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FROM

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

TO

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

Dated Rawalpindi, the 17th May 1890.

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No. 124

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the fortnight ~~week~~ ending on the 11th May 1890.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

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

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Diary of the Political Agent in charge of Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 12th May 1890.

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1. Owing to the Ramzan, there is not much to report. The weather has been cool, and so far the fast has not been very trying.

2. The Political Agent visited Sardar Ayub Khan on the 7th instant. Sardar Hashim Khan was also present. Both complained about the privations involved by rigidly observing the Ramzan, Sardar Hashim Khan certainly appeared to be feeling it.

Owing to the coolness of the weather the Sardars hope to remain at Rindi until after the "Id" festival.

3. Sardar Ayub Khan reports the arrival from Peshawar of the mother of Sher Muhammad Khan with a relative Muhammad

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Kasim Khan.

4. Sardar Muhammad Hashim Khan reports that he declined to receive a visit from Fakir Mustan Shah.

It appears that the Fakir was expelled from Kabul some years ago by the present Amir. He is a disciple of the Nakshbandi doctrine which advocates music at the time of prayer. He was living with a butcher in the city, but has just gone to Amritsar.

5. As it came to my notice that Fateh Muhammad, the constant companion of Sardar Ajib Khan had sent his brother Sardar Nazar Muhammad Khan and family to the village of Sanli about 10 miles distant from Murree on the cart road, I brought the matter to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner and

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have asked him to arrange that no followers are to leave Rawal Pindi for cooler places without written permission to do so. The Sardars have now intimated to their followers that they are not to try and leave Rawalpindi without permission from the Political Agent to do so.

6. The new Native doctor Muzammal Shah arrived on 6th instant. He is unacquainted with English. Sardar Ayub Khan apparently is not impressed with him, and has told him that a doctor in these days who does not know English is of no use.

7. The state of health of the followers continues good. 30 patients were under treatment.

8. The Police Inspector on special duty reports the

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following arrivals at Rawalpindi.

(1) Malik Ramat Khan and 6 followers from Gandour in the Khyber country to visit Gar Muhammad Khan follower of Sardar Ayub Khan.

Note. The Sardar however tells me that no such persons have come to visit Gar Muhammad Khan.

(2) Syed Muhammad of Meshed who has come to beg generally from all the Afghans.

3. Baz Khan of Lalpura on a visit to Sardar Ibrahim Khan (under Deputy Commissioner)

J. E. Merrill
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9. At a recent dinner given by Sirdar Ayub Khan to some of his leading followers, the conversation turned upon the advance of Science — Haji Abdulla a man of fanatic tendencies remarked — "The Prophet has foretold the disappearance of Musulmans and that Unbelievers will possess the whole world — we must not praise the promoters of Science, as God has disapproved of them, and their doings in the Koran" Sirdars Ayub Khan, & Hashim Khan strongly objected to these remarks, and replied — "Our religion can only be made well known by wise, and proper measures — The rise

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and fall of a nation depends on themselves - Europeans have brought about wonderful improvements, so we should learn from them"

Sirdar Ayub Khan, then asked the Haji, what he thought about the Khojak tunnel - he replied -

"There is no tunnel, it is all a lie"

The Sirdar then laughed, and said - "You deny the fact, as you do not wish to praise the English - Hiding their good works will not help Islam" - "If you do not know about the tunnel you should do so, as it concerns your own country and people - Nobody will care to speak to an ignorant man like you."

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

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

Dated Rawalpindi, the 29th May 1890.

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No. 127

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 26th May 1890.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

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

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Diary of the Political Agent in charge of Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 26th May 1890.

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1. Sardars Ayub Khan, and Hashim Khan attended the Id service at the principal Idgah, the former presented chogas, and sheets to the Mullahs, who offered up special prayers for the Sardars' welfare. After the service the Sardars returned to their respective houses when all their followers paid their respects, and were entertained.

2. The Political Agent paid congratulatory visits to both the Sardars on the Id day.

3. The Sardars since the Id have been going about visiting their leading followers. All the Afghans have been keeping holiday, and have entertained each other. All seem to be happy and contented.

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4. (B) Sardár Ayúb Khán visited the Political Agent on the 24th instant, and gave him a congratulatory message for Her Majesty The Queen Empress to be submitted through His Excellency the Viceroy.

Arrangements in connection with the move to Murree were discussed at length. The Political Agent repeated to the Sardár that owing to the scarcity of water at Murree, as few servants and horses should be taken up as possible

5. The following followers of Sardár Ayúb Khán have died during the month; as they left no families, their salaries lapse to Government:-

Muhammad Alí Khan — Rs: 22 monthly.
Abdul Hakim Khán — Rs: 12 "
Khán Alí ———————— Rs: 9 "

6. Passes have been issued to the following followers of Sardár Ayub Khán.

Muhammad Azam to Amritsar.

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Gul Muhammad to Peshawar. Their object is to search for an elderly slave girl of Sardar Sher Muhammad Khan who absconded sometime ago from Rawalpindi.

A pass was also given to Khoja Nur Khan to Bhopal for trading purposes.

7. After consulting with the Resident, Abdul Ghafur Khan (a follower of Sardar Hashim Khan) has been allowed to visit his relations residing in Srinagar for three months. He is taking 5 sons with him who are anxious to get married.

8. Sardar Hashim Khan left for Murree on the 26th instant. His Zanana follows in a few days.

9. The Punjab Inspector of Police has reported the arrival of the following persons at Pindi, to stay with followers of Sardar Ayub Khan.

(1) Ghulam Raza Khan of

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Kabul from Peshawar. (15)

(2) Syed Muhammad Khan of Bajaur.

(3) Sardar Syed Muhammad Khan of Bajaur.

(4) Mian Muhammad Sarwar of Pushed.

10. The Native doctor Muzammal Shah reports that 29 Afghans were under treatment during the past fortnight. The general health of Rindi is good.

11. The Political Agent went to Murree on the 25th to see that all arrangements with reference to the Sardars' hopes have been carried out. All arrangements in connection with the move of the Sardars from Rawalpindi were settled with the district Superintendent of Police on 24th instant.

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There is no Confidential news of any importance to report for the past fortnight

J. B. Hewett
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FROM

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

TO

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

Dated ~~Rawalpindi~~ Murree, the 14th June 1890.

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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 9th June 1890.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

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

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Diary of the Political Agent in charge of Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 9th June 1890.

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1. Sardár Ayúb Khán accompanied by the Native Assistant arrived at Murree on the morning of the 29th May and spent the day with Sardár Hashim Khán. The Political Agent visited the Sardars in the afternoon, and took them to his house for tea, and afterwards saw Sardár Ayúb Khán to his house. The Native Assistant returned to Pindí on 4th instant.

The Zanana and heavy baggage followed on the 4th instant, and all reached Murree with comfort. The Local authorities were very obliging, and afforded the utmost assistance.

2. Sardár Ayúb Khán's whole party including menial servants consists of 85 souls while that of Sardár Hashim Khán which includes the Nadar-i-Wali-Ahed's retinue, numbers

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65 souls in all.

Might have been more intelligently expressed ML

Owing to the scarcity of water the party is somewhat larger than was absolutely necessary, but it is smaller than the one of last year. Sardar Ayub Khan was quite ready to further curtail his retinue, but was overpersuaded by Sardar Fateh Muhammad and Lundab not to do so.

3. Sardar Ayub Khan and Hashim Khan accompanied by the Political Agent paid a visit on 31st Ultimo to Sir Thomas Baker to wish him "bon voyage", and a safe return from Leave.

4. The Police Inspector on special duty has reported the following arrivals at Bindi.

(a) On 28th Ultimo Ghulam Jalani of Lalpur from Peshawar on a visit to Sardar Sher Muhammad Khan, a follower of Sardar Ayub Khan.

Note. Sardar Sher Muhammad Khan says that, no such person has visited him.

(b) On 2nd June Shakar Khan Kabulee

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from Peshawar to visit Dr. Abdul Rahmán.

Note. As represented in former diaries this man is said to be in the pay of the present Amir.

Which man? Abdul Rahman or Shaken Khan?

(c) On 4th June Sardár Gul Muhd. Khán with two followers from Amritsar to visit Mustauffí Habibullah Khán (under Deputy Commissioner.)

the latter Afghan is

5. Passes have been issued to the following followers of Sardár Ayúb Khán.

(1) Yakúb Alí, Sher Khán, Ghulam Sarwar and Muhammad Ghani to Karnal to see General Parwez Sháh Khán, father-in-law of Yakub Alí.

(2) Resaldár Mehr Alí Khán to Delhi to see Kurbán Alí Khán his brother.

6. The Native doctor reports the general health of the followers to be good. Only a few persons were under treatment.

J. H. Newill Major
Political Agent.

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6. When the notice of the return to Cabul of the Amir (contained in the issue of the Civil & Military Gazette dated 31 May), was read out to Sirdar Ayub Khan he remarked – "If the Amir returns to Cabul he must have come to a better understanding with the Indian Govt. & made some concessions to them, for I hear that money which has been held back for some time has now been sent to Cabul via Peshawur."

It was sent directly the Amir asked for it
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The Sirdar added – "The Editor of the C. & M. Gazette states, that Sirdar Habibulla Khan (the Amir's Eldest son) is capable of ruling – He is however quite ignorant of Afghan affairs, and does not know that the Amir's own friends have but a poor opinion of his abilities – The Govt. of India will never be influenced by the vague expressions of an ignorant Editor"

The young Sawan is doing very fairly, & if he keeps away from drink, five years hence he may be an important factor in Afghan politics.
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J. H. Newill

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