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FRONTIER A, APRIL 1888.

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K. W. No. 1.

FROM HER MAJESTY'S CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES AT TEHERAN, DATED THE 14TH JANUARY 1888.

Reports that the arrears and Persian allowances due to Ayub Khan have been paid up to the 31st December.

UNDER-SECRETARY.

A copy of this had better be sent to the Financial Department.

It is not clear now even from what date the new allowances should commence. This point will be looked into.

A. C.—*11th February 1888.*

J. A. C.

Secretary.

13th February 1888.

W. J. C.

Permission given to hold this over.

A. C.

The Financial Department may see this despatch* unofficially at once. A copy will be sent to them officially after it has issued.† It explains the course of the negotiations with Ayub Khan and the expenditure involved as far we can tell at present.

It should be noted that the arrears of Ayub's former Persian allowance have been paid up to 31st December 1887.

We understood that the new Indian allowances would commence from the date of arrival in India, but they have been promised to Ayub and his followers and also to Hashim from the 1st January 1888. Musa Jan's allowance begins from the 1st December 1887, Ahmad Ali's from the 18th July 1887, Khan Mulla Khan's from the 1st November 1887, Purvez Shah's from the 20th July 1887, Nasir Khan's was sanctioned§ on 13th October, but as it was paid‖ in Teheran for October, it was apparently taken to commence from the 1st of that month. Nadir Shah Khan's allowance is understood to commence also from the 1st January, like Hashim Khan's. The allowances of Abdul Rahman, Abdul Wahab, Abdus Rauf, and Sami Khan have yet to be fixed. The first three get subsistence allowance at Karachi as a temporary measure. Sami Khan is still on his way.

The transport of Ayub's and Hashim's parties to Baghdad is stated by Mr. Nicolson to amount to two lakhs, perhaps R2,000 over. This does not, as explained in paragraph 20 of the despatch, include travelling expenses of the refugees who have come over independently. The cost of moving the parties from Baghdad to India is all extra. We are bound to pay all travelling expenses to destination. There is also the additional expenditure referred to in paragraphs 21 and 22.

* To Secretary of State, No. 36 (Secret—Frontier), dated the 13th March 1888.
Secret F., March 1888, Nos. 124-275.

† Sent with endorsement No. 521-F., dated the 15th March 1888.

Mr. Nicolson's letter dated the 14th January 1888.

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‖ Mr. Nicolson's letter dated the 3rd November 1887.
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At present we cannot give more particulars. When the deportation of all the refugees is over we intend, as previously settled with the Financial Department, to prepare a statement of all expenditure incurred, and we have for this purpose called for complete accounts from General MacLean, Mr. Nicolson, Baghdad, Bushire, and Karachi; but we cannot hope to get out such a statement for some months. Considering that the last batch of refugees may not leave Baghdad till late in April, we cannot expect full accounts till well into May and perhaps later.

In the meantime the Comptroller will refer, as he has already done, all accounts in which expenditure on Afghan refugees is entered. Should we refer such cases separately to the Financial Department as they come in after checking them, or instruct the Comptroller direct to pass them, or should we hold them all over till one complete statement is prepared? Other items under the same head have erroneously been shown in some of the Secret Service accounts. These will be examined and the Financial Department asked to issue orders to pass them. But as regards the expenditure shown in other accounts and referred to us, the Financial Department may be asked to kindly let us know what procedure we should adopt.

A. CHAPMAN—*7th March 1888.*

E. H. S. C.—*7th March 1888.*

9th March 1888. J. A. C.

Secretary.

I suppose the separate items of expenditure mentioned at the end of this note should be kept unpassed until the statement of the whole cost can be made up.

9th March 1888. W. J. C.

To Finance Department unofficially.

SECRETARY.

This matter can be dealt with after the linked file has been disposed of.

R. B. H.—*12th March 1888.*

HON'BLE MEMBER.

There are difficulties in this. People should render their accounts to our account officers. Statements of charges are often sources of confusion as it is difficult to reconcile them with accounts. And of course the latter alone can be dealt with by us.
See the rules for political accounts.
12th March 1888. J. W.

Foreign Department might send us monthly statements of charges on this account so far as known. It is desirable to know how the expenditure is progressing. When the accounts of the deportation and settlement in India are complete, they must come up for special sanction.

Meanwhile the despatch must go. We don't like it, but it can't be helped. General MacLean has rather too magnificient ideas for the present state of the Indian revenues.

12th March 1888. E. J. S.

To Foreign Department unofficially.

Please see the Hon'ble Financial Member's remarks, dated the 12th March.

When the removal of the refugees from Persia was decided on, the Financial Department asked us, when the deportation was completed, to let them have a statement of all expenditure incurred.

See notes dated the 11th July 1887 in Secret F., July 1887, Nos. 833-848.

This request has been borne in mind throughout the negotiation; and it waswith the view of complying with it that we called for complete statements the other day from all who have had to do with the deportation.

If no general statement such as that we intended to prepare is wanted it will save us much work; and the suggestions I would venture to make instead to set matters right with the Financial Department are—

The Hon'ble Member does not say this. He says monthly statements of charges showing how the expenditure progresses are sources of confusion.
E. H. S. C.—*14th March 1888.*

(1) to send at once by office memorandum* a list showing the allowances fixed, giving dates from which they commence as far as we know, and to ask for formal sanction to them. When the refugees all arrive in India, and the place of residence of those who have arrived is settled, we can let Finance know and they can issue orders for the payment of the allowances.

* In doing so we can refer to the despatch which is going to them officially now.

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(2) *All* other expenditure already incurred for travelling expenses, &c., &c., will be shown in the accounts* and referred here by the Comptroller. This can be checked as the accounts come in and the Financial Department asked to admit the charges. A few such accounts have already been received and are being held over until we know how they should be disposed of.

* From General MacLean, Teheran, Baghdad, Bushire, Karachi.

(3) All future expenditure, including the allowances yet to be fixed,† houses, transport, furniture, &c., can be referred to Finance for formal sanction as it comes up.

† As set out in the despatch.

If the Financial Department will agree to the above method there will be no difficulty, I think, in keeping matters straight.

A. C.—*14th March 1888.*

14th March 1888. J. A. C.

Secretary.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—

Do you concur to these proposals? We will now send you a list of allowances fixed and asked for sanction.

2. We will scrutinise and pass on for sanction to the admitted charges the Persian accounts for travelling allowances and cognate charges.

3. We will come to you for sanction in individual cases for allowances and such fresh matters as have to be settled in India.

15th March 1888. W. J. C.

To Finance Department unofficially.

UNDER-SECRETARY.

The Foreign Office proposals are summarised in the preceding note of the Foreign Secretary. The procedure which the Foreign Department proposes to observe will perhaps be sufficient for the purposes of the Account Department. Further action can be taken when Foreign Department addresses us officially as it proposes.

R. B. H.—*16th March 1888.*

16th March 1888. C. J. W.

Secretary.

HON'BLE MEMBER.

Foreign Secretary's proposals may be accepted.

16th March 1888. E. J. S.

Yes. But inform Comptroller of India Treasuries fully.

17th March 1888. J. W.

UNDER-SECRETARY.

Hon'ble Member's instructions may presumably be carried out when the Foreign Department addresses this Department officially.

R. B. H.—*17th March 1888.*

Yes. If Foreign Department will send these notes.

17th March 1888. C. J. W.

To Foreign Department unofficially.

Office memorandum to Finance put up.

A. C.—*18th March 1888.*

E. H. S. C.—*18th March 1888.*

20th March 1888. W. J. C.

[To Finance Department, No. 578-F., dated the 22nd March 1888.]

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FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE, No. 1700, DATED THE 29TH MARCH 1888.

Copy of the instructions to the Comptroller of India Treasuries regarding the allowances to Ayub Khan and other refugees.

This is what was agreed upon. To be brought on the file.

A. C.—*5th April 1888.*

6th April 1888. W. J. C.

Please see draft demi-official to Captain Evans-Gordon.

A. C.—*6th April 1888.*

7th April 1888. W. J. C.

[Demi-official to Captain W. Evans-Gordon, dated the 9th April 1888.]

Recorded and indexed by A. Chapman—2nd May 1888.

Recording and indexing examined by E. H. S. Clarke—2nd May 1888.

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[DEMI-OFFICIAL.]

Dated Simla, the 9th April 1888.

From—W. J. CUNINGHAM, Esq.,
To—CAPTAIN W. EVANS-GORDON.

I enclose for your information an extract from a statement which has been sent to the Comptroller of India Treasuries showing the allowances sanctioned by the Government of India for Sardar Ayub Khan and his adherents. The papers sent to you from Calcutta will show you that Ayub Khan has agreed to furnish a list of his followers and of the allowances given to each. You should bear this in mind and ask him for the list as soon as you can after he comes under your charge, as it is important that he does not appropriate the money to any other purpose. The papers will show this.

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No. 210.

Dated Teheran, the 14th January 1888.

From—A. NICOLSON, Esq., Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Teheran,

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

I have the honor to inform you that the arrears and Persian allowances due to Ayub Khan up to 31st December have been paid. The above amount to 19,800 tomans for the six months from 1st July to 31st December. Of this sum 2,767 tomans 8 krans were paid in Teheran on account of Musa Jan, Mullah Khan, Abdur Rahman Khan, and others, details of which have been noted in the accounts sent to the Comptroller of Accounts; 6,000 tomans were also paid to the Persian Treasury who had advanced this sum to Ayub Khan before his flight; 4,500 tomans were paid on account of the debts of the Teheran refugees, and 5,633 tomans on account of the Meshed refugees. The remaining 899 tomans 2 krans were retained by General MacLean for some payments he had made on account of some families at Meshed. It is distinctly understood by Ayub Khan and his people here that if there are any more debts to be paid they must be deducted from their future allowances. It appears, however, that the arrears have covered all their liabilities.

No. 211.

Office Memo., No. 578-F., dated Fort William, the 22nd March 1888.

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

To—The Department of Finance.

In continuation of the endorsement from this office, No. 521-F., dated the 15th March 1888, the undersigned is directed to forward for the sanction of the Department of Finance a list of the allowances granted to Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan and his party and certain other Afghan refugees deported from Persia, and to request that the necessary orders may be issued for the payment of the allowances in India. The arrival of the refugees at their respective destinations will be intimated to the Comptroller of India Treasuries. Sardars Ayub Khan and Hashim Khan are not expected to arrive in India until the middle of next month.

2. It is understood that the Comptroller of India Treasuries will forward to this Department the accounts of all expenditure incurred in Persia and elsewhere in connection with the movements of the refugees. These accounts will be examined in the Foreign Department and referred to the Department of Finance for sanction.

3. The consent of the Department of Finance will also be obtained to the expenditure which will be incurred hereafter in accordance with paragraphs 19 to 22 of the Government of India despatch No. 36 (Secret-Frontier), dated the 13th March 1888, to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

4. The undersigned is to forward, for information and further necessary orders, a copy of the correspondence cited in the margin, regarding the arrears of the Persian allowance paid to Sardar Ayub Khan.

From Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires, Teheran, dated the 14th January 1888.

No. 212.

Statement showing the allowances fixed on Afghan refugees deported from Persia to India.

Names.	Allowance per mensem.	From what date to commence.	Residence in India.	REMARKS.
	₹ a. p.			
Sardar Ayub Khan . .	5,000 0 0	1st January 1888.	Rawalpindi district.	Allowances to be paid to the officer in charge of Ayub Khan.
The Sardar's followers .	19,466 10 8	Do.	On arrival of the Sardars in India the exact locality will be intimated.	
Sardar Hashim Khan .	4,000 0 0	Do.		
Sardar Hashim Khan's brothers.	700 0 0	Do.		
Nadir Shah Khan . .	200 0 0	Do.		

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Statement showing the allowances fixed on Afghan refugees deported from Persia to India—continued.

Names.	Allowance per mensem.	From what date to commence.	Residence in India.	Remarks.
	₹ a. p.			
Sardar Musa Jan . .	1,600 0 0	1st December 1887.	Dehra Dun .	Allowances to be paid to the Officer in charge of the ex-Amir.
Ahmad Ali Jan . .	1,000 0 0	18th July 1887 .	Kurnal.	
Khan Mulla Khan . .	800 0 0	1st November 1887.	Rawalpindi.	To be paid direct.
General Purvez Shah Khan.	350 0 0	20th July 1887 .	Kurnal.	
Nasir Khan . . .	100 0 0	1st October 1887.	Not yet known.	
Total .	33,216 10 8			

No. 213.

No. 1700, dated Calcutta, the 29th March 1888.

Memo. by—The Officiating Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce.

Copy of following forwarded to the Foreign Department for information, with reference to that Department's office memorandum No. 578-F., dated the 22nd March 1888.

From—C. J. Weir, Esq., Officiating Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce,

To—The Comptroller of India Treasuries.

I am directed to convey the sanction of the Governor-General in Council to the payment of the allowances aggregating ₹33,216-10-8 a month to Sardar Ayub Khan and the other Afghan refugees who have been deported to India as detailed in the accompanying statement and with effect from the dates entered against each of their names in the statement. I am to request that you will arrange with the Accountants-General of North-Western Provinces and Punjab for the payment of such of the allowances as are payable in those Provinces.

2. I am to inform you that the payment of a sum of 19,800 tomans to Sardar Ayub Khan on account of arrears of his Persian allowance due from 1st July to 31st December 1887 has been sanctioned, and to forward the accompanying copy of a letter, dated the 14th January 1888, showing how this amount has been expended.

3. Some expenditure will be incurred in Persia and elsewhere in connection with the movement of these refugees; and I am to request that you will submit to the Foreign Department for scrutiny accounts of all such expenditure that may be rendered to you.

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Exd.—T. Y.

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