

(EI 21, 23, 29, 30), a territorial unit; the subdivision of a district.

(IE 8-4), sometimes a subdivision forming part of a *maṇḍala*, but sometimes a district forming part of a *bhukti* or province.

*Vīthī-mahattara* (HD), headman of the territorial unit called *vīthī*. Cf. *IHQ*, Vol. XIX, pp. 16, 21.

*vīthy-adhikaraṇa* (EI 31), administrative office of a subdivision called *vīthī*.

*vitta-bandha* (CII 4), mortgage.

*viṭṭolla-kara* (HRS), known from Maitraka records; explained as the contribution in forced labour.

*Vivāha* (EI 12), 'one whose vehicle is the bird'; i.e. Viṣṇu.

*vivāha* (CII 1), marriage of a daughter; cf. *āvāha* which means the marriage of a son.

*vivāha-kara*, cf. Tamil *kaṇṇāla-kkāṇan* (EI 28), the marriage fee; cf. *vivāha-ppaṇam*.

*vivāha-paṇa*, cf. *vivāha-ppaṇam* (SITI), same as *kaṇṇāla-kkāṇam*; a tax on marriage.

*vivīta* (HRS), royal dues collected by the superintendent of pastures, as suggested by the *Arthaśāstra*.

*Vivīt-ādhyakṣa* (EI 28), known from the *Arthaśāstra*; officer in charge of the pasture land. Cf. *Vrajabhūmika*.

*viyat* (IE 7-1-2), 'cypher'.

*vodā* (IE 8-5; EI 29), a kind of levy in Oḍḍiyā records; same as Oḍḍiyā *vadāi*, 'the obligation of offering uncooked food.'

*voḍī, voḍri* (EI 23),  $\frac{1}{4}$  *paṇa*; 20 cowrie-shells; cf. *kaṇḍadaka-voḍī*, 'voḍī counted in cowrie-shells'.

*volāpana*, see *volāpika, vulāvi*.

*Volāpika* (LP), an officer in charge of collecting the tax called *volāpana* or *vulāvi*. It is supposed that a *Volāpaka* or the men under him accompanied the merchants in their journey for the safety of their goods and the *volāpana* tax was collected from the merchants for safeguarding their goods.

*voṭa*, cf. *boṭa*.

*vraja*, see *Vraja-bhūmika*. Cf. Ghoshal, *H. Rev. Syst.*, p. 110.

*vraja-bhūmi* (IE 8-4), grazing land.

*Vrajabhūmika* (CII 1; EI 2; HD), Prakrit *Vacabhūmika*; superintendent of cowpens; officer in charge of the royal cattle and pasture lands. Cf. *Vivīt-ādhyakṣa*.