

as *Mahāsāndhivigrahika-nirīkṣita*, 'approved by the *Mahāsāndhivigrahika*'. See *ni*.

*mahā-niyoga* (SITI), king's order; royal command; an officer bearing the same.

*Mahant* (EI 4), variant spelling of *Mahanta*; the same as *Mahantaka*.

*Mahanta* (EI 8; BL), head of a monastery; title of a pontiff. (ML), Prakrit form of Sanskrit *mahat*; 'the great'; a title.

*Mahantaka* (LP), an accountant; a clerk. It is a term of respect among the Baniyās of Gujarat.

*Mahāpādamūlika* (IE 8-3), the king's chief personal attendant.

*Mahāpaluṣpati* (*Ep. Ind.*, Vol. II, p. 22), same as *Mahāpīluṣpati*.

*mahāpaṇa*, cf. *māppaṇam* (SITI), name of a coin.

*Mahāpañcakulika* (CII 4; HD), 'head of the department of *Pañcāyats*' or 'the chairman of a *Pāñcāyat* board'; see *pañcakula*. Cf. *JBORS*, Vol. V, p. 588.

*Mahāpāndhākulika* (*Ep. Ind.*, Vol. VII, p. 87), a mistake for or wrong reading of *Mahāpāñcakulika*.

*mahā-pāpa* (IE 7-1-2), 'five'.

*Mahāpaṇḍita* (EI 9; BL), title of a learned man, generally a learned Brāhmaṇa.

*Mahāparamaviśvāsin* (IE 8-3; EI 5), probably, a private secretary or privy councillor; same as *Rahasyādhikṛta*, etc.; sometimes called *Mahāpradhāna*, *Sarvādhikārin*, etc., additionally. See *Paramaviśvāsin*, *Vaiśvāsika*, etc.

*mahāparinirvāṇa* (CII 4), the passing away of the Buddha.

*mahāparṣad* (EI 32), an assembly or committee.

*mahāpārṣika* (EI 32), used in the sense of 'a member of the *mahāparṣad*'.

*mahā-parvan* (EI 12), auspicious time.

*Mahāpātra* (IE 8-3; EI 19, 30), a minister; a minister higher in rank than the *Pātra*; cf. *Pātra* and *Eka-pātra*.

*Mahāpasāyita* (IE 8-3; EI 5, 27), probably from Sanskrit *Prasādita*, 'favoured', meaning a *Jāgirdār* of a particular type; sometimes also called *Mahāpradhāna*, *Antaḥpuravērgaḍḍē*, *Daṇḍa-nāyaka*, *Sarvādhikārin*, *Mahāsāmanta*, *Senādibāhatta-raniyogādhiṣṭhāyaka*, etc., additionally; cf. *Pasāita*, *Pasāyita*.