Text of the Standstill Agreement between the Government of India and the Simla Hill States.

...it is to the benefit and advantage of the Dominion of India as well as of the Indian States that existing agreements and administrative arrangements in the matters of common concern, should continue for the time being, between the Dominion of India or any part thereof and the Indian States;

...it is agreed between the .......

1. i) until new agreements in this behalf are made, all agreements and administrative arrangements as to matters of common concern now existing between the Crown and any Indian State shall, in so far as may be appropriate, continue as between the Dominion of India or, as the case may be, the part thereof, and the State;

ii) in particular, and without derogation from the generality of sub-clause (i) of this clause the matters referred to above shall include the matters specified in the schedule to this agreement.

2. Any dispute arising out of this agreement, or out of the agreements or arrangements hereby continued, shall, unless any provision is made therein for arbitration by an authority other than the Governor-General or Governor, be settled by arbitration according, as far as may be, to the procedure of the Indian Arbitration Act, 1939.

3. Nothing in this agreement includes the exercise of any paramountcy functions.

Secretary to the Govt. of India.

SCHEDULE TO APPENDIX II

1. Air Communications.
2. Arms and equipment.
3. Control of commodities.
5. Customs.
6. Indian States Forces.
7. External Affairs.
8. Extradition.
10. Irrigation and Electric Power.
13. Opium.
15. Railways (including police and other arrangements in railway lands).
17. Central Excises, relief from income-tax and other arrangements relating to taxation.

18. Wireless.

1. See Appendix II, para.1(ii) above.