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- ii. British Residents were stationed in all the courts, the freedom of the rulers reduced, their armed forces disbanded and territories taken away by stages.

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Ans. The Mughal dynasty had ruled over a very large part of the country. Most smaller rulers and chieftains controlled different territories on behalf of the Mughal ruler. Threatened by the expansion of British rule, many of them felt that if the Mughal emperor could rule again, they too would be able to rule their own territories once more, under Mughal authority.

Q3. What efforts were made by the British to win back the loyalty of the people?

Ans. The British tried their best to win back the loyalty of the people.

- i. They announced rewards for the loyal landlords who would be allowed to continue to enjoy traditional rights over their lands.
- ii. Those who had rebelled were told that they submitted to the British, and if they had not killed any white people, they would remain safe and their rights and claims to land would not be denied.