

4. *Minute by the Hon'ble Major-General Sir J. H. LITTLE, G. C. B.,—dated 4th April 1850.*

THE withdrawal of the title of Sovereignty from the Head of the House of Timoor is a question of importance. The measure, however, may, I conceive, be safely adopted at a future period, when matters are more settled in the Upper Provinces; for whenever it does take place, it will in all probability create a sensation throughout the country, particularly

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amongst the Mahomedan portion of the population. I consider it therefore advisable to forego the intention for the present.

The rightful successor to the Sovereign now enjoying the title is the heir by Mahomedan Law, that is the next brother.

It would evidently be inexpedient to accede to His Majesty's wish regarding a younger child.

On the demise of His Majesty, the heir and family may be prevailed upon to take up their residence in the Kootub Palace, suitably prepared for their reception, but I much doubt if they will assent to the arrangement; if they refuse to quit the Palace they now occupy, I do not think it would be wise or prudent to compel them to do so under existing circumstances.

The measure proposed by His Lordship for abolishing exemption from judicial process, excepting the Prince and his family, appears to me desirable.

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