

SINDH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

RESEARCHED AND COMPILATION BY DR. DUR MUHAMMAD PATHAN

INTRODUCTION:

It is proper place and time to put on record some very important and interesting facts on record. I am controversial figure of my Society and Literary circle. Reasons for it, are:

1. I am over busy in my work consisting of Creative work, Research, Collection and Documentation of Source-Material, Data and Information. Hence, cannot spare time for explanations, clarifications about myself.
2. Most of Scholars and writers cannot compete with me in quantity and quality of my work. Hence, they have adopted strategy of my character-assassination, undue criticisms and defaming me. It has brought bad name to me.
3. It has badly affected the reading and listening habit of those, who without any verification, have believed that I am controversial.
4. Love for history and requirement of my integrity never discouraged me and I have never stopped working hard.
5. The quantity and quality of my work has beaten record of so many writers and scholars. But, I have never found myself in position to get my work published. Hence the only option left for me is to publish my works on my website. May be some time my country-men visit this website and get valuable information for redesigning their personal and national concepts.

Here is my work on the Sindh Historical Society. When I was doing Ph.D, I did my level best to obtain, purchase and collect material. One day, I purchased a file of the Sindh Historical Society from Old Books Market. The File consisted of Correspondence made by Billimoria , between him and other literary figures besides, Learned Bodies of that time.

It paved way for more hunting for information. I went through so many Journals of the Historical Society and collected information on Who's Who of Society's Office-bearers and members. I also compiled a comprehensive list of members besides, selected a few Articles of my interest from the Journal of Sindh Historical Society.

My work on the Society is combination of compilation and research at the same time. It consists of:

1. Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Society.
2. Alphabetical list of members ,
3. Councils, Office-Bearers and members of the Managing Committees.
4. Who's Who of Members,
5. Correspondence,
6. Annual Reports,
7. Coordination and Cooperation with other Learned Bodies,
8. Index/List of Important Papers read in literary sittings,
9. Selection from Papers published in the Journal of the Society

N.M. Billimoria.

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer, Sind Historical Society,
To,

PRAN NATH

DR. PRAN NATH
D.Sc. (LONDON), PH.D. (VIENNA)

BENARES HINDU UNIVERSITY
BENARES

14. April, 1936.

My dear Mr. Billimoria,

Excuse me for the delay of sending reply to your letter. I have been out of station for the last three weeks. I have settled the publication of the decipherment of the inscriptions on three marble statuettes in your custody. All the letters which you have sent to me will be sent to the editor since he will like to see them for understanding the whole situation. Besides this your name also had to be mentioned in the article.

Since I am incorporating the decipherment of the inscription in my series of articles Aryans before B.C. 1000, its publication will ~~be a little bit delayed~~ be a little bit delayed. It will enhance the value of your statuettes. However if you want to sell your statuettes on 300 Rs I am willing to purchase. I am a man of very ordinary means. You can not expect ~~more~~ more from a poorly paid professor of ~~the~~ the Hindu University. I know in time your statuettes will be highly valued owing to my article. I do not want anything for doing this work excepting your recognition. Please allow me to keep ~~this~~ the letters as long as the article is not published. I am requesting you this in your own interest.

With best wishes :-

Yours very sincerely

Pran Nath

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D.Sc. (LONDON), Ph.D. (VIENNA)

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BENARES

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My dear Mr. Billimoria,

Please accept my sincere thanks for sending the correspondence. I am keeping it safely and send it back within a month. I am already writing a series of articles in the Illustrated Weekly. When I shall take up the issue of Hittites, I shall offer the decipherment of these plates. You have to wait only for few months in understanding the importance of your treasure. This delay is essential ^{for} if the value of the plates to be established.

Gul Hayat Institute
With sincere thanks and kind regards

Yours very sincerely

Pran Nath

The Sind Historical Society.

A Special Meeting of the General Body of the Sind Historical Society will be held on Sunday the 19th July 1936, at 10 A. M. at the Professors' Common Room in the D. J. Sind College, Karachi, to consider the following proposal :

After Rule 5 of the Rules of the Society, add the following new Rule :

5-A. His Excellency the Governor of Sind will always be the Honorary Patron of the Sind Historical Society.

It is earnestly requested that all the Members will kindly attend this important Meeting.

Gul Hayat Institute

N. M. Billimoria,
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer,
Sind Historical Society.

Karachi,
5th July 1936.

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The Sind Historical Society.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Under the auspices of the Sind Historical Society, **Mr. N. M. Billimoria** will read, at the Reading Room, ground floor, D. J. Sind College annexé, Karachi, on Sunday the 30th May 1937 at 10-30 a. m. a paper on **Ibn Haukal's Account of Sind (A. D. 950).**

You are requested to attend.

The lecture is open to the public.

Gul Hayat Institute

N. M. Billimoria,

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

Karachi,
24th May 1937.

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The Sind Historical Society.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Under the auspices of the Sind Historical Society, Mr. A. B. Advani, M. A., LL. B. will read, a paper on **Some Sindhi Proverbs and Their Connection with Sind History**, at the Reading Room, ground floor, D. J. Sind College annexé, Karachi, on Sunday the 22nd August 1937, at 10-30 a. m.

You are requested to attend.

The lecture is open to the public.

Gul Hayat Institute

N. M. Billimoria,

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

Sind Historical Society.

Karachi,

16th August 1937.

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The Sind Historical Society.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Under the auspices of the Sind Historical Society, **Mr. N. M. Billimoria**, will read a paper on **THE ARAB IN SIND** on Sunday the 7th November 1937, at 10-30 a. m. at the Reading Room, D. J. Sind College, annexé, Karachi.

The lecture is open to the public.

You are requested to attend.

Gul Hayat Institute

N. M. Billimoria,

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

Sind Historical Society.

Karachi,

1st November 1937.

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From,

N.M. Billimoria.

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer, Sind Historical Society,

To,

Hon'ble Sir Ghulam Hussein Hidayatullah, Kt.
F.C.S.I.

Chief Minister, Government of Sind.

Karachi.

Dear Sir,

The Council of Management of the Sind Historical Society, Karachi, has asked me to approach your Government with the following request.

Now that Sind has become a separate, self-governing Province with its own Governor, Council and administration, it is the duty of all who live in Sind to take a greater interest than ever before in the past history of this portion of the Indian Empire.

The history of Sind commenced some 5000 years or more ago, as the wonderful remains of past civilization recently unearthed layer upon layer at Mohenjo Daro near Larkana, and Chano Daro &ca. plainly indicate. Much remains to be disclosed. Then, also, Sind was Persia's one of the most important satrapies in the time of Darius, B.C. 485; Alexander the Great invaded and extended Greek influence to Sind, B.C. 327; The Mahomedans invaded and conquered Sind in A.D. 713. At a later date Emperor Akbar was born at Umerkot in Sind. Indeed this Province teems with historical material of the greatest value and importance; in all these, all those, who live in Sind should take great interest.

The Sind Historical Society endeavours to arouse and maintain this interest.

Meetings are held every month, when interesting papers are read by members, and discussed. These meetings are open to the public. These papers are printed periodically in the Journals of the Society. A list of the subjects that have received attention is enclosed; Also a copy of the Rules and Bye-laws.

The amount of subscription is only Rs. six per year and there are about 75 members; but the expenses for publication of the Journal &ca. is very heavy and our financial condition is very poor.

Under the circumstances, I earnestly request that your Government will be pleased to give us a substantial grant, every year, to meet our current expenses.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

your most obedient servant,

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer
Sind Historical Society.

The Sind Historical Society.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Under the auspices of the Sind Historical Society, **Mr. A. B. Advani, M. A., M. L. B.** will read papers on (1) The **Holy Hair** at Rohri, and (2) Guns at **Kot Diji**, on Sunday the 19th December 1937, at 10-30 a. m. at the Reading Room, D. J. Sind College, annexé, Karachi.

Gul Hayat Institute

The lecture is open to the public.

You are requested to attend.

N. M. Billimoria,

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

Sind Historical Society.

Karachi,

14th December 1937.

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P.S. If you can
 send me
 a copy of
 the book
 of Edmund
 Spenser in
 French, please
 let me know.
 I have tried
 to find it
 but have not
 been able to
 find it.
 I am sorry I
 cannot
 send it to
 you.

Dear Mr. Billman
 herewith the compliments
 of the season.

I am sorry I did not reply to
 your letter before; and now that
 I am writing, it will I fear
 only disappoint you to hear that
 I really have not the time to
 produce anything for the National
 History Magazine. If I finish
 the first volume of my life of
 John Jacob by the time I leave
 here, in 1939, it is as much as
 I can hope to accomplish. All
 the while however I get is devoted
 to that. Later on I hope I shall
 be able to produce all sorts of
 miscellaneous work on Sind, but
 the biography claims my first-
 attention.

You must have seen that we
 have had a somewhat difficult
 time here. It makes one apprec-

could send more than ever. There
is more than a possibility that I
shall come back there after leave in
1939.

I think the Historical Society
shows abundant signs of life -
Thanks almost entirely to you!
What a debt we all owe you in this
matter.

Dennis Keir's death was a
sad affair: he I think was a member.

I am sending you an article
by Sir P. Calver on Jacob's Note

I had explained to Sir Patrick
my view that there is no mystery
ⁱⁿ the matter, as the "notes" were
^{afterwards} published: but I have not accepted
his invitation to amend anything in
his ~~note~~ paper. After it is published
in the S.H.S. Journal I may
write a letter on the subject.

I trust you are well: kindly
remember me to all friends in the
Society.

Yours sincerely

W. G. Smith -

The Sind Historical Society.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Under the auspices of the Sind Historical Society, Mr. N. M. Billimoria will read a paper on **WORSHIP OF THE MOTHER GODDESS AND THE BULL IN MOHENJO DARO AND BALUCHISTAN** on Sunday the 6th February 1938 at 11 a. m. at the D. J. Sind College annexé, Karachi.

The lecture is open to the public.

You are requested to attend.

Gul Hayat Institute

N. M. Billimoria,

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

Sind Historical Society.

Karachi,

1st February 1938.

“ UNION ” PRESS, LTD., KARACHI.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND LANDS,
BOOKS-DISTRIBUTION SECTION.
(IMPERIAL RECORD DEPARTMENT BUILDING.)

New Delhi, 26th April 1938.

FROM

C. P. Singer, Esq.,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

To

The Honorary Secretary,
Sind Historical Society,
Karachi.

'Indian Texts and Records Series'.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 25th March 1938, I am directed to say that one complete set of publications consisting of 17 volumes is intended for your Society and the other two sets comprising 34 volumes is intended for two of its members (vide your letter dated the 11th August 1936 to the Government of Sind in the General Department). In this connection I am to observe that the requirements of the Karachi Municipal Library is entirely separate from those of the Historical Society and its members. I am accordingly to return herewith the demand statement showing the cost of binding, etc., and to say that the publications will be supplied to you on receipt of the requisite amount.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

C. P. Singer
26.4.38
Assistant Secretary.

The Sind Historical Society.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Under the auspices of the Sind Historical Society, Mr. H. T. Lambrick, I. C. S., will read a paper on

THE "MIRI" AT TAUNG,

in the Kohistan Mahal of Dadu District ; evidence from which it must be referred to the Chalcolithic period, and some remarks on its significance with regard to the prehistoric civilization west of the River Indus.

on Wednesday the 26th February 1941
at 7 P. M. at the Law Class Room,
D. J. Sind College, Annexe, Karachi.

The lecture is open to the public.

You are requested to attend.

N. M. Billimoria.
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer,
Sind Historical Society.

Karachi.
10th February 1941.

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Proposed amended programme of Inspection Party No. I,
in view of the 28th February 1941 and 1st March 1941 being
holidays.

(N.B. Leave accounts and Earthquake Fund, Dadu audit will
be very difficult to be completed in two days and therefore
the 27th February instead of being taken as a transit day
to Hyderabad is proposed to be utilized at Dadu and no transit
to Hyderabad is allowed in view of the holidays.) ✓

Name of Division or audit	Holidays	No. of working days	From	to
Leave accounts and Earth- quake Fund				
Dadu	28th, 1st & 2nd.	3	25.2.41	27.2.41 ✓
Civil Hospital Hyderabad		3	3.3.41 ✓	5.3.41 ✓
Hyderabad Central Jail	9th, 13th, 16th & 22nd + 21st.	13	6.3.41 ✓	22.3.41 ✓
Mental Hospital Hyderabad	23rd.	4	24.3.41 ✓	27.3.41 ✓
Transit to Karachi			28.3.41 ✓	
Office work	29th & 30th		31.3.41 ✓	

Submitted for approval 23/7

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case file C.A. 13-1
is put up with another
case
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Submitted for approval 23/7
FIA
The programme has changed
has been modified as suggested
now by the D.A.O. (2) as a typed
copy thereof deposited
to him yesterday the 13th Feb. 1941.
No further action is necessary as
per letter.
Rmd
FIA
D.C.
Rmd

No. DV-Edu III-1/2113

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER, SIND
Karachi, the 12th December, 1946To,
The Treasury Officer,
Karachi.

Subject:- Sind Historical Society-Grant in aid to the.

Kindly arrange to pay on a simple receipt during the year 1946-47 a sum of (Rs 500/-) Five hundred only being the grant in aid for the year 1946-47 to the Honorary Secretary Sind Historical Society Karachi.

The amount when paid should be debited to "Education Provincial" and should constitute a distinct item in the payment schedule relating to that Department.

(S.R. Sharma)
Assistant Accounts Officer.

S.H.3/12.

No. DV Edu III-1/2114

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government Department of Education, Health and Local Self Government with reference to your Department Resolution No. 289-G B/38dt 12/11/46- The grant in aid to the Sind Historical Society has been authorised on the presumption that the amount will be provided in supply budget.

No. DV- Edu-III-1/2115

Copy forwarded with compliments to the ~~Honorary~~ Secretary Sind Historical Society, Karachi for information and necessary action.

No. DV Edu III-1/2116

Copy forwarded with compliment to the Director of public Instructions Sind Karachi with reference to his letter No. Misc/6873 dated 28/11/46.

It is presumed that necessary funds will be available in respect of the payment of the grant during the current year.

Gul Hayat Institute *(Signature)*

Assistant Accounts Officer.

Hyderabad Deccan
Dated 12th December '42

Dear Mr. Billimoria,

I have gone through your interesting paper on the 'Panis of the Rigveda'. You have taken great pains in collecting evidence from past sources in support of your views. However, there are some controversial problems in the paper about which I personally think it is not at present possible to express any definite opinions. I also think that Professor Waddel is not considered as a reliable authority on archaeological matters. I would suggest that opinions should not be based upon his theories.

The affinities which are to be found between Mohenjo Daro culture and the cultures of other parts of the world should be brought to the notice of Indian archaeologists as early as possible and you will be doing a great service to Indology if this is done at an early date.

Yours sincerely,

Encl: Paper on
'Panis of the Rigveda'

/S. M. Ahmad
Senior Asstt: Director of
Archaeology

&
Curator, Hyderabad Museum

N.M. Billimoria, Esq.,
Marston Road,
K a r a c h i

Received from the Hon. Secretary and Tresurer Sind Historical Society the sum of Rs. 12/ twelve, being the monthly pay @ one rupee per month for the peon who looks after the the Room of the Society in the D.J.Sind College, Karachi for the twelve months of 1942.

31st December 1942.



C. J. Maibach

Gul.Hayat Institute

To,

The President and Members of the Council of Management
of the Sind Historical Society.

Dear Friends,

The Sind Historical Society was started in 1933. Since 1934 I and Mr. A.B. Advani managed the affairs of the Society- holding a meeting once a month, where a paper was read. Collecting annual subscription and grant from Government was the work of the Treasurer(myself).

We had to write to several members of the Society and persuade outsiders to send papers to be read every month; these papers were collected and published in the Journal of the Society. We have published upto now 23 numbers.

As Mr. Advani left Karachi for Lahore, Mr. C.L. Mariwalla, B.A. lecturer in History in the D.J. Sind College, Karachi, has been taking great interest in the welfare of the Society. He is very clever, energetic and industrious, and his standard of essay-writing is very high.

As the Hon. Joint Secretary of the Society he has asked that a meeting of the Managing Committee should be held to form rules and regulations for the conduct of the Library of the Society.

He has unearthed the following two rules of the Society:

21. The Council shall meet from time to time and atleast once in three months to transact the business of the Society and 4 members shall form a quorum at such meetings.

I do not know what the members of the Council will do when they meet.

- 34 The Council shall have the power to appoint committees when ever necessary.

- 35 The Council shall in the beginning of every year elect from among themselves an editorial board of three members who shall be responsible for the editing and publishing the Journal.

These rules have never been acted on, and I see no necessity to revive them. If we do not follow a rule there is no harm, provided we do not violate it.

My objection to Rule 35 is as follows:

It is with great trouble and persuasion we induce members and other outside friends to send papers for our Society; and when the contributor hears that his paper will be scrutinized he will stop his contribution, and if once a paper, not coming to the high standard which Mr. Mariwalla expects, is rejected, the contributor will quietly resign, if he is a member of the Society, and if an outsider he will stop sending any more papers for the Society. If the papers are scrutinized the contributor will naturally resent.

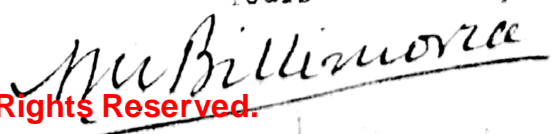
If three persons are elected in the Editorial Board, the paper will first naturally go to A, who will take a week to go through it; B will take another week, and C another week or more; so, there will be a delay of atleast one month before a paper is passed; if the members are very busy, there are chances of the paper being lost or mislaid.

We have been working peacefully for the last ten years, then why should we have an Editorial Board now.

If we introduce this system of editing the papers, we will not have a single paper during the year, and we shall have to wind up our Society, unless Mr. Mariwalla conducts it as one man's show.

1st May 1943.

Yours truly,



The Sind Historical Society.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Under the auspices of the Sind Historical Society, a paper on FATE OF MUHAMMAD BIN CASIM, THE ARAB CONQUEROR OF SIND, received from Mr. S. M. JAFFER, B. A., M. R. A. S. (London) Corresponding and Associate Member, Indian Historical Records Commission, will be read on Tuesday the 30th January 1945, at 7-15 P.M. at the D. J. Sind Arts College, Karachi.

The lecture is open to the public.

You are requested to attend.

D. R. Mankad.

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

Sind Historical Society.

Karachi. Gul Hayat Institute
25th January 1945.

P. S. Members who have not paid their subscription will kindly remit the same to Prof. D. R. Mankad, D. J. Sind Arts College Karachi, at an early date.

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The Sind Historical Society

Karachi.

N. M. Billimoria,
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer,
Marston Road KARACHI.

Dated 26th January 1945.

Prof. D.R. Mankad, M.A.
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer
D.J. Sind College, Karachi.

A meeting of the members of the Managing Committee of the Sind Historical Society will be held on Tuesday the 30th January 1945, at 7 P.M. at the D.J. Sind Arts College Karachi.

AGENDA.

1. To consider the Budget Estimate for 1945,
2. To appoint a Library Committee.
3. To appoint the Journal Committee.
4. to consider the Secretary's Note about the programme of the year. (rough draft circulated among members for perusal and return).

D.R. Mankad
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer
Sind Historical Society.

To,

Prof. A. Duarte M.A., D.Litt.
Dr. H.M. Gurbuxani, M.A. Ph.D.
Sohrab K.H. Katrak Esq. J.P. F.R.G.S.
Dr. U.M. Daudpota, M.A. Ph.D.
H.T. Lambrick Esq. I.C.S.
A.P. LeMesurier Esq. I.C.S.
T.S. Thadani Esq.
C.L. Marivalla Esq. B.A.
Prof. D.R. Mankad, M.A.
N.M. Billimoria Esq. *NMB*

SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

A Special Meeting of the Managing Committee of the Sind Historical Society will be held on Thursday the 22nd February 1945, at 6-30 P. M. at the D. J. Sind Arts College, Karachi, to consider the following Agenda :—

- (1) A proposal by Dr. A. Duarte to convene, under the auspices of the Sind Regional Survey Committee, so constituted as to give effect to the aims of such committees as contemplated by the Indian Historical Records Commission, which are (1) the exploration and recovery of historical documents; (2) their preservation and deposit in some central place where they shall be available for utilization by the scholar and historian.
- (2) A proposal by Prof. D. R. Mankad to draw up a skeleton outline for the History of Sind which shall enable scholars to concentrate their efforts on the preparation of the necessary bibliographies and the collection of historical material bearing on each period with a view to the eventual compilation of a complete History of Sind.

Karachi
12—2—1945.

D. R. MANKAD,
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer,
Sind Historical Society.

The Sind Historical Society.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Under the auspices of the Sind Historical Society, Mr. N.M. Billimoria will read a paper on "SIND THE SATRAP OF IRAN?", on Thursday the 29th March 1945, at 7-15 P.M. at the D. J. Sind Arts College, Karachi.

The lecture is open to the public.

You are requested to attend.

D. R. Mankad.

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.
Sind Historical Society.

Karachi.

24th March 1945.

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THE SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

to held
The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Sind Historical Society will meet at the D.J. Sind Arts College, Karachi, at 7 P.M. on Thursday the 29th March 1945.

AGENDA:

- 1 To pass the budget estimate for the year 1945.
- 2 To take steps to prevent the relics found at Mohenjodaro being transferred to the Punjab.
- 3 Any other business that may be proposed with the permission of the chairman.

W. M. M. M.
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer
Sind Historical Society.

To,

Dr. H.M. Gurbuxani, M.A., Ph.D. *July*

Dr. A. M. M. M., M.A., D.Litt. *July*

Gohrab K.H. Katrak Esq. J.P. F.R.G.S. *July*

T.S. Thadani Esq. *July*

A.P. Lemesurier Esq. I.C.S. *July 27/3/45*

H.F. Lambrieck Esq. I.C.S.

Prof. D. Ramakrishna, M.A.

Dr. C.M. Daudpota, M.A., Ph.D. *July 26/3*

C.L. Marivala Esq. B.A.

N.M. Billimoria Esq. *July*

SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, KARACHI.

Karachi 22.5.45

To
The Director-general of Archeology in India,
New Delhi.

Sir,

The members of the Council of Management of the Sind Historical Society view with concern the intention of the Archaeological Department to remove the valuable relics from the Museum at Mohen-jo-Daro to Lahore. I have been asked by the Council to place before you their views on the matter and hope that they will receive at your hands the consideration they merit.

The main reason for the shifting the relics seems to be that since Mohen-jo-Daro is an out of the way place, the relics are practically out of the reach of the average scholar. As such they need to be shifted to centrally situated station where accessibility to them is guaranteed to the research worker and the archaeologist. And Lahore appears to the Archaeological Department as the most suitable place for the purpose under the existing circumstances. The Council of Management feel that in this respect the claims of cities in Sind have been overlooked while deciding the issue.

The Council is definitely of the opinion that Karachi is more suited for the purpose. Karachi is quite accessible and offers at least as much facility to the scholar as Lahore does, if not more.

Karachi has a local Museum where the relics could be housed. That the relics would be safe and would be well looked after is certain since Victoria Museum at Karachi is in charge of an archaeologist Mr. Roy, who has himself worked at Mohen-jo-Daro. The Council of Management are glad to inform you that the Victoria Museum Authorities had plans

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ready for ~~some~~ the construction of a separate Mohan-jo-Daro wing, but as the war broke out the plans could not be executed, but now that the hostilities have ended in Europe, the authorities are seriously contemplating the construction of the afore-said wing at the earliest possible moment. Karachi thus offers the best accomodation and care for the relics.

At the same time Karachi enjoys an equable climate which will make it possible for the scholar to study there all the year round, whereas in Lahore it will be extremely difficult for them to work during the hot weather.

The Council of Management are of the definite opinion that Sind has a better and a prior claim to house the relics of a civilisation that is its glorious heritage. In addition, if the Mohan-jo-Daro relics are removed outside Sind, the scholar will find it difficult to make a comparative study of the finds from the various chalcolithic sites in Sind, many of which have been but partially excavated by the late Mr. N.G. Majumdar and are likely to receive more attention at the hands of the Archaeological Department in the near future as they hold out much promise.

Bearing all these facts in mind, the Council of Management feel that in case the Archaeological Department do want to remove the important relics from Mohan-jo-Daro, the Karachi Museum should demand their attention first, particularly now, as it has never received the attention it rightly deserves. The Council further venture to suggest that a representative collection of Harappa culture finds may also be sent to Karachi to make a comparative study possible.

It, however, occurs to the Council that the claims of the Karachi Museum may be waived on account of its management being in the hands of the

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local Municipal Corporation. This objection, the Council feel can be set at rest by the appointment of a local select Superintending Committee of official and non-official experts to safeguard the interests.

The Council of Management of the Sind Historical Society are sanguine that if the matter of removal of relics from Mohanjodaro is considered in light of the above facts as also the starting of the Sind University which contemplates the starting of a Department for the study of Sind Culture at the very commencement of its career, your Department would agree to the suggestions made by them.

Yours faithfully

Sd/ N.M. Billimoria.

Vice President, Sind Historical
Society.

Gul Hayat Institute

The Sind Historical Society.

URGENT CIRCULAR.

The Indian History Congress has decided to publish a Bulletin of research work in Indian History, which is being carried out under the auspices of the various institutions and research societies. The members of the Society are, therefore, requested to send, at an early date, a list of subjects or subjects of their research (on which they are engaged **at present**) with a brief statement of the progress made. The information, then, will be duly conveyed to the Indian History Congress.

N. M. BILLIMORIA,
Vice-President, Sind Historical Society.

Marston Road,
Karachi, 1-6-45.

No: S. _____
Karachi, _____ June, 1945.

To,

The Vice President,
Sind Historical Society,
Marston Road, Karachi.

Ref. Your letter dated 12.6.1945 addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Sind, S.D., copy endorsed by you to this office regarding grant to your society.

A grant of Rs. 300/- for the year 1944-45 was paid to you under Government letter No. 289-G.B/38 dated 29.3.1944 and Comptroller, Sind's No. 3-IV-In-III-1/481 of 17.5.1944. No more grant can be paid for the same year. As regards current year's grant, your case has been recommended to Government.

Gul Hayat Institute
Sd/- Dr. Pathan.
D.P.I., Sind.

No. 58-D/44.

GOVERNMENT OF SIND
Political & Miscellaneous Department
(Post War Development Branch)
Sind Secretariat
Karachi, 6th June 1945.

To

N.M. Bilimoria, Esquire,
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer,
Sind Historical Society,
Marston Road, Karachi.

Subject:- Mohanjodaro Relics.
Removal of the-

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Dear Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with Mr. Barty's demi-official letter No. 427, dated the 1st June 1945, on the subject noted above, I am to state that the enquiries are still in progress and the result will be communicated to you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Gul Hayat Institute in

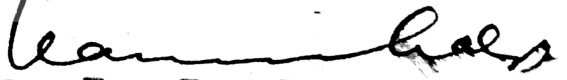
JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

No: S. 1894
Karachi, 25 June, 1945.

To,
The Vice President,
Sind Historical Society,
Marston Road, Karachi.

Ref. Your letter dated 12.6.1945 addressed
to the Secretary to the Government of Sind, G.D.,
copy endorsed by you to this office regarding grant to
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case has been recommended to Government. ~~under this~~
~~order No. 1430 of 1945.~~


For D . P . I . , Sind.

No. 289-G.B/38.

Government of Sind,
General Department,
Sind Secretariat,
Karachi, 2nd June 1945.

To,

Mr. N.M. Billinoria,
Vice, President, Sind Historical Society,
Marston Road, Karachi.Subject: Sind Historical Society.
Grant-in-aid to the

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 12th June 1945, on the subject noted above, I am directed to invite your attention to letter No. _____ dated _____ from the Director of Public Instruction, Sind, to your address (copy enclosed) and to state that Government have since sanctioned a recurring annual grant of Rs 500/- to your Society, with effect from the current financial year.

Gul Hayat Institute

Yours faithfully,

Encl. 1.

A.G.
30.6.45.

for Secretary to Government.

From Dr. H.W. Mortimer Wheeler,
Director General of Archaeology in India,
Ajmer, the 24th July, 1945.

Dear Sir,

With regard to the subject of your letter of the 22nd May, 1945, namely, the removal of relics from the Mohenjodaro Museum a communication has been sent to the Government of Sind. I am therefore now able to reply to your letter written on behalf of the Sind Historical Society.

The press reports and rumours relating to this matter were much exaggerated, and the correct facts are as follows:-

1. For some years the dacoitry prevailing in the neighbourhood of Mohenjodaro has prevented the exhibition there of objects of intrinsic value. These objects have therefore been stored in a bank safe some miles away.
2. Very few visitors, particularly at the present time, are able to visit Mohenjodaro, although it is clear from enquiries received that interest in the site and relics is maintained.
3. It is to be hoped that in due course an adequately financed and maintained museum may come into being at Karachi. The present museum, however, cannot be so described. I made a special point of visiting the Victoria Museum at Karachi in 1944 and found it in an extremely unsatisfactory condition. The objects were arranged unsystematically; there was a great deal of dirt in the cases, and there was a complete absence of systematic labelling. It is obviously not for me to diagnose the causes underlying this state of affairs; but I was compelled to make it clear to the Curator that, unless the situation should materially improve before my next visit, I should be compelled to withdraw the loan collection of Mohenjodaro relics now on deposit there.

4. On the other hand, at Lahore there is an adequately (though not lavishly) financed Provincial ^{which} Museum/was prepared to give adequate space for an "Indus Culture" exhibition. Lahore itself lies approximately in the centre of the ancient Indus Valley area, and it is on one of the great modern traffic routes of India. The conditions are thus particularly suitable for the purpose in question.

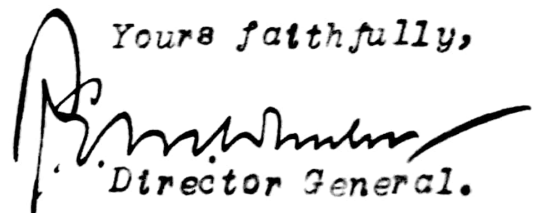
5. At the same time I would make the following points clear to you:-

(a) The objects from Mohenjodaro now at Lahore are placed there only on loan and without prejudice to their future disposal.

(b) A considerable collection of objects will be retained at Mohenjodaro itself so that the visitor may be in a position to appreciate the general characters of the Mohenjodaro culture.

(c) If and when a suitably maintained museum is established at Karachi with some sort of permanent guarantee behind it, my Department will be very glad indeed to cooperate fully with it in making it worthily representative of the Province which it will serve.

Yours faithfully,


Director General.

The Vice President,
Sind Historical Society,
Marston Road, Karachi.

THE SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Members of the Managing Committee of the Sind Historical Society will meet on ~~Tuesday~~ ^{Friday} the 27th July 1945 at 7 P.M. at the D.J.Sind Arts College, Karachi.

Karachi.
17th July 1945.

K.R. Mankad
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer
Sind Historical Society.

AGENDA.

1. To discuss the conditions for a paper on Karachi, its beginning, growth and future, for which a party has offered a reward of Rs. one thousand.
2. To select articles of papers read before the Society for publication in the Journal of the Society.
3. To discuss any other business that may be brought forward with the permission of the chairman.

To,

Dr. H.M. Gurbuxani, M.A. Ph.D. *H.M.G.*

Dr. Adrian Duarte, M.A. Litt. *ad*

Sohrab K.H. Katrak Esq. J.P., F.R.G.S.

T.S. Thadani Esq. *T.S.T.*

Dr. U.M. Daudpota, M.A. Ph.D. *U.M.D.*

C.L. Mariwalla Esq. B.A. *C.L.M.*

D.R. Mankad Esq. M.A. *D.R.M.*

H.M. Billimoria Esq. *H.M.B.*

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Mr. N.M. Billimoria.

Marston Road. Karachi.

CONDITIONS.

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2. Each Essay must cover at least one hundred and fifty pages of foolscap, typed in double spacing on one side of the paper only.
3. The copyright of the Essay will vest in the Society.
4. Each Ms. which shall be bound in semi-stiff boards must bear the author's nom-de-plume on the cover page, but not his name, and no attempt shall be made to disclose the identity of the writer. Each Essay must be accompanied with a sealed envelope bearing the nom-de-plume of the author as superscription and containing the competitor's full name and address.
5. The decision of the Judges shall be final.
6. Though every care will be taken of the manuscript no responsibility attaches to the Society in respect of it and writers are advised to keep duplicate copies of them.

Marston Road.
Karachi. 27-7-46

N.M. Billimoria.

THE SOHRAB KATRAK PRIZE OF Rs. 100.

The date for submission of the Sohrab Katrak Prize Essay on any subject relating to Sind has been extended to the 31st December 1946.

No: Txt.
Karachi,

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August, 1945.

To,

The Comptroller, Sind, Karachi.

Reference Govt. Resolution G.D., No. 289-GB/38
of 25.6.1945 regarding grant-in-aid to the Sind
Historical Society, Karachi.

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The Treasury Officer, Karachi may please be
authorized for the payment of Rs 500/- on account of
recurring annual grant (for the current financial
year) to the Hon. Secretary of the said Society, as
per Govt. orders mentioned above.

Amir Hussain

For D. P. I., Sind.

Copy to the Hony. Secretary, Sind Historical Society,
Marston Road, Karachi in continuation of this office
No. S- Hist. 3727 of 17.7.1945 for information.
G.A.C., 14/8.

Parole Centre satara,
near Poona, September 17th 1945.

To

The General Secretary,
Sindh Historical Society,
Marston Road,
K a r a c h i .

Dear Sir,-

According to a A.P.-report, published in The Times of India, Prince Peter of Greece has visited Calcutta on August 25th 1945 and referred in an interview to the resemblance between Bengal folk art and Ancient Cretan art, adding that he intended to encourage the co-ordination of archaeological activities in Greece and India. As the same thing, with special regard to ethnological research, has been urged and to some extent outlined in my article 'The Indus Civilization and Ethnographic Research in the Mediterranean Basin', published on pp. 90 seq. of your esteemed journal, Vol. IV, No.2 (September 1939), and since I have no more spare-copy of this article left, I should propose that you would send one such copy to the Prince who, however, is stated to have left for Cairo, without any definite address known to me. But I think that you will be able to find out from Thos. Cook & Sons, Karachi, how to address the copy which, I am sure, will thus serve the interest of promotion of science, your society stands for, as well as will be of interest to Prince Peter of Greece himself. Kindly inform on the matter,

yours faithfully, *James P. Smith*

No. DIV. Edu. III. 1/2315

Office of the Comptroller, Sind,
Karachi, the Oct. 1945.

To

The Treasury Officer, Karachi.

Subject:- Sind Historical Society-Grant in aid to the-

Kindly arrange to pay a sum of Rs. 500/- only being the grant in aid for the current financial year to the Honorary Secretary, Sind Historical Society, Karachi. The amount when paid should be debited to "37-Education" and should constitute a distinct item in the payment schedule relating to that Department.

UCB 8/10.

No. DIV. Edu. III. 1/2315A

(S.R. Shama).

Assistant Accounts Officer.

Dated, the 8 Oct. 1945.

Copy forwarded with compliments to the Director of Public Instruction
Sind Karachi, for information.

✓ Honorary Secretary, Sind Historical Society

Gul Hayat Institute

Assistant Accounts Officer.

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Dr. Bisheshwar Prasad
D. Litt.

8-A, Kashi House,
CONNAUGHT PLACE,
NEW DELHI.

Joint Secretary

Dated 15th July 1945

No. 2632-G/45.

From :- The Secretary to the Hon'ble the
Agent to the Governor General,
Resident & Chief Commissioner
in Baluchistan.

To :- The Vice President,
Sind Historical Society,
Marston Road, Karachi.

Dated quetta, the 16th April 1945.

Subject:- Journal on Alexander's route into
Gedrosia: an archaeological tour
in Las Bela.

Dear Sir,

I regret that it has not been
possible to send a reply to your letter of the
30th January 1945 earlier.

2. We shall require six copies of the
publication, and the same may please be sent
to the undersigned's official address, per
value payable parcel.

3. Four copies of the publication may
be sent to the Political Agent in Kalat,
Mastung, by a value-payable parcel, while
another two copies may be delivered to the
Wazir, Las Bela State, Lawrence Road, Karachi,
on payment.

4. It is regretted that it is not
possible to order any more copies. Unless
you propose to treat the copy sent with your
letter as 'complimentary', only five copies
may please be supplied to the undersigned and
the price of the copy already sent included
in the amount of the value-payable parcel.

Yours faithfully,

h. pathan

For Secretary to the Agent to the
Governor General in Baluchistan.

Copy forwarded to the :-

Political Agent, Kalat, Mastung, for
information and issue of an intimation to the
Wazir, Las Bela State, to accept two copies
of the publication against payment.

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No. Txt.
Karachi,

20 November, 1945.

To,

The Hon-Secretary,
Sind Historical Society, *Marston Road*, Karachi.

Reference is invited to this office No.S-Hist. 3727 dat 17.7.1945 wherein you were informed that Government have been pleased to sanction a recurring annual grant of Rs 500/- (Five Hundred) to the Sind Historical Society, Karachi with effect from the current financial year. Government have been further pleased to order now that award of the grant will be subject to the production of audited statements of accounts every year.

2/-Attention is also invited to Comptroller, Sind's endorsement No.D.IV-Edn-III-1/23154 of 8.10.1945 and you are requested to communicate the date of encashment of the grant-aid bill for Rs 500/- to this office immediately.

[Signature]
For Director of Public Instruction,
Sind.

G.A.C., 17/11.

No. 3703

Government House, Karachi, 14,
21st December 1945.

The Honorary Secretary,
Sind Natural History Society,
Marston Road,
Karachi.

Dear Sir,

As you are probably aware Sir Hugh Dow is leaving Sind in the middle of January 1946, I am desired to say that he wishes to resign his office as Honorary Patron of your Society with effect from the 15th January 1946.

Yours faithfully,

Military Secretary
to the Governor of Sind.

Gul Hayat Institute

The Society is grateful to its President Mr. H.T. Lambrick ~~for presenting~~ ^{for presenting} ~~two show cases and several~~ ^{containing a large number of} archaeological exhibits which he had collected during his tour ~~at Miri at Tuing~~ in the Kohistan Mahal of Dadu District ^{and in} visits to other prehistoric sites in Sind.

Gul Hayat Institute

Subject... Programme for the year 1945.

Our Society has now entered the 13th year of its existence. It is precisely at this time when the Society has started taking firm roots, that we should systematically plan out a course of its fullest development. In fact in order to be really serviceable to the Province, our activities should be so expanded as to embrace all the various fields of research.

With this aim in view I suggest that our activities should include, over and above the present items the following items also:-

- (1) Reading of papers, lectures &ca.
- (2) Establishing a fully equipped Library. Our aim, at present, is limited to acquiring books pertaining to Sind only. But Sind is a Province which has, from the most ancient times, come in contact with all the various provinces of India, and with Asian countries on the west and north of India. Therefore, for a comprehensive study of the history of Sind, our library should possess books on history and culture of the various periods and provinces of India and adjacent countries. We should aim at perfecting our library from the above view point.
- (3) Real history is, at the present day, reconstructed mostly by the learned papers published in the various research journals. No library can be complete if it does not receive all the important research journals connected with the ancient history of the above countries. We should therefore aim at getting all such journals.
- (4) While equipping our library with books on the histories of the above countries, we should take up an intensive research of Sind History, from the most ancient period to the present day. As a preliminary step towards realising this object a thorough search of all the materials-epigraphic, numismatic, literary, archaeological, &ca. for re-constructing the history of Sind, is a desideratum. We should, therefore, undertake to encourage a band of researchers and send them out for visiting the various cities, villages, and ancient sites in Sind, for the purpose of collecting materials mentioned above.
- (5) Materials thus collected will have to be permanently preserved and this would necessitate an establishment of well-equipped museum.
- (6) With the expansion of our activities in the above directions, it will be necessary for our Society to take up an ambitious course of publications- publications not only of the journal, but of monographs, books &ca. on the various results obtained by the scholars in the field of research.
- (7) And, if we can expand our activities in the above manner, the present make-shift arrangement of using a room in the D.J. Sind College will have to be abandoned and instead we shall have to aim at having our own building. Thus a building, which can have not only the office of the Society, but the Library and the Museum as well will have to be arranged for.

If these suggestions are found well worth a consideration, I suggest that a small committee be appointed to draw up the whole scheme of expansion and to suggest ways and means to realize the above objects.

SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, KARACHI.

Marston Road, Karachi.

4th February 1946.

From,

N.M.Billimoria.

President, Sind Historical Society. Karachi.

To,

The Secretary to Government.

General Department.

Sind Secretariat. Karachi.

Dear Sir,

I beg to invite attention to your letter No. 289-G.B/38 dated the 2nd July 1945, in which you have informed me that Government have sanctioned a recurring annual grant of Rs. 500/ to my Society; and I beg to offer my sincere thanks for the same.

2. I beg to enclose two copies of the Annual Report and account of the Society for period ending the 31st December 1945.

3. I shall be obliged if the grant for Rs. 500/ be sent to me, when ~~the financial year~~ *due for 1946*

Thanking you sincerely,

I remain, Sir, Yours
faithfully,

N.M.Billimoria

President, Sind Historical Society

Copy forwarded with copy of Annual Report with compliment to the Director of Public Instruction in Sind with reference to his letter No. 3727 d^d 17-7-45.

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N.M.Billimoria

President, Sind Historical Society.

Mr. C.L.Mariwala, B.A. had written a paper on Ancient Sind, which paper with plates was re-printed in the Journal of our Society; Mr. Mariwala was paid Rs. 135 ^{for} ~~at~~ printing charges-on condition that half the profits ^{from} ~~by~~ the sale of his paper should be given to the Society. This experiment was made with the object of encouraging enterprise and making the work of the Society more widely known.

Gul Hayat Institute

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N.M.Billimoria,

Marston Road, Karachi

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N.M. Billimoria,

Marston Road, Karachi.

Gul Hayat Institute

St. Xavier's College,
CRUICKSHANK ROAD.

BOMBAY I. BRITISH INDIA.
7th February, 1946.

Dear Mr. Billimoria,

Many thanks for your essay on the Panis, which I read with great interest. There is no doubt that they were one of the many tribes that formed the Proto-Indian nation. They were not the only inhabitants of the Indus Valley, and probably they were not in Mohenjo Daro and Harappa at all, for the inscriptions discovered up to now do not mention them at all. Unfortunately I cannot agree with you as regards the script of the Easter Island, which is relatively very modern.

Gul Hayat Institute

Yours sincerely,

A. A. A. A.

Karachi (5) 12th. Feb. 1947

SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, KARACHI.

Marston Road, Karachi.
23 February 1946.

From,

N.M. Billimoria Esq.
President Sind Historical Society.

To.

The Secretary to His Excellency the
Governor of Sind. Govt. House.
Karachi.

Dear Mr. Barty.

As you are a member of the Sind Historical Society, you may be aware that under Rule 5A. of the Rules of the Society, His Excellency the Governor of Sind shall always be the Hon. Patron of our Society.

I shall be very glad if you can kindly request Sir Francis Mudie, on our behalf, to be the Hon. Patron of our Society as the two former Governors had accepted our request.

I enclose for the information of His Excellency a copy of the Rules and Bye-laws and the last number of the Journal of our Society.

SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY,**KARACHI. 26-2-46**

- A special meeting of the members of the Managing Committee of the Sind Historical Society will meet at the D.J.Sind Arts College, Karachi, at 6 P.M. on Thursday the 28th February 1946.

A G E N D A .

1. Preliminary discussion about the History of Sind.
2. Re resignation of Mr. N.R.Wadia from the Managing Committee.
3. Re purchase of books.
4. Proposal to publish in book form Mr. Sobhraj's articles on Peep on the history of Sind.
5. Such other matter as may be brought before the meeting with the permission of the chairman.

W.D. Mankad

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer

To,

Dr. H.M. Gurbuxani, M.A. Ph.D. *W.D.*Dr. A. Duarte, M.A. D.Litt. *W.D.*

Dr. U.M. Daudpota, M.A. Ph.D.

A.P. Lemesurier, Esq. I.C.S. *W.D.*Sohrab K.H. Katrak Esq. J.P. F.R.G.S. *W.D.*Sobhraj Nirmaldas Esq. *W.D.*T.G. Thadani Esq. *W.D.*Lalchand Jagtiani Esq. *W.D.*C.L. Mariwala Esq. B.A. *W.D.*Prof. D.R. Mankad M.A. *W.D.*N.M. Billimoria Esq. *W.D.*

*H.E. - The Govt. has been advised
to be our Honorary meeting
Patron
civil Hospital
17/3/46*

SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, KARACHI.

Marston Road, Karachi.
22nd May 1946.

From,

N.M. Billimoria Esq.
President Sind Historical Society

To,

The Director of Public Instruction
in Sind. Karachi.

Dear Sir,

I invite reference to my letter dated the 4th February 1946 addressed to the Secretary to Government, General Department, Karachi, a copy of which I sent you on the same date regarding the recurring annual grant of Rs. 500/- to the Sind Historical Society, and request you to arrange for the remittance for the current year, at an early date.

Thanking you for your assistance,

I am yours faithfully,

N.M. Billimoria

President, Sind Historical Society.

Gul Hayat Institute

12-6-46

10-7-46

SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of the members of the Managing Committee of the Sind Historical Society will be held at the Sind Arts College, Karachi, on Thursday the 6th April 1946 at 6 P.M.

AGENDA

1. To read and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on
2. To discuss Mr. Thadani's scheme of History of Sind
3. To consider opinions received on Karachi Kalash competition Essay.
4. To consider the question of purchasing a cupboard
5. And such other matter which may be brought forward with the permission of the Chairman.

H. H. Billimoria.

President, Sind Historical Society.

To,

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Dr. U.M. Daudpota, M.A., Ph.D.

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A.P. LeMesurier, Esq. I.C.S.

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T.S. Thadani Esq.

Gohbraj Nirmaldas Esq.

Lalchand Jagtiani Esq.

C.L. Marivalla Esq. B.A.

No. Txt. 2468
Karachi, 19 July, 1946.

To

The Principal ,
Sind Historical Society
Moreton Road ,Karachi.

Reference your letter dated 16th. July 1946,
regarding grant to Sind Historical Society.

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The matter is under the consideration of
Government and their orders may be awaited..

Camille
for D. P. I. Sind.

Gul Hayat Institute

No: S-Hist. 3727
Karachi, 17 July .1945.

To,

The Hon. Secretary,
Sind Historical Society,
Marlton Road, Karachi

Ref. Continuation of this office No.S-1894
of 25.6.45 reg. Grant to the Sind Historical
Society, Karachi.

I have to inform you that Government have been
pleased to sanction a recurring annual grant of Rs 500/-
(Hundred Five) to the Sind Historical Society, Karachi
with effect from the current ~~year~~ financial year.

Gul Hayat Institute For D.P.I., Sind.

G.A.C., 17/7.

S. V. S. COLLEGE
FACULTY OF SCIENCES
KARACHI

27. 7. 46

Dear Prof. Mankad,

I thank you for sending me 'Excelsior's' essay on 'Social and Economic conditions in Sind'. I am afraid the essay does not come up to the standard, and in my opinion the prize ought not to be awarded.

Yours sincerely,

S. P. Chabliani

Gul Hayat Institute

Sind Historical Society Essay Competition.

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MR. N. M. BILLIMORIA,
MARSTON ROAD, KARACHI.

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2. Each Essay must cover at least one hundred and fifty pages of foolscap, typed in double spacing on one side of the paper only.
3. The copyright of the Essay will vest in the Society.
4. Each Ms. which shall be bound in semi-stiff boards must bear the author's nom-de-plume on the cover page, but not his name and no attempt shall be made to disclose the identity of the writer. Each Essay must be accompanied with a sealed envelope, bearing the nom-de-plume of the author as superscription and containing the competitor's full name and address.
5. The decision of the Judges shall be final.
6. Though every care will be taken of the manuscript no responsibility attaches to the Society in respect of it and writers are advised to keep duplicate copies of them.

Marston Road,
Karachi, 27-7-45.

N. M. BILLIMORIA.

THE SOHRAB KATRAK PRIZE OF RS. 100.

The date for submission of the Sohrab Katrak Prize Essay on any subject relating to Sind has been extended to the 31st December 1945.

C. L. Marwatta

LECTURER IN HISTORY,

D. J. SIND COLLEGE.

251, SEHWANI COLONY
KARACHI,
SADAR.

7th August 1946.

Social and Economic conditions of Sind by Excelsior is a poor attempt as a Prize Essay. It is more or less a summary of Hon. Mr. Roger Thomas's Report. The present social and economic condition of Sind is completely lost in the maize of recommendations ^{for} of its improvement, if any such picture was ever contemplated by the author. The composition and language of the essay leaves much to be desired.

There is nothing to recommend the essay for the prize for which it has been submitted.


Gul Hayat Institute*C. L. Marwatta*

From, Gul Hayat Institute

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N.M. Billimoria Esq.
President, Sind Historical Society.

To,

A.P. LeMesurier, Esq. I.C.S.
Chief Secretary to the Government
of Sind. Karachi.

Dear Sir,

I shall deem it a personal favour if you will kindly forward my request to Sir Cyril Hancock, Resident at Baroda and for the States of Western India... with your strong recommendation.

2. In the Cutch Political Residency Record Room at Bhuj, there are several files regarding Sind, and of the Indus Thar Parkar, and one file which contains maps prepared by Sir Alexander Burnes when he went to Lahore from Karachi by the River.
3. When the Cutch Political Residency was transferred to States of Western India, these files were sent to Rajkot.
4. There they are lying useless and must be a source of great trouble to the Record-keeper to keep them clean and free from ^{the} ravages of white ants.
5. I earnestly request that these files, referring to Sind and Thar Parkar may be transferred to the Record Room of the Sind Government at Karachi.
6. They will be very useful to ~~the students of~~ ^{students} Research Studies, and members of the Sind Historical Society.
7. They are old files and contain nothing pertaining to present political matters, referring to any of the Kathiawar States, and Cutch.
8. In case the Cutch Darbar or any of the Kathiawar States require any of the files, the Sind Government will gladly lend the file, ^S but I am quite sure ~~that~~ ^{that} no such occasion will arise.
9. The files will throw much light on the ~~ancient~~ ^{Early} history of Sind ^{in the British period} and will be much appreciated by Scholars in Sind and the Punjab.

No. 1-M/46 - 32

Office of the Director General of
Archaeology in India

New Delhi, the 28th Nov 1946

Dear Sir,

I shall be grateful if you please let me know if Sir Aurel Stein's article on 'An Archaeological Tour, 1942-43, in the South-West of the Bahawalpur State' has been published in the journal of your society or is with you for publication in a future issue, or if you have any information it has been published in some other journal.

With thanks.

Yours sincerely,


Superintendent for
Publications.

To

N.M. Billimoria Esqr.,
Secretary,
Journal of the Sind Historical Society,
Marston Road, Karachi.

Replied
12/11/46

NO: B/- 6559

Office of the Collector,
Hyderabad Sind, 17th Sept., 1960.

To


The Secretary, Sind Historical Society,
K a r a c h i.

Dear Sir,

I am hoping that His Excellency the Governor may visit Kalhoro's Tombs in Hyderabad shortly and would be grateful if you could send me any material from the records of the Society giving a description of them. As the matter is rather urgent, will you kindly let me have an early reply ~~and in time~~ ?

Yours faithfully,

Gul Hayat Institute


(D.C. B. RTH).
Collector of Hyderabad.

Urgent.

No. Misc/- 5548
Karachi, 24-9-1946

To

The President,
Sind Historical Society,
Marston Road, Karachi.

Reference ending with this office No. Txt/-2468
of 19.7.1946 regarding grant to Sind Historical
Society.

The copy of audited statement of accounts of
the Annual Report is for the year ending 31st
December 1945. This office requires the statements
for the year commencing from 1st April 1945 ending
31st March 1946. Please send that statement
immediately.

M. H. Pathan
for Director of Public Instruction,
Sind.

INDIAN HISTORY CONGRESS

Dr. Bisheshwar Prasad
D. Litt.
Joint Secretary

8-A, Kashi House,
CONNAUGHT PLACE,
NEW DELHI.

Dated 14th Nov 1946

Dear Sir,

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Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Druett.

Dear Mr. Billimoria,

Brigadier Bullock has been good enough to suggest that I should send you a copy of the Journal of this Institution, and I have accordingly had pleasure in sending you a copy of our October issue under separate cover.

He has suggested that you might care to arrange for the Sind Historical Society to become a subscribing member of the Institution, and if that is so I should be happy to arrange for that to be done. The cost would only be Rs.10 per annum, which covers the regular receipt of the Journal, post free.

Looking forward to hearing from you in due course,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

L. M. Billimoria, Esq.
Hon. Secretary,
Sind Historical Society,
Marston Rd. KARACHI.

Lt.Col.
Editor.

No.
Karachi, 24 September 1946.

To
The Director of Public Instruction, Sind.

With reference your No. Misc/- 5548 of 21.9.46 regarding grant to Sind Historical Society.

I am sorry it is not possible to submit audited statements of accounts upto 31.3.1946. I shall make up my next accounts upto 31.3.1947.

In the meantime please recommend that the recurring grant for Rs. 550/- may be paid without further delay.


Gul Hayat Institute

President,
Sind Historical Society, Karachi.

Prof. MANECK B. PITHAWALLA

Gul Hayat Institute

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D. Sc., B. A., F. G. S., L.C.P. (LOND.)

RESEARCH CERTIFICATE, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

MOOS GOLD MEDAL, UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY.

UNIVERSITY TEACHER IN GEOGRAPHY FOR PH.D.

EDITORIAL COLLABORATOR, "SCIENCE AND CULTURE."

PRESIDENT, SIND SCIENCE RESEARCH SOCIETY

Katak Building,
Victoria Road
Karachi

12.10.1946

Dear Prof Manekad,

In the October 1945 issue of the Journal of the Sind Historical Society, I have seen a notice regarding Sind Historical Society Essay Competition & the subject given is Karachi & Its Future.

As you are aware, I have just published my monograph on Karachi, which is likely to be of great importance to the future of Karachi. If you will recommend this monograph to the Society for the prize, I shall be glad & thankful. I have laboured over it for a long time & spent nearly Rs 3000/- I therefore think your Society will consider my claim to the prize as an exception. Of course it is a printed & published volume &

therefore bears my name on it.
If the Society has not yet received
suitable research papers for the
prize & if you will allow the
submission of a copy ^{of my publication}
though late, I shall be thankful.

Kindly let me know the decision
of the judges early. My book has been
well received by every party.



Yours sincerely
Hameed B. Pathan

Gul Hayat Institute

INDIAN HISTORY CONGRESS

10/25/46
Dr. Bisheshwar Prasad
D. Litt.
Joint Secretary

8-A, Kashi House,
CONNAUGHT PLACE,
NEW DELHI.

Dated 14th Oct 1946

Dear Sir,

Please refer to my letter No. 613/H.C dated ^{7th Aug} the 17th ~~Sept~~ 1946, requesting you to nominate a representative of your Association to attend the forthcoming session of the Indian History Congress at Patna on 27th, 28th and 29th December 1946. I regret that so far I have not received any communication from you on this behalf. I shall be extremely obliged if you could ^{Send} send me at your earliest convenience the nomination of your Association.

Gul Hayat Institute Yours sincerely,
Bisheshwar

To

The Secy,
Indian History Congress,
Lucknow.

SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, KARACHI.

D.J.Sind College.

7-11-46

Dear Dr. Pithawalla.

I am in receipt of your letter dated 12-10-1946. As I was out of Karachi, I could not write to you earlier.

I would suggest that you send a copy of your publication, which I shall put before the board of judges, with a letter that it is intended for a prize competition. The letter may be signed by both the joint authors.

I shall place the same before the board and let you know their decision.

Gul Hayat Institute
Yours sincerely,

Sd/ D. R. Mankad.

Hon. Secretary.

No. Misc/- 6873
Karachi, 28

November

1946.

From

The Director of Public Instruction, Sind.

To

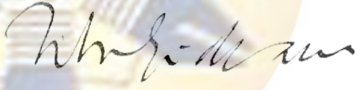
The Comptroller, Sind.

Reference G.O. Department of Education, Health and Local Self Government No.289-G.B/38 dated 12.11.1946 regarding grant-in-aid to Sind Historical Society.

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It is requested that Hon. Secretary, Sind Historical Society may be authorised to draw the amount of Rs.500/- as grant-in-aid from the Treasury Office, Karachi.

~~A copy of the G.O. is sent herewith for ready reference.~~


for Director of Public Instruction, Sind.

✓ Copy forwarded with compliments to the Hon. Secretary, Sind Historical Society, Karachi for information. *A copy of the G.O. is sent herewith*

2/- The date of drawing the amount of Rs.500/- from Treasury should please be reported to this office as soon as the bill is cashed.

LVC.
25/11.

SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY KARACHI
Grant in aid to the -

GOVERNMENT OF SIND
Department of Education, Health and Local Self Govt.,
Resolution No. 289-GE/38,
Sind Secretariat, Karachi, 12th November 1946.

Read Government Resolution, General Department No. 289-
GB/38, dated the 25th June 1945.

Read Government Resolution, General Department No. 289-
GB38, dated the 18th September 1945.

Letter No. S.393, dated the 25th September 1946 from the
Director of Public Instruction, Sind.

"Reference Government letter No. 289-B/38 of 2.8.1946,
regarding Grant-in-aid to Sind Historical Society, Karachi.

The President, Sind Historical Society has submitted copies
of Annual Report and Accounts 1945, one copy enclosed. He was
requested to submit a statement of audited accounts for the year
ending in 31st March 1946. He says that it is not possible to do
so now but he promises to comply with the requirement from the
next year vide his letter dated 2.9.1946, copy enclosed. It is
requested that Government be pleased to relax the condition of
producing audited statement of accounts for the current year as
a special case and sanction payment of grant of Rs. 500/-."

RESOLUTION:- Government are pleased to authorise the Comptroller
to pay a sum of Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred) only, being the
amount of grant to the Sind Historical Society, for the year
1946-47.

2/- Government are also pleased to exempt the Sind
Historical Society as a special case during the current year,
from the production of audited statement of accounts under Govern-
ment Resolution, Finance Department, No. 616-D, dated the 31st
August 1938.

3/- The Director of Public Instruction is requested to
point out the source from which the expenditure is to be met
during the current year.

By Order of the Governor of Sind

(MUHAMMAD DAIM A. SIDIKI.)
Secretary to Government.

To,

The Director of Public Instruction, Sind.
The Finance Department (Consulted)
The Comptroller, Sind (through F.D.)

SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, KARACHI.

Marston Road. Karachi. 19th Decr. 1946

To,

The Director of Public Instruction, Sind.
Karachi.

Re Grant-in-aid to the Sind Historical Society.

Dear Sir,

I beg to offer my sincere thanks to yourself
and to the Sind Government for the grant-in-aid
of Rs. 500/ given to my Society.

The amount was withdrawn from the Treasury and
credited the Society's bank account on the 16th
December 1946.

Gul Hayat Institute

Yours truly,



President, Sind Historical Society.



The Hong Kong

"Sindh Historical Society"

Hastings Road

Gul Hayat Institute

Karachi 3

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Dear Sir,
Kindly renew, on behalf of the University Library the subscription to "Jurnal Historial" for

for the year 1947 - 1948

Please mention in your bill (triplicate):
1. Price covered by the amount charged in your bill.
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4. Year & Volume of the periodical.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Pathan

Asst. Librarian.

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B.P.O. Padhrlo Farm
Via Samara (Sind).Dated 23-1-47. 124

The Hon. Secretary & Treasurer,
The Historical Society,
Karachi.

Dear Sir,

I shall be thankful if you kindly
let me know the amount of annual subscrip-
tion of the Sind Historical So-
ciety and the total dues liable from
us. On your information the amount will
be remitted.

Faithfully Yours,
For A.F.Mir Esq.

Gul Hayat Institute

Manager United Farms.

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N. M. Billimoria

Gul Hayat Institute

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MARSTON ROAD,

KARACHI

1st February 1947.

To,

The Hon. Secretary & Treasurer
Sind Historical Society.

Dear Mr. Makand.,

I shall be obliged if you can place before the next committee meeting of the Society my request to grant me to spend upto Rs. sixty in preparing maps of the Sind & Gutch Deserts to illustrate my article on the subject.

I have already spent some money in procuring maps, enlarging them by photographs and I wish to print them to be put in the journal of the Society, when my paper is published. If the cost of printing exceeds Rs. sixty, I will pay from my pockets.

Yours truly,

N. M. Billimoria

Prof. MANECK B. PITHAWALLA

D. Sc., B. A., F. G. S.

BOMBAY UNIVERSITY TEACHER IN GEOGRAPHY FOR PH.D.
RESEARCH CERTIFICATE, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
PRESIDENT, SIND SCIENCE RESEARCH SOCIETY
SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
SCIENCES OF INDIA.

Katrak Building,
VICTORIA ROAD,
KARACHI 3.

9. 2. 1947

Dear Prof. Manekad,

Will you kindly let me know the
result of my application for the
award in connection with my
book a Karachi. I hope it has
been approved by your Committee,
if no injustice will be done.

With your wishes,

Yours sincerely
Maneck B. Pithawalla

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PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

Information & Broadcasting Department
Old Secretariat,
Delhi

10th February, 1947.

Dear Sir,

May I request you to kindly supply this office regularly with a copy of your valuable periodical named below which can be of immense use for this office? In exchange for this courtesy this office can supply you with either 'Perspective' or 'New India' (both published quarterly) according to your choice.

The favour of early compliance will be much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

D. R. Sharma

(D. R. Sharma).

Officer-in-Charge, Library.

Journal of the Sind Historical Society.

sent VIII (1) on 20 $\frac{2}{47}$

To

The Secretary,
Journal of the Sind Historical Society,
Karachi.

SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, KARACHI.

FOUNDED, MAY 1927.

Marston Road, Karachi.

14th February 1947.

Dear Miss Gurbuxani.

At a meeting of the members of the Sind Historical Society held on the 13th February 1947, the following resolution was passed:-

This meeting of the Sind Historical Society expresses its deep sense of sorrow at the sad and untimely demise of its Founder-President, Mr. H.M. Gurbuxani.

He was not only the prime mover of the Society's coming into existence but was to the very end an active sympathiser of the Society's activities. By his sudden demise, the Society has suffered an irreparable loss. The Society conveys to the family of the deceased their sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Billimoria
President.

To,

Miss J.H. Gurbuxani, B.A.

Karachi.

SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, KARACHI.

FOUNDED, MAY 1927.

Marston Road, Karachi.

17th February 1947.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your application for the competitive essay on Karachi, the Managing Council has resolved that your book, Geography and Geology to Karachi and the neighbourhood, does not satisfy the conditions of the Essay, and therefore cannot be considered for the same.

Yours faithfully.

Mrs. Billimoria
President.

Gul Hayat Institute

To,

Dr. M.B. Pithawalla, D.Sc. &ca.

Karachi.

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Dear Sir,

Mrs. Callan has told me about the
activities of the Sind Historical Society
and I should very much like to
become a member.

Would you very kindly let me know
how I can do so and send me details
of subscription, meetings etc.?

Yours truly

Gul Hayat Institute
L. Crossfield.

N.M. Bilimoria Esq
Arambada Rd
Karachi.

27 ²/₄₇

Dated 21st Feb., 1947.

To
President
The Secretary,
The Sind Historical Society

Karachi.

Dear Sir,

As I am leaving Karachi permanently, I beg to
resign my membership of the Society

Gul Hayat Institute

Yours faithfully,

BRM and Gul

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No. F. 23(E)-1/44
PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

Information & Broadcasting Department
Old Secretariat,
Delhi

5th March, 1947.

Dear Sir,

I write to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter dated the 20th February, 1947 and a copy of the Sind Historical Society's Journal. I am sending in return a copy of "New India" which, it is hoped, would be found useful.

I am sorry to say that we have no Government publications on History or Natural History for sale.

Yours faithfully,

(D.R. Sharma).

Officer-in-Charge, Library.

To

The President,
Sind Historical Society,
Marston Road,
Karachi, Sind.

c/o Sind Secretariat,

Karachi

17-3-47

Dear Sir,

As I am going out of India for eight months from April 1st, there will be no need to send me notices of meetings during this period. I should like, however, to continue to receive copies of the Journal. They should be sent to the above address.

Gul Hayat Institute

Yours faithfully,

B. W. Budd

(B.W. Budd I.C.S.)

The Honorary Secretary,

Sind Historical Society

SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

KARACHI.

Marston Road, Karachi.

22nd March 1947.

The Managing Committee

A Meeting of the Members of the Sind Historical Society

will meet at the D.J. Sind Arts College, Karachi at 7-0 6-30 P-M.
on Tuesday the 25th March 1947.

A G E N D A .

1. To read and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th February 1947.
2. To consider the draft of the Annual Report of the Society for the period ending the 31st March 1947, and statement of accounts for the same period.
3. To fix the date for the Annual General Body Meeting of the Society.
4. To pass a vote of special thanks to Prof. D.R. Mankad, M.A. who is leaving Karachi for good for his admirable service to the Society. *and to consider his resignation*
4. To grant a donation to Dr. S.P. Chablani for his paper on "Economic condition of Sind", for which the Bombay University has conferred upon him the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy.
5. To resolve that no member of the Managing, ^{Committee} and Library Committee should purchase anything on behalf of the Society without the special permission of the President and the Hon. Secretary.
6. *Consideration about extending the date for the competition Essay on Karachi*
7. Any other business with the permission of the Chairman.

M. Billimoria
President.

To,

A. B. Le Mesurier Esq. C.I.E., I.C.S. *PR*Prof. D.R. Mankad, M.A. *PR*

Prof. C.L. Marivala Esq. B.A.

T.S. Thadani Esq.

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*Place this
in action
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1947.

The President,
Sind Historical Society,
Marston Road, Karachi.

Reference:- regarding grant to Sind
Historical Society.

Please see your letter dated the 24th September 46 in which you had promised to submit the audited statements of accounts in the month of March every year which have not yet been received. Please send them now immediately as in absence of the statements, this office cannot recommend the payment of grant to Government.

Gul Hayat Institute

for Director of Public Instruction, Sind.

LVG,
21/4.

TO
The Principal,
Sind Historical Society, Karachi.

No. Misc/- 375
Karachi, 23 April 1947.

Subject:- Indian Historical Records Commission and appointment of ordinary and associate members of the Commission.

As the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission wants the co-operation of such learned institutions and bodies working in the country, who possess manuscript record and encourage research and publication of unpublished documents, you will please communicate with full particulars, the manuscript record available with your Society and also state if any research work is being done by the Society.

2/- I hope your society will have no objection if the name of your society is recommended to Indian Historical Records Commission to be included in the representation list.

Gul Hayat Institute

LVG,21/4.

for Director of Public Instruction, Sind

O. H. M. S.

To

The Principal
B. V. S. Parsi High School

Karachi

Gul Hayat Institute



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1st Reminder

MEMORANDUM.

No. H-375/1

Mr. C. P. 1/1/5

Gen. 22 a

The undersigned presents compliments to the

Principal

Sind Historical Socy.
Karachi

Reference No. H-375, dated 20.4.1947

Subject:— To include the name of this
Society in the representation list
of Indian Historical Records
Commission.

and is directed to
invite attention to
the communication
marginally noted
and to request the
favour of an early
reply.

Last Reminder No.

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4. Gul Hayat Institute

Daulat Khan
for D. P. I. Sind

Karachi

9.4.47

Dear Mr Billimoria,

I am quite unaware that I am returning from India this month. But I wd sooner that you did not suggest my name for election a President of the S.H.S.I. I do not know when I shall be leaving India. Moreover there are many more suitable candidates.

Yrs sincerely

A.P. Pathan

D.O. 18.7.47
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
KARACHI

30th April 1947.

My dear Mr. Billimoria

We require a resume of life of each of the following, who were connected with the administration of Sind during the periods stated against each name.

Mr. R.P. Pingle, First Commissioner
in Sind, 1847-50
Mr. J.D. Inverarity, C.S.,
3rd Commissioner in Sind, 1859-62
Mr. S. Mansfield, C.C.I., I.C.S.,
4th Commissioner in Sind, 1862-67
Sir W.L. Merewether, KCSI., C.B.,
5th Commissioner in Sind, 1868-77
Mr. H.N.B. Erskine, CSI., I.C.S.,
6th Commissioner in Sind, 1879-87

If your Society has got any publications from which this information can be gathered, I should be grateful for a loan of them.

Yours Sincerely
R.F. Craster
(R.F. Craster,
Lt.-Col.)

N M Billimoria, Esq.,
Sind Historical Society,
Marston Road, Karachi.

Recd
6-6-47

SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, KARACHI.

FOUNDED, MAY 1927.

Marston Road, Karachi.

15th May 1947.

To,
The Director of Public Instruction in Sind.
Karachi.

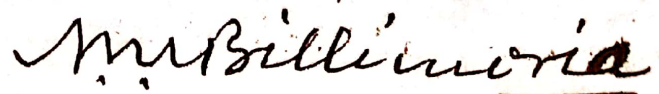
Dear Sir,

I have the honour to say, in reply to your letter No. Misc/275 dated the 23rd April 1947, that the Sind Historical Society possesses no historical mss.- its funds do not enable it to make such acquisitions. The Society, ~~however~~ however does possess in its library, typewritten copies of rare books on Sind, now out of print; it also owns typewritten copies of memoirs, journals, and India Office records relative to Sind.

The Society publishes every quarter its journal which contains papers embodying original research work on different subjects of Sind History, mostly modern.

2. The Society would gratefully welcome its name being included in the representation list of the Indian Historical Records Commission.

Yours faithfully,



Hon. Secretary & Treasurer,
Sind Historical Society,



12/5/47

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Mr. Numbloy,

Is the enclosed
P.C. for you.It seems to be
wrongly addressed.

With regards.

Gul Hayat Institute

Yrs. Sincerely,
Ruskey

SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, KARACHI.

FOUNDED, MAY 1927.

The Times' Literary Supplement, May 31, 1947.

BIBLIOGRAPHY. Books on Asia. Asian Relations, Conference. March-April 1947. 9½ X 6½, 111 pages. Paper bound. New Delhi; Indian Council of World Affairs.

The Bibliography which was prepared by Mr. H. Baqai in consultation with the Research Associates of the Asian Relations Conference Secretariat, has now been published as background material for students of Asiatic problems. It is divided into seven geographical sections-Asia in general; Western Asia (Middle East); Central Asian Republics; Eastern Asia (Far East); South East Asia; The Pacific Ocean; The Pacific War. More than half the items listed have short critical annotations.

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At a monthly meeting of the Sind Historical Society it was resolved that "in order to preserve the memory of Dr. Gurbuxani, a commemorative volume in his name be brought out at an early date", and a committee was appointed to bring out the volume.

This happened in February last.

A long time has passed and nothing has been done towards this volume, and I fear nothing will be done in the near future.

The idea of issuing commemorative volume is now abandoned by many learned societies in India, as it is very expensive to issue such a volume, and a volume issued long time after the death of the person is not much appreciated.

My request therefore is to abandon the idea of issuing a volume, and while the memory of Dr. Gurbuxani is fresh in our mind, a memorial subscription list be opened when the Doctor's friends, admirers and students will contribute large sums, the interest whereof may be used annually to give a prize or scholarship to a deserving student of the D.J.Sind College, Karachi.

The Sind Historical Society should open the List and contribute a reasonable sum to begin with.

The following persons be appointed as members of the Managing Committee.

Mr. Sohrab K.h. Katrak, J.P.F.R.G.S.

Dr. A. Duarte, M.A. D.Litt.

Prof. C.L. Mariwala, B.A.

Dr. H. Sadarangani, M.A. PH.D.

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2. Referred to a Special General Meeting to elect a President.

3. The next number of the Journal should be dedicated to Dr. Garbapuri & a biographical note should be included. Meanwhile a decision regarding a memorial volume might be held over till it was finally known whether any material will be forthcoming.

4. Poon Boderam should apply in writing.

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Marston Road, Karachi.
3rd September 1947.

From, N.M. Billimoria.
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer
Sind Historical Society. Karachi.

To, Byram S.H.J. Rustomji Esq.

Dear Mr. Rustomji.

Your Paper on Karachi after the British Conquest has been examined by Dr. A. Duarte, and copy of his opinion (with which Mr. LeMesurier agrees) is forwarded to you for your guidance.

Your Thesis is herewith returned for revision.

Yours truly,

N.M. Billimoria

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

No.

Governor's House, Karachi 4,
September 1947.

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer,
Sind Historical Society,
Marston Road,
Karachi.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 1st September 1947; I am desired by His Excellency to thank the Council of Management of your Society for inviting him to be a Patron and to say that he will be glad to be an honorary patron of the Sind Historical Society.

Yours faithfull, /

Gul Hayat Institute

Secretary.
to the Governor of Sind.

No. 7538

Governor's House, Karachi 4,

September 1947.

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer,
Sind Natural History Society,
Marston Road,
Karachi.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 1st September 1947,
I am desired by His Excellency to thank the Managing Committee
members of your society for inviting him to be a Patron and to
say that he will be glad to be an Honorary Patron of the Sind
Natural History Society.

Yours faithfully,



Gul Hayat Institute
Secretary
to the Governor of Sind.

SIND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, KARACHI.

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Harston Road, Karachi.

6th October 1947.

A Meeting of the Members of the Managing Committee of the Sind Historical Society will meet at the D.J.Sind Arts College, Karachi at 6 P.M. on Thursday the 9th Octr. 1947.

A G E N D A .

- 1 To pass a vote of thanks to Mr. A.P. LeMesurier, I.C.S. for the assistance that he has given to the Society, as he is leaving India and proceeding to England.
- 2 To co-opt Mr. Sohrab K.H. Katrak J.P. T.R.G.S. vice Mr. LeMesurier, as President of the Society.
3. To discuss Mr. Billimoria's suggestion regarding Dr. Gurbuxani's Memorial Volume.

To

A.P. LeMesurier Esq. I.C.S. *Roll*
 Dr. U-M-Daudpota, M.A., Ph.D.
 C.L. Mariwala Esq. B.A.
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 Sobhraj Nirmaldas Esq.
 Lalchand Jagtiani Esq. B.A.
 R.J. Dastur Esq. B.A. B.Sc. *8/10*
 Dr. H.J. Sadarangani M.A., Ph.D.

Mr. Billimoria

After the above meeting - paper on "The Lohanas" will be read by Mr. T.S. Thakur.

From

Sohrab K.H. Katrak, Esqr., F.R.G.S., J.P.,
President,
Sind Historical Society,
Karachi.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Sind,
Department of Education, Health and L.S. Government
Sind Secretariat,
Karachi.

Sir,

I have the honour to say that the Sind Historical Society is grateful to the Government of Sind for having given it a grant of Rs. 250 during the last year.

I am submitting a copy of the current year's Budget and you will kindly observe that if all the activities of the Sind Historical Society were put in full swing, it will run a deficit of Rs. 866. We are trying our level best to increase the number of its members, which at present stands as follows:-

4 Life-members, paying Rs. 100 (non-recurring),

34 Ordinary members, paying Rs. 6 per annum (recurring).

But the amount of annual subscription from the latter category will come approximately to Rs. 204 per annum, though one cannot say whether all the ordinary members will continue to subscribe with clockwork regularity. In the circumstances, it is essential that Government should come to our aid, as the Society is meant to serve the cause of Sind's past and present history.

The General Board of the Society decided at its last meeting held on the 24th August, 1952, that at least one issue of the Sind Historical Journal should be brought out this year and this venture alone will cost us something in the neighbourhood of Rs. 1,000.

It is, therefore, requested that you will kindly

move Government to enhance its grant this year to at least Rs. 500, which the Society used to get in the past.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(U.M. Daudpota)
(Vice-President, Sind Historical Society,
for the President).



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From

Sohrab K.H. Katrak, Esqr., P.R.C.S., J.P.,
President,
Sind Historical Society,
Karachi.

To

His Excellency, the Governor of Sind,
Sind Governor's House,
Victoria Road,
Karachi.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to bring to the notice of your gracious self that the Sind Historical Society, which did very useful work in the past, became defunct soon after the creation of Pakistan, owing to the exodus of Hindus, who formed the bulk of its members. It was revived in December, 1950, and has so far had a successful career of more than one year. Its membership at present stands as follows:

4 Life-members, paying Rs. 100 (non-recurring),

34 Ordinary members paying Rs.6 (recurring),

and the amount of annual subscription from the second category comes to Rs. 204, provided all members pay in time.

The General Board, at its meeting held on the 24th August, 1952, passed a resolution widening the scope and activities of the Society and urged that at least one issue of its Journal should be issued before the close of the current financial year. This venture alone will cost the Society something in the neighbourhood of Rs. 1,000. Besides, it has been decided to augment its Library, which was looted by the outgoing members by purchasing works on the history and culture of Sind worth Rs. 1,000 at least such as;

John Marshall's Mohen-jo-Daro and the Indus's Civilization
and MacKay's "The Indus Civilization",
which are extremely costly and almost rare.

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As Governor of Sind, Your Excellency is the Patron-in-chief of the Sind Historical Society and, as such, we look to you for patronage and financial help. It is requested that Your Excellency will be pleased to grant us a decent amount of money from the special funds at your disposal, so that we may be able to achieve the aims and objects, which we have set before ourselves.

A type-written copy of the Constitution was personally submitted to Your Excellency by me.

I have the honour to be,
Your Excellency,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

(U.M. Daudpota)
(Vice-President, S.H. Society)
for
Mr. S.H. Katrak, President.

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