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[Despatch Abstract.]

Chitralis. Informing the Govt of India that there is no objection to certain relatives, eleven in number, of ~~Mr~~ Sher Afzal, being allowed to proceed to ~~Govt~~ Ootacamund ^{to join him} that Govt ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{being understood to} ~~defraying~~ ^{will defray} all additional expenditure occasioned thereby.

Letter to the Traik

— Informing that there is no objection to certain re-
latives, eleven in number, of ~~WAM~~ ^{to join him,} after appeal, being
allowed to proceed to Botacumund, it being understood
that all additional expenditure occasioned
will be defrayed by the East of India.

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G.O., No. 30, 13th January 1897.

JANUARY.

Chitralis.

Informing the Government of India that there is no objection to certain relatives, eleven in number, of Sher Afzal, being allowed to proceed to Ootacamund to join him; that Government, it being understood, will defray all additional expenditure occasioned thereby.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From Captain H. DALY, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 30th October 1896, No. 2953-F.

From His Highness the Amir of Afghanistan, dated the 5th October 1896, with enclosure. I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council, From the Government of the Punjab, No. 1276, copies of the letters marked in the dated 6th October 1896, with enclosure. margin regarding Sher Afzal, Chitrali.

2. The Governor-General in Council cannot entertain any proposal for permitting Sher Afzal to return to Kabul, but would be prepared, subject to the concurrence of the Madras Government, to permit Sher Afzal's family to join him at Ootacamund provided the party was not a large one.

3. I am to request that, if His Excellency the Governor sees no objection, it may be ascertained whether Sher Afzal still wishes his family sent for and of what members the family consists. It will be convenient if your reply contains an estimate of any extra expenditure which might be involved through their residence at Ootacamund.

From J. H. A. TREMENHEERE, Esq., Acting Collector of Nilgiris, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Camp, Nadghani, 14th December 1896, No. 1639.

I have the honour to reply to Government memorandum, No. 2352, Political, dated 13th November 1896, regarding Chitrali prisoner Sher Afzal Khan's request that his family may be brought to him.

2. On receipt of the order, I visited Sher Afzal and requested him to give me full details of the persons whose presence he desired. He offered to give me a full list in writing.

3. On the 23rd November he sent me a communication desiring generally that such of his family and relatives as might be willing to come might be brought from Kabul.

4. I then required the Inspector of Police to obtain exact details. Not having yet received these and being on tour in the remote Benné and Mudumalai forests, at once obtain the requisite particulars.

5. I yesterday received the Treasury Deputy Collector's report, which I enclose for the information of Government.

6. It will be seen that Sher Afzal wants 12 relatives and 46 dependents. It is impossible, I presume, to accede to his request, but it would perhaps be reasonable to meet his wishes in regard to the following :—

His two wives, with their mothers	4
His three daughters	3
His two (young) grandsons, with their mother	3
One Jamid Khan in attendance	1
Total	11

With one exception (a mother-in-law's mother), this coincides with the Treasury Deputy Collector's list A. The approximate cost for a year will be Rs. 6,800, as another house will necessarily be required.

7. If it is considered that this is too large a number, I can, if directed, visit Sher Afzal after my return to the hills on the 19th and induce him to make a selection of a smaller number of persons.

ENCLOSURES.

From SHER AFZAL KHAN, a State Prisoner of Chitral, to the Collector of Nilgiris, dated Ootacamund, 23rd November 1896.

With due respects and profound hope, I beg to bring the following few lines to your honour's kind consideration, hoping to be favoured with success.

As I am now placed in a state of grief and sorrow owing to the separation of my family and relatives in this lonely place, and since my arrival to this place, I do not know what has become of my family and relatives who were left behind me at Kabul. Nowadays, I am very much troubled in my mind in consideration and love of them, as my thought is always striking at them; so I most respectfully beg to request that you will be so kind as to try your best to get permission of Government to bring my family and relatives here who are now with lives in Kabul and who are willing to come here; I also beg to mention here that those who are unwilling to come here, not to bring such of them with severity or against their will.

Secondly, I beg to request that, when the Government will be pleased to accord sanction to your kind recommendation, my family and relatives should be brought here with much honour and without confinement, &c., as the Government deem fit to do honour to the family of a prince like myself.

Thirdly, with regard to the sum standing at my credit in the Government treasury, I request that you will be pleased to get sanction of Government for remitting the same to me or else to send the same to me, so that I may be able to incur my expenses for going to Mecca if the Government orders the same.

Finally, I beg to say that I don't wish the Government to do any more favour for me but to bring my family and relatives here with honour and decency and to refund the money standing at my credit.

Excuse me for the trouble given and intrusion on your valuable time.

The original letter in Persian is herein enclosed.

From W. C. McMURRAY, Esq., Treasury Deputy Collector, Nilgiris, to the Collector, Nilgiris, dated Ootacamund, 12th December 1896, No. 1635.

As directed in your No. 1609, dated 9th instant, I have the honour to inform you that I visited Brookhampton this day and gathered the required information.

(i) Sher Afzal Khan still wishes that his family be sent for and also some other relatives and dependents.

(ii) The members of the family, numbering 12, are detailed in List A, and the other relations and dependents, numbering 46, in List B.

(iii) I annex memorandum of expenditure that will be incurred in the event only those given in List A are brought down. If those in List B are also brought down very gigantic arrangements will have to be made and the cost will amount to four times as much as what has been estimated for the twelve in List A.

2. It will be necessary to have another house. I have selected the smallest available ("Mossy Banks") and which is situated near the Pykara "Finger Post". In this Amir-ul-Mulk and his party can be located and Brookhampton be solely left for Sher Afzal Khan and his party.

List A.

Two wives of Sher Afzal Khan and their respective mothers	4
Three daughters of Sher Afzal Khan	3
Two grandsons (sons of Shah Nadir Khan) named Shah Azam Khan and Sher Azam Khan and their mother	3
A mother of one of the mothers-in-law	1
Jamid Khan, brother-in-law of Sher Afzal Khan. His wife is now at Ootacamund in attendance on the daughter of Sher Afzal Khan	1

N.B.—The names of the females he declines to mention.

List B.

Lal Bahadur and wife, maternal uncle and aunt	..	..	..	..	2
Khan Nasir Shah, maternal uncle	..	..	..	..	1
Mahuzan Shah, brother-in-law	..	..	..	..	1
Shukur Khani, servant	..	..	..	..	1
Shahzindas and wife, maternal uncle and aunt	..	..	..	..	2
Baidaneek and wife, brother-in-law	..	..	..	..	2
Ameer Khan, son of Baidaneek	..	..	..	..	1
Khabath Shah, son of Baidaneek	..	..	..	..	1
Jameel, with wife, a relative	..	..	..	..	2
Deldar Baig, with wife, a relative	..	..	..	..	2
Rahmuth and wife, servant	..	..	..	..	2
Baglali and daughter, servant	..	..	..	..	2
Sharief, servant	..	..	..	..	2
Juan, servant	..	..	..	..	1
Rusacian, servant	..	..	..	..	1
Alinavar, servant	..	..	..	..	1
Argaman, servant	..	..	..	..	1
Sharafuth, servant	..	..	..	..	1
Fakhar Khan, servant	..	..	..	..	1
Muksad Khan and wife, servant	..	..	..	..	1
Butavan, wife and two children, servant	..	..	..	..	2
Aman and wife, servant	..	..	..	..	4
Salamuth Khan and wife, servant	..	..	..	..	2
Aleyar Khan and wife, servant	..	..	..	..	2
Nasied Shah and wife, brother-in-law	..	..	..	..	2
Children of Nasied Shah { Pilam	..	..	..	..	2
{ Kassaam	..	..	..	..	1
Khusah and wife, servant	..	..	..	..	1
Mukh Tusah and wife, servant	..	..	..	..	2

Estimate of Charges for a year.

House-rent at Rs. 65 per month	Rs.	780
Food at Rs. 313 per month	Rs.	3,756
Menial and conservancy establishments as follows per month :—		
1 water man	Rs.	540
1 toty	9	
1 dhoby	9	
1 barber	10	
1 barber	5	
1 cook	12	
	45	
Contingencies as below per month :—		
Kerosine oil	Rs.	624
Soap and hair-oil	3	
Carriage hire, &c.	20	
Firewood	15	
	52	
Dress, bedding, &c.	500	
Police guard	658	
Taxes		
Total	Rs.	6,858

From the Government of India, Foreign Department, dated Fort William, the
28th December 1896, No. 3366-F.

ORDER—No. 30, Political, dated 13th January 1897.

ORDER—No. 30, Political, dated 13th January 1897.)

The Government of India will be informed that there is no objection to the eleven relatives of Sher Afzal mentioned in the Collector's letter being allowed to proceed to Ootacamund, it being understood that all additional expenditure thereby occasioned will be defrayed by that Government.

(No. 31, Political, dated 13th January 1897.)

(Here enter letter, No. 31, Political, dated 13th January 1897.)

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of the Nilgiris.

Ed. A. Raitt.

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Letter, No. 31, 13th January 1897.

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Chitralis.

Informing that there is no objection to certain relatives, eleven in number, of Sher Afzal, being allowed to proceed to Ootacamund to join him, it being understood that all additional expenditure occasioned thereby will be defrayed by the Government of India.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to reply to Captain Daly's letter, No. 2953-F., dated 30th October 1896, with which were forwarded copies of correspondence regarding the request of Sher Afzal, Chitrali, that his wife and family might be permitted to join him at Ootacamund.

2. From the report of the Collector of the Nilgiris, No. 1639, dated 14th December 1896, printed in the accompanying copy of the proceedings * of this Government, it will be seen that, after some delay, Sher Afzal has stated that he wishes to send for twelve of his relatives and forty-six dependents. The Collector considers it impossible to accede to this request, but thinks that it would be reasonable to meet the wishes of Sher Afzal in regard to eleven relatives—viz., his two wives with their two mothers, his three daughters, his two grandsons with their mother, and his brother-in-law, Jamid Khan. If these eleven persons are permitted to proceed to Ootacamund, another house will be required for the accommodation of the Chitralis, and the extra cost of the arrangements will, it is calculated, amount to Rs. 6,800 per annum.

3. I am to say that this Government has no objection to the above eleven persons being allowed to join Sher Afzal at Ootacamund, it being understood that the Government of India will defray whatever additional cost may be involved in their transport as well as in their maintenance on the hills.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
13th January 1897.J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. Raitt.

[Poll.]
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Political (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 1453

From Govt. of India
Foreign Dept.

H.E. the Governor.

For Orders. as to whether the Col. of

the Nilgiris may be asked to report

with ref. to para 3 of the letter

Sher Afzal is the principal of

the Chitrali chiefs at Ootacamund

vide pages 83 & 85 of the book.

(file) and it is doubtful whether

Brookhampton will accommodate

very many more than it does

at present.

This seems a
necessary preliminary.

SUBJECT.

C.S. 8
8.11.96The Collector should be asked to
report accordingly.

A.G.H.

7.11.96
Cudh No 2352

Referred to the Col. of

the Nilgiris for report with ref.

to para 3. of the letter from the Govt. of India

Cudh 10.11.96.

Dated 30/10

Received 4

Registered 5

Enclosures 2

Spare copies. -

Forwarding copies of certain
letters re Sher Afzal
Chitrali, & requesting to
ascertain whether he still
wishes to have his family
sent for, and of
what members the family
consists.

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11.11.96

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K. F.
D. No. 499 F.

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Amir of Afghanistan and its Dependencies, to the address of His Excellency the Viceroy, dated the 26th Rabi-us-Sani 1314 H., corresponding to the 5th October 1896.

After compliments.—I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I have now received a letter written by Sher Afzal Khan of Chitral from Madras and bearing his seal. He solicits permission to come to Kabul and live with his family and children, who are here.

I send the original letter written by him for Your Excellency's perusal. If the illustrious British Government send Sher Afzal Khan to Kabul, I will, as his family and children are here, stand security and guarantee that he will never commit any act hostile to Chitral, and will have no relation or connection with the inhabitants of that district. He will be kept in safe custody here in the same manner as is done by the exalted Government of India.

I wish that Your Excellency may consent to this proposal about him, and will write a reply to my letter granting my request, so that his family may be consoled and assured. He has now repented of his foolish doings. Consequently I stand guarantee for him, because his family and other dependents are in a very sad and distressed condition.

Translation of a letter from SHER AFZAL KHAN to His Highness the Amir of Afghanistan dated the 25th Rabi-ul-Awal 1314 H.=the 4th September 1896.

After compliments.—I, your old slave, beg to state that I was imprisoned, for a year and four months in Dharamsala.

It is now ordered by the Government to take me to Madras. I have behaved in a very disrespectful and insolent manner towards the Government of the King of Islam. I have still hopes that Your Highness will do me the favour to bury my bones beside those of my children.

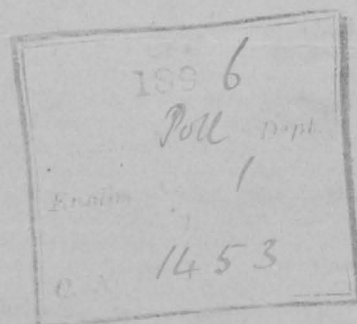
I have no other wish in this world.

I am directed to submit for the information of the Government of India and for transmission to His Highness the Amir, if there is no objection to this, a letter to His Highness from Sher Afzal Khan of Chitral in which he asks that his wife and family may be permitted to join him in India. An English translation of the letter is also enclosed.

I have, &c.

(Sd) A. H. Hunter,

For Chief Secretary to
Govt., Punjab.



حضرت فیض گنجور علی القاب جناب کلہا طر صاحب

و بعد عرض این است که شما مهربانتر کرده اید که فقدهایا و دست و پا خسته
نوشته کنید که آنها را خوانا کرده شد چنان با صاحب امید کار چه کلبه باشد
لکه او کرد و خان زاده و بار شاه زاده گان بدولت سرکار چه غم نان میخورد
روز بروز در غم اندازید و هیچ رحم نمیکند و بدولت سرکار انصاف

غریب پروری بنمایار بود و در حق ماهر نشد من چه گناه عظم کرده ایم
که نشدند بشو و هیچ عیب ندارم مگر دولت امید خود را بدامن صاحبان
انداخته بدولت نگر کار آمده ایم صاحبان اول امید دارم که از برکت شما نگر کار
مراد در ملک بهتر جای گیر و احداث بخداوند مرا قسمت کند بغیر عای دولت
دیگر هیچ کار ندارم و اگر آن نام نشو و بان هیچ ماکه در کار بل پیشند آنها را
بخواججه بیارید و هم فرزند و خولستان من در نگاه نیستند و بیگانه کسی نیست
که بغیر ما جای ندارد و اگر کسی که نیامد بزرگوارید و اگر کسی بخوشی خود که آمدن
شما بزرگوار و بسو نگیرد و من هم بار شاه زاده استم امید کرده ام و مرانا امید
و اگر این را هم نمیکند دولت نگر کار هیچ کم بودی نیست تا حال خزانم البرکات
دولت نکرده است و در دست است

و فرزند من لذت اربع و عمر و
بمدرک ایمن میدرخانم و رضا او را در تمام
سیرت و اخلاق و معاد و علم و خلق که از دل که از او
سیرت و اخلاق و معاد و علم و خلق که از دل که از او

W. E. D. Silva

Supdt., Foreign Dept.

Leopoldo
Inspector of Police
Ootacamund
22-11-96

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CHIEF SECRETARY No. 2953-J
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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FROM
THE Deputy SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
TO

The Chief Secretary to the Government
of Madras.

Dated Simla, the 30th October 1896.

FOREIGN DEPT. } SIR,

From His Highness the Amir of Afghanistan
dated the 5th October 1896, with enclosure.
From the Government of the Punjab, No. 1276,
dated the 6th October 1896, with enclosure.

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council, copies of the letters marked in the margin, regarding Sher Afzal, Chitrali.
2. The Governor-General in Council cannot entertain any proposal for permitting Sher Afzal to return to Kabul, but would be prepared, subject to the concurrence of the Madras Government, to permit Sher Afzal's family to join him, at Ootacamund provided the party was not a large one.

I am to request that, if His Excellency the Governor sees no objection, it may be ascertained whether Sher Afzal still wishes his family sent for and of what members the family consists. It will be convenient if your reply contains an estimate of any extra expenditure which might be involved through their residence at Ootacamund.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your most obedient servant,

H. Daly.

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

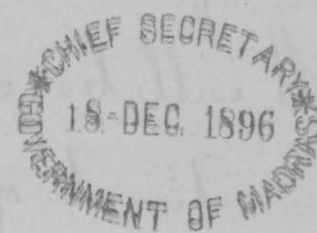
4. The TDC is therefore requested to obtain a list of such members of his family (giving full particulars) as Sher Afzal wishes brought to Ootacamund; and to report fully & at a very early date on the three points noted in blue pencil.

W. Tremblay
A.C. 7.12.86

1609
7.12.86
Forwarded to the TDC with a letter from Sher Afzal attached with the following remarks.
2. Before he left Ootacamund, the undersigned interviewed Sher Afzal, who desired that his family might be brought down & who promised to specify the members, in writing.
3. As he did not do so, the Insp. of Police was required to ~~supp~~ obtain detailed information, but nothing has been heard from him.

Political (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 1654



From

The Collector of Nilgiris.

Order

No. 1639

Dated 14-12-1896.

Despatched 16-12-1896.

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SUBJECT

Chitrali

Submitting a memo of expenditure, and a list of members which Sher Afzal Khan wants to bring to Ootacamund.

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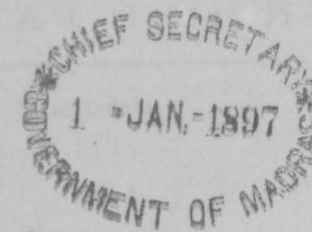
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CURRENT
No. 3366. F

Government of India.

Foreign Department.

Fort William, the 28th Dec^r 1896



To The Chief Secretary to the Govt of Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed to invite attention to the communication marginally* noted, and to request the favour of an early reply.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. C. Clarke

Asstt. Secretary to the Government of India.

* No. 2953 F, dated the 30th Oct^r 96.

Subject—

Sher Afzal, Chitrali.

Ref

Where is C. No. 1453? I passed it on some time ago

Cus
4.1.97

The previous currents have gone in Circ 6/1/97:

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W. C. Clarke

Did this with them on return

Cus
8.1.97

Political dept:

C.Nos. 1453 & 1654

SUBJECT.

Chitrali Prisoners

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

*Recd. Dept.
Secy. Secy.
8/1*

FOR ORDERS.

*I think the Govt. of India might be
satisfied at once. They might have
the information given in the Note,
and they might be told that their
Govt. has no objection to the eleven
relatives being allowed to come,
provided that the Govt. of India
is prepared to defray the additional
cost involved.*

A.H.

7.1.97

With the first of the above
currents the Govt. of India forwarded
copies of letters from the Amir of
Afghanistan and from Sher Afzal Khan of
Chitral, who is now in detention at Ootaca-
mund, in which the latter requested that
his wife and family might be permitted to
join him. It was intimated that the
Governor General in Council could not
entertain any proposal for permitting Sher
Afzal ~~Khan~~ to return to Kabul but would
be prepared, subject to the concurrence of
the Madras Govt., to permit his family to
join him at Ootacamund, provided that the
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India requested that it might be ascertain-
ed whether Sher Afzal still wished his
family to be sent for and of what members
the family consisted and desired to be
furnished with an estimate of the extra
expenditure involved.

2. The second current (No. 1654) is
the report by the Collector of the
Nilgiris on the papers. Mr. Tremenhare
states that on receipt of the reference

From Govt., he visited Sher Afzal and requested him to furnish full details of the persons whose presence he desired at Ootacamund. Sher Afzal offered to give a full list in writing. ^{He} The latter subsequently sent the Collector a letter in which he desired generally that such of his family and relatives as might be willing to come might be brought from Kabul. More definite particulars have been obtained by the Treasury Dy: Collector whose report forms an enclosure to the current. Sher Afzal wishes to send for 12 of his relatives and 40 dependents. Mr. Tremenhoe considers it impossible to accede to this request, but thinks that it would be reasonable to meet his wishes in regard to 11 people viz. his two wives with their mothers, his three daughters, his two grandsons with their mother and an attendant. ^{His brother-in-law} Sher Afzal includes the mother of his mother-in-law as one of his relatives, but Mr. Tremenhoe has excluded this person from the list. Mr.

Tremenhoe points out that ~~if~~ if these ^{Eleven} relatives are brought to Ootacamund, another house will be required and the extra cost will be Rs. 6,800 per annum. In the Dy: Collector's report "Mossy Banks" near the Pykara Finger Post is mentioned as the additional house to be taken if the party is brought up. If this is done, it is suggested, that Sher Afzal and his party should be located in Brookhampton and the rest of the

Chitralis

Chitralis at "Mossy Banks". From the Dy: Collector's description of the situation of ~~the~~ "Mossy Banks," it appears to be the house on the left of the road to the race course from the "Finger Post," that is, on the opposite side of ~~the~~ "Lansdowne". The owner is believed to be Mr. Moss of the Forest dept.:

3 Orders are solicited whether a recommendation should be made to the Govt. of India that the ^{Eleven} relatives ^{Sher} should join Afzal or whether the Collector should, as suggested in the last paragraph of his letter, again visit Sher Afzal in order to try and induce him to select a smaller number.

6. perm. 11.2.96

^{Cutts.}
^{10/12/96} A compliance with Sher Afzal's request will involve considerable outlay and will also involve having two parties of Chitralis at a considerable distance from each other. It is difficult to see how the eleven proposed by the Col: could be any much reduced. The mothers in law might be cut out and that is about all that could be done. It seems hardly necessary to make any further reference to the Col: Sher Afzal will not cut down his demands any further or if he does will only wait to have them satisfied and then make further proposals.

10/1/97

CHITRALI PRISONERS

H.E. the Governor

To

The Collector of the Nilgiris

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Foreign Dept:

SIR,

I am directed to reply to Capt:
Daly's letter No. 2953 F, d/ 30th Octr.
1896, with which were forwarded copies of
correspondence regarding the request of
Sher Afzal, Chitrali, that his wife and
family might be permitted to join him at
Ootacamund.

2. From the report of the Collect-
or of the Nilgiris No. 1639, d/ 14th Decr.
1896, ^{printed in the accompanying copy} which forms an enclosure to the

Political Dept:

G.Os. 1453 & 1654 of 1896
and 1 of 1897

ORDER

Mr. O.S.

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The Govt. of India will be
informed that ^{there is} ~~this Govt.~~ has no objection
to the ^{eleven} ~~the~~ relatives of Sher Afzal mention-
ed in the Collector's letter being allowed
to ^{proceed to} ~~join him at~~ Ootacamund, it being under-
stood that all additional expenditure will
be defrayed by that Govt.

(from orders)

LETTER

N^o 31
Perforated 21/1/97

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Foreign Dept:

SIR,

I am directed to reply to Capt:
Daly's letter No. 2953 F, d/ 30th Octr.
1896, with which were forwarded copies of
correspondence regarding the request of
Sher Afzal, Chitrali, that his wife and
family might be permitted to join him at
Ootacamund.

2. From the report of the Collect-
or of the Nilgiris No. 1639, d/ 14th Decr.
1896, ^{printed in the accompanying copy} which forms an enclosure to the

proceedings of this Govt., it will be seen that after some delay Sher Afzal ^{had} stated that he wishes to send for ^{twelve} ~~40~~ of his relatives and ^{forty or} ~~40~~ dependants. The Collector considers it impossible to accede to this request, but thinks that it would be reasonable to meet the wishes of Sher Afzal in regard to ^{eleven} ~~eleven~~ relatives ^{viz.} ~~namely~~ his two wives with ^{two} ~~their~~ mothers, his three daughters, his two grandsons with their ^{mother} ~~mother~~ and his brother-in-law Jamid Khan. If these ^{eleven} ~~eleven~~ persons are permitted to proceed to Ootacamund, another house will be required for the accommodation of the Chitralis and the extra cost of the arrangements at Ootacamund will, it is calculated, amount to Rs. 6,500 per annum.

I am to say that this Govt. has no objection to the above ^{eleven} ~~eleven~~ persons being allowed to join Sher Afzal at Ootacamund, it being understood that the Govt. of India will defray whatever additional cost may be involved in their transport as ^{well as} in their maintenance on the hills.

I have &c.

C. S. 9.1.97

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