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APPENDIXES

1.

No. 945 $\frac{1}{2}$

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Army Corps
of Ankara.

The Court-Martial is ^{hearing the case against} trying Bishop Khosrov Effendi, Armenian
Primate of Kayseri, to determine ^{his} the degree of ^{his} complicity
in the revolutionary movements.

He can not be summoned before the Court-Martial ^{owing}
to ^{the} his privilege ^{of his office request issued by} unless by invitation ^{of} the Patriarchate,
^{except} and the mutessarif is acting to this effect.

Until the order arrives here and is ^{inserted upon purely} carried out, a
^{length} certain amount of time will elapse, which the above-mentioned
individual shall certainly use to provoke disorder and make ^{create}
propaganda. Consequently, his presence in this city is
not considered ^{un} desirable. The trial may take place even in
absentia. I request permission to take ^{the} necessary measures
to exile him to a ^{rather} locality, ^{such} as the county of Mot in Selevkia,
where there are no Armenians at all. Please ^{advise} inform me.

June 2, 1915.

The Acting Commander of Division Kayseri

Shahabeddin.

2.

No. 2157

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Fifteenth
Division of Kayseri.

Reply to the ciphered telegram No. 945, dated

June 2, 1915.

With the ^{for} exception of the Deputies and Senators, ^{everyone} anyone, ^{regardless who he may be} no matter who, may be summoned before the Court-Martial.

^{or} There is no ^{can} need to ^{wait} ask for the intervention of the Patriarchate ^{necessary} immediately ^{in consultation} and start his trial. I wrote ^{asking} to the Ministry for his exile.

June 3, 1915.

Army Commander : Rejai.

Decipher: War Office.

The acting Commander of the Fifteenth Division has informed me that the Armenian Bishop of Kayseri, being an accomplice to the revolutionary movement in that town, can not be summoned before the Court-Martial owing to his ^{special} privilege, unless by ^{direction} (invitation) ^{from} of the Patriarchate, and ^{in accordance with this Ruling} the mutessarif himself is acting ^{to this effect} until the order arrives here and is carried out, ^{there will be a time lapse} a certain amount of time will elapse, which the above-mentioned individual will certainly use to provoke disorder and make propaganda. Consequently his presence in this city is ^{not} considered ^{you} desirable. ^{the} His trial ^{could} may take place even in absentia. ^{Therefore} I request permission to take necessary measures to exile him to a ^{mother} locality, ^{and} as the county of Mot in Selevkia, where there are no Armenians at all. Please communicate your decision to me.

June 3, 1915

The Army Commander: Rejai.

4.

Decipher : Acting Commander of the Army of Ankara.

Reply to ~~the~~ communication dated June 3, 1915.

The communication dispatched to the Acting Divisional Commander concerning the Primate of Kayseri has been approved. I recommend that the legal proceedings be accelerated; inform me of ~~the~~ the sentence ~~once~~ it has been pronounced by the Court-Martial.

June 4, 1915.

On behalf of the War Office:

~~The~~ Undersecretary:

Ismail.

5.

No. 2258/4

Decipher: Acting Commander of Kayseri Division.

Supplement to ~~the~~ telegram dated June 3, 1915.

The Minister of War orders, in a reply by telegram, that the ~~course of~~ the trial be accelerated and the ~~judgement~~ ^{at the trial} ~~with~~ ^{and all} supporting papers be transmitted to him.

June 8, 1915.

~~The~~ Commander of the Army of Ankara:

Halil Rejai.

6.

No. 601.

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Army of Ankara.

Reply to ~~the~~ telegram dated June 8, 1915.

During the course of the trial, it has been established that Khosrov Effendi, Primate of Kayseri, was aware of the revolutionary preparations. Since he has been granted mitigating

6. (Cont'd)

No. 601.

circumstances, the Court-Martial pronounced a judgement today, sentencing him to fifteen years of hard labor in accordance with the provisions of Article 47 of the Civil Penal Code. ^{Article 7} The proceedings are being dispatched for your approval.

June 9, 1915

The Acting ⁷Commander, of the Fifteenth
Division : Shahabeddin.

7.

No. 331

Decipher : War Office.

Reply to the ~~coded~~ telegram dated June 7, 1915.

I have the honor to inform you that, in accordance with the telegraphic ⁷communication of the Acting Commander of Kayseri, the Court-Martial has sentenced Khosrov Efendi, Primate of said town, to fifteen years of ^(IMPRISONMENT) confinement.

June 10, 1915.

The Acting ⁷Commander, of the Army of Ankara:
Halil Rejai.

8.

No. 188

Communication to His Excellency,

~~the~~ Acting Commander, of the Fifth Army.

I have the honor ⁷of including herewith, for ^{your} approval, the ^{final} verdict with supporting papers, ^{Prisoners} against Khosrov Efendi, Primate of Kayseri, ^{he has been} sentencing him as an accomplice to the revolutionary movement.

June 10, 1915.

The President of the Court-Martial of the
Fifth-Army:
Kaymakam Tevfik.

Decipher: Acting Commander of ~~the~~ Division of Kayseri.

I urgently recommend ~~that~~ you take ~~the~~ necessary measures to prevent the escape of Khosrov Effendi, Primate Bishop of Kayseri.

June 13, 1915.

~~The President of the Military Draft of the~~
Fifth Army; Miralay Halil Rejai.

10

Communication

to the President of the Court-Martial of Kayseri.

I am herewith returning ~~to you~~ the documents and papers ~~that~~ you had dispatched in your telegram No. 188 dated June 10, 1915, concerning Khosrov Effendi, Primate Bishop of Kayseri, sentenced as an accomplice to the revolutionary movement. I recommend that you ~~re~~examine them again and make the necessary decision in accordance with the telegram of the War Ministry, which I transmitted to you in my telegram No. 2395 dated June 15, 1915, and in compliance with the provisions of the paragraph annexed to Article 54 of ~~the~~ Civil Penal Code.

June 16, 1915.

~~The President of the Military Draft of the~~
Fifth Army:

Miralay Halil Rejai.

11

Decipher: Acting Commander of ~~the~~ Division of Kayseri.

Reply to ~~the~~ coded telegram dated June 16, 1915.

The penalty ^{awarded} given to the above-mentioned Primate Khosrov is considered insufficient. ^{for the crime} The trial proceedings have been returned to the Court-Martial in order ^{that} for a new sentence to be passed, considering ~~the contents of the~~ instructions ^{directed} given by the High Command in telegram No. 2395 dated June 15, 1915 attached to the papers of the Court-Martial. It is understood, of course, that the new sentence to be imposed on him (Bishop) shall ^{and} conform to the legal provisions.

June 17, 1915.

The President of ~~the~~ Military Draft of the Fifth Army:

Miralay Halil Rejai.

12

Decipher: Acting Commander of ~~the~~ Fifth Army of Ankara. I ~~am~~ including ^e hereabove, for approval, the minutes containing the sentence handed down against Khosrov, Primate of Kayseri and vicinity, one of the ^{plotter} (authors) involved in ^{devising} the preparation for the revolutionary movement and ^{thus} endeavoring to create a future Armenian ^{State} [principality.]

(June 21, 1915).

The President of ~~the~~ Court-Martial of the Fifth Army:

Lieut. Colonel Kaymakam Tevfik.

13

No. 118

Decipher: Acting Commander of ~~the~~ Fifth Army. You will find hereabove ~~the~~ text of the ciphered telegram ^{and} mentioned ^{and} urgent, dated June 22, 1915, and dispatched by the

Minister of the Interior to the mutessarif of Kayseri
(Zekâi Bey) who ^{forwarded} communicated it to me. I request you to
send me instructions concerning the persons whose
deportation is deemed necessary either by the Court-
Martial or by the local authorities and whose names are
listed herewith.] *name of authorities
or
deported persons?*

June 24, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Fifteenth
Division:

Shahabeddin.

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W455
(Ciphered Circular ^{to telegram} to the Governors)

It has been deemed necessary to modify previous arrangements
regarding the ^{re} settlement of the Armenians in certain vilâyet
and Sanjaks.

The Southern and Western areas of the vilâyet of Mosul,
including towns and villages of the sanjak of Kerkuk
situated at a distance of eighty kilometers and western
areas of the sanjak of Zow^h, situated at a distance of
twenty-five kilometers from the vilâyet of Diarbekir
including the villages of the valley of the Khabur and
Euphrates rivers; all the towns and villages of the
western area of the vilâyet of Aleppo; the Southern and
Eastern areas of said vilâyet, except the Northern area
and the vilâyet of Syria; the sanjaks of Hauran and Key^zek,
except an area of twenty-five kilometers from the railroad.
These are the regions where the Armenians must be distributed

and settled in a ^{ratio} proportion of ^{10:1} ten per cent of the Moslem population.

I urge ^{that} you ^{perform} your activity ^{duties} during the operation of the deportations in accordance with the ^{above mentioned} preceding areas.

June 22, 1915.

(The Minister of the Interior:
Talaat).

15

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Division of Kayseri:

Reply to the telegram No. 118 dated June 24, 1915.

In ^{accordance} with the ^{orders received from} communication of the Ministry of the Interior, you may send to Aleppo those who are to be exiled.

June 25, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Army
(of Ankara):

Rejai.

16

No. 157, Order 4/1739

Copy of the ^{order} ciphered telegram.

Tonight twenty-two Armenian individuals have also been exiled to their destination.

[June 24, 1915 K] To be put in the dossier:

War Office / 13.

Decipher: Acting ~~Commander, of the Army of~~ Ankara
 Supplement to the telegram dated June 24, 1915.

I have the honor to inform you that, by order of the government, one hundred Armenians ^{for} to be exiled to Diarbekir, have been sent under surveillance ⁽¹⁾ tonight via Sivas.

June 25, 1915.

~~The Acting Commander of the Fifteenth Division:~~

Shahabeddin.

- The term*
 (1) To be sent under surveillance "means that the exiles were to have been plain shall be killed en route & that none were to have reached their destination alive."

Decipher: War Office

Confidential and urgent.

I have the honor ^{to} of transmitting ~~to you the~~ proceedings of the Court-Martial of Kayseri, concerning the sentence handed down against Khosrov, Primate of said city and vicinity, who is one of the ^{plotters} authors of the revolutionary movement ^{which is} trying to create a future Armenian ^{state} (principality.)

June 25, 1915.

~~The President of the Military Draft Commission:~~

Rejai.

Decipher: Acting Commander of ~~the~~ Division of Kayseri.
 Reply to ~~the~~ coded telegram dated June 21, 1915.

It is advisable to exile this category of persons to the vilayet of Aleppo; this will be the best way.

Eventually according to my telephone conversation
Consequently, as I had spoken with the mutessarif by phone, they must be deported clandestinely *so that there would be no opportunity* without giving rise to public clamor, preferably at night and in small groups. I urge you to do what is necessary in *accordance* with the mutessarif's *direction* and relay the information to me.

June 27, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Fifth Army:

Rejai.

20

(Decipher: Acting Commander of the Fifth Army of Ankara).

The mutessarif has informed me that it is necessary to send into exile 208 Armenians *from* of the villages of Talas, Germir and Moonjusun subject to Kayseri. Please let me know where *am* I have to send them.

June 27, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Fifteenth Division:

Shahabeddin.

21

Decipher Commander of the Army of Ankara.

I have the honor *to* of informing you that eighty-three Armenians *from* of Kayseri, sentenced by the Court-Martial of *that* said city *for* to be exiled, have been sent tonight by order of the government,

via Nigde^u to their destination under surveillance, and ~~was~~^{was}
thirty-six (Armenian) soldiers have been sent via Sivas
to Aleppo.

June 28, 1915.

~~The Acting Commander of the Fifteenth
Division:~~

Shahabeddin.

22

Order 114, No. 427

Decipher: War Office

Confidential Communication.

I have the honor ^{to} ~~of~~ ^{your} informing that the Acting Commander
of the ~~Fifteenth~~ Division ^{has advised} ~~communicated~~ that the authorities
~~have~~ placed under surveillance eighty-three Armenians, ~~✓~~
who have been exiled tonight, June 27-28 (1915) via
Nigde^u to Aleppo. Also thirty-six Armenian soldiers ~~✓~~ sentenced
by the Court-Martial have been exiled to Aleppo via Sivas.

June 28, 1915

~~The Acting Commander of the Fifth
Army:~~

Rejai.

23

Ciphered Circular.

It has been established ~~during~~ ^{initiated} the course of the investi-
gations held by the Courts-Martial in Constantinople as

well as in the provinces, that members of the Armenian Committees have made the decision, in ^{Assembly} (congresses) held in various foreign countries, secretly or publicly, to organize the revolution by resorting to direct action

with weapons and other means of destruction such as ^{the use of} bombs, dynamite, arms and ^{propaganda} appropriate publications.

The various interrelated plots ^{these committees} organized ^{desire by} establish ^{the fact} that they are pursuing a common goal of ^{to} creating ^a an autonomous and independent Armenia.

This ^{fact} has been proved ^{in the course of} during (the enquiries which have been ^{made} held). The Court-Martial of Constantinople explained in detail and ^{explicitly} pointed-out distinctly the crimes committed ^(by the Armenian Committees) within the limits of its jurisdiction. It (~~the Court Martial~~) investigated the nature of ~~the~~ crimes committed, with all ^{their} qualifying elements, the goal and the importance of the action, and ^{then} applied ^{the provisions according to} the provisions of ^{the} paragraph attached to Article 54 of the General Penal Code.

I ^{have} am discovering ^{ed} that some other Courts-Martial are ^{have} neglecting ^{ed} to examine in depth the motives ^{believe} for these acts ^{and} are not retaining ^{ed} as a misdemeanor ^{those considered responsible} the delict ^{for} of provoking revolution while Armenians in foreign countries are inciting Armenians ^{within} of the Ottoman Empire ^{to} against the Mohammedans. The Courts-Martial are ^{organizing} prosecuting ^{the accused} and applying ordinary punishments. Although

this may be allowed in some Courts-Martial because of
extenuating circumstances, the bond, however, that
exists among the perpetrators of several crimes, leaves
no doubt any longer; the procedure of applying various
punishments ^{for the same crime} ~~would~~ create a lack of uniformity in the
manner of repression. This is contrary to the purpose
of the legislator and our goal. Therefore, I urge you
to communicate the necessary orders, confidentially, to
all courts-martial ^{whether} in the area of your jurisdiction ^{so that}
~~order to~~ ^{they would} conduct ^{more numerous} ^{investigations} deep inquiries and unify the jurisprudence. ^(decisions)

*no longer
leaves any
doubt.*

June 28, 1915.

The Commander-in-Chief,
and War Minister:

Enver.

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24

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Division
of Kayseri.

Confidential coded telegram.

In accordance with the instructions received from the
Vice-Generalissimo, It has been formally established ^{by persons}
~~that~~ the recent seditious ^{conduct} dealings of the Armenians, and
their organizations and ^{as} ^{leaders who} ~~cursed~~ preparatives are aspiring
to create an autonomous Armenia; considering the nature
of the delict, the goal they are pursuing and the degree
of their activity, ^{that} it is fitting to apply ~~to them~~ the
provisions of the paragraph annexed to Article 54 of
the Penal Code and so ~~to~~ create in all Courts-Martial

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uniformity of jurisprudence. *in dealing with them*

I urge you to ~~inform~~ the President of the Court-Martial of Kayseri in order that he conform ~~his~~ *decision* activity with the given above order. I also ~~urge~~ *demand* you to personally ~~find out from him~~ *to* if he will act in accordance.

June 29, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Army
of Ankara:

Khalil Rejai.

25

1. Decipher: President ~~of the~~ Court-Martial of Kayseri,
2. Communication to ~~the~~ President, ~~of the~~ Court-Martial of Ankara.

Very Confidential.

As written to you in my supplementary communication dated June 15, 1915, it has been formally established that the revolutionary movements of the Armenians, their cursed organizations and *leader* preparatives are aspiring to create an autonomous Armenia. Considering the nature of the delict, the purpose of the aspirations and the importance of the question, it is fitting to apply the provisions of the paragraph annexed to Article 54 of the Penal Code and, thus, create uniform jurisprudence in all the courts-martial.

This ^{is} the instruction ^{from} of the High Command. I urge you to ^{send down} deliver sentences against the Armenians accordingly.

June 29, 1915.

The ~~Commander of the~~ Army ~~of~~ Ankara:

Khalil Rejai.

26

Decipher: (Acting Commander of ~~the~~ Fifth Army
of Ankara)

In a coded telegram received tonight, the Mutessarif of Kayseri has informed ^{me} that ~~gunshots had been fired~~ ^{gunshots have been heard} in the country ^{area} of Efkere and ^{he} asked me to dispatch a patrol there.

I took appropriate action by immediately sending a patrol of twenty soldiers. I haven't ^{no} any official communication yet about ^{report} the details of the incident.

But it has been established, ^{As a result} of enquiries held ^{here} on the spot, that ^{at} the county-seat there had been gunshots fired at night, and ^{changed} ~~new~~ bombs have been found in the suburban gardens.

^{Approximately} About thirty ^{suspects} Armenians have been arrested and sent to Kayseri. I will not ^{hesitate} ~~fail~~ to communicate the results of the enquiry.

June 20, 1915.

The Acting ~~Commander of the~~ Fifteenth Division:

Shahabeddin.

Decipher: ~~Commander of the Army of Ankara.~~

I have the honor to inform you that sixteen more Armenians sentenced by the Court-Martial have been sent to Aleppo, via Sivas.

June 30, 1915.

~~The Acting Commander of the~~
Fifteenth Division:

Shahabeddin.

Decipher: Acting ~~Commander of the Army of Ankara.~~

I have the honor ^{to} ~~of~~ informing you that, tonight also, twenty-six Armenians sentenced to exile by the Court-Martial have been sent to Aleppo via Sivas.

July 1, 1915.

~~The Acting Commander of the Fifteenth Division:~~

Shahabeddin.

Decipher: War Office.

Supplement to the ~~communication~~ dated June 29, 1915.

Refering to the telegram of the Acting Commander of the Fifteenth Division, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that twenty-six Armenians sentenced by the Court-Martial of Kayseri ^{for} ~~to~~ be deported ^{at 10⁰⁰} have been sent in two groups to Aleppo via Sivas.

July 1, 1915.

~~The Acting Commander of the Army:~~

Khalil Rejai.

Decipher: ~~Commander of the Army of Ankara.~~

I have the honor to inform you that twenty-eight more Armenians have been exiled tonight to Aleppo via Sivas.

July 2, 1915.

~~The Acting Commander of the~~

Fifteenth Division:

Shahabeddin.

Decipher: War Office

The coded telegram of July 1, 1915,

continued.

I have the honor of informing you that twenty-eight more Armenians sentenced to exile have been sent from Kayseri to Aleppo via Sivas.

July 3, 1915.

~~The Acting Commander of the Army:~~

Khalil Rejai.

Decipher: ~~(Acting Commander of the Army of Ankara).~~

Supplement to the telegram dated June 30, 1915.

After receiving
 following a communication *from* of the Mutessarif (Zekai Bey), here are the results of the inquiry held by a Commission which has *met at* ~~been on the spot~~ *scene* of the incident in the county-seat.

No evidence was found to establish the identity of those

who had fired the gun~~s~~shots. It seems certain that they hid in their houses after the gun~~s~~shots and, since they were recognized by the guards who had gone to the spot, they fired at the latter in order to avoid pursuit. This has been established by means of some cartridge cases that ~~have been~~^{were found} where two ~~uncharged~~^{exploded} bombs were found. A woman, ~~the~~ owner of the garden, has been sent to Kayseri under escort. Finally, those inhabitants of the village, whose exile had already been ~~decided~~^{previously upon} in advance and who stated that they had no knowledge of the incident, have been arrested and sent to their destination.

July 4, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the
Fifteenth Division:
Shahabeddin.

33

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Army of Ankara.
Tonight sixty-six Armenians have been sent to the spot
of their exile.

July 5, 1915.

Acting Commander of the Fifteenth
Division:
Shahabeddin.

34

Decipher : War Office

Continuation of the ciphered telegram of July 3, 1915.

I have the honor ^{to} of informing ^{you} that sixty-six
Armenians ^{from} of Kayseri have ^{were} been exiled to Aleppo, ~~yesterday~~
last night.

July 6, 1915.

The Acting ~~Commander of the~~ Army:

Khalil Rejai.

35

Decipher : Acting ~~Commander of the~~ Army of Ankara.
I have the honor of informing you that tonight 134
Armenians have been sent to the ~~spot of~~ their exile.

July 8, 1915.

The Acting Commander of ~~the~~ Fifteenth
Division of Kayseri:

Shahabeddin.

36

Decoded Telegram.

I have the honor of informing you that ~~tonight~~
fifty-one individuals ^{from} of the Armenian Millet have
been exiled to their destination. ←

July 11, 1915.

~~The~~ Acting Commander of ~~the~~ Fifteenth
Division:

Shahabeddin.

37

Decipher: Acting ~~Commander of the~~ Division
of Kayseri.

Reply to the coded telegram dated July 11, 1915.

^{were} Have the fifty-one Armenians in question been sentenced by the Court-Martial, or ^{was} has their exile been considered necessary because they were ^{suspect} suspect? In the latter case, ^{has} is their condition of being a suspect ^{been also} accepted also by the military authority ^{is} ?

I urge you ^[Prompt] to answer.

July 12, 1915.

~~The Acting Commander of the Army:~~

Khalil Rejai.

38

Decipher: (Acting ~~Commander of the Army of Ankara~~)

I have the honor of informing ^{you} that the mutessarif of Kayseri (Zekai Bey) learned that ^[which time] today some Armenian fugitives made an attack in the counties of Erkilet and Moonjusun, and two patrols have been sent to both countries. The results of the investigation will be communicated to you.

*
(4 Patrol
altogether
or
1 to each)

July 12, 1915.

~~The Acting Commander of the~~

~~Fifteenth Division:~~

Shahabeddin.

39

Order 4/1730

No. 2869

Decipher: Acting ^{Army of Ankara} ~~Commander of the Division~~
~~of Kayseri.~~

Reply to ~~the~~ coded telegram No. 2869

dated July 12, 1915.

I have the honor ^{to} ~~of~~ ^{you} informing that the individuals in question have been found ~~in~~ possession ^{ing} ~~of~~ prohibited arms and, for this reason, the Court-Martial sentenced them to one or two years imprisonment. They ~~also~~ ^{also} were among those whose stay in Kayseri ^{was} ~~has~~ been considered undesirable by the Imperial Attorney of the Court-Martial. Consequently they have been exiled to their destination.

July 13, 1915.

The Acting Commander ~~of the~~ Kayseri Division:

Shahabeddin.

40

Decoding of the ciphered telegram No. 173.

(To ~~the~~ Acting ~~Commander of the~~ Army ~~of~~ Ankara).

I have the honor of informing you that tonight nine Armenians sentenced by the Court-Martial of Kayseri have been sent to ~~the spot of~~ their exile.

July 15, 1915.

The Acting Commander ~~of the~~ Division:
of Kayseri:

Shahabeddin.

41

Decipher: War Office.

Continuation of ~~the~~ coded telegram dated July 14, 1915.

I have the honor of informing you that nine Armenians also sentenced to be exiled by the Court-Martial of Kayseri have been sent to their destination.

(July 15, 1915)

The Acting Commander of the Army
of Ankara:

Khalil Rejai.

42

Coded telegram despatched by the War Office.

Reply to the telegram dated June 25, 1915.

An Imperial Trade has approved the death penalty *for* Khosrov Efendi, Primate of Kayseri and vicinity, *sentenced* to be hanged, *by* The Court-Martial of said city, *He* has been considered *as* one of the *founders* of the revolutionary movement.

July 15, 1915.

On behalf of the War Office:

Suleyman Fethi.

43

No. 4/1764

Decipher: War Office.

I have the honor of informing you that nine more Armenians sentenced to be exiled by the Court-Martial of Kayseri have been sent to their destination.

July 16, 1915.

Commander of the Army (of Ankara):

Khalil Rejai.

Decipher : Acting Commander of the Fifth Army.

Supplement to the coded telegram dated July 16, 1915.
 In accordance with the telegram of the Prime Minister, an Imperial Trade has approved the decision made by the Council of Ministers ^{commuting} ~~changing~~ to perpetual hard labor the death penalty sentence pronounced by the Court-Martial of Kayseri against Khosrov Efendi, Primate of Kayseri and vicinity, whose participation in the rising agitation and revolutionary movement ^{was} ~~has been~~ established during the trial,

I hereby include a legalized copy of the aforementioned Imperial Trade in line ^{keeping} with the orders. Concerning the individual called Kevork, in the Imperial Trade, necessary instructions ^S ~~have been sent~~ to the Commander of the Eleventh Army.

July 16, 1915.

On behalf of the War Office:

Suleyman Fethi.

Coded Telegram from War Office.

~~Very~~ Urgent.

Continuation of the telegram dated July 15, 1915.
 Considering the ^{gravity} ~~importance~~ of the question, I gave orders directly to the mutessarif of Kayseri to postpone, until further order, ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ execution of the judgment against Khosrov Efendi, Primate of Kayseri and vicinity.

July 16, 1915.

On behalf of the War Office:

Suleyman Fethi.

Coded (telegram) 1)

I have the honor of informing you that the Mutessarif of Kayseri, in accordance with the ~~order~~ ^{from} of the War Office, communicated to me by telegram dated July 17, 1915, that the execution of the death penalty handed down against Khosrov Effendi, Primate of Kayseri and vicinity, has been postponed until further orders ^{are received}

July 19, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Fifteenth
Division (Of Kayseri):
Shahabeddin.

1) This coded telegram was despatched to the Acting Commander of the Fifth Army in Ankara, Miralay Halil Rejai.

Coded (Telegram) 2)

I urge you to ^{forward} communicate the reasons of the ^{why sentence of} death penalty ~~was~~ sentence handed down against the Armenian Primate of Kayseri.

July 20, 1915.

The Minister of War:

Enver.

1) This telegram was addressed to Miralay Halil Rejai Bey, Acting Commander of the Fifth Army of Ankara.

Decipher : Acting High Commander.

Response
Answer to the coded telegram dated July 20, 1915.

that
It has ~~been~~ ^{was} established ^{by} during the course of the trial of Khosrov Effendi, Primate of Kayseri, (carried out by the Court-Martial of ~~said city~~) that ~~the~~ ^{Assembly} ~~afore-mentioned~~ had been in Russia ^{participating} in the ~~Congress~~ ^{Assembly} of the Armenian Committee, that he ~~has~~ returned to Kayseri bringing the decisions of that ~~Congress~~ ^{body} to the Armenians; and finally, that he was one of the members of the Committee.

Consequently he has been sentenced to death in accordance with ~~the~~ provisions of the paragraph annexed to Article 54.

July 21, 1915.

(Acting Commander ~~of the~~ Fifth Army
in Ankara):

Khalil Rejai.

Decipher : Acting Commander of the Fifth Army of Ankara.

I have the honor of informing you that fourteen Armenian suspects ~~who were~~ captured in the village and vicinity, were sent tonight to ~~the spot of~~ their exile.

July 22, 1915.

The Commander ~~of the~~ Place

^{by}
of Bogazlyan:

Mustafa.

Decipher: Commander of the Place ~~of~~ Bogazlyan.

Reply to ~~the~~ coded telegram dated July 22, 1915.

I ^{request} urge you ~~to~~ explain to me where and in which direction the individuals in question have been driven.

July 22, 1915.

President of ~~the~~ Recruiting Office ~~of the~~
Fifth Army, and Acting Commander:

HALIL REJAI.

51

Decipher: Acting Commander of the (Fifth) Army.

^{Response} Answer to the coded telegram dated July 22, 1915.

I have the honor of informing ^{you} that the afore-mentioned Armenians were massacred under the supervision of ~~the~~ gendarme officer Huseyin Avni, ^{as} because they were considered dangerous.

July 22, 1915.

Commander of the Place ~~of~~ Bogazlyan:

Mustafa.

52

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Fifteenth
Division of Kayseri.

Response to ~~the~~ telegram No. 203 dated June 20, 1915
dispatched by the President of the Court-Martial
of Kayseri.

I herewith include a ^{certified} legalized copy of the Imperial
Irade approving the decision made by the Council of
Ministers to ^{commute} change ^{to perpetual hard labor} the death
penalty ^{handed down} delivered by the Court-Martial of Kayseri
against Khosrov Efendi, Primate of said city and
vicinity, whose participation in the uprising and
revolutionary movement has ^{was} been established during the
course of the trial, ←

The War Office informs ^{us} that instructions have been
despatched to the Commander of the Second Army concern-
ing the case of Kevork, whose name is mentioned in the
Imperial Irade. Please do what is necessary.

~~Edict~~
August 7, 1915.

The President of the Military Draft
of the Fifth Army:

Halil Rejai.

APPENDIXES

1

No 945 1/2

Decipher: Acting Commander
of the Army Corps in Ankara.

The Court-Martial is trying Khosnov Effendi, Armenian Primate of Kayseri, to determine the degree of his complicity in the revolutionary movements.

He can not be assigned before the Court-Martial because of the privilege, but by an invitation of the Patriarchate, and the mutesarrif is acting to this effect.

Untill the order arrives here, and ^{period} be carried out, a certain time will elapse, a ^{period} time that the above-mentioned individual shall use certainly to provoke disorder and to make propaganda. Consequently his presence in this city is not ^{advisable} convenient. The trial may take place even in a bsentia.

I request to take necessary measures to exile him into a ^{locality} locality, as the county of Mot in Selevkia, where there is ^{not} no one Armenian. Please inform me.

June 2, 1915.

The Acting Commander
of the Kayseri Division:
Shahabeddin.

2

No 2157

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Fifteenth
Divison in Kayseri.

Response to the telegram No 945 dated June 2, 1915.

#

The Deputies and Senators [?] accepted, every one, whoever he may be, can be brought before the Court-Martial. There is no need to ask for the intervention of the Patriarchate to assign the Primate before the Court-Martial. Assign him immediately and start his trial. I wrote to the Ministry for his exile.

June 3, 1915.

Army Commander:

Khalil Rejai.

3

No 294

Decipher: War Office.

The Acting Commander of the Fifteenth Division informed me that the Armenian Bishop of Kayseri, being an accomplice of the revolutionary movement in that town, can not be assigned before the Court-Martial because of his privilege, but by an invitation to be made by the Patriarchate, and the mutesarif himself is acting to this effect. Until the order reaches here, and ^{is} be carried out, a certain time will elapse, a time that the above-mentioned individual will use certainly to provoke disorder and to make propaganda. Consequently his presence in this city is not ^{advisable} convenient. His trial may take place even in absentia. I request to take necessary measures to exile him into a locality, as the county of Mot in Selevkia, where there is ^{not} no one Armenian. And please communicate your decision to me.

June 3, 1915.

The Army Commander:

Khalil Rejai.

4

Decode: Acting Commander
of the Army in Ankara.

Answer to the Communication dated June 3, 1915.

The communication despatched to the acting commander of the Division concerning the Primate of Kayseri, has been approved. I recommend to accelerate the legal pursuit and send me the sentence once pronounced by the Court-Martial.

June 4, 1915.

On behalf of the War Office:

The Under-Secretary:

Ismail.

5

No 2258/4

Decipher: Acting Commander of Kayseri Division.

Supplement to the telegram dated June 3, 1915.

The War Minister commands in a telegraphic response to accelerate the course of the trial and transmit him the judgement with ^{attached} annexed papers.

June 8, 1915.

The Commander of the Army of Ankara:

Khalil Rejai.

6

No 601

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Army in Ankara.

Response to the telegram dated June 8, 1915.

In the course of the trial, it has been established that Khosrov Efendi, Primate of Kayseri, was aware of the

revolutionary preparations. Because he has been granted mitigating circumstances, the Court-Martial to-day delivered a judgement sentencing him to fifteen years of hard labor in accordance with the provisions of the Article 47. The acts are despatched for approbation.

June 9, 1915, 1917.

The Acting Commander
of the Fifteenth Division:
Shahabeddin.

7

No 331

Decipher: War Office

Answer to the coded telgram dated June 7, 1915.

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the telegraphic communication of the Acting Commander of Kayseri, the Court-Martial has sentenced Khosrov Efendi, Primate of the same town, to fifteen years of ^{PRISON} confinement.
June 10, 1915.

The Acting Commander
of the Army in Ankara:
Khalil Rejaî.

8

No 188

Communication to His Excellency
the Acting Commander of the Fifth Army

I have the honor to include herewith, for approbation, the sentence with the ^{2 Hachet} annexe papers, delivered against Khosrov Efendi, Primate of Kayseri, who is sentenced as an ac-

complice of the revolutionary movement.

June 10, 1915.

The President of the Court-Martial
of the Fifth Army:
Kaymakam Tevfik.

9

Decipher: Acting Commander
of the Division of Kayseri.

I urge you thoroughly to take necessary measures to prevent the evasion of Khosrov Efendi, Primate of Kayseri.

June 15, 1915.

The President of the Military Draft
of the Fifth Army:
Miralay Khalil Rejai.

10

Communication

to the President of the Court-Martial of Kayseri.
I herewith return to you the documents and ^{attached} annexed papers, that you had despatched in your telegram No 188 dated June 10, 1915, concerning Khosrov Efendi, Primate of Kayseri, sentenced because he was an accomplice of the revolutionary movement. I recommend you to examine once more and ^{make} take the necessary decision in accordance with the telegram of the War Ministry, that I transmitted to ^{you} you in my telegram No 2395 dated 15 June 1915, and in accordance with the provisions of the paragraph ^{attached} annexed to the Article 54 of the Civil Code ² Penal

June 16, 1915.

The President of the Military Draft
of the Fifth Army:
Miralay Khalil Rejai.

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Division
of Kayseri.

Response to the coded telegram dated June 16, 1915.

The sanction given to the above-^ementioned (Priate) is considered insufficient. The trial acts have been sent back to the Court-Martial in order to deliver a new sentence taking into consideration the contents of the instructions given by the High Command in the telegram No 2395 dated June 15, 1915 ^{attached} annexed to the papers of the Court-Martial. It is indeed understood that the new sentence shall apply the legal provisions to him (Priate),

June 17, 1915.

The President of the Military Draft
of the Fifth Army:
Miralay Khalil Rejai.

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Fifth Army
in Ankara.

Hereabove I onclude, for approbation, the minutes, providing the sentence carried out against Khosrov, Priate of Kayseri and ^{neighbouring} ~~neighbouring~~ area, one of the authors preparing the revolutionary movement, who was trying to create a future Armenian principedom.

(June 21, 1915)

The President of the Court-Martial
of the Fifth Army:
Lieut. Colonel Tevfik.

No 118

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Fifth Army.

You will find here-above the text of the ciphired telegram, with mention urgent, dated June 22, 1915, addressed by the Minister of the Interior to the Mutasarif (Zekâi Bey) of Kayseri, who communicated it to me. I am asking you to send me instructions concerning the persons whose deportation is ^{deemed} necessary either by the Court-Martial or by the local authorities and whose names are listed herewith.

June 24, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Fifteenth
Division:
Shahabeddin.

14

(Ciphired Circular to the Governors).

It has been ^{deemed} necessary to change and extend the ^{territory or area} countries which had been affected to the settlement of the Armonians.

The southern and western area of the vilayet of Kerkuk Mosul including towns and villages of the sanjak of Kerkuk situated at the distance of 80 kilometers from the boundaries of Iran; the southern and western area of the sanjak of Zor, situated at a distance of 25 Km. from the vilayet of Diarbekir including the villages of the valley of Khabur and Euphrates rivers, all the towns and villages of the western area of the vilayet of Aleppo, the south and east

of the same vilayet, excepted the northern area and the ~~vilayets~~ vilayet of Syria, including the sanjaks of Hauran and Kerek, excepted an area of 25 Km. from the railroad.

Here are the regions where the Armenians must be distributed and settled in a proportion of ten per cent of the Moslem population.

I urge you to conform your activity in accordance with the preceding areas, during the operation of the deportations.

June 22, 1915.

(The Minister of the Interior:
Talaat).

15

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Division
of Kayseri.

Response to the telegram dated June 24, 1915, No 118.

In accordance with the communication of the Ministry of the Interior, you may send to Aleppo those who are to be exiled.

June 25, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Army:
(Khalil Rejai).

16

No 157, Order 4/1739

Copy of ciphered telegram.

Also tonight twenty two Armenian individuals have been exiled to their destination.

To be put in the dossier:

War Office/13

17

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Army in Ankara.

Supplement to the telegram dated June 24, 1915.

I have the honor to inform you that by order of the Government one hundred Armenians have been sent, under supervision, to night via Sivas, exiled to Diarbekir.

June 25, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Fifteenth

Division:

Shahabeddin.

18

Decipher: War Office

Confidential and urgent.

I have the honor to transmit to you the ^{minutes} acts of the Court-Martial of Kayseri concerning the sentence delivered against Khosrov, Primate of the same city and neighbouring area, one of the authors of the revolutionary movement, who was trying to create a future Armenian Principedom.

June 25, 1915.

The President of the Military Draft

Commission:

Khalil Rejai.

19

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Division
of Kayseri.

Answer to the coded telegram dated June 27, 1915.

It is advisable to exile this category of people to

vilayet of Aleppo; this will be the best way.

Consequently, as I talked by phone with the Mutesarif, they must be deported without giving ^{considering} to public emotion, in an underhand manner (clandestinely), in preference at night and in ^{small} little groups.

I urge you to do what is necessary in agreement with the Mutesarif, and give me information.

June 27, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Fifth Army:

Khalil Rejai.

20

(Decipher : Acting Commander of the Fifth Army
Ankara)

The Mutesarif informed me that it is necessary to send to exile two hundred eight Armenians of the villages of Talas, Germir, Moonjusun depending on Kayseri. Please let me know where I have to send them.

June 27, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Fifteenth

Division:

Shahabeddin.

21

Decipher: Commander of the Army of Ankara.

I have the honor to inform you that 83 Armenians of Kayseri by order of the government ^{are} (and) sentenced by the Court-martial of the same city, to be exiled, have been sent under supervision to night Via Nigde to their destination, and 33

36 (Armenian) soldiers have been sent via Sivas to Aleppo.

June 28, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Fifteenth

Division:

Shahabeddin.

22

Order 114, No 427

Decipher: War Office.

Confidential Communication.

I have the honor of informing ^{you} that, the Acting Commander of the Fifteenth Division communicated that the authorities have taken under supervision 83 Armenians, who have been exiled to night 27/28 June (1915) to Aleppo via Nigde. Also 36 Armenian soldiers sentenced by the Court-Martial have been ^{exiled} ~~exiled~~ to Aleppo via Sivas.

June 28, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the

Fifth Army:

Khalil Rejai.

23

Ciphered Circular.

It has been established during the course of the investigations held by the Courts-Martial in Constantinople as well as in the provinces, that the members of the Armenian Committees have made the decision, in congresses held in various foreign countries, secretly ^{or} publicly, to organize the revolution by resorting to direct action with weapons and

other means of destruction such as bombs, dynamite, arms and appropriate publications, the various inter-related plots these committees organized, establish that, they are pursuing a common goal of creating an autonomous and independent Armenia.

This has been proved during the enquiries which have been held. The Court-Martial of Constantinople explained in detail and pointed out distinctly the crimes committed (by the Armenian Committees) within the limits of its jurisdiction. It (the Court-Martial) investigated the nature of the crimes committed, with all qualifying elements, the goal and the importance of the action and applied the provisions of the paragraph attached to the Article 54 of the General Penal Code.

I am discovering that some other Courts-Martial are neglecting to examine in ^{depth} the reasons for this movement and not retaining misdemeanor ~~against~~ of preparing for revolution by exciting Armenians ^{against} ~~against~~ the Moslems of the Ottoman Empire, organizing ^{persecutions} ~~prosecutions~~ and applying ordinary punishments. Although this may be allowed in some Courts-Martial because of extenuating circumstances, the bond, however, that exists among the perpetrators of several crimes, leaves no doubt any longer; the procedure of applying various punishment would create a lack of uniformity in the manner of repression. This is contrary to the purpose of the legislator and our goal. Therefore, I urge you to communicate the necessary orders, confidentially, to all courts-martial in the area of your jurisdiction in order to conduct deep enquiries and

unify the jurisprudence.

June 28, 1915.

The Commander in Chief

and War Minister:

Enver.

24

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Division
of Kayseri.

Confidential coded telegram.

In accordance with the instructions received from the Vice-Generalissimo, it has been established formally that the last se^dditionous dealings of the Armenians, and their organizations and cursed preparatives are aspiring to creating an autonomous Armenia; considering the nature of the delict, the goal they are pursuing, the degree of their activity, it is fitting to apply to them the provisions of the paragraph annexed to the Article 54 of the Penal Code and so to create in all Courts-Martial uniformity of jurisprudence.

I urge you to inform the President of the Court-Martial of Kayseri in order to conform his activity with the ~~faor~~ aforesaid order, and consequently for your concern to be sure if he has af conform activity.

June 29, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Army

of Ankara:

Khalil Rejai.

1. Decipher: President of the Court-Martial of Kayseri,
2. Communication to the President of the Court-Martial of Ankara.

Very Confidential.

As written to you in my supplementary communication dated June 15, 1915, it has been formally established that the revolutionary movemenst of the Armenians, their cursed organizations and preparatives are aspiring ^{for} after the creation of an autonomous Armenia. Considering the nature of the delict, the purpose of the aspirations and the importance of the question, it is fitting to apply the provisions of the paragraph ^{attached} annexed to the Article 54 of the Penal Code, and thus, create uniform jurisprudence in all the courts-martial.

This is the instruction of the High Command. I urge you to deliver sentences against the Armenians in accordance.

June 29, 1915.

The Commander of the Arky of Ankara:

Khalil Rejai.

Decipher: (Acting Commander of the Fifth Army
of Ankara)

In a coded telegram received to night, the Mutesarif of Kayseri informed that gun-shots had taken place in the ^{county} county of Efkere and asked me ^{to} for despatching there a patrol.

I took appropriate action by sending immediately a patrol of 20 soldiers. I have not yet any official communi-

cation about the details of the incident.

But it is established, as a consequence of enquiries held on spot, that at the county-seat there had been gunshots at night, and in the suburban gardens non-charged bombs have been found.

About 30 suspected Armenians have been arrested and ^{Sent} forwarded to Kayseri. I will not ^{fail} miss to communicate the results of the enquiry.

June 30, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the
Fifteenth Division:
Shahabeddin.

27

Decipher: Commander of the Army of Ankara.

I have the honor to inform you that 16 more Armenians sentenced by the Court-Martial have been sent to Aleppo.

June 30, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the
Fifteenth Division:
Shahabeddin.

28

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Army of Ankara.

I have the honor of ^{to} informing you that, to night also 26 Armenians sentenced to exile by the Court-Martial have been sent to Aleppo via Sivas.

July the first, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Fifteenth Division:
Shahabeddin.

29

Decipher: War Office.

Supplement to the communication dated June 29, 1915.

Referring to the telegram of the Acting Commander of the Fifteenth Division, I have the honor of informing Your Excellency that, 26 Armenians sentenced to be deported by the Court-Martial of Kayseri, have been sent in two groups to Aleppo via Sivas.

July the First, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Army:

Khalil Rejai.

30

Decipher: Commander of the Army of Ankara.

X I have the honor to inform you that, 28 more Armenians have been exiled to night to Aleppo via Sivas.

July 2, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the

Fifteenth Division:

Shahabeddin.

31

Decipher: War Office.

The coded telegram of July the first, 1915,
continued.

I have the honor of informing ^{to} that, 28 more Armenians ^{you} sentenced to exile have been sent from Kayseri to Aleppo via Sivas.

July 3, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Army:

Khalil Rejai.

Decipher: (Acting Commander of the Army of Ankara).

Supplement to the telgram dated June 30, 1915.

Following a communication of the Mutesarif (Zekâi Bey) here are the results of the enquiry held by a Commission, which has been on the spot of the incident in the county-seat.

No indice was found to establish the identity of those who were the authors of the gun-shots. It seems certain that they were hidden in their houses ^{after} after the gun-shots and as they were recognized by the guards who have gone on the spot, they escaped ^{holding} holding gun-shots in order to avert the pursue. This is established with some cartridge cases that have been found. The owner of the garden, a women, ^{where two non-charged bombs were} has been sent to/foun Kayseri under escort. Finally those inhabitants of the vil- lage, whose exile had been decided ~~already~~ in advance, and who stated that they had no knowledge of the incident, have been arrested and sent to their destination.

July 4, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the

Fifiteenth Division:

Shahabeddin.

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Army

of Ankara.

To night sixty six Armenians have been sent to the ^{place} spot of their exile.

July 5, 1915.

Acting Commander of the Fifteenth Division:

Shahabeddin.

34

Decipher: War Office

Continuation of the ciphered telegram of

July 3, 1915.

X
I have the honor of informing that sixty six Armenians
of Kayseri have been ~~sent~~ exiled to Aleppo.

July 6, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Army:

Khalil Rejai.

35

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Army of Ankara.

X
I have the honor of ^{to} informing you that to night thirty
four Armenians have been sent to the ^{Place} spot of their exile.

July 8, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Fifteenth

Division of Kayseri:

Shahabeddin.

36

Decoded Telegram.

X
I have the honor of informing that to night fifty one
individuals of the Armenian Nation have been exiled to their
destination.

July 11, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Fifteenth

Division:

Shahabeddin.

37

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Division
of Kayseri.

Response to the coded telegram dated July 11, 1915.

X
Are the fifty one Armenians in question sentenced by
the Court-Martial, or their exile has been considered neces-
sary because they were suspect? In the latter case, is their
quality of suspect accepted also by the military authority?

I urge you to answer.

July 12, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Army:
Khalil Rejai.

38

Decipher: (Acting Commander of the Army of Ankara:)

I have the honor of informing ^{to} that, the ^{you} mutesarif of
Kayseri (Zekâi Bey) learned that to-day some Armenian fugi-
tives made an attack in the counties of Erkilet and Moonju-
sun, and two patrols have been sent to both counties. The
^{result} issue of the investigation will be communicated to you.

July 12, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the
Fifteenth Division:
Shahabeddin.

39

Order 4/1730 No 2869

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Division
of Kayseri.

Answer to the coded telegram No ~~15~~ 2869

dated July ^{ly} 12, 1915.

X
I have the honor of informing that, the individuals in question have been found in possession of prohibited arms and for this reason the Court-Martial sentenced them to one ^{to} or two years of (imprisonment). They also belonged to the category of those whose resort in Kayseri has been declared as presenting disadvantage by the Imperial Attorney of the Court-Martial. Consequently they have been exiled to their destination.

July 13, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Kayseri Division:
Shahabeddin.

40

Decoding of the ciphered telegram No 173.

(To the Acting Commander of the Army of Ankara).

I have the honor of informing you that, to night nine Armenians sentenced by the Court-Martial of Kayseri have been sent to the ^{place} spot of their exile.

July 15, 1915.

The Acting Commander of the Division
of Kayseri:
Shahabeddin.

41

Decipher: War Office.

Continuation of the coded telegram dated July 14, 1915.

I have the honor of informing that, nine Armenians also

sentenced to exile by the Court-Martial of Kayseri have been sent to their destination.

(July 15, 1915).

The Acting Commander of the Army
of Ankara:
Khalil Rejai.

42

Coded telegram despatched by the War Office.
Response to the telegram dated June 25, 1915.
An Imperial irade (Decree) ^{upheld} approved the death penalty ~~by exchanging~~ of Khosrov Effendi, Primate of Kayseri and neighbouring area, sentenced to be hanged by the Court-Martial of the same city. He has been considered one of the authors of the revolutionary movement.

July 15, 1915.

On behalf of the War Office:
Suleyman Fethi.

43

No 4/1764

Decipher: War Office.

I have the honor to inform ^{you} that nine more Armenians sentenced to be exiled by the Court-Martial of Kayseri, have been sent to their destination.

July 16, 1915.

Commander of the Army (of Ankara):
Khalil Rejai.

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Fifth Army.

Supplement to the coded telegram dated July 16, 1915.

In accordance with the telegram of the Prime Minister, an Imperial irade (Decree) ^{upheld} has approved the decision made by the Council of Ministers changing the death penalty to perpetual hard labor, sentenced by the Court-Martial of Kayseri against Khosrov Efendi, Primate of Kayseri and neighbouring area, whose participation to the rising agitation and revolutionary movement has been established during the trial.

I hereby include a legalized copy of the aforesaid Imperial irade (Decree) in order to act following the orders. Concerning the individual called Kevork in the Imperial irade (Decree) necessary instructions have been sent to the Commander of the Eleventh Army.

July 16, 1915.

On behalf of the War Office:

Suleyman Fethi.

Coded Telegram from War Office.

Very Urgent.

Continuation of the telegram dated July 15, 1915.

Considering the importance of the question, I gave order ~~to~~ directly to the Mutesarif of Kayseri to postpone until new order the execution of the judgement against Khosrov Effendi Primate of Kayseri and neighbouring area.

July 16, 1915.

On behalf of the War Office:

Suleyman Fethi.

Decipher: Acting High Commander.

Answer to the coded telegram dated July 20, 1915.

It has been established during the course of the trial of ^{Khosrov} Khosrov Effendi, Primate of Kayseri carried out by the Court-Martial of the same city, that the afore-mentioned has been in Russia participating to the Congress of the Armenian Committee, that he has come back to Kayseri bringing to the Armenians the decisions of that Congress, and that, finally he was one of the members of ^{the} ~~the~~ Committee. Consequently he has been sentenced to death in accordance with the provisions of the paragraph annexed to the Article 54.

July 21, 1915.

(Acting Commander of the Fifth Army
in Ankara):
Khalil Rejai.

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Fifth Army of Ankara
I have the honor of ^{to} informing you that, fourteen suspect Armenians, who were captured at the village and vicinity, were sent to night to the ^{place} spot of their exile.

July 22, 1915.

The Communder of the Place
of Bogazlyan:
Mustapha.

No 3011

Decipher: Commander of the Place of Bogazlyan.

Response to the coded ^{telegram} telegram dated July 22, 1915.

I urge you to explain to me where and in which direction the individuals in question have been driven?

July 22, 1915.

President of the Recruiting Office of the
Fifth Army and Acting Commander:

Khalil Rejai.

51

Decipher: Acting Commander of the (Fifth) Army.

Answer to the coded telegram dated July 22, 1915.

I have the honor of ^{to} ^{you} informing that, the afore-mentioned Armenians were massacred under the supervision of the gendarme officer Huseyin Avni, because they were dangerous.

July 22, 1915.

Commander of the Place of Bogazlyan:

Mustapha.

52

Decipher: Acting Commander of the Fifteenth
Division of Kayseri.

Response to the telegram No 203 dated June 20, 1915,
despatched by the President of the Court-Martial
of Kayseri.

I herewith include a legalized copy of the Imperial
irade (Decree), ^{upholding} approving the decision made by the Council
of Ministers to change to lifetime hard labor the death
penalty delivered by the Court-Martial of Kayseri against
Khosrov Effendi, Primate of the same city and neighbour^{ing}

area, whose participation to the uprising and revolutionary movement have been established during the course of the trial.

The War Office informs that instructions have been despatched to the Commander of the Second Army concerning the case of Kevork, whose name is mentioned in the Imperial Decree. Please do what is necessary.

August 7, 1915.

The President of the Military Draft
of the Fifth Army:

Khalil Rejai.