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Once the initial twelve days of mourning ended, principal subjects paid court to the new sovereign, led first by the head of the fishers. He laid before the king a golden fish, a silver net, and an earthen dish containing sand and salt. The year of mourning closed with a massive anniversary feast. Visscher reported that 14,000 or 15,000 Brahmins flocked to feast for three days and received money according to rank. Samuel Purchas noted 100,000 people assembling to receive alms before the new king’s rule was confirmed.