Abdul and Queen Victoria Act 1 Scene 11. (Edited)

ABDUL: Maam, I am keen to communicate the news to my father in Agra... he is an old man now...

VICTORIA: We are to travel to Balmoral next week for the summer. You will be commanded to attend Abdul.

ABDUL bows.

VICTORIA: We have asked my men up there to make you comfortable in the rooms on the first floor. They are particularly excellent rooms with a view of the grounds.

ABDUL: My eternal gratitude Maam.

VICTORIA: They used to belong to our beloved keeper …

ABDUL: I am sorry to press the point but when will you...?

VICTORIA: smiles at ABDUL coquettishly

VICTORIA: It is already done.

ABDUL: looks confused.

***VICTORIA:**
We have arranged it and it is official. We wish
to raise you from the role of Khitmagar to that of a
teacher, or as you call it a Munshi.

ABDUL: May I make a request Maam? May I ask that all the
photographs which have been taken of me handing
dishes to you will be destroyed. These are quite beneath
my dignity.

VICTORIA: It shall be done. You can write to your father in
Agra and add that we wish to commission Von Angeli to
do a portrait of you.

ABDUL KARIM smiles and bows deeply. He calls over another servant. SERVANT Approaches.

ABDUL: I am no longer a waiter. Please take over from me.