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—: OF :—

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PANDIT RAM PRASAD TEWARI

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GARRISON ENGINEER, (RETIRED)

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Services of Rai Bahadur, Pandit Ram Prasad Tiwari, M.W.S.

Pandit Ram Prasad Tiwari entered the Military Works Services in June 1880, and has served in it continuously ever since a period of over 39 years most creditably and loyally. Owing to the extraordinary zeal and honesty he has always displayed, he has constantly saved Government large amounts of money in carrying out works of all kinds. He is in every way an exceptionally capable officer, and was often recommended for special advancement, but departmental rules generally stood in the way.

He has been engaged on important constructional works of almost every description in many large military stations principally Moradabad, Lansdowne, Rawalpindi and Meerut, and has always been noted for his power of overcoming difficulties and getting good work done in the most economical manner. In 1912 he was specially nominated by the Director General of Military Works for the construction of the New Cantonment of Delhi but on the representation of the Assistant Commanding Royal Engineer he was retained at Meerut, where his services were considered equally necessary for important works in that station.

During the war he was employed amongst other things on several large temporary schemes which were rapidly and efficiently executed, and he also tested and

engaged large numbers of workmen and subordinates required for field service. He rendered eminent services in connection with the war in different capacities. These exceptional services besides his excellent work at all other times should meet with special recognition in every way.

In 1908, in recognition of his loyal services to Government, he was granted the title of Rai Sahib. (Gazette of India No. 2618-I-C, dated the 27th June 1908) and in 1919 the distinction of Rai Bahadur was conferred upon him. (Gazette of India No. 2760-I-C, dated the 3rd June 1919).

He is highly connected, coming from a family of good social status and influence, and is a leading man in Hindu Society. His relations with officers of his department, Cantonment Magistrates and all Europeans in general with whom he has come in contact have always been excellent, and he numbers many officers of high rank amongst his friends, who esteem him as an able upright man, and a loyal servant of Government.

During the war he was appointed as an Officiating Garrison Engineer, Meerut for over 18 months, being the first Indian to achieve that distinction.

Taking into consideration his faithful and valuable services during the War and at all other times, I consider that the claims of his son should have special consideration in respect to superior Government Services, according to his qualifications.

Rawalpindi. (Sd). R.F. SORSBIE, Brig.-General,
2nd Feby. 1920. Chief Engineer, Northern Command.

Meerut, (Sd) E C. OGILIVIE, Colonel,
27th January 1920. C. R. E., Meerut Division.

Extract of Recommendation from His Excellency General Sir O'Moore Creagh, V. C., G. C. B., G. C. S. I., I. A., A. D. C., to King Emperor, late Commander-in-Chief in India.

Pandit Ram Prasad Tewari has been known to me for many years as a loyal, efficient, and faithful servant of Government in the Military Works Department. He is a man of good family and sound position.

London, (Sd.) O'M. CREAGH, General,
15th February, 1920. Indian Army (Retired).

Testimonial from Lt.-General Sir A. R. Martin, K.C.B. late Commanding 2nd Rawalpindi Division.

Ram Prasada Tewari, Rai Sahib—Rai Bahadur, Military Works Services, is an old and valued servant of Government. He was stationed at Pindi, when I was commanding the 2nd Division there, from 1908 to 1912, and I had a very high opinion of him as a most loyal and capable officer of the Military Works Department.

His superiors always spoke highly of him.

He is a man of good social status and I hope his family will advance in Government service.

(Sd.) A. R. MARTIN, Lieut.-General,
(late Commanding 2nd Rawalpindi Divn.)

Flehtlands,
Fareham—Hants.

10-3-20.

Extract of a letter from Major-General S. G. Loch, D.S.O., C.B., C.S.I., General Staff Officer Northern Army.

Highcroft,
Sevenoaks,
14th February 1920.

Dear Ram Prasada,

It is some years now since you were serving under me at Rawalpindi; but I have continued to hear most excellent reports of your work from the officers for whom you have been working.

I remember how well and economically you carried out works at Pindi and what a loyal servant you have been to Government.

With best wishes for the success of you and your family in the years to come.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) S. G. LOCH,

Extract of a letter dated the 18th May, 1920 from Brigadier-General C. R. Bradshaw, General Officer Commanding, Waziristan Force, D. I. Khan.

It will be helping an officer who is very well worth helping an officer from a Military point of view, as he has done particularly good service during the past 39 years. I can vouch for him as a regimental soldier, and Sorsbie the Chief Engineer of the Northern Army has given him a letter detailing his services as a M W. Services Officer. He is the class of man who has proved his loyalty to Government.

Extract of recommendation from Brigadier-General H. L. Roberts, C. B., M. V. O., Commanding, 4th Cavalry Brigade and at Meerut.

The Rai Bahadur has served for 38 years with credit to himself and benefit to the state and I have known him for nearly five years as a most respectable, hardworking and reliable.

(Sd.) H. L. ROBERTS, Brigadier-General,
Meerut. Commanding 4th Cavalry,
27th Sept. 1919. Brigade and at Meerut.

Extract of recommendation from Revd. A. J. Revnell, Superintending Wesleyan Chaplain in India.

Simla, 19th May, 1920.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Rai Bahadur Pt. Ram Prasad Tewari of the Military Works Services for many years and am glad to say that he is a man who has always commanded my highest respects both for his personal character and for his long, loyal, and efficient services to the Government.

(Sd.) A. J. REVNELL.

Extract of a letter from the Hon'ble Mr. J. R. Pearson I.C.S., C.I.E., J.P., Commissioner, Agra Division, U.P.

Commissioner's House,
Agra the 7th April, 1920.

Dear Pandit Ram Prasad Tewari.

You certainly have very considerable claims and I well remember the work you did in Meerut and the way you helped us over Club affairs.

Your sincerely,
(Sd.) J. R. PEARSON.

Extract from a recommendation, dated 6-5-1888 from
General Sir H. Mullay, K.C.M.G., C.E., C.S.I.
(formerly in the Military Works Services, (No. 887))

"All the work Ram Pershad Tewari, has been ordered to do has been done thoroughly and without delay, and he is an officer who is most deserving of advancement.

The survey work in connection with the Cantonment Boundary has been particularly well done. It was a very hard piece of survey work and Ram Prasad has carried it out extremely well."

Extract from a recommendation (Office No. 1351) dated the 14th February 1912, made by **Major-General J.C. Remington, C.B., C.S.I.**, *Director General of Military Works Services (formerly Assistant Commanding Royal Engineer at Rawalpindi.)*

Rai Sahib Pandit Ram Prasad Tewari is of good family and in every way an exceptionally capable man and carries out his work zealously and economically. He was specially commended for the construction of the Scotch church at Rawalpindi. The work was done by daily labour at a time when rates were exceptionally high owing to famine and Plague, but it was executed most satisfactorily and creditably within the estimate.

During the last six months he has been in charge of the work of reconstructing two sets of Indian Infantry Lines, on which Rs. 2,15,000 are to be spent within seven months.

As these buildings are of a Semi-Kutchha type the work to be done is equivalent to double that which a

similar expenditure on pucca buildings would involve. Also Rai Sahib Ram Prasad Tiwari has the whole of the brick and tile manufacture for these and other buildings in Rawalpindi under his charge. The work is very heavy, but he has pushed on and carried it out most efficiently and for this alone I consider he deserves the highest credit.

As I am convinced that the Government of India would be pleased to bestow some mark of favour on an old public servant with such an excellent record,

Extract from a letter No. 2040/A, dated the 13th April 1909 from **General Bond, D.S.O., C.B.**, *Director General M.W.S. to the Commanding Royal Engineer Rawalpindi Division.*

"It is requested that you will inform Rai Sahib Ram Prasad Tiwari that the excellent services done by him have been noted and that his name will not be forgotten."

Extract from the recommendation (office No 558) dated the 17th February 1912 from **Colonel H. V. Biggs, D.S.O., C.B.**, *Commanding Royal Engineer, Rawalpindi Division, to the Director General of Military Works, India, Simta.*

I have personally known Rai Sahib Pandit Ram Prasad Tiwari for some twelve years and I consider his exceptionally good work deserving of special recognition. Unless special services meet with special reward there is no inducement to any one to render them. I would therefore venture to suggest with reference to your No. 2040A of 10th April 1909 that for the exceptional services rendered Govt. might be asked to make a special exception.

Extract from a letter dated the 4th January 1914 from Colonel H. Finis, C. B., late Chief Engineer, Northern Command, to Rai Sahib Pandit Ram Prasad Tiwari.

I hope you will finish your service with increasing honours and prosperity and then enjoy many years of retirement and find honourable employment as a Magistrate or on your District Council where men of your sort are much needed.

Extract from the recommendation dated the 15th January 1910 made by Brigadier-General G.S. Cartwright C. B., C. M. G., C. S. I., (Chief Engineer, Aldershot Command, London), while formerly Assistant Commanding Royal Engineer at Rawalpindi.

Rai Sahib Pandit Ram Prasad has served Government for the last 29 years most creditably and loyally. All his works have been excellently carried out. In addition to an important Sub-division, he has charge of the M.W. Brickfields, which though a most difficult and troublesome charge, he has always managed with credit and profit.

Owing to the zeal and honesty which he has displayed, he saved Government much money.

He is a member of good family and is a leading man of Hindoo Society is held in the highest respect by Indians of all classes, and is highly spoken of by the local heads of Departments and Officers Commanding here. He bears the highest character and is thoroughly well informed and well educated.

Recently when owing to famine and sickness the rates of labour and materials were considerably enchanced,

the work of the construction of the Scotch Church, which was the most important work in the district and was under him, was carried out by daily labour and petty contractors and kept well within the estimate, which was entirely due to the wide experience, the local knowledge, command of labour and the untiring efforts of R.S. Pandit Ram Prasad.

Extract from a recommendation dated the 19th December 1915 made by Brigadier-General A.J.H. Swiney C. B., C. M. G., C. S. I., late Chief Engineer, Northern Command (while formerly he was stationed as A.C.R.E. at Meerut), and also extract from recommendations made by Colonel W. S. Sprezza, R. E., late Assistant Commanding Royal Engineer, Meerut, Lt.-Col. H. B. D. Campbell, R. E., Assistant Commanding Royal Engineer, Meerut and Major R. Greer, R. E., Assistant Commanding Royal Engineer, Meerut on the 15th December, 1913, the 3rd July, 1914, and the 29th July, 1914, respectively. (Nos. 173, 52c, 26c and 115c respectively.

Rai Sahib Pandit Ram Prasad Tiwari has served Government for the last 32 years most creditably and loyally. Owing to the zeal and honesty he has always displayed he saves Government much money in carrying out works whether large or small. He is a member of good family and is a leading man of Hindu Society, is held in the highest respect by Indians of all classes, and is highly spoken of by Cantonment Magistrates and Officers Commanding. He bears the highest character, and is thoroughly well informed and well educated.

Extract from a letter dated the 22nd August, 1900, from
Colonel A. Rolland, D.S.O.R.E.

I consider him exceptionally capable and intelligent, and have never had any reason to complain of the work under Rai Sahib Ram Prasad Tiwari which is always done well and with care.

Extract from the recommendation (office No. 68) dated the 26th June, 1915 of Rai Sahib Pandit Ram Prasad Tiwari, made by **Lieut.-Colonel A.S. Evans, R.E.**
Assistant Commanding Royal Engineer, Military Works, Meerut.

Rai Sahib Ram Prasad Tiwari has served Government faithfully and well for 35 years. His zeal and integrity have been instanced, by his having in many cases, succeeded in effecting substantial savings in the execution of works. His departmental work has always been particularly good. He is hard working and capable and gets remarkably good work done by his contractors and subordinates owing to his ability, his exemplary character and his good social position, all of which secure the ready obedience of those under him.

He has held since December 1914, the appointment of Officiating Garrison Engineer. Meerut and continues to display in this capacity (one which, if I mistake not, he is the 1st Indian to fill) those qualities which have won the good opinion of his officers in the past.

Well educated and thoroughly well informed, he is one of the leading man in Hindu society, and is held in the highest respect by Indians of all classes.

He gets on well with officers commanding units and other Dept. and numbers many officers amongst his friends.

Extract of a letter dated the 5th July, 1910, from **Major F. McC. Douie, D.S. O.R.E., 1st King George's Own Sappers and Miners, Roorkee.** (son of the Hon'ble **Sir J. McC. Douie, K. C. S. I., late Lieutenant Governor of the Punjab.**)

"I shall always remember with pleasure our friendship and what you have done for me during the time I have had the happiness of working with you. I shall hope however to frequently see you in the future and that you will always look upon me as a true friend."

Extract of a letter dated 25-5-20 from **Major C.A. Bird, D.S.O., R.E.** (First King George's Own Sappers and Miners Roorkee).

Rai Bahadur Pt. Ram Prasad Tiwari is a very old friend of mine and to the best of belief a most loyal Government servant.

Extract of recommendation, dated the 15th October, 1909, from **Revd. G. R. M. Roche,** chaplain and Secretary Scotch Church Committee, Rawalpindi.

On behalf of the building Committee Church of Scotland, I have to express a sense of indebtedness to Rai Sahib Ram Prasad Tiwari for the painstaking care with which the exceptionally difficult task of erecting the new Scotch Church has been carried out. From the outset it was realized that the dressing of such a large area of cut stone would make it difficult to keep within the estimate. This and other difficulties were overcome by Rai Sahib Ram Prasad Tiwari who deserves the greatest credit for

the class of work done and for the fact that a saving of Rs. 4000/- was actually affected. The work was also made still more difficult of completion within the estimated rates on account of the very abnormal monsoon which brought torrential rains and made labour most difficult to procure

The Rai Sahib Ram Prasad is a man universally respected among all communities and is a member of a family of good social standing. Of his services to Government for the last 28 years, his departmental officers abundantly testify.

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*Extract from a recommendation dated the 26th October, 1909 from **Revd. Chree**, Senior Presidency Chaplain, Bengal.*

I have met the Rai Sahib on several occasions and have been impressed not only by his intellectual and professional ability, but by his high character and general bearing apart altogether from our indebtedness to him for his remarkable work on St. Paul's Church.

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*Copy of D. O. Letter dated the 28th October, 1910 from **Revd. David Scott, B.D., Convener**, (Church of Scotland Colonial Committee) 22nd Queen Street, Edinburgh, to Rai Sahib Ram Prasad, Tiwari, M.W.S. Rawalpindi.*

From information given by Mr. Roche the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland is interested and gratified to learn of the able and willing services rendered by you in the work of constructing the new Church at Rawalpindi. It has been pointed out that apart from the faithful discharge of the difficult task for which you were chosen by the Military Works Authorities you displayed a more than usual enthusiasm and untiring

interest in the work, and thereby kept down the cost of the building.

It is, therefore with great pleasure that this Committee conveys its sincere thanks to you for all your special interest and hard work.

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*Testimonial from **Colonel G.T. Widdicomb, C.B.**, of the 9th Gurkha Rifles, dated the 9th September, 1899 about Pandit Ram Prasad Tiwari, Sub-Divisional Officer, Lansdown Cantonment.*

I have known Ram Pershad Tiwari, as Sub-Divisional Officer Military Works Department for four years and have had a good deal to do with him officially. His opinion in matters connected with building has always been of the greatest value and both socially and officially he has always been most willing to help with his valuable advice when asked to do so. I only hope that with whomsoever he comes in contact, he will be as much appreciated both officially and socially as he has been during his tenure of appointment here in Lansdown.

(Sd) G. T. WIDDICOMB, Capt
Officer Commanding, Depot,
9th Gorkha Rifles (Lansdown).
Lansdown.
9-9-99.

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*Extract from a letter No. 20 dated the 11th January 1898 from **Colonel C.S. Eastmead** of the 9th Gorkha formerly Station Staff Officer Lansdown about Pandit Ram Pershad Tiwari, Sub-Divisional Officer Lansdown Cantonment.*

I consider him an exceedingly trustworthy and efficient Sub-Divisional Officer, and he has always rendered cordial assistance when necessary and has in all matters been most civil and obliging. He is most highly spoken of by all the officers in the station.

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Testimonial from Captain W. R. Brakspear, 2/3rd Gorkha Rifles, dated the 29th March 1900.

I knew Pandit Ram Prasad Tewari personally from June 1896 to October 1898 and during that period had frequently to ask his advice on matters connected with building. I always found him extremely civil and obliging, and he was of the greatest assistance to me on several occasions.

Lansdown, (Sd.) W. R. BRAKSPEAR, Capt.
29th March 1900. 2/3rd Gorkha Rifles.

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Testimonial from Capt. F. Kingston, S.S.O. Lansdown dated the 15th December 1898.

I have much pleasure in testifying to the excellent work which sub-divisional officer Ram Prasad Tewari has done since he has been in this station. Both publicly and privately he is all that can be desired and his transfer from the station is really a great loss.

(Sd) F. KINGSTON, Capt.
15th December 1898. S. S. O.

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Extract of a letter dated 4-2-1900 from Captain R. S. Warren of the 9th Gurkha Rifles.

"During the time I have known you at Lansdown, you have always done excellent work and you are a great loss to the station. I hope you will be liked as much in Pindi as you were liked here."

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Extract from a letter dated the 3rd September 1899, from Lt.-Col. A.C. O'Donnell, Commanding at Lansdown to Pandit Ram Prasad Tiwari.

I am very pleased indeed to hear of your promotion and hope you will rise still higher, but we are very sorry indeed to lose you from here.

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Extract of a letter dated the 21st February, 1900 from Captain M.B. Roberts, 39th Garhwal Rifles to Pandit Ram Prasad Tiwari.

"I cannot tell you how much we missed you from Lansdowne where you were always so good in assisting us, nor can I well express in writing the very great help you were to me during the nine months I was Station Staff Officer and during which time so much was done in the station especially as regards the protection and improvement of the water supply.

Speaking personally, I shall not easily forget your kind advice and superintendence whilst my house was being repaired and which would never have been properly carried out had it not been for your presence."

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Copy of a letter dated the 3rd October 1899 from Colonel P. Mullane, Medical Officer at Lansdowne.

Landi Kotal,
3rd October 1888.

Dear Ram Pershad,

I only heard a few days ago of your promotion and transfer to Rawalpindi and heartily congratulate you upon it as I am sure it was thoroughly well earned. I cannot

however help regretting your leaving Lansdowne and will miss very much your kindly advice and assistance in my building operations.

I take this opportunity to thank you for the great help you so freely gave me and also for the expeditious and satisfactory way in which you carried out the alterations and repairs to the hospital buildings etc. under my charge.

Believe me
Yours sincerely,
P. MULLANE.

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*Extract of a letter dated the 9th Sept. 1899 from **Capt. E.R.R. Swiney**, 9th Gurkhas to Pandit Ram Prasad Tiwari.*

Dear Ram Pershad,

As I understand you are leaving here to-morrow for your new appointment, I cannot let you go without expressing in writing my thanks to you for all the assistance you have given me in building at Lansdowne. Without your assistance I should have found it almost impossible to have superintended the building of three barracks, the Orderly Room, Officers' Mess and my own house. Never did you once fail me when I was in difficulties, not being an engineer, and in spite of your having heavy work on of your own at the time. And I think all the above buildings compare very favourably with others in the station and it is all due to you. Should you at any time require a certificate from me you may trust to my giving you an excellent one in every respect and rendering you every assistance in my power to help you on in your profession. I feel sure every one here will miss your valuable assistance but none more than I.

Yours truly,
(Sd.) E. R. R. SWINEY, Capt.
9th Gurkhas.

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*Copy of a letter dated the 24th February 1891, from **J.S. Mackintosh Esquire**, Collector and Magistrate Moradabad to Pandit Ram Prasad, Sub-divisional Officer, Cantonment Moradabad.*

I have always been thoroughly satisfied with you and your works, during the various times that I have held charge of the Cantonment, and it would give me pleasure to hear of your getting promotion.

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*Copy of a letter dated the 15th October 1895, from **R. G. Hardy Esquire, C. S.**, Commissioner, Rohilkhand Division, to Mr. Ram Prasad Tiwari, S. D. O., M.W.D., Moradabad.*

I am very sorry to hear that you are to be transferred from Moradabad. I hope you will like your new appointment. Your work at Moradabad was very carefully performed and your roads have always been kept in excellent order. I am very much obliged to you for the extra official assistance you have invariably given me whenever I asked you for it. I am sorry I shall not be able to see you before you leave, as I am in camp at a distance from Moradabad, and shall not be returning before the end of the month.

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*Copy of a letter dated the 14th October 1895 from **H.O.W. Roberts, Esq.**, Offg. Collector, Moradabad, to Pandit Ram Prasad Tiwari.*

I have known Ram Prasad Tiwari during the 11 months of my stay in Moradabad, and recently have seen good deal of his work while taking over charge of the Cantonment from the Military Authorities. He is a hard working and most obliging man. He has given much Extra Official assistance to the District Authorities and all his work what I have seen, has been very good.

Copy of a letter from Brigadier General A. Cadell, Commanding Allahabad Brigade to the Honourable Sir Grimwood Mear Chief Justice High Court, Allahabad.

Dear Sir Grimwood,

May I introduce in this letter Ram Prasad Tiwari Rai Bahadur of Meerut.

Ram Prasad Tewari has done many years of more than good service for Govt. and General Shepherd and Bredshaw have both written long letters to me about him and they cannot speak too highly of him.

If you would be kind enough to accord him an interview I shall be grateful.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) A. CADELL,

17-1-21.

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Extract from a letter No. 3342, dated 16-12-21, from Major J.K. Knowles, I.A., Cantonment Magistrate, Meerut, to Rai Bahadur Pandit Ram Prasad Tiwari General Secretary, Prince of Wales, Reception Committee, Meerut

I have great pleasure in testifying to the splendid welcome the people of Meerut Cantonment showed on Saturday the 10th December on the occasion of the visit to these Provinces by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. The illuminations were very good, and both the Collector and the General Officer Commanding, Meerut were greatly

pleased and deeply appreciated the efforts made by you to make the show a perfect success. These illuminations were entirely due to your extraordinary efforts and influence, and it just shows what can be done if people only make up their minds to prove their loyalty to the Crown and follow your example.

It was indeed a blow to the non-co-operatators who thought that they had the whole population with them. I again thank you cordially for all you did on that occasion, and I need hardly assure you that such exceptionally loyal services would always receive every consideration from the Government.

(Sd.) J. K. KNOWLES, Major,
Cantonment Magistrate and President.

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Copy of a certificate from W.S. Cassels, Esq., J.P., I.C.S., Magistrate and Collector, Meerut District, Meerut, to Rai Bahadur Pandit Ram Prasad Tiwari, Military Works, Engineer of Meerut Cantonment.

This certificate is presented to Rai Bahadur Ram Prasad Tewari M. W. Engineer of Meerut Cantonment in recognition of good services he has rendered in connection with the celebration held on 10th December 1921 to commemorate the visit of his Royal Highness The Prince of Wales to the United Provinces.

Meerut.
17-1-22.

(Sd) W. S. CASSELS,
Magistrate and Collector.

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