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बिहार सरकार
मंत्रिमंडल सचिवालय विभाग
(बिहार राज्य अभिलेखागार निदेशालय)

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From J. GEOGHEGAN, Esq., Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal, to the Commissioner of the Bhaugulpore Division,-- (No. 1818, dated the 9th March 1863.)

SIR,

PUNJAB SING, a Sirdar of Rewah, who is supposed to have been a Rebel leader during the late Mutiny, having been arrested in your Division, I am directed by the Lieutenant-Governor to request that you will be so good as to forward the man to Allahabad in charge of a suitable Guard with a view to such proceedings being taken against him by the Government of the North-Western Provinces as they may deem expedient.

(बिहार राज्य अभिलेखागार निदेशालय)

[Exd.. H. H. Barlow.]

J. GEORGHEGAN, Esq., Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal, to the Secretary to the Government, North-Western Provinces,—(No. 1819, dated the 9th March 1883.)
SIR,

I AM directed to forward, for the information of the Hon'ble the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-Western Provinces, the accompanying copy of a letter this day addressed to the Commissioner of Bhaugulpore, requesting him to forward to Allahabad the Rebel leader Punjab Singh, of Dewah, who has been arrested in the Bhaugulpore Division.

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[Exd. H. H. Barlow.]

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March 1883
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A certain person
named Prayab
Sing supposed to
have been a rebel
leader in the
mutinies has been
arrested in the
Bhaugulpur Dist.
It appears from
Mr. Loney's note
below that Prayab
Sing has been
concerned in several
cases, but it is
not likely that

anything can be
 established agst
 him now.

I would suggest
 that as the N. W.
 Province appears to
 have been the scene
 of Prigab's long
 suppressed misdeeds,
 the Comptroller be
 directed to send him
 to Akahatd bearing
 that Govt. to take
 such

proceedings as they
may deem expedient.

W.L.

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Tell Mr Money
I send the sum
of Allahabad &
inform the Govt
for

W.L.
6/3

W.L.
6/3

Dear Lockington,
I return the papers
about Pungah Singh
I should like to
have definite in-
structions now as
to what I am to
do with him -
I write to Dewah
Maharajah, Banda,
etc. I send you
the answers -
Roborne thinks he
was concerned in
the murder of 2
railway engineers
in 1859. The Banda
Magistrate thinks so
too, but says there
is no certain proof.

The ⁸Alakabad Mag-
istrate says if
can be proved he
was a badm &
recommends his
being sent up on
that charge to
Alakabad.

As to this recommend-
ation, I do not
think Punjab being
can now be tried
on any such charge.
It was distinctly
stated at the end of
1858 on beginning
of 1859 that the
word badm in
the Queen's proclama-
tion did not refer

to commanders of
small bodies of
rebels & 9 on this
interpretation gave
tickets of pardon
to 2 or 3 men
who, like P. I. had
been at the head of
a few hundred rebels.
If proof could be
procured that
P. I. had been con-
cerned in the
murders of the
engineers, it
would be advisable
to send him to
Banda, but as
proof has not
apparently exist
now after 3 years,

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if would probably
not be for the same
even at a trial.

This however seems
to me the only
change upon which
P. I. could be tried.
He must either be
sent to Pondicherry for
trial or be released
here - which is it
to be?

The Mahabud. Nay to say
P. I. was concerned in
a dacoity for which
one of his followers
got 7 years - if this
dacoity was, as is prob-
able, committed during
the mutiny, I am inclined
to doubt the propriety
of the sentence & do not
think P. I. should be
tried on that charge.
The Queen's proclamation
might be made of no
effect if rebels were to

be taken with an exchange of dacoity, for the sake of

My dear Madam

Do you happen

to know whether

(बिहार राज्य अभिलेखीकरण विभाग)

Prasanna Singh the

man referred to

in the accompanying

Statement is a

whol

of any note - We
has just been

caught & sent into

Khagulpur. I send

you some more notes

which please

when

with other answers

I asked an officer

oder hat in Rheinland

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he had never heard

of the man

Long

Edw Livingston

My dear ¹⁴ Kuchingm,

I send you such
papers as I have
been able to find
about the rebel Singab
Sing. My recollection
is that he was rather
a noted rebel in the
earlier days of the
rebellion. Perhaps
your best way
w^d be to communicate
directly with
Colborne & the
Agent G. E. C. I. before
doing anything officially.
Please return

our office papers¹⁵
when you can
open them

Yours sincerely
Albion

30/12

Dear Mary -

I send you

these papers just
as I have recd. them

Mean later care of
them & let me have
them back entire
note which is put
up with them. You

will I presume
know the course

Suggested by
M. K. M.

Wm. W. W.



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My dear Henry -

I have left Roorah,
& with it all my records,
but I have this day ordered
every paper relating to
Ranjant Singh to be turned
out. I think you will have
the charge of murder against
him. The Collector of Chahabud
ought to be able to give you
some valuable
information about him.
I send you the Chahabud

My Dear Washington,
I enclose to you
the other day about
one Punjab King.
The Luncheon Mage,
before getting my
order to bring him
not to be sent to the
man, had caught
him yesterday
Punjab King came
in, escorted by a
large army.
I have had him put
under surveillance
so that he should not
escape till I hear
from you - I told

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Dennis, who is in
 charge of the ferry
 here (Thurman being
 in the intention) to
 take down the man's
 own account of being
 This I send you
 If true there is of course
 nothing against him.
 But I am inclined to
 think P. J. has been a
 rebel all any way, for
 the Sunkunna man, Dennis
 who came with P. J.
 told me there was no
 doubt of the fact, though
 he was hazy as to his
 source of information.
 The Sunkunna River is a
 young man who keeps
 a lot of up country men
 about him & I am inclined
 to think his information
 comes from them, & that
 probably some of them were
 also rebels & therefore from
 P. J.'s antecedents - Please

Statement made by Punjab Singh

"I am instantly connected with
"the Rajah of Rewar.

"Aunt Singh who is a relative
"of the Rajah's father-in-law is a resident
"of Mouzah Pulnee Mungawan in Banda.

"When the Banda Rajah who was
"a rebel was 'looting' Aunt Singh's

"villages in the month of October

"about 4 years ago I was taken by

"Aunt Singh and sent along with

"two bellingas to buy and persuade

"the Rajah not to do any harm.

"I went to his camp and there fell

"in with some of Hoowar Singh's 'Bhop'

"-pore men. Whom I had been opposed

"to in a former engagement, their

"party had suffered and some of

"their men had been killed. The

"men with the Banda Rajah at

"once recognized me. They seized

"and sent me to Calpee. intending

"to put me to death - but one

Chutwa Singh who had some in-
 -fluence with the rebels after a
 good deal of difficulty persuaded
 them against killing me. but while
 this matter was in debate for 4
 or 5 days the rebel troops in an engage-
 -ment with some Madras Troops at
 Conyer Chowsub were defeated &
 had to run, they came through
 Calper - there was great confusion
 in which I escaped with the tithi-
 -gas who came with me and ran
 away to one of Dhere Singh's village
 called Gulchrah & cross west
 of Rewah."

"Dhere Singh was a man who
 at one time had great influence
 over the Rajah - his position was
 equal to that of a Dewan although
 he was not actually Dewan at the
 time I reached his village he
 had fallen under the Rajah's
 displeasure and had been ordered
 to quit his territories. He left"

Rewah

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" Rewah with some troops but ^{did} not
" leave the country. When we met
" he insisted on my remaining with
" him. I was suffering from sickness
" and could do nothing. He took
" me about in a dandy. I was
" taken against my wishes and we
" kept hovering about the country
" But when Dhere Singh was pressed
" by the Rajah's troops finding me
" helpless and useless he turned me
" adrift and went on. I was left
" in jungle. - from whence I escaped
" and went to Bindu Chul a
" holy place in the Darjapoor Dis-
" trict. I assumed the dress of
" a beggar and commenced the
" life of one begging from place to
" place. I went to Thacker, then
" to Gya, from thence I went to
" Nard Kheda a village in Godhwa
" Here I met with a father-in-law
" of the Lombaria Rajah called
" Chata Dadoo. who gave me a
" letter to the Bara Dadoo then
" living.

living at Lumbasa - this was three "
 years ago. I took the letter and "
 went to a shrewallah, and scrub "
 wood on my arrival, to the Durra "
 Dadas. He sent men and took "
 me to Chundee sthan where he en- "
 tertained me for 3 months, then ceased "
 doing so. I was helpless and commenced "
 to go about from place to place. I "
 first went to the Bundale Rajah "
 then to Mudhunnur and Dushunga "
 then to Bettiah, then to Junakpoor. "
 On my returning from the latter "
 place. I went again to Mudhunnur "
 and there I fell in with Surj "
 paul Singh - we are connected "
 I call him nephew. He wanted "
 me to return to our country "
 but as he was going to do. " "
 "Durshun" in Nepal I stayed "
 at Mudhunnur. occasionally going "
 from one shrine to another. "
 "On Surj paul Singh's return from "
 Nepal. we went and performed "
 of "Puraskaram"

"Puraskaram" for 4 months at Jumbh
 "poor. I then did theeruth" at
 "several other shrines. On Sunday
 "eight days ago. I again went
 "to Lumburra. - The Rajah was
 "out riding & saw me. He took
 "me to his place and fed me
 "and I was staying there quietly
 "About 4 days ago while I was
 "at my "Pussore" I was suddenly
 "surrounded by his troops, told
 "that the Magistrate had sent
 "for me and I was sent off
 "to this place. - विभाग
 (बिहार राज्य "अभिलेखागार निदेशालय")

"I am no rebel. I have never
 "fought against the Rajah of
 "Pewah. nor against the British
 "Govt. I am a Shykh

"The other men who are with
 "me now are also residents of there.
 "Mughla in Pewah. they are
 "Surj Paul Singh
 "Hori Singh
 "Jimmu Singh, the fourth
 "named Bownah. is a Gwalah
 Singh

by caste and a servant of Surj-
 Paul Singh. They have been
 going about doing "beaults"

Capt W R Davies

Dy Magistrate
 22nd Dec 1862

Madam
 Sir

बिहार सरकार
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 in March 1863
 kept with Mr. Davies

My dear Sir,

Major Osborne
has sent me your note of
1st Inst about Punjabing
for attention. I am in charge
of his office needs put down
and have called for a report
from it as also from my
office and shall acquaint
you with the result as soon
as it is made known to
me. Meanwhile I have
written to Inspector of

28 Keep with Int: Prince
March 63 N 70/8

Allahabad, Mirzapur and
Randa ~~and~~ to the Pol:
Asst^s for Bundelkhand to
inform you of & what
they may know about
Punjabiing.

Yr. Servant
C. W. Cole

Naperville: Jan 63 Atte: Pol Asst

to A. Money Esq.
Chagabone.

Dear Sir

With reference to your note
 to the Magistrate in the Punjab
 No. — a letter was
 received about him from
 Newch. Mr. Dennis
 was out in the district and
 the letter went to him for
 reply. But before sending
 it out I made enquiries

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in the Office ²⁸ and found
that we have no trace
of the rebel in question

In brief

Respectfully

बिहार

अप. मन्त्री

मन्त्रिमंडल सचिवालय विभाग

(बिहार राज्य अभिलेखागार निदेशालय)

Singapore

31. Jan. 03

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Received at once to
comply with the
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From, J. A. Morris Esquire
Magistrate of
Allahabad.

To A. Money Esquire
Commissioner
Bhagulpore.

Of Camp Mejah the 2nd February

Sir,

With reference to a letter received from
the assistant Political agent Nagard
your demi official note dated 24th
informing me of the apprehension of
Punjab Singh, a Rewah rebel of
making certain enquiries concerning
his antecedents, I have the honor to
you that the said Punjab Singh was, a
of rebels during the mutiny, when he
an attack on several villages in the

2 I do not find Punjab Singh
in the list of proclaimed offenders,
have ascertained that Runjore Singh
follower of his, was apprehended in
on being convicted of two charges of
with plunder (in which Punjab Singh
also engaged) was sentenced by the
Judge of this District on the 1st Aug
1860 to imprisonment for seven years

3 I think there can be no doubt
that the charge of being a leader in
rebellion can be clearly proved against
this Punjab Singh, and I would
recommend that he be sent up here to

30 stand his trial on the above charge. —

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt^t Servt^t

A Morris
Magistrate

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It is recommended that
the prisoner charged
may be kept
up at Allahabad
for trial. on the
charge of being a
in the rebellion at
Allahabad.

A. B. S.
Commr 1863
Magistrate of Allah
bad.
17/2. } February 60
1870

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To
A. Mowsey Esquire
Commissioner of Bhawalpoor

Sir, Having been informed by
the Assistant Political Agent, at
Tagore that a Rewah Sindar
of the name of Punjab Singh
has been arrested by you and
that you are desirous of information
as to what precise Acts committed
during the mutiny, are laid to his
charge, I have the honor to enclose
copies of two letters addressed by
Mr. Thayne, Magistrate of this District
to the Commissioner of

Punjab Singh seems to have been
a leader of one of the many
bands which wandered about Bundle-
cunds making ravages in British
territory and he is believed to have
been with Rammoo Singh when
that rebel leader attacked and killed
two Railway Engineers at Nowzahr
Entawahr Pergamah Torhan in this
District in January 1859 but on this
point there is, as yet, no certain
proof.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant

Wm. Lawton
Magistrate

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August 19th
1858.

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idem.

Gilla Banda
The 27th January
1863.

To The Commissioner
Allahabad Division

Sir, I have the honor to presume my
narrative of ^{my postulate} events corrected with
the District of Banda.

2. On the 13th instant the bands
of Runmest Singh Dheer Singh
descended from the Hills into the
plains close to Ayagawn and
Brigadier Carpenter moved out
with a force from Kurnee to meet
them. An action ensued in which
the rebels were discomfited and
driven back into the Hills with
their leader Runmest Singh severely
wounded and the loss of about
100 men. This successful movement
from Kurnee will doubtless have
a very good effect and prevent
their coming again so close to
Kurnee. They have returned
to their old quarters at Roopma
and Dudree Beres Jivohar.

3. Premising to this Engage-
ment Punjab Singh and Dheer
Singh had come with their bands
from Surbarga and had joined
Runmest Singh & Turzund ally
had also joined from Kurnee.
They are all together now at Dudree
and Roopma.

4. Gomau Singh with his small
band and a lot of villagers have
assembled

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assembled at Simardha and threatens
to go more north. I have intimated
this fact to Brigadier Carpenter.

5. The rebel band of Deshpate having completely stopped the Sargon Dawk and showing an inclination to extend their Ravages further westward. Major General Whitlock has sent a small detachment under Captain Mauntyre of the Hyderabad Contingent towards Mohaba in order to check their advance and to give confidence to the people. He himself with a large force is now crossing the River Kagne to go to Churhanee with the intention I believe of clearing the Southern Pergunnahs of the rebels. Numerous rebel bands who are now laying waste that part of the Country.

16. The 4th Horse under Lieutenant Dick marched for Calpee on Wednesday the 18th Instant accompanied by a party of Royal Artillery. In the absence of any Officer to command the District Police I applied to Major General Whitlock to appoint an Officer for the post pending the confirmation of Govt and he has nominated Lieutenant Smothers of the 8th Madras Europeans an Officer in every way qualified for the duties both from his experience and intimate knowledge of the language and also from his

his³⁴ force of character. I trust
that the nomination of Lieutenant
Smothers to officiate as Commandant
of the Banda District Police
may be confirmed.

Chilla Banda } I have &c
the 19th August } Jy 20 Mayne
1859. } Magistrate &
Collector

No 259.

To
Commissioner for the
4th Div Allahabad D.

Sir,
I have the honor to report
that on the 19th instant Punjab
Singh Deen Singh & others
a band of about 1000 men includ-
ing about 100 or 150 Sepoys attacked
and plundered Bargurha a Zemadar's
Chowkee in Pergunah Chiboo
and seizing two of the Police who
were there cut off the right hand
and nose of one and hanged others.
The Zemadar happened to be away
at the time and hearing of the
advance of the rebels without asking
any question fled across the Jumna
to Deo Chetwa. I have dismised
him for gross cowardice. The
rebels then advanced on Shaw
and the Tehsildar and Shanadar
fled to Rajapoor. At Rajapoor
they have been met by Captain Griffin
whom I had sent down the River
from Chilla Tara with 500 Chuttees
- poor men & 2 guns to relieve
Shaw. They left Rajapoor on the

on the 2nd Instant for now I hope soon to hear that the rebels have been driven back into the Agency States where they always find shelter and plenty of supplies.

2. These rebels act in the name of Nana Peishwa, whose rule they proclaim wherever they go; the cruelties they practice on all parties suspected of siding with the British Government causes the greatest terror among our people who cannot be induced to face them even for an hour.

3. Brigadier Carpenter & Kinnel expressed his inability to send assistance to show any more of the rebels. I have however urged upon him the absolute necessity of clearing out the Country bordering on the Jumna and have proposed to him to march to Now and thence via Burghul to Sharnickpoor and Jithurda to Koveri and Kothee and Burghul. This will thoroughly clear out all their haunts and I hope induce them to leave us in peace for a time.

4. To enable us to be quite free from these predatory bands however the independent Chiefs of Bundelkhand & their troops act very differently to what the

they now do. 36

5. It was to prevent any new disturbances in this District that I so repeatedly urged the expediency of placing the Sikh forces at my disposal. With them I would have manned the various important frontier posts of Pergunah Cheeboo and Tirohan and these rebel bands would never have got into show. No sooner however were the Sikhs placed at my disposal than they were ordered away to Calpee and I have no means of my own to prevent these small incursions of the enemy and unless these disturbances are checked at once they will naturally spread further both in this District and in Perg. Bawa and Khyragurh. One hundred of the Allahabad Sikhs infantry with their Head Quarters at show would amply suffice to keep all that part of the Country quiet.

I have &c
Sd/ F. O. Mayne
Magistrate

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Wm. Wood
Magistrate

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Magistrate of Band.

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correspondence contain-
ing information as
to what precise acts
committed during
the meeting are laid