

APPENDIX-O-1

Copy of a letter dated the 21st January 1860 from
Colonel E.H. Townsend to the Chief of Sangli

"When your respected father Chintamanrao Appasaheb of happy memory lived, he was feared for his valour in war, and respected for his justice in peace. He was the faithful ally of the British Government, and the companion in war of the Great Lord Wellesley whose friendship he acquired when he incurred a wound in battle with the disturber of peace, Dhondjee Wagh. He treated his raiyats with justice and kindness, and throughout India no estates were more happily managed than those of Sangli. His fame was extended everywhere and the Governor Lord Clare, when he visited the place, wrote a letter stating his admiration of the excellent manner in which everything was conducted. Afterwards when in the year 1838, the English Government was engaged in war with the Pathans, and an army was sent to Kabul, Chintamanrao Appasaheb offered to join the army with a body of sowars and obtained the thanks of the Governor-General Saheb for his loyal offer.

Under all these circumstances it was to be expected that the prosperity of your Sansthan (State) would be an object of care and the Right Honourable Governor-General and your friend confidently hopes that in the careful and wise management of your estates, in kindness to the poor, and protection of the old servants of the family, in justice to all, and in fidelity to the British Government, you will follow in the steps of your respected father."

APPENDIX-O

Copy of the adoption Sanad of 1862 from His Excellency
the Viceroy to the Chief of Sangli

(SEAL of the Supreme
Government of British
India.)

To

DHONDEERAJ TATIA OF SANGLI

Her Majesty being desirous that the Governments of the several Princes and Chiefs of India who now govern their own Territories should be perpetuated, and that the representation and dignity of their Houses should be continued, in fulfilment of this desire this Sanad is given to you to convey to you the assurance that on failure of natural heirs the British Government will recognise and confirm any adoption of a successor made by yourself or by any future Chief of your State that may be in accordance with Hindoo Law and the customs of your race.

Be assured that nothing shall disturb the engagement thus made to you so long as your House is loyal to the Crown, and faithful to the conditions of the Treaties, Grants or Engagements which record its obligations to the British Government.

(Sd) CANNING.