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Publicity Bureau

Sanctioning the purchase of 500 copies of the Hindustani book "Relations between Britain and Afganistan" at annas six per copy the amount being met from Contingencies.

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The Secretary,
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The Chief Secretary to the
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No: *B.A.-4024*, dated Lahore, the 23rd July 1919

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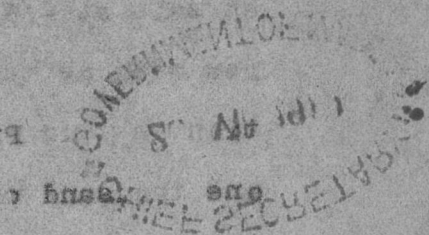
I have been directed by the Punjab Government to forward to you 2 copies of the book entitled "Relations between Britain and Afghanistan" written in Urdu by Khan Sahib Shaikh Abdul Aziz Joint Secretary of this Department. A synopsis of the book in English is enclosed. This book is on sale at -/6/- per copy, and I shall be glad to supply you with as many more copies as are required for distribution in your Province. The Punjab Government has taken in one thousand copies.

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The Chief Secretary to the
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"Relations between Afghanistan and British India," in Urdu, by Khan Sahib Sheikh Abdul Aziz, B.A., F. P. U., Joint Secretary, Punjab Publicity Committee, and Honorary Secretary, Anjuman-i-Himayat-i-Islam, Lahore; pages 120, price 6 annas.

This book does not profess to be an exhaustive history of Afghanistan, but endeavours rather to give a short description of the political relations between Afghanistan and British India, its chief aim being to bring out in clear relief the magnanimous treatment which the British Government has always accorded to the successive rulers of Afghanistan. From the character of the political administration of the North-West Frontier Province and adjacent territories it is shown that the fierce and war-like tribes inhabiting the rugged hills between Afghanistan and India have responded to the humanising influence of British friendship; while, as a buffer State between Russia and India, Afghanistan forms a vitally important factor in the future political development of Central Asia. It is emphasised that the pivot on which the whole argument turns is the definite character of the British policy of non-intervention in the affairs of Afghanistan and the settled desire of the Government of India to maintain Afghanistan as an independent country.

The volume contains eight chapters and includes two maps, one of Afghanistan and other of the north-western frontier of India, showing the tribal territory. The following is a brief epitome of the contents of each chapter:—

- I. A geographical description of the Frontier Province and tribal territory, with the names and characteristics of the tribes living therein.
- II. A short history of the Afghans, based on the authority of various historians and travellers, including Farishta and Bernier. Chinese and Muhammadan chroniclers are quoted to prove the early association of Afghanistan with the Buddhist and Greek monarchs of India. Then follows a brief account of Muhammadan political influence upon the Afghans. Baber, the founder of Moghal Rule in India, is mentioned as the first important link between Afghanistan and India. Due importance is attached to the Sikh capture of Peshawar in 1823, when a new era opened in the political history of Afghanistan, owing to its more immediate contact with the British Government in this country.
- III. An entire chapter is devoted to Russian intrigues and Persian machinations in Afghanistan and chapter and verse are quoted to show that British statesmen aimed merely at keeping a friendly ruler on the Afghan throne. The causes and events of the three Afghan wars, the schemes for the delimitation of scientific frontiers, and the conclusion of the historic treaty of Gandamak find a place in this part of the story. The cardinal cause of every armed conflict between Afghanistan and British India has been shown to be the Amir's coquetting with foreign influence, and the British have never desired anything more than to keep on the friendliest terms with the Amir and to make him strong to resist aggression from the north.
- IV and V. The next two chapters are taken up with a somewhat detailed description of the political relations between Afghanistan and Great Britain. A categorical account is given of the negotiations with Amir Abdul Rahman and Amir Habib Ullah and the salient points of the treaties made with them, including the Gandamak treaty and coming down to the agreement arrived at by Sir Louis Dane with Amir Habib Ullah. The chapter pays due acknowledgment to Amir Abdul Rahman for his sternly just rule and to Amir Habib Ullah for his steadfast loyalty and friendship towards His Majesty the King-Emperor.
- VI and VII. These two chapters mention the unsuccessful attempts recently made to induce the late Amir to take up the cause of England's enemies, His Majesty's resolute resistance of such efforts and his murder, Aman Ullah's accession and treachery, and the motives underlying the latter's policy.
- VIII. The final chapter contains a reproduction of the proclamation of His Excellency the Viceroy to the Afghans, the two manifestoes of the leading Punjab Muhammadans and the Afghans resident in India and the address of the Pirs and Maulvies lately presented to Sir Michael O'Dwyer, with tracings of the autograph signatures of those who subscribed to the address.

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(Ct. 2826) From the Secretary, Punjab Publicity Committee, Lahore. 27.7.19

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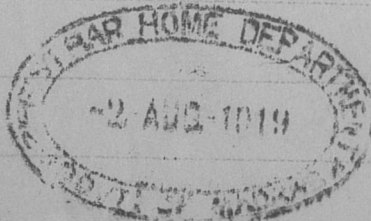
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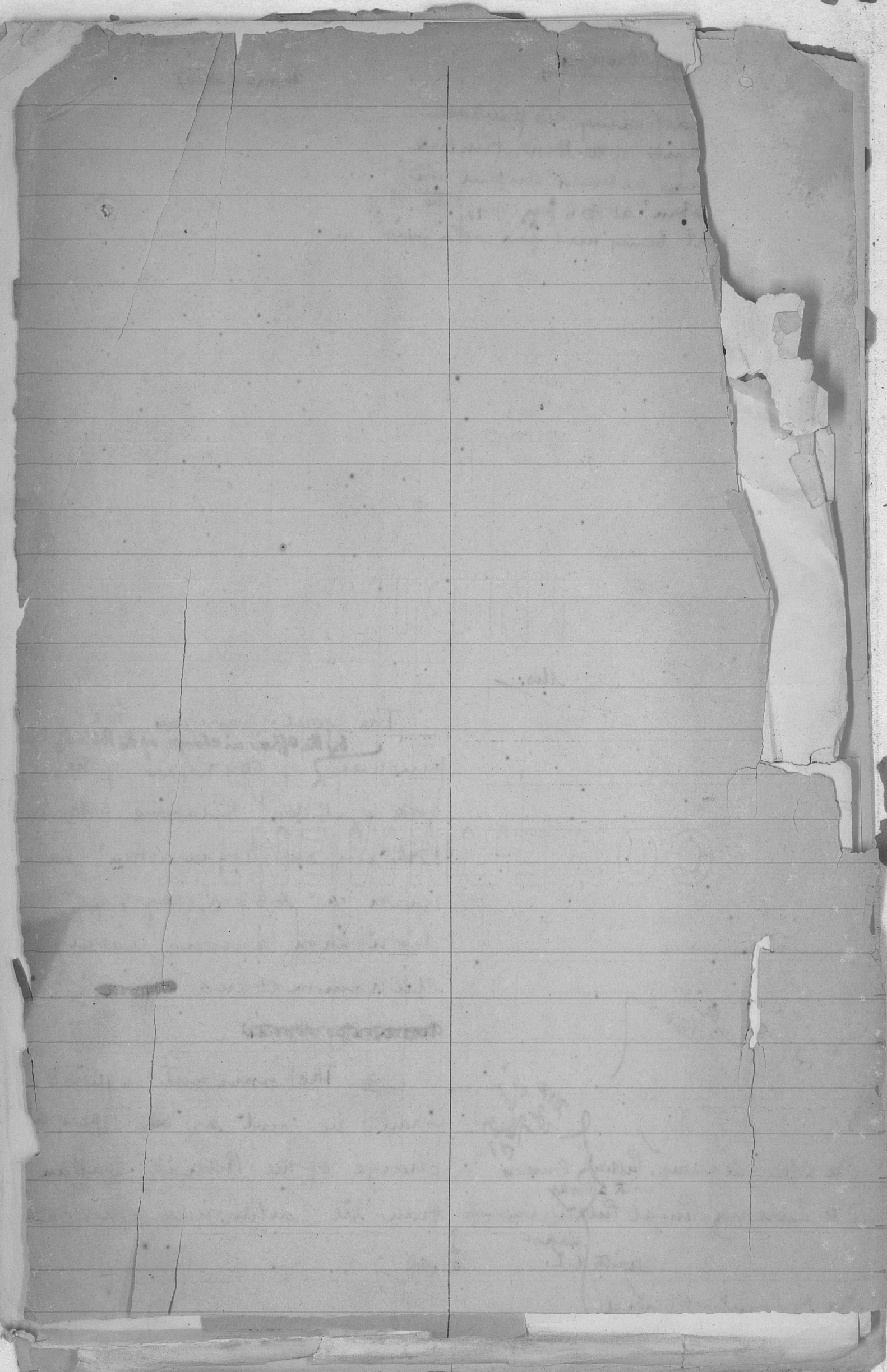
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