

Petition of Mirza Moghal, No date

To—The King ! Shelter of the World !

It is known to Your Majesty, that the Army having been reduced to starvation in consequence of not being paid their daily allowances, your slave, as well as they, were constrained to petition Your Majesty on the subject, when having condescended to view the distress, you were pleased to issue orders that some plan for raising a loan, to carry on the expenses of the Army, should be devised, and accordingly, a Royal missive was bestowed on your slave in this matter. In accordance therewith, your slave summoned the Merchants and Panjabis of the City, and conferred with them on the subject, and some gave written engagements to pay in a day or two, and then went away. I have just learned, that Muhammad Bakht Khan has received a written order also, to summon the Merchants and obtain money from them. A circumstance like this is calculated to cause disunion and dissension in the Army. Let Your Majesty consider this, and recall the order given to Muhammad Bakht Khan, and let Your Majesty also prohibit his taking steps in this business, because arrangements for the money have already been made by me. Considering it necessary I have submitted this petition. (Prayers for the prosperity of the reign.) Petition of the slave Zohur-ud-din. No date.

Autograph order by the King, in pencil

My life !¹¹ Conflicting orders, one after another, cannot be issued for just now the Army is quite dispirited. If the desired object be attained, it will not matter whether the

required funds shall have been raised according to your orders to the Merchants, or through the agency of the General. Otherwise, there will be necessity for adopting some other plan. No date.
