

Infantry 20 Rs., Cavalry 40 Rs. and has also issued *Perwannahs* in every place to this intent, that all should unite with him or else they would meet with punishment. I have also received an order to present myself, or else it will not be good for me in the end. Destruction and anarchy has taken place; no one looks to fidelity, and every individual intends going to Mundisore. I am sitting in my quarters and should any one come it will be seen; but alas I am without help and destitute in everyway.

The Nawab sends a copy of a *Perwannah* despatched to his own officer Russol (Rasul) Khan, *Jemadar* of the Jaorah state; it runs as follows.

Signed.

"Rusool Khan *Jemadar* of *Weelaitees*, be it known to you; I Humaioon Shazada (Humayun Shahzada) being blessed and powerful, took my seat on the throne of Mundisore on the fourth of *Mohurrum*. 30 Rs. to a *Jemadar*, and 20 Rs. to a *Duffadar* and 23 Rs. to a *Nishanburdar* and 15 Rs. to a Sepoy are established. Be you also quickly present. Pay attention".

I cannot but think the numbers said to be assembled, exaggerated, though it must be remembered that this Shazada has selected his point Mundisore judiciously enough, for that neighbourhood abounds with turbulent *Mewatees* and the *Rampoorah Musselmans* are notedly rebellious. The seat of the Raja of *Rutlam* is also in favour of disorder, and many may be expected to join the standard of the Shazada.

Under these circumstances as Mundisore is about 60 miles from *Mehidpore*<sup>1</sup>, the Cantonments of the *Malwa Contgt.* (Contingent) where the Shazada might by a rapid march equip himself with the *Malwa Contingent Artillery*, I have thought it advisable to recommend to *Brigadier Stuart* to push forward to *Mehidpore*, the 3rd *Nizam Cavalry* with the exception of one Troop to be left on the *Nerbudda* at *Ackbarpore*.

This body under *Major Orr* will probably check any

<sup>1</sup> *Mehidpur*, Pargana and Zila *Mehidpur*—Town and headquarters of the zila and pargana of the same name. It is most picturesquely situated on the right of the sacred *Sipra* river, 1,543 feet above the sea-level, in 23° 29' N. and 75° 42' E., 24 miles north of *Ujjain*. (*Indore State Gazetteer*, Vol. II, 1908, p. 306).

disposition to advance in the direction of *Mehidpore* which the Shazada might entertain.

Should the Shazada and his rabble move south it will then be matter for consideration what further operations must be undertaken. I need not point out to you that the position of the Force here with reference to other Troops besides this Shazada is peculiar, and any movement, no matter in what direction, unless the base be clean and sound, is thorny and dangerous.<sup>1</sup>

#### REVOLUTIONARIES AND RANA OF DHOLPUR

Copy of a letter from *Nawab Warris Mohomed Khan* (*Nawab Waris Muhammad Khan*) calling himself of *Bhopal*, to the *Raja of Dholpur* (*Dholpur*<sup>2</sup>), dated 29th *Zileijja* (*Zilhijja*).

States that some *Artillery*, *Cavalry*, *Infantry* and *Ghazees* having stayed at *Gwalior* until the break up of the rains, are starting for *Delhie*, and desiring the *Rana* to pass them across the *Chumbul* (*Chambal*).<sup>3</sup>

#### VAKIL OF NANA SAHIB AT GWALIOR

Telegraphic Message from *Major Macpherson* to the *Secretary to the Govt. of India*, dated *Agra*, September 30, 1857.

News from *Gwalior* up to the 26th of September. *Scindia*,

<sup>1</sup> *Foreign Secret Consultations*, 30th October 1857, No. 313. *National Archives*, New Delhi.

<sup>2</sup> *Dholpur* lies between 26° 21' 20" and 26° 57' 4" parallels of north latitude, and between 77° 16' 15" and 78° 18' 49" parallels of east longitude. It extends from the north-east towards the south-west over a length of 72 miles, with an average breadth of 16 miles 1 furlong. Its area is 1,174 square miles.

It is bounded on the east and north by the *British district of Agra*, from which it is for the most part divided by the *Banganga* river; on the west by the *States of Kerauli and Bharatpur*; and on the south by the *river Chambal* which separates it from the independent *State of Gwalior* (*Central India*). (*Rajputana Gazetteers*, Vol. I, 1879, p. 243).

<sup>3</sup> *N. W. P. Proceedings—Political*, 1857, *Foreign Department*. Abstract of the *Proceedings of E. A. Reade, Esq.*, Incharge of the *Government of North-Western Provinces*, from 10th to 30th September 1857. *Proceedings*, dated 22nd September, No. 256. *Secretariat Records Room*, *Lucknow*,