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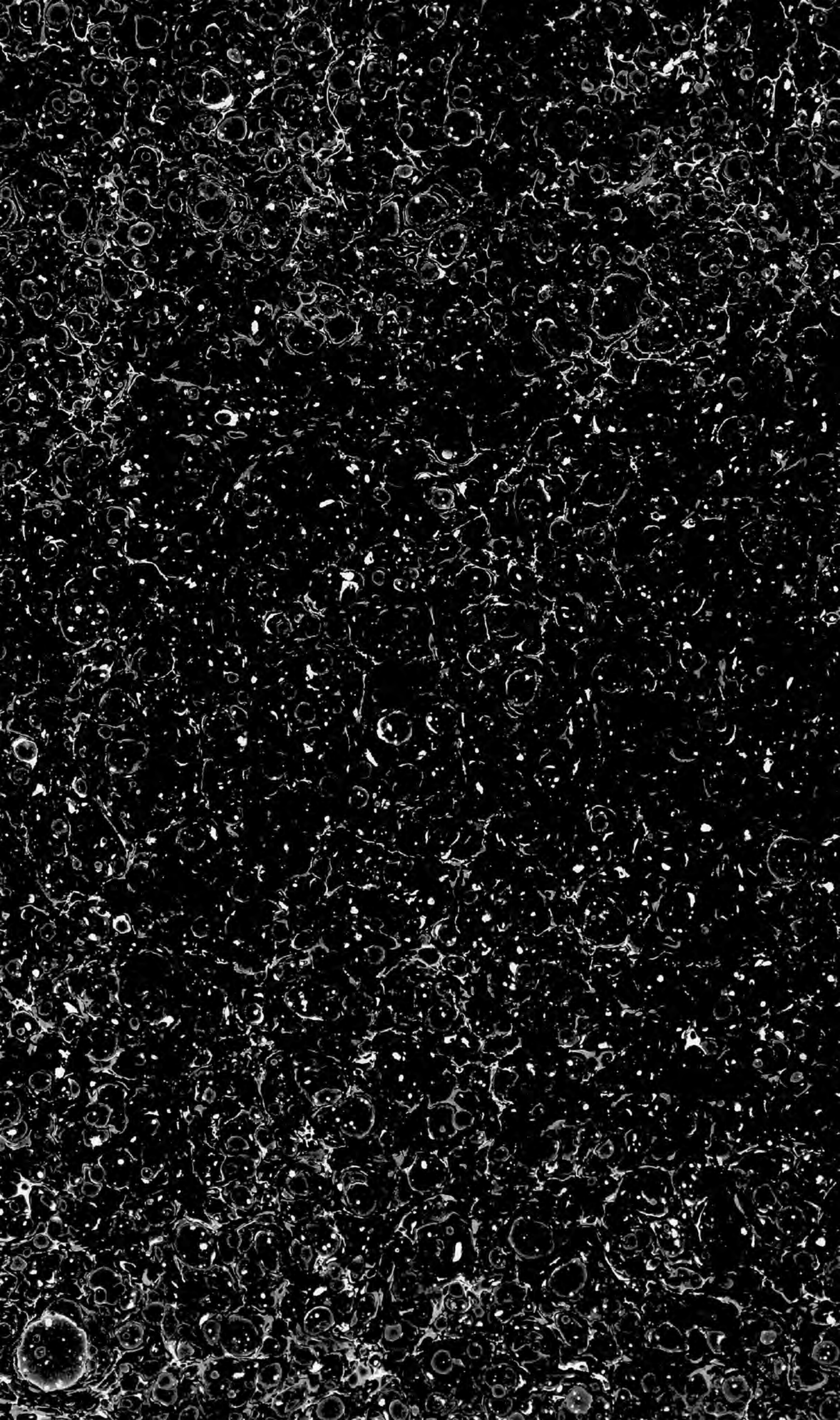

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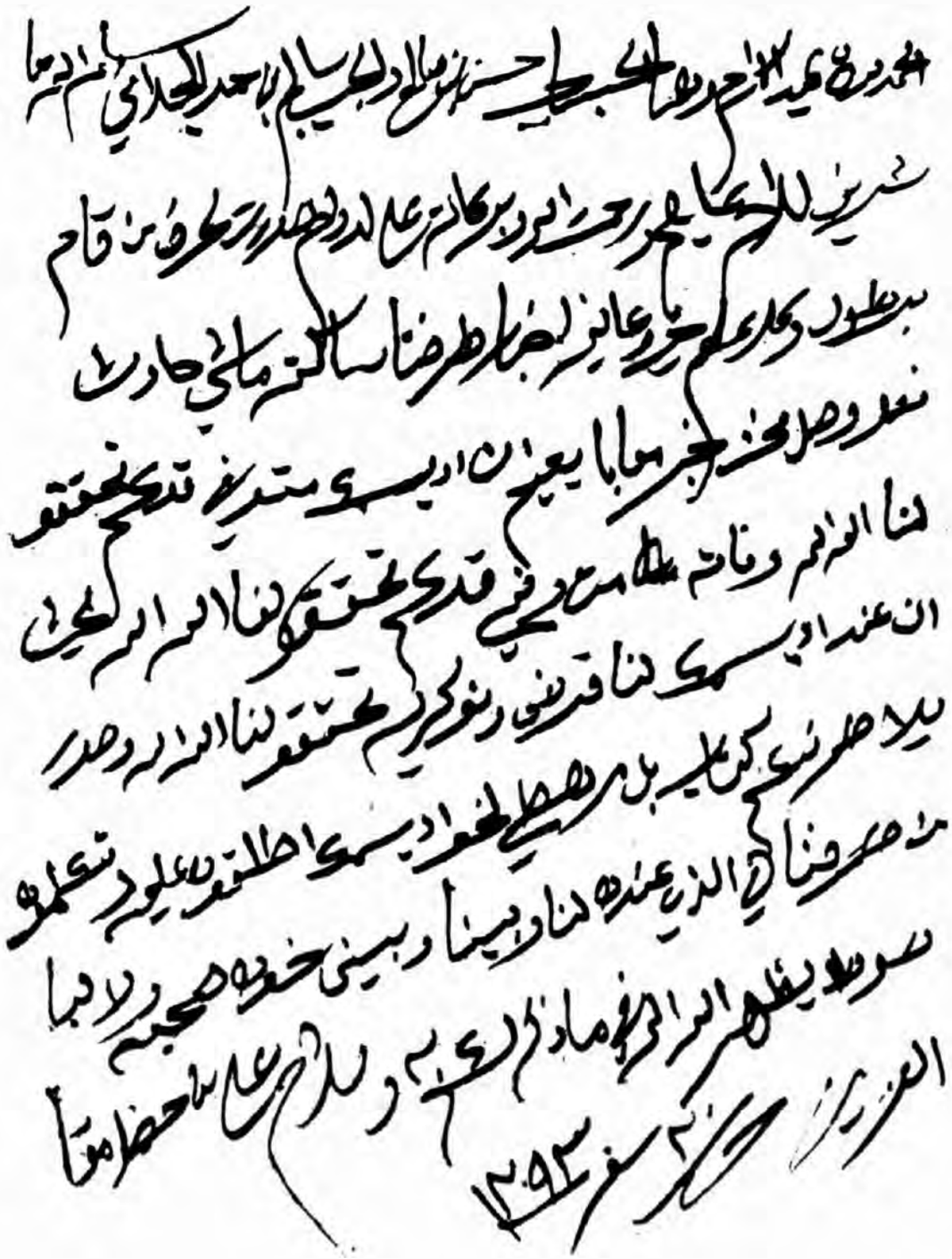
ARABIC

Used by educated Mahomedans throughout India.



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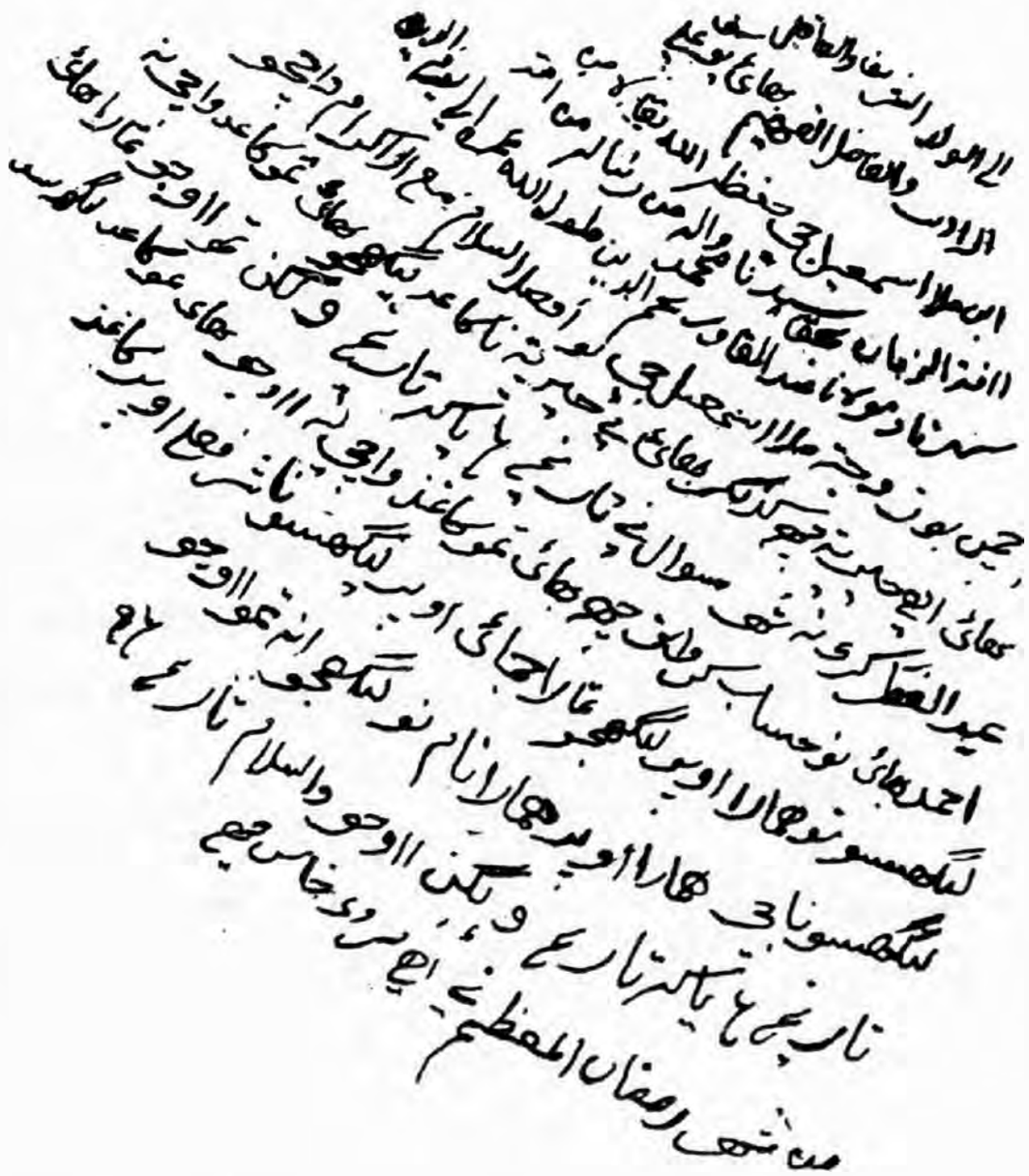
Used by Borah Traders in Bombay.



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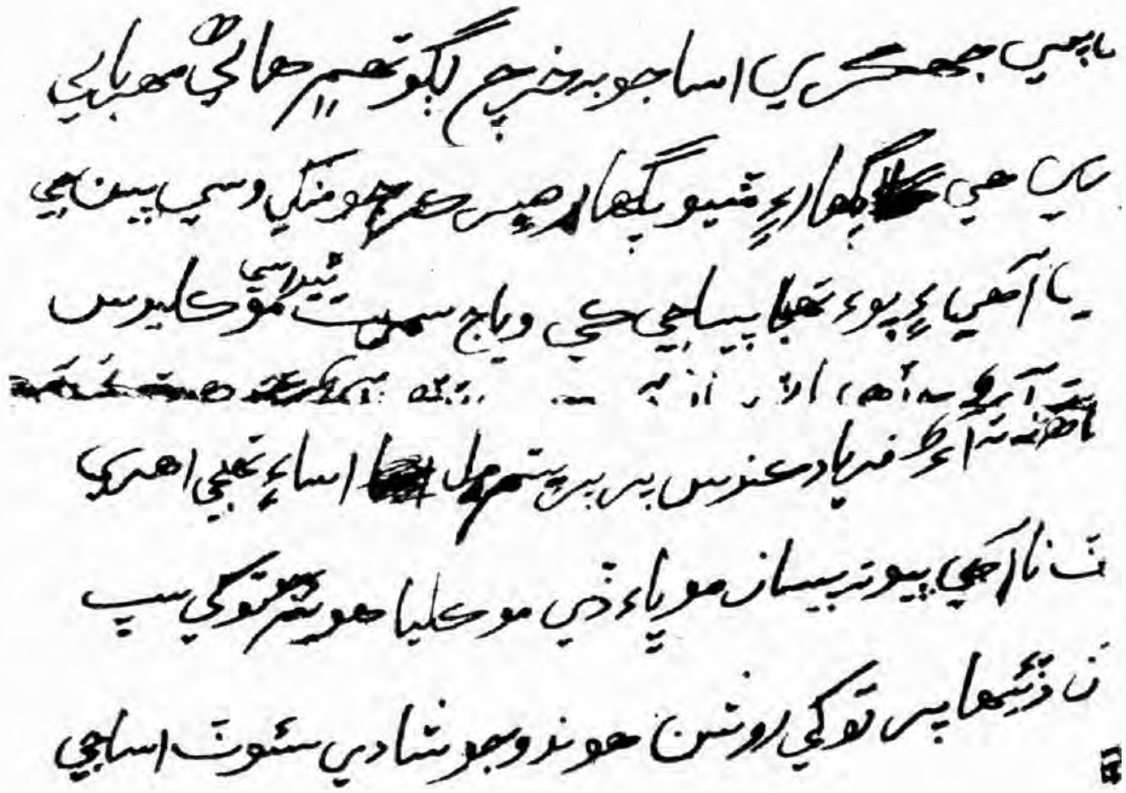

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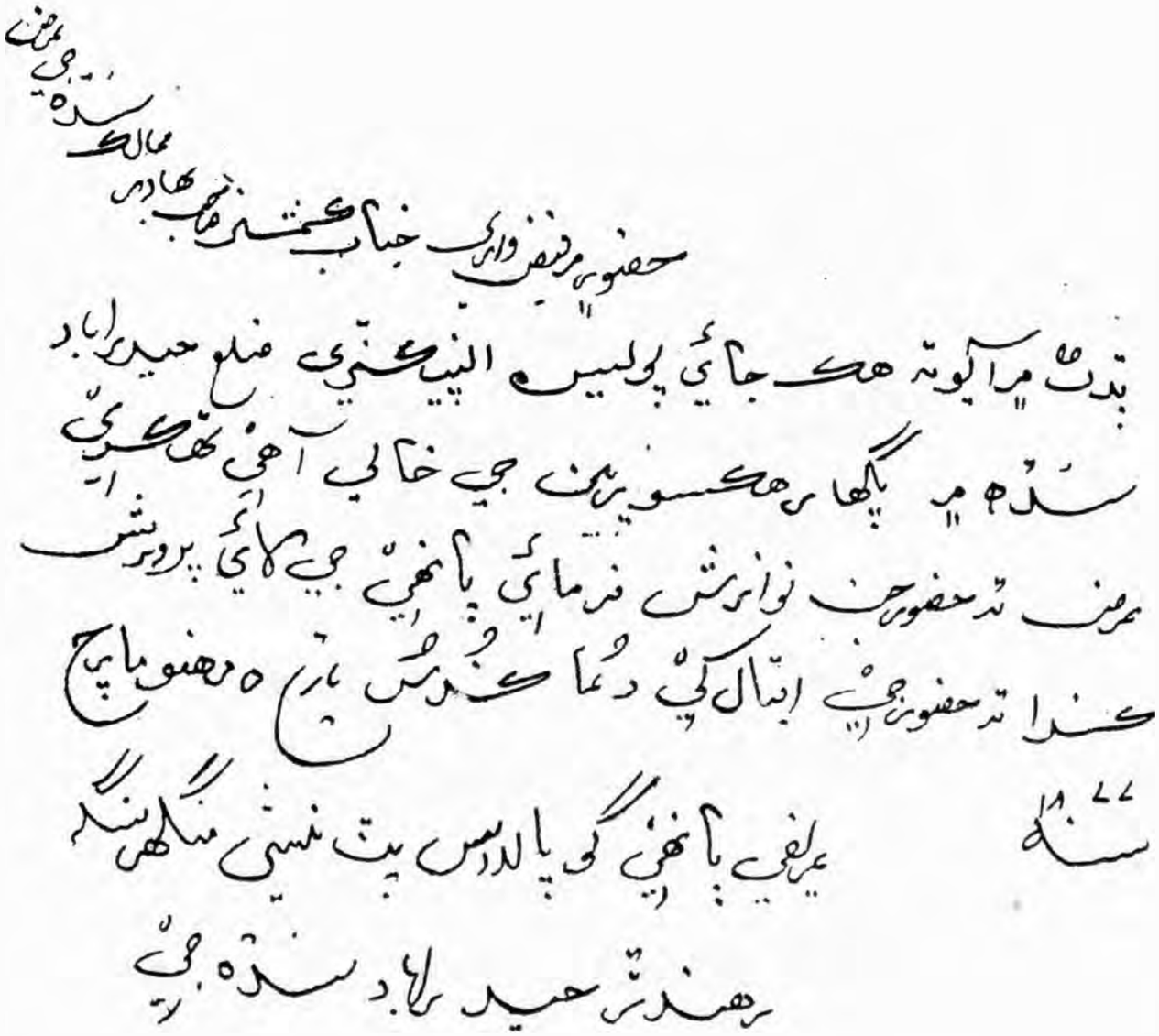

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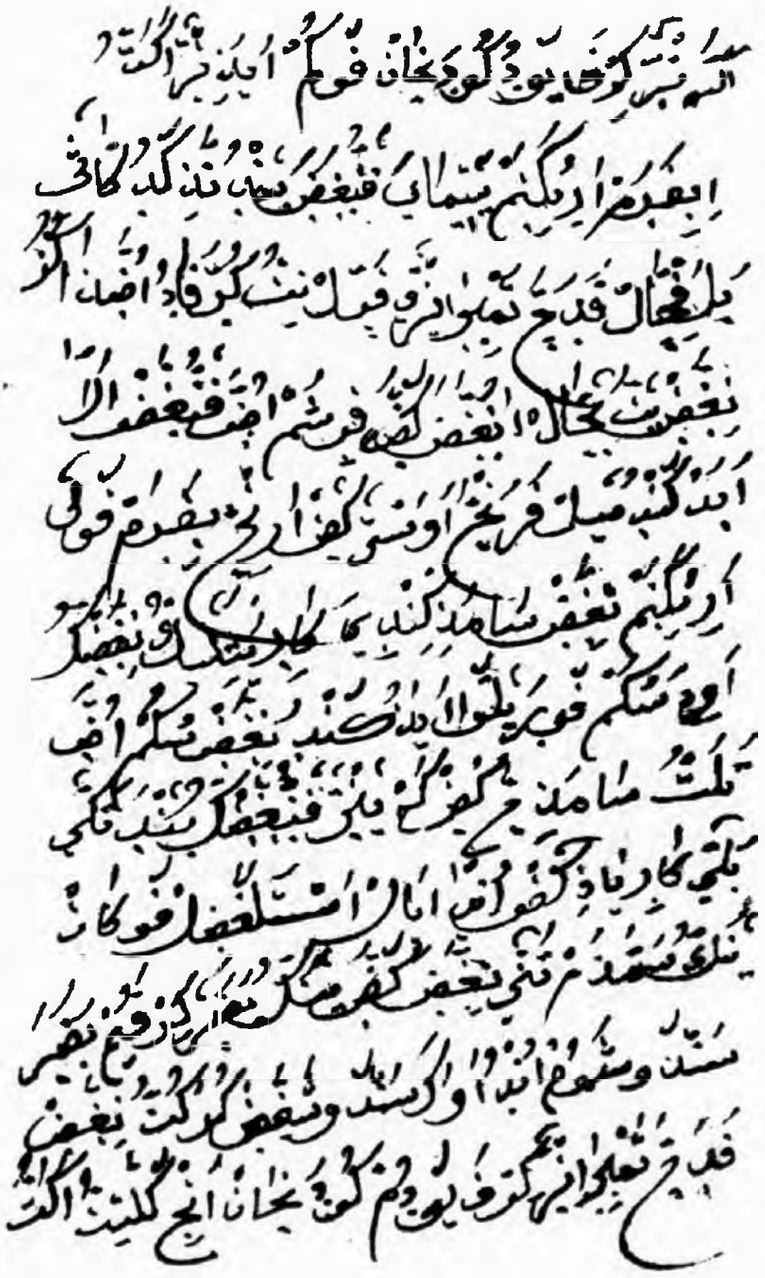
Used by Moplahs in the Malabar District.



ARMENIAN

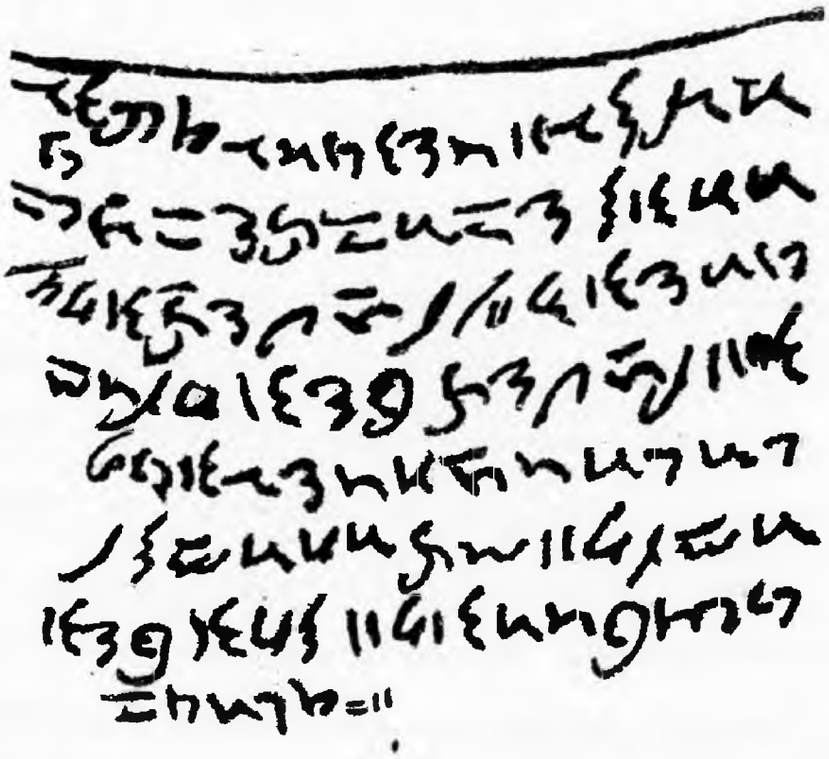
Used by Armenians.

AROWRAH

Used in Sind.

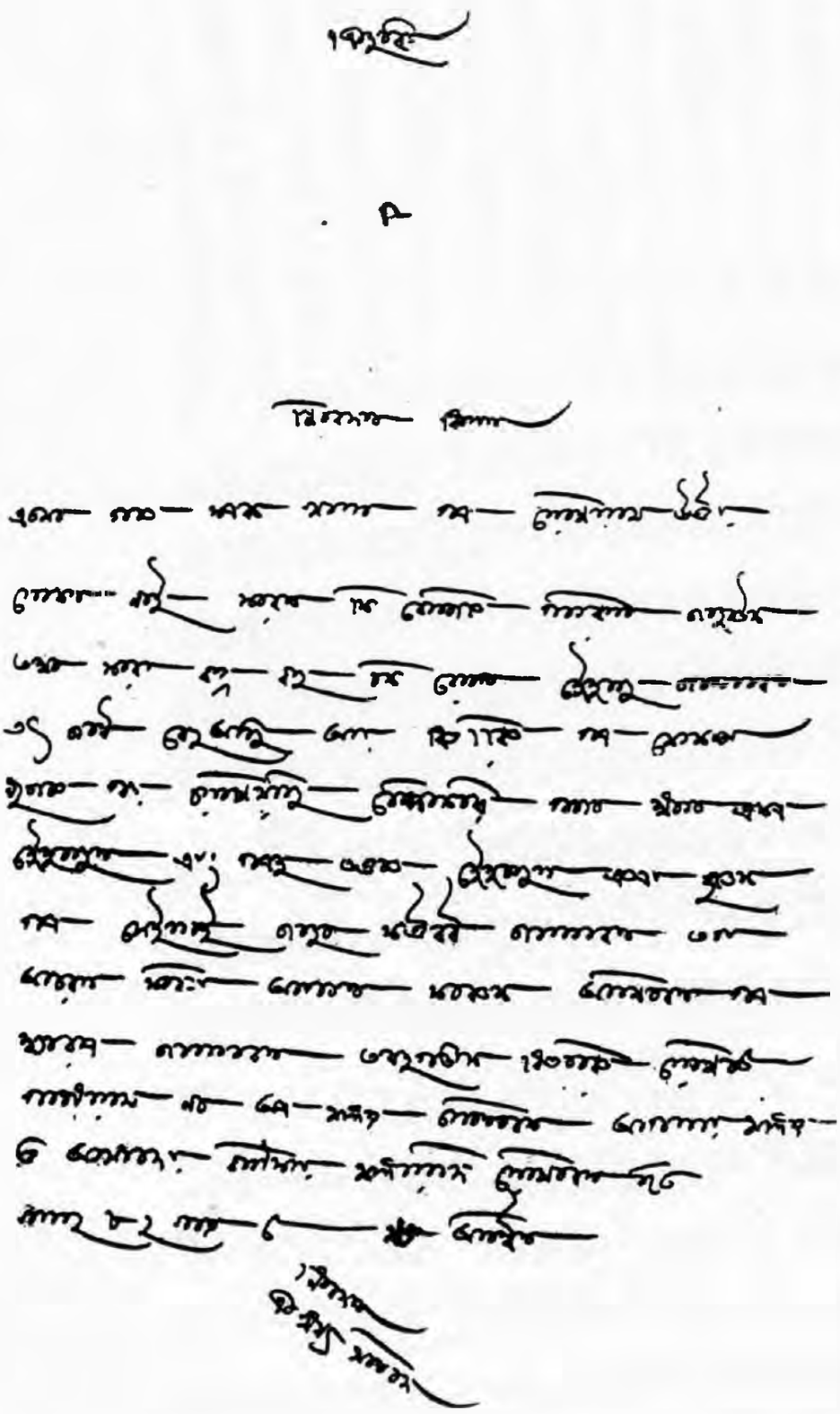
BANIAH

Used in the Districts of Sirsa, Hissar, &c.



BENGALI

Used chiefly in Bengal, but a good deal in the large cities of the North Western Provinces.

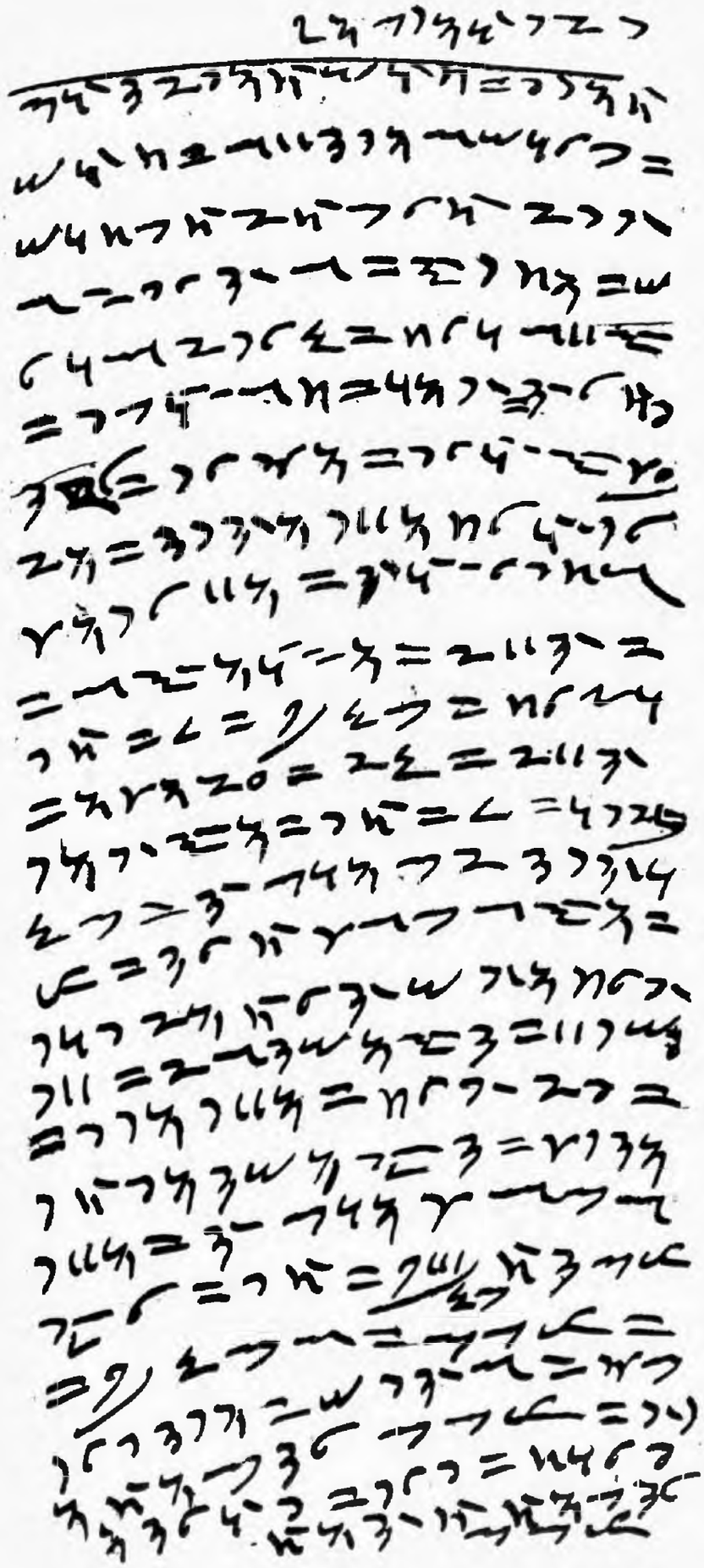


BHAWALPURI

Used in Bhawalpur.

BISATI

Used by Mahomedan merchants in the North Western Provinces.



BURMESE

Used in Burma.

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CHINESE

Used by Chinamen in Calcutta, Bombay, &c.

陸作垣少好學家貧猶以不能
之博施袌憾妻父富翁也而輕薄
意欲不往同人捐資以遂後塲
終歸妻病渴欲取破杯燎火而
得白鏹未語妻而雇塔題名報
錄又妻聞作喘視之已生一子
咿咿在床矣

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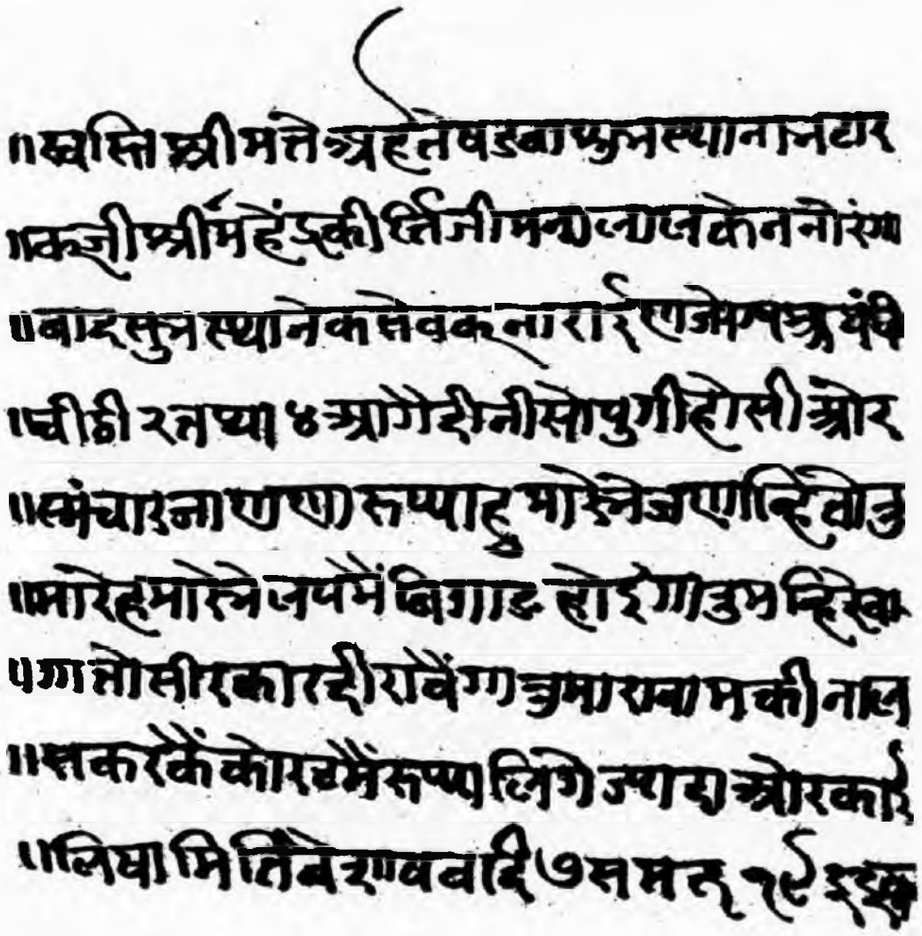
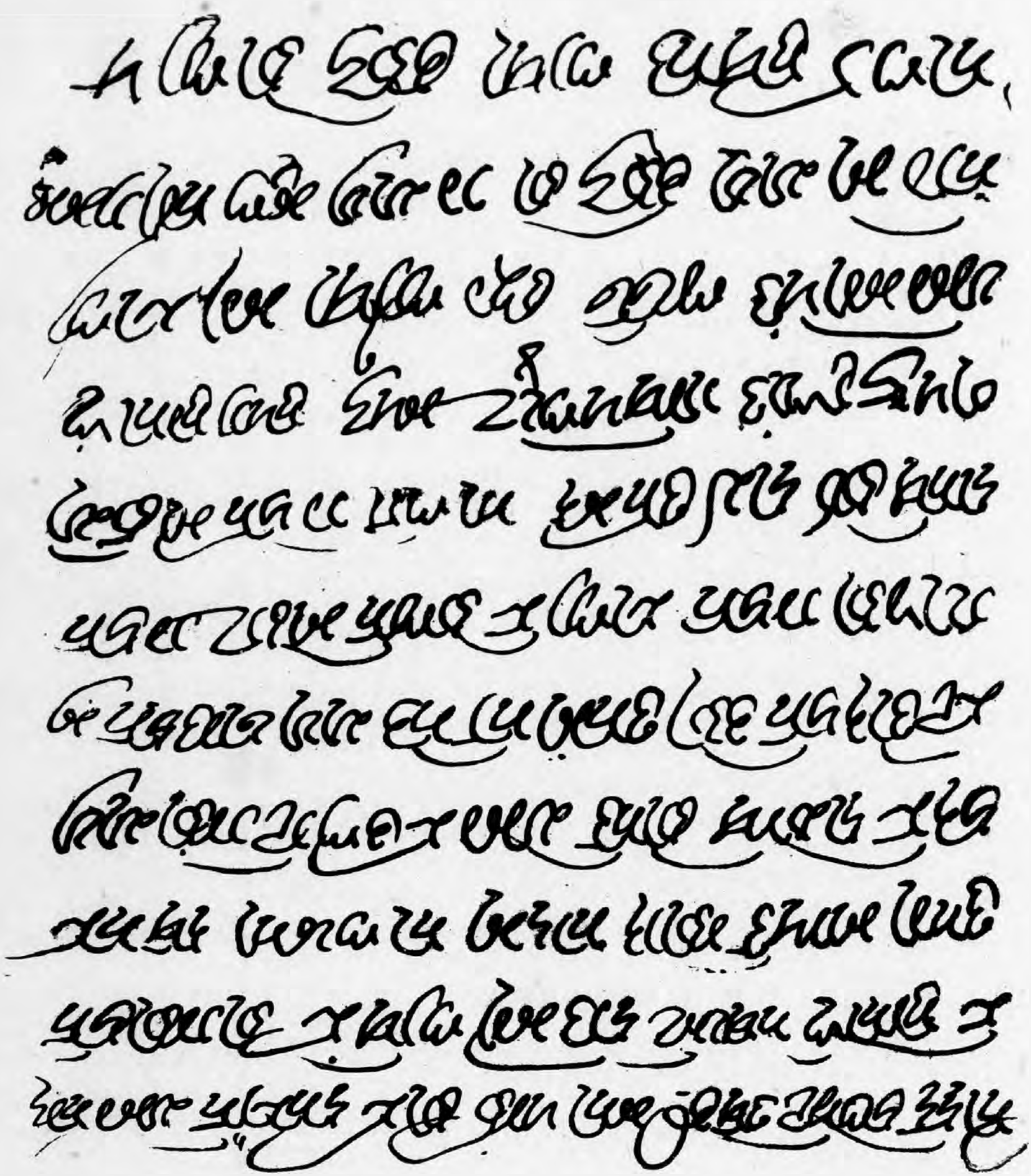
DEVA NAGRI

Used in the Hindi literature of almost every province of India.



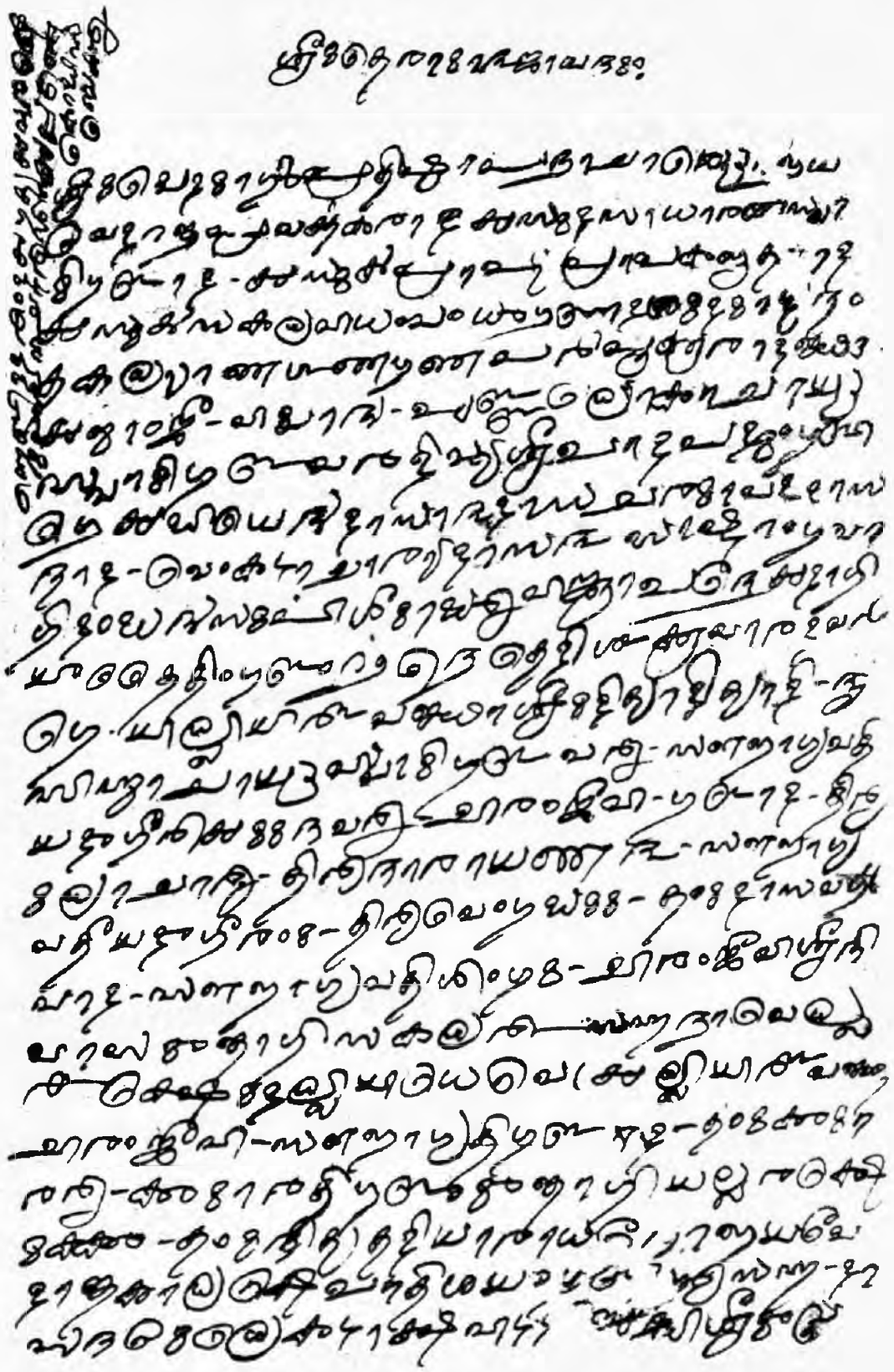
DOGRI

Used in Jamoo Territory (Kashmir.)



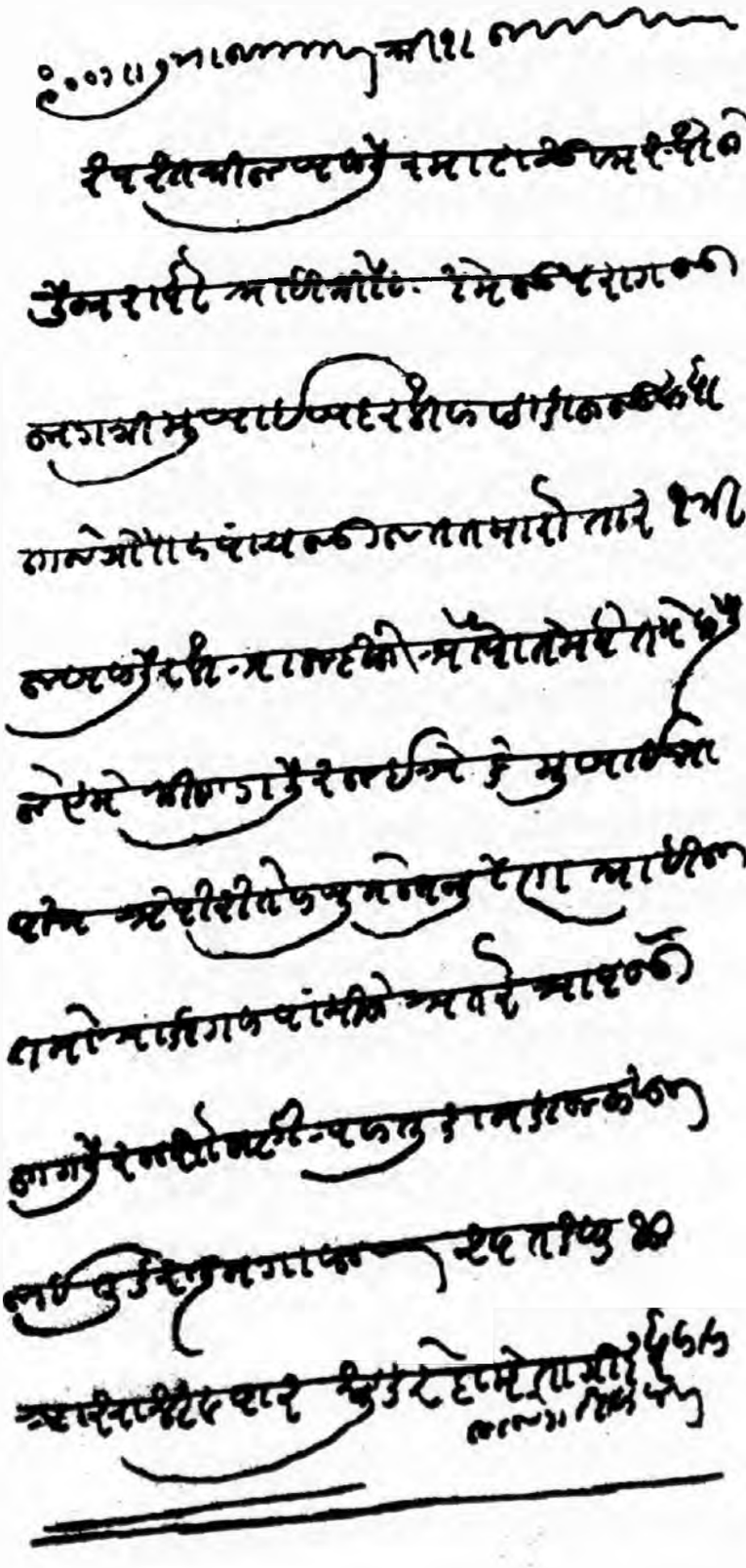
GRANDHAM

Used by learned Brahmans south of Madras.



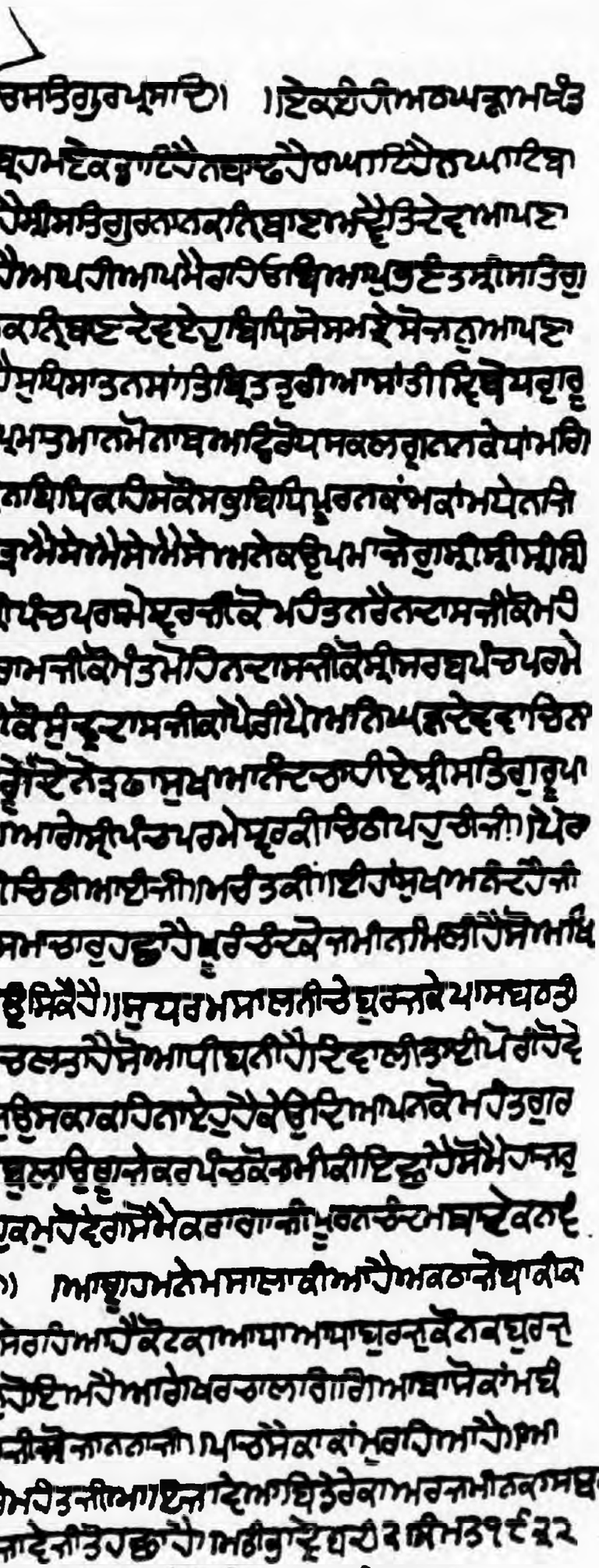
GUJRATI

Used in Gujrat, Bombay Presidency, in Rajputana and occasionally in the North Western Provinces.



GURMUKHI OR PANJABI

Used by Sikhs in the Panjab.



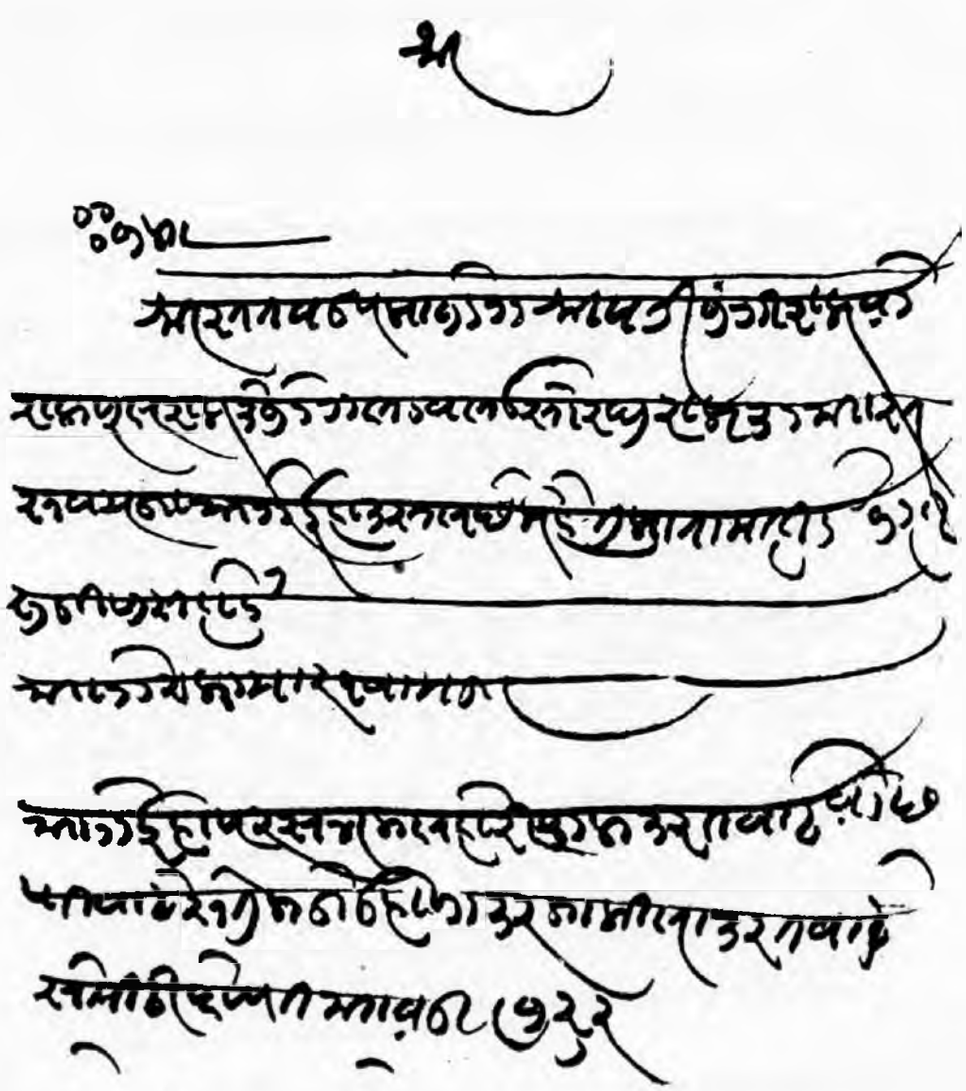
KAITHI

Used by partly educated Hindoos in Oudh, the N. W. P. and upper Bengal.

KAITHI

Generally used in the Benares, Patna, Allahabad Divisions
by better educated Hindoos.

SECOND SPECIMEN

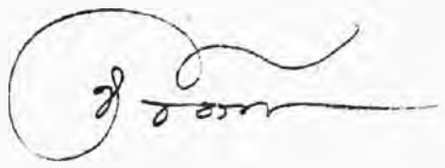


KANARESE

Used in South Canara.

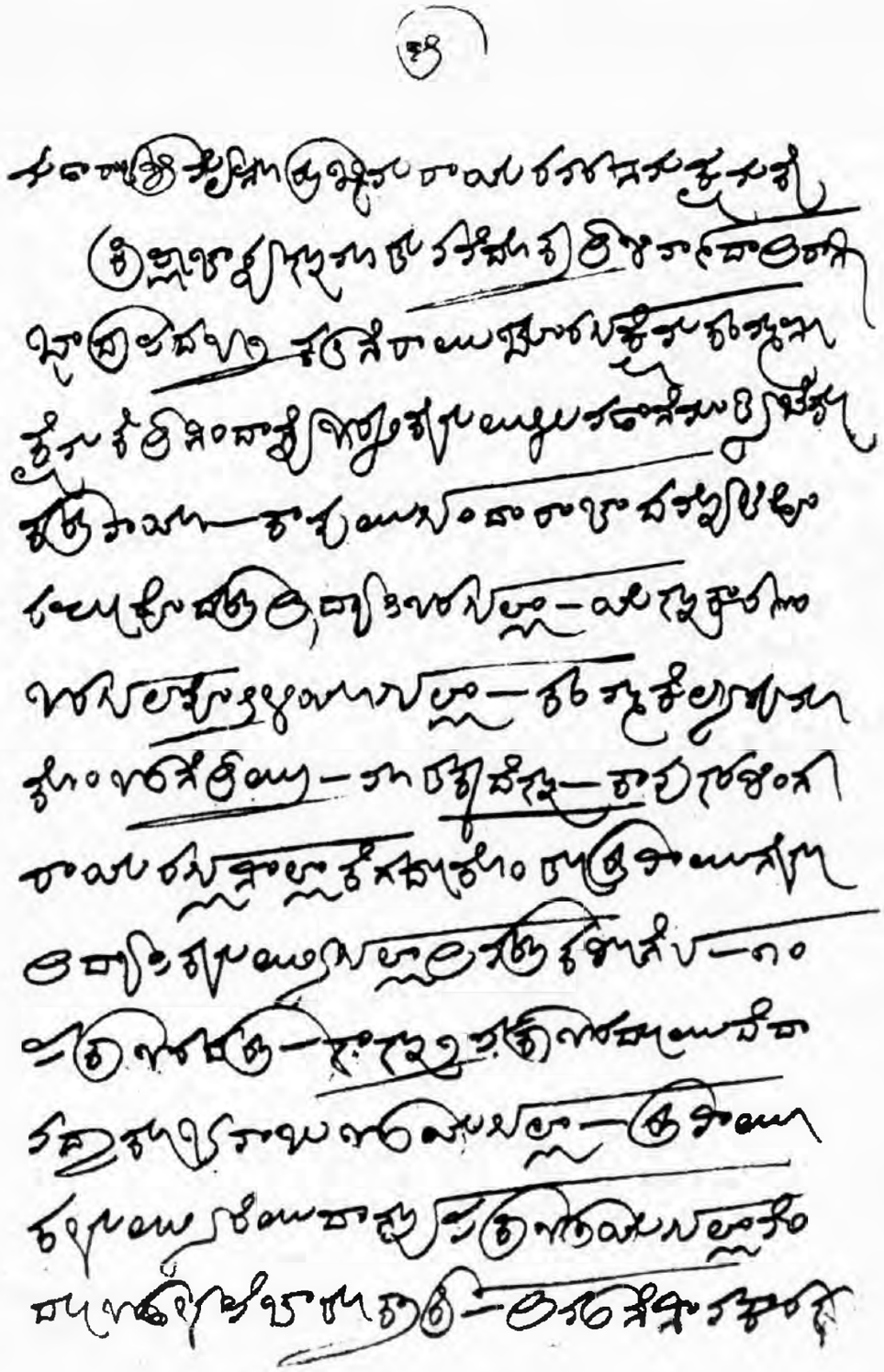
KANARESE

Used in North Canara.



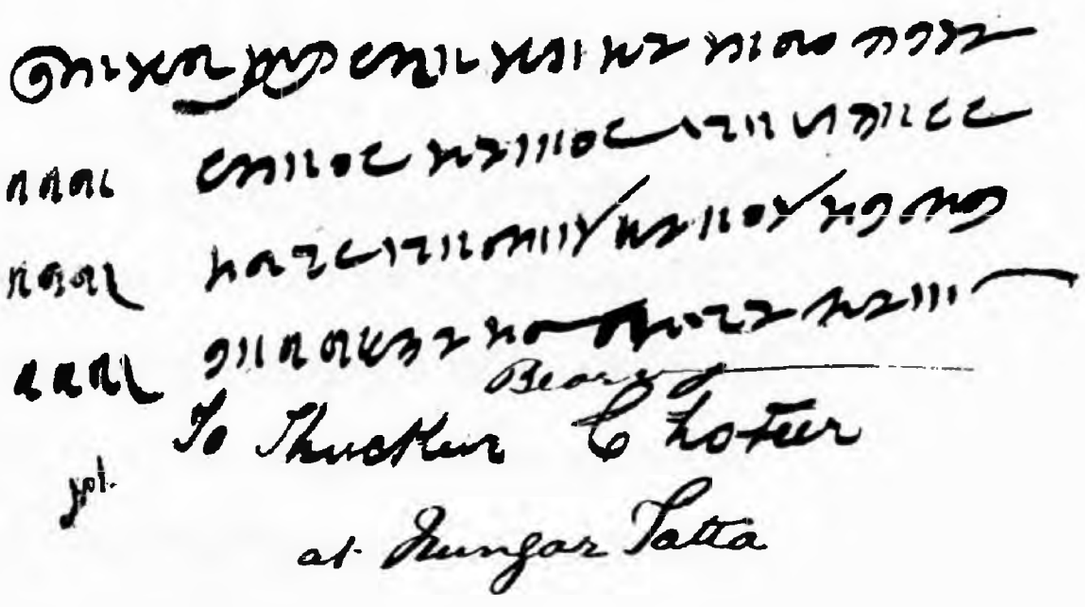
KANARESE

Used in the Mysore and Coorg territories.



KARADI

Used by Baniahs in Sind.



KHOJA

Used by Eunuchs in the service of Native States.

KHOJA

Used by Khojas, a class of Mahomedan merchants in Bombay and Sind.

LAMAWASI

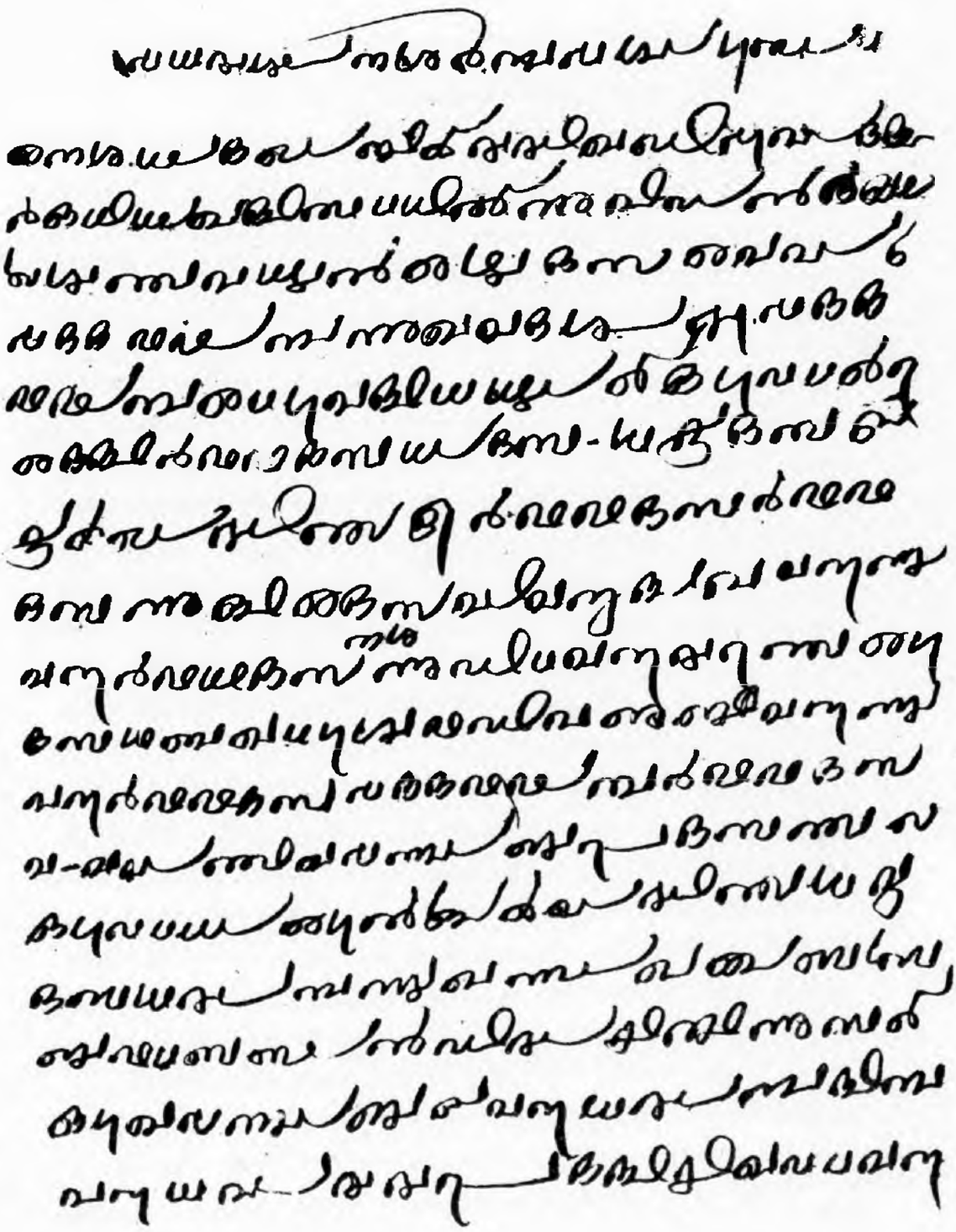
Used in Pindi, Bhatian, Chunian, &c.

LUNDAS

Used in Sealkote, Wazirabad, &c.

KOLE MALAYALAM

Used in Mahe and its neighbourhood.



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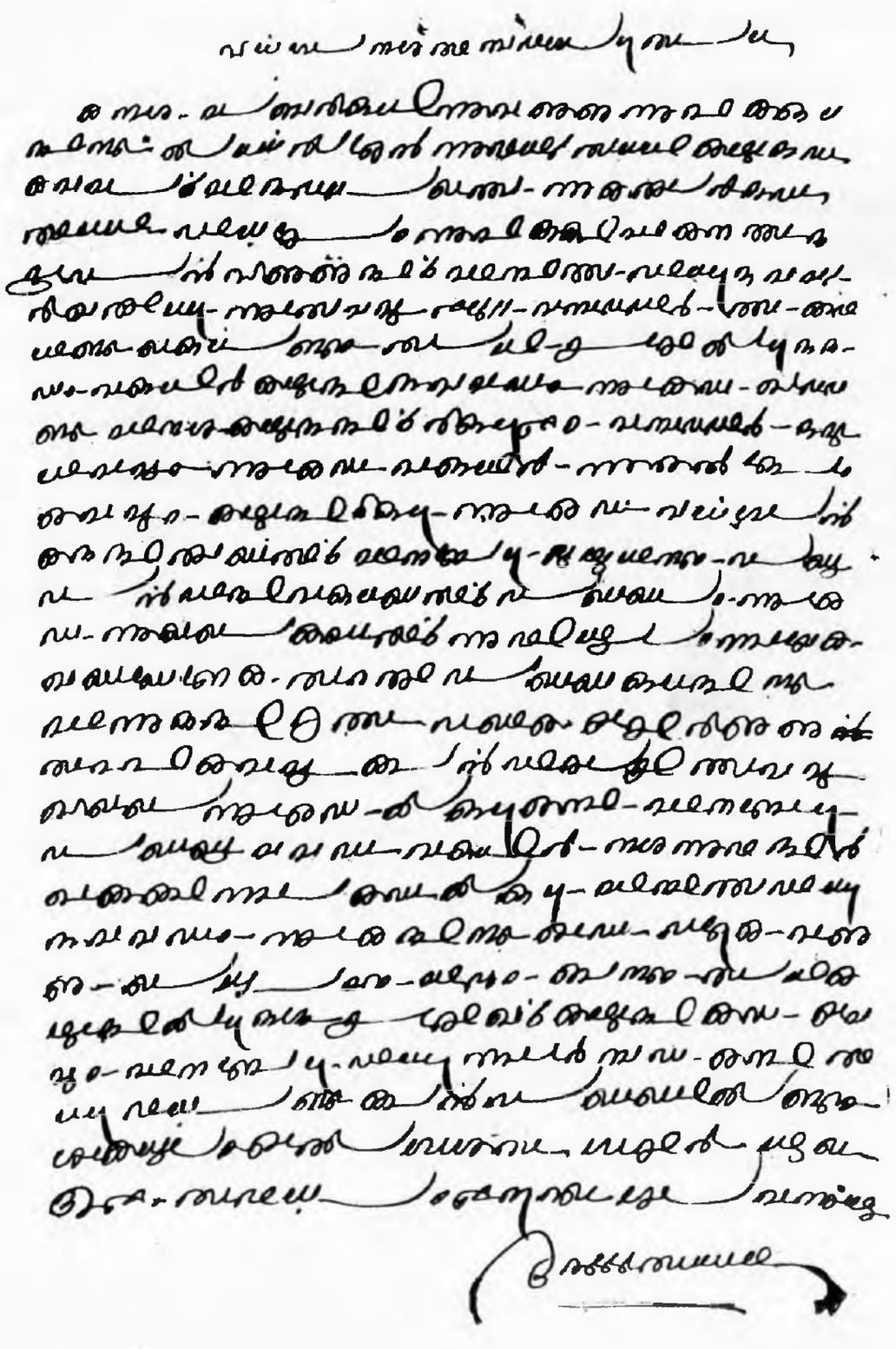
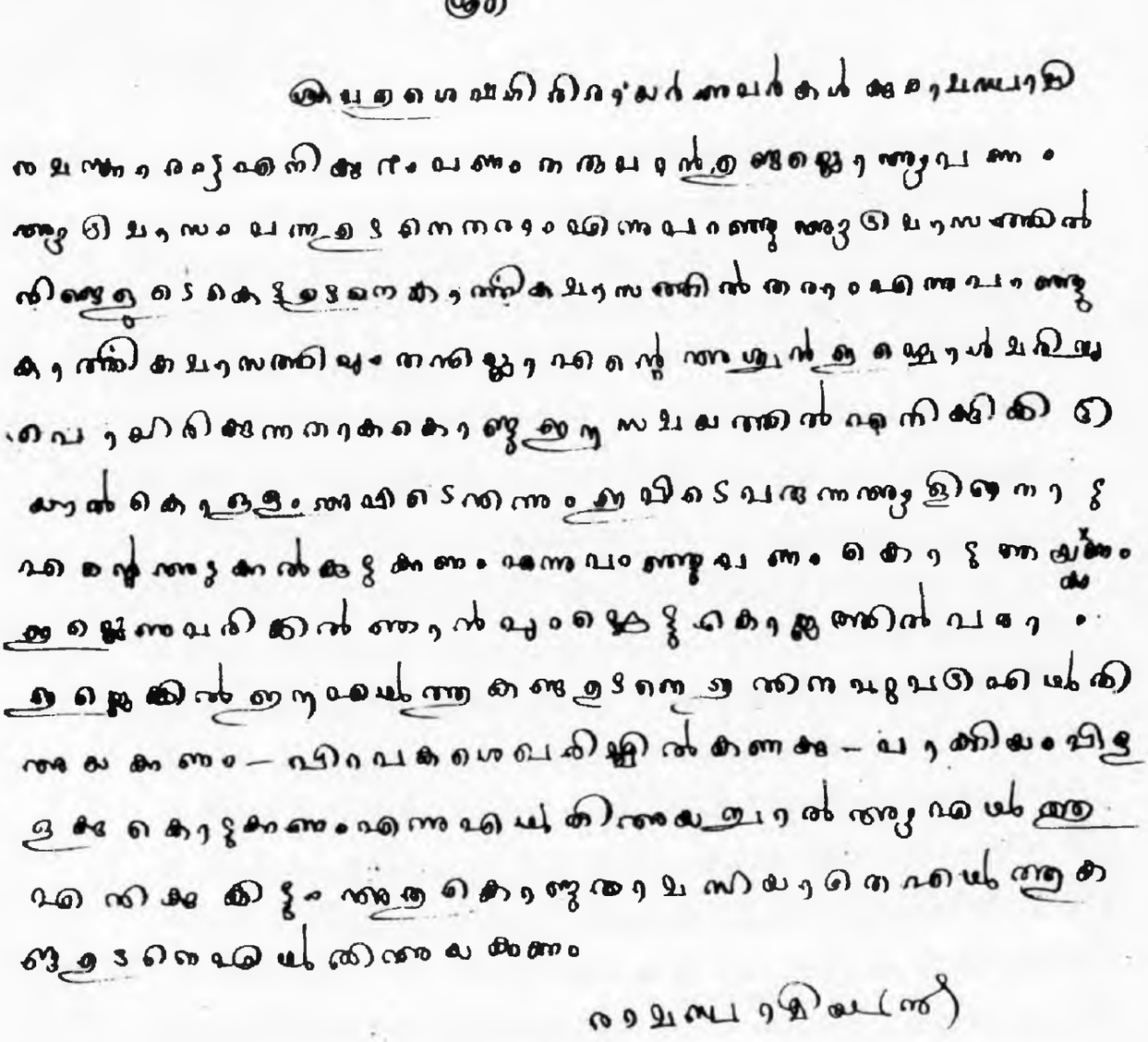


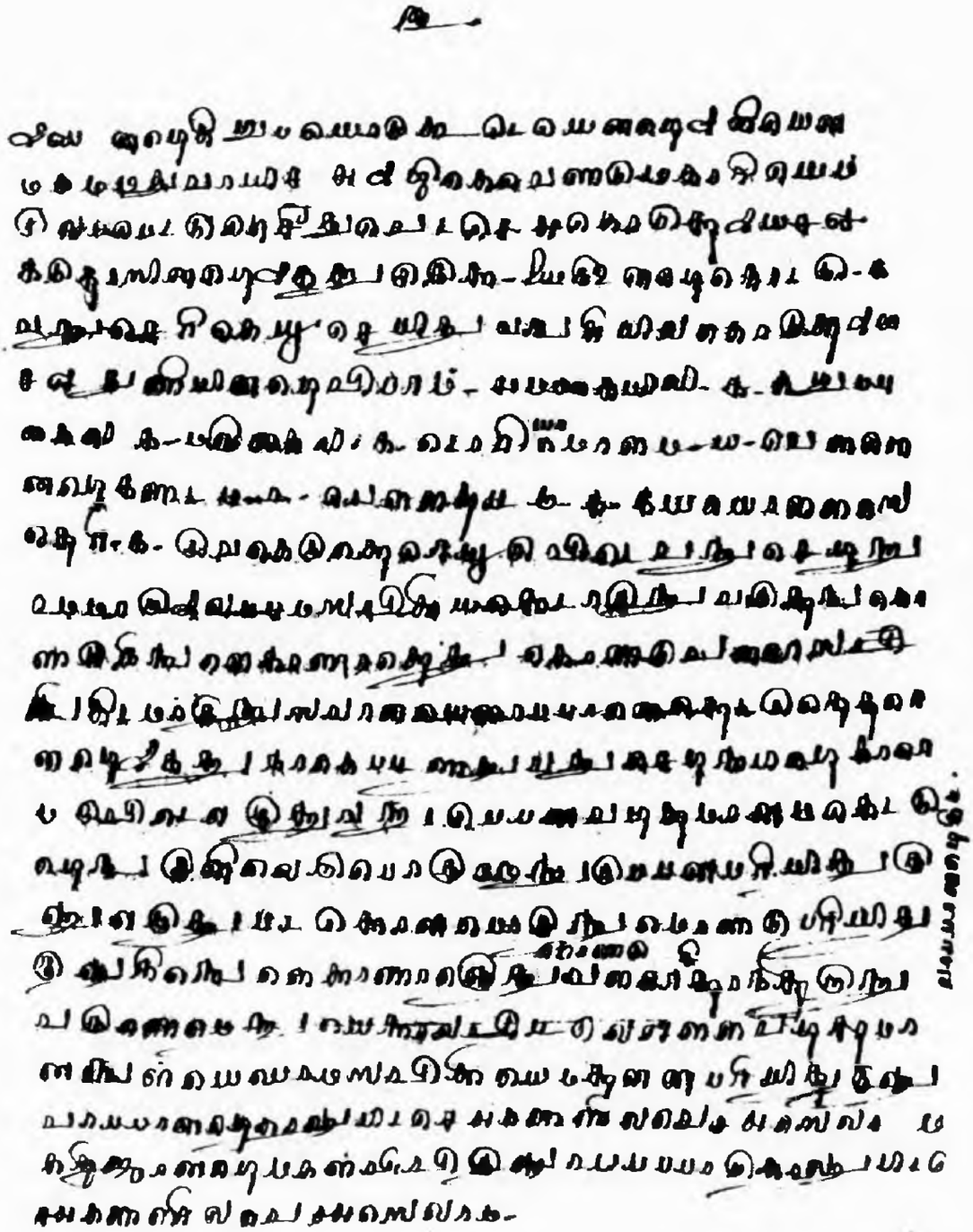
MALAYALAM

Used in North and South Malabar.



MALAYALAM

Used in Travancore.



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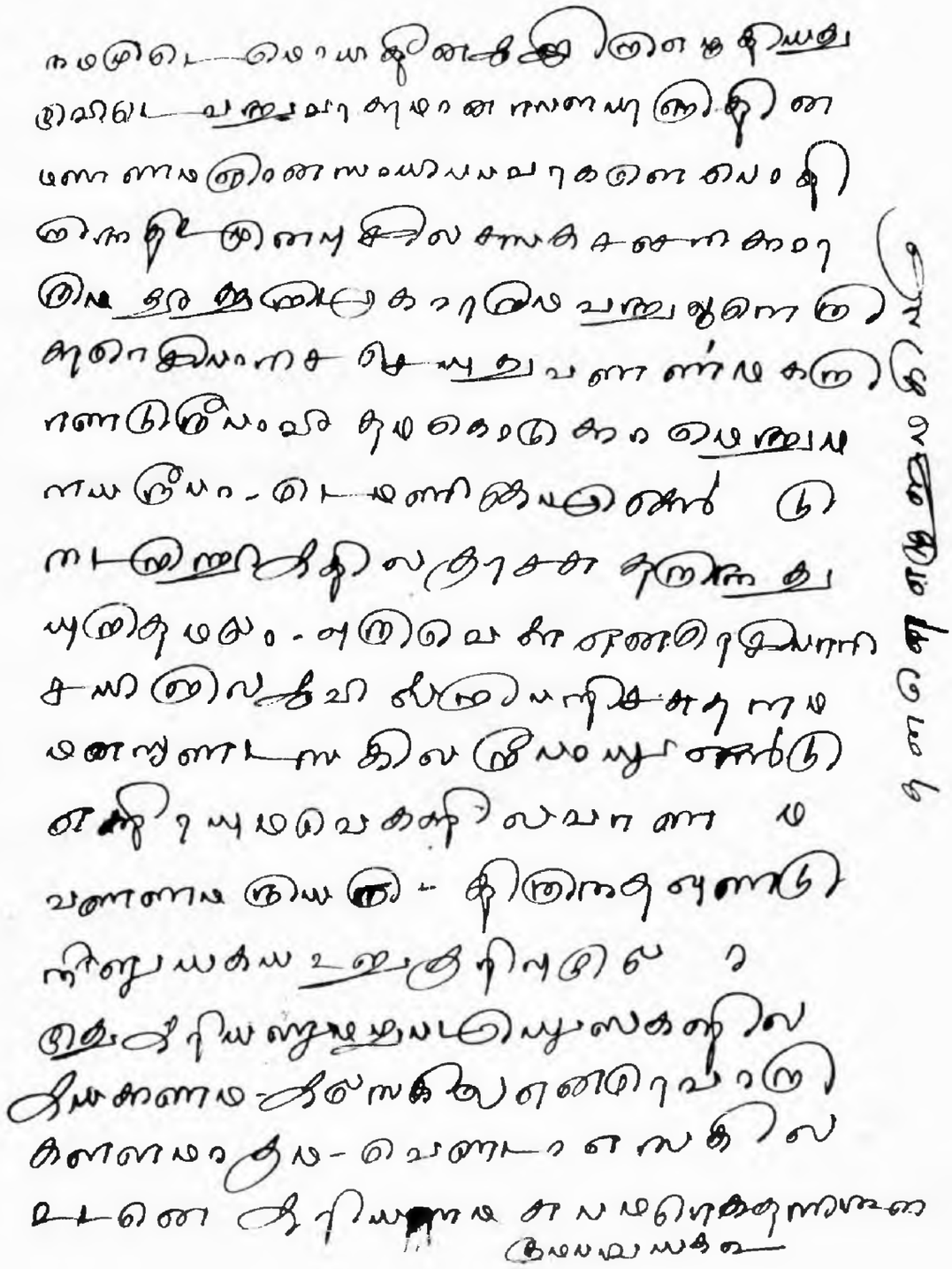
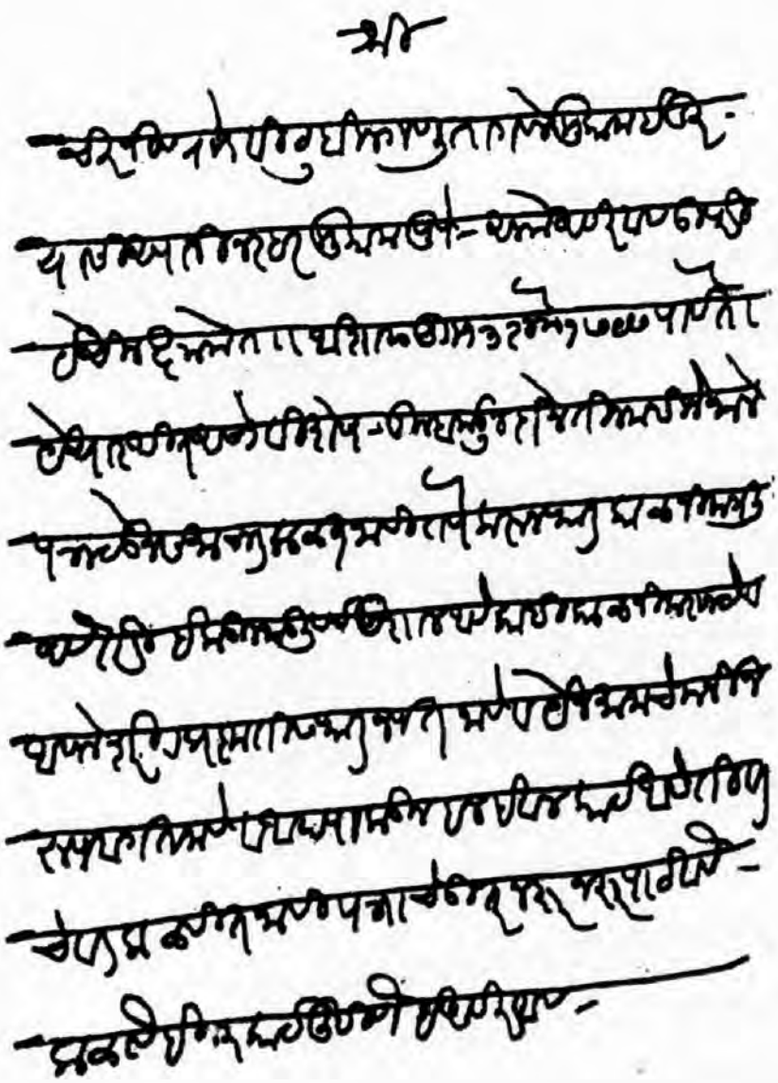


MARATHI

Used largely in the Bombay Presidency and in the Gwalior and Indore territories.

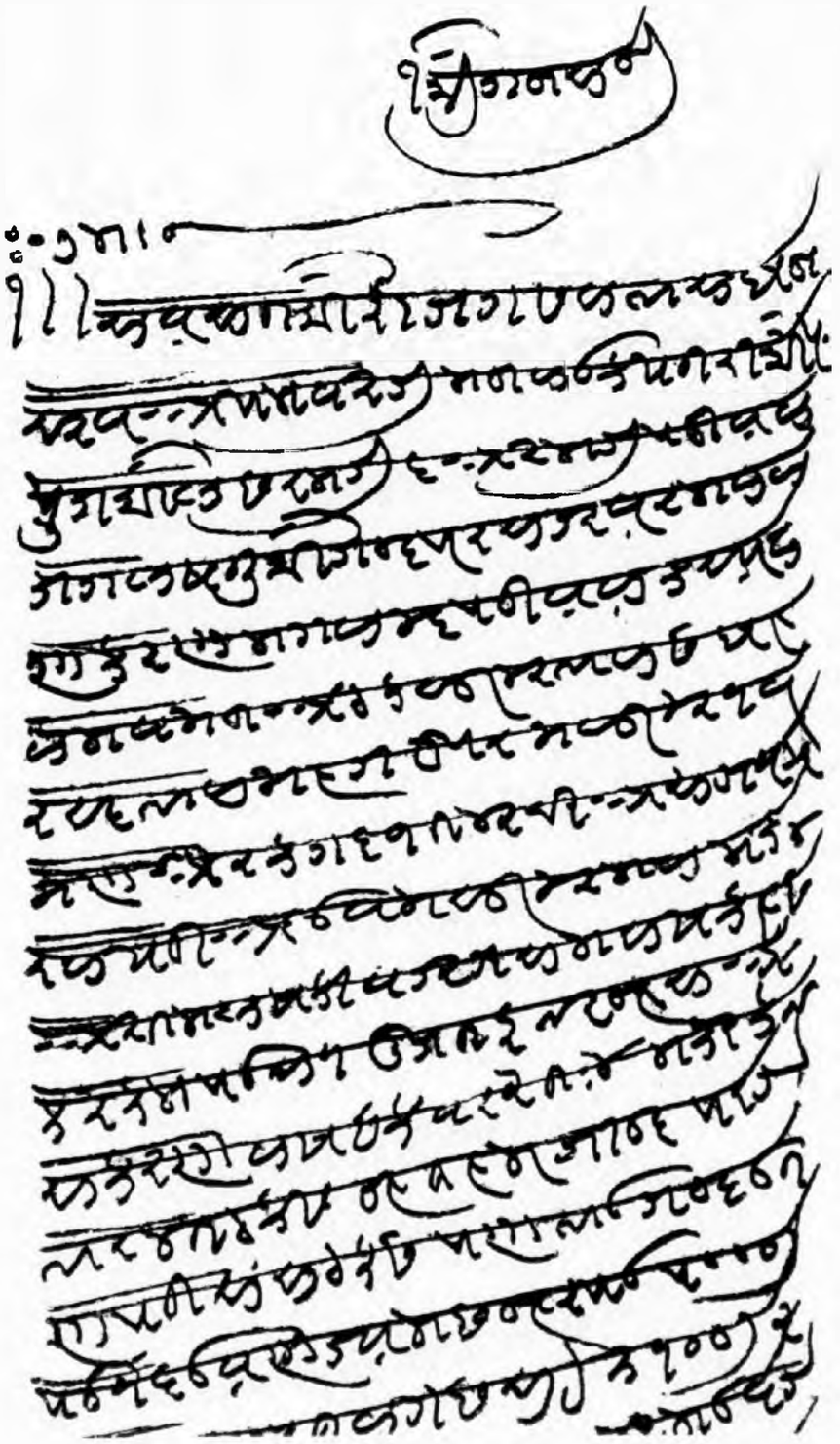


MARWARI

Used in Rajputana by Marwaries and by the trading class generally.

MARWARI ASSAMI

Used by Marwari Merchants in Assam.

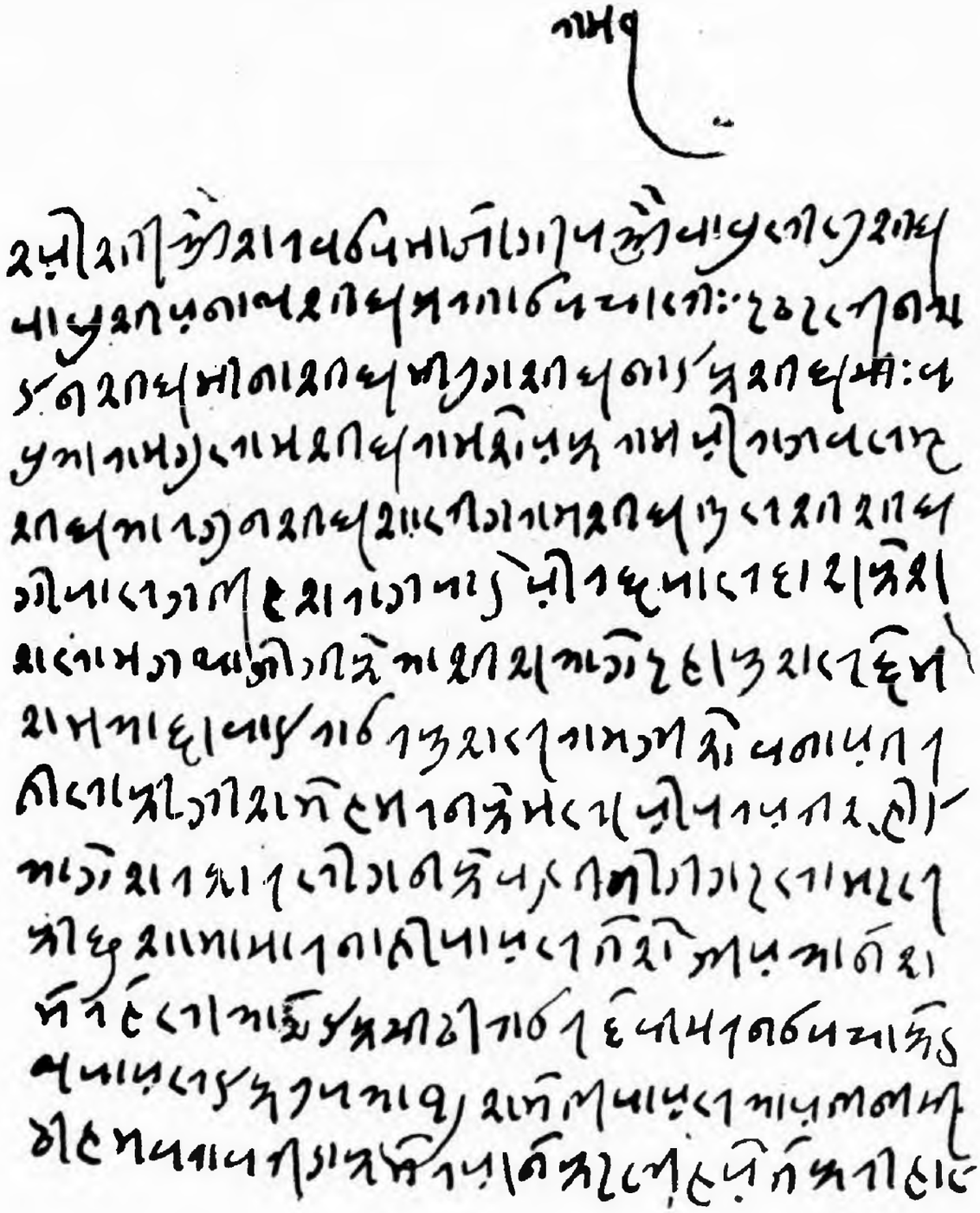


MARWARI MIXED WITH SARAFI

Used in Ajmere, Jeypore.

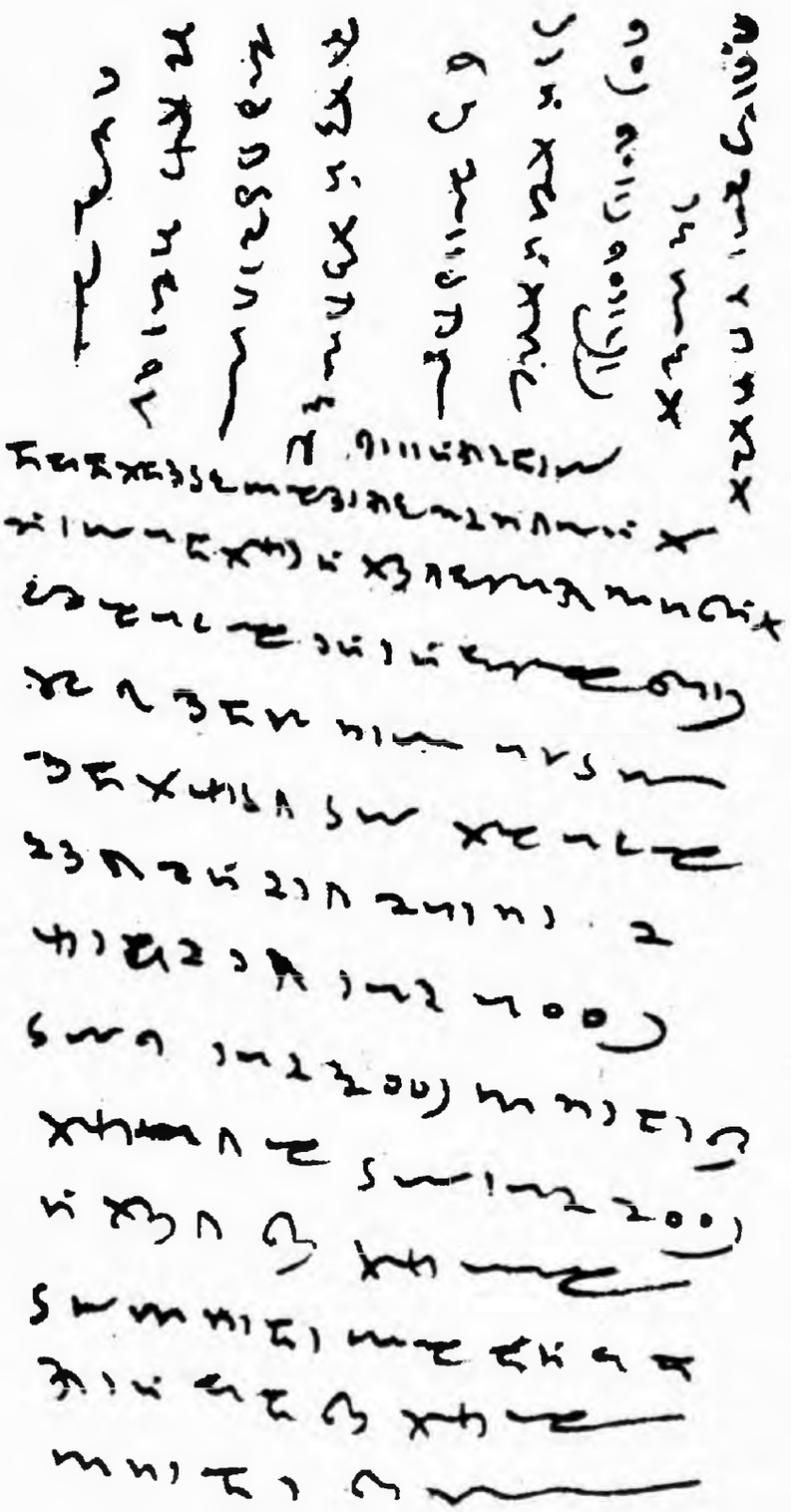
MUDIA

Used in Oudh and Towns in the North Western Provinces below Allahabad.



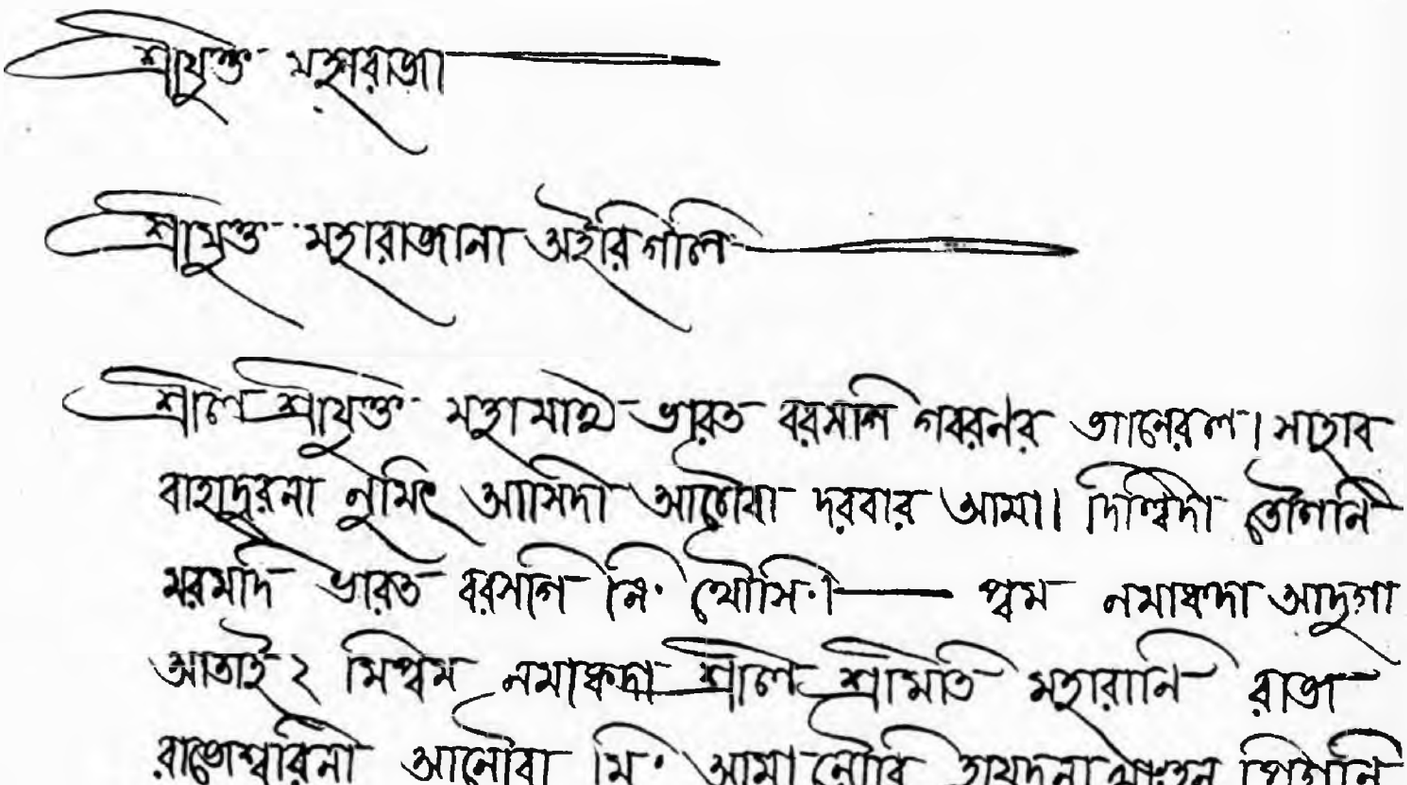
MOOLTANI

Used in Mooltan and adjoining Towns.



MUNIPURI

Used in Munipur, a Native State in Eastern India.



Srijukt Maharaja,

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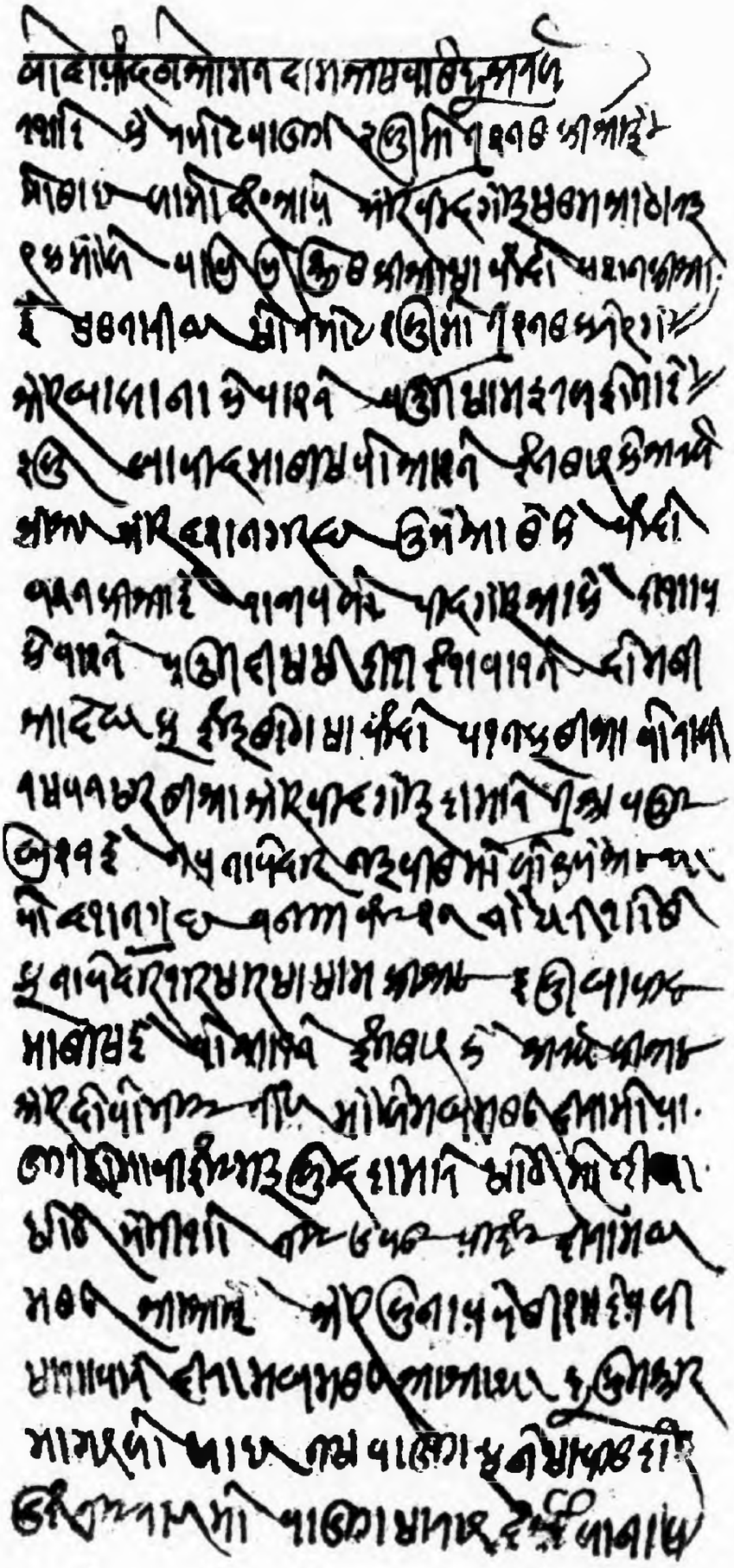
MURIA

Used by Merchants in Behar and Benares &c.

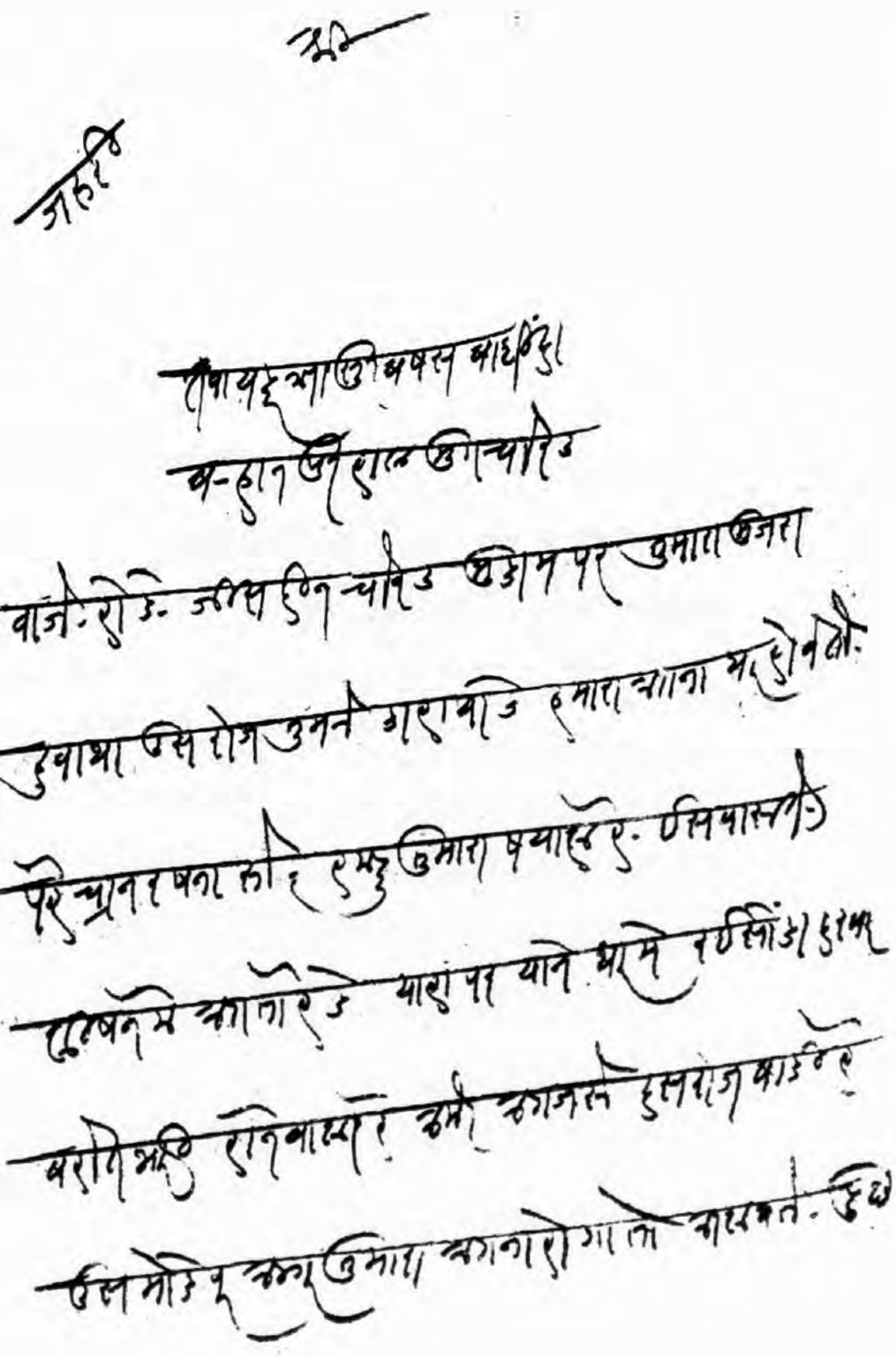
NEPALI

Used in Nepal.



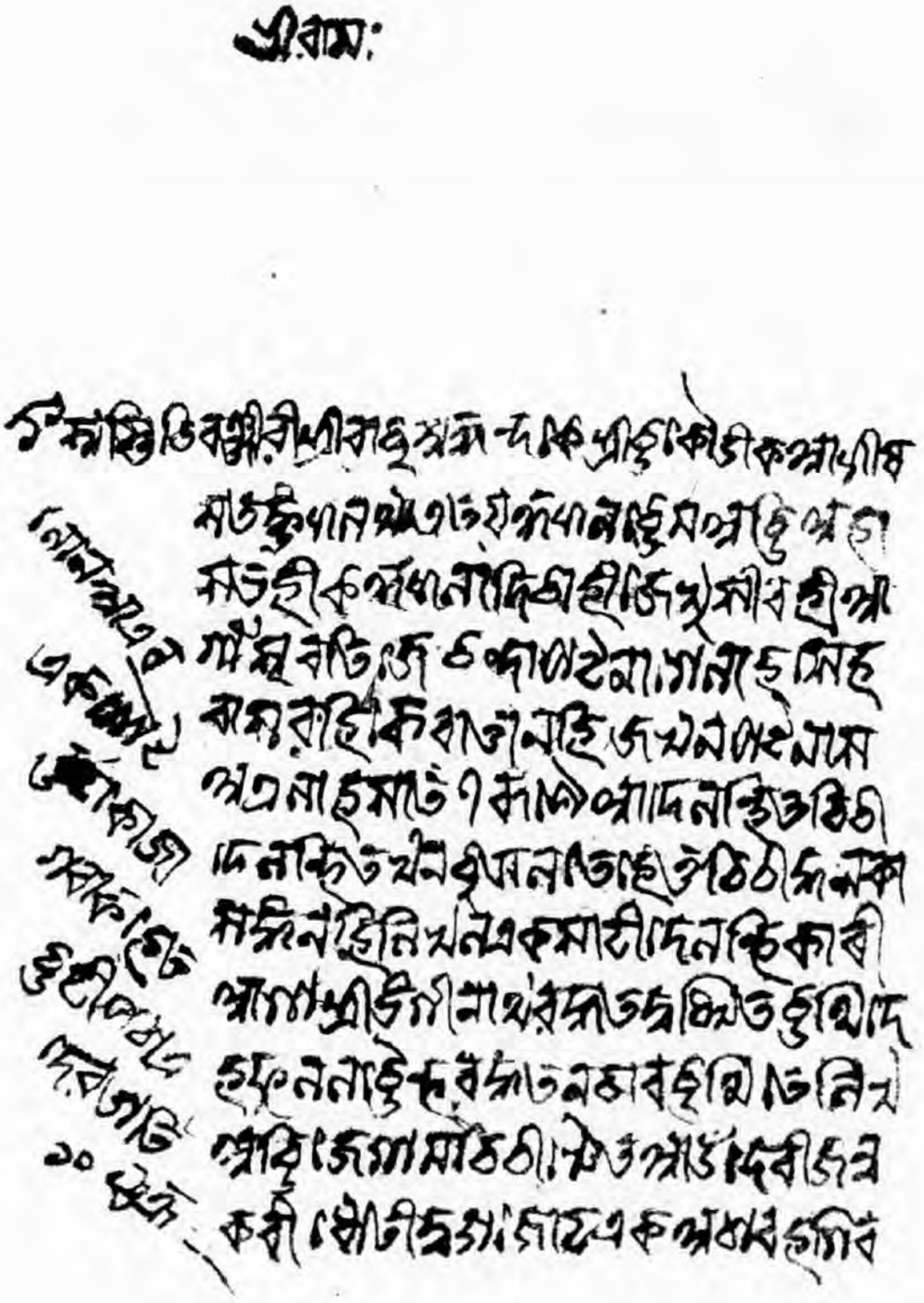
NIMARI

Used in Central Provinces



OJHA

Used in Behar, chiefly by Ojha Brahmins.



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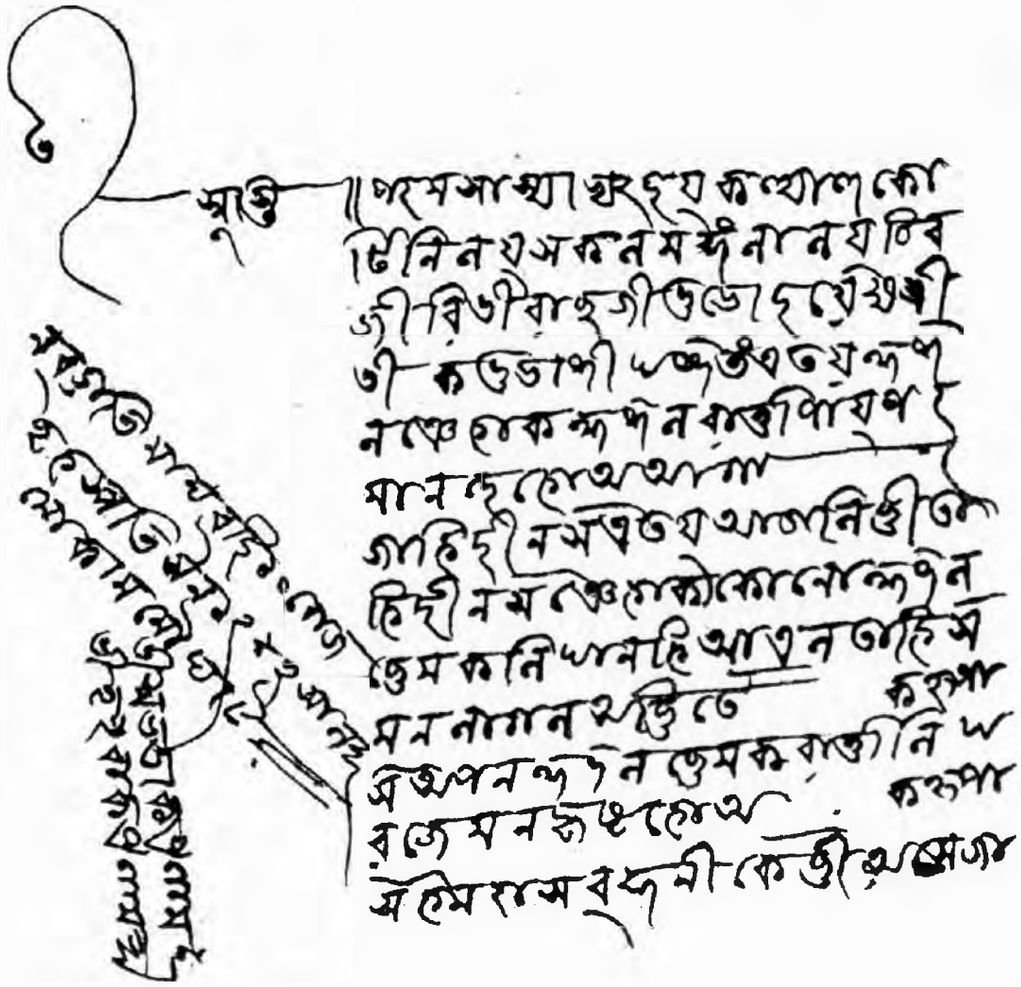
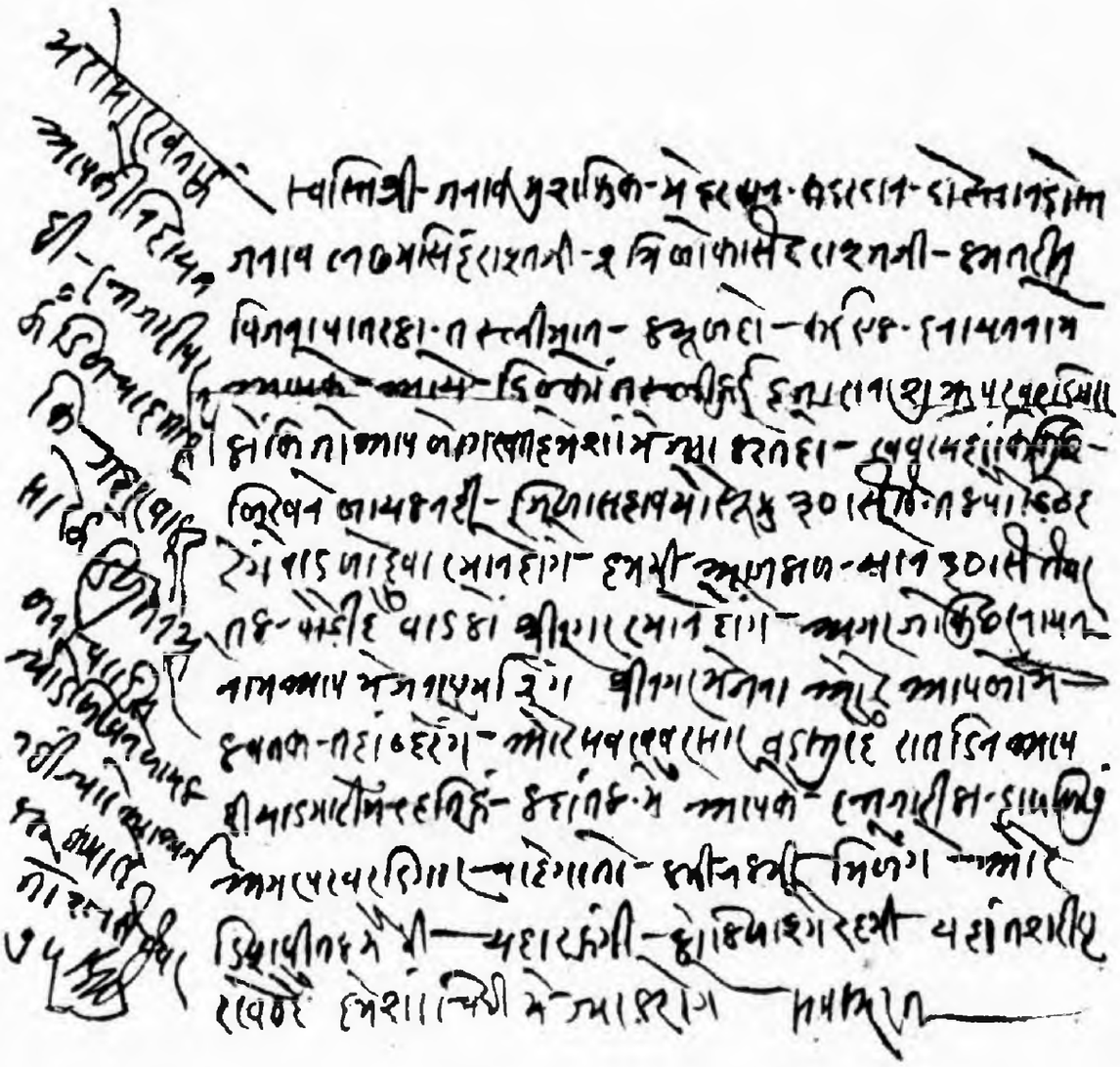


PAHARI

Used by Natives of Kumaon, Almorah and Gurhwal.



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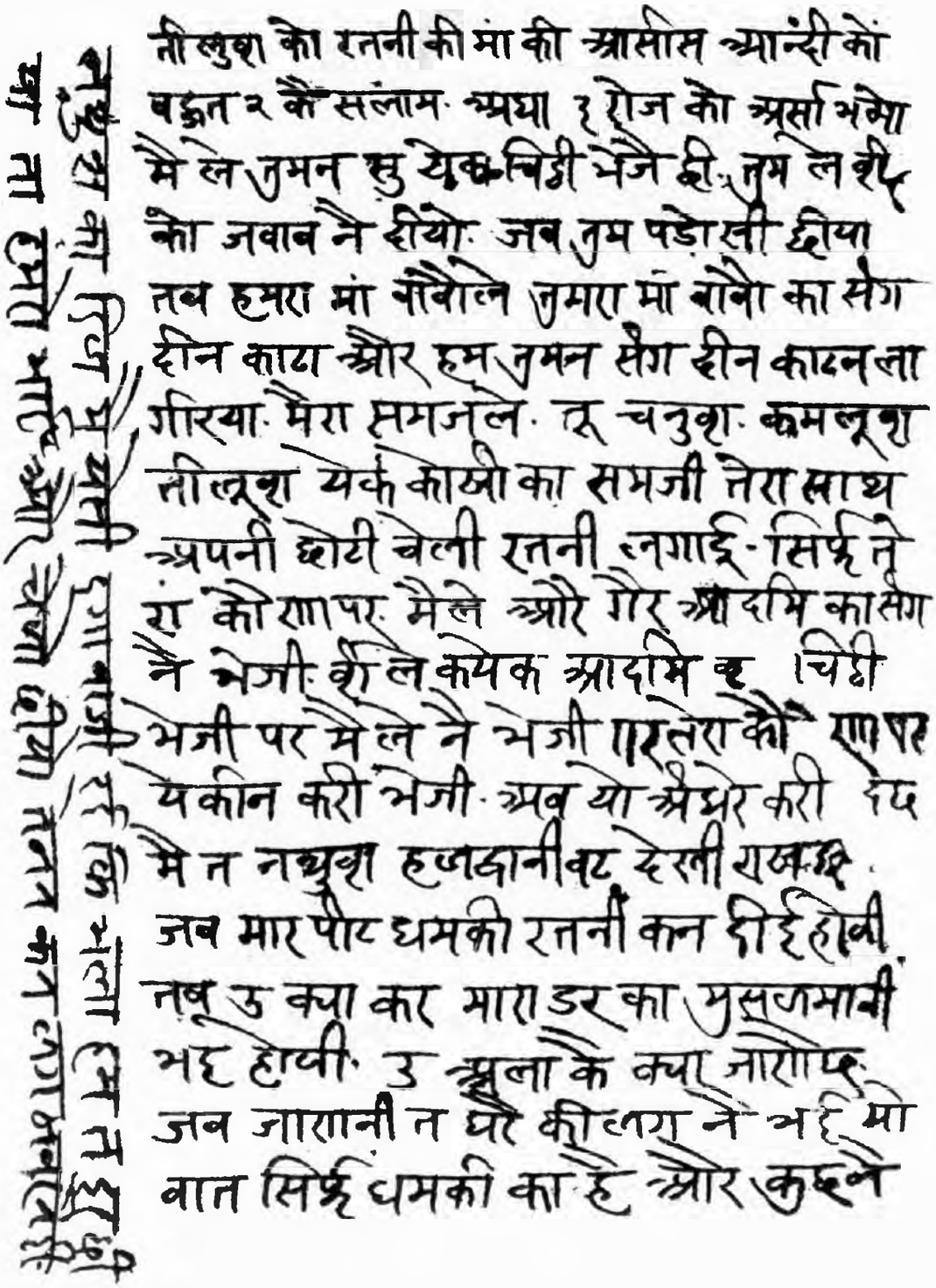
SECOND SPECIMEN.

श्री

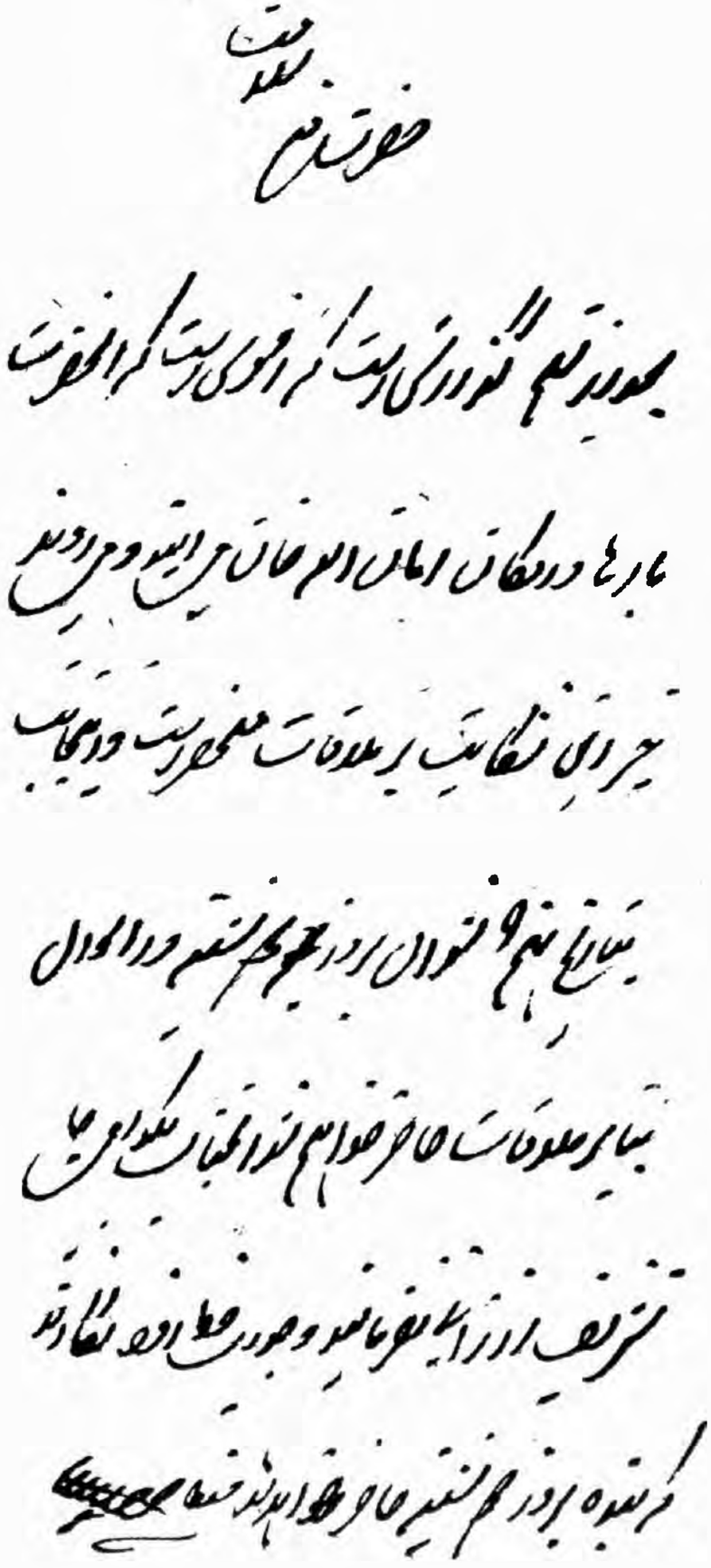


PARACHI

Used in Bhera Khoshab. &c.

PERSIAN

Used throughout India, chiefly by educated Mohamedans.



PASHTOO

Used by Frontier tribes near Peshawur.

قبله د ما جناب مولوی کبیرالدین احمد صاحب بس لادب

د سلام عرض داد موافق لحکم د لوی دلبار کفتان ضربت صاحب

زهٔ و داخه په پشتو ژبه باند خط نولښته کړ د روه می لیږه

امیده خه تاسوله جناب کفتان صاحب خخه یو سند کا د کول

او امین کول را وانجله راو یلیږخه د ما پکا د راشی

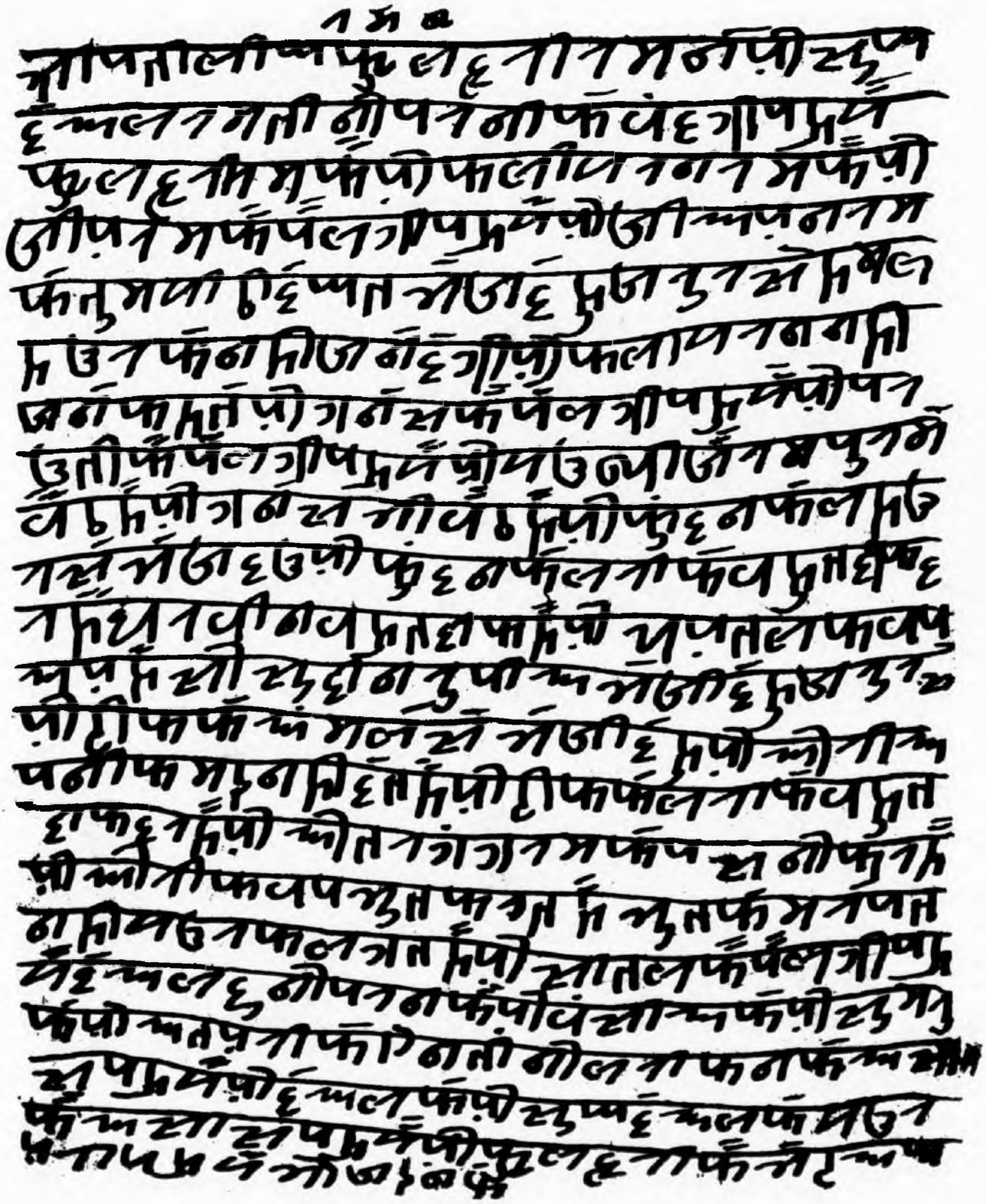
عبدالخالق ساتنکی د کتابو د مدرسه لوی

RORI

Used by Bankers in the Punjab and Sindh.

SAIHSI

Generally used by servants and other ill educated natives in the North Western Provinces and Oudh.



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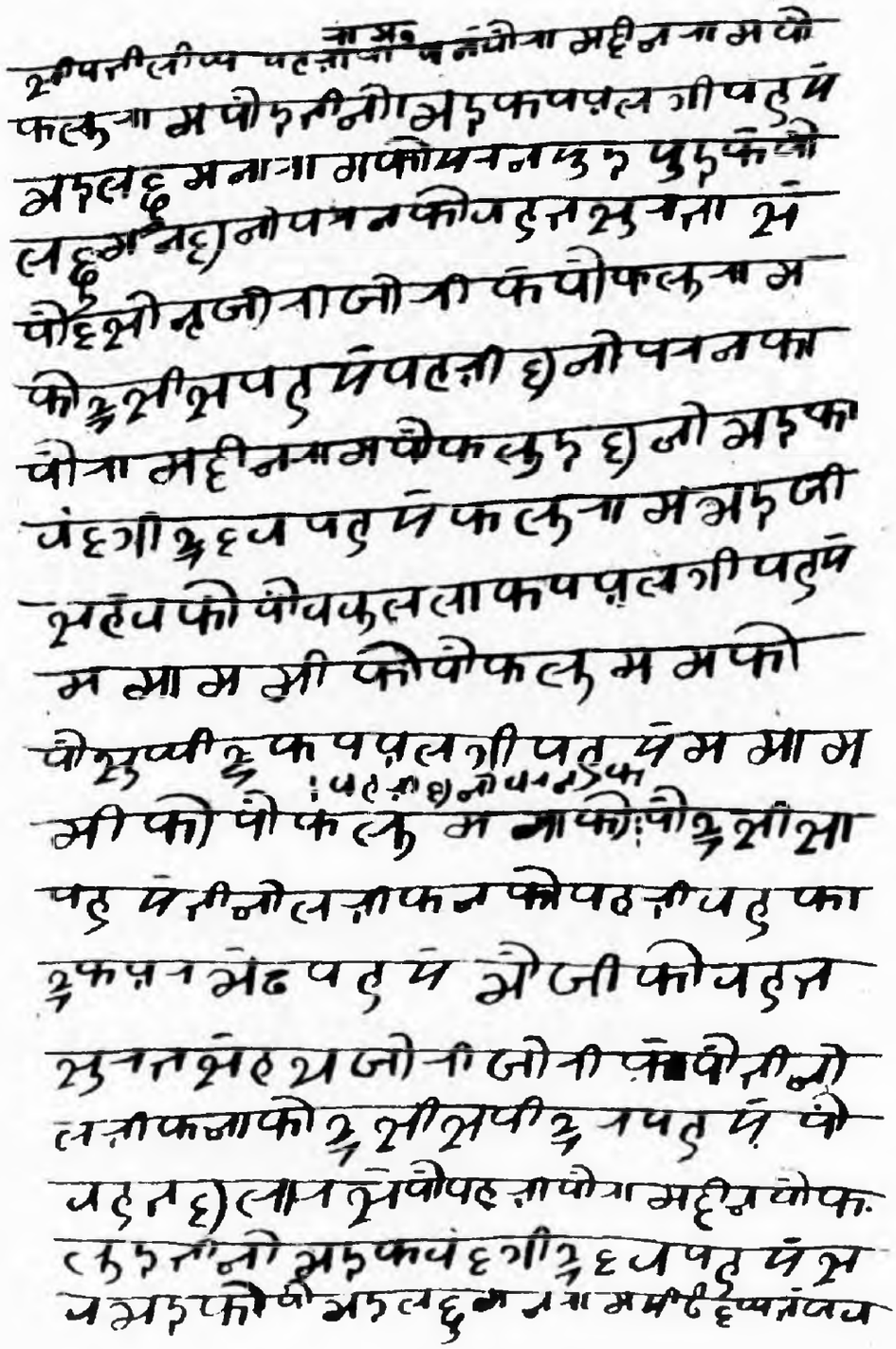

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परनिन्दानकर्त्तव्या विनाविष्णुविरोधिनः॥नातिवि
र्विमुखःकार्य्यो विनोदेयस्ययाचकम्॥२॥
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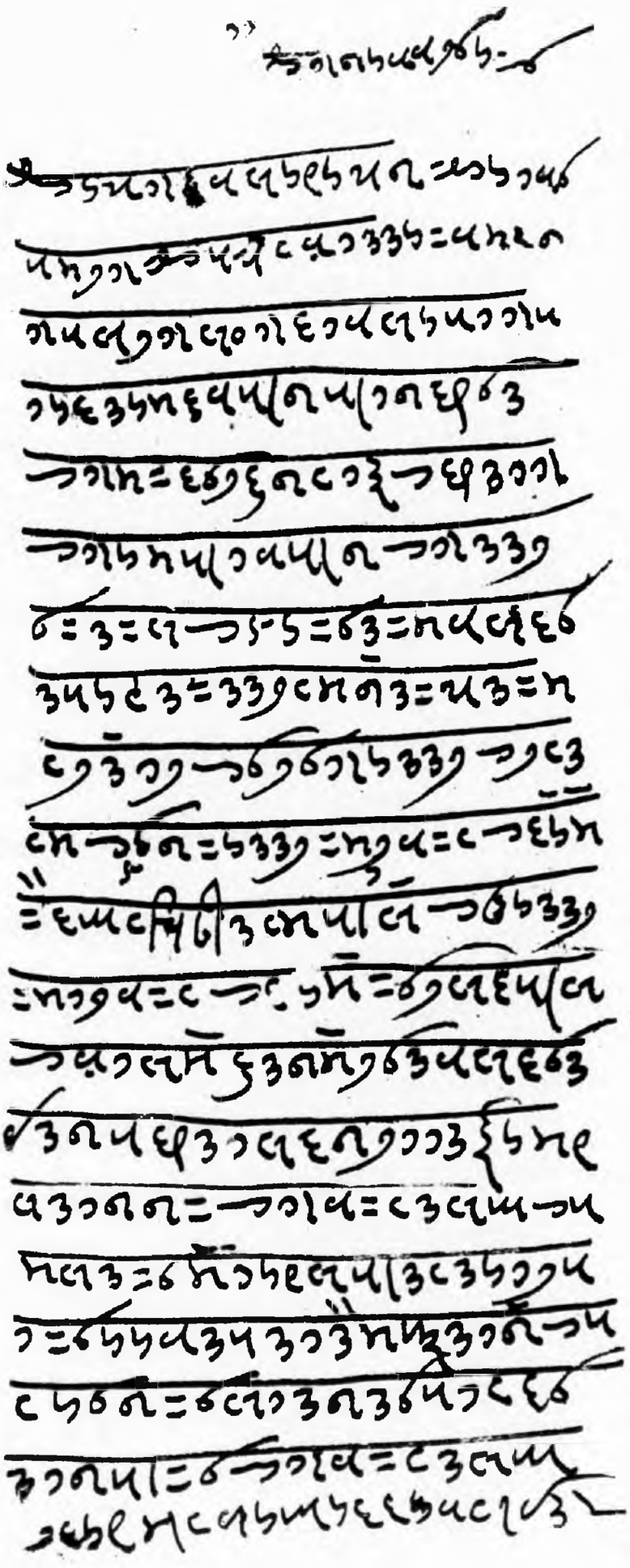
Used by the Bankers of the North Western Provinces and Oudh.



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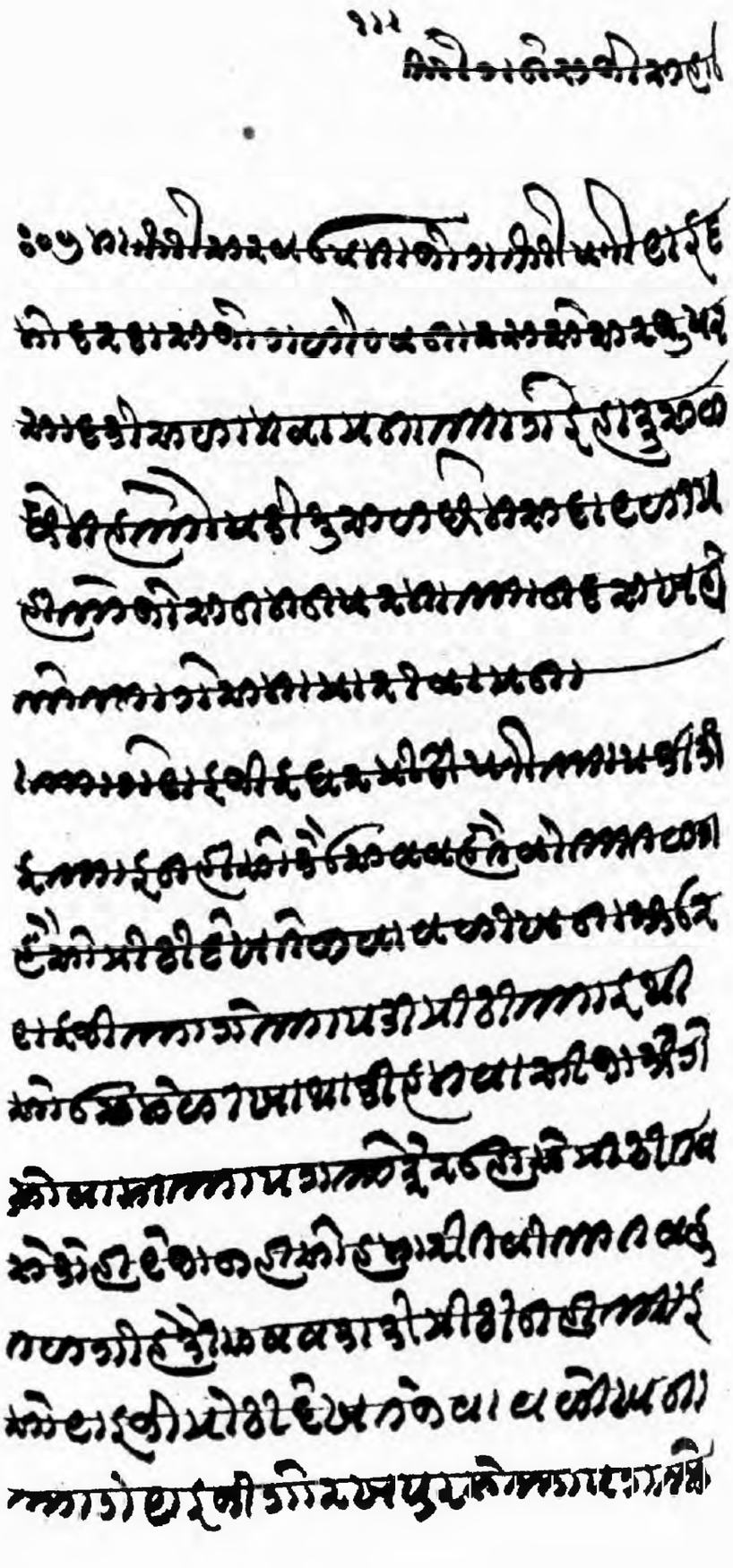
Used in Jeypore, Muthra, &c.



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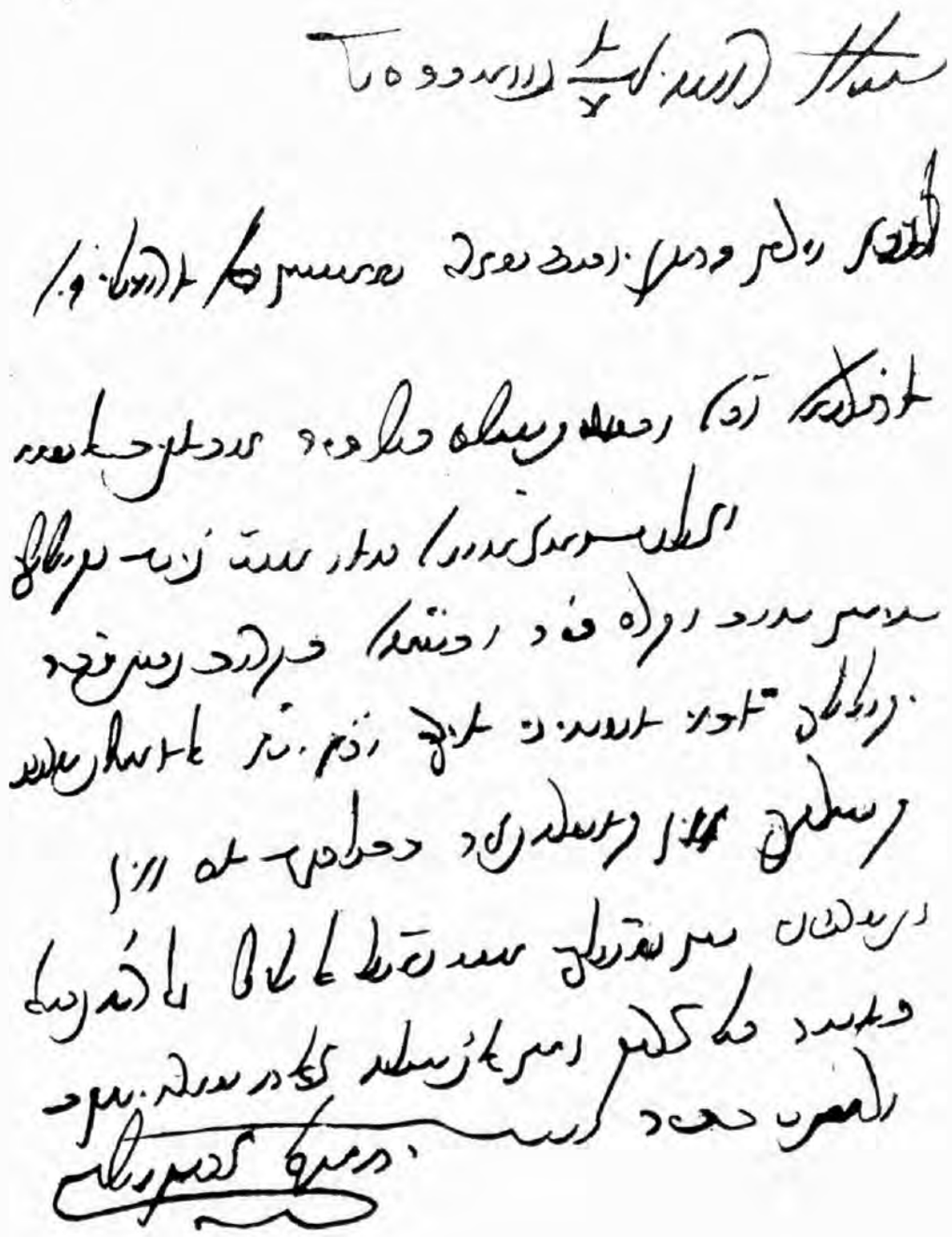

SHIKARPURI

Used in Upper Sind.

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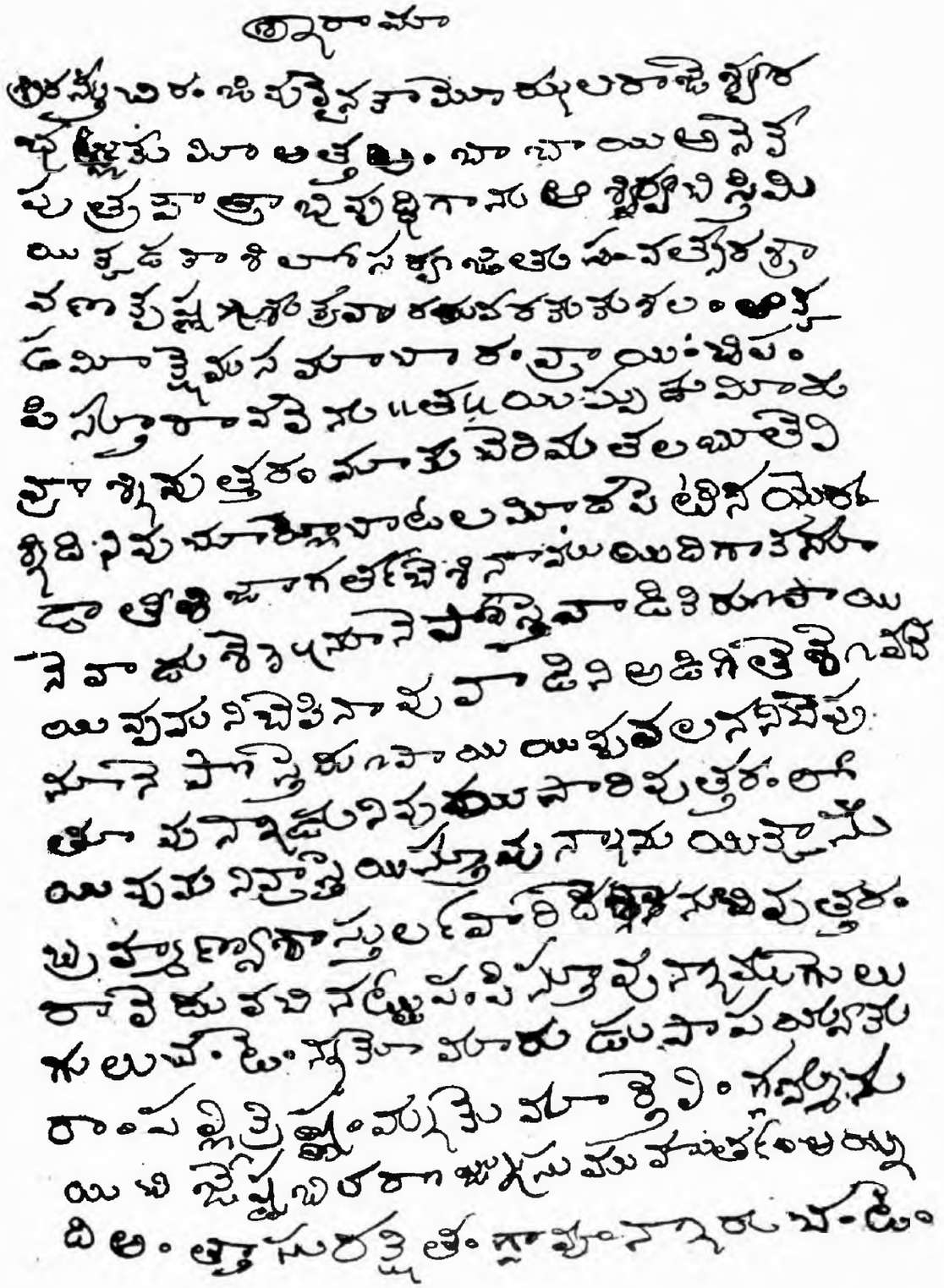
SECOND SPECIMEN.

TELIGU

One of the Characters used in Madras.



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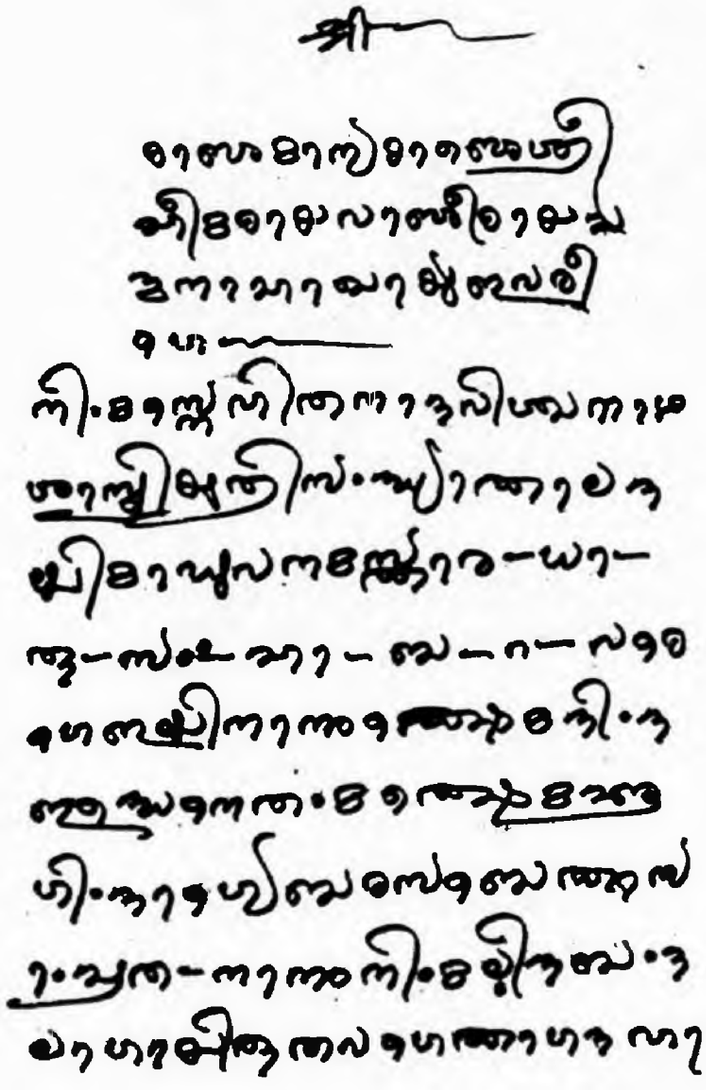
Used in the Dehrajat of the Punjab.

TULU

Used only in Mangalore and its vicinity, in the Madras Presidency.



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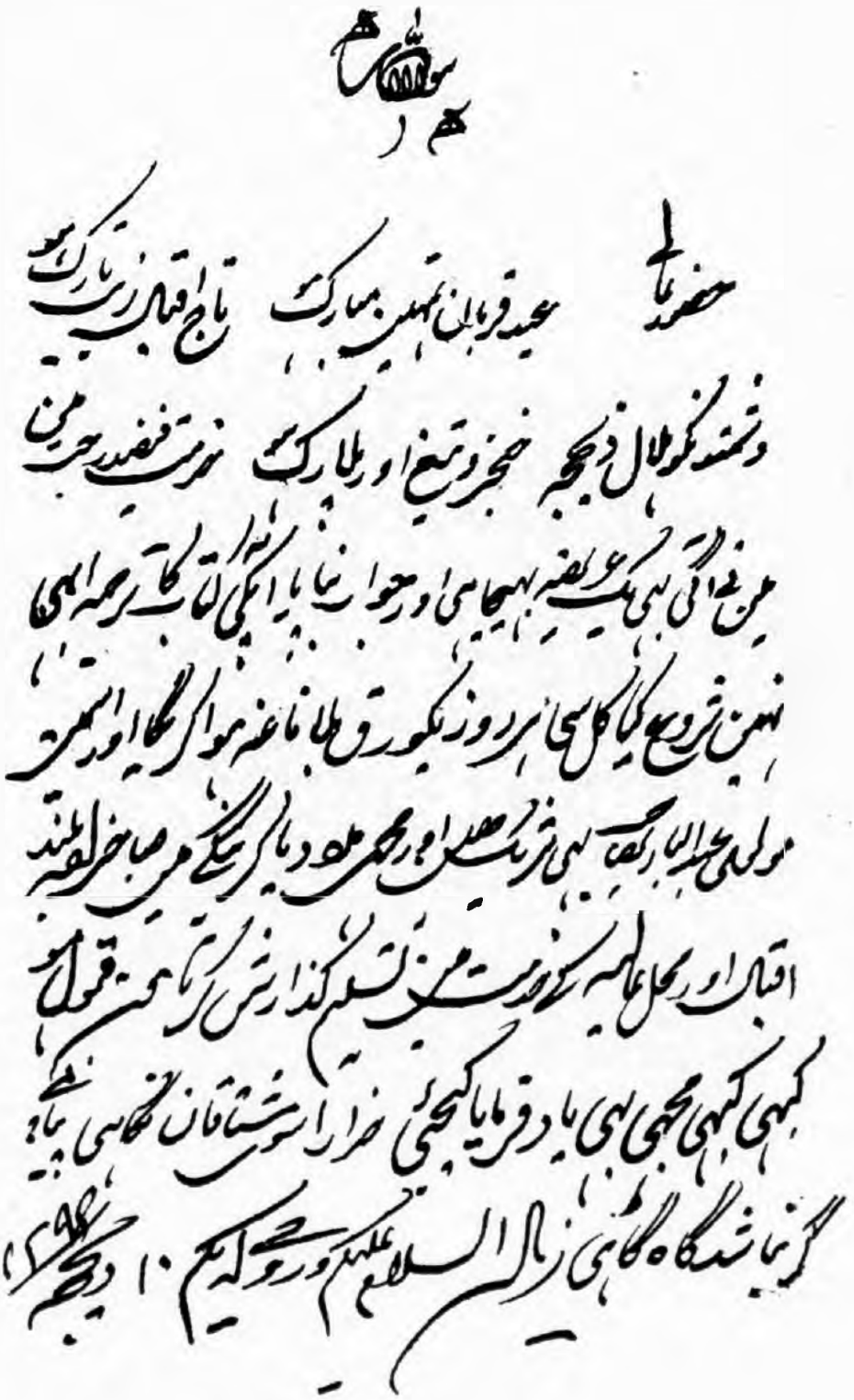

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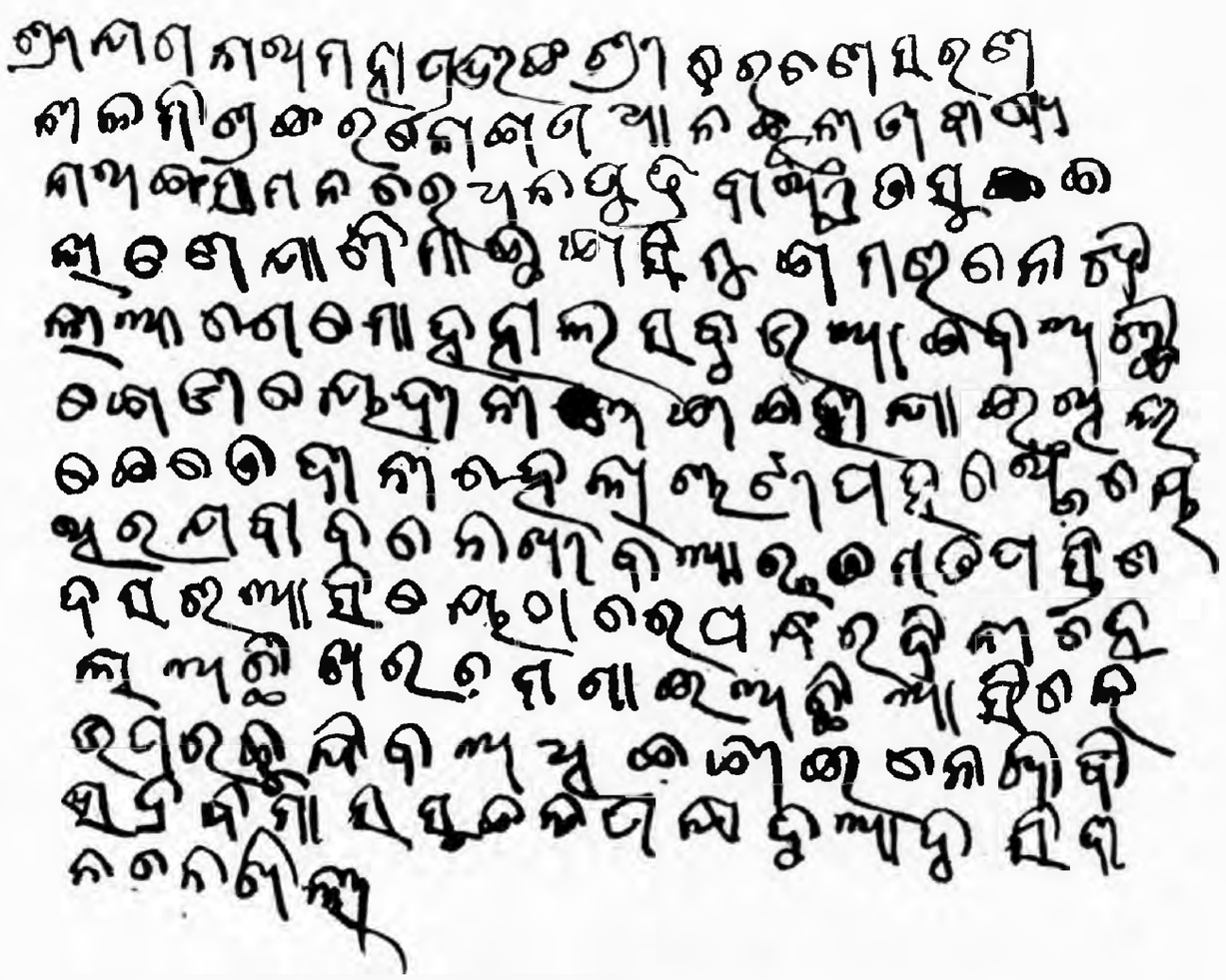

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SECOND SPECIMEN.

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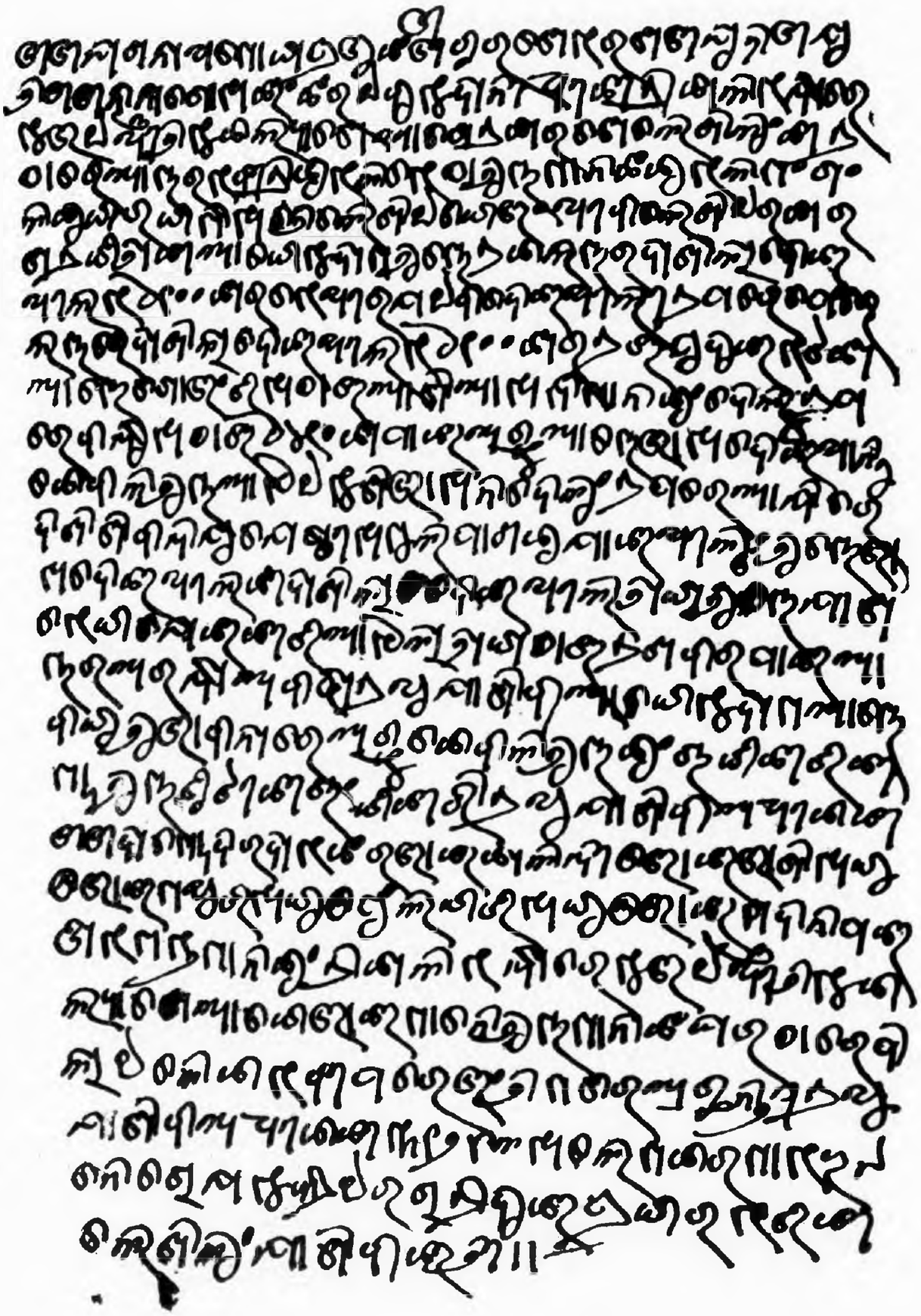

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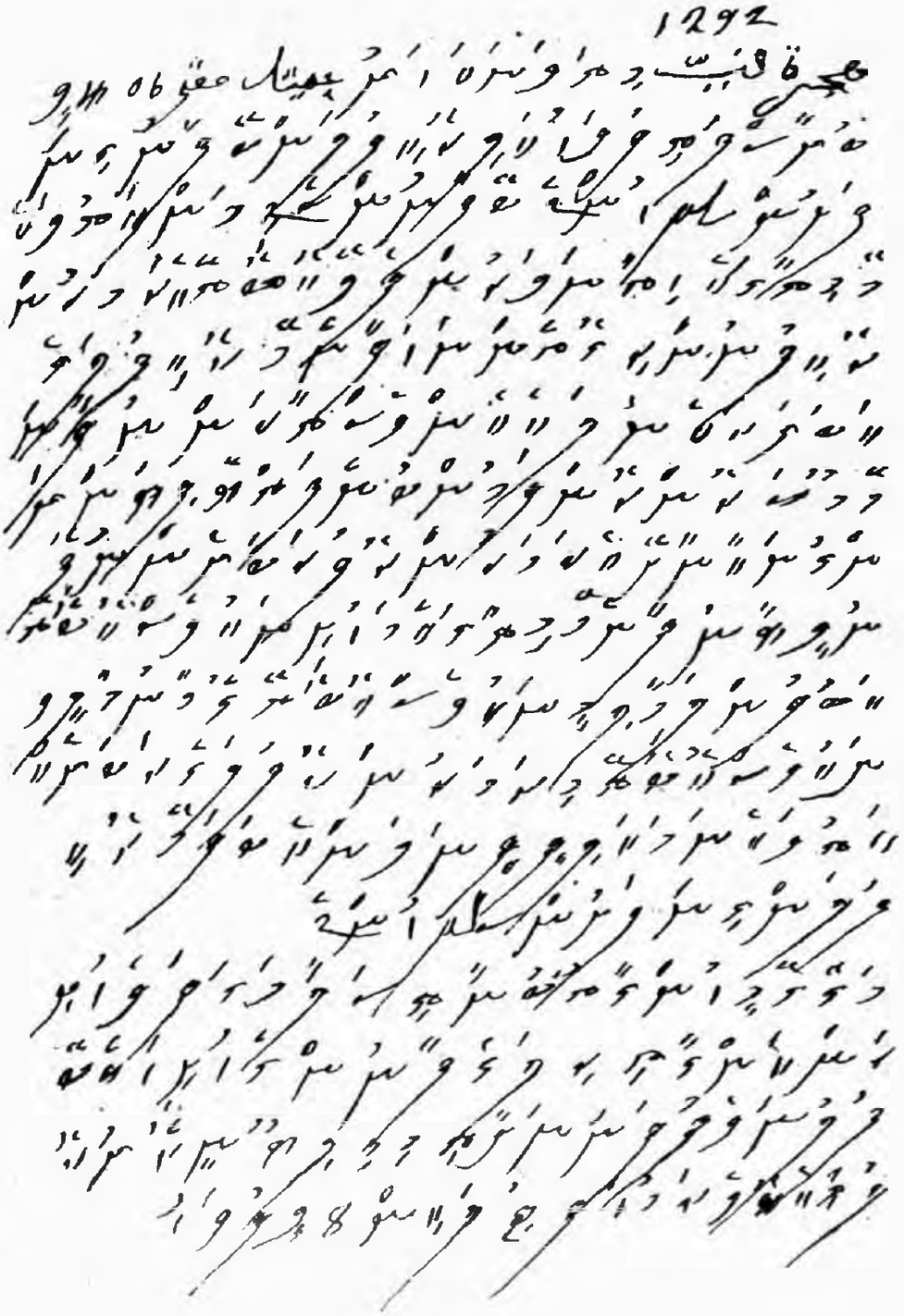

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