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*Birjis Kadar and Begum Hazrat Mahal's wish to visit British India.*

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- No. 359.—From Offg. Resident, Nipal, No. 27P. of 2nd June 1877—Intimates that the Prime Minister of Nipal has represented to him the desire of Birjis Kadar, son of the King of Oudh, and Begum Hazrat Mahal to repair to British India for the purpose of arranging marriages for his children. Offers remarks and solicits orders.  
 (Copy to Chief Commr., Oudh, by docket No. 1612P. of 6th July 1877.)
- No. 360.—From Secy. to Govt., North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 281A. of 16th July 1877—In reply to No. 1612P. of 6th July, expresses opinion that at the present time while affairs are in an unsettled state in a great part of Asia and Europe, Birjis Kadar and his mother should not be allowed to visit British India; and under no circumstances would H. H. recommend that Birjis Kadar be allowed to reside in Oudh at any rate for some years to come.
- No. 361.—From Resident in Nipal, No. 34P. of 10th July 1877—In continuation of his No. 27P. of 2nd June, 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.  
 (Copy to Chief Commr., Oudh, by docket No. 1894P. of 6th Aug. 1877.)
- No. 362.—To Offg. Resident in Nipal, No. 1893P. of 6th Aug. 1877—With reference to his above quoted letter, requests that he will discourage any request which may be made on behalf of Birjis Kadar or his mother to be allowed to visit British India.

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No. 359.

No. 27P., dated Nepal Residency, 2nd June 1877 (Confidential).

From—F. HENVEY, Esq., Offg. Resident in Nepal,

To—T. H. THORNTON, Esq., D.C.L., C.S.I., Offg. Secy. to Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the Prime Minister of Nepal has represented to me the desire of Birjis Kadar, son of the King of Oudh, and the Begum Hazrat Mahal, to repair to British India for the purpose of arranging marriages for his children as noted on the margin.

1. Mirza Mahomed Wahid Ali, aged 14 years.
2. Mirza Mahomed Akram Ali, aged 11 years.
3. A daughter, aged 12 years.
4. A daughter, aged 11 years.

2. After the mutiny the Begum and her son, with other rebels of note, sought refuge in Nepal, where they have since that time resided, maintaining themselves upon a small pittance allowed them by the Durbar, and upon the proceeds of the sale of jewels which they carried away in their flight. They neglected to take advantage of the mercy of the British Government, by whom they were offered an unmolested residence in India and a maintenance. In Mr. Aitchison's letter No. 728, dated 25th February 1860, paragraph 2, it was ordered that Maharaja Jung Bahadoor should be informed that as these persons did not choose to submit, the Governor-General could no longer entertain the question of assigning a maintenance for them.

3. Again in 1864 Sir Jung Bahadoor, who appears to have found the charge of the Begum and Birjis Kadar rather burthensome, reverted to the subject of their return to India. The decision of the Governor-General in Council was conveyed in Mr. Aitchison's letter No. 502, dated 14th November 1864. It was said that the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council did not wish the Begum and her son to come and reside in British territory, but if they did enter the territories of the British Government, they would on no consideration receive any assistance or allowance from Government, and would be required to be under the surveillance of the Magistrate of the district, in which they might take up their residence.

4. The present Prime Minister is aware of the above-quoted correspondence, and His Excellency has observed that if Birjis Kadar is to be treated with disrespect in British India, of course he could not proceed thither, but the fact seems to be that Birjis Kadar has so importuned the late and present Prime Ministers that Maharaja Sir Ranudip Sing has felt compelled to mention his request.

5. I have ascertained that Birjis Kadar wishes to leave Nepal at the beginning of the cold weather and go to Patna, whence he would send emissaries to Moorshedabad and Benares with the view of arranging matrimonial alliances; and if the emissaries failed, he himself would undertake the quest. These details were communicated to me by the Durbar.

6. In reply to the Maharaja's message I said that, as the matter appeared to be a private one, which I did not understand the Nepalese Government to take up officially, it would, in my opinion, be best that Birjis Kadar should call on me and explain fully what was the nature of the solicitation which he desired to lay before the Governor-General in Council. I think it is just possible that the Durbar is more anxious to get rid of Birjis Kadar than he is to arrange marriages for his children. And I also wished to gain time, so that I may receive whatever instructions on the subject His Excellency in Council may be pleased to give me.

No. 1612P., dated Simla, 6th July 1877.

Endorsed by Foreign Department.

COPY forwarded confidentially to the Chief Commissioner, Oudh, with a request that the Government of India may be furnished with an expression of his opinion as to the advisability or otherwise of relaxing the orders of 1864 referred to in paragraph 3.

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Exd.—J. D. G.

No. 360.

No. 281A., dated Naini Tal, 16th July 1877 (Confidential).

From—H. J. SPARKS, Esq., Offg. Secy. to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Commissioner (for Oudh),

To—F. C. DAUKES, Esq., Offg. Asstt. Secy. to Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.

I AM directed by the Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Commissioner to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement No. 1612P., dated the 6th instant, forwarding to the Chief Commissioner of Oudh copy of a letter No. 27P., dated the 2nd June, from the Officiating Resident of Nepal, and asking for an expression of the Chief Commissioner's opinion regarding the expediency of allowing Birjis Kadar to come into British India.

2. In reply, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Commissioner directs me to say that at the present time, while affairs are in an unsettled state in a great part of Asia and Europe, he is of opinion that Birjis Kadar and his mother, who is, or was, a very clever and designing woman, should not be allowed to visit British India. And under no circumstances would His Honor recommend that Birjis Kadar be allowed to reside in Oudh, at any rate for some years to come. His Honor does not think that Birjis Kadar deserves any support from the British Government; and were he to reside in Lucknow as a pauper, he would naturally obtain the sympathy of many of his fellow-countrymen, and might do much to foster any ill-feeling among those who are discontented with our rule, and in a large city like Lucknow, with more than two hundred thousand inhabitants, many of whom have been reduced from affluence to poverty by the removal of the Court, it would be absurd to hope that there are not a number of disaffected persons who would be glad of any change.

3. In the opinion of Sir George Couper the orders of 1864 referred to in paragraph 3 of Mr. Henvey's letter should not be relaxed.

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No. 361.

No. 34P., dated Nepal 10th July 1877 (Confidential).

From—F. HENVEY, Esq., Officiating Resident in Nepal,

To—T. H. THORNTON, Esq., D.C.L., C.S.I., Offg. Secy. to Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.

IN continuation of my letter No. 27P., dated 2nd June 1877, I have the honor to state, for the information of the Governor-General in Council, 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.

2. I was at first informed that Birjis Kadar would call upon me and explain his wishes; but on my observing that the interview must of course be an entirely private one at which no third party could be present, it soon became evident that the Durbar would not allow the visit to be paid under such conditions.

3. His Excellency in Council will see in this incident an example of the policy which I have endeavored to explain in a separate communication, and of the jealousy with which the Durbar seeks to seclude the Resident from those desiring to have free access to him.

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No. 1894P., dated Simla, 6th August 1877.

Endorsed by Foreign Department.

EXTRACT, paragraph 1, forwarded, confidentially, to the Chief Commissioner, Oudh, for information, with reference to the correspondence ending with his Officiating Secretary's letter No. 281A., dated the 16th July 1877.

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**No. 362.**

No. 1893P., dated Simla, 6th August 1877 (Confidential).

From—F. C. DAUKES, Esq., Offg. Asstt. Secy. to Govt. of India, Foreign Dept.,  
To—F. HENVEY, Esq., Officiating Resident in Nepal.

IN acknowledging receipt of your letters Nos. 27 and 34P. (Confidential), dated respectively the 2nd June and 10th July 1877, I am directed to state that the Governor-General in Council considers it advisable that you should discourage any request which may be made on behalf of Birjis Kadar or his mother, the Begum Hazrat Mahal, for permission to visit British India.