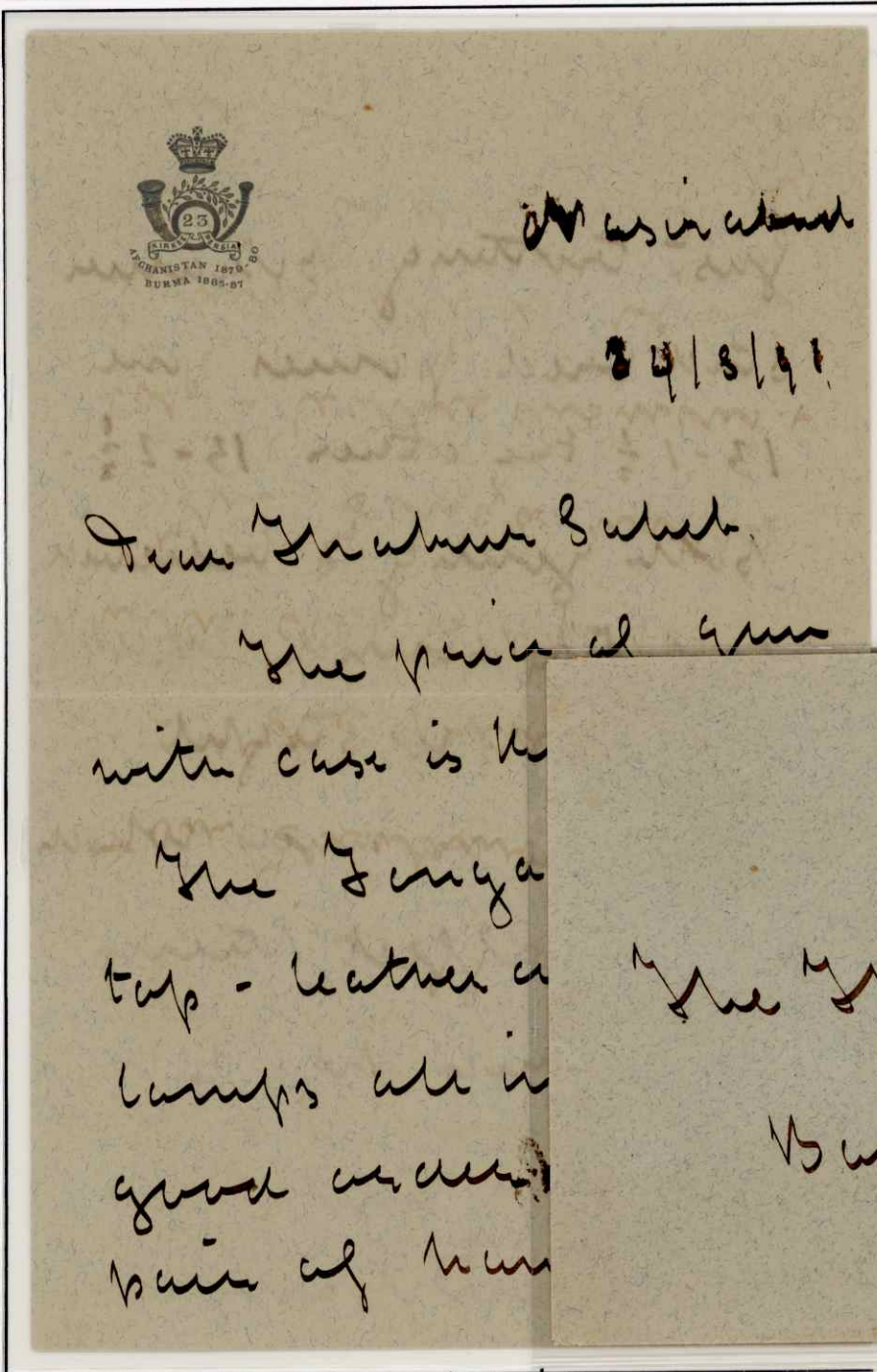


# Afghan Territories; a soldier's perspective of war



Afghan territories were part of Persia until early 18<sup>th</sup> century; thereafter a protectorate relationship existed. Britain targeted these lands, to thwart Russian expansionism.

The First Afghan War (1839-42) was a disaster. In 1857 Britain used unrest in Herat as an excuse to invade and occupy Southern Persia. Britain was victorious in the Second Afghan War (1878-80). Indian soldiers conducted most of the wars, and remained to maintain control.

Cover and letter, dated 24/8/96, from Captain William Delamain, 23<sup>rd</sup> Bombay Rifles from Nasseerabad, franked with pair of half-anna stamps. Captain Delamain is disposing his items as he is going on furlough.

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Kirkee, Persia



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Transcript of letter –

“Nassirabad 24/8/96

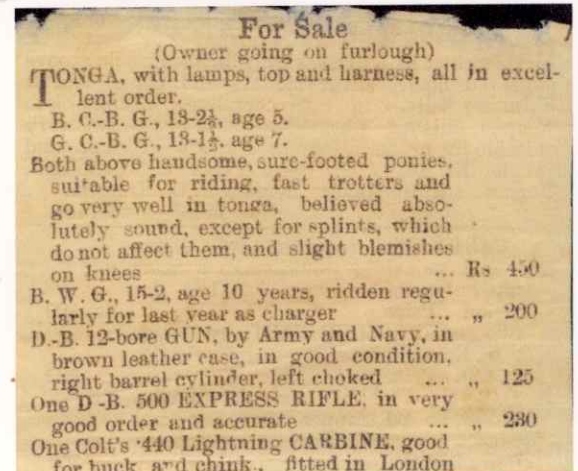
Dear Fredrick Sahib,

Price of guns with case is Rupee 125.

The tenga with top leather cushions and lamps are in very good order with pair of hunds with just trotting Baluchian stud bred ponies with one 13-1½ (hands?) and the other 13-2½. Both young and believed absolutely sound except for splints and slight blemish on knees which do not affect their price.

Price Rupees 400

Your truly”



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