Draft of engagement proposed to be made with the Raja and the Kaloon of Ludagh submitted by William Macdonald in Persian, for consideration of the Most Noble the Governor-General-in-Council Dated I. S. H., July 30th, 1821.

Proposed engagement with the eminent and right worthy Akibut Muhim Khan (title) Raja of Ludagh and the trusty and faithful servant, Chuhwan Tundih, the Kaloon, drawn up for their satisfaction conformably to the address submitted by them to the British Government, praying to be received amongst the number of states enjoying its protection.

Art. I The territory of Ludagh shall ever remain under the protection and guardianship of the British Government.

Art. II The officers of the British Government shall at no time make any demands on revenue from the principality of Ludagh.

Art. III The Raja of Ludagh and the Kaloon shall always conduct the Government of the country of Ludagh in their own way; and the officers of the British Government shall abstain from all interference whatever in its internal administration.

Art. IV In disputes on matters of trifling importance, the Raja and Kaloon shall adjust them after their own way. Should an affair of great importance, however, occur effecting the very

1 English Translation of Persian Letters received from January 1622 to June 1822, Vol. No. 70, Pt. I, letter No. 131/3B. (N.A.I.)
existence of the state of Ludagh, assistance shall be afforded by the British Government upon application for the same being submitted. Should any necessity arise in sending a military force, the charges for the same shall not be defrayed by the Ludagh chief; but they will do their best to furnish whatever supplies may be requisite on the march of the troops due compensation for the same being made by the British authorities.

Art. V The above articles shall ever be in force and perpetually binding upon the British Government so long as the Raja of Ludagh and Kaloon evince a good disposition towards that Government and a general desire to promote its interests.