

## APPENDIX D.

## GENEALOGY OF THE RAJAS OF BASHAHR.

Mr. H. A. Rose, I.C.S., while in charge of census operations in the Panjāb, procured a copy of the genealogical roll of the Rajas of Bashahr. It is a list of 120 names, the years of accession and death being added in each case according to "the era of Yudhishtira." As Dr. Francke has pointed out in the course of his journal (above p. 8) the use of the cognomen *Singh* throughout the pedigree, renders its authenticity highly doubtful, except for the portion dealing with the last three or four centuries. Among the ruling houses of the Panjāb Hill States the cognomen in question does not seem to have come into use until the 16th century. In Chambā it replaced the appellation of *varman* and in Kulū that of *Pāl*.<sup>1</sup> If any further proof of the absolutely unreliable character of the earlier part of the list were wanted, I need only mention that the fifth Raja (supposed to have lived 153 years after Yudhishtira!) bears the half Persian name of Gulāb Singh. A name of this kind cannot, of course, have been in use in India previous to the Moslim conquest.

I wish, therefore, to reproduce here only the concluding twelve names of the genealogy, ending with Raja Shamsheer Singh, the present ruler of the State, who is mentioned in Dr. Francke's account and portrayed in Plate IV, b. I cannot, of course, vouchsafe the accuracy of the dates assigned to each Raja, but it is noteworthy that Kēhari Singh, who is said to have reigned from A.D. 1639 to 1696, is the same who concluded in A.D. 1650 the treaty with Tibet of which Dr. Francke procured copies in the course of his tour (see above p. 24). I give in each case the names both according to the spelling of the list supplied to me and in their correct form.

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| Hari Singh . . . . .                             | acc. | 1464 | obit | 1512 |
| Chhatar (Chhattar) Singh . . . . .               | "    | 1512 | "    | 1574 |
| Bhoop (Bhūp) Singh . . . . .                     | "    | 1574 | "    | 1588 |
| Kalyan (Kalyān) Singh . . . . .                  | "    | 1588 | "    | 1639 |
| Kehari (Kēhari from Skr. Kēśari) Singh . . . . . | "    | 1639 | "    | 1696 |
| Bije (from Skr. Vijaya) Singh . . . . .          | "    | 1696 | "    | 1719 |
| Ode (Ude from Skr. Udaya) Singh . . . . .        | "    | 1719 | "    | 1767 |
| Ram (Rām) Singh . . . . .                        | "    | 1767 | "    | 1799 |
| Roodhar (Rudar) Singh . . . . .                  | "    | 1799 | "    | 1844 |
| Oogar (Ugar) Singh . . . . .                     | "    | 1844 | "    | 1878 |
| Mahindar (Mahindar or Mahēndar) Singh . . . . .  | "    | 1878 | "    | 1906 |
| Shamsheer Singh . . . . .                        | "    | 1907 |      |      |

<sup>1</sup> *Chamba State Gazetteer*, p. 84.