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## Appendix

This appendix provides selective lists of some primary sources related to late-eighteenth-century Karnatak that—due to limitations of time—have not been used in this thesis but which are useful for further research.

### Persian Sources

Published sources:

1. The *Ruqaat-i Walajahi* (Epistles of the Walajah), edited by T. Chandrasekaran (Madras, 1958). This is a large collection of approximately a thousand letters produced during the period 1774-1775, which were published in 1958. Many of these documents were written by the Nawab's revenue collectors and officers, while others were replies and orders issued by the Nawab related to day-to-day administrative matters such as land grants, taxes, agricultural activity, public welfare, art and crafts, and military organization.
2. The *Nishan-i Hydari* (Hydari Signs), by Mir Husain Ali Khan Kirman, written in 1802. This is actually a history of Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan, the rulers of Mysore. However, it also recounts relations between the Mysore ruler(s) and Nawab Muhammad Ali. It was translated into English by Colonel William Miles and published for the first time in 1864.

Unpublished manuscripts:

1. The *Tahrik al-Shifah bi-Ausaf Walajah* (Mobilising Cure in the Description/ Characteristics of Walajah [?]), by Amir al-Umara (the Nawab's second son), written ca. 1772-1773. It recounts the life of his father, Nawab Muhammad Ali Khan.
2. The *Tadhkirat al-Ansab* (Memoirs of Genealogy), by Mustafa Ali Khan Walajahi (Khayr al-Din Khan), written ca. 1778. The author was probably a member of the Walajah royal family. The book contains descriptions of the Walajah's ancestors, among whom were many scholars, poets and famous men.
3. The *Asas-i Riyasat-i Karnatak* (Foundation of the Karnatak State), by Muhammad Khair al-Din Khan Mahmud Jang. The author is said to be a member of the royal family who lived in Hyderabad, and the work was a historical account of his ancestors

4. The *Ruqaat-i Amiri* (Epistles of the Prince), by Saiyid Muhammad Muyiddin, written ca. 1793.
5. The *Tuhfat al-Akhbar* (Gift of Chronicles), by Ghulam Husain Khan (1819). It is a general history of Karnatak, the Walajah dynasty, and events in the reign of Nawab Muhammad Ali Khan.
6. The *Qasr-i Walajahi* (Fort of the Walajah), by Muhammad Husain Tamanna (d. 1860), which is said to be a general history of the Walajahs and historical developments from the reign of Nawab Anwar al-Din Khan until ca.1790. Its author is said to have been a literary company of Nawab Ghulam Ghaus Khan (r. 1825-1855).
7. The *Nishan-i Walajahi* (Walajahi Signs) of Haidar Nawaz Khan, written ca. 1832/1834. It is said to be a dynastic history of Nawab Muhammad Ali Khan and his successors.
8. The *Haqiqat-i Asim Khan* (Truth of Asim Khan), by Syed Asim Khan, who was one of Nawab Muhammad Ali Khan's diwans.
9. The *Waqai-i Amir al-Umara* (Correspondences of Prince Amir al-Umara), by Muhammad Inayat Khan. Prince Amir al-Umara was the second son of Nawab Muhammad Ali Khan.

John Gurney, who did his research in the 1960s, mentions that some of these documents are kept in a private library in Madras, known as the Saeida Library (Diwan Sahib Bagh, Royalpettah, Madras).<sup>1</sup> According to Shaikh Allauddin, in 1992 many of these manuscripts were in a library named Daftar-i Diwani, in Hyderabad.<sup>2</sup> I have no information about their current status and accessibility.

### **English Sources:**

#### Collections of private manuscripts:

1. IOR, BL, London: Paul Benfield's Mss, George Macartney's Mss, Alexander Davidson's Mss, Robert Orme's Mss
2. SOAS Library, London: John Macpherson's Mss
3. Devon Record Office, Exeter: Robert Palk's Mss
4. National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh: Henry Dundas's Mss
5. Tamilnadu Archives: Francis Jourdan's Mss
6. Deccan College, Poona: George Macarney's Mss

<sup>1</sup> Gurney, "Fresh Light on the Character of the Nawab of Arcot," 221.

<sup>2</sup> Allauddin, "Libraries and Librarianship during Muslim Rule in India," 348-354.

7. National Archives of India, New Delhi: George Macarney's Mss.<sup>3</sup>

The EIC's records, kept in the Madras Record Office in the Tamilnadu Archives, Chennai:

1. Records of the Public Department, 1749-1795
2. Records of the Military Department, 1749-1795
3. Records of the Revenue Department, from 1774
4. Records of the Mayor's Court, 1749-1795.

**Dutch Sources**

For the study of Nawabi Karnatak, the VOC documents which are particularly concerned are those which related to two Dutch factories (settlements) in South Asia: 1) Coromandel (aka Negapatnam), and 2) Ceylon (including its sub-factory in Tuticorin), between 1749-1795. They were produced by and sending between the two factories, the Batavia Governor-General and Council, and the Gentleman XVII in Amsterdam and other chambers. The following lists are some prominent VOC series in NA in which should be explored:

Archives of the Gentlemen XVII and the Amsterdam Chamber (Access no. 1.04.2)

1. Proceedings of the ordinary and the extraordinary meetings of the Gentlemen XVII
2. Copybook of letters, instructions, and other papers sent by the Gentlemen XVII and the Amsterdam Chamber to the Government of the Indies and the Cape
3. Duplicate proceedings of the Governor-General and Council (of Battavia)
4. Duplicate diaries of Batavia
5. Batavia's outgoing letterbook
6. Letters and Papers Received from Asia by the Seventeen Gentlemen (OBP):
  - 6.1 Final reports, written by the chief factors of each factory to instruct their successor upon their departure
  - 6.2 Proceedings of the meetings of the highest official and the council at a particular factory
  - 6.3 Diaries, describing on day-to-day basis all important events of each factory
  - 6.4 Missions to Indian states, i.e. documents concerning incidental missions to South Asian courts (particularly Arcot and Ramnad)
7. Duplicate translations of treaties concluded with Asian rulers
8. Commercial Department

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<sup>3</sup> Phillips, "The Development of British Authority in Southern India," 488-490.

9. Miscellaneous

Archives transferred from Asia: High Government of Batavia (1.04.17)

Archives from the Zeeland, Delft, Rotterdam, Enkhuizen and Hoorn Chambers (1.04.02)<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> For further details of these VOC collections, see: Jos J. L. Gommans, Lennart Bes, and Gijs Kruijtzter, *Dutch Sources on South Asia, c. 1600-1825, Biography and Archival Guide to the National Archives at the Hague (the Netherlands)*, vol. I (New Delhi: Manohar, 2001), 94-115; particular lists of VOC documents concerning the Ceylon factory see: 221-229; for the Coromandel factory see: 301-333.

## Glossary

Note: The transliteration of Persian, Arabic and Urdu terms used in this study follows the *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, but with some modifications. Firstly, although the glossary provides full transliterations, throughout the text diacritical marks are only used when necessary for proper pronunciation (e.g. *na'ib* and *Da'ud Khan*). Secondly, for the letter ج , “j” is used instead of “dj” (e.g. *fawjdar* instead of *fawdjdar*, and *Hajj* instead of *Hadjdj*). Thirdly, for the letter ق , “q” is used instead of “k” (e.g. *qādī* instead of *kādī*). For the names of persons, groups or people, places, conventional English spellings and common usage in historiography are followed (except for the term “Karnatak” as explained in the introduction, footnote 1), and, therefore, they do not form a consistent system. For the titles of literature (when translated), in both references and text I have used the existing titles of published translations, but excluded the diacritical marks.

<i>ādāb</i>	manners, etiquette, and moral standards, following a rather strict interpretation of Islamic law
<i>akhlāq</i>	manners, etiquette, and moral standards, following a more liberal interpretation of Islamic law
<i>‘amildār (‘aumildār)</i>	chief officer for revenue collection
<i>amīn</i>	commissioner
<i>‘arḍdashṭ</i>	correspondence from a subordinate to a superior
<i>‘aṣabīyya</i>	feelings of solidarity or group cohesion
<i>(mīr) bakhshī</i>	(chief) military paymaster and inspector
<i>cowle</i>	land rental contract
<i>dār al-islām</i>	the House of Islam, i.e., territories of the world under Muslim sovereignty
<i>dār al-khilāfa</i>	land or territory of the caliphate
<i>darbār (durbār)</i>	royal court; the presence or attendance of servants at the court of a ruler
<i>dargāh</i>	tomb of an Islamic religious figure, term often used for the grave of Sufi saints
<i>dārōgha</i>	superintendent of any office or department
<i>dīn-i ilāhī</i>	religious cult promoted by Emperor Akbar

	emphasizing tolerance and syncretism
<i>dīwān</i>	chief civil minister of state particularly for finance and revenue; comparable to the role of Prime-Minister in the eighteenth-century South Asian provincial state
<i>dīwān-i buyūtāt</i>	supervisor of roads and buildings, imperial stores, and other state workshops
<i>dīwān-i khāṣ</i>	chief civil office
<i>dīwānkhāna</i>	imperial male guest room
<i>dubash</i>	secretary- <i>cum</i> -interpreter
<i>fawjdār</i>	chief military officer of province or district
<i>farmān</i>	official command or decree issued by sovereign (in the Mughal Empire, they usually referred to a decree issued by the emperor)
<i>fitna</i>	act of shifting allegiance; rebellion; sedition
<i>gumāshṭa</i>	commercial agent
<i>ḥajj</i>	pilgrimage to Mecca
<i>ḥākim</i>	governor
<i>ḥaramayn</i>	the two holy sanctuaries of Islam, i.e. the cities of Mecca and Medina
<i>hundi</i>	(merchant's) note of credit, bill of exchange
<i>in'ām</i>	hereditary, tax-exempt or rented-free land
<i>jāgīr</i>	land assigned to nobles and officers with the right to collect revenue from the domain to compensate for their services in Mughal system of revenue distribution (to compensate their military services)
<i>jāgīrdār</i>	holder of a jagir
<i>jama'dār</i>	chief or leader of group or war band
<i>jihād</i>	religious war
<i>jizya</i>	Islamic poll-tax imposed on non-believers
<i>karāma (plu.karāmat)</i>	saintly ability to perform magic
<i>khānaqāh</i>	Sufi hospice or lodge
<i>khān-i sāmān</i>	chief steward; chief officer supervising roads and buildings,

	imperial stores, and other state workshops
<i>khāṣṣ-maḥall</i>	chief consort; queen consort
<i>khilāfat (khalīfa)</i>	religious successorship granted by a Sufi master to one or a few chosen disciples
<i>khil'at</i>	ceremonial robe of honor
<i>killadār</i>	fort commander; district governor
<i>kōtwāl</i>	chief police officer; commander of town
<i>lakh</i>	unit of one-hundred thousand (1,00, 000)
<i>manṣab</i>	Mughal numeric rank of honor granted to nobles and high-ranking officials
<i>manṣabdār</i>	holder of a mansab
<i>mīrzā</i>	prince
<i>muḥarram</i>	chief religious ritual of Shia Muslims mourning for martyrdom of Imam Husain
<i>mukhtār</i>	manager
<i>(mīr)munshī</i>	(head) clerk or scribe
<i>musnud</i>	a royal seat in the Indo-Persian style
<i>mutasaddī</i>	superintendent or manager
<i>murīd</i>	inner-circle or prominent disciple of a Sufi saint/order
<i>nadhīr</i>	a symbolic gift (usually small gold or silver coins) offered to express respect, vow, or dedication
<i>nā'ib</i>	deputy
<i>nā'ib-wazīr</i>	deputy of the wazir
<i>nawāb</i>	honorific of Mughal provincial or regional governor
<i>nāznāma</i>	correspondence between people of equal rank
<i>nikāḥ</i>	marriage
<i>pādshāh</i>	emperor
<i>peshkāṛ</i>	agent; deputy
<i>peshwa</i>	Prime-Minister (of the Maratha state)
<i>qāḍī</i>	judge or judicial officer in an Islamic court (i.e. court based on the Sharia and other Islamic laws)
<i>qānūngo</i>	district revenue official responsible for keeping records of landed property

<i>qaṣaba</i>	a chief town
<i>sahukar</i>	Hindu banker; money lender
<i>saiyid (fem.saiyida)</i>	honorific title for Muslims claiming direct descent from Prophet Muhammad's family, especially through his grandson Husain
<i>sanad</i>	official decree issued by a high-ranking official (issued in the Mughal Empire by provincial governors titled Nizams or Nawabs)
<i>sardār</i>	captain, military commander
<i>sarishtādār (sheristadar)</i>	head clerk; deputy responsible for receiving and investigating pleas or petitions, and reporting on the regional governor to the central government
<i>sharīf (of Mecca)</i>	traditional steward in charge of protecting the holy cities of Meccan and Medina and their surroundings.
<i>sharīfa (sharifate of Mecca)</i>	state or domain under the jurisdiction of Sharif of Mecca
<i>shaykh</i>	honorific title for Muslim leaders, nobles or prominent religious scholars
<i>sibandi</i>	low-quality soldier mainly used for revenue collection and police duties
<i>sipāhdār</i>	military commander
<i>ṣūba</i>	chief Mughal province
<i>ṣūbadār</i>	holder or governor of a suba
<i>t'aluq</i>	subdivision of a province or district that is smaller than a suba
<i>t'aluqdār</i>	holder or governor of a taluq
<i>tasbīḥkhāna</i>	chamber for praying
<i>'ulamā'</i>	scholars specially trained in orthodox Islamic law and theology
<i>'urs</i>	ritual or celebration to commemorate the anniversary of a Sufi saint's death (literally meaning: [spiritual] wedding)
<i>wakīl (vakīl)</i>	representative or ambassador
<i>waṭan-jāgīr</i>	hereditary land holding of a zamindar
<i>wazīr</i>	Prime-Minister; chief minister
<i>zamīndār</i>	hereditary landholder or landed gentry

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DM, 1749-1795

HOME

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