

cited by name. The mention of the particular commentator in each instance would have enlarged the notes, with very little advantage, as the means of verifying authorities are as effectually furnished by an enumeration of the works which have been employed and consulted. They are as follow :

I. The text of the *Amara cōṣha* :

This vocabulary comprised in three books, is frequently cited under the title of *Tri-cāṇḍa* ;* sometimes under the denomination of *Abhid'hāṇa* (nouns), from its subject ; often under that of *Amara cōṣha*, from the name of the author. The commentators are indeed unanimous in ascribing it to AMARA SINHA†. He appears to have belonged to the sect of *Buddha*, (though this be denied by some of his scholars) ; and is reputed to have lived in the reign of VICRAMĀDITYA ; and he is expressly named among the ornaments of the Court of RAJĀ BHŌJA,† one of the many princes to whom that title has been assigned. If this mention of him be accurate, he must have lived not more than eight hundred years ago ; for a poem entitled *Subhāshita ratna sandōha*, by a *Jaina* author named AMITAGATI, is dated in the year 1050 from the death of VICRAMĀDITYA and in the reign of MUNJA who was uncle and predecessor of RAJĀ BHŌJA. It, however, appears inconsistent with the inscription at *Buddha gayā* which is dated in the year 1005 of the era of VICRAMĀDITYA, and in which mention is made of AMARA DĒVA, probably the same with the author of the vocabulary. From the frequent instances of anachronism both in sacred and profane story as current among the *Hindūs*, more confidence seems due to the inscription, than to any popular tales concerning RAJĀ BHŌJA ; and the *Amara cōṣha* may be considered as at least nine hundred years old ; and possibly more ancient.

It is intimated in the author's own preface, that the work was compiled from more an-

* i. e. The three books. But that name properly appertains to a more ancient vocabulary, which is mentioned by the commentators on the *Amara cōṣha*, among the works from which this is supposed to have been compiled.

† In the *Bhūja prabandha*.