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**Translation of a Firman from Delhi, addressed to
Muhammad Khan³⁹, Nawab of Najibabad**

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Abuzaffar-Sirajud-din Muhammad
Bahadur Shah,
Padshah-i-Ghazi 1253 A. Hijri, and
1st of Reign.

Amir-ud-dowlat, Zia-ul-Mulk, Muhammad Mahmud Khan Bahadur, Muzaffar Jang, our own special servant, worthy of kindness and protection, the object of our favours.

Know ! The petition of that special servant, containing full particulars respecting the disturbed state of all the Pergunnahs of that Zillah from the acts of plunderers and rascals, and the method adopted for putting a stop to the same by entertaining as many footmen and horsemen as possible, and calling to mind the hereditary services of that faithful one towards our Royal house, and requesting that our Royal attention may devolve upon that Zillah as of old, has been perused, and all has become known. Of a truth the forefathers of that especial

39. Nawab of Bijnor; great grandson of Zabita Khan, the son of Najib-ud-daulah, Amir-ul-Umra; played important role in 1857.

servant have ever been the objects of favours to former Emperors; but that especial servant has always been looked upon by us with particular favour, inasmuch as you left me no service which was becoming unperformed for Mirza-Shah-Rukh⁴⁰, deceased, the light of our Royal eyes. (This is an illusion to civilities rendered on a shooting expedition, which Mirza-Shah-Rukh, the Emperor's son, made some ten or twelve years ago to Rohilkhand.)

Therefore you are entitled to our special kindness.

If you, in addition to your former good acts, render still more efficient service, then will the Royal favour be increased, and your request that the arrangement of the whole Zillah be made over to you shall be complied with. Untill a perfect sunnud be issued, you are to keep in deposit the revenues of the District, after paying the Troops and the Revenue Officers, and you are to remit the balance to us.

With reference to the large amount of Treasure, chattels and horses, which came into your hands after the flight of the British Officers, you must send them at once with an account current by the hands of Mathura Das⁴¹ and two of the Royal Sowars, in order that the real value of your professions may be at once tested, and that you may obtain promotion
28th Zu'l Kadat, 21st year of our reign, corresponding with the 21st July 1857.

(True Translation)

(Signed) J.C. WILSON,
Judge of Moradabad,
Senior Commissioner, Meerut Division.