

**Petition of the Rajah of Ballabgarh, dated 20th May
1857**

To—The King ! Shelter of the World !

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—That previously to this I have submitted several petitions, but have not been honoured with a reply to even one. I now again submit that the refractory inhabitants of the village of Pali, etc., have taken to committing highway robbery and plunder in all directions, and are grievously oppressing the populace and subjects. Although I have brought the said village, little by little, into some order, I cannot nevertheless without Your Majesty's orders, presume to act with confidence in any matter. I am engaged, night and day, raising new Cavalry and Infantry levies. Besides this, my health is frequently affected by the adverse state of the weather. Setting this aside, however, I shall make efficient arrangements and provision against all the refractory and rebellious characters of this District; and will then present myself at Your Majesty's Court. I have sent Kalandar Khan, Risaldar, to the Royal presence, with some Cavalry and Infantry, agreeably