

Dispute between Chief of Abethabee and Colonists of Adeyd.

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Dated ^{5th Rajab 1288} 20th September 1871. received 12th October 1871.

Translated purport of a letter from SHEIKH AEED BIN KHALEEF AH, Chief of Aboothabee, to Resident, Persian Gulf.

I HAVE received your letter of the ^{2nd Jemadec-oo-sani 1298} 19th August 1871, and was glad to hear of your welfare.

You had written in regard to my property, Adeyd, that you had addressed the British Government on the subject, and on receipt of instructions would immediately communicate with me.

It is certain you will take this trouble, but I have been corresponding with you for three years, and it has been proved to you that to a certain Adeyd belongs to me from time immemorial to the present date. Notwithstanding this much time has elapsed, and I have not learnt what you have done to those who make mischief in my territories. I have suffered much loss. But have always listened to your advice, and trust to God first and then to you.

Embargo on export of grain from Bahrein.

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No. 1202, dated Bombay Castle, 28th February 1872.

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 to you, for submission to the Government of India, the accompanying copy of a letter, with enclosures, from the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, No. 1227-356, dated the 1st November last, reporting that in consequence of scarcity of grain in the Island of Bahrein, the Chief has placed an embargo on the shipment of grain from his territories.

2. Placing the embargo appears to have been a spontaneous act on the part of the Chief, as the Turkish authorities do not seem to have protested against the export of grain.

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No. 1227-356, dated Gwador, 1st November 1871.

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

To—Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

I HAVE the honor to enclose a copy of a letter, with enclosures, as per margin, received from the late Major Sidney Smith, reporting that in consequence of scarcity of grain in the Islands of Bahrein, and more particularly in view to avoiding all semblance of a breach of neutrality as between the Turkish and Wahabee authorities, the Chief of Bahrein has placed an embargo on the shipment of grain from his territories.

2. Major Smith states that the Bahrein Chief "appears desirous of maintaining strict neutrality in the Wahabee Turkish affairs."

3. I think the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council will be desirous of these papers being brought under his notice as early as convenient, since they seem clearly to indicate a sincere desire on the part of the Bahrein Chief, not only to observe a *bona fide* neutrality, but if possible to guard himself against a quarrel being fastened on him in spite of himself.

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No. 29, dated Bahrein, 7th October 1871.

From—MAJOR SIDNEY SMITH, Acting 1st Asstt. Poltl. Resident in the Persian Gulf,

To—LIEUT.-COL. LEWIS PELLY, C.S.I., Her Britannic Majesty's Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

I HAVE the honor to submit that on the 5th instant Sheik Fahd bin Ahmed communicated to me in writing that in consequence of Banyans, British subjects, having shipped a quantity of wheat consigned to Hasa, it had been found necessary to place an embargo on this shipment.

1stly.—Because the export of wheat from these islands would cause distress among the people.

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Copy and translate.

2ndly.—That the purchaser of the above wheat is a person in Saood bin Feysul's interest.

2. Appended is a statement taken from Zeita Banyan, who sold the wheat in question to a Hasa merchant.

Zeita protests against the loss that may accrue to him from an embargo on export of wheat, as he has a considerable quantity consigned to him.

3. I sent to Sheik Fahd in view to ascertaining, if possible, further particulars regarding this embargo, but Sheik Fahd merely said that the reasons for it had already been communicated to me in writing.