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From, Secret Department.
Captain H. Disbrowe

To, Acting Political Agent Muscat.
S. Mansfield Esquire,
Commissioner in Sind,
Kurrachee.

Dated April 3rd 1863.

Muscat

Sir,

I received the day before yesterday a communication from the Superintendent of the Mekran Telegraphic Department containing a Copy of your Message to him, dated 27th March, 10^h 25^m A. M. and with reference to the said Message I do myself the honor to acquaint you that H. H. the Sultan of Muscat, as will be gathered from the transcript of His Highness' letter enclosed, most cordially consents to our landing troops, at Gwader to protect our working parties, and has at my request, provided a letter to the address of the Governor of Gwader, informing him that such consent has been given, and strongly directing him to facilitate its accomplishment. This document I have forwarded to Mr. Superintendent Watton for delivery - Translated Summary

purport

* Time does not admit of my translating this letter, it is, however, worthy of attentive perusal. It shews forth H. H. the Sultan's expectations from us.

(sig) H. D.

purport thereof is appended for your information.

I have &c

(Signed) H. Diabrowe

Acting Polt Agent Muscat

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Translated Summary purport of a letter, dated

13th Shawul 1279

2nd April 1863

From,

H. H. Syed Toweynee

Sultan of Muscat

To,

Syf bin Salim

H. H's Walee at Gwadar.

A. C.

When the English troops arrive, and want to land at Gwadar, where so ever they want to land let them land.

The place is theirs. Be most careful to stand (and attend to) all their requirements, great and small.

Take care take care that nothing occurs contrary to their wishes.

Constantly write the news from your quarter.

Translated Summary purport

(Sig?) H. Diabrowe

Acting Polt Agent

Muscat

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(Signed) M. Melville

Assistant Commissioner

C. C. Stettell

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Abstract Translation of a letter from Ibrahim Khan to Syud Saif Chief of Gwadar - dated 19th March 1863 -

After Compliments,

I received your letter on Friday the 7th and understood the contents thereof - You say that as I am under Syud Joweyne - I have no right to object to any one entering his territory, this is true, and I have written myself to Syud Joweyne - I now write to you to request you to convey my compliments to the British Agent, and tell him that as we are both servants, we are bound to obey, and that as I am appointed to the Charge of this part of the Country, I cannot allow the telegraph line to be constructed, without the order of my Government, and say that as there is now peace between the States of Great Britain and Persia, it is not right to excite a quarrel, and which will assuredly be done, if they advance further than Gwadar in this direction as I will not allow them to do so.

If they think Charbar is under the Imaum of Muscat, they are wrong, for it belongs

to Mehsan, and I will not allow them to
work without the permission of the Shah.

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You also write and accuse me of
plundering your people, but I must tell you
that those persons are not your subjects.

They are of the Lagore and Shai Kizada
tribes, and are under Meer Abdoolah.
Many years ago they refused to pay tribute,
and now having again declined doing so,
I punished them. If I wish to harm your
country, I can easily do so, and I could
plunder Swader in a very short time.

The British Government also know my
powers, and will not attempt to enter
my territory without permission.

True Abstract Translation.

(Signed) M. Melvill.

Assistant Commissioner
in Sind.

True Copies

H. L. Melvill
Chief Secretary

Immediate

No. 57 of 1863. -

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Secret Department.

From

Captain Herbert Disbrowe,
Acting Political Agent Muscat.

To

The Honble H. L. Anderson,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bombay -

Dated Muscat March 30. 1863

Sir,

With reference to my letter (with
enclosures) No. 56 of this day's date, to the
address of the Commissioner in kind, copy
of which I have requested the Commis-
sioner to be kind enough to forward for
the information of Government, time not
conveniently admitting of my preparing
the several documents, the points that
seem to deserve amongst others most parti-
cular consideration are the following -

1. If His Highness's Highnesses
receives from the Persian Government
written communications similar in
import to the # one recently received from
the Persian Military Governor of Bombay

H. H. expects such
in a few days
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vide enclosure 1 to
letter No. 56 in this
Department referred to at
the commencement
of this despatch -

in what terms is it advisable His Highness should reply?

2. Should the Persians occupying Chahbar with a Military force or in any way interfere with its administration, what course is it prudent for His Highness to pursue?

3. So far as I understand Chahbar is surrounded on three sides by the sea. One side only, the fourth, therefore, is accessible from the land. If His Highness wished to construct a moat on this 4th side, which I heard he had intentions of doing, do political reasons exist that militate against the advisability of his pursuing such a course, or of his otherwise strengthening the place at this precise period?

#4 In para: 5 of the Rev. Mr. Badger's letter to Mr. Acting Secretary Forbes, No. 9 of 1861 Chahbar or Charbar as it is there written, is represented as having been gained by conquest by the grand father of the present Ruler of Muscat, and to have remained in the undisputed possession of his successors ever since. 16/11/71. D.

I conclude by respectfully suggesting that, if instructions be furnished me by Her Majesty's Government, it might be advisable that they should be forwarded to me through the Commissioner in Sind. My object in making this suggestion is simply to guard against the possibility of two sets of instructions reaching me, one set of which might per chance