

**THE PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION OF LOWER  
MYANMAR IN KONBAUNG PERIOD (1752-1852)**

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## ABSTRACT

There were two forms of administration during the Konbaung Period, viz: Central Administration and the Provincial Administration. The administration within a ten miles radius for the Royal Palace formed the *Yazahtani* or Administration of the Royal Capital where the King resided. The Administration outside this area up to the most parts of the Kingdom was called the Provincial Administration. In order to effectively administer the remote towns and villages the King appointed a hierarchical number of administrative officials. These were *Myosa* (the Holder of town in fief), *Myowun* (City officer), *Sitke* (Regimental officer), *Nakhan* (Liaison officer), *YeWun* (Port officer), *Akauk-wun* (Customs officer), marine navigator or pilots, *Akhunwun* (Revenue officer) and clerks working at revenue and custom houses etc. The King appointed these provincial officials by issuing orders. The position of *Myothugyi* and *Ywathugyi* could be taken by hereditary successors. The appointment of administrative officials was made systematically during Konbaung Period. Main duties of provincial officials consisted of collecting the revenue, recruiting soldiers for the king's army, maintaining peace and security and establishing the rule of law throughout the Kingdom of Myanmar. Regarding to the remunerations of the provincial officers, they were not salary earners until the reign of King Mindon. Provincial officers were by custom entitled to a commission on the revenue collection which some cases exceeded the amount of the revenue itself. Presents were submitted by those undertaking any activity within the jurisdiction of those

officials. Other gifts were received on the installation of subordinate officials. Provincial officials were also given titles and privileges according to their status. The provincial officials were also entitled to the special funeral rite.

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