

No. 1506, dated 19th December 1868.

From—W. S. SETON-KARR, Esq., Secretary to Government of India, Foreign Dept.
To—C. GONNE, Esq., Secretary to Government of Bombay.

I AM directed by His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 5th instant, No. 288, regarding Shums-ood-deen Khan, one of the Commanders of the Ex-Ameer, and the rebel Feroze Shah.

2. In reply, I am directed to request that the Political Agent in Upper Sind may intimate at once to the ~~Chief of Khelat~~ that, if Shums-ood-deen Khan is permitted to reside in that principality, he must not take part in any intrigues which have for their object the introduction of disorder or disaffection at Cabul or Candahar, or elsewhere in Affghanistan, and that his continuance in Khelat will be entirely conditional on his abstaining from all attempts at creating confusion and on his conducting himself properly.

3. With regard to the rebel Feroze Shah, His Excellency in Council entirely concurs in opinion with Colonel Phayre that this person should on no account be allowed an asylum in Khelat or anywhere else on that frontier, and that all the influence of our Political authorities should be exerted with Native Chiefs and Rulers in order to keep Feroze Shah at a distance, and to deprive him of the means of carrying on treason and of creating alarm and distrust within our own territories.

4. The Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab has been directed to take an opportunity of ascertaining the feelings of the Ameer Shere Ali in regard to Shums-ood-deen.

No. 1507, dated 19th December 1868.

From—W. S. SETON-KARR, Esq., Secretary to Government of India, Foreign Dept.

To—T. H. THORNTON, Esq., D. C. L., Secretary to Government of Punjab.

I AM directed by His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India in Council to forward a copy of a letter,* with enclosures, received from the Government of Bombay, relative to the movements of Sirdar Shums-ood-deen Khan, a Commander of the Ex-Ameers, and to those of the rebel Feroze Shah.

* Dated 5th December 1868, No. 288.

2. The attention of the Lieutenant-Governor is solicited to the case of the former of these two persons. His Excellency in Council is not without apprehensions that this man may, while residing in Khelat, lend himself to intrigues against the authority of the Ameer Shere Ali, or may endeavour, by means of his friends and adherents, to keep up or excite disaffection in Affghanistan.

3. The Lieutenant-Governor might take an opportunity of bringing the subject, through our Agent, to the notice of the Ameer when he may return to Cabul, as the Ameer is reported to have shown some clemency towards Shums-ood-deen, who is stated to be his relative; and the Lieutenant-Governor might ascertain Shere Ali's feelings and wishes on the subject.

4. The Government of Bombay will be informed, in reply, that the Political Superintendent in Sind must intimate to the Khan of Khelat that, if Shums-ood-deen Khan is permitted to reside in or near that principality, he must not take part in any intrigues which have for their object disorder or disaffection at Cabul or Candahar, or elsewhere in Affghanistan, and that his continuance in Khelat will be entirely conditional on his abstaining from all attempts at creating confusion and on his conducting himself with propriety.