

In addition to his pay as a *Neg* he had the grazing rights<sup>1</sup> of the whole of Lāhul allotted to his family.

4. In 1857, when Mr. Salāganwait (Schlagintweit), a Survey Officer, was murdered in Yārkaṅd, the duty of inquiring into the case and bringing back all information was entrusted by Government to me, Thākur Harī Chand. Accordingly, in my own person I went to Laddākḥ. From thence I sent my special trustworthy servant to Yārkaṅd and learned all the details of the above-mentioned officer's death, how he was murdered without any reason by Walī Khān, the ruler of Kokān (Kokand), who at that time was engaged in ravaging the country around Yārkaṅd. On learning this I returned to Jālandhar, to Colonel Lek (Lake), the Commissioner, and reported the matter. As a reward for this service, I received from Government one thousand rupees and four hundred rupees as travelling expenses.

5. In 1861, when news was received that some English gentlemen were coming from China to Simla by way of Lāsa, etc., then according to a suggestion from Government and with the sanction of my revered father, Thākur Tārā Chand Śāhib, I, in my own person, went out as far as Gādar (Sgar-thog?) and Rodakh (Ru-thog?) in Tibat to welcome and offer my services to the above-mentioned gentlemen. When no news of them was obtainable, I returned and reported the fact to Government. As a reward for this service, I was granted a robe of honour and a *parwānah* expressing the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Panjāb, signed by the Secretary, and sealed with the office seal.

6. In 1861, in recognition of the high status of his family and in appreciation of his services, my father, Thākur Tārā Chand Śāhib, was raised to the rank of Honorary Magistrate and Honorary Extra Assistant [Commissioner]. He was given the power of a police officer of the first grade in criminal cases and of a civil officer with powers to fine up to Rs. 10. The criminal fines were allotted to him. In addition to his ancient ancestral *jāgīr* he was granted a *mu'āfi*<sup>2</sup> of Rs. 100 a year, on Kothī Barbog.

7. In 1863, in accordance with orders from Mr. Remūtan (Egerton?), Deputy Commissioner of Kāngrah, according to the wishes of Government to establish trade connections between India and Tibat by way of Yabastī Gar, I, in my own person, went as far as Tibat and reported the circumstances of that place to Government. On this occasion Government granted me a reward of five hundred rupees.

9.<sup>3</sup> In 1867, on account of his services and ability and in appreciation of what he had done, an increase was made in the powers of my father, Thākur Tārā Chand. He was made an Honorary Magistrate of the third grade, with criminal and civil powers of an Honorary Extra Assistant Commissioner, [and] according to the powers of an ordinary Assistant Commissioner he could deal with civil cases up to Rs. 100. Criminal fines could be retained by him, and, instead of the exemption of Rs. 100 on Kothī Barbog which in 1861 was granted to him as a temporary measure, he was permitted to retain the fourth part of the revenue of Lāhul, a sum amounting to Rs. 550.

10. In 1868 the office of Registration was established in Lāhul, and my father, Thākur Tārā Chand, was appointed Sub-Registrar.

<sup>1</sup> It is not clear whether he had the right of grazing for himself or the taxes for grazing generally allotted to him.

<sup>2</sup> Exemption.

<sup>3</sup> There is no para. (8) in the Urdū.