

No. 63

**Petition of the Rajah of Ballabgarh, dated 22nd May
1857**

To—The King ! Shelter of the World !

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—That Your Majesty's orders, with which your slave has been honoured, whether as regards the arrangements for the protection of the highroad from Ballabgarh to Bhadrapur, and thence on to the Delhi Gate, or in the village of Pali, and towns of Palwal and Fattehpur, and other places, have, by the blessing of God, and Your Majesty's auspices, been effectually carried out, and Police and Revenue Officers have everywhere been established. The efficiency of your slave's measures and arrangements have become generally known, in so much that it must have come to Your Majesty's hearing also. Adoration of the World ! Some thoughtless characters, enemies and rebels against this State, who have absconded after committing every injury in their power, and who are now amongst those who present themselves at the Royal Court, are not pleased at hearing of the success of the above arrangements, and desire that disrepute should be made to attach to my good name and exertions; and they even instigate the regular Infantry Soldiers, stationed at the City Gates, against me and my servants. I fully believe it probable that, in their stupidity, they may even to Your Majesty, utter sentiments prejudicial to your hereditary slaves, but let not their allegation ever be believed; for formerly too it was their practice, from feelings of enmity, to speak disparagingly of your slave; and then too their calumnies used not to be heeded in the least. I pray, therefore, that from a regard for proper arrangements, Your Majesty will, with due consideration, peremptorily order the Regular Infantry Soldiers at the Gates not in any way to object to, disagree with, or hinder the servants of the Ballabgarh State in any matter whatsoever, otherwise detriment to the arrangements will ensue—to arrangements which have been made for the protection of your subjects, solely in conformity with Your Majesty's orders. Further, Your Majesty is master, and I am your old servant. In carrying out Your Majesty's orders, I wish that nothing like the least deficiency should occur; and accordingly, the

enlistment of Cavalry and Infantry to be employed in keeping order, is going on. In a short time hence, I shall send some more Cavalry and Infantry for the Police and other general arrangements. Your slave is under all circumstances devoted in heart and soul. Prayers for the prosperity of the reign.)
Petition of the ancient slave and servant, Nahar Singh Bahadur, Chief of Ballabgarh. Seal of Rajah Nahar Singh Bahadur.