

II. Commentaries on the *Amra Cōṣha*.

1. At the head of the commentaries which have been used, must be placed that of RĀYA MUCUṬĀ, (or VRĪHASPATI surnamed RĀYA MUCUṬĀ MAṆI). This work entitled *Padachandricā*, was compiled, as the author himself informs us, from sixteen earlier commentaries, to many of which he repeatedly refers: especially those of CSHĪRA SWAMĪ, SUBHŪTI, HADDA CHANDRA, CALINGA, CŌNCATĀ, SARVADHARA, and the *Vyāc'hyāmṛita*, *Ticāsarvasva*, &c.*

Its age is ascertained from the incidental mention of a date: viz. 1353 *Sāca*, or 1532 of the *Caliyuga*, corresponding to A. D. 1431.

Though the derivations in MUCUṬĀ's commentary be often inaccurate, and other errors also have been remarked by later compilers, its authority is in general great; and, accordingly, it has been carefully consulted under every article of the present work.

2. Among the earlier commentaries named by RĀYA MUCUṬĀ, that of CSHĪRA SWAMĪ is the only one, which has been examined in the progress of this compilation. It is a work of considerable merit; and is still in general use in some provinces of India, although the interpretations not unfrequently differ from those commonly received.

3. The *Vyāc'hyāsud'hā*, a modern commentary by RĀMĀŚRAMA or by BHĀNUDESHITA (for copies differ as to the name of the author) is the work of a grammarian of the school of Benares. He continually refers to RĀYA MUCUṬĀ and to SWAMĪ; and his work serves to confirm their scholia where accurate, and to correct them where erroneous. It has been consulted at every line.

* The following names may be selected from MUCUṬĀ's quotations, to complete the number of sixteen: *Mad'hari*, *Mad'hu mad'hari*, *Sarāṇāndi*, *Abhināṣa*, *Rājadeva*, *Gōverdhana*, *Drāyida*, *Chojarāja*. But some of these appear to be separate works; rather than commentaries on the *Amra Cōṣha*. MUCUṬĀ occasionally cites the most celebrated grammarians, as PĀNINI, JAYADITYA, JIRENDRA, MATTHEYA, RACSHITA, PURUSHOTTAMA, MAD'HARA, &c.