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REVENUE ORDER NO. 1.

With reference to Order dated the 2nd January 1897, it is hereby again notified to all Khasis, Jaintias and Mandals in Sikkim that no Bhutias and Lepchas are to be allowed to sell, mortgage or sub-letting of their land to any person other than a Bhutia or a Lepcha without the express sanction of the Darbar or officers empowered by the Darbar in their behalf, whose order will be obtained by the landlord concerned. If any one disobeys he will be severely punished.

In this order the term 'mortgage' means mortgaging the whole or part of holding the Biyaz or masikata system and the term sub-let means sub-letting the whole or part of holding on the Pakhuria system.

DEFINITION

- (1) 'Biyaz' means mortgaging land to another person who enjoys the produce of the land as interest, so long as the principal loan remains unpaid.
- (2) 'Masikata' means mortgaging of fields to a creditor who enjoys the produce of the field as an annual instalment towards the loan.
- (3) 'Pakhuria' means sub-letting, where a rayot allows another rayot to settle upon a portion of his own holding, generally receiving from him some rent in cash and some assistance in cultivating his own fields.

Gangtok,
The 17th May, 1917.

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Superintendent, Sikkim State.