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THE Rev. T. P. Hughes, of the Church Missionary Society's Mission to the Afgháns at Pesháwar, now on a visit to England, has assured me that I have erred in stating, at page 39, that the Patháns are not Afgháns. Mr. Hughes, than whom it would be difficult to find a higher authority on all that relates to the Afghán people, writes to me on the subject as follows:—

“The national appellation of the people of Afghanistán is either *Afghán*, *Pathán*, *Pashtún*, or *Pukhtun*. The word *Afghán* is said to be derived from *Afghánah*, the supposed ancestor of the Afghán people, although according to Akhund Darweza, a celebrated local authority, it is from the Persian *fighán*, a complaint, or lamentation, as indicating the turbulent character of the people. It may, however, be derived from *fighán* (pl. of *fugh*) idols, *i.e.* idolaters. The origin of the word *Puthán*, according to the Persian history of Ni'amát Ullah, is as follows:—Abdur Rashíd, or Kais (the first descendant of Afghanah who embraced Islam), put seventy of the Koraishites to death, and the

Prophet predicted that God would make his issue so numerous, that they, with respect to the establishment of the faith, would outvie ~~all~~ other peoples; and that they would be in strength like the wood upon which they lay the keel of a ship when in course of construction, and which is called *Pathán*. The Prophet therefore conferred on Abdur Rashíd the title of Pathán. *Pashtun*, or as it is pronounced in Eastern Afghanistán *P'ukhtún*, is said by native historians to be derived from a place in hills called Pasht or Pusht, although it seems more probable that the word can be traced to the Persian *Pushta*, a hill, *i.e.* the dwellers in hills, for in India the Afghans are still called *Rohillah*, or the people from Roh, the name given to the mountains between Pesháwar and Cabul."

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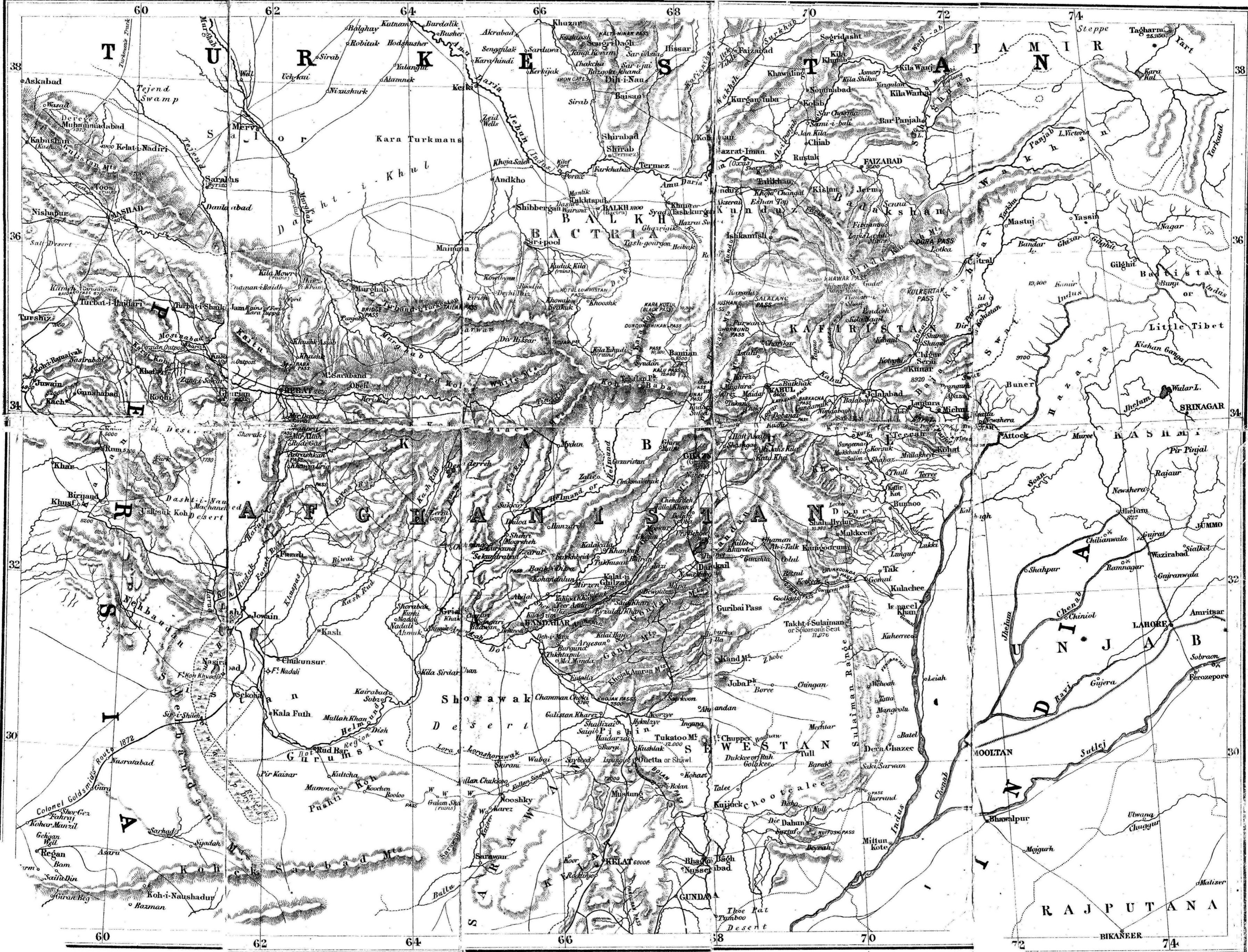
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