

6. THE AUTHOR OF THE KHALÁṢAT-AT-TAWÁRÍKH.*Pitfold, Shottermill, Surrey.*

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DEAR SIR,—It occurred to me that some information about Suján Singh, the author of the Khaláṣat-at-Tawáríkh, might be obtained at Batála, his native place, and so I wrote to the Deputy-Commissioner of Gurdáspur on the subject. Through the courtesy of Mr. Renouf, the Officiating Deputy-Commissioner, I have received a communication from Qázi Tasaddaq Hussain, a resident of Batála, of which the following is an extract :—

“The compiler of the Khaláṣat-at-Tawáríkh, Suján Singh, was by caste a *dhír khatrí*, and was a resident of Batála, in the Gurdáspur district. He lived in the time of Alamgír Aurangzíb, and was employed under various Amírs of the Chagátái family as their *munshí* or secretary. The Khaláṣat-at-Tawáríkh was compiled by him in 1107 *Hijra*. Among his writings there is also a book called Khaláṣat-al-Inshá, in which he describes the art of polite writing. This was written in 1105 *Hijra*. Some people also call him Suján Rái, but in both books he signs himself Suján Singh Dhír. He was not a Kánungo. The above information is derived from his books, for the inhabitants of Batála of the *dhír* caste know nothing about him.”

Yours sincerely,

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On page 865 of the Journal (October, 1894), line 16,
for “buried” read “burned.”