

**Petition of the Rajah of Ballabgarh, dated 21st May
1857**

To—The King ! Shelter of the World !

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—That by Your Majesty's order, the protection of the high road to Delhi, and the arrangements of the Police Station of Bhadrapur, had been assigned to your devoted petitioner. Nevertheless, since another Police Officer has been appointed by Your Majesty, I have, agreeably to your orders, dismissed the whole of the Establishment of the said Police Station, and have installed Your Majesty's nominee. I had despatched Kalandar Bakhsh Khan, Risaldar, with some Cavalry and Infantry, agreeably to Your Majesty's orders, to assist in the arrangements; but when they arrived at the gates of Delhi, they were prevented entering the City; and the Guards told them that they should first give up their arms. Your Majesty knows, that a Soldier's arms are his decorations and adornment, and his remaining in attendance without them would be improper, as inconsistent with the profession of Soldiery. They therefore returned, and have temporarily taken up their residence in the Old Fort. Let an order, therefore, be issued, that these men may come before your Royal presence; and devoting their lives, may zealously engage in all necessary and becoming services. I, who am your ancient servant, consider that obeying your commands advances my dignity. I learn from the Clerk of the Bhadrapur Police Office, and submit the same for your information, that the Police Officer appointed by Your Majesty has arrived. (Prayers for the prosperity of the reign.) Petition of the slave and ancient servant, Nahar Singh Bahadur, Chief of Ballabgarh. Seal of Rajah Nahar Singh Bahadur.