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# Late Qing Print Media in the Making of a Himalayan Borderland (1860-1912)

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Image: Cover of The Peking Gazette for 1873. Source: <http://bs.dayabook.com/the-peking-gazette-for-1873>

This paper is a preliminary attempt to understand the historical process by which the late Qing state (1860-1912) and elite used the Peking Gazette and newspapers to create a historicized “truth” about its Himalayan borderland, with reference to Nepal and the Gurkhas. Using Chinese language and English Colonial sources, the paper argues that Qing officials tried to modify and make rigid of what had earlier been a “fluid” relationship, through the production of discourse in the gazette and newspapers. A corollary argument that the paper

makes is that in the process of remaking and use of Imperial Gazettes and Newspapers, the Qing state was motivated by larger colonial and national agenda of bringing the territories of Nepal and Bhutan under the sway of the Qing Empire. It also claims that the British and the Government of India “imitated” the Qing in trying to produce a different discourse/truth suiting their own interests regarding Nepal and the Himalayan states.

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