APPENDIX D

GLOSSARY

Abanaso  
the price to be paid when a man marries his deceased brother’s wife.

Abiekó  
once in three years

Aitla  
platform outside the house

Bakhau  
ordinary bamboo tray plaited in single cycloid pattern

Bózyu  
the dead man’s village also known as Athikhi

Chhivaw  
girl belonging to the chiefly clan.

Haosai  
merriment like beer-party, get-together, etc.

Hmiachhiesó  
atonement price also known as Hmiatla

Kala  
plain people

Kaleisapa  
debt

Kalia  
Mara name for the Chins.

Kao  
Burmese

Karó  
foreigner.

Khaolie  
special bamboo tray used in the Khazopina sacrifice.

Khizypa  
sacrifice to Khasó for the purification of the village
Kukhi fortified village or town.
Laidao young men who are not joined the Laiphö.
Laleilata artificial flowers made of cross-wise bamboo slice about 2" square, wound round with four coloured threads black, red, white and yellow.
Liaritaipa engagement for marriage made soon after the birth of a girl-child (the pupa's daughter).
Leipyu woman who already rears a child.
Mao small due given to the bride close friend on wedding day.
Malush woman who outlived three husbands.
Matlukhaila person or family having no cognates, also a begetter child.
Meichap the bride price payable to the bride grandmother.
Nöhbei major wife.
Nöhmei widow.
Nöhro name of a clan. It is also
Ndtho

conclubine.

a name of a clan. It was also
used to mean the second wife.

Pa-a-ty

murder or any serious
incident.

Pata

salt.

Pawchao

the bride price payable to the
bride's grandfather.

Pawhmei

widower.

Pawkhao

bamboo tray plaited double
cycloid pattern.

Phavaw

the parts of any sacrifice
(animals killed) set a side
for Khazopa or evil spirits.

Raibó

earthenware beer pot.

Razanó

the British Company.

Riapaw

warrior who fought the enemy's
head.

Riasaw

bastard.

Riathama

bastard's price.

Sa-ei

small hut constructed over or
near the grave of the
deceased.

Samachie

Mara name for the Matus or
Pachypis.
Samaw word utter first in prayer to Khazopa or Khasö
Satawryu married woman who died childless.
Sipalie foremost visit to the girl's parents by the newly marriage.
Sökhaipari ransom of a female slave on marriage.
Söpakuwa woman divorcing her husband.
Thisau wealth.
Tlailai platform attached to the verandah.
Via plain people
Zaikö Mara name for Rangoon.
Zawkö every third year.
Zibeipa a slave's owner, also used to designate the chief.
Zyu the Mara people.