

## **Pasha of Patan**

Meanwhile, in India, a person named Pasha was apprehended on 31st December, 1862 at the city of Patan, Gujarat in the territory of the Gaikwar of Baroda. Pasha had alighted first at Jama Masjid, remained there for two days and then had proceeded to live in a *haveli* in the Motorshah *Mohalla* of that city. People called him Padshah. At Sidhpur a Syed of Radhavpur, aged 80 years had told that he was in his father's service at Delhi about 15 years ago and had nursed Pasha, when he was a child.<sup>14</sup>

Soon after, this fellow was captured by Lance Naik Sheikh Majju of the 6th Regiment, Bombay Native Infantry. He was about 45 years of age. In his statement the so called Pasha said that his name was Mahmud Shah s/o Dara Bakht, the heir apparent of Bahadur Shah, the ex-king of Delhi. He had come to Puttun 8 months ago to make a pilgrimage to the tomb of Makdoom Saheb. He stayed in *asarai* near the *Masjid*, where he fell sick. He requested for another habitation where he could take medicines. He had no means of paying for a private lodging, he procured him an accommodation in Salerah *Mohalla* where he was apprehended. He remained there and took medicines and got well in 10 or 12 days. He then earned his livelihood by imparting medicines. He said that he had nothing to do with the rebellion at Delhi. He had left Delhi 10 months ago and took two months to reach Patan via Jaipur, Ajmer and Pali. He used to reside at Delhi at Nizamuddin *Dargah*. He further told that before the rebellion, he was on the King's household and received Rs.200 p.m. from the British Government for his subsistence. This was stopped at the time of rebellion. His father, who was heir apparent to the late ex-King of Delhi died 15 or 20 years ago. The ex-King annulled his rights of heir ship and appointed Fakhruddin s/o his another wife. The of Rs. 200 p.m. was paid to him by one Mr. Thomas and then Simon Frazer. He was sick in the *Dargah* of Nizamuddin when rebellion

broke out. He had a wife and four sons whom he had left in Nizamuddin Dargah. He had heard a good deal of Peer Patan, and the Peers at the village of Uniara near Patan. He now wanted to return to Delhi.<sup>15</sup> After elaborate enquiry the authorities were satisfied that the man was really what he stated himself to be the son of Dara Bakht. There was nothing against him in connection with the mutiny and he was released.’<sup>6</sup>