

No. 21

**Petition of all the Officers of the 11th Regiment,
Native Infantry, dated 16th July 1857**

**To—The Nourisher of the Poor ! His Highness the General
Sabib Bahadur !**

YESTERDAY about noon, Kalyan Singh, Corporal, having eaten his dinner, went to the ramparts, where he found Mahabal Singh, Sepoy of the 2nd Company 11th Regiment Native Infantry, who was on duty at the time, as sentry over the guns, asleep at his post. Seeing this neglect, the Corporal took away the sentry's musket, and then wakening him, asked him what had become of it. The sentry replied that he did not know who had taken it away. The Corporal immediately reported the circumstance to Somair Singh, Subadar Bahadur, and agreeably to his orders, the Sepoy was placed in arrest. To-day all the officers of the Regiment assembled as a Court, and the prisoner, Mahabal Singh, appearing before them, acknowledged having been asleep while on duty as a sentry. The offence of the prisoner being thus established by his own confession, he is forwarded to Your Highness with this petition. The punishment which may be awarded by Your Highness will be approved of by all of us. The petition of all the Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers of the 11th Regiment Native Infantry, stationed at the Ajmir Gate.

Order by the King

ORDERED—That your petition, reporting the offence of Mahabal Singh, Sepoy, in going to sleep while on duty as a sentry, as established by his own confession before the Court and forwarding him to the Court of the Commander-in-Chief Bahadur, with the view that the punishment necessary in the case might be awarded, has been considered. Your Court are therefore directed yourselves to determine what punishment may be adequate, and to carry it out at once. Your decision will be approved of. Authenticated by the King's Autograph cypher in ink. "Dated 17th July 1857".

NOTE BELOW THE ORDER "An order has been written".