

تذكرة الامراء

Date 10 June 1830
Title James Skinner, *Tazkirat al-umarā*
Content Biographies of the princely families of Rajputana, Haryana and Punjab, written by Colonel James Skinner (1778-1841) before 1830, the date of the earliest copy. Contains a list of contents ([ff. 1v-2v](#)) and an introductory poem of five verses ([f. 3v](#)) to Sir John Malcolm (1769-1833) to whom the volume was presented. It is illustrated with 38 portraits by various unnamed artists

Illustrations: *Click on the links to go directly to the digitised images*
([4r](#)) Colonel James Skinner (1778-1841)
([8v](#)) Maharana Javan Singh of Udaipur (r. 1828-38)
([28v](#)) Maharaja Man Singh of Jodhpur (r. 1804-43), but in fact a copy of a Mughal portrait of Raja Man Singh of Amber (r. 1589-1614)
([57v](#)) Maharaja Ratan Singh of Bikaner (r. 1828-51)
([63v](#)) Maharaja Kalyan Singh of Kishangarh (r. 1798-1832, d. 1839)
([68v](#)) Maharaja Jagat Singh of Jaipur (r. 1803-18)

ff. 79v to 136v are all feudatories of the Maharaja of Jaipur apart from Alwar (f. 92v) which established independence from Jaipur c. 1770. Some of these names do not occur in available genealogies

([79v](#)) Rao Raja Nup Singh of Uniara
([84v](#)) Thakur Karam Singh of Jhalai
([88v](#)) Rao Raja Chand Singh of Duni
([92v](#)) Maharao Raja Bakhtavar Singh of Alwar (r. 1791-1815)
([100v](#)) Manohar Singh, one of the ancestors of the Khangarot sub-clan of the Kacchvahas, the ruling house of Jaipur
([102v](#)) Thakur Jivan Singh of Dudu
([108v](#)) Samir Singh of Pachewar
([113v](#)) Thakur Bhup Singh of Diggi
([118v](#)) Chaman Singh of Todri
([121v](#)) Raja Bakhtavar Singh of Khetri (r. 1826-9)
([127v](#)) Raja Uday Singh of Nawalgarh (r. 1790-1828)
([132v](#)) Thakur Shyam Singh of Bissau (r. 1787-1831)
([136v](#)) Rao Raja Laksman Singh of Sikar (r. 1795-1834)
([141v](#)) Rao Laksman Singh of Patan
([146v](#)) Raja Laksman Singh of Nimrana, *thikana* of Alwar
([154v](#)) Raja Puran Singh, son of Tej Singh, of Rewari, in Haryana
([169v](#)) Aman Singh of Sonapat (right) and Tuta Ram (left)
([176v](#)) Sardar Ranjit Singh of Lahore, Maharaja of the Panjab (r. 1799-1839)
([189v](#)) Raja Sangat Singh of Jind (r. 1822-34)
([197v](#)) Maharaja Karam Singh of Patiala (r. 1813-45)
([204v](#)) Bhai Uday Singh of Kaithal (r. 1819-43)
([208v](#)) Raja Jasvant Singh of Nabha (r. 1783-1840)
([212v](#)) Raja Fath Singh of Kapurthala (r. 1801-36)
([220v](#)) Lehna Singh (d.1869), son of Mahtab Singh, the Raja of Thanesar
([224v](#)) Hira Singh Kalisiya (ie.of Kalsia)
([227v](#)) The Rani of the late Rup Singh of Radaur

([231v](#)) Sardar Ajit Singh of Ladwa
([235v](#)) Sardars Gulab Singh of Jagadhri (d. 1843) and Sher Singh of Bhuria
([240v](#)) Nawab Muzaffar Khan of Farrukhnagar (r. 1785-1810)
([248v](#)) Nawab Muhammad Dunde Khan of Dujana (r. 1825-50)
([253v](#)) Nawab Zabitah Khan Bhatti (r. 1808-18)
([262v](#)) Nawab Dalil Khan of Bhawalpur

Language Persian

Physical description

Material: Paper
Foliation: 289 ff
Dimensions: 30.5 x 21 cm [leaf]
Date: 10 June 1830
Script: Persian *nasta'liq*
Decorations: Finely decorated opening, ruled margins. Includes 38 portraits by different artists pasted on card and bound in
Seal: Nāṣir al-Dawlah Kirnal Jams Iskinar Bahādur Ghālib Jang, dated 1830 ([f. 3v](#))
Binding: Bound in gold-stamped leather; text block decorated round the fore-edge, top and bottom

Ownership Presented by Skinner to Sir John Malcolm. Purchased by the British Museum 9 December 1865 from General George A. Malcolm, Sir John's son

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