

ENCLOSURE (5) TO 1.

6. *Minute by the Hon'ble J. Lowis,—dated the 5th April 1850.*

THE measures proposed in the despatch of the 16th February 1849 from the Governor-General to the Hon'ble Court appear to me to combine strict justice with the soundest and wisest policy, and I regret exceedingly that His Lordship should see reason to doubt the expediency of carrying them fully into execution.

It can scarcely be the design of any one to bring the title of King into discredit and disgrace, or to add insult to the misfortunes of the House of Timour by mockery, yet I am satisfied that no one can read the Palace Diaries which we receive from Delhi without feeling that the present condition of affairs does all this, or without an earnest desire that the solemn farce which has been played there for so many years should be abolished.

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I do not share in the apprehensions of those who anticipate a great sensation among our Mahomedan subjects from the abolition of this titular Sovereignty, because I believe the thing has been known for many years to be a mere pretence and has been despised accordingly. But if these fears are not groundless, surely they afford a positive reason for taking the proposed step, because the result anticipated, as it appears to

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Diaries), it is surely sound policy on the first favorable opportunity to remove the head and put the projected rallying point into safe hands.

With these views, I need hardly add that supposing the titular Sovereignty to be maintained, I think it will still be exceedingly expedient to obtain possession of the Palace, and that I entirely concur with the Governor-General as to the absolute necessity of depriving the fast increasing body of *Sullateen* of the privilege of lawlessness which they at present enjoy.

I shall be very glad if, on a reconsideration of the subject, the Hon'ble Court sees reason to substitute a more peremptory for the merely permissive despatch now under consideration, and instruct us to carry into full effect the measures proposed in the Governor-General's original communication on this important question.

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