of the month which commences the year in this country, may the glorious God

مزکوربسیار تنگ است و جای خلوت ندارد لهذا میرزا مزکور التماس دارد که از نوازش و مهربانی جناب ِ ملازمان مکانِ دیکر از برایش معیّن شود زیاده حدّ ادب است

عرضي عبد العلي

شانزدهم

خداوندان نعمت دام اقبالهم

چون همیشه مسکینان ببیارت از دولت کمپنی بفیض میرسند لهذا عرض میکنم که وکیل من لاله بهوانی پرشاد پندت که در لکهنو است وبکمال دیانت و امانت آراسته و درکار وکالت و تجارت و علم حساب وسیاق مهارت تمام دارد و مدّتی در سرکار نواب اصف الدّوله و حسن رضا خان از طرف پدر من عمدة التجار حاجی کریلائی محمّد طهرانی بمعاملهٔ مبالغ خطر اشتغال داشت امیدوارم که کاری از سرکار کمپنی باو محوّل شود تا بوسیله آن بلب نانی رسیده بدعای دوام دولت و اقبال کمپنی مشغول باشد زیاده چه عرض نماید

عرضي مموزا خلبل

هقدهم

اداب تسلیمات که طریقهٔ بندگان است بجا اورده بعرض والا ، میرساند روز میمنت افروز و شهره که اغاز سال این دیار است او سبحانهٔ بر بندگانِ حضور و دولت خواهان قرب و دور مسارک و render it fortunate and auspicious to all your dependents and well wishers both far and near! Your devoted and humble servant takes this occasion to express his attachment, and sends a congratulatory offering. I trust to your honour's kindness, that having been admitted to the sight of your attendants, it will be accepted.

Abd al Aly

XVIII.

Your humble servants have paid the revenues of the villages of Sajinpoor and Silet for twenty months, according to the agreement with government, at present the collector, Mirza Kalu, unjustly demands an excess of eight months beyond the stipulated rent, and constantly keeps bailiffs over us, to our great annoyance; under these circumstances it is impossible for us to supply the present of pine-apples ordered by government, we are therefore hopeful from your grace and bounty, that you will transfer the collection of the aforesaid villages to Babu Ram Kantū, that with tranqual minds we may provide the pine-apples and regularly pay our rent. It was proper to represent this.

The petition of your humble servants, the farmers of Sajinpoor and Silet

N. B. Under the Mohammeden government of Bengal, the rarities of each district were sent to Moorshudabad. See Life of Aliverdy Khan, in the History of Bengal. This letter was addressed to the Deputy Nuwab of Dacca.

Sec Plate 14.

XIX.

It is represented to (the servants) who kiss the border of the carpet of bounty of my lord and master, may his prosperity endure! That your humble servant, long nourished by your salt, (as a proof) of his attachment and fidelity, according to promise, sends a few fans of the manufacture of Hooghly to the presence

ههایون گرداداد فدوی که بنده حضور است اداب قصدی ارادت بجا اورده ندر مبارک باد ارسال صدارد امیدوار خداوندی است که از نظر فیض مالزمان حضور گذشته بد، جه پذیرای مستجاب شود زیاده حد ادب

عرضي عبد العلى

هشدهم

فدویان مالگذاری موضع ساجنهور و سلت بیست ماهه بهوجب
بندیست صدر نهوده سیایم العال مرزا کالو عهده دار از راه
بدعت از استهرار هشتهاهی افزود طلب نهوده مدام الوقت
پاده محصل داده پربشان میسازد در این صورت سربراه دالی
انناس فرمایشات سرکار نهیشود لهذا از فضل و کرم اسهدوار است
که سربراه موضع مزکور حواله بابو رام کانتو میکم صادر شود که
بجمع خاطر دالی انناس و مال واجب سرکار سربراه بوده باشد
واجب بود بعرض نهود

عرضي فدويان رعايان ساجنيور و سلت

نوردهم

بعرض خاشیه بوسان بساط فبض مناط خداوند خدایگان دام اقبالهٔ میرساند که مدوی نهک پروردهٔ قدیم از راه رسوخ بندگی و عقیدت چند مروحه ساخت هوگلی حسب الوعده بهضور فیض بندگان تریامکان ابلاغ میدارد امید از تفضلات خداوندی

of his Excellency, exalted as the Pleiades, I hope from your great kindness and condescension that you will honour me by accepting them, in which case the proud and exalted cap of your humble servant will reach the highest heaven.

The petition of Nevul Ram.

See Plate 14.

XX.

Hail, my lord and master !

Praise be to God that the person of that source of goodness adorns the seat of justice, for the happiness of mankind and the prevention of oppression, and preserves the world in a state of security and tranquility by the equity of your excellency. I am (constantly) expressing my gratitude, and praying that the omnipotent will promote you to the highest rank and dignity, but your humble servant is in great distress, and wretched for want of employment, and except your excellency, has no other hope or refuge, he therefore (takes the liberty) of troubling you, that you will have the kindness to recommend him to some gentlemen, who may employ and patronize him, and free him from (the evils of) idleness. May the sun of prosperity continue to shine the

The petition of Gunga Pershad, Moonshy.

XXI.

Curious Letter from Mirza Kheleel, written in pure Persian.

Goo be praised, that since the humble Kheleel eats his portion from the table of the divine bounty, and has been destined to fix his residence in the delightful وعنایات خاوندی آن است که بهقتضای فرد نوازی و بنده پروری بعز اجابت مقرون گردد و این بنده نمک خوار کلاه فخر و سبا هات بفلک الافلاک رساند

عرضي نيول رام

ببستم

خداوند خدايكان سلامت

الحمد الله که ذات مصدر حسنات را برای راحت خلقت و رفاعت بدت برمسند دادگری جلوه بخشیده و یک عالم ازانصاف پروری بندگان گرامی در امن و ارام رسیده زبان مشکور کشود و مستد عیست که حق سبحانه از این مدارج عالی و مراتب اولی رساند مگر فدوی از بدت بیکاری حزان و پریشان گشته و سبوای جناب فیضهاب پناهی و داد رسی خود ندیده متکلف خدمت فیض درجت گردیده که از راه فضل و کرم سیرد کسی صاحبان عالی شان فرمایند که پرورش و پرداخت فدوی نموده از بیکاری عالی شان فرمایند که پرورش و پرداخت فدوی نموده از بیکاری رهای دهند زیاده افتاب دولت تابان باد

عرضي گنگا پرشاد منشي

بيست ويكم

نامهٔ میرزا خلیل نوشته بی اسبزش الفاظ عربی خدارا سیاس که تا خلیل نبازمند جامگی خوارخوان بخشایش یکانه ایزد مهریان از راه آبشخور در آداکث دلکش انگلند مینو

and beautiful country of England, which is the boast of Europe, and of which the intelligent cannot produce its equal for perfection, through the whole extent of the world. Although from the injustice of a party of envious and avaricious persons, who are daily cooking for him a fresh soup (devising plans to injure), and every moment are rubbing up then sleeves to annoy him, still is he at rest, &c has bread in his wallet (a proverb), but like the afflicted mourners, the oppressed, and helpless, he sits retired in the mansion of melancholy and the cell of despair, and being clothed in the garment of grief, he sheds torrents of salt tears from the fountains of the fountains of strife, and like the clouds of spring is constantly pouring showers of blood from his moist eyes, whilst his bosom is torn by sighs and regrets, he casts the dust of repentance on his head. But as all (creatures) formed of water and earth, as long as the tree of life has its roots or fibres in water, must continue to exist, whether pleased or displeased; he has laid hold with his hand of the skirt of patience, which is the best remedy for the afflicted and the helpless, and having reconciled himself to all his mus." fortunes, passes his time happily and tranquilly, and by constant employment, on which depends the pleasures of the orchard of success, and the freshness of the blossoms of the garden of happiness, he does not deviate a single hair from his determination. He hopes that the Omnipotent, who has mixed up the opposite elements in the same mould of creation, will soften the stony hearts of these envious, unkind, evil wishers, who join heaven to earth, in order to defile the sun of goodness, given by God, to a temper constantly sharpened by the cup of

پیوند که آبروی گشور فرنگ است و آب شناسان جهان اصروز در کاخ فراخ خاک مانند این جای چشم آب دادن نشان نمیدهند افتاده جاگزین انجمن بود و باش گردید، است اگرچه ازبیداد برخی از گرسنه چشمان نان کورکه هر روزبرای او آشی تازه می پزند و هر دم بهر آزاره استبن می مالند آسودگی و تناسانی را نان در انبان یافته چون ماتم زدگان سراپا درد وبسان ستمكشيدگان بيكس با جان زار و دل افكار درسراي ايرمان وكلبهٔ اروند و ارمان يا بدامن كشبده وگريبان دامن ساخته دریا سرشک شور و حشمه حشمه اشک داوری بکردار ابر بهار ازديدة ترو چهم خونبار مسريزد و باهزاران درد و اندوه و فراوان آه و ناله همدوش گشته خاک پشهمانی برسرمی ببزد از انجا که پابندان آب و گِلرا تا هنگامیکه نهال زندگی ریشه در آب دارد خواد خوش و خواد ناخوش از زیستن گزیری نباشد دست بدامان شکیبائی که بهترین درمان دردسندان بیچاره است زده و تن بجانگداري داده با همه ريج و تلخكامي بسور و شادماني شبرا بروز می آرد و در ساختن و پرداختن کاری که خرمی چهن بهروزی و شگفتگی غنچهٔ گلشن فیروزی بان باز بسته است سرموی کوتاهی روا نمیدارد امید که دادار توانا که آخشیجان سرکش را در کالبد آفریدگان با یکدیگر ببوند و آمیزش ارزانی داشته است دلهای سنگین این کینه وران بیمهر بدخواه را که زمین را بآسمان می دورند تا خورشید خوبی خدا داد این باش

scerbity, and who light up in the mansion of invention the lamp of defamation, with the splendour of falsehood, in order to spoil the fortune of this wretched being, and I trust that he (God) will bring back the current of hope of this thirsty creature of the water of comfort and happiness, and take this poor being under his (divine) protection, and shelter him from the evil machinations of the wicked.

It is not concealed from the intelligent, penetrating, and exalted personages, that the persons of high birth of Persia, and the good dispositioned of Hindustan are very attentive and obliging to strangers and travellers, and are celebrated through the whole would for their hospitality and liberality, but the learned of this country do not approve of this praiseworthy quality, except the exalted Irish, who are bountiful as the ocean, and constantly gallop the steed of perseverance on the road of this laudable virtue, and ever keep spread the table of comfort and kindness for strangers. Thus the anniability of the person of high origin, the sun of the heaven of success, the commander of the region of fame, is a proof of this assertion, and it may be said without flattery, that that intelligent person is an incomparable pearl, drawn from the sen of beneficence, and adorned from head to foot with the ornaments of science and knowledge, should my double tongued pen write from this time till the day of resurrection his praises, still it would not describe one out of a thousand, or a particle from a heap of his good qualities. What further need be written?

Dated, 14th November, 1814.

Note. I am sensible that I have not done due credit to this extraordinary epistle, but hope some of my readers will give a better translation of it.

Although official translations are not expected to be quite literal, the translator should nevertheless know the meaning of every word; on which account I have endeavoured to give the true sense of many sentences, which do not appear to advantage in English. But there are some phrases that it is impossible to reconcile to our idiom.

سیزایاغ سیر را بگل اندایند و چراغها در شبستان وسفن سازی از فروغ دروغ می افروزند تا روزگار این آشفته دل آسیمه سررا تيري نمايند نرم ساخته آب رفيته بجوي آر زوي اين لب تشنه آب اسایش و آرزومند نوم نای ارامش باز آرد و این درویش دلریش را از بدیهای ابن ستمگاران خونخوار در پناه خویش دارد بردانایان دشخوار پسند و ژرف نگهان پایه بلند پوشیده نسست که بزرت نوادان ابران و سترک نهادان هندوستان همیشه راهٔ نوازش و مهریانی با بیگانگان بیخانهان می پیمایند و بدستیاری جوانمر*دي گوي نبکي ريوده و دادِ داد و دهش داده آوازهٔ* نکو نامی را آویزهٔ گوم روزگار می نمایند و گرود دانش پرود این سرزمس دلنشین هرگز این شیوهٔ ستوده را نمی پسندند مگر ايرهي نثرادان دريا دل والاستش پيوسته ابرهي آهنگ در راه این روش پسندیده می تازند و هموارد خوان دلجوئی و نبکوئی براي مردم بيگانه سيگسترانند چنانچه خوبيهاي والا گوهر سهر سپهر کامگاري سپه سالار کشور نامداري گواه اين سخن است بى ساخته نگارى ميرود كه آن خردمند فرزانه گوهريست یکدانه که از دریای نیکوئی برخاسته و مردیست کار شناس که سرتا یا بربوردانش و هنر آراسته اگر خامهٔ دوزبان نبکیهای *آن نیک نهاد خوی خوی پاکیزه سرشت را تا روز رستخیز بر* نگارد هنوزیکی از هزار و اندکی از بسیار تنگاشته باشد بیش ازین چه توشته آید

CHAPTER IV.

LETTERS FROM THE ENGLISH COMMISSIONER OF THE NORTHERN CIRCARS, TO VARIOUS ZEMINDARS, RAJAS, Se. DURING THE YEARS 1759 AND 1770.

To Ragonath Soor.

BE it known to the chosen of his contemporaries, Ragonath Soor, the zemindar of Terley, that notwithstanding a large sum is due from your district, you do not (exert yourself to) pay up your arrears, such conduct is highly improper, it is requisite that on the arrival of this Perwaneh," you send the amount of arrear to our presence, and that you yourself proceed bother and pay your respects. Consider this as positive.

Dated, 5th July, 1769.

П.

To Kishen Bhunj Khumsereh.

May the sincere and chosen friend, Raja Kishen Bung, zemindar of Khumsereb, be under the divine protection! I safely arrived on the 2nd of the present month at Aske (and find) that a large sum of arrears is due from you for the Fushly year 1177, also that your agreement for the year 1178 has been by no

^{*} It is said that the origin of this denomination of letter took its rise from being sealed with the impression of a moth or butterfly.

باب چهارم

خطوط بنام بعضي زمسنداران و راجاها و غيرة سركارهاي دكن

اوّل

بنام ركهناته سور ترلي

زیده الاقران رگهناته سور زمسندار ترلی نوشته مسفود با وصف باقی مبلغ خطیر بر قعاقه شها هنوز بهیاق نساختند اینمعنی بسار ببجا و بد بوقوع امده باید که بهجرد ورود پروانه ما بقی زررا ارسال حضور نموده شماهم برای حصول ملازمت مشرف شوند در ایناب قاکید دانند

دوپم

بنام كشن بهنيج كهمسري

مُحب با اخلاص مخلص سراپا آختصاص راجه کشن بهنج رُمیندار کهمسره درحفظ الهی باشد اینجانب با دولت و اقبال بهای باشد اینجانب با دولت و اقبال پتاریخ دویم شهر حال داخل اسکه گردیده مبلغی زربقایا سنه فصلی ذمه ان مُحب باقی است و وعده ها سنه بهیچ وعده

means performed, although the period is about expiring. I am sorry that you have not paid up your arreads to government, such conduct appears far from fidelity to the state, and your duty as a renter. It is requisite that, contrary to the past, you quickly send to our presence your arrears, and also the sums due for the present year, in order that our friendship may continue, otherwise you may suppose that it will be the contrary, it is beside requisite that I should see you, if you come bother it will be better. What more need be added (literally to adorn)?

Dated, 16th of July, 1769

III

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To Raja Chunder Sing, Zemindar of Deharakot.

May the chosen of his contemporaries, Raj-Chunder Sing, enjoy every happaness

THERE are certain discussions respecting the settlement of your district, which are delayed till you come to our presence. It is required that on the arrival of this letter you should proceed by hither without delay, accompanied by Luchmun Hirsu Pundit, &c. What more need be added?

Dated, 26th of July, 1769.

IV.

To Moonshy Kumāl Mohammed.

Honourable Sur,

The letter which you sent arrived, and its contents were understood. The letter of the Raja, on the subject of aiding and assisting in saving the cargo of the wrecked ship, had arrived, and afforded me much satisfaction, an answer has been conformably sent and will arrive. Whatever quantity of the spawn of fish

منقضي نگشته و وعده اینهم درگزر است حبف که تا حال زر سرکار بیباق نساختند این معنی از دولت خواهی و مال گذاری بسی بعد نموده باید که بر خلاف گذشته زود زر بقایا و حال ارسال حضور نمایند که اخلاص فیمابین بحال و قرار شود و اللا بر عقص آن پندارند و دیدن شما نیز ضرور است اگر خود را بحضور رساند اولی انست زیاده چه برطرازد

ىسۇم

زیده الاقران راج جندر سنگه زمیدار دهاراکوت بعافیت باشند بعضی جواب سوال معامله تعلقه آن زیده الاقران موقوف برامدن شها بحضور میباشد باید که بهجرد رسیدن پروانه خودرا معه لچهن هرسو پندت وغیره بلا اهمال بحضور رساند زیاده چه برطرازد بیست و ششم ۲۱ ماه جولای ۱۷۱۹

چهارم بنام مُنشي كمال محمد

شرافت پناه

خط مرسله رسید مضبون مندرجه اگهی دست داد خط راجه صاحب مشتمل بر امداد و اعانت در بارد اشیا جهاز شکسته رسیده بود موحب خورسندی خاطر گردید چناچه جواب خط فرستادد شد خواهد رسید تخم ماهی هرقدر که بهم رسد برطبق

that you can procure, according to what was formerly written, and shall send, will much oblige. Except the desire (of seeing you), what more can be added?

Dated, 21st July, 1769

V

To Kishen Bhanj Khumserch.

May the sincere and chosen friend, Raja Kishen Bhunj, be under the divine protection!

Our army is about to encamp in your neighbourhood, as yet you have not made known what is the nature of your intentions, or what ideas pass in your mind. If it please God! in the course of a day or two I will also proceed thitlier, it is requisite that you should quickly inform me what is your determination.

What more?

19th October, 1769

VI.

To Sambajee Guneis, Subedar of Cattack

May the kind and friendly Raja be in safety †

ADDURTHEMAN BEG KHAN and other officers, with their brethien, will have the honour of paying their respects, in the hopes of obtaining service. He is a good soldier, and the men fine fellows; in this state of affairs their being enrolled in the train of your servants will be highly proper and acceptable. What further trouble should I give? May the days of prosperity and good fortune continue!

21st October, 1769.

نوشتهٔ سابق اگر خواهید فرستاد عس توجّه شود زیاده جز شوق چه برطرازد ۲۱ ماه جولای ۱۷۹۹

پنجم

بنام كشن بهنيج كهمسرة

مُحبِّ باخلاص مُحلص سراپا اختصاص راجه کشن بهنچ در حفظ الهی باشند ...

فوج اینجانب به معلوم نگردیده جه حال دارند و چه فکر بخاطر ناحال هیچ معلوم نگردیده جه حال دارند و چه فکر بخاطر اورده اند انشه الله تعالی متعاقب دریک دو روز اینجانب هم متوجه انسمت شود باید که انچه مصلحتی در دل شما گذشته باشد زود اطلاع دهد زیاده چه

ششم

بنام سنباجي كنيس صوبداركنك

واجه صاحب مشقق مهریان مخلصان سلامت عبد الرحمان بگفان و غبرت جماعدار معه برادران خود باراده نوکری بعد مت انمهریان مشرف میشوند سپاهی خوب و جوانان شایسته در این صورت در سلک ملازمان ایشان منسلک شوند بجا و موقع زیاده چه تصدیع دهد ایام جمعیت و دولت مدام باد

VII

To Ram Jogy Patter.

May the repository of friendship be prosperous!

At this time it has become known, that you have written several letters and sent messages to the zemindars of Terly, that is to say, to the former cultivators of Khumsery, who having been discontented for the last four or five years, have taken up their residence in Terry, that it is your vain intention to take them back forcibly to Khumsery, such conduct is very improper, and your forming such a foolish idea with respect to the peasants of my district, you may reckon as the special cause of your own rum and disgrace. Refrain from such unworthy actions, if you are neglectful (of this advice), I will write to Mr. Andrews, the chief of Ishākputtun, and have you displaced. Be attentive. What further need I add

19th January, 1770.

VШ

To Seeta Ram Raj.

May the kind and friendly Raja, the bountiful to his dependents, be happy in The desire of obtaining the honour of a joyful meeting is not of that degree, that by the side of a split-tongued pen, a single letter from the volume of it can be traced on this scrap of paper, therefore having turned the reins of the steed-like pen from that course (valley), I proceed to my subject. The happy arrival

هفتم

بنام رام جوگي پائر

محبت دستگاه رامجوگی پاتر بعافیت باشند

در این ولا بظهور پیوست که آن صحبت دستگاه بنام زمسداران ترله خطی صینویسد و گفته صیفرستند یعنی رعایا کهمسری که از مدت چهار پنج سال ببدل شده در ترله سکونت ورزیدند از راه زبر دستی بردن باز بکهمسری ارادهٔ باطله دارند اینمعنی بسار بد واقع شد در ماده رعایه تعلقه اینجانب اینجنبن خیال فاسد داشتن صحف خرابی و پیشیمانی خود انکارند دست از اس قسم افعال ناشایسته بردارند در صورت بیپروای بنام مسنر اندریس جو چیف اسحاق پتن نوشته اورا تغیر خواهد کنانبد خیردار باشند زیاده چه برطرازد ناشنده زیاده چه برطرازد ناشنده زیاده چه برطرازد ناشنده زیاده چه برطرازد ناشنده نیاده چه برطرازد نادیده ناده نا

هشتم

بنام سيتا رام راج

راجه صاحب مشفق مهربان كرم فرماي مخلصان سلامت تمناي دريافت نعمت ملاقات وافي المسرت نه بمرتبه است كه بدستاري خامه مقطوع اللسان حرفي از دفتر آن در اين پرچه قرطاس ثبت نمايد لهذا عنان شبديز قلمرا از آن وادي معطوف ساخته بمطاب مبگرايد و صول بهجت شمول بعد از

of your amber-scented epistle, after a long period, containing the information of your having received from Mr Andrews an elephant, a horse, and a dress of honour, also a statement of your district, and a request to be informed of the state of my district, which occurred in a fortunate moment, and at the time of expectation afforded me much happiness and satisfaction God grant that the aforesaid present may prove fortunate and auspicious. The state of this districe is, that the revenue of the lands of Itchapoor, or those dependent on the Khalseh (Exchequer), has been fixed for the present year, at a lac and sixty thousand rupees, and bonds have been taken from the renters for that sum. The settlement of the lands belonging to the zemindars, after mature inquiry and deliberation, will be shortly arranged. It is my fixed intention to visit Mr. Andrews, the chief at Ishakputtun,* may God bring it about! I also wish that if I should have the pleasure and bonour of seeing you (previous to that time) to point out to you several advantages, which have occurred to my mind our affans are but as one, in the event of our agreeing as we ought, they will be easily attained, (I hope) you will also give me (further) information respecting the settlement of your districts and forts. I request that until the time of meeting you will constantly rejoice and gladden me with your friendly letters Except the (repetition) of my attachment, why should I further trouble you? May the days of prosperity and happiness be auspicious!

15th of December, 1769

See Plate 15.

Vızagapatam,

امتداد ايام نامه عنبرين شمامه متضمن عطا زنجيرفيل واسب با خلعت فاخره از حضور مست اندریس به ملازمان آن مهربان باحقايق انضلع واستطلاع كمفت تعلقه دوستدار درآوان نيك ودرحن انتظار انواع خورمي وخورسندي خاطر كرديد حقسبحانه جلشانهٔ عطاء مسطوره صبارك و فرخنده گرداناد حقايق اين ضلع انفصال حمع بندي سال حال محال ايجا پوريا غيرة تعلقه خالصه بمبلغ یک لک و شش هزار روپیه نموده از دست مستاجران مجلكه نوشته كرفته وانفصال جمعبندي تعلقه زميداران بعون تدسر الامور درمعدود الابام صورت انفصال خواهد يافت مخلص اراده مضمم بنابر حصول ملاقات مستر اندریس جو مطرف اسماق پنن دارد حقّ تعالى واست آود نيز ميخواهد كه اگر دولت ملازمت انمهربان جهرا افروز بهجت شادكامي گردد عنوان حصول نعمت بقسمي كه در خاطر بگزرد نوكريز خامه بايد ساخت چون کارها یکدیگر بمنزلهٔ و احد است در صورت اتفاق مراتب اختلاط چنانچه باید تمشیت پذیر خواهد گردید و از بند و بستِ پرگذات و قلاع تعلقه آن مهربان نیز اطلاع دهند ترقب که تا نیل ملاقات بصدور تودد نامجات مسرور و مستهم می داشته باشند زیاده جز شوق چه تصدیع دهد ایام دولت و شاد پانزدهم ماه دستبرسته ۱۷۹۹ مانی کامرانی باد

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To Beer Keshur Dyn Raja.

May the zephyrs of the divine grace ever refreshen the garden of the abode of the kind and affectionate Raja.

Ar this time a dispute has taken place between the two brother zerandars of Khaly Koth, in consequence of which some delay has taken place in the payment of the Company's revenue. The elder brother has sent his agent to the presence, who has clearly represented the wickedness of Mān Sing and the bad state of the country, and has made a request for the sending of the Company's troops to be employed in chastising Mān Sing. It is therefore written, that on the arrival of the Company's troops it is most probable, that Mān Sing having fled, will take refuge with you, or in some other place, and continue in going backward and forward. In this event, it is expected from your good friendship for me, and your fidelity to the Company, that immediately on the arrival of the aforesaid person in your district, you shall seize bin and send him bither under a guard of your own, which will be the cause of much satisfaction to me, and be a proof of your attachment to the Company. What further can I add? May the days of your prosperity and dignity be increasing!

Dated, 22nd of March, 1771.

X.

To Babou Jy Naik, Subadar of Cuttack.

May the kind and friendly Raja be in health!

AFTER expressing the desire of the honour of a happy meeting, it is represented

نهم

بنام بيركيشور ديو راجه

نسایم فضل الهی واسطه طراوت گلزارجای راجه صاحب مشفق مهربان باد

در این ولا مابین برادران زمیدار کهلی کوته نزاع افتاده در ادای زرکمپنی تخلل بهم رسیده چنانچه برادر کلان زمیدار بحضور وکیل خود فرستاده شرارتِ مانسنگ و خرابی ملک کهاحقهٔ ظاهر ساخته خواهش فرستادن فی کمپنی و پرداختن تنبیه مانسنگ نموده است لهنا مرقوم میگردد که بعد رسیدن فوج کمپنی اغلب که مانسنگ اواره دشتِ ادبار گردیده به پناه انمهربان باجای هیگر خواهد رفت و خواهد آمد در این صورت بمقتضای باجای هیگر خواهد رفت و خواهد آمد در این صورت بمقتضای فور اخلاص اینمانب و نظر بر دولت خواهی کمپنی بمجردر سیدن فروانه این سمت نمایند که موجب خشنودی دوستدار و ظهرر اتحاد انمهربان در کمپنی ثابت گردد زیاده چه برطرازد ایام جمعیت و حشمیت در تضاعف باد بیست دویم ماه مارچ سنه ایمانه مارچ سنه و حشمیت در تضاعف باد

دهم

بنام بابوجي نايك صوبداركتك

راجه صاحب مشفق مهربان مخلصان سلامت

بعد شرح ادراک سامی مواصلت سراپا مسرت مشهود ضمیر تودد

to your friendly mind, that your courteous letter on the subject of my writing and sending a passport for Bhugwunt Row to Madras, arrived and afforded me great satisfaction. Conformably to your desire, a passport has been written and forwarded, and will arrive. I am hopeful that you will constantly rejoice me, by writing an account of your welfare.

Dated, 2d May, 1771

\mathbf{XI}

To Jugdyn of Tukly.

May the possessor of intrepidity and bravery, Juggut dyu, zemindar of Tukiy, be prosperous! The letter which you sent respecting your having been at Ishākputtun, and the great attention paid to you by Mr. Stratton, and after taking leave of him, having returned home, arrived this intelligence was the cause of much satisfaction to my mind. With regard to that which you wrote respecting your intention of visiting me, believe me equally desirous on this subject, and come. In the event of your arrival here and our meeting, the business of Terly shall be settled. What further need be written?

20th March, 1773

Note. Several of the persons to whom these letters are addressed, are mentioned by Orme. It is unnecessary perhaps to add, that the letters are very well written. The collection contains several hundreds on various subjects.

پذیر مسکرداند صحیفه گرامی متضهن نوشته فرستادن دستک والا داری برای بهگونت واو در حیناپتن جهره وصول افروخته مسرور ومنبسط ساخت حسب الارقام انمهربان دستک راه داری توشته فرستاده خواهد رسید توقعکه همواره از سلامتی انمهربان بارقام مسرور شیفرموده باشند زیاده چه تصدیع دهد ایام ایمان مسرور شادمانی باد دویم ماه می سنه

یازدهم بنام جگدیو تکلی

تهور و جلادت و ستگاه جگت دیو زمیدار تکلی بعافیت باشند خط مرسله مشعر بر رفتن اسحقین و بدل توجهات و فوراستراتن ضاحب بحال خویش و بعده رخضت فایزشدن بهکان خود رسید از ظهور اینمعنی موجب کمال سرور خاطر شد انجه از عزم خود بملاقات اینجانب نوشته بودند همان قسم ماراهم مشتای دانند و بیآید در صورت رسیدن شما درین جا و ملاقی های طرفین مقدمه ترله بند و بست خواهد یافت زیاده چه نوشته شود

CHAPTER V.

MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS.

1

From the Nuwab of Moorshudabad, to Jessarut Khan, Deputy of Dacca, A. D. 1767.

May my Lord, the kind and affectionate of brothers, be in safety!

The accounts for building of the government boats, with all their equipments and other expenses, specifying those of each boat, from the commencement of the Bengal year 1174, to 1175, are wanted, and required at the presence. It is proper, that on the receipt of this order, you should quickly dispatch them by an intelligent accountant. What further need be added?

Note. This letter is signed with the Byas or Nuwab's cypher. See No. I Arizdasht.

II.

From the Nuwab Nesserut Jung, of Dacca, to the Translator.

Received 1794.

He is the great, the glorious!

May the very kind supporter of his friends be prosperous! After expressing the desire of a joyful meeting, which exceeds all bounds, it is signified that your

باب پنجم

خطوط انواع

اوّلِ

خان صاحب مهربان مشفق برادران
کاغن تباری کشتبهای سرکار دولت مدار مع ساخت و پوشش و
غیر اخراجات بقید منزل منزل کشتیها مِن ابتدای سنه بنگله
مااه
نغابت سنه در حضور ضرور و مطلوب است بابد که بهجرد ورود
پروانه مع مُحرر واقف کار ارسال حضور نهایند زیاده چه برطرازد

دويم هوالعلي العظم

صاحب بسبار مهربان استظهار دوستان سلامت معد شوق ملاقات بهجت ایات که زاید المدّ است مکشوف خاطر ٔ مهریانی مظاهر میدارد مکاتبه مسرت طراز بپاسخ رقبمه الوداد exhibitating letter in reply to my friendly communication, rejoiced me by its arrival; its subject and contents were perfectly comprehended; the intelligence of the health and welfare of that kind friend communicated gladness to my heart. A friendly note has been written, addressed to my kind friend Captain Watson, and is herewith enclosed, have the goodness to deliver it to him. I am hopeful that considering me as always anxious to hear of your welfare, you will frequently rejoice me by your letters. What further need be added? May the days of happiness endure! Farewell.

N. B The direction on the envelope, and the title, will be given in the next letter

III

Direction on the Envelope

May this attain the illustrious perusal of the very kind supporter of his friends,

Mister Charles Stewart, may God preserve him!

He is the glorious!

MAY the very kind supporter of his friends be prosperous! after expressing the desire of a happy meeting, which transcends the bounds of description, it is represented to your intelligent and friendly mind, it is a long time that my heart, the abode of sincerity, has been anxious on account of not receiving any intelligence of your welfare or situation, and I have been continually inquiring of my particu-

وصول بهجت شهول نمود مسرور و منبسط و برصراتب مرقومه مطلع و اگاه گردانید ادراک صحت و عافست مراج تودد امتزاج انمهریان خورسندی بخاطر رسانید رقبه الشوق که بصاحب بسار مهریان مخلصان کپتان واتسان صاحب بارقام در اورده ملفوف مکتوب هذا مبفرستد از راه مهربانی بصاحب مشاراله خواهد وسانید ترصّد که دوستدارا خواهان اخبار اخبار تصوّر نموده اکثر بکتبت مکاتبات مسرت نمات مسرور و منبسط مساحته باشند نیاده چه برطرازد ایام مسرت بکام باد و السلام

سبوم سرنامه

بمطالعه صاحب بسبار مهربان استظهار دوستان مستر جارلس استوارت صاحب سلمه الله تعالي موصول باد ماه جولي

سنه ۱۷۹۷

هوالعلي العظم

صاحب بسیار مهربان استظهار مخلصان سلامت بعد شرح اشتیاق ملاقات بهجب ایات که منجاوز التحریر است مکشوف خاطر مهربانی مظاهر نموده میاید دیر است که بعدم دریافت نوید خبریت و عافیت و تشریف داشتن انصاحب مهربان در کدام مقام دل اتحاد منزل متعلق بود و اکثر اوقات از صاحبان دوستان بمقتضای محبت وارتباط استفسار اخبار اخبار I have learned from my very kind and dear friend, Captain Morgan, that you are well, and residing at Cawapore, and that you have contracted a most happy and auspicious marriage, also that you have obtained pomotion in the army, these subjects were the cause of much happiness to your absent friend.

Hemistich.

"From joy I am so increased in size, that my clothes will not contain me"
God grant that this auspicious marriage may be attended with thousands of
happinesses, enjoyments, and comforts, and that you may daily advance in rank,
be assured that these objects afford much joy and satisfaction to your friends.
It is astonishing that during this long period you did not write or send me any
account of your welfare, nor rejoice me by the intelligence of your marriage and
promotion, such conduct is far from the rules of friendship and sincerity. I
hope that esteeming me as one of those who recollects and expresses his sense of
your excellent qualities, contrary to the past, and till we have the pleasure of
meeting, you will from time to time rejoice me by writing an account of your

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مسرت اثار انصاجب مهربان مسبوده الحمد للله كه در اين ولا از تقرير صاحب بسيار مهربان مخلصان كپتان ماركن صاحب سلمه الله تعالى كه از دوسندار مصبت و يكجهتي بدرجه اتم دارد معاوم شدكه انصاحب مهربان بكانپوربخيريت تشريف دارند و شادي كتنداي انصاحب مهربان بممنت وفرحي بوجه احسن انجام بافتهٔ وکار سرداری فوج که مقدمهٔ ترقیات مدارج است بانصاـ حب تعلق پنیرفته این معنی موجب سرور موفور مخلص مهجور گشته ع ببالبد از بسكه بر خوبشتن زشادي نگنجد در پسرهن حقسمانه تعالى شادي ميمنت بنبادي را بهزاران عس وطرب بآنصاحب مهربان مبارك ومهبا سازد ويوما ًفي يوما ًبدرجه اعلى رساند که نشاط و انسساط دوستان همیشه در آن ماده متصور است از دوستی و مهربانی انصاحب مهربان بسار تعجب دست داد که در بینهدت مدید از ارقام نامهٔ حیریت التیام و بشارت تهنبت اشاریت حُسن انجام شادی و فایز گردیدن بکار سرداری فوج مسرت افزای خاطر دوستدار نگردید و دل را که خواهان چنین مثرده طرب پبرای دلهای دوستان است اصلاً باطلاع آن مسرور نساختند ظهور این مراتب بعید از مراسم وداد ویکجهتی ها است ترصدكه دوستداررا بياد حسن اخلاق رطب اللسان وعذب البيان الكاشته بخلاف اسلاف تا دست داد لقاي بهجت افزا گاه گاه بهرا health and welfare What further need be added? May the days of happiness be propitious? Farewell.

Dated July, 1797.

Nuwab's Seal

The arranger of the state, the supporter of the kingdom, Syed Aly Khan, the victorious in war.

Note. The word farewell was written by the Nuwab, instead of the Byaz in the first letter.

See Plate 16

IV

Letter from the Governor of Arracan, to Colonel Symes

Received 1803.

Direction.

Please God, may this be opened for the perusal of the kind, beneficent, and generous Colonel Symes May God preserve him!

May God preserve the kind and attentive to his friends '

It is represented on the part of the Raja of Arracan, that it should be known to your friendly mind, Whereas his Majesty (the King of Ava) considering me as one of his trust-worthy servants, above ten years ago promoted and appointed me governor of the kingdom of Arracan, which is the boundary of the two coutries. At this time I have heard from the merchants of this country, who go into your territory for the purpose of buying and selling, that you, in the most praiseworthy and laudable manner, generously and kindly protect and aid them. At this present period, in obedience to the orders of his Majesty,

سلات تودد ایات مشعر صماح مزاج کثیر الابتهاج مسرور و منبسط میساخته باشند زیاده چه برطوازد واسلام میساخته باشند ویاده چه برطوازد واسلام مهر نواب

نصبر الملك، نظام الدوله سد على خان نصرت جنگ بهادر ١٣٠٠

جهارم

سرنامه

سلمه الله تعالى

انشا الله تعالى

بشرف مطالعه مهربان دوستان کرم فرمای مخلصان کرنل سمس صاحب مفتوج باد

از طرف راجه ملك ارخنک اظهار سدارد که برضهر تودد تصویر آن اخلاص اثار مبرهن باد جنانچه مخلص را خداوند نعمت خود یکی از معتهدان تصوّر فرموده فرمان روای ملک رخنک که سرحد مهالک محروسه است عنایت و سرافراز نموده مدت ده سال مضاعف گشته که الحال از زبانی کاروانبان این سر زمسن که بجهت خرید و فروخت در انحدود میرونده مسموع یافته که اندوستدار بطریق کرم نوازی و مسافر پروری مطابق ایین شرع واجبی و درستی پاس وامداد مبنه ایند بالفعل حسب الامر جلیل واجبی و درستی پاس وامداد مبنه ایندن بعضی اجناس باتفاق القدر ولی منعم خود که برای گذرانیدن بعضی اجناس باتفاق

several of his subjects, under the superintendance of Mirza Mohammed Aly, bearing with them cloths, ivory, and bees-wax, have been sent into your territory for the purposes of commerce. I am hopeful, that in future the practice of annuy and friendship will be strengthened on both sides, and that we shall assist and protect (the subjects) of each other. I have by this opportunity sent you an umbrella worked with worsted, five bags of the rice called the Black-eyed, and five jars of honey, be so kind as accept them. What further need be added? May the times be propitious!

N.B There are a number of vagabond Persians, and other Mohammedans, who have found their way into the Birman empire, this letter was probably written by one of them, and is better than might have been expected.

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Letter from the Governor of Pegue to Colonel Symes, A. D. 1803.

Please the Almighty, may the person of the generous, friendly, noble, &c. &c. of the worthy Colonel, being always under the shade and protection of the omnipotent, be in the full enjoyment of all his wishes and desires, and may he, through the divine favour and grace, be exempted from all the evils and auxieties of time and fate!

AFTER presenting the bouquet of good wishes, it is signified, that till the time of writing, which, according to the European era, is the 15th of June, of the year 1803, two letters (copies of which are enclosed) were sent, and I trust have reached your illustrious presence and been understood; I have never been

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مرزا محمد على چند كسان عملداران اينصوبرا اشياي پارچه گزي و فيل دندان و موم سپد كه جهت خريد و فروحت آنسمت مرسول داشته شد امبد كه اينده را ترقي موانست و اتحاد طرفين مسلوك داشته معاونت و ملاحظه نمايند كه يك عدد چهاته بكار پشمينه و پنج بسته شالي برنج ببني سباه و پنج عدد خم بر از انگبين بخدمت ترسل است تصرف سازنده زباده چه برطرازد ايام بكام باد

پنجم

خط از راجه پیگو بجناب کرنل سمس صاحب بهادر این شهٔ اللهٔ تعالی

پیوسته و جود دی جود عافیت محمود عالسان معلی مکان ذوی العز و الامسنان صاحب الجود و الکرم و الاحسان جناب مستطاب کرنل صاحب سلمه الله الرحمن در ظل حمایت مَلک متعال و قادر ذو الجلال بوده کامروای مطالب و مقاصد بوده بَدی ازگرده روزگار و المی از گردش لیل و نهار بوجود ذیجود آن کرمفرمای موساد بهنته و کرمهٔ بعد از گلدسته بندی دعا بطریق مدعا میپردازد که تاحال تحریر مطابق سنه فرنگی پانزدهم جون سنه یک هزار هشتصد سهٔ مساشد دو خطکه هردو خط در خط حال کشوف است چنانجه رجا واثق است که آن هر دو خط بگرامی ملفوف است چنانجه رجا واثق است که آن هر دو خط بگرامی خدمت سامی رسیده و اضح رای سامی شده باشد و از تحریر

deficient in writing, nor ever will, nor shall I ever forget the period of your illust your visit. Be it known to your intelligent mind, till the time of writing I have not heard any news worth communicating. The noble Captain Canning. is safely arrived here from Calcutta, and I have paid him all the attention in my power, the letters which the aforesaid honourable gentleman brought, have been forwarded to Ava, and I trust a favourable answer will be returned, on their arrival I will exert all my endeavours that the friendship and amity between the two states may continually increase and attain the bounds of perfection. Mr. Canning will write an account of the state of affairs, and of the great attention I have paid him, which I trust will be made known to your illustrious mind. I request that until we can have a personal meeting, you will take the opportunity of persons who may be coming hither, to call me to your recollection, and favour me with a few lines respecting your licalth and welfare, which will be the cause of much pleasure, and avert my anxiety What further need be added?

P. S. Whereas, after your return to Calcutta, you were very kind and attentioned to the Birmans, Peguers, merchants, and others, who were in Calcutta, this intelligence has reached Pegue and other places, thus whenever sweets are collected, the zephyr diffuses the fragrance all around, so the sweet flavour of

نمودن خط اینجانب کوتاهی نکرده است و نخواهه کرد چنانچه از ساعتی مواصلت سامی را فراموش نخواهم کرد و بررای سامی واضح بوده باشدكه تاحال تحرير ديكر حيزي تازه مسموع نكرديده که بگرامی خدمت سامی قلبی گردد عالمقدرکنی صاحب از مندر کلکته بسلامت و عس عافیت وارد ابن صوب گردیدند و انچه حسن سلوك از اينجانب تواند بود در بارد ايشان مرعي داشته و خطوطیکه عالی قدر کنی صاحب اورده بودند، روانه آوا نموده اميد كه حسب الفواهش جواب بصواب ايد چنانچه بعد از جواب خطوط از آوا اینجانب باز کوشش خواهد نمود که دوستی و محبت طرفين على الدوام درتزايد و محبت هردو جانب بسرحةٍ كمال برسد و عالي قدركني صاحب هم احوالات وگذارشات و حُسن سلوک اینجانب را بگرامی خدمت سامی قلمی خواهد نمود و اضح رای سامی خواهد شد مترصد که تا دست داد ملا قات صوري پيوسته بدست ايندهگان اينصوب از دو كلمه خيريت مزاج ياد فرما باشندكه باعث خوشي ورفع نگرا نبها گردد زياده چه پرطرازد

مكرر قلمي مبگردد كه بعد از انكه جناب سامي از اين صوب بكلكته رسيده اند مردمان پيگو از برهمه و سوداگاران و غيره كه در بنگله بودند بايشان سلوك مرعي داشته و ايشان را پرورهي نمودهٔ ايد اين خبر در پيگو و اطراف رسيده چناچه بوي خوه

your Excellency's conduct has spread over all Pegue, and every person, great and small, has smelt it; it has even been scented by his Imperial Majesty, who was thereby much gratified.

VI.

May the possessor of high dignity and station, the kind and friendly patron, and benefactor of his humble servants, be in health! After presenting my boundless respects, it is represented to your enlightened mind, that your gracious letter, (stating) that having a long time heard of your humble servant's indisposition, in consequence of your friendship and attachment, you were extremely anxious for my recovery, that having just learnt from A B, that the fever had left me, the circumstance had afforded you much pleasure, and that you hoped God would, through his grace and bounty, shortly restore me to my usual state of health, as it would be a source of great satisfaction to you, favoured me, by its safe arrival, and was the cause of great comfort and consolation to your sick and weak humble servant, may God long retain that kind benefactor upon the seat of authority and government in this country! The aforesaid disorder, through

در هر جاکه باشد باد که برومیوزد بوی آن را بهرطوف میرساند این مسلوی جناب سامی بدان شبه است چنانچه این بوی خوش در همه پیگورسیده و هر کس از بزرگ و کوچک شنیده تا اینکه پادشاه جمجاه هم شنید بسیار خوشوقت گردید

ششم

صاحب عالى قدر والا درجت مشفق بسيار مهربان نوازش وكرم فرما و قدردان نیازمندان سلامت بعد گذاری مراتب نباز منديهاكه زياده ازحد حصراست مشهود ضميرالطاف تخمس میگرداند الطاف نامه توجه ختامه که از مدتی دریافت بیماری نبازمند كه بأن الطاف فرما معلوم شده بود از راه توجة وتفضلات باطنىكمال تردد بخاطر شريف گرديدة بودكه نيارمندرا زودشفا حاصل شود بالفعل كه از زباني فلأن معلوم آن آلطاف فرما گردید که رفع سرض تپ شده موجب مسرور خاطر آن نوازه فرما گردید حق تعالی نازمندرا زود تقویت مزاج بدرجه اعتدال بطور اصلی ازفضل و کرم خود گرداند که موجب سرور خاطر آن الطاف فرما شود وصول الطاف شهول نهودة كمال تقويت بخش دل رنجور و ناتوان نیازمند گردید خدا باین نوازش فرما را بروساده ریاست و حکومت در این مملکت دیرگاه قایم نگاه داراد مرض مذكورة كه از فضل الهي و از تفضلات باطني آن الطاف

the grace of God and your kind attention, has quitted your humble servant, and I firmly hope, from the bounty of the Ommpotent, and your courtesy, that in a very short time my weakness and infirmity will be removed, and that I shall be restored to my usual health, in order that I may soon return to my former occupation in your service, and enjoy the pleasure of personal attendance, and have an opportunity of returning thanks and expressing my grautude for all the obligations and favours conferred. I hope from your kindness that till I have an opportunity of personally waiting on you, you will frequently favour and oblige me with letters, containing an account of your welfare. May the days of happiness and enjoyment continue. Farewell'

VИ

To the Nuwab of high dignity, exalted as the sun, my lord and master, the mumficent of the age, the inne of boundless beneficence.

May God continue his good fortune and prosperity!

AFTER performing the duties of servitude and fidelity, which is the greatest of honours, it is represented that your gracious and courteous letter, written (or signed) by yourself, dated this 5th of December, in answer to mine of yester-day, honoured me by its arrival, and elevated the head of your humble servant to the pinnacle of heaven, having converted it into an amulet for (the preservation of) my life, I esteem it as a security for the honour and reputation of

فرما نبازمند رفع گردیده است از شافی حقبقی و از الطاف باطنی آن شفقت فرما آمد قوی است که زود ضعف و ناتوانی هم از نیازمند رفع شود و مزاج بطور اصلی گردد که در عرصهٔ قریب بخده مت آن نوازش فرما قسمبکه قبل از این حاضر مستد حاضر شده از حصول لقا آن الطاف فرما نیازمند تقویت و سرور خاطر خود حاصل گرداند و شکریه آن ادا نماید کمال ممنون و مشکور از یاد آوری و آلطاف فرمای آن الطاف فرما گردید آمید از الطاف فرمای حیان است که تا حصول لقا شریف اکثر از ورود الطاف نامجات معزد و معزز و مسرور و ممنون میشده باشد زیاده ایام بهجت و کامرانی مدام مسرور و ممنون میشده باشد زیاده ایام بهجت و کامرانی مدام بکام باد والسلام

هفتم

بعرض نواب صاحب والاجناب خورشهد قباب خداوند خدایگان فیاض عصرو الدوران معدن احسان بپیایان ادام اللهٔ دولتهٔ و اقبالهٔ

بعد تقدیم سراسم بندگی و عقیدت که عهده مفاخر است میرساند والا نامه مهلو سرفرازی و پرورده پروری مرورخهٔ پنجم دسهبر بدستخط کرامت در جواب عرضداشت دیروز شرف ایراد فرمود تارک مباهات و مفاخرت این پرورده احسن باوج اسهان رسانید و انرا حرز جان ساخته و ثبقه عزت و ابروی خود و اولاد

my self and children. My constant wish is, that as long as I live, I may obtain your approbation by my endeavours to ment your kindness, I shall therefore continue to send my respectful addresses, containing an account of my situation, and expressive of my gratitude. At present it is my daily and nightly prayer to the universal protector, that he will keep you, your honourable wife. and children, (may he bless them, and grant them long life ') under the shadow of his protection, and convey them safe home to the sight of their relations and friends, and having thus comforted and rendered happy Mr. Archibald, and the other fortunate children, may you return to bless and refreshen this country by your august presence. I had long wished that you would have left your picture, painted by yourself, with your attached friend, but modesty would not permit me to mention it, if at some future time you should call me to your recollection, and grant me this very great favour, it will be the cause of honour and distinction to your humblest of servants; to say more would exceed the bounds of respect. May never failing prosperity and fortune attend your munificent stirrup. In the name of the lord of his servants.

See Plate 17

VIII

It is represented at the place of petitioning, those who have the honour of kissing the carpet of the joyful presence of the heavenly court, of the lord equal in dignity to Cassar, may his prosperity and bounty endure!

Your humble servant in attendance upon his munificent master, may his dig-

كردانيد هميشه همس آرزو داردكه مادام الصات در رضا جوي عالى وسلهٔ نیکنامی حصول لطف خاص انجناب را ساعی بوده عرایض ضراعت وسپاس گذاری از احوال عقیدت اشتمال ارسال میکرده باشند اكنون على الدوام فطاني شبانه روزي همين استكه حافظ على الاطلاق انجناب، را مع مخذومه مكرمه دامت بركاتها و صاـ حسزادگان والاشان صدّ الله حیاتهم مصون و محروس دُر ظل حهایت و حفاظت خویش موطن مالوف رسانیده بدیدار اقریا ودوستان وارجيله صاحب دام اقبالهُ وديگر فرزندان ناصدار كامكار مسرور و شادمان گرديده و باز اينماك را از قدوم بركات الزوم انجناب طراوت و نضارت بخشد از سدتها در دل ارزو داشتم که شبیه مبارک آن جناب که از مشق خاصه انجناب باشد این پرورده نعمت با جان و دل خود برابر گذارد لکن ادب باظهار آن رخصت نممداد اگر اینده گاهی یاد فرصوده بانجنبن استیاز و سر-فرازي منظور ومعزز فرماينه سزيد افتفار وسر بالندي خاكسار خواهد بود زياده حد ادب دولت واقبال بيزوال مدام ملازم وقرين ركاب فيض انتساب باد برب العباد

هشتم

بهوقف عرض بساط بوسان حضور معوفور السرور فلک بارگاه قیصر پایگاه خداوند خدایگان دام اقبالهٔ و افضالهٔ فدوی بتاریخ شانزدهم ماه اگست ههراه رکاب فیض مآب ولی

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mity and rank long endure! having with him his son and dependents, arrived in health and safety at Moorshudabad on the 16th of August, and is constantly employed in praying for the health, welfare, and encrease of rank and dignity of your Excellency, and of your illustrious sons. Since my arrival here, which as nearly a month, I have not had the honour of addressing you, first from want of opportunity, and secondly from the agitation of my mind, on beholding the comfortless and miserable state of my friends, who have been all attacked by a violent disease, from which few persons have escaped. I therefore hope you will pardon the omission. My lord, on account of this calamity, and by the advice of the physicians and others, who have had experience of this city, and have been confined to their beds every year during this season, till the month of December, owing to the corrupted state of the air and water. I have sent off all my children and family, on whose account I was so anxious, to Calcutta, on the 19th of the present month. In fact, if the air and water (or climate) of this place does not shortly improve, the city and its environs will very soon become runed and desolate At all events my master, whose merciful disposition and umversal benevolence, incites him to administer comfort and improve and relieve the people from the miseries of disease and grief, has ever since his auspicious arrival here, been much distressed at the sight of the situation of this place it please God, from the blessing of the pure intention of his aforesaid Highness, every kind of misfortune and calamity will (speedily) be averted and removed. To say more, would exceed the limits of respect.

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