

Simla, May 5th, No. 22 (Political).

FEROZE SHAH.

I forward intelligence received from Persia, regarding the rebel Feroze Shah; and also correspondence with the Government of Bombay relating to the capture, at Puttun, in the Guicowar's territory, of a person supposed to be Feroze Shah.

As it appears that the man is really what he states himself to be, the son of Dara Bukht (of the Ex-King of Delhi's family), and there is nothing known against him in connexion with the mutinies, further than that he was in the city of Delhi, and fled on its capture, I have authorized his release.

Mr. Thomson, Chargé d'Affaires in Persia, to the Governor General, November 10th, 1862.—Feroze Shah has lately arrived from Asterabad, and is residing at a shrine four miles from Teheran. His object is to obtain money from the Shah, but as yet he has only procured a promise of 300 tomans. He has contracted debts at Asterabad to the amount of about 700*l.*, and, doubtless, unless the Shah supplies him with a larger sum, will have to borrow money in this city for his current expenses.

Mr. Eastwick, Chargé d'Affaires, January 9th, 1863.—Feroze Shah is now at Shahabduluzim, about four miles from Teheran, and is likely to remain there for two or three months. There is no doubt that he has made proposals to the Persian Government to raise fresh troubles in India, though there is no chance of their being accepted. He has about twenty people with him, one of whom is said to be called the Moulvie. I wish to be informed whether any sum has been offered for the arrest of this man, and whether you consider it very important that he should be arrested. I am not at all sure that such a step would be practicable.