



was very rainy. Received an order from the Raja of Kurupam, Vizagapattam for a portrait of himself and the Rani.

**F**rida,y 9th jul,y 1901

Not having seen the new tram terminus at Mazagaon I had a ride at about 12 and I posted the registered letter containing the cheque for Rs 5000 addressed to my eldest cousin the Kochu Koil Thampuram at about 7 in the evening. A.K. Joshi brought Rs 1000 in sovereigns 66 in number and a ten rupee note and he has been asked to pack them and forward to my cousin as a registered parcel.

Saturda,y 20th jul,y 1901

Shriram Pant and I signed an agreement today at 3 p.m. before Mr H.S. Dixit, Solicitor, by which I have agreed to sell our press to him on his paying us in monthly instalments Rs 25,000 in addition to paying of all debts contracted for the press. Considering the difficulties of properly managing the firm and losses that the plague is inflicting year by year, there is no other alternative left. We are now at last free from anxieties.

Sunda,y 21 stjul,y 1901

Mr Vishnu Pant being of opinion that one or two alterations were necessary in the agreement to make it more binding on Shriram the latter and I went to Bandra to consult Mr Dixit who said that the alterations were not required and the covenant was sufficiently binding. We went to Bandra at 1 and returned at 4. At night there was singing at our place by a boy who sings and acts like a professional dancing girl.

Monda,y 22nd jul,y 1901

Wrote to Mr Chinubhai acknowledging receipt of the cheque for Rs 750 he sent. In the afternoon called on Mr Assari Virji's to take the measurement of his face but he being absent I went to Colaba and from there walked over the [+++] bridge to the band stand near which soldiers were playing foot-ball. I returned home at 7.30.

**T**uesda,y 27rdjul,y 1901

In the morning we went to Assari Virji's and commenced his life size portrait. From a poor working man he has grown to a millionaire. He came with his father from Cutch with a few copper coins in his pockets. He is not like most men ashamed of owning his poor origin and the hardships he had to encounter in his early life.

