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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 373, Political, dated 5th June 1897.

ABSTRACT.—*Chitralis*—Communicating to the Collector of the Nilgiris a telegram from the Government of India stating that the relatives of Shér Afzal decline to come to India.

READ—also the following paper:—

From C. J. WEIR, Esq., District Magistrate of the Nilgiris, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 1st September 1899, Cur. No. 605.

I have the honour to submit, for orders of Government, a petition, with a translation, from Chitrali detenus Shér Afzal requesting that his wives and children now in Kabul may be sent for and made to live with him.

ENCLOSURE.

[*Translation.*]

From SHER AFZAL KHAN, to the Collector of the Nilgiris.

I beg to submit that I feel it very difficult to pass my days in the sorrow of separation of my family (consisting of wives and children) which was left helpless at Kabul and their thought wounds my feelings very much in this prison. I therefore beg that my wives and children may either be sent for to be in my presence or I may be sent back to live with them.

I beg that your honour will be graciously pleased to take pity on my circumstances and help me for God's sake.

For which kindness I shall ever pray.

ORDER—No. 681, Political, dated 6th October 1899.

The petition will be forwarded to the Government of India.

[Here enter letter, No. 682, Political, dated 6th October 1899.]

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the District Magistrate, the Nilgiris.

Ext. C. M. Thumbusawmy.

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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,

With reference to the correspondence ending with Foreign Department endorsement No. 1400 F., dated the 29th May 1897, I am directed to forward, for the orders of the Government of India, a petition addressed to the Collector of the Nilgiris by Chitrali Shér Afzal Khán in which he requests that he may be sent back to his family at Kabul or that his family may be sent to Ootacamund.

2. It is possible that the refusal of his family to join Shér Afzal Khán in 1897 was dictated by the hope that he would be permitted to return to Kabul and that on their now learning that such permission will not be granted, some, at least, of the family may consent to join him at Ootacamund.

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

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

Fort St. George,
6*th October* 1899.

Ed. C. M. Thumbusawmy.

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From The District Magistrate of the Nilgiris

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Submitting petition of Sher Afzul requesting that his nieces & children may be sent for from Kabul —

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Note:

The Dist Magistrate, Nilgiris, forwards a petition from the Chitrali State prisoner - Sher Afzal - in which the latter requests either that his wives & children be sent for to live with him here or else that he may be permitted to return to his country & join them there.

2. The second alternative is, it is submitted, quite out of the question as the Govt of India has already stated - quite recently - that such a request cannot be entertained. See also para 2 of India letter on page 17 ante

3. As regards his family, Sher Afzal gave a list of them in 1897 & the Govt of India consented to bring them to Coty & meet all

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expenses connected with them. On the wives &c of Sher Afzul being communicated with, however, they declined to come to India. The letter of the Amir of Afghanistan to the wives & relatives of Sher Afzal & their reply thereto, in which they express ~~victuous~~ indignation at the idea of leaving the "Govt of Islam" & coming to India, is recorded in ~~printed in~~ GO No 408 Pol dy 21-6-97.

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4. A perusal of the correspondence, however, leaves room to believe that the refusal of the relatives was to some extent actuated by the idea that such a refusal would lead to Sher Afzul being permitted to live in Kabul under the Amir's supervision & if this is the case, it is possible that on these [family] learning to the contrary some of them would be willing to come to Ootacamund. Unless it is thought that from this standpoint (+ out of compassion) a further endeavour ~~must~~ should be made, through the Govt of India, to get Sher Afzul's wishes complied with, there is no answer to the present

If it is permitted.
A.E.M.

petition, it is subm[d], ~~that~~ to accept to refer Sher Afzul to the failure of this Govt's former efforts on his behalf.

F.W.E. 11/9/99

The petition might perhaps be forwarded to India for such action as it considers necessary in regard to the family of Sher Afzal

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I submit it will be sent on. If it is possible to keep the family will now consent to come there.

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Yes. A.E.M. 29.9.99

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Draft letter subm[d]

F.W.E. 21/10/99

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ORDER:- No 681 dt 6-10-99.
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The petition will be forwarded to the Govt. of India.

To
The D. M. the Nilgiris.

LETTER:- No. 682.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India
Foreign Department.
(with petition in original & with copy of translation.)

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