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No. 33

**Petition of Imam-baksh, Chowdary, and all the men of  
the ice-pits. No date. Date of final order, 18th July  
1857**

To—The King ! Shelter of the World !

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—That we, your slaves, have from time immemorial, been cherished and nurtured by the salt of Your Majesty's house. The Troops which have now arrived, have encamped near your slaves' houses, which are contiguous to the ice-pits opposite the Turkoman Gate, and your slaves are, in consequence, exposed to great annoyances and ruination; the very timbers of the roofs of their houses having been carried away. Many of the inhabitants, considering their lives in danger, have deserted the place, but your slave has remained, solely because the ice used by Your Majesty's butler<sup>37</sup> is supplied from his ice-pits. Your Majesty desires the fostering care and protection of all God's creatures. Your petitioner therefore prays that Madhuganj, the property of the Rajah of Jypur, adjoining Rajah Jaysingh's Observatory<sup>38</sup> and near to the Turkoman Gate, its enclosing wall being still in preventation, may be graciously bestowed on him, and that an order may be issued to the force come from Bareilly, prohibiting opposition and hindrance, so that your slaves obtaining safety may night and day pray for Your Majesty's prosperity.

We further beg that the order to the Officers may be issued under your special signature. Petition of the slave Imam-bakhsh, and all the men of the ice-pits.

*Autograph order by the King, in pencil*

Mirza Moghal Bahadur will give the petitioners place in the Observatory, and will have an order written.

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

Let orders in accordance with those of the Royal presence be issued, dated 18th July 1857.

NOTE BELOW ORDER—"An order has been written".