To The Rt Hon'ble Richard
Earl of Mornington
Governor-General-in-Council

Hon'ble Sir,

We, the Armenian merchants residing in
Calcutta, humbly beg leave to represent to your Lord-
ship that we have carried on for a great length of time
a considerable trade in cloths, silks and other articles
of merchandize between this place and Cossimbazar, and
are in the constant practice of sending to Sydabad,
where many of our families and connections live, a
variety of articles.

That the River between this and Cossimbazar
has of late become so infested with robbers that our
trade is in great measure put a stop to as we have not
only to apprehend the loss of our property, but the
lives of those entrusted with it in proof of which
we have to relate the following facts. On the seventh
instant a Boat belonging to Mr. Corraput Chatooor of this
place, laden with silk and goods, was attacked at Plassey
by forty or fifty robbers, and plundered of property to
the amount of two thousand rupees, notwithstanding the
peons who were in the Boat and in charge of the property
called upon - the Chokeydars whom they saw on the shore
for assistance and who, instead of affording any, remained
quiet, and the peons were thrown by the robbers into river.
The other fact happened on the fifteenth instant, at a place called Mirzapur, to one Mr. Antony Eliaz who was coming from Cossimbazar to Calcutta with all his property belonging to other people, when his boat was attacked by a great number of armed robbers, who plundered it of whatever they thought necessary and beat the people in a most cruel manner, one of whom now lies dangerously ill.

We humbly hope these facts will excuse us for thus addressing your Lordship, for, without your Lordship's interference, we shall not only be deprived of our trade but debarred from all communication with our factories and connections at Sydabad and Cossimbazar.

To your Lordship we humbly look for protection and rest assured from your Lordship's known character that it will be extended to us, who have the honour to be etc.

Signed (S.Johannes
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 (John Joseph
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