

APPENDIX - VIIIThe Agreement of Govindrao Gaekwad¹ :

The agreement signed by Govindrao was based on the Poona Durbar's terms proposed before the death of Manajirao. Really speaking after Manajirao, there was no question of the succession to the Gadi as Manajirao had died childless, and Govindrao had now no rival claimant. The agreement signed by Govindrao proved disastrous to the interest of Baroda Government. The nature of this agreement differs much, from that of the former agreements. Govindrao accepted this agreement as he was impatient to be the ruler.

The titles of Sena-Khas-Khel Shamsheer Bahadur and the Serinjam were formerly assigned by the Sircar (Poona) to Manajirao, and he having died, the said titles and Serinjam and country, forts and garrison, which were formerly granted by the sircar, are from this year granted to the above named. The following are the pecuniary and other terms that have been settled on that account.

Ist : In consideration for his title, lands etc. he the said Govindrao is to pay the sum of rupees one crore and one.

For annual tribute, including compensation for military service from 1791 to 1793 i.e., for three years, rupees 43,62,000 being at the rate of rupees 14,54,000 per

¹ Aitchison : Treaties, Engagements and Sanads, Vol.VIII, Appendix No.VII, p.72.

anhum; for his titles and lands the tributary gift of Rs.56,38,001 total rupees 1,00,00,001 Govindrao agreed.

IInd : That various sums being due from the deceased Manajirao, some having been paid, upon the receipt of rupees 20,00,000, all demands are to cease upon Govindrao - agreed.

The above sum of Rupees one crore twenty lakhs and one is to be paid in the following way, namely, Govindrao makes an oath and swears that upon his arrival at Baroda he will, without any deceit or mental reservation make over whatever money, jewels and cloths may be in the treasury of that fort as part payment, and the remainder to be liquidated without fail before Dussera next year...agreed.

3rd : Three thousand horse are to be maintained by him for the public service, and in case of necessity these are to be increased to 4,000 and if it be further required, he is to add there his own personal services on the spot, and to obey all the orders of his superior should the troops not be kept up, he is to pay annually the sum already mentioned ... agreed.

4th : Of the debt due by you to Ballajee Naik Beera, for which the Government is security, you are to pay the sum of one lakh yearly till the whole beliquidated - agreed.

5th : The district of Soorlee, which had been given to Fatehsingrao Gaekwad as an indemnity, is to be restroed-agreed.

6th : Whatever money, jewels or cloths may be sent are to be estimated according to their real value.

7th : The establishments of the families of Malharrao Gaekwad and Sayajirao Gaekwad are to be maintained according to their rank so that no complaints reach the Sircar - Agreed.

8th : Madhajee Bullal was the Furnavees of your Principality; he is dead; his son Vishnoo Madhoo is appointed in his room; let him receive the pay and the fees of his office according to former practice.

Whatever may have been agreed upon between the late Peshwa Madhavrao and the Gaekwad Family is to remain in force - Agreed.

9th : The city of Ahmedabad which has relation to both parties, to be regarded as if it was settled at the time of Madhavrao. If any innovations have been made on the part of the Gaekwad without the Peshwa's consent they are to be abolished - Agreed.

10th : You are to pay to the bankers of Poona by decrease the sum due by you to them, for whom the Government is security - Agreed.

11th : You are punctually to fulfill (every year) your annual agreement with the Government namely the yearly gift of rupees 7,79,000 and if your troops are not required rupees 6,75,000 in total rupees 14,54,000 after having paid up the sum total of the tributary gift, you are punctually to settle your yearly accounts - Agreed.

12th : The Government having bestowed these honours on you, on your part you are to be have with fidelity and catefully to perform all your engagements with it - Agreed.

13th : If you have fine elephants worthy my acceptance, you, are, upon your arrival at Baroda, to send three elephants and five horses - Agreed.

14th : If you have any choice jewels, you are to send them to me to the amount of one lakh of rupees, each being estimated at its intrinsic value over and above what has been named. - Agreed.

15th : You are to pay back to bankers the lakh of rupees (together with the interest due) advanced to you by the Government - Agreed.

This memorandum regarding Govindrao Gaekwad, Sena-Khas-Khel Samsher Bahadoor was dated in the Arbic year 1194 A.D. 1793-94.