



Saturda'y 1st March I 902

At 4. p.m. We paid a visit to Raja Bhagavan Das, a Bania Jeweller who has amassed a splendid fortune as the Nizam.'s jeweller. From his house at Sahucari Caruvam[?] we took a drive round Golconda Fort 3 miles off. The fortress is in ruins now. After supper at his house, returned home.

Sunda'y 2nd March I 902

In the evening took a drive to the Public Garden and returned home.

Monda'y)rd March 1902

In the evening at 5 returned Mr Pestonji's-the customs commissioner's-visit. He is a good old man with a strong belief in Theosophy. He worships Shiva, a strange thing for a Parsee. We drove with him to Hussain Sagar and back home.

Tuesda'y 4th March 1 902

We learnt from Lalu Harilal of Almora who is a frequent visitor to Badrinath of full particulars of the deposition of the Raval Vasudevan Namboodiri and the installation of Raman Namboodiri his assistant. Both were sent to Badrinath by us.

Wednesda'y 5th March 1902

In the morning we purchased nearly 3 tolar of musk (Kasthuril⁸⁵) from a man, who is an inhabitant of Almora, to be sent to Kola Nada Pandarathil[?]. Miss Sabina and Ms Ulit came to see paintings, the latter was the Nizam's coachman.

Thursda'y 6th March I 902

We paid a visit to the Nawab [+++] the premier noble of the state. He sent a carriage and [+++] two of his sowars¹⁸⁶ for us. His palace is a very big and extensive pile of buildings. He is confined with rheumatic complaint. Ms Pestonji, his wife, daughter and son-in-law came this evening to see our pictures.

Frida'y 7th March I 902

A custom commissioner Mr Pestonji is of some help to us as things that arrive

for us nom Bombay will not be detained at the customs office unnecessarily

Satgda'y 8th March I 902

The department is a nuisance to the public. The revenue of the state from this source alone is about 55 lakhs a year. They say that every department is rotten to the core, and this is no exception.

