



Proclamation of Rao Sahib.
(cf. pp. 464-65)

PROCLAMATION OF RAO SAHEB TO CHIEFS OF BUNDELKHAND

To all the Chiefs and Talookdars (Talugadars) of Kuchhobahghar (Kachhawagarh) etc., dated Calpee (Kalpi), 2nd Ramzan, 1274 A. H., corresponding with 17th April 1858.

Certain dependents of the Maharaja Peshwa have represented to him that you, the Chiefs of the districts above alluded to, are ready to take upon yourself the responsibility (for your proceedings in the present undertaking) but that you require a *Purwana* from the Maharaja holding out assurances to you. His Highness expressed his great satisfaction at the receipt of this welcome information, you are hereby assured that the more you will display your gallantry, on the present occasion the greater benefit will accrue to you. The first benefit is that (you) will be loved by the Supreme Being as you are defending the faith. The second that you will elicit praise from the *Sirkar*. It is the wish of the *Sirkar* that such steps as may regulate its affairs and lead to the extermination of the infidels, should be taken. Those who will perform meritorious services will in lieu of them obtain suitable *Jagheers*, situations and titles from the *Sirkar*. It has come to the knowledge of the Maharaja that you have determined on wresting the munitions which are being sent from Agra to Gwalior. You are desired to use your best exertions to take possession of the same; you may rest assured that the *Sirkar* is well-disposed to support you.

¹ Foreign Political Proceedings, 30th December 1859, Supplement, Cons. No. 649, Pp. 67-8. National Archives, New Delhi.

It appears from the *Urzee* of Heera Singh *Ressaldar* that your valour has been well established. You are therefore directed to act immediately at your own discretion. A delay is not desirable with reference to the present circumstances. You will learn all other particulars from the *Purwana* to the address of Heera Singh.¹