No. 4814-6-A., dated Murree, the 4th June 1918.

From—The General Officer Commanding, Northern Command,

To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters.

With reference to your memorandum No. 49712-9 (A. G.-10), dated 19th March 1918, forwarding copy of Army Department letter No. 1858, dated 12th February 1918, which conveys the sanction of the Government of India to the appointment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Jemadar in Indian Infantry, and requesting that steps be taken to post this gentleman for duty with an Indian Infantry regiment, I have the honour to state that enquiries have been made regarding him, and as a result the marginally noted particulars have been ascertained. It has accordingly been decided to post him as a Jemadar in the 2nd Battalion, 54th Sikhs, (Frontier Force), and arrangements are being made to this end.

Fathers name,—Sardar Sher Muhammad Khan (son-in-law of *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan of Afghanistan, and son of Sardar Muhammad Sharif Khan) *Tribe*.—Afghan, Muhammadzai.

2. The delay in the execution of the orders conveyed by you in this matter is much regretted.

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No. 29, dated Dehra Dun, the 21st January 1918.

From—The Political Officer-in-charge of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan of Kabul,

To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Delhi.

I have the honour to invite a reference to this office letter No. 515, dated 6th November 1917, regarding Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, and to request an early reply thereto, as the Sardar is anxious to join the Army as soon as possible.

Memorandum No. 49712-9 (A. G.-10), dated the 19th March 1918.

From—The Adjutant General in India,

To—The General Officer Commanding, Northern Command.

With reference to the attached copy of Army Department letter No. 1858, dated 12th February 1918, it is requested that steps may kindly be taken to post Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan for duty with an Indian Infantry regiment serving in the Army under your command.

2. The name of the unit selected, should be reported to this office.

Copy forwarded to the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division, with reference to the correspondence ending with his No. 32444-14-A., dated 24th December 1917.

No. 160, dated Dehra Dun, the 2nd April 1918.

From—The Political Officer-in-charge of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan of Kabul,

To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

I have the honour to invite a reference to letter No. 1858 of the 12th February 1918, from the Secretary to the Government of India, Army Department, to your address, a copy of which has been forwarded to me, regarding the appointment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Jemadar in the Indian Infantry, and to request that you will kindly let me know when orders will issue for the Sardar to join a regiment. He is anxious to be appointed as early as possible.

Memorandum No. 49712-9 (A. G.-10), dated the 19th March 1918.

From—The Adjutant General in India,

To—The General Officer Commanding, Northern Command.

With reference to the attached copy of Army Department letter No. 1858, dated 12th February 1918, it is requested that steps may kindly be taken to post Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan for duty with an Indian Infantry regiment serving in the Army under your Command.

2. The name of the unit selected should be reported to this office.

Memorandum No. 49712-10 (A. G.-10), dated Simla, the 11th April 1918.

From—The Adjutant General in India,

To—The Political Officer-in-Charge of the *Ex*-Amir, Dehra Dun.

Forwarded with reference to your No. 160, dated 2nd April 1918.

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No. 49712-6 (A. G.-10), dated the 30th October 1917.

From—The Adjutant General in India,
To—The Political Officer-in-Charge, of the *Ex*-Amir of Kabul, Dehra Dun.

I am directed to refer to my letter No. 49712-2 (A. G.-10), dated 17th August 1917, and to express regret that the reported acceptance of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Dafadar by the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry, must be considered as cancelled.

2. It now transpires that the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry, wired to the Staff Captain, Dehra Dun Brigade, stating, he could not accept the Sardar. Unfortunately the telegram was mutilated in transit and the word "not" omitted; this lead to the issue of my letter above quoted.

3. The Officers Commanding all other Indian Cavalry regiments have also been addressed, but none of them is able to accept the Sardar.

4. The inconvenience and disappointment caused to the Sardar by the error is much regretted.

No. 515, dated Dehra Dun, the 6th November 1917.

From—The Political Officer in-charge of the *Ex*-Amir of Kabul,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to your No. 49712-6 (A. G.-10), dated 30th October 1917, I have the honour to say that Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, grandson of the *Ex*-Amir of Kabul, now ask that he may be given a Jemadarshib in the Indian Infantry. I hope that it will be possible to accede to his wishes.

Memorandum No. 49712-7 (A. G.-10), dated the 21st November 1917.

From—The Adjutant General in India,
To—The General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division.

The attached copy of a letter from the Political Officer-in-charge of the *Ex*-Amir is forwarded with the request that you will kindly ascertain whether Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan is suitable for a Jemadar's commission.

No. 32444-14-A., dated Meerut, the 22nd—24th December 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Delhi.

With reference to your memorandum No. 49712-7 (A. G.-10), dated the 21st November 1917, I have the honour to attach a copy of a report received from the General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade, regarding the grant of a direct commission in the Indian Infantry to Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, grandson of the *Ex*-Amir of Kabul. In this connection I beg to refer you to my memorandum No. 32444-1 (A. G.), dated the 17th May 1917.

Memorandum No. 4987-14-A. G., dated Delhi, the 18th December 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade,
To—The Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Meerut Division.

With reference to your No. 32444-13-A., dated the 14th December 1917, Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan has been interviewed by the Officer Commanding Dehra Dun and is considered by him suitable for a direct commission.

He is a gentlemanly young man and appears well educated. He knows a little English and states that he can read and write Urdu and Persian well.

Please see my No. 4987-1-A. G., dated 10th May 1917.

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Telegram No. 443-C., dated the 7th July 1917.

(As received in the office of the General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade.)

From—The Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry,

To—The Staff Captain, Dehra-Dun Brigade.

Your 4987-5, I am willing to accept individual as dafadar.

No. 4987—11-A. G., dated Chakrata, the $\frac{10th}{13th}$ September 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, Dehra-Dun Brigade,

To—The Adjutant General, in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

Forwarded with reference to your wire No. 49712-4—A. G.-10, dated 6th September 1917.

The word "not" appears to have been omitted, in sending; by Telegraph Department.

Memorandum No. 32444-8-A., dated Naini Tal, the 19th September 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division,

To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

Forwarded with reference to your telegram No. 49712-4 (A. G.-10), dated 6th September 1917.

Telegram No. 65756, dated the 28th September 1917.

From—The War Section, Army Headquarters, Simla,

To—The Deputy Adjutant General, 3rd Echelon, Indian Section, Rouen.

Please ascertain whether Commanding, 38th Horse, is willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, grandson *Ex*-Amir, as Dafadar on authorised establishment of unit. Commanding Depôt, 38th Horse willing to take him provided Commanding Officer concurs.

No. 32444-9 (A.), dated Naini Tal, the 4th October 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division,

To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to correspondence ending with my memorandum No. 32444-8-A., dated the 19th September 1917, I have the honour to enquire what decision has been arrived at regarding the enlistment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, a grandson of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan of Kabul, as a Dafadar in an Indian Cavalry Regiment.

Telegram No. D.-70, dated the 8th October 1917.

From—The Deputy Adjutant General, 3rd Echelon, Indian Section, France,

To—The War Section, Army Headquarters, Simla.

Your telegram 65756, September 28th. Officer Commanding, 38th Central India Horse, not willing to take Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan on authorised establishment.

Memorandum No. 49712-5 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd October 1917.

From—The Adjutant General in India,

To—The General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division.

Reference your letter No. 32444-9 (A.), dated 4th October 1917.

Adjutant General's letter No. 49712-2 (A. G.-10), dated 17th August 1917, should be considered as cancelled.

Copy forwarded to the Political Officer-in-Charge of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Khan of Kabul, Dehra Dun.

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2. In reply, I am to request you kindly to arrange, in direct communication with the Political Officer in-charge of the *Ex*-Amir, for the Sardar's enlistment in the 4th Cavalry, and to inform this Branch when the enlistment has been carried out.

Copy forwarded for information to the Political Officer-in-charge of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Khan of Kabul, Dehra Dun.

Telegram No. 4987-10 (A. G.), dated the 30th August 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, Chakrata Brigade,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

Commanding 4th Cavalry now wires he is unwilling to accept, presumably mutilated in transit. For orders please. Addressed Adjutant General in India, reference his 49712-2 (A. G.-10), 17th, repeated Adminstaff, Naini Tal, reference his 32444-5 (A. G.), 21st.

Telegram No. 4987-10 (A. G.), dated the 30th August 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, Chakrata Brigade,
To—Administaff, Naini Tal.

Commanding 4th Cavalry now wires he is unwilling to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as Dafadar. Original wire presumably mutilated in transit. For orders please. Addressed Adjutant General in India, reference his 49712-2 (A. G.-10), 17th, repeated Administaff, Naini Tal, reference his 32444-5 A. G., 21st.

Telegram No. 49712-4 (A. G.-10), dated the 6th September 1917.

From—The Adjutant General in India,
To—The General Officer Commanding, Chakrata Brigade.

Your 4987—10-A. G., 30th August. Forward copies Commarding 4th Cavalry's original wire accepting Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as despatched by him and as received by you. Addressed General Brigade, Chakratta, repeated General Division, Naini Tal.

Telegram No. 32444-7-A., dated the 6th September 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding Division, Naini Tal,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

Reference your letter 49712-2 (A. G.-10), 17th August. Colonel Macquoid, then Commanding 4th Cavalry, now Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General this Division, states that he wired to effect he was not prepared to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan.

No. 443-C.-3, dated the 29th August 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry,
To—The Staff Captain, Dehra Dun Brigade.

I confirm the following telegram sent to you to-day "443-C.-2, your letter 4987—9-A. G., dated 24th instant. In my No. 443-C., dated 7th July last I distinctly stated am not willing to accept individual named as dafadar."

2. I have an office copy my telegram No. 443-C., dated 7th July 1917, which is quite clear. I am unable to explain, where, or how, the mistake has arisen.

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No. 32444—4 (A. G.), dated Naini Tal, the 14th July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to your letter No. 49712-1 (A. G 10), dated the 22nd June 1917, I have the honour to inform you that the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry is willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmed Khan, grandson of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan, as a Dafadar on the authorised establishment of his regiment.

No. 4876—269 (A.-I), dated Ranikhet, United Provinces, the 7th July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 8th (Lucknow) Division,
To—The Aujutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to your No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd June 1917, I have the honour to inform you that the Officer Commanding, 27th Light Cavalry is not willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan in the Regiment under his command. He states that men of this class are not enlisted in the 27th Light Cavalry.

No. 10213—3 (A.-3), dated Ootacamund, the 21st July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 9th (Secunderabad) Division,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

Reference your letter No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd June 1917. I have the honour to inform you that the two Indian Cavalry Regiments in this Division are unwilling to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Dafadar on the authorised establishment of the regiment.

No. 2401-3-A., dated Fort Lockhart, the 2nd July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, Kohat Brigade,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to your No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd June 1917, regarding the acceptance of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, a grandson of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan, as a Dafadar on the establishment of an Indian Cavalry Regiment, I have the honour to report that the Officer Commanding the Indian Cavalry Regiment in the Brigade under my command regrets his inability to take the above named Indian gentleman.

No. 133-S. G., dated Bannu, the 28th June 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, Bannu and Communications,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

In reply to your No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated 22nd June 1917, I have the honour to inform you that the Officer Commanding, 31st Lancers, is not willing to take Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Dafadar in his regiment.

No. 49712-2 (A G.-10), dated the 17th August 1917.

From—The Adjutant General in India,
To—The General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 32444-4 (A. G.), dated the 14th July 1917, in which you state that the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry, is willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Dafadar on the authorised establishment of his regiment.

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No. 15471-3-A., dated Dalhousie, the 3rd August 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 16th Indian Division,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to your letter No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd June 1917, regarding Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, I have the honour to inform you that no Indian Cavalry Regiment in the Division under my Command is willing to accept this Sardar as a Dafadar on the authorised establishment

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No. 314-15 (A. G.), dated Quetta, the 7th July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 4th (Quetta) Division,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to your No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd June 1917, I have the honour to inform you that neither of the Officers Commanding, Indian Cavalry Regiments in this Division are willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmed Khan as a Dafadar in their Regiment.

No. C.-1709, dated the 2nd July 1917.

From—The Officer Commanding at Agar,
To—The Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, 5th (Mhow) Division.

Reference your No. 10952-1 (A. G.), dated the 29th June 1917.

Personally the Officer Commanding Depot, 38th King George's Own Central India Horse, would be prepared to have the Sardar referred to in Adjutant General in India's No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd June 1917, in the Depot, 38th King George's Own Central India Horse.

He considers, however, that in view of the high standing of the Sardar and with regard to his future prospects of promotion, it is impossible for him to accept him as a Dafadar without referring the question to the Commandant in the Field. As there is no Indian Officer of the Sardar's class (Durrani) with the regiment (and have been two others in the past) it is possible that the Commandant may be willing to accept Nur Ahmad Khan.

I shall be glad if you will kindly let me know whether, in the circumstances, the Officer Commanding Depot, 38th King George's Own Central India Horse may refer this matter to the Commandant 38th King George's Own Central India Horse in France, with a view to obtaining his consent to the Sardar's enlistment into this Regiment.

Memorandum No. 10952-2 (A. G.), dated Mhow, the 16th July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division,
To—The Adjutant General in India.

Forwarded with reference to your No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd June 1917.

There are no other Officer Commanding, Indian Cavalry Units in this Division, willing to accept the Sardar as a Dafadar in the regiment.

No. 562-9 (A. G.-3), dated Poona, the 2nd July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 6th (Poona) Divisional Area,
To—The Adjutatant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to your No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd June 1917, I have the honour to inform you that no vacancy exists in either of the Indian Cavalry units in this Area for Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan.

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that the Aga holds himself responsible that the Sardar will not of his own accord return from his service. He alludes to the cases of certain Afghan Sardars who, after commencing military training, eventually refused the openings offered to them by the Government, and he means that as he is responsible nothing of this sort will take place in Nur Ahmed's case.

In view of this young man's family connection it would be satisfactory if he could be taken on as a Dafadar, provided he shows himself suitable. He tells me he can read and write Urdu and Persian and he knows a little English.

Memorandum No. 4987-4-(A. G.), dated the 10th May 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun, Brigade,

To—The Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, 7th (Meerut) Divisional Area.

The attached letter No. 158, dated the 26th April 1917, from the Political Officer-in-Charge of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Khan of Kabul, is forwarded together with the application referred to therein.

I do not know whether Government intend that Political refugees should be employed in the Indian Army, but as far as my experience goes I would not recommend the application.

Memorandum No. 32444-1 (A. G.), dated Naini Tal, the 17th May 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Divisional Area,

To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

Forwarded for favour of instructions.

2. I concur in the opinion expressed by the General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade.

No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated Simla, the 22nd June 1917.

From—The Adjutant General in India,

To—The General Officers Commanding, Divisions and Divisional Areas (except Burma, and Kohat and Bannu Brigades.

I am directed to enquire if any Indian Cavalry Regiment in your command would be willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, a grandson of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan, as a Dafadar on the authorised establishment of his regiment.

2. The Sardar is physically fit for military service, is 19 years of age and has studied up to the 6th class of the Middle Department of the D. A. V. School, Dehra Dun.

His application is supported by the Political Officer-in-charge of the *Ex*-Amir.

3. Please treat this matter as urgent.

No. 8739-2-A., dated Cherat the 11th July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 1st (Peshawar) Division,

To—The Adjutant General in India, Simla.

With reference to your No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated 22nd June 1917, I have the honour to inform you that no Indian Cavalry Regiment of this Division is willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, grandson of the Ex-Amir Muhamman Yakub Khan, as a Dafadar on the authorised eseablishment of the Regiment.

No. 7004-2-A. G., dated Murree, the 7th July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 2nd (Rawalpindi) Division,

To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to your No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated 22nd June 1917, I have the honour to report that there are no Indian Cavalry Regiments, under my Command, who are willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khar as a Dafadar on the authorised establishments of their regiments.

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APPENDIX TO PROCEEDINGS.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS—I. A.—A.

Pros. August 1918, Nos. 1555—1558.

Dated Dehra Dun, the 23rd April 1917.

From—Mr. MOHAMMAD OMAR KHAN.

To—Colonel W. C. R. STRATTON, C.I.E., Political Officer-in-Charge of the *Ex*-Amir of Kabul, Dehra Dun.

In forwarding herewith the application of Sardar Nur Ahmed Khan, I beg to say that I hold myself responsible that he will not return here from his service. I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly recommend him for the post of a Daffadar, and I am sure he will spare no pains on his part to give satisfaction to his superior.

Dated Dehra Dun, the 23rd April 1917.

From—Sardar MR. AHMAD KHAN, (through the Political Officer-in-Charge of the *Ex*-Amir of Kabul,) Dehra Dun,

To—The General Officer Commanding 7th (Meerut) Divisional Area.

With profound respect I beg to approach you with the following few lines for your favourable consideration.

1. I belong to the Royal family of the Amirs of Kabul. I am the younger son of the late Sardar Sher Muhammad Khan and grandson of the late Sardar Muhammad Sharif Khan who was the brother of the late Amir Sher Ali Khan. My mother is the eldest daughter of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammed Yakub Khan.

2. I am a healthy robust young man, and have studied up to the 6th class of the Middle Department of the D. A. V. School, Dehra Dun. My father is dead and I place my life at the disposal of the British Government.

3. I have a great desire to serve in the Indian Army and would request that I may kindly be appointed a Daffadar in a Cavalry regiment.

Should I be so fortunate as to get the appointment through you, let me assure you Sir that I shall leave no stone unturned to give entire satisfaction to my superiors by faithful and honest discharge of the duties entrusted to me.

No. 158, dated the 26th April 1917.

From—The Political Officer-in-In-charge of the *Ex*-AMIR MUHAMMAD KHAN of Kabul,

To—The Brigadier-Major, Dehra Dun Brigade.

I have the honour to forward herewith for favourable consideration an application for employment in the Cavalry from Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, a grandson of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan.

This young man, who is about 19 years old, seems genuinely anxious to earn his own living in an honourable way, and he appears physically fit for military service; he states he is able to ride a little and would prefer employment in the Cavalry.

The Government of India have expressed a wish that, as far as possible, these young Afghan Sardars connected with the refugees in this country should earn their own livlihood instead of living idly on the allowance granted to their families, and it is to hoped that the applicant's desire for military employment can be met.

The application is supported by the Sardar's great uncle Aga Muhammad Umar Khan, whose sister is married to the *Ex*-Amir. It will be noted

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

ARMY DEPARTMENT, AUGUST 1918.

Application on behalf of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan for appointment. [Pro. No. 1555

SARDAR NUR AHMAD KHAN, GRANDSON OF THE EX-AMIR MUHAMMAD YAKUB KHAN.

APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF—FOR APPOINTMENT AS DAFADAR IN A CAVALRY REGIMENT.

No. 49712-3-(A. G.-10), dated Simla, the 1st September 1917. **No. 1555**

Endorsed by the ARMY DEPARTMENT.

Copy of letter No. 49712—2 (A. G.-10), dated the 17th August 1917, from the Adjutant General in India, to the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division, (with copy of notes).

A copy of the marginally noted papers is forwarded for information, to the Foreign and Political Department.

No. 49712-8 (A. G.-10). dated Delhi, the 15th Decebar 1917. **No. 1556**

Endorsed by the ARMY DEPARTMENT.

Correspondence regarding the appointment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a dafadar in an Indian Cavalry regiment, (with copy of notes).

A copy of the marginally noted papers is forward for information, to the Foreign and Political Department, in continuation of Army Deparment endorsement No. 49712—3 (A. G.-10), dated the 1st November 1917.

No. 1858, dated Delhi, the 12th February 1918. **No. 1557**

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, ARMY DEPARTMENT,

To—The Adjutant General in India.

I am directed to convey the sanction of the Government of India to the appointment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Jemadar in the Indian Infantry, supernumerary to the establishment of his regiment, on the understanding that, should he prove suitable, steps will be taken to absorb him in a suitable vacancy after a probationary period of two years.

2. The extra expenditure involved will be adjusted in the same manner as the pay charges of units in India.

No. 1859. **No. 1558**

Copy of the above forwarded, to :—

The Foreign and Political Department.
The Financial Adviser, Military Finance.
The General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division.
The Military Accountant General.
The Central War Controller.

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To the General Officer Commanding, Northern Command, No. 49712—9 (A. G.-10), dated the 19th March 1918 copy to General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division.

From the Political Officer in-charge of the *Ex*-Amir, No. 160, dated the 2nd April 1918.

Requests that he may be informed early when orders for the Sardar to join a regiment will issue.

The General Officer Commanding, Northern Command has been asked to post the Sardar. No intimation has yet been received from the Army Commander as to whether the Sardar has been posted and a reminder on the subject may be sent.

We may also send a copy of letter No. 49712-9 (A. G.-10), dated the 19th March 1918, to the Political Officer for information.

P. B.,—10-4-18.

Issue.

T. G. M. Wingley,—11-6-18,
A. O. A. G.-10.

To the Political Officer in charge of the *Ex*-Amir, No. 49712—10 (A. G.-10), dated the 11th April 1918.

To the General Officer Commanding, Northern Command, No. 49712—11 (A. G.-10), dated the 11th April 1918.

From the General Officer Commanding, Northern Command, No. 4814—3-A, dated the 20th April 1918.

Regarding Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan.

The General Officer Commanding, Northern Command, states that a reminder has been sent to the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division, who was asked to find a suitable unit to which the Sardar could posted.

A further reply from the Northern Commad may be awaited.

P. B.,—24-4-18.

Yes.

F. G. M. Wigley,—25-4-18,
A. O. A. G.-10.

From the General Officer Commanding, Northern Command, No. 4814-6A., dated the June 1918.

States that it has been decided to post Sardar Nur Ahmed as a Jemadar in the 2-54th Sikhs, and that arrangements are being made to this end.

No action is necessary in this Branch but Foreign and Political Department should see for information.

P. B.,—17-6-18.

A. G. Shea,—19-6-18,
A. A. G.-10.

Secretary.

G. D. Ogilvie,—21-6-18.

Foreign and Political Department.

Seen in the Foreign and Political Department and returned with thanks.

H. C. M.,—22-6-18.
C. K.,—22-6-18.

Denys Bray,—24-6-18.

Army Department.

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The draft is concurred in.

E. B. PEACOCK,—7-2-18.

Army Department.

The draft may be approved and issued.

F. N. P.,—8-2-18.

G. D. OGILVIE,—12-2-18.

TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL IN INDIA, NO. 1858, DATED THE 12TH FEBRUARY 1918, AND COPY TO FOREIGN AND POLITICAL DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS, NO. 1859, DATED THE 12TH FEBRUARY 1918.

Pro. Nos. 1557 & 1558

With reference to Director to Personal Service's note on page 7, Divisional and Independent Brigade Commanders may be addressed with a view to ascertaining whether the Commanding Officer of any Indian Infantry Regiment is willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, supernumerary to the establishment of his regiment.

P. B.,—22-2-18.

A. J. F.,—25-2-18.

Or perhaps A. G.-2, could place this gentleman?

F. G. M. WIGLEY,—26-2-18,
A. O. A. G.-10.

A. G.-2.

The appointments dealt with in this section, both substantive and supernumerary, are in return for a certian quota of recruits laid down in India Army Order 668 of 1917. This case is different, and it is regretted we cannot place the gentleman.

R. JOHNSTON,—27-2-18,
D. A. A. G.-2.

A. G.-10.

The draft below may, therefore, issue.

A. J. F.,—3-2-18.

Herewith for approval.

F. G. M. WHIGLEY,—28-2-18,
A. O. A. G-10,

Director, Personal Services.

Will A. G.-1 kindly help to place this gentleman.

H. BARSTOW,—1-3-18,
D. P. S.

A. G.-1,

The 33rd Punjabis, who have just returned from East Africa, is a suggestion, provided Commanding Officer is willing to accept him.

Draft should, it is thought, issue. It is possible that the Sardar himself may have some preference.

(Delay in dealing with the case is regretted.)

L. F. COOKE,—13-3-18,
D. of O.

Director, Personal Services.

Spoken to Adjutant General.

The Northern Army Commander to be furnished with a copy of Army Department letter No. 1858 dated the 12th February and to be requested to post the Sardar for duty. Copy to General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division.

H. BARSTOW, -15-3-18,
D. P. S.

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The proposal is supported on administrative grounds subject to the condition suggested by the Adjutant General, *viz.*, that this young man should cease to be a supernumerary and should be absorbed into the authorised establishment of his regiment, on completion of two years' probation.

A. H. BINGLEY,—24-1-18.

Financial Adviser.

As stated by Major Ogilvie in his note dated the 16th January 1918, these have been some precedents for a proposal of this nature.

One will be found in Army Department letter No. 46363-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 7th June 1917, as modified by Army Department letter No. 46363-3 (A. G.-10), dated the 4th July 1917.

In the circumstances of the present case, the proposal may be concurred in.

The expenditure involved (which may be taken at Rs. 780 per annum on account of pay and free ration) is for adjustment in the same manner to the pay charges of units in India (*vide* the latter of the two Army Department letters quoted above.)

A. W. S.,—29-1-18.

E. B. PEACOCK,—30-1-18.

Army Department.

FROM THE POLITICAL OFFICER IN-CHARGE OF THE *EX*-AMIR, No. 29, DATED THE 21ST JANUARY 1917.

Requests an early reply regarding the appointment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Jemadar in the Indian Infantry.

This case was sent to Secretary on the 15th January 1918, with a view to his appointment as a Jemadar, supernumerary, being sanctioned by Government.

This may follow in continuation.

P. B.,—25-1-18.

D. R.,—26-1-18.

G. O. TURNBULL,—28-1-18,
A. G.-10.

Secretary.

The file referred to above was sent to the Financial Adviser (D) on the 24th instant. We may ask the Financial Adviser kindly to expedite return of the file.

W. C. D.,—30-1-18.

G. D. OGILVIE,—31-1-18.

Financial Adviser (D).

The file was returned to Army Department on 31st January 1918, under this Branch unofficial No. 248-E. B.

W. C. GLEESON,—4-2-18.

Army Department.

The file was returned to the Adjutant General on the 1st February 1918.

W. M.,—4-2-18.

G. D. OGILVIE,—5-2-18.

Adjutant General's Branch.

The Adjutant General's Branch may be asked to put up a draft of the necessary orders and to refer it direct to the Financial Adviser.

W. C. D.,—31-1-18.

G. D. OGILVIE,—1-2-18.

Adjutant General's Branch.

Draft put up for approval.

P. B.,—4-2-18.

D. R.,—5-2-18.

H. BARSTOW,—6-2-18,
D. P. S.

Financial Adviser.

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A telegram was then received from the General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade, stating that the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry, had wired that he was *not* willing to accept the Sardar and presumed that his original telegram refusing him had been mutilated in transit.

Enquiries were made and this proved to be the case, as the word "not" had been omitted by the Telegraph Department in transmitting the original telegram from the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry.

Nothing remained to be done but to cancel the orders given for the Sardar's enlistment No. 49712—5 (A. G.-10). No. 49712—6 (A. G.-10). This was done by a letter to the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division. The Political Officer's charge of the *Ex*-Amir was also informed accordingly.

A letter has now been received from the Political Officer in charge of the *Ex*-Amir stating that the Sardar has now expressed a desire to be given a Jemadarship in the Indian Infantry, and hopes that it will be possible to accede to his wishes.

Although the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division, does not recommend the grant of a direct commission to the Sardar, this Branch considers it desirable that this should be done from a political point of view if not from a recruiting one, and specially as the mutilated telegram raised false hopes.

The Foreign and Political Department are also in favour of these Afghan refugees being given employment, and in view of the circumstances related Government may be asked kindly to sanction the grant of a direct commission to the Sardar as a Jemadar in an Indian Infantry Regiment, on probation, supernumerary to the establishment, as a special case.

P. B.,—8-1-18.

D. R.,—9-1-18.

If Secretary will accord general approval to the proposal to give Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan a supernumerary Jemadarship on probation, Adjutant General would endeavour to place him. As the gentleman is an Afghan refugee it is not desired to allow his appointment to count against the Indian officer appointments of the regiment to which he may be posted. If he proves to be a success he might be absorbed later on, say two years after first appointment.

H. Barstow,—12-1-18,
D. P. S.

Secretary.

In the circumstances represented, the Financial Adviser may be asked to agree to the above proposal as a special case. It is presumed that the expenditure involved will be debitable to the ordinary grant and head of account affected. The Foreign and Political Department may see later.

W. C. D.,—15-1-18.

There have been one or two similar cases in which Indian gentlemen of classes not usually recruited have been given commissions as supernumerary Jemadars, but none of these cases have been put up by the Adjutant General. However, the present proposal may be supported, as it is very desirable that we should encourage this young man, who appears to have more backbone than the other members of his family, to take up an honourable profession. The Financial Adviser may be asked to agree.

G. D. Ogilvie,—16-1-18.

Secretary.

Does Foreign and Political Department support this proposal.

A. H. Bingley,—18-1-18.

Foreign and Political Department.

The Foreign and Political Department strongly support the proposal.

H. C. M.,—21-1-18.

C. K.,—21-1-18.

Denys Bray,—22-1-18.

Army Department.

The Financial Adviser may now be asked to agree to the proposal.

W. C. D.,—22-1-18.

G. D. Ogilvie,—23-1-18.

Secretary.

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We should perhaps give the Political Officer a more detailed explanation of the error.

D. E. PORTEOUS.

Is Government now to be asked for approval to the enlistment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a supernumerary?

A. J. F.,—15-10-17.

TO THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 7TH (MEERUT) DIVISION, No. 49712—5 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 22ND OCTOBER 1917.

TO THE POLITICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE *Ex*-AMIR OF KABUL, DEHRA DUN, No. 49712—6 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 30TH OCTOBER 1917.

FROM THE POLITICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE *Ex*-AMIR, No. 515, DATED THE 6TH NOVEMBER 1917.

Enquires whether it would be possible to appoint Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Jemadar in the Indian Infantry.

Ask General Officer Commanding, Division to make enquiries and ascertain whether this youth is suitable for a Jemadar's commission.

P. B.,—19-11-17.

H. BARSTOW,—19-11-17.

TO THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 7TH (MEERUT) DIVISION, No. 49712—7 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 21ST NOVEMBER 1917.

The Foreign and Political Department require a copy of the notes and correspondence regarding the refusal of the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan. Draft memorandum placed below.

P. B.,—10-12-17.

D. G. PORTEOUS,—11-12-17,
for *D. A. A. G.-10.*

Secretary.

Issue.

G. D. OGILVIE,—14-12-17.

Pro. No. 1556

ENDORSEMENT TO THE FOREIGN AND POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, No. 49712—8 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 15TH DECEMBER 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 7TH (MEERUT) DIVISION, No. 32444—14-A., DATED THE 22ND DECEMBER 1917.

Forwards report regarding the suitability of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan for a direct commission.

The candidate has been interviewed by the Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun, who considers that he is suitable for a direct commission.

The General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade, however, in view of past experience, does not recommend the grant of a direct commission to the Sardar, and in this he is supported by the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division.

Put up a comprehensive note asking Government to sanction direct commission as a Jemadar in Infantry *supernumerary*, as a special case. Adjutant General approves this being done.

H. BARSTOW,—51-18.

The case briefly is as follows:—

In May last an application was received from the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division, for the enlistment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, a grandson of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan, as a Dafadar in an Indian Cavalry Regiment.

Divisions were asked to ascertain whether any Commanding Officer of an Indian Cavalry Regiment was willing to accept the Sardar as a Dafadar on the authorised establishment of his unit.

A reply was received from the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division, to the effect that the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry, was willing to accept him and instructions were issued for his enlistment to be carried out.

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It would perhaps save time if the Officer Commanding, 38th Central India Horse, who is in France, was addressed direct from this office. We could then inform the General Officer Commanding, 5th Division of the action taken.

A draft cablegram is accordingly submitted for approval and issue.

P B.,—26-9-17.

Director, Personal Services should see the explanation, also draft telegram for approval.

D. G. PORTEOUS,—27-9-17,
Attached A. G.-10.

Director of Personal Services.

H. BARSTOW,—27-9-17,
D. P. S.

TO THE DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL, ROUEN, DIARY NO. 65756, DATED THE 28TH SEPTEMBER 1917.

Accordingly.

May be passed to the Foreign and Political Department for information.

P. B.,—1-10-17.

D. R.,—2-10-17.

G. O. TURNBULL,—2-10-17.
A. G.-10.

Secretary.

G. D. OGILVIE,—4-10-17.

Foreign and Political Department.

Seen in the Foreign and Political Department and returned with thanks.

H. C. M.,—5-10-17.

F. A. E.,—5-10-17.

Presumably the Political Officer in charge of the *Ex*-Amir will be told that Adjutant General's letter at page 6 of correspondence must be considered as cancelled.

W. G. NEALE,—6-10-17.

Army Department.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 7TH (MEERUT) DIVISION, NO. 32444—9-(A.), DATED THE 4TH OCTOBER 1917.

Enquiring if a decision has been arrived at regarding the enlistment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan.

FROM THE DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL, 3RD ECHELON, INDIAN SECTION, FRANCE, NO. D.-70, DATED THE 8TH OCTOBER 1917.

Intimating that the Officer Commanding, 38th Central India Horse in the field is not, willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Dafadar on the authorised establishment of his regiment.

With reference to paper under consideration I the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division, may be informed that in consequence of the mutilation of the telegram from the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry to the General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade, Adjutant General's letter No. 49712—2 (A. G.-10), dated the 17th August 1917, should be considered as cancelled, and a copy forwarded to the Political Officer in charge of the *Ex*-Amir of Kabul, Dehra Dun for information.

Draft letter put up for approval.

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In a letter form the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division it was stated that the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry, was willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan on the authorised establishment of his regiment, and in view of this orders were issued to the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division requesting him to arrange for the enlistment of the Sardar in the 4th Cavalry.

The General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade, now wires and states that he presumes the original telegram from the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry was mutilated in transit.

As no Commanding Officer is willing to accept the Sardar on the authorised establishment the only course now open is to ask Government to sanction his enlistment as supernumerary.

P. B.,—5-9-17.

This places us in rather an awakward position. We have sent a copy of our No. 49712-2* (A. G.-10), dated the 17th August 1917, to the Political Officer in-charge *Ex*-Amir of Kabul at Dehra Dun, and we have informed the Foreign and Political Department† accordingly and received their thanks.

* Page 7 of correspndence

† Page 3 of notes.

D. G. Portеous,—5-9-17,
Attached A.G.-10.

Deputy Assistant Adjutant General.

The Adjutant General has seen. The point whether the original telegram of Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry to Meerut Divisional Headquarters was or was not mutilated must be cleard up. If Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry did in fact say that he would accept Nur Ahmad Khan as a Daffadar he cannot be allowed to back out now. If he declined to accept the gentleman in the first instance, we must proceed with the suggestion that Officer Commanding, 38th Central India Horse may be willing to accept him.

H. Barstow,—6 9-17,
D. P. S.

To the General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade, No. 49712-4 (A. G.-10), dated the 6th September 1917, copy to General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division.

Accordingly.

From the General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division, No. 32444—7-A, dated the 6th August 1917.

States that Colonel Macquoid, then Commanding, 4th Cavalry, now Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General that Division, states that he wired to the effect that he was not prepared to accept Sardar Nur Ahmed Khan.

No action on this telegram is necessary. Copies of the original telegrams have been called for from the General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade and may be awaited.

P. B.,—10-9-17.

D. G. Portеous,—13-9-17,
Attached A. G.-10.

From the General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division, No. 32444—8-A., dated the 19th September 1917.

Forwards copies of telegrams as requested.

From the paper under consideration, it would appear that the word "not" was omitted from the original telegram by the telegraph department.

We may now ascertain whether the Officer Commanding, 38th Central India Horse, is willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan.

The Officer Commanding Depot, 38th Central India Horse, in his No. 1709, dated the 2nd July 1917, stated that he would be willing to accept the Sardar provided the Officer Commanding, 38th Central India Horse, in the field, concurred and requested permission to refer the matter to him.

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FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 9TH (SECUNDERABAD) DIVISION, No. 10213—3-A.-3, DATED THE 21ST JULY 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, KOHAT BRIGADE, No. 2401—3-A., DATED THE 2ND JULY 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, BANNU BRIGADE, No. 133-S. D., DATED THE 28TH JULY 1917.

Forwards replies concerning Sardar Nur Ahmed Khan.

The Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry, has expressed his willlingness to take Sardar Nur Ahmed Khan as a Dafadar on the authorised establishment of his regiment.

The General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division, should be instructed to arrange for the Sardar's enlistment in the 4th Cavalry in direct communication with the Political Officer in-charge of the *Ex*-Amir, a copy of the letter to the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division being sent to the Political Officer for information.

The Foreign and Political Department, may see the proposed action before issue.

P. B.,—9-8-17.

D. R.,—9-8-17.

H. BARSTOW,—10-8-17,
D. P. S.

Foreign and Political Department.

Seen and returned with many thanks.

H. C. M.,—11-8-17.

C. K.,—11-8-17.

DENYS BRAY,—13-8-17.

Army Department.

TO THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 7TH (MEERUT) DIVISION, No. 49712-2 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 17TH AUGUST 1917.

Accordingly.

The Foreign and Political Department required a copy of notes and orders. Draft memorandum placed below.

P. B.,—24-8-17.

D. R.,—27-8-17.

G. O. TURNBULL,—28-8-17,
A. G.-10.

Secretary.

The draft may be issued.

W. M.,—29-8-17.

G. D. OGILVIE,—30-8-17.

ENDORSEMENT TO THE FOREIGN AND POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, No. 49712-3 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 1ST SEPTEMBER 1917.

PRO. No. 1553

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, DEHRA DUN BRIGADE, No. 4987-10-A.G., DATED THE 30TH AUGUST 1917.

States that the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry now wires that he is unwilling to accept Sardar Nur Ahmed Khan as Dafadar in his regiment, and presumes that the original telegram from the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry was mutilated in transit.

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Yes, strongly. The fact that the youth keeps his request down to the comparatively modest pitch of a Dafadari seems to argue in his favour.

DENYS BRAY,—12-6-17.

Army Department.

The Foreign and Political Department support the proposal that Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan should be given military employment as a Dafadar.

We may now ascertain what Cavalry unit is willing to accept him.

When this information has been obtained, orders can be issued for his posting.

P. B.,—20-6-17.

D. R.,—21-6-17.

TO THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, DIVISIONS AND AREAS, (EXCEPT BURMA) AND KOHAT AND BANNU BRIGADES, No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 22ND JUNE 1917.

Accordingly.

All replies are in with the exception of that the General Officer Commanding, 16th Indian Division. May this be wired for please ?

P. B.,—3-8-17.

Yes.

D. G. PORTEOUS,—4-8-17,
Attached A. G.-10.

TO THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 16TH INDIAN DIVISION, No. 49712-2 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 4TH AUGUST 1917.

Accordingly.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 1ST (PESHAWAR) DIVISION, No. 8739—2-A., DATED THE 11TH JULY 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 2ND (RAWALPINDI) DIVISION, No. 7004—2-A. G., DATED THE 7TH JULY 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 16TH INDIAN DIVISION, No. 15471—3-A., DATED THE 3RD AUGUST 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 4TH (QUETTA) DIVISION, No. 314-15, DATED THE 7TH JULY 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 5TH (MHOW) DIVISION, No. 10952—2-A. G., DATED THE 16TH JULY 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 6TH (POONA) DIVISION, No. 562—9-A. G.-3, DATED THE 2ND JULY 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 7TH (MEERUT) DIVISION, No. 32444—4-A. G., DATED THE 14TH JULY 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 8TH (LUCKNOW) DIVISION, No. 4876-269, DATED THE 7TH JULY 1917.

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Pros. August 1918, Nos. 1555—1558 and Appendix.

SARDAR NUR AHMAD KHAN, GRANDSON OF THE *EX*-AMIR MUHAMMAD YAKUB KHAN.

APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF—FOR APPOINTMENT AS DAFADAR IN A CAVALRY REGIMENT.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 7TH (MEERUT) DIVISION, No. 32444-1 (A. G.), DATED THE 17TH MAY 1917.

As above.

Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, grandson of the late *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan, desires to be appointed as a Dafadar to an Indian Cavalry Regiment. His two uncles, Sadars Sher Ahmad and Abdul Aziz, were accepted* in the Indian Cavalry with a view to taking commissions, and after undergoing a short period of training eventually refused the commissions offered to them by Government. The applicant's great-uncle (Agha Muhammad Khan) however, is prepared to hold himself responsible that he, (the applicant) if accepted in a Cavalry Regiment, will not of his own accord give up his military career as in the case of his two uncles.

* Pro. B, July 1916, Nos. 1859-1873.

The case is different to that of Sardars Sher Ahmad and Abdul Aziz as only a Dafadarship, and not a Jemadarship, is required.

The application is not supported by the General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade and the 7th Division. (Please see minutes IV and V of paper under consideration.)

If the application is to be favourably considered it will not be necessary to go Government to obtain sanction for the appointment of Dafadar but, before action is taken, it is considered that the Foreign and Political Department should see the file in case that Department have any remarks to offer.

P. B.,—2-6-17.

G. O. TURNBULL,—5-6-17.

Secretary.

The file may be sent to the Foreign and Political Department as suggested in the above note.

W. C. D.,—8-6-17.

G. D. OGILVIE,—9-6-17.

Foreign and Political Department.

It is most desirable that the Afghan refugees should endeavour to earn their own livlihood instead of living idly on the allowances granted to them. The Foreign and Political Department, therefore, strongly support the proposal.

H. C. M.,—12-6-17.

C. K.,—12-6-17.

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Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, grandson, of the ex-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan.

Application on behalf of—for appointment as Dafadar in a Cavalry Regiment.

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No. 4814-6-A., dated Murree, the 4th June 1918.

From—The General Officer Commanding, Northern Command,

To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters.

With reference to your memorandum No. 49712-9 (A. G.-10), dated 19th March 1918, forwarding copy of Army Department letter No. 1858, dated 12th February 1918, which conveys the sanction of the Government of India to the appointment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Jemadar in Indian Infantry, and requesting that steps be taken to post this gentleman for duty with an Indian Infantry regiment, I have the honour to state that enquiries have been made regarding him, and as a result the marginally noted particulars have been ascertained. It has accordingly been decided to post him as a Jemadar in the 2nd Battalion, 54th Sikhs, (Frontier Force), and arrangements are being made to this end.

Father's name,—Sardar Sher Muhammad Khan (son-in-law of *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan of Afghanistan, and son of Sardar Muhammad Sharif Khan) *Tribe*.—Afghan, Muhammadzai.

2. The delay in the execution of the orders conveyed by you in this matter is much regretted.

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No. 29, dated Dehra Dun, the 21st January 1918.

From—The Political Officer-in-charge of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan of Kabul,

To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Delhi.

I have the honour to invite a reference to this office letter No. 515, dated 6th November 1917, regarding Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, and to request an early reply thereto, as the Sardar is anxious to join the Army as soon as possible.

Memorandum No. 49712-9 (A. G.-10), dated the 19th March 1918.

From—The Adjutant General in India,

To—The General Officer Commanding, Northern Command.

With reference to the attached copy of Army Department letter No. 1858, dated 12th February 1918, it is requested that steps may kindly be taken to post Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan for duty with an Indian Infantry regiment serving in the Army under your command.

2. The name of the unit selected, should be reported to this office.

Copy forwarded to the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division, with reference to the correspondence ending with his No. 32444-14-A., dated 24th December 1917.

No. 160, dated Dehra Dun, the 2nd April 1918.

From—The Political Officer-in-charge of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan of Kabul,

To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

I have the honour to invite a reference to letter No. 1858 of the 12th February 1918, from the Secretary to the Government of India, Army Department, to your address, a copy of which has been forwarded to me, regarding the appointment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Jemadar in the Indian Infantry, and to request that you will kindly let me know when orders will issue for the Sardar to join a regiment. He is anxious to be appointed as early as possible.

Memorandum No. 49712-9 (A. G.-10), dated the 19th March 1918.

From—The Adjutant General in India,

To—The General Officer Commanding, Northern Command.

With reference to the attached copy of Army Department letter No. 1858, dated 12th February 1918, it is requested that steps may kindly be taken to post Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan for duty with an Indian Infantry regiment serving in the Army under your Command.

2. The name of the unit selected should be reported to this office.

Memorandum No. 49712-10 (A. G.-10), dated Simla, the 11th April 1918.

From—The Adjutant General in India,

To—The Political Officer-in-Charge of the *Ex*-Amir, Dehra Dun.

Forwarded with reference to your No. 160, dated 2nd April 1918.

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No. 49712-6 (A. G.-10), dated the 30th October 1917.

From—The Adjutant General in India,
To—The Political Officer-in-Charge, of the *Ex*-Amir of Kabul, Dehra Dun.

I am directed to refer to my letter No. 49712-2 (A. G.-10), dated 17th August 1917, and to express regret that the reported acceptance of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Dafadar by the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry, must be considered as cancelled.

2. It now transpires that the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry, wired to the Staff Captain, Dehra Dun Brigade, stating, he could not accept the Sardar. Unfortunately the telegram was mutilated in transit and the word "not" omitted; this lead to the issue of my letter above quoted.

3. The Officers Commanding all other Indian Cavalry regiments have also been addressed, but none of them is able to accept the Sardar.

4. The inconvenience and disappointment caused to the Sardar by the error is much regretted.

No. 515, dated Dehra Dun, the 6th November 1917.

From—The Political Officer-in-charge of the *Ex*-Amir of Kabul,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to your No. 49712-6 (A. G.-10), dated 30th October 1917, I have the honour to say that Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, grandson of the *Ex*-Amir of Kabul, now ask that he may be given a Jemadarshib in the Indian Infantry. I hope that it will be possible to accede to his wishes.

Memorandum No. 49712-7 (A. G.-10), dated the 21st November 1917.

From—The Adjutant General in India,
To—The General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division.

The attached copy of a letter from the Political Officer-in-charge of the *Ex*-Amir is forwarded with the request that you will kindly ascertain whether Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan is suitable for a Jemadar's commission.

No. 32444-14-A., dated Meerut, the 22nd—24th December 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Delhi.

With reference to your memorandum No. 49712-7 (A. G.-10), dated the 21st November 1917, I have the honour to attach a copy of a report received from the General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade, regarding the grant of a direct commission in the Indian Infantry to Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, grandson of the *Ex*-Amir of Kabul. In this connection I beg to refer you to my memorandum No. 32444-1 (A. G.), dated the 17th May 1917.

Memorandum No. 4987-14-A. G., dated Delhi, the 18th December 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade,
To—The Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Meerut Division.

With reference to your No. 32444-13-A., dated the 14th December 1917, Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan has been interviewed by the Officer Commanding Dehra Dun and is considered by him suitable for a direct commission.

He is a gentlemanly young man and appears well educated. He knows a little English and states that he can read and write Urdu and Persian well.

Please see my No. 4987-4-A. G., dated 10th May 1917.

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Telegram No. 443-C., dated the 7th July 1917.

(As received in the office of the General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade.)

From—The Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry,

To—The Staff Captain, Dehra-Dun Brigade.

Your 4987-5, I am willing to accept individual as dafadar.

No. 4987—11-A. G., dated Chakrata, the $\frac{10th}{13th}$ September 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, Dehra-Dun Brigade,

To—The Adjutant General, in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

Forwarded with reference to your wire No. 49712-4—A. G.-10, dated 6th September 1917.

The word "not" appears to have been omitted, in sending, by Telegraph Department.

Memorandum No. 32444-8-A., dated Naini Tal, the 19th September 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division,

To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

Forwarded with reference to your telegram No. 49712-4 (A. G.-10), dated 6th September 1917.

Telegram No. 65756, dated the 28th September 1917.

From—The War Section, Army Headquarters, Simla,

To—The Deputy Adjutant General, 3rd Echelon, Indian Section, Rouen.

Please ascertain whether Commanding, 38th Horse, is willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, grandson *Ex*-Amir, as Dafadar on authorised establishment of unit. Commanding Depôt, 38th Horse willing to take him provided Commanding Officer concurs.

No. 32444-9 (A.), dated Naini Tal, the 4th October 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division,

To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to correspondence ending with my memorandum No. 32444-8-A., dated the 19th September 1917, I have the honour to enquire what decision has been arrived at regarding the enlistment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, a grandson of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan of Kabul, as a Dafadar in an Indian Cavalry Regiment.

Telegram No. D.-70, dated the 8th October 1917.

From—The Deputy Adjutant General, 3rd Echelon, Indian Section, France,

To—The War Section, Army Headquarters, Simla.

Your telegram 65756, September 28th. Officer Commanding, 38th Central India Horse, not willing to take Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan on authorised establishment.

Memorandum No. 49712-5 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd October 1917.

From—The Adjutant General in India,

To—The General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division.

Reference your letter No. 32444-9 (A.), dated 4th October 1917.

Adjutant General's letter No. 49712-2 (A. G.-10), dated 17th August 1917, should be considered as cancelled.

Copy forwarded to the Political Officer-in-Charge of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Khan of Kabul, Dehra Dun.

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2. In reply, I am to request you kindly to arrange, in direct communication with the Political Officer in-charge of the *Ex*-Amir, for the Sardar's enlistment in the 4th Cavalry, and to inform this Branch when the enlistment has been carried out.

Copy forwarded for information to the Political Officer-in-charge of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Khan of Kabul, Dehra Dun.

Telegram No. 4987-10 (A. G.), dated the 30th August 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, Chakrata Brigade,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

Commanding 4th Cavalry now wires he is unwilling to accept, presumably mutilated in transit. For orders please. Addressed Adjutant General in India, reference his 49712-2 (A. G.-10), 17th, repeated Adminstaff, Naini Tal, reference his 32444-5 (A. G.), 21st.

Telegram No. 4987-10 (A. G), dated the 30th August 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, Chakrata Brigade,
To—Administaff, Naini Tal.

Commanding 4th Cavalry now wires he is unwilling to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as Dafadar. Original wire presumably mutilated in transit. For orders please. Addressed Adjutant General in India, reference his 49712-2 (A. G.-10), 17th, repeated Administaff, Naini Tal, reference his 32444-5 A. G., 21st.

Telegram No. 49712-4 (A. G.-10), dated the 6th September 1917.

From—The Adjutant General in India,
To—The General Officer Commanding, Chakrata Brigade.

Your 4987—10-A. G., 30th August. Forward copies Commarding 4th Cavalry's original wire accepting Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as despatched by him and as received by you. Addressed General Brigade, Chakratta, repeated General Division, Naini Tal.

Telegram No. 32444-7-A., dated the 6th September 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding Division, Naini Tal,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

Reference your letter 49712-2 (A. G.-10), 17th August. Colonel Macquoid, then Commanding 4th Cavalry, now Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General this Division, states that he wired to effect he was not prepared to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan.

No. 443-C.-3, dated the 29th August 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry,
To—The Staff Captain, Dehra Dun Brigade.

I confirm the following telegram sent to you to-day "443-C.-2, your letter 4987—9-A. G., dated 24th instant. In my No. 443-C., dated 7th July last I distinctly stated am not willing to accept individual named as dafadar."

2. I have an office copy my telegram No. 443-C., dated 7th July 1917, which is quite clear. I am unable to explain, where, or how, the mistake has arisen.

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No. 32444-4 (A. G.), dated Naini Tal, the 14th July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to your letter No. 49712-1 (A. G. 10), dated the 22nd June 1917, I have the honour to inform you that the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry is willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmed Khan, grandson of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan, as a Dafadar on the authorised establishment of his regiment.

No. 4876—269 (A.-1), dated Ranikhet, United Provinces, the 7th July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 8th (Lucknow) Division,
To—The Aujutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to your No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd June 1917, I have the honour to inform you that the Officer Commanding, 27th Light Cavalry is not willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan in the Regiment under his command. He states that men of this class are not enlisted in the 27th Light Cavalry.

No. 10213—3 (A.-3), dated Ootacamund, the 21st July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 9th (Secunderabad) Division,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

Reference your letter No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd June 1917. I have the honour to inform you that the two Indian Cavalry Regiments in this Division are unwilling to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Dafadar on the authorised establishment of the regiment.

No. 2401-3-A., dated Fort Lockhart, the 2nd July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, Kohat Brigade,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to your No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd June 1917, regarding the acceptance of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, a grandson of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan, as a Dafadar on the establishment of an Indian Cavalry Regiment, I have the honour to report that the Officer Commanding the Indian Cavalry Regiment in the Brigade under my command regrets his inability to take the above named Indian gentleman.

No. 133-S. G., dated Bannu, the 28th June 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, Bannu and Communications,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

In reply to your No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated 22nd June 1917, I have the honour to inform you that the Officer Commanding, 31st Lancers, is not willing to take Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Dafadar in his regiment.

No. 49712-2 (A. G.-10), dated the 17th August 1917.

From—The Adjutant General in India,
To—The General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 32444-4 (A. G.), dated the 14th July 1917, in which you state that the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry, is willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Dafadar on the authorised establishment of his regiment.

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No. 15471-3-A., dated Dalhousie, the 3rd August 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 16th Indian Division,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to your letter No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd June 1917, regarding Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, I have the honour to inform you that no Indian Cavalry Regiment in the Division under my Command is willing to accept this Sardar as a Dafadar on the authorised establishment

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No. 314-15 (A. G.), dated Quetta, the 7th July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 4th (Quetta) Division,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to your No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd June 1917, I have the honour to inform you that neither of the Officers Commanding, Indian Cavalry Regiments in this Division are willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmed Khan as a Dafadar in their Regiment.

No. C.-1709, dated the 2nd July 1917.

From—The Officer Commanding at Agar,
To—The Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, 5th (Mhow) Division.

Reference your No. 10952-1 (A. G.), dated the 29th June 1917.

Personally the Officer Commanding Depot, 38th King George's Own Central India Horse, would be prepared to have the Sardar referred to in Adjutant General in India's No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd June 1917, in the Depot, 38th King George's Own Central India Horse.

He considers, however, that in view of the high standing of the Sardar and with regard to his future prospects of promotion, it is impossible for him to accept him as a Dafadar without referring the question to the Commandant in the Field. As there is no Indian Officer of the Sardar's class (Durrani) with the regiment (and have been two others in the past) it is possible that the Commandant may be willing to accept Nur Ahmad Khan.

I shall be glad if you will kindly let me know whether, in the circumstances, the Officer Commanding Depot, 38th King George's Own Central India Horse may refer this matter to the Commandant 38th King George's Own Central India Horse in France, with a view to obtaining his consent to the Sardar's enlistment into this Regiment.

Memorandum No. 10952-2 (A. G.), dated Mhow, the 16th July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 5th (Mhow) Division,
To—The Adjutant General in India.

Forwarded with reference to your No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd June 1917.

There are no other Officer Commanding, Indian Cavalry Units in this Division, willing to accept the Sardar as a Dafadar in the regiment.

No. 562-9 (A. G.-3), dated Poona, the 2nd July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 6th (Poona) Divisional Area,
To—The Adjutatant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to your No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 22nd June 1917, I have the honour to inform you that no vacancy exists in either of the Indian Cavalry units in this Area for Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan.

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that the Aga holds himself responsible that the Sardar will not of his own accord return from his service. He alludes to the cases of certain Afghan Sardars who, after commencing military training, eventually refused the openings offered to them by the Government, and he means that as he is responsible nothing of this sort will take place in Nur Ahmed's case.

In view of this young man's family connection it would be satisfactory if he could be taken on as a Dafadar, provided he shows himself suitable. He tells me he can read and write Urdu and Persian and he knows a little English.

Memorandum No. 4987-4-(A. G.), dated the 10th May 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun, Brigade,
To—The Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, 7th (Meerut) Divisional Area.

The attached letter No. 158, dated the 26th April 1917, from the Political Officer-in-Charge of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Khan of Kabul, is forwarded together with the application referred to therein.

I do not know whether Government intend that Political refugees should be employed in the Indian Army, but as far as my experience goes I would not recommend the application.

Memorandum No. 32444-1 (A. G.), dated Naini Tal, the 17th May 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Divisional Area,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

Forwarded for favour of instructions.

2. I concur in the opinion expressed by the General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade.

No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated Simla, the 22nd June 1917.

From—The Adjutant General in India,
To—The General Officers Commanding, Divisions and Divisional Areas (except Burma) and Kohat and Bannu Brigades.

I am directed to enquire if any Indian Cavalry Regiment in your command would be willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, a grandson of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan, as a Dafadar on the authorised establishment of his regiment.

2. The Sardar is physically fit for military service, is 19 years of age and has studied up to the 6th class of the Middle Department of the D. A. V. School, Dehra Dun.

His application is supported by the Political Officer-in-charge of the *Ex*-Amir.

3. Please treat this matter as urgent.

No. 8739-2-A., dated Cherat the 11th July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 1st (Peshawar) Division,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Simla.

With reference to your No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated 22nd June 1917, I have the honour to inform you that no Indian Cavalry Regiment of this Division is willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, grandson of the Ex-Amir Muhamman Yakub Khan, as a Dafadar on the authorised eseablishment of the Regiment.

No. 7004-2-A. G., dated Murree, the 7th July 1917.

From—The General Officer Commanding, 2nd (Rawalpindi) Division,
To—The Adjutant General in India, Army Headquarters, Simla.

With reference to your No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), dated 22nd June 1917, I have the honour to report that there are no Indian Cavalry Regiments, under my Command, who are willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khar as a Dafadar on the authorised establishments of their regiments.

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APPENDIX TO PROCEEDINGS.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS—I. A.—A.

Pros. August 1918, Nos. 1555—1558.

Dated Dehra Dun, the 23rd April 1917.

From— Mr. MOHAMMAD OMAR KHAN.

To—Colonel W. C. R. STRATTON, C.I.E., Political Officer-in-Charge of the *Ex*-Amir of Kabul, Dehra Dun.

In forwarding herewith the application of Sardar Nur Ahmed Khan, I beg to say that I hold myself responsible that he will not return here from his service. I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly recommend him for the post of a Daffadar, and I am sure he will spare no pains on his part to give satisfaction to his superior.

Dated Dehra Dun, the 23rd April 1917.

From—Sardar MR. AHMAD KHAN, (through the Political Officer-in-Charge of the *Ex*-Amir of Kabul,) Dehra Dun,

To—The General Officer Commanding 7th (Meerut) Divisional Area.

With profound respect I beg to approach you with the following few lines for your favourable consideration.

1. I belong to the Royal family of the Amirs of Kabul. I am the younger son of the late Sardar Sher Muhammad Khan and grandson of the late Sardar Muhammad Sharif Khan who was the brother of the late Amir Sher Ali Khan. My mother is the eldest daughter of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammed Yakub Khan.

2. I am a healthy robust young man, and have studied up to the 6th class of the Middle Department of the D. A. V. School, Dehra Dun. My father is dead and I place my life at the disposal of the British Government.

3. I have a great desire to serve in the Indian Army and would request that I may kindly be appointed a Daffadar in a Cavalry regiment.

Should I be so fortunate as to get the appointment through you, let me assure you Sir that I shall leave no stone unturned to give entire satisfaction to my superiors by faithful and honest discharge of the duties entrusted to me.

No. 158, dated the 26th April 1917.

From—The Political Officer-in-In-charge of the *Ex*-AMIR MUHAMMAD KHAN of Kabul,

To—The Brigadier-Major, Dehra Dun Brigade.

I have the honour to forward herewith for favourable consideration an application for employment in the Cavalry from Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, a grandson of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan.

This young man, who is about 19 years old, seems genuinely anxious to earn his own living in an honourable way, and he appears physically fit for military service; he states he is able to ride a little and would prefer employment in the Cavalry.

The Government of India have expressed a wish that, as far as possible, these young Afghan Sardars connected with the refugees in this country should earn their own livlihood instead of living idly on the allowance granted to their families, and it is to hoped that the applicant's desire for military employment can be met.

The application is supported by the Sardar's greatuncle Aga Muh am mad Umar Khan, whose sister is married to the *Ex*-Amir. It will be noted

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ARMY DEPARTMENT, AUGUST 1918.

Application on behalf of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan for appointment. [Pro. No. 1555

SARDAR NUR AHMAD KHAN, GRANDSON OF THE EX-AMIR MUHAMMAD YAKUB KHAN.

APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF—FOR APPOINTMENT AS DAFADAR IN A CAVALRY REGIMENT.

No. 49712-3-(A. G.-10), dated Simla, the 1st September 1917. **No. 1555**

Endorsed by the ARMY DEPARTMENT.

Copy of letter No. 49712—2 (A. G.-10), dated the 17th August 1917, from the Adjutant General in India, to the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division, (with copy of notes).

A copy of the marginally noted papers is forwarded for information, to the Foreign and Political Department.

No. 49712-8 (A. G.-10). dated Delhi, the 15th Deceber 1917. **No. 1556**

Endorsed by the ARMY DEPARTMENT.

Correspondence regarding the appointment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a dafadar in an Indian Cavalry regiment, (with copy of notes).

A copy of the marginally noted papers is forward for information, to the Foreign and Political Department, in continuation of Army Deparment endorsement, No. 49712—3 (A. G.-10), dated the 1st November 1917.

No. 1858, dated Delhi, the 12th February 1918. **No. 1557**

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, ARMY DEPARTMENT,

To—The Adjutant General in India.

I am directed to convey the sanction of the Government of India to the appointment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Jemadar in the Indian Infantry, supernumerary to the establishment of his regiment, on the understanding that, should he prove suitable, steps will be taken to absorb him in a suitable vacancy after a probationary period of two years.

2. The extra expenditure involved will be adjusted in the same manner as the pay charges of units in India.

No. 1859. **No. 1558**

Copy of the above forwarded, to :—

The Foreign and Political Department.
The Financial Adviser, Military Finance.
The General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division.
The Military Accountant General.
The Central War Controller.

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TO THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, NORTHERN COMMAND, No. 49712—9 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 19TH MARCH 1918 COPY TO GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 7TH (MEERUT) DIVISION.

FROM THE POLITICAL OFFICER IN-CHARGE OF THE *EX*-AMIR, No. 160, DATED THE 2ND APRIL 1918.

Requests that he may be informed early when orders for the Sardar to join a regiment will issue.

The General Officer Commanding, Northern Command has been asked to post the Sardar. No intimation has yet been received from the Army Commander as to whether the Sardar has been posted and a reminder on the subject may be sent.

We may also send a copy of letter No. 49712-9 (A. G.-10), dated the 19th March 1918, to the Political Officer for information.

P. B.,—10-4-18.

Issue.

T. G. M. WINGLEY,—11-6-18,
A. O. A. G.-10.

TO THE POLITICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE *EX*-AMIR, No. 49712—10 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 11TH APRIL 1918.

TO THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, NORTHERN COMMAND, No. 49712—11 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 11TH APRIL 1918.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, NORTHERN COMMAND, No. 4814—S-A, DATED THE 20TH APRIL 1918.

Regarding Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan.

The General Officer Commanding, Northern Command, states that a reminder has been sent to the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division, who was asked to find a suitable unit to which the Sardar could posted.

A further reply from the Northern Commad may be awaited.

P. B.,—24-4-18.

Yes.

F. G. M. WIGLEY,—25-4-18,
A. O. A. G.-10.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, NORTHERN COMMAND, No. 4814-6A., DATED THE JUNE 1918.

States that it has been decided to post Sardar Nur Ahmed as a Jemadar in the 2-54th Sikhs, and that arrangements are being made to this end.

No action is necessary in this Branch but Foreign and Political Department should see for information.

P. B.,—17-6-18.

A. G. SHEA,—19-6-18,
A. A. G.-10.

Secretary.

G. D. OGILVIE,—21-6-18.

Foreign and Political Department.

Seen in the Foreign and Political Department and returned with thanks.

H. C. M.,—22-6-18.
C. K.,—22-6-18.

DENYS BRAY,—24-6-18.

Army Department.

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The draft is concurred in.

E. B. PEACOCK,—7-2-18.

Army Department.

The draft may be approved and issued.

F. N. P.,—8-2-18.

G. D. OGILVIE,—12-2-18.

TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL IN INDIA, No. 1858, DATED THE 12TH FEBRUARY 1918, AND COPY TO FOREIGN AND POLITICAL DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS, No. 1859, DATED THE 12TH FEBRUARY 1918.

Pro. Nos. 1557 & 1558

With reference to Director to Personal Service's note on page 7, Divisional and Independent Brigade Commanders may be addressed with a view to ascertaining whether the Commanding Officer of any Indian Infantry Regiment is willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, supernumerary to the establishment of his regiment.

P. B.,—22-2-18.

A. J. F.,—25-2-18.

Or perhaps A. G.-2, could place this gentleman?

F. G. M. WIGLEY,—26-2-18,
A. O. A. G.-10.

A. G.-2.

The appointments dealt with in this section, both substantive and supernumerary, are in return for a certian quota of recruits laid down in India Army Order 668 of 1917. This case is different, and it is regretted we cannot place the gentleman.

R. JOHNSTON,—27-2-18,
D. A. A. G.-2.

A. G.-10.

The draft below may, therefore, issue.

A. J. F.,—3-2-18.

Herewith for approval.

F. G. M. WHIGLEY,—28-2-18,
A. O. A. G-10,

Director, Personal Services.

Will A. G.-1 kindly help to place this gentleman.

H. BARSTOW,—1-3-18,
D. P. S.

A. G.-1,

The 33rd Punjabis, who have just returned from East Africa, is a suggestion, provided Commanding Officer is willing to accept him.

Draft should, it is thought, issue. It is possible that the Sardar himself may have some preference.

(Delay in dealing with the case is regretted.)

L. F. COOKE,—13-3-18,
D of O.

Director, Personal Services.

Spoken to Adjutant General.

The Northern Army Commander to be furnished with a copy of Army Department letter No. 1858 dated the 12th February and to be requested to post the Sardar for duty. Copy to General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division.

H. BARSTOW, 15-3-18,
D. P. S.

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The proposal is supported on administrative grounds subject to the condition suggested by the Adjutant General, *viz.*, that this young man should cease to be a supernumerary and should be absorbed into the authorised establishment of his regiment, on completion of two years' probation.

A. H. BINGLEY,—24-1-18.

Financial Adviser.

As stated by Major Ogilvie in his note dated the 16th January 1918, these have been some precedents for a proposal of this nature.

One will be found in Army Department letter No. 46363-1 (A. G.-10), dated the 7th June 1917, as modified by Army Department letter No. 46363-3 (A. G.-10), dated the 4th July 1917.

In the circumstances of the present case, the proposal may be concurred in.

The expenditure involved (which may be taken at Rs. 780 per annum on account of pay and free ration) is for adjustment in the same manner to the pay charges of units in India (*vide* the latter of the two Army Department letters quoted above.)

A. W. S.,—29-1-18.

E. B. PEACOCK,—30-1-18.

Army Department.

FROM THE POLITICAL OFFICER IN-CHARGE OF THE EX-AMIR, No. 29, DATED THE 21ST JANUARY 1917.

Requests an early reply regarding the appointment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Jemadar in the Indian Infantry.

This case was sent to Secretary on the 15th January 1918, with a view to his appointment as a Jemadar, supernumerary, being sanctioned by Government.

This may follow in continuation.

P. B.,—25-1-18.

D. R.,—26-1-18.

G. O. TURNBULL,—28-1-18,
A. G.-10.

Secretary.

The file referred to above was sent to the Financial Adviser (D) on the 24th instant. We may ask the Financial Adviser kindly to expedite return of the file.

W. C. D.,—30-1-18.

G. D. OGILVIE,—31-1-18.

Financial Adviser (D).

The file was returned to Army Department on 31st January 1918, under this Branch unofficial No. 248-E. B.

W. C. GLEESON,—4-2-18.

Army Department.

The file was returned to the Adjutant General on the 1st February 1918.

W. M.,—4-2-18.

G. D. OGILVIE,—5-2-18.

Adjutant General's Branch.

The Adjutant General's Branch may be asked to put up a draft of the necessary orders and to refer it direct to the Financial Adviser.

W. C. D.,—31-1-18.

G. D. OGILVIE,—1-2-18.

Adjutant General's Branch.

Draft put up for approval.

P. B.,—4-2-18.

D. R.,—5-2-18.

H. BARSTOW,—6-2-18,
D. P. S.

Financial Adviser.

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A telegram was then received from the General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade, stating that the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry, had wired that he was *not* willing to accept the Sardar and presumed that his original telegram refusing him had been mutilated in transit.

Enquiries were made and this proved to be the case, as the word "not" had been omitted by the Telegraph Department in transmitting the original telegram from the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry.

Nothing remained to be done but to cancel the orders given for the Sardar's enlistment
No. 49712—5 (A. G.-10).
No. 49712—6 (A. G.-10).
This was done by a letter to the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division. The Political Officer's charge of the *Ex*-Amir was also informed accordingly.

A letter has now been received from the Political Officer in charge of the *Ex*-Amir stating that the Sardar has now expressed a desire to be given a Jemadarship in the Indian Infantry, and hopes that it will be possible to accede to his wishes.

Although the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division, does not recommend the grant of a direct commission to the Sardar, this Branch considers it desirable that this should be done from a political point of view if not from a recruiting one, and specially as the mutiated telegram raised false hopes.

The Foreign and Political Department are also in favour of these Afghan refugees being given employment, and in view of the circumstances related Government may be asked kindly to sanction the grant of a direct commission to the Sardar as a Jemadar in an Indian Infantry Regiment, on probation, supernumerary to the establishment, as a special case.

P. B.,—8-1-18.

D. R.,—9-1-18.

If Secretary will accord general approval to the proposal to give Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan a supernumerary Jemadarship on probation, Adjutant General would endeavour to place him. As the gentleman is an Afghan refugee it is not desired to allow his appointment to count against the Indian officer appointments of the regiment to which he may be posted. If he proves to be a success he might be absorbed later on, say two years after first appointment.

H. Barstow,—12-1-18,
D. P. S.

Secretary.

In the circumstances represented, the Financial Adviser may be asked to agree to the above proposal as a special case. It is presumed that the expenditure involved will be debitable to the ordinary grant and head of account affected. The Foreign and Political Department may see later.

W. C. D.,—15-1-18.

There have been one or two similar cases in which Indian gentlemen of classes not usually recruited have been given commissions as supernumerary Jemadars, but none of these cases have been put up by the Adjutant General. However, the present proposal may be supported, as it is very desirable that we should encourage this young man, who appears to have more backbone than the other members of his family, to take up an honourable profession. The Financial Adviser may be asked to agree.

G. D. Ogilvie,—16-1-18.

Secretary.

Does Foreign and Political Department support this proposal.

A. H. Bingley,—18-1-18.

Foreign and Political Department.

The Foreign and Political Department strongly support the proposal.

H. C. M.,—21-1-18.

C. K.,—21-1-18.

Denys Bray,—22-1-18.

Army Department.

The Financial Adviser may now be asked to agree to the proposal.

W. C. D.,—22-1-18.

G. D. Ogilvie,—23-1-18.

Secretary.

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We should perhaps give the Political Officer a more detailed explanation of the error.

D. E. PORTEOUS.

Is Government now to be asked for approval to the enlistment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a supernumerary?

A. J. F.,—15-10-17.

TO THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 7TH (MEERUT) DIVISION, No. 49712—5 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 22ND OCTOBER 1917.

TO THE POLITICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE *Ex*-AMIR OF KABUL, DEHRA DUN, No. 49712—6 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 30TH OCTOBER 1917.

FROM THE POLITICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE *Ex*-AMIR, No. 515, DATED THE 6TH NOVEMBER 1917.

Enquires whether it would be possible to appoint Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Jemadar in the Indian Infantry.

Ask General Officer Commanding, Division to make enquiries and ascertain whether this youth is suitable for a Jemadar's commission.

P. B.,—19-11-17.

H. BARSTOW,—19-11-17.

TO THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 7TH (MEERUT) DIVISION, No. 49712—7 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 21ST NOVEMBER 1917.

The Foreign and Political Department require a copy of the notes and correspondence regarding the refusal of the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan. Draft memorandum placed below.

P. B.,—10-12-17.

D. G. PORTEOUS,—11-12-17,
for *D. A. A. G.-10.*

Secretary.

Issue.

G. D. OGILVIE,—14-12-17.

Pro. No. 1556

ENDORSEMENT TO THE FOREIGN AND POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, No. 49712—8 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 15TH DECEMBER 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 7TH (MEERUT) DIVISION, No. 32444—14-A, DATED THE 22ND DECEMBER 1917.

Forwards report regarding the suitability of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan for a direct commission.

The candidate has been interviewed by the Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun, who considers that he is suitable for a direct commission.

The General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade, however, in view of past experience, does not recommend the grant of a direct commission to the Sardar, and in this he is supported by the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division.

Put up a comprehensive note asking Government to sanction direct commission as a Jemadar in Infantry *supernumerary*, as a special case. Adjutant General approves this being done.

H. BARSTOW,—51-18.

The case briefly is as follows:—

In May last an application was received from the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division, for the enlistment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, a grandson of the *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan, as a Dafadar in an Indian Cavalry Regiment.

Divisions were asked to ascertain whether any Commanding Officer of an Indian Cavalry Regiment was willing to accept the Sardar as a Dafadar on the authorised establishment of his unit.

A reply was received from the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division, to the effect that the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry, was willing to accept him and instructions were issued for his enlistment to be carried out.

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It would perhaps save time if the Officer Commanding, 38th Central India Horse, who is in France, was addressed direct from this office. We could then inform the General Officer Commanding, 5th Division of the action taken.

A draft cablegram is accordingly submitted for approval and issue.

P B.,—26-9-17.

Director, Personal Services should see the explanation, also draft telegram for approval.

D. G. PORTEOUS,—27-9-17,
Attached A. G.-10.

Director of Personal Services.

H. BARSTOW,—27-9-17,
D. P. S.

TO THE DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL, ROUEN, DIARY NO. 65756, DATED THE 28TH SEPTEMBER 1917.

Accordingly.

May be passed to the Foreign and Political Department for information.

P. B.,—1-10-17.

D. R.,—2-10-17.

G. O. TURNBULL,—2-10-17.
A. G.-10.

Secretary.

G. D. OGILVIE,—4-10-17.

Foreign and Political Department.

Seen in the Foreign and Political Department and returned with thanks.

H. C. M.,—5-10-17.

F. A. E.,—5-10-17.

Presumably the Political Officer in charge of the *Ex*-Amir will be told that Adjutant General's letter at page 6 of correspondence must be considered as cancelled.

W. G. NEALE,—6-10-17.

Army Department.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 7TH (MEERUT) DIVISION, NO. 32444—9-(A.), DATED THE 4TH OCTOBER 1917.

Enquiring if a decision has been arrived at regarding the enlistment of Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan.

FROM THE DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL, 3RD ECHELON, INDIAN SECTION, FRANCE, NO. D.-70, DATED THE 8TH OCTOBER 1917.

Intimating that the Officer Commanding, 38th Central India Horse in the field is not willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan as a Daffadar on the authorised establishment of his regiment.

With reference to paper under consideration I the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division, may be informed that in consequence of the mutilation of the telegram from the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry to the General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade, Adjutant General's letter No. 49712—2 (A. G.-10), dated the 17th August 1917, should be considered as cancelled, and a copy forwarded to the Political Officer in charge of the *Ex*-Amir of Kabul, Dehra Dun for information.

Draft letter put up for approval.

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In a letter form the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division it was stated that the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry, was willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan on the authorised establishment of his regiment, and in view of this orders were issued to the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division requesting him to arrange for the enlistment of the Sardar in the 4th Cavalry.

The General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade, now wires and states that he presumas the original telegram from the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry was mutilated in transit.

As no Commanding Officer is willing to accept the Sardar on the authorised establishment the only course now open is to ask Government to sanction his enlistment as supernumerary.

P. B.,—5-9-17.

This places us in rather an awakward position. We have sent a copy of our No. 49712-2* (A. G.-10), dated the 17th August 1917, to the Political Officer in-charge *Ex*-Amir of Kabul at Dehra Dun, and we have informed the Foreign and Political Department† accordingly and received their thanks.

* Page 7 of correspndence

† Page 3 of notes.

D. G. Portrous,—5-9-17,
Attached A.G.-10.

Deputy Assistant Adjutant General.

The Adjutant General has seen. The point whether the original telegram of Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry to Meerut Divisional Headquarters was or was not mutilated must be cleard up. If Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry did in fact say that he would accept Nur Ahmad Khan as a Daffadar he cannot be allowed to back out now. If he declined to accept the gentleman in the first instance, we must proceed with the suggestion that Officer Commanding, 38th Central India Horse may be willing to accept him.

H. Barstow,—6 9-17,
D. P. S.

To the General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade, No. 49712-4 (A. G.-10), dated the 6th September 1917, copy to General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division.

Accordingly.

From the General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division, No. 32444—7-A, dated the 6th August 1917.

States that Colonel Macquoid, then Commanding, 4th Cavalry, now Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General that Division, states that he wired to the effect that he was not prepared to accept Sardar Nur Ahmed Khan.

No action on this telegram is necessary. Copies of the original telegrams have been called for from the General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade and may be awaited.

P. B.,—10-9-17.

D. G. Portrous,—13-9-17,
Attached A. G.-10.

From the General Officer Commanding, 7th (Meerut) Division, No. 32444—8-A., dated the 19th September 1917.

Forwards copies of telegrams as requested.

From the paper under consideration, it would appear that the word "not" was omitted from the original telegram by the telegraph department.

We may now ascertain whether the Officer Commanding, 38th Central India Horse, is willing to accept Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan.

The Officer Commanding Depot, 38th Central India Horse, in his No. 1709, dated the 2nd July 1917, stated that he would be willing to accept the Sardar provided the Officer Commanding, 38th Central India Horse, in the field, concurred and requested permission to refer the matter to him.

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FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 9TH (SECUNDERABAD) DIVISION, No. 10213—3-A.-3, DATED THE 21ST JULY 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, KOHAT BRIGADE, No. 2401—3-A., DATED THE 2ND JULY 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, BANNU BRIGADE, No. 133-S. D., DATED THE 28TH JULY 1917.

Forwards replies concerning Sardar Nur Ahmed Khan.

The Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry, has expressed his willlingness to take Sardar Nur Ahmed Khan as a Dafadar on the authorised establishment of his regiment.

The General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division, should be instructed to arrange for the Sardar's enlistment in the 4th Cavalry in direct communication with the Political Officer in-charge of the *Ex*-Amir, a copy of the letter to the General Officer Commanding, Meerut Division being sent to the Political Officer for information.

The Foreign and Political Department, may see the proposed action before issue.

P. B.,—9-8-17.

D. R.,—9-8-17.

H. BARSTOW,—10-8-17,
D. P. S.

Foreign and Political Department.

Seen and returned with many thanks.

H. C. M.,—11-8-17.

C. K.,—11-8-17.

DENYS BRAY,—13-8-17.

Army Department.

TO THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 7TH (MEERUT) DIVISION, No. 49712-2 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 17TH AUGUST 1917.

Accordingly.

The Foreign and Political Department required a copy of notes and orders. Draft memorandum placed below.

P. B.,—24-8-17.

D. R.,—27-8-17.

G. O. TURNBULL,—28-8-17.
A. G.-10.

Secretary.

The draft may be issued.

W. M.,—29-8-17.

G. D. OGILVIE,—30-8-17.

ENDORSEMENT TO THE FOREIGN AND POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, No. 49712-3 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 1ST SEPTEMBER 1917.

PRO. No. 1555

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, DEHRA DUN BRIGADE, No. 4987-10-A.G., DATED THE 30TH AUGUST 1917.

States that the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry now wires that he is unwilling to accept Sardar Nur Ahmed Khan as Dafadar in his regiment, and presumes that the original telegram from the Officer Commanding, 4th Cavalry was mutilated in transit.

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Yes, strongly. The fact that the youth keeps his request down to the comparatively modest pitch of a Dafadari seems to argue in his favour.

DENYS BRAY,—12-6-17.

Army Department.

The Foreign and Political Department support the proposal that Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan should be given military employment as a Dafadar.

We may now ascertain what Cavalry unit is willing to accept him.

When this information has been obtained, orders can be issued for his posting.

P. B.,—20-6-17.

D. R.,—21-6-17.

TO THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, DIVISIONS AND AREAS, (EXCEPT BURMA) AND KOHAT AND BANNU BRIGADES, No. 49712-1 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 22ND JUNE 1917.

Accordingly.

All replies are in with the exception of that the General Officer Commanding, 16th Indian Division. May this be wired for please?

P. B.,—3-8-17.

Yes.

D. G. PORTEOUS,—4-8-17,
Attached A. G.-10.

TO THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 16TH INDIAN DIVISION, No. 49712-2 (A. G.-10), DATED THE 4TH AUGUST 1917.

Accordingly.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 1ST (PESHAWAR) DIVISION, No. 8739—2-A., DATED THE 11TH JULY 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 2ND (RAWALPINDI) DIVISION, No. 7004—2-A. G., DATED THE 7TH JULY 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 16TH INDIAN DIVISION, No. 15471—3-A., DATED THE 3RD AUGUST 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 4TH (QUETTA) DIVISION, No. 314-15, DATED THE 7TH JULY 1917.

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FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 6TH (POONA) DIVISION, No. 562—9-A. G.-3, DATED THE 2ND JULY 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 7TH (MEERUT) DIVISION, No. 32444—4-A. G., DATED THE 14TH JULY 1917.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 8TH (LUCKNOW) DIVISION, No. 4876-269, DATED THE 7TH JULY 1917.

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Pros. August 1918, Nos. 1555—1558 and Appendix.

SARDAR NUR AHMAD KHAN, GRANDSON OF THE *EX*-AMIR MUHAMMAD YAKUB KHAN.

APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF—FOR APPOINTMENT AS DAFADAR IN A CAVALRY REGIMENT.

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, 7TH (MEERUT) DIVISION, No. 32444-1 (A. G.), DATED THE 17TH MAY 1917.

As above.

Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, grandson of the late *Ex*-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan, desires to be appointed as a Dafadar to an Indian Cavalry Regiment. His two uncles, Sadars Sher Ahmad and Abdul Aziz, were accepted* in the Indian Cavalry with a view to taking commissions, and after undergoing a short period of training eventually refused the commissions offered to them by Government. The applicant's great-uncle (Agha Muhammad Khan) however, is prepared to hold himself responsible that he, (the applicant) if accepted in a Cavalry Regiment, will not of his own accord give up his military career as in the case of his two uncles.

* Pro. B, July 1916, Nos. 1859-1873.

The case is different to that of Sardars Sher Ahmad and Abdul Aziz as only a Dafadarship, and not a Jemadarship, is required.

The application is not supported by the General Officer Commanding, Dehra Dun Brigade and the 7th Division. (Please see minutes IV and V of paper under consideration.)

If the application is to be favourably considered it will not be necessary to go Government to obtain sanction for the appointment of Dafadar but, before action is taken, it is considered that the Foreign and Political Department should see the file in case that Department have any remarks to offer.

P. B.,—2-6-17.

G. O. TURNBULL,—5-6-17.

Secretary.

The file may be sent to the Foreign and Political Department as suggested in the above note.

W. C. D.,—8-6-17.

G. D. OGILVIE,—9-6-17.

Foreign and Political Department.

It is most desirable that the Afghan refugees should endeavour to earn their own livlihood instead of living idly on the allowances granted to them. The Foreign and Political Department, therefore, strongly support the proposal.

H. C. M.,—12-6-17.

C. K.,—12-6-17.

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Sardar Nur Ahmad Khan, grandson, of the ex-Amir Muhammad Yakub Khan.

Application on behalf of—for appointment as Dafadar in a Cavalry Regiment.

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