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Subject.

Proposed by Political Agent for pilgrimage under the 4th Aug.

Notes and Orders.

D.S. 16/8

Please see the last page of the conf. memo.

The Appan Sardars & followers prefer to leave their sons half-educated, & therefore unfit for employment; - feeling doubtless secure in the certainty that on their own death their sons will continue to be provided for by the Govt. of India.

Hall 16/8.

Very well. Let the pass be issued accordingly.

Dass 18/8 HWS 19/8

Pass issued 19/8

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Subject.

Submits his diary of Political Intelligence for the fortnight ending 18th August 1890.

Notes and Orders.

Submitted for perusal.

Pol. 26/8.

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From Polit Agent with
Sardar Ayub Khan.

D/: 11 Sept.
R: 15 "

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Forwards his Political diary
for fortnight ending 1st Sept.

S.
15/9

The confidential memo. by
Major Nevill is an interesting
exposition of the beliefs & hopes of
the Afghan Colony at Rawalpindi.

H.H.C.
15/9

I expect their wishes are the
fathers of their thoughts
Secy may like to see

H.D.S
17/9

Tabled
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W.N. 22/9

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From Polit Agent with S. Ayub Khan.

D/: 20 Sept.
R 23 "

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Forwards his diary for the
fortnight ending 15th Sept.

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(Continuation of Note or Précis.)

D.O
From Polit. Agent with
Sardar M. Ayub Khan.
(To D.S.)

D/: 20 Sept.
R: 23 -

Forwards in original a letter from the Amir to Mir Bacha Khan, brought down to India by the family of the latter.

Tabled
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D.S.
23/9

The diary is forwarded.

The Amir's letter to Mir Bacha is no doubt genuine, and its tone is less bitter than might have been expected.

No orders.

H.M.L.
23/9

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POLITICAL AGENT'S OFFICE,
Firmont. MURREE,
Sept: 20"

Rec. 12/23.7
Rep: 23-9-90

My dear Barnes.

I enclose in original the letter from Amir Abdul Rahman which Mir Butcha's family brought with them from Cabul.

It was given to me voluntarily by Sirdar Ayub Khan who does not want it back - I have kept a copy in my Office - Believe me

Yours sincerely
T. Thewitt

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

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

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Dated Murree, the 11th August 1890.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the fortnight ending on the 4th August 1890.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
J. H. Nevill Major
Political Agent.

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1. The rains have been incessant and prevented much going out. Sardár Ayúb Khán has been slightly indisposed, while Sardár Háshim Khán has been laid up with a severe bout of fever - he is now almost convalescent.

2. On 26th July Sardár Muhammad Ayúb Khán attended by Sardár Fateh Muhammad Khán, and Lunáh visited the Political Agent.

On the 29th Sardár Muhammad Háshim Khán visited the Political Agent.

On the 30th the Political Agent took Col: Biscoe, 19th B. Lancers to visit Sardár Muhammad Ayúb Khán, who much to the Sardár's delight talked about Candhár, and the late Amir Sher Alí.

On the 2nd August the Political Agent again visited the Sardár, when the latter asked him to forward on a telegram to enquire about the health of his brother Sardár Muhammad Yakúb Khán, and to express his anxiety at hearing of the prevalence of Cholera at Dehra Dun.

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3. The Bakr-eid was quietly observed. In the morning Sardár Hashim Khán, General Táj Muhd: Mir Butcha, Sipáhsálar Hussain Ali Khán and Hakim Abdul Raúf, all breakfasted with Sardár Muhammad Ayúb Khán. In the evening the Sardár visited Sardár Muhammad Hashim Khán, and the Madar-i-Walidad.

4. The Native Assistant went at the end of the month to Rawal Pindi to supervise the payment of house-rent, and to ask the house proprietors to repair several houses which have been damaged by the recent heavy rains.

5. The Native Doctor at Rawal Pindi reports that the general health of the followers is good, but that fever of a mild kind is becoming prevalent.

Some of the followers and servants at Murree have also been suffering from slight fever.

6. The Police Inspector has reported the following arrivals at Rawalpindi and Murree of persons who have been staying with the followers of the Sardárs.

(a) On 22nd July, Sayad Maksúd Sháh, son of Sayad Mahmúd Sháh of Kunar, from Hasanabdál. He returned the next day.

(b) On 27th July, Sher Zaman Khán of Bajaur and

Musa Khán of Kábul, both from Pesháwar.

(c) On 27th July, Mirbáz Khán and Ahmad Khán Kabulees from Karachi. Both were servants of Sardár Sher ali Khán.

(d) On 2nd August, Muhammad Aslam Khán, Kabulee from Pesháwar.

(e) On 4th August, Muhammad Akram Khán of Jellálábád, and Muhammad Akbar Khán Kabulee, both from Pesháwar.

7. The Police Inspector also reports,

(a) Dr: Abdul Rahmán has gone to Pesháwar.

(b) Muzaffar Khán of Meshed with 7 followers has just gone to Cashmere.

(c) One Maksúd of Baghdád is on his way to Murree.

(d) Gulbáz Khán, Kabulee from Pesháwar is staying with Mustaufi Habibullah Khán (under Deputy Commissioner) at Rawalpindi.

(e) Sayad Bákar Sháh returned on 24th July from Murree (vide entry V in my last Diary No: 150/1890).

J. H. Newill Major

Political Agent

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8. Sirdar Mahomed Ayub Khan thinks that the Mission will now go to Cabul to test the friendship of the Amir. He was somewhat concerned at the paragraphs in the Civil and Military Gazette of 7th inst. and says he anticipated some complications on the Amir's return to Cabul, but until such news is confirmed, it is needless to give it much consideration

9. The Sirdar is taking more interest in learning English, and says he is anxious to acquire sufficient knowledge to enable him to write out his telegrams, and to converse with H.E. the Viceroy when the opportunity may occur!

When the Maharaja of Cashmir passed through on 27th, he expressed his surprise at salutes being fired, and guards of honour being supplied for a person who has been publicly acknowledged to be unfit to rule over his subjects.

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10. Some of the followers at R' Pindi say, they have heard from Afghans recently arrived from Cabul, that the Amir before leaving Mazar-i-Sharif gave permission to Russian Officers, and Merchants to come into Turkestan at their pleasure; and that it is generally talked about in Cabul, that the Amir has come to terms with the Russians, who have advised him to be friendly outwardly with the English, and to get all he can out of them in the way of money, and arms; until they are prepared to assist him with a large force - Meanwhile the Amir should, without quarrelling with the English, send some troops to the Candahar side to quietly prevent the Extension of railways in that direction

11. The relations between the Sirdars Ayub Khan, and Hashim Khan continue to be very friendly - The latter told the Native Asst. a few days ago, that Sirdars Fateh Mahd., and Lemab are ill advising,

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and that the latter although he is the administrator of the Sirdars' affairs, is not honest himself, a fact well known to the followers - He added that Sirdar Ayub Khan is aware of it, but is under some secret Obligation to the Lewinab, which makes him powerless to interfere.

He further asserted, that the Lewinab is always telling his master, that he might have got much better terms at Mesched as if I had not been an interested friend of the British Govt - Thus he tries to lower me in the eyes of the Afghans, but has failed to do so, as the recent consent of Sirdar Ayub Khan to the marriage of my brother (Ishak Khan) with the daughter of the Mader-i-Wakeel, has shown to them that the Sirdar appreciated my services, and values my friendship.

12 At his visit on 26th, I asked Sirdar Ayub Khan to give me some information regarding the number of sons of Afghan Gentlemen in his retinue, whose ages may be between 15, and 30 - I told him that

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the Commissioner of the R. Pindi District had asked me for it, and that his object was to try, and organise some suitable means of education for such persons, but that it would be quite optional for him to avail himself of the organisation, or not. I further intimated that, as the District Authorities have always been very ready to arrange for the comfort of himself, and followers, it would be a good opportunity of showing his appreciation of their kindness. The Leader however asked to be excused, giving as his reasons, that if he asks for such information from his influential adherents, it will only make them suspicious, and distrustful, and so lessen his authority over them. He further added that none of the Afghans are anxious for their sons to get any better education than they would of living in Afghanistan.

They prefer to live in idleness at the expense of the Indian Tax-payers. SBle

I did not press the matter further, but informed the Leader that I should acquaint the Commissioner with his wishes, and that he must accept the entire responsibility of such a decision

D. Ibbetson

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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.

Frontier B.
October 1890
No. 55

Dated Murree, the 22nd August 1890.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the fortnight ending on the 18th August 1890.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

J. H. Newill Major
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 18th August 1890.

I. The weather has been very stormy, and has become much colder - Sardár Muhammad Ayúb Khán is improving in health, and spirits. Sardár Muhd: Háshim Khán is now able to ride out, but is much pulled down by his recent attack of fever.

II. The Political Agent visited Sardár Ayúb Khán on the 12th inst:- the conversation was very friendly and devoted chiefly to discussing the manners and customs of English Society.

On the 9th inst, the Political Agent took General Black to visit Sardár Ayúb Khán - when the former said he hoped that the Sardár's son Abdul Káder would in course of time go to the Aitchison College at Láhore; the father did not seem to much relish the prospect.

On the 14th inst Sardár Fateh Muhammad Khán returned the visit on behalf of the Sardár. He was attended by the Native Assistant.

On the 18th inst The Political Agent took Captain O'Connor of the Queen's Bays to visit Sardár Ayúb Khán. They had met last year on the way to Cashmere

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when the Sardár kindly gave up one of his rooms in a Dák bungalow for the accomodation of Mrs. O'Connor.

V. On the 18th inst. The Political Agent visited Sardár Háshim Khán, and found him still quite weak. The Sardár alluded to acquiring land in Cashmere.

VI. Sardár Muhammad Ayúb Khán has reported the arrivals of the following persons at Murree.

(a) Two sons of the late Sardár Hasan Khán from Pesháwar, who represented that their allowances from the British Government have recently been stopped. The Sardár advised them to try and qualify for some appointment in India.

In 1887 We gave three of them Rs 20/ p.m. each for three years, as an educational allowance. This has now expired

(b) Kádir Khán a Shinwárri Malik. He has been recently fighting against the Amir, and only came up for a day to pay his respects in a friendly way.

(c) Abdul Kadir, Sahibzada from Jellalábád. He is on his way to Meshed to visit his father-in-law, Sahibzada Fazl Hak, and came to get money from the Sardár for his journey.

VII. The Police Inspector has reported the following arrivals at Rawalpindi of persons who have been staying with followers of the Sardárs.

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(a) On 6th inst. Shahtab Khán from Peshawar. He is a servant of a son of the late Sardar Ahmed Ali Khán who used to live at Umballa.

(b) On 9th inst. Gul Muhammad Khán of Bajaur from Peshawar.

(c) On 9th inst. Jaffer Khán, Kahulee from Peshawar.

VII. The Police Inspector also reports some arrivals who are staying with State prisoners under the Deputy Commissioner at Rawalpindi - viz:

(a) Ahmed Khán, Kahulee from Peshawar.

(b) Mahomed Shah, Kahulee from Lahore. He is a servant of Sardár Sher Ali Khán of Karachi & is staying with Sardár Ibrahim Khán.

VII. Passes have been issued to six followers of Sardár Ayub Khán's to attend the Moharram at Lahore; and also to two other followers - the one to buy horses at Calcutta & the other to try & get some peacocks at Agra.

VIII. The Native doctor at Rawalpindi reports that the General health of the followers is good, but that fever is on the increase. Mild fever is still prevalent in Murree.

J. R. Newill Major

Political Agent.

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9th Both Sirdars are greatly interested in Afghan affairs, and look out for daily news. Sirdar Ayub Khan openly says, that Afghans must maintain friendship with the English, for if they do not they will be unable to preserve internal peace, or to protect themselves from Russian aggression — Also that the Amir just now must be having an anxious time, as owing to circumstances, he is not a free agent to consent unreservedly to English proposals, while at the same time, he is fully aware of he dissents, that the English are strong enough to upset his authority

Sirdar Hashim Khan says, that he is fully convinced the Amir will consent to the proposed railway to Cabul or any other British demands.

They evidently think the line is under contemplation

10th At a recent visit to my house, when only attended by Sirdar Fateh Mahomed, Sirdar Ayub Khan unreservedly discussed

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Afghan affairs, and asserted that the country folk throughout Afghanistan are unanimously friendly to the English, that they have forgotten the losses caused to them by the last English invasion, and would at once join them to prevent any Russian aggression - He is not so sure about the Military community, as they are more directly under the Amir.

11: Sirdar Ayub Khan was pleased a few days ago to get a letter from his brother Sirdar Yakub Khan in reply to enquiries about his health, and the recent outbreak of cholera at Dehra Dun. He remarked, that the letter was not written with his own hand, but that it was well, and kindly expressed - He added I cannot forget how unjust he has been in ignoring my many past services to him, simply because I chastised at Teheran his son, Sirdar Musa Jan - however he is my brother, and I must not forget to sympathise with him in any sorrow or sickness.

T. H. Kewill

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FROM

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

To

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

Murree
Dated ~~*Rawalpindi*~~, *the* 11th September 1890.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 1st September 1890.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. Deville 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 1st September 1890.

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I. The weather has cleared up, and allowed the Sardars to ride out more frequently.

Sardar Ayub Khan has been occasionally indisposed. Sardar Hashim Khan has had no return of fever, and is daily getting stronger.

The Mohurrum both here, and at Rawalpindi passed off quietly - it was very quietly observed by the Sardars.

II. On the 20th instant the Political Agent visited Sardar Hashim Khan who returned the visit on the 26th instant.

On the 21st instant Sardar Ayub Khan visited the Political Agent. The conversation was principally about Afghan affairs, as recently represented in the Indian newspapers.

On the 30th instant the Political Agent visited Sardar Ayub Khan, when the value of silver, and the effect on trade

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generally by the recent rise in the rate of exchange was fully discussed.

Sardar Fateh Muhammad on behalf of Sardar Ajib Khan returned the visit of Captain O'Connor (Queens Bays.)

III. Sardar Ajib Khan has reported the arrival of the following persons at Murree.

(a) Muhammad Rafik Khan, son of late Taj Muhammad Khan, Popalzai from Pishin, to visit his brother in law Abdul Khalik Khan.

(b) Ain Khan from Swat with letter addressed to the Sardar from Muhammad Rahim son of the late Sadi Kharrokhel. The letter expresses readiness to serve the Sardar under any conditions.

IV. The Police Inspector has reported the following arrivals at Rawal Pindi of persons who have been staying with followers of the Sardar.

(a) On 25th August Abdulla Jan Kabulee from Peshawar to visit yar Muhammad Khan.

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(b) Sultan Jan Kabulee pom Peshawar to visit Sardar Abdul Rahim Khan.

(c) Ida Khan, Kabulee pom Peshawar to visit General Taj Muhammad Khan.

(d) Chand Khan of Chitral from Peshawar to visit Sardar Muhammad Tahir Khan.

(e) Jan Muhammad Khan, Kabulee pom Peshawar to visit Sardar Nazar Muhammad Khan.

(f) Haji Khan pom Peshawar to visit Sardar Hashim Khan.

(g) Sayad Akhbar Khan of Bajour to visit General Taj Muhammad Khan.

V. The Police Inspector also reports that.

(a) Sultan Khan Kabulee pom Peshawar has visited General Daud Shah (under Deputy Commissioner)

(b) Jalal-ud-din Khan and Zaffar Khan have visited Sardar Kaimdad Khan (under deputy Commissioner)

(c) Also that Shakur Khan, the servant of Dr. Abdul Rahman has gone to Jhelum.

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VI. (6) The Native doctor at Rawal-
pindi reports that ordinary fever is
on the increase among the followers.
Fever is still prevalent in Murree.

I. H. Merrill Major
Political Agent.

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7. Afghan affairs continue to be freely discussed among the Sirdars, and his leading followers - The Pioneer newspaper is now taken in - The following opinions have been openly expressed.

By Sirdar Ayub Khan - He expected the Amir would on his return to Cabul show temper, and thinks he must have talked about a Jehad in Dunbar - He feels sure that as the Russians mature their plans on the frontier so will the Amir show less respect to the British Govt, and oppose their wishes - This should not be allowed.

By Sirdar Hashim Khan - The Amir is strong enough to interfere in the affairs of Bajaur, Swat, and Chitral, and by conniving with the border Tribes to oppose extension of railways, and roads - If the English continue to give him all he wants, no permanent advantage will be derived, and if they move into Afghanistan the Amir will certainly raise a Jehad - The best course for the

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English to pursue is to follow the policy of the Russians with Abdul Rahman, and let Sirdar Ayub Khan, and his followers go quietly into Afghanistan as he has great influence at Cabul & Candahar. — That a suitable person* should be sent to Herat, as Ayub Khan is not popular in that quarter — He adds that Ilak Khan's influence is now worthless, as also that of the Ex Amir Yakub Khan, who was a great failure during his short reign at Cabul — If the British Govt will only allow Sirdar Ayub Khan 10 Lakhs of rupees, and permit him with his followers to go quietly into Afghanistan he is convinced that the Amir would soon abdicate, and leave Ayub Khan master of the position

By the Levinab — The British Govt will not attempt to break with the Amir until they have a good opportunity of overthrowing him — There is plenty of powder (i.e. Afghans) in India to blow up the Amir at any time.

* probably himself

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By Yazir Shah Mah.d Khan Ghilzai

Note This person is under the Dy Comr at R.Pindi, and is now staying in Murree. He is at heart a partisan of Sirdar Yakub Khan, but occasionally visits Sirdar Ayab Khan - He recently visited the Native Assistant, and said - Abdul Rahman will never forget the favour shown to him by the Russians for 14 years, and is only waiting for them to consolidate on the frontier before seeking a quarrel with the English. He added, the Amir openly says at Cabul that he was the only person fit to reign, and so the English could not help putting him on the throne, had they not done so, he would have fought them.

8. The Native Asst. who has just returned from R.Pindi informs me that many influential Afghans think they will soon be sent back to their own country, as they hear the Amir is now ill disposed towards the British Govt.

The Punjaub Police Inspectors told

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him that there are reports very prevalent throughout the city, that the British Govt. wished to send Sirdar Ayub Khan with a large force into Afghanistan, but that the Sirdar is averse to any such expedition, as he only requires money, and arms sufficient to enable him to go in quietly with his followers.

There appears to be a consensus of Afghan opinion that the affairs of their country are approaching a crisis, and that there will soon be an open Estrangement between the Amir, and the British Govt.

J. H. Merrill

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

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

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October 1890
No. 61

Dated Murree, the 20th September 1890.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency, for the fortnight ending on the 15th September 1890.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Major
J. H. Nevill
Political Agent

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1. At the beginning of the month the Native Assistant went to Rawalpindi to superintend the payment of house rents and to enquire into complaints about repairs to houses &c.

2. On the 11th inst: Major General Sir Thomas Baker accompanied by the Political Agent paid a farewell visit to Sardár Ayúb Khán at his house. Sardar Háshim Khán was also present. The conversation was highly complimentary. The Political Agent availed himself of the opportunity to intimate to the Sardár the thanks of the Queen Empress for his congratulatory telegram on the auspicious occasion of her birthday.

On the 12th inst: the Political Agent first visited Sardár Ayúb Khán, and then took him along with Sardár Hashim Khán to the General's house, when both Sardárs said Goodbye to Sir Thomas Baker.

3. As Sardár Ishák Khán (brother of Sardár Háshim Khán) has been suffering a good deal from rheumatism, the Madar-i-Waliahad with the Zenana has gone with him to

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Rawalpindi. Sardár Háshim Khán contemplates remaining at Murree for some time longer.

4. Sardár Ayúb Khán has reported the arrival and departure of Malkoo Khán a Shinwári who generally comes every year to pay his respects, and also that the family of Mir Butchha, consisting of a wife, two sons, two daughters & ~~two~~ maid servants have arrived at Rawalpindi, with the families of Barjo Khán and Jalandhar - persons not in his following.

He has also given me in original the letter from Amir Abdul Rahmán ordering their removal to India.

Also put up with this case 7/6

Note This has been forwarded to the Deputy Secretary with a D.O. letter of today's date.

5. The Police Inspector has reported the following arrivals at Rawalpindi of persons, who have been staying with followers of the Sardárs.

(a) Sikandar Ali Kalulee from Peshawar to stay with Sardár Sher Muhd: Khán.

(b) Ahmad Khán Kalulee from Peshawar to stay with Sardár Amir Muhammad Khán.

(c) Mulla Amirolla of Swát from Peshawar to ask for alms from Sardár Ayúb Khán.

(d) Barjor Khán of Bájaur from Amritsar to visit General Táj Muhammad Khán.

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(e) Sayad Mahomed, Kábulee from Pesháwar to visit Sardár Sher Muhammad Khán.

(f) Baz Gul Khán, Kabulee from Pesháwar to see Sardár Háshim Khán.

(g) Muhd: Akbar Khán of Bájaur. This man with three others has been staying for some time with General Táj Muhd: Khán

(h) Karimdád Khán, Kabulee from Hasanabdál to pay Sardár Ayúb Khán a visit at Murree.

(i) Mansúr Khán of Bájaur. He is staying with General Táj Muhammad Khán.

(j) The return of Haji Khán to Pesháwar from visiting Sardár Háshim Khán at Murree (vide entry IV.f in last diary)

6. The Police Inspector also reports the arrivals of-

(a) Báz Khán Kabulee from Pesháwar to stay with Sardár Abdul Rahman Khan (under Dy: Commr:)

(b) Mahomed Latif Khán of Laghmán to stay with General Daúd Sháh (under Dy: Commr:)

(c) Sardár Mardán Gul Khán & three others from Pesháwar to stay with Sardár Ibrahim Khán (under Dy: Commr:) at Hasanabdál.

(d) Sikandar Khán of Jellalábád from Pesháwar to visit Yazir Sháh Muhd: (under Dy: Commr:)

7. The Native doctor at Rawalpindi reports

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that the general health of the followers is good, but that fever continues to be on the increase. Fever is prevalent in Murree.

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Afghan matters continue to greatly interest the Sirdars, and their leading followers

Sirdar Ayub Khan thinks the statements in the Civil, and Military Gazette, & Pioneer newspapers, that the Amir is friendly with the Gov.t of India, are mere blinds for the public, and that he will sooner or later be an open enemy.

Sirdar Ayub Khan expresses great regret at General Baker's departure, as he thinks he quite understood his position, and liked him

He informed the Native Ass.t that a straightforward person like the General could never respect a crooked person like Sirdar Hashim Khan, who first joined the British, then deserted them, and finally came back again

In his last interview with General Baker, Sirdar Ayub Khan stated that the Hazaras much resemble the Goorkhas, and are about 50000 in number

General Faiz Mahomed Khan (Ghilzai) has informed the Native Ass.t, he has heard from Cabul, that the Amir proposes to send 3000 Ghilzai families into Turkestan — he thinks it would be

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much better for the British Govt., if they could be settled down somewhere near to the Indian frontier

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[illegible]tation of an order from H.H. Amir Abdul Rahmán Khán, to Mir Bacheha Khán Kohistání, a follower of Sardár Muhammad Ayúb Khán, dated Cabul the 11th Muharram 1308 A.H. / 28th August /90

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Be it known to Mir Bacheha son of Mir Durwesh, resident of Baba Kachar, at the foot of the hills that at this time, one wife, two sons, two daughters, and two maid-servants, who were left behind have been allowed to go from Cabul, my capital, to that Foreign country (i.e. India) attended by my officials under perfect protection and unquestionable safety. So your wife and others are coming to you. If it has ever entered your mind that the modesty and honour of your people might not have been preserved, you should not for a moment, let such a wrong idea, suspicion and fear, come into your mind. Your family has never been disgraced.

During the time they have lived in Cabul the capital, I have not failed to supply them with clothes, and a proper subsistence allowance, as a King should do.

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I have not accorded you the treatm
which you deserved in return for
your vicious intentions, and misdeeds
which I as king ought to have inflicted,
but I have not done so.

The Creator of the world, who is the true
avenger will avenge you in this and
the next world, and you will receive
from him the recompense of your actions.
No more!

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