

relinquish further opposition.

2. This view of the case is indeed borne out by the contents of a letter to my address from Saïed Syud, entrusted to his care, wherein the Saïed omits any allusion to the sublime Porte, and invites me to adjudicate the matter on its own merits as between the rival branches of the Alto-obei family, proposing to become himself guarantor for Sheikh Mahomed ben Abdullah. A translation of his letter is herewith submitted, together with the draft of my reply, the tenor of which, I trust, may meet with the approval of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council. If I might be permitted a suggestion with reference to the latter document, I would respectfully observe, that were a direct communication in somewhat similar terms addressed by his Lordship in Council to the Wahabee Ruler, it would probably have a beneficial effect both in soothing any irritation he might feel at the operation of our Policy and

and in inducing a more ready acquiescence therein for the future.

3. At my first interview with Sheikh Mahomed ben Abdallah, I have found him full of professions of subservience to the wishes of the British Government, though protesting, as was to be expected, against the required sacrifice of his pretensions to the half of Bahrein, in exchange for a pension from his rival Kinsman. It will be remembered that the terms offered to him by Sheikh Mahomed ben Khalfah were 10,000 browas per annum if he would finally quit the Wahabee territory, or 6,000 browas if he withdrew from the coast to Lahaah or to some other place equally remote in the interior - I confess, however, I conceive it would be greatly to the advantage of all parties, both as relieving ourselves from certain embarrassment hereafter, and as being agreeable to my visitor,

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that for a pecuniary allowance of this nature should be substituted the assignment of the revenue of certain villages to a similar amount, of which the administration should be left to his agents on location on the spot; and in proceeding accordingly to invite Sheikb Mahomed ben Nihilofa to fulfil his engagements, it is my intention to propose to him to depute his brother Sheikb Ali to Bushire, for the purpose of discussing the modifications referred to, or acquaint me how far he would be disposed to entertain it on my approaching tour of the Gulf.

I have the honor to be, &c.

Signed A. B. Keimball,

Resident in the Persian Gulf. Copy of Tomba
Comptroller

Secret Department 10th of 1857

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From

Commander Felix Jones A.S.
Political Agent Persian Gulf
Civil Govt. and Resident Persian Gulf

To

Major General Walter C. B.
Commanding Persian Expeditionary Force
Bushiro

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushiro January 14th 1857

See

In continuation of my communication
No 60 of 1856 I do myself the honor to forward
translation of a news letter that has reached
me this morning through the medium
of an influential merchant in this town.

I likewise enclose translated
substance of a letter with enclosure from
Bamyan the Soob-e-Siyeh chief to the
Arabic Secretary to this Residency. May
I beg the favor of your causing the
information contained in these documents
to be communicated to Major B. at the
Intelligence Department.

I have the honor to be
signed Felix Jones

Political Agent P. & F. Gulf

True copy

signed H. F. Debowe

Asst. Pol. Agent P. & F.

and Asst. Res. Persian Gulf

A few items of intelligence received at Bushire yesterday (13th) through the medium of parties who arrived in town yesterday.

Text to Resident
by messenger
Bushire received

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The following is the strength of the Army with the Shorja at Moolk in Borrajorn.

Two thousand Horse.

Twelve thousand Foot of whom six thousand are Sirbay (Regulars and six thousand dependents of the Tel Khane, an Muzya Sultan Mahomed Khan Bikhkhanee. (a horse man is paid daily 4 Krones a foot soldier 2 Krones.

Twelve Guns

The Prince Governor of Fars on the arrival of his son in Shiraz left the Government in his charge and moved to the South with 10 pieces of Artillery and 3,000 Soldiers the Amir Fung lately in Kiong it is also reported will (shortly) join the Prince Governor. - Hoossein Khan of Dashtey, too, is looked for in Camp.

3. A native of Borrajorn reports the strength of the (Borrajorn) Army to be close upon 20,000 and they (only) await the arrival of His Royal Highness to march in the direction of Bushire. They sent a recruiting party of 200 horse men to Shiraz.

4. A Cassid was bearing some letters for Bushire merchants. His letters were seized.

5. It is reported from Tehran that Fayz Allah Khan Father of the British lately deceased in Bushire is under orders to come with 20 Guns and a number of Regiments.

True translated substance
Signed H. P. D. Esbrowe
Agent Political Agent B. E. I.

Copied by
J. D. Oliver
Comp. D. S. Foster

Office No. 1830

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No. 67 of 1859. 58
Political Department.

From,

H. L. Anderson, Esquire,
Secretary to Government

To,

Bombay
The Secretary to the Govt. of India
in the Foreign Department
Fort William,

Sir,

Dated, 11th May 1859.

I am directed by the Right Honble
the Governor in Council to forward for
submission to the Right Honble the Viceroy
and Governor General of India in Council,
copy of a letter from the Resident in the
Persian Gulf, dated the 5th April last, 1859,
respecting the circumstances connected
with an interview between the Commodore
in the Gulf and the Chief of Abotthabee, &c.

2. The Resident has been
informed that the intelligence contained
in his letter is very satisfactory, and
that the Right Honble the Governor in
Council concurs in the views expressed in
the last para.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. L. Anderson
Secretary to Government

Bombay letter,
11th May 1859.

Edy. Thompson
Confd.
J. W. van der Grinten

Office No. 584

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No. 221 of 1856

From,

H. L. Anderson Esquire,

Secretary to Government

Bombay

To,

G. F. Edmonstone Esquire,

Secretary to the Govt of India

Secret Department Foreign Department

Fort William.

Dated 25th December 1856.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, copy of a letter from the Honorable the Secret Committee to the address of this Government, dated the 21st ultimo, No. 1688, intimating the despatch to Bombay, on the preceding day by the Overland route, of various articles of clothing for the use of the Troops comprising the

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the expedition which has proceeded
to the Persian Gulf.

Bombay Castle, I have the honor to be
25th December 1856. Sir,

Your most obedient servant

John Murray

Secretary to Govt

Copied by
[Signature]

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[Signature]