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FROM

Lt Col: J. A. Iewill.
~~THE~~ POLITICAL AGENT, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

TO

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

Dated Rawalpindi, the 14th November *1891.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 9th November 1891.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. A. Iewill Lt Col:
~~CAPTAIN,~~
Political Agent.

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167 I. Sirdar Mahomed Ayub Khan attended by the Native Assistant left Murree on the 29th. Breakfast was provided for him by General Taj Mahomed, at Chattar (halfway) about two miles from Rawalpindi the Sirdar left the tonga, and got into his carriage. At this point all the leading Afghans of his party, as well as those under the deputy Commissioner met him in their carriages. Nearer home the less influential persons, including Sirdar Hashim Khan's followers met him on the road. The whole party went in procession to the Sirdar's house; where they were entertained with tea and cigarettes.

II. On the following day the Sirdar visited all the followers in

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whose families deaths had occurred during his absence at Murree and Cashmere, and condoled with them. It appears that the Sirdár defrayed out of his own pocket all the funeral expences.

III. The Political Agent visited the Sirdár on the 28th Ultimo, and on the 1st instant. On the latter occasion he was accompanied by Brigade Surgeon Ross.

IV. The Sirdár brings to notice the following arrivals, to stay with their relations now in his party. He asserts that with the exception of Malik Sultan Mahomed, they have either been expelled or have had to flee for their lives from Afghanistan.

(142.) Mazulla Khán, and Sirdár Khán. These young men were sent by the Amir to Dhaka, where they were handed over to the Indian officials, and have come on, Viâ Peshawar, to stay here with their uncle Agha Khán.

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(3.) Fakir-ud-din Khan, Popalzai of Kandahar to stay with Ijab Nur Khan (a Popalzai).

(4&5) Asmatulla Khan and Mogul Khan, Ghilzais of Logar to stay with Naib Hafizulla Khan.

(6&7) Haidar Khan, and Ammu Khan, Zagabis, from Peshawar to stay with Behram Khan.

(8.) Malik Sultan Mahomed, Zagabi, from Swat to stay with Behram Khan. He will return in a few days.

V. The Punjab Police Inspector reports the arrival of Mahomed Akbar Shah, and Syad Mahomed Shah of Jellalabad to stay with the Ameer.

VI. The Inspector also reports further arrivals to stay with State prisoners under the Deputy Commissioner.

(142) Yusaf Ali Khan of Lalpura and Sherdil Khan of Chitral to stay with General Daud Shah.

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(3) Balamir Khan of Kunar to stay with Wazir Shah Mahomed.

(4) Sherdil Khan, Cabulee, to stay with Karindad Khan.

(5) Bay Gul Khan, Cabulee to stay with Sirdar Karim Khan.

(6) Pir Mahomed Khan, Cabulee, to stay with dr: Abdul Rahman (the Amir's spy).

VII. The health of the followers keeps good.

Saifullah No. 194 on list, and drawing Rs: 10/- monthly died on the 25th October.

J.K. Newill Lt. Col:
Political Agent.

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

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IX. Sirdar Ayub Khan has stated in conversation -

(a) The Civil & Military Gazette has very correct news on Afghan affairs, and properly advocates British interests; while on the other hand, the Pioneer conceals facts, and tries to deceive both Government & the Public

(b) When he recently visited the Mustaufi Habibulla Khan (under the Govt Commr) he was told that the Wardaks, and Ghilzais are enraged at the Amir's oppression, as he has recently banished the Mustaufi's sister, after killing her two eldest sons - The third son is now in prison at Cabul.

X. Genl Taj Mahomed, Ghilzai, in private conversation with the Native Asst has given the following information, and asserts it is obtained

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pretty from reliable sources:

(a) The Amir has quite recently made the heads of tribes, and all Offices & soldiers swear on the Koran to obey his orders, whatever they may be - The leading Civil & Military Officials have done so.

He has also addressed Sirdars at a distance, intimating that the English Govt. are pressing him to visit India, and asking them if he should do so.

This is not correct. He is publishing a proclamation, in wh. he says he proposes to visit England; and he asks the opinion of great & small as to the advisability of his going. J/H/L

(b) The Amir before the British Agent, disparages the Indian Govt., and says they must have mistaken him for another Sher Ali, or Yakub Khan.

Faiz Mahomed maintains, that if the Afghans once realise that the Amir is not on friendly terms with the English, they will at once intrigue against him, as they are only prevented from doing so through fear, that the English will support him.

(c) The expulsion of the brother & sons (viz* Mir Afzal,* Vide para 8 of my Diary No. 20 of 1891, and pages 132, 77, and 123 of Afghan Biographies. Ghulam Haider, and Khwaja Jan) of the late Sirdar Ghulam Jan, Kohistane, is a matter of great importance, as the Amir had no better friends - Previous to his becoming Amir, Ghulam Jan & his followers raised Rs 50000 from the Kohistanis, which they spent in supporting his claims - Abdul Rahman was

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then satisfied with the expenditure, but has not called upon the family of Ghulam Jan to repay the money. - They have in consequence fled from the country.

(d). The Amirs adherents at Peshawur are openly saying the Amir has addressed the Queen Empress direct, saying as he is an independent sovereign, he cannot be dependent on the pleasure, or displeasure of Viceroys and to intimates direct his desire to visit England. - A reply has been received from England, that the Amir may visit India

Note: I informed the Foreign Secretary of this, when he passed through Peshawur on the 13 inst.

XI. The Sirdab, intimates he hears that Mahomed Akbar Khan (page 32 Biographies) recently addressed the Foreign Office, offering his services to the British Govt - Soon after wards he asked pardon of the Amir, and with his permission was returning to Cabul - The Foreign Office reply was forwarded on from Peshawur, and fell into the hands of the Amir.

On Sad. Akbar Khan's arrival at Cabul the Shahgasi Mahomed Sarwar Khan (his brother) presented him to the Amir saying - "The Shaitan is present" - The Amir said to him, "I know your importance, & that you unite to the

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Indian Govt. — Come tomorrow, when I will judge of your worth." — On his return Mah. Akbar Khan disguised himself, and fled - he is said to be now in Peshawur.

II. The Ex Amir has recently addressed his brother Sirdar Ayub Khan asking him to settle marriages between his sons, and the daughters of the late Sirdar Ahmed Ali, and Sirdar Sher Mah. Khan (married Whaf sister of Ayub Khan) - He added that he thought of coming to Rawal Pindi on a visit with his sons, but has heard the Govt. of India would not like it

Sirdar Ayub Khan intimates he would not like his brother & Musa Jan to visit here, but that he will help to bring about the marriages

J. Wheeler Lt. Col

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FROM

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

TO

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

Dated Rawalpindi, the 30th November 1891.

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SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 23rd November 1891.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. Irwin Lt Col:
~~CAPTAIN~~,
Political Agent.

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I. The Political Agent visited the Lidar on the 12th instant, when he received a letter for the Foreign Secretary, whose arrival was expected on the following day. The letter was congratulatory on the safe return of the Viceroy and his party from Cashmere, and enquired after the health of His Excellency.

On the 14th instant the Political Agent delivered the Foreign Secretary's reply expressing His Excellency's acknowledgments.

II. On the 18th instant the Lidar visited the Political Agent.

On the 21st the Lidar visited the Commissioner. The conversation was principally about the famine in Russia, and the expulsion of the Jews.

On the 19th and 21st, The Lidar

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attended the autumn Races on the invitation of the Stewards. The Sirdar had tea with the Royal Artillery, Seaforth Highlanders, and Bedfordshire Regiment. He seemed to enjoy himself and the close finishes of the Races.

III. As some of the Sirdar's followers have been robbed by private servants engaged without any reference to character, The Sirdar at my request has warned them against entertaining servants without ascertaining from the police what sort of persons they may be.

IV. The Sirdar has brought to notice the following arrivals from across the frontier who, he says, have been forced by the Amir to leave their country, and to come to their relations in his party.

(1) The mother, sister, wife and daughter of Mahomed Sharif Khan, Ghilzai, (a follower of the Sirdar)

(2) The mother, sister, wives and

brother's wife of Mahomed Alam Khan, Laghmani.

(3) Khoja Mahomed Khan and Amir Mahomed Khan son and nephew of Dost Mahomed Khan from Lagab.

(4) Dad Mahomed Khan Ghilzai on a short visit to the Punjab.

(5) Sher Gul Khan, Laghmani from Peshawar, will return in a few days.

(6) Sayad Ali, and Khushdil Kohistanis, old servants of Bacha Khan.

V. The Punjab Police Inspector reports the following arrivals to stay with followers of the Sirdar.

(1) Sultan Khan, of Swat to stay with Behram Khan.

(2) Abdul Ghafur Khan of Hashtnagar to stay with Faiz Hafizulla Khan.

(3) Dilzan Khan of Pirsabad to stay with Sirdar Habibulla Khan.

(4) Bay Gul Khan of Bajour to

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stay with General Taj Mahomed Khan.

(5) Syed Ali Akbar Khan Cabulee to stay with Pir Bacha Khan.

(6) Khan Mahomed Khan Cabulee to stay with Sharif Khan.

VI. The Inspector also reports other arrivals to stay with State prisoners under the deputy Commissioner.

(1) Sherdil Khan, Cabulee, to stay with Sirdar Mahomed Kaimdad Khan.

(2) Shergul Khan of Tirah, to stay with Sirdar Abdul Rahman.

VII. The general health of the party keeps good.

J. W. Hewett Lt Col:
Political Agent.

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Please see my letter of 29 Oct. 91 to the Dy Lee., and paras 6 and 8 of Diaries 22 & 23 of 1891.

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VIII. At a recent visit I asked the Sirdar to let me know of the persons from across the frontier, who come & stay with Afghans living at R'Pindi on his private charity. He replied "I cannot be held responsible for these persons, and as they are my guests I cannot be rude, and ask them about their affairs, as I know they would not like it. These persons are a burden on my private purse, most of them are relatives. I did not ask them to come to R'Pindi, and if Govt sends them away I shall not say anything, but when they come to me, and say they are starving, and have been turned out of their own country I cannot be unkind, and refuse to help them; and how can my followers refuse to receive their families, and relations who have been turned out of Afghanistan, and are destitute"

"If the Indian Govt wishes to stop these arrivals, the simple remedy appears to be, either to advise the Amir not to expel them, or else to prevent them crossing the frontier, and coming to R'Pindi"

Not so simple. We tried once, the Amir said the only alternative was for him to kill them. Ed

IX. In conversation with the Native Asst. the Sirdar has made the following remarks —

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(a) I would not ask the British Govt. to support me if I had money, but I have none. My fathers money, and jewels have gone through the Traders. Wakeel had to Hashim Khan, an unlawful heir, and my country has been given to Abdul Rahman, my enemy. When I was an independent ruler at Herat, I never thought of money, but spent it all on the people - God has been pleased to feed me, and my family through the Kindness of the English Govt, and I am grateful: if God gives me a chance I will honestly repay their Kindness, and liberality"

"My body is provided for, but respect (Izzat) is food to my soul - If my personal influence, or position is lowered in the Eyes of Afghans I shall be of less use, and help to the British Govt, whenever they may ask me to do any service for them."

(b) "I paid a visit to the Viceroy as the representative of the Queen Empress -"

"I visited the Commander in Chief, and the Lt. Govr. of the Punjaub. Knowing their high position I did not complain, when they did not return my visits, but my followers were surprised that they did not, for I am son of the late Amir Shere Ali, was Governor

of Herat, and are the principal members alive of the ruling family - I am also the honored guest of the British Govt."

"I visit the Commissioner, and the General of the District, and they return my visits. If I call on persons of lower rank I shall lower my position in the Eyes of my followers, and my good name in Afghanistan - If Officers wish to pay me visits I shall be glad to receive them, but they must not expect me to return them."

X. With reference to para XI of my last Diary, further Enquiry shows that Mal. Akbar Khan is not the person mentioned at page 32 of the Afghan Biographies - He is an old man who for many years has been a sort of Court Jester at Cabul - He has visited Sirdars Ayab Khan, and Nasrein Khan at R'Pindi

XI. In continuation of para X a of my last Diary, the Lemnab, a Gent. Taj Mal. states, they hear, that after the leading men of Cabul, and the vicinity swore on the Koran to serve him loyally, the Amir declared he would raise a "jehad", but did not say against whom it would be, and added, they should show their loyalty by helping with money, which would be returned to them on the accomplishement of his designs - The people however said they had no money, and declined to give any.

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XII. When the Native Asst went to condole with Mir Bucha Khan on the death of his sister Le met Genl Taj Mahomed - They talked to him about Afghan affairs, & both agreed, That the Amir will never be of any good to his country, or the British Govt. - They added, "we know all the ins. and outs. and have reason to warn the Indian Govt against continuing to give arms, and money to the Amir - His army consists of men whose relations are discontented with his rule, and if the Amir leads troops against the Indian Govt, they will turn against him, as their Tribesmen are now only waiting for an opportunity to rise against the Amir, and turn him out."

J. W. Merrill

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

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

Frontier B Dated Rawalpindi, the 14th December 1891.
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SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 7th December 1891.

The next Diary will be for three weeks, or up to the 31st Dec.

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I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. A. Newill Lt. Col:

~~CAPTAIN~~,

Political Agent.

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I The Political Agent visited the Sirdár on the 25th Ultimo, and 2nd instant.

On the 26th ultimo General Elles visited the Sirdár, the conversation was most friendly. The Sirdár congratulated the General on becoming a K.C.B.

II. On the 28th the Political Agent took the Sirdár to the camp of the Mountain Batteries about 10 miles away, to see their shooting. He was very interested in all he saw, and much gratified with the kindness shown to him by Colonel Keith and the Officers of the Batteries.

On the 2nd instant, on the invitation of General Elles the Sirdár went to see some experimental firing with the light of star shells. Every thing was shown to him by the General. The Sirdár thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and cordially expressed his thanks.

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III. The Sirdár has again warned General Táj Mahomed Khán (Ghilzai) and Pir Bachha Khán (Kohistaní) not to encourage persons visiting them from across the frontier.

IV. A fifth son has been born to the Sirdár, by his last wife, the daughter of Sirdár Mahomed Sami Khán.

V. The Sirdár has brought to notice the following arrivals among his followers.

(a) Ahmed Ali, son of Saifi, and Shah Rawaz son of Nasjadi, Kohistanis. They have fled from Cabul, and have come to live with Pir Bachha Khán at Pindí.

(b) The sister of Sufi Jalal din Khán Zagabi with her four sons. She has fled from Afghanistan, and has come to live in Pindí with her brother Jalal din Khán.

(c) Three Zagabis, Fazal Umra, Mahomed Pur, Hayzat Pir have come to see their relative Behram Khán.

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Khán. They will return to Peshawar in a few days.

(d) Saidal Khán to see his son-in-law Pandit Khán. He will return to Peshawar in a few days.

(e) Ghulam Kadir, Ghilzai of Kisarack, who has just fled from Cabul. He has come to see General Táj Mahomed Khán, and will go to Peshawar in a few days.

(f) Ali Mahomed Khán, Ghilzai, a refugee living at Peshawar, on a short visit to General Wali Mahomed Khán.

VI. The Police Inspector reports that Mahomed Afzal Khán with two others came to visit General Táj Mahomed Khán. Sirdár Ayub Khán informs me he has not come.

Note. It is notable, that the arrivals reported by the Sirdár are but seldom shown in the Police reports, while the arrivals reported by the Police are generally unknown to the Sirdár and his followers.

Arrivals questioned by the Police probably give false names. GHL

VII.

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VII. The Police Inspector also reports the following arrivals to stay with State prisoners under the deputy Commissioner.

(1+2) Ahmad Khan of Zirah and Sherdil Khan of Kumar to stay with General Daud Shah.

(3) Bay Khan of Lalpura to stay with Wazir Shah Mahomed.

VIII. The general health of the followers is good.

J. H. Newall Lt. Col:
Political Agent.

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IX. The Sirdar has made the following remarks in conversation at different times,

(a) Sir Mortimer Durands' visit to the frontier must be for some important object - I can't but think it is to find out, if the frontier Tribes are friendly to British rule

Note I intimated this to Sir Mortimer at Peshawar

(b) I am quite sure Amir Abdul Rahman will never come to India, or allow a mission to go to Cabul - I do not see how the present state of affairs can continue as from all accounts, the Amir's tyranny, and conceit increase daily. He may agree to communicate with the Viceroy about Afghan affairs, but I do not think he will submit to his demands or wishes

H.H certainly would allow a Mission to go to Cabul if H.H

The British Gov^t could exercise their influence with the Maliks of the border Tribes - If they stopped the Amir's subsidy, and gave it to these Maliks, they would soon settle the Amir, but they would require a good leader; and the Gov^t would soonest reach the hearts of the people by giving them a good, and just ruler, who would turn every Afghan into a soldier, and so be able to expel any invaders of Afghanistan, or India

(c) I think the Indian Gov^t should not refuse subsistence allowances to the families of leading

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Afghans, who have been robbed of all their property, and driven out of Cabul.

The English claim to have put the Amir on the throne, and say that Afghanistan is under their protection - If so, are they not responsible for his actions, and should they not remedy his Evils - If however they are not responsible to the Afghans for the Amirs actions they might allow them to settle their own affairs without interference.

(d) When I told the Sirdar about the Viceroy's visit to Bhopal, and the Begums speech he remarked "- The Begum is a much more competent person than the Maharaja of Cashmere as he could not make a speech, but had to get the Resident to make one for him".

"The Musulmans were the foremost nation in the world, but owing to conceit and luxury have declined, and are now behind all other nations"

X. Before his interview at Murree with H.E. the Viceroy, Sirdar Ayub Khan thought of visiting Calcutta - He has given up the idea for the present, as he fears the Amir and Afghans may think he wants something from the

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Viceroy, and he would be sorry to cause such an impression, or to do anything which might cause unpleasantness.

XI. Sirdar Mahomed Karim Khan (page 118 Biographies) informs the native Asst he hears privately from Cabul, that the tyranny of the Amir has become so unbearable that if matters are not improved, disturbances will soon arise

XII. Genl Taj Mahomed, Ghilzai, intimates the following particulars, which he considers are reliable.

(a) The Amir first sent a message to Umra Khan of Jandol not to fight with his neighbours, and so give the English an opportunity of occupying his territory.

He has since heard (today) that the Amir has sent five regiments of Infantry, one of Cavalry, and twelve guns to Bajaur through Kunar, to attack Umra Khan

Not confirmed + improbable HH

(b) The Amir has paid Rs 70000 to the notorious freebooter Chikrar of the Kurram District to enable him to support his gang - Troops will soon be sent for his protection

(c) When the property of a deceased person is distributed among his survivors - 1/6 Share

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goes to the Amir to be deposited in a Fund for war expenses

(d) The Amir is ordering extra grain, and fodder to be collected, and stored all over the country.

(e) The Amir has ordered Rs 7 to be realised as revenue on each jarib (acre). The average products do not generally realise more than Rs 4/-

(f) The Amir recently summoned some Afridi maliks to Cabul, and gave them money, and robes of honour, and on sending them back, said he would require their services before long.

Note This may be in connection with the Cantonment, which the Amir is said to be anxious to form at Tirah.

J. D. Kerwill

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

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

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Dated Rawalpindi, the 5th January 1892.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the three week ending on the 31st December 1891.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

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

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176 I. The Political Agent visited the Sirdár on 9th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, 24th, 26th, 28th, and 30th.

He also breakfasted with the Sirdár on the 13th instant, where he met Captain Evans Gordon, who was staying in the Sirdár's house. Captain Trench was also present.

II. Up to the 18th, The Sirdár's time was fully occupied with interviewing Sirdár Hashim Khán and his followers.

Since Khán Sahib allah Baksh left he has not attempted to learn any English.

He has suffered a good deal from cold and swollen glands, but is now much better.

III. The Sirdár has brought to notice the following arrivals among his followers.

(1) Haji Mulla Mahomed Hirati to live with General Wali Mahomed Khán.

(2) Abdul Ghani, Shinwari, with family from Tirah to stay for twelve days with General Mir Fakir Khán.

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(3-7) Mahomed Ali Khan and Abdul Kayum Khan from Laghman, also Abdul Rahman Khan, Sher Ahmad Khan and Malik Pauroz, Ghilzais from Swat to stay a few days with General Taj Mahomed Khan.

(8) Sher Ali Khan, Mohmand, to stay a few days with Gar Mahomed Khan.

(9-12) Amin Khan and din Mahomed Khan from Swat also Abdulla Khan and Faiz Mahomed from Tirah to stay a few days with the Limrab.

(13) Mahomed Kasim Khan from Peshawar to stay a few days with Sirdar Sher Mahomed Khan.

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

(142) No. 149 in the foregoing para.

(3) Derwesh Ali Khan, Seistani to stay with Sirdar Mahomed Ali Khan.

(4) Azimulla Khan Cabulee from Peshawar. He went to the house of Sirdar Hashim Khan.

V. He also reports further arrivals to stay with State prisoners under the Deputy Commissioner.

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(142) Mustafa Khan, and Sikandar Shah Khan of Tirah to stay with General Daud Shah.

(3) Ahmad Khan, Cabulee to stay with Khan-i-Mulla Khan.

(4) Sherdil Khan of Tirah to stay with Wazir Shah Mahomed.

(5) Jalal-ud-din Khan of Lalpura to stay with Mustaufi Habibullah Khan.

(6) Sirdar Shahbaz Khan from Peshawar to stay with Sirdar Mahomed Karim Khan.

VI. The health of the followers is very good.

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177 VII. Sirdar Hashim Khan returned from Cashmere on 12 Decr, and was reconciled to Sirdar Ayub Khan on the following day. Prior to, and after his arrival all the leading Sirdars, including Genl Daud Shah, Mustaufi Habibullah Khan, and others urged the Offg Commr to bring Sirdar Ayub Khan to detain Hashim Khan in Pindi - The Wader-i-Waliahad, and the Ladies of both Zenanas also joined in. - For a few days much excitement prevailed, and many Afghans stayed round Ayub Khan's house - hence my telegram of 15 Decr.

In the case absent Akbar's departure

Sirdar Hashim Khan was much distracted, and nearly gone way, but on 17th finally settled boys, and left on the following day for Lahore, leaving his brother Tahir Khan in charge at Pindi

Soon after the Sirdars arrival I intimated through the Native Asst that I would be glad to see him either at my house or his. He replied, he had a bad toothache, and could not see me, that he would make all his own arrangements, and did not want to be interfered with.

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VIII. Frequent visits, and private conversations took place between Ayub Khan & Hashim Khan, and when the latter's departure was settled, the former remarked — "Separation does not affect true friendship, and brotherhood, as long as he is my well wisher, and friend, it matters little if he lives at Kanachi"

When I visited Sirdar Ayub Khan on the 19th. He voluntarily told me he had seen a great deal of Hashim Khan & had told him, he would like him to remain in Pinde, but would not interfere — He added, I think I should tell you that Sirdar Hashim said before me, and others, he could not stay on here with the present Political Agent, as he had frequently been unkind to him, and his followers; and that he had complained about it both to Viceroy and Foreign Secretary, when he saw them in Cashmere.

I consider that Sirdar Ayub Khan has acted with discretion, and candour in connection with Sirdar Hashim Khan's

departure, as I know that great pressure was brought to bear upon him to take a personal interest in the matter, and to request Government to let Saduleh Khan stay on in Paidi

Govt district cause his departure

IX. Sirdar Ayub Khan tells me, he has heard from Genl Macleau that he is leaving Peshed, and said — "Perhaps we shall never meet again, but I shall never forget him, and all his Riders were to me - I hope I may make more friends like him among the English"

X. Genl Taj Mal intimated to the native Agts he hears the Amir has told his people, if the English interfere in Bajaur Affairs he will turn them out of Peshawer - Also, he has warned all his friends along the frontier against allowing an English advance of any kind

Some friendly tribes have already sent representatives to Cabul, to intimate their readiness to serve the Amir - These persons have been honored with Khillats from the hands of the Amir.

to whom?

J. Thornhill.

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