

No. 58

Petition of Rajah Nahar Sing, of Ballabgarh,

No date

To—The King, Shelter of the World ! Dispenser of Justice !
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1. Jat Raja of Ballabgarh, a small principality in the vicinity of Delhi. The Raja played a double game during the Uprising and was punished by hanging by the British in January 1858.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :—That, as the state of the road to Delhi was very unsettled your slave has, according to Your Majesty's orders, been engaged, night and day, in instituting the most efficient arrangements. Still, however, the lawless inhabitants of the Village of Pali, which adjoins the Ballabgarh boundary, and which, during the Foujdaree was attached to this State, have broken out into reckless violence; and have so taken to highway robbery and plunder, that the whole population is in great distress in consequence, notwithstanding that I, your slave, am bringing them into order little by little, yet still I cannot venture to act, to any full extent, without Your Majesty's orders. If your Royal permission is granted, such efficient arrangements will be adopted, that these miscreants and rebels of the said village, will not have the daring to continue in their present practices, and the arrangements along the road, from Ballabgarh to Delhi, will be perfected. Further, I have heard from some persons who had requests to make to me, that it has been represented to Your Majesty, that the Chief of Ballabgarh has secreted two Englishmen, with their wives and children. God is witness that this is entirely a false and unfounded calumny. How could your slave dare to commit an act of the kind, without Your Majesty's wishes and orders! A native, however, who was formerly a Christian, had been twelve years in my service; but I put even him away, fearing Your Majesty's displeasure. This man has now discarded Christianity and embraced the Mahomedan religion, and he is accordingly deserving of mercy and forgiveness. If Your Majesty permits it, I shall have him recalled. (Prayers for the prosperity of the reign.)
Petition of the ancient slave and servant, Nahar Singh, Chief of Ballabgarh. Seal of Rajah Nahar Singh Bahadur.
