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Informing the Govt of the disquiet & trouble which has been occasioned among the Chitrali prisoners detained at Ootacamund owing to an intimacy existing between Sher Afzul Khan's daughter and Daneb Beg his servant, and their intention of getting married; and requesting the orders of that Govt on the matter.

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Re No. 67.

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SUBJECT.

CHITRALI PRISONERS.

Requesting early instructions in the matter of the settlement of Daniel Beg and the Chitrali Princess.

From District Magistrate.

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No. 14.

Ootacamund
20th February 1899.

To,

The District Magistrate
Nilgiris.

Respected Sir,

I respectfully beg to report that I this day visited Princess Chitrali who is very stubborn in her conduct and says she wont take food unless and until Vizier Daniel Beg is ordered back to her in spite of my repeated requests. The father of the Princess stated that his daughter, should not be allowed to marry the vizier, that if it is done, it would spoil his name and cause displeasure and annoyance amongst the members who are at Cabul, Chitral and that he earnestly solicited that, under any circumstances, his daughter should not be allowed to see the vizier who is a slave and servant of him.

He declare that himself and the remaining three would Sacrifice their lives, should the princess be allowed to approach Daniel Beg.

I advised the people to keep them quiet and that Princess would not be removed.

I think that Daniel Beg is the bottom of all these matters and mischief.

I beg etc

(Sd) Mahomed Bacar
Inspector of Police.

True Copy
Forwarded
for District Magistrate.

Enclosure to letter No. Re. 61/28.2.99

Enclosure 2 to letter No. 67/2B-2-99

No. 15.

Colaccamund.
24th February 1899.

From,

The Inspector of Police
Colaccamund

To,

The Collector and District Magistrate
Nilgiris
Colaccamund.

Most honoured Sir,

I respectfully beg to report that the Chitrali Princess is still very stubborn and continues to be without taking food. She wants to be removed to the Quarters of Daniel Beg. She pretends to be starving. This I can't believe, as a Human Soul, cannot be without food for about 11 days. She has made up her mind to be in Company with Daniel Beg.

I beg etc.

(Sd) Mahomed Bosan
Inspector of Polies.

(True Copy)

for District Magistrate.

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Translation of a Persian.

From,

Vizier Daniel Beg

To,

The Collector of the Nilgiris.

(Requesting that this may be forwarded to Government)

Most Respected Sir,

As the Mussalman rulers did not act justly they were all ruined. The Government protects the helpless and is very just. I did not commit any offence.— The daughter of Sher. Afzul and myself were living together for a year and a half. I have fallen in love with her. She came into my nikah and I accepted her;— She is about 40 years old. She tells to her father that with his consent, she was once married and lived with— her husband who died three years after the marriage and it is 4½ years since he died. She further says that she wants Vizier Daniel Beg for her husband, otherwise she says that she will commit Suicide. Her father without giving consent to her wishes, has confined her with two females the wife of my Servant Gaucher Khan and all the three say that unless they are taken to the Vizier they will neither eat nor drink and they are spoiling themselves. The— Government is just, and as for Mussalmans there is the law. I beg for justice and to know as to whether the Consent of the father or the daughter is the chief thing to be considered. I am not to blame. Nor Sher. Afzul is mistake I am in prison. There are three persons who com-mitted all sorts of mistakes viz; Amirkan, Sher. Afzul

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...ul Amir-ul-mulk. I have committed no offence I am at a loss to know why I have been put into Jail and trouble. Again that Sher. Afzul was willing to accede to his daughters request and requested her to go to Kabul after getting Government's permission and to remain there or elsewhere and try through the Amir Abdul Rahiman Khan to get his relief. To this she did not consent. She has therefore been put to much difficulty. Everything is known to Government.

(Sd) Vazir Daniel Beg.
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(True Copy)

For: District Magistrate.

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District Magistrate's
NILGIRI ~~COLLECTOR'S~~ OFFICE,
OOTACAMUND, 28 February 1899.

REF. ON Curr. No. 67

FROM

C. I. Weir Esquire
District Magistrate
~~COLLECTOR~~ OF
the Nilgiris,

TO

Chief
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Political DEPARTMENT,
Madras.

SIR,

ENCLOSURES. C

In continuation of my letter No. 67 dated 7th February 1899, regarding the Chitrali prisoners, I have the honour to report that Daniel Beg, Dilawar Shah and Gafur were brought from Brookhampton and lodged in the Apothecary's quarters, Jail Hill.

Gafur was removed with the other two as the Inspector of Police informed me that he was the go-between in the intrigue of Daniel Beg with the daughter of Sher. Afzul.

2. Daniel Beg made a great scene when he was removed from Brookhampton and rolled on the ground and threatened to commit suicide. The lady, Sher. Afzul's daughter, behaved in a similar manner apparently but as she was within the Zenana only her cries could be heard. She is said to have inflicted on herself a trifling wound.

3. As Daniel Beg after his removal threatened to

return to Brookhampton and as Sher-Afzul held rather — truculent language as to what he would do in case this should happen, I decided to make Daniel Beg and his party sleep at nights within the Sub Jail in the Hospital room, which was and remains unoccupied. There is considerable difficulty in placing an effective guard over the Apothecary's quarters at night and it was difficult to find the necessary Police for the duty, as there have been extra calls on the Police for plague duty at inspection and segregation Camps. This arrangement still continues; the party occupy the — Apothecary's quarters during the day.

4. I had an interview with Daniel Beg immediately after his removal from Brookhampton.

He urged that the woman was of full age-40 years he stated- and had a perfect right to marry without her — father's consent. This is no doubt a correct statement of the Mahommedan law. He added that for 2 months he had been living with the woman as his wife and alleged that he had married her as a Nikah wife. Up to this the relations between Daniel Beg and this woman had not been avowed. Though there is no doubt an improper intimacy existed between them, I believe the ceremony, meagre as it is, necessary for a Nikah Marriage was not gone through.

5. Daniel Beg still persists in his claim to have the princess as his wife and has sent me a petition, copy of which I enclose. The Police Inspector informs me that the princess on her part refuses to take food while her father declares that he will sacrifice his life rather than allow her to go to —

Daniel Beg- I enclose copies of 2 reports from Police Inspector.

6. It seems pretty certain now that unless Daniel Beg and the princess are permanently separated they will persist in their intention to marry and live together. If Government therefore considers that this should be prevented and the representation of Sher Afzul on the subject respected, I can only suggest that Daniel Beg be removed to another station away from the Nilgiris. If a hill climate is essential for his place of detention Kodaikanal or Yercaud might be selected.

There is of course the alternative suggestion put-forward in my letter dated 7th February 1899 to send back the princess to Chittal but even if this was adopted it is improbable that Sher-Afzul and Daniel Beg could ever live together again at amity.

7. I am of course quite unable to form any opinion as to whether Sher-Afzul's statement, that his daughter's marriage with Daniel Beg would humiliate himself and his house, is correct or not, and I fancy there is no one in the Madras Presidency qualified to form an opinion on the matter which might, I venture to suggest, be referred to the Government of India.

If Sher-Afzul representations prove exaggerated or untrue, the marriage might be allowed to proceed, and probably Sher-Afzul would reconsider his intention to commit suicide. I request the favour of early instructions

the matter.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant.

[illegible]
District Magistrate

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which, he stated, would involve him in serious disgrace, threatened to commit suicide if the marriage were allowed to proceed - & requested the DM to send his daughter back to Chitral.

Under these circumstances the DM removed Daniel Beg from Brookhampton, together with the latter's friend & confidant, Dilawar Shah, to the Apothecary's Quarters which happened to be vacant. This was done as a temporary measure & in expectation that the separation of the two would lead to Daniel Beg's abandonment by Sher Afzul's daughter.

This communication was recorded pending the receipt of further information from the DM who was also requested to state how the Apothecary's Quarters happened to be vacant.

In the Current the District Magistrate reports that the two detenues already named & a third named Fazur were removed from Brookhampton & lodged in the Apothecary's

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Quarters in Jail Hill. The reason for Fazur's removal is that he was the "go-between" in the intrigues between Daniel Beg & the daughter of Sher Afzul.

Daniel Beg is reported to have made a great scene when he was removed from Brookhampton, rolling on the ground & threatening to commit suicide.

The DM Collector says that Sher Afzul's daughter behaved in a similar manner ~~when~~ within the Zenana whence her cries could be heard. The enmity now existing between Sher Afzul & Daniel Beg has made the separation of the two necessary & a guard is placed over the Apothecary's Quarters to prevent Daniel Beg from returning to Brookhampton.

The D. M. Collector forwards a petition from Daniel Beg in which the latter urges his right, under Muhammadan law, to

marry the daughter without her father's consent, she being of full age (40½ cms!). He states that he married her by "nikah" that they have lived together for about a year & a half. He attributes the objections of Sher Afzul to the fact that the latter had wished his daughter to go to Kabul & ~~to bring~~ influence to bear on the authorities with a view to his release, which the daughter refused to do.

The D M also forwards reports of the Police Inspector from which it appears that the daughter of Sher Afzul persistently refuses to eat - while she constantly reiterates her request to be removed to the quarters of Daniel Beg. Sher Afzul, on his side, avows that if this is permitted he & his friends will "sacrifice their lives."

Under these circumstances the D M Collector seeks the orders of Govt as, in the event of Sher Afzul's

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wishes on the subject being respected, it will be necessary for Daniel Beg to be permanently separated from Sher Afzul's daughter & sent to another habitation, e.g. Kodai-Kanal or Ootacamund. The D M adds that if his alternative suggestion - to send the Princess to Chitral - be adopted it would still be improbable that Sher Afzul & Daniel Beg could ever again live together at amity.

The D M finally suggests that as no one in this Presidency is qualified to judge as to whether Sher Afzul's statement, that a marriage with the latter's daughter would disgrace him, is true the matter had better be referred to the Govt of India, allowing the marriage to proceed if Sher Afzul's representations prove exaggerated or untrue & separating them two parties, permanently, if it is otherwise.

With reference to the Secretary's pencil note on margin of the

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Current – opposite para 7, the following disposal is submitted for approval –

AWS 4/3/95

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The Govt of India will be addressed on the subject.

Cwd 8/3/95

Letter –

To the Secy to the Govt of India Foreign Dept.

Sir –

I am directed to report to ~~the Secretary to the Govt of India~~ that considerable disquiet has been occasioned among the Chitrali prisoners detained at Ootacamund by an undue intimacy, which appears to have been in existence for a considerable time past, between Sher Afzul Khan's daughter, widow of the late Nizam-ul-Mulk, the late ruler of Chitral, and Daniel

S.M. Re Nilgris (910)

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The servant of Sher Afzal Beg, ~~one of the detenus mentioned in the enclosure to Bte Daly's letter No 2219 I dated 17th Aug 1895~~ Daniel Beg has a wife who is a cheat.

2. These two have avowed their intention of getting married, and to this Sher Afzul Khan is vehemently opposed, on the ground that such a marriage would involve him in the greatest disgrace. He threatens to commit suicide if the marriage is allowed to proceed & requests that his daughter may be sent back to her brother-in-law, the present Ruler of Chitral.

3. The daughter, on the other hand, refuses to go to Chitral & declares her intention of marrying Daniel Beg, who, on his side, has stated to the District Magistrate that he has been living with the woman as his wife for two months & that he had married her as a Nikahi wife.

4. The District Magistrate is of the opinion that a Nikahi ceremony has not taken place

between the two, but ~~there~~ his thinks there is no doubt as to the ~~existence of~~ improper ~~relations~~ intimacy ~~has existed~~ between them. Daniel Beg urges that the woman, being of full age — 40 years, he states — has a perfect right to marry without her father's consent & has presented to this Govt, through the Dist Magistrate, a petition (translation of) which is enclosed.

4. Early in February the District Magistrate ~~has~~ removed Daniel Beg from "Brookhampton", together with this friend & confidant Dilawar Shah and Gauhar Khan, who had been a go-between in the intrigues between the two parties, from "Brookhampton" to temporary quarters elsewhere in Ootacamund, ~~where they have been temporarily lodged in a vacant Gentleman's Quarters on "Jail Hill"~~ on their separation from the other prisoners being deemed necessary in order to avoid a serious conflict between them & Sher Afzul's party. On the occasion of his removal from Brookhampton Daniel Beg is reported to have created a great scene, rolling on the ground

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& threatening to commit suicide. Sher Afzul's daughter appears to be affected in a similar manner ~~but to the contrary in the case of her sister only~~ and she is said to have inflicted on herself a trifling wound. She refuses to partake of food and persistently requests to be removed to Daniel Beg's quarters.

5 Under these circumstances the District Magistrate (by the Nilgiris) asks for orders, pointing out that if Govt considers that this marriage should be prevented in accordance with Sher Afzul's wishes, it will be necessary to arrange for the removal of Daniel Beg to some other Hill Station, & that even the removal of the latter to Chitral would not obviate this necessity as it is improbable that Sher Afzul & Daniel Beg can ever again live at amity.

6 It is not impossible, in this Province, to form

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an opinion as to the correctness of Sher Afzul Khan's statement that his daughter's marriage with Daniel Beg would humiliate himself & his house. If it is so ~~I~~ it is deemed advisable that the best solution of the difficulty might be to return Daniel Beg to Chitral at once unless, on Political grounds, it is deemed inadvisable to do so. I am to request that early orders of the Govt of India may be issued on the very early instructions in the matter.

H.L.G. 4/3/99

Cmb 7.3.99

Submitted that the Govt of India must decide this. There may be strong political reasons against his return to Chitral

Cmb 8/3/99

The above Draft letter has been typed - with the C.S.'s orders embodied therein.

H.W.G. 9/3/99 Cmb

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Mr. M. Ewd.

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The D. M. Nilgiris) Desp 9 16/3/99

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LETTER:- No 206 of 14-3-99

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,

Foreign Department.

Sir,

I am directed to report that considerable disquiet has been occasioned, among the Chitrali prisoners detained at Ootacamund, by an intimacy, which appears to have been in existence for considerable time past, between Sher Afzal Khan's daughter, widow of Nizam-ul-Mulk, [redacted] and Daniel Beg, the servant of Sher Afzal, who has a wife already.

2. These two have avowed their intention of getting married, and to this Sher Afzal Khan is vehemently opposed, on the ground that such a marriage would involve him in the greatest disgrace. He threatens to commit suicide if the marriage is allowed to proceed, and requests that his daughter may be sent back to her brother-in-law, the present Ruler of Chitral.

3. The daughter, on the other hand, refuses to go to Chitral and declares her intention of marrying Daniel Beg who, on his side, has stated to the District Magistrate of the Nilgiris, that he has been living with the woman as his wife for two months and that he has →

married her as a Nikahi wife.

4. The District Magistrate is of opinion that a Nikahi ceremony has not taken place between the two, but he thinks that there is no doubt as to the existence of improper intimacy between them. Daniel Beg urges that the woman, being of full age - 40 years, he states - has a perfect right to marry without her father's consent and he has presented to Govt., through the District Magistrate, a petition — translation of which is enclosed.

5. Early in February the District Magistrate removed Daniel Beg, together with Dilawar Shah his friend and confidant, and Gafur Khan, who had been a go-between in the intrigues ~~between the two parties~~, from "Brookhampton" to temporary quarters elsewhere in Ootacamund; their separation from the other detenus being deemed necessary in order to avoid a serious conflict between them and Sher Afzal's party. On the occasion of his removal from "Brookhampton" Daniel Beg is reported to have created a scene, rolling on the ground and threatening to commit suicide. Sher Afzal's daughter appears to have acted in a similar manner and is said to have inflicted on herself a trifling wound. She refuses to partake of food and persistently requests to be removed to Daniel Beg's quarters.

6. Under these circumstances the District Magistrate of the Nilgiris asks for orders, pointing out that if this marriage ~~is marriage~~ is to be

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prevented in accordance with Sher Afzal's wishes, it will be necessary to arrange for the removal of Daniel Beg to some other hill station, and that even the removal of the lady to ~~Chitral~~ Chitral would not obviate this necessity as it is improbable that Sher Afzal and Daniel Beg can ~~see~~ ever again live at amity.

7. It is not possible for this Govt. to form an opinion as to the correctness of Sher Afzal Khan's statement that his daughter's marriage with Daniel Beg would humiliate himself and his house. If this statement is correct, it appears to be the best solution of the difficulty to return Daniel Beg back to Chitral at once unless there are objections to the course proposed such a course is deemed inadvisable to do so.

8. I am to request early orders of the Govt. of India in the matter.

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