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### Enclosure 115 to letter of 5 Oct 1828

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#### About this record

Dispatch No. 115 from the East India Company Envoy to Persia [Iran], Lieutenant-Colonel John Macdonald Kinneir, to Andrew Stirling, Acting Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated 25 August 1828.

Macdonald Kinneir reports that the Persian Government has agreed to the ratification of the abrogation of the third and fourth articles of the Definitive Treaty, which concern British subsidies and military aid to Persia, in exchange for a contribution of 200,000 tomans from Macdonald Kinneir towards a payment to secure the withdrawal of Russian troops from Khoee [Khoy] in accordance with the Treaty of Toorkmanchae [Turkmenchay], and forwards related correspondence (IOR/L/PS/9/71/290-294). Macdonald Kinneir states that he will not forward the ratification to the Government of Bengal until he has heard back about the proposed modification of the Definitive Treaty, and also voices suspicions that the Russian forces hope to occupy Khoee indefinitely.

The letter also reports on civil conflict in Khorassan [Khorasan], including the capture of Meshed [Mashhad] by Reza Khouli Khan Zaferanloo [Rezā Qulī Khān Za'farānlū], and developments in the war between Turkey [Ottoman Empire] and Russia [Russo-Turkish War, 1828-29].

This document was originally enclosed in Macdonald Kinneir's dispatch No. 36 to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors of the East India Company of 5 October 1828 (IOR/L/PS/9/71/262).

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A. Stirling Esq.  
Acting Secy to Government  
Political Department  
Fort William

Sir

With reference to my Dispatch  
No 114 I have herewith the honour to trans-  
mit to you, for the information of The  
Right Honourable The Governor General in  
Council, the various replies, which I  
have this day received to the communi-  
cations made by me to The Prince Royal,  
and Minister for Foreign Affairs on the  
12<sup>th</sup> instant.

My representations have for-  
tunately been attended with the effect I  
expected they would produce on the minds  
of the personages to whom they were addressed.  
The receipt of The Shah's notification  
of the agreement entered into by his Son,  
for the abrogation of the two Articles will  
enable me to remove my seal from the 200  
000 Tomans now in deposit. The King is  
pledged to pay 100000, — 50000 more have  
been

been raised by an anticipation of the Revenues, and Jewels of a greater value will be placed in pawn to meet the 150,000 wanting to complete the Eighth Cox. - I therefore entertain a very sanguine hope that I shall be able in the course of tomorrow, and the following day, to conclude an arrangement, by which the Persians may be relieved from their terrors, and the Province of Khooz evacuated by the Troops of General Paskevitch. -

I am free to confess that my anxiety to bring this unpleasant business to a satisfactory termination, is greatly enhanced by a circumstance, which has recently been imparted to me by a person, in whose veracity and sources of information, I impose the most implicit reliance.

The noxious air, and burning climate of Bukshivan, and Abbasabad, have led the Russians to think of withdrawing their Troops, and military stores, from those unhealthy places, provided they are able to procure

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procure an equally advantageous, and more salubrious position, for the purpose of a Depot, and place of arms. - Their long occupation of Khoe, the strongest city and richest district in this Province, has made them duly appreciate the value and superiority of that important Station, as a Military Post, separating the Turkish from the Persian Empire, and commanding at all times not only abundance of supplies, but an easy entrance into both Countries. - It is therefore if my information be correct, their interest, and object, to obtain permanent possession of this town, and its dependencies, which a breach on the part of Persia of that additional Article of the late Treaty, touching the payment of the Indemnity, would at once empower them to claim, and retain as their own. - To deprive them of the pretext, and leave them no alternative, but the early and unreserved evacuation of the District in question is the end which I shall strive to accomplish.

Khoe

Khoo once sent from Azerbijan the  
letter from that moment is a useless ap-  
pendage to Persia, while without this  
province, not even a shadow of political  
independence would remain to a Nation,  
whose destiny is closely connected with the  
British interests in the East. -

The disturbances in  
Khoraasan, where the elements of civil  
discord, keep open the wounds inflicted  
by past misfortune, and present misrule,  
have recently assumed a very serious as-  
pect. - The sons of Hapsan Ali Meerza  
who is himself employed in Khorasan  
left with divided authority during the  
absence of their Father; unable to agree  
took up arms against each other, and for  
some time carried on a desultory contest,  
equally ruinous to both, and injurious to  
the interests of the realm. - The efficiency  
of the local government, never very strong,  
weakened by these intestine broils, soon be-  
came unequal to the task of holding  
the

the refractory Nobles any longer in sub-<sup>(3) 5</sup>  
jection. - The Lords of Koojnoord, Co-  
chan, Kelat, and Turbut. e. Hyderabad, the  
inveterate, and hereditary enemies of the  
Kujur family, taking advantage as they  
seldom fail to do of the distracted state  
of the times openly raised the standard of  
revolt, by plundering the surrounding ter-  
ritories and declaring themselves indepen-  
dent.

Raja Khoati Khan Chief of  
the tribe of Zafaranloo, the ablest, and  
most daring, if not the most powerful of  
those factious magnets, emboldened by  
some partial success in the field entered  
Meshed on the 2<sup>d</sup> instant, occupied the  
town, and at length succeeded in getting  
possession of the Ark, where he captured  
Zulaku Meerza, the eldest son of Hapan  
Ali Meerza, together with the Harem,  
and personal property of His Royal High-  
ness.

The St. Petersburg Gazette  
upto the 8<sup>th</sup> Augt, will afford His Local  
ship

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In Council all the information I  
possess, respecting the operations of  
the Grand Army of the Danube. -

Private letters received by the Merchants  
here from Constantinople mention the  
Head Quarters of The Emperor to be in  
the vicinity of Shumla. -

In this quarter the  
Forces under Count Paskevitch are again  
in motion, the prompt, and vigorous  
steps taken by His Excellency having had  
the desired effect of arresting the progress  
of the plague. - The town of Akilkeles,  
half way between Kars, and Akiska, has  
surrendered without opposition, and we  
daily expect intelligence of the fall of the  
latter. -

Conceiving that it is  
not the intention of the Authorities in  
England to force the Persian Government  
into a measure, which The Shah may  
consider detrimental to his interests, I have  
promised Abbas Meerza, that the ratifi-  
cation now in my possession, shall not

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not be forwarded to India, until such  
time as I am favoured with a reply to  
my reference, regarding the modifica-  
tion of the Treaty, by remodelling the  
two Articles into one, as suggested in my  
Dispatch from Lehraun. - The option,  
of course, now rests entirely with His  
Lordship in Council, in whose wisdom,  
justice, and liberality, this Court has the  
greatest dependence, and to whose de-  
cision it must necessarily bow, be that  
decision what it may. -

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Camp at Sahun  
25<sup>th</sup> August 1828



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