

His Excellency will maintain all those friendly relations which existed in the time of the late Maharajah Runjeet Singh."

After the presentation by the Maharajah of the usual offerings, the Governor-General and Suite returned to camp.

Note of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Minister and Chiefs of the Lahore Durbar and the British Commissioners, held at the Tent of the Governor-General's Agent, on the 11th of March 1846.

ON the forenoon of the 11th instant, the Minister and Chiefs of the Durbar attended at the tent of the Governor-General's Agent, when the following agreement was concluded, and subsequently confirmed by the Right Honourable the Governor-General:—

Articles of Agreement concluded between the British Government and the Lahore Durbar, on the 11th of March 1846.

WHEREAS the Lahore Government has solicited the Governor-General to leave a British force at Lahore for the protection of the Maharajah's person and of the capital, till the reorganization of the Lahore army, according to the provisions of article 6 of the Treaty of Lahore, dated the 9th inst.; and whereas the Governor-General has, on certain conditions, consented to the measure; and whereas it is expedient that certain matters concerning the territories ceded by articles 3 and 4 of the aforesaid Treaty, should be specifically determined, the following eight articles of agreement have this day been concluded between the aforementioned contracting parties:—

Art. 1. The British Government shall leave at Lahore, till the close of the current year, A. D. 1846, such force as shall seem to the Governor-General adequate for the purpose of protecting the person of the Maharajah, and the inhabitants of the city of Lahore, during the reorganization of the Sikh army, in accordance with the provisions of article 6 of the Treaty of Lahore; that force to be withdrawn at any convenient time before the expiration of the year, if the object to be fulfilled shall, in the opinion of the Durbar, have been attained; but the force shall not be detained at Lahore beyond the expiration of the current year.

Art. 2. The Lahore Government agrees that the force left at Lahore, for the purpose specified in the foregoing article, shall be placed in full possession of the fort and the city of Lahore, and that the Lahore troops shall be removed from within the city. The Lahore Government engages to furnish convenient quarters for the officers and men of the said force, and to pay to the British Government all the extra expenses, in regard to the said force, which may be incurred by the British Government in consequence of their troops being employed away from their own cantonments and in a foreign territory.

Art. 3. The Lahore Government engages to apply itself immediately and earnestly to the reorganization of its army according to the prescribed conditions, and to communicate fully with the British Authorities left at Lahore as to the progress of such reorganization, and as to the location of the troops.

Art. 4. If the Lahore Government fails in the performance of the conditions of the foregoing article, the British Government shall be at liberty to withdraw the force from Lahore at any time before the expiration of the period specified in article 1.

Art. 5. The British Government agrees to respect the *bonâ fide* rights of those Jagheerdars within the territories ceded by articles 3 and 4 of the Treaty of Lahore, dated 9th instant, who were attached to the families of the late Maharajah Runjeet Singh, Kurruk Singh, and Shere Singh; and the British Government will maintain those Jagheerdars in their *bonâ fide* possessions during their lives.

Art. 6. The Lahore Government shall receive the assistance of the British local Authorities in recovering the arrears of revenue justly due to the Lahore Government from their Kardars and Managers in the territories ceded by the provisions of articles 3 and 4 of the Treaty of Lahore, to the close of the Khurreef harvest of the current year, viz. 1902 of the Sumbut Bikramajcet.

Art. 7. The Lahore Government shall be at liberty to remove from the forts in the territories specified in the foregoing article, all treasure and State property, with the exception of guns. Should, however, the British Government desire to retain any part of the said property, they shall be at liberty to do so, paying for the same at a fair valuation; and the British Officers shall give their assistance to the Lahore Government in disposing on the spot of such part of the aforesaid property as the Lahore Government may not wish to remove, and the British Officers may not desire to retain.

Art. 8. Commissioners shall be immediately appointed by the two Governments to settle and lay down the boundary between the two States, as defined by article 4 of the Treaty of Lahore, dated March 9, 1846.

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