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From The Polit: Agent in charge of S. Wa. Agency Khan

No. 204

Dated 10. 9. '91

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Subject.

Forwarding the political diary of his Agency for the fortnight ending 14th Sept '91

Notes and Orders.

Submitted for perusal.
W. Lawrahan
21/9/91

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S.L. 22/9

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D№ 3467

R№ 14502-7

From the Pol: Agent with
Lt. Ayub Khan

№ 314
D/- 5/10/91
R/- 6/10/91

Forwards the Pol: diary
of his Agency for fortnight
ending 28th Sept: '91

A.S.
9/10.

For perusal.

Have we heard
separately about Ayub's wish
referred to in sent. VII?

W.H.C. 9/10

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10.10.

We heard that Mr Sowden had told
Allah Bukhsh of his wish to see the Viceroy
& Foreign Secretary. Please see Col.
Neville's letter of 15th Sept. in linked file.

W.H.C. 10/10

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From Polit Agent in charge of
S. M. Ayub Khan.

D/: 22 Oct.
R: 26 "

N° 329.

Forwards his diary for the
fortnight ending 12th Oct 1891.

D.S. 28/10

A.S. 27/10

Tabled Award 29/10

Submitted for perusal W 29/10

W.H.C. 27/10

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D.N. 370-F

From Polit Agent with
S. M. Ayub Khan

D/: 29 Oct
R. 31 "

N° 338.

Submits his diary for the
fortnight ending 26th Oct.

D.S. 2/11

A.S. 31/10.

Tabled Award 4/11

Submitted for perusal.

W.H.C. 31/10.

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From The Political Agent with Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan

No. 340

Dated 29th } October

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Subject.

With reference to para 6 of his diary No. 22 of 1891 reports the arrival of certain Afghan refugees at Pindi. States that the Sardar wishes that persons coming to join his party from across the border should be stopped on the frontier.

Notes and Orders.

It would no doubt be very difficult to practically carry out the Sardar's wishes in the matter.

We may perhaps consult the Punjab Govt. A copy of the letter may be sent to them for favour of remarks.

N. G. Sarkar
6/11/91

For orders.

The remedy appears to lie in the hands of Sardar Ayub Khan. It would not perhaps do to stop these people who are fleeing for their lives; and to prohibit them visiting their friends might be consigning them to starvation

C. Stapleton
6/11

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The Govt of India suffer as Afgh
does. They cannot stop Afghan refugees
from coming to India & they too often cannot
refuse to support them. Though we can
sympathise with the Sardar,
dont see how we can help him

W.J. 7.11.

D.S.
9/11

I do not understand that
you wish any reply to be sent.
No does?

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W.M. 9/11

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Extract from the Diary of the Pol. Agent with Sardar Ayub Khan for fortnight ending the 9th Nov. 1891

In cont. of para: 6 of the Pol. Agent's Diary for fortnight ending 26th Oct., and his letter No. 340 of the 29th Oct., states that S. Ayub Khan intimates that as he and his followers are expected not to act against the Amir in any way, he trusts that the Br. Govt. will be considerate to their relatives who may be expelled or obliged to leave Afghanistan through the Amir's oppression.

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This requires no orders,
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FROM Lt. Col: J. H. Nevill,
~~THE~~ POLITICAL AGENT, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

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

Frontier B. Dated ~~Rawalpindi~~ Murree, the 18th September 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 14th September 1891.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. Nevill Lt. Col.

~~CAPTAIN~~,

Political Agent.

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Diary of the Political Agent in charge of Sardar Mahomed Ayub Khan for the fortnight ending on the 14th September 1891.

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I. Sirdar Ayub Khan and his party left Duddar Hama, and reached Srinagar on the 29th Ultimo. They are living in the Nishat Bagh, and are at present busy purchasing Cashmere wares.

The Sirdar wrote to me on the 4th instant, saying he was very well and happy.

II. Sirdar Hashim Khan passed through Murree on the 6th instant on his way to Cashmere. He writes to me that his foot pained him so much he did not let me know of his movements.

III. The Inspector of Police reports the following arrivals from Peshawar.

(1) Nur Jan Khan, Cabulee to stay with Naib Hafizullah Khan.

(2). Mahomed Azim Khan, Cabulee to see Sirdar Hashim Khan.

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

(1) Sikandar Ali Khán of Lalpura to stay with Wazir Shah Mahomed Khán.

(2) Pir Mahomed Khán of Lalpura to stay with Mustaufi Habibullah Khán.

(3) Khán Gul Khán of Kunar to stay with General Daud Shah.

V. The Inspector of Police at Murree brought to my notice, that Akbar Khán of Jellálábád a Vazir of Amir Abdul Rahmán with 8 followers had left Murree for Cashmere. The Native Assistant informs me nothing has been heard of the party at Srinagar.

VI. The health of the followers both at Rindi and Murree keeps good. There has been hardly any rain during the past fortnight.

J. N. Revill

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Confidential Memo for fortnight ending 14 Sept.

VII. The Native Asst has forwarded to me from Sirdar Ayab Khan, a Persian letter addressed to the Sirdar by one Mahomed Rahim son of the late Sadu, Kanokhel - The letter which only contains enquiries after the Sirdar's health was brought from Swat to Munee by one Akbar Khan - The Sirdar on receiving the letter sent instructions to Munee to prevent the messenger from proceeding into Cashmere, and to send him back at once to Swat.

VIII. With reference to recent information in the Civil, and Military Gazette the Sirdar tells the Native Asst, he thinks the Amir will never agree to unite his interests with those of the British Govt to resist a common enemy, but will ask for more money, and arms to enable him to take independent action.

With reference to the despatch of troops against Umra Khan of Jandal, the Sirdar thinks, that regular troops will have to be sent, as the Mohmands will not like to fight against the Bajaur people, who are their friends

IX. The Native Asst brings to my notice from Cashmere.

(a) On 27 ult, at Dudarhama, he met a man dressed like a Baghdadi, with a Koran hanging

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from his neck, who told him he was one Abdul Azim, an inhabitant of the R'Pindi district, who had been sent by Ata Mahomed Khan (a Breadseller at Dehra Dun) to watch Sirdar Ayub Khan's movements, and to see if he will leave Cashmere through Gilgit, or the Hazara country.

He added, that Ata Mah.d is a paid spy of the Amirs, who carries on regular communication with Kurnaul, Amritsar, and Rawalpindi, and that he gave him Rs 10 monthly, and rud expenses for his Trip to Cashmere.

Abdul Azim, also stated, that he met another spy of the Amir at Srinagar one Nimah, a Cashmiri, and that the Ex Amir wishes to visit Cashmere, but fears the Expence of doing it in proper style

Abdul Azim left the camp, the next day, with the intention of returning to Dehra Dun

Note I have informed Colonel Law of the foregoing particulars.

(b) On the 28th the Sirdar visited a holy man named Rasul Shah, living at Arapash, near Gunderbal - The Saint was asked to offer Prayers for Ayub Khan He then directed the Sirdars attendants to

We heard of this man from Col Donegan & Gallah Baksh

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write down three things. viz. Paisa (money) viz. Namad (blanket) Sihat (health) – The Sirdar was not satisfied with this reply, but gave him Rs 50/– The attendants then asked Rasul Shah to write down "Cabul", this however he did not do

Sirdar Fateh Mah.d then at the request of Ayub Khan wrote down – "The Aminship of Afghanistan with justice, mercy, and patriotism, and all other wishes" – The paper was put into Rasul Shahs' hands, and he without knowing its contents, made a mark on the paper – Sirdar Ayub Khan then Rose, his hands, and went away.

The Ass.t assents, the first order of the Saints which was voluntary, was a great disappointment to the Sirdar & his people, as "Paisa" may mean his Gov.t allowance, and "namad" a floor, and not a throne – Hence Genl Taj Mah.d and others conclude that Ayub Khan will remain on in India, living on his Gov.t Allowances.

X. The following reports are prevalent in the K'Paidi city, and are much discussed, but without any alarm, or much interest.

(a) The Amir has declined H.E. the Viceroys' invitation to visit Calcutta, and that in

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consequence a British force will soon be sent towards Gilgit ~~& the Hazara country~~ to take Candahar

(b) All native soldiers on furlough have been recalled from furlough To join in an expedition, that will soon be sent towards Gilgit or the Hazara country

Note This report has I think been started by subordinates of the Commissariat Dept., who talk about preparations for supplies &c.

XI. I attach a list, just submitted by the Native Asst, of some Afghans now living in Cashmere - The Resident has been furnished with a copy.

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Names of Afghans now living in Cashmere, brought to notice by Native Assistant Khán Sahib Allah Baksh.

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1. Sultan Mahomed, younger brother of late General Mahomed Jan, Wardak.

1. Is staying at Sopur with Mirza Sadr-ud-din Naib-i-Vazir-i-Vizarat. He is said to have fled from Cabul, when Amir Abdul Rahman Khán killed his brother. He stayed down at Raiwalpindi for some time with Mustanfi Habibulla Khán Wardak. He visited Ayub at Sopur, but I did not know then who he was.

2. Abdul Wahid, younger brother of late Akhunzáda Abdul Ghafur Khán of Cabul.

2. Is staying at Srinagar with Mirza Murtyza din father of Mirza Sadr-ud-din of Sopur. He has also visited Ayub. I am told that the father and son are naturally hospitable to

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strangers who come to them for help.

Note. General Mahomed Jan Khán and Akhunzáda Abdul Ghafur Khán were leaders in the "Ghiza" or "Jihád" raised at Cabul against the Government in the last Afghán war.

3. First came to Srinagar from Rawalpindi and visited Gyib and then went to "Punch". Whether he is still at Punch or has gone somewhere else is not known. He is said to have been somewhere in the country. He was in the service of the Amir who, he told me at Rawalpindi, had expelled him on account of supposed misappropriation of some public money.

3. Ghiza Mahomed Karim of Cabul with his two sons.

4. Is staying at Srinagar. He is an old Afghan refugee

4. Mahomed Sharif Khán Popalzai with his Afghán wife.

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and says that he was expelled from Cabul before Ayub came to India. He has also visited Ayub.

5. Syed Imddassar from the Kunar valley.

5. Visited Ayub the other day. He is a very clever old man. He also came to see Ayub Khan when the latter visited Cashmere in 1889. He is said to have visited more than once late Amir Dost Mahomed Khan and Sher Ali Khan at Cabul. He is staying at Srinagar and intends to go back to Peshawar shortly. Ayub has paid him some money for road expenses. Probably he is either in the pay of the Amir or the Intelligence department.

G. K. Newill

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FROM Lt. Col. J. H. Irwill,
~~THE~~ POLITICAL AGENT, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

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

Frontier B.
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Dated ~~Rawalpindi~~ Murree, the 5th October 1891.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the fortnight ~~week~~ ending on the 28th September 1891.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. Irwill Lt. Col.
~~CAPTAIN~~,
Political Agent.

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Diary of the Political Agent in charge of Sardár Mahomed Ayub Khán for the fortnight ending on the 28th September 1891.

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I. Sirdár Ayub Khán, and his party arrived at Baramoola from Srinagar on the 20th September, where he stayed a few days for shooting, and got three bears. The party left on the 25th, and reached Punch on the afternoon of the 27th.

On his arrival, he was met by his head servants, who fell at his feet, and wept: they afterwards thanked the Native Assistant for bringing him back safe and sound.

II. The Political Agent visited the Sirdár on the 28th and found him very well, and in excellent spirits. He expressed himself as very pleased with his trip, and much gratified at the Resident's courtesy, and all the arrangements made by the Cashmere Durbar for his convenience.

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The Sirdár has written direct to the Resident announcing his safe arrival at Jumu. I have also, at his request, written and thanked him for all the consideration shown during his recent visit to Cashmere.

III. The Political Agent went to Rawalpindi on the 16th September for a few days. He made all necessary arrangements about repairs to houses, and found the followers contented and well looked after by Sher Mahomed, the officer left in charge at Bindi by Sirdár Ayub Khán.

IV. The Police Inspector reports the following arrivals at Bindi from Peshawar to visit followers of the Sirdár.

(a) Jalal Khán of Lughman. He stayed with Mahomed Alam Shah.

(b) Sirdár Ahmed Khán, Cabulee, to stay with Sher Mahomed Khán.

V. The Inspector also reports the arrival from Kunar of Khushdil Khán to stay with General Daud Shah (State prisoner.)

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VI. The health of the followers has been good during the fortnight under report.

Cholera has however reappeared in the city during the last few days, and two of the Sirdár's followers have died of the disease. viz:-

(a) On 28th instant, Haji Mahomed Azim No. 311 on pay list drawing Rs: 9/- monthly.

(b) On 30th instant, Ghulam Rasul No. 225 on list, drawing Rs: 14/- monthly.

The Sirdár has prohibited his followers coming from Sindé to see him at Quetta, until cholera has disappeared.

J. D. Merill Lt. Col:
Political Agent.

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VII. When I visited the Sirdar on the 27 inst. he expressed his anxiety to be allowed an interview with H.E. the Viceroy, as well as with the Foreign Secretary, when they are in Murree - He asked to convey his wishes in writing

He also enquired of Sirdar Hashim Khan would be allowed to live in Cashmere with his follo and added that many of his followers had asked him to get land for them as well; as the R'Pindi climate he has been very trying, and does not suit them.

VIII. Sirdar Ayub Khan has brought to notice that Sahibzadas Mir Aka, Ghulam Haider, and Khwaja Jan, brother, and sons of the late Ghulam Jan of Kohistan, with four other members of their family have fled from Cabul (leaving their families behind) and arrived at Kohat viâ Kuram. At Kohat they telegraphed to Sahibzada Ata-ulla Khan at Peshawur, who sent them clothes, and money - They are now at Peshawur - The Sirdar remarks - "These persons are very important, & were thoroughly devoted to the Amir & his family - Sahibzada Ghulam Jan married one of Sirdar Mahd Azam Khan's daughters, & was secretly watched by Amir Shere Ali - He & his brothers exercised their influence among the tribes, to accept Abdul Rahman as Amir."

We have recd a report about his arrival
HL

Sibzada Mir Ak a married Wazir Ata-
a Khan's sister, and has been in great
our with Amir Abdul Rahman".

The Sirdar considers, if such influential
persons are deserting his cause, the Amir
cannot leave Cabul for England or
Elsewhere - If he does it must bring about
his downfall

IX. Some Eight Afridis (Adam Khels) from the
Kohat Pass came to see Sirdar Ayub Khan
on the 3 inst - He refused to see them, and
ordered them to leave Murree

The Native Asst. met them on the road
when they told him they got money from Govt.
for protecting the Pass, and that they
wanted to make Sirdar Ayub Khan's
acquaintance, in case he should ever
become Amir. - They added, as the Sirdar
would not see them they were going to see
Mr. Beckett, the D.C. Comm^r at R'Pindi

J. A. Hewett

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FROM Lt: Col: J. H. Neville,
~~THE~~ POLITICAL AGENT, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

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

Frontier B.
December 1891
No. 19

Murree
Dated ~~Rawalpindi~~, the 22nd October 1891.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 12th October 1891. I regret the delay in submitting it but after the Agency left Murree

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. Neville Lt: Colonel
~~CAPTAIN~~,

Political Agent.

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Diary of Political intelligence for the fortnight ending on the 12th October 1891.

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I. Sardár Muhammad Ayúb Khán visited the Political Agent on the 1st instant, and after went on to see the Commissioner (Mr Thorburn) who returned the visit on the 12th instant.

During conversation Mr Thorburn intimated that his wife would be glad to receive privately the Sardár's wives at her house. The Sardar thanked him, but declined the invitation.

II. On the 6th instant the Political Agent visited the Sardár, and on the 10th inst. the Sardár came & had tea & after went for a ride and walk. During the ride the Political Agent informed the Sardár of the wishes of Government (vide Deputy Secretary's letter No: 12137 dated 27 Aug. 1891) that he will consult the Political Agent before granting allowances from his private purse to Afgháns, who may come from outside to seek his help and protection

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III. During the Sardár's absence in Cashmere his second son under two years of age broke a match up his nose which affected the bone. The Civil Surgeon (Dr Young) considered it necessary to put the child under chloroform, so I introduced him to the Sardár, and at the latter's request was present at the operation, when it was discovered that the bone was diseased. Nitrate of Silver was applied, and I am told that recovery is now completed. The Sardár was much impressed with the Doctor's skill & the effects of Chloroform

IV. The Punjáb Police Inspector reports, the following arrivals to stay with followers of the Sardár.

(1 and 2) Sikundar Ali Sháh, and Shedil Khán of Bajaur. They stayed with General Táj Muhammad Khán.

3. Sardár Shr Muhammad Khán (from Dehra Doon) brother of Sardár Hashim Khán. He stayed with Aman Khán, and after two days went on to Cashmere.

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V. The Inspector also reports further arrivals to stay with State prisoners.

(1&2) Gul Muhammad Khán and Asghar Khán of Lalpura to stay with Mustaufi Habibulla Khán.

(3) Khanjuk Khan of Kunar to stay with Wazir Shah Muhammad.

(4) Sarwar Khán (from Amritsar) to stay with Sardár Muhammad Karim Khán.

VI. No more cases of cholera have occurred among the Sardar's followers. With the exception of a slight increase in fever, the general health keeps good. All are well at Murrée.

J. H. Newill Lt: Colonel
Political Agent.

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VII. When visiting the Sirdar he has said to me in conversation –

(a) "The Afghans prefer the English to the Russians, so the Indian Govt should keep them happy, and not intrude into their country and so create feelings of distrust – I am sure if the English keep friendly, & help the Afghans with arms, and money. Everyone of them will fight against the Russians"

(b). With reference to the recent Panjir incident – "Since I was a child I have heard of the English treating with the Tribes of Jan Rostem, and promising to help them if they would oppose the Russians; but when the Russians advanced, they did nothing"

"The same treatment occurred with the Turkomans of Merv, and recently the English were helpless to prevent the occupation of ~~Roshan~~ Panjdeh."

"They have now sent Officers towards the Pamirs, and you will see the Russians will continue to advance, and occupy them. – there will then be danger to my country Afghanistan, as it runs up to the Pamirs. There must be a war between Russia and England, and in my opinion the sooner the better.

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VIII. The Sirdar brings to my notice that Sirdar Baz Mahomed Khan, son of the late Sirdar Jaj Mahomed, is now stopping with him at Murree, & wishes to remove his family from Amritsar to live permanently at R'Pindi. The Sirdar asks me what he is to do with him?

I have reminded him of the Gov.t of India letter No. 2617 dated 3 March last to my address, in which the Sirdar was informed that Sirdar Baz Mahomed Khan is not a man deserving of any consideration, and that he should not encourage him. I have also intimated to the Sirdar that Baz Mahomed should consult the Punjaub Gov.t direct, if he wishes to leave Amritsar.

IX. Sirdar Ayub Khan has given me a letter from Mir Ismail Khan at Samarcand to his cousin Mir Buckha Khan (a follower) and asks if the letter may reply. The letter only contains general enquiries after the health of his cousin, and old friends he names he is "Mir Akbar" to Sirdar Mah.d Ishak Khan who is very kind to him, & that Mir Akba Khan, son of Syed Jaj Mahomed Khan lives with him, and is Mahomed Ishak's, Wazir, and right hand man.

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I have intimated there is no objection to sending the same sort of letter in reply.

X. Sirdar Sher Mahomed, who it will be remembered left R' Pindi about a year ago for Dehra Dun, and there married one of the Ex Amir's daughters has now gone to Cashmere to try, and make it up with his brother Sirdar Hashim Khan – He hopes that as ill feeling is now openly expressed between Sirdars Ayab Khan, and Hashim Khan, the brother will gladly receive his sympathy, and take him back on a better allowance than he is now getting from the Ex Amir

I am informed that when Sirdar Hashim Khan was going to Simla, he wrote to Genl Daud Shah, and other leading Afghans to meet him at the R' Pindi railway station. No one however went near him owing to his split with Ayab Khan

XI. Genl Taj Mahomed, Ghilzai tells the native Asst. he hears the Amir double the friendship of England, and that it is rumoured in Cabul he has some secret understanding with Russia

J. D Rendall

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No: 22 of 1891.

To me with D/P

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FROM Lieut:-Colonel J. M. Newill,
~~Pol~~ POLITICAL AGENT, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN,

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

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Dated Murree, the 29th October 1891.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the fortnight ending on the 26th October 1891.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant—

J. M. Newill Lieut:-Colonel

Political Agent.

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Diary of Political intelligence for the fortnight ending on the 26th October 1891.

I. On the 18th instant at 1 p.m. Sardár Mahomed Ayúb Khán paid a private visit to the Viceroy at the Commissioner's house. His Excellency received the Sardár in his private room, the Political Agent only was present. After a few minutes of conversation the Sardár took his leave.

The Sardár was then introduced by the Political Agent to the Foreign Secretary in another room. As the Sardár expressed a wish for a private interview the Political Agent left the room.

The Sardár afterwards saw Lord Wm Beresford whom he had previously met at Rawal Pindi.

Note The Sardár was very pleased with the friendly bearing of His Excellency, and fully appreciated the kindness shown to him. The visit was of the most informal kind, nobody was in uniform, and the Sardár was unattended.

II. On the 25th instant the Sardár paid a visit to the Commander-in-Chief at General

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Elles' house, the interview was a pleasant one. It was quite informal, tea & Cigarettes were handed round.

III. On the 15th instant the Sardár visited the Political Agent and went for a ride. On the 19th inst: the Political Agent visited the Sardár.

On the 20th inst: the Sardár visited General Elles on his return from leave. The Sardár was very pleased at seeing some pencil sketches taken by the General while in Cashmere.

On the 24th the Sardár accompanied by the Political Agent went to the Regimental Sports of the Seaforth Highlanders. The Sardár was treated like an ordinary visitor, and was not well pleased.

IV. The Punjáb Police Inspector reports the following arrivals to stay with followers of the Sardars.

(1) Mir Madat Shah, Calmlee, to stay with General Táj Mahomed.

(2) Khowadád Khán of Kandahar to stay with Sardár Ayub Khán at Murrée.

V. The Inspector also reports further arrivals

to stay with State prisoners.

(142) Abbass Khán, and Gul Khán of Tirah to stay with General Daud Shah.

(3) Gul Mahomed Khán (of Jellálábád) to stay with Mustaufi Habibullah Khán.

(4) Ahmed Khán of Tirah to stay with Wazir Shah Mahomed.

VI. Sardár Muhammad Ayub Khán has brought to my notice that Sher jan Khán & Ismail Khán with their families (15 souls in all) have deserted their country for fear of their lives, have come from Zagáh to Rawal pindi, and are staying with their brother Jelaludin who is one of the Sardár's followers. I am addressing the Government of India on this subject.

VII. The health of the followers at Pindi keeps good.

VIII. The Sardár's family have been moving down to Pindi during the week. The Sardár left this morning attended by the Native Assistant. The Political Agent will leave on the 31st.

J. Thewall Lieut: Colonel
Political Agent.

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IX. On returning to his house from visiting the Viceroy, the Sirdar said to the Luniab's Talab Mahomed — "The visit has been most satisfactory — I have never met a person like Lord Lansdowne, so kind, and courteous — I have heard my father speak of his love, and respect for Lord Mayo — Lord Lansdowne is to me, as Lord Mayo was to my father"

"Sir Mortimer Durand looks like a wise person, but says very little, perhaps as it was my first interview"

"I like Lord Wm. Beresford very much. I am sure he has a kind disposition"

X. The Sirdar was very pleased at the Viceroy asking him a sentence in English. He now understands the purport of what is said, and declares he will work hard at the language, so that he may speak for himself, when next he may meet Lord Lansdowne.

XI. The Sirdar has made the following remarks in conversation with the Native Ass.

(a) With reference to the Article "our ally the Amir" in the Cs M. Gazette, dated 14 inst —

"The Amir is going to show his hand, now that the Russians are getting nearer, and their military arrangements along

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the frontier are more completed - he will openly go over to the Russians, and ignore all friendships with the English.

(6) With reference to the para in the Pioneer of 21 inst the Sirdar agrees with the opinion that the Amir should not be maligned without proofs, but asserts he is confident the Amir has cultivated, and is maintaining friendly relations with Russia.

XII. After accompanying the Sirdar on his visit to Sir Fred: Roberts the Lainab said on his return — "The Commander in Chief is always kind enough to remember our meeting on the Shutargardan - The present Amir remembers the allowances given to him by the Russians, when he was in distress, but he is not grateful for the subsidies the English now give him, and openly says, the English should be grateful to him for assuming the Amirship, and relieving them of the burden of continuing to occupy Afghanistan."

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XIII. In continuation of para 8 of my last diary – The Sirdar informs me that Sirdar Baz Mahomed Khan returned to Amritsar on the 26 inst

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FROM Lieut-: Col: I. H. Newill,
~~THE~~ POLITICAL AGENT, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN,

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

Dated Murree, the 29th October 1891.

SIR,

With reference to para 6 in my diary No: 22 of 1891, bringing to notice the arrival at Pindi of Sher Jan Khán & Ismail Khán (with their families) to stay with their brother Jelal uddin Khán, I have the honor to bring to notice, that they are by no means the only refugées who come from across the border to live on the kindness of their relations or friends who may be in the following of Sardár Muhammad Ayúb Khán at Rawal Pindi.

2. I have brought the matter to the Sardar's notice, and he desires me to say - He does not want such refugées to come to him or his followers, as his private finances are already heavily taxed, but -

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when they come and say they have fled for their lives, and are utterly destitute he cannot well turn them away, as many are connected with persons who have fought for him, & his family, and so his prestige among his own people would suffer.

3. He has told his followers not to receive any persons from across the border, and has declined to increase the allowances of those who may entertain them, but still refugees come, and he cannot well send them away for the reasons given.

4. The Sardár desires me to add that, if these persons could be stopped on the frontier, and not allowed to come to Rawal Pindi he would be very glad, and be relieved of their presence among his following.

5. In bringing the foregoing particulars to notice, I would express my opinion that the Sardar's remarks appear to be reasonable, as some steps are necessary to prevent the increase of

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refugees at Rawal Pindi. (41)

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

J. D. Hewitt Lieut: Colonel

Political Agent.

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Extract from the diary of the Political Agent in charge of S. M. Ayub Khan for the fortnight ending the 9th Nov/91.

Para: VIII. In continuation of para: 6. of my last diary, and my letter of 29th ult: to the Dy. Secy. on the subject of Afghan refugees coming to Rawal Pinde to live with relatives in the following of Sirdar Ayub Khan, the Sirdar intimates that as he and his followers are expected not to act against the Amir in any way, he trusts the British Govt will be considerate to their relatives who may be expelled, or obliged to leave Afghanistan through the Amir's oppression.

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