

Kerala Varma Pazhassi Raja

India/2009/35mm/Colour/195'/Malayalam

Direction: Hariharan

Screenplay: M T Vasudevan Nair

Producer: Gokulam Gopalan

Cinematography: Ramanath Shetty

Editing: A. Sreekar Prasad

Sound: Rasool pookkutty

Cast: Mammooty, Kaniha, Padmapriya, Sarath Kumar, Thilakan, Nedumudi Venu, Jagathy Sreekumar.

A biopic of Kerala Varma Pazhassi Raja, known as the Lion of Kerala who lived in the late 18th century, and died fighting against the British colonial regime. Pazhassi Raja, the popular king of Kottayam, opposed the highhandedness of colonial rulers and dared to challenge the imposing army of the British by resorting to guerrilla war tactics, is considered the first Indian King to put up resistance against the colonialists. He strongly opposed the British interventions in the domestic affairs of his kingdom that led to conflicts between the two. Apart from narrating the great saga of the valiant hero, the film delves deep in to the complexities of human feelings and relationships.

