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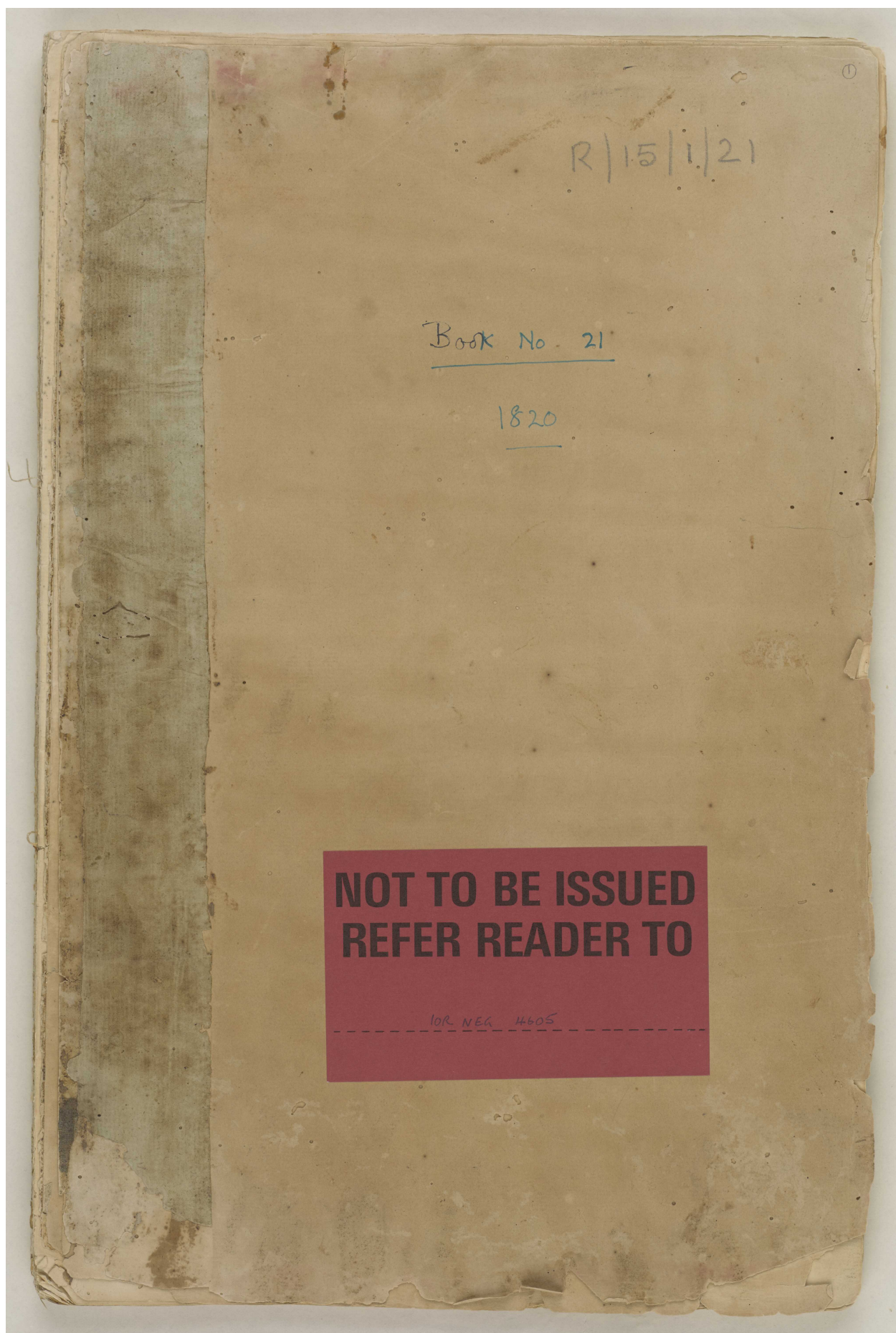


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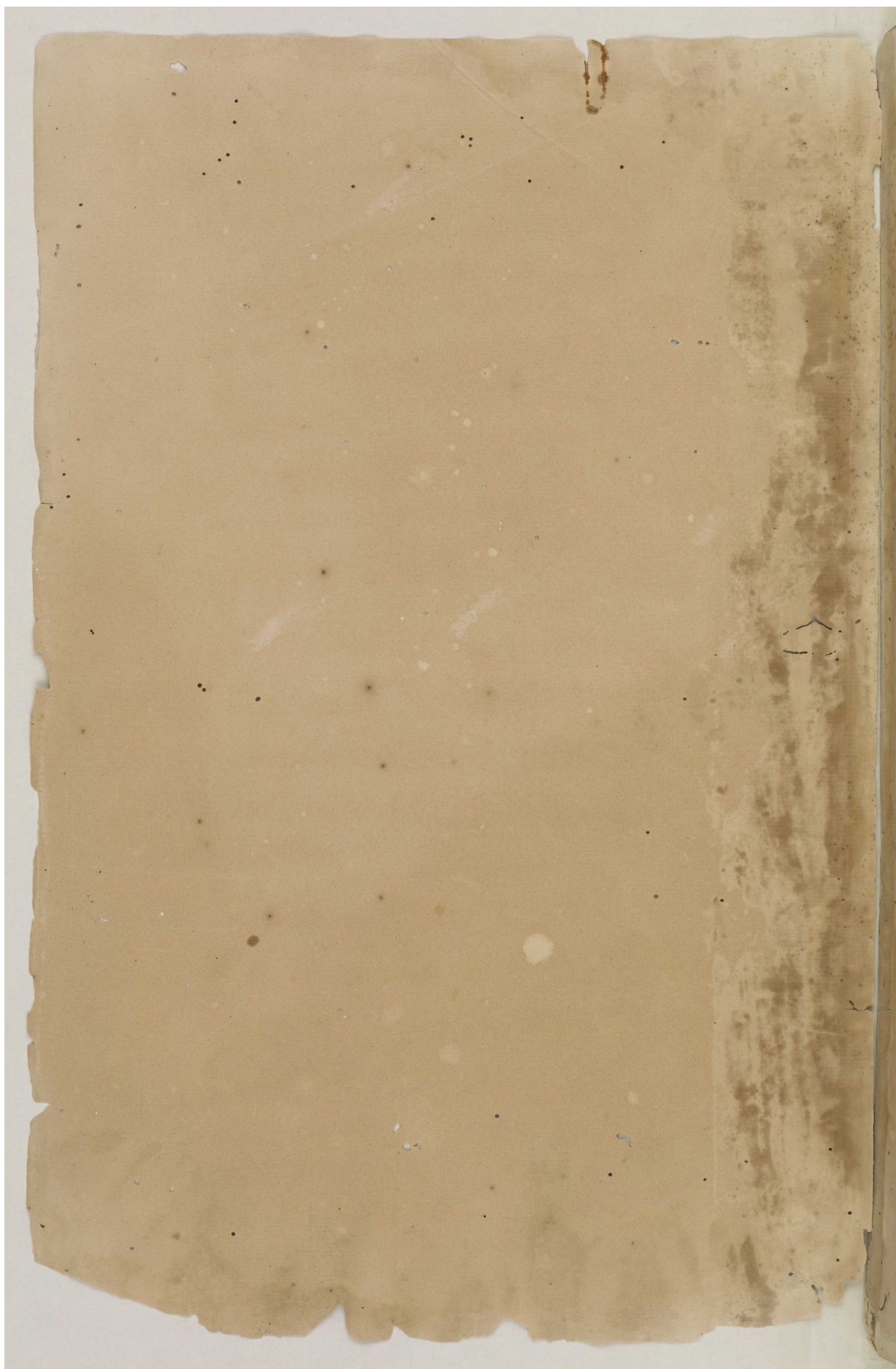
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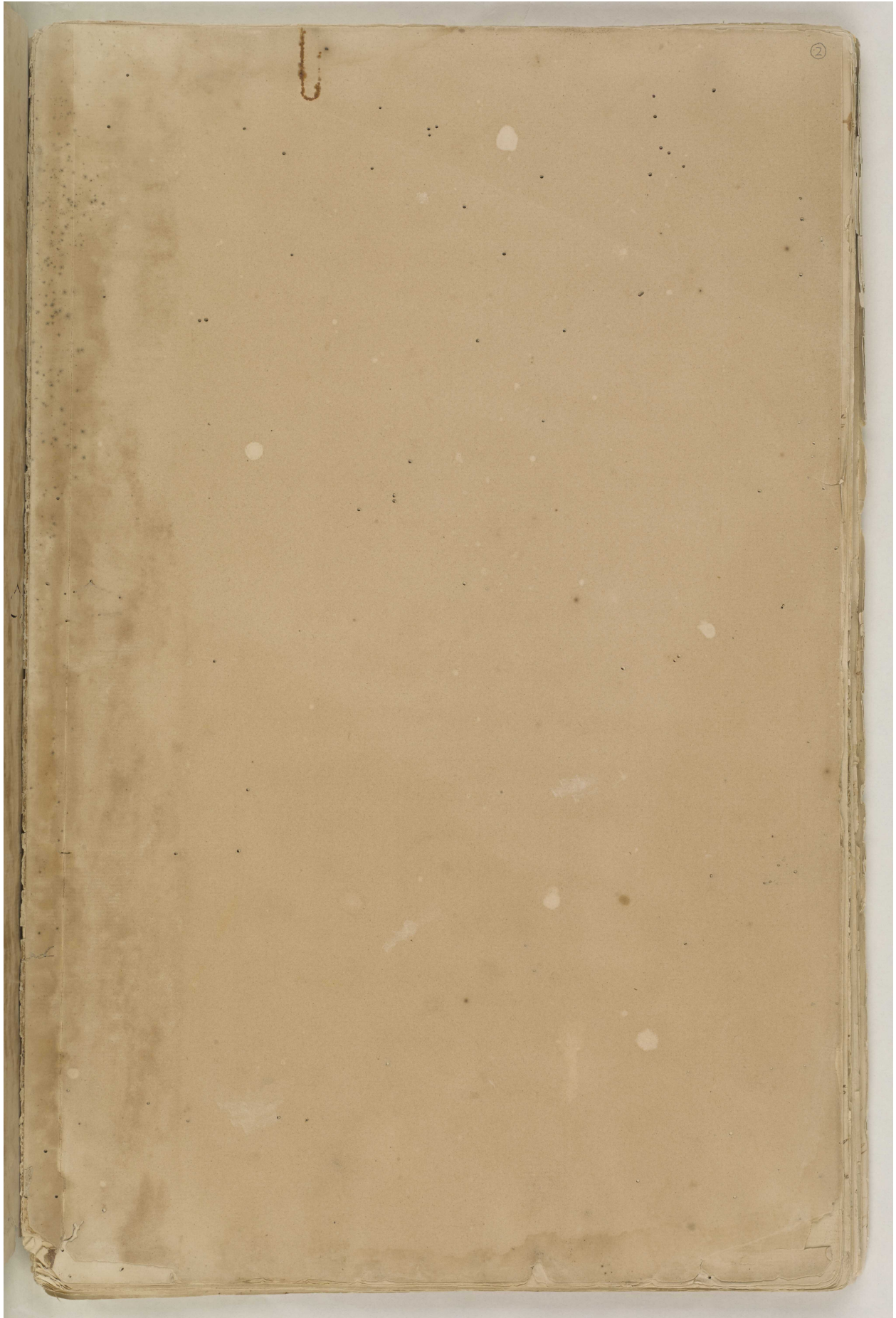
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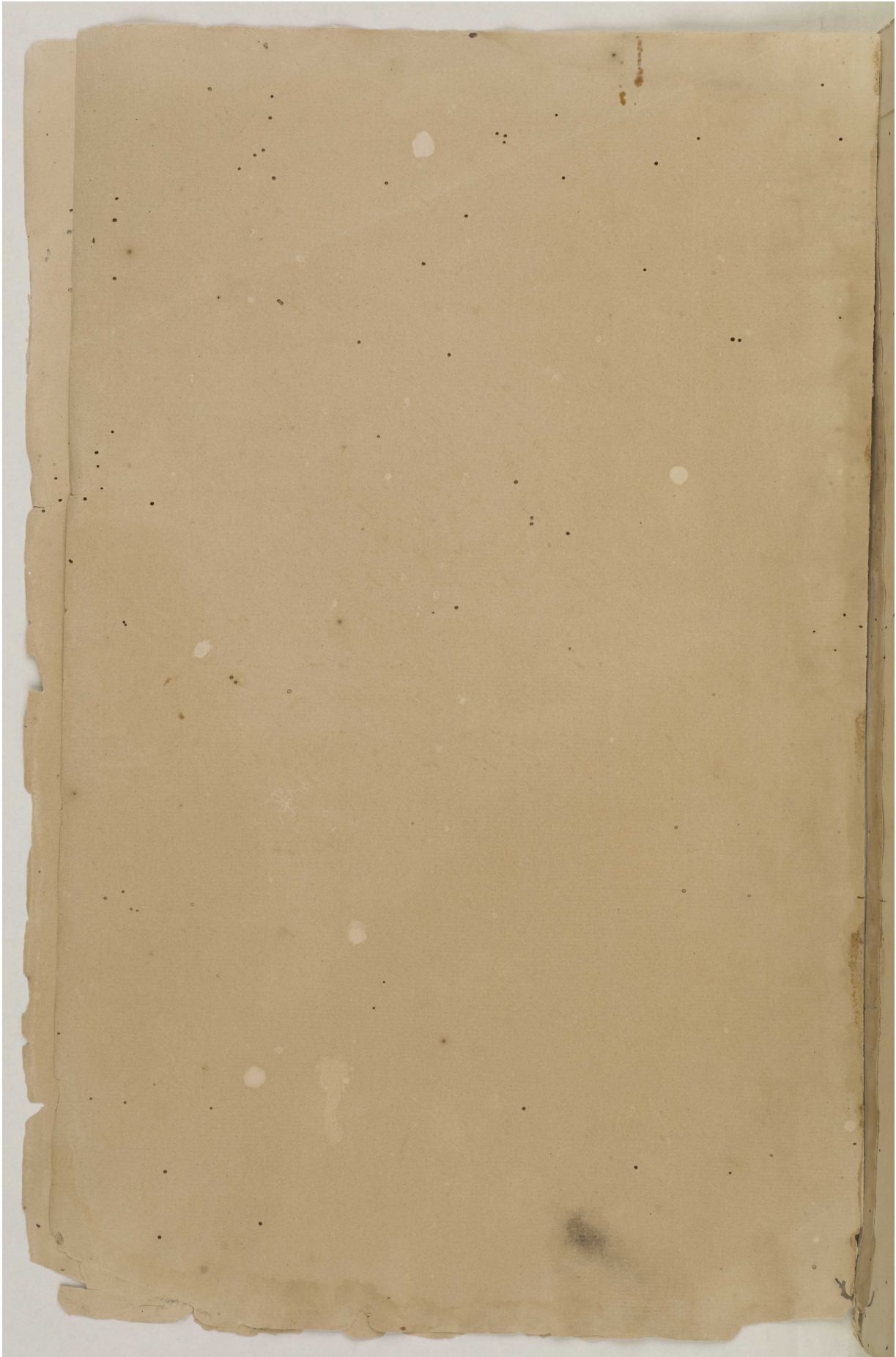


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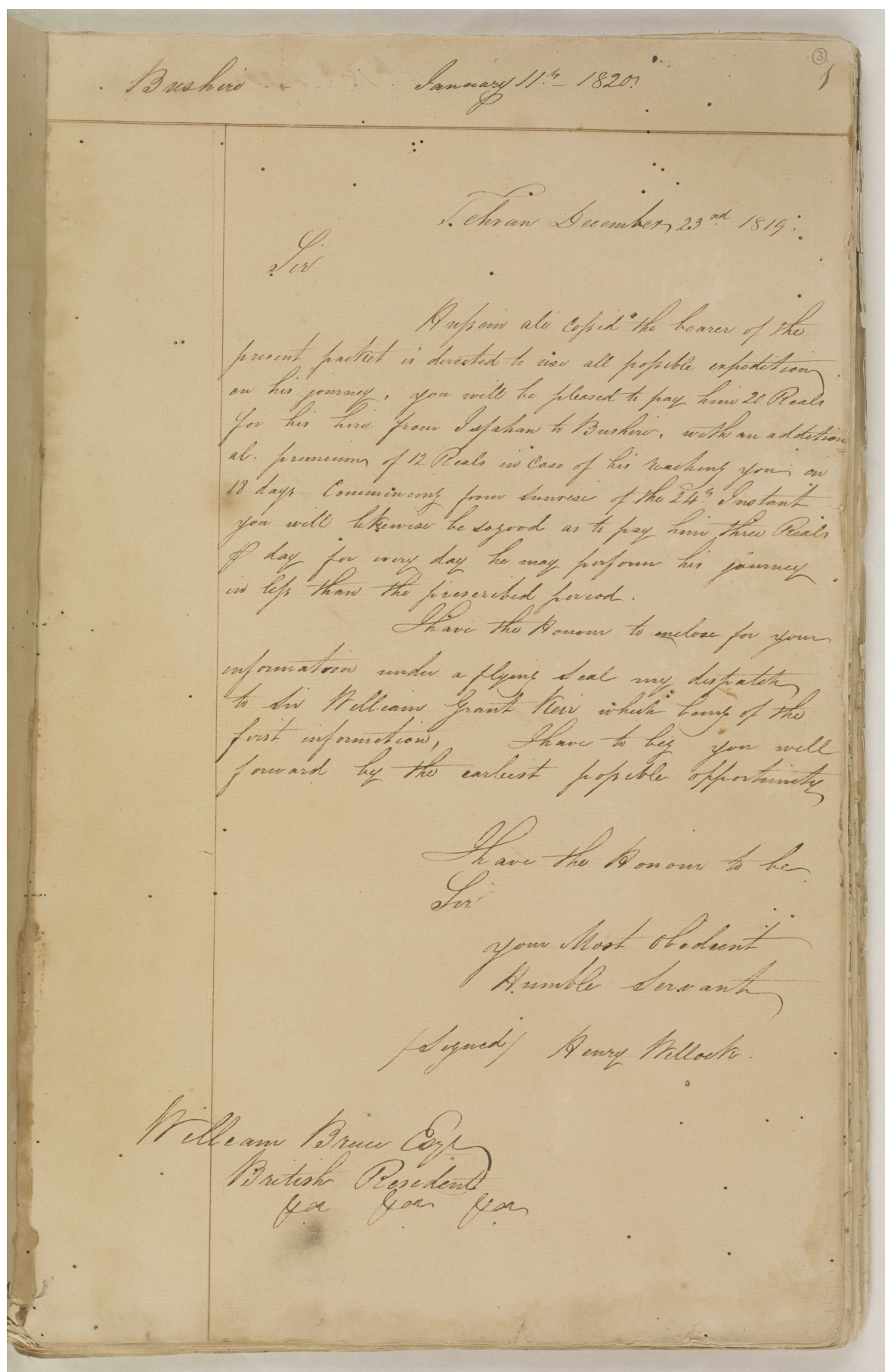


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Letter from Sir Henry Willock, British Envoy to Persia, to Captain William
Bruce, Resident at Bushire [3v] (1/2)

2 Bushire January 15th 1820

Tehran December 21st 1819

Sir

I have the honour of enclosing under
a flying seal for your information, my despatches
of this date to Major General Sir William
Grant Kerr, which I have to request you will
be pleased to forward by the earliest possible opportunity

I have the honour to be
Sir

your Most obedient
Humble servant

Signed/ Henry Willock

William Bruce Esq
British Resident
Ga Ga Ga

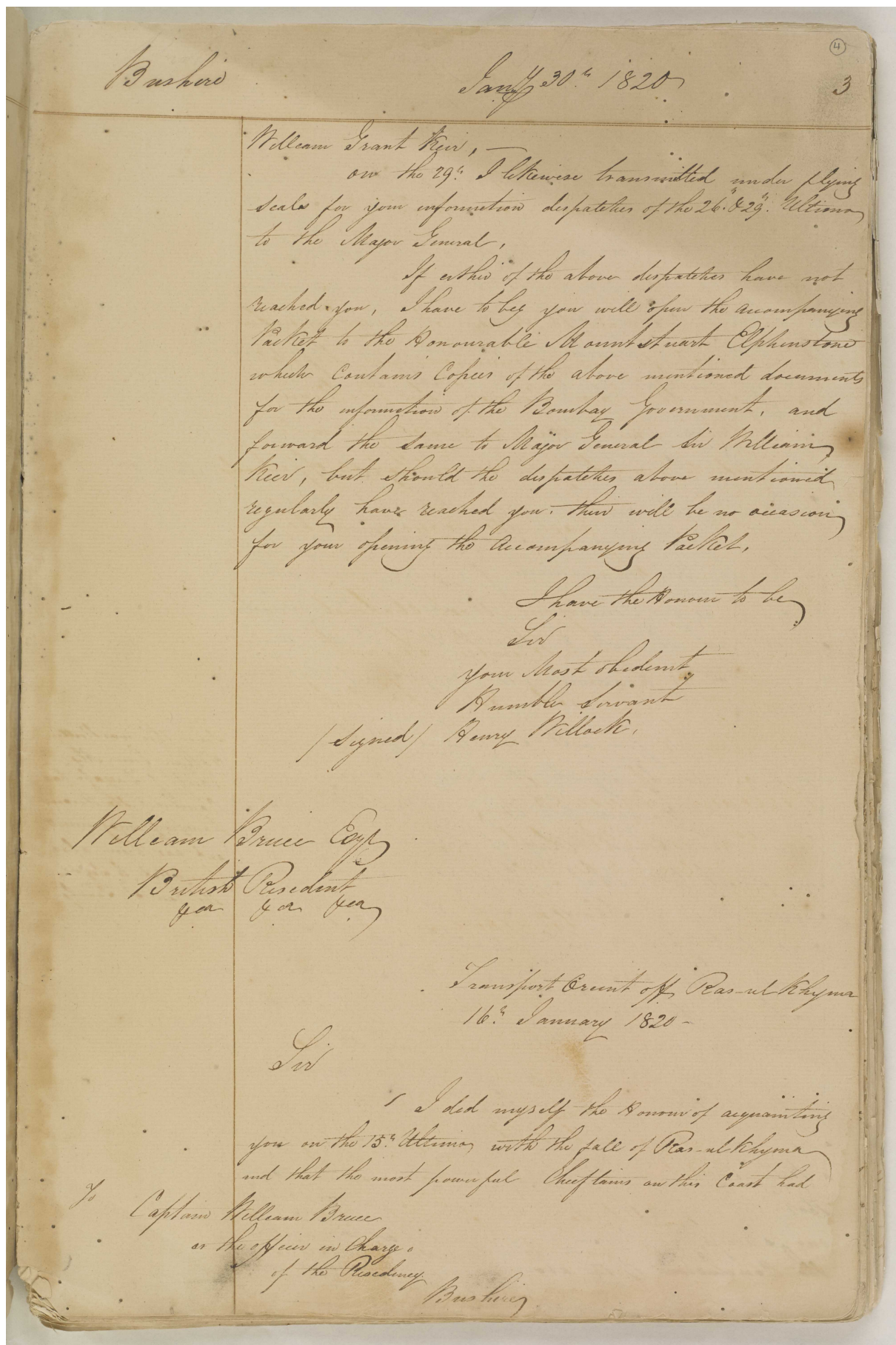
Bushire

Tehran January 3rd 1820

Sir

I had the honour of addressing you
on the 23rd Ultimo by which occasion I forwarded
and recommended to your care for further transmission
my despatches of the same date to Major General Sir

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Letter from Major General William Grant Keir, to Captain William Bruce, Resident
at Bushire [4v] (2/18)

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Sent off of submission to the wishes of the British Govern-
ment.

2 I have now the honour to transmit the
accompanying Copy of a General Treaty into which I have
entered with certain Arab Tribes, and to acquaint you
that it has been transmitted to Bombay for the purpose
of being ratified by the Honourable the Governor
in Council.

3 All matters of a temporary, or individual
nature have been included in Preliminary Treaties,
Copies of which are also forwarded with the General
Treaty, that the General Treaty might be reserved
exclusively for Arrangements of a permanent nature
or such as are common to the whole of the Contracting
Tribes, and it will be observed that it has been
so worded as to admit of the accession of future
adherents.

4 you will also observe that the Chiefs
who have already signed the General Treaty, are
Najim bin Rachma late Chief of Rasul Khayma,
Cazet bin Ahmed Chief of Laghat at Sumra,
and Sheikh both Chief of Bothabee, & Sultan bin
Saggar Chief of Khargah and Mohamed bin
Kazim bin Zool. Chief of Dubay will be permitted
to add their signatures when the stipulations
made by the Preliminary Treaties with them
shall have been fulfilled.

5 Since the date of my despatch
of the 15th ultimo the Military operations of this
force have been confined to the reduction of Laghat,
a Well Fort near Penzgi, and I am led to hope
that the impression which has been produced by
our success at Rasul Khayma, & Laghat, and
the conclusion of the above mentioned Treaties will

1/
2/3/4/5/
Since this was written
Najim bin Ach.
Chief of Laghat has
concluded the same
preliminary engagement
and has been also
permitted to sign
the General Treaty.

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Completely settle the Arabian Coast of the Gulf.

6. you are no doubt aware that His Highness the Sultan of Muscat has repeatedly urged the Persian Government to undertake a joint expedition for the purpose of placing him in possession of the Islands of Khosrow, and that he had agreed to supply Ships and Vessels to transport an army across the Gulf. on that account His Highness was requested some Months ago by the Prince of Shiraz to prepare his Ships accordingly, but he replied that he was then engaged with the British Government in the suppression of piracy, and that his Vessels consequently could not be spared. In a subsequent request received on the 25th Ultimo, the Sultan answered that if the Prince of Shiraz would pledge an oath not to detain him respecting the army being in readiness, and would likewise reimburse his expenses whether or not, he should proceed with his Ships according to the desire expressed by the Prince.

7. on the 8th Instant the Sultan left Ras-ul-Hayma for Muscat and on the day following an envoy arrived from the Prince in expectation of finding him here. This Envoy was likewise charged with a letter to me of which the accompanying is a translation.

8. His Highness previous to his leaving Ras-ul-Hayma communicated to me that his present design to Muscat was with the view of making preparations for an independent attack on Bushire, and begged me to inform him whether this would be disagreeable to the British Government. I replied that as my instructions did not advert to that measure, it was entirely out of my Power to express any opinion on the subject.

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at Bushire [5v] (4/18)

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2. His Highness immediately after this interview embarked on board his Frigate, and sailed for Muscat the next morning, leaving me impressed with the belief that he meant to make the attack he mentioned without permitting the Persian Government to share in the success he anticipated from the impression made in the Gulf, by his having been admitted to a strict co-operation with a British force still on these shores, that the Prince of Shiraz decries a proceeding of this kind on the part of the Sanam, and is likewise uneasy respecting the future movements of this force, is apparent from the great desire he has shown to possess himself of the Sanam's Ships, and his having despatched the Envy above mentioned to convey the Pledge required, and the promise of the Sanam's expenses being at all events reimbursed. This Policy on the part of the Prince must embarrass the Sanam considerably and may possibly prevent his projected independent attack.

3. It is hardly to be supposed that the Prince of Shiraz could have expected, that the request contained in his letter to me, to have four or five Ships for the purpose of assisting in the transport of his Army to Shiraz, would be compliant with. It was probably urged with the idea of calling forth some reply from which he could form a judgment of what he sees of the British Govt. are respecting that Island, or conjecture what are likely to be the future operations of this Govt.

10. It is my intention to proceed immediately to the different ports on this Coast for the purpose of carrying into effect the stipulations made in the before mentioned Preliminary Treaty, and have the Honour to be, Sir, your most obedt. & humble servant
[Signed] W. Grant Keir
Major General.

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Translation of the General Treaty with the Arabs
of the Persian Gulf.

In the Name of God the merciful the
Compassionate.

Praise be to God who hath ordained Peace
to be a blessing to his creatures.

There is established a lasting Peace between the British
Government and the Arab Tribes who are Parties to this
Contract on the following Conditions

Article 1. - There shall be a cessation
of plunder and piracy by land and sea on the
part of the Arabs who are parties to this Contract
for ever.

Article 2. - If any Individual of the People
of the Arabs Contracting shall attract any that pass
by land or sea of any Nation - whatsoever in the way
of plunder and piracy and not of acknowledged
War - he shall be accounted an Enemy of all
Mankind and shall be held to have forfeited both
Life and Goods and acknowledged war is that which
is proclaimed - avowed and ordered by Government
against Government and the killing of Man and
taking of Goods - without proclamation, a vow
and the order of a Government is plunder and piracy.

Article 3. - The friendly, Literally the
pacified, Arabs shall carry by land and sea
a Red Flag with or without letters in it at their
pleasure and this shall be in a border of White.
The breadth of the White in the border being equal
to the breadth of the Red as represented in the
Margin - The whole forming the Flag known
in the British Navy by the title of white pennant.

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And this shall be the Flag of the friendly
Arabs and they shall use it and no other.

Article 4. The pacified Tribes
shall all of them continue in their former relations
with the Government that they shall be at Peace
with the British Government and shall not fight
with each other and the Flag shall be a symbol
of this only and of nothing further.

Article 5. The Vessels of the friendly
Arabs shall all of them have in their possession
a Paper, ("Registered") signed with the signature
of their Chief, in which shall be the name of the
Vessel its length, its breadth and how many Mares
it holds and they shall also have in their possession
another Writing, ("Port Clearance") signed with
the signature of their Chief in which shall be
the name of the Vessel, the name of the owner, the name
of the Nagiadah, the number of them, the number of
Mares from whence sailed, at what time and
to what Port bound, and if a British or other
Vessel meets them they shall produce the Registered
and the Clearance.

Article 6. The friendly Arabs if they choose
shall send an Envoy to the British Presidency in the
Persian Gulf with the necessary Accompaniments and
he shall remain there for the transactions of their business
with the Presidency, and the British Government if
it chooses shall send an Envoy to them also in like
manner, and the Envoy shall add his signature
to the signature of the Chief in the Paper, Registered
of their Vessels, which contains the length of the Vessel,
its breadth and tonnage, the signature of the
Envoy to be renewed every year - also all such
Envoys shall be at the expense of their own Party.

Article 7. If any Tribe or others shall
not desist from plunder and piracy the friendly Arabs

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shall act against them according to their ability and
circumstances and an arrangement for this purpose
shall take place between the friendly Arabs and the
British. at the time when such plunder and piracy
shall occur.

Article 8. The putting men to death after
they have given up their Arms. is an act of piracy
and not of acknowledged War. and if any Tribe shall
put to death any person — either Mohammedan or
other. after they have given up their Arms. such
Tribe shall be held to have broken the Peace. and
the friendly Arabs shall act against them in
conjunction with the British. and God willing
the War against them shall not cease until the
surrender of those who performed the act and of
those who ordered it.

Article 9. The Carrying off of Slaves.
Men. Women or Children from the Coasts of Africa
or elsewhere. and the transporting them in the vessels
in plunder and piracy and the friendly Arabs shall
do nothing of this nature.

Article 10. The Vessels of the friendly
Arabs bearing their Flag above described. shall
enter in to all the British Ports and in to the Ports
of the Allies of the British so far as they shall be
able to effect it and they shall buy and sell therein
and if any shall attack them the British Government
shall take notice of it.

Article 11. These Conditions aforesaid
shall be common to all Tribes and Persons who
shall hereafter adhere thereto in the same manner
as to those who adhere to them at the time present.
End of the Articles.

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at Bushire [8r] (9/18)

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Signed for Mohamed bin Raza Laidyahal Shakhi
of Sekey, a Minar, at Shargah on Friday the 12th of the Month
of Rebee at thany in the year of the Hegra 1235. Corresponding
to the 8th of January 1820 by

[L.S.] Signed/ said his seyy, uncle
of Shakhi Mohamed,

Signed at Shargah at Mid day on Friday
the 19th of the Month of Rebee at thany in the year
of the Hegra 1235. Corresponding to the 14th of February 1820
by

[L.S.] Signed/ the signature of Sultan
bin Suggur with his own hands
Chief of Shargah,

Signed at Shargah by the Bakel on the part
of the Sharhi Soleyman bin Ahmed and Abdallah bin
Ahmed in his quality of Bakel to the Shaks aforesaid,
on Saturday the 20th of the Month of Rebee at thany
in the year of the Hegra 1235, Corresponding to the
5th of February 1820 by

[L.S.] Signed/ the signature with
his own hand of Syed abdol
Taleb bin Syed gar. Bakel
of Sharhi Soleyman bin
Ahmed, and Sharhi Abdallo
bin Ahmed of the family of
Wahlefa Shakhis of Bahru.

Signed & accepted by Soleyman bin Ahmed
of the House of Wahlefa at Bahru on the 9th of Somade
Arual in the year of the Hegra 1235. Corresponding
to the 23rd of February 1820

[L.S.]

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Signed and accepted by Abdallah
bin Ahmad of the House of Khalifa at
Bahrain on the 9th of Samad al Awwal
in the year of the Hijra 1235 / corresponding
to the 23rd of February 1820
[L.S.]

Signed at Faleh at noon on
Wednesday the 29th of the Month of Samad
i. e. al Awwal in the year of the Hijra
1235. Corresponding to the 13th of March
1820 by
[L.S.] signed / Rasheed bin Ahmad
with his own hand

Signed at Faleh at noon on
Wednesday the twenty ninth of the month
of Samad al Awwal in the year of
the Hijra 1235. Corresponding to the
13th of March 1820 by

[L.S.] signed / Abdallah bin
Rasheed
with his own hand
Chief of Unmanned Forces

(Translation of the Preliminary Treaty with Rasman bin Rahma)

In the Name of God the merciful the compassionate

Know all Men that Rasman bin Rahma has been
in the presence of General Sir William Grant Keir, and there
have passed between them the following stipulations—

Article 1st The towers of Rasal Khayma
and Mahorra & the towers which are in the date groves near
the town shall remain in the hands of the British Government.

Article II If any of the Captains of Rasman bin
Rahma are in Shargah or Unmanned Forces, or in any

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other of the places to which the General shall go with the Force,
they shall be surrendered to the General, and the General will
leave those which are for the Pearl fishing and fishing Boats

Article III Bapam ben Rahmah shall give up
all the Indian Prisoners, if any such are in his possession

Article IV - After the execution of these engage-
ments, Bapam ben Rahmah shall be admitted to the terms
of the General Treaty with the friendly Arabs - End of the
Articles

Issued at Rasool Heyma in the forenoon of
Saturday the twenty second of the month of Rabiat Awwal,
in the year of the Hegira one thousand two hundred
and thirty five, (Corresponding to the eight of January 1820)

An exact translation
of the
Capt. W. Bruce
& Interpreter

S. Meloun
Military Secretary

(Signed)

L.S.

W. Grant Keir
Major General

(Signed)

L.S.

The Signature of Bapam
ben Rahmah with his own hand

Translation of the Preliminary Treaty with Shakh Shokh
bent ben Shajob. of about Shabze -

In the Name of the God the merciful the Compassionate

Know all men that Shakh Shokh bent ben Shajob
at Faleh has been in the presence of General Sir William
Grant Keir and there have passed between them the
following stipulations

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Article I. If in Abou Shabze or any other of the
places belonging to Shababoot there are any of the Vessels of the
British Power which have been attacked by the General
during the present War against the Pirates, he shall deliver
such Vessels to the General.

Article II. Shababoot shall be admitted
to the terms of the General Treaty with the friendly Arabs.

Done at Rasool Khayma on the 25 of Rebbiwal
Awwal in the year 1233. Corresponding to the eleventh
of January One thousand Eight hundred and twenty.

(L.S.)

Signed

W. Grant Keir

Major General

(A. true translation)

J. P. Thompson

Captain of Dragoons

& Interpreter

(L.S.)

Signed

The signature of Shababoot
with his own hand.

D. Wilson

Military Secretary

(Translation of the Preliminary Treaty with Sultan
Bey Soggy)

In the name of God the merciful the Compassionate
Know all men that Sultan Bey Soggy has been
in the presence of General Sir William Grant Keir and they
have signed between them the following stipulations.

Article I. Sultan Bey Soggy shall surren-
der to the General the Towers, Guns, and Vessels which
are in Shargah, Lann, Moinat Jeyoon and their
dependencies. The General will leave the Boats which
are for the Pearl fishery and fishing boats, and the company
of the Vessels shall be at the disposal of the General.

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at Bushire [10r] (13/18)

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Article II Sultan Ben Sogger shall give up
all the Indian prisoners, if any such are in his possession

Article III The General will not allow the troops
to enter the towns to lay their waste,

Article IV. After the execution of these engagements
Sultan Ben Sogger shall be admitted to the same terms
of Peace as the remainder of the friendly (or Peaceful) Arabs,
on these Conditions, there is a cessation of hostilities
between the General and Sultan Ben Sogger and his followers
with the exception that their boats are not to go to sea.

Done at Rasool Khayma on the twentieth of
Rebeat annual in the year 1235. (Corresponding to the
date of January one thousand eight hundred twenty)

A true Translation
P. P. Thompson,
Capt 17th Lth Dragoons
& Interpreter

L. P. Wilson,
Military Secretary

Signed/
W. Grant Keir
Major General

Signed/
L.S. Sultan Ben Sogger with
his own hand.

"Translation of the Preliminary Treaty with the Sheikh of Sabey"
In the Name of God the Merciful the Compassionate

Know all men that Mohamed ben Gaze, a minor
Accompanied by Ahmed ben Fateh, has been in the presence
of General Sir William Grant Keir, and they have passed
between them the following stipulations,

Article I The People of Sabey shall surrender
to the General the debts which are in Sabey and its depend-
encies, and the guns which are in the towns and in the

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town, the General will leave the Boats which are for the
pearl fishing and fishing Boats,

Article II. the People of Dubey shall give up
all the Indian prisoners if any such are in their possession,

Article III. The General will not allow the
Troops to enter the town to lay it waste, and further, as a
mark of consideration towards his highness the Sanaw,
said Ben Sulhass on the part of the General, he will not
demolish the fort and towers,

Article IV. after the execution of these engage-
ments Mohamed Ben Raza Ben Zehel and his followers
shall be admitted to the same terms of peace as the remainder
of the Friendly (literally, the pacified) Arabs,

On these conditions there is a cessation
of hostilities between the British and Mohamed Ben
Raza Ben Zehel and his followers, with the exception
that their Boats are not to go to sea,

Done at Rasal Khayma on the twenty
third of the month of Rabial Awwal in the year 1235
(answering to the 9th January 1820.)

(a true translation)
P. P. Thompson
Capt. 14th Lt. Dragoons
V. Interpreter

L.S.

(Signed)
W. Grant Keir
Major General,

D. Nelson
Military Secretary

(Signed)

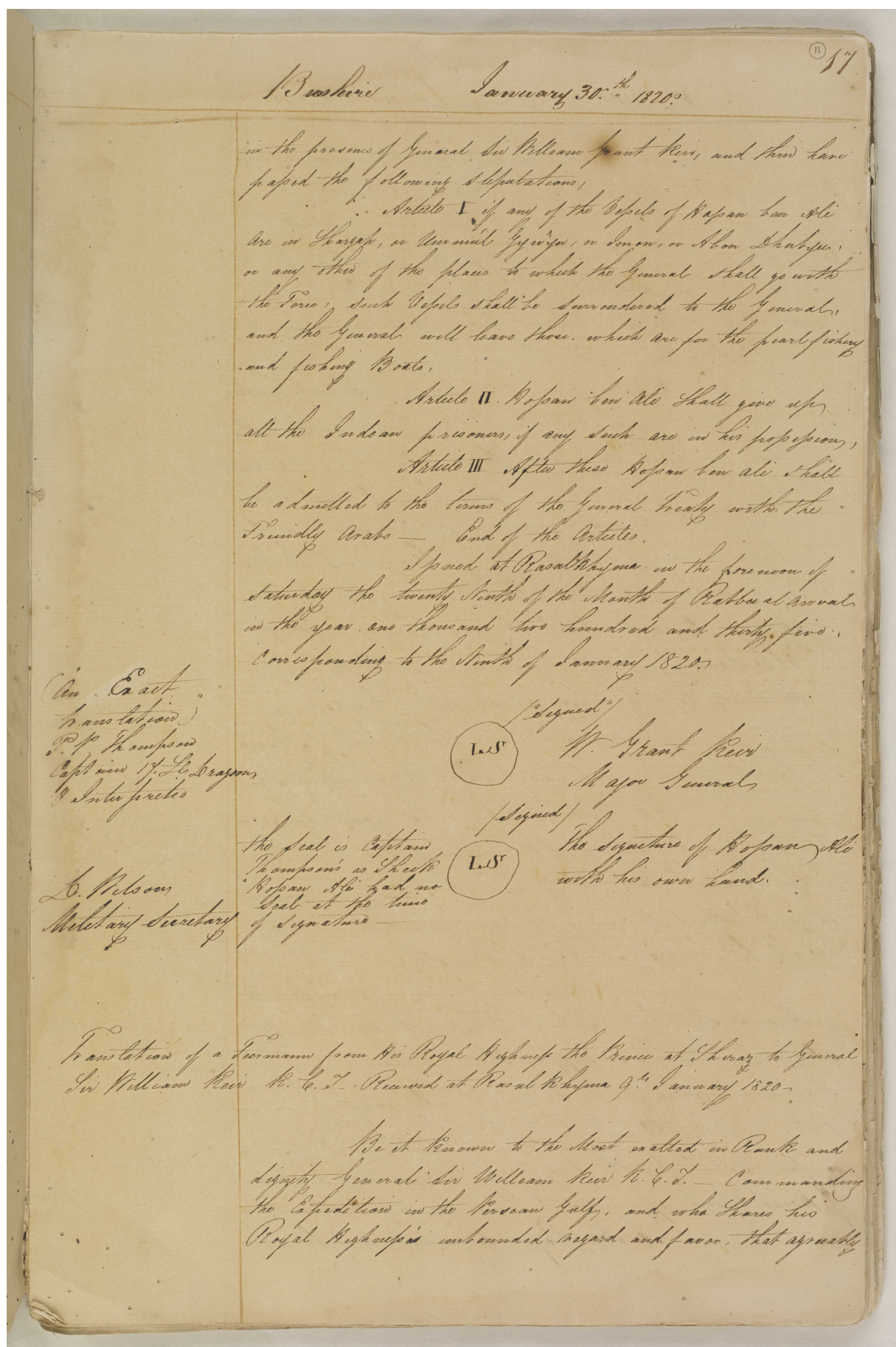
Said of Ahmed
Ben Zehel

L.S.

Witnessed by the signature
of Raza Ben Mohamed
Ben Zehel at Muscat
Heck of Reshane with his
own hand.

(Translation of the Preliminary Treaty with Hassan bin Ali)
In the Name of God the Most Gracious the Most Compassionate
Know all Men that Hassan bin Ali has been

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to the Communication some time ago made to his Royal Highness
of his having been appointed by the British Government to
finish and amehete the Joomee Libo, and in preparing a
desire that supplies and assistance might be furnished for the use
of the Army at the different Ports on the Persian Coast, His
Royal Highness has been pleased to order that those wishes may
be complied with.

At the present time Meerza Mohamed Banker
one of the most respectable officers of our Government and
in whom we repose the greatest trust & Confidence has been
selected for the purpose of proceeding to Syed Saed Khan
Inam of Musrat and Governor of Bindorabass and
its dependencies, for the purpose of bringing up his Ships
to be in readiness at the Port of Kangoon, His Royal
Highness intends positively to leave Shiraz on the 14th of
Rabbeelawal, 12th or 2nd of January and by the end
of the Month hopes to arrive at the Port of Kangoon, where
he will pitch his Camp and wait the Arrival of Meerza
Mohamed Banker and Syed Saed Khan with his Fleet,

His Royal Highness has again honoured
the Sheiks and Governors of the different Sea Port Towns
on the Persian Coast by sending the Turmacees requiring
them to attend to every wish communicated in your
behalf by Meerza Mohamed Banker,

Since the most perfect unanimity and
good understanding subsists between the two Powerful
States, if it should so happen that you have more Ships
than are required for the purpose of extending the Joomee
Tribes, you would not perhaps decline furnishing four
or five Vessels for the purpose of transporting an army
of Horse & Foot appointed to proceed over to Pakreem,

As His Royal Highness will be at

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at Bushire [12r] (17/18)

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Request by the end of the present month, make known whatever
wishes you may have and make them known also to Meerza
Mohamed Bakes in order that they may be represented upon
every occasion indeed make known to us whatever wishes you
may have and rely upon their being complied with,

of true Translation

/Signed/ A. Jukes

a true Copy
L. Wilson

Transport Decent

Sir

Present Garrison
of Rasel Khayma
Consists of
2^d Lt. Col. and
the 1st Bat. 2^d
Regiment of P. I.

I have the honor to acquaint you that
the Vessel which carries this letter, and my despatch dated
the 16th Instant, has been fitted out for the use of the Garrison
of Rasel Khayma, and has been sent to Bushire for the purpose
of conveying to the first mentioned place whatever Articles
of general supply. Merchants may be induced to for ward
with the view of selling them to the Garrison or even to others.
The primary object being to open a communication which
in the end must be useful to our Troops as enabling them
to supply their wants when they shall become known to
Speculators.

No freight is to be demanded for whatever
Articles may be sent by the present opportunity unless you coming
that this indulgence would be detrimental to the object in view.
I have therefore to beg that you will be good enough to use
your own judgment in permitting of the Cargo being
freight free or announcing that a small sum as freight
will be levied upon it, always bearing in mind that they

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Continued supply of the Garrison and those dependent upon it, is the object and not the obtaining of one Boat load of Articles, and that the greater the Number of People, that can be induced to enter upon Speculations of this kind the better and Cheaper the Supply will of course be.

The former inhabitants of Basel Rhyma are much in want of dates and Rais which Articles might consequently have a ready sale.

You will not probably think it necessary to detain this vessel for a period beyond what will afford a reasonable time for a Cargo to be collected, as in the event of the attempt to procure Supplies at Bushire, appearing to fail the Vessel might proceed elsewhere.

I request that you will be good enough to forward as soon as possible the accompanying dispatches to the address of His Highness the Prince of Shereef Major Mellocke Claudius James Pitt Rivers and Captain Robert Taylor

I have the Honour to be

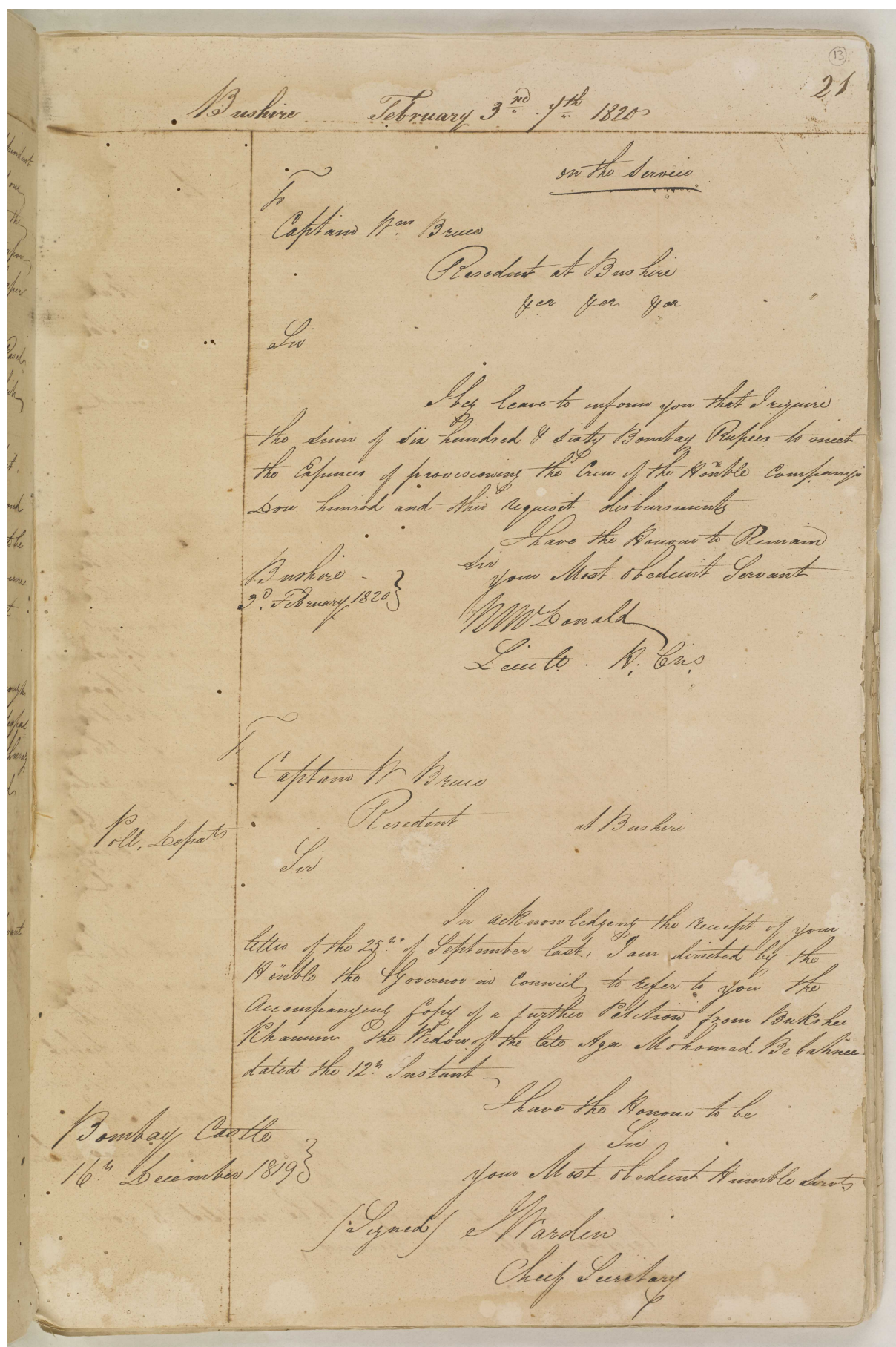
Sir

Your Most obedient humble servant

(Signed) W. Grant Keir
Major General

Captain William Bruce
or
Officer in Charge of the Presidency
Bushire

Letter from Lieutenant M. Donald, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire
[13r] (1/1)



Letter from Francis Warden, Chief Secretary to Government, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [13v] (2/3)

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February 7th 1820

To The Honourable Mountstuart Elphinstone
President and Governor in Council

The Humble Petition of Bakshie
Khanum the Widow and Sohan
Repa Khanum daughter
of the late Aga Mohamed
Bahani.

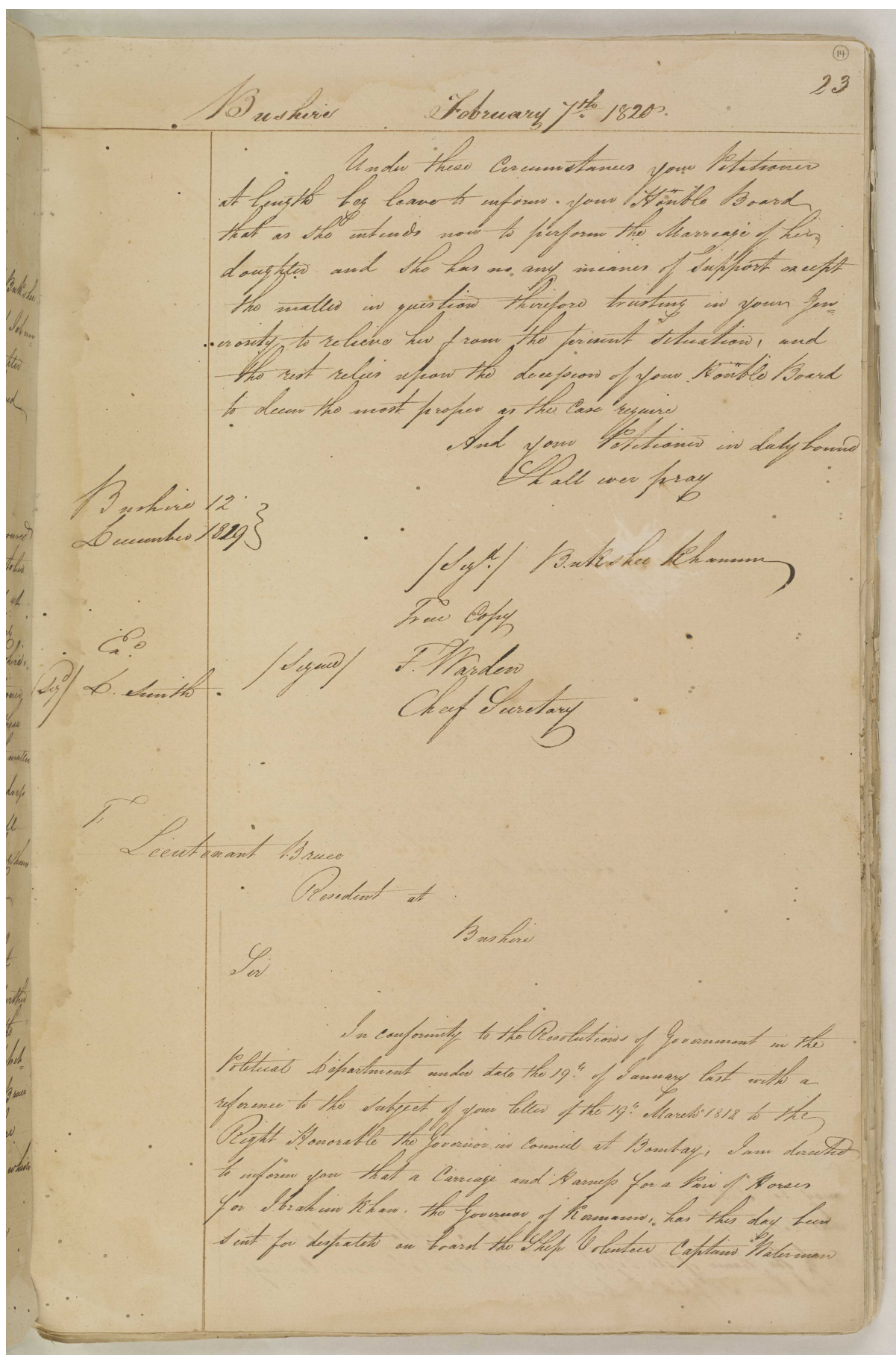
Most Humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioners had been favoured
with Mr. Secretary Anderson's letter of the 28th of October
last forwarding Copy of a letter from the President at
Bushire dated the 25th of September last regarding
the Claim of her Share of the Property now at Bushire.

That in reply thereto your petitioners
humbly beg to inform your Honble Board that these
10 years ago your petitioners are labouring for the matter
in question but without obtaining the requisite redress
for always Mr. Bruce approves that he will
use all the aid whatever lays in his power to bring same
to a close, but in the course of these 10 years the said
Gentleman has not made any settlement thereof.

Therefore your petitioners request that
your Honble board will be pleased to issue the further
Instruction to that Gentleman in order to adopt the
necessary measures to dispose of the property or to distrib-
ute amongst the parties concerned and that Mr. Bruce
may take in his possession of your petitioners' share
and also to recover the share of the Rent of an House which
about 5 years has been Rented to
and the whole Amount just to be remitted to your
petitioners after being recovered,

Letter from Francis Warden, Chief Secretary to Government, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [14r] (3/3)



Letter from George Swinton, Personal Secretary to Government, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [14v] (2/2)

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addressed to your Care,

A duplicate of this letter will be delivered to you by Captain Palamam.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Fort William

25th November 1819

Signed

your Most Obedient Humble Servant

Geo. Swinton

Per. a duty to Govt.

To

Lieutenant Bruce

Resident at

Bushire

Sir

In conformity to the Resolutions of Government in the Political Department under date the 19th of January last with reference to the subject of your letter of the 19th March 1818. to the Honorable the Governor in Council at Bombay, I am directed to inform you that a Carriage and Harness for a pair of Horses for Ibrahim Khan, the Governor of Kerman, has this day been sent for despatch on board the Ship Eliza Captain Woodhead addressed to your Care.

A Duplicate of this letter will be delivered to you by Captain Woodhead.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

your Most Obedient Humble Servant

Geo. Swinton

Per. a duty to Govt.

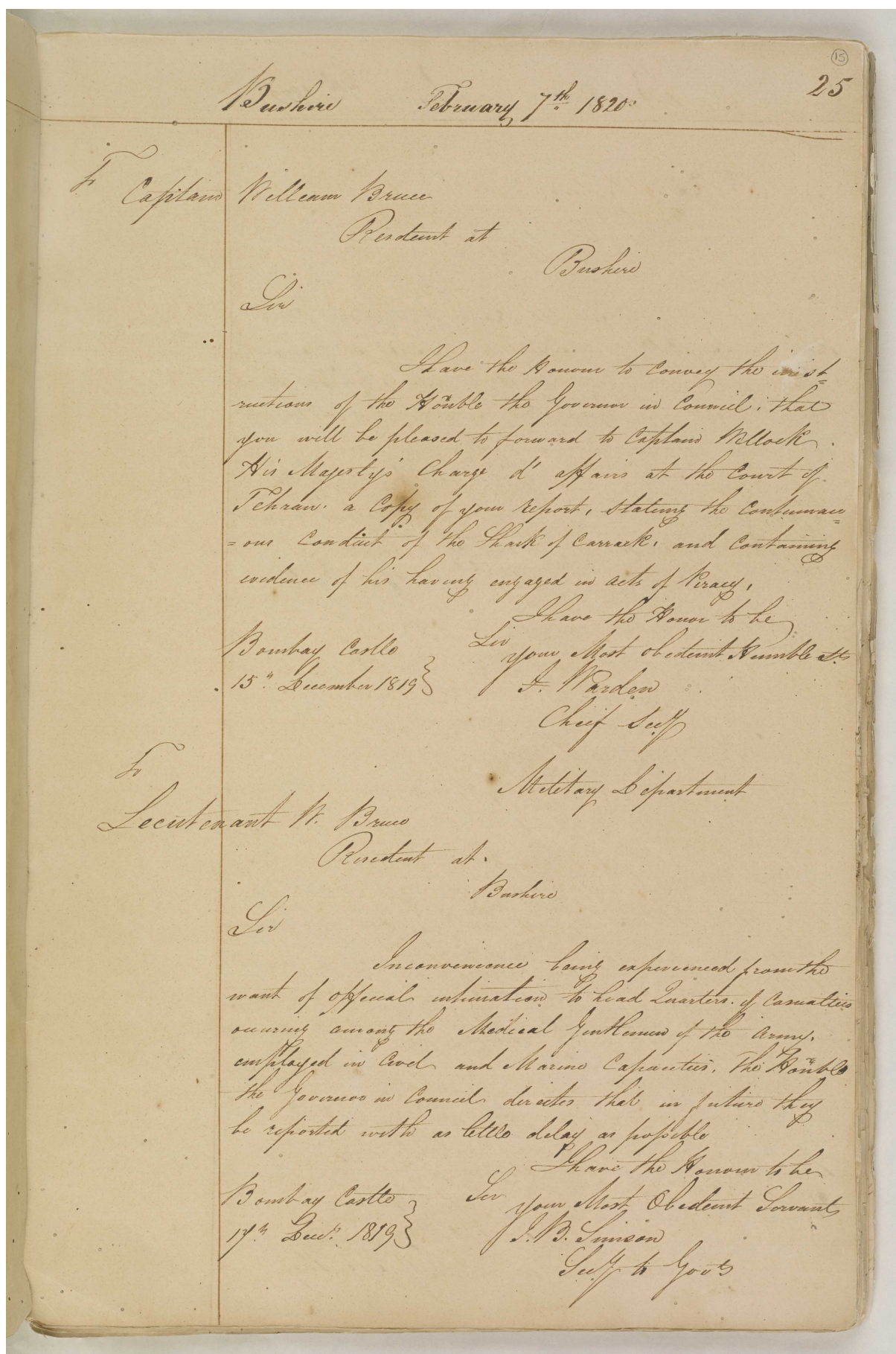
Fort William

25th November 1819

By Geo. Swinton

Mr. Swinton presents his Compliments to Lt. Bruce and begs that the accompanying Duplicate may be substituted for one bearing the same date which was lately transmitted and in which a mistake had occurred as to the name of the Vessel on which the Palamam Carriage had been shipped. Dec. 14th

Letter from Francis Warden, Chief Secretary to Government, Military Department,
to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [15r] (1/1)



Letter from J. Kinnersley, Military Pay Master, to Captain William Bruce,
Resident at Bushire [15v] (1/1)

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February 7th 1822.

To
William Bruce Esq^r
Resident at
Bushire

Sir
I have the Honor to apprise you
that sundry Bills for Contingent Charges as I accompan-
y and, viz. List have been passed by the Military Audit
= the General for Papers 62.3.19 six hundred twenty
one three Quarters and Seventy Five reas

Bombay
Pay Office Extraordinary
23rd December 1819
I have the Honor to be
your most obedient servant
J. Kinnersley
Military Pay Master

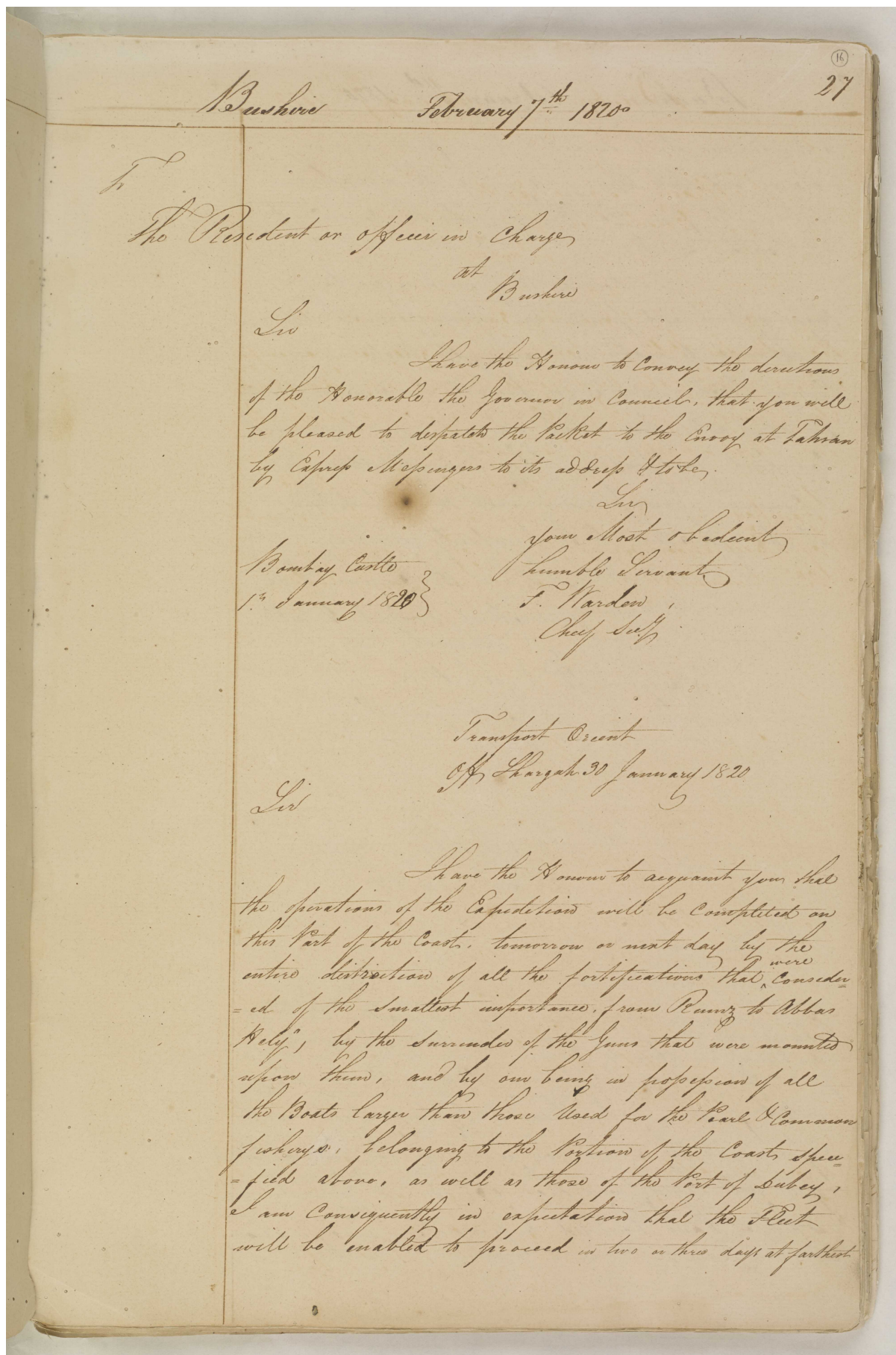
Political Department

To
Captain William Bruce
Resident at
Bushire

Sir
In acknowledging the receipt of
your letter dated the 6th of last Month, I have the Honor
to acquaint you that the Honble the Governor in Council
approves of your having furnished the Crew of the Soasmea
Boat with a sufficient supply of Provisions during
the time you detained them, and to carry them back
to Rapol Khayma

Bombay Castle
30th December 1819
I have the Honor to be
your most obedient servant
J. Warden
Chief Secretary

Letter from Francis Warden, Chief Secretary to Government, to the Resident or
Officer in Charge at Bushire [16r] (1/1)



Letter from Major General William Grant Keir, to Captain William Bruce, Resident
at Bushire [16v] (2/2)

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to send you at the Island of Kinn for the purpose of
watering and with hope of meeting the Squadron
that sailed from Baselkhyra under the command
of Captain Lock, -

As I consider it of much importance
that distinct and particular information should
be obtained to enable us to identify the Pirates on the
Persian Coast, and as you probably are acquainted with
the overt acts upon which a decided proceeding maybe
considered justifiable, I beg leave to state that
I conceive your presence with the Expedition
at this juncture to be peculiarly necessary

I have the Honour to be
Your most obedient humble
Servant
Signed W. Grant Keir
Major General

H. M. Ship Liverpool
2^d February 1820

Sir

I do myself the Honour of acknow-
ledging the receipt of your letters of the 15th and 25th
of Jan^y, and as Captain Collier. C.B. has trans-
mitted further instructions to Captain Lock, with
reference to the service on which he has been detached
you will learn from that officer, the grounds on
which I have been led to prescribe a modification.

Letter from Major General William Grant Keir, on board His Majesty's Ship
Liverpool, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [17r] (2/2)

Bushire February 7th 9th 1820.

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of the restrictions on Vessels entering the Ports of Bahrein,
and to recommend the employment of S. M. Ships
in Capturing, and destroying the War Vessels of Persia
and Sabor,

My letter of the 30th January will apprise
you of my earnest desire that you should rejoin
the Expedition as early as possible, and hope to be
furnished by you with such authenticated in-
formations, as you may possess or have been
enabled to acquire respecting the Pirates on the
Persian Coast.

I have the Honour to be
Sir your Most Obedient humble
servant
Wm Grant Keir
Major General

a true Copy
Wm Grant Keir
Military Secretary

Wm Bruce Esq
Resident at Bushire
for per per

Sir
I have to inform you that I have
been under the necessity of sending on shore 200 Bags
of Dates. In consequence of having discovered a leak
under the Vessel's square Tuck, a little below the water
edge, occasioned by a quantity of Cotton Working out
from a hole that had been filled up, my having
sent on shore the dates has brought the leak above
water, which renders it of a very little consequence.
I am getting it repaired as well as I can, by putting

Letter from Lieutenant M. Donald, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire
[17v] (2/2)

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it up and packing a piece of Sheet led over the
part which will make it perfectly safe, I shall
sail this evening

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Bushire Reader }
9th Feb 1820 - } Your Most obedient servant,
Signed M^{rs} Donald
S^r G. M.

N^o 855 4/1819/20
Captain W^m Bruce
Resident
Sir
Bushire
16th Sept^r

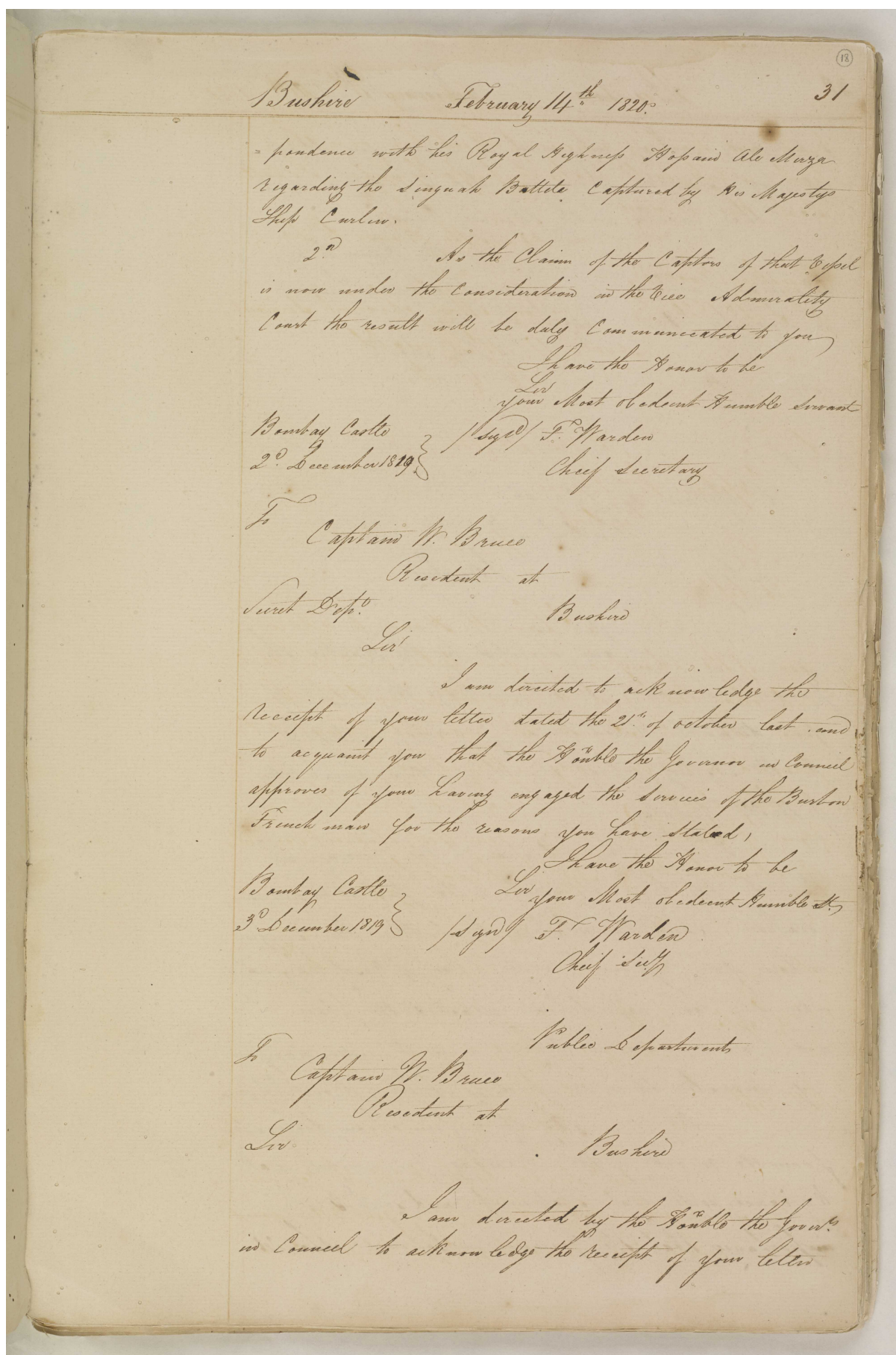
I have the Honor to advise
you of the admission of your disbursements for April
and May last, and to transmit an auditor those
from June to August last, on which I request to be
favored with your early explanations,

Bombay Castle }
Office of Audit. } I have the Honor to be
16th November 1819 } Sir
Signed W^m Wedderburn
Civil auditor

Captain W^m Bruce
Resident at
Sir
Bushire
16th Sept^r

I am directed by the Hon^{ble} the Governor
in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated
the 19th of October last, forwarding copies of your Com^{rs}

Letter from Francis Warden, Chief Secretary to Government, to the Resident or
Officer in Charge at Bushire [18r] (2/2)



Letter from Francis Warden, Chief Secretary to Government, to the Resident or
Officer in Charge at Bushire [18v] (2/2)

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February 14th 1820.

dated the 29 October last and to inform you that
a postulant Surgeon Dow proceeded to Bushire on the
14th of that month in the Bonares Cruiser.

Bombay Castle } I have the Honor to be
14th December 1820 } Your obedient Servant
Ed. } F. Warden
Chief Secretary

To
Captain W. Bruce
Resident at
Bushire

I am directed by the Honble the
Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of
your despatch dated the 24th of October in reply
to Mr. Acting Chief Secretary Parnham's letter
of the 30th of July

2^o The attention of the Governor in
Council has been attracted to that part of Communi-
- cation which has relation to Sultan Bin Suggur
- whom you represent as the Chief of Rasool Khayma,
whom our last expedition attacked the place
and bears a character of being a much more sanguin-
- ary monster than the present rulers of Rasool Khayma.

3. As the information derivable
from the records of the Bombay Government is at
variance with that statement, and is it of
importance that the Governor in Council should

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possess the most accurate intelligence in respect to
the Character of the different powers in the Gulf
and of Sultan Ben Suggar in particular, you will
be pleased to explain the grounds on which your
Statement may be forwarded,

4 By the records of this Government
it would appear that prior to the period of the
former expedition, the authority of Sultan Ben
Suggar had been superseded in the sea provinces
of which Ras-el-Khyma is the Chief Sea Port by the
Vahabee Chief, who has appointed his own officers throughout
the Suassoo Country; that the Joasmeo Chief having
been invited to dwell as detained and imprisoned
by the Vahabee Chief, he contrived to effect his
escape and finding his way to Yemen, embarked at
Mocha and proceeding to Muscat made overtures to
the Imamu and he sought his Highness's protection
the Imamu took him to Shargah and placed him over
the Soasmeo tribes at that place, the Shark assassi-
nally living at Shargah, and it would appear also
that the Imamu has subsequently made repeated
attempts to restore Sultan Suggar to his hereditary
possessions which he has hitherto failed to accom-
-plish.

5 Hence it does not appear that Sultan
Suggar has for these last ten years at least
exercised any Control over the Joasmeos at Ras-
-el-Khyma, whence the piracies must have been
carried on by those placed in authority at that
Port by the Vahabee Chief whose interest it must
of course be to exclude the legitimate Shark from

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Officer in Charge at Bushire [19v] (3/3)

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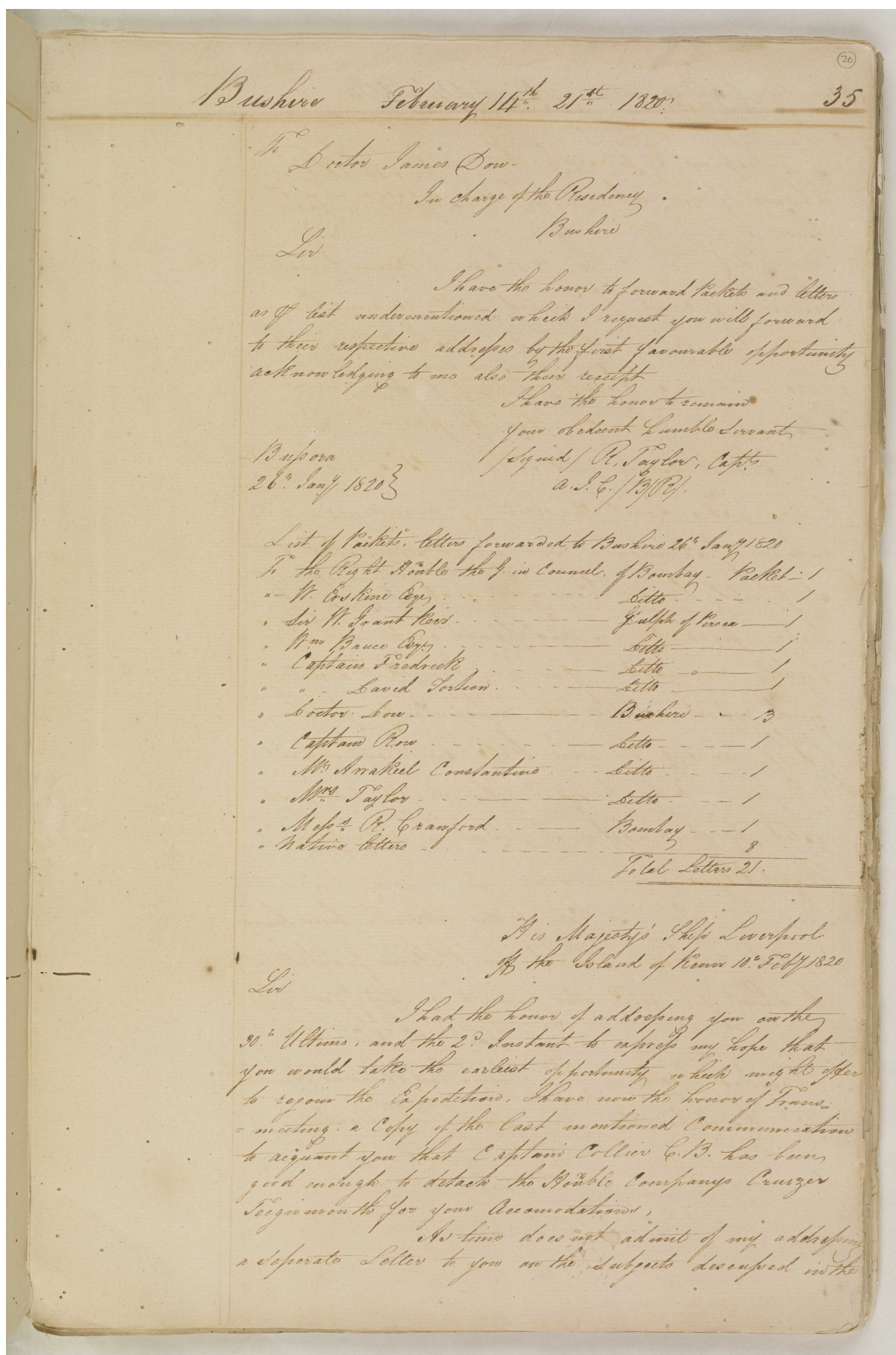
his proposals & prevents the Chiefs of Ras-el
Khayma, from entering in to any engagement with
him,

6. The Governor in Council is,
desirous of being furnished with information
of the grounds on which you state that Sultan
Saggar "bears a Character of being a much more
Sanguinary Monster than the present Rulers
of Ras-el-Khayma, and as he would appear not
to have abandoned the object of recovering his
ancient patrimony, and would seem also to be
supported by the Beni Gas Arabs and by other
tribes probably whose power ought not to be
lightly regarded, you are desired to ascertain
and report whether the unpopularity of this
Chief among his own tribe arises out of any
repugnance to his personal Character or been insti-
gated by those who are at present in authority at
Ras-el-Khayma,

A Copy of this letter has been trans-
mitted to Major General Sir William Grant KCB
to whom you will also furnish a Copy of your reply

I have the honor to be,
Sir your Most Obedient Servant
Francis Warden
Bombay Castle
14th December 1890

Letter from Captain Robert Taylor, Resident at Bussora [Basra], to Doctor James Dow, In Charge of the Residency [20r] (1/1)



Letter from Major General William Grant Keir, to William Bruce, Resident at
Bushire [20v] (2/2)

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Accompanying despatches to Major Wilcocke I am under
the necessity of begging that you will have the goodness
to peruse it, and as I consider its early transmission
on object of Importance, I feel anxious to be made
acquainted with the day on which it may be forwarded
from Bushire

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your Most obedient humble servant
Signed W. Grant Keir
Major General.
Captain W. Bruce
Resident
Bushire

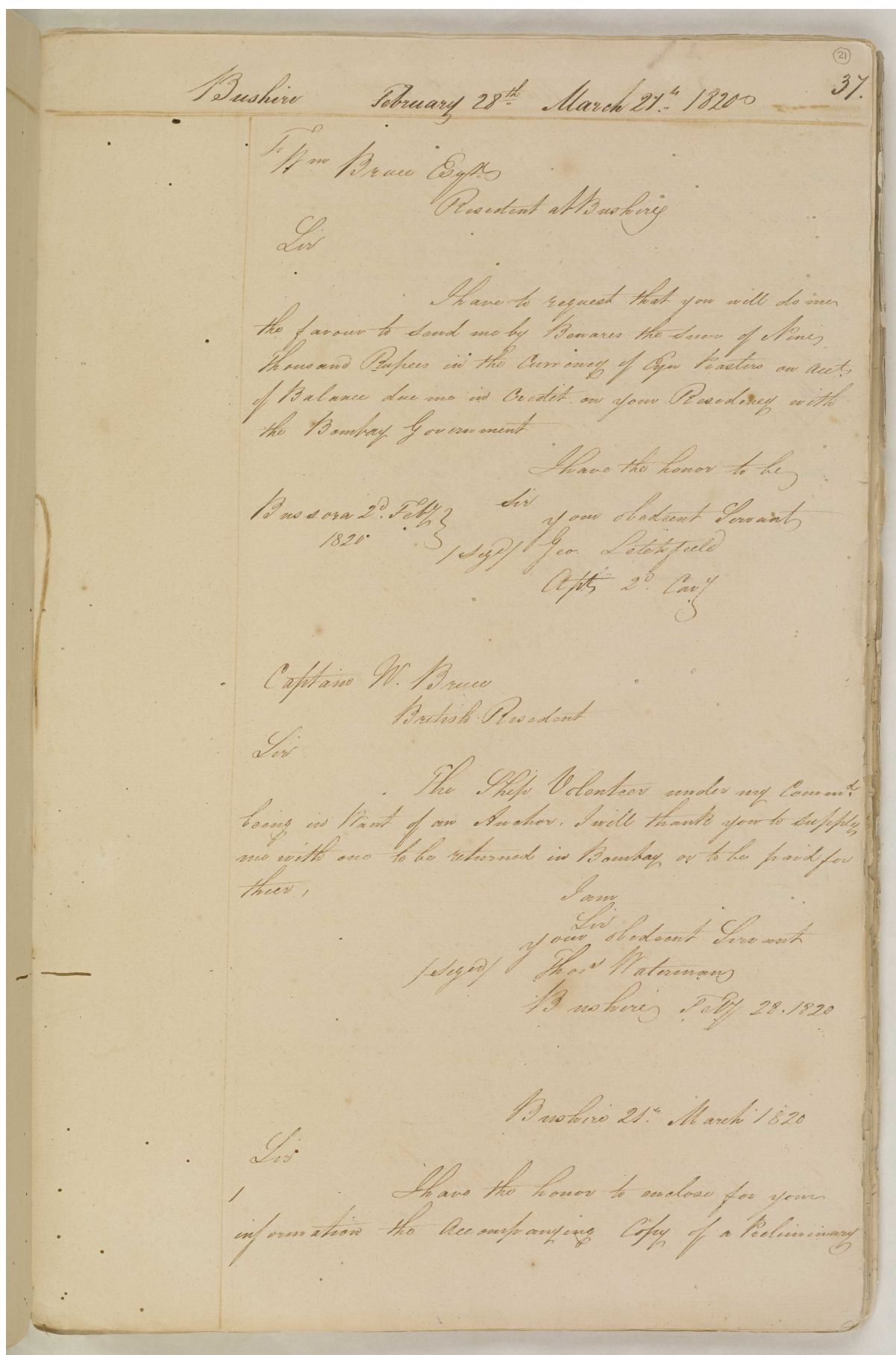
His Majesty's Ship Lionel
at Anchor off the Island of Keen
19th Feb^r 1820

Sir

According to my communication
of the 30th of January and 2nd of Feb^r, transmitted by
the Noble Company's Brig, Aurora to Bushire,
and my subsequent letter of the 10th Instant, I beg
leave to request that you will be good enough to
furnish me with all such information as you may
have been able to obtain respecting the Piracies, said
to have been committed. — and of the Ports in the
Persian shore of the Gulf, generally, particularly
out of the Ports of Lingua, Mozas, Tawad, and
Charraek which are enumerated in my instructions

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your Most obedient humble servant
W. Grant Keir
Major General.
To Captain Wm Bruce
Resident, at Bushire

Letter from George Litchfield, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire
[21r] (1/1)



Letter from Major General William Grant Keir, to Captain William Bruce, Resident
at Bushire [21v] (2/12)

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Bushire, March 25th 1820

Treaty into which I have entered with the Shaks of
Bahrein, who you are already aware have been
admitted to the General Treaty with the Arab Tribes
I state this opportunity of offering
enclosing copies of letters which have been addressed
to me by His Royal Highness the Prince of Sheraaz
and His Highness the Imam of Muscat together
with copies of my replies to the same.

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I have the honor
to be
your most obedient humble servant
Wm Grant Keir
Major General
Wellman Bruce Esq, Major General
Resident Bushire

Translation of the Preliminary Treaty with the Shaks
of Bahrein. In the name of God the Most Gracious the Most Merciful,
Know all men that there hath come
into the presence of General Sir William Grant Keir
the said abdul jellel, Bekel on the part of the Shaks
Solymann Ben Ahmed and abdul allah Ben Ahmed
and there have passed between them the General and
the said abdul jellel in the part of the above named
the following stipulations,

Article 1 That the Shaks shall
not permit from hence forth in Bahrein or the dependencies
the sale of any Commodities which have been
procured by means of plunder and piracy, nor allow
their people to sell any thing of any kind whatever
to such persons as may be engaged in the practice

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at Bushire [22r] (3/12)

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of plunder and piracy, and if any of this People shall act
Contrary thereto, it shall be equivalent to an Act of
Piracy on the part of such individuals,

Article II: That they shall deliver up, all
the Indian prisoners who may be in their possession.

Article III the Shikhs Solomon Ben
Ahmed and Abol Alla bin Ahmed shall be admitted
to the General Treaty with the friendly Arabs, and of
the Articles,

Spaced at Shargah in triplicate on Satur-
day the twelfth of the Month of Rabbecul Thany in
the year of the Hijra 1233, Corresponding to the fifth
of February 1820.

a True Translation

Signed/
J. P. Thompson
Capt. J. L. Dragoons
& Interpreter

Signed/
L.S. Wm Grant Keir
Major General

Signed/
L.S. the above articles accepted
by me in quality of Kakeel
of the Shikhs named above,
Said Abolal Jalis Ben
Syed yeat Sabatay.

Translation of a Surmans from His Royal Highness Asaphud
Alla Meerza Prince of Sheraz to General Sir William Keir
R. I. S.

Received at Bushire 18th March 1820.

Be it known to the Exalted in Dignity
General Sir William Keir commanding the English
Expedition into the Gulf & who is Honored by his Royal

Letter from Major General William Grant Keir, to Captain William Bruce, Resident
at Bushire [22v] (4/12)

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Bushire March 25th 1820.

Agha's High regard & favour that considering a friendship
& good understanding so long established between the two
great states that the officers of each Government are
directed the mutual Interest of each and desirous of
establishing that friendship upon a still firmer basis
it behoves them to exert themselves to the attainment
of that desirable end,

One or two Instances have lately occurred
on your part which appear contrary to the Established
Rules of Friendship existing between the two States,
of these I may mention the leaving of a Vessel be-
longing to Shakh Mohamed Ben Kazeem the Chief
of Langa and two Vessels belonging to the people
of Charack who are subjects of this Government,
and who had not in any way the least connection
with the Joasmees tribe, these events are not in
accord with your intelligence & wisdom and when
they were reported to me I attributed it entirely
to your want of information regarding our Subjects
it has also at the present time been represented to us
that you have determined to furnish Rahma ben
Jaber and him all his Vessels, and hence I thought
right to inform you that Rahma ben Jaber although
he is of the Atobee tribe has no connection whatever
with the Joasmees he has now for some years been
living at Bushire and has been employed under
our Government we did also some little time
ago order him to our presence to be employed on
the Bahrein Expedition and he was proceeding
along with Shakh Abdol Rasool Khan to join us
when they experienced a severe Gale of winds which
drove their Vessels ashore & did great mischief
to their property, this you have no doubt heard of

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at all in into Bahma Bin Jaber is one of our subjects
and if you therefore should have had it in contemplation
to furnish & molest him it will be contrary to the
Established Faith and good understanding now subsis-
-ting between the two States. this also is rather at vari-
-ance with your usual Intelligence & Knowledge because
the officers of each Government should exert themselves to
the preservation of amity between them not to disturb it
and if any disagreement should occasionally arise
between two States it must probably owing to the conduct
of its Officers who conducted the affairs of those Courts
as you are not probably well acquainted with the
Tribes and Peoples in this Gulf, I have thought it
necessary to make you acquainted with these circum-
-stances for God forbid that any disturbance should
take place between the two States you will not therefore
on any account think of molesting or interfering with
Shah Bahma because he is necessary to us and is
to be employed in our service against Bahrein.

Agreeable to the Treaty Existing between
the two States if any thing should be required by this
Government it required only to be made known to be
complied with, we express a wish accordingly that
two Ships of war should be spared us for the purpose
of going against Bahrein as yet however we have
had not intelligence of these wishes being complied
with, and it is probable that that Command never
reached you or there would have been no disenclo-
-sure on your part to comply with them, at all
events I hope there will be no manifestation of any

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at Bushire [23v] (6/12)

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Reference between the two states

A true translation

1 a true copy

Signed

L. Wilson Capt.

A. Jones,

Military Secretary

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the
Sultan of Muscat to General Sir William Keir,
after Compliments

I have the honor of addressing several
letters to you from Muscat giving you very parti-
-cular and detailed accounts of the conversations
that had taken place between me and Syed Abdul
Sulit the Subapadar from the Shakh of Bahrain
because you wrote me that he was come to propose
terms of peace between me and the atrobees, I
understood from the General Contents of your Letters
that it was rather your wish that I should
make peace with them, and as I have a great desire
to act in strict conformity with your wishes,
I again wrote an other letter by the hands of Syed
Abdole Sulit fully explanatory of all these things
as he was proceeding to wait upon you at Binn,
but God knows whether you have received those letters
or not, I have now the honor to inform you that I left
Muscat on the 15th of Samadeel about 18 days ago with
the hope and intention of meeting you in order that
I may ascertain your wishes, regarding me & also
what your own intentions are, on the 29th of Samadeel

Letter from Major General William Grant Keir, to Captain William Bruce, Resident
at Bushire [24r] (7/12)

Bushire March 25th 1820

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Dear Sir, I arrived at Keshm where I learned that you
have proceeded to Bushire,

I have dispatched my Esteemed Friend
Syed Abdul Kader by an express Boat to wait upon
you and having ascertained your wishes and Commands
to return to me without a moment's delay, the
discussions which took place between me and Syed
Abdul Sulei are as follows, The atobees agree
to pay me annually 30 Thousand French Dollars;
this I have agreed provided you will become their
security for the payment or that in the event
of their not paying it, that the British Government
will do so. or render me assistance to go & take it
from them if you agree also to these terms which have
proposed to them, I shall be very happy, if not
let me know that I may make my own Arrangement
accordingly.

A Copy of the Engagement which has
been made by Syed Abdul Sulei on the part of the
atobees is now with my friend Syed Abdul Kader
who will show it to you if you wish it

a true Copy
D. Wilson

Military Secretary

a true translation
Signed

a Fakir

Translation of a Report, to His Highness the Durrani
of Muscat on the part of the atobees by Syed Abdul
Sulei

I Abdul Sulei Ben Syed gas amir

Letter from Major General William Grant Keir, to Captain William Bruce, Resident
at Bushire [24v] (8/12)

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I hereby declare that the conventions which have taken place between me and Syed Saied are as follows. as I am the British on the part of Sheikh Ismail and Ben Ahmed & his Brother Sheikh Abdulla Bin Ahmed I agree that they the above mentioned People, should pay to the Imam annually the sum of 30 thousand Dollars after the Bahrein harvest has been collected which Syed Saied agrees to provided that the English General consents to become security for its payment. The wishes expressed by the Atobees to Syed Saied are as follows. that he would release Abdul Rahman Bin Rashed with the rest of the Atobees now under his Restraint, that the Boats of Every thing belonging to them now with Syed Saied should be given up also that Syed Saied not hereforward, in any way molest or Injure the Atobees & their adherents that Rahma Bin Janber shall be included with these terms of Peace with Syed Saied. and that Syed Saied shall in the event of Rahma Bin Janber committing any act of hostility on the Atobees be the means of doing it away provided the British Government will become security for the performance of these proposals.

The Imam of Muscat agreed to the above proposals in every particular with the exception of that part of it which concerns Rahma Bin Janber where he proposed the following alteration should be made, that Rahma Bin Janber shall

Letter from Major General William Grant Keir, to Captain William Bruce, Resident
at Bushire [25r] (9/12)

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be included in the Peace with me (Viz the Senams) and that I
also agree to settle any little differences that might arise
between Rahma Poo Jaber & the Atrobes so long as Rahma
Poo Jaber himself shall agree to and conclude by those
terms of Peace but in the event of his not doing so that
the Atrobes will join with me (the Senams) to compel
him to do so;

a true Copy A true Translation
D. Wilson Captain Signed
Military Secretary A. Jukes

Bushire 20th March 1820
Draft of a letter to His Royal Highness the
Prince of Sheeraz,
after Compliments

I have had the honor of receiving your
Royal Highness's letter dated and by leave
to assure your Royal Highness of my most earnest
desire to maintain unimpaired the happy and intimate
relation that have so long existed between the two Pow-
-ful States.

In obedience to the Commands of the Govt.
which I have the honor to serve and in strict accordance
with its most friendly feelings towards your Royal
Highness I have endeavored to exercise on every occasion
the utmost consideration for all who could be
recognised as subjects of his Persian Majesty your
Royal Father, who as well as your Royal Highness
will receive from Mr. Millock the Charged Affairs
of the King my Master, the fullest and most satisfactory

Letter from Major General William Grant Keir, to Captain William Bruce, Resident
at Bushire [25v] (10/12)

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informations respecting all that has taken place.

Regarding Rahma Ben Joubor I trust that it is altogether unnecessary for me to assure your Royal Highness that the paramount consideration of strict justice will never be forgotten by the British Government in whatever proceedings may be ordered against any individual however humble his situation or insignificant his power.

Your Royal Highness aware that the Troops under my Command were sent in to the Persian Gulf for the sole purpose of putting an end to all acts of Piracy and your Royal Highness will agree to learn that the general restoration of order and tranquillity has now most happily been accomplished. In the entire suppression of the lawless acts that have so long rendered the navigation of these seas dangerous to all who peacefully frequented them the British Government anticipates with the greatest satisfaction the benefits that will equally arise to the undisturbed subjects of both the friendly States.

Had the honor of transmitting to Bombay a copy of your Royal Highness's letter in which you requested that six ships might be lent for the service of your Royal Highness's Government as yet I have not received any orders on that subject but I shall take the earliest opportunity of laying before the Honble the Governor in Council on my return to Bombay the communication with which I have now been honored by your Royal Highness,

Letter from Major General William Grant Keir, to Captain William Bruce, Resident
at Bushire [26r] (11/12)

Bushire March 25th 1820

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May I beg that your Royal Highness will
be pleased to receive my most sincere thanks for your friendly
offers of assistance.

a true copy
S. Wilson Capt. William Grant Keir
Military Secretary Major General

Bushire 9th March 1820

Draft of a Letter to His Highness the Imam of Muscat

After Compliments

I have had the honor of receiving your
Highness's letter dated and
conveyed by Syed Abdul Khakur but the other
communications to which your Highness alludes have
not yet reached me.

I beg leave to acquaint your Highness
respecting your negotiations with the Governor of Bahrein
that I shall take the earliest opportunity of laying
a copy of your present communications before the
Honble the Governor in Council at Bombay, with whom
alone in such cases the power of guaranteeing engage-
ments rests.

As your Highness has done me the honor
to desire to know what my wishes are, I beg to assure you
that they are earnestly desirous of the happiness and
prosperity of your Highness's Government which I humbly
conceive will be best secured by cultivating the blessings
of Peace and Consolidating and strengthening the
prosperous and resources which your Highness happily

Letter from Major General William Grant Keir, to Captain William Bruce, Resident
at Bushire [26v] (12/12)

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Command,

I have done myself the honor in my former
letters to bring to your Highness's notice the sincere and
earnest desire of the British Government that peace
and tranquillity should be enjoyed by the whole of
its allies and feel assured that your Highness's long
Established and well known attachment to the British
Government will ultimately ensure your Highness's hearty
co-operation in the accomplishment of its benevolent
and disinterested views.

A true copy
S. Nelson Captain
Military Secretary

[Signed]
Wm Grant Keir
Major General

Received by
William Bruce Esq
Resident Bushire
21st March 1820

I have the honor to represent to you
that in consequence of the increasing difficulty of procuring
the Detachment at this place with water,
It has apparently become necessary to take prompt
measures for securing the supply. Should N. M. S.
Liverpool boat Bushire at the arrival of this letter
It is scarcely necessary for me to request that its

Letter from Captain Thomas Perronet Thompson, 17th Light Dragoons, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [27r] (2/4)

Bushire April 2nd 1820

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Contents should be communicated to the Major General and his directions taken thereupon. But lest this should not be the case, it appears unnecessary that I should represent, that upon an examination founded on documents and statements furnished by the officers of the various departments of the land and sea services here present, it seems to be essential to the safety of the detachment that measures should be taken for procuring a supply of three months water ready stored in Casks or Tanks with the least possible delay from Bombay or any other place where it may be readily procurable, as the other resources in prospect are on the most favourable view barely adequate to keeping up the daily supply, and are totally incompetent to laying in any efficient stock for the time during which the detachment might possibly be cut off from the present means of supply without probability of actual relief in the event of hostilities on the part of the population of the Country. This quantity of water has been estimated at one thousand and fifty Tons, and as a measure by which a partial remedy would be secured and the opportunity at the same time preserved of procuring the sanction of the Major General to the proceeding in its greatest extension. It has been determined that I should forward to you a request that you would, by the taking up of Vessels or Freight or by such other methods as may be in your power, endeavour to forward to us three hundred Tons of Water in Casks or Tanks or any inferior quantity in the event of your being unable to

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to transmit the whole, It would also be desirable that in the event of H.M.S. Liverpool having left Bushire notice should be forwarded as quickly as possible to this place, either by the boat which brings this letter or otherwise of the quantity of water which is or which with certainty will be shipped, in order that notice of the quantity may be transmitted to Bombay in case it should be necessary for regulating the quantity of water to be shipped from that Port.

In addition to the boat despatched with this letter another is supposed to have arrived at Bushire for the purpose of bringing down boxes, If these could convey to us a quantity of water in Casks of Sixty Gallons, to which might possibly be added the assistance of a Cozier, the Casks would prove exceedingly useful, as the number destroyed in the conveyance of water from the wells has greatly exceeded what had been contemplated. A quantity of Canvas and of any other materials for the repair of the Tanks or Casks, would be of great utility, It may be necessary for me likewise to state, that very little service would be derived from Casks not coopered as the deficiency of Coopers for the repair of Casks is one of the difficulties which threatening not remedied to become most urgent,

Letter from Henry Willock, British Envoy to Persia, to Captain William Bruce,
Resident at Bushire [28v] (1/1)

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Tehran March 6. 1820

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches of the 31st January the packets which you forwarded by that opportunity reached me safe

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most obedient & faithful
Humble servant

William Bruce Esq
British Resident
ye ye ye

Henry Willock

Bushire

Tehran March 12. 1820

Sir

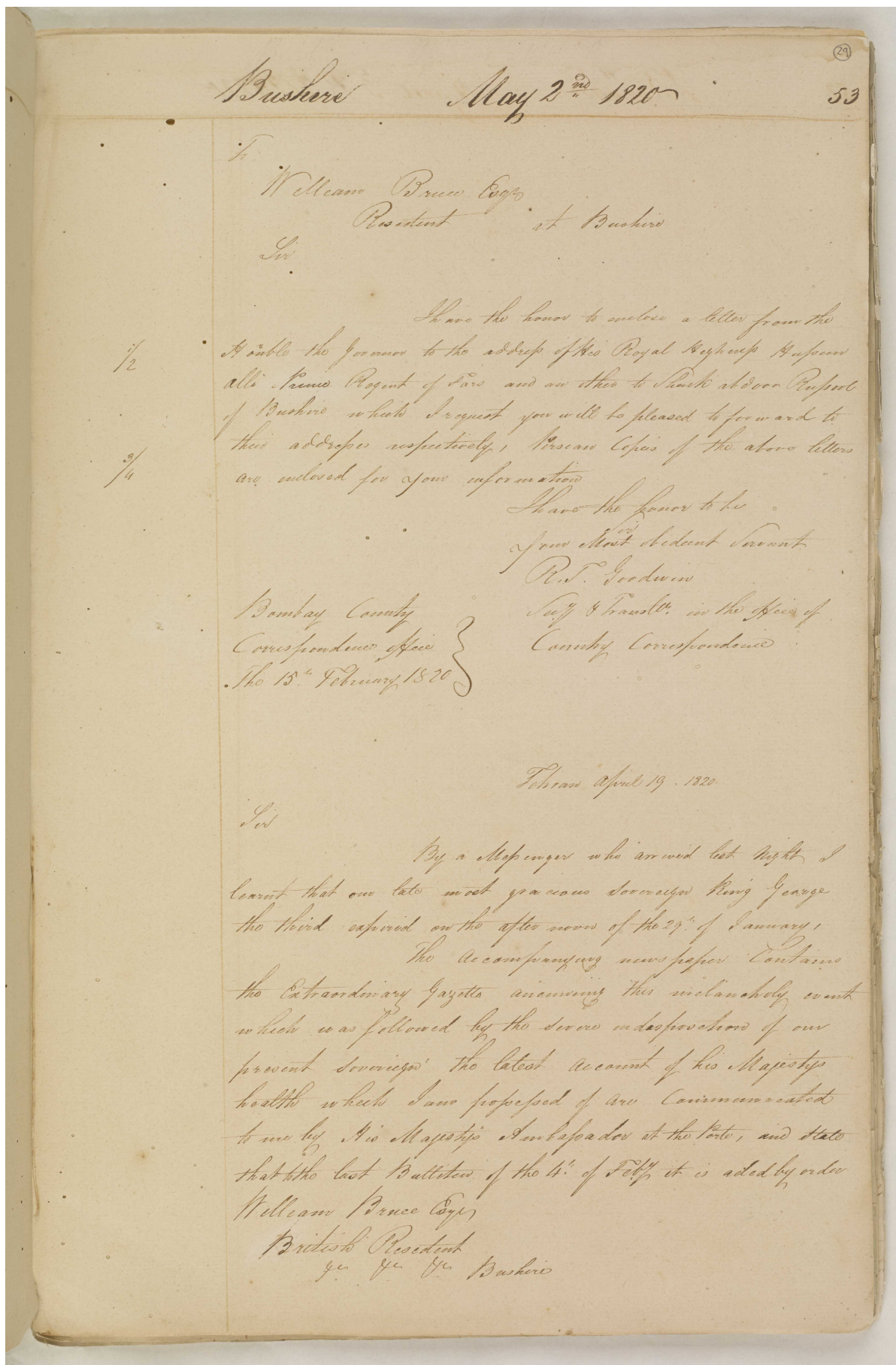
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the packets despatched by Mr Bruce on the 7th February,

your letter of the 16th ultimo reached me on the 7th Instant, and the packets was duly delivered by the present opportunity I forward despatches of considerable importance to Major General Sir William Keir which I have to beg you will forward as quick as possible

I have engaged Ismail Copeid to convey this packet to Bushire you will be pleased to pay him Four Tomans as his hire and two Tomans in the public account if he reaches you in 17 days his journey commences this evening at sun set.

I am Sir
ye ye ye
I have the honor to be
your most obedient humble servant
Henry Willock

Letter from Richard Goodwin, Secretary and Translator in the Office of Country
Correspondence, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [29r] (1/1)



Letter from Sir Henry Willock, British Envoy to Persia, to William Bruce,
Resident at Bushire [29v] (2/2)

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Bushire May 10th 15th 1820

of the Secretary of State, that the stage of inflammation
is passed over, and that the only care of His Majesty's
Physicians is now to support the King gently, and
to maintain His Majesty's strength without endangering
the return of fever and inflammation.

you will observe with regret in the
public prints that the death of our late Venerable
Monarch was preceded by that of His Royal Highness
the Duke of Kent.

I have the honor to be with
perfect truth and regard

Yours most obedient humble servant
Henry Willock

N^o 424 of 1820

To
Captain William Bruce
Resident
at Bushire

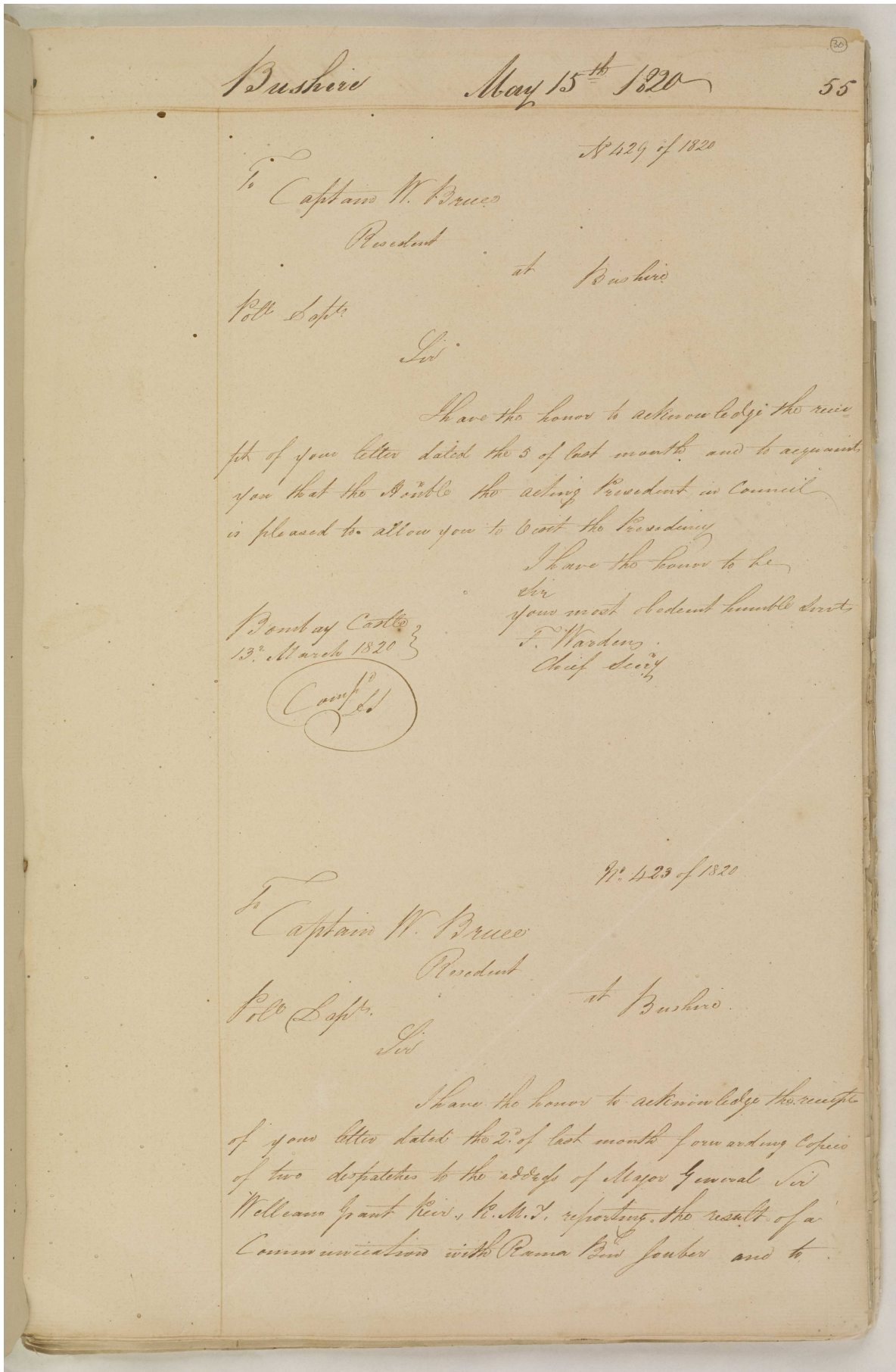
I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your despatch dated the 5th of last month
and to acquaint you that the continuance of the
Prisoners at Kalife is sanctioned by the Honourable
the Acting President in Council until further
orders

Board of Castle
13 March 1820

Comp^d
Ed

I have the honor to be
Yours most obedient
humble servant
J. Warden
Chief Secy

Letter no.429 of 1820 from Francis Warden, Chief Secretary to Government, to
Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [30r] (1/1)



Letter no.423 of 1820 from Francis Warden, Chief Secretary to Government, to
Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [30v] (1/2)

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Bushire May 15th 1820

Convey the Honble the Governor in Council's approval
of your proceedings on the occasion.

Bombay Castle
13th March 1820

Compt^d
Ld

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient
humble servant
percept F. Warden
Chief Secy

To
Captain W. Bruce

15th of 1820

Resident
Sir at Bushire

See Sept

I have the honor to convey the
Instructions of the Honble the Governor in Council
that should any application be made to you by His
Royal Highness the Prince of Shiraz for hiring any
Ships or Ships for his service you will decline the
same, the Treaty alluding only to Natural Vessels
and those to be afforded when convenient and
practicable, which is not the case at present.

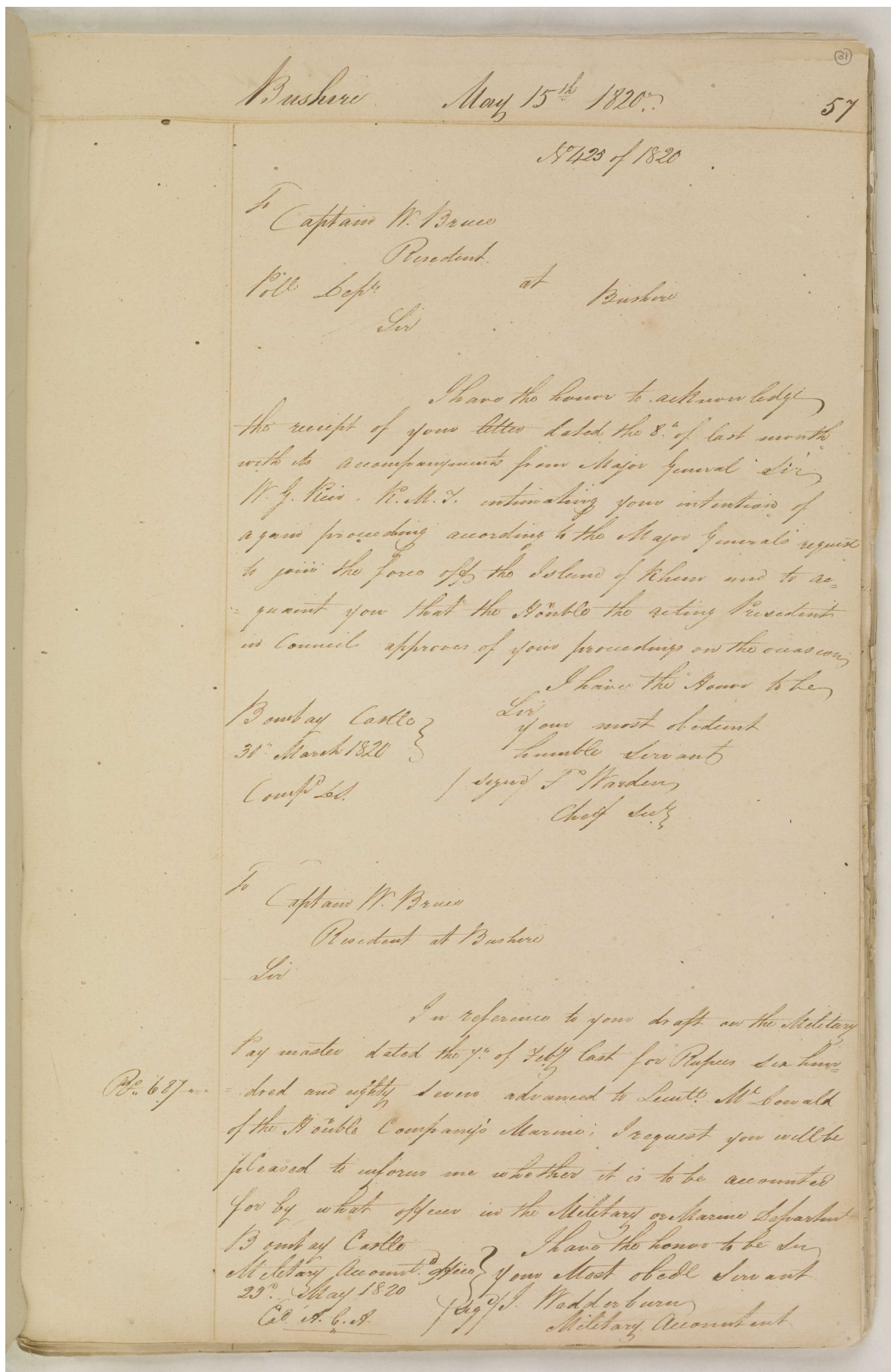
Bombay Castle

1st April 1820

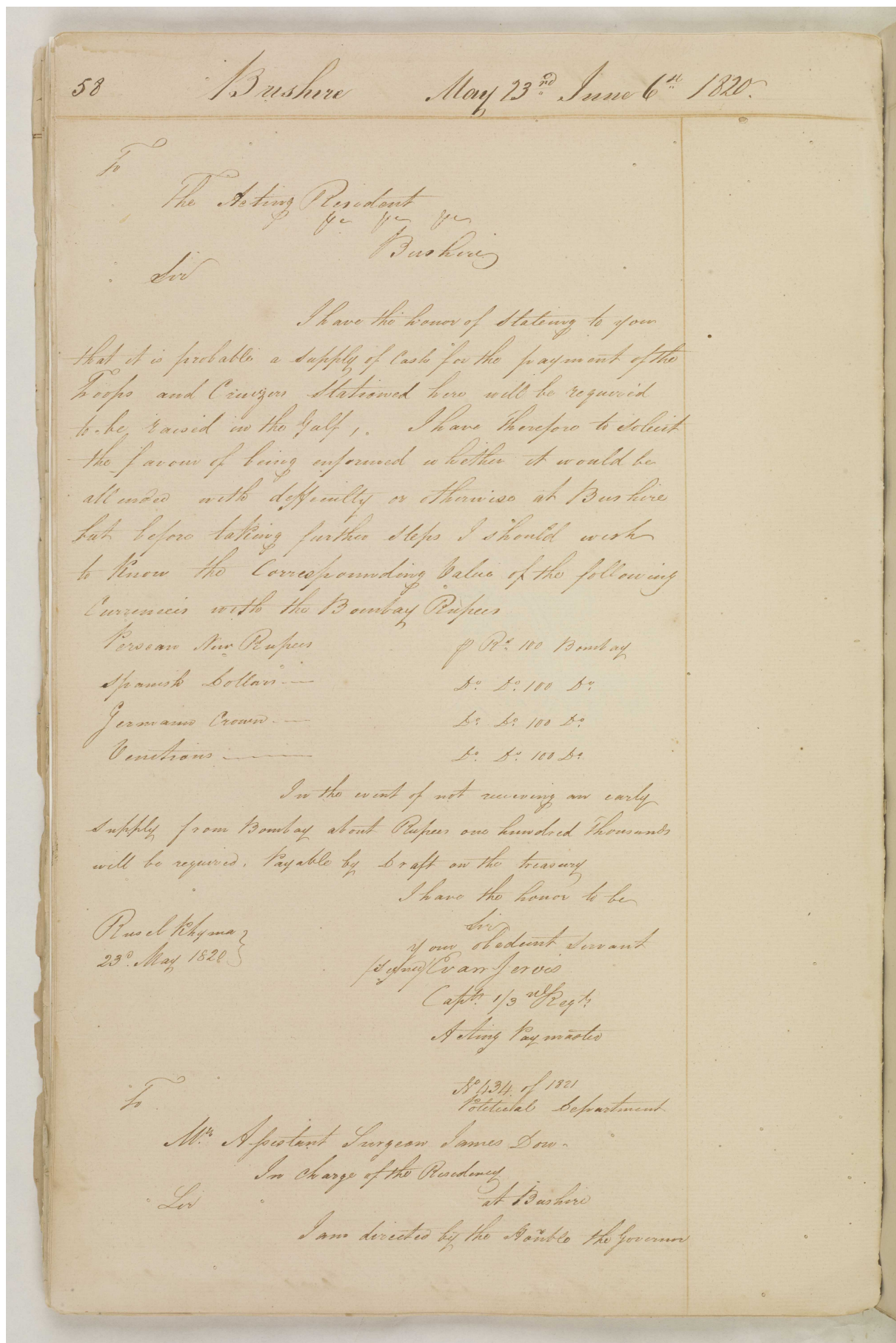
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I have the honor to be
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humble servant
percept F. Warden
Chief Secy

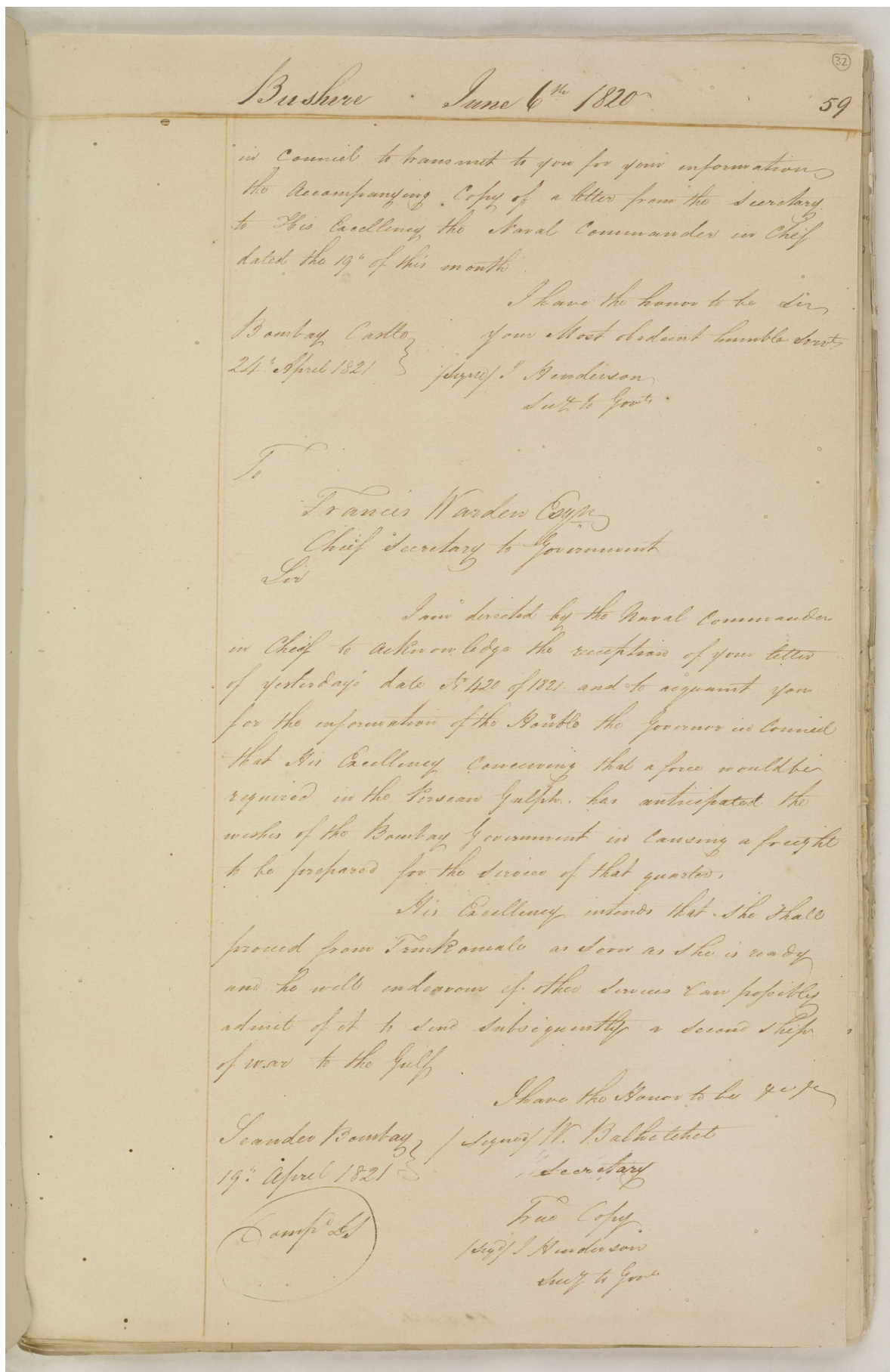
Letter no.423 of 1820 from Francis Warden, Chief Secretary to Government, to
Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [31r] (2/2)



Letter from Captain Evan Jervis, Acting Paymaster, to the Acting Resident,
Bushire [31v] (1/1)



Letter no. 434 of 1821 from Henderson, to the Assistant Surgeon James Dow, In Charge of the Residency at Bushire [32r] (2/2)



Letter from Captain Robert Taylor, Resident at Bussora [Basra], to James Dow,
Assistant Surgeon at the Bushire Residency [32v] (1/1)

60. Bushire June 8th 1820

James Dow Esq

Assistant Surgeon

Bushire Residency

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of despatches forwarded off express Boat despatched by you on the 29th May which reached this place on the morning of 2^d Instant, and to thank you for the Expeditions made of transmission adopted on this occasion.

Basra
4th June 1820

I have the honor to be
your most obedient
humble servant

(Signed) R. Taylor Capt
R. Taylor

To

James Dow Esq
in Charge of the Presidency
Bushire

Sir

I have the honor to forward to your care for transmission to the Presidency by the earliest opportunity which appears to you available one Box Packet to the address of J. Warden Esq Chief Secretary to Government.

It is of importance that this Packet should reach its destination at as early a period as may be practicable. Subsequent to its receipt, not however taking up a vessel purposely to effect this

Basra 3^d June 1820 } I have the honor to be
your obedient humble servant
R. Taylor
R. Taylor

Letter from James Bruce Simson, Secretary to Government, to Lieutenant William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [33v] (1/1)

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June 16th 1820

Circular

Public Department

To

Captain W. Bruce

Resident at Bushire

Sir

The Honourable the Governor in Council
Considering it highly objectionable that any alteration
in whatever should be made in the distribution of the
Salaries, or in the Number, or Designation of the several
Station Officers, who now or may hereafter compose
your authorized establishments, is pleased to direct
that none take place, without his express sanction

I have the honor to be,

Bombay Castle
27th Jan^y 1820

Sir
your most obed^t servant

J. B. Simson

Secy to Government

To

William Bruce Esq^r

Resident at

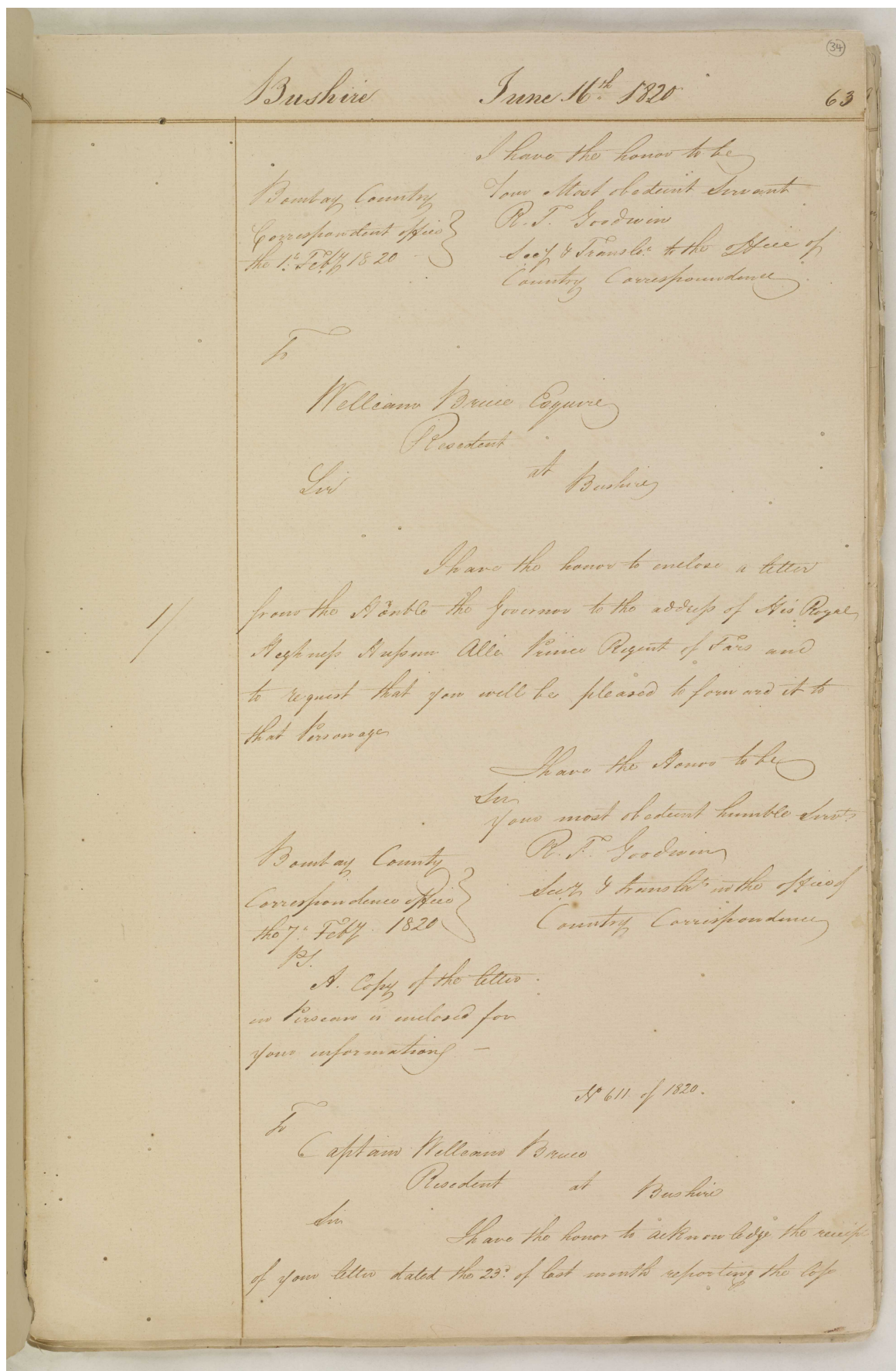
Sir

Bushire

I have the honor to enclose a letter
from the Honourable the Governor to the address of His
Royal Highness Asaph Ali Pasha Regent of Pers
and another to His Excellency Mohamed Asaph
Khan Pasha Minister at Tehran both of which I request
you will be pleased to forward to those addresses,

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Circular letter from Richard Goodwin, Secretary and Translator in the Office of
Country Correspondence, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [34r]
(2/2)



Letter no.611 of 1820, from James Henderson, Secretary to Government, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [34v] (2/2)

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of the Noble Company's Cruiser Ariel and the Commodore
Stanes attending that melancholy event which Intelligence
has been received by the Noble the Governor in Council
with great Concern.

2^d The Governor in Council has learned
with Satisfaction the humane treatment experienced
by the Survivors from the Shante of Kharacke and
entirely approves of your rewarding a present to that
Chief to the extent specified in your letter.

Bombay Castle }
18th April 1820 }

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Pumble servant
Jas Henderson
Secy to Gov^{ty}

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N^o 1493. of 1819/20

Captain William Bruce

Resident

Col^l Sept.

Sir

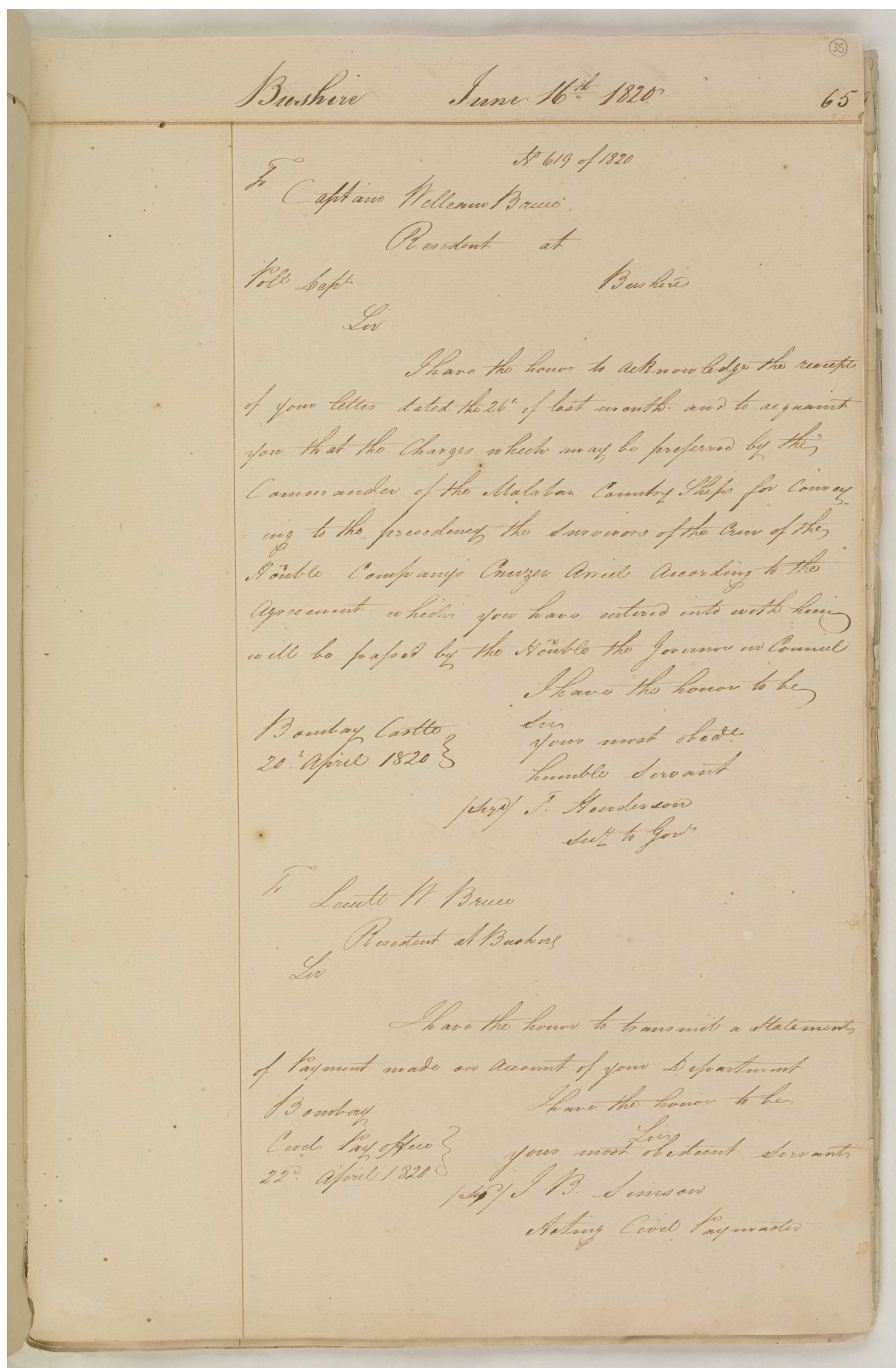
Bushire

I have the honor to advise you
of the redemption of your debentures from June
to December 1819 inclusive

Bombay Castle }
Office of Audit }
18th April 1820 }

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed^t servant
Rog^{ts} W. Wetherburn
Civil Auditor

Letter no.619 of 1820, from James Henderson, Secretary to Government, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [35r] (1/1)



Letter no.669 of 1820, from Francis Warden, Chief Secretary to Government, to
Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [35v] (1/1)

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To

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Captain W. Bruce

Resident at Bushire

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 2^d of this month
transmitting copies of a correspondence with the
Agent Commanding at Rasool Khyma on the
subject of a supply of water being furnished
by you for the use of that garrison and to express
the hopes of the Honble the Governor in Council that
you may have complied with a request so
earnestly preferred by Captain Thompson

Bombay Castle }
28th April 1820

(C^d to)

I have the Honor to be

your most obed^t servant

Francis Warden
Chief Secy

N^o 676 of 1820

Political Department

To

Captain William Bruce

Resident at Bushire

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter dated the 26th of last month
and to acquaint you that the Honble the Governor
in Council approves of your having visited His Royal

Letter no.676 of 1820, from Francis Warden, Chief Secretary to Government, to
Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [36r] (2/2)

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My knave the Prince of Shera who within the district
of Bushire, and sanctions, the present / to the extent
of 4,000 Rupees / which you propose making to His Royal
Highness and that of 300 Rupees made to the bearer of the
Khilant . .

2 With respect to the assistance in shipping
for which His Royal Highness has applied to carry
his Troops a Corps to Bahrain at the end of next autumn,
you will be pleased to acquaint His Highness that
under the arrangements which have been lately made
for the effectual suppression of Piracy, it would be
highly incommensurate to the British Government,
to afford the assistance required

I have the Honor to be
Sir your Most obed^t humble etc
Signed Anderson
Sent to Govt

Pomboy Castle }
23rd April 1820 }

To The President
at Bushire

Sir I have the pleasure to send by the
Humble Company's Ship Onward the Clothing 1818 for
the detachment of the 1st or Marine Battalion 11th
Regiment serving at Bushire agreeably to the enclosed
List

I have the honor to be Sir
your Most obed^t servant
Signed W. Black
Adly, Mr. B

Pomboy }
30th April 1820 }

Letter from George Forster Sadleir, to The Officer in Charge of the Bushire
Residency [36v] (1/1)

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To

The Officer in Charge of the Bushire Residency
per per per
Sir

Previous to my departure from the red sea
I had the pleasure to address you requesting you would discon-
tinue the monthly payment of part wages to the families of those
servants who accompanied me from Bushire in to Arabia.
Conceiving it probable that my letter may not have reached you
I have now avail myself of the opportunity to request that
that this measure, if not already adopted in consequence
of my not having forwarded remittance list of may be
carried in to effect forthwith, and that you will do me
the favour to transmit me an account of my disbursements
which may have been made on account of this mission
as it is necessary I should close my account with
the Government as speedily as possible,

Bombay
11th May 1820

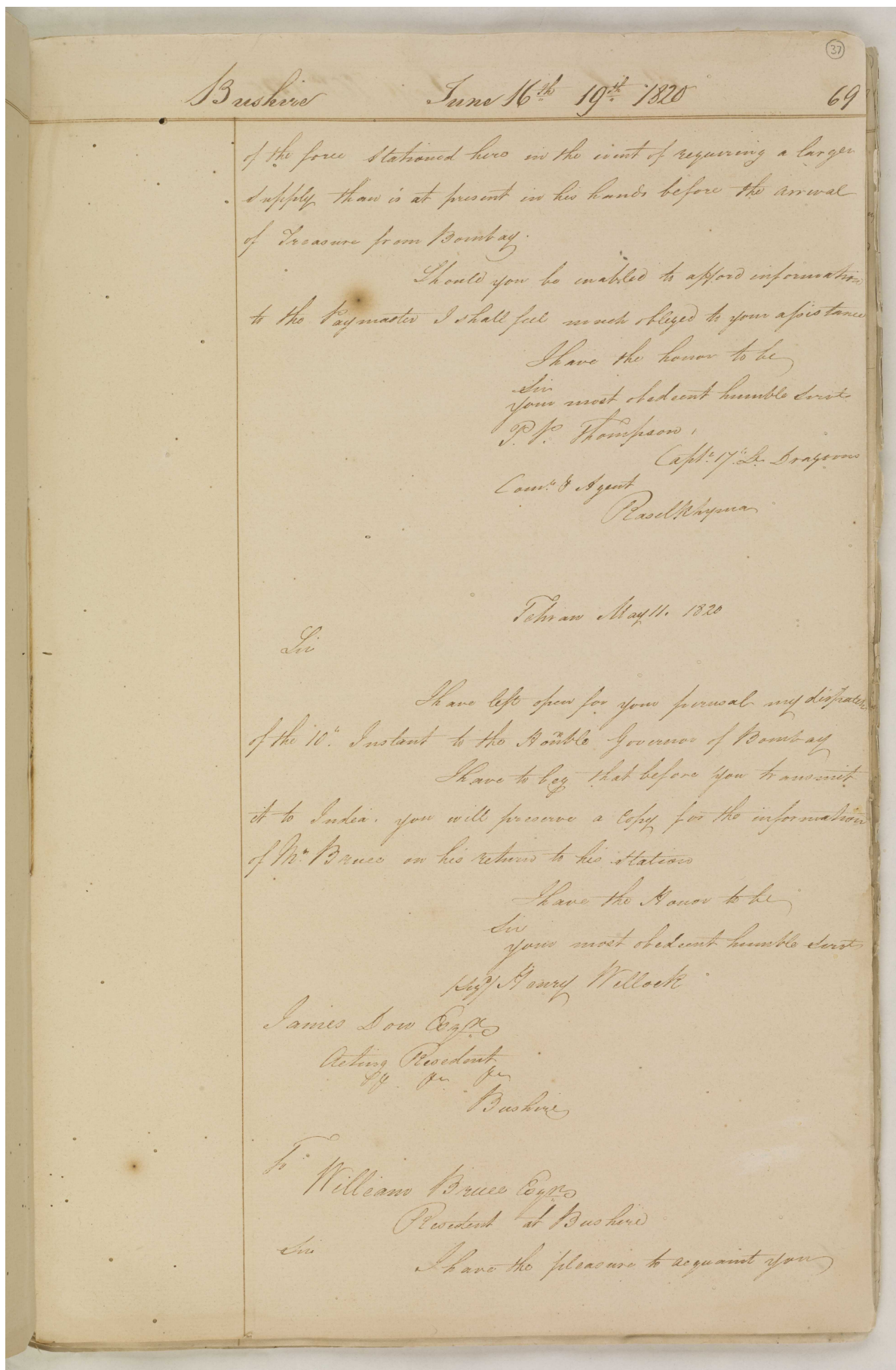
I have the honor to be,
Sir
your most obediently
obedient servant
George Forster Sadleir

Rasool Khayma 23rd May 1820

To
The Acting Resident
per per per
Bushire
Sir

I have the honor to enclose to you a
letter from Captain Service acting Paymaster at this place
containing a request to be informed upon what
terms he can raise money at Bushire for the payment

Letter from Captain Thomas Perronet Thompson, 17th Light Dragoons, to the Acting
Resident at Bushire [37r] (2/2)



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that sundry Bills for Contingent Charges, as off.
accompanying List have been passed by the Military
Auditor General for Papers 872.2.93. Eight hundred
and seventy two two quarters and Ninety three Pans.

Bombay Pay Office

Extraord

26th April 1820

I have the honor to be
your most obedient slave and
attending
Military Pay Master

Tehran March 10. 1820

Sir

I had the honor to receive your Despatches
of the 30th of January and of the 2nd of February, on the 4th Inst.
and had great pleasure in observing the eminent success
which has attended all your operations. I beg to offer my
acknowledgements for this ample communications, a
despatch of the 13 of December from the Honorable Governor
of Bombay. Copying communications of the same date
to the Most Noble the Marquis of Hastings and to your
address. Likewise reached me.

It must unfortunately happen, that
the Shah is absent on a party of pleasure to Kishan,
so that it is only in my power at present to inform you
of the nature of my communications to the Persian Ministers.
The Shah is not expected to return before the 16th, I made
a full and candid exposition of the views and objects
of the British Government and stated that for the

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permanent suppression of Piracy, the possession of a commanding position in the Gulf was deemed necessary, that we had already the choice of two places, either Ras-ul-Hayma or Kish perhaps might not be considered sufficiently Central, or the Island of Kishm which I had no doubt would be ceded by the Imam of Muscat, if its acquisition proved convenient, but this point would be determined by your personal observation, and I conceived it probable that the Persian Government might be asked to cede one of the Islands more suitably situated for the objects we meditated if the position of Kishm was found acceptable, that such a grant would not be demanded without the prospect of reciprocal advantages, the British Government as a preliminary testimony of their desire to strengthen the power of Persia had directed you to transfer to the Authorities of the Shah such parts as the Persian Coast as you might have occasion to reduce, or such as might voluntarily consent to acknowledge the supremacy of Persia, and that the Islands which were now independent might by acts of mediation or compulsion be induced to submit to the Persian Authority, The British Government had learned the desire of the Shah to submit the Island of Bahman, and it seemed probable that the Abscherahs might be induced by the mediation of the British Government to pay a Tribute to Persia, I debated all the Arguments suggested by the Honble Mr. Alphonstano to convince them of the integrity of the intentions of the British Government and stated the necessity of His Majesty's

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established regulations at the Persian Ports for the future suppression of Piracy of a similar nature with those contracted by the Arab Chiefs which I submitted to their observation, you will observe that in this communication I laid down as an established point the title of the Annex of Shusht to the sovereignty of Persia, as the slightest doubt expressed on this head would have laid to a claim of Supremacy on the part of the Shah, which I am not certain may not still be advanced,

An observation at the close of your despatch of the 30th January which seemed to entertain a doubt in your mind (from the information which you had hitherto acquired) as to the legitimacy of the Island of Kishma, as the seat of occupation induced me in my first interview with the Ministers to propose as provisional, the transfer to the Persian authority of such Islands as you may reduce, or such as may voluntarily acknowledge the Supremacy of Persia, and your mediation with a view to the submission of Bahman, This advantage has been proposed, and probably before this despatch reaches you will have been partly executed without the demand of any reciprocal good office, but I conceived a reservation of this nature at the commencement of my verbal communication would greatly facilitate the cession of an Island which never will be granted by the Shah from motives of generosity in return for Efforts & services rendered to him, and being reluctantly in any conditions so great is the dread of our holding

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any proposition in immediate vicinity of His Majesty's dominions.

The Under Secretary in questions of foreign policy
 "Hers no opinion without having consulted his colleague
 "Mirza Abdul Wahab. Mostamat ed. Dowlat replies at length
 "on the great benefit which Persia had received from great
 "Britain, and the Shah so fully appreciated the value
 "of the alliance that he unreasonably adopted those measures
 "which he conceived calculated to strengthen it, and
 "shunned such as afforded even the distant prospect of less
 "intimate relations, or laid the foundation of future
 "dissensions. Nations whose states approximated never
 "were so warmly attached as those whose frontiers were
 "remote from each other, with regard to establishing regulations
 "at the sea ports for the suppression of piracy no doubt
 "it was necessary, and the orders which had been
 "issued to Sir William Keir to re-establish the Persian
 "authorities on the coast evinced the good will and
 "actions of the British Government and was a continuation
 "of that friendly policy which had always been
 "observed towards Persia, regarding Kuchan, without
 "a reference to maps and records he could offer no
 "decided opinion, but he conceived that the Sumatra
 "of Muscat into the Government of this Island
 "under the supremacy of Persia, in the same manner
 "as he presided over the affairs of Bender Abbas, the
 "Cession of the Island was a question which required great
 "consideration, the same demand had been many times
 "made by the British Government, and the Shah had not

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" acceded to the request. But on one or any of the points.
" suggested what could be said. The Shah was absent
" and without consulting His Majesty nothing could be
" determined.

I hoped to offer a few more observations. I stated
that the chief advantage derived from the alliance between
great Britain and Persia, was the trade carried on between
India and Persian Ports, and Commerce with Basora.
The Turkish and Arabian Ports was likewise of the first
importance, these advantages could not be reaped to
their full extent unless tranquillity was preserved
on the seas, and we had found from experience that the
suppression of Piracy could not be effected except by
the establishment of British influence in the Gulf.

If an English settlement in the vicinity
of Persia was dreaded, this was already effected, and
Persia was in effect to the same danger when a British
force was stationed at Rasool Wharve / from whence
troops could be transported to the Persian Ports in two days,
and which of the Ports could resist the attack of 200 Men /
or at Keshma as if we possessed any other Island. I
appealed to the good sense of the Ministers to Past and
present events, it had always been the Policy of great
Britain to strengthen Persia, and at present the
absolute safety of the Persian authorities on the Coast
which it was our duty to establish, was considered
one of the principal Checks to Piracy. If our designs
had been limited it would have been our policy to

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recommend the Chiefs on the Coast to support their independence, an Establishment in the Gulf would be effected, if possible with the Consent of Persia, but of this was withheld, it was possible that the right and Title of the Shah to all Islands in the Gulf might be questioned, and if the invasion of Bahrein was attempted and proved unsuccessful, and our mediation was declined I could not expect that the British Government might not hereafter meddle its occupation, I wished these latter Statements to be considered as the observations of a friend, who was attached to the Interest of the Shah, and requested they might be weighed, I have greatly to regret both the absence of the Shah at this Period and that the late Communication from the Honorable the Governor of Bombay did not reach a month sooner, as from the tenor of your late instructions it seems likely that the greater part of the force will have returned to Bombay before you can properly receive the determination of his Persian Majesty;

The great reluctance which the Persian Government have always evinced to our forming any Settlement in their Neighbourhood is by no means diminished, the principal Cause of alarm is that our Views embrace an ultimate extension of influence, and they regard such a Settlement as calculated to check the independent pursuits of their foreign Relations of even they should wish to adopt a different Policy towards the European powers than that at present observed,

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The Vanity of the Persians makes them regard their Country as the most favoured spot of the universe, and the object of Envy & desire to all neighbouring States, as principal Politicians they rec'd to mind, the Nature of our first establishment in India, from the small extent of our original possessions to the final attainment of an immense Empire, and the inference they draw is that the same result is to be expected if once we acquire a footing in Persia or its immediate neighbourhood.

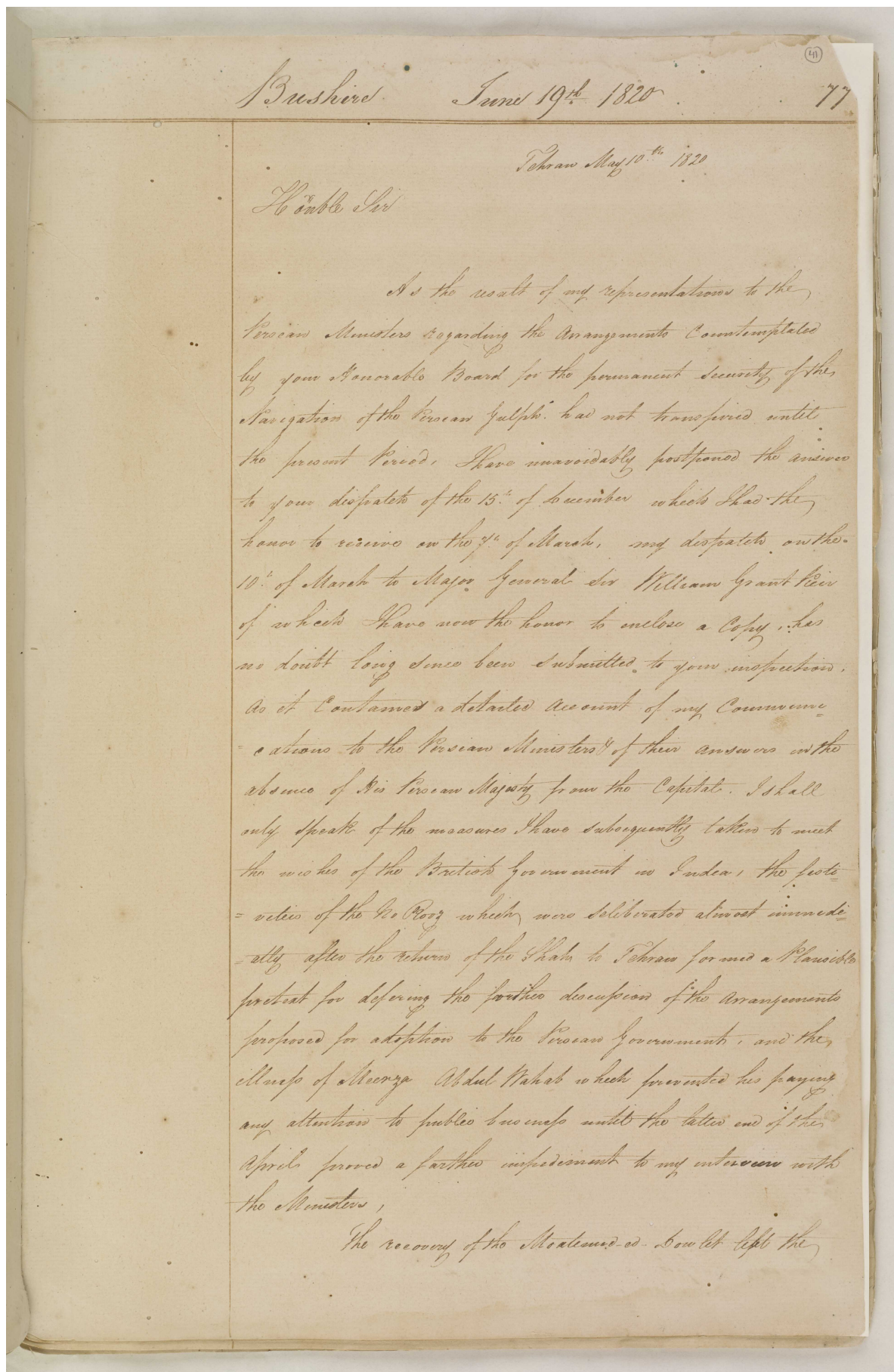
It is I humbly conceive to be wished that the Island of Kishma may answer the purposes we look to, and I think the present occupation of that Island would silence the Claim of Persia to its sovereignty, or at any rate facilitate its Cession of such Claims are advanced and shall be considered by the British Government Valed, The Inman of Muscat might perhaps be prevailed on the decline affording shipping to convey the Persian Troops to Bushire, and the prospect of the submission of this Island through the mediation of the British Government might prove a strong inducement to an accession with our wishes

I have the honor to be
Yr Obedt Servt

Henry Willocke

Major General. Sir William Grant Knt. K.B. &c
Yr Obedt Servt

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Ministers no longer for deferring the conference which I had so long solicited, and on my pressing the appointments of one hour for this purpose, and complaining that they had not met the day before agreeably to an arrangement on their parts. The answer of the Subr Angim already showed that the cause of their endeavouring to avoid a free discussion of the subject, was the decided repugnance of the Shah to listen to any proposals for the formation of a British settlement in the neighbourhood of Persia.

The Subr Angim had probably received instructions from the Shah to give this answer in the expectation that I should be deterred from pressing the subject. His Excellency having expressed a fear of laying my representations before the Shah, I begged him to procure me the favour of an audience with His Majesty, in order that I might personally represent the wishes of my Government, and which I felt convinced would be viewed in a different light by His Majesty, as the extended Commerce of Persia & the increasing prosperity of His Majesty's subjects were benefits which must result from an acquaintance with the propositions which I was instructed to make.

On the 5th Instant I was called to a Conference and was informed that His Persian Majesty having learned the nature of the proposals which I had laid before his Ministers, had instructed them to reply that with regard to the Capture of an Island in the Persian Gulf, a similar wish had been advanced

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many years before, and His Majesty had not listened to the
proposition, it was a point of the utmost importance and
of such a request was made, it ought to be originate
either from His Britannic Majesty, the British East
India Company or His Excellency the Governor General
of India, His Persian Majesty was not aware
that I was invested with powers to treat on such weighty
matters, I had been accredited to A.P.M. Court as A.P.M.
Charge d'affaires and as such only His P.M. recognized me,
His Persian Majesty Ambassador at London has announced
the intention of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent
to send an Ambassador to the Court of Persia and it seemed
advisable on all accounts that the discussion of this subject
should be deferred until the arrival of the expected Minister,
His Majesty was surprised that the Sultan of Muscat
should claim the sovereignty of the Island of Keshm, His
Highness held the Government of Gandom and
of its dependencies, of which Keshm was one under the
supreme authority of the Sovereign of Persia, and the
records of the Empire would establish this fact,
as His Majesty derived all information regarding the
Province of Fars and the Islands of the Gulf from
the Prince Governor, and undertook no political
measure without previously consulting A.P.M. His
advice must be received from Shiraz before the mediation
of the British Government to render Bahrein tributary
to Persia could be accepted, as it was the earnest
desire of the Persian Majesty that tranquillity & security

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should be permanently established in the Gulf of Persia.
His Majesty was ready to adopt any measure conducive
to the attainment of that desired object, and orders would
be issued to His P. M. the Prince of Persia to establish regulations
at the Persian Ports similar to those which had been acceded
to by the Arabian Chiefs, and to establish a distinguishing
flag to be carried by all Vessels belonging to His Persian
Majesty's Subjects. His Majesty did not approve
of the Persian Coast being visited by English Boats for
the purpose of checking the outfit of Armed Vessels,
or of any Control being exercised by foreign Officers
over the Ports Subjects to His Majesty, but with a view
of effecting the former object H. B. M. Captain Alcock
would be instructed to appoint a Saragah or inspecting
Officer of Ports, whose duty will be to pay a Monthly
Visit to the different Persian Ports, and who will be
invested with Authority to put a Stop to all pre-
judicial or measures which betray a tendency to the
prejudice of Persia. His Royal Highness the Prince
Governor of Persia would be instructed to remove from
His Government the Shah of the Port of Charrak
in Compliance with the wishes of the British Government,
such are the only points of Concession I have been able
to effect, I perceived the fixed determination of the Shah
not to cede the possession of an Island, either permanently
or temporarily and to have urged the question would
at once have been productive of no benefit, and might
have closed the door to future Negotiations which

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may be resumed with better prospect of success by the
expected Minister to this Court, particularly if he is
authorized to grant any favour to His Persian Majesty,
the great repugnance of the Shah to the formation
of any British settlement in the neighbourhood
of Persia which I have noticed in a former part
of this communication as strongly manifested
by His Majesty's not immediately accepting the
British Mediation to obtain a Tribute from the
Island of Bahrein an object which he so ardently
desired and which H. M. was aware must at a
future time be difficult of attainment from
the already advanced state of the Negotiation between
the Shah of Bahrein and the Sultan of Muscat
and I conceive that H. M. declined accepting the
Mediation of the British Government from the
dread that such good offices would only be exerted
under the expectation of obtaining the Cession of an
Island. I have had the honor of duly receiving
Sir William Grant Keir's Despatches of the 7th 14th &
22nd of March.

I have the honor to be with
the greatest Respect
Sir

your most obedient devoted humble etc.
Henry Willock

To The Honble Mountstuart Elphinstone
President and Governor in Council
Bombay

Letter no.247 of 1820, from James Farish, Secretary to Government, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [43v] (1/1)

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N^o 247 of 1820

Marine & Forest Department

To Captain William Bruce

Resident at

See

Bushire

I am directed by the Honble the Gov^r in Council to transmit to you the accompanying Extract of a Statement of a Balance due by Individuals amounting to Rupees 12258.2.71/ Twelve thousand two hundred and fifty Eight two quarters and seventy one paces and to call upon you to furnish the information required by the Marine Board

Bombay Castle
31st March 1820

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant
Signed J. Farish
Secy to Gov^r

N^o 150 of 1820

Circular

Public Department

To Captain William Bruce

Resident at Bushire

See

The Honble the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that from and after the 1st of May next, all Bills for allowances to Clerks, writers or other servants employed in Public Offices, shall be both their names and official designations, and

Circular letter no.450 of 1820, from James Bruce Simson, Secretary to Government, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [44r] (2/3)

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the sums allowed and paid to each, either for the whole month or broken period as the case may be; and the party's receipt written in a column for receipts to be annexed to the monthly Abstracts.

2^d Another Column must be added to the Abstract in which the date of every Casualty during the month, either by despatch, death, resignation, or desertion, must be noted opposite to the name of each party, beyond which pay of course will not be paid; and in which Column must also be noted the date upon which every vacancy occurring has been filled up, which will continue to be filled agreeably to the established usage of the service, prior to which salary will not be charged.

3^d As however inconvenience might result in inserting on the body of the abstracts, all the names of the inferior servants, Peons, Sowdars, Pindars, Lascars, and other servants who are now drawn for in the aggregate, they will continue to be so, but every charge of this kind, must be accompanied by a roll exhibiting the names, official designation & salary of each, opposite to which, as in regular statutory muster rolls, the date of every Casualty & that upon which a vacancy may have been filled up is to be specified; beyond & prior to which, pay of course is not to be charged, and both the General Abstracts and the rolls are to be accompanied with a declaration, liable to be verified on oath, that the several persons whose names are borne thereon, are entitled for the period for which their allowances are charged, and that the same have been, or will be, paid to each.

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individual as therein set forth.

4th It is to be clearly understood that the several public Establishments are to be kept up in every department as the same may have been fixed by Government, and not otherwise; it is not permitted to the Heads of Departments or Offices to increase the pay of the persons composing these establishments, by diminishing the Number of Public servants allowed by Government, without its express sanction.

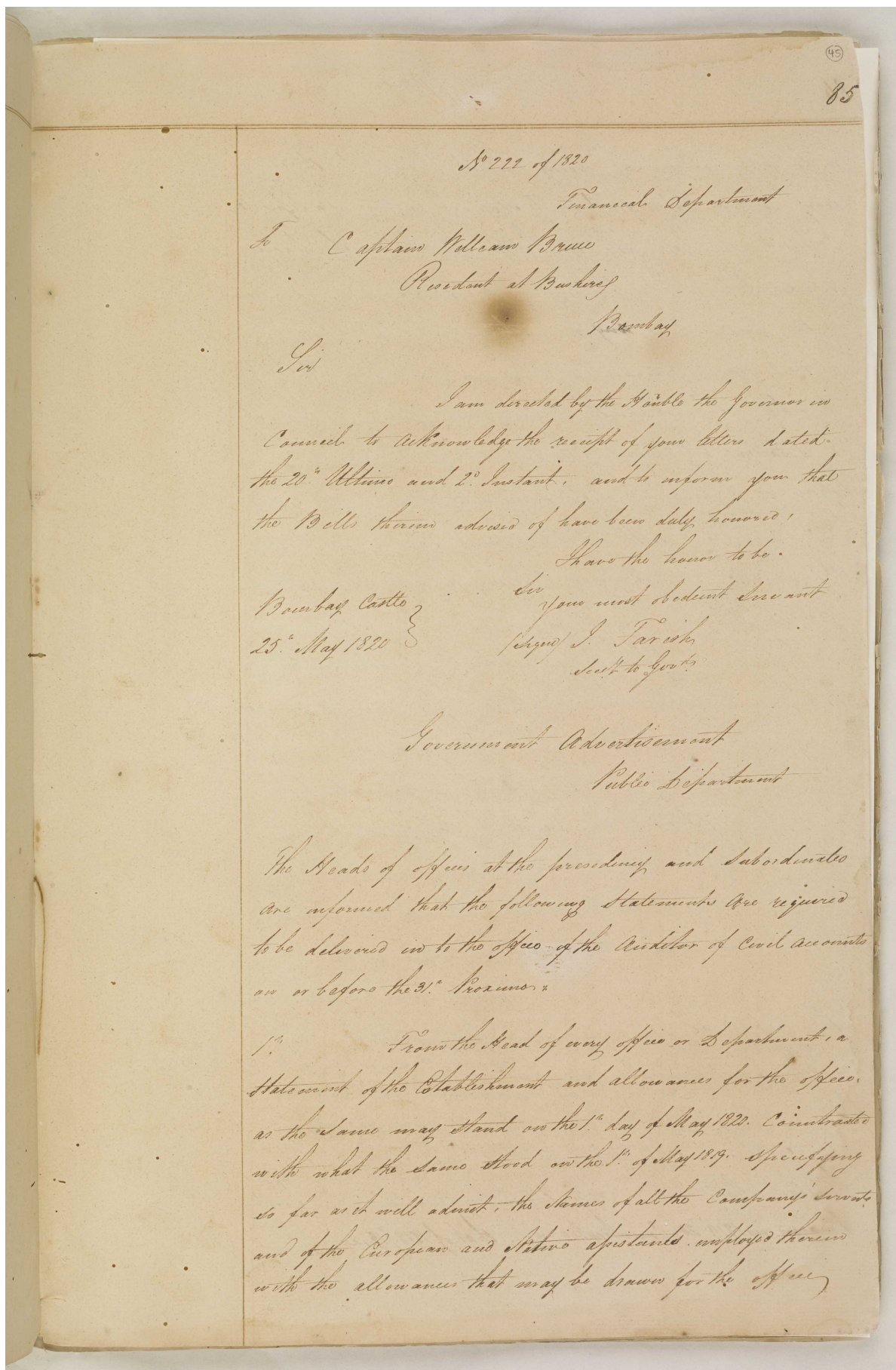
5th Heads of Departments are authorized to fine the Purvocs or other servants employed under them, for idleness, non attendance at the established hours, and other offences in the office; the fines to be carried to the Credit of the Purvocs fund.

6th The Officer having an Establishment of Clerks, writers or other public servants under him, shall keep an Office Book, in which shall be entered the Name of each Clerk, writer or other servants, the Nature of his employment, and the salary allowed him by Government.

Bombay Castle
21st April 1820

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
James B. Simson
Secretary to Government

Letter no.222 of 1820, from James Farish, Secretary to Government, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [45r] (1/1)



Government Advertisement (Public Department), from John Wedderburn, Auditor of Civil Accounts [45v] (2/2)

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or for any Contingency, being careful to include therein every expense that is paid in its nature, quoting in a separate Column, the dates of the Authorities on which each Charge is founded, and Subjoining a Counteracted memorandum of the Accounts of any fees or other Emoluments drawn in the 2 years 1818/19 and 1819/20 by any one belonging to the Office 2^{ndly} from the Head of every Office or Department a detailed Statement of the Pensions payable from each Office or Department as the same may stand on the 1st May 1820 Counteracted with what the same stood on the 1st May 1819, quoting in a separate Column, the dates of the authorities granting them.

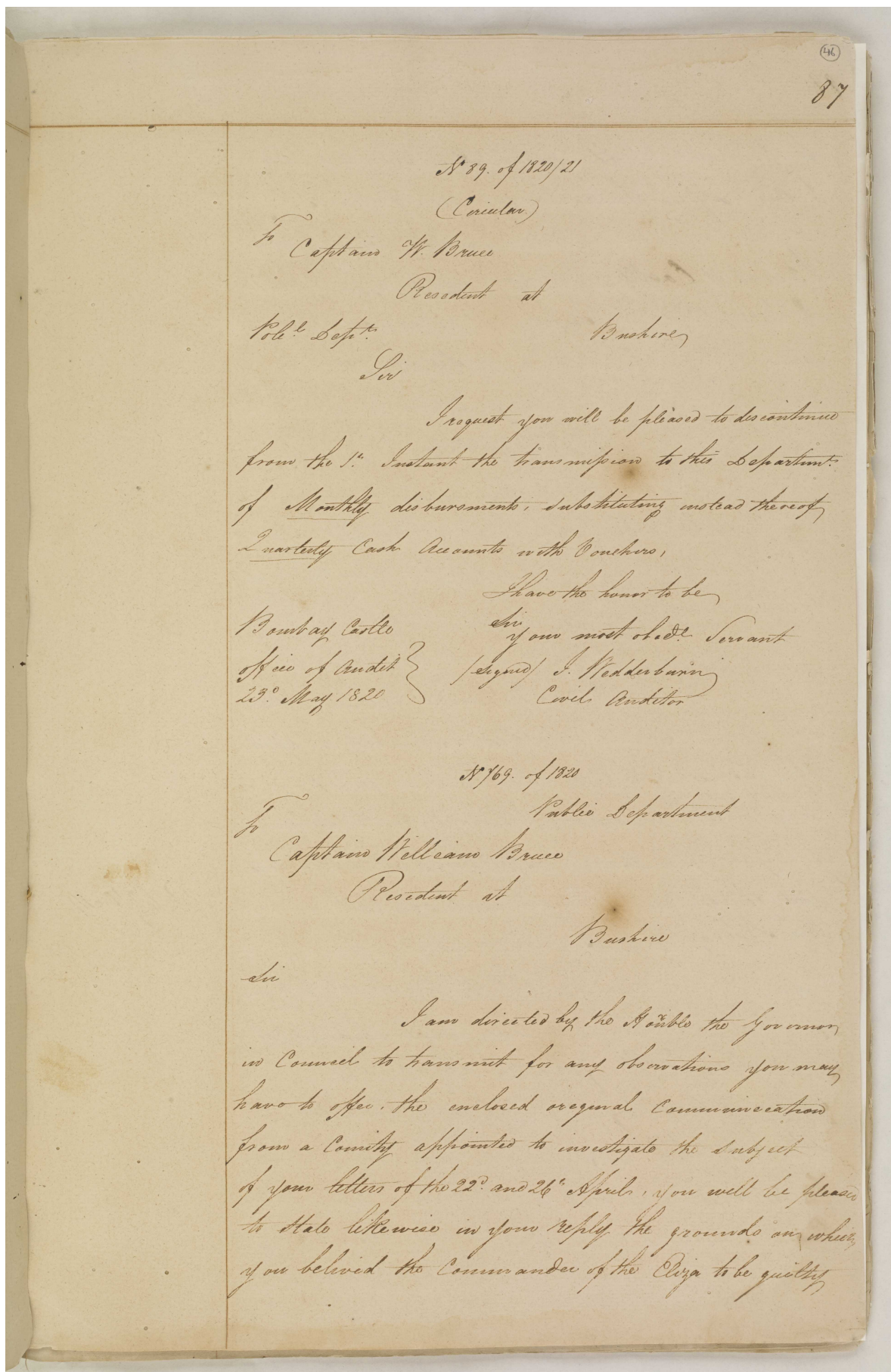
3^{dly} from every Covenantant Servant on the Bombay Establishment a Statement of the monthly Annual or other Civil or Military Allowances drawn by him from the Company, and also of all the Emoluments, paid or so paid which he has enjoyed in consequence of any Office or employment held under this Government during the year ending on the 30th of April 1820. Specifying the Source from whence he derived such Emoluments

Bombay Castle
Office of Auditor
30th April 1820

J. Wedderburn
Auditor of Civil Accounts

P.S. No Officers should be included in the Pension List, but merely the Annual Amount of each Pension in 1819/20 Counteracted with that of 1818/19, &c

Letter no.89 of 1820/21 from John Wedderburn, Civil Auditor, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [46r] (1/1)



Circular letter no.769 of 1820, from James Bruce Simson, Secretary to Government, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [46v] (2/2)

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of General Cruelly towards his crew, and return
to this office the documents now forwarded.

Bombay Castle } I have the honor to be
8 June 1820 } your most obedt. servant
James B. Simson
Secy to Govt

N^o 766 of 1820/21

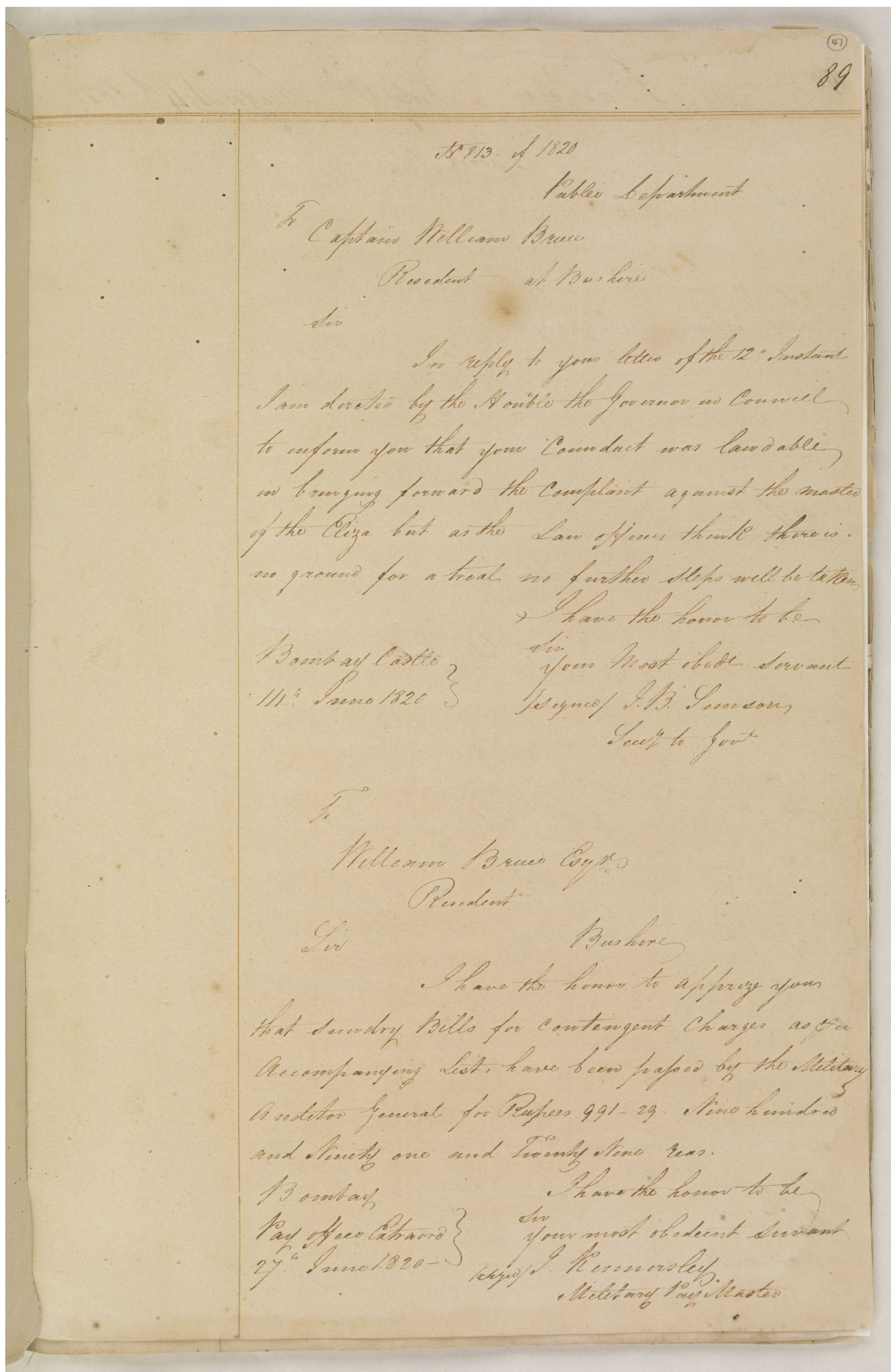
For
Captain William Bruce
Resident Bushire
Vice Depa^t
Sir

I have the honor to inform you
that your disbursements from January to April,
1820, inclusive, will be admitted on your transme-
ting to this department Receipts for the sum
of Rupees six thousand two hundred and seventy
and fourteen was charged in March last on acc^t
His Majesty's Mission in Persia.

Per 62/0-14

I have the honor to be
your most obedt. Servant
James B. Simson
Bombay Castle } Civil Auditor
Office of Audit }
12th June 1820 }

Circular letter no.813 of 1820, from James Bruce Simson, Secretary to Government, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [47r] (1/1)



Letter from Sir Henry Willock, British Envoy to Persia, to James Dow, In Charge
of the Bushire Residency [47v] (1/1)

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Bushire July 18th. August 4th 1820

Tabriz June 13. 1820

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the 15th & 20th of May with the
Packets which accompanied them.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant

Sir Henry Willock

James Dow Esq.

In Charge of Bushire Residency

Tabriz July 6. 1820

Sir

I have the honor to enclose under
a flying seal for your information, my despatches
of the 11th Instant to the Honble Governor of Bombay.
I have to beg that before you transmit it to
India you will preserve a Copy for the information
of Mr. Bruce on his return to his station.

I conclude that my letter of the
11 of May covering a despatch of the 10th 3rd to the
Honble Mr. Ophinstone open for your perusal
has reached you. if the despatch alluded to
should unfortunately have miscarried, a Copy
of the same is contained in the accompanying
Packet to the address of Captain Thompson
which in the supposed case of miscarriage, you will

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Bushire August 14th 1820

be pleased to open and to preserve a copy of the
dispatch of the 10th of May to the Honble Mr. Canning
and to transmit one for the information of the
Bombay Government,

you will oblige me by forwarding
at the earliest opportunity to Raselkhyma the
packet addressed to Captain Thompson.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedt
humble servant
Signed Henry Willock

James Dow Esq
In Charge of the Residency

To James Dow Esq
Acting Resident at Bushire

Sir

I beg leave to inform you the British
Troops quitted Raselkhyma on the 18th July 1820 and
have arrived & taken up a position at Derestan
situated in Angar Sound,

Owing to Captain Thompson's proceeding
to Bombay sick, he has authorized me to act: as
political Agent during his absence, I shall therefore
feel obliged for whatever information you can give
me concerning the Wahabee Tribe, should they
attempt to commit depredations in any part of Gulf

Letter from C Mallard, Political Agent at Laristan, to James Dow, Acting
Resident at Bushire [48v] (2/2)

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Bushire August 8th 1820

I am

Sir

your most obedient servant

Laristan

29th July 1820

Wm. C. Mallard

Actg Political Agent

To J. Lowe Esq.

or Officer in Charge of the Presidency

Sir

Bushire

You will receive with this a
Letter to your address from Lieut. Price the
Acting Magistrate to the force at this place
requesting you to raise a Loan for him of one
Lakh of Bombay Rupees, in Spanish Dollars,
German Crowns, or New Persian Rupees according
to the most favourable rate of Exchange

I beg leave to solicit your good offices
on this occasion, and express a hope you will use your
best endeavours to expedite the accomplishment of this
desirable object, in a way which you shall judge
most advantageous to the Public Service

Laristan

29th July 1820

I have the honour to be

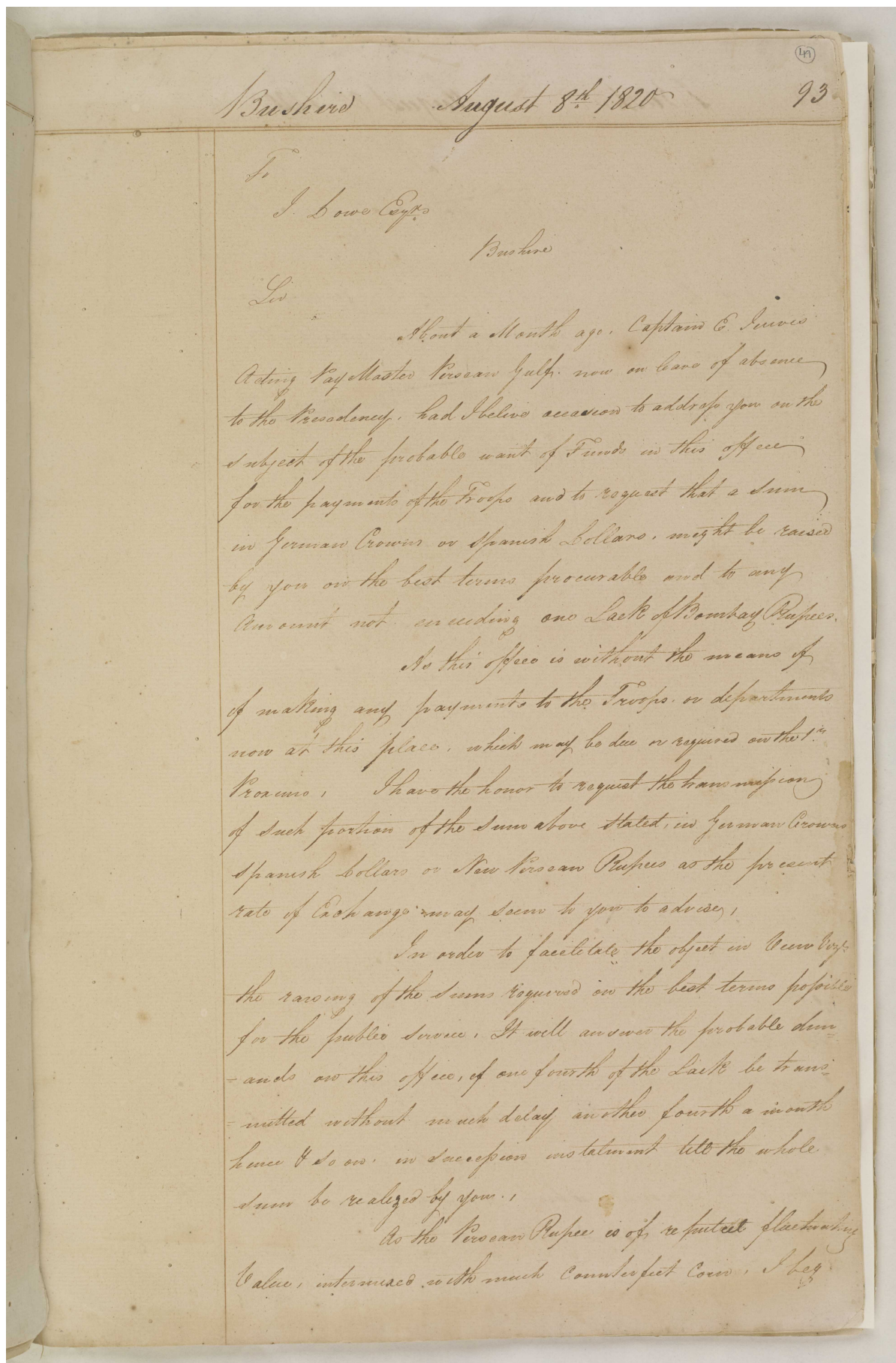
Sir

your most obedient servant

Chas. Dow

Capt. Commr
S. P. G.

Letter from J Price, In Charge for Captain Evan Jervis, Acting Paymaster in the Persian Gulf, to James Dow, Bushire [49r] (1/3)



Letter from J Price, In Charge for Captain Evan Jervis, Acting Paymaster in the
Persian Gulf, to James Dow, Bushire [49v] (2/3)

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August 8th 1820

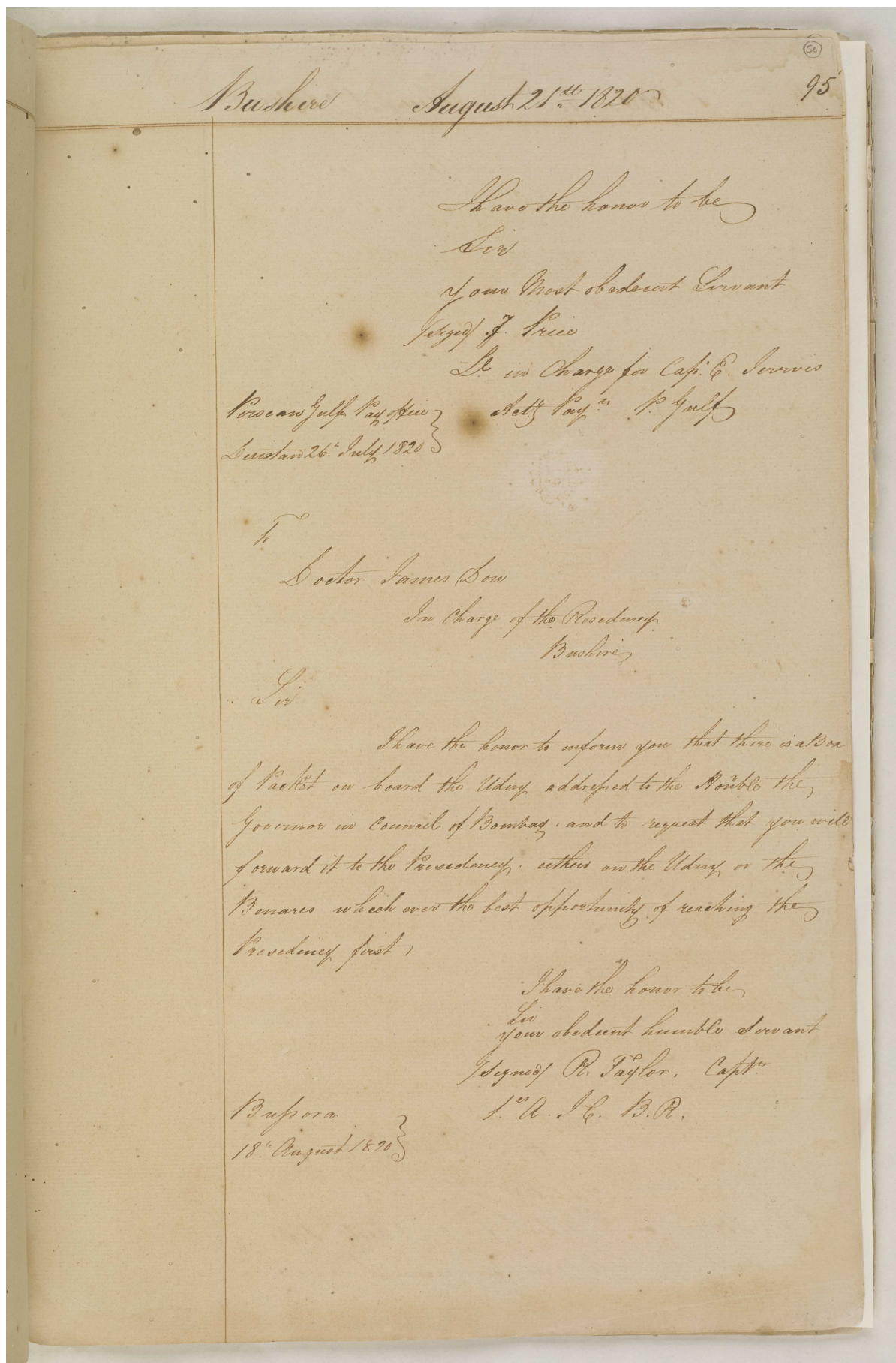
that particular care may be taken to avoid things
which if admitted may create some diffi-
culties in our calculations and as the same objections
are not known to exist against the German Crowns
and Spanish Dollars, they would be more acceptable
to us, at the same time that their circulation is more
general in our vicinity you are not however to consider
this positive objection to the transmission of the New Persian
Rupies, but simply a preference given in favour of the
other two Coins, should they be procurable on terms
equally favourable & in the quantities required.

On receiving information from you
of the sum raised & of the description of Vouchers you
require either as a receipt from this office or as a draft
on Bombay it shall be forwarded to you without delay
in the mean time our want of funds may shortly prove
embarrassing to us which I hope it will be in your power
to obviate by an early transmission of such amount
as you may be able to raise.

I have compared the specification
of the funds required to Bushire understanding
the exchange on L^y Dollars & German Crowns at
Moscat to be at this moment very favourable.

This proceeds to Bushire in the S^t. C.
Craze Pennares, whose Commander will return
with such amount which you may consider desirable
to raise on the receipt of this

Letter from J Price, In Charge for Captain Evan Jervis, Acting Paymaster in the Persian Gulf, to James Dow, Bushire [50r] (3/3)



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Bushire August 22nd 1820

James Dow Esq

Acting Resident at
Bushire.

At the request of Captain Woodly Command
of the Ship Mary lying in these roads, I ordered an enquiry
in the alleged mysterious conduct of John O'Keefe, Master
of the said ship, and beg leave to enclose the result
of the same to enable you to decide what is proper to be
done with the above Person, the Charges Against him
by the Chief Mate of the ship being fully substantiated
by Evidence.

I have the honor to be
Sir

H. C. C. Benares
Bushire Roads
August 22nd 1820

your most obedient servant
Signed J. Arthur
Lt. Commr
H. C. C. Benares

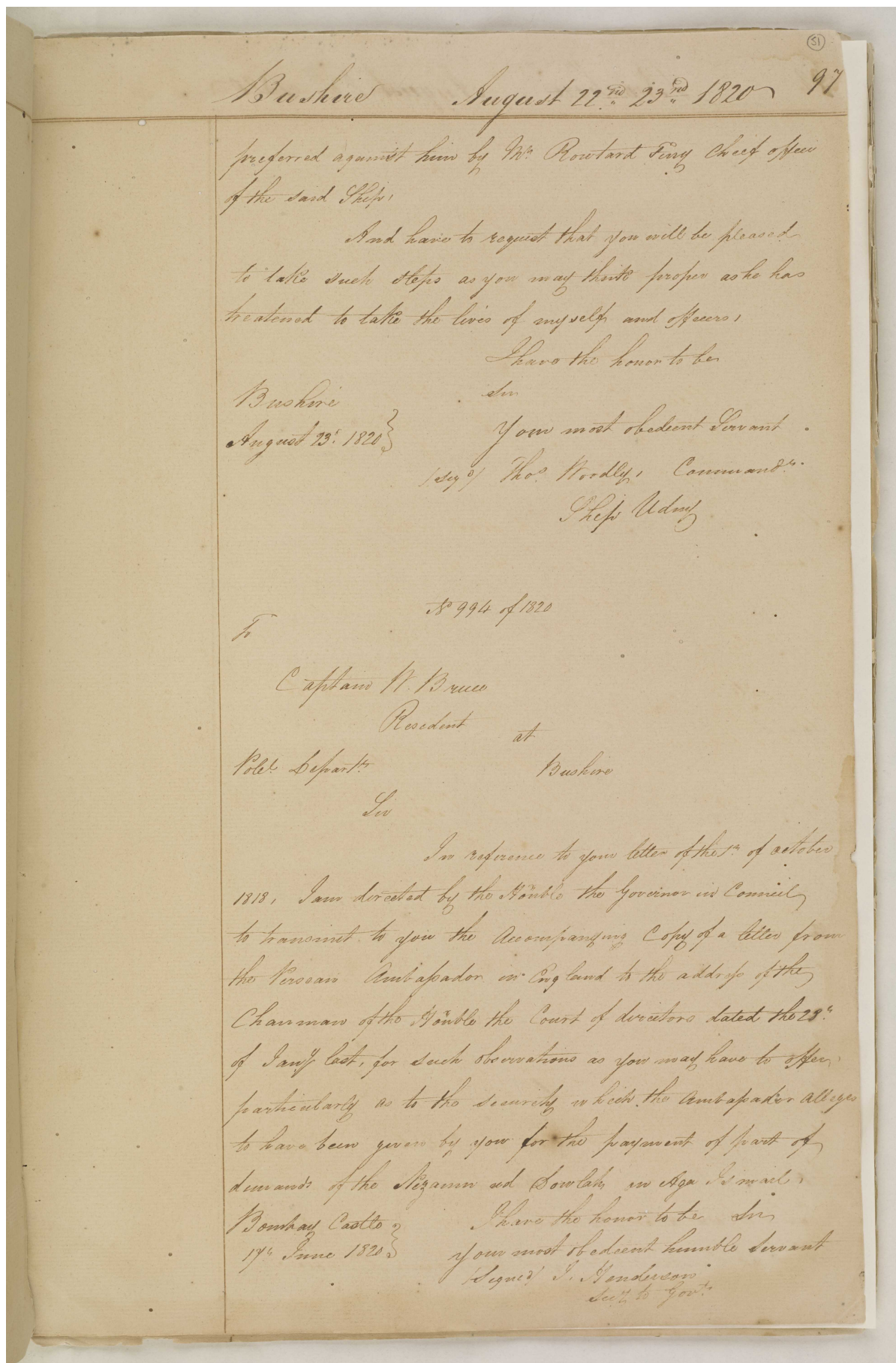
Doctor James Dow

Acting Resident
Bushire

Sir

I have the honor to transmit for your
perusal an investigation that took place on board the
H. C. C. Benares in the Person of John O'Keefe
of the said Ship Mary, in consequence of Charges

Letter from Captain Thomas Woodyly, Commanding Officer of the ship Udny, to
Doctor James Dow, Acting Resident at Bushire [51r] (2/2)



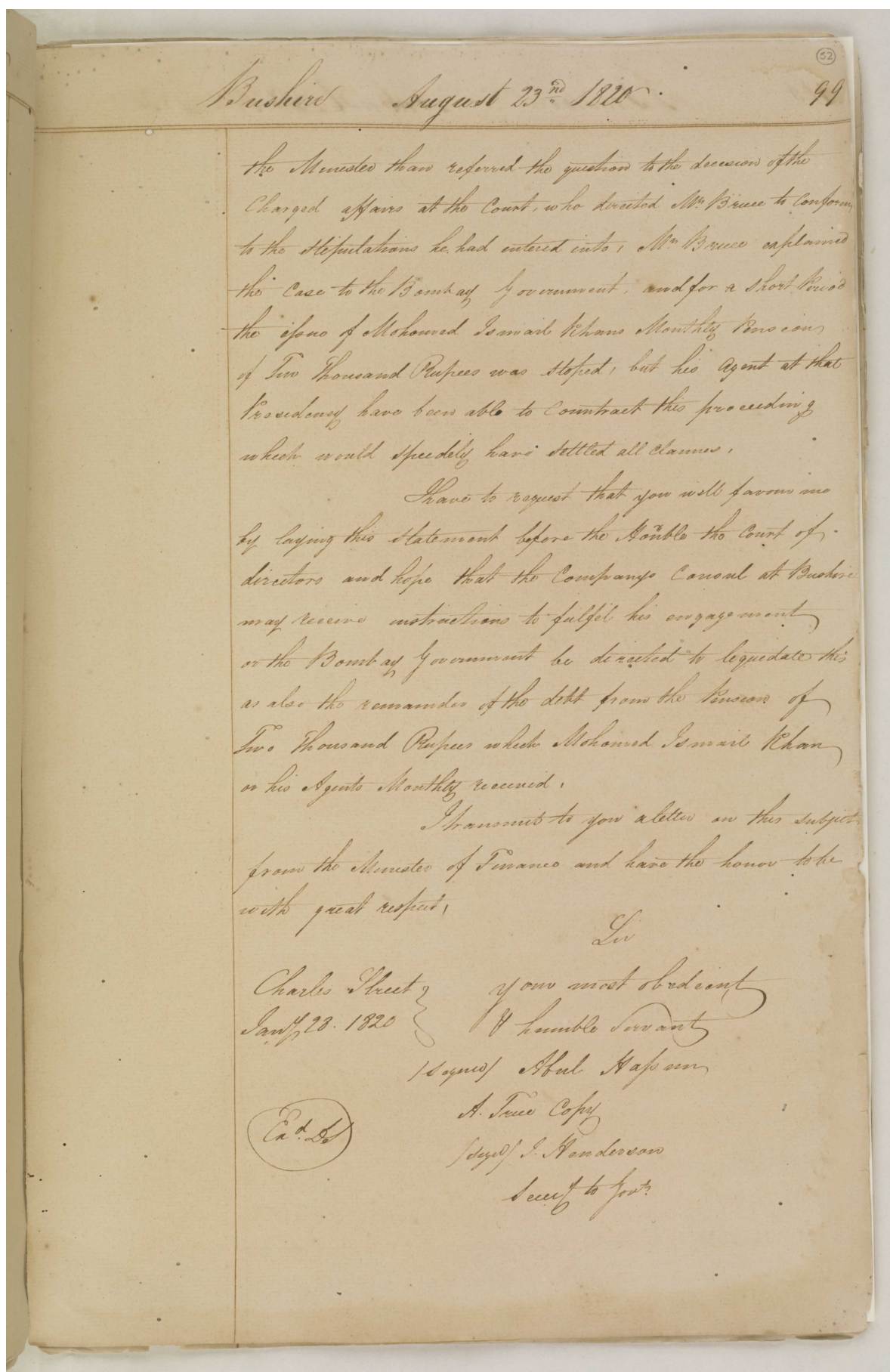
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To
The Right Honble
The Chairman
of the Court of Directors
per per per
Sir

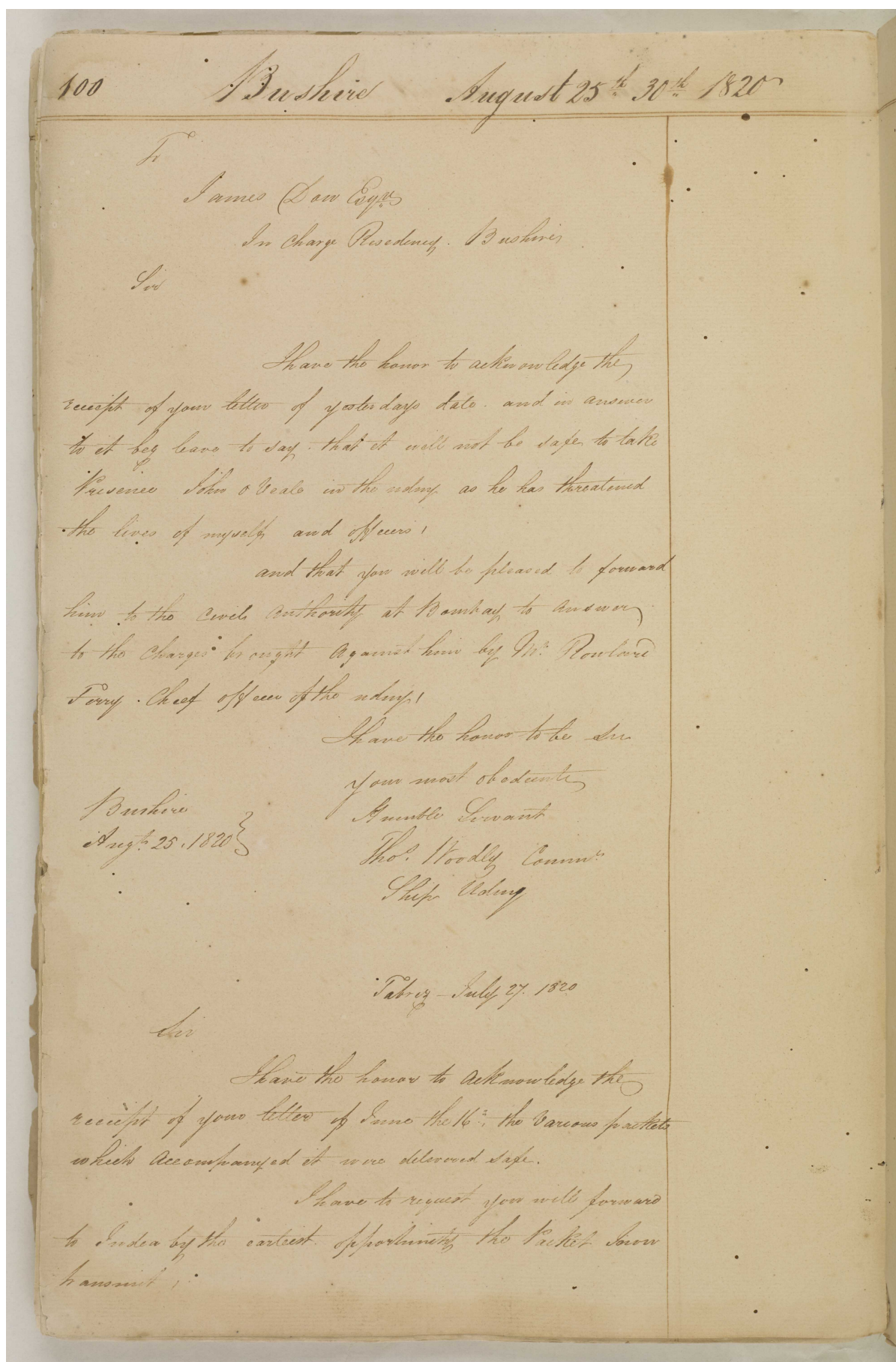
Prior to my departure from England
I have expected the arrival of Mohamed Ismail Khan,
the son of Major Kallat Khan who died at Bombay, and
should then have arranged the pecuniary claims my Government
has upon him without the assistance of myself and
Honble Board. Mohamed Ismail Khan has however remained
at Bordeaux and has determined to defer his journey to
England until my return to Persia.

I therefore have the honor to explain to you
that the present Prince, Minister of Persia, formerly the Minister
of Finance, has three different claims on Mohamed Ismail
Khan amounting to some 24386 of which Mr Bruce
the Consul of Bushire became security for the payment
of some 18886 on the termination of the period stated
in the Agreement, it was alleged that Mohamed Ismail
Khan had quitted Persia and fled to Bagdad, where
the Persian Government having great influence and
power, might secure his person and thus allegation
of this as well as the other debts might be obtained, this
measure was attempted, but Ismail Khan sought
refuge at Constantinople and from thence proceeded to Europe

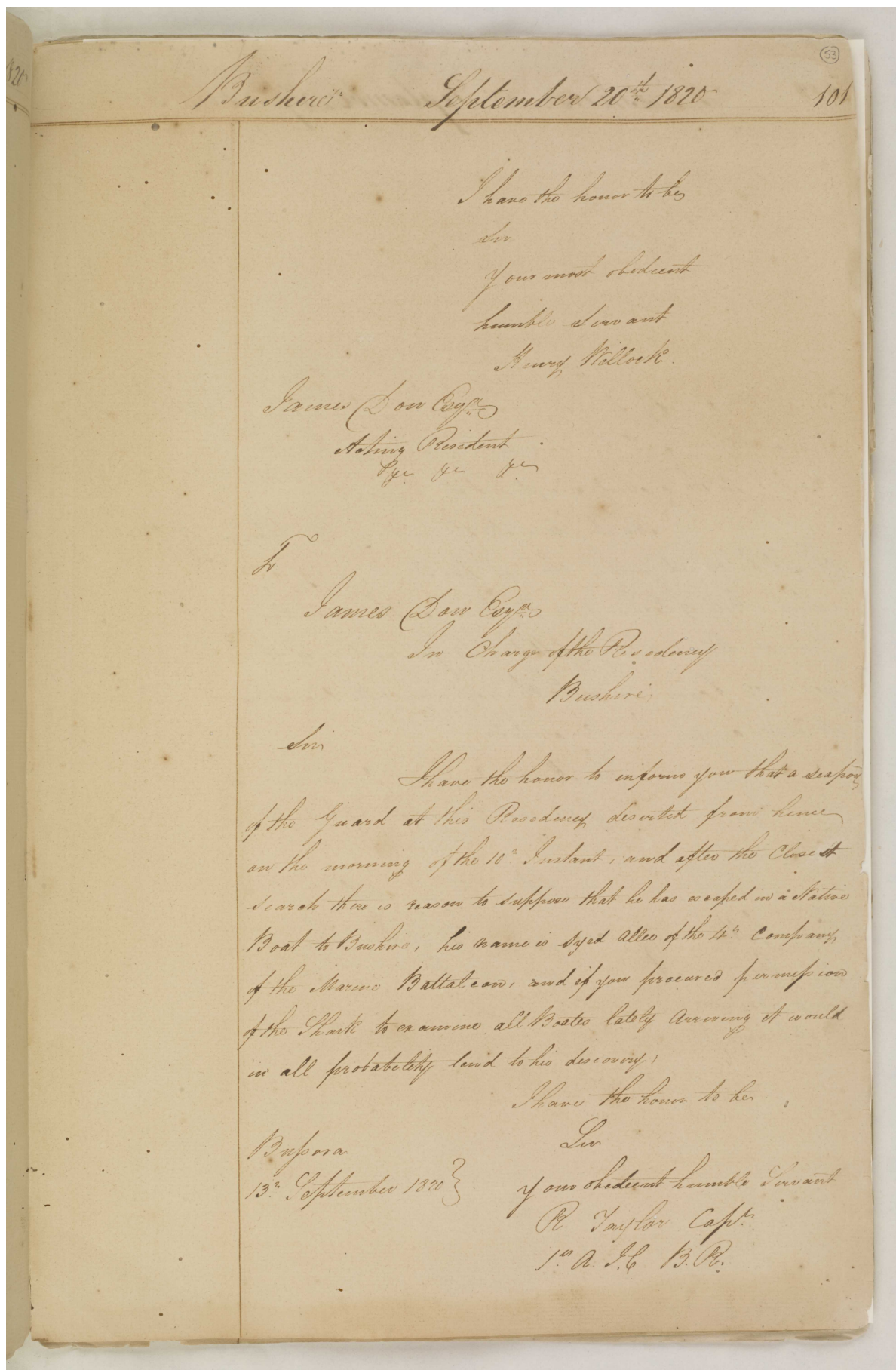
Letter from James Henderson, Secretary to the Government, to Captain Bruce,
Resident at Bushire [52r] (3/3)



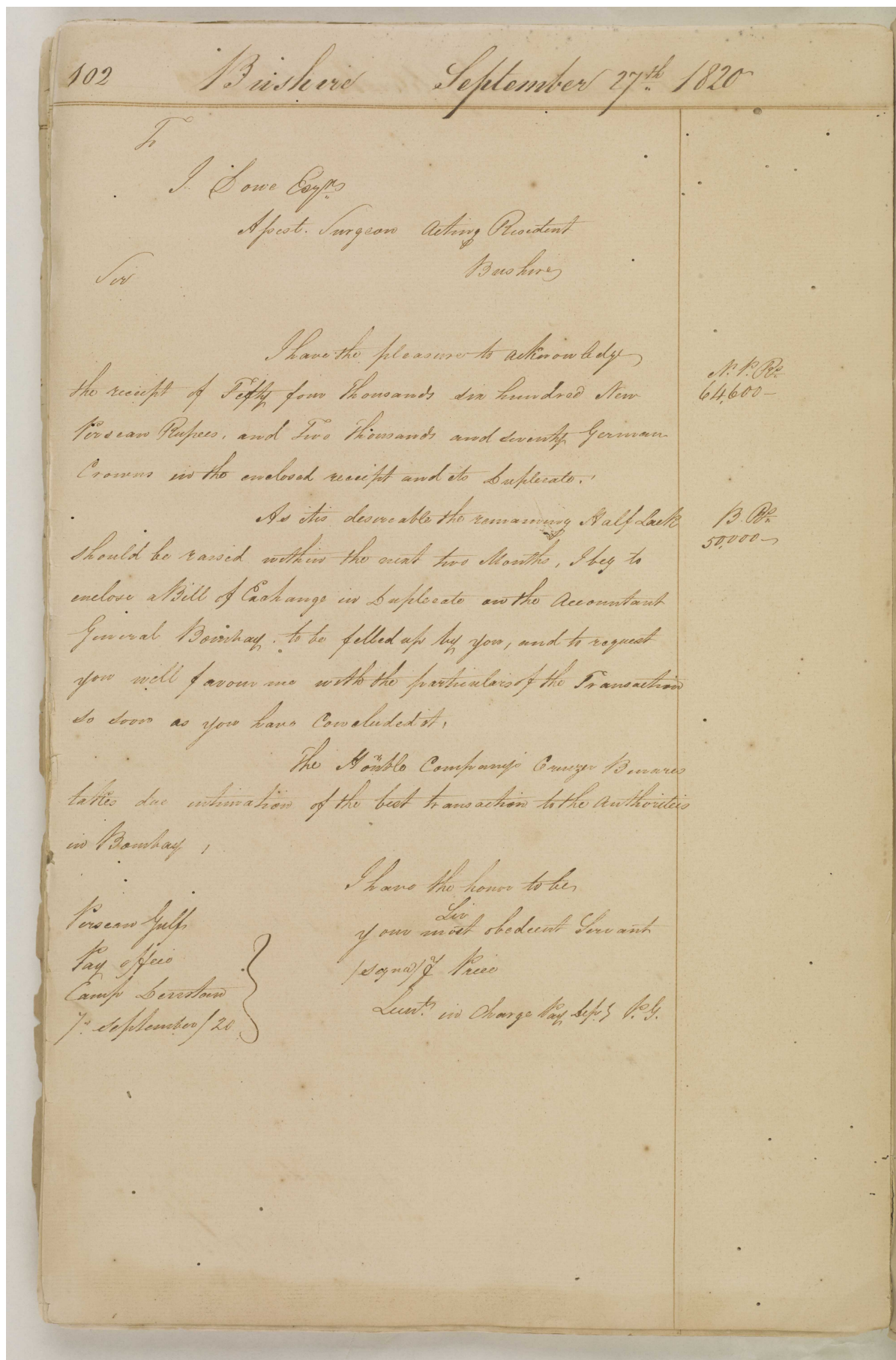
Letter from Thomas Woodly, Commanding Officer of the ship Udny, to James Dow, in charge of the Residency at Bushire [52v] (1/1)



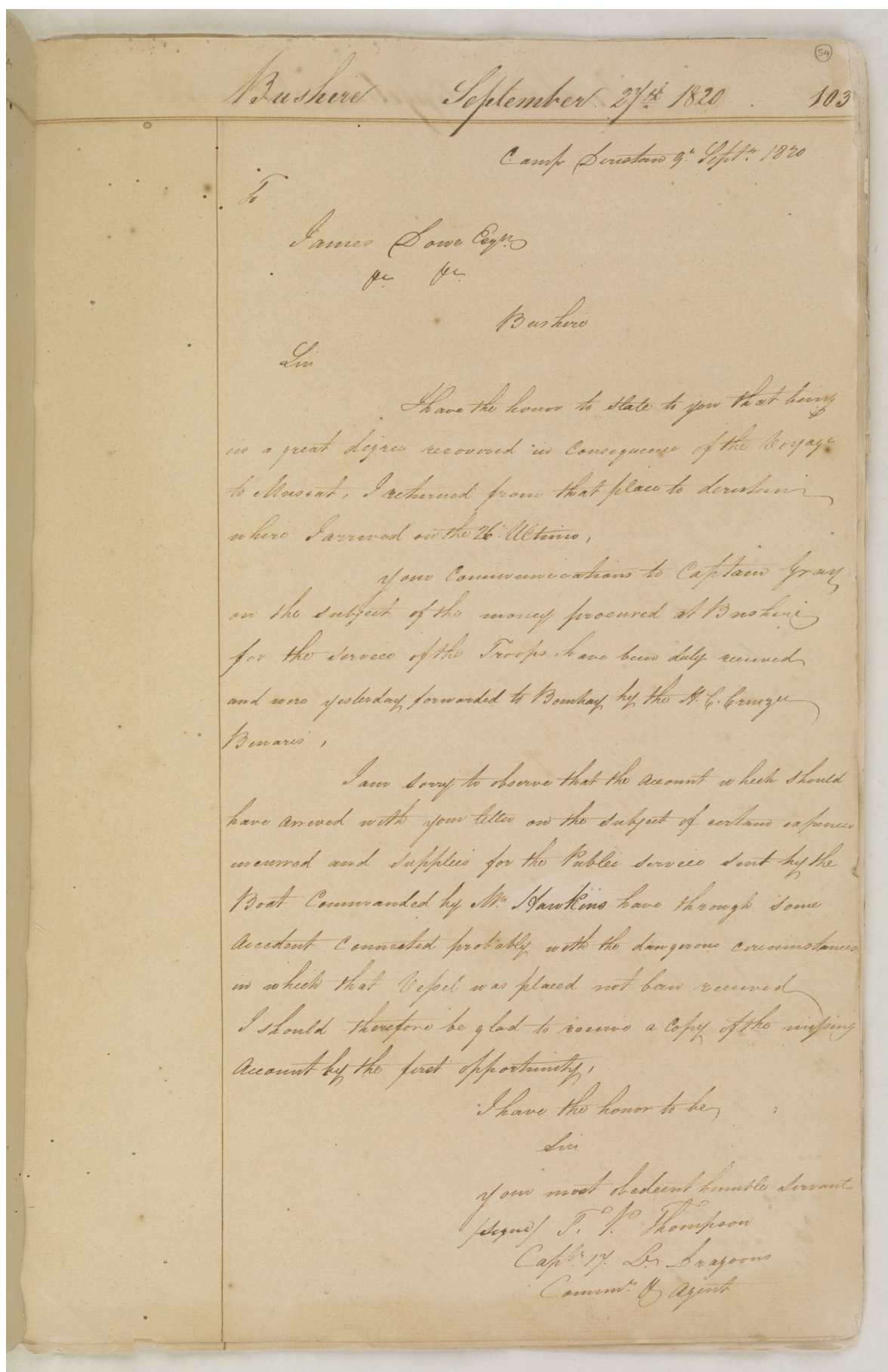
Letter from Henry Willock, British Envoy to Persia, to James Dow, Acting
Resident in Bushire [53r] (2/2)



Letter from Lieutenant Price, Acting Paymaster, to James Dow, Assistant Surgeon
and Acting Resident in Bushire [53v] (1/1)



Letter from Captain Thomas Perronet Thompson, 17th Light Dragoons, to James Dowe
[sic] [54r] (1/1)



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Bushire September 28th 1820

Ship Kusroevie

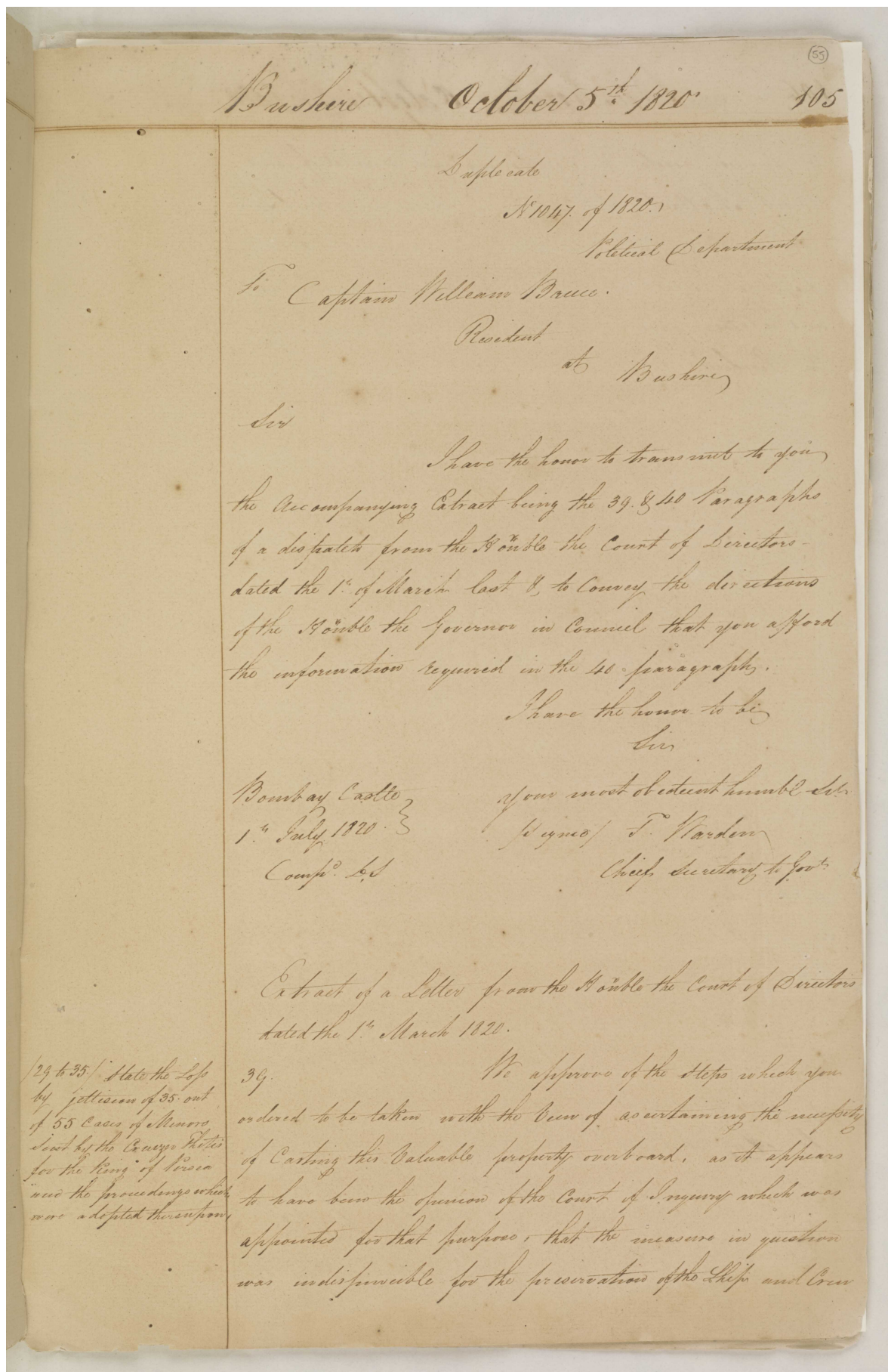
Mr Bushire

September 28. 1820.

Sir

A man named Ammar came on board the Kusroevie to take charge of her as Pilot, from the first moment he came on board, he could not think of standing on his legs, and very coolly set himself down in a Chair, which Captain Maddington took from him, telling him it was not proper for a Person who had Charge of the Ship to be sitting down, shortly after the wind coming more soft, Captain Maddington gave orders to have the yards squared, upon which he immediately said: if you let go the Anchor I will leave the ship, upon Captain Maddington's informing him he had given no such orders, the man became very insolent, and called him a Kump in Arabic, upon which Captain Maddington shoved him on one side, on which he left his hands to Captain Maddington who immediately struck him, after which he became more abusive and insolent during the time Captain Maddington has been up the Persian Gulf, for several years past he did not know this man, as a Pilot, nor did he upon his coming on board show any Certificate to that purpose, Captain Maddington is extremely sorry to give any trouble particularly as he has never made a Complaint before, but hopes for the satisfaction of the Commanders of English Ships in general that a severe example may be made of him. I remain nothing but the Truth & your obedient humble servant
to help any God
Capt. N. Smith, 1st Officer

Letter no.1047 of 1820 from Francis Warden, Chief Secretary to Government, to
Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [55r] (1/2)



Letter no.1047 of 1820 from Francis Warden, Chief Secretary to Government, to
Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [55v] (2/2)

106. Bushire October 5th 1820

we cannot hesitate in sanctioning your acquittal of Lieut.
enant Mallard and his restoration to exercise of his duty.

40. you will inform us whether the 20 Cases
of Memos which arrived safe at Bushire, were delivered
and whether payment for them has been procured by
the Resident.

a True Extract
of
Francis Warden
Chief Secretary.

10th 1820 of 1820

Govt. Department

Captain W. Bruce

Resident at

Bushire

I am directed by the Board the Govt.
in Council to transmit to you for the purpose of being
promulgated at the Port of Bushire five Copies of a procla-
mation dated the 9th Instant. declaring the Port of Mocha
and all other Ports and places belonging to the Emperor
of Anna in the Gulf of Arabia to be in a state of blockade
until further orders.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Francis Warden
Chief Secy to Govt.

Bombay Castle
11th August 1820

Letter from Captain Robert Taylor, Resident at Basra, to James Dow, in charge of the Residency at Bushire [56r] (1/1)

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Bushire October 17th Decem^r. 1820

To
A. Dow Esq^r
in Charge of the Residency
Bushire

Sir,

Having lately received from the Resident at Bagdad intelligence of a secret and important nature which renders it necessary that I should collect at this Station as many Cruisers as may be within my reach; I request you will if not required on more urgent Service, send me up any such Vessels as may now be at Bushire, relying on it that I will return them immediately the necessity of their service ceases.

Will you also be good enough to convey an intimation of this necessity by the first opportunity to the local Station at Reshkeh.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your obedient humble servant
Signed/ R. Taylor Capt^r
1st Lt. B. Co.

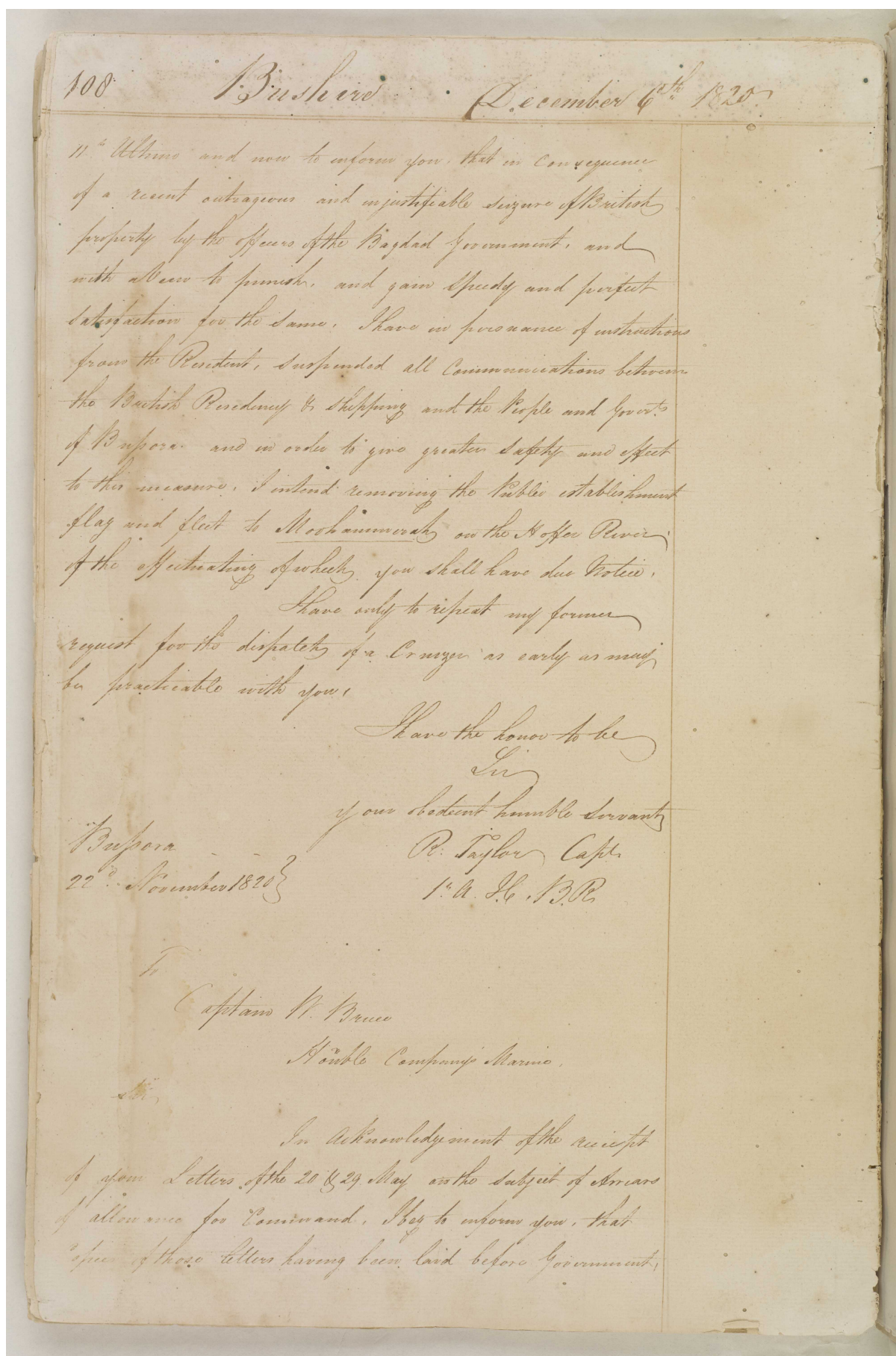
Basra
11th October 1820 }

To
James Dow Esq^r
in Charge Residency,
Political Department, Bushire

Sir,

I have the honor to refer to my letter of

Letter from Captain Robert Taylor, Resident at Bussora [Basra], to James Dow, in charge of the Residency at Bushire [56v] (2/2)



Letter from Henry Meriton, Superintendent, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at
Bushire [57r] (2/2)

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Bushire December 6th 22nd 1820 109

the Honble the Governor in Council is pleased to signify that
he sees no grounds for altering the description of the late Governor
as your Claim for the allowance of Lieutenant in Command
from the 31st May 1818 to the 1st May 1819. the date of your being
appointed as Resident at Bushire, as that description was
of a General Nature and had no reference to your salary as
Resident.

I am
Sir

Sup^d Office } of our most obedient servant
Bushire } signed Henry Meriton
23rd October 1820 } Superintendent.

N^o 1323 of 1820

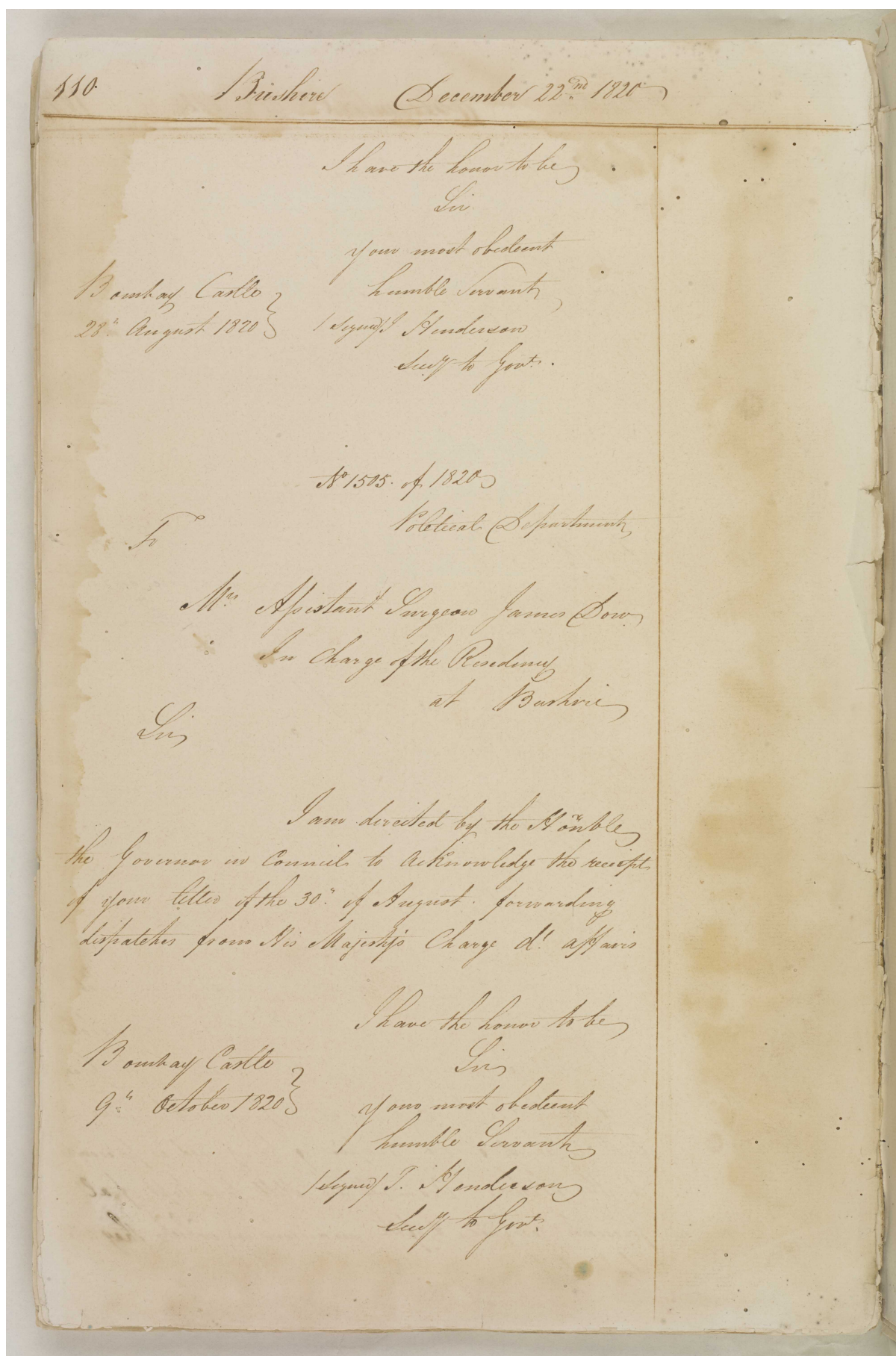
Circular
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To
Captain William Bruce
Resident at
Bushire.

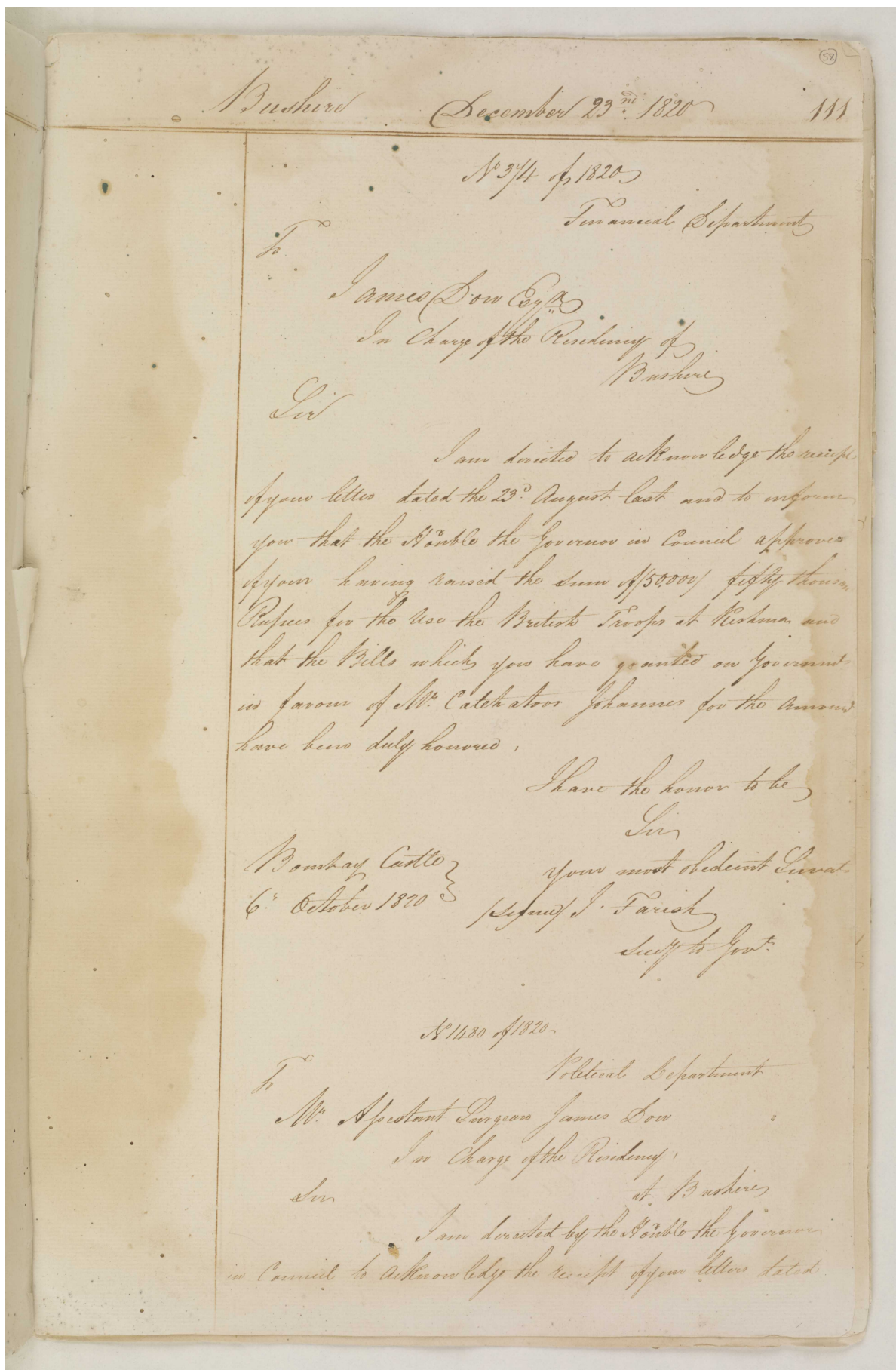
Sir

I am directed to inform you that
the Honble the Governor in Council has resolved to abolish
the practice of selling presents from Natives. all presents
therefore received which may be of any value are
to be retained for the purpose of being used as presents
to the Natives. Accounts are still to be kept of all
presents received, & of the manner in which they are
disposed of.

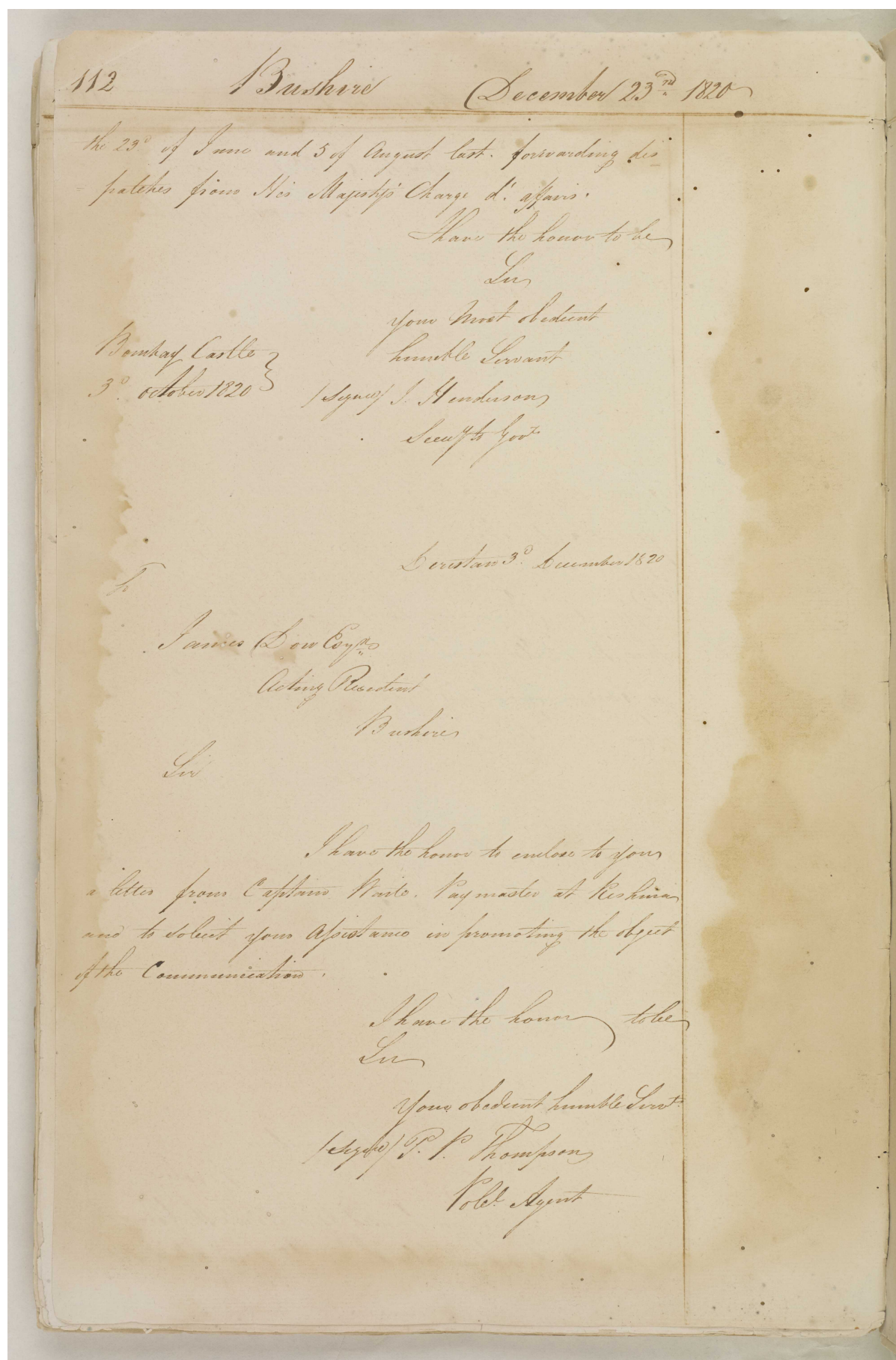
Letter no.1323 of 1820 from James Henderson, Secretary to Government, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [57v] (2/2)



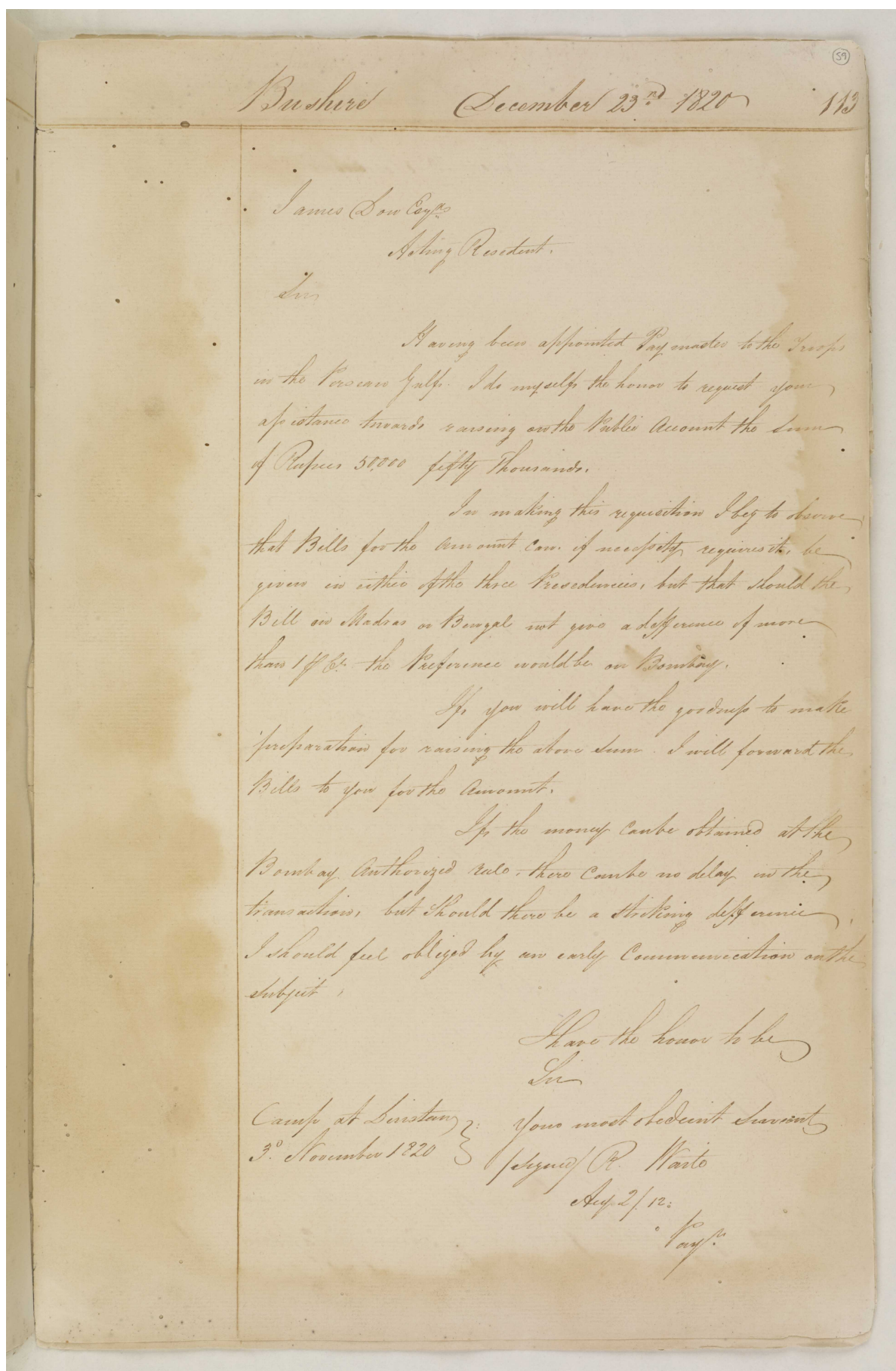
Letter no.374 of 1820 from James Farish, Secretary to Government, to James Dow,
in charge of the Residency at Bushire [58r] (1/1)



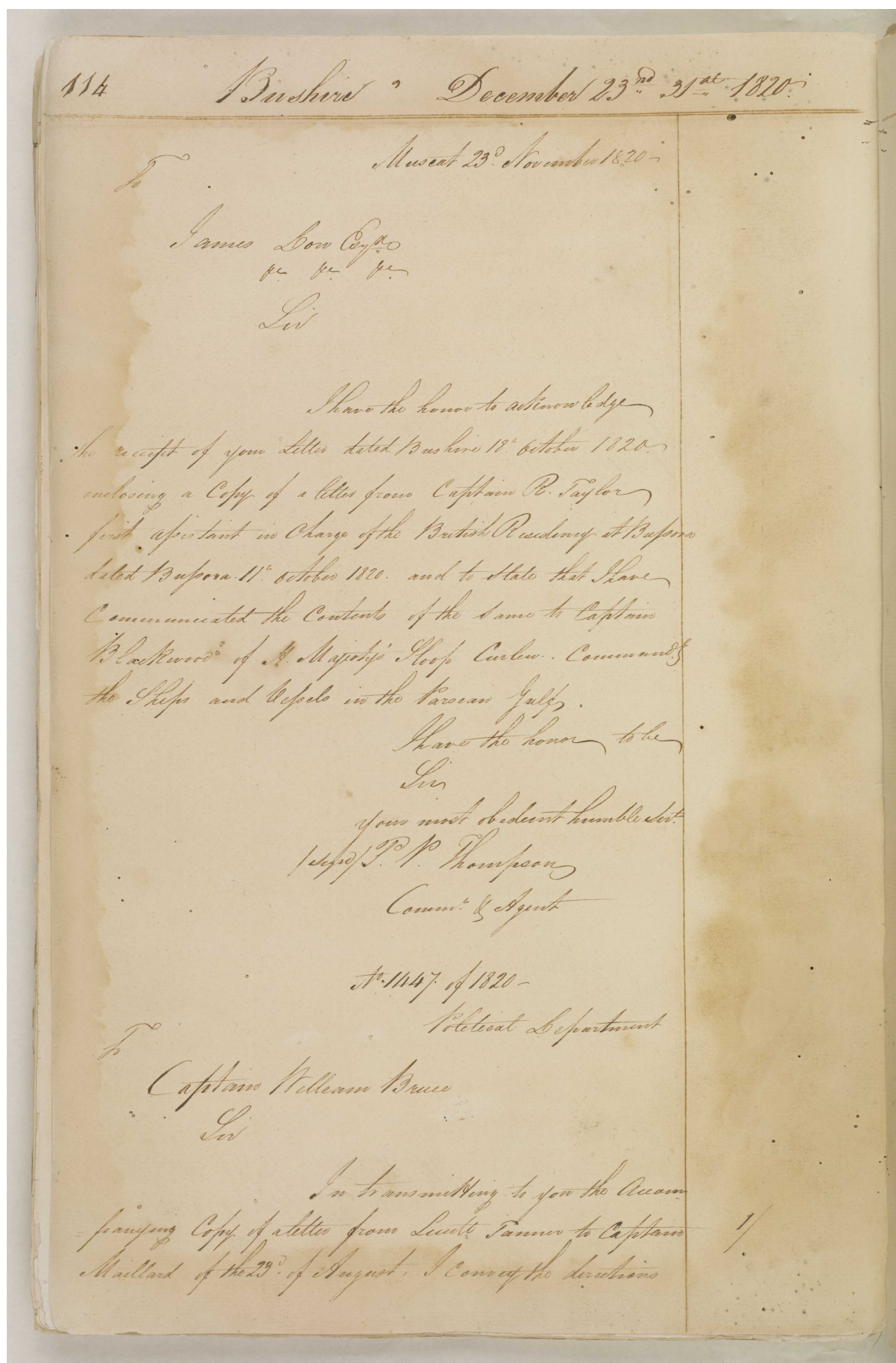
Letter no.1480 of 1820, from James Henderson, Secretary to Government, to the Assistant Surgeon James Dow, in charge of the Residency at Bushire [58v] (2/2)



Letter from Captain Thomas Perronet Thompson, Political Agent, to James Dow,
Acting Resident at Bushire [59r] (2/2)



Letter from Captain Thomas Perronet Thompson, Commanding Agent, to James Dow, in charge of the Residency at Bushire [59v] (1/1)



Letter no.1447 of 1820 from James Henderson, Secretary to Government, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [60r] (2/7)

Bushire December 31st 1820

of the Honble the Governor in Council that you will be
pleased to state your opinion on the subject of allowing
Sallu Bin Suggur to build the forts which he seems
desirous of erecting for the Protection of his Territory -
I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
J. Henderson
25th September 1820 }
Capt to Gov^r

To
C. J. Maclellan Esq^r
Lieut. Officer and acting Political Agent, Bushire
Sir

Having taken the A.C.C. Mercury under
my orders I sailed in Company on the 9th and arrived at
Shargah on the evening of the 11th Inst. where we perceived the
Peaceful Flag was flying.

We had no sooner anchored than two of the
Principal Inhabitants were sent on Board the Amblesco to pay
their respects and in the name of the Chief to present our
Hoping forwarded. Next morning I was charged with the
early the next morning in Company with Lieut. Collinson
and some other officers and was received with much courtesy
and attention by Sallu Bin Suggur (Brother to the Chief)
attended by the Munsifs & some others in a Tent pitched especially

Shargah in
Lat 25 20 N.
Long 55 30 E

Letter no.1447 of 1820 from James Henderson, Secretary to Government, to Captain William Bruce, Resident at Bushire [60v] (3/7)

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for our reception at the entrance of the Creek about
a mile below the Town. At first there were some
appearances of jealousy and mistrust manifested
by the Arabs on the occasion of our ship's arrival to their Port,
and as the Shaik did not make his appearance we were
told as an excuse that he was absent in the Country,
and it was likewise evident that some anxiety and
suspicion existed as to the real object of our Visit.

This however was soon dissipated by
my assurance that we had no hostile views, and on my
request being urged for a personal interview with the Chief,
I was informed that he would arrive and meet me in the after-
noon. Shortly after words Shaik Sothman came down,
and we had a long Conference with him of a most satisfactory
nature in the course of which every friendly assurance was
expressed on both sides. I received many marks of politeness
and respect from the Shaik, and we were all treated with great
respectability and attention. A Royal salute which was
fired at 1st M on the 12th by the 2 Cruisers in honor of our
Sovereign's Birth day, was also returned by the Arabs on shore
distinctly as a Compliment to that occasion. In the course
of discussion the Shaik informed me that the Tanker, the water
casks and the Camels which had been left at Rasool Khyma
by us when we vacated the place had by directions been
taken care of until he knew the pleasure of the English Authorities
at Barristan as to their disposal. He had strictly prohibited
any Person of our building or dwelling on the site of Rasool Khyma
until he knew our pleasure therein, he stated that it was

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his most ardent wish to cultivate and maintain the strictest friendship and alliance with the English authorities, and that should be most happy to assist us, in preventing his Neighbours from disturbing the present peace of the Gulf. He expressed great regret at our departure from Ras al Khayma as so much as our presence there, overawed and kept the various Arab Tribes in tranquility, and afforded a secure protection on his North Eastern boundary. He was exceedingly anxious that I should bring strongly to your notice the present improved and in some situations of his Territory, which he said was open to invasion, for being without Forts, he had not sufficient means of defence left against his jealous Neighbours, and he seemed very urgent to obtain our permission to build two Forts on his frontiers, the one at Ras al Khayma and the other at Bahja, the former being near his North Eastern boundary, and the latter to protect him on the South west, from the incursions of the same Gulf Tribes at Bahja with whom he appears to be in hostility, and on that account he has erected a Watch House or Tower, with a sort of open Railing in front a Cross the sandy Peninsula to the westward of the Town. — This was the only perceptible difference at this place since the Expedition was there. In the Creek besides the small fishing Boat, there were the following Vessels.

Buzgalow	of the 2 nd Clap.	Two
Franklyn	of the 2 nd Clap	Two
Wagash	or large sized?	Six
	Small Boat. S.	

on the 11th Instant having received from the Chief of Bahja an answer to the letter which I was charged with

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also a circular letter addressed to the authorities on the coast subject to him, and two intelligent Arabs, I weighed and coasted along shore to the North Eastward.

At the Towers "Enam", "Margarine" and "Jagret-ab-Mamra" we could perceive no alteration whatever, every thing appears to remain in the same state, which the Expedition left them. — at the first of these places we observed two Trankys of the 2^d Class lying in the Creek, and the latter place is uninhabited.

at Lahn or the Port of Ramis there were no boats of any description and I could see no people on shore at that place from the Ship.

On the evening of the 16th I anchored at Rasal Khayma where, under our precautions I landed with Lieutenant Collinson and fully inspected the Creek, and examined the Ruins of the Towers in every part which we found exactly in the same state, as when our Garrison quitted it.

Rasal Khayma
Lat^d 25. 15. N. of
Long^d 54. 00. E

The Mahabes with Shark upon the Ruins were residing in the Lute Groves according to custom. Two Suppers were shown, and the Minarets or side of the Tower was without a single resident or habitation. the only boats here besides fishing boats were the two Trankys which we abandoned on the day of embarkation and two Bagarabs, apparently Pearl Boats.

It may be satisfactory to know that those two Towers which at a distance appeared standing entire, we found on examination to be shattered, and broken portions of the works utterly useless and insuperable.

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The two Arabs which I brought from Sharjah landed and remained here, and we continued in the roads several days in hope of receiving some communication from Shark Nojoudi Ben Rama. & by what I learned from the fishermen, I have no doubt but he would have received us with civility, if it had been necessary to have paid him a visit, but as this was no object, I did not think it advisable to solicit an interview under such circumstances, nor to permit my Boats to go inside the Creek.

On the 21st Sargis Coasted back to Sharjah, and on the 21st sent some officers on shore to pay my respects & take leave of the Sheikh, they were received with the usual marks of attention and cordiality at his own House in the Town. we now learnt that the Town of Sharjah had been deserted altogether (the same as at Rumra) and the Inhabitants together with their Shark, now resided at Sharjah, under Sultan Ben Saggur, in number about four or five hundred.

The population of Sharjah as far as I could learn (or my short visit enabled me to form an opinion) are mostly Wahabees and they seem to be an indolent and unsettled People collected from all parts of the adjoining Coast and Country. The People in the Town might amount to about 2000 Persons in all, but I do not think they exceed that number. Most of the Mass doubtless have been accustomed to a Lawless and predatory Life in common with their Neighbours at Ras-ul-Khaima. Besides this population in the Town there were I understood several Tribes of Bedouins in the

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Country which were subject to the Cannibals, and at the will
of the Host of Shagen. The habits of these people being
temperate and frugal, their wants are but few, their present
means of subsistence secured chiefly derived from the dates
which their Groves produce. Milk and fish, which latter
they are abundantly supplied with from the Banks bordering
their Coasts. They have some Cattle and Poultry, which appear
to be kept chiefly for the sale of their produce.

Yesterday Capt Shargah and Cropped
the Gulf with the Mercury in company, and have arrived here
this morning.

H. C. C. Antelope

Aug. 23rd 1820

Resident

I have the honor to be Sir
your most obedient Servant
Signed Thos. James
Lt. Comdr.

Signed G. J. Maillard
Acting Political Agent,

W. William Bruce Esq.
Resident.

Sir at Bushire

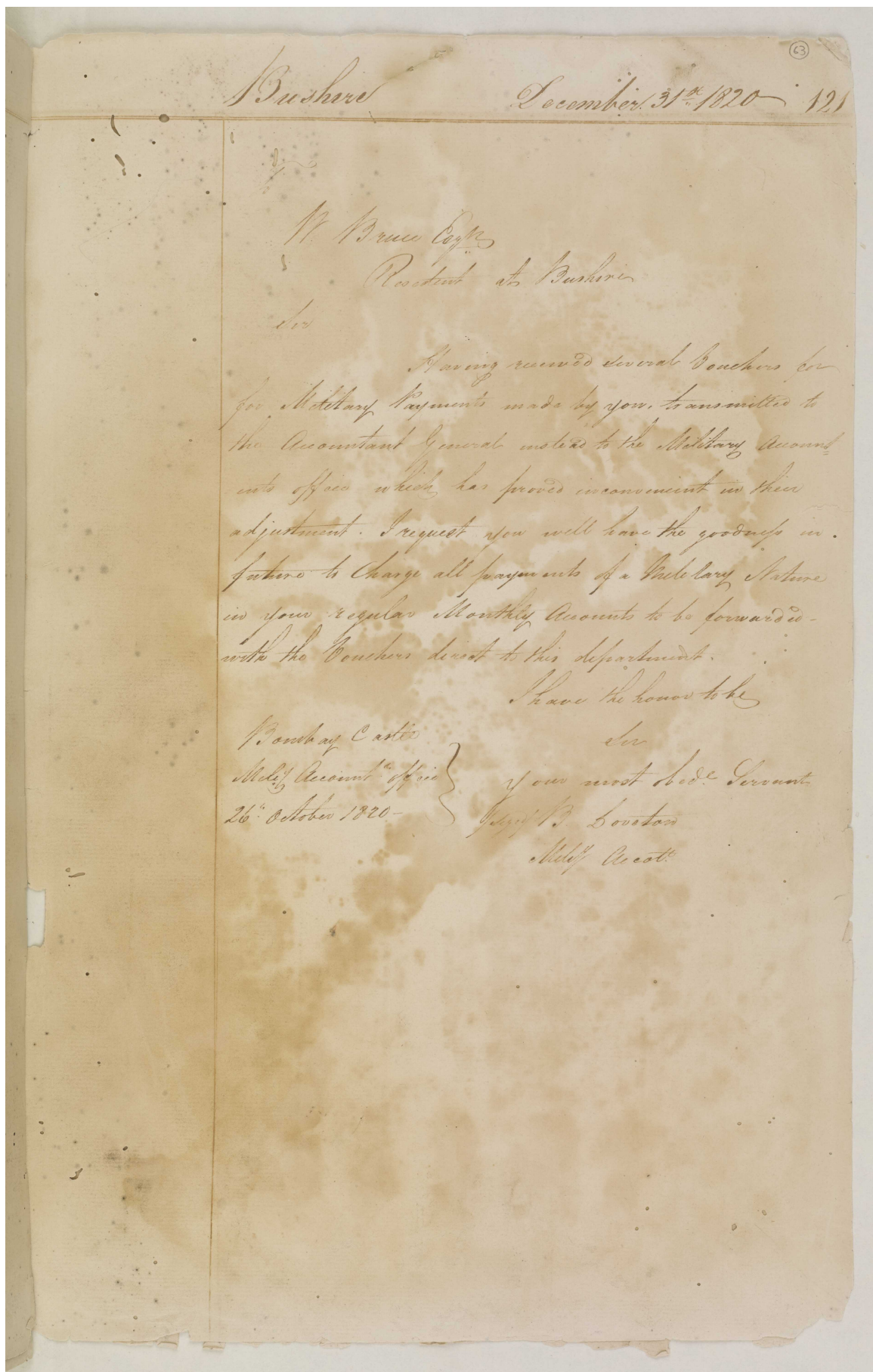
I have the honor to apprise you that
 sundry Bills for Contingent Charges as if accompanying
lost have been passed by the Military Auditor General
for Russia one hundred and ninety seven three quarters
and fifty two.

Bombay Pay Office Extraordinary
30th September 1820

I have the honor to be Sir
your most obed. Servant
Signed W. James
Military Paymaster

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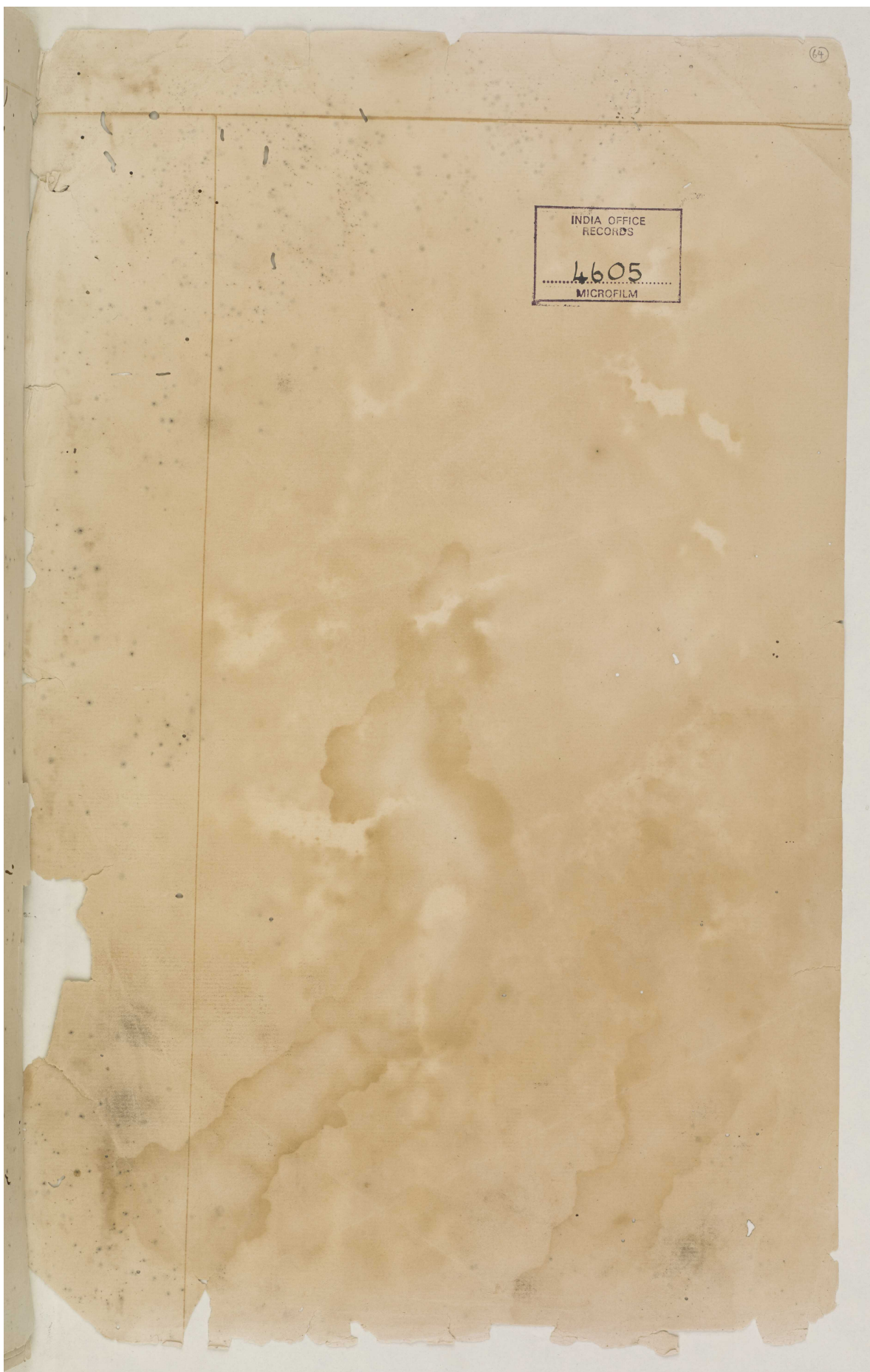
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