

APPENDIX O

SYNOPSIS OF THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS¹
GIVING THE STORY OF BAHADUR SHAH II'S
AND HIS DEPENDANTS' JOURNEY AS STATE
PRISONERS FROM DEHLI TO RANGOON; THEIR
LIFE IN RANGOON PRISON AND THE DEATH
AND BURIAL OF BAHADUR SHAH II.

*Nominal roll of the state prisoners proceeding to
Calcutta.*

1. Abu Zafar Bahadur Shah, Shah Ghazee, ex-king of Dehli.
 2. Mirza Jawan Bakht, son of the above by ex-queen Zinat Mahal.
 3. Mirza Shah Abbas, son of the above by Harera woman.
 4. Zinat Mahal, ex-queen of Dehli.
 5. Nawab Shah Zamani Begum, wife of Mirza Jawan Bakht.
 6. Ruqaiya Sultan Begum, sister of Nawab Shah. Zamani Begum has one female baby.
 7. Mumtaz Dulhan Begum, mother of Shah Zamani Begum and Ruqaiya Sultan Begum.
 8. Nawab Taj Mahal Begum, a wife of ex-king of Dehli.
 9. Sultani
 10. Raheema
 11. Ishrat
 12. Taharat
- } Harem of the ex-king.

¹ National Archives, F.C. No. 547, 10th December, 1859; Foreign Dept. Consultation, Nos. 71-73; 10th December, 1858; F. C. No. 66, 10th December, 1858.

13. Mubarakunnisa, mother of Mirza Shah Abbas,
Harem of ex-king.

Male attendants

14. Mirza Keisur¹
15. Abdur Ruhiman²
16. Ahmad Beg
17. Inzzur
18. Khwaja Bakhsh, eunuch

Female attendants

19. Sandal
20. Niazoo, foster-nurse of Nawab Shah Zamana
Begum.
21. Husaini
22. Kimeean³
23. Wafldar⁴
24. Rahat
25. Jumayat
26. Mubarak
27. Sakina Khanam
28. Hurmat Bhai⁵
29. Lutfan

N.B. one or two of the servants have two or three little children;

Left Dehli in the morning of 7th October 1858 *en route* for Allahabad under escort of the 9th Lancers or Troops of European Horse Artillery Police Battalion by land route. The women or female attendants were conveyed in five tilted carts and the ex-king with seven

¹ The correct spelling is Qaisar.

² *I.e.* Rahman.

³ *I.e.* Kariman.

⁴ *I.e.* Wafadar.

⁵ *I.e.* Bai.

other members of his family were taken in three palanquin carriages pulled by four horses.

They reached Allahabad on 13th November 1858 where 14 members of the above party expressed a desire to go back to Dehli and were detained in the Allahabad Fort. The names of these fourteen are given below;

1. Mirza Keisar
2. Jaffar
3. Khwaja Bakhsh, eunuch
4. Taj Mahal, wife of Bahadur Shah
5. Sakina Khanum
6. Mumtaz Dulhan, mother-in-law of Jawan Bakht
7. Ruqaiya Sultan Begum, sister-in-law of Jawan Bakht
8. Raheema
9. Taharat
10. Kimeean
11. Wafedar¹
12. Rahat
13. Jumayat
14. Mubarak

At Allahabad Bahadur Shah's health was examined by a committee of doctors and their finding was this: '.....Allowing for the natural functional decay attending his advanced age... his general physical condition is good; he is hale and vigorous for his age and free from organic disease.'

At Allahabad the carriages and horses which had conveyed the royal prisoners were disposed of and the proceeds remitted to the Commissioner of Dehli.

From Allahabad the Prisoners were taken to Mirzapur where they embarked on board the *Soorma*

¹ See p. 416 *supra*, footnote 4.

Flat in tow of the Thames Steamer and were accompanied by eleven followers who having received the option determined to go with the Prisoners to their destination.

Edmondstone, Secretary to Government of India, intimates C. Beadon, Offg. Secretary to Government of India that the ex-king of Dehli, his wife and two sons, with 11 followers are on their way down from Allahabad in charge of Lt. Ommaney and requests that the requisite measure may be taken for giving effect to the Governor-General's wishes as to having the State Prisoners conveyed to Rangoon without touching at Calcutta.¹

Starting from Allahabad on 16th November the State Prisoners reached Mirzapur in the morning of 19th November; and departed on the Govt. steamer 'Thames' on the downward voyage at 2 P.M. the same day. The Steamer was scheduled to reach Mud or Diamond Harbour in about 20 days.

From Mirzapur the Steamer Thames came to Buxar in the morning of 22nd November 1858. It arrived with the State Prisoners at Dinapur in the evening of 23rd November and proceeded again the following day in the morning, touched Monghyr in the morning of 25th November and proceeded downward the same day at noon. Then it touched Rajmahal in the morning of 27th and proceeded downward the same day. It touched Rampur Balliah in the morning of 28th and proceeded downward the same day; touched Womurkolly on 29th and proceeded. Then it touched Khoolnah at 8 A.M. on 1st December 1858 and proceeded shortly after. On Saturday 4th December 1858 it arrived at Diamond Harbour at 9.5 A.M.

¹ Foreign Dept., Political, No. 77, 10th December, 1858.

Here at Diamond Harbour the Prisoners were transported quickly from the Steamer Thames and the *Flat Soorma* on board H.M.'s Ship *Megara* (*Magoera*) which started immediately after receiving them at 11.30 A.M. The *Megara* touched Kedgerie at 2.45 P.M. the same day and left for Rangoon the following day at 6.30 A.M. It arrived at Sandheads at 12 noon of 5th December and reached Rangoon on 9th December 1858.
