

No. 28

Petition of Bakht Khan, dated 4th August 1857

To—The King ! Shelter of the World !

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—That I have on two or rather on three former occasions, petitioned Your Majesty for Artillery, and now again submit this petition, to be supplied with the following ordance :—

12-Pounder Guns, four. If four can be granted well, otherwise let two certainly be given.

18-Pounder Guns, also four. If four can be granted it will be just what is desired, if not the presence of two is certainly advisable.

24-Pounder Guns, let the same number be granted, and it will be extreme kindness to your slave, otherwise the presence of two is extremely desirable. Also 32-Pounder Guns, four or two. It will be a great favour.

Mortars 10 Inch, four; 8 Inch, four; and 5½ Inch, four, and 24 Howitzers, eight.

And I also trust I may be favoured by Your Majesty with the full allowance of ammunition for these guns, such as shell, shrapnel, and common shells. (Prayers for the prosperity of the reign.) Petition of the special slave, attested with the seal of Muhammad Bakht Khan.

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Autograph order by the King, in pencil

Mirza Moghal will make arrangements.

ORDER ON THE REVERSE, WITHOUT SIGNATURE OR SEAL, (apparently by Mirza Moghal, in furtherance of the King's order). Let an answer be written. It is known what number of guns there are. Dated 3rd August 1857.