

with tranquillity in India, and thanked Heaven for being spared to witness the occasion, and to share your Gracious Majesty's great bounty; and I shall make it my particular duty always, and at all times, to beg His mercy in support to your Gracious Majesty's Reign and Government.

I beg leave to be permitted to state, that my predecessors deceased had always received aid and support from the Honourable Government, the British Resident, Collectors, Nabobs, and the Kings of the Native States, towards the discharge of the duties of the office of my function, and I beg your Gracious Majesty will be graciously pleased to support me with your Gracious and Royal Patronage.

Your Gracious Majesty will be graciously pleased to pardon me for the intrusion and liberty I thus assume, in humbly beseeching to share, amongst many of your Gracious Majesty's subjects, your royal bounty, by graciously being pleased to redress me with a reply to this my humble address; and I beg your gracious and royal leave to subscribe your Majesty's most dutiful and faithful subject,

*Shreemal Boanandra Teerta Swamyar,*  
High Priest of Cassee Muddom.

Anantha Naraporrum Pagoda,  
Allepey, 11th January, 1859.

To the Queen's Most Excellent and Gracious Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's Native Indian subjects and inhabitants of the town and district of Santipore, being duly impressed with the gravity of the change just introduced into the administration of your Majesty's Empire in Hindoostan, by your Majesty assuming the direct government thereof, beg, with the utmost humility and respect, to approach the foot of your Majesty's Throne, to express our devoted attachment and loyalty to your Majesty's Person and Government.

Feeling assured that the great principles of equity, moderation, and justice which have heretofore guided the Council of the great nation which your Majesty represents, will also henceforth seek the amelioration and advancement of the different peoples who constitute your Majesty's subjects in this Empire, we hail with joy the auspicious change of administration which places us under the direct controul of your Royal Government.

We earnestly pray the Great God, whom your Majesty has so solemnly invoked in your Royal Proclamation, ever to keep open the heart of your Majesty to the many and varied requirements of the different peoples of this vast Empire, and to enable you to fulfil the duties which your Majesty has so nobly announced to have undertaken to perform.

In conclusion, we humbly pray your Majesty would be graciously pleased to order the Indian Lotus to be associated with those bright and united emblems of the three nations, namely, the English Rose, the Scotch Thistle, and the Irish Shamrock; for such, in our humble opinion, would bring us into closer sympathies, and cement our bonds of union, with the nations of your Majesty's United Kingdom, and reduce the chances of national antipathies. And we firmly believe that, as dominant Sovereign, your Majesty has every right to assume this national emblem, which is not a religious one, and such assumption will increase the sources of your Majesty's power in these realms.

Devoutly praying the Almighty God to bless you, your house, and your nation, we remain your Majesty's most loyal and devoted subjects,

*Issur Chunder Ghosaul, and others.*

Santipore, December 7, 1858.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty VICTORIA,  
QUEEN of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Colonies thereof.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the undersigned, residents of the cities of Moorshedabad and Berhampore, in Bengal, most respectfully venture to approach the throne of your Most Gracious Majesty with the hope that your Majesty may deign to accept this humble, though not the less sincere, offering of our loyalty, veneration, and devotion towards your Majesty's sacred person.

By your Majesty's Proclamation, addressed to the Princes, the Chiefs, and the people of India, which was publicly read here, we were informed that your Majesty has been most graciously pleased to assume direct authority over this vast empire. We welcome the event with unfeigned joy, and we hail with infinite delight and gratitude the noble sentiments which prevail throughout every sentence of the Proclamation. The kind feeling expressed towards all; the unbounded generosity towards those who have forfeited every claim to such; the promise of equal and impartial protection of the law to all, of whatever race or creed; and, above all, the assurance that, as heretofore, our religious rites and privileges shall not be interfered with, call forth our unbounded admiration and heartfelt gratitude for the blessings which your Majesty has thus bestowed upon our countrymen. In the name of our fellow subjects, we offer your Majesty our sincere and cordial thanks; in the name of the residents of this district, we express our pride at being now placed under the benign and mild rule of your Most Gracious Majesty, the Mighty Queen of England, whose dominions extend over all the quarters of the globe, and whose subjects everywhere revere and love their Sovereign.

We have also to offer our sincere thanks for the selection your Majesty has been pleased to make in the appointment of your Majesty's Representative in India. We entertain the highest respect for Viscount Canning, the first Viceroy of this Empire, and, whilst fully convinced that his Lordship will nobly carry out your Majesty's commands and wishes, it will be our duty and happiness to contribute all in our power towards the attainment of that object.

This humble address may, we apprehend, be wanting in proper form, but trust to your Majesty's gracious indulgence, and hope that your Majesty will deign to accept it as the humble, but most cordial, expression of the feelings by which we are actuated towards our deeply respected and beloved Sovereign Lady.

We have but one sentiment more to add; it is the prayer that your Majesty's life, reign, health, and happiness, may be the type of the circle which holds this address, and which is the emblem of eternity.

We are your Majesty's most humble and faithful subjects,

*Ameer Uddowlah and others.*

Moorshedabad,  
December, 15, 1858.