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POLITICAL AGENT'S OFFICE
RAWALPINDI,

30. Dec.r 1889.

My dear Barnes

I hope you will not be alarmed at the length of my Diary - I have given you the benefit of all my information, which as you know comes in through the Attaché Allah Baksh.

Ayub Khan is now pretty well again - Everything is going on quietly!

Many thanks for the Mophey report - Yours sincerely,

J. E. Merill

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FROM

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

To

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

Dated Rawalpindi, the 13th December *1889.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 9th December 1889.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. E. Merill Major
~~CAPTAIN~~,

Political Agent.

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Colonel Gordon Young the Commissioner accompanied by me returned the visits of Sardárs Ayub Khan and Hashim Khán on the 30th ultimo. The conversations were of a friendly and complimentary kind

2. Colonel Baresford Lovett and myself paid a visit to Sardár Ayub Khán on the 2nd. instant, which was returned by the Sardar on the 5th. instant. The Sardár during his conversation with us remarked that it was wrong of the Amir not to send a proper person on his part to meet H. E. the Viceroy when he lately visited the Afghán frontier, and thereby show his friendship and good will to Her Majesty's representative.

3. Ayub has handed over to me a letter dated Sawát, the 1st. December addres-

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ed to Sipahsalár Husain Ali Khán from Faiz-Muhammad Khán a notable Ghilzai, who sent it by his servant Abdul Rahmán, who arrived here on the 9th December, and is staying with General Táj Muhammad Khán (II) a follower of Ayub. Faiz Muhammad expresses his anxiety for not seeing one another, and enquires after the addressee's health. (a translated copy of the letter is attached)

4. Ayub reports that Sarbaland, Násir, Umrá and Mír Ahmad arrived here from Bajor on the 1st December, and are staying with General Táj Muhammad Khán Ghilzai.

5. Akal shah shinwári whose arrival here was reported in my last Diary has returned to his country

6. Passes have been issued to the following followers of Ayub:—

1. Ata Muhammad, and Abdul Rahman, and an afghán lady to Lahore, to see

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their relatives for 25 days.

2. Agha Mir Haider with his servant Shaban to Delhi and Karachi to visit some shrines for one month.

3. Muhammad Umr Khan to Karachi for one month to get fruit.

7. A Pass was issued to the following follower of Sardar Hashim Khan:-

1. Amir ud-Din to Jhansi to see his relatives for one month.

8. Kumedan Karimdad Khan a follower of Ayub was found in possession of the skin of a stolen goat, and when his house was being searched by the Police, with Ayub Khan's knowledge, 180 Remington cartridges were found. As Karimdad Khan could not give any reasonable explanation of being in possession of the skin the Deputy Commissioner fined him Rs 20/- and also Re 1 for being in possession of ammunition. The cartridges were confiscated. I am inform-

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ed that Sardár Ayub Khán has also punished Karímdád khán.

9. With reference to para 14 of my last diary Sardárs Ayub khán and Háshim-Khán, with most of the leading afghan Sardars assembled at the house of Mir Bacha Khán on the 5th instant, when wedding sweetmeats were distributed to all; and there was a general talk about the Afghán affairs and of the disagreeable climate and unbearable heat of India. This marriage has cost Mir Bacha about one thousand Rupees, and Ayub has not paid any thing as yet towards this expenditure.

10. Malak Mir akbar a follower of Ayub died of fever on the 7th December without leaving any survivor. His pay Rs 17/- will lapse to Government.

11. Munshi Allah Bakhsh my native assistant was allowed three days' casual leave to go to Lahore on some private affairs.

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Additional Confidential memo

12. (11) Ayub Khán informs me that he has heard from some Cabulees that the Amir is drawing all his money and arms from Ladut to Turkistán, and has also given orders to prohibit the export of Postins to India.

13. Sardár Háshim Khan recently visited Ayub Khán, and in conversation proposed that Ayub Khan should shortly visit Bombay, and Calcutta - he however was not agreeable to the proposal, as at present he is not anxious to leave Rawalpindi. Ayub's Mustaufi has told Attache Allah Bakhsh that Ayub Khán has borrowed Rs 6000/- from Loináb and Fatih Muhammad, his most trusted followers, in order to pay for shawls and jewelry, and ornaments purchased in Cashmir and Rawalpindi, and that consequently he has not any spare money to spend on pleasure trips.

J. D. Dewell Major,
Political Agent.

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(12) Translation of a letter dated Sowat the 7th Rabi-ul-Sani = 1st December 1889, from Faiz Muhammad Khan Ghilzai, to Sipah Salar Husen Ali Khan.

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After Compliments,

My kind friend it is about one year and a half since you came to Rawalpindi from Tehran, and although I have been waiting anxiously for a long time to see you, it is a great pity that even now we cannot see each other. I have been wandering in the hills for the last ten years, and have not seen any of my friends or acquaintances. God knows how anxious I am to meet each of you, but I cannot say whether you feel the same or not. May God give us an opportunity to see each other in honor and dignity. My kind friend as you have lost all hopes of ever returning to your native country, you have, at the same time, decreased your love for one another, but it is not proper to forget old friends and acquaintances,

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and faithful servants. May the Almighty (13)
God keep you safe in honor and respect
under His own shelter.

Please write us every now and
then about your good health, as it will
afford us much pleasure.

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12.12.89

Correct translation

J. N. Newill.

13.12.89.

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

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Dated Rawalpindi, the 30th December 1889.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 23rd December 1889.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. Merill ~~CAPTAIN~~ Major
Political Agent.

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Sardar Ayub Khan handed over to me a letter, dated Sowat the 10th instant, addressed to him by the sons of the late Asmatulla Khan a leading Ghilzai. An English translation of it is attached. The Sardar has sent a verbal reply by the letter-carrier to the effect that they had better remain in Sowat.

2. Sardar Hashim Khan has sent me a letter dated Sowat (date of despatch is not given, but it reached here on the 15th Dec.) addressed to him by Faiz Muhammad Khan Ghilzai. A copy of the English translation is herewith attached. He has informed the courier that nothing is settled about his going into Cashmir

3. Sardar Ayub Khan has collected the following arms from his followers.

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These were deposited in the Arsenal on the 13th instant.

Guns and Pistols ——— 11

Knives and daggers ——— 16

Cartridges of various sorts ——— 680

The Sardár keeps for himself 3 guns, double barrelled, 1 Henry Martini, 1 sword and 1 dagger. Sipahsalár Husen ali Khán has also been allowed to keep 1 muzzle loading gun, 1 Revolver six barrelled, and 1 dagger. These arms were collected under the direct orders of Sardár Ayub Khán who instructed Sipahsalár Husen ali Khán to go round to every afghan house to collect their arms, and to warn them that if any were kept back they would be punished, and dismissed from his service.

4. Sardár Ayub Khán has reported arrivals of the following persons at Sindí from across the border, who are staying with his followers:

1. Syed Husen arrived here from

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Cabul on the 12th instant and is staying with Mir Bacha Khán.

2. Ghulám Sarwar (a Muhmand) Faiz Muhammad and Muhammad Gul (Hirátis) arrived here from Cabul on the 19th instant, and are staying with Yar Muhammad Khán "Mámá" (Maternal uncle of Ayub.)

5. Sardár Hashim Khán reports arrivals at Pindi of the following persons: –

1. Lala Muhammad Usaf (Ghilzai) arrived here from Mecca on the 14th instant, and after staying one day with Sardár Muhammad Táhir Khán proceeded to Peshawar from whence he intends to petition the Amir through Ghulám Haidar Khán (Sipahsalar) to permit his family to join him at Peshawar from Cabul. He is the "Lala" of Sardár Musa Ján and was with him at Teherán, but when Ayub Khan quarrelled with Musa Ján, he became discontented, and went to Mecca where he married. He gets some

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allowance from the Turkish Government. He is a trusted servant of the Ex-Amir Yakub Khán, and is anxious to see him when on his way back to Mecca whither he intends to go as soon as his family may arrive from Cabul.

2. Muhammad Amir a follower of Wali Sher ali khán arrived here from Karáchi with a letter for Sardar Háshim Khan from the Wali. He will go back shortly.

6. Passes have been issued to the following followers of Sardar Ayub khán:-

1. Yakub ali and Karam ali to Karnál for 10 days to arrange for a marriage between the son of Sipahsalár Husen ali khán, and the daughter of General Parwez Shah Khán

2. Usof ali khán to Amritsar for 20 days to see some of his relatives

3. Mirbáz khán to Agra for 20 days to bring certain articles for sale.

7. A Pass has also been issued

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to Sultán Muhammad a follower of Sardár Háshim Khán to Karachi for 40 days on private affairs.

8 Sardár Ayub Khán was invited to dinner by Loináb and Sardár Fateh Muhammad Khán on the 11th and 15th instant in the city and treated to a "natch". The Sardár passed the nights at their houses, and returned on the following mornings. General Táj Muhammad Khán was also invited.

9. Sardár Ayub Khán has been suffering from fever for the last three days and has not come out of his harem. He is under the treatment of his native physician Hakimji Abdul Rauf. I have advised him to consult Dr. Ross the Civil Surgeon, who knows him and is always very kind to him.

10. Kumedán Juma Khán a Wardak follower of Ayub Khan's died of fever on

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15th instant. He has left a widow and young daughter.

11. Kaka Abdul Majid Khan, Durrani, another follower of Ayub Khan's died of fever on the 19th instant. He was nearly 100 years old, and was much respected by the Afghans. He once possessed a large estate near Kandahar which was confiscated by the Amir. He was then an influential man, and known to British officers. He has left a grown up son

12. The latest report of the native Doctor in charge of the Afghans shows that 61 men and women are suffering from fever and other ailments.

13. Sardar Hashim Khan invited the Political Agent, and Col. Buresford Lovett to breakfast on the 17th instant. Sardar Ayub Khan was also invited, but did not come. Hashim Khan's brothers were present.

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14. Sardar Háshim Khán paid a visit to the Political Agent on 23rd instant, when he talked at length about his affairs in Persia, and accommodation to his followers. He also intimated his willingness to obtain reliable information from Afghanistán, and asserted that the information as now received by the Foreign office could not often be relied upon, as they do not obtain it from sufficiently influential sources!

J. D. Newill

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for fortnight ending 23. December 1889

15. I visited Sirdar Ayub Khan on the 21 inst, he was not very well - He remarked that he had noticed in the Newspapers, that Medical Authorities had stated that the Amir could not live for more than five years at the most -
He further remarked that the Amir is said not to have friendly feelings towards the present Viceroy; but that he himself liked him very much, and often thinks of the interview so graciously afforded him during H.E. recent visit to Pindi

16. Sirdar Hashim Khan recently visited Sirdar Ayub Khan. They drove out together, and took the Native Attaché with them: their conversation was as follows -
Ayub Khan said, - "I feel sure that Amir Abdul Rahman will never break up his alliance with the British Govt. - My demander and the presence in India of most of the important, and leading Afghan Sirdars will always hinder the Amir from going against the British - Many Afghans, and know all our ins, and outs. The British

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can without our assistance occupy Afghanistan in a week"

"My visit to H.E. the Viceroy, which was a matter of policy, as well as a personal favour must have surprised the Amir; the news would tend to weaken any evil intentions he might have against the British Govt"

"The Amir may have some secret understanding with the Russians. We know that the British Govt will not go, and fight the Russians in Turkestan (to please the Amir), and that they do not care if the Russians take Herat tomorrow. The Amir understands this, and to avoid Russian aggression in his own territory may offer to assist them if they will advance on Hindustan"

"The British Govt will not decline to give more money if the Amir asks for it, but undoubtedly they will get some concessions in return, such as the extension of the railway to Kandahar & Jellalabad"

In reply to the foregoing remarks Sirdar Hashim Khan replied - "All the circumstances you have described will

before long make the Amir uneasy, and discontented with the British Govt. - He will be obliged under secret pressure, and inducements from the Russians to openly forsake the British Govt, and go over to them"

The Sirdars then said they must bet to see who would be right & that the Attaché should be their umpire

17. Sipasalah Hussain Ali Khan has intimated that for the last five months Sirdar Ayub Khan has been realising Rs 300 monthly by deducting from the allowances of those who draw more than Rs 100 monthly - The deductions are made to provide for the Sirdars uncles Amanolla Khan, and Zaman Khan who are now staying with him at Pindi, and who do not get any allowance from Govt.

18. General Taj Mahomed Khan (Ghilzai) has given the following information

(a) It is reported that the Amir has recently ordered a number of boatmen who used to Turkestan from the Laghman & Kunar countries

(b) The Amir has sent orders to Cabul to employ fresh men, to raise more Infantry Regts

(c). The Afghans are wondering why the Amir

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is so quiet, and think that some big State service awaits them - All say that the Amir's long stay across the Cabul frontier has something to do with his future arrangements for the country.

(d) Ghulam Haider Khan, the Amir's Sepasalah is now at Kunar where two Infantry Regts of the Amirs are said to be on the point of revolting - He will shortly proceed to Swat & Bijaur to exercise his influence with the Chiefs of those countries, and to find out their views regarding the interests of the Amir, and the British Govt.

(e) The Amir's Troops at Ghuzni have been fighting among themselves - The Kandahars first attacked the Cabulee footsoldiers & then their Artillery, who however fired upon them & defeated them - Many Kandaharies were killed, and many have been sent as prisoners to Cabul.

(f) Muhamad Shah Khan, Chief of the Safi Tribe, and Governor of Jagdalak has recently gone under the orders of the Amir into Turkestan, to consult with him about permanently settling down Afghan families along the Oxus, and to strengthen the frontier

This may refer to the Shinkai business GPL

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19. The following arrivals in Pindi are reported by General Taj Mahomed Khan; the first four are staying with him, and the remaining two with Gar Mahomed Khan

1. Akhbar Khan
2. Abdulla Khan } Swatis from Swat

3. Pandit
4 Mehrdil } Ghilzais from Jagdalak

5. Mir Akhbar (Khyberi) Subedar in the Khyber Jezailchis

6 Bashir, Ghilzai, from Jellalabad.

20. About 70 Ghilzais from the neighbourhood of Jellalabad stayed with General Taj Mahomed Khan for a night. They were on their way to work on the roads in Cashmere

21. The Punjaub police inspector on special duty with the Afghans reports to me, that Dr Abdul Rahman who is supposed to be in the pay of the Amir, has just returned from Lahore, and Amritsar & has gone on to Peshawur where he is living with some officials of the Amirs.

I have informed the Dy Comr at Peshawur of the circumstance.

he certainly is - it is not a matter of supposition

SWL

J. N. Merill

Rawalpindi
30. Decr. 1889.

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Translation of a letter dated Sowát the 16th Rabi-ul-Sani = 10th December 1889, from Abdul Rahmán Khán and Sher Ahmad Khán sons of the late Asmatullah Khán to Sardár Muhammad Ayub Khán.

After Compliments,

In case you be kind enough to enquire after our health, we beg to inform you that we are constantly busy in praying for your welfare in the Sowát country, and wish that the Almighty God may not deprive us of your auspicious shadow for ever. We have sent our man to you, and shall come to Rawalpindi if you would kindly call us there, but if this proposal be not agreeable to you we will stay in Sowát, and will pass our lives in praying for your prosperity and restoration to your ancestral dignity.

T.D. Jewitt

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Translation of a letter dated Sowat ×× received in Rawalpindi on the 15th December 1889, from Faiz Muhammad Khan Ghilzai to Sardar Muhammad Hashim Khan.

After Compliments,

Since the time you came to Rawalpindi from Tehran, I addressed you five or six letters about my miserable state, but received no suitable reply from you. This made me very anxious, and I was quite at a loss to know what made you so much displeased with me as not to reply to my letters favorably. I have now heard that you have bought some land in the Kashmir State, and that giving up all hopes of ever returning to Kabul, and being restored to your former dignity, you are going to settle in Kashmir with all your family and followers. I have, therefore, come to know now that it was this proposal which kept you from favouring me with a kind letter.

May God preserve you in honor and dignity wherever you may be. I

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have eaten your bread and butter for years, and pray that the almighty God may keep you safe. I am, however, sorry to say that we could not get an opportunity of seeing each other, which may have enabled us to know each other's real aims and objects. I have sent my man to you, hoping you will kindly let him know how you are getting on. Please tell him when you intend leaving for Kashmir, and whether you go alone or with family. May God continue to keep your auspicious shadow over us.

VB

J. D. Ewell.

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