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FROM

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

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Dated Murree, the 16th October 1895.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the diary of Political Intelligence in this Agency, for the period 1–15 October 1895.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obdt: Servant—

H Ramsay Major
Political Agent—

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4.10.95: The Sardár's children went to a tea party at the Commissioner's house.

5.10.95: It is said among the Afgháns here that Sardár Muhd: Ibrahim Khán (½ brother of Sardár Ayúb Khán) will send his daughter to Kabul this winter to be married to Sardár Habibullah Khán to whom she has already been betrothed.

yes. the betrothal was celebrated at Kabul with some display, rather recently HL

It is also said that the Amir offered to give one of his daughters, (by a concubine) in marriage, to Sardár Muhd Ibrahim Khán, or to his son. The Sardár replied that he was the Amir's servant and could not dare to marry his daughter.

6.10.95: It is said that Sardár Nasirullah Khán is, on his return from England, going direct to Kandahár to marry a daughter of Sardár Nur Muhd Khán son of Wali Shir Ali Khán.

9.10.95: The Political Agent called on the

Sardár

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Sardár. The Commissioner's wife called on the Sardár's ladies.

The Sardár reported the death, on the 9th inst, of the mother of Mahd: Yúsuf Khán his paid follower. She was in receipt of Rs 2/p.m (No 58 in the list) which will now lapse to Govt. 10.10.95.

Some of the Sardár's ladies left for Rawalpindi. 13.10.95.

The new palings which have just been put up round the Sardár's harem compound at Rawal Pindi are said to be completed, but the Sardár complains that, on 2 sides, the new palings are much lower than the old palings were and he wants them raised before he returns. The Political Agent has arranged to go to Pindi on 17th inst to inspect the palings & ascertain the truth of the complaint. The Sardár's people say, that on one side the palings are so low that a person can see over them from some rising ground which there is near them. The Executive Engineer declares they are quite as high as the old palings were. 15.10.95.

H Ramsay Major
Political Agent

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I. Sardár Ayúb Khán has reported the following arrivals to visit his followers:—

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(1) Sher Ahmad, Kizalbásh, from Lahore, to visit Yakúb Alí Khán.

(2) Sayad Mahmúd with his family, from Samarkand, to visit Brigadier Mír Abdul Alí.

(3) Ghulám Muhd: Kohistání, from Peshawar, to visit General Mír Jakí Khán.

(4) Sayad Abdullah son of Sayad Abdul Waháb, from Hassanabdál, to visit Imam Ját Muhd: Khán.

II. The Police Inspector on special duty has not reported any of the above arrivals. He has, however, reported the following arrivals to visit Sardár Ayúb Khán's followers, which the Sardár has not confirmed:—

(1) Sayad Maksúd son of Sayad Mahmúd Badshah with his servant named Mahbúb from Hassanabdál, to visit Imam Ját Muhd: Khán.

(2) Ghulám Muhd, from Peshawar, to visit Yakúb Alí Khán.

(3) Jumma and Sayad Habíb, from Peshawar, to visit Risáldár Sher Ahmad Khán.

(4) Sayad Muhd: Saddik, Kandahari, from Peshin, to visit Muhd: Samí Khán.

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III. The Police Inspector has reported the following arrivals to visit the State prisoners under the Deputy Comm:—

(1) Sher Ahmad, from Peshawar, to visit General Daud Shah Khan.

(2) Abdul Rahim & Rahmatullah, from Peshawar, to visit Wazir Shah Mahd.

(3) Haidar, from Peshawar, to visit Sardar Mahd: Wazir Khan.

IV. He has also reported the arrival of Sayad Habib, an Agent of the Amir, from Peshawar, to visit Abdul Ghafur Khan, the Amir's news-agent-at-Pindi.

V. The general health of the Afghan colony is good.

H Rainsay Major
Political Agent—

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It is said that Sirdar Mahomed Ibrahim Khan recently wrote to the Amir that he could if necessary destroy Sirdar Ayub Khan. The Amir is said to have replied that he did not think that Sirdar Ibrahim Khan could do so successfully.

9a In confidential diary for the period 16-31 July 1895 (regarding Sirdar Ayub Khans leaving Murree or Rawal Pindi for Shooting or Riding without informing the Political Agent) I wrote that if I did not receive orders to the contrary, I proposed to inform the Sirdar that it was not necessary for him to inform the Political Agent whenever he left the limits of R. Pindi or Murree. No orders having been received on the subject, I wrote ~~today~~ to the Sirdar in the sense proposed. He has today replied expressing his thanks & saying that if he ever arranges to go away for a night he will inform P.A.

Under orders N.P.

H. Ramsay Major
Pol. Agent

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FROM

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

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

F. B. Jan. '96 No. 176.

Dated Rawal-Pindi, the 1st November 1895.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the Diary of Political Intelligence in this Agency, for the period 16-31 October 1895.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant,

H Ramsay Major
Political Agent.

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17th The Sardar sent the Political Agent a letter which had just been brought to him by a messenger sent by Mahomed Sadiq Khan-Mohmand. In this letter Mahomed Sadiq Khan (who is a cousin (mother's brother's son) of Sardar Ayub Khans, and, I believe, the brother of Mahomed Akbar Khan of Lalpura) stated that he was very anxious to see the Sardar again, as it was some 14 years since they last met - he explained that he had recently escaped from the Amir's country and was now in the Mohmand ilaqua and he suggested that Sirdar Ayub Khan should now invite him to visit him at Rawalpindi.

Extract taken

In accordance with the advice of the Political Agent a reply was sent to Mahomed Sadiq Khan telling him that it would not be convenient to receive him just now.

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18th The Political Agent went to Rawalpindi to settle a question which had arisen in regard to the new palings round the Sardar's haram. The Sardar complained that the new palings were, on 2 sides, lower than the old ones, and could be seen over.

19th The Political Agent met the Executive Engineer and Sardar Ayub Khan's business man Sardar Sher Mahomed. The new palings are of the same height as the old ones, but whereas the old palings stood on the outside of a 2 foot compound wall, the new ones stand inside the wall - the result being that a man from outside might stand on the wall and then reach up to the top of the paling - and if he jumped, he might see into the haram.

The Executive Engineer said the wall could be raised on that side another 18 inches, at a cost of Rs: 60/. and it was agreed that the work should be executed at once.

The Executive Engineer remarked that the screen had cost more than was estimated and that a supplimentary

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grant would be required. Up to date nothing has been heard, officially, on the subject.

20th The Political Agent returned to Parachinar.

25th The Political Agent visited Sardar Ayub Khan who said he would probably leave for Rawalpindi on 29th October.

26th The Political Agent went to Rawalpindi.

27th Sardar Sher Mahomed reported that the palings round the haram were now finished properly and everything was ready for the Sardars reception.

28th The arrival at Parachinar, of Agha Mir Bakir, a follower of Sardar Hashim Khan, was reported today

29th Sardar Sher Mahomed reported the Sardar, with one or two Sardars would come down from Parachinar on 4th November, but that all the Sardar's ladies and children were now at Rawalpindi. He also reported that nearly all the Afghanis who live, in summer, in the Parachinar hills, had returned to Rawalpindi.

30th Sardar Sher Mahomed reported that

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(a) Sher Ahmad a 2/. p.m. pensioner (No:24 on list) had left Sindi during the month and was going to Kabul. His pension lapses. 2

(b) A woman getting a 2/. p.m. married on 24th instant. Her pension lapses. She was a relative of Mohib Ali Khan No. 60 on Pay list. 2

(c) The mother of Sardar Abdul Salam Khan died on 29th instant. She was in receipt of a pension (No:4 on Pay list) of Rs:470/. p.m. the whole of which will, it is believed, lapse, as her relatives are already in receipt of pensions. 470

(d) The mother of Mahomed Yusaf (No:58 in list of "charitable" pension died. Her allowance ceases. 2

(e) Mahomed Aapig son of the late Sardar Mahomed Akhbar Khan died on 10th instant. He was in receipt (No: 23 on Pay list) of Rs: 4/. p.m. 4.

(f) Khushal Khan (No: 123 on Pay list) died on 14th instant. His pension of Rs:12/. p.m. lapses as he is believed to have left 12.

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no surviving relatives.

(g) The widow of the late Wali Mahomed (No: 158 on pay list) remarried - her pension of Rs: 9/- p.m. lapses.

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Rs 501 a month, saved.

31st Mr: Allah Bakhsh paid a visit of condolence to Sardar Abdul Salam Khan. The grand-daughter of the deceased lady was married to Sardar Ayub Khan. She died some years ago in Persia.

The families of the Liwnab and Sardar Fateh Mahomed Khan came down from Jumree today.

H Ramsay Major
Political Agent.

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I. Sardar Ayub Khan has reported the following arrivals to visit his followers:-

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(1) Inayullah Khan Ghilzai with 5 women from Kabul to visit Naib Hafizullah Khan.

(2) Fakhar-ud-din Kohistani a tribesman of Pir Bacha Khan with 2 women from Kabul to stay at Rawalpindi.

(3) Sayad Bakir son of Sayad Mahmud Badshah from Hassanabdal to visit Mama Gar Mahomed Khan.

(4) Sayad Habib son of Sayad Mahmud Badshah from Hassanabdal to visit Mama Abdul Aziz Khan.

II. Besides reporting the arrival of Nos. 3 and 4 in the preceding paragraph the Police Inspector on special duty has reported the following arrivals to visit Sardar Ayub Khan's followers which the Sardar has not confirmed:-

(1) Mobabat Khan with three companions from Peshawar to visit General Taj Mahomed Khan.

(2) Nawab Khan with a boy from Khanpur to visit General Pir Fakir Khan.

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(3) Abdullah from Peshawar to visit Jamadar Mahomed Khan.

III. The Police Inspector has reported the following arrivals to visit the State prisoners under the Deputy Commissioner:-

(1) Beg Mahomed Khan and his two servants from Amritsar to visit Sardar Nazar Mahomed Khan.

(2) Nek Mahomed servant of Beg Mahomed Khan from Amritsar to visit Sardar Mahomed Kyum Khan.

(3) Abdullah Kabulee from Peshawar to visit Sardar Khan-i-Dullah Khan.

IV. The Police Inspector has not reported any arrival to visit the Amir's News-Agent at Rawalpindi.

V. The general health of the Afghan colony is good.

H Ramsay Major
Political Agent.

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FROM

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OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

F.B.
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No. 179.

Dated Rawal Pindi, the 16th November 1895.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the Diary of Political Intelligence in this Agency for the period 1–15 November 1895.

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

A R Ramsay Major
Political Agent.

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Confidential Diary of the Political Office with Sardar Ayub Khan - for the period 1-15 Novr 1895

9th Mir Bakir Shah, a follower of Sardar Hashim Khan, told the Sardar that he was about to return to Karachi and that his prayer was that friendship should exist between the 2 Sardars. Ayub replied that such a thing was impossible unless he (Ayub) and Hashim removed the cause of their quarrel which was a secret only known to themselves.

This Bakir Shah has been at Pendi for many months, and I hear that the Madar-i-Wali Ahad & her daughter (married to Sardar Hashim Khan) are shortly expected here, to congratulate the Sardar on his recovery from the illness he had at Murree.

The real motive for the visit of these 2 ladies, is probably to be found in the fact that Ayub wants to arrange

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a marriage between 2 of his sons, viz the Agha Effendi & Akram Jan, and 2 of Hashim Khan's daughters. Hashim Khan is a very rich man, and it would therefore be the best thing Sardar Ayub Khan could hope to arrange for his sons. I dont think the quarrel between Ayub and Hashim can be a very serious one - for they communicate with each other, and there was even some talk of Hashim coming to Murree (en route to Kashmir) this summer to stay with Ayub.

10th The ill feeling between the Rawal Pindi and Dehra Dun parties, is so strong that when Sardar Ayub Khan's sister (wife of the high priest of the Gazargah Shrine at Hirat) recently wrote from Dehra Dun asking Ayub to send some one to bring her back to R Pindi, Ayub sent Lala Haider, but gave him strict orders not to go beyond Saharanpur. The Esc- Amirs

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therefore had to send the lady to Saharanpur with one of his own men.

Sardar Sher Muhammad Khan has much cause to regret the bitterness of the feeling between the Esc-Amir and Ayub. About 3 years ago he married his daughter, at Ayub's request, to Musa Jan, the Esc-Amir's son, and now Ayub wont allow him ~~of~~ his son to visit her, while Musa Jan refuses to let her come to Rawal Pindi. Sardar Sher Mahomed Khan's wife is however allowed to go & see her daughter.

Sardar Ayub Khan mentioned to Mr Allah Bakhsh that one Abdul Ghafur son of the late Abdul Hamid Khan, a Popalzai Durani of Kama in the Jalalabad District had just arrived at R. Pindi with 3 horses, the property of the Amir of Kabul. It seems that Abdul Ghafur has some property & that the Amir on some pretext sent 3 sowars to arrest him

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but Abdul Ghafur got news
of their approach and arranged
with some Mohmand friends
to receive them.
When the rovers came, they
were conducted to a house
by the Mohmands, who then
locked them up inside, while
Abdul Ghafur took their 3
horses and escaped on them
to Peshawar. Abdul Ghafur
brought the 3 horses to R. Pindi
- he has sold one & intends to
sell the other two. The
Border told Mr Allah Bakhsh
that he should not bring this
matter to the notice of the
Political Agent, who would
sweetly disapprove.

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15. With reference to my "ordinary" diary for today, regarding the removal of the Sirdar's sister & her son abdul Kader Jan to a house in the city, it is said that the chief reason for her leaving the Sirdar's haram, is that there is some idea of marrying abdul Kadir Jan to one of Ayub's daughters, & if this is to be done, the boy should not see the girl before the marriage. It is also said that the boys mother is not on good terms with the Sirdar's chief wife.

16. With reference to entry 14 (a) in the Peshawar Confid. Diary No 19 of 23 Oct 1895 to the effect that abdul Aziz Khan son of Ahmad Jan, Amir Akbar of the late Amir Sher Ali, had been to see both Sirdar Ibrahim Khan & Sirdar Ayub Khan, & that Sirdar Ibrahim Khan had said to Aziz Khan that he might gain favour with the Amir by bringing about the murder of Sirdar Ayub Khan — the Sirdar & others say that it is not true that abdul Aziz has visited the Sirdar lately — & they say that

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if he did come, he would never
harm Agent. about Ajiz is
a friend of one Lunab's & always
stays with him when he visits
Rawal Pindi. If he knew of any
plot against Agent, he would
certainly tell the Lunab & the
Sardar himself.

H. Rawlinson. Major
Political Agent

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4th Sardar Ayub Khan returned to Rawalpindi for the cold season.

5th The Sardar went to the city this morning to pay a visit of condolence to the members of the family of the late Sardar Abdul Salam Khan. He also visited the aged Naib Hafizullah Khan who has been very ill but is now convalescent.

It is the mother of the Sardar who has died. The Sardars himself has been dead a long time. JBL

9th The Sardar's full sister (mother of Abdul Kadir Jan) who has been visiting the Ex-Amir for the last 9 months returned today to Rawalpindi.

10th The Sardar told Mir: Allah Bakhsh that Sayad Hassan Shah a younger brother of the Naqeeb of Baghdad had just sent him a present of an Arab horse. The horse was brought to Rindi by one of the Sayad's servants. When the Sardar was at Baghdad he ~~stayed with~~ was entertained by the

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Nakeeb, and in 1894, when Sayad Hassan Shah was on bad terms with his brother the Nakeeb, he left Baghdad and came to Pindi, where he stayed for some months with Sardar Ayub Khan, after which he returned to Baghdad.

Mir Bachah Khan, Kohistani, reports that about 30 more of his relatives, who have been deported by the Amir, have reached Rawalpindi. He says he is unable to give them any pecuniary assistance.

11th General Daud Shah is the only Afghan of position, who has not visited the Sardar since his return from Mecca.

12th The Sardar mentioned to Mir: Allah Bakhsh that he was still awaiting the reply of the Government of India to his letter of September last - he was told that the Government was always very busy but that in due course a reply would doubtless be sent. The Sardar said he would wait till the end of November and then write

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a reminder. The letter referred to by the Sardar is the sealed letter forwarded by the Political Agent with his letter No: 255 of 30th September 1895.

Reply to this has been stopped & awaits Sec's arrival

13th The Political Agent visited the Sardar who was in the best of health and humours. He expressed his thanks for the new screen which has been put up round his haram and which looks very well. He showed Political Agent the Arab horse which he had just received from the brother of the Nakeeb of Baghdad. It is a light built, 4 years old, gulf Arab and might be worth 400/. The Sardar means to give it to his son Agha Effendi.

The Sardar said that he had found the Murree climate unusually good this year but that he would like to go, with his family, to Kashmir for a whole summer, if only the Darbar would assign a place for his residence. He thought Achabal would suit him very well. He would like his Murree houses to be sub-let for the season and the

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amount thus realised, to be given to him to help pay the cost of the journey to and from Kashmir. If it could be arranged the Sardar would make preliminary arrangements in 1896, and then spend the summer of 1897 in Kashmir.

Speaking of Sardar Nasirullah's return from England, the Sardar said he thought that the action of the Amir, in not summoning Nasirullah to Kabul to give an account of all he had heard and seen in Europe, amounted to a slight upon the English.

11th The Sardar is much vexed because a follower of his, named Kaptan Ghulam Mahomed has been sentenced to undergo 8 months rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs: 50/- or in default of payment to undergo a further term of 4 months rigorous imprisonment. An appeal has been lodged. The Rawal-pindi police accuse Kaptan Ghulam Mahomed of having falsely stated that the female servant of another afghan had been killed. That some such report

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was made is certain, for the District Magistrate on the strength of that report ordered the woman's body to be exhumed and examined. The report of the medical officer who afterwards examined the body proved that she had not been killed. There is some reason to think that the accused did make remarks insinuating that the woman had been murdered, but he perhaps never intended that the matter should be reported to the Police.

15th Sardar Ayub Khan's full sister with her son Abdul Kadir Jan, left the Sardar's house today and took up her abode in a house which she has rented in the city. Her son is getting so old (about 10 years) that there was a difficulty about his being allowed to enter the Sardar's haram. There are also other reasons why the lady wishes to reside in a house of her own.

Last winter the son of General Zaj Mahomed was married here to the daughter of Hakim Abdul Raof. The two fathers have recently fallen out and

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all attempts at reconciliation have failed. The latter thinks that his daughter has been badly treated by the son of the former.

During the period under report 2 "charitable" pensions of 2/- per mensem have lapsed viz:-

(1) A woman No. 18 on list was married on 2nd November.

(2) Abdullah No. 45 on list deserted on 9th inst.

There has been a great deal of fever among the Afghans here - the weather is unusually hot and rain is badly wanted. There is small pox in the Hindu part of the city but as yet no Afghan has been attacked by the disease.

H Ramsay Major
Political Agent.

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I. Sardar Ayub Khan has reported the following arrivals to visit him and his followers:-

(1) Mir Ahmad Jan Kohistani with his wife and 3 sons from Peshawar to visit Mir Bacha Khan.

(2) Khwajas Abdul Rahman and Hashim Kohistanis from Peshawar to visit Ahmad Shah.

(3) Sayad Mahomed servant of Sayad Hussan Effendi, from Baghdad, to visit Mahomed Sharif Khan and Sardar Ayub Khan.

(4) Mahomed Shah Khan son of Said-ud-din Khan Kurdkhel with his servant from Peshawar to visit Lunal Khushdil Khan.

(5) Ghulam Mohay-ud-din with a companion from Peshawar to visit Sawar a tailor of the Sardar.

(6) Jan Mahomed from Quetta to visit Brigadier Amir Jan.

II. Besides reporting the arrival of Nos. 1, 4, 5 & 6 in the preceding paragraph the Police Inspector on special duty has reported the following arrivals to

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visit Sardar Ayub Khan's followers which the Sardar has not confirmed:-

(1) Abdul Hakim servant of Mahomed Hayat Khan from Wah (Rawalpindi district) and Bahadur Khan servant of Sayad Mahmud Badshah from Hassanabdal to visit Nawab Jar Mahomed Khan.

(2) Akbar Kabulie from Peshawar to visit General Mir Fakir Khan.

(3) Sardars Taj Mahomed Khan and Khan Mahomed Khan from Amritsar to visit Sardar Amir Mahomed Khan.

III. The Police Inspector has reported the following arrivals to visit the State prisoners under the Deputy Commissioner:-

(1) Mahomed Afzal from Peshawar and Mahomed Yasin from Lahore to visit General Daud Shah Khan.

(2) Haidar Kabulie from Peshawar to visit Wazir Shah Mahomed Khan.

(3) Dost Mahomed from Peshawar to visit Sardar Khan-i-Mullah Khan.

IV. He has not reported any arrival to visit the Amir's News-Agents at Rawalpindi.

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V. The general health of the Afghan colony is good. (78)

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Political Agent.

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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 Rawal Pindi, the 2nd December 1895.

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SIR,

I have the honor to forward the ~~Diary~~ of Political Intelligence in this Agency for the period 16th to 30th November 1895.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant,

H Ramsay Major
Political Agent.

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16th The quarrel between General Taj Mahomed and Hakim Abdul Rauf - reported in my Diary for 15th November, has been settled by the intervention of Sardar Ayub Khan.

17th It is said that the Amir has recently written to Sardar Amin-ud-Dowlah asking him to return to Kabul, but the Sardar is afraid to go, as he thinks the Amir wants to take possession of his famous diamond

19th Sardar Nayar Mahomed, brother of Sardar Fateh Mahomed has recently rejoined Sardar Ayub Khan's party, having just returned from a long visit to Mecca.

21st Sardar Ayub Khan visited the Political Agent. No business was

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discussed. The Sardar seemed to be very well and happy.

22nd Sardar Ayub Khan went out for a day's shooting.

23rd Kaptan Ghulam Mahomed - vide diary for 14th November was released today by order of the Sessions Judge

27th Sardar Ayub Khan and most of his followers went today to the wedding of the daughter of Abdul Azijy (No: 45 on Day List) who is the (maternal) first cousin of Sardar Ayub Khan. The bridegroom Sadullah Khan is the son of a wealthy gentleman, Afzal Khan - Khatak. The bride's mother died last year, and Abdul Azijy has lately married again. It is rather a come down for a Mohmand to give his daughter to a Khatak, but Abdul Azijy has no money, and Afzal Khan is a rich man, ~~who~~ and gave to Abdul Azijy about Rs: 2,000/- for the expenses of the wedding, and to the bride about Rs: 6,000/- in cash, clothes and jewellery.

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28th The Sardar went out to Sind Pena today for 4 days' shooting. He was accompanied by a number of his leading men.

The following deaths have occurred during the period under report

(1) Abdul Ghafur (Pro. 266 on List) getting Rs: 9/. p.m. died on 20th November.

(2) A girl belonging to the party of Agha Jan Khan (Pro. 63 on List of Rs: 2/. p.m. "Charitable" pensions) died on 22nd November.

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Political Agent.

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I. Sardár Ayúb Khán has reported the following arrivals to visit his followers:—

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(1) Haid Muhd: Khán & Sayad Bákar, from Hassanabdál, and Sher Alí Khan & Mohábat Khán, from Peshawar, to visit Imama Ját Muhammad Khán.

(2) Mirza Abdul Ghaffár, Kizalbash, from Meshed, to visit Muhd: Aslam Khán.

(3) Muhd: Ishák, Sahák, from Jellalábád to visit his brother Khair-ud-din.

(4) Sher Ján & Muhd: Ismáil, from Peshawar, to visit Sífi Jalál-ud-din.

(5) Abbás Kali Khán & Ismail Shák sons of General Parwez Shák Khán, with the General's wife, from Karnál, to visit Yakúb Alí Khán.

(6) Záj Muhd: from Peshawar, to visit Sher Muhd: Servant of the Ameer.

(7) Sadullák Khán with 3 other men, 14 women & 4 children, from the Attock Tehsil, to visit Imama Abdul Aziz Khán.

II. Besides reporting the arrivals of Nos 1, 6 & 7 in the preceding paragraph, the Police Inspector has reported the following arrivals to visit Sardár Ayúb Khán's followers

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which the Sardár has not confirmed:—

(1) Zhair-ud-din, from Peshawar, to visit Háji Sultán Muhammad.

(2) Ata Muhd: Samandar, & Aslam from Hashtnagar, to visit Muhd: Ajam.

(3) Sayad Akbar Ján, from Pesháwar, to visit Ghulám Haidar Zhán.

(4) Sayad Abdulláh, from Hassanabdál, to visit Imama Ját Muhd: Zhán.

III. The Police Inspector has also reported the arrival of Said Muhd: & Dost Muhd, from Peshawar, to visit Sardár Nazar Muhd: Zhan & Zhan-i-Mullah Zhan, respectively, State prisoners under the Deputy Comm:

IV. He has also reported that Sher Muhd Zhán, Músa & Akezád, came from Peshawar, to visit Abdul Ghaffúr Zhán, the Amír's news-agent at Ráwalpindi.

V. The general health of the Afghán Colony is fair

H Ramsay Major

Political Agent

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FROM

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

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Dated Rawal Pindi, the 16th December 1895.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the diary of Political Intelligence in this Agency, for the period 1–15 December 1895.

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

H. Ramsay Major
Political Agent

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3. 12. 95: The Sardár & his party returned from their shooting trip to the village of Mind Mora - having been away since 28th ultimo. The party got some 25 brace of partridges & as many hares and came back well pleased.

5. 12. 95. Naik Hafizullah, whose health has been bad of late, is said to be again ill. He is an old man and getting very weak.

6. 12. 95: The Sardár accompanied by Sardár Faiz Mahd and Mr. Allah Bakhsh went to Mrs Ramsay's garden party. He stayed a long time and talked with the Commr. and deputy Commr; but he was silent and apparently in a bad temper.

7. 12. 95: Sardár Amin-ud-Dowlah visited Sardár Ayúb Khán today & exhibited his famous diamond and at the same time asked the Sardár to make him an allowance. The Sardár replied that he could not afford to give him anything as his allowance

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from Government was hardly enough for his own support.

Sardár Amin-ud-dowlah is about to start on another begging tour to the Courts of the Native Princes.

The Sardár went out shooting but got no sport. 13. 12. 95.

During the period under report, the following deaths and marriage have occurred viz.

(1) Col. Mansúr Khán No 87 in the pay list who enjoyed Rs 30/- p.m. died on 10th Dec 95. He has left some survivors, about whom a reference will be made separately.

(2) A daughter of a sister of Ghulam Rasúl (No 50 in the List of Charitable allowances) married on 5th Dec 1895. Her allowance of Rs 2 p.m. will, therefore, lapse to Govt.

H Ramsay Major
Political Agent

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I. Sardár Ajúb Khán has reported the following arrivals to visit his followers:-

(1) Muhd Názam, from Peshawár, to visit Gházis Hikmatullah Khán.

(2) Abdul Azíz Khán & Dád Muhd: Khán, from Peshawár, to visit Ghulám Khushdil Khán.

(3) Mastán Shák Sayed, from Peshawar, to visit Imam Abdul Azíz Khán.

(4) Shák Rukh & Muhd Álam, from Peshawár, to visit Sardár Habibullah Khán.

(5) Sultán Muhd, from Swát, to visit Bahrám Khán.

(6) Muhd: Názam, from Peshawár, to visit Col Musa Khán.

(7) Ghulám Haidar, from Lahore, to visit Sher Ján Khán.

(8) Muhd Sádik Khán, Risálbash, from Lahore, to visit Risaladár Mehr Alí Khán.

(9) The sister of the late Sardár Muhd Alí Khán with six women and Abdul Alí ján son of the late Sardár Ahmad Alí Khán, from Peshawár, to visit Sardár Ajúb Khán.

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(10) Abdul Khálik, from Kohát, to visit—
Kalla Haidar.

II. Besides reporting the arrival of Nos 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 in the preceding paragraph, the Police Inspector has reported the following arrivals to visit Sardár Ayub Khán's followers, which the Sardár has not confirmed:—

(1) Ghulám Ali, from Peshawar, to visit—
Brigadier Mir abdul Ali Khán.

(2) Sardár Mahd Khán & Shah Ali, from Peshawar, to visit—Genl: Záj Mahd: Khán.

(3) Mir Bág Khán, from Hassanabdál, to visit—
Imam Ját Mahd: Khán.

III. The Police Inspector has also reported that one Jek Mahd: came from Peshawar, to visit—
Sardár Mahd: Nayáb Khán, State prisoner.

IV. He has also reported that Abdul Hamid & Abdul Rahim, from Hassanabdál, & Sardár Amán Khán, from Peshawar, came to visit—Abdul Ghafúr Khán, the Amir's news-agent—at—Rawalpindi.

V. The general health of the Afghán colony is fair, & fever is very prevalent.

N Ramsay Major
Political Agent—

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Confidential Diary of the Political Agent with Sirdar Ayub Khan, for the period 1-15 Dec^br

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I mentioned in my diary for 6 Dec that the Sirdar was not in a good temper at Mrs Ramsay's garden party. As a matter of fact, he drove up looking as black as a thunder cloud, and made no attempt to look pleased or make himself agreeable. He just seated himself down & smoked and drank coffee for an hour & more, without leaving his chair. The Commissioner and the Dep^ty Com^nr were both good enough to go & speak to him for a while, & did my best, but he was hopelessly sulky.

The Kabul Assistant when driving home with the Sirdar, asked him what was the matter - the Sirdar replied that he was sad at heart and could not look happy - and he went on to explain that the Political Agents words were sweet but that his attitude in regard to the ½ pension question was bitter.

On the following day, the Sirdar

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50 speaking on this subject, and to
Mr Allah Baksh, that perhaps Major
Ramsay would be promoted to a
Residency and even perhaps Major
Jennings would return here -
but, he added,
"whoever the Political Agent may be
if he helps me, I regard him not
merely as a friend, but as a
brother"
and then, like a true Afghan, he concluded
- but courtesy and kindness words are
quite worthless unless accompanied
by substantial benefits".

It is a pity that Sirdar Ayub Khan should be
sulky because he finds me unwilling to
champion his claims about ½ pensions,
but the matter is of no importance.
The Sirdar probably now thinks that it is
at my suggestion, that the Govt of India
has not yet sent any reply to his
closed letter, which was forwarded
with my No 255 of 30 Sept 1895.

H. Ramsay. Major
P.A. Agent

It has now come 19/12

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FROM

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

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

J.B.
Jany. '96
No. 191.

Dated Rawal Pindi, the 3rd January 1896.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the Diary of Political Intelligence in this Agency, for the period 16-31 December 1895.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obdt: Servant

H Ramsay Major
Political Agent

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F.B. Jan 4/96 No 192

Diary of the Political Agent in charge of Sardar Ajab Khan, for the period 16-31 Dec. 1895.

17. 12. 95. The Sardar paid his first visit to the Major General. The Sardar was not very willing to pay the visit, as he thinks that now that there is a Lieut-General, who lives at Murree all the Summer, it is not necessary for him to call on any Military Officer of a lower rank at Rawal Pindi. The Political Agent told the Sardar that he could please himself in the matter of calling on Major General Moorsom, but that if he did not go & call, he could not expect the General to ask him to come to parades, or to reserve an enclosure for his carriage &c. &c.

20. 12. 95. Naik Hafizullah Khan, Ghilzai, died today. He was an old man and had been in failing health for some time as stated in diary for 5th inst. The deceased was in receipt of a pension of Rs 650 p.m. plus Rs 29 house rent allowance,

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a portion of which will have to be continued for the support of his family, but the Sardár has not yet addressed the Political Agent on the subject.

Hafizullah Khán was a native of the Logar district, and started life as a soldier in the time of Amir Dost Muhd. He steadily rose in rank and favour and his long and meritorious service was eventually rewarded by Amir Shir Alí who appointed him Náib Salár (Deputy Commander-in-Chief) which office he held for many years. He was in command of Sardár Ayub Khán's regular troops at Maiwand and has always been truly devoted to the Sardár. His funeral was attended by Sardár Ayub Khán, & General Dáud Shah was also present, though he is not on good terms with the Sardár.

Major General Morson accompanied by his A. D. C. paid a return visit to the Sardár. The Political Agent was present. 24.12.95.

The Political Agent gave the Sardár the closed cover containing the reply of the Govt

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Government of India to his letter of 29th Sept regarding ½ pensions. The Sardár said nothing to the Political Agent on the subject, but he expressed his displeasure to Mr Allah Bakhsh, and said that instead of granting his request & promising to always continue ½ the pension of a deceased follower, the Government had now not only adhered to what had been said before, but had added that no specific & general promise could be made to continue any portion whatever of the pension of a deceased stipendiary.

30. 12. 95. The Sardár came to call on the Political Agent.

31. 12. 95. The Sardár wrote to the Political Agent asking that last year's licenses for Arms might be renewed. It may be here mentioned that when the Sardár's party reached Baghdad in 1888, they were disarmed, and their arms were sent to India & stored in the Rawal Pindi Arsenal. For the next five years, the number of Arms for which licenses were

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were granted to the Sardár's party, did not exceed 1 rifle, 8 shot-guns, 2 revolvers, 3 swords & 1 dagger, which were distributed among only 6 licenseholders. During the 2 years of the late Political Agent's tenure of office, the above numbers were increased to 4 rifles, 12 shot-guns, 11 revolvers, 3 swords & 2 daggers, and the number of license holders was increased to 17.

Last year the Sardar asked for licenses for 4 rifles, 22 shot-guns, 28 revolvers, 3 swords & 2 daggers, to be distributed between 34 License holders. The Political Agent was not in favour of permitting this rapid increase of arms, but as the Deputy Commr. said he had no objection to granting the Licenses, the Political Agent made no objection & the Licenses were granted.

In December 1895, the Sardár wrote to the Political Agent asking that the 34 existing Licenses might be renewed for 1896, and that 35 fresh Licenses for 22 more shot-guns & 13 more revolvers might also be obtained. The Political Agent after consultation with the Deputy Commissioner informed

informed the Sardár that he was not prepared to recommend the grant of any fresh Licenses, but that he would ask for the renewal of the 34 Licenses granted for 1895. The Sardár had explained that the arms were required for purposes of sport & self preservation, to this the Political Agent replied that for purposes of sport his followers had already an ample supply of arms, while for purposes of self defence arms were not needed in British India. The Political Agent added that if any of the Sardár's followers were in fear of their lives at Rawal Pindi he would be very glad to support any recommendation the Sardár might make for their removal to some other place further away from the Afghan frontier.

During the period under report the following deaths and marriages have occurred

(1) Sardár Nowr Muhd: Khán (No 25 on the List Pay Rs 50/-) died on 18th December 1895. He has left some survivors.

(2) Naik Hafizullah Khán, Shilzai (No 78 on the List, Pay Rs 650/-) died on 20th December 95. He has left some survivors.

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(3) Shuja Sepoy (No 248 on the List, Pay Rs 9) died on 21st December 1895. He has left no survivors.

(4) Ajab Muhd Khan, Ghilzai (No 51 on the List, Pay Rs 60/- died on 25th December 95.

(5) The sister of Fakir Shah, No 4 on the list of the refugees who get Rs 2 p.m. each as a Charitable allowance, married on the 12th of December 1895.

H Ramsay Major
Political Agent

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I. Sardár Ayúb Khán has reported the following arrivals to visit his followers:—

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(1) Sardár Ján Muhd: Khán, with two sons named Sáleh Muhd: Khán & Amír Muhd: Khán, from Jhelum, to visit Sardár Ghulám Mohy-ud-dín.

(2) Sayad Jáfar Khán, from Hassanabdal, to visit Imam Ján Muhd: Khán.

(3) Muhd Khán, Nawáb Khán & Abdulláh, from Khanpur, to visit General Mir Hakim Khán.

(4) Dín Muhd: of Swát, from Peshawar, to visit Lunáh Khushdil Khán.

II. Besides reporting the arrival of Nos 1, 3 & 4 in the preceding paragraph, the Police Inspector on special duty has reported the following arrivals to visit Sardár Ayúb Khán's followers which the Sardár has not confirmed:—

(1) Mohábat Khán, from Kasúchi, to visit Imám Abdul Aziz Khán.

(2) Muhd: Hásam & Abdul Aziz from Dehra Doon, and Sher Muhd: Khán, from Lahore to visit Genl: Táj Muhd: Khán, Ghilzái.

III. The Police Inspector has also reported the following arrivals to visit the State prisoners under the deputy Commissioner:—

(1) Sardár Muhd: Saddik Khán, from Amritsar

to

to visit—Sardár Nazar Muhd: Khán.

(2) Muhd: Hassan & Muhd: Azim Khán, from Peshawar, to visit—Khán-i-Mullah Khán.

(3) Muhd: Akbar & Jan Muhd: Khán, from Peshawar, to visit—Wazir Shah Muhd: Khán.

(4) Akzád Khán, from Nowshehra, to visit—General Dáud Shah Khán.

IV. The Police Inspector has also reported the following arrivals to visit the Amir's News-Agents at Rawalpindi:—

(1) Sayad Abdul Razzak & Mirza Amir Muhd, from Hassanabdál, and Atá Muhd: Khán from Karachi, to visit—Abdul Ghafur Khán.

(2) Durránai, from Peshawar, to visit—Sardár Azim Khán.

V. The general health of the Afghán Colony has not been good during the past month. There have been 5 deaths among the paid followers—three of these are returned as caused by "fever and pains in the side", but probably influenza was the real cause of death. Influenza is most prevalent at Rawalpindi and numerous deaths have been caused by it.

H Ramsay Major

Political Agent

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Confidential Diary of the Political Agent in charge of Border Agencies Khan. for the period 16. 31 Dec to 1895

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General Moorcroft sent his A.D.C. over to me to ask what was the procedure to be followed when Border Agent Khan visited him. I explained that such visits were informal and that uniform was not worn - nevertheless both the General & his A.D.C. wore undress uniform (no swords) at the interview.

The General lives next door to me, and the Border, in accordance with custom drove to my house to pick me up & take me on to the General's. When I got into the carriage I made the usual inquiries after the Border's health, but he omitted to ask after mine - an omission which according to Afghan etiquette is very rude. I did not attach importance to this, but Mir Allah Bakhsh did, & he subsequently asked Agent why he had been so rude. Agent replied that it was unintentional & that his attention had been distracted by the stupidity of his servant, who could not shut the door of the carriage.

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24th at the return visit today, General Moorsom again wore undress uniform (no sword) and brought his A.D.C. with him, also in uniform. It is unusual for uniform to be worn on such occasions, as the visits are informal, and I think it is a pity the General did not follow my advice.
When taking leave of the Sirdar, the General told him that he was very glad to have had the "honour" of calling upon him. The General probably did not weigh his words, but Ayub treasures up such speeches & then thinks he is aggrieved if he is treated with any less deference. In the same way, at the review on 1 Jan, the General rode up to the Sirdars carriage & said he "begged" to offer his congratulations for the New Year. The Sirdar at once noticed the word "beg" & called Mirallah Bakhsh's attention to it.

25th The Sirdar had a great consultation with his 2 leading men, as to whether he should pay the usual Xmas Day visit to the Political Agent. He himself did not want to go, but as the Lunah & Sirdar Fateh Mahomed both said he ought to go, he sent me word that he proposed coming to see me.
It will be seen from this Diary, & from that for the period 1-15 Dec 1895, that the Sirdar has of late been sulky because I would not support him in his attempt to get the Govt of India to

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promise to continue ½ pensions of deceased followers. I therefore sent back a polite message to the Sirdar, thanking him for his proposed visit and expressing my regret that indisposition prevented me from receiving him.

28th Sirdar Fateh Mahomed came to see me & said the Sirdar had sent him to inquire after my health. He then added that Ayub had been unintentionally rude to me in omitting to inquire after my health, & that his unpleasant manner was attributable to his feeling annoyed about some private affairs, and that he had of late been very glum even in his own Darbars. Sardar Fateh Mahomed then said "forget the past"; I said that I disapproved of Ayubs behaviour but that I was quite ready to "forget the past"; Fateh Mahomed then said that Ayub wanted to come & see me on 30th. I said I shd be very glad to see him – & I made sure that he was coming merely to have a friendly talk & to get upon better terms with me.

The Sardar came to my house on 30th, and after declaring his visit to be a private & friendly one, he began again about the ½ pension question, and the "influence" of the orders of the

Govt of India (65) - in fact course was a repetition of the Murree interview, reported in my Confidential letter of 30 Sept/95. The Sardar said he contemplated again addressing the Govt of India, I told him it was quite useless his attempting to force the Govt to accept his views, & that he should make the best of matters, & cease from his endeavours to induce the Political Agent to try & extract money for him, from the Govt of India. He stayed a long time, talked a great deal & eventually went away looking displeased and disheartened. He seems to be incapable of understanding that the orders of Govt are final - he insists that the Govt really knows and cares nothing about his ½ pension case, and that it is only because I did not support him, that he lost his case. Hence his displeasure. I shall leave the Sardar alone for the present & he will doubtless get over his annoyance.

N Ramsay - Maj
Pol. Agent

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