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From Officiating Resident in Nipal, No. 27 P., dated  
2nd June 1877.

\* "Political relations of the Government of India with  
Native States."

† But without communicating to him the copy of the Chief  
Commissioner's letter.

*Desire of Birjis Kadar, son of the Ex-King of Oudh, and  
the Begum Hazrat Mahal to repair to British India  
for the purpose of arranging marriages for his  
children.*

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MR. HENVEY'S letter gives an accurate account of  
the previous correspondence regarding these two persons  
who are at present in Nipal.

It will be observed that he has suggested to the  
Prime Minister that Birjis Kadar should call upon  
him and explain fully the nature of the "solicitation  
which he desired to lay before the Governor-General  
in Council." The object of this was partly to ascertain  
whether it is really the wish of Birjis Kadar to  
arrange marriages for his children and also to gain time  
in order to receive any instructions which the Gover-  
nor-General in Council may desire to give.

The circumstances under which the Begum and her  
son originally made their way to Nipal are briefly  
stated in paragraphs 52, 54 (pages 122, 123) of the  
printed volume\* put up. *A priori* there seems no  
reason to relax the orders of 1864, *viz.*, that if the  
Begum or her son enter British territory, they would not  
receive any assistance or allowance from the British  
Government, and would be required to be under the  
surveillance of the Magistrate of the district in which  
they might take up their residence.

Perhaps it would be well to consult the Chief  
Commissioner of Oudh confidentially in the first  
instance.

(Sd.) F. C. D.

28-6-77.

*His Excellency.*

YES.

(Sd.) T. H. T.

30-6-77.

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Two further letters have arrived on the above  
subject:—

(1.) From the Resident in Nipal (No. 34-P., dated  
10th July 1877), who reports that the Durbar appears  
to have resolved to abstain from pressing the request  
made on behalf of Birjis Kadar to be allowed to visit  
British India; and

(2.) From the Chief Commissioner, Oudh (No.  
281A., dated 16th July 1877), who states his opinion  
that at the present time while affairs are in an  
unsettled state in a great part of Asia and Europe, it  
is not advisable that Birjis Kadar and his mother, who  
is, or was, a very clever and designing woman, should be  
allowed to visit British India.

Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Mr. Henvey's letter are  
noteworthy as affording another instance of the jealousy  
with which the Durbar seeks to seclude the Resident  
from those desiring to have free access to him, but no  
action appears to be called for thereon in connection with  
the present case. Looking to the views expressed by the  
Chief Commissioner of Oudh we might perhaps, in ac-  
knowledging receipt of the Resident's two letters, instruct  
Mr. Henvey† to discourage any request which may be  
made on behalf of Birjis Kadar or his mother to be

Exd.—J. T. F.

allowed to visit British India. Extract, paragraph 1, of Mr. Henvey's letter, dated 10th July 1877, should perhaps be forwarded (confidentially) to the Chief Commissioner of Oudh for information, and the papers might be shown to Major Bradford.

23-7-77. (Sd.) F. C. D.

HIS EXCELLENCY.

24-7-77. (Sd.) T. H. T.

YES.

1-8-77. (Sd.) L.

RETURNED with thanks.

1-9-77. (Sd.) E. R. C. B.