## **GLOSSARY**

Annas : 1/16 of a rupee

Athavisi : Twenty eight districts of Surat.

Abru : Credit/honour

Babashahi : A kind of currency used in the BarodaState

Bahendari : Guarantee

Bahi : An account book
Bakshis : Military Paymasters
Batta : A commission

Bohra: Sheikh traders in Gujarat

Chetti : Tamil for merchants

Desai : Rate earned by a middlemen

Desai : Collector of taxes
Dehspande : Collector of taxes

Devu : Debt

**Dharamshala**: Religious rest-houses

**Dharna**: Putting moral pressure by sitting before a persons door

**Dukan** : An indigenous bank

Gadi : Seat of power
Guashala : A home for cattle
Gorat : A kind of soil
Gosai : Holy men

Gumashta : Agent of the banker

**Hundawan**: A rate of commission charged in the process of honoring the

hundis

Hundi Becahn : Sale of hundis

**Hundis** : An indigenous form bill of exchange

Ijara : A farming contract
Ijaradar : Revenue-Farmer

Jakat : Octroi

Jamadar : Head constable

Kanbi : A dominant rural community of Gujarat

Kalabhatti : A tax on liqour

**Kalambandi**: An agreement or a treaty between the two governments

Kamavisdar
Karkoon
Khalsa
Kodi
Revenue-Farmer
A Government servant
Government controlled land
An instalment of revenue
Currency used in Kutch

Mahal : A revenue taking area

Mahajan: The instituion of merchants in AhemdabadMamlatdar: Official incharge of pargana or taluka

Manoti : A surity

Modis : Ration supplier to the armies

Mohur : A gold coin

Muluk : One's own country

Mulukgiri : Annual exepidition forces to extract revenues from Kathiawad

Mutalik : A post along with the Dewan

Nazar : An amount paid in recognition of a claim

Nisha : A security

Nishedar : Security Provider

Nyat : A guild

Paga : A military establishment
Panjrapol : Home for destitute animals
Parganas : Administrative sub-division

Patel : Village headman
Pedhi : A dukan or a bank

Potedar : A treasurer

Parekh : A shroff or a money changer
Penth : A second bill of exchange

Rna: The condition of debt

Rasad : An advance Ryot : A peasant

Sahukar : An indigenous banker

Sakshi : A witness
Sarkar : A government

Sarkari : A government matter Sarrafs : Money changer

Sarsuba : The incharge of a Suba

Sayerkota : A kind of tax besides revenue

Sanad : A grant

Sheths : A wealthy merchant or a banker

Shikai : A coin prevalent in the Baroda State

Shrenis : An old form of guild Shroffs : Same as sarrafs

Siyasahi : A kind of cooins used in the Baroda State

Talati : Village Accountant
Taluka : Sub-division of a district

Taqavi : State loans

Varat : A government payorder
Vaishnav : Worshipper of Vishnu
Vatav : A rate of exchange

Vera : A tax

Vyaj : Interst on loan