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1 Introduction

The intent of this document is to determine possible models for encoding numerals of the Siyaq system in the Universal Character Set (ISO/IEC 10646). It does so through an analysis of the Diwani Numerals, one of the four sub-systems of Siyaq numerical notation.

This document draws upon information originally presented in L2/07-414 “Proposal to Encode Siyaq Numerals in ISO/IEC 10646” (December 2007). In L2/07-414, the present author analyzed the four Siyaq sub-systems and recommended a unified encoding for the numerals of these systems. Although the numerals of the Diwani, Ottoman, Persian, and South Asian traditions are based upon a common typology, there are sufficient differences in character shapes and orthography to warrant an independent encoding for the numerals of each system.

Certain Siyaq traditions have unique requirements for shaping and other rendering behaviors; for example, in the Diwani and South Asian systems there are rules for positioning numerals when writing composite numbers. Certain Siyaq traditions have forms for numerals not found in others; for example, the Persian tradition developed distinct forms for numerals for representing currencies and weights. Also, the Diwani and South Asian systems have alternate forms of the primary numerals that are used for writing composite numerals, while the Ottoman and Persian systems do not. Moreover, certain Siyaq traditions evolved through the influence of local accounting systems; for example, the manner of representing large numerical orders in the South Asian tradition is based not upon the Arabic model, but upon the number system of Sanskrit. Thus, in addition to distinct technical requirements, the four Siyaq traditions differ also on account of their linguistic and historical contexts.

Diwani is the least complex of the four systems of Siyaq. It is, therefore, the system chosen to analyze possible encoding models for Siyaq numerals. It is hoped that a presentation of the typology and numerical notation system of Diwani Numerals will provide information that will facilitate the encoding and implementation of numerals of the Siyaq family in the UCS.

2 Background

The Diwani Numerals are a specialized subset of the Arabic script that were used for maintaining accounting records and other administrative documents. They were developed in the 8th century during the Umayyad caliphate. The numerals originated from the practice of writing numbers using not digits, but the full Arabic names for numbers. As the practice changed through the introduction of abbreviations and calligraphic features, the original Arabic words evolved into distinct monograms. While elements of the original words are visible in a given Diwani numeral, the degree of stylistic innovation masks the relationship between the numerals and the original words. These numerals are not simply presentation forms of the original Arabic letters from which they are derived; they are independent characters that possess particular numerical values.

	x1	x10	x100	x1,000	x10,000	x100,000
1	(ا)	ا	عا (٤)	با	الفا	عالف
2	(لا)	لا	٤٤	ل٤	الفا	لا مالفا
3	(لا)	لالا	٤٤	ل٤	الفا	لا مالفا
4	(ل٤)	ل٤	ل٤	ل٤	ل٤	ل٤
5	(ح)	حا	حا	حما	حالف	ح مالفا
6	(س)	سا	سا	سما	سالف	س مالفا
7	(٤)	٤	٤	٤	٤	٤
8	(٤)	٤	٤	٤	٤	٤
9	(٤)	٤	٤	٤	٤	٤

Table 1: Forms of the Diwani Numerals for each order and magnitude

3 The Notation System

Structure Diwani Numerals represent units of a base-10 (decimal) positional system. The notation system is additive, that is, the value of a number is the sum of the values of the numerals that constitute it. There is no character for zero; it is inherently represented in the distinct numerals for the various decimal orders.

Directionality Diwani Numerals are written right-to-left in the regular manner of the Arabic script, unlike the left-to-right directionality of the Arabic-Indic digits. The exception is composite numbers of the primary and larger units, which are transposed on account of the manner in which numbers are expressed in Arabic.

Typology Diwani numerals are highly stylized monograms of the Arabic names for numbers for the primary units and their magnitudes in the orders of tens, hundreds, thousands, ten thousands, and hundred thousands. The numerals may be decomposed into basic forms for the numbers 1–10 and distinctive signs that indicate units for different magnitudes (see Section 4 for fuller discussion). The following table illustrates the basic typology with magnitudes of 5 for six decimal orders:

BASE	5	50	500	5,000	50,000	500,000
	ح	حا	حما	حالف	حالا	ح مالفا
	٤ + ح	٤ + ح	٤ + ح	٤ + ح	٤ + ح	٤ + ح

3.1 Ordering

The ordering of Diwani numerals is visual, which reflects the method of expressing numbers in Arabic.

3.2 Orthography

Diwani Numerals are written according to the rules for expressing numbers in Arabic. The largest numeral of a number is written first. The writing of composite numbers is governed by the following rules:

1. Composite numbers consisting of the primary numerals and those of the tens, ten thousands, and hundred thousands units are written transposed and with the base form of the primary numeral.
2. Composite numbers consisting of the primary numerals and those of the hundreds and thousands units are written using the independent form of the primary numerals in the regular order.
3. The numbers 11–19 are written using the base forms of both the primary numeral and TEN.

When written in composite numbers, the base forms of the primary numerals are shaped differently. They are not written fully linearly, but take a cursive shape and extend beneath the following numeral. This shaping feature is shown in the numbers 11–19 in section 4.7.

Examples of the above rules are

- 15 **ح ٥** (ح FIVE BASE + ٥ TEN BASE): خمسة عشر 'five-ten'.
- 25 **ح ٥٥** (ح FIVE BASE + ٥٥ TWENTY): خمسة وعشرون 'five and twenty'.
- 55 **ح ٥٥٥** (ح FIVE BASE + ٥٥٥ FIFTY): خمسة وخمسون 'five and fifty'.
- 505 **ح ٥٥٥٥** (ح ٥٥٥٥ FIVE HUNDRED + ح FIVE): 'five hundred and five'. The incorrect form is **ح ٥٥٥٥٥** (ح FIVE BASE + ح ٥٥٥٥٥ FIVE HUNDRED). The form **ح ٥٥٥٥٥** could theoretically represent 'fifty-five hundred', but this amount would be parsed as 'five thousand and five hundred' and written as **ح ٥٥٥٥٥٥**.
- 515 **ح ٥٥٥٥٥** (ح ٥٥٥٥٥ FIVE HUNDRED + ح FIVE BASE + ٥ TEN BASE): 'five hundred and five-ten'.
- 5,005 **ح ٥٥٥٥٥٥** (ح ٥٥٥٥٥٥ FIVE THOUSAND + ح FIVE): 'five thousand and five'. The incorrect form is **ح ٥٥٥٥٥٥٥** (ح FIVE BASE + ح ٥٥٥٥٥٥٥ FIVE THOUSAND).
- 50,005 **ح ٥٥٥٥٥٥٥٥** (ح ٥٥٥٥٥٥٥٥ FIFTY THOUSAND + ح FIVE): 'fifty thousand and five'.
- 55,000 **ح ٥٥٥٥٥٥٥٥٥** (ح FIVE BASE + ح ٥٥٥٥٥٥٥٥٥ FIFTY THOUSAND): 'five and fifty thousand'.
- 55,005 **ح ٥٥٥٥٥٥٥٥٥٥** (ح FIVE BASE + ح ٥٥٥٥٥٥٥٥٥٥ FIFTY THOUSAND + ح FIVE): 'five and fifty thousand / and five'.

- 505,505 **حما** (**ح** FIVE BASE + **ما** ONE HUNDRED + **الع** ONE THOUSAND + **حالى** FIVE THOUSAND + **حما** FIVE HUNDRED + **حما** FIVE: 'five hundred thousand / and five thousand / and five hundred / and five'.
- 555,555 **حما** (**حما** FIVE HUNDRED + **ح** FIVE BASE + **حلا** FIFTY THOUSAND + **حما** FIVE HUNDRED + **ح** FIVE BASE + **حا** FIFTY): 'five hundred / and five and fifty thousand / and five-hundred / and five and fifty'.

4 The Numerals

4.1 The Primary Unit

The primary unit of Diwani consists of the numbers 1 through 9 and 10. They are stylized monograms of the Arabic names or abbreviations of the names consisting of the initial and one or more letters in a name written with a terminal stroke, which is a stylized representation of the word-final δ TEH MARBUTA in the names of the units: ل

ا	—	احد	<i>aḥad</i>	one
لا	—	اثنان	<i>iṭnān</i>	two
للا	—	ثلاثة	<i>talāta</i>	three
لعا	ل+ع	اربعة	<i>arba'a</i>	four
حا	ل+ح	خمسة	<i>ḥamsa</i>	five
لسا	ل+س	ستة	<i>sitta</i>	six
لعا	ل+ع	سبعة	<i>sab'a</i>	seven
لها	ل+ه	ثمانية	<i>tamāniya</i>	eight
لعا	ل+ع	تسعة	<i>tis'a</i>	nine
لعا	ل+ع	عشرة	<i>'ašara</i>	ten

Base Forms of the Primary Numerals

The primary numerals may be decomposed to produce base forms:

forms:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
INDEPENDENT	ا	لا	للا	لعا	حا	لسا	لعا	لها	لعا	لعا
BASE	ا	لا	ل	ع	ح	س	ع	ه	ع	ع

Variant Forms

The following characters have variant forms:

- The base form of 3 (**ل**) takes the shape **م** when writing tens and hundreds.
- The base form of 8 (**ع**) takes the shape **ب** when writing tens and hundreds.

4.2 The Tens Unit

The numerals for 30–90 are composed from the base forms of the primary numerals joined to the tens terminal, which is a stylized form of the ن NOON in the Arabic suffix for the tens (ون *ūn*), which is represented as a hook: ١. The exception is 20, which is modeled after ٢, the base form of ١٠ 10, as its name عشرون is the dual form of the Arabic name for 10.

٢٠	١ + ٢	عشرون	<i>'iṣrūn</i>	twenty
٣٠	١ + ٣	ثلاثون	<i>ṭalāṭūn</i>	thirty
٤٠	١ + ٤	اربعون	<i>arba'ūn</i>	forty
٥٠	١ + ٥	خمسون	<i>ḥamsūn</i>	fifty
٦٠	١ + ٦	ستون	<i>sittūn</i>	sixty
٧٠	١ + ٧	سبعون	<i>sab'ūn</i>	seventy
٨٠	١ + ٨	ثمانون	<i>ṭamānūn</i>	eighty
٩٠	١ + ٩	تسعون	<i>tis'ūn</i>	ninty

4.3 The Hundreds Unit

The numerals for 300–900 are composed from the base forms of the primary numerals joined to the numeral 100 ١٠٠, which is the abbreviation (ما) of the Arabic word مائة 'hundred'. The exceptions are 100 ١٠٠ and 200 ٢٠٠, which are monograms of their Arabic names.

١٠٠	—	مائة	<i>mi'a</i>	one hundred
٢٠٠	—	مائتان	<i>mi'ātān</i>	two hundred
٣٠٠	١٠٠ + ٢٠٠	ثلاث مائة	<i>ṭalātu mi'a</i>	three hundred
٤٠٠	١٠٠ + ٣٠٠	اربع مائة	<i>arba'u mi'a</i>	four hundred
٥٠٠	١٠٠ + ٤٠٠	خمسة مائة	<i>ḥamsu mi'a</i>	five hundred
٦٠٠	١٠٠ + ٥٠٠	ست مائة	<i>sittu mi'a</i>	six hundred
٧٠٠	١٠٠ + ٦٠٠	سبع مائة	<i>sab'u mi'a</i>	seven hundred
٨٠٠	١٠٠ + ٧٠٠	ثمان مائة	<i>ṭamānu mi'a</i>	eight hundred
٩٠٠	١٠٠ + ٨٠٠	تسع مائة	<i>tis'u mi'a</i>	nine hundred

Variant Forms The following character has a variant form:

- The numeral THREE HUNDRED (٣٠٠) also takes the shape سهما.

4.4 The Thousands Unit

The numerals for 3,000–9,000 are composed from the base forms of the primary numerals joined to the terminal **ك**, which is a monogram of the Arabic word ‘الف’ ‘thousand’. The forms for **ك** one thousand and **ك** two thousand are monograms of their Arabic names.

ك	—	الف	<i>alf</i>	one thousand
ك	—	الفان	<i>alfān</i>	two thousand
ك	ك + للا	ثلاثة الاف	<i>talāta ālāf</i>	three thousand
ك	ك + لعا	اربعة الاف	<i>arba ‘a ālāf</i>	four thousand
ك	ك + حا	خمسة الاف	<i>hamsa ālāf</i>	five thousand
ك	ك + سا	ستة الاف	<i>sitta ālāf</i>	six thousand
ك	ك + بعا	سبعة الاف	<i>sab ‘a ālāf</i>	seven thousand
ك	ك + ها	ثمانية الاف	<i>tamāniya ālāf</i>	eight thousand
ك	ك + ععا	تسعة الاف	<i>tis ‘a ālāf</i>	nine thousand
ك	ك + عا	عشرة الاف	<i>‘ašara ālāf</i>	ten thousand

Variant Forms The following character has a variant form:

- The numeral ONE THOUSAND (**ك**) also takes the shape **ك**.

4.5 The Ten Thousands Unit

The ten thousands are written using modified forms of the tens numerals joined to the terminal **لا**, which is a contraction of **الفا**. The leftward hook in the stylized form of final NOON that marks the tens terminal **ل** is dropped and the base is joined to **لا**. This is supported by the presence of the variant forms of the base forms of THREE and EIGHT that are used for writing THIRTY and EIGHTY. Moreover, the Arabic names for these numerals supports this typology: 30,000 is ‘thirty thousands’. The exception to the typology for the ten thousands is 20,000 **لا**, which is modeled after 20 **لا**.

لا	لا +	عشرون الفا	<i>‘iṣrūn alfan</i>	twenty thousand
لا	لا +	ثلاثون الفا	<i>talātūn alfan</i>	thirty thousand
لا	لا +	اربعون الفا	<i>arba ‘ūn alfan</i>	forty thousand
لا	لا +	خمسون الفا	<i>hamsūn alfan</i>	fifty thousand
لا	لا +	ستون الفا	<i>sittūn alfan</i>	sixty thousand
لا	لا +	سبعون الفا	<i>sab ‘ūn alfan</i>	seventy thousand
لا	لا +	ثمانون الفا	<i>tamānūn alfan</i>	eighty thousand
لا	لا +	تسعون الفا	<i>tis ‘ūn alfan</i>	ninty thousand

4.6 The Hundred Thousands Unit

The numerals for the hundred thousands unit are written as **الف** ONE THOUSAND + **م** ONE HUNDRED + the base form of the primary unit.

م الف	م + الف	مائة الف	<i>mi`a alf</i>	one hundred thousand
م الف	م + م + الف	مئتا الف	<i>mi`atā alf</i>	two hundred thousand
م الف	م + م + م + الف	ثلاث مائة الف	<i>talātu mi`a alf</i>	three hundred thousand
م الف	م + م + م + الف	اربع مائة الف	<i>arba`u mi`a alf</i>	four hundred thousand
م الف	م + م + م + الف	خمس مائة الف	<i>hamsu mi`a alf</i>	five hundred thousand
م الف	م + م + م + الف	ست مائة الف	<i>sittu mi`a alf</i>	six hundred thousand
م الف	م + م + م + الف	سبع مائة الف	<i>sab`u mi`a alf</i>	seven hundred thousand
م الف	م + م + م + الف	ثمان مائة الف	<i>tamānu mi`a alf</i>	eight hundred thousand
م الف	م + م + م + الف	تسع مائة الف	<i>tis`u mi`a alf</i>	nine hundred thousand

It may be possible to compose the numerals for this unit using **الف** ONE THOUSAND + the hundreds unit of a digit, but this rule is not attested:

م الف	←	الف ONE THOUSAND	+	م ONE HUNDRED	+	م THREE
م الف	←	الف ONE THOUSAND	+	م THREE HUNDRED		

4.7 Composite Numbers

The rules for writing composite numbers in the Diwani system are given in Section 3.2. The numbers 10–19 are shown below to illustrate the use of the base form of TEN in writing composite numbers of this range.

ع	—	عشرة	<i>‘ašara</i>	ten
ء	ع + ا	احد عشر	<i>aḥad ‘ašara</i>	eleven
لا	ع + لا	اثنا عشر	<i>iṭnā ‘ašara</i>	twelve
ع	ع + ع	ثلاثة عشر	<i>talāta ‘ašara</i>	thirteen
ل	ع + ل	اربعة عشر	<i>arba`a ‘ašara</i>	fourteen
ح	ع + ح	خمسة عشر	<i>hamsa ‘ašara</i>	fifteen
س	ع + س	ستة عشر	<i>sitta ‘ašara</i>	sixteen
م	ع + م	سبعة عشر	<i>sab`a ‘ašara</i>	seventeen
م	ع + م	ثمانية عشر	<i>tamāniya ‘ašara</i>	eighteen
م	ع + م	تسعة عشر	<i>tis`a ‘ašara</i>	nineteen

Composite numbers from 21–99 are also written with the base form of the primary numeral and the respective tens numeral. They are expressed using the conjunction *wa* ‘and’. Thus, 21 is written **واحد وعشرون** and is expressed as ‘one and twenty’, 22 is **اثنا وعشرون** ‘two and twenty’, etc.

5 Implementation

5.1 Encoding Model

Given the above analysis, the possible models for encoding the Diwani Numerals are:

1. Encode each numeral as an atomic character
2. Encode the base forms of the primary units and unit marks
3. Encode the numerals for the primary, tens, hundreds, thousands, and ten thousands units

1. Encode each numeral as an atomic character The most elementary approach to encoding the Diwani Numerals is to encode each individual numeral as an atomic character. This model would require 69 characters: primary units (10), base forms of the primary units (10), tens (9), hundreds (10), thousands (10), ten thousands (10), and hundred thousands (10).

The advantage of this model is that no special rendering rules are needed to write the numerals. The disadvantage is the encoding of redundant characters, in particular the hundred thousands unit, which may be written using characters for other units.

2. Encode the base forms of the primary units and unit marks This is an extreme alternative to encoding each numeral as an atomic character. It is a means of encoding Diwani Numerals according to their typological decomposition. In this approach, the Diwani Numerals would be written using the base forms of the primary numerals and the distinctive sign for each decimal order. This approach would require only 16 characters: base forms of the primary units (10) and signs for the units (6).

With this approach, the number five **خامسة** would be produced as **١** UNITS SIGN + **خ** FIVE, and the number **خمسة** FIFTY would be composed using **١** TENS MARK + **خ** FIVE.

The major disadvantage to this approach is the heavy reliance upon rendering rules. The shaping engine would need to produce the appropriate forms for special ligatures. The number one thousand **الف** would be produced using **الف** THOUSANDS SIGN + **١** ONE; ten thousand **عشرة** would be **ع** TEN THOUSANDS SIGN + **١** TEN; twenty thousand **عشرون** would be **ع** TEN THOUSANDS SIGN + **٢** TWO.

Another disadvantage is ordering. With this approach the rendering engine would need to first compose the appropriate number for a base numeral + a unit sign, then order these pairs according to the Arabic counting order.

Although the primitives approach reflects the pattern that underlies the typology of the Diwani Numerals, the complexity of this encoding model may restrict its implementation.

3. Encode the numerals for the primary through ten thousands units A third approach is a mean between the two discussed previously. In this approach, the numerals of the primary, tens, hundreds, thousand, and ten thousands units are encoded as atomic characters. Based upon their glyphic representation, the numerals for these units are unique and cannot be represented using other characters (apart from the primitives

model). The numerals for the hundred thousands unit may be written using the base forms of the primary unit + ONE HUNDRED + ONE THOUSAND.

This model would require 59 characters: primary units (10), base forms of the primary units (10), tens (9), hundreds (10), thousands (10), and ten thousands (10). Of the three, this approach offers the least complicated method of encoding Diwani Numerals.

5.2 A Basic Character Set for Diwani Numerals

Based upon encoding model #3, 59 characters are required to encode Diwani Numerals in the UCS:

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xx01 DIWANI NUMERAL ONE
xx02 DIWANI NUMERAL TWO
xx03 DIWANI NUMERAL THREE
xx04 DIWANI NUMERAL FOUR
xx05 DIWANI NUMERAL FIVE
xx06 DIWANI NUMERAL SIX
xx07 DIWANI NUMERAL SEVEN
xx08 DIWANI NUMERAL EIGHT
xx09 DIWANI NUMERAL NINE
xx0A DIWANI NUMERAL TEN
xx0B DIWANI NUMERAL COMBINING ONE
xx0C DIWANI NUMERAL COMBINING TWO
xx0D DIWANI NUMERAL COMBINING THREE
xx0E DIWANI NUMERAL COMBINING FOUR
xx0F DIWANI NUMERAL COMBINING FIVE
xx10 DIWANI NUMERAL COMBINING SIX
xx11 DIWANI NUMERAL COMBINING SEVEN
xx12 DIWANI NUMERAL COMBINING EIGHT
xx13 DIWANI NUMERAL COMBINING NINE
xx14 DIWANI NUMERAL COMBINING TEN
xx15 DIWANI NUMERAL TWENTY
xx16 DIWANI NUMERAL THIRTY
xx17 DIWANI NUMERAL FORTY
xx18 DIWANI NUMERAL FIFTY
xx19 DIWANI NUMERAL SIXTY
xx1A DIWANI NUMERAL SEVENTY
xx1B DIWANI NUMERAL EIGHTY
xx1C DIWANI NUMERAL NINETY
xx1D DIWANI NUMERAL ONE HUNDRED
xx1E DIWANI NUMERAL TWO HUNDRED
xx1F DIWANI NUMERAL THREE HUNDRED
xx20 DIWANI NUMERAL FOUR HUNDRED
xx21 DIWANI NUMERAL FIVE HUNDRED
XX22 DIWANI NUMERAL SIX HUNDRED
XX23 DIWANI NUMERAL SEVEN HUNDRED
xx24 DIWANI NUMERAL EIGHT HUNDRED
xx25 DIWANI NUMERAL NINE HUNDRED
xx26 DIWANI NUMERAL ONE THOUSAND
xx27 DIWANI NUMERAL TWO THOUSAND
xx28 DIWANI NUMERAL THREE THOUSAND
xx29 DIWANI NUMERAL FOUR THOUSAND
xx2A DIWANI NUMERAL FIVE THOUSAND
xx2B DIWANI NUMERAL SIX THOUSAND
xx2C DIWANI NUMERAL SEVEN THOUSAND
xx2D DIWANI NUMERAL EIGHT THOUSAND
xx2E DIWANI NUMERAL NINE THOUSAND
xx2F DIWANI NUMERAL TEN THOUSAND
xx30 DIWANI NUMERAL TWENTY THOUSAND
xx31 DIWANI NUMERAL THIRTY THOUSAND
xx32 DIWANI NUMERAL FORTY THOUSAND
xx33 DIWANI NUMERAL FIFTY THOUSAND
xx34 DIWANI NUMERAL SIXTY THOUSAND
xx35 DIWANI NUMERAL SEVENTY THOUSAND
xx36 DIWANI NUMERAL EIGHTY THOUSAND
xx37 DIWANI NUMERAL NINETY THOUSAND

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LES CHIFFRES « DÌVÀNÌ » CHEZ LES ARABES (1)

CHIFFRES	VALEUR	CHIFFRES	VALEUR	CHIFFRES	VALEUR
ا	1	لعو	19	الف ou الله	1,000
لا	2	لع	20	الفى	2,000
لا ou ع	3	لعا	30	مالف	3,000
لعفا	4	لعفا	40	لعالف	4,000
حفا	5	حفا	50	حالف	5,000
لعا	6	لعا	60	سالف	6,000
لعفا	7	لعفا	70	معالف	7,000
هفا	8	هفا	80	هالف	8,000
لعفا	9	لعفا	90	معالف	9,000
عفا	10	عفا	100	عالف	10,000
عفا	11	عفا	200	عفا	20,000
لعا	12	لعفا ou لعفا	300	ملا	30,000
لعفا	13	لعفا	400	لعلا	40,000
لعو	14	حفا	500	حلا	50,000
حفا	15	حفا	600	سلا	60,000
لعفا	16	معا	700	ملا	70,000
لعو	17	لعفا	800	ملا	80,000
لعو	18	لعفا	900	ملا	90,000

(1) D'après un manuscrit du *Vocabulaire arabe-persan* de ZAMAKHCHARI (Bibliothèque Nationale, ancien fonds arabe n° 1256), reproduits dans la *Grammaire arabe* de SILVESTRE DE SACY et dans l'ouvrage de A.-P. Pihan.

Figure 1: Table showing the Diwani number forms (from Kazem-Zadeh 1915: Plate VII).

UNITÉS.		DIZAINES.		CENTAINES.	
ا	1	عا	10	ما	100
لا	2	٤٤	20	مال	200
لا ou لا	3	٤٤	30	لما ou سما	300
لعا	4	لعا	40	لعا	400
حا	5	حا	50	حا	500
سا	6	سا	60	سا	600
بعا	7	بعا	70	بعا	700
٤٤	8	٤٤	80	٤٤	800
لعا	9	لعا	90	لعا	900
MILLE.		DIZAINES DE MILLE.		CENTAINES DE MILLE.	
الف ou الف	1,000	عالف	10,000	مالف	100,000
الف	2,000	٤٤٤	20,000	لا مالف	200,000
سالف	3,000	سلا	30,000	٤٤ مالف	300,000
لعالف	4,000	لعالا	40,000	لعا مالف	400,000
حالف	5,000	حالا	50,000		
سالف	6,000	سلا	60,000		
بعالف	7,000	بعالا	70,000		
٤٤الف	8,000	٤٤لا	80,000		
لعالف	9,000	لعالا	90,000		

Figure 2: Table showing the Diwani number forms (from Pihan 1860: 211).

EXEMPLES DE QUELQUES NOMBRES COMPOSÉS.

ا٤	11	٤٤٤	17	لالعا	42
لا٤	12	٤٤٤	18	٤٤لعا	48
٤٤٤	13	لعا	19	مالعا	141
لعا٤	14	ا٤٤	21	مالا حا	152
٤٤٤	15	لعا٤٤	24	مال	206
٤٤٤	16	٤٤٤	35	لما حا٤	315

Figure 3: Table showing composite numbers written with Diwani Numerals (from Pihan 1860: 212).