

they have never hitherto been impugned. We trust that our proceedings, as indicated in the correspondence forwarded with this despatch, will meet with the approval of His Majesty's Government.

*From the Viceroy to the Secretary of State for India, dated  
29th October, 1901.*

*(Telegraphic)*

Your despatch of 16th August. Ugyen Kazi, who has returned from Lhasa, reports that my letter was delivered by him to the Dalai Lama, but that the latter declined to reply to it, stating, as his reason, that the matter was not one for him to settle, but must be discussed fully in Council with the Amban, the Ministers and the Lamas; and further that he was afraid that Ugyen Kazi might be killed were it to become known that an answer had been given to him.

*From the Viceroy to the Secretary of State for India, dated  
3rd November, 1901.*

*(Telegraphic)*

My telegram of 29th October. My letter has been brought back by Ugyen Kazi with the seal intact. Ugyen Kazi reports that the Dalai Lama refused to accept it, stating, as his reason for so refusing, that he was bound by agreement not to enter into any correspondence with Foreign Governments without consulting the Chinese Ambans and the Council.