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Pro. No. 178.

Telegram No. 611-E.A, dated Simla, the 28th April 1920.

From- The Viceroy, Simla,

To- The Secretary of State for India, London via
Eastern (Repeated Baghdad).

Your telegram April 13th Abdullah's letter * to

Pro. No. 175 Hirtzel. A reply is now
under issue and is being
sent through Baghdad. Addressed Secretary of State,
repeated Baghdad.

Pro. No. 179.

Memorandum No. 612-E.A., dated Simla, the 26th
April 1920.

From-A. N. L. CATER, ESQ., officiating Foreign and
Political Department,

To- The Officiating Political Resident in the
Persian Gulf.

Your letter + No. 3560-6-14, dated the 30th January

Pro. 172-175 1920 and No. 3650-6-15,
dated the 31st January 1920. Ten and five spare copies

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of each are forwarded herewith.

Pro No 180*

Demi-official No. 1146-E.E., Dated Simla, the 5th May 1920.

From. A.N.L.CATER. ESQ, Officiating Foreign Secretary,
Foreign and Political Department,

To- LIEUTENANT- COLONEL. A.T.WILSON, C.S.I, C.M.G. c.i.e.
D.S.O. Officiating Political Resident in the
Persian Gulf, Baghdad.

I am desired to forward herewith a letter to Shaikh Abdullah bin Shaikh Isa Bin Ali al Khalifah, C.I.E. of Bahrein, regarding the wishes expressed by him to Sir Arthur Hirtzel during his visit to London in September 1919, and to request that you will send to him with a suitable translation in Arabic.

But if you think that it should be altered or amended in any way, your suggestions are invited and, if necessary a fresh embodying these will be prepared and send to you.

It would perhaps be best of all if the Government of India's reply could be orally communicated to Shaikh Abdullah without the delivery of any formal letter.

Should any reply be received to the letter, I am to

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request that you will submit it to the Government of India with an English translation.

A copy of the letter is enclosed for record in your office.

Encl. to Pro No 180

Demi-official No. 1145-E.A., dated Simla, the 5th May 1920.
From-A.N.L. CATER, ESQ, Officiating Foreign Secretary, Foreign and Political Department.

To- SHAIKH ABDULLAH BIN SHAIKH ISA BIN ALI AL KHALIFA,
C.I.I.E. Bahrein.

My Esteemed Friend,

I have the honour to refer to your letter to Sir Arthur Hirtzel, dated the 4th September 1919, in which you requested -

- (1) that your father may have equality with the Arab Rulers in his neighbourhood in the exercise of authority over all Arab Subjects residing in his territory;
- (2) that the selection of members of the Majlis-al Urfi may be one of his rights like the Shara and Salifa Courts;
- (3) that His Majesty's Government will

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open the port of Zubarah which he alleges is the territory of his forefathers and
(4) That he may be given the privilege of reference to the seat of Government in London whenever necessary.

2. I am directed to inform you that the Government of India have given these request their most careful consideration and I am to make the following reply-

I am express regret that it is impossible for the Government of India to accede to the request that your father should exercise jurisdiction over the subjects of other Arab Rulers residing in Bahrein unless the Rulers concerned themselves make formal agreements with you father to this effect.

As to the second request I am to point out that the procedure for the selection of members of the Majlis- al -Urfa is laid down in the Bahrein Order in- Council which was promulgated by order of His Majesty the King- Emperor and it is not within the competence of the Government of India to alter this procedure. But it is understood that the Arab representatives in the Majlis are in practice always appointed by your father and though this appointment is subject to the approval of the Political Agents as representative of the protecting Power, you may rest assured that the Political Agent will never

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disapprove of any proper selection and will not interfere without just cause.

With regard to the opening of a port at Zubarah, you are aware that this question is an old one and has in the past received much consideration. It has again been carefully examined, and I am to express regret that in view of the many difficulties which exist, the Government of India do not see their way to permit and assist your father to carry out this project.

Your fourth request is to be given the privilege of direct reference to His Majesty's Government in London. It is known to you that the Political relations of Bahrain are conducted with the Government of India and it is therefore appropriate that the Government of India and not His Majesty's Government should be addressed by your father. It is unnecessary to add that any communication he may make will receive the most careful consideration and will, if necessary, be forwarded to His Majesty's Government.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

FOREIGN AND POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, Oct. 1920.

MEMORANDUM

Pro. No. 181.

The papers specified in the margin were transmitted to the Secretary, Political Department, India Office, London, for the information of His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, under cover of the Foreign Secretary's letter No. 44-M, dated the 27th May, 1920.

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Pro. No. 182.

Telegram, dated the 28th (received 29th) June 1920.
From-Deputy Political Resident, Persian Gulf, Bushire.
To-Foreign Secretary, Foreign and Political Department, Simla.

(Repeated Baghdad)

1. to Pro. No. 180

Demi-official. Your demi-official letter*5th May, 1145-E.A., to Shaikh Abdullah. Dickson asks if word "Formal" can be inserted before "Agreements" in paragraph 2, Eighth line. I agree this is advisable otherwise it gives Shaikh of Bahrain opening to produce any casual friendly letter from some neighbouring Ruler. May this word be inserted in English copy and incorporated in translation. This would put matter on definite footing once for all and prevent future misunderstanding.

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Pro. No.183.

Telegram No.1669-E.A., dated Simla, the 1st July 1920.

From-The Foreign Secretary to the Government of India, Simla,
To-The Deputy Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Bushire.

(Repeated to Civil Commissioner, Baghdad).

Demi-official. - Your demi-official telegram* 28th

*Pro. No.182.

June. Letter for Shaikh Abdullah.

No objection.

Pro. No.184.

Telegram, No.7891, (and received) the 1st July 1920.

From-The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Baghdad.

To-The Foreign Secretary, Foreign and Political Department,
Simla.

Bushire telegram ‡ of 28th June. Bahrain.

‡Pro. No.182.

I concur.

Pro. No.185.

MEMORANDUM.

The papers specified below were transmitted to the
Secretary, Political Department, India Office, London,
for the information of His Majesty's Government.

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State for India, under cover of the Foreign Secretary's letter No.56-M., dated the 8th June 1920.

List of Papers.

1. Telegram from the Deputy Political Residents in the Persian Gulf, dated the 26th June 1920.
Pro.No.182.

2. Telegram from the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, No.7891, dated the 1st July 1920.
Pro.No.184.

3. Telegram to the Deputy Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, No.1660.E.A., dated the 1st July 1920.
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No.8.

No.1503

Bombay Castle, 13th August 1836.

Political Department,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Fort William.

Sir,

1st. I am directed by the Right Honourable the Governor in Council to transmit to you for the purpose of being laid before the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, translation of a letter from the Acting Native Agent at Mocha dated the 6th ultimo stating that Ibrahim Pasha had prohibited the sale of Coffee at that place to British merchants.

2nd. I am also directed to forward copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Indian Navy, dated the 20th ultimo, with its enclosures from Commander Hawkins of the Hon'ble Company's sloop of war Clive, being transcripts of his communications to the Acting Consul General at Alexandria containing information regarding the Egyptian army and of Commander Hehe's letter to Ibrahim Pasha on the the stoppage of the ~~xxxx~~ Coffee trade.

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3. Copies of the above communications will be forwarded to the Honorable the Court of Directors by the first opportunity.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

Sd/-J.P.Willoughby,

Secy. to Govt.

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No.9.

1/ Persian Department.

Substance of a letter from the Acting Native Agent at Mokha to the Persian Secretary to Government, dated 6th and Received 18th July 1836.

After compliments,

The Clive arrived here today from Suez with the Government Packet, and sailed again at 1 P.M.

The Palimurus surveying Vessel arrived here ten days since.

Ibrahim Pasha has written to the Governor of this place Sooleman Agha, to the effect, that one half of all the Coffee which may arrive here (at Mokha) is to be taken for Ibrahim Pasha; and one half, the American Vessel now in the Roads is to be allowed to take, and further, that he is to permit no other Merchants to have any, on receiving this order the Governor called all the Merchants, and had it read to them and from that day no Merchant is able to procure any Coffee.

Subsequently our Merchants trading under the British Flag and the Nakhudas of the Ships came to me and told me, that no one in the Town would let them have any coffee but intimated that the Governor had prohibited them.

On this, I took them with me to Captain Haines, on board the Palimurus, and represented all the circumstances to that officer.

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The Captain told us to go to the Governor and tell him, that the Americans only pay 3 per cent for their coffee, but they are allowed to purchase that commodity, while they (the merchants) who paid $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. are not permitted to purchase any and to represent to him, what an extraordinary order this war.

The Governor in reply said that he could issue no other order, and that he had acted in confirmity with Ibrahim Pasha's commands.

I then intimated this to the Captain, on which the Captain and myself addressed a letter two days ago to Ibrahim Pasha, but as yet no answer has been received, on its receipt I will let you know its purport.

Sd/-W.H.Wathen,

Chief Secretary.

/True copy/

Sd/- J.P. Willoughby

Secretary to Government.

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No.10.

To

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The Right Honourable

Sir R. Grant C.G.H.,

President and Governor in Council

Right Honorable Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 18th instant reporting the arrival of the Hon'ble Company's sloop of War "Clive" I have now the honour to lay before you a letter from Commanding Hawkins, of that ship, dated the 18th June last to Charles Sloam Esquire acting Council General, at Alexandria, which contains interesting information with regard to the Egyptian Army, and also the copy of a letter from Acting Commander Haines of the Honourable Company's Surveying Brig "Palimuras" dated the 4th July 1836 to His Highness Ibrahim Pasha, commander in Chief of the Army in Yemen, on the stoppage of the Coffee trade with the English, and the great favor shown to the American Merchants over the British, a copy of this letter has been furnished to His Majesty's Consul General at Alexandria by Commander Hawkins.

I have also the honor to forward a copy of the Acting Consul General's letter, together with Extracts from his letters to Commanding Hawkins dated in the margin relative to an outrage offered by the soldiers at Mocka to Mr. Mayo.

Superintendent's Office.

I have the honor to be,

26th April 1836
22nd June 1836
25th June 1836

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To

His Highness Ibrahim Pashah Commander
in Chief of the Army in Yemen.

My Lord,

I have the honor to submit for your consideration several important points regarding trade at this Port and on which subject when prompted by equity, as well as the long existing friendship between your Government and the British Nation, you will I rest satisfied, give it due deliberation, and issue such directions, that the British Merchants may not labour under the ~~innumerable~~ innumerable impediments they are now obligated to submit to, but be permitted both import and export their goods agreeable to the treaty enforced by the British squadron in 1821 with His Highness the Imam of Sennar, or at least, upon the same footing with the traders of other nations.

Since my arrival at this port in the H.C.Vessel, I have the honor to command, the British Merchants and Commanders of Vessel under the same flag, have waited on me, as the only British public officer in this part of the sea, and stated the numerous innovations made against fair competition, and trade, and as such could not, I conceive be made known to you without justice being rendered I take the liberty of enclosing a ~~list~~ statement of duties levied both import and export upon British goods, and that of American; also the article of the Treaty alluded to regarding trade: upon giving the same due consideration...

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feel assured that such encroachments will be remedied, and the British Traders, who for so many years have been the principal merchants at this port, be able to meet opposition on equal and just grounds.

I also do myself the honor of stating that representations have been made to me regarding the total stoppage of trade to the British in Coffee, which your order, received two days ago, enforced I had therefore, after careful perusal of the same, no alternative but to send the British Agent to the Governor of the Town~~a~~/ Salyman Aga/ representing the same, as he could ~~give~~ give no satisfaction the remaining source is with yourself and government; I therefore, solicit you will take the same into consideration. The order in question is to the pruport the one half of the Coffee brought in, is to be kept as the property of your own government, the other half to be given to the Americans, therefore by such monopoly as the British Merchants excluded from Trade.

Now as I conceive it could never be the intention of your Government to stop the British Trade, and that the orders were never by your~~s~~self intended to be of such vital importance to the same, I feel it my imperative duty as a British officer, to explicitly state to you the same, that it may be immediately remedied if you deem the same requisite.

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In conclusion, I have the honor to solicit an answer, that I may represent the same to the British Government in India, as also to Captain Campbell, the British representative at Alexandria.

Signed/-S.B.Hanains

Commander.

H.C.S.B. Palimurus.

/True copy/

Sd/-S.B.Haines,

Acting Commander.

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Copy of duties levied upon British and American Goods levied at the Mocka Custom House.

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British Import and Export.

Piece Goods Chintyes		
Silks &ca.	..	7½ per cent.
Raw Silk	..	9½ "
Iron	..	12 "
Tobacco	..	20 "
Bengal or other rice	per bag	½ a dollar.
Dry giner and Tamarruck		13 per cent.
Thread &ca.	..	9 per cent.
On Coffee before the trade was stopped		
For weighing	..	} 3 Dollars and 2 annas
Duty	per Maund.	

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Sugar and sugar Candy	..	10½ per cent.
Cotton	..	8¼ " "
Cloves Cardamoms	..	8¼ " "

By the treaty enforced by the British Squadron in 1821
The Import and export duty was arranged at 2¼ per cent.

American import and export duties.

They are allowed to import and export at 3 per cent.
and this year by an importation of piece goods, and other
similar Articles, they have materially injured our Surat
trade, by being enabled /owing to the duties in comparison
being so much less /to undersell them.

Signed/-S.B.Haines,
Acting Commander of the
H.C.S.Vessel Balinurus.

To

Charles Sloam Esquire,
Acting Consul General,
Alexandria.

My dear Sir,

In reply to your letter under date the 20th May
and with reference to the letter addressed to Lord Palmerston

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me the honor to present for perusal, in compliance with your request. I herein acquaint you with all the information I collected during the four months the Honorable Company's sloop of War Clive, under my command was stationed at Juddah, and in the course of which period I was so fortunate as to enjoy an opportunity, but rarely offered, of proceeding into the Interior as far as Typhé. I shall now state as concisely as possible the almost ~~most~~ insurmountable difficulties of the War.

1st. All supplies cross the desert from the Nile to Cossur whence they are shipped to Juddah, hitherto the land and transport carriage has brought little more than sufficient for the daily consumption of the troops, the Inhabitants and the vast annual concurs of Pilgrims.

2nd. The country through which the Troops must of necessity pass is mountainous and yielding but little sustenance, guarded by difficult passes, and distant from the coast, Aseer the capital being upwards of twenty days march from Juddah.

3rd. During our stay at Juddah I had opportunities of discovering that the Turkish way was held in much dislike by the Arabs both on the Coast and up the country, more particularly at Typhé, where the inhabitants complained much of the oppressions committed by the Turkish Government, It was agreeable to hear it contrasted with the British Sway in India, as spread and communicated to my informers

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informers by the Mahomedan Pilgrims from Hindoostan, as I was the quest of the Arabs, and under the protection of the Sheriff of Mecca and none but Arabs present they spoke of their own accord and freely on this subject They also spoke confidently that Mahomet Ali would not succeed. It has been strongly conjectured that Hamed Pasha has not been earnest in his endeavours to conquer the Hedjay, and when the Grand Sheriff of Mecca was ordered to Cairo, Hamed Pacha accompanied him, the later has maintained hitherto a character for great devotion, but since his return having had recourse to a novel and, which will be considered by Mahomedans a sacrilegious, method of recruiting his army. viz. seizing upwards of 2,000 Pilgrims, he is likely to forfeit his renown as a good mussulman, and I suppose that particular duty was exacted of him by Mahomet Allia as a pledge of Fidelity, and to remove certain suspicious from the mind of the latter, that Hamed Pash had ulterior designs on the Hedjay for himself, in the event of Mahomet Alli's decease, and that he had been purposely protracting the War. I have little ~~Amore~~ more to add than that the amount of troops in Arabia including Garrisons on the Coast and in Yemen may amount to 18,000 men. But I must observe that a regiment of blacks lately enrolled have lost more than 1500 men out of 3,000 and that the mortality was still raging when I left Juddah. The Turkish Army at Juddah derives but little advantage from the Europeans attached to it, Italians and Predmontais who are not

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not permitted to attend their Regiments ~~at~~ stationed at Mecca and Typhé, Kooshid Pasha was about to proceed on an expedition up the coast of Jeddah, three days march above Medina, for the double purpose of quelling a revolt of the Arabs, and securing the Army.

Cairo June 18th, 1836

I have &ca.

Signed/-John Croft Hawkins

/True copy/

Sd/-John Croft Hawkins,

Commander.

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Alexandria 26th April 1836.

To

Commander Hawkins,

H.C.Sloop of War Clive,

Red Sea.

Sir,

In the absence of Colonel Campbell I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt, this day, of your letter of the 17th February last on the subject of an outrage offered by the soldiers at Mecca to Mr. Mayo, and I have to assure you that on the arrival here of His Highness the Viceroy who is daily expected. I will strongly represent the case to him, and I will take an early opportunity of informing you of the result of my remonstrances.

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Extract of a Private letter from the Acting Consul General of Egypt to J.C. Hawkins Esquire Commander of the H.C. Sloop of War Clive dated Alexandria 22nd June 1836.

With regard to Mayo's complaint Boglus Bey has this morning promised to send me a written answer tomorrow in which case I will forward to you a copy officially. Otherwise I will let you know their verbal assurances of redress before or with the Mail. I expect to see Colonel Campbell here by the beginning of July.

/True Extract/

Signed/-John Croft. Hawkins,
Commander.

Extract of a Private Letter from the Acting Consul General of Egypt to J.C. Hawkins Esquire, Commander of the H.C. Sloop of War Clive dated Alexandria 25th June 1836.

~~Boglus~~ Boghis Beg has given no written answer about Mayo's complaint, but His Highness himself has given me the most positive assurances that he has ordered the officer to Egypt and that he will give full and entire satisfaction.

/True Extract/

Sd/-John Croft. Hawkins,
Commander.

/True copy/

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No.1566.

Bombay Castle,

25th August 1836

Political Department,

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India,

Fort William.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you for the purpose of being laid before the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, copy of a letter dated the 17th August No.14 of 1836 from this Government to the Hon'ble the Court of Directors, regarding the prohibition on the part of Ibrahim Pasha of the sale of Coffee at Mocka to British Merchant

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humbel servant,

Sd/-J.P.Willoughby

Secretary to Government.

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No.12.

Political Department,

the 12th September 1836.

To

J.P. Willoughby Esquire,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bombay.

Sir,

I am desired by the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 13th and 25th ultimo forwarding translation, of a letter from the Acting Native Agent at Mokka, stating that Ibrahim Pasha had prohibited the sale of Coffee at that place to British Merchants also copy of a letter from the Superintendent Indian Navy with its enclosures from Commander Hawkins of H.C. Sloop of War Clive containing information regarding the Egyptian Army and Commander Haines' letter to Ibrahim Pasha on the stoppage of the Coffee Trade.

2. In reply, I am desired to observe that the Governor General in Council approves of the remonstrance which appears to have been made in this occasion by the authorities in the Gulph, but His Lordship in Council is not aware that any further observations are required from him on this occasion, especially as the question appears from the copy of the Despatch which accompanied your letter of the 25th ultimo to have been referred for the consideration of the Hon'ble the Court of Directors.

I have &ca.

Despatched
20th September.

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No.27.

Duplicate

No.1176 of 1839,

Bombay Castle, 20th July '39

To

The Secretary to with the Right Hon'ble
the Governor General of India,
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Secret Deptt.

Sir,

With reference to my letter dated the 15th Instt.

Secret Department

- No.46 dt. 10th May 1839
 - No.50 dt. 13th May 1839
 - No.51 dt. 14th May 1839
 - No.53 dt. 18th May 1839
 - No.54 dt. 18th May 1839
 - No.55 dt. 22nd May 1839
 - No.56 dt. 25th May 1839
 - No.57 dt. 30th May 1839
 - No.58 dt. 31st May 1839
 - No.59 dt. 3rd June 1839
 - No.60 dt. 11th June 1839
 - No.61 dt. 12th June 1839
 - No.62 dt. 12th June 1839
 - No.63 dt. 15th June 1839
 - No.64 dt. 15th June 1839
 - No.65 dt. 20th June 1839
- Poll. Deptt.
- No.39 dt. 13th May 1839
 - No.43 dt. 20th May 1839
 - No.44 dt. 20th May 1839
 - No.46 dt. 27th May 1839
 - No.48 dt. 3rd June 1839
 - No.50 dt. 11th June 1839
 - No.51 dt. 15th June 1839
 - No.53 dt. 19th June 1839
 - No.54 dt. 21st June 1839.

No.1157 forwarding copies of
the letters noted in the margin
from the President in the Per-
sian Gulf, I am now directed
by the Hon'ble the Governour
in Council to transmit to you
for the purpose of submission
to the Right Hon'ble the Governor
General of India such observa-
tions as occur to this Govt. on
the several points therein
alluded to.

2nd. The Hon'ble the Governor
in Council considersthe informa-
tion contained in Captain

Hennell's letter dated the 19th May No.46 to be saitsfactory
and is of opinion that if the Chief of Bahrain does not

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Major Morison the late Resident for the Security of trading vessels, there can be no objection in enforcing it, and to which effect Captain Hennell has been informed.

3rd. The disbursement of 150 German Crowns for the transmission of the letter of remonstrance addressed by Captain Hennell to Khorshid Pasha for which sanction is requested in his letter dated the 18th May No.53, appears to this Govt. to be very high, but under the peculiar circumstances of the case the Governor in Council has seen no alternative but to sanction the expenditure.

4th. With reference to Captain Hennell's letter dated the 22nd May No.55, forwarding copy of a report made by his Assistant Lieutt. Edmunds' of his proceedings on the occasion of his accompanying His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir F. Maitland in Her Majesty's Ship. Wellesley on a visit to the arabian coast, I am desired to observe, that in the opinion of this Govt. that officer appears to have conducted his communications with the several chiefs in the Gulf with great prudence and discretion and his proceedings have therefore been entirely approved by the Governor in Council.

5. The Governor in Council considers the reconciliation effected between the Arab Chiefs adverted to in the 7th para. of Lieutt. Edmunds' report to be particularly satisfactory as also the promise made by Esa bin Tareef to suspend all hostilities against Bahrein until the end of Sept-

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6th. Captain Hennell has been directed to continue to urge on the Chiefs the expediency of their permitting the Egyptian Agent Syud bin Moothuck to remain in their territory.

7th. For the reasons stated by Captain Hennell in the 4th para. of his letter dated the 22nd May it does not in the opinion of the Governor in Council appear desirable to form a Naval station either at Lingah or at Khorfican.

8th. With reference to the 5th paragraph of the same letter, the Governor in Council very much doubts the expediency of locating Āsa bin Taffeef on the Island of Karrak, and is of opinion that it would be for preferable that he should find an asylum in the territory of His Highness the Imaum of Muscat; although the latter arrangements would doubtless give umbrage to the Chief of Bahrein whose conciliation to the views of the British Government at the present moment is desirable but on this and the other points mentioned in the 5th para. of Captain Hennell's letter, the instructions of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India are solicited.

9th. Captain Hennell has been instructed to persevere in his demands on the Chief of Kishen for full redress for the outrage committed by him on the occasion of the Wreck of the Bugla Futtelul-Bahman, and has been informed the doubtless this will be easily obtained through his Highness

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10th. The Governor in Council cannot understand on what principle commodore Brucks declined to receive on board the Honorable Company's sloop of War Elphinstone the property given up to Lieutt. Edwards by the Sheik, or on what principle Saboage could have been demanded on property in the recovery of which no officier of the Indian Navy, was in any way instrumental - a reference however has been this day, made to the Superintendent of the Indian Navy as to whether by the rules of the service commodore Brucks was justified in these proceedings, and on the receipt of the superintendents reply such instructions as may appear necessary on the subject will be issued.

11th. A copy of Capt. Hennell's letter dated the 31st May No.58 forwarding translation of a letter purporting to proceed from an individual styling himself. Futteh Khan ben Mahomed Khan Gualjaee has been forwarded to Mr. Macnaghten Envoy and Minister at the court of His Majesty Shah Shoojah-ool-Moolk for such notice as he may deem it to deserve.

12th. If the reports contained in the enclosures to Capt. Hennell's letter dated the 3rd June No.59, are to be depended on, it is evident that the Shah of Persia has testified his approbation of the conduct of His Officers on the occasion which led to the abandonment of Bushire Residency.

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13th. Under the circumstances stated by Captain Hennell in his letter dated the 12th June No.61, the Governor in Council has approved of that officer having discontinued all official intercourse with the authorities of Fars.

14th. The answer given by the Chief of Bahrein, in his letter dated the 3rd June to Captain Hennell's request to be informed as to the truth or otherwise of the statement made by Mahomed Effendi of his having submitted to Khorshid Pasha is very plausible, and it is to be regretted that a more decisive answer was not returned by Captain Hennell to the communication to which the Chief refers, but unfortunately, at that time the Pacha's encroachments on the shores of the Persian Gulf were not viewed by Captain Hennell with any degree of apprehension and it now rests with the Right Honorable the Governor General of India and the Home Authorities to provide a remedy for the evil which has incurred should such be deemed expedient.

15th. Adverting to Captain Hennell's letter dated the 20th June No.65, the Governor in Council considers it exceedingly doubtful whether the removal of Mirza Assad from the Government of Bushire is to be attributed to the cause stated by the Shah's news-writer at Bushire in his communication to Captain Hennell, namely that this measure has been directed by the authorities of Fars, in order to prove the sincere desire entertained by the

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renewal of the former friendly relations with the "English". This statement if correct, is certainly not consistent with the fact reported in Captain Hennell's letter dated the 3rd June No.59 that marks of honor and distinction have been conferred on the Bushire authorities for having prevented the English from capturing that town.

16th. Captain Hennell has been informed with reference to his letter in the political Department dated the 20th May No.43, that under the circumstances alluded to by him, the Governor in Council approves of his not having replied to the Kukum addressed to him by His Royal Highness the prince of Shiraz on the subject of Khorshid Pasha's views upon Bahrein.

17th. The Governor in Council has further approved of the precautionary order contained in the circular addressed by Captain Hennell on the 24th May last to the Masters of the British Merchant Vessels from India bound to the port of Bushire forming an enclosure to his Political letter dated the 3rd June No.48.

18th. In reply to his letter dated the 15th June No.51 Captain Hennell has been referred to Mr. Secretary Maddock's communication dated the 13th May last containing the sentiments of the Right Honorable the Governor General on the subject of the relative duties of the Resident in the Persian Gulf and Lieutt. Coll. Shirreff, copy of which was furnished

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the Governor in Council feels himself unwillingly obliged to remark that Coll.Shireff, although doubtless with the best intentions, certainly appears disposed to go beyond the sphere of his own peculiar duties.

Copies of the whole of Captain Hennell's despatches transmitted with my letter dated the 15th instant have been forwarded to the Hon'ble the Secret Committee by the Hon'ble Company's Brigade of War, Euphrates, which vessel left Bombay for Aden with the overland mails this day.

I have &ca.

Sd/-J.P.Willoughby

Secy. to Govt.

On the 1st of August the following letter was written by Mr.Offg. Secy. Maddock in reply to the despatch from the Secy. to the Govt. of Bombay of the 15th Ujly recorded as No.101 on the consultation of the 25th Ultimo.

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No.28.

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To

J.P.Willoughby Esquire,

Secy. to the Govt. of Bombay.

Secret Dept.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th ultimo, with which were transmitted copies of letters to your address from the Resident in the Persian Gulf of various dates between the 10th May and 21st JUNE and copies of letters from Colonel Shiel and Colonel Taylor to the address of the Secretary to Government of India.

2nd. The Governor General is led to expect from the tenor of the 2nd paragraph of your letter that he will be favored with such observations as may occur to the Hon'ble the Governor in Council on these despatches from the Persian Gulf, but no further communication having been received from you on the subject, I am directed to communicate for the information of His Honor in Council the sentiments of His Lordship on such points embraced in this correspondence as appear to call for remark or instructions.

Captain Hennell's letter
No.51 Secret Deptt.
dated 14th May.

3. Captain Hennell's explanation of the reasons for his withdrawal of the British Residency from Bushire appears

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appears perfectly satisfactory and there is much reason to suppose, that if he had not regarded the outrages committed during the stay of Admiral Sir Frederick Maitland as sufficient ground for his taking this step this hostile disposition of the Governor Mirza Assad must ere long have compelled the Resident to resort to the measure of withdrawing from Bushire.

Captain Hennell's letter no.55 dated 22nd May. 4th. The Governor General considers Me.Edmands entitled to great credit for his service with Admiral Sir Frederick Maitland and subsequently when when acting in a more independent capacity and the report of his proceedings during his interviews with various Chieftains on the coast is highly satisfactory. It is to be hoped that the engagements which have been entered into by the Chieftains to abstain from hostilities with ~~one~~ another will be faithfully kept. Regarding the disposal of Esa Ben Tareef and his followers. His Lordship would not deem it expedient, that they should be settled at Karrack. Bassadore would appear to be a more suitable place of location, and the Imaum of Muscat, if willing to afford a place of residence to these refugees, might wasily arrange for their settlement there or in some other part of his territory. It would be much to be regretted, that Esa bin Tareef should throw himself into the arms of Khorshid Pasha.

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5th. The Governor General is happy to perceive that the Sheikh of Kishen has restored part of the property plundered out of the ship Futteh ool Kahaman and that measures have been taken of induce the restitution of the remainder.

No.56 from Capt.
Hennell.

6th. The Governor General considers the sentiment expressed by Colonel Shiel in his letter of the 3rd March to the Resident at Bushire on the subject of the Blockade of that port to be perfectly judicious.

No.57 from Capt.
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No.63, from -do-
No.64 from -do-

7th. The success of Khorshid Pasha in inducing Sheikh Abdoola bin Ahmed of Bahrein to submit to the payment of tribute exhibits a spirit of determination on the part of that General in persevering in his original attempts to subjugate the maritime states of Arabia notwithstanding the remonstrances of the British Resident in the Persian Gulf which could not have been expected to exist if Mahomed Alli of Egypt had in deference to the British Ministry been willing to suspend the operations of his army on the coast of the Persian Gulf. The conduct of Sheikh Abdoola and other Chieftains who have submitted to the Egyptian general might appear unaccountable but for the disinclination prevailing among them, which seems

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seems to have led them severally each impressed by his own fears of the superiority of the Egyptian Army and acting for his own interests in the absence of any immediate succour from the only foreign power which could have afforded them protection to submit to the present necessity of paying tribute and owing allegiance to Egypt.

8th. The object of the mission of Mahomed Effendi would seem to have been to ascertain what steps the British Government was likely to take to repress his aggressions though he affected to regard them as matters not calculated to give offence to our Govt. His evasive letters in reply to Captain Hennells have been answered in a very proper spirit by that officer and this correspondence will produce the effect of alarming the Pacha and thus arresting him in his course of aggrandizement, or when laid before the Egyptian Govt. will show that the offence of which we complain is too serious to be persisted in without danger to the pacific relations between that Govt. and England.

9th. The removal of Mirza Assad from the Government of Bushire if made avowedly as a separation for the Capt.Hennell's letter No.2 to the Secret Committee. insult offered by that individual to officers of the British Govt. would be viewed by the Governor General as a very gratifying proof that the court of Tehran was becoming sensible of the

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other matters the British Government but this is not reported to be the case and as orders appear to have been issued to the authorities on the coast of Persia, to withhold supplies from the British Troops at Karrak, the removal of the obnoxious Governor may be attributable to intrigue or other causes in which our interests are not involved. The Resident has been already apprised of the opinion of the Governor General that no concession of this nature would justify him in returning to Bushire without first obtaining the sanction of the Indian Govt. or of Colonel Shiel to that measure.

Capt. Hennell's letter
No.43, Poll.Deptt.

10. The communication from
the prince of Fars on the
subject of Khorshid Pasha's

designs against the Island of Bahrein was not answered by Captain Hennell in consequence principally of the opinion of Coll. Shiel that intercourse with the Persian Authorities had better, in our present relations with that country be avoided. The only exception which the Governor General would suggest to that rule, would be in case of, a formal invitation to the Resident to return to Bushire to reassume the duties of his office at that place. In this case it might be convenient to reply, that an application to that effect from the Court of Tehran, would be necessary to induce the British Govt. to replace its Resident on the same footing as formerly

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formerly at Bushire, and that it would then require a reference to his own government before the Resident could return to Bushire.

Captain Hennell,
No.46-48.

11th. The Governor General in Council is disposed to think that Captain Hennell judged rightly in keeping a company's cruiser stationed off the Port of Bushire, notwithstanding the objections urged by commandant Brooks against that measure and the notice to be issued for the information of Masters of British Vessels trading to that port will it is presumed be sufficient to prevent any embarrassment or collision between the crews of British Vessels and the people or authorities in the town.

Captain Hennell's
letter No.51.

12th. His Lordship views with regret the style of Colonel Sherif's correspondence with the Resident on the subject of the risks to which our possession of Karrak is supposed to be liable from external attack, that officers ought to be aware that as long as Captain Hennell resides on the Island, it must be his exclusive province to collect and judge of the intelligence which reaches him regarding the proceedings of foreign powers with relation to our occupation of Karrak, and that as the Commandant of the Force may depend upon receiving the earliest intelligence from the Resident of any danger which may menace the

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Resident's plans for securing intelligence and his want of confidence in its accuracy when procured are alike ~~xx~~ uncalled for and was necessary.

Captain Hennell's
letter No.34,
Poll.Deptt.

13. His Lordship is happy to perceive from Captain Hennell's correspondence with the authority of Muscat that the Imaum's Govt. continues to rely on our friendship and is not likely to lend itself to the further-
-ance of Khorshid Pasha's schemes of conquest beyond the Gulf of Persia.

Simla,
the 1st August 1839.

I have &ca.

Sd/-T.H.Maddock,
J^offg.Secy. to Govt. of India,
with the Governor General.

/True copy/

Sd/-H. Torrens,
Depy. Secy. to Govt. of India
with the Governor General.

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No.25.

No.1963

Political Department.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honourable the
Dispatch dated 20th Sept.1834, No.64 Governor in
-do- -do- 20th -do- 1834, No.65 Council to trans-
-do- -do- 21st -do- 1834, No.66 mit to you for the
-do- -do- 10th Oct. 1834, No.67. purpose of being

laid before the Right Honourable the Governor General
of India in Council, copies of the dispatches, dated as
per margin, from the Political Agent in Turkish Arabia
contain my intelligence &ca.

I have &ca.

Sd/-W.H.Wathen,

Secy. to Government.

Bombay Castle,

23rd December 1834.

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No.26.

No.64.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government of
Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward as per margin
No.5 & 6 copies of my dispatches to the
of 1834. Honourable the Secret Committee.

I have &ca.

Sd/-R.Taylor,

Lieutt. Coll.

Political Agent Turkish Arabia.

Political Department,

Baghdad, 20th Sept.1834.

No.5.

To

The Honourable The Secret Committee of the
Court of Directors East India House- London,

Honorable Sir,

Some hopes of beneficial result to the dominion
and authority of the Port in Mesopotamia may be enter-
tained from the exertions of Mahomed Reshed Pacha late
grand Vizir and now of the Pachalies of Sivas and Diar-
bakir, who will in the course of the present year

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and the presence of a large body of the Turkish Nizam and other Troops appears determining to controul and regulate the Koordish and Arab Tribes between Orfaa, Mardin, and Monsub.

Mahomed Pacha late of Hlappoo, has been appointed to Curdistan, and has just left this city with a small force to take possession of this government and joining the troops under the Kehayeh now at Moosul, to attempt the subjugation of some discontented towns in this government, as Koorkook, and Arbelah, and thence to advance towards the Mansul and Mardin districts to cooperate with Rashed Pacha in the settlement of the Northern and North Eastern portion of Mesopotamia.

These plans appear, I must confess, at present, much beyond the collective means of the two Pachas, and it must be remarked that the people of Curdistan deeply disgusted with the present Turkish authorities; whatever the result, therefore, may be the more powerful and able equal is Reshid Pacha unquestionably should however the contemplated arrangements take place, a fine portion of this country will be freed from the ascendancy of some of the most remarkable banditte who have ever retained it in protracted suffering and misery.

Secret Department

I have &c.

Baghdad 22nd June 1834

Sd/-R.Taylor, Lt.Coll.

Poll.Agent Turkish Arabia.

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No.6.

To

The Honourable the Secret Committee
of the Court of Directors,
East India House, London.

Honorable Sir,

I have now the honor to continue my report of public affairs since my last respects No.5 of 22nd June last in ~~Wxxx~~ this Department.

I referred in my last No.5 to the expected operations of Mahomed Rished Pasha and the departure of Mohamed Pacha of Curdistan to take possession of his district, and aid the former denitary in his plans.

Mahomed Pacha succeeded, under certain stipulations, in entering Kirkook, a lesser town of his Pachalee which in defiance of his promises be plundered acting similarly towards the smaller Arab and Mised, Tribes on his route, and disposing the population of this part of his Government.

The larger tribes desided his power, and the Coordish chiefs of Kerkook fled to the mountains, until, in pursuance of his plans he proceeded to join Rishid Pacha when they returned and took possession of the twon displacing and banishing his ministers.

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He has not been able to take possession of his Government and further to avoid the possibility of Collision with the irritated tribes ~~he~~ took an unfrequented route to Moosul which city he reached in safety.

On his departure from hence towards Mardin, he dispersed a coordish tribe of plunderes on his route, and reported that he was proceeing to the attack of the powerful Yazidi Tribes of Sinjar. He, however, is in all probability simply guarding the road from Mardin by which a Turkish Officer from Consple for Baghdad, with his own and the Pasha's Haram, must shortly pass to this city.

The Jerbah Arabs under Safoog their Sheikh, is at a station a few hours below Moorsul, on the banks of the Tigris, prepared to renew his annual depredations unless his investiture is granted to him from hence, which is not likely to be the case the Pacha has choosen to nominate his nephew Shatash to the Chieftainship for which he is totally unworthy as well from deficinecy of talent, as from the contempt of the whole tribe.

Reshid Pacha is now at a approaching Dearveker and receving augmentation of his military force. The avowed and open portion of his plans I have already laid before your Honourable Board in my despatch No.5, it now remains to state his real purpose.

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The state of Syria will appear from the extract of a letter here enclosed the Porte conceives from the reports she receives that the Pacha of Egypt is so seriously pressed by the revolt of the Syrians, that by a vigorous demonstration in the Eastern part of Syria from the Diarbokir frontier, she had now the opportunity of so establishing the power in Syria, as to encourage and aid the existing revolt and thus recover gradually her empire therein.

There is I fear little doubt from the infatuated dependance of the Porte on Russia, & the gradual approximation of Resheid Pacha to the Russo-aramerian frontier, that all necessary aid, and countenance is assured from thence; if so there is every probability of success.

I have been consulted on this plan of operations, by the people in authority and confidence here, and simply pointed out the necessity of being quite sure of the honour of Russia and their own strength on their right flank towards the mediteranean, before they ventured on so, perilous an undertaking of the truth of Russia no doubt appeared to be entertained by my inquisitors, and altogether, it seems determined to make the attempt but, so great is the Turkish dread here of the Egyptian arms, that no notion would I am sure be cherished of this dangerous enterprise unless sure of Russian Aid.