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No. 1046—274, dated Bushire, the 26th June 1872.

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

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

REFERRING to previous correspondence concerning the Turkish policy in relation to Bahrein, I have now the honor to enclose an extract from an unofficial letter which I have received from Captain Grant, showing that a Turkish subject of Lahsa has obtained from the Chief of Bahrein a convenient site for a house or other premises on the town of Menameh in the immediate vicinity of the Chief's own house or fort.

2. It will be in the recollection of Government that in my letter now noted, I enclosed a translation of an application made by a person of consideration to remove from under Turkish rule at Kateef and settle at Bahrein.

Vide my letter No. 861=217, dated the 1st June 1872.

3. These proceedings on the part of Turkish subjects may of course induce a sincere preference for Bahrein rule on the part of the parties immigrating into Bahrein.

4. On the other hand, suspicions are abroad, and rumours have reached me, that these proceedings are indications of a change of policy on the part of the Turkish authorities.

5. This latter hypothesis rests upon the following assumptions:

- 1st, that the Turks find that their policy of possessing themselves of Bahrein offhand has failed;
- 2nd, that they find their schemes for picking a quarrel with the Bahrein Chief, and thus creating a pretext for political intervention, has also failed;
- 3rd, that they are averse for British arbitration of their disputes with Bahrein, and therefore pretend to be arriving at an amicable arrangement of these disputes with the Bahrein Chief direct;
- 4th, that they have learned from a lengthened experience that waiting for an opportunity to annoy Bahrein when we should be absent therefrom, has failed, for we have watched the islands as persistently as they have waited for them; and—
- 5th, that their policy is now changing into one of apparent goodwill towards the Chief in view to conciliating him into affording them a footing on the islands, which might afterwards be turned to account.

I offer no opinion on this hypothesis at present.

C. P. Grant

Extract from an unofficial letter from CAPTAIN C. GRANT, to COLONEL LEWIS PELLY,—dated the 11th June 1872.

SHEIKH EYSAN has been doing a foolish thing which may lead to difficulties at some future time. A man of Lahsa, Mahomed ben Alli al Habail, a Turkish subject, obtained leave, or was sent here by Ferek Pasha. The Chief, without consulting anyone, has given him a piece of land near his own house in Menameh, and he is proceeding to build a house and stores on it with great expedition. I am afraid that some day he may get into a quarrel with either Sheikh Eysan or Sheikh Ahmed and claim protection from the Turkish Government. It seems any way like trying to get in the small end of the wedge, and I don't like the secrecy and quickness with which the land was transferred to him, and the site of the buildings marked out.

(True extract.)

(Signed) J. C. EDWARDS,

Uncovenanted Assistant Resident,

Persian Gulf.

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10157. No. 4509, dated Bombay Castle, the 31st July 1872.

From—C. GONNE, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political Dept.
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department.

In continuation of my No. 4196, dated the 13th instant, I am directed to transmit to you herewith, for the information of the Government of India, copies of the letters marginally noted, from the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, submitting translations of reports received by him from the Bahrein news-writer, regarding affairs in Nejd.

No. 1097—281, dated 12th July 1872,
with enclosure.
No. 1106—290, ditto ditto.

10158. No. 1097—281, dated Bushire, the 12th July 1872.

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

In continuation of my letter as per margin and previous correspondence, concerning the affairs in Nejd, I have the honor to enclose translated purport of a letter communicated to this Residency by the Bahrein news-writer.

No. 1052—275, dated 26th June 1872.

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News communicated by HAJEE ABDUL NUBEE to Residency Office on 25th June 1872.

From Busreh, the following intelligence has been communicated by to-day's mail:

Of the thieves who plundered the mail steamer, twenty have been captured, and about twenty thousand rupees recovered.

The Mutaseref of Busreh has been deposed, and the Government of Busreh has been entrusted to Arif Beg, the Commodore, and Nasir Pasha.

It is also reported from Baghdad that the new Governor General has released all the Lahsa prisoners and given them khilluts and two liras per head, informing them if they wished to return to Lahsa, he would provide them with passages.

The Pasha has given out that after twenty days it would be made public to what extent he has authority.

(True translated purport.)
(Signed) J. C. EDWARDS,
Uncovenanted Assistant Resident,
Persian Gulf.

10160. No. 1106—290, dated Bushire, the 12th July 1872.

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

In continuation of my letter as per margin, and previous correspondence concerning the affairs in Nejd, I have the honor to enclose translated purport of a report which I have received from the news-writer at Bahrein.

No. 1097—281, dated 12th July 1872.

10161.
Translated purport of News-gleanings by News-collector AGHA AHMED at Bahrein,—dated Bahrein the 2nd July 1872.

22nd June 1872.—A merchant of Kateef by name Housein ben Tahier says that the Turkish authorities are expecting some three or four steamers to arrive daily. He does not know for what reason they are coming. I asked him

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what the Turks said about Bahrein. He replied that "after four months it would be known, and that it was said in the Majlis that Bahrein belonged to the Turkish Government."

23rd June 1872.—A man of the name of Dawul arrived from Kateef. He says that the people are saying that three or four ships of the Turkish Government are expected.

24th June 1872.—A boat arrived from Kateef. The Nakhoda Rashid bin Sunud says that two ships only are expected, and some say that some reinforcements for the army at Lahsa are expected, but he himself doubted this as it was getting very hot now.

26th June 1872.—A small bugla. Nakhoda Mahomed ben Abdul Khiman says that he came from Kowait to Kateef. When he landed at Kateef, people asked him if he had seen any ships at Ras Tanooreh. He said, no, he had not; but there was a ship there which has been there some time. He thinks she is the *Lebannon*. The people said to him that they expected ships with reinforcements. Mobarek ben Subah has returned to Kowait for his brother Abdullah ben Subah. Shortly after he arrived, Abdullah left for Baghdad according to an order he received from the Pasha of Baghdad. It is supposed that he is sent for on account of some robberies there have been on the river near Busreh.

29th June 1872.—Nakhoda Mahomed ben Jassem came from Kowait *via* Kateef. He says that Rokun, who was reported to have died in Baghdad, is still alive, Mobarek ben Subah having seen him at an assembly. He says I heard this news, but do not know if it is false or true, that the Turkish Government wish to give Lahsa and Kateef to Abdullah and Saood on condition of their paying a certain tribute yearly. The people of Kateef are expecting the *Snipe* from Busreh. Mobarek ben Subah says that one force will start by sea from Busreh, and another by land, and both unite at Lahsa; but this is reported now to be abandoned. The old Ferek Pasha is in Lahsa with the new Pasha, who has got orders to remain there.

30th June 1872.—A caravan arrived from Lahsa. The men went to Hajee Abdullah Gurib; they have been here five days. They say that the brothers Saood and Abdulla are trying to bring about a peace in Kergh. Aberjed ben Rashid Sheikh of Jubul Shumar has agreed to help them to turn the Turks out. Saood is said to have gone to Kergh. Abdullah has left Riadh, but he is said to be destitute of every thing. The supplies which the old Ferek Pasha prevented going into Nejd are permitted to go there now. The old Ferek Pasha has been ordered to remain at Lahsa; but the new Pasha carries on the government. The people like the old Pasha best. They say that the people expect another Pasha with a new army to relive the one now at Lahsa. The Turkish Government allow him a pension.

A boat arrived from Debai. The Nakhoda Saleh ben Byin says that he has heard that Hasheer ben Muctoom, Sheikh of Debai, with Zied ben Khalifah, Sheikh of Aboothabee, have agreed to assist Syed Toorkee against Syed Salem at Sohar. Syed Toorkee is in Sohar, but he does not know where Syed Salem is. Rustom ben Sultan has arrived from Kateef. He says that when I left Kateef, a small Turkish boat arrived; he could not tell whether they had Turkish troops on board. The men he saw were like Arabs of Lahsa. He says that there was fever in Kateef, and the troops suffering greatly; they are expecting the *Snipe*, who will then go on to Ojair.

2nd July 1872.—Sultan ben Salameh says that there is some hundred of Turkish troops in Gwutter. They expect to leave Gwutter, as it does not pay to hold it. The Sheikh of Gwutter says that he will give them every thing they want, and has given them three thousand krans.

(True translated purport)

(Signed) C. GRANT, Captain,

Assistant Resident, Persian Gulf.

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162. No. 4512, dated Bombay Castle, the 31st July 1872. *S*
 From—C. GONNE, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Bombay in the Political Dept.
 To—The Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign Dept.

REFERRING to my No. 3947, dated the 1st instant, regarding the Turkish expedition towards Nejd, I am directed to transmit herewith, for submission to the Government of India, copy of a further letter, and of its accompaniment, on the subject, from the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, No. 1105—289, dated 12th idem.

163. No. 1105—289, dated Bushire, the 12th July 1872.
 From—COLONEL L. PÉLLEY, c. s. I., Her Britannic Majesty's Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.
 To—The Secretary to the Government of Bombay in the Political Department.

IN continuation of my letter as per margin and previous correspondence, No. 944—249, dated 15th June 1872. concerning the Turkish expedition towards Nejd, I have the honor to transmit a diary of news which I have received from the Assistant Resident at Bahrein.

Dated Bahrein, the 17th June 1872.

164. *News gleanings between the 10th and the 17th June 1872.*

A TRAVELLER from Gwuttur says that the country is quiet. There are about 80 Turkish troops there; the officer in command is called Ali Effendi; any dispute amongst the men of Gwuttur are taken to him for decision. The Gwuttur pearl-divers have finished the small fishing, and are preparing for the larger, which will commence in about twenty days.

From Kateef there is nothing new. The "Naoos" is still there waiting for Ferek Pasha. Four Native carfts arrived to-day from Ojair; they were loaded with wheat for Gwuttur to supply the Turkish force there.

There were four men in one of the boats; they said that this year the wheat harvest in Lahsa is very plentiful. No wheat is allowed to pass into Nejd. The men of Lahsa went to the house of the ex-Governor, Ferek Pasha, and petitioned him not to go away, saying—"You see with your own eyes how the new Governor oppresses us; when you are gone, no doubt he will kill us. If you are certainly going to Bagdad, we will all leave the country as we are afraid to stay." The "Naoos" was taking in corn at Ojair for Kateef.

13th June.—The men of the Turkish force who put in here (Bahrein) yesterday are going about the bazaar saying, that in a short time the Turks are going to take the country under their rule.

A boat has arrived from Kateef. The nakoda says that about 80 merchants of the place have died during the last month from the fever prevalent there. Ali Beg sealed up the houses of the deceased, and, after three days, gave over the property to the heirs on payment of ten per cent. to Government. If there is no heir, the whole property goes to Government.

15th June.—A nakoda of a pearl boat belonging to Bahrein went out the small fishing; he was in command of his own boat. Hitherto he has always got one large pearl during the season, but this year he did not do so. This year he had a stranger diver with him. He said to him—"It is on account of you that I have not got my big pearl this year;" with that he had him tied