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[Despatch Abstract.]

Coming to the Dec of the
Nizamis letter from the 1st regarding the
settlement of the difficulty which has arisen
among the British Prisoners at Dacca
owing to improper relations between Sher
Afzal Khan's daughter & Daniel Bez;
& directing him to endeavour to bring
about an amicable arrangement
of the dispute in the manner suggested
by that Court, & to submit proposals
as to the future accommodation of the
British.

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CURRENT No. 158

From The Govt of India,
Foreign Dept

Order

No. 1598 Z.

Dated 24 June }
Received 30 June } 1897
Registered 1 July }
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SUBJECT.

Replying to G.O. 206, of 14-3-97 re
the alleged intrigue between
Daniel Boy & the daughter of Sher
Afzal Khan of Chitral.

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No 237.

From

Captain A. H. M^{rs} Mahone, C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Political Agent for Dir, Swat and Chitral.

To

The Assistant Secretary to the Govt. of India
Foreign Department.

Dated Malakand, the 27th May 1899.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your endorsement No 888 F, dated 15th April 1899, forwarding a copy of letter No 206, dated the 14th March 1899 from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras on the subject of the dispute which has occurred between Sher Afzal Khan and his servant Daniel Beg in consequence of the latter's intimacy with the former's daughter.

2. I have ascertained by enquiry from Chitral that it is contrary to Chitrali custom for a Mehtar to give a legitimate daughter in marriage to a man of Daniel Beg's position. If, however, it be established that improper intimacy has existed between Sher Afzal's daughter and Daniel Beg it is better that the marriage is allowed to take place.

3. The Mehtar of Chitral has no objection to Sher Afzal Khan's daughter being allowed to return to Chitral. Sher Afzal Khan might therefore be given the option of sending his daughter back to Chitral or allowing her to marry Daniel Beg.

4. There are serious objections to Daniel Beg being allowed to return to Chitral and the Mehtar is strongly averse to his doing so. He was the worst of Sher Afzal's mischievous advisers, and judging from his present attitude, his exile to Madras has had as yet no beneficial effect on him.

I have, etc.,

(s) Att. Mahon.

Political Agent.

(True Copy.)

J. D. S. S. S.

Subdt. Foreign Dept.

No. 1598 F.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

in the Foreign Department,

TO

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.



Dated Simla, the 24th June 1899.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N^o 206, dated the 14th March 1899, regarding the alleged intrigue between Daniel Beg and the daughter of Sher Afzal Khan of Chitral.

2. I am to enclose for your information copy of a letter which has been received on the subject from the Political Agent Dir and Swat in which it is suggested as an alternative that Sher Afzal's daughter should be sent back to Chitral. In the opinion of the Government of India it is not advisable to interfere to prevent a marriage between this lady and Daniel Beg, if they really desire it. It is obviously desirable that such a marriage should take place if there has been any improper intimacy

N^o 237, dated the 27th May 1899.

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Daniel Beg would involve him
his family in disgrace, ^{how correct} and, if so,
whether any political objection exist-
ed to sending Daniel Beg back
to Chitral.

2. The Govt of India replies by
forwarding a copy of a commⁿ from
the Political Agent for Dir, Swat &
Chitral, who states that he has ascer-
tained from Chitral that it is con-
trary to Chitrali custom for a Miltar
to give a legitimate daughter to a
man of Daniel Beg's position, but
that if improper relations have
actually existed it is better that
the marriage be allowed to take
place. The Miltar of Chitral is
strongly averse to Daniel Beg being
allowed to return to Chitral and
the Pol Agent considers ~~that~~ that this
step would be inadvisable as ^{Daniel} Beg
was "the worst of Sher Afzal's
mischievous advisers". The Pol Agent
states, however, that the Miltar of
Chitral has no objection to Sher
Afzal's daughter being allowed to
return to Chitral & the former suggests
that Sher Afzal be given his choice

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between this solution ^{her} ~~of~~ marriage
to Daniel Beg.

3 The Govt of India considers
that "it is not advisable to inter-
fere to prevent a marriage be-
tween this lady & Daniel Beg if
"they really desire it" & points out
the desirability of such a marriage
taking place if there has really
been improper intimacy between
the two. India also endorses
the argument put forth by ^{Daniel} Beg
in his petition to the District
Magistrate to the effect that
under existing ~~mar~~ circumstances
there would be nothing contrary to
Muhammadan law in such a
marriage even against the father's
consent ^{India} ~~and~~ suggests that an
amiable arrangement ^{should} be attempt-
ed with the assistance of a
capable & influential Muhamma-
dan Mullah on the basis of the
"Shariat" or Muhammadan
law respect for which should,
in the opinion of the Govt of India,
lead Sher Afzal to agree to
a settlement which would, under
the circumstances, be the only

A draft diagonal is entered.

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