

**Joint petition of Jowahir Singh, Sepoy, stationed at  
Meerut,—Roushan Singh, Land-owner of Brajhari,  
and Chandi Ram, Land-owner. No date**

To—The King ! Shelter of the World !

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—That two days have now elapsed since your slaves submitted a petition, regarding arrangements in Babughar, Aligarh, &c ; but nothing appears to have been done by the Government as yet in the way of dispatching troops or adopting measures. It is to be apprehended that delay in the settlement of the said districts may lead to loss to the State, besides that involved in the loss of the Treasuries at present in safety at Babughar, Aligarh, Chataur and other places. Cherisher of the Poor ! at Babughar there are 20,000 Rupees under the safe custody of 24 Military men, and at Chataur there are 20 Lacs of Rupees in the charge of Mardan Khan, guarded by 600 Jats, while the Treasury at Aligarh is forthcoming, guarded by 3 Companies of Regular Infantry. Moreover, there are 1,500 horses at Babughar, together with the money for their necessary current expenses. If Your Majesty

will take immediate steps for dispatching troops and for establishing arrangements in the above places, it is to be expected that the whole of the above said property will be secured and will come into Your Majesty's possession; but if a delay of one or two days is allowed to occur, there is undoubted room for apprehension that it will be all lost. There is not a man of the English Army in the whole of the space between the two rivers<sup>16</sup> from Saharunpur to Agra, who will offer to oppose one Regiment of Infantry sent by Your Majesty. There is only one Turnbull<sup>17</sup>, who, with the joint Magistrate at Bulundshahr, continues exciting disturbances, enlisting men, and communicating intelligence. In case of delay on Your Majesty's part, Your Majesty's loss is to be apprehended. The inhabitants of 60 villages, men of the Kshatri caste, are ready to lay down their lives for Your Majesty. But the residents of the other side of the Ganges do not fully credit what your slave tells them. However, when these land-holders shall have seen a small body of troops placed under your slave, together with Your Majesty's written order, and will have had the evidence of their own eyes, they will engage to die in Your Majesty's cause. I trust, therefore, that an order under the State Seal will be bestowed on your slave, directing him to raise new horse and foot levies. Assured of the help of the Military Force, 84 villages in the holding of Kaihar Singh, Land-holder of Mukimpur, in the District of Meerut, and, in the same way, 87 villages, with Devi Singh, farmer of Bhumrahi, who have already resolved to sacrifice their lives for Your Majesty, will immediately on seeing the force and the order under Your Majesty's Seal, openly engage with all their energies in Your Majesty's cause. They are, as one body, animated by one soul, all of one mind with your slave. Your slave's only ambition is the welfare of Your Majesty's Government. If delay is allowed to occur, serious loss to the State will be the certain result. Beyond this Your Majesty has the power. It was necessary, and I have therefore submitted it, from zeal for Your Majesty. It is requested that one Regiment of Infantry with Artillery, may be placed at your slave's disposal. (Prayers

for the prosperity of the reign.) Petition of the slaves Jowahir Singh, Sepoy, stationed at Meerut, Roushan Singh, Landholder of Brajhari, and Chandi Ram, Landholder. Seal of "Roushan Singh, year 1253".

*Autograph order by the King, in pencil*

Mirza Moghal will immediately issue orders to the Officers of the Infantry, and as regards the despatch of troops, will act agreeably to Jowahir Singh's requisition.

No date to either petition or order.

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