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No. 13. No. 5740, dated Bombay Castle, 29th November 1871.

From—W. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
To—C. U. AITCHISON, Esq., C.S.I., Secy. to the Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.

I AM directed to forward herewith, for submission to His Excellency the Viceroy in Council, copy of a letter No. 1165-329, dated the 7th ultimo, from the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, recommending the appointment, temporarily, of a Native Agent at Bahrein on a salary of Rupees 100 per mensem.

2. With reference to this recommendation, I am to state that without entering into the question of the desirability of having a permanent Native Agent at Bahrein, the arrangement proposed appears to His Excellency in Council suitable for present needs. And under the circumstances, and to save time, Colonel Pelly has been authorized to engage the services of Hajee Abdool Nubbee on a salary of Rupees 100, subject to the confirmation of the Government of India.

No. 14. No. 1165-329, dated Bushire, 7th October 1871.

From—LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LEWIS PELLY, C.S.I., Her Britannic Majesty's Political Resident in the Persian Gulf,
To—Secretary to the Government, Bombay.

THE injunctions of Government have been for constant intelligence during the present operations of the Turks on the Arab Coast.

2. The Residency Mirza deputed to the Bahrein and Kateef Coast had applied for his relief consequent on ill-health, and my Assistant, Major Smith, also deputed to Bahrein, has for similar reasons asked for privilege leave.

3. Under these circumstances, and pending the appointment of a permanent Agent at Bahrein, I would, as a temporary measure, solicit permission to engage the services of Hajee Abdool Nubbee on a salary of Rupees 100 per mensem, for the purpose of collecting information from Bahrein, Guttur, the Wahabee Coast, and Nejd.

4. I have had opportunities of personally observing the influence possessed by Hajee Abdool Nubbee, who was with me in the Expedition to Bahrein in 1869, and I feel assured that I could not find in these parts a person better adapted for the purposes for which his services would be required.

5. Trusting that this arrangement may meet with the approval of the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council.

No. 2459G., dated Fort William, 14th December 1871.

Endorsed by Foreign Department.

FORWARDED to the Financial Department, with a recommendation that the appointment in question may be confirmed for six months. Original papers to be returned.

No. 15. No. 47, dated Fort William, 12th January 1872.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department.

READ—

Endorsement of the Foreign Department, No. 2459G., dated 14th December 1871, on an application from the Government of Bombay for confirmation of the sanction accorded by that Government to the appointment temporarily of a Native Agent at Bahrein, on a salary of Rupees 100 per mensem.

RESOLUTION.—The appointment in question is confirmed for six months as recommended by the Foreign Department.

G.—13-15—January.

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ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Foreign Department* and the Accountant-General, Bombay.

* Original papers returned.

No. 143G., dated Fort William, 20th January 1872.

Endorsed by Foreign Department.

Copy forwarded for information to the Bombay Government, in reply to their letter from the Acting Secretary, No. 5740, dated 29th November 1871.

Exd.—T. Y.

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- تتحدث هذه الوثيقة عن الإتفاقية التي تم توقيعها بين الحكومة الإنجليزية و رئيس الشارقة حول القضاء على تجارة الرقيق، و طبقاً للإتفاقية أصدر الرئيس أمراً إلى جميع رعاياه و البواخر التي تمر من حدوده بالامتناع عن هذه التجارة و أيما سفينة اشتغلت بهذه التجارة فقد صادرها و حولها إلى مندوب الحكومة الإنجليزية .. ٣٩٩٦ . ٤٠٠١
- تتحدث هذه الوثيقة عن أن أناساً من العرب و غيرهم استوطنوا منطقة جديدة تابعة لرئيس ابو ظبي بدون اذن من الرئيس و أصبحت ملاذاً للعناصر غير المرضية و بدأ ذلك يؤثر في تجارة ابو ظبي فرفع رئيس ابو ظبي شكوى بهذا الخصوص من المقيم البريطاني في خليج فارس و بعد تحريات من مصادر مختلفة و بعد التأكد من أن هذه المنطقة خاضعة لرئيس ابو ظبي كتب المقيم البريطاني إلى المستوطنين الجدد هناك يقول يجب عليهم الخضوع لرئيس ابو ظبي و الاتباع لأوامره .. ٤٠٠٢ . ٤٠٠٧
- تتحدث هذه الوثيقة عن قلة المحاصل الغذائية في جزيرة البحرين و منع رئيس الجزيرة لشحن الغلة من أراضيها و عن طريق اتخاذ هذه الخطوة يريد رئيس جزيرة البحرين أن لا يرى منحازاً إلى أي من السطات التركية و الوهابية .. ٤٠٠٨ . ٤٠١١

تتحدث هذه الوثيقة عن فشل مهمة حاجي احمد خان كما تلقي الضوء بإسهاب على الأوضاع في ولاية نجد و الخلفات المتواجدة بين سعود و عبد الله إبنى تركي و استسلام الأخير لسعود بن تركي ، كما تذكر أن انباء اعتقال و قتل عبد الله بن فيصل كانت خاطئة ..

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تتعلق هذه الوثيقة بالعلاقات بين جزيرة البحرين و ساحل القطيف حيث كانت المدينة تحت الحكم الوهابي ثم آلت إلى الأتراك و أرسل أحد رؤسائها إسمه عبد الله بن سليمان رسالة إلى الكولونيل بالي و ذكر فيها رغبته في الهجرة إلى جزيرة البحرين مع أهله و أتباعه و استفسر منه هل للحكومة الإنجليزية اعتراض على ذلك ؟ ..

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تتحدث هذه الوثيقة عن الجهود التي بذلها الكولونيل بالي في سبيل الحد من تجارة العبيد حيث قام بإلزام رؤساء الدول العربية السجاورة لخليج فارس للإيفاء بالاتفاقيات التي وقعوها بهذا الخصوص مع الحكومة الإنجليزية كما تذكر أيضاً رغبة سلطان مسقط في التوقيع على اتفاقية الحد من تجارة العبيد غير أن سلطان زنجبار غير مكترث برغبات الآخرين ما زال يزاول هذه التجارة الشنيعة ..

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3. Abdool Azeez, the nephew of the Sultan of Muscat, with the ex-slave Dahoo, have been, I am informed, made prisoners by Deen Mahomed, the Dushtyari Chief, and will be sent to Muscat in a few days.

4. There is no further news of political importance to report.

5. The weather is cool, but fever somewhat on the increase.

Translation of a letter from MEER ASHRUF, Rind Chief, to Assistant Political Agent, Mekran Coast, dated Gwadur, 28th August 1874.

THE letter you sent containing advice arrived, and we understood it. The advice you gave for our good we approved of, because a man who is a friend, everything he says is good advice. Also know, that after the arrival of your letter, I made great endeavours to bring about good. Also know that a letter came from Hossein Khan telling Sadee not to get together an army to attack Baho, for that he would settle matters for the Rinds; now they have waited till another letter shall come from Hossein Khan, and all the Rinds will go to interview Hossein Khan. You also write saying do not act badly. Your words are true, but what can I do? I cannot help myself, for we and all the people of Beloochistan, if any should have fallen upon one Beloochee, and the others do not join him, to him who does not do so the epithet of Beloochee cannot be applied. We are your sepahces, and a sepoy should not act contrary to the word of his commander, and we thank you that you are not forgetful of us. We are very contented with you, because whenever a commander is not forgetful of his sepahces they know that he bears them friendship. Now hear that I am going to Meer Hossein Khan to make peace for the Rinds; after I return (D. V.) I will pay you a visit.

No. 1021, dated Kurrachee, 8th September 1874.

From—Commissioner in Sind,
To—Assistant Political Agent, Gwadur.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge your letter No. A.-79, dated the 28th August 1874, and to inform you that Deen Mahomed has acted very properly in arresting Abdool Azeez and Dahoo.

No. 1022, dated Kurrachee, 8th September 1874.

Endorsed by Commissioner in Sind.

TRUE copies forwarded to C. U. Aitchison, Esq., C.S.I., Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, for information.

No. 361.

No. 1004-203, dated Bushire, 3rd September 1874.

From—Her Britannic Majesty's Political Resident in the Persian Gulf,
To—Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General of India in Council, copy of a letter as per margin, received from the Political Agent at Muscat, relative to the disappearance from Muscat of Syud Abdool Azeez bin Thowaynee in company with Dahoo bin Mahomed who was supposed to have taken him to Mekran.

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No. 362.

No. 376-149, dated Muscat, 27th August 1874.

From—Her Britannic Majesty's Political Agent and Consul, Muscat,
To—Her Britannic Majesty's Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith, for your information, copies of correspondence between myself and the Assistant Political Agent, Gwadur, relative to the disappearance from Muscat of Syud Abdool Azeez bin Thowaynee in company with Dahoo bin Mahomed who was supposed to have taken him to Mekran.

2. Dahoo and Syud Abdool Azeez are believed to be still in Dushtyari with Deen Mahomed, but no late news of them has been received by His Highness Syud Toorkee, and their projects and intended movements are still unknown.

No. 349-206, dated Muscat, 10th August 1874.

From—Her Britannic Majesty's Political Agent and Consul, Muscat,
To—Assistant Political Agent, Mekran Coast.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that it became known yesterday to His Highness Syud Toorkee that his nephew Abdool Azeez bin Thowaynee had left Muscat surreptitiously two days before in company with a Seedee named Dahoo bin Mahomed, and had proceeded to the Mekran Coast, probably Charbar or Gwadur, in a Bahreini Kotia under English colours.

2. It is understood, of course, that Dahoo has enticed Abdool Azeez away for no good purpose, and His Highness is despatching a vessel at once to Gwadur with a small reinforcement for the Wullee of that place, and with instructions to apprehend the runaways. Should Dahoo have landed in Mekran anywhere beyond the limits of His Highness' territory of Gwadur, I shall feel extremely obliged by your assisting the Wullee with your good offices and advice in the matter.

No. A.-90, dated Gwadur, 18th August 1874.

From—Assistant Political Agent, Mekran Coast,
To—Her Britannic Majesty's Political Agent and Consul, Muscat.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 349-206, dated 10th August 1874, informing me of the abduction from Muscat of Abdool Azeez bin Thowaynee by the Beloochee named Dahoo.

2. These persons are at present in Dushtyari, and their intentions are not yet known.

No. 363.

No. 2124P., dated Fort William, 28th September 1874.

From—Offg. Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department,
To—Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

WITH reference to your letter No. 1004-203, dated the 3rd instant, I am directed to inform you that the Government of India has received intelligence of the capture of Syud Abdool Azeez bin Thowaynee and Dahoo bin Mahomed by the Chief of Dushtyari, who has intimated his intention to deport them to Muscat.

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No. 5712, dated Bombay Castle, 28th November 1871.

From—W. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

To—C. U. AITCHISON, Esq., C.S.I., Secretary to the Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.

As connected with the papers forwarded with my letter of the 14th August last, No. 3738, I am directed to enclose, for submission to the Government of India, copy of further letters, as per margin, from the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, relating to the movements of Her Majesty's Ships *Bullfinch* and *Maggie*, and

1. Letter No. 898-237, dated the 14th August 1871, with enclosures.
2. Letter No. 973-253, dated the 28th August 1871, with enclosures.
3. Letter No. 1023-273, dated the 12th September 1871, with enclosure.

the position of affairs at Bahrein.

2. I am to state that the advice given by the Political Resident to the Bahrein Chief, as reported in his letter of the 28th August last, is fully approved by this Government, as is also Colonel Pelly's communication to Commander Doughty.

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No. 898-237, dated Bushire, 14th August 1871.

From—LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LEWIS PELLY, C.S.I., Her Britannic Majesty's Political Resident in the Persian Gulf,

To—Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political Department.

REFERRING to my letter as per margin, I have the honor to report that on the 29th ultimo Her Majesty's Ship *Maggie* again returned to Bushire from Bahrein, and I understand that her Commander required a supply of medicines.

2. On the 2nd instant Her Majesty's Ship *Maggie* again proceeded to Bahrein. Major Smith, Assistant Resident, proceeded on board her.

3. I beg to enclose a copy of the instructions I issued to Major Smith on this occasion.

My letter to Commander Doughty, No. 816-407, dated 31st July 1871, and Commander Doughty's reply of 2nd August 1871.

4. Also a copy of a letter I addressed to Commander Doughty, Her Majesty's Ship *Maggie*, and a copy of that officer's reply.

5. Also a copy of a telegram I had the honor of submitting on the 3rd instant.

6. The Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council will observe that Commander Doughty apprehends it "will become my (his) duty to seek a change of air" for his men.

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No. 861-425, dated Bushire, 1st August 1871.

From—LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LEWIS PELLY, C.S.I., Her Britannic Majesty's Political Resident in the Persian Gulf,

To—MAJOR SIDNEY SMITH, Her Britannic Majesty's Assistant Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge your letters Nos. 25 and 26, of 20th and 21st July respectively. Having discussed their contents already with you, it is unnecessary further to refer to them in this letter.

2. On returning to Bahrein in Her Majesty's Ship *Maggie* please request the Commander of Gun-boat *Hugh Rose* to proceed to Bushire with the ship under his command, and bring with him any intelligence or despatches you may wish to send. Please also send in *Hugh Rose* Mr. Martyrus with instructions to report himself to the Senior Assistant in the Office at Bushire.

3. Under present circumstances it is most desirable that there should be no risk of collision between the pearl boats of Bahrein and those of Guttur and Kateef. The banks on which there might be a likelihood of this collision taking place are those off Ras Rekkam and elsewhere near the Guttur coast. I am sure you will make every arrangement with the Commanders of Her Majesty's

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