



Bilaspur Princely State

Letters from the royal house of Bilaspur



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To Raja Hura Chund

Belaspore

My Friend,

I have the pleasure to inform you that it is my intention to hold an Imperial Assemblage at Delhi on the 1st January 1877, for the purpose of proclaiming in a befitting manner the assumption, by Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, of the Title of "Empress of India"

I enclose for your information, a copy and translation of the announcement which I have caused to be published in the "Gazette of India," and request the honor



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honor of your presence on that auspicious
occasion.

Due notice will be given through
the usual channel of the particular
date on which you will be expected at
Delhi.

I remain,
Your sincere friend,
Lytton

Simla
The 18th September
1876.

Viceroy and Governor General
of India.

His reign of 32 years is still remembered as a golden age in Bilaspur's history. In winter 1882 Raja Hira Chand had gone to Shimla with his son Amar Chand but died on his way to Bilaspur.



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Bilaspur
15th March 90

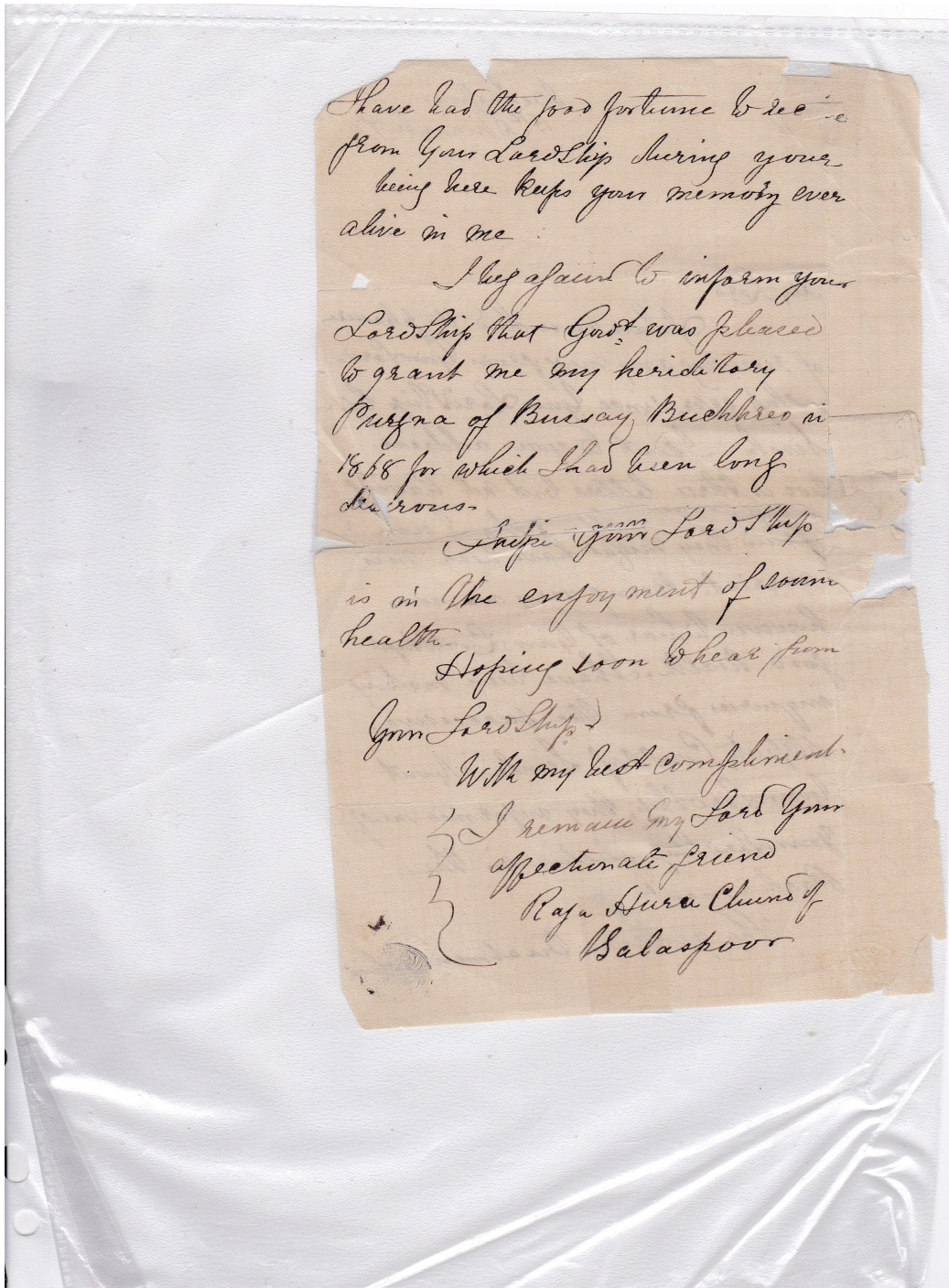
My Lord

I have never had the pleasure of receiving any news from Your Lordship ever since Your Lordship left Simla. I sent to your address two or three letters but not having ~~any answer~~ ^{heard a reply} I am afraid they might have been miscarried. Being very anxious however to hear of Your Lordship's good health. I have been making inquiries from the successive Deputy Com^{rs} of Simla about Your Lordship, they informed me of Your Lordship's election in the Parliament.

The generous treatment which



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Have had the good fortune to receive
from Your Lordship during your
being here keeps your memory ever
alive in me.

I beg again to inform your
Lordship that God was pleased
to grant me my hereditary
Puzna of Bursay Buekhree in
1868 for which I had been long
desirous.

I beg to inform your Lordship
is in the enjoyment of good
health.

Hoping soon to hear from
your Lordship.

With my best compliments.

I remain my Lord your
affectionate friend
Raja Heera Chand of
Balaspore

**Hand written letter by H.H.Raja Heera Chand Bilaspur
Dated 15th March 1970**



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To

G. R. Black Esq.
Member of Parliament
London

Sir

With due respect and profound
thankfulness I take this opportunity of stating that
when you were in India as Commissioner of Bombay
Division (on the demise of Rajah Khurshid Bahadur
of Kuhlwar) you granted the territory of Kuhlwar being
grandfather Jugut Bahadur since it is contained
in his family as I am now the ruler of it. In these
great favors to my family obtained through your
great efforts in the cause of justice. I pray always
for your prosperity, a feeling shared by every other
Rajahs and Ranas &c &c in India for your kindness
to them. After long enquiry I am informed that
you are a Member of the English Parliament and
as Rajah Ramadhar Singh of Kulpur Ducla is about
to visit England, I beg to send these few lines
by his attendants, oh hopes that you will



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Wishes a reply and informed me of the welfare
of yourself and family (for which I am always praying) -

Have the honor to be

Sir

Your well wisher

Heera Chand



Rajah of Bhublior

Deelaspore

25th March 1870

Hand written letter by Raja Heera Chand 25th March, 1870



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Rajah Heera Chand of
Kukloor; is I consider one
of the best chiefs in the
Simla hills. His State
is decidedly the very best
managed of all; & though
the credit is much due
to his late invaluable
Vizier, Mian Bhungee,
who to my great regret
recently died; yet much
also must be due to the
Rajah himself. His
Court & followers are
all in good order; united
& respectable. The Rajah
is quiet of good disposition,
sensible, & gentlemanly;
& I commend him to the



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Kindness of my Successor,
I have just forwarded
to Govt. his application
for the recovery of the
Perquisites of His Highness
Bacheyatoo, & I hope
he may be successful.

Herbert Howard
Agent to Govt.
C. S. States.

Recd. at
4th January
1865.

H.H.Raja Heera Chand's hand written letter



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PROCLAMATION.

AS VICEROY AND GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA, I hereby publish, for the information of the Governors, Administrators, Princes, Chiefs, Nobles, and Peoples of this Empire, the subjoined Act passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland on the twenty-seventh day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, together with a Royal Proclamation dated at the Court of Windsor the twenty-eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six in the thirty-ninth year of HER MAJESTY'S reign, transmitted to this Government by the MOST HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA in His Lordship's Despatch No. 70 of the 13th July 1876.

Moreover I now publish, under this my hand and seal, that it is my intention to



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Moreover, I now publicly notify, under this my hand and seal, that it is my intention to hold at Delhi, on the 1st day of January 1877, an Imperial Assemblage, for the purpose of proclaiming to the QUEEN'S subjects throughout India the gracious sentiments which have induced HER MAJESTY to make to Her Sovereign Style and Titles an addition specially intended to mark HER MAJESTY'S interest in this great Dependency of Her Crown, and Her Royal confidence in the loyalty and affection of the Princes and Peoples of India.

To this Assemblage I propose to invite the Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, and Heads of Administrations, from all parts of the QUEEN'S Indian Dominions, as well as those Princes, Chiefs, and Nobles, in whose persons the antiquity of the past is associated with the prosperity of the present, and who so worthily contribute to the splendour and stability of this great Empire.

I shall forthwith issue such orders in Council as may be suitable to the historical importance of the occasion, and in conformity with the desire which will be felt by all HER MAJESTY'S subjects in India to manifest the affection they cherish for their august SOVEREIGN by public rejoicings and appropriate demonstrations of loyalty.


Dated at Simla this eighteenth day of August 1876.



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I shall forthwith issue such orders in Council as may be suitable to the historical importance of the occasion, and in conformity with the desire which will be felt by all HIS MAJESTY'S subjects in India to manifest the affection they cherish for their august SOVEREIGN by public rejoicings and appropriate demonstrations of loyalty.

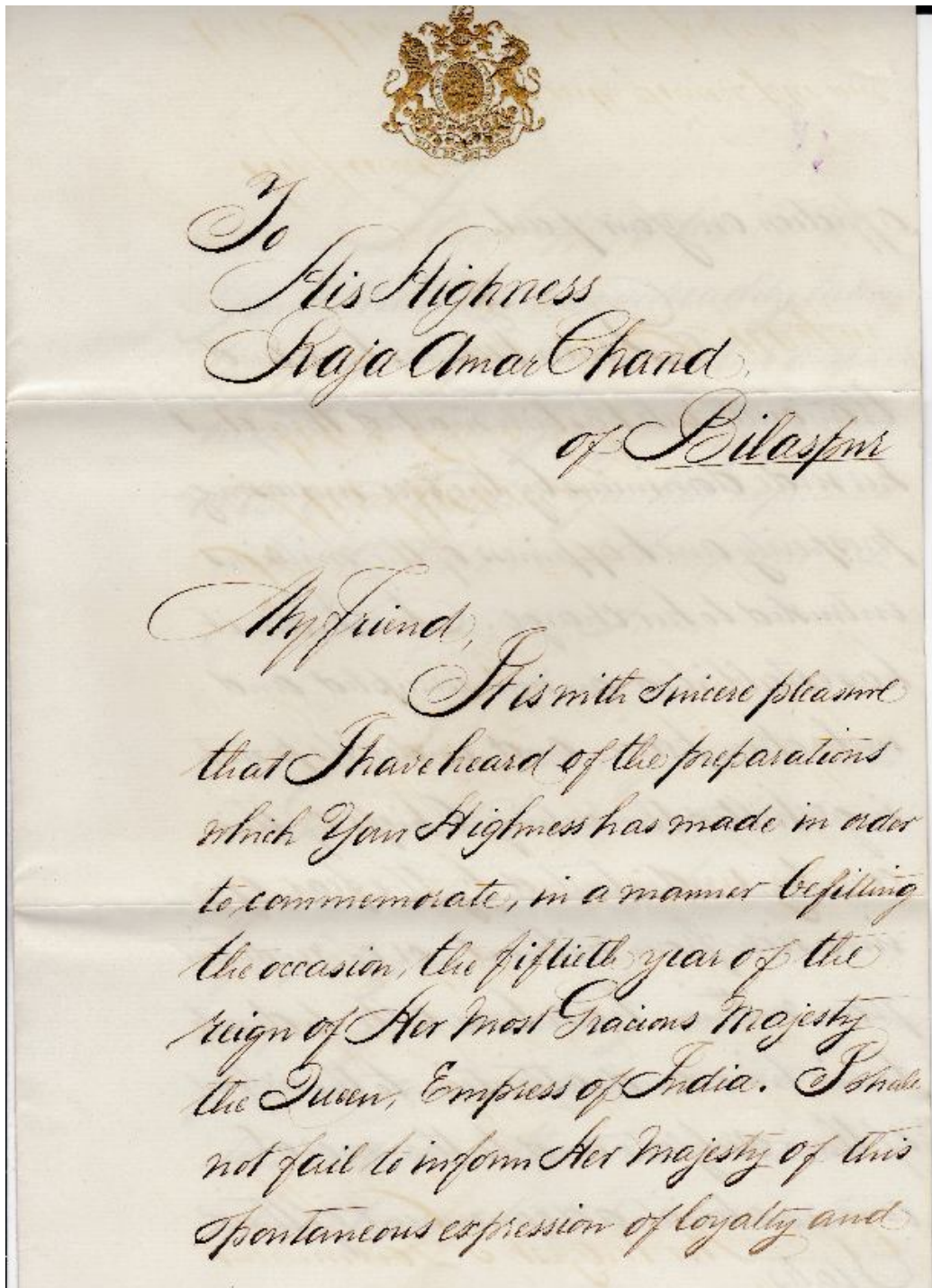
Dated at Simla this eighteenth day of August 1876.



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**H.H.Raja Amar Chand 42nd Raja Bilaspur
dated 7th February, 1987 (pages from 1-4)**



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affection on your part.

Queen Victoria's long and tranquil rule has been marked throughout her wide dominions by the ever increasing prosperity and happiness of the millions entrusted to her charge. In India it has established an uninterrupted and unbroken peace; and under its protecting shelter the ruling Chiefs of this country, undisturbed by the fear of invasion from without, or of revolution from within, have been able to devote their time and attention to the welfare of their subjects and to the moral and material advancement of their States.



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I am happy to learn that
Your Highness has so readily taken
the opportunity afforded by this auspicious
occasion to show your just appreciation
of the great benefits you have experienced
under the benign and beneficent rule
of Her Majesty the Queen.

I can assure you that it is
our Gracious Sovereign's desire to extend
to you, on all occasions, her warm
sympathy and hearty assistance, to
support your authority, enhance your
personal consideration, and to main-
-tain unbroken the cordial relations
which have at all times subsisted



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Between Her Majesty's Government
and Your Highness.

I remain
Your sincere friend,

Dufferin

Viceroy and Governor General
of India.

Fort William,
The 7th February 1887.



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Four years of my Vicerealty I
have not failed to appreciate
fully the loyalty of the Chiefs
of India towards our august
mistress, Her Majesty the Queen,
Empress of India, and it gives
me the most sincere satisfaction
to remember the manner in which,
during my term of office, Your
Highness has given evidence of
the spirit by which you are animated.

I have only now to bid you
farewell and to express my most
cordial good wishes for the pros-
perity of Your Highness and



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To
of your people.
I remain
Your Highness's sincere friend.
Duffryn & Co
Viceroy and Governor General
of India.
Fort William,
The 8th December 1888.

Viceroy and Governor General of India Fort William's letter to Raja Amar Chand 42nd Raja Bilaspur dated 8th December, 1888



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TO
FROM
TO
DATED
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E. B. Steedman Esqr.
Deputy Commissioner,
Simla DISTRICT.

The Raja
of Bilaspur

Dated *11th Decr. 1893*
Received *30. 3/19/4*

my friend,

*With reference to
the copy of Pungal Government
letter No. 58 of 6th District
I have the honor to inform
you that the letter of His
Honor the Lieutenant
Governor has been made
over to your Vakil.*

*I remain
Your friend
E. B. Steedman*

**Hand written letter by E.B Steedman Esq to Raja Bilaspur,
Dated 6th Dec, 1893.**



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Copy of a letter No. 576 dated 6th December
1893 from H. C. Fanshawe Esquire officiating
Chief Secretary to the Government of the
Punjab, to the Superintendent Hill States
Simla.

In continuation of the letter from the
office No. 574 of 6th December 1893. I am desired
forward, for delivery to the Chiefs —

The Highness the Raja of Bilaspur } marginally noted the
The Rana of Dhami. } accompanying letters

conveying the Lieutenant Governor's thanks
for their promise of assistance towards the
funds of the Ripon Hospital at Simla.

Hand written letter dated 6th December, 1893



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To

His Highness

Raja Bije Chand.

Kabul (Bilaspur.)

My Friend,

I am about to leave India on the termination of my viceroyalty, and I write to bid Your Highness a very cordial farewell.

The affairs of the Native States in India have received my special attention and care. My direct connection with this country will now be severed, but I shall continue to watch with personal interest



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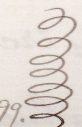




interest and solicitude Your Highness's
career and the progress of your State.

With earnest wishes for the prosperity of
yourself and your people, I subscribe myself

Your Highness's sincere friend.

Viceroy and Governor General of India.

Fort William,  
The 5th January 1879. 



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all matters which concern your
Highness and your State.

With earnest wishes for
the prosperity of yourself and your
people, I subscribe myself.

Your Highness's sincere friend,

Curzon of Kedleston

Viceroy and Governor-General
of India.

Fort William,

The 24th January 1899. } (C)

HH Raja Sir Bijai Chand KCIE (1872-1931) 43rd Raja of Bilaspur succeeded his father in 1889 when he was only 16 years old. He was made Knight Commander of the Indian Empire (KCIE) in 1918.