

No. 616 of 1840

Secret Department
 from the President of the Persian Gulf
 to the Chief Secretary to Government
 Bombay
 Dated 2^d June 1840

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
 the receipt of your letter N^o 616 in this De-
 partment dated the 18th April last, transmitting
 for my information, copy of a letter addressed
 to the Right Honble the Governor General of
 India in Council by Her Majesty's Consul
 General in Egypt, under date the 19th March,
 regarding the monuments of the Egyptian
 Authorities in that quarter.

The circumstance of the Shah
 having sent an Ambassador to Akbarabad
 Ali, as mentioned in the 7th Paragraph of
 Colonel Hodges' despatch, does not seem (at
 least in the South of Persia) to be generally

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known, as the circumstance has never been
 alluded to by any of my correspondents, an
 inference which would hardly have occurred
 unless the Persian Envoy had been despatched
 from Court with some degree of secrecy.

It is positively stated by our
 reporter at Shiraz that an Ambassador from
 Ibrahim Racha is now at Isfahan. This
 was denied by the officers attached to the
 French Mission who lately passed via
 Bushere and Hamack to Buysorah, but
 the information derived from other sources
 inclines me to give more credit to the reporter's
 assertion than I was before disposed to do.

A few days since I received
 an audit from ~~the~~ Ahmed bin Amara
 then Minister of the Shakh of Chaab. This
 person assured me that the Shakh's move-
 ments from Tehran to Isfahan were only
 preparatory to his departure for Bagdad.

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... had refused to accept
 ... of Atly Pasha in his ex-
 ... the collection, and dis-
 ... the principal fort
 ... the Shah would have
 ... his expedition against
 ... Arabia, had it not
 ... of certain intelligence
 ... had induced
 ... Hajer Ahmed
 ... his firm conviction, that
 ... did not command the troops
 ... Bagdad, he would
 ... an army to attack the
 ... that the Shah had sent
 ... of Artillery men, under a certain
 ... who had organised and drilled
 ... of Shah's former subjects
 ... the service of several guns
 ... the Shah, which had been
 ...

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remains

mounted and put into good order, by the

I am also informed that about 400
 are drilling as Subaz or regular Troops
 of Subah, and I have since heard that ^{The Capital of the}
 altho' the ostensible object of Haje Ahmed
 Aman's voyage to the South, is that
 of trying to recover some property formerly
 plundered from his family by a person at
 present supposed to be in Sohar, yet
 that his real purpose is the purchase of
 munitions of war.

From all these circum-
 stances I am inclined to think, that His
 Persian Majesty did, and does still, me-
 ditate hostilities against the Pashalic
 of Bagdad, but that our successes in
 Affghanistan and Beloochistan, together
 with the uncertainty as to what course
 events may take, have induced him to
 suspend

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... his intentions for the present.

... in the
Persian Gulf
London 2^d June 1840

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Signed J. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf