

The Power Structure of the Delhi Government
in the 1857 Rebellion

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Many studies on 1857 Rebellion represent it as “dying groans of feudalism” mainly because Emperor Bahadur Shah II declared his sway. In examining the role played by the sipāhī who set up the Court of Administration as their political organization, it is clear that the “restoration of the old power” is not the basic characteristic of the Rebellion.

This article is a brief analysis of the position of Emperor in the Delhi Government, relationships between Emperor and other classes, as well as the Court of Admisistration.