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LIST OF PAPERS.

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No. 159.—Tel. to Captain Evans-Gordon, Karachi, No. 900-F. of 4th May 1888—Authorises him to welcome Ayub Khan on behalf of the Viceroy, and how he should be received. Adds that Ayub should call on the Commr. in Sind, who will doubtless return his call.

No. 160.—From Captain Evans-Gordon, Karachi, of 6th May 1888—Reports Ayub Khan's arrival at Karachi. Everything satisfactory so far.

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No. 164.—Tel. to H. M.'s Minister at Teheran, No. 952-F. of 10th May 1888—Informs him of the arrival at Karachi of Ayub Khan, Hashim Khan, and followers, all well. Asks him to inform Genl. MacLean.

No. 165.—Tel. from Col. E. S. Reynolds, Karachi, of 10th May 1888—Reports that Captain Evans-Gordon with Ayub Khan and Hashim, leading Sardars, and 233 followers, left Karachi on the 10th for Rawal Pindi. Ayub Khan pleased with arrangements made for him.

No. 166.—Tel. from Captain Evans-Gordon, Sukkur, of 11th May 1888—Reports Ayub Khan's arrival at Sukkur. All well.

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REFERENCES TO LATER CASES.

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- (1) Notes on the case.
Demi-official from Private Secy. to the Govr.-
Genl. of 12th May 1888.
- (2) Demi-official from Col. Reynolds of 12th May 1888.

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Original of tel. from Ayub Khan. *[attached]*

- No. 167.—Tel. from Col. E. S. Reynolds, Karachi, of 11th May 1888—Reports the departure from Karachi of the remainder of Ayub Khan's party.
- No. 168.—Tel. to Secy. of State for India, No. 968-F. of 12th May 1888—Reports the arrival of Ayub Khan at Karachi on the 6th May. Everything satisfactory, and he is now proceeding to Rawal Pindi.
- No. 169.—Tel. from Col. E. S. Reynolds, Karachi, of 12th May 1888—Reports that the last special train with Hashim Khan's party left on the morning of the 12th May.
- No. 170.—Tel. from Captain Evans-Gordon, Reti, of 11th May 1888—Suggests the despatch of a tel. from the Viceroy or Foreign Secy. to Sardar Ayub Khan, informing him of Captain Evans-Gordon being in charge of him, and congratulating him on termination of his journey, &c.
- No. 171.—Tel. from Captain Evans-Gordon, Rawal Pindi, of 13th May 1888—Reports Ayub Khan's arrival at Rawal Pindi, all well.
- No. 172.—Tel. to Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan, Rawal Pindi, No. 972-F. of 14th May 1888—Congratulates him on behalf of the Viceroy on his safe arrival. Acquaints him of Captain Evans-Gordon's appointment.
- No. 173.—Tel. from Captain Evans-Gordon of 15th May 1888—Communicates the gist of Ayub Khan's reply to the foregoing. Adds that the original tel. will follow by post.
- No. 174.—From Captain Evans-Gordon, Rawal Pindi, No. 8 of 16th May 1888—Submits the original Persian of tel. to H. E. the Viceroy from Ayub Khan, gist of which was despatched by tel. on the 15th May.
- No. 175.—Encl.
- No. 176.—Tel. from Captain Evans-Gordon, Rawal Pindi, No. 35 of 24th May 1888—States that he leaves for Murree on the 28th May 1888.
- No. 177.—Tel. from Captain Evans-Gordon, Murree, No. 36 of 25th May 1888—Reports Ayub Khan's arrival at Murree.
- No. 178.—To Captain Evans-Gordon, No. 1138-F. of 5th June 1888—Informs him that the Govr.-Genl. in Council is satisfied with his proceedings in connection with Ayub Khan's journey from Karachi to Murree, and states that the result is creditable to his judgment and temper.
- No. 179.—To Col. E. S. Reynolds, Poltl. Agent, South-Eastern Baluchistan, No. 1139-F. of 5th June 1888—Informs him that the arrangements made at Karachi for the reception and subsequent journey of Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan were entirely satisfactory, and that his services in this matter are appreciated by the Govr.-Genl. in Council.

Copy forwarded to Agent to the Govr.-Genl. in Baluchistan, by endorsement No. 1140-F. of 5th June 1888.

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FRONTIER A, JUNE 1888.

Nos. 158-179.

Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan's arrival in India. His journey from Karachi to Murree.

FROM CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, IN CHARGE OF MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN, DATED THE 4TH MAY 1888.

States that Ayub may arrive on 5th or 6th, but that all arrangements are very backward. Asks if Ayub may be welcomed on behalf of Viceroy.

Shown to the Viceroy. Answer—

"You are authorised to welcome Ayub on behalf of Viceroy who wishes Ayub to be well received. If you can arrange it, the Collector of Karachi and a Staff Officer on behalf of the General should meet him, also Reynolds and you. Ayub should call on the Commissioner in Sind, who will doubtless return his call."

4th May 1888.

H. M. D.

[Telegram to Captain Evans-Gordon, in charge of Ayub Khan, No. 900-F., dated the 4th May 1888.]

FROM CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, IN CHARGE OF MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN, DATED THE 6TH MAY 1888.

Reports Ayub Khan's arrival at Karachi. Everything satisfactory so far.

A CHAPMAN. * Sent.

Press Commissioner and copy * for Private Secretary to the Governor-General.

W. J. C.

H. M. D.

A draft paragraph for the newspapers is put up for approval.

—7th May 1888.

Approved news sent out.

TELEGRAM FROM CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, IN CHARGE OF AYUB KHAN, DATED THE 7TH MAY 1888.

States that Sardar Ayub Khan has consented to visit the Commissioner in Sind, and did so on 7th May. Ayub wishes to remain at Karachi till 10th instant, which the Political Agent has agreed to.

No orders.

7th May 1888.

H. M. D.

UNDER-SECRETARY.

To see.

This means four more days' entertainment. Captain Evans-Gordon has told Punjab Government and Commissioner of Rawal Pindi.

E. H. S. C.—7th May 1888.

9th May 1888.

W. J. C.

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL AGENT, SOUTH-EASTERN BALUCHISTAN, DATED THE 7TH MAY 1888.

Reports that he has disembarked Afghan Sardars, ladies, &c., numbering 845 persons without hitch. Remainder of party expected tomorrow.

Done.

A. CHAPMAN—8th May 1888.

8th May 1888.

Given to Press.

8th May 1888.

Ayub Khan's arrival may be telegraphed to Persia to Sir D. Wolff:—

"Ayub and most Afghans arrived Karachi. All satisfactory so far. Please repeat MacLean."

A. CHAPMAN—9th May 1888.

E. H. S. C.

9th May 1888.

Secretary.

The rest of the party have now been landed I think. If so, we may say—

"Ayub, Hashim, and followers have landed Karachi. All well. Please inform MacLean."

10th May 1888.

Copy to Private Secretary to the Governor-General.

H. M. D.

W. J. C.

W. J. C.

H. M. D.

[Telegram to Her Majesty's, Minister at Teheran, No. 952-F., dated the 10th May 1888.]

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL AGENT, SOUTH-EASTERN BALUCHISTAN, DATED THE 8TH MAY 1888.

Remainder of Ayub Khan's party arrived, landed, and accommodated.

No action.

A. CHAPMAN—9th May 1888.

E. H. S. C.—9th May 1888.

10th May 1888.

Given to Press Commissioner.

10th May 1888.

H. M. D.

W. J. C.

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL AGENT, SOUTH-EASTERN BALUCHISTAN, DATED THE 10TH MAY 1888.

Captain Evans-Gordon with Ayub and Hashim and leading Sardars and 233 followers left morning 10th for Pindi. Ayub pleased with arrangements.

Sent.
A. CHAPMAN.

10th May 1888.

Copy to Private Secretary to the Governor-General. No orders.

H. M. D.

UNDER-SECRETARY.

To see.

A. CHAPMAN—11th May 1888.

From a telegram received later, I understand there is a mistake about Hashim having left as he is to leave on Saturday.

E. H. S. C.—11th May 1888.

Colonel Reynolds' two telegrams are not reconcilable.

11th May 1888.

W. J. C.

Note.—In a subsequent telegram about Abdul Rahman's going with Hashim to Pindi, Colonel Reynolds has explained that Hashim left with Ayub, but that Hashim's party leave on 12th.

A. CHAPMAN.

TELEGRAM FROM CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, IN CHARGE OF MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN, DATED THE 11TH MAY 1888.

Ayub's arrival at Sukkur. All well.

SECRETARY.

For information.

11th May 1888.

W. J. C.

* Copy sent.
A. CHAPMAN—11th May 1888.

Private Secretary.*

11th May 1888.

H. M. D.

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL AGENT, SOUTH-EASTERN BALUCHISTAN, DATED THE 11TH MAY 1888.

Remainder of Ayub's party left Karachi, morning 11th.

No orders.

11th May 1888.

H. M. D.

UNDER-SECRETARY.

To see.

A. CHAPMAN—12th May 1888.

12th May 1888.

W. J. C.

[Telegram to Secretary of State for India, London, No. 968-F., dated the 12th May 1888.]

TELEGRAM FROM POLITICAL AGENT, SOUTH-EASTERN BALUCHISTAN, DATED THE 12TH MAY 1888.

Last special train with Hashim's party left morning of 12th instant.

* Sent.
A. CHAPMAN—12th May 1888.

Copy to Private Secretary.*

12th May 1888.

H. M. D.

TELEGRAM FROM CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, IN CHARGE OF MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN, DATED THE 13TH MAY 1888.

Ayub's arrival at Rawal Pindi. All well.

* Sent.
A. J. R.—13th May 1888.

Copy to Private Secretary.*

13th May 1888.

H. M. D.

UNDER-SECRETARY.

Te see.

A. CHAPMAN—14th May 1888.

E. H. S. C.—14th May 1888.

Seen. No orders.

14th May 1888.

W. J. C.

TELEGRAM FROM CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, IN CHARGE OF MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN DATED THE 11TH MAY 1888.

Suggests a telegram from Viceroy or Foreign Secretary to Sardar Ayub Khan informing him of Captain Evans-Gordon's appointment in charge of him, and congratulating him on termination of his journey, &c.

HIS EXCELLENCY.

With reference to the telegram below I might perhaps telegraph to Ayub—

"I congratulate you on behalf of the Viceroy upon your safe arrival, and hope all is well. Captain Evans-Gordon, whom the Viceroy deputed to meet you, will remain with you and make all necessary arrangements."

12th May 1888.

H. M. D.

14th May 1888.

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Issue.

14th May 1888.

H. M. D.

[Telegram to Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan, Rawal Pindi, No. 972-F., dated the 14th May 1888.]

TELEGRAM FROM CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, IN CHARGE OF MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN, DATED THE 15TH MAY 1888.

Forwards a telegram from Ayub Khan to the Viceroy.

HIS EXCELLENCY.

I submit a telegram from Ayub Khan for information. I do not think it requires any answer.

16th May 1888.

H. M. D.

18th May 1888.

D.

Please add the demi-official from Colonel Reynolds; then Under-Secretary must see.

E. H. S. C.—18th May 1888.

DEMI-OFFICIAL FROM COLONEL REYNOLDS, KARACHI (TO SECRETARY), DATED THE 12TH MAY 1888.

Reports departure of Ayub Khan and the Afghan refugees for Rawul Pindi. Promises an official statement of his proceedings.

Await official letter.

17th May 1888.

H. M. D.

FROM CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, IN CHARGE OF MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN, No. 8, DATED THE 16TH MAY 1888.

Submits original Persian of telegram to His Excellency the Viceroy from Sardar Ayub Khan, gist of which was telegraphed on 15th instant.

Sardar Ayub Khan's action in requesting that this may be submitted to His Excellency with apologies for shortcomings in the message as telegraphed is very courteous.

E. H. S. C.—18th May 1888.

Yes, submit with translation.

19th May 1888.

Translation put up.

M. A. KAZI—19th May 1888.

The original Persian should be restored to the file.
be drafted please.

E. H. S. C.—19th May 1888.

Shall an official acknowledgment of Captain Evans-Gordon's and Colonel Reynolds' services

W. J. C.

SECRETARY.

I submit this for information as His Excellency might like to see it?

We had better wait until Ayub has arrived in Murree before writing an official acknowledgment of Colonel Reynolds' and Captain Evans-Gordon's services.

23rd May 1888.

W. J. C.

HIS EXCELLENCY.

I submit for information Ayub's acknowledgment of Your Excellency's congratulations.

26th May 1888.

H. M. D.

29th May 1888.

D.

TELEGRAM FROM CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, IN CHARGE OF MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN, No. 35, DATED THE 24TH MAY 1888.

States that he leaves for Murree on the 25th instant.

25th May 1888.

W. J. C.

25th May 1888.

H. M. D.

TELEGRAM FROM CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, IN CHARGE OF MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN, No. 36, DATED THE 25TH MAY 1888.

Reports Ayub Khan's arrival at Murree.

Press.

26th May 1888.

W. J. C.

Two drafts below acknowledging Captain Gordon's and Colonel Reynolds' services.

A. CHAPMAN—29th May 1888.

E. H. S. C.

[To Captain W. Evans-Gordon, No. 1138-F, dated the 5th June 1888.]

[To Colonel E. S. Reynolds, and endorsement to Agent to the Governor-General in Baluchistan, Nos. 1139-1140-F, dated the 5th June 1888.]

Recorded and indexed by E. Marshall—7th June 1888.

Recording and indexing examined by E. H. S. Clarke—7th June 1888.

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[DEMI-OFFICIALS.]

Dated Simla, the 12th May 1888.

From—SIR D. MACKENZIE WALLACE, K.C.I.E.,

To—H. M. DURAND, Esq., C.S.I.

* Telegram to Secretary of State, No. 968-F., dated the 12th May 1888.

If you have not reported Ayub's arrival to Secretary of State, please send the enclosed.*

Dated Karachi, the 12th May 1888.

From—COLONEL E. S. REYNOLDS,

To—H. M. DURAND, Esq., C.S.I.

You will be glad to have heard of the safe departure of our Afghan guests. I think they were very happy, and Ayub at all events was profuse in his expressions of gratitude to me. He is a very pleasant man, well mannered, and takes an intelligent interest in all he sees. He appears to be well disposed towards us, but of course it is impossible to say what he may be in reality. He is evidently much respected by all his following, and I believe comes down on them with considerable severity if they misbehave themselves. During the time they were here I am glad to say I had no complaints made against them.

The work of disembarking, lodging, and providing for so large a number was of course very heavy, and the telling off of the several trains, and getting the people and their baggage with them, a great trial of patience. But for Evans-Gordon's help it would have been impossible for me to get through all there was to be done without incurring delay, and delay of course was most undesirable. In the multiplicity of arrangements that were necessary his quickness was of great advantage, and he was in every way a most pleasant coadjutor. We pulled together admirably, and all difficulties were overcome with the happiest results.

The Commissioner in Sind very kindly placed his Political Munshi at my disposal, and allowed me to arrange with the local authorities for providing meals for the Afghans at the halting places along the Sind portion of the Railway. Very satisfactory reports have been received regarding these arrangements, and I trust that the whole party will reach Rawal Pindi without mishap. I shall of course send you an official statement of my proceedings, but I am writing this now, as you may like to know at once how the whole business went off.

Exd.—T. Y.

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No. 158.

Telegram, dated the 4th May 1888.

From—CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, Karachi,

To—Foreign Secretary, Simla.

Mockler telegraphs Ayub may arrive 5th or 6th. All arrangements very backward here. Am helping all I can, but do not hold myself responsible. Are we authorized to welcome Ayub on behalf of Viceroy?

No. 159.

Telegram, No. 900-F., dated the 4th May 1888.

From—Foreign Secretary, Simla,

To—CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, care of Colonel Reynolds, Karachi.

900-F. You are authorised to welcome Ayub on behalf of Viceroy, who wishes Ayub to be well received. If you can arrange it the Collector of Karachi and a staff officer on behalf of the General should meet him; also Reynolds and you. Ayub should call on the Commissioner in Sind, who will doubtless return his call.

No. 160.

Telegram, dated the 6th May 1888.

From—CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, Karachi,

To—Foreign Secretary, Simla.

Ayub, Hashim, with 20 Sardars and 50 followers, arrived in *Lawrence* at 6 p. m. this evening. Collector, Daging (?) Reynolds and self met the party. I delivered Viceroy's message. Ayub expressed himself very grateful and desired me to thank His Excellency in warmest terms. Party landed at once and drove to house prepared for them. Ayub apparently satisfied with arrangements. Sardars and *Comilla* with remainder of party expected tomorrow morning. Everything satisfactory so far.

No. 161.

Telegram, dated the 7th May 1888.

From—CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, Karachi,

To—Foreign Secretary, Simla.

After some discussion Ayub consented to visit Commissioner and did so this morning. He wishes to remain here till Thursday as the ladies will require rest. I consider this reasonable and have agreed. Am informing Punjab and Nisbet.

No. 162.

Telegram, dated the 7th May 1888.

From—COLONEL E. S. REYNOLDS, Karachi,

To—Foreign Secretary, Simla.

Have disembarked Sardars, ladies and followers, numbering 845 persons from Sirsa without hitch. Remainder of party expected by *Comilla* tomorrow. All lodged and comfortably provided for. All well so far.

No. 163.

Telegram, dated the 8th May 1888.

From—COLONEL E. S. REYNOLDS, Karachi,

To—Foreign Secretary, Simla.

Remainder Ayub party arrived, landed, and accommodated.

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No. 164.

Telegram, No. 952-F., dated the 10th May 1888.

From—Foreign Secretary, Simla,

To—Her Majesty's Minister, Teheran.

Ayub, Hashim, and followers have landed Karachi. All well. Please inform MacLean.

No. 165.

Telegram, dated the 10th May 1888.

From—COLONEL E. S. REYNOLDS, Karachi,

To—Foreign Secretary, Simla.

Evans-Gordon, with Ayub, Hashim, leading Sardars, and 233 followers left this morning for Pindi by special train. Ayub was much pleased with the arrangements made, and expressed to me sincere gratitude for all that had been done for him here. The Luinab, with 33 followers, preceded Ayub by last night's mail.

No. 166.

Telegram, dated the 11th May 1888.

From—CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, Sukkur,

To—Foreign Secretary, Simla.

Arrived here safe this morning. Sardars and party all well and content. Heat terrific and journey difficult business, but no hitch so far.

No. 167.

Telegram, dated the 11th May 1888.

From—COLONEL E. S. REYNOLDS, Karachi,

To—Foreign Secretary, Simla.

The ladies, families and remaining followers of Ayub's party, numbering 454 persons, left for Pindi by special train this morning. All well so far.

No. 168.

Telegram, dated the 12th May 1888.

From—Viceroy, Simla,

To—Secretary of State, London.

968-F. Foreign. Ayub arrived safely at Karachi on 6th. Everything satisfactory. He is now proceeding to Rawal Pindi.

No. 169.

Telegram, dated 12th May 1888.

From—COLONEL E. S. REYNOLDS, Karachi,

To—Foreign Secretary, Simla.

Last special with Hashim's party, numbering 236 persons, left this morning. Everything has gone off most satisfactorily.

No. 170.

Telegram, dated the 12th May 1888.

From—CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, Reti,

To—Foreign Secretary, Simla.

Everything satisfactory so far. It would help me if Ayub were given some formal intimation of my appointment in charge of him. Could not this be done by

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a letter or telegram to him through you as from Viceroy combined with congratulation on termination of his long journey? I have explained my position to Ayub, but it would strengthen my hands both with him, Sardars, and others if formal intimation, with expression of Viceroy's confidence in me, were given.

No. 171.

Telegram, dated the 13th May 1888.

From—CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, Rawal Pindi,

To—Foreign Secretary, Simla.

Arrived here this morning. All well. Journey completed without slightest hitch. Attitude Ayub and Sardars hitherto everything that could be wished. Leading Afghans in Pindi met us at station. Remainder of party arrive tomorrow and next day.

No. 172.

Telegram, No. 972-F., dated the 14th May 1888.

From—Foreign Secretary, Simla,

To—SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN, Rawal Pindi.

972-F. I congratulate you on behalf of the Viceroy upon your safe arrival, and hope all is well. Captain Evans-Gordon, whom the Viceroy deputed to meet you, will remain with you and make all necessary arrangements.

No. 173.

Telegram, dated the 15th May 1888.

From—CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, Rawal Pindi,

To—Foreign Secretary, Simla.

Following is gist of telegram which Ayub desires me to send through you to His Excellency: *Begins*. "I am grateful for your telegram congratulating me on behalf of the Viceroy on my safe arrival at Pindi. Owing to the kindness of the Government and recommendation of the Viceroy my whole journey has been completed in the greatest comfort. I hope that at Pindi and Murree every kind of comfort and ease will be also afforded to me and my followers. My greatest wish is to pay a visit to the Viceroy, but the Viceroy intends to leave India and I am desirous the Viceroy will give me an opportunity of fulfilling my wish before his departure. It is known to me that Captain Evans-Gordon has been appointed to manage my affairs." *Ends*. Original follows by post.

No. 174.

No. 8, dated Rawal Pindi, the 16th May 1888.

From—CAPTAIN W. EVANS-GORDON, Political Agent, in charge of SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN,

To—The Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department.

With reference to my telegram, dated the 15th May, communicating the gist of a message from Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan to the Viceroy, I have now the honour to forward the original Persian document sent to me by the Sardar, and bearing his seal.

2. It will be observed that the Persian text, while referring to the approaching departure of the Viceroy, does not express the Sardar's regret at this event.

3. He himself discovered this omission and earnestly begged me to offer his apologies to the Viceroy for it. He desired me, moreover, to say that the

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mistake was solely due to an error in copying as the original draft which he produced and showed to me contained the omitted words.

4. The matter is of small importance, but the Sardar's action in bringing it to notice is satisfactory.

No. 175.

Translation of a draft telegram from SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN to the address of the Secretary, dated the 3rd Ramazan 1305 = 15th May 1888.

After compliments.—I have received the telegram congratulating me, on behalf of His Excellency the Viceroy, on my arrival at Rawal Pindi, and I am much obliged for it. Owing to the attentions of the Sublime Government and the recommendations of His Excellency the Viceroy, I have completed my journey with the greatest ease and comfort. I hope that in future too, through the kindness of the Sublime Government, all the means of comfort and convenience will be provided for myself and my followers at Rawal Pindi and Murree.

My chief wish is to see His Excellency the Viceroy; but His Excellency intends to leave India. I am desirous that before his departure His Excellency may grant me an opportunity of attaining my wish.

I have learnt that Captain Gordon has been appointed to arrange my affairs.

No. 176.

Telegram, dated the 24th May 1888.

From—CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, Rawal Pindi,
To—Foreign Secretary, Simla.

35. Leave for Murree 25th.

No. 177.

Telegram, dated the 25th May 1888.

From—CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, Murree,
To—Foreign Secretary, Simla.

36. Arrived here with Ayub and following. Journey quite satisfactory. Sardar unaffectedly delighted with place and grateful and arrangements made for him.

No. 178.

No. 1138-F., dated Simla, the 5th June 1888.

From—W. J. CUNNINGHAM, Esq., Under-Secretary to the Government of India,
Foreign Department,
To—CAPTAIN EVANS-GORDON, Political Officer with SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 25th May, reporting the arrival of Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan at Murree.

2. The duty of preparing accommodation for the Sardar and his party at Murree and at Rawal Pindi, and of arranging for their journey from Karachi, their reception and temporary location in Rawal Pindi, and their final move to Murree was one of considerable difficulty, and it has been carried out with care and success. I am to inform you that the Governor-General in Council is satisfied with your proceedings in this matter, and consider that the result is creditable to your judgment and temper.

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No. 179.

No. 1139-F., dated Simla, the 5th June 1888.

From—W. J. CUNNINGHAM, Esq., Under-Secretary to the Government of India,
Foreign Department,

To—COLONEL E. S. REYNOLDS, Political Agent, South-Eastern Baluchistan.

I am directed to inform you that the arrangements which were recently made at Karachi for the reception and subsequent journey of Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan and his party were entirely satisfactory, and that your services in this matter are appreciated by the Governor-General in Council.

No. 1140-F.

Copy forwarded to the Agent to the Governor-General in Baluchistan for information.

Exd.—T. Y.

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