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district called after them Boordeka, which lies on the western bank of the
Indus, between the Muzarre district on the north, and the Sind Canal on the south.
The head of the tribe is Shere Mahomed, who resides at the town of Sheregurh, on
the Beergaree Canal. The numerical strength of the Boordees amounts to about
800 adult males. The whole tribe does not reside in Boordeka, there being several
petty chiefs and detached branches of the Boordees in various parts of Sind and
Kurrachee, as for instance Ali Shere of Burshore.

The Boordees first came in contact with the British in 1835, when the fortress
of Bukkur was handed over to the British by Meer Roostum of Khyrpoor. The
habits of the tribe were formerly wholly predatory, and up to 1847 the Boordees
made frequent marauding inroads on their neighbours in Kutchee and in the hills,
as well as in Sind. In 1839 the Boordees, in common with the Beloch tribes of
Kutchee, continually plundered the British convoys, &c., moving towards Afghan-
istan. On this account their chief, Shere Mahomed, was imprisoned by Meer
Roostum of Khyrpoor (whose subjects the Boordees were) and sent to Mr. Ross
Bell, then Political Agent in Upper Sind. Several of the Boordee chiefs, Shere
Mahomed, Hajee Khan, and others, with a number of their followers, were then taken
into British pay by the Political Agent; but proving faithless, and continuing their
predatory habits, they were discharged after a few months' trial.

The tribe continued in the practice of murder and robbery as before, until the
year 1842, throughout which year, the country being well guarded, they abstained
altogether from plunder. On the deposition of Meer Roostum, and the conquest of
Sind in 1843, Boordeka came under the rule of Meer Ali Moorad: and the Boordees
resumed their predatory habits with more than wonted vigour, till in 1844 Meer
Ali Moorad seized the chiefs of the tribe, and kept them in close confinement in the
fortress of Deejee. They remained in prison till December, 1844, when Meer Ali
Moorad released them, and directed them to accompany him with as large a force
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