

**Petition of Muhammad Khawaja Hasan Khan, deputed  
to Sahranpur, &c., written from Muradnagar,  
dated 9th September 1857**

To—The King ! Cherisher of the Poor, Lord of Mankind,  
&c.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—That your petitioner has before this, both by petition and verbal messages, sent intelligence daily of reported coming of the Europeans with six guns, for the purpose of desolating Muradnagar and Ghaziabad, and destroying the bridge over the Hindan, and requesting to be favoured with reinforcements, that he might make a slaughter of the infidels. Your Majesty has not yet been pleased to bestow any aid. Information has just been obtained from travellers coming from Meerut, that the Europeans, accompanied by Ali Khan, the former subordinate collector of revenue in the service of the infidels, and bringing four guns, have left Meerut on their march in the direction of Muradnagar, with the object of attacking your petitioner and destroying the said bridge. Before this, some Europeans went with six guns from Happar and burnt the village of Pilkhoah, killing nearly 150 of its inhabitants. This force also intends moving in this direction. In consequence of this intelligence, your petitioner has taken up a position on the road with the whole force of cavalry and infantry, the men being kept under arms. Your petitioner has no reluctance to sacrifice his life in Your Majesty cause, but reflecting on the numerical weakness of his party, and the absence of artillery, he is to some extent afraid that the bridge may be broken. Should the

bridge be in any way injured, (God forbid that it should be !) the movements of the troops and the conveyance of supplies will be entirely hindered. Your petitioner trusts that a reinforcement in infantry and artillery may be speedily despatched by Your Majesty, so that the infidels may be effectually resisted. Prayers for the prosperity of the reign. Petition of the slave Muhammad Khwaja Khan, deputed to Saharanpur, &c., written from Muradnagar under date the 9th September 1857.

*Autograph order by the King, in pencil*

Mirza Moghal will act in accordance with the requisition in the petition.

Order on the reverse : probably by Mirza Moghal in furtherance of the King's order—The Brigade Major Sahib is directed to take such measures as may be necessary.

Order also on the reverse, by the Brigade Major apparently—Let an order be written directing the 14th Regiment of infantry to go out. Dated 10th September 1857, year of reign 21.