

to attend to him, for three days.

21. Day by day her influence and dignity increased. First of all she received the title of *Noor Mahal*, 'Light of the Harem' but was afterwards distinguished by that of *Noor Jahan Begam*, 'Light of the World.' All her relations and connexions were raised to honour and wealth.....No grant of lands was conferred upon any one except under her seal. In addition to giving her the titles that other kings bestowed, the Emperor granted Noor Jahan the rights of sovereignty and government. Sometimes she would sit in the balcony of her palace, while the nobles would present themselves, and listen to her dictates. Coin was struck in her name, with this superscription : 'By order of the King Jehangir, gold has a hundred splendours added to it by receiving the impression of the name of Noor Jahan, the Queen Begam.' On all *farmans* also receiving the Imperial signature, the name of 'Noor Jahan, the Queen Begam,' was jointly attached. At last her authority reached such a pass that the King was such only in name. Repeatedly he gave out that he had bestowed the sovereignty on Noor Jahan Begam, and would say, 'I require nothing beyond a *sir* of wine and half a *sir* of meat.' It is impossible to describe the beauty and wisdom of the Queen. In any matter that was presented to her, if a difficulty arose, she immediately solved it. Whoever threw himself upon her protection was preserved from tyranny and oppression ; and if ever she learnt that any orphan girl was destitute and friendless, she would bring about her marriage, and give her a wedding portion. It is probable that during her reign not less than 500 orphan girls were thus married and portioned.



22. She was very beautiful and after reaching maturity, was accustomed to walking

Uprising Powers of the Queen

According to the author, the influence and dignity of the Queen, titled as Noor Jahan Begum, was significantly upgrading.

The king granted her the authorities regarding government and sovereignty.

Moreover, she received the coin of her name and an imperial signature.

At a time, the queen surpassed the king and his authorities. The king was only by name as he handed over all the powers to his queen, trusting and appreciating her wisdom.

The queen could solve any problem and ~~could~~ defeat tyrannies and oppressions. Furthermore, she was kind to orphan girls and brought about the marriages of many ~~orphan~~ ~~girls~~ of them.

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