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No. 424.—Tel. from A. Nicolson, Esq., Teheran, of 24th Jan. 1888—Reports the date of Ayub Khan's arrival at Baghdad and the numbers of the party.

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No. 426.—Tel. from A. Nicolson, Esq., Teheran, of 29th Jan. 1888—Gives details of Ayub Khan's parties.

No. 427.—Tel. to Resident, Persian Gulf, No. 240-F. of 7th Feb. 1888—Asks whether he can spare Col. Mockler to bring Ayub Khan over to India.

No. 428.—Tel. from Resident, Persian Gulf, of 8th Feb. 1888—In reply states that Col. Mockler can be spared as proposed.

- No. 429.—Tel. to Resident, Persian Gulf, No. 291-F. of 14th Feb. 1888—Enquires whether he can arrange to let the *Lawrence* bring over Ayub Khan to India.
- No. 430.—Tel. from Resident, Persian Gulf, of 15th Feb. 1888—In reply to the foregoing, states that the *Lawrence* can bring Ayub Khan to India.
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- No. 434-A.—Tel. to A. Nicolson, Esq., Teheran, No. 389-F. of 29th Feb. 1888—Asks whether he has despatched full list of Ayub Khan's followers.
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- No. 436.—Tel. to A. Nicolson, Esq., Teheran, of 1st March 1888—Requests him to forward a complete statement of expenditure incurred on account of Ayub Khan.
- No. 437.—Tel. to Col. Roberts, Karachi, No. 405-F. of 1st March 1888—Asks for a similar statement.
- No. 438.—To Poltl. Resident, Persian Gulf, No. 406-F. of 1st March 1888—Asks for a similar statement.
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- No. 441.—Tel. to Govt. of the Punjab, No. 394-F. of 1st March 1888—Asks whether the services of Mr. Merk can be spared to bring Ayub Khan to India.
- No. 442.—Tel. from the Poltl. Resident, Turkish Arabia, of 1st March 1888—Asks whether he may pay about Rs 20,000, the balance of Ayub Khan's mule hire.
- No. 443.—Tel. to Poltl. Resident, Turkish Arabia, No. 420-F. of 3rd March 1888—Replies that he may pay.
- No. 444.—Tel. from A. Nicolson, Esq., Teheran, of 3rd March, 1888—Referring to tel. of 1st March, asks whether a statement of account is required showing the expenditure under all heads.

- No. 445.—Tel. to A. Nicolson, Esq., Teheran, No. 421-F. 3rd March 1888—Replies that the complete statement mentioned is what is required.
- No. 446.—Tel. from Govt. of the Punjab, No. 2-C. of 3rd March 1888—In reply to tel. No. 294-F. of 1st March, explains that it would be inconvenient to spare Mr. Merk at present.
- No. 447.—Tel. to Govt. of the Punjab, No. 422-F. of 4th March 1888—Replies that under the circumstances the Govt. of India will not press for Mr. Merk's services.
- No. 448.—Tel. from A. Nicolson, Esq., Teheran, of 4th March 1888—Explains what the total cost will be of removing Ayub Khan and party to Baghdad.
- No. 449.—Tel. from A. Nicolson, Esq., Taheran, of 5th March 1888—Gives particulars about the movements and intentions of the refugees.
- No. 450.—Tel. to Poltl. Resident, Turkish Arabia, No. 437-F. of 6th March 1888—Orders regarding the expenditure to be incurred by Ayub Khan's detention at Baghdad.
- No. 451.—Tel. to Poltl. Resident, Persian Gulf, No. 435-F. of 6th March 1888—Requests him to order Col. Mockler to Baghdad.
- No. 452.—Tel. from Poltl. Resident, Persian Gulf, of 6th March 1888—Asks whether Col. Mockler is to go to Baghdad?
- No. 453.—Tel. from Poltl. Resident, Persian Gulf, of 6th March 1888—States that Col. Mockler will reach Baghdad on 16th March 1888.
- No. 454.—Tel. from Lieut.-Col. Law, Agra, of 6th March 1888—States that he hopes to reach Dehra on the 10th.
- No. 455.—Tel. from Govt. of the Punjab, No. 106 of 7th March 1888—Hope to make satisfactory arrangements for Ayub Khan's location.
- No. 456.—Tel. to Govt. of the Punjab, No. 458-F. of 8th March 1888—Gives details of Ayub Khan's party.
- No. 457.—Tel. to Ghulam Hussein, Native Asstt. with the ex-Amir, No. 459-F. of 8th March 1888—Instructs him to proceed to Baghdad on the arrival of Lieut.-Col. Law.
- No. 458.—Tel. from A. Nicolson, Esq., Teheran, of 13th March 1888—States that his complete statement of Afghan accounts will be despatched. Enquires if he should telegraph totals under various heads.
- No. 459.—Tel. to A. Nicolson, Esq., Teheran, No. 519-F. of 14th March 1888—Replies that the statement will be revised.
- No. 460.—Tel. to Col. Law, Dera Dun, No. 535-F. of 16th March 1888—Asks whether Ghulam Hussein has left.
- No. 461.—Tel. from Col. Law, Dera Dun, of 17th March 1888—States that Ghulam Hussein has left.
- No. 462.—Tel. to Col. Mockler, Baghdad, No. 543-F. of 17th March 1888—Informs him of Ghulam Hussein's departure.
- No. 463.—Tel. to Govt. of the Punjab, No. 544-F. of 18th March 1888—Enquires if they can give any information now about the proposed location of Ayub Khan.

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No. 464.—Tel. to Col. Mockler, Baghdad, No. 534-F.
of 16th March 1888—Informs him of the
arrangements to be made for the trans-
port of Ayub Khan to India.

No. 465.—Tel. from A. Nicolson, Esq., Teheran, of 18th
March 1888—Reports that Ayub Khan
left Kermansha on the 15th March.

Ed.—T. Y.

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K. W.
FRONTIER—A., MARCH 1888.
Nos. 398—465.

K. W. No. 1.

AYUB KHAN'S MOVEMENTS TOWARDS INDIA, &c.

TELEGRAM FROM BRIGADIER-GENERAL MACLEAN, MESHED, NO. 15, DATED THE 24TH JANUARY 1888.

States that Assistant Surgeon Elahi Baksh accompanies Ayub's party to Baghdad and India.

It was intended to relieve Assistant Surgeon Elahi Baksh some months ago, but no one could be found to take his place. The Surgeon-General is still looking out for a suitable man.

General MacLean's action will be approved?

The Surgeon-General may see this telegram, so that he may know that Elahi Baksh is returning.

A. C.—25th January 1888.

UNDER-SECRETARY.

Yes—unofficially?

W. S.—25th January 1888.

SECRETARY.

26th January 1888.

J. A. C.

26th January 1888.

W. J. C.

Surgeon-General unofficially.

Noted.

26th January 1888.

B. S.

(26th Jan. Col. A. C. Toker & 23/1/88)
(Tel. to H. M. Charge d'Affaires, Tehran, No. 154 F, 23/1/88)
DEMI-OFFICIAL FROM COLONEL A. C. TOKER, TO THE SECRETARY, DATED THE 24TH JANUARY 1888.

Replies to the Secretary's letter of the 23rd about the conveyance of Ayub's party to India.

Put up again when Mr. Nicolson telegraphs the probable date of Ayub's arrival at Baghdad.

24th January 1888.

W. J. C.

TELEGRAM FROM HER MAJESTY'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, TEHRAN, DATED THE 24TH JANUARY 1888.

In reply to the Secretary's telegram of the 23rd January, gives approximate date of Ayub Khan's arrival at Baghdad.

UNDER-SECRETARY.

Please see Secretary's order of 24th on Colonel Toker's demi-official of the 24th. We may await further information?

A. C.—25th January 1888.

W. S.—25th January 1888.

25th January 1888.

J. A. C.

TELEGRAM FROM BRIGADIER-GENERAL MACLEAN, No. 16, DATED THE 24TH JANUARY 1888.

Suggestions for the conveyance of Ayub Khan and party to India.

UNDER-SECRETARY.

Submitted.

A. C.—25th January 1888.

W. S.—25th January 1888.

SECRETARY.

25th January 1888.

J. A. C.

A further telegram from Mr. Nicolson to add.

I have asked Captain Hext to come and talk this over on Tuesday.

29th January 1888.

W. J. C.

MR. CHAPMAN.

Send case to Secretary on Tuesday morning.

W. S.—30th January 1888.

TELEGRAM FROM HER MAJESTY'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, TEHRAN, DATED THE 26TH JANUARY 1888.

Reports the arrival of Ayub and Hashim at Nishapur.

Sent.—A. C. For information. Copy to Private Secretary to the Governor-General.
27th January 1888. W. J. C.

TELEGRAM FROM HER MAJESTY'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, TEHRAN, DATED THE 29TH JANUARY 1888.

Gives details of the movements of Ayub's party.

I make out that the 260 Tehran refugees will reach Baghdad about a month before any of the Meshed parties, that is to say, about the end of February, and Ayub and the Meshed parties will arrive in batches about the end of March, the dates of their arrival extending over about a fortnight. The latter parties number about 900.

The *Lawrence* has to come to Bombay some time before the monsoon to be docked.

I shall arrange with Captain Hext to time her going to Bombay if Colonel Ross agrees with Ayub's departure, so that he can come to Karachi in her.

Captain Hext can arrange for the others going in mail steamers.

The Punjab Government should be told that Ayub will arrive in April, so the first residence to get ready for him is the one in the hills!

31st January 1888.

W. J. C.

TELEGRAM FROM POLITICAL RESIDENT, PERSIAN GULF, DATED THE 8TH FEBRUARY 1888.

In reply to telegram of the 7th, states that Major Mockler can be spared, and that he thinks he will do the work well connected with Ayub Khan's move.

Send me papers about appointment of an officer to bring Ayub over to India.

7th February 1888.

W. J. C.

The passages in the series referring to this have been marked.

I would point out that Ayub has commenced his march very slowly. It took him eight days to get to Nishapur, 66 miles from Meshed.

* 1,000 miles from Meshed.

At that rate he would not reach Baghdad* till May. At any rate it may not be desirable to charter a vessel till we get more certain datas and Mr. Nicolson's telegrams are not very clear as to dates.

Colonel Tweedie should perhaps be warned not to receive Ayub and his party with any degree of show. He had Ahmed Ali escorted into Baghdad.

Timely arrangements seem necessary at Karachi to receive the party. A camp might be pitched for the followers and houses secured for the leading men?

A. C.—9th February 1888.

W. S.—9th February 1888.

SECRETARY.

10th February 1888.

J. A. C.

Telegraph to the Resident, Bushire—

"Ayub expected at Baghdad end of March where he will join his people from Tehran numbering 260. The people from Meshed about 900 will arrive probably between end of March and middle of April.

I understand the *Lawrence* must go to Bombay to be docked before monsoon. Could you make her movement fit with Ayub's so as to take him and his family to Karachi? Mockler would go to Baghdad about middle of March to make arrangements for reception of all, to despatch the party in the *Lawrence*, to transport the rest to Basrah, and to look after them until they leave for India. We can perhaps charter a steamer for them."

Refer then unofficially to the Military Department. If the Resident can spare the *Lawrence* as above, the Director of Indian Marine will not object to her being sent to Bombay at that time? Can he charter a steamer to take the bulk of the refugees? At present all we know of them is that 260 have started some time ago from Tehran for Baghdad, and there are 1,170 altogether; the 910 balance being on their way from Meshed through Tehran to Baghdad.

Ayub who presumably started first is expected at Baghdad at the end of March; the rest at intervals within a fortnight. I don't know how many the *Lawrence* can take, but there will roughly be about 1,000 to be transported otherwise. If the Director of Indian Marine can charter a steamer to take the whole lot, it should as far as we can tell be prepared to leave Basrah—if it can get up so high—between the middle and end of April. Colonel Mockler or some other officer sent for the purpose would come over in charge, and the people would be landed at Karachi. I believe it would be cheaper and certainly more expeditious to bring them over in a steamer specially chartered than to bring them in the ordinary mail steamers.

The bulk of the people will I think be deck-passengers, but there must be many women and children. There appear to be 20 Sardars, most of whom probably have their families, and therefore there are perhaps 80 to 100 men, women and children—including Ayub and his own family—who would go in the *Lawrence* or be entitled to first class accommodation in another steamer.

14th February 1888.

W. J. C.

[Telegram No. 291 F., dated the 14th February 1888, to the Resident, Bushire.]

To Military Department unofficially.

Submitted.

The Political Resident does not appear to have been asked yet whether the "Lawrence" could be spared for this service. According to returns in this office she has cabin accommodation for about half-a-dozen passengers only. She has deck accommodation however for 160 British troops, and this accommodation could perhaps be made suitable for the Sardars? Captain Hext may be asked these notes being sent to him confidentially, also whether a steamer could be chartered to take the 1,000 or so followers from Bushire to Karachi between the middle and the end of April?

H. H. D.—15th February 1888.

Has Foreign Department any objection to these notes going to Captain Hext? He will then see exactly what is wanted and what should be done.

16th February 1888.

E. G. B.

Foreign Department unofficially.

UNDER-SECRETARY.

No objection?

W. S.—16th February 1888.

SECRETARY.

17th February 1888.

J. A. C.

I should like these notes to be sent to Captain Hext to learn if he can charter a steamer for these people.

The Resident has replied* about the "Lawrence" that he can make the time of her going to Bombay to be docked fit with the performance of this service of taking over Ayub and his family.

* Telegram, dated the 15th February 1888.

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I should like Captain Hext to be permitted to apply direct to the Foreign Department for requisite information about chartering the steamer, so as to save time that would be lost in passing through the Military Department. He will want to know more precisely about time and about numbers, and before long I hope to be able to give more precise information than I can at present.

17th February 1888.

W. J. C.

Military Department unofficially.

Submitted.

H. H. D.—18th February 1888.

D. M. unofficially.

20th February 1888.

E. G. B.

The "Lawrence" will carry 12 first class passengers and 130 followers. She will suit admirably as far as I can judge for bringing Ayub Khan and his immediate household, especially as her draft of water allows her to cross the bar at the entrance of the Shat-el-Arab on any day.

The time also mentioned, end of March, will suit admirably.

To take the remainder of his followers, I would advise the sanction of Government being obtained to my hiring a vessel, or such other arrangement as I may find advisable; the only difficulty I foresee is the large amount of 1st class accommodation, but this I can arrange by putting up temporary fittings (if numbers can be given more accurately it would facilitate this); as to the remainder there would be no difficulty. I presume they are all Muhammadans.

About the 12th of April will be the best time for a large vessel to leave Busreh so as to ensure plenty of water over the bar, and I should like, if possible, to be given 20 days' notice before the date fixed for the embarkation, to give me time for chartering the ship, and making necessary arrangements for fittings, &c.

There will be no difficulty in a vessel proceeding as high up the river as Busrah, but she will not be able to go higher.

25th February 1888.

J. H.

To Marine Department unofficially.

Submitted.

J. H. D.—28th February 1888.

28th February 1888.

E. G. B.

To Foreign Department unofficially.

* Telegram to Colonel Ross, No. 291 F., dated the 14th February 1888.

Telegram from Colonel Ross, dated the 15th February 1888.

parties—number of Sardars requiring first class accommodation, women, &c. We shall not get lists for some time, and we had better telegraph both to Mr. Nicolson and to General MacLean for the exact numbers of their respective parties.

The correspondence* connected with these notes is in the series.

The first thing to be done seems to be to get more particulars about the numbers of Ayub's

Ayub is expected at Baghdad about the 2nd April according to our last information. He will then probably want to go to Karbela; but a week or two may not matter as far as the "Lawrence" is concerned.

The 12th April will be too early for the chartered steamer to leave Basra?

Colonel Ross wished to know whether Major Mockler should be warned.

A. C.—29th February 1888.

E. H. C.—29th February 1888.

SECRETARY.

29th February 1888.

J. A. C.

Telegraph to Mr. Nicolson:—

Have you sent full lists of Ayub and Hashim parties? I am arranging for the "Lawrence" to take Ayub, Hashim and family, and to charter a steamer for the rest, but would like to know numbers of first class and deck passengers and of women and children. The 12th April is most convenient time for chartered steamer to leave Basra. Will that be too early?

Put up again to-morrow for orders about Colonel Mockler.

29th February 1888.

W. J. C.

(Telegram to Mr. Nicolson, Tehran, No. 389 F., dated the 29th February 1888.)

Resubmitted for orders about Colonel Mockler.

E. H. S. C.—1st March 1888.

SECRETARY.

1st March 1888.

J. A. C.

* To Panjab, No. 394 F. of 1st March 1888.

Secretary has telegraphed* for Mr. Meik's services.

A. C.—1st March 1888.

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K.-W. No. 2.

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT, PERSIAN GULF, DATED THE 15TH FEBRUARY 1888.

In reply to our telegram No. 291 F., dated 14th February, states that the *Lawrence* can take Ayub's party from Basrah to Karachi. Asks whether Major Mockler should be warned for the duty?

UNDER-SECRETARY.

Await reply to our unofficial reference to the Military Department?

A. C.—15th February 1888.

W. S.—15th February 1888.

SECRETARY.

15th February 1888.

J. A. C.

The unofficial reference to the Military Department has been replied to now, but I cannot warn Colonel Mockler for this duty until I know if his presence at Muscat is indispensable in connection with the visit of the Sultan of Zanzibar.

19th February 1888.

W. J. C.

FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT, BAGHDAD, DATED THE 24TH FEBRUARY 1888.

States that it costs Rs. 1,000 to feed Musa Jan's followers, and asks how far he should comply with Ayub's wishes in this respect.

We do not know how many followers there are with Musa Jan, but he must have a large party to necessitate an expenditure of Rs. 1,000. Colonel Tweedie is probably entertaining them too liberally, but he is no doubt paying the rates communicated to him by Mr. Nicolson.

* Telegram to Colonel Tweedie, No. 243 F., dated the 7th February. Our orders* were to pay him anything due on his allowance of Rs. 1,600 a month commencing from the 1st December.

Ayub Khan will expect a further large sum of money for food for himself and followers from Baghdad to India. The Rs. 90,660 given to him by General MacLean

† On this point see particularly Ayub's letter to General MacLean, dated the 29th December. were only meant to cover expenses up† to Baghdad.

In telegraphing orders to Colonel Tweedie on this point, we might hint that Ayub should not be received with any degree of show. Ahmad Ali was escorted into the city by cavalry?

A. C.—25th February 1888.

E. H. C.—25th February 1888.

SECRETARY.

As the Indian allowances have begun the Sardars ought to feed their own followers at and from Baghdad certainly? If so Colonel Tweedie may be instructed to pay nothing without sanction except ascertained arrears of allowances. And there should be no avoidable show about Ayub's reception at Baghdad?

26th February 1888.

J. A. C.

27th February 1888.

W. J. C.

[Telegram to Colonel W. Tweedie, No. 366 F., dated the 27th February 1888.]

TELEGRAM FROM BRIGADIER-GENERAL MACLEAN, MESHED, No. 28, DATED THE 25TH
FEBRUARY 1888.

Replies to our telegram No. 346 F. of 24th February regarding the cost of moving Ayub
to Baghdad.

As we have not Mr. Nicolson's separate estimate for the cost of moving the Tehran
party, this does not make matters clear.

26th February 1888.

W. J. C.

FROM BRIGADIER-GENERAL MACLEAN, MESHED, No. 10 L.S., DATED THE 14TH JANUARY
1888.

Forwards further correspondence in connection with Ayub Khan.

* On General MacLean's letter No. 4 L.S., dated the 7th January 1888. Please see the notes* of 21st to 24th instant.

General MacLean's letter No. 10 L. S. dated 14th January, besides showing that Ayub
was anxious that Hashim should leave Meshed with him, throws more light on the question
of transport, and so does his telegram of the 25th.

Hashim has been provided separately with money for food and outfit for his party to the
extent of Rs. 26,520, besides horses and mules for transport and two horses for himself.

General MacLean estimates the total cost of moving both Ayub's and Hashim's parties
to Baghdad at about Rs. 1,91,000, exclusive of the (actual) transport of the 260 people at
Tehran. We do not know what that will be, but it will come to another 10 or 15,000 at

† Very roughly about another ½ lakh must have been spent on the other separate men. I think much more. least and 210 or 220,000 † may cover the whole movement to Baghdad. More than half this sum will have gone towards "food, clothing and

outfit." It is doubtful whether the Government of India would have sanctioned the new
allowances to begin from the date of leaving Meshed under the circumstances. It was

‡ See notes of 30th December 1887. understood that road expenses would have to be given, † but it was also understood that the

§ Office note dated the 5th January 1888 and telegram on that to Mr. Nicolson No. 72 F., dated the 11th January. new allowances—except in one or two special cases—would commence from the date of arrival in India. §

But no action seems necessary on these papers now.

I see that Hashim has been paid over Rs. 3,000 for his follower's debts. It is to be hoped
that this sum will be recovered from Hashim's allowance, though it looks like another present
to him; but we do not know how that (the allowance) stands. Is his increased allowance
also to commence from the date of leaving Meshed? We must presume this; but it is not on
record. We must hope that General MacLean's general report will clear up all financial
details. We are drifting into confusion in all money matters for want of concise information,
and the accounts will become still more complicated if, as is not unlikely, advances on the
allowance themselves have been, or are given between Meshed and India. We shall not be
certain what is actually due and what deductions should be made, when all the party arrive in
India and it will be impossible to attempt an accurate financial statement such as the
Financial Department expects. We want proper statements in account form with full
particulars from Mr. Nicolson as well as from General MacLean. So far we've only received
fragments.

A. C.—27th February 1888.

29th February 1888.

J. A. C.

I think we ought to telegraph for a complete
statement of all expenditure incurred up to date
by the Legation.

General MacLean is sending in his
29th February 1888.

J. A. C.

W J C.

statement. Baghdad and Bashir are reporting
regularly. Colonel Roberts should also send a
statement up to date, and continue to send
one fortnightly hereafter. This would help us greatly. u/c/

As soon as the despatch is got out, Finance Department is to get a copy, and it will then be advisable to send them an office memorandum explaining a great many points in regard to the exceeding of the estimate, &c. This will be looked into further.

E. H. C.—28th February 1888.

SECRETARY.

29th February 1888.

J. A. C.

To Mr. Nicolson from Foreign :—

It would be great convenience to receive from you a complete statement of all expenditure incurred by Legation on deportation of Afghans.

29th February 1888.

W. J. C.

(Telegram to Mr. Nicolson, No. 392 F., dated the 1st March 1888.)

Draft letters and telegram are put up calling for similar statements from Baghdad
* See for example Colonel Ross's No. 5, dated the 9th January 1888. Bushire and Karachi. The two former have sent in reports as noted above, but not fully,*
and we had better get one complete statement.

A. C.—1st March 1888.

E. H. C.—1st March 1888.

1st March 1888.

J. A. C.

(Telegram to Political Agent, S.-E. Baluchistan No. 405 F., dated the 1st March 1888.)

(Letters to the Political Residents, Bushire, Baghdad, Nos. 406-407 F., dated the 1st March 1888.)

TELEGRAM FROM HER MAJESTY'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, TEHRAN, DATED THE 3RD MARCH 1888.

With reference to our telegram of the 1st March, enquires whether a complete statement is required or only an account of the transport.

[Telegram to Mr. Nicolson, Tehran, No. 421 I., dated the 3rd March 1888.]

TELEGRAM FROM MR. NICOLSON, TEHRAN, DATED THE 4TH MARCH 1888.

States what the total cost will be of transporting Ayub and his party.

Send a copy of this and other selected papers with a copy of the despatch to Finance?

A. C.

E. H. S. C.—5th March 1888.

5th March 1888.

W. J. C.

K.-W. No. 3.

TELEGRAM FROM POLITICAL RESIDENT, BAGHDAD, DATED THE 28TH FEBRUARY 1888.

With reference to our telegram No. 366 F., dated 28th, asks whether he is to ration Ayub's followers in Baghdad.

I think we are committed to pay for rations and all necessities for the journey right up to India according to the terms originally demanded by Ayub and according to precedent. This matter has been looked into before, and in a note submitted yesterday to Under-Secretary regarding the cost of transport, our position in this respect was explained. The mistake made in Persia was to give the Indian allowances from date of leaving Meshed instead of from the date of arrival in India as we understood.

Submitted for orders.

A. C.—29th February 1888.

E. H. C.—29th February 1888.

Was our telegram 366 F. of 27th February wrong?

29th February 1888.

J. A. C.

Please see office note of 25th February and the orders passed on it. Our telegram No. 366 F. was not wrong, but it was not a direct answer to Colonel Tweedie's enquiry as to whether he should ration the party.

A. C.—1st March 1888.

E. H. C.—1st March 1888.

SECRETARY.

I think we should hold out against rationing Ayub's followers, but we can't if doing so would cause disturbance or trouble at Baghdad. A reply might go—"Yours 28th. Do not ration Ayub's followers unless you consider this absolutely necessary to prevent disturbance or trouble. Let them wait for Ayub. How many are there?"

1st March 1888.

J. A. C.

There was a telegram from Mr. Nicolson about Ayub's proposal to stay a month in Baghdad visiting Kerbela. He told him it was unreasonable I think? I do not think Colonel Tweedie means that followers have come already. He has not reported so has he?

2nd March 1888.

W. J. C.

Colonel Tweedie has not reported the arrival of any of Ayub's followers yet. He has evidently asked for orders on the question of rations in anticipation of the arrival of the Tehran parties who must now be close to Baghdad. He has probably been told (as in the case of the independent men) that Ayub and his party have received so much a day for food for the journey to Baghdad, and he naturally asks for orders as to whether rations or money in lieu should be given at Baghdad. Apparently it must be agreed to. The cost may be roughly estimated at over Rs. 1,000 a day for the whole party, and so if Ayub stops a month at Baghdad and then gets rations for the journey to India, we must expect another half lakh added to the account.

A. C.—2nd March 1888.

E. H. S. C.—2nd March 1888.

TELEGRAM FROM HER MAJESTY'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, TEHRAN, DATED THE 1ST MARCH 1888.

In reply to our telegram of yesterday gives the numbers of Ayub's and Hashim's parties.

There are some more people awaiting Ayub at Baghdad.

1st March 1888.

J. A. C.

Under-Secretary's question above. We have no information to that effect. It is understood that the numbers telegraphed by Mr. Nicolson include the whole of Ayub's and Hashim's parties from Meshed and Tehran now on their way to Baghdad. Whether any of these have yet reached Baghdad is not known. The following action seems now required on these papers :—

1.—To let Colonel Tweedie know of the arrangements proposed for moving Ayub from Baghdad to India, and to tell him what steps he should take to prevent Ayub from remaining in Baghdad a month.

2.—To inform Captain Hext of the details of the party to be moved.

3.—If it is settled that Major Mockler is not wanted, we may let Colonel Ross know.

A. C.—2nd March 1888.

E. H. C.—2nd March 1888.

SECRETARY.

2nd March 1888.

J. A. C.

The Financial Department should see the draft telegram to Colonel Tweedie, because it commits the Government of India to paying feed of the refugees after arrival at Baghdad.

We cannot avoid it. The Government of India agreed to pay travelling expenses. Mr Nicolson and General MacLean have arranged these travelling expenses to include food and clothing to Baghdad, though the refugees Indian allowances begin from the date of leaving Meshed. We shall certainly have to pay for food on boardship from Baghdad to Karachi, and I think we cannot avoid paying at Baghdad.

But I would certainly stand out against feeding a host of people in Baghdad while their Sardars visit shrines, go to Kerbella and otherwise disport themselves.

We want the sanction of the Financial Department to Captain Hext chartering a steamer. If necessary we can telegraph to him for a statement of probable cost giving him the details of numbers. I have asked him demi-officially for this, and perhaps the Financial Department will agree without insisting on a statement of the cost.

2nd March 1888.

W. J. C.

Financial Department unofficially.

TELEGRAM FROM COLONEL TWEEDIE, BAGHDAD, DATED THE 1ST MARCH 1888.

Reports the arrival at Baghdad of Hafizulla Khan, and asks whether he is to ration his party.

Secretary has issued orders on this in a draft telegram to Colonel Tweedie which has been sent to Finance for concurrence.

A. C.—3rd March 1888

E. H. S. C.—3rd March 1888.

Finance Department in continuation.

3rd March 1888.

W. J. C.

Department of Finance.

In continuation of unofficial No. 150 F. of this date.

3rd March 1888.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Submitted. The previous papers are in the Foreign Department.

* Unofficial No. 817.

Please see also file* marked.

R. K. M.—3rd March 1888.

(A). Some of Ayub's followers have arrived at Baghdad.

J. E. M.—3rd March 1888.

The Foreign Department will no doubt insist on all practicable economy in this matter and the arrangements may be left to it in the manner proposed by Mr. Cunningham.

3rd March 1888.

O'C.

To Mr. Jacob.

3rd March 1888.

S. J.

Hon'ble Member.

I agree, but if the Foreign Department have not already done so, I wish they would give us some estimate—however rough of all this expenditure connected with Ayub. I presume this rationing, &c., will come against the allowances otherwise promised to them. We are not giving both to ration and to pay allowances.

4th March 1888.

J. W.

[Please send copy of these papers with notes hereafter officially to the Financial Department for record.]

To Foreign Department unofficially.

TELEGRAM FROM COLONEL TWEEDIE, BAGHDAD, DATED THE 1ST MARCH 1888.

Asks whether he may pay about Rs. 20,000 balance of mule hire for Ayub's party.

Reply—

"Your telegram 1st. Ayub's mule hire. You may pay?" This is for actual transport and Mr. Nicolson has made the arrangements and is responsible.

A. C.—3rd March 1888.

E. H. S. C.—3rd March 1888.

3rd March 1888.

W. J. C.

(Telegram to Colonel Tweedie, Baghdad, No. 426 F., dated the 3rd March 1888.)

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT, BUSHIRE, DATED THE 6TH MARCH 1888.

Enquires whether Colonel Mockler is to go to Baghdad.

Orders issued to-day.

No reply needed.

A. C.—6th March 1888.

E. H. C.—6th March 1888.

TELEGRAM FROM POLITICAL RESIDENT, BUSHIRE, DATED THE 6TH MARCH 1888.

In reply to our telegram of date states that Colonel Mockler will reach Baghdad on the 16th.

No orders.

A. C.—7th March 1888.

E. H. C.—7th March 1888.

7th March 1888.

J. A. C.

TELEGRAM FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB, No. 26, DATED THE 3RD MARCH 1888.

In reply to our telegram No. 294 F., dated the 1st, explains that it would be inconvenient to spare Mr. Merk's services for Ayub Khan.

Issue the telegram below to the Secretary to the Government of the Punjab and put up the file to-morrow with a draft telegram to Bushire asking Resident to instruct Colonel Mockler to go to Baghdad.

He will take his orders then regarding arrangements for removal of Ayub and party direct from the Government of India. We must inform Colonel Tweedie also, and will probably have to send a Native Assistant. If Colonel Law has joined at Dehra Ghulam Hussain, the Assistant with the Political Agent with Yakub Khan will perhaps be the best man.

4th March 1888.

W. J. C.

[Telegram to Government of the Punjab, No 422 F., dated the 4th March 1888.]

TELEGRAM FROM MR. NICOLSON, TEHRAN, DATED THE 5TH MARCH 1888.

Gives dates of movements of Ayub's parties.

Submitted with previous papers on the same subject just received back from Finance.

Please see the Hon'ble Member's note dated the 4th.

As regards the general cost, office is making a selection of papers which will be sent to Finance with the despatch, and a short explanatory note.

As regards the cost of the rations at Baghdad and on the journey, no deduction can be made from the allowances.

Orders are now required on these papers:—

- (1.) The dates* of the movements as now communicated by Mr. Nicolson may be sent to Captain Hext; but no arrangements can apparently be made for ships until we have heard what Ayub's intentions are. Colonel Tweedie or Colonel Mockler might perhaps be told to fix some date with him on which to start.

Arrivals at Baghdad.

- * 1st party, 25th March.
- 2nd " 1st April.
- 3rd and 4th party, 10th April.
- 5th party later.

They all intend going to the Kerbela shrine.

E. H. C.

- (2.) A sentence may be added to the draft telegram to Baghdad about Colonel Mockler's deputation.

- (3.) A telegram to the Resident, Bushire, is put up, ordering Colonel Mockler to Baghdad.

- (4.) Colonel Law may hardly be expected at Dehra before the 12th or 15th instant. Major Talbot who relieves him in Bikanir was at *Bombay* on the 28th February and his furlough expires on the 9th instant. But the 15th will perhaps not be too late for Ghulam Hussain to start? Should he be warned?

No other action seems necessary at present; but the Financial Department should perhaps again see these notes after issue of orders.

6th March 1888.

J. A. C.

A. C.—5th March 1888.

E. H. C.—5th March 1888.

SECRETARY.

Three draft telegrams may issue?

Then some orders for Colonel Mockler can be worked out and further information sent to Captain Hext. Finance Department should see after issue. The despatch to the Secretary of State will give that department pretty complete information as to cost.

6th March 1888.

J. A. C.

Issue telegrams. Address Colonel Law at Ajmere. The Agent to the Governor-General said Major Talbot would take charge there.

We gave the Financial Department a rough estimate of expenditure for budget purposes, but our information from Tehran alters the aspect of affairs frequently. Food and clothing as well as mule hire and the like legitimate expenses of the road have been given, without the Foreign Department being able to prevent it, in addition to allowances, and the allowances at Indian rates which we wanted to begin on arrival in India have been given not merely as we were first told from the date of leaving Meshed the 19th January, but, as most recent papers show, from the 1st of January.

If possible we must stop these Karbela diversions. Throwing the whole expense on the refugees may do it. They will be very inconvenient by detaining so great a number of Afghans so long in Baghdad, and by making it uncertain when the steamer should be chartered.

(1). How long was it from Musa's arrival at Baghdad to his departure again. Captain Hext's instructions must still be indefinite, the steamer will start from Basra.

(2). If the last party gets to Baghdad on the 15th April and there is no Karbela expedition for them when will they be at Basra? This is one of the matters Colonel Mockler will have to settle for us.

6th March 1888.

W. J. C.

(Telegram to Political Resident, Baghdad, No. 437 F., dated the 6th March 1888.)

(Telegram to Colonel Law, Ajmere, dated the 6th March 1888.)

(Telegram to Colonel Ross, Bushire, No. 435 F., dated the 6th March 1888.)

Secretary's remarks.

(1). Musa arrived at Baghdad on 4th February. It is not clear when he left Baghdad, but he left Basra on 3rd March. From Colonel Tweedie's letter No. 653, dated 1st December, it may be inferred that the pilgrimage *can* be done in about a fortnight, but a month is the usual time.

(2). From Baghdad to Basra is about * three days' journey by steamer. (It takes longer up-stream). But in the case of Khan Mulla and Parvez there was an interval of about 10 days between the time they left Baghdad and Basra. The steamers may not have timed.

* Kazi Syad Ahmad.

A. C.—6th March 1888.

I think this file may go back to Finance Department to see. We will print such telegrams as are not already in the series. We should ask for early return.

E. H. C.—6th March 1888.

SECRETARY.

7th March 1888.

J. A. C.

We have heard nothing from the Punjab about accommodation for Ayub and party. Please see our letter No. 307 F. of the 18th February.

We might now send them a copy of the attached list which may help them in estimating the accommodation required. We will not get full lists for another month. And we may ask for early information as to what is being done at Pindi or elsewhere? The draft telegram put up might perhaps go "deferred."

Enquiry should perhaps also be made from Karachi whether they can accommodate the party there on arrival. They will have to be housed there in some way until got off by train, and if a camp is necessary tents must be sent up unless the arsenal can supply them.

The military will probably be able to help at Karachi in providing tents, &c.

A. C.—7th March 1888.

There is also the question of railway accommodation for the party. A special train would be required, and probably a special police guard with the train. These things can hardly be taken in hand at present, but must not be lost sight of.

We may have to receive the whole party before the end of April, and arrangements cannot be completed too soon.

E. H. C.—7th March 1888.

SECRETARY.

7th March 1888.

J. A. C.

TELEGRAM FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB, No. 10 C., DATED THE 7TH MARCH 1888.

With reference to our telegram No. 394 F., dated 1st March, state that they hope shortly to make satisfactory proposals and arrangements for locating Ayub.

The draft telegram as modified to the Punjab in this file may issue nevertheless? It will help them.

A. C.—8th March 1888.

E. H. C.—8th March 1888.

SECRETARY.

8th March 1888.

J. A. C.

8th March 1888.

W. J. C.

(Telegram to the Punjab Government, No. 458 F., dated the 8th March 1888.)

TELEGRAM FROM COLONEL LAW, AGRA.

Hopes to reach Dehra on the 10th March.

Ghulam Hussein should perhaps now be warned to proceed to Baghdad on relief by Colonel Law?

Secretary has to see the reply to his note dated 6th March.

Apparently nothing can be done in the matter of arranging transport from Baghdad until we hear what Ayub intends doing there. Captain Hext wants 20 days' notice. The question may be taken up again on the 16th. When Colonel Mockler arrives at Baghdad?

Meantime these notes may be seen again in Finance. We may ask for very early return.

A. C.—7th March 1888.

E. H. C.—7th March 1888.

SECRETARY.

7th March 1888.

J. A. C.

8th March 1888.

W. J. C.

[Telegram No. 459, dated 8th March 1888, to Ghulam Hussein, Dehra Dun.]

Department of Finance unofficially.

ASSISTANT-SECRETARY.

Please see Hon'ble Member's notes above. Definite information will be received hereafter. In the meantime a sum of six lakhs is understood to have been provided on the estimates to cover these charges.

R. K. M.—9th March 1888.

J. E. M.—9th March 1888.

In the notes on the Indian Estimates for 1888-89 six lakhs is entered as the amount for refugees, &c., from Persia. In the present notes this is said to have been merely a rough estimate.

So it was said at the time, see my note of 16th February.
10th March 1888.

W. J. C.

It is not quite clear from the Foreign Secretary's note of 6th March that it will not be exceeded.

R. B. H.—9th March 1888.

J. O. P.—9th March 1888.

It looks like it, but nearly all *this* expenditure goes against *this year's* grant. But we await the short explanatory note of cost promised by Foreign Department. To be of any use it must reach us by 12th instant.

9th March 1888.

E. J. S.

Foreign Department unofficially.

A copy of the Ayub despatch with notes was sent to the Financial Department yesterday. It gives all financial particulars as far as we know them.

† See unofficial to Finance No. 114 F., dated the 16th February 1888.
‡ Notes and demi-officials to Financial Secretary, dated the 16th February 1888.

As regards the estimates the Secretary gave the Financial Department all possible particulars on the 16th ‡ February.

Two lakhs might now be added to the revised Tehran estimates for 1887-88 to cover the cost of transporting Ayub and party to Baghdad. We have been told that it will cost that; and the one lakh entered before will only cover the allowance to Ayub, &c., from 1st January to 31st March, supposing it is paid in Persia.

I do not think any other important alteration can be made in the figures given before. The cost in moving and feeding after reaching Baghdad cannot be estimated.

A. C.—10th March 1888.

E. H. C.—10th March 1888.

SECRETARY.

10th March 1888.

J. A. C.

I estimated two lakhs for travelling expenses which will have to be provided in the revised estimates of this year's Tehran Budget. Our recent papers show that this estimate is restricted to providing for the expense of moving Ayub's and Hashim's parties.

The separate parties of whom we know are Musa, Parvez, Ahmed Ali, Abdul Rauf Abdul Rahman, Abdul Wahab, Sami Khan, Khan-i-Mulla. They have all left Persia. We have received no estimates of the cost of their transport. A few fragmentary extracts of accounts of actual expenditure have been received, but there is nothing from which an estimate can be framed.

I do not like to say that half a lakh will cover this expenditure, but I think an extra half lakh may be allowed.

We have no recent information upon which to base any more accurate estimate of the expenditure in India during 1888-89 than I have already on the 16th February given. I am by no means confident that six lakhs will cover the expenditure. But working in the dark as to what the cost of houses, carriages and horses, furniture, police, and other necessary expenses, which have been promised, may come to, I am not able to alter the figure.

It will be seen for one thing from the concluding paragraphs of the despatch that we appear to be committed to an indefinite amount for Hashim's followers, and my note of the 24th of January shows that if General MacLean's promises to the brothers are kept; and if allowances to the Sardars, who have come to India without the rates and their stipends being determined, are made on the same scale as those of Ayub's party, the four lakhs granted by the Secretary of State will come to 4½ lakhs, even without these followers of Hashim's, whose names, rank and even numbers we do not yet know.

I think therefore we should not unreasonably be prepared to exceed the six lakh estimate by 20 per cent.

10th March 1888.

W. J. C.

Department of Finance unofficially.

SECRETARY.

Please see your note of 9th March. The Foreign Department estimates that seven lakhs and twenty thousand may now be required.

R. B. H.—12th March 1888.

We must enter seven lakhs for next year. I have made the alteration.

What was included in the 425 I took for revised. I don't see from these papers how I arrived at it.

12th March 1888.

E. J. S.

I see the 425 was payment of allowances	...	...	225
Cost of transport	...	...	200
		Total	425

Foreign Department now asks us to add another 50. It seems clear that all these charges will not come into 1887-88, so I propose to have 425 for revised and add 50 on this account next year, making the total increase 750.

I have taken this figure.

F. M. to see Foreign Department notes.

12th March 1888.

E. J. S.

Seen.

But I don't yet see why we are rationing these men besides paying them their allowances, We are committed to this by General MacLean and or why we can't tell them. cannot get out of it—E. H. C.—13th March 1888. "Here is your money. Feed yourself."

12th March 1888.

J. W.

Foreign Department unofficially.

These notes will now be printed up. On the 15th or 16th we may telegraph instructions to Colonel Mockler at Baghdad about moving Ayub?

A. C.—13th March 1888.

E. H. C.—13th March 1888.

SECRETARY.

14th March 1888.

J. A. C.

Print up quickly.

14th March 1888.

W. J. C.

I now put up a draft telegram to Colonel Mockler who reaches Baghdad to-day, the 16th, also one to Colonel Law.

It would of course be convenient if Colonel Mockler could place himself in communication with Ayub *before* his arrival at Baghdad; but I do not know whether this is desirable; and if he did do so, he would probably come to no proper arrangement by letter.

A. C.—16th March 1888.

Is it understood that Colonel Mockler is to come to India with the refugees? In Secretary's note of 14th February he says "Colonel Mockler would come over in charge." In telegram to Bushire of same date, we say "he will look after them until they leave for India."

It seems desirable that this point should be made clear, and if Colonel Mockler comes with one of the parties, the Native Assistant, Ghulam Husain, should come with the other. The only thing is, if Colonel Mockler comes with the first (Ayub's) party, there may be trouble about getting the rest away.

We should add to the telegram to Colonel Mockler that the Native Assistant will probably arrive by end of March.

E. H. C.—16th March 1888.

SECRETARY.

16th March 1888.

J. A. C.

I want Colonel Mockler to accompany Ayub in *Lawrence* if possible, but he may not be able if *Lawrence* goes before the other steamer. This depends on the Kerbela trip.

Then I want to arrange with the Quarter-Master-General's Department for trains from Karachi when the parties arrive, but I have not heard yet where Ayub is to go and cannot yet ask the Military Department to make arrangements. Put up the last telegram from the Punjab promising early information.

16th March 1888.

W. J. C.

(Telegrams to Colonel Mockler and Colonel Law, Nos. 534-535 F., dated the 16th March 1888.)

Please see Punjab Government telegram, No. 10 C. of 7th March 1888 (No. 62 of series immediately below.)

E. H. C.—17th March 1888.

SECRETARY.

17th March 1888.

J. A. C.

To Punjab.

Your telegram 10 C. Can you give information now about accommodation for Ayub? It would be convenient to know what place is fixed and the nearest railway station; also when Ayub's house will be ready to be furnished. I have no wish to hurry unduly but time is running on.

18th March 1888.

W. J. C.

[To Secretary to the Government of Punjab, No. 544 F., dated the 18th March 1888.]

FROM THE POLITICAL AGENT WITH EX-AMIR, DATED THE 17TH MARCH 1888.

States that Ghulam Hussain left Dehra on the 16th and sails from Karachi on the 22nd instant.

Inform Colonel Mockler.

17th March 1888.

J. A. C.

[Telegram to Colonel Mockler, Baghdad, No. 543 F., dated the 17th March 1888.]

FROM MR. A. NICOLSON, TEHRAN, DATED THE 18TH MARCH 1887.

Reports that Ayub Khan left Karmansha three days ago, and will cross Turkish frontier on the 21st instant.

No orders.

A. C.—19th March 1888.

Press Commissioner to see.

E. H. C.—19th March 1888.

20th March 1888.

W. J. C.

Press Commissioner.

20th March 1888.

21st March 1888.

J. A. C.

TELEGRAM FROM HER MAJESTY'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, TEHERAN, DATED THE 13TH MARCH 1888.

States that his statement of expenditure on refugees will be posted this week. Enquires whether we should like to know totals under several heads?

Ayub expected at Karmanshah to-day.

We do not require the information. Mr. Nicolson may be thanked.

A. C.—13th March 1888.

Your telegram thirteenth. Many thanks. Will await receipt of statement.

14th March 1888.

W. J. C.

(Telegram to A. Nicolson, Esq., Tehran, No. 519 F., dated the 14th March 1888.)

FROM BRIGADIER-GENERAL C.S. MACLEAN, C.B., MESHED, NO. 15-L.S., DATED THE 21st
JANUARY 1888.

Forwards copies of correspondence connected with the preparations and departure of Ayub Khan and his party.

No orders are required on this.

A. C.—14th March 1888.

E. H. C.—14th March 1888.

14th March 1888.

19th March 1888.

SECRETARY.

J. A. C.

W. J. C.

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K. W. No. 4.

(DEMI-OFFICIAL.)

Dated Foreign Office, Calcutta, the 23rd January 1888.

From—W. J. CUNINGHAM, Esq.,

To—COLONEL TOKER.

Ayub who has left Meshed for India *via* Teheran and Bagdad is bringing with him a small army of adherents, followers, relatives, retainers, and servants.

With Hashim's party they will number over 1,000: and the arrangements for transporting them are consequently matter for serious consideration as are arrangements for housing them.

I do not know yet when he is likely to arrive at Bagdad, but it may be between the middle and end of March. I believe the simplest way to bring them on to Karachi will be to charter a steamer, or if one is available to send a steamer of the Indian Marine. Will you let me know what prospect there is of our being able to get a steamer of the Indian Marine about that time.

Dated the 24th January 1888,

From—COLONEL A. C. TOKER,

To—W. J. CUNINGHAM, Esq.,

Please see Hext's note below: this will give you the information you require.

No prospect of a ship of Indian Marine, but I can charter out if necessary. It should be done through my department if done at all. On what date would embarkation at Busreh take place. Much depends on tides. If I could fit it in to embark them about February 20th it would be perhaps an economical arrangement.

24th January 1888.

J. H.

[DEMI-OFFICIAL.]

Dated Foreign Office, Calcutta, the 2nd March 1888.

From—W. J. CUNINGHAM, Esq.,

To—CAPTAIN J. HEXT.

The enclosed table gives the details as far as we can get them of the parties of refugees on their way to Baghdad.

Add 260 for those who left Tehran.

I am asking for the sanction of the Finance Department to your chartering a steamer for these.

Very few need be deducted for Ayub and the immediate following to go in the *Lawrence*.

Can you give any approximation of the cost? I shall try to give you 20 days' notice and I don't think there will be much difficulty on that score. But I doubt their being all ready to leave Busra as early as the 12th of April.

Details of the parties of Ayub Khan and Hashim Khan according to Mr. Nicolson's telegram of the 1st March 1888.

Sardars. (1st class accom- modation.	Sardar's servants.	Following, military officials, soldiers and their women and families.*	HARAMSERAI.		Totals	REMARKS.
			Ladies.	Male and female servants.		
Ayub Khan 1 Other Sardars 19	42	593	28	131	814	* Details of women and children not known.
Hashim 1 Other Sardars 6	77	51	9	80	224	
Total ... 27	119	644	37	211	1,038	

Telegram, dated the 6th March 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,

To—COLONEL LAW, Political Agent, Bikanir, Ajmere.

Personal. When do you expect reach Dera? I want to send Native Assistant there soon to Baghdad to help in bringing Ayub and party to India.

For reply see No. 454 of Proceedings.

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Afghan Refugees.

D. No.

R. No.

DEMI-OFFICIAL FROM E. J. SINKINSON, Esq. (TO SECRETARY), DATED THE 15TH FEBRUARY 1888.

Asks what should be estimated for Ayub Khan and Oudh pensioners in 1888-89.

Afghan Refugees.

D. No. 140.

FRONTIER.

Under-Secretary is noting about Oudh pensions.
As to Ayub Khan and followers' allowances.

Sanction is—

Rs. 1,000 a month ...	...	...	...	Ahmed Ali.
„ 350 „ ...	...	...	...	Parvez.

Four lakhs a year generally.

Cite the orders.

But expenses that we know must be incurred are—

Two lakhs moving Ayub, &c., to Baghdad.

? Bagdad to India.

? Allowances as I noted some time ago to His Excellency.

? House-rent for 20 houses in the plains for the whole party with Ayub and Hashim.

House-rent for houses in the hills for Ayub and Hashim.

House-rent for Ahmed Ali and Parvez.

Cost of one officer and establishment (not yet sanctioned) which may be taken at the same figure as the Dehra.

Mussoorie appointment, contingencies for furniture and travelling.

I do not know if Mr. Sinkinson means sanctioned charges or probable charges for the estimates. Note each separately as nearly as may be.

15th February 1888.

W. J. C.

UNDER-SECRETARY.

The following is an approximate estimate.

The estimate being for next year, no account has been taken of the cost of travelling expenses and subsistence allowances already incurred on men brought over separately.

But he wants this for this year too.

W. J. C.

We don't know.

W. J. C.

No provision has been made for the accommodation of the bulk of the followers at Pindi. Barracks or huts may have to be built?

Some police has been included under contingencies.

A. C.—15th February 1888.

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* References.

- (1). Unofficial No. 2899, dated the 4th June 1887.
From Financial Department, agreeing to the removal
of Ahmad Ali and Purvez.
(2). Secretary of State's telegram, dated the 10th
December 1886.

† Secretary's note, dated the 24th January 1888.
The smaller estimate has been taken.

‡ This will be in Teheran revised estimate, 1887-88.

Allowances fixed ..	...	Rs. 3,98,600*
Do. to be fixed	...	„ 8,100†
Total allowances	...	Rs. 4,06,700
Travelling expenses to Baghdad	„	2,00,000‡
Do. Baghdad to India	„	50,000

House accommodation.

There is none to be had, and I doubt if any house in Pindi costs Rs. 500 a month. 1 house at Rawalpindi for Ayub Khan ... Rs. 500 a month.

1 house for Hashim ...	...	...	...	Rs. 300	„
18 smaller houses	...	...	...	„ 1,800	„
1 house for Ayub at Murri	...	...	...	„ 250	„
1 do. for Hashim	...	...	...	„ 150	„
Houses at Karnal for Ahmad Ali and Purvez	...	...	...	„ 200	„
				Rs. 38,400	
				3,200	„

Contingencies.

§ This would not appear too much for the first year? Furniture, carriages (?) elephants (?) ... „ 50,000§

				Annually.
Political Officer	...	...	...	Rs. 14,400
Native Assistant	...	...	...	„ 1,800
Clerk	...	...	...	„ 600
Contingencies	...	...	...	„ 10,000
				„ 26,800
Total	...	...	...	Rs. 7,71,900

SECRETARY.

15th February 1888.

J. A. C.

Drafted by Secy.

(Demi-official to E. J. Sinkinson, Esq., dated the 16th February 1888.)

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[DEMI-OFFICIAL.]

Dated Calcutta, the 15th February 1888.

From—E. J. SINKINSON, Esq.,

To—W. J. CUNINGHAM, Esq.

What are we to take in the estimates for—

(i) Oudh pensions;

(ii) Ayub Khan and followers allowances.

Kindly let me know sharp.

[DEMI-OFFICIAL.]

Dated Calcutta, the 16th February 1888.

From—W. J. CUNINGHAM, Esq.,

To—E. J. SINKINSON, Esq.

I partly answered your note of yesterday about estimates for Oudh pensions and for Ayub Khan. I now give you the best approach I can for the estimate of expenditure in India on Ayub, Hashim and other refugees coming from Persia—(a) for the current year, and (b) for 1888-89.

I do not know in what budget you will put these provisions. I have separately noted on the revised estimates and next year's estimates of the Teheran Budget.

In India for 1887-88 we have to provide for—

* Sanctioned by Finance Department No. 2899 of 4th June 1887, not provided in Teheran Budget.

† Part of the 4 lakhs. The provision in the Teheran revised estimate proportionately reduced.

* Ahmed Ali, 7 months, at Rs. 1,000=7,000

* Parvez Shah, 10 months, at „ 350=3,500

† Mulla Khan, 5 months, at „ 800=4,000

Travelling allowances and contingencies will have to be met, but they cannot be estimated. Allowances to other men who have come to India such as Abdul Wahab, Rauf, &c., are provided for in the Teheran Budget revised estimate by the entry of Re. 1 lakh for the fourth quarter of 1887-88.

Estimate for 1888-89.

As above.	Ahmed Ali Khan	...	Rs. 12,000
	Parvez Shah	...	„ 4,200
Four lakhs sanctioned by Secretary of State in telegram dated 10th December 1887.	Ayub Hashim and followers less		
	Nasir Khan paid in Persia		Rs. 3,98,800
Political Officer in charge and his establishment (not sanctioned but taken at the same figure as the similar establishment with Yakub costs)	...	...	Rs. 26,800
			Rs. 4,41,800

In addition to the above expenditure will be incurred in the hire and furnishing of houses. It cannot be estimated and has not yet been sanctioned. But the promises made in Persia include—

Two houses for Ayub	...	...	furnished	2 houses.
Two houses for Hashim	...	...	ditto	2 „
About 18 for followers	...	...	ditto	18 „
One each for Ahmed Ali and Parvez	...	...		2 „
				24 houses

of which four at least have to be furnished.

Carriages and horses also have been promised and will have to be given. The amount of expenditure entailed cannot be estimated. Nor can I say what it will cost to bring the party from Baghdad to India and transport them to their homes. Expenditure will no doubt be incurred in putting the servants and camp-followers and in supplying police. I should think 6 lakhs might cover the whole in 1888-89. But the figures above the total of Rs. 4,41,800 are all that can be given with any approach to accuracy: and they are liable to be altered. It may be decided that Ahmed Ali and Parvez's allowances are included in the 4 lakhs. If so the sanction for allowances must be exceeded, and I think, meanwhile, it is better to provide as I have done.

16th February 1888.

W. J. C.

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Off. Genl. D. No. 1475-360 A.O. of Finance and Commerce.

FROM THE FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, No. 330 E., DATED THE 14TH FEBRUARY 1888.

Forwards, for disposal, budget estimate of the Persian Legation for 1888-89.

UNDER-SECRETARY.

It is not clear why no provision has been made for payment to Sardar Ayub Khan. But as the Foreign Department considers the estimates unobjectionable, they may perhaps be passed.

W. C. M.—15th February 1888.

The Comptroller India Treasuries does not know where Ayub Khan is to be provided for. Secretary will probably know.

15th February 1888.

C. J. W.

Foreign Department to-day.

1. See page 6 of estimate. Is provision to be made for General MacLean for 1888-89, and for how long?

2. What are we to enter in addition to actuals so far for payment on account of Ayub Khan for the remainder of 1887-88, including his deputation to India and what for next year?

Please reply *at once*. Time is getting short.

15th February 1888.

E. J. S.

1. Yes, for the whole year. A copy of our notes on this subject was sent to the Financial Department yesterday. They will explain that we meant provision to be made for the whole year.

2. A note about this has just been submitted to Under-Secretary.

A. C.—15th February 1888.

SECRETARY.

15th February 1888.

J. A. C.

The two matters which are to be noted on are not quite the same. Here we have the budget of the Teheran Legation. In the separate note below is an attempt to estimate expenditure in India next year upon Ayub and his followers.

A demi-official will be written to the Financial Secretary about this.

W. J. C.

To take the Teheran Legation Budget.

1. *Revised estimate* for the year 1887-88.

The charges on account of General MacLean are right.

* Letter from Mr. Nicolson, dated the 14th January 1888.

Sardar Ayub Khan. The allowances at £ 12,000 a year have been paid* for three quarters.

An expenditure of 4 lakhs of rupees a year has been sanctioned† by the Secretary of State for Ayub and his followers; and payment at that rate begins from the date of leaving‡ Meshed, the 19th January 1888. One man Khan Mulla whose allowances are fixed at Rs. 800 has come on ahead, and is to get paid from 1st November§ in India. Two or three others whose allowances are not fixed yet, but whose allowances will also come out of the 4 lakhs have come to India too. Still in the revised estimate they need not be reckoned.|| It may stand

† Telegram, dated the 10th December 1887.
‡ Telegram from Mr. Nicolson, dated the 19th January 1888.
§ Telegram from Nicolson, dated the 12th January 1888.
|| We do not know the amount of their allowances, and if the provision is left in the Teheran Budget payment when made can be debited to it though made in India.

for the third quarters £ 3,000	...	...	Rs. 38,823-8
fourth, 1 lakh Rs. 2,400	...	...	„ 97,600-0

Rs. 1,36,423-8

This includes Hashim, who appears to be the Sardar entered on page 6 as Hossein Khan.

Under refugees and State prisoners then there are—

1st six months	...	...	...	...	Rs. 88,627
2nd „	...	...	...	...	„ 1,36,423

Rs. 2,25,150 That is

as near as I can make it.

There will also be a charge estimated at 2 lakhs* for transporting the party to the coast.

* Telegram, Ayub Khan series No. 1, dated the 16th January 1888. This will be a charge in the Teheran Legation, and it will all or nearly all fall in the current year, as Ayub is expected to reach Baghdad about the end of March.

For the estimate, 1888-89.

General MacLean.—Provision should be made as at page 6. But the provision for secret service expenditure may be reduced to Rs. 4,000 per mensem now that the refugees have been removed.

Refugees and State Prisoners.—No provision need be made for Ayub and Hashim who will be in India.

Nasir Khan gets an allowance of Rs. 1,200† a year which will be paid in Persia. This should be provided among refugees and State prisoners it comes out of the 4 lakhs sanctioned by the Secretary of State, the rest of which will

† Serial No. 17. Telegram from Mr. Nicolson, dated the 20th January 1888.

in 1888-89 be spent in India.

If anything is to be added for the anticipated payment on account of loss on sale of Hashim Khan's property it may be taken at 10% of the value, say Rs. 10,000. But this is a mere guess. We have no data for making an estimate.

Verify my statements some of which for want of papers in the file are made from memory. Fill in the various references in support, and if this note is correct send to the Financial Department urgently.

16th February 1888.

UNDER-SECRETARY.

W. J. C.

Done. Now to Finance?

W. S.—16th February 1888.

16th February 1888.

J. A. C.

Department of Finance unofficially.

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No. 398.

No. 10 L.S., dated Camp Meshed, the 14th January 1888.

From—BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. S. MACLEAN, C.B., on Special Duty, Perso-Afghan Frontier,

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

In continuation of my letter No. 4 L.S., dated the 7th January 1888,

From Sardar Ayub Khan, dated the 2nd January 1888.
To " " " 9th " "
From " " " 10th " "
" " " 6th " "
Memo. of message to Sardar Ayub Khan, dated the 7th January 1888.
from
From Sardar Hashim Khan, dated the 31st December 1887. "
To " " " 7th January 1888.
From " " " 9th " "
Telegram (F.) " 7th " "
News-letter " " 3rd " "

I have the honor to forward a copy of the correspondence, noted in the margin, referring to the arrangements which are being made for the journey of Sardars Muhammad Ayub Khan and Hashim Khan to India.

No. 399.

Translation of a letter, dated the 2nd January 1888, from SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN, to BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. S. MACLEAN, C. B.

After compliments.—I trouble you to say that since I have cultivated friendship and established communication with you, and the formal affairs continued, Mr. Allah Baksh Khan Sahib Attaché has been mediator in all affairs. It has been known to me that Mr. Allah Baksh Khan Sahib is an honest man and a well-wisher, and during this time has not spared himself in wishing good on both sides. It is also known to me that he is required by you for executing your affairs, but notwithstanding that, I ask very much the British Government and yourself and shall be extremely pleased to appoint Mr. Allah Baksh Khan Sahib Attaché to accompany me in this journey.

No. 400.

Copy of a letter, dated the 9th January 1888, from BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. S. MACLEAN, C. B., to SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

After compliments.—I have received your letter dated the 2nd January 1888 in which you express a desire that Mr. Allah Baksh Khan should be allowed to accompany you on your journey.

I now have the pleasure of informing you that I referred the matter and have received permission to allow Mr. Allah Baksh to accompany you, as such is your desire.

Nos. 401-402.

Translation of a letter, dated the 10th January 1888, from SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN, to BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. S. MACLEAN, C. B.

After compliments.—I have received and read your friendly letter. You have said therein that the British Government have sanctioned that Mr. Allah Baksh Khan Sahib Attaché may accompany me in this journey. As the Government has granted my wish, I am much obliged to, and pleased with, the Government and yourself.

No. 403.

Copy of a letter from SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN, to BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. S. MACLEAN, C.B., dated the 6th January 1888.

After compliments.—I gather from the present state of affairs that Sardar Muhammad Hashim Khan will leave Meshed after my departure. If Sardar

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Muhammad Hashim Khan does not leave Khorassan together with me I shall get displeased. Accordingly I would request you to kindly settle the affairs connected with his (Hashim's) property at an early date, or to add to the fifteen days allowed me for making preparations, so that all his affairs may be settled and he may be able to start from Meshed together with me. Otherwise it will not be possible for me to move without him. I mentioned on the occasion of my interview with you already that my own and Sardar Muhammad Hashim Khan's departure from Khorassan should be at the same time.

No. 404.

Memorandum of message sent to SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN on 7th January 1888.

Go to Sardar Ayub Khan and say I got his letter but don't understand it. The delay in settling about Hashim Khan's property need not delay either himself or Hashim Khan in the least, as it will all be settled before the end of the 15 days, and Hashim is quite ready to go. His family are following him. There is nothing about Hashim Khan in the written promise he gave me. Am I to understand that he means to break his word; and does he mean me to inform the Government of the nature of his communication of yesterday evening?

If he breaks the first promise he made how can the Government depend on his word in the future.

No. 405.

SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN's message in reply to the above.

As regards my yesterday's letter about Sardar Muhammad Hashim Khan, I never meant to inform the Government of its contents. Sardar Muhammad Hashim Khan persisted and compelled me to write that letter to the General on his behalf, and on account of family circumstances and bonds I did so, only to please him, and it is advisable that he should start with me. But I will tell him to accept what is allowed to him for outfit, &c., and some satisfaction may be given to him about his lands. I sent for Mr Allah Bakhsh to-day specially to talk about this letter. I wish to get it back, but this should not be known to Sardar Hashim Khan but kept secret.

If this letter has been translated the English translation may be destroyed. The General may remain quite assured that I never go back from my word. I shall start on the fixed date and hope that the General and the Government will always find me true to my word.

Note.—The letter was returned to Sardar Ayub Khan as he desired to withdraw it.

No. 406.

Translation of a letter from SARDAR MUHAMMAD HASHIM KHAN, dated Meshed, the 31st December 1887.

I have got your note. I shall come over to-morrow at any time fixed by the General to congratulate him on account of the new year.

There is no use my coming over to the garden to finish my affairs, if a reply about the disposal of my lands has not yet been received from the Government. I shall wait. But try to finish my affairs soon, otherwise I shall not be able to move on the day fixed for the departure of Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan, but I shall start from the date when all my affairs be finished. I am afraid that Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan may start, and I may be asked to move off on the same day, but if my affairs remain unsettled I shall not be able to leave at the same time. As this is a very necessary point I write to you in detail.

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No. 407.

Copy of translation of a letter from BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. S. MACLEAN, C.B., to SARDAR MUHAMMAD HASHIM KHAN, dated the 7th January 1888.

After compliments.—With regard to the conversation we had the day before yesterday about your journey to India I now inform you that the following amounts have been sanctioned, viz:—

For clothing, Rupees 11,100.

For food to Baghdad, Rupees 13,400.

Or in all Tomans 6,125.

Besides this you will receive Tomans 260 for a kaliska and horses, to be purchased by yourself—and seven horses and saddles will be purchased for presentation to your brothers and Khanawins at a cost of Tomans 245.

Besides this 41 horses with saddles will be hired, and 279 mules, or as many less as may be actually required. The Takht-i-Rawans and Kajawaks will be provided, as mentioned in your list, and two riding horses will be presented to yourself. I will pay the amount of the debts of your followers, viz., Tomans 851 and krans 8. I am happy to have to convey to you this fresh instance of the liberality of the Government towards you, and request you will favor me with an acknowledgment of my letter.

No. 408.

Copy of translation of a letter from SARDAR MUHAMMAD HASHIM KHAN to BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. S. MACLEAN, C.B., dated Meshed, the 7th January 1888.

After compliments.—I have received your letter dated the 7th January 1888 conveying the sanction of Government to the grant of the following sums to me for making preparations for the journey to India:—

For clothing and food of myself and my brothers and followers, Tomans 6,125.

For a kaliska with horses, Tumans 260.

For the purchase of seven horses with saddles for my brothers and Khanawins, Tumans 245.

I also learn from your letter that besides the above 41 horses with saddles and 279 mules or as many less as may be actually required by me will be hired, and that Takht-i-Rawans and Kajawas will be provided as given in the list submitted by me heretofore. That in addition to this I will get two riding horses for my personal use, and will receive Tumans 851 and krans 8, as shown in my list, for the liquidation of the debts of my brothers and others as sanctioned by Government.

I accept all this with the utmost willingness and obligation and am very thankful to the English Government for the favors and kind regards shown to me and to yourself for your kindness and help.

No. 409.

Translation of a letter from SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN, to BRIGADIER-GENERAL C.S. MACLEAN, C.B., dated the 9th January 1888.

After compliments.—I have received and read your letter. I am very sorry to learn that you are not feeling well, and hope you will soon recover your health.

You have fixed the to-morrow's date for my visit, to which I agree. I shall await your arrival (at my place) at three hours before sunset to-morrow and shall be very glad and most happy to see you.

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No. 410.

Telegrams (F.)

General Taj* Muhammad Khan telegraphed on the 7th January 1888 from Kirman to Luinab asking after the health of Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan.

*There are two Generals Taj Muhammad Khan, one is with Ayub now.

Reply, dated the 7th January 1888.

Thank Heaven Sardar Sahib is all right and much pleased with you. He intends to go to India, and it has been arranged with the Legation to pay your expenses to Rawal Pindi.

Teheran (F.)

Translation of a news-letter from the Amir's news-agent at Teheran, dated the 3rd January 1888.

On the 29th December 1887 Musa Jan, son of Muhammad Yakub Khan, together with his people left Teheran for India, and submitted and surrendered to the British Government. He has up to this time received from the Legation 2,500 Tomans. The other refugees are waiting for the arrival of Ayub Khan. When he comes here they all will march together to India. It is all well here.

The daughter of Naib Sultanah died on the 27th December 1887.

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No. 15-L.S., dated Camp Meshed, the 21st January 1888.

From—BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. S. MACLEAN, C.B., on Special Duty, Perso-Afghan Frontier,

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

Teheran News-letter (F).
Persian telegrams, 13th, 14th and 16th January 1888.
Communications (F).
From the Nazim-ul-Mulk, dated the 18th January 1888.
Telegrams (F), dated the 19th January 1888.
To Mirza Yakub Ali Khan, dated the 20th January 1888.

In continuation of my letter No. 14-L.S., I have the honor to forward a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin, connected with the surrender of Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan.

No. 412.

Communications from F. (Copy of a Teheran news-letter—No date.)

Muhammad Amir Khan, son of Muhammad Aslam Khan, and brother-in-law of Ayub Khan, who is the Chief of the Afghan party at Teheran, is making preparations for the journey and is awaiting the arrival of Ayub Khan. The monthly pay of all the people has been distributed, and all the Afghans at Teheran have received money for making preparations for the journey to India.

Musa Khan must have reached Isfahan by this time. He took the son of Muhammad Bakir Khan, Kandahari, along with him for a few stages but sent him back afterwards. It is not unlikely that Ayub Khan may take the younger son of the said Muhammad Bakir Khan along with him to India. Everything else is going on all right.

No. 413.

(TRANSLATIONS—PERSIAN TELEGRAMS.)

Telegram, dated the 13th January 1888.

From—SARDAR AYUB KHAN,

To—MR. NICOLSON.

I have sent certain instructions, through the special courier, to my men at Teheran, and request you will be good enough to give them any assistance necessary to enable them to make preparations for the journey.

No. 414

Telegram, dated the 14th January 1888.

From—SARDAR AYUB KHAN,

To—GHOLAM GOUS KHAN.

Come to the Telegraph Office on the receipt of this telegram and be present there.

No. 415

Telegram, dated the 16th January 1888.

From—TAJ MUHAMMAD, Kirman,

To—SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

I have come to Kirman on foot. Want travelling expenses to India. What are your orders?

No. 416

Telegram, dated the 16th January 1888.

From—MUBARAK MUHAMMAD, Kirman,

To—SARDAR AYUB KHAN.

I have come to Kirman on foot and am in a distressed state. Am awaiting orders.

No 417. Telegram, dated the 16th January 1888.

From—AMIR MUHAMMAD KHAN,
To—SARDAR AYUB KHAN.

These expenses do not suffice for all the followers. Nothing is left after payment of debts and other expenses at Teheran. The Legation will give money to-day. We are awaiting your orders.

(TRANSLATION.)

No 418.

Communications from F.

On the 17th January 1887, Amir Muhammad Khan, Mirza Ghulam Ghous Khan and the Sipah Salar came to the Telegraph Office at Teheran and had a conversation with Fatah Muhammad Khan (who was in the Telegraph Office at Meshed) about preparations for the journey to India, and about the Afghans at Teheran complaining that the allowances given to them for clothing and food were not sufficient for their requirements; also that the number of riding horses was short, and that the Sardars at Teheran would not use the Kajawas.

Fatah Muhammad Khan told Amir Muhammad Khan that the British Government had given the cost of clothing and food to Baghdad, and that as he (Amir Muhammad Khan) was the chief of the Teheran party and all the people were at his command, he should take such steps that every one might be contented. Fatah Muhammad Khan told Amir Muhammad Khan that he (Amir Muhammad Khan) knew himself that if anything was possible now, Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan would have been glad to do all he could for his men. All that Fatah Muhammad Khan said was on behalf of Sardar Ayub Khan.

Fatah Muhammad Khan asked Mirza Ghulam Ghous if they had received the money from the British Legation. He replied that the Legation were going to make the necessary payments on the 17th January 1888 (the day of the conversation).

Translation of a letter from the NAZIM-UL-MULK, to BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. S. MACLEAN, C.B., No. 25, dated the 18th January 1888.

As desired by you, and as asked for by Mr. Allah Baksh Khan, Attaché, the Governor-General of Khorasan has nominated four Ghulams to accompany Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan, his families and followers to Teheran. These four men were, as desired by you, sent to the house of Mr. Allah Baksh Khan yesterday.

With regard to the two loads of clothes * about which you wanted orders

* Left by Ayub Khan at Miamai after his flight from Teheran. The Persians there refused to give them up. I have now addressed the Legation on the subject.

(Sd.) C. M.

issued to Miamai, I beg to inform you that that place is not within the jurisdiction of the Governor-General of Khorasan, who has told me to suggest that you may address the Governor of Shahrud or the authorities at Teheran on the subject. Miamai is in the jurisdiction of the Governor of Shahrud.

(TRANSLATIONS.)

No 419.

Communications from F., dated the 19th January 1888.

The following telegram was received last night :—

From—ABDULLA,* Baghdad,
To—MUHAMMAD SARWAR KHAN, Afghan, son of above.

NOTE.—Sarwar Khan returned the money to Sardar Ayub Khan and intends travelling to Baghdad at his own expense to join his father.

(Sd.) C. M.

Take care, do not accept any money from Ayub Khan. You should not start from Meshed without my permission.

* Sardar Abdulla Khan, Nasri.—C. M.

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Dated Camp Meshed, the 20th January 1888.

From—BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. S. MACLEAN, C.B., on Special Duty, Perso-Afghan Frontier,

To—MIRZA YAKUB ALI KHAN, K. B., British Agent, Herat.

After compliments.—As the Governor of Herat and Sipah Salar are anxious about the continued residence of Sardar Ayub Khan and his followers in Meshed, I shall be obliged if you will inform them that Sardar Ayub Khan left Meshed yesterday *en route* to Baghdad accompanied by the following individuals :—

Mr. Allah Baksh Khan, Attaché.

Sardar Fatah Muhammad Khan.

General Taj Muhammad Khan (son of Ursala Khan).

General Wali Muhammad Khan (Wardack).

Mir Bacha Khan, Kohistani, and a number of Peshkhidmats, &c. The rest of his party will follow in detachments during the next 10 days under the direction of the Luinab.

Sardar Hashim Khan leaves to-morrow, and the rest of his brother's family, &c., in a few days, by detachments.

Exd.—T. Y.

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No. 421.

Telegram, No. 154 F., dated the 23rd January 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,
To—MR. NICOLSON, Teheran.

Can you say approximately when Ayub will reach Bagdad and will whole party arrive together?

No. 422.

TELEGRAM, dated the 24th January 1888.

From—BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. S. MACLEAN, Meshed,
To—Foreign Secretary, Calcutta.

No. 16, Secret. As Ayub is now marching to Bagdad, I think that the time has come for me to suggest that two special qualified officers should be sent to meet him and his party at Bagdad to take charge of them there, superintend the embarkation, and accompany them on their voyage and railway journey to Rawalpindi. These officers would be especially useful to prevent friction between the refugees and officers and crew steamers, particularly as there are so many women about whom Afghans are peculiarly sensitive. I would suggest Merk as the best man to take charge of this duty, on account of his tact and extensive knowledge of Afghans, and I think that a great deal depends on Ayub travelling and landing in India in a proper frame of mind. Mr. Thomson, who has seen the *Lawrence*, thinks she is admirably suited for the conveyance of Ayub, his leading Sardars and ladies to Karachi. It would probably gratify him if she were thus utilised. One of Ayub's last requests to me was that he hoped the Viceroy would order his own and ladies apartments to be furnished in English style, and with pretty lamps. He left Meshed with strongest feelings of gratitude to British Government to which he gave repeated and emphatic expression.

No. 423.

Telegram, dated the 24th January 1888.

From—BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. S. MACLEAN, C.B., Meshed *via* Tehran,
To—Foreign Secretary, Calcutta.

Number 15. On account of severity of weather and large number of refugees comprising many women and children, I have arranged to send Assistant Surgeon Elahi Baksh in medical charge of them to Bagdad and thence to India. Hope this will be approved of. Ayub was much pleased with arrangements.

No. 424.

Telegram, dated the 24th January 1888.

From—A. NICOLSON, Esq., Tehran,
To—Foreign, Calcutta.

Your telegram of yesterday. Ayub should arrive Bagdad about end March. His party from here about two hundred and sixty souls will meet him there. Meshed party will come up in detachments. I have asked MacLean as to numbers and probable dates of respective arrivals in Bagdad, and will let you know further details.

No. 425.

Telegram, dated the 26th January 1888.

From—A. NICOLSON, Esq., Tehran,
To—Foreign Secretary, Calcutta.

Ayub and Hashim arrived Nishapur, leave to-morrow. MacLean promises me to-morrow full lists of numbers leaving and left which I will communicate to you.

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No. 426.

Telegram, dated the 29th January 1888.

From—A. NICOLSON, Esq., Tehran,
To—Foreign, Calcutta.

All Meshed parties will arrive at Baghdad within a fortnight of each other, so that practically they could all embark together. Meshed parties are about nine hundred souls in all. Numbers are to be checked at place of embarkation. All refugees numbering about two hundred and sixty have left Tehran and none remain here. I will send Baghdad Resident details as to parties.

No. 427.

TELEGRAM, No. 240 F., dated the 7th February 1888.

From—Foreign Secretary, Calcutta,
To—COLONEL ROSS, Bushire.

Could you spare Mockler for a month or more without relieving him at Muscat. An officer is required for removing Ayub and his followers to India. Do you think Mockler would do it well?

No. 428.

Telegram, dated the 8th February 1888.

From—Political Agent, Bushire,
To—Foreign, Calcutta.

Your telegram yesterday. Mockler can be spared as proposed. I am sure that he would do it well. Where would he meet Sardar and when Muskat quiet. Jayaker could carry on duties.

No. 429.

Telegram, No. 291 F., dated the 14th February 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,
To—Resident, Bushire.

Your telegram 8th. Ayub expected at Baghdad end of March where he will join his people from Tehran numbering 260. The people from Meshed about 900 will arrive probably between end of March and middle of April. I understand the Lawrence must go to Bombay to be docked before monsoon. Could you make her movement fit with Ayub's so as to take him and his family to Karachi. Mockler would go to Baghdad about middle of March to make arrangements for reception of all, to despatch the party in the Lawrence, to transport the rest to Basrah, and to look after them until they leave for India. We can perhaps charter a steamer for them.

No. 430

Telegram, dated the 15th February 1888.

From—Resident, Bushire,
To—Foreign, Calcutta.

Your telegram 14th. Lawrence can take Ayub from Basrah to Karachi. Time fits with intended docking. Shall I warn Mockler for the duty?

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No. 431.

Telegram, dated the 24th February 1888.

From—COLONEL W. TWEEDIE, Baghdad,

To—Foreign, Calcutta.

Owing to Sardar Musa detaining followers here pending his return from Karbala feeding them cost nearly thousand rupees. Orders requested. How far I should comp'y with Ayub's wishes in same respect on arrival.

No. 432.

TELEGRAM, No. 28, dated the 25th February 1888.

From—GENERAL MACLEAN, Meshed,

To—Foreign, Calcutta.

Your telegram 346 F., 24th.

The sum mentioned is total for food and clothing only for Ayub's Meshed and Tehran parties and is exclusive of transport and Hashim's party. I estimate total cost of deportation of Ayub and Hashim's (parties?) to Baghdad at about 191,000 Rupees exclusive of transport of Tehran party and miscellaneous expenditure there which I do not know.

No. 433.

Telegram, No. 366 F., dated the 27th February 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,

To—COLONEL W. TWEEDIE, Baghdad.

Your telegram 24th. Please make no payments to Ayub and his party without sanction except arrears of allowances actually due which you can ascertain from Tehran. There should be no avoidable show about his reception at Baghdad.

No. 434.

Telegram, dated the 28th February 1888.

From—COLONEL TWEEDIE, Baghdad,

To—Foreign, Calcutta.

Your telegram yesterday.

Are Ayub's followers to wait here rationed by me till he arrives and afterwards during his visit to Karbala, or shall I give them alternative of passing on sharp or shifting for themselves?

No. 434 a.

Telegram, No. 389 F., dated the 29th February 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,

To—A. NICOLSON Esq., Teheran.

Have you sent full lists of Ayub's and Hashim's parties. I am arranging for the "Lawrence" to take Ayub, Hashim and family, and to charter a steamer for the rest, but would like to know numbers of first class and deck passengers and of women and children. The twelfth April is more convenient time for chartered steamer to leave Busra. Will that be too early?

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No. 435.

Telegram, dated the 1st March 1888.

From—A. NICOLSON, Esq., Tehran,

To—Foreign, Calcutta.

Your telegram of yesterday. The lists leave to-morrow. I did not receive them before. Copies have been sent to Baghdad. Ayub and Hashim should reach Baghdad towards end March. They left Koom day before yesterday. Ayub while here expressed wish to remain thirty days at Baghdad and that whole colony should visit shrines. This seemed to me ridiculous and extravagant. I telegraphed to Baghdad Resident to communicate with you on subject. I hope he has done so. Ayub's party are himself and nineteen Sardars first class with forty-two servants and five hundred and ninety-three Khwanin military officials, soldiers, including families. Lists do not give details of latter's families. The haremserais of Ayub and his Sardars are twenty-eight ladies with one hundred and thirty-one male and female servants. Hashim's party are himself and six Sardars first class with seventy-seven servants and fifty-one Khwanin military officials and soldiers including families. The haremserais of Hashim and his Sardars are nine ladies with eighty male and female servants. I am sorry unable give more details women and children.

No. 436.

Telegram, No. 392 F., dated the 1st March 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,

To—A. NICOLSON, Esq., Teheran.

It would be great convenience to receive from you a complete statement of all expenditure incurred by Legation on deportation of Afghans.

No. 437.

Telegram, No. 405 F., dated the 1st March 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,

To—COLONEL A. W. ROBERTS, Karachi.

No. 405 F. Please send to this office a statement up to date of all expenditure incurred by you on Afghan refugees, and continue to send one fortnightly hereafter. You should of course continue to submit your accounts monthly to the Comptroller India Treasuries.

No. 438.

No. 406 F., dated Fort William, the 1st March 1888.

From—J. A. CRAWFORD, Esq., Offg. Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department,

To—the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Bushire.

I am directed to request that you will be good enough to submit to this office a complete statement showing the total expenditure incurred by you in connection with the Afghan refugees who have recently passed through Bushire on their way to India.

No. 439.

No. 407. F., dated Fort William, the 1st March 1888.

From—J. A. CRAWFORD, Esq., Offg. Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department,

To—The Political Resident in Turkish Arabia, Baghdad.

I am directed to request that, after the departure from Baghdad of Sardar Ayub Khan and his party, you will be good enough to submit to this office

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a complete statement of all expenditure incurred by you in connection with the deportation of all the Afghan refugees who have passed through Baghdad.

No. 440.

Telegram, dated the 1st March 1888

From—COLONEL TWEEDIE, Baghdad,
To—Foreign, Calcutta.

Hafiz Ullah, Afghan, with about forty-six Ayub's people arrived to-day. Nicolson writes these are to remain here for Ayub. Am I to ration them. They refuse move on to-morrow's steamer.

No. 441.

Telegram No. 394 F., dated the 1st March 1888.

From—Foreign Secretary, Calcutta,
To—Punjab, Lahore.

No. 394 F. Could His Honor spare the services of Merk now to employ him in bringing Ayub over from Baghdad to India. He would if employed in this way have to start almost immediately to get to Baghdad by end of month. The work would only be temporary until Ayub is settled in his house in India. Have you replied yet about the place of his residence. Please do so.

No. 442.

Telegram, dated the 1st March 1888.

From—COLONEL TWEEDIE, Baghdad,
To—Foreign, Calcutta.

In letter 14th February, Nicolson asks me pay about twenty thousand rupees balance, mule hire to Ayub's party. I request sanction.

No. 443.

Telegram, No. 420 F., dated the 3rd March 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,
To—COLONEL TWEEDIE, Baghdad.

Your telegram, first. Ayub's mule hire. You may pay.

No. 444.

Telegram, dated the 3rd March 1888.

From—A. NICOLSON Esq., Teheran,
To—Foreign, Calcutta.

Your telegram of first. Am I right in understanding that you desire complete statement of sums disbursed by me under all heads under one account of all Afghans, Ahmed Ali, Parvez, Musa, etcetra, and not merely the transport expenses of Ayub's party? If so I will have statement prepared and send it you without delay.

No. 445.

Telegram, No. 421 F., dated the 3rd March 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,
To—NICOLSON, Tehran.

Your telegram to-day. Many thanks. The complete statement you mention is what I should like.

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No. 446.

Telegram, dated the 3rd March 1888.

From—Punjab, Quetta,

To—Foreign, Calcutta.

No. 2 C. Your No. 294 F. of first. Merk has lately been appointed Deputy Commissioner, Peshawar, and with reference to great importance of this charge and of successful working of new frontier regulation ought not in Mr. Lyall's opinion to be deputed to Baghdad, but if Government India considers selection of Merk unavoidable Lieutenant-Governor will make the best arrangements he can for the district charge.

No. 447.

Telegram, No. 422 F., dated the 4th March 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,

To—Punjab, Quetta.

Number 422 F. Your telegram No. 2 C., Merk. The Government of India do not in the circumstances stated desire to press his deputation to Baghdad and other arrangements will be made. Please thank His Honor for offer.

No. 448.

Telegram, dated the 4th March 1888.

From—Her Majesty's Charge d'Affaires, Tehran,

To—Foreign Secretary, Calcutta.

The transport and all incidental expenses on the conveyance of Ayub's and Hashim's parties, including both MacLean's and my disbursements amount to almost exactly two lakhs. It may be two thousand rupees over. There was expenditure on account of Doctor's Attachee's travelling expenses, gholams, &c. at Mashad of which I did not know, and I had also to supply Ayub with fresh carriage and horses here, his own having broken down. Sale of mine at Baghdad will make economy, as also of other articles. I am preparing statement you desire, but Nawab has some necessary details which I have telegraphed for Ayub had advances at Mashad of 6,000 rupees on Indian allowance.

No. 449.

Telegram, dated the 5th March 1888.

From—MR. NICOLSON, Tehran,

To—Foreign, Calcutta.

Luinab has arrived here with third and fourth detachments of Afghan colony; there is another detachment behind. Third and fourth detachments will not reach Baghdad till about tenth April. I hear they are all bent on shrine visiting and I let you know this on account of dates for steamers. All the Tehran parties should now be at Baghdad. Tweedie could give exact numbers; they left here about two hundred and fifty strong. The first detachment of Meshed colony with Ayub and Hashim should arrive Baghdad about March 25th followed in five or six days by second detachment.

No. 450.

Telegram, No. 437 F., dated the 6th March 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,

To—Political Resident, Baghdad.

Your telegrams 28th and first. Rations have been promised to Ayub and party during transfer to India, consequently give rations to Hafizulla and

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people with him who are ordered to wait for Ayub, and similarly to others. But any one visiting Kerbela or other shrines must do so at own risk and expense, can neither give rations nor arrange the trip. Tell Ayub so when he comes if he applies to go to Kerbela and the expense of feeding his followers during detention by reason of visit to Kerbela will fall on him.

. Mockler will be deputed to Baghdad to arrange for bringing Ayub and party to India. Orders will be sent him direct. Please afford him all assistance. In regard to Baghdad matters he will of course depend upon you.

No. 545 F., dated Fort William, the 19th March 1888.

Endorsed by Foreign Department.

A copy of the foregoing, with a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin, is forwarded to the Department of Finance and Commerce for information.

Telegrams from Colonel Tweedie, dated the 28th February and 1st March 1888.

No. 451.

Telegram No. 435 F., dated the 6th March 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,
To—COLONEL ROSS, Bushire.

Your telegram 15th February.

Please order Mockler to Baghdad at once to arrange Ayub's movements. He will receive orders direct from Government while on this duty. Dates of movements Ayub's party approximately as in my telegram 14th February. Am arranging about "Lawrence" and other vessel and will send native assistant to help Mockler if possible. I am informing Tweedie. Let me know when Mockler will start and reach Baghdad. Orders for him will go there.

No. 452.

Telegram, dated the 6th March 1888.

From—Resident, Bushire,
To—Foreign, Calcutta.

Should be glad to be informed whether Mockler is to go to Baghdad. I beg for the favor of an early reply.

No. 453.

Telegram, dated the 6th March 1888.

From—COLONEL ROSS, Bushire,
To—Foreign, Calcutta.

Your telegram to-day. Mockler arrived here having made all necessary arrangements for Muscat, will proceed hence ninth reach, Baghdad sixteenth.

No 454.

Telegram, dated the 6th March 1888.

From—LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LAW, Agra,
To—Foreign, Calcutta.

I hope to reach Dehra on tenth instant.

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No. 455.

Telegram, dated the 7th March 1888.

From—Punjab, Multan,

To—Foreign, Calcutta.

10 C. Your No. 394 F. of first, continuation of telegrams about Merk. We have received two reports from Nisbet as to accommodation for Ayub and correspondence still progresses. We hope to make satisfactory proposals and arrangements very quickly.

No. 456.

Telegram, No. 458 F., dated the 8th March 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,

To—Punjab, Lieutenant-Governor's Camp.

No. 458 F. Your telegram 10 C.

Thanks. Ayub's party includes himself and 19 Sardars with 42 servants, and 593 other followers including families. Haramserais are 22 ladies and 131 male and female servants. Hashim's party includes himself and 6 Sardars with 77 servants and 51 other followers including families. Haramserais 9 ladies and 80 male and female servants. Add to these Tehran party of 260. No other details known at present.

No. 457.

Telegram, No. 459 F., dated the 8th March 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,

To—GHULAM HUSSEIN, Native Assistant in charge of Ex-Amir Yakub Khan, Dehra-Dun.

No. 459 F.

On arrival of Colonel Law please proceed to Baghdad without delay to assist Colonel Mockler in arrangements for removal of Ayub Khan and party to India.

No. 458.

Telegram, dated the 13th March 1888.

From—A. NICOLSON, Esq., Tehran *via* Bushire,

To—Foreign, Calcutta.

My complete statement regarding Afghan accounts will be sent by this week's post. Would it be of convenience to you if I telegraphed totals under several heads, and if so, is there any objection to my doing so *en clair*? Ayub should be at Kermanshah to-day, and over the Persian border in seven or eight days.

No. 459.

Telegram, No. 519 F., dated the 14th March 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,

To—A. NICOLSON, Esq., Tehran.

Your telegram thirteenth. Many thanks. Will await receipt of statement.

No. 460.

Telegram, No. 535 F., dated the 16th March 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,

To—COLONEL LAW, Dehra Dun.

No. 535 F. Has Ghulam Hussain left? He should be at Baghdad end of month if possible.

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No. 461.

Telegram, dated the 17th March 1888.

From—The Political Agent with ex-Amir, Dehra Dun,
To—Foreign, Calcutta.

Gholam Hussain left Dehra yesterday and sails from Karachi next Thursday.

No. 462.

Telegram, No. 543 F., dated the 17th March 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,
To—MOCKLER, Baghdad.

Native Assistant Ghulam Hussain sails from Karachi 22nd.

No. 463.

Telegram, No. 544 F., dated the 18th March 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,
To—Punjab, Camp.

544 F. Your telegram 10 C. Can you give information now about accommodation for Ayub? It would be convenient to know what place is fixed, and the nearest railway station; also when Ayub's house will be ready to be furnished. I have no wish to hurry unduly, but time is running on.

No. 464.

Telegram, No. 534 F., dated the 16th March 1888.

From—Foreign, Calcutta,
To—COLONEL MOCKLER, Baghdad.

We contemplate bringing Ayub, Hashim and immediate household to Karachi in *Lawrence* and all rest in chartered steamer.

When Ayub arrives arrange who go in *Lawrence* and date. Latter depends on whether he elects go Kerbela on conditions in my telegram 6th March to Tweedie. Get Ross to send *Lawrence* Busra accordingly.

Telegraph here as soon as you can details parties for chartered steamer and date sailing. We want month's notice if possible, and date once fixed cannot be altered, so only *Lawrence* party can be allowed go Kerbela.

No. 465.

TELEGRAM, dated the 18th March 1888.

From—ARTHUR NICOLSON, Esq., Tehran,
To—Viceroy, Calcutta.

I am happy to inform Your Excellency that Ayub left Karmansha three days ago and will cross Turkish frontier day after to-morrow, whence he will be under charge of Baghdad Resident's officials.