

No. 12, dated 12th January 1869.

From—Government of India.

To—HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ARGYLL, K. T., Secretary of State for India.

WE have the honor to forward, for the information of Her Majesty's Government, a copy of the papers enumerated in the accompanying Abstract of Contents, regarding the movements of Sirdar Shumshoodeen Khan, one of the Generals of Azim Khan, Ex-Ameer of Cabul, and of the Delhi rebel Feroze Shah.

Abstract of the Contents of a Despatch to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 12, dated 12th January 1869.

No. 1.—To Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 12, dated 12th January 1869. Forwards a copy of the undermentioned papers:—

No. 2. _____ Abstract of Contents.

No. 3.—From Secretary to Government, Bombay.

5th December 1868, No. 288.

Forwards a copy of a letter from the Political Agent, Upper Sind Frontier, announcing the arrival at Khelat of Sirdar Shumshoodeen Khan, one of the Cabul Ex-Ameer Azim Khan's Commanders, and the movements of Feroze Shah, the Delhi rebel.

No. 4.—To Secretary to Government, Bombay.

19th December 1868, No. 1506.

In reply, intimates that the Khan of Khelat should not allow Sirdar Shumshoodeen Khan to intrigue or create disorder in Afghanistan. The sentiments of Ameer Shere Ali with regard to this man will be ascertained through the Government of the Punjab. Feroze Shah should not be allowed an asylum in Khelat or any place on the frontier, if possible, and the influence of all Political Officers should be exerted to keep him at a distance, and to deprive him of the means of carrying on treason within our own territories.

No. 5.—To Secretary to Government, Punjab.

19th December 1868, No. 1507.

Forwards copy of the letter from the Bombay Government regarding Sirdar Shumshoodeen Khan and Feroze Shah, and requests that the feelings and wishes of the Ameer Shere Ali with regard to the former may be ascertained; also communicates the instructions issued to the Government of Bombay on the subject.

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No. 6.—From Secretary to Government, Bombay.

16th December 1868, No. 305.

Forwards copy of a communication from the Commissioner of Sind, reporting the departure of Sirdar Shumshoodeen Khan *via* Bhagwana, *en route* to Mecca, on a pilgrimage.

No. 7.—Docket to Government, Punjab.

31st December 1868, No. 1537.

Forwards a copy of the above for information.