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Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad of Baroda, whose regime spanned over six decades, was a benevolent ruler who worked for the welfare of his people. In the pre-independence days, he experimented with modern democratic principles of governance. Because he believed that governing a State was a science, and the ruler had to be discerning and wise, he studied the science of governance the world over. The State of Baroda saw innumerable initiatives introduced and implemented successfully by him.

Today, all over the world, there are several measures that have been taken, and training imparted, at all the levels, with regards to good governance. We, too, in our country, have been doing it. On this backdrop, it is deeply satisfying for me that the State Government of Maharashtra has published, extensively, volumes of material on the Maharaja's admirable governance in his State of Baroda.

The literature will introduce to the world this iconic ruler, who was much ahead of his times and had made the wellbeing of his people his goal in life. These writings would also be inspirational to all those who believe in excellence in their respective fields of work. My hearty congratulations to Publication Committee and related all and hearty greetings for publication of volumes.

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(C. Vidyasagar Rao)

Devendra Fadnavis

Chief Minister
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It is, indeed, a matter of great satisfaction that a work of several volumes, dedicated to Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad, who inculcated the principles of freedom, equality and brotherhood in both his own administration as also in civic life, is being brought out by the Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad Source Material Publication Committee, State Government of Maharashtra.

While creating a model, benevolent, welfare state, Maharaja Sayajirao also made sincere efforts to bring social reforms into practice. Measures undertaken, like free and compulsory primary education, agricultural reforms, water management, clean drinking water, drought-relief measures, knowledge sources made available in vernacular languages, creation of a reading culture, education opportunities for the tribal population, an ideal legal system, empowerment of local bodies for the decentralisation of power, an encouragement to arts and culture etc, reflect the excellence of his personality.

These works will serve as effective guides to the content dedicated to his administrative, social and cultural endeavours, his speeches, correspondence, diaries, official statements and ordinances, historical expositions, series of publications and administrative reports, and will most certainly be of help to the students of history, administration and political science.

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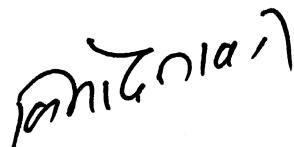
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The State of Baroda, in the history of pre-independence India, came to be known as a “laboratory of modern democracy”. Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad, who hailed from a simple farmer’s family, went on to become the ruler of a state. In his 64-year-old reign he implemented a democratic rule instead of the feudal setup that was prevalent till then. He was the first ruler to make primary education compulsory, and passed progressive laws like eradication of caste discrimination and untouchability and a law in favour of widow remarriage. His rule was based upon progressive, liberal, modern principles. In order to bring about development, he laid emphasis on infrastructural growth and a network of railways and roads, formation of co-operative banks and industries, construction of nalabunding and farm ponds for sustainable and effective water management for agriculture, the use of modern equipment for farming, education and training in agriculture for the children of farmers, a library in every town, state-of-the-art technical education, training of healthcare workers, gymnasia for women, specialised training in diet & nutrition etc. These initiatives laid down the foundation of a modern living. Maharaja Gaekwad undertook ambitious projects in the fields of literature, arts, history, research, archeology, and translations of books on science. His contribution to the progressive social movement and the development of knowledge in Maharashtra is significant. He is remembered for being a pillar of strength and encouragement to iconic figures like Mahatma Phule, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, Vithal

Ramji Shinde, Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil, Justice Ranade, Lokmanya Tilak and the revolutionaries working for the independence movement.

The legacy of this farsighted ruler would be inspirational even on the journey to the future. That is why the State Government of Maharashtra has undertaken the project of the compilation and publication of his speeches, letters, important documents pertaining to law and administration, his other writings and papers evaluating his work. His life and times are not only inspirational to the newer generations but his work can serve as a guide to those involved in the administration of the state, researchers and management experts, lawyers as also economists who can benefit greatly from the documents related to his experience as a ruler as also his experiments with modern democracy. It is keeping in mind these facts that the State Government of Maharashtra has undertaken this initiative.

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(Vinod Tawde)



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The decision of the State Government of Maharashtra, to publish the biographical resources for research on Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad of Baroda, honours the remarkable work that he carried out during his reign.

As the head of the State of Baroda between 1875-1939, the remarkable qualities of this ruler and the way they touched every aspect of governance, have come into limelight with this initiative. The work that he undertook for the welfare of his people will serve as a beacon to the new generations.

After being trained by Dewan T. Madhava Rao in the administration of the State, Sayajirao started on the implementation of initiatives for the economic development in his State in 1881. He also stressed reforms in the legal system, the resurrection of the Gram Panchayats, and compulsory and free primary education to improve the levels of literacy in his State.

His work, in the field of education, gave a new direction and new hope to the people. Because he was of the view that needy students on scholarships should not remain restricted merely to bookish knowledge, and, instead, should also give a scope to the creativity within themselves, he set up the Kala Bhavan, which is an excellent example of his foresight and progressive thinking.

His contribution to the field of social reforms was significant. He brought an end to the purdah system, the practice of selling of girls, and child marriages. He also brought about progressive legislations for women's welfare and passed

laws regarding their right to ancestral property. He set up 18 schools for the children of the oppressed classes, thereby destroying the social walls between people of different castes. The Maharaja also had the honour to have awarded a scholarship to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.

A ruler who,in that era, also supported the formation of creative and elegant social amenities, respected those who were a part of the freedom struggle, and undertook reforms to help agriculture thrive, may come across as unique in today's technology-driven days.

The introduction to the life and work of this multifaceted personality,through the publication of the biographical resources for research, is indeed a laudable effort. I extend the best of my wishes to this initiative with the hope that it will serve as a guiding light to the youth of today.



(Ravindra Dattaram Waikar)

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MAHARAJA'S LETTERS PRECIOUS TREASURE

"Historian Vishwanath Kashinath Rajwade had, four decades back, published an article listing out the names of 100 greatest personalities of the state of Maharashtra. Maharaja Sayajirao's name topped the list."

"Like Shivaji Maharaj, who fought guerilla warfare with the enemy, Sayajirao, too, found different covert means for the same purpose. I consider these men the pinnacle of the Aryan civilization. Nothing compares, in more than a century of the rule of the British, the work that Sayajirao did in his 76 years of life."

"He inspired, with his own example, great national figures like Lokmanya Tilak, Gopal Krishna Gokhale, Lala Lajpat Rai, Surendranath Banerjee and Mahatma Gandhi."

"At one point in the history of the country, Maharaja Sayajirao was the only ruler from among 500-600 rulers of princely states to have played a revolutionary role in the politics of the country. This makes him a guide of other princely rulers. Not only that, by supporting the revolutionaries, he fought the British government all his life."

These quotes by G S Sardesai, one of the greatest historians in the country, are enough to demonstrate what Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad, the visionary ruler of Baroda, was capable of. Sardesai, himself known as a historian, researcher and writer, had, for 37 years, worked as a reader and the Maharaja's personal secretary, and subsequently as a tutor of the princes. He also headed the accounts department along with the department of archives and records. He worked with the Maharaja till the age of 60 and was a close witness of the administrative and familial ups and downs in the Maharaja's life. Sayajirao was very particular about discipline in work and the fact that Sardesai worked with him for close to four

decades shows his affection for and devotion towards the Maharaja. While working in several capacities in the state of Baroda, Sardesai developed his passion for writing and research and later acknowledged that the credit for his growth as a researcher and historian goes entirely to the Maharaja. Sayajirao asked him to translate 'The Prince', a 16th-century political treatise, by the Italian diplomat and political theorist, Niccolò Machiavelli. This was the beginning of Sardesai's writing career and he was later known as one of the best historians in the country as also a researcher and writer.

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It was in 1887 that Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad undertook his first journey to the west. He was curious to know the reason why such a small English establishment had managed to overpower and intimidate the rest of the world. Over the years, like an inquiring student, desiring knowledge, he visited the schools and colleges, various organisations and businesses there. He studied the society, the difference in the way the administration was run, the discipline in work, and realised that education and progress, by embracing science and technology, was the tool for a change for the better. He got the best from the western world into Baroda. He travelled abroad 26 times and studied foreign art architecture, museums, public parks, libraries, archives and storage of records. He knew that if history was to be understood the way it unfolded, it had to be neatly archived through newspapers. In 1916, he started a department of archives and maintained records called Charitra Sangraha. He appointed G S Sardesai as its head and handed over the work of maintaining the records of all official and unofficial written communication, old letters, diaries, descriptions of celebratory events of the royal family, his own speeches, communication related to the princes, accounts and appointments to this department. Sardesai, with the help of his staff, worked on the categorisation and editing of the material and classified it as follows:

1. The Maharaja's writings including his private letters.
2. His speeches.
3. The documents related to the princes, letters, accounts and appointments.

4. Chronological arrangement of photographs of both family and official events.
5. The Huzur Hukums or the Maharaja's instructions, both personal and also official, regarding the state.
6. Samples of the writings of the Maharaja and his sons, notes made as also a list of their collections of artifacts.

Twenty copies were made of the writings based upon the above classification and were kept in the library, palace office, the palace library, the department of archives etc.

Along with this Sardesai also meticulously made a note of significant happenings in the Baroda administration and the Maharaja's reign. He wrote several articles, reports and notes made on the Maharaja's rule after the coronation, his educational records, his campaigns, his travels within the country and abroad, the major reforms that he brought about, the official events and the events in the darbar, the royal children's birthdays and weddings, the Maharaja's own training, likes and dislikes, hobbies, the way he functioned, the construction of several buildings and monuments that was undertaken on his behalf etc. Several copies were published in order to make it easy for the future researchers-writers-publishers on Baroda and its history.

The Maharaja's correspondence:

Written correspondence played a very big role in the 64-year-long reign of the Maharaja. Personal letters, family correspondence, administrative orders, petitions, letters to and from friends and innumerable such letters were strewn all over the Baroda administration. It was not possible to publish them together. Old petitions, appeals and allied correspondence were on the verge of damage. Sardesai chose the most significant letters and compiled them. He writes, "Some of the letters were possibly troublesome considering the times they were written in. These were separated and handed over to Khaserao Jadhav, Maharaja's close associate and friend, for safekeeping." It's unclear what happened to those letters later but they were most certainly against the British government and also perhaps contained details of the Maharaja's association with the revolutionaries and hence could have posed trouble.

I tried looking for those letters with Khaserao Jadhav's grandson Suvrat Jadhav, with the Maratha Samaj, Baroda, and Nana Saheb Shinde's descendants but because most people do not have the disciplined approach of meticulously safeguarding the things associated with their heritage, or understand the historical significance of it, it was all lost in the passage of time. I feel bad that we were not able to lay our hands on some of the most explosive correspondence in the history of India.

The Maharaja wrote thousands of letters in the over six decades that he ruled the state. Initially, there were no copies made of them and that was why there was no possibility of they being included in Sardesai's compilation. Only those whose copies were available in the official records could be taken. The entire life of the Maharaja was filled with ups and downs, both in his family life as also in his political career. Because his family life was painful, and because his people's welfare was his only goal, he immersed himself in work and lived a disciplined life. There were times when he felt very stifled and hence the letters, written to his mentors and friends, as also the diary that he maintained became a source of emotional release. His letters to Elliot and his closest friends often reflect his extreme suffocation.

Sardesai has mostly chosen letters related to family, administrative and social issues. The Maharaja wrote a diary regularly. Often the diaries carried the rough drafts of his letters. Later he dictated the letters to his secretary. Only those letters that carry his signature have been included. The letters written on his behalf by the Diwan or the Maharaja's secretary etc have been left out. Sardesai feels that only one fourth of the total number of letters that the Maharaja wrote have become a part of the compilation.

The original four volumes of his correspondence have been published in English. The first volume was brought out on October 25, 1923. It carries letters from 1886 to 1901 and in all has 612 letters. The second volume was published in 1924 and has letters from the year 1901 to 1915. The letters range from number 613 to 1263. The third volume was brought out in the year 1935 and carries letters between the years 1916 to 1920. The letters included here are from 1264 to 1810.

The fourth volume was brought out in 1936 and contains letters between 1921 and 1933. It carries letters from number 1811-2195. The fifth volume was a supplement of the fourth and was brought out in 1939. It has letters from number 1811-2073, written between the years 1875 to 1915.

Volumes I-IV of the Maharaja's letters have been published. They contain 2195 letters. Some of the letters were left out of the compilation. They have been included in the Supplementary volume. Volume IV contains letters from No.1811 to 2195. The remaining letters have become a part of Volume IV (Supplementary). The Supplementary volume should have started with letter no. 2196. But it has started with letter no. 1811 and ended with 2173. There are 263 letters in the Supplementary volume. There could have been a possible repetition. There are 2195 letters between Volume I and IV and 263 more letters in the Supplementary volume. Together, 2458 letters have been chosen. The volume in English doesn't include the Maharaja's letters in Marathi. The translation of the Foreword by Dr. Eknath Pagar in Marathi into English by Gayatri Pagdi, in such short time, has been of great help. In this Third Part original Volume 4 (Supplementary) letters are included.

Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad created a benchmark of excellence in the governance of his state. Throughout his life he was driven by the thought of the welfare of his people. Working for them was, for him, almost like attaining spiritual liberation. He was a generous patron of arts and culture and a rock-solid support to all those who needed to be helped. His writings, as also the writings of others related to him, are our national treasure. The State Government of Maharashtra believes that preserving, presenting, and enhancing this treasure, by sharing it with the people, is a task of national and cultural significance. This mammoth project has become a reality only with the support of Minister of Education, Honourable Shri Vinod Tawde; Honourable Shri Ravindra Waikar, State Minister of Higher & Tech. Education; Additional Chief Secretary, Shri Sitaram Kunte; Joint Secretary, Shri Siddharth Kharat; Director, Higher Education, Dr Dhanaraj Mane; Director, State Bureau of Textbook Production & Curriculum Research, Dr Sunil Magar;

Controller, Shri Vivek Gosavi, Dr. Shailendra Deolankar, all the Government officials involved, as also members of the Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad Source Material Publication Committee and all the editors and translators of the content. It is because of the involvement of all these people that the work of publishing 30 volumes on Maharaja Gaekwad, simultaneously, has been possible in such little time. I am glad that the administration has given me an opportunity to play a little role in this major initiative. This work will be inspirational to all those who work towards the welfare of the people of the state, the administrative officials who carry out their responsibilities with efficiency, and the people of this country.

Date : 27th August, 2017

* *The day of Second World Religious Conference, Chicago, 1933.*

* *Maharaja Sayajirao was President of same Conference.*

- Baba Bhand

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Part 3 (A)

LETTER NO. 1264 TO 1810
(3rd January 1916 - 27th December 1920)

1264

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

3rd January 1916

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB, (V.P. MADHAVRAO),

I want you to consider whether the finances will permit our increasing by a lakh of rupees annually the sum we give to the Local Boards. I want this to meet more quickly local wants. We may, if necessary, add a few more obligations than they have at present. This is only a thought. I want you to think over. I will explain more fully on my return from Lucknow. The great thing is our finances should always be in good condition and consistently with it and our growing requirements, that whether we can spare more money for the Local Boards.

I want Datar* to pick up the knowledge of the departments, which are at present under Mr. G.R. Nimbalkar,* and, besides, he should study the administration of Local Boards, Municipalities and Village-Panchayats. I may ask him to look after them for some time. In case he is given these departments, he will still continue to do the work of investment for the Khangi and the State. Gunajirao should pick up the work of the Accountant-General, and may have to look after the relief-work. I may not bring about the change; but both the officers should keep up the work of the new departments, so that they may be able to discharge the new duties, that may be imposed upon them. They should pick up the knowledge of the policy and of the details, while doing their current duties. While I am away, will you kindly ask Ambegaokar to attend the work of the Education Department?

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

**Mutual transfer is contemplated.*

1265

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

3rd January 1916

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB, (V.P. MADHAVRAO),

Dr. Mayer spoke to me about the case of a nurse called Vaidya. Ganpatrao has dealt with the matter to a certain

extent. Will you kindly inquire of Ganpatrao and Dr. Mayer what they have to say about the case, and do what is necessary?

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1266

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
3rd January 1916

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB, (V.P. MADHAVRAO),

I want you to find out privately from Col. Impey the cost and constitution of the Native British Regiment. General Birdwood knows the points I want to know about. You can ask for more, if you think it necessary, to complete the information.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1267

6, CLYDE ROAD LUCKNOW,
6th January 1916

MY DEAR WOOD,

I have come to Lucknow for a few days, and will be returning to Baroda shortly. I propose, on my way, to halt at Delhi to see His Excellency the Viceroy, if convenient to him. Will you let me know what day and time will suit him? I am thinking of leaving this place on the 10th.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

To,
The Hon'ble Mr. J.B. Wood, C.I.E., Political Secretary to the
Government of India, Delhi.

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6, CLYDE ROAD LUCKNOW,
6th January 1916

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB (V.P. MADHAVRAO),

I am writing this by order of His Highness. We arrived at 8-30 pm. yesterday. Maharaja was shocked to learn of the sinking

of the S.S.Persia, and is anxious to further help Government. It was with that view that he wrote to you to find out the cost of Native British Infantry Regiment and its numbers and constitution. He understands its number is about 800 strong. He would now wish you to please find out the cost of an Imperial Service Infantry and a Native Cavalry Regiment. His object in doing this is to offer an army to the Government. He had no idea of the cost. He desires that you can take Col. Impey into your confidence, and find out through him whether an Infantry or a Cavalry Regiment will be most acceptable to Government, or if there is any other way of help more acceptable to them. In any case, he thinks it will have to be a new levy, as we have no troops to spare. This will be instead of the offer made to the Viceroy from Mussoorie. His Highness is anxious that no time should be lost in giving effect to this wish.

Yours Sincerely,
R. R. SHIRGAOKAR.

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6, CLYDE ROAD LUCKNOW,
7th January 1916

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB (V.P.MADHAVRAO),

His Highness the Maharaja Saheb has to-day written you a letter regarding the matter referred to in my letter of yesterday. He has also sent you a telegram not to act on my letter of yesterday and I am writing this to make that telegram and the last paragraph of Maharaja Saheb's letter quite clear. By asking Your Excellency not to act on my letter, His Highness means that you need not ask Col. Impey to find out, if there is any other mode of helping the Government, which would be more acceptable to them, since he has now made up his mind as to the form, in which to render further assistance, viz. by giving Rs12000 monthly so long as the war lasts.

This would make it unnecessary to find out the cost and numbers and constitution of a British Native Infantry Regiment or an Imperial Service Native Infantry or a Cavalry Regiment. The Maharaja Saheb, however, wishes you still to obtain that information and keep it available. At some future

date, it may prove useful. His Highness, therefore, wishes you to take action so far as this part of my yesterday's letter is concerned. Both Their Highnessess are in good health. Maharaja Saheb is thinking of going to Delhi to see the Viceroy. I hope Your Excellency finds Baroda enjoyable in this cold season. With respectful *Namaskars*, I remain,

Yours Sincerely,
R. R. SHIRGAOKAR.

1270

6, CLYDE ROAD LUCKNOW,
7th January 1916

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB (V.P.MADHAVRAO),

Shirgaokar has written you a letter yesterday concerning further help to government. The leisure has given me time to think and remembering the Colonel's speech at dinner, I think the best thing I can do to save the time is to place Rs 12000 (twelve thousand) a month at the disposal of the Resident till the war lasts (i.e. peace is concluded with Germany), for such use of it as Government may decide, in connection with the war. The payment of Rs 12000 a month will commence from the 1st of January 1916.

There are some further details, on which I may give further instructions, but they need not interfere in making this offer, which you are authorized to do. The information asked for in Shirgaokar's letter may be kept available in your office for ready reference in future.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1271

6, CLYDE ROAD LUCKNOW,
8th January 1916

DEAR SIR (THE HON. WOOD, SIMLA),

I am taking liberty of addressing this letter to you at the direction of His Highness the Maharaja Gaekwar to catch a very early mail. He has communicated his desire to see His

Excellency the Viceroy, and, in his telegram of yesterday, intimated that he would inform you later of the date of his departure from here. He has now decided to leave on any day after the 11th instant, to be decided after hearing from you. It is inconvenient to him to stay at Delhi longer than is necessary to see His Excellency. If you will, therefore, be so good as to let him know the date and the time when he can see His Excellency, it will enable him to frame his programme to suit that.

Yours sincerely,
R.R. SHIRGAOKAR.

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MAKARPURA PALACE, BARODA,
12th January 1916.

MY DEAR DAUGHTER,

Thanks for your wire of to-day and your former letter, which I could not answer early owing to indisposition and the sprain in my left leg. The sprain is well enough to enable me to about slightly limping. In other respects I am well, and I hope the same is the case with you. We had an exciting time for ten days in Tennis-Tournament.* The weather here is at present very pleasant. On the 18th of the month, I am going out for a couple of days into the districts. I hope this finds you all well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* These tournaments were held in Baroda for three years i.e. 1915, 1916, 1917 only.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
19th January 1916.

DEAR LADY MEADE,

I was glad to know that you are well. The war is affecting us all very much; and we all sincerely pray for its rapid end. What a loss of life and dislocation of business and ruin of millions! We were prepared for a famine here this year ; but,

fortunately, at the very end we had some rains which saved the situation. I must not write a longer letter as it will tire you to read. I always remember my kind old friend Sir Richard Meade* and his many acts of affection and kindness. Will you kindly remember me to your daughter and sons and the son-in-law I had the pleasure to play golf with?

Yours sincere friend
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Resident Baroda, when His Highness was young

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

19th January 1916.

MY DEAR FRIEND (THE NIZAM OF HYDERABAD),

Owing to circumstances, I could not write to your Highness this letter earlier, for which delay I wish you to excuse me. I am likely to be in Bombay about the dates mentioned by Your Highness. I can then drive of lunch with you as you may prefer. If for some reason, I cannot come, I shall let you know a week before the fixed dates, so that no inconvenience may be caused to you. I hope this will find you quite well and happy. Thanking you for your kindness

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

19th January 1916.

MY DEAR COL. MARTELLI, (THE LATE RESIDENT AT BARODA),

I am sorry that I am so late in answering your kind letter. Though I answer it after so much time, still my thoughts are constantly with you; and I wish you every happiness. Your removal to England to stay there is likely to be more pleasant to you. You will see there more of your old friends. I have been touring in some of the districts and found there that things were working well. The people had nothing to complain of. We had a Tennis-Tournament, which went off well. We

had more entries than we expected. Next year things are likely to be better. The Maharaja of Mysore paid us a short visit, and we enjoyed his stay. It gave us much to do. Will you kindly convey our good wishes and compliments to Kettlewells? Please remember me to your other daughters. I hope you are well and strong. Why do you not come out to India on a visit?

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
28th January 1926

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (KRISHNARAJA OF MYSORE, BOMBAY),

I thank you for your letter of the 13th January 1916. I have been touring besides I thought that there was no hurrying in sending my reply. I hope it has caused you no inconvenience. Your Highness proposes only to stop here for two days. I should like you to stay here for a week, although you may find it a little dull. We should enjoy your company. If it suits you better, you can come earlier than the date proposed by you or Your Highness can visit me on your way back from Delhi. We are having a Tennis-Tournament from the 31st, for which your brother is coming. Would you care to come here for that? My own desire is to welcome you with a great reception; but owing to the war I propose to arrange things quietly; and I feel I am not wrong in anticipating your arrangement in that view. Please let me know the dates and I will try to meet your wishes. I hope this will find you and all yours quite well.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
29th January 1916

MY DEAR COL. IMPEY,

If you are disengage this evening, I propose to pick you up at 6 p.m. at the Gymkhana and take you out for a drive. If I do

not hear from you, I shall presume that my proposal suits you. You will be sorry to learn that jaisinhrao lost his child* two days ago.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Prince Jaisinhrao's Daughter (Vatsala Raje) born on 12-3-15 at patten breathed her last on 26-1-1916 when the prince was naib-subha.*

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CAMP DABKA,
10th February 1916

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB (V.P. MADHAVRAO),

I have talked to you already about a Railway expert, His coming may take some time. The Government of India may not be able at all to spare a man for some time. Till then unless council advise me otherwise, I desire that as far as, at least the giving of contacts is concerned the old divisional system should be reverted to. The Public Works Executive Engineer may be looked upon as one of the members, if not the chief member of the districts committee, who will sanction contracts within there power, or submit them to the Railway Chief Engineer, if beyond their authority. There are very few railways, of which contracts have to be given, and the additional work can be easily done by the District Engineers. I write this without knowing that things have gone wrong; but it is a mistake to have all powers concerned in one office. It cannot supervise, attend to all details and yet be able to advise government independently. Mr. Bryant should be kept present in the discussion before the council come to a decision.

Please procure a capable and experienced officer either from Mysore or Travancore, who will be able to advise us on the principles and the working of a secretariat. It will be better, if he brings all rules and regulations pertaining to that system.

The Compensation Rules, I believe, in the city are not working well. That question must at once be taken up and settled. Compensation given in too expensive manner and without proper calculation. If that be the case it, it must be

corrected. I feel that reforms and measures are not quickly carried out, and too much time is lost in making up mind.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
2nd March 1916

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB, (V.P. MADHAVRAO),

It is the duty of yourself and other higher officers to see that every servant of the state of whatever rank conducts himself, on all occasions, in a manner that is only proper in every way. If he does not do so, you and others are in duty bound to set him right. You are aware of the life I am forced by the circumstances to lead. People do not appear before me in their true colors. My acquaintance with them can only be partial and limited; and it is not fair to me nor is it consistent with truth that I should be supposed to know their life, their views or their private conduct. My great difficulty is to have any society at all, and secondly, the nature of the contact I come into with the people is only formal to a great extent. Private sources of information concerning their conduct and behavior I have none.

In the old days, circumstances and the life the Rajas led were different and probably they knew much more than what I can do. To me the surprise is not about their knowledge, but about their ignorance. By tradition, the Raja is generally supposed to know good deal about persons, while the truth is otherwise. Government is now more settled, constitutional and decentralized, and the chances for a Raja now to know are comparatively fewer in consequence. To allege that I knowingly tolerate the aberrations of the officers is not to give the credit of even common sense to me. People making such remarks, if they were sensible and conscientious, would never harbour such a thought; but I am afraid such men are not to be found in any large number.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

9th March 1916

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KASHMERE),

I was much gratified to receive your Highness telegram regarding my Bombay House. I trust Your Highness has already received my wire, inform you that my Bombay House (Larger Palace) will be at Your Highness disposal during your stay there. If I go to Bombay during that week I shall be so happy to meet Your Highness there. May I request Your Highness to break your journey at Baroda and visit my capital for a few days on your way either to or back from Bombay, as may be convenient to Your Highness. I shall be so happy to entertain Your Highness. Your visit will be an honour to my state, and will greatly cement our friendship. I am thinking of passing the next hot weather in Kashmere, if Your Highness will permit me. I stand in need of some change to a healthy and cool climate and wish to be for some time, in your beautiful country. With Your Highness permission I propose to make my own arrangements, so as to cause you the least amount of trouble. Would this programme suit Your Highness? On hearing from you, I shall make definite arrangements and let Your Highness know. I hope Your Highness is in the enjoyment of excellent health. With kind regards. I am

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

10th March 1916

DEAR LADY WILLINGDON,

I have to thank you for your letter, inviting help by way of donation for the Lady Hardinge Medical college at Delhi. Schemes for medical relief of women in India appeal most strongly to the heart of the Indian People and they are most ready to respond to any call made on them for help and support. Your Ladyship may be aware that I have already contributed one lac of rupees to the funds of the college. But

I feel, after receiving your appeal for help, that too much cannot be done for advancing the noble cause, which was dear to the heart of the Lady, Whose name the Institution bears. I have accordingly decided to bear the cost of one unit of College Wards costing Rs. 62000.

You are quite right in saying that though Baroda is not under the Bombay Presidency, still as friendly neighbours , we are bound by many ties. Her Highness the Maharanee joins me in thanking you for your kind letter, pray convey our kind regards to Lord Willingdon, I remain

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

10th March 1916

MY DEAR FRIEND (NIZAM OF HYDERABAD),

Since writing to Your Highness accepting your kind invitation to lunch in Bombay on 1st April next, I am sorry I find myself unable to avail myself of your kindness. I am undergoing a course of treatment, which prevents my leaving Baroda for some time. I hope we may have some other opportunity of meeting each other. I should feel so much honoured, if Your Highness can pay me a friendly visit next cold weather. Will Your Highness kindly remember me to Sir and Lady Pinhey? Thanking you again for your kind thoughts,

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

13th March 1916

MY DEAR BROTHER (SHRI. SAMPATRAO GAEKWAR),

Thanks for enquiring after my health, which is very good, I began to improve soon after the attack of digestive trouble was over. you need not be anxious about me. I should like to hear from you now and then. I hope you are quite well, and having good news of Abba. The weather here is getting very

hot; but I do not feel it, as I do not expose, myself in the sun in any way.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
18th March 1916

MY DEAR REV. WEEDEN,

It is ages since I have not heard from you and it makes me sad. I hope you and your wife are quite well and happy in every respect. The war is terrible affair, and everyone here wishes to see its speedy and satisfactory conclusion. It is terrible to think of the loss both to life and property, and it will naturally take years before things will assume their natural aspect. I wonder how the war has affected you and your profession.

I have been undergoing a cure,* I have not yet determined where to go for hot weather. It is indeed getting very hot here now. Her Highness has also been undergoing a cure; and I wish her swelling was less. The swelling is a source of great trouble to her, and we do not know what to do to relieve her of the trouble. You must have heard that Lord Hardinge is leaving India in the first week of April, and that Lord Chelmsford, who has been appointed to take his place, is arriving in the same week. I hope you will write to me now and then, and let me know about your welfare, as it will always be a great pleasure to me to hear a bit about it. I hope your sisters are well.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* A treatment in bombay of malabar baths by a South Indian Vaidya.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
6th April 1916

MY DEAR PRINCESS BRINDA (TIKA MAHARANEE OF KAPURTHALA),

I have to thank you for your kind letter. I do not remember to have received any letter from you or papers connected with some French Charity Fund. I do not know the subject of the fund. Relying, however, upon your recommendation, which, I know, must be for a deserving one, I gladly subscribe Rs 4,000 towards it. My Khangi Karbhari will arrange to remit the amount. I hope you are all doing well. I am sorry I won't have the pleasure of meeting you at Mahabaleshwar or Poona this season, as we are all going to the north. We propose staying for some time at Murree and then in Kashmere. Her Highness sends you her kindest regards, in which I cordially join.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
13th April 1916.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (SIR PRATAP SINHJI OF KASHMERE),*

I am very grateful to Your Highness for your kind favour. I was very happy to learn that Your Highness was quite comfortable at my Jaya-Mahal Palace at Bombay. It is, indeed, very kind of Your Highness to express satisfaction at what little I did to make your visit† to my capital, enjoyable. Your Highness stay in our midst was, however, too short. I wish you could give us more time, when you next visit Baroda on your way to Dwarka. We are looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you at Shrinagar this summer. With my kindest regards,

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* He died on 23-9-1925.

† His Highness the Maharaja of Kashmere visited Baroda for a day in the month of March 1916. This was his first visit to Baroda.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

13th April 1916.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (SCINDIA OF GWALIOR),

I was very pleased to learn from Khansaheb that Your Highness was interesting yourself seriously in the cause of advancing education in the Maratha Community. This cause has long engaged my attention; and, in my own way, I have, from time to time, taken steps to render some assistance in the matter. Now I understand that an All India Maratha League with a Central General Body at Bombay is being formed. I do not know how this will affect individual efforts; but it is a delight to me to feel that you have identified yourself so enthusiastically with cause. I would be happy, if you would, in due time, when the proposal has assumed more definite shape, give me an opportunity of studying it, and, if necessary, of helping it with some contribution. Your aims and objects in the cause of education are indeed noble. I regret I could not write earlier.

Yours affectionately,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1289

JAYA-MAHAL PALACE, BOMBAY,

18th April 1916.

DEAR LADY WILLINGDON,

I have received your kind letter dated the 13th April. I will see that Sir P. Lukis gets the money, if not already sent. I have not been for a long time to Mahabaleshwar, a place I used to visit often formerly. I am going to Kashmere this time. I hope you and Lord Willingdon will find it convenient to pay me a visit in Baroda next cold weather. Will you kindly remember me to His Excellency? I came* here to see the dentist. I shall be off in a day or two. The nights at Baroda are still cool. I believe Mahabaleshwar must be very pleasant at present.

Yours sincerely,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* His Highness went to Bombay on the 16th and returned to Baroda on the morning of 20-4-1916.

1290

JAYA-MAHAL PALACE, BOMBAY,

18th April 1916.

MY DEAR MR. SEDDON,

I have come here for a day or two to see the dentist before Kashmere. There is no serious matter with my teeth. I should like to meet you so much one of these days. Things in Baroda are getting on fairly as usual. I hear, you appointed a Pucca Commissioner. Is it true?

I like to hear of your advance in your official career. Please remember me to your wife. I hope you are both well. would you advise me to adopt the Bombay Secretariat in Baroda? I should like you to tell me your opinion, as there are some questions pending with me bearing on the subject.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1291

JAYA-MAHAL PALACE, BOMBAY,

18th April 1916.

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB (V.P. MADHAVRAO),

One Mr. Dalvi, Chief Justice Bhandarkar's son -in- law, now serving in Indore, wishes, it seems, to join Baroda service. Will you kindly talk the matter over with Bhandarkar and tell me whether we should engage the young man and on what terms? I cannot give him better terms than I have given to G.S.Bhate in your office. I do not wish to engage him by displeasing the Maharaja Holkar, who has been always very kind to me.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1292

JAYA-MAHAL PALACE, BOMBAY,

18th April 1916.

MY DEAR SON (PRINCE SHIWAJIRAO),

If you find Amreli too hot, or if you are tired of the place, you can go to Navsari or Mehsana, as I told you. In Mehsana,

you can stay in the part of offices reserved for me. In Navsari, you can find the accommodation rather poor. I like you to play games; but I do not know that you can run upto Bombay. However, we can see of that in the future; but you lose nothing by practicing the games. Unless really necessary, I would not advise you to run up to a hill this summer. If it becomes absolutely necessary, we shall then see. What you require, is a steady healthy life rather than much change to a cold place. I think the idea of change to a cold place for young men is being carried too far in our family. I have come here for a day or two to see dentist. One of my teeth is broken and requires fitting. The work will be over to-day or tomorrow. Baroda is very hot during the day time; but the nights are yet cold. Your son* is growing and doing well. Please remember me to your wife.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Shrimant Udayasinh.*

1293

JAYA-MAHAL PALACE, BOMBAY,
18th April 1916.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (HOLKAR OF INDORE),

I am here for a day or two for my teeth. I thought it wise to have them seen before going to Kashmere. It was very kind of you, indeed, to send me the wire about the accommodation. The nights in Baroda are cool as yet.

Dr. Bhalchandra tells me that he owes you some money, which you are pressing him to pay back. He requests me to represent to you that a leniency or Meherbani shown to him will be happily appreciated by him in his difficulties, which have come to him unexpectedly in his old age. I write this to cause no inconvenience, and I hope Your Highness will excuse me for referring to it. I hope all of you are enjoying yourselves at Mussoorie. Will you remember me to Maharanee and children? With kindest regards to yourself and all others,

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

Note: It is interesting to note how gently and politely His Highness is in the habit of making a personal recommendation.

1294

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

29th April 1916

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB, (V.P.MADHAVRAO),

I am leaving for Kashmere on Tuesday next. If you have to ask for any instructions or ascertain my wishes on any points, I have no doubt you will get it done. This should always be done without its being suggested. I recall to your memory the Lalbag case, in which Kilabhai* and other officers paid the bills of Mr. Stevens without adequate scrutiny. You, Messrs. Datar, Coyle and Manubhai and Ambegaokar explained to me the case in the Kothi Building. Orders were passed on It by me, which have not been yet carried out. Will you kindly it now, as I believe, nothing has happened to alter the same?

I came in contact with officers and departments only to a limited extent, though I may be going into particulars more than other Rajas, still trusting that the ministers and other Heads of Departments are exercising intelligent and effective supervision over their subordinates. I refrain from going into further details. I find that the supervision from the high officers may be yet better. The execution of measures should be more closely and intelligently watched, and the object, with which they been conceived, sensibly furthered. Sometimes, the work connected with the execution of a measure is scattered over several hands and departments. An intelligent Minister or Head of a Department had to study all these scattered endeavors, and look upon them as a whole, and that he carries out the object of the policy in a wise and sensible way. You must see that it is carried out properly.

Yours sincerely ,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

P.S. In the impending Kashmere trip, I wish that all general matters coming up to me, should come with the opinion of the Council.

S. R. G.

* *Mr. Kilabhai was an assistant accountant-general P.W. Branch. He retired on 25th May 1916.*

1295

SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,

13th May 1916.

DEAR ELLA (DAUGHTER OF MR. ELLIOT),

I am here for summer. The climate is cooler than Ooty in the south of India, and the scenery is practically Swiss. I have been here only about a week, and it has been wet for some days within a week. The last two days have been fine. The maharaja of Kashmere arrived here yesterday in a procession of boats, which reminded one of the streets of Venice with the beautiful building. The people say that the procession was very poor this year. I attempted to send some money as a present to you and to your mother; but she was not to be found. I hope she is well. How is Major Elliot? I hope he is well and safe. Affairs in India are quiet; and the fact that a great war is going on, requires imagination to realize it. I hope the dreadful war will soon come to an end, restoring to Europe peace and prosperity. I will try to send the money again to you. I should have answered your letter of 8th December 1915 long ago, but press of business prevented it.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1296

SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,

14th May 1916.

MY DEAR MR. GUPTA,

I have to thank you for your kind letter and the queries it contains. My sons are practically the same as they were. The affairs in the State are getting on fairly. Mr. V.P. Madhav Rao* has had to retire owing to ill health. I should like you to visit Baroda about next cold weather as a friend, If you conveniently can. You might let me know before you decide. The weather here is very cool, though rainy season is unusual at this time of the year. I met your youngest son in Bombay. I am sorry that you have not been well. I hope this will find you quite well strong. With our united regards,

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* He Retired on 7-5-1916.

1297

SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,
18th May 1916.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,*

Thanks for your two confidential letters dated both of them of the 9th May 1916. If Kashalkar does not mend his ways, please do the needful again. Warn him once. He should not be given allowances for other work not should he be made to attend to other duties.

As to Shankar-Bag, I will not buy the property, so the matter may be closed. It is a case, from Mansing† Rao's point of view, of "save me from my friends." This is my view and I may be wronge.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *He took the Portfolio of Dewanship on 9-5-1916.*

† *Buvasaheb Nimbalkar; Brother of Shri. Padmavatibai Saheb.*

1298

SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,
19th May 1916.

DEAR ELLA (MR. ELLIOT'S DAUGHTER),

Your letter of the 17th April 1916 just to hand. I have already arranged to send you and your mother some money; but with that sum, you will, I hope, be able to start the institution you have at heart. I have just returned from a long walk and so will not write much. Besides, I have only written to you lately. I hope this will find you and all yours well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1299

GUPKAR, SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,
24th May 1916.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

I want to appoint an officer to enquire and keep ready the *Mobadla* cases of the EK AKADABANDI villages, so that when

the time of *Mobadla* comes, the orders may be passed without delay. Therefore Mr. L.G. Ghanekar should be appointed Kadi-Vibhag Naib-Subha, as there are many EK AKADABANDI villages there, and Mr. G.A. Lele should be appointed Vyara-Vibhag Naib-Subha. This order should be executed, when Mr. Lele comes back from leave. Mr. Ghanekar should do this work with dispatch and tact over and above his work of Naib-Subha.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1300

SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,
28th May 1916.

MY DEAR SON (SHRI, SHIVAJIRAO),

I was glad to hear from you and to learn the contents of your note. Why should one at a young age always desire to go to hill-station? Baby is doing well indeed. The climate here is also warm in a way. The sun is very strong. I went to Gandharbal for three days. This was the first trip I took. Please remember me to your wife, and I shall answer her letter soon.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1301

GUPKAR, KASHMERE,
3rd June 1916.

MY DEAR NEPHEW (D. B. GANPARTRAO GAEKWAD),

Thanks for your letter, which I received today. I am not worrying and trust that you are looking after things there. I think great and strict supervision is required on subordinates. Have you disposed of the papers relating to the inspection of the Agricultural Department? You had better finish it soon, otherwise orders do not have the same result.

Shrinagar is warm, and I should like to go to Gulmarg, which is higher and cooler; but the house there will not be ready till the 23rd of June. Before that, I am going out for a

trip of twelve days. I hope this will find you and all your children well. Kindly remember me to all there.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1302

SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,
3rd June 1916.

MY DEAR INDUMATI (SHRI FATESINHARO'S ELDEST DAUGHTER),

I was delighted to receive the letters of you all. Please show this letter to others, as it contains an answer to all of them. I am glad that you are well and enjoying yourselves. The visit to Pratapgarh must have been very interesting and instructive. One can get such a fine view of the country from the top of the hill. We are all doing well. Shrinagar is not very cool. In a few weeks we shall be going to Gulmarg, which is higher and cooler. It has rained in Baroda, and the weather is cooler, though it was very hot before it. We get plenty of fruits here; but we cannot send them, as they will get spoilt. Please remember me to your mother. With love to you all.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1303

GUPKAR, SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,
3rd June 1916.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (HOLKAR OF INDORE),

I thank Your Highness for your letter of the 30th Ultimo regarding Dr. Sir Bhalchandra Krishna Bhatavdekar of Bombay. I have to say nothing more than the fact that I brought the matter to your notice, since he wished me to do so.

Shrinagar is warm, and I am going out to Achhabal, where I had met you years ago with Major Forbes, who was then your guardian. After staying there for about a fortnight, I propose to go to Gulmarg. I hope you and all the members of your family are well and enjoying your stay at Mussoorie. I am glad you had some shikar there. You must always take

care of your health.* Please remember me to the maharanees and the children. With our united regards,

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

**A Gentle Hint*

1304

SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,
4th June 1916.

MY DEAR BROTHER (SHRI. SAMPATRAO),

I have not yet settled when to return to Baroda. It cannot be, ordinarily speaking, before the rains have burst fully i.e. August. Are you thinking of visiting this place? Shrinagar is hot, and I am anxious to go to Gulmarg; but the house will not be ready there till the 20th June. I have been going in a way in the case of the payment of the arrears of allowances to N.Ghate's wife. It seems that the whole affair has not been carefully looked after. Even your directions have not been carried out.

I have had to pass remarks in the matter, which will probably come before you. I shall be glad to set myself right, in case I am mistaken. I am actuated in the matter by no unfriendly feelings. I have heard from Aba. He complains of shortness of allowance. You should try not to let him drift. I hope you are looking after the famine well. If you can write privately at times, do so. I hope this will find you well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1305

SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,
5th June 1916.

MY DEAR NEPHEW (SHRI. SAMPATRAO'S SON SITARAM),

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 19th April 1916 from 75, Maida Vale, London W. Before I had only a letter from you which I sent on to your father. The tennis* tournament passed off well and served to amuse us. I played

in it merely to interest. There were some very good players and except a pair and a gentleman all were Indians.

I came here a month ago, and Shrinagar now is very hot indeed, though not so much as Baroda, where I hear the temperature had risen to 115 degrees, after which they had a shower of rain. The country of Kashmere is like Switzerland to an extent. To-day we are going to see the Maharaja of Kashmirt† play cricket. He is an old gentleman of 66 years. He seems to be very fond of cricket. I am sending on your letter to your father who, I hope, will do what is necessary. I hope this will find you well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Such tournaments were held in Baroda for Three years.

† Maharaja Pratapsinh, who died on 23rd September 1925.

1307

SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,
7th June 1916.

MY DEAR SON (PRINCE SHIWAJIRAO),*

You have given orders for some purchases in Shrinagar. You may pay them out of your savings. If necessary, readjustment may be discussed later. I have read your Tippan dated the 24th May, Kashmere. Be careful not to buy articles, for which you may have no place to put or which are likely to go bad till your house is ready, which will be shortly commenced after the rains.

Pendse will hand over this note, on your return from Islamabad trip, unless you ask for it earlier.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* He was with H.H. in Kashmir.

1308

SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,
18th June 1916.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (KASHMERE),

We returned here last night a little earlier than arranged, as we found living too hot in the boat. The rest of our trip

turned out very successful, and your intelligent officials were all attention everywhere. I was to visit casually some schools and offices. Decided marks of progress are to be noticed everywhere. Better bridges will still accentuate progress in the future. I hope you do not mind my writing this. I think you for the pretty dogs you have sent. I think pairing them would be better than having odd ones. Can Your Highness do this without inconvenience? May I send you my Spaniel ? She is very good tempered bitch, though rather too quiet. I hope you are quite well and happy. Your Highness, will you accept my thanks for all your kindness? it is very hot here too.

Yours sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1309

GUPKAR, SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,
22nd June 1916.

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB (SIR MANUBHAI),

His Highness the Maharaja Saheb has read the copy of Residency letter No.5308/W-56 intimating that while on military duty, Dr. Mayer will receive from Government pay of twenty-four shillings a day plus boarding and lodging, in addition to such salary as Baroda Government may continue to him. While communicating his willingness to disburse Dr. Mayer's salary, while on war service, His Highness meant it as a sort of contribution towards war expenses. He naturally thought that the British Government would, in view of our offer, have to incur no expenditure on his account except board and lodging. Now, however, that Dr. Mayer has to get 24 shillings per day, His Highness is considering whether without being unfair to Dr. Mayer, it would not be reasonable, if we were to defray his pay minus the amount at 24 shillings a day.

If you, therefore, agree, His Highness would like you to ask Col. Impey on your own account and ascertain whether he saw any objection, if you proposed to His Highness that the amount to be disbursed to Dr. Mayer should be as mentioned above. An early reply is solicited. With kindest regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
V.G.PENDSE.

1310

GUPKAR, SHRINAGAR KASHMERE,

25th June 1916.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

I thank you for your several letters and the information contained therein. I have to thank the different Heads of Departments also for their interesting letters. Kindly convey these impressions of mine to them. Now that we have commenced the Bhoyani Becharji Line, I should like it to be rationally pushed on and finished soon. Everything should be prepared, so that the work may be pushed on during the next fair season after the rains. Has anything been determined about Mr. Bryant's assistant?

I think the Subhas and Naib-Subhas ought to do the inspections of their offices and subordinates more thoroughly than they seem to do Mr. Nimbalkar must be told to see that this is done. Whenever there are unsatisfactory Vahiatdars, for those Talukas we can propose better men. The prescribed facts that transfers are to take place in November, and other months need not interfere with the proposals, provided such a step is needed in the interest of Government and people. I wish that without interfering with the due discharge of his duties. Mr. Govindbhai should pick up thoroughly the knowledge of the duties of the Sar-Subha's office during Mr. Nimblalar's absence on inspection, &c. I am likely to bring the Sar-Subha's and the Joint Sar-Subha's offices more close together, so that one may be able to take the place of the other, if need be. Nimbalkar and Govindbhai should also study each other's views.

The work of disposal in connection with alienated lands in Giras properties will probably be done by the officers mentioned below in the serial order:-

1. Ramchandra K. Jadhav.
2. Laxman G. Ghanekar, if he can spare time from his present duties to study the rules and policy. He should not attempt it, if he cannot do so without affecting his present work.
3. Manirai T. Joshipura.
4. Govindbhai H. Desai.

These officers should pick up all the information that is necessary of the rules, etc., so that when the time comes (and when the inquiry going on is finished), they can do the work of disposal. I am giving them time to fit themselves for it. I had asked in what stage was the question of the dispute between the Wadiwale Gaekwads and Vaghoji Raje Shirkey and his brothers. Some time has elapsed, but no satisfactory information is available. Will you tell Nimblakar and R.K.Jadhav to expedite the matter? Or if the Huzur office is concerned, you can supply the information, but any how let it be complete. Such questions are simple and they ought to be decided without loss of time. I think there is much of circulation and delay in the final disposal of these questions and cased. This ought to be stopped as far as possible.

I have read Ganpatrao's Report about the Agriculture Department. I congratulate him on the work done. I shall send some orders on the question. But I am waiting for some information, which, I hope, will be soon sent. I wish a general rule to be observed that whenever officers are temporarily or permanently transferred to new offices, they should report how they found the state of things and what they have done or propose to do to set the defects right. This is required in the interest of the public. I think the supervision from the Minister and his colleagues over their own officers and those of their subordinates be more than what it seems to be at present; the great thing is to discriminate between good and bad officers and deal with them accordingly. I might be told more of officers and their doings than is the case at present. I can and I am willing to change my present mode of work to give them more time to report things to me. At present though I must say it is much less than before, my energies are wasted in attending to trifles at the sacrifice of important work. The routine administration ought to be satisfactorily carried on by the officers, leaving me plenty of leisure to learn about officers and measures. I am talking of the state of things that exists when I am in Baroda. The council has relieved me of much work. The working of the Council and their powers may yet be made more definite in certain matters and their working more easy and smooth. I am not writing this in a carping or fault-finding mood, but as a hint for our mutual improvement, if there be room for it.

Dr. Patel and Bhat* had written to me that they should be appointed respectively as Chief Medical Officer and Subha. Without prejudging the men and their aspirations, I will only mention to you that the Maharaja should never be bound to appoint a particular person to any high post, which can be given only to men of approved conduct and experience. Education only is not everything. Our contracts must be so worded as to always leave this freedom. We may give higher pay, but cannot guarantee a particular post, in the filling of which so many factors have to be considered. I only mention this as a guide for the future.

I should like the Account Department to explain through Ganpatrao Gaekwad, Naib-Dewan, why they did not bring to light the mischievous practices, that have been going on in the Agricultural Department. Who are the officers responsible for this? I think the object of creating the post of a Tapasni Assistant to the Accountant-General has not been sensibly carried out. He was intended to inspect and bring to light the merits and demerits of the work of the officers, who are responsible to inspect the work of their subordinates and not to relieve them of their duties of inspection and take their places. The Naib-Subhas and similar officers were not to be relieved of their work of accounts; but he was to test their work. Had this been done, the carelessness observed in the Agricultural Department and, to a certain extent, in the Education Department ought to have been checked. I am not satisfied fully with the way, in which inspection is done by the Tapasni Assistant to the Accountant-General. The work done at present is more mechanical, and the interest of Government are not sensibly watched, which may be better done by checking extravagances or expensive circuitous procedure of work. The Accountant-General ought to have abler Assistants. I do not think Shankarrao Shastri is upto the mark. Memo about him had come to me, and it might be resubmitted to me, when I return to Baroda. Probably a military man ought to be in that post. Shankarrao Shastri is a good willing young man; but his education is rather defective. However keep these remarks confidential till the memo is submitted.

I have been out of Shrinagar for a fortnight and enjoyed the trip though in the middle of the day it was often very hot.

Shrinagar has been most trying, and I shall be glad to leave this on the 27th Instant for Gulmarg, where I expect bracing climate. Please remember me to Col. Impey and tell him that I shall be shortly writing to him. I have already written too long; but I was in a mood to write and so have expressed myself at a greater length I generally do. I hope this will find you and all yours perfectly well and happy.†

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Both these gentlemen resigned shortly after this.

† This is a very interesting letter and shews how H.H. has been entirely engrossed in the work of the administration, whether he is in Baroda, Cashmere or Europe.

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GULMARG, SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,

1st July 1916.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN SAHEB),

I thank you for your two letters of the 27th June 1916. I wish a little common sense were used before people in different quarters of the globe were written to concerning the cataract operation on Avchitrap's eyes. It is a matter purely of Avchitrap's choice. He is the only and sole arbiter in the matter. No further correspondence should have been conducted after the telegraphic reply of Sir P. Lukis. Now Avchitrap should be given information by Dr. Jadhav and allowed to decide as he thinks. Dr. Jadhav may help him further, if he wants it quite in his private capacity.

I am sending a letter to H.H. Maharana of Dholpur about the Memorial of Lord Kitchner, a copy of which will be sent to you. We are well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1313

GULMARG, KASHMERE,

4th July 1916.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN SAHEB),

I have seen the tippan about Jamshetji Khandalawala's (the V C Judge) pension and one about filling up his place. I

remember Bhandarkar telling me that he was yet able to cope with his duties. Taking this fact and the conversation he had with me just before I left Baroda into consideration. He may be allowed to continue to serve on the V.C.Bench. the extension should be calculated for the present for a year. His absence may be treated as on leave according to Rules. Some people may feel disappointed at this move; but they have no real reason for it. We are short of experienced officers.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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PRATAP VILA, GULMARG, KASHMERE,
7th July 1916.

MY DEAR NEPHEW (D.B.SHRI. GANPATRAO GAEKWAD),

I thank you for your letter of the 3rd Instant. I have asked Manubhai to listen to Sitole, the Director of Agriculture, so that he may not have reason to complain. Judging from the contents of your report, it seems that you have given him opportunities to explain. I read the report with very great interest. Have the punishments been adequate enough is the only point that I have further to look to? But this is a matter that may admit of differences of opinions between any two officers.

I am glad to learn that your son Yeshwantrao has passed. When will he return to India? You have spent a good deal of money on him. We are all well. The last three days I have not been sleeping well, find the stomach windy and, sometimes, difficult to breathe at night, probably due to indigestion and the height of this place. It seems to be a trifling thing and will soon disappear. Please remember me to Anandrao, Avchitrao and others.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,

9th July 1916,

MY DEAR FRIEND (GENERAL SIR J. WATSON),

You have so often been in my thoughts lately that I feel I must write to you and ask you how you are. Your friendship for me and mine has always been one of my most valued possessions; and I know you will like to hear of Baroda and us, who cannot forget you and your work. So here in lively Kashmere I take the opportunity of writing you of the past year.*

Last May and June, we were in Ootacamund and then turned through South India, paying delightful visits to Kollengode, Cochin and Travancore, before returning to Baroda. I shall soon send you a book describing this tour. After going to Mussoorie for the autumn, we settled down to a specially good season in Baroda. I wish you should see the place; now that it is so much improved. Many streets are widened and well lit, good public buildings stand prominent and I have plans passed for a fine Secretariat. The hospital is added to every year. The educational side of the State is always a hobby for me; and both in Baroda and the districts the school and libraries are greatly increased and improved. We had an open lawn tennis tournament in February, which drew the best players from many parts of India. During February, March and April I had the honor to entertain the Maharaja of Mysore and Kashmere, the Raja of Kollengode and other friends.

My family and I have kept very well on the whole. Her Highness had a sharp attack of pneumonia in Mussoorie, but is quite strong again. My sons Jaisinh Rao and Shiwaji Rao are occupied with State work; they are both married and a little grandson is with us here and is a great joy. My youngest son has gone to Ooty; and my grand children and their mother are also well and have just returned to Baroda. We came up here in May; and the Maharaja is most hospitable in placing everything at our disposal. We spent six weeks in Shrinagar and then camped in the valleys for twelve days amidst beautiful scenery. Now we are in Gulmarg 8,500 ft. up and are reminded

somewhat of St. Moritz by its green margs and lovely flowers, pines and snow-topped mountains.

And what of you and yours? I hope that all goes well; and this terrible war has inflicted no personal loses on you and on your family. I shall hope to have a letter from you within the next two months. I have got the letter typed to enable you to read it without difficulty. With kindest regards and remembrances,

Believe me, Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* In this very interesting letter, the Maharaja has given an account of his latest achievements.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,
10th July 1916.

MY DEAR PADAMAVATI,

I hope everything is getting on well with you and the children. Is Laxmi-Devi's boil better? How are their studies? Since coming to Gulmarg, we find the climate cool, otherwise in Srinagar it was very hot. I have only made a trip of a fortnight, before coming to this station. How do you find your new teacher? Has the treatment in Bombay done any good to your knee? I was glad to know that there was a good fall of rain, otherwise it was causing us much anxiety. So much depends in India on the monsoon. I am trying to buy some ponies for the children, but have to wait till good ones turn up from Ludak. The children's over-coat will be ready in about two months more. Please give them all my Ashirwads.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,
11th July 1916.

DEAR MR. MADHAVRAO,*

I was very glad to receive your letter of the 15th May and to know that you are very much better and that the change has

done you a lot of good. I should have replied to you earlier, but delayed, as I wished to give some of my impressions of this place after visiting certain places of interest round about Srinagar.

Srinagar was very pleasant, when we arrived there; but the latter part of June was very hot and we had, therefore, to hurry up to Gulmarg, which is 3,500 feet higher than Srinagar, and is very much cooler. The Maharaja has been very kind to us both in Srinagar and here; and the beautiful wooden Palace that he has placed at my disposal here, is charming and commands a magnificent view. Here we have pine-trees in abundance; and the mountains all around are covered with ice, whereas Srinagar and other places in its vicinity are full of Chenars, Poplars and fruit trees of every kind, and have the advantage of the river Jhelum, that affords easy passages to so many places of interest.

Living in house-boats and travelling in them is one of the chief features in Srinagar and appeals very much to visitors. Personally I should have liked it very much as a change, had it not been for the oppressive heat of June, which was rather unbearable in boats. I, however, very much enjoyed my trip to Gandharbal at the mouth of Sind Valley in the earlier part of June, spending altogether four days in one of the house-boats placed at my disposal. Later on, we visited Eastern Kashmere, where Achabal noted for its copious springs, Verinag considered as the source of Jhelum and famous for a tank built by Jehangir, Kukernag, Martand and Bhavan are situated. We spent a fortnight in visiting these places, and it was rather pleasant to go over these once more after a lapse of about 13 years. In the last two places are some famous temples; and the Pandyas or priests make every pretext for extorting money from the ignorant visitors.

Affairs in Baroda seem to be getting on smoothly. Have you been able to find out any striking officer? The person you mentioned in your last letter, judging from the description you gave, must be a good man.

The rains in Baroda, I hear, have held off for the last ten days and it is causing some anxiety. The people have had so many bad years that they soon get frightened just like a person, who is always wrongly judged, though, in truth, he is

in the right. How did you find Ooty this year? I believe you have been there for a few days. Her Highness told me that she had written to you. We are all well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Mr. V. P. Madhavrao was on leave, and Mr. Manubhai was acting as Dewan. It seems His Highness had not then made up his mind to confirm Mr. Manubhai.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,
13th July 1916.

MY DEAR SON (PRINCE DHAIRYASHILRAO),

Since you left Baroda, I have not heard a word from you. I hope you enjoyed your stay at Ooty and Bangalore. Did you have any hunting? How was the monsoon and climate there? Here it was very hot in Srinagar; but Gulmarg is much better. There is often polo here and we have daily plenty of tennis. When it rains, the climate is very nice. Jaisinhrao is here and doing well. Now that you have returned to Baroda, I should wish you to do some work and study regularly. Calculating that there are six working hours in a day, I should like you to devote regularly three hours for Government work and the rest for studying. You had better begin in the military Department; and when you have mastered it fairly, you can take up some other. I am writing something to that effect to Manubhai. I hope this will find you well. We are all doing fairly.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,
13th July 1916.

MY DEAR FRIEND (H.H. THE NIZAM OF HYDERBAD),

I have to thank Your Highness very much for the very kind thought that prompted you to send me some fruits. I am sending the season in Kashmere; and fearing that fruits would not reach me in good condition, I had them sent to my son at

Baroda. Kashmere is noted for its fruits. Peaches, cherries, apricots and walnuts we get in abundance here; but the climate is too cold for mangoes and oranges. I have sent you a small parcel of green almonds, which are the only fruits that will not perish on the way. I hope Your Highness will like them.

I came to Kashmere in the first week of May and spent six weeks in Shrinagar, which is the capital of the State, occasionally touring in the valleys. The city seen from the river Jhelum, which divides it into two portions, has a pleasing and picturesque appearance. It has been compared to Florence; and I think it is as much a water city as Venice. The town lies at the foot of two hills-Harri-Parbat, where there is a fort built by Akbar, and Takt-i-Suleman, from which one gets an extended view of the windings of the Jhelum, the city canals, the Poplar avenues, the magnificent Chenars and the lakes down below. Living in house-boats and travelling in them is one of the chief features in Shrinagar and from a point of variety appeals very much to the visitors. I liked travelling in house-boats very much; but the oppressive heat of June was rather unbearable; and I had to cut short my stay in Shrinagar and come up here. In the valleys there are heaps of places worth a visiting and among others I was exceedingly glad to visit once more after a lapse of thirteen years the capious springs of Achabal and Verinag, which are considered as the sources of the Jhelum. In Verinag there is a beautiful tank built by Jehangir with inscription, wherein the Persian poet calls it a paradise on the face of the earth. We are now in Gulmarg, which is 3,500 ft. higher than Shrinagar, which is itself 9,000 ft. above the sea level. Here lies in a forest of pines the wooden Palace so kindly placed at my disposal by the Maharaja of Kashmere, which is charming and most beautifully situated. Gulmarg looks very much like an European hill-station, and reminds me very much of St. Mortiz. Next month we are going to Amarnath, which is famous as a place of pilgrimage, and which for its height of 16,000 ft. is sure to command one of the finest views. The journey is no doubt trying, but should prove of very great interest.

I am glad you will be able to see Mr. Fraser once more. He has already handed over charge to Col. Manner Smith. The Fraser are very nice people, and their charming daughters

so well known in tennis and riding circles will be an addition to the society of Hyderabad. I hope this will find Your Highness and all yours in perfect health and happiness. With kindest regards, Believe me,

Yours sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,
13th July 1916.

MY DEAR FRIEND (H.H. THE MAHARAJA OF TRAVACORE),

I have not had the pleasure of hearing from Your Highness for a very long time. I have so often been thinking of you lately that I feel I must write to you and ask how you are.

Last year I spent the summer in Ooty and Southern India, when I had the honour of seeing your beautiful country and enjoying your very kind hospitality. This year I am in Kashmere, one of the finest countries for natural scenery and salubrious climate; and of whose beauty innumerable books have been written and poets have sung. Your Highness country is not less beautiful and fertile. The only difference in the vegetation is, I believe, due to the difference in the latitude and altitude. The charming landscapes by the sea-side and coconut groves of your place it is impossible to forget. Here the season is quite different, Chenars, Poplars, pines being prominent wherever you go, while the view of the mountains all covered with snow is extremely pretty. We have fruits of every kind here; and I should have gladly sent you some, had it not been for the distance of your place, which makes it impossible to send you the fruits of this place. I spent six weeks in Shrinagar the capital and toured for a fortnight in the valleys doing part of the journey in the house-boats. Shrinagar is as much a water city as Venice, and there is ample scope for boating in the Jhelum and in the lakes around. Among places of interest in the valleys are Martand and Bhavan, where there are ancient temples with natural springs; and the places are thronged with Pandyas or priests, who take every opportunity of extorting money from the visitors. The spring of Achabal and Verinag are considered as the

sources of the Jhelum, and the latter has a beautiful tank full of fishes built by Jehangir. Next month I intend going to Amaranth the famous place of pilgrimage, which for its height of 16,000 ft. is sure to command one of the finest views. The journey will be trying indeed, I think we will all enjoy it. Like Cape Comoring and Rameshwar, it is very much visited by Hindu pilgrims in the month of August, being considered sacred to Shiva, who is said to have assumed the form of a block of ice. The maharaja is exceedingly kind to us, and has done every thing in his power to make our stay pleasant here.

I hope Your Highness has had good rainfall in your country and that every thing is getting on well. I hope this will find you and all yours in the enjoyment of perfect health and happiness. The climate here is very bracing and I have very much benefitted in my health by the change. With kindest regards, Believe me,

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,
13th July 1916.

MY DEAR SON (SHIVAJIRAO),

I have not heard from you for a long time. I hope you and your wife are doing well. Your son here is doing very well indeed. When this place has no rain, the sun is very strong, though the temperature is not more than 60°. The place has about 1,200 European visitors. There is often polo and every day plenty of tennis. We often play tennis and enjoy it. I have heard that you have gone to Navasari. I did not wish you to idle away your time in Baroda. I think when you have progressed fairly in the judicial work. I should like to learn revenue work. This will increase your field of activity, though your proper line may be judicial.

I am afraid the house at Navasari must be small for you. Do you have tennis there? Has there been much rain? Please remember me to your wife. Jaisinhrao is here. He is in good health.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,
14th July 1916.

MY DEAR FRIEND (H.H. THE NAWAB OF RAMPUR),

I have to thank you for your kind letter of the 28th Ultimo and the delicious mangoes you so kindly sent me. I have sent you a parcel of green almonds the only fruits of the season here that will, I hope, not perish on the way. I hope you will like them. I have been in Kashmere for two months, out of which I spent six weeks in Shrinagar, touring occasionally in the valleys to see places of interest. The latter part of June was very hot in Shrinagar; and so we came up here to Gulmarg, which is 8,500 ft. above the sea level, and is very much cooler. Next month I intend going to Amarnath, which is famous as a place of pilgrimage and which for its height of 16,000 ft. is sure to command one of the finest views. I am glad to say that my stay in Kashmere has very much improved my health. I hope this will find Your Highness and all yours in excellent health.

I am, Your sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,
18th July 1916.

MY DEAR AMBEGAOKAR,

I have received your letter, which I have read with very great interest. I am glad to learn that everything is going on well in Baroda, and trust that we shall not suffer this year for want of rain. You must now and then communicate to me anything you may consider of special interest and importance, and not hesitate to express your views freely. I should like to know when the educational code will be finished. The sooner it is finished, the better.

I Should like you and Mr. Padgaokar to carefully study the question of translating books and to lay down certain settled principles for future guidance, fix the amount of money that might be spent and take into particular consideration the

fact that more useful books should be translated for the benefit of the public and on a business principle. Mr. Padgaokar may be asked to write a report, in which he will say how affairs are going on in the Education Department, and what special work he has done. A quarterly report, I think, would be the proper thing.

You must have received the parcel of green almonds I sent you some days ago. We have fruits of every kind here, but unfortunately they cannot be sent, as they will perish on the way.

Yours sincerely
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,
18th July 1916.

MY DEAR GUNAJIRAO, (NIMBALKAR, SAR-SUBHA),

I have read with every great interest the reports you sent me. The statements showing the working of the Giras, Barkhali and Boundary Departments are well worked out. You must now and then communicate to me anything you may consider of any special interest and importance and not hesitate to express your views freely. I hope Baroda has had good rainfall and we shall not suffer this year for want of sufficient rain.

You must have received the parcel of green almonds I sent you some days ago. We have fruits of every kind here, but unfortunately they cannot be sent, as they will perish on the way.

Yours sincerely
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,
18th July 1916.

MY DEAR VANIKAR,

I have received your letters of the 22nd May and 22nd June and am glad to learn that the work of the Council is going on

smoothly and that you have been able to dispose of plenty of work. I hope Baroda has had good rainfall and that we shall not suffer this year for want of sufficient rain. You must now and then communicate to me anything you may consider of special interest and importance, and not hesitate to express your views freely. You must have received the parcel of green almonds I sent you some days ago. We have fruits of every kind here, but unfortunately they cannot be sent, as they will perish on the way. Kashmere is beautiful country and consist chiefly of one large and beautiful valley, which is entirely surrounded by the snow-clad mountains traversed by the Jhelum and fringed by numerous glens and valleys, which open into it on every side. Surely if there is any country that is worth a visit. It is Kashmere.

I spent six weeks in Shrinagar, occasionally touring in the valleys. The city seen from the Jhelum, which divides it into two parts, had a pleasing and picturesque appearance. It has been compared to Florence; and I think it as much as a water city as Venice. The town lies at the foot of two hills-Hari-Parvat, where there is a fort built by Akbar and Takt-i-Suleman, from which one gets an extended view of the windings of the Jhelum, the city canals, the poplar avenues, the magnificent chinars and the lakes down below. Living and travelling in house boats is one of the chief features in Shrinagar, and, from a point of variety, appeals very much to visitors. I liked travelling in these boats very much; but the oppressive heat of June was rather unbearable, and I had to cut short my stay in Shrinagar and came up here. The places of interest in the valleys, which we did in about a fortnight, are many and are visited by almost all the visitors, that come to Kashmere. Gandharbal is one of such places at the mouth of the Sind Valley. In Eastern Kashmere we visited Achabal and Verinag, both noted for their copious springs and considered as sources of the Jhelum. The latter has a tank built by Jehangir; and the tank is full of a deep burish green colour. Here there is an old building almost all in ruins with an inscription, wherein the Persian poet gives the date, the name of the emperor, by whom it was built, and calls the place a paradise on the face of the earth. Kukernag, Martand, and Bhavan are other places in the near vicinity visited by

us, while the so-called caves of Bhoomjoo believed by some to be interminable attracted our special attention. Everywhere we saw tanks and canal lined with stone and the water crowded with sacred fish, which are regularly fed by the Pandyas or priests, who make every pretext for extorting money from the ignorant visitors. Here we are in a forest of pines; and the wooden Palace, so kindly placed at my disposal by the Maharaja, is charming and commands a most beautiful view of the snow-clad mountains. The climate is fairly bracing and it is very pleasant after it has rained, though a hill-stick becomes absolutely necessary.

On Tuesday, we went out for a picnic to a place called Baba Maharsi, a place about four miles from here and reached by a tolerably smooth but rather steep descent through a very thick forest of pines, and considered sacred by the Mohamedans. Yesterday we walked to Killav-marg, which is about 11,000 ft. above the sea-level and four miles from our house; and on both occasions I enjoyed the excursions very much. On the 20th Instant, we intend going down to Shrinagar just for a day, to have a look at the beautiful lotuses in the Dale Lake. I hear that the Jhelum is in flood in Shrinagar; and we may, therefore, have an opportunity of seeing the flood river. Next month we intend going to Amarnath, which for its height of 16,000 ft. is sure to command one of the finest views. The journey is no doubt trying, but will prove of very great interest. The place is very much visited by Hindu pilgrims in August, being considered sacred to Shiva, who is said to have assumed the form of a block of ice. Since my last visit to this place, Kashmere has very much changed and improved. Very good roads have been constructed, different passes have been made rich country and fully of natural resources. The people are physically a fine race, their complexion being fair and ruddy. Their dress is funny, that of men consisting of a part of loose drawers, a long and loose shirt and a turban all white, that of the woman consisting of a long shirt with loose sleeves of red, green or blue colour, a red cap and a large veil thrown gracefully over the head. Nature is beautiful in Kashmere and food is abundant, while the Kashmiris are celebrated for their wearing embroidery engraving and working in metals.

We are all enjoying good health, and trust that this will find you quite well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,
21st July 1916.

MY DEAR PADAMAVATI,

I thank you for your letter and its contents. I am glad that you are all well. I hope the cholera will soon disappear, and that there will be plenty of rain. Everything in India depends upon rain. You must get a teacher to teach you. If Dalvi cannot come, try to get Gupte as before.

On the 2nd of the next month, I shall be going to Amarnath, and will be back on 14th of the same month. It is not difficult to get there. One can ride up there as well as, I believe, one can go in a Zampan. The weather here now is very pleasant, though damp and muddy owing to frequent showers of rain. The country at the foot of the hill is very picturesque and pretty. The fields are so green and the rivers with the waters in them are so marked out in the sun. One can see their meandering course so well marked. The furs with their dark green branches, the light green verdure-covered hills of various shapes and the clouds and snow all combine to make a pretty scene. Some day you will all come and see this. Please remember me to the children. With my love to you all,

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,
22nd July 1916.

MY DEAR KAMALA-DEVI, (PRINCE SHIWAJIRAO'S WIFE),

Her Highness told me that the motor-car I gave you, has not proved to be good and is probably second-hand. I consulted a professional before buying it. I am sorry that money should

have been thus wasted. If it be profitable or wise to sell, you can do so without any hesitation.

Baby here is doing well in every respect. The climate is very nice at present. Next month we are going to Amarnath, and will be back in a fortnight. The trip is not very long nor difficult. I hope you are both well. How do you like Navsari? Please show to Shiワajirao and give him my Ashirwads. He ought to buy for you a good motor-car, when they are in the market. I am going tomorrow to see the growth of lotus-flowers at Shrinagar. I will be back in the evening. I hope you are having plenty of rain.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,
25th July 1916.

MY DEAR RAJASAHEB (KOLLENGODE),

I must thank you very much for your very kind and interesting letter of the 12th Instant. I am glad to note that you and your family had a successful tour after you left Baroda, and that all of you enjoyed it immensely.

You should now take an early opportunity to visit Kashmere, which, you must have heard, is one of the finest countries for natural scenery and salubrious climate and of whose beauty innumerable books have been written. Here there are no coconut palms so prominent on your side, but Chenars, Poplars and the tall and shady pines, while we have fruits of every kind except mangoes and oranges, which probably do not grow here, on account of the extreme cold of this place. I should have gladly sent you some, had it not been for the distance of your place, which makes it impossible to send you the fruits, which are bound to perish on the way.

We spent six weeks in Shrinagar the capital and toured for a fortnight in the valley, doing part of the journey in houseboat, which is one of the chief features in Shrinagar and from a point of variety appeals very much to the visitors. Among places of interest in the valleys are Gandharbal in the Sind Valley, near which there is a famous temple called

Kheer Bhavani-where they have an annual fair and the Maharaja visit it. In the Eastern country, we visited Achabal and Verinag, both noted for their copious springs and considered as the sources of the Jhelum. The latter has tank built by Jehangir and it is full of fishes, the water being of a deep bluish green colour. The Persian Poet calls this place a Paradise. Other places in its vicinity are Martand and Bhavan, famous for ancient temples, with natural springs and the places are thronged with Pandyas or priests, who take every opportunity of exhorting money from the visitors. Shrinagar being hot in June, we came up here. This place is 4500 ft. above the sea level and is very much cooler. Here we have to walk or ride; and when it rains, the roads become slippery and a hill-stick becomes a necessity. If the weather is nice, we get some tennis. There are some nice places for picnic here, from where you get extraordinary beautiful views of the sunset or snow-clad mountains or the river and the lakes at the distance. On the 2nd of August we intend leaving for Amarnath, 16,000 ft. high, and considered sacred to Shiva, who is said to have assumed the form of a block of ice. The journey will be trying, but will, no doubt, prove of great interest.

The maharaja is exceedingly kind and has done everything in his power to make our stay pleasant. Last month we had an opportunity of seeing him at a game of cricket, in which, in spite of his old age, he takes great interest.

We were all glad to read that His Majesty, in appreciation of your work, conferred the title of C.I.E. on you. I had asked my Secretary to wire to you my congratulations on that very day, but unfortunately it seems from your letter that you never received the telegram. It is a pity that such a mistake should have arisen. All the same I hope you take our wish for the deed. I am very glad to learn that my daughter is happy and that the Maharaja and the little ones are all flourishing. I am sure your beautiful country will very much interest them. Her Highness and I have been keeping fairly good health here. Please remember me to you mother, sister and brother. Trusting that this will find you all in the enjoyment of perfect health and happiness, and with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG (KAHMER),

27th July 1916.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWANSAHEB),

Will you please tell Gunajirao Nimbalkar that I have gone through the confidential Abkari Report that he has sent to me in Gujarathi . I have read it with great interest and thank him for the information and the criticism that it contains, though, of course, I have not scrutinized all the tables. I think the Preventive Establishment should be improved and competent men put into it. You might get out a list of men that are considered incompetent. One of the ways to do so is to ask the Superintendents and Abkari Commissioners like Sampatrao, Gunajirao, Govindbhai and others to mention independently the name of persons that they may consider incompetent and their reasons for so considering. This should be done confidentially and the confidence kept. I should like Mr. Macrae to see the report and to judge whether the police or part of the police should not interest itself in doing the preventive work partly as a check on the Abkari Preventive Establishment. If necessary, we can sanction a few men for this purpose to work under Mr. Macrae, who should confidentially inform Government where the weakness is. The qualifications of the men to be entertained in this important Abkari post should be fixed and, we may transfer from other departments men that are likely to be useful. Please also prepare a list of such eligible men in the same way as I have suggested above, for making a list of incompetent men or any other that you may consider practicable.

In para 20 of page 5 of the report, Mr. Nimbalker is rather under a wrong impression. There were some people who were not in favour of the new system, but the truth is that I had to be bold and sanction it. Let Govindbhai and Nimbalker see this letter and ask the former to carry out the instructions fully. In case the matter should require my orders, you might keep it ready by the time I return to Baroda.

I think it advisable that Govindbhai with one or two competent men should go and study the policy and working of the Bombay Abkari Department with the object of introducing

all the improvements into ours. Before going these people should carefully study the British and our past Abkari policy, rules, regulations and its history and you should let me know the names of the persons you propose to send.

Shivraj Singh has probably written to you about Mr. W.Beechy. if there is nothing against Mr. Beechy, I am inclined to entertain him in our service for a period of not more than three years, provided he continues physically and mentally fit for his work and gives satisfaction in the discharge of his duties. Strictly speaking, I am inclined to think that as things stand or have stood for some time, there is no necessity for an assistant. But still I wish him to be entertained in service. We may have an understanding with him that if we want to utilize his engineering knowledge in any other department, he should be ready to offer his services and help Government in every way to train its men.

I have sent an order to the Khangi Department to dispose of some old Parab* diamond ornaments. Please see that this work is honestly and properly done and that Government is not in any way made to suffer. I propose to dispose of these ornaments only because they are not in fashion at present and are not likely to be of any use in the future. I may have to buy some ornaments in their place as in a Palace not only quality but even quantity has to be thought of. The ornaments to be dispose of should be carefully chosen and no mistake allowed to creep in, in their selection. The old Parab necklace of Maharaja Khanderao of five or six rows with emerald pendants should also be got rid of, keeping such emeralds or parts of the necklace as are likely to be disposed of separately.

The Parab ornaments at Motibag should also be dealt with sensibly. Anandrao Gaekwad and Dalvi who has just retired should be appointed members of the committee in lieu of Shirgaokar, that is going to dispose of these ornaments. Please impress upon them that they should exert and see that Government gets the utmost possible benefit by the sale and that it does not financially suffer.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Parab is an inferior quality of diamond flat and thin in size and shape it has no cuts at all.*

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,

30th July 1916.

MY DEAR GENERAL BIRDWOOD,

I thank you for your letter of the 25th July 1916 and its pleasant contents. I shall look forward to the tippan you are going to send. I hope you enjoyed your holidays and that you with your daughter are quite well and fit. I am starting for Amarnath on the 2nd of August and will be back by the 15th. The weather here is now cooler than before. I have met Col. Manner Smith who is a very pleasant man. He has a large family. I hope Rigg will have gained plenty of new experience.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG,

30th July 1916.

MY DEAR FRIEND (LORD CHELMSFORD, VICEROY OF INDIA),

I hope you will not mind my writing this letter to you, and that you are now comfortably settled and have been your arduous duties of a Viceroy. I have been in Kashmere since last May. The change is pleasant from Baroda though the climate is not as bracing as that of Europe. I wonder if you ever visited this country. Gulmarg is a small growing hillstation. The place has now a greater number of chalets than it had 13 years ago when I was here the first time.

I hope, before many months are over, we may be able to meet each other, and that this will find you all perfectly well. With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,

31st July 1916.

MY DEAR BROTHER (SHRI. SAMPATRAO),

With the view of partly assisting you to reduce your debts, I suggest that you should hand over completely your library to the State for which it will pay you a lump sum of Rs 40,000. If this be agreeable to you, let me know when I shall issue the necessary instructions. The money you owe to the State will be taken into calculation in the transaction. If you wire to me your consent to my proposal, it will enable me to pass the order without loss of time.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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PRATAP VILLA, GULMARG,

1st August 1916.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI, (DEWANSAHEB)

I have read your letter of the 28th July and also the enclosure. When I wrote that the Survey Commissioner should supervise by testing to certain extent the work of survey and classification done by the two parties set apart for the Giras work, I never intended that the continuity of the work or the smoothness with which it was carried out, should in any way be interfered with. Any intelligent officer can understand this without any emphasis being laid on that fact. Bearing in mind the reasons mentioned by Mr. Govindbhai in his letter to you dated the 20th July, the need for working tighter is still greater. I should have expected the Survey and settlement Commissioner to have sufficient common sense to understand that much, even in case of failure on your part to point that out to him. However, under the circumstances pointed out, I do not care to insist that he should supervise the survey and classification work provided the work is satisfactorily done. A report with the usual details of the cost and amount of work done, the men who have done it and the cause for its

understanding should be submitted to the Government for information and future reference at the end of this year. Messrs. Vaidya and Limaye need not be interfered with the work they are doing. Something ago when I wrote to you that several officers were to keep themselves ready to do the settlement work. I wrote it under a wrong impression and for want of proper information. I thank you for correcting it.

I am starting tomorrow for Amarnath and will be back in about 15 days. The doctor and friends insist that at least for a month I should not do office work of any kind. This I am going to do. I hope this will cause no inconvenience and that you will prevent any mischief arising from it. I hope there will be plenty of rain and if any is wanting, you will be prepared with schemes of relief work required in the future. Judging from the proceedings of Council and from your letters I think the things at Baroda are getting on well for which I thank you all. Please remember me to all the gentlemen there. I hope this will find you and all yours perfectly well and happy.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,
16th August 1916.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KASHMERE),

I thank you for your kind letter of today's date. It has just been given me. I came only half an hour ago. Yes, we enjoyed the trip immensely except at Chandanwari. We had no reason to complain of the rain and weather. We passed through such a beautiful country to Amarnath where the people were delighted to get. I thank Your Highness on behalf of everybody for the successful arrangement made by your officials for our comfort. It does not matter the opening of the letter. When will the cricket begin tomorrow? When should I turn up? I am having good news of rain from Baroda. I hope this will find you quite well and happy.

Your sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1337

GULMARG, KASHMERE,

17th August 1916.

MY DEAR PADMAVATI,

I returned here yesterday afternoon after a fortnight's absence. The country we passed through, was very hilly, green, covered with forest and possessed plenty of running rivulets of clear water. At Vavjan there was a pretty deep lake containing fresh water from the glaciers not far away. This was a very fine spot and we happened to have a good day. Several glaciers could be seen from here. Before long you will see these places. Amarnath itself is a greatly disappointing place. There is only a flat piece of ice in the hollow of a mountain which Hindus look upon as a Ling. This is question of faith, but there is nothing in the place to excite reverence. The ponies have not yet turned up. There is time for them yet to come. I will do my best to procure some ponies. I am glad that the children are doing well. Please give them all my love.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1338

GULMARG, KASHMERE,

19th August 1916.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI, (DEWANSHEB),

I have written today to Prince Shiujirao about his transfer. He should go to Mehsana and live in the quarters reserved for me. He should be advised to go to Baroda about the time of the delivery of his wife. He should go to Baroda a fortnight before and stay about three weeks after the delivery. I hope he will behave well there. I had a pleasant trip to and back from Amarnath. I got all your letters after my arrival. I hope this will find you and all yours quite well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1339

GULMARG,

23rd August 1916.

MY DEAR COL. IMPEY (RESIDENT, BARODA),

I had received your telegram about Mr. Macrae and I had wired back my reply to you as it came to my mind that moment. Since then I have heard from Mr. Macrae himself to whom I have sent the following wire : "I have received your letter of the 20th Instant. I shall be sorry to part with your service, but would not like to come in the way of your prospects."

We had our trip to Amarnath. The journey is tedious though not very difficult. The country is mountainous, full of rivulets and forest and at places like Vougen one can see more than one glacier at a time. I think Vougen is one of the prettiest halts. It has a beautiful lake and a fairly large piece of flat ground at a height of 12,500 feet. Had this been Europe, there would have been several hotels and restaurants ministering to the wants of men. I was disappointed to see the cave of Amarnath. People in their blind faith have made too much of a poor natural phenomenon. The sight of the cave creates no religious feeling of reverence, because it is so simple. Weather up here is now getting beautifully cool. I propose to be in Simla about the 7th of October where I am looking forward to meet Lord Chelmsford I wish you to be there during my stay. I shall probably leave Simla about the 18th of October. Please let me know if you have anything to suggest. Do you mind the trouble of engaging a few rooms for me at one of the best hotels there? I shall have two officers with me. Her Highness will not accompany me.

I hope this will find you quite well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,

28th August 1916.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI, (DEWANSAHEB),

I have been taking rest completely for some time, and I will now look into the several papers you have sent at the end of

this month. Except when ill, I have never known what complete rest was, free from all work except this time. The cessation from complete work has done me good. I feel greater zest for work and reading. The letter I could not do so as I could not fix my attention. I now find it a pleasant occupation. Judging from the present experiment in the interest of my health and of public it is desirable that I should often have periods of complete rest and this must be done without unhinging as far as possible the smooth run of affairs. I think this can be done.

As you know I attach great importance to the translation of useful and healthy books from foreign languages into our vernacular. The policy concerning this question in the Education Department could, I think, have been better carried out. I have asked Ambegaokar to take into consideration all former orders and experience on the subject and frame rules regarding details of the policy for the future. If Ambegaokar has not been working at this, please show him this letter and tell him to finish it up. This ought to form a chapter of the Education Code which I hope is being brought to completion. I should like to see every year at least from ten to fifteen books translated into easy simple Gujarati. I am writing you now to get "A short History of Natural Science" by A.B.Buckley translated. If there be better books than this on the same subject, I have no objection to have one of them translated instead of this. It must be always borne in mind that when I suggest a book for translation, the officials concerned and especially the Minister of Education is in duty bound to suggest a better book in case there be one than the one I might have suggested from my limited knowledge and to see that the books suggested by me are fit one for a translation from all other points of view.

I have a distrust that translation and similar works purely undertaken by Government are not always a great success as compared with the work done by a private person at his own expense and risk. As far as possible at least a fair proportion of private interest in the loss and gain of the book ordered to be translated by Government should be kept with the private individual doing the work. This private interest

will prevent Government from undertaking unprofitable translation. I hope this will find you well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

P.S. The book has been published by (Edn. 1894) Edward Stanford,
26 & 27, Cockspun Street, Charing Cross, London, S.W. Add a
chapter of the growth of the different sciences in India. Has this
been translated?

S.R.G.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,
30th August 1916.

MY DEAR DR. MAYER,

I was glad to receive your letter and to know that you are doing as well as you can under the great strain of Basarah. It is indeed a great for you from Kashmir to that place. However, the opportunity of doing good work must be some consolation. Mr. Macrae will soon be leaving for where you are and I believe you are likely to meet him. I am sorry to part with him, but in the war condition one cannot really refuse the loan of officers.

I was away from Gulmarg for about a fortnight on a visit to Amarnath of which you must have heard so much while you were here. We left Gulmarg on the morning of the 2nd Instant, took our breakfast at Shrinagar, the same evening staying there for the night. There is a beautiful motor road as far as Islamabad about 33 miles from Shrinagar, and the second town in Kashmir, but from Islamabad to Aishmukkam, a distance of 15 miles, the road being unmetalled is not in a good condition, while the bridges on the way are rather rickety and we had, therefore, to travel in smaller cars from Islamabad. it is on the way here that you pass by the famous places of Martnad and Bhavan and the cave of Bhoomjoo. The next morning we spent some time at Aishmukkam in visiting an old monastery with picturesque turrets containing a tomb of one Zynudding, a great Kashmeri saint and from the terrace of this you get a fine prospect of the beautiful Leder Valley. The same afternoon we had a fine ride through the forest to Palgam about 12miles. This place has less rain than Gulmarg, its altitude being nearly 8,000 ft. and is very

much frequented by visitors. There is an old ruined temple of Mahadeo on the opposite side which we visited the next day and we left Palgam on the 6th for Chandanwali another ten miles. The road was rough and stony, but it was a pleasure to see Sheshnag river on our right coming down in all its grandeur in its serpentine course now and then forming into beautiful cascades. We were to leave Chandanwali the next morning, but had to postpone our departure on account of the rains that fell incessantly for a whole day. However, on 8th in beautiful weather and sunshine we left Chandanwali and were soon on the stiffest ascent known as Plssu Ghat. This is about three miles but properly safe though very trying indeed. From this place upwards there is hardly any vegetation, but you see beautiful flowers of every colour blowing on the hills on every side. Another stiff ascent known as the Kuti Ghat brought us straight in from of the Sheshnag lake and it was pretty to watch the river of the same name emerging from the lake while its passage was blocked at every stage by bridges of ice. The lake itself is charming, being enveloped by huge mountains covered with ice. This is called Woojoon for the most furious winds that blow there and is in my opinions, the prettiest spot in Kashmir, for natural scenery. Its height is about 13,000ft. and average temperature about 40°. Had this been Europe, there would have been heaps of hotels here and every facility afforded to the innumerable travellers, bent on excursions to the glaciers all around. We left Woojoon the next morning over a stony ascent to a pass about 14,000 ft. across to the waters of the Sind river reaching Panchtarani, another ten miles. Amarnath is only five miles from here and there are also two routes to it, one known as the Bhairav Ghat route which is very steep and dangerous and the other known as the Sant Sing route, which is very much better, a considerable portion of which can safely be ridden. Jaisinhrao and I rode almost to the cave, while Her Highness walked most of this distance. The route is picturesque, huge barren mountains on either side, while you see the river Amravati frozen in several parts, at one stage necessitating our crossing a solid bridge of ice more than a quarter of a mile in length. On entering the cave which is 50 yards in length and 30 yards high, you discover a tiny block of ice considered to be

an image of the God Shiva and to be increasing and decreasing in size with the phases of the moon. In my opinion there was nothing much to excite admiration or feeling of religious reverence as the whole thing was so simple and natural.

We reached Panchtarni the same evening and left for Astanmarg, another ten miles passing by another tank named Hatiara Talav, supposed to be of ill repute owing to several lives having been lost there and thence descending a couple of miles but nearly 3,000 ft. it is a very steep pass and the passage is almost vertical. One of my servants Trimbak, a tinny fellow, inspite of warnings, was bold enough to ride down this precipitous descent without stirups reaching Astanmarg safely. Is this nerve or ignorance of danger? We stayed at Astanmarg for a couple of days and reached Palgam the same on the 12th where we stayed till the 16th to have a look at the Sadhus or pilgrims who were to return at Palgam on the 15th for the pilgrimage to Amarnath. I expected to find them fine specimens of good physique as we used to see them in Baroda some time ago, but was rather disappointed. From Palgam I walked almost the whole way to Aishmukkan and thence motored up to Tangamarg whence we rode up the four miles up here to Gulmarg. It was on the whole, a very pleasant excursion and we enjoyed it immensely. At one time the journey to Amarnath was considered as rather an important undertaking, but now it is both possible and pleasant, while heaps of visitors Indians and Europeans, visit the spot.

I intend leaving this on the 1st Proximo for Srinagar and propose to leave Srinagar on the 4th on another excursion to see the Gangabal Lake. The last two weeks of October I shall go out shooting, at the end of which I shall probably leave for Simla on my way to Baroda, which I hope to reach about the 20th of October. Col. Impey, who is now on a holiday at Mussoorie, will, I hear, also go to Simla about that time. I hope you will continue to enjoy good health and return soon at the successful termination of the war. I also trust that you are having good news of Mrs. Mayer and your little daughter. I am glad to inform you that Prince Shiwaji Rao has got another son.*

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Khande Rao, Born on 9th August 1916.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,

30th August 1916.

MY DEAR INDUMATI,*

Of the Furgols ordered for you, three are ready and will be soon be despatched from Shrinagar, where I am returning on the 1st September. I hope the coats will not be too long and that you all will like them. I hear there has been much rain in Baroda. This is a great thing, as everthing, depends on it in India. I hope you are all well and going on nicely with your studies. You must study well; because the pleasures of education are great. I am trying to get some ponies for you all; but they have not yet come. I hope you are all well. Please give my Ashirwads to your mother, sister and brother.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Grand-Daughter of His Highness.*

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,

31st August 1916.

MY DEAR NEPHEW (SHRI. G.V. GAEKWAD),

I was very glad to receive your letter and I hope you always do write from time to time. I was glad to know that you worked as Subha for about two months. You have long been in service and are now well up in the knowledge of the routine of the different departments. It was very good of you to visit the cholera-striken places. I am sure the sensible people must have appreciated your visits. I am leaving Gulmarg tomorrow for Shrinagar. I stayed here for two months. It is a very pretty place and is very cool as compared with Shrinagar, I shall leave Kashmere about the first week of October. Will you kindly convey my Ashirwads to Shamrao and tell him that I had received his letter. I did not answer it as I had soon answered the question he had raised in the tippin. I hope you are all well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,

4th September 1916.

MY DEAR CAPT. RIGG,

I was very glad to receive your letter and to learn from it the high probability of your soon returning to Baroda. You may perhaps be on your way and I am, therefore, sending this letter to Baroda to the General Birdwood, so that he may redirect it to you, in case you be not there. Dr. Mayer is already in Mesopotamia and Mr. Macrae is soon following him. I hope both of them have plenty of opportunities of doing good work.

Since you left Baroda the affairs have rolled on as usual. I am spending the summer this year in Kashmere and have undertaken a few excursions in the country, which I have immensely enjoyed. The trip to Amarnath is of special interest the route throughout being most picturesque, full of rivulets and water-falls, while there are some notable glaciers on the way, the best of these being at a place called Woojoon at a height of about 13,000 ft. and, in my opinion, the prettiest spot for natural scenery. Had this been Europe, there would have been heaps of hotels here and every facility afforded to the innumerable travelers bent on excursions to the glaciers around. I shall be back in Baroda about the end of October. I am glad that you have been hale and hearty upto now and I hope that you are having good news of your family. Her Highness is doing well and has a very busy time with the grand child (Prince Shivaji Rao's son Udaysinh) that is with her.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,

4th September 1916.

MY DEAR RAJASAHEB (OF PRATAPGARH),

I have come to Kashmere for a change and here I received your letter of the 8th Ultimo redirected to me from Baroda.

As for the young gentleman recommended by you, I would advise him to apply, stating his educational and other qualifications, age and such other particulars. I shall then see what I can do for him. I may mention here for the information of the young man that the knowledge of the local vernacular, viz. Gujarathi, is quite indispensable in the service of this State. The gentleman would do well to send his photo with his petition. Hope this will find you and all yours in the best of health.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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CAMP KACHANAMBAL, KASHMERE,
5th September 1916.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWANSHEB),

I came here on my way to Gangabal. I leave this tomorrow morning for Narayan-Nag. Before leaving Shrinagar I disposed of all the Tippans. I have read the report of the Famine Committee, and I am generally in agreement with the views expressed by them. You and Datar should take steps to carry out the suggestions and, for that purpose, do whatever is necessary. If orders of the Government are required, he must draw up Tippans and, with the opinions of the Heads of the Departments, should submit them for orders. If he wants more time for finishing this work, he may give greater powers to his assistants to do the routine work and expend the time thus saved in finishing this. It is useless to express regret for the long period the report has remained undisposed. The report is well drawn up and lucidly expressed. I only wish they had drawn up the issues something like in the Tippan form and thus got the approval of the Government on them, which would have saved some time. Will you please express my approval and thanks to the Committee for their work? I will pass a regular order on it, when the question mentioned in the report are all disposed of.

I have passed an order about the village-Havaldars. I do not know what was done, when they were disbanded in the Baroda Prant; but out of kindness, I should give these people two

month's pay and discharge them. This order will probably reach you in the middle of this month. I should issue a clear order about the matter, so that the subordinates may not be at a loss to know what to do about these Hawaldars and other Khulasas that may be thought necessary.

Since the last three weeks, I have not been keeping very well and that fact tells on my mind. However, I hope the present change will serve to cure it. If I go to Simla, I expect you to meet me at a place that Shivrajsinghji will mention later on. I am likely to ask Colonel Rigg to go with me to Simla; and he must keep himself ready to join at Ravalpindi. The date is likely to be the night of the 4th October. Unless this date is changed, he has to be there on that day. I hope this will find you and all yours quite well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,

12th September 1916.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

I was away from Shrinagar on an excursion to the Gangabal Lake, which is situated at a height of about 13,000 feet, and returned yesterday morning. It took us about six days for the whole journey, and I enjoyed the trip immensely. In one of the recent issues of the "Sayaji Vijaya" I read of certain complaints regarding arrangement of W. C.s in the railway trains (III class) in Kadi Prant, so also the insufficient quantity of wagons and the unpunctuality in the arrivals and departures of trains. I should like you to investigate the matter thoroughly, with a view to remove all the defects as far as possible. You might submit to me a memorandum, dealing with the existing defects and the improvements suggested and, if necessary, consult the Railway Agent at Bombay, who might advise you on the subject. I once wrote to you on this subject, and I believe it is engaging your attention.

I have received a petition regarding the Koral Railway and have asked Pendse to forward it to you. I should like to know

how far the Railway has progressed and when you expect it to be opened. I wish It to be pushed on.

I have accepted the Viceroy's invitation and will be his guest from the 7th to the 10th of October. On reconsideration I may not ask you to come to Simla. Any how, if I want you, I shall wire to you and let you know the particulars. I believe you are now drawing less than Rupees three thousand. I wish you to draw Rupees three thousand from the 1st of September 1916.* Please accept my deep condolences and convey the same to your mother and other members of your family on the demise of your brothers.† I hope to return to Baroda before the Diwali Holidays. I trust this will find you all well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Mr. Manubhai acted for the Dewan from May and did not draw the full salary Rs 3,000 and the reference above.

† Mr. Markand Mehta.

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SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,
18th September 1916.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KAPURTHALA),

I thank you very much for your kind letter of the 12th instant. I shall be happy to visit Your Highness and your capital. I propose to be there on the 18th and leave for Delhi on the 20th of October. I wish to have no Poshakhs or presents of any kind or great ceremonies. I shall be accompanied not by more than three gentlemen and by servants, whose number will not exceed a dozen. I shall leave this place on the 4th of October en-route to Simla. I hope this will find you quite well and happy. Thanking you again for your kind invitation and thoughts,

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,

18th September 1916.

MY DEAR COL. MANNER SMITH,

I thank you for your note of the 11th Instant. It seems that I did not make myself clear. I wanted the information, in case I thought of employing Mr. Chaterji. if there is any inconvenience, please do not answer the note. I am sorry to have caused you any trouble.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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SHRINAGAR KASHMERE,

25th September 1916.

MY DEAR LAXMI-DEVI, (SHRI. FATEHSINH RAO'S DAUGHTER),

I was delighted to receive your charming letter and to read your impression of the baby. My health is better than it was. I shall be in Baroda for the Diwali, when I shall be very glad to see you all again. I have not yet got the ponies, and I now doubt whether I shall get them. If I do not get them here, I shall procure in other part of the country. I am going in a couple of days to shoot some stages and bears. I hope I get a 12 pointer, which is considered a fine head. I hope to see your studies, when I return to Baroda. I hope the coats have reached you. My love to you all.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,

25th September 1916.

MY DEAR NEPHEW (SHRI. G.V.GAEKWAD),

Thank you for your last letter. I suppose the machine, the Panchayat has resolved to buy, is found unfit. I shall leave this place on the 4th of October for Simla. From there I shall go to Kapurthala for two days and return to Delhi en-route to

Baroda. It is not very cold here yet; but the weather is pleasant. The Maharaja of Kashmere was to play cricket today; but I hear it has been postponed as a General called Bruce died here of heart failure. I write this from what I have heard, and do not know how far it is true. How is Damajirao* getting on in Europe? I hope this will find you all well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Youngest son of Shri. Vithalrao Gaekwad now in service (1926).*

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SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,
25th September 1916.

MY DEAR PRATAP (PRATAPSINH RAJE),

Many thanks for your beautiful letter and its contents. I hope to see your garden, when I come back. The Maharaja of Kashmere is 67 years old. He is very fond of cricket and plays in matches at times. He himself cannot run, but has a substitute. He is going to play in a day or two. We are going to watch him play. Do you play cricket? it is a fine game. You and yours sisters should have a game sometimes. Please give my love to your mother and sisters. I hope you are all well. I have not forgotten the promise.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,
25th September 1916.

MY DEAR FRIEND (H.H, THE NIZAM OF HYDERABAD),

I have to acknowledge with many thanks Your Highness' kind letter of the 13th Instant from Hyderabad. I shall be delighted to pay you a visit in the latter part of January, when I shall be looking forward with pleasure to see something of Your Highness. I shall mention exact date of course, subject to your approval after my return to Baroda about the end of October. I am leaving Kashmere on the 4th of October. On my

way, I am going to Simla and Kapurthala, where I have been invited.

In vegetation and, to an extent, in climate, Kashmere is very much like parts of Europe and to one, who has not visited Europe, it serves to give a very good impression of the beauty of vegetation of that continent. His Highness the Maharaja of Kashmere, as Your Highness probably knows, is extremely kind and warm-hearted. He has given us every facility for our comfort and enjoyment. I propose to stay in Hyderabad for a week. I hope Your Highness has not forgotten my earnest wish about your visit to Baroda. I hope this will find Your Highness perfectly well and happy.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,
26th September 1916.

MY DEAR RAJASAHEB,*

Instead of going out shooting on the 1st of October to Hoakersar, we are going on the 2nd of October. Will that cause you any inconvenience? Kindly let me know.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Raja Amarsing, Brother of H.H.the Maharaja of Kashmere.

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GUPKAR, SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,
27th September 1916.

MY DEAR SHIRGAOKAR (THE KHANGI KARBHARI),

I have got an impression that General Birdwood has been desired to inspect fully and properly the Bagi, Hatti, Faras Karkhanas. I hope the General is doing that strictly and from every point of view, so as to satisfy himself,

- (1) that everything is being well and economically managed,
- (2) that papers are not kept pending unnecessarily in the Karkhanas and (3) that the inconveniences of subordinates,

if any, are being attended to and that they are given every facility, encouragement and training to do their work efficiently and conscientiously. In short, his inspection must be thorough, so that there should be no reason whatever for the Khangi Karbhai or any other officer to examine again the working and the daftars of these Karkhanas. If this is not already done, please give a copy of this letter to the General, and also ask him to include the Gow-Shala amongst the Karkhanas to be inspected by him.

If, under the old arrangement, the Karkhanas are being inspected every month and if that involves too much work and trouble, please ask him to arrange it in such a way that each Karkhana may be taken up at the end of every two months.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GUPKAR, KASHMERE,
2nd October 1916.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWANSAHEB),

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th September. There is no reason why I should misunderstand your advice, on the other hand I thank you for the same. No doubt; there are several matters, which I should like to talk about, but I expect to have no talk on business this time. If, however, I want you or any other officer to come, I shall let you know by wire.

Mr. Masani says in his letter of the 23rd September that Miss Marsden is not in a hurry to go away and would willingly stay on, if so desired, till some suitable man is found to take her place. Please thank her for it. You should better now obtain Government of India's sanction for the retension of her services for about six months more on the present terms. I am not inclined to write a long letter and will, therefore, conclude this, hoping this will find you and all yours perfectly well.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GULMARG, SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,

2nd October 1916.

MY DEAR SHAMRAO (SHRI. VITHALRAO GAEKWAD'S SON),

I thank you for your letter of the 24th Ultimo from Sinore. I am glad that you have written fully and clearly. There is no reason at all why one should be annoyed with matters like this. We, as a race, I think, are too silent and, consequently, suffer beyond a legitimate degree for not expressing our feelings adequately, which may sometimes mean a fear or lacking in the power of expression. My experience is that at times we do suffer more from this want, as compared with the people of Europe and America. This is due to poor education and defective training.

I do not know why form the beginning the Khangi Department did not acts as you say. So far as I am concerned, my intention from the first was the same, though from what you say the expressions mean two different things. I am sending your letter to the Khangi, asking them to explain the meaning of the different expressions, and to say why they did not get the order in a clear language. I am doing this to minimize mistakes of the kind in future.

I am leaving this place on the 4th October on my way to Simla, where I shall stay upto the 18th; thereafter I am going to Kapurthala for a couple of days. I have not found the climate of Kashmere bracing and I feel its inferior to that of Europe. I tried to get some shikar here, but without success. For it I ought to have stayed here about three weeks longer, as the real shikar season commences now. I am sorry that you lost your child. I wanted to write then; but sometimes I feel so slack that I do not like to do anything. I would like to know whether the letter under reply was written by yourself or with the help of some body. It has been well written and the ideas have been well expressed therein. I hope this will find you quite well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,

4th October 1916.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KASHMERE),

On the eve of my departure, I have to thank you for all your kindness to us for the beautiful present you took the trouble to send me. You have done all in your power to make our stay a pleasant one and the presents were quite unnecessary. In future, I hope often to visit the happy valley, when I wish you to dispense with the formalities. I wish Your Highness long life and every prosperity. By the bye just before concluding the note, if Your Highness and your officials can start a proper club with a decent building for it, I shall be delighted to subscribe to it. A club with tennis-courts and other amusements, besides bringing your officials and other respectable Indians together, will be an additional source to promote social intercourse.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,

4th October 1916.

MY DEAR KAMALA-DEVI (PRINCE SHIWAJIRAO'S WIFE),

I was gald to have your letter some weeks ago. I hope the little baby and all of you are well. I leave this for Simla tomorrow. From there I go to Kapurthala for a couple of days. Baby is doing very well indeed. He is much stronger and bigger. You will hardly recognize him. The climate here is not cold. I do not care for it. I am looking forward to see you and the new baby.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,

4th October 1916.

MY DEAR PADMAVATI,

I am sorry that you have not been well. I am glad that Laxmi-Devi is better. You ought to have asked me whether the children were to go to the station.* I hope Indira Raja was well. I am leaving this tomorrow for Simla. From there I go to Kapurthala for a couple of days. It is not very cold here yet. I hope the climate at Baroda is good. My Ashirwads to you all.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *To meet princes Indira Raja, who passed through Baroda for the first time after her marriage.*

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SHRINAGAR, KASHMERE,

4th October 1916.

MY DEAR TUKOJIRAO MAHARAJA OF INDORE,

A line to a friend before leaving Kashmere. I start tomorrow for Simla on my way to Kapurthala and Baroda I shall be on the 18th in Kapurthala and leave it for Delhi on the night of the 20th October. I hope we may have an opportunity of meeting in the cold weather. I shall be glad to see you in Baroda. I hope affairs in Indore are prospering well. I hope you are looking after the bringing up and education of your son. It is very important thing and you must never forget it. I shall write to you again a little. I hope you are all well.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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VICEREGAL LODGE, SIMLA,

10th October 1916.

MY DEAR SAMARTH,

I thank you for your kind and suggestive letter. It is, indeed, good of you to have taken the trouble to note so many points I

am leaving Government House today after a pleasant stay. I shall leave Simla on the 18th for Kapurthala, where I shall be for two days. I propose to reach Baroda on the 25th of October, when I hope to be amongst you all again after a long absence. On leaving the Government House, I am going to see Lady Harnamsing. I am glad that you are well. I left Her Highness, Prince Jaisinh Rao and others well at Shrinagar. They will join me at Delhi on the 22nd of October. I shall spend a night at Agra on my way to Baroda.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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GRAND HOTEL, SIMLA,
18th October 1916.

MY DEAR COL. IMPEY (RESIDENT AT BARODA),

As desired by you and Mr. Wood, I propose to attend the Conference of princes to be held at the end of this month at Delhi. Arrangements should be so made that I may stay the whole period of the Conference or a part of it. I understand that the arrangement at Delhi will be made for me by the Government of India. I shall, however, bring my motors. I shall be accompanied by four officers and necessary servants.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
24th October 1916.

MY DEAR TUKOJIRAO (MAHARAJA HOLKAR OF INDORE),

Many thanks for your letter of the 21st Instant from Bombay. If you no objection, kindly send me three more copies of the notes. First I was not going to Delhi; but Mr. Wood and Col. Impey thought it better that I should go at least for the opening. The fact that you were going had also an influence. I am accordingly thinking of leaving here on the 28th Instant.

I have not studied the question at all and will not consequently be able to add anything to what will be said

there by others. I shall quietly listen. I am sorry that the Maharanee is not well. Please accept my Ashirwad for yourself and convey the same to all others.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
25th October 1916.

DEAR MISS W. ELLIOT,

I received your telegram about the letter only a couple of days ago, while I was travelling, and your letter of the 23rd September 1916 only yesterday. Your letter has thrown light on your telegram. I am now under no misapprehension. I hope the troubles will be soon successfully over. It is better for various reasons, which I cannot mention here, that I should keep aloof. I am going to Delhi for two of three days, where there is a Conference of Princes. It is not important enough for me to go, and I had answered in the negative; but a friend or two advised me to go. The rains continued this year much longer than usual; and though we are near the end of October, still the weather is hot.

Please give my kindest message to your mother, and tell her that I was surprised that my letter reached her so late; but the people, who wrote the address, ought to have asked for her latest address. This lack of common sense caused all this stupid mistake. I have just returned from Kashmere, and will write to her as soon I settle down. With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
27th October 1916.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA SAHEB (OF REWAH),

I got Your Highness letter of the 25th September last, while I was just leaving Kashmere. I should answered it earlier; but my excuse for not doing so is that I have been practically

travelling since them. I had a man in my service the son of the Laulabux, who knew the art of music both from the Indian as well as European point of view. This young man is, however, now in the service of the Nepal Government as Band-Master, and so it is now beyond my power to lend his services to Your Highness. If there be any other man that you want, and if you can tell me his name, I shall be happy to send him to Rewah. I cannot forget Your Highness' kindness to me.

I shall be much delighted, if you can arrange to pay me a visit. I can't give you shikar as you like, but only a hearty reception. I am going to Delhi only for a couple of days. I have not been able to study the questions; but I will communicate to you my views after the Conference, if you want to know the same. I hope this will find Your Highness perfectly well and happy.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
27th October 1916.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KAPURTHALA),

I take this opportunity of thanking you for your hospitality and kindness. Will you be kind enough to send me the plans of your places, besides the usual information I should like to know, for which purpose each room is intended? I hope this will find you and all yours in excellent health. With kind regards,

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
9th November 1916.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF INDORE),

I returned to Baroda on the morning of the 7th Instant. I hope your health is better. I shall be glad, if you all can break

your journey at Baroda on your way to Indore. You must take great care of yourself.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
10th November 1916.

MY DEAR LORD WILLINGDON (GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY),

I hope you enjoyed your trip to Kashmere, and had good sport. I left the country a little too soon after the shooting season began. Her Highness, who remained behind, got a couple of every nice heads between herself and my son Jaishinh Rao.

I should like to know for certain on what dates to expect Your Excellencies at Baroda and how long you will be able to stay. I need not say that I am eagerly looking forward to your visit. I have asked my Dewan to send Sir Stanley Rs. 10,000 (ten thousand) the promised contribution* to the club you are starting in Bombay. I find Baroda very warm. I hope this will find you both well. With kind regards to you both,

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *The Willingdon Club.*

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
27th November 1916.

DEAR MANOR WOOD,

Many thanks for your friendly letter and the information It contains. I am glad that your people are well in England and that yourself feel fit. I had a pleasant time at Simla and the Viceroy was very pleasant. The Delhi Conference went off, on the whole, very well indeed. With many good wishes,

Sincerely yours,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

28th November 1916.

MY DEAR MR. SEDDON,

I am dictating this letter as I am not feeling quite well, a bit tired and exhausted. I had a very good time at Simla and enjoyed my visit at Delhi. I hope everything is getting on well with you. I write this, because I know you would like to know my welfare. I wonder whether Mrs. Seddon is with you. Anyhow, give her my kind remembrances and compliments.

Mr. R.N. Joglekar,* who was Personal Assistant to the commissioner, Central Division, is here. Will you tell me as a friend whether he will prove himself here? From the talk I had with him, I am inclined to think that he will be a useful man.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Served in Baroda from December 1916 to 1919.*

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

28th November 1916.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

I have just seen Mr. R.N. Joglekar of Poona. I think he will be very useful to us, and I would be inclined to engage him, if there be nothing against him. Will you kindly see him and from your judgement after talking to him? I am giving him this note, which you are to keep. What do you think are his expectations about pay? I may come later to see the Council.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

28th November 1916.

MY DEAR SAMPATRAO,

Referring to your letter in reference to the Bank, if you have no objection, please write to the Minister asking him to

lay the matter before me. I will sympathetically consider the question, though I have much to say on the general policy.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
3rd December 1916.

MY DEAR SON (PRINCE SHIWAJI RAO),

I hear that it is not easy to procure at Mehsana all the accommodation you need. We will discuss the matter, if necessary, afterwards. Will you under the circumstances return to Baroda as we have not met for a long time? I have suggested to Bhandarkar to let you come to Baroda.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
3rd December 1916.

MY DEAR LORD WILLINGDON,

Many thanks for your letter of 28th Ultimo, conveying a suggestion that I should place my Bombay House at your disposal for the use of the sick and wounded officers from Mesopotamis. I have great pleasure in lending my Bombay House for the use of suggested Hospital. At the same time I am sure you won't mind my frankness in not concealing the fact that we are likely to be put to some inconvenience for want of a house of our own, when we go to Bombay; and I propose to keep the smaller house as well as a portion of the stables and the garage for my use. I have every confidence that the house will be well looked after by the authorities in charge and that it will again be vacated as soon as the necessity ceases.

I fully appreciate the inexorable nature of the circumstances, which prompt your suggestion and I have really great pleasure in complying with it. We are looking forward with keen pleasure to the proposed visit of Your Excellency

and Lady Willingdon to Baroda. It is really kind of you to assure us that the visit shall come off. When you are in a position to fix up your programme, please let me know. Remember me kindly to Lady Willingdon.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
8th December 1916.

DEAR MR. GEST,

I have to thank you heartily for the information you have sent about the development of athletic education. Many things have intervened, and so I am extremely sorry to say that I was not able to acknowledge your kind letter. Please accept my apologies. I am inclined to accept many of your recommendations; and you will hear about the matter through the proper channel.

I am sending you through the Minister of Education a present, which I hope you will be able to accept. Thanking you again for all the trouble you have taken and are taking for Baroda,

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
9th December 1916.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF BIKANER),

I thank you for your kind letter dated the 2nd December 1916. I knew very well that every moment of Your Highness was taken up and that you had to look after many things. May I congratulate you on the splendid manner in which you played your part and discharged the arduous duties. I have great respect for Your Highness. I shall be delighted, at some time, to pay a visit to Bikaner. May I request you also to visit Baroda, where I shall be most happy to give Your Highness a warm welcome?

I am thinking of going to Deccan Hyderabad about the 20th January,* but I do not know whether the plague raging there will not intervene. My health is fair; but it is much better since the cold has set in. I hope you with your sons are well and happy. Please remember me to Sir. P.Pattani.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *This visit did not come off as there was the plague at the time.*

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
9th December 1916.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF DATIA, C.I.),

I thank you for your kind letter of 21st November. It was a greater pleasure to me to make your acquaintance, which, I hope, will ripen into a friendship. I should be delighted some day to pay you a visit; but it will be a greater pleasure to me, if Your Highness can manage to visit Baroda before that. You can propose a date; and unless it does not suit me, I shall be glad to welcome you. I hope this finds you quite well.

Yours very sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
9th December 1916.

MY DEAR RAJA BAHADUR (OF ORCHHA),

Your letter addressed to my father reached him, while he was in Kashmere; but he was not in a position then to answer your note. He expected His Highness, your father, at the Delhi Conference. After the Delhi Conference, he would have answered your note acknowledging its receipts; but he has been too busy and, at times, indisposed to attend to it. He is extremely sorry that his acknowledgment of your letter should be so late, but begs His Highness and you to excuse him. He thanks you both for the mark of confidence shown by you. The Conference of Princes may do us good, if they are

conducted sensibly, and if the institution has a constitutional position and definite powers. Will you kindly give his compliments to your father? I hope he and you are well. If His Highness can condescend either this or any other cold weather to pay a visit to Baroda, we will be delighted to receive him.*

Sincerely yours,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* This letter is dictated by His Highness himself and sent under the signature of Prince Jaisinh Rao. Many times His Highness does in this way.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
9th December 1916.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

As I have intimated to you before, I write to inform you that you are confirmed as many Minister. I hope you will staunchly and faithfully discharge your duties.*

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* This is an important event in the History of Baroda.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
9th December 1916.

MY DEAR MR. JARDINE (RESIDENT, GWALIOR),

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 25th November. I know that you are a fiend and take interest in my welfare. I was to be at Delhi and to see things. If the Conference is sensibly conducted and given a definite position and powers, it will lead to useful work. It will above all, help to educate us all in several directions. Col. Macdonald is succeeding Co. Impey. I wish you had come. Anyhow we must meet at times. Can you come to spend this X'mas here? We were all so pleased at Maharaja Scindia getting a son.* May he live long Will you remember me to him?

Thanks, I am sleeping better; but I get more often tired than I used to. I have to conserve energy. The weather here

is very pleasant. I have given my Bombay House for a War Hospital. Adieu my friend.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Prince George Jayaji Rao.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
9th December 1916.

MY DEAR COL. IMPEY.

I have confirmed Mr. M.N.Mehta as my Minister, who is at present acting. Will you kindly arrange to show him the usual marks of respect?

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
12th December 1916.

MY DEAR SON (PRINCE DHAIRYASHIL RAO),

I hear you do not attend to the military duties in the afternoon. I think you ought to attend and seriously study the work of the Department and finish it.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
16th December 1916.

MY DEAR MRS. ELLIOT,

This is a letter conveying to you and to all yours the customary greetings of the season. The year has been a sad one, owing to the dreadful war preavailing in Europe. Let us hope it soon comes to an end. Shiwaji Rao has another son,* a nice, healthy and good-looking baby. I have been slightly out of sorts, but improving fast. All others are doing well. Will

you kindly remember me to Ella and others, who, I hope, are well? I hope this letter reaches you soon. The one addressed to you and which reached a year after was indeed a disgrace.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Khanderao.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
16th December 1916.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF INDORE),

I have more than once tried to pen a letter to you, but without success owing to my indisposition. I have not been feeling quite the thing since I returned from Kashmere. However, I am now better. I am sorry to learn that you are not doing well. I should like to know what is the matter with you and the course of treatment you are following and purpose to follow. You cannot be too careful of yourself. I hope all the members of your family are doing well. Kindly remember me to your children and the ladies. Shall I soon here form you?

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
16th December 1916.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KASHMERE),

I was feeling at intervals out of sorts and, therefore, could not write to you earlier. I thank you for your kind enquiries by wire. The weather here is now pleasant being cooler. I have not yet gone out touring, as I have plenty of things to attend to here. The Maharaja of Alwar kindly paid me a visit. He is very intelligent and shrewd. I hope you are doing well. Kindly remember me to your son.* I hope he is well and growing stronger.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Harisingh.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

16th December 1916.

MY DEAR COL. MEADE,

I often think of you and all yours. I have not heard from you for some time. I should like to know how you and others of your family are doing. I hear one of your son is at Rajkote. Col. Impey told me that he invited him to visit Baroda; but I believe he could not come. I spent my last summer at Kashmere, where I met Maharaja several times. He was very kind.

On my way to Baroda, I stayed a few days with Lord Chelmsford, who was very kind. In November, I went to Delhi for the Princes' Conference, which went off well on the whole. I have lent 200 mounted Cavalry Swars to Government with the proper complement of officers. Besides, I have presented them many horses and sold also some, as they badly needed mounts. We have sold them railway wagons, as they required them for Mesopotamia. My house at Bombay has been lent for a War-Hospital. I write all these details not to boast, but to let you know, as you take genuine interest in me.

We are all well, and hope the same is the case with you and all yours. Kindly remember me to all of them. Do not forget to convey to them my greetings of the season. I hope Mr. and Mrs. Dickson as well Lady Meade are doing well.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

16th December 1916.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

Mr. V.M.Power* saw me today. I should advise him to start practice and pull his way. By the time he is fit to do actual work, I will give him a salary of Rs. 350. These are rough lines for you to talk to him. I am asking him to see you.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Bar-At-Law*

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TAJ-MAHAL HOTEL, BOMBAY,

20th December 1916.

DEAR MR. WOOD (MILITARY SECRETARY, BOMBAY),

I have not forgotten your kind letter, which, however, owing to indisposition, I regret, I could not reply earlier. I have come down to Bombay for a couple of days' change, which was badly needed. After returning from Kashmere and Simla, I found Baroda very warm and it took me some weeks to get acclimatized. I can well understand yourself needing a change after hard strenuous duties. Change to Europe are imperative, not only from a health point, but they are also needed to keep up with the progress of thought. In these days of War, one is always afraid of his friends travelling by sea. I wish you and Mrs. Wood a safe and pleasant voyage. I need not repeat that you will always be welcomed to visit Baroda. Please give my rembers to Mrs. Wood, who, I trust, is perfectly well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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TAJ-MAHAL HOTEL, BOMBAY,

21st December 1916.

MY DEAR FRIEND (H.H. THE NIZAM OF HYDERABAD),

I have just come to Bombay for a couple of days to take rest, which I badly needed. I am leaving for Baroda in a day or two; but before I go, I should like to see Your Highness. May I call upon you today at 5 P.M.? I have been looking forward with great pleasure to my visit to your State; but, owing to the prevalence of plague there and my general indisposition and pressure of work, may I ask you to excuse me the pleasure to visit you in January? I hope to have that pleasure on some future occasion, I hope Your Highness will not misunderstand me. I trust you are having a nice time in Bombay and that the change will do you much good. Believe me,

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

23rd December 1916.

MY DEAR LORD REAY,

I spent my last summer in Kashmere, where I had a very pleasant time; and, on my way to Baroda at the beginning of October, I visited Simla. The climate of Simla was delightful. Lord and Lady Chelmsford were very nice and friendly. I met them again in Delhi in November, when I attended the Princes' Conference, which, I think, considering all circumstances, went off very well. From what I saw, I felt that the majority of princes require better education and more thorough knowledge of the English language, in order to enable them to express their ideas properly. It is very difficult to express oneself freely in a foreign language, without doing justice to your own thoughts, and at the same time, without offending the persons spoken to. Often in our public life, we experience this serious difficulty and fail at times to do justice to ourselves.

From Simla I went to Kapurthala at the kind invitation of the Maharaja. It is a pretty and well wooded town with a plentiful river flowing through the Palace grounds, which are very well laid out. The place is after French style though built in brick, the rooms being very spacious and convenient. The servants accommodation, I am told, is perfect. The manner of living in the Palace is European. I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of the Spanish Ranee, who is very pretty and has plenty to say. Baroda, on the whole, is getting on well. We have had a very good monsoon and the crops are splendid. There is no plague or any other epidemic. Extension of railways, widening of roads and opening up of unhealthy streets in the towns are being systematically attended to. Contributions in men and money and placing of houses at the disposal of Government are being done. One would like to see the end of this dreadful War, which is having its toll of the death just as much in India as in Europe. In commerce and Industry it has also had a killing effect. The Maharaja of Alwar, who is a very intelligent young man, paid a visit to me this month here.

I was very glad to know and study him very closely. He is a thoughtful man with pronounced views and a good command

of the English language. He ought to make a name as fame goes in India. Her Highness had undergone a course of treatment prescribed by some Malbar physicians, consisting of an oil-bath combined with complete physical and mental rest. I think it is the regime of life, that probably does more good than the oil. Her highness period of rest will soon be over.

We are all looking forward to Tennis-Tournament, which will commence here on the 28th Instant. It will be the pleasant change from the monotony of our daily life. Last year there were very good players and I hope this year will be richer in their member. It is wonderful how sports are being liked by Indians provided they understand them. My sons and grandchildren are all well. Shiwaji has got two sons, very nice little boys. Pratapsinh and his sisters are physically and mentally growing satisfactorily. I hope this will find you in the best of health. With the greetings of the season and the best wishes to both of you, believe me.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

*A similar letter of the same date was sent to Sir John Waston.

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TAJ-MAHAL HOTEL, BOMBAY,
23rd December 1916.

DEAR MR. RATAN NATH,

You have not been out of my mind. Your polite speech, polished manners and general good common sense have impressed me very favourably. I am looking forward to meet one of your friend in the month of January. I needed some change, and hence I am writing to you from Bombay. I am sending you a small cheque, which I wish you to utilize in the way you think best, so that it may remind you of me. I could have bought an article for you myself; but I prefer the former course, as it will give you full scope to indulge in your fancy. I hope this will find you well. With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

24th December 1916.

MY DEAR COL. IMPEY (RESIDENT AT BARODA),

I had a pleasant change to Bombay and it did me much good. I hope you are having good sport. I went out this morning and got a few birds. I offer your sister and friends there my greetings of the season.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

30th December 1916.

MY DEAR COL. IMPEY,

I should like you to open exhibition. I shall request you on the occasion to open it, when you will have to make a speech and declare it opened. I have not seen you for some time. Come up to see the tennis-tournament, if it does not bore you too much. You know that you are always welcomed.

I am feeling much better after my visit to Bombay. Before that, I was feeling very impatient and jumpy. Bring your sister too, if you can. It is interesting to watch some of the players. I want you to advise me in certain points of a Guest-House, which I am thinking of building,*

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

*Built in 1925.

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BOMBAY,

13th January 1917.

MY DEAR LORD WILLINGDON,

Thanks for your letter of the 14th Instant meant to be of the 13th. I am not allowed to have change of climate yet. I am asked to continue my stay here for some time yet. The need for a decent house is full in Bombay. Later on they are likely

to advise me to go to a bracing place; but before doing so, they wish me to be well upto a certain degree. Thanking you again for the Mahabaleshwar House,

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1401

MAKARPURA PALACE, BARODA,

14th January 1917.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

I have seen more than two officers, who have passed their revenue examinations and who cannot yet read or write Gujarathi with ease. I should like you to ask the President to explain how they passed these gentlemen, I may cite at present an example of Krishnarao Panimanglore, my A.D.C. Maneklal Sakarlal Desai was President of the Examination Board. The Gujarathi knowledge of Shivraj Shinghji is also comparatively poor. Out officers probably get so much assistance from which their subordinates, or the supervision is so slack that even their ordinary defects are not taken notice of, till it is sometimes too late. To put it in the mildest way, this is unkind to them. Please tell all officers that it is their duty to see that their subordinates are well trained in all their work, and also they have good and polite manners.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1402

MAKARPURA PALACE, BARODA,

18th January 1917.

MY DEAR SON (PRINCE SHIWAJI RAO),

Your budget to pass may take some time. To avoid any inconvenience due to that, I propose that you should take the budget as tentatively passed and act up to it, provided that the present pay of the servants already in service is not increased.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1403

CAMP SINORE,

20th January 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KASHMERE),

I have received Your Highness type-written letter of the 17th January 1917 from the Palace at Jammu. I can very well appreciate Your Highness interest in the matter, which I thoroughly share. For the progress and well-being of our community, it is of very great importance that our religious institutions are properly looked after; and the men, who are concerned with the administration thereof, are well selected. Want of the recognition of the importance of right religion and of good administration of the institution pertaining thereto has done much harm to us. It is most difficult to find out men of the right stamp, as our society gives but a limited field for the selection thereof. I am, however, endeavoring to do all I can under the circumstances.

I am on tour in this part of the Baroda District, and am returning to Baroda on the 24th Instant. Trusting this will find you and all yours in the best of health,

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1404

MAKARPURA PALACE, BARODA,

24th January 1917.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

Mr. K.B. Desai did not attend to my orders to have certain papers ready. I brought Desai to the Khangi to prove his ability. I expected better results from his work and influence. With sorrow he is fined Rs 10. One of his duties is to train subordinates.

Please tell Mr. Coyle that Prince Jaisinh's house will be built near the junction of the three roads to Makarpura the old site.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1405

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

3rd February 1917.

MY DEAR BROTHER (DHAIRYASHIL RAO),

I have been asked by His Highness the Maharaja Saheb to inform you that he has no objection to your going to Bombay for a week. But he would prefer you to come back sooner. He would like you to take a gentleman with you.

I am Your loving Brother,

JAISINH.

1406

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

3rd February 1917.

MY DEAR LORD REAY,

You can well imagine how grieved we were to hear of the death of Lady Reay, for whom we had great and administration. We deeply feel for you; but we have, as you know, to submit to the inscrutable degree of Heaven. Affairs here seem to be going on fairly. Col. Impey, the Resident of Baroda, retires from the 4th of March. He is to be succeeded by a Col. Mac-Donald, who is said to be a nice man. We have not yet settled where to go for the next summer. It is already beginning to get warm at times. Lord Willingdon* is visiting Baroda on the 23rd of February. I hope this finds you well under the distressing circumstances. With our united regards,

Yours sincere friend,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

*Lord Willingdon visited Baroda for two days, 23 & 24 February 1917.

1407

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

8th February 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KOLHAPUR),

Thanks for your letter of 3rd February. I am sorry that you have not been well. You must take great care of yourself.

Indumati is rather young to get to manage a motor; but in time she will be taught driving a car. If I do not teach, you can easily do so. Indumati has just finished 4th Marathi book and as soon as she finishes the 5th, I shall begin her teaching Sanskrit. By that time her knowledge of Marathi will be increased and she will follow Sanskrit with ease. If you have to suggest anything against this, please write again. I am going to teach Sanskrit to all the children.

Please give my Ashirwads to your wife and children. Your wife had written to Indira Raja about the education of Indumati. I would advise Her Highness and you to write direct to me, or she can write to Padmavati. This will save time and besides we know each other well enough to write freely. You can retain the hawk-man for some time. My hawks are not yet ready. I should like to enjoy their fun. I am glad that your sons are promising so well. You are wise in teaching them some work at this age. I hear Jagtap's daughter* is a handsome child. She is a relation of Shakuntala Raje, wife of Jaisinh.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Wife of Prince Shivajirao Of Kolhapur, who died on 12th June 1918.

1408

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

11th February 1917.

MY DEAR UDAIJIRAO (POWAR, RAJA SAHEB OF DHAR),

Many thanks for your kind letter of this month in connection with the marriage of your daughter. The boy is so young that the idea of his betrothal never entered into my mind. I think it is too early to think of the subject.

Some time before I had a wire from you about congratulation the King-Emperor on appointing a Ruling Prince on the War-Conference. The Indian Representatives have no direct or independent seat in the Conference; so I hesitated to answer it. Afterwards it became too late to wire. The silence was not due to any other reason. I hope this will find you and all yours perfectly well and happy. It is beginning to be warm here.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1409

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

15th February 1917.

MY DEAR BROTHER (DHAIRYASHIL RAO),

I have been directed by His Highness to inform you that he would like to do the military work, if you do the whole; but he does not want you to do the parade work only. If you do not wish to do this, he has no objection, if you give up that Department. He also wants you to appoint some man as your Secretary; also if you wish to keep Mr. Gupte as your Secretary, he wants you to give him an allowance for that work. I remain.

Your loving Brother,
JAISINH.

1411

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

24th February 1917.

DEAR MAHARANEE SAHIBA (H.H. NANDKUVARBA OF BHAVANAGAR),

I have great pleasure in acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Your Highness' letter of the 19th Instant and a copy of the second volume of the "British and Hindi Vicram" so kindly sent by Your Highness. Hope Your Highness and the princes are in the enjoyment of excellent health. Please remember me to His Highness the Maharaja Sahib.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1412

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

24th February 1917.

DEAR MAHARAJA (OF BHAVNAGAR),

I cannot adequately thanks Your Highness for the beautiful Cheetah and your letter of the 13th February. I know I am taking advantage of your goodness; but do you mind to train the Cheetah for me? I shall pay all the expenses of its upkeep and establishment. So many Cheetah have died here in the course of their training that I have least faith in the servants

here. On hearing from you, if possible by wire, I shall despatch the animal. If you like, you can send your man to teach the animal here. The governor leaves for Rajpipla to night. I leave for Bombay also tonight, and will be back on the 27th to see the Girasia-Conference. I hope this finds you well.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1413

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
27th February 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF INDORE),

Many thanks for your letter of invitation, which I could not answer earlier, as I had to go to Bombay. I only returned this morning. I have asked my Minister to wire to you and find out whether the 15th and 16th of March will suit you.

To minimize the difficult you can have the (Sahitya-Parishad)* as arranged, and keep the other events for a future date. Any how do not inconvenience yourself in any way. Your letter is not this minute with me, so I cannot write about its contents more fully. It is now 10 p.m. I hope your health is really better. I sent you the enclosed wire, to which I have had no reply. I hope you did not mind the telegram. The Raja has just lost a child and he wanted a change. He is very fond of shikar; and I had promised him to introduce him to a friend. With my Ashirwads to all,

Yours affectionately
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* This Maharashtra Sahitya Parishad was held at Indore in the month of March 1917.

1414

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
1st March 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF INDORE),

Thanks you for your letter of the 20th Ultimo. I deferred answering definitely the invitation of the Maharastra-Sahitya-Parishad, till I knew something about it from a responsible

source. I have seen the officers deputed by Your Highness today, and the plague difficulty pointed out is worthy of serious consideration. Under the circumstances, I have decided to postpone the visit* to a more favorable time. I hope you and all the members of your family are well. Please convey my kindest message to them.

Yours affectionately
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* His Highness did not go to Indore at all.

1415

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
2nd March 1917.

MY DEAR LORD WILLINGDON (H.E. THE GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY),

There is a scheme in the Bombay Government about the damming of the river Sabarmati and irrigating from it. The execution of it is probably put off owing to the war. The grand scheme, if undertaken, will cost about a crore of rupees and the smaller one half the amount. The Government has decided to do the latter, as it serves their purpose. I want the larger to be undertaken, as it will supply water to the Baroda territory also. For this we can have a suitable undertaking. What I wish you to do, is to study the scheme, and let me know wheather my wishes can be given effect to. I have not studied the scheme myself; but if I know your tendencies, the subject may be studied and discussed between us. Please thanks Lady Willingdon for her kindly drawing my attention to the Times of India. With kindest regards to you both,

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1416

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
4th March 1917.

MY DEAR RAJASAHEB (H.H. THE RAJA SAHEB OF JAT),

I think you for your very kind letter of the 1st March 1917. I am glad that the state is free from the debt. I hear there was a discussion going to about the village. Daphale, which, I

hear has been decided in your favors. If this be true, let me congratulate you. I had a letter from Gajara-Raja. She wishes to be helped to be released from the soon to go to a cool place I hope you are all well. With our Ashirwards,

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1417

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,
5th March 1917.

MY DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD,

I was sorry to learn that your son was wounded I hope not badly. I should like to know how he is progressing. Baroda is getting warm, and I am beginning to fell the heat I believe. Delhi mut be cool as yet. I hope this finds Your Excellencies well and happy.

Yours sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1418

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA
6th March 1917.

MY DEAR MR. COYLE (THE CHIEF ENGINEER, BARODA),

Ask for a competitive design of the library to be built. The competitors are to supply plans and elevation. The sum fixed. If the cost goes above it, the plans will have to be rejected. The library will be suragar on the plot of ground near the training- boarding-House for girls I wish our plans tto be sent to Dr. Bumps in America.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1419

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
6th March 1917.

MY DEAR GANPATRAO (D. B. SHRI. GANPATRAO S. GAEKWAR.)

I wish G.B.Tavade to continue under you, till gets some experience of his duties. If he has enough of I, I Wish him to

work for some time in the DEWAN office as secretary to the council, to give him an idea of the work. After that, he can revert to the Judicial department, unless some other provision is made for him before that. By this order his interests, are intended, the no way, to suffer. His present grievance, as he mentioned the other day, should be duly inquired into set right. Let Manubhai see this.

Yours Affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1420

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
6th March 1917.

MY DEAR MR. SEDDON,

I have received your letter of the 4th March. I do not think there is any place in the Educational. Department where he can be utilized. If he wants any other department, he had better visit Baroda. I shall give him an interview. I hope you are well.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJI RAO GEKWAR.

1421

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
6th March 1917.

DEAR MRS. MAYNE,

Thanks for the letter and the leaflet which I have read with interest I think it is not only a mistake, but a criminal neglect, not to tell the youths how to take care of themselves. I have sent for the book. My long belief has been that doctors ought to tell this a their duty to students.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1422

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
6th March 1917.

MY DEAR MR. MOHITE (MR. J.B. MOHITE, THE KHANGI KARBHARI)

The business of paying the princes their allowances had better be done in future by the state Treasury officials instead of the Khangi it is hoped this change, and carry it out sensibly in consultation with Mr. datar.

I am, Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1423

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,
7th March 1917.

DEAR COL. MACDONALD (RESIDENT, BARODA),

I wrote you yesterday that i would call on you to day at 6-30 p.m. I am now told that I have an engagement about that time. I therefore will visit the Residency at 5 p.m. unless I am told to the contrary by you. I wish I was reminded of the engagement at the right time. We have much to suffer owing to our ignorant surroundings. There is a lecture here at about 6 p. m. If you feel inclined, I would be glad to welcome you. The subject may interest you. Any how it is a harmless exposition of certain views at least that is my impression. I am sorry to have troubled you.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1424

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
8th March 1917.

MY DEAR PESTONJI* (THE LATE KHANGI KARBHARI),

Some time ago, when you lost your dear wife, I was thinking of asking you to visit Baroda for a change but your brother told me that you had broken a thigh bone and you could not move. I hope you are now well and able to move. I have not

really forgotten you and the pleasures of your associations. Multiplicity of occupations and cares have prevented me from sending for you while in Bombay. You yourself have I think, to put it mildly, made yourself scarce again in Bombay, if you can.

How are your sons. Baroda is getting warm and I shall have soon to go away. I am not as I ought to be and I ought to be more careful.

Yours Sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

*Died on 14th February 1924.

1425

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE,
Baroda 9th March 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KASHMERE),

I am much satisfied to receive Your Highness Telegram regarding my Bombay-House. I trust Your Highness has already received my wire, informing you that my Bombay House (larger palace) will be at Your Highness disposal during your stay there. If I go to Bombay during that week, I shall be so happy to meet your Highness there. May I request Your Highness to break your journey at Baroda, and visit my capital for a few days on your way to or back Bombay, as may be convenient to your Highness? I shall be so happy to entertain Your Highness. This will greatly cement our friendship.

I am thinking of passing the next hot weather in Kashmere if Your Highness will permit me. I stand in need of some change to a healthy and cool climate, and wish to be for some time in your beautiful country. With Your Highness permission i propose to make my own arrangements so as to cause you the least amount trouble. Would this programme of mine suit Your Highness? On hearing from you I shall make definite arrangements, and let Your Highness know. I trust your Highness is in the enjoyment of excellent health. With kind regards,

I am Your Sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAKWAR.

1426

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

11th March 1917.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN),

Please send me the list of the children recommended to be play mates to prince pratapsinh. I want Mr. sane, who has returned from America, to learn survey and settlement work including making reports. He is to be expert of the department. He is not by this to neglect his proper line in which he will be utilized. He must pass the revenue examination, and have a sound grasp of the details and working of that department.

I want you the two Naib-Dewans and prince jaisinh Rao to come here and help me to dispose of the suggestions made by the prince* in his inspection report of the Huzur kamdar office. I should also like to see the draft sanad to be given to the new Dewan. With the new, bring the old sanad to compare.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Prince Jaisinhrao worked for some time in the Huzur Kamdar's Office.

1427

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

16th March 1917.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN),

I think padgaokar had better take charge of the duties of the Huzur Kamdar without waiting any more. You can ask orders about Mr. M.T. Joshipura, who is to be given Rs. 50 more a month as a personal allowance from the time he handed over his present duties. The sum of Rs. 50 is over and above the personal allowance of Rs. 30, which he draws at present We must now give some determine whether the Sarsubha should be given the duties of inspecting the work of the magistrates.

Ghanekar takes up the duties of the Efficiency Office This office will continue for a time and will prove to be useful if it is filled by an intelligent man, who is well up in business-

ways and habits, and will insist even upon details being properly attended to.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1428

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
17th March 1917.

DEAR MAHARAJA (OF BOBBILI VIZAGAPATAM),

I thank you very much for so kindly placing your house in coonoor at my disposal. The climate here is getting warm and trying. I wonder what kind of weather you have at your place. I hope you and your son are quite well.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1429

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,
17th March 1917.

MY DEAR RAJASAHEB (OF KOLLENODE),

I Thank you very much for two kind letters of the 13th instant your hints are being attended to. Allow me to thank you for all your trouble. I hope we may happen to meet in Bombay, where I am going to for a couple of days. If not there, I am looking forward to see much of you in ooty. Please remember me to your mother, sisters and brothers I hope you are quite well. with our united regards,

Your Sincerely Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1430

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
18th March 1917

MY DEAR RAO SAHEB (SHIRMANT SAMPATRAO),

Your letter of the 18th instant just to hand. The money will be paid back to you unless you object to the action. I had to

act to enforce caution and responsibility discipline and system has to be observed in public business. In this very question, many points and persons are involved. I do not share your views of the action. I am inclined to believe that you had not any motive in action. I am writing to Manubhai to return the money. I am sorry that you had to be troubled so much.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1431

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

25th March 1917.

MY DEAR COL. MACDONALD (RESIDENT, BARODA)

Many thanks for your kind letter. I have had no definite *kabar* about the shiker. I hope to see something of you before I go to shiker. If convenient to you, I can drive you to-morrow evening to Ajwa. I shall be ready for you here at 5-30 p.m. and will take you back to the Residency. hope your foot is better. The change to Bombay has done me good; and Dr. Dawar* gave no pain his business.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

**The Dentist.*

1432

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,

29th March 1917.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (THE DEWAN),

I sanction an extension of miss Tottenham's services for a year. In case her services are dispensed with within a year three months notice will be given to her. She must be prepared to do other palace- work than she has been doing She must also work in the Educational Department, if her services are required there. Prepare a draft, and show it to me before it is sent. I shall hold the council to-day at 1 p.m. unless you point out any difficulty. I shall take up such questions, as require my orders.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1433

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

30th March 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KASHMERE),

Many thanks for the kind letters which I could not answer as I had to go to Bombay owing to other work I often thought of writing earlier, but could not. I will take advantage of Your Highness Kindness and visit the happy valley again. I must thank you for the miniatures you so kindly sent. It is getting hot here. I start to-night for a tiger-shoot. I hope Your Highness are well.

Yours Sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1434

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

30th March 1917

MY DEAR SON (PRINCE JAISINHRAO),

I have read the papers given by you on Education* I thank you for it and I am particularly glad for the outspoken manner in which they are given. The views about treating grown-up sons do not speak roughly differ from mine there may be some mistakes but what are they? Have you or any body tried to set them right and should we try to do so in the future? I wrote to you a friendly note to which you did not even reply. Let us discuss matters and try to set them right If you wish I am ready. Do not imagine that I am angry. I hope you are well. It is getting very hot.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* There was a paper written by the Prince showing the imperfection in the method of Education followed by His Highness for the Prince.

1435

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

31st March 1917.

MY DEAR COL. MACDONALD (RESIDENT, BARODA),

Many thanks for your letter of the 30th March 1917. I shall see the railway-yard after or my return. I will not be able to go out with you this evening, I am sorry to say, as to the business-point, which you forget to say, I should recommend you to talk it over with the DEWAN. I should generally do this unless the question is really important and requires my personal attention. I hope you will be able to play tennis by the time I return. I shall be sorry to Baroda for the summer.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1436

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,

8th April 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KOLHAPUR),

Many thanks for your kind letters to which I have asked a wire to be sent in reply. My brother and other gentleman are leaving to day for kolhapur. I hope you will see them soon and send them back. Princess padmavatibai and the children are soon leaving for Mahableshwar. It is getting very hot here. I shall be soon leaving for ooty. Please give my Ashirwads to your wife and children. I hope this finds you all well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1437

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,

9th April 1917.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN),

We shall ask major Webber services, if we want him earlier. I have got a very bad cold, and so you need not take the trouble of coming to day.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1438

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,
10th April 1917

MY DEAR MR. CLARKE* (THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION),

You must see that the lectures to the Khangi clerks are given by Desai and Chitins and that they are written. These lectures should be finished soon. They are wanted by me to gauge the ability and standard. Please come here at 5 p.m. to day.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJI RAO GAKWAR.

*Died on 4th October 1924.

1439

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
12th April 1917.

MY DEAR MR. COYLE (THE CHIEF ENGINEER),

When will I have the city-improvement rules, which mr. Ghaba was preparing? I should like them soon to be approved.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1440

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
12th April 1917.

MY DEAR MR. COYLE (THE CHIEF ENGINEER),

I think the foundation-work of the two proposed extension-building near Kothi can be pushed on more vigourously than is being at present please see to it.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1441

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,
12th April 1917

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (THE DEWAN),

I should like you submit soon the memo about engaging Mr. Whitenack* again with a draft letter to the Residency. I

think the terms are a bit high but under the circumstances, I fear we have to accept them. Anandrao Gaekwad has applied some months ago for a future sum of debt. Will you kindly have a tippan submitted about it? He tells me if I have understood him rightly that he had applied for some village or land three years ago Which is still undisposed of. Kindly find details about it and let me know. The best thing will be to ask him to mention the dates of his Yates of his Yadis to avoid fumbling about and wasting time in search of them.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Entered Baroda Service in 1917 worked as excise commissioner and dies in April 1917.*

1442

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
13th April 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KOLHAPUR),

Your letter just to hand. I cannot understand the conduct of the Baroda deputation. However, I have wired to them to explain matters. I have mentioned to them certain items of negotiations which may from the basis of our business. I hope this will set any misunderstanding right. I do not think more middle men should be added, unless necessary. Khasherao cannot do much. Let our ministers write and settle matters by correspondence and, if necessary, by meetings. This will save time and trouble. I shall weigh Your Highness wishes as much as I can.

Princess Padmavati tells me that a deputation is coming from Kolhapur. This is rather a surprise. I should expect you to tell me of any event of that kind. I hope this finds all of you well. Princess Padmavati had to postpone her departure as Indumati got fever. She is now almost free from it.

Your Sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1443

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,

16th April 1917.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (THE DEWAN),

Thanks for your letter of 16th Instant concerning Rs 5,000* You can give one scholarship to an *Antyaja* and another to a girl as you suggest or wish. I think one may be named after your mother and the other after Her Highness. Personally I am glad for the good deed. I wish you a long and useful career.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* War-loan of this sum of S.P.C. interest was given by Sir Manubhai at his institute of Dewan of Baroda and two scholarships were given in the Girl's High School. One was named after Her Highness and the other after Sir Manubhai's mother Nand-Gavri.

1444

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,

24th April 1917.

MY DEAR DATAR (THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL),

Have you sent your note on Her Highness pocket money to the Khangi Karbhari as you had promised? Kindly postpone your departure till I go, if you can. send me a copy of the note you are sending to J. B. Mohite.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,

April 1917.

MY DEAR MAJOR FIELD,

I am sorry that you are laid up. I hope you will soon be well again. I have no doubt the climate of Kashmare will benefit you more than of this place, though we are sorry to lose so charming a couple. Please give my kind regards to Mrs. Filed. I only came to know for certain that you were to go quite recently; otherwise I should not have allowed you to depart without meeting.

I wish you both all joy and happiness. I hope you will soon be restored to complete good health.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,
26th April 1917.

MY DEAR MANUBAHI (THE DEWAN),

I think you had better come to Bombay, and be with me till I leave for Ooty. This will give us more time to see each other. You will oblige me by coming here at 4 p.m. so that if I have to say anything, I may have time to do so. You can bring any of your work to do in the palace. I should like you to finish the Kolhapur business and show it to me if you can.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1447

OOTACAMUND,
2nd May 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF MYSORE),

Many thanks for your kind arrangements. Without them we should not have arrived in comfort last night. I reached here in one of Your Highness' cars. We had seven punctures yesterday between Bangalore and Mysore. Our clothes etc. have not yet arrived though the servants are here. The food is all right. If there is any real inconvenience, I shall ask from you as my old and intimate friend. As soon as I can manage, I shall attempt to see you.

Please give my compliments to the Maharanis and your sisters. I hope you are all well. Thanks again for all your kind enquiries and kindness.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1448

OOTACAMUND,
2nd May 1917.

MY DEAR LORD PENTLAND (GOVERNOR OF MADRAS),

The Indian physician, who came from Malabar, advised me not to undergo the treatment* in this cold climate so I am writing to tell you. My foot is better and I had boots on this morning. I find this year the climate cooler and fresher Her Highness will soon be calling on Lady Pentland. I hope you are both well.

Your Sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Oil-Bath.

1449

OOTACAMUND,
9th May 1917.

MY DEAR PADMAVATI (MAHABLESHWAR),

I must thank you for the honey dispatched. I had bought some sweets for the children but as there was no man found at the station of Wather they could not be dispatched I expected a man there with honey. However it does not matter. I hope you and children are doing well. Negotiations with Kolhapur are in progress. The Maharaja wants to send his brother and others to Ooty. I don't know for what? I have given him the option to send them here.

We arrived here after the pleasant journey, though we had eight punctures between Bangalore and Mysore, I think due to the heat and cheap old tiers. I have been lame since my arrival here owing to rheumatism, which is now better. To-Day I have been able to put on boots. The weather here seems to be cooler than usual; and I like it. There is no hunting yet as the downs are dry and slippery. I hope the educational progress of children is good. Please give them my love. I hope this will find you all and happy.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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OOTACAMUND,
9th may 1917

MY DEAR COL. MACDONALD (RESIDENT, BARODA),

I am taking life easy and feel the better for it. The weather here is cooler and fresher than usual, which I like. I had eight punctures between Bangalore and Mysore, owing to heat and cheap old tyres. After stopping a couple of hours at Mysore, I arrived at Ooty at 9 p.m. without any puncture or mishap. The country along the road was well wooded and pretty with fair traces of game. I noticed several wild fowls and hares.

I have been advised not to have the oil-baths here, as the cold is great. I have been lame since my arrival due to rheumatism. I am better now, and had my boots on this morning after some days. I hope your foot is better and that you are not finding Baroda too warm. I hope this finds you well and happy.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1451

OOTACAMUND,
9th May 1917.

MY DEAR MR. WEEDEN,

I am sorry that I have taken so much time to answer your kind letter. I am indeed sorry that you have lost so soon your newly married wife. However, life and death come and go at the will of the supreme power with which we cannot interfere and have to obey his in scurtable decess with resignation. I hope you are better now than when the blow was fresh.

The dreadful war seems to be going on with unabated vigor. We should like to see the end of it. It is upsetting every thing. My sons are going in an humdrum fashion. They are in Baroda at present. Prince Shiwajirao has got two handsome little boys.* I came here on the first of this month. We had eight punctures between Bangalore and Mysore we stopped for a couple of hours, and started from there at 3-30 p.m. and

reached my house at 9 p.m. without any puncture or mishap. The country along the route appeared fresh and green, the weather being cool and pleasant.

Her Highness plays daily several sets of tennis and besides has a walk and drive. I am laid up with rheumatic pain in my right foot but it is now better.. I hope soon to resume my usual exercise.

I have got a new Resident called Col. Macdonald The retired Resident Col. Impey is in England. My Ministe. is also new- Manubhai. You are sure to have seen him but you will not be able to recall him to memory. He is young man of 50 with good health and sound brain. Messrs Wanikar and Jadhav are well and high up in service. I offer think of you though I have been usually slack in writing. I wish you health and happiness.

Your Sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Shri Udaysinh and Shri Khanderao.*

1452

OOATCAMUND,
13th May 1917.

MY DEAR DAMAJIRAO* (EXCTERE COLLEGE, OXFORD,)

I was indeed glad to have your letter and read its contents. I hope you will successfully get through your examination. You should not study the law- subject, till you have got through the Arts Course. I am inclined to think that after you graduate, you should return to India and after, a stay, get back to put in your Law Terms. while you are there, keep your terms carefully.

I think, generally speaking, in instances like yours, too much money is spend on your English Education in proportion to the benefit derived. Get the same knowledge at less expenses. This can be done by preparing oneself in India and Afterwards going to Europe. These are my views but I do not pretend to know all details and condition about the subject.

Your brothers are doing well here. i came here a fortnight ago and find the climate quite pleasant. Please give my

Ashirwads to Babasaheb Shankarrao† and others, who, i hope are quite well. I hope this will find you quite well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Shrimant Vithalrao Gaekwar's Son.

† Sons of Anandrao Gaekwar. Studying in England.

1453

OOTACAMUND,
13th may 1917.

MY DEAR INDUMATI* (MAHABLESHWAR),

I was glad to have Marathi letter. It was well expressed and had plenty of news, which is very good. Your hand-writing must yet improve. it is a great thing to write a good hand. In my school, sufficient care was not taken to teach us well hand-writing and other subjects, which was a mistake. I am glad that Bal and all of you are well. Please give them all my love.

Mahableshwar is a pleasant place and possesses good climate suitable to most of our people. Ooty is cooler, but so far away from Baroda. Rain is wanted here and owing to its absence there is no hunting as the downs are too dry and slippery. I here they had rain in Baroda which is very unusual. I hope we shall have a good monsoon you know how important a good monsoon is. Every thing in India depends upon it. I have been reading a nice novel of Scott, which in time you are sure to read and enjoy.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Grand daughter.

1454

OOTACAMUND
13th, May 1917.

MY DEAR LORD WILLINGDON (GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY),

While in Baroda, I had received a letter from you concerning the club you have started in Bombay. I had in my mind to

answer the queries contained in it but I forgot to do so in the midst of business. in the excitement of my leaving Baroda. Unfortunately the letter has been left at Baroda and I am unable to answer it. I hope you will excuse me for this.

Gajara Raje the widow of the late Raja of Sawantawadi has been requesting me to intercede on her behalf. I am not aware of the facts of the case. Can you see your way to meet to some extent, at least the wishes of the lady.? She promises to dismiss any objectionable person about her, and to conduct herself sensibly. She would like to be allowed to live in the Bombay presidency. I do not pretend to know all the subject of her requests. I had asked Col. Impey to speak to you on the subject on his way to England but I fear he omitted to do so.

The weather here is cool and pleasant. Rain is badly needed. Owing to its absence the downs are too dry to hunt. I hope you are both well. With our united regards to both of you,

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1455

OOTACAMUND,

15th May 1917.

MY DEAR DR. MAYER (CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER FOR SOME TIME),

I was indeed glad to receive your kind letter of the 24th April 1917. I frequently thought of writing to you as you are always in my thoughts but I was unable to carry out my resolution. As far as I remember I have asked the Government of India whether you can be transferred nearer Baroda without any inconvenience to them. I have learnt nothing in reply.

Affairs in Baroda are moving in the same way as when you were here. The new Resident seems to be a pleasant man. He is suffering from bad foot which he got, while shooting out or walking in the country. I think a thorn or something of the kind entered into the sole of his foot. and he has not recovered from it yet. This prevents him from playing tennis, of which he seems to be so fond.

I came here on the 1st of May after having seven punctures between Bangalore and Mysore. The weather here is

delightful though rain is wanted. The downs are very dry and slippery. there is not any hunting yet. I have not brought my horse here this time as I was going to have not brought my horse here this time as I was going to have the the Malbar oil-Baths but this had to be abandoned as the climate is unsuitable. I may have the treatment in Baroda, though I am hardly in need of it. since my arrival I was laid up with rheumatic pain in my right foot. but I am almost free from it and play tennis to an extent. My health has been good on the whole though I feel at times slack and irritable My sons are going on just in the same way, as when you were in Baroda. I hope you have good news of Mrs. Mayer and the child. Her Highness desires me to convey her kind regards to you. I hope you get leave and pay us a short visit. I hope this will find well and in charge of interesting hospital work. With all kind regards,

Yours Sincerely Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1456

OOTACAMUND,
17th May 1917.

MY DEAR PADMAVATI (MAHABLESHWAR),

The news from Mahableshwar seems to be good, which is pleasant. I was glad to get Laxmi-Devi's letter yesterday which I will answer shortly. Thank you for the honey, the white is better.

I send you the enclosed. I am afraid the demands of Kolhapur are exorbitant and if they stick to it, the negotiations will result in the match not coming off. Keep this to yourself. I hope you are all well

Yours Affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

P. S. I am thinking of offering Kolhapur a lakh and twenty-five thousand (Rs. 1,25,000) more, besides specifying the value of ornaments, which was left to our discretion. The value of ornaments will be Rs. 1,00,000 (one lakh) to be preferably in cash.
S.R.G.

1457

OOTACAMUND,
18th May 1917

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (KOLHAPUR),

I have received Your Highness's letter of the 9th Instant. Khasherao Jadhav also communicated to me, Your Highness' wishes; and I have been thinking over them. I do not wish to trouble Your Highness with a long letter. I am prepared to meet some of Your Highness' wishes, for instance :-

1. The value of the ornaments, which was left unspecified upto now, will be a lakh of rupees to be paid in cash or kind, preferably in cash Rs. 1,00,000.
 2. I shall give one lakh more to increase the value of the Inam villages to be given to the bride and the bridegroom, Rs. 1,00,000; and
 3. Rupees twenty-five thousand more to meet other expenses. Rs. 25,000.

I hope this will meet with Your Highness's approval. I hope this will find you all well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MY DEAR SHIRGAOKAR (KOLHAPUR),

I have seen your letter of the 10th Instant addressed to the Dewan. I am afraid the demands of Kolhapur are exorbitant. However, I am now prepared to modify our offer

1. The value of ornaments, which was left vague and unspecified upto now will be a lakh of rupees or be paid either in cash or kind, according to the convenience of Baroda, preferably in cash Rs. 1,00,000.
 2. One lakh more to increase the value of the Inam village as desired by the Kolhapur. Rs. 1,00,000.
 3. Rs. 25,000 more to meet other expense Rs. 25,000.
Total Rs. 2,25,000.

Unless there is any reason to stay longer in Kolhapur you better go to Baroda. Let me know quietly, If there is anything to be communicated after my letter is handed over to His

Highness. I think, Before you leave for Baroda, You had better discuss in a preliminary from the necessary and important details about Laxmi-Davi's marriage with the eldest son of the Raja of Mudhol. This will save time and correspondence and will help to decide and determine the match.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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OOATACAMUND,
19th May 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (TRAVANCORE),

It is a very long time since we have not exchanged any friendly letters. I have been reading in papers about the meetings that were held to celebrate Your Highness 60th birth-day. May you live long! The meetings and there objects prove, if any proof was wanted, of your Highness popularity and of your Highness beneficial rule. I have been here for nearly three weeks. I find Ooty cooler than useful. The weather is almost bracing. I am sorry that I shall have no chance of meeting you this summer as you are not coming to coonoor. I have met the Maharaja of Mysore. He is looking very well indeed.

Will you Kindly remember me to your Minister and Chief Secretary, Whom we have not at all forgotten? If you have no objection and do not mind the trouble, I should be obliged if you will send me the plans with elevation of the Quilon Residency of the building which was used for the purpose. The weather at Baroda has been most unusual. There was five inches of rain a few days ago, quite an unprecedented event. I hope this does not mean late or bad Monsoon. Her Highness wishes me to be remembered to Your Highness.

Your Sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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OOTACAMUND,
21st May 1917.

MY DEAR AGAKHAN (BOMBAY),

I have to thank you most heartily for the parcel of mangoes so kindly sent by Your Highness. It is indeed very good of you to have remembered me. I am spending the summer up here in Ooty, and intend returning to Baroda about the beginning of July. I hope Your Highness is Quite well. With kind regards, Believe me,

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1462

OOTACAMUND,
21st May 1917.

DEAR MR. BIRKETT,*

Thanks for your kind letter of the 13th Ultimo and the enclosures about the permuitit. I hope you will guard my interest in every possible way. I am sending all the papers to the Accountant-General, who will correspond with you if necessary. I cannot write more on the subject as all the papers are with him and I have come up here for a summer stay.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Messrs. Horne and Birkett are carrying on the monetary dealings in England on behalf of His Highness.*

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OOTACAMUND,
21st May 1917

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN, BARODA),

I did not write to you upto now, as I did not feel quite fit. I was glad to receive your letter of the 12th Instant. You will already know by this time the answer sent to the Maharaja of Kolhapur. I am now awaiting his reply, if any is to come at all. I should like to quietly find out possible boys in Kathiawar.

The information may be useful in the future only it should be collected very quietly and without giving rooms for any inference. I shall soon be writing to you about sending the usual necessary papers.

I hope Ganpatrao and Govindbhai will soon submit their report about the Inspection of the commerce and Industry Department. They have been long working at it. After they have done that I should like them to take to take some other departments. I wish all the Huzur Departments should be systematically examined from time to time, not only in their routine work, but even from the point of policy.

I am afraid that the translation of useful books is not pushed on a much as I should like I am anxious to have some useful popular series translated for the benefit of our people. please see that something is done to carry out this long pending desire of mine It is a necessary part of the development of our educational system. Of course, care is to be taken that the state is not unduly taken advantage of its good intentions. The arrangements should be clear, definite and business-like. Why should not a small useful series be given to Modi Chhaganalal, the retired Educational Inspector? The state might pay him something and he might recoup by selling the books. Thus the interest of both will be served in making the series saleable. Mr. Clarke must be asked to attend to the translation-work and to see that some sensible policy is laid down.

You know that the secretariat question is yet pending final disposal. I had a talk with the Minister of Mysore, who undertakes to train some of our men, if sent, and to lend if necessary his experienced officers to help us to decide and carry out the system. I wish you to send Dalal.* Mukerjee and padgaokar to study the Mysore -system and report upon it. in order to save time and enable them to know exactly what to study and report upon, they had better read Mukerjee report on the Madras-system and the report made by you and Vanikar on the Bombay-system. You should send them after writing through the Residency in the useful course. These officers should not stay in Mysore longer than necessary and they should be paid Bhatta so that they should not be a charge on the Mysore as a study of the question will be useful to him

and besides, if I should require him here he will easily be able to come up. You will of course, make a reasonable arrangement for the work of the Huzur Kamdar during the course of the absence of Padgaokar.

I should like you to send me a Tappan giving necessary details etc. of the number of schools required for each village of the Karjan and Dabhoi Talukes. On receipt of this tippen I may decide to build all the schools within a specified time by appointing a special agency to carry it out. The sites for the schools to be built should also be fixed as far possible but as the fixing of sites may take some time, the tippen cannot be delayed.

The officers going to Mysore, should also study the principles, practice and routine of the Efficiency office at Mysore with a view of its introduction in Baroda. if thought desirable.

Why has Bhausaheb Gaekwad been sent away from Shiwajirao to attend Prince Dhairyashilrao who I understand has gone to simala? I think he ought to do or attend to some useful work. instead of loafing about a most demoralizing example. I should also like to know how prince Shiwajirao manages to get leave so frequently. In the return of attendance sent of the prince it must be mentioned how much he has been on leave if that information has not already been given. For want of proper discipline and systematic and continues strong handing the Princes are getting from bad to worse which is very sad. I must say that the officers do not understand the importance. and help me in the exercise of proper disciple. It is an unfriendly act of theirs towards the prices and the state in the long run. Her Highness out of ignorance has also done less than might have been the case. Our people's kindness in such a matter is really a poison to the young men in the final result.†

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Kilabhai Dullabh Ram.

† Note the remarks about treatment of the Princes.

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OOTACAMUND,
24th May 1917.

MY DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD (THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA),

I thank your Excellency vary much for your letter of the 9th Instant containing your kind invitation to stay with you at Simla. Her Highness and myself have great pleasure in accepting Do you mind if I arrange to spend a few weeks in Simla to avoid the heat of September and October in the plains? On knowing from your Excellency has no objection, I will make the necessary arrangements for our stay there. This is not expected to cause you any inconvenience.

I hope this will find Your Excellencies as well as possible under the circumstances. Kindly remember me to Lady Chelmsford and your daughters. With our united regards to both Your Excellencies,

Your Sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAD.

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OOTACAMUND,
24th May 1917.

MY DEAR MR. CLARKE (COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION),

When Prince pratapsingh comes back I should like him to work a bit more to learn Gujarat and music. Every day nearly an hour should be devoted for Gujarati and a quarter of an hour or so for music. The music, which should be the piano may be taught by Miss Wood in Guajarati the main thing for him is to pick up to talk and write it correctly in good hand I do not wish the children in any way to overwork I think the additional work should be exacted after an arrangements will be made in a suitable and reasonable manner.

I should like very much that the work of translating useful books in the vernaculars should be pushed on vigorously. if convenient Mr. Jaisukrai Purushottamari Joshipura may be given some books for translation. I also wish that a book on Ethics should be translated for the use of the general public. When the manuscripts ready after translation you may

probably ask me whether I would like to see it, before it is sent to the press. If I could find no time it will have to be printed without my perusal. Hope this finds you all well.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAD

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OOTACAMUND,
6th June 1917.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN BARODA),

I should like you to find out, if a good lady possessing the necessary qualifications, and capable of giving a course of physical education to our girls is available and if so to engage her as an experimental measure for a period of two years. She will be engaged in the same way as the gentleman, who belongs to the same mission, and whom we have engaged for the course of physical exercise. A lady, as above desired will be useful to the girls who will be very much benefited by a systematic and practical study of physical education. The person ought to be able to be useful generally, so that she can be utilized elsewhere, if necessary.

If such a person is not to be had in India you may engage one from America if necessary through the mission who are going to supply us the men and on similar terms Of course, the lady would not be so expensive as the men.

Mr. Morinas* should be asked to visit the city-schools, and teach the boys indoor games in a friendly way in their leisure hours and studies and with the co-operation of the teacher who will be able to give him due facility. If Mr. Morinas works well at might be extended to the districts in due course. I should also like to know what books or series of books have been taken up for translation purposes, and how far the work is being pushed on.

You had also better arrange to select, from out of the teachers already employs in the local music schools four teachers, who possess an elementary knowledge of English and Sanskrit and who are really anxious to learn the subject of music from a theoretical and practical point of view for being sent for training at Bombay under Mr. Bhatkhande. It

will be better If they are men possessing good musical voice and Swardyan and they should be such as after their return will be willing to give the benefit of their knowledge to the state. These men will be sent to Bombay after Mr. Bhatkhande will kindly select those that are likely to be useful.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAD.

* His Highness's Billiard Teacher, Afterward created Sardar.

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OOTACAMUND,
7th June 1917

MY DEAR RAJA SAHEB (OF COCHIN),

I was very glad to see Your Highness and your beautiful grounds the day before yesterday. I hope we may have many such occasions of meeting each other. I should be glad, if Your Highness can supply me with plants and elevations of the Trichur Buildings once used as Residency, and in which I was put up by your honourable predecessor. I hope this will find you and your Consort quite well.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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OOTACAMUND,
8th June 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF ALWAR),

I thank you for your letter of the 31st may 1917. The draft bill is not here, so I cannot refer to it. However, all points of views will be considered before the question is finally disposed of. I think Your Highness has rightly understood the spirit of the proposed legislation. Nothing revolutionary is intended. The Gujarat castes exercise very great power, which is not always wisely exercised; and people have to submit to such decisions and practices out of helplessness. I hope this finds your Highness well and happy.

Your sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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OOTACAMUND,
12th June 1917.

MY DEAR COL. RIGG (GENERAL COMMANDING, BARODA ARMY),

I hope this will find you quite well, and that you are having good news of Mrs. Rigg and the children. We are doing well; and I have enjoyed very much the climate of Ooty this year. I have heard reports that the moral character of R.P. Solaskar* is not good. I wish you to see that he improves; and if he does not, he may have to suffer. I am told that he has kept a certain woman in his house. This he should give up, and behave well. I do not think it necessary to mention names. I am dropping this hint to you to act discreetly, and do the needful.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

**A Lieu Tenant.*

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OOTACAMUND,
20th June 1917.

MY DEAR DAUGHTER (INDIRA RAJA, THE MAHARANI OF COOCHBEHAR),

I leave to-morrow for Baroda earlier than should I have, as Anandrao Gaekwar is laid up with pneumonia. I am interested with the struggle you are having with the Brahmins.

the weather here has been very pleasant this year. I have enjoyed some hunting here. The maharaja of Mysore was very kind in letting me have some of his horses, as I have not brought any of mine. I showed your letter to your mother. I hope you are all well. I know nothing of visiting Jamnagar.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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OOTACAMUND,

21st June 1917.

MY DEAR LORD PENTLAND (GOVERNOR OF MADRAS),

I have bad news from Baroda that my brother is ill with pneumonia; and Her Highness intends, therefore, returning to Baroda immediately. We are motoring down to Bangalore to-morrow morning at about eleven, and will travel by the Poona mail from there. We are looking forward to meet you and Lady Pentland again; but it is a pity that our stay in Ooty has to be cut short under the circumstances. I am writing to say good-bye to Your Excellency and Lady Pentland. With my best wishes, Believe me,

Your sincerely,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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OOTACAMUND,

23rd June 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (KOLHAPUR),

As I have had news from Baroda, that my brother Anandrao is ill with pneumonia, I am obliged to leave this place rather suddenly. I shall be travelling by the Poona mail to-night, and expect to reach Baroda on Sunday. I am looking forward to meet Your Highness on my way to Baroda; but under the circumstances, I regret our meeting has to be delayed.

I have already given you my final offer and, therefore, think that it would be much better, if Your Highness would kindly let me know your final decision in the matter, as otherwise it means delay, which is really not necessary. If, however, you think that the matter is such, as cannot but be settled by our mutual talk, I shall after going to Baroda write to you the time, that will suit me to meet you at Bombay. But I cannot give you any idea as regards the time, as every-thing depends on my brother's health at Baroda.

I hope that this finds you and all yours perfectly well. I thank you for the marriage* invitation, which, of course, I

could not accept owing to my stay here, but trust that everything went off well and successfully.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Marriage of the second son of H.H. The Maharaja of Kolhapur.

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THE PALACE, BANGALORE,

24th June 1917

MY DEAR BROTHER (SHRI. SAMPATRAO),

I arrived here last evening on my way to Baroda, when I was told of the sudden demise of our poor brother.* Once feels so sorry, and all the past stands before one's eye. He was a good brother and a wise sensible man of good common sense. He would have been fit for any big office, had he educated himself.

I have no doubt you have done all that was possible for his recovery. I did not know he was suffering from diabetis. For the future, we have to set his sons on their careers. As soon as reasonable, I think an inventory of his property and liability should be made with proper details so safeguard the interests of his present and absent sons. All this should be done with the help and knowledge of Chandrasinh. You must also suggest about the future course of the young men in England. I do not know whether Babasaheb has taken his degree or not, and when he is likely to take it. Unless there be reasons to the contrary, Shankarrao should be allowed his whole course. The above lines I wrote on the 21st.

Do not act as I say, if I am making a mistake. They are mere suggestions to you. You can consult Manubhai, and do whatever is right. Doctor advises me not to return to Baroda so soon. Do not go back to Kadi till you have put everything in the right way. Tell again to Chandrasinh and his mother and sisters how sorry I am and how much I sympathise with them. You must take great care of yourself, and do not let the matter weight much on your brain. I have not wired my sympathy to the boys in England, as I did not know that the news was broached to them my sympathies. The message may lighten

their deep sorrow. At such times, sympathy of friends is of much value. I feel depressed, so close this letter.

Your affectionately
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Shrimant Anandrao died on 21st June 1917. he was elder by five years than the Maharaja.*

1478

OOTACAMUND,
1st July 1917.

MY DEAR NEPHEW (SHRI. D.B. GANPATRAO S. GAEKWAR),

I thank you for your letter of condolence. Anandrao's death is indeed very sad. He was so sensible, genial, unobtrusive and yet useful and willing. We shall much miss him. No amount of wailing will bring him back. The weather here* is very pleasant at present. I hope this finds you well. I was sorry to learn of L.G. Mane's† death.

Your affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *H.H. went back to Ooty from Bangalore.*

† *He was a Maratha Medical student and after having gone to England, entered Baroda Service as Mankari and served as such till his death on 26th June 1917.*

1479

OOTACAMUND,
2nd July 1917

MY DEAR COL. IMPEY (9TH RESIDENT, BARODA),

I was glad to get your letter of the 13th May 1917. Before I proceed, let me congratulate you on your C.S.I. I hope you will long live to enjoy it. I have heard it from Miss Impey at Simla, when I was going in October to stay with the Viceroy. You will be, no doubt, sorry to learn of the sad death of my brother Anandrao. He was a good and sensible man, ever willing to help and be of use. I shall much miss him. I am glad that you have got something to do.

I leave this on the 6th for Baroda. I have enjoyed my stay much; and it has done me much good. I hope this finds you

well, and that you will soon meet your son, who, I hope, is well. Her Highness begs me to be remembered to you.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1480

OOTACAMUND,
2nd July 1917.

MY DEAR SHAKUNTALA RAJE,

I have not heard from you or from your husband for some time. I hope all is going on well with you. It is very sad that my brother Anandrao died so suddenly. He was very amiable full of common sense, ever willing to help and free from vices. He lived a plain healthy and regular life I shall much miss him. How did you enjoy Dwarka? It is a nice place and very healthy. Please show this letter to Jaisinhrao.*

The climate here is very pleasant. I shall leave this on the 6th for Baroda where I expect to be about the 20th of July. I hope this finds you all well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

*At this time Prince Jaisinhrao was at Amrel; Nai-Subha.

1482

OOTACAMUND,
2nd July 1917.

MY DEAR KAMALA DEVI,

I have not heard you lately. I hope all is going on well with you. I hope the children are well. When will they be returning? I leave this for Baroda on the 6th of this month. I shall reach it about the 20th. I was so sorry to hear of my brothers death. He was a good man. Please remember me to Shiwaji Rao. I hope this finds you well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1481

OOTACAMUND,

2nd July 1917.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN, BARODA),

I have received your letter of the 27th June 1917. I am indeed very sorry for the news it contains. I thank you for the wise way you have acted in a matter connected with the sad event. I had great respect for the deceased. He was so amiable, full of common sense, gentle and cheerful and ever willing to help. I shall be leaving this place on the 6th or 7th of this month, and will reach Baroda about the 20th July. After my arrival there., I shall attend to the matters you refer to. Upto that time I want Sampatrao and you to do what is wise and necessary. I hope this finds you quite well.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1483

OOTACAMUND,

5th July 1917.

MY DEAR NEPHEWS,*

It is a pain to me write this note conveying my sympathies to you in the loss of your interests and welfare at heart, and and to them to the best of his abilities. He died as you already know within 8 or 9 days of his illness of pneumonia. I had a letter from him two days before he got ill.

Please write to me one of you turn every week telling me your progress and welfare as well as mentioning your difficulties. You must not hesitate to seek my advice and help. Only ask for it plainly so that I may not fail to understand your requirements, I shall be watching your interest here and will arrange that you get your monetary supplies regularly. As my brother was looking after you all. I had no reason to trouble about attention. I leave this to-morrow enroute to Baroda, where I shall be about the 19 th of this month. this letter is intended for both of you. So kindly show it to each other. I hope this will find you comparatively each

other. I hope this will find you comparatively lightened of your grief.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Sons of Late Shri. H.B. Anandrao Gaekwar in London.

1484

OOTACAMUND,
5th July 1917.

MY DEAR INDUMATI,

Thanks for your Marathi letter which I could not answer earlier. I leave this to-morrow for Baroda, Where I shall be about the 19th of this month. I hope you have had sufficient rain to make it cool. I shall be glad to se you all again. Please remember me to your mother sister and brother. I belive Major Webber* must be by now with you. I hope you will all like him. Kindly show this letter to your mother and tell her that I have in my mind all she wrote.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Major Webber was appointed as Guardian and Tutor to His Highness' Grand-Children. He joined his duties on 8th July 1917 and work upto April 1921.

1485

OOTACAMUND,
5th July 1917.

MY DEAR COL. MACDONALD (RESIDENT, BARODA),

I have to thank for you conveying to me H.E. the Viceroys sympathies at the demise man. His loss will not be soon forgotten. I leave this to-morrow and reach Poona on the 10th where I stay with H.E. the Governor till the 13th July. I expect to reach Baroda on or about the 19th July. I hope you are having good news of your people in England . The stay here has done me good though the last few days have been sad. I shall not trouble you with a long epistle as we shall soon meet. I hope this finds you well.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1486

OOTACAMUND,
5th July 1917.

MY DEAR BHAUSAHEB (GAEKWAD MAJOR),

I am very sorry indeed that I could not answer your charming letter well expressed and written. I am sorry not to have said good-bye before you left for Mt. Abu. Have you enjoyed and watched plenty of polo and sports as there are many Rajas sporting there?

We leave this to-morrow for Baroda, where I expect to be on the 19th of this month. The weather here has been delightful and I have done some hunting. Your parents are in good health. I hope you are all well. Please remember me to all there and Udaisinh. I hope we shall soon be meeting.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1487

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
17th July 1917.

MY DEAR LORD WILLINGDON,

I arrived here a little after midnight. I cannot allow any time to elapse before thanking you and Lady Willingdon for your hospitality and successful endeavours to make us comfortable. We enjoyed our stay very much and thank you both for it again. I went to Bombay and saw Queen Mary's Hospital for the Indian soldiers. I think Lady Willingdon has shown much wisdom and sympathy in starting the Institution which will fulfill a needed want. I could not manage to see the Club. It is very warm here. I hope this finds you well and happy.

Your sincere Friend
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1488

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

17th June 1917.

MY DEAR FRIEND (H.H. THE NIZAM OF HYDERABAD),

I have to thank Your Highness for the fruits sent to me at Ooty and here. I have been long thinking of writing to you since I often think of you but my movements have come in the way. I arrived here only last midnight. I stayed at Poona with Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon. They are very nice people. I saw something of the Frasers at Ooty? Mr. Frazer casually asked me whether I was thinking of parting with my property. I hope this finds Your Highness and all your children well and happy.

Your Sincere Friend,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1489

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

21st July 1917.

MY DEAR COL. MACDONALD (RESIDENT, BARODA),

I thank you for your letters including that of the 17th It is always better to be informed of a thing in time. At times people do express themselves inadequately and even incorrectly. I sent the letters to my DEWAN for placing the real facts before me and I have asked him to write to you on the subject. He says that rumors are without any substantial foundation and that for the last three months since the report of the Baroda C.I.D. there has been no development. Deshpande* knows nothing of these inquiries of the matter.

I learn that Mr. Wood the Political Secretary is likely to pass via Baroda to simala. I should like you to invite him to Baroda as my guest.

Yours Sincerely,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Mr. Deshpande the Ex-Subha of Navsari.

1490

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,

28th July 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (MYSORE),

Many thanks for Your Highness letter dated the 24th July 1917 from Bangalore and the letter of the century Club Will you Kindly convey to the Club that I accept their proposal with many thanks? I wish the useful institution every prosperity I thank you for electric reading lamp, Which is very useful for reading.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1491

DEVLAGI,

1st August 1917.

MY DEAR MAHAVRAO (V.P. MADHAVRAO),

Just a line to say that friends are not forgotten. I often think of you. I hope you are well. We are here by medical advice. The cold, which we both caught at simla, has been sticking practically upto which we both a few days. My lungs required a drier climate to get thoroughly well. I shall not be staying here long as the Kolhapur marriage is approaching. I hope you will come to it. Baroda is just getting rid of the bad plague, which it has been having. The poor people have suffered so much.

Do you expect great reforms in the political world of India? You must have been studying the question diligently. I met Mr. Monatage while he was in Bombay. My sons are getting as usual. The youngest is at Cooch-Behar. Shiujirao is doing nothing. Jaisinh is working as Naibsubha. Her Highness is laid up with high fever but the doctor says she will soon be all right. I should be glad to here from time to time. I here Lady Madhavrao is well. I enjoyed my Mysore-trip immensely. The Maharaja and others were so kind. State affairs are jogging on as usual. The days here are very hot but the nights are cool. When hot I cannot sleep well and then the mind is so active so many thoughts pass through it. I suffer from

depression of spirit at times, which is, I think due to health of temperament. I must not worry you with my own details. I hope this finds you well and happy.

Your sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1492

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,
6th August 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (ALWAR),

The saddle you have so kindly sent is a decided improvement on our national saddle. We shall make use of it. I have not yet quite decided about Delhi. I hope this finds you well and happy. With our united regards,

Your Sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1493

LAXMI-VILA PALACE BARODA,
15th August 1917.

MY DEAR LORD WILLINGDON (GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY),

I thank you for your letter. I am sorry that Your Excellency is not well. I hope the change will set you right. My daughter seems to have enjoyed her stay with you. With our united regards to both of you.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1494

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,
15th August 1917.

MY DEAR DAUGHTER (PRINCESS INDIRA RAJE),

Thanks for your kind letter from Bombay. I cannot deal with the contents of it satisfactorily nor, is it convenient to do so. We shall talk about them, if necessary when we meet. I wish all happiness. I thought after a few das. to go to Bombay but did not do so as you had already left.

I cannot understand why D. is behaving as he is at present doing. Beyond self-indulgence and idleness he has no idea of duty to self to, family, country or humanity. Every body should try to be useful to society. I asked him to do some nominal work, which he did most irregularly. do not judge of others unless you know all facts. In what way can we be more kind to D, when he himself is selfish or egoistic and had no idea of his duties? Have I not been too indulgent? Examine facts and judge for yourself. I bear him no ill-will, and wish him every success. I am cold at times because he has no desire to be useful or do his duty. I hope this will find you and all yours quite happy.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1495

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,
20th August 1917.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN, BARODA),

I find Ambegaokar is still utilised more than I should care. In other to give him time to finish some of the subjects in his department, I wish until further order, to relieve him from being the member of the council except the question of law or rule turns up. A.N. Datar. will take his place.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1496

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,
24th August 1917.

MY DEAR COL. MACDONALD (THE RESIDENT, BARODA),

I was looking forward to meet you this evening at the tennis-party but I am very sorry to read of the unfortunate circumstances that prevented you from coming had I received your letter earlier. I should have gladly sent my car to you. Are you free to-morrow night, could you come and dine with us quietly at 8-30? We should be so pleased.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1497

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,

24th August 1917.

DEAR MISS IMPEY,

I have to acknowledge your kind letter of June 10th. I am sorry that I could not answer it earlier. Kindly excuse the delay. I heard from Col. Impey a few weeks ago He seems to be well and happy. I am looking forward to meet you at simala where I arrive on the 10th of September. The weather is fairly cool at present. We are all fairly well. I hope this finds you quite well.

Yours sincerely,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1498

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,

25th August 1917.

MY DEAR GENERAL RIGG (OF THE BARODA ARMY),

Your letter of Friday 24th August which I have just received. I did not mean the inference you drew from my order given on the tippen concerning filling up the Generals post made vacant by the retirement of General Bird wood. The Dewan did speak to me but I did not give my decided answer as I wanted some time . You are welcome to speak to the Dewan again and ask him to have the matter disposed of before it cause you any real inconvenience. So I wish you to remind me to dispose of the matter till then. I shall not be in a great hurry.

Yours Sincerely,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1499

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,

28th August 1917.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (THE DEWAN),

I think M.T. Joshipura the Naib Subha had better take up the work of "recruitment" in the place of Mr. Maneklal Sakarlal Desai. If you think that Joshipura will not do, you can suggest

some other name. Mr. Manekalal Sakarlal will either at the fixed period unless you find some work for him he will not go back as Subha. Proposals if necessary may be submitted to fill up the post. I wish that the Inspection work of Huzur officer should be finished without undue delay We can appoint an officer or two exclusively for this work. prolonged inspection interferes with the daily work of officers Kindly attend to these points.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAD.

1500

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,
28th August 1917.

MY DEAR DAUGHTER (INDIRA RAJA, MAHARANI OF COOCH-BEHAR),

I am sorry that you are not well but I hope you will soon be all right I showed your letter to your mother and asked her to -day all you wished, she tells me that she has one so and showed me your telegram in answer to hers. is good so far. I hope the feelings to change and that you are ill. Met personally before long. It is quite wet here and the climate is trying. Shiwajirao is well. I am not going to Delhi for the conference unless I have to change. Do not sorry. I hope you will soon be well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1501

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,
5th September 1917.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (THE DEWAN),

Mr. Bryant saw me to-day. He complained rather utterly of many things. You will attend to them quickly and then explain what the difficulties were. I have asked him to give me a list of the points referred to. He is going to send it. I may see you to-day on same and other work. How have dealt with Miss Bailey's complaints?

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1502

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,

6th september 1917.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (THE DEWAN),

You have not yet asked me about Bhausaheb Gaekwads allowance though I have been waiting for the same. he should be paid Rs. 100 a month over what he gets in a army. there is not all the necessary information available here, so the order is liable to correaction. He will naturally receive this from the date he has taken charge of his new duties.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1503

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,

6th Septamber 1917.

MY DEAR AMBEGAOKER (THE HUZUR KAMDAR),

Unless you have anything to point out contrary I propose that Mr. Naoraji the Barrister who is at Palsana should be asked to take the duties of an Assistant Judge. I am sorry to move him so soon but the exigencies of the service require the man.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1504

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,

8th September 1917.

MY DEAR GENERAL RIGG (OF THE BARODA ARMY),

Mr. Jagtap* who has recently passed his Lieutenants examination need not work as Subhedar for one year. As he is an educated man, training for a month ought to be sufficient and then he must be relived of this work. After this he will have to come to the place as an additional A.D.C. so that he will pick up that work soon. After he has worked there for a

time orders should be obtained as to where he should be permanently provided for.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Now he is conducting the *Shivaji School*. At Poona independently.

1505

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,

10th September 1917.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (THE DEWAN),

I think it will pay us, if Mr. Purves, the Irrigation Consulting Engineer, comes and spends a month next cold weather to advise us on our future irrigation-policy and questions connected with us. He will travel in the country, and advise us till Raojibhai should have questions and materials, if possible, to give him to solve. Show this letter to him and Akolkar. If they agree, write to him. We should not waste money by engaging him, if there be no problems. I want Raojibhai to advise us what to do about the silting up of the village-tank in Kadi. He can see the Revenue Settlement Reports and study the question.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1506

SIMLA,

16th September 1917.

MY DEAR WHITNACK (SEE LETTER NO. 1441),

I am glad that you have arrived safely at Baroda. You seem to have had a tedious voyage and probably exciting since your steamer was stopped four times. What was the reason?

At present, I want you to go carefully into my biography drawn up by Saint Nihalsingh. I have paid him a large sum, and entered into some understanding. Do you consider the work well done? Is the style as good as it can be? Are the facts correct and well marshalled? Without approval, the work cannot be published by him. You are to advise me after

carefully studying the work. Your remarks should be carefully drawn, as you may have to rewrite the book, if necessary.

This is a confidential work; and I do not wish it to be talked about, and even do not let it be known that you are engaged on it. While doing this, you can ask for some work. At present, I have asked the Dewan to ask you to pick up the necessary knowledge of the departments you had under you in the old days plus Municipalities, Local-Borads, Abkari and Agriculture. In future, you will have often to review the reports of the departments, and suggest improvements in them, if required. For this you will always have to study what is being done by the British Government in India and by the civilised States in and out of India. This is to be done with a view that the Baroda Government gains by it. At present I shall not say more of what I expect from you.

I hope you left Mrs. Whitnack and the child well. You must always be considerate and sympathetic in dealing with the Indians. You are to help them in their course of progress.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1507

SIMLA,
19th September 1917

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF MYSORE),

I thank you for your kind letter of invitation of the 14th September. We gladly accept your invitation, and will convey it to the others, for whom it is intended. Your Highness, we know each other so well; and you have always been so kind that I request Your Highness not to make any preparations costing money, but receive us as members of Your own family, and treat us as suits you.

It is raining very much, and it is always wet and cloudy. I hope this will find you and all yours perfectly well and happy. Please remember me to your mother, brother and other members of the family. I am thinking of stopping here upto about the 25th October.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1508

HOTEL CECIL, SIMLA,

21st September 1917.

MY DEAR JAMSAHEB (H. H. RANJITSINH OF NAWANAGAR),

I have much pleasure in acknowledging your kind letter of the 11th Instant, suggesting for my consideration a proposal to hold a banquet in honour of His Highness the Maharaja of Bikaner along with Sir James Meston and the Hon. Sir Satyendra Sinha on the Occasion of the forthcoming Conference of the Ruling Princes in Delhi.

Much as I would like to associate myself in any movement to do honour to my friends, I regret that I shall not be able to avail myself of the pleasure of attending the meeting. The subjects proposed for discussion at the Conference are not of great importance; and I, therefore, do not wish to be present in Delhi. I can well appreciate the appropriateness of any proposal to honour the Indian Delegates sent to England to attend the deliberations of the War- Cabinet, but the propriety of such a function would undeniably be emphasised only after the results of such participation materialise and assume a definite shape. At present it is apparent that the tangible results of their visit are still chaos and yet in the process of taking ostensible from.

I am not aware that the Indian public in British India have done anything similar to what proposed though they are much more directly interested than we are. True representation implies a free and frank consultation of the interests sought to be represented. Personally I have great regard and I hope that the expression of my views will not, in any way be misunderstood.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1509

HOTEL CECIL, SIMALA,

21st September 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KAPURTHALA AT PRESENT KESHMARE),

I came upto Simla on the 10th Instant. While here, I received a letter from His Highness the Jamsaheeb suggesting that

when we meet at Delhi in November on the occasion of the Conference, We may all do some fitting honour to His Highness the Maharaja of Bikaner for his onerous work in the War cabinet. That put me in mind of your Highness letter on the same subject which I had received some months ago. I am really sorry that that letter has yet remained unanswered. I should have replied to it earlier but an unfortunate bereavement* in my family made me forgetful of my obligations. I apologies to Your Highness.

I enclose a copy of my reply to the Jamasaheb for your information. I do not propose to attend the conference this year. I trust that Your Highness is having a good time in Kashmare. The weather has not been very pleasant here, It has been raining too much.

Your Sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Death of Shrimant Anandrao Gaekwar, His Highness' Brother, Occured on 21st June 1917.*

1510

HOTEL CECIL, SIMLA,
23rd September 1917.

DEAR LADY CHELMSFORD,

I think Your Excellency for letter of the 7th Instant enclosing two eloquent appeals on behalf on the st. Johns and Red-Cross Associations. Your Excellency endeavour on behalf of the sick and wounded soldiers has my warm sympathy, and I shall do my best to further the humane cause.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1511

HOTEL CECIL, SIMLA,
27th September 1917.

MY DEAR BABASAHEB (SHRI LALSINH ANANDRAO GAEKWAR),

I was very glad to receive your letter enclosing one from your brother and to know that you are getting on well with your health and studies. I hope you will both work hard and

continue to maintain steady progress have already passed orders about increasing your allowances and considering your requirements, I trust that they are adequate.

Affairs in Baroda are getting on satisfactorily. Ganpatrao Vithalrao and your mother are looking to your domestic matters and I do not think you should be anxious. I came to Simla on the 10th instant returning to Baroda for the Dussera. I hope you and your brother are well. Please give Abasaheb Damajirao and Yashvantrao my Ashirwads.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1512

HOTEL CECIL SIMLA,
30th September 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF BIKANER),

I have to thank you for your letter of the 18th Instant which was redirected to me from Baroda. From the agenda of the subject coming up before our conference at Delhi Your Highness will have by this time perceived that the deliberations of the conference if limited to these subjects are not likely to be of much moment. I am therefore not thinking of attending the Conference this year though I may say that only be too delighted to exchange notes on such other important question as in your Highness opinion are likely to arise an be taken up there.

I appreciate your proposal regarding appointing a sub-committee of representatives from the several territorial groups, which proposal, I consider quite reasonable. It is very kind of you indeed to offer your services again this year as Secretary. I would personally approve of your appointment as suitable, though of the same time I should like to suggest for future occasions that, in the interest of the movement, different Princes may be requested to take up the work. We are grateful to you for all the trouble you are taking to promote the usefulness of the movement.

Regarding the course suggested by Your Highness, I approve No.1- Your tentative measure of appointing two representatives

from the larger group and one or two from the smaller, as the case may be. The selection referred to in No. 2 of your letter might be made by obtaining votes. I should also like to suggest that we should have a sub-committee working through the year, instead of commencing its business only at the last moment, so that interest in the work of the movement might be maintained throughout, and the Princes kept in touch with all the problems. At present one does not know how things are worked.

I hope Your Highness is quite well. I should like to meet you at some convenient time. Thank you for all the trouble you are taking.

Yours very sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1513

HOTEL CECIL, SIMLA,
1st October 1917

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KASHMERE),

I have to acknowledge with many thanks Your Highness' letter of 22nd September last. It was very kind of Your Highness to have written me. Letters from old friends are always welcome, and bring back pleasant memories.

We arrived here on the 10th of September for a change. The weather since then has been wet; and we have not much enjoyed our trip. I am staying at a Viceregal Lodge till the 4th Instant. Baroda has also more than its average rainfall this year; and I am glad to learn that Kashmere has a year of prosperity before it.

I have already informed Your Highness by wire that I do not propose to go to Delhi this year. The agenda of subjects to be brought up before the Conference does not show it would be worth all the trouble. I trust Your Highness is in the enjoyment of the best of health. With kind regards and best wishes.

Yours very sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1514

HOTEL CECIL, SIMLA,

1st October 1917

MY DEAR MR. SPIELMANN,

I wonder that you must be thinking of me for not having written to you earlier, though I have been thinking on doing so all these days. Is not it a pity that we delay things without in the least, intending them, while time is fleeing so rapidly? I really wish we could liberally catch him by the forelock as they say.

Her Highness and I have been in Simla for twenty days; and the weather all along has been so far from pleasant than I do not think I can say we have quite enjoyed our stay here. It is, however, clearing up now; and I hope to have a good time for the remaining period of our stay here. We are going to stay at the Viceregal Lodge to-day as guests of His Excellency for four days; and I am thinking of returning to Baroda for the Dassera.

I have to thank you very much for the medallions you sent me. They were so nice; and I liked them so much.

Mr. Coyle has already sent the plans of a Library Building for Baroda to Mr. Lutyens (?); and I am anxious that you should have a look at them, and point out to me as a friend any defects that you might perceive, and give me any suggestions that you may think necessary. I shall welcome with pleasure any advice you may give me on the subject. Please remember me to Mrs. Spielmann and your son, who, I trust, are quite well. With the best of wishes, believe me.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1515

SIMLA,

8th October 1917.

MY DEAR DADASAHEB (SHRI UKHAJIRAO'S SON),

I have not heard from you. I hope you and all yours are well. I hope the difficulty of drawing your allowance is over. Is it over? How was it got over? I felt a little annoyed, when

you quietly, hesitatingly and with uncalled-for sorrow and emotions expressed it. Your request was perfectly sensible and there was no reason for putting you to trouble. I kept quite from setting the matter, because I wanted to see what you would do and to let you have an experience of how people are put to trouble unnecessarily.

I always like a plain and straightforward talk if possible with a suggestion how to improve the mistake. I also know now difficult it is to speak out. You will thus learn how important it is so decide appeals carefully and quickly and at the same time taking notes of defects in the working of a department, How is Fulajirao? Please remember me to Ganpatrao and other.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1516

SIMLA,

8th October 1917.

MY DEAR NEPHEW (SHRI D.B.GANPATRAO GAEKWAR)

I hope you are doing well with all the members of your family. I was glad to have your letters and to notice that all is getting on well. I have been suffering from fever and cold with slight pain in my left knee. However I am now practically all right. Her Highness has had fever and cold. She is just shaking it off. The weather here has been damp and wet 20th October I hope the plague and the climate will go in improving. How is Fulajirao?*

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Fulajirao Shewale His Highness' Sister's son dies on 13th October 1917.

1517

HOTEL CECIL SIMLA,

12th october 1917.

DEAR LADY CHELMSFORD,

I am sending you a cheque for Rs. 1,000 (one thousand) for the red-cross and Johns Associations which I hope Your

Excellency will accept as a token of our interest. I hope you and His Excellency are better.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1518

HOTEL CECIL SIMLA,
13th october 1917.

MY DEAR DEWAN TEKCHAND*

I was glad to hear from you. I am afraid I cannot visit Karachi this time. Thank you for your undertakings I have been here for about a month but the stay has not proved very happy. Her Highness and myself have been both laid up with fever and cold. The letter we have not yet succeeded in shaking off. I leave this on the fair amount of offence. I had a pleasant stay at the Viceral Lodge. I hope you and all yours are quite well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

*A member of I.C.S. from Punjab service who served Baroda for nearly three years.

1519

HOTEL CECIL SIMLA,
14th october 1917.

MY DEAR MR. WOOD (POLITICAL SECRETARY SIMLA),

I am sending to you for the perusal of Mrs. Wood three books on India by Mr. R.C. Dutt. I really want to peasant herewith a copy of the book in two Volumes but it seems that they are difficult to obtain. As soon as I can I will try to have them and send them to her. While she is reading one of them if convenient to her she can give other to Mrs. Verney to read. I have promised the same books to her.

Can I have tea with you to-morrow if quite convenient to you? I can come some other day if that suits you better.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1520

HOTEL CECIL SIMLA,

14th October 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA, (OF KOLHAPUR),

I have to thank Your Highness for your letter of the 4th Instant enclosing a copy of the suggestions you have sent to Mr. Wood in connection with the Ruling Chiefs Conference. Your Highness suggestion about a *political tribunal* is sound and I agree with your opinion in demanding such an independent court for all political question. I should however, suggest that personal composing the tribunal and how they are nominated are matters which require mature consideration. These and other details may be settled with care and what is really needed and likely to achieve the end is continues and sustained efforral on the part of many of your Rules and not spasmodic efforral. I trust Your Highness is doing well.

Yours sincerely

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1521

PALETTI HOTEL CECIL SIMLA,

18th october 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF PATIALA),

I thank Your For your kind telegram. Her Highness has been advised to leave simla as soon as possible for the plans and from Baroda to go sea-side to get rid of her troublesome cough. I was going to write to your Highness to excuse me for the trouble given you in making the arrangements. Some day I should like to visit Chail and Patiala itself to see the state. As I have the pleasure of knowing you and also encouraged by your time for me to visit Chail. I shall let you know the prospects of my visit in due time. Your Highness not as a matter of favour and not because you hve invited me, I should be very if you can pay me a visit to Baroda as my guest. The date may be suggested by your Highness and I should let you know whether that will suit me or not. We can fix a date convenient to us all.

One of these days I may ask Your Highness to let Mr. Kaul Your Minister pay me a visit at Baroda for a week. I hope this will find you quite well.

Your sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1522

MAKARPURA,
22nd october 1917.

MY DEAR LADY CHELMSFORD,

A few days before leaving simla I sent Your Excellency a cheque for Rs. 1,000 which I meant only as the first installment towards further contributions to the Red Cross and Johns Association Funds. I have now the pleasure in sending you herewith another cheque for 5,000, out which Rs. 50 may be given to the Mayo Orphanages Rs. 500 to the Anandale Fete and Rs. 4,000 for the red cross Funds. was thinking of sending you the amount before leaving simla but was prevented from doing so by illness and other pressing engagements. I hope Lord Chelmsford and your Excellence are quite well.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1523

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF INDORE),

Thank you very much for your kind Marathi letter of Tilgul. I reciprocate the compliments of the season. Her Highness and myself did not enjoy the wet weather of simla Both of us have been laid up with bad cough and cold. There is some plague here and there weather needs some improvement. I have read your letter about the Delhi Princess Conference. Please remember me to all there You are well, I hope.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1524

MAKARPURA PALACE, BARODA,

27th october 1917.

DEAR DIGVIJAYASINHAJI (OF LIMBDI),

Thank you for your letter and the note accompanying it. I would encourage you to study the subject and bring forth the results of a healthy discussion It is a happy sign that young princes like yourself take interest in these matters. I shall help you as much as possible Being laid up I shall not write more beyond hoping that you are quite well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1525

MAKARPURA,

29th October 1917,

MY DEAR COL. MACDONALD,

I am not yet free from the cold I contracted at simla and have to be careful about the times I go out and come in I have therefore to deny the pleasure of your suggestions at present I have seen little of the Minister since my return. I will write in two days about fixing the time for us to meet. Thank you again.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1526

BOMBAY,

November 1917.

DEAR MRS. ELLIOT,

I was very pleased to receive your last letter. The other two which you mention have gone down I am afraid as they never reached me. All the same I thank you for them. I was most interested to hear of all your doings. I must congratulate you on your wonderful energy. you are as untiring as ever. The war must affect you in England in a terribly first hand sort of way in which it can never affect us at this distance Recently Her Highness and I were in simla the controlling centre of

all war and political work. and yet to the ordinary man in the street there was absolutely no manifestation of the existence of a word war. Of-course it was not exactly the over-gay simla of pre-war days but still there was a great deal of social activity going on. We were there about six weeks altogether out of which we spent four das at Viceregal Ldge where we had a very pleasant stay. For the rest of the time we were staying at the Cecil Hotel. Last hot weather we were in Ootacamund there also we had a good deal of rain. On the way back we stayed with Lord and Lady Willingdon. They are such a charming couple and we enjoyed our visit to them. They were in Baroda last February and they had pressed us to go and pay them a visit sometime.

We are living at Makarpura ever since our return from simla because there is bad plague in the town. We are now in Bombay en route for Mysore to see the Kheddah operations. We shall be there for about eight days from the 26th of this month. Have you heard that Indumati is to be married to the eldest son of the Maharaja o Kolhapur in February Jaisinh Rao is working as Naib Subha at Pattan and Shiwaji Rao is the joint Magistrate in Amreli. Her Highness and I both caught bad colds at simla but we are better now. I had a long letter from Winifred please thank her for me when you see her. I hope you are quite well. With Kindest regards and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from her Highness and myself.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1527

BOMBAY,

November 1917.

MY DEAR COL. MARTELLI,

I have not heard from you quite a long time. I hope no news means good news. The atmosphere here is purely political just now. The visit of the Secretary of state has aroused a great deal of interest in political problems particularly among the princes. It is a very healthy awakening I hope from the long sleep of the Native states. It will do them some good even to be made to think what might be done in the way of

reforms. This year there is a very bad type of plague prevalent in Bombay Presidency. With that and the general unrest due to war conditions the people are very results. I do not mean in any bad sense it is rather a restlessness of fear than anything else. I am en route to Mysore to see Kheddah Operations and am at present in Bombay. What turn will affairs at the front take this winter ? We are very busy recruiting here. But as you know, in Gujarat it is a different job.

It is uncommonly cold all over India this year owing to the late and excessive rains. Even the climate is being altered by the war. My eldest grand daughter is to be married to the eldest son of the Maharaja of Kolhapur in February. Please remember me to Col. and Mes. Kettelwell and your other daughter. I hope you are well . With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1528

BOMBAY,

November 1917.

MY DEAR REV'D. MR. HUME (THE REV'D S. W. HUME FINCHLEYN),

I have received your letter about the allowances outstanding etc. of my nephew. I am sending it to the gentleman who is in charge of their arrangements. He will take the necessary steps to out things straight. There have been I am sorry to say some mistakes about the allowances of the boys but they are both doing well and hope that they will continue to send reports of their progress to the proper authority here. Please remember me to the boys.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1529

BOMBAY,

November 1917.

MY DEAR COL. MEADE,

We returned from simla a few days ago after a six weeks spell of rain. It looked very much as if the Hill Station V/s

Plain. Government problem was being solved by Nature as the Hill was in a constant condition of land slip. On the whole it was rather dull except for a few days spent at Vice regal Lodge. Somehow one feels cramped in simla. India is full of new ideas of political progress. I do not know whether the progress is as great as our political papers make out but there is no doubt that there is some new and upward development in political ideas in this country. The Princes are also taking a very active part in politics but more from a standpoint of mutual noninterference, I think.

We are now in Bombay on our way to Mysore to see Kheddah Operations. I expect you have seen them. They are an extraordinary example of the conquest of mind over matter. My eldest grand daughter Indumati is to be married to the eldest son of the Maharaja of Kolhapur in February. I am extremely sorry to here the death of Mary Meade. With kind regards and best wishes for Christmas and be the New Year to Mrs. Meade your sisters, brother and brother in-law

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1530

MY DEAR DADASAHEB (SHRIMANT UKHAJIRAO'S SON),

Your telegram just to hand (6-30p.m.) I send you a cheque of Rs. 5,000 as part payment of your allowance You should get the necessary adjustment made. I am sorry you have been put to trouble so much. I hope you have not been cause of it. I wish you happiness.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1531

MAKARPURA,

5th November 1917.

MY DEAR JAMSAHEB,

I have received your telegram of 3rd November. I hope this letter of mine will reach you in time and cause you no inconvenience. you know my views on the subject. I know

nothing of the appointment, the work given of what the outcome of it will be. We have read some accounts of that work in the newspapers but I do not know whether they are authoritative. Out of regard for your suggestion and as a contribute towards the banquet and souvenir.

Your Sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1532

MAKARPURA,
5th November 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF BIKANER),

Your telegram of the 29th October reached me some days ago. but I could not answer it. I have been suffering from bad cold which I have not yet got rid of. At present I am thinking of coming to Delhi. I hope the Conference will go off well. If there be anything really important on which my views are required or that I should come for it to Delhi I may think of offering the same and if possible come there. I have several engagements on which make it difficult for me to change without upsetting other arrangements. About the end of this month. I am due at Mysore where the Maharaja has kindly asked me to come. I hope you and the other Princes will have a pleasant time.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1533

MAKARPURA PALACE BARODA,
7th November 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF NABHA),

I thank Yours Highness for the draft proposals, which you have sent. I have read them with very great interest and I approve of the idea of a Federation-as the basic idea. Your Highness Minute however scarcely shows on what lines the basic idea is to be developed and how the established Federation would work. Agreeing then with the general idea of a Federation I think that the formation of a Separate Council

of representative of Princes something after the model of the German Bundestaat might meet the case and perhaps ought to be tried tentatively. I had suggested a somewhat a somewhat similar idea to the Viceroy some years ago. I offer these suggestions with considerable hesitation as I feel that this is a matter which lies more in the province of the scientific constitution framer. It would be impossible for us burdened as we are with the manifold cares of state to work out the details with the meticulous care which they preserve.

I understand Mr. Montague is coming merely to see present condition in British India and confer with the Government of India and the chosen representatives of the people of British India. I have no doubt that of any matters which concern the princes of India come into discussion, the Government of India will consult the Princes before coming to any conclusion. There are however many question of policy which it is essential for the Princes to open up on their own initiative. For each questions no doubt the collective and organised voice of the princes would have greater weight than the solitary efforts of individual princes. I should suggest as a preliminary that Your Highness should circularise the princes and arrange a definite list of matters after deep and careful consideration to be discussed with Mr. Montague. I fear that the time at Your Highness' disposal is too short to do all that. It would be better therefore, for the princes to restrict their attention to the following universally important matters-

1. The formation of a Council of states.
2. The formation of a properly representative court of Appeal in matters of dispute between the Government of India and Indian princes.

It will be quite impossible to go into details during the short time that will be available for discussing these matters but I wish most strongly to emphasize the importance of discussing the general grounds of policy in these matters in such a way as to ensure a full and free continuation of the discussion in the future and their eventual and early settlement. The Princes should not lose sight of the fact that these reforms are only the means to an end. That end is the reduction or even cessation of interference in purely internal matters and

the right to be consulted in matters which affects both the Native States and British India equally. I am sending your Highness my idea as they have struck me on the spur of the moment I cannot say that I given them full and final deliberation. I hope Your Highness is well. With kind regards,

Yours sincerely friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1534

MAKARPURA,
8th November 1917.

MY DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD,

It will give me great pleasure if Your Excellency Mr. Monatague would pay Baroda a visit even *en passant* if a longer visit is impossible during Mr. Montague's stay in this country. I am sending under cover to H. E. the Governor of Bombay a letter of welcome to Mr. Montague's inviting our distinguished visitor to Baroda. I expect that the programme of the tour is already arranged but I hope that Your Excellency that it will give me the keenest pleasure to welcome will be able to make this amendment. I assure Your Excellency that it will give me the Keenest pleasure to welcome Mr. Montague in my state. if visit to Baroda is unfortunately not feasible I hope to have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Montague in Bombay or some other convenient place and I have written to him also to that effect. I hope Your Excellencies are both in good health. With kindest regards from Her Highness and myself, I am

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1535

MAKARPURA PALACE BARODA,
10th November 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KOLHAPUR),

I thank you very much for your kind letter of the 21st October last. I understand that Mr. Montague is coming merely to see present conditions in British India and to confer with the

Government of India and the chosen representatives of the people of British India. I have no doubt that if any matters concerning the princes of India come into discussion the Government of India will consult the princes before coming to any conclusion. There are however many question of policy which it is essential for the princes to open up on their own initiative. for such question no doubt the collective and the organised voice of the princes would have greater weight than the solitary efforts of individual Princes. I have suggested as a preliminary, to His Highness the Maharaja of Nabha that he should circularise the princes and arrange a definite list of matters after deep and careful consideration to be discussed with Mr. Montage. I fear that the time at our disposal is too short to discuss a large number of question. It would be better therefore for princes to restrict their attention to the following universally important matters.

1. the formation of a Council of states,
2. the formation of a properly representative Court of Appeal in matters of dispute between the Government of India and Indian princes.

It will be quite impossible to give details during the short time, that will be available for discussing these matters; but I wish most strongly to emphasis the impotence of discussing the general grounds of policy in these matters in such a way as to ensure a full the free continuation of the discussion in the future and theri eventual and early settlement. The Princes must not lose sight of the fact that these reforms are only the means to an end. That end is:-

- (a) the reduction or even the entire cessation of interference in purely internal matters.
- (b) the right to be consulted in matters, which affect both the Native States and British India equally.

I am sending Your Highness my ideas as they have struck me on the spur of the moment. I cannot say that I have given full and final deliberation I hope Your Highness is well. With kind regards

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1536

MAKARPURA,

10th November 1917.

MY DEAR LORD WILLINGDON,

I have written the enclosed personal letter of welcome to Mr. Montague and I ask Your Excellency that you will do me the favour of handing it over to him in Bombay. In it I assure him of the warm welcome he would have, if he is able to visit Baroda, even in passing now or at any time later. Should the visit to Baroda be possible, I shall be very happy to receive India's distinguished visitor in my state. Trusting Your Excellencies are both in the best of health I am,

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAD.

1537

MAKARPURA,

10th November 1917.

MY DEAR MR. ROBERTS,*

I am glad to be able to welcome you at length to India. I remember your telling me in a London how much you would like to visit India. I shall be very happy to offer you hospitality in my State, if you can at any time during your tour fit in a visit. Her Highness and I should both welcome you warmly. I am asking Mr. Montague if he will honour me with a visit, and then you would be my welcome guest also; even if Mr. Montague cannot come, I very much hope that nothing will prevent your coming to stay for a few days and giving us the pleasure of showing you Baroda. I trust Lady Constance Roberts and your family are all well. Her Highness and I remember with pleasure the kind hospitality Lady Constance and you showed us in London. With kind regards and a repeated welcome to our country, I am,

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

*Charles Henry Robers ESQR., M.P., C/o H.E. Lord Willington, Governor of Bombay.

1538

MAKARPURA,

10th November 1917.

MY DEAR MR. MONTAGUE,

Allow me to welcome you on your safe arrival in India. I trust you will have a pleasant stay in our country, which is so looking forward to your visit. Her Highness and I could be very glad to offer you our hospitality even if only for a day, should your engagements not permit longer. If it is not feasible for you to see us in Baroda, I hope I may have the great pleasure of seeing you in Bombay or any other convenient place. I assure however that I should greatly prefer to welcome you in my state. With kind regards and assurances of your friendship I am.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1539

MAKARPURA,

16th November 1917.

MY DEAR COL. MACDONALD,

I do not wish to be troubled much for small things. The Minister can meet you can talk to him freely. I am sorry today I am busy as the Maharaja of Kolhapur is going away. I am myself leaving for Bombay to-night for my health. I shall stay in Bombay for about a week and then proceed to Mysore where I shall be for a fortnight. If my cold is not got end off by that time I may have to stop a bit in Bombay on my way back. The Minister as usual carries on the work of the Raj and will refer to me such matters as require my orders.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1540

BOMBAY,

19th November 1917.

MY DEAR GENERAL BIRDWOOD,

I am glad you liked the photograph. I was pleased to get your letter and all the news in it. About the Shetland ponies it does not seem any use trying to get them before the war is over. I am sorry to hear about your rheumatism it might pass comparatively unnoticed in our mild tropical climate but I am afraid it might be greatly accentuated in England. Her Highness and I were in Simla recently for about six weeks. It rained practically all the time we were there. We stayed at Visceral Lodge for few days. Her Highness and I both caught bad colds or rather bronchitis I saw Major and Mrs. Hall and your daughter. They were all looking very well. We are now in Bombay on the way Mysore to see the "Kheddah" operations. We will be there for about eight days. There is a very bad epidemic of plague in Baroda. It is worse in other parts of Gujarat. However I hope that next month it will get considerably less.

Your idea of running a farm is very good. It is a splendid healthy active life. I hope that you are quite well and as energetic as ever. With kind regards and best wishes for X'3mas and the New Year to Mrs. Birdwood and yourself.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1541

BOMBAY,

19th November 1917.

MY DEAR LORD WILLINGDON,

It would given me great pleasure to have stayed with you on the 8th of December next; but I shall be in Mysore on that date. Thank you very much for inviting me. I hope you are both well. I do not know whether you are here If you are I shall be glad to see you and Lady Willingdon. I have no business to talk. With our united regards to you both. I leave this place on the 26th of November for Mysore.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1542

MOUNT NAPEAM, BOMBAY,

20th November 1917.

YOUR HIGHNESS (THE MAHARAJA OF NABHA DELHI),

Your Highness letter of the 15th inst. was received by me in Bombay. I leave here for Mysore on the 26th Instant. I quite agree with Your Highness that the issues involved are so momentous that an attempt may very well be made with advantage to study the question raised and prepare a well considered scheme independently of the Committee already appointed on the 10th, Inst and referred to by Your Highness in Your letter, but not in a way antagonistic to it and without giving the least room for suspicion that both are working in different directions merely to oppose each other. The work of collecting materials and formulating proposals may be done by both independently of each other but ultimately both the schemes will have to be placed before the conference to be assembled as mentioned in Your Highness' letter in January next, so that what is good in both, may be approved and included in the scheme to be finally adopted. On this understanding if Your Highness will collect materials and formulate proposals I think every one concerned ought to feel highly grateful to your Highness. I think I need not say that I will give Your Highness whatever help I can with the greatest pleasure.

I hope this answer will meet Your Highness requirements. I think the great thing in this as well as in other movements connected with the Conference should be that all should have equal opportunity to give out there views and come to a common decision if possible. I hope this will involve no more unnecessary labour than is indispensable. Hoping that this will find Your Highness well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1543

BOMBAY,

25 November 1917.

MY DEAR BOROTHER (SHRIMANT SAMPATRAO),

Abba's letter to me is at Baroda. He wants 2,250 to pay his nursing bill. Have you paid it or given him the sum he requires? Do you wish me to pay him? I am to-day for Mysore. My cold is still bad. I hope this finds you well. The sum of Rs. 6,000 which I gave, was partly intended for this payment if you decide to pay it.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1544

BOMBAY,

26th November 1917.

MY DEAR ABASAHEB (SHRI. SAMPATRAO'S SON),

I am sorry and wish to be forgiven for not answering old letter of yours. Lately I have received another about finance. I am in correspondence with your father about it, and will let you know the result as soon as possible. I have great regard for you. I manage to contract a bad cold at Simla and I have been sent here to get rid of it. My stay has been too short to believe the object. I have to go to Mysore as the engagement was made months ago. I shall be away for a fortnight. There is bad plague at Baroda. I hope this finds you well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1545

SUMMER PALACE, MYSORE,

29th November 1917.

MY DEAR LORD REAY,

It is some time since I have written to you, but now that Christmas and the New Year are near, I must send you my best wishes for the season, and my hopes that 1918 will bring you more happiness than has 1917. I trust that you have kept

well since I last hear from you. Peace of mind alas! one cannot have until this war is ended and when will it be? I India everything is affected by it and the political atmospheric conditions are done as much outside caucus as to internal agitations. Mr. Montague is here and I hope much good will come of his visit. I wonder if you see "patted" accounts of all the reputations, You must be thinking of the India of your day and following with the greatest interest all that goes on.

After the princes' conference Mr. Montague met a goodly number of Ruling princes. I did not attend it, as the agenda were of no importance and as far as one can see the chief good of the meeting was the opportunities thus afforded to all to see each other and Secretary of state. This year we were in Ooty in may and June and on our way back to Baroda had a very pleasant stay with Lord and Lady Willingdon at Ganeshkhind. In september we went up to simla and early in October we stayed four days with the Viceroy. It was an inreresting but not very fruitful visit as Lord chelmsford had too bad a cold to do anything but transact his usual pressing work and I saw little of him. Both her Highness and I caught heavy cold in simla and so we were obliged to seek Baroda warmth earlier than arranged. I am sorry to say that plague is very hard in Baroda and as cold weather has set in plague that immediately heavy rains fell every where this year.

We are at present the guests of the Maharaja of Mysore and to-day we motor to the wild elephant jungle for a great Kheddah (catching of wild elephants) and are to stay out in camp some eight days. The roping operations will be a fine sight. I wonder if you witnessed the Kheddah when you were out hear. I hope much that I shall hear from you. With kind regards and renewed good wishes from Her Highness and myself.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1546

SUMMER PALACE, MYSORE,
7th December 1917

MY DEAR FRIEND (THE NIZAM OF HYDERABAD),

Allow me to congratulate you on the new decoration of the "Knight Grand Cross" of the British Empire you have won. May you live long to enjoy this and many other honours. I came here to see the Kheddah Operations, which I had never witnessed. I shall be back in Bombay on the 14th of this month. I have to thank you very much for lending me your house in Bombay. It was almost impossible to get houses for rent in Bombay. I have to thank you for the parcel of fruits so kindly send by Your Highness. I hope this will find Your Highness in excellent health. Baroda is bad with plague and I shall not return to it immediately.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1547

SUMMER PALACE, MYSORE,
7th December 1917,

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF MYSORE),

Allow me to congratulate you on the new distinction you have won. May you live long to enjoy this honour! I hope you have slept well and recovered for your fatigue.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1548

GERSOPPA FALLS,
12th December 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF MYSORE),

before saying good-bye to Mysore, I should like to say on behalf of myself and her Highness, how deeply we appreciate your very kind hospitality at every period of our stay in your interesting State, and how thoroughly we have enjoyed ourselves everywhere. We have learnt much from the

Kheddah and the famous Gersoppa Falls, which we leave with regret, but which will leave impressions on us that we shall never forget. I am glad to have been able to visit one of your most flourishing districts so rich in all that nature can give, and, throughout my stay, have much appreciated the kind attentions shown to us both by your officers and people. To you all our hearty thanks are due. Please convey our thanks also to Mr. Campbell and his assistants, who were indefatigable in their attempts to make us comfortable during our stay.

The scenery up here is something like Kashmere and the vegetation and both the Falls and the Valley are magnificent, while the search-light and illuminations by night only enhanced their natural splendour. It was very kind indeed of Your Highness to have permitted the Yuvraja to accompany us here, and show us all that is interesting. I need not say how much we enjoyed his good company here. I am sending a small sum to Mr. Campbell to be distributed among such as have been responsible for my comforts in Mysore. I am also thinking of sending a few souvenirs as presents to some officers, and you will kindly permit them to accept these. please remember to Her Highness the Maharanee Saheb and your sisters, who, I hope, are all well at Budipagada.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1549

BOMBAY,
16th December, 1917.

MY DEAR PADMAVATI,

I hope you are doing that is necessary to go away from the plague-sticken places. Will not Sinore be safer than Umrat? With care living in tents ought to be quite safe. I drop this merely as a suggestion, and you must decide what is wise. I enjoyed my trip to Mysore. I have not yet got over my cold; but I am much better. Please convey my love to the children.

Your affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1550

BOMBAY,

16th December 1917.

MY DEAR DADASAHEB GAEKWAD,

I hope this will find you well. I am sorry to learn that there is bad plague in Baroda. You must of all take care of your health. Please remember me to Kakisaheb. I enjoyed my trip to Mysore.

Your affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1551

BOMBAY,

17th December 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KOLHAPUR),

I have been working from morning, and so feel quite tired. Your Highness's wishes will not be forgotten. Munubhai is a way to Alwar, but will be back on the 20th or 21st of December. As a rule, I do not mind busy bodies; but your wish will not be disregarded. I hope this finds you all well. The marriage will come off in March.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1552

BOMBAY,

18th December 1917.

MY DEAR MAJOR WEBBER,

I have no objection for inoculation, if the doctor advises. I have been writing to Princess Padmavati and her Secretary about the movements of the children, so show them this letter, in order that the evil of contradictory orders may not take place. I am glad that your family has arrived, and I hope they are well. I hope the studies are progressing well. You should continue to send your monthly reports to me, even when I am away. If there be any points that require orders, you should

get them. I have not yet got free from cold. Please remember me to the children.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1553

BOMBAY,
18th December 1917

MY DEAR LORD WILLINGDON,

Will you kindly help me to identify the two buildings sites in Poona you recommended? I shall also be obliged to know who can give the necessary information if I want to buy one of them.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1554

BOMBAY,
19th December 1917.

MY DEAR DADASAHEB (SHRIMANT UKHAJIRAO'S SON),

Kakisaheb has written me a Marathi letter about the stepson of our deceased Babasab* Shrike. She mentions in it I think the village case. Will you explain to Kakisaheb that decisions in such matters are arrived at after much consideration. If injustice was done, Shrike was allowed to appeal. I have seen the young man to-day. Kakisaheb cannot understand these things and she should not allow herself to be influenced. I appointed you as a member of the council in order to learn these things. I had slight fever in morning owing to cold and bad throat. You ought to write sometimes as to how you are facing. I hear so little of you and that is not good.

*Shivaji Dasaroji Raje Kutrekar Shirke

Your affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1555

BOMBAY,

19th December 1917.

MY DEAR COL. MACDONALD,

Many thanks for your letter concerning the album. I shall be here for some time still as I have not got rid of my cold and sore throat. I had slight fever this morning. Can't you run up the Bombay for a couple of days? I should be so glad to meet you. I enjoyed my trip to Mysore, and the Kheddah was well worth seeing. I hope the plague in Baroda will soon disappear. I hope this will find you well.

Your sincerely,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1556

BOMBAY,

19th December 1917.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KOLHAPUR),

Thanks for sending me the book "Native States and past War reforms". If you can arrange, presuming that you know the author, I would like to meet Mr. G.R. Abhyankar, if he can conveniently come to Bombay. I will be here yet for a few days. I hope I do not causing you trouble. I hope you will let me have your views, if we cannot meet in the reform proposals submitted by the Council of Princes held at Bikaner.

I have got cold and slight fever. I do not know why the cold sticks on. Please give my Ashirwads to all there. I hope this will find you well. I thank you for sending Bapusahab.* I read that you are going to preside at the Maratha Conference. I am looking forward to read your speech.

* Kagalkar

Your sincerely,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1557

BOMBAY,

21st December 1917.

MY DEAR MR. WOOD,

Thanks for your letter of the 16th December 1917. I have practically secured rooms in the Cecil Hotel, so I am not likely to want your kind help for getting accommodation. I shall let you know whether I am positively coming or not. I am waiting for a certain information. The chances are of visiting Delhi.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1558

BOMBAY,

21st December 1917.

MY DEAR LORD WILLINGDON (THE GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY),

My Engineer has arrived. May I ask when the arrangements at Poona for seeing the sites will be ready? I hope you will not mind my troubling you.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1559

BOMBAY,

23rd December 1917.

MY DEAR RAO SAHEB (H.H. THE RAO OF CUTCH),

I thank you for your note and the opportunity given me to hear your views. If it will cause no inconvenience, may I bring Manubhai with me? He has been to Alwar and Bikaner.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1560

BOMBAY,

25th December 1917.

MY DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD,

Let me wish you, Lady Chelmsford and all yours a X'mas and compliments of the season. I hope you had a pleasant journey and are not the worse for it. Kindly convey my best wishes to Mr. Montague.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1561

BOMBAY,

25th December 1917,

MY DEAR LORD WILLINGDON (THE GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY),

Let me wish you, Lady Willingdon and all yours a happy Christmas and compliments of the season. I hope this finds you both well. You must be all so busy in looking after the guests. I know the duties of a host and hotess will be admirably discharged.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1562

BOMBAY,

26th December 1917.

MY DEAR DADASAHEB GAEKWAR,

I have been a bit ill and confined to bed, from the effects of cold, contracted at Simla. I was told this morning only that poor Kakisaheb* had expired. The event is quite unexpected and has made me feel sad. What was the matter with her? Have you received all my letters? Are you inoculated against plague? If not, you had better do so after consulting a good doctor. It is only a precaution. I know you will fell sad at Kaki's death, but you must keep courage and do your duty to the living, specially in educating them.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

*died on 25th December 1917

1563

TAJ MAHAL HOTEL, BOMBAY,

30th December 1917

MY DEAR MR. WHITENACK,

Let me kindly have the reply to Bikaner. Do not disturb the composed types, till I have seen the final proof. Kindly come to read to me after your lunch.

Your sincerely,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1564

BOMBAY,

1st January 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF BHAVNAGAR),

This is the time to congratulate you on the new honours you have received. I hope you will live long to enjoy them. I hope this finds you well. Please remember me to the Maharanee.

Your sincere friend,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1565

BOMBAY,

1st January 1918.

MY DEAR JAMSAHEB,

Let me congratulate you on the honour bestowed on Your Highness. May you live long life to enjoy them. I have been confined to bed with cold, but I was glad to be able to see Mr. Montague at my place.

Your sincere Friend,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1566

BOMBAY,

1st January 1918.

MY DEAR YUVARAJA (OF MYSORE),

I write this to congratulate you on the honour bestowed on you. I have been confined to bed with cold. Mr. Montague

kindly came to see me. He is a very nice man. Please give our regards to His Highness the Maharaja, who, I hope is well. Will you kindly ask Mr. Campbell to send me the list of officers, to whom I should send the souvenirs.

Your sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1567

BOMBAY,

1st January 1918.

MY DEAR FRIEND (H.H. THE NIZAM),

I write this to congratulate your Exalted Highness on the honour bestowed on you on the 1st of January 1918. I wish you a long life to enjoy the honours. I hear Your Exalted Highness is going to visit Delhi, where, I hope, you will have a pleasant stay. May I ask what your views are about the position of our States in the Reforms for British India? Should we ask for any change or leave things alone? Please do not give your views in the question, if the expression of them causes any inconvenience.

I hope this finds you well and happy. I have been confined to bed with cold. I was glad to see Mr. Montague, who was kind enough to come to see me. He is a nice man.

Your sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1568

BOMBAY,

2nd January 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF BIKANER),

Let me congratulate you on the fresh honours that have been bestowed on you. May you live long to enjoy them! Manubhai* left this afternoon for Patiala where you will meet him. I have been laid up the last few days, but I am getting better. I hope this will find you well and happy.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Dewan of Baroda*

1569

LAXMI VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

3rd January 1918.

MY DEAR MR. RUSSELL (RESIDENT AT BARODA),

I thank you sincerely for your note dated 31st Ultim conveying the good news of my getting the honour of Knight Grand-Commander of the Exalted order of the Indian Empire. Please convey my cordial thanks to the Government of India and accept yourself my warm gratitude for your kind offices. With kind regards, I am,

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1570

BOMBAY,

17th January 1918.

MY DEAR SHAKUNTALA RAJE,

I have not heard from either of you for a long time. I hope all is faring well with you. I was glad to know that you both were inoculated. You must take great care of yourselves. I have been laid for some time with the effect of a bad cold, which I caught again here. We find almost impossible to get a decent house. The doctors advise me to stay here in Bombay for some time more. Jijibai* and her husband leave today for Dewas. With my love to you both.

**Mrs. Khashe Saheb Pawar*

Your affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1571

MOUNT NEPEAN, BOMBAY,

25th January 1918

MY DEAR SON JAISIHNHRAO,

It is a regretful thing that you never write. The installment that is being deducted from your allowance in payment of the loan given to you out of savings, may now cease to be cut. It is

only a sort of fictitious transaction. Are your accounts audited by the Khangi or the Accounts Department? In case they are, that system may also cease, you being responsible to keep your own things straight.

If you have any other suggestions or improvements to suggest in the present arrangements, their execution or details, you are welcome to make them; and I will attend to them with pleasure. If you conduct yourself well, there is no reason at all for me to trouble myself about your affairs. I have plenty of things to look after, in which you, as a son, ought to be of a substantial assistance. I hope you are well. I am sending confidentially a copy of this letter to the Dewan for action.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1572

BOMBAY,
30th January 1918.

MY HONOURED AND VALUED FRIEND (LORD CHELMSFORD),

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of Your Excellency's Kharita dated the 1st September 1917 forwarding a copy of the Resolution No. 1894 I-A dated the 27th August 1917, issued by the Government of India on the subject of the Minority Administration in Native States.

It is a matter of great satisfaction to the States, that the Government of India, in framing the said Resolution, have been guided mainly by the advice of the Princes, who attended the Conference last year. The laying down of general definite principles, have served to remove uncertainties and settle in a way this difficult and important question. I am glad to find that the Government of India realise, that a special conditions of each State require special treatment and are willing to receive and consider requests by individual princes or Chiefs regarding any principles, which they may wish to be adopted in the case of their own States or families. This assurance will encourage them to leave behind them definite instructions, as to the form of the minority administration

they wish for their States and these will be of great assistance in setting the matter.

The detailed Rules, which the Resolution lays down for the guidance of the Administration during minority, appear to be salutary and will, it is hoped, help the administration considerably. I may in passing mention, that the Conference was unanimously of opinion that the administration during minority should be either by Council of Regency or a Council of Administration. But in the Resolution it is state that, where the local conditions appear to render it impossible for a Council to administer the State successfully, an officer borrowed from the British service may be appointed as Superintendent of Administrator of the state. I trust that such cases will be rare and exceptional.

The Council has passed definite resolutions, regarding the weight to be attached to the wishes, written or verbal of the deceased ruling Chief and the position of the political officer attached to the State and his relation with the administration during minority. I notice that, in the present resolution, the views of the Conference do not seem to have been fully adopted. I have no doubt, that the Government of India will see their way to accord sympathetic consideration to those views in individual cases as they arise.

With an expression of the high consideration I entertain for Your Excellency, I beg to subscribe myself,

Your Excellency's sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1573

TAJ MAHAL HOTEL, BOMBAY,

1st February 1918.

MY DEAR BROTHER (SHRIMANT SAMPATRAO, SUBHA OF KADI)

I want to found a school for boy and girls in Kaolana, so will make a sort of tippan for me to deal with? I do not wish this to be given out as a fact promised, till I have passed my final decision. Please do not loose time in giving me all information and calculations. Do not settle finally the future of Abba* till you ask me. My idea is to give him training in a good service.

My health is much better. As I cannot procure a house I have I have come to the Taj at present. I hope this finds you well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

**Shri Sampatrao's son.*

1574

TAJ MAHAL HOTEL, BOMBAY,
3rd Februray 1918.

MY DEAR FRIEND (H. E. H. THE NIZAM OF HYDERABAD),

I have to thank you for lending me your house, Without which I should have been without one. You cannot get a house for love or money. May I call on you to-morrow at 4p.m.? I have yet to be bit careful about the houses before I go out.

Yours sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1575

TAJ MAHAL HOTEL, BOMBAY,
5th February 1918.

MY DEAR MR. SPEILMANN,

I was delighted to have you your letter and to read all that is contained. I often think of you. I have been staying in Bombay for some time on account of a chill that I caught in simla last september. I am now nearly well, but was confined to bed for a few days. Mr. montague very kindly when in Bombay, came to see me. People are expecting much from him. We are also feeling badly the effects of the deardful war. Prices have gone up so much.

Her Highness wishes me to be remembered to yourself and to your wife. Indira Raja, my daughter and we are staying here in the Taj Mahal Hotel. This Hotel is quite full and there is hardly a room to be had. Many military officers are staying here at reduced rates. Please if necessary consult some librarians about the internal accommodation. The plans as to the internal accommodation have been pased by an expert librarian. Please remember me to your wife and son.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1576

TAJ MAHAL HOTEL, BOMBAY,

5th February 1918.

MY DEAR SHANKARRAO,*

I was delighted to receive your letter of 5th December last. I should have answered your earlier but I have been laid up with chill which I managed to catch at simla in last September. The effects of it are continuing still though I am already well. I was asked to stay in Bombay. Your mother and sisters at Baroda are well. The youngest of your sisters caught plague but she is all right now. I hope the misunderstanding about your allowance is set right. My orders ought to have that effect. I am glad that you are having hockey and others without neglecting your work. I should so much like you to come after you have finished your course. When will that be? I hope both of you write to your mother. She is naturally anxious about your welfare. I hope this finds you well. I hope this dreadful war soon comes to an end. Princes even here have gone up very high and we are deeply engaged in trying to do something for the poor people here. with my Ashirwads to yourself, Babasaheb, Abasaheb and Yeshwantrao.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Shri Anandrao Gaekwad's youngest son, in England.

1577

BOMBAY,

6th February 1918.

MY DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD,

I have been thinking of sending some money towards the War to your Excellency for some time but owing to ill health I have not been able to attend to the matter. Better late than never, however so I am asking my Minister to send you a cheque for Rs. 5,00,000 five lacs to use in any way which you may see fit. With kind regard to Your Excellencies.

Yours sincere friends,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1578

BOMBAY,

11th February 1918.

MY DEAR MRS. ELLIOT,

I thank you for your kind letter of the 3rd December 1917 and the good wishes and news it brings. I am glad that you are all well. The letter you refer to, as having been sent to me in summer, is difficult for me to recall. I have been away from Baroda since the end of October and most of time except a fortnight has been spent in Bombay, in trying to get rid of a bad cold, that I managed to catch at Simla in September last, I have not yet quite recovered. Her Highness had a worse cold, but she is now nearly well. Indira Raja with her two children is in the Taj Hotel, where we are at present staying and with much inconvenience my beautiful house being given for a war hospital we cannot get a house for love or money. Her Highness and Indira Raja see a lot of each other. The boys are at different places but all on the whole are doing fairly. Dhairyashilrao is in coach Behar Shivajirao in Bombay for a few days and Jaisinghrao working as Naib Subha in Pattan. We practically have very little to amuse as we are more or less confined to the house. We got out for walk or drive only at tennis. For several days I was not allowed to go out. Later I was allowed but has to return before sunset.

I met Mr. Montague in Bombay. People are excited here about the reforms in the constitution of the Government of India. Please remember me to Ella and I hope you both will continue to keep well. Prices here also have gone very high and we are thinking what to do for the poor. Shiwanjirao has now three children, one being a daughter. Fatehsinhrao's eldest child will be married on the 1st of April next. All his children are doing well. They have now a married English Military Officer as Guardian. His name is Major Webber.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1579

BOMBAY,

15th February 1918.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN OF BARODA),

I hope things in Baroda are getting on well. You should always exercise strict supervision over affairs, and prompt action in bringing wrong-doers to action. I want a full and complete report of the Recruit Hartal. I think you are all doing, what is possible, to procure recruits. Hints like these are really superfluous. Please give my compliments to Col. Macdonald and tell him that I shall be soon writing to him. I hope you are now quite well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1580

DEVLAGI,

26th February 1918.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN OF BARODA),

As we are employing an increasing number of European officers, the question of their accommodation in the way of their housing is becoming more pressing and we must take economical and convenient steps to meet the requirements. I am thinking of commencing the Guest House as designed by Mr. Stevens. I know Mr. Coyle has almost adopted the same design and proposes to carry it out at less expense. He may submit alternative plans for sanction. This sanction should be soon asked for, the sites should be proposed. to start with, I propose to utilise this as 'Chumry' for European officers. Mr. Coyle has also prepared independent plans of a building (chumry) to accommodate several officers of different grades. He may also submit plans and estimates and advise the most suitable course to be taken. Please show this to Mr. Coyle and tell him to hasten the plans and submission of the tippam. I have heard nothing of the Poona site. Will you let me know what is being done about it?

The weather of this Place is dry, but hot in the middle of the day. I am getting rather homesick. Today I visited an

Acetone factory, which is being constructed by the Government at Nasik. The organization to carry on the work quickly and efficiently is admirable. by the bye when will the Police Lines at Mehsana be finished and handed over to the Department. Her Highness was suffering from slight fever yesterday and is evidently tired of the place. I hope this finds you and all yours perfectly well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1581

DEVLALI,

1st March 1918.

MY DEAR MR. MANUBHAI (DEWAN OF BARODA),

Will you kindly invite Mr. Bosanquet and Mr. Jardine to Indumatis marriage? I also wish to invite the Raja of Rajpal. When will the letters of invitation come to me for signatures? Her Highness has fever since the last five days. We do not know when it will disappear. I hope you are well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1582

DEVLALI,

1st March 1918.

DEAR MISS IMPEY,

Just a line ascertain your well-being which I should like to know. We are here by the advice of doctors to free ourselves from the effects of the Simla cold. I managed to have a fresh attack of it in Bombay. However I am all right for all practical purposes. Her Highness who wishes to be Her Highness who wishes to be remembered is laid up with fever. It is hoped, she will be herself again soon. I hope you are having good news of your brother and other members of your family. Please remember me to Col. Impey, when you write to him. Please send me his address. Kindly give my compliments to Muffics. The weather in Delhi must still be pleasant send me his

address. Kindly give my compliments to Muffics. The weather in Delhi must still be pleasant here the days are warm while the nights are cool. There is a number of soldiers here and they have two or three hospitals for them. Baroda is jogging on as usual. I heard a *gup* (gossip) that recruit root has helped to from unfavorable impression This occurred while I was away and I think everything has been done to find the culprits. Some people think that everything has been done to find the culprits. Some people think that I ought to have got on public platform and harangued the people. I hope you will be able to visit Baroda for Indumati's marriage with the eldest son of His Highness the Maharaja of Kolhapur which comes off on the 1st of April next. I am sorry that I did not write to you earlier I hope this finds you well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1583

DEVLALI,
3rd March 1918.

MY DEAR DHAIRYASHIL,

Indira Raja has perhaps, communicated my message to you by now about your letter. It is all right. I wish you no ill. Your reflections about native state or life in them cannot be said to be all wrong. Think what must be the reasons of this and whether the evils can be remedied. I tried in my small way to introduce better organization in my family, but the expectations have failed. Are we not getting the wrong ideas of European life and liberty? Has one duties in life or not? Should not one have rational aspirations in life instead of leading a purposeless and useless life? I shall be accused of lecturing which I do not wish to do; but I have jotted just a few points for your reflections. I can write a lot but to what end?

Your mother has fever but i expected to be well soon. I hope this finds you and Indira Raja and others well.

Yours sincerely
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1584

DEVLALI,

3rd March 1918.

MY DEAR KHASHESAHEB (PAWAR),

I welcomed your letter and was glad to read its contents. I have seen your former letter to Her Highness. Some words in your letter could not be made out. However I do not think we lost the purport. It is always a pleasure to here from you. We are here by medical advice. The days are warm but the nights are cool. There is practically only one road, which goes to Nasik, which is about nine miles from here. There are several excursions at a distance from here. The road is dusty with traffic. For a good rider or a walk the best thing is to go across country. I am looking forward to return to Baroda. Which is not yet free from plague.

Her Highness is laid up with fever but she is expected soon to be well. Affair in Baroda are jogging along as usual. I met Maharaja Scindia in Bombay. He looked rather freely. I have not been sleeping well the last three or four days. so many thoughts. and often silly, enter into one's brain and keep one awake. This is very trying. It seems that I frequently get these sort of attacks, which makes one unsettle. A good and inteligent friend is useful at these dark moments to exchange thoughts. Please accept my Ashirwads and give the same to Jijabai and others. I read in the papers that there is going to be an exhibition in Gwalior. After some time I should be glad to learn your experiences. I hope this finds you and all yours well. Thanking you again for your letter.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1585

DEVLALI,

4th March 1918.

MY DEAR KHASHERAO (JADHAV),

I thank you for letter of the 1st March 1918. I do not differ from you as to the need of health-building. Why should our princes have turned out as they are? Have they any ground

to expect better results? Where have we failed? Can we definitely for all practical purposes lay our finger on the mistakes so as to avoid them for the future and to remedy the faults in the present cases? Is it for want of kindness or discipline that my sons have suffered from? Think over and get down your ideas. I think Shiwaji Rao's case is better for doctors to deal with. Than for an ordinary lay-man. It is wise and just to the boy himself to continue to behave as he does. It is difficult to write about such a matter.

I hope your settlement Reports will soon be submitted for orders. Please hasten the matter. Her Highness has been suffering for a week high fever. She is better to-day. I have not been sleeping well. The brain is so active at night and full of thoughts and ideas. The doctors advised me differently from what you showed with so much kindness. I hope this finds you well. I should like to be back in Baroda.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1586

DEVLALI,

6th March 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA JAMSAHEB,

May I invite you to the marriage of my grand daughter on the first of April with the eldest son of His Highness the Maharaja of Kolhapur? Baroda has been badly stricken with plague and it is not yet quite free. I am here in Devlali by medical advice and have not yet determined on what exact date to return but it, caannot be very far in view of the approaching marriage, the preparations for which are being carried on by my officers; let us hope satisfactorily. I should be happy if you can come. Please bring as many motors as you want for your requirements, as conveyances are to be likely very difficult to be had in Baroda. I hope you will overlook any defects there may be in the invitation. Kindly let me know exact date of your arrival.

Your sincer friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1587

DEVLALI,

6th March 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF BHAVNAGAR),

May I invite you and Her Highness the Maharanee to the marriage of my grand daughter on the first of April with the eldest son of His Highness the Maharaja of Kolhapur? Baroda has been badly stricken with plague and it is not yet quite free. I am here in Devalali by medical advice and have not yet determined on what exact date to return, but it cannot be very far in view of the approaching marriage, the preparations for which are being carried on by my officers. Let up hope satisfactorily. I shall be happy if both of you can come. Please bring as many motors as you want of your requirements, as conveyances are likely to be very difficult to be had in Baroda. I hope you will overlook any defects there may be in the invitation. Kindly let me know the exact date of your arrival.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1588

DEVLALI,

6th March 1918.

MY DEAR INDUMATI,*

Thanks for your kind and interesting letter. I am glad that every things as getting on well there. Her Highness has high fever till yesterday. but she it seems will continue to improve. The days are warm here but the nights are fairly cool. I am now getting home-sick, and would like to go back soon. Please convey my Ashirwads to all there.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Grand daughter*

1589

DEVLALI,

6th March 1918.

MY DEAR BABASAHEB (SHRI LALSINH GAEKWAR, OXFORD),

Your letter of the 21st January 1918 just to hand too-day I am glad that you are better. I have not received the letter from Nursing Home you refer to. Not having received It could not understand your wire about the dispatch of two hundred pounds. I hope the delay will not cause you worry. Gunvantabai* is here as her daughter is very ill. She is accompanied by her husband. I am here by medical advice to get rid off the effects of a chill, which I continued to catch at simla. I shall have soon to return to Baroda as Indumatis marriage is coming off on the 1st April. She marries the eldest son of the Maharaja of Kolhapur. Your mother at Baroda is well. Please remember me to Shankarrao, who I hope is well. I have written to-day to Damajirao.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Mankari Anandrao Shinde's daughter.

1590

DEVLALI,

6th March 1918.

MY DEAR DAMAJI RAO (GAEKWAR),

Thanks for your letter of 12th January 1918. You need not spend time in studying law. I forgot that you did not care for the line. However if the money is paid for the bar terms, you had better try only to sit the dinner and fill in terms which may be turned to account in future if needed. If the place is getting so expensive will it not be possible and less expensive if you return to India for a time? But this should not be done till you have appeared for the final which I believe is in June. Prices of articles here are also going up and I have just sanctioned some scarcity allowances to the low-paid servants. I am here by the medical advice to get rid off the effects of a chill. Baroda is nearly free from plague and I hope soon to go

there. All our people are well. Please remember me to all there.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1591

DEVLALI,

6th March 1918.

MY DEAR KHASESAHEB POWER (GWALIOR),

You will be glad to here that Her Highness who was suffering from fever is to-day free from it. We had to ask Lt. Col. Meyer for consultation. After I wrote to you. I feel better with the aid of a soothing sleeping medicine. I am now feeling quite different and instead of a gloomy view of life take the country. Why such changes I believe due to health. The days here are warm, but the nights are cool. This morning I went to see the military hospitals. The organization is very good and the supervision is excellent and every one knows his duty and is taken to task if things go wrong. Cleanliness was fine, and the wards were well ventilated. We had a few drops of rain during the last week. I hope this finds you well. Scinde of the Baroda Railway Department Joins Britih service where he expects to prosper more. I am letting him go.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1592

DEVLALI,

8th March 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KOLHAPUR),

I thank your Highness for your letter of 4th Instant concerning the jewellery. I thank you for the suggestion My action is practically in consonce with your views. I have sent the invitations to the two Kathiawar Princes about whom you had wired to me. I hope this finds you and all there quite well.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1593

DEVLALI,

12th March 1918.

DEAR MR. KINCAID,

I here you are stationed at Nasik. If you are there, I shall be glad if you and the collector can come over here and have tea with me. I should like to meet the Collector. You I hope are quite well. i wonder if Mrs. Kincaid is here. If she is ask her to come too, provide it does not trouble her. I expect you tomorrow at 5 p.m.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1594

RAZA AN ELLORA CAVES,

17th march 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KAPURTHALA),

I have to think you most heartily for your kind enquiries after my health. I am now well. I am going this summer to Ooty, as I could get no accommodation in Kashmir. I have come down here for a couple of days to see the Elora Caves. They are well-worth a visit and are easy to get it. In your Highness has not been here, I should recommend you to pay a visit when you happen to come towards Bombay. There is a nice traveler's bungalow, where you can comfortably put up for a couple of the days. The climate of this place is very dry and the land scope is studded with tops of trees, villages and hills. I hope this finds you and all yours perfectly well and well happy.

Yours Sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1595

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

4th April 1918

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KOLHAPUR),

I shall feel most happy and obliged, if Your Highness with your nice sons and some Sirdars come and dine with me to-

night at 8-30 p.m. I have ordered the dinner in anticipation as you are out shikaring. I hope you will not mind my having acted in anticipation of your acceptance.

Your sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1596

BARODA,
8th April 1918.

MY DEAR FATHER,

May I have your permission to leave Baroda? Now that the marriage ceremonies are over, I think it is about time I started doing something for myself outside Baroda. I have some little work, which may prove beneficial to me, which I should like to tackle, though I know nothing about the game, but have a sound adviser.

Your loving son,
DHAIRYASHIL GAEKWAR

1597

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
8th April 1918.

MY DEAR SON (PRINCE DHAIRYASHILRAO),

I have received your note of the 8th April 1918. I have no objection, if you only do not go till the 11th Instant, unless your interests require. I wish you success in your undertaking. It is honorable to do work.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1598

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
11th April 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KAPURTHALA),

I thank you for your kind letter of 8th April 1918. I thank you for the album in anticipation of its arrival. It is so good of

you in sending it. Please remember me to your wife and sons, who, I hope, are all well.

Your sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1599

BARODA,

11th April 1918.

MY DEAR VIJAYASINHJI (RAJASAHEB OF NANDOD),

I was delighted to have your letter of the 8th April 1918 from Panna. You are wise in staying for the marriage. The marriage here passed off well and quietly. I wish you both to pay us visit and please do not hesitate to ascertain my convenience and come to Baroda. I am glad that you succeeded in shooting a tiger, with my kind remembrances.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1600

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

13th April 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KOLHAPUR),

I thank you for the good news about my grand daughter Indumati or Tarabai. I hope you have received my answer to your wire. I am now going to send some one to bring back the children, who must be feeling very much the separation. I hope Your Highness will be good enough to send them. I have just got back again a touch of rheumatism in the joint of the first finger next to the toe of the right foot I am trying to prevent its increase. I hope you and yours and all others are well. Kindly give them my love. I am going on the 20th to Salher-Mulher in navsari, a place, which I have never seen. I shall be back within a week.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1601

LAXMI VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

15th April 1918.

MY DEAR INDUMATI,

I hope you are well and enjoying seeing Kolhapur and all the tamashas there. You must not be frightened of the operation, which, I hope, will not be required, at least soon. We are missing you and Laxmi-Devi. Please give her my love besides yourself.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1602

LAXMI VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

19th April 1918.

MY DEAR MR. RUSSELL,

I have been having severe fever for the last few days on account of the cold I have caught. If you have nothing to do and do not mind to spend a few minutes with me, will you kindly come to-morrow evening here at 6 p.m. If I am not well I shall only see you for a couple of minutes. I hope you are having good news of your wife. Kindly always treat my mistakes with indulgence. I write in a foreign language.

Your sincerely
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1603

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

21st April 1918.

MY DEAR SAMARTH,

I was grieved to hear that you lost your wife to-day. Will you please accept my deep condolences on your irreparable loss? You are wise; and no words are needed to tell that we mortals have to put up with these inscrutable decrees.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1604

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

22nd April 1918.

MY DEAR FRIEND (DR. J. ERNEST NEVINS LIVERPOOL),

I have been thinking of writing to you for a very long time but pressure of engagements, add to it the state of my health which has not been as it ought to be, have been responsible for the delay which I so much regard. We spent last September and October in Simla, out of which we stayed for four days at the Viceregal Lodge as guests of His Excellency Lord Chelmsford. The climate of Simla is bracing indeed, but we were not very lucky. There was considerable amount of rainfall in the earlier part which contributed to chills and colds and the letter part that was nice and pleasant had to be utilised for recouping which had lost.

In December, thanks to the kind invitation of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, we visited the Mysore forests and witnessed the Kheddah operations for capturing the wild elephants. The process of driving them from one enclosure to another and finally of roping them with the help of the tame "Kookies" or elephants is most interesting and I till remember the frantic struggles of the wild mammoths striving in vain for freedom. It is a sight you would not forget. Her Highness and I did also some shooting there and bagged some bisons. We finished the tour with a visit to the famous Gersoppa Falls which they are second to the Niagara.

To turn to Baroda we had a very bad outbreak of plague in the city that continued claiming victims for more than five months. All necessary precautions were taken and relief measures undertaken and I am glad to say that we are now free from it. The whole of Gujarat and Kathiawar as well as some Southern mahretha countries were affected and like the dreadful war claiming victims. The plague was ruthless in scoring its own. Baroda is now getting warmer every day and I am thinking of spending the summer in Ootacamund though I have not yet made up my mind as to the date of departure. My grand-daughter Indumti's marriage was celebrated on the first of this month with the eldest son of

His Highness the Maharaja of Kolhapur. The marriage celebrations lasted for about five or six days and everything went on well. The Maharaja is very fond of hunting and gave us good demonstrations of cheeta-Hunting which he did while driving a carriage and four in the jungles and chasing the deer. The party have returned to Kolhapur with my dear grand daughter whom I miss so much.

I have been suffering from a very bad cold for the last eight or ten days and hope soon to get over it. I had also a touch of rheumatism on my foot which fortunately was short lived. Hoping that this finds you quite well and happy.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1605

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,
22nd April 1918.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN OF BARODA),

Thanks for your letter of the 22nd Instant. Let your colleagues rather officers who are likely to know the subject give you the benefit of knowledge. Give them time to study and express their views without much ado. You must remember that you have to educate and train men besides making them to take genuine interest in the state

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1606

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,
April 1918.

MY DEAR BASU (THE HONBLE MR. BHUPENDRA NATH BASU),

I have read the letter which I have made in support of the funds of the Bose Research Institute at Calcutta. You will I think agree with me that, I could not wisely do other than make a condition that the institute should acquire a permanent standing before the grant was paid. In view of the conditions which I have laid down may fairly be regarded as fulfilled. I may therefore assure you that the annual

endowment promised by me will be treated as a permanent grand.

I note that you make the suggestion that gift should take the shape of a permanent endowment subject to the proviso that should the institute fail in the future to carry out. The object of its foundation the endowment might be recalled This suggestion I accept also and I hope that it will be duly noted by the authority receiving the grant that I reserve the right to without my grant should I feel for good and satisfactory reason that the objects for which it was made are not being fulfilled. I quite agree that the founding of the institute is a matter of national importance. Most sincerely towards it and towards those who have supported it. I wish the institute all possible success and with my very kind regards,

I am Yours sincerely
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1607

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
5th May 1818.

DEAR MAJOR WEBBER,

I should like you to let me know why you have not sent the monthly progress report of Pratapsinh and his companions I remember your mentioning some reasons for the omission In future kindly send the report regularly and without fail. I will be there at the school to-morrow between 8-30 to 9 a.m.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1608

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,
12th May 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA SAHEB (OF KOLHAPUR),

The question of the marriage settlement has not escaped my attention. I am anxious to carry out the arrangement we had arrived at, before the marriage the facts of which you are conversant with and which were discussed with your brother and your Dewan by my Minister in my presence. The

correctness of these facts was agreed to by your representatives.

I propose therefore to give the village of Oslam under Karjan Taluka, Which was formerly granted in *Kanyadan* to my cousin Khashibai Saheb Chhatrapati of the annual value of rupees nine thousand to the bride and the Gangpur village under Palsana Taluka of the annual value of rupees three thousand to the Yuvraj making together rupees Twelve thousands per annum, being the interest on rupees three lacks at four percent. These grants will be accompanied with the usual formal *sanads* which would be governed by the law and regulations of this state governing matter pertaining to *Kanyadan* village given to the bridegroom.

It seems that a decision has taken place in Baroda on the *Varat-Night*, Between Your Highness and my Minister and others regarding a Trust Settlement in lieu of villages. I only came to know of this afterwards. I myself can see no reason at all why the question should have been raised. My Minister ha shown me a draft document of a Trust Deed but I have not paid attention to it as I cannot think that Your Highness would wish me to introduce a new custom into family arrangements. Innovations like these have a tendency to impair cordiality and make for unnecessary friction. Nevertheless I send you the draft; and if you prefer that mode of settlement I may consider the matter. I must however tell you that I do not promise to adopt the trust settlement. With kind regards

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1609

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,
12th May 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KOLHAPUR),

Thanks for your English letter of the 6th May about Pandit Atmaram. As Your Highness knows he is in charge of a very important Branch of the Educational Department and he cannot be conveniently spared. If Your Highness wishes very much. I have told the Minister to send him for a few days on

learning your wishes. What Your Highness ought to do is to get hold of a good and intelligent Arya Samajist to help you either from Punjab or Bombay. You can ask the Pandit if you like for some names.

I have also to acknowledge Your Highness' Marathi letter of 9th May. The law you refer to about the partition of land has not yet been passed but when it is done I have asked the Minister to send Your Highness the information.

I am glad that everything is going on well there. I am looking forward to meet the children I hope Your Highness and the other members of your family are doing very well. Kindly remember me to them. My health is at times indifferent and I have not been able yet to get rid of my rheumatism and thus sometimes I may be found dilatory in answering your kind notes, so please take an indulgent view of the apparent neglect and do not hesitate to remind me if that is needed. I think in future instead of your Highness troubling yourself to wir to me information and such other matters the best thing Your Highness can do is to ask your Minister to write to my DEWAN. I hope this will find Your Highness well. I shall be probably leaving for Ooty for a couple of weeks and hope to return to Baroda after the rains have properly set in.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1610

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE BARODA,
14th May 1918.

MY DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD,

I thank Your Excellency very heartily for your kind telegram of the 1st Instant acknowledging my offer of Rs. 15,00,000 towards the expenses of War. I sincerely hope that the combined efforts of the British Empire and our Allies will bring about the only satisfactory conclusion of this War-a complete victory. I am afraid that the exploitation of the man power of India has been unfortunately delayed, still I have no doubt that there will be a good muster in what we may call the warrior proviness of India. Unfortunately Gujarat is very poor soil for the breeding of warriors and I fear that no amount

of Inducements will make the people of this province take up arms. However I assure Your Excellency that no efforts will be spared to make the recruiting campaign a success as far as possible in my state.

I shall be very interested to learn how Your Excellency proposes to allocate my contribution. Of course I am in no hurry for that information as I full realise that it would be very difficult for your Excellency to say off hand in view of the extreme and most desirable centralization of spending powers Last and not least I must thank Your Excellency for my very enjoyable stay at Viceregal Lodge during the conferece week. I think that we got through a fair amount of useful work in spite of the oppressive heat. With kind regards.

Yours sincere friend
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1611

OOTACAMUND,
23rd May 1918.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN, BARODA),

The weather here is wet and damp. My rheumatism has almost disappeared. I am able to take some exercise which is a great thing. I should like you to issue the order about the *Prant Panchayat* and the suba. I see that the *Praja Mandal* is going to meet next week in Baroda, You know that I do not bear any grudge to the movement. It may do good if properly guided.

I lately noticed in the course of my business that there is much delay in deciding questions. Responsibility is not exacted. Several officers fear to take responsibility and such men must be marked and not allowed to rise. They should be told their defects if they are likely to improve. I hope paper will be sent here as usual. I should like to have periodical letters of the Heads of Department and others. I hope this finds you all yours quite well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1612

OOTACAMUND,
26th may 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF INDORE),

I arrived here about ten days ago. The journey from Poona to here came in pleasant weather as we approached Ooty. Almost from Poona there had been slight rain all along the route. From Belgaum onward to Ooty, the tanks rivers and ditches had rain water in them. the weather here is wet and damp and not very cheering except when there is sunshine. I believe Indore must be very warm now.

I have met here the Yuvraj of Mysore. His brother is away on another hill. However he will soon be returning to Mysore where the climate is becoming delightful. I hope your wives and children are doing well. If it is not inconvenient to you, I should like to know your scheme of how you are going to bring up and educate your son. Do you think it wise to send our children to Raj-Kumar colleges and schools? How do you propose to avoid the un-healthy influences they come across at home and in their dependent and interested surroundings?

I here you have promised an appointment to prince shiwaji Rao Gaekwar. Is there any truth in the report? May I know the true facts if you do not mind? It will help me to decide certain pending questions. Shiwajirao has failed to make use of his opportunities here. I do not write this to prejudice you against him. I hope this finds you and all yours perfectly well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1613

OOTACAMUND,
28th May 1918.

MY DEAR MNUBHAI (DEWAN OF BARODA),

Some time ago I gave an order that the cutting which was made from prince Jaisinh allowance for the debt in a way he had incurred should be put a stop to. On reconsideration I find the old order of making the prince pay an installment

was better. Kindly revert to it I learn from the Prince that he has subsequently found that the supposed debt was more by about Rs. 20,000 than the former figure of Rs. 40,000. With what he drew from his savings for his Kashmere trip. Which was necessitated by his ill-health, he has I believe saved very little from his allowance.

Before he has appointed in the service as Nib suba, I had directed that all his expenses of moving from one station to another on transfer should be borne by the state. This order is now cancelled and the ordinary rules of the service will apply in future. I have given the prince a copy of this note to avoid any misunderstanding. I am taking all this avoidable trouble merely for his own good. This I am afraid he may not easily see. however I may be wrong in thinking He has his good points.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1614

OOTACAMUND,
31st May 1918.

MY DEAR YUVRAJ (OF KOLHAPUR),

I have not written to you since your marriage though I have often wished to do so. I hope you have no objection If I write to you from time to time. I should certainly like to hear from you. I have been here nearly a fortnight. All this time the whether has been more wet except the last two days. The downs where people ride. are very green and referring. It is a pleasure to be there. I have almost got rid of my rheumatism from which I was suffering for some days. I have been riding out a bit.

Prince Pratapsinh, his mother and sister will be shortly arriving here. I do not think they will like this place when it is cloudy and raining. The place is quite healthy and the coolnes of the climate will suit them. I could find no better place. The Maharaja of Mysore is not here now. He has been to another hill not very far from here. He has by now returned to Mysore. The Maharaja of Mysore and his brother are very nice people. I hope you will meet them some day. Will you

please remember me to your father and let him see this letter? I shall be writing him soon. I hope this finds you and your brother perfectly well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1615

OOTACAMUND,
31st May 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF MYSORE),

I hope you enjoyed your stay at Kodai canal. I have to thank for the tea and breakfast at Mysore and for all your trouble in making arrangements for us. Her Highness the Maharanee; your mother, gave me your kind message to visit Mysore again. My movements are dependent on the weather but still I thank you for your kind wish.

I am writing this from memory. Last year about the time of your birth-day, I told you that getting a seal skin over-coat for you. You thought the climate of Ooty hardly required it. I think it is uncertain to get soon. Instead of it I am sending a cheque to Your Highness Secretary for Your acceptance. Out of this small sum I wish you to buy some article which will remind you of me and of our friendship. I have met your mother and brother and sisters. It is a pleasure to meet them again. I hope this finds you well and happy. My health is improving. With kindest regards,

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1616

OOTACAMUND,
5th June 1918.

MY DEAR YUVRAJ (OF MYSORE),

Let me congratulate Your Highness on your Birth-day. May you have many of them. The weather has been fine since you left. I wish you were here to enjoy it, and give us the pleasure of your company. I am sending a small sum out of which I want you to buy something that you like most. I have less

chances of choosing an article and that is why I prefer to send you the cheaque. Some people it seems do not like this method. I myself am in favor of it as a rule; because it gives the person you want to give a present a greater chance to indulge in his fancy. I hope you and His Highness the Maharaja will not misunderstand me. if you prefer me to buy it. kindly remind me to your brother and tell him the contents of this note.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1617

OOTACMUND,
9th June 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KOLHAPUR),

I received Your Highness' letter of the 31st Ultimo and a copy of a letter dated 2nd April, addressed to me by you from Nazar-Baug enclosed with it, which I do not remember Minister to make sure of it. I am not in a position to give Your Highness a definite reply from here as all the papers correspondence etc. are at Baroda. I have therefore forwarded Your Highness' letter and the enclosure to my Minister who will after referring to the papers give Your Highness a reply to your letter dealing with the matter referred to in it. you must not mind if there is a certain amount of delay as it is difficult to manage a matter like this by correspondence. Of course this delay will not in any way, affect your Highness' interests, as any agreement, that we may arrive at, will have retrospective action as from the date of the marriage With kind regards,

Yours Sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1618

OOTACAMUND,
14th June 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KOLHAPUR),

I am much grieved at the sudden and accidental death of your young promising and fine son. I feel that it will be a great shock to you and Her Highness; but as the matter is beyond our control, the best we can do is to put up with the inevitable. I have wired to princess Padmavati to send her

mother to Kolhapur. I shall not write more on this occasion and trouble you to go through it.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1619

OOTACAMUND,

15th June 1918.

MY DEAR SHANKARRAO* (LONDON),

I was glad to have your letter of the 12th April which reached me to-day. I am glad you are both doing well. I was glad to learn that Babasaheb† has taken his degree. I think you ought now to return to India as soon as one can travel with fair security. I believe one can even now return to India with comparative safety. I know Major Webbers wife and children have come. Your mother and others are well at Baroda. Gunvantabai is at Kolhapur. The Maharaja of Kolhapur lost his second son two day ago by fatal accident in pig-sticking. I am free from rheumatism at present. I was long laid up with it, and the severe effects of a chill.

I have heard to-day from your guardian, who wants to give up looking after you. He complaints that you exceed your allowances. There has been some confusion about your allowances. There have been so many telegrams and remittances that I do not know how things stand. All my papers are at Baroda and I have placed Ganpatrao in charge of the affairs to see that every thing is well attended to. I hope you are experiencing no difficulty. I have increased your allowances and you should not exceed them. The charge of your education has been heavy on your fathers property. You should finish your course soon, and return to India. Please show this letter to your brother. I wish you both good health and luck.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

P.S. You will be sorry your cousin Subhadrabai‡ who was married at Gwalior died suddenly in her state of pregnancy. You should console her brother Aba.§

S.R.G.

* Shrimant Anandrao Gaekwar's youngest son.

† Babasaheb Alias Lalsinhrao, Shri Anandrao Gaekwad's eldest son.

‡ Shri Sampatrao's daughter.

§ Shri Sampatrao's son Sitaram.

1620

OOTACMUND,
16th June 1918.

MY DEAR PADMAVATI,

I have received your letter and one with it written it to you by the Maharani of Kolhapur dated 1-6-1918. As you know, we have sent only your brother and his wife and at the request of the Maharaja of Kolhapur, your mother. The expenses of these ought to be paid by them, a Tarabai of Savantawadi used to pay for the people she took. Your brother and his wife as well as your mother will remain there only for a time. As you told me, you have sent only four servants besides them. I do not think they are too many. Still if they find too many, they can tell how many of them to call back to Baroda. Your brother and mother should not get more expense paid for them than what is customary. The tendency should be to take the least. As your mother was not to go first with Indumati and as she has gone now, I should like you to suggest to the Maharanee of Kolhapur that brother and his wife will return to Baroda as soon as she wishes provided your mother is allowed to stay with Indumatis who is yet a small girl.

I am glad that the children and all of you are getting on well. I am sorry that you have got rheumatism. When you are well you should be a little more energetic in sending letters to me. I send back the Marathi letter of the Maharanee of Kolhapur. The death of her son* has been a very sad accident. We are all well. With my love to you and to all the children.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Shivajirao the youngest son of Maharaja of Kolhapur died on 12th June 1918 in Pig Sticking.*

1621

OOTACAMUND,
18th June 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF BIKANER),

I thank Your Highness very much for your letter with the enclosures about the treatment of the subjects of the Indian

states in South Africa. I have referred the matter to my Minister. I quite agree with Your Highness that it is a serious problem and should be tackled without delay. I am not at present in a position to state what steps we should take to combat this evil. I hope that Your Highness is in the best of health. With my best regards,

Yours very sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1622

OOTACAMUND,
18th June 1918.

DEAR MAJOR WEBBER,

I have read your letter of 10th June with great interest. I do not misunderstand the tone or object of your letter. My general policy is to deal straight with people and give them an opportunity of explaining before an important order is passed. One of the masters should stay at home with Pratapsinh, by turns, to see that his conduct and the general mode of his life is looked after e.g. that he goes to bed in good time and so on. Sardesai has specially to see that so long as the boy is living as at present his influences etc. are healthy If he had you find that you cannot control these influences you should frankly represent the matter to me with your suggestions for improvement.

The difficult experienced are to be expected considering the circumstances. But your duty and that of your colleagues is to remove or at any rate minimize these difficult and to fight against them as strongly as possible I experience the same difficulties in other quarters and owing to that some of my best ideas have come to naught. It is a pity that it should be so. We must try to bring these ideas and ideals to fruition as far as lies within our power.

if the boys at Nimbalkar's are not satisfactory, you should tell padmavatibai that the children should not be taken there. She may not understand or like that idea but we must explain the pros and cons in the interests of the boy, and achieve the object that way. If this cannot be done you should ask for orders on definite suggestion for improving this state of affairs.

As to his guardian the only point I feel is that besides merely supervising, he should be able to teach well and also take part in the boy's games. Without this, a proper bond of sympathy cannot be established between guardian and ward. The tippen about Partapsinh's future education made by you has not yet reached me. Please speak to the Dewan and see that the matter is attended to promptly. I have taken a house and made all arrangements here but padmavatibai said that the climate of Baroda was quite good and as the weather here though healthy, was not likely to suit their tastes, I did not press the point. Besides after July the weather will improve here. I shall then be in Baroda and will discuss the matter with you. I am not in favor of Poona and such places. I hope you are quite well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1625

OOTACAMUND,
22nd June 1918.

MY DEAR SON JAISINH,

I thank you for your note of to-day's date. I shall think over the plans you have noted and will let you know my views on them. I fear the solution will take some time. You are at liberty to remind me. You had better examine the Baroda House plan and decide definitely how much the house is to be reduced in size and cost. Fix this definitely with Mr. Coycle and ask him to send up to me a memo for my information or orders. You had better sign the memo, and send a note with it expressing your views.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1626

OOTACAMUND,
22nd june 1918.

MY DEAR MR. WHITENACK,

I have read with much interest your letter of 13th June 1918, and other fortnightly letters before it. They were

interesting and contained much intelligent information. The explanation contained in your letter I satisfactory and I thank you your frankness. I think all of your proposals have not come up to me. I have however to thank you for the manner in which you have been dealing with the problems before you. I have no ground to think that an Indian would have done better. The general tendency of the ordinary people in Baroda will be to pass arbitrary orders in fixing prices and dealing with agriculturists. If I were in the Council I should ask you to be present at the discussion, at least, in the manner you suggest. You should ask you to be present at the discussion, at least in the manner you suggest. You should ask the minister to give you advantage. I did not write any criticism in order to have a dig at you, but I was hurried to pass orders without having sufficient time to study the question. As a rule I like to understand a matter intelligently as far as possible before passing orders on it.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1627

OOTACAMUND,
23rd June 1918.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN),

It seems Prince Jaisinhrao wants to reduce the size of the house, that is being built for him at Baroda. Kindly tell Mr. Coyle to attend to his wish, if he still sticks to it. He and Mr. Coyle are to submit a tippan with full particulars for my approval. No time should be wasted in doing this. I have shown this note to the Prince. I hope this finds you perfectly well. Jaisinhrao leaves to-day for Mysore.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1628

OOTACAMUND,
26th June 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF MYSORE),

I believe your Highness is going to leave for Kashmere in the first week of July. I have no doubt that you will find the happy valley charming and healthy wish plenty of European fruits in the country. If you are passing via Baroda either on your way to or back, please let me know, if I can do any-thing for you. Baroda is a convenient place to break your journey; and I shall be happy to see that you are made quite comfortable. Kindly always let me know, if I can do anything for you.

I thank you for letting me have the Palace at Bangalore. I think I shall have to stop there for some time. I shall let your Minister know, when I shall be there. I hope you will give my compliments to your mother and brother. Is the Yuvraj going with you? The weather here, on the whole, has been clear and bright. I miss you and the other members of your family. I hope this finds you well and happy.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1629

OOTACAMUND,
26th June 1918.

MY DEAR CHILD*,

Many thanks for your two letters. I am glad that you are happy and that His Highness is so kind to you. I am glad that you are studying every day for four hours. Study and do your work attentively. Knowledge is power and you will be very happy with good and sound education, when you are old. It has been very sad indeed that you should have lost your young brother-in-law. You should behave nicely, so that the Maharaja and his queen should feel less the death of their son.

The news from Baroda is good. Pratap is slightly indisposed; but I am told he is all right now. The weather here is fine.

Give my love to the Maharaja, besides accepting it yourself.
We are all well and wish you the same.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR

* *Shrimant Saubhagyavati Tarabai Chhatrapati, Kolhapur.*

1630

OOTACAMUND,
26th June 1918.

MY DEAR LAXMI DEVI,

I have had two letters from Indumati and she says she is well and happy. I am glad that Pratap is well. You find the next few weeks trying in Baroda. After some good rains the weather at Baroda will get cool. I hope you are all well. Read this letter to your mother. We are all well. The climate here is nice and cool. I sometimes go out hunting today I have asked a few people to tennis. Your uncles have gone away and we find Ooty very dull. All the people of Mysore have gone away also and so it is duller. Please give my love to Pratap and your mother.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1631

WOODSTOCK, OOTACAMUND,
29th June 1918.

MY DEAR SON JAISINH,

One of your notes given to me is that you are not allowed to take advantage of the State Leave Rules. I am not aware of any order to that effect and if one be there I shall be delighted to cancel it. Life without any leave would be intolerable. No one would wish to impose such a restriction. Sometimes in some cases, officers are afraid of using their authority or fail to exercise proper discretion. Under these circumstances, higher authority has to intervene. You have more than once wisely and truly observed that the State Officials will not enforce discipline particularly, when high personages are

concerned. It was for this drawback that I had, I believe, to suggest that I was to be previously informed before, you were given leave to go to certain places like Bombay or to Baroda frequentaly. In these places, you have shown yourself too weak to withstand temptations. So in your own interest it was thought better to let you visit . These places as few times as possible. If you will conduct yourself respectively, the galling restriction will vanish of itself.

If I may remind you of how behaved last time in Bombay on your way to Ooty. this trip and of your absence at a dinner given to us and Manubhai his wife and brother you will see the sad fact, which neccesitated untowards interference, which is not only unpleasant to me but is against my general principles. Last time when you were in Bombay and not doing well your mother sent repeated telegrams to send a man to look after you in the Taj as you could not take care of yourself. It was most inconvenient for me to find a man and I had to send my A.D.C. with great inconvenience to myself.

You may take leave but behave in such a respectable manner as not to call for interference. I shall not mention your conduct at Delhi at the First Princes' conferance you went with me. but I hardly saw much of you nor were you, so well as to go to good places without fear. As I said you are your own enemy. I am sending the purport of this note to Manubhai for his and the guidance of others. I would encourage you to be free and frank in your dealing with me, so as to avoid misunderstanding and worry to all concerned. You had, I hope, a pleasant journey back to Pattan.

Yours affectionately
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1632

OOTACAMUND,
3rd July 1918.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN),

Princes Jaisinh has mentioned to me that he is denied the advantage of the state Leave Rules. There should be no desire to do so. The prince was not to visit certain places like Bombay and Baroda because he did not conduct himself properly there. He proved himself too weak to withstand temptation and the company of low people. If he conduct himself well, then there

should be no interference. He should not leave his post and go away frequently. His conduct has not been good as yet. He has lowered the status of his position. Kindly quietly do what is necessary to carry out the spirit of this note. I hope this find you well.

Yours sincerely
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1633

OOTACAMUND,

5th July 1918,

MY DEAR YUVRAJ (OF MYSORE),

I had a letter from His Highness the Maharaja your brother before he left in which he very kindly says that I may have the use of the Bangalore Palace if I wish to stay there for a few days. You will remember the conversation I had with you about my staying in Bangalore, so you will not misunderstand me if I send some one to make all arrangements. Will you please give orders that my men may get any assistances that may be necessary and let me know by wire how long it will take to get the Bangalore Palace ready for me. I do not suppose that it will take long as I believe that the palace is always kept ready for His Highness occupation

The weather here is getting wet and chilly and I am advised to make a move. I hope I want be giving too much trouble. I went to tea at Gordons yesterday. On Monday next I have a lawn meet of the hunt at Woodstock. When is His Highness due in Kashmir? I am sure that he will enjoy himself there. I hope this finds you quite well and happy. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1634

OOTACAMUND,

6th July 1918.

MY DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD (VICEROY, SIMLA),

I have read with great interest of the decision of his Imperial Majesty the King Emperor to grant some Kings commission

in the Indian Army to young Indians. It seems to be a very good idea and will provide a very fine and useful occupation for the young men of the upper classes and I hope that the field of choice will be largely extended as time goes on.

I should like my youngest son Dhairyashilrao to get one of these commissions and if Your Excellency could do anything in the matter I shall feel very thankful and obliged. He has worked in the state Cavalry and I hope will make a very useful officer with proper training. He ia at present 25 years old. I do not want him to get a commission in the Royal Flying Corps.

My health has not been good lately and ever since Simla last year i have been constantly on the move. We have had more of less wet weather thought our stay in Ooty, which means for the last six weeks or so. Your Excellency must be very busy. Just now with the new war-work over and above your usual heavy duties. I hope that both Your Excellencies are in the best of health. With kind regards to Your Excellencies from Her Highness and myself.

Your Sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1635

OOTACAMUND,

9th July 1918.

MY DEAR YUVRAJ (OF MYSORE),

Many thanks for Your Highness' kind letter which reached me yesterday. I shall keep you informed of my movements. I shall see Her Highness, Your mother on my way to Bangalore, I shall lunch at Mysore. We shall be most happy to see you at Banglore. There is a break of good weather here and I shall take advantage of it as much as I can before I fix a date to leave Ooty. I hope this finds you well. Please remember me to your mother.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1636

OOTACAMUND,
9th July 1918.

MY DEAR ON SHIWAJIRAO,

I shall attend to your question on my return to Baroda. I wonder why you did not go away with your family instead of staying at Baroda. Without sensible occupation The weather here has become very fine. I think it is due to a break from the rains we have had. I am anxious to return to Baroda as soon as I can. I hope your children are doing well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1637

OOTACAMUND,
9th July 1918.

MY DEAR SAMARTH,

I thank you heartily for sending us such beautiful mangos, which arrived in beautiful condition. I hope you are well in health and spirits reconciling yourself to the inevitable. My general health is better than it was Baroda. The rheumatism which prevented me from walking at Baroda is completely gone. My lungs have not cleared as yet. They cause me no inconvenience; still I have to be careful not to catch another chill.

In the general way, I feel the absence of old friends and of my brother Anandrao and one feels at times lonely and no friend to exchange views and old experiences with. I am sorry that there has not been sufficient rain yet in Baroda. Rain is badly wanted here. At present the weather here is delightful. I am going to stop at Bangalore for a few days to get accustomed to the lower religions. I hope this finds you well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1638

OOTACAMUND,
10th July 1918.

MY DEAR NAWAB SAHEB (OF RAMPUR),

I thank Your Highness very much for your kind thought in sending me a basket of mangoes. I trust that Your Highness is in the best of health. I have asked a friend to send you some fruits from Kashmir. I hope that they will reach Your Highness in good condition and that you will like them.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1639

OOTACAMUND,
10th July 1918.

MY DEAR FRIEND (THE NIZAM OF HYDERABAD),

I have to thank Your Exalted Highness very much for your kind thought in sending me some mangoes. I have been meaning to write to you for some time, but I have been very busy lately. It is a pity that you could not come down to Ooty. Although the weather is wet when we first came here. It has cleared up very well and is now very fine indeed. I hope that you will not have it very hot in Hyderabad. Now I think as the monsoon has broken, you probably are having quite a fine weather.

I expect you know that His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore has just gone for a trip to Kashmir. His Highness was to come here, but as the weather was not propitious, he did not come. His brother, the Yuvaraj, was here for some time.

I see that you are making some alterations in the compound of your property. I hope that you intend coming here for some time. Hunt is going on in full swing. I have been out fanly often with the hounds. I hope that Your Exalted Highness is in the best of health. With kind regards,

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1640

OOTACAMUND,
10th July 1918.

MY DEAR MR. RUSSELL (THE RESIDENT, BARODA),

I am very pleased to get your letter of 3rd July. I have been thinking of writing to you for some time. Yes. You must have been very busy in getting into complete touch with your new office. It must be very trying at first as methods of work vary as much as individuals.

Both Her Highness and I have improved in health to some extent since coming to Ooty, but my lung-trouble is still there. The weather here was cleared up beautifully since the last day or two and I want, therefore, prolonging my stay somewhat. I am hunting fairly regularly.

I saw in a recent order that people cannot go to Kashmir now without a special permit from the Government. I was thinking of going to Kashmir in September if my lung has not improved by that time to try a month or two of the mountain air. I am told that it will do me a lot of good. Will you please make the necessary arrangements for the permit in case it becomes necessary for me to go. I am writing to His Highness the Maharaja of Kashmir about it.

I am sorry Mrs. Rusell did not like Abu. It has really too restricted an atmosphere to be anything but boring after the first few days. I am pleased to see that you are taking such an interest in the administration of the state. Her Highness thanks Mrs. Russell for her kind message and hopes that she is well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1641

OOTACAMUND,
11th July 1918.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN OF BARODA),

I am sorry I cannot be physically present at your daughter's marriage, but mentally I shall be there to bless the couple. I have been going through the "*Revenue Inspection Report*" of

Govindbhai. I notice that he has touched on many and various important questions. I wish to see his suggestions properly and quickly disposed of. With this object in view, I wish the Council, the Head or the Heads of Department or Departments concerned, and the Accountant General to hatsen the disposal. I want the Subas to study the report carefully and come to Baroda with their decision on paper on all the issues concerned. The Subas should be given a fornicht to study the report carefully and write clearly their opinions. These opinions will be very useful in dealing with the report. The different committees and officers should do the same within the time mentioned above. Govindbhai is to be treated as a member of the body disposing of the report.

So far as the service is concerned, I am inclined to adopt any latest improvement within our means and provided it suits our circumstances. It is very probable that I shall be present when these questions are finally decided. I hope this finds you quite well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

P.S. The Huzur Kamdar, Padgaokar, is to be a member of the Committee.
S.R.G.

1642

WOODSTOCK, OOTCAMUND,
16th July 1918.

MY DEAR LORD PETLAND (H.E. THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS),

We are leaving Ooty to-morrow morning. I shall be rather sorry to leave as the weather is to fine just now. However, I have to get back. I hope that Your Excellency had an enjoyable trip to Coimbtore. I had hoped that Your Excellencies would have been able to come and have another game of tennis at Woodstock before we left; but unfortunately I have been laid up with a sprained trendom for the last three or four days. With kind regards to both Your Excellencies for Her Highness and myself.

Your sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1643

THE PALACE, GULMARG,
18th July 1918.

MY DEAR DAMAJIRAO (SHRI. VITHALRAO GAEKWAR'S SON),

I have had your letter before some time. I think you had better start on the salary that Ganpatrao Gaekwar's son has done. Whether a certain portion of his personal pay should not be given to you to start with as your substantial pay may be thought of later as you say you deserve a better start as you have passed in honour. You also expect more and frequent promotions to reach upto Rs. 800 when you would take your chance like the rest of the men in service. I cannot say yes to this. The General principle of service will apply unless you prove by work and conduct that you deserve to be specially treated. I hope this would not disappoint you. The starts are already high and for some time all of you will be extra till you are absorbed in the service and this is an extra expense to the State. The higher appointments are always filled up by section and mere standard of education will not be found completely satisfactory in all classes. There are many considerations in making appointments. I mention this to avoid any misunderstanding or disappointment in the future.

I cannot say anything about buying your house in Baroda near Mandvi. I shall be glad to build a little bungalow for you in Baroda which may rent. In the district, as you know, it is difficult to get convenient houses and one must put up with this. Wherever you are I shall always take interest in your welfare and happiness.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1644

GULMARG,
31st July 1918.

MY DEAR DAMAJIRAO (SHRI. VITHALRAO GAEKWAR'S SON),

I have had your letter about your employment in the Baroda service and the pay you should draw. I did not answer it upto now as I knew you would not be in Baroda for some time. You

will be soon there. I am anxious that you should not waste your time, but take up work seriously. Without binding you prejudicially I think you had better begin of Rs. 400 and all the other details you have mentioned in your letter will be settled after I come to Baroda. If you have no objection to this you can see the Dewan and ask him to give you some work. I want you to join the Dewan's Office and learn the work there. You will be considered a probationer in the Revenue Department if you choose to stick to the service.

I am sending a copy of this note through you to the Dewan which you may present to him for action. On your presenting it he will give effect to my wishes mentioned here till you choose to act on this letter, the matter is confidential only between you and me. I was glad to receive your card from Delhi and to know that you enjoyed the trip. I hope this finds you well. I am almost well though not yet able to take walks.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1645

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

3rd August 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KOLHAPUR),

I thank you for your kind letter dated the 26th July 1918. I was very interested to read your ideas on the subject of education. There is, no doubt, a very great deal of truth in what you say; and I think that your ideas are well worth considering.. I am sorry to hear about Bua Saheb Nimbalkar, and hope he will be well soon. I have no objection to Tarabai's* grand-mother going to Kolhapur, if she wishes to go. I shall be interested to see the plants of Sathmari and wrestling arena and cheeta-house and thank you for taking the trouble of sending them. Trusting that you are in the best of health. With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Indumati H.H.'s Grand-Daughter, and the Daughter-In-Low of Chatrapati Shahu Maharaja of Kolhapur.*

1646

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

14th August 1918.

MY DEAR PADMAVATI,

Dr. Mayer has been telling since some time that the tonsils of the children will have to be removed in due time. I have had slight conversation with him on this subject this morning. If Laxmi-Devi be fit now, he advises the removal of the tonsils. That may be done either now or at any other proper time. you must attend to all this and get done what may be considered in the interest of the children. The children better be away from Baroda in September and October. Do what is necessary in connection with this. Next summer the children will go to Ootacamund. I write this for future guidance. Unless found necessary before it, the question of Pratapsinh's tonsils should be seriously considered. Dr. Mayer knows the subject; and I am only trying to put down here roughly what he said.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1647

MAKARPURA,

16th August 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KASHMERE),

We have to abandon our idea of a return to Kashmere this season. The health of my son and daughter-in-law do not make it advisable to leave Baroda and go to some distant place. We are doing all we can for them. The weather here is trying. We daily and hourly expect rain. I hope both you and her Highness are well. Many thanks for your kind note.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1648

LAXMI VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
24th August 1918.

MY DEAR NAWAB SAHEB (OF MALER KOTLA, PUNJAB),

I thank you for your letter of 24th July. I am sorry that I have not been able to answer earlier as I was out of Baroda for some time after receiving your letter. I am unable to give Your Highness a definite reply to the questions raised in your letter at present, as I do not yet know whether I shall be able to come to Delhi in November or not. With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1650

LAXMI VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
27th August 1918.

MY DEAR MR. SPIELMANN,

I was very pleased to receive your most interesting letter and report. I have not received the two previous letters mentioned in your present letter. They must have gone down, I am afraid. So many mails have been sunk lately. I received your letter in Ooty, a Hill Station in the Nilgiri Hills, where I had gone for the hot weather. I have a very nice little house and gardens there. I wish that you could advise me about the decoration, etc. After all there is nothing like the touch of the connoisseur to ensure the harmony of colours and proportion. As you know I have a great faith in your artistic judgment and accept your opinion as the last word as aesthetics.

I have not received this report before. It is very interesting and I thank you very much for the same. As to Mr. Lutyen's Library plan, the Department will write to you if they have not done so already. In fact most of the public works have been brought to a standstill here, because of the increase in rates due to the War. I have some very good ideas in my head just now for the improvement and beautifying of Baroda. Unfortunately there are so many stages between the getting

of an idea and bringing it to fulfilment, that I almost despair of ever getting any ide worked out to its fullest expression. I am very glad to hear that your wife and son are both very well and that the letter is getting on so well with this work. You will probably be back in town by the time this letter reaches you, so I am addressing it to the Arts Club. I hope you are keeping well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1651

LAXMI VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
3rd September 1918.

MY DEAR MR. SEDDON,

I sent a cheque here to be given to Mrs. Seddon to help towards the pageant. I should have written earlier, but I feel so slack in this weather. I find it very trying and cannot sleep well. I hope you are both well. I have sent a sum to Lady Willingdon separately.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1652

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
6th September 1918.

MY DEAR MR. SEDDON,

I am just writing if you will please arrange to make Her Highness and myself members of the Western India Turf Club. We are thinking of coming to Poona again shortly as Her Highness is not very well. In fact she was a slight touch of influenza at present. I hope that Mrs. Seddon is getting on well with the pageant arrangements. Do you think that it would be possible for me to get a box at the races for the season. I hope that Mrs. Seddon and you are both well. Looking forward to seeing you soon, with kind regards.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1653

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

6th September 1918.

MY DEAR LORD WILLINGDON (THE GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY),

I am just writing to ask you, if you think that Government could possibly let me have my small house and its outhouses and some stabling accommodation in Bombay for my own use now. I believe that only the Medical Officer is living there. I think you know what an amount of trouble I had last year in finding a house in Bombay. Of course, if Government can spare the big house too, naturally I should be very glad to have it; but I would certainly not ask for it, as I feel that it is being well used. You must not think that I grudge the use of the house in any way; but my position becomes so acutely homeless in Bombay that I am compelled to ask for it.

I hope that Her Excellency is not overworking in the interests of the Pageant. her Highness is not keeping very good health just now. What did you think of the Congress? I am glad to be able to tell you that the likelihood of famine seems to be more or less definitely averted as far as Gujarat is concerned. I am not so sure about Kathiawar though. I hope that both Your Excellencies are well. With kindest regards from us both,

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1654

LAXMI VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

8th September 1918.

MY DEAR BEGUM SAHIBA (OF BHOPAL),

I wish to have some information as to how the Khangi or Palace affairs are arranged, and what the arrangements about the civil list of the Ruler, and how his and her descendants and other relatives are provided with. For this I shall be highly obliged, if you can send an intelligent and experienced officer who can satisfy my queries. He had better come armed with written notes and figures. I am told Mr. Israr-Hussein Khan will be able to help me in the matter. However, I leave the choice to Your Highness. I hope this finds you and all yours perfectly well and happy.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1655

LAXMI VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

9th September 1918.

MY DEAR GENERAL RIGG,

I have ordered that the Shikar with the jungle and its Superintendent was to be placed under the Military. Please do not execute this portion of the order till I direct again. The Shikar will continue under the Khangi.

Yours sincerely,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1656

LAXMI VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

12th September 1918.

MY DEAR MR. SEDDON,

Many thanks for your letter saying that you have arranged to make me a member of the Western India Turf Club. I quite expected to hear that no box could be got. We are probably leaving on Sunday as we will meet in a day or two.

Yours sincerely,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1657

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

14th September 1918.

MY DEAR KIRITSINGJI (BROTHER OF H.H. THE RAJA SAHEB OF NANDOD),

Many thanks for your kind letter. I often remember you. I should be delighted to welcome you, but not at present, as I am going to Poona for a few days. I shall let you know when I wish you to come. My health is fair. Her Highness had fever for two days, and she has got rid of it, but feels very weak. I hope this finds you and all yours perfectly well.

Yours sincerely

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1658

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

14th September 1918.

MY DEAR LADY WILLINGDON,

Very many thanks for Your Excellency's letter. It was very good of His Excellency to pass on the business to such good hands. Her Highness and I think that if we cannot get our small house, we would like to try Nawabzada Abaidulla Khan's house, as you have so kindly offered it. We are leaving for Poona in a day or two, so we hope to see you very soon. I see from the papers that the pageant arrangements are getting on like a house on fire. I hope that it will be a tremendous success. Like all things that you put your hand to, I expect it will.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1659

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

18th September 1918Pe

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF MYSORE),

As a small token of the great delight, we feel at the birth of a son and heir to H. H. the Yuvaraj, I am sending a little present as Balant-Veeda for the infant price with my blessings. I wish him a long healthy and successful life. I am sending these presents with my nephew's son Yashwantrao Gaekwar and my Aid-de camp Sadekar Pawar. I trust this will find Your Highness and the whole family in excellent health.

Jaisinh Rao has been unwell, and has sailed for England on the 15th. We all follow him on the 22nd, and propose to be away for a short time. kindly remember me to your mother, your wife and the Yuvaraj. With my kind regards to Your Highness and family, I am,

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1660

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

26th september 1918.

MY ESTEEMED FRIEND (H.H. SULTANA JABAN, BEGUM OF BHOPAL),

Many thanks for Your Highness' letter of the 19th September. It is very good of Your Highness to take so much trouble. I shall be pleased to get the information, which you are so kindly sending with Your Political Secretary. her Highness is not very well and has gone to Poona for a change. With our kindest regards,

Your sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1661

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

26th September 1918.

My dear Maharaja (H.H. Ganga Singhji Bahadur of Bikaner),
I am sending you a copy of my reply to the Viceroy's Kharita on Minority Administration as asked for in your letter of 11th Instant. The letter will show you my lines of thought.

If the Kharita is carried out as well as it is written, I dare say that it will be all right. I should like to know what you think of the Reforms in Chapter X of the Reforms Report. I have just received your letter about the Memorandum referring to successions from the Government of India. I have sent no reply yet, as I am still considering the matter. I hope that you are well.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1662

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

26th september 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF GWALIOR),

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 10th September. I shall be very pleased to come to Gwalior for the Maratha Conference. I would like to come a day before and have a

little rest. Her Highness will also accompany me, if she is well enough. We are both looking forward to seeing Gwalior. If, at the last moment, I am prevented from coming by ill-health, I hope that you will take the will for the deed, but I do not think that it is a likely contingency. Please treat this visit as purely informal and private without any ceremonial functions. There will be two ladies, six officers and about forty followers with us. My Private Secretary will let you know the names and details that you have asked for. Looking forward to seeing you,

Yours very sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1663

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
26th September 1918.

MY DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD,

I hear that Your Excellency's Winter Programme is being arranged now. It will give me and her Highness very great pleasure, if Your Excellencies will come and stay in Baroda for as long as is convenient to you during your winter tour, the longer the better. I am confidently hoping that you will be able to spare the time. Her Highness, who is at present in Poona for the sake of her health, and I am also looking forward to a visit from Your Excellencies.

There is a very bad type of influenza prevailing here just now, and I am advised to run away. I am thinking of going to Mount Abu for a few weeks before I come to Delhi for the Conference. I hope Delhi will be very crowded. I am afraid that it is a bad year this time. We are hoping against hope for some end of the season rain; but the outlook is not promising. I hope that Your Excellencies are both in the best of health. With kindest regards to your Excellencies from us,

Yours very sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1664

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

26th September 1918.

MY DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD,

I am so sorry I have not been able to answer Your Excellency's kind invitation to stay with you at Delhi before this. I have not been at all well, and could not make up my mind. I have, however, decided to come. It will, therefore, give me the greatest pleasure to stay at the Viceregal Lodge during the Princes' Conference. I shall inform Col. Verney of the date and time of my arrival in due course. I hope that you are well.

Yours very sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1665

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

3rd October 1918.

MY HONOURED AND VALUED FRIEND (LORD CHELMSFORD),

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Kharita dated the 27th December 1917, forwarding for my information a copy of the Memorandum on the recognition of successions in the Indian States, and on the ceremonials to be observed at installations and investitures, which has been issued by the Government of India, and also an extract from Your Excellency's speech at the opening of the Conference of Ruling Priences and Chiefs held at Delhi in November 1917.

I have noted with pleasure that the Memorandum has been framed by the Government of India with the approval of His Majesty's Government after according due consideration to the views and opinions expressed by some of the Ruling Princes at the Conference held at Delhi in 1916. The Princes in alliance with His Majesty will, no doubt, be satisfied with the decision that where there is a natural heir in the direct line, he will succeed as a matter of course and only formal recognition of high succession by His Majesty the King-

Emperor will be conveyed by an exchange of Kharitas of a complimentary character.

As observed in your Excellency's speech, the British Government has the authority of confirming a succession in all cases of dispute, but there may be cause of a collateral heir such as a brother brothers' son or an uncle's son who though he may not be a "Natural heir in the direct line" has in the absence of such an heir an acknowledged right to succeed according to law and established custom and when there is no rival claimant nor any dispute recognition of his succession may be only formal and requires no confirmation.

The procedure of extending a purely formal recognition is not intended to the very case of a "wholly" "unsuitable heir" as maintained in Your Excellency's speech; and it is noted that by this expression is meant "an heir who by disloyal or criminal conduct has shown himself to be unfitted to rule." The princes are thankful to Your Excellency for the assurance that an inquiry into such conduct would ordinarily be made during the life-time of the previous ruler and the unfitness of the heir, if established would be explicitly declared and that in the absence of such a declaration, the legitimate heir in the direct line will succeed to the Maenad as a matter of course.

The Prince I think will be gratified to learn that though the main lines of the procedure to be observed at Installation Durbars are indicated in the Memorandum yet the exact procedure to be adopted in regard to any particular state is to vary according to long established custom of that state.

The Memorandum lays down that, "the Installation of a Prince or a Chief, who is full age carries with it *proprio vigore* his investiture with full ruling powers, unless Government see fit to restrict by special order the exercise of such powers." In this connection, I would suggest that the order about restricting the exercise of ruling powers may not *ordinarily* be made unless there is an inquiry beforehand by a Commission, as proposed in Para 309 of the Report on the Indian Constitutional Reforms by Your Excellency and His Majesty's secretary of state for India.

While on this subject, I may observe that in case where the succession is "as a matter of course." and where the

recognition of the succession is to be only "formal" the expression "Installation" and "Investiture" would seem to be inappropriate. They cannot be the raising to the "Gadi" and clothing with powers to rule by an extraneous authority, whereas what is meant is that the succession of such a ruler being by an inherent right carries with it "*proprio vigore*" the assumption of powers at the proper age. The Rajya-Bhishek ceremony carries with it the assumption of kingly powers. To this ceremony the expression "Accession Ceremony" can be more aptly applied; and the Ruler if he is a major or when he subsequently becomes a major *assumes* these powers and no separate investiture is necessary.

It is stated in the memorandum that Government will decide in each case when a prince or Chief is to be regarded as having attained full age. This rather leaves matters in a vague and uncertain condition and is calculated to produce a feeling of uneasiness. The princes will feel assured if the age of majority fixed by the Civil Law is ordinarily taken as "full age" in the case of a Prince or Chief for assuming full powers. Where however Government think that there are circumstances justifying postponement of such assumption, it would seem appropriate, if the said circumstances are inquired into by a Commission as proposed in Para 309 of the aforesaid Report.

With an expression of the high consideration I entertain for Your Excellency, I beg subscribe myself,

Your Excellency's sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1666

MUSSOORIE,
11th October 1918.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN OF BARODA),

Many thanks for your letter. I am sorry that so many people are dying in Baroda. I do really hope that things will soon change to the better. I have much leisure here, and if there are any schemes or important problems for me to study, I should be glad to have them placed before me. I am undergoing some stomach treatments, and I am advised not to return to

Baroda at once, owing to the epidemic. I am anxious to be in Baroda, and will do so as soon as I can. I hope Ganpatrao Gaekwar is well. I hope this finds you and all yours well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1667

MUSSOORIE,
13th October 1918.

MY DEAR DEWAN SAHEB (SIR M.N. MEHTA),

Kindly show papers connected with Gunajirao Nimbalkar about the Abkari auctions to the Chief Justice, Mr. Desai, who should be ready to give his opinion on any point that I have to ask. I may ask you to run up for a couple of days to Dehra-Dun. Please let me know that the Chief Justice has finished studying the papers. I do not wish the matter to be kept unnecessarily pending.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1668

MUSSORIE,
13th October 1918.

MY DEAR DEWAN SAHEB (SIR MANUBHAI),

I have read Railway Department Tippan No. 42, dated 25th June 1918, on which I shall pass orders in due course. I wish that the Railway works in progress should be satisfactorily finished without undue loss of time. I am anxious that the Savli line should be opened for traffic. It is unfair to the State that it should be left, as at present, unused. It is very likely that we shall have to open some relief-works in the Kadi Division. Mr. Bryant had better study the question and see whether we can usefully undertake some roads, that may be thought necessary.

It is more than probable that we shall take up the administration of our Railways in our own hands. On this assumption I should like you to ask Mr. Bryant to work out the details of some questions, which will save time in their

solution, for instance, amount of establishment we may have to entertain for administrative and executive works that may crop up and any other points, which it may be necessary to consider and the working out of which does not involve expense. A memorandum should be prepared and sanction obtained for the expense and for the study of the questions.

My object in writing this is to make use of the knowledge of Mr. Bryant and prepare details, such as may be useful, when we may take up the Railway administration in our hands, which, I am inclined to think, we shall have to do. I am going down from here to Dehra-Dun, as the Doctor and establishment are going down. I hope this finds you and all yours well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1669

MUSSOORIE,
14th October 1918.

MY DEAR RAJA SAHEB (KOLLINGODE),

Many thanks for your letter of the 4th October. I should like you to come to Baroda on your way back from Delhi, so that you can stay at Baroda for some time. The season in Baroda is worse than at Kollingode. Influenza has done much harm. I came here suddenly as a disease was so prevalent. We are all well and wish you the same. I think you will like the Willingdons. They are good people. Prince Dhairyashil rao has got a commission and has gone to Indore for training. I expect to be in Delhi on the 4th of November. I have found the stay at Baroda very slackening and so have not been able to concentrate attention enough to study serious questions. With our united regards,

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1670

RAGHU NIVAS, MUSSOORIE,

16th October 1918.

MY DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD,

I was very pleased, indeed, to get your letter, accepting our invitation to come and stay at Baroda. Her Highness and I are very glad that Your Excellencies can come, and are looking forward to your visit. We shall be pleased, if your daughters will also be able to accompany Your Excellencies. no doubt, your Private Secretary will let my Minister know the exact date etc. of Your Excellencies' arrival. I have been in Mussoorie since the 1st of October. It is nice and bracing here.

I am anxious to build a Hill Station Cottage in Simla, which is in many respects, superior to Mussoorie; and I would like to acquire a little property there. Does Your Excellency think that the Government of India would object to giving me a provisional permit to acquire some land in Simla or round about there, provided I can find a suitable site? I do not want to trouble you at present about this matter; but I am merely making a casual inquiry. I do hope that these worrying and petty restrictions will be removed during Your Excellency's regime. They are so small, and yet they are irritating to the Rules of Native States, and are of no apparent importance to British India.

I am looking forward to seeing Your Excellency in a few days at Delhi. The influenza epidemic is very bad in Baroda. Unfortunately, several promising young officers have died and any amount of people. I am anxious to get back, and will go immediately after the Conference. With our kindest regards to Your Excellencies,

Yours very sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1671

DEHRA-DUN,

21st October 1918.

MY DEAR AMBEGAOKAR (R.B.G. B. AMBEGAOKAR),

You have, no doubt, received my telegram of condolence as I have received a reply from you. You can imagine how sorry

we are to learn the loss of your wife. These are matters beyond control. And we can but only put up with them. I see that you are or were on leave. I think a change of scene or occupation helps one to divert one's attention from such depressing thoughts. I should like you to come here with Keshavrao Chitnis for a week or so with the Khangi Code; but there is great difficulty of accommodation, so I dare not ask you to come at least at present. Keep the Code ready with the necessary memo to enable you to get it passed without much delay or trouble. I may send for you, if I can find a place for you to put up. I hope this will find you well under the sad circumstances.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1672

DEHRA DUN,
21st October 1918.

MY DEAR MR. CLARKE (THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, BARODA),

I read your letter with much interest. It gratified me to learn the useful and philanthropic work the men of your department have been doing in the influenza epidemic. Will you tell them my thanks when you see them? The services of men, who have done good work, should be suitably recognized by the State. Kindly ask the Dewan to do this, when I return. You can show him this note. I was also interested in the other news your letter contained, besides the Influenza work. I hope Mrs. Clarke, your daughter and yourself are quite well. I am looking forward to return to Baroda as soon as I can.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1673

DEHRA DUN,
21st October 1918.

DEAR NAWAB SAHEB (OF MALER KOTLA, PUNJAB),

I sent Your Highness a telegram the other day to say that I was sorry I was unable to accept your kindly invitation to be

the President of the Committee, to arrange for the banquet to His Highness the Maharaja of Patilala. Your Highness must not understand by this that I do not wish to join the banquet. I have a very great personal regard for His Highness the Maharaja of Patilala; and if the Princes decide to hold a banquet in honour, I shall join very willingly, I wish, however, nothing to do with it officially. It would be better, if Your Highness and other Princes will discuss this matter thoroughly at Delhi this time, and decide finally on what principles you propose to act in such cases in future.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1674

ST. MOUR, DEHRA DUN,
22nd October, 1918.

MY DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD,

I hope that Your Excellency will not mind, if at this late stage I change my mind and do not stay at Viceregal Lodge during the conference. I accepted Your Excellency's kind invitation without properly realizing that meant living in tents. The state of my health is such that I cannot possibly live in a tent, especially at this changeable time of the year.

His Highness the Maharaja of Nabha has very kindly lent me his house, so I will stay here. I am staying in Dehra-Dun on my way to Delhi and will come straight on from here. I hope that Your Excellency will be greatly benefitted by your trip in Kashmir.

Yours very sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1675

ST. MOUR, DEHRA-DUN,
25th October 1918.

DEAR MR. RUSSELL,

I have received your letters of 17th and 19th October. My Private Secretary will see that Col. Veney is informed of my time of arrival in Delhi in proper time.

As to Major Webber,* I am surprised to hear that he was not informed of the terms of the new agreement. I think that there is some misunderstanding. I have, however, written to the Dewan to find out. I have formed a very good opinion of Major Webber and consider him a gentlemen of a very high character and a model of straightforwardness. It is only the sincere feeling that his physical shortcomings make him incapable of bringing out the best character building qualities in a boy by joining in his games, that has regretfully compelled me to part with him; besides this, the fact that he is not a trained teacher, goes very much against him in my opinion.

If any such misunderstanding, as you mention in your letter, has occurred, I am sorry; because my relations with Major Webber have throughout been very pleasant and all our dealings have been above board. In many respects, I shall feel the loss of Major webber very much. To judge by the telegram I have just received from Delhi, the Conference is likely to be postponed *sine die*. The Influenza in Baroda is slowly going down; but the death rate is still over seventy per day. I hope that Mrs. Russell and you are both very well. With kind regards.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Major webber was appointed as a guardian and tutor to Prince Pratapsinh Raje.

1676

DEHRA-DUN,
26th October 1918.

MY DEAR MR. SEDDON,

I want to consult you as a friend in the case of a Baroda official if you think you can help without any inconvenience or awkwardness to yourself. If you can, then I can send the papers on hearing from you. On receipt of this letter if you will wire the words 'send the papers' then I will dispatch the papers of the case to you. I shall be here for about ten days more when my treatment will come to an end. After it I hope to be back. The season for health in Baroda is indeed bad. Kindly remember to Mrs. Seddon. I hope this finds you and all yours quite well.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1677

BOMBAY,

26th October 1918.

MY DEAR ABBASAHEB (SHRI. SAMPATRAO'S SON),

I apologise for not answering your former letter. When your first letter arrived at Musoorie, I could get no rooms to put you up. Here the difficulty is just the same. I shall be finishing my treatment here by the 10th of November, when I expect to be back in Baroda. I should be sorry to interfere with your future and particularly, certain prospects of rise in life. Ordinarily, I should wish you to pick up work in India, and be useful to Baroda without harm to your interests. Service has its drawbacks; but it may be necessary and useful under certain circumstances. Perhaps in saying this, I may be selfish. I certainly would like to see you serve your country you belong to my birth. India has no doubt drawbacks; but by running away from it does not advance its interests. The climate, social life, etc., of England and Europe has many attractions, but I do not think it is fair to give way to it without material and strong considerations. I shall always be sorry, if you, by marriage or in any other way, leave your family and community for good. I am interested in you and will try to help you to get on in India as much as lies in my power. I shall be delighted to discuss the matter personally when we meet; but till then I cannot say more than I have done. It is raining here this moment. I hope this finds you well.

Your affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1679

DEHRA-DUN,

30th October 1818.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

I should like the Council to send up Chanasma Survey Settlement Report and the village service recommendation of B. Chavan for my final orders. These and some other questions have been too long pending. I think more dispatch is needed in the transaction of business. The Settlement

Report can be brought into later, instead of at once; but for this my orders need not be delayed.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1680

DEHRA-DUN,
31st October 1918.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

I have wired you this morning to place Major Hakeem with Prince Shivaji Rao. He should take interest, pains and responsibility, in weaning away Shiwaji Rao from his evil habit, and suggest ways and means to effect the habit. Major Hakeem should be paid as an allowance over his pay Rs. 125 per mensem. I am sorry for the way Shivaji Rao is breaking up.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1681

DEHRA-DUN,
1st November 1918.

MY DEAR VANIKAR,

I hope this finds you and all yours in good health. I hope the Influenza is much less. I am sorry that you have not written to me at all. This is not right. You should command sufficient energy and interest to write frequently. What were your impressions of the season in Amreli? I do not care much for Dehra-Dun, but have to stop for about two weeks more.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1682

DEHRA-DUN,
2nd November 1918.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

Will you show the papers relating to Nimbalkar and the Abkari contracts to Ganpatrao Gaekwar, the Naib Dewan and

complete the inquiry by getting the explanation of Gunaji Rao on such points as it may be necessary. Finish the inquiry soon and submit it for orders. Ask the Chief Justice if he wishes to make any further inquiries to complete the case to final orders. Ganpatrao and you are to work jointly in this matter. If he is not well, you are to do it alone. I shall now await for the final memo. I hope this matter will be soon placed before me for orders. I thank you for bringing it to my knowledge.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1683

DEHRA-DUN,
8th November 1918.

DEAR LORD WILLINGDON,

I have received your letter of 22nd October about the need of trophies, points, etc., for the Willingdon Sports Club. My Secretary will write to Mr. Jackson and find out exactly what sort of trophies are wanted; and if any available at present, I will send them, otherwise I will keep on sending things as they come.

The best thanks of the people of Bombay are due to Your Excellency for bringing into existence such a splendid club, which will certainly do a far more important work than that of mere entertainment, and doubtless that view of the question was prominently in Your Excellency's mind, when you started it. I assure that I will always do everything in my power to help and support the club, with which your name is associated. It is scarcely necessary for me to say how extremely, sorry we all are to lose you from Bombay.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1684

ST. MOUR, DEHRA-DUN,
8th November 1918.

MY DEAR BABASAHEB (SHRI ANANDRAO GAEKWAR'S SON LALSINGRAO),

I have received your letter of the 16th September 1918 and one also from your brother, for which I thank you both. I am

sorry that you are financially badly off. I handed over your telegram to Ganpatrao Vithalrao Gaekwar, and asked him to do what was needful in the matter. If you have not received your increased allowance, he should send the money. When the increased allowance was fixed, I thought that you had nothing to ask and all your wants were fulfilled. Being under that impression. I did nothing more, as Ganpatrao told me, so far as I remember, that the increased allowance was sent. But judging from your letter, the tale seems to be different. However, I am sending your letter to Ganpatrao to explain what he has to say and what more he proposes to do.

As to your coming to India, we all think that you should return, as you have taken your Oxford Degree of B.A. I do not understand when you say, It is a great pity to give it up now. Besides that, I can both take B.A. and Bar-Degree, there is no earthly reason of taking another B.A. Degree. Do not be infatuated with more degrees. It is a mistake to overvalue them. You know you have been many years in England and it is high time that you should return and look after your affairs, at least, for a time. Letter on, when the war is over, you may think of returning and taking your Bar Examination. During the War you cannot have the same facilities for learning and associating. Why then put up with so much expense and inconvenience? Shankarrao may be allowed to stop, as he has yet to get through the examination.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1685

ST. MOUR, DEHRA-DUN,
8th November 1918.

MY DEAR MR. SEDDON,

Many thanks for your wire. I will send the papers as soon as they come here from Baroda. I hope that the Influenza is much less in Poona. It is just beginning here and is likely to get worse. The big towns in the presidency are very badly affected. These are about 400 cases in a small town like Shaharanpur. I hope that Mrs. Seddon and you are both well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1686

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA

9th November 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF BIKANER),

I wonder if you would mind of my State Architects coming to Bikaner and looking over your new palaces and other buildings which I have heard very highly praised. On hearing from you, I shall send instructions to the Architects to go to Bikaner. Please instruct your Private Secretary to address mine in the matter. I am sending one or two of the Architects, on an instructional tour in a various places. I was looking forward to seeing Your Highness in Delhi. There are so many things, which are much better discussed personally. Do you think that there is likely to be a Conference this year? I hope the Influenza has not been every bad in Bikaner. May I take this opportunity of thanking you for lending your beautiful Abu House? With very kind regards.

Your very sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1687

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

10th November 1918.

MY DEAR FRIEND (H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF KOLHAPUR),

The talk of constitutional reforms in India is so president, in view of the approaching visit of the Secretary of State, that none of us can avoid turning our thoughts in that direction whether we be public or private individuals. I take it that the Secretary of State is not averse from hearing the views of all classes of people in India, so that there can be no harm in the exchange or ideas among us as to the legitimate claims of the Princes in the constitutional reorganization and as to the appropriate method of getting the views of the Princes before him. None of us probably has reached final conclusions in respect of these matters nor is it possible or desirable to do so at the present juncture. The problem is one of practical politics, and we must be careful not to be misled by ideal constructions, which may not have the same applicability

under varying circumstances. On the other hand, complete aloofness and quiescence on the part of the Princes at this juncture, it seems to me, would defeat in some measure the very purpose for which the Right Hon. Mr. Montague has taken his arduous trip to India. Therefore, I venture to lay before you some considerations of a practical nature which may form the basis for an exchange of views.

In the first place, I think the Princes are entitled to claim representation in the Councils, of the Empire concerning matters which affect themselves, their Governments and their people. The principle of representation has already been recognized in the policy of the British India; and it would seem in view of the historical part which the Princes have taken in the consolidation of the Empire, that no class in the country is more justly entitled to representation in Imperial Councils. Subject to future adjustment and revision as circumstances may require, the following are the leading principles which have so far crystallized in my own thoughts with respect to the modus operandi:

- 1) There should be Provincial and State autonomy, all questions relating to internal interests to be dealt with by the Provincial Governments, and, in the Indian States, by the State themselves.
- 2) The Conference of the Princes may be continued, the Princes to meet from time to time, formulate their own agenda, and lay down policies for their own guidance.
- 3) For the discussion of Imperial and Internal affairs affecting British India and the States jointly, there should be established, under constitutional guarantee, a House of Princes' Representatives, to meet simultaneously with the Imperial Legislative Assembly.
- 4) The membership of the House of Princes' Representative should consist of delegates appointed by the State Governments, the premier States to have (say) five representatives, other States to be represented in proportion to importance, and the minor Chiefs to be represented in groups by one delegate for each group.

The delegates of each State should vote *en bloc*.
Zamindars of British India should not be represented in this House.

- 5) The powers of the House of Princes' representatives should be:-
 - a) to select its own officers and secretarial staff,
 - b) to settle its own rules of procedure,
 - c) to interpellate the Political Secretary and the members of the Viceroy's Council concerning executive acts affecting the States,
 - d) to legislate, in co-ordination with the Imperial Legislative Council, on matters affecting the whole country including the States.
- 6) On matters of difference of the House of Princes' Representatives and the Imperial Legislative Council, conference committee should be appointed consisting of an equal number of delegates from either assembly.
- 7) The Secretary of the Political Department should be nominated direct from England.
- 8) The Princes in conference should be entitled to elect one representative either from amongst their own number or from outside to a seat in the Viceroy's Executive Council.
- 9) The Princes in conference should be entitled to nominate one or more representative to serve in the British Cabinet at London.
- 10) There should be established a Federal Court to adjudicate all differences between the States and the British Indian Government, to consist of the Chief Justice appointed from England, two Princes' Representatives and two Government of Indian Officials.

The outline of my views necessarily brief, but I think the ideas set forth are of a practical and trust they will have your consideration.

Sincerely yours,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1688

DEHRA DUN,

11th November 1918.

MY DEAR MR. SAMARTH,

I hope this finds you well. I am leaving for Baroda on the 16th of November. If it is not inconvenient to you in any way, I shall be very glad if you will come and stay with me for four days in one of the palaces. I shall let you know of all changes made and other particulars, if any. I shall expect you to come the next evening of my arrival. I have been undergoing some treatment here for obesity. I think it has done me some good.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1989

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

12th November 1918.

MY DEAR MR. RUSSELL,

I am starting to-night for Bombay *en route* to Ooty. Will you kindly come and have a dinner with me to-night at 8.30.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1690

ST. MOUR, DEHRA DUN,

14th November 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA, (OF DEWAS, S.B.),

I thank you for sending me your interesting note on the Reforms Proposals, which I shall study at my leisure. I trust that Your Highness is in the best of health and that the epidemic is not bad in Dewas.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1691

DEHRA DUN,

15th November, 1918.

MY DEAR AMBEGAONKAR,

You know there are still some Talukas and Peta-Mahals, where the Revenue Officers still work as full magistrates. I want a scheme, which should point out all the arrangements needed and its cost, if these Revenue Officers were not to do judicial work. Kindly give me this information soon. I shall be leaving this for Baroda on Sunday next. I shall motor from here to Delhi and 5 p.m. on the some days. The 18th I shall get into a special train. I hope this will find you will.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1692

DEHRA DUN,

15th November, 1918.

MY DEAR KESHAVRAO,

I was glad to receive your letter, but I felt very sorry for the number of people have lost. I offer my sincere condolences on their demise. I shall be leaving Dehra-Dun on Monday next the 18th. I shall get into a special train at 5 P.M. the same day en route to Baroda. I hope Shiwaji Rao is doing well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1693

DEHRA DUN,

17th November, 1918.

MY DEAR DEWAN SAHEB,

I have been reading some of the lectures delivered by Mr. R.R. Powar. I should like his case to be submitted soon as to his promotion with the necessary information. I am starting at once for Delhi by motor, but I have dropped this during the spare few minutes that I have got.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1694

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

17th November 1918.

MY DEAR SIR JOHN,

I have been thinking of writing you a friendly letter for some time. I have arrived just this morning and been seeing my old town and streets, thronged with people. I was glad to see them as I am feeling myself much better in health. I found Bombay is very warm and so is Baroda though it is not yet midday. I am looking forward to the Prince's visit. I will try my best to see that he is happy and well in Baroda. After the royal visit, I shall try to visit Lord Reading. I hope you and Lady Wood are well. Please remember me to her.

Your sincere friend,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1695

MAIDEN'S HOTEL, DELHI,

18th November 1918.

MY DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD,

I am on my way to Baroda and will catch the morning train for it on Wednesday the 20th. I have no business to talk about and no desire to inconvenience you in any way. If you wish to see me during my stay here, I shall be glad to call on you tomorrow, if you will kindly mention the hour. I hope you are well.

Yours sincerely,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1696

DELHI,

19th November 1918.

MY DEAR MR. CLARKE,

I shall be starting to-morrow morning for Baroda. I am glad to see that the work of translation is getting on well. I feel that Mrs. Strong's lectures must see the light of the day in the vernacular, otherwise my object will remain unfulfilled. I

think something may be devised either in the way of translation or light lectures to bring the comparative and modern view of religion before the public. Mr. Widgery should devise something to carry out this before long. The great thing is to supply material and make the people think and apply that knowledge to their daily problems. I wish this, so that you may see these views roughly expressed and sincerely carried out. Lectures on mythology would interest some.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1697

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

26th November 1918.

MY DEAR COL. MEADE (LATE RESIDENT AT BARODA),

Now that the Christmas and the New Year are approaching, I write to send you my sincere wishes for your happiness and I hope that Christmas spells Peace and Goodwill; but this time it will be especially so since we are all rejoicing now that the great and terrible War has ended in such complete victory. The joy here is very great; but it must be tremendous in England. Everywhere in India there are festivities and these next three days are celebrating in Baroda. Of course, we have felt in many ways the prince of War, but if can be nothing to what you have endured in the West. I wonder how long it will take before things become normal again. I shall be so interested to hear how you have fared. I have not heard from you for a long time and I hope you have not forgotten Baroda and your old friends there. Mr. Weeden writes, that he had met you at a party and I was so glad to hear of you. My youngest son Dhairyashil who got this commission last October and is at Cadets' College, Indore, tells me your son is there and I am so very pleased.

I trust this Influenza epidemic has not touched you and yours at all. In India, it has been an awful scourge which has swept the country through, carrying off far more than even plague did. In Baroda it raged too, and this was the finishing touch to a very bad year; for already my poor State has suffered all last winter from a terrible visitation of a plague,

then the summer rains almost failed and you know what that means and now has been this sickness. You can imagine that. I hope the New Year will bring better things for Baroda.

I am thankful to say that my family and I have kept well. We have travelled about a good deal during the past twelve months. Did I tell you before that we had stayed with the Viceroy at Simla for a few days in October in 1917. I am glad to tell you that His Excellency has now promised to visit Baroda at the end of March next. On our way home, Conference which was to meet early his month has to be postponed owing to the virulence of the Influenza epidemic; it is to take place at the end of January. In Mysore State last December we witnessed the Kheddah or wild elephant rapping operations in jungle a great sight indeed. Then I spent nearly three months in Bombay but not in my own house, I visited Deolali and the wonderful caves of Ellora and the stronghold of Daulatabad which, I am sure, you must know. The wondering of my eldest daughter to the elder and now only son of the Maharaja of Kolhapur took place in April. After that I spent the summer in Ootacamund where we had were in Mussoorie and Dehra Dun where a five weeks' course of electric treatment did Her Highness and myself much good. It was very cold there before we left and the trees were all tinted red and gold, an effect that always gives me pleasure as I look. Now we are at home again, and at present are enjoying a cold spell. With renewed good wishes, my dear friend, I am.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1698

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

7th December 1918.

MY DEAR RAJA SAHEB (PRITHVIPALSINGH, OUNDH),

I thank you very much for your letter of the 4th December 1918 and the one before that about the employment of your friend. I shall let you know soon about the latter, I am glad that the coat has reached you and that will remind of me. Her Highness showed me the letter she has received from your wife. I read it. I am glad that both of you are well. I hope

you will have a good time of Lucknow and after arranging your affairs at your place you will be able to pay us a visit. We are doing well and the weather in fine. Kindly remember me to Rani Saheb.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1699

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

8th December 1918.

MY DEAR LORD REAY (LONDON),

As the Christmas season and the New Year are now approaching, I must send you my warm wishes for your happiness and prosperity, and I hope that 1919 will bring off the best to you. It is some time, since I heard of you. I trust that all has gone well and that your accident of last year has not proved troublesome in all the privations, that in the west you have had to endure. In India, we are devoutly thankful that the awful War has ended so gloriously. All the country has celebrated the triumph, and in Baroda we have spent three days in festivities and feeding the poor. Undoubtedly, the pinch of War has been felt in India, prices are very high, there has been great profiteering and shortage, and, added to this, the rains this side almost entirely failed this summer, so that for us some little time must elapse before things can become normal again. As you have probably heard, epidemics have swept the country through; plague last winter was very bad, and influenza this summer did. Baroda suffered severely from both. I trust that the outbreak of influenza has not touched you or yours. My family and I have kept well, I am glad to say.

This time last year, I had but returned from Mysore State, to which the Maharaja had invited me to watch the exciting operations of trapping wild elephants. Most of the early part of the year, I spent in Bombay, where I paid a visit to those wonderful cave of Ellora, which you know. We returned home in April, when my eldest grand-daughter was married to the now only son of the Maharaja of Kolhapur. May and June and part of July I was in Ootacamund, where we had very fine

weather, the monsoon practically failing entirely there too. We spent October and November in Dehra-Dun, where a course of electric treatment did Her Highness and myself very much good. Before taking it, we had three weeks in Mussoorie on the hills above Dehra. Winter there was coming on, for the trees coloured leafage was very beautiful. On my way back from the north, I stayed a couple of days in Delhi, where the Princes' Conference was to have met in November; but it has to be postponed to the end of January owing of the influenza epidemic. I dined with the Viceroy and he renewed his promise to visit Baroda in March next. In October my youngest son got his commission; and he is now very busy at the Cadets' Training College at Indore. Now we are home again and it is very pleasant here. I hope I may soon hear from you. In the meantime, please accept the assurance of my kindest regards and good wishes.

Your ever sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1700

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

8th December 1918.

DEAR SIR HUGH DALY (ISLE OF WIGHT, ENGLAND),

As the Christmas season and the New Year are now approaching, I send you my warm wishes for your happiness and prosperity. You were so kind last year as to send me your greetings and good wishes and it gave me a great pleasure to receive them. I trust that during this past year, when you have had to endure privations and hardships unknown to us in India, you have both kept well in spite of trying conditions. Now awful War is all over, and gloriously ended. All India has been celebrating this past fortnight, and in Baroda we spent three days in festivities and feeding the poor. I hope that the outbreak of influenza in England has not touched you and yours. You have heard what terrible scourge it has been to the whole of India, and Baroda suffered very severely also. The State has had a bad year generally, for there was an epidemic of plague raging all the cold weather, then the rains

failed almost entirely and now the influenza has given the finishing touch.

We spent the summer months in Ootacamund, where we had the pleasure of seeing your daughter and her husband and bonny boy. She will be sure to have told you of her visiting us at Woodstock, and we was her again at Bangalore. We are just home now from Musoorie and Dehra-Dun, where a course of electric treatment did Her Highness much good and myself also. It is quite cool here. With kindest regards, I am.

Yours very sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1701

WILLINGDON SPORTS CLUB, BOMBAY,
12th December 1918.

MY DEAR LORD WILLINGDON,

Please be so kind as to let me borrow the services of the most expert Government Press-man. I want his services to advice and help me in improving the Baroda Press. Terms should, if possible, be arranged beforehand.

Yours very sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1702

HOTEL RITZ, PARIS,
14th December 1918.

MY DEAR PILAJIRAO,

I hope you have received my wire. I am glad that you sent the letter. You expressed yourself very well indeed. I agree with you in several points. One of my difficulties is that none of you are near me to remind the points I neglect. Severants only care for their case and self-interest and do not help their master enough and intelligently. Our service has to be improved, but to do it in time, one has to be reminded of the harm the neglect is causing. Again the reminder has to be given at a proper time, and not when one is ill, as poor Khasherao Jadhav had been doing with best interests.

I propose to appoint you on Rs. 350 as Naib Suba with usual prospects. You say that I have kept my relations at arms' length. You are right. I did so under impression that I was serving public interest; but I think it has been carried probably too far; because none of you have talked to me your feelings. I have felt the need of one you being by my side and suggested it to Ganpatrao, your brother. He has taken no advantage of it. None has realized the importance and sense of duty involved in it. I have not to get it done by order. For this very reason, I have taken Bhausaheb* in my staff; but his knowledge is poor and he is engaged in other duties. He is, I must say, very willing. There is none of you to look after me. What is the good of having so many relations, when they are not prepared to sacrifice a bit of their leisure.

Officers and some of our relations are very zealous of you, Gaekwars. To avoid worry, I have probably taken too much notice of their feeling and tried to hold the balance too nicely. World is not to be paid too much attention. Let us try to connect relations in the future as far as we can, in a suitable manner. We can discuss the contents of your letter, if necessary, when we meet. I wonder where you are when you receive this note. I hope you and all yours are quite well. I am doing better. Please keep this letter.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

*As an A.D.C.

1703

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

17th December 1918.

MY DEAR RAJA SAHEB (OF NANDOD),

It will give me great pleasure, if you and your wives pay us a visit during January next. I hope you will be able to stay in Baroda from the 2nd of January to the 7th of Janury 1919. I hope Your Highness will inform me of the composition and strength of your party, to enable the officers here to make the necessary arrangements. Let me kindly know the date

and hour, on which you propose to arrive. Your Highness, I hope, enjoyed your stay at Bombay.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1704

LAXMI VILAS PALACE,
18th December 1918.

MY DEAR GENERAL BIRDWOOD (RETD G.O.C. BARODA STATE ARMY),

As the New Year is now approaching. I must send you my sincere wishes for your happiness and prosperity; and I hope that 1919 will bring of the best to you. It is some little time since I heard your news and I trust that all has gone well with you in England. Before telling you of our doings in Baroda, I must assure you of my profound sympathy over the loss of your daughter, which must have been a great shock to you. It was to us too, for as we passed through Bangalore in July we had heard how well and happy she was there.

You must be more than thankful that this awful war is over and has ended so gloriously. Your family have contributed a large share in bringing this end about, and you must be proud of your name. All India has celebrated the triumph; and in Baroda three days were spent in festivities and feeding the poor. Undoubtedly, the pinch of War has been felt in this country, though probably nothing compared with what you have faced. Prices are very high, there is great profiteering and shortage and added to all this, the rains this side almost entirely failed this summer and you know what that means. Then as you have probably heard epidemic have been scourging the country through. Plague last winter was very bad, and influenza this summer and autumn has carried off far more than ever plague did. Baroda suffered heavily from both. I hope that the influenza outbreak in England has not touched you or yours. My family and I have kept well I am glad to say.

Just this time in 1917, I had but returned from Mysore, where the Maharaja had invited me to witness the thrilling Kheddah or elephant catching operations. The early part of this year. I spent mostly in Bombay, whence I paid an instructive visit to the age old Caves of Ellora. Then in April,

my eldest grand daughter was married to the now only son of the Maharaja of Kolhapur, and after that Her Highness and I spent the hot months at Ootacamund, where we had marvelous weather and scarcely any monsoon. This October and November, we were in Mussoorie and Dehra-Dun where a course of electric treatment did us both immense good. The autumn tints in the north are very beautiful. On the way back, I stopped at Delhi, where I dined with the Viceroy; and his Excellency renewed his promise to visit Baroda in March. Did you hear that Dhairyashil has got his commission in October last? He is now at the Cadets Training School, Indore, and is kept wery busy. We are having a wonderfully cold December, and it is extremely pleasant. With kind regards and all good wishes. I am,

Yours ever sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1705

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

20th December 1918.

MY DEAR, COL. IMPEY (LATE RESIDENT),

At the New Year is now near, I must send you my sincere wishes for your happiness and prosperity in 1919. I trust that all has gone well with you in England and that you have your son or soon will have him with you. You must be more than thankful that this awful War is over and with such a glorious ending. I have been reading of the scenes in England, when the news was first known. Were you in London? All India has celebrated the triumph, and in Baroda these three days were spent in festivities and feeding the poor. Undoubtedly, the pinch of War has been felt in this country, though probably nothing compared with what you have faced. There is great shortage, profiteers have flourished, prices are very high and, added to all this, the rains this side almost entirely failed this summer, and you know what that means. Then as you know also, epidemics have been scourging the country through. Plague last winter was very bad, and influenza this summer and autumn has carried off far more than ever plague did, Baroda suffered heavily from both. I hope that the

influenza outbreak in England has not touched you or years. My family and I have all kept well, I am glad to say.

Just this time in 1917, I had but returned from Mysore, where the Maharaja had invited me to witness the thrilling Kheddah or elephant catching operations. The early part of this year, I spent mostly in Bombay, whence I paid a most instructive visit to the age-old Caves of Ellora. Then in April my eldest grand-daughter* was married to the now only son† of the Maharaja of Kolhapur. After that Her Highness and I spent the hot month at Ootacamund, where we had marvelous weather and scarcely any monsoon. This October and November we were in Mussoorie and Dehra-Dun, where a course of electric treatment did me immense good. How beautiful the autumn tints are in the north. On the way back, I stopped a couple of days at Delhi, where I dined with the Viceroy; and His Excellency repeated his promise to visit Baroda in March. Did you hear that Dhairyashil has got his commission in October last? He is now at the Cadets' Training School, Indore, and is kept very busy. We are having a wonderfully cold December and it is extremely pleasant. It was a pleasure to see your sister again, as we passed through Delhi. She told me she hoped to return to England in the spring, and if so, she has promised to stay in Baroda on her way to Bombay. With kind regards and all good wishes, I am,

Yours ever sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Shri Indumati Devi*

† *Shri Rajaram Maharaja. The marriage took place on 1-4-1918*

1706

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
23rd December 1918.

MY DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter dated the 3rd Instant, inviting me to stay at the Viceregal lodge on the occasion of the Ruling Princes' Conference at Delhi in January next. I must thank Your Excellency for the kind invitation. As at present arranged I do not, however, propose to attend the Conference. Owing to

the failure of rains and the consequent prevailing scarcity, I am busy considering program of relief; and I intend to visit and personally inspect some of the affected districts. It is, therefore, with feeling of sincere regret that I have to forego the pleasure of meeting Your Excellency in January next. Let me take this opportunity of wishing you and Lady Chelmsford and members of your family a happy Christmas and New Year. With kindest regards to Your Excellencies.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1707

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
23rd December 1918.

DEAR COL. POTTINGER,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 22nd Instant from Rajkot. I shall let you know in due time when I am going to pay a flying visit to Rajkot. I hope you will have a pleasant trip. I wish you and all yours a happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1708

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
23rd December 1918.

MY DEAR JOHN (SIR JOHN WOOD, POL. SECRETARY TO THE VICEROY),

Let me wish you and Lady wood a happy Christmas and New Year. I was thinking of coming to the Conference, but gave it up, as I was not feeling quite better owing, I was told, to bad liver. I also did not know who was the Pucca Secretary of the Princes' Conference in the absence of the Maharaja of Bikaner. He had written to me in answer to mine that the Jam should take his place. I think, to do justice to the question and interests appointments should be more systematically done than seems to be the case. Every body ought to have his

say. We are preparing for the famine. I hope your health is better. With our united regards to you both.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1709

LAXMI-VILAS PALECE, BARODA,
23rd December, 1918.

DEAR SIR CLAUDE (HON. SIR C. H. A. HILL. DELHI),

I think you both for your kind good wishes, which I heartily reciprocate. I hope the treatment at Dehra-Dun has done much good to Lady Hill. I was in Bombay for a day on the 20th of this month. The weather was nice and pleasant. I have not yet met the new Governor. I hope this finds you both well. With our united regards to you both,

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1710

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
24th December 1918.

MY DEAR DEWAN SAHEB,

Will you plase let Sampatrao sit in the Council till you have disposed of the list of work now before the Council. I hope this will not take more than a day or two. Kindly also dacide the suggestions Sampatrao has made. It is good to encourage the making of useful suggestion.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1711

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
27th December 1918.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

Mr. datar, who has many financial question to study and attend to, should be relieved from the duties of a Councillor.

I should like to be more effective in your supervision. You must insist on Heads of the Departments to attend to their duties with care. Where my help is required, not to ask for it, is to fail in duty. I find delay in the disposal of several question, which is bad. I want explanation of the Revenue Department for delay in the matter we discussed.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1712

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
30th December 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KASHMERE),

I have received your letter of the 22nd Instant. I am sorry that I did not write to you for a long time. It is, however, not owing to my having forgotten you, but it is due to a little slackness in health. Your Highness is always in mind and I have a great regard for you. I am exceedingly thankful to Your Highness for the seven parcel of apples so kindly sent for me. The fruits were excellent. I had asked my Secretary to acknowledge receipt of the same and to convey my grateful thanks to Your Highness, which he has done under his letter of the 5th Instant.

Owing to the failure of the last monsoon and abnormal rise in the prices of the foodstuffs owing to the War, this current year is a bad one for this State and consequently I shall have to go into the districts to see conditions and thus I shall not be able to attend the ensuing Conference of Ruling Princes. I am very sorry, therefore, that I am obliged to forego the pleasure of meeting you at Delhi. I am however, thinking of one day visiting you again in Kashmere. Yes, many thanks. Her Highness, myself and other members of the family are doing well. I hope you and all yours are also doing the same. With kindest regards,

Your sincerely friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1713

LAXMI-VILAS, PALACE, BARODA,

30th December 1918.

DEAR MR. BUMPUS (PRESIDENT, TUFTS UNIVERSITY, BOSTON, U.S.A.)

I have great pleasure in introducing to you my friends. Mr. and Mrs. Metha, who are on a bridal trip round the world. Mr. Metha is a nephew of the late Sir Pherozshah Metha. Patriot and leader of the Moderate Party in Bombay Presidency. Mrs. Metha is a daughter of the well-known family of Bombay, capitalists and philanthropists, and is much interested in social and economic question affecting the status of women. I shall appreciate any assistance in the way of introductions and advice, which you may give them to make their stay in America interesting and profitable. With kindst regards to yourself.

I am, Sincerely yours,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1714

LAXMI-VILAS, PALACE, BARODA,

31st December 1918.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF INDORE),

I have to thank Your Highness for your Christmas gretings, which I reciprocate and for your note on the Reforms proposals by the Secretary of State and Lord Chelmsford. I read it with great interest and pleasure. I compliment your Minister on its production. It is excellent. I hope this find you and all yours perfectly well and happy.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1715

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

3rd Janury 1919.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN, BARODA),

I wish to have now decided the Secretariat or suggestions submitted for the working of our officers. This question has

long been pending. There are many subjects, that I want to talk to you. At present our energies are more employed on petty or routine questions and details than important questions of progress and developments. The outlook of officers is too narrow. The supervision lacks intelligence. The subordinates require more direction by example than numerous paper-circulars. The Dewan is responsible for all this. I shall not write more at present.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1716

LAXMI-VILAS, PALACE, BARODA,
3rd January 1919.

MY DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD,

Allow me to thank you heartily for your kind greetings on my getting G. C. I. E. Well Your Excellency kindly convey my thanks to H. I. Majesty the King-Emperor for his kindness? I hope you are having a pleasant time in Calcutta. I am sorry that Lady Chelmsford will not be able to visit Baroda. I hope she will have a pleasant trip to Europe.

Yours very sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1717

LAXMI-VILAS, PALACE, BARODA,
7th January 1919.

MY DEAR RAJA SAHEB (PRITHVIPALSINGH, LUCKNOW, OUNDH),

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 4-1-1919. I am not going to Delhi and will be in Baroda territory, occasionally making tours in the districts. I should recommend you to make up your programme and give us the pleasure of the company of you both. I have received the Rani Saheb's kind letter which I have not been able to answer yet owing to pressure of work. Please remember me to Mr. Thakur B. Singh B. A. I mixed him up with some other gentleman who had come to Baroda with the introduction of the Maharaja of Kashmere. This is the first time I have met your friend. He strikes as a nice young man

who ought to get on well in life. He was an intelligent and a pleasant besides he had a good tall and erect figure and polite manners. I hope this finds you all well.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1718

BAHADARPUR,
14th Junuary 1919.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI, (DEWAN, BARODA),

Unless you anything to point to the contrary, I wish Mr. Joglekar to work in the Sar- Suba's Office with some special powers. His position is not to be constructed less than a Suba, while in the Revenue Head Office. Khasherao Jdahav should work as Suba of the Baroda Division. Other orders needed by this change, should be asked for.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1720

MEHESANA (KADI DIVISION),
17th January 1919.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN, BARODA),

I have been here since the 14th. I have looked about things without going into them. I am disappointed that facilities have not yet been given to Mehesana and people of other town to extend their habitation. Time is wasted in circulation of papers from office to office, from an individual to individual. Is this not becoming a general fault of the administration? By interest and proper intelligent supervision, this can be checked and should be checked. At one time the police, I understand, had the power to bring people; who offended against the Abkari Laws of the State to justice; but since the creation of the Abkari preventive force, the police officers think that it is no longer their duty. If this be so, I think they are wrong. Do you not think so? If you agree, an order setting right their impression should be issued. Show me the draft befor it goes out.

The police should not only have the power to bring Abkari offenders to justice, but should be, I think, specially empowered to examine the liquor shops with the view to see that Laws and Government Orders are carried. This they can easily do, while touring on their own duties. This will have double check and superivision over some of the Abkari transactions. Will it be wise and practical to entrust the supervision of the Abkari administration entirely to the police.

Please show this hurriedly written note of mine to Mr. Hurst*, Who should help to decide some of my querries. I am glad to notice that the police are well housed in several places not to talk of Mehesana itself, which has a splendid accommodation. I wish the lines of Sepoys were more pushed on. Tell Hurst to do it.

I have increased the number of Naib Subas in the Revenue Department and I think, under good and exacting supervision, the increase of expenditure will be repaid. I think Navsari Suba also will have be given a personal. Naib-Suba. To get full benefit of the work of the personal Naib-Suba they should be given sufficient number of competent clerks under them, besides having a proper division of work between the Suba and his Assistant. Personal Naib-Subas should not be created as highly paid Chitnisas or attendants, which is so often the case with all trained superiors They should have immediately under them men of the Mahalkari's grade. I am coming back here after my return from Rajpipla. I should like to result by setting many questions on the spot. For this the officers should be more ready and place matter before me with view than waste my time in Tamashas. Remember sometimes men like us are not allowed to know true state of things.

Our legitimate energies are wasted in attending to trifles or we are defeated in doing useful work by delays and by placing matters before in an incomplete and unsatisfactory way. All this ultimately is doing no good except perhaps temporarily to a few interested, dishonest people. I have already written you much and given vent to some of my feelins. I must cease from inflicting further pain of deciphering my hand- writing. I hope this finds you well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* The then Commissioner of Police.

1721

LAXMI-VILAS, PALACE, BARODA,

25th January 1919.

DEAR MRS. POTTINGER,

I arrived quite safely in Baroda last night about an hour late. There was time enough on the way to have a look round Viramgaum which is quite an interesting old town with its ancient walls, lakes and temples. It is not necessary for me to tell you how much I enjoyed my stay with you at Rajkot. The two days in your charming house in pleasant company were like a tonic. I hope that and Col. Pottinger will be able to come down and see Baroda some day. With kind regards to yourself and husband.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1722

LAXMI-VILAS, PALACE, BARODA,

25th January 1919.

MY DEAR ABASAHEB (SHRI. SAMPATRAO'S SON SITARAM),

I have received your note of the 17th January 1919. Do not enter the service, if it does not suit or please you. There should be no sense of sacrifice or obligation on your part in any way whatever. Beyond a certain start and sensible promotion, I shall bind the State no conditions. Any exception to the general Rules and practice will not be encouraged. I shall be glad to provide you with a bungalow at Baroda. And have it furnished to a limited extent. This is a kindness.

Do not let us waste time in writing and talking. If you really wish to enter the State Service with a heart, do so, and then the Dewan and you can write out necessary understanding. I do not undertake to advance any money. I shall now write no more and close this private note.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1723

LAXMI-VILAS, PALACE,

25th January 1919.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF MYSORE),

I am just writing to introduce you Madam de Balan, a lady, who takes great interest in social and education affairs, She has travelled extensively all over the world, and has just organized the social welfare-work at the Tata Iron and Steel Works at Sakchi. She has been staying as my guest for some time, and has been interestingly examining all the institutions in the State. I hope that you will give her the necessary facilities to see Mysoer thoroughly. Are you going out of Mysore this year during the hot weather? I am thinking of going to Kashmere and may come to Ooty late in the year, when I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you. I hope that your brother and the rest of the family are all well. With kindest regards.

Your sincerely friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1724

SAOLI-CAMP,

26th January 1919.

MY DEAR JAISINH,

I hope you will be in Baroda, when on the 29th. Her Highness casually spoke to me that you are feeling uneasy about your Nemnook or certain points in connection with it. I did not quite understand what she referred to. I have separately told you and tell you again that if you make any inquiries in a business-like way about your interests, they will always be welcomed and explained. Making inquiries verbally, indirectly or through others is apt to cause misunderstanding, which is best for all concerned to avoid. If you do not act up to this, please remember that it will be your own fault alone and of no-body else. I write this merely in a friendly spirit to warn you against any business-like way or methods. You are at liberty to write to the minister instead of to me, if you find

that convenient. I have sent a copy of this note to the Dewan, Mr. Manubhai, for his guidance.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1725

LAXMI-VILAS, PALACE, BARODA,
7th February 1919.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KOLHAPUR),

I am sorry that I am so late in answering your kind note. Please excuse me for it. I think you did right in giving more pay to the cheetawalas. Many Thanks about the hint concerning the Feudatory Princes. You can send the cheetas to the Baroda territory; but they should not kill many deers in one and the same preserve, so as to spoil it. I should like to send me some of trained cheetas for hunting. I will take a few of them to Kadi or rather Harij, If you do not mind. My kind remembrances to all there. I hope this finds you all well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1726

LAXMI-VILAS, PALACE, BARODA,
11th February 1919.

MY DEAR SON SHIWAJIRAO,

I have already sent you some letters that I wrote to Prince Jaisinh Rao about his allowance. If you have anything to ask on the same subject, please do so, Do not write vaguely but write as clearly as facilitate its disposal. I want to deal with the question of your allowance as finally as I conveniently can.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1727

LAXMI-VILAS, PALACE, BARODA,

12th February 1919.

MY DEAR RAOSAHEB (SHRI, SAMPATRAO GAEKWAR),

I have just received your letter of the 11th Instant. I have told the Minister to let you sit in the Sardar- Adalat and the Harraji Committee. In the course of time, I hope more work will be found. You may be asked to join in making Abkari auction. Please treat these as private letters, and see that they do not contradict official orders. I will keep this also in mind and see that contradictory orders are not issued. It is getting hot every day.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1728

LAXMI-VILAS, PALACE, BARODA,

13th February 1919.

DEAR MR. MAYNE,

I am very pleased to have had the opportunity of looking over the Rajkumar College. There are many things about the College, which I liked; but there are certain things, which, I think, could be improved. I am, therefore, sending you my impressions briefly.

I should like to sub-divide what may be called, the shortcomings, under two heads.

I. Remediable; II. Irremediable.

The remediable short-comings are-

- I. The assistant masters are not, as a body, judging the little I saw of them, fit for a school of this description. In my opinion, something more than mere academic qualifications is necessary, to make a good school-master for the class of boys, that come to your school. The masters should be man of considerable presence and capable of taking a prominent part in social,intellectual and sporting activities in such a way, as to make a good and lasting impression on the masters was mixing on equal terms with your guests at the Garden Party, given

by you at the College. Context with the type of masters, that you have at present, cannot possibly prepare the boys for the larger world, in which these boys will subsequently move.

- II. The lack of the common dining hall for the boys is a great draw-back. Doubtless, you say that the boys' parents object. My reply to that will be, keep such facilities and let those boys, whose parents do not object,- I am sure there will be many—take advantage of it.
- III. The religious education, at present imparted at the College, is, if I may say so, a mere farce; and the Shastree, so called, is nothing but an ignorant Pujari.
- IV. There should be a competent games master. The best way to catch the imagination of the boys should be to have some well-known young sportsman of good social standing. Such a man would take a regular and active part in games with the boys that they would look up to him and obey him implicitly.
- V. The assistant masters should be recruited from all parts of India, and should be selected on a purely non-denominational basis.
- VI. As far as possible, the boys should be kept away from all social functions except such functions as are inseparably connected with the life of the school, e. g. speech-day or annual sports or a big inter-school game.
- VII. At big school-functions, old boys or parents of present boys should, as a rule, be asked to preside rather than big officials, who are in no way, actually connected with the school. Every boy should be made to feel that some day he may himself be a president. It would be a kind of incentive to the boys to try and command respect from other.

These are the remediable short comings—

The irremediable short-comings of the College, and there is only one, is that it is situated in what may be called a metro politan town. This necessarily means that the friends and parents of the boys are always coming up and disturbing the routine of their lives. Apart from this, the social activites in a small town, which is the seat of the Government, are bound to have a disturbing effect on the creation of a proper

academic atmosphere. Of course, there is so much in the school that is obviously good, that it would be superfluous to mention it, e. g. the personal interest that you take in the welfare of the boys, the excellent building and arrangements; but these things, good as they are, cannot by themselves achieve the object of turning out these boys absolutely fit for the high places, which many of them are destined to fill in after life. I feel very thankful to you for showing me the ordinary daily working of the College without the slightest preparation or alteration of any kind. I hope that you will take my remarks in the spirit of co-operation, in which they are meant. Possibly I am wrong, but this is what I feel in the mother. I am sorry that I have taken long over my reply. With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1729

LAXMI-VILAS, PALACE, BARODA,
24th February 1919.

DEAR COL. WOOD (SPECIAL FAMINE DUTY OFFICERS),

I was very sorry to see from your letter that famine conditions are very acute in Kathiawar. In Amreli also conditions are very bad. I am sending you Rs.3,000 as a donation towards your fund. I would like to have sent more, but there are so many calls from within the State, that it is practically impossible to give any material help to outsiders. I hope that you are well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1730

LAXMI-VILAS, PALACE, BARODA,
27th February 1919.

MY DEAR RAJA SAHEB (PRITHVIPALSINGH, LUCKNOW),

I feel sorry at your departure and that of the intelligent, genial and refined Rani Saheb. My consolation is that, we shall meet again and before very long. I have found your

company most enjoyable, interesting and instructive. I find difficult to get frank, intelligent and sympathetic friends to exchange ideas and views. To have persons like that to deal with, is health giving. As a sincere mark of my regard and respect for the noble qualities of you both, and as a small souvenir of your this visit to Baroda, I am proposing to send you small presents which I wish you to accept with my sincerest wishes for your welfare. The presents will take time before you get them as it is not easy to find suitable ones.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1731

LAXMI-VILAS, PALACE, BARODA,
28th February 1919.

MY DEAR MR. WHITENACK,

I intend to try an experiment, which I should like to work out through you. Of course, you will be given all legitimate help. Your new designation will be "State Agent" in place of a better one till suggested. All purchases of articles for the State will be made through you alone. You will be responsible to see that the articles are as required or demanded, and unreasonable prices are not charged. The object of the step is to secure to the State any commissions occurring in the transactions in the usual course, which may be now going wrong quarters. I am sending this to give you an opportunity of developing the idea. I write this in the absence of full information.

Yours sincerely.
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1732

LAXMI-VILAS, PALACE, BARODA,
6th March 1919.

MY DEAR PRATAPSINH,

I was glad to have your letter. I hope the two boys you mentioned in your letter, do not now quarrel with you. You should yourself give no ground to fight. I hear you have been to

Wadhwan. I hope you enjoyed your trip and the game. It is getting very hot here. It has begun to be warmer earlier than usual. I have received Major Webber's letter about your progress.

We are having the tennis- tournament here; and it gives us something to do in the afternoon. Your mother and Devi come there every day, and goes about from court to court watching the different players. Please remember me to all there. I hope this finds you well. I am sorry that for press of work I could not answer your nice note earlier. Adieu. With all my good wishes for your welfare,

Your affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1733

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
7th March 1919.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

I have anxiously and patiently waiting for you to submit the case of the Sar-Suba Mr.Nimbalkar and the confusion caused in the Abkari contracts, but yet without any result. To put it in a mild way, this is reprehensible. Cases ought to be submitted for orders as soon as they are ready, instead of waiting for an indefinite supposed opportunity. A conduct like this is bad for all concerned. Please hurry up and take orders.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAIKWAR.

1734

LAXMI-VILAS, PALACE, BARODA,
28th March 1919.

MY DEAR GANPATRAO,

I shouldlike to have an expression of your impression about the way Mr. R. N. Joglekar conducted himself and his work about the recruiting riot,* that took place in Baroda about the September 1917. I hope this finds you well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Small riot-took place, but soon was subsides.

1735

LAXMI-VILAS, PALACE, BARODA,
2nd April 1919.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA,

I am sorry, owing to the pressure of work and the Viceroy's visit, I could not find time to answer earlier Your Highness printed letter about the construction of a temple at the Ajmer Mayo College. I send Rs. 5,000 (five thousand) to Your Highness for the temple. I am extremely sorry to hear of the sad death of the junior Maharani Sahiba. Please accept my sincere condolence in your sad loss. I hope this finds you well.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1736

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
9th April 1919.

MY DEAR SON (SHIVAJIRAO),

I was very glad to get your letter of the 7th Instant putting all your difficulties before me. I am sorry that you feel troubled about these things. I will, therefor, briefly give you my views on the subject.

You make several points in your letter, which I will answer separately for the sake of clearness.

I do not know how and by whom you were given to understand that Hakim's pay would not be charged to your budget. He was relieved entirely from his duties at great inconvenience to the service for your sake. He was given to you practically as a Private Secretary; because Her Highness thought that he would be the most suitable man. So I think you will agree with me that it would not be fair to the State to pay him from the Department.

- (2) Moreover, all the appointments of companions, who are unfortunately nothing more than care-takers, are brought on by your own conduct.
- (3) I am glad that you are choosing your own companion this second time; and I hope it will prove a good choice. Naturally, you will pay for a companion of your own choice.

Hakim, of course, will revert to his own duties, when you get Abdul Karim-Khan In your service.

- (4) You say that you cannot manage to pay the expenses of a separate trip to Kashmir and to Naini-Tal for your wife and children. Of course, the more sensible proceeding would be for you all to go in party. But, unfortunately, your conduct in the past, when you have gone alone with your family, has been such that Her Highness naturally wishes to avoid such difficulties, and the easiest way to keep you in place, where there is last temptation. This ought to have been thought out long before. If you assure that you will keep straight at Naini-Tal, I see no reason why you should not go there.
- (5) I am much pleased to hear that you have, at least, decided finally to lead a better life, I assure you that it will be a happy day for me, when I am fully convinced by a fairly long experience that you have carried out your resolve.

I am sure that you will not think me unfair or unjust if you will think just by yourself, if I do not feel very sanguine about your declaration in the light of past experience.

However, I will do all that lies in my power to help you once you convince me that your resolve was not mere talk but as firm determination to do the right thing and to remove the stain, which, I am sorry to say, has latterly soiled your fair name and that of the family. If I find, at the end of one year, that you have honestly carried out your resolve, I shall be prepared to re-consider the questions of Hakim's pay etc, raised in your letter in a favourable light. In my opinion, one of the best means for you to get over your weakness, would be to occupy yourself usefully and consistently.

If the doctors do not consider it necessary for you to have a change and especially for a long period, I do not insist on your leaving Baroda at all. If you decide to remain in Baroda, I hope that you will continue working steadily.

I am sending this letter through your mother, as I have asked her to look after your arrangements and welfare, and also to avoid any misunderstanding.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1737

JAYA-MAHAL PALACE, BOMBAY,

14th April 1919.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

You all will be shocked to hear the sad and unexpected death of Mr. Whitnack. I only came to know of his death to-day. His wife is leaving for Baroda to-day. Please ask Dr. Mayer and other friends to look after her in her sadness. I propose that you should pay her his three months' salary. This will enable her to go to her country. Besides this, please pay the bill that Major Webber may send of his funeral expenses. I have no idea of this item.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1738

JAYA-MAHAL PALACE BOMBAY,

14th April 1919.

MY DEAR SON SHIWAJIRAO.

I was very glad to receive your of the 12th April and to see that you are really resolved to improve. I have no objection to your taking the money out of the Joint account as you suggest. I am giving you provisional sanction in anticipation of your sending up a tippam for formal orders. I am glad that you are going up to Kashmir, with your family,

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1739

JAYA-MAHAL PALACE, BOMBAY,

17th April 1919.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF INDORE),

I have already sent you a telegram thanking you for sending me your radium and the specialist. I hope the trial would show improvement in the condition of my daughter in- law Padmaavati. I am trying to take her to Mussoorie, where the

advantages of both the radium and the climate can be combined. It is possible however, that the patient would not bear such a long journey through the heat, and in that case the radium treatment will have to be continued here. May I request Your Highness in such an eventuality to kindly send the radium here for a few trials, which take place, I understand, at the interval of some twenty days? Three days will be lost each time, but since radium is not available elsewhere. I may have to trouble Your Highness for some time. Kindly let me know by wire if you can comply with my request. By the way you must allow me to bear all the expenses in that respect, as I have to trouble you constantly in the matter. Trusting Your Highness and the family are enjoying very good health, and with kind regards.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1740

JAYA-MAHAL PALACE, BOMBAY,
26th April 1919.

MY DEAR RAJA SAHEB (OF BANSDA),

Thank you for your letter of the 21st April 1919. I know Ambegaokr more than Subnis, and I take him to be a good man. Please do not judge from this I want to make any disparagement of Subnis, who is younger than Ambegaokar. I send herewith Subnis's letter addressed to me. I send it for Your Highness perusal and favour of return. You can well understand that a person like me can have but only a partial knowledge of officers, their contact being limited and their work coming through so many channels and so many forms. I should request you to decide the matter early. I hope this finds you well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1741

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
28th April 1919.

MY HONOURED AND VALUED FRIEND (LORD CHELMSFORD),

I have duly received Your Excellency's letter dated the 17th. Instant forwarding for my information a copy of Resolution No. 549, dated the 14th Idem regarding the serious disturbances, which have arisen in consequence of the agitation against the passing of the Anarchical and Revolutionary Crimes Act. I was very sorry to learn about the disturbances, which were reported to be specially grave in the British districts in Gujarat adjoining the Baroda State.

I am glad to inform Your Excellency that so far as I am aware, the contagion has not spread to my territories. Your Excellency may certainly count upon my full support and co-operation in the suppression of outburst of lawlessness; and I am thankful for Your Excellency's expression of confidence in me in that regard. With an expression of the high consideration. I entertain for Your Excellency, I beg subscribe myself,

Your Excellency's sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1743

JAYA-MAHAL PALACE, BOMBAY,
9th May 1919.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (DEWAN BARODA),

I have been mentally taking a view of the state of affairs of the Baroda official world. I think you particularly and other high officials ought to help me more and save my energies being misapplied. Hardly any initiative (of importance) is taken by the high officials. There mode of doing work is hardly instructive to the subordinates, who require much direction and supervision. You high officials study more your individual likes and dislikes and suspecting each other than seeing to the turning out of hard solid and substantial work of quality. You seem to be satisfied in doing most ordinary routine work

than seeing whether you cannot help the State and the Maharaja more. The higher an official seems to go more he studies his individual comforts and sentiments, though they may be wrong. When I appointed you, I had in view more to utilize you than your predecessors, who were, as a rule, older than yourself.

I do not wish to express by this that, you are deliberately neglecting my wishes, but in a way the result is poor than it ought to be, judging by my experience and result of work. With any Maharaja and particularly with a working, the minister ordinarily works as his Secretary and be in close touch. The people are feeling in a way ruffled and I feel that, I am not in touch with them and their interests. The official world and its method of work requires some modification. It was with this view that I wrote to you to hand over department to somebody and devote your energies more fruitfully in supervising and relieving me from worthless work. I feel that, I am kept away from being more useful probably by the systemic than due to any individual. All this must change. I have asked you to be in attendance for a time, so that Naoroji may go back. He is a very good and promising officer, but requires more actual experience of work and detail. I am anxious to utilize him and he should try more effectively to respond to my call. Let him go back. I shall probably talk to you more than I have written. I hope you will excuse my short-comings, that you may note in this note. The phraseology of the official correspondence is changing, which requires approval. Phraseology is a symptom.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1744

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
16th May 1919.

MY HONOURED AND VALUED FRIEND (THE VICEROY LORD CHELMSFORD),

I greatly regret to learn from Your Excellency's letter of the 9th Instant and the communiqué attached thereto of the wanton and unprovoked acts of aggression on the part of Amir Amanulla of Afghanistan. It is really a painful surprise that

at the time when the world is eagerly expecting the conclusion of peace in Europe, the Amir should have ventured on an insensate collision with the forces of the British Empire. There could be no doubt as to the ultimate result of this conflict; and I fully share Your Excellency's conviction that, with the ample resources at the command the British Empire the Victory will be speedy and complete.

I need hardly assure Your Excellency of my whole hearted co-operation and support in the prosecution of the war. I endorse entirely all that Your Excellency says about the Muslims; and I confidently expect that my Muslim subjects will be true to their splendid traditions of loyalty. It is, doubtless, wise and forethinking statesmanship on Your Excellency's part to anticipate and guard against any slight tendency to internal disorder, which may arise as a consequence of this war. Your Excellency may rest fully assured, if any such tendency manifests itself within my territories, I will do the utmost, that lies in my power, immediately and unhesitatingly to suppress it with a firm hand. With an expression of the high consideration I entertain for Your Excellency, I beg to subscribe myself.

Your Excellency's sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1745

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

1st June 1919.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF GWALIOR),

I thank you very much for all the trouble you have taken in giving me information etc. about your Simla House. I think that it is far too large a property for the purpose I have in view. I realy only require a small cottage for casual visits. Is Your Highness going away anywhere for the hot weather? I am going to Kashmere today. It is getting unbearably hot here now. In a way it good, as I hope that it means a good and a early monsoon. I hope that Your Highness is very well. With kind regaeds,

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1746

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

1st June 1919.

MY DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD,

Your Excellency will remember that I had written to you some time ago about acquiring property in Simla. I find, however, that the house, which I was thinking of buying, is too big and expensive for the purpose I had in view, namely to keep a small bungalow for occasional trips by me or my children. I have, however, seen a very desirable property in Mussoorie belonging to Col. Lenox Coningham R. E. He is willing to sell me the property. The U. P. Government had reported adversely on a former occasion, when I had asked to be allowed to acquire property in Mussoorie. I do not see what difference it make to the Hill if acquire an already existing property. Your Excellency probably knows that I do not carry a large and unwieldy routine about with me whenever I go; so there can be no real objection on that score either. I shall be much obliged, if Your Excellency could arrange about this business, and get the U. P. Government to remove their objections.

I am starting for Kashmir this evening. It is very hot in Baroda now. Your Excellency will remember how hot it was, when we had the pleasure of welcoming you here. Well, it has been getting hotter and hotter ever since. I hope that Your Excellency is well. I must apologize for troubling Your Excellency in such a trivial matter; but there is no other course open to me. With kind regards,

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1747

SRINAGAR, KASHMERE,

11th June 1919.

MY DEAR COL. HOLLAND (POL. SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF INDIA),

I am writing to ask you about my buying a property in Simla, which I think you said in Baroda, there should be no difficulty in doing, if wished it. I enquired of His Highness the Maharaja Scindia about his Simla House and I find that he wants for it

three lakhs. Now considering the comparatively little use I am likely to make of a Simla property. I am not inclined to spend so much, and so I must look for another site or house. Perhaps you would be able to tell me, if you know of any. I should be very grateful but at the same time I do not wish to give any trouble. It is not easy I know to find a suitable property in a short time and besides, if people know that a Maharaja is looking for a house, the price becomes fabulous.

Just before leaving Baroda, I wrote to H. E. Lord Chelmsford about purchasing a property in Mussoorie. The reason that I tried for a house there is that, after Simla it is the nearest good hill station to Baroda, just over 30 hours away, and it should be so useful for me or my family to go there at any time for change or for bracing air. I do not wish to be asking too much from His Excellency so he would prefer my having a house in only one place, I must then choose according to circumstances.

Shrinagar is very hot and I do not like the heat at all, so I want to go. To Gulmarg as soon as I can. Can you tell us when Lady Chelmsford returns and the date of Their Excellency's Silver Wedding? Will you very kindly convey my compliments to His Excellency Lord Chelmsford? With my kind regards and hoping you are well,

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1748

GULMARG, KASHMERE,
19th June 1919.

MY DEAR MR. WILKINSON (RESIDENT AT BARODA),

I have to thank you for kind letter, which I was glad to receive a few days ago. I am sorry that I had to leave Baroda at the very time of your arrival. I should have Liked to see something of you talk on several things with you. Let us hope we may have opportunities of doing this in the future. I am glad that my Dewan got the C. S. I. If it is a mark of appreciation of my administration, Does it not come too late? However, we have to be glad even with small mercies. My policy has been uniformly to be friendly with the British Government though that aim has been at times misinterpreted and misunderstood.

Kashmere is very hot this year. Srinagar was almost unbearable. Gulmarg is better. I have made one or two very nice excursions. The scenery was very beautiful with large expanse of snow shaping glens of soft grass and pines with running rills of ice cold water. The meadows were full of pink, yellow, violet, blue and white flowers. They looked so striking and picturesque in the *valvety* deep green grass. We were the first to make this excursion this season to Gud-Bal near Ala Pathar Yesterday we rode upto Killinmurg, where we had a bit of tobogganning. The snow was of right hardness and thickness, the slope being long and not precipitous. The feeling was very refreshing. I am glad that there has been some rain in Baroda itself and many districts. I hope the rain will continue to fall at proper time and to the proper extent. Everything in India depends upon the rain. I hope this finds you well,

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1749

GULMARG, KASHMERE,
21st June 1919.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (H. H. UDAJIRAO* POWER OF DHAR),

I am glad to receive your letter of the 15th June 1919. I will be glad to place the information you want at your disposal. The best thing will be to send a good officer of yours for a few days to Baroda and let him pick up all the information he wants. I am writing to Manubhai my Dewan, that, when an officer comes from Your Highness, he should be given all the information and facility to pick up any knowledge that he may be in need of. As I am long way off and shall take lot of time to correspond from here you will kindly write to the minister direct. Her Highness is at Shrinagar and will come up here to-morrow morning. I hope you and all yours are well. With my kindest regards to you all,

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Died on the 29th July 1926 at Solon near Simla. He was suffering from Consumption for nearly three years.

1750

GULMARG, KASHMERE,

24th June 1919.

MY DEAR COL. MEADE,

I have to thank you for your letter of some little time ago, which I was glad to get, with all its news. Your son will have told you that he was in Baroda in April. I was so sorry not to have seen him there; but I was in Bombay at that time; however, I hope, he will pay Baroda another visit, when we shall welcome him. Dhairyashil is getting on well at the Training School, and he likes the life and work and with your son there he feels he has a family friend. Last March the Viceroy paid a visit of two days to Baroda. He saw the sight, opened new Railway Shops and then afterwards wrote me such a very nice appreciative friendly letter. We hope to have Lady Chelmsford and her daughters to visit us this coming winter. I am greatly pleased that my Dewan Manubhai Mehta has just been honoured with the C. S. I. You will have seen it in the Indian list, of course.

The Residency has seen many changes lately. Col. MacDonald was followed by Mr. Leunx Russell who is now transferred to Hyderabad Deccan and last May came Mr. W. P. Barton, previously Judicial Commissioner in Peshawar, but he only stayed barely a month, as he was needed in Wajirestan being a frontier man. He may come back again. Meanwhile Mr. Wilkinson has come; you may remember that he was once with my second son Shivaji Rao.

Her Highness and I came upto Kashmere in the first week of June; we were late in getting away from Baroda, as travelling was made difficult first by the Panjab disturbances and next by the heavy transport traffic to the Afghanistan front. The heat of the journey was very exhausting and then when I got here, the temperature of Srinagar was above normal, so I have come upto Gulmarg. Shivaji Rao and his wife and family of two boys and a girl are with us. I hope the Mrs. Meade and you are both keeping well. With our warmest remembrances to you, I am,

Yours most sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1751

GULMARG, KAASHMERE,

25th June 1919.

MY DEAR MR. CLARKE (COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, BARODA),

I thank you for your letter of the 17th Instant and its contents. I am glad that some useful work is being done by your Department and hope, it was not only continue but grow in its activity. There is a great field for doing good through the success of your Department. I shall be looking forward to your several proposals, which you promise to send in the usual channel. I have given certain powers to your subordinates about finding children or rather their parents for non- attendance at school under the Compulsory Education Act. I believe they did not have this power which was exercised by the Vahiwatdars. I hope the Deputy Educational Inspectors and others concerned will show by results that they are competent to exercise this power. I am very busy with Messrs. Widgery and Gupta and others.

It has rained here lately and the climate has become cool and the forests are splendid; I wish you happen to see the country some day. I may invite you to visit this place during my stay here. I hope this finds you, Mrs. Clarke and her daughter quite well.

Your sincerely,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1753

GULMARG, KASHMERE,

27th June 1919.

MY DEAR SIR ABBAS ALI BAIG (LONDON),

I am sorry to have been so long in thanking you for and replying to your friendly greeting sent at Christmas time. Many thanks for them. I was glad to hear the news of yourself and family and I hope you are keeping well and happy. As you see by my address. I am up in Kashmere and Her Highness and my second son and his wife and family are with me. We arrived in Shrinagar early this month; but finding the temperature there in excess I came up at once to Gulmarg. We had left Baroda later in the year than intended at first as

owing to the illness of my dauther-in-law Padmavati, I wanted to stay as long as I could. She is better now, however and back in Baroda from Bombay, where she was taking radium treatment. There were also some difficulties this spring in travelling North, first because of the Panjab disturbances and next, owing to the concentration of troops on the Afghanistan frontier beyond Pindi, whence one strikes for Kashmere. The heat of the journey was abnormal, but that is all forgotten now in the pleasantness of this beautiful country. We shall be here till the autumn I expect.

I am hoping to be over in England next year, if all goes well and things have settled down more there. Do you find living more troublesome than it used to be before this labour unrest? I wonder if you will have seen my daughter and the Maharaja of Cooch-Behar and their family in London. Last March, the Viceroy paid a visit of two days to Baroda, and His Excellency as well as we enjoyed it very much, and I had such a nice appreciative and friendly letter from him afterwards. We hope to have Lady Chelmsford and her daughters to visit us this coming winter. Did you meet her in London lately? My Dewan Manubhai Mehta has just been honoured with C. S. I. and I am very pleased. You must have it in the list of Birthday Honours. We are hoping we shall have good rains this year, as in 1918 there were none at all in Baroda and Gujarath, and this spring the cattle as well as the poor have suffered terribly in spite of State aid. A little has already fallen, but nothing compared with is needed. You know Kashmere; do you not? And its wonderful scenery and mountains. I find it is Lady Ali Baig, I am,

your sincerely friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1754

GULMARG, KASHMERE,
27th June 1919.

MY DEAR WEEDEN (REV. E. S. WEEDEN, NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD),

It is some time since I received your letter and I know you must be wandering where I am at the present moment. I am up in Gulmarg in Kashmere. Her Highness and I came North

in the first week of June and we had to endure a very hot journey as that time is too late for travelling. I had not wanted to leave Baroda at all really, as my daughter-in-law Padmavati was very ill and in Bombay getting redium treatment however she is better now and back in Baroda. I want in to Gulmarg where it is very pleasant and over 8,000ft. up. It is very interesting to me to see and feel too, how permeate this country is with spirit and influence of the Moghal and specially of the wonderful Nur-Jehan, and how it has lasted all this time as seen in the still lovely gardens they made which we moderns enjoy this day. We shall be here till the autumn I expect, and we hope to return much fresher than when we arrived. The air is most life-giving and I sit out of doors and walk as much as I can and the rain allows. How do you find England these days? Is the atmosphere settling down a little? I suppose it will never be again as before the war. Probably I am come to Europe next year to see for myself. Last March the Viceroy paid a short visit to Baroda and he and we enjoyed it very much. We hope to have Lady Chelmsford and her daughter to visit in this coming winter.

The Birth-day Honours this year have included a C. S. I. for my Dewan Manubhai and I am very pleased. The rains in India have begun and none in 1918 will have plenty this year. The cattle have suffered terribly this spring and the State has had to make provision for them. There were also opened cheap grain shops for the sake of the very poor, since crops failed altogether last year.

You ask about getting out another edition of that book. I must leave to you as you know best about conditions for it. Thanks for telling me you were thinking of it. I hope you are quite well and will keep so. With kind regards, I am,

Yours ever sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1755

GULMARG, KASHMERE,
27th June 1919.

MY DEAR DR. NEVINS,

It is some time ago that your letter came to me and I have never answered; but now that I am up in Kashmere and have

some leisure, I must not leave it any longer. I thank you for it and for your kind inquiries. As you see by the address Gulmarg is where Her Highness and I have settled for a couple of months and is over 8,000ft high, and there are snow capped mountains all round the horizon near as well as far. From the large chalet lent us by the Maharaja of Kashmire we look right down to the plains and up again to Nunga parbat and other snows. The air is very good and I sit out and walk as much as I can and the rain allows. I find it is good to be here. With me is your friend Dr. Jadhav who with alpenstock and energy sadly limited by his size negotiates the endless hills as a penance rather than a pleasure.

I left Baroda rather late in the year only on June 1. My daughter-in-law Padmavati has been ill all the spring and she was in Bombay having radium treatment till ten days ago when she returned to Baroda a little better; but the doctors say the case is inoperable and incurable. And this is a sad thing as she is so young. Her son now ten years old I sent to Rajkot to the school there, but he came back after four months to his home when his mother developed this cancer. Baroda had no luck last year in the way of rains nor had Gujarat generally and consequently the poor and the cattle have had to suffer much in spite of State aid and cheap grain shops. We hope we shall get our full share this monsoon though it is none too promising at present. The Tyabji family are still in Baroda; he has retired and now enjoys his leisure with his family who are well, the sons all settled and the younger daughters growing up. He lately bought a house in Mussoorie where they are for the summer. They still have the same house in Baroda.

In March last, the Viceroy paid a short visit of two days to us and afterwards. I had such an appreciative friendly letter from His Excellency who enjoyed his stay as much as we did. He promised that Lady Chelmsford and her daughters would pay Baroda a visit on their return from England this winter. I hope that you have been since I last heard from you and that next year we may meet in England. With my kindest regards. I am,

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1756

GULMARG, KASHMERE,

28th June 1919.

MY DEAR MR. SPIELMANN,

You must not think that because you have not heard from me that you are therefore forgotten. That cannot be. But this year I have had little leisure for my friends, as I have been very occupied with work and visitors and yet my thoughts have often turned to England and every one there. I hope that your wife and son are well, and that you too have kept well. Do you find your change of home pleasant and do you like Oxford better than London? I expect you are very often up in town, as it is so near. When do you think it will be wise to send the pictures out? Their home awaits them empty and I await your opinion. Her Highness and I are up in Kashmere till the autumn and it was intended to stay in Srinagar where we have a very nice house lent us near the Dal Lake and the famous Nishat Bagh and the Salamar gardens, but the abnormal heat drove us at once to this height and here it is good to be. The views are grand we look down to the plain and away to the unconquered snows and from the other side of the house through tall pine trees to the near snow topped mountains. I am out as much as I can be, and getting freshened up. We shall go down to Srinagar in September probably for shooting and expeditions.

Baroda was very hot when we left on June 1st. I had stayed as long as I could for my daughter-in-law Padmavati was ill in Bombay and I had been going between Baroda and Bombay all the spring as I was anxious. However she is better and back in Baroda now. Then the 1919 total failure of rains in Gujarat and my State made for great suffering this year and the poor and the cattle have had a hard time in spite of help like cheap grain shops and food control generally from my Government. I am trusting that the monsoon this year will exceed all we need, though it is none too promising at present. You will probably be meeting Mr. Coyle. After doing admirable work in Baroda he has retired and is to settle down in London. He will tell you how Mr. Samuel had left the service and is now with his wife and her sister Begum of Janjira touring in

America where his wife is lecturing on Indian music to interest America and obtain funds for an Indian Musical College. I hear they return in November to India.

The Viceroy has spent two days in March last in Baroda and he expressed his enjoyment of it in a very friendly and appreciative letter after it was over. We are hoping to have Lady Chelmsford for a visit in the winter. With kindest regards from Her Highness and myself to you, all, I am,

Your very sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1757

THE PLACE, GULMARG, KASHMERE,
5th July 1919.

MY DEAR DEWAN SAHEB,

His Highness the Maharaja Saheb has received your two letters of the 29th Ultimo. His Highness inclined to think that Shrimant Pratapsinh Raje ought to have some companions and the two boys regarding whom a telegram has already been sent this day for their being sent to Rajkot for one term if their parents agreed in deference to the opinion of Major Webber, although backward in their studies, will it is believed be proper companions for him and on their return continue to be until further orders.

As regards Sardar Ghorpade's son His Highness would like him to live with the Webbers along with Shrimant Pratapsinh Raje. About the other two boys orders should be taken as to what they should do on their return from Rajkot. His Highness desires it should be borne in mind by Major Webber and others that the interests of these boys are not allowed to suffer.

I am directed to say that some suitable arrangement should be made for the education of Shrimant Pratapsinh Raje at the local high school. A few subjects should be selected and he should attend the High School from two to three hours per day for these subjects. The classes, that at present probably consisting of 30 to 40 boys or more boys, will prove too unwieldy and some arrangement will have to be made, by which about the 15 boys of good moral character should be selected and formed into a class with Shrimant Pratapsinh Raje. This

special class will be taught by the teachers who usually look after the class or the remaining boys being thought by the teachers engaged for Shrimant Pratapsinh Raje.

Shrimant Pratapsing Raje will in this manner be brought into contact with other teachers than those, to whom he is accustomed. He will also be able to mix with several boys and a spirit of healthy competition will be engendered in him. He should be made to freely join the students in their games and sports and should be brought up in such manner as to give him a fair idea of what public school life is. Of course every precaution will have to be taken that he does not find himself in undesirable company.

With regard to the remaining subjects the present arrangements are to continue and Major Webber and Mr. Sardesai will have to see that they are not neglected. I am to request you to show this letter to Shrimant Dewan Bahadur Ganpatrao Gaekwar.

His Highness is anxious to know the condition of the monsoon there and I have already sent you a wire with a request for a bi-weekly report about the rainfall, that being sent for the information of His Highness. This report may be discontinued when the four districts have received sufficient quantity. We are having fine weather and Their Highness are keeping good health. A wire has already been sent to H. E. the Viceroy offering congratulations for the glorious peace achieved by the allies. His Excellency is also requested to communicate His Highness' sentiments to His Majesty the King-Emperor. Prince Shivaji Rao and family are at Shrinager. It is rather warm there at present and cholera raging in some place. With regards,

Yours sincerely,
G. B. AMBEGAOKAR.

1758

GULMARG, KASHMERE,
5th July 1919.

MY DEAR RAJE SAHEB (RAJA PRITHVIPAL SINGH, MUSSOORE),

I am sorry that I have not answered your note upto now. It was due to want of time. I thank you and the Rani Saheb for

the kind letters and wish you both to forgive me. I received good news of affairs in Baroda though I should like to here better account of the health of my eldest daughter-in-law. We are all doing well here and are well housed here by the kindness of the Maharaja of Kashmere. The place I find warmer than I expected and rain is wanting. To- day this afternoon it is cloudy and windy and appears as if the rain may come down any moment. I am still trying to buy a place at Simla or Mussoorie.

Prince Shivaji Rao is at Shrinagar and may come here later. You must have seen Brize Mahal. He is probably by now back in Baroda. I hope you are both well. How is the climate at Mussoori? With my kindest regards to you,

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1759

GULMARG, KASHMERE,
7th July 1919.

MY DEAR DEWAN SAHEB,

I have received your two letters of the 29th Ultimo and others also. I thank you for them. I have no desire to pain Padmavati in any way in the present condition of health; but for that reason the bringing up and education of Pratapsinh should suffer as little as possible and this fact must not be selfish on her part. I do not say that she will behave so. Ambegaokar has probably written to you about some of my views and I hope he has communicated them sensibly. At present I am not inclined to write much, so I shall say nothing more about it.

When Dr. Mayer returns, Dr. Patel need not be sent for from Bombay as Dr. Mayer or any other decent doctor will be able to attend the patient and carry out the instruction given by the more competent medical authorities.

I am glad there has been some rain in Baroda and I hope the prospects of the season will improve and give us good crops. I hope this finds you and all yours perfectly well.

The weather here is not as cool as I had experienced before. There seems to be a want of rain. I hope you are supervising

well all the departments of the State and seeing that co-operation and co-ordination is well maintained and that work is promptly attended to by the different officers of the State. I thank you for expressing your views in certain matters of appointments with frankness.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1760

GULMARG, KASHMERE,
13th July 1919.

MY HONOURED AND VALUED FRIEND (H.E. THE VICEROY),

It is with feelings of sincere pleasure and rejoicing that I have read Your Excellency's announcement of the conclusion of peace, which has brought to a termination the greatest war ever waged in History, continue uninterruptedly and afford time and opportunity to make up the dreadful loss, the Empire has suffered in men and material and the people in prosperity.

On this happy result, I beg Your Excellency to convey, as I have already wired, my feeling of respectful congratulations to His Majesty the King Emperor, and of my sincere loyalty to his person and attachment to his illustrious throne. May the new Era thus gloriously ushered in by the Great Peace ever witness the knitting together of the vast British Empire in still closer bonds of affection, mutual trust and good will.

I am sincerely thankful to Your Excellency for kind reference to the help, which my State has been able to render to the empire during this great war. I appreciate very much Your Excellency's kindest and good-will towards me and my State. With an expression of high consideration I enterain for Your Excellency, I beg to subscribe myself,

Your Excellency's sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1761

GULMARG, KASHMERE,

14th July 1919.

MY DEAR RAJA SAHEB (RAJA PRITHVIPAL SINGH),

As you know, I have been thinking for some time to buy a decent property in Mussoorie. I am told that I am not likely to get the house of Col. Sir G.G. Conyngham. Will you kindly find out without pledging yourself whether we can buy now the Frosty Hall property and at what price? We have had rain here yesterday and weather is much cooler. We are all well and hope the same is the case with you. With our kind regards to you both,

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1762

GULMARG, KASHMERE,

15th July 1919.

MY DEAR RAJA SAHEB (OF KOLLENGODE),

Thanks for your letter of the 30th June last. It is nearly over a month and a half since we have come here. We could not leave Baroda earlier this time and we found Shrinagar also rather hot. Here again there has been deficiency of rain and Gulmarg is not as cool as usual. We had, however, a few showers and the weather has become much cooler. The post of the Curator of the Museum at Baroda has not fallen vacant. However, Mr. Anant Krishna Iyer may be asked to write to the Commissioner of Education Baroda, direct and get whatever information he may require in the matter. Her Highness the Maharani and myself are doing well and hope the same is the case with Your Highness. I am glad your sojourn at Coonoor has done good to your health.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1763

GULMARG, KASHMERE,
17th July 1919.

MY DEAR LALSINH (SHRI. ANANDRAO GAEKWAR'S SON),

Thanks for your letter of the 15th Instant. I should have been delighted to pay a visit, but at present it is impossible as I am laid up with an attack of rheumatism since the last three days. I am confined to my room. I wish you better weather for your trips in the valleys. This year the weather has falsified all expectations. Even here the weather is not as it should be. To-day I am giving the children's fancy dress party to which I must go though I am quite lame. Mr. Chawan's services are not required by the State and that is why they are dispensed with. I wonder whether a man can have grievances for that. He has been given some allowances more for your sister than the value of his services. Under the impression that he was not to get anything. I sanctioned a scholarship of Rs. 40 p.m. for his son. Please remember me to Damaji Rao. I hope this will find you both well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1764

GULMARG, KASHMERE,
22nd July 1919.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (SIR PRATAPSINH OF KASHMERE),

Allow me to congratulate Your Highness on the seventy-first birth-day of yours and wish you many returns of it. I am sure the people feel in it Your Highness a kind and loving Ruler and your friends share equally in that tribute. I have been laid up with an attack of gout and it has confined me to bed the whole week. I hope to be all right soon. I take this opportunity of thanking Your Highness for making us so comfortable here as well as at Shrinagar not only this occasion but on many others. I wish Your Highness all prosperity and happiness. I propose to send a small present to your Highness as a souvenir of this day which I wish Your Highness to accept. It may take some time to select a suitable present, even I may have to go to Europe for it. You will kindly excuse if it is sent late.

Before concluding this, I have to acknowledge Your Highness' kind letter of the 19th Instant. I have been rather slack in writing. In future, I shall send news to Your Highness from time I do not propose to go to Delhi for the Conference, I hope the cholera will soon be stamped out and restore peace to Your Highness' mind.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1765

GULMARG, KASHMERE,
25th July 1919.

MY DEAR NEPHEW (SHRI. D. B. GANPATHRAO S. GAEKWAR),

I was glad to hear from you some time ago and I have already caused an answer to be sent about a part of its. Contents concerning your son. I hope he is getting on well. The weather here has been very hot. I am disappointed with it. I expected to have a cool and bracing weather. Lalsinh and Damajirao left this place two days ago en route to Baroda. They are going to visit several place on their way back. I do not think they enjoyed Kashmere much. I was glad to have them with me for a few days. They seemed to be nice and pleasant fellows. In Kashmere the conclusion of peace was celebrated with much success. They had illuminations fire works, etc. I have had a bad attack of rheumatism and I have been confined to bed though I am now almost well. The attack was a very painful one. I am glad that you have no experience of it. I hope all your children are doing well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1766

GULMARG, KASHMERE,
25th July 1919.

MY DEAR MAJOR WEBBER,

I am sorry I have not heard from you at all since we parted from Bombay. I hope every thing is getting on well with you, your charge and work. Prince Pratapsinh ought to have some

boys as his compainions, and for the present those three; that we have; will do. Have you gone to Rajkote or not? Is Ghorpade staying with you and Pratapsinh ? Has Mrs. Webber returned to Baroda ? I am afraid, it will be very trying for your children to come back. I wonder whether they will not be left at Mussoorie. The weather here is very hot and has not fulfilled my expectations at all. I am glad to hear better and more reassuring news of princess padmavatibai's health. I hope this will find you all well. I shall be soon writing to Pratapsinh as I have almost recovered from bad attack of rheumatism.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1767

GULMARG, KASHMERE,
25th July 1919.

MY DEAR MR. WILKINSON,*

I have not written to you for some time and I am doing it now as I have almost recovered from my severe attack of rheumatism which was more painful than any of the former ones. I hope you are not finding the climate of Baroda too trying. The climate of Kashmere is not at all what I expected. It is hot and there has been no rain. The maize crops will soon need it. Shivaji Rao finds Kashmere very dull and has been stopping all the while in Shrinagar. He will soon be returning to Baroda. I hope you are having good news of your people from England. Please remember me when you write to your wife. With kindest regards,

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* See letter No. 1764 of 19th June 1919.

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GULMARG, KASHMERE,
25th July 1919.

MY DEAR ABASAHEB (SITARAM, SHIR. SAMPATRAO'S SON, BOMBAY),

I have wired you already as follows in answer to your letter of the 15th Instant.

"Write and have the matter discussed with Director of Commerce and Dewan. Letter follows."

I shall be glad to take due interest in matters brought up to me at their proper stage. I hope it will not be late in launching a practical scheme. I should have answered your former letter ere this; but I could not do so as the weather here has been trying and also due to some work, engagements and a severe attack of rheumatism from which I have almost recovered. I am writing this letter partly typed as the result of it. How is Her Highness' horse doing in the races? Thank you for suggesting me to buy some. I shall think of doing so probably a little later, when I am nearer Bombay. The weather here is not what I expected. It is warm almost like that of Baroda. I hope this finds you well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1769

GULMARG,

1st August 1919.

MY DEAR GANPATRAO GAEKWAR,

I have received Shamrao's private letter of the 26th Ultimo, which is enclosed herein. In the circumstances mentioned by him, I do not mind, if he is relieved. In that case, unless you and Padmavatibai suggest any other name, Mr. Govindrao Dalvi may be asked to work as Secretary during Mr. Sardesai's absence. Mr. Ambegaokar has shown me your letter of the 27th; and I am glad you are doing everything you can. I have also seen your wire received to-day.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1770

MAKARPURA,

25th August 1919.

MY DEAR BROTHER (SHRI. SAMPATRAO GAEKWAR),

You spoke to me yesterday a second time about you being allowed to join the Gwalior service without interfering with

your Baroda emoluments and pension. Your reason being that you may succeed in getting more income than you do here, the increase enabling you to pay off your debts. I said "I shall consider the case when it is laid before me", but if it did you good, I would not come in your way. I hinted and may tell you that I let you go as you are anxious for it. The need of a certain type of good officers here is very great, and I spare your services with difficulty. You are practically a Naib Dewan and I was going to declare it, and give you the position.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1771

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
27th August 1919.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KASHMERE),

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 21-8-1919 and its contents. I am glad that you are all well. The patients* here are continuing without any improvement. Everything that is possible is being done for them. The rains have been very timely and copious. The people are quite happy and it is very pleasant to see them enjoying holidays. The country looks so green and refreshing. Please remember me to your son. With my kindest regards to you all.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Prince Jaysinhrao and Princes Padmavati Bai.

1772

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
27th August 1919.

MY DEAR RAOSAHEB (SHRI. SAMPATRAO GAEKWAR),

The idea of buying your library was started to help you than because there was want of books for the State. Since the price offered by the State was not found convenient by you, nothing need be done now than affirming the decision passed before.

I am inclined to think the office of the Exise Commissioner is to be kept and fully utilised. The State may raise that office to the position of that of the Naib Dewan, unless the work is distributed among other officers, which plan is possible. I mention this not to disturb you in any way, but to note at the same time that the State must have an entirely free hand to arrange things as it may consider wise. Whatever the State chooses to do, it will naturally take into consideration the interests of the Offer likely to be affected by the change. So the probability of that change need not unduly affect you. I do not wish to say anything or bind the State about the pay. It is fair to the work and all concerned that an Officer should devote himself single-mindedly to the work he under-takes. You seem to be unsettled in your mind and wish to go somewhere else to further your prospects. This is a matter for you to decide. Before you accept service anywhere else, please take the necessary order in a business-like way, so that there should be no chance of any misunderstanding.

I have got your note of the 26th Instant.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1773

MAKARPURA PALACE, BARODA,

1st September 1919.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KOLHAPUR),

Many thanks for your Marathi letter of the 25th Ultimo. I am told that no cheeta need be sent back to Kolhapur for training. No defect in their previous training has been noticed, so as to justify their sending back. I need not tell how grateful I am for all the trouble you took in traning them. Princess Padmavati is not well. Her malady is a serious one; and one cannot see, when she will be better. Your Highness would be kind enough to let Indumati pay short frequent visits to her mother, whenever we request for them. If long stay is required, we shall inform you of it. Unless necessary, I shall discourage long stays here, as I think Princess Indumati should not forget her duties to her husband and Stat. Prince

Jaisinhrao is not well, and has been advised to proceed to Europe as there will be better facilities for treating him. I thank Your Highness for asking him to go to Your Highness. I have received no saddle of the kind you refer to from Bikaner; but I received one from His Highness the Maharaja of Alwar. It is not at all of the old Rajput style, but an English saddle made in cloth, instead old leather with small other changes. I am sending a plaster of Paris bust of one of your ancestors, which, I hope, you will accept. The rains here have been excellent, and the weather is pleasant. Except to those who have returned from cooler climate. I hope this finds you and all yours perfectly well.

Your sincere friend.
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1774

MAKARPURA,
1st September 1919.

MY DEAR RAJA SAHEB (OF MUDHOL),

I have not written to you for a long time nor have I received any letter from you. I should be happy to learn your welfare from time to time. Prince Padmavati is very ill; and I do not know when she will be well. We are doing all we can for. My grand-daughter Laxmi-Devi is growing fast in health and knowledge. She is doing very well and looks strong and bright. The rains have been splendid upto this time. The weather is good and there is no epidemic. Prince Jaisinh is advised to proceed to England for his health. In Europe he is likely to get more facilities for better treatment. I hope this finds you and your sons perfectly well. Will you please remember me to your sons? With my kindest regards,

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

8th September 1919.

MY DEAR KIRITSINGHJI, OF (NANDOD),

I was very glad to received your kind letters, which are always welcomed. Prince Jaisinh is not well and has been advised to proceed to Europe, where the doctors say he will have better chances of treatment. Princess Padmavati is quite ridden and is very ill indeed. She is suffering from a cancer. I hope you are quite well with all the members of your family. The rains upto now have been splendid. I hope the prospects of the season are maintained.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1776

MAKARPURA PALACE, BARODA,

9th September 1919.

MY DEAR MAJOR WEBBER,

I noticed the other day that I visited the High School, to see Pratapsinh at work, that his Balbodh handwriting was not as elegant and good as it should be. Some of the boys write better. Will you tell this to the proper person and get it set right? One of these days I want to examine him thoroughly to see his progress. I shall let you know the day.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1777

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

12th September 1919.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KASHMERE),

Many thanks for the beautiful painted photograph which I have just received. Kashmere climate must be beautiful now. Here the heat is fairly trying. One can get Turkish bath by a little exercise without any heating apparatus as they require

in cool climates. The crops upto now are splendid. The patients continue the same. I hope Your Highness and all yours are well and happy.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1778

MAKARPURA,
13th September 1919.

MY DEAR MANUBNAI,

I have read the parts marked in your report on the working of the Bombay Secretariat. If beneficial, still I suggest that your recommendation about dividing the Sar-Suba Office should be submitted for orders soon after due deliberations with the Sar-Suba. There is nothing to prevent the further extension of the line on this principle.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1779

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,
16th September 1919.

MY DEAR MR. WILKINSON (W. H. J. WILKINSON, ESQR, SIMLA),

I am delighted to have your kind letter of the 14th Instant. I feel your departure, but we will meet again. I am starting for Europe, but may return any month. Thanks for telling me about the institute. I had tried the treatment, I believe something of the kind on eldest son, but without any effect. The patients here do not want to shake off the habit. However, I will make use of the information. Here it is getting very warm. The nights are bearable. Please remember me to Col. Holland. I hope this finds you well. We are all doing fairly; well in the heat.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1780

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

17th September 1919.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KASHMERE),

I have received Your Highness' telegram Princess Padmavati is not improving. Prince Jaisinhrao seems to be doing better on board than expected, I am going for a short trip to Europe to make certain that the best has been done for him. I am sending a likes of myself to Your Highness, but not of the kind you describe. I hope you have not got one like it. Please remember me to your son. I hope this finds you well.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

17th September 1919.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF INDORE),

I have to thank Your Highness for your telegram about Prince Jaisinhrao's health. Judging from telegrams it seems that he is doing better on board than we expected. I hope it is really a change to the better. I am sorry you are laid up with(?) I hope nothing is serious. I did not know that you were unwell. I hope your children are doing well. It is a pleasure to here from you. I am running upto Europe for a few days.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1782

MAKARPURA PLACE, BARODA,

18th September 1919.

MY DEAR BABASAHEB (SHRI. ANANADRAO GAEKWAR'S SON),

I received yesterday your long and clearly written letter. I am indeed sorry for your past inconvenience. I had no adequate conception of it. Most of your domestic difficulties will vanish

with a little more experience of life and affairs. I think you should also attempt to realise your duties to others besides to yourself, I do not think from my little knowledge, that it would do you an irreparable harm if you went to Europe some months hence than now. You could utilise the time in making your knowledge certain. You must not forget that your stay in Europe has been very long for what you are attaining in the way of examinations.

Examinations have their value, but you are inclined to attach an exaggerated value to them. Knowledge is valuable to the extent it is used. I should not advise you to take several different kinds of examinations. I see no mistake about the condition of service attached to your Mabadla. If you have to point out any cognate reasons against the condition service, I am willing to consider them provided they are written and submitted through the proper official channel and with reasonable time. The Department has been supplied with the vernacular letter, you sent me yesterday, and they are placing the question before me for reconsideration. Please see that your view is represented and you do not grumble about afterwards. You should clear up.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1783

MAKARPURA,
19th September 1919

MY DEAR VANIKAR,

Mr. Naoroji and others have told me that the present work of the Baroda N. S. is too large and, therefore, either Savli or some other taluka may be transferred to another Vibhag. I understand that Savli in the old days was under the Petlad Naib-suba. When I sanctioned the present proposals, I did not scrutinise believing that it was in accordance with the old practice; when including the personal, there were four Naib-Subas. Let Savli be transferred to Petlad according to the old times. I have asked Shivraj Singh to send you a letter on the subject. Unless you have anything to say against this order, please carry it out. If you have any objection, let me know by

tomorrow afternoon. Kindly come to see me at 4-30 p.m. for some business.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1784

MAKARPURA,
20th September 1919.

MY DEAR BABASAHEB (SHRI. ANANDRAO GAEKWAR'S SON LALSINH RAO)

I often think of your and void caused by his demise. Though I did not express to him, I had intended to help him in his expenses towards your education. I carry that intention out by remitting you Rs. 20,000 (twenty thousand) out of the debt you owe to the State. I am sending a copy of this note to the Dewan to give effect to my wishes. The interest of Rs. 20,000 will cease from today, though the actual remission may take some time. I hope I have made myself clear.

Yours affectionately.
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1785

JAYA-MAHAL PALACE, BOMBAY,
21st September 1919.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

R. Luxumanrao, the grandson of Sir T. Madhav Rao, son of Boulubai his daughter, is anxious to join our service even by resigning or taking pension from the British Government. He was once in our service. Thinking that his secretariat experience might be of use to us, I wish you to ask the loan of his services for two years. I believe this will be agreeable to him. His present pay seems to be Rs. 200 p.m. You can pay him to start with Rs. 150 p.m. more. He will be graded as a Naib-Suba and his future prospects regulated by the Rules of the Service, Provided he succeeds in giving complete satisfaction. He should be asked to work in the Sar-suba Office. He is now serving in the Madras Secretariat in the Revenue Branch.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GARKWAR.

1786

CLARIDGE'S HOTEL, BROOK STREET, W. I.

6th November 1919.

MY DEAR COL. MARTELLI,

Many thanks for your letter of 31st October 1919. I do not think I can comfortably mount a horse over 15 hands. Now I think that the horses you selected last time were excellent in point of height. Personally I should like horses not less than 14-2 and not more than 15 hands and preferably black in colour-more specially the horse which is meant for presentation. However if a really good horse an inch or so beight is available it may be chosen at your discretion. Your choice last time was so good that I would practically leave the matter entirely in your hands. Please find out Mr. Creagh's terms including his terms for travelling, if it becomes necessary. At present I am living in very small room in the hotel owing to lack of space, but when more accommodation is available I shall be very pleased if you can come down and stay with me. My plans for my stay in England are rather uncertain owing to the difficulty of procuring passage.

If you can let me know how long it will take you to choose the horses at your convenience. I can then decide whether I should buy the horses at once and use them here or wait till I have returned to India before asking you to buy. I am glad to here about your daughters and the Kettewells. I must thank you for all the trouble you have taken and hope that you are very well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1787

CLARIDGE'S HOTEL, LONDON,

28th November 1919.

MY DEAR COL. MARTELLI,

Many thanks for your last letter. I do not approve of the arrangement for the October's (?) fees. It would be better to fix a lump sum to be paid to him either (i) per horse, or (ii) on the whole purchase. Please let me know what you think about this.

I am going into a Nursing Home from this after-noon for eight week or so. Will you therefore, please address all further communications to my Secretary, whose name and address I give below—

My requirements summarised are as follow—

For myself—No. of horses. When wanted. Where wanted.
2nd April 1920 In London.

They should be perfectly fit for me to ride in the Park. Not later than To be sent February 1920 to India.

These should be sent up to London after all arrangements for shipping, etc., have been made and kept here for a few days to give me a chance of seeing them.

For my son Dhairyashilrao who will be in an India. Cavalry Regt—1 February 1920 To India.

This horse should be fit for him as a charger and may be shipped with the other horse to India.

That is six horses in all. The average price about 140 each and height 15 hands to 15-2 are quite all right except for my son's inquire whether it will be possible to get two ponies about 14 hands to 14-2 hands, not too heavily built for children. Of 11 and 18. These are for my grand children.

I should also like you to let me know when you are likely to be able to ship these horses and what the shoping charges are likely to be. Many thanks for all the trouble you are taking. I hope you are well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

P. S. I. have asked you to send the horse to India by February, but if that is inconvenient please do not hurry yourself. I am only particular about the two horses in London. S.R.G.

1788

CLARIDGE'S HOTEL, BROOK STREET, WI,
29th November 1919.

MY DEAR DEWAN SAHEB,

I am sending you a book which may perhaps prove useful at your Conference. I hope you will be able to come to a sound and wise conclusion. I wish you all success. I am deeply interested in it. Please let Manubhai know when you see him

that you have the book if he wants to see it. I enjoyed conversation with you immensely.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1789

CLARIDGE'S HOTEL, BROOK STREET, W. I.,
4th December 1919.

MY DEAR LORD READING,

Many thanks for your kind note. I propose to see much of you and will with pleasure call on you. I do not wish to trouble you to come here. I am writing this, because you will be sorry to learn the death of my son, a young man of 29 years old. I learnt of it only three days ago. I had just begun my rest-cure when the sad news came. I shall look forward to see you after the cure. I will let you know when I have finished it. I hope this finds you better.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1790

CLARIDGE'S HOTEL, BROOK STREET, W. I.,
10th December 1919.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

We are stunned by the sad news of my son Shiwajirao. Please see that everything is done for his wife and children. Please arrange to send Laxmi Devi to England to meet me. I shall see what can be done for her education here. Dr. Dastur should be sent with her. I believe there is no necessity of a lady to be with her for the voyage. You can ask the stewardess and some good lady passenger to be kind to her and help her. Dr. Dastur will be allowed to study and come on duty when wanted. It should be arranged with him that he does not leave the service without making good the money spent on his training. I also want Appa Dore, the cook, who serves me in Baroda to come here for learning the modern art of cookery or to serve if need be. If I cannot arrange to teach him cookery I shall wire not to send him. He too cannot leave the service

without making good the money spent on him. He must be prepared to teach what he learns in India. Dr. Dastur and Appa Dore, if not paid the Bhatta, will be given reasonable expenses.

It is understood that Laxmi Devi and others will be sent if physically fit. Except such cloths as are wanted on the voyage the rest will be made here. The persons coming had better come all the way to England by sea.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1791

LONDON,

14th April 1920.

MY DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD (VICEROY, SIMLA),

Many thanks for your Excellency's letter of the 18th February. I am so glad you liked the little book. I was at that time in Switzerland under doctor's orders taking an after cure, after my rest-cure in a Nursing Home in London. I was in the Nursing Home for about nine weeks and I must say that, on the whole, I found the enforced rest and regularity very beneficial. For the first month I enjoyed it very much; but after that I think I began to get somewhat too self-sympathetic. When personal health becomes one's principal business in life, I find that there is a tendency to attach undue importance to the little daily physical variation.

After London I went to St. Moritz, which was bracing. There are several falls of snow even after I went there, although the season was practically finished by then. From there I went to Montreaux, which was a great contrast to St. Moritz. It was like going from winter into spring. In a few hours we were in the midst of beautiful spring foliage and blossoms and in mind and relatively relaxing air. After staying there for some time, I came back to London via Lucern and Paris.

I was very pleased to hear to Lady Chelmsford's scheme for spreading the ideal of nursing in India and I think it will be a great national boon of lasting and increasing importance.

This has been my first experience of Nursing Home and nursing, and although the cure was rather exacting, I am

hoping for results, which will make it quite worth the trouble and loss of time. I am still taking the after-cure and have not yet regained my normal strength; but I think that Eastbourne will set me up. I have so far been practically an invalid and have not been able to get about and see things and places; but I hope to get fit enough to travel and look round a bit before the next cold weather, when I am looking forward to coming out to India. Many thanks for your invitation to stay with you, when I will come back. It will be a pleasure to see Your Excellency again with kindest regards to Lady Chelmsford and yourself from the Maharani and myself.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1792

GRAND HOTEL, EASTBOURNE,
24th April 1920.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA SAHEB (OF GWALIOR),

I have to thank you for your letter of 22nd February 1920 about the Maratha Education. I was not able to deal with it personally as I was away in Switzerland completing my rest-cure. I was in a Nursing Home in London at first for a couple of months and then I went to Switzerland for a similar period. I think it has done a deal of good. Enforced regularity. Of habit, a quite life and punctual meals, etc, go a great way towards resetting one's nerves, so to speak. I am already beginning to feel the benefits of the treatment and I think that in due course I shall be very much strong the active part of my treatment is now finished, I have not yet fully returned to work. Of course, of a rest of six months one has to take things a little easy at first. For this reason I do not put up to giving you a definite reply to your letter for some time to come. However, it is a subject, which is, unfortunately, always before us and I am not likely to be forget it. I quite agree with you about the importance of educating the Maratha community if they are not to be thrust permanently into the back ground in India, and wait great interest any definite cut and dried scheme for attaining our abjects. I hope that you

are very well and that your many activities are progressing.
With kindest regards.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1793

GRAND HOTEL, EASTBOURNE,
25th May 1920.

DEAR MR. MONTAGUE (THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA),

I have just returned from Switzerland after nearly completing my rest, cure, and hear that the program me for the Indian tour of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, though well advanced, is yet incomplete. I am taking the opportunity to extend a most hearty invitation on behalf of myself and my people to His Royal Highness to visit Baroda. We shall be highly honoured and pleased to welcome the Prince.

It will be a course of great and lasting regret to me, if the delay in extending this invitation, which is due to my unfortunate illness, were to prevent His Royal Highness from seeing Baroda. Will you be so good as to convey this invitation to His Royal Highness, who, I hope, will not find it inconvenient to make this addition to his program me . I trust you are well. With kindest regards,

Your sincere friends,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1794

GRAND HOTEL, EASTBOURNE,
30th May 1920.

MY DEAR MAJOR WEBBER,

I have read your last letter and the interest shown by the Maharaja of Kolhapur in the tonsil operation on Pratapsinh Raje. I hope he is getting on well in health and study.

I was sorry to learn that some members of your family have not been doing well. I hope they are now better. I was for two months in a Nursing Home, and have been nearly thrice on

the continent to recover from the enforced cure. The recovery has not yet been complete, and I shall have to be careful for the next few months. This is the result of all past overwork and absence of my congenial diversion. We must avoid the mistakes in the training of Pratapsinh, which were committed in mine. To educate a prince alone is not at all enough, but to make his career successful and his life happy, his surroundings must be educated and made sympathetic to help him in every way. It is the absence of the latter condition that in my opinion in many instances causes failure in the career of an Indian Prince.

I have dictated this letter and will not write more letters for some time to come. I hope Ptatapsinh and all the members of the family including yourself are thriving well in the climate of Ooty. Please give my love to pratapsinh and my regards to the Maharaja of Mysore when you happen to see him.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1795

7th June 1920.

MY DEAR COL. HOLLAND (LT. COL. R. E.HOLLAND, C.S.I. MOUNT ABU),

Many thanks for your letter of 13th May from Mount Abu. I am sorry that you have been so overworked. You will no doubt be glad to get your six months' holiday. It is really remarkable how much good it does to a busyman to knock off work altogether. I have been taking a rest-cure and its after-cure for the past six months. I am still weak as a result of it, but I feel that I shall benefit very greatly from it in the long run. I should very much like to see you when you are in England, so I hope that you will let me know when you are to be found. I am meanwhile sending this letter to the India Office, from where I expect it will be forwarded to you. I have taken a house in London for the next few months at 82 Eaton Square. With kindest regards from Her Highness and myself,

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1796

GRAND HOTEL, EASTBOURNE,

17th June 1920.

MY DEAR MR. MONTAGUE,

I wonder how you are after your rest-cure. My rest-cure has been a protracted affair and is not yet finished. I must say, however that I have improved greatly in health and after some time I hope to be able to regain my normal health. I am coming to London for a few days and one day should like to come over and have a talk with you quietly at your house at any time that is convenient to you. Will you please let me know what day and time would suit you and I can arrange my programme accordingly. Trust you are well. With kind regards,

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1797

GRAND HOTEL, EASTBOURNE,

July 1920.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA SAHEB (OF KASHMERE),

I am so sorry that I have not been able to answer Your Highness' kind inquiry about my son Jaysinhrao and your letter afterwards for such a long time. As you were informed by my Secretary. I went by the doctor's order for what is called an "after-cure" to Switzerland after having taken a rest-cure in London for about two and half months. Switzerland is very much like Your Highness' country only on a smaller scale. Of course they have exploited the beauty of the country and have established hotels and hydros and other institutions for attracting visitors to an enormous extent. Almost every small district has its comfortable hotels and arrangements. I am sending a trifling present of a writing set to Your Highness, which I hope you will like. I hope I shall be back in India in the beginning of the cold weather and am looking forward to seeing Your Highness. I hope that you are hale and hearty as ever. My son is much better and will be able to leave the Nursing Home in about two months when he will probably travel about a bit for change of air and scenery.

Her Highness is well and thanks you for your kind message. She has left for Bagnoles de L'Orne a watering place in France. With kindest regards.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1798

82, EATON SQAURE, S.W.I., VICTORIA 852,
6th July 1920.

MY DEAR MR. MONTAGUE,

May I now know for certain that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will visit Baroda in the next cold weather? I hope he will. I want the information to decide several pending references. With kind regards.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1799

82, EATON SQUARE, S.W.I., VICTORIA 852,
29th June 1920.

MY DEAR AMBEGAONKAR,

I think it only shows slack supervision or ignorance on the part of a head officer like you (or in your absence who may be senior in absence of circumstances indicating otherwise) that the stay of three officers in the Grand Hotel, Eastbourne should not have been considered unnecessary and pay them higher Bhatta. One officer, under the circumstances, like the doctor would have been quite enough. Other officers could have taken rooms in other hotels which were quite near. It is a pity that His Highness should have to take note of such matter and particularly when he is unwell. If the stay of more than one officer is required, the Head officer should put on paper the particular reasons and decide the matter on his own responsibility, if His Highness's approval cannot be conveniently obtained and should give information immediately to His Highness. Every work has to be disposed off with common sense and His Highness should not be

troubled when he is not well. If more than one officer is required, the approval of Khasas concerned should be taken before the decision is arrived at. All officers are expected to see that unnecessary expenditure is not incurred and the Head Officer has particularly to bear this into his mind and enforce due economy. It was probably meant that £ 3 bhatta was to be given only in expensive places like Paris, London, etc., and not in all towns alike.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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FIFE ARMS HOTEL, BRAEMAR,
17th August 1920.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF ALWAR, LONDON),

Your Highness' previous letter and enclosures were received by me at Pittochey, where they were forwarded from my London house having been redirected there by the India Office. Presumably the original letters had been dispatched several days previously. The points raised in the letters were discussed by us personally, but I aware that they were to from a subject of correspondence. As Your Highness explains it, I see that it is merely an expression of the views of the Princes, who signed the letters. It seems that understood your original letter, which is not here, and I am very thankful to you clearing up the matter and I am sorry that you have been put to so much trouble.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1801

MARSEILLES, S. S. MERKARA,
9th October, 1920.

MY DEAR MR. BARTON, (THE RESIDENT AT BARODA),

We arrived quite early in the morning and have not yet got out. We shall go out after 9 O clock for a drive and lunch at one of the hotels. We have had a most pleasant trip and everything went off well. The steamer officials were all

attentive. I wish the food was better. They cooked special dishes for us, which food was better.

I have just seen the Assistant British Consul, who officered to help us in every way on behalf of his chief. I have just received a letter from Dunlop Smith, whom I have wired and told that I shall be in London to-morrow evening. I start for London to-nigh. The weather here is very nice and cool. I believe it must be very hot yet in Baroda, but by the time you get this, the cold weather would have set in.

I hope this finds you well. Kindly remember me to the Minister there. There are two or three men from Kohat; one of them knows you well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1802

HARTSBOURNE MANOR, BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS,
18th October 1920.

MY DEAR LORD TENNYSON,

I was glad to receive your letter of the 13th. I should be pleased to see you some day at Aldworth and visit in your company the hunts of your distinguished father. However, I may wish to preserve the things as they were in your father's time. I am afraid I shall find it impossible to do so owing to my requirements. As I may have to furnish the house according to my own wants and taste, I would not like to prevent you from disposing of your pictures and furniture. I have not yet decided how to furnish it and to keep you indefinitely waiting will not be right.

Yours faithfully,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1803

SAVOY HOTEL, LONDON,
29th October 1920.

MY DEAR COL. MARTELLI (LATE RESIDENT AT BARODA),

I have come here for the sake of the health of my son Jaisinhrao. He is not expected to be cured for some months. The length of my stay is uncertain. If I go now I have to return

in summer as it is imperative that I should take the waters. I am anxious to buy some riding horses. Will you kindly undertake to do the work for me. You remember you bought some for me a few years ago. Your selection proved so good that I am tempted to trouble you again. The kind of horses will be the same as you bought last time. I want them to be thoroughly broken and ready for use. The number of horses required is five. One of them is for presentation to small horses like the grey you have bought last time. About money and any other matter, I will arrange as you may suggest. What was the name of the Veterinary gentleman you had introduced to me at the Dublin Show? Can you recommend to me a good man to buy horses for me in future? Kindly send his name and particulars and if he be willing to do the work and on what terms he will do it. If I continue to stay will you find it agreeable to come here to London as my guest for a week. I shall find rooms for you in the hotel. I hope you are keeping well. How are your daughters? Please remember me to them and to Col. Kettlewell who I hope is well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1804

HARTSBOURNE MANOR, BUSHEY HEALTH, HERTS,

17th November 1920.

MY DEAR ABBASAHEB (SHRI. SAMPATRAO'S SON),

I have received your letter of the 8th Instant from Hartsbourne Manor, Bushey Heath, You had requested before for monetary assistance more than once, which I could not comply with. I am sorry even now I see no reason to an answer but in then negative. I do not know anything about your partnership with the Nagarsheth of Ahmedabad. I hope it comes off to yours satisfaction But do not depend for it on monetary help from me.

Referring to para three of your letter, I cannot say anything definitely till a regular business-like proposition is set forth through the usual channel and with the usual assurance of your being able to do the work. Please send me the rates of your commissions for different undertakings. You should

always see that whatever you are asked to undertake, is taken with a clear understanding that you are working as a Commission Agent; otherwise nothing will be paid.

Your calculations about the Nemnook in Baroda appear to be rather farfetched. The allowance is for the maintenance of the family and cannot be conveniently commuted. Some of your difficulties like finance could have been easily foreseen. Instances will be found in the business world where persons without capital or even credit have works their way high up in life by dint of sheer work, sterling probity and merit. Why should you not be an additional instance to this praiseworthy class? If success is achieved, the glory of it will be greater. If you do not succeed, which I hope will not be the case you can will recollect the conversation we had at Paris in the presence of Bomanji just on the point of his depature for India. I know this answer will disappoint you but you prefer a straight answer to an evasive one. Indeed I am personally extremely sorry at your plight. However, you must taken care of your health in the best way possible.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1805

HARTSBOURNE MANOR, BUSHEY HEATH HERTS,

2nd December 1920.

DEAR LORD CHELMSFORD,

I have not written to you nor have I had the pleasure of hearing from you some time. I am very glad to say that my health has very much improved. I did not know that the rest and after-cure would take so much time to restore me nearer to my normal state of health. If the present rate of improvement continues, I hope to return to India soon. The winter months will probably completely re-establish my health and that is why I am delaying my return home. I am naturally anxious to return to Baroda as soon as I can.

Her Highness and I had the honour and pleasure of an audience with Their Imperial Majesties the King-Emperor and the Queen-Empress on the 29th Ultimo. I had the pleasure of

an audience with His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the 30th Ultimo. His Royal Highness much regretted his inability to visit India this year, but is looking forward to his visit there next year. I expressed the hope that he would honour me with a visit to Baroda, when he is in India, and I hope that he will accept my invitation.

I trust Lady Chelmsford and your-self are enjoying the best of health. Her Highness and I wish Lady Chelmsford and yourself a Christmas and Happy New Year.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1806

**HARTSBOURNE MANOR,
BUSHEY HEALTH, HERTS,**

6th December 1920.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA SAHEB (OF KASHMERE),

I thank you for your kind letter dated 25-8-1920. I hope Your Highness have received my wire about the Bombay House, which will be pleased at your disposal, if I do not happen to be living there. The chances are against my being there. I am sending a baby pony for Your Highness' son, which I hope he will like and her useful. She is a young mare and apt to be frisky at times. I am also sending a silver writing set to Your Highness which I hope you will accept as a mark of respect and regards I have for you. These presents may take some time to reach Your Highness, but I hope you will get them safe.

I was laid up with nerves in the Nursing Home for some time. It has taken me a long time to re-establish my health to the normal state. As yet I have to be careful to avoid worries and overwork, which is very difficult to do in our circumstances.

My son Jaisinhrao is going better in Berlin (Germany) than he did in England. Some of us will be going to Berlin to see him. All the other members of my family are doing well here. I am thinking of returning to India in the course of next cold

weather. I hope Your Highness is well and happy. Please remember me to your son and nephew.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1807

HOTEL RITZ, PLACE VENDONE, PARIS,
20th December 1920.

MY DEAR COL. MARTELLI,

I am told the new horse bought by you has come to London. I have not seen it, but Mr. Shirgaokar found it a powerfully built animal. I am sending it as a present to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore. I hope he likes it. I have ridden more than once the chestnut you bought in the Park in London. He has perfect temper and manners. I had no time to try the other animals. I find the climate of Pairs better than that of London.

Besides yourself accepting my good wishes of the season kindly convey them to your daughters. I am sending you a small present, which I hope Ireland will soon get quite and make life secure and pleasant.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1808

RITZ HOTEL, PLACE VENDONE, PAIRIS,
20th December 1920.

MY DEAR COL. MEADE,

I have been here for about 12 days. I find the climate here better than that of London though to-day it has been wet here. Some friends who crossed the Channel to-day tell me that the crossing was very rough and weather in London stormy. I hope you and Mrs. Meade are both well. What is the news of your son? Are they both in India? Her Highness left for Berlin on the 16th of this month. My son Jaisingh is there for treatment and he is doing better judging from all accounts.

My own health is now better. But I am not so well as I ought to be. I have to be careful in food, etc. I have good accounts of affairs in Baroda, from Mesopotamia where my son is. I will be here for some time. I wish you both the compliments of the season in case I am not able to write to you in proper time. With kindest regards to you both,

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1809

RITZ HOTEL, PLACE VENDOME, PARIS,
21st December 1920.

MY DEAR DR. NEVINS,

Though I have failed in writing letters to you to my regret, still let me assure you that I think of your kindness and the times, we lived in. Several times I thought of running to Liverpool, but I could not carry out my wish. I have been this time in Europe or rather in England more than a year, but most of my time has been spent in a Nursing Home or in after-cure. My health is not the same as it used to be. Amongst many other reasons the deaths of my sons has had an effect on me. Many old faces have gone to the other world, and retired from the active service of the State.

In a few days Christmas will come and I want you, your sister and your brother have my good wishes and greetings of the season. I should be always happy to hear from you. I send you a small present which I wish you to have as a token of my regards for you.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1810

HOTEL RITZ, PLACE VENDOME, PARIS,
27th December 1920.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF MYSORE),

I have purchased for Your Highness an Irish through bred horse, light chestnut in colour. He has been described to me

as having been of good temper frequently hunted. I have not seen the horse as it arrived in England after I left for Paris. I am sending it to you the assurance of Col. Martelli, who kindly purchased it for me and who is a good judge of horse flesh.

I have been staying in Pairs for the last few weeks. I find the climate of Paris better than that of London at this time of the year, because it is drier. Her Highness has gone to Berlin to see Jaisinhrao who is being treated by the German Doctors. He is progressing better than before. My health is now much better. You must think that I have given up my interest in India and am going to settle down in Europe, as some ignorant people imagine.

The importance of health is not wisely and fully recognized by our people and for temporary convenience they often incur permanent loss in the way of ill health. I am tryingto avoid this as much as I can, though it is very difficult to do it fully. Will Your Highness besides accepting them yourself give my kind regards to your mother, wife, brother and sisters.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.



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FOREWORD

About 1,800 Selected Letters written by His Highness the Maharaja Saheb have been published in the foregoing three volumes. They cover the period of 1886-1920. It was however, not possible to reach all the sources of such letters at one stroke and hence the three volumes already published contain such selected letters as were readily available. President search, however, led to the discovery of new files and the present volume is the outcome of such efforts. Persons addressed were also approached with a view to make the collection complete as far as possible and it must be admitted that it would not have been possible to bring forth this volume without their co-operation.

I sincerely thank all those gentlemen, who have extended their help by putting into the hands of the compilers, some rare letters in their possession.

Baroda,

3rd August 1927.

R. K. Pradhan

R. S. PARAB.

Colonel,

Khangi Karbhari.

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1811

27th May 1875.

MY DEAR LORD NORTHBROOK,

In pursuance of the proclamation of the Viceroy and the Governor-General of India Her Highness the Maharani Jamnabai Saheb has this day adopted me as her son and enabled me to obtain the throne of the Baroda State. My sincere thanks are due to you for the special part you have so kindly taken in this morning's ceremony.

I can never forget the mountainous load of obligations which the Maharani has conferred upon me in having adopted me to be her son. Like a good and dutiful son. I shall be ever ready to serve Her Highness with all my heart.

Similarly, I can never forget that it is mainly through the kindness of the British Government that I have been able to obtain possession of this kingly seat, for which kindness I shall remain ever grateful to them. Relying upon similar kindness from them in future. I hope to do my duty to the satisfaction of the British Government since I consider this alone to be the best way of showing my sense of gratefulness of the British Government.

I pray God to grant me knowledge, wisdom and power to carry out my resolve in doing my duty.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

To,

THE EARL NORTHBROOK,

His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General of India.

1812

MAKARPURA,

19th January 1886.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

I am indeed sorry for the matter you complain of. I am writing rather a sharp note to Kazi to dispose it of quickly. As far as I remember there was nothing to be done save a few changes of words and names. Even where two people differ

matters must be discussed and settled instead of the inactive stage of postponement.

Your Sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

P. S. The second matter you refer to is not very well known to me but I will order the Minister to send you an early answer. S. R. G.

1813

MAKARPURA,
19th January 1886.

MY DEAR KAZI SAHEB,

I send herewith the list of reminders in the two cases referred by General Watson in his private note to me. I am very sorry that we should give them cause to complain. We must have more of despatch. Kindly dispose of the matters quickly without any undue delay. General Watson's note with the list of reminders with my to-day's answer to him is sent to you for information and favour of return after their work is over.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1814

MAKARPURA,
30th January 1886.

MY DEAR KAZI SHAHABUDDIN,

It is very kind and wise of you in bringing the article to my notice. I do not share the views of the writer. Indian Princes have paid much (in the early time of cessation of territories) as well all know well. Why should they be burdened again? The employment of Europeans will as a permanent system be the worst measures in the interests of the States. The employment of the Goralokes will be something like the thin end of wedge. If there be not the least objection in improving the forces of the States concerned and if Government will not in any way dabble with their present shadow of independence on account of the change I think many would do it as a matter of their own interest. The great difficulty

that is likely to be felt in the carrying the military reforms in Native States will be the sad lack of trained and competent Native Officers. To get this, our boys should without delay be sent to Europe to prosecute the professional training. The question is whether such a step will be relished by the British Government. I hope the Native Rajas will act with foresight and consideration before they leap. These are not the matters that must be turned for the race of "easy given in" and vic for the empty titles. What a lamentable fault that the most influencial of our Princes are underrated and are not able to see the signs of the times. The subject is big and I need not bother by a large and a tedious letter. Excuse with which it is written.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1815

MAKARPURA,
31st January 1886.

MY DEAR MAJOR MELLIS,

The orders have been issued by me to the Minister who will write before to-morrow to the officers concerned. I have made some changes in the arrangement after my talk with you on the subject. Anandrao will take charge to-morrow. You might go then on Wednesday when the ceremonial portion of the affair will be quite over. I should like to see you to-morrow if convenient to you at 4.30 in the afternoon.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1816

UMRATH,
7th May 1886.

MY DEAR MAJOR MELLIS,

Thank your for the long letter you sent me of all the conversation you had with Col. Berkeley and for the candid expression of your opinion on the subject. I shall write to you

in reply at length after I hear from him in return to my communication. Umrath is enjoyable and I am having a good time of it. I trust you have had good reports of Mrs. Mellis and the child.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1817

UMRATH,

7th May 1886.

MY DEAR FRIEND (COL. J. C. BERKELEY, RESIDENT AT BARODA),

I am sorry that I have not had the opportunity of seeing you since your arrival in Baroda. I found it necessary to go to Umrath and resolutely to cut myself off from all business this hot weather. I regret this has prevented me from seeing you as there are some pending questions which I should like to talk over with you personally. It is I feel important that I should myself discuss with you such questions as the military, abkari, etc., since all communications through third party gives rise to the possibility of mistakes. I pay but little attention to matters of etiquette and am ignorant regarding them. If you find it possible and agreeable to yourself to pay me a visit at Umrath please do so. You will be most welcome. If you cannot come here I must find a day to come to Baroda, breaking through my plan of staying here in Umrath, for as I have said I regret the time that is passing without our having sight of each other. I trust that Mrs. Berkeley and you are enjoying good health.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1818

UMRATH,

7th May 1886.

MY DEAR KAZI SAHEB,

I never dreamt of going to Baroda to celebrate my accession day and be absent on the birthday of Her Majesty. The dates

are indeed so close that it would certainly give room to people to talk and besides what would I gain by doing so? To make invidious distinction is I may tell against my grain if I may say so. I hope you have explained this to Col. Berkeley. If you have failed to do so which is not likely to be the case, please take an opportunity of telling him, because he must not apt to believe that I am capable of entertaining such absurd and low ideas. I am always ready to do honour to the Empress, because it is quite proper to do so and it is one's duty.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1819

UMRATH,
7th May 1886.

MY DEAR GANPATRAO,

I was sorry to learn that you were laid up for a couple of weeks with strong fever. I believe you are quite reduced in strength. Why not come here when you feel sufficiently strong to travel; as the climate is good, the change will do you good. Kindly remember me to our relations.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1820

NAVSARI,
30th May 1886.

MY DEAR LORD REAY,

I was very sorry to learn of the death of Dowager Lady Reay. Please accept my most sincere condolence on this sad event. The world is mortal and transient and we all shall have our turn sooner or later as he may bid. The weather is very cloudy and close. I hope you and Lady Reay are in good health.

Your Sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1821

NAVSARI,

5th June 1886.

MY DEAR HARGOVINDAS,

I fear what I am going to say on the subject of the Gujarathi School Book Series will be found common place and trite. I have not been able to devote more than an hour or two to the study of the series as I am simply overworked. However from what little I have seen of the two sent me I can confidently say that the Empire Educational Series is just the one we want. In the Primer the alphabet once learned the child can skip on to simplenesses of familiar objects illustrated and so arranged as to comprise all the alphabets in eight or ten lessons. A child soon reads words which are known to him and takes an interest in what he is reading, for they are within the range of his comprehension. To keep up this interest must therefore be the prime condition of a good reading book and the subjects chosen must be drawn from his every day life. Compound letters (जोडाक्षर) are a difficulty with the children and these must be gradually introduced the simpler ones preceding the more complex. For books to be favourite with the children and to cultivate in them good principles and pure taste, stories of home, of child life, of love between children and parents, brothers and sisters, love for the domestic animals and such others interspersed with sweet simple rhymes must be introduced. To facilitate their study a vocabulary of the difficult words with the sense in which they occur should be given at the end of each lesson. By the time the child has learnt his first two books an initiatory study of grammer and geography may be introduced. To make the books attractive they must be fully and well illustrated well bound and printed in large types. As he proceeds further the lessons, he reads must be calculated to excite in him a thirst for knowledge, the wonders of nature, picture of distant lands, stories of the boyhood of great men, their deeds of heroism and such like must form subjects begetting in them love for what is honest, true and brave and a contempt for every thing mean and bad. The higher standard books may contain

selection of extracts from the standard authors in Gujarathi literature both in prose and verse and not to puzzle their young understanding. All scientific lessons may be treated in nontechnical language. This is all what I have tried to put down roughly and a series arranged on some such lines will I dare say be found and acceptable one.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1822

NAVSARI,
7th June 1886.

MY DEAR FRIEND (COL. BARKELEY, RESIDENT AT BARODA),

Accept my best thanks for your congratulatory letter of the 27th ultimo. I do not think I shall be long here as the rains are sure shortly to commence. I am glad I took up quarters at Umrath early in April for it has done me much good. I trust you and Mrs. Berkeley are getting used to Baroda life and that this will find you in excellent health. Believe me,

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1823

NAVSARI,
18th June 1886.

MY DEAR FRIEND (COL. J.C. BERKELEY),

I thank you for your letter of 17th Instant in which you have conveyed to me the acknowledgements of the President of the Royal Commission. I am glad to notice that articles sent from here were found to be useful. You must have heard the sad news of the demise of His Highness the Maharaja of Holkar. It has been very cloudy with thunder and lightening, but as yet no rain has fallen.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1824

MAKARPURA,

29th June 1886.

MY DEAR FRIEND (COL. J. C. BERKELEY),

I should like to know how Mrs. Berkeley is. I am extremely sorry that she is suffering from fever. I hope I shall soon have an opportunity for making her acquaintance. I shall be glad to see our ceremonious visits arranged early at your convenience. I shall with pleasure come out riding or driving just as you may like and at such time and place you may fancy. It is hotter here than Navsari. Kindly convey my best compliments to Mrs. Berkeley. Her Highness is also sorry when she learned Mrs. Berkeley's illness and wishes to know how she is now.

Your Sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1825

MAKARPURA,

14th July 1886.

DEAR SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your programme, I must be excused for not replying to it earlier. I have all along studied and watched with interest to stirring controversy on infant marriage and enforced widowhood against which you have so ably raised your voice and for which you deserve the thanks of every sight minded citizen, who is desirous of seeing the social regeneration of India. I think there has already been too much writing and lecturing on the subject and that such utility however useful and necessary must have a limit. Evils like these call loudly for action and action alone can remedy them. It is not very pleasant to reflect that so many of our learned young men who have such ample opportunities of doing good to their country do not when occasion offers show the truth of the old ages, "example is better than precept," by boldly coming forward (may be at some personal sacrifice) to respond to what they from their otherwise secure possession

would lend weight and like to be recognised as the aristocracy of intelligence. Nothing is rare in this world than the courage which accepts all personal responsibilities and carries its burden unbending to the end.

By your agitation you had in a way electrified the individual instinct of conservation into one of sympathy. This awakening which you have had the honour to effect by so to say intellectual contagion I would not let go to sleep. I am ready to help on the good course by giving it all the moral support it deserves. I do not doubt that your programme is a workable one and through no hard and fast rules.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1826

MAKARPURA,
19th July 1886.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA SAHEB (OF INDORE),

You must not imagine because I have sent you no immediate congratulatory message after your formal installation that I have less friendly feeling towards you. I may assure that is far from that. You can easily understand how naturally we are drawn towards each other like magnets as our interests must be the same. I wished to send my message with the little presents that have been sent by me for your kind acceptance before this. I wish Your Highness success and happy results in all your internal and external affairs. You have got a splendid opportunity before you now of moulding the Indore State to your own ideal. I conclude this short letter by wishing you and your State every prosperity and happiness. This goes with Mr. Gangadhar Yashwant Myral who will deliver my message to you.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1827

MAKARPURA,

7th October 1886.

MY DEAR MAJOR MELLIS,

I wish you do not open the subject of military matter to Col. Berkeley. I am going to speak to him myself. As regards military appointments to be made please give the paper to the Senapati and I shall pass orders thereon. Your idea of turning the stables behind Col. Hykort's bungalow to account for Khasa horses is a capital one. I am asking my Secretary who can professionally pronounce on the bungalow to examine it. I should like to see you in the course of the day by 10 a.m. or 4 p.m. with Nensi Khairaj, the contractor, if he is here.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1828

BARODA,

8th October 1886.

MY DEAR NEPHEW (D. B. SHRI. GANPATRAO S. GAEKWAR),

I thank you heartily for your kind letter. I am glad to learn that you are both living together. It is good of Sampatrao to have made a good progress in his studies. I have returned only two days ago from Mount Abu where I went and stayed for a week. I enjoyed my stay there. It is a very pretty place. I have written to General Watson to present on my behalf the pegeon house to the Prince of Wales. Kindly remember me to Sampatrao and our other native friends.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1829

MAKARPURA,

6th November 1886.

MY DEAR FRIEND (GENERAL WATSON),

Your last came to hand in due course. You must really excuse me as I have been long in replaying it. It was only the

day before that I returned from Mount Abu after a week's stay. There is nothing wrong in particular with me and I sleep better than I used to, but what I feel is the after effect of hard work that I took assiduously at first start. I have been advised to work moderately and of late I am very careful how I work. I enjoyed Abu. It was cool and pleasant and I found the change refreshing. Some of the views were charming. It was a place for retirement and quiet and my coming back to the plains is disappointing because of the contrast of the hot October sun here and of the cool breeze so conducive to health up the hill. It is a pleasure to me to hear from you and I would ask you to keep up writing to me as you have kindly been doing. I would request you to present the pigeon house to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, for I do not remember having promised it to any museum. I have an idea that if I could secure the services of a very clever but quiet gardner as would just be the person for working smooth in a Native State I should think over the matter and make up my mind to get him. If you happen to know of any such capable person please ascertain without giving any promise whatsoever, if he would care to go out to India. The Gheer Case appeal is now before the Secretary of State and I should feel thankful if you did not allow your interest in it to flag and watch how it progress. Trusting this will find you and Mrs. Watson and family in excellent health, and with best wishes and regards.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1830

MAKARPURA,
27th November 1886.

MY DEAR SIR (MR. ELLIOT),

I return to you with thanks the slip of papers you gave yesterday. I was very glad to read the promotion of Dr. Butler. In connection with the talk we had on several subjects yesterday, I would just request you to have a glance thrown at this pamphlet.

You will have some useful information on the point. I believe the rules are yet on paper and not in force as they should be.

We shall see to this. Every order that I cause to be published is done with the desire that it should be acted up to wisely. I send the book too for perusal, in case you have not got it. Native States are going through great and rapid changes and I do not believe that all the changes are to the better.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1831

CAMP AMRELI,
25th December 1886.

MY DEAR FRIND (COL. BERKELEY, RESIDENT, BARODA),

I learned at Amreli from your kind letter that you were unable to come here as you hoped to do. I know by experience that shikar is most secure. I am, leaving Amreli to-morrow morning for a place six koss from here. I am enjoying very good health and if that continues it will result in good. I wish you and your children a pleasant X'mas and many many happy returns of the New Year's day which will shortly commence. I hope you are in good health. Excuse me for this hurriedly written letter.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1832

AMRELI,
25th December 1886.

MY DEAR NEPHEW (SHRI. GANPATRAO S. GAEKWAR, OXFORD),

Many thanks for your kind letter. You will see by the address of the letter that I am on tour in the Amreli District. I shall be back in Baroda by the 16th January 1887. Your wife is not with Her Highness as she was laid up with fever at the time of starting. Your father is in Baroda to look after the Prince with Mr. Vithalrao and others. Kindly remember me to Sampatrao and Khasherao. Kindly tell Mr. Sampatrao that I shall answer his letter when I shall get a little more time. I am quite well. I wish you all there happiness, comfort and many returns of the New Year's day.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1833

CAMP CHALALA (AMRELI),

30th December 1886.

MY DEAR MAJOR MELLIS,

Your letter of the 24th I have noted your views about the article in the Times on the Baroda Army. An uneasy feeling among the officers as you describe it and of which I am sceptical is not a bad state of things. As to the other agency I know nothing of nor do I fear. The military law is being scanned and will soon be promulgated. I am glad to hear all the other good reports containing in yours. I am having a pleasant time of this tour. Trusting self and Mrs. Mellis are well, I wish you both a happy new year.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1834

PANCHGANI,

31st December 1888.

MY DEAR NEPHEW (SHRI. GANPATRAO GAEKWAR),

Thanks for your kind letter. I hope you have got my letter by this time. I have not yet received your note-books; but I have no doubt that they must be splendidly bound. I have met your father in Baroda, who, I think, is in good and sound health. I wish you a new happy year. All the children are well. I am quite well and sleeping very well indeed. Sampatrao left me a few days ago for Baroda.

Your affectionate uncle,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1835

MAHABLESHWAR,

19th January 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF INDORE),

I hope the change to Poona did Your Highness good. I am sorry we missed seeing each other at Panchgani. Is it true

that some ornaments have been removed from your palace at Indore with a bad intention? Will you kindly remember me to your Minister? I hope you will accept the sugared tils sent with this private note of mine.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1836

MAHABLESHWAR,
24th January 1889.

MY DEAR MR. REYNOLDS (THE CHIEF ENGINEER),

You must excuse me for not writing to you before this. I am sorry to say that I am doubtful of the advisability of interfering with the matter already disposed of. I hope Mrs. Reynolds and your children are doing quite well. We are finding our stay here much pleasant. Will you kindly remember me to Mr. Chisholm?

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1837

MAHABLESHWAR,
18th February 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (COL. JACKSON),

Many thanks for your letter. I shall willingly subscribe to the shikar-cup. The Mansa-affair is quite important as you say. I hope you find the general state of affairs well at Amreli. I am steadily and satisfactorily improving in my health. The Prince Jaisinh Rao is rather ill since the last four or five days. The rest of the party is quite well. I hope you are enjoying in good health.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1838

MAHABLESHWAR,

9th March 1889.

MY DEAR BROTHER (SHRI. SAMPATRAO),

I thank you for your letter. I do not think the Sanskrit text will ever be wanted. I think I shall run up to Umrath, when the time comes, which must be longer than you expect. How do you find the work you are learning? Jaisinh Rao has had the fever for the last three or four days. He is much better this morning. The others are doing well. What do you learn from Tanjore?

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1839

MAHABLESHWAR,

21st March 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (SIR PRENDERGAST),

Will you kindly come at three instead of at the hour mentioned by you? When are you thinking of leaving this for Baroda? I wish your stay had been a long one instead of a short. I will be most happy to send you the photographs. May I ask yours in return? I was very glad to make a good acquaintance of you.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1840

MAHABLESHWAR,

24th March 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF INDORE),

I thank you most heartily for your kind letters on the same subject of your daughter's marriage. May God bestow on the young little pair his choicest blessings? The formal letter will be sent to your Highness in due time. Kindly excuse me for the delay.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1841

MAHABLESHWAR,

31st March 1889.

MY DEAR SIR (MR. ELLIOT),

I was quite wrong in guessing that you were leaving Bombay by last Friday. I learned from Sir H. Prendergast's letter that you had or were leaving Baroda for Bombay. Is it certain that we are going to get Ozanne? You must be finding very hard in Baroda. The heat here too is comparatively hot. The hill is being covered with moisture now and within a few days I shall be leaving this place. I thank you very much for your letters. The children are enjoying good health. I hope you are receiving good news from England that Mrs. Elliot is quite well. Have you met Dr. Nevis or not?

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1842

MAHABLESHWAR,

20th April 1889.

MY DEAR BROTHER (SHRI. SAMPATRAO GAEKWAR),

As Mr. Pestonji is doing Khangi Karbrari's work and as you are learing the revenue, there is hardly anybody on my personal to represent and do the Secretary's duties. This causes confusion. The Chief Officer in attendance will probably, therefore, act as Secretary too. You had better discontinue subscribing yourself as the Private Secretary. Some other suitable designation can be found out for you instead of Private Secretary, if you care for it. I trust your good wife is not worse than when I saw her last. We are having rather hot weather. Trusting this will find you and your baby in good health.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1844

MAHABLESHWAR,

23rd May 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (COL. F. H. JACKSON),

I have passed the Pattidar Rules. I think Mr. Sheppard's language was most objectionable and the tone like that ought to be prevented. I never had a word with Mr. Sheppard on the subject except a letter (private), which he wrote to Elliot. I do not remember the answer I told to it. The rules with my sanction will be despatched to the Minister either to-day or to-morrow. I hope things are getting on well at Baroda. We are all well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1845

COONOOR,

2nd August 1889.

MY DEAR MR. LITTLEDALE,

It was very kind of you in sending me a shikar photograph. I am sorry you are having trouble with the traders in Baroda. Let us take a cheerful view and hope that the strike would soon be scattered to the forewinds. I shall be soon in Baroda and I should really enjoy that now. I am enjoying good health and like to work.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1846

COONOOR,

2nd August 1889.

MY DEAR MINISTER,

How are you getting on with your traders? Will you kindly communicate to Col. Jackson that I should feel an honour if the son of the Prince of Wales visits Baroda when in India. We must find it out soon as I should like to give him a nice

reception. We are all well. Troubles at Baroda have not done me any harm as I look upon the agitation as foolish and ill advised. I should be happy to be amongst you all again. I am sleeping well. Her Highness and the children are improving very nice here.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1847

COONOOR,
2nd August 1889.

MY DEAR MR. OZANNE,

I should like to know your views on the strike agitation at Baroda. Suppose strikes of this sort were to become common, what should a Government do as sound policy? If a strike is brought about by any other people but the sellers of necessaries of life, then of course the proper way would be to do without the services of the people who may have struck. That a community may afford to do, but this cannot be conveniently done when a strike is effected by people of the former class. I hope the strike is subsiding in Baroda and people have opened shops. I think there must be Khatpatists at the bottom of this. I have wired to the Minister that, if necessary, I can come to Baroda. I am not frightened by the movement as their grievances are greatly fancied. My health is very good and I am looking forward with pleasure to be amongst you and help you in your undertakings. I care to do good to my people and no one regrets more than myself for this forced and unwilling absence; but it is drawing to a close. I should be in Baroda in October or certainly in the beginning of November. I should like to invite the son of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Baroda when he is in India in next cold season. When are you coming here? The weather is fine and pleasant though it generally rains in the evening. I hope you are well and also Mrs. Ozanne. Her Highness the Maharanee and the children are doing very well.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1849

OOTACAMUND,
10th August 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (GENERAL SIR J. WATSON),

I am glad to know that you liked the book of Dabhoi. I shall be writing to you in future. I am going to invite the son of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to visit Baroda and I hope he will be able to do that. We had strikes of Mahajans and petty traders in Baroda and other towns against the revised and equalised Stamp Act. The strikes are over and everything there is quiet and calm. The water-works are getting on well, and hope will be completed by the beginning of 1891. Will you kindly remember me to Lady Watson and to your daughters? I hope to hear still better accounts next time of Lady Watson's health. I am enjoying excellent health and hope to return to Baroda for good by the 1st of November. General Prendergast is likely to come to Baroda and relieve Col. Jackson. Her Highness and the children are enjoying very good health.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR

1850

BISHOPDOWN, OOTACAMUND,
10th August, 1889.

MY DEAR SIR (MR. ELLIOT),

I thank you very much for your kind letter. I have not forgotten the customs question and am just studying the matter. I hope I shall find my way to do at least something in the right direction of reduction. It is beyond doubt that it must hampering to a great extent the people of Baroda unless the tenable commodities of Baroda are produced at less cost than the people they have to compete with and unless the quality of Baroda exports is better than Baroda subjects cannot suffer in a open market in competition with their neighbours. At present what happens is to be satisfied with less profit. Her Highness, Princes Fatehsinhrao and Jaisinhrao are doing very well. The two boys had measles at Mahabaleshwar, but now they are perfectly well. Coonoor is doing them a world of

good. There were strikes in Baroda and other towns in our State against the revised and equalised new Stamp Act. I believe there must have been some Khatpat at the bottom of this movement. The strikes were made by the Mahajans and all other petty traders. The latter are scarcely touched by the law. Movements like this deter some people from the policy of reducing taxation.

The weather here is very pleasant though rather wet. I am enjoying very good health and look forward with pleasure to go back to Baroda. With my best regards to yourself and Mr. Elliot and others.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1851

MINISTER LODGE, COONOOR,

11th August, 1889.

MY DEAR BROTHER (SHRI. SAMPATRAO),

Mr. Athaley has arrived here this evening. We have to make some inquiries about the late strikes and probably Dhamanskar would be required for that work and therefore would you kindly tell him not to proceed on leave at once. I am sorry he is not well. I like him. I propose the enquiry ought to be very short, but whether it would be sufficient is another question. We are all well and hope you all the same.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1852

BISHOPS DOWN, COONOOR,

11th August 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (SIR H. PRENDERGAST, QUETTA),

I thank you very much for your kind letter of the 25th Ultimo. I am glad that you are going to return to Baroda and hope you will be long there. I trust you and your daughter are doing well at Quetta. Thank you for your kind inquiry. Her Highness and the children are doing very well indeed and the climate of Coonoor seems to agree with them very well. Both of my

sons had measles while they were at Mahabaleshwar, but the attack was very mild, and since that time they have been doing better perhaps than before. I am enjoying excellent health and sleep very well. I shall be in Baroda in the beginning of November if circumstances do not force me to go a little earlier. You have probably learned by this time that there was a strike of traders in Baroda. The strikes afterwards extended in some of the district towns, but I am glad to say that all of them are over and everything is quiet. I am going to invite the son of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales to pay a visit to Baroda and I hope he will accede to it. I do not intend to go to Bangalore. Mr. Ozanne is a great acquisition and there is every reason to believe that he will continue in his present post. With kind regards.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1853

MINISTER LODGE, COONOOR,

12th August, 1889.

MY DEAR PESTONJI,

Thanks for your letters. The subject you refer to in one of your letters about Jamnabaisaheb has not escaped my attention. I should like, if practicable, to arrange the matter once for all amicably. You may quietly hint this to her in one of your visits. This can be better done when I am in Baroda. Keep yourself fully informed on as many points as possible. We are all well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1854

MINISTER LODGE, COONOOR,

12th August, 1889.

MY DEAR MR. REYNOLDS,

Thanks for your letter and the information contained in it. I agree with you in thinking that I should be in Baroda and sincerely hope and believe that it will soon come to pass. We

are doing very well. Jaisinhrao has wonderfully improved by the Coonoor climate. With my best regards to yourself and Mrs. Reynolds.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1855

MINISTER LODGE, COONOOR,
12th August 1889.

MY DEAR THAKORSAHEB (OF GONDAL),

I thank Your Highness for kindly sending me the History of Gondal. I shall read it with very great pleasure as I have done with the interesting report of Gondal given to me by your kind Dewan. He seems to take great interest in the welfare of the State. I shall be very happy if there is an opportunity of making Your Highness personal acquaintance. I am enjoying very good health and will be back in a few days in Baroda where I am wanted badly. We had strikes there, that everything and everywhere there is quiet now.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1856

MINISTER LODGE, COONOOR,
12th August 1889.

MY DEAR LORD REAY,

I learn through the newspapers that Your Excellency is going to visit Simla. I hope you will have a pleasant stay up there. I am going to invite H. R. H. the Prince of Wale's son to visit my capital. The weather here is delightful. Will you kindly give my regards to Lady Reay?

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1857

MINISTER LODGE, COONOOR,

16th August, 1889.

MY DEAR FATHER-IN-LAW,

Thanks for your letter. I should be always happy to let you know as to how we are doing and specially of the amiable, loving tender and teachable Fatehsinhrao. He is enjoying very good health though we would like to see him stronger than he is. Her Highness loves him much and looks after him very tenderly. This is a great source of happiness to me. You have had no Kamdar between us. It is due to both of us and from both that we should have our dealings direct. Let me know kindly how you are.

Your affectionate son-in-law,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1858

MINISTER LODGE, COONOOR,

18th August, 1889.

MY DEAR KHASHERAO,

Have you got my letter addressed to you from Poona. I am glad to know that the season in Gujarath promises to be very good. Is Baburao in the Districts or in Baroda? We are on the whole, having a very good time here and hope to return soon to Baroda where I should like to stay as I am tired of travelling and as my health can now permit me to do so. Why do you not write to me often? I hope you are not getting into the ways of the old officials altogether. I hope you are enjoying good health.

Your sincerely,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1859

MINISTER LODGE, COONOOR,

19th August 1889.

MY DEAR KHASHERAO,

Thanks for your very interesting letter. I do not know in the least nor did the late Viceroy say a word to me about Dwarka. I look upon the news as a mere gossip, without the least

foundation of truth. Sometimes people are very fond of telling gappas and with my knowledge I may say this is one of them. I am receiving of late many letters and all this to a certain extent shows me the state of things. It is necessary that I should be back in Baroda before long and this I am going to do.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1860

MINISTER LODGE, COONOOR,

19th August 1889.

MY DEAR MINISTER,

Thanks for your letter. I think the administration must get on better than it seems it is doing at present. It looks as if things are going down hill. The judiciary and the police must be taken in hand. I think we are very slow in action and allow things to deteriorate. Procrastination may make us suffer severely and repentance may come when it is too late. The administration of the Native States is becoming undoubtedly very difficult when taken into consideration the political and internal difficulties. Every body in a Native State wants to get from the State as much as he can whether rightly or wrongly and when anything is required from a person or persons very justly in the interest of the State, it is given with the greatest amount of unwillingness and hesitation. I am not inclined to believe that we are incapable to cope with our own difficulties. But our situation renders our position weak and open to attack from a high or frivolous person of any status. The only remedy of meeting all these difficulties is to be scrupulously careful in performing our duties. I think patronage is badly distributed in our State. Clicks and parties are becoming very prominent and weakening the State. If we cannot do without parties we are in my opinion worth very little. You must remember I am using the word click or parties in a bad sense. There is one chance if not certainly of my being in Baroda before the Dussera Holidays. My health is very good and I feel desirous of work. Besides I am tired of being away from home and would like to get pleasure of being settled there.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1861

OOTACAMUND,
22nd August 1889.

MY DEAR MR. OZANNE,

I am sorry to hear that you are not well yet. I should like to have some cases of your Department at any time you like. I entertain no difficulty whatever in deciding your cases. I am glad you have refused to publish your rules. How do you find things getting on generally in Baroda. After my return there, I will leave no stone unturned to improve matters. Things must improve. We cannot afford to let them go down hill. I hope Mrs. Ozanne is well. I should like very much to have conversation with you on the subject of the strike. Will you now and then let me know how your work is getting on. I take so much interest in it.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1862

OOTACAMUND,
22nd August 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (THE VICEROY?),

Thanks for your letter. I should be very happy if the Prince will visit my capital. You may certainly send on my invitation. The days here are very wet and the weather very damp. We are all doing very well and wish you the same there. I saw here Sir Oliver St. John. He looked quite happy.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1863

MINISTER LODGE, COONOOR,
22nd August 1889.

MY DEAR MR. PESTONJI,

Thanks for your letter and the news they contain. We must fear nothing so long as our actions are open and fair. The morality of the Hindus and specially of Baroda is indeed very

disgraceful. Barodites are well adapt as time servers and would not grudge much to turn against their own....., if it is suited to their interest. This lesson of ungratefulness has been often repeated in Baroda and other Native States.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1865

OOTACAMUND,
4th September 1889.

MY DEAR BROTHER (SHRI SAMPATRAO GAEKWAR),

I thank you for your letter. I am glad that you are reading law in Navasari. I have asked Mr. Pestonji to issue orders about the Nemnook you refer to. I am writing him to-day again and hope the matter will be disposed of ere long. We are all doing very well. Your letters are too short. You should learn to write all that you see and which comes under your observation in any capacity.

Your affectionate Brother,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1866

OOTACAMAND,
4th September 1889.

MY DEAR NEPHEW (SHRI. GANPATRAO S. GAEKWAR),

Many thanks for your kind letter. What do you mean by saying that you are going to appear for the final in December next. Will you get your diploma if you pass and be able to return to us? How pleasant that would be? I am sorry the account of your health is not better. You must take care of yourself and not overwork. I was thinking of going to Baroda for the Dusera, which takes place on the 4th of October, but was advised not to go there. I shall be in Baroda by the 1st of November. I am enjoying excellent health and so are others, who are with me.

Your affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1867

COONOOR,

8th September 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND, (SIR EDWARD BRADFORD, INDIA HOUSE, LONDON),

I am glad to learn that you are coming to India with H.R.H. Prince Victor of Wales. This will give an opportunity for us to meet again. I shall also have the pleasure of making the acquaintance of His Royal Highness whom I am going to invite to visit my capital. The letter is being prepared to be sent to Calcutta to the Viceroy who will forward it on. I have been living between this place and Ooty for the last two months. The climate here is very cool and healthy. I shall be in Baroda for good at the latest by the beginning of November. I am enjoying excellent health and the sleeplessness has disappeared. I always get my papers of business here, and dispose of them every day. I hope you are enjoying good health. Will you kindly give my best regards to Lords Cross and Northbrooke?

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1868

COONOOR,

11th September 1889.

MY DEAR SIR OLIVER (COL. SIR OLIVER ST. JOHN),

I am very glad that you have procured an elephant for me. I thank you for the trouble you have taken in the matter. I should have answered your note ere long, but it took time to get back to Coonoor from Ooty. The money of the price of the elephant will be sent to you soon. Will you kindly send the Hatti to Baroda? Will you give my best regards to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore? I hope you are enjoying good health. We are all doing very well. The elephant may go to Baroda as soon as convenient.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1869

COONOOR,

15th September 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND, (SIR THOMAS GEORGE BARING, EARL OF NORTHBROOKE).

I am glad to learn that H.R.H. the Prince Victor of Wales is coming to India. This will give an opportunity for me to make his acquaintance. I am inviting him to visit Baroda and hope he will be able to do so. I am glad that Sir Edward Bradford is also coming with him. I have, been living between this place and Ooty for the last two months. The climate here is very cool and healthy. I have on the whole, been long absent from Baroda and as I have been enjoying very good health for the last some months, I shall return to Baroda for good by the beginning of November at the latest. I always get my papers of business here and dispose of them every day. I have seen your remarks on the question of the silver plate duties. It will be again to India if they can be knocked on the head. You must have noticed the lecture of Sir L. Griffic at the Colonial Institute. I think it was a very virulent and unjustifiable attack on the Native Princes. Taking the circumstances the peculiar difficulties of the Native Princes into account, no impartial observer will be anything but struck with astonishment at the gigantic stride that the States are going and have gone through during the last decade or two in the internal and external relations, will you kindly give my best regards to your daughter and son? I hope you are enjoying very good health.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1872

COONOOR,

28th September 1889.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA SAHEB (OF MYSORE),

I hope Your Highness is in the enjoyment of good health. How are your Princes? Can you send photographs of them to me if you have got them? I am going to leave this place for

Poona on the 10th of the next month and after a short halt there, will be in Baroda probably for our Hindu festival of Diwali. My presence for Dasera would have been better, but the season is not good there. I am looking forward with pleasure to be amongst my people again. I am sorry to have missed you in the hot weather. If I had come earlier I should have met you. We are all doing well and the climate is not very bad.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1874

COONOOR,

1st October 1889.

MY DEAR RAJESAHEB (OF AKALKOTE),

Many thanks for your very kind letter. You will I hope excuse me for not answering it earlier. I hope to leave this station on the 10th of this month. I had promised my niece and your wife to stop at the nearest station to your place and pay your capital a visit. I should indeed have been glad to do it, but I think it would be very hard and inconvenient to stop there. Will you, therefore, beg my niece to excuse me this time for not stopping there. I hope she and you are enjoying excellent health. How is your dear little daughter? The climate here is very pleasant, but it looks the engagements and amusement of a big station. With my best regards to you both.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR

1875

ARKONAM,

11th October 1889.

MY DEAR SIR (MR. ELLIOT),

I was very glad to learn that you are likely to return to Baroda in January next. I am on my way back to Baroda as you will see from the address. This place is very wretched and hot. We shall start at 11 A.M. from here only a couple of hours hence, I shall stop in Poona for about eight or nine

days and will leave for Baroda so as to be there for the Diwali. Jaisinhrao who has got four teeth already had fever for a day only a few days before we left Coonoor. He has stood up the journey very well upto yet. We are all doing very well. How is Mrs. Elliot? Will she come back with you to India? Will you give my best regards to Mrs. Elliot and all your children who I hope are all well. I expect to see Sir Madhavrao to-day, if his health would permit him to travel a distance for an hour and a half by rail. Mr. Ozanne was at Coonoor with some village Barkhali cases. Wishing to see you soon.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1876

COONOOR, ARKONAM,
11th October 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (SIR RICHARD MEADE),

I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you for a long time. I am on my way back to Baroda. I shall stay a few days in Poona before going back to Baroda. Arkonam is a very hot place and has no interest about it. I have sent an invitation to H.R.H. the Prince Victor of Wales to visit Baroda, and if he comes, as is likely, we shall show to him all that is of interest in Baroda. I am enjoying very good health and hope you are doing the same. Will you kindly remember me to Lady Meade? I was glad to read your speech on the Native Princes as a response to the virulent attack made on them by Sir Leper Griffin.

Your Sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR

1877

COONOOR,
1st October 1889.

MY DEAR LORD REAY,

Many thanks for your kind letter. I am glad that the matter about the Grant Medical College is settled. I should have

been glad to do something about the Edinburgh gentlemen, Mr. Kinmont, but that there is no place available of Rs. 500 at present. He has also written to me and he is being answered. I am glad that you enjoyed your visit to Simla. The stay at Nilgiris did us all good. We found Poona rather hot after our return, but since these two days it is nice and pleasant. Will you kindly give my best regards to Lady Reay? I am leaving this for Baroda on Monday.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1878

POONA,
19th October 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (SIR H. PRENDERGAST),

I am glad that you are going in the same train as mine to Baroda. I hope your health is much improved. Since the last two or three days this place is very nice and pleasant. I went on an excursion yesterday to Khandala and Karle caves. The caves are quite worth a visit.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1879

OOTACAMUND,
3rd November 1889.

MY DEAR LORD CONNEMORA,

I wish to be excused for not coming to the ball this night as expected, as I have got a slight head-ache. I would like to see your Excellency before you leave this place. I can go out for a ride or a drive with you if you like at any time you choose. Thanks for the kindness you showed to me during my visits to this place.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1880

MAKARPURA,

10th November 1889.

MY DEAR SIR (MR. ELLIOT),

It gave me great pleasure to receive your letter. Fillion's matter was already disposed of before your letter came to hand. He will receive his due charges that he might have incurred in connection with his glass manufactory inquiry. Mr. Ozanne must have already written to you about his chances of staying here. He thinks he can be here till the end of March or so, when I hope you will be able to return to Baroda if not earlier. I miss you very much. We have disposed of a few village cases and are trying to settle some principles so as to facilitate the disposal others. How is Mrs. Elliot and children? I am enjoying very good health and sleep well if I do not overwork. I am happy to be here. I shall write to you again soon.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1881

MAKARPURA,

10th November 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (SIR E. BRADFORD),

Thanks for your letter today. I had pleasure of receiving and answer to my letter from you. I hope the Prince and his party will have a good time while they are travelling in India. I should be very glad to see His Royal Highness and you as my guests in Baroda. I am enjoying very good health. How is Lady Bradford?

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1882

MAKARPURA,

10th November 1889.

MY DEAR LADY REAY,

Thanks for your kind letter, we are all very well. I feel quite happy to be in my people who were very anxious about

my return. I hope your fancy fair will be quite a success. I shall gladly subscribe to it, because the object you have in view is very noble and useful. I hope Lord Reay and yourself will pay a visit to Baroda before you leave this country. I believe you must be having a good deal to do while the Royal August Guest is staying in Poona. Will you kindly give my salams to H.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Cannought. Kindly remember me to Sir E. Bradford.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1883

MAKARPURA,
10th November 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (H.H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE),

I thank you very much for your kind letter and for your promise to send me the photos. Many thanks for the tiny little Bacha elephant that Your Highness is going so kindly to send for Fatehsinhrao. It will be undoubtedly a great "tamasha" to him. I am sending you some photos which I hope you will accept and like. I have invited Prince Victor to visit Baroda and expect to hear his answer soon about it. Will you kindly give my regards to Sir Oliver St. John? My brother wishes me to give you his best compliments. I hope you are well including the little Princes. Strikes seem to be very common this year.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1884

MAKARPURA,
10th November 1889.

MY DEAR LORD REAY,

I thank you very much for your very kind letter and the good words conveyed in it. I wish the scheme a success. The climate here is very pleasant and enjoyable. The people seem to be quite happy and khush. Yes, they gave me a very kind

welcome. I am rather anxious to know when the Prince would visit Baroda. We are all doing very well. I hope you are enjoying good health.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1885

MAKARPURA,
12th November 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (SIR PRENDERGAST, RESIDENT, BARODA),

I am very sorry for the fate of Zingara. It would have been much better had not the yacht gone there at all. Kindly give my thanks to Mr. Sinclair for his assistance given and I have no doubt he would do his best to help in the matter. Kindly do your best in connection with the flasting of the yacht. I hope Lady Prendergast and your daughters are not worse. Off their journey. I should like to meet them. I shall be at the band in Public Park today. We may meet par chance.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1886

MAKARPURA,
21st November 1889.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA SAHEB (OF MYSORE),

I was very glad to receive the photographic group sent by Your Highness. I have not got a group like it, but when I take one I shall remember to send it on with pleasure. I should indeed be very happy to meet Your Highness, but I am afraid it is too early to say anything on the chances of my coming to Ooty. The probabilities are that I shall stay here in Gujarat. I hope Your Highness and children are enjoying excellent health. We are all well.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1887

MAKARPURA,

26th November 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND, (COL. F. H. JACKSON),

Many thanks for your letter received a few days ago. I shall gladly subscribe to the shikar cup which is to be run for during the hot weather of 1890. The climate of Baroda is at present very nice and I feel quite well. The Princes are also enjoying very good health. Hoping you are all right. I remain,

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1888

MAKARPURA,

2nd December 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (H. H. THAKORESAHEB OF BHAVNAGAR),

I thank you very much for your kind letter which I had grate pleasure in receiving. I feel very happy to be back amongst my people again who as you have mentioned gave me a splendid welcome. Can you send me a report of Your Highness' well governed State and if possible of other States in Kathiawar? I hope yourself and children are doing well. I am sending my photographs to you which you will like. They are rather old. The climate here is very charming. We are all very well. The year as far as crops are concerned is very good and ryot looks happy and khush.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1889

MAKARPURA,

3rd December 1889.

MY DEAR MRS. OZANNE,

The arrangements proposed by you will suit us very well. Fatehsinhrao will distribute the prizes as proposed by you. I shall be there too. I hope you are doing well. I believe Mr. Ozanne will be back by Wednesday.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1890

MAKARPURA,

16th December 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (H. H. RAJA NARAYAN RAO POWAR OF DEWAS),

Very glad indeed to receive both of your letters. You will soon receive the photograph of the Senapatisaheb's daughter as also the horoscope and the measure of her height. Referring to Narayan Rao I must say that I would be sorry to part with him as he is so sensible and good in manners. As regards the question of education of the Mahrathas I must say that attempts must be made though they may fail pretty often. It is beyond doubt that these people do not take to education carefully. If you want to train up some people to be useful for you, the best plan would be I think to send two boys to Europe to study for some time for a period of not exceeding four years. I do not know why your attempts in educating these people should fail so much.

Would you come to Baroda if I were to invite you because I should like very much to make a good personal acquaintance. Can I have an annual report of your State if it is published? Thanks for the inquiries made in the letters. I am glad to say we are all doing very well and hope you are doing the same.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1891

MAKARPURA,

16th December 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (SIR OLIVER ST. JOHN),

I am much obliged to you for your last letter from Bangalore. If you consider that the steam tri-cycle which is there is in a good condition and well furnished, you may ascertain its price and let me know so that I may be able to write you definitely about it. Kindly give my kindest regards to Lady St. John and His Highness the Maharaja Saheb* when you meet him next. It is delightful cold here and I am doing very well.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *The Maharaja of Mysore*

1892

MAKARPURA,

19th December 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (GENERAL SIR HARRY PRENDERGAST),

I am much obliged to you for the inquiry. I do not feel any sensation of fever now and hope the change in the weather will soon pass off. I shall feel delighted to receive Lord and Lady Reay on the proposed day and shall feel obliged by your informing them that their programme suits me admirably. Many thanks for your writing about the grey horses.

Your sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1893

MAKARPURA,

25th December, 1889.

MY DEAR MINISTER,

Probably you have seen the case of the village of Kanhi in the Navsari Division. I think a Nazarana of rupees one year's income of eight annas share ought to be quite sufficient. In other matters, the Commissioner's finding will do very well. Kindly communicate to the above effect to Mr. Ozanne.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1894

MAKARPURA,

31st December 1889.

MY DEAR FRIEND (H. H. THE RAJA OF AKALKOTE),

If you can come to Baroda, I should be delighted to treat you as my friend and guest. I must heartily thank you for your kind letters. I am glad to know that my niece is well. The climate here is very pleasant and we are all doing well. The Governor leaves this for Bombay on Thursday night.

Your sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1895

MAKARPURA,

4th January 1890.

MY DEAR MR. OZANNE,

It would be better. I think, if you do not go, as you will have to be absent from here. I have read your village case. I will let you know about Tambe on Monday. Kindly do not let him be detained, as we can get him easily after the decision. I wanted to answer your letter earlier.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1896

MAKARPURA,

5th January 1890.

MY DEAR KAZISAHEB,

When do you expect to come to Baroda as I should like to see you? The climate here is very beautiful. The Governor's visit passed off very well. I am going shortly to occupy the new Palace-Laxmi-Vilas. To stay there would be most convenient to me and to all the officers. I should enjoy now and then to be in the city, so as to partake and be able to enjoy all the processions and so on, that take place in the city. This I shall not be able to get even by being at Laxmi-Vilas. We are all doing very well. Jaisinhrao only was a little indisposed for a day. I hope you are enjoying excellent health.

Your sincere Friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1897

MAKARPURA,

8th January 1890.

MY DEAR MINISTER (LAXMAN JAGANNATH),

A few days ago Mr. Ozanne wrote and asked whether he could employ one of the dismissed Mamalatdars, Mr. Tambe. Some days before this you had also touched on the subject

and said, if my memory be right, that some good officers could be got out of the lot. Mr. Ozanne also sent me Mr. Tambe's case, which I have gone through. I think it would be better, if we do not employ one of the dismissed, as it would have an undesirable moral effect on our service, and secondly, we will enter into the merits of individual cases, the conclusion of which may not be such as will be agreed on by every body and which the Government of Bombay have decided against the Mamalattards, of course, for various reasons, and thirdly, as far as possible we must employ and promote men of our own service. When you see Mr. Ozanne, kindly communicate this to him. Mr. Ozanne is coming here to-morrow at the usual office hour for some work of his. Will you also be here by that time?

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1898

BARODA,
12th January 1890.

MY DEAR FRIEND (COL. F. H. JACKSON),

I am glad to receive yours of the 6th Instant. The tricycle has not yet arrived; but I expect it will come shortly. I shall let you know as soon as I get it. I have lately come to stay in the New Palace and I find my residence here very comfortable. It is still pretty cool here. Her Highness and the Princes are all enjoying sound health. Hoping you are quite well, I remain,

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1899

CAMP DABKA,
21st January 1890.

MY DEAR FRIEND (SIR H. PRENDERGAST),

You can write to Lord Bradford mentioning the price from five to six thousand for four horses. I should like to see you, when in Baroda, as I want to talk to you about the telegraph affair before you send on the letter to Calcutta. Can you come

out for a ride on Friday evening at 5 O' clock? I shall start for Baroda at 4 O' clock on Thursday afternoon. Thanks for your inquiry after my health. We are all doing very well. I hope Lady Prendergast is not feeling the heat.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1900

MAKARPURA,

6th February 1890.

MY DEAR MR. OZANNE,

Thanks for your letter. I have told Nevins to arrange about the seats. I shall be there.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1901

MAKARPURA,

6th February 1890.

MY DEAR LADY REAY,

I have enquired whether an elephant can be sent to Bombay by rail and the result is that it cannot be managed. I am sorry for this, as the animal cannot be sent. We are having a beautiful weather here and the mornings are specially delightful. I expect the Raja of Akalkote in Baroda on the 12th of this month. I hope he will enjoy his stay here. How is Lord Reay? Will you kindly give him my best regards?

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1902

LAXMI-VILAS-PALACE, BARODA,

22nd February 1890.

MY DEAR SIR (MR. ELLIOT),

I have been staying in the New Palace since 10th instant. I find the palace very handsome and the rooms sufficiently

large, though some of them are very small. The great want, however, that I feel, is that the rooms are not well connected with each other and that most of them are exposed to the Sun, which in the hot weather is very trying. The palace will not sufficiently accommodate all the people unless they are made to live outside. The ladies' apartments are, however, very comfortable and the rooms very well connected. The grounds of the palace are being improved by Mr. Goldring; and when they are finished, it would add a great deal to the beauty of the palace.

We expect the Prince Albert Victor in Baroda on the 13th of March, who will stay here a day and leave on the morning of the 15th. The Zingara came to grief at Colaba, where the Minister, the Senapati and the Nawab Saheb had taken her for a little trial trip, as the season for yatching had come and I was going to make use of it. The captain, instead of going by the marked route, went foolishly by a different one, in order to curtail the distance, which was most insignificant. I have now disposed, of the yacht for £7,000 to an American. I purchased the yacht of £10,000, so that the loss of £ 3,000, and probably I have to pay either whole or part of the cost of repair. The Raja of Akalkote is at present my guest. He is a nice pleasant young man of twenty-two. He has not yet got the powers of administration and would like to have them as soon as possible. The Reays paid us at my invitation a farewell visit. Their stay here passed off very well. The administration is getting on as usual and one has to ask very often for important matters. The time taken for each matter is indeed very great. Her Highness Jamnabai Saheb has been agitating for separation and papers are being prepared with a view to grant the request, if possible. The matter is beset with difficulties. The important points in connection with the case are- (1) the question of jewels, (2) the question of debts incurred by her, (3) the question of the amount to be paid to her. The first will be most difficult to settle.

The British Government wants a definite number of the troops, that will be placed at their disposal in times of the foreign invasion. As you know, this matter involves many important questions that are sure to arise in future and upon the manner, in which they are settled, will depend the

importance of the Native State. My health has been very good and I am able to get on with the work of the State. Among numerous other kindnesses I always think of the anxiety and wisdom established by you in connection with my health. Her Highness and children are also getting on well. Fatehsinh Rao is learning to read Marathi Primer. Jaisinh Rao, who has got a little fever to-day on account of his teething, is able to walk and amuses himself a great deal. I propose to go to Umrath this year for the hot weather, as I do not like to be away from my people and territory, with whom I always like to be.

Will you kindly give my best regards to Mrs. Elliot? The foundation of the museum is being dug in the Public Park opposite to the pavillion and quite near to the railway. Hoping to have the pleasure of soon meeting you here.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1903

THE NEW PALACE, BARODA,
24th February 1890.

MY DEAR BALASAHEB (H. H. THE RAJASAHEB OF AKALKOTE),

I hear you have got the photographs of your palaces. May I ask you kindly to send them here? I will return them after seeing them. I shall be happy to have a drive with you to-day. Excuse the trouble.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1904

THE NEW PALACE, BARODA,
25th February 1890.

DEAR MISS. MOXON,

Will you kindly accept the horse 'Diamond' as a present from me and as a souvinir of Baroda?

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1909

7th June 1890.

MY DEAR MINISTER (MANIBHAI JASBHAI),

Yes, Kershaw should not go to the Residency as Vakil. I think you did not do right in putting Kershaw as Vakil without my approval. I waited to see whether you would think of the matter; but you did not and probably by mistake. A Minister ought to be careful in matters of this kind, and specially when persons are concerned, as the action afterwards to correct, becomes awkward and creates a feeling, which is never advantageous in the end, to any body. Whether a Vakil should go or not, will be decided hereafter; but at present a person will cease to go, as I am away. In days gone-by, my Secretary used to go.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1910

MAKARPURA,
17th July 1890.

MY DEAR FRIEND (SIR HARRY PRENDERGAST, RESIDENT),

I am glad you have come back; but I was very sorry to learn that you have hurt your hand, while on the steamer. You must have, it seems, experienced a very bad weather. I hope you have left the members of your family in good health in England. How is your hand now?

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1911

MAKARPURA,
31st July 1890.

MY DEAR SIR (MR. ELLIOT),

I thank you heartily for your very kind letter and wishes. Will you have a drive with me this evening? Thinking that you were in Kadi, I had directed that a telegram be sent to you about the birth of Prince Shivajirao, as I know that no

one is so more interested than you are in any thing that concerns us. I shall pick you up at the Gymkhana, where I believe they are going to have some peginon shooting. Except my voice, which is a little hoarse, my health is very good and I feel fresh and lively again.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1912

MAKARPURA,
6th August 1890.

MY DEAR FRIEND (SIR HARRY PRENDERGAST),

Will you thank the Colonel on my behalf and kindly tell him that I shall try to come, but they must not wait in any way for me. I am not yet quite free from my cold; but I think it will soon disappear. I hope you are doing well. Her Highness and the little baby are doing well.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1913

MAKARPURA,
8th August 1890.

MY DEAR FRIEND (RAJA NARAYANRAO POWAR OF DEWAS JUNIOR),

It gave me great pleasure to receive your telegram of the 5th Instant and I am thankful to you for it. I have been a few days suffering from a slight cold, but am much better now, although not completely relieved. We have had very good rain here and the change of the season has become extremely gratifying. The atmosphere is still warm and gives signs of additional showers. We are all enjoying good health.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1914

LAXMI-VILAS-PALACE, BARODA,

18th September 1890.

MY DEAR SIR HARRY (SIR HARRY PRENDERGAST, RESIDENT, BARODA),

I must thank you for your kind letter. I am glad to know that you find Simla to be so beautiful and enjoyable. How happy I should fee, if I were there at this time of the year. I am sorry the tour of H. E. the Viceroy does not extend this year so far as Baroda. We had a very timely and splendid fall of rain here after your departure. This fall of rain has changed the whole aspect of the season and has cheered everybody. Probably we might get some rain, as it is so hot. Will you kindly remember me to Col. Mellis? I hope you have given my message to His Excellency, who, I was glad to know, is now free from fever. When do you propose to be back here? We are all doing very well. Thank you for your enquiry.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1916

MAHABLESHWAR,

7th April 1891.

MY DEAR SIR PRENDERGAST,

I had learnt the news of Sir T. Madharao's* death two days ago. His death is indeed sad. Let us have a ride to-morrow evening. I shall see that a horse is sent over to your house. I will start from Temple-Hall at 5 P.M. I am very well, thanks.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Died on the 4th April 1891. He was appointed dewan of the baroda state on the 16th May 1875 and retired on the 28th September 1882.

1918

LANOULI,

15th April 1892.

MY DEAR MINISTER (MANIBHAI J.),

Will you kindly send up Mr. Athaley here with the Municipal Scheme and papers relating to the conducting of affairs, in

case I go to Europe? I should like the orders of this time to be put in a clear and precise manner. For this purpose, I shall need all the orders I may have given from time to time, when I was last away. I cannot agree to all the powers being given to Council and what points will need reference to me, will have to be put down, if necessary, in the memorandum, and these you and other officers will have to carry out. The Government of India cannot know the particular circumstances of the State and, therefore, it will be difficult to carry out what they say. I am prepared to go the length I have mentioned in my letter to meet their wishes, subject to such changes as circumstances may require. I mention this particularly, for any orders sent by me from Europe may be construed as illegal by any bold person, who may have a voice in the matter, as in these uncertain days, when the position of Native Rajas is anything but stable. I should not be surprised at such an occurrence arising. I should like to have an answer to my letter in full instead of its coming in driblets, as it puts me and my officers in an awkward and undignified position. The uncertainty is doing a great deal of harm. The climate here is very nice and pleasant and it is, I think, undoubtedly doing me a fair amount of good. I feel fairly strong and my spirits are good. I never appreciated the change from Baroda so much as I do this time. I hope you are enjoying good health and spirits.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1919

LANOULI,
15th April 1892.

MY DEAR SIR (MR. F. A. H. ELLIOT),

Many thanks for your very interesting letter. I am inclined to agree with the thought you have taken about the Narvadars and their affairs in general. The climate here, on the whole, is nice and pleasant. As you know, I cannot say anything about my trip to Europe. It is questionable whether the trip will do good, judging from the way that things are being managed. If at all I choose to go, do you not think, the sooner

it is arranged the better? I hope I shall see you before I settle to go or depart for Europe. I do not approve of the idea of giving full powers to the Council in my absence.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1920

LANOULI,
18th April 1892.

MY DEAR SIR (MR. F.A.H. ELLIOT),

I am very sorry that circumstances are not yet such as will enable me to start for Europe. I cannot give full powers to the Council as is supposed to be desired by the Government of India. I propose to start for Europe after making such arrangement as is reasonably consistent with the wishes of the Government of India and let them know that, I have done as they wished as far as I could, judging from circumstances here and that to carry out their desire in full, would be most serious to the interest of the State. To go under such circumstances would not, I believe, be defying them, which personally I do not wish to do, nor do many of my friends recommended me to do it. What do you think of my course? I am very much worried and wish to see this matter got to an end: my Minister, I feel, is acting, but without positive result or aim.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1921

LANOULI,
27th April 1892.

MY DEAR COL. REYNOLDS (RESIDENT, BARODA),

You know by this time that I have settled to go to Europe by the 7th of May by the S. S. Rome. I have sanctioned such arrangements of the administration as, I think, are necessary for the conduct of current and immergeant work and the rest, which, I believe, will be very little, will be referred to me for orders. I cannot, with due regard to the interests.....

and of the State, present and future, give full powers to the Council, nor is it as all required by the state of the administration. My knowledge of my administration and of the people ought certainly to be counted as something in the arrangements to be made, before any definite line is meant to be laid down. I write these to you in order that you should know the line of my orders, so that there may be no misunderstanding, as to how the work will be conducted in my absence. In making these arrangements, I have given the fullest possible attention to your letter of the 18th March to the Minister and, consequently, have given some powers more than I, at first, thought of giving. I should, have written this letter to you earlier, but could not do so on account of press of work. I hope you will be ready to start by the 7th of May for Europe, the journey to which will, I hope, be pleasant and beneficial.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1922

LANOULI,
27th April, 1892.

MY DEAR NEPHEWS (SHRI GANPATRAO S. GAEKWAR),

Many thanks for your very kind letter. I am glad to know that your wife and child are doing well. The change to this place has done me much good and I hope the bigger change will do still more. Will I have the pleasure of seeing you before I go? Is Baroda very hot? I am glad that all our relations are doing well. the Hakim Saheb's medicine has, I think, done me good. Will England be very cold at this time of the year?

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1923

LANOULI,
27th April, 1892.

MY DEAR PESTONJI,

I do not agree with all that you say, nor with your conclusion. I never give attention what would be the result of many and

numerous orders that are passed by me on memos prepared by responsible officers like yourself. The result would be a most disgraceful one. I judge of the cases as they are put before me by my officers, in whom I have and must have great confidence for the due discharge of work. Are mistakes not to be attended to? Is attending and correcting them an obstinate policy and undesirable one beyond the interest of parties concerned? I think no right-minded man will think so. Punishments and rewards duly distributed help the progress of this world. Think and do not run to conclusions too rapidly. I do not wish to inflict pain on officers of position and usually on men like yourself, who possess certain qualities besides rank. I have noticed you are always anxious to give satisfaction and cheerful to carry out orders and reforms.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1924

ST. MORTIZ,
10th August 1892.

MY DEAR MR. PESTONJI,

I thank you very much for the many letters of yours. Thanks for the news they generally bring. I am glad that the little children in Poona are doing well. I hope there are not many followers of different kinds. We wasted thousands of pounds in Swaris, which can be easily saved. A greater number of followers does not mean greater comfort, but quite the reverse. As far as little babies are concerned, their wants are most limited; and, therefore, please do not have useless followers. Draw a strict line and keep those only, that are wanted. I learn that Kakasaheb* has not joined the children. It does not matter. He must be absent for good and valid reasons. I hear Ganpatrao's father has been asked instead. The action is quite in accordance with the instructions given by me; but I now see that he Gaekwars care more to look after their own business than be with us. On account of this feeling, please do not ask any of them to be with the children. I should also not grant them stables or anything like that, since they are

so changing; but in doing this, do not show as if we are on bad terms, and that would be wrong in fact. Anandrao is the only one, who is keeping his head. Wealth is bad, though not very bad. My principle of life is never to be under obligation of any person and specially of relations, who are always most apt to vaunt of their deeds. Keep all this to yourself. I hope my orders and policy in the Khangi Department are being carried out. I look up to you to do so. There are many departments in Khangi, where we are spending too much, and which might be gradually stopped. A little vigorous and steady policy is now wanted. Our charities are badly spent. They must be gradually and judiciously reformed. Khangi Charities should not exceed 2 1/2 lakhs (लाख) a year. Keep this in mind, when you act. Do not curtail religious expenses at once, so as to cause ill feeling, but very slowly and imperceptibly. Tact is required in carrying out such reforms.

Poor Jaisinhrao has been severely suffering from an attack of fever. The case is serious. We are doing our best for him. I should recommend you to get passed the धर्मोदाय and देवस्थाने portion of the Khangi budget from the Council, and let me be informed as to their decisions. I hope they will see their way to reduce some, without बोधाटा. A sanction should annually be got for the religious portion of the Khangi, so as to give chances for consideration. Keep this letter and give it to me when I come back. I am in good spirit.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAD.

* *Shri. Ukhaji Rao Gaekwad.*

1926

DABKA,
2nd February 1893.

MY DEAR VANIKAR,

Will you kindly ask (by a note) the Sar-Subha (Mr. Jaysinhrao Angria) to prepare a little confidential memo, in which I wish him to let me know whether the following facts are true:-

The present Pattidar Vahiwatdar was removed from Sidhpur ro Padra, because he did not collect the Barkhali

dues in that taluka in proper time. The transfer was made as a punishment for failing to do his work. If such was his conduct, how is it that he got promotion, which fact rather looks strange? Tell the Sarsubha to have ready by Monday a memo explaining this. Tell him to explain to me in the same way why Bapat was kept as Naib Subha, when it was opposed directly (I think) to the line of policy (or written orders) adopted in his case. This matter is now troubling me. I have been reading your report and I can say, as far as I have gone through it, that you have prepared the report most lucidly and done your work too very well. It is a source of pleasure and happiness to me to note it. I hope others will follow your example.

You remember, probably, that I mentioned to you the other day not to write too much to heads of departments, but give them my orders, when you meet them, verbally. I wish of all such messages a record should be kept by you. On reconsideration. I think you better write notes, so that no mistake can take place.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1927

LAXMI-VILAS-PALACE, BARODA,

12th February 1893.

MY DEAR MINISTER (MANIBHAI J.),

I think it would be an excellent thing, if the Public Park is closed one evening in every week to all the male public. The day, which will prevent the male public from going into the Park, should be quite free to all the female public. That day will be for their benefit alone. By this many women might visit the Park. I leave you to settle the details so long as you carry out my wish (at least, we will try and see the result) in the best way possible. I want to give Rs. 500 a month to the Bombay University Syndicate for, say, 3 to 5 years, provided they give a satisfactory standing to the vernacular languages in the University Examinations. Please prepare a draft letter

to the Syndicate and show it to me. Before we send the letter, we shall have to arrange many other matters.

Your sincere,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1928

HOTEL METROPALI, VIENNA,
30th May 1893.

MY DEAR PESTONJI,

Many thanks for your kind letter. I am sorry that arrangements are, it seems, being made to go to Belgaum. I am writing to Lanouli about this. Unless there is a real necessity, we must run from one plane to another as little as possible and specially under the present circumstances of Her Highness, as I believe, she will have to return to Baroda before the middle of July. A nearer place ought to have been chosen. The Swari expenses are increasing very rapidly and, there for remember we cannot be too careful in reducing them by various means. First, let the swaris be undertaken when really required for health. Second, have as few followers in the swari as possible. A small number of attendants, who are well trained give greater pleasure to their master and to themselves than a large number which mostly consists of useless, idle men, as are in our Swari. I am glad you suggested nearer places. In future, I should like to be consulted before a move is made, so that I shall direct such steps to be taken as will be reasonable. You must keep me informed how things are getting on and not consult your own dear interests in choosing matters to be made known to me.

I hope the order I left with Appasaheb Punekar is working well. You must bear in mind that the order only relates to ordinary matters and not to such important matters as deserve from their nature to and can be referred to me, if they are important and cannot be referred to me, then the Minister will have to dispose of them. In matters relating to Her Highness and children, she must be consulted and Her wish given due weight before the matter is decided. If Her Highness is ever mistaken in arriving at a suitable decision, you must explain straight-forwardly and with politeness what the other

side of the question is. I am slightly nervous that some of you will not probably advise her with sufficient frankness. I am having a very good time here and am glad that so far as my health is concerned, I am feeling well.

Yours Sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1929

RIFLE ALP,

12th January 1894.

MY DEAR KAZISAHEB,

I hope you are free by now from the injury you had received to your leg. I was so glad to get you letter. It is beyond doubt that I cannot help in matters in Baroda. In order to get well, I must have peace of mind-piece, which must arise from conviction that my prestige and interests are being faithfully looked after; but if the peace is forced on by keeping me ignorant of affairs, it will only prove a failure in the end. I am far from saying that trifles should be brought to my notice or matters such as are beyond human remedy. You can well imagine what one must feel, when one hears of deposition, of your schemes of administration being mutilated, of your powers being deprived, of your return being rendered difficult. You are of no account, your wishes being shelved or treated but coldly, your friends being harshly treated, when you cannot express your feelings frankly or often not at all, but pent them up in your mind, the very worse thing for it, when you cannot correspond with freedom or your friends will not do so from various reasons, not being political fear and suspicion. I must say here out of justice that this time I had expressed my unwillingness to receive letters, so the apparent neglect is not blamable, when the views opposed to yours are silently accepted and known and yours checked. This is the sort of atmosphere one finds floating round one. I have only given you one side of the picture, there must be the other too, the colours of which might be more pleasing and consoling. I am glad to say that notwithstanding all this, I am getting on fairly and that I am not so unhappy as I may look from the letter. There is much, for which I have to be grateful and

thankful. More harm can be done in this world than appears to be done and is not one to be glad of this. My health is steadily, though slowly improving, and I do not despair of recovering unless unpleasant things are plentifully showed on me. Though Colonel Biddulph taunted me for trusting the British Government, still my faith in them is unshaken. It is a Government, that will not be unkind. I think I have told things to you more as *gups* and not my view of them. I shall not trouble you with that. At the same time, do you not think that the facts of robberies and what appears to be a restless state of things in Baroda, cannot continue long with impunity? What should you do under such circumstances, if you were in my position? I speak to you as a friend, so that you may not be charged as a खटपटी. I have been here for about a fortnight. The climate is fair. It was very hot, 80 degrees down below at Aigle. Her Highness is very much pulled down, though she is behaving very sensibly. We often think of our little children and interests and friends in Baroda and India. To-day is the morning of Thursday and we have not yet received our Indian mail. I am growing so impatient to get it. With improvement in health, my interest has naturally revived in learning news of friends and affairs. I am going to start for a picnic and, therefore, will not inflict on you more pain by lengthening this letter, which is already too long. The arrangement with the Residency i.e. matters, in which the Resident is to be consulted not only looks, but is, in practice, different from past arrangements in a manner so as to inconvenience my action; but as I have no papers whatever for comparison, I cannot state the difference with positive certainty. Hoping this letter will find you well.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1930

May 1894,

MY DEAR MINISTER, (MANIBHAI J.),

To-day is the last day of mail from here and I must, out of courtesy, at least, drop you a line. There are certain points in Abba's letter, which you have not answered probably out of

diplomacy. Is there, I wonder, a scope for the exercise of that art in India? But this is a side and useless remark in this place. I have not been very happy, of late, on account of my interest in Baroda,-interest, which I find most difficult, if not impossible, to give up and the exercise of which is not only left to my choice but force on me by others, and is curbed, crabbed, and confined according to the arbitrary whim and wish of theirs. I am feeling extremely constrained in my dealings and do not feel happy in writing. At that same time it goes quite against my real interests and that of my State, not to state what is wrong. I get but little information about your doings and not at all about other things, which may not be business exactly but, at the same time, useful for me to know. I intensely dislike any reference to myself, as I feel that I have been treated personally with scorn and contempt, and that any reference to my interest in the State is almost a sure subject to excite opposition and search of means to snub my undue presumption. Under these conflicting interests and in this peculiar condition, you can well imagine whether I can be really happy. A feeling of happiness is not bad for any body at any time and it is the thing for me specially at this time. I feel I am not having to those circumstances, which will hasten my recovery. I have to flight too great odds. I feel where the pain is or where the shoe pinches; and yet I cannot, with impunity, complain of it or repair the shoe. What must be the result of such a state of feeling, can I believe, be easily imagined than described? All this and the circumstances I noticed in Baroda reminded me most forcibly of the old times-times, the good of which (by certain people and with studied purpose and actuated by self-interest) is made very little of and only the evil or the supposed evil if prominently brought to the public gaze-the public, indifferent, apathetic, dazzled, indolent, ignorant of their true interest, happy only in personal gain, are easily duped by plausible arguments and attack that which they should, as patriots, defend or the good of which they should not forget and allow it to be treated with disrespect. However writing all this is only waste of time and can do me but doubtful good and might be used against me, as I believe there is no want of inclination to do so. I am inclined to think that the present state of

feeling and affairs will lead to one inevitable result and I do not dare to mention that to you, as I might be found fault with. If you are loyal to me from the bottom of your heart and if your actions conform to it, there is one honourable course for you and that is to study my interest and that of the State-those two interests are one. Do not believe the attempts of those, who preach, under high sounding names, their separation. The individuality of the Raja is the main stay of the existence of the rapidly declining Native States. I cannot repeat too often that Native States can have an honourable existence without injuring the British Government. I believe a harmonious development is quite feasible. I work only under that impression. I am not inclined to attach any less importance to the interests of the British than of our useful States. I attach greater importance to their advantages than even to ours. The difference lies in the degree and not so much in the principle. I shall be happy to hear how you and yours are doing. We came here yesterday. The weather is nice and pleasant. I shall go out as soon as I finish this letter to you. Give my regards to Jaysingrao Angre and kindly let him read this letter, which I have written to you privately and trust.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1931

LONDON,
3rd May 1894.

MY DEAR AMBALALA (A. SAKARLAL DESAI),

I was glad to hear from you and, in the future, I hope to receive full information of any interesting news, that you may become acquainted with. We have been staying here this week and leave to-night for Scotland. We are keeping good health.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1932

LAUSANNE,
10th May 1894.

MY DEAR LORD REAY,

You must be now all loaded with your official and social duties. I have been looking with some interest at Lord Rosbery's speech at Manchester and that of Lord Salisbury. I wonder who will be in power in the next newly elected Parliament. So much is written in papers and so much is gossiped about by every person here, that it becomes almost impossible what to credit, unless one is very well acquainted with the views of the electors. It is a wet day here to-day; hope it is not so in London, as I hear Her Majesty is to hold the largest drawing room of the season. She must have been extremely glad to be present at the last royal wedding at Cobay. The engagement of the Czar's son is interesting and adds to the family relationship already existing. I have been visiting here different places of excursions; and some of them are, indeed, very interesting and beautiful. I hope Lady Reay is doing well and has not forgotten us. Will you kindly give her my best regards?

Affairs in Baroda are, in appearance, getting on well but I am inclined to think from what I know of Col. Biddulph that he cannot rest quite, unless he asserts his own importance, which means a great deal of interference in the internal affairs of the peaceful State. I had a very painful experience of how things are viewed by him and the way he has set himself to work troubles. This is all due, I believe, to my desire to cause reforms to be effected in my State, though it is ostensibly denied. He has sent orders to the British lent officials to call upon him to pay their respects to him as Agent to the Governor General; and when he sees them, he, sometimes, asks information and, sometimes, passes severe animadversions on the administration. You can easily imagine the result of such a proceeding on the peculiarly circumstanced Indians, whose historical experience is anything but such as to promote the feeling of unheeding the views of an omnipotent official like the Agent to the Governor General.

I have lost lately a very able officer, (Mr. Athalye*), who was a source of great strength to the administration and specially his value was much felt, when I was away. Though he may not have been liked by a few, his still abilities and known educational standard commanded great respect. He was one, who would not fail to give his views on any matter in a very cautious and sensible way. He sympathised with my views and helped to carry them out. You are already aware of the Barkhali question and antagonistic attitude of Col. Biddulph in connection with it. I have lately learnt that some cases have been prepared and are being tried against some and specially a most important native assistant of Mr. Elliot. I do not mind about the individual a bit; they must suffer, if they have done wrong; but take it with the general attitude of the Agent to the Governor General towards that question and towards some of my reforms like the educational one : and his friendly feeling to a certain set of the State officials cannot but discourage strongly the timid Indian servants from honest loyal endeavours to assist zealously the native government. It is a fact that no body will do any unpleasant thing, however, just it may be; because they ever feel the weakness of Native-Government and so they see no advantage in serving it in a strictly good manner. I tell this from my own experience and I am inclined to agree with them that the 'Let-go' policy is one, that saves one from trouble and personal inconvenience, though it is not quite consistent with one's duty to his office and people. A true history of Native States will show how impossible it is for them to carry on a good and straight-forward administration. I do not think that a well-governed Native State will less feel the great boon of the British Raj nor will it a bit feel less grateful to the paramount Government. A fairly independent and antinomous Native State can be a source of great help to the British Government, though the local politicals may find less letters to foward and show the reason of their existence.

Mr. Elliot has started from Bombay and will be here in Europe in about eight days. It will very gratifying to him to see his wife and children again. My health is slowly improving, though it will not be unwise on my part, and though some men may not like it, to consult a good European physician. I

shall see whether I can do his without causing any trouble. I want to get rid of the giddy sensation. I sometimes, experience and which is very unpleasant, I hope you are quite well.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* See note under letter No. 121 (*Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad Selected Letters : Part One*)

1933

LAUSANNE,
23rd May 1894.

MY DEAR MR. ANGRIA,

You will be glad to know that I am feeling very much better than when I left Baroda. I hope you have been doing well, and that every thing is getting on satisfactorily as far as the State business is concerned, and that you all take honest interest in all, that goes on, and not stand as mere spectators. Excuse my expressing myself thus; but I have so much indifference and apathy in all the grades of our people that one is rather chagrined at it. However, this is only a casual remark and not at all meant to give offence. Her Highness and a part of the party have gone to Vichy to take waters. It is rather getting warm here. If you find too much work in your office, I wonder why you do not ask in the proper way, for an additional able assistant. I write this with no intention to move you unless the matter makes you do so. This is a private letter to you and not to convey official-instructions. I believe Baroda must be very warm. Hoping to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1934

LAUSANNE,
24th May 1894.

MY DEAR LAXMAN JAGANNATH,

I thank you very much for your kind and frank letter. As you know very well, I have always encouraged free and frank speaking. I did it, partly because officers should not have

reasonable ground to say that they were afraid to speak and, above all, I liked it. I look upon frank speaking as reflecting credit on the speaker's character. My health is improving and those miserable चक्कर्स, which was my chief complaint, have almost disappeared and I hope, by the next cold weather, to be fit to return, when you all would be too glad to see me. Allow me to say that no one would be happier than myself to be amongst my people. I do not know, if I may be allowed to make a remark (which some may style as that of a pessimist and some of a discontented heart) that it is questionable wheather I can call them my people. The political treatment (mostly unwritten) the Native Princes are having (judging from the one I am experiencing), is such that they can no longer reasonably call the States as their own or their Sardars or the undefinable class of subjects. The interests of these classes are made more or less of importance according to the wishes of certain people to serve as pretexts to practise certain theories. One has to be constantly watching not to commit any blunder in governing the weak Native States, as any mistake might serve as an illustration to add to the theories of the Indian political science. I have seen two very important books written on this subject by two well-known Indian Civil Servants.* I would strongly recommend you to read them carefully and give me your views on them. You, who have served in an Indian State, ought to be able to make good and experienced observations on the works. I may very likely write out my own views on the subject and so I shall value your remarks very much. I think we ought to show how we feel the treatment and its effects on the public mind. Only point it out in a reasonable and moderate language and put if forth in a constitutional manner. I hope you will always continue your interest in Baroda. I have not looked into affairs at all, as I was discouraged and, in a way, frightened to look into them. I will now do so. Athaley's loss to me is immense. He was quite an acquisition to the Baroda service. He had a head, which was far superior to many people I have come across. I have given an allowance to his son, and I hope to do a little more after my return. He was able to sympathize with me and could judge of circumstances in a practical manner, which is, as you know, of great value in conducting the

administration of a Native State. Can you mention a few names to me, who can take Athaley's place as far as it may be possible? Give my best regards to Kazisaheb. I hope you are enjoying excellent health and spirits. It gives me great pleasure to hear from my old officers and friends.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

*Lee Warner & 2 Tupper.

1935

LAUSANNE,
25th May 1894.

MY DEAR MINISTER (MANIBHAI JASBHAI),

It is nearly six months since I have left Baroda and during this period, I have scrupulously avoided to look into business for various reasons, which I need not enumerate here. I wish you now to send me a full and detailed memorandum as to how the understanding between us and the Residency has been carried out. I shall require a statement of all the matters you have submitted to the Agent, and matters, in which he has taken the initiative himself. Let not this memo go beyond yourself in Baroda, i.e. treat this confidentially. Please give, in full and in every stage, the difficulties you had encountered in bringing about the arrangements and the arguments you and Col. Biddulph used.

Your sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1936

LAUSANNE,
2nd June 1894.

MY DEAR LADY TWEEDALE,

I knew my nice friend had left for Lucerne. I had only sent my servant to enquire how you were. I hope you will soon be quite well and join us at Chumorica, if we find the place good enough to stay for some time. I want to avoid movements, if possible, as they are a source of nuisance. I have asked Mr.

Vanikar to let Captain Gordan know that I shall be glad to have him there.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1937

VILLARS,

12th June 1894.

MY DEAR FRIEND (SIR JOHN WATSON),

It is indeed a very long time since I have not written any letters to you, but you can easily imagine from the manner you know me, that it has not arisen from pride but bad habit. I always think of you and your great kindness. I know you will be very glad to know you have recommended to me two very good and trust worthy and conscientious people in the Frenches.* They are so good and discreet with the children. It is a source of great pleasure to me that I have left them in the charge of such people. I have no doubt they will continue so in future too. May I have the pleasure of knowing how you and your children in England are going on? Is your elder daughter still in Poona with her husband? When you write to her, kindly remember me to her? Will you also give my regards to Sir E. Bradford, who, I hope, is well? Captain Godron, who is with me, is such a nice man, so kind to me. Her Highness, who is gone to Vichy to take the waters, will return on the 15th of this month. It was showering here this morning. I only came here yesterday. I will probably stay here for some time. My health is much better than I felt it was in India.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* **NOTE:-** Mr. T. Harvey French and his wife. Mr. French was Sir John Watson's sister's son & M.A. in mathematics of Merton College Oxford. He was appointed Tutor to the Princes in August 1892 at the recommendation of Sir John Watson, and joined at st. Moritz where Mr. Sardesai was asked to assist him in the Princes' studies. Mr. and Mrs. French came out to India in charge of the two elder Princes in November 1892. His services were dispensed with in July 1905 after a service of 13 years. He was about 30 years of age when he joined service. He was fearless and straight-forward, rather strict than affable, but thoroughly

devoted to H.H. He did not smoke or drink, and did not concern himself with any matters except his own duty.

1938

LAUSANNE,

15th June 1894.

MY DEAR MINISTER (MANIBHAI),

I thank you for your letter. The matters you refer to, are not at all difficult to decide. I acknowledge with pleasure the good reasons, that prevailed in your course of action. At the same time, we must frankly acknowledge that my principles were violated. The only natural course further is that I should let you know what to do; otherwise, mischief, distrust and suspicions alone ought to prevail between us. I naturally wish you all well, but then I cannot give up my interest in Baroda and so when I find that a great mistake is being made, I cannot but wish its correction. It was only three days ago that I read for the first time the administration arrangements made for this trip of mine to Europe. As you know too well, I was not able to take any real interest in them except leaving the matter entirely in your hands and giving you verbally some directions to the effect that no concessions, if possible, should be made beyond the arrangement made at the time of Laxman Jagannath, when I first went to Europe. You afterwards told me at Makarpura that the arrangements were like those of the past and so I could like steps to go. Being very ill, I immediately arranged my things to start for Europe. There were many points, in which I should have given you many suggestions, which would have strengthened your position to look after my interests if I can term them so; but my health completely disabled me to do so and, therefore, I had no alternative but to follow all your suggestions, which, I have not the least doubt, you made with the best of motives. I should even now like to give my orders on certain points, which would ensure greater facility in watching and promoting the interests of the State; but in order to avoid तकरार, I do not wish to do so at present. Remember, Manibhai, that our true interests lie in honest and loyal union. Our country has suffered much for want of concord. Let us, as honest men, be

ever willing to correct our shortcomings, not by external pressure but our own free (internal) will. If you have not complained behind my back to the Residency, the position they have taken, is most unnatural. I write to you privately and confidentially, as I do not wish to have any worry. No rights can be maintained unless some are prepared to sacrifice themselves in their maintenance. You cannot read past history without learning great and useful lessons, and so you cannot read that too much. Study carefully the history of the Native States and see what they are coming to. We often cannot always stop the current of events; but we may, sometime, change it a little or retard its onward progress. Kindly do not think that I am wishing to find faults with you. I have only mentioned what has entered my head. I hope your children are doing well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1939

RIFLE ALP,

12th July 1894.

MY DEAR NEPHEW (GANPATRAO S. GAEKWAR),

I was so glad to get your kind letters. They make me so happy. People, as you know, often slightly hint at matters, when talking with one and specially with us, supposed to be great men; but they only attempt to excite curiosity and never to satisfy it. If you be frank with them and reason and ask for facts, they withdraw from their position and plead their state of servitude, for cutting short their talk and show fear. Is not this unsatisfactory and unjust to one, about whom you form suspicions? They easily sympathize with their fellow servants, but never attempt to reason as fair men who ought to weigh facts and form opinion, after being sure of them. As, often there is no time to do this in these giddily placed times, you might, at least, suspend your judgment. I know a little only of the many curious and startling impressions, that exist about me; but when friends have touched them. I have asked them on what facts they have touched them, I have asked them on what facts they have based their opinion, then they, instead

of honestly wishing to correct themselves, keep the onerous silence, which is irritating but not corrective. The truth is one should attach very little importance to such matters. What guarantee is their that such things are not, sometimes, intended to produce certain effects and, sometimes, merely from honest ignorance? I shall write to you again. I hope the scare of thefts is less and that things in Baroda are getting on well. Remember me to your wife and our relations. I cordially thank you for your letters again.

Your affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1940

Zermatt, 14th July 1894.

MY DEAR JAYASINGRAO (ANGRE),

I was, indeed, very glad to get your letters. I look forward to your future ones with deep interest and curiosity. Only see that our letters are not dabbled with, while in the course of transmission. There are so many kinds of tales of letters being dabbled within Baroda and other places in times of खटपट. Kindly when you see Kershapji, tell him that his letter, instead of paining me, has rather pleased me, as it gave some information, of which I have been ignorant for sometime. Our policy is not of disloyalty to Government of India nor is it directed to selfish and improper ends and that being the motive of action, we need not be afraid of the pangs of conscience. I am aware from history and also learnt by experience, that truth does not always succeed at once and that, people, who wish to molest, can do it *ad limitum* and specially when in power. It is better to die performing our duty uprightly and faithfully, than be honoured for not performing it rightly. Treachery is bad and so I stop. I hope you are doing well and that your house is not robbed again.*

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* This letter expresses the Maharaja's significant views.

1941

ZERMATT,

14th July 1894.

MY DEAR MR. PESTONJI,

I thank you for your several letters. I am glad that the children are doing well. I do not think that keeping off from all kinds of letters can do me good. It is the treatment we people are having, which is doing me some harm. Pleasant work can do no harm but good. It is not total abstinence that will prevent harm but what is required, is moderation and freedom from worry. Communications coming from all cannot do good, but work mischief in the Native State departments. I was so glad to begin to get letters from the different heads of departments. I have just come down from Rifle Alp, a place, which is a little higher than this. It is raining here at present and most of the mountains are covered it mist. The mail came in only to-day. Keep a careful note of all, that goes on. I am getting tired of living in this way, i.e. mountainous place. So many considerations force me to act against my right judgement. I feel often for my children and interests in Baroda. I hope your poor wife is better and also your children.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1942

HOTEL ZERMATT, ZERMATT,

15th July 1894.

MY DEAR SIR (F. A. H. ELLIOT),

I am extremely sorry that you have not been well. I know that you have been much worried and trouble. Have confidence in the purity of motive, with which you have done your duty. Let us hope that things will turn out right. I have just returned yesterday. I did not like Rifle Alp at all. It is so dull here. I am not feeling well consequently I feel that I cannot be long away from my friends and children. I am beginning to feel ennui very much. I have not been sleeping well. I am glad Ella and your wife are here. I know why you have not come. Do we live in an age of liberty or do we only possess an image of it? How

helpless are we? Such thoughts often come into one's mind.
One has to be insensible under such over-powering forces
Keep well. Remember me to Teddy.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

P. S. I. hope to write to you soon again

S. R. G.

1943

ZERMATT,
19th July 1894.

MY DEAR MR. PESTONJI,

On the 17th instant, the following telegram was received from you :-

Their Highnesses letters wanted early empowering me transfer of four into three and a half percent loan; if not loss of seventeen thousand selling also advisable, then power of attorney wanted immediately.

In reply to the above, Mr. Vanikar was asked to telegraph as follows :

Transfer necessary notes to three and a half per cent; letter follows.

Under these circumstances, I empower you to transfer the necessary four per cent Government papers standing in my name to three and half per cent.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1944

ZERMATT,
24th July 1894.

MY DEAR DHAMNASKAR,

I was extremely glad to get your kind letter. I know the state of things, that has been created in Baroda. We have to take note of it; at the same time we have not to be frightened. If we do, the people, who are interested in creating confusion by telling different tales to different individuals, by using threats and by practising espionage, will be simply delighted

at the success of their immoral attempts. There are certain rights that every person and every individual has and what greater reason can you have than the laws of nature? If I am in good health, much is required to frighten me. The state of suspense, in which I am at present, is the worst, that can be for my health. Very little is required to demoralize the dependent people of our country. There are laws, which produce this mortal fear. Let us be just and fear not. I do not wish to preach, as it has no effect; and you will find, when I come back, that preaching and giving समजूत will be a thing of the past with me. I believe in doing one's work honestly and straightforwardly. Keep note of every thing, that goes on and even, if possible, of the gossips, which show the nature of the morality of the people, amongst whom they pass current and again they show the state of public feeling, which is most important to know. When I left Baroda, I was not at all able to go into the arrangements and had to sign the papers without even reading them. I read them only about a month ago. They seem to differ a good deal from the past arrangements and certainly I find the practice different. I cannot compare the present arrangements with the past, as I have no information to do so. All the papers present Abbas seems to have had with him, were papers of the present arrangements. You could not have greater paucity of information than what I have; because the papers Abbas used to get, were only weekly diaries and, occasionally, a paper for orders. In future, I must manage never to cut myself off from receiving communications from friends and officers, as I did this time.

I have been making lot of trips round about here and they always seem to agree with me. To-morrow I propose to leave from here on my way to London and from there I shall have to make up my mind about my future plans. I am most likely to return to India, as I should be happier amongst my own people and friends. The peace of mind I expected by coming here, has not been achieved to the degree I expected. However, notwithstanding the state of suspense and ignorance about my affairs, the petty worries and irritations, that arise from a surrounding like the one I have, the depressing thoughts about our fate, the evil of my severance from Baroda and my children. I have much improved.

Athaley's* death is a great loss to us. Whatever his faults may have been if any he had, he had great capacity and intellect, and understood our position very well. And, above all, he was honest and frank in giving me the results of his thoughts in a straight-forward and yet in a gentlemanly way. He would not mince matters or give them a colour, which, he thought, was not theirs. He did not exaggerate fears unless he expected them. My great trouble at present is how to get a man, as far as possible, like him to take his place. I badly want persons, who would sympathize with my aspirations and who would honestly try to understand me, give me the benefit of their experience to avoid mistakes and to promote good and, above all, to save me from unnecessary work and worry. It is the last, which does me most harm. Moderate work can do but only good. I am afraid I have already written to you a long friendly letter and I now close it with the hope that it will find you in good health and spirits and in a state of moral courage, which will render you fit to do your work to your master and the State.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Mr. Y. V. Athaley, M. A., L.L.B. was a great scholar, He joined service in Baroda in 1887 as a city judge and rose to the Naib Dewanship within a few years of his service. He died of dropsy in April 1894.*

1945

LONDON,
3rd August 1894.

MY DEAR COL. FITZ-GERALD*,

I thank you very much. I was indeed very glad to see you again. I only regret that I could not give you more time, which, were it possible, I should have done with sincere pleasure. However, I hope we shall meet again ere long. I read the address with great pleasure. I am asking Mr. Vanikar to return it to you at once.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJI RAO GAEKWAR

**An India Office Official.*

1946

HOTEL BALMORAL EDINBURGH,

13th August 1894.

MY DEAR SIR (MR. ELLIOT),

You are, I believe, fairly well acquainted with every thing or more correctly some things, that are going on in Baroda. Matters are being, with a great deal of frankness, talked in the Indian papers. This only shows the state affairs. I am of opinion that considering the fact that your department is the centre of attack, you should at once manage to join your post. I know what a grave sacrifice you will be making in going; but I think it has to be done. The State ought, without any doubt, pay your expenses. The question is can you manage to get leave to join at once? I should have the permission in my pocket. If you do not think it unwise, I should recommend you to see Sir S. Bailey and give him the idea of the situation. It will be useful to keep him to certain extent informed. Keep a good note of what you say to him, so that I may know what has passed. I expect to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1947

CALLANDER,

27th August 1894.

MY DEAR FRIEND (SIR JOHN WATSON),

I am sorry that I have not answered your letter yet, which arrived here soon after my return from London. I had caused to telegram being sent to you of the news; but it appears that you were not at home. I shall, with pleasure, let you know some time before I come to London again, so that you may come to see me, which will give me immense pleasure. One other reason, which delayed my writing to you, was the sad news of my mother's death in Khandesh*. Affairs in Baroda are causing anxiety to friends in India and also to me. Fortunately, my health is very well, if not wonderfully improved. I feel my absence very much. My children also want me back. I hope you are well and that your daughter is doing

well too. Will you bring her to see Her Highness? I am leaving for Olan to-day. Sampatrao is here. He is awfully cut up with the news No body can equal a mother's affection and she was loving and tender hearted.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* His Highness' mother Shri. Umabai Saheb died on 21st August 1894.

1948

PALACE HOTEL INVERNESS,

4th September 1894.

DEAR MR. FOWLER (SIR HENRY, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA),

There is much that I could tell you of the way, in which affairs are being conducted in Baroda, but I shall only mention to you a few points, so that you may be able to judge of my awkward and difficult position. I have two considerations to bear in mind and, unfortunately, two difficulties to contend with my State and its prestige and my health. Under these difficulties, I thought that the best thing I could do, was without any delay to write to you as a friend and to ask your advice; the more so as you had touched on the subject of my return at our meeting in London.

When I left Baroda, I was under the impression that the administration was to be conducted by my Council as in previous trips; but from some communications, which only lately received, it seems that I was under an entirely wrong impression. Unfortunately, this document was not sent to me until I had asked for it, nor did it reach me till after our interview. It is, indeed, hard that I should not have been informed of this earlier. This will show you of how little account I am considered by my responsible officers, who consider themselves under the protecting eye of the Agent to the Governor-General. I shall not dwell on the manner, in which Coloner Biddulph has been behaving from almost the first day since he has been in Baroda. His ways and means, to get to an end are numerous and strange. Those, who have experienced them, can better understand their others could from any amount of writing. He not only sends for officers,

but gives them their cue how they are to act in accordance with his views so that his wishes become irresistible. You can well understand what must be the result of such conduct on the weak and unresisting Indians, especially when they know that their individual interests lie in not differing from them. This line of action is now an open secret. I hear it has already told on the efficiency and autonomy of the State. Even after my return, without the solid sympathy of the British Government. I should be able to do but very little. The various departments of the State have been more or less convulsed by him; but it is Settlement Department, which has suffered more grievously than the rest. This department has, in the course of its work-initiated several important measures and all there must suffer, when a decided attitude of opposition is taken by a very powerful officer, who not only is Agent to the Governor General, but who wields unaccustomed and extraordinary powers. It seems that the officers are made to understand that their correspondence with me is to be of a private nature and not official. Such treatment must, in the end, tell on the respect and obedience due to a ruler, without which no good government can exist.

A certain amount of discontent prevails and there seems to be a general desire that I should return to Baroda. Were it not for this, I should not have thought of leaving Europe for some time more; but it is now a serious question with me whether it would not be better and wiser for me to visit Baroda for some months during the cold weather, in order to help to restore by my presence the tranquility, which has, hitherto, prevailed. Under the unfavorable circumstances, which, I wish could have been avoided, I cannot help worrying about my interests in Baroda and the future difficulties, with which I shall have to contend.

The other point of consideration is, my health. My health has, I feel, vastly improved since I left Baroda, though as yet the fears of a relapse are not beyond the bounds of possibility. Any harsh or too critical treatment, which I am afraid I may have to encounter, under the present circumstances, would very likely undo whatever good has already been effected; and the only reward I should get for running this risk, would be cold sympathy and the knowledge that I had failed to

accomplish what I should have wished to do for my subjects and the State.

I was long thinking what to write to you; but after a good deal of consideration, I thought I could not act more wisely than by writing you a letter, in which I have attempted to express my feelings as I would do to a friend. If I have expressed myself in any way too freely, please remember that I have attempted to be frank. No trip of mine has ever before caused me so much anxiety as this, in which the evils of my absence have been so prominently brought forward.

Before I close, there is one small point, which occurs to me. Before going back, I am thinking of applying for the official approval of two English people—one a lady to be a companion and governess to Her Highness, the other a gentleman to be companion to myself and to perform, when necessary, the maximum duties of a Private Secretary. Will you kindly let me know, if there is not likely to be any objection to this, so that I may look out for suitable person before I leave England. If I find that a more suitable man can be found in India than here, I should be obliged, if you would ask Lord Elgin* to assist me in getting him. Hoping you are doing well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *The then viceroy of India.*

1949

INVERNESS,
5th September 1894.

MY DEAR LORD REAY,

I came here only yesterday evening. I enjoyed the scenery along the Caledonian Canal very much. At some places, the trees added greatly to the beauty of the sides of the canal. I am glad that I came over to Scotland, as I long wanted to see the country, of which I had naturally heard much. I want to you, as a friend, to tell me what I should do about my return to India. Whether, in your opinion, I should go by the beginning of November or not. Affairs from the glimpses I am getting, do not seem to be getting quite well. Every body expects a great

storm to burst in Baroda. I am personally not at all afraid of mistakes being corrected or offenders punished, provided no harm comes to the rights, prestige and interests of the State and its Ruler. The tone of the native news-papers relating to affairs is not encouraging. Some chop and change, as they are inspired by some people or as they express or as they find things. Mr. Elliot is very pressing, as to the advisability of my return or, he says, my interests will be greatly affected. If I had no fears about my health, which, fortunately, has much improved, I should have certainly returned without a moment's loss. Again even under the present state of my health, I might undertake to go to Baroda to do my duty; but my getting away is so difficult that making the arrangements entails more trouble, pain and sacrifice than the probable pleasure of an holiday. You cannot imagine the worry and sleepless nights one, sometimes, passes when the question of our movements is mooted. The Minister has not mentioned anything about the desirability of my return; but friends have recommended it, provided I shall stay there for some months, a thing, which, I think, they are wise in saying and which I shall act up to, with the greatest possible pleasure, unless anything untoward takes place about my health. Again what we have to consider is, will I get a sympathetic Resident to assist me? Let me tell you frankly that any kind assistance by the British will be most happily accepted by me. I wish them to help always and specially under the present circumstances of my delicate health. Many are inclined to think that I am so independent. I doubt whether the last is the right word to convey my idea that I do not care or value their assistance. No greater injustice can be done to me than by this impression. We exist because of the sense of honour and kindness of the British Government. I am deeply indebted to them for any kindnesses and substantial help. Difference of opinion is magnified by some interested people into feelings of unfriendliness on my part to the Government, to whom I owe my very existence. I shall fall short in that great gift of lip-loyalty; but I do not mind to challenge anybody in a practical way; when the occasion arises, I feel sure of the result. Kindly excuse this digression. If you want any information, you have only to ask

me and it will be submitted to you. I write to you as a private friend and so will your letter be treated. Think over the matter, as it is full of information to me. I am quite willing to stand by my duty so long as I can do it. If you happen to meet me, I shall show you some letters that are interesting.

Will you kindly remember me to Lady Reay? I hope you have enjoyed your holiday and stay at Geneva. Mr. Elliot just left us for a few days. If I go, I shall certainly require the assistance of Mr. Elliot and that, too, being of any use, must be fairly long.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

P. S. Though the Minister has not written to me about my return, still he has mentioned in his telegram and letters of the discontent and the crisis. I cannot say whether this was intended only to get out certain orders from me or because it was done bona fide. It is difficult to criticize. The Gujerathi and other vernacular papers are already publishing sensational articles on Baroda and asking the interference of the British Government. The Poona papers are criticizing the Council and the Resident Col. Biddulph. They say the Council wishes that I should not return.

S. R. G.

1950

INVERNESS,
6th September 1894.

MY DEAR COL. BIDDULPH (RESIDENT, BARODA),

I have to acknowledge your letters, which reached me, while in Switzerland. I am glad to say that my health is steadily improving. I find that Scotland affords a pleasant change, as I had got quite tired of Switzerland; and though the scenery cannot be compared to that of the latter country, still Scotland has a mild and soft beauty of its own; but the lakes and mountains look diminutive after the Lake Leman and Mount Cediran. The sky is, by no means, so clear and cheerful as that of Heluctia. Will you kindly remember me to Mrs. Biddulph? I hope both of you are in the best of health.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1951

INVERNESS,

6th September 1894.

MY DEAR MR. PESTONJI,

I thank you for your kind, frank interesting letters. I am not afraid nor surprised that some people think that I am not above the party feeling. I am quite happy so long as my conscience is alright and my actions conform to it. I only regret that ordinary humanity and specially an Indian, that belongs to a small locality, runs to sudden conclusions and attributes motives to people, which they themselves never dream of. Considering limited experience, low morality, sordid motives, pecuniary interest, caste and racial prejudices, love (probably necessity) of intrigue, down-trodden state, their enslaved subjugation (which must annihilate all virtues and dissimulate truth), the envy and the jealousy, that exists in our disunited dismembered society, must astonish no one and specially one, who ought to know them well; but still their conduct must damp the spirit of those, who wish them happiness and prosperity. If I had to advise any person of our country in elation to the nominal Native Princes, I would only ask him to suspend his judgment till he had verified the facts. This principle need not alone be applied to the weak portion of the princes, but to the conduct of everybody high or low, princes particularly; because they have fewer chances of correcting individual and sectional opinions. I shall stop my preaching, as it can do but little good to those, who are fully grown and matured in their likes and dislikes, in wrong ideas and confirmed beliefs. I only assert this in general, not of any particular individual. You will be glad to hear that I have vastly improved in health. What does the storm in Baroda mean? I see so many articles about our affairs in newspapers. Some are asking for British intervention by using the catch phrases and arguments. These very people in an altered condition give importance to the representative institutions and places of colonels and generals in the British Indian army. How consistent! What a sacrifice of interests to principle! I was very sorry to learn the sad news of my mother's demise.

However the end of life is death. I hope you are enjoying good health.

Yours sincerely.
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1952

INVERNESS,
8th September 1894.

DEAR LADY TWEEDALE,

I do not wish to lose any time in writing to thank you for giving me the opportunity of going to see you at Braham Castle and to let you know how much I enjoyed my visit. I was much interested to see a real Primrose League Meeting in full swing; but apart from this, it gave me the greater pleasure to see your beautiful house and park and to experience the kindness and hospitality, which Capt. Gordon and yourself know so well how to extend to your visitors. Her Highness also wishes me to tell you how much she enjoyed her visit, which was altogether a new experience to her. With our kindest regards to you both, Believe me.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1953

INVERNESS,
8th September 1894.

MY DEAR SIR (MR. F. A. H. ELLIOT),

Your letter of the 15th September just to hand. I am sorry you cannot come, as the change might have done you good. My orders are not satisfactory to myself. I wish I had acted differently. I did not know the way I was treated. My wishes are probably made use of as suit some people. In justice, I have not been treated so as to do justice to others. I have always attempted to do justice to anybody impartially and, in this case too, my desire has been and is only to do that. I shall probably be running down to London after the sports are over, unless I have to see the Queen. I have asked to find out

her wishes. I hope the matter will be place before her properly, as I do not wish to cause any annoyance to her. Her Highness and I too are doing very well. My kindest regards to you all.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1954

INVERNESS,
19th September 1894.

MY DEAR COL. FITZ-GERALD,

I thank you for you to-day letter. It was a great pleasure to Her Highness the Maharanee and myself to see you all on Saturday. I am glad you all enjoyed your day. I hope Mr. Davidson is well again. Kindly convey my and Her Highness thanks to Mrs. Faser for her kind invitation. We will try to avail ourselves of her kindness; but please do not be disappointed, if we do not turn up as we have other engagements.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1955

KENSINGTON,
25th September 1894.

DEAR SIR JAMES (FERGUSSON, LATE GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY),

I hope that you have been well and flourishing since I last saw you. I hear that you are Married. If this is no idle rumour, please accept my hearty congratulations. I hope I may have the pleasure of making Lady Fergusson's acquaintance someday. Have you returned to town? I hope so, as I am here for a few days and should be most happy, if you would come and have dinner with me. I have just returned from Scotland, where we were very lucky in the matter of weather. We spent most of our time in the Nossacks, Ohan, and Inverness, where the Highland Gathering kept us for nearly three weeks. I was much amused by the games and balls. Hoping that you are well and with my kindest regards, Believe me,

Yours very truly,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1956

KENSINGTON,

25th September 1894.

DEAR SIR JOHN (PULESTON),

It must be a long time since I heard from you last. I hope that you and Lady Puleston as well as both of your daughters are enjoying excellent health. I wonder if you are still in the country or if you have returned to town. I hope that you are back, as I myself am going to be here for a few days and I should be most happy, if you would you come and have dinner with me some night. I have just returned from Scotland, where, I fear, we have left the fine weather behind us. From Edinburgh we went through Trossach to Ohan, thence up the canal to Inverness where we stayed for three weeks and went to the Highness games and the balls, which amused me very much. The night at Dunheld closed a very pleasant tour of seven weeks. I hope to hear from you in a day or two and with kindest regards to you all. Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1957

KENSINGTON, LONDON,

27th September 1894.

MY DEAR MR. MANIBHAI (DEWANSAHEB),

I have to acknowledge several letters of yours. I did not know that you had closed the offices on learning the sad news of my mother's death, otherwise I should not have wired. You acted well. Mr. Vanikar sends a communication to you in connection with what is now known by the name of "Bapat Commissions." If there be any thing against the sound principles of law or against justice in any way or of there be anything in any communication, which deserves reconsideration, kindly always point it out. I shall be always most happy to think the matter over again. You know that I have no legal man by my side and, therefore, you must point out any defects in my communications in due time; so as to prevent mischief. My health is fortunately improving very

much, though as yet it requires care and caution. As there is very little time before mail starts, I must hurry to conclude this note. I hope you are in the enjoyment of excellent health.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1958

KENSINGTON LONDON, W.,
28th September 1894.

MY DEAR NEPHEW (GANPATRAO S. GAEKWAR),

I am very thankful to you for your kind letter; many thanks for your consolations. I am enjoying, indeed, very good health though, occasionally, I feel slight sensation of चक्कर. Will you kindly give my very kind regards to the Minister and tell him that no order of mine must be set aside before I am informed of it? The weather here is very good. I enjoyed my stay in Scotland very much. Kindly remember me to your wife. I wrote a letter to the Minister to-day, in which I forgot to write the message, which I am requesting you to give him.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1959

LONDON,
28th September 1894.

MY DEAR MINISTER (MANIBHAI J.)

Your letter to hand. I remember casual conversation about the question of Rs. 4,000, then supposed to be Rs. 6,000, had taken place between ourselves and the talk too mentioned in my last letter.

About your date of retirement I also notice what you say. You must remember that you are there on the spot in Baroda and the matters can, to a certain extent, be done slowly and quietly as you choose to get them done. I must tell you in confidence that there is always a tendency to bring forth the Resident. When you do not care to carry out a step, which has a connection, in a way a relation, with the Resident like the matter of the Vakil.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1960

ROYAL PALACE HOTEL, KENSINGTON, LONDON,
29th September 1894.

MY DEAR DR. NEVINS,

I have to thank you most heartily for several of your last Monday from Dunheld, which is a beautiful place. I enjoyed my tour to Scotland very much. I am glad that I went there instead of stopping in Switzerland. Scotland was such a great change to me being quite new. The scenery of Scotland, as you know, cannot be compared to that of Switzerland. The latter has huge snow-clad mountains and rushing torrents, while the former has a very mild climate and oft scenery. I think Inverness and its surroundings as one of the best spots I have seen in Scotland. Dunheld is also a very pretty place. The trees seem to flower here so well. A place called Murthby Castle is indeed grand place. The unfinished house is so imposing and large in size. When finished, it will be one of the finest, if not the finest place in Scotland. One can get an idea of private fortunes by seeing this place. I have been to several theatres in town. The 'New Women' and the 'Derby Winners' are very interesting. The ending of the former is not at all romantic but prosaic, as, I believe, it is intended to be. I have asked a few people to dinner, but not of any consequence, as few are in town. The news from India about the children is as good as can be expected, considering their age and number. They are very anxious about my return. As far as business, official accounts give unruffled peace, while the journals and a number of official friends give rather gloomy views. The Department of Barkhali or Settlement is being severely attacked, as it seems, some people make it out. The motives attributed are various and numerous. I need not give my views on the subject. Some important officials are most pressing about my return. They are so anxious that I should even make my health a secondary question. My health is vastly improved, though I occasionally, still feel the sensation of giddiness. I do not mind to go, if the interests of my State require; but the bothers about my movements are so increased that they tell upon my health and peace of mind. I have not lost the wish of living in my people or of furthering their

interests; but to do this effectively and conscientiously, freedom of movements is absolutely necessary. However, matters would settle down. Her Highness is enjoying good health. Will you kindly remember me to your parents and sisters, who, I hope, are well? With kindest regards to you.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1961

ROYAL PALACE HOTEL, LONDON,
2nd October 1894.

MY DEAR FRIEND (SIR JOHN WATSON),

I shall start as mentioned by you in a letter given to me by Mr. Elliot from you. I am just as anxious to have your kind company, and so I should like to start back for London as late as I can, consistent to your convenience and provided we avoid much cold. I do not know the time of the trains. I shall lunch with you and then start at a convenient hour. You must come and stay with me for a few days. Try to come as early as you can, so that we might go to theatres and other Tamashas here.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1962

MY DEAR FRIEND (SIR WATSON),

I have been going about in London since I left you. I have stayed here much longer than I expected. Time passes here so rapidly. Since the last three or four days the weather is not good and there is much fog. I have not been feeling well and I am wishing to avoid the evil effects of the weather. I was most anxious to have your company and of your daughter; but since I do not feel well in the fogs of weather, you will kindly understand my wish to evade it. Under these circumstances, I shall have to forego the pleasure for receiving you. I regret this much; but you can well understand it; and I know that you would be sorry to see me, if I am not doing well. I am leaving for Paris and thence to some other place. I

was so happy in staying with you. We were so comfortable and Miss. Watson was most kind attentive. I was still more happy to notice how affectionately she looked after you. Will you kindly remember me to your daughter and son?

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1963

GRAND HOTEL DU LAUVRE, PARIS,

14th October 1894.

MY DEAR SIR (MR. F. A. H. ELLIOT),

I received your kind letter and copy of a letter written by you to a gentleman. I read it over and I think you could not have expressed yourself more straight-forwardly and plainly. I do not enjoy my stay here as I enjoyed in London. I like, to an extent, social engagements and entertainments. I really enjoy the society of different kinds of people. It is so refreshing and serves to me as a real diversion. I forgot my own existence in trying to enter into theirs. I am sorry I left without bidding you good-bye. Dr. Hajel is very anxious that I should leave for Switzerland and that means, I believe, on the Lake of Geneva. I have applied by wire to the Governor-General for you to Baroda. I enclose a copy of the telegram. It would be but only fair that you should be present in Baroda, when so many of your assistants are attacked. I am not in a position to judge of the merits of their cases. Though my health is not good, still I feel very much my absence from Baroda. My giddiness has not yet disappeared and I now and then feel shaky. I do not know why? My stomach may have much to do with it, as it often gets out of order and upsets my spirits and nerves.

If duty requires me at Baroda, I am prepared to make my health a secondary question. Her Highness is not feeling well. Poor thing, she has been so long from her dear little children. As I have received no communication from Calcutta, I have postponed Her Highness' departure for December, that will complete a year in Switzerland, though Dr. Hajel is, I am told, inclined to dispute the good of my stay, as I have not behaved in a manner or in a place that he would choose. I am

not going to complain; but I just mention it for fun. Kindly give my regards to Mrs. Elliot and your children.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1964

GRAND HOTEL DU LAUVRE, PARIS,

19th October 1894.

MY DEAR COL. BIDDULPH,

I apologize for not answering your kind and friendly letter of the 30th August. I am deeply touched by your attention. The sympathy of friends goes a great way in softening the pains and sorrows of the world. The Minister has also communicated to me your further acts of sympathy and of attention. Marks like these must cement friendship. I enjoyed my trip to Scotland very much. I am very glad that I saw the country. The climate and food are really strengthening. The mild scenery of Scotland is different from that of Switzerland and has beauty and charms of its own. I am at present here and do not enjoy my stay here as I did that of London, I left London, because it was very foggy and I did not like that I was very glad to see the Duke of Connought. He is looking rather older and so does the Duchess, who is falter than before. My health is undoubtedly better than it was when I left Baroda without going into the arrangements made for my administration during my absence. I must not run into business. Her Highness is not, I am sorry to say, as well as when she left Baroda. Europe affects us in different ways, she loses in weight, while I go on gaining. There are still certain things to be achieved in connection with my health; but we must wait patiently for time to work it.

I am glad to learn that Mrs. Biddulph is well. I was sorry to learn lately that October has upset you; but I hope Mount Abu will restore you to your usual health. You will be glad to know that I found Lord Northbrooke looking very well in health. He has just returned from the continent. Will you kindly give my regards to Mrs. Biddulph, who, I hope, is indulging in making many sketches of Baroda?

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1965

PARIS,

19th October 1894.

MY DEAR LORD ELGIN, (VICEROY),

I have now been in Paris about a week; the weather has been delightful, though very cold, and the right sunshine has been a pleasant change after the foggy atmosphere of London. One day last week, as Her Highness and I were leaving the Magazine du Louvre, the Duke and the Duchess of Connought came up and had a few minutes' chat with us. The next day His Royal Highness very kindly came to call on me and stayed a long time. They were on their way from Switzerland to London and were looking very well. I much enjoyed my visit to Scotland and the fortnight, which I spent in London, was a very pleasant change, especially as I was able to see some of my friends. My health has certainly improved wonderfully; and although my doctors tell me that another ten months in Europe would be necessary before I could completely recover myself. I still feel justified, as well for the sake of my children as of affairs of the State, in saying that I intend to return shortly to Baroda, where I hope, with heaven's blessing, to take up once more the reins of Government to the satisfaction of myself and of my subjects.

I hope that the request, which I made by telegram, that the services of Mr. Elliot in my State should be retained, will be granted. I hope Your Excellency is enjoying very good health.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1966

GRAND HOTEL DU LOUVRE, PARIS,

19th October 1894.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIEND,

It has long been in my mind to address to you a few remarks upon your studies; but in the present instance, I shall confine myself to a few short observations on what I consider to be the most important of them all, viz. the systematic and scientific study of history.

Ever since men have committed their thoughts to records, it has been a common place, which may fill us with satisfaction or regret according to our temperament, that it is impossible to predict the future; and history abounds in memorable instances of the rash forecasts made by men, whose genius and experience entitled their opinion to the highest respect. And although there have been many successful prophesies of distant and great events sufficient to justify us in assuming that there is a limited power of forecasting the general direction of human progress, it does not follow that this power can be of any real use in influencing events, but we may gain from it indications of a general character of the direction, towards which we are drifting in political and social life; and if we cannot absolutely change our destiny, we may, at least, adapt ourselves to it and make it durable. We may then take it for granted that the hope that history will ever be brought to such perfection that we shall be able to forecast the future in more than a very general way, is perhaps only a dream. But it seems beyond dispute that it may reconstruct the past in a manner, that was not even hoped for a century ago. We are getting to understand the constitution of primitive societies by studying primitive man, as we still have him in savage communities; we are beginning to understand the rise of agrarian laws and of laws regulating property of all kinds. As an instance of the Herculean labours, which may be successfully undertaken in this field, I will mention a very great work, the study of which has afforded me the great pleasure and profit, and which, if you are not already familiar with it, I would earnestly recommend to your most careful attention- "Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." When we consider what Gibbon did without the aid of critical editions of the classics and with many sources of knowledge sealed to him, for times of which our records are lamentably imperfect, it seems difficult to set limits to what he might have achieved under more favourable conditions. With the instinct of genius, he took one of the greatest subjects available, and discovered worlds, which are now mapped out a familiar. He was the first to reconstruct the Roman Empire in a way, which men with ordinary political insight might apprehend; but he did more

than this; he was the first to write the true history of the Christian Church; and when I say that the chief, perhaps, the only English writer, who has any claim to be considered an ecclesiastical historian, is Gibbon, I am quoting a very high Christian authority, the authority of Cardinal Newman. Nor must we be discouraged by comparing our feeble efforts with such a stupendous and colossal example as this; for when we consider the vast fields in the past, that remain unattempted, that fresh domains are being added in every generation, that the subject matter is as wide as human nature itself and that nothing is so small as to be despised, nothing so great as to be unessayed by the historian, it is surely to be anticipated that history is bound to occupy more and more thought and to be more clearly and fully understood as time goes on. But you will doubtless say, if I give you an example to follow and an ideal to be attained, I must also point you a road, which will lead you to the one and steps, by which you may ascend to the other, and I cannot but allow that the demand is just, though the task is one of great difficulty. And first you will be disappointed, when I tell you that there is no royal road and that the most essential preliminaries are patience and labour. If the great names, which have adorned every century since the creation of the world, has let us an account of the processes, by which they worked, it would, indeed, have been the most valuable legacy they could have bequeathed to us; but some few things we know that Thucydides wrote the first page of his great history in a dozen different ways, that Gibon took over thirty years in erecting the monument, on which his fame stands and that number of authors in Latin tongue, whom he read during the first of those years, seem, in our degenerate days, almost incredible.

The first and most important step is the investigation and the collection of facts and that you may know which to receive and which to reject. You will have to learn how to balance them accurately and how best to cultivate the critical faculty. A very excellent plan, by which you may learn how to make a discriminating and useful collection of facts, is to keep a diary of the events of each day. It sounds a simple thing to say; by if you have not already acquired the habit, you will find that

it is not so simple to put into practice. It is the beginning of all important habits of accurate observation, which is the basis of all true learning. But facts are not everything; each fact is the cause or effect of some other and in most cases, both cause and effect. These have again to be carefully balanced and investigated. It is not so important to notice what were the reasons, the desires or the delinquences, which made its promulgation necessary and what were its effect on the minds, the, morals and the habits of the people, when it has come into force. The record of a defeat is not so important as the investigation of relaxation of discipline, the indecision of the mistakes of generalship, which led to it; nor is the record of a victory so important as the enumeration of the uses, to which it was put by the conqueror. A famine, a war, or a pestilence in one century may have the gravest consequences in the next and the easy cession of a tract of border-land by a thoughtless monarch may be fraught with the gravest disasters for his successors. It is also most useful to accustom oneself to the study and comparison of statistics, especially in a country like India, where differences of class are numerous and sharply defined. It is also most necessary to study the balance of political parties in past ages as well as in the present, noting where history has repeated itself and what often almost imperceptible events have led to them. I cannot conclude these short and, I fear, imperfect remarks without impressing upon you the importance of style; the example of Mill has shown how much even political economy may be recommended by a faultless setting; and no subject, however, abstruse in metaphysics or natural science, is incapable of being enhanced by style. Plato has embalemed discussions of great subtlety and of difficult argument in prose, which the world can never forget; and Buffon produced a voluminous work on natural history, which is known all over the world, as well in the cottage as in the palace. Probably the instantaneous success of "Darwin's Origin of the Species" was very much due to the admirable simplicity and sustained interest in the narrative, which even the general public could follow sufficiently to understand. It must, however, be remembered that style after all can only be dignified and effective, if it expresses dignified and effective thought; and

here unhappily the difficulty is apt to increase as the work proceeds; the beginnings of a science are always its most attractive part; the luminous conception, the broad outlines and the strong contrasts of colouring can be indicated from the first; but as inquiry and research proceed, the attention is wearied with detail. I hope that what I have said, will not discourage you, but that you will make fresh efforts to acquire perseverance and patience even in what, at first, seem important details. The more glorious the end is, the greater are difficulties, that lie in the way, but all the greater will be the honour for him, who successfully overcomes them.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

This is an excellent little harangue on the conception of history showing how deeply His Highness has studied this subject. Unfortunately we don't know who the young friend is to whom it is address. Can he be Mr. Weeden?

1967

BARODA,
27th January 1895.

MY DEAR CAPT. GORDON,

For about ten days after I left you at Suez, I was steering my way towards Bombay. The passage was, on the whole, enjoyable, although for a day or two the sea shewed us that we were all temporarily on an unstable surface. The ship, however, steered very steadily and there was nothing more than a certain uneasy sensation at times. At Aden the steamer stopped for about ten hours, and I had a nice drive on land. The pull from Aden to Bombay was rather tedious and the monotony of the sea-life became, at times, rather prominent. There were nice people on board the steamer.

The steamer arrived in the Bombay harbour on the morning of the 19th instant. The approach was very nice, although it was rather misty in the early morning. After staying in Bombay for a few hours, I started the same day for Baroda, where I arrived the next morning. The welcome from all my people was very hearty and enthusiastic. I feel so happy to be among them.

My health is, if anything, a little better than what it was in Europe. But I must wait and see how it continues. I have not looked into business yet. It is, in my opinion, beyond doubt that the state of feeling is not healthy and is one that is bound to produce mischief, if not checked. There is any amount of scope here at present for intrigue, for party and race feeling, all this must tell on the efficiency of the administration. However, the only thing, perhaps, that I can do, I believe, is to sit silent and turn a deaf ear to everything. We are creatures of circumstances.

I am glad to say that my eldest son* is now free from his boils, which were very bad and caused a great deal of anxiety to the officers here. Both Her Highness and myself were, indeed, very happy to see the children. Her Highness is perfectly well and happy amongst her people. Will you kindly give my best regards to Lady Tweedale, I hope, is enjoying good health?

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Prince Fatesinhrao.

1968

BARODA,
8th February 1895.

MY DEAR SIR (MR. ELLIOT),

I was very sorry to learn from Mrs. Elliot's letter that you have been very unwell. I hope you are much better by this time and that your lungs are clear and good. When I sent you the telegram, I did not know that you were ill. I should feel sorry, if that wire did you harm. I, too, got cold and fever after coming here and my throat is not yet well. I have been sleeping worse than in Europe and I think the constant changes of temperature here tell on patients like myself. I have to be very careful about my health, as I want to stay here for some time and again a relapse would do me immense harm. I have never seen the people welcoming me more heartily than this time. Many felt it as a relief. The Residency interfered this time in affairs a good deal more than ever before, and I think

the people do not care for it. Many educated take an intelligent view of the policy of the Government and differ from it. My authority has certainly, I think, suffered and will, if at all, regain its former prestige after immense time, of course, provided the Residency or anybody do not come in its course. I feel our Native State's helplessness more than before. I am afraid of giving vent to my real inconveniences; because Col, Biddulph, I feel, instead of helping me, only takes notes of them or of my argument and uses them or it against me. I feel it is a policy of bullying and troubling me personally. We are to get Col. Martelli after Biddulph from Ajmere. I should not be at all sorry to tell Col. Biddulph what I write to you. I am, in my present health, afraid of telling him as he has not been sufficiently kind and true in his conduct. It may not be in his nature. Since my return I have seen him twice and he has been kinder in a way than before. Your department has been weakened much; but many tell me that it is not beyond being pulled back. I shall tell you my views in my next letter. I have never seen a greater change for the worse from our Native State point, as I have seen here after my return. The political atmosphere is unpleasant, low intruguing, suspicious and carping or ready to find fault only. Class and party feeling also pervades in the officials here. The evils of want of strong hand and one Government are most perceptible. These evils are very important, and will, if allowed to continue or renewed again, do incalculable harm-harm, which will ultimately fall on every good government. Progress under the distracted state of feeling is not possible and I would not venture to start any. The service, at least, the non-huzur, is demoralized and will not trust its superiors. They merely carry out orders as machines.

I have just returned from a little shikar-party from Kelanpur and so feel a little tired and, therefore, will not write more. Fatehsinhrao, who was very ill just before I came, is gradually getting stronger. He is very delicate. With my best regards to Mrs. Elliot and your children,

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1969

BARODA,

13th February 1895.

MY DEAR CAPT. GORDON,

I thank you so much for your kind advice. I have been following out your advice, though not yet quite fully. I have been out shikaring once with some friends and go out often for drives and rides. Soon after I came, I had cold and fever, but soon shook it off. Her Highness is quite happy in her people. I am going out to a lake called Ajwa to-morrow. I have ridden the bicycle several times. I am glad that I have learned it. I have engaged a new gentleman to be with me, who is a nice fellow and whom I like, as he is yet free from courtly artificial ways. My health is just the same as you used to see. The heat does not quite agree with it. I have resolved not to look into business, as I cannot stand it for long. The Council continues there and I have no mind to stop it till I feel quite equal to the work. The people would be glad, if I took up things in my own hand greatly as before; but I shall not attempt it. Everybody here is extremely glad that I came. There is a feeling of relief in their mind, which I had not seen before. I myself feel happy to be amongst them and would like to reside in them altogether but for health. I have not been well impressed with the state of feeling in the different classes of officials. There is a great desire for *Khatpat* to seek revenge on each other. A strong hand is required here, so as to get the confidence of all concerned.

I am glad that you find Lady Tweedale well. Will you kindly remember me to her? Col. Biddulph leaves this on the 26th of this month. He has not been a popular man here, judging from what people talk about him. In my opinion, he is antiquated and lacks in breadth of views and sympathy; besides, he has a great lack of judicial turn of mind. He may have been useful forty or fifty years ago. I bear him personally no ill-will and would always be glad to know that he is happy in his retirement. The weather here is quite well, though there are often variations in it. I have been learning a little music and I think it would do me much good. I shall now close this letter with many wishes for your happiness and

with many thanks for your numerous kindnesses and frankness. I shall again write to you. I did not write the last letter myself; because I was not well and not because I have forgotten you.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1970

BARODA,
21st February 1895.

MY DEAR CAPT. GORDON,

I am glad that I shall have an opportunity of seeing you again. Do, by all mean, come and stay with me. I shall arrange to have your stay quite near the palace, so that we might see of each other as much as possible. I shall expect to come to Baroda, whenever you can conveniently do so. How sorry Lady Tweedal will be to part with you! I hope you will leave her in good health. We often think of you and will never forget you. You will probably find Baroda a little warm. There will be a wire for you at Bombay from me, telling you where I am. There is every chance of my being in Baroda, and I should avoid being absent, as you are coming. Hope you will have had a good voyage.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1971

OOTY, ST. ANN,
24th May 1895.

Memo :

1. A list of persons, with whom His Highness the Maharaja Saheb corresponds, should be drawn up with full names and addresses.
2. Letters should be drafted, so as to meet with their position, rank, state, relation and familiarity. They should be short, sweet and to the point, but not dry and typical. Letters should be clearly well written.

3. My correspondence has not been cultivated partly owing to the neglect of my secretaries to its legitimate needs and partly through other causes of a like nature. I hope this order will bring about the desired effect in the time.
4. No letters, as a rule, should be put off unanswered beyond a week.

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1972

OOTY, ST. ANN,

18th June 1895.

MY DEAR SIR (MR. ELLIOT),

I have received all your letters and they will receive my proper attention. A book of the decision and recommendations of the Commission* has been dispatched to your address. Kindly say whatever you consider fit as the Head of the Department and to help the cause of justice. I have not yet read the report. I shall write more to you by the next mail.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Bapat Commission Report.*

1973

OOTY, ST. ANN,

8th July 1895.

MY DEAR COL. MARTELLI,

Will you come and have a drive with me to-morrow afternoon at 4-30 p. m.? You will have finished work with the Minister long before and I hope the Minister* will be free to return to Baroda at once, as he has long been here. I should have sent him away before; but I kept him till you came and finished some work. I have only to-day commenced to read the Bapat Commission Report.

* *Mr. Manibhai Jasbhai came and stayed at Ooty for a week or two to explain important matters to H. H.*

I was late to come to the hunt this morning. I hope you enjoyed it and also your daughter.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1974

OOTY, ST. ANN,
8th July 1895.

MY DEAR SIR (ELLIOT),

I have been duly receiving all your communications. In the foot-note to your letter of the 15th June, you say that there are many points, which you have omitted. I hope you write fully these forthwith, so that there may be no necessity for further reference and it may aid the cause of justice.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1975

OOTY, ST. ANN,
16th July 1895.

MY DEAR BROTHER (SHRIMANT SAMPATRAO),

I am sorry I have not heard from you since your arrival in India. I hope you have found your family affairs in good condition. I directed an answer to your telegram. I did not think it wise to trouble you to come here, as I shall be soon starting for Baroda. If I stop in Poona, I would ask you to come up there, as I should be happy to see you. My health is not good here. I feel very relaxed and do not get good sleep at all. Her Highness is not doing well too. The children are all doing well. Have you met the Senapati Saheb*? What is that Jadhav of Nagpur, who was studying in Calcutta, doing? I should like to see him. If you do not know him, ask Ganpatrao to write to him to come to Baroda for a few days.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Shri Anandrao Gaekwad, His Highness' elder brother.

1976

OOTY, ST. ANN,
16th July 1895.

MY DEAR PANDIT,

Your kind letter of 13th Instant from Baroda addressed to His Highness was duly read by him and he has directed me to write to you as follows:-

The copies of the letters of Mr. Pestonji written to His Highness are sent herewith for your perusal and information. Kindly keep the matter to yourself. His Highness considers the tone of Mr. Pestonji's letters as reprehensible and one that ought not to be encouraged. His Highness is quite willing, if necessary, to think that part of his advice given in the letter is well meant, but part of it is unnecessary, untrue and mischievous. He is himself very vain and sees that very fault in others without any ground. While he was here, he did not keep himself acquainted with the contents of the official diaries, that came to His Highness and, when questioned, showed his ignorance of it and complained of overwork. Excuses are always brought forward to His Highness, but as a rule, late in a day. At present, as you know, one of the only ways that is at His Highness disposal, of checking the work of the Council and the Minister, is by looking into the diaries. And if that is not done in time, His Highness' orders will be more or less ineffective. If the orders are sent late, the officials will always, as you know, complain of the interference and upset their work. At present the beaurocrats are very powerful and, besides, would not mind to criticise His Highness' action. Besides, it is a good principle of business to do things in time. On account of Mr. Pestonji's neglect, His Highness has been forced to give orders in connection with the Naosari Abkari Contract, which are not quite to His Highness' satisfaction. By his ignorance, His Highness has been compromised in His Highness' action, besides causing His Highness worry, trouble and unpleasantness of pointing out the defects of work to Mr. Pestonji and to others. If he worked as a good man of business, all this ought to be avoided. Instead of taking these corrections, which have been more than once pointed out to

him, he is snappish, peevish and rather apt to resent correction, His Highness is rather inclined to attribute this sourness of Mr. Pestonji partly to his health. His Highness, therefore, recommended him to go on three month's leave and recruit his health, or if he likes after that time to return, His Highness shall be glad to take his request into consideration. Again, he is inclined to think that to look after the legitimate comforts of the people round about him, is beneath his dignity. He bears a sort of jealousy with them. A khangi Karbhari has to check these people, when wrong, and redress their grievances, when sensible, instead of neglecting them. If the officers really wish His Highness to be happy, the only thing they have to do, is to do their work honestly and in a through manner. As you know, His Highness puts up with free speech a great deal too much than many persons in His Highness' position would do. And this is only to learn the truth in time and enable His Highness to act properly. His Highness knows your good temper and strong common sense, which is rather uncommon in many people of modern education. This will enable you to manage the Khangi thoroughly and efficiently. Be just and strict and set all others right as soon as matters come to your knowledge, instead of giving worthless excuses at the eleventh hour. I may state at the same time that His Highness has heard a rumour to the effect to the effect that some very high officials have taken bribes-ten to fifteen thousands in connection with the Abkari contract. Imagine yourself how His Highness can rectify this sort of thing, when the information comes to His Highness so late? I hope you will greedily devour the contents of this letter and satisfy His Highness in every sensible way morally and dutifully.* Believe me,

Yours sincerely,
L. G. MANE.
A. D. C.

* This letter is obviously written at the direction of His Highness, and contains His Highness' frank opinion about Mr. Pestonji Dorabji Khandallawalla, who retired in 1887 and died on 14th February 1924.

1977

POONA,

3rd August 1895.

MY DEAR KAZISAHEB, (RETIRED DEWAN OF BARODA),

Will you kindly give me the Gujerathi Memo written by some body at the Minister Manibhai's desire and of which you spoke to me this morning. I wish to be with everybody as straight as possible. Am I right in understanding you that the letter purports to be from Manibhai?

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1978

POONA,

11th August 1895.

MY DEAR SHAHAJI RAJE (OF AKALKOTE),*

We had a very good journey from Akalkote to this place. The next day I felt very tired, but, fortunately, the fatigue did not last long. The children left Poona for Baroda yesterday. I leave it to-day. One feels a sort of pleasure to return to one's convenient abodes and this pleasure is enhanced after the troubles of small houses unsatisfactory sanitary surroundings and wretched gardens and houses badly lighted and furnished. I look forward to see my many and nice houses. The month of Shravan is rather busy in Baroda and there is plenty to occupy one's mind. The Harnai Melas are a popular resort in Shravan.

The races and pools have commenced a little now here. I thank you for the nice time we had in Akalkote. You all took so much pains to make us happy and comfortable. Will you give my kind regards to my niece and to Gorabai, (Putlabai) पुतळाबाई who I hope, are all well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Husband of Shri-Babebai Saheb, His Highness' niece.

1979

FLORA VILLAS, POONA,

9th November 1895.

MY DEAR COL. MARTELLI,

I wish to drop a word to you about a certain position of Baroda affairs. I hope you will take this in a friendly spirit and try to further its accomplishment. The point is that I should like to have a European Civilian to finish the Barkhali work, which, under his management, might be finished much sooner than otherwise. You know to a great extent what my feelings are on certain questions and I leave them in your sympathetic hands. Allow me to impress once more on your mind that Baroda will require especially substantive support from Government for some long time. I hope you will let me know soon about the Viceroy's private visit and a meeting with Mr. Cunningham.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1980

To,

His Highness the Maharaja Sayaji Rao Gaekwar, Baroda.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HIGHNESS,

Allow me in the first instance to thank Your Highness for the kind offer, which Your Highness commissioned Mr. Pandit to make to me. This is not the first time that offers of service in Native States have been made to me. More than 20 years ago, Prof. Dadabhai Nawroji wanted me to be a member of his Cabinet. Ten years later, the late Mr. Kirtane made a similar offer in Your Highness name. The late Maharaja Holkar similarly consulted me in 1895 about my willingness to go to Indore as his Dewan. On all these occasions, I declined the offer with thanks for reasons, which it is not necessary to state here. I have not attained 55 years of age and have nearly completed my pensionable service of 30 years, though I have still two years to serve owing to a break at the beginning. When, therefore, I was informally sounded last year by high officers in the Baroda State, I felt no hesitation in informing

them that I was disinclined to try any new experiment at my time of life, more especially as my state of health has not been of late such as to warrant my taking any great liberties with it. This time, however, Your Highness has been pleased to show such consideration in making the offer that I thought it my duty to take consent with my more intimate friends before I made up my mind for myself.

One of my English friends, high in the service, writes to me that his advice is not to accept what is an honourable offer and honourably conveyed. I send his letter with my brother, and I have asked him to show it to Your Highness. He thinks that I am doing well in the High Court and that if I became Dewan in a short time, *Khatpat* would be used with the Prince and with the Resident, which ever was most pliable and suspicious. Another of my friends highly honoured by all classes and by the Government writes that the personal element in a Native State is a factor to be taken into account, especially in a place, where changes have been too frequent, and that there should be some guarantee that full opportunities would be allowed to serve the State by its Prince, according to him the fullest measure of trust and powers in great matters of policy and trust. My friend thinks that unless such a guarantee can be secured, it will be hopeless to expect any real good by a change of persons.

A third friend, who had excellent opportunities of gaining experience by long service in a Native State, and who is a special well-wisher of Baroda and of Your Highness, thinks that unless Your Highness gets a Dewan, who to a highly public status adds mature experience, breadth of views, conciliatory yet firm and independent advice and action, laborious habits and determination to uphold the cherished and time honoured rights of the State, of Your Highness and of your subjects, the State will go down and Your Highness will not be happy. On the one hand, the Foreign office pressure is very great at present and caste and race factions have weakened the body politic from within. This friend thinks that I possess some of the qualities mentioned above and that Your Highness should place implicit trust in the man you select for the Dewanship. Other friends consulted think that no public considerations exist, which should induce me

at my time of life, with the reputation that I have maintained, to risk my health in the performance of a duty, which is likely to be exacting in a place far from conducive to health.

I have stated these views to show to Your Highness the grounds both public and private for the hesitation, which I feel in the matter.

Leaving these personal matters aside for the present, my own study of Baroda affairs during the past 20 years and more (Your Highness may be assured that I have been closely watching Baroda with an interest, which I feel in no other State) leads me to think that in Your Highness' interest, as much as in that of the State, the time has come when Your Highness should try to relieve yourself of much of the close supervision sought to be exercised at great risk to Your Highness' health and that something like a constitution should be devised, by which the centralizing arrangements at present in force may make way for a well-organized distribution and subordination of powers. This may sound unusual and too speculative; but the thing has been attempted in several Native States with the approval of British Government, and unless some such arrangement finds favour with Your Highness, no mere personal changes of ministers will bring any permanent relief. The British Government of this Presidency means really four men with four secretaries working together each in charge of his own department. The Council arrangement alone makes this possible. There is no reason why after enjoying Your Highness rule for 20 years, Your Highness' subjects should not be similarly well governed. I know, as a matter of fact, that your Highness' consults Heads of Departments on many occasions; but the Council arrangement means more than a mere consultative body. I am not sure how far Your Highness has seen reason to accept the desirability of such a change. I will not enter into details. But the principle much be recognized as being at the root of all real improvements. The Dewan with the Councillors will, of course, be responsible to Your Highness in the last resort Your Highness might even over-rule them as the Viceroy and the Governor may over-rule their councils. But as a matter of fact, such occasions never arise and need never arise, where there is mutual confidence and each one is working within his own sphere of

allotted duties and powers. In Mysore, the Council system has been working successfully for the last 15 years and at Kolhapur the present Maharaja, of his own accord, has retained his Council. Head of Departments will be subordinate to the council and are valuable as experts, not as Councillors. Next to the Executive Council, Your Highness should now go a step further on lines, which have been successfully attempted at Hyderabad, at Mysore and at Travancore, and take the people into confidence by holding Dasera assemblies and presiding over Legislative Councils. In the Judicial Department, the same measure of confidence should be extended to the growing intelligence of Your Highness' subjects, by associating chosen men to work as Jurors, Assessors and Arbitrators in Civil Suits. In matters of local importance the formation of separate district-local and municipal, Baroda will relieve the Central Authorities of much needless work and interest people in public affairs.

I understand that either is no regular budget statement prepared and no machinery devised to secure careful audit such as contributes to a large extent to the success of British Indian Finance. There is no separation clearly marked between public and private expenditure or between ordinary and extra-ordinary items, all being, lumped together, care being taken only to see that at the end there is somehow a saving effected. In Barkhali Settlement Department much cause for complaint and public irritation is allowed to exist by reason of not accepting the plan of settlement adopted in British Territory after a sad experience of other methods of individual inquiries. The whole revenue management should be on the plan followed in the British Territory, in Bengal, N. W. Provinces and Madras, entrusted into the hands of a Revenue Board consisting of three Sir-Subhas and each member of the Board taking charge of the minor revenue departments. The Judicial and Revenue members being thus entrusted to the special Board, and the Military and Khangi to the similar bodies, the work of the Council will be confined to very large and important questions only and these questions will come before Your Highness thoroughly thrashed out and ripe for decisions. In the absence of such organisations and arrangements, the work of Government is rendered slow and difficult and exacts an unnecessary measure of supervision

from Your Highness, which results in strain, which naturally taxes even Your Highness' great power.

Unless, therefore, Your Highness is prepared to undertake reform on all these and other lines and to readily support those, who may be entrusted with the charge of carrying them out, there is no inducement to any one from outside to risk his reputation and peace of mind by accepting a post, which too often means a mere scramble for patronage and power, and in which the incumbent is liable to be misunderstood and thwarted at every step by those about him-not to speak of influence at work in Residency and in the Palace. Unless Your Highness is prepared to accept the necessity for changes suggested above and give scope and opportunities for those reforms, I do not think a man in my position can be of any great use in the service of the State.

I do not wish Your Highness to misunderstand me, nor to take any steps except after full deliberation and consultation with those in whom Your Highness has confidence, If I have been rather too over-spoken in this communication, Your Highness will excuse the freedom, because it is inspired by a keen interest in all that concerns the welfare of Your Highness and of the State. In my relations with the British Government, I have always been known as one who while serving faithfully in the post that he has successfully filled has at same time never bartered his freedom for any personal consideration. This must be the excuse for trenching upon Your Highness' kindness in submitting my full views on the subject. Your Highness was good enough to ask me to see you at Baroda. I have advisedly not taken advantage of that kind permission for the present, but have instead submitted this letter for Your Highness' consideration.

As desired by Your Highness I have kept the strictest confidence in the matter, my brother Dr. Ranade who has written this letter at my dictation, being the only person who knows its contents and I have sent him with this letter to pay his respects to Your Highness.

I have the honor to be,

Your Highness' most obedient servant,
M. G. RANADE.

BOMBAY,

21st February 1896.

1981

ROYAL PALACE HOTEL, KENSINGTON,
June 1900.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

Many thanks for your letter of the 2nd June. I look forward with great pleasure to meet you, my old friend. I am here for some days. Come both of you whenever you can and have lunch or dinner with us. I believe your present place is near London, but not in it. I am suffering from a very bad cold in the throat, so if you find me not talking, you must not mind it. In short, I cannot utter a word. I hope to shake this off in three or four days. In order to make the visit interesting, you can come later. I shall wire to you as soon as my throat is well. I only suggest this. With our kind regards to both of you.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1982

4, DEVONSHIRE PALACE, LONDON, W.,
1st July 1900.

MY DEAR COL. MARTELLI,

I have to thank you for your letter of invitation to me to visit your place, Her Highness has commenced her treatment only since 3 or 4 days and we cannot, in any way, at present, think of our future programme. Nothing will give me and Maharanee greater pleasure than to visit you. We shall bear in mind your wish. I only returned this afternoon from Windsor, where I went to pay a visit to Her Majesty. I had indeed, a very good time there. My children and all other members of the party are doing very well. I have not yet heard whether they have had good rain in Baroda or not yet. Please give my kind regards to all the members of your family, besides you yourself kindly accepting them.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1983

4, DEVONSHIRE PALACE, LONDON, W.,

3rd July 1900.

MY DEAR DR. NEVINS,*

Many thanks for your letter. I should like to see you very much; but on the 16th of July, I shall be away to Henley but will be back at night. If you can be my guest for a night, I shall be glad to lodge you and, thus, manage to see something of your genial self. Please let me know your decision at once. I reciprocate your feelings and reserve other matters for our personal conversation. With my good wishes for yourself and family,

Yours Sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* For five years Personal physician and companion to H.H. in Baroda.

1984

ALLEESAAL, LANGEN SCHWALBACH, GERMANY,

16th September 1900.

DEAR DUCHESS OF SOMERSET,

I have to thank your Grace for the kindness shown to me during my short stay at plockton. I need not say that I thoroughly enjoyed my stay with you and shall carry with me many pleasant associations about the friends I met and the places I visited during my trip to Scotland. I have come down here for Her Highness to take the waters of this place, which are noted for their invigorating qualities. I propose to stay here for about a fortnight, seeing, in the meanwhile some of the surrounding places of interest in this part of the country.

Pray give my kindest remembrances to His Grace the Duke. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1985

HOTEL ALLEESAAL, LANGEN SCHWALBACH,
22nd September 1900.

MY DEAR COL. MARTELLI,

I am very thankful to you for your kind letters. I had also received Mrs. Martelli's letter. I was under the impression that latter reached me soon after I has written to you. I ought to have answered all the letters; but my trip to Scotland and to other places came in the way. I wish you both to excuse me for my great neglect. I had good time in Scotland. I first shot with the Marquis of Tweedale, then with Me. Kent, thirdly with Mr. Bainbridge, where I killed a stag and lastly I stayed with the Duke of Somerset. One of my reasons for not answering your letters was that I thought a telegram informing you of my intended visit to Ireland would be quite sufficient. I shall still attempt to see you in Ireland. If that becomes impossible, you must all come and be my guests for two or three days in London. I shall be leaving for India about the end of December. I should have gone earlier; but Her Highness is not yet strong enough to stand the change of climate. They all wanted me very much to return in November, as Lord Curzon had intimated his wish to visit Baroda next cold weather. Many probably believe that I have stayed away, because I like to live in Europe; but that is not the case. Had Her Highness been stronger, I should have certainly gone under the peculiar circumstances.

As far as I know, things are getting on pretty smoothly in Baroda and the famine will be soon at an end. Many newspapers, of late, have been commenting on the Baroda Famine Administration and my absence. The Pioneer first sounded an unfavourable note and then the others had their say, either in favour or against the administration. As far as my position allowed, I came in contact with many famine works and corrected several short-comings. It would be rash to say that everything was perfect in the famine arrangements; but we did our best with the machinery at our disposal. I do not feel any qualms of conscience regarding the manner, in which we tried to discharge our duty. You must have read

the recent resolution of the Government of India about the visits of Native Princes to Europe.* You can well guess what my views are about it. I think the circular was uncalled for; and it contains certain passages, which are nothing but the usual stock-arguments and patent truths, such as the evils of the absentee interest, which hardly deserve any mention or demonstration and which many sensible men understand and usually conform to, in their conduct. I do not think Native Rajas deserve to be treated as school-boys in this matter. I prefer a system, which has less of leading strings in it and which gives greater scope to the development of individual discretion and character. There can be too much of a good thing. A paternal Government, if carried too far, as it seems, sometimes, to be the case in India, must result in the destruction of self-respect, self-reliance, originality, resource and administration, and render the people unfit to cope with any emergency, effectually. However, these are not the views at present in fashion; and fashion has to be adored at times, though you may not really care for it.

All my boys are doing very well and the youngest has picked up wonderfully. I am seriously thinking whether he should not be kept here longer to get the benefit of the winter. Her Highness is getting on well, though she is as yet very weak. I Hope you will give my regards to Mrs. Martelli and your daughters, who, I trust, including yourself, are in the enjoyment of the best of health.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Note – It is very unfortunate that during his very many trips to Europe, there always has been some political question, constantly disturbing his peace of mind. In 1894, it was the Barkhali Department; now in 1900, it is this Circular of Lord Curzon; Several letters of His Highness like this show how cleverly but indirectly he worked upon the minds of some prominent gentlemen of the British Society, his Shikar in Scotland, his visit to the French President are all cleverly managed, and show his true aspect.*

1986

GRAND'S HOTEL DU TROCADERO, PARIS,

15th October 1900.

MY DEAR SIR EDMUND (MONSON)*,

I am most happy to accept your invitation. Please thank Lady Monson on my behalf, kindly let me know the exact time I should be there.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* British Ambassador in Paris. His Highness the Maharaja stayed in Paris at the above Hotel as a private gentleman, more or less incognito, studying Paris Exhibition carefully.

1987

GRANDS HOTEL DU TROCADERO, PARIS,

17th October 1900.

MY DEAR SIR E. EDMUND (MONSON),

I have now finished seeing a great portion of the Exhibition. I have time now to devote my attention to other things. I should like to know some nice people of Paris and see some of their institutions. Will you help me to do it? I should also wish you to ascertain whether the President can see me. If it suits him to see me, you will kindly come with him and arrange the details of the visit. I shall beat your place on Thursday about 15 minutes before one. I hope this will not be too early. I am looking forward, with pleasure, to meet Lady Monson.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1988

CARLTON HOTEL, LONDON,

16th November 1900.

MY DEAR LORD REAY,

You are, indeed, very kind. I shall be out of town on Monday; therefore, it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation. I shall be happy to see you any other day. I shall be in Oxford*

for a few days; but I can come from there to see you. Wednesday or Friday next I shall be in London for a few hours; and any one of those days I can easily arrange to see you. I hope you are both well. Please give my kind remembrances to the Duke and Duchess of Somerset.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *The three Princes at this time stayed at Oxford, Prince Fattesinhrao preparing for Responsions and his two younger brothers learning in private schools. Mr. and Mrs. French, Mr. G. S. Sardesai and B. V. Salunke stayed at Oxford with them.*

1989

CARLTON HOTEL, LONDON,
16th November 1900.

MY DEAR WEEDEN,

I have, indeed, very short time at my disposal and many engagements, which compel me to restrict my stay with you. However, let us hope this visit is the first and, by no means, the last. You are so good and so known to me that your company alone is too pleasant to me to make me feel the absence of any person. If he turns up I do not mind though I wish to be in your company as much as possible. We are all well. Newman* has joined his post. I hope his company will not, in the least, upset your arrangements. He told me that he could put up in the hotel.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *The New Secretary who unfortunately died in India in the summer of 1901.*

1990

CARLTON HOTEL, LONDON,
16th November 1900.

MY DEAR LORD (REAY?),

Will you have the kindness to give me the name of a family solicitor, a person of wisdom and integrity. Your advice in this matter would be of the greatest assistance to me. I am thinking of assuring the future of my younger sons; and it is on this point that I may have to resort to a lawyer's advice,

now and in times to come. He must be a man, who can safely be entrusted with the case of money.*

I hope I shall have an opportunity of seeing you before I go away to India.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Messers. Horne and Birkett were recommended and have ever since worked for H. H. in England.*

1991

CARLTON HOTEL, LONDON,
24th November 1900.

MY DEAR LORD GEORGE HAMILTON (SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA),

I am soon leaving for my country. Before that Her Highness and myself would like to thanks Her Majesty personally for her kindness, if you think it possible. If an interview is not convenient to Her Majesty, will you, on our behalf, convey to her our sentiments? If an interview is possible, I can wait here till Thursday next.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1992

CARLTON HOTEL, LONDON,
26th November 1900.

MY DEAR SIR (MR. ELLIOT?),

I drop these few lines to avoid confusion of understanding and to save time. I should let the solicitor draw up the draft document, as I told him in my last personal conversation; and any modification in it, I will personally mention. I wish you to be present, when the draft is brought up to me. The matter is not difficult to decide. The point I have really to think about, is money. If the required sum be available, the whole matter can be set going. There is limit to every human calculation. I should like to have the draft as soon as possible as my time is very limited.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1993

CARLTON HOTEL, LONDON,

6th December 1900.

DEAR LORD REAY,

Thank you for your note. I shall be much obliged, if you will do as you propose, in Paris. I shall, of course, have preferred to have a personal interview with the Agent before leaving Europe; but, perhaps, this may not be possible. In any case, I can depend upon Your Lordship's discretion. Believe me, dear Lord Reay,

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1994

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

6th February 1901.

MY DEAR DEWAN SAHEB,

I have been told that instead of the whole of the "Khalsa Shibandi" bein transferred to the Police, only a portion of it has been sent. I do not know whether this is in consonance with my former orders. However, I now wish that the whole of the Khalsa Shibandi should be transferred to the Police. Kindly carry this out before Mr. Jahangirshaw* goes away, unless you find some unsurmountable difficulty in doing so.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Police Commissioner of Baroda.

1995

BROOK HILL, NAINITAL,

5th June 1901.

MY DEAR VISHWASRAO GHATGE (CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND),

I have received your letters and I have asked Sampatrao to remove you to some other gentleman, who will give more time in teaching you. I shall again ask Sampatrao to expedite the change. I leave this place for Baroda on the 23rd of June.

Her Highness will stop in Mhow for the rainy season. They say it is unusually hot in Baroda. I hope we shall have a good monsoon. Give my love Aba and to Pilajirao. Tell the latter that I have received his letter. I hope this letter will find you well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2000

15th December 1905.

MY DEAR MR. DUTT,

I have read your thirty-fifth weekly letter with great interest. All your letters are an entertainment. I have great confidence in your judgment and thought and hence I shall say nothing more about the contents of your letter, only wishing you to persevere and succeed in those things, which you have at heart and which you are capable of carrying out. I not only trust you, but will help you in every reasonable way.

I should like the compulsory education scheme launched and properly worked. It may not be perfect; but let us teach the rudiments of the three R's to our people and thus, develop their understanding and means of getting information. Without it we cannot progress. High and low, rich and poor must be able to discern our true condition. If you think it necessary, I suggest your getting the services of an experienced officer of the rank of a Vahiwatdar or so from the British Government for sericulture with the consent of the Council.

I think your speech at the Industrial Conference a splendid one. Besides facts and figures and the cogent reasoning. I admire you for the prudent and manly way, in which you spoke. If we only get our men to speak like this, we should have gained a lot.

If you do not hear often from me, do not consider that my interest has slackened. I have artificially to slacken it. Limaye will write to you and explain how my first order about sending girls to learn lace-making has not reached you. I do not mind what girls you send, so long as they are capable to learn and teach, when they go back. Please bear this in mind it is often

the object I have in view, expecting experienced men like you to suggest methods.

I hope the members of your family are perfectly well and the daughter, who is in Baroda, is enjoying her stay. I have asked you to take special interest in the education and the training of Fatesinhrao, who has some failings, but with these some charming qualities also. Place some ambition before him and inspire him with greater interest than mere pleasures of the flesh, which should be kept in check. The great thing is to make him think for himself. I have sent some recent orders about his debt and so on, not really to cause him pain, but just to make him think and take a serious view of his actions. Things are made too easy for him by his position and, thus, he continues careless and ignorant in a certain sense. I have not given up the idea of making him a graduate, if he really shows himself worthy of it; but I am inclined to think with regret that probably it would be better for him to get it later on than just now. If you think my thoughts are not sound, you can tell me. I am not moved by passion, but by the good of the boy. His interest I am most anxious to advance. Fatesinhrao has incurred debts of about two or three hundred pounds in London. He must be cured of this disease. I am not angry on account the money that has been spent, but for his silent disobedience and recklessness. Fateshsinhrao should be made to feel that if he goes on incurring debts, he will be sued for it and will have to pay. If he saves, the money will not go to the State, but will remain as his pocket-money.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2001

CAUX,
2nd February 1906,

MY DEAR MINISTER (KERSASPJI),

I enclose copies of the correspondence, that has passed between myself and Col. A. Evans Gordon with respect to his appointment as my General. I wish you to put the whole matter in suitable language before the Resident, who will then obtain

the sanction of the Government of India. I hope the matter may be concluded as soon as possible and, when sanction is obtained, it should be communicated by wire to Col. Gordon, so that there may be no delay. You will draw up a draft of the agreement and forward it to Col. Gordon without any further reference to me. Copies of Col. Gordon's testimonials are also enclosed. His address is.

*Lt. Col. A.S. Evan Gordon, C/o: Messrs. Grindlay and Co.
54, Parliament Street, London.*

I hope these will reach you safely and give all necessary information.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2002

NEW YORK,
14th August 1906.

MY DEAR SIR (MR. H. C. BUMPUS),

His Highness the Maharaja Gaekwar wishes to open a library for children up to age of fourteen to seventeen and for that end he wishes you to buy books on varied subjects upto the amount of five hundred dollars, which amount plus fifty dollars more for freight etc. to Bombay, will be sent to you by Messrs. Coutts and Co., 440 Strand, London, W. C. The receipt of the books should be sent to me. Their Highnesses leave Marseilles for Bombay on the 5th of October 1906. The books should be addressed to His Highness the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda, Baroda, India, and sending to me the list of books purchased.

His Highness contemplates sending his eldest brother's two sons* for being educated in the United States. Their ages are 6 and 9. They know very little English. So you will kindly furnish me with such information, which will enable His Highness to decide where they should be educated. After seeing their progress in the school, His Highness will decide, which university they should join and what profession they should learn. You will please give His Highness an exact idea

how much money each will require every year for their education, clothes, vacation, board and lodging and guardian, etc., in short all expenses. What institution you think they should join and please send me the prospectus of studies etc. of the institution you propose they should join.

Yours sincerely,
SAMPATRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Abasaheb and Shankarrao.*

2003

INVERNESS,
24th August 1906.

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB,

I have returned to England after a very enjoyable and instructive visit to America. I have been in Scotland for nearly a fortnight, though only three or four days in Inverness. The climate here is much cooler than in London; the scenery is pretty. I should be in India before very long, where I hope to find you all well.

I do not know whether the Jakat Adhikari has any commercial member to assist him in promoting industry and trade of the State. I had once directed that we should have some traders to assist him. If this is not done, please have a scheme ready and names of people fit to be appointed, for submission to me, when I ask for it after my return. The object of the board is to assist the Jakat Adhikari and not, in any way, to limit or restrict his scope of responsibility and utility. I should like to have names also of capable persons to assist the Superintendent (Divisional Jakat Adhikari). Formulate a scheme in consultation with the local boards and *Sahukars* to establish a national Bank* for the State, the capital of which must be contributed by private people and State. The management, of course, will be under the control of those, who put money in it. In time, the bank will have to open branches. If this cannot be done successfully, let the difficulties be placed before me for my information. If this subject has already been thrashed out, then do nothing more. You should give proper shape to all this and get the matter

over. I am trying to secure services of an expert to advise us how to develop industry and commerce in our state.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *The result was the establishment of the Bank of Baroda.*

2004

CALADONIAN HOTEL, INVERNESS,
24th August 1906.

MY DEAR MR. DUTT,

Thanks for your letters and others sent with them, which I have read with interest. It is a pity that Samarth should, in any way, seem to upset or change things, which have been settled by a previous officer.

I am glad to read that your health seems to be progressing well. I hope you will soon be quite well and strong. As for your leave, I grant it upto the 1st of November. I hope, during your leave, you will assist the State as far as is consistant to your health. I hope you will publish the views of the Native States as much as you can. They are in need of great help. Her Highness and the children are doing very well indeed. Mr. Kershaspji, on political and other grounds, urges me to return soon, I believe, at the end of my leave. I hope you will have a draft memo ready for my views, which I wish privately to hand over to Mr. Morley, before I go into the land of no liberty. Fatehsinhrao seems to be quiet at present. He has asked me to send him the books of Sandhurst school.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2005

THE HALL BUSHEY, HERTS,
20th September 1906.

MY DEAR MR. ELLIOT,

I am dropping this line just to tell you that I am sending Jaisinhrao with Sampatrao to America. I am taking steps to see that distance and new surroundings of America do not

keep me ignorant of the progress of the youth. I shall keep a trustworthy Indian gentleman with him in addition to other necessary arrangements. I thank you for all your trouble in connection of Jaisinhrao and will seek your advice, whenever I am in need of it. I hope the intention of my step will turn out successful. The party will start about the 10th of October.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2006

23rd September 1906.

MY DEAR DR. BUMPUS.

On further consideration, I have thought it best to send my son to America than have a tutor to prepare him here. My brother, who was with me in America, accompanies him to arrange in consultation with you what is best in the interest of the youth. I need not express here that I have the utmost confidence in you and in your judgment and, therefore, you and Sampatrao will do all that, which will carry out successfully the education of my second son. If you think that I am running a risk in keeping him in America you can plainly tell so, in that case he will either return to Europe or to India.

While my son is there, I wish you to look after his interest in every possible way. Were you not there, I should have hesitated to send him in the manner I am doing. I hope you will see of him as much as possible and I should like it much, if you can ask him to stay with you as often as is convenient to you. Your son will be a good company to him. I hope to hear from you about his progress regularly and in case he is not doing well, I expect you to tell me so.

Sampatrao and you should arrange also about the money matter and its regular payments. I think you should have a sum large enough to pay all fixed and necessary expenses relation to my son.

I shall not write much about the matter as more letters are to you on the matter at my desire.

I am going to London to-day, where I shall stay for a few days before I start for India which I shall reach about the

10th of October.

I spent nearly a month in Scotland before coming here. I shot two stags there. We are feeling very well and are looking forward to be in Baroda.

I hope this letter will find you Mrs. Bumpus and all yours quite well and happy. Will you kindly give my regards to Mr. Josuph, whom I am writing in a day or two. I am also sending you both our photographs. Let my son know of the arrangements that are being made for him. He is old and sensible enough to understand them; therefore, rational consultation with him will not be bad.

I have asked the Government of India to let me engage Mr. Whitenack.

Thanks for your trouble in connection of him.

Yours sincerely;
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2007

23rd September 1906.

DEAR DOCTOR BUMPUS,

His Highness the Maharaja, has decided to send his son to America to prepare for entrance at Harvard. Mr. Sampatrao is to sail with him on October tenth by the Baltic, for New York.

The following Schools have been named by professor Lansburry, as good preparatory schools; The Hill School, Potstown, Pennsylvania, *The Groton Schools* Groton, Massachusetts.

Philips Academy, Andover, Mass.

Philips Academy Exeter N. H.

The Hotchkiss School Lakeville Connectent,
St. Marks School. Horace Loft School.

(Of the address of the last two he was not sure but it can easily be obtained there).

Professor Lomnsbury most highly recommended the *Hill* School next to that *Gorton*. Both of these limit the number of *students*. They will take; but perhaps they would make an exception in the case of the son of His Highness and receive him, even if their number is complete.

If it is possible to arrange it, His Highness wishes every effort should be made to enter him at the *Hill School*. He would like you also to make inquiries about these and other excellent schools that you may learn of, so that you may be able to advise Mr. Sampatrao as soon as he arrives, so that no time will be lost. It is all important that the school selected shall be one, in which all the influences are for the best; where there is careful oversight of the, study, the habits, character and conduct of the students. His Highness also desires that great stress be laid on the English work of his son. A school must, therefore, be selected, in which that department is very strong.

If you find it impossible to secure entrance for him in one of the very best schools, will you wire, on receipt of this letter the word, Impossible, to the code number *Delke Company*, London. In that case, His Highness wishes an excellent tutor and companion selected for him. If neither of these courses seems to be practicable, he will either take him to India, or provide for him in Europe.

It does not matter whether he is placed in a boarding or a day school. The quality of the school is the important point. If they are equally good, His Highness prefers a boarding school and he will have a gentleman live near the school, who will have the oversight of him. If, however, he goes to a day school, His Highness wishes him to board with a good family, and he will have either an Indian gentleman or an American to live with him. All reports from the school will then be presented to this gentleman and countersigned by him. This person will be kept there to see that the progress of the young man satisfactory, also to be a companion to him and to keep his accounts etc. During vacation, His Highness would like his son to see as much of yourself as possible. He would be glad, if you would ask him to your home, and take him out as may be convenient to you. The company of your son also would be convenient to him. During his vacations, the gentleman, who is to be his companion, or tutor will look after him. If he goes to visit in a private family, His Highness has no objection, provided it is one of which you approve. He wishes you would see that in the society, in which he is, be regarded and treated not as a Prince, but as the son of a gentleman. Some people

make too much of rank. He should not make visits so often as to take his attention from his studies. The tendency of the young man is toward pleasure and amusement, instead of work. He does just enough to pass examination and no more. This must be guarded against. His Highness prefers that he should not go, unaccompanied to the city or away from the school. All the same time, he is not to be made to feel that he is in a prison or not trusted.

In the matter of expenditure, His Highness does not wish him to be looked upon as the son of a Maharaja, but well to do gentleman. His allowance including his personal expenses should be modest. The exact amount of this, His Highness wishes you and Mr. Sampatrao to settle; but he also wishes to know the principle, on which you calculate it. As to the time and number of payment, he also leaves them to you both to decide. He thinks the best plan would be for a deposit to be made of the amount estimated as necessary for all expenses. This deposit would be left in your hands, except the smaller sums for pocket money. The amount of their spending money will also be settled by yourself and Mr. Sampatrao. If the allowances that His Highness in giving him for pocket money, needs modifications, you will both do it, and tell His Highness. As for the rest, regular accounts will be rendered, which will be countersigned by his son. The amount determined upon for his expenses must not be exceeded without knowledge of His Highness. This restriction should be made, so that the young man will not feel that he has an unlimited amount to draw on and so that he will come to understand the value of money. He is to be trained, as far as possible to attend to business arrangements for himself. The tendency with children in his position is to let everything be done for them. This leads to business like and lazy habits and they deprecate the labour of others.

His Highness wishes you to have the chief responsibility for his son, seeing to it that everyone connected with him is doing his duty by him. If there are short-comings, he hopes that you will have them set right. Even though there is a tutor or gentleman to look after him, the first authority will rest with yourself. On account of the distance of His Highness it may be necessary at times for you to act according to your

own judgment until you learn his wishes. All reports of his progress or anything requiring serious notice, will therefore pass through your hands. With regard to all other matters His highness will expect the gentleman, who acts as his companion or tutor, to correspond with him directly.

His Highness wishes to impress on yourself and the others who may be connected with his son that what he regards as the matter of vital importance is the best development of the young man's character.

This he values far more than the mere passing of examination. He therefore wishes, that, if he is not doing as he should do in the development of his character and attention to his studies, you will give His Highness, at once your candid opinion and your judgment as to whether he be removed, or what should be done for him. It must be understood that the chief object is not indulgence but that he be of the greatest service to his country. Kindly remind him of this as often as you think prudent. The children are often prone to forget it. Though it is too early to see his future, the ambition of His Highness for this is, first that he be a statesman; second that he be a lawyer. It is for this reason that his knowledge of English must be very wide and thorough. Though he has been five years in an English school, His Highness is struck by the fact that his knowledge and general reading of English is very limited. He takes no pleasure in reading. But His Highness hopes that with good teaching and intellectual surroundings a taste for it may be developed.

Yours sincerely,
SAMPATRAO GAEKWAR.

Approved.
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2008

HYDE PARK HOTEL, LONDON,
3rd October 1906.

DEAR MR. MORLEY,

I have postponed my departure by a few weeks. I should like to have an interview with you at your earliest convenience. I should prefer to see you at your residence than at the India

Office Building. I hope the rest has done you much good. I hope this letter will find you quite well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2009

LONDON,
12th October 1906.

DEAR MAJOR PRICHARD (RESIDENT, BARODA),

Your letter of the 21st August has been duly received. Of course, the object of the proposed employment of Colonel Evans Gordon is to improve the efficiency of a force intended for the maintenance of internal order and for use on ceremonial occasions. The arming of the Baroda force and its numerical strength have formed the subject of separate correspondence from time to time, and can be dealt with separately. They have no immediate connection with the proposed employment of Col. E. Gordon, and it is unnecessary, therefore, to refer to that subject in this letter.

In order to fully utilize the services of an officer like Col. E. Gordon, it will probably be necessary, hereafter to convert the costly and perfectly useless Irregular Force into a part of the Regular Force in the interest both of efficiency and economy.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2010

LONDON,
18th October 1906.

MY DEAR SIR WILLIAM,

Thanks for your letter, since the receipt of which practically, I have been engaged in corresponding with the Resident. I have not yet heard from him, so I am just waiting before I write to Col. Gordon. They have, in a way, sanctioned his employment; but it is hedged with certain conditions. I do not know why they refuse to let me arm my troops better or to

convert the irregulars into regulars. The difference between the two is not much. If they do not allow me to do that, the value of Col. Gordon's services will be less valuable to the state. They have communicated to me the sanction after such a long time that it upsets certain of my calculations, which affect Col. Gordon's length of service in the State. He is rather advanced in years to continue in active work too long.

I have enquired as to your return to London and learned that you will be soon back, when I hope to see you. I do not at all like the state of suspense, and will see how it should be put an end to. I hope Lady Tweedale and yourself are enjoying yourselves thoroughly. I shall be leaving for India very shortly. I am anxious to return, though owing to artificial political treatment, one feels like returning to prison. I like my people and work, but for the political treatment.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2011

HYDE PARK HOTEL, LONDON,
19th October 1906.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF COOCHBEHAR),

After being long away from India, I shall be starting to return to it on the 3rd of November. I have travelled to America this time and enjoyed the visits immensely. The people are independent, clever and very patriotic, who will shed their blood to defend it. The size of the country is very striking. The country has many resources, which, when fully developed will make it more powerful. Our people should visit it in greater numbers. Since my return to England, I have seen your wife and children. They all think of you very often. Your wife and my wife are starting a society for the women of India to encourage our house industries. I think the ladies may be allowed to start it without any fear. I should be most happy, if Your Highness can pay me a friendly visit at Baroda, when Her Highness will be in Bombay on her way back from England. I should like her, your sons and daughters to come with you. I should like to be informed of your wishes as soon

as possible. I hope you will not disappointment me and that his letter will find you quite well.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2012

HYDE PARK HOTEL, LONDON,
23rd October 1906.

MY DEAR MR. CHISHOLM,

I hear that you are in trouble in connection with the death of your son, who was only 12 years old, and that you are hauled up for not attending to material medical wants. Nobody can ever draw in the sincerity of your faith. If this news be true, please accept my warmest sympathies in your grief and I hope they will be soon over and that you will get out of it without injury to your health and spirits. Kindly convey my sentiments to your wife too. Tell me, if I can be of any service to you at this time. If the news I refer to, be wrong, then excuse me for penning such a note.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2013

LONDON,
27th October 1906.

DEAR MAJOR PRICHARD,

I had told the Minister at Baroda to let you know that I did not see my way to differ from what the Minister has officially written to you. It is with regret that I cannot fall in with your suggestions about commemorating Sir Madhvrao. I prefer that, as a rule, the business correspondence should be dealt with through the Minister. This will save time and any misunderstanding. I did not know that you were still expecting an answer to your note.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2014

HOTEL BRISTOL, CONSTANTINOPLE,
1910.

MY DEAR BROTHER (SAMPATRAO),

This is the 1st letter I write to-day. I hope this will prove a lucky and happy year for you. I thank you for your kind letter and advice with which I fully agree, and would like to carry out the same literally unless circumstances prove too strong. The position of Indian Rajas is certainly very unenviable. It is not only anomalous but deplorable. They are worse for good treatment than paid manual servants. In public (I might say in undiscerning public), they are treated as Chieftains; but in private they are no bodies. The separation between them and the State is being systematically carried out to a ruinous extent. It is these forces, which govern us and leave ourselves but little discretion. My health has not improved to the extent I expected and it is a serious question. I feel that further rest is quite necessary for me; but it is a dreadful thing to say so, as such severe steps are taken in granting it that it takes months for me to forget it and a permanent evil effect is left on the State. The more we improve and wish to reform, the greater or higher is the standard of British criticism. The evil does not stop here; but unfortunately, the measure applied to Native States is quite different from what they apply to themselves. Discrediting, snubbing and finding faults, is the only work political officers like to do. Their power for mischief and hindrance in preventing solid good work done is immense and uncontrolled. I think this is quite known to responsible quarters, but left unmended on purpose. It is a refined system of cruelty, which is demoralizing us. I write this, because it will be most difficult for me to do all or even to a great extent what is required for a good government. Unless we are given freedom, we can do nothing. I have enjoyed my visit to Constantinople great deal. The situation is simply perfect from every pain and on a sun-lit day, one gets view of Istambul, which can be surpassed by no place.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2015

BRISTOL HOTEL, CONSTANTINOPLE,
1910.

MY DEAR SIR (MR. ELLIOT),

You will naturally be curious to know what my impressions of Constantinople are. To begin with like everyone else, they are rather mixed. Our arrival was disappointing; the streets seemed so wretched, crowded and horribly dirty; inches deep in some places. The bridge, over which we drove to our hotel, was the most casual collection of old boards that you can imagine and the steep roads looked as if cartload of big stones had been emptied on them and left to settle as best they could. On the other hand, Constantinople has one of the finest natural sites in the world and the views, that we have had of it from various points in the sun-light, are quite beautiful. The first day we spent in visiting the old part of the town, Stambul as it is called, which is, I believe, a corruption of a Greek sentence, meaning "Into the City" and was the name given to it by the country folk, who made it their market. St. Sophia naturally first attracted our attention; the outside is a rambling and somewhat ungaily looking structure designed, as it is, to support the central dome; but the inside with its many coloured marble pillars, its beautiful old mosaics and the graceful carving of its balustrades and captals, surmounted by graceful domes, which lead the eye upto the large central one, is extremely pleasing. The effect is somewhat spoiled by the arrangement of the carpets, which are placed in a slanting position, so that the worshippers may face towards Macca. Near at hand is the famous Hippodrome; but of this, little is left except the obelisk brought from Egypt and the very ancient serpent column, which was made at Delphi from the spoils of the Persian War.

On Friday, by invitation of the Sultan, we attended the *Selamlik* or State visit to the mosque. The numerous band of troops were not conspicuous by their smartness nor were their bands very pleasant to hear; but it was most interesting to see the Sultan himself, who sat in an open carriage drawn by a beautiful pair of Arab horses and surrounded by his household on foot. A room in a Kiosk was placed at our disposal,

from which we enjoyed an excellent view and Turkish coffee and tea served in the Russian fashion was given to us with the inevitable cigarette, without which nothing can be done here. After the ceremony I had an audience with the Sultan; we talked on general subjects for half an hour; he was looking very thin and old and worn out. Except for his visit to the mosque on Fridays, and one State procession in the year, he never leaves his palace. One of his Aide-de-Camps, Colonel Sadik Bey has been in attendance on me during my stay and has taken me to see several of the Royal Palaces. They are chiefly noticeable for their beautiful situation on the Bosphorus and the fair captives, who are presumably behind the screened windows in the part, which is not accessible to the visitor. In the center of one of the halls was a very large marble bath with a fountain in the centre, which is used by the ladies during the summer. One night Colomel Sadik Bey dined with me; he had never before tasted our Indian dishes; with smoking lips and streaming eyes he looked up in ecstasy, exclaiming, "In countries, where such peppers are found, polygamy should certainly be permitted by law." We were all very much amused.

The old Seraglio gardens, which stand where Constantine's palace once was, contain many interesting things, notably the treasury; in the centre stands the golden throne, covered with precious stones, which was taken from Persia, and the cases round the rooms contain many artistic treasures of inestimable value; they are, however, so badly lighted and arranged that it is not easy to see them. The library contains many beautiful illuminated manuscripts. In the Bagdad Kiosk, we were given coffee and cigarettes and enjoyed a most magnificent view of the Sea of Marmora, the Golden Horn and the Bosphorus.

We have also visited the stables and the stud farm; some of the horses were fine; but I have seen better even in Baroda. One morning we went in steam launch on the Bosphorus. The Straits are very fine and in the early summer, there must be many delightful excursions to be made here. Our visit to the Bazaars was rather a fiasco, as many of the shops were shut and the weather was very bad. We made some interesting purchases. The museum here contains some very

fine sarcophagi brought from Sidon, especially one, which is said to have been the tomb of Alexander the great. The sculpture and the ornamentation of this was especially beautiful. Constantinople is a curious mixture of the beautiful and the ugly. It must, however, look very different in summer, when the streets are not so full of mud as they are at present. A good deal of damage was done by the earthquake, especially in the bazaars. As the *Muezzin* was standing, was shaken off; he was however thrown on to a roof and so escaped in a manner almost miraculous.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2016

GENEVA,
1910.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

Many thanks for your kind and well-meant letter. I hope that I can always appreciate a kindly act, even when I cannot allow that it is likely to attain its purpose. You say that If I return to India, I must make up my mind not to leave it again for at least three years and in saying this, you have certain rules in your mind and in your favour. Now I know that when rules are once made, it is useless to criticise them or, at least, that those who are rash enough to do so, invariably end by leaving all mankind flying at their heads. But to every rule, there must be an exception and though it is often an individous thing to be that expection still there must always be someone to act as play-thing for that mysterious being, whom, in our ignorance, we call fortune.

What is there peculiar in the shores of Aden that it should be the boundary of the world, A modern pillars of Hercules; only now it would be Sir Hercules Rabinson? The sun rises there alike upon the just and on the unjust (only they say that the unjust predominates). There go the ships, and the leviathn is not absent from its waters. To make a Scylla and Charybdis of it is to plunge us all again into the darkest age of superstition. Every dice may pass the gates of Hades (or Aden); but she must never return. Such folly is out of place

in these days of return tickets. Is there any among you, who suffers from dysentery? Let him be the victim of a rule. Is there any one called away by important private business? Let him suffer. All this a jest; but one, which one must not take too merrily. Such a jest as Shakespeare puts into the mouths of his fools and there is a choke in the laughter. Such a comedy of errors is also too common on our modern stage; but do not let us have acted too often, take it down in your library, when the lamps are life; but do not admit the public; and above all, beware of the dramatic critic.

We cannot all have a good part; but we will act it or read it as well as we can and brave the boots of the gallery. There are a few friends behind the scenes, who will grasp our hand, when we come off and go to supper.

This is but a sorry answer to your kind letter; but there are many things better left unsaid and you may discount my silence for what it is worth.

I am yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

Note : This is a very interesting letter. Whom is it addressed to? May be to General Watson.

2017

JAYAMAHAL PALACE, BOMBAY,

March 1913.

MY DEAR MR. GUPTA (THE DEWAN),

I have notice in the Council proceedings that sanctions for expenditure seem to have been given by it at times beyond its power, as for instance, the revision of the pay of the Abkari Department or Establishment. Will you kindly explain the matter to me on my return? Will you see that the Abkari Rules and forms of contract are brought up-to-date? Aloni was told to do this by me in Kothi in your presence. You had better personally see, as a lawyer, that the wording of the Contract, etc. is proper. It was never explained to me, why there was delay in inviting Abkari tenders last time and who was at fault for it. Ask Samarth to expedite the question of division of work between the Joint and permanent Sir Sauba. Will you go around and satisfy yourself that the marriage

preparations are getting on well and that the money is being properly spent?

I think Mr. Coyle should confine himself more to finishing the drawings, etc., especially of the large buildings, rather than the work of the city planning. I feel that P. W. D. ought to work with greater vigour. Practically, ask him to do mostly the work of an Architect.

I am sorry for the delay caused in the execution of the contracts of Pattan and Sinore water-works. I believe people have a right cause to distrust Government Agency. Hence I have always desired the co-operation of the people with that of the Government Agency instead of giving the latter the sole charge of the work. Most of the new Vahivatdars and Naib Subas do not do the work of a Magistrate, though they study the law and pass the examination. I am not changing the policy or the schemes of Judicial and Revenue work; but in the interest of knowledge and efficiency, I think the Vahivatdars and Naib Subas should be made to discharge some magisterial work without affecting the convenience of the public. They should do the work only, while at Headquarters and without delay to the public. I believe 3 or 4 months of the rainy season is a slack period for Revenue work and when time ought to hang heavy on the hands of active Officers. During the time or on other convenient occasions, they should dispose of some magisterial cases. The Chief Justice or Sir Subha may be asked to sit together and settle the details to carry out the object I have at heart. They should have, in a year 3 or 4 months good magisterial work. The Revenue Officers are relieved of much work; and they ought to find no inconvenience in doing what I am desiring.

I am under impression that the work of the different departments ought to be done with greater dispatch than is the case at present. The inferior officers must exact more quickness and efficiency. The order I have passed even before the 7th of November, has not reached Mr. Kale, who succeeded late Appa Saheb, till I left Baroda. Will you trace the delay by asking the head of the department concerned? These are a

few thoughts I have joitted down, to my leisure, which is of immense advantage to me and to important State work.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2018

OOTACAMUND,
1st May 1915.

MY DEAR FRIEND (THE RETIRED RAJA OF COCHIN),

I remember having a letter from Your Highness. I am sorry that I could not answer it earlier, However, you will never be absent from my thoughts. I hear you are staying at Coonoor, and I shall take an opportunity of calling upon you one of these days. I hope you are well and happy.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2019

OOTACAMUND,
3rd My 1915.

MY DEAR MR. COYLE (CHIEF ENGINEER, BARODA),

You happened to speak to me about amalgamating the Palace and the City Executive Engineer's offices, either wholly or partly. I showed some hesitation to the scheme on the ground of the convenience to the Palace, so far as the work of it and the Faraskhana were concerned. I am afraid I did not make myself quite clear. You are at liberty to propose or carry out the scheme, as you deem fit. The work of the Faraskhana can be dealt with separately, and need not interfere with your scheme.

There is another point I wish to write to you about. I do not wish one of the lodges of the Lablab Palace being used for an electric transmitting sub-station. I hope that is the correct word. If not, you will please substitute the proper word in its place. In its stead, on of the rooms, one of the servants' quarters in connection with that Palace or the stables may be used. I hope this will meet with all your requirements. I

told you to keep in suspense the painting and decoration of some of the rooms in the Lalbag Palace. You can now undertake these rooms, and order out wall-paper and other materials that may be required to finish them. The decoration should not expensive.

I should like you soon to fix upon a good Secretary for your office. I hope Mrs. Coyle is well. Please remember me to her. It is usually dry here this year, and so the weather is rather warm. However, before long the clouds will burst and bring down the refreshing and life-giving rain.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2020

OOTACAMUND,

15th May 1915.

MY DEAR KERSHASPJI (RETIRED DEWAN OF BARODA, MATHERAN),

I thank you for your letter. I am glad that your eldest daughter is going to be married. I know you were naturally anxious about it. I am sending her a small present through Princess Padmavati. If she cannot be present, I am asking her to send you the cheque, which I wish you to present, on my behalf, to your daughter with the good wishes of us all. You are often in my thoughts; and next when I am in Bombay, I hope to meet you. With kind remembrances to all of you.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2021

OOTACAMUND,

16th May 1915.

MY DEAR SIR HUGH (RESIDENT, BANGALORE),

We shall have to fix upon some other day in the future than Monday proposed by you. On Monday next I have to go to Government House for tennis.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2022

OOTACAMUND,
16th May 1915.

MY DEAR GANPATRAO V. GAEKWAR, NAIB SUBHA, KADI,

I have to thank you for your kind letter of the 12th May from Baroda. All, who have come in contact with you and your work, speak well of your conduct and work. The fact that you are appointed for the present as Naib Subha, is not the only mark of appreciation of your seniors. Often good and deserving men cannot be given the promotions and appointments they would like to have, and their superiors would like to give them. You know well enough the intricacies of the Service Rules. Our sense of regard for each other cannot always be rightly marked by monetary standards. I hope you will not find Kadi too hot. Here we are all doing well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2024

OOTACAMUND,
16th May 1915.

MY DEAR SHIRGAONKAR (KHANGI KARBHARI),

Many thanks for your letter of the 12th May. Regarding the contribution made by the Princes to the War Fund, I have to say that their refusal to contribute to the Fund on the ground that they had no money, is not sound, and was not then sound in the case of Jaisingrao. Shiwanjirao's allowance has been since increased. Under these circumstances, my orders do not seem to be quite so hard. I think the Dewan meant well by his advice. It is for principle that I consider it better that I consider it better that the Princes should pay the sums, as they are now in a position to do so. In future, it is better that each one should pay his share than make the State do so.

About the fruit contractor what you say, is right; and I think no fault need be found with arrangements. It first struck me that your system led to petty accounts; but on further study, I

found that it was not so. I write this all from memory, and do not know exactly what I have state in the order. I may casually point out here that the execution of the conditions of the contract of the mutton-contractor has not been carried out by the Khangi. He was to keep a farm, which he has not done; and his supplies, on the whole, are poor. I have written some remarks on that subject too, which will reach you in due time.

My general impression about the working of the Khangi is that it is mild, dilatory, and rather slack. I cannot compare it to what is was before. I know that you are honest, will-meaning and anxious to give satisfaction; and it is out of good feeling that I mention to you my impression of the working of the Department. I hope you will enjoy your holiday thoroughly, and come back with renewed health and vigour. I am sleeping and doing well here, though the climate is not bracing enough. There has been practically no rain upon now; and the downs are dry and brown and, consequently no hunting.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2025

OOTACAMUND,
16th May 1915.

MY DEAR KHASESAHEB (POWAR OF DEWAS),

I hope the Khangi Karbhari has already informed you by this time that I have no objection to your occupying the same Bombay House. You may have to vacate it, in case it is required during my stay there; but such is not likely to be the case. I think you will be doing a good and wise thing if you sent for the wife of the young Dabhade, your nephew. The girl, the daughter of my niece is of an age, when she should stay with her husband. Petty disputes and difference should not be allowed, as you will understand, to come in between the happiness of the married couple. You are wise and I am sure, with help of your brother you would do all that is possible to bring the married couple together. The mother-in-law of the young Dabhade is very ill; and I think that the fact that her

daughter has gone back to her husband may help her recovery. I have informed Laxmanrao Bhosale of the fact that I was going to write to you on the subject of the young people. I have advised him also to be sensible and work for the consummation of the real happiness of the young people. Please show the letter to your brother, and give him my kind remembrances. Kindly convey the same to Jijabai* too.

The weather here is cool, though not bracing, as there is no rain, there is no hunting. I hope this will find you and all yours perfectly well and happy. The senior Maharanee Holkar is here; and we frequently meet her and children, who are bonny little people.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* *Jijabai is a daughter of Shrimant Chhotubai Angre, of Ailbag, Her Highness the Maharanee Saheb's younger sister. She is married to Shrimant Khasesaheb Power of Dewas, the brother of H. H. the Rajasaheb of Dewas.*

2026

OOTACAMUND,
17th May 1915.

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB (V. P. MADHAVRAO),

I send you with this note a letter of Dadabhai Mavroji. Make certain that it is his letter. We cannot re-open past cons. Taking his age and circumstances, as pointed out in his letter, into consideration, I am willing, as a matter of grace, to grant him an allowance of Rs. 300 a month, if you think my action is, in no way objectionable or liable to misinterpretation by unkind people. Think well; and if you come to the conclusion that I shall be acting wisely, you are authorized to pay him the sum from the 1st of May. My harmless and petty acts have been misinterpreted in the past, and hence this caution, though I personally think this caution quite unnecessary. You are at liberty to mention the subject to the Resident before you act. I am very sensitive, when my harmless acts are misinterpreted and taken advantage of.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2027

OOTACAMUND,

21st May 1915.

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB (V.P. MADHAVRAO),

You perhaps remember that at the time of passing my decision on the settlement Report of the Savli Taluka, I had asked for an explanation from the officer or officers concerned why certain plots of land given in Istave (इस्तावा) had not given Government its land-revenue due according to the agreements entered into. I had asked you to find out who was the officer or officers responsible for this neglect, and place the whole matter before me. I have been waiting for this; but it has not yet come. Will you please hurry up the matter and explain to me the cause of delay in submitting this to me? It is delays like this, that make me act towards my officers, at times, in a manner that is distasteful to me. If necessary, you can send a special man, and get the matter submitted at once in so complete a manner as to enable me to form final judgment on the subject.

The Sar Subha, Mr. Vanikar, better himself go and submit the report with his opinion on every issue, that may legitimately rise in the matter. You must keep an eye over your subordinates, and see that they do not delay the disposal of the question.

Yours sincerely,

SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2028

OOTACAMUND,

22nd May 1915.

DEAR MR. WESTERNGARD,

I thank you for your letter of the 17th April 1915 and the kind thoughts and messages it contains. I have remembered you and your wife to Her Highness. We are here, as usual, to spend our summer. I was not able to go to Europe this summer owing to the terrible war, though advised to proceed by my doctors to Europe .There has been practically no rain here up

to now. The place is unusually dry and brown. Owing to the absence of rain, there is no hunting, which deprives us of a pleasant and useful diversion. Society here, besides being less in number, is very quiet owing to the war. I shall be here till about the beginning of July, when I shall leave for Baroda. I hope you will have a safe and pleasant voyage to your country. If, on your way, you care to visit Baroda, you will be welcomed. With united regards.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2029

OOTACAMUND,
22nd May 1915.

MY DEAR LORD PENTLAND (GOVERNOR OF MADRAS),

I am thinking of visiting Travancore in the course of a small tour I propose to make after the termination of my stay in Ootacamund. I should be much obliged, if you would ascertain whether such a visit would be welcome to His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore. You would, perhaps, then be kind enough to inform me, so that I may arrange the details and dates of my visit.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2030

OOTACAMUND,
28th May 1915.

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB (V. P. MADHAVRAO),

I thank you very much for your kind letter of the 24th May. About the administration Report you can carry out your views, which are quite sensible. I had referred to the depressed classes; because it might have been left through oversight. About that, too, your views are sound. I shall say now nothing in answer your letter. I have sent you the following telegram:- "Thinking of going to Kollengode, Cochin and Travancore. Would like you to come about 20th June and go with me,

Maharaja." I hope you can come a few days before the 25th, on which I propose to leave for Kollengode. The programme of the trip will be sent on to you, as it is being settled.

I hope this will find you quite well. The rain has set in here, but most mildly, and the place badly needs rain. Mr. Datar need not come. I will go into the budget to-morrow.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2031

OOTACAMUND,
2nd June 1915.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF TRAVANCORE),

I know Lord Pentland has addressed you a letter concerning my visit to your State. I was inclined to visit Travancore in the month of July; but I have been told that month is not a good month to pay you a visit. I have, therefore, postponed my visit to a more convenient time. Will Your Highness mind telling me what are the places you would recommend me to see in Travancore and how many days are enough to see them comfortably? I hope this will find your Highness quite well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2032

OOTACAMUND,
5th June 1915.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF MYSORE),

I should prefer to give up the shooting this time in Mysore jungle. I hope I have not put your officers to too much trouble. I think you for your kindness in wishing to give me a shoot. I am fixing my other programme. I feel that am not as well as I should like to be. The nerves are too prominent. Let us hope it is only passing.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2033

OOCTACAMUND,
6th June 1915.

MY DEAR CAPT. RIGG,

I am sorry to learn that you have been injured by gas poisoning. I hope it is not serious and that you will be all right again. I tried to send a telegram to your wife; but she was not found at the address, which I enclose herein. I hope this will reach you. I am asking General Birdwood to forward it to you. I sanctioned the leave you asked for; and I hope the information has reached you. I hope you are having good news of Mrs. Rigg and your children.

There has been very little rain here, and consequently, practically no hunting. I am leaving this on the 25th of this month for Kollengode, Travancore and Cochin. I expect to be back in Baroda about the 20th of July, by which time I hope it will be cool. We are doing well, though my youngest son might be better. Mr. Clarke is here with me; and I have found him useful. The Dewan is coming here on the 14th of this month. General Birdwood is on leave and will be back in about two months more. I hope you will be soon well and back amongst us.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2034

OOCTACAMUND,
8th June 1915.

MY DEAR YUVRAJ (OF MYSORE),

Let me and Her Highness congratulate you on your birthday. We wish you many returns of the day. As a token of our good feelings for you, I send you a small present, which, I hope, you will accept. It is more the thought than the sum. You will buy either a pin or any other article you fancy, out of the sum.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2035

OOTACAMUND,
12th June 1915.

MY DEAR RAJASAHEB (COCHIN),

I am thinking of paying a visit to your State, if it will suit Your Highness. I wish to see the country and its institutions, and would, therefore, make my visit private, so that time spent in ceremonies and functions may be saved. I am sending a copy of the programme determined upon. I hope it will suit you. If it does not, kindly mention the changes you would like; and I shall try, if possible, to meet Your Highness' wishes. I hope this will find you quite well. When are you going back?

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2036

OOCATAMUND,
12th June 1915.

MY DEAR SHIVRAJ SINGH,*

I thank you for keeping me always informed and for your letter of the 7th June 1915. I am glad that you are now in Baroda, and that Shiwajirao is doing well according to your yesterday's telegram .When you were appointed, I had told Shiwajirao in one of my letters that the expenditure and everything else regarding his household was to be done in consultation with you, meaning by it that, practically, Shiwajirao was to be treated as a ward. I did not use these very words; but as you have to manage the household jointly, you could differ whenever you thought wise to do so, and get setted the question of difference between you two. I hope I have made myself clear. Any how you had better do so in the future.

Shiwajirao should be allowed no money to handle; and you are to prevent any chance of drink. If his servants help him, you had better think whether they should not be got rid of. So far as I am concerned, I will support you. Kindly show this letter to Shiwajirao, who must sensibly act up to the

instructions and help him. It is a hard and painful duty with few chances of success; but still it has to be done. I know you must find it very difficult and tiresome; but you must remember that the merit of the service rises according to its hardness. All over the world, men prefer easy tasks and, specially, our men, who are very soft, and lack the power of control and the courage of facing difficulties.

You should continue on your present post till I return and have time to discuss the matter with you leisurely. If you want and body to assist you, an attempt will be made to comply with your request. If you have to go away for a fortnight, you can do so, provided Shirgokar takes over your duties, and determines to be strong and to exercise those manly powers or qualities, which are necessary in handling a case like this. Firmness with tact is the thing needed.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

P. S. I think you had better take Shiwajirao to Amreli, and settle down there for some months. Naosari will not be as healthy during the rain; and I am told that there will be more temptations for Shiwajirao to drink than at Amreli. If required, I can give Shiwajirao one or two people to serve as companions. There he should go to his office regularly, and then play tennis, cricket and other exercises, so that time may hang on his hand as little as possible. You are always at liberty to make suggestions boldly and freely, so that mistakes may be avoided.

S. R. G.

* Kumar Shivaji Singh is the brother of the present Raia of Sirmur. First he was taken up in the Military Department. He was then appointed A. D. C. to His Highness the Maharaja Saheb. Afterwards he was asked to look after Prince Shiwajirao and his household as Secretary. And he worked as a Commissioner in Okhamandal District in 1924. He is at present working as a guardian to Prince Pratapsinh Raje.

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OOTACAMUND,
17th June 1915.

MY DEAR AMBEGAOKAR (LEGAL REMEMBRANCER, BARODA),

I was glad to hear from you. I am sorry to learn that you are slightly indisposed, and that you have, consequently, gone on leave. I hope the rest has done you good. It is desirable that you and officers of your position should now and then write to

me privately. I leave this on the 25th of this month, and will be back in Baroda about the end of July. Kindly remember me to Ganpatrao, Manubhai and others. Dewansaheb arrived here on the 14th. He is doing well in health.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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OOTACAMUND, (MATHERAN),
19th June 1915.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (HOLKAR, MATHERAN),

I am leaving this place for Kollengode, Cochin and Travancore on the 25th of this month. Your wife proposes to leave this, I am told, on the 1st on July. I was lunching with her to-day and she lunched with us a day or two ago. The children and she are doing well. I enquired from her about her studies and that of the children. The latter I examined a bit to-day. Balasaheb is on the right track. He read his lesson well. He showed me his dictation. He will have gradually to learn discipline. Of course, he is too young at present. They are very nice and handsome children. I spoke to Her Highness quite freely, and told her and also Mamisaheb to devote some hours every day to study. I told her I shall refuse to see her unless she learns. I hope you will give her every facility to study and to utilize her time more usefully. I feel that more knowledge will make her quite a different person. It pays us to educate our ladies sensibly. Women represent half the population of our country; and one cannot really do good without them. I have promised to send her some books. I am speaking to-day on the same subject with your doctor here. I hope you do not disapprove of what I have done. I hope you are well. How did you enjoy your stay at Matheran?

Dhairyashilrao has not been well. He goes to-morrow to Mysore on his way to Baroda. He will stay at Mysore for a week or so; and then probably halt at Poona till I join him.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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OOTACAMUND,

22nd June 1915.

MY DEAR CHANDRAVATI MAHARANI (OF INDORE, OOTACAMUND),

Many thanks for your yesterday's letter and the articles you sent with them. I certainly wish you and all yours all happiness and honour, and wish them to be well-educated, so as to understand their duties to themselves and to others. Without proper knowledge, no one can be useful. Not to be useful is a good, as not to exist not to fulfil the object of human creation. I am glad that you have determined to educate yourself. This will not only make your life really happy. But of many others. I shall personally feel proud and happy to see you well-educated, and to learn your nobility and utility. I take deep interest in you, and will continue to do so.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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OOTACAMUND,

24th June 1915.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI (HUZUR KAMDAR, BARODA),

I was glad to have your letter and to persue its contents. I start to-morrow for Kollengode. The weather has much improved since the rain has begun to fall. I hope you and all yours are quite well. Please remember me to Ganpatrao and Ambegaokar. Will you kindly tell Ambegaokar to have the book called "A History of Philosophy" by French Thilly Professor of Philosophy in Corneil University, translated. I wish it to be translated in very simple language with technical words defined and given either in each chapter or glossary. The book will be introduced in vernacular schools. Before it is finally passed, you and the Standing Book Committee must see and pass the translation. I hope no time will be lost in doing the work. You may be able to get the book in Bombay.

Publishers-London,-G. Bell and Sons, Ltd.; New York, - Henry Holt and Company.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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STATE GUEST-HOUSE, TRIVANDRUM,

15th July 1915.

DEAR LORD PENTLAND (GOVERNOR OF MADRAS),

I leave to-day for Comtallum, where I shall stay a few days. I have enjoyed the trip immensely. Her Highness and myself were fortunate enough to shoot two elephants. A vision was also bagged by Her Highness. I have found the country very picturesque, fertile and with plenty of resources. The States are very progressive and have many civilized institutions. They have been very kind to us. I thought you would like to hear from me. I thank you for the interest you took in connection with this trip. With our united regards to both of you. I hope this will find you and all yours quite well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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KUTTALUM,

19th July 1915.

MY DEAR RAJASAHEB (OF KOLLENGODE),

I must write this to express my own and Her Highness' most sincere thanks for the kind hospitality and splendid sports you showed us during our stay with you. The welcome given us by you and the ladies of your family will ever remain amongst our most pleasant memories. It will give us much pleasure to receive you and the ladies of your family as our guests in Baroda; and trust you will soon find it possible to come. I could not find time to write this letter.

I remember our talk about our journey sometimes to the Kollengode schools. I am asking Capt. Nimbalkar to arrange to send you a cheque of Rs. 2,250 at an early date. I think two annual prizes may be given in the Raja's High School. One of them to be given to the girls and to be called the Maharani (Chimnabai Gaekwar) prize and the other to the boys and to be called Maharaja (Sayajirao Gaekwar) prize. The amount of Rs. 2,000 is to be invested, out of the interest of which, the two prizes are to be given. The remaining sum

of Rs. 250 should be handed over to the private girl's school, the girl of which showed us the Malabar dance, as a donation. I hope you will excuse me for my troubling you thus. I leave this for Bangalore on the 21st of this month. I hope this will find you well. With our kind remembrances to you and to the members of your family.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MAKARPURA PALACE, BARODA,
10th August 1915.

MY DEAR NAWABSAHEB (OF PALANPUR),

I thanks you very much for your letters and wire which I have received. I thought I had sent a reply to your wire. It seems that I have been under a wrong impression. The letter, I could not answer as I was, travelling about. Dhairyashilrao is all right. He escaped fortunately from the accident without any harm. We enjoyed our trip in Southern India very much. It is a country quite different from ours but very fertile and beautiful. We are having excellent rains here. I wish the same was the case in Kadi and Palanpur. Will you kindly remember me to your sons? I hope this will find you all well.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MAKARPURA PALACE, BARODA,
13th August 1915.

MY DEAR SHIWAJIRAO,

I have received your note of the 10th August from Amreli. I hope you were well when you wrote it. You need not take your wife at my suggestion and certainly not without her wish. I presumed her wish to go and thought it would be a better climate for them to be in. I may be wrong in all this. I wish you to excuse me for any inconvenience I may have caused. The other points in your note I think require no answer.

Your affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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LAXMI VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

19th August 1915.

MY DEAR RAJASAHEB (OF KOLLENGODE),

It gave me pain to learn from your letter of the 27th July that you were indisposed. I hope you are quite well by this time. Your proposal of converting the two prizes into scholarships is quite acceptable to me. It fact, I am very thankful to you for suggesting this way of utilizing the interest in a more useful way. It was very kind of you to take all that trouble of drafting rules for bostwal of the two scholarships. Pary adopt them for the guidance of the Head Master. A scholarship of rupees four per month may prove too small. I am therefore sending you another four hundred rupees, so that each of the scholarships may be of rupees five per month.

I was disappointed not to see you at Bangalore. I am, however, delighted at your promise of visiting Baroda in December next. I hope your mother and sisters are all enjoying sound health. With kindest regards from me and the Maharanee, I am.

Yours sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MAKARPURA PALACE, BARODA,

15th September 1915.

MY DEAR SON (PRINCE JAISINHRAO),

Dr. Y. V. Modak who is with you desires to be relived from his present duties and to revert to the Medical Department. I had asked him to put his request on paper and send it through you. Accordingly he has sent me his letter of the 13th and another of the 14th Instant. You might have expressed whether you could spare his services or not to facilitate my decision. However, if I am wrong, I am under impression that you have no objection to his leaving you. Under these circumstances, I am directing him to go back to the Medical Department. The

question whether you require another man in his place may be dealt with separately.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MUSSOORIE,
20th September 1915.

MY DEAR DEEWANSAHEB (V. P. MADHAVRAO),

We arrived here yesterday afternoon after long and tedious journey. However, here the weather is cool and the scenery pleasant. In Central India, too, in some parts the rain was not copious enough; and people expect that the crops will not yield plentifully. You will recollect our slight talk about Bhate. I am glad that his case is decided and over. If Bhate is not anxious to continue in the Baroda service, I told you not to drop in your knees to retain him. I am still of that opinion. An unwilling servant is inconvenient to himself and to others. Probably he-Bhate-has already secured a post in Indore by this time; and if he wants to go, let him do so, though he was trained at some expense by the State. In future, our agreements must be more business-like. No men trained at some expense and trouble should quit the State service at their sweet will.

I wonder whether you are in the districts. I wanted to use Ghanekar for something else than Mr. Nimbalkar's Famine Assistant. However, I shall write about this, when a certain tippan reaches me, which Nimbalkar was going to submit. I wish you had asked my wishes before Ghanekar was transferred as Assistant to Gunajirao Nimbalkar. I am looking forward to receive your secretariat scheme, which I shall study. Some re-arrangement is need in the Huzur Office. I hope this will find you well and happy. I hope the famine will be well-attended to.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MUSSOORIE,

20th September 1915.

MY DEAR GENERAL BIRDWOOD,

You reminded me, before leaving Baroda, about the retention of you services. The decision was needed to give you time to make preparations of a private nature in England. I propose that you should be allowed to retire. If you have anything to point out before the order is out, you can do so. I shall be sorry to part with you, but will always think well of you, and that you had my confidence, which you fully deserved by your straightforward conduct.

We came here after rather a long and hot journey. The house has not been occupied for some time, and some of the windows were hermetically closed, stopping ventilation. This house is far removed from the town, but has a fine view. I may, a little later on, ask you to let me have the services of your assistant* to work in the Khangi. I hope this will find you well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

* Colonel R.S. Parab.

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LYNNDALE, MUSSOORIE,

24th September 1915.

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB (V. P. MADHAVRAO),

I am asking Mr. Manubhai to come here shortly. I am told that, under a Standing Order, whenever a member of the Council is absent, Mr. Nimbalkar takes his place. This time, however, Mr. Vanikar should work as a member of the Council in the place of Mr. Manubhai; and, during Mr. Vanikar's absence, Mr. Datar should take his place. The Huzur Kamdar's charge may be left with Mr. Ambegaokar, who is acquainted with the working of that office, and except the work of the Legal Remembrance, the work of the other departments may be temporarily transferred to the Naib Dewan Ganpatrao Gaekwad or Jaisinh Rao.

I think all the orders or, if that be too much, all the important orders passed by Jaisinh Rao should be countersigned by Ganpatrao Gaekwad, who, in case of difference, may place the matter before you unless Jaisinhrao agrees to the change. This is to secure public interest, so that any mistake arising from Jaisinhrao's want of experience may not do harm. If you think it necessary, you can give confidential written orders to Ganpatrao about the responsibility of countersigning the orders, in order not to lessen interest and responsibility on the part of Jaisinhrao in the decision of cases. However, I think the best thing is to give out the order with the knowledge of the two. Ganpatro is quite sensible and able to carry on the routine of the different offices now to be entrusted to him. I want Jaisinh Rao and Ganpatrao to report fully at the end of a month whether the work has been too much to attend to. If by experience you find that some change is needed, you are always at liberty to suggest it.

I wrote and telegraphed about Bhate; because the subject was on my brain and for no other reason. The matter is small and need not have occupied so much attention and time. I find the place very dull and the weather is, at times, cloudy, foggy and rainy, though to a very small extent. I hope you will be soon going out for a trip in the districts, and lay before me, at an early date; the programme and estimate of expenditure in connection with the scarcity in the two prants. Ganpatrao told me that he was examining and inspecting the Agriculture Department. He should do it and lay his report before Government for orders or information. After this he may take up other branches of the Departments under him, say, the Commercial. I think Datar is doing useful work in his Department and is a sensible man. Unless you have anything to point to the country, I wish that a promotion of Rs. 100 (one hundred) a month should be given to him.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MUSSOORIE,

3rd October 1915.

MY DEAR SHIRGAOKAR,

I have repeatedly told Jaisinhrao not to go to Bombay without first asking me. Till he shows you that he has had my approval to go, you should cut his allowance for absenting. He has since I left Baroda gone twice to Bombay. I know nothing of it except indirectly. I am forced to act in this way and it would be pleasure to avoid it. Her Highness is laid up with bad cold and she feels घबराट. I hope this will find you well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MUSSOORIE,

3rd October 1915.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

Many thanks for your very kind letter. I am glad to know that the few showers of rain in Baroda will save the cotton crop. Will the rain in Amreli do any good? Here it is often mere cloudy and sometimes it rains. I do not think that they lack rain here as we do. The climate is good; but we are far removed from the town and find the place very dull, and time hangs heavy on one's hands. I will be careful not to work hard; but a dull place does not help one much in enjoying rest. What I have felt for long and feel now pressing, is to save myself from unimportant work and of many kinds. Multiplicity of details of different departments prevents me from watching the execution of a policy. This does much harm. The only way for me to do this is to ask some one person or collection of persons to do my work, while I am devoting myself to the study of a problem. I can do this, only I must be reminded by a friend to do this. By this I will be able to do more good. Now that you are attending to the current and urgent business of the Dewan Office, I may not likely disturb you but ask someone to come here for a few days. I am glad that the Mahajans of Baroda have discouraged unnecessary

expenditure. I have already wired to you about Prince Jaisinhrao. How long was he in Bombay? I hope yourself and the members of your family are quite well. Please write as often as you can. Remember me to Ambegaokar and Ganpartao, who should also write freely and often to me, not necessarily always about shop. By not coming more in contact or by not writing to each other, we make ourselves less useful.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MUSSOORIE,

4th October 1915.

MY DEAR KERSHASPJI (EX-DEWAN OF BARODA),

I have not written to you for ages; but I do so now with pleasure. The stay here has not been pleasant upto now. I had cold and fever for a few days; and at present Her Highness has been laid up with the same complaint. However, she is better to-day. The weather here is pleasantly cool, but the rains have not ceased, which makes weather damp, cloudy and gloomy. In Baroda, I hear it is very hot. I should like you to visit me at Baroda and stay there for a couple of days. I hope this will find you, your wife and all others quite well. Please remember me to your wife.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MUSSOORI,

5th October 1915.

MY DEAR NEPHEW (SHRIMANT GANPATRAO GAEKWAR),

I thank you for your kind not. Upto now we have not enjoyed our stay here. I had bad cold with fever for a couple of days. It is Her Highness now, who is laid up for the last three days. To-day she is better. The house is damp and long removed from the town. I am glad that you finished inspecting the Agriculture office. I hope you will also go on to the Industrial

Department. All the Huzur Offices ought to be periodically examined. Have you had any more rains? I hope this will find you and all yours well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MUSSOORIE,
6th October 1915.

MY DEAR DEWAN SAHEB (V. P. MADHAVRAO),

We have not been enjoying our stay here much. Both of us have suffered from cold and fever. Her Highness is not yet well. I am likely to ask you to visit me here, as I want to have a talk on some business. If I cannot find room for your accommodation, I shall give up calling you, and I will return, when you will kindly remind me about the talk. I find that I am not well and that my health and mind are being much troubled. I feel that I should discuss the matter with you. I hope you are having a good and busy trip in the sad districts and that every thing is being done to help the people. I should like to hear the account of the state of things in the famine-striken districts. A programme of measures and money required should be drawn up and got sanctioned. I hope this will find you well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MUSSOORIE,
7th October 1915.

MY DEAR MR. JARDINE (RESIDENT OF GWALIOR),

Many thanks for your kind letter, which I should have answered earlier, but for my coming here and the fact of being laid up with fever and cold. I have allowed my small army to be used as recruiting ground and some men out of the army have gone to the front. I have supplied the Government of India with a number of horses. I can send you

the value of these animals later, if you want. I have subscribed five lac now and nearly a lac, besides, to the King and Queen's Fund. I cannot tell you now from here some other small subscriptions, that I have paid.

Were you at Simla with His Highness? When are we to meet again? I should like to see you so much and tell you my experiences. The treatment I have gone through during the last few years, has told upon my health perceptibly; and I doubt whether I shall be able to shake off its effects. I hear there has been a good fall of rain in several districts in Baroda. This will soften the rigorous out look of the famine. Have you got any famine in Gwalior? I hope the Maharaja is now quite recovered from his illness. Will you remember me to him? Can you come and spend your X'mas in Baroda? I shall not inflict on you a longer letter this time. I hope this will find you quite well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MUSSOORIE,

7th October 1915.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF INDORE),

I am glad your wife has safely delivered of a daughter. I hope they are both progressing well. Thanks for asking me to permit you to present a car to Prince Shiwajirao. You can do so. I believe you have plenty of rain in you State. There has been a good fall of rain in several districts of Baroda, which will soften the rigour of the famine. We came here for a change; but it has proved unpleasant. I was laid up with cold and fever; and now it is Her Highness, who is ill. She has had a strong attack of fever since a week. I hope she will soon shake it off. I hope you, your wives and children are quite well.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MUSSOORIE,

8th October 1915.

MY DEAR SON (PRINCE DHAIRYASHILRAO),

Your mother is laid up with pneumonia. The temperature is high going upto 103°. There is no reason to fear and in a day or two when the disease has run its course she will begin to feel better. I have asked Jaisinhrao to come here to be with her and cheer her up. As you are not quite strong, I have not asked you as the place is very damp. What I wrote about your health was only in a general sense to carry out the doctor's advice about climate etc. We will settle what is to be done before it is inconvenient where you should go to. Probably with your mother you may profitably spend some time in Lucknow in the approaching cold weather. You can go to Delhi and wait for us there when Simla is no longer good for you to stop in.

Have a nice young man as a reader for you from Baroda. I can send one if you do not know any. I will let you know as soon as I can the date of our departure which must depend now on Her Highness health. She will require a change too. Do not worry. Everything which is good for your health will be done in due time. I have asked Shamrao to let you know daily the state of your mother's health. As soon as your mother can be removed we are going to the Kapurthala House. I have good news from Baroda. Please remember me to Bausaheb. I hope this will find you quite well.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

1. *H. H's A. D. C.*

2. *The Prince's A. D. C.*

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MUSSOORIE,

9th October 1915.

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB,

The recent experiences and treatment I have received, has told on my body and mind. Should I not be acting wisely in informing Government of all this in a proper spirit? I want

you to consider the question fully and advise me. Her Highness is not well. She has got pneumonia and has a temperature 103 degrees. I hope this will find you well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MUSSORIE,

9th October 1915.

MY DEAR MR. CLARKE (THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION),

If you have not already done it, I should like you to examine and report upon the Girls' High School and the Female Training Collage, compare it also in several subjects, if not all, with the Male Training Collage. I should also like you to go into district and examine several Anglo Vernacular Schools and High Schools. What can we reasonably do to turn out better students than at present from the High Schools? I want to improve the schools, so that better prepared students should come to the Collage, better mentally prepared to receive higher education.

Her Highness is very ill. My house is far removed from the town. We are going into the Kapurthala House. It is for these reasons that I have asked you to postpone your departure for Mussoorie. I hear Mrs. Clarke is going to England. Hope she will have a pleasant and safe voyage. I hope this will find you well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MUSSOORIE,

10th October 1915.

MY DEAR COL. IMPEY (RESIDENT, BARODA),

Thanks for your two letters. I have no objection at all to my nephew going to the Front. Her Highness has been laid up with pneumonia; but to-day her temperature is normal. She has rather a bad attack. We have not enjoyed our trip this

time; and were it not very hot in Baroda, I should have returned at once. Will you kindly remember me to your sister? I hope this will find you both well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MUSSOORIE,
11th October 1915.

MY DEAR MR. CLARKE,

Your letter about the biography just to hand. Please do not send copies of what you write, but keep them with you showing them whenever you want or I ask for them. The Dewan has got a certain idea about the subject. Discuss the matter freely with him and then get a line settled so as to see that your labour is not wasted. I trust your good sense and do not like to give too many instructions. My health is better. Her Highness who had pneumonia is free from fever to-day. Please remember me to Mrs. Clarke. I hope all of you are well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MUSSOORIE,
14th October 1915.

MY DEAR MR. SPIELMANN,

I thank you for your letter of the 21st September 1915, and its accompaniments. I have also to acknowledge several other kind letters from you; but, owing to great heat and consequent physical laxity and other pressure of work, I did not answer. However, I must tell you that you are always in my thought. I came here to avoid the October heat of Baroda. The trip has not been very fortunate till now. It had first cold and fever for a few days, and then Her Highness had an attack of pneumonia, from which she is not recovering. I shall be here till the end of this month. We were on the verge of a bad famine in a greater portion of the State; but, fortunately, the

rain we had last week, has brightened the aspect and averted the danger.

I hope your wife and son are all well. I hope this will find you well too. I am glad that all your work is getting on well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MUSSOORIE,

15th October 1915.

MY DEAR MR. CLARKE (THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION),

You can visit the Anglo-Vernacular Schools, when they open, and make a thorough inspection. Whatever we decide to keep, let it be good and efficient. Please go on with the biography. The changes to be discussed are not likely to waste your labour. We are both well and we like the new abode, the beautiful House of Kapurthala. I am indeed glad and happy for the change in the prospects of the year. I hope this will find you well. I thank you for the troubles you are taking in inspecting the different institutions.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MUSSOORIE,

15th October 1915.

MY DEAR AMBEGAOKAR,

I thank you for your letter of the 11th/13th October. I was glad to peruse its contents. You have done very well in taking up the Translation Branch. I believe you will find points thereto for improvements. I have not to complain of work, as I am not bothered with it much. I am anxious to set the Education Department right and prevent all waste and inefficiency. I thank you for the trouble you are taking. I have confidence in your sense and judgment. Padgaokar is a good officer; and you will tell him to get reforms without undue delay, and see that they are carried out properly.

Her Highness is getting on well. The Kapurthala House is very fine and beautifully situated. I have given you some additional work as Legal Remembrance. I am going to ask you to have a general supervision over the नियम शाखा of the Khangi Department. I hope this will find you and all yours quite well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

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MUSSOORIE,
18th October 1915.

MY DEAR DEWANSAHEB,

Just a line before I forget the subject. I think that the famine grass question ought to have been referred to me for orders instead of the Council sanctioning it in anticipation. There was time to refer it to me. Manubhai ought to have been given time to be present in the Council. I write this merely for your future guidance and that of the Councilors. Do not listen to reports about me, my views or intentions. I always give my orders in writing. I cannot be certain that people understand my views or intentions rightly. I do not doubt the good intentions of the Council in the purchase of the grass. I am glad that you speak freely.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2066

MUSSOORIE,
19th October 1915.

MY DEAR GENERAL BIRDWOOD,

Your letter reached me yesterday. I did not know that you were in such a hurry to go. Under circumstances pointed out in your letter would you not prefer to have an extension? I am returning to Baroda in about two weeks more. I do not wish you to leave me so early, as next January. I shall wait

before doing anything till I hear from you. I hope this will find you both well. Her Highness is progressing satisfactorily.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2067

MUSSOORIE,
21st October 1915.

MY DEAR MANUBHAI,

Thanks for your letter of the 19th October. Prince Pratapsinh being placed or rather deposited on the Gadi by the Bava has not any significance. He only meant well; and I am glad for the way the Gaekwars took. The danger of making children act for the Maharaja is in turning their head and, thus, preventing their healthy growth. Their surroundings being ignorant, are apt to lose the sight of healthy discipline.

I was glad to read the account of the visit of Lancaster and Geddes. I approve of their judgments. I had really made up my mind to utilize the spot south of the Library. I hope this will find you well and happy.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2068

MUSSOORIE,
22nd October 1915.

MY DEAR BHANDARKAR (LATE CHIEF JUSTICE),

I thank you for your kind note. I hope your daughter and other members of your family are well. I hope you will have a good time in Indore. I shall be returning to Baroda about the 31st of October. Her Highness is getting on well. I was glad to hear a good account of Shiawajirao. I hope this will find you well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2069

MUSSOORIE,

23rd October 1915.

MY DEAR RAJA SAHEB (OF KOLLENGODE),

These lines are to congratulate you on the auspicious occasion of your daughter's wedding. I hope everything connected with it will go off well. Will you kindly convey our good wishes to the young lady. Her Highness is progressing very satisfactorily; and we shall leave this on the 1st for Baroda. The climate here is now delightful; and the house we are in, is very fine and convenient. It belongs to His Highness the Maharaja of Kapurthala. I was afraid of a famine in Baroda; but the recent rains, though late, have changed the prospects much to the better.

Madhavrao is here with me. He is doing very well indeed. Thanks for the photos, which are excellent. Will you remind us both to your people? I hope this will find you and all yours quite well.

Your sincere friend,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2070

MUSSOORIE,

27th October 1915.

MY DEAR MAHARAJA (OF KOLHAPUR),

I thank you for your letter of the 17th October; and Mr. Reuben has also met me. I trust Your Highness to fix all terms reasonably on my behalf and get me two cheetas, if possible, not too young, as they are probably more apt to die, while getting acclimatized. However, I leave all details in your hands; and the price you fix, will be paid, when the animals are delivered in Baroda. I hope your sons are well and that you are satisfied with their progress. Please remember me to them and to your brother and to Mrs. Irving. I hope this will find you well I am sending a copy of this note to my Khangi Karbhari for future guidance. We are all doing well, and will be back in Baroda on the 2nd of November.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2071

MUSSOORIE,

28th October 1915.

MY DEAR GENERAL BIRDWOOD (OF THE BARODA ARMY),

Thanks for your last letter. I am inclined to give you an extension of two more years. You will kindly get this confirmed in the usual official way on my return to Baroda. Her Highness is progressing well. I shall leave this on the 1st of November. I hope this will find you and your daughter well.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2072

MAKARPURA PALACE, BARODA,

20th December 1915.

MY DEAR WIFE (HER HIGHNESS THE MAJARANI SAHEB),

You have not written up to now as to how you are getting on. I hope you are improving fast that you like the climate. Is it very gay? I am staying here for a few days. I wish my health was better and that things did not remain on my brain long. It is a sign of weakness, I am afraid. Dhairyashil is going well. When will you be returning? I am going out a bit in the districts to Sankheda for about three days. Please remember me to Shamrao, Doctor and others.

Yours affectionately,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.

2073

LAXMI-VILAS PALACE, BARODA,

30th December 1915.

DEAR MAHARANI SAHEB,

Many thanks for your letter of the 22nd December. I think you have acted wisely in starting a dispensary at Khodinar Mata, instead of feeding the needy one day in the year. I was glad to have your "British and Hindi Vikram." I hope this will find you and His Highness quite well. Please accept the compliments of the season.

Yours sincerely,
SAYAJIRAO GAEKWAR.



Numbers and subjects of the letters written by Maharaja
Sayajirao Gaekwad to various persons

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| 1811. A letter of gratitude to Maharani Jamnabai for adopting Sayajirao. | 1823. The news of the death of Maharaja of Holkar. |
| 1812. To settle amicably an argument with regards to use of certain words and names. | 1824. Letter to Col. Berkley regarding his wife's ill health. |
| 1813. Gen. Watson's private letters, list of reminders to settle arguments. | 1825. Active cooperation to end forced child marriages and widowhood problems. |
| 1814. If the Europeans have to be stopped from working here, Indian youth need to be sent abroad for training. | 1826. Regrets that congratulations were not offered on the day of the installation. |
| 1815. Changes in the arrangements, those concerned informed in advance. | 1827. Regarding guarding the secrets related to armed forces. |
| 1816. Maj. Mollis talks to Col. Berkley. | 1828. Happiness at Sampatrao's progress. |
| 1817. Missed meeting due to a visit to Umarath. | 1829. Look for the right person for the setting up of the museum. |
| 1818. Regarding absence on the Coronation day, Her Majesty's birthday. | 1830. Dismay that all rules merely on paper and no actual implementation. |
| 1819. Checking on Ganpatrao who is down with fever. | 1831. Greetings for Christmas and the New Year. |
| 1820. Condolences to Lord Reay on his wife's demise. | 1832. Ganpatrao's wife unwell. |
| 1821. Appreciation of the contents of the textbooks, all as expected. | 1833. The Times carried an article on the Baroda forces. |
| | 1834. Informing Ganpatrao of his wellbeing. |
| | 1835. Ascertaining that expensive items have |

	been removed from the Indore palace.
1836.	Doubt of unnecessary interference in a matter already settled
1837.	Manasa issue.
1838.	Jaisinhrao's health suffers.
1839.	Gen. Prendergast expected to stay for long.
1840.	Letter blessing the newlyweds.
1841.	Connecting with Elliot.
1842.	Asking Sampatrao to be the personal secretary.
1843.	Correspondence with brother Anandrao.
1844.	Stating that nothing was discussed with Sheppard.
1845.	Littledale harassed by small merchants, Maharaja comforts him.
1846.	Coonoor good place for health, situation in Baroda stressful, u n f a v o u r a b l e developments.
1847.	Traders on strike.
1848.	Sister Tarabai Bhosle-Sardesai's letter in English.
1849.	The traders' strike called off.
1850.	No alternative to the manufacturing of important products to compete with other producers.
1851.	Need Dhamanaskar to look into the strike.
1852.	Ozanne brought situation under control, invitation to be sent to the Prince of Wales.
1853.	Issues related to Jamnabai to be sorted in the Maharaja's presence.
1854.	Coonoor climate good for health, Jaisinhrao's health improving.
1855.	Praise for the Diwanji of Gondal for his good work.
1856.	Son of Prince of Wales to be invited to Baroda.
1857.	Letter to father-in-law about the family's wellbeing.
1858.	Constant travels leading to exhaustion, return to Baroda.
1859.	Checking the validity of a rumour.
1860.	Correct balance between the rights and responsibilities for achievements.
1861.	Discussion the strike with Ozanne.
1862.	Regarding the Prince's visit to the capital.
1863.	The Hindus in Baroda go to any extent for selfish gains.
1864.	Exchanging news regarding family's wellbeing.
1865.	Disapproval for a brief letter.

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| 1866. Advice to nephew to avoid overexertion. | 1882. Happy to reach Baroda before time. |
| 1867. Regarding the arrival of the Prince Victor of Wales. | 1883. An elephant for Fatehsinhrao. |
| 1868. An elephant bought for the Maharaja. | 1884. When is the Prince likely to come to Baroda? |
| 1869. Feeling better after venting out the problems faced by the heads of States. | 1885. Feelings regarding the Zingara episode. |
| 1870. Write only if necessary. | 1886. Happy to have received desired photographs. |
| 1871. Letting father know that he was well, much to the former's relief. | 1887. A trophy for hunting |
| 1872. Missed Dassera but Diwali in Baroda. | 1888. Administrative reports of other States. |
| 1873. Encouragement to write letters. | 1889. Appreciation of the arrangements. |
| 1874. Letting know in advance that sudden, unexpected meetings would not be possible. | 1890. Regarding family connection. |
| 1875. Efforts to keep a steady correspondence with Elliot. | 1891. A tricycle that runs on steam. |
| 1876. Richard Meade reacts to Grippen's speech. | 1892. Arrangements for Lord & Lady Reay's arrival. |
| 1877. Settle the issue of Edinburg gentleman Beaumont like the Grant Medical concern. | 1893. The commissioner's observations useful on other issues. |
| 1878. Gen. Prendergast and the Maharaja travel by the same car. | 1894. Invitation to the Maharaja of Akkalkot. |
| 1879. Apology for absence at the ballroom dance. | 1895. Instructions on different issues given before hand. |
| 1880. Enquiry regarding glass factory. | 1896. Shift to the Laxmi Vilas Palace. |
| 1881. Events before the arrival of the Prince of Wales. | 1897. Don't reinstate those fired, need to uphold administrative values. |
| | 1898. Happy in the new palace. |
| | 1899. Invitation to Prendergast to visit Baroda. |
| | 1900. A 'Thank you' note |

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| 1901. Gauging the possibility of transferring the elephant by train. | 1916. T. Madhava Rao passes away on April 4. |
| 1902. Prince Albert Victor, on March 13, confirmed. | 1917. Regarding the son of Maharaja Bhosle of Nagpur. |
| 1903. Photographs of the palace to see. | 1918. Arrangements before leaving for Europe. |
| 1904. MsMoxon gifted the horse, Diamond. | 1919. Supporting Elliot's position on the Naravadar issue. |
| 1905. Surprised by the photograph without a letter. | 1920. Encroachment on the State's rights. |
| 1906. Asking the Maharani to stay at Umarath all summer. | 1921. Not willing to hand over the rights to the Council. |
| 1907. Announcing that elder brother's daughter old enough to be married. | 1922. Appreciation of Ganpatrao's letter. |
| 1908. Happy with the letter that came from the attendant, encouragement to retain the tradition. | 1923. Impartial justice, deserved respect, together brings progress. |
| 1909. Decision taken without informing the Maharaja. | 1924. Cut down on unnecessary staff |
| 1910. Asking about the injury occurred during sea travel. | 1925. Communication with the mother about the family. |
| 1911. A conversation with Elliot. | 1926. If the behaviour of the staff was disagreeable, why were they given promotions? |
| 1912. Coming definitely but don't wait for him. | 1927. Attempts to give the mother tongue honourable place in the University exams. |
| 1913. The news of the first rains | 1928. Unhappiness at Her Highness not giving advice freely. |
| 1914. Letter to the Resident in Shimla, checking on his welfare. | 1929. Pushing trouble some issues under the carpet aggravates stress. |
| 1915. One response to both the letters from the mother. | 1930. Certain points from Aaba's letter unanswered. |

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| 1931. Satisfaction at having received the right and adequate information in time. | 1947. Grief at mother Umabai's death. |
| 1932. Sovereign state, help from the British Government. | 1948. Stressed due to unusual circumstances. |
| 1933. Regret at Athalay's death, search for his replacement. | 1949. A dialogue with Lord Reay regarding return to Baroda. |
| 1934. Search for a capable replacement due to vacancy by Athalay's death. | 1950. Continuous dialogue with the Resident of Baroda. |
| 1935. Code on the communication between the Maharaja and the Resident. | 1951. Unsubstantiated news in the media makes the Maharaja unhappy. |
| 1936. Regarding the meeting at Chumerica. | 1952. Impressed by Lady Tweedale's hospitality. |
| 1937. The French couple recommended by Sir John Watson. | 1953. Unflattering reports in the media. |
| 1938. Nothing good can come out without the readiness to sacrifice. | 1954. Efforts to keep in touch with Col. Fitzgerald. |
| 1939. A dialogue with the nephew. | 1955. Dialogue with the ex-governor of Mumbai, Fergusson. |
| 1940. Honourable death while carrying out one's duty, justly and loyally | 1956. Keeping in touch. |
| 1941. Make notes of work. | 1957. Work at a standstill on hearing the news of mother's death. |
| 1942. Raphael Alp uninspiring. | 1958. Recovering after mother's death. |
| 1943. Power of attorney. | 1959. Regarding Manibhai's retirement. |
| 1944. Search for Athalay's replacement. | 1960. Memorable visit to Inverness on trip to Scotland. |
| 1945. Connecting with the officer of the central ministry. | 1961. Efforts to meet Sir John Watson in London. |
| 1946. Regarding the news in the media about Baroda. | 1962. Change of weather leads to health issues. |
| | 1963. Stomachache. |
| | 1964. Left London due to foggy weather. |

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| 1965. His Royal Highness reaches his place in Paris. | 1979. European civilians needed for the Barkheli work. |
| 1966. Gibbon, the first historian of the Roman Empire and the Christian church. | 1980. Ranade's conditions before agreeing to join the service. |
| 1967. Realisation of being a pawn in the hands of prevailing conditions. | 1981. Bad throat and difficulty speaking, advance notice for cancellation of meeting. |
| 1968. Groupism and ill will amongst the officers due to unnecessary meddling by the Resident. | 1982. Maharani unwell, polite refusal to invitation. |
| 1969. Need an iron hand to deal with officers trying to avenge each other. | 1983. Discussing an appointment with the personal physician. |
| 1970. A wave of happiness at the news of Gordon's arrival. | 1984. Happiness at the hospitality of the Duchess of Plockton. |
| 1971. Warning regarding letter-writing. | 1985. Problems in the State come up while the Maharaja is away for health reasons. |
| 1972. Report from the Bapat committee. | 1986. Studying the Paris exhibition. |
| 1973. Col. Martelli studies the Bapat report. | 1987. Getting to know the significant places and people in Paris. |
| 1974. Regarding the topic omitted. | 1988. Younger brother, Prince, G. S. Sardesai and Salunkhe to Oxford. |
| 1975. Maharaja suffering from insomnia, Maharani unwell too. | 1989. Widden appointed after Newman's departure. |
| 1976. Observations on Pestonji Dorabji Khandalawalla. | 1990. Lord Reay's recommends candidate for the post of the Family Solicitor. |
| 1977. Demand for a warning written in Gujarati script. | 1991. Gauging the possibility of Her Highness meeting Her Majesty in London. |
| 1978. A dialogue with the partner of his married niece. | 1992. Solicitor's documents drafted. |

1993.	Impossible to fulfill the promise.	abroad and curbing unnecessary expenditure.
1994.	Orders to hand over charge before Commissioner Jehangir Shaw left.	2008. Advance notice regarding a change in the schedule.
1995.	Personal communication.	2009. Effective armed forces, economic savings and permanent sanction.
1996.	Letter to mother about wellbeing.	2010. Compensation for Col. Gordon's service.
1997.	Documents regarding the Davdi village.	2011. Returning home after a long stay away.
1998.	Communication with elder sister in Nagpur.	2012. Regarding the death of Chisholm's young son.
1999.	Regarding the protocol and allowance of the members of the royal undivided family.	2013. Work to be done through the appropriate minister.
2000.	Compulsory education, financial discipline of the family members.	2014. Pained by the mistreatment of the heads of princely states.
2001.	Proposal to back Col. Evans Gordon's promotion to General.	2015. Minute observations on Constantinople.
2002.	Guiding the Princes in their choice of academic institutions.	2016. Thoughts of survival after the drama in life ends.
2003.	Idea of setting up of Bank of Baroda put in motion.	2017. Gains and losses in administration.
2004.	About publishing opinions on the Princely States.	2018. Invitation to the ex premier of Cochin.
2005.	Sampatrao to accompany Jaisinhrao for his education abroad.	2019. Instructions on the renovation of chambers in the palace.
2006.	Discussion with the guardian-tutors of the princes.	2020. Gift from Princess Padmavati to the ex-Dewan's daughter on the occasion of the latter's wedding.
2007.	(Sampatrao's letter) Living like ordinary people while studying	2021. Notice on the change in the predetermined schedule.

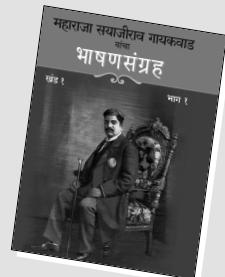
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| <p>2022. Complications in the rules of service unfair to the seniors due for promotion.</p> <p>2023. Not to stop medication midway, complete the course.</p> <p>2024. Payment for the war funds, royal family members need not get a concession.</p> <p>2025. Regarding the younger sister of Her Highness, Chhotubai Angre (Alibaug).</p> <p>2026. Regret that even most innocuous work is taken advantage of unduly.</p> <p>2027. Strict warning that an eye is kept on the work of the junior staff and no delay would be tolerated.</p> <p>2028. Trip to Ooty.</p> <p>2029. Appraisal before the trip to Travancore.</p> <p>2030. Itinerary for Kollongod-Cochin-Travancore.</p> <p>2031. The July event cancelled.</p> <p>2032. The hunting plan in the jungle of Mysore cancelled.</p> <p>2033. Capt. Riggs poisoned, checking on his health.</p> <p>2034. The feeling behind the gift more important than its price.</p> <p>2035. Ascertaining the favourability prior to the Cochin visit.</p> | <p>2036. Full authority to Shivraj Singh, the educational guardian of the princes.</p> <p>2037. Correspondence with different advisors.</p> <p>2038. The requisite correspondence before the trip to Travancore.</p> <p>2039. Appreciation of the will to study.</p> <p>2040. Instructions to translate the book 'The history of Philosophy'.</p> <p>2041. Hunting of two elephants in the company of the Maharani.</p> <p>2042. Donation to the Kollongod School.</p> <p>2043. Dhairyashilrao's narrow escape from the accident.</p> <p>2044. Letter of apology.</p> <p>2045. Happy that the prize money was converted to scholarship funds.</p> <p>2046. The request for reinstatement of the doctor's post should come through the right channels.</p> <p>2047. Don't expect competence from the incompetent.</p> <p>2048. A farewell letter on the occasion of retirement.</p> <p>2049. Distribution of administrative work, able officer given alternative task.</p> |
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2050.	A cut in the allowance for going to Mumbai without permission.	receded; discuss the biography issue with Diwansaheb.
2051.	Praise for not supporting unnecessary expenditure.	2062. Health affected due to overwork.
2052.	The weather in Mussoorie does not suit the Maharani.	2063. Inspiration to do a great job on the book on Kapurthala House .
2053.	Regarding the inspection of Udyog Bhavan after that of the agricultural department.	2064. Maharani's health better, praise for the good work put in by the officers.
2054.	Instructions for the Diwan to reach Mussoorie.	2065. Guidance in the future.
2055.	Invitation to Jordon for a visit during Christmas.	2066. Birdwood in a hurry.
2056.	Congratulations for the birth of a daughter.	2067. Children need freedom for healthy discipline and robust development.
2057.	The Maharani's pneumonia.	2068. Happy at the positive news on Shivajirao.
2058.	Traumatised by the treatment meted out to His Highness.	2069. Greetings to the princess of Kollongod on her wedding.
2059.	Honest efforts for educational reforms.	2070. Bought two panthers.
2060.	The visit to Mussoorie doesn't satisfy the purpose, hence the decision to return.	2071. Extension of service (two years).
2061.	Maharani's fever	2072. Correspondence with the Maharani before leaving for a tour of Sankheda.
		2073. Appreciation of the plan to start a dispensary at Khodinar Mata.
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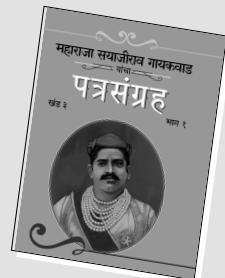
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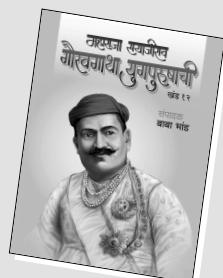
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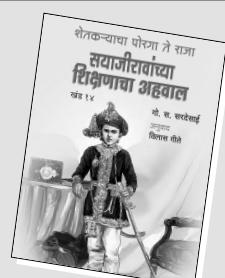
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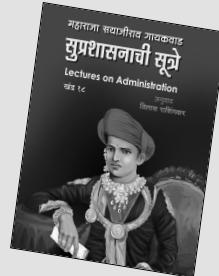
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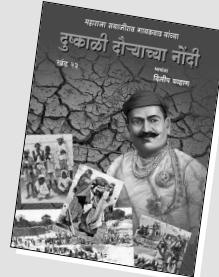
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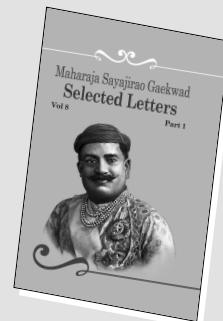
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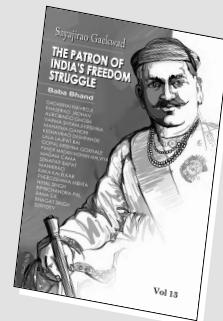
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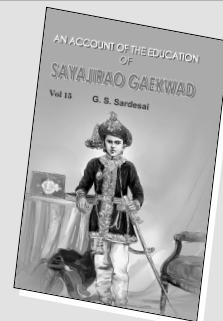


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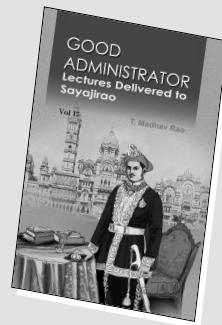
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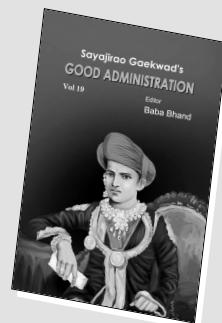
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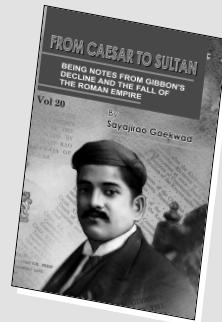
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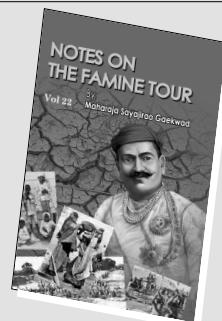
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