Abbreviations

AB Aitareyabrāhmaņa ĀpDhS Āpastambadharmasūtra

Art. Article

DNA Documents of the National Archives (Nepal)

GDhS *Gautamīyadharmasūtra*

WbAH Heidelberger Akademie der Wissenschaften (Heidelberg Academy of Sciences

and Humanities)

JBS *Jangabahādurīsthiti*

MA Mulukī Ain

MDh Mānava-Dharmaśāstra alias Manusmrti

Medh Manubhāsya of Medhātithi

MsA/B Manuscripts of the Ain of 1854 (for details see pp. 4–9)

NārSm Nāradasmrti

NBhV *Nepālikabhūpavamśāvalī*

NBŚ Nepālī Brhat Śabdakośa, see Parājulī et al. VS 2067 (2010)

Nev. Nevārī

NGMPP Nepal-German Manuscript Preservation Project

Nir Nirnayasindhu NS Nepāla Samvat NyāV Nyāyavikāsinī

Omitted Om.

RŚE Edicts of Rāma Śāha

RSR-Ain Ain promulgated by Ranoddīpa Simha Rāṇā

Skt.

TND Turner's Nepālī Dictionary (A Comparative and Etymological Dictionary of the

Nepali Language): see Turner 1931

Uj-Ain Ujīra Simhako Ain VS Vikrama Samvat

§ Section (§§ = plural of §)



Subas Tamang, Study of History I, Etching Aquatint on paper, 2017

The image depicts Janga Bahādura Rāṇā and the transport of a Mercedes-Benz 230 Pullman-Landaulet from the construction period 1937–1939, which Adolf Hitler allegedly gave to King Tribhuvan. It is likely that the limousine was carried through the grounds by members of those Enslavable castes mentioned in the image—at a time when there were no motorable roads to Kathmandu. The text in the top right refers to the concept of enslavability which is crucial for the caste hierarchy in the *Ain* and lists the following caste groups 'Enslavable Alcohol-drinking castes (*māsinyā* [*matuvālī*])': 'Bhoṭe (Tāmāṅga, Śerpā), Thakālī, Cepāṅga, Ghartī, Hāyu, Kumāla, Thāru' (cp., for instance, § 86.4). However, in the *Ain* of 1854, Thakālī and Thāru are not categorised as Enslavable caste groups and the Tamang and Sherpa will not accept to be called 'Bhote'.