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From Captain A. B. Kemball  
Resident in the Persian Gulf

To  
A. L. Anderson Esq.  
Secretary to Government  
Bombay  
Residency in the Persian Gulf  
Beshire 12 July 1855.

Political Department

Sir

Arabian Coast  
Absoothabee  
No 2 A.

dated 6 June 1855.

Adverting to the 7<sup>th</sup> page of  
my Annual report from the Arabian  
Coast on the subject of the clue obtained to the  
discovery of the perpetrators of the Piracy on  
Abdul Kerem's boat. I have the honor to submit  
for the information of Gov<sup>ty</sup> translated substance

submits translation of two letters from the British Agent at Shargah  
of divers documents connected  
with the expulsion of Sheikh Saad bin Jahnoon the Chief of Absoothabee  
from Absoothabee.

Setting forth the circumstances under which  
Sheikh Saad bin Jahnoon the Chief of Absoothabee  
has quitted that port and proceeded to the  
Islands of Kenu together with translation of  
a letter from Sheikh Saad himself ascribing  
his expulsion from Absoothabee to the  
odium incurred with his tribe for attempting  
to apprehend to persons referred to. In a  
second communication to my address  
Sheikh Saad bin Jahnoon merely mentions  
that

that the tempestuous state of the weather  
had compelled him to relinquish his intention  
of visiting me at Bushire, and reiterates  
the proposal conveyed in the first that I  
should either restore him to his former  
position, or permit him to take his own  
measures by sea for that purpose.

The Sheikh Saad ben  
Zahnoon has  
appealed to Her Highness. 2802

My reply of which I likewise  
enclose a translation, will acquaint  
the Right Honorable the Governor in  
Council with the view I have taken  
of this appeal. It may be doubted indeed  
whether the discharge of obligations,  
which belong to the office of Chief and  
not to the individual and which would  
be not less binding upon his successor  
than upon himself, could form the sole  
ground of quarrel between Sheikh Saad ben  
Zahnoon and his dependents, and believing as  
I do that under no circumstances would  
such a plea be recognized by Govt to justify  
my interference I am equally disinclined to  
admit of its becoming the occasion of maritime  
warfare. The fidelity with which this Chief  
has generally fulfilled his engagements and  
the good order he has preserved in his  
tribe certainly render his removal a matter

Nature of the  
communication forwarded  
to the expelled Chief by  
Her Highness in Reply to his appeal.

gays bin Whuleefa  
has been elected  
successor to Sheikh  
Saad ben Zahnoon  
almost unanimously

of

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of regret, but he is said to have exercised his authority with harshness and capriciousness and seeing that Zaid bin Khuleefa has been elected in his place by the great majority of the inhabitants of Abethabee it is obvious that the attempt on our part to force him again upon them could be attended with only partial success or would entail upon ulterior measures in order to maintain him there.

(Administrative in 1845)

N. N. 247 of 5 August 1845

Zaid bin Khuleefa is the eldest son of the late Sheikh Khuleefah bin Shakhaat, the uncle and predecessor of Sheikh Saad bin Johnson, to whom therefore he stands in the relation of first cousin. It will be remembered, he is the individual mentioned in my Despatch No. 127 of 19<sup>th</sup> April last as having been reported by the British Agent at Chaigah to meditate a location at Biddah on the Eastern Coast where he might more conveniently further his designs by fomenting dissensions amongst the Benyas tribes though I should observe here that the report in question was shown to be premature or altogether without foundation by the subsequent return of the young Chief to Debaie.

Shakhaat

(Administrative in 1855)

N. N. 20 P. O. of 4 June 1855

Zaid bin Khuleefa and Sheikh Saad bin Johnson are first cousins

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4 I have least no trace in existing Intimation has at once been conveyed to the defects noted of Albatross the responsibilities of his position more especially with respect to the outrage alluded to in the 1st Para and I

will presently report to Government the steps I purpose taking in order to obtain reparation for the sufferers - Although the arrangements previously made with this view were disconcerted by the occurrences now communicated I deem it my duty

Enclosed copy of correspondence interchanged with the Naval authorities.

to submit to Government the correspondence that passes between the Naval Authorities and myself on the subject which I have the honor to enclose accordingly as per margin to

- 4/ Senior Naval officer
- 5/ Rates of June
- 6/ Comd<sup>r</sup> Elthorpey dated 22 June
- 7/ Comd<sup>r</sup> Elthorpey No 226 of 25 June

to be six over

(Signed) A. B. Kemball  
Resident in the Persian Gulf

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Woodboord  
Comd<sup>r</sup>  
M. A. B.

Translation

From, Captain A. B. Kimball  
Resident in the Persian Gulf

To, Sheikh Saad bin Tahnoun  
Ca. Chief of Abroothabee

dated 12. July  
27. Shuwal

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I have received your two letters, one without date, the other dated 16. Shuwal and regret that any thing should have occurred to prevent your projected visit to Bushire. -

With respect to the proposal therein made to the effect that I should reinstate you in your former position, or consent to your undertaking operations by sea for that purpose, it is not in my power without reference to the Government in Bombay to accede to either alternative nor in such case can I hold out to you the slightest hope of your wishes being complied with. As you have hitherto uniformly denied, both verbally and by letters, that the Beni Yas tribe were in any way concerned in the piracy upon Abdul Kerem's boat, I am at a loss to trace in the alleged attempt to apprehend the perpetrators the sole cause of your expulsion from Abroothabee, but be this as it may, it is certain the British Govt expects each Chief to fulfil his obligations and should he fail to do so from whatever cause, will know how to vindicate its rights and authority without

quizzing

mixing itself up in the internal affairs of the offending  
tribe. The same demands will be made upon Sheikh  
Zaid ben Khu lefaah that would have been made  
upon yourself had you continued chief nor, in like  
manner, will he be permitted on any pretext to evade  
his responsibility. —

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As regards your desire to prosecute hostilities by  
sea, apart from your being located on the island  
of Henu it would appear from your own admission that  
your successor has been elected by the suffrages of the  
majority of the tribe. You must be sensible therefore  
that your operations would consist in mere depredations  
little calculated to further your object. Zaid ben  
Khu lefaah in the opposite case would claim a similar  
privilege. Partisans and auxiliaries might enlist  
themselves on either side, who are bound by their  
engagements to remain at peace, and who being  
at war, would speedily confound the vessels of  
neutrals with those of enemies, and considering the  
confusion and disorder that must ensue thereon  
I would strongly advise you to restrict your efforts  
to the land wherein you might assure yourself of  
meeting with no opposition from the British  
Government.

True Translation

Signed / A. B. Keiball  
Resident

True Copy

Signed / H. J. Dalbrowe

Assistant Resident Persian Gulf

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From Captain A. B. Kemball

Resident in the Persian Gulf

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To Lieutenant Alex. Foulerton, I. C. N.

Senior Officer Indian Navy

Persian Gulf

on board of H. C. S. "Bliver"

Sir, Basindine No. 6, June 1850

Arabian Coast  
Abokhabeer.

On the west coast side of the "Arabia" proceeding to the Arabian Coast I beg the favor of your directing her Commander to receive on board Hajee Yacoob, the British Agent at Sharjah; now here, with two natives named in the margin, and to convey them to

\* Abdul Kureem;  
Lubyidaw

The Commander of the Arabia to receive on board and convey to Abokhabeer certain persons, for the purpose of aiding in discovering the perpetrators of the piracy on Abdul Kureem's boat.

Abokhabeer, for the purpose of ascertaining the identity, or otherwise, of the persons referred to in Lieut. Larises' letter of 2<sup>d</sup> April last, with the perpetrators of the piracy on Abdul Kureem's boat. During my visit to that Port on the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo, when the necessity of hastening my arrival at Hindreeah prevented my enquiring into the case as fully as I could wish, the Port Chief assured me that he would spare no efforts to trace the pirates, and even led me to believe that he had obtained some clue to their hiding place. As however little dependence can be placed upon the professions of an Arab Chief under such circumstances I am not disposed to forego any longer the adoption of the measure above suggested, and in the enclosed letter to his address I have accordingly acquainted him with

with the object of the 'Tigris' mission - should Sheikh  
 Saad bin Tahnoon immediately produce the persons  
 indicated, nothing more for the present can of course  
 be expected of him, but in the event of his hesitating  
 or refusing to do so he must be clearly informed  
 that he will be held responsible for the act with which  
 they are charged to the extent of the value of the  
 property plundered, and of the blood money for  
 the murdered man - On the other hand, should  
 the detection of the guilty parties be effected,  
 a demand for their surrender and that of  
 their Boats might at once be preferred with  
 a view to their being kept in custody at  
 Basrah pending the decision of Government  
 regarding their disposal, and a requisition  
 for the payment of 740 Mahomed Shah Krais as  
 compensation for the losses sustained by the Crew  
 of the Prater boat though, in the event of  
 contumacy being exhibited by the Chief of  
 the Boats in complying therewith, should meet  
 with active measures to be taken against them  
 and a further reference has been made to me  
 on the subject.

Should Sheikh Saad bin  
 Tahnoon hesitate or  
 refuse to produce the  
 offenders he must be  
 informed that he will be  
 held responsible for the  
 act with which they are  
 charged. -

Other instructions  
 for guidance of  
 Officer Commanding  
 the Tigris.

In event of display  
 of contumacy by the Chief  
 of Boats no active  
 measures to be taken  
 against him until a  
 further reference has  
 been made to Resident  
 on the subject.

I have the honor to be  
 / Signed / A. E. Pemball.  
 Resident

True copy  
 / Signed / H. F. Dalrowe  
 Assistant Resident Shirvan Gulf.

Copied by  
 Donald Macdonald  
 Comptroller



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From  
 Commodore R. Etheridge, I. N.  
 Commanding Gulf Squadron.  
 To  
 Captain Kemball.  
 Resident Persian Gulf.  
 "Queen"

24<sup>th</sup> June 1855.

Absoothabee, Sir,

I have the honor to forward copy of  
 forwards copy a letter from Lt. James, late commanding  
 of a letter from  
 commander of the H. L. B. "Tigris," detailing his proceedings  
 Tigris.  
 at Absoothabee in pursuance of orders he  
 received from the Commander.

On my way here I touched at Keem  
 Island and had an interview with Sheikh

had at Keem Saced bin Tahnoon, who came on board  
 Island an interview immediately the "Queen" anchored; your letter was  
 with Sheikh Saced bin Tahnoon who, in enclosed letter  
 which forms a reply to me from  
 that duly delivered will be found his reasons for having quitted  
 gives his reasons for quitting Absoothabee  
 forwards also herewith a communication from  
 Hadjee Yacoub on the same subject.  
 Hadjee Yacoub also forward a letter from Hadjee Yacoub on  
 the same subject.

Hadjee Yacoub proceeds to Sharjah per "Constance", which vessel will touch  
 at Absoothabee & thence come to Busra & Abdul  
 Kereem & Sulayman permitted to return to Bahrein  
 On leaving Keem I sent Hadjee Yacoub in the "Constance" to Sharjah, and allowed  
 Abdul Kereem and Sulayman to proceed to Bahrein

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Bahrain their services, I imagine, on this side being no longer required, the Schooner "Constance" will touch at Abethabee, and thence to Bushire.

I have the honor to be Dear Sir,

~~Commodore J. N. P. Ethersey~~

Commodore J. N. P.

True copy

H. F. Disbrowe

Assist. Resid. Persian Gulf.

From

Lieut. Col. James J. N.

Commanding H. B. S. "Tiger"

To

Commodore J. N. P. Ethersey J. N.

Commanding Squadron

Persian Gulf.

Per

Buffalore June 19<sup>th</sup> 1855

I have the honor to inform you that in compliance with my sailing orders received from Lt. Souterton J. N. Commanding the "Tiger" I left this for Abethabee on the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant, and arrived at that place on the 9<sup>th</sup> Instant, when I sent the British Agent, Hoajee Yacoob, on shore to communicate