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FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

From the Govt. of Bombay.

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Dated 31st Augt. Spare Copies

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(Pro: No: 201.) Forward copy of papers regarding pensions granted to relatives of the ex-Wali of Kandahar intimation regarding which was not communicated to the Commr. in Sind, & in the circumstances explained, request to be furnished, in future, with a copy of the orders sanctioning pensions &c. for Afghan refugees.

Letter to the Govt. of Bombay, No. 2247-7, of 7th September 1900.

(Pro: No: 202.) Expresses regret that copies of corres: on the subject were not forwarded. Promises to do so in future in similar cases.

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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 31 *August* 1900.

FROM

W. T. MORISON, ESQ., I.C.S.,
Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay ;

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Foreign Department.

SIR,

I am directed to state, for the information of the Government of India, that in May last the Commissioner in Sind submitted to this Government a petition, dated the 9th October 1899, from Ata Muhammad Khan and Jan Muhammad Khan, sons of Sardar Sher Muhammad Khan, the brother of Sardar Sher Ali Khan, *ex*-Wali of Kandahar, praying for a subsistence allowance in consideration of their destitute condition, and recommended the grant of a small compassionate allowance to the petitioners. In reply Mr. James was asked in this Department letter No. 4041, dated the 2nd June 1900, to ascertain from the Honourable the Agent to the Governor-General in Baluchistan and report to Government the real condition of the petitioners.

2. I am to enclose a copy of the reply No. 607, dated the 2nd August 1900, of the Commissioner in Sind to the above-quoted letter, and of the communication from the Honourable the Agent to the Governor-General in Baluchistan which accompanied it, and to request, in view of Mr. Giles' remarks, that the Government of India may be moved to authorize this Government being furnished, in future, with a copy of their orders sanctioning pensions, &c., in similar cases, with a view to such orders being communicated to the Commissioner in Sind.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W T Morison

Acting Secretary to Government.

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Accompaniments to letter No. , *dated the* 31 *August* 1900, *to the Government of India in the Foreign Department.*

Letter No. 818-c., dated the 26th July 1900.

From—The Honourable the Agent to the Governor-General in Baluchistan;

To—The Commissioner in Sind.

Encls: 1
Pro: No. 201

In reply to paragraph 2 of your letter No. 532, dated the 6th July 1900, asking for particulars in connection with the pensions enjoyed by Ata Muhammad Khan, Jan Muhammad Khan, Sirdar Khoja Muhammad Khan and Khoja Muhammad Khan Mama, relatives of the late *ex*-Wali of Kandahar, I have the honour to inform you that the two former (Sardars Ata Muhammad Khan and Jan Muhammad Khan) were granted pensions of Rs. 40 each per mensem with effect from the 8th February 1900, in accordance with the instructions conveyed in Government of India letter in the Foreign Department, No. 413-F., dated the 8th February 1900.

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2. With effect from the same date a pension of Rs. 80 per mensem was sanctioned for Khoja Muhammad Khan Mama and a pension of Rs. 40 per mensem for Sardar Khoja Muhammad Khan under authority of Foreign Department letter No. 411-F., dated the 8th February 1900.

Pro. No. 158 - Ibid

3. These Sardars first petitioned me in Quetta towards the end of 1893. I sent the petition of Sardars Ata Muhammad and Jan Muhammad to the Collector, Karáchi; and that of Khoja Muhammad Khan and Sardar Khoja Muhammad Khan to the Government of Bombay. In both cases the reply received was that it was expected that all the petitioners would be able to return to Afghanistan and hence they had not been given allowances. Later on, about June 1899, all four gentlemen petitioned the Government of India, who directed some enquiries to be made from the Agent to the Governor-General, Baluchistan. It was found that they were all in a state approaching to destitution in Quetta, and that there was no probability of their being allowed to return to their own country. I also, when acting as Foreign Secretary, ascertained from the Amir's Agent in Simla that His Highness would not agree to any of the four re-entering Afghanistan. Ultimately, and chiefly on my recommendation, the Government of India sanctioned the allowances above described.

Pro. Nos. 149, 150 + 151 Ibid.
152 - Ibid.
154 Ibid.
P. 17 of note-Ibid

4. None of the Sardars were aware that allowances were likely to be sanctioned until the orders of Government were received in February last, and it is probable that they petitioned you before that date.

Memorandum No. 607, dated the 2nd August 1900.

Encls: 2,
Pro: No: 202.

From—The Commissioner in Sind;

To—The Secretary to Government, Political Department, Bombay.

The Acting Commissioner in Sind presents compliments, and with reference to Mr. Secretary Morison's letter No. 4041, dated the 2nd June 1900, Political Department, has the honour to forward the accompanying copy of a letter received from the Agent, Governor-General, Baluchistan, from which it will be seen that the petitioners Ata Muhammad Khan and Jan Muhammad Khan, sons of Sardar Sher Muhammad Khan, the brother of the late *ex*-Wali of Kandahar, have already been granted pensions by the Government of India.

2. The Acting Commissioner would respectfully observe that considerable trouble has been caused owing to the omission to inform this office of the grant of these pensions, although the petitioners as members of the *ex*-Wali's family were under the charge of the Collector of Karáchi and Political Agent for Afghan Sardars, and would request that due intimation may be given in similar cases in future.

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If reply required, here mark R; if speedy reply, RR.

Foreign Department. Faired [DRAFT.]—For Approval.

No. 2247-F

Simla, the 7th September, 1900.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Bombay,
Political Deptt.

Previous Papers. { Dy. heading N.R. / Dy. No. 577.

Despd: 7.9.00.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 6541, dated the 31st August, 1900, regarding the cases of Ata Muhammad Khan and Jan Muhammad Khan, nephews of the late Sardar Sher Ali Khan, ex-Wali of Kandahar.

2. I am to express regret that, through an oversight, copies of the correspondence with the Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor General in Baluchistan on the subject, were not forwarded to the Govt. of Bombay. Should any similar cases occur in future, copies of the correspondence will be duly communicated to the Bombay Govt.

I have, &c.,
H. Daly.
Deputy Secretary.

Fair copied by H.C.M.
Read by S.C.B.
Examined by O.M.
Despatched by H.

SUBJECT.

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