

وقال (عليه السلام) لعبد الله بن العباس، وقد أشار عليه في شيء لم يوافق رأيه: لك أن تشير علي وأرى، فإن عصيتك فأطعني.

321. ‘Abdullāh ibn al-‘Abbās once advised Amīr al-mu‘minīn, peace be upon him, against his views, so he said: You have only to advise me but then I have to see (what to do); and if I act against your advice you have to follow me. [1]

Footnote :

[1] Abdullāh ibn al-‘Abbās had advised Amīr al-mu‘minīn to issue a letter of appointment to Ṭalḥah and az-Zubayr as the Governors of Kūfah and to retain Mu‘āwiyah as the Governor of Syria till such time as his position became stabilized and the government gained strength. In reply to which Amīr al-mu‘minīn said that he could not expose his own religion to danger for the sake of the worldly benefit of others, adding that “therefore instead of insisting on your own point you should listen to me and obey me.”