

Sir Charles Marling had replied that the military advantages of the alliance would be small but not negligible, while he submitted that the acquisition of an independent Moslem ally would have a far-reaching effect in Asia. We had since received a telegram from the Indian Government (E.C.-390) dated the 24th May, stating the pros and cons of such an alliance and appearing on the whole to advise against it.

*It was decided—*

*That it was not necessary to issue further instructions at this stage.*

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Shah's Subsidy.

6.—(2.) Lord Hardinge referred to a telegram from Sir Charles Marling, dated the 26th May (E.C.-396) stating that the Shah was pressing for more money, and threatening not to appoint Vossugh-ed-Dowleh Prime Minister, unless his demands were met. The Shah was asking for 20,000 tomans a month during Vossugh's tenure of office, and a pension in case of exile. Sir Charles Marling said that he had given the Shah to understand that we would not submit to blackmail. He thought, however, that the Shah would be prepared to accept 15,000 tomans a month, and he asked for authority to grant this in case of absolute necessity.

*It was decided—*

*That Sir Charles Marling should be authorised, in case of necessity, to grant the 15,000 tomans a month.*

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