

standard of revolt, and Musselmans (Musalmans), and others from all parts of the country, will readily gather round this nucleus of disorder and devastation. It is said that ten thousand rebels have already collected at Mundisore.<sup>1</sup>

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*Translation of news report from Mundisore (Mandsore) of the 26th August 1857, Tuesday, Received at Indore, 30th August 1857.*

At about 9 A.M. the Shahzada alighted at the *Dargah* of Doodan Said (Saiyid) with four or five attendants. When the *Kotwal* heard of this he went there with 25 or 30 followers and desired him to go away. The latter said that he would do him no injury and would go away after the *Mohurram*. The *Kotwal* said, his orders were not to allow strangers to remain in the town. The Shahzada reported that he had orders to remain there. The *Kotwal* perceiving the refractory manner of the other, sent word of it to the *Tehsildar*. When Dajuba Bhooskoote, *Tehsildar*, Madhorao Gulwute, belonging to Baba Sahib, Ramrao Tatea, on the part of the *Soobah*, came to the Shahzada with fifty or a hundred men, the Shahzada made a signal when two or three hundred Mewatees, out of employ, appeared. High words passed and swords were drawn. Four sowars were killed. The *Ghole* of the *Lushkar* Bhyrogarh<sup>2</sup>, and the *Soobah* and also the Mundisore *Seelandees* combined and took the Shahzada to the Palace and placed him on the *Musnud*; and erecting the Royal standard, proclaimed the assumption of the Government. The Shahzada sent for the *Saits* (*Seths*) and *Sahookars*, and gave them assurances of safety and protection and they presented *Nuzurs*. All the records and documents found in the Palace were torn and burnt. Four of the *Kamdars* are in confinement. It is supposed that after the *Mohurram* the insurgents will go towards Neemuch and Rampoorah. Nana Sahib, *Soobah* of Mundisore, is at Bhyrogarh (Bhairongarh). He has reported the occurrences to

the *Central India Agency*. It was situated between latitude 23° 6' and 23° 33' N. and longitude 74° 31' and 75° 17' E. (*Western States Gazetteer* (Malwa), Vol. V—Part A, Text, Ratlam State, p. 221).

<sup>1</sup> Foreign Secret Consultations, 30th Oct. 1857, No. 284. National Archives, New Delhi.

<sup>2</sup> *Bhairongarh*, Pargana and Zila *Ujjain* (*Gwalior State*)—A large village lying in 23° 14' N. and 75° 49' E., 1½ miles north of Ujjain on the left of the Sipra river. (*Gwalior State Gazetteer*, Vol. I, 1908, p. 202).