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FROM Major J. H. Newill,
~~THE~~ POLITICAL AGENT, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

TO
THE Deputy SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Dated Rawalpindi, the 27th January 1891.

Frontier B.
March 1891
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SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 19th January 1891.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. Newill Major,
~~CAPTAIN~~,
Political Agent.

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Diary of the Political Agent in charge of Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 19th January 1891.

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I. On the 6th instant Sirdar Hashim Khan attended by the Political Agent visited the Commissioner.

On the 13th instant the Commissioner attended by the Political Agent returned the visits of both Sirdars.

On the same day Mrs: Thorburn (the Commissioner's wife) visited the ladies of Sirdar Ayub Khan, and was very kindly received by them.

II. On the 12th inst: the Political Agent visited Sirdar Ayub Khan, and on the 14th instant when he introduced Surgeon Elkington the Staff Surgeon who was allowed to make a sanitary inspection of all the houses in Cantonment inhabited by the Sirdar and his ladies. The Staff Surgeon was

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very pleased with the cleanly state of everything.

III. On the 8th instant Sirdár Hashim Khán again visited the Political Agent, and repeated his desire to visit Cashmere during the coming summer. I informed him I would consult with the Resident in Cashmere on the matter.

The question is under consideration separately. HMC

IV. Captain Evans Gordon visited Sirdár Ayub Khán on the 18th and left on the evening of the 19th. He slept at the Sirdár's house, and was very hospitably entertained by him, and Sirdár Hashim Khán.

V. On the 7th instant some persons looking like Cabulees were seen at different times during the night standing about the wall of Sirdár Ayub Khán's zenana enclosure. The Sirdár became apprehensive that his enemies might be seeking an opportunity for attacking him and his family

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and asked for his private sentries (over the Zenana) to be armed. I accordingly arranged with the Deputy Commissioner that they may carry swords, and that arms may be kept in the house. The Sirdár promised me that the fire arms will only be used in case of any attempt to enter the house, and so I obtained from the arms deposited in the Arsenal 4 swords, 4 pistols and 4 sporting guns and rifles - the swords are now worn by the sentries, and the arms are deposited in one of the Zenana houses.

VI. Sirdár Ayúb Khán reported on the 11th instant the arrival of four Shinwarrie refugees. viz:-

Abdul Rahmán
Akil Sháh
Taran
Lazim

They came to pay their respects to the Sirdár, and stayed with Mir Butcha Khán.

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The Sirdar reports that they left Pindi on the 19th instant.

VII. The Police Inspector reports the following arrivals at Pindi from Peshawar of visitors to followers of the Sirdars.

(1) Gul Muhd. Khan of Bajour with one servant to stay with Mir Butcha Khan.

(2) Ghulam Muhd. Khan, Cabulee to the house of the Sirdar.

(3) Abdul Wahab Khan of Bajour to stay with General Taj Muhd. Khan.

VIII. He also reports the following arrivals to stay with state prisoners under the Deputy Commissioner.

(1) Gul Khan of Zerah to stay with Mustafi Habibullah Khan.

(2) Karimdad Khan Cabulee to stay with Sirdar Ibrahim Khan.

also that Shakur Khan and Lala Ahmed Jan employés of the Amir have gone to Peshawar.

IX. The weather has been wet, and cold. The general health

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of the followers is very good.

X. The Political Agent went to Sialkot to see the Resident in Cashmere. He left Sialkot on the 20th instant.

P. W. Sewell Major
Political Agent.

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XI. On the 11 inst the Lunnab said to the Native Asst in ordinary conversation — "The English claim to be very wise, but they do not understand Afghan politics — We know them, and they should consult us. The Amir cannot live long, and his son will not be able to manage the Afghans. If the English delay in sending Ayub Khan to Cabul, Ishak Khan will come through Turkestan, raise a Jehad agst the English, and take possession of Cabul. The British Govt should always consult experienced officers"

XII. At my visit to the Sirdar on the 12 inst, Genl Daud Shah, and Vazir Shah Mahomed Khan were present — the conversation turned on the Czarewitch's visit — The Sirdar said, "The English know best how to get on with Asiatics, and especially with Mahomedans, who all over the world look upon Russians as their enemies" — Daud Shah added — "The Czarewitch & his party may carry away good impressions of English hospitality in India, but it will not make the English, and Russian nations friendly — They will always be enemies."

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XIII. Razir Shah Mah.d who was recently turned out of Ayub Khan's party for intriguing with the Sirdar's Aunt visited the Native Ass.t to try & find out if Gov.t will give him an allowance, independent of Ayub Khan. He stated, - "My father, and two brothers are the only Dowranis who have been killed by Amir Abdul Rahman at Cabul. I will go there too, and get killed in Ayub Khan's cause - Sirdar Ayub Khan was hiding in my house at Mesked for 39 days before he saw Genl Maclean - my family has served him for upwards of 60 years, and now he turns me out"

Note It appears the Razir with the Sirdar's Aunt left this on 21.st for Calcutta, probably with the intention of petitioning the Viceroy - The Sirdar has intimated that he hopes no attention may be paid to him

All the particulars of the case were submitted in my letter No. 221 of 22 Nov.r/90.

XIV. On the 14 inst Genl Taj Mahomed informed the Native Ass.t that the Amir was reported to be seriously ill, with great pain in his hands, and also he

Certainly not!

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had heard that the Amir has ordered all furs, & post teens to be sold to his own Agents (at a fair price) who will arrange for their export into India.

XV. Sirdar Ayub Khan was very pleased with the visit of Capt. Evans Gordon, and says, he will be as true a friend to me, as he was to him - our relations just now are very friendly.

XVI. During my visit to Sialkhot I talked at length with Colonel Prideaux about Sirdar Hashim Khan's proposal to summer in Cashmere, and his further aspirations to acquire land, and settle down there - I represented I did not think the Sirdar & his party would give trouble. He informed me he would address the Foreign Secretary on the subject

I would add that there appears to be no necessity for the visit bringing about an early settlement, as the Sirdar and his family can return in the Autumn. There is no doubt that Sirdar Ayub Khan will miss his society, and would prefer his not going.

Being separately taken up. [illegible]

J. H. Newill

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FROM

Major J. H. Newill,
~~THE~~ POLITICAL AGENT, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

TO

THE Deputy SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Dated Rawalpindi, the 6th February 1891.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the fortnight ~~week~~ ending on the 2nd February 1891.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. Newill Major,
~~CAPTAIN~~,
Political Agent.

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Diary of the Political Agent in charge of Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 2nd February 1891.

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I. The Political Agent visited Sirdár Ayub Khán on the 22nd and 23rd January.

On the 26th the Sirdár visited the Political Agent, and afterwards took him for a drive round the West Ridge.

The Political Agent visited Sirdár Hashim Khán on the 22nd and 31st.

II. On the 29th Sirdár Ayub Khán with Sirdár Hashim Khán went over the Murree Brewery. Everything was explained to him by the Manager Mr. Whymper. The Sirdár was greatly interested in all he saw, and especially with the Type writer, and Electric light.

The Sirdárs came back and had tea with the Political Agent, after thoroughly enjoying their afternoon.

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III. During the past week Israil Khan one of Sirdar Hashim Khan's followers has represented that he wishes to leave his Sirdar, as he has not enough to live on. The Sirdar arranged to allow him Rs: 65/- monthly in addition to his Government allowance of Rs: 120/- (Rs: 8 on pay list) this he will not accept, so the Sirdar has asked me to remove his name and expel him from his party. I am addressing the Deputy Secretary on the subject today.

IV. Sirdar Ajib Khan intimates, that one Abdul Rahman, Cabulee has come from Mysore with salaams from Sir Oliver St: John. He intends to write and thank him for his kind enquiries.

V. A son of Sirdar Muhammad Saddik Khan (author of Mainwand pamphlet) has been betrothed to a grand daughter of Sirdar Yahya Khan at Debra. It is probable that Sirdar Tahir Khan (Hashim's brother)

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will attend the ceremony.

VI. The Police Inspector reports the following arrivals at Rawalpindi to visit followers of the Sirdars.

(1) Ghulam Haidar Khan, Cabulee from Peshawar.

(2) Muhd. Khan servant of Shere Ali Khan at Karachi.

(3) Khan Muhd., Cabulee of Lalpura.

(4) Waleeram Khan of Bajour from Peshawar.

(5) Nur din Khan .do. .do.

(6) Ghulam Rasul Khan from Lahore.

(7) Gunas Khan with five others from Agror to get alms.

VII. He also reports other arrivals to stay with State prisoners under the Deputy Commissioner.

(12) Taj Muhd. Khan, Cabulee, and Mohibulla Khan of Zirak to stay with Wazir Shah Muhd.

(3) Shamad Khan of Jellalabad to stay with Khans-i-Mullah Khan.

(4) Sarwar Khan, Cabulee, to stay with Karimdad Khan.

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VIII. The general health of the followers keeps good. The weather has been very wet, and raw.

G. R. Newill Major
Political Agent.

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XI. Genl Taj Mahomed has intimated to the Native Asst that the two cavalry Regts (one Cabulee, the other Kandaharee) in the Shinwarri country have ~~gun~~ become discontented, and in consequence have been moved to Jellalabad.

He has also just heard from Shinwarris, that the Amir has given orders for the removal of all his troops from the Shinwarri country; and that shopkeepers in Cabul are now allowed to sell ammunition to anybody, as they did in the time of previous Amirs.

Also that the Turi people in the Kurram valley have been ordered to pay revenue to the Amir.

This rumour has arisen from the presence of many Afghan troops near the Kurram border
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XII. The leading followers of the Sirdars are now discussing news from Dehra Dun, that the Ex Amir, and Sirdar Musa Jan have refused to take their last month's salary. The reason given is that Sirdar Kakoo Jan (brother in law to Amir Abdul Rahman) visited Sirdar Yahya Khan against the wishes of the Ex Amir, who accordingly stopped his allowance. A proceeding which was disapproved of by the Political Agent.

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XIII. Gent Daud Shah tells the Native Assistant he hears from Cabul, that the people are greatly displeased with the Amir on account of his cruelty, and that he thinks in the event of the Amir's death the English should send tried & known Afghans of importance (like himself) to preserve order, and so exclude Ishak Khan.

XIV. Israel Khan (Nurzae) alluded to in para 3 of this Diary said to the Native Ass^t — "We Khans are the key of Afghanistan, & have much more influence than the Mahomedzais, who were originally only shepherds, but got into favour by intriguing at Court"

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FROM

Major J. H. Newill,

~~THE~~ POLITICAL AGENT, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

TO

THE Deputy SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Dated Rawalpindi, the 19th February 1891.

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March 1891
No. 66

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the fortnight ~~week~~ ending on the 16th February 1891.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. Newill Major,

~~CAPTAIN~~,

Political Agent.

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Diary of the Political Agent in charge of Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 16th February 1891.

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I. The Political Agent visited Sirdar Ayub Khan on 3rd February (alluded to in last Diary).

Also on 11th instant when he handed over the letters from the Mangal Maliks (vide my telegram and letter of 11th and 12th).

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On the 14th instant the Political Agent visited the Sirdar, and intimated to him the reply of government relative to the Mangal Maliks.

II. On the 13th and 14th instant Sirdar Ayub Khan on the invitation of the Committee went to the Assault at Arms where he had his tent the same as last year. The Commissioner and General talked to him, and I introduced the members of the Committee. He was attended on both days by General Daud Shah, and was principally struck with the fine

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appearance of the Seaforth Highlanders, and the fitness of the Royal Artillery horses.

III. Sirdar Hashim Khan visited the Political agent on 11th instant, and came with Sirdar Ayub Khan to the Assault at arms on the first day. He was unable to come on the second day owing to gout.

IV. The preliminary Census of the Sirdars' followers has been taken, in accordance with local instructions. Both Sirdars have cheerfully assisted by sending their representatives to visit the several houses with my Head Clerk who has recorded all necessary particulars.

As soon as the Census is completed, full particulars will be submitted to the Deputy Secretary.

V. In continuation of entry 3 of my last Diary. I have to report that Israil Khan and his sons with 3 women, 2 children, and 8 servants left Pindi for

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× a week before we gave sanction

Sukkur on the night of the 12th with the intention of settling down as shepherds in Beluchistan.

VI. Sirdar Ayub Khan has brought to notice the following arrivals:-

(1) One Baro from Larshahi in the Jellalabad district (has returned)

(2) Abdul Rahman, Shinwari, Adal Khel, from Peshawar, where he is living.

(3) Mahomed Amin Khan, son of late Sultan Muhd. Khan (maternal uncle of Ayub Khan) from Jellalabad. The Sirdar says he will provide for him.

(4) Syed Mahomed from Bajour, who produced a paper signed by Amir Shere Ali granting a Jaghir of Rs: 3000/- to his father.

(5) Several Mangal Maliks (alluded to in para 1).

The Sirdar states these persons are either old dependents of his father, or discontents of Abdul Rahman's rule, and that they come and pay their respects in hopes of future benefits.

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VII. (24) Sirdár Hashim Khán reports the arrival from Karachi of Sirdár Ghulam Haider Khán, and his brother Mahomed Sarwar Khán. The former has come to marry the daughter of Sirdár Fateh Muhammad Khán (Ajib's constant companion).

VIII. The Police Inspector reports the following arrivals from Peshawar to stay with followers of the Sirdár.

(1) Baz Gul Khán of Bajour to stay with General Táj Muhammad Khán.

(2) Abdul Rahmán Khán to stay with Sher Muhammad Khán.

(3+4) Shamas-ud-din and Umar Khán of Swat to stay with Behram Khán.

(5) Bakadur Khán to stay with Sirdár Amir Muhammad Khán.

IX. He also reports other arrivals to stay with state prisoners under the Deputy Commissioner of,

(1) Sirdár Mubt. Ayaz Khán of Zerak to stay with Wazir Shah Mubt.

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(243) Ahmed Khan, Cabulee from
(25) abbotabad, and Khushdil Khan
from Peshawar to stay with
Mustanfi Habibulla Khan.

(4). Bay Gul Khan of Swat to stay
with General Dand Shah.

X. The weather has improved.
The general health of the followers keeps
very good.

J. O'Neill Major
Political Agent.

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Additional Conf: Memo for fortnight ending 16 Febr

XI: The Inspector General of Police, Punjab sent me a copy of a Confidential Newsletter, stating, that Malik Miran Tajak of Sher Shahi near Jellalabad passed through Peshawur on his way to see Sirdar Ayub Khan, with a message from General Ghulam Haider Khan

I informed the Sirdar who said he had not seen him, and if he came he would let me know.

As Malik Miran is a well known man and father in law of the Khan of Lalpura (who is connected by marriage with Ayub Khan) I consulted with Mr. Merk, and have heard from him, that Colonel Mahomed Aslam of the Khyber Rifles tells him that Malik Miran was on his way to Peshawur. When some sowars sent by General Ghulam Haider Khan overtook him at Jellalabad Ali Musjid, and ordered him back to Jellalabad, as he was suspected of going to see Ayub Khan Mr. Merk adds, that he feels sure General Ghulam Haider Khan had nothing to do with sending him.

Mr. Merk would, doubtless, be very surprised to learn the Ghulam Haidar had made secret overtures to us. H.M.L.

XII. The arrival of the Mengal Maliks has been reported in my telegram, and

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Letter of 11th & 12 inst - The Sirdar informed the Maliks he was unable to assist them - They left Peiuli on 16 inst.

When I informed the Sirdar of the Foreign Secretary's telegram relative to their disposal. He said - "I think the answer is very proper - Affairs in Afghanistan are very uncertain, and Govt may vary their views according to circumstances, which may affect their interests - It is only proper I should keep them informed of what I hear, and be guided by them. Time will show that in greater matters I will prove myself true to the promise I have given to the British Govt."

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XIII. Yesterday in conversation with the Native Asst the Sirdar said - "I wish for the death of Abdul Rahman, but not at the hands of an Afghan soldier. When I heard that one had fired at him I did not like it, as it may encourage others to do the same hereafter. People say that after his

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death the Amir's family will be disgraced. I am uneasy at the idea, because if carried out, it will give a bad name to the Afghan nation - Hostility should end when a man dies - I have not forgotten that when Abdul Rahman sent my family to Persia he showed them great respect, and consideration. Besides he has always treated me with respect. I have copy of a letter in which he calls me "Sirdar" and says that he, and I have a right to claim our rights in Afghanistan. He also alluded to Hashim (not as Sirdar), and that he had no business to think about Afghan affairs."

"Further Abdul Rahman wrote, and thanked the Shah of Persia for his kind treatment of me, and asked him to use his influence to conciliate me to have with him the bread of his forefathers."

XIV. General Taj Mahomed informs the Native Asst. that two or three Regts. of the Amir's troops have suddenly attacked the Sangokhel Shinwaris

Also, that he hears the Amir is ill again and that the general opinion round Cabul is, that after the Amir's

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death the English will send Ayub Khan to succeed him.

XV. The Native Asst. breakfasted with Genl Daud Shah on 4th inst, when the latter talked frequently about the kind, and liberal treatment of Afghans by the English; and how very much Abdul Rahman is disliked by his own people.

I. N. Newill

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