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My dear Mr. Jinnah,

On my return from Bombay, I had sent a letter to you, through Mr. Rasheed Thurabi and I am sure it must have reached you by now. Since I met you last, I have been all the while thinking over seriously, the matters in Hyderabad. I hope, you will excuse me, if I tell you again, what I had said to you once in detail, (during our meeting of the 23rd. June), that I could not find myself satisfied, with the proposed methods, on which the reconcilliation is to be sought. I feel, there is something in it, which pains me in heart. According to the present arrangement, I must seek an apology for my previous action, from H.E.H., in accordance with your instructions, which I shall receive from you, after your interview with H.E.H., and in lieu of it H.E.H. will withdraw his Firman and the Government will cancel its regulations for the mashdars. Moreover I must give an assurance for the future, that, henceforth, I will deal with the matters only in parliamentary methods, and politics not the personalities, will be the subjects of my criticism.

I feel, sure, that the compromise sought on the above lines will place me on one hand in a critical position before the public and on the other, it will affect

the prestige of H.E.H. and His Government in the eyes of others. Hence, I lay before you my own plan, to meet the situation. I have thought over it in a most dispassionate manner and I assure you that there is nothing emotional in it. I hope, it will receive your full consideration; but let me mention it once more that, your decision will be final for me, and I will have no objection in its compliance.

I believe the most correct method to deal with the situation is that, in pursuance of a mutual understanding Government should confiscate my Title and Jagir, and in return, it should give me an assurance of the following nature:-

1. That in connection with my memorandum dated the 1st August 1940, in which I have raised certain points, which are to be settled with the British Government, my Government will take me into confidence and inform me what measures it has taken in this connection, and what help it expects from me now. Since the Government was in full agreement with my demands (contained in the aforesaid memorandum) it will try its level best to achieve them.

2. That no further extension will be granted to any of the Ministers (including the Premier) whose term of

office is expired, or, near to be expired, and that fresh appointment will be made only with your consultation, of such capable and reliable persons who can really understand the Muslim point of view in Hyderabad.

3. That the "Firman" dated the 4th Rabi II, 1360 H., and the Regulations issued in connection with the Mashdars will be withdrawn as soon as possible; this may be done in pursuance of a common demand by the Hindu and Muslim Mashdars, which shall be arranged by me later on. After the withdrawal of the "Firman", and once the Regulations are cancelled, if my Jagir is restored back to me I will have no objection in accepting it.

4. That the Government will stop immediately the false and pernicious propaganda which it is carrying on against the Majlis through Hindu and Nationalist local newspapers as 'Raiyat' the 'Deccan Chronical', 'Mumlikat' and 'Payam'. Moreover it will stop the paid propagandists of the Constitutional Affairs Committee from spreading the false and baseless rumours against the Majlis and its personalities and give me an assurance that henceforth the Government will refrain from such hostile activities.

5. That the Government will lift the ban from the

newspaper 'Wakht' and will allow its publication and refund its security which has been confiscated by the Government. Moreover the restrictions which have been placed on 'Rahber-e-Deccan' and other newspapers; that they should not write anything in favour of the Majlis shall be removed by Government.

6. That the restrictions imposed on certain members of the Majlis in regard to their freedom of speech such as Abdus Samadh Sirajuddin, etc., shall be removed.

7. That Abdul Jabbar Ul Muslim who is under arrest shall be released at once. I admit that his speech was somewhat objectionable but in future I shall control him.

8. That the Government will allow its Muslim Officers to participate in all the legitimate activities of the Majlis, and if it is not possible for the present circumstances, they shall be at least allowed to take part in constructive activities of the Majlis such as educational, social and cultural. And if it is not advisable for the time being, the Government will give me an assurance that it will not take any step against those officers who support the Majlis on their own initiative.

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I am sure that the above suggestions will receive your full consideration. I do not expect any reply for this letter but only an acknowledgment of the same.

Yours sincerely,

Bahadur Jung

I have just received your letter through Mr Rasheed Furabi, and waiting about informations of your arrival to Hyderabad. I read in some paper today that you were suffering from fever. Please write about your health. God bless

you.

With best regards.

yours

Bahadur