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Subject.

Return to Afghan claim of Sardars Yusuf Khan and Sher Muhammad Khan sons-in-law of the late Sir Amir of Kabul.

For references to former and later cases see within the cover.

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References to former cases.

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F.S. May 1894. 158/159	Petition from Sardar Mukd Rahim Khan, an Afghan Refugee, praying for an allowance or a sum of money to enable him to return to Kabul.

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FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

D.O.

From Lieut. Col. A. M. Muir

Pol. Agent in Charge of the Ex-Amir

(To Dy. Secy.)

No.

Dated 26th } June

Recd. 29th }

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} Spare Copies.

Subject.

States that Sardars Yusuf Khan and Sher Muhammad Khan, sons-in-law of the Ex-Amir are thinking of returning to Afghanistan.

Notes and Orders.

(Sd.) H. D.
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For information only.
Asst. Secy. to see.
N. G. Sarkar
5/7/95

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Dno. 907 (A.R.)

D.O.

From Lt. Col. A. M. Muir,
Political Agent in charge of the Ex-Amir
(To Dy. Secy.)

Dated 8th (?) } July.
Recd. 8th }

In continuation of his confidential d.o. letter of the 26th June, states that the Amir has given permission to Sardars Yusuf Khan and Sher Muhammad Khan to return to Afghanistan. Adds that he is trying to find out how they managed to communicate with the Amir.

(Sd.) H. D.
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Assistant Secretary to see.
N. G. Sarkar
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Special Branch, to see.
u/o No. 762 F.D. 12/7/95

[signature] 12/7

Recd: 15.7.95

Seen, notes, & returned with thanks
[signature] 13/7

For Deptmt.
C.S.B. u.o. No. 351, dy. 15.7.95

[signature] Await 17/7

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Dno. 114 (A.R.)

D.O.

From Lieut. Col. A. M. Muir

Pol. Agent in Charge of the Ex-Amir

(To Dy Secy.)

Dated 29th August

Recd 31st August.

Reports arrival at Dehra of one Fazl Rahman, son of Hafiz Muhammad Gul.

(Sd.) H. D.
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Assistant Secy. to see.

Then to the Special Branch?

N. G. Sarkar
4/9/95

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Special Branch

u/o No 1025 F&S 5.9.95

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A.M.
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Mussoorie.
26th June 1895.

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My dear Daly

The Ex Amir has two daughters living at Dehra with their husbands Sardars. Yusuf Khan and Sher Muh.^d Khan sons of the late Sardar Muh.^d Sharif Khan. He gives to the former Rs 150/, and to the latter Rs 200/ a month.

We have heard for some time that they were dissatisfied with their allowances; and it was said that Yusuf Khan intended at the last Id. (ul Fitr) to ask the Ex Amir to increase

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his allowance, and that if his request was refused he intended to go over to the Amir Abdur Rahman.

It is now said that Yusuf Khan did address the Ex Amir at the Id reproaching him in rather bold language with spending so much on himself &, while he left his daughters and their husbands on a miserable allowance, and that the Ex Amir made no answer. Further that both Sardars have now made overtures to the Amir who has given them permission to return to Kabul. They would prefer, it is said, to remain

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in India but this the Amir will not agree to; and as the wives are willing to accompany them to Kabul it remains to be seen if they will really go. If they do the Eic Amir will be very much cut up about it, but he has not mentioned the matter either to me or the Assistant.

I have thought it better to give you the above facts for what they are worth at once in case you should hear rumours about it from other quarters - meanwhile my Assistant Naja Ali Khan, through whom I have the story, is doing his best to find out quietly how much of it is really true.

Neither of the Sardars is of any importance. Yusuf Khan's mother

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was a Kaniz and the Ex Amir's
daughter whom he married was
also a Kaniz -
is of better birth; and his wife is
the daughter of one of the Ex Amir's
regular wives. Sher Muhammad
Both brothers
have been living very quietly and
unobtrusively at Dehra

Yours Sincerely
A W Muir

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Mussoorie, 8th July 1895.

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My dear Daly,

In continuation of my confidential D O letter of the 26th Ultmo I write to say that I have found out through my Assistant that the story about the two Sardars' Yusuf Khan and Sher Muhd Khan is quite correct. They made overtures to the Amir who wrote back in friendly terms addressing them as his cousins, and saying that as they were the sons of his uncle Muhd Sharif Khan he would be very glad to allow them to come back to their own country.

Yusuf Khan now says that he means to go to Kabul unless the Ex-Amir increases his allowance by Rs 50 a month, and pays for the re-roofing of the house he has just bought which will come, he says, to about Rs 2,000. He probably will take much less than this latter sum.

It appears that Yusuf Khan's wife told her father the Ex-Amir that her husband intended to ask permission to return to Kabul, but he replied he was sure Abdur Rahman would never allow him. I do not fancy they have yet told him of the favourable reply they have received.

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I asked the Assistant to find out quietly, if possible, how they managed to communicate with the Amir, and perhaps you may care to know. It seems they wrote through Sardar Rahim Khan (about whom please see my letter No 38 of the 15th March 1894) who was some little time ago allowed to return to Kabul. Rahim Khan sent the Amir's reply by post to a man Sarwar Khan now living at Amritsar formerly in the service of * Sardar Nur Muhd Khan here, and he forwarded it by the hand of a messenger to Yusuf Khan at Dehra.

* but now not in very good terms with

Yours Sincerely

A M Muir

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MUSSOOREE.

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29th August 1895

My dear Daly.

Our Sub Inspector at Dehra reports the arrival there of a "Sethi" from Pehawar by name Fazl ul Rahman Son of Hafiz Muhammad Gul. The man is putting up at the

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house of Sardar Yusuf
Khan - Son-in-law of
the Ex Amir, and is to
stay some days.

As I mentioned in my
confidential D.O letter
of the 8th July Sardar
Yusuf Khan & his brother
Sher Ahmad have been
in correspondence with
the Amir, and we think
it not unlikely that

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the man has come
with some communication
We are trying to find
out about him, and if
there is anything worth
reporting I will let
you know.

Yours Sincerely
A.M. Muir

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References to later cases.

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