

APPENDIX-D

Copy of a letter dated the 30th November 1830 from  
His Excellency the Governor of Bombay to the  
Chief of Sangli.

"In reply to your application to have the adoption of a son in your family confirmed, I can only now repeat what I have already assured you of my sincere wishes that such a measure may be effected. I last year referred the question to the authorities in England with the strongest recommendations. Until an answer to this reference arrives, it would not be proper to pass a final decision. I trust that it will be a favourable one and I shall on my arrival in England spare no pains in endeavouring to forward this first wish of your heart, if a sanction has not already been granted.

I have had the greatest satisfaction in receiving from Mr. Nisbet the most gratifying testimonials of your high character. In that gentleman you have a warm and sincere friend and able adviser. Continue to cherish the good understanding which now subsists.

From all that has been written on the subject of this adoption and from the powerful arguments which have been adduced in your behalf, I do not think I am saying too much,

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or encouraging a vain hope, when I bid you to place confidence in the liberality of the British Government and add, that being satisfied in my own mind of the propriety of admitting the adoption, I entertain little doubt that it will ultimately be so. Your conduct in preventing your daughter-in-law becoming a suttee was highly meritorious."