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FROM Major J. A. 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 7th March 1891.

SIR,

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

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. A. 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 March 1891.

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I. The Political Agent visited Sirdar Ayub Khan on the 25th Ultimo and 3rd instant.

The Sirdar visited the Political Agent on the 18th ultimo.

II. On the 28th ultimo the Sirdar attended by the Political Agent visited Major General Elles to wish him success, and a safe return from the Hazara expedition. He was introduced to Colonel Palmer who will command the Rawalpindi District during the General's absence.

III. The Political Agent visited Sirdar Hashim Khan on the 23rd ultimo when the proposed visit to Cashmere was discussed.

The Sirdar and his brother Ishak Khan have been laid up with gout, and unable to go about. They contemplate

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going away for a change as soon as they are better.

The Hospital Assistant reports that the wife of Sirdár Hashim Khán has given birth to a daughter.

IV. In accordance with the instructions conveyed in Foreign office telegram 219 F. dated 21st ultimo, I have corresponded with the Punjab Government about Sirdár Ayub Khán's proposed visit to the shrine of Alif Mujaddad Sani at Sirhind. The Lieutenant Governor proposes to ask the Maharaja of Patiala, in whose territory the shrine is situated, to place tents and a carriage at the disposal of the Sirdár. I have conveyed the Sirdár's thanks to the Lieutenant Governor, and intimated that he would like to have the tents ready for him not later than the 15th instant.

V. Ghulam Haider Khán referred to in para 7 of my last diary has returned to Karachi with his bride, the daughter of Sirdár

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Fateh Muhammad Khán. (8) 7

V. Sirdár Ayub Khán reports that Sahibzada Shamshud-din and Malik Umar Khán who brought letters from Moghal Khán, and Faiz Muhammad Khán have returned to Swat.

also that Dost Muhammad Khán son of Sirdár Abdul Rahman Khán, and Sher Muhammad Khán (a refugee) have come to see him from Peshawar.

VII. The Police Inspector reports the following arrivals from Peshawar to visit followers of the Sirdárs.

(1) Fakir Mahomed Khán to get alms

(2) Ahmed Khán Cabulee to stay with Sirdar Sher Muhammad Khán.

(3) Mahomed Khán Cabulee - do. Amin Muhd. Khán.

(4) Sirdár Ahmed Khán - do. - do.

(5) Gul Ahmed of Jellalabad with Genl. Faj Muhd.

(6) Syed Ahmed - do. - do.

(7) Nur Muhd. Khan Cabulee with the Luinab.

(8) Shahji Khán - do. - do.

VIII. He also reports further arrivals to stay with state prisoners under the deputy Commissioner.

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(1) Jelal-ud-din Cabulee from Amritsar to stay with Sirdar Wazir Muhd. Khan.

(2) Fakir Khan of Jellálábád to stay with Wazir Shah Muhammad.

(3) Muhd. Sharbat Khan to stay with Sirdar Ibrahim Khan.

IX. The general health keeps good, but fever is on the increase.

Sirdar Ayub Khan was unwell during the wet weather, but is now better, and able to take his daily exercise.

P. R. Nevill Major
Political Agent.

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Additional Confidential Memo for fortnight ending 2nd March.

X. In conversation with the Native Asst. Sirdar Ayub Khan has made the following remarks:

(a) I think it would be much wiser if Govt. did not fight with the Tribes on the Kohat and Afghan frontiers, but would consolidate their wisdom, and power to guide the Ameer. If they obtain influence at the Cabul Court, all the frontier Tribes will at once respect them, and submit

(b) The Russians who brought about the ruin of my father, will probably do the same for the present Ameer, if he listens to their advice not to be friendly with the English - I do not like to say much about the Ameer's affairs, as he is my deadly enemy, but I can not help remembering that some British Officers through an imperfect Knowledge of Afghan affairs have done harm by acting unwisely. Genl Stewart however has left a name throughout Afghanistan for bravery & wisdom

(c) Now that the Ameer has recovered, my mind is at ease, and I can think of other things - If however his ill news should return, and kill him, may his death result in my good, and lead me back to Cabul - I feel it is my duty to visit a shrine - perhaps the Englishman may laugh at the idea, but among Mahomedans, it is a religious

Obligation to do so, and its performance will satisfy my religious convictions, and make my followers think more of me.

(d) Regarding the Newspaper report that Sirdar Mah: Afzal Khan will probably be the next British Envoy at Cabul, when the Native Asst. praised him as a man of moderation, and wisdom, the Sirdar replied "I am sorry to hear it, for such a man will probably conciliate the Amir. I should like a man who would widen the gap, and throw oil on the fire"

XI. Sirdar Hashim Khan on 3rd inst informed the Native Asst. that when the Amir's death was ~~reported~~ rumoured Sirdar Ayub Khan came to see him privately, when they talked over their prospects. He added- We agreed that if the Amirs son fails to rule the country, the British Govt. would like to send us with other Sirdars back to Cabul to manage separate divisions under certain conditions - Ayub Khan then said Govt. will give me one, another to you, and one to Wali Shere Ali - We must all go together, but you & Shere Ali will be my deputies, and must recognise me as your head, and Amir.

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XII. Sirdar Ayab Khan tells me that some of his followers have heard, that no Afghan subjects are allowed to work on the Chaman railway without paying duty for leaving Afghan territory, and that when they go the Officials mark their turbans, and Ramanbands.

XIII. Genl Tajmal^d informs the Native Ass^t that a man just arrived from Cabul tells him the Amir is still ill, that his legs are motionless, and that there are four holes in his Knee out of which some liquid is running.

(b.) Also, that when the British Envoy went to visit the Amir in his recovery - the latter said - "You need not come, and see me unless your Gov^t sends a satisfactory reply to my letter"

(c) He also says, that when the Amirs death was rumoured, the Gov^t of India warned Wali Sirdar Sher Ali at Karachi to be in readiness.

XIV. With reference to entry 14 in my Conf: Memo No. 18 of 1891 - Sirdar Fakir Khan intimates, that the daughter of Sirdar Mah^d Sadik Khan has been betrothed at Amritsar to the Khan of Khelat

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

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

Dated Rawalpindi, the 23rd March 1891.

SIR,

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

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. A. 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 March 1891.

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I. The Political Agent visited Sirdar Ayub Khan on 3rd instant.

On the 7th instant the Sirdar visited the Political Agent, and took him for a drive.

The Political Agent visited the Sirdar on 14th instant, and subsequently saw him off at the Railway Station on his journey to Sirhind; he was accompanied by Sirdar Fateh Muhammad. The Lieut. General Taj Muhammad. The Mulla, and 8 servants.

II. Sirdar Hashim Khan has been laid up with gout and was unable to go with Sirdar Muhammad Ayub Khan to Sirhind. For some time he has been attended by the Native doctor, and would not call in Dr. Ross until he became very ill. Now that he is better he says he requires his services no longer.

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III. (15) Sirdár Muhammad Ayub Khán reports the following arrivals of persons who have come on a friendly visit of a few days.

(a) Kadir, Shinwari to stay with Pir Fakir Khán.

(b) Abdul Ghaffar, son of late Mastafi Abdul Razak to stay with Yakub Ali Khán, son of the late Sipah Salár Hussain Ali Khán.

The Police Inspector reports the following arrivals of persons from Peshawar to visit followers of the Sirdárs.

(1) Abdul Rahman Cabulee to visit Sirdár Azim Khán.
(2) Syed Muhd. Shah of Swat " Sirdár Umar Khán.
(3) Sikandar Ali Shah Cabulee " Sirdár Gúr Muhd. Khán.
(4) Abdul Rauf Khán of Lalpura " Sirdár Gúr Muhd. Khán.
(5) Sarfraz Khán of Peshed " Sirdár Sher Muhd. Khán.
(6) Gul Muhd. Khán Cabulee " Sirdár Pir Muhd. Khán
(7) Mustafa Khán -do. " The Liwab.
(8) Rajaf Khán of Candahar " Sirdár Hashim Khán.
(9) Sikandar Shah of Bajour " Genl. Táj Muhd. Khán.
(10) Abdulla Khán of -do. " -do.
(11) Madat Shah of Chitral " Sirdár Tahir Khán.

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IV. The Police Inspector also reports the arrival of the following persons to visit state prisoners under the Deputy Commissioner.

(1) Faizullah Khán Cabulee to visit Mastanji Habibullah Khán
(2) Kalandar Khán of Kunar " do.
(3) Ibrahim Khán Cabulee " Sirdár Khán-i-Jullah Khán.
(4) Sultan Khan Shinwarí " Wazir Shah Jumbh.
(5) Jumbh Iyáz Khán " Sirdár Ibrahim Khán.

V. The Native Assistant went on leave to Lahore from 6th to 10th instant.

VI. With reference to entry 5 of my diary No. 4 of 1891 it is reported here that Israil Khán and his sons are now at Karachi with Sirdár Shere ali Khán (Wali), and that he is giving them out of his own pocket a monthly allowance of Rs: 120/. the same amount as they used to receive from Government.

Reported his having left Peiáli - He left Hashim Khan's party with the concurrence of Dep. Dept. - We send over 100/. a month.

VII. The general health is good, fever still prevails. Weather has been stormy, and variable in temperature.

J. D. Newill Major
Political Agent.

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VIII. In continuation of Entry 13 of Conf: Memo 2 of 1890. Nazir Shah Mahomed on his return from Calcutta brought me a letter from the Dy Secy (Mr. Barnes). I told him I could not enter into his grievances, and that he should negotiate through the Sirdar. When I visited Ayub Khan on the following day I told him the Dy Secy had written to tell me he had intimated to the Nazir, that he had behaved badly, and should admit his fault, and seek forgiveness. The Sirdar said he could not relent, so I did not press the question.

It appears the Nazir went to Sir hind, with the intention of entreating the Sirdar, Koran in hand at the shrine. This however came to the Sirdars' knowledge, and he asked the local people to arrange, for his not being interrupted, when performing his devotions. This was done quietly, and a meeting was averted

IX. During his visit to Sir hind, the Sirdar indulged in the following reflections.

"Railways benefit all immensely - Science is a great power, and strengthens a Govt. by helping to maintain perfect control.

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Truly the English are very wise, & powerful;
Their Govt benefits both the rulers & the people.
Ours is discreditable to the Ruler, and injurious
to the people."

"Worldly affairs, and success depend
on Heavenly Help, and Temporal means.
After trying my luck in every way I have
not gained my object - I was obliged to fall
in with the English as a last resource, and
I have now come to this shrine - I can do
no more!"

X. En route to Sirhind the Sirdar bought a
copy of the Civil, and Military Gazette, and
asked the Native Asst. to see if there was
any notice of himself, and his journey.
He was very pleased to find he had been
treated to a paragraph.

Note. I have all along warned my subordinates,
against sending anything to the Newspapers
in connection with the Sirdars - The present
information probably came from Patiala.

Perhaps it might be intimated to the
C & M Gazette to consult the Political Officer
in charge, before inserting news of the
Sirdars movements.

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XI Sirdar Hashim Khan Reports ill with gout and very peevish - He thinks everybody is agst him, and listens to the wiles of Taheir Khan (his brother) I am now forwarding on a letter, which he has just submitted relative to his determination not to send his family to Murree.

But Hashim has sent it direct. HWL

J. R. Merill

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I. Sardár Muhammad Ayúb Khán attended by the Native Assistant returned on the night of 18th inst: from Sirhind. He was met at the Railway Station by the Political Agent.

On the following day the Political Agent paid a visit when the Sardár talked at length of what he had seen, & the kindness shown to him.

On the 23rd inst: the Sardár visited the Political Agent, and afterwards went for a drive with him.

The Sardár went out to Mirpúr at the invitation of Sardár Háshim Khán, but did not like the place, or enjoy his visit.

II. Sardár Háshim Khán is still laid up with gout, but better.

On the recommendation of Dr Ross, he went with his brothers to Mirpúr about 12 miles distant from Pindi, under the Hills.

The Political Agent went out on the 28th inst: to enquire after his health, where he met Sardár Ayúb Khán.

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The Sardár continues to grumble and think he is badly treated. He tells Sardár Ayúb Khán's people he will not stay in Pindí.

III. Sardár Muhammad Ayúb Khán reports the following arrivals of persons at Pindí.

(1&2) Sahibzádas Mahomed Hussain & Darwesh from Zagáb. They will return in a few days.

(3) Ahmed Sháh, Khogiáni from the neighbour-hood of Gundamak to stay with Behrám Khán.

(4) Sáfi Khán, Ghilzai from Zurmat to visit General Táj Muhammad Khán.

IV. The Police Inspector reports the following arrivals from Pisháwar of Cabulees to visit followers of Sardárs.

(1) Haidar Khán to visit — Sardár Sher Muhd: Khán.

(2) Mustaufi Khán of Lálpura " Sardár Yár Muhd: Khán.

(3) Abdul Ghafúr Khán do " do

(4) Baz Gul Khán of Bájaur " Mir Bacha Khán.

(5) Mir Báz Khán " family of late Sipáh Sálár Hussain Ali Khán.

(6) Amin Khán Ghilzai " Genl: Táj Muhd: Khán.

(7) Ghyás-ud-din Khán " Naib Hafizullah Khán.

(8) Mulla Asse of Nandhár, Hazára district — to visit Sardár Ayúb Khán.

Note The Sardár says that Fakirs & mendicants often come to him for alms, but that he

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knows nothing about this man.

V. The Police Inspector also reports the arrival of the following persons to visit State prisoners under the Deputy Commissioner:

(1) Akbar Shah from Peshawar to visit Mustaufi Habibullah Khan.

(2) Sultan Muhd: Khan from Nawshera to visit Sardar Muhd: Karim Khan.

(3) Karimdad Khan of Bajaur to visit Wazir Shah Muhammad.

also that Dr Abdul Rahman the Amir's employee arrived from Nawshera on 21st inst: and is now in Pindi.

VI. The general health is good. The weather is settled, and getting warmer every day.

J. R. Merrill Major
Political Agent.

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Extra Confidential Memo for fortnight ending

VII. In continuation of Memo 12 of Conf: Diary of 1891 - Sirdar Ayub Khan has reported to me, that four more Mengal Maliks (by name Lowang, Speen, Loinash, and Tazin) came on the 28th asking for his assistance, and that he at once told them he could not help, and sent them away.

Disposed of previously

The Maliks reported that 1000 Infantry, and 200 Cavalry are at Chamkeri, and that the Amirs Officials are advising the Mengals to submit - They have not yet decided what to do.

The Sirdar also reported that Ain Khan, Kamokhel, an old Swat refugee has come down on a two days' visit

VIII. Genl Taj Mahd. Ghilzai, informed the Native Asst some days ago, he had just heard from Jellalabad that Sirdar Abdulla Khan Tokki, arrived there on the 15th to relieve Sipah Salar Ghulam Haider Khan, and that as the Amir had not been seen for three weeks, it is generally believed he is either dead, or very seriously ill

"do not think that is the object of his visit to Jalalabad"

Four days later on Taj Mahomed repeated the news about the Amir's death

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, and her twenty female attendants
, about among the Troops, and are
ting themselves to acquire influence
mong the Officers in the Army, and the
eading men on the frontier.
lso that, orders have recently gone from
Cabul not to fight the Shinwarris, or any
f the border Tribes - Letters have also been
ealed, and despatched by Habibulla Khan
the Amirs son) to Officers in the army.

Three days later on, Faiz Mahomed intimated
that later news contradicted the Amirs death,
and explained that he was very ill about
three weeks ago, but is now much better,
and quite recently entertained the Officers
with the Troops at Cabul.

He further stated that Sirdar Abdulla
Khan, POPKE, has returned by Chappar
to Cabul, after visiting the Shinwarri
country, and Kunar.

IX. Faiz in Shah Mal.s under Dy Commr. (Vide
page 180 Biographies) recently visited the
native Asst, and in the course of conversation
remarked - "Amir Abdul Rahman

Sirdar Ayab Khan

is the only member of Shere Ali's family fit to manage Afghanistan - I would lay down my life for his cause."

"The English have one great fault, they do not care to take the advice of persons well experienced in Afghan affairs"

X Sirdar Karim Khan, uncle of Sirdar Ayub Khan (vide page 118 Biographical) has also remarked to the Native Asst. -

"Amir Abdul Rahman cannot live long, his two grown up sons are jealous of each other, and so when their father dies will be disunited"

"When the Russians let Ishak Khan loose, he will certainly occupy Turkestan, and advance on Cabul - If the English will not delay in sending Ayub Khan to Cabul, he will easily expel Ishak Khan" - They might also depute the Ex Amir Yakub Khan, and the Wali to manage some parts of Afghanistan.

J. W. Hewitt

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FROM Major J. H. Newill,

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

TO Deputy

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Dated Rawalpindi, the 18 April 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 13th April 1891.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Political Agent.

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I. On 31st instant the Political Agent visited Sardár Ayúb Khán, and introduced Staff Surgeon Battersbee who was making the usual monthly Sanitary inspection of the Sardár's dwelling houses. The Sardár was much interested in Dr Battersbee's accounts of Ceylon.

On the 4th inst: the Political Agent visited the Sardár, and conversed principally about Manipur & Black Mountain affairs.

II. On the 9th inst: Sardár Ayúb Khán accompanied by Sardár Fateh Mahomed, and the Lalá visited (with the sanction of the Commander-in-chief) the Arsenal. He was much interested in what he saw, and especially with the working of the Gatling guns. He afterwards came and had tea with the Political Agent.

III. Sardár Hashim Khán is still unwell, and suffers from fever. He is able to take carriage exercise.

IV. The Ramzán commenced on the 11th inst: It is rigorously observed by the Sardárs and

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their intimate associates. Sardár Ayúb Khán now sees his followers in the evenings.

V. Two followers of the Sardárs, Mahomed Siddick Khán, and Abdool Ghafúr Khán left on the 9th inst: with passports for a pilgrimage to Mecca.

VI. Sardár Muhammad Ayúb Khán reports the following arrivals:—

(1) On 5th inst: Dad Mahomed Khán Ghilzai from Hashtnagar (in the Pesháwar District) to visit General Táj Muhd: Khán.

(2) Mián Abdul Azíz (a descendant of the Mujadad Alf Sáni*) from Karachi to visit Mir Haidar Khán.

* The [illegible] at Sirhind

(3) Sardár Hashim Khán also reports, that Mulla Mahomed, his old teacher, has come to stay with him. The Mulla has just returned from Mecca, and visited the Shrine at Sirhind en route.

VII. The Police Inspector reports the following arrivals from Peshawar to visit followers of the Sardárs.

(1) Yaffar Khán of Meshed to visit Sardár Sher Muhammad Khán.

(2) Musa Sháh from Chitral to visit

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Sardár Fateh Muhammad Khán.

(3) Musa Khán, Cahulee to visit Behrám Khán.

(4) Ahmed Khán of Lalpura " Sardár Yár Muhd. Khán.

(5) Khán Gul Khán of Bájaur " Genl. Táj Muhd. Khán.

(6) Khánzadáh Khán of Badakhshán " the Sirdár.

VIII. The Police Inspector also reports that one Sikandar Ali of Jelláláhád has visited Sardár Muhammad Karimdad Khán, under the Deputy Commissioner.

IX. It has warmed up during the past week, but is still pleasant. The general health of the followers is good.

J. H. Newill. Major
Political Agent.

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X. Sirdar Mah: Ayub Khan has made in the course of ordinary conversation the following remarks

(a) It is a great mistake for the English, and Afghans to fight as they are now doing in the Hazara country - The English should extend their kindness, and generosity to the Afghans, and they should make themselves useful to the English. The money spent on such expeditions might be better laid out in reconciling the frontier tribes, for they are really Afghans, and like the English, enemies of Russia

(b) Russia would like to advance Ishak Khan, and the English might like to send me to Cabul, to which Russia would of course object; and so it is probable that both nations will recognise his son as the Amir's successor. Abdul Rahmen has done nothing for his own people, or the English - I do not think the Afghans will accept the son as Ameer.

(c) I understand the Amir doubts the sincerity of his regular troops, and likes to keep up a number of Irregulars levied from the Sirdars, and Khans - his wife is a clever woman, but she cannot rule; the sons are weak, so if the Amir dies soon, there will be difficulties & disturbances.

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I. Genl Jay Brah.ª (Ghilzai) tells the Native Asst — "A person has just come from Cabul who tells me there was a Durbar at the last Nauroz — The Amir was invisible behind a purdah — The Officers were seated next the screen, then the Khans. after receiving congratulations, the Amir reminded the Assembly of their duty towards the Prophet, himself, & their Country. They then all prayed for his long life, and declared that the future would prove their sincerity".

Again. — "An Ayoon Malik has just told me, the British Govt. asked Mian Gul not to interfere in their present dispute with the Hazaras — He replied — you are the aggressors, as you have come beyond the Stone you promised my father to respect as the boundary; if you will keep behind that Stone I will disperse my people — This was agreed to."

"The next day the General asked the Chief of the Ayoons to come & see his camp, and receive a khillat, but he replied

he could not much leave, as he might be made a prisoner like Yakub Khan (Exiled and others."

XII. The Lieutenant says he hears that Vakil Sayhani Mahd. Ali Beg (who was with Sirdar Musa Jan) has had a letter from his brother Kor Mahd. Khan, who is with Sirdar Ishak Khan at Samarcand. He states that the Sirdar, and his followers are well treated by the Russians, and allowed to cultivate land on the Oxus.

XIII. With reference to For: Office telegram No. 436 dated 8 inst. I am informed that Mir Sami Khan, and Col Azim Khan after leaving Dehra Dun went to Sardana near Meerut to condole with Nawab Syed Hussain Shah (Rohilkand) on the loss of a relation - They are expected at Pindi shortly - Abdul Ghafur Khan Mir Samiston arrived here on 14 inst. and stayed with Naib Salar Hafiz Ullah Khan (page 90 Biographies). He left for Peshawur on 16th inst, from the family of Mir Sami Khan who have been living there for some time.

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IV. It may perhaps be interesting to know, that at the recent marriage of his son, Khan-i-Mullah Khan asked Sirdar Ayub Khan to direct his followers not to incur unnecessary expenses at such ceremonies, as it is now the custom to borrow money, and incur heavy debts on their account. The Sirdar approved of the suggestion and promised to consider the matter.

XV. Sirdar Ayub Khan has just informed me he has written direct to Sir Mortimer Durand, congratulating him on his safe return to India

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