

**No. 30**

**Petition of Sheodial and Shadiram, Merchants,  
dated 17th July 1857<sup>34</sup>**

To—The King ! Shelter of the World !

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—That great mobs of people go daily to the mercantile shops of your slaves, situated near the Cashmere Gate, and commit the most riotous proceedings there. Sometimes they bring the Chief Police Officer of the City, at others, the soldiery, accusing your slaves, as a plea for their conduct, of sending supplies to the Enemy. Be it manifest to Your Majesty, that we are the hereditary and homeborn slaves of your illustrious house. From such proceedings, our

34. The petition bears no date. 17th July 1857 is, however, the date of the final order passed on it.

total ruin and impoverishment must ensue; we therefore pray that our shops may be placed under the lock and key of the State, so that it may be protected, and we may obtain safety from the grievance represented. (Prayers for the prosperity of the reign). Petition of the slave, Shadiram and Sheodial, Shop-keepers. No date.

*Autograph order by the King, in pencil*

Mirza Moghal will provide for the protection of the petitioners.

ON THE REVERSE—"No. 557".

Order on the reverse, without signature or seal, apparently by Mirza Moghal, in furtherance of the King's order :—

This petition, bearing an order in the Royal handwriting, directing arrangements, has reached this office today. The petitioners request that their shops may be placed under the lock and key of the State, and that it may be protected. It is therefore ordered, that a written order be sent to the Chief Police Officer of the City, to the intent that agreeably to the request of the Petitioners, he place their shops under lock and key, and attend so to its protection that no damage may be allowed to occur to it. It is not necessary to send the liquors here.<sup>35</sup> Dated 17th July 1857.

NOTE UNDER THE ORDER—"An order has been written".