

No. 28

**Petition of Jamuna Das, Land-holder, Resident of
Muttra, dated 14th July 1857**

To—The King ! Shelter of the World !

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—Your Exalted Highness. Your slave has for some years, been staying at his home without occupation, and has passed his time at best he was able. He has now come to Your Majesty's threshold in search of his subsistence, and prays that orders may be issued from your Royal presence, empowering him to make arrangements for settling the Country from Delhi to Muttra, and thence on to Agra. As your slave is a resident of Muttra, and is in consequence fully acquainted with the whole of that District, he will, through Your Majesty's auspices and the favour of God, be able to establish arrangements which will be thoroughly efficient. Your slave, moreover, knows near two thousand men in that District, who are practised in the use of fire-arms. All he requires is Your Majesty's orders, and he will then establish Postal and Commissariat arrangements in every City and Town, from Delhi to Muttra, &c. Ten or fifteen days after reaching Muttra, your slave will send about ten Lacs of rupees to the Royal Treasury, for the expenses of the State. He prays, therefore, that the matter being taken into favourable consideration, one piece of ordinance, with shot and

powder, and some Infantry, may be made over to him, to proceed in that direction. Arriving in that District, your slave will, with the blessing of God, make thoroughly efficient arrangements, and Your Majesty's Government will be firmly established. Without your Royal authority, your slave is unable to do anything, and that which is accomplished, will hereafter be thoroughly manifest to Your Majesty. Beyond this, matters are in the dispensation of God. It was necessary, and has therefore been submitted. (Prayers for the prosperity of the reign.)

Piece of Ordnance with powder and shot	1
Regiment of Infantry with Cavalry	1
Seal, to certify King's authority for the petitioner's proceedings	1

Besides the above, whatever else it may please His Majesty to bestow. Petition of the slave Jamuna Das, Putail, of old nourished by His Majesty's salt, resident of Muttra, at present staying at Delhi.

Signature of the Petitioner in Hindi.

NOTE—No order on the petition; but there is a separate one in reference to it from the King, to Mirza Moghal, which has been translated as a separate paper.