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Sir Theophilus Metcalfe Bart
Agent Secy to Govt N.W.P.
Delhis

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C. Allen Esq
Offg. Secy to Govt N.W.P.

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Dated Delhis the 5th February 1849

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your despatch No 5 A of 1849 under date the 27th ultimo and with reference to the concluding paragraph to submit for the information of the Honble the Secy to Govt that as far as my information at present extends ^{father of blood} I believe the Prince Mirza ^{Commonly called Mirza} Fakhrood Daula to be illegitimate - His Mother was certainly of inferior rank in life, and if any marriage ceremony was performed it was of the secondary kind.

2nd I cannot however satisfactorily ascertain this point without instituting enquiries which under present circumstances I thought it advisable to avoid, for as the recognition of another heir apparent is doubtful I

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was unwilling to raise expectations which may never be realized, and only tend to create greater disappointment hereafter.

Moreover in ordinary cases illegitimacy is no bar to succession, in proof I may instance the present King - the Ruwat of Jhujur, and the late Ruwat of Zerogpoor.

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(By J. T. Motcalf
Agent Suult Govt NWK)

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Received a letter from the Govt Secy on the 14th of March 1849, in relation to the question raised by the Ruwat of Zerogpoor against the legitimacy of the late Ruwat of Zerogpoor.