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D.O.

From Major H. Ramsay, Murree
(To Dy Secy.)

No. —

Dated 12th } July.
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Subject.

States that certain followers of Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan are reported to have been induced by the Amir's Agents at Pindi to leave the Sardar's party and return to Kabul. Asks for instructions as to the policy to be pursued in such matters.

Notes and Orders.

(sd) H.D. 14/7/97

Major Ramsay may be informed that the Govt. of India attach as much value now, as before, to Sardar Ayub Khan's residence in India as an honoured guest, but that, as regards his followers the Govt. do not wish to prevent any of them from going back to Afghanistan with the Amir's consent.

Please see Lord Dufferin's letter to the Amir dated the 8th Aug. 1888.

As we pay a very handsome stipend to Sardar Ayub Khan there is no reason why we should relax our vigilance

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over him: ~~We have also provided the Amir to keep the Sardar in safe~~

Draft reply to Major Ramsay, put up.

N. G. S.
15/7/97

Please see the d/os to Mr Tupper d/ the 10th Oct/92 and to Major Ramsay d/ the 28th May/95. Major Ramsay appears to have overlooked the last cited letter which to some extent answers his questions. We told him that the Govt of India as a rule would not object to the return of Ayub's followers to Afghanistan, so long as they went with the full consent of the Amir and Ayub himself, and that without special reasons, it would not be desirable to interfere with men wishing to return after making their peace with the Amir, even without Ayub's consent. It has been held however that although we cannot prevent the Amir from keeping agents

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Please put up pp showing that Ayub complained of agents of the Amir trying to induce some of his (Ayub's) men to return
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Please see slip H. The Sardar does not appear to have complained in the present case
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at Rawalpindi for the purpose of quietly watching Agub's proceedings, we cannot allow such agent to make mischief among his followers and seduce them from their allegiance. Now this is exactly what seems to have happened if Major Ramsay's information is correct. The Amir's agents are said to have induced Mir Bacha and Ata Muhammad to return to Kabul. Mir Bacha will not go unless the Amir agrees to let his Kohistan following of about 100 men accompany him, and the Amir's orders on this proposal are awaited. Ata Muhd. has been given an extra 20/- a month from Agub to induce him to stay. On the other hand Mir Bacha denies that he has any intention of leaving. Sardar Sher Muhammad who is in charge of Agub's party at Pindi is inclined to believe Mir Bacha. Agub himself, though aware apparently of the Amir's alleged intrigues, has does not

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I put up, for consideration, a draft d.o. in reply to Major Ramsay

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D.O. to Major H. Ramsay, Pol. agent with Sardar Muhd. Ayub Khan, d 30/7/97.

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POLITICAL AGENCY,
MURREE.

12 July 1897

My dear Daly

I have today received a letter from Rawul Pindi from the Police Inspector on special duty under this Agency, reporting that the Amirs agents at Pindi have succeeded in inducing Mir Bacha - Kohistani (No 48 on pay list - drawing Rs 120 p.m) and Ata Mahomed (not on our pay list) eldest son of General Taj Mahomed - Ghilzai (No 88 - pay Rs 600 p.m) to leave Sardar Ayub Khan's party and return to Kabul. It is said that Mir Bacha has bargained, that if he goes to Kabul, the Amir must agree to let all his Kohistani following (probably more than 100 souls) accompany him, but that the Amir's reply to this proposal has not yet been received.

I now learn from Sardar Sher Mahomed, who is in charge of Ayub's party, that Sardar Ayub Khan is aware that the

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Amirs people have lately been doing their utmost to break up his party & that they have to some extent succeeded in tampering with Mir Bacha and Ata Mahomed (8)

As regards Ata Md, the case stands thus. Ata Md is on bad terms with his father, General Taj Md, and complains that his allowance is too small. Sooner than let him go to Kabul Sardar Ayub Khan has now, acting on the advice of Sardar Sher Md Khan & Hakeem Abdul Raoof Khan, granted him, from his own purse, an extra allowance of Rs 20 p.m. The Sardar does not like having to do this, as he naturally fears that other Afghans will hear of it, & will follow Ata Mahomed's example, in the hope of making him grant them extra allowances. There is no idea of General Taj Md secretly leaving Ayub. Ata Md is the eldest of Taj Mahomed's 3 sons - the other 2 are by a different wife.

As regards Mir Bacha - Sardar Sher Md Khan tells me that when he was at Rawal Pindi 3 or 4 days ago he sent for Mir Bacha & taxed him with being in communication with the Amir, with a view to leaving Ayub's party -

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Mir Bacha denied it & swore on the Kuran that he had no intention of leaving Ayub.

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For the present, Sardar Sher Md is inclined to believe Mir Bacha, but he has taken steps to keep himself informed of Mir Bacha's movements & intrigues - & he will pass on to me all news he receives.

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My object in now writing is to ask what views the Govt of India hold on the subject.

A confidential d/o letter of Durands (~~Twice from~~ to Tupper of Punjab Govt. d. 10-10-88 ~~memory~~) shows very clearly that Ayub, though our "honoured guest" is considered by Govt, not to be at liberty to leave us. This being so, are any of Ayub's followers, at any rate any of them who are on our pay list, at liberty to leave us whenever they please, and against the wishes of Sardar Ayub Khan.

The 2 most important men (also the 2 most restless scoundrels) of Ayub's party, are General Taj Md Khan (Ghilzai) and Mir Bacha (Kohistani).

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as the value, to us, of Sardar Azub Khan, depends largely upon the political value of his followers. I think it is to our interest, to prevent his big men from joining the Amir, and also to prevent them from bleeding Azub by threatening to leave him unless he grants them extra pay out of his own pocket. If this view is accepted, I would suggest that the simplest plan would be to deport from Pindi, at Azub's request, any of his big followers who may be suspected by Azub & who are considered by us to be worth the powder & shot. It w^d cost us very little & would greatly increase Azub's hold over his men. So long as the men are at large in Pindi they have every chance of escaping whenever they wish to do so.

If on the other hand, it is held that Azub is no longer of value to us, then the sooner we get rid of his followers, the better for the tax payer.

Yours truly

H Ramsay

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To Dy

Major H Ramsay
Murree.

My dear Ramsay,

I have received your d.o. letter of the 12th July, 1897, regarding ~~reporting~~ the efforts of ~~that~~ the Amir's agents at Rawulpindi ~~have succeeded~~ to induce Mir Bacha & Atta Muhd. to leave Ayub Khan's party, & return to Kabul.

This question of ~~xxx~~ interference by the Amir's agents with Ayub's followers, ~~as was remarked in~~ See Sir Mortimer Durand's* letter of the 10th Oct. 1892, to Tupper, is rather an embarrassing one. The view of the G of I. in regard to it, and in regard to Ayub's position, was explained to you in my d.o. letter of the 28th May, 1895, and there has been nothing since to change that view.

I note that Mir Bacha denies that he has any intention of leaving Ayub, and Atta Muhd. has been

* Copy furnished to Lt. Col. Newill, with our d.o. letter of the 18th Oct. 1892.

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squared by an allowance of Rs 20/- a month from Ayub's own purse. Consequently there seems to be no immediate necessity for raising an awkward question, and unless Ayub himself represents the matter, it will be more convenient to let it drop.

Yours sincerely
(Sd) H. Daly
Deputy Secretary.

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