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No. 28. To the Right Honorable LORD HARRIS, Governor in Council, Fort Saint George.

MOST NOBLE LORD,

We the undersigned inhabitants of the Town of Bezoarah in the Zillah of Masulipatam who have suffered inexpressible grief and sorrow since we learnt the sanguinary massacre of some European Officers, their ladies, and children committed by the sepoys in the North West Provinces, are now rejoicing at the happy tidings of the Mutiny being put to end, and the ungrateful and wicked wretches being visited with condign punishment.

The advantages we have derived from the sovereignty of the British Government are in truth so numerous, that neither can pen write, nor tongue speak of them ; and we are altogether unable, in a language foreign to us, to express the esteem and gratification with which they are held in our minds ; yet, as a token of our grateful sense we enumerate a few instance only.

Since the British Authorities assumed the Government of these Provinces our persons, rights, and properties have been duly secured by the framing of proper Rules, and Regulations, and by the maintenance of impartial justice. Our Caste and religions have been strictly preserved in accordance with the laws, and usages of the country ; the free performance of our relegious rites, and ceremonies have been allowed to us, and endowments have been bestowed for the support of charitable and religious institutions. Schools have been established for diffusing education to the people, and anicuts, such as we have before never heard of, have been created across the Godavery and Kistna Rivers for the prosperity and welfare of the people. Indeed, we have forgotten the use of the terms " Oppression, and tyranny" which, as we have heard from our ancestors, were the main principles on which our former Governments acted. The merciful, benevolent, and honorable acts which characterize the British Government are unprecedented, and we can most truly say that such peace, tranquillity, and comfort as we have been enjoying since their reign were never known in former times.

From loyalty as subjects, we cordially assure your Government that we have been continually offering our warmest prayers to the Almighty for the prosperity, and perpetuity of the British Government and for its success in all its endeavours.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, No. 873 ; dated 10th October 1857.

The Acting Magistrate will inform the inhabitants of Bezoarah that their address to Government has been duly received, and that His Lordship in Council has been pleased to direct that the same be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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