

**A SHORT SKETCH**  
**OF**  
**MAHARAJA SUKHMROY ROY BAHADUR**  
**AND**  
**HIS FAMILY**

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institution at that time to which he was not a liberal subscriber. In recognition of his extensive charities, his devoted hereditary loyalty to the British Government and his various works of public utility he was invested with the title of RAJA BAHADUR by Lord Amherst and was permitted to use for his conveyance a coach drawn by four horses which was a mark of high honour in those days. (See Appendix R). He was granted permission to attend the Viceroy's Durbars and Levees and the privilege to retain three armed followers—a privilege very rarely granted at that time (See Appendix S). So great was his influence and so extensive was his popularity that he was always received with the highest honour at all state functions. He made a pilgrimage to the temple of Juggernath in his grand ancestral style under a special passport granted by the Government. (See Appendix T). He died in the year 1859 leaving behind him his only son Kumar Raj Kumar Roy and a large circle of friends and admirers to mourn his loss.

RAJA RAJ KUMAR ROY was by courtsey called a Raja. He lived in a very simple style and was quite unassuming in his manners. His good heart, his generous sympathy, his spotless character and his charming manners endeared him to all who knew him. He always accommodated his many friends and acquaintances with loans, which in most cases were never repaid. He was an Honorary Presidency Magistrate and a Justice of the Peace for sometimes. (See Appendix U). He was also exempted from the

operations of the Indian Arms Act XI of 1878. (See Appendix V.) He died at a ripe old age leaving behind him his elder son Kumar Radha Prosad Roy and a grandson by his predeceased younger son Kumar Devi Prosad Roy.

KUMAR RADHA PROSAD ROY was a highly cultured noble man. Like his illustrious ancestor Maharaja Sukhmoy, any tale of distress and suffering afflicted him and he felt it his duty to afford immediate relief to the sufferer. Like his noble kinsman, Raja Denendro Narain Roy, he was accessible to all and kind to all. It may be repeated that this is a trait of character which is worthy of imitation by the representatives of wealthy families of our province, many of whom, unfortunately, are under a mistaken idea that it would be compromising their position if they accord any interview or show any kindness to their less fortunate visitors. In this respect Kumar Radha Prosad Roy's character stands out in bold relief. The amiability of his manners and the geniality of his disposition will always be affectionately remembered by those who at any time came in contact with him.

Kumar Radha Prosad was a literary man of considerable reputation. He is the author of a series of Bengali works of moral philosophy and social subjects. In his *Bijnan Kalpalatika*, *Bijnan Santi Kusum*, *Bijnan Niti Prasun*, and *Banger Bartaman Bibaha Pranali* he has discussed subjects of general importance in a language at once easy, natural and elegant. His works were warmly received by his countrymen at the time of their publication and still there is a great demand

## APPENDIX O.

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Dated LONDON, *the 16th March, 1855.*

To

RAJA BUDDY NATH ROY BAHADUR.

*The Zoological Society of London*

Under the Presidentship of—

The Most Noble the Marquis of Lansdowne, and  
the Vice-Presidents of His Grace the Duke of  
Somerset,

Right Honorable Lord Auckland,

Right Honorable Earl of Darnley,

Right Honorable Lord Stanley, M.P.,

Right Honorable Earl of Egremont,

Charles Baring Wall, Esq., M.P.,

have received with great gratification, through Major-General Thomas Hardwicke, formerly Commandant of the Hon'ble the East India Company's Bengal Artillery, the communication of your wish that yourself and your son should be admitted as Member of the Society, and having been at the same time informed of your munificent contribution to Zoological science by the maintenance of a large Menagerie, to which the most liberal access is afforded.

Having noticed also with *admiration and respect* other evidences of your *enlightened public spirit*, evinced by the donation of twenty thousand rupees to the cause of general and female education in India.

And being apprised of the distinguished honour done to your name in common with the names of four of your distinguished brothers, by the Hon'ble John Alam, late Governor-General of British India, on the construction of a Ghat and Military Road to the Cantonments of the Hon'ble Companies Artillery at Dum-Dum impressed with sentiments of more than common respect for your character by this series of benefaction, the Zoological Society recognise with pleasure, your desire to be associated with the Scientific Institutions of Great Britain, and hereby admitted you and your son Cowar Roy Rajkissen to be original members of the Zoological Society of London in record whereof this Diploma is ordered to be presented to you in your name and in that of your son Cowar Roy Rajkissen.