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FROM Khan Sahib Allah Baksh,
Native Assistant,
~~THE POLITICAL AGENT~~, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

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

Dated Rawalpindi, the 16 December *1892.*

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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 15th December 1892.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Allah Bakhsh Khan Sahib

~~CAPTAIN,~~
Native Assistant,
~~*Political Agent.*~~

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I. General Sir W. Elles accompanied by his a. d. c. returned Sardar Ayub Khan's visit on the 3rd Instant. Their conversation was ordinary.

II. The Staff Surgeon inspected the sanitary arrangements at the Sardar's houses down at Rindi on the 13th Instant and found every thing satisfactory.

III. The Sardar accompanied by the Native Assistant, the Luinab, and Sardar Fateh Muhammad Khan visited the "Steam Flour Mills" under the Commissariat department and was pleased to see them.

IV. Agha Jan and Asadullah Khan followers of Sardar Ayub Khan (Vide Nos. 295 and 79 in the new printed list) died

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on the 4th and 8th December respectively.

The former who got a monthly allowance of Rs: 9/. has left no survivors and his allowance will lapse to Government, but the latter has left some survivors and a separate letter will be sent about him.

V. The general health of the Afghans is good.

VI. The Sardár has reported the following arrivals to visit him and his followers during the fortnight :-

(1) Dost Muhammad Mohmand, of Peshawar, Abdul Rahmán merchant of Peshawar, and Behramand servant of Sayad Mahmud Badshah, State prisoner, from Hassanabdal to visit Mama Jar Muhammad Khán.

(2) Sher Muhammad merchant of Peshawar to visit Miriza Abdul Manan.

(3) Ina Shah a relative of Hayrat

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Shah Rakshband and Haji Sahib of Laghman from Peshawar to visit Sher Muhammad Khan.

(4) Jan Baz from Sialkot to visit his brother Mir Baz.

(5) Saidu and Jan Muhammad Ghilzai from Peshawar to visit General Taj Muhammad Khan.

(6) Bijay Mukh. who along with his mother and her father has recently been expelled from Cabul by the Amir, to join his father Sultan Muhammad nephew of Mir Bacha Khan.

(7) Sayad Lal Shah of Bashang from Mecca to visit Colonel Mukh. Umar Khan.

(8) Abdul Sahibzadah brother of Ghulam Haidar Sahibzadah from Peshawar to visit Mir Haidar Agha.

(9) Muhammad Sadik and Jan

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Jan Muhammad Kundkhels of Tirah to visit Abdul Hakim Khan Ghilzai.

(10) Faiz Muhammad Khan son of the late Muhammad Shah Khan Ghilzai Kundkhel of Cabul with Sayad Muhammad Khan, Fateh Muhammad Khan, Abdullah Khan, Muhammad Karim Khan, Muhammad Nazar and Taj Muhammad Khan Ghilzais; Malak Amin Muhd. Khan and Ahmad Jan Sapis, Amin Khan and Ghulam Muhammad Khan Kundkhels, and Sahibzadah Rozbin from Swat to visit Sardar Ayub Khan.

(11) Muhammad Shafi son of Rafik Cabulee from Lahore to visit Risaldar Meher Ali Khan.

(12) Ghiyas-ud-din son of Kazi Saadat din of Peshawar from Amritsar to visit Muhammad

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Akram Khan.

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(13) Rahmatullah and Saifullah Dandzai from Pashang to visit the Lunnah.

VII. Besides reporting the arrivals of Nos 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11 & 12 in the preceding para, the Police Inspector has reported the following arrivals to visit the Sardar and his followers which the Sardar has not confirmed:-

(1) Abdul Ajiz Khan son of Sarfraz Khan and Abdul Latif from Peshawar to visit Sardar Ayub Khan.

(2) Gusas Khan son of Ramzan Khan with a woman from Peshawar to visit Halim Khan.

(3) Abdul Rahman and Bahram Khan servants of Sayad Mahmud Badshah State prisoner from Hassanabdal to visit Pir Muhammad Khan.

(4) Khangul son of Gul Khan of Kunar servant of Sayad Mahmud Badshah from

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Hassanabdál to visit Hakim Khán.

(5) Badar-ud-din with one companion from Pesháwar to visit Abdul Ajiz Khán.

(6) Fateh Khán, Ahmad Khán and Sher Muhammad of Kunar from Munee to visit General Táj Muhammad Khán.

(7) Ghulam Haidar son of Muhammad Khán and Ghulam Bahadur of Swat from Pesháwar to visit Sardár Sher Muhammad Khán.

(8) Mother, wife, and daughter of Ahmad Khán servant of Sardár Fateh Muhammad Khán from Peshawar to visit Bahadur Khán servant of Sardár Ayub Khán.

(9) Faizullah Khán from Jhelum to visit Muhammad Alam Khán.

(10) Noor Muhammad servant of Sayad Mahmud Badshah from Hassanabdal to visit Amirján.

(11) Gulzar Khán son of Muhammad

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Akram Khan of Ghazni with Shergul from Peshawar to visit General Wali Muhammad Khan.

(12) Muhammad Zuki son of Muhammad Zaki of Cabul from Peshawar to visit Rasaldar Meher Ali Khan.

(13) Pir Ahmad Khan and Khushal Khan Cabulees from Peshawar to visit Baba Diwana.

(14) Abdul Rahim son of Ghulam Haidar servant of Sayad Mahmud Badshah from Hassanabdal to visit Azim Khan.

(15) Hamad son of Ali Muhammad of Hirat from Lahore to visit Hafizullah Khan.

VIII. The Police Inspector has reported the following further arrivals to stay with the State prisoners under the Deputy Commissioner:-

(1) Sardar Muhammad Rafik Khan

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son of Sardar Muhammad Sadik Khan from Amritsar to visit Sardar Nazar Muhammad Khan.

(2) Abdul Jabbar son of Abdul Kabar of Peshawar from Lahore to visit Wazir Shah Muhammad Khan.

(3) Sardar Abdul Rahim Khan of Amritsar to visit Sardar Taj Muhammad Khan.

IX. He has also reported that Abdul Rauf Khan servant of Jallandhar Khan who receives allowance from the Amir of Cabul has visited Sardar Aman Khan the Amir's Agent from Peshawar.

Allah Bakhsh Khan Sahib
Native Assistant.

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X. With reference to the recent news-paper statements relating to the Afghan affairs Sardar Ayub Khan made the following remarks:—

(a) "The Pioneer has now joined the C. & M. Gazette in criticising the Amir's "forward policy", and call upon him to explain his unfriendly action in the Chitral affairs."

"The Amir may say that Sher Afzal Khan was only his guest and had the option of returning to his country when he liked."

(b) "In my father's time ~~the~~ Shignan and Roshan were governed by their own Khans who paid certain tribute to the Amir. Abdul Rahman unwisely replaced them by his own officials which has resulted in Russian interference".

(C) "The action of the Govt. in regard to the Mission to Jalalabad seems to have subsided. It is not

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good policy to set about a work and then leave it unfinished."

"It is best for both the Govt. and the Amir to be true friends. If he is not a friend, the Govt. should lose no time in reducing him to submission, else he will give immense trouble later on."

(d) "If the Amir does not want a Railway for the interior of his country, he can permit its ectention to the Cesus, via Farrah and above Hirat, and from thence to the Eastern border of Afghanistan, thus running it all along the Russo-Afghan frontier; and I would like to see the fortifications of Pindi constructed along that frontier".

(e) "Great deal of the Amir's views are made known in the Pamphlet published by him in reply to the objections made from time time, by the C. & M.G. to his dealings with the Govt."

(f) I hear that some Afghan families consisting of 150, souls who are

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relatives to some of my followers, are on their way to India. The Amir is said to have told them that as their relatives would not desert me they could not be allowed to remain in Afghanistan.

XI. Faiz Muhammad Khan Ghilzai (Please see no. 10, under Para VI of this Diary) is staying with Sardar Ayub Khan as his guest. None of his companions are men of any importance.

He has got a vernacular* "Parwana" addressed by Mir Munk to a "Thanedar" of a Police frontier Post, saying that Faiz Muhd. Khan was not prohibited to visit the British territory.

He has come through Hoti Mardan where he passed a night with Khan Bahadur Ibrahim Khan.

On his way to Pindi he met Captain Deane, Deputy Commissioner of Peshawar, at Kotlin, a Police Post, and informed him that he was coming to see the Sardar.

He says that Captain Deane

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treated him with a feast and gave him Rs 50/- through the Zhanedar of the place.

He informed the Sardar that the troops of Umra Khan who had marched out towards Chitral have returned owing to the heavy fall of snow on the Passes.

The Sardar thinks that perhaps after a few days' rest Faiz Muhd. Khan may tell him about his future intentions. He has paid visits to General Daud Shah Khan, Naib Hafizulla Khan, Mustaufi Habibulla Khan and others.

XII. The Police detective at the Pindi Railway station brought up on the night of the 15th instant, two Afghans who were suspected to be objectionable persons from Afghanistan.

They made the following statements before me: -

"We are Andari, Ghilzais, from Kalá-i- Muhammad Azim, a village

near Ghazni. Our names are Abbas Khan and Khudai Nazar Khan and we are brothers. One of us was a "Kumedan" and the other a "Captain" in a Regiment called Paltan-i-Fakir Muhammad Khan Wardak. Sardar Muhd. Ayub Khan sent six Regiments including ours, from Hirat to Cabul, when his brother was arrested and deported to India. We were with Sardars Musa Jan, the Waliahd, and Hashim Khan. When they marched towards Kandhar, we at our request, were allowed to return to our home. Sardar Hashim Khan wanted to give us our pay, but we declined to take the money and asked for "chits" for the good service we had rendered them. These chits are now with us".

"We were present at the recent Hazara-Afghan campaign with the Afghan "Mujaris" (levies). The Hazaras shewed bravery and courage beyond description, but were at last defeated

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and routed utterly. If (to use this own language) a Cat of the English had gone there the Hazaras would have driven away the Afghans, or if Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan had appeared, he might have been now Master of the whole of Afghanistan. We have heard that the English are displeased with Abdul Rahman Khan and that Ayub Khan would be the next Amir. We are his old servants and have come to him."

"About three weeks ago we left our village and marched through the Gomal Pass. We got in the train at "Darya Khan" on the night before last and have just arrived here. Railway is a most wonderful thing."

Note These men were sent to the Sardars' place.

XIII. General Daud Shah Khan in conversation with Sardar Ayub Khan

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said that the Sardar should shew Govt. that he was a better man than Abdel Rahman Khan and not sit so quiet. The Sardar replied that Govt. knew him well, and that it was best for him to remain quiet at present.

XIV. The Sardar at his recent visit to the "Steam flour Mills" here pointed to the "Steam Engine" and said, "This has raised the Europeans and kept us down. Modern science is a most wonderful thing".

XV. Dr Betterbey, the Staff Surgeon at his recent interview with the Sardar had a long conversation which principally referred to the fight at Tal-el-Kabir, at which the former was present, — Arabi Pasha and to various diseases. During his conversation the Doctor remarked, "Our Govt. always wish to help their friends. They like to retain peace in Egypt and

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improve its finances etc." The Sardar said "yes, they wish to respect their own interests and those of their friends. I think they should now keep eye on the Dardenelles. The Doctor said, "The Sardar should rest assured that the Govt. had a very acute eye which looks all round." The Sardar remarked. "I am much pleased with his conversation. He is a young man and a young man always speaks pleasantly and freely."

XVI. I was asked by Mr Downey Thompson, the offg. Deputy Comr. of Rinde to tell the Sardar quietly that he would like to have an interview with him.

The Sardar said to me, "I called on the Viceroy, the C in C and the Lt. Governor of the Punjab. They did not return my call because I am not a ruler.

I see the Commissioner and

the General, heads of the Civil and Military Departments here, and they return my visit. I shall not call on any officers under their respective ranks, nor return any of their calls. I would be, however, glad to meet them at any public places, such as races etc."

"I have never called on a Deputy Comr. since my arrival in India."

"I am naturally reserved and care most for my self respect. I know a man is lowered and loses his position by making himself too common".

XVII. Mir Bacha Khan wired from Delhi that he was dangerously ill. General Taj Muh^d. Ghilzai his intimate friend left here at once with my Pass. The General has telegraphed for the Sardar that Mir Bacha Khan has passed the crisis and is now in a better state of health.

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Native Assistant

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FROM Khán Sahib Alláh Bakhsh,
Native Assistant
~~The POLITICAL AGENT~~, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN,

TO

The Deputy Secretary to the
Government of India,
Foreign Department

Dated ~~Murree~~ Rawalpindi, the 2nd January 1893.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the fortnight ending on the 29th December, 1892.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Allah Bakhsh Khán Sahib
Native Assistant

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Diary of Political intelligence for the fortnight ending on the 29th December, 92.

I. The Sardár has reported the following arrivals to visit his followers during the fortnight:—

(1) Ghulam Jillani Kohistani from Peshawar to visit Sultan Muhd: Kohistani.

(2) Mir Paindáh Khán and Akbar Khán Kohistani from Peshawar to visit Mir Haidar Agha.

(3) Nasir, Akbar, Said Amir, Usman, Juma & Shah Said with 5 other Shinwaris from Peshawar to visit General Mir Jaki Khán.

(4) Jalal Ghilzai with three women from Peshawar to visit General Táj Muhd: Khán.

(5) Muhd: Ibrahim Khán, Sherzaman Khán, Muhd: Khán, Sadat Khán, Muhd: Aslam Khán, Jabbar Khán, Jalalat Khán, Habibullah Khán, Nek Muhd: Khán, Mahomed Khán, Muhd: Jan Khán, Ghulam Haidar Khán

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Mirza Muhammad, Nabi Khán, Muhd: Yakúb Khán, Muhd: Najim Khán, Táj Muhd: Khán, Sarbiland Khán, Abdullah, and Sher Muhd: Barakzais who have recently been expelled by the Amir from Logar, to join Abdul Wahab Khán and Muhd: Sharif Khán Barakzai.

(6) Saif-ud-din and Yar Muhd: Kohistani who have recently fled from their country to visit Mir Yakúb Khán nephew of Mir Bacha Khán.

(7) Mullah Muhd: Akbar from Laghman to visit Hazir Ghulam Muhd: Khán.

(8) Lal Mir and Said Muhd: Khogiani from Peshawar to visit Mirza Abdul Manan.

(9) Abdul Aziz from Swat, Malak Zarak, Jehan Shah & Marjan Khán from Peshawar, and Sher Afgan Khán son of Muhd: Murad Khán from Debra Dun to visit the Amir.

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(10) Sayad Masúd son of Sayad Mahmud Badshah, with his son Sayad Mahmud and one servant named Salam from Hassanabdal to visit Imam Yar Muhd: Khán.

(11) Muhd: Haidar, Muhd: Islam, Rasul Dad, & Nazar Gul Safi from Peshawar to visit Bahram Khán.

(12) Sherjan & Muhd: Ismail from Peshawar to visit Sufi Jalal-ud-din.

(13) Sardár Shahbaz Khán with his three sons, & two companions Haji Muhd: Ali & Haji Ahmad Ali to visit Muhd: Sharif Khán.

(14) Ghulamjan son of Noor Muhd: Khán from Peshawar to visit Khoja Noor.

(15) Muhd: Ayaz Khán servant of the Sha-Amir from Debra Dun to visit Abdul Wahab Khán.

II. Besides reporting the arrivals of Nos: 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, & 15 in the preceding para, the Police Inspector has reported the following

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arrivals to visit— the Sardár and his followers, which the Sardár has not confirmed:—

(1) Muhabat Khan son of Muhd: Gul Khán of Jallalabad from Peshawar to visit— General Táj Muhd: Khán.

(2) Said Muhd: and Khudai Nazar Sons of Muhd: Azim Khán from Peshawar to visit— Sardár Muhd: Ayúb Khán.

(3) Sultan Khán with a woman and a boy from Gilgit— to visit— Muhd: Yusaf Khán.

(4) Gul Muhd: son of Khairullah from Cashmere to visit— Noor Khán.

(5) Mushkai Khán & Ghulam Hasan servants of Sayad Mahmud Bad-chák State prisoners, from Hassan-abdal to visit— Yár Muhd: Khán

(6) Abdul Aziz Khán son of Sarfraz Khán, servant of Sardár Ahmad Khán from Peshawar to visit— Sardár Amir Muhd: Khán.

(7) Muhd: Yakúb Khán son of

Muhammad Yunas with one woman, two boys, one girl, and two men named Abdul Aziz & Sher Mir from Peshawar to visit Bahram Khán.

III The Police Inspector has reported the following further arrivals to stay with the State prisoners under the deputy Comr:-

(1) Sháhzada son of Alam Noor from Kohat; Muhd: Rahim Khán son of Amin Khán from Lahore, and Rehmán from Peshawar to visit Mustafa Habibullah Khán.

(2) Sardár Aziz Khán from Kohat to visit Sardár Táj Muhd: Khán.

(3) Mir Abdullah son of Malakjan with Amir Muhd: companion, & Khan Shirin son of Muhd: Said from Lahore, and Táj Muhd: son of Faiz Muhd: with Fakir from Peshawar to visit General Daud Shah Khán.

IV He has also reported that

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Muhd: Akbar Khán son of Jalandhar Khán Ate Amirs servant, Abdul Karim Khán son of Abdul Rahim Khán & Gul Muhd: Khán servant of the Amir with three companions have visited Sardár Aman Khán Ate Amirs Agent from Peshawar.

V. Sardár Khán, a follower of Sardár Ayub Khán (vide No: 166 in the new printed list) died on 25th December 1892, and as he has left no survivors, his allowance of Rs: 20/- monthly will lapse to Government.

VI. The general health of the Afghans is good.

Allah Bakhsh Khán Sahib
Native Assistant.

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VII. With reference to the recent news-paper statements relating to the Afghan affairs Sardar Ayub Khan made the following remarks: —

(a) "Sher Afzal Khan's flight from Chitral to Asmar gives Nizamul-Mulk exclusive possession of the country, and now Govt. can prevent the Amir and Umra Khan from further interference".

(b) "Faiz Muh.d Khan Ghilzai denies having applied to the Amir for pardon and pension. He was at first with Abdul Rahman Khan, but a long time ago, he deserted him, and joined the Loinab at Kala-i-Zana Khan, near Ghazni. The 'Kala' was besieged by Abdul Rahman, but he was immediately compelled to raise the siege by the prompt arrival of my father's force. Since then Faiz Muh.d has been very loyal to our family. He holds Lord Roberts' letter inviting him to the British Camp, but he would not go. He is not like those leading Afghans who joined the

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English and will join the Russians if they enter Afghanistan. He has been subject to great hardships and has lost twenty one members of his family, but he has not lost the character and spirit of a true afghan. He refused to take service with Umra Khan who offered him a liberal treatment. His history is well known to the Govt."

(C) "Kurram is the best frontier out post Govt is now in possession of. I have not seen the valley myself, but the Lonah had once to send letters from Paiwar Kotal to Cabul by the Sowars who covered the distance in twelve hours."

"The Turis are a very strong and warlike people and deadly enemies of the Afghans".

"The Amir's interference in Chitral, Bajaur and Wana has proved a failure. His territory on the North is threatened by the Russians. The Afghan troops are very discontented for not having received their pay regularly. The trade has fallen for the heavy taxation. The

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agriculturists and the sheep rearers have also good reasons for complaint. The Amir has confidence in none, and every one is afraid of him. I believe the Govt. are better aware of the present state of affairs in Afghanistan but the Amir seems quite blind to his interests and is busy in sawing branches of the tree on which he is sitting".

(d) "I hear some afghan families have been recently expelled by the Amir towards Persia and Turkistan. Banishment is a very severe and cruel punishment. I wonder Govt. do not remedy this and other evils. They are, to say the least, morally responsible for the actions of the Amir whom they have put on the throne".

VIII. The Sardar in conversation said to me, "The Amir has sent a dozen of letters bearing his seal and signature for some of my followers through the Vakil-i-Saighani, Jalanda Khan Kohistani and one Sultan Muh-

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Here is one letter (bearing the Amir's seal) addressed to Hakim Abdul Rauf khan seducing him to desert me. This letter was placed in the "Kuran" and sent to the Hakim (Ayub's physician). I have got another letter bearing the Amir's signature which is addressed to Khalifa Muhd. Hasen (Ayub's tailor). I shall give you later on these letters which you may send on to the Foreign Office as a proof of the Amirs mischievous doings.

"Jalandar khan has sent a message to my followers, Pir Muhd., to the effect that if he does not desert me, his family will be expelled from Afghanistan. He does not now know what to do. I am told some letters are yet undelivered for fear of their falling into my hands, and others have not been accepted by the addressees".

Note. Sultan Muhd., Tajik of Panjshir was a follower of the late Sardar Wali Muhd. khan after whose

death he came to Pindi and for the trading purpose, borrowed some three thousand rupees from Lalas Haidar and Larmar followers of Ayub, and from one Babaji a follower of Madar-i-Wahabd. He also made some purchases on credit at Delhi from Hazari Mal, the jeweller, and eventually escaped to Cabul where he entered the Amirs service. He has recently returned from Cabul and is bearer of letters addressed by the Amir to several Afghans in India. He is said to be now at Amritsar.

IX. Sardar Abdul Rahim late follower of Ayub visited me to find out the date on which his name was removed from Ayub's party. He has given me the following information about the Amir's employes now in Pindi:—

1. Muhº ali, alias Vakil-e-Saighani - is head agent. Pay Rs 400/- (Cabul coins) per mensem. Corresponds with the Amir, visits his agents at Peshawar now and then. His wife, daughter

of the late Mir Sami Khan is here. His mother, son and a brother are in Cabul. His brother who was with Sardar Ishak Khan at Samarkand is now on his way to India.

2. Sardar Muhd. Aman Khan - sub-agent. Pay Rs 150/- visits Peshawar occasionally. His family is here.

3. Bibi Koko Jan, is aunt and mother-in law of Sardar Muhd. Aman Khan. Pay Rs 200/- She has to support her grandsons Abdul Latif and Abdul Majid and their families.

4. Jalandar Khan Kohistani. Pay Rs 400/- His wife and younger son are here. He generally stays in Peshawar.

5. Colonel Muhd. Aziz Khan Kohistani (brother of the late Mir Sami Khan) with his son Muhd. Alam - Pay Rs 80/-

6. Muhd. Usman son of the late Haji Ata Mulla is here, but his brother, Ata Muhd. has recently gone to Cabul. Pay Rs 40/-

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7. Mirza Said Mir, late followers of Mir Bacha Khan. He was once in Tirah with Sardar Mir Muhd. Khan. His family is in Cabool. Pay not known.

8. Sardar Muhd. Rahim (the informant) has got his family. Pay not yet fixed.

Note Sardar Sher Muhd. Khan who looks after Ayub's party tells me that two men more have just come to stay here and work under the Takib-i-Saighani. One is Muhd. Akbar, the eldest son of Jalandar Khan, who has recently deserted Sardar Hashim Khan, and the other is one Khair Muhd., a trustworthy servant of Sahibzada Muhd. Anis, the Amir's agent in Peshawar.

X It is reported that Taj Muhd. Khan Tajik of Cabul, one of Amir Shir Ali Khan's Generals, has applied to the Amir for pardon and pension. He is a friend of General Taj Muhd.

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Khan Shilzai. Taj Muh^d Khan submitted to the Amir after his arrival at Cabul, but after a short time fled to India. Since then he has been living in Pindi and carried on some trade. He has no tribal influence.

XI. The Shinwaris (Please see Para I, (3) of this diary) were presented to Ayub by the Lalnab who especially pointed Jumma, as being one who some time ago massacred the Amir's "Jirga".

The Sardar praised the Shinwaris for fighting the Amir so long and so bravely and said that he felt very sorry for their down fall.

Three Shia Hazaras came to pay their respects to the Sardar. The Sardar told them that he knew their people were harmless, good and useful subjects, that his sympathies were with them and that he felt much grieved at their ill-fate.

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These Hazaras work here on the road as sub-contractors.

Both the Shinwaris and the Hazaras asked the Sardar to remember them when he goes back to Afghanistan. The Sardar said that he would not forget them.

XII The Sardar in conversation said, "I had a mind to visit Calcutta this winter, but three things prevented me: (1) the trip is expensive, (2) the Amir's Agents might make more mischief during my absence and (3) I might not get a proper reception at Calcutta, which should make the trip unpleasant and hurt my feelings."

XIII The Sardar in the course of conversation said, "The other night I felt much grieved at my gloomy prospects. I opened the "Masnawi Sharif" (Persian Moral Poems by Moulvi Jalal ud Din of Turkey in Asia, which are highly appreciated

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and respected by Muhammadans)
to see what it would say as to my
future luck, and I found a
story referring to the controversy
of Moses and Pharoah, wherein
the former advises the latter to
know and fear his almighty
God who would in return bless
him with the permanency of Govern-
ment, bodily health, etc, etc. I think this is a hint to me."

The Lonlade and Sardar Fateh
Muh^d Khan said, "yes, it is so. The
reign of the unprecedented tyrant
and the second Pharoah (i.e, Amir
Abdul Rahman Khan) should
now terminate and the next
chance (of Amirship) might
fall on you."

The Sardar said, "Man does not
know what good or evil awaits
him in future, but I do not see
any visible signs of such a chance

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happening home."

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XIV Mir Bacha Khan has sent me a letter from Delhi saying that he is now better. He has asked through the sardar for another 40 days' leave at the advice of his Hakim.

General Taj Muhd. Khan Ghilzai who had gone to see Mir Bacha Khan at Delhi and from there visited the shrine at Ajmer has come back. He seems to have enjoyed his trip and finds Delhi a far better place than Pindi.

XV Fakir Muhd. and his brother, the two grown up sons of the late Muhd. Nasir Khan visited the Sardar (sardar) and said, "We are starving and have no means of living. We have seen Colonel Scott of the Native Cavalry with the Deputy Commissioner's letter recommending us for employment. Now you are to us like a father. You may also write a letter

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to the colonel asking him to give us some better place having regard to our family. The Sardar said, "I do not know the officer personally; but I shall certainly recommend you to Mr Thorburn who is my friend, and knows all about your family."

Note Mr Thorburn will return from his leave on the 2nd January next.

XVI The Sardar was pleased to get a kind invitation from the General to attend the Review of troops to be held here on the 2nd January.

Allah Bakhsh
Native Assistant

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