

Abstract Translation of an Urgee from General  
Budri Barsing Governor of Palpa and Bootwali to  
Maharajah Jung Bahadur Narajee Prime Mi-  
nister and Commander in Chief of Nepal - dated  
Chait Soodee 15 Sumbut 1915 (17 April 1859).

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I received your Mookha of the 4<sup>th</sup> of Chait Soodee  
Sumbut 1915 (Thursday) (17 April 1859) on the 10 (12<sup>th</sup>  
April 1859). I have written to Hajee Chandrakishore  
Bhundaree, Sirdar Shastree Sahjee, Soobadar Sir,  
Lhoowar Ghurjee and the other officers associa-  
ted with them to enquire from the Chowdhries,  
Kanoongies, Moikuddums and Myots &c. of every  
village, Tappa and Zillah by taking their deposi-  
tions and Mochukulas with their seals and  
signatures attached to them in the most careful  
manner and to send me in one paper a true re-  
port of whether the Rebels or the British Forces  
have committed the following outrages within  
our Frontier, i.e. who have plundered & burnt  
our villages? Killed our Myots? violated our  
women? &c. but that the slaughter of Cows can-  
not be satisfactorily ascertained from the Tha-  
roos and that if it has not been witnessed by Goor-  
khali's it will not be proper to inform the  
Resident of it, for the Tharoos speak of their  
lives having been taken, of their wealth having  
been plundered, and say any thing else that may

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come across their minds. It is not to be inferred & written down that Cows have been slaughtered upon such associations. The fact should merely be reported if it be positively true as we are communicating with the Kings of Kings (Shahunshah). If any thing be written that has never happened it must be discredited and the writers severely punished, as such statements will cause bad feeling between the two Governments.

When the answers come to my peruvanahs I will send them with my Urzee which shall be as carefully correct as possible. The family of Bala Rao has gone away as you must have learnt from my former Urzee.

I lately sent word through Brigadier Colonel Pulwan Singh Bushriat to the Begum and Birjees Kudur to the following effect. "The British Troops that came to fight with you in these territories have returned to their own Country if you wish to go to your own troops, go and take them away from our borders. If your troops will not leave our Country, the Goorkhaies shall force them to leave it. You will not get an asylum here. If you say that you have neither concern with your troops nor with war, and that you will go and live in your own home in Hindostan provided some arrangements be made for your support, the Governor General has already directed that you, the Begum, and Birjees Kudur in consideration of your being of a royal house and one of you a woman, arrangements shall be made for your support, according

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"to your rank, provided you have not committed  
 "murder. Go then and throw yourself on the mercy  
 "of the British Government, I will give you a Com-  
 "pany of Sepahies to take care of and to escort you  
 "as far as Gormukhpore, and I will write to Maha-  
 "rajah Jang Bahadur and will obtain for you a  
 "perivarak from the Resident. Choose which ever  
 "one of the two measures above proposed to you that  
 "you may like best, and let me know. I will write  
 "to Mahajah Jang Bahadur about it and will be  
 "guided by his instructions."

To these words the Begum evaded giving me  
 a direct reply for 3 or 4 days, sometimes saying one  
 thing at others another. She is very wanting in  
 politeness and her words are uncourteous. She can-  
 not be persuaded to any thing. Moreover, these ques-  
 tions having been put to her at a time when her  
 son is dangerously ill, she replied, "why do you  
 "trouble me? when I know whether my son will  
 "die or will recover. I will think and reply to your  
 "proposals."

At last she has given me a plain answer that  
 she will not agree to either of my two propositions.  
 Her object, I think, is to pass through our mountains  
 to Ladakh and from thence to go to Mecca and pass  
 her days in devotion, or she wishes first to ascer-  
 -tain what she may expect to get, if she throws  
 herself on the mercy of the British Government,  
 and then to give me her reply. I have however  
 told her that I am ignorant of what is in the  
 mind

view of the Governor General. Brijes Huder is very sick with the Aoul (Malarious) fever - my Bards (doctors) as well as his are treating him and if agree does not come on within two days the doctors say it is impossible that he can live.

Many of the families of the Majahs, Muwabs and Bahors and of the Camp followers who had previously come up here have gone away, but those that remained behind told the Brigadier Colonel, when he read your orders, that they too are going themselves. If any remain here and say that they will throw themselves on the protection of the British Government, I will give them Sepahies to escort them to Gormukhpore.

I enclose an original letter to my address from the Commissioner of Gormukhpore and two copies of my reply one to Colonel Kelly and the other to the Commissioner himself.

I beg you will overlook any irregularity in writing this petition.

True Abstract Translation)

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