

Appendix: A Catalogue of the P Das Archive¹

Accession numbers and repositories:

BRD and NCD = Choudhary Family collection, *Baḍā Rāolā*, Dhar (photographed by author or family members)

DAI = Al-Sabah Collection, Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyyah, Kuwait, documents with common shelfmark prefix LNS MS 235

NAI = National Archives of India, New Delhi, Acquired Persian documents, NAI's shelfmarks

¹ Twenty-four of these documents, exclusively from the Kuwait DAI collection, were summarised by Syed Bashir Hasan in 'Administration of *Jagirs* in Malwa in the Mid-Seventeenth Century: The Dhar Documents,' in Shahabuddin Iraqī (ed.) *Medieval India 2: Essays in Medieval Indian History and Culture* (Manohar: Centre for Advanced Study, AMU, 2008), pp. 217–30. These are marked with *. Also, images, full transcriptions and translations of several of these documents will be presented on the website lawforms.exeter.ac.uk which is currently under construction.

| Sl. no. | Year CE | Accession no. | Document type | Subject | Seal |
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| 1 | 1463 | BRD 29 1+2 (R + V) | <i>Iqrār</i> ; Sale deed | Sale of several villages in <i>pargana</i> Dhar by Munji and Mana <i>mandlōī</i> to Bhagwan Das, Gopal Das, Jayanti Das, sons of Ganesh Das, son of Gunraj chadhuri for 18,505 golden <i>Muzaffārīs</i> (which seems like an enormous amount of money). Long list follows, then Hindi equivalents, which continue on the reverse. Very similar to BRD 29, exactly same seals and handwriting and similar but not all same parties. Munji <i>mandlōī</i> of <i>tappa qasba</i> Sadalpur and <i>mauza</i> Kesur of <i>pargana</i> Dhar mortgages several villages that belong to him, ancestrally, for 18,505 golden <i>Muzaffārī</i> rupees, to <i>chaudhri</i> Bhagwandas, Gopal Das and Jayanti Das, sons of Ganesh Das, son of Gunraj, of <i>pargana</i> Dhar. | 6 seals, including one <i>qāzī</i> 's |
| 2 | 1463 | BRD 30 1 + 2 (R + V) | <i>Iqrār</i> ; <i>Girvī-nāma</i> | 200 <i>biḡhas</i> fallow land granted to Jayanti Das, Narhar Das and others for their loyalty and efforts for cultivating and settling <i>pargana</i> Dhar. 'Inām grant of several villages to Mohan Das, <i>qānīngō</i> of <i>pargana</i> Dhar | 6 seals, including one <i>qāzī</i> 's |
| 3 | 1574 | DAI LNS MS 235 (a) R + V * | <i>Parvāna</i> | Purshottam Das given the <i>patṭa</i> of <i>ijāra</i> of Mohanpur for Rs. 1100 per year. | 2 seals, to be deciphered |
| 4 | 1617 | BRD 4 R | Copy of <i>Nishān</i> | Mohan Das reappointed <i>qānīngō</i> of <i>pargana</i> Dhar and given 'inām; process of issuing a <i>nishān</i> discussed. | None |
| 5 | 1626 | NAI 2703/2 | <i>Qaul qarār</i> | Verification order under the seal of Mirza Khan. Old 'inām grants in favour of Mohan Das, Chandar Bhan and Purshottam Das for several listed villages including Ahu, based on Akbar's and Jahangir's <i>farmāns</i> and other <i>asnād</i> of past rulers verified and a <i>tasḍīq</i> is issued. | Sundar Das |
| 6 | 1626 | NAI 2703/31 | Copy of <i>Nishān</i> | | <i>Qāzī</i> Muhammad Mustafā; 1102/1690 |
| 7 | 1637 | NAI 2733/60 | Copy of <i>Tasḍīq</i> | | <i>Qāzī</i> Muhammad Mustafā |

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| 8 | 1643 | NAI 2668/2 | <i>Qaul qarār</i> | Purshottam Das takes the <i>patta</i> of <i>ijāra</i> of Nalawada village in the <i>jāgīr</i> of a certain Nawab Sahib for Rs. 415 per year; instructions for good treatment of peasants. | To be deciphered |
| 9 | 1644 | BRD 16 (R + V); P Das 1644 NCD | <i>Parvāna</i> | Purshottam Das and Paras Ram are instructed to send lists of daily happenings because the writers does not have any such records with him. They are also asked to send any person who comes with news from Gujarat. | Abd al-Islam . . . ? <i>banda-yi</i> Sultan Murad Baksh . . . |
| 10 | 1654 | NAI 2703/3 | <i>Qaul qarār</i> | Purshottam Das takes the <i>patta</i> of <i>ijāra</i> of village Mohanpur for Rs 35; this is granted in view of his wish to populate the area and the agreement of peasantry. | To be deciphered |
| 11 | 1654 | DAI LNS MS 235 (c) R+V * | <i>Parvāna</i> | Declaration to <i>chauthrī</i> of pargana Dhar regarding their duties of revenue collection and apprehension of thieves. | Diyanat Khan <i>murīd-i</i> Hazrat Shah Jahan |
| 12 | 1654 | DAI LNS MS 235 (j) R+V * | <i>Parvāna</i> | Dispute over rights to use water from a tank in <i>pargana</i> Dhar; peasants v. <i>zamīndārs</i> . <i>Siwāī jama</i> 'taxes mentioned. | . . . [servant of] Sultan Murad Baksh |
| 13 | 1654 | BRD 17 (R + V); Purshottam Das 1654 iii NCD R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | Purshottam Das <i>chauthrī</i> and Paras Ram <i>qānīngō</i> of pargana Dhar are informed that their <i>arzdāsh</i> (petition) has arrived. They had written about the war with Audi Singh. [details unclear]. Since they had lots of issues/explanations, their petition, together with the petition of <i>Sa ādat Panāh</i> (title of the <i>jāgīrdār</i> ?) has been forwarded to <i>Huzūr Nawāb Madār al-Mahām</i> (a high title, could be <i>wazīr</i>). The recipients of the order are admonished to concentrate on the populating of the area and the collection of taxes. | To be deciphered |
| 14 | 1655 | NAI 2703/4 | <i>Qaul qarār</i> | Collective <i>patta</i> of <i>ijāra</i> for <i>pargana</i> Dhar, for Rs. 89501; mentions discount for locust attacks on margin. | To be deciphered |
| 15 | 1655 | DAI LNS MS 235 (d) R+V * | <i>Parvāna</i> | Order to the effect that since this year is a <i>sāl kamāl</i> (perfect year) because of good rains, no excuses will be accepted for not paying full taxes. | . . . Khan <i>murīd</i> . . . Shah Jahan |

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| 16 | 1655 | BRD 3 (R + V) | <i>Parvāna</i> | That peasants have fled due to a natural calamity. Instructions to bring them back and repopulate the villages. | 1 seal, to be deciphered |
| 17 | 1655 | Purshottam Das 1655 NCD R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | <i>Chaudhūrīs</i> and <i>qāwūngōs</i> of pargana Dhar told to repopulate the deserted villages, bringing back the villagers. | Illegible |
| 18 | 1655 | DAI LNS MS 235 (b) R+V * | <i>Parvāna</i> | In response to an <i>urẓdāshī</i> that Chandar Bhan has died and his survivors are struggling to secure livelihood due to high taxes. Some taxes forgiven, also some amount of 4,000 rupees. | Diyanat Khan <i>murīd-yī</i> Hazrat Shah Jahān |
| 19 | 1655 | BRD 1 (R + V); Purshottam Das 1655 i NCD R + V (same document photographed twice) | <i>Parvāna</i> | That Purshottam Das, of the children (i.e., successors) of Chandar Bhan, had appealed to Diyanat Khan (Prince Murad Baksh's <i>divān</i>) about the matter of paying Rs 4,000 as <i>pīshkash</i> for (becoming, or being confirmed as) <i>marzbān</i> (<i>zamīndār</i> ; governor of hostile borderlands); that he would be pushed to exile if he had to pay so much. So the amount is forgiven. | 1 seal, to be deciphered |
| 20 | 1655 | BRD 7 (R + V); Purshottam Das 1654 ii NCD R (same document photographed twice) | <i>Parvāna</i> | Notes that the <i>urẓdāshī</i> Purshottam Das and Parasram had sent has arrived. Notes that harmful ideas have been harboured by the <i>ijārādārīs</i> and <i>muqaddams</i> (headmen). That whatever needs to be done in order to settle the minds of the <i>ri āya</i> (subjects) should be done. Same thing repeated on margin. | 1 seal Abd al-Islam ibn Muhammad . . . Khan <i>ghulām-i</i> Sultan Murad Baksh . . . 1053 |
| 21 | 1655 | DAI LNS MS 235 (i) R + V * | <i>Parvāna</i> | Order to Purshottam Das and Paras Ram in relation to <i>gīrāsīyas</i> and disturbance caused by them; also about taxes paid in a good year – which, at Rs 9,000, is too low compared to the last year of calamity. | [. . .] Shah Buland Iqbal |

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| 22 | 1656 | DAI LNS MS 235 (k) R+V * | <i>Parvāna</i> | The <i>chaudhrāi</i> of <i>pargana</i> Dhar is confirmed for Purshottam Das, given the exalted <i>nishān</i> and <i>parvāna</i> of the <i>dhīwān</i> . Assurance that the <i>peṣhkaśh muqarrarāi</i> of the <i>dihāt ināmī</i> will not be more than Rs. 300. According to catalogue – an order from Bijay Singh to officers (<i>kārguzārs</i>) not to interfere in the villages of <i>pargana</i> Hindola, which have been given to Purshottam Das as <i>inām</i> . Is said to bear the seal of Bijay Singh. I have not been able to procure this document. | Ibrahim (?) . . . to be deciphered |
| 23 | 1656 | NAI 2703/5 | <i>Parvāna</i> | | Bijay Singh |
| 24 | 1656 | 1656 AC-BRD | <i>Parvāna</i> | Because of the <i>nishān</i> dated 4 Rajab RY 30, which is 1066 (AH), and the <i>iltimās</i> (petition) of Mir Ibrahim, an order is issued confirming the service of <i>chaudhrāi</i> and certain villages to Purshottam Das. | Persian – illegible |
| 25 | 1657 | NAI 2703/6 | Copy of <i>Nishān</i> | Copy of a <i>nishān</i> addressed to Rao Amar Singh, that because of the transfer of Prince Murad Baksh, certain <i>parganas</i> in <i>suba</i> Malwa have been given in the <i>jāgīr</i> of the <i>vukāla-yi sarkār</i> . Amar Singh is instructed to go to the <i>mahāls</i> (fiscal divisions) with twenty soldiers so that nobody creates a disturbance there. | Śrī Ram <i>upāsak</i> Chandrawat Rao Amar Singh Ji . . . [Hindi] |
| 26 | 1657 | DAI LNS MS 235 (l) R * | <i>Parvāna</i> | General information and admonishment to local officials to behave well, on change of areas from <i>jāgīr</i> of Prince Murad Baksh to new appointee [possibly Prince Dara Shukoh]; this document is connected with document: NAI 2703/6. | Śrī Ram <i>upāsak</i> Chand Rawat Rao Amar Singh . . . [Hindi] |
| 27 | 1658 | DAI LNS MS 235 (h) R + V * | <i>Parvāna</i> | In response to an <i>arzdāshī</i> , admonition to be loyal and collect taxes, with indication that rewards will be given accordingly on arrival in the area. | Hakim Muzaffar <i>banda-yi</i> Shah Buland Iqbal Shah Dara To be deciphered |
| 28 | 1658 | NAI 2668/3 | <i>Mahzar-nāma</i> | Boundary dispute between two villages; Purshottam Das and others act as arbitrators. | |
| 29 | 1658 | BRD 18 (R+V) | <i>Parvāna</i> | In response to the note (<i>nawishta</i>) sent by Purshottam Das <i>chaudhrī</i> , about the disturbances created on the road near Ahu by Sanuji and Naithu and the efforts he | Very faint. Abd al-Islam, ibn . . . <i>banda-yi</i> . . . |

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| 30 | 1658 | NAI 2703/28 | Letter | (Purshottam Das) had made with his own horsemen to enforce the collection of taxes. He is told to work together with Paras Ram to get rid of the problem. Admonishment to Purshottam Das from a superior for not letting peasants cultivate. | To be deciphered |
| 31 | 1658 | P Das 1658 NCD R+V | Copy of <i>Parvāna</i> | Five villages in <i>pargana</i> Hindola, including Ajmai given to Chandar Bhan as <i>dastūr dāmī</i> , also other agricultural lands given to him as <i>inām</i> . Also that wherever there are <i>chaukīs</i> (stations) 1/4 of the <i>rustūm</i> of <i>chauthrāt</i> and <i>qānūngōī</i> is given over. | Hand-drawn : . . . Khan <i>murīd-i</i> Alamgir Bādshāh |
| 32 | 1659 | NAI 2703/8 | <i>Parvāna</i> (?) | Response to <i>arẓdāshī</i> about their <i>nānkār</i> (payment to <i>chauthrīs</i> as tax collectors) villages; a <i>qāzī</i> will reach to settle matters. Related to DAI (e). | No seal, a cypher (hand-drawn decorative monogram) |
| 33 | 1659 | DAI LNS MS 235 (e) R + V * | <i>Parvāna</i> | Response to <i>arẓdāshī</i> about their <i>nānkār</i> villages; <i>qāzī</i> <i>jūī</i> had already spoken about it, and whatever he decides will be settled. Related to 2703/8. | Nawazish Khan <i>murīd-i</i> <i>Haẓrat</i> Shah Jahan |
| 34 | 1659 | DAI LNS MS 235 (f) R + V * | <i>Parvāna</i> | Response to <i>arẓdāshī</i> about the arrears of 1065 and the arrival of a representative of <i>wizārat panāh</i> Kifayat Khan. That they should pay up the arrears, and write whatever they have to say to <i>wizārat panāh</i> and do as he says. A <i>qāzī</i> is also mentioned. | Nawazish Khan <i>murīd-i</i> <i>Haẓrat</i> Shah Jahan |
| 35 | 1659 | DAI LNS MS 235 (g) R+V * | <i>Parvāna</i> | Purshottam Das and Paras Ram told to ensure population and farming. | Nawazish Khan <i>murīd-i</i> <i>Haẓrat</i> Shah Jahan |
| 36 | 1659 | NAI 2703/7 | <i>Qaul qarār</i> | Collective <i>qaul</i> for Rs 109,571 | Nawazish Khan |
| 37 | 1659 | NAI 2703/9 | <i>Qaul qarār</i> | Purshottam Das takes <i>ijāra</i> for <i>pargana</i> Jamli for Rs 901. | Nawazish Khan <i>khanānzād-i</i> Aurangzeb Bahadur Alamgir Bādshāh <i>Ghazi</i> |

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| 38 | 1659 | NAI 2733/4 | Letter (giving order) | New <i>jāgīrdār</i> of pargana Dhar orders Hamir Das to come to court; the worth of the <i>jāgīr</i> is said to be Rs 474, 900 <i>dāms</i> (copper coins). | None |
| 39 | 1660 | DAI LNS MS 235 (o1) R+V | <i>Parvāna</i> | Acknowledges letter (<i>khāt</i>) the Purshotam Das and P Ram had written about [?] and says that the <i>wakālat panāh</i> has written 'two words' about it in response, ordered to act accordingly. | ... Nawazish Khani |
| 40 | 1660 | DAI LNS MS 235 (y) R + V * | <i>Parvāna</i> | In response to an <i>arẓdāshī</i> . That a <i>parvāna</i> has already been issued, and admishment issued on some matter in relation to Narsingh Das. Nothing much on the reverse. | Nawazish Khan <i>murīd-i Hazrat</i> ... Aurangzeb Alamgir <i>Bādshāh Ghāzī</i> |
| 41 | 1660 | DAI LNS MS 235 (p1) R + V * | <i>Parvāna</i> | Shaikh Abdul Rasul has reported that the <i>muqaddam</i> of the <i>mauza</i> Thanpur/Nihanpur has gone to <i>pargana</i> Jamli and is living there. His <i>matta</i> (possessions) and cattle are not being given, orders that they be handed over. | To be deciphered |
| 42 | 1660 | P Das 1660 i NCD R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | House of Bulaqi Chand given to Purshotam Das; house to be repaired and the wood to be sent to his Lord (the issuer of the order). | ... Khan <i>murīd</i> Aurangzeb Alamgir <i>Bādshāhi</i> |
| 43 | 1660 | P Das 1660 iii NCD R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | House of Suraj Bhan, which is attached to that of Purshotam Das, is given to the latter; wood and 200 rupees for the costs of the land to be sent to the <i>sarkār</i> (i.e., the noble ordering). | Nawazish Khan <i>murīd-i Hazrat</i> Muhammad Aurangzeb Alamgir <i>Bādshāh Ghāzī</i> |
| 44 | 1660 | P Das 1660 BRD 22 | <i>Parvāna</i> | In response to an <i>arẓdāshī</i> sent by Purshotam Das and P Ram, which has sent detailed information about the building of a lake (?) Sang/Nak/Tank in the village Niwasa. The architect has been sent (?). As per what they had said, 200 bullock-carters have been collected and it is necessary that they be put to work and not kept on the road. The putting of lime (<i>chāna-puran</i>) should be completed; <i>chāna</i> is to be supplied. About what you had said about the inspector (<i>mushrif</i>), it is Muhammad Hashim Shiqdar for 3 years. Same thing on marginal note. | ... <i>murīd-i Hazrat</i> Muhammad Aurangzeb Alamgir <i>Bādshāh Ghāzī</i> |

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| 45 | 1660 | | P Das BRD 21 (R + V) | <i>Parvāna</i> | In response to an <i>arzdāshī</i> sent by Purshottam Das chaudhrī and Paras Ram qānūngō of pargana Dhar. They had written that they are making no mistakes in keeping the peasants content. But the peasants were not relying on their words and aims, they did not know why. The order admonishes them to do all that is needed to improve the administration and cultivation of the pargana, leaving no suitable land fallow. And if any doubts remain, they can be cleared when the <i>Wakālat Panāh</i> (title = a noble, possibly Nawazish Khan) and when the writer himself comes to Mandu, they could send their <i>vakāli</i> . | ... Nawazish Khanī (servant of Nawazish Khan) 1067 (old seal) |
| 46 | 1660 | | P Das 1660 AC-BRD | <i>Parvāna</i> | Hamid has repaired a house, which is attached to that of Bulaqi Chand, which is now given to Purshottam Das, for a <i>pishkash</i> of 150 rupees. | Illegible, damaged |
| 47 | 1660 | | P Das BRD 8 (R + V) | <i>Parvāna</i> | Notes, in response to an <i>arzdāshī</i> to the effect that the house of Bulaqi Chand belongs to him (Purshottam Das), and out of kindness it is given to him. The house must be destroyed (<i>mismār</i>) and the wood sent to His Lord (the noble who issued the <i>parvāna</i>). According to old tradition, take possession of it, and be engaged in the work of the government. | 1 seal ... Khan <i>murīd-i Aurangzeb Alamgir Bādshāh Ghāzī</i> |
| 48 | 1660 | | P Das 1660 AC- BRD-ii | <i>Parvāna</i> | This is an order addressed to <i>qāzī jūi</i> ; informing him that he (Nawazish Khan) has given the house that used to belong to Muhammad Hashim Siqdar, to Purshottam Das, wood and tiles should be dispatched to his Lord and make the land over to the said <i>chaudhrī</i> , on payment of 150 rupees as <i>pishkash</i> . | Nawazish Khan, <i>murīd-i Hazrat Muhammad Aurangzeb Alamgir Bādshāh Ghāzī</i> |
| 49 | 1660 | | P Das BRD 2 (R + V) | <i>Parvāna</i> | In response to an <i>arzdāshī</i> : that the house of Suraj Bhan, attached to house of Purshottam Das and his children, | Nawazish Khan, <i>murīd-i Hazrat Muhammad</i> |

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| 50 | 1660 | DAI LNS MS 235 (11) * | <i>Parvāna</i> | has been forfeited and is given over to Purshtottam Das, subject to the payment of Rs 200 for the land and walls of the house. He should repair it for staying in it, and nobody should cause trouble. | Aurangzeb Alamgir <i>Bādshāh Ghāzī</i> |
| 51 | 1660 | DAI LNS MS 235 (z) R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | Purshtottam Das and Paras Ram are told that they must investigate the theft of a camel and find it, not consider themselves excused. | Muhammad . . . servant of Nawazish Khan |
| 52 | 1660 | NAI 2668/4 | <i>Farigh Khaifī</i> | In response to a letter. Told to come to court to sort out some dispute? | To be deciphered |
| 53 | 1660 | NAI 2733/3 | <i>Parvāna</i> | Purshtottam Das repays loan taken by Mohan Das, Chandar Bhan and Dinkar Das from <i>banjāra</i> (itinerant) traders. | <i>Qāzī</i> (?) Fath Ilyas (?) bin Fazl Allah |
| 54 | 1661 | DAI LNS MS 235 (m1) * | <i>Parvāna</i> | Purshtottam Das asks for copy of <i>tāmār</i> (rent rolls) Rao Narsingh Das asks him to send a Persian scribe to get copies. | |
| 55 | 1661 | 1661_AC_BRD | <i>Bai ' -nāma</i> | Purshtottam Das and Paras Ram told to deposit the fee for the measurement of <i>tafrīq</i> (measurement, separation) of 18 <i>parḡanas</i> to <i>Khwāja J. Narayan</i> . | Nawazish Khan . . . |
| 56 | 1661 | BRD P23 | <i>Parvāna</i> | Nathu son of Maqbul sells house in Burhanpur, which he had built on Purshtottam Das's land, to Purshtottam Das, for 13 rupees. In response to <i>arḡāzāshī</i> sent by Purshtottam Das, that some time ago, Kanwal Das and Tilok Chand had petitioned that the <i>qāmūngōī</i> (and? missing) of the <i>chahātra-yi kōhwālī</i> (police station) of <i>qasba</i> Dhar was theirs through generations (lit. from father and grandfather) and Chandar Bhan had forcibly taken possession of the <i>qāmūngōī</i> and they have the purchase deed (called <i>maḥzar-i kharīd</i>) with the seal of the <i>qāzī</i> . On the basis of this <i>maḥzar</i> , the exalted <i>parvāna</i> is issued in their name, that rights be given to right-holders in this way: You did not agree to understand that in no way can heirs be destroyed. You are, from an | . . . <i>khās</i> Nawazish Khanī (special servant of Nawazish Khan) |

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| 57 | 1661 | NAI 2668/6 | <i>Malh̄zar-nāma</i> | old greed, and from short-sightedness, fighting with brothers and the sons of brothers. Behave well with your brothers and brothers' sons and keep that old greed under control. There is no need to write about this. Engage yourself in your work. An account of how Mohan Das defeated Bira the highwayman of Hindola, employing Bharmal Rajput, getting the latter a <i>mansab</i> and <i>jāgr</i> , and himself <i>qānūngōī</i> , how later Bharmal's son Paras Ram became a highwayman, his grandson hiding in hills near Jhabua and aspiring for <i>zamindārī</i> , List of Purshottam Das's rights. | <i>Qāzī (?)</i> Fath Ilyas (?) bin Fazl Allah |
| 58 | 1661 | NAI 2703/10 | Copy of a <i>Qabz</i> | Receipt given to Purshottam Das and Paras Ram for Rs 8850, as payment of surety for Hari Ram <i>chaudhrī</i> of Amjhera, who is absconding. The servant of Wazir Khan who has taken the money declares that he has deposited it in with the <i>foṭedār</i> (treasurer) of the <i>pargana</i> . | Fath Ilyas (?) bin Fazl Allah |
| 59 | 1661 | NAI 2733/23 | Copy of <i>Tamassuk</i> | Related to 2703/10 = <i>zāminī</i> (surety) of Hari Ram <i>chaudhrī</i> | None |
| 60 | 1661 | DAI LNS MS 235 (e1) R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | <i>Chaudhrīs</i> and <i>qānūngōs</i> of <i>pargana</i> Hindola are told that the <i>muchalka</i> of <i>raḡamanandrī</i> about the taking of <i>ijāra</i> by the old <i>ijāradār</i> , which they had sent, has been received. Asks for various tax record documents – <i>muwāzana dah-sāla</i> , <i>dastūr al-'amal</i> and copy of <i>tūmar</i> to be sent – not clear where to. | ... <i>banda-yi Bādshāh</i> Alamgir |
| 61 | 1662 | DAI LNS MS 235 (s) R + V * | <i>Parvāna</i> | Since Nathmal has asked for 15 <i>bighas</i> of land for creating garden in <i>mauza</i> 'Sindhauri' Sindhuri and it will be good for travellers, it is granted. | ... Nawazish <i>Khānī</i> (servant of Nawazish Khan) |

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| 62 | 1662 | DAI LNS MS 235 (a1) | <i>Parvāna</i> | Original of NAI 1665 2703/11. | Muhammad Hussein |
| 63 | 1662 | DAI LNS MS 235 (c1) * | <i>Parvāna</i> | Instruction to Mutammad Lal Muhammad, in response to <i>arzdashht</i> of Purshottam Das; that M. Lal M has threatened the peasants of <i>pargana</i> Jamli; he should not do it again and write a petition when needed. | Nawazish Khan <i>murīd-i Hazrat</i> Muhammad Aurangzeb <i>Bādshāh Ghazī</i> |
| 64 | 1662 | NAI 2703/13 | <i>Qabz</i> | Purshottam Das and Paras Ram pay Rs 1,600 to a servant of Nawab Wazir Khan, due to surety for Hari Ram <i>chaidhrī</i> ; related to 2703/10 | To be deciphered |
| 65 | 1662 | BRD 28 1 + 2 + 3 (R + V) | <i>Qaul qarār</i> | <i>Qaul qarār</i> (tax contract) for village (Ekalduma?) and others in <i>pargana</i> Dhar in the <i>jāgr</i> of the Nawab (i.e., Nawazish Khan) by the acceptance of <i>chaidhrī</i> Purshottam Das, from the beginning of season of Kharif and Rabi 1072 <i>Amlī</i> . Details beneath. Hindi/Nagri equivalent beneath the Persian. | 2 seals, very light. Seal 2, . . . Nawazish <i>Khānī</i> (servant of Nawazish Khan) |
| 66 | 1663 | DAI LNS MS 235 (n1) R + V * | <i>Dastak</i> | <i>Banjāras</i> Nayak Singha, etc., are assured that no one will trouble them for taxes; that they should come to Dhar to buy grains. | Asadullah Nawazish <i>Khānī</i> (servant of Nawazish Khan) |
| 67 | 1663 | DAI LNS MS 235 (k1) R + V * | <i>Parvāna</i> | In answer to an <i>arzdashht</i> ; that whatever amount was promised in the <i>qabuliyat</i> (agreement/contract for tax payable) should be collected without excuses. | Asadullah Nawazish <i>Khānī</i> (servant of Nawazish Khan) |
| 68 | 1663 | NAI 2703/12 | <i>Parvāna</i> | <i>Nigāhbāns</i> of highway Katha that a man Purshottam Das has been appointed there; should be given a fourth of collections. | Chandar Bhan, <i>banda-yi Shāh</i> Alamgūr |
| 69 | 1663 | NAI 2703/11 | Copy of <i>Parvāncha</i> | 20 <i>bighas</i> of <i>banjar pokhta</i> (fallow) land given to Kishan Das to make a garden in <i>qasba</i> Sultanpur, which would help travellers. | To be deciphered |
| 70 | 1663 | NAI 2668/5 | <i>Qaul qarār</i> | <i>Qaul</i> of <i>patta-yi chauth</i> and <i>gautha</i> (?) of the villages of Kacchadiya in <i>pargana</i> Hindola, etc., by the <i>qabuliyat</i> of Lonkaran/Naukaran (name unclear) for Rs. 23. | Chandar Bhan, <i>banda-yi Shāh</i> Alamgūr |

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| 71 | 1663 | | NAI 2733/7 and /7a & 8 | Copy of <i>Parvāna</i> | Copy of a <i>parvāna</i> from Nawab Najabat Khan, confirming possession of <i>inām</i> villages for Darka Das and his descendants; list on reverse. | 0 |
| 72 | 1664 | | DAI LNS MS 235 (d1) R +V * | <i>Parvāna</i> | Purshottam Das told to set his son to collecting taxes and come with his horsemen and infantry as soon as possible. | Nawazish Khan ... Aurangzeb <i>Bāds-hāh Ghāzi</i> |
| 73 | 1664 | | NAI 2703/15 | <i>Qaul qarār</i> | Contract for Rs 894 for the taxes of village Nalawada. | ... Nawazish Khan [?] to be deciphered |
| 74 | 1664 | | BRD 11 (R + V) | <i>Parvāna</i> | Routine administration – in response to an <i>arḡāsh</i> ht written by Purshottam Das and Paras Ram, with regards to taxes (?) on the purchase of cows by the subjects (peasants) of the area. An order is made, to not trouble the peasants (?) | Asad ... Nawazish <i>Khānī</i> (servant of Nawazish Khan) |
| 75 | 1664 | | P Das 1664 I NCD R | <i>Parvāna</i> | In response to the petition Purshottam Das and P Ram had sent about the <i>maḥṣūl</i> (impost) on the purchase of cows by the peasantry (?) which is cancelled? | ... Nawazish <i>Khānī</i> (servant of Nawazish Khan) |
| 76 | 1664 | | Purshottam Das 1664 ii NCD R + V; same as P Das BRD P 28 | <i>Qaul qarār</i> | <i>Qaul qarār</i> of the <i>patta</i> of <i>ijāra</i> for the <i>mauza</i> (village) of Ekduna (?), etc., in <i>pargana</i> Dhar in the jagīr of the Nawab, by the <i>qabūliyat</i> of Purshottam Das, for 1072 (?) for Rs. 2,119, to be deposited in the treasury. Details given below – village by village. This includes Mohanpur. Full Hindi section below. | 2 seals (... Nawazish <i>Khānī</i> (servant of Nawazish Khan) |
| 77 | 1664 | | NAI 2703/14 | <i>Qabḡ al-waṣīl</i> | Rai Singh <i>muqaddam</i> , Godar, Manji, etc., agriculturists of village Jiwar in pargana Dhar in the <i>jāgīr</i> of Mir Syed Inayat Ali declare that, following a petition by officers of the <i>jāgīrdār</i> , they have received armed assistance from the <i>faujdar</i> against an attacker called Indar Singh; they acknowledge the return of the animals that they had been robbed of. | 0 |

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| 78 | 1664 | DAI LNS MS 235 (m) R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | Note from [Najabat Khan?] that Suraj Bhan has complained against Purshottam Das, that the latter is not giving his share of villages, and also that he is depopulating Bhan's villages. Both warned severely not to quarrel and create such disturbances. Related to NAI 2703/17. | ... Khan <i>murīd-i Bādshāh</i> Alamgīr |
| 79 | 1664 | NAI 2733/10 | Copy of <i>Parvāna</i> | Copy of <i>parvāna</i> giving Narsingh Das, son of Purshottam Das, son of Mohan Das the rights of <i>khidmat</i> (service) of <i>muqadammi</i> of villages Naogaon Buzurg, etc., and relevant <i>haq-dastūrs</i> (customary rights) on the basis of old orders. | 0 |
| 80 | 1665 | NAI 2668/8 | Letter | Their petition, together with copy of letter of Muhammad Hussain, has arrived. The contents of this to be clarified, but they are urged to increase cultivation and be loyal. | Illegible |
| 81 | 1665 | DAI LNS MS 235 (g1) R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | About sending <i>shīsham</i> wood to Baroda | Muhammad ... |
| 82 | 1665 | NAI 2703/17 | Copy of <i>mahzār-nāma</i> | Mahzār of a decision given by <i>qāzī</i> Abul Fath, about dispute between Suraj Bhan and Purshottam Das about certain <i>nānkār</i> villages. | <i>Qāzī</i> Muhammad Mustafā |
| 83 | 1665 | NAI 2703/18 | <i>Qabz al-wastil</i> | Daya Ram <i>fotedār</i> (treasurer) acknowledges receiving money; will transfer to Amjhera in 7 days. | 0 |
| 84 | 1665 | NAI 2733/11 | | Since villages in <i>pargana</i> Jamli were in the <i>ijāra</i> of Purshottam Das, a <i>sanad</i> (document) given in writing that all dues have been received. | |
| 85 | 1666 | NAI 2733/14 | Copy of <i>Parvāncha</i> | Purshottam Das alerted by Nawab Wazīr Khan that there is Rs 9,000 outstanding as <i>zāminī</i> of Amjhera which is due from <i>chaudhrī</i> Kampl. Related to DAI (v). | |
| 86 | 1666 | DAI LNS MS 235 (v) R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | About the <i>zāminī</i> of <i>chaudhrī</i> Kampl of Amjhera, for which Purshottam Das of Dhar and <i>chaudhrī</i> of Nalcha had stood surety. | Wazīr Khan <i>murīd-i Bādshāh</i> Alamgīr |
| 87 | 1666 | NAI 2733/15 | Copy of <i>Yāddāshī</i> | Hari Ram <i>chaudhrī's dastūr</i> (rights, title) confiscated in favour of Purshottam Das. | |

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| 88 | 1666 | DAI LNS MS 235 (fl) R+V | <i>Parvāna</i> | Because Hariram <i>chaudhrī</i> failed to fulfil his obligations and appear and pay his dues; his perquisites are transferred to those that stand surety for him according to <i>sharī'a</i> (Islamic law) and <i>urf</i> (customary law, according to Islamic jurisprudence). Purshottam Das and Paras Ram take a loan of Rs 2,000 from Nawab. | Wazir Khan <i>murād-i Bādshāh</i> Alamgir |
| 89 | 1666 | NAI 2733/13 | <i>Sanaad</i> | Purshottam Das and Paras Ram take a loan of Rs 2,000 from Nawab. | To be deciphered |
| 90 | 1667 | NAI 2703/20 | Copy of <i>Parvāna</i> | Shyam Das's <i>qānūngōī</i> of Amjhera has been transferred to Purshottam Das, who was the <i>māl-zāmin</i> (guarantor for payment of land taxes). | To be deciphered |
| 91 | 1667 | NAI 2733/16 | Copy of <i>Parvāna</i> | Nawab Ahmad Beg Khan instructs <i>Qāzī</i> Abdul Ghani that the <i>qānūngōī</i> of Amjhera has been transferred to Purshottam Das; told to hand over <i>dashtār dānī</i> , etc. | 0 |
| 92 | 1667 | P Das 1667 Hin NCD R | <i>Parwana</i> (in Rajasthani/ Malwi) | Maharaja Amar Singh <i>ji</i> gives an order entirely in Rajasthani – acknowledging the news about Hari Ram, asking Nathmal to remain in touch and expressing his satisfaction with him. | None |
| 93 | 1669 | NAI 2703/21 | Statement – genre not sure | Conflict with <i>amīn</i> , <i>karōrī</i> and <i>faujdar</i> ; visit to imperial court; new officials appointed but large amount forcibly demanded in revenue (Rs 1 lakh?). | No seal |
| 94 | 1669 | DAI LNS MS 235 (w) R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | Five <i>bighas</i> land in <i>mauza</i> 'Maliwada given to Nathmal, son of <i>chaudhrī</i> Purshottam Das for creating a garden. Notes on reverse to same effect. Maybe connected with NAI 2703/21. | Muhibb Ali <i>murād-i Shāh</i> Alamgir |
| 95 | 1669 | BRD 13 (R + V) | <i>Parvāna</i> | Purshottam Das, <i>chaudhrī</i> of <i>parwana</i> Jamlī and Hindola is told that his <i>ar-zādash</i> has arrived. He had written that the good people of the area had been displaced and the well-being of <i>qasba</i> Sultampur disturbed by the behaviour of | 1 seal, to be deciphered |

the *karōrī* (imperial or *jaḡirdār*'s tax-collector). A note has been sent to the *karōrī* about this, it (the note) should be reached to him and mutual satisfaction should be established so that you (the addressee) can engage yourself in the real aim – populating the area and increasing the earnings from agriculture. Marginal note probably repeats this – to be read.

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| 96 | 1669 | P Das 1669 NCD R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | Purshottam Das chaudhūrī of <i>pargana</i> Jamli and Hindola told, in response to his petition about the dislodging of the <i>mahājāns</i> and well-to-do people of Sultanpur, due to the bad behaviour of the <i>karōrī</i> , that the <i>karōrī</i> has been written to about this business, which should have reached him, and the peasants should be settled. (Possibly the same document as above) | 1 seal – to read |
| 97 | 1670 | DAI LNS MS 235 (n) R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | Appears to be a matter of division of inheritance between Purshottam Das and his brother. Odd document, different handwriting, and very repetitive. Not clear if related to a dispute or not. Very detailed <i>zimm</i> – appeared to be a list of shares. The word <i>yād-dāshir</i> is used. There is a very clear 'baiza' or terminal symbol. That villages Ajnai, etc., in the parganas of Hindola and Jamli were given as <i>inām</i> to Chandar Bhan, and now too, based on the old documents, these are upheld. This document seems genuine, but a later extension is added on different paper and handwriting with many more villages. | Asad Khan <i>murīd-i</i> Alamgir <i>Bādshāh</i> |
| 98 | 1670 | P Das 1670 NCD R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | The copy of a <i>parvāna</i> apparently issued in Hindi originally, Sale of part of <i>qānūngōī</i> of Amjhera by Shyam Das to Purshottam Das and his son. | Asad Khan <i>murīd-i</i> Alamgir <i>Bādshāh</i> |
| 99 | 1671 | NAI 2733/17 | Copy of <i>Parvāna</i> | The copy of a <i>parvāna</i> apparently issued in Hindi originally, by which 101 <i>bighas</i> of land are given to Nathmal, son of Purshottam Das, for creating a garden. | No seal |
| 100 | 1671 | NAI 2733/18 | Copy of a Hindi <i>Parvāna</i> | | No seal |

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| 101 | 1671 | NAI 2703/24 | <i>Parvāna</i> | Confirmation, according to old documents about the right to certain garden lands in village Gondhra, pargana Dhar; <i>parvāna</i> of a certain Sheikh Ibrahim, according to the marginal notes. | To be deciphered |
| 102 | 1672 | DAI LNS MS 235 (f) R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | Matter of payment related to a tax called 'nālī'. | Rafī Muhammad <i>khanazād-i Bādshāh</i> Alamgir ... <i>shāh</i> Alamgir |
| 103 | 1672 | DAI LNS MS 235 (p) R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | Confirmation of <i>inām</i> of Purshottam Das, because of <i>nishān</i> of Prince Murad Baksh and the orders of previous <i>jāgrādārs</i> , and because Purshottam Das is loyal and hardworking. The <i>inām</i> consists of Ahu and other villages, 500 <i>bighas</i> of lands and trees. The writer also confirms on own authority. Detailed notes on reverse. Note: Nawab ... Khan. | |
| 104 | 1672 | NAI 2733/20 | <i>Parvāna</i> | Grant of land in certain villages to Hamir Chand. | No seal |
| 105 | 1672 | DAI LNS MS 235 (x) R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | That since nineteen villages including Ahu, three thousand ... hundred and fifty <i>bighas</i> of land and mango trees have been granted to Purshottam Das and his sons by the exalted <i>nishān</i> and <i>asnad</i> of <i>jāgrādārs</i> , hence 'ba-dastūr-i <i>sābiq</i> (in line with ancient custom)' these titles are confirmed. | Islam Khan bin Hussein Ali <i>murād-i Alamgir Bādshāh</i> . 2 seals on reverse: Muhammad Amin ... Islam Khan; ... |
| 106 | 1672 | NAI 2733/19 | Copy of <i>Parvāna</i> | That since the loyalty and good works of Purshottam Das are well known, Nawab Maham (?) Khan orders that ten villages, including Ahu, are confirmed to him as ' <i>inām</i> , as per the <i>sanaad</i> secured from Nawab Nawazish Khan. | None |
| 107 | 1673 | NAI 2668/25 | | That Suraj Bhan <i>baqqāl</i> , resident of village Kharpura came to Ghulam Muhammad, <i>kōhwāl</i> saying that he had nowhere to live, and begged for a house. The | <i>Qāzī</i> Muhammad Mustafa 1123 |

kōrwāl asked Bhagwati Das and Bardman of *ahl-i hīrfā* for it. Since the house of Santokmi who was dead, and which belonged to Sundar Das, resident of Sultanpur, was empty, it was given to him, along with its contents

1 elaborate *qāzī*'s seal on reverse. Saad al-din. *qāzī-yi Shārī'a* . . .

Sultanpur, etc., five *mauza*'s (villages) within *pargana* Hindola, *sarkār* Mandu were given to Purshottam Das and Narsingh Das as '*inām*' by the orders of previous rulers/governors. Now, Hamirchand and Nihalchand, the grandsons of Purshottam Das and Narsingh Das, have the said villages allocated to them by the order that the whole world obeys (i.e., this *nishān*), on condition of the services detailed on the reverse. The officials of the said villages should make these over to them, and not demand fresh documentation every year.

Az jān wa dīn garāda murīd-i . . . Ali . . . Alamgir [RY] 13. Absolutely same seal and note as on DAI (u) . . . Ali . . . *murīd-i Alamgir* . . . [RY] 13

Ten villages including Ahu, 3,300 *bigha* of lands and mango trees confirmed due to *nishān* of Prince Murad Baksh and other *asnad*. Very detailed notes on reverse. Contains a very clear '*baizā'* or terminal symbol. *Mauza* Koswada given as '*inām* and *nānkār* to Purshottam Das and his children for his service. Detailed note on *zinn* (verso) to same effect, and two more seals. One note says Parvāna -yi Ali Beg Khan. Contains a very clear '*baizā'* or terminal symbol. *Mauza* ' given as *nānkār* to Purshottam Das for service.

Islam Khan, son of Hussein Ali, servant of Alamgir *Bādshāh* Asadullah *murīd-i khās* Nawazish *Khanī* (special disciple of Nawazish Khan)

In response to an '*arzdāsh*t, which was about certain villages being put aside by a certain '*shahangīya*' (official?) Abd al-Hamid; who (and Khuda Dost) are instructed to withdraw their forces. Purshottam Das, etc., are given a discount of Rs 3,000.

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| 108 | 1673 | BRD 6 (R + V) | Copy of <i>Farmān</i> | 1 elaborate <i>qāzī</i> 's seal on reverse. Saad al-din. <i>qāzī-yi Shārī'a</i> . . . |
| 109 | 1674 | DAI LNS MS 235 (11) R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | Ten villages including Ahu, 3,300 <i>bigha</i> of lands and mango trees confirmed due to <i>nishān</i> of Prince Murad Baksh and other <i>asnad</i> . Very detailed notes on reverse. Contains a very clear ' <i>baizā'</i> or terminal symbol. <i>Mauza</i> Koswada given as ' <i>inām</i> and <i>nānkār</i> to Purshottam Das and his children for his service. Detailed note on <i>zinn</i> (verso) to same effect, and two more seals. One note says Parvāna -yi Ali Beg Khan. Contains a very clear ' <i>baizā'</i> or terminal symbol. <i>Mauza</i> ' given as <i>nānkār</i> to Purshottam Das for service. |
| 110 | 1674 | DAI LNS MS 235 (u) R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | In response to an ' <i>arzdāsh</i> t, which was about certain villages being put aside by a certain ' <i>shahangīya</i> ' (official?) Abd al-Hamid; who (and Khuda Dost) are instructed to withdraw their forces. Purshottam Das, etc., are given a discount of Rs 3,000. |
| 111 | 1675 | DAI LNS MS 235 (h1) R+V | <i>Parvāna</i> | |
| 112 | 1675 | DAI LNS MS 235 (q1) R + V * | <i>Parvāna</i> | |

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| 113 | 1675 | NAI 2668/10 | <i>Āwarjā</i> (accounts) | Statement of Rs 43 which are arrears on the <i>ijāra</i> of <i>sajer</i> (custom duties) of <i>pargana</i> Dhar, which has been given as salary to Muhammad Baqir, son of Muhammad Aqil, holding a rank of 50 <i>sawārs</i> . Because of his loyalty, <i>mauza</i> (Kasawadha?) given to Purshottam Das. | Islam Khan bin Hussein <i>murād-i Alamgir Bādshāh</i> |
| 114 | 1675 | NAI 2733/21 | Copy of <i>Parvāna</i> | | None |
| 115 | 1676 | DAILNS MS 235 (o) R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | That 10 <i>dar-o-bist</i> (entire villages) and 550 <i>biḡhas</i> of land and 43 mango trees and a garden are confirmed to Purshottam Das as <i>inām</i> because of old <i>asnad</i> and because he is loyal. Detailed notes on reverse. | Munir or Mir Khan, ... Aurangzeb Alamgir |
| 116 | 1677 | NAI 2733/22 | <i>Parvāna</i> | 150 <i>biḡhas</i> of land, tax-free is confirmed to Chandar Bhan's son (name unclear). | |
| 117 | 1679 | DAILNS MS 235 (b1) R+V | <i>Parvāna</i> | That since 1/3 of the <i>qānūngōt</i> of <i>pargana</i> Amjhera belonged to Purshottam Das <i>chaudhri</i> of <i>pargana</i> Dhar, according to the old <i>asnad</i> and old orders and since he is loyal, the villages detailed in the reverse are allocated as <i>dāmi</i> , etc. Very detailed notes on reverse. | Muhammad Ismail Ibn ... Khan <i>Khānazād-i Alamgir Bādshāh</i> |
| 118 | 1679 | NAI 2703/26 | Copy of a <i>Parvāna</i> | Purported copy of an order by Asad Khan to the officials of <i>pargana</i> Dhar saying that Purshottam Das, Lok Chand and Amar Chand came to court to say that the <i>chaudhri</i> of the <i>pargana</i> belonged to them hereditarily because of old <i>asnad</i> . Thus, these titles are confirmed to them. List follows. This is an obvious forgery, written so late that the scribes have forgotten the format of a <i>parvāna</i> and included a Mughal imperial genealogical seal for good measure. | |
| 119 | 1680 | NAI 2703/25 | Copy of a <i>Parvāna</i> | Same as NAI 2703/26. | |

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| 120 | 1683 | NAI 2703/27 | Court order | Dispute before a <i>qāzī</i> about lands left behind by Purshottam Das. Decision given. | No seal |
| 121 | 1684 | NAI 2703/61 | <i>Mahẓar-nāma</i> | Narrates the antecedents of Narsingh Das, starting from the story of Mohan Das and his receipt of grants, followed by the loss of some villages and resources by Purshottam Das because of the interference of <i>āmils</i> . Because of the loss of such resources, Purshottam Das had not been able to maintain the necessary troops, leading to the Ehils and <i>gīrāsīyas</i> creating trouble and even blocking the royal mail from going to Gujarat. The eminent people declared that Narsingh Das was as competent as his father, and that his <i>nānkār sanads</i> should be renewed to help him protect their life and property. | No seal |
| 122 | 1684 | NAI 2703/62 | Copy of <i>Mahẓar-nāma</i> | Family history and rights of Purshottam Das (very similar to NAI 2703/61). | No seal |
| 123 | 1684 | NAI 2733/26 | Letter | Responding to an application (<i>darbhawast</i>) about villages in Mandu, in response to which a sanad has been prepared and sent. | None |
| 124 | 1684 | NAI 2733/61 | Letter | Responding to letter about Purshottam Das (written by?) has arrived and the <i>parvāna</i> about the <i>chaudhrāīs</i> of Jamli and Hindola have been sent. | None |
| 125 | 1684 | NAI 2733/62 | Letter | To 'Khwājā' Purshottam Das. | None |
| 126 | 1684 | NAI 2733/75 | Letter | Letter to 'Khwājā' Purshottam Das. | None |
| 127 | 1684 | NAI 2733/108 | Copy of a <i>Parvāna</i> | Narsingh Das given 500 <i>bīghas</i> of fallow untaxed land for his loyalty, etc., in Navgaon. | None |
| 128 | 1685 | NAI 2703/29 | <i>Sanad</i> – court order | Purshottam Das died, conflict between Hamir Chand and other sons, and a division of property by the <i>mahkama aqzīa</i> . | None |
| 129 | 1690 | BRD 19 | <i>Parvāna</i> | 25 <i>bīghas</i> (amount unclear) land are allocated as (share) of <i>chaudhurāī</i> in the name of Tilok Chand, etc., descendants (?) of Gopal Das, <i>chaudhrī</i> of Dhar, because of <i>sanad</i> (order) of Ḥayzur Madār al-Mahām | Illegible, damaged. |

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| 130 | 1690 | NAI 2733/29 | Copy of <i>Hiba-nāma</i> (gift deed) | (Wazīr?), on the basis of a deed of division/separation (<i>taqsimnāma</i>). On this basis, 100 <i>bighas</i> of land are allocated as <i>inām</i> on the basis of asnad of past governors. Since their good service is apparent, according to the <i>sanad</i> of the <i>Huzūr</i> , the said lands, etc. are confirmed. They are admonished to do all that is necessary for the comfort of the subjects/peasant (<i>ria'ya</i>). | <i>Qāzī</i> Muhammad Muhsin |
| 131 | 1690 | DAI LNS MS 235 (q) R+V | <i>Parvāna</i> | Nine villages including Chikliya, some <i>dāmi</i> and some <i>muqadamī</i> , one garden and two houses gifted to Narsingh Das and Gambhir Chand by their female relative Puran (wife of Dinkar Das), who also appends a curse. Fifteen <i>bighas</i> of <i>banjar pokhta</i> (fallow) land, <i>khārij jama'</i> (untaxed) from village Nauganda Buzurg, is given to Gambhir Chand, son of Purshottam Das <i>chauthri</i> , to create a garden and pray for the permanent glory of the regime/donor. This is summarised on the reverse. | ... Alamgir |
| 132 | 1693 | NAI 2668/12 | Letter | Letter of Ashraf, officer of Azam Shah. | Illegible |
| 133 | 1693 | NAI 2668/2 | <i>Qaul qarār</i> | <i>Qaul qarār</i> of <i>manza</i> 'Nalawada for Rs. 450, for the year 1051 Fasli although the document is written in 1053. | Azam Shah bin Alamgir |
| 134 | 1693 | NAI 2703/32 | Copy of Nishān | That eleven villages including Ahu, 3,607 <i>bighas</i> of land and eighteen <i>istimārī</i> villages, etc., given to Prushottam Das on the basis of <i>farmāns</i> of past emperors. | Bādshāh Ghazi 1096, hand-drawn |
| 135 | 1693 | NAI 2703/33 | <i>Qaul qarār</i> | Agreement for Rs 159 as tax for village Nekpur, in the <i>jāgīr</i> of Nawab Abid Khan, with <i>chauthri</i> Narsingh Das. | Keshav Rai; Mania Ram or Mansa Ram <i>kār-kun</i> |

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| 136 | 1693 | NAI 2668/15 | <i>Taqstimmāna</i> | Division of lands with seals of <i>qāzī</i> as well as noble – Asad Khan. Mentions shares of Titokchand and Lalchand son of Gopalchand; and in another section, Hari Ram, Narsingh, Kodarmal, etc. Lots of seals and witness statements, in Persian and Hindi. | |
| 137 | 1694 | NAI 2733/31 | Copy of <i>Parvāna</i> | Order from Asad Khan confirming the grant of ten villages including Ahu to Narsingh Das as <i>wajih-i nānkār</i> . | |
| 138 | 1695 | DAI LNS MS 235 (t) R+V | Parvāna | <i>Mauza</i> Gondra given to Narsingh Das as 'inām, on condition of loyalty. | Rahmat Allah <i>khānazāda-yi Bādshāh</i> Alamgīr |
| 139 | 1698 | NAI 2668/17 | Unclear | Order to officials of <i>pargana</i> Dhar to confirm certain villages as <i>muqaddamt</i> to Purshottam Das, on the basis of the petition he had sent to the emperor claiming that the <i>chaudhrāī</i> of <i>pargana</i> Dhar belonged to him as ancestral right, along with all associated perks. | None |
| 140 | 1703 | NAI 2703/36 | Copy of <i>Parvāna</i> | Instruction to Muhammad Hussain that a third of the <i>qānāngōt</i> of <i>pargana</i> Amjhera, given to chaudhrī Purshottam Das because of death of Shiyam Das <i>qānāngō</i> . <i>Dastūr</i> to be given him. | To read |
| 141 | 1703 | NAI 2703/35 | <i>Qabuliyat</i> | <i>Qabuliyat</i> of Rupa and Badan Chand that the year 1111 Faslī Syed Ghulam Muhammad officer of <i>jazyva</i> has assessed Rs 2,200 on the houses, and they have accepted. | [...] <i>Khadim-i Sharī</i> 'a |
| 142 | 1709 | NAI 2703/42 | <i>Lā dawā sulh-nāma</i> | That Bardman, son of Rupa chaudhrī of Dhar had sent Daulat Khan to find news about his servant from <i>jaḡtrār</i> . Jadrup in Amjhera, but Jadrup killed him. Daulat Khan's female heirs seek <i>diyat</i> and invoke <i>qāzī</i> as well as <i>muftī</i> . Given Rs 55. | <i>Qāzī</i> Muhammad Mustafa |
| 143 | 1710 | NAI 2668/22 | <i>Fārigh Khafīfī</i> | Hamir Das and Nihal Chand return the money borrowed by Narsingh Das and Gambhir Chand from Kale Afghan and Ganesh Sahu to the respective sons. | <i>Qāzī</i> Muhammad Mustafa |

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| 144 | 1710 | NAI 2703/38 | Copy of a Tawārikh | That following the resolution of a boundary dispute between two villages – Bijur in pargana Dhar and Sakrod in pargana Dipalpur – a mosque was constructed on the boundary to prevent further encroachments. | |
| 145 | 1710 | P Das 1710 NCD R + V | Copy of <i>Farmān</i> | That <i>maiza</i> 'Sultanpur, etc., five villages in <i>pargana</i> Hindola are confirmed as ' <i>inām</i> for Hamir Chand and Nihal Chand, grandsons of <i>chauthhrī</i> Purshotam Das, because of the <i>farmān</i> . | On reverse, Saad al-din, <i>qāzī-yī Shari' a</i> |
| 146 | 1711 | P Das 1711 NCD R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | The <i>vakīl</i> of Hamir Chand and Nihal Chand have complained to the court that Muhammad Asad is calling himself <i>chauthhrī</i> , order issued, agreement signed. | None |
| 147 | 1713 | NAI 2733/34 | <i>Ilīmās</i> | Hamir Chand and Gambhir Chand ask for confirmation of their title after the end of the Muhammad Asad dispute. | No seal |
| 148 | 1714 | NAI 2668/21 | Copy of <i>Mahzār-nāma</i> | <i>Mahzār</i> describing the long dispute over Muhammad Asad's claim that Suraj Bhan had converted to Islam and married his mother – Parwar – who was a courtesan. Describes several episodes in the protracted conflict; ultimately a huge assembly decides that Muhammad Asad's claims are invalid. | <i>Qāzī</i> Muhammad Mustafa |
| 149 | 1714 | NAI 2703/46 | Copy of <i>Mahzār-nāma</i> | Muhammad Asad's claim. | <i>Qāzī</i> Muhammad Mustafa |
| 150 | 1715 | BRD 25 1+2 (R + V) | Copy of <i>Mahzār-nāma</i> | This is a copy of an earlier <i>mahzār</i> , sealed by <i>qāzī</i> Abdul Wahid. This current copy is also sealed, by <i>qāzī</i> Mustafa. Rupa <i>chauthhrī</i> of <i>pargana</i> Dhar asks for evidence that on (date?) Rajab RY 7, which is 1125 | <i>Qāzī</i> Muhammad Mustafa <i>Khādim-i Shari' a</i> |

AH (certain events which are not very clear, happened). Amjhera and Jasrup Singh, *mansabdār* with *jāgīrs* in Amjhera, are involved, and there is some monetary transaction at the end. There appears to be a list of gold and silver items involved in the transaction at the end.

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| 151 | 1715 | BRD 26 1+ 2 (R + V) | Copy of <i>Mahẓar-nāma</i> | Same as above, but without seals. | |
| 152 | 1715 | BRD 27 1 + 2 (R + V) | <i>Mahẓar-nāma</i> | Appears to be nearly same as above. | |
| 153 | 1717 | NAI 2703/40 | <i>Qaul qarār</i> | <i>Ijāra</i> for <i>mauza</i> 'Antarah in pargana Dhar for Rs. 475 in the name of Hamir Chand and Kesho, based on assessment of Ab al-Qadir Amin. Discount will be given if natural calamity or Deccani enemies (Marathas) attack. | Abd al-Qadir Khan . . . |
| 154 | 1717 | NAI 2703/41 | <i>Parvāna</i> | Jaswant Singh and other <i>chaudhārs</i> of Bilwara told to take 505 <i>bighas</i> land for upkeep of eight horsemen and fifteen infantry soldiers. | Nand Lal |
| 155 | 1718 | NAI 2668/23 | <i>La dawā sulh-nāma</i> | About the murder of Hira, who was killed on a mission to Amjhera. Rs 32 (8 months * 4 pm) given in compensation to his family. | <i>Qāzī</i> Muhammad Mustafā; Muhammad Hussein. |
| 156 | 1721 | NAI 2668/20 | <i>Tamassuk</i> | Hamir Chand borrows Rs 2240 from Mir Muhib Allah in lieu of his <i>inām</i> village. | <i>Qāzī</i> Muhammad Mustafā |
| 157 | 1726 | NAI 2703/43 | <i>Qaul qarār</i> | Mentions discount if Marathas attack. | |
| 158 | 1727 | NAI 2703/19 | Copy of <i>Parvāna</i> | That one <i>chaudhūrī</i> has paid another's surety. | |
| 159 | 1728 | BRD | | Not supplied – but appears to be about lands; date probably wrong. | 0 |
| 160 | 1730 | P Das 1730 Trans NCD | Hindi translation of a <i>Farmān</i> | Sultanpur, etc., five villages were given to Purshottam Das and Narsingh Das as <i>inām</i> on the basis of old documents, these are kindly reissued to Hamir Chand and Nihal Chand. | Hand-drawn |

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| 161 | 1731 | P Das 1731 NCD R+V | <i>Parvāna</i> | Sultanpur, etc., five villages were given as <i>inām</i> to Hamir Chand and Nihal Chand, grandsons of Purshottam Das and Narsingh Das because of copy of a <i>farmān</i> sealed by <i>qāzī</i> so these may be given over to them. | Saad Khan fidwī (loyal to) Muhammad <i>Shāh Bādshāh Ghāzī</i> , 1144 |
| 162 | 1731 | NAI 2703/44 | Copy of <i>Parvāna</i> | Confirms hereditary <i>chaudhrāī</i> of Hamir Chand based on old <i>sanads</i> , a <i>nishān</i> of Prince Murad Baksh, and <i>mawāzana</i> and <i>taqsim</i> papers of the <i>pargana</i> . | |
| 163 | 1731 | NAI 2668/24 | Copy of <i>Farmān</i> | Confirming hereditary lands in <i>inām</i> to Purshottam Das, according to <i>farmān</i> of Aurangzeb and <i>nishān</i> of Prince Murad Baksh. | Hand-drawn imperial seal |
| 164 | 1733 | NAI 2703/45 | <i>Chak-nāma</i> | <i>Chak-nāma</i> of lands in Dhar for Daya Ram Bhat astrologer; according to Qamar al-din Khan's <i>parvāna</i> , lands released by officials of Umar Khan and the agents of Hamir Chand and Nihal Chand. | Hand-drawn seal of Umar Khan Bahadur. Muhammad Shah |
| 165 | 1734 | P Das 1734 NCD R | <i>Maḥzar-nāma</i> | Sheikh Alimullah and other <i>mansabdārs</i> of <i>pargana</i> Dhar complain that they had made a deal with the Maratha ' <i>na-sardārs</i> ' that the latter would respect their dues, but this has not happened because the Marathas have taken all that the peasants had. Very important document – showing regime change. | 18 seals including three seals of <i>qāzīs</i> |
| 166 | 1735 | NAI 2668/27 | <i>Fārigh Khattī</i> | Jagannath demands his money and <i>patṭa</i> of <i>naubrī</i> (employment) from Hamir Chand and his son; arbitrators appointed, he gets what he wants. | 4 seals; 1 Hindi |
| 167 | 1736 | BRD 20 | <i>Maḥzar-nāma</i> | Sarup Ram (name unclear, crucial part tom) asks for evidence from Satyid Ali Khan, from the kind aristocrats, from the people of court and many others that on 29 Shaaban RY seventeen Bhils robbed the harvest of Kharif of <i>mauza</i> Akbarmagar (?) (which is the writer's <i>mahāl</i> – | 6 seals. Seal 1 = Largest, likely to be of the <i>qāzī</i> , top left, part legible – 'Inayat . . . Shaikh Azim . . . Muhammad' above note |

'Witness statement sealed'.
 Seal 2 = Alimullah, *Fidwī*
 Muhammad *Shāh Ghāzi*.
 Seal 3 =

jāgīr) and burnt the village. They carried off all the cattle/livestock and the harvested but unthreshed corn. The peasants cannot pay the taxes of the *javārī* (harvest of *javārī*?) so the *dāmī* (*zaminidār*'s share) in the taxes on *javārī* have not been collected. Several attestations on the right-hand margin, apart from the *qāzī*'s note on seal. Five notes of 'Gawāh *shud* (witnessed)' one of which is by Abd Al-Karim *Khātib-i Jamīa* and two attestations in Nagri. One is of Hamir Chand, the other (illegible to me) of *parwana* Dhar.

1 seal Muhib Allah
 Shri Pandurang *charanat sar*
Sodashiv Ram nirantar

2 Hindi seals

Hindi seal to be read

'*Ināms* of Lala Parmanand, etc., confirmed on the basis of old documents.
 Ram *Ji mōkāsadar* hires Vijay Singh to supply soldiers for a fixed payment. They must guard the *chauki*, names of soldiers listed.
 An order from Gangadhar and Sadasiva *mōkāsadar*. . . . refers to a *qabūliyat* and the seasons *Kharif* and *Rabi* seems to be a tax agreement 3 *mauza*'s seem to be listed.
 Order issued under a beautiful Hindi seal, which bears the date 1705 *Śaka*, and the elevated name (i.e., the authority is Shrimant Rajeshri Ramchandra Rao Puwar). Illegible so far, but the last line, in Modi, is 'Such are the facts. In the month of *Zu al-qa da* it was registered, *murattab shud*'.
 That Anwar Beg and Syed Azam had made a claim on the mango tress in the garden of Sahib Rai, son of Dianat Rai; after they failed to produce documents in a court, claims are relinquished.
 A certain Chand Bibi of qaum Afghan makes an *iqār* that a mansion and some lands are sold to Thakur Pratap Chand; interesting symbols.

. . . Allah *fidwī* Bādshāh Ghāzi
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| 168 | 1739 | P Das 1739 NCD R+V | <i>Parvāna</i> | | |
| 169 | 1750 | P Das 1750 HIN NCD R+V | <i>Parvāna</i> Hindi | | |
| 170 | 1751 | P Das 1751 Hin NCD R | <i>Parvāna</i> Hindi | | |
| 171 | 1783 | P Das 1783 Hin NCD R+V | <i>Parvāna</i> Hindi | | |
| 172 | 1787 | P Das 1787 NCD R | <i>Fārigh Khaṭṭī</i> | | |
| 173 | 1803 | 1803_AC_BRD | <i>Iqrār; Bai</i> '-nāma | | |

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| 174 | 1804 | 1804_AC_BRD | <i>Iqrār</i> ; <i>Bai</i> ' <i>-nāma</i> | A certain Afghan person sells land to <i>Thākūr Sāhib</i> . | Persian to read |
| 175 | 1843 | BRD 5 R; 1843 NCD | <i>Khulāṣa</i> (extract) of <i>Akḥbarāt</i> (newsletter) | News of developments in Calcutta – including impending military expedition to Afghanistan; instructions given to the <i>riāsats</i> of Gwalior, etc. | None |
| 176 | 1843 | BRD 24 I (R+V) | <i>Kaifiyat</i> | <i>Kaifiyat</i> (account) of the news of the court of Maha Rao Jayaji Sindhia Bahadur, Gwalior from 22 Rajab-2 Shaaban 1259. | None |
| 177 | 1850 | P Das 1850 NCD R + V | Private letter | Letter to Thakur Saheb, ends by urging him to say 'Ram Ram' to whoever asks after them and to write every week. | 0 |
| 178 | 1851 | P Das 1851 NCD R | <i>Girwī-nāma</i> (pawn deed) Hindi | A certain tailor called Kalu makes a transaction for an Rs 20 and refers to Rajeshri Thakur Pratap Chand and Chiranjivi Kunwarji. A house/land and its limits are described and there are witnesses at the bottom. Very hard to read. | 0 |
| 179 | 1859 | P Das 1859 NCD R + V | <i>Parvāna</i> | Order to all <i>ilāqadārs</i> to let the wedding party of Thakur Motichand's son pass through. | Trilingual Company seal |
| 180 | 1860 | P Das 1890 NCD | <i>Ishtehār-i Maḥkama</i> | Order to <i>jagīrdārān, taluqdārān, zamīndārān</i> , conveying an order of the sardar of the Angrez, the Governor General, from London (<i>sic.</i>) with regards to the <i>uhdedārs</i> of Dhar, whose situation declined since the rebellion. | 0 |
| 181 | 1900 | P Das Mar NCD 1-10 | Accounts? | Accounts in Modi script, several pages in a <i>bahī</i> -type book. Lists various crops. | 0 |
| 182 | 19th or 20th century | BRD 12 (R + V) | Letter | Addressed to ' <i>Thākūr Sāheb</i> ': Laments not having received a letter for a long time. Personal tone. From ... Singh. No date, seems nineteenth century or later. | None |

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| 183 | Pre-1707 (original). Copy after 1830. | BRD 10 (R + V) | Copy of <i>Parvāna</i> | Order of the officials of <i>pargana</i> Hindola should know that the <i>dāmī</i> (revenue collecting rights for being chaudhrī) of five villages including Ajmai, were given to Chandar Bhan, <i>chaudhrī</i> of that district, as <i>inām</i> by <i>asnad</i> (legal deeds) of the governors of the past. Now too, I confirm this <i>inām</i> . These must be made over to them so that they may concentrate on being loyal to the government. It is also decreed that they get shares 1/3 for chaudhurai and 1/4 for <i>qānūngōī</i> for villages with <i>chaukīs</i> (police stations). In response to an <i>arẓāshī</i> about the doubts regarding the <i>chaudhurāī</i> of Purshotam Das, that he owns twenty villages in Sitapuri in <i>pargana</i> Hindola and a certain Mirza Muhammad Mashhadi had created disputing claims during the tenure of <i>jagīrdār</i> (name?) and for this reasons the <i>gumashhtas</i> (agents) of Mirza Rafi ud-daula are taking possession of those villages. An order given to refrain from doing so. Not received, in error. | Hand-drawn copy of seal of a noble: Karim Khan (?) murid-i Alamgir |
| 184 | | BRD 14 (R + V) | Copy of <i>Parvāna</i> | None | |
| 185 | | DAI LNS MS 235 (j1) R + V | | | |
| 186 | | BRD 9 (R + V) | Not clear | None | |

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| 187 | | BRD 15 (R + V) | <i>Parivāna</i> | The officials present and future of <i>pargana</i> Dhar are told that Lala Parmanand and his brothers Rai Bhan and Kripa Ram ' <i>sarkārī naukar</i> ' and of <i>qaum</i> 'Kayashtha Nigam' petitioned through the officials of the ' <i>Adālat-i Aliya</i> ' and it was ordered to the chaudhris, <i>qānūngōs</i> and <i>muqaddams</i> (headmen) of the said <i>pargana</i> that 15 bighas of land suitable for a garden with mango trees, etc., is appointed to them (the petitioners) due to <i>asnad</i> of previous governors, so give it over to them. Similar or continuation, to check. | 1 seal, to be deciphered |
| 188 | | BRD 24 2 (R + V) | | | None |