(EI 8-3), a town or watch-station; possibly also a station for the collection of revenue; also called *udranga* which may thus indicate both revenue and the station for its collection.

Drangapāla (EI 28), same as Drāngika official design-

ation. See dranga.

Drāngeśa (EI 20; HD), supposed to be the designation of a guardian of the frontiers (cf. Stein, Rājatarangiṇī, Vol. II, pp. 291-92 for dranga or drangā); cf. Drangapāla and Drāngika.

Drāngika (IE 8-3; EI 10, 30; CII 3, 4; HD), probably, an officer in charge of a city-station or watch-tower for collection of customs duties. Dranga means either 'a town' (Bhandarkar's List, No. 810) or 'a watch-station' (Rājatarangiṇī, VIII. 2010). Drāngika was an officer in charge of a dranga probably meaning a watch station or a station for revenue collection; similar to Audrangika in the latter sense; mentioned along with the Dhruvasthān-ādhikaraṇa or 'the collector of the king's grainshare'. Cf. dranga, Drangapāla, etc. See CII, Vol. III, p. 169.

drava (EI 20), a kind of dancing.

 $Dr\bar{a}vid\bar{i}$, name applied to the South Indian variety of the Brāhmī alphabet.

 $dravyabh\bar{a}n\dot{c}\bar{a}ra$ -karana, cf. karana (LP); the department of stores.

droṇa (IE 8-6; Chamba), a grain measure; often regarded as equal to four $\bar{a}dhakas$; between one maund fourteen seers and two maunds, according to Bengali authors.

(IE 8-1; EI 24, 29, 30), name of a land measure derived from that of a measure of capacity; shortened form of dronavāpa.

Dronāgīka (EI 33), official disignation; possibly a mistake for Dronāgraka.

Droṇāgraka (EI 27), official disignation; probably an officer in charge of a droṇamukha or an important city,or one who collected the king's grain-share fixed per droṇa measure.

Dronamāpaka, measurer of the king's grain-share (Ghoshal, Ag. Syst. Anc. Ind., pp. 26-27).

dronavāpa (IE 8-6; EI 30), 'an area of land requiring one drona measure of seed grains to be sown'; a land measure which was not the same in different ages and localities.

droṇi, droṇī (CII 4; IA 11), treasury; property (cf. Ep. Ind., Vol. XXXIV, p. 144—'the droṇī of Śrī-Somanāthadeva' to