

Q.1. Describe the events that led to 1st Anglo-Maratha War.

Ans.

The 1st Anglo-Maratha war was between Maratha & East India Company (EIC) in the year 1775 to 1782. Mahadji Scindia, Ruler of Scindia & strong in guerrilla warfare was leading the war.

Events that led to war :-

1. Raghunath Rao, Brother of Balaji Baji Rao wanted to become Peshwa but Barabhai council wanted to make Narayan Rao's & new born son Sawai Madhav Rao Peshwa as Raghunath was conspired in murder of Narayan Rao. To become Peshwa Raghunath sought help from EIC, EIC agreed to Treaty of Surat (1775) was signed but was not approved by Governor General of Bengal.
 2. Treaty of Purandhar (1776) was signed between Barabhai & Supreme council of Bengal in Calcutta. In this treaty, there was one clause that the Marathas will not recognise existence of French in India but Nana Phadnis violated the treaty in 1777 by granting Port to French. This became immediate cause of war.
- After the war was over, Treaty of Salbai was signed in 1782 making Mahadji Scindia mediator, Salsette was given to EIC & Bassein to Maratha. Also Marathas will support no other European power.

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