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[Despatch Abstract.]

Chitrali Prisoners

to the D.Cs. of the Nilgiris & Madurai,
Telegram from the 9 of 9 re the removal
an early date of Daniel Beg & his
companions to Kodaikanal.

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G.O., No. 574, 31st August 1899.

AUGUST.

Chitralis.

Communicating to the District Magistrates of the Nilgiris and Madras telegram from the Government of India approving of the proposal of this Government to remove—Daniel Beg and his companions with their families to Kodaikanal.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O. No. 136, Political dated 11th February 1899.

Read—letter from C. J. WEIR, Esq., I.C.S., District Magistrate, the Nilgiris, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, Current No. 67, dated 7th February 1899.

I have the honour to report that there is some trouble with the Chitrali Political prisoners here.

2. Sher Afzul Khan's daughter, widow of Nizam-ul-Mulk, late Ruler of Chitral, has fallen in love with Daniel Beg who is Sher Afzul Khan's servant, and I am told that there have probably been improper relations between the two and they now avow their intention of getting married. Daniel Beg has a wife already.

3. Sher Afzul Khan has sent me a petition protesting most vehemently against the proposed marriage which he says would involve him in the greatest disgrace. He threatens to commit suicide if it is allowed to proceed. He asks for the immediate removal of Daniel Beg and also requests that his daughter be sent back to her brother-in-law, the present Ruler of Chitral.

4. The Police Inspector here, a Mussulman, who is on fairly intimate terms with these Chitralis, informs me that if Daniel Beg remains at Brookhampton, his life will be in danger, and Mr. McMurray, the Deputy Collector, is of the same opinion. I have therefore ordered the removal of Daniel Beg and Dilawar Shah, who is his friend and confidant, to the Apothecary's quarters which are empty and provide suitable accommodation.

5. This is of course only a temporary measure. The Police Inspector thinks it probable that, if Daniel Beg is kept out of the way for sometime, the woman will listen to her father's wishes and abandon him. The effect of separation may be tried; but if it is not successful, separate quarters will have to be provided for Daniel Beg. If this has to be done, it would, I think, be better to split up the party and put them in 2 small houses instead of one large one as they do not seem to be able to get on together. Government are already aware that Amir-ul-Mulk is quarrelling with the others. If Sher Afzul Khan's suggestion to send his daughter back to Chitral be adopted, it would solve the present difficulty. But the consent of the Government of India would have first to be obtained and even if they agreed, there would be great difficulty in arranging for her escort and probably some one would have to be sent down from Chitral to meet her.

ORDER—Mis. No. 136, dated 11th February 1899.

Recorded, pending receipt of a further communication from the District Magistrate, who will be requested to state the situation of the "Apothecary's Quarters" referred to in paragraph 4 of his letter and to report how these quarters happen to be vacant.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the District Magistrate, the Nilgiris.

G.O. Nos. 205, 206, Political, dated 14th March 1899.

From C. J. WEIR, Esq., I.C.S., District Magistrate, the Nilgiris, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Political Department, Reference on Current No. 67, dated Ootacamund, 28th February 1899.

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 Muhammadan 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 two reports from the 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, Kodakanal 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 Chitral, 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's 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 in the matter.

ENCLOSURE.

Translation of a Persian Petition.

From

VÄZIER 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 44 years since he died. She further says that she wishes to have Vâzier 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 Gawhar Khan, and all the three say that, unless they are taken to the Vâzier, 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. For Sher Afzul's mistake, I am in prison. There are three persons who committed all sorts of mistakes, viz., Amrakhan, Sher Afzul and 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 daughter's 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.

(Signed) VÄZIER DANIEL BEG.

ORDER—No. 205, Political, dated 14th March 1899.

The Government of India will be addressed.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the District Magistrate, the Nilgiris.

LETTER—from the Honourable Mr. G. STOKES, I.C.S., Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, No. 206, Political, dated 14th March 1899.

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 a considerable time past, between Sher Afzul Khan's daughter, widow of Nizam-ul-Mulk, and Daniel Beg, the servant of Sher Afzul, who has a wife already.

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, 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 Government, 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 intrigue, 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 Afzul'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 Afzul'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 to 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, and that even the removal of the lady to Chitral would not obviate this necessity as it is improbable that Sher Afzul and Daniel Beg can ever again live at amity.

7. It is not possible for this Government to form an opinion as to the correctness of Sher Afzul Khan's statement that his daughter's marriage with Daniel Beg would humiliate himself and his house. If this statement is correct, the best solution of the difficulty appears to be to send Daniel Beg back to Chitral at once unless there are political objections to the adoption of such a course.

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

G.O. No. 248, Political, dated 17th April 1899.

READ—Proceedings of the Public Works Department No. 989 W., dated 7th April 1899.

Directing the Consulting Architect to submit, as early as possible, an estimate for converting the Apothecary's quarters into quarters for Secretariat clerks and requesting that arrangements may be made for removing the Chitrali prisoners from the building.

ORDER—No. 248, Political, dated 17th April 1899.

Communicated to the Collector of the Nilgiris, who will be requested to submit proposals at an early date for the accommodation of Daniel Beg and his companion, pending final orders on their case.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of the Nilgiris.

G. O., No. 295, Political, dated 9th May 1899.

Read—letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, No. 889-F., dated 15th April 1899.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 206, dated 14th March 1899, regarding the unsatisfactory relations existing between Sher Afzul and Daniel Beg, Chitrali detenus at Ootacamund.

2. A reference has been made to the Political Agent for Dir, Swat and Chitral, on receipt of whose reply a further communication will be addressed to you.

ORDER—No. 295, Political, dated 9th May 1899.

Recorded, pending receipt of the further communication alluded to in paragraph 2.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the District Magistrate, the Nilgiris.

G. O. No. 300, Political, dated 12th May 1899.

Read—the following papers:—

Letter from C. J. WEIR, Esq., I.C.S., District Magistrate, the Nilgiris, Ootacamund, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Political Department, Ref. on C. No. 67, dated 27th April 1899.

Referring to G. O. No. 248, dated 17th April 1899, I have the honour to state that, pending final orders in the case of Daniel Beg and his companions, I propose to use the three rooms in the front of the office of the Inspector-General of Prisons, which that officer has placed at my disposal, for the accommodation of the Chitralis during the day.

2. They may continue to sleep at nights in the sub-Jail.

Letter from C. J. WEIR, Esq., I.C.S., District Magistrate, the Nilgiris, Ootacamund, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Political Department, Ref. on C. No. 67, dated 5th May 1899.

In continuation of my letter R. O. No. 67/99, dated the 26th April 1899, I have the honour to report that Daniel Beg and his companions strongly objected to being placed in the rooms in front of the office of the Inspector-General of Prisons, and after considering the matter I came to the conclusion that the accommodation was not sufficient for them and accordingly have engaged a house belonging to Meanjee Sait at a monthly rental of Rs. 25 for their temporary accommodation for which the sanction of Government is solicited. The house is situated above the main bazaar about 3 minutes walk from the sub-Jail. It is an isolated building.

2. The Chitralis will however continue to sleep at nights in the sub-Jail.

ORDER—No. 300, Political, dated 12th May 1899.

The action of the District Magistrate is approved.

2. The rent of the Cottage will be met from the provision in the Budget for the current year for "other charges" under 25-A. POLITICAL REFUGEES AND STATE PRISONERS—Contingencies. The District Magistrate will, in due course, apply for an additional allotment if the budget grant for the current year is likely to be exceeded.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the District Magistrate, the Nilgiris.
Public Works Department.
Accountant-General.

G. O. No. 442, Political, dated 8th July 1899.

Read—letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, No. 1598-F., dated Simla, the 24th June 1899.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 206, dated the 14th March 1899, regarding the alleged intrigue between Daniel Beg and the daughter of Sher Afzul 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 Afzul'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 between them. Moreover the lady is 40 years of age, and is a widow, and by Muhammadan law a widow has full power of choice, if she wishes to marry again.

3. It is possible that the local officers with the assistance of a capable and influential Muhammadan Mulla may be able to effect an amicable arrangement between the parties on the basis of a reference to "Shariat" or Muhammadan law. It is generally found on the North-West Frontier that respect for the "Shariat" is sufficiently strong to admit of the ready settlement by its means of cases of this description, and Sher Afzul, who has been in the Amir's service must be well aware that in Afghanistan no other means of settlement would be permissible. Should it be found impossible to bring about this solution of the case, the alternative of sending back the daughter of Sher Afzul to Chitral may require to be considered. In no case however will Daniel Beg be permitted to return.

ENCLOSURE.

From Captain A. H. McMAHON, C.S.I., C.I.E., Political Agent for Dir, Swat and Chitral, to the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, No. 237, dated Malakand, the 27th May 1899.

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 Afzul 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 Afzul'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 Afzul Khan's daughter being allowed to return to Chitral, Sher Afzul 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 Afzul's mischievous advisers, and judging from his present attitude, his exile to Madras has had as yet no beneficial effect on him.

ORDER—No. 442, Political, dated 8th July 1899.

The letter from the Government of India with its enclosure will be communicated to the District Magistrate of the Nilgiris, who will endeavour to bring about an amicable arrangement of the dispute in the manner suggested by the Government of India, reporting the result to Government in due course. He will at the same time submit proposals as to the future accommodation of the Chitralis.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the District Magistrate, the Nilgiris.

G.O. No. 546, Political, dated 19th August 1899.

Read—the following papers:—

Telegram from the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, No. 2044-F., dated 2nd August 1899.

My letter No. 1598 of 24th June. Please report what action has been taken in regard to Daniel Beg, the Calcutta Statesman of 28th July states that he has been imprisoned.

Telegram from the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, No. 2099-F., dated 7th August 1899.

Telegram from the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, No. 2201-F., dated 15th August 1899.

Letter from C. J. WELER, Esq., M.A., District Magistrate, the Nilgiris, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Political Department, Reference on Current No. 67, dated Ootacamund, 18th August 1899.

I have the honour to submit the report called for in G.O. No. 442, Political, dated 8th July 1899 and in endorsement No. 1979, dated 4th August 1899 on telegram from the Government of India.

2. Dealing first with the alleged imprisonment of Daniel Beg, I have the honour to report that on the 10th of July, the Police Inspector reported to the acting District Magistrate, Mr. Roberts, that Sher Afzul's daughter after being driven to prayers refused to return to Brookhampton and wanted to drive to the town. The constable in charge refused to allow this, whereupon the princess and the other gosha women broke the glasses of the carriage windows, and escaped from the carriage and ran into some adjoining bushes. The Inspector further reported that after a struggle he had succeeded in getting the princess to go back to Brookhampton and added that he believed that she had acted at the instigation of Daniel Beg.

3. On the 11th July, the Police Inspector further reported to Mr. Roberts, that on the 10th evening when the three State prisoners were being taken as usual to sleep in the Jail hospital quarters (*vide* paragraph 3 of my letter Reference on Current No. 67, dated 28th February 1899) they refused and created a row and threatened to murder the Police Inspector and Sher Afzul Khan, saying they did not care about sacrificing their own lives. The Police Inspector therefore asked that the three State prisoners might be kept in confinement in the sub-Jail night and day. Mr. Roberts thereupon directed that the Chitrali detenus should be kept in the sub-Jail, night and day, until further orders.

4. It will thus be seen that it is true that Daniel Beg and his two companions have been imprisoned. They are however of course being treated in other respects, *viz.*, as regards their feeding, &c., as before, and the hospital quarters in sub-Jail they occupy are comfortable and roomy. In view of the language used by Daniel Beg and knowing his uncompromising determination to try and get Sher Afzul's daughter into his possession at all sacrifices, it seems to me that Mr. Roberts' order was justified. He should however have at once reported it for the approval and ratification of Government. I should however advise that pending a final decision in regard to these Chitralis, that order be maintained in force.

5. With regard to the suggestions in letter from Government of India read in G.O. No. 442, dated 8th July 1899. I find that Mr. Roberts interviewed Sher

Afzul and his daughter on the subject on the 11th July and has made the following record of the result of this interview:—

"I interviewed Sher Afzul and the lady on Tuesday the 11th instant. The former requested that either Daniel Beg should be sent away or the lady sent back to Chitral where she would be looked after. Sher Afzul entreated me as the guardian of the honour of a captive family to prevent the marriage taking place. I am of opinion that it would in the end lead to murder of one or both (not necessarily here) if marriage is permitted, and the marriage would in any case seriously prejudice Sher Afzul's health." The lady on the other hand spoke of Daniel Beg as her husband.

"I think the lady ought to go back to Chitral. She hates Sher Afzul heartily."

It is not clear whether a reference to "Shariat" was suggested to Sher Afzul. From the language however he has held all along in reference to this matter, I do not believe he will consent to any such reference. He apparently regards the proposed marriage as an indelible disgrace to himself and family. There is no Muhammadan Mullah here who has any influence over him and I do not believe any such Mullah can be found in this Presidency. If then the marriage is to take place it must, I believe, be carried out without the consent of Sher Afzul. If it is allowed I would recommend that Daniel Beg and his wife be located in some other station.

Order—No. 546, Political, dated 19th August 1899.

The following telegram will be despatched to the Government of India, Foreign Department:—

Your telegram 2044-F, Second. On removal from Brookhampton Daniel Beg and companions were required to sleep in unoccupied hospital in sub-jail. This arrangement was necessitated owing difficulty guarding effectively by night the separate quarters occupied during day. Sher Afzul's daughter and attendants on 9th July after being driven refused return Brookhampton and wanted drive to Ootacamund town. This being refused they broke carriage windows and escaped from carriage and with difficulty were got back Brookhampton. This scene believed to be instigated by Daniel Beg. On 10th July Daniel Beg and companions refused to sleep in quarters allotted them and threatened in presence of several witnesses to murder Police Inspector and Sher Afzul, protesting their indifference to sacrificing their own lives if their arrangements interfered with. District Magistrate, on serious representation police, directed on 11th July detention Daniel Beg and companions in sub-jail night and day pending settlement question. Quarters are comfortable and roomy. Except as regards detention, Chitralis in no way prisoners. As regards settlement Sher Afzul's daughter affair District Magistrate reports that extremely doubtful whether any Mullah could be found in this Presidency to influence Sher Afzul and obtain his consent to reference to "Shariat" law. Sher Afzul regards marriage an indelible disgrace to himself and family and asks that either Daniel Beg be sent away or daughter sent back Chitral. District Magistrate considers that if marriage permitted Daniel Beg and the lady should be located some other station. Marriage would however in his opinion seriously prejudice Sher Afzul's health. Regret delay in replying to the reference.

(True Extract)

G. STOKES,

Chief Secretary.

Read—also the following papers:—

Telegram from the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, No. 2295-F., dated 13th August 1899.

Your telegram dated 19th, Chitral prisoners. The present situation evidently cannot be prolonged. In the opinion of Government of India, the best course to

pursue will be to remove Daniel Beg and his followers to, and to compel him to reside in, some place in the Nilgiris at a distance from Ootacamund and Sher Afzul. Please report what arrangements you would propose with this object. When removal of Daniel Beg is completed no restraint need be placed on movements of Sher Afzul's daughter whom the Government of India are not prepared to send by force to Chitral merely because of this intrigue, and if she chooses to follow Daniel Beg and marry him, Sher Afzul may be told that she is a free agent and that the Government cannot interfere.

LETTER—from C. J. WEIR, Esq., I.C.S., District Magistrate, the Nilgiris, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Political Department, R. C. No. 67, dated Ootacamund, 24th August 1899.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Memorandum No. 2140 of this day's date calling for immediate report as to the future residence of Daniel Beg and his companions.

2. The object which, I understand, the Government of India has in view in directing that the present situation should be put an end to, is to prevent Sher Afzul, his daughter and Daniel Beg being kept in a continual state of a dangerous excitement owing to Daniel Beg's proximity to Brookhampton.

3. The only place in the Nilgiris outside Ootacamund, where Daniel Beg and his companions could be conveniently accommodated and properly looked after are, in my opinion, Coonoor or Kotagiri. These places are distant 11 and 18 miles respectively from Ootacamund.

If Daniel Beg be made to reside at either of these places it would almost be as easy for him to carry on communication with Sher Afzul's daughter as when he was living outside the Jail in Ootacamund and unless he was kept under very strict surveillance, which is difficult and undesirable, it would be by no means difficult for him to visit stealthily from these places Brookhampton. Such a visit might have disastrous consequences.

4. I would therefore suggest that Daniel Beg and his companions be made to reside in some place outside this district and as I presume a cool climate is essential, I would propose that either Yercaud or Kodaikanal be selected. I believe at either of these places house accommodation of the kind required is available, viz., houses on a rental of Rs. 40 or Rs. 50. At Kodaikanal there are a Deputy Tahsildar and a Police Inspector, who could be entrusted with the duty of looking after the detenus and I understand there are similar officials at Yercaud.

5. If the continued residence of Daniel Beg and his companions in this district is insisted upon, I would prefer to place them in Coonoor rather than in Kotagiri as there is a much stronger staff of Government servants to look after them in the former place.

Telegram from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, No. 519, dated 26th August 1899.

Your telegram 2955 F, 23rd. Only places Nilgiris outside Ootacamund in which Daniel Beg and companions could be conveniently accommodated are Coonoor and Kotagiri but proximity these stations to Ootacamund will not satisfactorily ensure cessation of present trouble. Kodaikanal might be practicable and enquiries being made as to accommodation there.

Telegram from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, to the District Magistrate, Madura, No. 520, dated 26th August 1899.

Necessary remove Chitrali Daniel Beg and companions now under police surveillance from Ootacamund. House on rental about Rs. 40 or Rs. 50 required.

Could accommodation be found Kodaikanal and efficient police arrangements be carried out there. Treat this reference as very urgent and wire reply. Obtain by telegram such further details necessary from District Magistrate the Nilgiris.

Telegram from the District Magistrate of Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 27th August 1899.

Can arrange police surveillance of Chitralis. House available for rupees fifty but in absence details members and requirements cannot guarantee accommodation adequate.

Telegram from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, No. 525, dated 29th August 1899.

In continuation my telegram 519 twenty-sixth. Arrangements can be made for house and police surveillance for Daniel Beg and companions at Kodaikanal if Government of India approves removal there.

Telegram from the District Magistrate of Madura, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated 29th August 1899.

Accommodation for Rs. fifty is sufficient for the three Chitrali families.

Telegram from the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, No. 2374-F, dated 30th August 1899.

Your telegram 525 of 29th. Proposal to move Daniel Beg and companions to Kodaikanal is approved. Government of India will be glad to be informed of the sequel.

ORDER—No. 574, Political, dated 31st August 1899.

The telegram from the Government of India, No. 2374-F, dated the 30th instant, will be communicated to the District Magistrates of the Nilgiris and Madura who will make the necessary arrangements for the removal, at an early date, of Daniel Beg and his companions to Kodaikanal and report to Government the steps taken.

2. The District Magistrate of the Nilgiris will be requested to state what sum he can surrender from the budget allotment for the current year under 25-A, Political—Refugees and State Prisoners—Chitrali Prisoners in view to ascertaining whether the Budget estimate for the current year will suffice. The District Magistrate, Madura, will submit estimates of expenditure on this account for the remainder of the current official year and for the ensuing year, future annual estimates being forwarded so as to reach Government by the 15th September.

True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the District Magistrate, the Nilgiris.
,, District Magistrate, Madura.
,, Financial Department.

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Rafacamund

From

Sumda

Words

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Day

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Instructions

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To
(Person)

Maderas

From

Sumda

RECEIVED SECRET
24 AUG 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

2295 J. Your telegram dated 19th Chitral prisoners the present situation evidently cannot be prolonged in the opinion of government of India the best course to pursue will be to remove Daniel Beg and his followers to and to compel him to reside to some place in the hills at a distance from Rafacamund and then a full report what arrangements you would

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F.C.2

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Sent to

LN

At

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Telegraph Master.

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II

propose with this object
when removal of Daniel
beg is completed no
restraint need be placed
on movements of Sher
Afzal's daughter whom the
Government of India are
not prepared to send
by force to Chitral
merely because of this
intrigue and if she
chooses to follow Daniel
beg and marry him
Sher Afzal may be
told that she is
a free agent and

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that the government cannot
interfere

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Political Dept

C. No. 1106

Very Emergency

Telegram from the Government of
India, Foreign Department,
dated 23rd August 1899, No. 2295

— Dated 24/10/1899

Refered to the District
Magistrate, the Nilgiris, for
forward of immediate report
as to the future residence of
Daniel Beg and his companions

Curd.
24.8.99.

[Signature]

The D. M. the Nilgiris
(with copy of telegram)

Received @ 11/10/99
24/10/99

Office Mark for very emergency
Send at once enclosing copy
in despatch book, copy
slip on cover
and

Done

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R. 25-8-99

6 Political DEPARTMENT.

Telegram

C. No. 1106 From the S. of D. Foreign Dept. No. 22957 dated 23. 8 1899.

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"	"	"	"	"	189
"	"	"	"	"	189

H. S. The End.

Sum. 24.8.99

The telegram has been comm^d
to the D. M. The Nigeria, for
immediate report. The file is still
in circ.

Curd.
24/8/99

24/8/99

curd report:
H. S. 24/8/99

Ref keep this file in view

Curd
24/8/99

Political
Judicial (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1109

From

The District Magistrate
The Nilgiris

R.C. No. 67

Dated 24th August 1899

Received

Registered

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Reporting on the subject
of the future residence
of Daniel Beg and his
companions

In Orders as to whether

The Madama India may
be told that this Govt does not
favor the retention of Daniel
Beg on the Nilgiris for the
reasons stated by the D.M. &
would suggest Kodakkannal
The D.M. of Madras might be
asked to report as regards the

C.M.B.
24/8/99

Yes. India should be told so, and the D.M.
Madras should be consulted accordingly.

25.8.99

It might be worth while to make another effort to
persuade the Begs to consent to the marriage
of his daughter with Daniel Beg. — The Begs
being informed that the Govt. would not
interfere to prevent the marriage.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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CURRENT NO. 109

RE. 2067

Nilegiri District Magistrate's Office

ootacamund

24th August 1899

From

C. J. Weir Esq

District Magistrate

The Nilegiris

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government

Political Department

Madras

with the Governor

Stone House Hill

ootacamund

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the

receipt of memo. no 2140 of this day's date

calling for immediate report as to the future

residence of Daniel Beg this companion.

2. The object which I understand the Government of India has in view in directing that the present situation should be put an end to is to prevent Sher Abdul, his daughter and Daniel Beg being kept in a continual state of a dangerous excitement owing to Daniel Beg's proximity to Brookhampton.

3. The only place in the Nilegiris outside ootacamund where Daniel Beg & his companions could be conveniently accommodated and properly looked after are in my

opinion, Coonoor or Kotagiri. These places are distant 11 & 18 miles respectively from Ootacamund.

If Daniel Beg be made to reside at either of these places it would almost be as easy for him to carry on communication with Sher Afzul's daughter as when he was living outside the Jail in Ootacamund and unless he was kept under very strict surveillance, which is difficult & undesirable it would be by no means difficult for him to visit stealthily from these places, Brookhampton. Such a visit might have disastrous consequences.

4. I would therefore suggest that Daniel Beg and his companions be made to reside in some place outside this district and as I presume a cool climate is essential, I would propose that either Yercaud or Kodaikanal be selected. I believe at either of these places house accommodation of the kind required is available, viz houses on a rental of Rs 40 or Rs 50. At Kodaikanal there are a Deputy Tahsildar & a Police Inspector who could be entrusted with the duty of looking after the detenus and I under-

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-Stand there are similar officials at Yercaud.

5. If the continued residence of Daniel Beg and his companions in this District is insisted upon I would prefer to place them in Coonoor rather than in Kotagiri as there is a much stronger Staff of Government Servants to look after them in the former place.

I have the honour to be

Sr.

Your most obed^t servant

District Magistrate

M. Nilgiris

J. D.

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Police Department

CS

Telegram

To Foreign, Sindia.

But find you
page

519. Your telegram 20th E, 23rd. Only places Milgiris outside Cotacand in which Daniel Beg and companions could be conveniently accommodated are Coonor and Kotsigiri but proximity these Stations to Cotacand will not satisfactorily ensure cessation of present trouble. Kodikanal might be practicable and enquiries being made as to accommodation there.

(Id.) C.M.S.

25-8-99.

25/8/99

To

District Magistrate,

Madura.

25/8/99

520. Necessary remove Chitralli Daniel Beg and companions now under police surveillance from Cotacand. House on rental about Rs. 40 or Rs. 50 required. Could accommodation be found Kodikanal and efficient police arrangements be carried out there. That this reference as very urgent and wire reply. Obtain by ^{litany further} such details necessary from District Magistrate the Milgiris.

(Id.) C.M.S.

25-8-99.

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My dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 27, dated the 24th and India's telegram in which this was a report, I am to ask you to make another effort to persuade Sher Afzal to consent to the marriage of his daughter with Daniel Beg, Sher Afzal being informed that the Govt. of India would not interfere to prevent the marriage. I enclose copies of telegrams issued today regarding Daniel Beg.

[Signature]
15/8/99.

(Id.) C. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

For the C.S.

The above drafts are submitted with fair copies for signature, if approved. Both the telegrams have been closed and will be despatched early in the morning tomorrow as 'Deferred' and the Telegraph office will not receive ordinary and urgent messages after P. M. If orders, these messages will be sent urgent tonight.

[Signature]
15/8/99.

[Signature]
15/8/99.

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Department.

D.O.
CURRENT No. 189

For the C.S.

From

C. J. Weir Esq J.C.S.

For Orders

Subd. with ref. to H.S. The
Grenov's case of 25/8/99

Par. 7 of No.

[Signature]
15/8/99.

[Signature]
15/8/99.

Dated 27.8.99
Received DO
Registered DO
Enclosures 4.55 PM
Spare copies.
*C.N. 1120

If Daniel Beg is married to
Koor Kural as a telegram from
the D. Mr. Madam there to
be sent possible and if of this
nature the couple remain
constant to me another the
function of marriage might
be further considered.

SUBJECT.

Report on the proposed
future residence of
Daniel Beg and his
companions.

① 28/8/99
India should be now informed by telegraph as in
the Note by the C.S. of 24.8.99, and further
that if they approve of Daniel Beg's being
sent to Koor Kural, arrangements should be made

[Signature]
15/8/99.

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Recd 7-30-99

Telam Collector's Office.
Dotaanand.

24. 8. 99

CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

AUG. 1899

My dear Stokes,

✓ paid & long time

I paid ^{GOVERNMENT} long visit
to Sher Afgan & the other
chieftains at Brookshampton
this morning. I took with
me a man who knows
Persian so that Sher. Afgan
might clearly understand
matters. I had the position
taken by the Govt of India
in regard to the proposed
marriage of his daughter to
Daniel Beg fully explained

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Serial NO. 1120

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To *Chief Commissioner* From *Chief Commissioner*
(Office) (Office)

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To *Chief Secretary* From *Chief Secretary*
(Person) (Person)

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Handwritten message in Devanagari script, mostly illegible due to fading and bleed-through.

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VIJAYVIND 27-8-99 Telegraph Master.

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Telegram

To Foreign, India.

525. In continuation my telegram 519
twentysixth. Arrangements can be made
for house and police surveillance for
Daniel Beg and companions at "Odianah"
if Govt. India approves removal there.

Page 11 of the file.

From. H. 18/10/19

H. 18/10/19

Page 11 of the file.

SECRETARY

D. O.

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27.10.1919

C. J. Weir Esq., I.C.S.,
Lt. Ralte, the Nilgiris.

C. J. a

Rev. The

H. 18/10/19

My dear Weir, I am the 18/10/19

I enclose copy of a telegram
from Buckley and of another just sent
to Foreign. Will you please supply
Buckley with all necessary particulars
so that the removal of Daniel Beg and
his companions may, if sanctioned, be
effected as speedily as possible.

H. 18/10/19

My dear Buckley,

I enclose copy of a telegram
sent to India today regarding the re-
moval of Chitrati Daniel Beg and of a

H. 18/10/19

the file.
This appears to be necessary of

1. to Vair. Will you please communi-
cate with Vair direct and make all
necessary preparations in case the re-
moval is sanctioned.

19/10/1961

To
V. T. Buckley Esq., I.C.S.,
Ag. Lt. Col., Madras.

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To *Osaka* From *Madras*

Words 29 Day 17 Hour 30 Minute 30 Official Instructions

To *Chief Secretary* From *District*
to Government

Please page 16
in sufficient for the
three Chitrali families

SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
30 AUG 1961

Lead from L.S. Sent to L.S.

At 11:00 AM by At 11:00 AM by

COCHINMUND 29 8 61

G.P. No. 719 T-19-3-77-1000000

My dear Sir,
Please I enclose copy of a telegram
received from Buckley. I do not intend the
attention of the three Chitrali families alluded to.

Yours sincerely

C. T. Wei Esq.
Sec. The Mysore

Ans.
30.8.61

Mr. P. K. S. Please see telegram to
India on page 16 of this file. No
further action to be necessary at present.

Milgiri Collector's Office,
Ootacamund, 30th 8 1897.

RECEIVED
SECRETARY
31. AUG. 1897

My dear Stokes

Yours d.d. of 5 day.

I wired to Buckley going
in names of the chiefs &
their immediate families on
the assumption that the
families go with the chiefs
The families are

Daniel Beap & wife (not the Princes).

Sugar. & wife. & child

Bitasar. (Single, man).

I am not absolutely certain
that Lefevre & Gilman should
not be transferred, as this
alone... but I am nearly
sure I am right if it is
essential to have certain
information on this point
I will send it to Govt
Office by noon.

Yours sincerely
G. H. Davis

Post 1143

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CHIEF SECRETARY
30 AUG 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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227H of your telegram
of 29th was received
to which I have been
and compared to the
I am glad to be
informed of the result.

2. Patent register, return to me
sharp, with the file on the subject.

From	By	By	By

10-2-101 T-17-17-20-101

OO TACAMUND 30-3-90

Recd 30-3-90

quite clear

Political Dept.

For the C.S.

Draft order on India's
telegram re the removal of
Damil Beg his companions
to Udaikaul is subd. below

From para 3 of India's
letter No. ~~588~~ ~~Pr. 17~~ 2217. 7 of
17 August 1896 on page 3 of f.d.
No. 588 Pr. 17. 1. Sept 1896 +
from para 6 of li letter No.
2217. 7 of the 17th August 1896
on page 4 of the same pros, it
will be seen that fresh
warrants were not issued
under Regt. III of 1868 when
the Chitralis were removed to
Cotacaimund. Fresh warrants
are apparently not required
now. Copy of the warrants is
not traceable in the file, but
the D. Secy. the Nilgiris could
probably state from the
form of the warrants how they
came stand. It might be
addressed to on this point.

It is not quite clear

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Page 86. also

My will

23
it but apparently it will
be to forward copies of
reports on the removal
is called for further reports
to Daniel Beg's behaviour,
received

Cover
30.8.88

Yes. They want to
know how things
turn out in the
marriage etc.

15/11/88

re the warrants
A draft D/O to the DPM is

subm^d.

15/11/88

R 1.9.27

Political Dept

Read again G.O. 135 P.O. of 11.2.88. (A+0).

20576 P.O. of 14.3.88. (A+0).

248 P.O. of 17.4.88. (A+0).

298 P.O. of 9.5.88. (A+0).

300 P.O. of 12.5.88. (A+0).

442 P.O. of 8.7.88. (A+0).

546 P.O. of 19.8.88. (C.No. 1007 = A. 103

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Tell to Govt of India No. 519 of 26.8.88. A.

— Dm. Madras. 520 of 26.8.88. A.

C.No. 1120 = A.

Tell to Govt. No. 525 of 25.8.88. = A

C.No. 1142 = A.

C.No. 1143 = A.

There is no first to Dm

to Dm. Madras

C.No. 1143 = A. Then

to Dept to arrange

to Dm. Madras

to Dm. Madras

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Order No. 574 of 31st August 1899.

The telegram from the Govt. of
India No. 2374. F. of the 30th inst:

will be commd to the Dm of the
Madras who will

rep. & make the necessary
arrangements for the removal

at an early date of Daniel
Beg and his companions to

Kodakkanal & report to Govt
the steps
taken

2. The Dm. the Nilgiris will
be requested to state what

steps

ment for the current year and
Political Refugees & State
Prisoners in
of the Old Madras being
laid to funds for the support
to be supplied

James Beg and his companions
to be supplied
The Officer will submit an
estimate of expenses on this account
for the remainder of the
current fiscal year & for the
 ensuing year, future annual
estimates being forwarded ^{so as} to
reach Govt by the 15th Sept.

C. S. B.
20. 1. 8.

1/11/81

Old Madras
Old Madras
Fund Dept.

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