

**Royal Missive under the seal engraved in the King's  
Special Cypher, dated 20th August 1857**

To—Our Sons<sup>a</sup>, Wassih Ali Shah, Safi-ud-din Sultan Muhammad, Mirza Bahadur, Bakht Bahadur son of Mirza Muzaffar Bakht Bahadur, Mirza Taimur Shah, Sultan Husein, Mirza Safari Sultan Zain-ul-ab-din, Mirza Safi, Sultan, Safi-ud-din Wassih Muhammad Mirza, Safi Sultan Hyder Mirza, Safi Tehmanseb Mirza, Mirza Zia-ud-din Bakht, and Mirza Khurshed Kadr son of Mirza Usman Kadr.

Learn ! That all the particulars of the ruinous hardships and distresses you, our Sons, have suffered in the province of Oudh, as embodied in your petition, have come fully to our Royal knowledge. In the wonderful changes now occurring, the will of God has come to pass. Nevertheless, hearing of these matters, fraught as they are with dangers, we have to some extent been grieved and concerned in mind. However, what the Great Almighty in His unbounded and universal mercy has willed, He has willed for the best, and that which may hereafter happen. Under all circumstances, preserve unanimity amongst yourselves, and stay in the quarter of Lucknow, called Aminabad; and pass your time in confidence of safety and protection from the present dangers. Please the ever-revered God ! the present calamities and confusion will now, with His divine help, speedily come to an