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## SOURCE A

Mir Qasim, Nawab of Bengal from 1760 to 1763, was concerned about British corruption and the loss of tax revenue in Bengal. He set about increasing Bengal's tax revenue by first reducing the amount of rent-free land and then by increasing the rate of land tax. He also warned that anyone who refused to pay would be evicted. As a result, for the first time since the Battle of Plassey in 1757, state revenue increased remarkably and the Nawab could pay his army and officials on time.

*Adapted from an article in Banglapedia about Mir Qasim*

## SOURCE B



*A representation of the meeting between the East India Company and Shah Alam II to discuss trading rights in the subcontinent. Painted by Benjamin West, a British-American artist, in c. 1818.*

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