

moment in my service on an allowance which I give him solely because I believe that he needs it. . . . I shall enter more fully into the history of Hufoozoodeen. His father was the moonshee with whom I studied in college, and is still living. I read a little with the son (author, also, of a work used in the college for instruction), who was also a college moonshee after I quitted college. When I was in Lord Lake's army in 1805, I sent for Hufoozoodeen, and entertained him in my service, in which he continued until I was sent on a mission to Lahore in 1808, when he became moonshee of the mission, having previously accompanied me, in 1806, on a mission to Holkar's camp, with which I was charged by Lord Lake, and having also performed public duties under me when I was attached, in 1805, in a political capacity, to a separate division of the army commanded by Major-General Dowdeswell. After the termination of the Lahore mission, Hufoozoodeen was again my private servant until I became Resident at Delhi, in 1811. He was then appointed head moonshee at the Residency, and remained in that office until I quitted the Residency in 1818, when he also resigned his situation.

"Up to this period I had never received any complaint against him, and had no reason to suppose him guilty of any improper act whatever. I had never, however, doubted that a man in his situation was liable to strong temptation, and likely to yield to it. My conduct, therefore, towards him had always been regulated by caution, founded on that general distrust; and when I heard, after quitting Delhi, rumours of his having made money there, I was more sorry than surprised.

"The information was vague, and contained nothing positive or tangible. It, however, induced me, to discontinue my connection with him, until the suspicions which it created could be completely removed. I wrote to Mr. Fortescue, who was my successor in the civil administration of the Delhi territory, to request that he would inquire and ascertain what was alleged against the moonshee; he replied that he could discover nothing specific against him; that he bore a good character; and was entirely acquitted of doing anything that the natives considered improper; but that he was supposed to have made money, some said by trade, others by the receipt of presents.