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action except routine is necessary.

C.O'.H.T.-18- 1- 19.

W.G.NEALE, - 20-1-- 19.

DENYS BRAY, - 21-1- 19.

Pro. No. 88

TELEGRAM FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA,

DATED THE 16TH (RECEIVED 18TH) JANUARY 1919.

Intimate that a series of Committees are being establishe

throughout the Arab Promises of the Turkish Empire
with the object of closely uniting Mosiem elements
and ultimate re-establishment of Moslem rule.

Pro. No. 89.

TELEGRAM FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA,

DATED THE 20TH (RECEIVED 22ND) JANUARY 1919.

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to Baghdad

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saying that Captain Bray is not to be despatched with message to Bin Saud.

For Information. Please see Pro. Nos. 85 and 86 and notes on pre-page.

Routine action later.

C.O.H.T.-23-1-19.

W.G.NEALE, -24-1-19.

Pro.No.90.

TELEGRAM FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA,
DATED THE 24TH (RECEIVED 26TH) JANUARY 1919.

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to Baghdad regarding the letter from Bin Rashid and Nasir to His Majesty the King asking for protection and aid from His Majesty's Government.

For information. The report connects up with Pro.No.4
*See also pro.no.50,53 & 54. the note+ on which by
*Pages 19 and 20, ante. Foreign Secretary, dated
the 7th November 1918,
may be read. The individual who presented the appeal is not readily traceable from our reports and books of reference but he may possibly be an Agent of Bin Rashid who has found his way to Constantinople since the cessation of hostilities.

2. Bin Rashid has now apparently approached His Majesty's Government and his action may be the outcome

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outcome of advice from the Sheriff. In any case it is for the Baghdad authorities to examine and advise upon the issue with reference to local politics and in that light of any intelligence they may have of Bin Rashid's position and intention. Colonel Wilson's criticisms may therefore, be awaited.

Necessary routine action will be taken.

C.O'H.T., -27-1-19.

W.G.NEALE, -28-1-19,

DENYS BRAY, -28-1-19.

Pro.No.91.

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF?,
BAGHDAD, No.1073, DATED (AND RECEIVED) THE 27TH JAN.1919

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to the Secretary of State regarding Bin Rashid's desire for British protection.

For information. This is the reply to the Secretary of State's enquiry in Pro.No.90. The views expressed are sound. An expression of any opinion by the Government of India is unnecessary.

Routine action later.

C.O'H.T., 28-1-19.

W.G.NEALE, -29-1-19,

DENYS BRAY, - 29-1-19.

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(Notes in the Home Department)

(With reference to notes on page 30.)

Seen in the Home Department. We may ask Foreign and Political Department un-officially to furnish us with an extract (paragraph 4) of Colonel Wilson's letter (Pro.No.73) and with copies of the relevant notes.

B.O., 25-1-19.

S.R.HIGNELL, -27-1-19.

Foreign and Political Department.

The routine draft below may issue.

C.O'H.T., -29-1-19.

W.G.NEALE, -29-1-19.

Pro.No.92.

TELEGRAM FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA ,
DATED THE 29TH (RECEIVED 30TH) JANUARY 1919.

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to Baghdad regarding the letter addressed by Bin Rashid to His Majesty the King.

Pro.No.93.

MEMORANDUM FROM THE ASSISTANT PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE
VICEROY, No.291, DATED THE 29th (RECEIVED 31ST)
JANUARY 1919.

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~~Repeatsxxxxxtelegramxxxxx~~

Forwards copy of a letter from the High Commissioner, Egypt, to the London Foreign Office, forwarding a report of the conversations between Colonel Wilson and Bin Rashid's envoy.

Pro.Nos.92 and 93 submitted.

pro.No.92 is for information only. It is for Baghdad to reply.

2. Pro.No.93- Please see Pro.Nos.49, 77, 79 and 90 to 92 and the notes on pages 19, 20, 27 and 28. A copy has gone to Baghdad and Colonel Wilson will size up the report. The General Staff Branch (Army Department) may see unofficially.

Routine action later.

C.O'H.T., - 31-1-19.

W.G.NEALE, - 1-2-19.

I should like to see Pro.No.93 in print.

DENYS BRAY, -1-2-19.

Pro.No.94.

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF, BAGHDAD, NO.1317, DATED THE 31ST JANUARY (RECEIVED 1ST FEBRUARY) 1919.

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to the Secretary of State saying that his recommendations regarding Bin Rashid are not affected by the fact that his letter was

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For information only. Pros.Nos.90 to 92 are the connected references. See also note on Pro.No.91 at page 31. Routine action later.

C.O'H.T., - 1-2-19.

Pro.No.95.

TELEGRAM FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA,
DATED THE 31ST JANUARY (RECEIVED 1ST FEBRUARY) 1919.

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to Baghdad enquiring whether any additional arms and ammunition have been supplied to Bin Saud from Mesopotamia.

Please see Pro.No.73 and notes, page 30-31, in S.W.Dec.19, Nos.194-317 and Pro.Nos.35 to 37 and 39 and notes, pages 14 to 17 in current Series. Baghdad's reply may be awaited.

Routine action later.

C.O'H.T., - 3-2-19.

In a telegram* which was received here last night, See *Pro.No.96. Baghdad has informed Secretary of State that no addition arms or ammunitions have been supplied - nor will be without sanction of His Majesty's Government. No action.

W.G.NEALE, 4-2-19.

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Pr. No. 96

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF,
BAGHDAD, No. 1394, DATED (AND RECEIVED) THE 3RD
FEBRUARY 1919.

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to the Secretary
of State for India regarding the supply of arms and
ammunition to Bin Saud.

Pro. No. 97

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF,
BAGHDAD, No. 1448, DATED THE 3RD (RECEIVED 4TH)
FEBRUARY 1919.

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to the Secretary
of State regarding Bin Sadd's statements about President
Wilson.

Pro. No. 96 and 97 are submitted.

Beyond routine no other action is necessary on Pro. No
96-vide Deputy Secretary (F.)'s note on prepage.

2. Pro. No. 97 is for information. Routine action later

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C.O'H. T., - 4-2-19.

W.G. NEALE, - 5-2-19.

DENYS BRAY, - 5- 2- 19.

Pro. No. 97 a

ENDORSEMENT TO THE HOME DEPARTMENT, No 165-W, DATED THE 6TH
FEBRUARY 1919.

Forwarding a copy of papers cited, for information.

Pro. No. 93 is resubmitted in print for Foreign Secretary's
perusal- vide his order of 1st February on page 32, ante.

C.O'H.T., -11-2-19.

W.G. NEALE, - 12-2-19.

I am amazed that Colonel Wilson (of Jeddah) should
wind up this hopelessly partisan statement by saying
that the spokesman gave him the impression of being
thoroughly reliable.

DENYS BRAY, -12-2-19.

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Pro. No. 98 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER, CAIRO, NO.177-M.,

DATED(RECEIVED) THE 13TH FEBRUARY 1919.

Ask for the probable date of Miss G.Bell's arrival at Suez and whether she intends to continue in the same ship to Europe.

This telegram has probably been addressed to Baghdad though the fact has not been stated. This Department is not aware of Miss Bell's intended visit to Europe. It is for Baghdad to reply to the message in consultation with Miss Bell.

C.O'H.T., - 13-2- 19.

Detter make a sure. Issue the telegram below to High Commissioner.

W. G. NEALE, - 14.2.19.

Pro. No. 99.

TELEGRAM TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, CAIRO, NO. 164-S., DATED

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Enquiring whether his telegram regarding Miss Bell
was intended for Baghdad .

Pro. No. 100

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF,
BAGHDAD, No. 1956, DATED THE 14TH (RECEIVED 15TH)
FEBRUARY 1919.

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to the Secretary
of State regarding the preparations being made by
the Sheriff to attack Bin Saud.

Please See Pro. No. 86, in which it is stated that the
whole question of the dispute between Bin Saud and the
Sheriff is under consideration by His Majesty's Government
and that nothing would be gained by intervention. The
telegram has been addressed to the Secretary of State and

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for the present we may watch developments .

Usual routine action later.

E. A.A.R., - 15-2-19.

W.G. NEALE. -16-2-19.

DENYS BRAY. -17-2-19.

Pro. No. 101.

MEMORANDUM.

MEMORANDUM FROM THE DEPARTING CIVIL COMMISSIONER, BAGHDAD

No. 3661-- 9-2-, DATED THE 1st (RECEIVED 14TH) FEBRUARY
1919.

Forwards a copy of correspondence cited regarding Dr. Harrison
visit to Riyadh at the request of Bin Saud.

For information. Usual routine action later.

C.O'H.T., - 19-2-19.

W.G. NEALE, 20.2.19.

DENYS BRAY. -20-2-19.

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Pro.No. 102 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF,
BAGHDAD, No. 2093, DATED THE 19TH (RECEIVED 20TH)
FEBRUARY 1919.

Regards a telegram which he has addressed to His Majesty's
Secretary of State for India as the subject of his
proposed visit to Cairo to discuss the situation
between Bin Saud and the Sheriff.

For information. The meeting will so doubt expedite
the settlement of the Bin Saud Sheriff dispute which shows
signs of again becoming acute. We may await Secretary of
State's instructions to Colonel Wilson. As long as the
General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Mesopotamia
Expeditionary Force sees none, we need not raise any objection
to the proposed absence from headquarters.

Usual Routine action later.

C.O'H.T., - 20-2-19 .

W.G. NEALE - 21-2-19 .

DEWYS BRAY - 21-2-19 .

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EXTRACT from "Arab Bulletin", No. 108, dated the 11
January 1919 (Dy. No. W- 627).

The subsidy question does not promise so speedy and satisfactory a solution as that of food supply. While the king has assured Lieutenant-Colonel Wilson that he contemplates a "large reduction" in money grants after the Fall of Medina, it being his intention to reduce Beduin allowances to the old standard of surra for the protection of Pilgrim roads and railway, he still vaguely forecasts a demand for about £120,000 per mensem. It is not known why he estimates his further needs at so large a sum; but he gave some indication that his total is not, in fact, so much than estimate of probable deficit as a claim for compensation. As he has revealed more than once, he means to keep to the fore the general suggestion conveyed to him in Sir. H. Mc Mahon's verbal message of December 17, 1915, that His Majesty's Government might be willing to consider monetary compensation to the Arabs, if it eventually retained Basarah. This suggestion he characteristically transforms into a promise of a payment to himself and has even arrived at a figure - £125,000 per mensem - which he appears to believe was pledged to him. Needless to say, no figure was ever quoted

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and nothing beyond the above general suggestion was ever conveyed to him, in either writing or words by His Majesty's Government. The king now states that he has always written off that figure from his subsidy as representing our just debt to himself, if this is a genuine case of self-delusion, as on the whole, we incline to think, it is, we shall have no little difficulty in adjusting matters with so obstinate and opinionated a claimant.

Nor it is clear, whether the King has allowed for the probability that what he has hitherto had to appropriate to Beisal for northern operations will be borne in the future by Syria. If he has not, then the £ 120,000 he asks for will be equivalent to about £ 200,000 of our previous payments and the reduction for southern Hedjaz would be trivial.

Whenever the King produces the detailed estimates which he had promised us after the fall of Medina, it will be necessary to compare them so closely as possible with the pre-war Ottoman Budget for Hedjaz. Especially will it be necessary to discover what proportion of Turkish paymen

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To Hedjaz were in the nature of religious appropriations from Efkaf properties; for it is conceivable that, though the King may be recoking these for lost in the future, we for our part, might well stipulate for their continuance by the peace terms we shall impose on Turkey. To do so would probably be quite legitimate, seeing on what terms those properties are likely to have been originally assigned in mortmain to the Efkaf. It is highly improbable that payments to Hedjaz from them were made subject a condition either expressed or implied that the centre of Islam must be under the political domination of the Ottoman Sultan.

The figures of Turkish Government's disbursements on Hedjaz so far supplied to us, certainly look as though some large item, such as Efkaf payments were not included. The total of those figures for Hedjaz, including Medians but exclusive of postal and customs receipts, is L.T. 333,632, for a given year. Presumably this sum covered among all other administrative salaries, the Ottoman personnel allowance to the Emir of Mecca, which is understood to have amounted to about L.T.12,000 per annum. As the postal service was run at a loss, and local customs receipts which

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produced a surplus of over L.T.80,000, will accrue of course to the new Government the above total of disbursements, less some L.T.40,000 receipts from local taxation, &c. which the king should be equally well able to us from Constantinople. The new state's total less of revenue according to the figures given to us from Constantinople. It is needless to point out the immense discrepancy between that total and the King's estimate of a deficit of £ 120, 000 per annum. Until, however we have further information we cannot be sure either that the Constantinople figures and payments religious and other (they represent probably those only made directly out of the imperial Treasury), or that the king's estimate took account of all possible post war receipts.

The Constantinople figures, however may be taken as a safe general indication of what civil taxation, direct and indirect, may be expected to yield annually in Hedjaz. Under the head of direct taxation we have L.T.40, 917: under that of indirect taxation we have the customs L.T.85, 791 and postal receipts L.T.6, 946, together making a total

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administrative revenue of only. L.T. 133, 654. We shall have to make further enquiry whether the Emirs used to collect direct and indirect dues on their own account and if so to what amount; and also whether the above sum of customs receipts represents the total collected, or only the total remitted to Constantinople: for we know that the product of the Jeddah customs used to be assigned either wholly or in part to the city of Mecca. Lastly the Meccan Emirs had a Privy Purse largely supplied by revenues from family properties in Hedjaz, Egypt and elsewhere. Before so complicated a matter is finally settled it will probably be necessary to have it examined by a financial commission, which must enquire both at Constantinople and in Hedjaz.

The Ikhwan and the Wahabis .

Mr. H. St. J.B. Philby contributes the following statement

"The note which appeared under the above heading on page 340 of the "Arab Bulletin" is open to serious criticism on points of fact and aptly illustrates the tendency of Arab

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everywhere to create facts to suit their prejudices. A Shammari speaking on the subject of the Ikhwan once said to me epigrammatically enough: Ma hum jaiyin min allah wa chin hum chilab-'they be not come from God, in a sooth they be curs'. The Juhaina Sheikh obviously thinks the same. Give a dog a bad name and if you know no facts against him, invent them.

"Elsewhere I have tried to give a reasonel account of the Ikhwan movement and here I only propose to follow the note above to sentence by sentence with counter- statement of fact.

"The Ikhwan do not control the Wahabi movement; they are the instrument of its leadrs of whom the chief in Ibn Saud ; being Bedawin with bess in their bonnets they are not always easy to control.

" Their deliberations are not held in secret; I have frequently witnessed them, especially during Ramadan when they were held on the open foof of the palace; they are naturally attended almost exculsively by the Ikhwan themselves because they are a little too strenuous for ordinary

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people; they consist of Quran, Hadith and Tafsir reading (particularly passages relating to the terrors of Hell and the delights of Paradise) and sermons by Ibn Saud and Abdullah Ibn Abdul Wahab; Ibn Saud has frequently repeated to me in extenso sermons delivered by him on such occasions. Questions such as the Hail offensive and Ibn Saud's motives in holding the Nejd Ikhwan back from Khurma were also common subjects of discussion. I never heard of any death sentence for betrayal of the proceedings on the contrary they are freely discussed in public.

" As regards dress and personal appearance the idea of the Ikhwan is to imitate the practice of Muhammad as nearly as possible; their dress is the dress of the ordinary Badawi; seldom more than a dirty smock girt with a cartridge belt; they do not shave their moustaches but trim them so as to be clear of the upper lip; they trim their beards and wear the ordinary kafiya head-dress with a fillet of white linen in place of the compressed wollen Agal.

" The word Ikhwan is used to denote Badawi who have entered the inner circle of Wahabism; the rest are Hanbalis the word Mutawwa is restricted to the priests or Ulama

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of the sect. Non Ikhwan sometimes contemptuously use the word Mutawwa of Ikhwan generally just as the non-Wahabis (e.g., people of Mecca) use the words Wahabi or Mutawahhabin of the Hanbalis (Wahabis) .

"The word Mutawwa denotes one who make others to obey (the law of God) not one who is utterly submissive .
Ta= to obey; Tawwa= to make to obey.

"They have no wish to cast off the name Muslim; on the contrary they claim to be the only true Muslimin; the ordinary solotion of the Ikhwan is 'Salam alaikum ya Muslimin'.

"They Wahabis adhere strictly to the marriage law of the Quran. Within the fold of matrimony the greatest license is permitted; without it none. In Nejd adultery, fornication, sodomy and drunkenness are punishable with death and are practically unknown.

They do go on pilgrimages, as the obligation to do so is imposed on them by the Quran. The House of God is sacre

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to them in spite of its pollution by the visits of the Mushrikin. Zyyara to the tomb of Muhammed as indeed to any burial place of their own people is permitted, but worship of any tomb is idloatry.

" Muhamnad, though a mere mortal, was Rasul Allah the Prohpet of God, therefore his authority is greater than that of his follows but he is not entitled to be associated with God in worship. That would be Shirk the most heinous of all offences against God.

"Ibn Saud is the head of the movement, but connives at no immorality. On that points both Raunkiaer and, I think Hamilton have libelled him.

"The ghazu is prohibited among the Ikhwan; ~~it~~ is not correst to say that Ibn Saud does not collect Zakat ~~from~~ his dependents; the burder of taxation is very light in Nejd.

" As regard intercourse between Sheriffians and Wahabis, the almost open enmity of the two rulers must necessarily make it difficult. The Wahab s regard the Sherif and his followers as Mushrikin (heretics) and the Sheriff openly denounces Ibn Saud for leading the people from the ture path. The Ikhwan naturally have never served with the Sheriff. Such Wahabis as have, enjoy the oridinary

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matrimonial rights and privileges of the rest of their fellow countrymen; a wife can not divorce her husband and if she marries another while her husband is away, she and her paramour run serious risk of a horrible death. I never heard of the clothes, &c. of those who have served with the Sheriff- and there are hundres of them in Nejd-being laid out in the sun for four days; they generally return the richer by a rifle and smaple ammunition and funds and a e warmly welcomed back by their families.

"The strictest Ikhwan, nodoubt, only return the salutation of fellow Ikhwan, but that has no reference to Sheriffian service.

"I estimate the nu,ber of Ikhwan at perhaps 30, 000 men at the outside. Reduce AbdulMajid's estimate of 300,000 by Doughty's rule and we get my estimate".

KHURMA.

No decisive encouter has as yet taken place between the opposing forces at Khurma. Counsels of patience

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have been strongly urged upon the kind, and a message to Ibn Saud is to be despatched from Baghdad to the effect that, if it~~h~~ he does not abstain from aggressive action and withdraw all Ikhwan forces operating west of Khurma his subsidy will cease and the British authorities consider themselves free to take all measures which may appear desirable to secure peace. This does not impugn his de facto position at Khurma- a problem to be settled at the Peace Congress.

A detailed analysis of the latest of information regarding the causes of the present trouble and of the relative strength of the claims of Khurma, as advanced hitherto by both sides, is in course of preparation and will be published in the next issue of the "Bulletin" at an early date.

Pro. No. 103 .

TELEGRAM FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA,

DATED THE 19TH (RECEIVED 21ST) FEBRUARY 1919.

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Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to Baghdad stating that His Majesty's Government propose to take no action on Bin Rashid's request for aid and protection.

For information. Please see in this connection Serial No. 90 to 94 and notes, page 31 32 and 34, ante. which deal with Bin Saadid's request to His Majesty the King for protection and aid from His Majesty's Government.

Beyond routine no further action is called for.

G.O.H.T.- 22-2-19.

W.G.NEALE., - 23- 2-19.

DEMYB BRAY.24- 2- 19 .

Pro. No. 104.

(Copy).

MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICIATING CIVIL COMMISSIONER, BAGHDAD
NO. 4486- 144, DATED THE 4TH (RECEIVED 21ST) FEBRUARY 1919.

Forwards four letters from Bin Saud.

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Pro. No. 105.

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIANGULF,
BAGHDAD, NO. 2296, DATED (AND RECEIVED) THE 24TH FEBRUARY
1919.

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to the Indian
Office giving the full name of the signatory of the
letter to His Majesty the King regarding Bin Bashid's
desire for the protection of His Majesty's Government.

For information. Please See Pro. No. 90 to 94 and 103,
and notes, pages 31, 32, 34 and 36 ante. Beyond routine
no action is called for.

C.O'H.T.- 25- 2- 19.

W.G. NEALE, 26. 2. 19.

DENYS PRAY, - 26. 2.

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Pro. No. 106.

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, DATED THE 25TH (R

VED 26TH) FEBRUARY. 1919.

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Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to Baghdad giving the terms of the message which is to be conveyed to Bin Saud and King Hussain.

Pro. No. 106 and 107 are~~ed~~ submitted and may be read together, please see also Pro. No. 86, 100 and 102 and the notes on page 34, ante. Colonel Wilson from Baghdad

* Vide Pro. No. 102. has proceeded* to Cairo where he expected to arrive on the evening of the 26th February and will see the message in Pro. No 107 so that it need not be repeated to him by us. He will arrange for the message to be conveyed to Bin Saud. Cairo

*Vide Pro. No. 106. will no doubt send the message for King Hussain by Colonel Wilson from Jeddah who is also at Cairo just now.

Beyond routine no action is called for at present.

C.O.H.T.- 27- 2- 19.

W.G. NEALE, 28. 2.

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DENYS BRAY

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Pro. No. 108

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, DATED THE

25TH (RECEIVED 27TH) FEBRUARY 1919.

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to the London Foreign Office on the subject of the Sheriff- Bin Saud dispute.

For information. This is one of the telegrams referred to by the Secretary of State in Pro. No.107 and has, therefore been considered by His Majesty's Government. Beyond routine no further action is called for at present.

COO'H.T., - 1- 3- 19.

W.G. NEALE, - 4-3- 19.

DENYS BRAY, - 4-3- 19.

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Pro. No. 109

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, DATED

THE 2ND (RECEIVED 3RD) MARCH 1919.

REPEATS a telegram which he has addressed to the London

Foreign Office conveying a message from Colonel

Wilson... A. T. WILSON to the India Office with

regard to Bin Saud.

For information. Please see Pr. No. 106 to 108. It is

Pro. Nos 754, 767 and 774 in Secret- for His
War, March 1917, Nos. 734-819. Majesty's

Government to pass orders on Colonel Wilson's proposed
action with Bin Saud. The latter was granted a subsidy
of £ 5. 000 per mensem.

Usual routine action will be taken.

C.O.H.T. - 4-3-19.

W.G. NEALE.5. 3.1

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DENYS BRYAN. 5.3.1

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Pro. No. 107

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, DATED THE
25TH (RECEIVED 27TH) FEBRUARY 1919.

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, DATED

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Beyond routine no further action is called for at present.

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W.G. NEALE, - 4-3- 19.

DENYS BRAY, - 4-3- 19.

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W.G. NEALE.5. 3.19

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ENDORSEMENTS TO THE ARMY DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS,

NO. 53. W. J., DATED THE 3RD APRIL 1919.

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WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY'S LETTER No. 26-M., DATED

THE 2ND APRIL 1919.

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TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN

GULF, BAGHDAD, NO. 2723, DATED (RECEIVED) THE 9TH

MARCH 1919.

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2. If it is truly religious there is much to be feared in trying to stay its spread and until the local authorities report on the real cause, aims and power of the advance along the Arab littoral it is difficult of estimate its moral effect and local purpose. The combination of the various tribes in a bond of religious belief would put Bin Saud in a very strong position.

3. We may wait and see what Colonel Wilson has to say or whether His Majesty's Government wish any particular action taken. As Colonel Wilson will shortly visit Paris he is sure to be fully consulted on this and other kindred matters.

Usual routine action will be taken.

C.O.H.T, - 10-3- 19.

W.G. NEALE, 11.3.19.

There can be no question of our asking Bin Saud to prevent the spread of the Akhwan movement along the

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Persian Gulf. The telegram is meant as a warning that the Ikhwan movement is on the increase and that it may no longer be within Bin Sadu's power to restrict it this side of the storm-centre, Kaurma, even if he would.

DENYS BRAY. 11.3.19.

Pro. No. 111 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN, GULF

No. 2755, DATED THE 10TH (RECEIVED 11TH) MARCH 1919.

Says that the Conference suggested by General Allenby has taken place and has contributed materially to solution of problem immediately under discussion. Request that his thanks may be conveyed to General Allenby.

The conference was to discuss the situation

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between Bin Saud and King Hussain.

2. For information. No orders. Usual routine
action will be taken.

C.O'H. T., - 11.13- 19-

W.G.NEALE- 12-2-19.

Pro. No. 112.

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN, GULF.

No. 2895. DATED (AND RECEIVED) THE 13 TH MARCH. 1919.

Recommends the visit of a son of Sheikh Isa and a son
of Bin Saud to England for a period of one month.

* Gazetteer of Arbin, Volume I Sheikh Isa Bin
page 368.

All al Khalifah, * C.S.I. is the ruler of Bahrein. He
was born about 1843.

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2. Bahrein † is not a British Protectorate, but is
† Ibid. under British protection.

The Sheikh who has certain engagements with us regarding
the administration over all foreigners to the British
Government. He owes the Chiefship entirely to us. Sheikh
Isa is honourable and loyal. All cases in which foreigners
are concerned are tried by the Political Agent.

3. Sheikh Abdullah, † Sheikh Isa's third or youngest
son, is the most intelligent of the family and is of great

† Ibid, page 369. assistance to the

Political Agent. He is the father's favourite and has
much influence over him. He was awarded the C.I.E. in
January's 1st, 1915, for assistance rendered at the
commencement of the war. Age about the 36 Years.

4. No information is available as to the number of

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sons Bin Saud

has. "Personalities in Arabia" says Bin Saud shows great

I saw in some report that Turki
had succumbed to influence,

philoprogenitiven

marriving one wife after

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DENYS BRAY, - 15-3-19. another, and giving each away, either at once or after her first child is weaned, to other Sheikh or followers. Turki Iba Abd el Azzi "" is his eldest son: age about 22 years.

5. The telegram has been addressed to this Department. We cannot say whether the proposed visit to England will be convenient at the present time. As it has been repeated to Bushire and the Secretary of State for India we may wait -say for a week- and see if either has anything to say. It would be a good education to get the individuals to England and let them see the power in which their fathers have vested their interests. Cairo to whom the message has also gone is sure to have some criticism to make about Bin Saud 'son. In any case if the proposition is viewed with any interest at home, the Secretary of State for India is sure to give some indication of it and give a clue of the line of action likely to be most effective in these days when very large and important issues are under discussion and business most pressing. 770

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6. Usual routine action will be taken.

C.O'H.T., -14- 3- 19.

I think we might wait a week.

W.G.NEALE, - 15.3.19

Perhaps we may as well concur at once and have done
with it. Issue.

DENYS BRAY- 15.3.19.

Pro. No. 113.

TELEGRAM TO HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA,

NO. 324- S, DATED THE 15TH MARCH 1919.

Says that we concur.

Pro. No. 114 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF,

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No. 2935, DATED THE 13TH (RECEIVED 14TH) MARCH 1919.

Telegraphs the views of the Political Agent at

Bahrein with regard to Kurma.

For information. Usual routine action will be taken.

2. Secretary of State's reply is awaited to Colonel

Pro. No. 109

Wilson's suggestion

that Bin Saud's subsidy should be stopped and that King

Hussain should be allowed to occupy Kurma if he wishes

to do, so.

C.O'H.T., - 15-3- 19.

W.G. NEALE, - 16-3- 19.

Pro. No. 115.

TELEGRAM FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA,

DATED THE 12TH (RECEIVED 21 ST) MARCH 1919.

Repeats telegram addressed to the Civil Commissioner,

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Baghdad regarding Ibn Saud, in which he is authorised to communicate a message to Ibn Saud on the question of his future subsidy.

For information. Please see Pro. No. 106 to 109.

The question has been fully discussed with the Chief local authorities. The decision is based on the views of Colonel Wilson, vide Pro. No. 109. Colonel Wilson is sure to send the required instructions to the Officer acting for himself as Civil Commissioner in Mesopotamia, during his temporary absence on duty to Europe. No action beyond routine, is therefore necessary.

C.O'H.T., - 25- 3- 19.

W.G.NEALE, - 26.3. 29

DENYS BRAY, - 26.3.19.

Pro. No. 116 .

MEMORANDUM FROM THE DIRECTOR, ARAM BUREU, CAIRO, DATED THE

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5TH (RECEIVED 31ST) MARCH 1919.

Note on a meeting held at the Residency, Cairo,
regarding the Khurma question.

Pro. No. 117 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, CAIRO,
NO.463, DATED THE 31ST MARCH (RECEIVED 1ST APRIL) 1919.

Says that a representative from Bin Saud having arrived
professing complete devotion to Government's interests,
His Majesty's Government's message has been delayed
pending a reference to Colonel Wilson.

Pro. No. 118.

TELEGRAM FROM THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, CAIRO,
No.464, DATED THE 31ST MARCH (RECEIVED 1ST APRIL) 1919.

Says that as delivery of the message to Bin Saud has been

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delayed, opportunity should be taken to strengthen it on the lines already suggested.

Pro. No. 116-118 are submitted. Pro. No. 116 is for information only. General Staff Branch (Army Department) may see unofficially.

Pro. No. 117- Baghdad's telegram, no. 3422, has not

Pro. No 115. received. It probably refers to the message ordered by His Majesty's Government to be conveyed to Bin Saud. As the message was not delivered we need not ask for the repetition of the telegram.

Pro. No. 118- It is again proposed* that Bin Saud should

* Pro. No. 109. be told that his subsidy has been discontinued. His reply, it is anticipated, will be for continuance of it on a reduced scale. Advantage will then be taken to induce him, to evacuate Khurma and to abstain from any aggression against King Hussain. Colonel

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Wilson is sure to discuss the matter fully with the Home Department and telegraph his views.

2. Usual routine action will be taken.

C.O'H.T.-1-4-19.

W.G.NEALE, 2-5. 19

DENYS BRAY- 2-4-19.

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Pro. No. 119 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF,
No. 3773, DATED THE 2ND (RECEIVED 3RD) APRIL 1919.

Repeats two telegram regarding Bin Saud.

For information. Usual routine action will be taken.

E . A . R., - 3-4-19,

W.G. NEALE, 4.4. 19

DENYS BRAY- 4.4. 19.

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(Notes in the General Staff Branch)

(Vide Foreign Secretary's note, dated the 2nd April
1919, above.)

Seen thanks.

G. N. FORD.8-4- 19.

Pro. No. 120

TELEGRAM FROM THE RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF, NO. 4056,

DATED (AND RECEIVED) THE 9TH APRIL 1919.

States that a caravan belonging to Ajaimi has been
captured at Khamisiyah.

Pr. No. 121 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF,

No. 4086, DATED THE 9TH (RECEIVED 10TH) APRIL 1919.

Reports on Captain Robert's action in meeting Bin

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Rashid.

Pro. No. 120 - On the 14th January 1919, the Secretary of

+ Bro. No. 83. State enquired +
+ Pro. No. 87. of the Political

Resident in the Persian Gulf, whether Ajaimi could come to Iraq and make friends. His reply † was in the negative as Ajaimi had been consistently hostile to the last.

Ajaimi Ibn Sadun @ is the most influential Chief among the

Personalities, Arabia, page 97. Muntefig. Succeeded his father in 1911. At first anti-Turk, and had designs

@ Ibid., page 77. on Basrah. Was

forestalled by our advance in 1915 and turned against us: but lost much prestige by inaction at the battle of Sheiba. Since then he has been hostile but ineffective. Koweit is at virtually perpetual feud@ with Ajaimi. A man of bad reputation among Arbs.

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Khamisiyah @ is a large village in the Euphrates

@ Gazetteer of Arabia, Part II, page 1037. valley,

**Ibid., page 1268. situated

some six miles to the southward of Suq. ash-Shuyukh, one of the Chief towns** in the Munteiq country. It was formerly a Turkish military station.

2. Pro. No. 121.- Zobeir is old Basrah.

+ + Ibid. page 1104. Linah+ + is

a celebrated group of wells in North eastern Arabia.

Ibn Rashid, through his Agent, wrote + + to His Imperial Majesty the King- Emperor asking for permanent

+ + Pro. No. 90 and 92. friendly relations, aid and protection, and for the deputation of "Government officials" to facilitate and assure communication and means of intercourse. With regard to the reply, the Political

Pro. No. 91.

Resident in the Persian

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Gulf suggested* to the Secretary of State that it takes the form of an intimation to Bin Rashid that His Majesty's Government are not under present circumstances disposed to depute a British official to wait on him and that we should require practical proof of his friendly sentiments towards the King of the Hedjaz before taking any action towards entering into any relations with him.

The awkwardness of Captain Roberts's meeting with Bin Rashid is apparent. Copy of the telegram will go informally to the General Staff Branch and Army Department.

3. Usual routine action will be taken.

C.O'H. T., - 10- 4- 19.

W. G. NEALE. 11.4.19

DENYS BRAY. 11.4. 19.

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Pro. No. 121 a

ENDORSEMENT TO THE ARMY DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS NO. 60-W.C,
DATED THE 16TH APRIL. 1919.

Forwards Pro. No. 110- 121.

Pro. No. 121 b

MEMORANDUM OF PAPERS FORWARDED TO THE INDIA OFFICE, WITH
FOREIGN SECRETARY'S LETTER NO. 30- M, DATED THE
16TH APRIL 1919.

Pro. No. 122.

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF,
No. 4293, DATED THE 15 TH (RECEIVED 16TH) APRIL 1919.

Says that Colonel Wilson telegraph that the message as
finally ordered by His Majesty's Government should
now be sent to Bin Saud; and that Bin Saud's request
for a Boundary Commission has been placed before His
Majesty's Government.

Bin Saud subsidy will now be reduced to one-half.

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He is also to prevent the despatch of reinforcements to Khurma by its Akhwan sympathisers in Nejd; in other words His Majesty's Government recognise King Hussain's claims to jurisdiction over Khurma.

A report of Bin Saud's attitude on receipt of the message may be awaited.

Usual routine action will be taken.

C.O.H. T. - 16-4-19.

W.G. NEALE. 17.4.19

DENYS BRAY. 18.4.19

Pro. No. 123.

TELEGRAMS FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF,

No. 4487, DATED THE 17TH (RECEIVED 19TH) APRIL 1919.

Says that Ibn Rashid is reported to be near Abu Ghar seeking to enter into friendly relations with the administration of Iraq. His messenger is en route for Baghdad.

For information. Usual routine action will be taken.

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C.O'H.T., - 19- 4- 19.

W.G. NEALE. 21-4-19

DENYS BRAY. 21- 4- 19.

Pro. No. 124 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF,

No, 4893, DATED THE 29TH(RECEIVED 30TH) APRIL 1919.

Says that Bin Rashid's representative has been interviewed.

He has nothing new to say and has been sent back to
get a letter from Bin Rashid.

For information only. Usual routine action will
be taken.

J. W. E., - 30-4-19.

A.N.L.CATER. 30.4.1

DENYS BRAY. 30.4.19.

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Pro. No. 125 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GOLF,

No. 4919, DATED (AND RECEIVED) THE 30TH APRIL 1919.

LETTER FROM Bin Saud regarding King Hussain's intended
aggression.

Secretary of State's telegram of the 10TH April has

* P~~ro~~ No. 122.

been sent in

* Pro. No. 115.

continuation of

telegram Nos. ~~been~~* 4293, dated the 14th April, which
contains the orders of the Secretary of State. The orders
were that the message of His Majesty's Government should
be sent to Bin Saud, and that Bin Saud should be informed
at the same time that his request for a Boundary Commission
has been placed personally by Colonel Wilson before His
Majesty's Government.

2. Bin Saud's present letter does not appear to be
a reply to that communication. It is another appeal to

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The Under Secretary of State,

India Office.

Pro..No.

SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL STUDIES, LONDON INSTITUTION.

Finchbury Circus,

London, E.C.2.

Translation of Turkish letter.

To His Imperial Majesty King George, through the
British Foreign Office.

Your Imperial Majesty,

The Amir Saud ibn Abdul Aziz ~~Ar-~~ Rashid who has ruled
for twenty-four years over the Rashid Emirate in ~~Nejd~~,
Northern Arabia, which he inherited from his ancestors,
begs respectfully to lay before your Majesty the following

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(Received on the 3rd March 1919 with Political Secretary's
letter No. 5, dated the 30th January 1919.)

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(Copy also sent to Baghdad.)

Foreign Office,

Sir,

23rd January 1919.

I am directed by Earl Curzon of Kedleston to transmit
for the information of Mr. Secretary Montagu, a copy of
a letter in Turkish addressed to the King and signed by one
Rashidan -Nasir, who describes himself as the Chief Agents
of the Emir of Nejd, with a copy of a telegram on the
subject addressed by this Department to Sir Reginald
Wingate at Cairo, asking him to telegraph his views on
this communication.

Lord Curzon would be glad if you would take similar
action at Baghdad, if Mr. Montagu sees no objection.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble
servant,

J.A.C.TILLEY.

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Akhwn movement under the leadership against the Holy Land. It will be a relief when Colonel Wilson is again at the helm in Baghdad and we may await his suggestions in the matter.

DENYS BRAY. 2.5.19

Pro. No. 126

TELEGRAM FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA,

DATED THE 30TH APRIL (RECEIVED 1ST MAY) 1919.

Says that if Bin Rashid or his messenger arrives in Iraq he should be heard, and his proposals reported for orders.

For information. Usual routine action will be taken.

J. W. E., - 2.5.19.

A.N.L.CATER, 3.5.19.

DENYS DRAY. 3.5.19.

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(c) that in the event of an alliance between Bin Saud

@ Ibid.

and Bin Rashid, the

Sheriff would find the two combined too strong for him

and would make further calls on us;

(d) that the Pilgrim routes through Central Arabia
would be rendered still unsafe;

(e) that the Indian Government has direct concern *

**Mr. Hogarth' Memorandum on Arabian with Bin
affairs, dated 8th February 1916, page 4. Saud because
of his position in Hasa and his relation to the Gulf
Hinterland in general.

5. The action of the Secretary of State on Bin Saud's
letter may be awaited. In the meantime usual routine
action will be taken.

J. W. E., - 1- 5- 19.

A.N.L.CATER. 2.5.19

We cannot usefully intervene. Pig-headed though the
Sheriff, is we are bound hand and foot by him, As I tried
to show in my note at page-19-20; and trusty ally though
Bin Saud had proved, We cannot tolerate an aggressive

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restrain King Hussain from attacking Khurma.

3. The telegram has been repeated to Cairo and to

Pro. No. 115.

Colonel Wilson.

But probably it will be of no avail. His Majesty's Government are in favour * of King Hussain carrying out his administrative measures in Khurma, and consider Bin Saud's " attempt to extend his influence and authority to so remote a spote as Khurma as ill- advised."

+ Pro. S.W. DEC 19 Nos. 1919 317
PRO. NO. "275 .

+ His Majesty's Government hardly
needed our advice in the matter.

4. The situation
is critical.
we have advised
+ the Secretary

DENYS BRAY 2.5.19.

of state to avoid this interencene strife † Our
reasons are:-

(a) that @ Bin Saud in not easily accessible to pressure
by naval and land force;

(b) that @ so long as Bin Saud, who is our older ally
is with us, he acts as a counterpoints to both the

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circumstances :-

Ever since the establishment of this Emirate up to the date (date omitted) we have been loyally devoted to the neighbouring Turkish Empire by reason of our friendly relations and the ties of religion.

We trust that Your Majesty and the nobility and people of England will readily appreciate the devotion we have shown to our masters in spite of the fact that here we are altogether deprived of the benefits of modern civilisation and progress.

Now that your Imperial Government has concluded an armistice with the Ottoman Government and that a state of exists with the Allies, and now that your Government has extended its friendship and protection to the people of Islam, the Emiratee desires to enter into permanent friendly relations with your Imperial Government, and on this account desires that your imperial Government should extend to this Emirate and its people the protection and

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aid which all enable it to embark on a career of happiness, progress and independence.

The friendly relations which from the earliest times have existed between this Emirate and the House of Hedjaz will now be renewed and strengthened. Seeing that the peoples (of other Emireates), but all belong to the hardy tribe of Shamar Kahtan, they will always be prepared to hold an even balance of power among the Amirs of Araiba.

We desire that your Imperial Government may be pleased to accept our respectful homage and send us Government officials who will facilitate and assure for us communication and means of intercourse in accordance with the basic principles which have been demonstrated by your Imperial Government.

13 Tishi in Sani 1334

RASHID AN- NABIR,

Chief Agent to the Amir

Ibn ar- Rashid.

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Telegram to Sir R. Wingate (Cairo).

No. 99.

Foreign Office,

22nd January 1919.

(Bin Rashid's request for British protection.)

We have received through the Netherlands Legation at Constantinople letter in Turkish addressed to the King and signed by Rashid an Na'ir who describes himself as the Chief Agent of the Emir of Nejd. Letter which is dated to 13th Tishrin Sani 1334, states in the name of Bin Rashid that the Emirate desires to enter into permanent friendly relations with His Majesty's Government and ask for protection and aid. It refers to the long established friendly relations with the House of Hedjaz which will now be renewed and strengthened, points out that the people of the Emirate" which extends from Baghdad to Mousl" are one tribe and states that they will always be prepared to hold an even balance of power among the Emirs of Arabia. Finally it asks that Government officials may be sent to facilitate and assure communications and means of intercourse.

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Please telegraph your views on this communication .

India Office is being asked to telegraph to Baghdad in
a similar sense.

This is the letter to Bin Rashid's Agent referred to

* Pro. No. 90

in the telegram*

from the Secretary of State, dated the 24th January 1919.

Bin Rashid desires permanent friendly relations with His

+ Pro. No. 103.

Manesty's Government

and the despatch of Government officials to facilitate and
assure communications and means of intercourse. The letter
is discussed in Pro. No 91, 92 and 94. His Majesty's
Government have decided + not to take any action in the
matter for the present.

General Staff Branch (Army Department) may see unofficia

F. S. H., -8-5-19,

A.N.L.CATER? 9.5.19.

General Staff Branch.

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Seen thanks, in General Staff Branch.

G.H. ROGERS, 12. 5. 19

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Pro. No. 127

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF,

NO. 5230, DATED THE 8TH (RECEIVED 10TH) MAY. 1919.

Asks for early orders with regard to the proposed visit to
England of a son of the Sheikh of Barrein and a son
of Bin Saud.

For information. Usual routine action will be taken.

F.S.H., 12.5.19.

A.N.L.CATER, 13.5.19

Pro. No 128 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF,

No. 6371, DATED THE 10TH (RECEIVED 12TH) MAY 1919.

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Reports that the Ikhwan movement seems to be spreading
and causing some alarm in Bahrein, Koweit and
on the borders of Mesopotamia.

Pro. No. 129 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF,

No. 5314, DATED THE 10TH (RECEIVED 12TH) MAY 1919.

Intimation from Bin Saud that he is going to the western
front to prevent further disturbances and to gain
the satisfaction of His Majesty's Government,
For information. Usual routine action will be taken.
F. S. H. - 13- 5- 19.

A. N. L. CATER, 14. 5. 19

DENYS TRAY, 14. 5. 19

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Pro. No . 130 .

TELEGRAM FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA,

DATED THE 12TH (RECEIVED 13TH) MAY. 1919.

Approves of the visit of Abdulla and a son of Bin Saud

to England. Requests that the approximate date of
their telegraphed.

For information. Usual routine action will be taken.

F. S. H., 14-5-19.

A. N. L. CATER, 15-5 19

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ENDORSEMENT TO THE ARMY DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS, No 131- W.C.

DATED THE 30TH MAY 1919.

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TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF,

No. 5487, DATED THE 15TH (RECEIVED 16TH) MAY 1919.

Regarding the position between King Hussain and
Bin Saud.

Pro. No. 132.

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF,

No 5549, DATED THE 16TH (RECEIVED 17TH) MAY 1919.

Repeats detailed information of the hostile action of
the Sheriffian force referred to in his telegram No.
5487 .

Two receipts for perusal. Matters between King Hussain
and the Akhwan have reached a climax, with first biddd
to King Hussain. In this connection Pro. No. 129 and
Foreign Secretary's note on page 44 may be read. General
Staff Branch may perhaps see and usual routine action will
be taken latter.

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No other action seems possible at the present moment
and we may await further information.

S. S. H. - 17- 5- 19.

This might perhaps be mentioned to His ^Excellency
the Viceroy.

A.N.L.CATER, 18-5-19

His Excellency and General Staff Branch will have seen
these telegram in the ordinary course. There is at present
nothing we can say or do.

DENYS BRAY 29. 5.19.

Pro. No. 133 .

TELEGRAM FOR THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF,

No. 1552, DATED THE 17TH (RECEIVED 18TH) MAY 1919.

Overtures with Ibn Rashid.

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One of the three main land routes* for the Haj pilgrimag

*Handbook of Hedjaz, page 87.

is from Baghdaā

† Ibid, page 104.

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‡ Ibid page 104, ¶70 and 171.

or Sama

wah and by Hail to Medina or Mecca. It is subject to Harb
raids† The distance ‡ from Hail to Mecca is 479 miles,
over vast deserts.

For information. Usual routine action will be taken.

E.A.R., - 19-5-19.

A.N.L.CATER, 19-5

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Pro. No. 134.

MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICIATING CIVIL COMMISSIONER, BAGHDAD,

NO. S.-199- 9-5, DATED THE 29TH APRIL (RECEIVED 22ND MAY)

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Notes on the interview with Bin Rashid's agent regarding
Bin Rashid's relations with the Turks, & c.

The gist of these notes were telegraphed by the
Officiation Civil Commissioner on the 17th May.

2. For information. Usual routine action will be
taken.

F. S. H., 23- 5- 19.

Foreign Secretary should see later.

A.N.L.CATER 24.5

Pro. No. 135

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSTANGUGULF,

No. 5759, DATED THE 21ST (RECEIVED 23RD) MAY.1919.

Reports the arrivial at Basrah of Rashid, a representative
of the Sheriff of Mecca, to buy medicines, &c. Arraggeme
of an alliance between the Sheriff and Bin Rashid against
Bin Saud.

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For information. Usual routine action will be taken.

F. S. H. - 26-5-19 .

A. N. L. CATER, 27.5.19.

Pro. No. 136

MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICIATING CIVIL COMMISSIONER, BAGHDAD,

NO. 13981, DATED THE 10TH (RECEIVED 26TH) MAY 1919.

Pro. No. 137.

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENTS IN THE PERSIAN, GULF,

No. 5860, DATED (RECEIVED) THE 26TH MAY 1919.

Reports that Ajaimi is being brought to Damascus. Suggestion
that he should be regard as a political prisoner,

Pro. No. 136. There is nothing of importance in the
papers, and General Staff Branch need not see. They will

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receive a printed copy in a few days.

Pro. No. 137.- An account of Ajaimi Ibn Saudn will be

*Pro. No. 83. found on page 41, ante.

† Pro. No. 87. He desired * to return to Iraq, but the Political Resident opposed † it.

A short account of Saiyid Talib's career is given in the demi-official letter † from this Department, dated † Secret- War January 1918, No 1-116, the 12th August page 16 and 17 of notes. 1916, to the Resident in Mysore.

In Cairo Saiyid Talib is being treated @ as a private @ Ibid Pro. No. 63 and 70. individual under @Ibid, Pro. No. 64. unobtrusive surveillance. He is in receipt of maintenance allowance @ of Rs. 1,200 a month from Basrah revenues.

For information. Usual routine action will be taken.

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F. S. H.- 27. 5. 19.

A.N.L.CATER, 28. 5. 19.

Pro. No. 138

MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICIATING CIVIL COMMISSIONER, BAGHDAD,

NO. 13995, DATED THE 27TH (RECEIVED 26TH) MAY. 1919.

Effect of the Ikhwan movement on Koweit.

Pro. No. 139.

MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICIATING CIVIL COMMISSIONER,

BAGHDAD, NO. 14044-9-2, DATED THE 10TH (RECEIVED 26TH)

MAY 1919.

Note on the Ikhwan movement.

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Pro. No. 140

TELEGRAM FROM THE OFFICIATING CIVIL COMMISSIONER, BAGHDAD,

No. 5919, DATED THE 26TH (RECEIVED 27TH) MAY 1919.

Intention of Bin Rashid to escort pilgrims from

Zobeir to Mecca and back.

For information. Usual routine action will be taken.

F. S. H., - 28-5-19 .

A. N. L. CATER, 29.5.19

Pro. No. 141 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING EGYPT, CAIRO

No. 857, DATED THE 27TH (RECEIVED 28TH) MAY 1919.

Gives the gist of a report received from Jeddah regarding

the differences between Ein Saud and King

Hussain.

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Pro. No. 142 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, EGYPT, CAIRO

NO. 877, DATED THE 28TH (RECEIVED 29TH) MAY 1919.

Reports that Abdulla was attacked by the Akhwan
at Turabah and driven out.

Turabah* is a town near the south-eastern confines of

*Gazetter of Arabia, Volume III, page 1881. Hedjaz,

and about 90 miles by road east - south- east- of Taif.

Taif† is about 75 miles south- east of Mecca. It is
the summer residence of.

† Handbook of Hedjaz, page 31. the summer
residence of King Hussain.

Ashairah ‡ is an important halting place on the Persian

‡ Gazetteer of Arabia, Volume I, Page 230 Haj route,

situated nearly 100 miles north- east by east from Mecca.

It is at the junction of the Haj routes from Qasim and Riyadh.

@Handbook of Hadjaz, page 89.

sacred vicinity of Mecca.

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