

Address, from Mirza Moghal, on the part of the King, attested with the Official Seal of the Commander-in-Chief, rambling and unconnected, and from the style, appearing to have been written from the King's dictation, dated 9th August 1857

To—The Officers of the Bullumtair (Volunteer) Paltan,
36th² Regiment of Native Infantry.

The orders of the Royal presence are to the following effect :

In the first place, it is to be observed, that setting aside all regards for my own life even, I have done all in my power to satisfy and please the soldiery in every matter. The reason was, I had assured the Army that I should regard them as my own children. The petulance of one's own child has to be borne with, and so I have borne with yours, indulging you in all your wishes. But it is to be deplored that you have, notwithstanding, shown no concern for my life, and have had no consideration for my old age. It is incumbent on you now to

reflect on my infirmities, and the changes my health is momentarily undergoing. The care of my health was altogether in the hands of the Physician, Ahsan Ulla Khan, who kept himself constantly informed of the changes it underwent. Now, there is none to care for me, but God, while the changes in my health are such as may not be imagined. All the Soldiers and Officers ought now, therefore, to gratify me in this matter, as I have even indulged them in every wish of theirs, and should remove the guard at present over the Physician, and release him from arrest, so that he may be at liberty to come and go, whenever he may think it necessary to examine my pulse. Moreover, if my enemy is instigating you, you should not heed his insinuations. Should any one insinuate suspicions against the Physician you should tell him to intercept some letter attested with the Seal; and bring it to you, that you may have proof that he is an enemy; and that you will then yourselves punish him. Furthermore, the property that was plundered from the Physician's house belonged to the King. It is therefore proper that it should be traced and collected, and should be sent to our presence, and that the people, through whose instigation it was plundered, should be adequately punished, agreeably to the decision of the Court. If you are not disposed to comply with these requests let me be conveyed, in safety, to the Khwaja Sahib³. I shall there sit and employ myself in the occupation of a Mujawir⁴ and, if this even is acceded not to, I shall relinquish every concern, and go away⁵. Let those who think they can detain me, attempt to do so. Not having been killed by the hands of English, I shall be killed by yours. Further the oppression that is at present being inflicted on the people, is not inflicted on them, it is inflicted on me. It is incumbent on you all to take measures to prevent it. Or let me have my answer, and I shall swallow a diamond and kill myself⁶. Moreover on the plunder of the Physician's house, a small box containing our Seal was carried away. No paper, of a date subsequent to the 7th August 1857, bearing the impression of that Seal, will be valid.