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D.O.

From Major R. H. Jennings (To Secy.)

No. —

Dated 23rd March

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Subject.

Forwards a letter from Muhammad Shah Khan, Momand, son of Sultan Muhammad Khan (Ayub's maternal uncle), to ~~Ayub~~ Sardar Ayub Khan.

Notes and Orders.

Submitted for information.

No orders perhaps are required.

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D.O. to Secy:

From Major R. A. Jennings
Polit. Officer in charge of Sardas Mushd. Ayub Khan

No.

Dated the 1st April 93

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Subject.

Fds: with translations letters received by the Sardar from the Jaji tribe and the Mangal Malaks offering their services to him.

Notes and Orders.

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RAWALPINDI.

23.3.93

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My dear Sir Mortimer

I send a letter from Muhammad Shah Khan, Mohmand, son of Sultan Muhammad Khan — latter is Ayub's maternal uncle. The letter arrived here from Gandáb the night before last, and Ayub gave it to me yesterday when I went to see him.

Ayub informed me "that he would send a reply to the effect that he could not see the petitioner". Ayub added "If he does come I cannot help it, but I will discourage his idea".

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On the 19th inst, General Taj Md Khan, Shilzai, informed Alla Baksh "that this Muhammad Shah Khan, for fear of being arrested in Lalpur, fled to Gandáb, where he is said to be contemplating causing disturbances on the roads through Gandáb to Kabul."

"He used to get Rs 7000 to Rs 8000 a year while at Lalpur from the Amir".

General Taj. Md Khan also added - "I heard about a week ago that Akbar Khan, the Governor of Lalpur, who is a great spendthrift and very luxurious in his habits, has been

arrested (9) by the Amir's orders and
sent as a prisoner to Kabul".
"This has probably frightened Mhd Shah
Khan". The General further added-
"Muhammad Shah Khan has a
certain number of adherents.
He can do something, in the
way of causing disturbances, if
other discffected people help him.
He is a "middling" man, not
great & powerful, but still by no
means of no importance"
Ayub is very well & pretty happy.
He enjoyed the races on the 21st.
He expresses anxiety, each day,
as to what Govt will say regarding

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his wish to visit England.
He is much more cheerful than
he was; but he sometimes suddenly
gets "in the dumps" — if I may be
allowed to use such an expression —
and then cheers up again quite
as suddenly.
He has been shooting & hawking
last week.
The more I see of him, the
more I like him

I am dear Sir Mortimer

Yrs Sincy

P N Fenning

Sir Mortimer Durand
KCIE-CSI
For. Sec!

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Translation of a letter from Muhammad Shah Khan,
(Momand, son of Ayubs maternal uncle Sultan Mhd. Khan)
dated, at Gandáb, Last day of Shaban 1310 H
19th March 1893
To Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan

S.C.

On the 18th ~~inst~~ of the month Shaban, I removed my family and belongings from my home (Lalpur) to Gandáb, and settled down amongst my own tribe.

The cause of this move (lit. banishment) is that I was discontented, as the Amir has not dismissed me, nor is he aware of it. My tribe, the Halimzais, treat me with great kindness and consideration, and say they will implicitly follow my advice (lit demands), and they say, also, if I can manage to live amongst them they will be my devoted slaves. While I, your slave, was in Lalpur before, I was there by your auspicious will; and if you will permit me now to come. (to Rawal Pindi) under your shadow it will be true kindness.

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(12)

I have a most intense longing to see you; but I do not know in what guise (ie as servant, guest, friend &c. &c.) I should come.
Hence I send this petition.
If you wish me to come as a servant, well and Good! under your shadow I shall pass my life as you direct.
If you wish me to come in some other guise, send me instructions as to how I should come, and I will present myself before you.

True translation
R. H. Trumpp
23. 3. 93.

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(13)

Letter from Muhammad Shah Khan Marwand, dated Gandáb 19th March to Sardar Ayub Khan. Reached Rawal Pindi 23rd March 93

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My dear Sir Mortimer

In continuation of my letter of 1.3.93, sending you a letter from the Jaji Aryubi to Sardar Ayub Khan, I send you a second letter from the same, with translation, — No 1; also a letter brought by the same messenger from the Mangal Mulaks, with translation, — No 2.

2. I have not thought it worth while to make detailed translations, as the contents are practically recapitulations of what they said before.

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3. The Sardar has sent no written reply, but has told the messenger to tell the petitioners to stay quiet and not to attempt to create a disturbance. He informed the messenger that he could not help them, & that to create a disturbance would only do themselves harm & him no good, as they could not possibly hope to fight against the Amir.

I am dear Sir Mortimer

Yrs Sincerely

P. H. Tennin Js

Sir Mortimer Durand
KCSI CSI
For. Sec.

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A.R

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No 1

Abstract translation of a letter from the Ayub Tajis to Sardar Ayub Khan. Without date. Reached Pindi at night 26. March 93. Brought by same Rasid as No 2

A.C.
We have sent you petition after petition, but have had no reply.
Send us a line or two.
We are impatiently waiting for you.
Secondly. Everyone in Afghanistan has lost confidence in Amir Abdul Rahman. Under him our hearts are full of blood.
If you permit us we can create disturbances. You think us "no bodies", but we petitioners do not consider any one else in Afghanistan equal to us.
We, the petitioners, went to Mangal, and Alfaga (?) and Logar and moved the Whole of Afghanistan.

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If you give us permission, we shall at once seize Afghanistan.
Do not think that we are great warriors, but we shall do what lies in our power.
Thirdly - the whole of Afghanistan is in rebellion.
Besides those who have sworn to us, all others have turned against the Amir, but as they feel themselves without a leader, they fear lest they may be treated like the Hazaras — therefore they are remaining quiet.
All are waiting for you.
Everyone mentioned in this paper has sworn on the Koran. People come now & then to find out from us what reply has come from you, and we do not know what to say to them.
For God's sake look at our heart-rending condition.

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Seals of

Karamat — ada khel

akbar — Lunis

Mhd Amin — ada khel

Malak Nawab — Lunis

Malak Sherbaz — Shamma khel

Mulla Khair.ulla — Ahl Sangi

Malak Nihang — Shamma khel

True translation
RH Tennings
1.4.93

Note. The signatures of 5 of the above are the same as on the letter which I forwarded on 1.3.93.

RH Tennings
1.4.93

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No 2

Abstract translation of a letter from the Mangal Malaks to Sardar Ayub Khan. Without date. Reached Pindi at night 26. March 93. Brought by same Kasid as No 1

A.C

The state of the whole of Afghanistan is this —

Amir Abdul Rahman is most cruel & a tyrant. In consequence, his subjects are in great distress. At present the Amir has collected most of the Malaks and head men of Kabul, and asked them to help him (saying they are of the same religion as he is) against the Russians & English (both Kafirs) whose forces have surrounded their country on all sides. If you wish to seize the country, this is your opportunity.

If.

If you mean to do so, you should
send us a secret reply.
By the time you reach Til all
the affairs of Afghanistan will
meet you there. There is not a
shadow of doubt about this.
Secondly. Two regiments, with 700
Kharwars of Supplies are at
Kalaci. Mulak Azad Khan in
the Paiwar Kotal.

Sardar Shirin dil khan of Khost
collected the people of Khost — the
Jajis, Chamkanis and Arguns —
and asked them why they did not
Comply with the orders of the Amir.
He further told them that they were
in secret communication with the
English who were Kafirs.
They replied that they were not in
Secret communication with the
English.

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are not afraid of him (the Sardar Sherin dil Khan), they simply gave the above reply to his face, and behind his back, all of them (the Malaks) agreed to send this letter to you. We hope they will not be disappointed

Seals of

Malak Matakh } Mangal
Malak Vazir }
Malak Mazulla
Malak Mhd Gul
Malak Shamak . Mangal . Taji
Malak Azmo . do do
Malak Izzat . Chamkani
Malak Jahangir . do
Malak Tang . do
Malak Bahadur . do
Malak Raoni - do
" Akl Shah - do
" Miran - do
" Mir afzal - do
" Mirza - do
" Jur - do
" Mir Ahmad Khan - Mangal
" Wali Shah - do
" Kasim - do
" Shatik - do

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Letter from Ayub Tajis to Ayub Khan. without date

Received Pindi at night 2nd March 93

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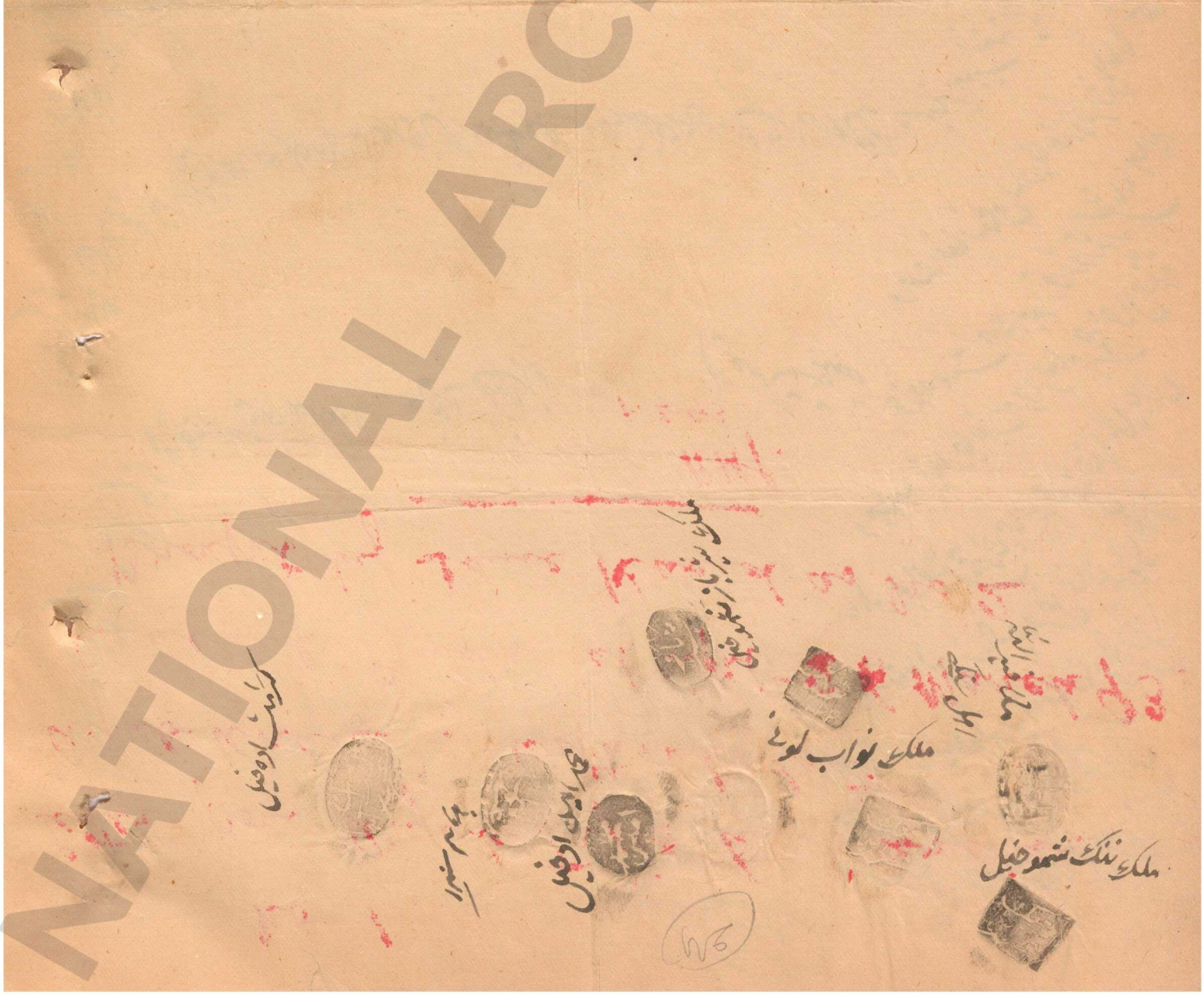

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Letter from Mangal Khan to Sardar Ayub Khan without date

Received Public Department 23 March 93

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FROM Major R. A. Jennings R. E.
THE POLITICAL AGENT, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

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

FB.
April 93
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Dated Rawalpindi, the 9th March 1893.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 9th March 1893.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

R A Jennings Major R. E.
~~CAPTAIN~~,
Political Agent.

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(28) Diary of Political Intelligence for the fortnight ending on the 9th March 1893.

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

(1) Jehan Sahibzadah with two servants Baz Muhammad and Said Hashim from Jingarhar in Jellalabad;

Mughal Khan with Muntaza servant; and Kala Khan and Muhammad Hassan Mohmands from Peshawar to visit Mama Abdul Aziz Khan.

(2) Abdul Suleman and Khudai dost Mangal from Peshawar to visit Abdul Hakim Khan.

(3) Mirjan Mansur Ahmad and his son Abdullahjan, with two servants named Hafiz and Khawas of Bajour to visit Taj Muhammad Khan.

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(4) Ahmad Khán Akhundzadáh Kandahari from Quetta to visit Sardár Nazar Muhammad Khán.

(5) Said Pir Hashim Kazilbash from Peshawar to visit Meher Ali Khán Risaldár.

(6) Muhammad Azim, and Muhammad Barakzai from Sialkot; and Ghulam Haidar, Saadat Khán, Muhammad Said Khán, Muhammad Azim Khán, and Abdullah from Peshawar to visit Abdul Wahab Khán.

(7) Fakir Muhammad Nurozai from Sialkot to visit Pir Raza Khán.

(8) Muhammad Juma Taimini from Sialkot to visit Mahmud Khán.

(9) Muhammad Halim Nurozai from Sialkot to visit Pir Khán.

(10) Faiz Muhammad Taimini from Sialkot to visit Pir Alam Khán.

(11) Khalifa Sultan Ali Cabulee of Band from Kohat to visit Sultan

(12) Abdul Hasan Sahibzadah with his servant Abdul Jabbar from Gandamak in Jellálábád to visit Bahrám Khán Zagabi.

(13) Muhammad Azam Khán, Mohmand, nephew of Mama Gar Muhammad Khán with Sher Zaman servant from Kohband, and Sayad Abdul Wahab nephew of Sayad Mahmúd Badshah State prisoner from Hassanabdal to visit Mama Gár Muhammad Khán.

(14) Muhammad Ibrahim with three women relatives of General Barwey Shah Khán from Karnal to visit Sherjan Khán.

II. Besides reporting the arrivals of Nos: 3, 6, & 13 in the preceding paragraph the Police Inspector has reported the following arrivals to visit Sardár:

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Pg. 5 Khan's followers which the Sardar has not confirmed:-

(1) Abdullah Khan son of Ghulam Haidar from Hassanabdal to visit Abdul Hakim Khan.

(2) Abdul Kayum of Aaghman from Peshawar to visit Muhammad Alam Khan.

(3) Musa Khan with two women and a boy from Peshawar to visit Bahram Khan.

(4) Faizullah, Hamid Khan, and Sher Ahmad from Kohat to visit General Wali Muhammad Khan.

(5) Noor Muhammad, Rai Baz Khan son of Jangul Khan, and Abdul Karim Khan from Peshawar to visit Abdul Wahab Khan.

(6) Amir Khan from Campbellpore to visit Taj Muhammad Khan.

(7) Haji Abdul Aziz from Peshawar

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to visit Sardár Amir Muhammad Khán.

(8) Saleh Muhammad Cabulee from the Bolan Pass to visit Láj Muhammad Khán Jabbarkhel.

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

(1) Abdul Khadá Cabulee from Peshawar to visit Sardár Abdul Rahmán Khán.

(2) Sayad Shábbay of Laghman from Peshawar to visit General Dand Shák Khán.

IV. He has also reported the following further arrivals to visit the Amir's agents here, during the fortnight:-

(1) Janbay son of said Amir Khán from Peshawar to visit Muhammad

17 Akbar Khan. (33)

(2) Khair Muhammad and Karam Shah servants of the Amir from Peshawar; and Muhammad Husen servant of Sardar Hashim Khan from Karachi to visit Sardar Aman Khan.

V. The general health of the Afghans is good.

R.H. Jennings Major R.E.
Political Agent.

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Confidential Memo for fortnight ending 9th March

25.2.93. VI. The political Agent & his wife drove in Ayub's carriage to the Sardars house at 10 am for breakfast.
The following persons were introduced to the political Agent & his wife —

Sardars Habibulla Khan } Sons of Amir Dost
+ Mhd Azim Khan } Mhd Khan.

Abdul Rahman Khan (Ayubs younger brother)

Amir Mhd Khan (brother-in-Law of Ayub)

Sher Mhd Khan (Ayubs brother-in-law — he looks after the following)

General Taj. Mhd Khan. Ghilzai
" Taj Mhd Khan. Tajik (Son of the late Mir-Akhor)
" Wali Mhd Khan. Wardak
" Mir Fakir Khan. Kohistani.

Muhammad Akbar Khan. Shahghasi (cousin of the Ameer)

Abdul Khalik Khan. Barakzai

General Daud Shah (under Dep.t Comm.r)

After the introduction & some general conversation in Pushtoo & Persian, breakfast was announced.
Mrs Jennings sat at the head of the

table, Ayub being on her left & her husband on her right.
The others occupying places according to rank on each side.
Everything was well done, & Ayubs manners were most perfect.
The N.A, Jamab, and Sardar Fateh Mhd Khan were also at breakfast.
After the meal Mrs Jennings visited the Harem. She informs me that a scarlet cloth was spread for her, & that her reception was most cordial & the visit most interesting.
Ayubs wives were beautifully dressed & wore magnificent jewelry.
During her absence, the Political Agent read out a scene from a Persian Play to Ayub & the Khans. They were all immensely amused, & Ayub asked for the book to read it out to his own family. It was of course given to him. The Political Agent & Ayub exchanged photographs.
Agha Effendi & Sultan Ahmed (Ayubs two eldest sons) accompanied

Mrs Jennings to the Harem, where she was asked for her photograph — this she promised to give.

VII. The Sardar, accompanied by Agha Effendi and the political Agent, visited General & Mrs Elles, who introduced him to his sister-in-law Mrs Elles (Lady Elles is en route from England). Mrs Elles showed Agha Effendi (who is a charming little fellow just 6 years of age) pictures &c. The visit passed off well in every way. Agha Effendi amused us all by informing the General that he "was going to be an Artillery General". The Sardar has had a miniature battery of 6 brass guns made for him. On his way back, the Sardar informed the political agent that during his 5 years in these parts he had never been received so kindly, & that he appreciated the compliment of being introduced to Mrs Elles & the kindness she showed to his son. He said he

busted Mrs Elles would soon visit his wives.

VIII. With reference to a para that appeared in one of the papers (I regret I cannot quote it) to the effect that "the Amir's agent, on his way from Chitral to Kabul, had been seized by Umra Khan's men & sent to Jandol", the Sardar remarked to the political Agent — "If this is true, & if Govt do not support Umra Khan, the Amir will now have a good excuse to attack him, & he (Umra Khan) will probably find himself in a fix".

X. The Sardar read his daily English lesson with the N. A. He asked him to request me to telegraph at once for the two best Anglo-Persian & Persian-English dictionaries for his use. (Note. This was done. They have both arrived & the Sardar has paid for them). 26.2.93

X. When the N. A visited the Sardar 28.2.93

X (contd.) Sardar, he found him reading two pamphlets in Persian — one written by the Amir some years ago, and the other by Sardar Nur M.hd Khan, son of the late Sardar Wali M.hd Khan. The Sardar had not seen either of these pamphlets before. He said "I do not approve of the contents of either. Abdul Rahman speaks ill of my late father, which is not a proper thing to do. If the present Amir is a better man than Sher Ali, let him prove it by his acts and not by his words."

2.3.93 XI. The political agent paid a long visit to the Sardar, which passed off pleasantly.

XII. Today, General Taj. M.hd Khan, Shilzai, remarked to the N. A. alone "If God ever wish to ruin Abdul Rahman & to kindle a blaze in Afghanistan, he can be [illegible]

like matches to gunpowder. But our Sardar (Ayub) is day by day getting more of a pleasure-seeker, and his ambition and patriotism [illegible] things of the past. I do not think he loved now care much to go back to his country. All the people who have come from beyond the border to see him, from time to time, in order to sound him as to his views & intentions, have gone back disappointed. I shall discourage these visits as far as possible, because most of these men come & stay with me & cause me useless expense

XIII. The Sardar informed the N. A 4.3.93
that he was much pleased at getting the invitation from the Club Committee to visit the Club grounds on hand. Nights.

He gave the N.A. two letters for the political Agent – one addressed to

him, and one to the Ismiab. — from Mughal Khan, Momand, of Goshta. (Note — These are of no importance — I heard them both read out, & attach an abridged translation of bits of the former).

6.3.93. XIV. The Sardar, accompanied by the Ismiab and Sardar Fateh Mhd Khan, paid a long visit to the P.A. The latter read out to them a short & amusing poem in Pushtoo, which they seemed to appreciate. The Sardar mentioned his wish to visit England this summer (Note. I have addressed the F. Sec.y, on this subject, in a seharate commun.n)

8.3.93 XV. The P.A. paid the Sardar a visit; and Mrs Jennings, together with Mrs Elles and Mrs Brownlow (wife of Colonel Brownlow, & now a guest at the General's house), visited the ladies of Ayub's harem at 12.30 P.M. The visit lasted over an hour: & the three ladies were charmed with their reception. They are to repeat the

visit soon, at the cordial invitation of all of Ayubs' wives, backed up by his own.

The Saidar accompanied by the P.A. drove to the Club grounds to hear the band. Some officers were introduced to Ayub, who seemed much pleased with his afternoon. He remarked to the P.A. & Col Mac. Call, Comdg. King's Royal Rifles, on seeing the lawn tennis tournament then going on, "I do admire your English institutions. Everyone is so free (at ease). Gentlemen & ladies can talk to their friends. All is so different with us, where we are tied down by hard & fast rules & by conventionalities".

XVI. The P.A. visited the Sardar, as usual, today. The Sardar informed Alla Baksh, that he got so angry at the contents of the 9.3.93

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XVI

the two pamphlets mentioned in para X of this memo, that he had put them both in the fire.

I should mention, that I had directed the N.A. to endeavour to obtain the loan of the said pamphlets from the Sardar, if feasible, in order to see if they contained anything of interest.

R.H. Tunnings Maj RE
Political Agent

Rawal Pindi
9.3.93.

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Not wanted

Extract from letter No 1. from
Mogul Khan to Ayub.

"When the English came to Jelalabad, all the
other chiefs made their obeisance, but
I removed my family from Sorkta
to the hills, which was the correct
procedure for an old adherent of
your family.
When Yakub was on the Kabul throne
he treated me well, & said that he
possessed no better friends than
myself and Faiz Muhd Khan,
Shilzai.
When the English again entered Kabul,
I fled; and when Abdul Rahman
came from Russia & was placed
on the throne by the English, I did
not pay my respects to him.
But later on I went to Kabul &
made my obeisance to the present
Amir, who was very kind to
me, till some evil one (Shaitán)
informed the Amir that I was

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an old friend of Sher Ali's.
Then Abdul Rahman showed
coldness towards me, although
he did not seize my property.
When I heard you were fighting
with Abdul Rahman near
Kandahar, I at once removed
my people from Goshta and
did all I could to damage the
Amir and his adherents.
The Amir sent his troops after
me & forced me to remove from
Sher Chashma to Bedamani.
& later on he sent more troops
to expel me from that place
& I was obliged to settle at
Ambahar where I subsisted
as best I could.
When you went to India I sent my
brother to you, hoping you would be
kind to him. But you took no

notice of him, and Taj. Mir Khe
Shilzai, only gave him some
Rs 5- for road expenses. I was
much disappointed. The just
man who took up the pleg of
Obedience to you was myself:
And now the man who takes
up the pleg of poverty & despair
is myself.
The Amir has constantly been writing
to me lately, telling me to send
my son to Kabul, to live myself
where I choose, and to draw
my allowance.
Pressure is being put on me in
various ways to send my son to
Kabul and I am starving.
All my devices are at an end,
As I don't wish to send my son
to Kabul or to become the
Servants of the Amir, I again
send to you (Sardar Mir
Fair Talab Khan (my cousin)

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to you" ends

Note.

The gist of this long letter is, that Mogul Khan will send his son to Abdul Rahman & submit himself to the Amir, unless Ayub Khan will send him money & fix an allowance. Probably hearing that Faiz Mo. Khan, Shilzai, has recently visited Ayub from Sirut (see diary no 25 of 1892 para VI. no 10), this man likewise thought he would again try & get an allowance from Ayub before submitting to the Amir.

The Sardar has dismissed the messenger with road expenses, & a verbal answer that he cannot help him.

R. A. Jennings Major R.A.

8.3.93.

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No. 1.

Letter from Moghul Khan. Mowand.
of Goshta
to
Sardar Mh.d Ayub Khan

Received at Herat 2nd Rajab 1310 H
10th February 1893

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عرضداشت کمترین غلامان و کهترین خدمتکاران مغل خان که در زمرهٔ بندگان گرجیان
که از قدیم الایام از ابا و اجداد تا حالا حین خلامان و چاکران آن خاندان مستشم بوده در وقت سلطنة
امیر صاحب مرحوم که سردار صاحب کلان بطرف هرات رفته در انجا سکونت میدارند این غلام
از پدر مرحوم خود بلا اجازت دوانه شده عزم خدمتکاری سردار صاحب نموده چون بقلعهٔ قاضی رسیدیم ان
ایالت نشان سردار صاحب امیر صاحب مرحوم بطرف هرات مرخص گذشته در قلعه قاضی قلی شهید از
رها کرده سیر میکردند لهذا ازان امید گاه بترخیص شریف مشرف شده روانه بمقر سلطنت هرات شدیم
چون از قضای الهی غلام داخل هرات شده بشرف دیدار همایونی دلا مشرف شدم چند ماه در هرات
بعد ازان واپس ترخیص نمود ترد خود نگذاشتند انجا آمده دار شهر کابل شده بشرف حضور امیر صاحب مرحوم
سرفراز شدم امیر صاحب مرحوم این غلام را تحویل سردار بهادر نمود گفتند که این پسر و نبان گوشته سپرده که مثل فرزند
که بار دیگر چنین کاری نکند قدرت شوم در الوقت امیر صاحب سردار بهادر خود و همراه او فرار نمود بعد چون
بنده جان بحق تسلیم نمود از دار الفنا بدار البقاء پیوسته شد امیر صاحب مرحوم غلام خود را بحضور الوزرا خطاب کرده
دلاسائی و دلداریها بسیار دادند و گفتند که پدر شما از پرورش میبردن بعد شما را و منهای باغ خود میبردم و پرورش
خود میدهم شما را از جمیع خوانین کلانتر خواهم نمود خاطر خود را جمع دارید اینچه خواهش شما باشد بمن بگوئید تا بموجب
کرده بیشه از تقدیر ترت الهی دران قرب اینگریزان آمده اینچه خوانین و امرای عظام رو در ترت نگریزان نهادند
یکی بسلام دولت اینگریز رفته مطیع ایشان شدند و خود این غلام که از قدیم الایام نمک پرورده و خادم این
خاندان بوده اصلا بدولت اینگریزان روی نکرده خانهای خود را کشیده داخل کوه شده و گفتم که
با ترک زبان خدمت بی عزتی و ضایع نخواهم کرد اینچه طایفه مسلمانی و طرز خدمتکاری پیش گرده ذره ذره دلدار
وجبه مقدور در خدمتگزاری تخلف و سهلانگاری نورزیدیم و بخدمت جناب سردار صاحب سرفراز شدیم
قدریت شوم خدمت و جان نثاری در لای و سزاوار این غلام بظهور رسیده تعارف نورزیدیم چون

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FROM Major R.A. Jennings R.E.
~~THE~~ POLITICAL AGENT, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

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

Dated Rawalpindi, the 24th March *1893.*

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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 23rd March 1893.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

R.A. Jennings Major R.E.

~~CAPTAIN~~,

Political Agent.

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I. Sardár Ayub Khán has reported the following arrivals to visit his followers during the preceding fortnight:-

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(1) Muhammad Karim Kajilbash from Peshawar to visit Meher Ali Khán Risáldár.

(2) Fazal Khán Ghilzai of Kama in Jallálábád, Nasir Ghilzai of Kissarak in Jallálábád, Said akbar Sahibzadáh of Chapalgár in Jallálábád, and Ghulám Ghilzai of Maidán in Kabul, Amir Muhammad student, and Said Ghulam, from Peshawar to visit General Táj Muhammad Khán.

(3) Háji Amir Khán Kakri of Sultanpur in Jallálábád from Peshawar to visit Colonel Amir Muhammad Khán.

(4) Mir Saif-ud-din with his two sons

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Pir Rajani-ud-din, Pir Baha-ud-din with Ghāi Muhammad servant, Khaja Aghājān, and Khaja Babū, all Kohistānis, from Peshāwar to visit Pir Bacha Khān.

(5) Dād Muhammad Khān Ghilzai from Peshāwar to visit Lunab Khush-dil Khān.

(6) Gul Khān Muhammad from Gandab to visit Mama Abdul Aziz Khān.

(7) Wali Muhammad Khān with two women from Karachi to visit Sardār Nazar Muhammad Khān.

(8) Ata Muhammad Khān from Karachi to visit the brother of Abdul Sami Khān.

(9) Muhammad Hussein, and Hayāt Khān from Peshāwar to visit Muhammad Shaif Khān.

(10) Jabbār Khān, Khāki, Jallad Khān, Sher Muhammad Khān,

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(53) Noor Muhammad, and Saibaland with a woman from Peshawar to visit Abdul Wahab Khan.

II. Besides reporting the arrivals of Nos: 4, 7, 8, 9, and 10 in the preceding paragraph, the Police Inspector has reported the following arrivals to visit Sardar Ayub Khan's followers, which the Sardar has not confirmed:-

(1) Habibullah Khan, Wali Muhammad son of Mauladad, and Abdullah son of Abdul Rahim from Peshawar to visit General Taj Muhammad Khan.

(2) Sayad Mir Akbar Shah with two companions, and Mir Alam Khan, from Peshawar to visit Mir Bacha Khan.

(3) Mauladad from Bombay to visit Muhammad Aslam Khan.

(4) Ghulam Muhy-ud-din from Peshawar to visit General Wali

Muhammad Khán.

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

(1) Muhammad Ismail, and Said Muhammad Khán, from Pesháwar to visit General D and Shah Khán.

(2) Saifullah Khán son of Ghulám Nazar Muhammad Khán.

IV. He has also reported the arrival of Faiz Muhammad servant of the Amir of Kabul, from Peshawar to visit Sardár Amán Khán, the Amir's Agent.

V. The general health of the Afgháns is good.

R A Fanning Major R. E.
Political Agent.

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Confidential memo for fortnight ending 23rd March.

10.3.93. VI. Yesterday, Syed Hassan Effendi, of Baghdad, left Rawal Pindi for Peshawar. He was accompanied to the Station by many Afghans, and I hear that a large number of people met him on arrival at Peshawar.

14.3.93. VII. (a). The A. visited the Sardar, who said he had read all about Lord Dunmore's ride, and that he hoped he was pleased to make his acquaintance, if he came to Pindi, and that of Lady Dunmore.

(b) With reference to the para in the Pioneer of 8th March. p.1. Col 2, the Sardar remarked - "The Pioneer is quite right in saying that it is better to defer judgment until the nature of the Amir's proposals, and the Answers

answers he has given to Govt, be known".
He added. "I am of opinion that the
Amir has probably failed to come to
satisfactory terms with Russia, and
hence now wishes to be friends again,
and to make things smooth, with the
British Govt — or else he is acting
under advice and instructions from
Russia. If the Amir will only read
recent Afghan history, he will see
that he must look to England
for support and friendship, as if
Russia enter Afghanistan, it will
mean ruin to the country and to the
ruling family."

(Note. The Sardar repeated the above
to me, adding. "The Russians would
not respect our religion or our
women-folk, as the English always
have done".)

IX. When the N.A. visited the Sardar today, and with reference to some 12.3.93

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paras in the Allahabad "Morning Post
of 10th March. p. 2. Cols 2 & 3, — re
"a mission being about to take place;
the "Amir being about to visit England,
and "the treatment of Bokhara
and its Emir" — Ayub remarked
"I do not believe the Amir will re-
ceive a mission. I do not believe
he will go to England. If he does I
should not wish to do so. It would
break my heart to see him receive
great honor, When I should much
prefer to tear his heart out. I
think the Amir will settle all affairs
with Gool by letter. I consider the
Amir was wise to refuse to meet
Lord Roberts. Had I been Amir I should
have done the same, and asked to
be allowed to come & meet the Viceroy.
Every Afghan knows that Lord Roberts
conquered us all, and killed thousands
of our people; and any Amir would
be afraid to settle matters with him,
who —

who, all the Afghans say, ruined our country, although the Amir may personally like Lord Roberts". (Note. The Sardar practically repeated all this to me).

X. (a). The N.A. saw the Sardar. The latter has just bought some dozens of English shirts, collars, & neckties.

(b) The Sardar remarked - "Some relations of Mir Batcha Khan, Hotistani, have been expelled from Afghanistan and have reached Peshawar. This is the result of Mir Batcha Khan refusing to go to Kabul and to submit to the Amir" (vide confidential memo no 1 of 1893. para VIII) -

(Note. Their arrival in Pindi is reported in this diary - para I(4))

"I think the British Govt should make the Amir pay compensation for the lands belonging to these men which he

he has seized. These refugees are relatives of some of my followers here, and there is no other charge made against them, as they are personally guilty of no crime. It is very hard for people to be thus expelled from their father-land and rendered destitute when they are guiltless. I trust God will consider their case".

(Note. Mir Batcha Khan, who has a large family, and only gets Rs 120 a month, complains bitterly that he is in great straits through having to support these people.).

(c) The Sardar then said - "I am glad to hear that Umra Khan has defeated Mhd Sharif Khan and re-taken Dir. He was wise to make terms for the present with Safdar Khan. I feel sure God will not let the Amir annex Bajaur".

(d) Above Mir Batcha Khan, Kohistani, and General Taj. Mhd Khan, Ghilzai, visited the

The N.A at the P.A's office this day. (3)
saw them & had a long talk with them. They afterwards expressed their gratitude to the N.A. for the very kind way they had been received & treated by the P.A.

(Note. I enquired after their health & felt the pulse of Mir Bacha who has been very unwell of late. — This pleased them).

With them came Mir Ismail Shah, who is a nephew of Mir Bacha Khan. He has lately arrived in Pindi from Samarkand, where he was in Ishak Khan's service. He has come via Meshed and Bandar Abbas, and is accompanied by a brother of Mhd Ali (Vakil i Saighani), the Amir's News. agent here.

(Note. In next diary I hope to get some information from this Mir Ismail Shah regarding Ishak Khan)

(e) General Daud Shah showed the N.A a long and complimentary certificate (also a photograph) he had just received

from Lord Roberts; but he said he wished their receipt to be kept secret, from Afghans especially. The General said "I am of opinion that the Amir will never change, and that he is, as usual, playing fast and loose with Govt. I think. he is determined to offer objections to any proposals Govt may make. If Ayub ever goes to Kabul as Amir, he will be worse than Abdul Rahman".

15-3-93 XI(a) The Sardar was much pleased at being thanked by the F.S for the receipt of his letter from the Jajis.

(b) He remarked "I have always expressed my opinion that the Amir will never receive a mission. I think if he is not disturbed by internal rebellion, or on the Russian frontier, he will try to create disturbances on the Anglo. Afghan frontier through the Waziris &c. Govt treat the Amir with too much kindness and condescension".

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XII. (a): When the N. A saw the Sardar this morning, he talked about affghan affairs generally, and then said - "A few more relations of Abdul Wahab Khan and Mhd Sharif Khan (vide this office letter 460, dated 22nd Decr. 1892, para 3) who have been expelled from Kandahar have arrived in Peshawar. It is very disgusting that the Amir should thus expel innocent men from their country."

(Note. I may remark, that on my arrival here, the Sardar informed the N.A. that he wished the subject of this office letter 460, above quoted, brought to the P.A's notice, and that he thought of speaking to him (the P.A.) on the subject. I threw cold water on the idea, & directed the N.A to inform the Sardar that it would not do to further remind Govt of the above letter. The Sardar has never mentioned the subject to me.

I presume it is not the intention of

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of Govt to grant subsidies to unlimited numbers of Afghans, who may leave their country or may be expelled therefrom.)

(b) This afternoon the Sardar, accompanied only by his son Agha Effendi, came to have tea with my wife. He met at tea Lord Dunmore (who had only arrived in Pindi this morning), Lady Dunmore, and their two daughters Lady Muriel Gore. Browne & Lady Grace Murray. The Sardar was much interested in hearing about Lord Dunmore's ride. Political subjects were avoided — Lord Dunmore only remarking "that on the Pamir frontier the extreme Russian outpost & fort was only 21 miles distant from the Chinese one, and that the account of his journey in the papers was quite untrue & a tissue of lies, and put in without his authority."

The Sardar gave us some details of his life, regarding the various battles and actions

he had been present at; and as some are not on record I give them, as they may prove interesting.

He said — (i) "When I was 9 years of age, I accompanied my father Sher Ali and my brother Yakub to Sangar i. Murzal, near Ghazni, and was present at the fight against my uncle Amir Mhd Azam Khan (father of Ishak Khan). We won the battle".

(ii) "When I was 11 years old, I went with my brother Yakub to Kandahar, where we besieged Sardar Sher Ali (the "Wali" now at Karachi) who was then Governor under Amir Sher Ali. We could not take the place so proceeded to Sistan".

(iii + iv). "When I was 12 years old, I was present with my brother Yakub at the battles of Ghorian and Shakaban (Herat District) which we fought against the troops of my father Sher Ali. We were successful in both".

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(v) "Shortly after, in the same year, I was with my brother Yakub when he fought Sardar Fateh Muhd Khan (Governor of Herat under Sher Ali, and son of the late Wazir Akbar Khan). Fateh Muhd Khan and his son were killed in this battle and Yakub captured Herat".

"In above battles I was a spectator on horseback — In the remaining battles I commanded myself."

(vi) "When Yakub was deported to India, after Cavagnari's death, the Herati troops (8 regiments) revolted. Faizu was their leader. I suppressed the revolt and captured Herat. Later on Faizu was killed at Kandahar."

(vii) "At Maiwand I won the victory against General Burrows".

(viii) "At Baba Wali (the battle of Kandahar) I was defeated by General Roberts + fled to Herat"

(ix) "At Karez-i-Ata, I fought an action against Amir Abdul Rahman's forces under General Ghulam Haidar Khan, Jokhi, Shelza,

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now a pensioner at Quetta). I won the victory and seized Herat from Shamsud-din, who was the Amir's Governor."

(x) "At Chihl zina, near old Kandahar, I fought the Amir's troops. My people (the Ghilzais) were bribed by the enemy. I was defeated and fled to Persia"

(xi) At Kaland-i-Manao (on the Afghan-Persian border) I fought a night action with the Amir's Cavalry. I had very few men with me, and retreated to Meshed; where shortly afterwards I surrendered to the British Govt."

The visit lasted 1½ hours, and Ayub invited Lady Dunmore and her daughters to visit his harem in company with my wife. The invitation was accepted with pleasure.

XIII. Ayub informed me that he wished to go shooting and hawking to Kana on the Murree Road. I told him there was no objection. 17.3.93

I went for a long drive, alone, with the

Sardar in the evening — winding up at the Club.

In the course of conversation he said to me "The amir is a thorough friend of the Russians. He will never change in this, as he remembers their kindness to him when in Exile. He is a fool not to know that if the Russians ever enter afghanistan they will never leave it, and they will never respect the laws of the Prophet or the privacy of the Harem. Every Afghan knows this, and they all hate the Russians. Perhaps the Amir will take warning from the fate of the Emir of Bokhara whose two sons are left in Russia" (Note. This was apropos of the statements in the papers that Russia meant to annex Bokhara).

The Sardar could scarcely talk for 10 minutes on any subject without expressing his anxiety as to whether the Amir or himself were to go to England; and whether, if the Amir did not go,

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he would be allowed to do so.
I informed him that all he had said had been submitted to the For: Office, but that I could give no opinion. I however, reminded him that when Govt said there was no objection to his taking a tour to Ajmir or anywhere else (except Calcutta), they never hinted that they would pay for the said tour. He quite agreed with this, adding. "If they do so it will be as a special favor".

XIV. (a) The N.A. saw the Sardar, who informed him that he had had excellent Sport at Kanu. 19.3.93

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(b). The Sardar said "On my way back to Pindi, I visited one of the new outlying forts. I went all over it. Some of the rooms were locked up. I was extremely surprised to see such magnificent and wonderful work. The Afghans were proud of Herat Fort, but that is nothing of a fort compared with

this one. Our art is limited, but the Art of the English is without end. Two hundred soldiers in this fort could beat off thousands. I do not think the time will ever come when it will be necessary to man these forts against the Russians".

(c). I sent the Sardar an invitation from the Stewards of the Races to the Grand Stand for 21st 23rd & 25th inst. He was pleased at getting this. His tent was sent down & pitched as usual.

21.3.93. XV.(a). The Sardar today remarked to me "I find it very hard having to fast during the Ramzan. This fasting is the cause of illness. We could do lots of things in our daily life which, I am sure, would please God much more than this useless fasting: but the Affghans are very strict about this Roza (fast), and if one does not observe it, the Affghan public would at once give him a bad name, and he

would fall into disrepute. Most of us fast for fear of the Mullas and not for fear of God".

The Sardar (who has been having Garibaldi's life translated to him) rather astonished me by asking for full details regarding the state of Italy, past and present; the status of the Pope; ditto of the King of Italy; the difference between Roman Catholics and Protestants; why the former keep fasts & the latter do not &c. He completely surprised me by the amount he knew on these subjects.

(6) At 5 P.M, he drove to the Races, where I met him on arrival. He enjoyed himself very much, and said it made him somewhat forget the hardship of having to fast; Still he said it also made him feel envious of other people who could drink cooled drinks in the tents, while he could not even drink

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Sharbat or tea, or smoke a cigarette.
The Colonel of the 60th Rifles asked him into their tent, but he laughingly refused, saying "that the temptation to drink a glass of lemonade would be too much for him".
The General, Commissioner, Lord Dunmore, Lady Dunmore, my wife, Lady Muriel Fox-Strangways, Col Mac Call &c &c all shook hands with the Sardar and each had a short chat with him at the grand stand. No fuss was made over him. He was simply treated as an English Gentleman.

(Note. It will be a great advantage to the Sardar when he masters even a little English. He can now read & understand short, easy, sentences; but cannot yet speak or understand, although he catches words and occasional short phrases in, ordinary conversation. Several officers of the garrison remarked to me "How pleased the Sardar looked, & how different his officers

was to what it used to be". Alla Baksh tells me this is perfectly true.
I drove home from the races with the Sardar, who dropped me at my house.

XVI.a. My wife called for Lady Dunmore, Lady Muriel Gor.-Browne & Lady Grace Murray this afternoon, and took them to visit ayahs' wives. 22.3.93
They spent 1½ hours in the harem, & they all say the visit was most enjoyable. They have been pressed to repeat it — which they will do later on.

(b) I paid the Sardar a visit, and got a letter from him which I sent to the For. Sec.y

XVII(a) The Sardar again came to the Races and enjoyed himself. 23.3.93
Everything went off all right. This time I did not meet him on arrival, nor did I drive back with him.
He is going to drive my wife & myself

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come after the Races on the 25th. inst.

(b) Ayub informed me today, that if he is not allowed to visit England, he will go to Murree in May. He also said, that if he is permitted to visit England, he will send his family to Murree.

(c) He has taken to riding a good deal lately; he is in excellent health; and he is pretty cheerful

R A Jennings
Maj. R E
Pol. Officer

Rawal Pindi
24.3.93

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FROM Major R. H. Jennings R. E.
~~THE~~ POLITICAL AGENT, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

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

Dated Rawalpindi, the 7th April *1893.*

F.B. April 93. 62.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending ~~on~~ the 6th April 1893.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

R H Jennings Major R. E.
~~CAPTAIN~~,
Political Agent.

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Diary of Political Intelligence for the fortnight ending the 6th April, 1893.

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I. Sardár Ayub Khán has reported the following arrivals to visit him and his followers during the preceding fortnight.

73. (1) Arsalla Khán, brother of Inama Abdul Ajiz Khán from Koh-i-band to visit Inama Abdul Ajiz Khán.

(2) Shah Muhammad Sulemánkhel from Tirah to visit General Táj Muhammad Khán.

(3) Lál Muhammad, Mohmand from Peshawar; and Juma Khán, Jar Muhammad Khán, and Muhammad Khán, Ghilzais, from Swát, to visit Lieut. Khushdil Khán.

(4) Sardár Gul Muhammad Khán Kandahari, from Quetta to visit Shábghasi Muhammad Akbar Khán.

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(5) Muhammad Ibrahim, with two women and two boys, from Peshawar to visit Abdul Wahab Khan.

(6) Khwaja Mir Alam and Mir Sahib Kohistanis, from Peshawar to visit Mir Bacha Khan.

(7) Ghulam Haidar Khan and Abdul Majid Khan, sons of the late Sardar Mir Khan, Barakzai, from Dera Din to visit Sardar Ayub Khan.

(8) Aziz Khan from Peshawar to visit Naik Hafizullah Khan.

(9) Ghulam Muhammad and Faiz Muhammad from The Bolan Pass to visit Abdul Ghiyas Khan.

II. Besides reporting the arrivals Nos: 3, 7, 8, and 9 in the preceding paragraph, the Police Inspector has reported the following arrivals to visit Sardar Ayub Khan and his followers, which the Sardar has not confirmed:-

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(1) Saádat Khán, Ghulam Haidar, and Muhammad Khán, from Pesháwar to visit Sardár Abdul Rahmán Khán.

(2) Hají Sher ali from Dehra Dún to visit Sardár Azíb Khán.

(3) Sardár Afghán from Pesháwar to visit Risaldár Mehr ali Khán.

(4) Sardár Ahmad Khán with his son and one servant from Pesháwar to visit Sardár Amir Muhammad Khán.

(5) Asghar Sháh, Saiyád, servant of the late Nawáb Nawázish Ali Khán from Lahore to visit Yakúb Ali Khán.

(6) Abdul Azíz Afridí from Pesháwar to visit Lieutenant Khushdil Khán.

(7) Muhammad Hásam Khán from Hassanabdal, and Rai Baz Khán with three women and one

boy, from Peshawar to visit Muhammad Sharif Khan.

(8) Noor, Fida Muhammad, and Fateh Muhammad from Kohat to visit Zuti Khan.

(9) Mir Baz and Mir Muhammad Said Khan from Peshawar to visit Mir Bacha Khan.

(10) Abdul Latif Khan, Abdul Majid, and Muhammad Zaman from Peshawar to visit Sardar Ahmad Khan.

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

(1) Mir Nazar, servant of Sardar Inadat Khan, from Peshawar to visit Khan-i-Mullah Khan.

(2) Lamar, of Chir in Ghazni, from Lahore to visit General

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Daud Shah. (79)

IV. He has also reported the arrival of Jallandhar Khan, Abdul Ghafur, and Shah Pasand, of Kabinkilla, from Peshawar to visit respectively Muhammad Akbar Khan, Muhammad Ali Khan, and Sardar Aman Khan servants of the Amir.

V. The general health of the Afghans is good.

R H Jennings Major R.E
Political Agent.

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6th April ——

25. 3. 93 VI. The Sardar today remarked, with reference C & M. G of today, page 3. Col 3, — "I am sorry to see in today's paper that Mhd Sharif Khan and Safdar Khan have jointly defeated Umra Khan".

April 6 With reference to announcement in Pioneer of 24. 3. 93. page 1. Col 4, regarding the appointment of a Russian & English Officer to settle affairs in the Kushk Valley, the Sardar remarked — "without the intervention of the British Govt the Amir can never settle matters amicably with the Russians. The Amir, I am sure, is well disposed towards the Russians; but he will not like them to encroach on his territory, consequently he is obliged to avail himself of the good offices of the

the English against them." (81)
The Sardar drove to the races, which
he enjoyed. He drove the P.A. +
his wife home in his carriage —
dropping them at their house.
Everything went off very well.

VII. The Sardar today remarked to 26.3.93
the N.A. alone, with reference
to an announcement in the Pioneer
of 23.3.93. page 1. col 2 — "The
reduction in the forces stationed at
Kajuri Kach and in the Kurrum,
also the permission accorded to
Colonel Yate to pass through
Kandahar & Herat, all show
that the friendship between the
Govt & the Amir is renewed.

VIII The Sardar came to the Assault. 27.3.93
at arms. He talked to the General
& others & seemed to enjoy himself.

IX. The Sardar gave me two letters 26.3.93
from the Jajis and Mangals, which
have gone to F.S under a separate

Covering

letter.

29.3.93 } X. The Sardar feels this part very
30.3.93 } much. During conversation in
private with the V.A. he remarked
"I had every hope that I might be
allowed to take a pleasure trip
to England. I wanted to get away
for a time from my harem.
I feel little pleasure now in my
ladies' society. The wife who died
in 1888 was the only one I ever
really loved. The two I have
married since pleased me at
first, but I am disappointed
in them both. I never mean
to marry again. But I enjoy the
society of my children."
He further added "I am not to
much "digg" ("displeased & worried") at
my request to visit England being
refused as I am at the news of
the withdrawal of troops from
Buland Khel

Shutargardan
+ the reduction of the Kurram force.
I think the Amir now really means
to strengthen his alliance +
friendship with Govt. He was
laid up with gout + I thought
he would not recover this time.
Few people live & recover as he
has done — but he is preserved
year after year. I do not think
there is any tribe now in the
country who can successfully
rebel against him. The army
will not revolt — why should they
do so? If he lives for a few years
more, + Govt do not de-throne
him, his dynasty will be firmly
established, + after his death his
sons will succeed him + my
chance of the throne of Kabul
will vanish. It is not Russia
but England which keeps Ishak
out

out of Afghanistan. Without England's influence Russia would not prevent Ishak from intriguing against the Amir. Although Ishak and I are rivals, still we sympathise with each other & we are both the enemies of the Amir. The Amir, however, does not fear Ishak as he does me.

I am "digg" (weary, worried displeased) with this fast, and when I brood over these gloomy prospects I get still further "digg".

4.93 XI. The Surdar said he was hungry & thirsty & hated having to keep the fast, as it made him ill.

2.4.93 XIII. When the N.A. visited the Surdar today, he saw Abdul Majid Khan, & Ghulam Haidar Khan (Yakub's Eldest wife is a sister of these ~~three~~ men). They are en route from Dehra Dun to Peshawar to meet

their families, who have been Expelled from Herat & sent to Peshawar via Kabul. They are said to number 22 souls.

Ayub told them that God had sent him a new political Officer who was most kind & suitable in every respect. They replied that their new political Officer was also most kind & suitable.

(Note. The Affghans look on their political Officer as their own private property, & discuss him & boast of his horses & family &c — Ed.)

The Sardar was in a good temper today, & has got over his disappointment at not being allowed to visit England.

XIV. Received information, [confidentially] from Mir Ismail Shah, which I have sent in a separate cover to the F.S. 4.4.93

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The N. A found the Sardar happy & cheerful today.

5.4.93. XV. The P.A. had the Sardar a long visit today. The Sardar is again quite cheerful. I stayed & chatted with him for 1½ hours on several topics — religion — weapons — the pope — &c.

After I had left the Sardar remarked to Alla Baksh. "I find every day more & more that Major Jennings is a well wisher & friend of mine. I have as real love & respect for him as I entertained towards Capt Evans Gordon".

6.4.93 XVI. The N.A saw the Sardar as usual. Nothing of importance to record

R.A. Jennings.
P.A. 1.4.93

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