Bombay,
February 14th 1913.

To

His Highness the
Maharaja Holkar.

Your Highness,

I am thankful to Your Highness for the kind courtesy you have shown in sending Mr Justice Kirtane with Your Highness's message which has been duly delivered to me.

My last letter was intended for Your Highness's information only and not meant to be forwarded to the Government of India. I have rewritten now the conditions and terms to meet Your Highness's pleasure.

I have made certain modifications in the terms and I beg to add a word of explanation with reference to the alterations:-

Term No. 3.: I think it will be necessary in the interests of the administration and for the smooth working of Your Highness's Government that the Subhas, who are executive heads of districts should be under my direct control as Your Highness's Prime Minister and that I should be in the closest touch with them. I have, therefore, placed the limit of Rs 400/- instead of Rs 300/-, which Mr Justice Kirtane had suggested. All other posts above Rs 400/- shall be subject to Your Highness's approval and sanction both as regards appointment and dismissal &c on recommendation from me as Your Highness's Prime Minister.

Term No. 5: I quite realise the difficulty raised by Mr Justice Kirtane with reference to this term and I have modified it in such a manner as, in my opinion, would remove all objections from the Government of India.

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I should say that it has been my invariable practice to go to a sanitarium at least once a year. I have, however, modified the term in such manner that my going out, should not be detrimental to the State interests and the requirements of administration, which should, I fully recognise, be the prime consideration so long as I hold the office as Your Highness's Chief Minister and am responsible to Your Highness for the due execution of the office and the smooth working of the official machinery.

I further think it advisable to have this condition brought to the notice of the Government of India before I accept office so as to avoid all room for complaint or objection from them or chance of their finding fault with Your Highness or me in future

Term No. 7: When Your Highness kindly desired me to reconsider my previous decision regarding this offer there were two things which weighed most in my mind when I agreed to reconsider: (1) the earnestness and kind sense of the appreciation of my worth shown by Your Highness in making the offer and (2) the prospect of serving a genuine ruler and identifying myself by my humble work and service with the best interests of an ancient and historical State and its people. The latter object can only be attained by Your Highness and myself as Your Prime Minister working with one mind and heart with devotion and loyalty on my part and with trust on yours. All differences of opinion between us can be avoided by constant mutual consultations and exchange of views, verbal as well as in writing. For this reason it is advisable that in all State matters my opinions, suggestions and recommendations should be before Your Highness before the matters are decided by you and

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What Your Highness's should be known to me before it is carried out in the administration of the State.

Mr Justice Kirtane will tell Your Highness how much of a wrench it will be to me to tear myself away from my present position here, both official and nonofficial and social. But the call from Your Highness I regard as a call to fresh duty and the desire of serving you as Your Prime Minister and endeavouring in my humble way and to the best of my power to make Your Highness's State a model State with Your Highness's sympathy and under Your Highness's orders has formed the sole factor in my resolve to accept Your Highness's offer, casting aside all other considerations, personal or public. My only prayer to God is that should Your Highness be pleased to approve my terms as stated in this communication herewith submitted and to appoint me Your First Minister, I may be able to render good and acceptable service to you and your State and that God may bind Your Highness and me by ties of harmony and accord for the best interests of Your Highness's subjects.

One word in conclusion. I have omitted from the present terms the clause as to Nautch parties because Mr Justice Kirtane has assured me on Your Highness's behalf that due consideration will be accorded by Your Highness to my principle and my convictions on the subject and that such a clause does not seem proper to insert formally in writing as to my terms and conditions, which have to be brought to the notice of the Government of India. I perceive the force of that consideration and am grateful to you for assuring me through Mr Justice Kirtane that my conscientious scruples as regards nautch parties will be respected.

I have informed Mr Justice Kirtane

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that it is desirable that the order appointing me should be communicated as early as convenient as I should like to join the office and get into touch with the work and receive Your Highness's instructions and directions fully in sufficient time before Your Highness leaves for Europe in April.

I beg to remain
Y ours sincerely

Sd/ N.G.Chandavarkar.