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[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing the fact that fourteen of the Dru's have reported that no complaints have been made by returning pilgrims from the Hedjaz as to the treatment received by them at the hands of the Turkish authorities, & stating that if the remaining seven District magistrates the Commr of Nice, Madaoa, bring to notice that they have received complaints a further report will be made to that point.

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Dated 20 June 1897

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India Office,
London, 11th May 1899.

Revenue,
No. 105.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor General of
India in Council

MY LORD,

With reference to your Excellency's letter of the 23rd February last, No. 7 (Sanitary), I forward copy of correspondence* with the Foreign Office, on the subject of the complaints made by Bengal pilgrims against Mahomed Daoud.

Treatment of pilgrims during the Haj of 1898.
* Letter to Foreign Office, dated 28th March 1899.
Letter from ditto, dated 21st April 1899, and enclosure.
Letter to ditto, dated 10th May 1899.

2. The question of a formal representation to the Turkish Government regarding these extortions has been deferred pending receipt of the reports on the Haj of 1899, with which I request that I may be favoured at the earliest possible date.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

GEORGE HAMILTON.

ENCLOSURES.

No. 1

R. and S. 730.

India Office,
28th March 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to forward a copy of a letter from the Government of India, on the subject of the treatment received by pilgrims at Mecca and Jeddah during the Haj of 1898. It will be seen that general complaints are made of extortions on the part of Mahomed Daoud at Jeddah, and it is in Lord George Hamilton's opinion desirable that suitable representations should be made to the Turkish authorities, with a view to the discontinuance of these practices.

The Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

I have, Sir,
A. GODLEY

No. 2

Sir,

Foreign Office,
21st April 1899.

With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo, respecting the treatment to which pilgrims from India are subjected at Mecca and Jeddah, I am directed by the Marquess of Salisbury to transmit herewith, to be laid before Lord George Hamilton, copy of a despatch which has been received from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople on this subject.

You will observe that Sir Nicholas O'Connor is of opinion that a formal representation to the Turkish Government at the present time would be inexpedient, in view of the fact that the complaints of pilgrims during the recent Haj have been less serious in character than those made in former years.

I am accordingly to inquire whether Lord George Hamilton is disposed to concur in the course which Her Majesty's Ambassador proposes to take in the matter, viz., to suspend action until the reports of the pilgrimage of this year have come in.

Lord Salisbury further desires me to call your attention to the desire expressed by Sir N. O'Connor in the last paragraph of his despatch, to be furnished with the reports prepared by the Indian Government at an early date.

I am, &c.,

ST. JOHN BRODRICK.

The Under Secretary of State
for India.

Enclosure in No. 2.

No. 41 (Commercial).

Constantinople,

8th April 1899.

My Lord,

I venture to ask your Lordship's authority to defer acting for the present on your Commercial Despatch No. 32 of the 1st instant, in which you direct me to make a representation to the Sublime Porte on the subject of the treatment received by certain Bengal pilgrims at the hands of one Hassan Daoud at Jeddah.

So far as my information goes the pilgrimage of 1898 has passed off with less friction between the pilgrims and the Ottoman and Shereefian authorities than its predecessors. No reports of wholesale extortion have reached Her Majesty's Embassy as in former years, and the evidence contained in the enclosures to your Lordship's Despatch amounts only to some half dozen complaints against a single official who is accused of forcibly detaining some of the pilgrims. Such conduct, if confirmed, would deserve of course the strongest condemnation, but the silence of the remaining Bengal pilgrims, of all who landed at Chittagong, and of those from Sind, Bombay and Madras goes to show that interference with them was less general and less oppressive than before.

Bearing in mind also the hesitation of the Indian Government to interfere if it can be avoided with the local officials at Mecca and Jeddah, it seems to me that a formal representation at the present time, founded on a few isolated and indefinite charges and unsupported by the general testimony of the pilgrims, could lead to no useful result. I should prefer, if your Lordship concurs, to wait until the reports of the pilgrimage of this year have come in. If they confirm the experiences of the dissatisfied group of Bengal pilgrims and point to a resumption of the ill-treatment which led to Lord Currie's strong protests in the year 1896, I shall be in a better position to make an effective remonstrance and to prove to the Sultan that the assurances which I obtained from him on the occasion of my first audience in respect of the Queen's subjects performing the Haj to Mecca have not been fulfilled.

Meanwhile the Porte is well aware of my interest in the matter and I shall take care to let them know that the proceedings of their officials during the ensuing pilgrimage will be closely watched.

I should be glad to receive the reports of the Indian Government on the 1899 pilgrimage as soon as they can be obtained.

I have, &c.,

N. R. O'CONOR.

The Marquess of Salisbury. K.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

No. 3.

R. & S. 1206.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st April, and to reply that, in view of the opinion expressed by Sir N. O'Connor, his Lordship concurs in the proposal to suspend formal representation to the Turkish Government regarding the extortion practised on pilgrims in the Hedjaz, pending receipt of the reports for 1899, which will be furnished as soon as possible.

I have, &c.,

A. GOODE.

The Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

No. 1996

From

R. Nathan, Esq.,

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

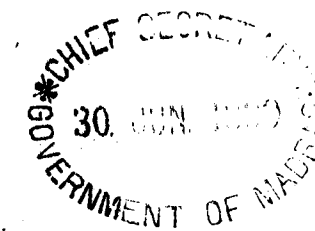
To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Department.

Home Department.

(Sanitary)



Sd/-, this 27th June 1929.

Sir,

In continuation of the letter from this Department No. 746, dated the 21st February 1929, I am directed to forward a copy of the Despatch from the Secretary of State for India No. 105 Revenue, dated the 11th May 1929 giving cover to a copy of correspondence with the Foreign Office on the subject of the complaints made by Bengali pilgrims against Hanomga Dadoo. I am to request that the reports on the current years pilgrimages may be sent as soon as possible after the return of the pilgrims and to inquire when the reports may be expected.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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Home Dep-

Si,

In reply to Mr.
 Nathan's letter of 1996
Samuel, dated the 20 June
 1899, I am directed to
 state that ^{fourteen} thirteen of
 the District Magistrates
 to whom your letter was
 246 dated 21 July 1899

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* (one-time report
has been done
now.)

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~~referred~~ have reported that no complaints have been made by returning pilgrims as to the treatment received by them at the hands of the Turkish authorities & Sheikh at Mecca & Jeddah. Of the remaining eight District Magistrates of the Commr. of Police, London, from whom replies are due, bring to notice that they have received complaints, a further report will be made to the Govt. of India.

2. The District Magistrate of Khurud mentions that the Haj having taken place on the 19 April this year, pilgrims may be expected to return up to the middle of July, after visiting Medina & the places in Arabia, & that a further report will be made after the 12 August. If any complaints are received, they will be reported to the Govt. of India.

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3. I am to add that as pilgrims have been prohibited altogether from proceeding from this Presidency to Mecca during the current year, by Govt of India No. 4341 San. & 10/21/98 it is unlikely that any complaints will be received from returning pilgrims.
Dy. 6.7.98

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