

No. 21

**Petition of Syad Abdulla, Priest at the Shrine of Hazrat
Sheikh Muhammad Chisti, dated 29th June 1857**

To—The King ! Shelter of the World !

PREVIOUS to this, your petitioner submitted a petition, representing that some of the Cultivators of the rent-free Village of Ferozabad Khadir had not paid their rents on account of the Winter crop of the Agricultural year 1264, and he requested that aid might be granted to enforce payment. Up to that time no damage had been sustained by the crops which the Cultivators could urge as a reason for delay. Now, however, the whole of the Autumnal crop of Sugarcane, Churree, etc., of the Agricultural year 1265, has been totally devastated, and more than this, the very implements of Agriculture, such as ploughs, the wood-work on wells, have been all carried away, in plunder by the Soldiers. Under these circumstances, certainly the rents cannot be realised and as the Revenue of this Village has been assigned, as an endowment to support the expenses of the Alms-house under your petitioner's management, he depends on your Royal kindness and consideration, and trusts such arrangements will be adopted, as will insure that no Soldier shall cause loss to the Agriculturists of the said Village. A petition from the Cultivators, also, is being submitted. Petition of the Anchorite Syad Abdulla, son of Syad Shah Sabur Ali Chisti. Official Seal of the Shrine.

Autograph order of the King in pencil, illegible.