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'Vol 6 Diary of the Proceedings of the Resident at the Honble Company's Factory of Bushire'

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About this record

The volume consists of chronological entries containing transcripts of correspondence sent and received and notes on the arrival and departure of vessels at Bushire. The Resident during the period covered was Jonathan Henry Lovett; frequent mention is also made early in the volume of Lovett's predecessor as Resident, Mirza Mehedy Aly Khan [Mīrzā Mahdī ʻAlī Khān].

The correspondence sent is entered under the date the letter was written; that received is entered under the date of receipt at Bushire. Summaries of the contents of transcribed correspondence appear in the left hand column of each page. There are occasional lists of correspondence and papers: some of these items are transcribed in full; in other cases a note records that the papers are kept elsewhere: e.g. note stating that 'These papers will be found among the records of the Factory' (page 19). The correspondence is mostly between the Resident and other East India Company officials, particularly the Government of Bombay; the Resident at Bussora [Basra] (Samuel Manesty); the Resident at Bagdad [Baghdad] (Harford Jones); the Resident at Muscat (David Seton); and commanders of ships of the Bombay Marine (the East India Company navy) .

The records of shipping consist of a note of the day of arrival and departure of ships of the Bombay Marine and country ships (privately-owned merchant ships, which operated under licence from the East India Company), and information on their port of origin and destination. The terms 'imported' and 'exported' are used, respectively, for the arrival and departure of vessels.

General topics covered in the correspondence include:

- reports from the Resident to the Government of Bombay;
- permission from the Government of Bombay for items of expenditure;
- correspondence between the Residents on political developments;
- accounting and financial matters;
- movement of ships;
- transport of goods and freight;
- mercantile transactions;
- transmission of packets of correspondence;
- appointments;
- administrative matters;
- relations with Persia;
- the activities of the French in the region.

Specific topics (dated by date of diary entry) covered include:

- the appointments of Lovett as Resident and Andrew Jukes as Surgeon (recorded under entries for 10 January 1803, pages 1-42);
- Residency audited accounts, 1801/2, issued by the Office of Audit, Bombay Castle, with accompanying correspondence, 10 January 1803 (pages 20-40) and further correspondence, 10 May 1803 (pages 95-119);
- correspondence relating to the loss of the Honourable Company's Schooner (also referred to as Cruiser) *Alert* on the Island of Busheab (also referred to as Boosheibe) [Bushoeyb] off the coast of Persia, March-April 1803 (pages 58-79) and 31 May 1803 (pages 125-130);
- correspondence relating to the loss of the country ship *Hector* on the Island of Busheab; attempts to recover her cargo together with property taken from the *Alert* ; and operations against Sheikh Rama Ben Sunneed, Sheikh of Nuckheloo (also referred to as Naquiloo) [Nakhilu], including dispatches from Lieutenant William Bruce on deputation at Nukhiloo and Khangoon [Kangan], 11 May - 29 November 1803, passim;
- correspondence relating to an attack on the house of John White, Captain of the *Recovery* , at Bussora [Basra] by a mob who mistakenly believed that a Muslim woman was inside, 2 June 1803 (pages 134-153);
- Report of a Committee of Survey into those parts of the Factory that were urgently in need of repair, 30 September 1803 (pages 303-305);
- Residency regulations, 1 October 1803 (pages 305-307);
- Report of the Committee appointed to inspect the records of the Factory, 14 October 1803 (pages 316-318);
- List of butler's stores prepared by a Committee of Inspection, 18 October 1803 (pages 318-322);

- correspondence relating to reports of the capture of the *Shrewsbury* by a French frigate, 29 October 1803 (pages 330-331).

The French language content of this file consists of a bulletin of reports received at Baghdad from Persia and Afghanistan, which was forwarded to the Resident at Bushire by Harford Jones (17 September 1803, pages 296-297).

The date of the earliest item of correspondence that forms part of one of the lists of correspondence and papers and is transcribed in full is 5 October 1802 (pages 7-8).

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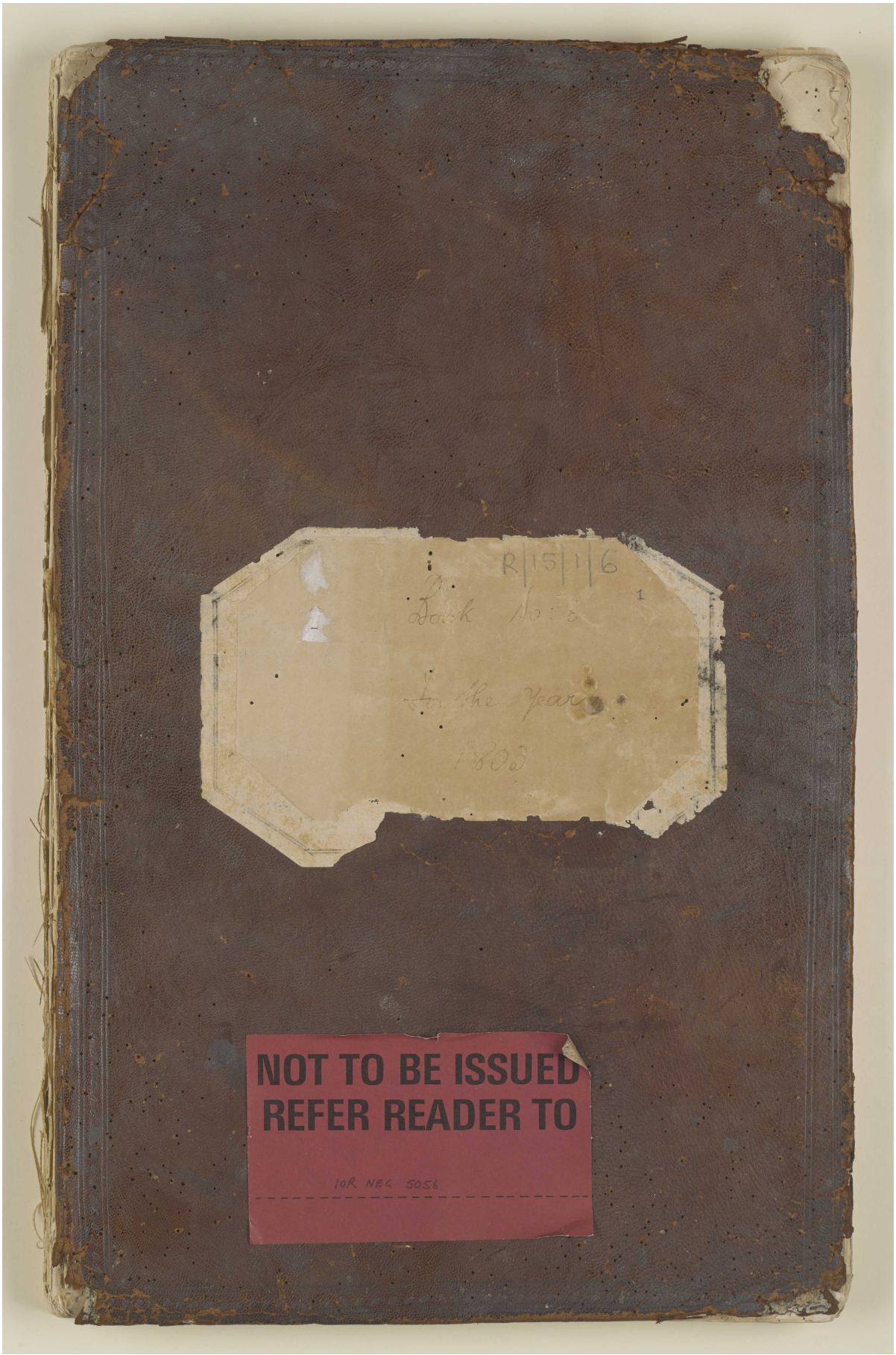

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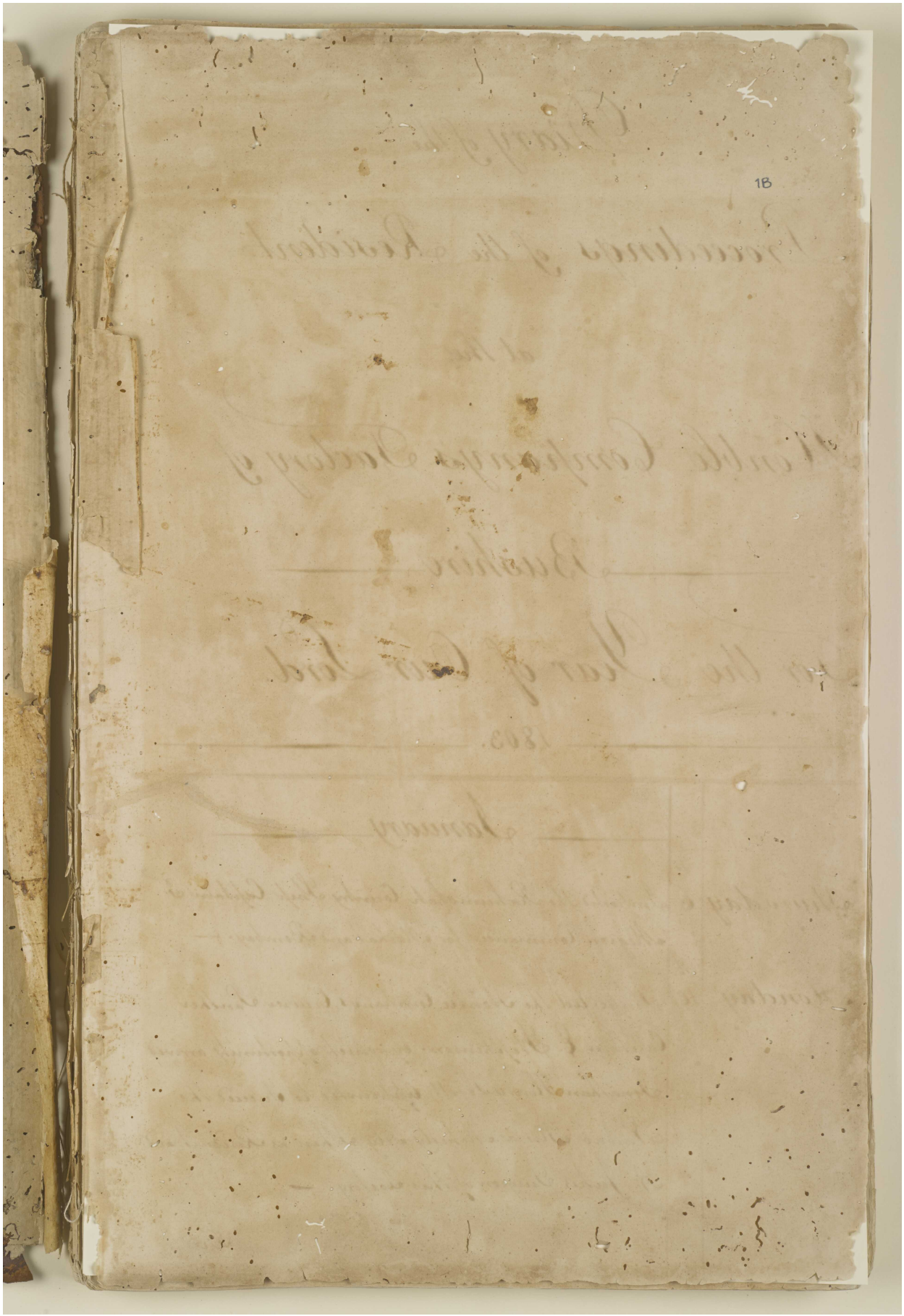
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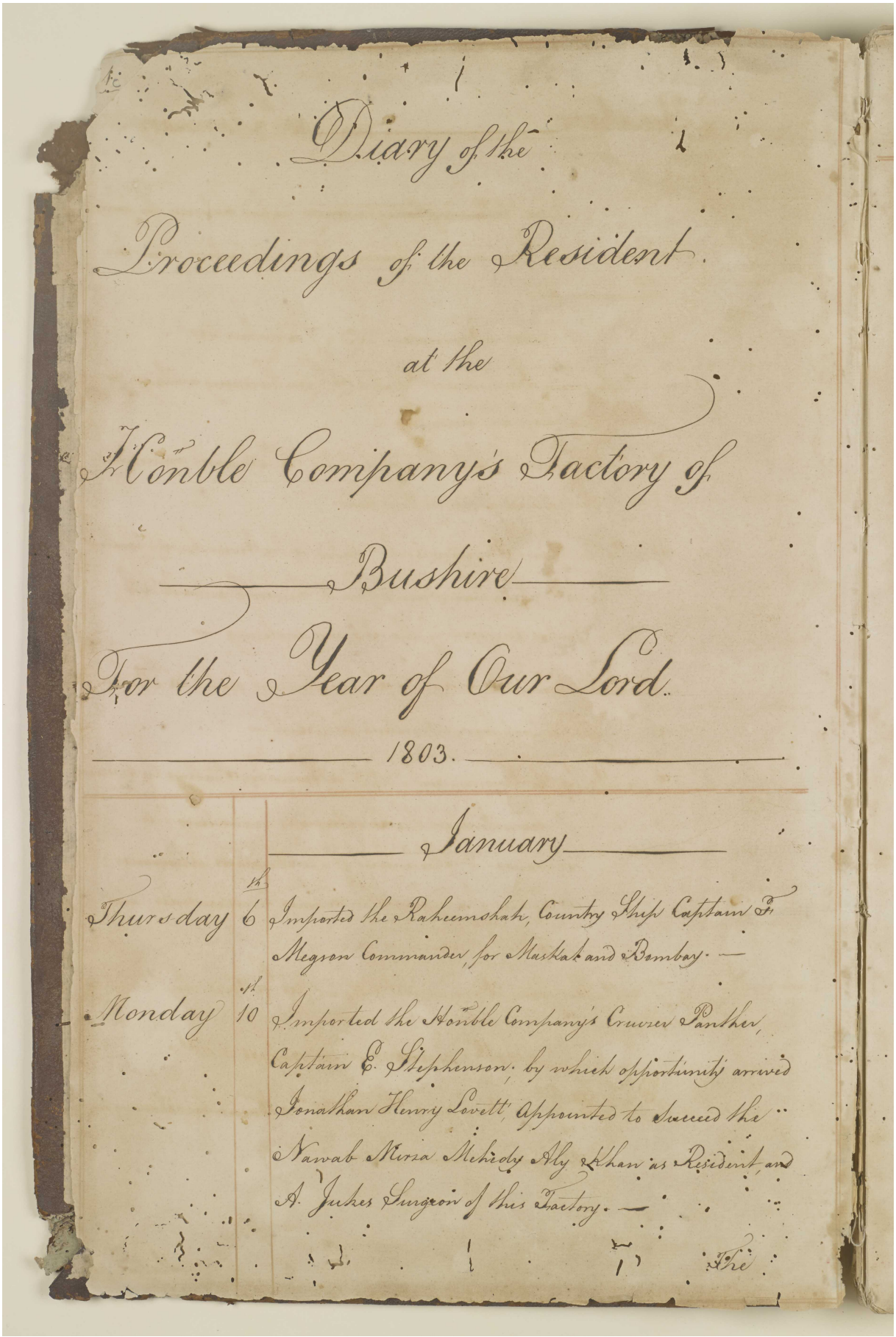

Diary of the

Proceedings of the Resident

at the

Honble Company's Factory of

Bushire

For the Year of Our Lord

1803.

January

Thursday 6th — Imported the Rahemshah, Country Ship Captain F. Megron Commander, for Muskat and Bombay. —

Monday 10th — Imported the Honble Company's Cruizer Panther, Captain E. Stephenson, by which opportunity arrived Jonathan Henry Lovett, Appointed to succeed the Nawab Mirza Mehidy Aly Khan as Resident, and A. Jukes Surgeon of this Factory. —

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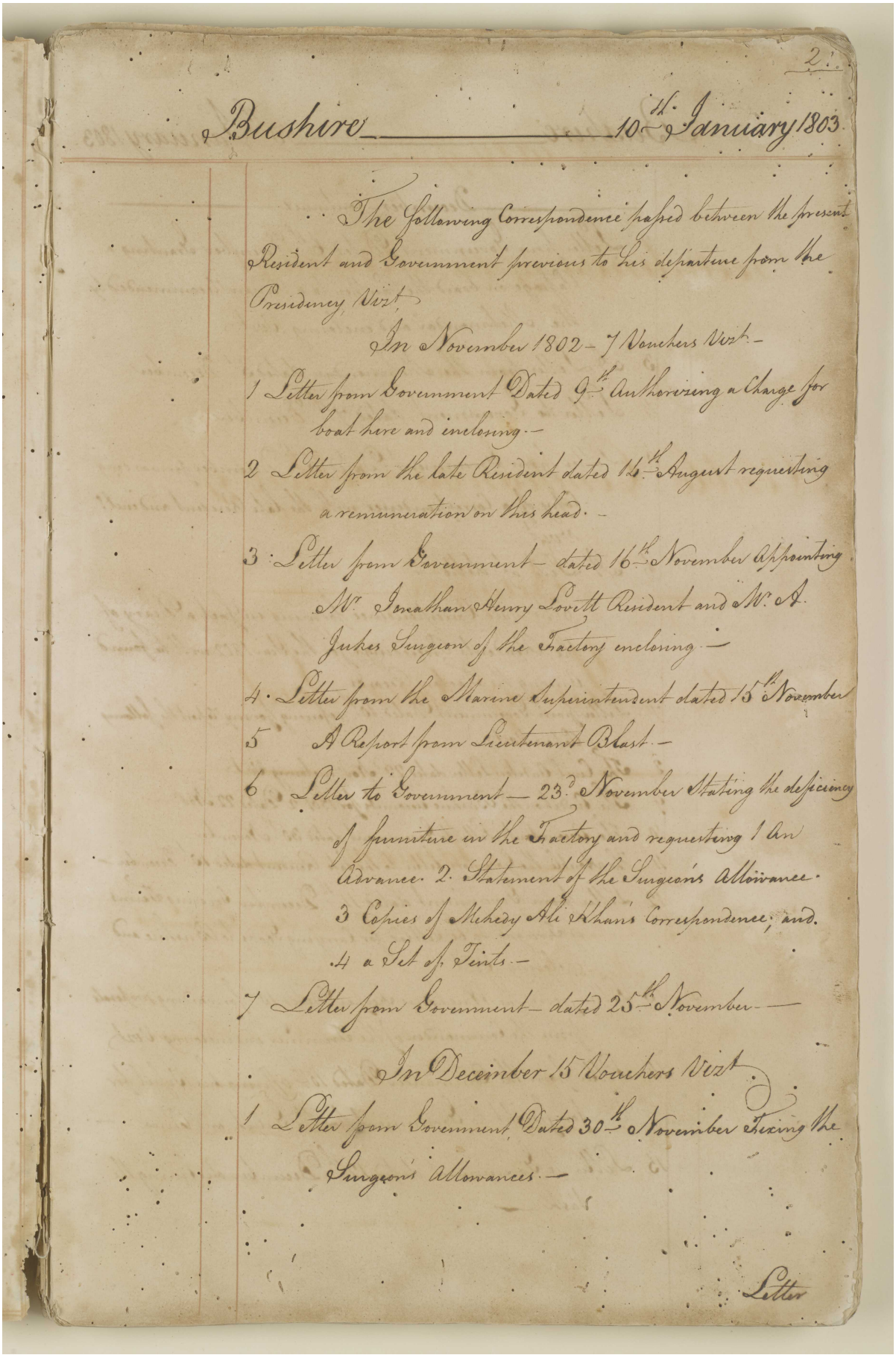

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Bushire 10th January 1803.

The following Correspondence passed between the present Resident and Government previous to his departure from the Presidency Viz.t

In November 1802 – 7 Vouchers Viz.t –

1 Letter from Government Dated 9th Authorizing a Charge for boat hire and enclosing –

2 Letter from the late Resident dated 15th August requesting a remuneration on this head. –

3 Letter from Government – dated 16th November Appointing Mr Jonathan Henry Lovett Resident and Mr A. Jukes Surgeon of the Factory enclosing –

4 Letter from the Marine Superintendent dated 15th November

5 A Report from Lieutenant Blast –

6 Letter to Government – 23d November Stating the deficiency of furniture in the Factory and requesting 1 An Advance. 2. Statement of the Surgeons Allowance. 3 Copies of Mehedy Ali Khans Correspondence, and. 4 a Set of Tints –

7 Letter from Government – dated 25th November –

In December 15 Vouchers Viz.t

1 Letter from Government Dated 30th November Fixing the Surgeons Allowances –

Letter

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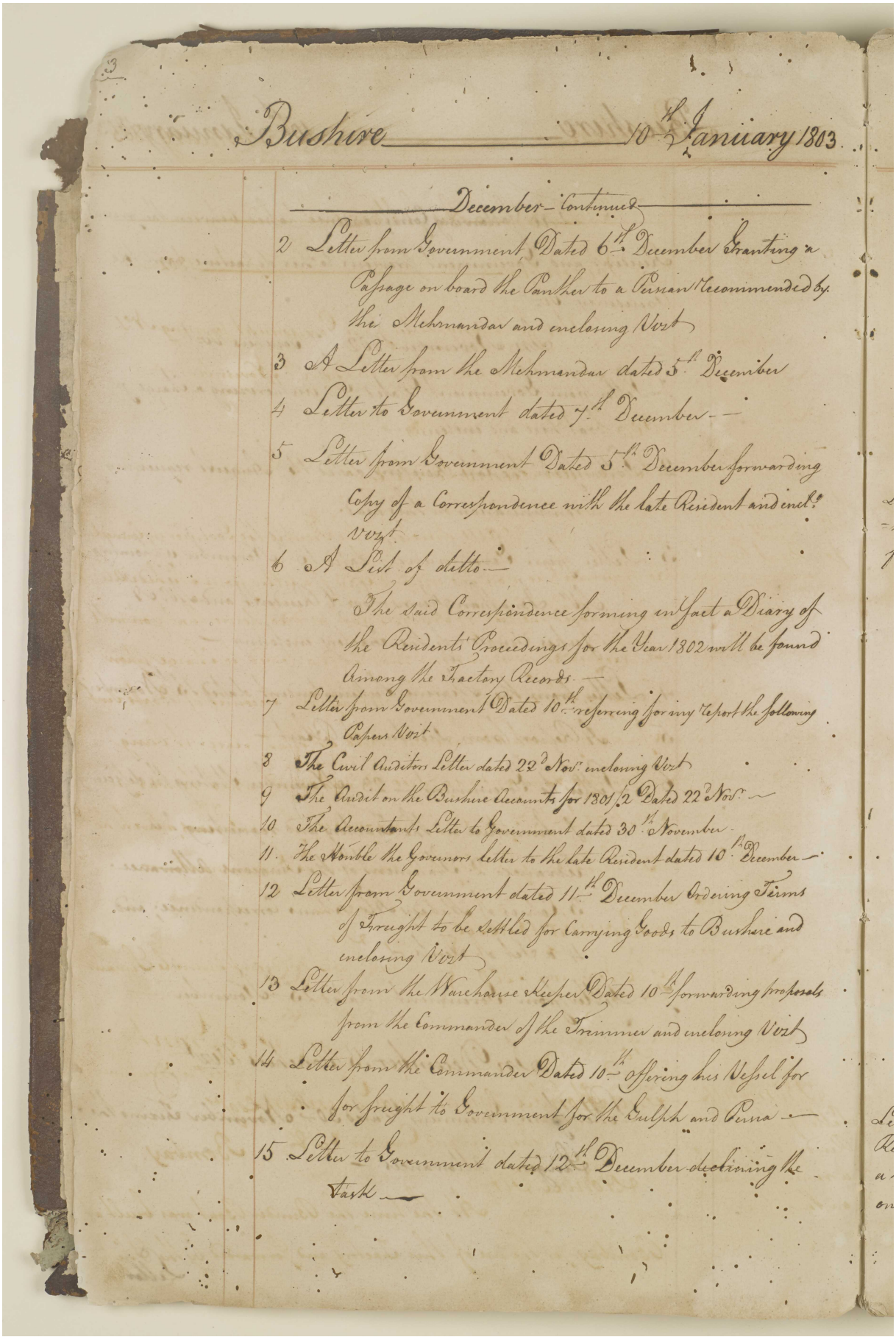

Bushire 10th January 1803.

December – Continued

2 Letter from Government Dated 6th December Granting a Passage on board the Panther to a Persian Recommended by the Mehmandar and enclosing Vozt

3 A Letter from the Mehmandar dated 5th December

4 Letter to Government dated 7th December –

5 Letter from Government Dated 5th December forwarding Copy of a Correspondence with the late Resident and encl.s Vozt

6 A List of ditto –

The said Correspondence forming in fact a Diary of the Resident's Proceedings for the Year 1802 will be found among the Factory Records –

7 Letter from Government Dated 10th referring for my Report the following Papers Vozt

8 The Civil Auditors Letter dated 22d Nov.r enclosing Vozt

9 The Audit on the Bushire Accounts for 1801/2 Dated 22d Nov.r –

10 The Accountants Letter to Government dated 30th November

11 The Honble the Governors Letter to the late Resident dated 10th December –

12 Letter from Government dated 11th December Ordering Terms of Freight to be settled for Carrying Goods to Bushire and enclosing Vozt

13 Letter from the Warehouse Keeper Dated 10th forwarding Proposals from the Commander of the Trimmer and enclosing Vozt

14 Letter from the Commander Dated 10th offering his Vessel for for freight to Government for the Gulph and Persia –

15 Letter to Government dated 12th December declining the Task –

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Bushire 10th January 1803

As follows

November 1802.

The following Letter from Government forming No. 1 of the above Series was received on the 10th November.—

To

Bombay — Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqr

Letter from authorising Charge for Boat hire.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a letter from Meheidi Ali Khan, dated the 15th of August last, and to desire, that you will be pleased to inform him, that he is allowed to Charge upon honor for the Amount of his outlay — on Account of Boats sent off to Ships, which have imported at that place; it being understood, that such expence do not exceed what he was permitted to draw for Viz.t the expence of ten Sascars, which he has, hitherto, refrained from charging to Government.—

I am
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) J. A Grant
Secry to Government

Bombay Castle
9th November 1802

To

Bombay — The Honble Jonathan Duncan Esqr
President and Governor &c &c Bombay.

Letter from the Resident requesting a remuneration on this day.

Honble Sir,

At the time the Bunder Boat was built at Bombay for the use of this Factory and forwarded by the Ship Governor

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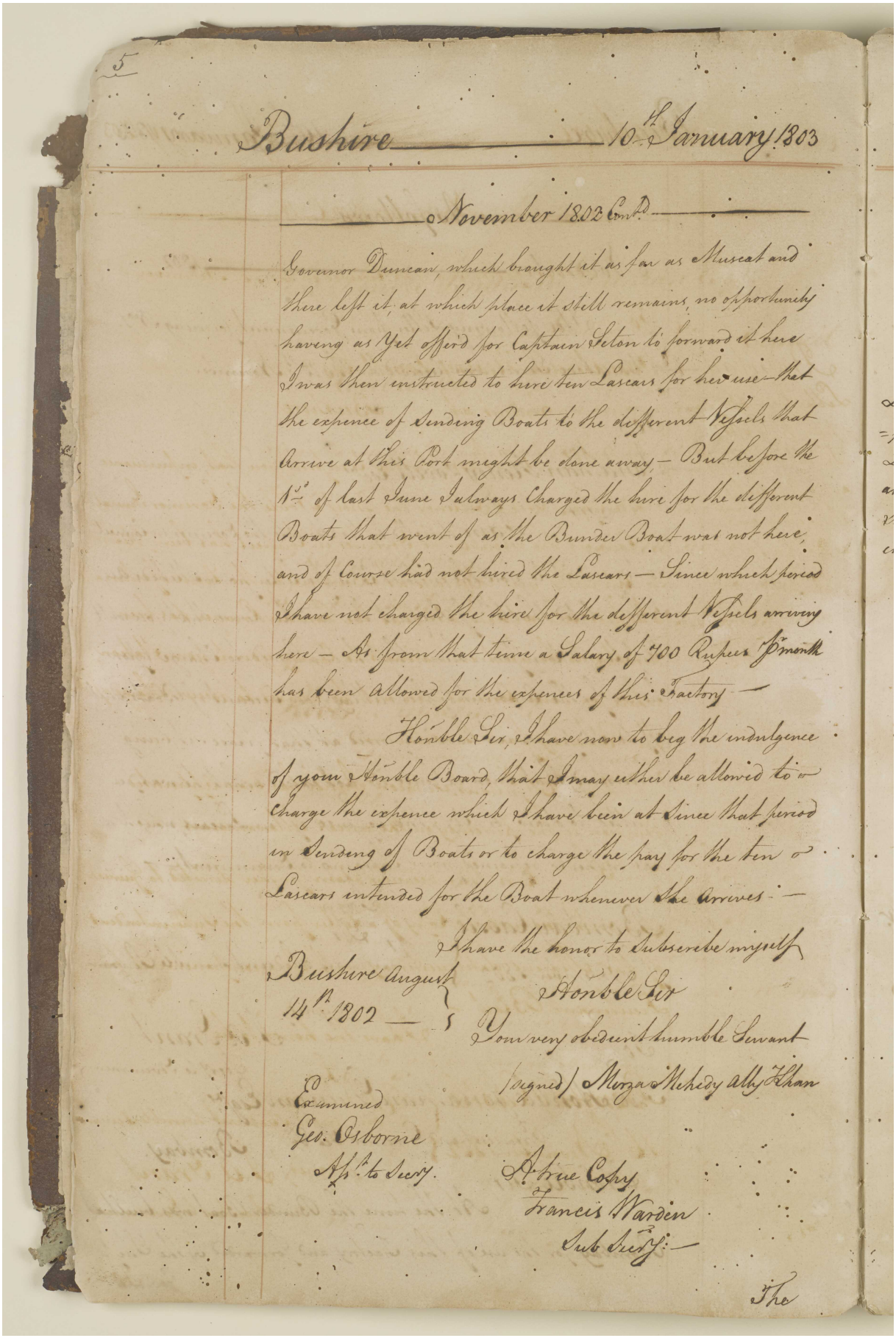

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November 1802 Cont.d

Governor Duncan, which brought it as far as Muscat and there left it, at which place it still remains, no opportunity having as yet offerd for Captain Seton to forward it here I was then instructed to hire ten Lascars for her use — that the expence of Sending Boats to the different Vessels that Arrive at this Port might be done away — But before the 1st of last June I always Charged the hire for the different Boats that went of as the Bunder Boat was not here, and of Course had not hired the Lascars — Since which period I have not charged the hire for the different Vessels arriving here — As from that time a Salary of 700 Rupees pr month has been allowed for the expences of this Factory —

Honble Sir, I have now to beg the indulgence of your Honble Board, that I may either be allowed to charge the expence which I have been at Since that period in Sending of Boats or to charge the pay for the ten Lascars intended for the Boat whenever She Arrives —

I have the honor to Subscribe myself

Bushire August 14th 1802 — Honble Sir Your very obedient humble Servant (signed) Mirza Mehedy ally Khan

Examined Geo. Osborne Asst to Secy.

A true Copy Francis Warden Sub Secy.

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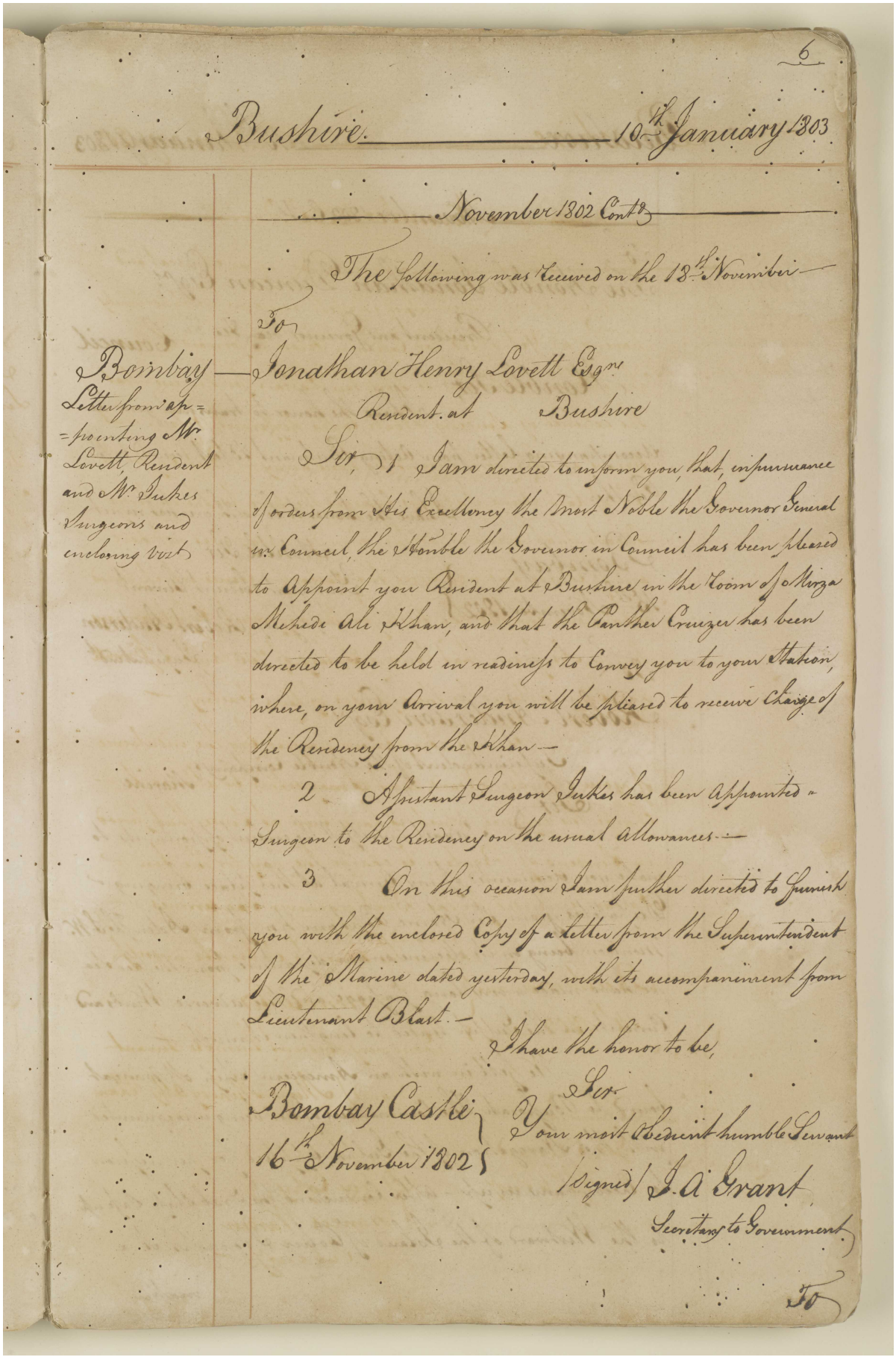

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Bushire 10th January 1803

November 1802 Contd

The following was received on the 12th November

To

Bombay Letter from appointing Mr Lovett, Resident and Mr Jukes Surgeons and enclosing Ext

Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqr
Resident at Bushire

Sir, I am directed to inform you, that, in pursuance of orders from His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, the Honble the Governor in Council has been pleased to Appoint you Resident at Bushire in the room of Mirza Mehdi Ali Khan, and that the Panther Cruizer has been directed to be held in readiness to Convey you to your Station, where, on your Arrival you will be pleased to receive Charge of the Residency from the Khan —

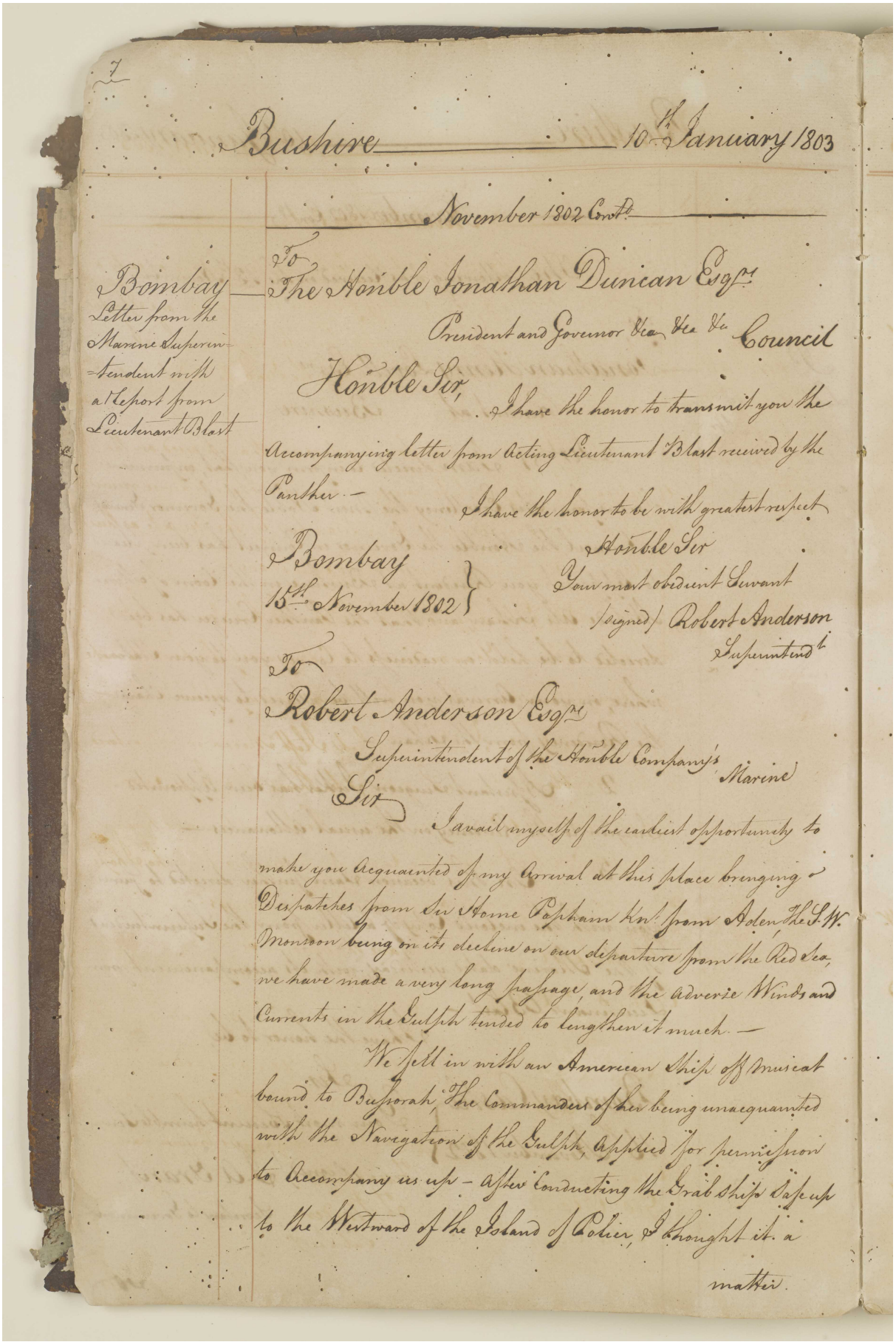
2 Assistant Surgeon Jukes has been Appointed Surgeon to the Residency on the usual Allowances —

3 On this occasion I am further directed to furnish you with the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Marine dated yesterday, with its accompaniment from Lieutenant Blast —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. A. Grant
Secretary to Government

Bombay Castle
16th November 1802

To



Bushire 10th January 1803

November 1802 Contd

Bombay Letter from the Marine Superintendent with a Report from Lieutenant Blast

To
The Honble Jonathan Duncan Esqr
President and Governor &c &c &c Council

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you the accompanying letter from acting Lieutenant Blast received by the Panther —

I have the honor to be with greatest respect
Honble Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) Robert Anderson
Superintendt

Bombay
15th November 1802

To
Robert Anderson Esqr
Superintendent of the Honble Company's Marine

Sir

I avail myself of the earliest opportunity to make you acquainted of my Arrival at this place bringing Dispatches from Sir Home Popham Knt from Aden the S.W. Monsoon being on its decline on our departure from the Red Sea, we have made a very long passage, and the adverse Winds and Currents in the Gulph tended to lengthen it much —

We fell in with an American Ship off Muscat bound to Busporah, the Commander of her being unacquainted with the Navigation of the Gulph, applied for permission to accompany us up — after conducting the Grab ships safe up to the Westward of the Island of Polier, I thought it a

matter

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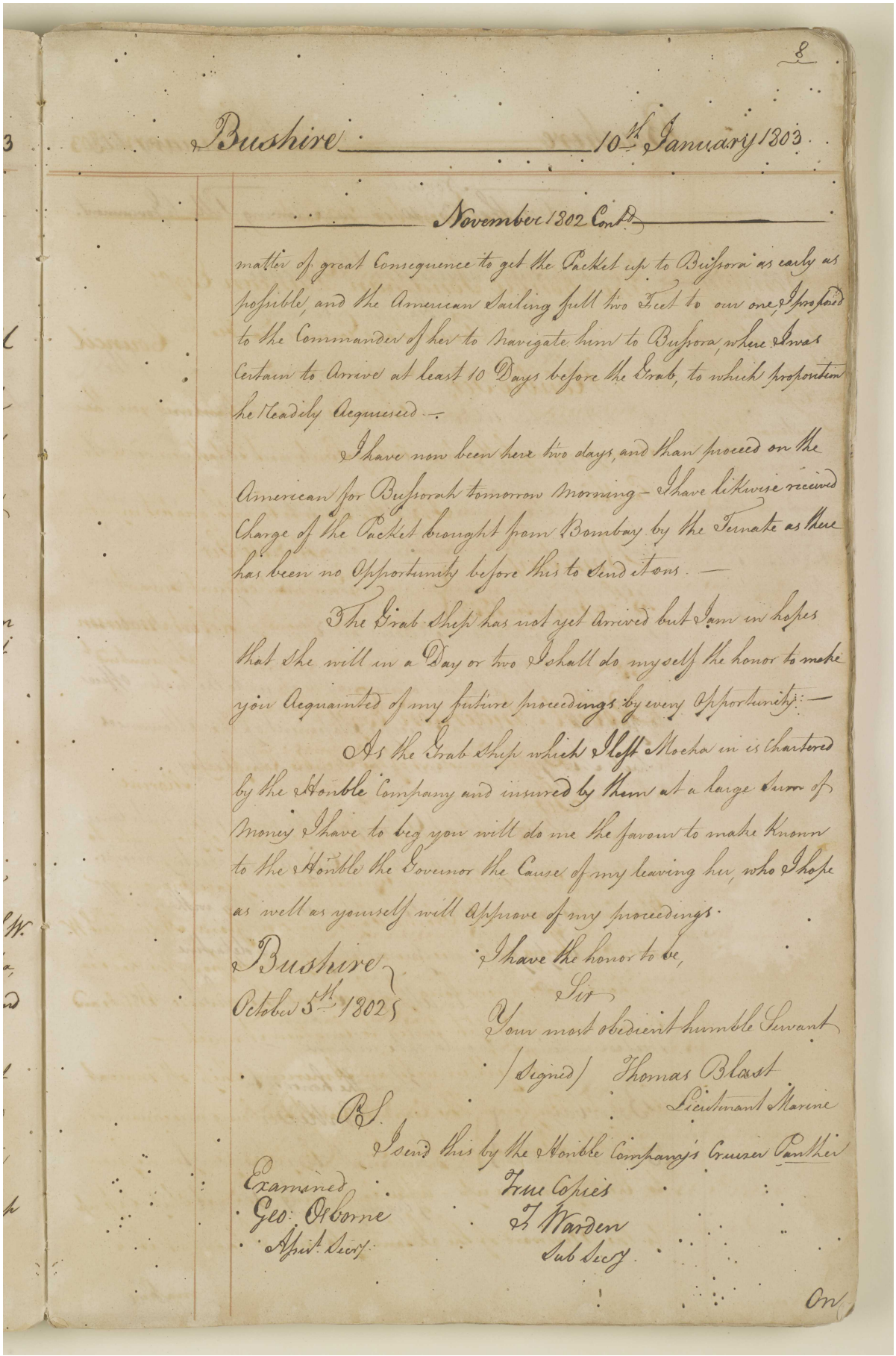

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matter of great Consequence to get the Packet up to Bussora as early as possible and the American Sailing full two Feet to our one, I proposed to the Commander of her to Navigate him to Bussora, where I was certain to Arrive at least 10 Days before the Grab, to which proposition he Readily Acquiesced —

I have now been here two days, and shan proceed on the American for Bussorah tomorrow Morning — I have likewise received charge of the Packet brought from Bombay by the Fernate as there has been no Opportunity before this to send it on. —

The Grab Ship has not yet Arrived but I am in hopes that she will in a Day or two I shall do myself the honor to make you Acquainted of my future proceedings by every Opportunity. —

As the Grab Ship which I left Mocha in is Chartered by the Honble Company and insured by them at a large sum of Money I have to beg you will do me the favour to make known to the Honble the Governor the Cause of my leaving her, who I hope as well as yourself will Approve of my proceedings.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) Thomas Blast
Lieutenant Marine

Bushire
October 5th 1802

P.S.
I send this by the Honble Company's Cruizer Panther

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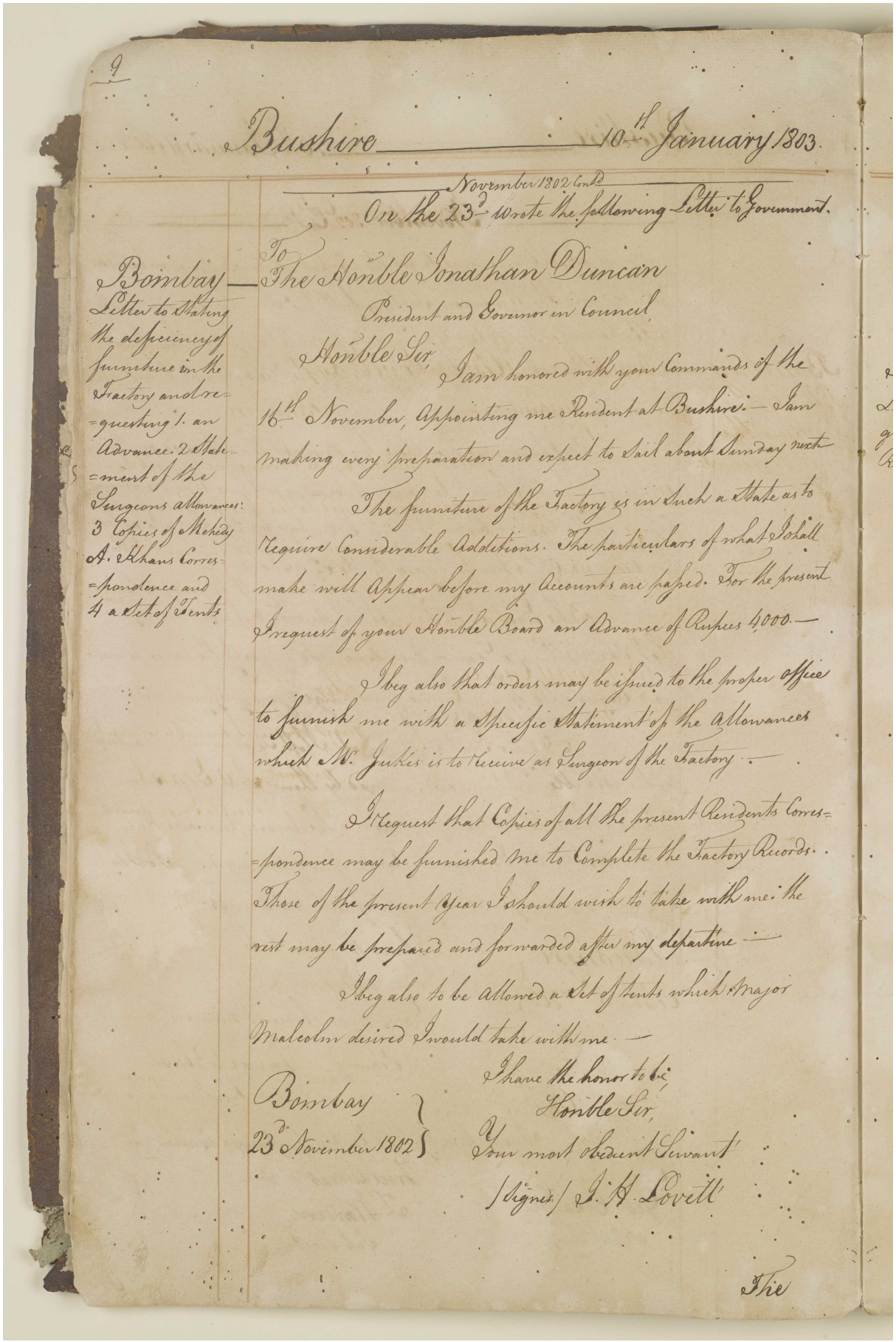

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Bushire 10th January 1803.

November 1802 Contd

On the 23d wrote the following Letter to Government.

Bombay
Letter to Stating the deficiency of furniture in the Factory and requesting 1. an Advance: 2 Statement of the Surgeons allowances: 3 Copies of Mehedy A. Khans Correspondence and 4 a Set of Tents

To
The Honble Jonathan Duncan
President and Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

I am honored with your Commands of the 16th November, Appointing me Resident at Bushire. — I am making every preparation and expect to sail about Sunday next.

The furniture of the Factory is in such a State as to require Considerable Additions. The particulars of what I shall make will Appear before my Accounts are passed. For the present I request of your Honble Board an Advance of Rupees 4000 —

I beg also that orders may be issued to the proper Office to furnish me with a Specific Statement of the allowances which Mr. Jukes is to receive as Surgeon of the Factory —

I Request that Copies of all the present Residents Correspondence may be furnished me to Complete the Factory Records. Those of the present Year I should wish to take with me: the rest may be prepared and forwarded after my departure —

I beg also to be allowed a Set of Tents which Major Malcolm desired I would take with me —

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) J. H. Lovett

Bombay
23d November 1802

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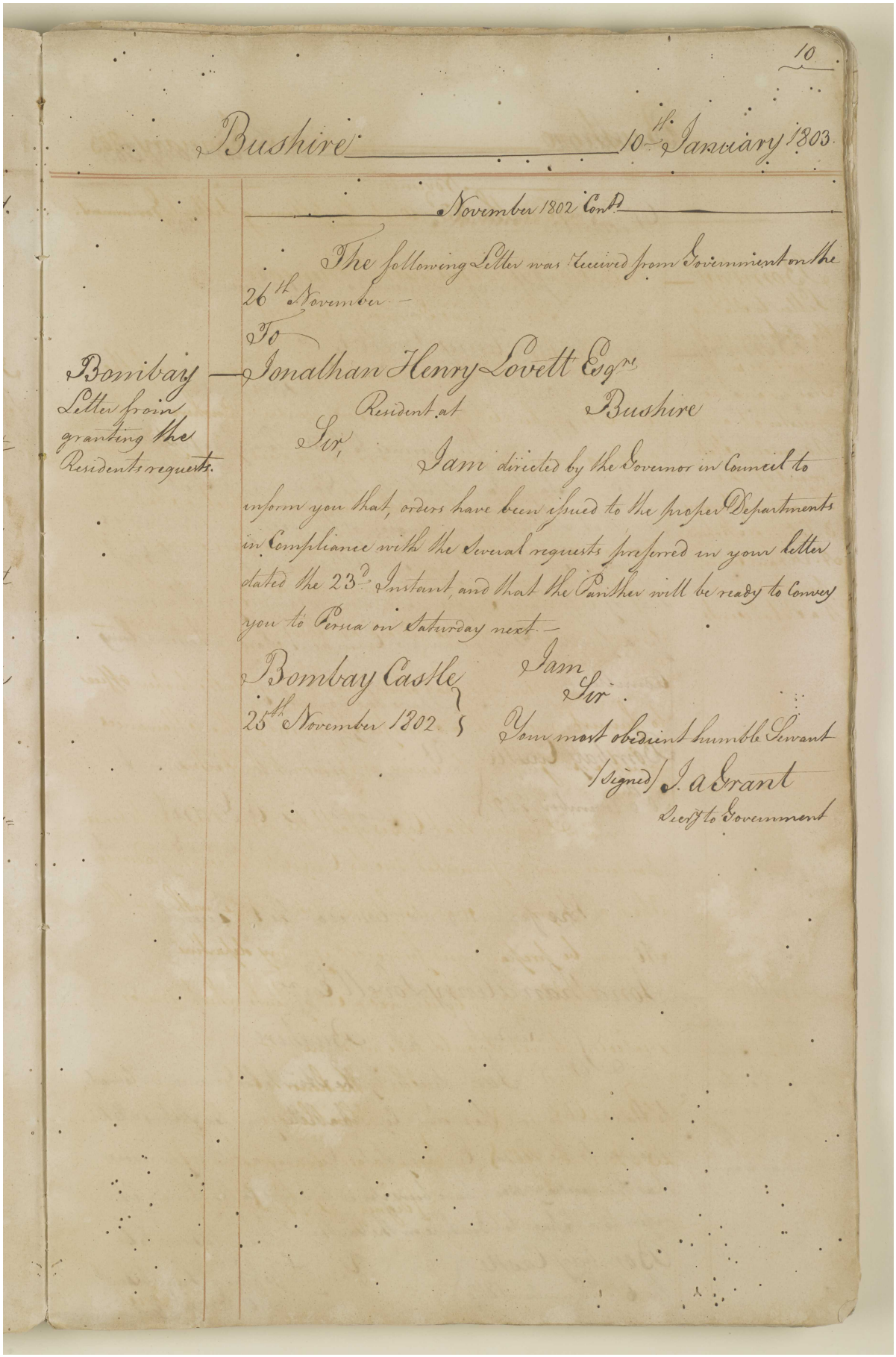

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Bushire 10th January 1803

November 1802 Contd

The following Letter was received from Government on the 26th November –

To

Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqr

Resident at Bushire

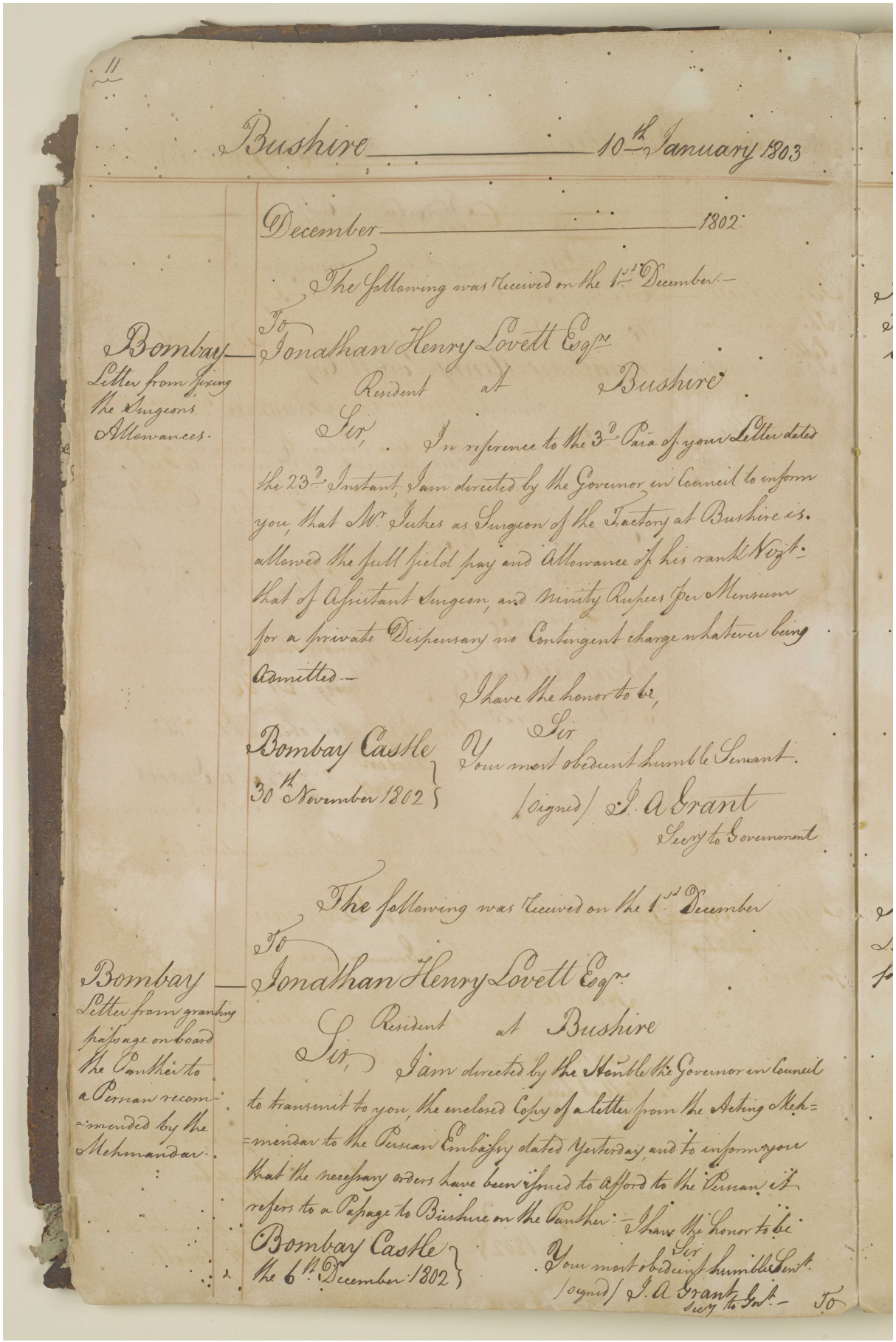
Bombay Letter from granting the Residents requests.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to inform you that, orders have been issued to the proper Departments in Compliance with the Several requests preferred in your letter dated the 23d Instant, and that the Panther will be ready to Convey you to Persia on Saturday next –

Bombay Castle
25th November 1802

I am Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
/Signed/ J. a Grant
Secy to Government



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Bushire 10th January 1803

December 1802

The following was received on the 1st December –

Bombay — Letter from Govt fixing the Surgeons Allowances.

To
Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqr
Resident at Bushire

Sir, In reference to the 3d Para of your Letter dated the 23d Instant, I am directed by the Governor in Council to inform you, that Mr Jukes as Surgeon of the Factory at Bushire is allowed the full field pay and Allowance of his rank Viz: that of Assistant Surgeon, and Ninety Rupees per Mensum for a private Dispensary no Contingent charge whatever being admitted –

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant.
(signed) J. A Grant
Secy to Government

Bombay Castle
30th November 1802

The following was received on the 1st December

Bombay — Letter from granting passage on board the Panther to a Persian recommended by the Mehmandar.

To
Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqr
Resident at Bushire

Sir, I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you, the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Acting Mehmendar to the Persian Embassy dated Yesterday, and to inform you that the necessary orders have been issued to afford to the Persian it refers to a Passage to Bushire on the Panther: – I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servt.
(signed) J. A Grant
Secy to Govt –

Bombay Castle
the 6th December 1802

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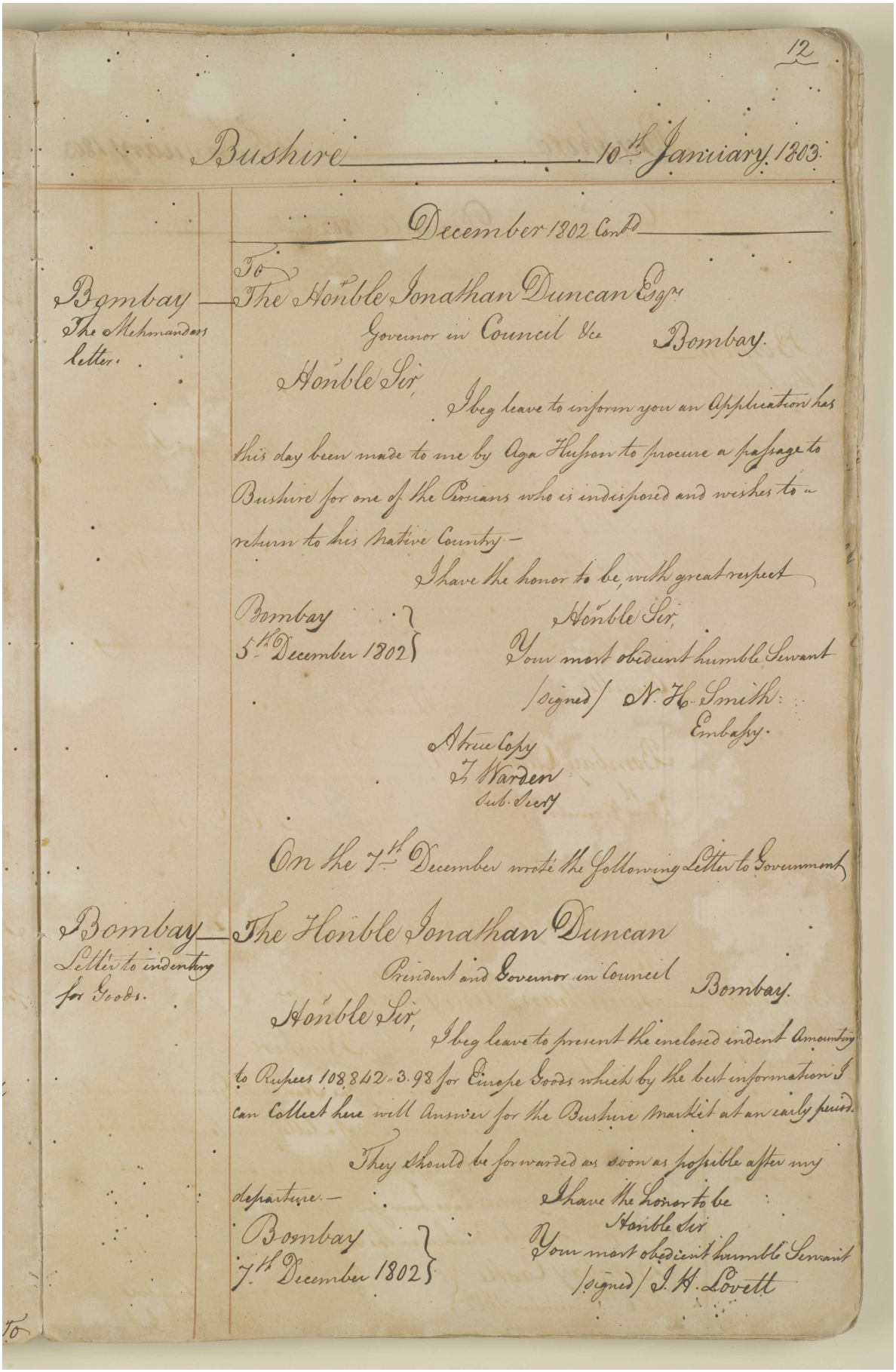

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Bombay
The Memorandum Letter.

To
The Honble Jonathan Duncan Esqr
Governor in Council &c Bombay.

Honble Sir,

I beg leave to inform you an Application has this day been made to me by Aga Hussun to procure a passage to Bushire for one of the Persians who is indisposed and wishes to return to his Native Country —

I have the honor to be, with great respect
Honble Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant
/signed/ N. H. Smith
Embassy.

Bombay
5th December 1802

A true Copy
T. Warden
Sub. Secty

On the 7th December wrote the following Letter to Government

Bombay
Letter to indenting for Goods.

The Honble Jonathan Duncan
President and Governor in Council Bombay.

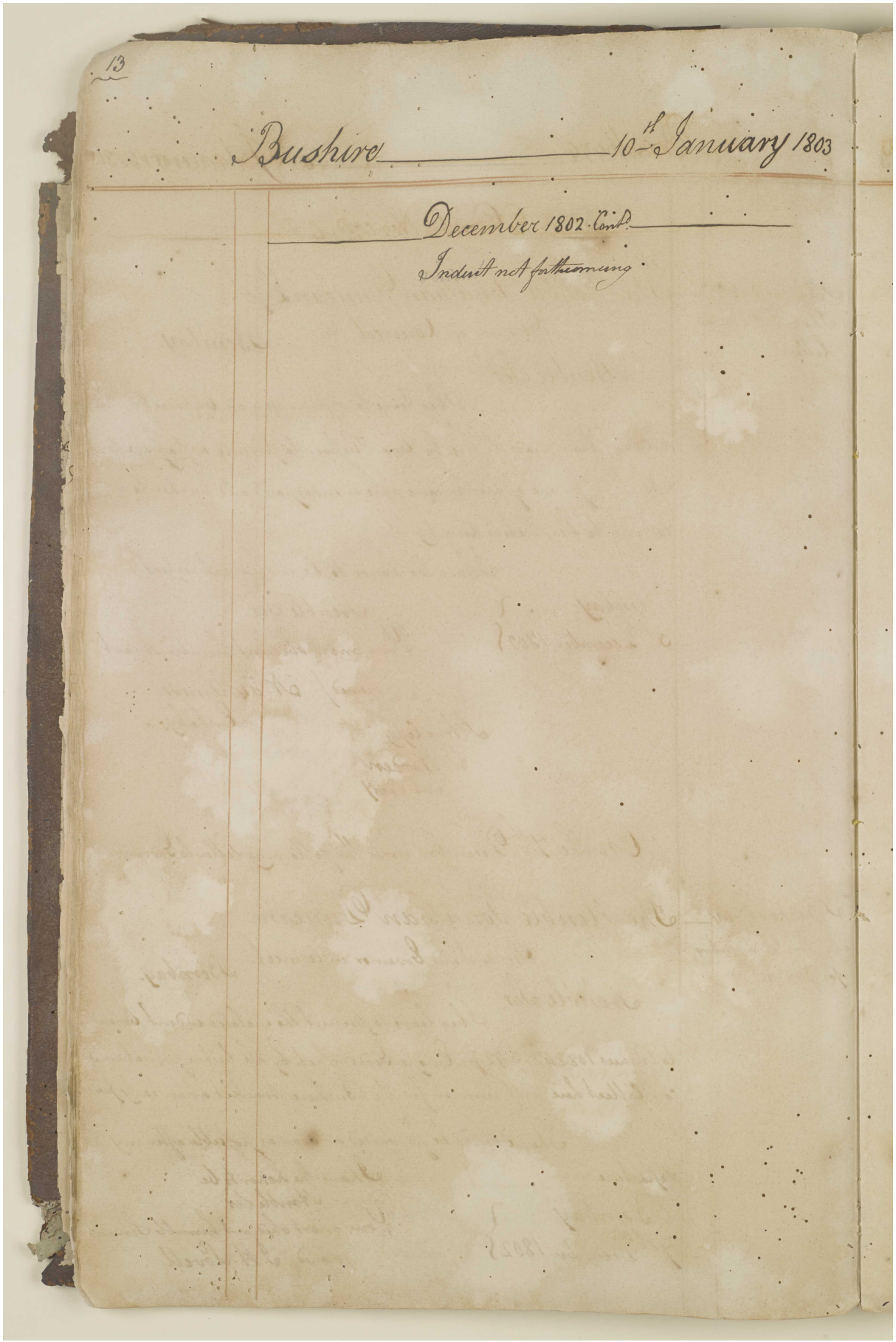
Honble Sir,

I beg leave to present the enclosed indent Amounting to Rupees 108842-3-98 for Europe Goods which by the best information I can collect here will Answer for the Bushire Market at an early period.

They should be forwarded as soon as possible after my departure —

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
/signed/ J. H. Lovett

Bombay
7th December 1802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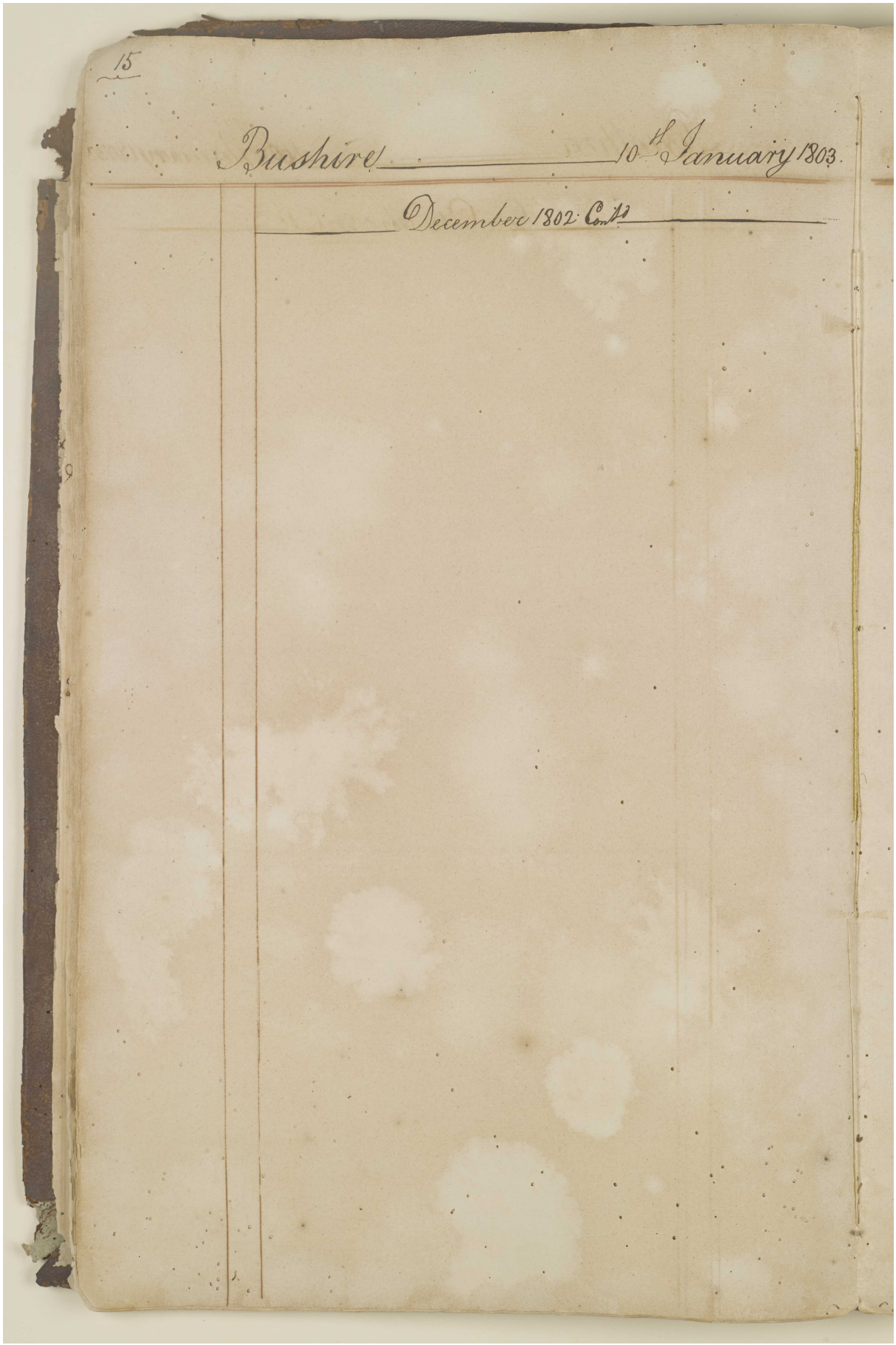

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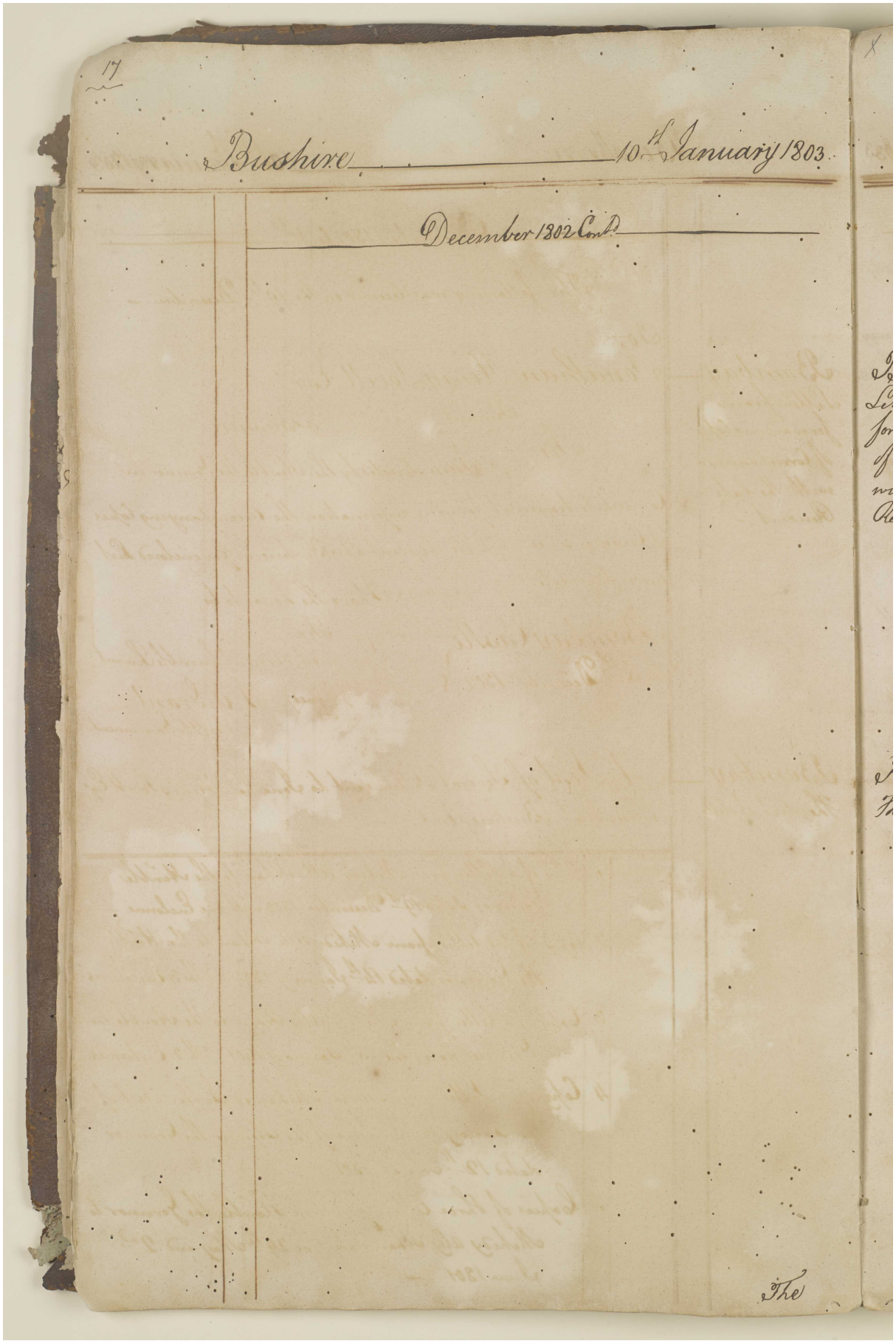
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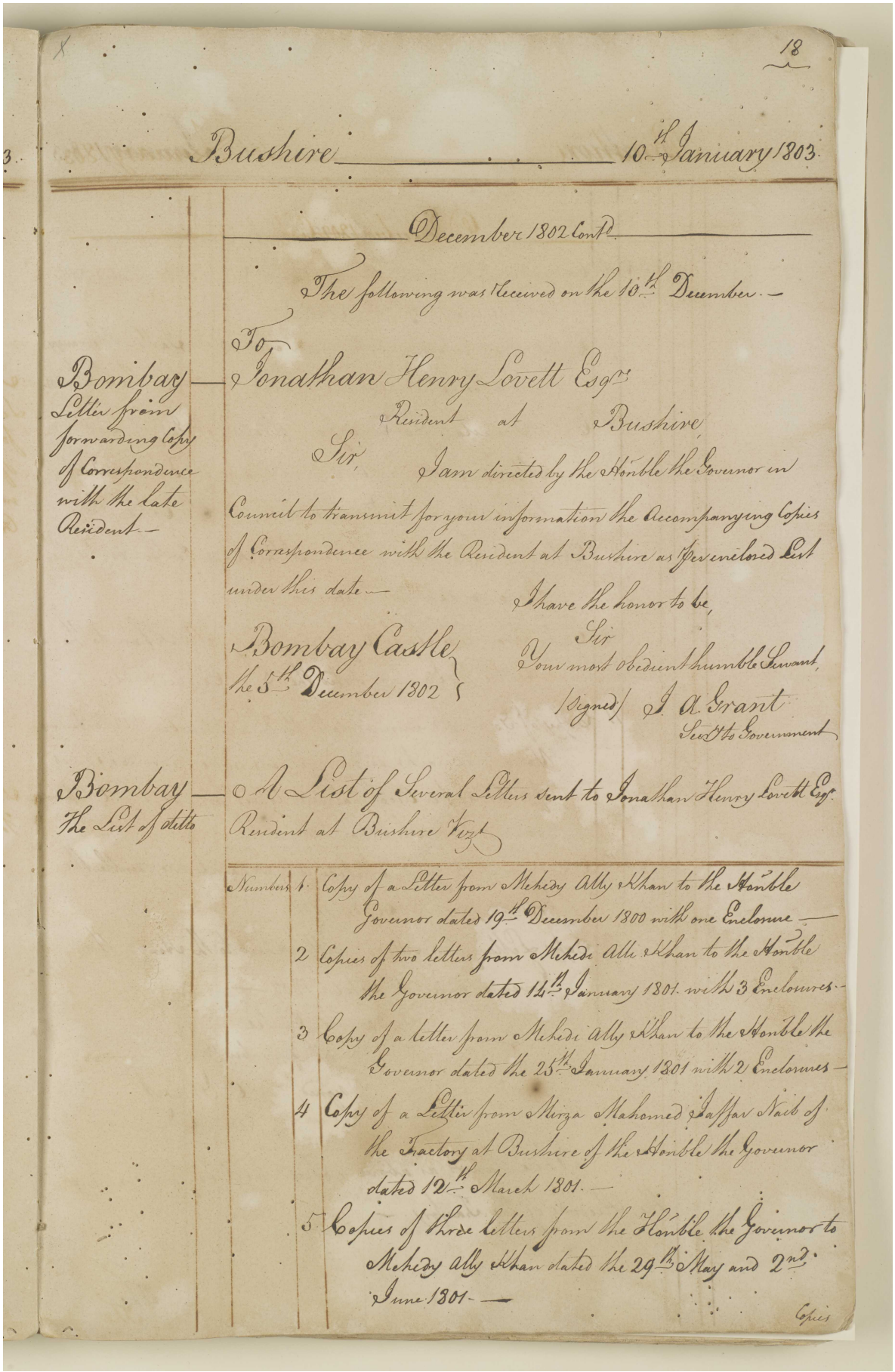

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Bushire 10th January 1803

December 1802 Contd

The following was Received on the 10th December —

Bombay Letter from forwarding Copy of Correspondence with the late Resident —

To
Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqr
Resident at Bushire

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to transmit for your information the accompanying Copies of Correspondence with the Resident at Bushire as per enclosed List under this date —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant,
(signed) J. A. Grant
Sec'y to Government

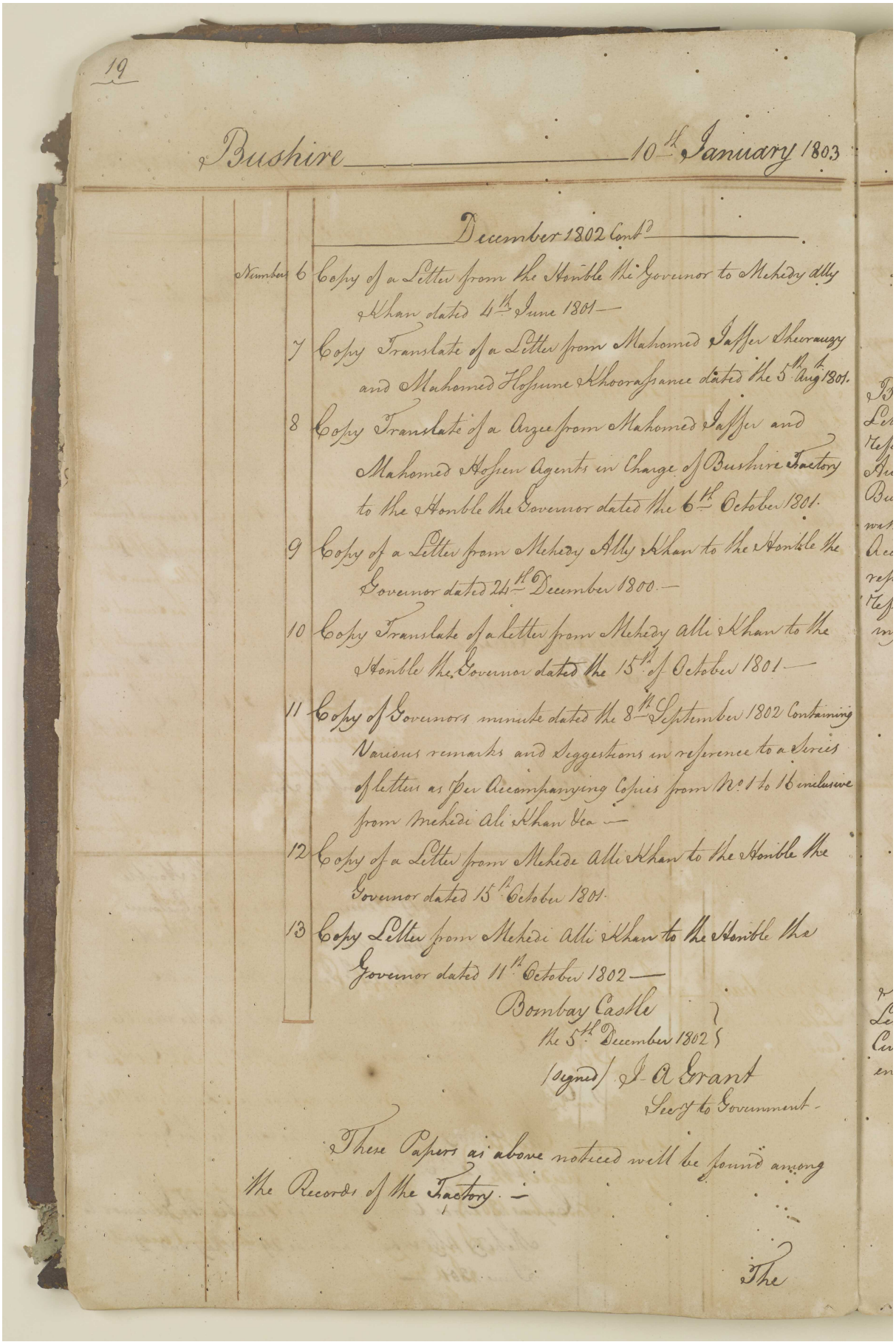
Bombay Castle
the 5th December 1802

Bombay The List of ditto —

A List of Several Letters sent to Jonathan Henry Lovett Esq. Resident at Bushire Viz.t

Numbers
1 Copy of a Letter from Mehedy Ally Khan to the Honble Governor dated 19th December 1800 with one Enclosure —
2 Copies of two letters from Mehedi Alli Khan to the Honble the Governor dated 12th January 1801 with 3 Enclosures —
3 Copy of a letter from Mehedi ally Khan to the Honble the Governor dated the 25th January 1801 with 2 Enclosures —
4 Copy of a Letter from Mirza Mahomed Jaffar Naib of the Factory at Bushire of the Honble the Governor dated 12th March 1801 —
5 Copies of three letters from the Honble the Governor to Mehedy ally Khan dated the 29th May and 2nd June 1801 —

Copies



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Number 6 Copy of a Letter from the Honble the Governor to Mehedy Ally Khan dated 4th June 1801—

7 Copy Translate of a Letter from Mahomed Jaffer Sheerauzy and Mahomed Hosyne Khoorassanee dated the 5th Augt 1801.

8 Copy Translate of a Arzee from Mahomed Jaffer and Mahomed Hosyen Agents in Charge of Bushire Factory to the Honble the Governor dated the 6th October 1801.

9 Copy of a Letter from Mehedy Ally Khan to the Honble the Governor dated 24th December 1800—

10 Copy Translate of a letter from Mehedy alli Khan to the Honble the Governor dated the 15th of October 1801—

11 Copy of Governors minute dated the 8th September 1802 Containing Various remarks and Suggestions in reference to a Series of letter as per Accompanying Copies from No 1 to 16 inclusive from Mehedi Ali Khan Bea —

12 Copy of a Letter from Mehedi alli Khan to the Honble the Governor dated 15th October 1801.

13 Copy Letter from Mehedi alli Khan to the Honble the Governor dated 11th October 1802—

Bombay Castle
the 5th December 1802
(signed) J. A Grant
Secy to Government

These Papers as above noticed will be found among the Records of the Factory. —

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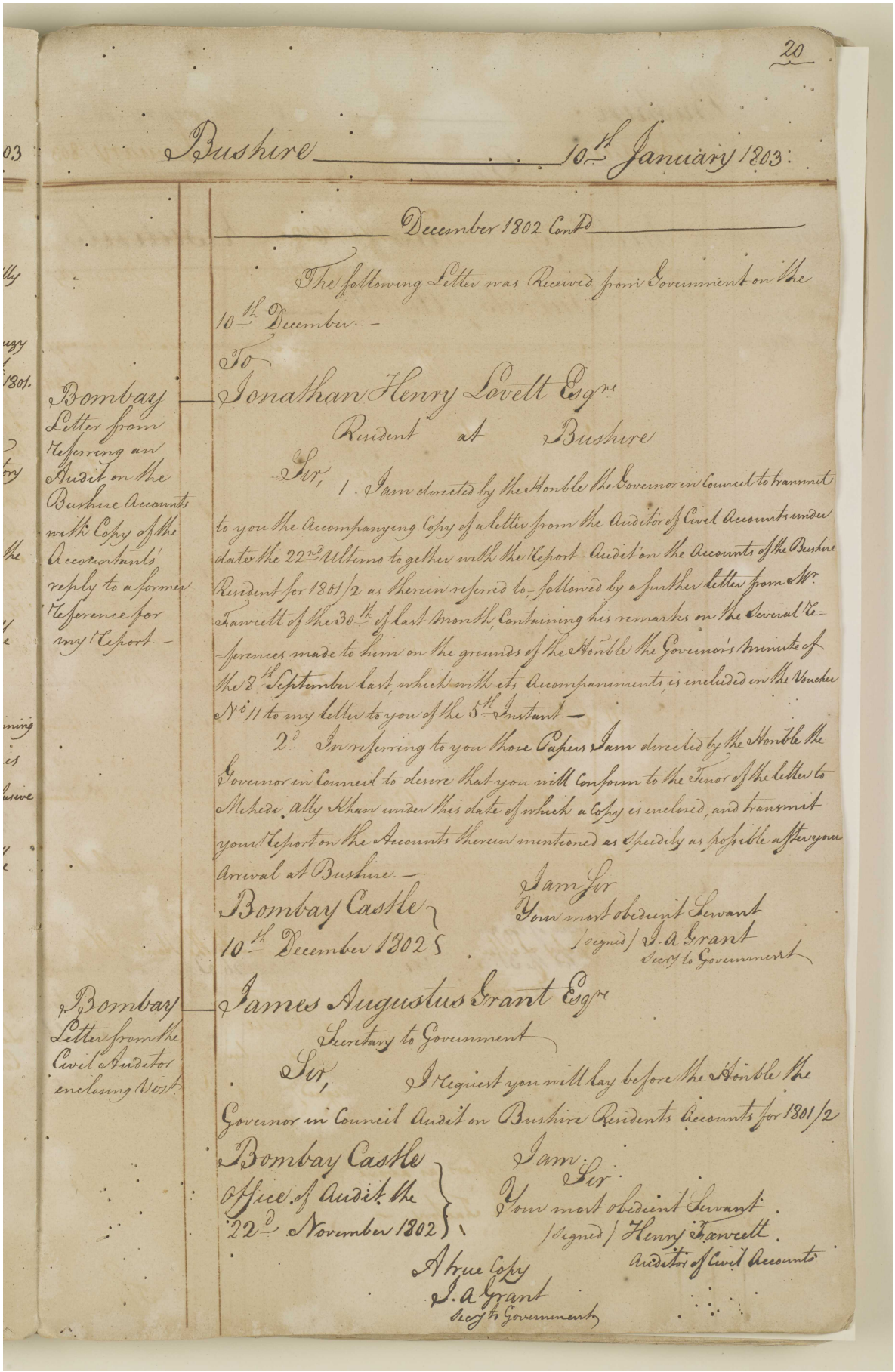

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The following Letter was Received from Government on the 10th December –

To

Bombay Letter from Referring an Audit on the Bushire Accounts with Copy of the Accountants' reply to a former Reference for my Report –

Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqre

Resident at Bushire

Sir, 1. I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you the Accompanying Copy of a letter from the Auditor of Civil Accounts under date the 22nd Ultimo together with the Report Audit on the Accounts of the Bushire Resident for 1801/2 as therein referred to followed by a further letter from Mr. Fawcett of the 30th of last Month, Containing his remarks on the several References made to him on the grounds of the Honble the Governor's Minute of the 2d September last, which with its Accompaniments, is included in the Voucher No 11 to my letter to you of the 5th Instant –

2d In referring to you those Papers I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to desire that you will Conform to the Tenor of the letter to Meheder ally Khan under this date of which a Copy is enclosed, and transmit your Report on the Accounts therein mentioned as Speedily as possible after your arrival at Bushire. –

Bombay Castle 10th December 1802

I am Sir Your most obedient Servant (Signed) J. A Grant Secy to Government

Bombay Letter from the Civil Auditor enclosing Voucher

James Augustus Grant Esqre

Secretary to Government

Sir, I Request you will lay before the Honble the Governor in Council Audit on Bushire Residents Accounts for 1801/2

Bombay Castle Office of Audit the 22d November 1802

I am Sir Your most obedient Servant (Signed) Henry Fawcett Auditor of Civil Accounts

A true Copy J. A Grant Secy to Government

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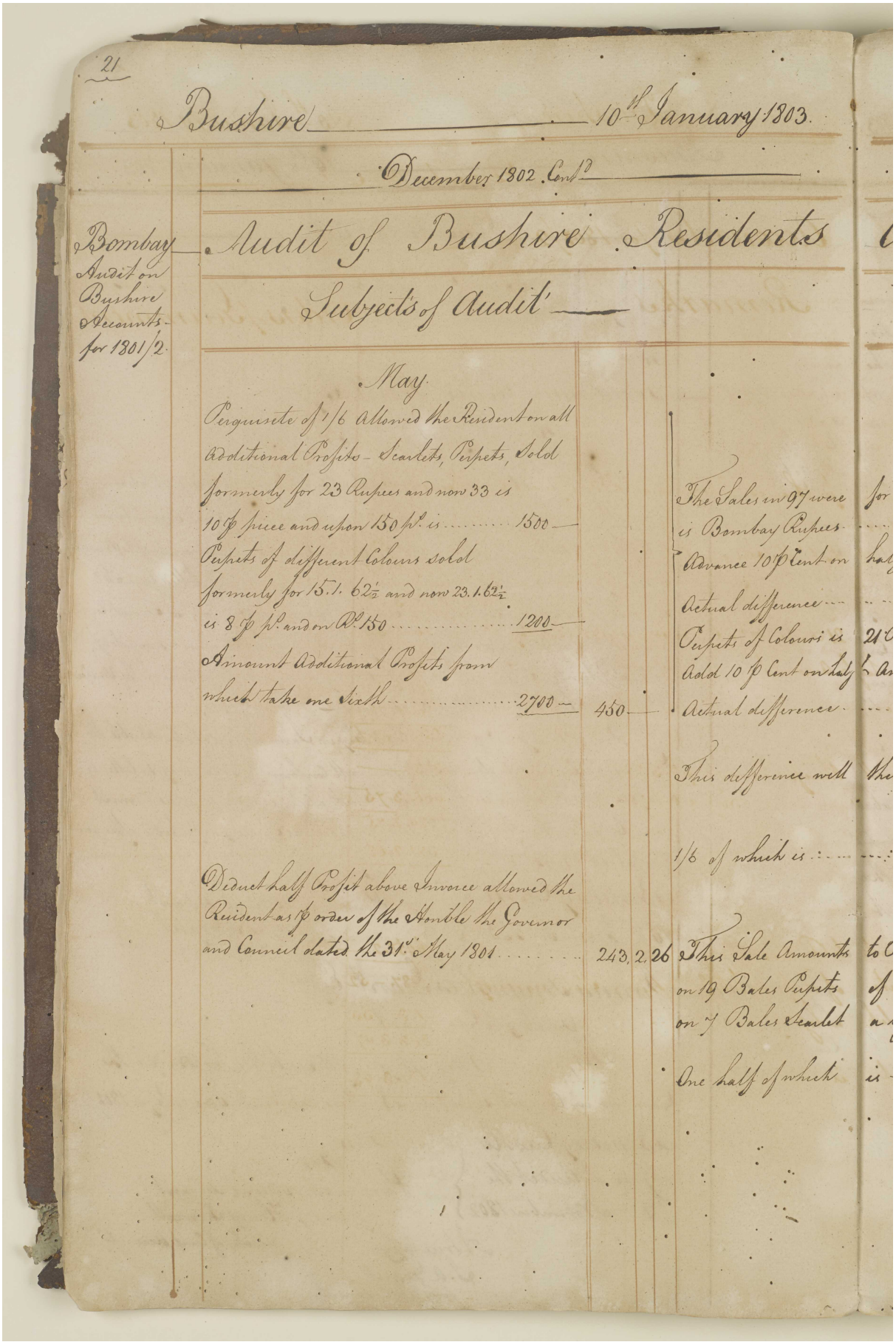

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Bombay Audit on Bushire Accounts for 1801/2.

Audit of Bushire Residents

Subjects of Audit

May

Perquisite of 1/6 allowed the Resident on all additional Profits - Scarlets, Perpets, Sold formerly for 23 Rupees and now 33 is 10 P. piece and upon 150 P. is 1500

Perpets of different Colours sold formerly for 15.1. 62½ and now 23.1.62½ is 8 P. P. and on P. 150 1200

Amount Additional Profits from which take one Sixth ..... 2700 — 450

Deduct half Profit above Invoice allowed the Resident as P order of the Honble the Governor and Council dated the 31st May 1801 ..... 243. 2. 26

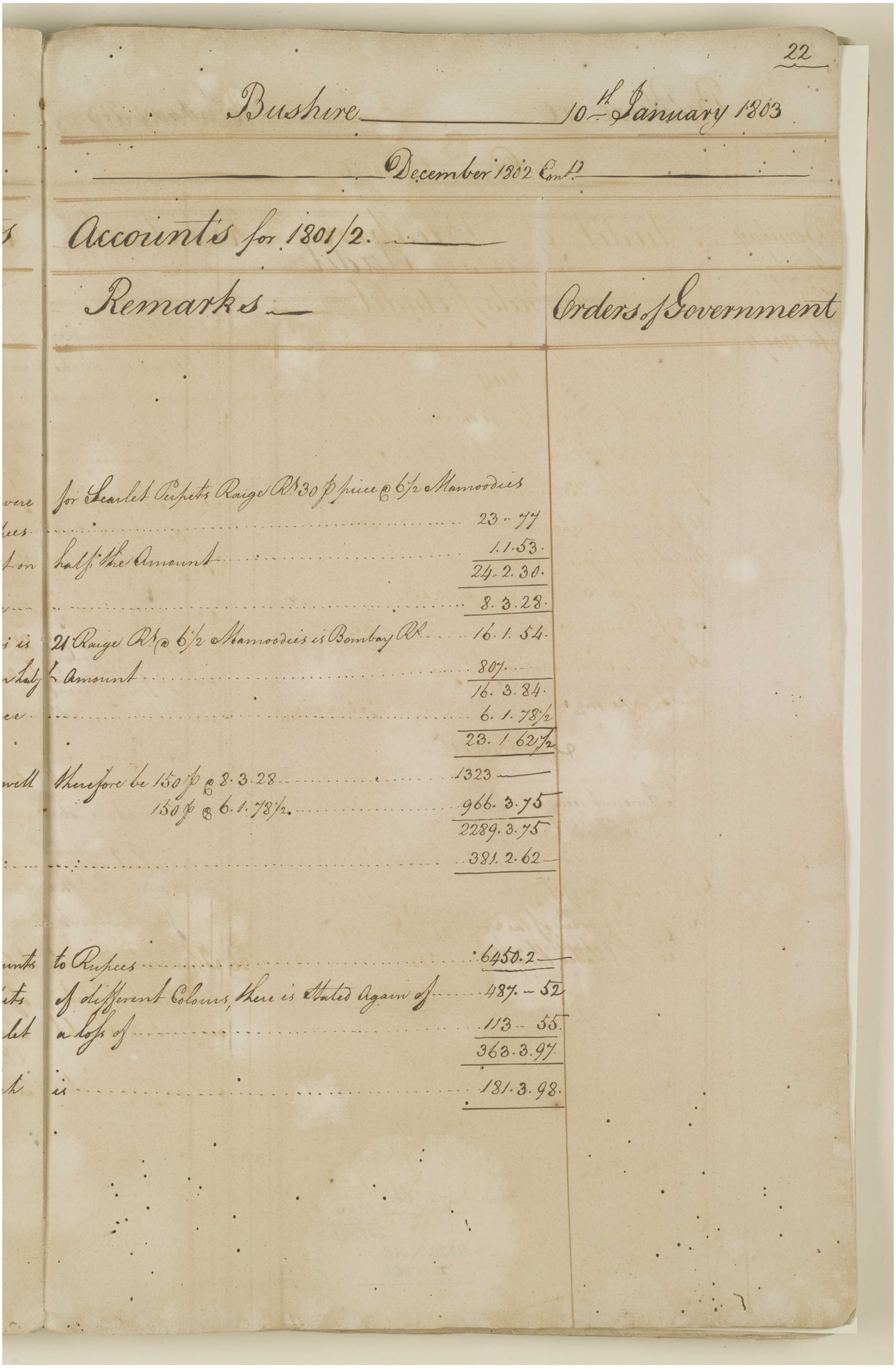
The Sales in 97 were for
is Bombay Rupees
Advance 10 P Cent on
Actual difference
Perpets of Colours is
Add 10 P Cent on half
Actual difference

This difference with the

1/6 of which is

This Sale Amounts to
on 19 Bales Perpets
on 7 Bales Scarlet

One half of which is



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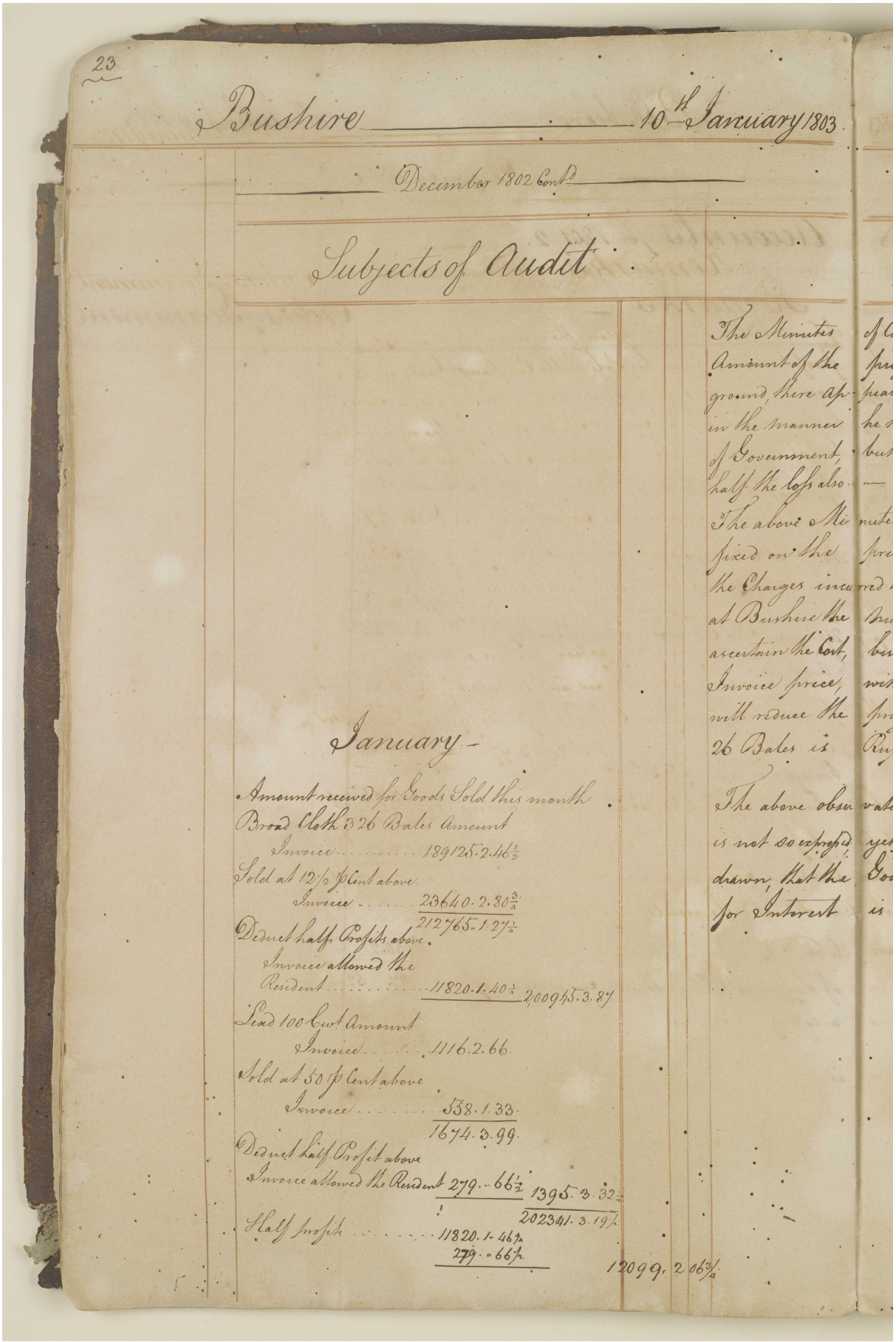
Accounts for 1801/2.

Remarks		Orders of Government
for Scarlet Perpets Raige Rs 30 p piece @ 6½ Mamoodies	23 - 77	
half the Amount	1.1.53.	
	24.2.30.	
	8.3.28.	
21 Raige Rs @ 6½ Mamoodies is Bombay Rs	16.1.54.	
half Amount	807.	
	16.3.84.	
	6.1.78½	
	23.1.62½	
therefore be 150 p @ 8.3.28	1323	
150 p @ 6.1.78½	966.3.75	
	2289.3.75	
	381.2.62	
to Rupees	6450.2	
of different Colours, there is Stated Again of	487. - 52	
a loss of	113 - 55.	
	363.3.97	
is	181.3.98.	



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Subjects of Audit

January –

Amount received for Goods Sold this month

Broad Cloth 826 Bales Amount
Invoice 189125.2.46½

Sold at 12½ p Cent above
Invoice 23640.2.30½
212765.1.27½

Deduct half Profits above.
Invoice allowed the
Resident 11820.1.40½ 200945.3.87

Lead 100 Cwt Amount
Invoice 1116.2.66

Sold at 50 p Cent above
Invoice 558.1.33
1674.3.99

Deduct half Profit above
Invoice allowed the Resident 279.-66½ 1395.3.32½
202341.3.19½

Half profit 11820.1.46½
279.-66½
12099.2.063/4

The Minutes of C
Amount of the pro
ground, there ap- pear
in the manner he
of Government, but
half the loss also. —
The above Minute
fixed on the pro
the Charges incurred
at Bushire the Bu
ascertain the Cost, bu
Invoice price, wi
will reduce the pr
26 Bales is Ru

The above obser vat
is not so express ye
drawn, that the Co
for Interest is

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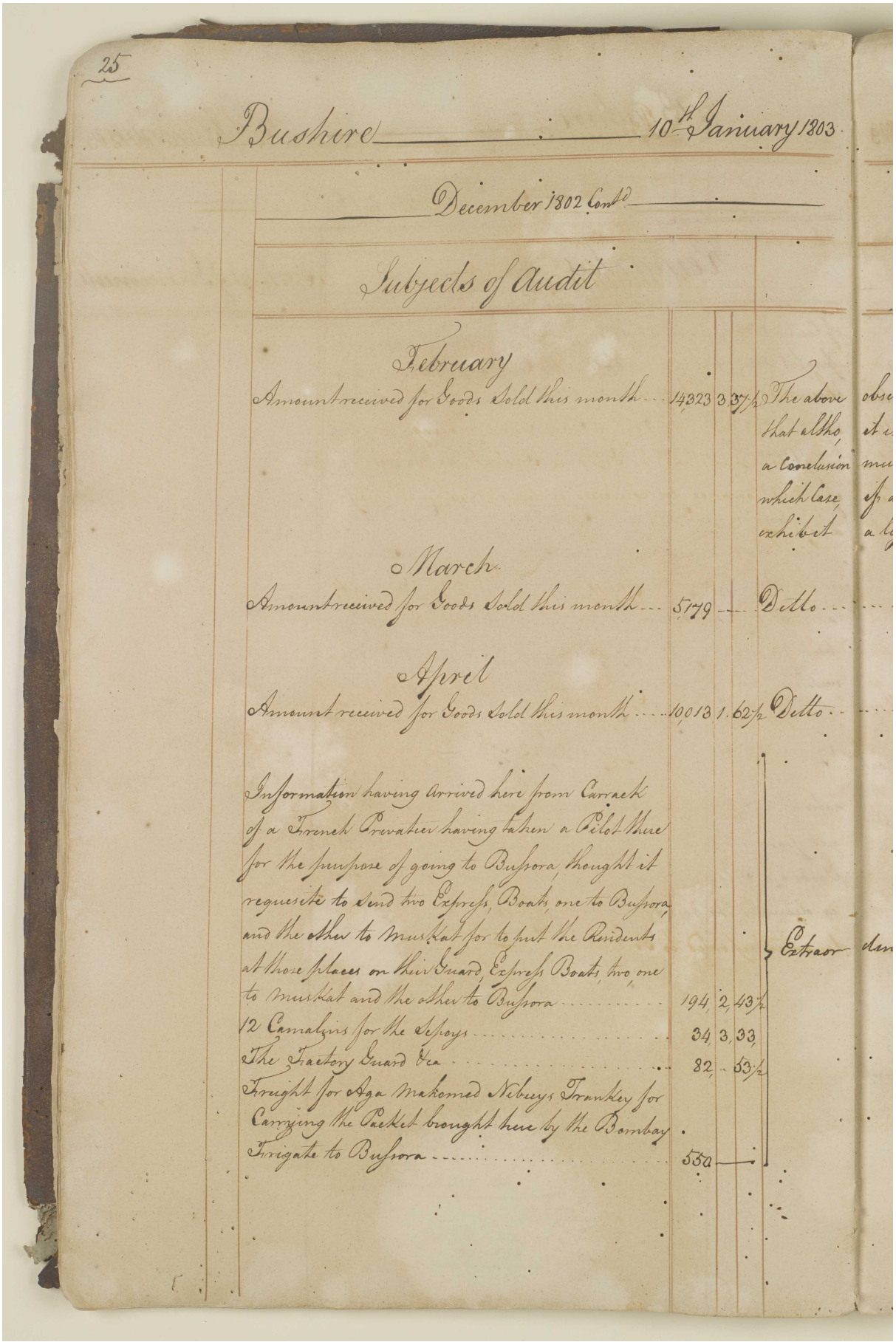
Remarks	Orders of Government
of Council 31st May 1801 allows the Resident to draw half the profit arising from his Sale of the Company's Goods on this pears to be a right to draw one half of the profitable Sales he has done, the total Sale is stated above, for the information but of that principle is adopted it subjects the Resident to —	
nute directs, in estimating the actual cost of the Goods to be principle of taking them at the Invoice price and adding wed at Bombay and on their transmission to, and landing Numbers of the Bales not being inserted, I cannot exactly but apprehend from inspection, that he only inserts the without those of transmission and landing at Bushire which profit at least Rupees 6. ℔ Bale for the freight, which on Rupees 156, leaving out profit 20%. 3. 97. —	
vations by Apply to this Sale, with the Addition, that altho' it yet from the Cash not being received, a conclusion must be Goods are Sold at a long credit, in which Case, if an allowance is deducted, the result may exhibit a loss —	



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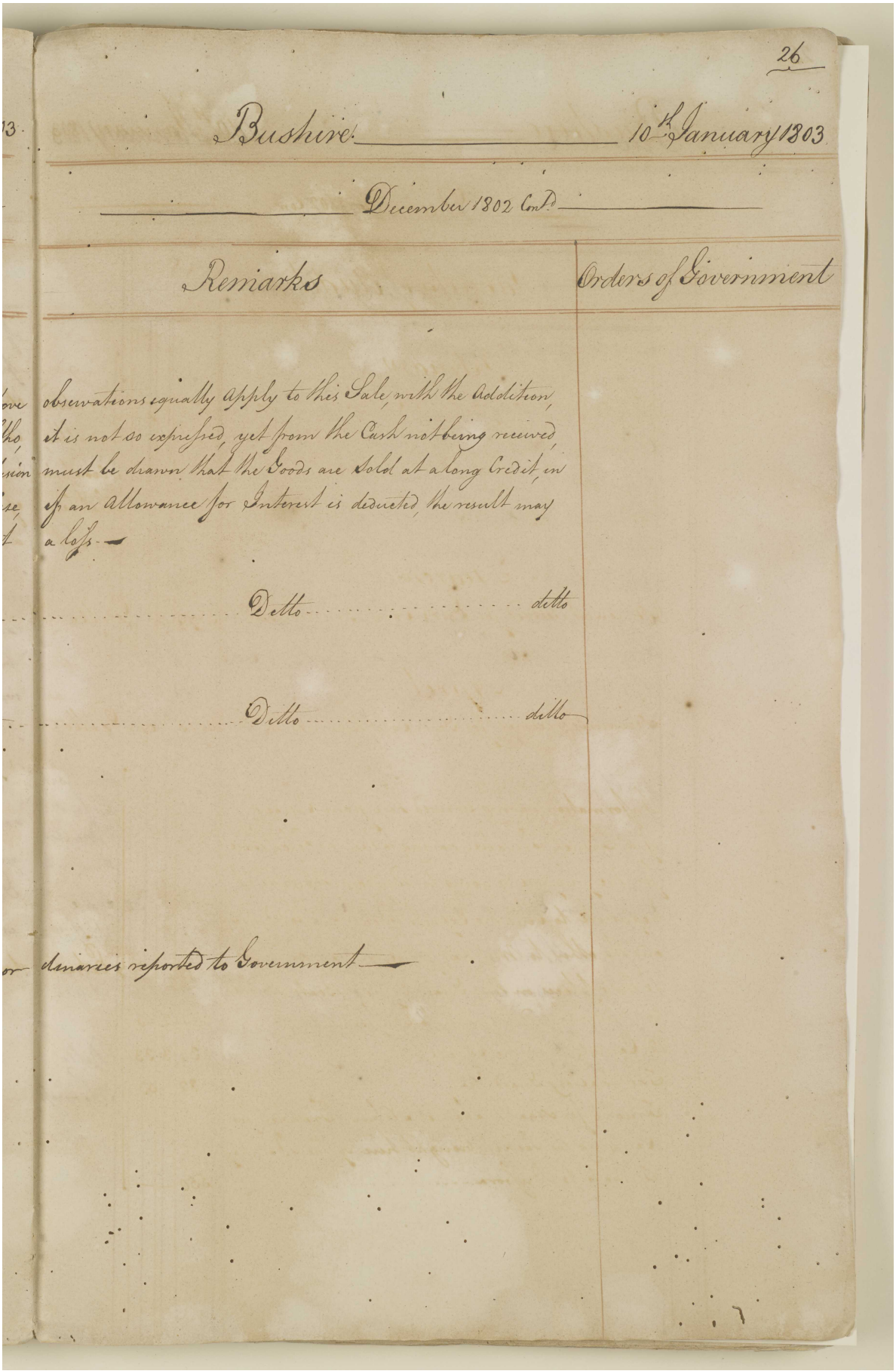
Subjects of Audit

February				
Amount received for Goods Sold this month	14,323	3	37½	The above that altho, a Conclusion which Case, exhibit
March				
Amount received for Goods Sold this month	5,179	—	—	Ditto
April				
Amount received for Goods Sold this month	10,013	1	62½	Ditto
Information having arrived here from Carrack of a French Privateer having taken a Pilot there for the purpose of going to Bussora, thought it requesite to send two Express, Boats, one to Bussora, and the other to Muskat for to put the Residents at those places on their Guard, Express Boats, two, one to Muskat and the other to Bussora	194	2	43½	Extraor
12 Camalins for the Sepoys	34	3	33	
The Factory Guard &ca	82	—	53½	
Freight for Aga Mahomed Nebeys Trankey for Carrying the Packet brought here by the Bombay Frigate to Bussora	550	—	—	



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Remarks	Orders of Government
observations equally apply to this Sale, with the Addition, it is not so expressed, yet from the Cash not being received, must be drawn that the Goods are Sold at a long Credit, in if an allowance for Interest is deducted, the result may a loss —	
Ditto	ditto
Ditto	ditto
diaries reported to Government —	

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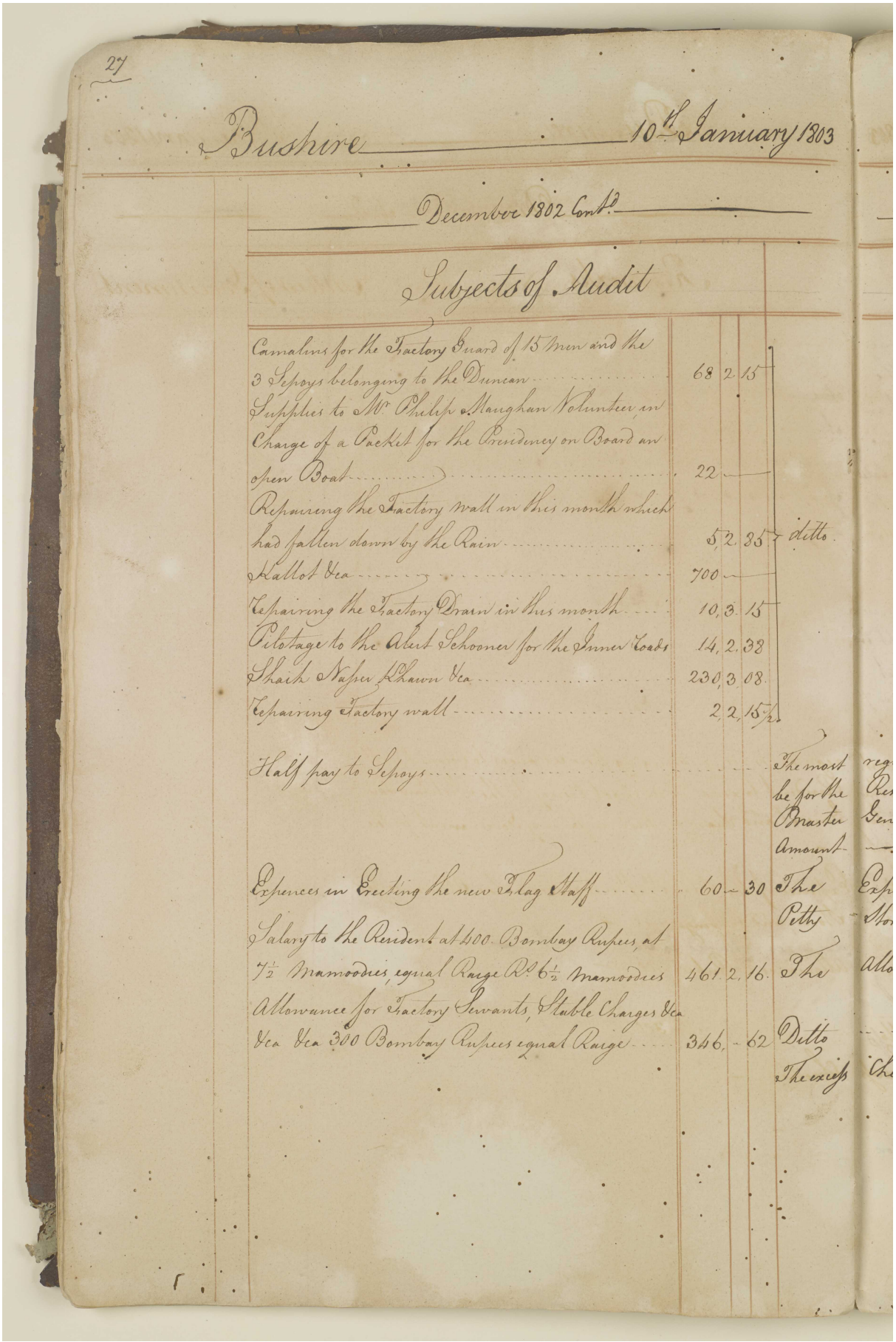

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Camalins for the Factory Guard of 15 Men and the 3 Sepoys belonging to the Duncan	68	2	15	
Supplies to Mr. Philip Maughan Volunteer in Charge of a Packet for the Presidency on Board an open Boat	22			
Repairing the Factory wall in this month which had fallen down by the Rain	5	2	35	ditto
Ballot &ca	700			
Repairing the Factory Drain in this month	10	3	15	
Pilotage to the Alert Schooner for the Inner Roads	14	2	38	
Shaik Nasser Khawn &ca	230	3	08	
Repairing Factory wall	2	2	15½	
Half pay to Sepoys				The most reg be for the Res Master Gen Amount
Expences in Erecting the new Flag Staff	60		30	The Exp Petty Mo
Salary to the Resident at 400 Bombay Rupees at 7½ Mamoodies equal Rupee Rs 6½ Mamoodies	461	2	16	The allo
Allowance for Factory Servants, Stable Charges &ca &ca &ca 300 Bombay Rupees equal Rupee	346		62	Ditto The excess Ch

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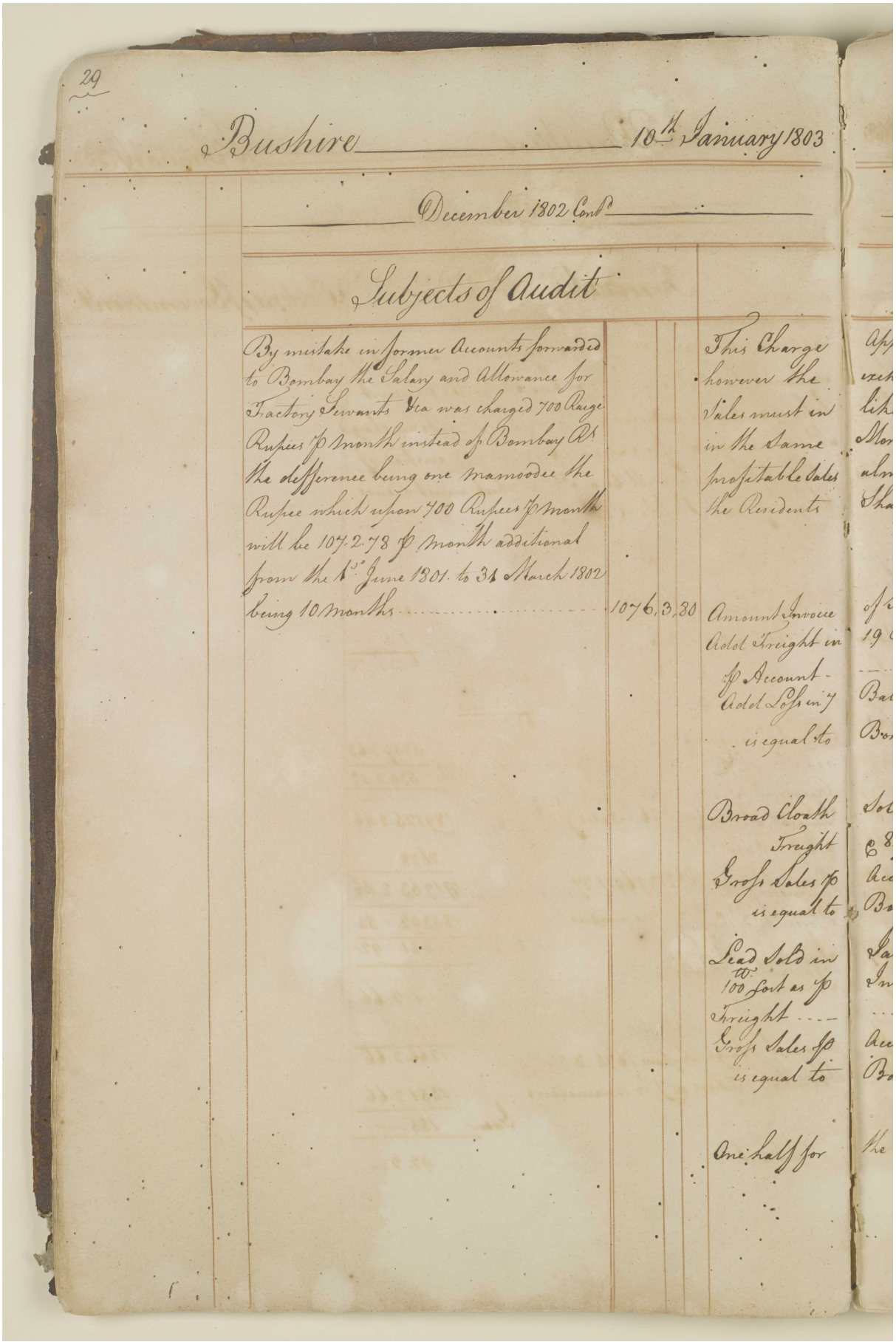
Remarks	Orders of Government
regular mode for bringing these Advances to Account will Resident to send the abstract thereof, to the Military Pay General, and draw on him in favor of Government, for the — Expence of the Flag Staff is included in the Allowance for Stores, and Contingencies — Allowance is Rupees 400 — ditto 300 — Checked —	



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By mistake in former Accounts forwarded to Bombay the Salary and Allowance for Factory Servants &ca was charged 700 Raige Rupees p month instead of Bombay Rs the defference being one mamoodee the Rupee which upon 700 Rupees p month will be 107.2.78 p month additional from the 1st June 1801 to 31 March 1802 being 10 months	1076	3	80	This Charge however the Sales must in in the Same profitable Sales the Residents
				Amount Invoice Add Freight in p Account - Add Loss in 7 is equal to
				Broad Cloath Freight Gross Sales p is equal to
				Lead Sold in 100 lb Cost as p Freight ---- Gross Sales p is equal to
				One half for

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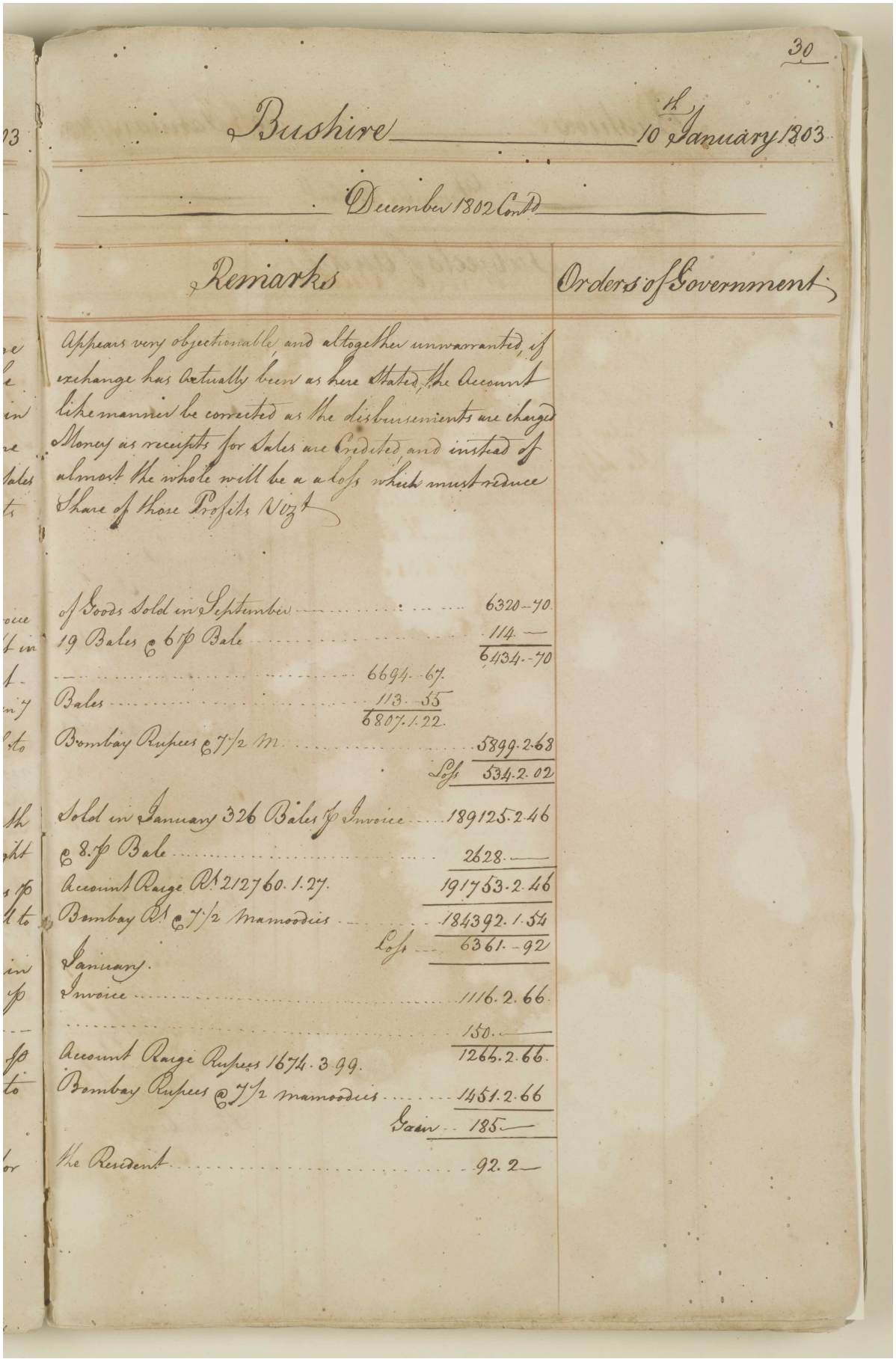

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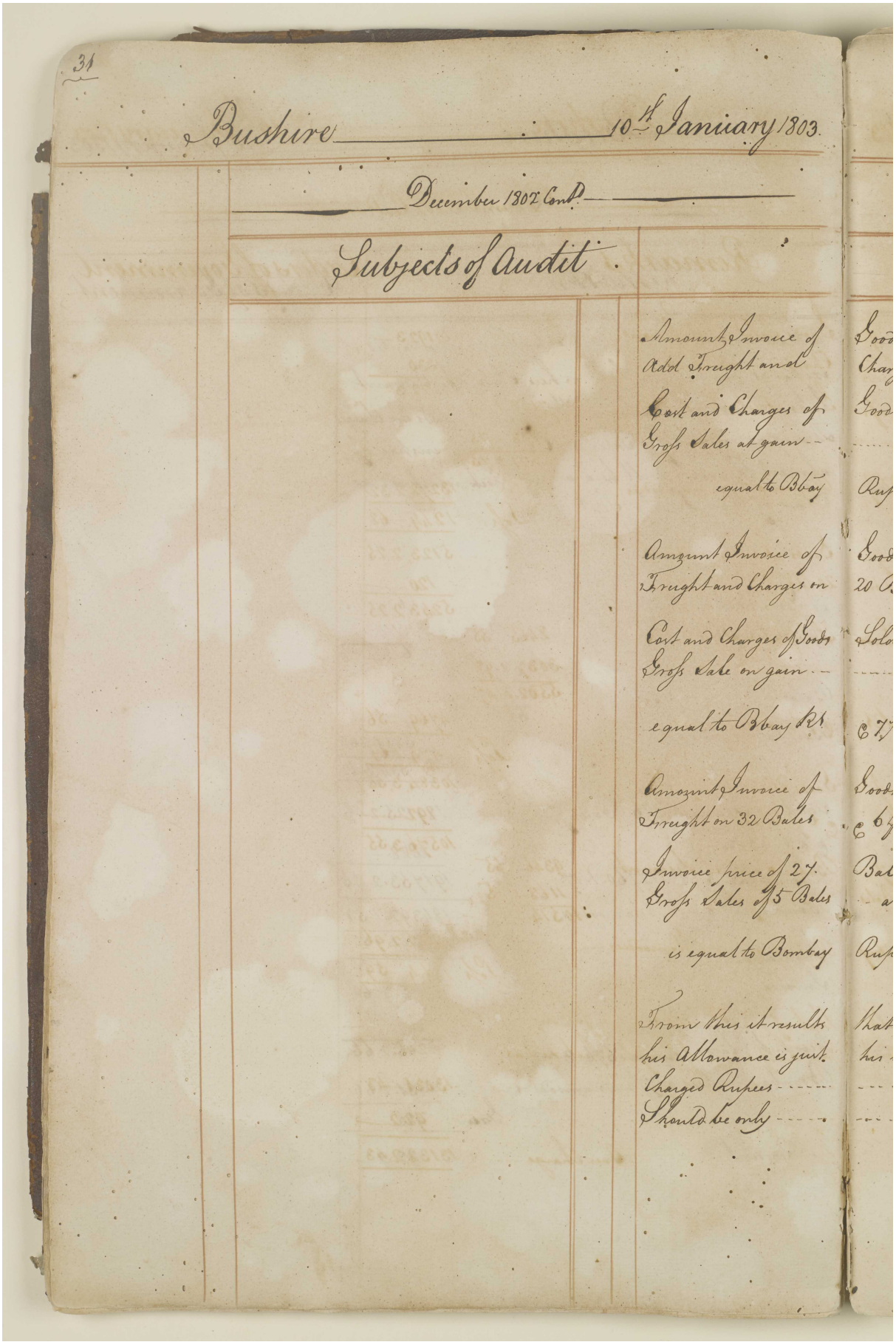
Remarks	Orders of Government

Appears very objectionable and altogether unwarranted if exchange has actually been as here stated, the Account like manner be corrected as the disbursements are charged Money as receipts for Sales are Credited and instead of almost the whole will be a loss which must reduce Share of those Profits Vizt

of Goods Sold in September		6320-70
19 Bales @ 6 p Bale		114.—
		6434.-70
	6694.-67.	
Bales	113.-35	
	6807.1.22.	
Bombay Rupees @ 7/2 M		5899.2.68
	Loss	534.2.02
Sold in January 326 Bales p Invoice		189125.2.46
@ 8 p Bale		2628.—
Account Rupee Rs 2127 60.1.27.		191753.2.46
Bombay Rs @ 7/2 Mamoodies		184392.1.54
	Loss	6361.-92
January.		
Invoice		1116.2.66
		150.—
		1266.2.66.
Account Rupee Rupees 1674.3.99.		
Bombay Rupees @ 7/2 Mamoodies		1451.2.66
	Gain	185.—
The Resident		92.2—



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Amount Invoice of
Add Freight and
Cost and Charges of
Gross Sales at gain --
equal to Bbay

Amount Invoice of
Freight and Charges on

Cost and Charges of Goods
Gross Sale on gain --

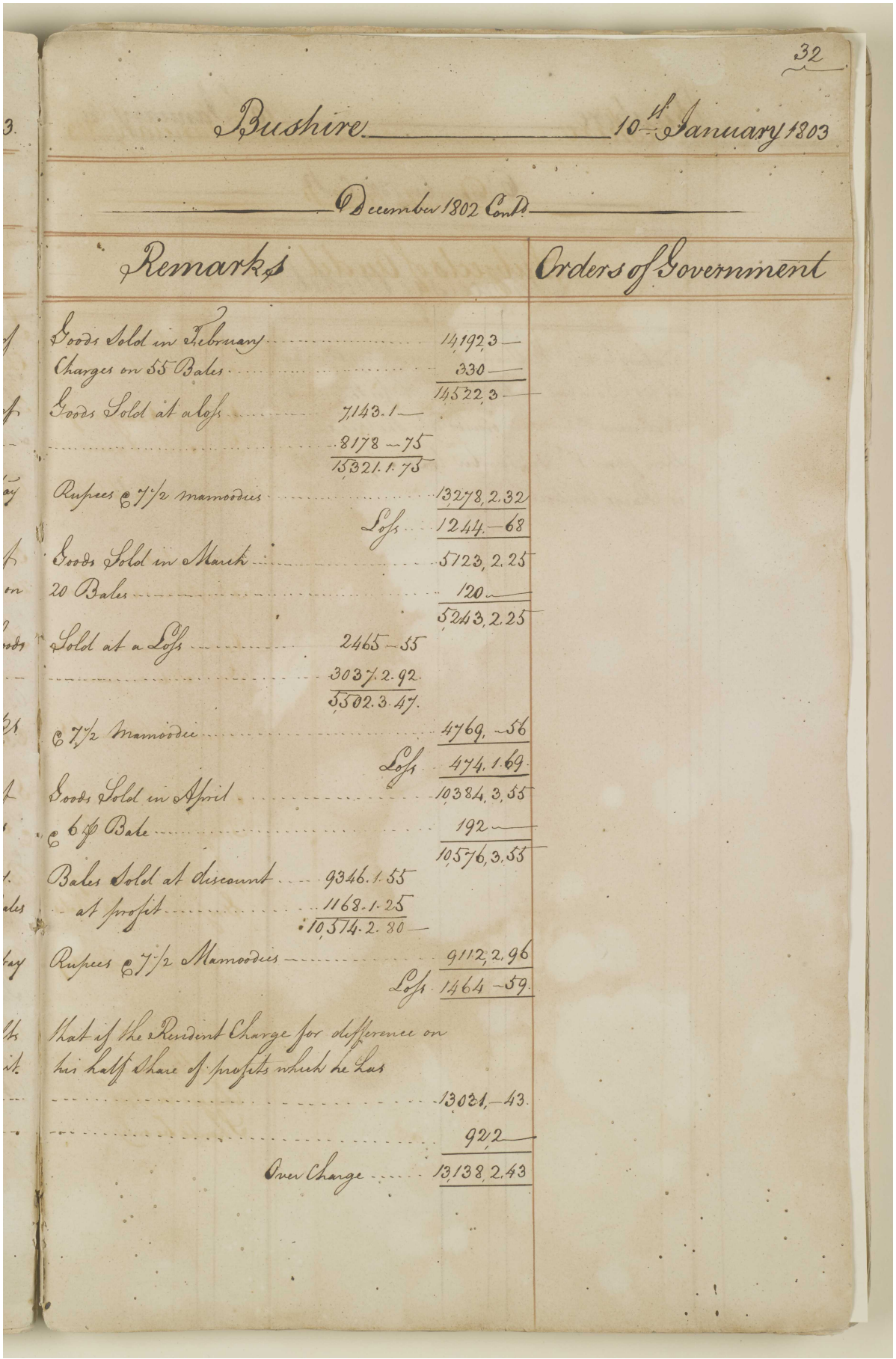
equal to Bbay Rs

Amount Invoice of
Freight on 32 Bales

Invoice price of 27
Gross Sales of 5 Bales

is equal to Bombay

From this it results
his Allowance is just
Charged Rupees -----
Should be only -----



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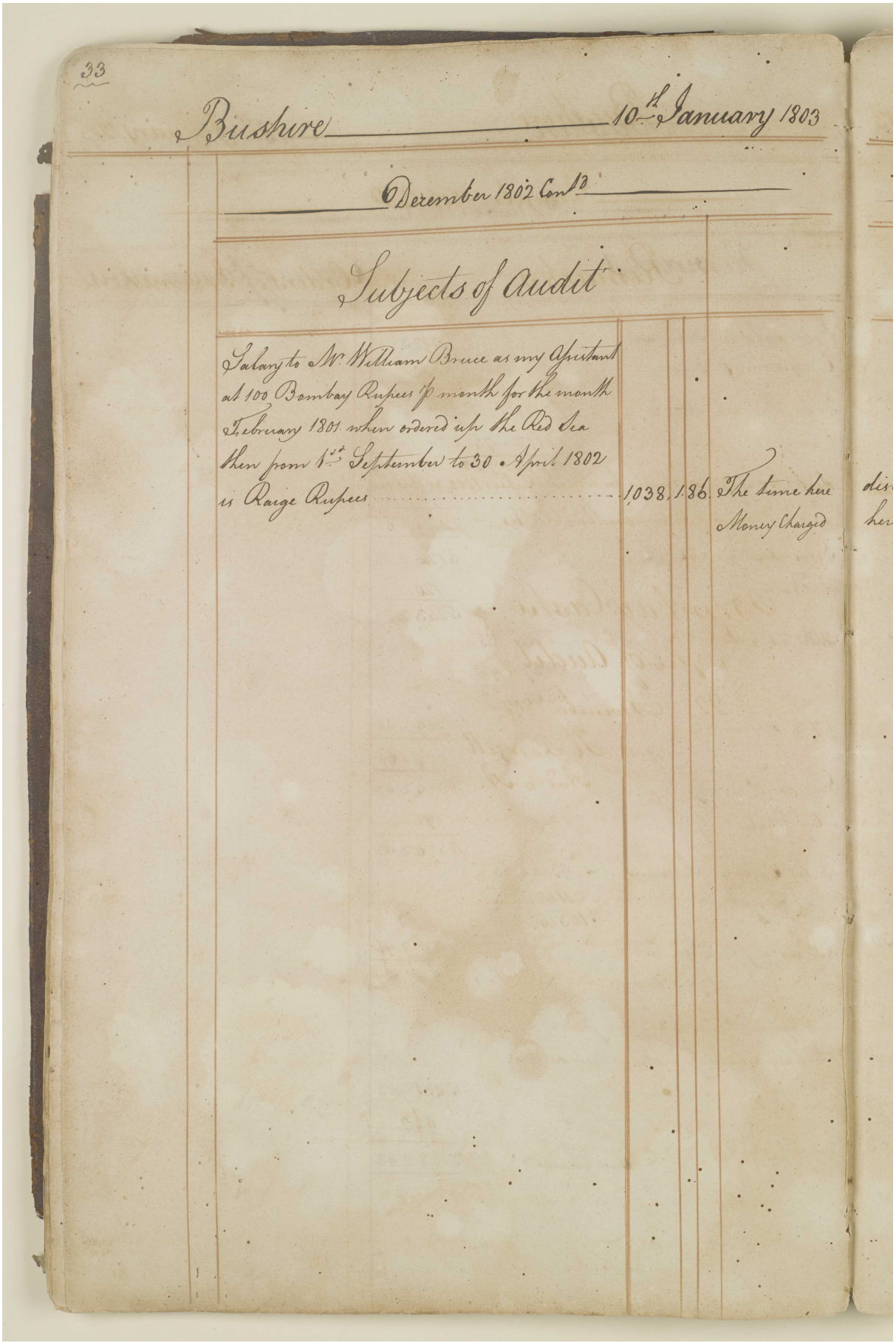
Remarks			Orders of Government
Goods Sold in February		14192.3	
Charges on 55 Bales		330	
		14522.3	
Goods Sold at a loss	7143.1		
	8178-75		
	15321.1.75		
Rupees @ 7/2 Mamoodies		13278.2.32	
Loss		1244-68	
Goods Sold in March		5723.2.25	
20 Bales		120	
		5843.2.25	
Sold at a Loss	2465-55		
	3037.2.92		
	5502.3.47		
@ 7/2 Mamoodie		4769-56	
Loss		474.1.69	
Goods Sold in April		10384.3.55	
@ 6 p Bale		192	
		10576.3.55	
Bales Sold at discount	9346.1.55		
at profit	1168.1.25		
	10514.2.80		
Rupees @ 7/2 Mamoodies		9112.2.96	
Loss		1464-59	
That of the Resident Charge for difference on his half Share of profits which he has			
		13021-43	
		922	
Over Charge		13138.2.43	



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Salary to Mr William Bruce as my Assistant at 100 Bombay Rupees p month for the month February 1801 when ordered up the Red Sea then from 1st September to 30 April 1802 is Rauge Rupees ..... 1038.1.86 The same here Money Charged

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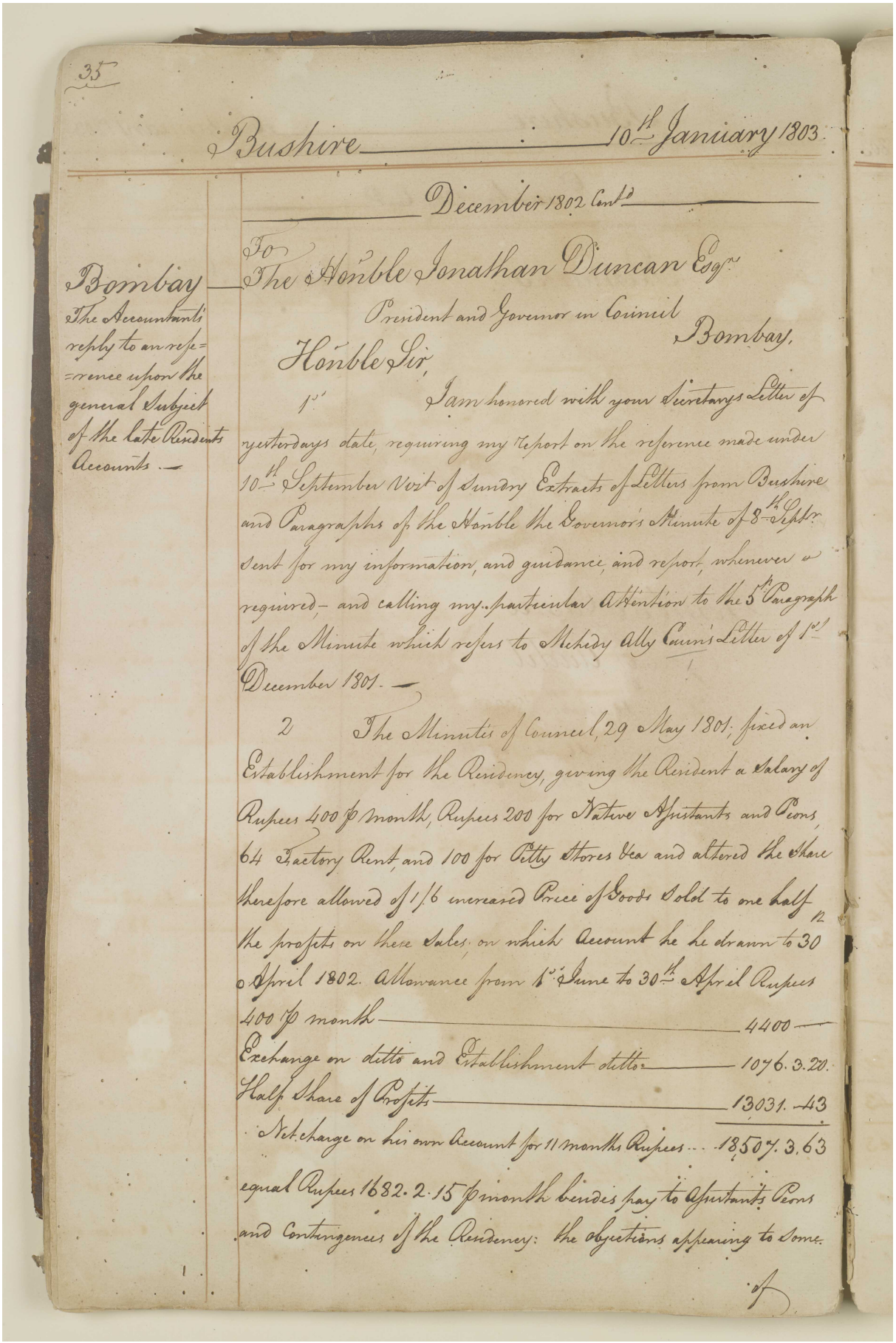
Remarks	Orders of Government
described is ten Months for which Rupees 1000 is due the here Appearing to be Bombay Rupees —	

Bombay Castle
Office of Audit
22d November 1802.
(signed) H. Fawcett
Aud. C. A.



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Bombay
The Accountants' reply to an reference upon the general Subject of the late Residents Accounts —

To
The Honble Jonathan Duncan Esqr
President and Governor in Council
Bombay.

Honble Sir,

1st I am honored with your Secretarys Letter of yesterdays date, requiring my Report on the reference made under 10th September Vizt of Sundry Extracts of Letters from Bushire and Paragraphs of the Honble the Governor's Minute of 8th Septr sent for my information, and guidance, and report, whenever required,— and calling my particular Attention to the 5th Paragraph of the Minute which refers to Mehedy Ally Cains Letter of 1st December 1801. —

2 The Minutes of Council, 29 May 1801, fixed an Establishment for the Residency, giving the Resident a Salary of Rupees 400 p month, Rupees 200 for Native Assistants and Peons, 64 Factory Rent, and 100 for Petty Stores &c and allowed the Share therefore allowed of 1/6 increased Price of Goods Sold to one half the profits on these Sales, on which Account he be drawn to 30 April 1802. Allowance from 1st June to 30th April Rupees 400 p month ——— 4400 —
Exchange on ditto and Establishment ditto ——— 1076. 3. 20.
Half Share of Profits ——— 13031. 43
Net charge on his own Account for 11 months Rupees ... 18507. 3. 63
equal Rupees 1682. 2. 15 p month besides pay to Assistants Peons and Contingencies of the Residency: the objections appearing to some

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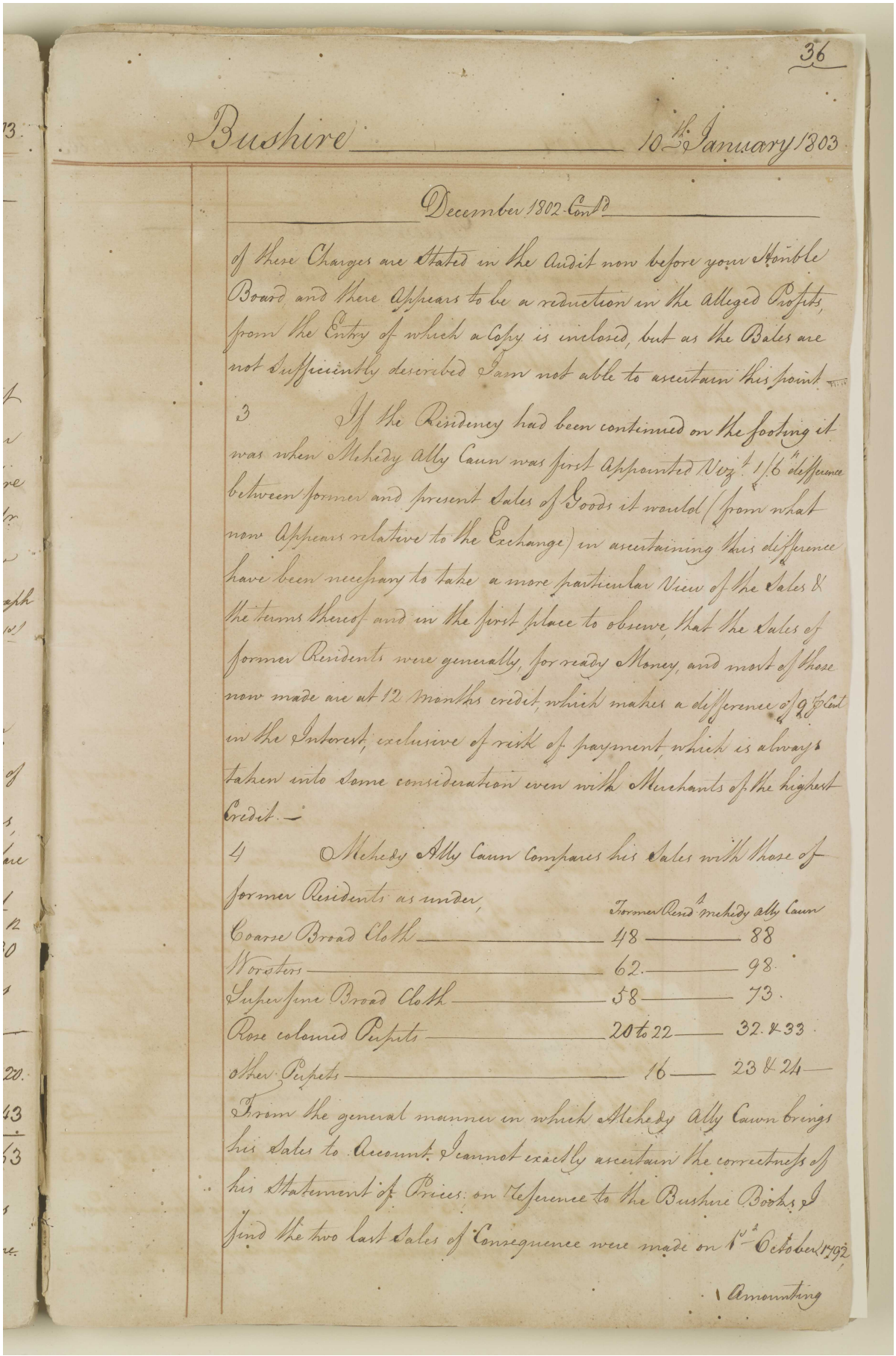

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of these Charges are stated in the Audit now before your Honble Board and there Appears to be a reduction in the alleged Profits, from the Entry of which a Copy is inclosed, but as the Bales are not sufficiently described I am not able to ascertain this point.

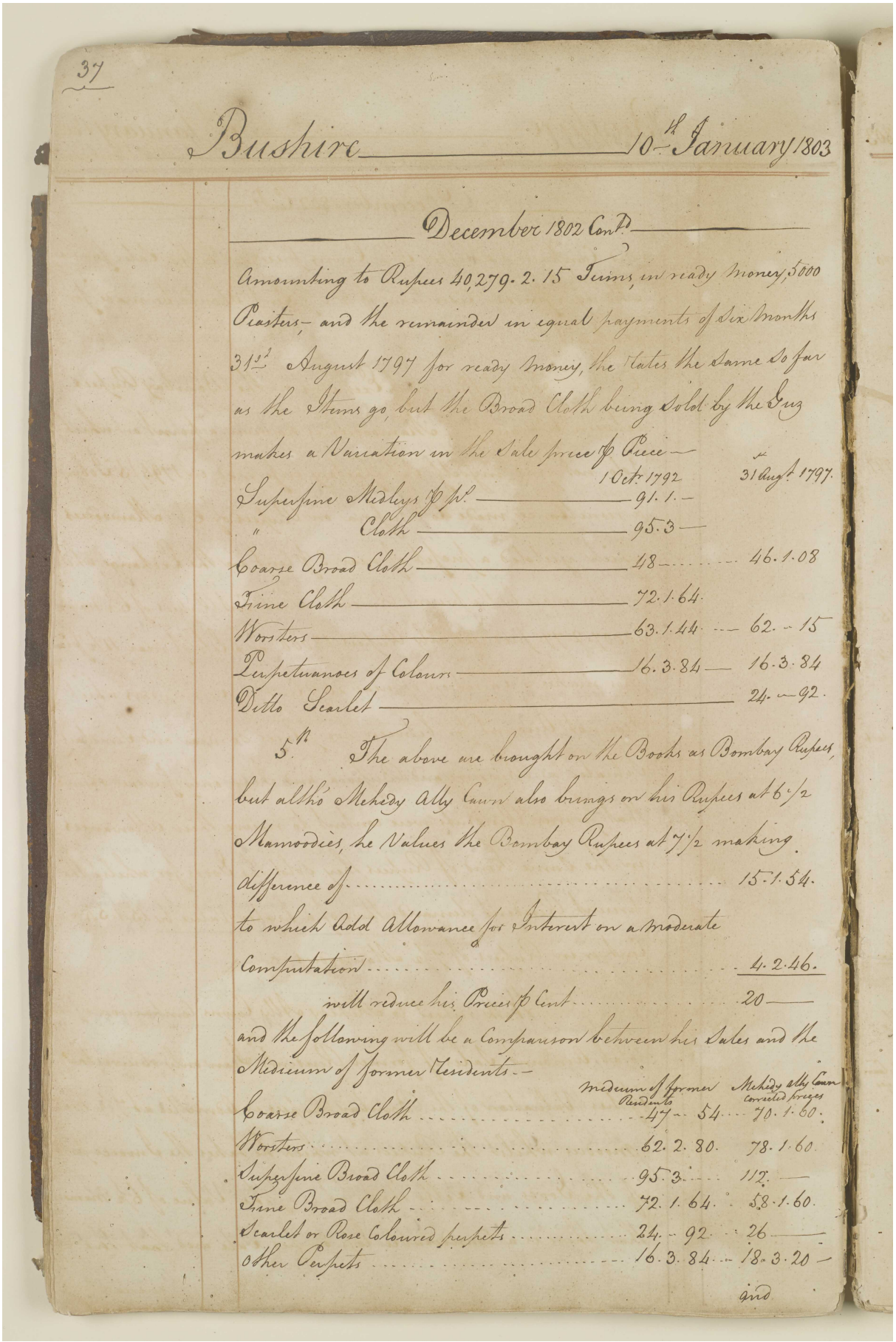
3 If the Residency had been continued on the footing it was when Mehedy Ally Caun was first Appointed Viz.t 1/6th difference between former and present Sales of Goods it would (from what now Appears relative to the Exchange) in ascertaining this difference have been necessary to take a more particular View of the Sales & the terms thereof and in the first place to observe, that the Sales of former Residents were generally for ready Money, and most of those now made are at 12 Months credit, which makes a difference of 9 P.Cent in the Interest, exclusive of risk of payment, which is always taken into some consideration even with Merchants of the highest Credit.

4 Mehedy Ally Caun Compares his Sales with those of former Residents as under,

	Former Resd.s	Mehdy ally Caun
Coarse Broad Cloth	48	88
Worsters	62	98
Superfine Broad Cloth	58	73
Rose colored Perpets	20 to 22	32 & 33
Other Perpets	16	23 & 24

From the general manner in which Mehedy Ally Caun brings his Sales to Account I cannot exactly ascertain the correctness of his Statement of Prices: on Reference to the Bushire Books I find the two last Sales of Consequence were made on 1st October 1792

Amounting



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Amounting to Rupees 40,279.2.15 Terms, in ready Money, 5000 Piasters, and the remainder in equal payments of six Months 31st August 1797 for ready Money, the Rates the same so far as the Items go, but the Broad Cloth being sold by the Guz makes a Variation in the Sale price of Piece —

	1 Oct. 1792	31 Augt. 1797.
Superfine Medleys & pt.	91.1.—	
" Cloth	95.3.—	
Coarse Broad Cloth	48	46.1.08
Fine Cloth	72.1.64.	
Worsters	63.1.44.	62.—15
Perpetuanoes of Colours	16.3.84.	16.3.84
Ditto Scarlet		24.—92.

5th The above are brought on the Books as Bombay Rupees, but altho' Mehedy Ally Cawn also brings on his Rupees at 6/2 Mamoodies, he Values the Bombay Rupees at 7/2 making

difference of	15.1.54.
to which Add Allowance for Interest on a moderate Computation	4.2.46.
will reduce his Prices p Cent	20

and the following will be a Comparison between his Sales and the Medium of former Residents —

	Medium of former Residents	Mehedy Ally Cawn Corrected Prices
Coarse Broad Cloth	47.—54	70.1.60.
Worsters	62.2.80.	78.1.60
Superfine Broad Cloth	95.3.	112.—
Fine Broad Cloth	72.1.64.	58.1.60.
Scarlet or Rose Coloured perpets	24.—92	26.—
Other Perpets	16.3.84.	18.3.20

and

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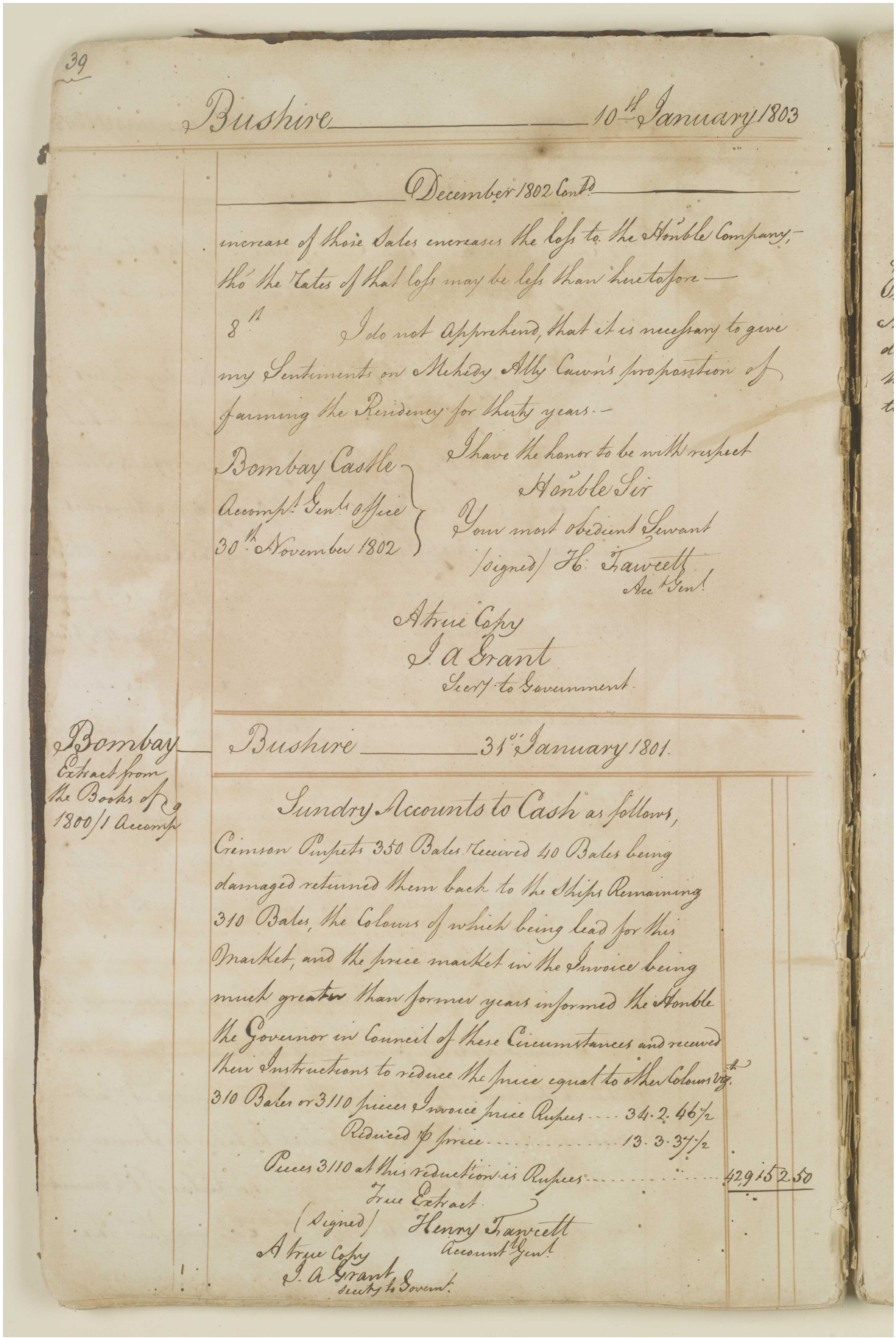
and Comparing Mehedy Ally Cawns prices with the Sales for ready Money a further Reduction of 4½ ℔ Cent should be made for Interest.—

6 The difference of Exchange on the Bombay Rupees between 6½ and 7½ Mamoodies is however a point on which I do not find myself Satisfactory informed, in 1794/5 I observe a remittance made to Bussora on Rupees of 6½ Mamoodies which yielded a profit of near 8 ℔ Cent in the Exchange, whilst another made by the present Resident which Cost Rupees of 6½ Mamoodies 20307-2-77 produced only Rupees 18000 or a loss of near 11½ ℔ Cent This makes a Variation of near 20 ℔ Cent in Seven years which I cannot Account for between two places so near and Similarly Situated as Bushire and Bussora, and I can only further observe, that former Residents were content to receive their Allowances in the same kind of Rupees, they sold the Goods for, whilst the present Resident demands there of a higher Value by 15-1-54 ℔ Cent, or in Rupees of 7½ Mamoodies.—

7 With respect to Mehedy Ally Cawns Comparison of the total Amount Sales of former Residents, I can only observe, that if his Valuation of the Bombay Rupees is Admitted at 7½ Ma=moodies whilst the Rupees at which he takes the Invoice price of the Goods and Sells them at is of the Value of 6½ Mamoodies that there is a Considerable loss on his Sale, and that the

encrease



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Bushire — 10th January 1803

December 1802 Contd

increase of those Sales encreases the loss to the Honble Company, tho' the rates of that loss may be less than heretofore —

8th I do not apprehend, that it is necessary to give my Sentiments on Mehedy Ally Cawn's proposition of farming the Residency for thirty years. —

Bombay Castle
Accompt. Genls. Office
30th November 1802

I have the honor to be with respect
Honble Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) H. Fawcett
Acct. Genl.

A true Copy
J. A. Grant
Secry. to Government.

Bombay — Bushire — 31st January 1801.

Extract from the Books of 1800/1 Accomp.

Sundry Accounts to Cash as follows,

Crimson Purpets 350 Bales received 40 Bales being damaged returned them back to the Ships Remaining 310 Bales, the Colours of which being lead for this Market, and the price market in the Invoice being much greater than former years informed the Honble the Governor in Council of these Circumstances and received their Instructions to reduce the price equal to other Colours viz.

310 Bales or 3110 pieces Invoice price Rupees 34.2.46½
Reduced ⅌ price 13.3.37½
Pieces 3110 at this reduction is Rupees 429152.50

True Extract
(Signed) Henry Fawcett
Account Genl.

A true Copy
J. A. Grant
Secry. to Govern.

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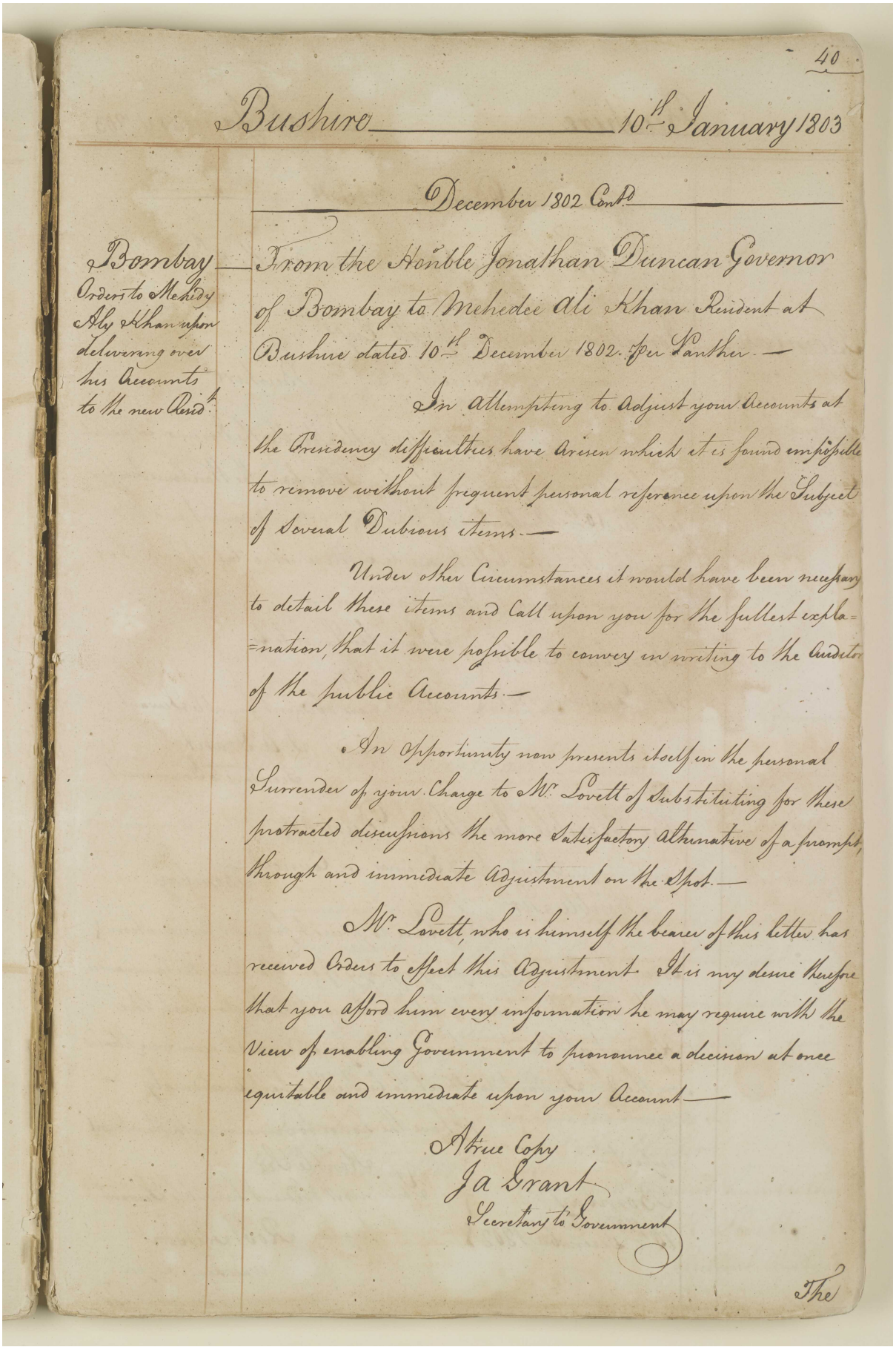

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Bushire 10th January 1803

December 1802 Cont.

Bombay Orders to Mehdy Aly Khan upon delivering over his Accounts to the new Resid.t

From the Honble Jonathan Duncan Governor of Bombay to Mehedee ali Khan Resident at Bushire dated 10th December 1802. Per Panther.—

In attempting to adjust your Accounts at the Presidency difficulties have arisen which it is found impossible to remove without frequent personal reference upon the Subject of Several Dubious items.—

Under other Circumstances it would have been necessary to detail these items and Call upon you for the fullest explanation, that it were possible to convey in writing to the Auditor of the Public Accounts.—

An Opportunity now presents itself in the personal Surrender of your Charge to Mr. Lovett of Substituting for these protracted discussions the more Satisfactory Alternative of a prompt, through and immediate Adjustment on the Spot.—

Mr. Lovett, who is himself the bearer of this letter has received Orders to effect this Adjustment. It is my desire therefore that you afford him every information he may require with the View of enabling Government to pronounce a decision at once equitable and immediate upon your Account.—

A true Copy
Ja Grant
Secretary to Government

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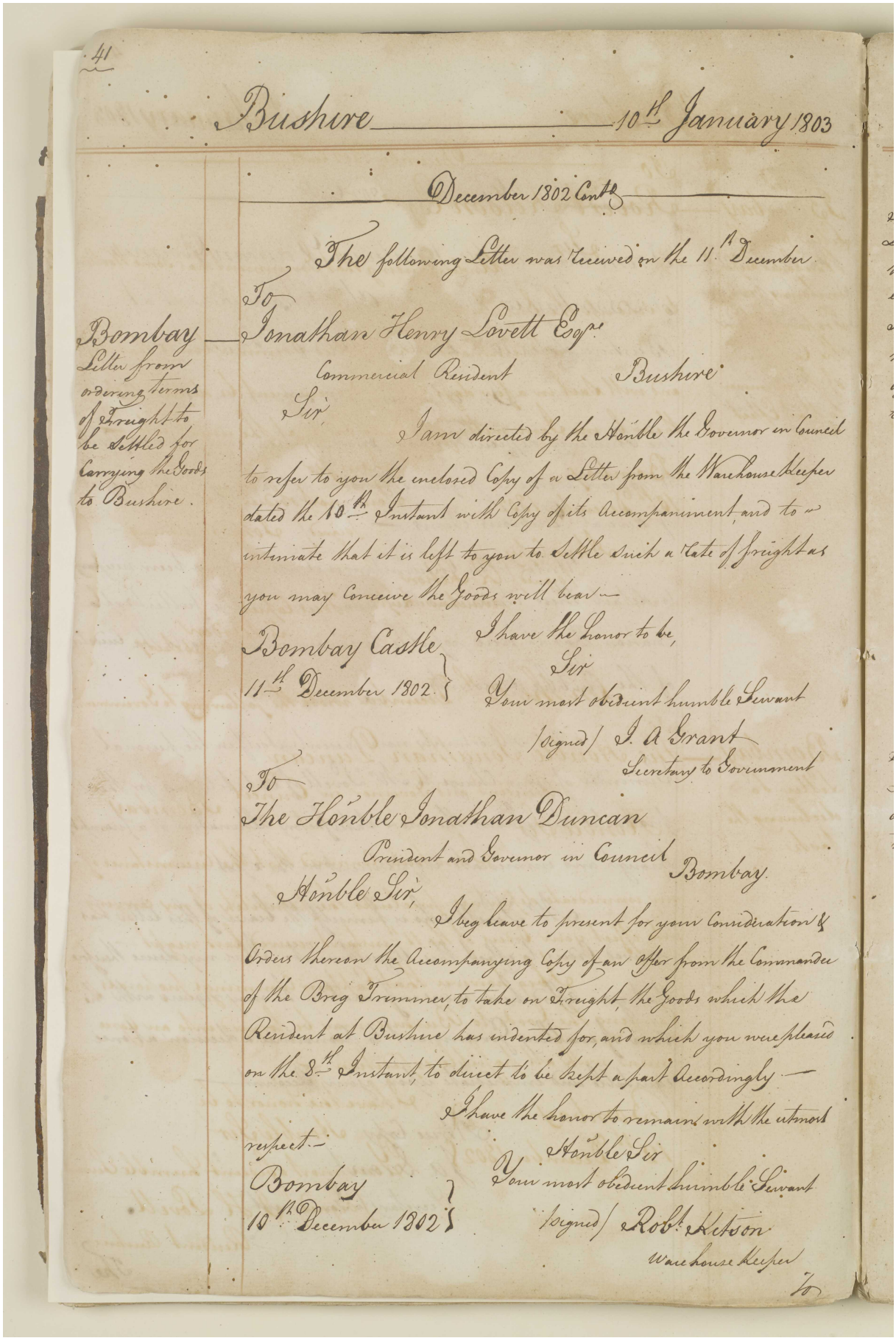

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Bushire 10th January 1803

December 1802 Contd

The following Letter was received on the 11th December

Bombay Letter from ordering terms of Freight to be settled for Carrying the Goods to Bushire.

To
Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqr
Commercial Resident Bushire

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to refer to you the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Warehouse Keeper dated the 10th Instant with Copy of its Accompaniment, and to intimate that it is left to you to settle such a Rate of Freight as you may conceive the Goods will bear —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. A Grant
Secretary to Government

Bombay Castle
11th December 1802

To
The Honble Jonathan Duncan
President and Governor in Council Bombay

Honble Sir

I beg leave to present for your Consideration & Orders thereon the Accompanying Copy of an Offer from the Commander of the Brig Trimmer, to take on Freight the Goods which the Resident at Bushire has indented for, and which you were pleased on the 8th Instant, to direct to be kept a part Accordingly —

I have the honor to remain with the utmost respect —
Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) Robt Hutton
Warehouse Keeper

Bombay
10th December 1802

To

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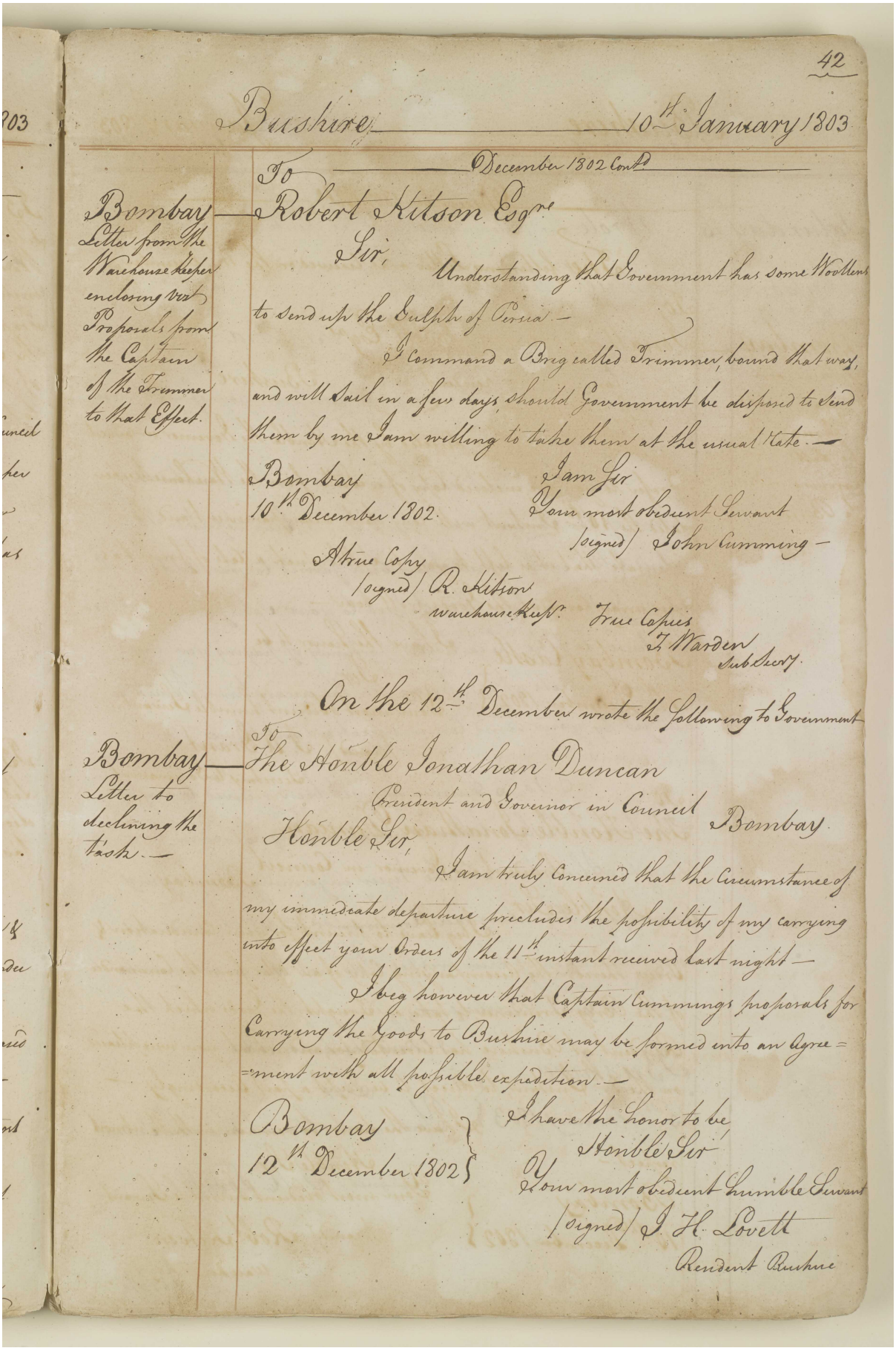

Bushire 10th January 1803

December 1802 Contd

To

Bombay — Robert Kitson Esqr

Letter from the Warehouse keeper enclosing the Proposals from the Captain of the Trimmer to that Effect.

Sir,

Understanding that Government has some Woollens to send up the Gulph of Persia —

I Command a Brig called Trimmer, bound that way, and will sail in a few days, should Government be disposed to send them by me I am willing to take them at the usual Rate —

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) John Cumming —

Bombay
10th December 1802.

A true Copy
(signed) R. Kitson
Warehouse Keepr.

True Copies
T. Warden
Sub Secy.

On the 12th December wrote the following to Government

To

Bombay — The Honble Jonathan Duncan
President and Governor in Council Bombay

Letter to declining the task —

Honble Sir,

I am truly concerned that the Circumstance of my immediate departure precludes the possibility of my carrying into effect your Orders of the 11th instant received last night —

I beg however that Captain Cummings proposals for Carrying the Goods to Bushire may be formed into an Agree=ment with all possible expedition —

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) I. H. Lovett
Resident Bushire

Bombay
12th December 1802

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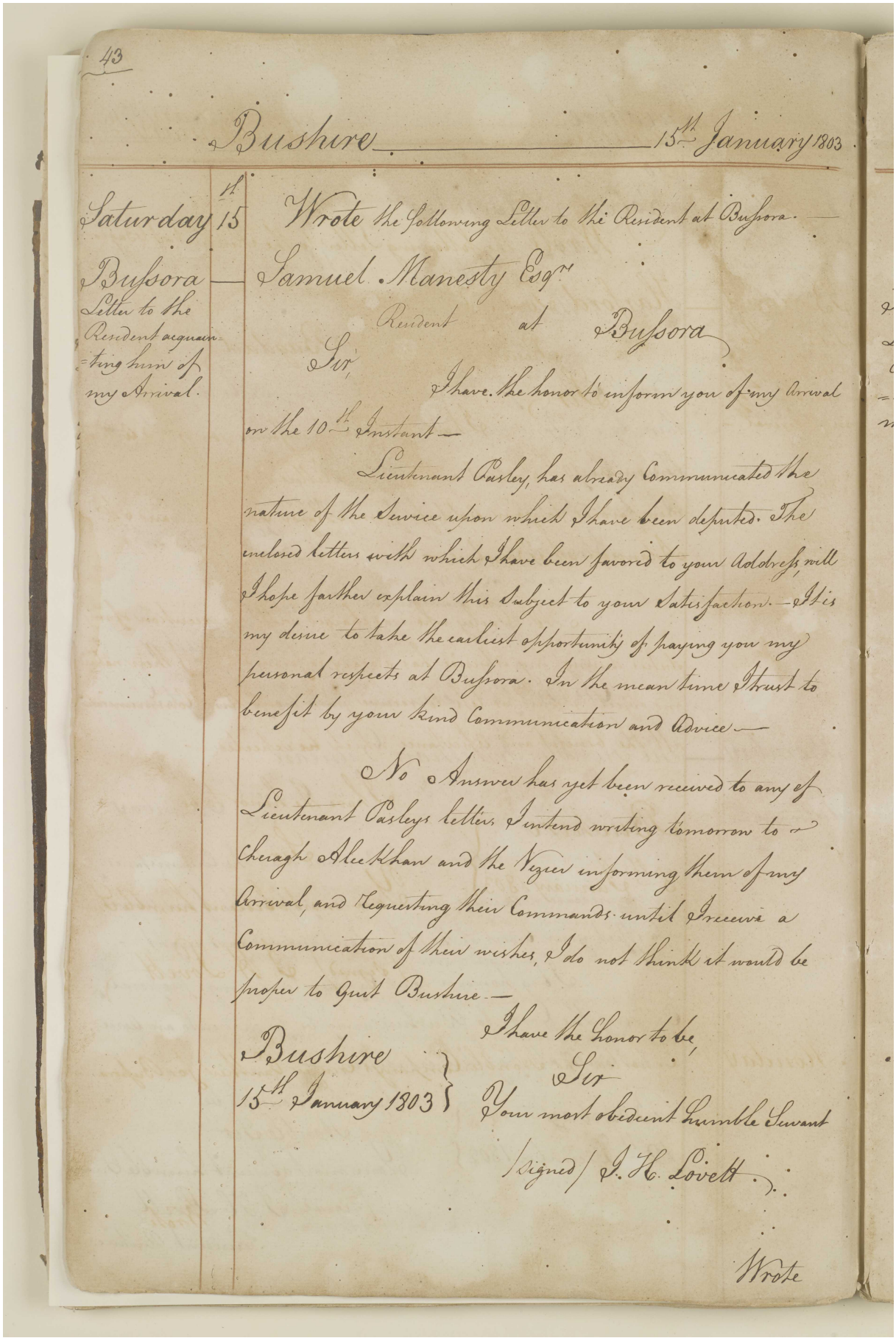

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Bushire 15th January 1803

Saturday 15th

Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora.—

Bussora

Letter to the Resident acquainting him of my Arrival.

Samuel Manesty Esqr

Resident at Bussora

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you of my Arrival on the 10th Instant—

Lieutenant Pasley, has already communicated the nature of the Service upon which I have been deputed. The enclosed letters with which I have been favored to your Address, will I hope farther explain this Subject to your Satisfaction.—It is my desire to take the earliest opportunity of paying you my personal respects at Bussora. In the mean time I trust to benefit by your kind Communication and Advice—

No Answer has yet been received to any of Lieutenant Pasleys letters. I intend writing tomorrow to Cheragh Alee Khan and the Vezier informing them of my Arrival, and Requesting their Commands. until I receive a Communication of their wishes, I do not think it would be proper to quit Bushire—

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) J. H. Lovett

Bushire
15th January 1803

Wrote

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Bushire 15th January 1803

Bagdad — Letter to the Resident informing him of my Arrival. —

15th Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bagdad.

Harford Jones Esqre

Resident at Bagdad

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you of my Arrival here on the 10th Instant, and to enclose letters with which I have been favored to your Address from Major Malcolm and Mr. Adamson at Bombay. —

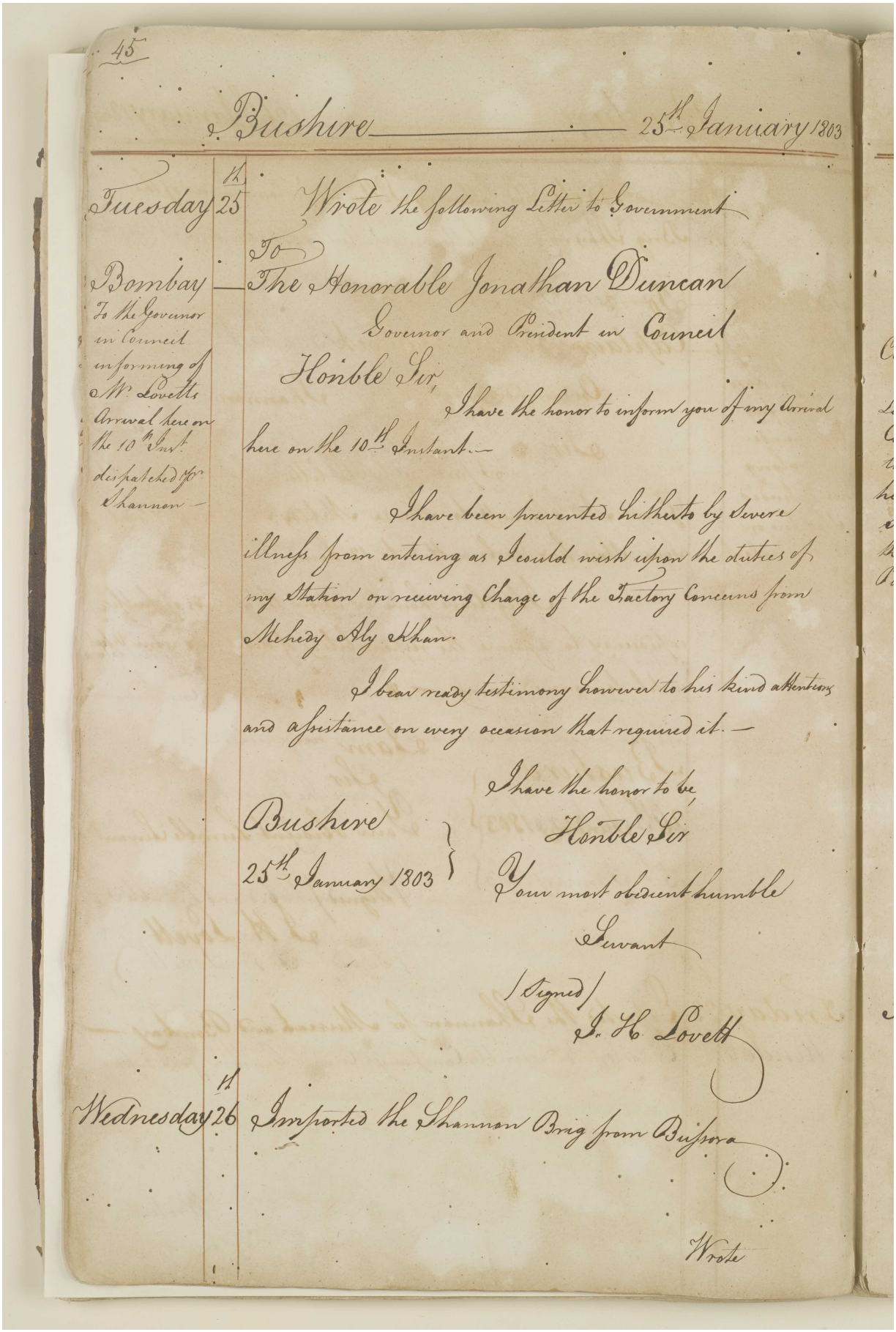
Mr. Pasley who was charged with the execution of my duties during my absence has already informed you of their nature and object. I trust no less to receive from your kind Communications all the benefit and Assistance which be expected —

Bushire
15th January 1803

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servt.
(signed) J. H. Lovett

Monday 17th Exported the Honble Companys Cruizer Panther for Bussora —

Wrote



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Bushire 25th January 1803

Tuesday 25 Wrote the following Letter to Government

Bombay To the Governor in Council informing of Mr Lovetts Arrival here on the 10th Inst. dispatched per Shannon —

To

The Honorable Jonathan Duncan

Governor and President in Council

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to inform you of my Arrival here on the 10th Instant —

I have been prevented hitherto by Severe illness from entering as I could wish upon the duties of my Station on receiving Charge of the Factory Concerns from Mehedy Aly Khan.

I bear ready testimony however to his kind attentions and assistance on every occasion that required it —

I have the honor to be,

Honble Sir

Your most obedient humble

Servant

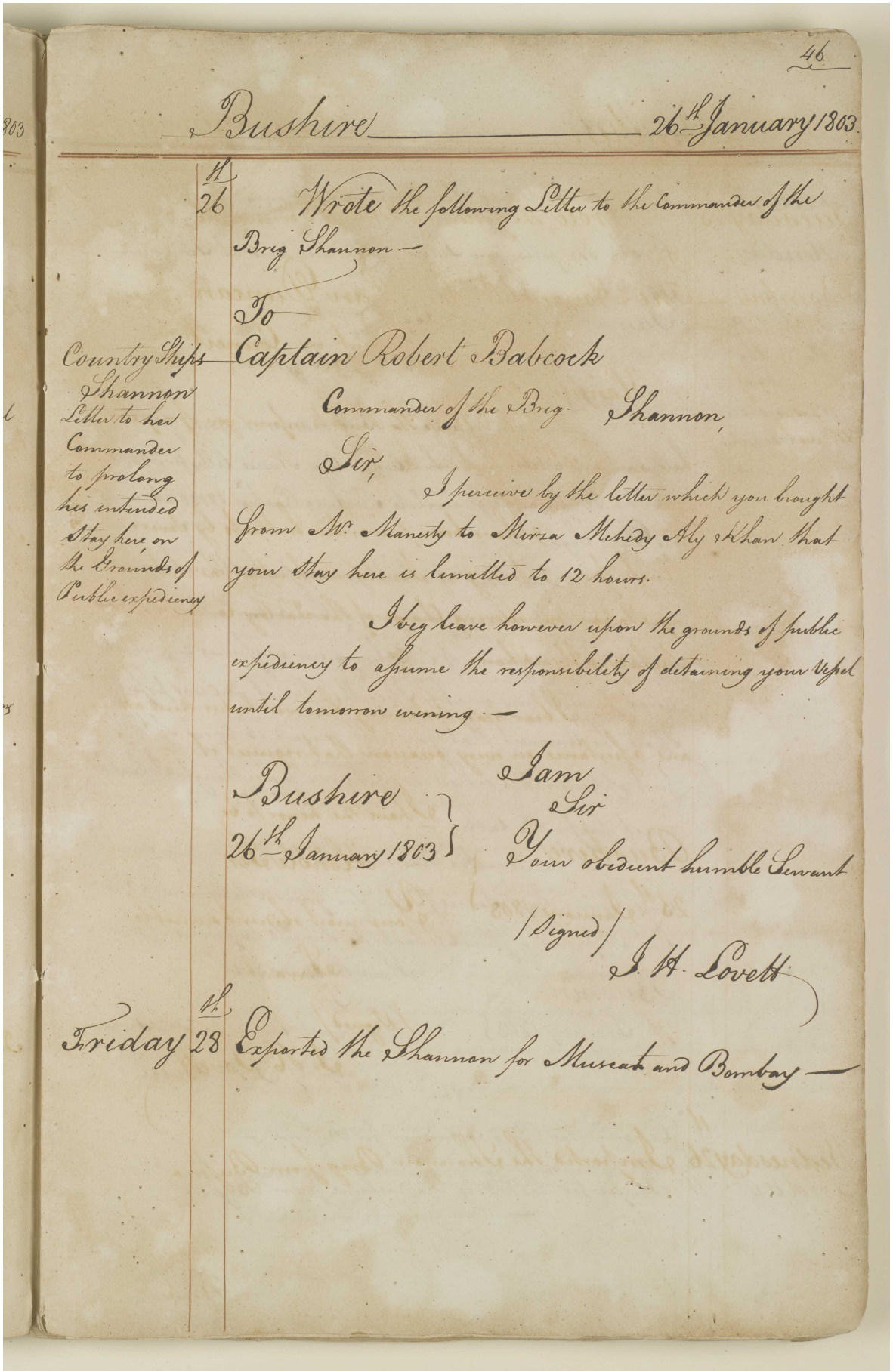
/Signed/

J. H. Lovett

Bushire 25th January 1803

Wednesday 26 Imported the Shannon Brig from Bussora

Wrote



Bushire — 26th January 1803

26th Wrote the following Letter to the Commander of the Brig Shannon —

To

Country Ships Shannon Letter to her Commander to prolong his intended Stay here on the Grounds of Public expediency

Captain Robert Babcock

Commander of the Brig Shannon,

Sir,

I perceive by the letter which you brought from Mr. Manesty to Mirza Mehedy Aly Khan that your Stay here is limitted to 12 hours.

I beg leave however upon the grounds of public expediency to assume the responsibility of detaining your Vessel until tomorrow evening —

Bushire
26th January 1803

Jam
Sir
Your obedient humble Servant

(Signed)
J. H. Lovett

Friday 28th Exported the Shannon for Muscat and Bombay —

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Bushire 1st February 1803

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Friday	4	Imported the Brig Trimmer from Bombay —
	12	
Monday	7	Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora —

Bussora — Letter to the Resident forwarding a Bill for 30,000 Piastres and requesting the proceeds —

To
Samuel Manesty Esqr
Resident at Bussora,

Sir,

I enclose you a Bill drawn in your favor by Mohammed Nebee upon his Agent Aga Nuzee Ally for 30,000 Piasters Bussora Raig equal to Sterling Piastres 18000 at Sixty one Days Sight —

This Bill of which you are probably no longer in want was first obtained for the use of the Bussora Factory, I now employ it as a means of supplying our necessities here which are at present very great — I beg therefore, if you can possibly spare the Amount, that you will forward it by one of the first opportunities, either in Bills or Specie. Though I should much prefer the latter —

I found not a Piaster in the Treasury on my arrival large Sums have since fallen due from Mohammed Nebee but it proves a fruitless task to demand payment of him —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) J. H. Lovett

Bushire
7th February 1803

	11	Exported the Brig Trimmer for Bussora —
	12	
Friday	11	Imported the Brig Ravensborne from Bussora —

Received

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Bushire — 11th February 1803

11th

Received the following Letter from the Resident at Bussora.—

Bussora — Letter from in reply to the Communication of my Arrival Suggesting the treatment to be Shewn to the late Embassador's Son and mentioning the influence established by his Uncle at Court.—

To
Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqr.
Resident at Bushire

Sir,

I have much pleasure in offering you my Congratulations on your nomination to the Residency at Bushire, and on your Safe Arrival at that place.—

I am encouraged by the tenor of Major Malcolm's public letter to me of the 16th November and by the inclination, which you have privately Communicated to me p. Panther to open a Correspondence with me, and Cordially to receive such hints and information as I may occasionally give you, Connected with the principal objects of the important duties, which have been assigned to you by His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council, and by our more immediate Superiors at the Presidency, to assure you, that you may on all occasions Command, not only my active Co-operation in your exertions to promote the public interest, but the Advantages, which have resulted to me from long residence in this part of the world, and interesting negociations with the inhabitants of it, whose modes of thinking, and acting, are consequently fully known to me, I shall be happy to make you the most unreserved Communications on all Subjects which you may wish to refer to me, and I shall receive with Satisfaction any intimations which you may deem it adviseable to make me.—

By

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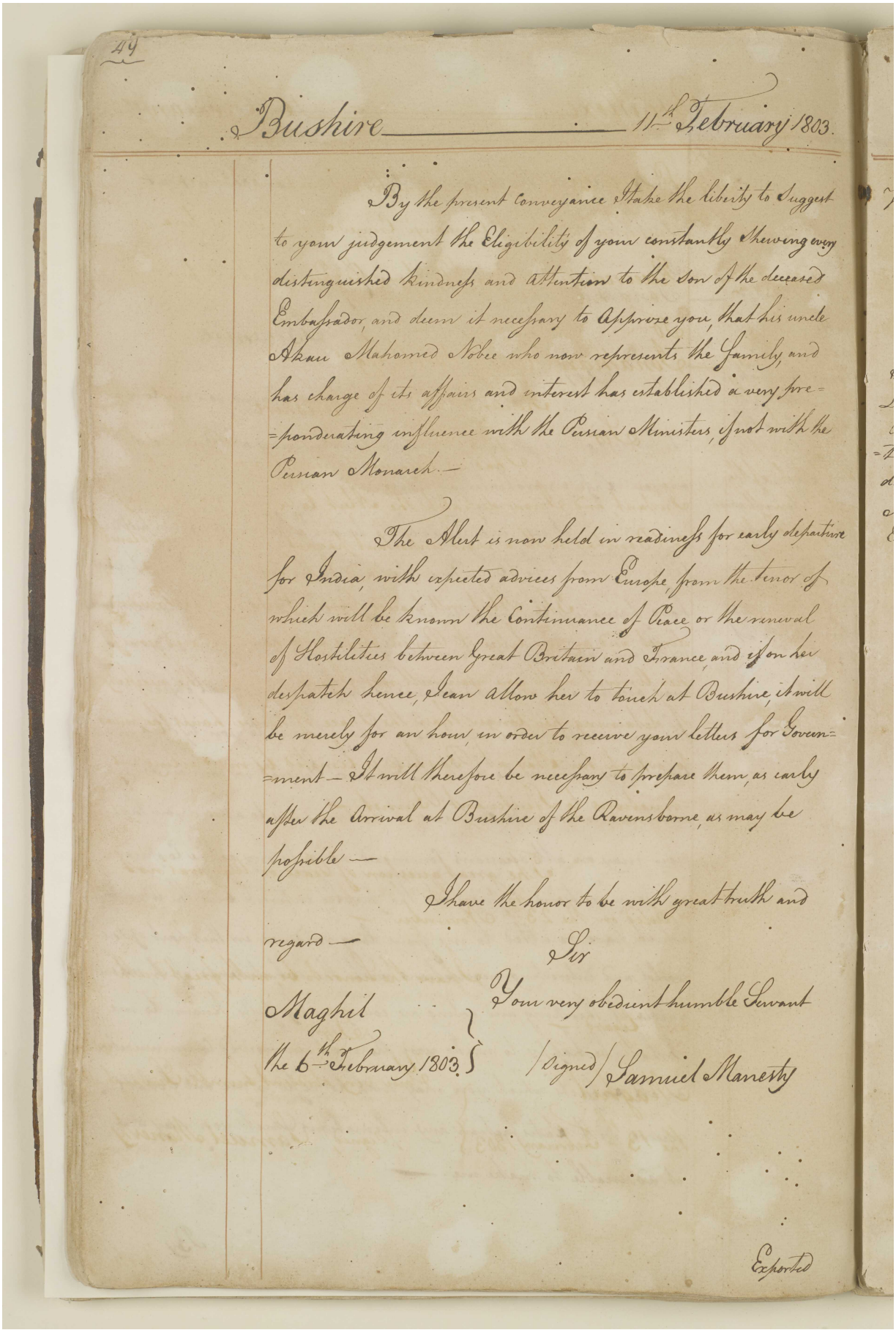

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Bushire 11th February 1803.

By the present Conveyance I take the liberty to Suggest to your judgement the Eligibility of your constantly Shewing every distinguished kindness and attention to the Son of the deceased Embassador, and deem it necessary to Apprize you, that his uncle Akau Mahomed Nobee who now represents the Family and has charge of its affairs and interest has established a very pre=ponderating influence with the Persian Ministers, if not with the Persian Monarch —

The Alert is now held in readiness for early departure for India, with expected advices from Europe, from the tenor of which will be known the Continuance of Peace or the renewal of Hostilities between Great Britain and France, and if on her despatch hence, I can allow her to touch at Bushire, it will be merely for an hour, in order to receive your letters for Govern=ment — It will therefore be necessary to prepare them, as early after the Arrival at Bushire of the Ravensborne, as may be possible —

I have the honor to be with great truth and regard —

Sir

Your very obedient humble Servant

/signed/ Samuel Manesty

Maghil
the 6th February 1803.

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Bushire 16th February 1803

Wednesday 16th — Exported the Brig Ravensborne for Muscat and Bombay —

" — Imported the Honble Company's Cruzer Alert from Bussora —

" — Received the following Letter from the Resident at Bussora —

Bussora Letter from the Resident intimating the despatch of the Alert with Europe Packet

To
Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqr
Resident at Bushire

Sir,

I had the pleasure to write to you on the 6th Instant, and I now despatch the Alert to Bushire on her way to Bombay with a most important packet from the India House —

The Alert will proceed from Bushire to the Presidency direct, and as my letter by Ravensborne will have prepared you for her Arrival with you, you will not, I hope be under the necessity of detaining her longer, than the Space of twelve hours, the period to which her stay at Bushire is limited by my Sailing instructions to Lieutenant Bennet —

The great question of Peace or War was not decided on the 23d November —

I have the Honor to be, with great truth and Regard —

Sir —

Your very obedient humble Servant

Maghil
the 13th February 1803

/signed/ Samuel Manesty

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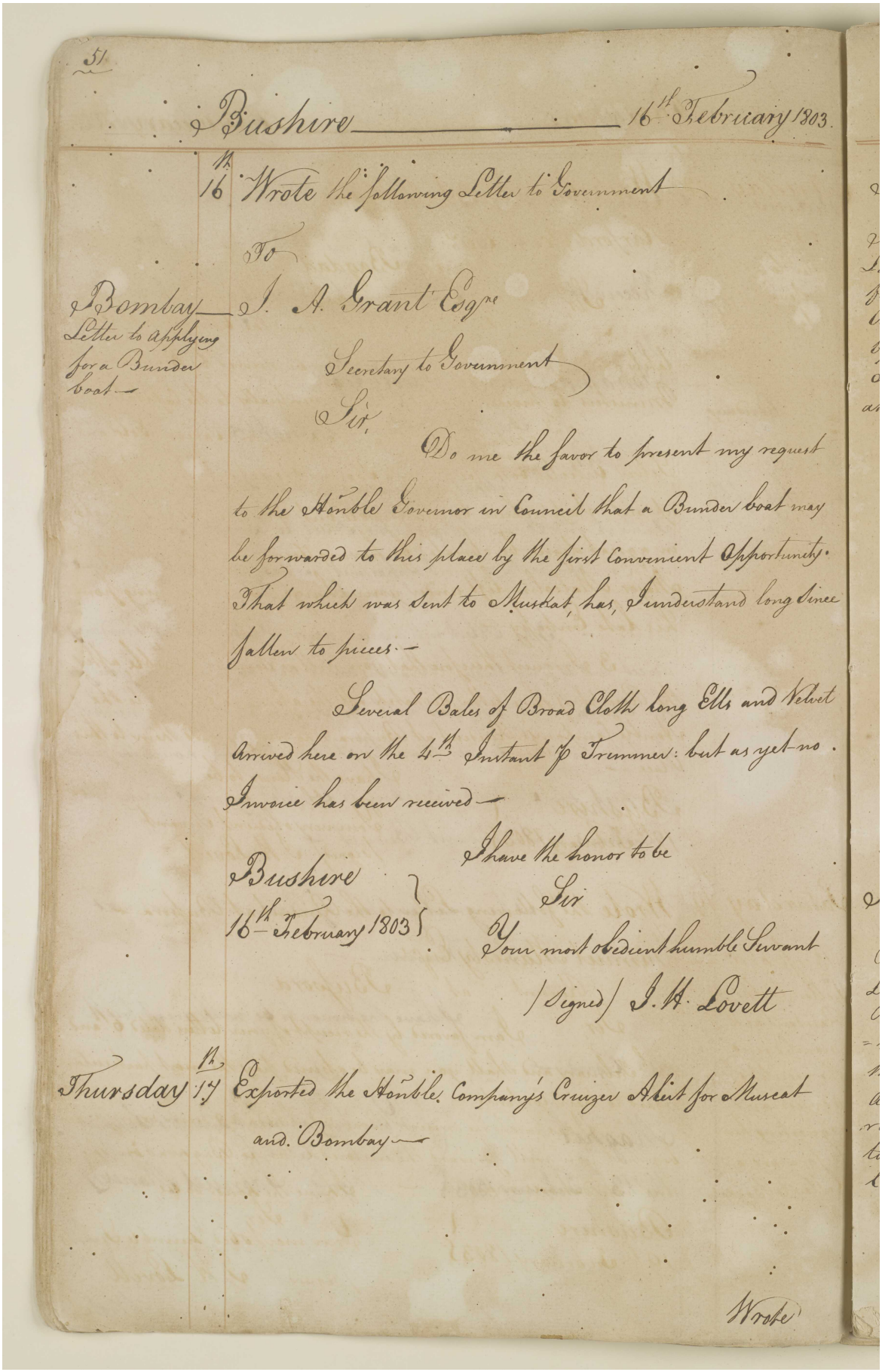

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Bushire 16th February 1803.

16 Wrote the following Letter to Government

To

Bombay Letter to applying for a Bunder boat —

I. A. Grant Esqre

Secretary to Government

Sir,

Do me the favor to present my request to the Honble Governor in Council that a Bunder boat may be forwarded to this place by the first Convenient Opportunity. That which was sent to Muskat has, I understand long since fallen to pieces —

Several Bales of Broad Cloth long Ells and Velvet Arrived here on the 4th Instant p Trummer: but as yet no Invoice has been received —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) J. H. Lovett

Bushire
16th February 1803

Thursday 17 Exported the Honble. Company's Cruizer Albit for Muscat and Bombay —

Wrote

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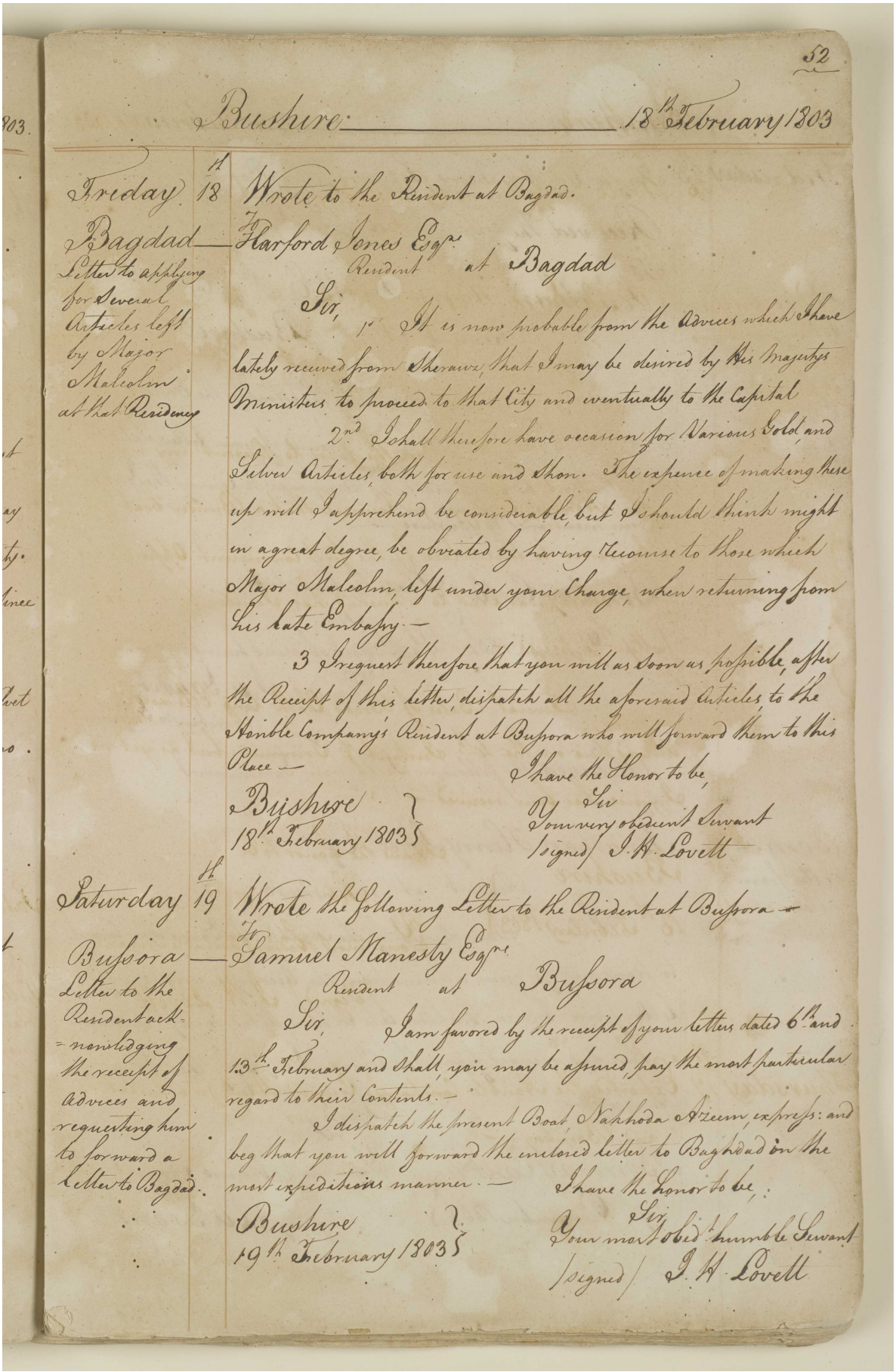

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Bushire 18th February 1803

Friday 18 — Wrote to the Resident at Bagdad.

Bagdad — To Harford Jones Esqr. Resident at Bagdad

Letter to applying for Several Articles left by Major Malcolm at that Residency

Sir,

1st It is now probable from the Advices which I have lately received from Sheraaz, that I may be desired by His Majestys Ministers to proceed to that City and eventually to the Capital

2nd I shall therefore have occasion for Various Gold and Silver Articles, both for use and Show. The expence of making these up will I apprehend be considerable, but I should think might in a great degree, be obviated by having recourse to those which Major Malcolm, left under your Charge, when returning from his late Embassy —

3 I request therefore that you will as Soon as possible, after the Receipt of this Letter, dispatch all the aforesaid Articles, to the Honble Company's Resident at Bussora who will forward them to this Place —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your very obedient Servant
/signed/ J. H. Lovett

Bushire
18th February 1803

Saturday 19 — Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora —

Bussora — To Samuel Manesty Esqr. Resident at Bussora

Letter to the Resident acknowledging the receipt of Advices and requesting him to forward a Letter to Bagdad.

Sir, I am favored by the receipt of your letters dated 6th and 13th February and shall, you may be assured, pay the most particular regard to their Contents —

I dispatch the present Boat, Nakhoda Azeem, express: and beg that you will forward the inclosed Letter to Baghdad in the most expeditious manner —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your most obed: humble Servant
/signed/ J. H. Lovett

Bushire
19th February 1803

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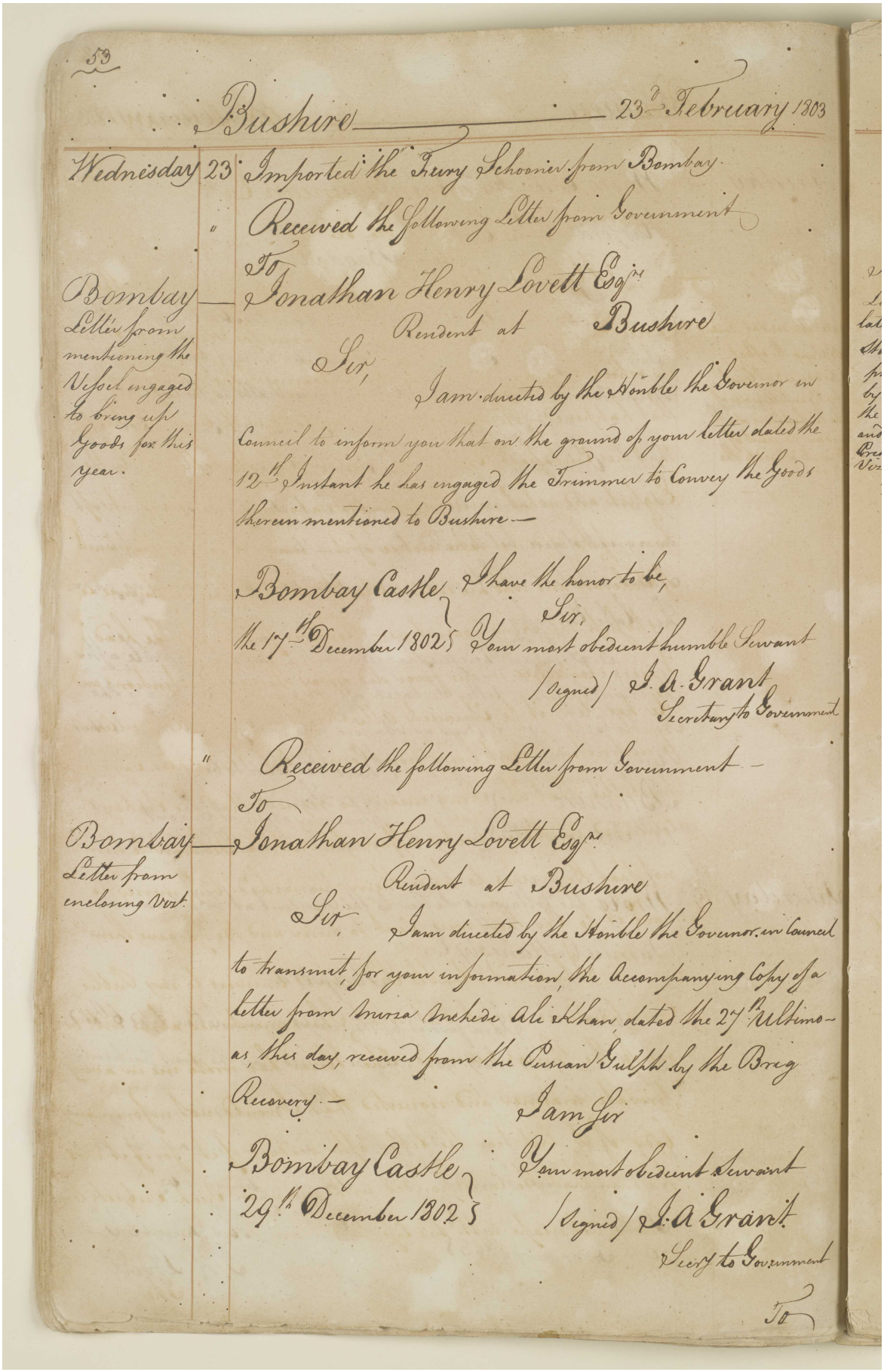

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Bushire 23d February 1803

Wednesday 23 Imported the Fury Schooner from Bombay.

" Received the following Letter from Government

Bombay Letter from mentioning the Vessel engaged to bring up Goods for this year.

To
Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqr
Resident at Bushire

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to inform you that on the ground of your letter dated the 12th Instant he has engaged the Trimmer to Convey the Goods therein mentioned to Bushire—

Bombay Castle, the 17th December 1802

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. A. Grant
Secretary to Government

" Received the following Letter from Government—

Bombay Letter from enclosing Vocl

To
Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqr
Resident at Bushire

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to transmit, for your information, the accompanying Copy of a Letter from Mirza Mehedi Ali Khan, dated the 27th Ultimo—as, this day, received from the Persian Gulph by the Brig Recovery—

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) J. A. Grant
Secy to Government

Bombay Castle, the 29th December 1802

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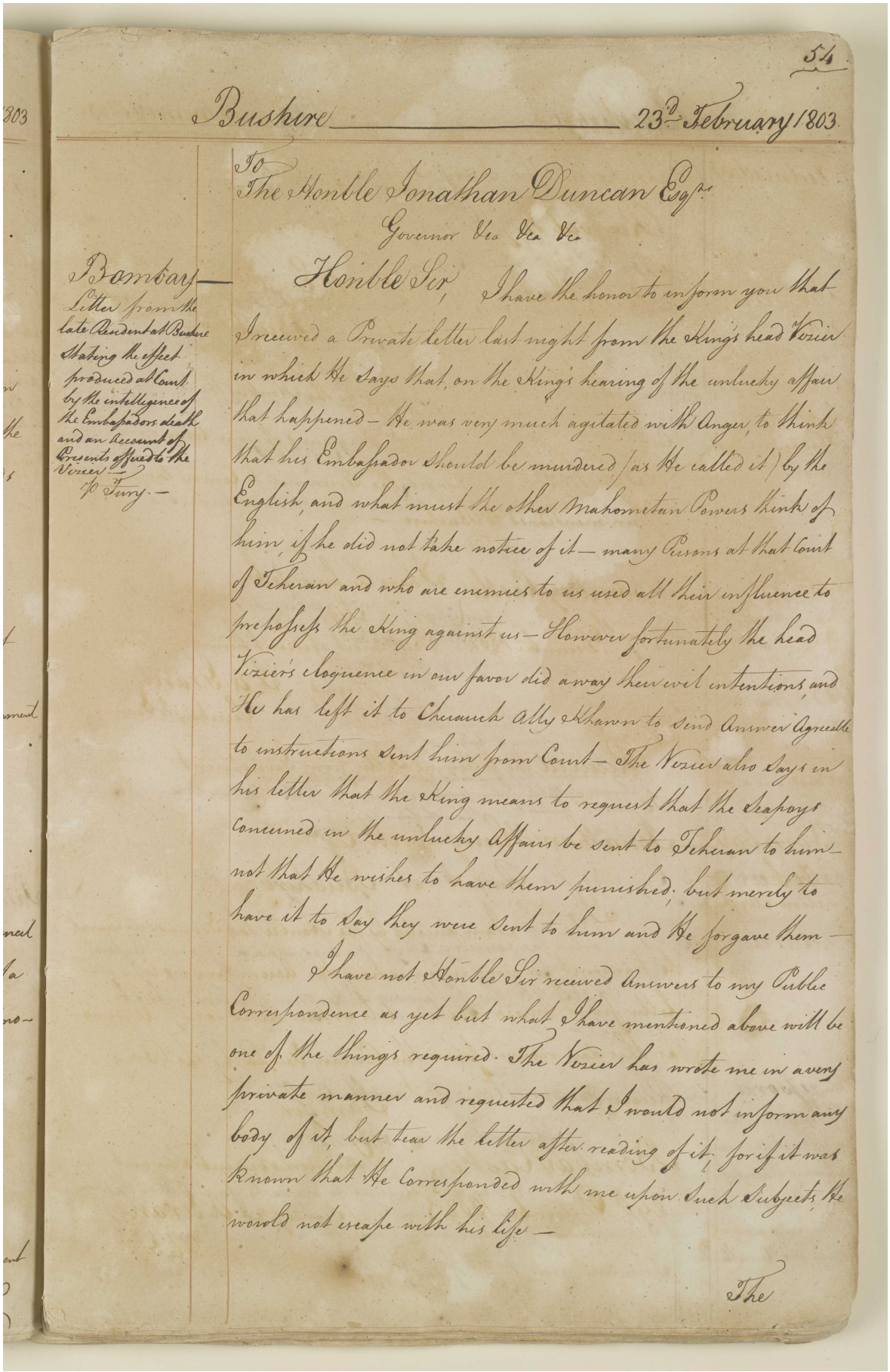

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To
The Honble Jonathan Duncan Esqr
Governor &c &c &c

Bombay
Letter from the late Resident at Bushire stating the effect produced at Court by the intelligence of the Embassadors death and an Account of Presents offered to the Vizier
To Secy —

Honble Sir, I have the honor to inform you that I received a Private letter last night from the Kings head Vizier in which He says that, on the King's hearing of the unlucky affair that happened — He was very much agitated with Anger, to think that his Embassador should be murdered (as He called it) by the English, and what must the other Mahometan Powers think of him, if he did not take notice of it — many Persons at that Court of Teheran and who are enemies to us used all their influence to prepossess the King against us — However fortunately the head Viziers eloquence in our favor did away their evil intentions, and He has left it to Cheanch Ally Khawn to send Answer Agreeable to instructions sent him from Court — The Vizier also says in his letter that the King means to request that the Seapoys concerned in the unlucky Affairs be sent to Teheran to him — not that He wishes to have them punished, but merely to have it to say they were sent to him and He forgave them —

I have not Honble Sir received Answers to my Public Correspondence as yet but what I have mentioned above will be one of the things required. The Vizier has wrote me in a very private manner and requested that I would not inform any body of it, but tear the letter after reading of it, for if it was known that He corresponded with me upon such Subjects He would not escape with his life —

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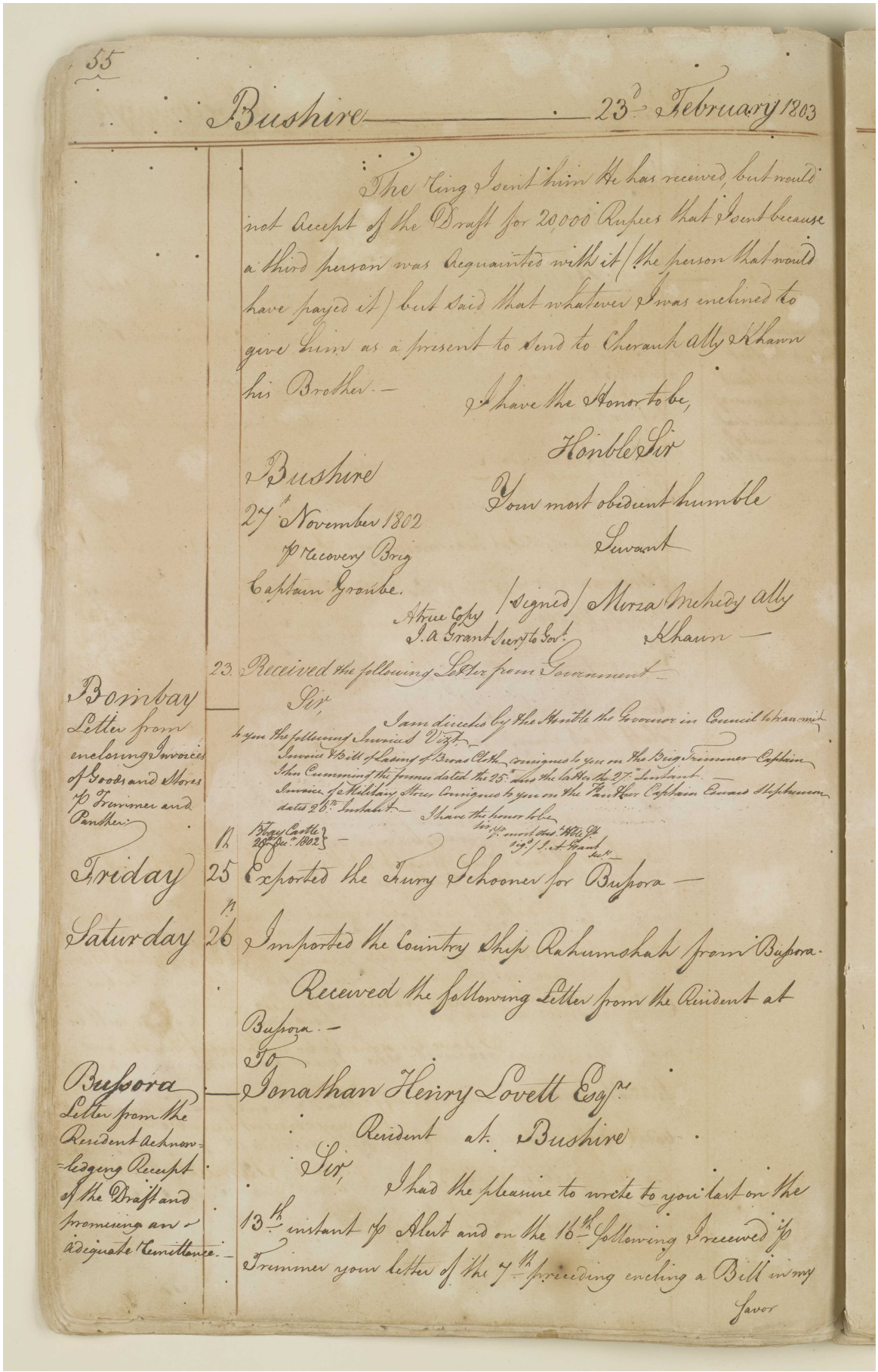


Bushire — 23d February 1803

The Ring I sent him He has received, but would not Accept of the Draft for 20,000 Rupees that I sent because a third person was Acquainted with it (the person that would have payed it) but said that whatever I was inclined to give him as a present to send to Cherauk ally Khawn his Brother —

I have the Honor to be,

Honble Sir

Your most obedient humble

Servant

(signed) Mirza Mehedy ally Khawn —

Bushire
27th November 1802
p Recovery Brig
Captain Groube.

A true Copy
J. A Grant Secry to Govt.

23. Received the following Letter from Government —

Bombay
Letter from enclosing Invoices of Goods and Stores p Trimmer and Panther.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you the following Invoices Vizt. —

Invoice & Bill of Lading of Broad Cloth consigned to you on the Brig Trimmer Captain John Cumming the former dated the 25th and the latter the 27th Instant. —

Invoice of Military Stores Consigned to you on the Panther Captain Edward Stephenson dated 26th Instant. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed. Hble Sr.
sig.d / J. A. Grant
Secy. —

Bay Castle
28th Dec.r 1802 —

Friday 25th Exported the Fury Schooner for Bussora —

Saturday 26th Imported the Country Ship Rahumshah from Bussora.

Received the following Letter from the Resident at Bussora. —

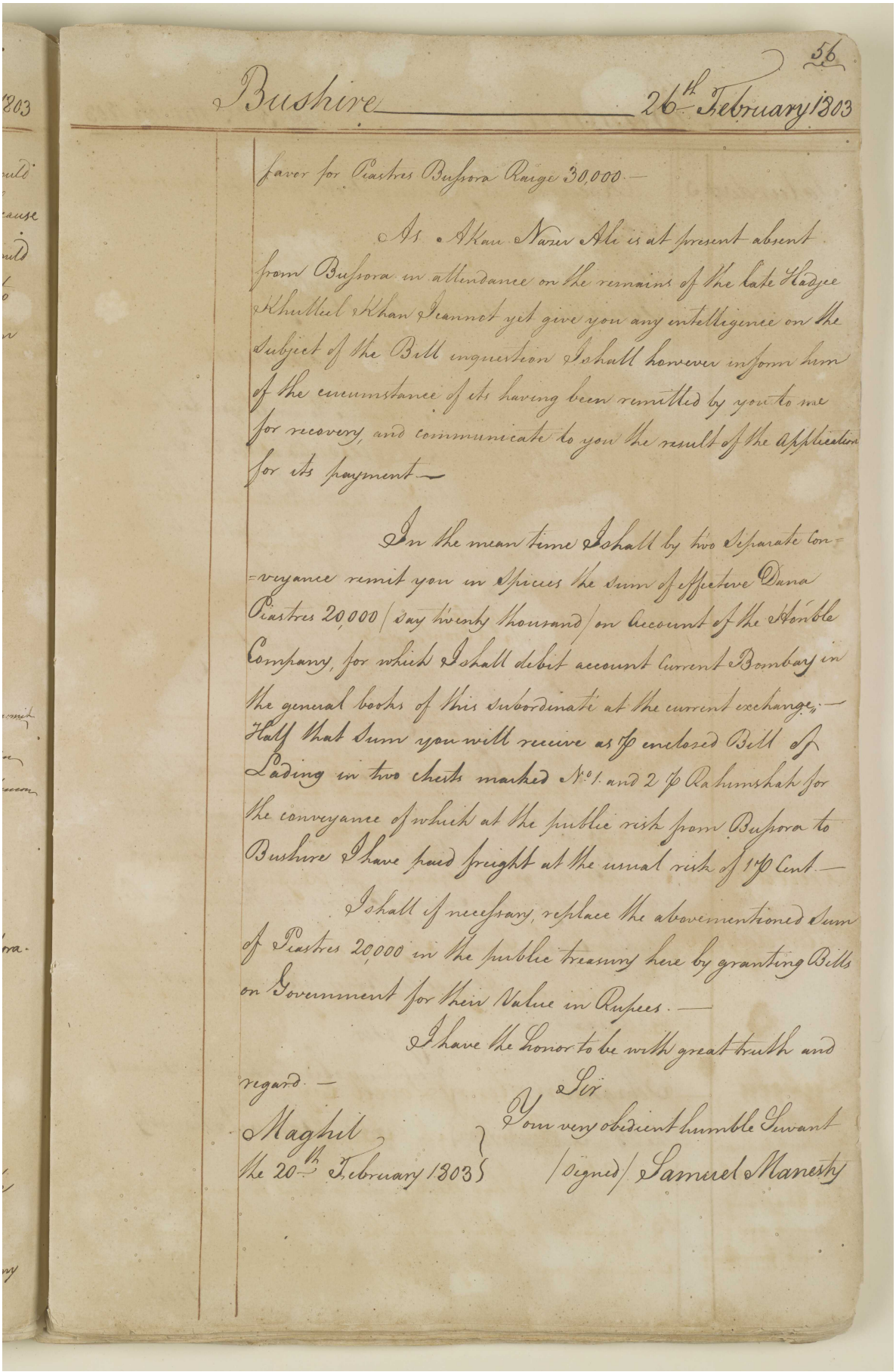
Bussora
Letter from the Resident Acknowledging Receipt of the Draft and promising an adequate Remittance. —

To
Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqr.
Resident at Bushire

Sir,

I had the pleasure to write to you last on the 13th instant p Alert and on the 16th following I received p Trimmer your letter of the 7th preceding encling a Bill in my

favor



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favor for Piastres Bussora Rouge 30,000 —

As Akau Nauu Ali is at present absent from Bussora in attendance on the remains of the late Hadjee Khuttul Khan I cannot yet give you any intelligence on the subject of the Bill inquestion I shall however inform him of the circumstance of its having been remitted by you to me for recovery, and communicate to you the result of the application for its payment —

In the mean time I shall by two Separate Conveyance remit you in Specie the sum of effective Dana Piastres 20,000 / say twenty thousand / on account of the Honble Company, for which I shall debit account Current Bombay in the general books of this Subordinate at the current exchange. — Half that Sum you will receive as p enclosed Bill of Lading in two chests marked N°1. and 2 p Rahimshah for the conveyance of which at the public risk from Bussora to Bushire I have paid freight at the usual rate of 1½ Cent —

I shall if necessary replace the abovementioned Sum of Piastres 20,000 in the public treasury here by granting Bills on Government for their Value in Rupees. —

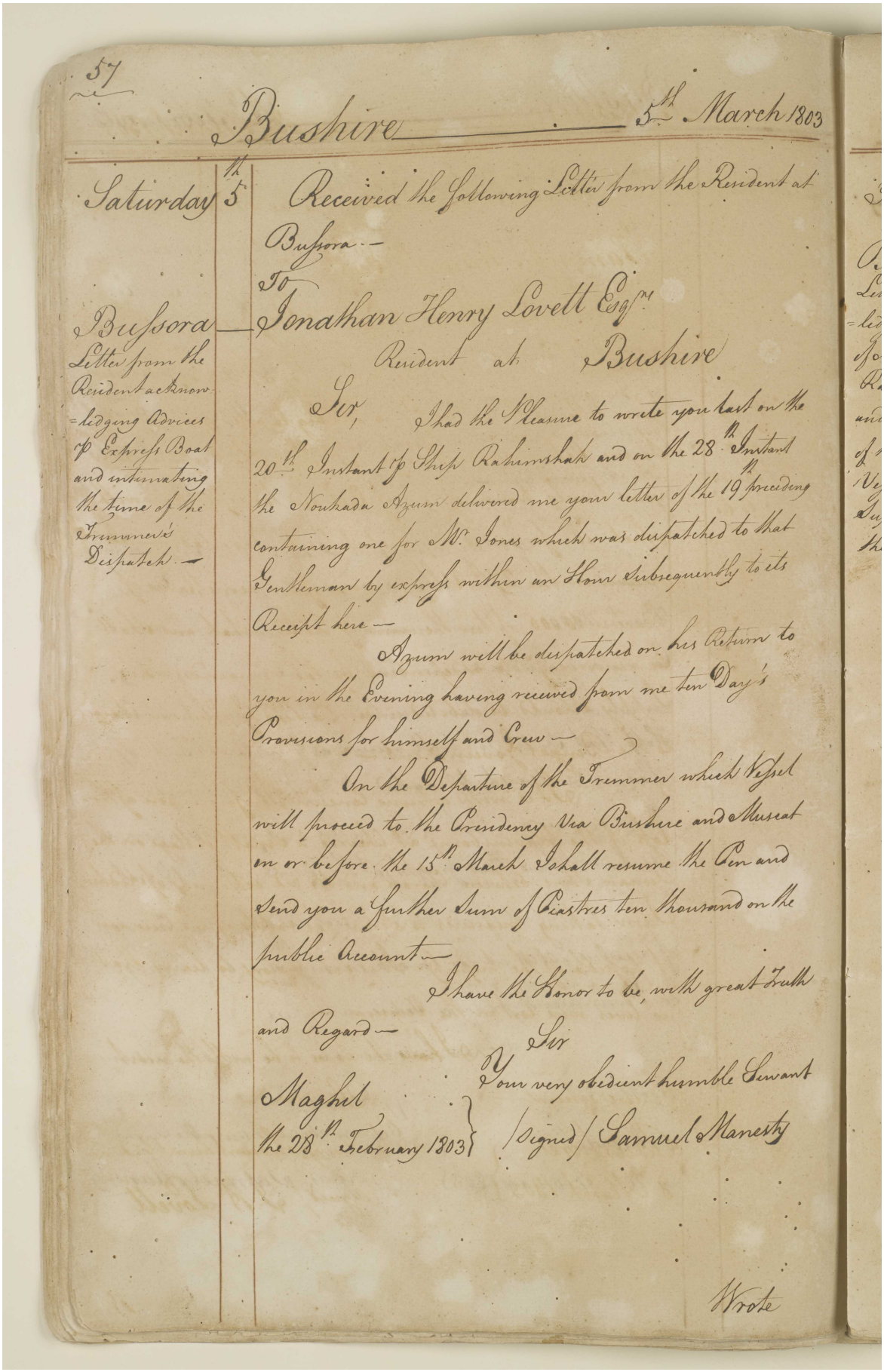
I have the Honor to be with great truth and regard. —

Sir

Your very obedient humble Servant

/Signed/ Samuel Manesty

Maghil
the 20th February 1803



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Bushire 5th March 1803

Saturday 5

Received the following Letter from the Resident at Bussora —

Bussora Letter from the Resident acknowledging Advices p Express Boat and intimating the time of the Trimmer's Dispatch —

To
Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqr
Resident at Bushire

Sir, I had the Pleasure to write you last on the 20th Instant p Ship Rahimshah and on the 28th Instant the Nouhada Azum delivered me your letter of the 19th preceding containing one for Mr. Jones which was dispatched to that Gentleman by express within an Hour subsequently to its Receipt here —

Azum will be dispatched on his Return to you in the Evening having received from me ten Day's Provisions for himself and Crew —

On the Departure of the Trimmer which Vessel will proceed to the Presidency Via Bushire and Muscat on or before the 15th March I shall resume the Pen and send you a further Sum of Piastres ten thousand on the public Account —

I have the Honor to be, with great Truth and Regard —

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant
/signed/ Samuel Manesty

Maghel
the 28th February 1803

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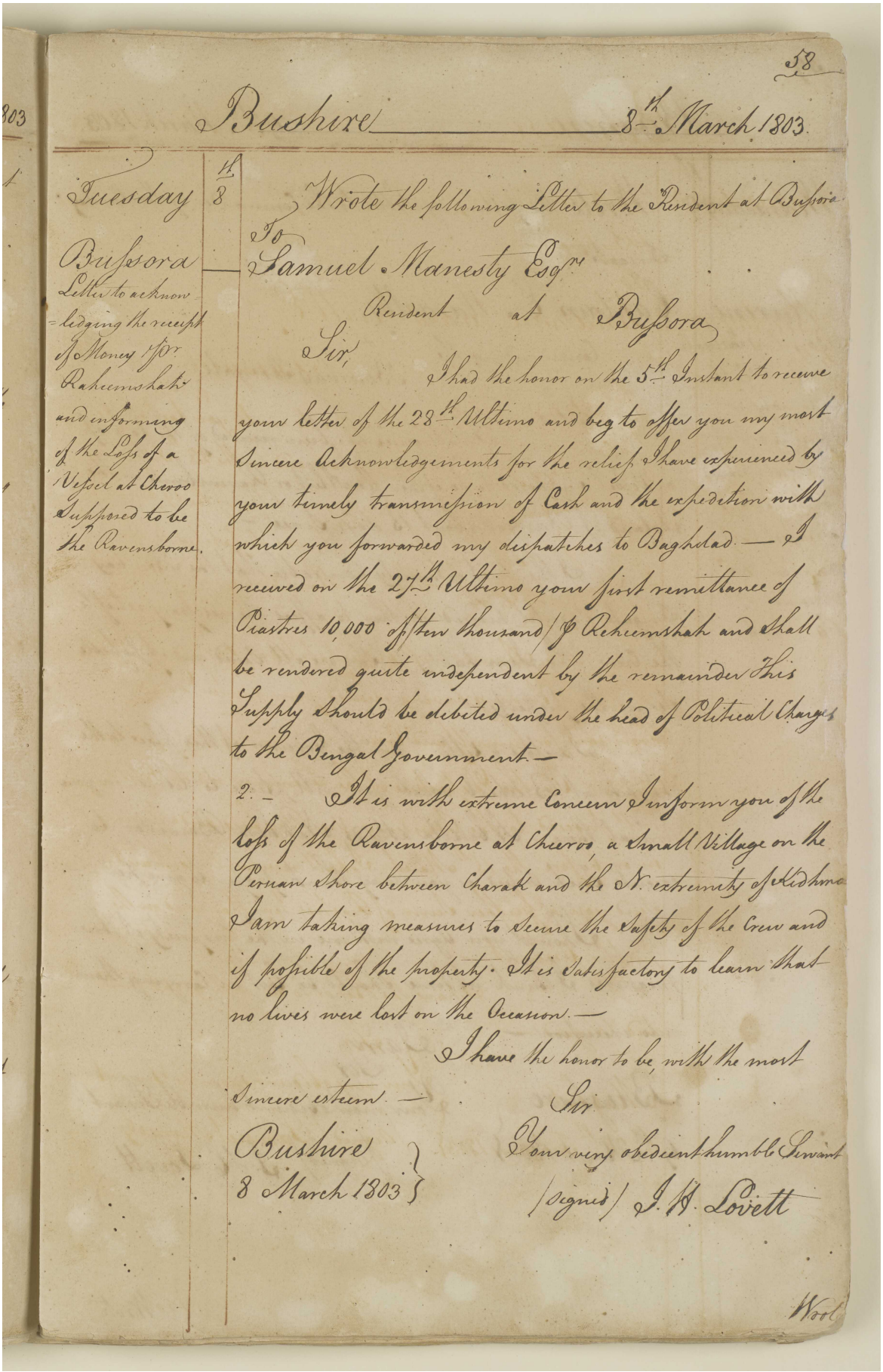

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Bushire 8th March 1803.

Tuesday 14/8

Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Busora

Busora Letter to acknowledging the receipt of Money for Raheemshah and informing of the Loss of a Vessel at Cheroo Supposed to be the Ravensborne.

To
Samuel Manesty Esqr
Resident at Busora

Sir,

I had the honor on the 5th Instant to receive your letter of the 28th Ultimo and beg to offer you my most sincere Acknowledgements for the relief I have experienced by your timely transmission of Cash and the expedition with which you forwarded my dispatches to Baghdad — I received on the 27th Ultimo your first remittance of Piastres 10,000 ten thousand for Raheemshah and shall be rendered quite independent by the remainder this Supply should be debited under the head of Political Charges to the Bengal Government —

2. — It is with extreme concern I inform you of the loss of the Ravensborne at Cheroo, a Small Village on the Persian Shore between Charak and the N. extremity of Kishma I am taking measures to secure the Safety of the Crew and if possible of the property. It is satisfactory to learn that no lives were lost on the Occasion —

I have the honor to be, with the most sincere esteem —

Sir

Your very obedient humble Servant

(signed) J. B. Lovett

Bushire
8 March 1803

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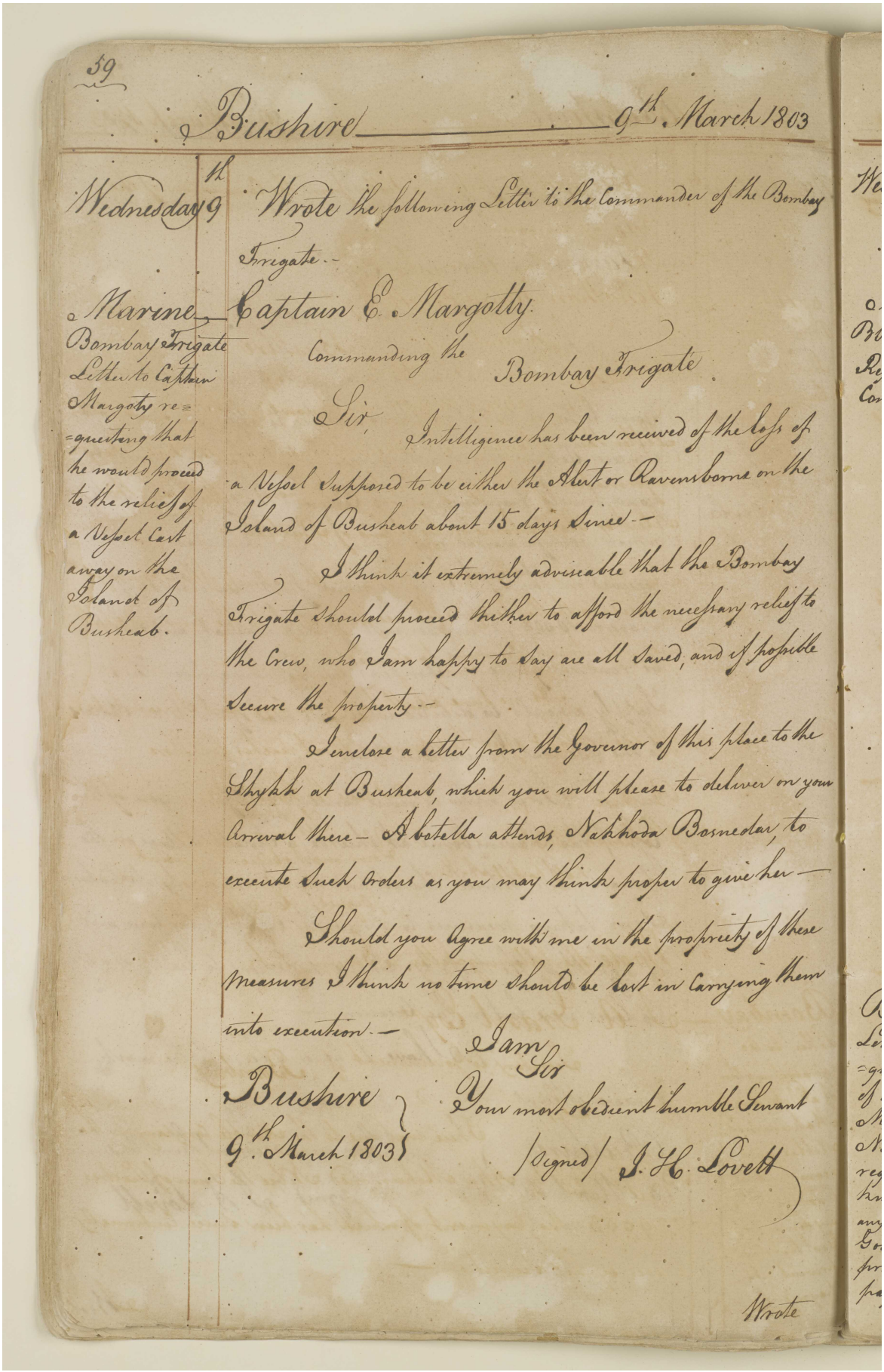

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Bushire 9th. March 1803

Wednesday 9th. Wrote the following Letter to the Commander of the Bombay Frigate.—

Marine Bombay Frigate Letter to Captain Margotty requesting that he would proceed to the relief of a Vessel Cast away on the Island of Bushear.

Captain E. Margotty
Commanding the
Bombay Frigate

Sir

Intelligence has been received of the loss of a Vessel supposed to be either the Alert or Ravensborne on the Island of Bushear about 15 days Since.—

I think it extremely advisable that the Bombay Frigate should proceed thither to afford the necessary relief to the Crew, who I am happy to say are all Saved, and if possible Secure the property.—

I enclose a letter from the Governor of this place to the Shykh at Bushear, which you will please to deliver on your Arrival there.— Abotella attends, Nakhoda Bosnedar, to execute such Orders as you may think proper to give her.—

Should you Agree with me in the propriety of these measures I think no time should be lost in Carrying them into execution.—

I am Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
/signed/ J. H. Lovett

Bushire
9th. March 1803

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Bushire 9th March 1803

Wednesday 9 Received the following Letter from the Commander of the Bombay Frigate

To

Jonathan Henry Lovell Esqr

Resident at Bushire

Marine Bbay Frigate Reply from the Commander.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter this instant, and am extremely concerned for the Melancholy information of the loss of a Vessel supposed to be either the Alert or Ravensborne on the Island of Bushear—

I perfectly agree with you, in the propriety of the Bombays proceeding thither to afford the necessary relief to the Crew and shall use my utmost endeavours to secure the property.—

As no time shall be lost on my part I mean to be off the instant after the Bombays Boat reaches the Shore—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) E. Margoty

Bushire 9th March 1803
Half past 11. A.M.

" Wrote the following Letter to Government.

Bombay Letter to Government granting them a Debt due by Mahummed Nebee and requesting to know if he has any demand on Govt that should prevent its payment—

I. A. Grant Esqr

Secretary to Government of Bombay,

Sir,

There was due to the Honble Company on the 23d January by Aka Mohummed Nebee the Sum of Piastres 229533: the payment of which has been since Continually evaded by his Securities.—

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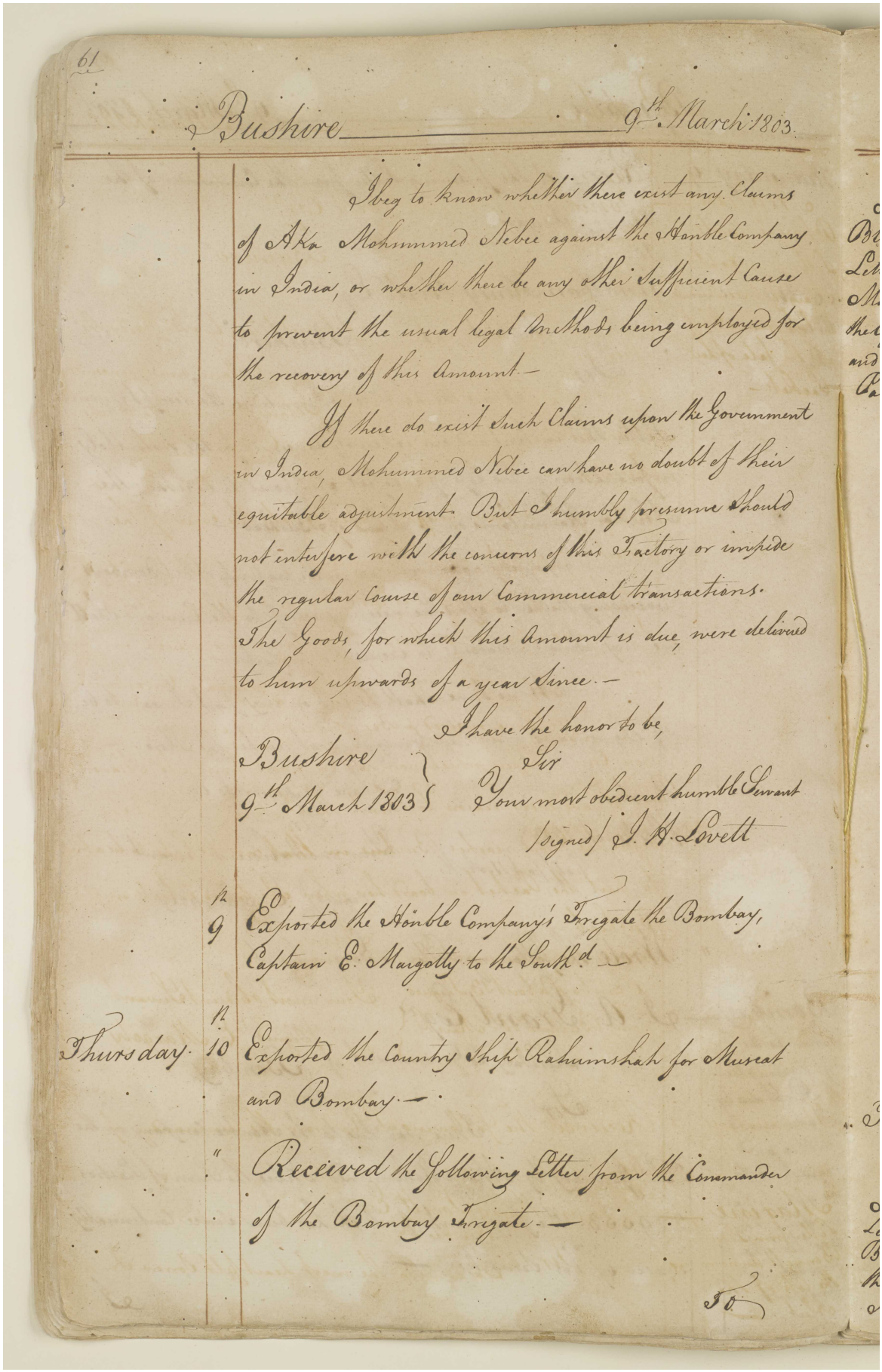

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I beg to know whether there exist any Claims of Aka Mohummed Nebee against the Honble Company in India, or whether there be any other Sufficient Cause to prevent the usual legal Methods being employed for the recovery of this Amount.—

If there do exist such Claims upon the Government in India, Mohummed Nebee can have no doubt of their equitable adjustment. But I humbly presume should not interfere with the concerns of this Factory or impede the regular Course of our Commercial transactions. The Goods, for which this Amount is due, were delivered to him upwards of a year since.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. H. Lovett

Bushire
9th March 1803

M. 9 Exported the Honble Company's Frigate the Bombay, Captain E. Margotty to the South'd.—

Thursday M. 10 Exported the Country Ship Rahumshah for Muscat and Bombay.—

" Received the following Letter from the Commander of the Bombay Frigate.—

To

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Bushire 10th March 1803

Marine
Bbay Frigate
Letter from Captn
Margoty ascertaining
the loss of the Alert
and the fate of her
Packets.

To
Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqr
Resident at Bushire

Sir,

This will be delivered to you by Mr. Hardy the Officer belonging to the Alert Schooner, which I am much concerned to find is the Vessel Wrecked on the Island Busheab, and whom I fell in with this day at Noon in a Dow proceeding to Bushire.

I have thought proper to take the Crew of the Alert out of the Dow, and recommended Mr. Hardy to make the best of his way to you – he is intrusted with a Letter from Lieutenant Bennett on this Melancholy event, which will give you every information respecting this unfortunate Catastrophe.

I have received a Box Packet from Mr. Hardy, and only those Europe Papers which you had on Shore from Mr. Manesty; As I have every reason to think the Rythimshaw will Sail before the Dow reaches Bushire, in that case, I hope to be able to put the Packet on board her when she takes a look in at Busheab.

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) E. Margoty

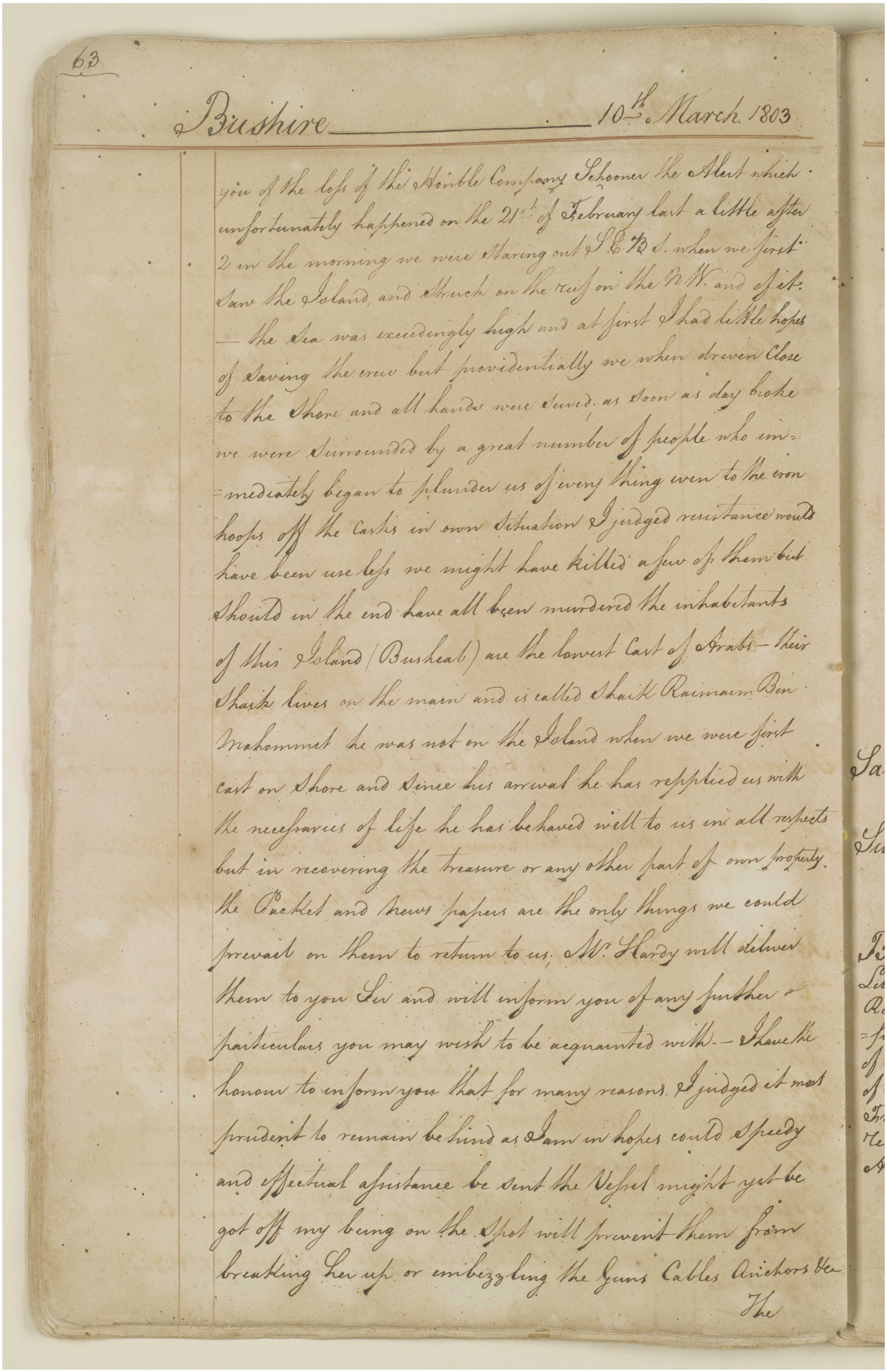
Bombay about 13 Leagues from Bushire 10th March 1803

Thursday 10th Received the following Letter from the Commander of the Alert.

Marine
Letter from Lieut.
Bennett announcing
the loss of the
Alert.

To
Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqr
&c &c &c

Sir, It is with the most heart felt Sorrow I inform you



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you of the loss of the Honble Company Schooner the Alert which unfortunately happened on the 21st of February last a little after 2 in the morning we were Staring out S.E. by S. when we first saw the Island, and Struck on the reef on the N.W. end of it. the Sea was exceedingly high and at first I had little hopes of saving the crew but providentially we were driven Close to the Shore and all hands were saved, as soon as day broke we were Surrounded by a great number of people who immediately began to plunder us of every thing even to the iron hoops off the Casks in our Situation I judged resistance would have been useless we might have killed a few of them but Should in the end have all been murdered the inhabitants of this Island (Bushear) are the lowest Cast of Arabs – their Shaikh lives on the main and is called Shaikh Raimain Ben Mahommet he was not on the Island when we were first cast on Shore and Since his arrival he has supplied us with the necessaries of life he has behaved well to us in all respects but in recovering the treasure or any other part of our property. the Packet and News papers are the only things we could prevail on them to return to us, Mr. Hardy will deliver them to you Sir and will inform you of any further particulars you may wish to be acquainted with. – I have the honour to inform you that for many reasons I judged it most prudent to remain by hind as I am in hopes could Speedy and effectual assistance be sent the Vessel might yet be got off my being on the Spot will prevent them from breaking her up or embezzling the Guns Cables Anchors &c

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The treasure lost is also an object of serious consideration which cannot be recovered without the appearance of some force to compel them to return it — I have Agreed to give the Shaik 140 Dollars for the hire of a boat to Bushire which Sum I hope you will grant to Mr Hardy for him, I must beg your excuse for addressing you in this slovenly manner but the paper and pen is the best I could procure as I mentioned before Mr Hardy can inform you how in the best manner assistance can be sent and I intend waiting here your orders for my further conduct and —

I have the honour to remain
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servt
(signed) Richard Bennet

Bushear
March 2nd 1803

Saturday 12th — Imported the County Ship Diamond from Bombay and Bengal —

Sunday 13th — Imported the Recovery Brig from Bombay —

" — Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora —

Bussora — Letter to the Resident informing him of the dispatch of the Bombay Frigate to the Relief of the Aleut &c —

To
Samuel Manesty Esqr
Resident at Bussora
Sir,

1 I had last the honor of addressing you by a Boat on the 8th Instant —

2 The Diamond which carries you this arrived here yesterday the Recovery also anchored in the Roads last night —

3 I dispatched the Bombay Frigate on the 9th Instant

to

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to the Relief of the Vessel wrecked on Boosheibe which proved afterwards to be the Alert. The enclosed Copies of Letters from Captain Margoty and Lieutenant Bennet, received on the 10th Instant, will inform you of all farther particulars —

4th The Rehimshah which sailed on the 10th will touch at Booshehe in order to carry on the Packets which are fortunately saved —

I have the honor to be, with most sincere esteem —

Sir

Your very obedient and most humble Servant

Bushire
13th March 1803.

[signed] J. H. Lovett

The Copies of Capt.n Margoty and Lieut. Bennets Letters alluded to. (see page 62) —

	4	
Monday	14	Exported the Country Ship Diamond for Bussora —
	17	
Friday	18	Exported the Recovery Brig for Bussora —
Saturday	26	Imported the Honble Company's Frigate the Bombay.
	"	Received the following Letter from the Commander of the Bombay Frigate —

Bombay off the Island Bushear 23d March 1803.

To

Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqr

Resident at Bushire

Sir

I have the pleasure to return you the Frankey which attended us down to Bushear with all possible haste, and

Marine — Bombay Frigate Report from Capt.n Margotty of the measures taken to recover the Alert and forward her Packet to Bombay.

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and to inform you that every thing has been done by me that I possibly could to recover the property that was on board the Alert, in a friendly manner, I am sorry to say, my exertions has had no effect with the Sheik of Nakela who has made a number of frivolous excuses on purpose to detain that part, which of course will prove useful to him, and he has only delivered up one Anchor without a Stock, the oldest Cable (apparently) that was on board and promised four days ago to send the Rudder, which he has now also thought proper to keep back, finding that nothing more can be done with this fellow here, I shall make the best of my way to Bushire, when I will be able to inform you more fully on the Subject —

I have been successfull in procuring a Boat to forward the Packet on, Viâ Muscat and on its being delivered safe to Vesundass, I wrote to him, to pay the Naguada one hundred German Crowns which was the Sum agreed upon here. Lieutenant Bennet, and the Gunner of the Alert, has proceeded yesterday on her, in Charge of the Packet to Government —

The Naguada and the People of this Boat, have in general behaved well, and I found it was necessary to detain them here, to attend on the Ship, and while we stayed, I have agreed to pay them five Piasters p.r day, Commencing the 17th to this day, fifteen of which, I have already Advanced them, and have to request you will be pleased to order the remaining twenty, to be paid them on delivering of this letter —

These Islanders have plundered the little Vessel of almost

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almost every Article She had on board, She is now lying on the Rocks upon her Beams ends a perfect Wreck, and after having taken what few things I could get out of her, I ordered a Lieutenant to set fire to, and burn her, that She may not fall into the hands of the Arabs.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your very obedient Servant
(signed) E. Margoty

P.S.

The Answers to the Sheiks two letters I have received, and shall bring them myself to Bushire —

Sunday 27 Imported the Brig Trimmer from Bussora —

" Received the following Letter from the Resident at Bussora —

Bussora — Letter from the Resident Acknowledging Advices of the Supposed loss of the Ravensborne remitting Amt Piastres 10,000 p Trimmer and transmitting Letters from the Resident at Bagdad —

Sir,

On the 13th Instant I had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 8th preceding from which I observe the safe arrival at Bushire of the Rahumshah and the returning express Boat with my official Communications of the 20th and 28th Ultimo and the unfortunate loss of the Ravensborne —

By the Trimmer now on Departure for Bushire, Muscat and Bombay I have the pleasure make you a further Remittance of Piastres Amt 10000 say Ten thousand contained as p enclosed Bill of Lading in two Chests numbered 3 and 4 for the Conveyance of which at the public Rate from Bussora to Bushire I have paid freight at the usual Rate of 1 p Cent. —

The Residency not having any pecuniary Connection with Bengal the Amount of the Sums remitted you and of the

Charges

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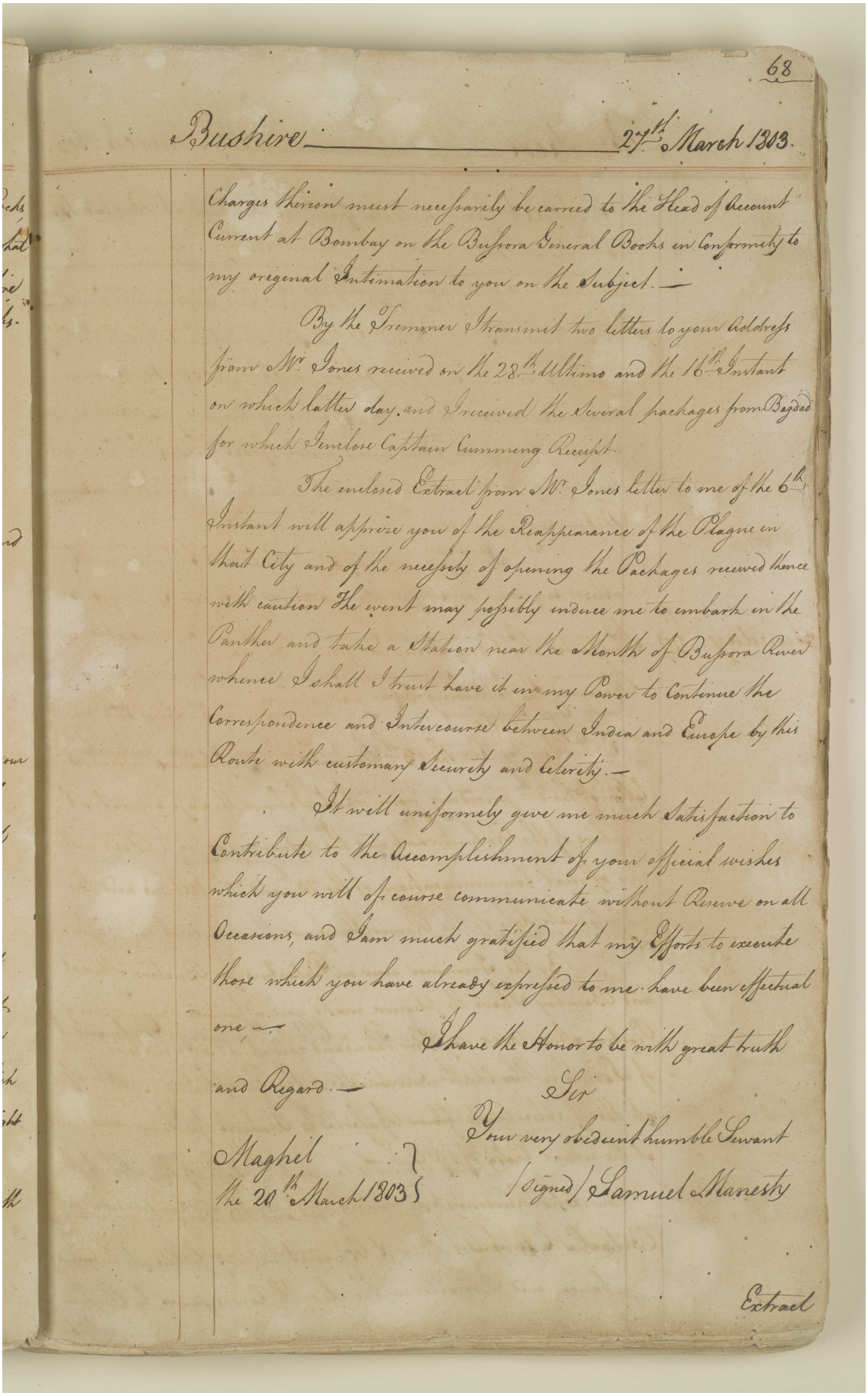

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Charges thereon must necessarily be carried to the Head of Account Current at Bombay on the Bussora General Books in Conformity to my original Intimation to you on the Subject.—

By the Tremmer I transmit two letters to your Address from Mr. Jones received on the 28th Ultimo and the 16th Instant on which latter day. and I received the Several packages from Bagdad for which I enclose Captain Cumming Receipt.

The inclosed Extract from Mr. Jones letter to me of the 6th Instant will apprize you of the Reappearance of the Plague in that City and of the necessity of opening the Packages received thence with caution The event may possibly induce me to embark in the Panther and take a Station near the Mouth of Bussora River whence I shall I trust have it in my Power to Continue the Correspondence and Intercourse between India and Europe by this Route with customary Security and Celerity.—

It will uniformely give me much Satisfaction to Contribute to the Accomplishment of your official wishes which you will of course communicate without Reserve on all Occasions, and I am much gratified that my Efforts to execute those which you have already expressed to me have been effectual one.—

I have the Honor to be with great truth and Regard.—

Sir

Your very obedient humble Servant

/signed/ Samuel Manesty

Maghel
the 20th March 1803

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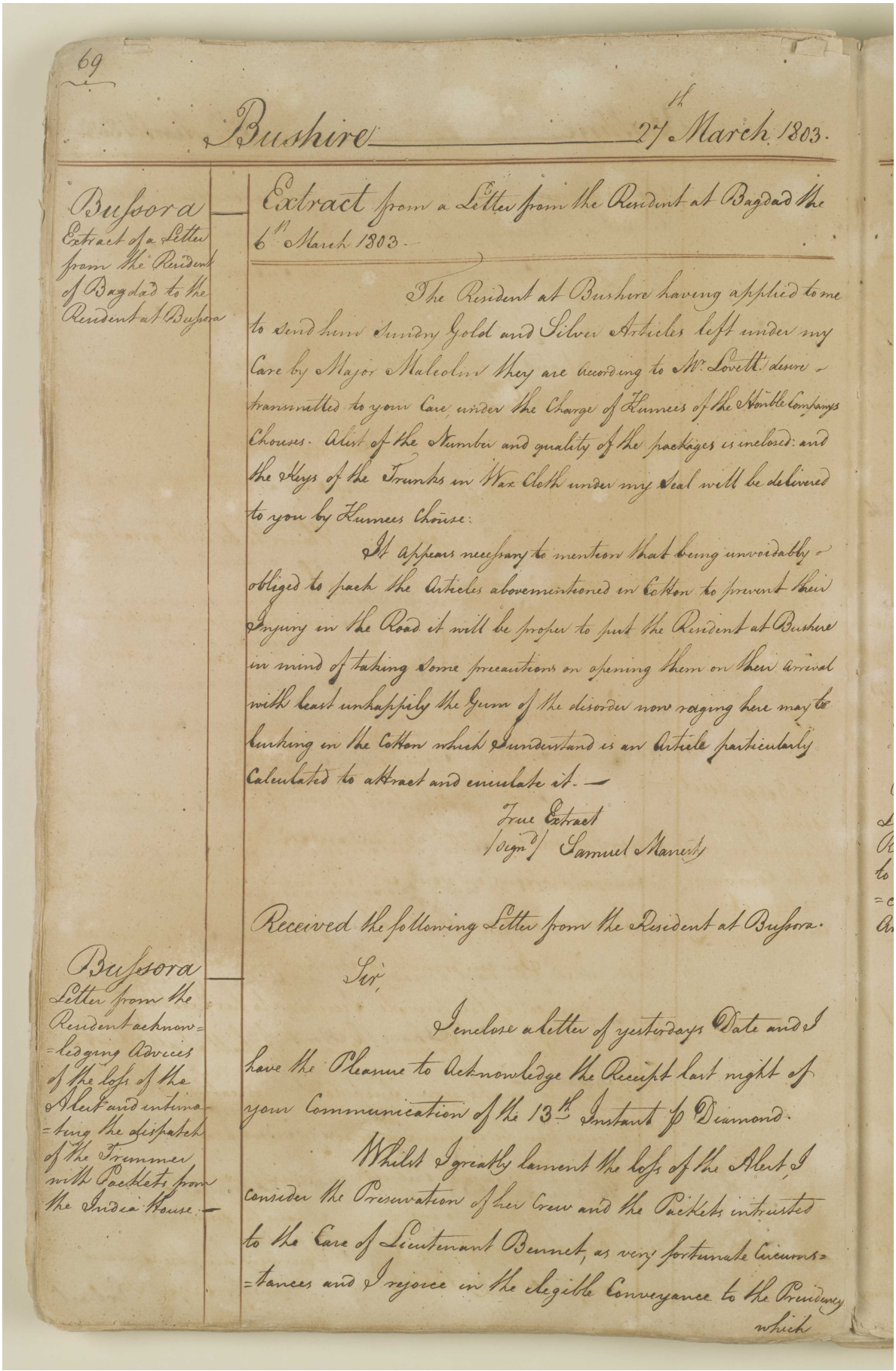

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Bushire 27th March 1803.

Busora
Extract of a Letter from the Resident of Bagdad to the Resident at Busora

Extract from a Letter from the Resident at Bagdad the 6th March 1803.

The Resident at Bushire having applied to me to send him sundry Gold and Silver Articles left under my Care by Major Malcolm they are according to Mr. Lovett's desire transmitted to your Care, under the Charge of Lunnees of the Honble Companys Chouses. A list of the Number and quality of the packages is inclosed: and the Keys of the Trunks in Wax Cloth under my Seal will be delivered to you by Lunnees Chouse.

It appears necessary to mention that being unavoidably obliged to pack the Articles abovementioned in Cotton to prevent their Injury in the Road it will be proper to put the Resident at Bushire in mind of taking some precautions on opening them on their arrival with least unhappily the Germ of the disorder now raging here may be lurking in the Cotton which I understand is an Article particularly Calculated to attract and circulate it. —

True Extract
(sign'd) Samuel Manesty

Received the following Letter from the Resident at Busora.

Busora
Letter from the Resident acknowledging Advices of the loss of the Alert and intimating the despatch of the Trimmer with Packets from the India House.

Sir,

I enclose a letter of yesterdays Date and I have the Pleasure to Acknowledge the Receipt last night of your Communication of the 13th Instant & Diamond.

Whilst I greatly lament the loss of the Alert, I consider the Preservation of her Crew and the Packets intrusted to the Care of Lieutenant Bennet, as very fortunate Circumstances and I rejoice in the Legible Conveyance to the Presidency which

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which these Packets have obtained on the Rahim Shah.—

The Trimmer is now despatched with an important Packet from the India House and I have directed her Commander to remain fifteen Hours only at Bushire, on her Way to Muscat and Bombay: He will then take charge of your Advices for Government, and I have to request, that you will if possible, avoid detaining Captain Cumming, even an Hour beyond the Period of his intended Stay at the Place of your Residence.—

I have the Honor to be with great Truth and Regard.—

Sir

Your very obedient humble Servant

/signed/ Samuel Manesty

Maghel
the 22d March 1803

Sunday 27 March

Bagdad Letter from the Resident in reply to the Communication of my Arrival

Received the following Letter from the Resident at Bagdad.

Sir,

The favor of your Letter of the 15th January reached me on the 20th Instant, and I beg to offer you my Congratulations on your Appointment to the Residency at Bushire, and on your safe Arrival there.—

In conformity to Instructions received through the Channel of the private Secretary to his Excellency the most Noble the Governor General, I shall at all times be happy to make you such Communications, as I may conceive can be entrusting or useful, and also to afford you Information on all Subjects on which you may esteem it necessary to apply to me.—

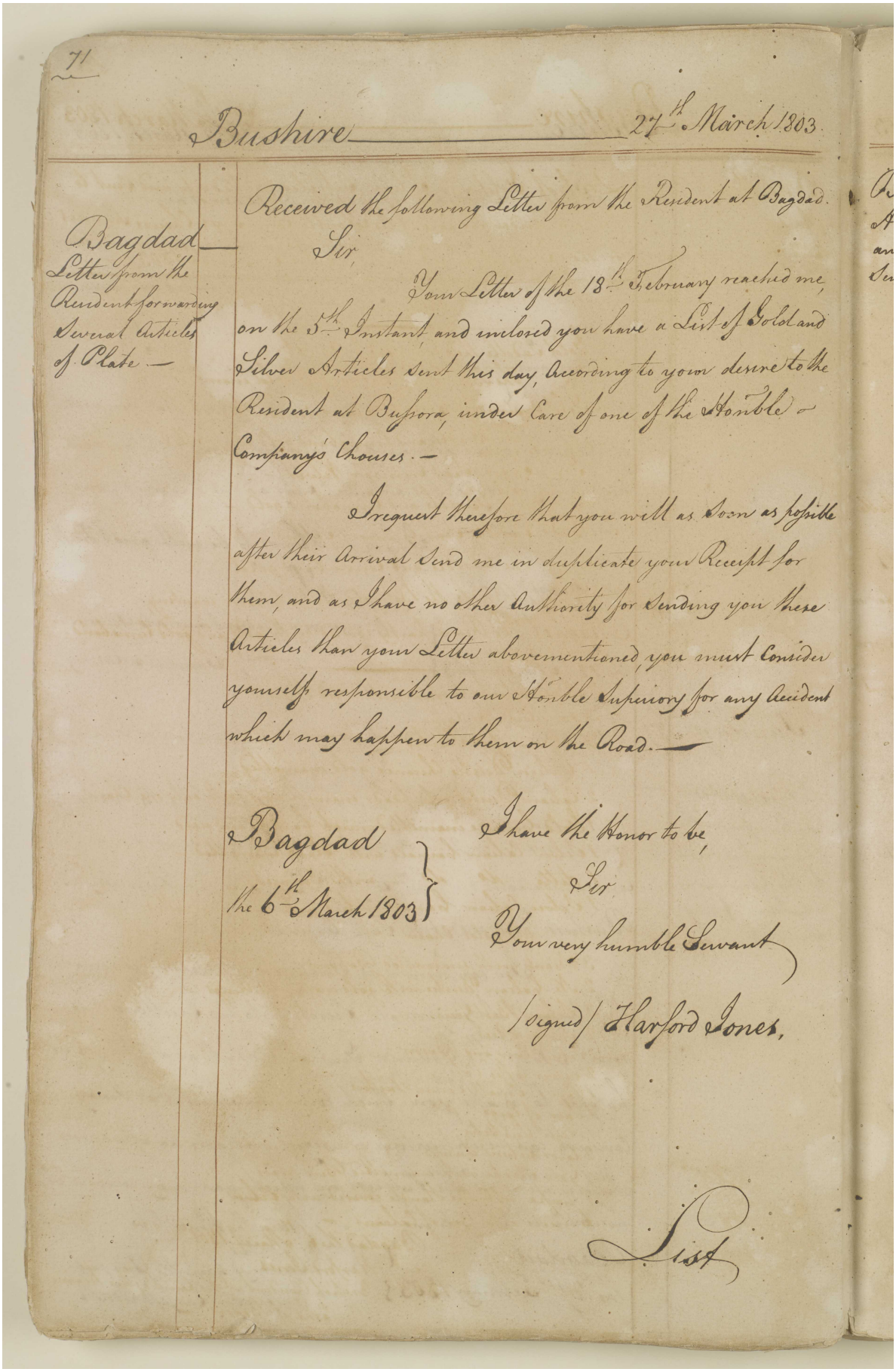
I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your very humble Servant

/signed/ Harford Jones

Bagdad
the 24th February 1803



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Bushire 27th March 1803.

Bagdad
Letter from the Resident forwarding Several Articles of Plate —

Received the following Letter from the Resident at Bagdad.

Sir,

Your Letter of the 18th February reached me, on the 5th Instant, and inclosed you have a List of Gold and Silver Articles sent this day, According to your desire to the Resident at Bussora, under Care of one of the Honble Company's Chouses. —

I request therefore that you will as Soon as possible after their Arrival Send me in duplicate your Receipt for them, and as I have no other Authority for Sending you these Articles than your Letter abovementioned, you must Consider yourself responsible to our Honble Superiors for any Accident which may happen to them on the Road. —

Bagdad
the 6th March 1803

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your very humble Servant
/signed/ Harford Jones.

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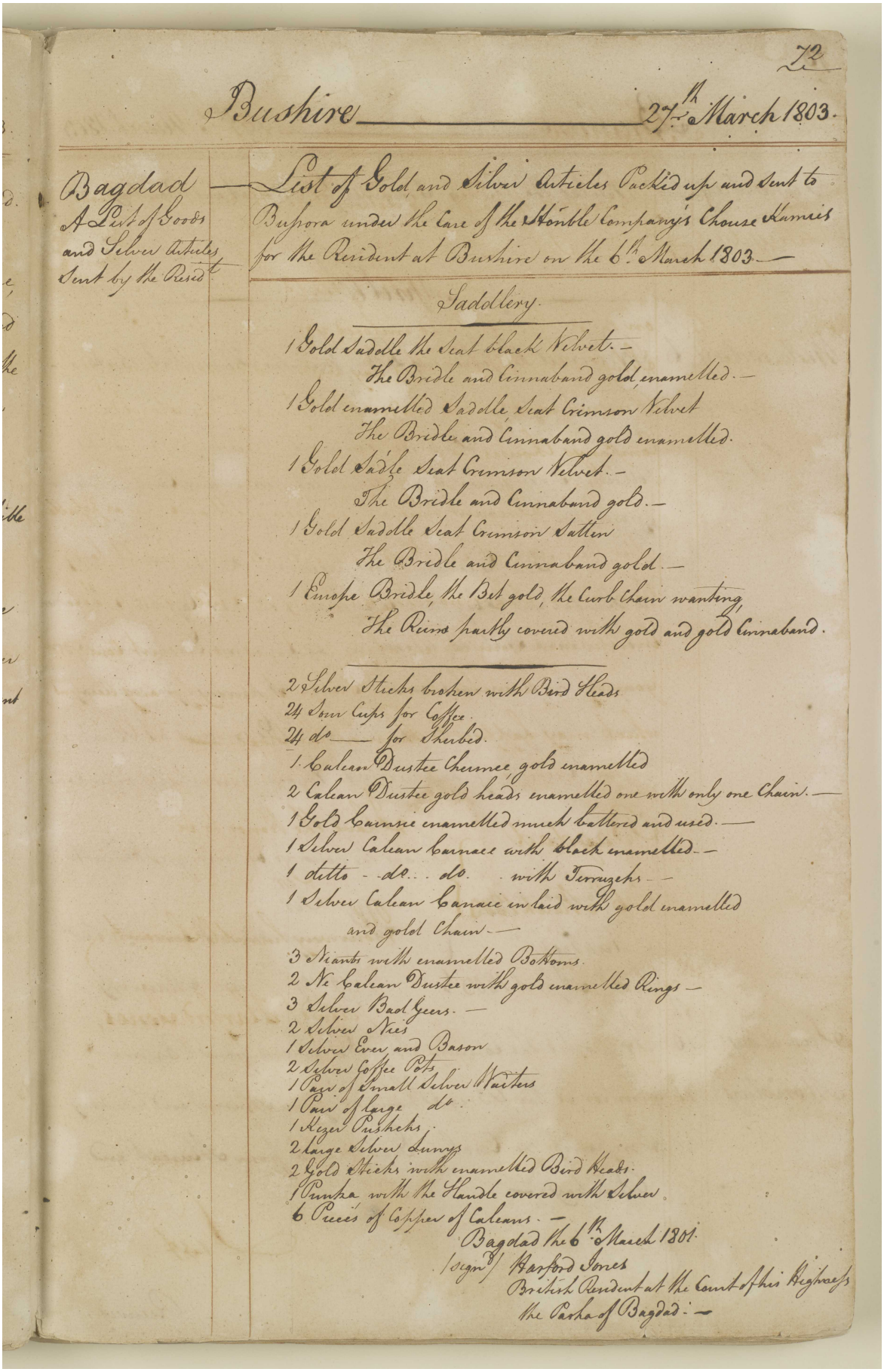

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Bagdad
A List of Goods and Silver Articles Sent by the Resid^t

List of Gold and Silver Articles Packed up and Sent to Bussora under the Care of the Honble Company's Chouse Kamies for the Resident at Bushire on the 6th March 1803 —

Saddlery.

1 Gold Saddle the Seat black Velvet. —
The Bridle and Cinnaband gold, enamelled. —
1 Gold enamelled Saddle, Seat Crimson Velvet
The Bridle and Cinnaband gold enamelled.
1 Gold Sadle Seat Crimson Velvet. —
The Bridle and Cinnaband gold. —
1 Gold Saddle Seat Crimson Satten
The Bridle and Cinnaband gold. —
1 Europe Bridle, the Bet gold, the Curb Chain wanting,
The Reins partly covered with gold and gold Cinnaband.

2 Silver Sticks broken with Bird Heads
24 Sour Cups for Coffee.
24 do — for Sherbed.
1 Calean Dustee Chermee, gold enamelled
2 Calean Dustee gold heads enamelled one with only one Chain. —
1 Gold Carnsie enamelled much battered and used. —
1 Silver Calean Carnace with black enamelled. —
1 ditto - do. . do. with Terruzehs. —
1 Silver Calean Canaie in laid with gold enamelled and gold Chain. —
3 Niants with enamelled Bottoms.
2 Ne Calean Dustee with gold enamelled Rings —
3 Silver Bad Geers. —
2 Silver Nies
1 Silver Ever and Bason
2 Silver Coffee Pots
1 Pair of Small Silver Waiters
1 Pair of large do.
1 Kezer Pushehs.
2 large Silver Lunys
2 Gold Sticks with enamelled Bird Heads.
1 Punka with the Handle covered with Silver.
6 Pieces of Copper of Caleans. —

Bagdad the 6th March 1801.
(sign^d) Harford Jones
British Resident at the Court of his Highness the Pasha of Bagdad. —

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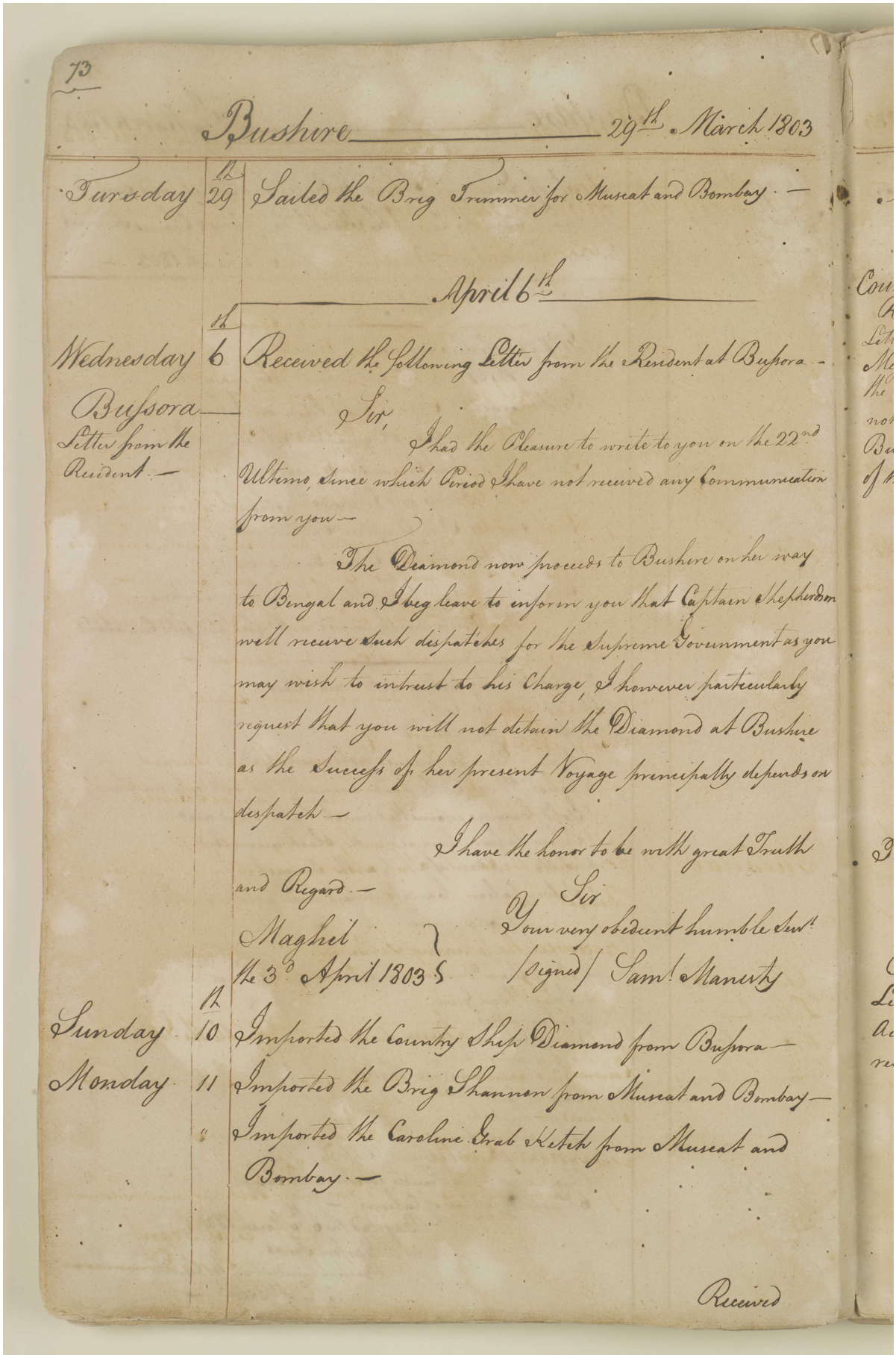

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Bushire 29th March 1803

Tuesday 29 Sailed the Brig Trimmer for Muscat and Bombay —

April 6th

Wednesday 6 Received the following Letter from the Resident at Bussora —

Bussora Letter from the Resident —

Sir,

I had the Pleasure to write to you on the 22nd Ultimo, since which Period I have not received any Communication from you —

The Diamond now proceeds to Bushire on her way to Bengal and I beg leave to inform you that Captain Shepherdson will receive such dispatches for the Supreme Government as you may wish to intrust to his Charge, I however particularly request that you will not detain the Diamond at Bushire as the Success of her present Voyage principally depends on despatch —

I have the honor to be with great Truth and Regard —

Sir

Your very obedient humble Servt

/signed/ Saml Manesty

Maghel
the 3d April 1803

Sunday 10 Imported the Country Ship Diamond from Bussora —

Monday 11 Imported the Brig Shannon from Muscat and Bombay —

" Imported the Caroline Grab Ketch from Muscat and Bombay —

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Bushire — 11th April 1803.

Monday 11th — Received the following Letter from the Commander of the Raheemshah —

Country Vessels Reheemshah Letter from Captn Megson Stating the Cause of his not Calling at Busheab to take of the Alerts Packet —

Sir,

It is with much Concern I have to inform you that it was not in my Power to Stop at Busheab to take in the Packet from the Alert on Account of the Tempestuous Weather we me with off that Island, a Strong N.W. Gale Set in, and I could not with Safety heave the Vessel to without endangering the lives of the Horses, and as I had previously Spoke with Captain White, the Information I received from Him gave me reason to hope that the Alert was not last as had been reported —

We Arrived here on the 19th and I am now going on Board the Raheemshah to Sail for Bombay —

Muscat 25 March 1803

I am with much Respect
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) Thomas Megson,

Tuesday 12th — Imported the Country Ship Mersey from Muscat, Bombay, and Bengal —

" — Received the following Letter from Government —

Bombay Letter from, Acknowledging receipt of Advices —

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 25th Ultimo —

Bombay Castle
19th February 1803

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant.
(signed) J. A Grant
Secry to Government

Wrote

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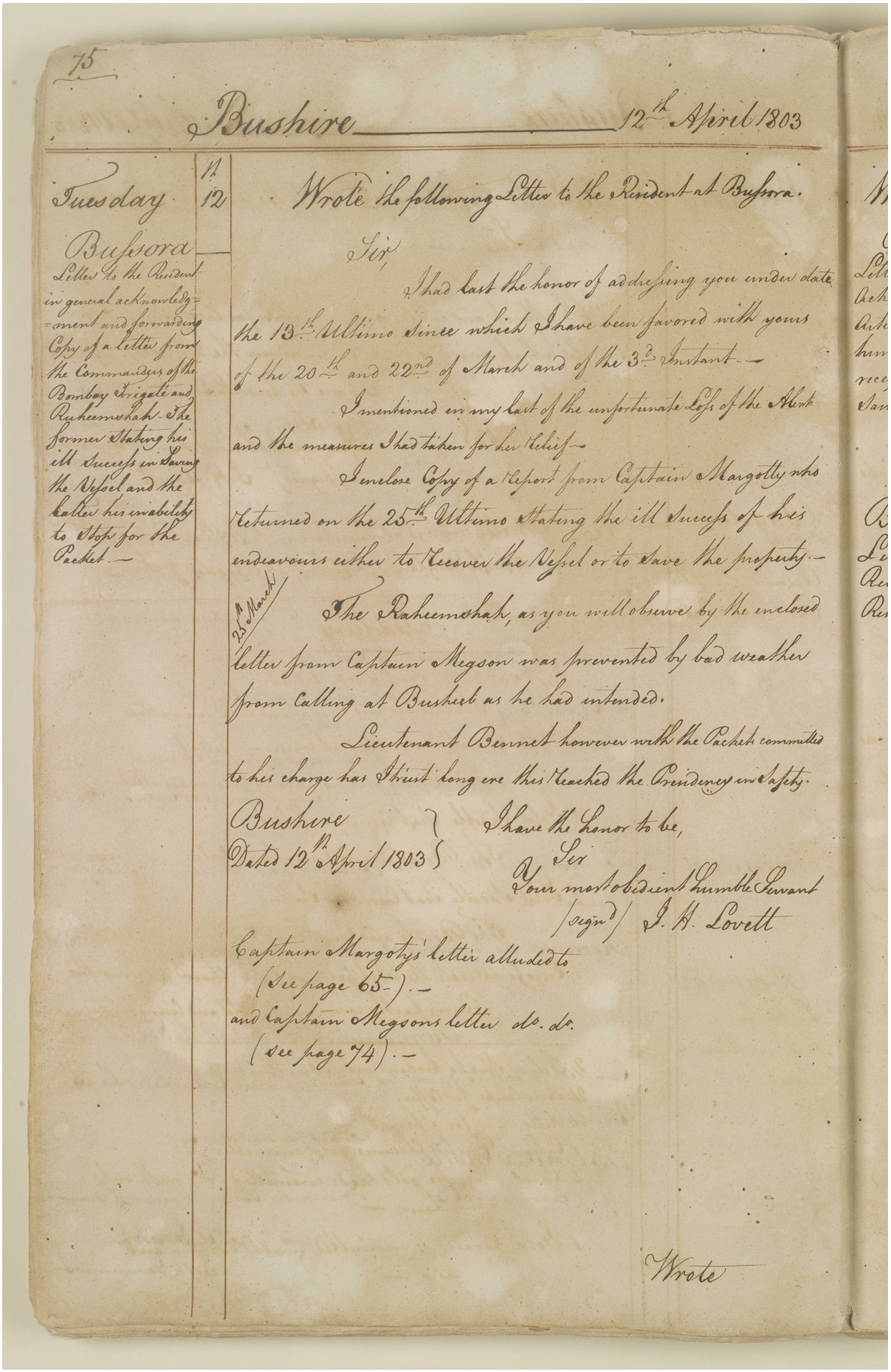

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Tuesday 12th

Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora.

Bussora

Letter to the Resident in general acknowledgment and forwarding Copy of a Letter from the Commanders of the Bombay Frigate and Rucheemshah. The former stating his ill success in saving the Vessel and the latter his inability to stop for the Packet.—

Sir,

I had last the honor of addressing you under date the 13th Ultimo since which I have been favored with yours of the 20th and 22nd of March and of the 3d Instant.—

I mentioned in my last of the unfortunate Loss of the Abbé and the measures I had taken for her Relief.—

I enclose Copy of a Report from Captain Margotty who returned on the 25th Ultimo stating the ill success of his endeavours either to Recover the Vessel or to save the property.—

25th March

The Rahcemshah, as you will observe by the enclosed letter from Captain Megson was prevented by bad weather from calling at Bushire as he had intended.

Lieutenant Bennet however with the Packet committed to his charge has I trust long ere this Reached the Presidency in Safety.

Bushire
Dated 12th April 1803

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signd) J. H. Lovett

Captain Margotty's letter alluded to (See page 65).—
and Captain Megsons letter do. do. (see page 74).—

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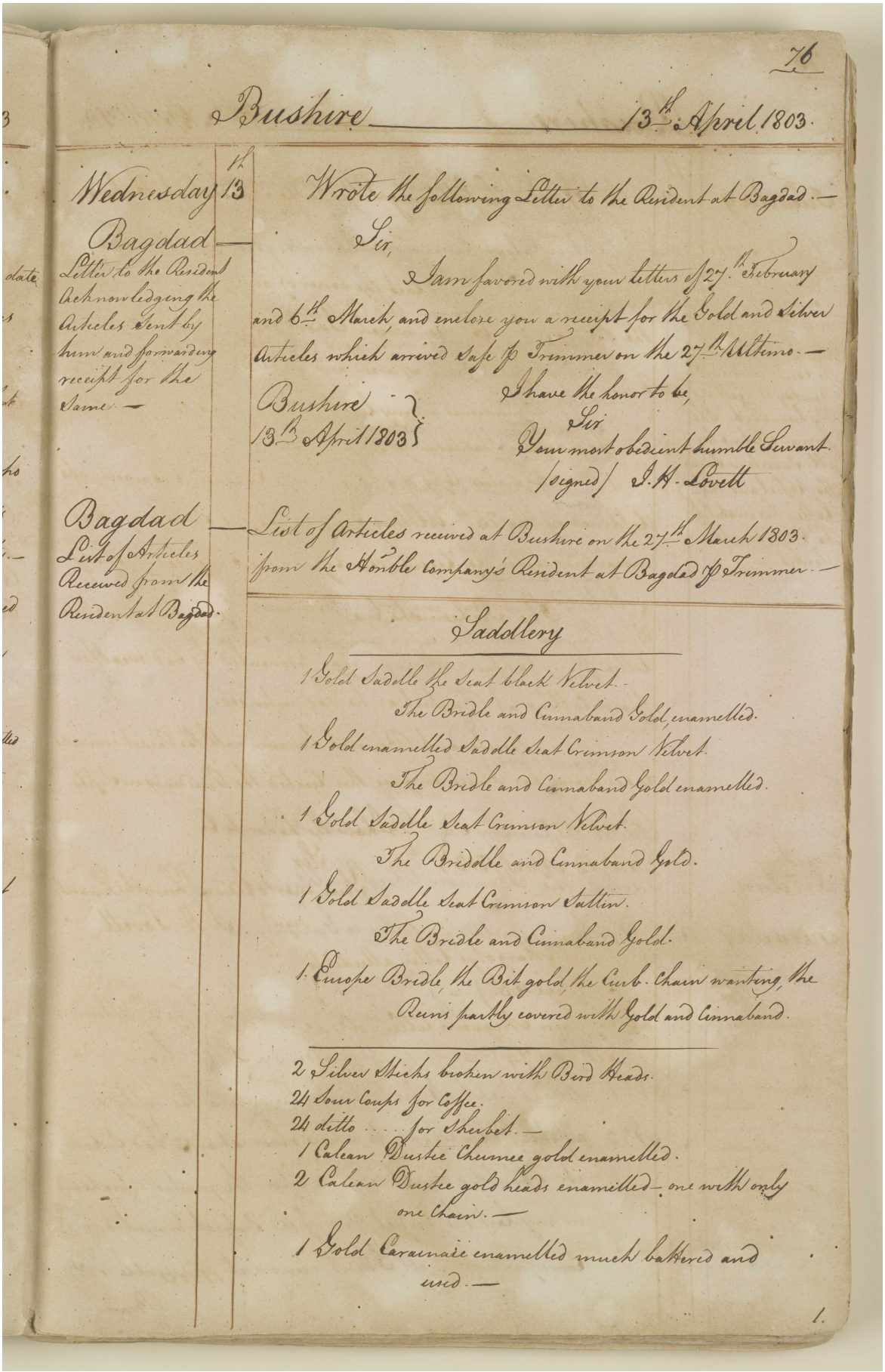

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Wednesday 13th

Bagdad
Letter to the Resident Acknowledging the Articles Sent by him and forwarding receipt for the Same —

Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bagdad —

Sir,

I am favored with your letters of 27th February and 6th March, and enclose you a receipt for the Gold and Silver Articles which arrived safe p Trimmer on the 27th Ultimo —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
/signed/ J.H. Lovett

Bushire
13th April 1803

Bagdad
List of Articles Received from the Resident at Bagdad.

List of Articles received at Bushire on the 27th March 1803 from the Honble Company's Resident at Bagdad p Trimmer —

Saddlery

1 Gold Saddle the Seat black Velvet —
The Bridle and Cumaband Gold, enamelled.
1 Gold enamelled Saddle Seat Crimson Velvet
The Bridle and Cumaband Gold enamelled.
1 Gold Saddle Seat Crimson Velvet
The Bridle and Cumaband Gold.
1 Gold Saddle Seat Crimson Sattin.
The Bridle and Cumaband Gold.
1 Europe Bridle, the Bit gold, the Curb Chain wanting, the Reins partly covered with Gold and Cumaband.

2 Silver Sticks broken with Bird Heads.
24 Sour Coups for Coffee.
24 ditto for Sherbet —
1 Calean Dustee Chumee gold enamelled.
2 Calean Dustee gold heads enamelled — one with only one Chain. —
1 Gold Caraunaie enamelled much battered and used. —

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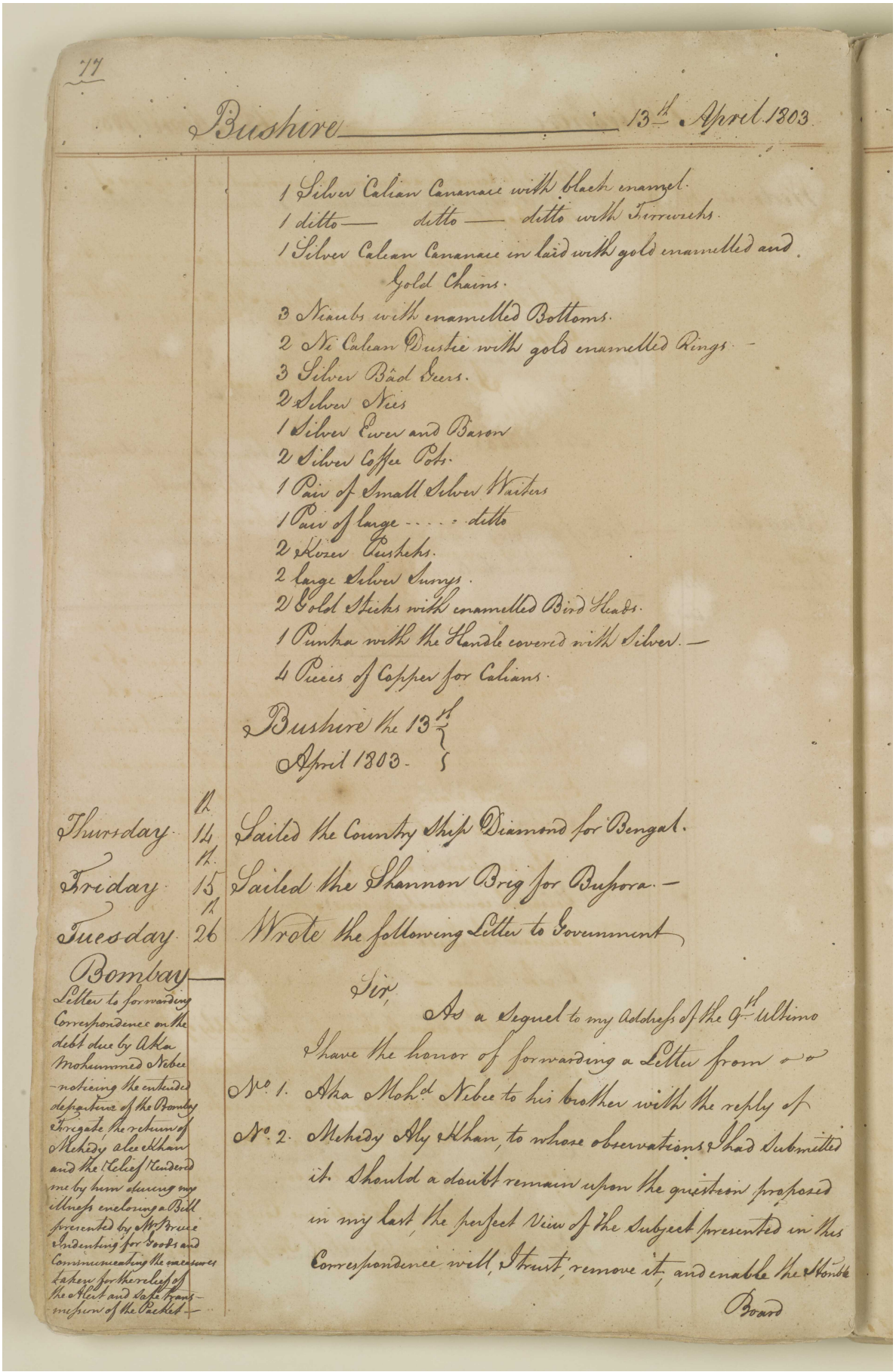

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1 Silver Calian Cananace with black enamel.
1 ditto — ditto — ditto with Firrwzehs.
1 Silver Calean Cananace in laid with gold enamelled and Gold Chains.
3 Niaubs with enamelled Bottoms.
2 Ni Calean Dustie with gold enamelled Rings. —
3 Silver Bâd Geers.
2 Silver Nies
1 Silver Ewer and Bason
2 Silver Coffee Pots.
1 Pair of Small Silver Waiters
1 Pair of large . . . . ditto
2 Kozer Pushehs.
2 large Silver Sunys.
2 Gold Sticks with enamelled Bird Heads.
1 Punka with the Handle covered with Silver. —
4 Pieces of Copper for Calians.

Bushire the 13th April 1803.

Thursday 14th Sailed the Country Ship Diamond for Bengal.

Friday 15th Sailed the Shannon Brig for Bussora. —

Tuesday 26th Wrote the following Letter to Government

Bombay —

Letter to forwarding Correspondence on the debt due by Aka Mohummed Nebee — noticing the intended departure of the Bombay Frigate the return of Mehedy alee Khan and the relief rendered me by him during my illness enclosing a Bill presented by Mr Bruce Indenting for Goods and Communicating the measures taken for the relief of the Alert and safe transmission of the Packet —

Sir,

As a Sequel to my Address of the 9th Ultimo I have the honor of forwarding a Letter from

No. 1. Aka Mohd. Nebee to his brother with the reply of

No. 2. Mehedy Aly Khan, to whose observations I had Submitted it. Should a doubt remain upon the question proposed in my last, the perfect View of the Subject presented in this Correspondence will, I trust, remove it, and enable the Honble Board

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Board to come to a decision so important to the affairs of this Factory —

2. By the Bombay Frigate which sails about the 5th of the ensuing Month Mehedy Aly Khan will return to the Presidency —

3. I should be wanting in a regard to common justice were I to neglect this opportunity of expressing my sense of the ready and Cordial assistance which I have experienced on every occasion from the Zeal and Talents of my Predecessor, a relief rendered doubly acceptable and necessary by the peculiar distress of my own Situation —

4 Mr. Bruce has presented me with
No 3. the enclosed Bill for Expences inevitably incurred by him since the Resident had quitted the Factory in support of a Table for Passengers Officers of the Honble Companys Ships, and others during a period of unusually frequent Resort —
In submitting this Claim to be favorable consideration of Government I am compeled to add that I know no principle upon which such a Sum can be drawn from his Pocket — The question is one of simple Justice involving no personal consideration were such likely to influence its decision I should bear chearful testimony to the merits of Mr. Bruce —

5. I beg leave to Indent for a Supply of Broad Cloth fine and Superfine only carefully excluding the Colour called Poppinjay which serves only to depreciate the whole Consignment Yellow also is much better suited for the Bussora Market than this — To the above permit me to add one hundred weight of Lead, also one Coil of 5/2 Inch Rope one ditto of 2/2 and one Barrel of Tar for the Factory Flag Staff —

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6. Intelligence of the Total Loss of the Alert has no doubt long ere this reached the Presidency, before the name of the Vessel or the extent of her misfortune was ascertained I had on the 9th Ultimo dispatched the Bombay Frigate to her Relief. The arrival of Lieutenant Hardy on the 10th with the dispatches No. 4 and 5 confirmed the Reports which had before reached us.—

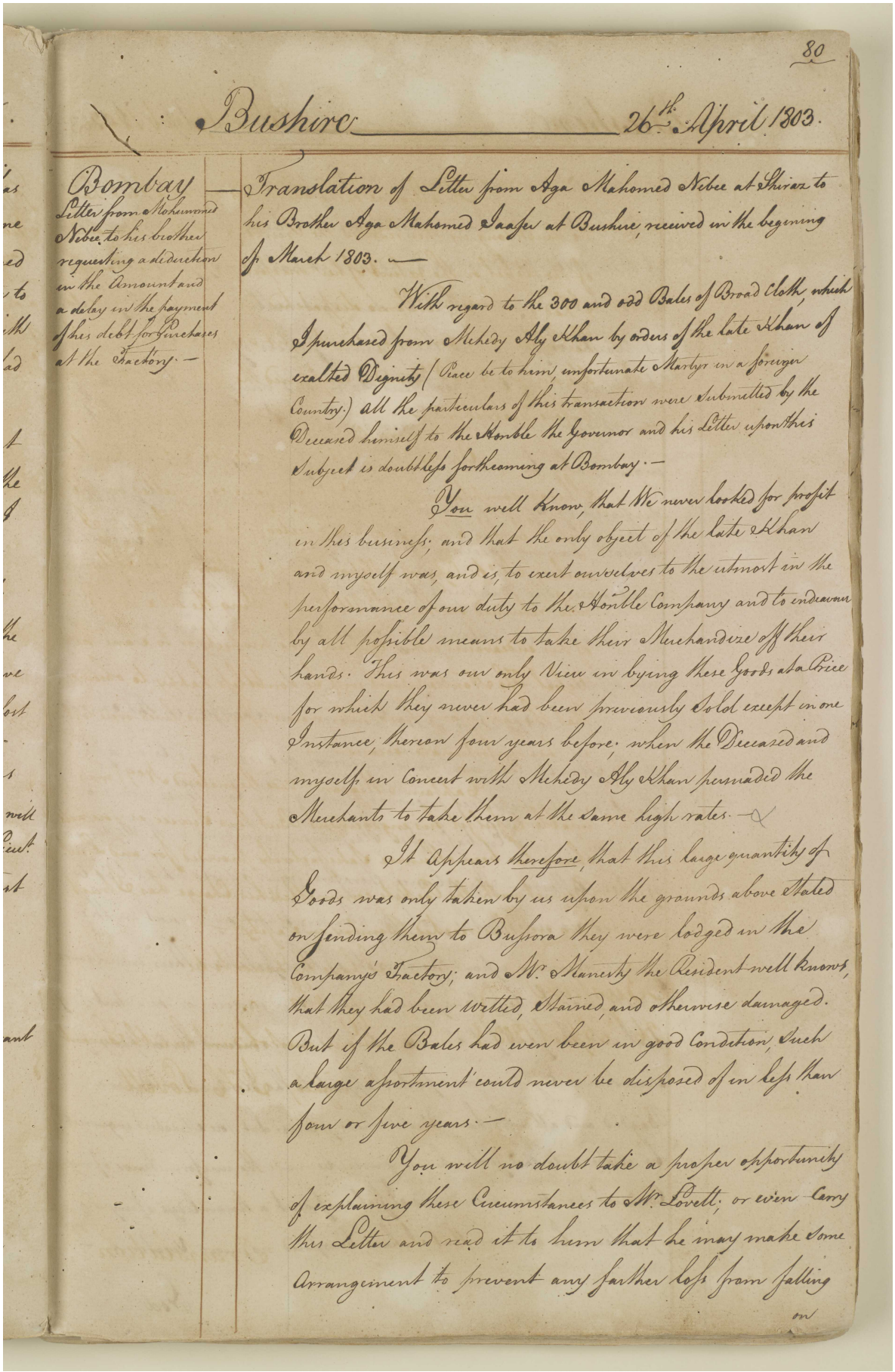
7. On the 12th ditto I wrote to the Minister at Shiraz complaining of the Depredations committed on the Vessel by the Shykh of Nakheloo and Bushear.— I enclose No. 6. Copy of a Report from Captain Margotty who returned on the 25th Ultimo stating the ill Success of his endeavours, either to recover the property or to save the Vessel. The Honble Board will be doubtless happy to observe that though many hardships were suffered no lives were lost on this unfortunate occasion.—

Captain Megson (vide the enclosed No. 7) was unable to fulfil his engagement But this Service as you will observe has been otherwise Satisfactorily provided for and Lieut. Bennet with the Packets committed to his Charge has I trust long ere this reached Bombay in Safety.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. H. Lovett

Bushire
26th April 1803

Translation



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Bombay
Letter from Mohummed Nebee to his brother requesting a deduction in the Amount and a delay in the payment of his debt for Purchases at the Factory.—

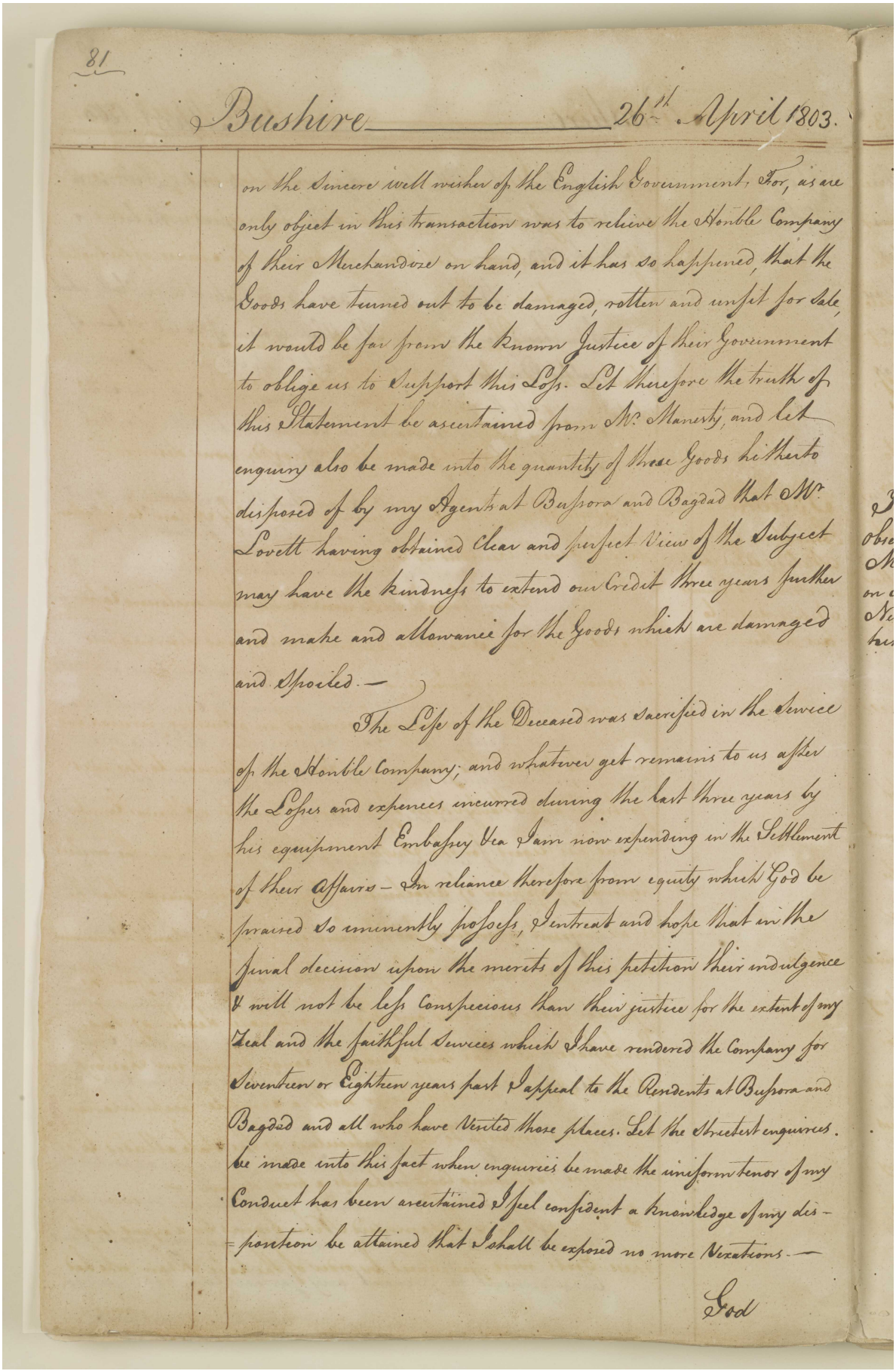
Translation of Letter from Aga Mahomed Nebee at Shiraz to his Brother Aga Mahomed Jaafer at Bushire, received in the beginning of March 1803.—

With regard to the 300 and odd Bales of Broad Cloth, which I purchased from Mehedy Aly Khan by order of the late Khan of exalted Dignity (Peace be to him, unfortunate Martyr in a foreign Country) all the particulars of this transaction were submitted by the Deceased himself to the Honble the Governor and his Letter upon this Subject is doubtless forthcoming at Bombay.—

You well Know, that We never looked for profit in this business; and that the only object of the late Khan and myself was, and is, to exert ourselves to the utmost in the performance of our duty to the Honble Company and to endeavour by all possible means to take their Merchandize off their hands. This was our only View in buying these Goods at a Price for which they never had been previously Sold except in one Instance, thereon four years before, when the Deceased and myself in Concert with Mehedy Aly Khan persuaded the Merchants to take them at the same high rates.—

It appears therefore, that this large quantity of Goods was only taken by us upon the grounds above stated on sending them to Bussora they were lodged in the Company's Factory; and W. Manesty the Resident well knows, that they had been wetted, Stained, and otherwise damaged. But if the Bales had even been in good Condition, such a large assortment could never be disposed of in less than four or five years.—

You will no doubt take a proper opportunity of explaining these Circumstances to Mr. Lovett, or even Carry this Letter and read it to him that he may make some Arrangement to prevent any farther Loss from falling on



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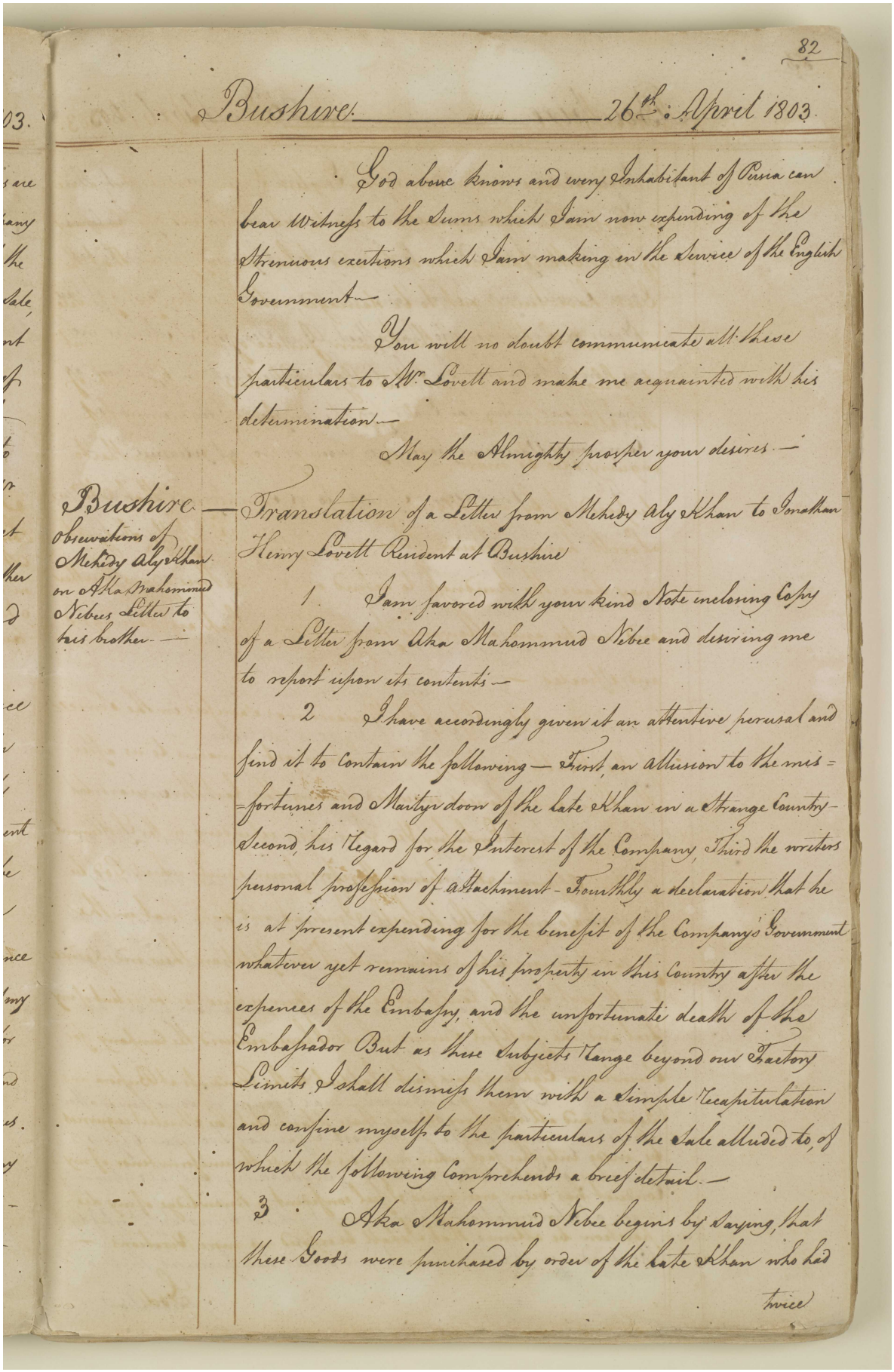
on the Sincere well wisher of the English Government, For, as are only object in this transaction was to relieve the Honble Company of their Merchandize on hand, and it has so happened, that the Goods have turned out to be damaged, rotten and unfit for Sale, it would be far from the known Justice of their Government to oblige us to Support this Loss. Let therefore the truth of this Statement be ascertained from Mr Manesty, and let enquiry also be made into the quantity of those Goods hitherto disposed of by my Agents at Bussora and Bagdad that Mr Lovett having obtained clear and perfect View of the Subject may have the kindness to extend our Credit three years further and make and allowance for the Goods which are damaged and Spoiled.—

The Life of the Deceased was sacrificed in the Service of the Honble Company; and whatever yet remains to us after the Loses and expences incurred during the last three years by his equipment Embassy &c I am now expending in the Settlement of their affairs— In reliance therefore from equity which God be praised so eminently possess, I entreat and hope that in the final decision upon the merits of this petition their indulgence & will not be less Conspecious than their justice for the extent of my Zeal and the faithful Services which I have rendered the Company for Seventeen or Eighteen years past I appeal to the Residents at Bussora and Bagdad and all who have Visited those places. Let the Strictest enquiries be made into this fact when enquiries be made the uniform tenor of my Conduct has been ascertained I feel confident a knowledge of my dis- =position be attained that I shall be exposed no more Vexations.—

God



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God above knows and every Inhabitant of Persia can bear Witness to the Sums which I am now expending of the Strenious exertions which I am making in the Service of the English Government—

You will no doubt communicate all these particulars to Mr. Lovett and make me acquainted with his determination—

May the Almighty prosper your desires—

Bushire Observations of Mehedy Aly Khan on Aka Mahommed Nebee's Letter to his brother—

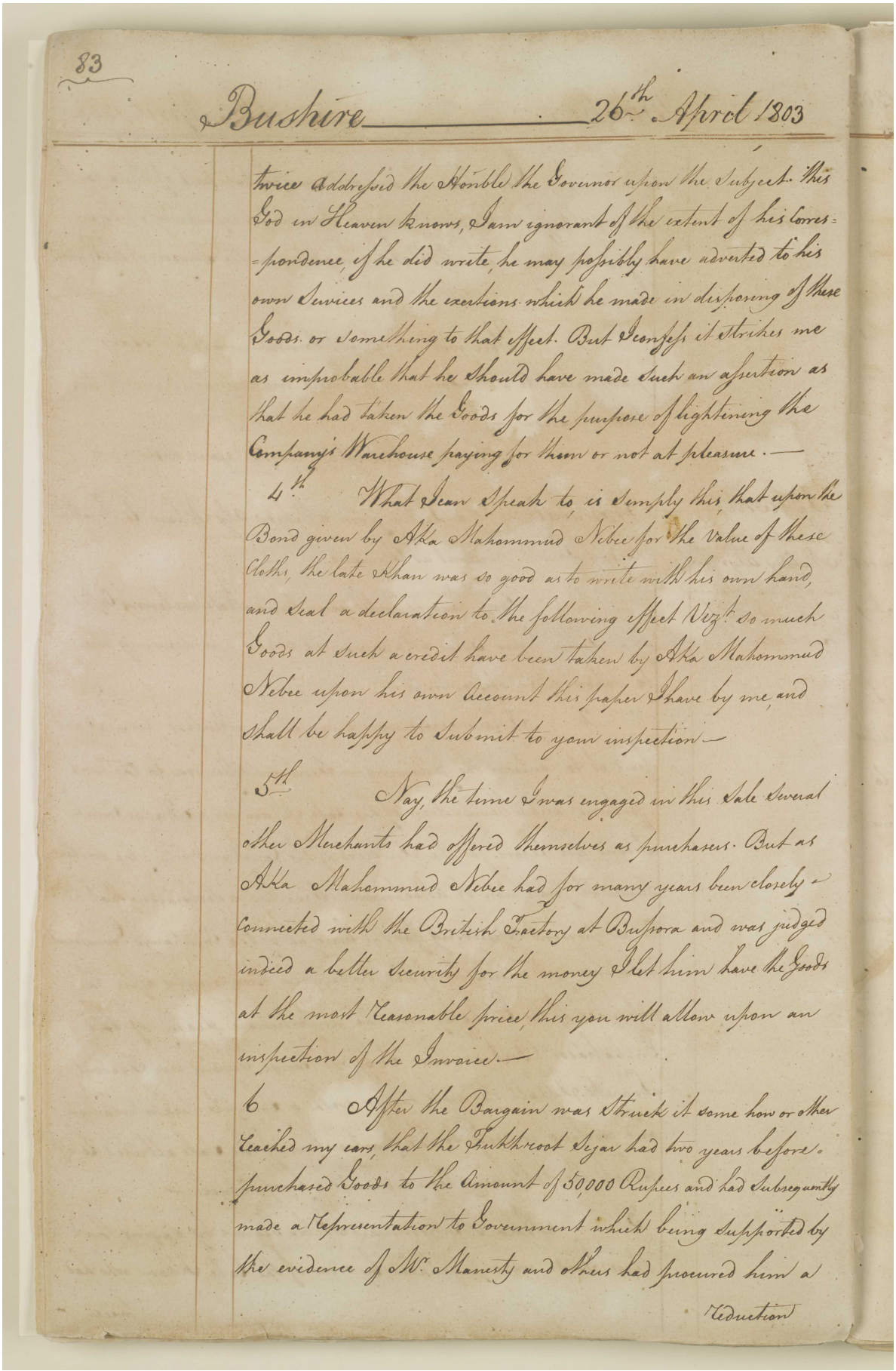
Translation of a Letter from Mehedy Aly Khan to Jonathan Henry Lovett Resident at Bushire

1 I am favored with your kind Note inclosing Copy of a Letter from Aka Mahommud Nebee and desiring me to report upon its contents—

2 I have accordingly given it an attentive perusal and find it to contain the following— First, an allusion to the mis-fortunes and Martyrdom of the late Khan in a Strange Country— Second, his Regard for the Interest of the Company, Third the writers personal profession of attachment— Fourthly a declaration that he is at present expending for the benefit of the Company's Government whatever yet remains of his property in this Country after the expences of the Embassy, and the unfortunate death of the Embassador But as these Subjects Range beyond our Factory Limits I shall dismiss them with a simple Recapitulation and confine myself to the particulars of the Sale alluded to, of which the following Comprehends a brief detail—

3 Aka Mahommud Nebee begins by saying, that these Goods were purchased by order of the late Khan who had

twice



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twice addressed the Honble the Governor upon the Subject. This God in Heaven knows, I am ignorant of the extent of his Correspondence, if he did write, he may possibly have adverted to his own Services and the exertions which he made in disposing of these Goods or something to that effect. But I confess it strikes me as improbable that he should have made such an assertion as that he had taken the Goods for the purpose of lightening the Company's Warehouse paying for them or not at pleasure.—

4th What I can speak to, is simply this that upon the Bond given by Aka Mahommud Nebee for the Value of these Cloths, the late Khan was so good as to write with his own hand, and Seal a declaration to the following effect Viz.t so much Goods at such a credit have been taken by Aka Mahommud Nebee upon his own Account this paper I have by me, and shall be happy to Submit to your inspection.—

5th Nay, the time I was engaged in this Sale Several other Merchants had offered themselves as purchasers. But as Aka Mahommud Nebee had for many years been closely connected with the British Factory at Bussora and was judged indeed a better Security for the money I let him have the Goods at the most reasonable price, this you will allow upon an inspection of the Invoice.—

6 After the Bargain was Struck it some how or other reached my ears, that the Turkhroot Sejar had two years before purchased Goods to the Amount of 50,000 Rupees and had Subsequently made a Representation to Government which being supported by the evidence of Mr. Manesty and others had procured him a

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a Reduction of 10,000 Rupees in the price.—

7 As the Goods now Soldeen had been imported at the same time on the Diamond belonging to Mr. Manesty and another of which the Tukhroot Sejar the late Embassador and their Agent Aka Mahommed Behbany were joint owners: and as a report was in Circulation that they had been damaged by wet during the Voyage I dreaded lest the Customary mode of Selling by patterns might expose me at the day of payment to objections and delays on the part of his Agents. I told him therefore that it was necessary to expose the Goods piece by piece in order that he might reject from every Bale whatsoever appeared to have suffered injury Accordingly pitched a large Tent Sufficient to contain the Bales went there myself accompanied by the Tukhroot Sejar and attended by the Factory Servants, every Package was opened by the Company's Broker every Bale Separately examined and every piece that was undamaged and approved of delivered in his own presence to his Agents.—

8th As to the Circumstance of these Goods having been first conveyed to the Honble Company's Factory at Bussora the fact is this. At the time of making the purchase he mentioned to me that if there were so disposed of he should only pay 3 per Cent Customs whereas in his own name he would be charged 7½.—

9 For his Sake and benefit I accordingly wrote to Mr. Manesty requesting that he would receive the Goods at Factory after which Mahommed Nebee might carry them to his own Warehouse Having on the same day Sent Copy of this Letter to Government the particulars if necessary can be

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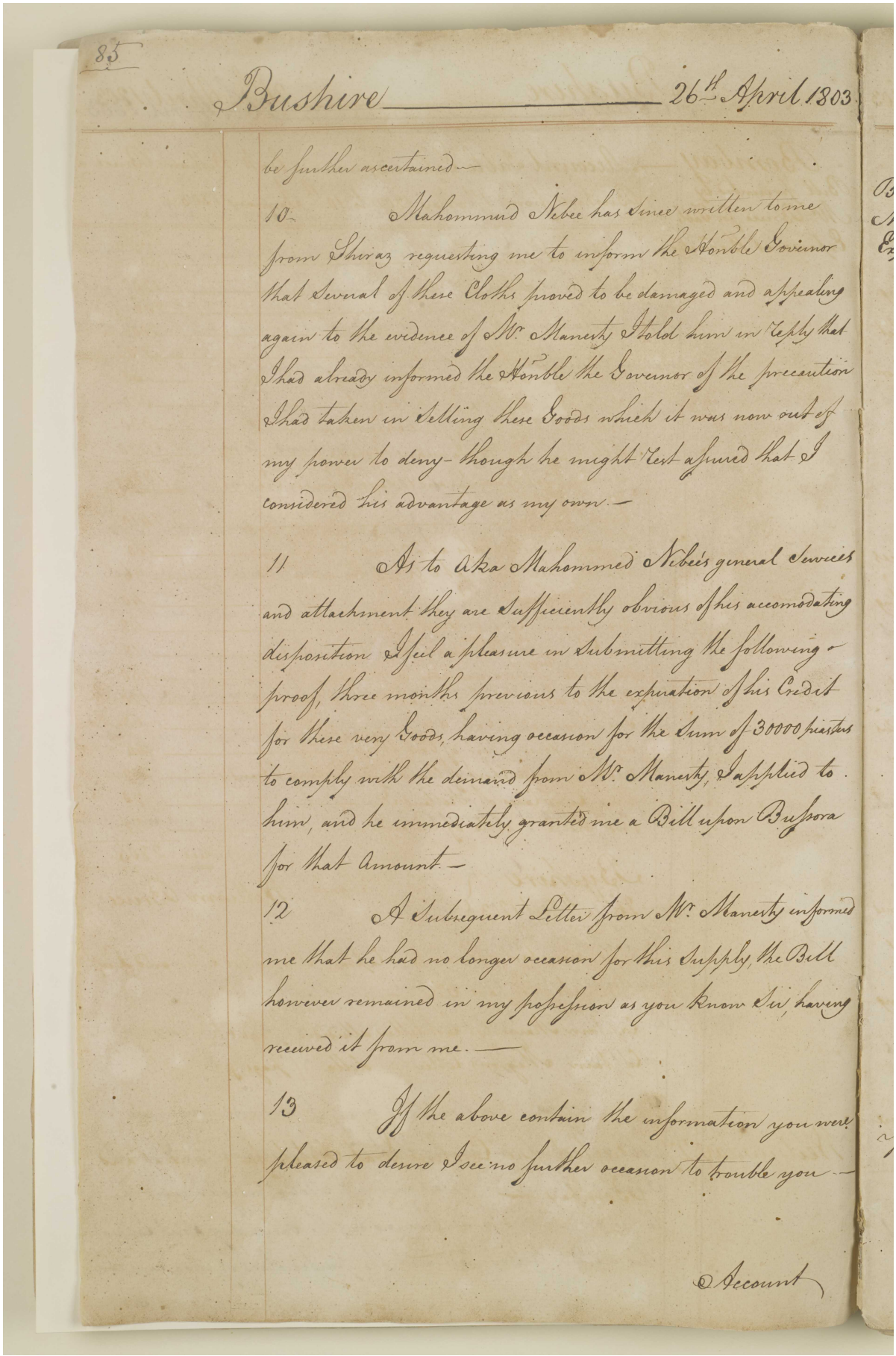

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be further ascertained—

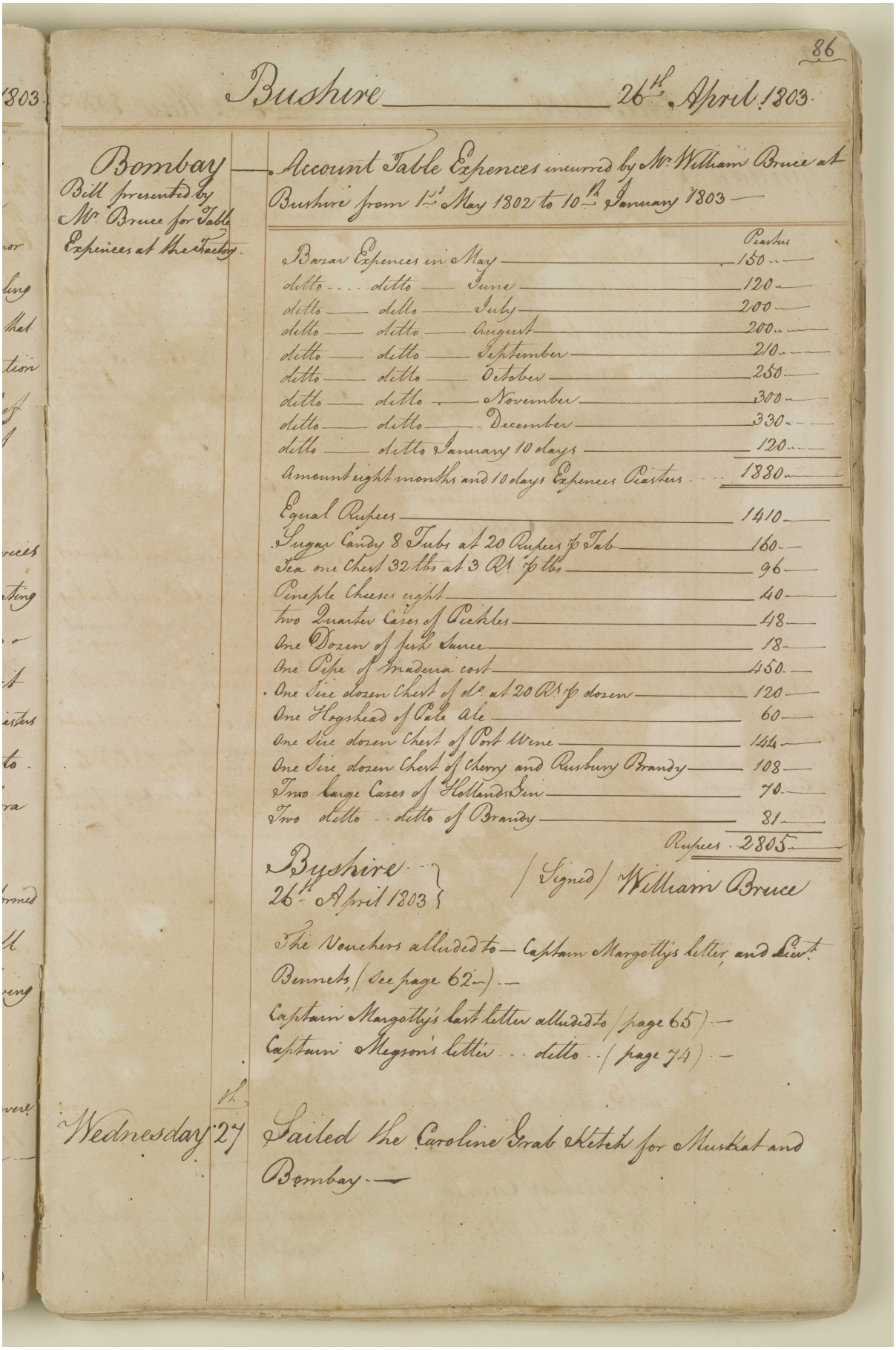
10 Mahommud Nebee has since written to me from Shiraz requesting me to inform the Honble Governor that Several of these Cloths proved to be damaged and appealing again to the evidence of Mr Maneety I told him in reply that I had already informed the Honble the Governor of the precaution I had taken in selling these Goods which it was now out of my power to deny- though he might rest assured that I considered his advantage as my own—

11 As to aka Mahommed Nebee's general Services and attachment they are sufficiently obvious of his accomodating disposition I feel a pleasure in submitting the following proof, three months previous to the expiration of his Credit for these very Goods, having occasion for the Sum of 30000 piastres to comply with the demand from Mr Maneety, I applied to him, and he immediately granted me a Bill upon Bussora for that Amount—

12 A Subsequent Letter from Mr Maneety informed me that he had no longer occasion for this Supply, the Bill however remained in my possession as you know Sir having received it from me—

13 If the above contain the information you were pleased to desire I see no further occasion to trouble you—

Account



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Bombay — Bill presented by Mr. Bruce for Table Expences at the Factory.

Account Table Expences incurred by Mr. William Bruce at Bushire from 1st May 1802 to 10th January 1803 —

	Piastres
Bazar Expences in May	150
ditto ditto June	120
ditto ditto July	200
ditto ditto August	200
ditto ditto September	210
ditto ditto October	250
ditto ditto November	300
ditto ditto December	330
ditto ditto January 10 days	120
Amount eight months and 10 days Expences Piastres	1880
Equal Rupees	1410
Sugar Candy 8 Tubs at 20 Rupees p Tub	160
Tea one Chest 32 lbs at 3 Rs p lbs	96
Pineple Cheeses eight	40
two Quarter Cases of Pickles	48
One Dozen of fish Sauce	18
One Pipe of Madeira cost	450
One Sixe dozen Chest of do at 20 Rs p dozen	120
One Hogshead of Pale Ale	60
One Sixe dozen Chest of Port Wine	144
One Sixe dozen Chest of Cherry and Rusbury Brandy	108
Two Large Cases of Hollands Gin	70
Two ditto ditto of Brandy	81
Rupees	2805

Bushire 26th April 1803 — (Signed) William Bruce

The Vouchers alluded to — Captain Margotty's letter, and Lieut. Bennets, (See page 62) —
Captain Margotty's last letter alluded to (page 65) —
Captain Megson's letter ... ditto (page 74) —

Wednesday 27th — Sailed the Caroline Grab Ketch for Muskat and Bombay —

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Sunday 8 Imported the Country Ship. Endeavour from Bombay—

" Received the following Letter from Government

Bombay Letter from informing that the Custom Master has been Appointed Reporter General

Sir

The Custom Master at the Presidency, having been appointed to discharge the duty of Reporter General of External Commerce, I convey the Governor in Council's directions that you afford him, at all times, such information as he may require connected with that office—

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
/signed/ J. A. Grant
Secretary to Government

Bombay Castle
15th March 1803.

" Received the following Letter from Government

Bombay Letter from desiring Regular Communications to be made to the Reporter General of External Commerce

Sir

I am directed by the Governor in Council to desire that you will be pleased to make a Monthly report to the Custom Master in his capacity of Reporter General of External Commerce of the Average Importation either from Bombay or else where, of all the Articles Composing the Honble Company's Investments for this Country noticing the manner, in which the Quantities so Imported are disposed of, either for home Consumption, or for Re-exportation, with the particular places to which the Quantities re-exported are sent, and the probable manner in which these Articles are there disposed of, with the Causes likely to influence a greater or less demand—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
/signed/ J. A. Grant
Secretary to Govt

Bombay Castle
15th March 1803.

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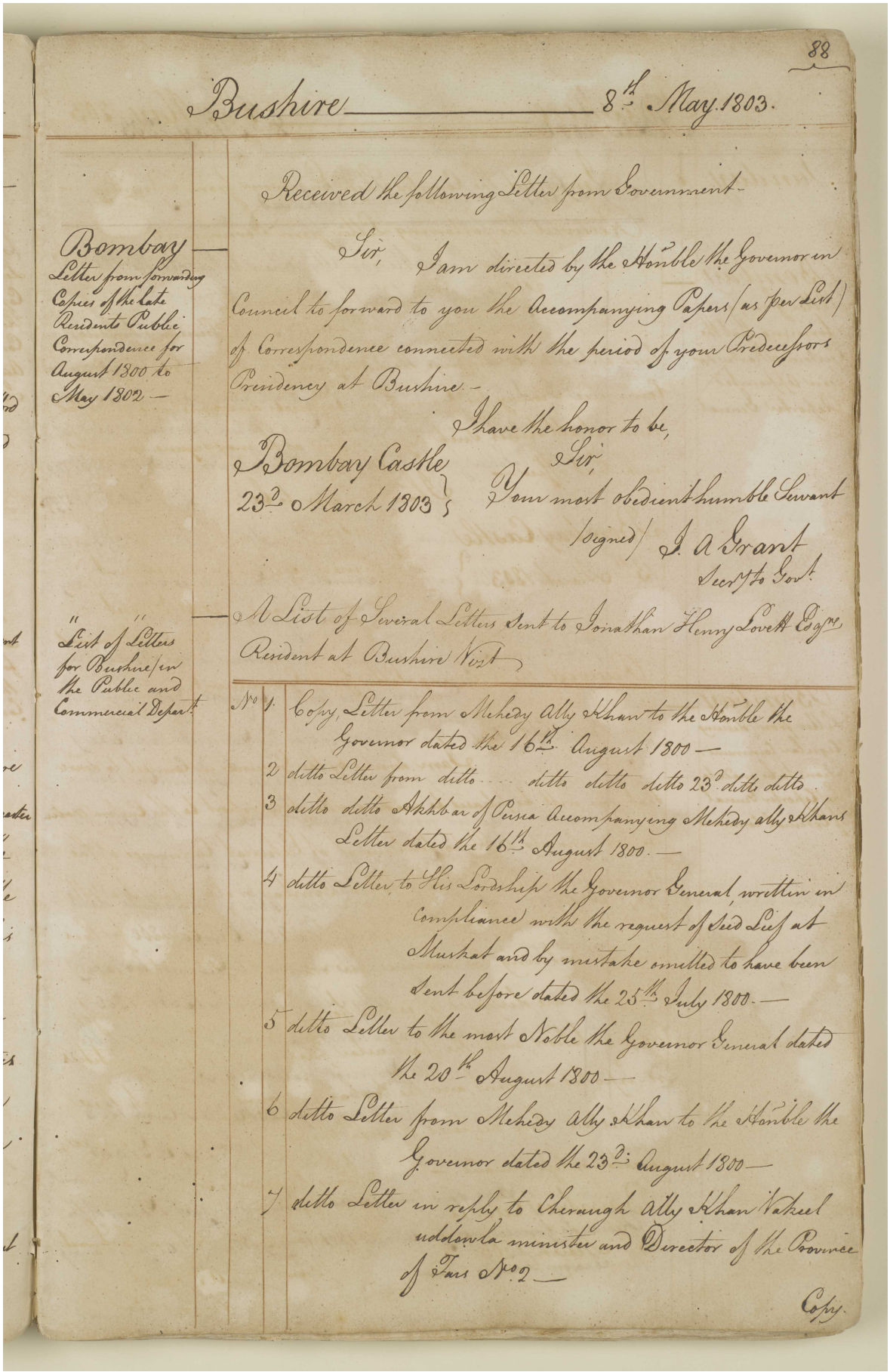

Bushire — 8th May 1803.

Received the following Letter from Government —

Bombay Letter from forwarding Copies of the late Residents Public Correspondence for August 1800 to May 1802 —

Sir, I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to forward to you the Accompanying Papers (as per List) of Correspondence connected with the period of your Predecessors Presidency at Bushire —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. A Grant
Secry to Govt.

Bombay Castle
23d March 1803

" List of Letters for Bushire in the Public and Commercial Depart.

A List of Several Letters sent to Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqre Resident at Bushire Vizt

No 1. Copy, Letter from Mehedy Ally Khan to the Honble the Governor dated the 16th August 1800 —

2 ditto Letter from ditto ... ditto ditto ditto 23d ditto ditto

3 ditto ditto Akhbar of Persia Accompanying Mehedy ally Khans Letter dated the 16th August 1800 —

4 ditto Letter to His Lordship the Governor General, written in compliance with the request of Seed Lief at Muskat and by mistake omitted to have been sent before dated the 25th July 1800 —

5 ditto Letter to the most Noble the Governor General dated the 20th August 1800 —

6 ditto Letter from Mehedy Ally Khan to the Honble the Governor dated the 23d August 1800 —

7 ditto Letter in reply to Cheraugh Ally Khan Vakeel uddowla minister and Director of the Province of Fars No 2 —

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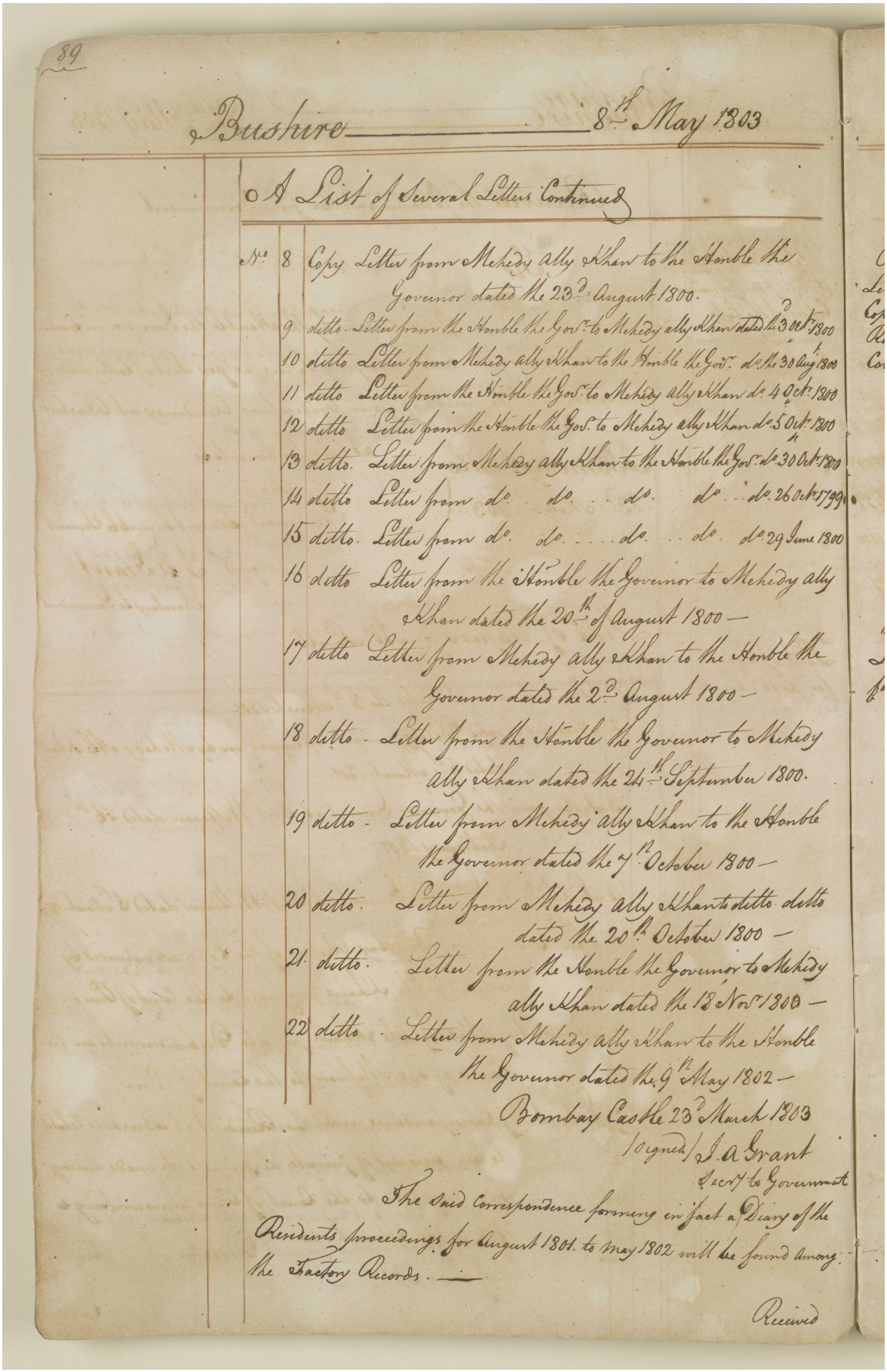

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A List of Several Letters Continued

No.		
8	Copy	Letter from Mehedy ally Khan to the Honble the Governor dated the 23d August 1800.
9	ditto.	Letter from the Honble the Govr. to Mehedy ally Khan dated the 30 Oct. 1800
10	ditto	Letter from Mehedy ally Khan to the Honble the Govr. dd. the 30 Augt 1800
11	ditto	Letter from the Honble the Govr. to Mehedy ally Khan dd. 4 Oct. 1800
12	ditto	Letter from the Honble the Govr. to Mehedy ally Khan dd. 5 Oct. 1800
13	ditto.	Letter from Mehedy ally Khan to the Honble the Govr. dd. 30 Oct. 1800
14	ditto	Letter from do. do. do. do. dd. 26 Oct. 1799
15	ditto.	Letter from do. do. do. do. dd. 29 June 1800
16	ditto	Letter from the Honble the Governor to Mehedy ally Khan dated the 20th of August 1800 —
17	ditto	Letter from Mehedy ally Khan to the Honble the Governor dated the 2d August 1800 —
18	ditto.	Letter from the Honble the Governor to Mehedy ally Khan dated the 24th September 1800.
19	ditto.	Letter from Mehedy ally Khan to the Honble the Governor dated the 7th October 1800 —
20	ditto.	Letter from Mehedy ally Khan to ditto dated the 20th October 1800 —
21	ditto.	Letter from the Honble the Governor to Mehedy ally Khan dated the 13 Novr 1800 —
22	ditto.	Letter from Mehedy ally Khan to the Honble the Governor dated the 9th May 1802 —

Bombay Castle 23d March 1803
(signed) J. A Grant
Secry to Government

The said Correspondence forming in fact a Diary of the Residents proceedings for August 1801. to may 1802 will be found among the Factory Records. —

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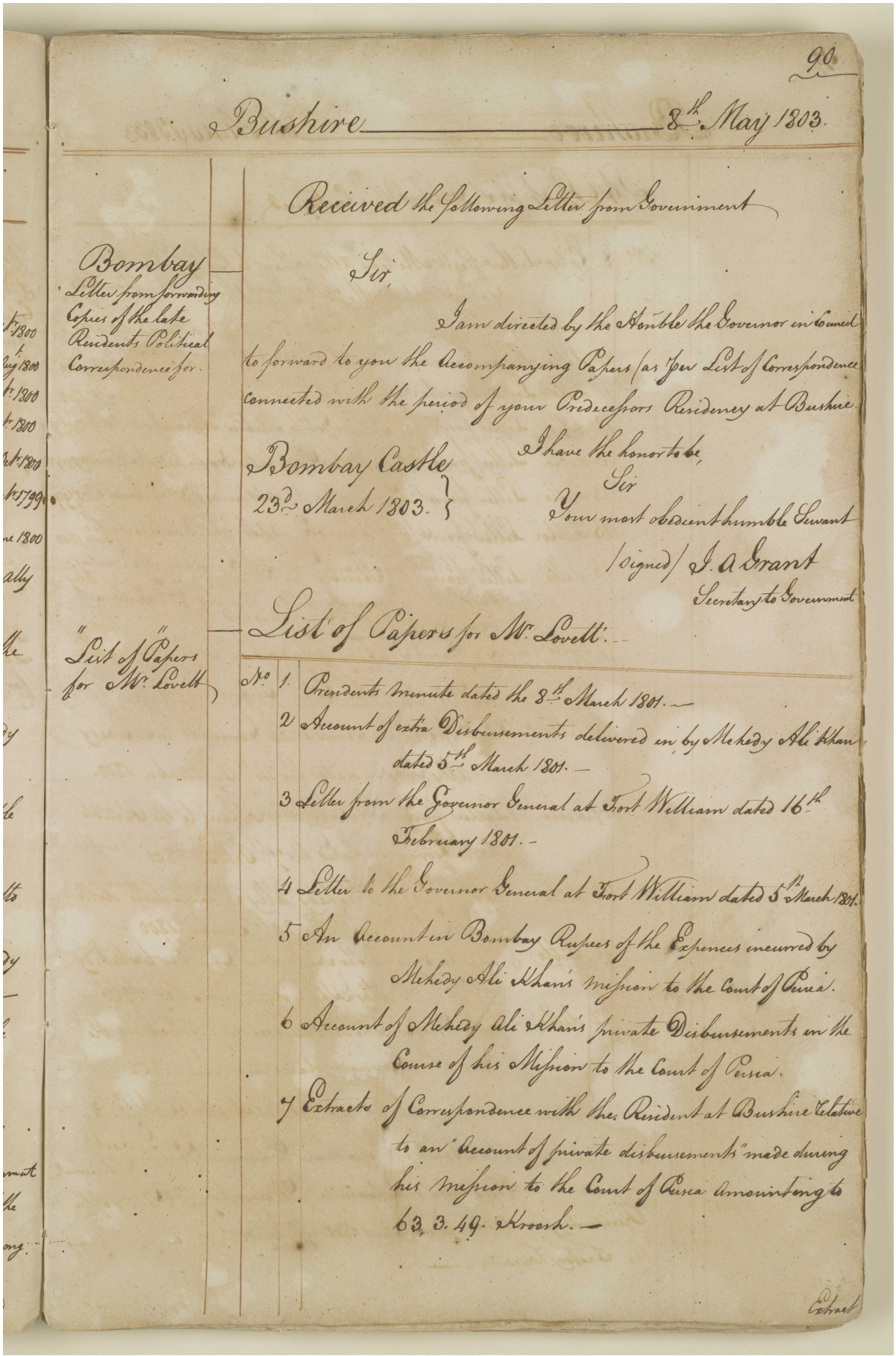

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Bushire 8th May 1803.

Received the following Letter from Government

Bombay Letter forwarding Copies of the late Residents Political Correspondence for.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to forward to you the accompanying Papers (as per List of Correspondence) connected with the period of your Predecessors Residency at Bushire.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. a Grant
Secretary to Government

Bombay Castle
23d March 1803.

"List of "Papers for Mr. Lovett

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No. 1. Presidents Minute dated the 8th March 1801.—
2 Account of extra Disbursements delivered in by Mehedy Ali Khan dated 5th March 1801.—
3 Letter from the Governor General at Fort William dated 16th February 1801.—
4 Letter to the Governor General at Fort William dated 5th March 1801.
5 An Account in Bombay Rupees of the Expences incurred by Mehedy Ali Khan's mission to the Court of Persia.
6 Account of Mehedy Ali Khan's private Disbursements in the Course of his Mission to the Court of Persia.
7 Extracts of Correspondence with the Resident at Bushire relative to an "Account of private disbursements" made during his mission to the Court of Persia amounting to 63. 3. 49. Kroors.—

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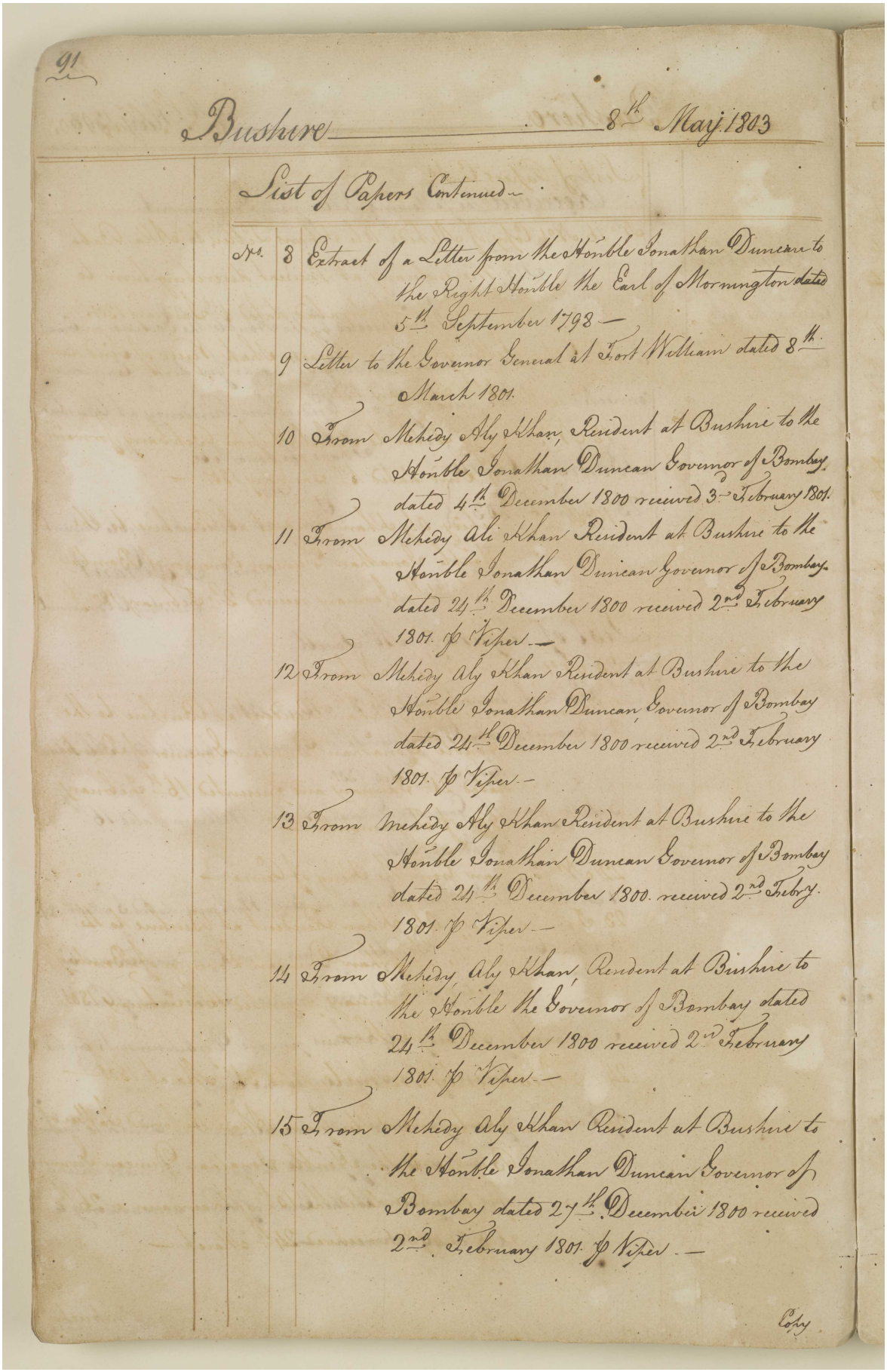

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List of Papers Continued—

No.		
	8	Extract of a Letter from the Honble Jonathan Duncan to the Right Honble the Earl of Mornington dated 5th September 1798—
	9	Letter to the Governor General at Fort William dated 8th March 1801.
	10	From Mehedy Aly Khan, Resident at Bushire to the Honble Jonathan Duncan Governor of Bombay. dated 4th December 1800 received 3rd February 1801.
	11	From Mehedy Ali Khan Resident at Bushire to the Honble Jonathan Duncan Governor of Bombay. dated 24th December 1800 received 2nd February 1801. by Viper.—
	12	From Mehedy Aly Khan Resident at Bushire to the Honble Jonathan Duncan, Governor of Bombay dated 24th December 1800 received 2nd February 1801. by Viper.—
	13	From Mehedy Aly Khan Resident at Bushire to the Honble Jonathan Duncan Governor of Bombay dated 24th December 1800. received 2nd Febry. 1801. by Viper.—
	14	From Mehedy Aly Khan, Resident at Bushire to the Honble the Governor of Bombay dated 24th December 1800 received 2nd February 1801. by Viper.—
	15	From Mehedy Aly Khan Resident at Bushire to the Honble Jonathan Duncan Governor of Bombay dated 27th December 1800 received 2nd February 1801. by Viper.—

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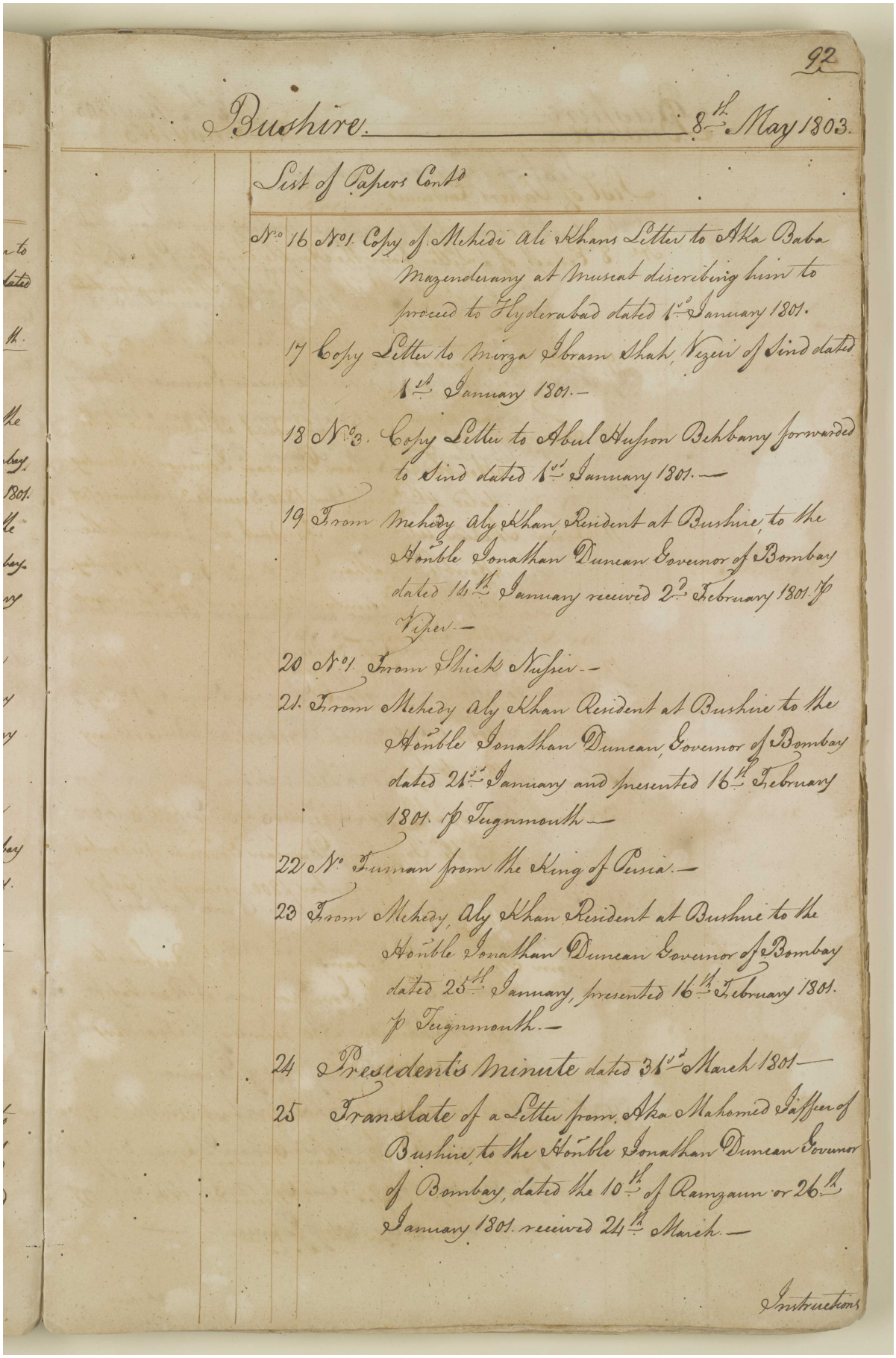

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List of Papers Contd

No. 16 No 1. Copy of Mehdi ali Khans Letter to Aka Baba Mazenderany at Muscat discribing him to proceed to Hyderabad dated 1st January 1801.

17 Copy Letter to Mirza Ibram Shah, Vezir of Sind dated 1st January 1801.—

18 No 3. Copy Letter to Abul Hussun Behbany forwarded to Sind dated 1st January 1801.—

19 From Mehedy Aly Khan Resident at Bushire to the Honble Jonathan Duncan Governor of Bombay dated 15th January received 2d February 1801. p Viper.—

20 No 1. From Sheick Nusser.—

21. From Mehedy Aly Khan Resident at Bushire to the Honble Jonathan Duncan, Governor of Bombay dated 21st January and presented 16th February 1801. p Teignmouth.—

22 No. Furman from the King of Persia.—

23 From Mehedy Aly Khan Resident at Bushire to the Honble Jonathan Duncan Governor of Bombay dated 25th January, presented 16th February 1801. p Teignmouth.—

24 Presidents Minute dated 31st March 1801.—

25 Translate of a Letter from Aka Mahomed Jaffer of Bushire to the Honble Jonathan Duncan Governor of Bombay, dated the 10th of Ramzaun or 26th January 1801. received 24th March.—

Instructions

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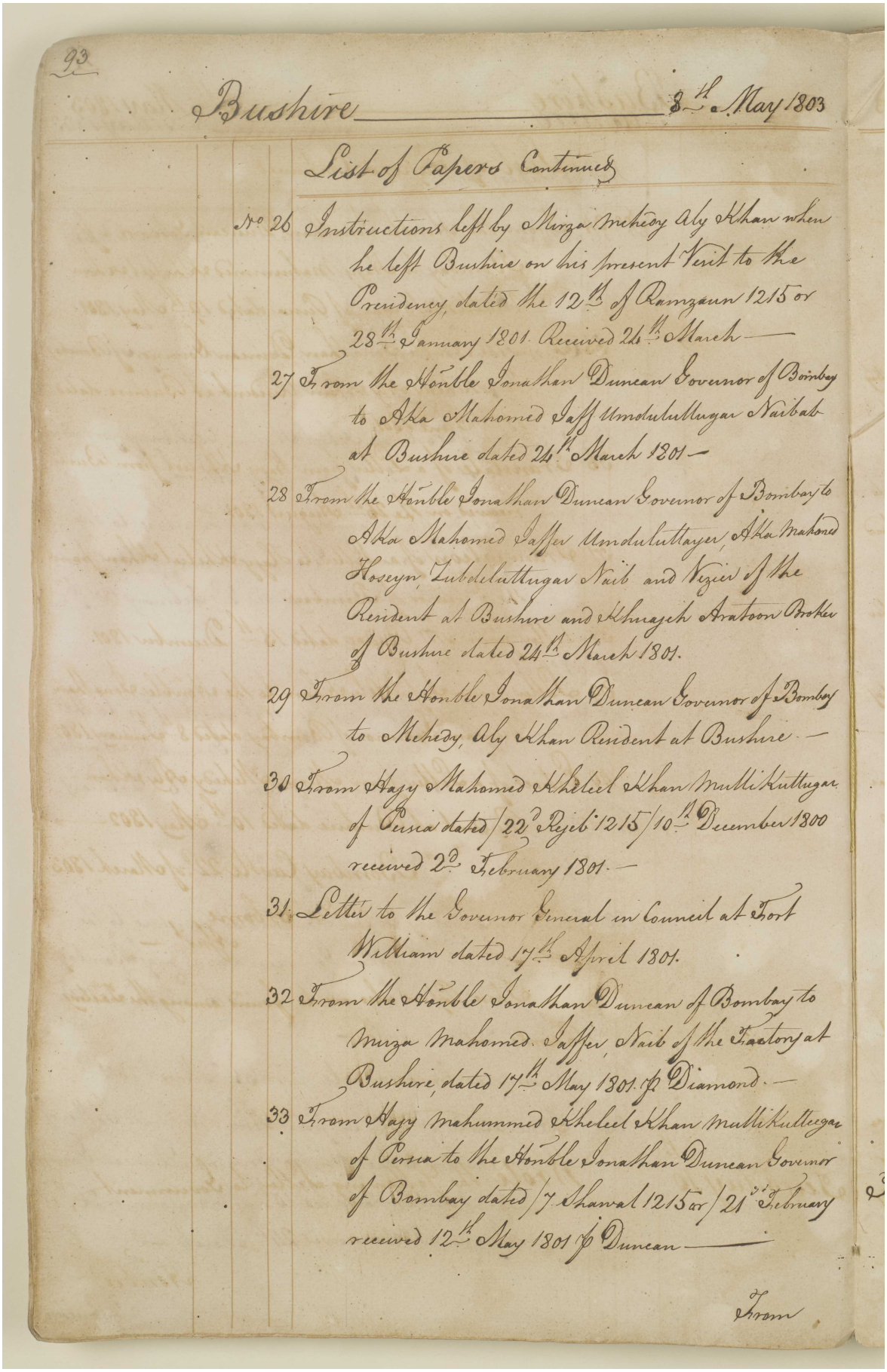

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No 26 Instructions left by Mirza Mehedy Aly Khan when he left Bushire on his present Visit to the Presidency dated the 12th of Ramzaun 1215 or 28th January 1801. Received 24th March —

27 From the Honble Jonathan Duncan Governor of Bombay to Aka Mahomed Jaffr Umdulutlugar Naibab at Bushire dated 24th March 1801 —

28 From the Honble Jonathan Duncan Governor of Bombay to Aka Mahomed Jaffer Umdulutlayer, Aka Mahomed Hoseyn Zubdelutlugar Naib and Vizier of the Resident at Bushire and Khwajeh Avatoon Broker of Bushire dated 24th March 1801.

29 From the Honble Jonathan Duncan Governor of Bombay to Mehedy Aly Khan Resident at Bushire —

30 From Hajy Mahomed Kheleel Khan Mullikutlugar of Persia dated 22d Rejeb 1215/10th December 1800 received 2d February 1801 —

31 Letter to the Governor General in Council at Fort William dated 17th April 1801.

32 From the Honble Jonathan Duncan of Bombay to Mirza Mahomed Jaffer, Naib of the Factory at Bushire, dated 17th May 1801 p. Diamond —

33 From Hajy Mahummed Kheleel Khan Mullikutlugar of Persia to the Honble Jonathan Duncan Governor of Bombay dated 7 Shawal 1215 or 21st February received 12th May 1801 p. Duncan —

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No 34 From the Honble Jonathan Duncan Governor of Bombay to Hajy Mahummed Kheleel Khan, Mullikullergar of Persia dated 19th May 1801.

35 From the Honble Jonathan Duncan Governor of Bombay To Mehedy Aly Khan Resident at Bushire dated 18th June 1801.

36 Translate of a Letter from Hajy Kheleel from Bushire received on the 26th August 1801.—

37 Translation of a Letter to Hajy Kheleel Khan, from the Governor of Bombay.

38 Letter from Mr Bruce dated 15th December 1801.

39 Letter from Jafer Ali Khan to the Honble Jonathan Duncan Governor of Bombay dated 8th January 1802.

40 Extract of a Letter from Mirza Mehedy Aly Khan — Resident at Bushire dated 10th May 1802 —

Bombay Castle 22d of March 1803.

Geo Osborne
Assist —

These Papers also are to found among the Factory Records. —

Tuesday 10th Wrote the following Letter to Government

Honble

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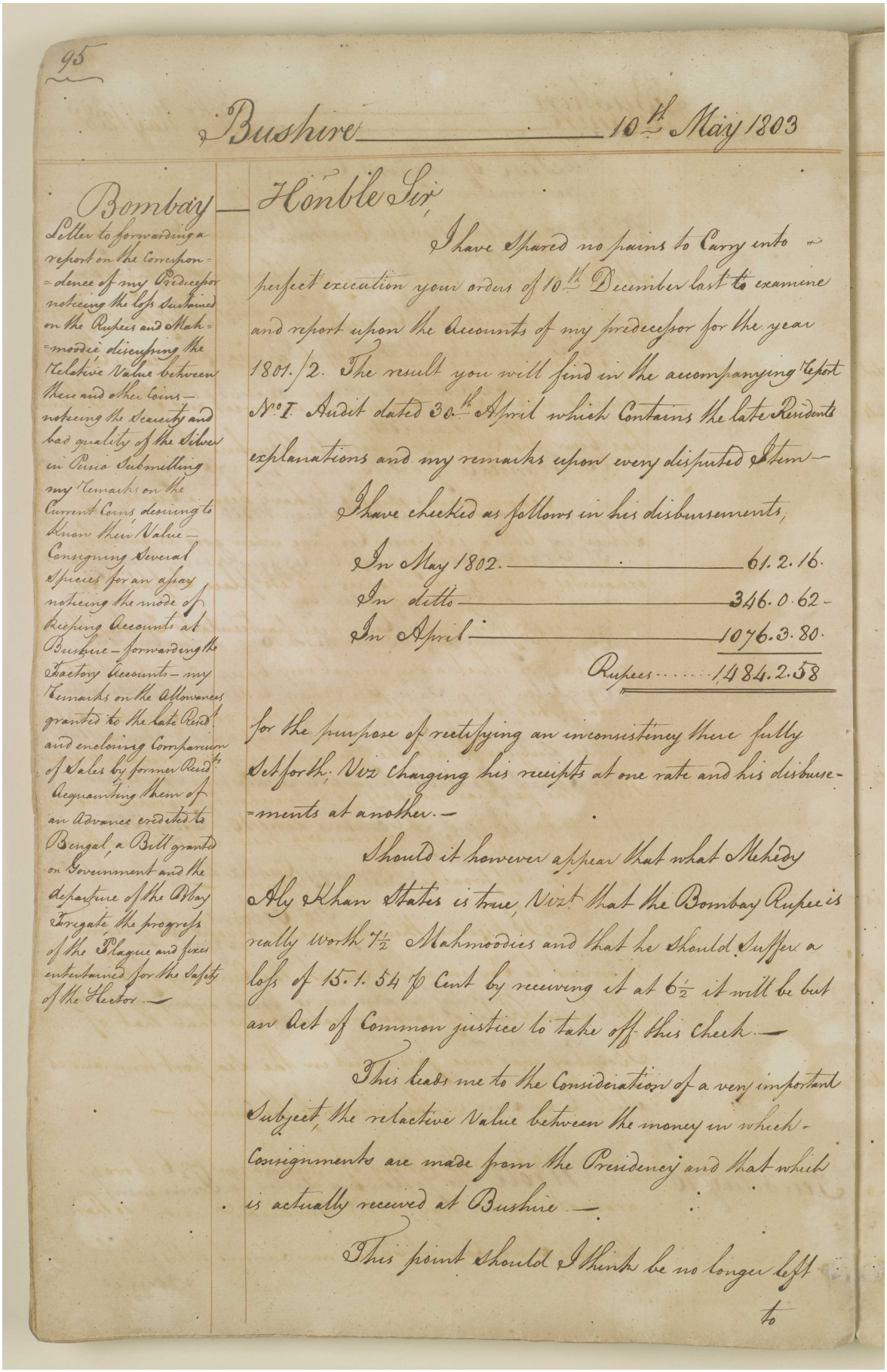

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Bushire 10th May 1803

Bombay
Letter to forwarding a report on the Correspondence of my Predecessor noticing the loss sustained on the Rupees and Mahmoodie discussing the Relative Value between these and other Coins — noticing the Scarcity and bad quality of the Silver in Circulation Submitting my Remarks on the Current Coins desiring to know their Value — Consigning Several Specimens for an Assay noticing the mode of keeping Accounts at Bushire — forwarding the Factory Accounts — my Remarks on the Allowances granted to the late Resident and enclosing Comparison of Sales by former Residents Acquainting them of an Advance credited to Bengal, a Bill granted on Government and the departure of the Bday Investigate the progress of the Plague and fixes entertained for the Safety of the Hector —

Honble Sir,

I have Spared no pains to Carry into perfect execution your orders of 10th December last to examine and report upon the Accounts of my predecessor for the year 1801/2. The result you will find in the accompanying Report N°. I. Audit dated 30th April which Contains the late Residents explanations and my remarks upon every disputed Item —

I have checked as follows in his disbursements,

In May 1802	61.2.16.
In ditto	346.0.62 -
In April	1076.3.80.
Rupees	1484.2.58

for the purpose of rectifying an inconsistency there fully Set forth, Viz Charging his receipts at one rate and his disbursements at another. —

Should it however appear that what Mehedy Aly Khan States is true, Viz. that the Bombay Rupee is really worth 7½ Mahmoodies and that he should Suffer a loss of 15.1.54 p Cent by receiving it at 6½ it will be but an Act of Common justice to take off this Check —

This leads me to the Consideration of a very important Subject, the relactive Value between the money in which Consignments are made from the Presidency and that which is actually received at Bushire —

This point Should I think be no longer left to

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to a rude estimation, but determined in the most precise manner possible by assay. Every other mode subjects the Honble Company, to an undefinable extent of profit or loss in Exchange, and conceals the real state of their affairs, the only truly important point to know. Every calculation founded upon such statements is incorrect, and such I believe has been the case with regard to Bushire for many years.

There seems always to have been a scarcity of Silver in Persia. Its own Coinage when good is quickly exhausted by large remittances, and its place supplied by importations from other Countries particularly Turkey, the materials of which are in general very base: As no legal ratio is established between these and its own gold Coin their Value becomes subject to all the fluctuations of an ordinary Market Hence the peculiar necessity to a merchant who expects no other returns for his goods of ascertaining their intrinsic worth. The transaction approaches nearly to Barter.—

It becomes thus impossible beyond the present moment to say in what consists the Currency of the Country. A Persian Rupee of rather greater Value than that of Bombay was once plentiful in the Sea port town and is still to be seen in the interior of the Country.—

Since the taking of Bussora in 1776 it was gradually given way to the Turkish Kroosh: & so that the only Silver Coin of Persia now Current is the Mohummedy

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the Value of which it is most desirable to ascertain as it is the measure of all the rest and though likely in a Short time to become extinct also will no doubt maintain its Station in Accounts.—

The other Coins Current at the present time are 1 The Persian Ashrafee or Toman, 2 The Mujjer or Dutch ducat, which is imported in great quantities from Russia; 3 The Venetian, 4 the Mehboob, 5 the Spanish dollar and 6 the German Crown.—The 3 first are usually paid by the Merchants for the Amount of their purchases at the Factory the Mehboob and Dollar are Scarce: but the German Crown is Common enough.—

I wish therefore to be informed of the intrinsic Value of each of these Coins and at what rate they are to be hence forward charged in the Company's books—The present bazar price are as follows,

Silver vizt	Mamoodies
1 The Mohamedy or Mamoody	1
2 The Kroosh or Piastre	5. 77.
3 The Bombay Rupee	7. 33.
4 The German Crown	15. 82.
5 The Spanish dollar	15. 82.

Gold vizt	
1 The Persian Toman	57. 75
2 The Mujjer	33. 68
3 The Venetian	37. 12.
4 The Mehboob	16. 50.

I have for this purpose Consigned to your Honble Board on the Bombay Frigate as p enclosed Invoice & bill of Lading

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Lading Amounting to Rupees 190.2.91 a number of Such of the above Coins as might not be procurable at Bombay, Viz Mohummedies, Tomans, Muyjers and Mehboobs. The Kroosh has I believe already under gone an Assay and yields if I mistake not 140 to 100 Bombay Rupees.—

I have only further upon this Subject to add, that the Natives of Bushire keep their Accounts in Rarg (or imaginary) Rupees of 5 Mohummedies though they buy and Sell by the Rarg Piastre of 5½ Mohummedies both invariable.

I have the honor to enclose the monthly Accounts of this Residency for January, February, March and April Account Quick and dead Stock for January do to the 30th April being the Close of the year of Account 1802/3. Account remains delivered over by the late Resident on 15th January and Signed by us both, with estimate of probable receipts and Disbursements for the ensuing year.—

Had I been able at an earlier period to have made my report upon Mehedy Aly Khan's Accounts I should not have transmitted mine until I had learnt your Honble Board's decision upon them, as well as his Letter of 15th December 1801. to which, thought so necessary for my guidance I do not find that he has received any reply.—

As it is now however so late in the Season and Some materials are necessary from this Factory for framing

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framing the general Books at Bombay I have forwarded as above noticed the monthly Accounts from the period of my receiving Charge to the end of the year of Account 1802/3 in Conformity to the System laid down for my predecessor. —— Though he has objected to that System (in his letter abovementioned) as affording a Compensation inadequate to his Services yet as your Honble Board had not signified your determination upon his remonstrance I had no other guide to go by reporting on his Accounts or framing my own. Before I forward any more I beg to be favored with your Honble Boards decision upon the particulars submitted in that Letter.

With regard to Mehedy Aly Khan. it is my Sincere opinion that the Allowances made him as it has since turned out are from a just recompense for his exertions His principal emolument was expected to be derived from an allowance of half the profits upon the Amount of his Sales, But these profits rarely occur, as your Honble Board will observe by the Audit are not always very easy to ascertain. Mehedy Aly Khan, As p the enclosed Statement No. II has raised the Amount of his Sales above those of his predecessors 28. 1. 40. p Cent upon an average of the whole He complains at the same time of a rise in the Invoice price of many Articles whereas the Company are always satisfied if they Can Sale their goods at 10 p Cent below prime Cost in Persia. It would be hard therefore whether arising from this or any other Cause he should be debarred from the just fruits of his labors. For my own part I humbly beg leave to submit the propriety of substituting a Simple percentage for this Allowance. —

I have carried to the Credit of the Bengal Presidency the Advance of Rupees 4000 made to me by your orders. of November last: but having received only Rupees 509. 1. 16 3/4 Cash from my predecessor to defray the Current expences of the

Residency

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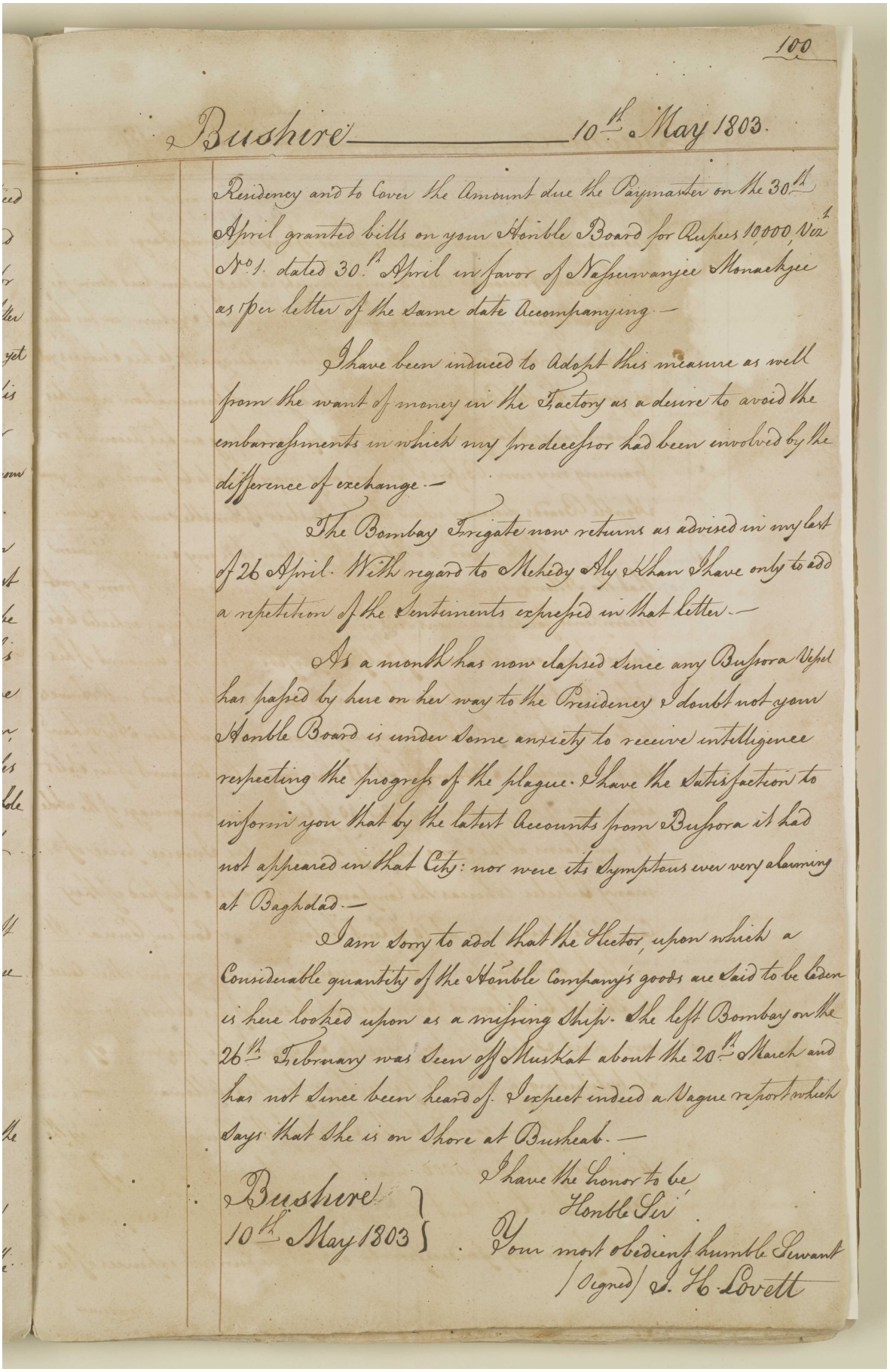

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Residency and to Cover the Amount due the Paymaster on the 30th April granted bills on your Honble Board for Rupees 10,000, Viz. No. 1. dated 30th April in favor of Nasserwanjee Monackjee as per letter of the same date Accompanying.—

I have been induced to Adopt this measure as well from the want of money in the Factory as a desire to avoid the embarrassments in which my predecessor had been involved by the difference of exchange.—

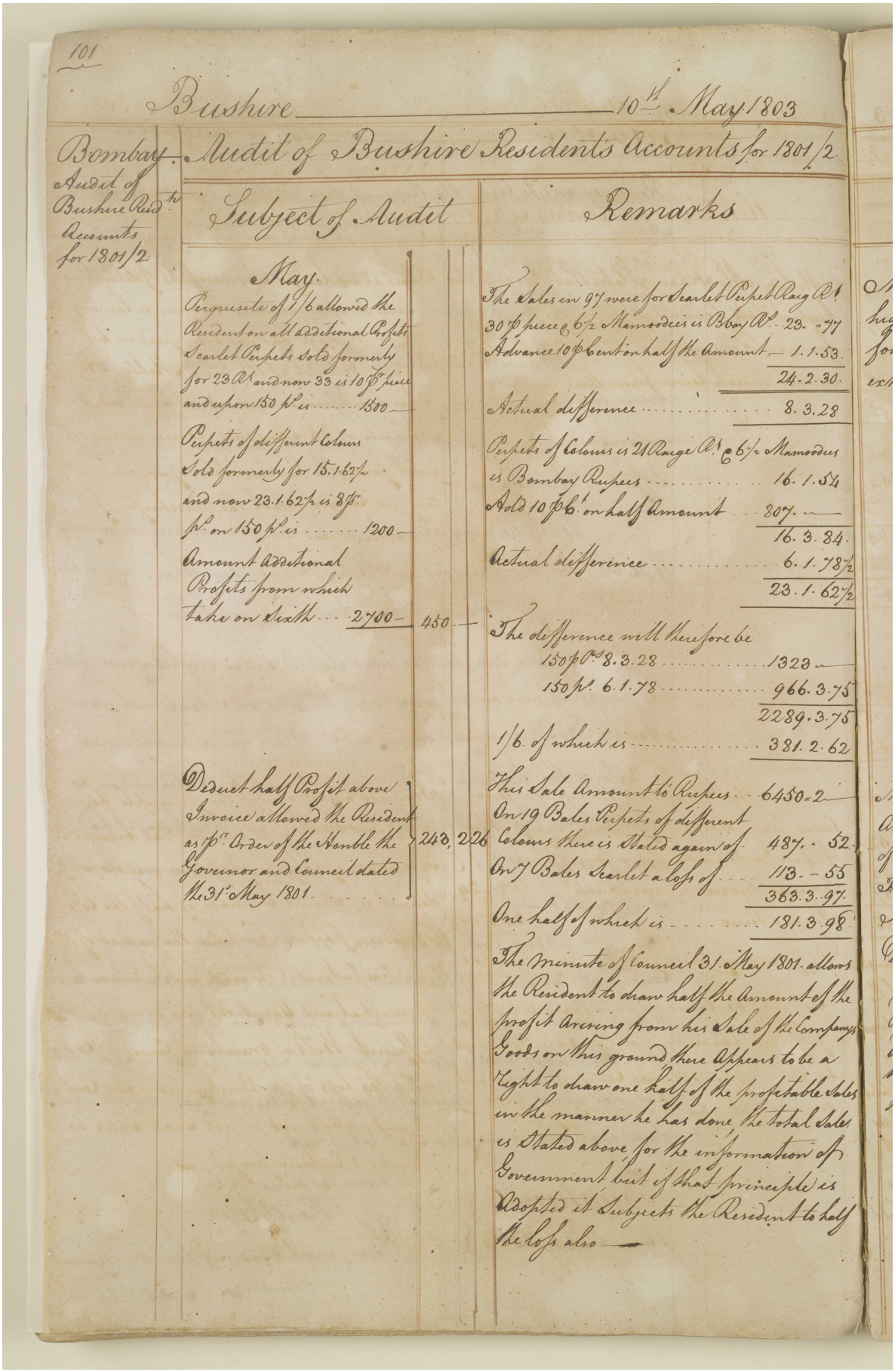
The Bombay Frigate now returns as advised in my last of 26 April. With regard to Mehedy Aly Khan I have only to add a repetition of the Sentiments expressed in that letter.—

As a month has now elapsed since any Bussora Vessel has passed by here on her way to the Presidency I doubt not your Honble Board is under some anxiety to receive intelligence respecting the progress of the plague. I have the Satisfaction to inform you that by the latest Accounts from Bussora it had not appeared in that City: nor were its Symptoms ever very alarming at Baghdad.—

I am Sorry to add that the Hector, upon which a Considerable quantity of the Honble Company's goods are Said to be laden is here looked upon as a missing Ship. She left Bombay on the 26th February was Seen off Muskat about the 20th March and has not Since been heard of. I expect indeed a Vague report which Says that She is on Shore at Busheab.—

Bushire
10th May 1803

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) J. H. Lovett



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Bombay. Audit of Bushire Resident's Accounts for 1801/2

Audit of Bushire Resident's Accounts for 1801/2

Subject of Audit		Remarks
May		
Perquisite of 1/6 allowed the Resident on all additional Profits Scarlet Perpets sold formerly for 23 Rs and now 33 is 10 pr piece and upon 150 pr is ..... 1500 —		The Sales in 97 were for Scarlet Perpet Raig Rs 30 pr piece & 6½ Mamoodees is Bbay Rs .. 23. - 77 Advance 10 pr Cent on half the Amount — 1.1.53 24.2.30 Actual difference 8.3.28
Perpets of different Colours Sold formerly for 15.1.62½ and now 23.1.62½ is 8 pr pr on 150 pr is ..... 1200 —		Perpets of Colours is 21 Raige Rs & 6½ Mamoodees is Bombay Rupees ..... 16.1.54 Add 10 pr Ct on half Amount ... 807. — 16.3.84 Actual difference 6.1.78½ 23.1.62½
Amount Additional Profits from which take on Sixth ... 2700 —	450 —	The difference will therefore be 150 pr Ps 8.3.28 ..... 1323 — 150 pr 6.1.78 ..... 966.3.75 2289.3.75 1/6 of which is 381.2.62
Deduct half Profit above Invoice allowed the Resident as pr Order of the Honble the Governor and Council dated the 31st May 1801	243, 226	This Sale Amount to Rupees .. 6450.2 — On 19 Bales Perpets of different Colours there is Stated again of 487. - 52 On 7 Bales Scarlet a loss of ... 113. - 55 363.3.97 One half of which is 181.3.98

The minute of Council 31 May 1801 allows the Resident to draw half the Amount of the profit arising from his Sale of the Companys Goods on this ground there Appears to be a right to draw one half of the profitable Sales in the manner he has done the total Sales is Stated above for the information of Government but if that principle is Adopted it Subjects the Resident to half the loss also —

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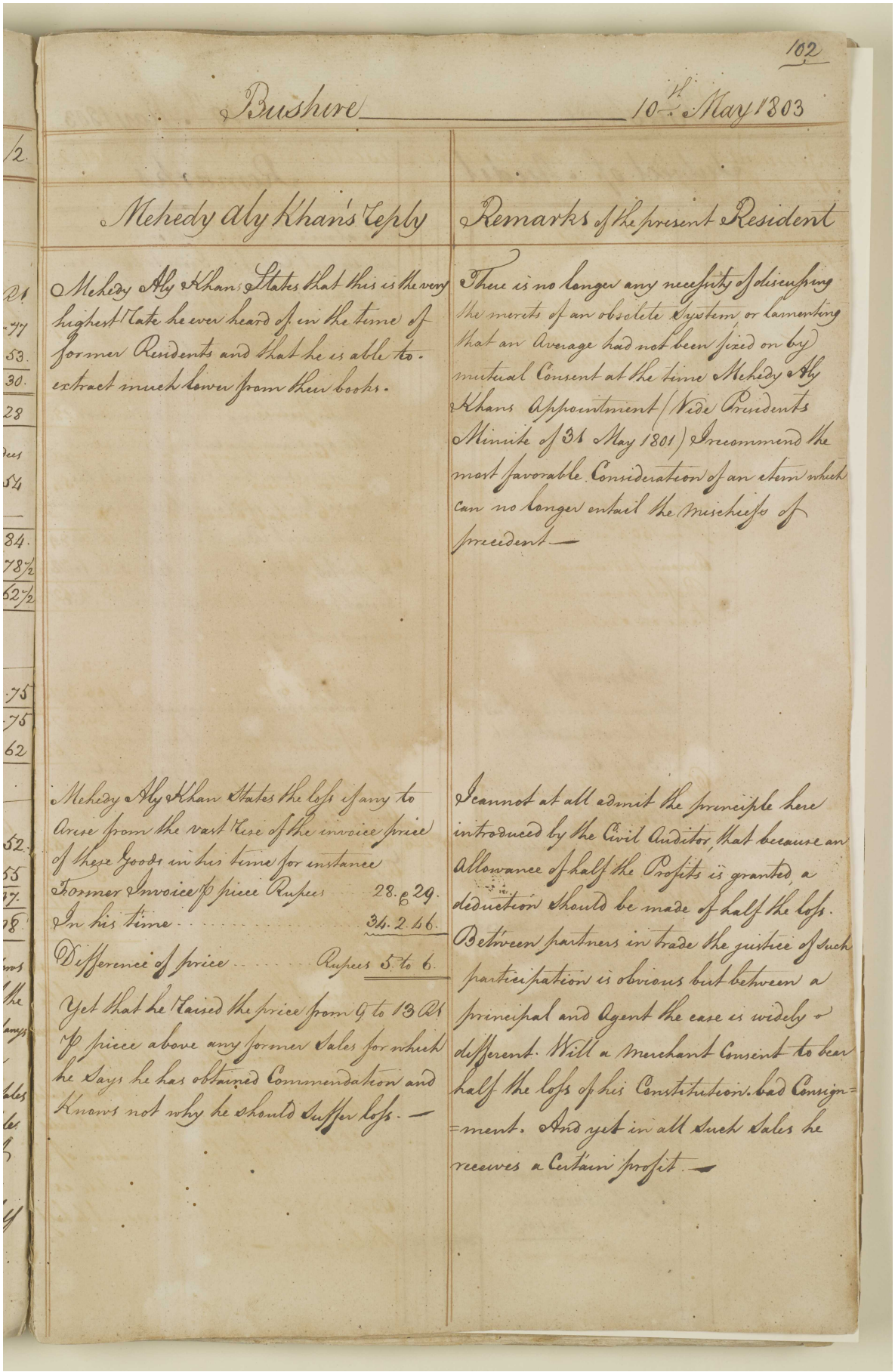

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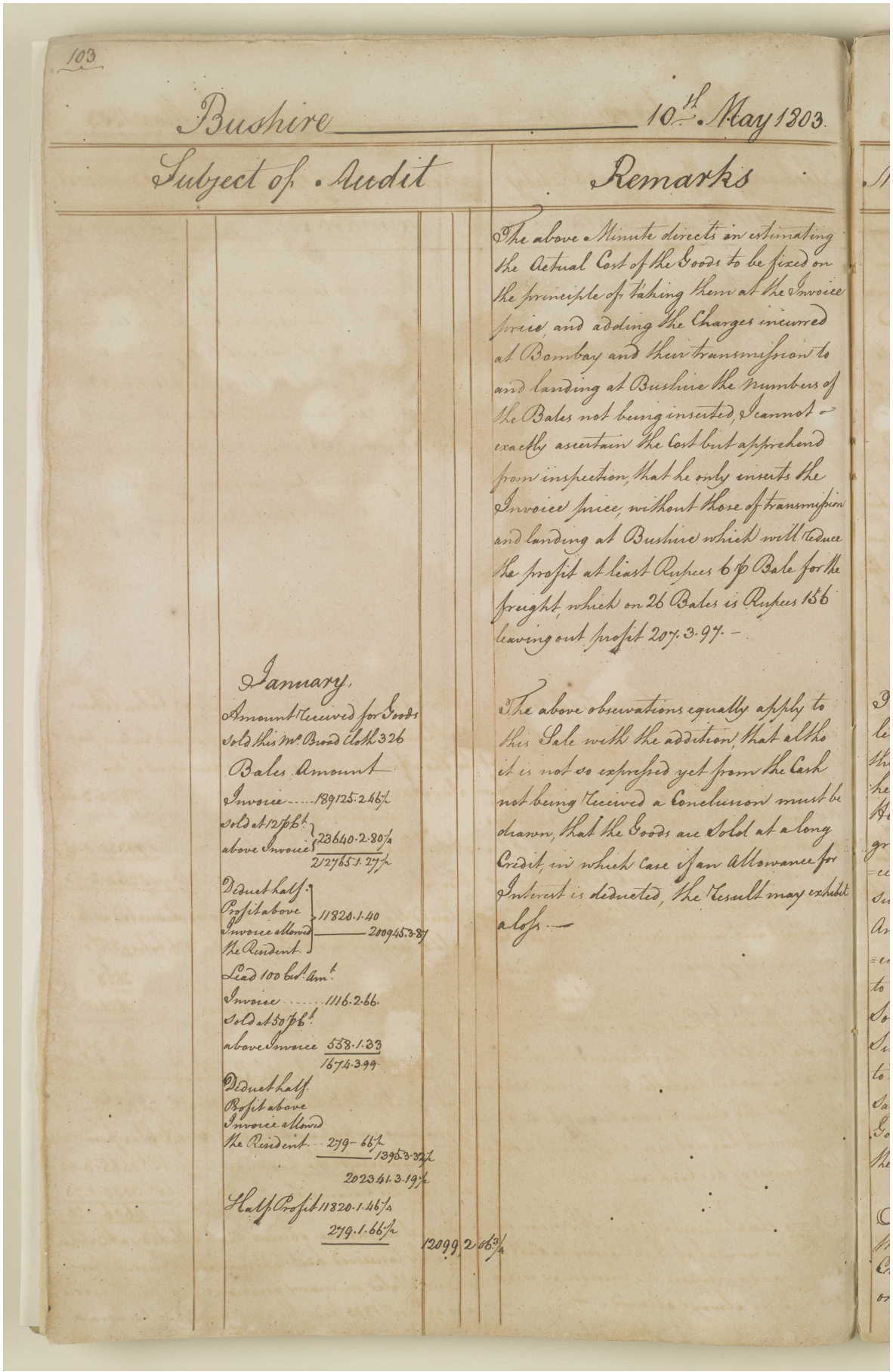
Mehedy Aly Khan's Reply	Remarks of the present Resident
Mehedy Aly Khan States that this is the very highest Rate he ever heard of in the time of former Residents and that he is able to extract much lower from their books.	There is no longer any necessity of discussing the merits of an obsolete System or lamenting that an Average had not been fixed on by mutual Consent at the time Mehedy Aly Khans Appointment (Vide Residents Minute of 31 May 1801) I recommend the most favorable Consideration of an item which can no longer entail the Mischiefs of precedent —
Mehedy Aly Khan States the loss if any to Arise from the vast Rise of the invoice price of these Goods in his time for instance Former Invoice p piece Rupees 28. & 29. In his time 34. 2. 46. Difference of price Rupees 5 to 6. Yet that he Raised the price from 9 to 13 Rs p piece above any former Sales for which he Says he has obtained Commendation and Knows not why he should Suffer loss. —	I cannot at all admit the principle here introduced by the Civil Auditor, that because an Allowance of half the Profits is granted, a deduction should be made of half the loss. Between partners in trade the justice of such participation is obvious but between a principal and Agent the case is widely different. Will a Merchant Consent to bear half the loss of his Constitutions bad Consignment. And yet in all such Sales he receives a Certain profit —



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Subject of Audit	Remarks
	The above Minute directs in estimating the Actual Cost of the Goods to be fixed on the principle of taking them at the Invoice price, and adding the Charges incurred at Bombay and their transmission to and landing at Bushire the numbers of the Bales not being inserted, I cannot exactly ascertain the Cost but apprehend from inspection, that he only inserts the Invoice price, without those of transmission and landing at Bushire which will reduce the profit at least Rupees 6 p Bale for the freight, which on 26 Bales is Rupees 156 leaving out profit 207.3.97. –
January,	The above observations equally apply to this Sale with the addition, that altho it is not so expressed yet from the Cash not being received a Conclusion must be drawn, that the Goods are Sold at a long Credit, in which Case if an Allowance for Interest is deducted, the result may exhibit a loss. –

Amount received for Goods sold this Mo. Broad Cloth 326

Bales Amount

Invoice 189125.2.46½

Sold at 12 p Ct. above Invoice } 23640.2.80¼

212765.1.27½

Deduct half Profit above Invoice allowed the Resident } 11820.1.40 — 200945.3.87

Lead 100 Cwt. Amt.

Invoice ..... 1116.2.66.

Sold at 50 p Ct. above Invoice 558.1.33

1674.3.99

Deduct half Profit above Invoice allowed the Resident 279.66½ — 1395.3.32½

202341.3.19½

Half Profit 11820.1.46¼

279.1.66½

12099.2.06¾

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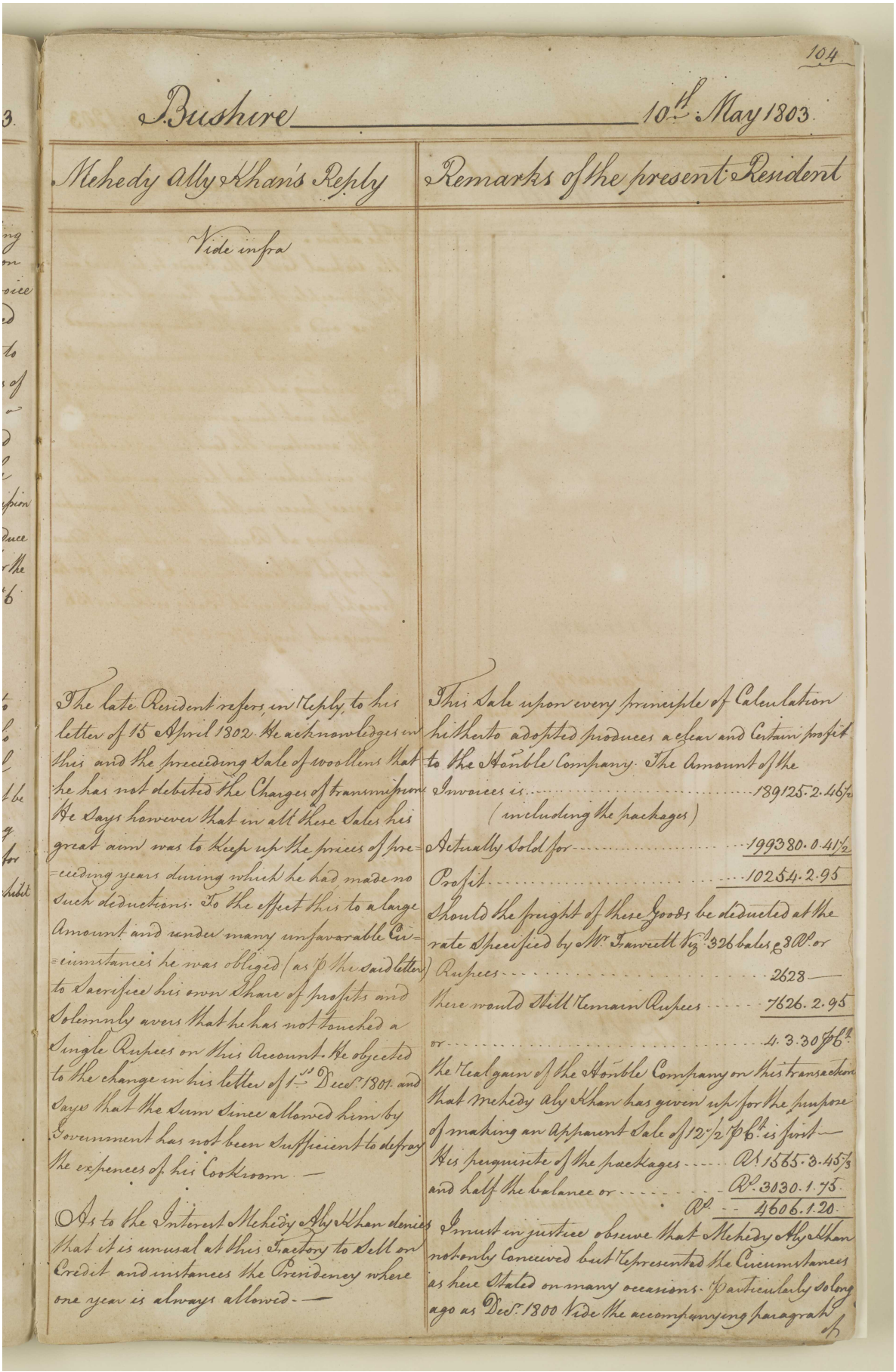

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Mehedy Ally Khan's Reply	Remarks of the present Resident
Vide infra	
The late Resident refers, in reply, to his letter of 15 April 1802. He acknowledges in this and the preceeding Sale of woollens that he has not debited the Charges of transmission. He Says however that in all these Sales his great aim was to keep up the prices of preceeding years during which he had made no such deductions. To the effect this to a large Amount and under many unfavorable Circumstances he was obliged (as p the said letter) to Sacrifice his own Share of profits and Solemnly avers that he has not touched a Single Rupees on this Account. He objected to the change in his letter of 1st Decr 1801 and Says that the Sum Since allowed him by Government has not been Sufficient to defray the expences of his Cookroom. —	This Sale upon every principle of Calculation hitherto adopted produces a clear and Certain profit to the Honble Company. The Amount of the Invoices is ..... 189125.2.46½ (including the packages) Actually Sold for ..... 199380.0.41½ Profit ..... 10254.2.95 Should the freight of these Goods be deducted at the rate Specified by Mr Fawcett Viz. 326 bales @ 8 Rs or Rupees ..... 2628 — there would Still remain Rupees ..... 7626.2.95 or ..... 4.3.30 p Ct. the real gain of the Honble Company on this transaction that Mehedy Aly Khan has given up for the purpose of making an Apparent Sale of 12½ p Ct is first — His perquisite of the packages ..... Rs 1565.3.45⅓ and half the balance or ..... Rs 3030.1.75 Rs -- 4606.1.20
As to the Interest Mehedy Aly Khan denies that it is unusal at this Factory to Sell on Credit and instances the Presidency where one year is always allowed. —	I must in justice observe that Mehedy Aly Khan not only Conceived but represented the Circumstances as here Stated on many occasions. Particularly so long ago as Decr 1800 Vide the accompanying paragraph of

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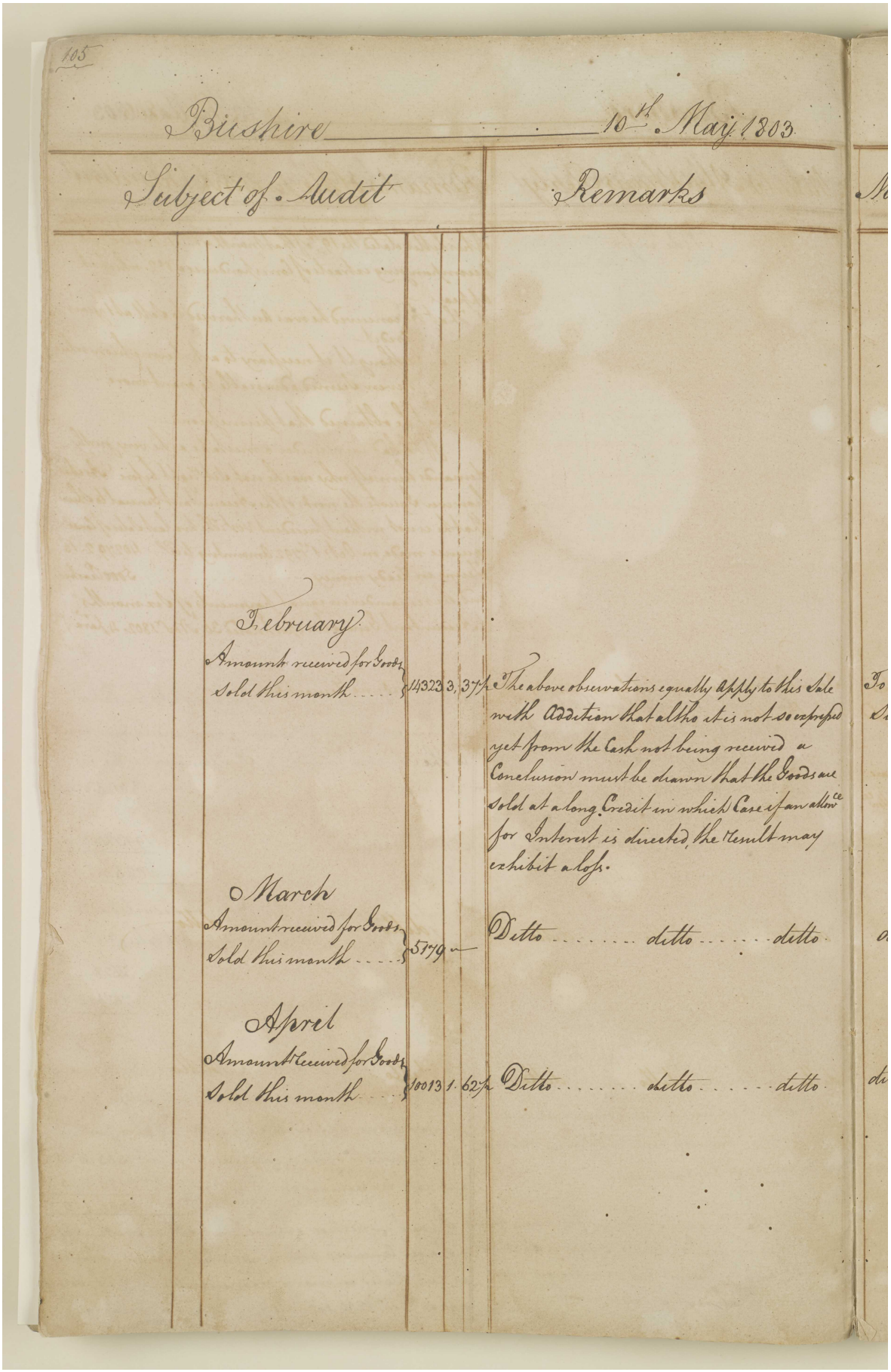

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Subject of Audit				Remarks
February				
Amount received for Goods Sold this month	4323	3	3/4	The above observations equally apply to this Sale with Addition that altho it is not so exposed yet from the Cash not being received a Conclusion must be drawn that the Goods are sold at a long Credit in which Case if an allowce for Interest is directed, the Result may exhibit a loss.
March				
Amount received for Goods Sold this month	5179	—		Ditto ..... ditto ..... ditto
April				
Amount received for Goods Sold this month	10013	1	62/4	Ditto ..... ditto ..... ditto

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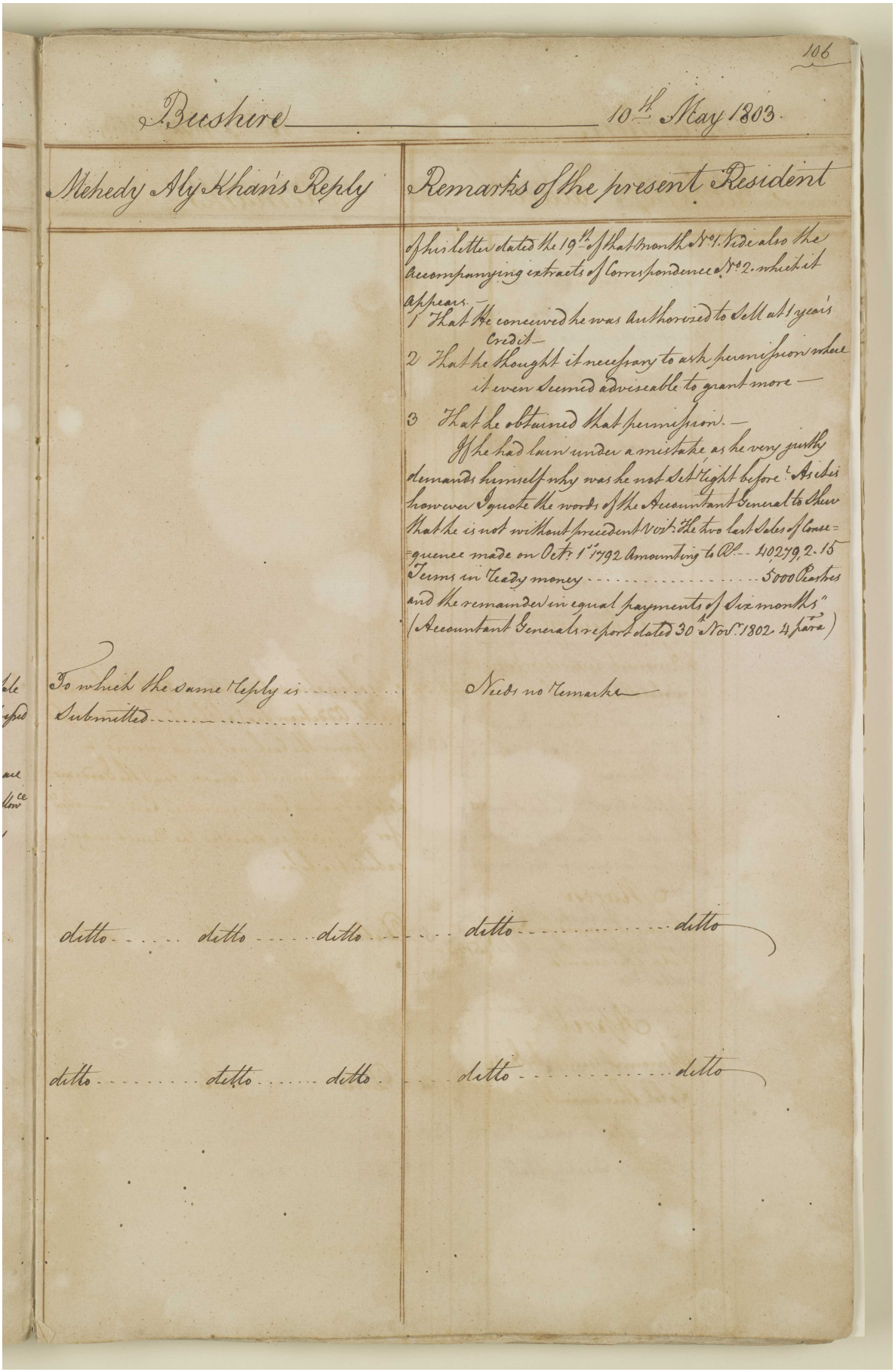

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Bushire 10th May 1803.

Mehedy Aly Khan's Reply	Remarks of the present Resident
	of his letter dated the 19th of that month No 1. Vide also the accompanying extracts of Correspondence No 2. which it appears 1 That he conceived he was authorized to sell at 1 year's Credit 2 That he thought it necessary to ask permission where it even seemed adviseable to grant more 3 That he obtained that permission If he had lain under a mistake as he very justly demands himself why was he not set right before As this however I quote the words of the Accountant General to shew that he is not without precedent Vide the two last Sales of Consequence made on Octr 1st 1792 Amounting to Rs 40279.2.15 Terms in Ready money ..... 5000 Rupees and the remainder in equal payments of Six months" (Accountant General's report dated 30th Nov 1802 4 para)
To which the same Reply is Submitted	Needs no Remarks
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ditto ditto ditto	ditto ditto

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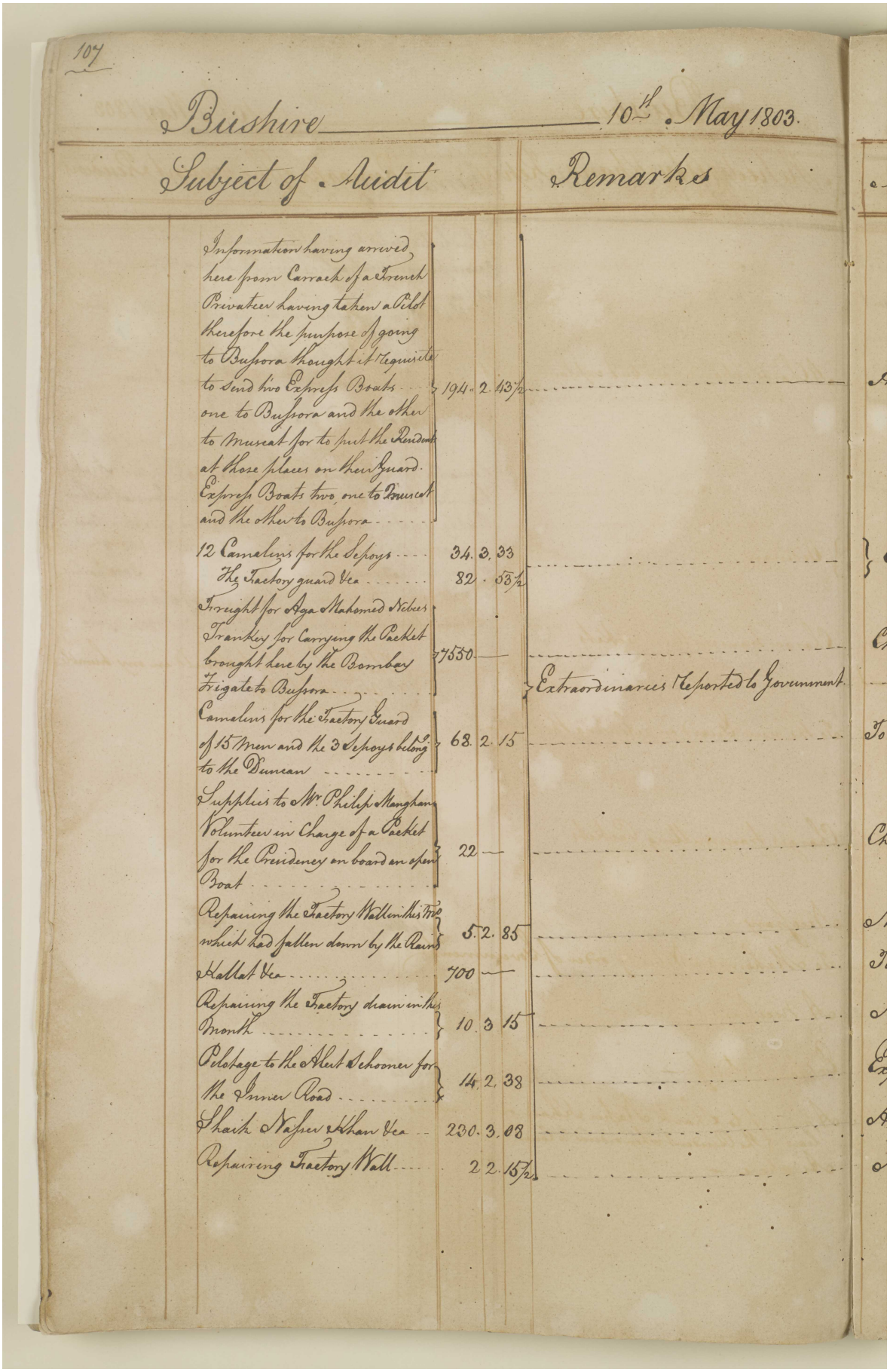

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Subject of Audit		Remarks
Information having arrived here from Carrack of a French Privateer having taken a Pilot therefore the purpose of going to Bussora thought it requisite to send two Express Boats one to Bussora and the other to Muscat for to put the Residents at those places on their Guard. Express Boats two, one to Bourscat and the other to Bussora	194. 2. 13½	
12 Camelins for the Sepoys	34. 3. 33	
The Factory guard Dea	82. 3. 3½	
Freight for Aga Mahomed Nebues Frankey for Carrying the Packet brought here by the Bombay Frigate to Bussora	7550 —	Extraordinaries Reported to Government
Camelins for the Factory Guard of 15 Men and the 3 Sepoys belong to the Duncan	68. 2. 15	
Supplies to Mr. Philip Menghan Volunteer in Charge of a Packet for the Presidency on board an open Boat	22 —	
Repairing the Factory Wall in this Month which had fallen down by the Rains	5. 2. 85	
Ballast Dea	700 —	
Repairing the Factory drain in this Month	10. 3. 15	
Pelotage to the Fleet Schooner for the Inner Road	14. 2. 38	
Shaik Nasser Khan Dea	230. 3. 08	
Repairing Factory Wall	2. 2. 15½	

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Mehedy Aly Khan's Reply	Remarks of the present Resident
A Charge extraordinary but explains itself	
Ordinary	
Charges transmitting Packets	The whole of which should in my humble opinion be passed —
To the new Guard on relieving the old —	
Charges transmitting Packets	
Necessary	
To Mahomed Nebee by order of Government	
A Necessary expence —	
Explains itself —	
A present to Shaik Nasser Khan on his taking leave of the Resident when ordered to Court —	
As above —	

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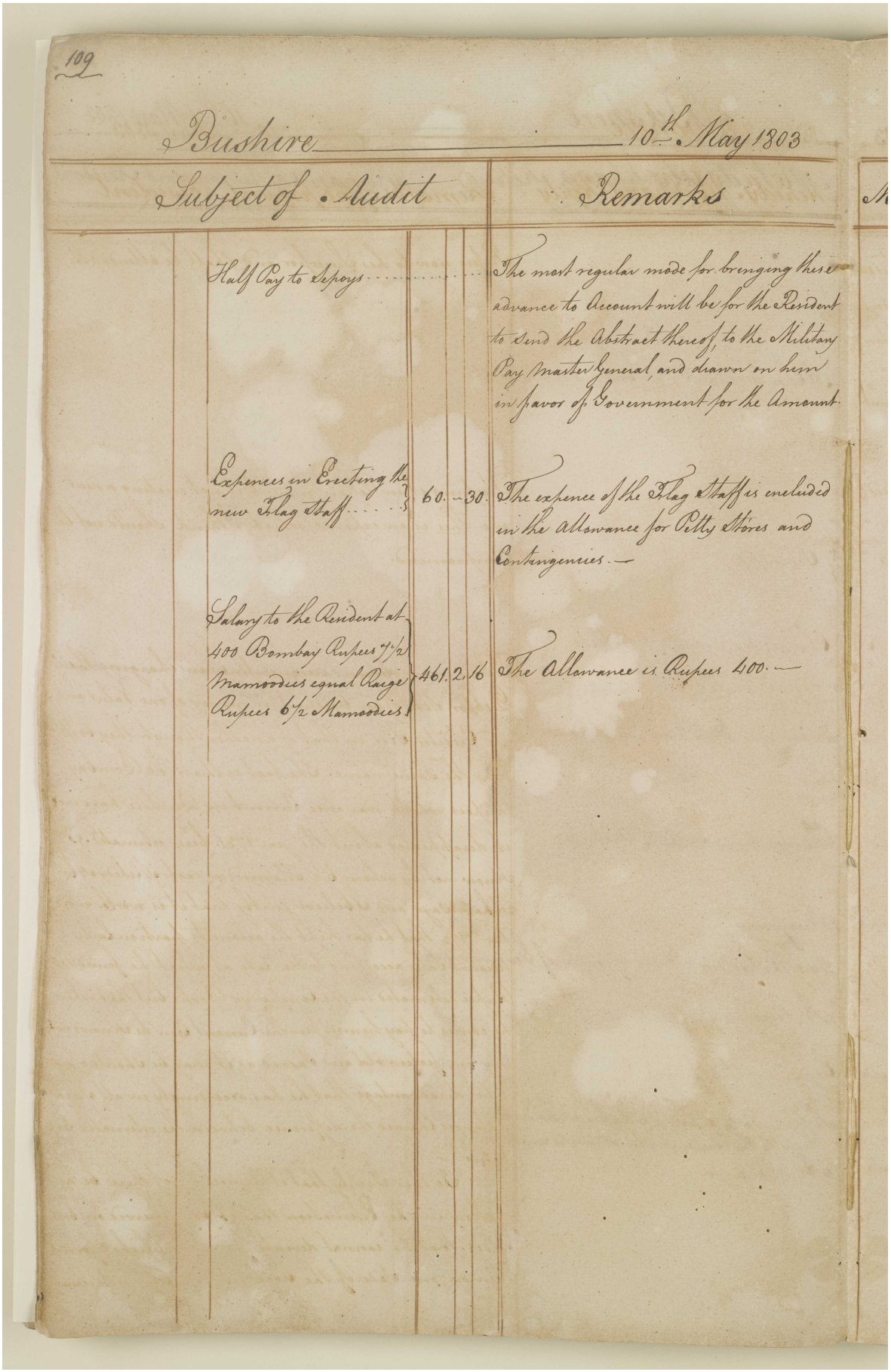

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Subject of Audit				Remarks
Half Pay to Sepoys				The most regular mode for bringing these advance to Account will be for the Resident to send the Abstract thereof, to the Military Pay Master General, and drawn on him in favor of Government for the Amount.
Expences in Erecting the new Flag Staff	60	—	30	The expence of the Flag Staff is included in the allowance for Petty Stores and Contingencies. —
Salary to the Resident at 400 Bombay Rupees 7½ Mamoodies equal Surat Rupees 6½ Mamoodies	461	2	16	The allowance is Rupees 400. —

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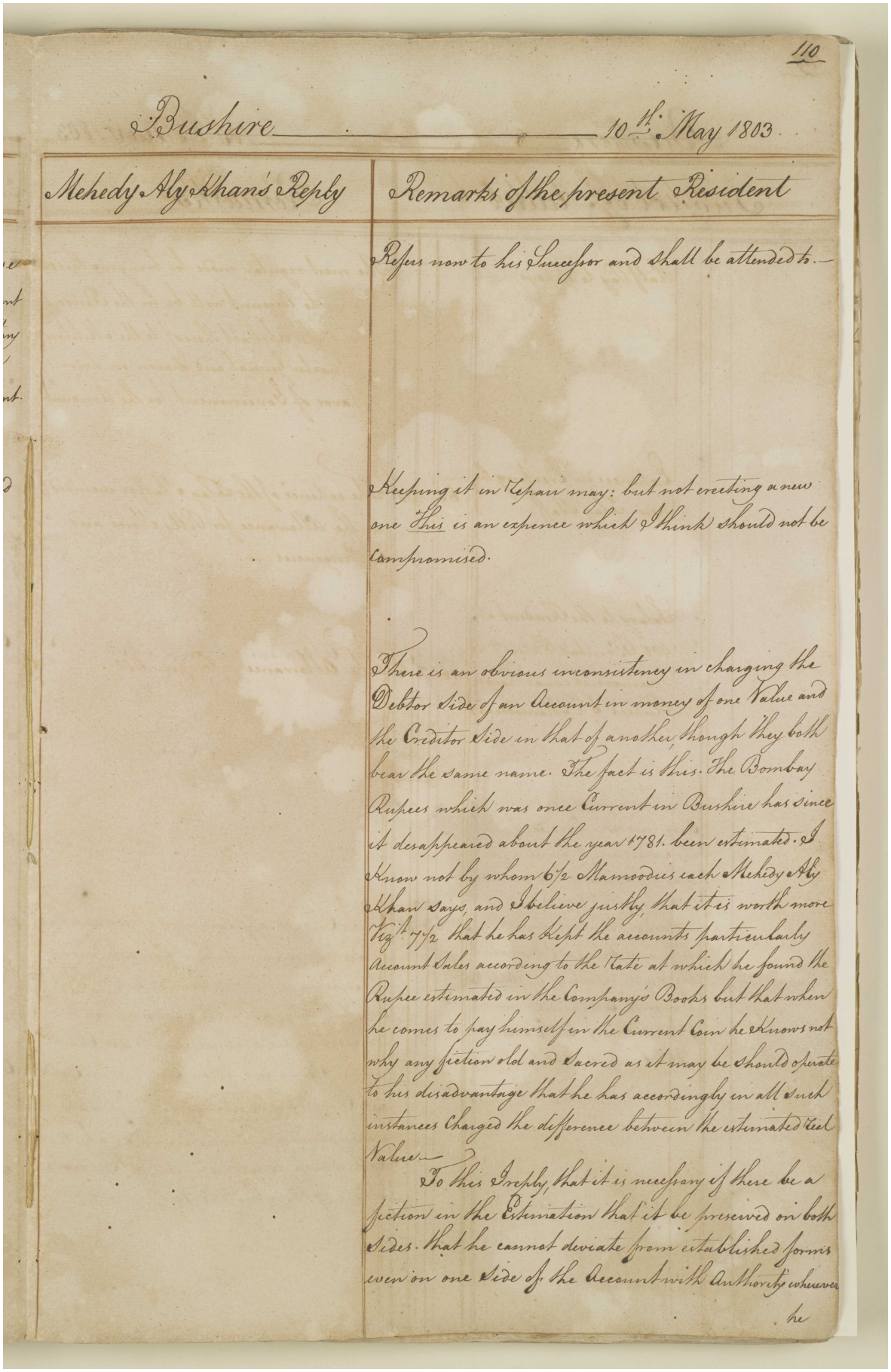

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Mehedy Aly Khan's Reply	Remarks of the present Resident
	Refers now to his Successor and shall be attended to.
	Keeping it in Repair may: but not erecting a new one This is an expence which I think should not be compromised.
	There is an obvious inconsistency in charging the Debtor Side of an Account in money of one Value and the Creditor Side in that of another, though they both bear the same name. The fact is this. The Bombay Rupees which was once Current in Bushire has since it disappeared about the year 1781. been estimated. I know not by whom 6/2 Mamoodies each Mehedy Aly Khan says, and I believe justly, that it is worth more Viz. 7/2 that he has kept the accounts particularly Account Sales according to the Rate at which he found the Rupee estimated in the Company's Books but that when he comes to pay himself in the Current Coin he knows not why any fiction old and sacred as it may be should operate to his disadvantage that he has accordingly in all such instances Charged the difference between the estimated real Value. To this I reply, that it is necessary if there be a fiction in the Estimation that it be preserved on both Sides. That he cannot deviate from established forms even on one Side of the Account with Authority whenever he

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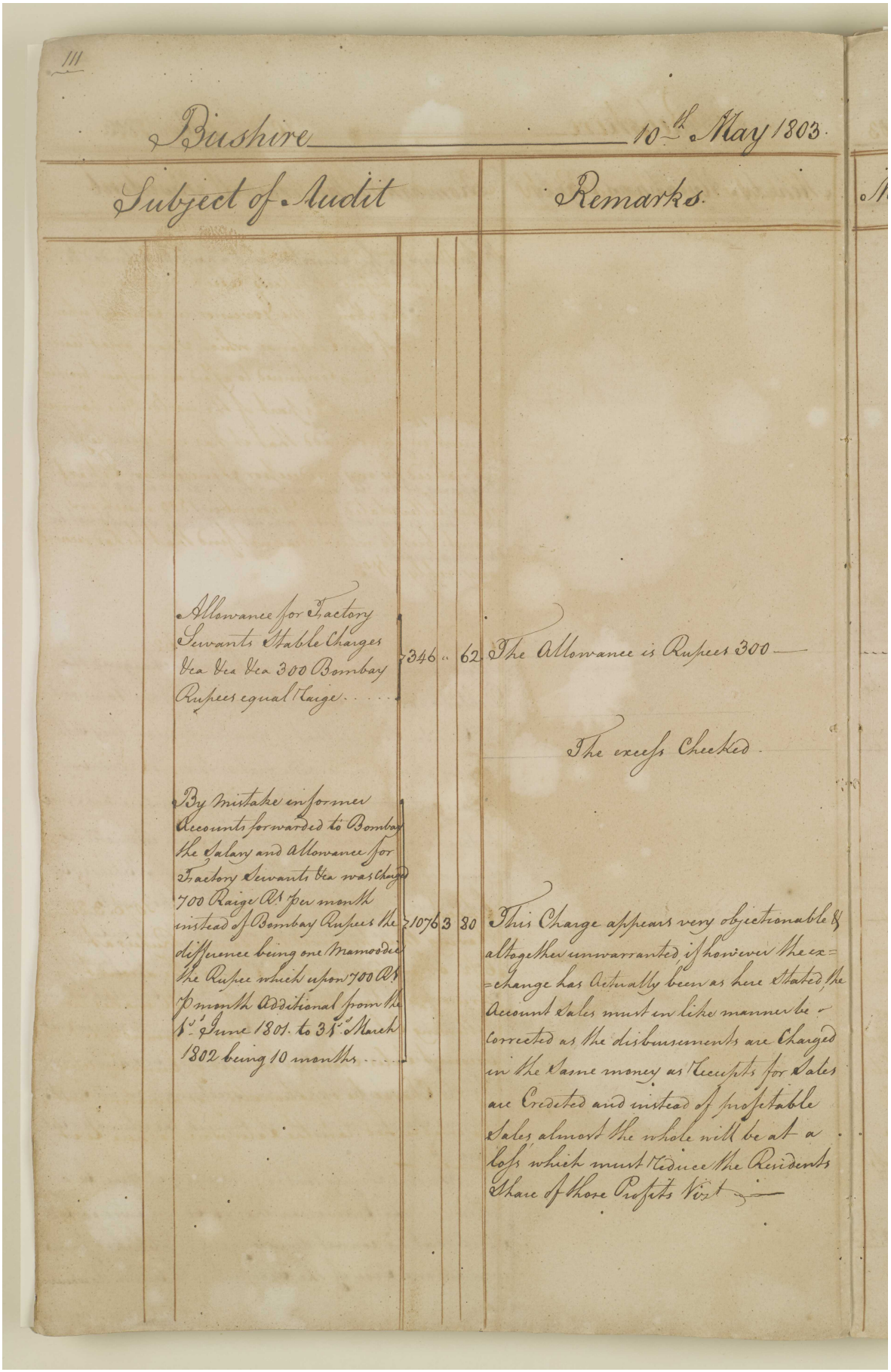

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Subject of Audit			Remarks
Allowance for Factory Servants Stable Charges &c &c &c 300 Bombay Rupees equal Raige	346	62	The Allowance is Rupees 300 —
			The excess Checked.
By mistake in former Accounts forwarded to Bombay the Salary and Allowance for Factory Servants &c was Charged 700 Raige A$ per month instead of Bombay Rupees the difference being one Mamoodie the Rupee which upon 700 A$ p month Additional from the 1st June 1801. to 31st March 1802 being 10 months	1076	3 80	This Charge appears very objectionable & altogether unwarranted if however the ex= =change has Actually been as here Stated, the Account Sales must in like manner be corrected as the disbursements are Charged in the Same money as Receipts for Sales are Credited and instead of profitable Sales almost the whole will be at a loss which must Reduce the Residents Share of those Profits Viz —

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Mehedy Aly Khan's Reply	Remarks of the present Resident
	he Suffers by an adherence to them he must first receive permission before he expects Relief. — I intend addressing the Honble the Governor in Council upon the Subject of this Exchange which I have great Reason to believe has long continued to afford an unfair prospect of their affairs in this part of the world. Here however I must in justice add that it has not been left unnoticed by my predecessor I enclose an Extract of his letter dated 19th December 1800 much in point: but to which I cannot find that he had received any reply No 3. —
	Cheeks Rupees 46.0.62
	Cheeks ..... 1076.3.80.
	Having thus preserved the Bombay Rupees at 6/2 Mamoodies on both Sides of the account the principle upon which Mr Fawcett makes the following Calculations is of Course groundless. & the account Sales Stand in no need of being Corrected. If the Charge be objectionable for deviating from the established Rate, the Sales which adhere to it Cannot. —

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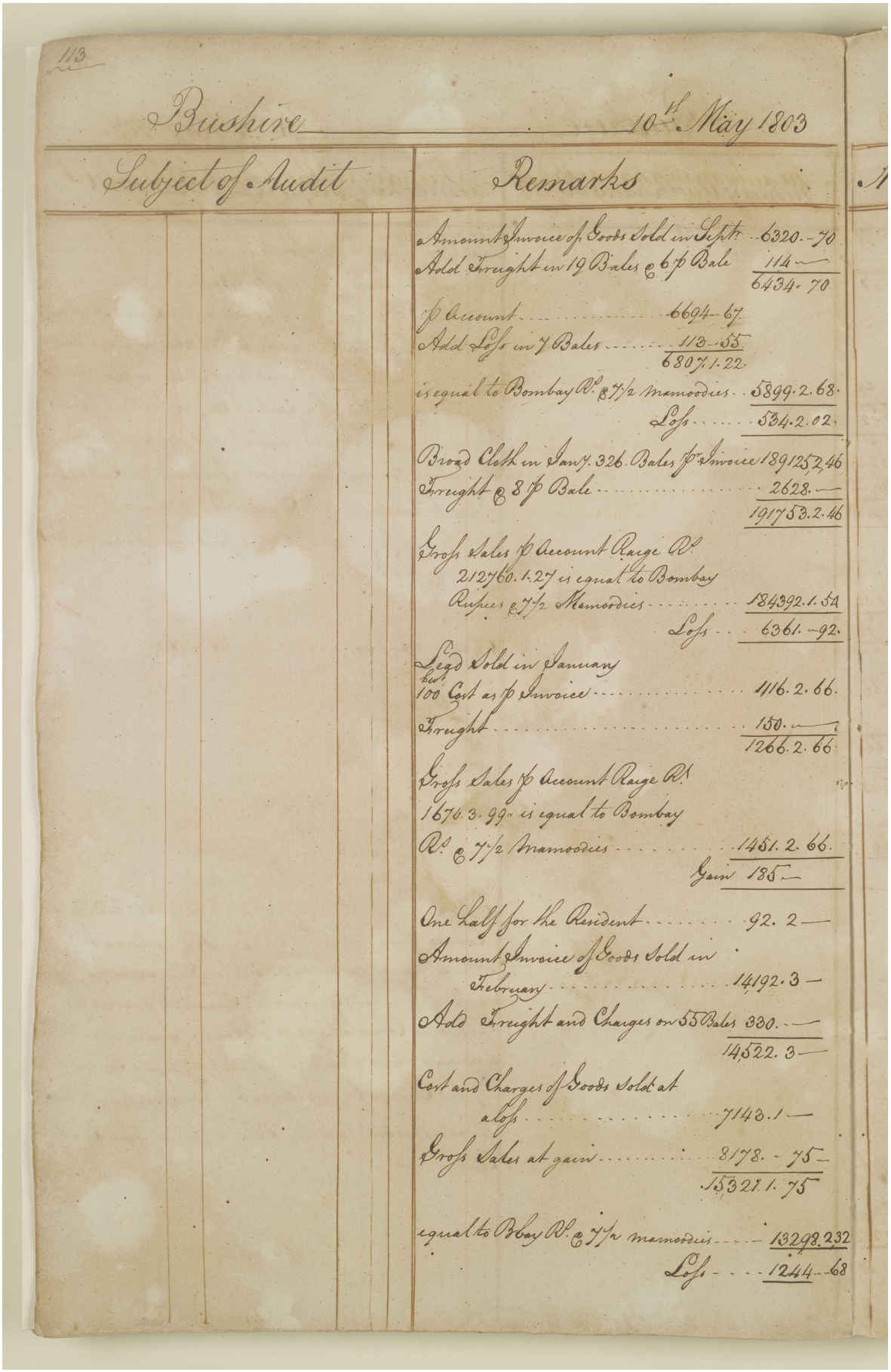

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Subject of Audit	Remarks	
	Amount Invoice of Goods Sold in Sept.	6320.–.70
	Add Freight in 19 Bales @ 6 p Bale	114.–
		6434.70
	p Account	6694.67
	Add Loss in 7 Bales	113.55
		6807.1.22
	is equal to Bombay Rs. @ 7½ Mamoodies	5899.2.68
	Loss	534.2.02
	Broad Cloth in Janry. 326 Bales p Invoice	189125.2.46
	Freight @ 8 p Bale	2628.–
		191753.2.46
	Gross Sales p Account Rauge Rs. 212760.1.27 is equal to Bombay Rupees @ 7½ Mamoodies	184392.1.54
	Loss	6361.–92
	Lead Sold in January 100 Cwt as p Invoice	1116.2.66
	Freight	150.–
		1266.2.66
	Gross Sales p Account Rauge Rs. 1676.3.99 is equal to Bombay Rs. @ 7½ Mamoodies	1451.2.66
	Gain	185.–
	One Half for the Resident	92.2.–
	Amount Invoice of Goods Sold in February	14192.3.–
	Add Freight and Charges on 55 Bales	330.–
		14522.3.–
	Cost and Charges of Goods Sold at a loss	7143.1.–
	Gross Sales at gain	8178.–.75
		15321.1.75
	equal to Bbay Rs. @ 7½ Mamoodies	13298.232
	Loss	1244.–68

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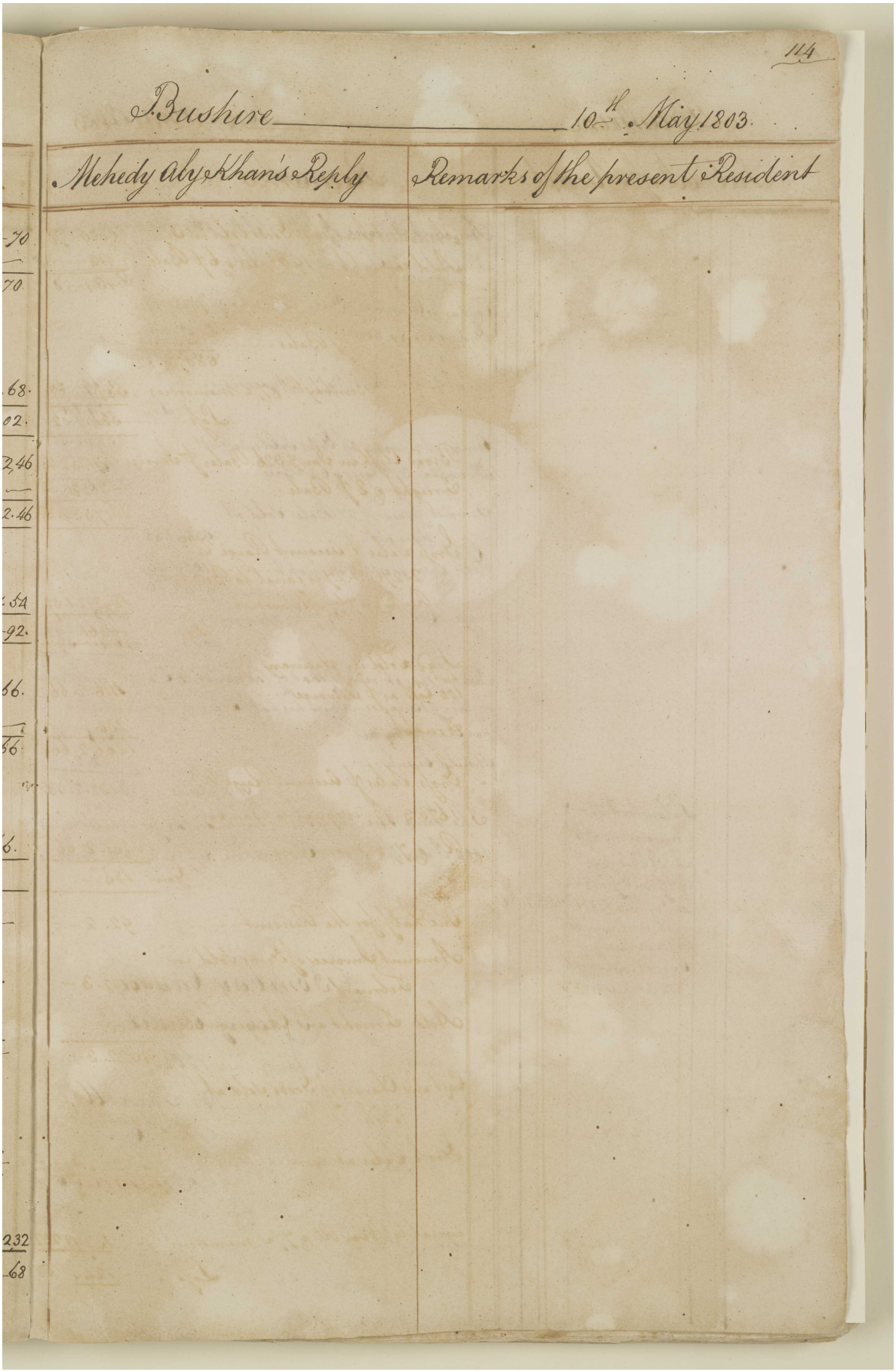

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Mehedy Aly Khan's Reply	Remarks of the present Resident

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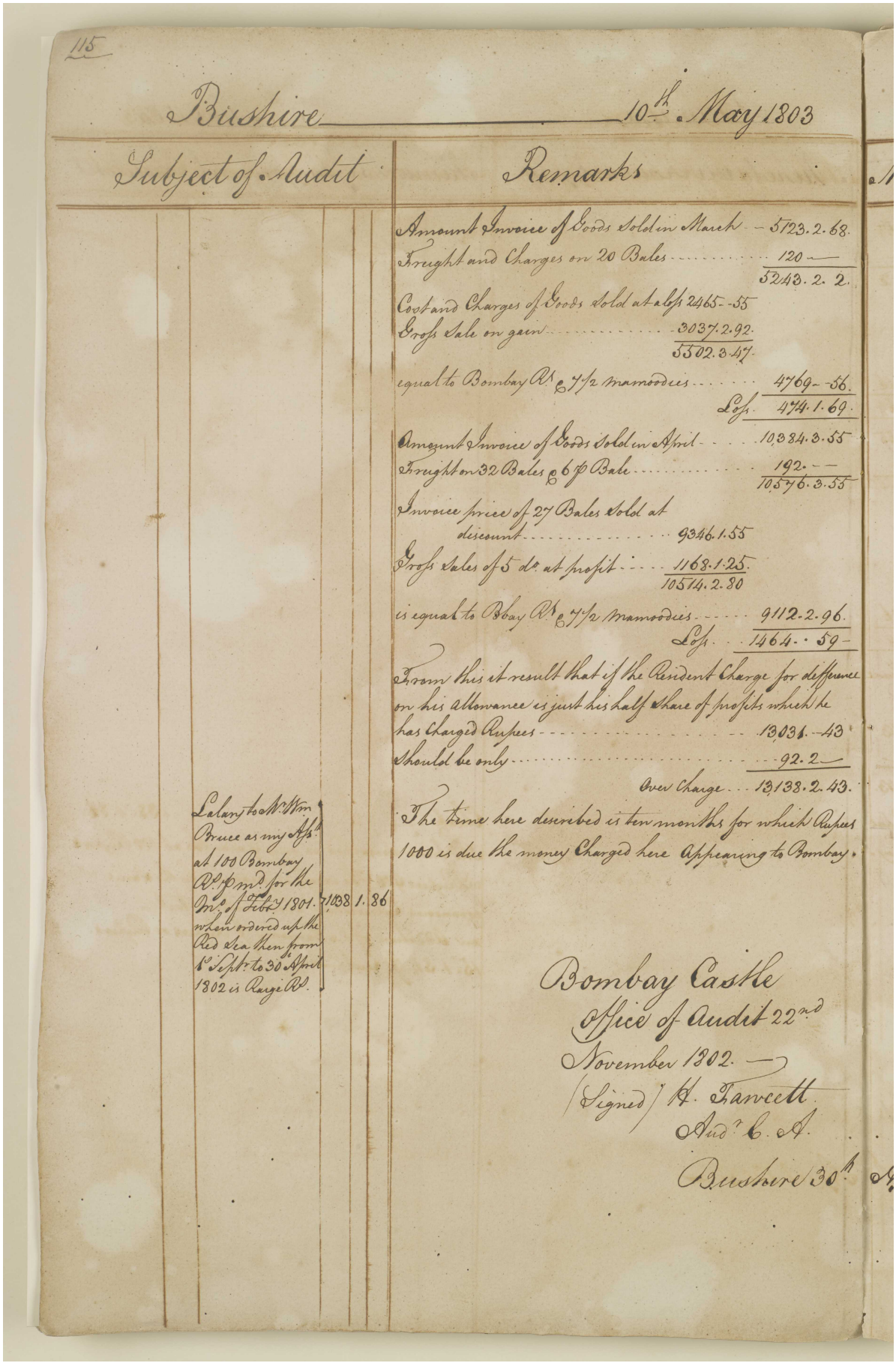

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Subject of Audit				Remarks
				Amount Invoice of Goods Sold in March — 5123.2.68.
				Freight and Charges on 20 Bales ..... 120 —
				5243.2.2.
				Cost and Charges of Goods Sold at a loss 2465--55
				Gross Sale on gain ..... 3037.2.92.
				5502.3.47.
				equal to Bombay Rs. @ 7/2 mamoodies ..... 4769--56.
				Loss 474.1.69.
				Amount Invoice of Goods Sold in April 10,384.3.55
				Freight on 32 Bales @ 6 p Bale 192.--
				10,576.3.55
				Invoice price of 27 Bales Sold at discount 9346.1.55
				Gross Sales of 5 do. at profit ..... 1168.1.25.
				10514.2.80
				is equal to Bbay Rs. @ 7/2 mamoodies ..... 9112.2.96.
				Loss 1464.-.59-
				From this it result that if the Resident Charge for difference on his allowance is just his half share of profits which he has Charged Rupees 13,031.--43
				Should be only ..... 92.2 —
				Over Charge ... 13,138.2.43.
	Salary to Mr. Wm Bruce as my Asst. at 100 Bombay Rs. p md. for the Mo. of Febry 1801. when ordered up the Red Sea then from 1st Septr. to 30 April 1802 is Raige Rs.	1,038	1.86	The time here described is ten months for which Rupees 1000 is due the money Charged here Appearing to Bombay.

Bombay Castle
Office of Audit 22nd
November 1802.
(Signed) H. Fawcett
Audr. C. A.

Bushire 30th

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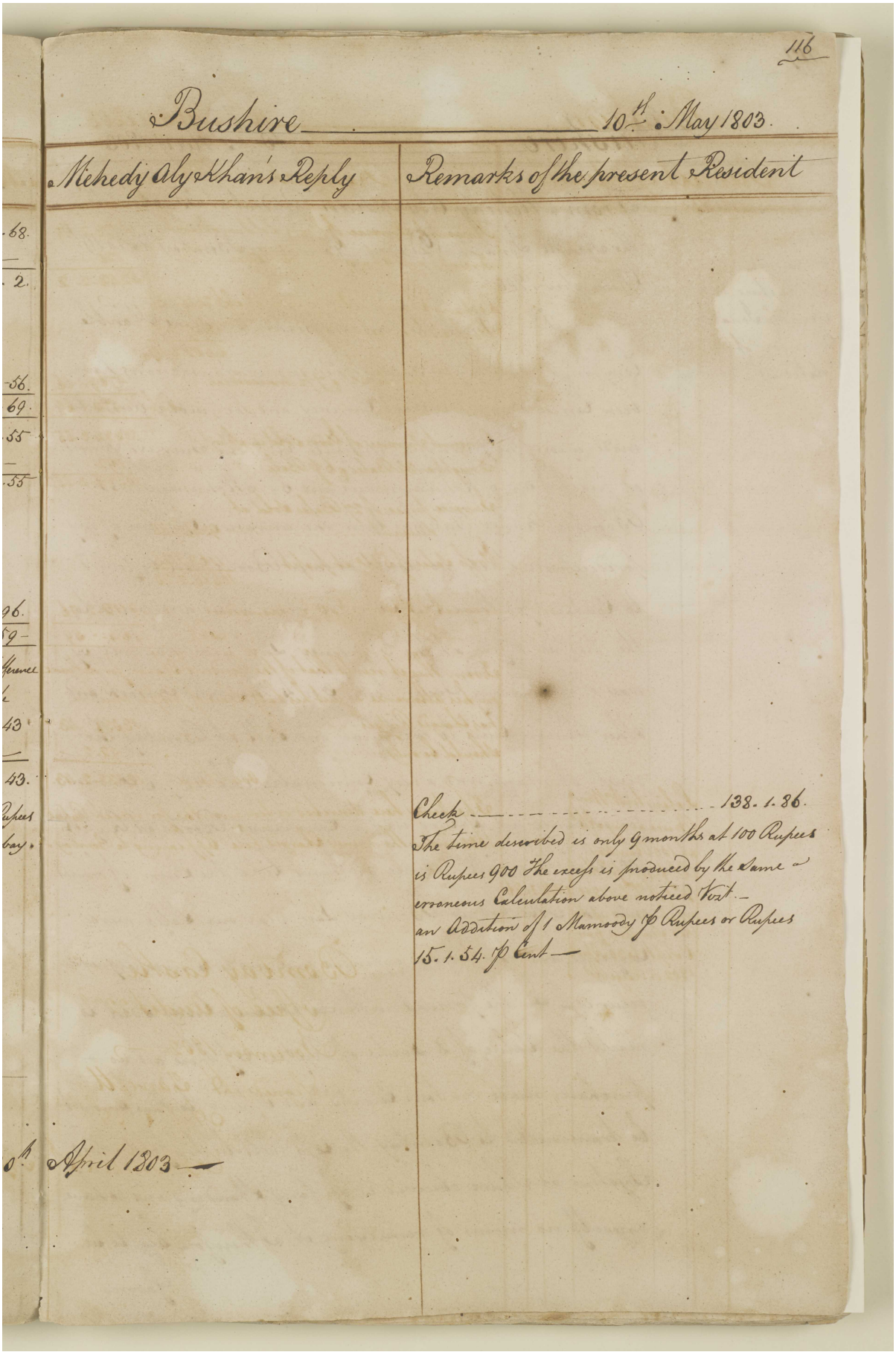

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Mehedy Aly Khan's Reply	Remarks of the present Resident
	Check ..... 138. 1. 86. The time described is only 9 months at 100 Rupees is Rupees 900 The excess is produced by the same erroneous Calculation above noticed Vizt. — an Addition of 1 Mamoody p Rupees or Rupees 15. 1. 54. p Cent —
10th April 1803 —	

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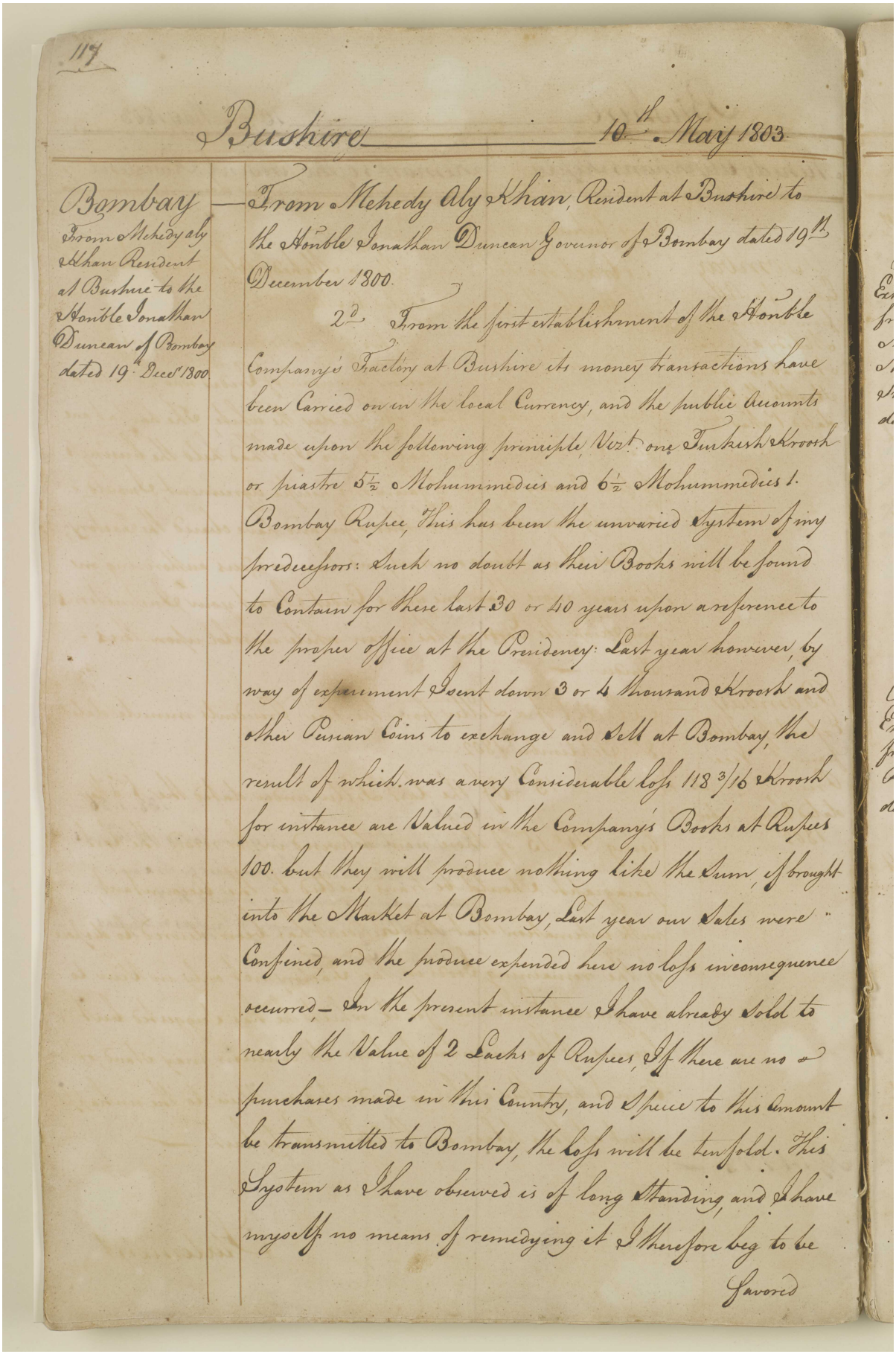

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Bombay
From Mehedy aly Khan Resident at Bushire to the Honble Jonathan Duncan of Bombay dated 19th Dece 1800

From Mehedy Aly Khan, Resident at Bushire to the Honble Jonathan Duncan Governor of Bombay dated 19th December 1800.

2d From the first establishment of the Honble Company's Factory at Bushire its money transactions have been Carried on in the local Currency, and the public Accounts made upon the following principle, Vizt one Turkish Krroosh or piastre 5½ Mohummedies and 6½ Mohummedies 1 Bombay Rupee, This has been the unvaried System of my predecessors: such no doubt as their Books will be found to Contain for these last 30 or 40 years upon a reference to the proper office at the Presidency: Last year however, by way of experiment I sent down 3 or 4 thousand Krroosh and other Persian Coins to exchange and sell at Bombay, the result of which was a very Considerable loss 118 3/16 Krroosh for instance are Valued in the Company's Books at Rupees 100. but they will produce nothing like the Sum, if brought into the Market at Bombay, Last year our Sales were Confined, and the produce expended here no loss inconsequence occurred.— In the present instance I have already Sold to nearly the Value of 2 Lacks of Rupees, If there are no purchases made in this Country, and Specie to this Amount be transmitted to Bombay, the loss will be tenfold. This System as I have observed is of long standing, and I have myself no means of remedying it. I therefore beg to be

favored

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favored with such instructions as you may deem, necessary for my future guidance. —

Bombay — Extract of a Letter from Mirza Mehedy Ali Khan Nawab to the Honble the Governor dated 1st May 1802

Extract of a Letter from Mirza Mehedy Ali Khan Nawab to the Honble the Govr. dated 1st May 1802

To the Amount of two Lacs, forty thousand Rupees of pupet remains unsold in the Factory, a person of Credit who has also a Factory in Mussalipatam offers to day the white. The half at one year's Credit, and the other half at two If I had held the business of this Factory by way of farm or Specific Agreement, I would certainly have closed with this offer, and have cleared the Factory; but as I am acting on trust, and have no orders authorizing me to grant more than one year's Credit I wait your Instructions and Keep the Goods in the mean while unsold upon this Tender. —

Bombay — Extract of a Letter from the Vice Presidents minute dated 8th September 1802. —

Extract of a Letter from the Vice Presidents' minute dated 8th September 1802 —

13th Of the last Letter under dated the 1st May being No. 15 of those now delivered in for record the last paragraph Should be transmitted to the Accountant, with intimation that the Resident has been desired to dispose of the remaining Goods in the Factory not only in View to the general Expediency for it, which he has Suggested but because of the uncertainly, how its concerns may stand, or Admit hereafter of being conducted in View to the unhappy event at this place on the 20th of July last. —

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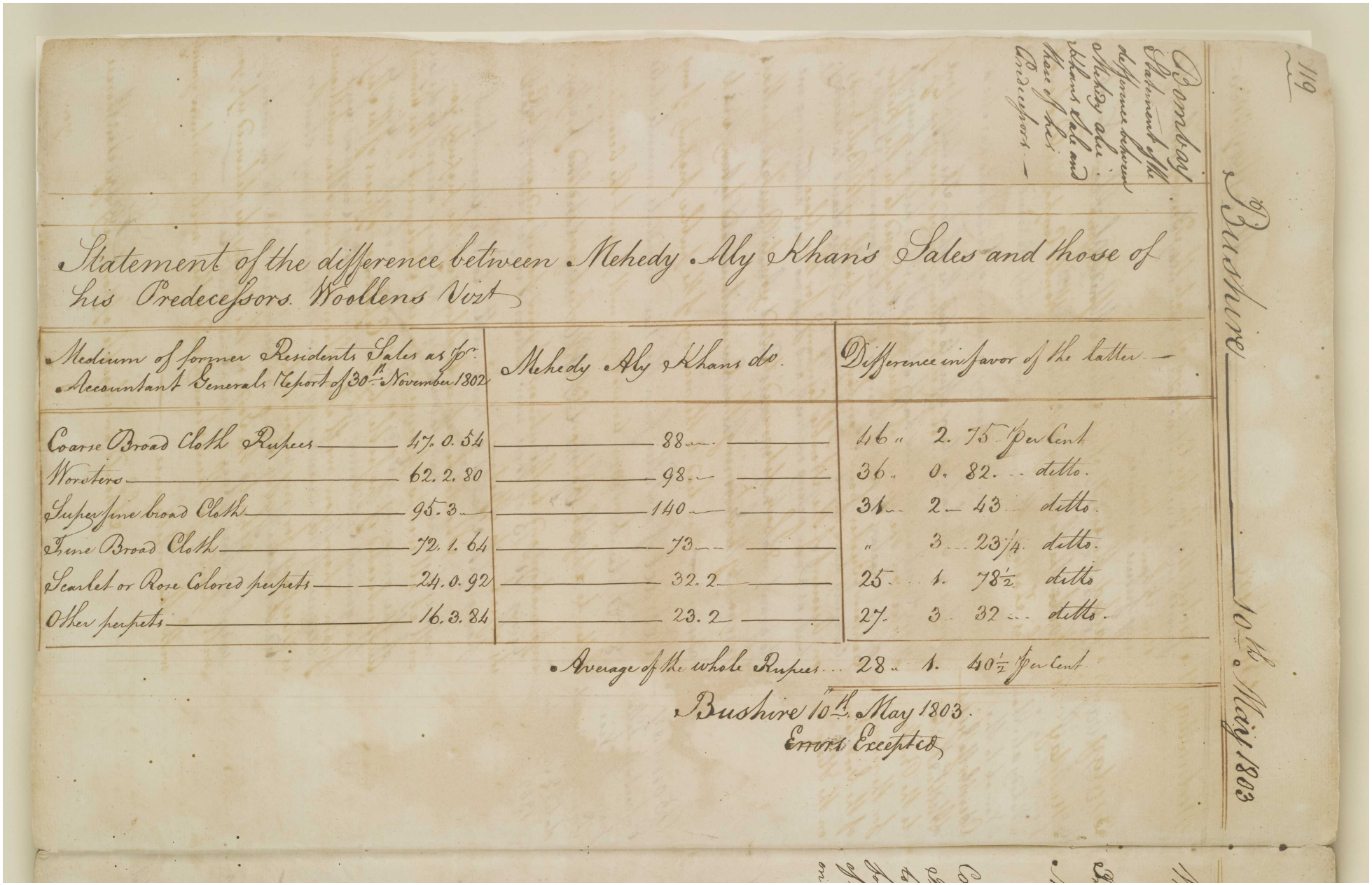

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Bombay Establishment. Statement of the difference between Mehedy Aly Khans Sales and those of his Predecessors.

Statement of the difference between Mehedy Aly Khans Sales and those of his Predecessors Woollens Viz.t

Medium of former Residents Sales as per Accountant Generals Report of 30th November 1802	Mehedy Aly Khans do.	Difference in favor of the latter
Coarse Broad Cloth Rupees 47. 0. 54	88	46 " 2. 75 per Cent
Worsters 62. 2. 80	98	36 " 0. 82 ... ditto.
Superfine broad Cloth 95. 3	140	31 " 2 43 ... ditto.
Fine Broad Cloth 72. 1. 64	73	" 3 ... 23/4 ditto.
Scarlet or Rose Colored perpets 24. 0. 92	32. 2	25 ... 1. 78½ ditto
Other perpets 16. 3. 84	23. 2	27. 3 ... 32 ... ditto.
	Average of the whole Rupees ...	28 " 1. 40½ per Cent

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Errors Excepted

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Bushire 11th May 1803.—

Wednesday 11th — Sailed the Honble Company's Frigate the Bombay with Meheby Alie Khan on board.—

Friday 13th — Sailed the Country Ship Endeavour for Bussora.—

Monday 16th — Wrote the following Letter to the Honble Company's Broker at this Factory.—

Country Ships Instructions to the Broker for the recovery of the Goods laden on the Hector.

Sir

Intelligence has been received here of the loss of a Vessel on the Island of Busheab supposed to be the Hector, Captain Beecher from Bombay laden partly with Bale Goods on Account of the Honble Company for this place.—

I have determined to send you to Busheab for the purpose of ascertaining this Circumstance and taking such measures as may lead to the recovery of the public property if any on board.—

On your Arrival you will present the Accompanying letter to Shykh Rahman, Copy of which goes enclosed for your information, and to the utmost of your power endeavour to Carry its object into effect.—

Should he refuse to deliver up the property, you will at all events procure a Correct Statement of the Amount Authenticated if possible by the Captain or Officers of the Ship, from whom you will also obtain whatever other intelligence is necessary for my information.

Should the Goods on the Contrary be delivered up, you will provide for their Security and either write or return yourself with the intelligence.—

Should an Eligible opportunity offer I authorise you

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Should an elegible opportunity offer Authorise you to employ it for the purpose of forwarding the Goods here you are by no means however to delay in expectation of such a Circumstance —

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) J. H. Lovett

Bushire
16th May 1803

Friday 20

Bussora — Letter to the Resident apprizing him of the Loss of the Hector on Bushear and requiring a Vessel to assist in the Recovery of her Cargo —

Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora —

Sir,

I am concerned to inform you of another Vessel supposed to be Hector from Bombay having got on Shore at the island of Busheab. As Soon as it was well ascertained that Such an Accident had happened, I dispatched Khaja Awanoos, as per Copy of his instructions enclosed, principally with a View of ascertaining the real Circumstances of the Case: for Strange to say, though it is now near a month Since she Struck I am yet left to guess at her name by the Accounts received of her Lading —

I enclose a Statement of the reports that have prevailed here to the present day respecting this vessel with Copy of the letter upon which the latter part is founded —

Having thus put you in possession of all the Circumstances of this event that have yet reached me, I venture to Suggest to you the propriety of dispatching any Spare Vessel you

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you may have at Bussora for the purpose of bringing up the Goods to this place or perhaps enforcing their restitution.—

If the Vessel in question should prove to be the Hector, there is public property on board her to the Amount of near 3 Lacks of Rupees, besides Considerable Consignments on account of the Native Merchants. In Short it is my humble opinion that if not urgently required elsewhere a Cruizer and Country Vessel would not be better engaged than in executing this Service. They may be sent down without delay to Bushire. By the time they arrive I shall know to a certainty whether there exists the necessity of employing them farther. If not, they shall be immediately returned to Bussora, or otherwise disposed of as you may direct.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. H. Lovett

Bushire
20th May 1803

PS

The Bombay Frigate you will recollect left this on the 11th Instant.—

The instructions to the Honble Companys Broker alluded to. (See page 120).

Bussora—Statement of Reports relative to the Vessel grounded on Bushcab—

Statement of the Reports that have reached Bushire up to this day respecting an English Vessel said to have got aground on the Island of Bushcab.—

On the 8th of this month a report prevailed of an English Vessels having got aground on the Island of Bushcab. This report became daily more credited with the Addition of some other

Circumstances

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Circumstances, as below Stated which gave reason to Suppose that it must be the Hector. —

On the 17th A Boat arrived from the Southward & last from Cangoon with the following intellenge —

That an English three Masted Vessel had got aground on the Island of Bushear and had received some damage that the Sheik of Nukheloo went over with about 70 or 80 men to the Place and requested Leave to go on board which the Captain refused — He then told them, that he had come to assist the Crew on which he was permitted with his people to enter the Vessel. That immediately on his getting on board he put the Commander with the rest of the Europeans (about 6 in number) into a Boat and Sent them to the Southward but where to is not exactly known, in general Supposed to be Gambaroon there to be landed — The Vessel they Say is loaded with about 800 Bales of Woollen Some Tubs of Sugar Candy, Chest of Soft Sugar, do. of China Some Surat Bale Goods &c little Iron in consequence of the injury She had received the greatest part of the Sugar had run to melasses —

On the 19th a letter from a respectable Merchant at Mongoon to One of the Merchants here was received and Contained the following intellegence —

That about the 2nd or 3rd of the month Moharum a three masted Vessel from Bombay bound to Bushire (Laden with about 7 or 800 Bales of Company's Broad Cloth Some Tubs of Sugar Candy and Chests of Sugar, Surat Bale Goods and Chests of China.

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China Ware principally Consigned to this place) got aground on the Island of Busheab, The Shaikh of Nakhulo hearing of it, went over to the Island with about 70 or 80 Men &c as above Stated excepting that the Vessel was got a float without receiving any injury by taking a small part of the Cargoe out which was put into Godowns at Nakhulo — The Captain and other Europeans were sent to Gombaroon at their own request the Lascars detained to Navigate the Vessel: and finally it will receive some Small Show or exertion of force to induce the Shykh to part with his prize —

Bushire 20th May 1203.

Tuesday 24th Imported the Country Ship Adventure from Batavia and Muskat —

Friday 27th Sailed the Country Ship Adventure for Bussora —

Tuesday 31st Imported the Country Ship La Belle from Muskat and Bombay —

" Received the following Letter from Government

Bombay Letter from informing of their orders for the transmission of a Bunder Boat and enclosing duplicate of the Letter which gave Cover to the Trimmers Invoice.

Sir,

1st I am directed by the Governor in Council to inform you, that the Superintendent of Marine has been desired to send by the first opportunity the Bunder boat applied for in the 1st Paragraph of your letter dated the 16th February last —

2nd I am also directed to inform you that the

Invoice

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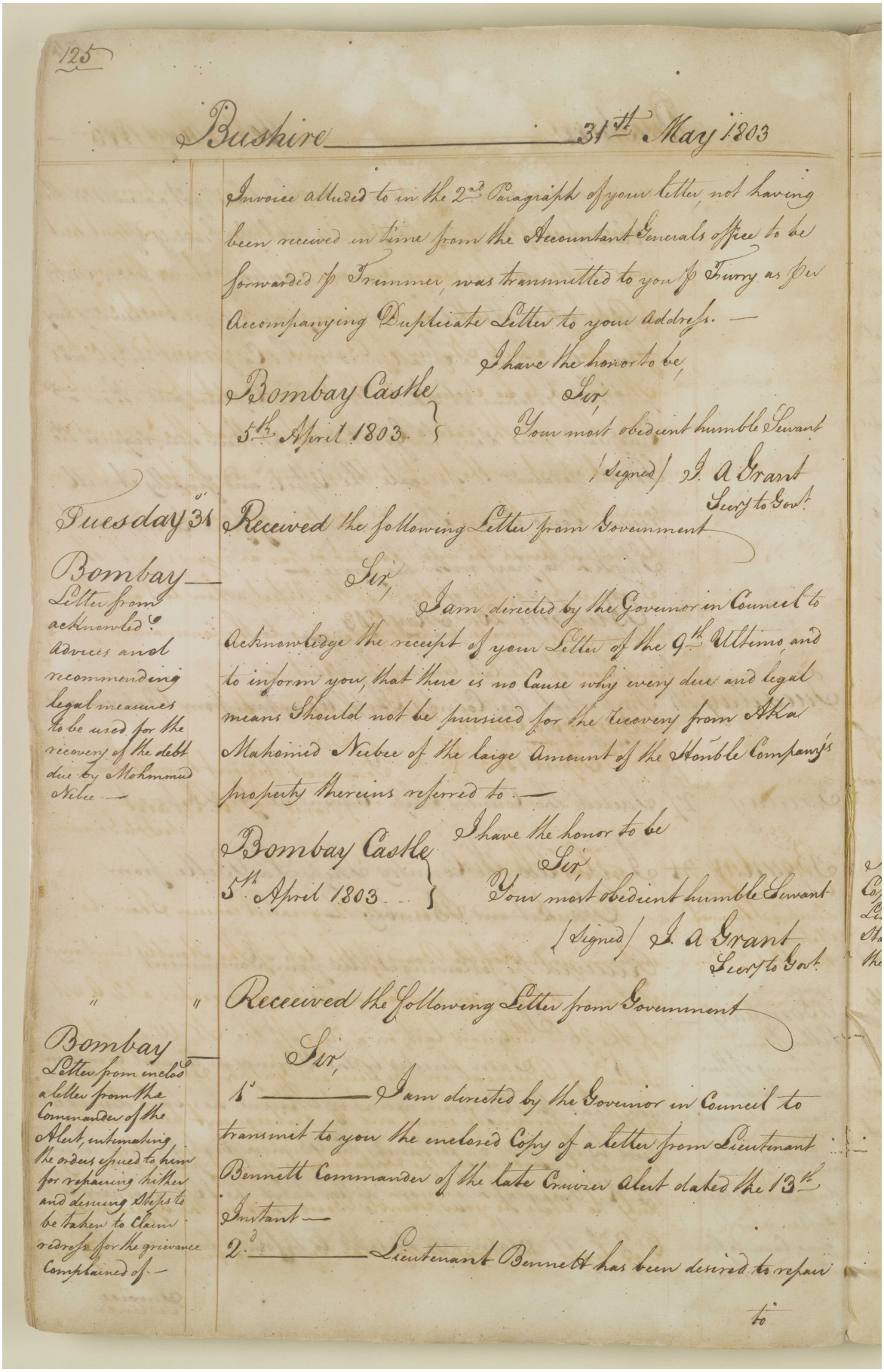

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Bushire 31st May 1803

Invoice alluded to in the 2d Paragraph of your Letter, not having been received in time from the Accountant Generals office to be forwarded p Trimmer, was transmitted to you p Drury as per accompanying Duplicate Letter to your address. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) J. a Grant
Secy to Govt

Bombay Castle
5th April 1803

Tuesday 31 Received the following Letter from Government

Bombay — Letter from acknowledg. advices and recommending legal measures to be used for the recovery of the debt due by Mohmmud Nebee —

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 9th Ultimo, and to inform you, that there is no Cause why every due and legal means Should not be pursued for the recovery from Aka Mahomed Nebee of the laige Amount of the Honble Company's property therein referred to. —

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) J. a Grant
Secy to Govt

Bombay Castle
5th April 1803

" " Receeived the following Letter from Government

Bombay — Letter from enclos a letter from the Commander of the Fleet, intimating the orders issued to him for repairing hither and desiring Steps to be taken to Claim redress for the grievance Complained of —

Sir,

1st — I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Bennett Commander of the late Cruizer Fleet dated the 13th Instant —

2d — Lieutenant Bennett has been desired to repair to

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to Bushire as soon as the Court of Enquiry ordered on him, in consequence of the loss of the Alert, is finished. to the end that he may make good his charges against Sheikh Rehma the Chief of Bushear, or, as called by the Persians, the Sole of Sheick Shaib, for whom Sheik Nusser of Bushire is represented by Aka Mahomed to be Security to the Government of Persia. whence it is through the said Sheikh Nusser, that the Governor in Council must, in the first instance, claim redress for the plunder committed by this Rehma as you, Sir, are accordingly instructed to do in terms the most earnest, as far as regards both the Treasure freighted on board of the Vessel when lost, and the Value of the private property belonging to the Commander, Officers, and Crew of the late Cruizer the Alert.—

Bombay Castle
17th April 1803.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. A Grant
Secy to Government

Bombay
Copy letter from Lieutenant Bennet stating the loss of the Alert—

Honble Sir

Para 1st. It is with the greatest concern I have to inform your Honble Board of the loss of the Honble Company's Schooner Alert under my Command, being wrecked at 2 A.M. of the 26th February last, on a Reef off the N.W. end of the Island of Bushear in the Persian Gulph. In brief explanation of this unfortunate event, and the subsequent behaviour evinced towards us by the Inhabitants of that place, it is my duty to State to your Honble Board that in the Appearance of Day light, we perceived that the Vessel had been driven by the

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Violence of the Surf, close up to the Strand, and was surrounded by a Concourse of Natives who almost immediately boarded the Vessl. Some Shew of resistance was at first made, but upon further consideration, I deemed it more adviseable to avoid the ineffectual extremity of firing, and when a retrospect is had to the Situation of the Vessel, the difficulty if not total impraticability to procure a boat without the concurrence and Aid of the Natives thereby rendering the transmission of the Packets still more precarious, I trust that my conduct in avoiding offensive measures, will on the foregoing considerations be deemed correct and proper.—

2nd The Natives had no sooner got on board than they proceeded to the plunder of every thing within their reach, even to our Books and papers, I in vain endeavoured to Secure the most Valuable part of the Treasure Brought, by distributing two packages to each of the Officers, they being forcibly compelled to deliver up the whole on reaching the Shore, excepting only two bulses of Pearls which as the most eligible or rather only means of Saving I entrusted to the custody of the Deputy Shaik of the Island named Mahomed Ben Salam, in whose possession it was unavoidably left by his absolute and unqualified refusal to restore it.—

3d I have further to remark to your Honble Board, that the people of whom I have to my unfeigned regret so much reason to complain are the Subjects of an Arab called Shaick Rainain Bin Mahomed, and from my own personal experience Corroborated by information obtained at various times I can

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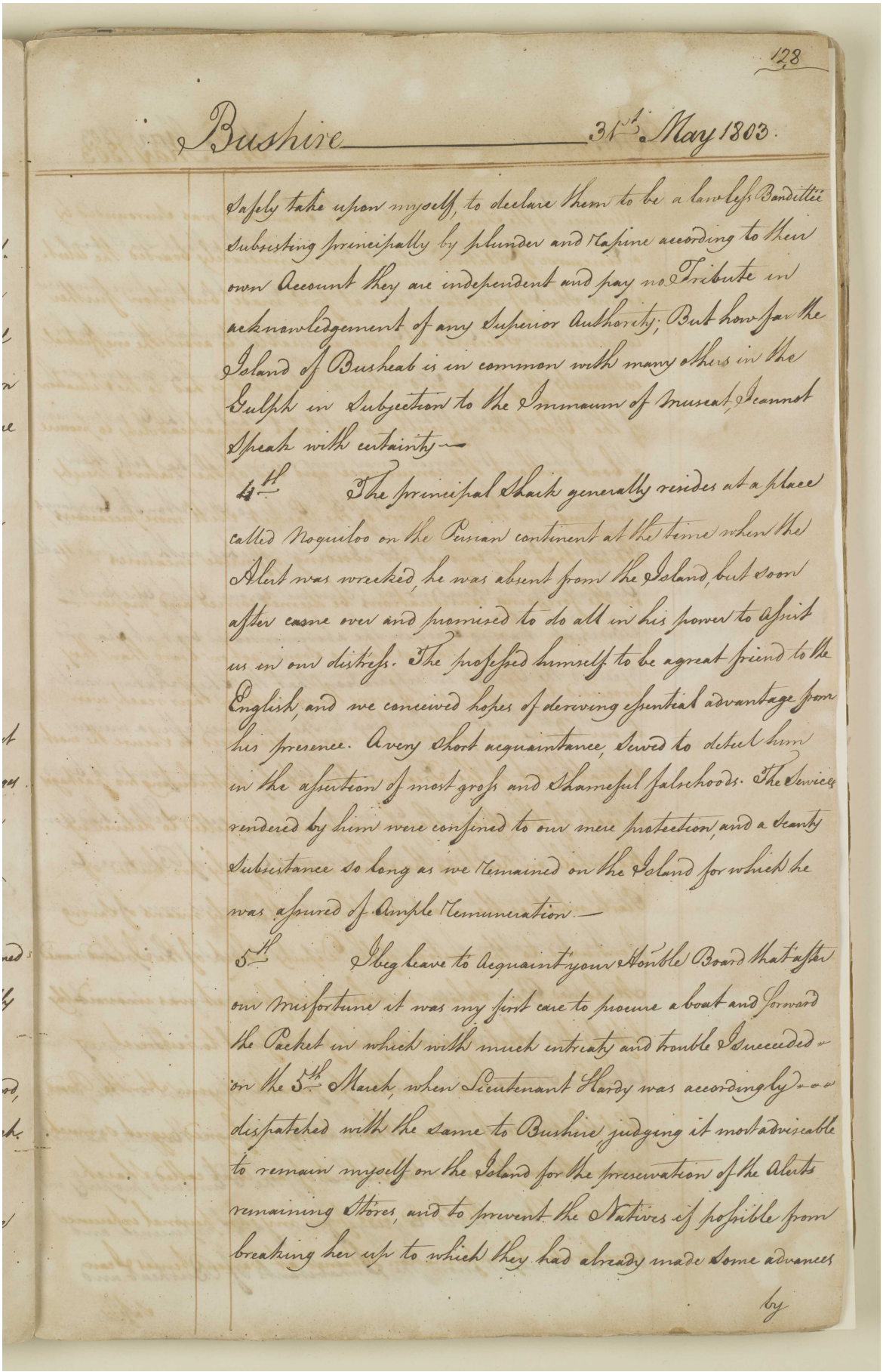

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safely take upon myself, to declare them to be a lawless Banditti subsisting principally by plunder and Rapine according to their own Account they are independent and pay no Tribute in acknowledgement of any Superior Authority; But how far the Island of Busheab is in common with many others in the Gulph in Subjection to the Immaum of Muscat, I cannot speak with certainty—

4th The principal Sheik generally resides at a place called Noguiloo on the Persian continent at the time when the Alert was wrecked, he was absent from the Island, but soon after came over and promised to do all in his power to assist us in our distress. He professed himself to be a great friend to the English, and we conceived hopes of deriving essential advantage from his presence. A very short acquaintance, served to detect him in the assertion of most gross and shameful falsehoods. The Services rendered by him were confined to our mere protection, and a scanty subsistance so long as we remained on the Island for which he was assured of ample Remuneration.—

5th I beg leave to acquaint your Honble Board that after our misfortune it was my first care to procure a boat and forward the Packet in which with much intreaty and trouble I succeeded on the 5th March, when Lieutenant Hardy was accordingly dispatched with the same to Bushire judging it most advisable to remain myself on the Island for the preservation of the Alerts remaining Stores, and to prevent the Natives if possible from breaking her up to which they had already made some advances

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by scuttling her in the Larboard Streak —

6th On the same day namely the 5th March, the Shaick returned to Noguiloo, but previous by to his departure promised at my earnest Request to send some Confidential person to be responsible for the Stores during his absence — The consequence of his total neglect of these promises was, that on the 9th at midnight the Inhabitants carried away every thing that had still been remained unplundered, on the 15th Ultimo The Honble Companys Frigate Bombay which had been dispatched with all practicable Alacrity by the Resident at Bushire to our Relief, Anchored off Bushear, having Spoken the abovementioned boat at Sea and received the Packet in expectation that the Ship Rahimshah would call for it in her way to the Residency after a minute examination into the State of the Alert She was found to be so leaky and decayed as to be unworthy of repair — Letters had been brought by the Frigate from Shaik Hosein of Bushire to Shaik Rahimmain and frequent conferences were held relative to the Restoration of the property as the expected Ship had not made her Appearance on the 22d it was judged expedient for me to proceed with the Packet to Muscat in a Trangney which Captain Margotty had taken up for that purpose at the period of my departure from Bushear, Captain Margotty had not been able to Recover any portion of the Plundered property and if I may be allowed to judge from fatal experience and Ocular demonstration the Inhabitants of Bushear and

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their associates on the Main will only be induced by Compulsive measures to make even a partial Restitution —

7th The Value of the Treasure fought on the Alert might Amount upon a general Calculation to 50,000 Rupees — That of her Guns Stores &c is distinct having derived the most marked and timely benefit from the effective interposition and exertions of a Native Mussulman Merchant a Passenger in the Alert named Kommer Deen I think it my duty to point out the same to your favorable notice, more particularly as he has suffered very materially on this occasion in a pecuniary point of View —

8th Unable to express in Adequate terms the feelings of my mind under an event so distressing as the total loss of a Vessel entrusted to my Command, and with her the property of so many Suffering individuals, I can only Comfort myself by the Conscientious assurance of my whole conduct however clouded by unforeseen Accidents, having been actuated by the most Ardent desire to perform the duties of my Situation with Credit to myself and advantage to the Government under which I have had the honor to serve during several years, humbly trusting that the wonted liberality of that Government, will not in judging of the peculiar hardships of the Case, be withheld from me as well as the Officers and crew of the Alert whose little all has been snatched from them by the unfortunate Accident which I have endeavoured to explain to your Honble Board in the most Satisfactory and faithful manner possible —

I have the Honor to be,
Honble Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) Richd Bennet

Bombay
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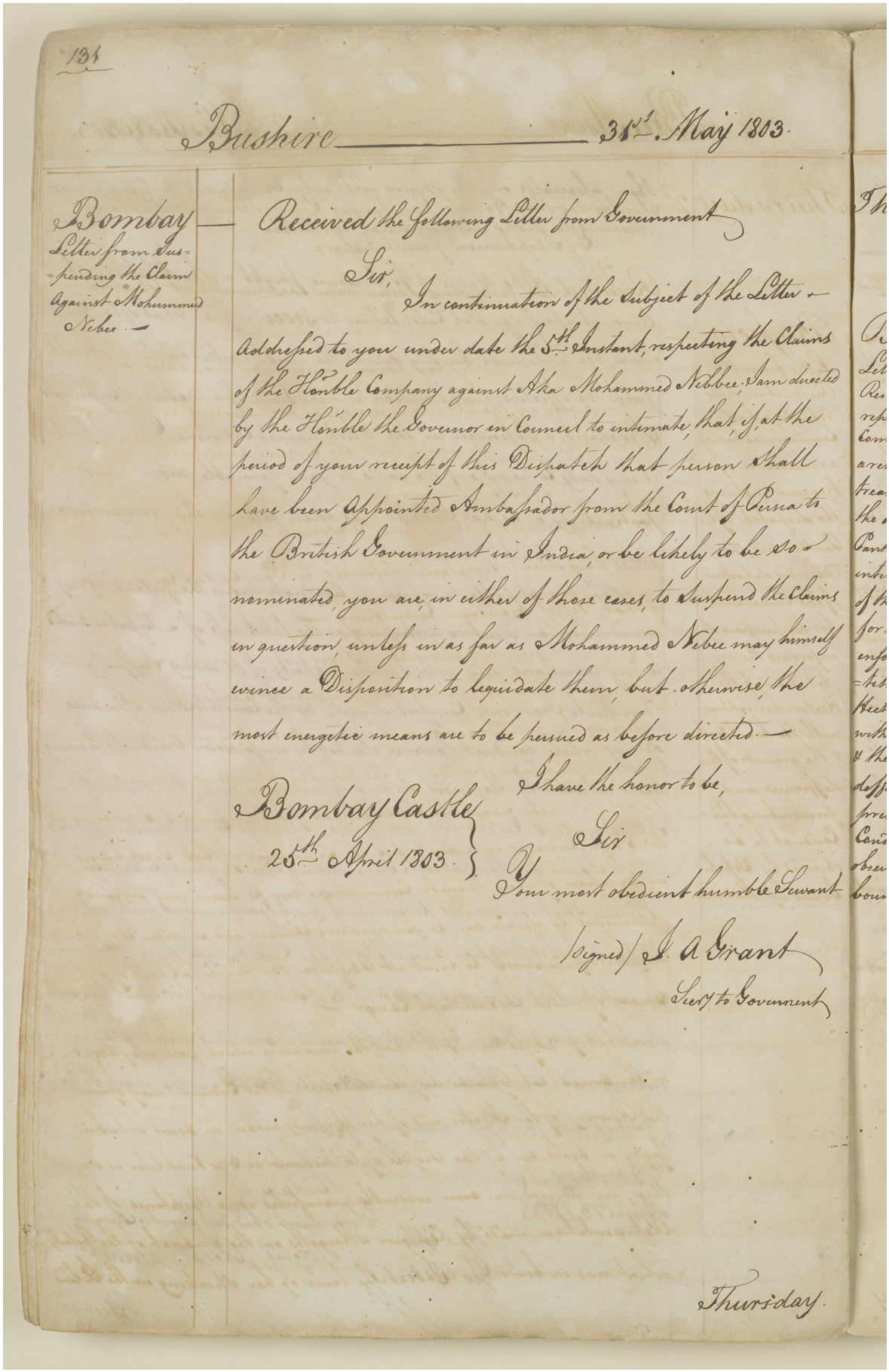

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Bombay Letter from Suspending the Claims against Mohammed Nebee.

Received the following Letter from Government

Sir,

In continuation of the subject of the Letter addressed to you under date the 5th Instant, respecting the Claims of the Honble Company against Aka Mohammed Nebbee, I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to intimate, that, if at the period of your receipt of this Dispatch that person shall have been appointed Ambassador from the Court of Persia to the British Government in India, or be likely to be so nominated, you are, in either of those cases, to suspend the Claims in question, unless in as far as Mohammed Nebee may himself evince a Disposition to liquidate them, but otherwise, the most energetic means are to be pursued as before directed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. A Grant
Secy to Government

Bombay Castle
25th April 1803.

Thursday.

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Thursday 2d Imported the Honble Company's Cruizer Panther Captain E. Stephenson from Bussora.—

" Received the following Letter from the Resident at Bussora.—

Bussora Letter from the Resident in reply repeating his Communication of a remittance of treasure: noticing the dispatch of the Panther and the intended departure of the Endeavour for the purpose of enforcing the restitution of the Hector: his rapture with the local Govt & the grounds of this difference and prescribing the Conduct to be observed by Vessels bound up the river.

Sir,

My last Communication was dated the 3rd Ultimo and on the 26th Ultimo I had the pleasure to receive your Letter of the 12th preceding with its several Enclosures.—

Altho' You have not acknowledged the Receipt of the Consignment of Treasure p Trimmer I conclude that it must have been regularly delivered to You by the Commander of that Vessel Captain Cumming.—

I yesterday afternoon received your Advices of the 20th Instant informing a Report which had previously reached Bussora respecting the Ship Hector and I consequently issued immediate Orders to the Commander of the Panther Snow to prepare that Vessel for Sea She will sail tonight for Bushire and be followed by the Ship Endeavor in a day or two, the Supercargo of that Vessel having information of your private Communication to him, very Zealously determined to devote her to the required Service and in order to effect his Purpose expeditiously to land at Bussora the Principal Part of his Cargoe of which I shall take Charge.—

I flatter myself that the measures which you may adopt on the Arrival at Bushire of the Panther and the Endeavor may operate the Recovery of the Hector and of her Property, either on board or taken from on board her by the People of Bushear and Nuckhelo as however their disposition has been evidently manifested in a Resistance of the Representation made by Captain Margotty on the Subject of the Property which was on board the Alert at the time of her striking on the Island

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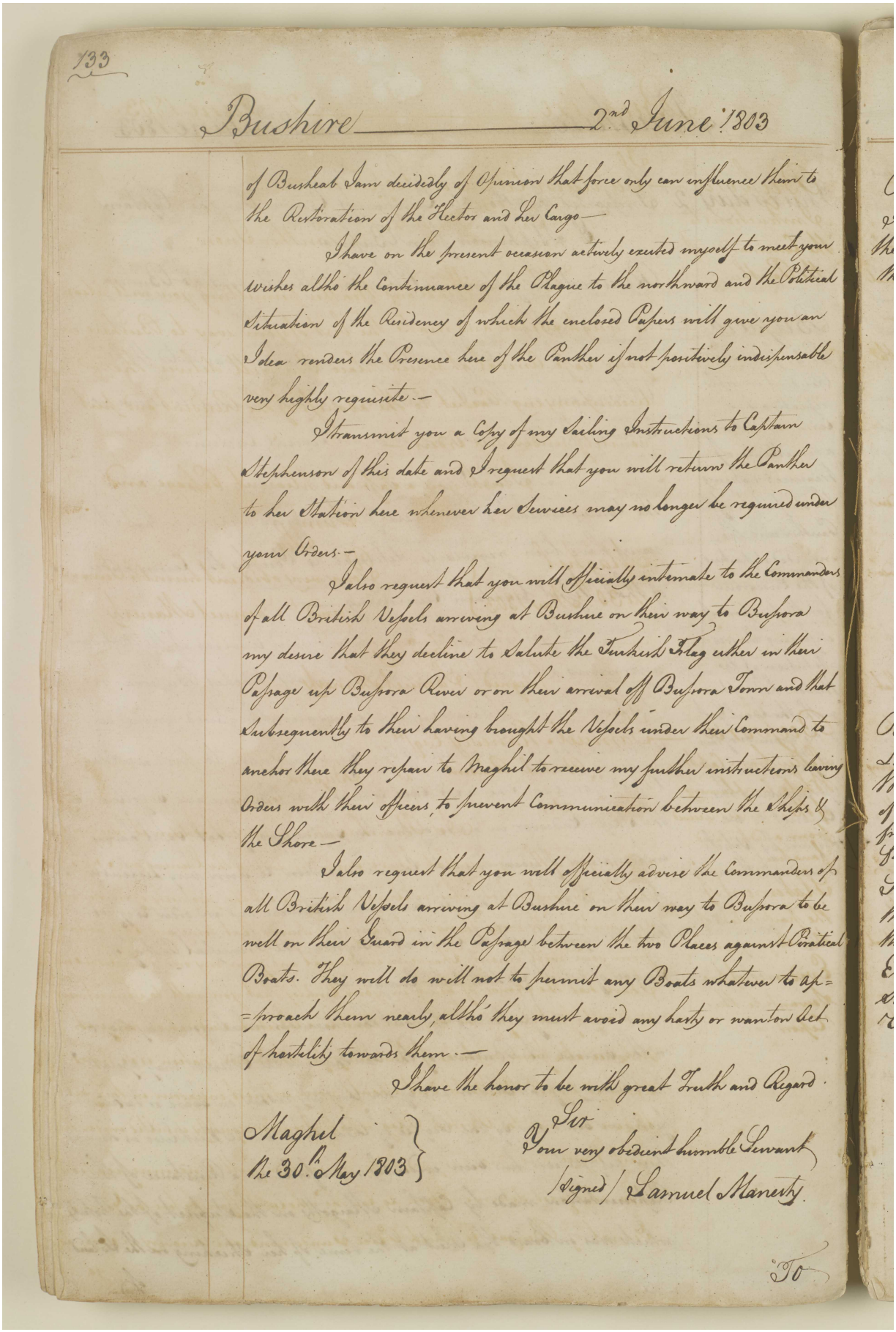

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of Busheab I am decidedly of Opinion that force only can influence them to the Restoration of the Hector and her Cargo—

I have on the present occasion actively exerted myself to meet your wishes altho' the Continuance of the Plague to the northward and the Political Situation of the Residency of which the enclosed Papers will give you an Idea renders the Presence here of the Panther if not positively indispensable very highly requisite—

I transmit you a Copy of my Sailing Instructions to Captain Stephenson of this date and I request that you will return the Panther to her Station here whenever her Services may no longer be required under your Orders—

I also request that you will officially intimate to the Commanders of all British Vessels arriving at Bushire on their way to Bussora my desire that they decline to Salute the Turkish Flag either in their Passage up Bussora River or on their arrival off Bussora Town and that subsequently to their having brought the Vessels under their Command to anchor there they repair to Maghil to receive my further instructions having Orders with their officers to prevent Communication between the Ships & the Shore—

I also request that you will officially advise the Commanders of all British Vessels arriving at Bushire on their way to Bussora to be well on their Guard in the Passage between the two Places against Piratical Boats. They will do well not to permit any Boats whatever to ap=proach them nearly, altho' they must avoid any hasty or wanton Act of hostility towards them—

I have the honor to be with great Truth and Regard

Sir

Your very obedient humble Servant

Maghel
the 30th May 1803

/Signed/ Samuel Manesty

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Bussora — Instructions to the Commander of the Panther

To
Captain Edward Stephenson
Commander of the Panther Snow,

Sir,

Winds and Weather permitting you will please to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bushire, on your safe Arrival at which place You will deliver the Accompanying Packet to the address of the Resident and put yourself under his Orders.—

I wish you a safe and pleasant Passage and

I am
Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant
(Signed) Samuel Manesty

Maghil
the 30th May 1803

True Copy
(Signed) Samuel Manesty.—

Bussora — Letter from Captn. White Complaining of the injuries received from a Tistus and Fanatical.— Statement of the particulars of this Injury— and Evidence of two Servants to this Report.—

To
Samuel Manesty Esqr.
British Resident at Bussora,

Sir,

As British Resident of this Port I deem it necessary to inform you of the injuries that I have sustained during the Evening and Night of the 4th Instant which when explained you will see the propriety of making you Acquainted, with every thing that transferred during that time and have no doubt from your well known Character in General and from my own knowledge since I have had the Honor of being in your Employ that you will to your utmost seek Satisfaction for the Injuries done to a British Subject on the first instance also from motives of Humanity for which our Nation is so much Admired, by all the World but should your utmost endeavour in this fail to give me and the British Flag which I consider equally insulted under the most Vague and most infamous pretension full Indemnification it is my fixed determination to lay the whole Affair before the Governor General of Bengal to which Place I understand the Recovery is soon to

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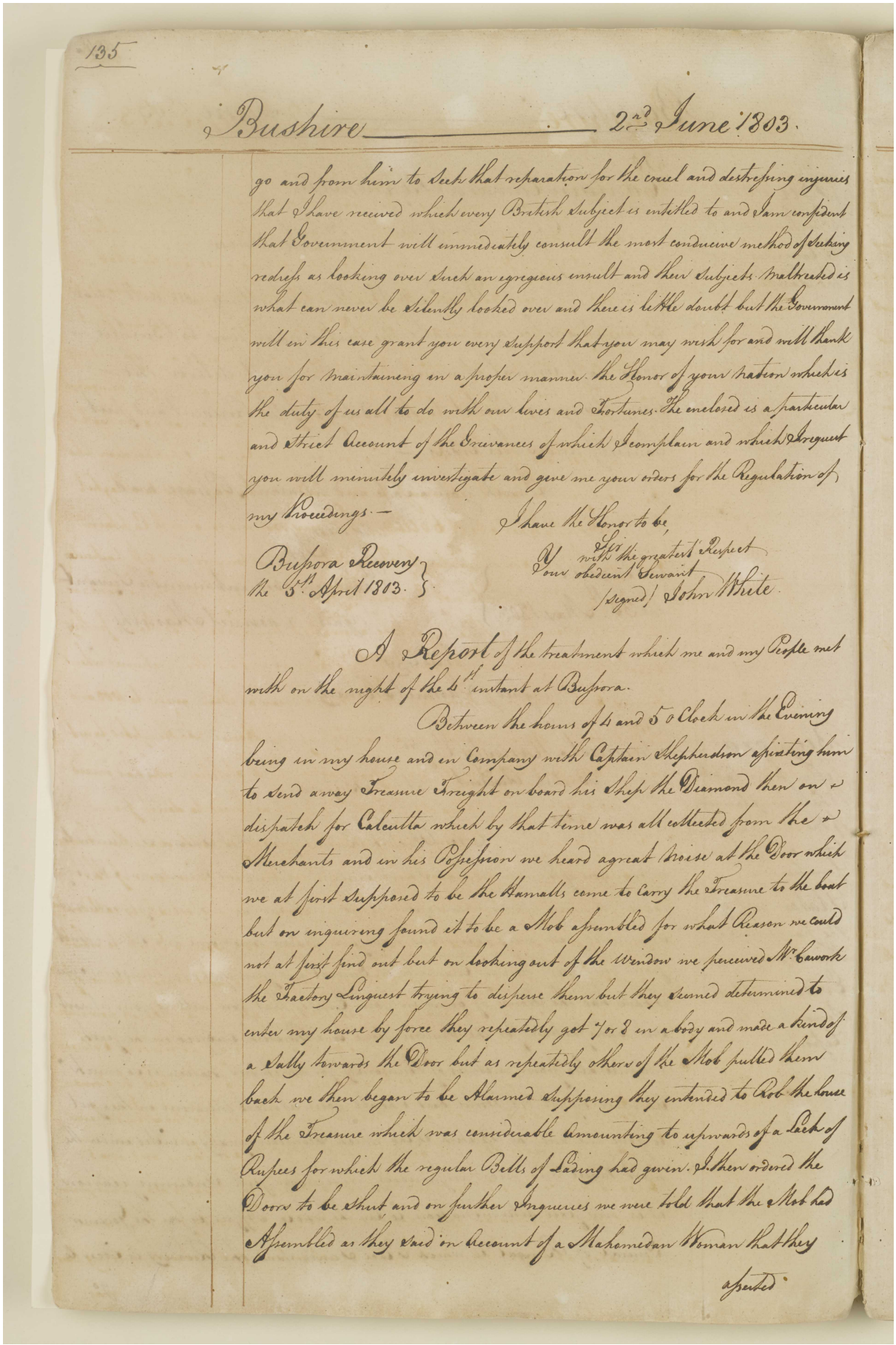

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go and from him to seek that reparation for the cruel and destressing injuries that I have received which every British Subject is entitled to and I am confident that Government will immediately consult the most conducive method of seeking redress as looking over such an egregious insult and their subjects maltreated is what can never be silently looked over and there is little doubt but the Government will in this case grant you every support that you may wish for and will thank you for maintaining in a proper manner the Honor of your nation which is the duty of us all to do with our lives and Fortunes. The enclosed is a particular and strict Account of the Grievances of which I complain and which I request you will minutely investigate and give me your orders for the Regulation of my Proceedings. —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your with the greatest Respect
obedient Servant
(signed) John White

Bussora Recovery
the 5th April 1803.

A Report of the treatment which me and my People met with on the night of the 4th instant at Bussora.

Between the hours of 4 and 5 o Clock in the Evening being in my house and in Company with Captain Shepherdson assisting him to send away Treasure Freight on board his Ship the Diamond then on dispatch for Calcutta which by that time was all collected from the Merchants and in his Possession we heard a great Noise at the Door which we at first supposed to be the Hamalls come to carry the Treasure to the boat but on inquiring found it to be a Mob assembled for what Reason we could not at first find out but on looking out of the Window we perceived Mr Cawork the Factory Linguest trying to disperse them but they seemed determined to enter my house by force they repeatedly got 7 or 8 in a body and made a kind of a Sally towards the Door but as repeatedly others of the Mob pulled them back we then began to be Alarmed supposing they intended to Rob the house of the Treasure which was considerable Amounting to upwards of a Lack of Rupees for which the regular Bills of Lading had given. I then ordered the Doors to be shut and on further Inquiries we were told that the Mob had Assembled as they said on Account of a Mahomedan Woman that they

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asserted was in my House: As I was confident that there was no such person there I gave myself little uneasiness on that head but still had my Apprehensions for the Safety of the Treasure about 5 o'Clock we had the pleasure of seeing about 10 of the Turkish Governors People make their Appearance and the Mob instantly dispersed. Having the Hamalls and all the necessary people at hand the Treasure was immediately sent to the Diamonds Boat then waiting for it in Bussora Creek by this time Mr Lavork came to my House and informed me that he had been to the Governor which was the Occasion of his people being sent to drive away the Mob from my Door and that he was now going to Maghel with a Message from the Governor to the Resident. Captain Shepherdson who had now finished all his business at Bussora wished also to go to Maghel for his Dispatches about 6 o'Clock I left my House along with Captain Shepherdson to see him to the Town Gate on his Journey and left particular Orders with my Servants not to open the Door to any body till I came back: at this time I suppose there might be about 300 People about the House for they began to reassemble. I was about half an Hour absent and then returned when to my Astonishment there had Assembled as near as I can guess to 1000 and at this time upwards of 50 were at the Top of my House. I attempted to get to my door but this I could not effect the Turkish Soldiers who had mixed with the Mob insisted I should not go in and I was forced to desist from attempting it by their Menaces: some of them went as far as to draw their Swords and shake them in my Face: at this time the Woman came to one of the Windows that fronted the Street where the Mob was and repeatedly called out to the Mob I am no Mahomedan I am a Christian I am a Greek to which the Mob seemed to pay some attention for a Time and I heard some of them say she was not a Mahomedan but an Armenian I was now under the necessity of withdrawing from the Mob as some of the Turkish Soldiers said if I remained it might be Dangerous. I was however told by some of them that close by was some Great Men belonging to the Mussulem if I wished to see them I said I wished much to see them and was accordingly conducted to where they were I then by means of an Interpreter asked them the reason of all these People Assembling before my house and also of their insisting on my not entering it notwithstanding there

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was already a Number of People at the top of it whom I was certain had no Business there and was conscious they could want nothing but to Rob me one of them whom the Interpreter informed me was a Man of Distinction belonging to the Govenor informed me that I need not make myself the least uneasy on that Score as he had come on purpose to prevent any thing of the kind taking Place but as there was information given that I had in my house a Mohomedan Woman it was necessary for that point to be Ascertained which says He can be very easily done if you will go to your Door and order your people to open it that this Gentleman meaning the Mufti can go in and see this Woman: and ask her a few questions which will be all that will be Required and Should She then wish to become a Mahomedan I could have no objection to let her go with them on the Contrary if She said She was a Cristian and wished to remain so He had nothing more to say. My Answer was that I was exceedingly willing to abide by these proposals but as I conceived I had already been ill used for which I would seek redress he must excuse my opening my Door untill Mr. Manesty's Answer came from Maghil when I shall not hesitate for a Moment to give him the Satisfaction he required if it was Mr. Manesty's wish so to do, I expostulated with them on the impropriety of such treatment to a British Subject and repeatedly told them that if there was any impropriety committed by me there was a Govenor in Busora who was the person to whom I should be answerable. I also told them that if their intention were good and merely to protect their Religion why did not the Mussaleem give me or Mr. Manesty previous notice and if I had then persisted in keeping this Woman from them it would then be proper to use what means they had in their power at all times to compel me to all if this I got no Answer I again Addressed the head Man of the Mussaleems and asked him if he thought for a Moment that I could be guilty of such a piece of indiscretion as to bring a Mahomedan Woman to Busora: when I had been at Busora before and I was acquainted with the Customs of the Place as well as with the Customs of other parts of Arabia to

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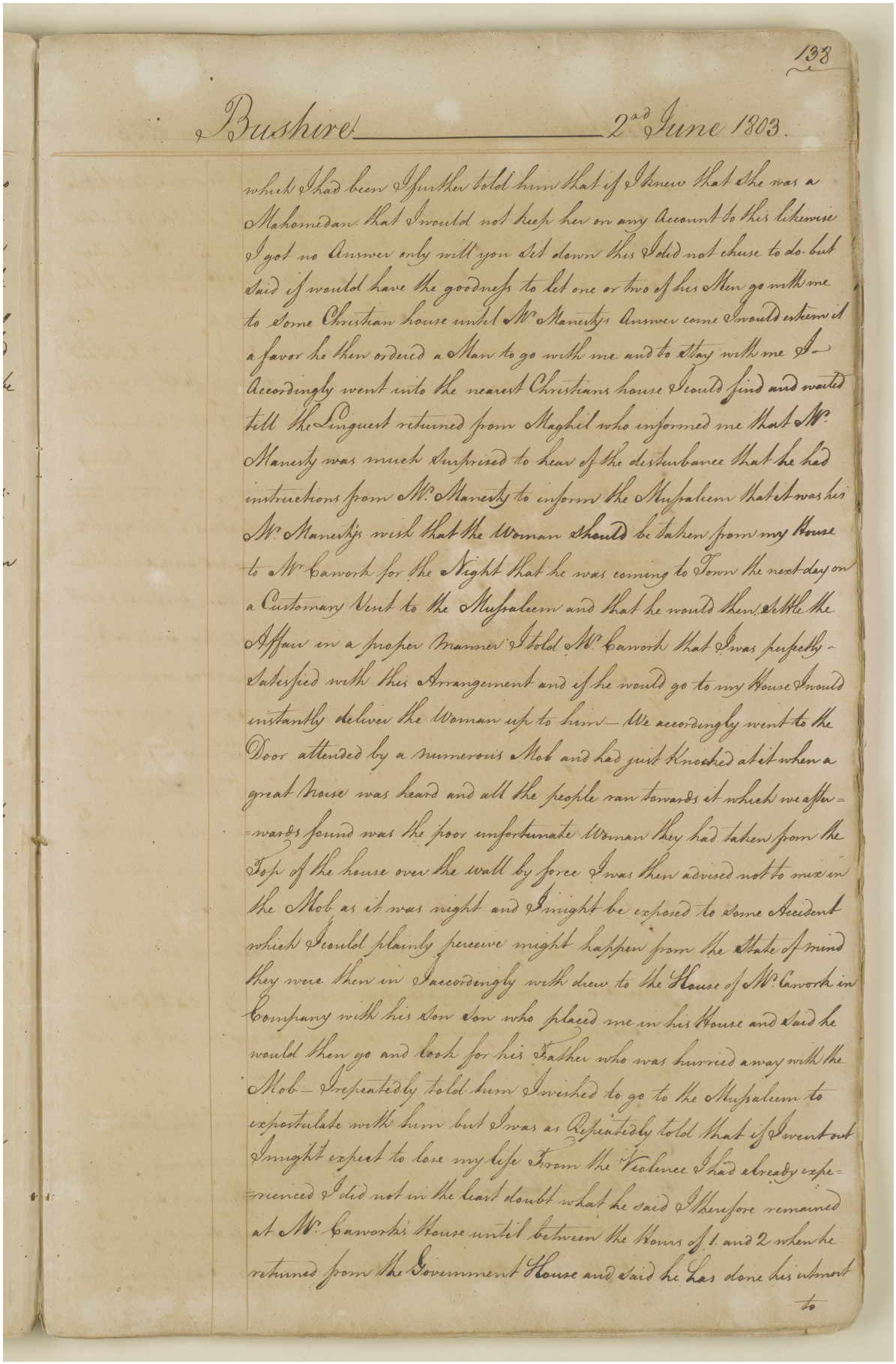

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which I had been. I further told him that if I knew that she was a Mahomedan that I would not keep her on any account to this likewise I got no Answer only will you set down this I did not chuse to do but said if would have the goodness to let one or two of his Men go with me to some Christian house until Mr Manesty's Answer come I would esteem it a favor he then ordered a Man to go with me and to stay with me I Accordingly went into the nearest Christians house I could find and waited till the Linguest returned from Maghel who informed me that Mr Manesty was much surprised to hear of the disturbance that he had instructions from Mr Manesty to inform the Mutsaleem that it was his Mr Manesty's wish that the Woman should be taken from my House to Mr Cawork for the Night that he was coming to Town the next day on a Customary Visit to the Mutsaleem and that he would then settle the Affair in a proper Manner I told Mr Cawork that I was perfectly satisfied with this Arrangement and if he would go to my House I would instantly deliver the Woman up to him — We accordingly went to the Door attended by a numerous Mob and had just knocked at it when a great Noise was heard and all the people ran towards it which we afterwards found was the poor unfortunate Woman they had taken from the Top of the house over the wall by force I was then advised not to mix in the Mob as it was night and I might be exposed to some Accident which I could plainly perceive might happen from the State of mind they were then in Accordingly with drew to the House of Mr Cawork in Company with his Son Son who placed me in his House and said he would then go and look for his Father who was hurried away with the Mob — I repeatedly told him I wished to go to the Mutsaleem to expostulate with him but I was as Repeatedly told that if I went out I might expect to lose my life From the Violence I had already experienced I did not in the least doubt what he said I therefore remained at Mr Caworks House until between the Hours of 1 and 2 when he returned from the Government House and said he has done his utmost

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to bring the Woman with him but without effect that the Woman was asked if she wished to become a Mahomedan 17 or 18 different times and she as often told them that she was a Greek and a Christian and would remain so till the Hour of her Death. When sent some of Mr Carworks people to look after my Servants who soon returned with one of them who informed me that the Mob had forced their Way into the House opened and plundered my Trunks and Boxes and my Bureau broken to pieces the Cot I slept on and every thing else they could destroy and most cruelly beaten them. One of them they tied a Rope to his Neck and led him away from the House by force. Two of them they knocked down and kept their feet on their throats and told them, if they did not tell them instantly where my Money was that they would kill them and one other also much beaten so intent were they on Mischief that when they had helped themselves with a Small Guglet to as much Shyraz Wine as they could drink they broke the Vessel that Contained it as also every thing else that they could come at and in fact nothing escaped them but my Cloaths even some of which were taken after finding this I told Mr Carwork I would go to Maghel and would thank him to go and see the State of my House was in and if it was such as described to bring my People from it and gave charge of it to one of the Mussadeems People which he did finding that every thing was as represented by my Servants and at the same time re-commended me by no means to return to the House as he could plainly perceive it was completely plundered which evidently was the case from the accompanying Account of what I have lost to the truth of which I am willingly to make Affidavit when required.—

The Injuries which I have received are unbearable. A Christian Woman who was under my Protection and who may possibly be with Child by me has been torn from my House and led in the most cruel and indecent Manner: she has already been or probably will be forced to abandon the Religion in which she has been bred

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and Educated and to embrace one which the according to her own repeated Assertions detests and despises — My Servants have been beaten wounded and threatened with Death and my property plundered and destroyed contrary to all Justice and good Government as a Town belonging to a power in established Amity with Great Britain and under the most serious political obligations to the British Nation notwithstanding the Establishment in it of a British Factory with a British Flag —

The Evedence of Manoel Robengo Andree De Couse and Sheik Comall Being in the House of our Master on the 1st Instant betweew the Hours of 4 and 5 in the Evening a great mob assembled before the Door which we understood had Assembled on Account as they said of a Mahomedan Woman that was in the House there was at this time a great deal of Money in the House Sheik Comall and Manoel Roderings heard our Master say to Captain Shepherdson this is all a false Pretence to get the Money which was then already to go on board Captain Shepherdsons Ship Our Master then ordered the doors to be shut soon after this some of the Mussaleems People came and the Mob all run away, having in the house the hamalls all ready they took up the Treasure and went away a little after this Captain Shepherdson and my Master went out my Master leaving Strict orders not to open the Door to any one untill we heard his Voice so to do Soon after my Master went out the Mussaleems People and some of the Mob were placed all round the House and some of them began to heave large Stones into the Windows about 7 o Clock in the Evening about 300 of these People got on the top of the Buzar and other places joining the House soon after this about 50 or 60 of these people got on the top of my Masters house and directly decended on the Terrace the Captains Serl then came out and said to them I am no Mahomedan I am a Greek they then went into the Room that fronted the Street where the Mob were and spoke something we could not understand to the head Men that were there, some of whom were mounted on Horses other on foot we therefore said Servants of Captain White were then altogether standing by the Room Door where they were they then returned and immediately beat us all three with large Sticks we did not go away for that but they drew their Daggers and said if we did not instantly go below that they would kill us we then all

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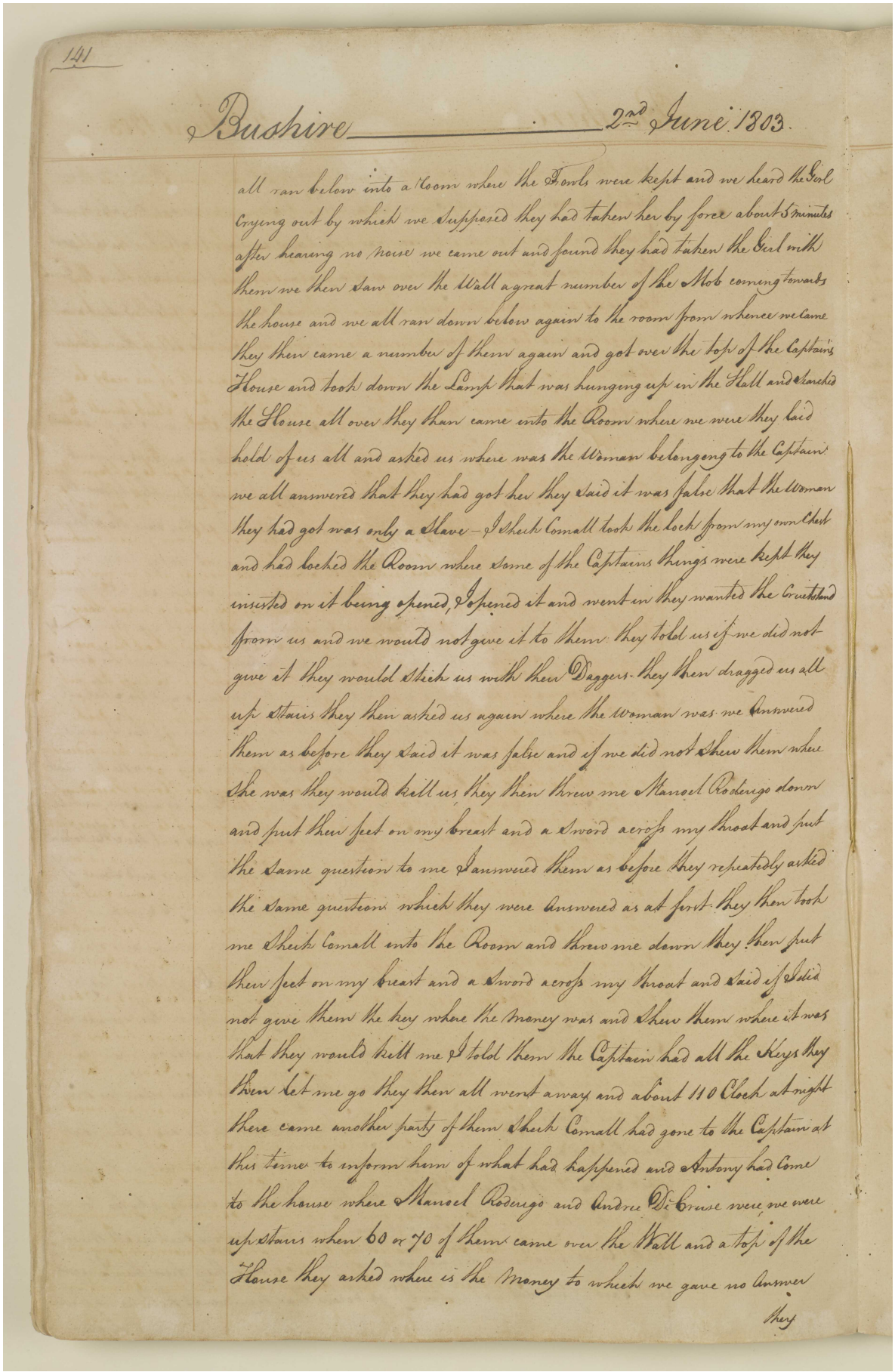

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all ran below into a Room where the Fowls were kept and we heard the Girl Cryeng out by which we Supposed they had taken her by force about 5 minutes after hearing no noise we came out and found they had taken the Girl with them we then saw over the Wall a great number of the Mob comeng towards the house and we all ran down below again to the room from whence we came they then came a number of them again and got over the top of the Captains House and took down the Lamp that was hungeng up in the Hall and Searched the House all over they than came into the Room where we were they laid hold of us all and asked us where was the Woman belongeng to the Captain we all answered that they had got her they said it was false that the Woman they had got was only a Slave – I Sheik Comall took the Lock from my own Chest and had locked the Room where Some of the Captains things were kept they insisted on it being opened, I opened it and went in they wanted the Cruckstand from us and we would not give it to them they told us if we did not give it they would Stick us with their Daggers they then dragged us all up Stairs they then asked us again where the Woman was we Answered them as before they said it was false and if we did not Shew them where She was they would kill us they then threw me Manoel Rodergo down and put their feet on my breast and a Sword across my throat and put the Same question to me I answered them as before they repeatedly asked the Same questions which they were answered as at first they then took me Sheik Comall into the Room and threw me down they then put their feet on my breast and a Sword across my throat and said if I did not give them the key where the Money was and Shew them where it was that they would kill me I told them the Captain had all the Keys they then let me go they then all went away and about 10 Clock at night there came another party of them Sheik Comall had gone to the Captain at this time to inform him of what had happened and Antony had Come to the house where Manoel Rodergo and Andre De Cruse were we were up Stairs when 60 or 70 of them came over the Wall and a top of the House they asked where is the Money to which we gave no Answer

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they then began to beat us all with large Sticks we all ran down Stairs into the Room where the Fowls were kept where we stand about 10 Minutes and hearing no Noise we supposed them all gone we then all went up Stairs where we found the Captains Trunks broke open and every things altered about the Room and every thing they could get at broke and destroyed they had put out the lights before they went away we got a light from the cooks house before we went in and all of this we know to be the truth and nothing but the Truth which we are all of us ready to make Oath of Manuel Rodrigs his Mark Andre J. Cruse his Mark Sheik Ismail his Mark

The Evidence of Antony Jose Corea buttler to Captain White being in the House of my Master on the 4th Instant between the hours of 4 and 5 o Clock in the Evening a Mob assembled before the Door which continued to increase till I suppose there might be about 300 People and on my Master enquiring of some Armenians who were then in the House what they wanted they informed him that some of the Mob reported that there was a Mahomedan Woman in the House and they insisted on taking her out One of the Armenians said to my Master you had better put a Lock upon the Door of the Room where the Woman was my Master then ordered me to go for a Lock as there was no such a thing in the House I accordingly went out and got a Lock but as I was returning with it to the House some of the Mob asked me where are you going with this lock they gave me no time to Answer them but dragged me away into another Street and there beat me with a large Stick after beating me they brought a Rope and put it round my Neck they took the rope off my Neck and drew away to my Padres House where I remained till 11 o Clock at Night I requested the Padre to send one of his Boys to see if the Street was clear for I was afraid to go out the Boy returned and said there was no body in the Street nor at the Door of the Captains House I came out with the Boy for I was still afraid and went to the Captains House where I found Manuel and Andre they told me that the Arabs came on the Top of the House and then down where the Captains Girl was and dragged her away over the Top of the House they also informed me how cruelly they had been beaten by them, that after knocking them down them down they set their feet on their breasts and put their Swords across their

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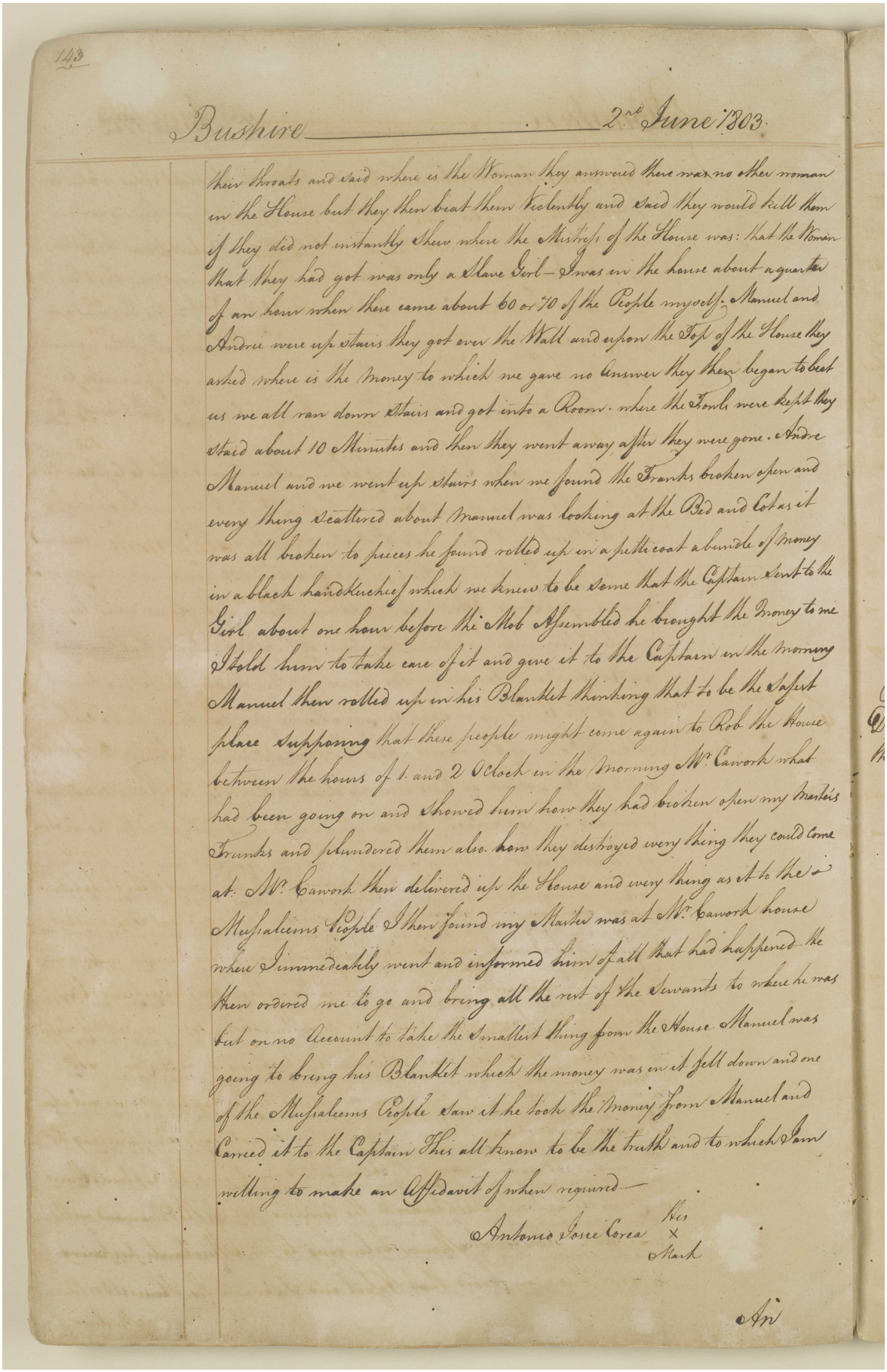

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their throats and said where is the Woman they answered there was no other woman in the House but they then beat them Violently and said they would kill them if they did not instantly shew where the Mistress of the House was: that the Woman that they had got was only a Slave Girl— I was in the house about a quarter of an hour when there came about 60 or 70 of the People myself, Manuel and Andrie were up stairs they got over the Wall and upon the Top of the House they asked where is the Money to which we gave no Answer they then began to beat us we all ran down Stairs and got into a Room where the Trunks were kept they staid about 10 Minutes and then they went away after they were gone. Andre Manuel and me went up Stairs when we found the Trunks broken open and every thing scattered about Manuel was looking at the Bed and Cot as it was all broken to pieces he found rolled up in a petticoat a bundle of Money in a black handkerchief which we knew to be same that the Captain sent to the Girl about one hour before the Mob Assembled he brought the Money to me I told him to take care of it and gave it to the Captain in the Morning Manuel then rolled up in his Blanket thinking that to be the safest place supposing that these people might come again to Rob the House between the hours of 1 and 2 Oclock in the Morning Mr Cawork what had been going on and Showed him how they had broken open my Masters Trunks and plundered them also how they destroyed every thing they could come at. Mr Cawork then delivered up the House and every thing as it to the Mussaleems People I then found my Master was at Mr Cawork house where I immediately went and informed him of all that had happened he then ordered me to go and bring all the rest of the Servants to where he was but on no Account to take the Smallest thing from the House. Manuel was going to bring his Blanket which the money was in it fell down and one of the Mussaleems People saw it he took the Money from Manuel and Carried it to the Captain This all know to be the truth and to which I am willing to make an Affidavit of when required—

Antonio Josee Corea his X Mark

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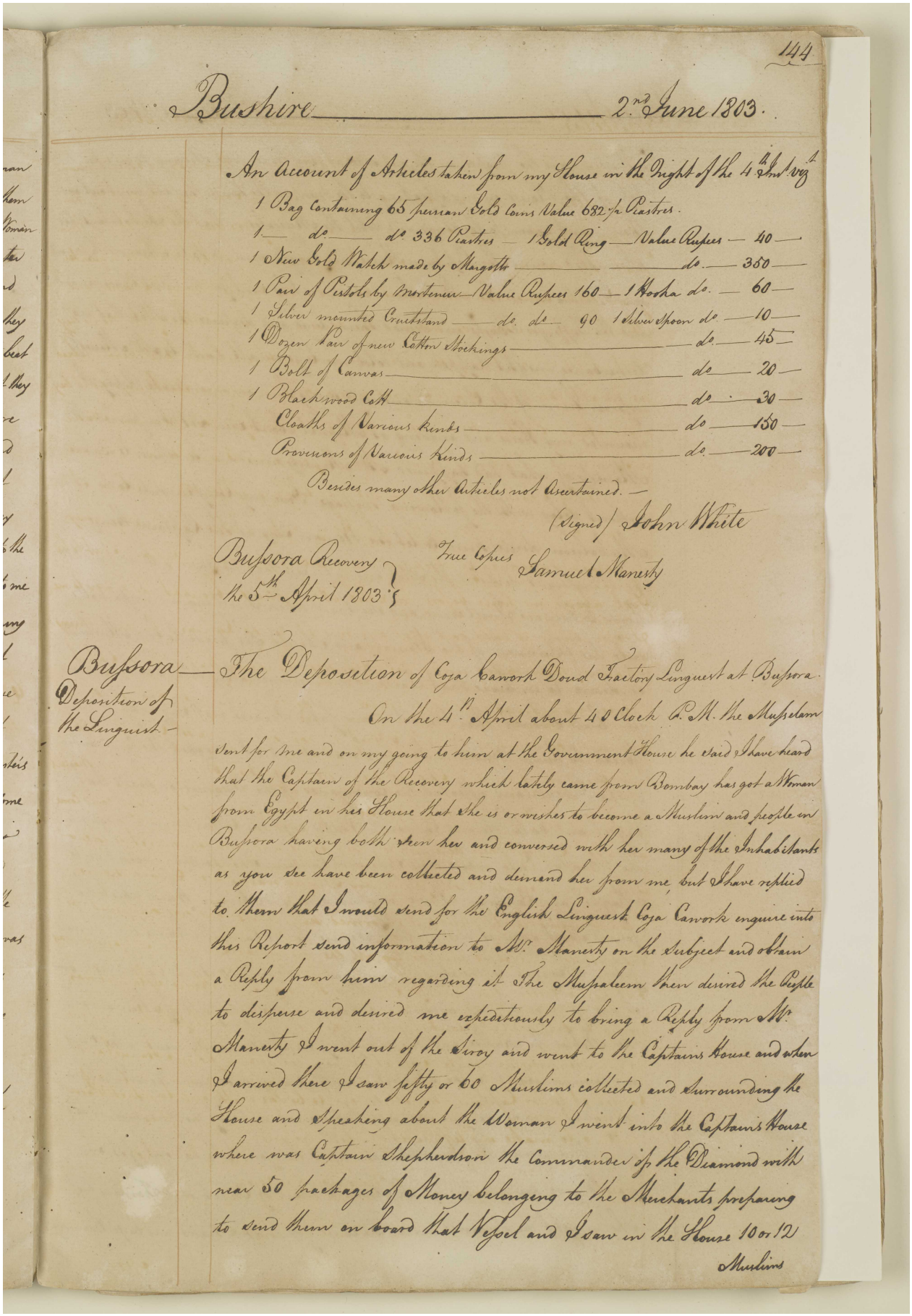

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An Account of Articles taken from my House in the Night of the 4th Inst. viz.

1 Bag containing 65 Persian Gold Coins Value 682 ½ Piastres.
1 — do — do 336 Piastres — 1 Gold Ring — Value Rupees — 40 —
1 New Gold Watch made by Margetts — do. — 350 —
1 Pair of Pistols by Mortimer Value Rupees 160 — 1 Hooka do. — 60 —
1 Silver mounted Cruitstand — do. do. 90 1 Silver Spoon do. — 10 —
1 Dozen Pair of new Cotton Stockings — do. — 45 —
1 Bolt of Canvas — do. — 20 —
1 Blackwood Cott — do. — 30 —
Cloaths of Various Kinds — do. — 150 —
Provisions of Various Kinds — do. — 200 —

Besides many other Articles not Ascertained. —

(Signed) John White

Bussora Recovery
the 5th April 1803.

True Copies
Samuel Manesty

Bussora
Deposition of the Linguist —

The Deposition of Coja Canork Dowd Factory Linguest at Bussora.

On the 4th April about 4 o Clock P.M. the Musselem sent for me and on my going to him at the Government House he said I have heard that the Captain of the Recovery which lately came from Bombay has got a Woman from Egypt in his House that She is or wishes to become a Muslim and people in Bussora having both seen her and conversed with her many of the Inhabitants as you see have been collected and demand her from me but I have replied to them that I would send for the English Linguest Coja Canork enquire into this Report send information to Mr. Manesty on the Subject and obtain a Reply from him regarding it The Musselem then desired the People to dispense and desired me expeditiously to bring a Reply from Mr. Manesty I went out of the Serey and went to the Captains House and when I arrived there I saw fifty or 60 Muslims collected and surrounding the House and Speaking about the Woman I went into the Captains House where was Captain Shepherdson the Commander of the Diamond with near 50 Packages of Money belonging to the Merchants preparing to send them on board that Vessel and I saw in the House 10 or 12 Muslims

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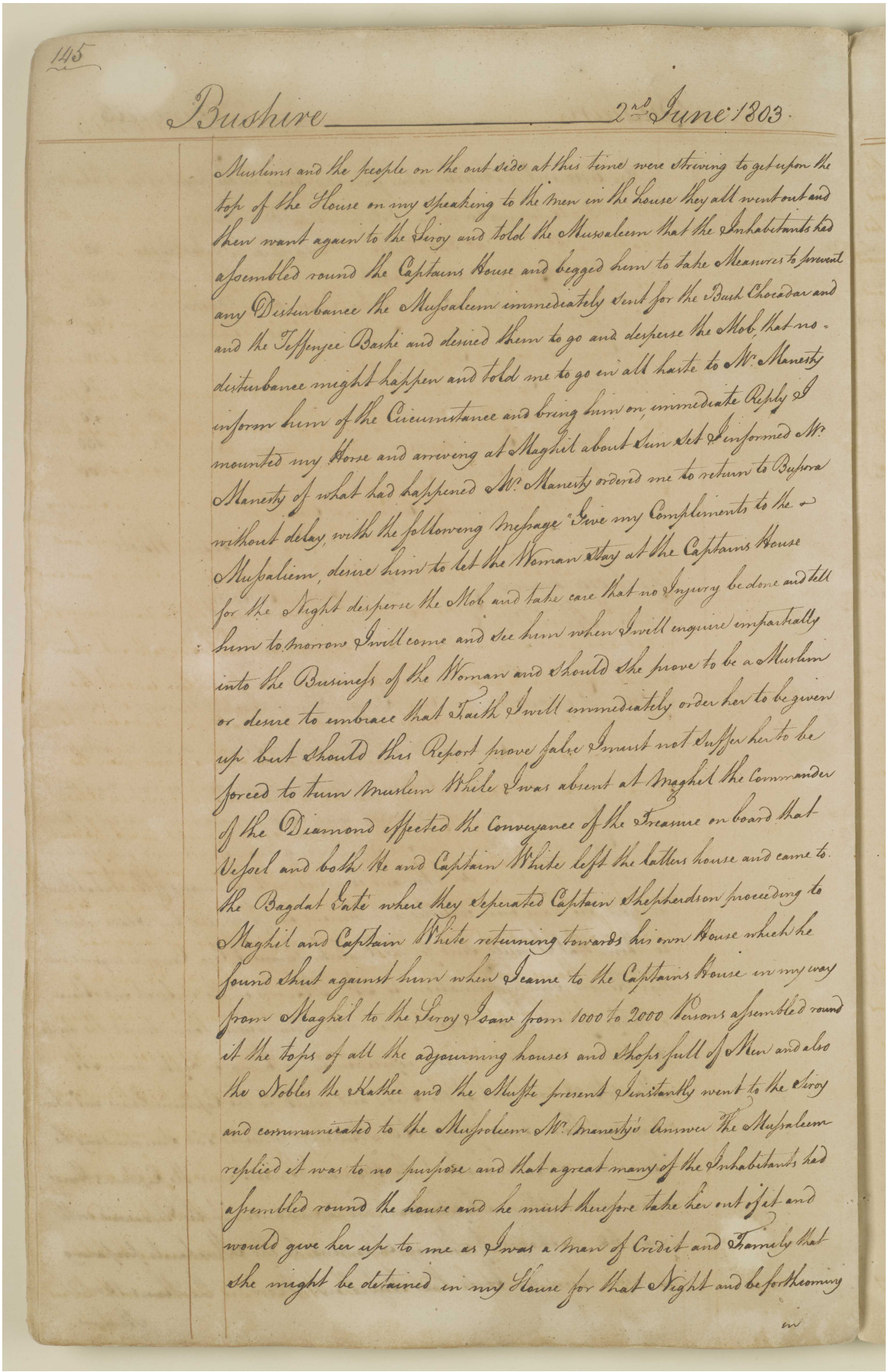

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Muslims and the people on the out side at this time were striving to get upon the top of the House on my speaking to the men in the House they all went out and then went again to the Seroy and told the Mussaleem that the Inhabitants had assembled round the Captains House and begged him to take Measures to prevent any Disturbance the Mussaleem immediately sent for the Bush Chocadar and and the Teffenjee Bashe and desired them to go and disperse the Mob, that no disturbance might happen and told me to go in all haste to Mr Manesty inform him of the Circumstance and bring him an immediate Reply I mounted my Horse and arriving at Maghil about Sun Set I informed Mr Manesty of what had happened Mr Manesty ordered me to return to Bussora without delay, with the following Message "Give my Compliments to the Mussaliem, desire him to let the Woman stay at the Captains House for the Night disperse the Mob and take care that no Injury be done and tell him to morrow I will come and see him when I will enquire impartially into the Business of the Woman and should she prove to be a Muslim or desire to embrace that Faith I will immediately order her to be given up but should this Report prove false I must not suffer her to be forced to turn Muslim While I was absent at Maghil the Commander of the Diamond effected the Conveyance of the Freame on board that Vessel and both he and Captain White left the Latters house and came to the Bagdat Gate where they seperated Captain Shepherdson proceeding to Maghil and Captain White returning towards his own House which he found Shut against him when I came to the Captains House in my way from Maghil to the Seroy I saw from 1000 to 2000 Persons assembled round it the tops of all the adjourning houses and Shops full of Men and also the Nobles the Kathee and the Mufte present I instantly went to the Seroy and communicated to the Mussolem Mr Manesty's Answer the Mussaleem replied it was to no purpose and that a great many of the Inhabitants had assembled round the house and he must therefore take her out of it and would give her up to me as I was a Man of Credit and Family that she might be detained in my House for that Night and be forthcoming

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in the Morning The Mussaleem then said to his Son Mahomed Beg "Take some Chocadars and disperse the Mob from the Captains House and desire the Hakhee and the Mufti to open the Door and take out the Woman and deliver her into Lanworks hands and let her Remain with him for the Night and to morrow Mr. Manesty will come to Town when we shall settle this Business taking her if She is really a Muslim or wishes to become one otherwise letting her go When the Mussaleems Son arrived with me at the Captains House and delivered the Message from his Father to the Hakhee and Mufti they were silent but the People who heard it made a great Disturbance At this time the Captain myself and my Son were standing close to the Door and we perceived the Woman come to the Window and call out in Arabic "What do you want you People I am a Christian and I am a Syrian on which the People presented to have heard the Contrary meaning of what She said and vociferated" O Mahomed look look She calls out "I am a Muslim the Daughter of a Beg deliver me from the Hands of the Christians" and then the People who understood that the Mussaleem had desired her to be given into my hands grew quite Mad and rose upon the Captain, upon my Son and me: wanted to beat us and abused us I then left the Captain and my Son returned to the Serey and told the Mussaleem this Business cannot be settled unless you go in Person the Mussaleem said it is night and I cannot go in Person but desired the Dufterdar to go When he and I had got about half way we heard that the Mob had entered the House from the Terrace and had taken away the Woman by force and the People then abused me and pelted me with Stones On which I went back to the Serey: the Captain and my Son remained close to the House and the people beat them pelted them with Stones wished to kill them and broke the Lanthorn in the hands of my Servant and beat him most cruelly on perceiving which my Son took hold of the Captain and forced him away to my House while I was in the Serey I saw the Hakhee and afterwards the Nobles came one by one when the Hakhee came he told the Mussaleem that he had seen the Woman and spoken with her and that

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that she had declared that she was a Christian and not a Muslim nor was she willing to become one — After this they brought the Woman before the Mussaleem where I was standing and all of the head people in Bussora vizt the Defterdar Necheetet Ashraff Seiad Mahomood Sheik Maroof and others were setting with the Mussaleem the Mussaleem and the Kathee three times put the Question to the Woman and took her Oath and the Woman said what the Inhabitants have told you is all a lie I am a Christian and the Daughter of a Christian I am of the Syrian Nation My Fathers name is Makeel my Mothers name Thereza no one has ever yet heard me say that I am a Mussalim or that I wish to embrace that faith after much alteration the Kathee the Mufti and the Nobles called out we have Witnesses who heard you say so and the Woman replied produce them on which they made her stand a part until the Witnesses could be brought three times they produced People who all declared that they did not knew any thing of what was alledged and they brought the Woman 10 or 16 times before the Devan which continued setting until 20 Clock in the Morning without being able to contrive any way to force her to become a Muslim the Woman denying to the very last her being or wishing to become Muslim at this time the Mussaleem, the Khather and the Nobles declared they must defer this Business until day light that they might be enabled to produce Witnesses who had heard her declare what was alledged I then objected to this Measure and declared that it could not be permitted and I would not go out of the Sroy until I had finished this affair and that if they had any Witnesses to produce they must be brought I added it is necessary that this business should be finally ter=
=minated this night if she is a Muslim or wished to become one take her if not let her be delivered to me but I cannot leave her here to night unless this business is settled the Mussaleem then said to this Woman it is necessary you shall remain here to Night we have Witnesses who shall be produced to morrow: and the Woman said it is not

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possible for me to remain here to night let me go and if it is necessary I will come back to morrow, the Mussaleem afterwards said to me you must come and remain here to Night with the Woman and I replied I cannot Consent to it the Woman then stepped forward towards them and said I Swear by your Religion and mine I am no Muslim I intreat of you therefore to let me go to Night and I will come back in the Morning if necessary and I said let me take her away to my House to this the Mussaleem consented but the Kathee objected and said that it was not proper She should be permitted to sleep in a Christians house — The Mussaleem then perceiving it was near morning rose up and said I must take her into my Haram about 2 Oclock He took her away to his Haram and I came out of the Serey and the Mussaleem sent the Tessenjee Bashi and the Odi Bashi with me and desired them to give his best Compliments to the Captain and desire him to go and sleep in his House and that the Tessenjee Bashi with some of his People should remain there with him when the Tessenjee Bashi and myself arrived at my house and told this Message to the Captain he refused to go I then in Company with the Tessenjee Bashi and the Odi Bashi proceeded to the Captains House and found all the Boxes broken open his Bed broke and Couches broken to Pieces and all his Clothes and things strewn about the House I left the house and the Articles under the Charge of the Tessenjee Bashi and returned to my own House bringing away the Captains four Servants with me about 4 Oclock I put the Captain into a Small Boat and we both came out to Mughil and informed Mr Manesty of all the Circumstances which had occurred I afterwards at 10 A M on the 6th Instant in Consequence of Mr Manesty orders returned to Bussora caused the Factory Flag Staff to be struck and the Gates of the Factory to built up with Brick and Mortar and I then heard that Witnesses had been produced at the Government House. Who had deposed that they had heard the Woman declare She was a Muslim that the Kathee had written out the Certificate and that the Woman had been sent to the Mufti House I further knew that there She remained two Days, during which time She was much teazed by the

Mufti

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Mustfs Wife and Daughters to become a Muslim and according to report She replied She would only consent to do so on one Condition Viz.t that the Mustfi himself his Wife and Daughters should immediately embrace Christianity She afterwards contrived means to escape from the Mustfis House but being ignorant of the Road thro' the Town She applied to an Arab whom She accidently met for Assistance and he Clothed her in an Arab Womans Clothes and wished to bring her to Maghil but She was intercepted and brought before the Mutsaleem who ordered the Arab to be Severely beaten and Sent the Woman into his Haram —

True Translation
Samuel Manesty

Bussora
the 8th April 1803

True Copy
signed Samuel Manesty

Bussora — Explanation Submitted to the Gov.t General of the measures Adopted by the Resid.t in Consequence —

Extract from a Letter to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council dated the 23d April 1803.

Altho' I have in the foregoing Part of this Address, very respectfully transcribed for your Excellency's Information the whole of the Correspondence and Evidence, connected with the Events which have occasioned it, and altho' your Excellency Superior Judgement will clearly comprehend and justly appreciate the Measures which I have pursued I deem it adviseable to make the following observations in elucidation of the Motives which have actuated me in the Adoption of them, and of certain Passages in that Correspondence —

Experience obtained during a Period of two and twenty Years Residence in this Country has proveved to me, the political Necessity of combining, in my Intercourse with its Government and Inhabitants Moderation with Energy. On Various Occasion in the discharge of my Offical Duties,

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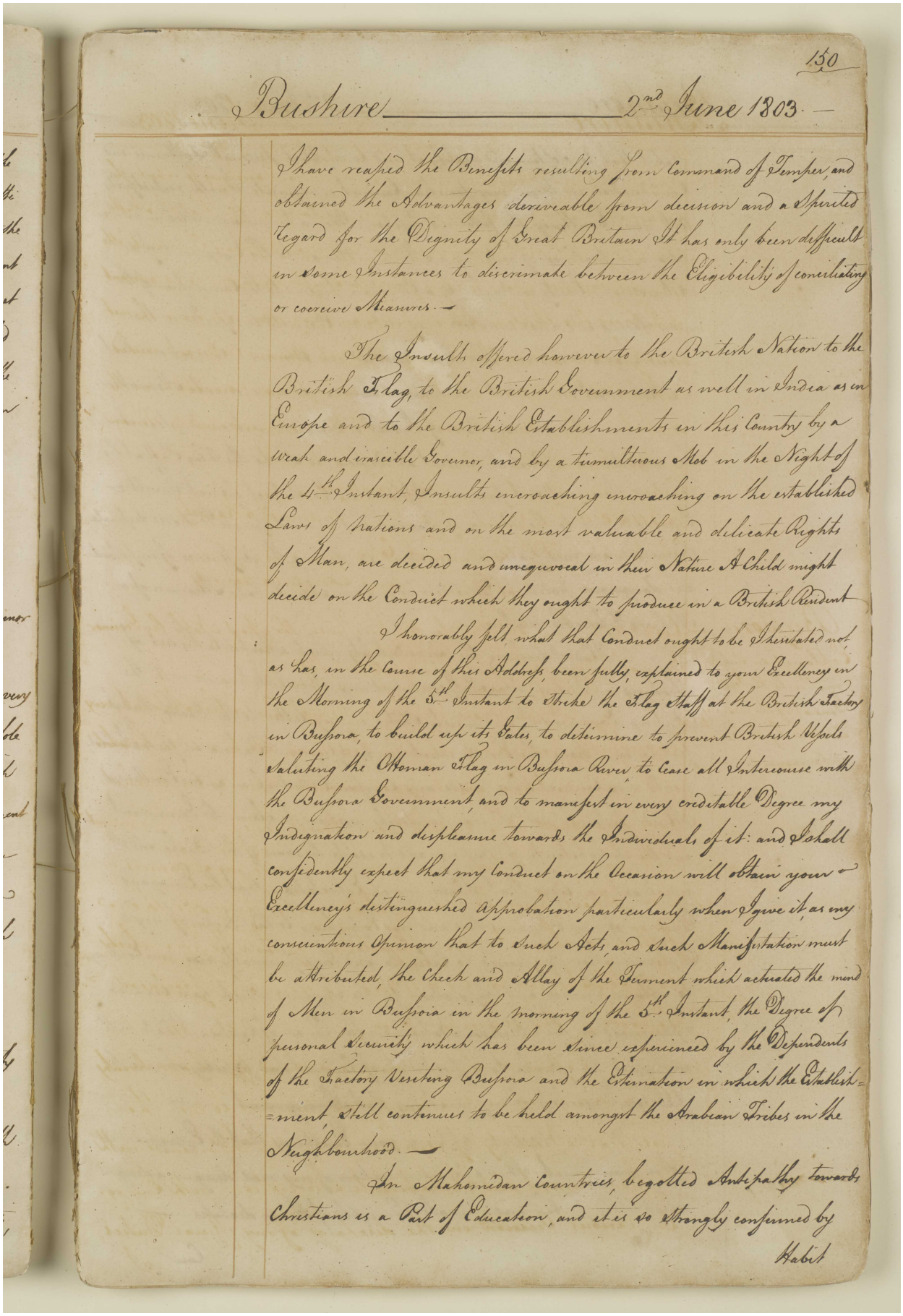

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I have reaped the Benefits resulting from Command of Temper, and obtained the Advantages derivable from decision and a Spirited Regard for the Dignity of Great Britain. It has only been difficult in some Instances to discriminate between the Eligibility of conciliating or coercive Measures.—

The Insults offered however to the British Nation to the British Flag, to the British Government as well in India as in Europe and to the British Establishments in this Country by a weak and invisible Governor, and by a tumultuous Mob in the Night of the 4th Instant, Insults encroaching encroaching on the established Laws of Nations and on the most valuable and delicate Rights of Man, are decided and unequivocal in their Nature. A Child might decide on the Conduct which they ought to produce in a British Resident.

I honorably felt what that Conduct ought to be. I hesitated not as has, in the Course of this Address, been fully explained to your Excellency in the Morning of the 5th Instant to strike the Flag Staff at the British Factory in Busora, to build up its Gates, to determine to prevent British Vessels saluting the Ottoman Flag in Busora River to cease all Intercourse with the Busora Government, and to manifest in every creditable Degree my Indignation and displeasure towards the Individuals of it: and I shall confidently expect that my Conduct on the Occasion will obtain your Excellency's distinguished Approbation particularly when I give it as my conscientious Opinion that to such Acts, and such Manifestation must be attributed, the Check and Allay of the Ferment which actuated the mind of Men in Busora in the morning of the 5th Instant, the Degree of personal Security which has been since experienced by the Dependents of the Factory Residing Busora and the Estimation in which the Establish=ment still continues to be held amongst the Arabian Tribes in the Neighbourhood.—

In Mahomedan Countries, begotted Antipathy towards Christians is a Part of Education, and it is so strongly confirmed by Habit

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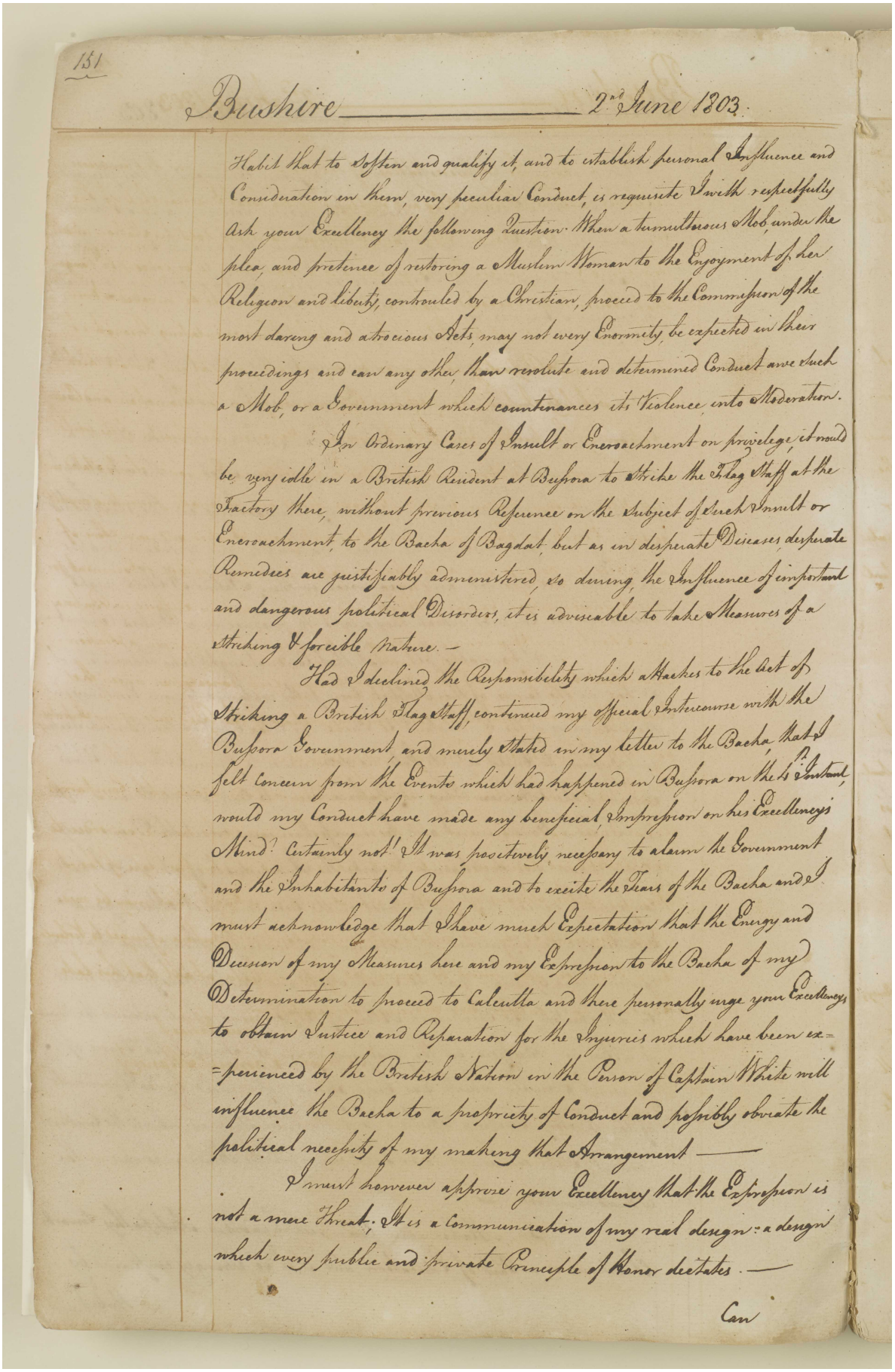

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Habit that to soften and qualify it, and to establish personal Influence and Consideration in them, very peculiar Conduct is requisite I with respectfully ask your Excellency the following Question. When a tumultuous Mob, under the plea, and pretence of restoring a Muslim Woman to the Enjoyment of her Religion and liberty, controuled by a Christian, proceed to the Commission of the most daring and atrocious Acts, may not every Enormity be expected in their proceedings and can any other than resolute and determined Conduct awe such a Mob, or a Government which countenances its Violence, into Moderation.

In Ordinary Cases of Insult or Encroachment on privilege, it would be very idle in a British Resident at Bussora to strike the Flag Staff at the Factory there, without previous Reference on the Subject of such Insult or Encroachment to the Bacha of Bagdat, but as in desperate Diseases, desperate Remedies are justifiably administered so during the Influence of important and dangerous political Disorders, it is advisable to take Measures of a striking & forcible Nature. —

Had I declined the Responsibility which attaches to the Act of Striking a British Flag Staff, continued my official Intercourse with the Bussora Government and merely stated in my letter to the Bacha, that I felt Concern from the Events which had happened in Bussora on the 1st Instant, would my Conduct have made any beneficial Impression on his Excellency's Mind? Certainly not! It was positively necessary to alarm the Government and the Inhabitants of Bussora and to excite the Fears of the Bacha and I must acknowledge that I have much Expectation that the Energy and Decision of my Measures here and my Expression to the Bacha of my Determination to proceed to Calcutta and there personally urge your Excellency to obtain Justice and Reparation for the Injuries which have been experienced by the British Nation in the Person of Captain White will influence the Bacha to a propriety of Conduct and possibly obviate the political necessity of my making that Arrangement. —

I must however apprize your Excellency that the Expression is not a mere Threat. It is a Communication of my real design: a design which every public and private Principle of Honor dictates. —

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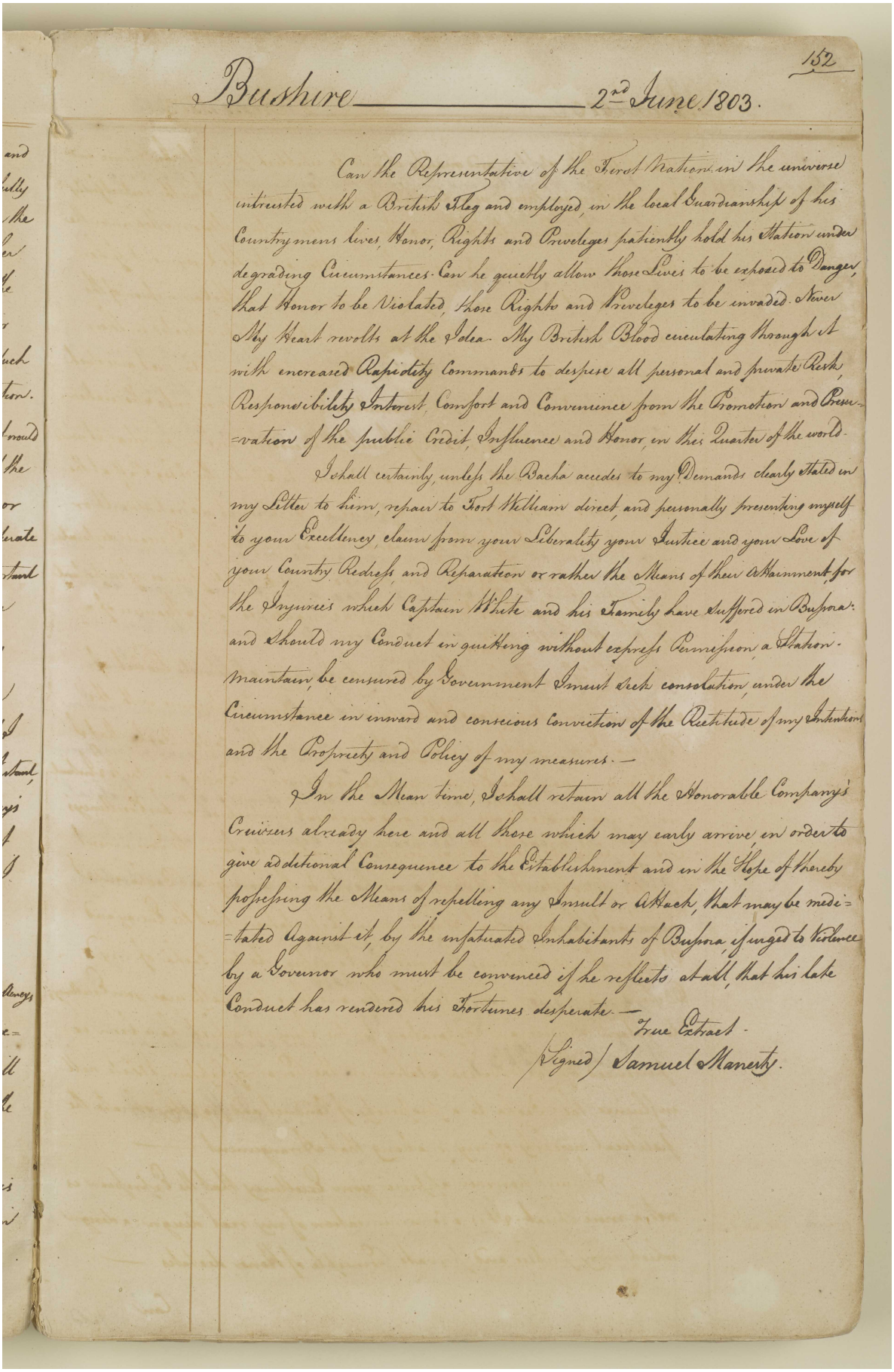

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Can the Representative of the First Nation in the universe intrusted with a British Flag and employed, in the local Guardianship of his Countrymens lives, Honor, Rights and Priveleges patiently hold his Station under degrading Circumstances. Can he quietly allow those Lives to be exposed to Danger, that Honor to be Violated, those Rights and Priveleges to be invaded. Never. My Heart revolts at the Idea. My British Blood circulating through it with encreased Rapidity Commands to despise all personal and private Risk, Responsibility Interest, Comfort and Convenience from the Promotion and Preservation of the public Credit, Influence and Honor, in this Quarter of the world.

I shall certainly, unless the Bacha accedes to my Demands clearly stated in my Letter to him, repair to Fort William direct, and personally presenting myself to your Excellency, claim from your Liberality your Justice and your Love of your Country Redress and Reparation or rather the Means of their attainment for the Injuries which Captain White and his Family have suffered in Bussora: and should my Conduct in quitting without express Permission a Station maintain, be censured by Government I must seek consolation, under the Circumstance in inward and conscious Conviction of the Rectitude of my Intentions and the Propriety and Policy of my measures.—

In the Mean time, I shall retain all the Honorable Company's Cruizers already here and all those which may early arrive, in order to give additional Consequence to the Establishment and in the Hope of thereby professing the Means of repelling any Insult or Attack, that may be meditated against it, by the infatuated Inhabitants of Bussora, if urged to Violence by a Governor who must be convinced if he reflects at all, that his late Conduct has rendered his Fortunes desperate.—

True Extract.
(Signed) Samuel Manesty.

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Thursday 2d

Country Ships
La Belle
Instructions to the Commander for the guidance of her Conduct between this and Bussora.

Wrote the following Letter to the Commander of the Brig La Belle.

To
Captain A. Foggo
Commander of the Brig La Belle

Sir,

The nature of Accounts just received from Bussora renders it expedient for you to pursue the following course which I communicate the desire of the British Resident at that place.

Upon your passage up Bussora River and your Arrival off the Town you are to decline paying the usual Compliment to the Turkish Flag after bringing your Vessel to an Anchor, you are to proceed to Maghill to receive further orders from the Resident, leaving at the same time instructions to your Officers not to allow any Communication between the Ship and the Shore upon any consideration whatever.

I further advise you not to Admit of any Piratical Boats approaching too near you between this and Bussora, altho you must Avoid any hasty or wanton Act of hostility against them.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
/signed/ J. H. Lovett

Bushire
2d June 1803

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Friday 3d — Imported the Country Ship Endeavour from Bussora.

" — Received the following Letter from the Super Cargo of the Country Ship Endeavour —

Country Ships Endeavour Letter from the Supercargo offering to proceed on the expedition to Bushab

Sir,

In consequence of information received from Mr Manesty the Honble Company's Resident at Bussora of your Application to him for two Vessels to proceed to Bushab for the purpose of recovering the Honble Company's Property, which was in the Ship Hector — and of its being your Opinion that the Ship Endeavour would be well adapted for this Service, in which Mr Manesty also coincided, and Mr Manesty, expressing a desire that the Endeavour be sent to act in Concert with the Honble Company's Vessel the Panther Captain Robson and myself resolved that the Endeavour shall go, and shall have much Satisfaction in rendering all the Assistance in our power. As the urgency of the Service requires Dispatch, we immediately landed our Cargo, which we have left at Bussora unsold — took on board some Ballast and have lost no time in coming here —

Mr Manesty informed me, he has apprised you by the Panther of our coming —

I beg Sir to inform you the Ship Endeavour is now at Anchor in the Roads Captain Robson, waits your Orders and I am sure will act with alacrity and prudence, on whatever Service you please to employ him. —

I have the honor to be with much respect

Sir

Your very obedient humble Servant

Ship Endeavour
Bushire Roads
June 3d 1803 —

signed J. Beaufort.
Super Cargoe of the Ship
Endeavour —

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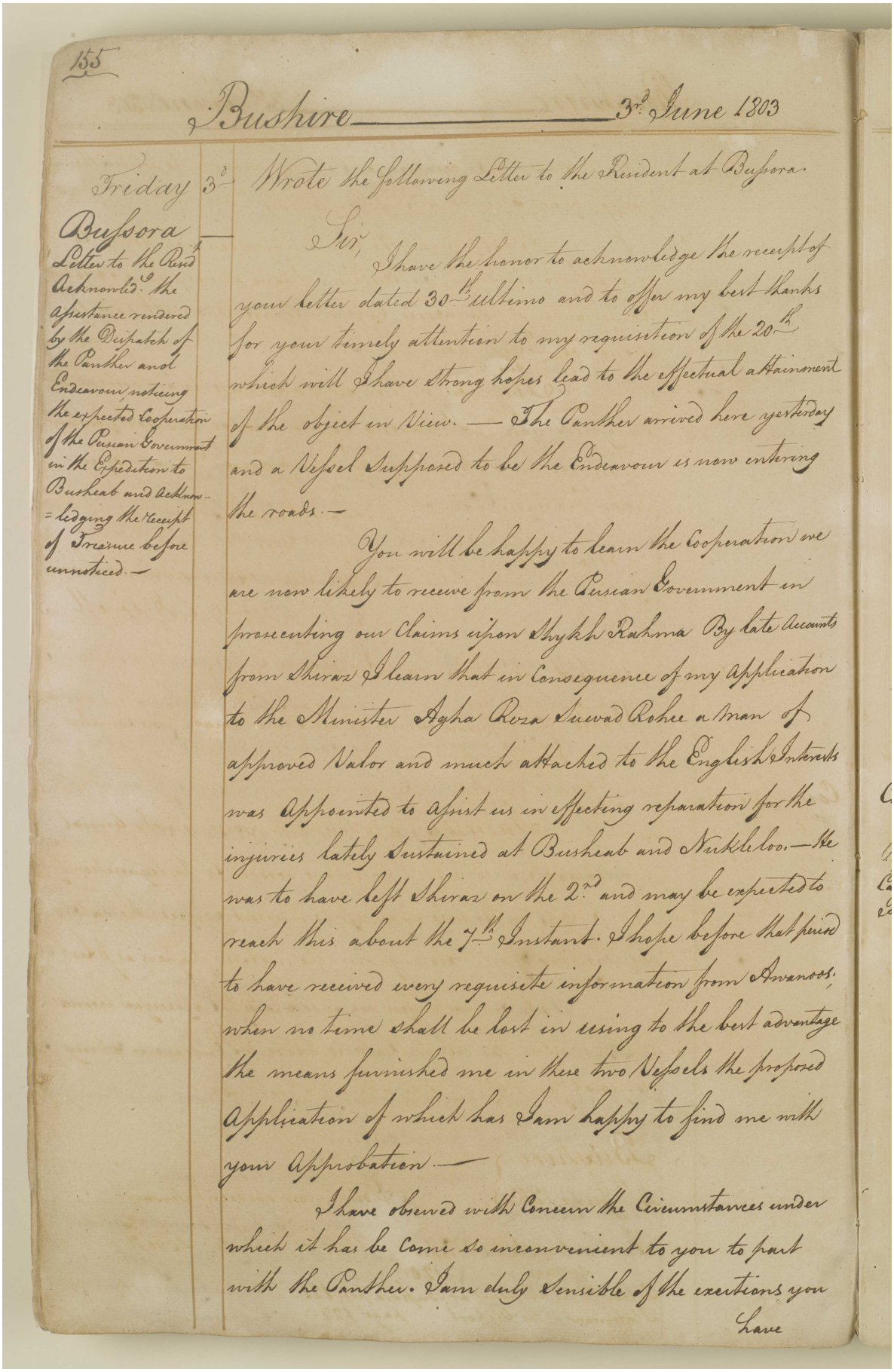

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Friday 3d

Bussora

Letter to the Resid.t Acknowled.g the assistance rendered by the Dispatch of the Panther and Endeavour, noticing the expected Cooperation of the Persian Government in the Expedition to Busheab and Acknowledging the receipt of Treasure before unnoticed.—

Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 30th ultimo and to offer my best thanks for your timely attention to my requisition of the 20th which will I have strong hopes lead to the effectual attainment of the object in View. — The Panther arrived here yesterday and a Vessel supposed to be the Endeavour is now entering the roads.—

You will be happy to learn the Cooperation we are now likely to receive from the Persian Government in prosecuting our Claims upon Shykh Rahma By late Accounts from Shiraz I learn that in Consequence of my application to the Minister Agha Reza Suwad Rohee a man of approved Valor and much attached to the English Interests was appointed to assist us in effecting reparation for the injuries lately sustained at Busheab and Nukleloo.— He was to have left Shiraz on the 2nd and may be expected to reach this about the 7th Instant. I hope before that period to have received every requisite information from Awanoos, when no time shall be lost in using to the best advantage the means furnished me in these two Vessels the proposed application of which has I am happy to find me with your approbation.—

I have observed with Concern the Circumstances under which it has be come so inconvenient to you to part with the Panther. I am duly sensible of the exertions you

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have made on this occasion and shall endeavour to render the period of her absence as short as possible.—

I shall make the Communication you desire to all Vessels board up the Gulph. I have already done so to the Commander of the Belle Captain Foggo who will have the honor to deliver you this.—

I beg you will entirely attribute to an accidental Omission your not having before received my Acknowledge=ment of the safe arrival of the treasure (Dana Peasters 10000) p Trimmer.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) J. H. Lovett

Bushire
3d June 1803

Saturday 4th Sailed the Brig La Belle for Bussora.—

" " Wrote the following Letter to the Super Cargo of the Country Ship Endeavour.

Country Ships Endeavour
Reply to the Super Cargo requesting to know his Terms.—

Sir,

I am happy to observe by your timely Arrival the readiness with which you have acceded to the requesition of your Ship for the execution of the present Service: the nature of which you will learn from the enclosed papers as p list.—

Be so good therefore as to state the specific terms upon which you are willing to place the Endeavour at my disposal for the purposes above noticed.—

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) J. H. Lovett

Bushire
4th June 1803

Instruction to the Broker (see page 120.)
Letter to the Resident at Bussora page 121.—
Statement of the Report.— page 122.—

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Sunday 5

Country Ships Endeavour Letter from the Super Cargo tendering his Ship for the expedition to Bushear

Received the following Letter from the Super Cargo of the Country Ship Endeavour —

Sir, I am favored with your Letter dated yesterday; and the undermentioned Papers enclosed Viz.t

A Statement of Reports
Letter to the Honble Company's Broker
ditto to the Honble Company's Resident at Bussora —
which I have attentively perused — Previous to Specifying the Terms on which I am willing for the Ship Endeavour to remain at your entire dishosal, I beg to State the Sacrifices I have made for the purpose of going on the Service you require —

When Mr Manesty Applied to me for the Ship Endeavour to proceed to Bushear she had on board a Considerable Cargo belonging to the Owners of the Ship, for the Sale of which I was then treating with the Merchants at Bussora, on our deciding to go, we immediately landed this Cargo in a great hurry, and have left it behind unsold — by which we must Sustain a very material Expence, and probably a great loss. — We were certain of getting a very profitable Freight of Treasure for Masoulipatnam — and Calcutta, this we have entirely resigned: — added to these the present is by far the worst Season of the year in the Gulph the great Shammaul is now blowing with Violence, the Service the Ship is going on, is a dangerous one, the Wear — Tear — loss of Sails, Rigging Spars — Anchors, and Cables, are likely to be great, under these circumstance Sir, I only wish an equitable remuneration

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and trust you will not think I am unreasonable in my Terms, when I ask Twenty thousand Rupees for the Services of the Ship Endeavour on the present Occasion, should She not be employed more than one month, from the time of her leaving Bussora, and if employed longer than one month, payment for the exceeding Period, at the rate of ten thousand Rupees Per month.—

The Owners of the Ship Endeavour also to be indemnified for all Losses occasioned by Capture of the Enemy or Pirates.

with much respect, I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your very obedient Servant

/Signed/ S. Beaufort.

Super Cargo

Ship Endeavour

Ship Endeavour
Bushire Roads
June 5th 1803.

Thursday 9th — Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora.—

Bussora Letter to the Resid[t] requesting his interference to prevent the dilapidation of the Hector's Cargo noticing the appointment of Aga Reza to assist in the recovery of this Vessel and the high terms demanded for the use of the Endeavour.

Sir,

Accounts have reached this of Shykh Rahma's having sent for sale to Zobara a Considerable part of the Cargo of the Hector Consisting of Sugar, lead and 70 bales of Long Ells. Zobara I understand belongs to Shykh Solyman Governor of Bayhreem who is a tributary of the Beharby. I mention this Circumstance therefore in the hopes that your influence with these or other powers on the Arabian Side of the Gulph may enable you to defeat the fraudulent project of Shykh Rahma.

I had yesterday an official intimation from Cheragh Ale Khan of the Appointment of Aga Reza whose Arrival at Hazeroon I have also learnt from my return Chuppar.—

—He will reach this about the 13th instant.—

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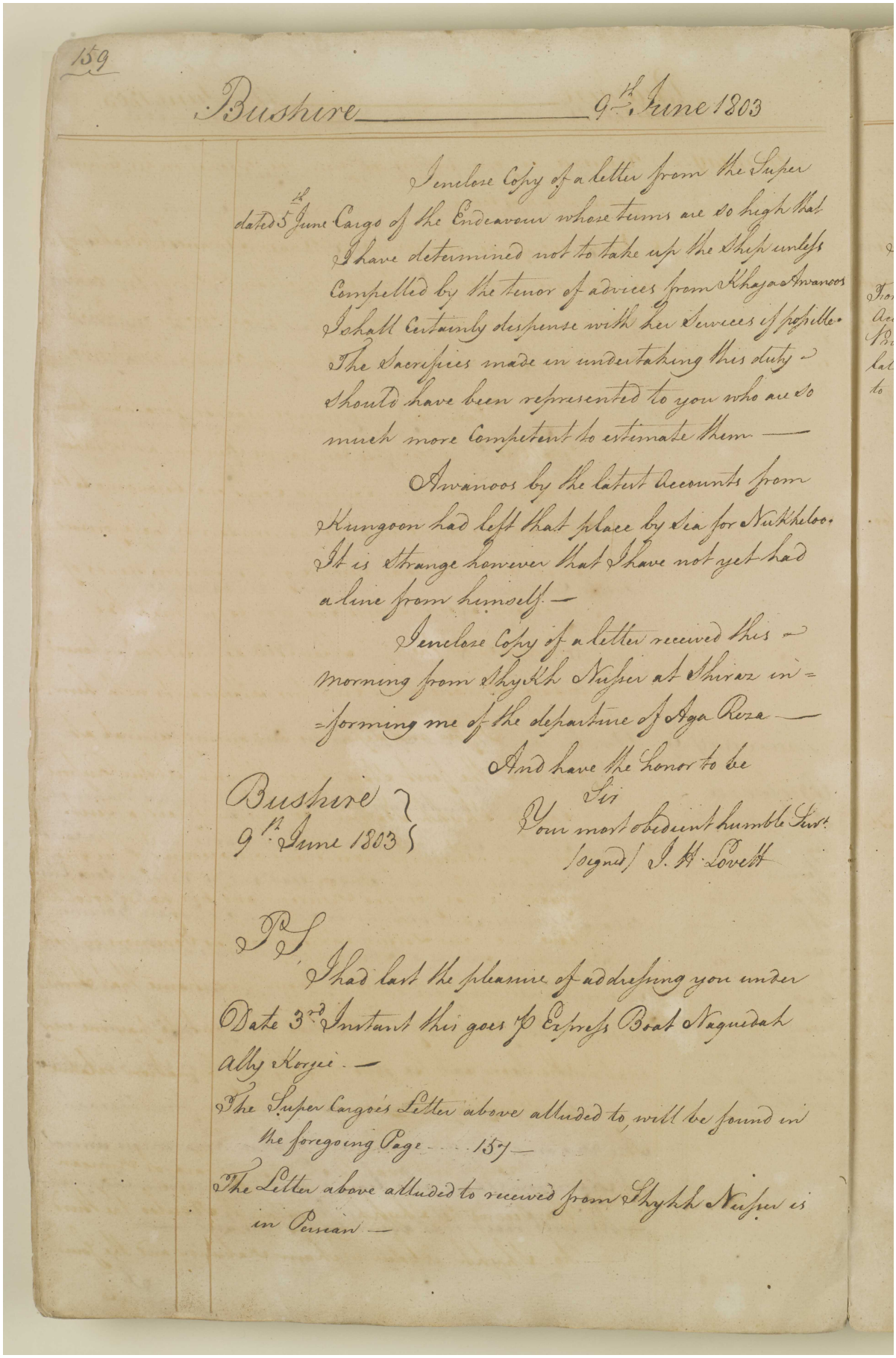

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I enclose Copy of a letter from the Super dated 5th June Cargo of the Endeavour whose terms are so high that I have determined not to take up the Ship unless Compelled by the tenor of advices from Khajas Awanoos I shall certainly dispense with her Services if possible. The Sacrifices made in undertaking this duty should have been represented to you who are so much more Competent to estimate them —

Awanoos by the latest Accounts from Kungoon had left that place by Sea for Nukheloo. It is Strange however that I have not yet had a line from himself —

I enclose Copy of a letter received this morning from Shykh Nusser at Shiraz informing me of the departure of Aga Reza —

And have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servt

(signed) J. H. Lovett

Bushire 9th June 1803

P.S.

I had last the pleasure of addressing you under Date 3rd Instant this goes by Express Boat Naguidah alby Korjee —

The Super Cargoes Letter above alluded to, will be found in the foregoing Page 157 —

The Letter above alluded to received from Shykh Nusser is in Persian —

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Sunday 12

Bushire Broker. Forwarding an Account of his Proceedings on his late deputation to Bushcab.

Received the following Report from the Broker on his return from Nukheloo.—

Narrative of the proceedings of Khaja Awanoos, Broker of the Bushire Factory, deputed by Jonathan H. Lovett Esq.r Resident to ascertain the particulars of the loss of the Hector on Bushcab and the plunder of her Cargo by Shykh Rehma Benseneed.

When this intelligence reached Jonathan Henry Lovett Esq.r the Honble Company's Resident at Bushire, he determined upon sending some one belonging to the Factory to enquire into the particulars of the aforesaid Vessel and what had become of the various kinds of goods and Merchandize she was laden with & he accordingly on the 17th May 1803 deputed the Deponent Khaja Awanoos and sent two attendants with him.

After my departure and on my arrival at Charkota the first Stage, I met Shykh Abdur Rusool (Son of Shykh Nasur) to whom I paid a Visit. He was extremely polite and, on account of the great regard he has for the Resident and his house hold he gave me four Letters addressed to the Governors on those Frontiers, mentioning to them my name, that I was in the Service of the English Resident, to pay me every attention, and to give me every information relative to the Vessel.—

The first was to Shykh Jebara of Kungan, the Second to Shykh Khulfan of Asulos, the third to Shykh Abdur Reham Kabundy, and the fourth

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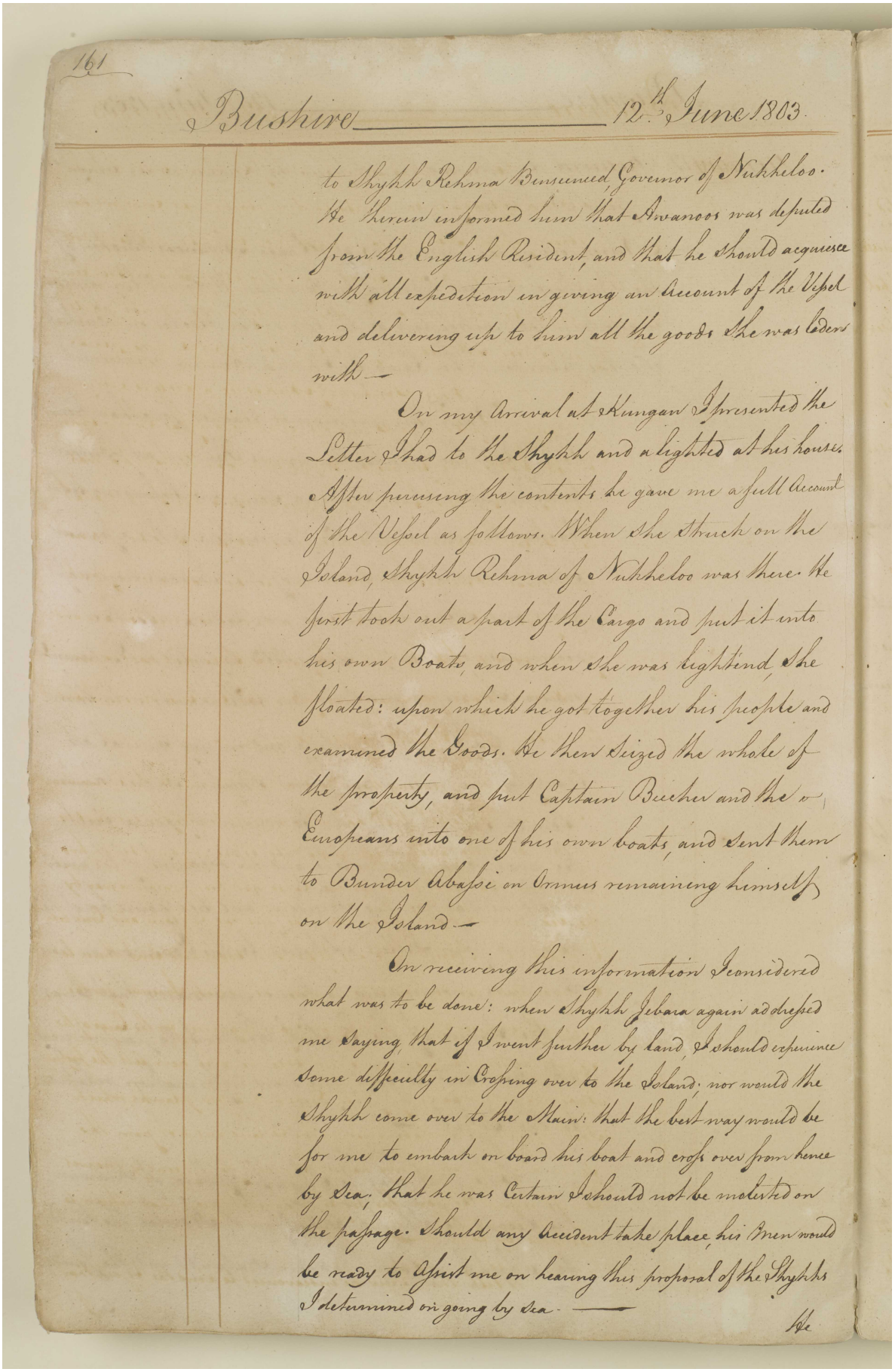

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to Shykh Rehma Bensueed, Governor of Nukheloo. He therein informed him that Awanoos was deputed from the English Resident, and that he should acquiesce with all expedition in giving an Account of the Vessel and delivering up to him all the goods She was Laden with —

On my Arrival at Kungan I presented the Letter I had to the Shykh and alighted at his house. After perusing the contents he gave me a full Account of the Vessel as follows. When She struck on the Island, Shykh Rehma of Nukheloo was there. He first took out a part of the Cargo and put it into his own Boats, and when She was lightend, She floated: upon which he got together his people and examined the Goods. He then Seized the whole of the property, and put Captain Beecher and the Europeans into one of his own boats, and sent them to Bunder Abasse on Omuis remaineng himself on the Island —

On receiving this information I considered what was to be done: when Shykh Jebara again addressed me saying that if I went further by land, I should experience some difficulty in Crossing over to the Island; nor would the Shykh come over to the Main: that the best way would be for me to embark on board his boat and cross over from hence by Sea, that he was Certain I should not be molested on the passage. Should any Accident take place, his Men would be ready to Assist me on hearing this proposal of the Shykhs I determined on going by Sea —

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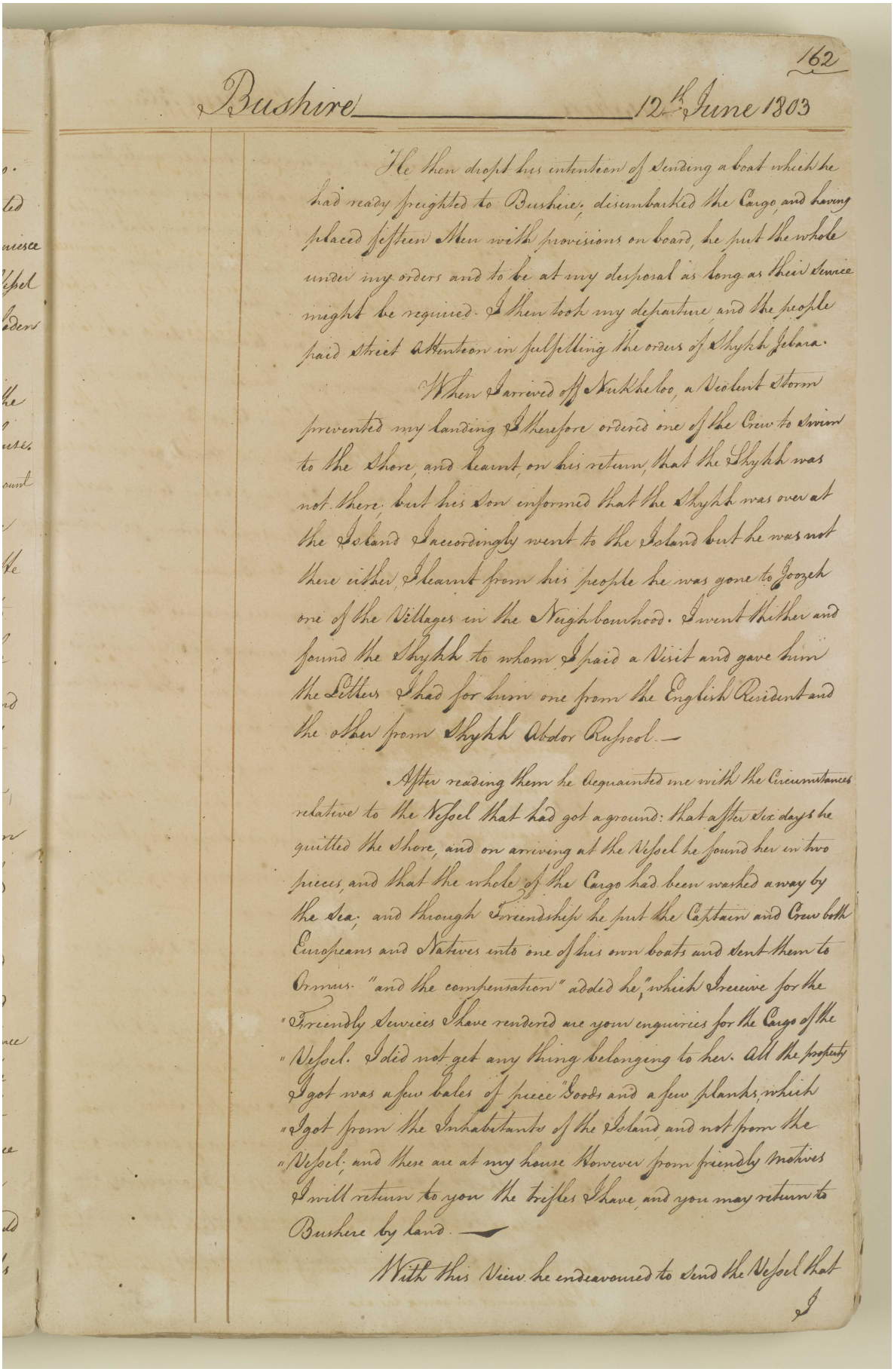

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He then dropt his intention of sending a boat which he had ready freighted to Bushire, disembarked the Cargo, and having placed fifteen Men with provisions on board, he put the whole under my orders and to be at my disposal as long as their Service might be required. I then took my departure, and the people paid strict attention in fulfilling the orders of Shykh Jebara.

When I arrived off Nukheloo, a Violent Storm prevented my landing I therefore ordered one of the Crew to swim to the Shore, and learnt on his return, that the Shykh was not there but his Son informed that the Shykh was over at the Island Accordingly went to the Island but he was not there either I learnt from his people he was gone to Joozeh one of the Villages in the Neighbourhood. I went thither and found the Shykh to whom I paid a Visit and gave him the Letters I had for him one from the English Resident and the other from Shykh Abdor Rusool —

After reading them he acquainted me with the Circumstances relative to the Vessel that had got a ground: that after six days he quitted the Shore, and on arriving at the Vessel he found her in two pieces, and that the whole of the Cargo had been washed away by the Sea: and through Friendship he put the Captain and Crew both Europeans and Natives into one of his own boats and sent them to Ormus. "and the compensation" added he, "which I receive for the "Friendly Services I have rendered are your enquiries for the Cargo of the "Vessel. I did not get any thing belonging to her. All the property "I got was a few bales of piece Goods and a few planks, which "I got from the Inhabitants of the Island, and not from the "Vessel, and these are at my house However from friendly motives I will return to you the trifles I have, and you may return to Bushire by land. —

With this View he endeavoured to send the Vessel that I

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I came in away by telling the people of the Boat, he would procure me a conveyance: but they would not attend to his proposals, and told him, they were at the disposal of Avanoos, and that it was not proper they should quit him without his permission: and without that they would not leave the place —

The Shykh then went over to his own house at Nukheloo, and I accompanied him thither. I kept constantly questioning him about the Vessel and Cargo. He would not acknowledge the fact, and the only Answer I could get from him was, that he did not get any thing of any Value to give back again: and that, whenever his Boats might return from Lobara, he would send me in one of them to Bushire —

I made many strict enquiries amongst the inhabitants of Nukheloo and its environ concerning the Ship and Cargo: but I could get no information from them. All I could learn was what the Shykh mentioned before to me —

It happened one day, that on going out of the Town of Nukheloo to see the country I perceived two Men who were Lascars belonging to the Ship that got a ground. I enquired of them what kept them in that Country: but without giving any reply, through fear of the Shykh, they ran away —

An Arab, who belonged to one of the Villages approached me: and I made some enquiries: to which he replied, that, after six hours of the day had elapsed, and a fresh N.W. wind blowing, the Vessel got a ground. Shykh Rehma got together four hundred of the inhabitants to seize the Vessel, which having no long boat, the Captain made one of his Men swim on Shore to get a boat from the Shykh. He accordingly sent him one of his boats with a message saying that he was a Friend to the English and inviting them on shore —

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The Captain being obliged to come on shore having no water on board, went to the Shykh and told him that he came to get a few Casks of water. The Shykh replied that the water could not be sent off immediately: but advised him to write a Letter telling the remaining Europeans in the Vessel to come on Shore and then he would send off the water.—

The Captain wrote the Letter and they came a shore. The Shykhs Son who is named Mohammed, at the same time from the other side set off in a number of small boats with two hundred Men and took possession of the Vessel: and the Captain and Europeans were put into a boat and sent to Ormus.— He kept ten Lascars belonging to the Vessel to unload her, and put the whole of her Cargo into the Fort of Nukheloo. broke the Vessel up: and it is his intention to build boats from the planks and Wood he got from the Ship. Out of the Cargo of the Vessel, added the Arab, he sent Seventy five bales of piece Goods and twenty five Chests of Sugar to Lahara to be sold. The Chief of the Utoobies however being a dependant of the Wuhabees, who rules in Nejd whatever orders from him or by his own authority I know not in consequence of its being Stolen property, ordered the whole to be seized. The Shykh accordingly finds himself embarrassed. He can neither send it to Arabia or Persia for fear of its being seized.—

When I had heard all this from the Arab, I went back to the Shykh and renewed my remonstrances. The Shykh made me a sign not to talk of the Subject before the people who were then present but the next day he took me to his own room and spoke to me in private, saying that half the property he was willing to give back to the Company; but the other half he would sell to them for its value, and that he would embark it into his own boats and land it at Bushire, upon this condition, that the Company would be friendly towards him, give him a written assurance to this effect, and in case the Persian Government

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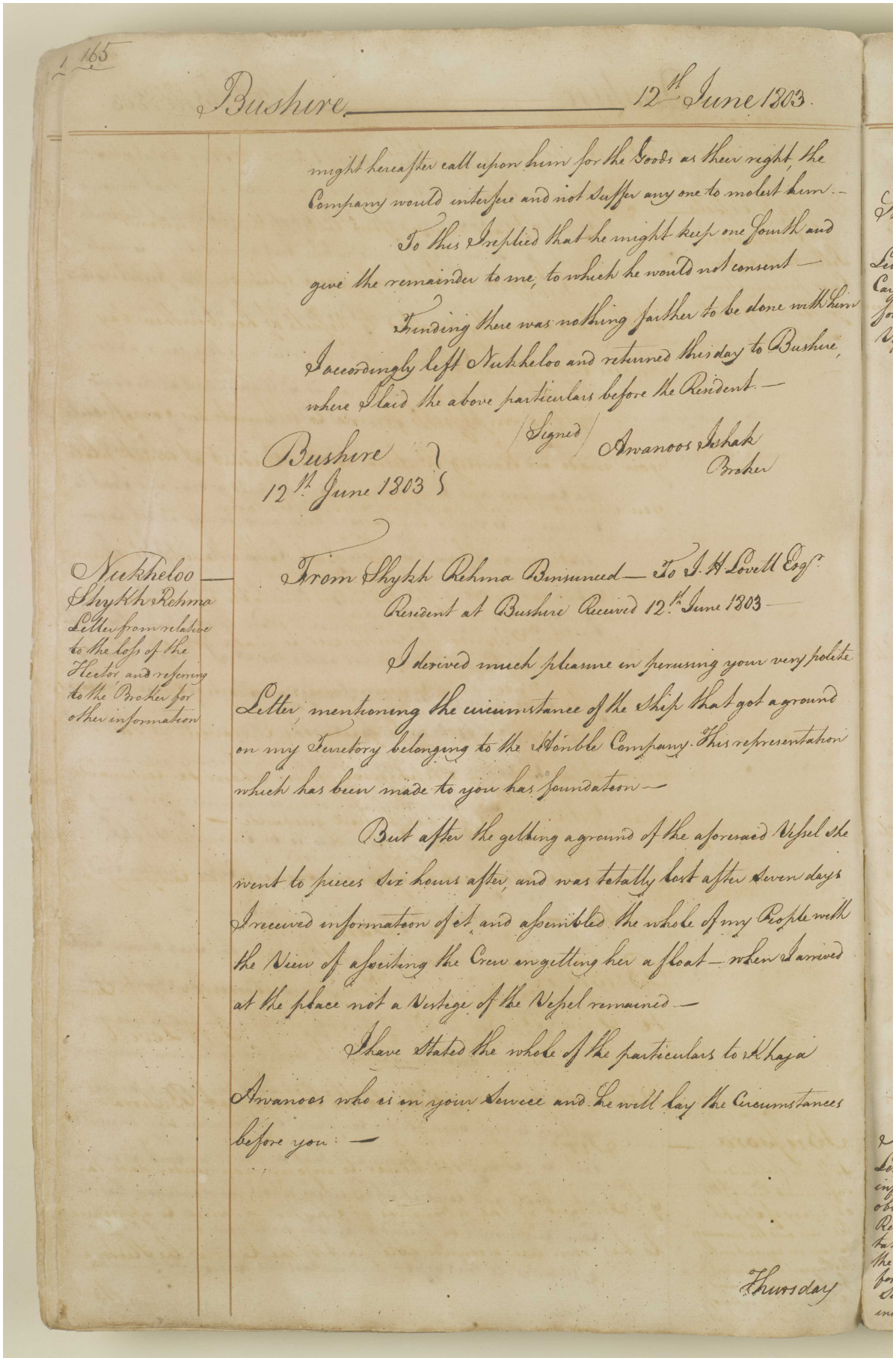

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might hereafter call upon him for the Goods as their right, the Company would interpose and not suffer any one to molest him.—

To this I replied that he might keep one fourth and give the remainder to me, to which he would not consent—

Finding there was nothing farther to be done with him I accordingly left Nukheloo and returned this day to Bushire, where I laid the above particulars before the Resident.—

(Signed) Awanoos Ishak
Broker

Bushire
12th June 1803

Nukheloo
Shykh Rehma
Letter from relative to the loss of the Hector and referring to the Broker for other information

From Shykh Rehma Benjuned — To J. H. Lovell Esq.
Resident at Bushire Received 12th June 1803—

I derived much pleasure in perusing your very polite Letter, mentioning the circumstance of the Ship that got aground on my Territory belonging to the Honble Company. This representation which has been made to you has foundation—

But after the getting aground of the aforesaid Vessel she went to pieces six hours after, and was totally lost after seven days. I received information of it, and assembled the whole of my People with the View of assisting the Crew in getting her afloat—when I arrived at the place not a Vestige of the Vessel remained—

I have stated the whole of the particulars to Akhaja Awanoos who is in your Service and he will lay the Circumstances before you.—

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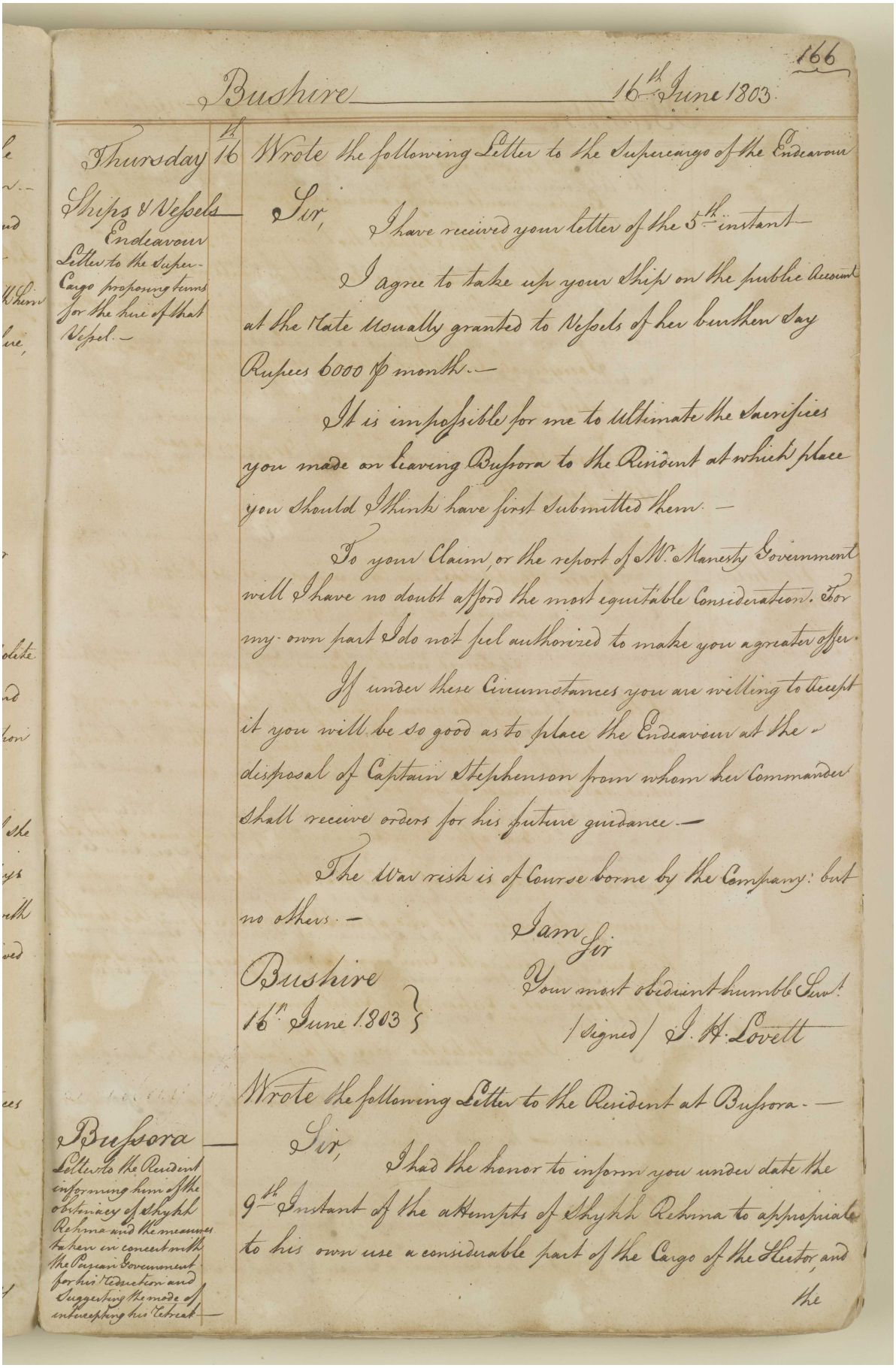

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Thursday 16

Ships & Vessels
Endeavour
Letter to the Super-Cargo proposing terms for the hire of that Vessel.—

Wrote the following Letter to the Supercargo of the Endeavour

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 5th instant

I agree to take up your Ship on the public Account at the Rate Usually granted to Vessels of her burthen say Rupees 6000 ℘ month.—

It is impossible for me to ultimate the sacrifices you made on leaving Bussora to the Resident at which place you should I think have first submitted them.—

To your Claim, or the report of H. Majesty Government will I have no doubt afford the most equitable Consideration. For my own part I do not feel authorized to make you a greater offer.

If under these Circumstances you are willing to accept it you will be so good as to place the Endeavour at the disposal of Captain Stephenson from whom her Commander shall receive orders for his future guidance.—

The War risk is of Course borne by the Company: but no others.—

I am Sir
Your most obedient humble Servt
/Signed/ J. H. Lovett

Bushire
16th June 1803

Bussora
Letter to the Resident informing him of the obstinacy of Shykh Rehma and the measures taken in concert with the Persian Government for his reduction and suggesting the mode of intercepting his retreat—

Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora.—

Sir,

I had the honor to inform you under date the 9th Instant of the attempts of Shykh Rehma to appropriate to his own use a considerable part of the Cargo of the Hector, and the

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the Appointment of Aka Reza to assist in the Recovery of that Vessel.—

2 It appears from the Report of Arabanoos who returned here on the 12th Instant that Shykh Rehma is determined not to Resign his power without a Struggle I have every Reason however to believe, that Aka. Reza who arrived here on the 13th Instant will perform his duty in which cases there seems no Resource but flight for Shykh Rehma, and Zobara is by all accounts the place to which he is most likely to be take himself.—

3d I expect, as above mentioned the most Cordial Cooperation on the part of Aga Reza. In Conformety to his wishes the Panther and Endeavour leave this on the 18th instant and will meet him at Kangoon, where a fleet of dows and Small Crafts are held in readiness by Shykh Jubbara.—

4th Should Shykh Ruhma resist the united efforts of this Armament there can I think be little doubt of the issue. Should he be induced to fly however either by force or fear he may possibly evade the Vegilance of our Cruizers: in View to which event I beg leave to Suggest the propriety of taking some steps to intercept his retreat either by writing to Shykh Solyman at Behreen or sending down some Vessel to Zobara with orders to detain all Suspected Vessels from the Persian Shore.—

5th I have taken up the Endeavour to assist in the reduction of Shykh Ruhma and to bring up the recovered property from Nukheloo at the rate of Rupees 6000 ₱ Mensem. His Claim for a farther remuneration the Supercargo has with proper Confidence agreed to refer to the Liberality of Government.—

6th Shykh Ruhma a Cousin of Shykh Nusser's proceeds

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on this expedition by order of the Persian Government I intend also to depute my Assistant Mr Bruce who is known and speaks the Language well to take Charge of the recovered property and Maintain a proper Correspondence between the heads of the two Services —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. H. Lovett

Bushire
16th June 1803

Friday 17th — Received the following Letter from the Supercargo of the Endeavour.

Ships & Vessels
Endeavour
Letter from the Super Cargo acceding to the terms proposed for chartering his Vessel —

Sir, I am favored with your Letter of yesterday —

As all my Arrangements since the date of the Application of the Honble Company's Resident at Bussora for the Ship Endeavour have been made with a View of going on the public Service I shall accept your offer of Continuing the Ship Endeavour at your disposal at the rate of Six thousand Rupees per month, and trust to the generosity of the Honble the Governor in Council of Bombay for a further Remuneration of the advantages we have resigned in order to go on the public Service —

The Commander of the Endeavour informs me she is perfectly ready for Sea and will proceed on the Service required as soon as he receives Orders from you or Captain Shepherson.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) S. Beaufort
Super Cargo.

Endeavour
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Friday 17 | Wrote the following Letter to the Commander of the Honble Company's Cruizer Panther.—

Marine Panther Instructions to the Commander for the guidance of his Conduct on the Expedition to Nukheloo with requisite information.

Sir,

The enclosed papers Nos 1 to 21 will explain to you the nature of the Service upon which you have been ordered here from Bussora and the preparatory steps that have been taken up to the present day towards Carrying that Service into execution.—

2 You will there find that Shykh Rehma Bin Jumma Governor of Bushear and Nukheloo, has conducted himself with regard to two British Vessels unfortunately stranded on that island in a manner that Calls for the severest animadversion of the British Government—

3 You will observe the ineffectual attempts that have been yet made towards recovering the property public & private of which he has thus Violently possessed himself—

4 The Persian Government has at length attended to my claims for a reparation of these injuries and not only authorized the employment of force Should Shykh Rehma Continue to disregard all pacific overtures but deputed an Officer of rank to direct it in Such a manner as may lead to his most effectual punishment.—

5 It is required that we Shall Cooperate by Sea while Aga Reza more immediately Superintends the operations by land; you will adopt Such measures therefore in concert with

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with him as may above all things prevent the escape of Shykh Rehma, taking care however to Commit no act of hostility against any of the Subject of the Persian Government without his Concurrence —

6 The grand object of the expedition is the recovery of the public property taken from on board the Hector, Consisting, According to the best Accounts I have yet received of 875 bales of Woollens of the Supposed Value of 3 Lacks of Rupees.

7 These are by the Brokers Account still at Nukheloo with the exception of 75 bales which have been sent to the other Coast and for the recovery of which I have requested the interference of H. Majesty. The Ship is I fear irrecoverably lost. Her damages at first were not material but She has I understand been since broken up by orders of Shykh Rehma. —

8 I enclose Copy of a Statement given to Aga Reza by desire of the Persian Government Containing the particulars of the loss incurred by the plunder of both these Vessels. I regret indeed my inability to Speak with more minuteness, as to number or Value of the property on board either of them. I have never had a line from any Soul on board the Hector and ground my demand therefore upon information received through Various indereet Channels particularly the Supercargo of the Ship Endeavour who luckily took a Memorandum of the Amount Sent

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from the Honble Company's Warehouses in Bombay. Lieut Bennett who you will perceive is ordered to proceed here by Government, will I hope arrive in sufficient time to give the requisite information respecting the Alert. —

9 I have taken up the Endeavour as you will observe by the enclosed Correspondence for the purpose of assisting, should force be found requisite in the reduction and apprehension of Shykh Rehma & conveying to Bushire with all practicable expedition such part of the public property as may be eventually realised at Nukheloo — you will Consider therefore as under your Command from the receipt of this letter and Continue to give her Commander the requisite instructions to this effect. —

10 One or two Small craft shall also attend you for the purpose of Communication, and other incidental Services. One of these, I intend shall be a stout well Armed Bottella sufficient to protect a watering party or Vessel the attack of any Small Vessel too insignificant to require your own attention. —

11 My assistant Mr. Bruce will proceed on the Panther and Shykh Rehma Ben Ghyor Cousin to the Governor of this place with a party of Arabs on board the Endeavour the former for the purpose of maintaining the requisite Correspondence between you and Aka Reza, receiving the

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the goods when recovered and Shipping them under your Superintendence on the Endeavour the latter by order of the Persian Government to assist by his labors and Advice in promoting the general objects of the expedition. I shall send also a detachment of fifteen Men from the Residency to guard to encrease the force and respectability of the Endeavour you will please to give orders for the Comfortable Accommodation of Shykh Rahma Ben Ghyse.—

12th Aga Reza requires the vessels under your Command to leave this the same day that he does, which will be about the 19th or 20th Instant you will rendezvous at Kangoon where with the intervention of Mr Bruce you will Concert the plan for your future operations. As Aga Reza however will be Six days on the road there is no necessity that you should Arrive there earlier. Please to hold yourself in readiness to weigh on receiving intelligence of his departure.—

Wishing you all Success.—

I am Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

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/Signed/ J. H. Lovett

List of Enclosures of the above Letter alluded to, will be found on the foregoing pages.—

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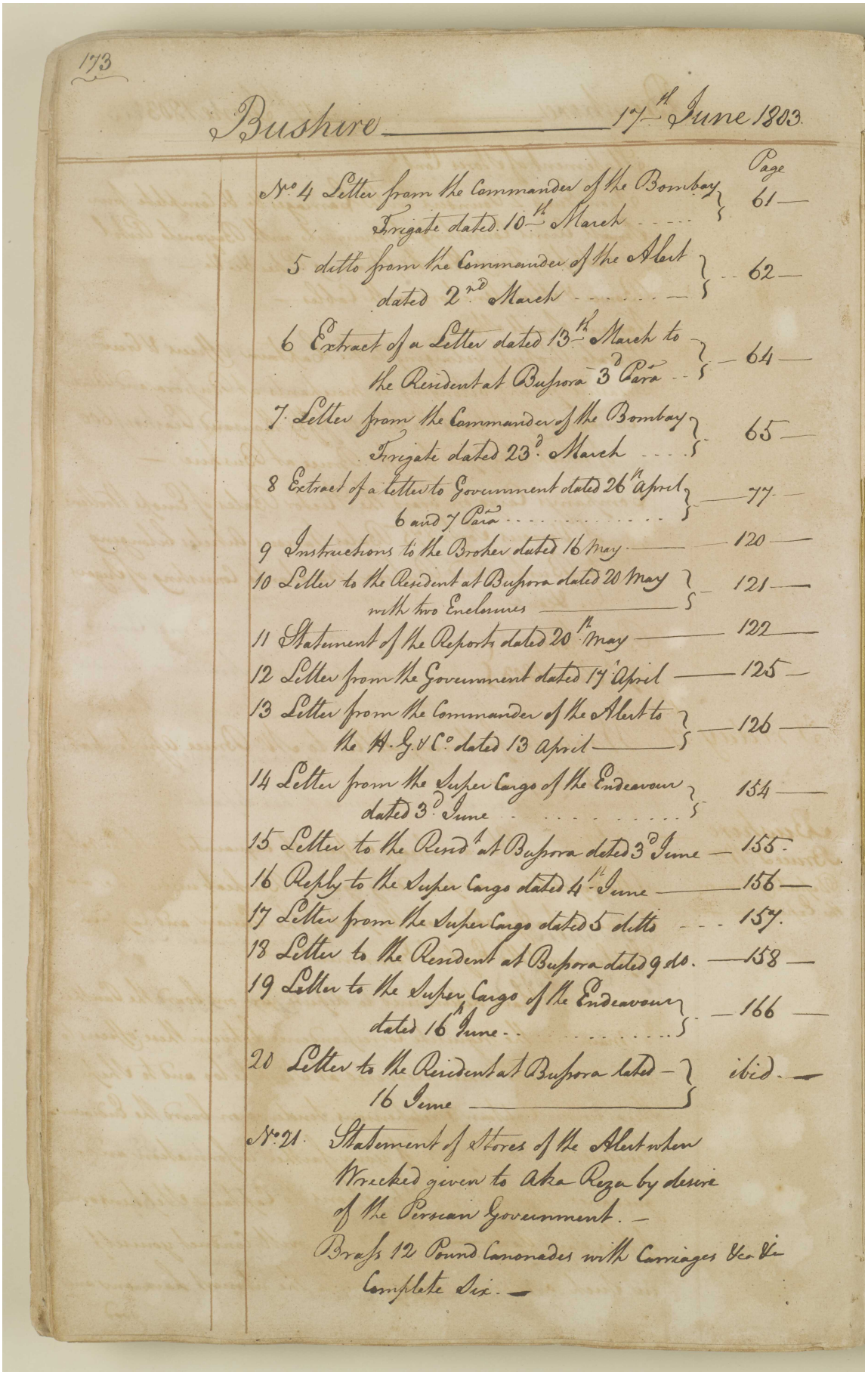

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Statement of Stores Cont.d

Iron Guns 2 Pounders with Carriages &c &c Complete four —
Small Arms Consisting of Musquets with Bayonets Pistol
Cutlasses, Tomy Hawks, Boarding Pikes &c &c —
Bower & Sheet Anchors with Cables —
Various Small Stores
Private Property belonging to the Captain Officers & Crew —
Treasure freight belonging to Merchants at Bussora and Bushire
Amounting at least to 50,000/ fifty thousand Peasters/600
of which Shipped by Mr Bruce at Bushire —
Companys Cargo on board the Hector Bales of Europe Woolens
of Various Sorts 875 Bales Various Articles belonging
to Bushire and Bussora Merchants Consisting of Sugars
&c &c —

Bushire
17th June 1803

Friday 17th — Wrote the following Letter to Mr Bruce Assistant at the Factory —

Bushire
Bruce Ass.t
Deputing him on
the Expedition —

Sir, You are already sufficiently acquainted with the nature of the expedition now proceeding against Busheab under the Command of Aga Reza on the part of the Persian and Captain Stephenson of the English Government —

2 I have determined to depute you on board the Panther to maintain the requisite Correspondence between these Officers, to receive the Goods when recovered at Nuckheloo and to Ship them under Captain Stephensons tendence on board the Endeavour. I enclose for the purpose of your further information and guidance Copy of my instructions to Captain Stephenson of this days date — I trust you will Conduct yourself in such a manner as to preserve the utmost harmony and good

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good understanding not only between the heads but all the Subordinate Members of both Services who may be occasionally Called up on to Act together —

3 You will with the assistance of Shykh Nusseer Cousin Cultivate the good will of all the Arab Shykhs along the Coast as you go down. you will in particular return my best thanks to Shykh Abdorrehman and Shykh Jabarra for the attentions shown to Avanoos on his late deputation to Nukheloo. To the latter who is Governor of Kungoon you will deliver the accompanying letter and present in testimony of my Sincere acknowledgement.

4th I have ordered the Broker to attend Aga Reza & to take with him a few Lascars for the purpose of keeping me regularly advised of your proceedings. You will also with the Same View take advantage of every eligible Sea Con= =veyance —

Bushire
17th June 1803

Sam Jos
Your most obedient Servant
Signed J.H. Lovett

Copy of instructions to Captain Stephenson's letter alluded to, will be found in the foregoing Page — 169.

This day in compliance with his Request gave the foregoing Statement to Aga Reza . . . page 173. —

Kungoon — Letter to the Shykh introducing Mr. Bruce —

To Shykh Jubara Governor of Kungoon,

I have learnt with pleasure and Acknowledge with Sincere Sensibility the kind and Hospetable treatment which

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which Khaja Awanoos has derived on his late Visit to Kungoon from your respect for the English Government and your personal kindness towards me.—

My Assistant Lieutenant Bruce who now proceeds with two English Vessels to your Port, I have entrusted with this Letter and some further Communications which he will deliver on paying his respects to you.—

He is the bearer also of a Small present which trust you will receive in token of my esteem, and Continue to favor me with your kind Correspondence.—

Bushire 16th June 1803.

Sunday 19 Wrote the following Letter to the Commander of the Endeavour.—

Ships & Vessels — Endeavour — Order to the Commander to receive Sepoys on board with their baggage and Provisions

Sir,

Please to receive on board One Naick and fourteen Sepoys with their baggage Arms and two months provisions: Communicating their Arrival to Captain Stephenson.—

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
/signed/ J. H. Lovett

Bushire
19th June 1803.

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Bushire 20th June 1803.

Monday 20 — Wrote the following Letter to the Commander of the Panther —

Marine Panther

Letter to the Commander desiring Accommodations to be prepared for Aga Reza on board the Endeavour —

Sir, Aga Reza having determined to proceed to Sea you will please to give the requisite Orders for his Accommodation in the most Satisfactory manner possible on board the Endeavour —

According to the Arrangements already made you will first proceed to Kungoon, when the Governor Shykh Jubara will afford every necessary assistance towards carrying the proposed object into effect —

You will be attended, as I have already noticed, by two pilot boats and a Trankey, the latter Carrying fifteen Arab Musketeers —

Aka Reza embarks to morrow accompanied by 24 Attendants Mr Bruce also in Consequence of this Arrangement will proceed on board the Endeavour. You will please to Set Sail as soon as they reach the Ship. —

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) J. B. Lovett

Bushire
20th June 1803

Wednesday 22 — Sailed the Panther and Endeavour for the Southward with Aka Reza and Suite on board the latter. —

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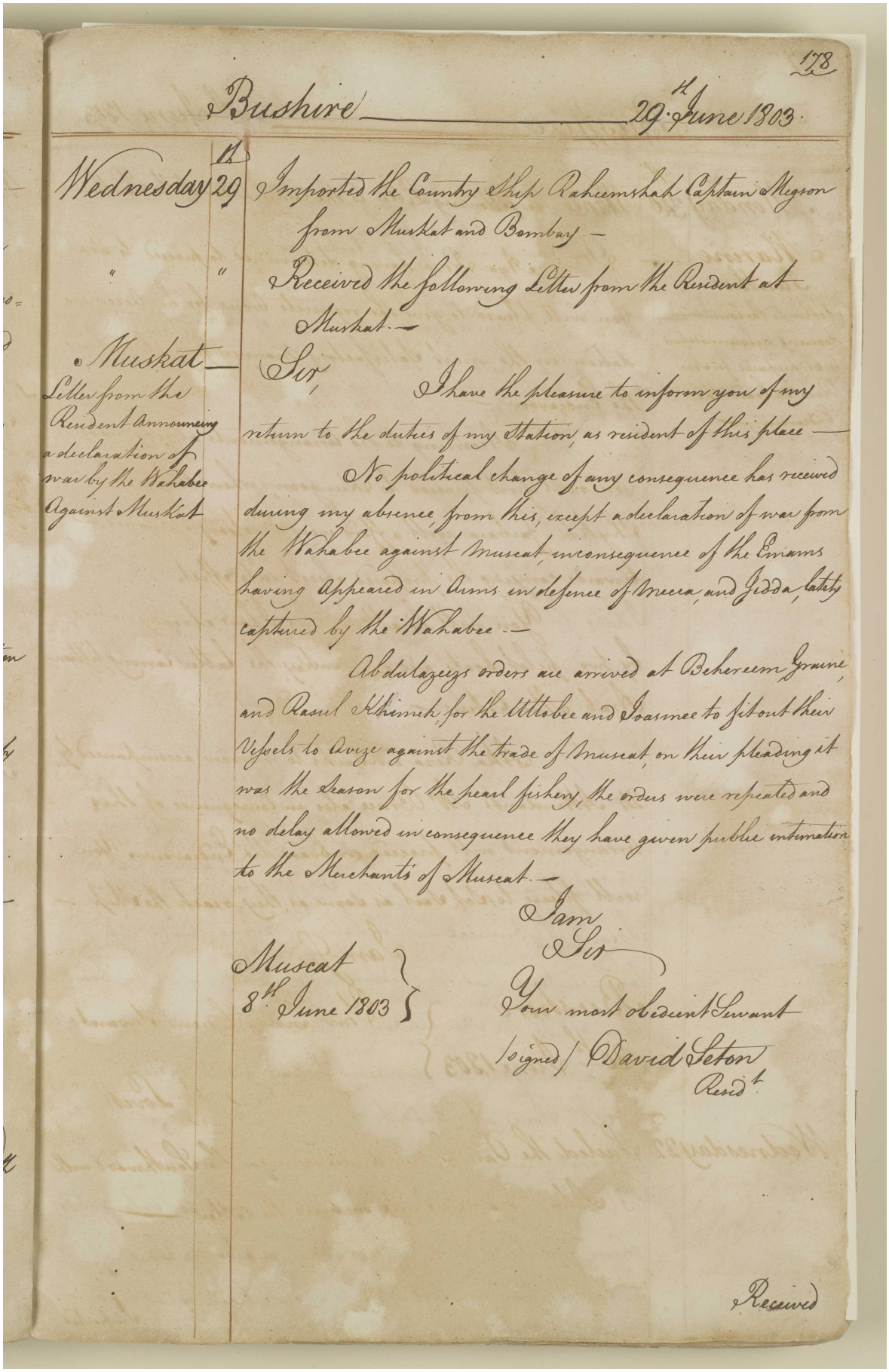

Bushire — 29th June 1803.

Wednesday 29th — Imported the Country Ship Raheemshah Captain Megson from Muskat and Bombay —

" " — Received the following Letter from the Resident at Muskat —

Muskat — Letter from the Resident Announcing a declaration of war by the Wahabee Against Muskat

Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you of my return to the duties of my Station, as resident of this place —

No political change of any consequence has received during my absence, from this, except a declaration of war from the Wahabee against Muscat, in consequence of the Emams having appeared in Arms in defence of Mecca, and Jedda, lately captured by the Wahabee —

Abdulazeezs orders are arrived at Behereem, Graine, and Rasul Khimeh, for the Uttobee and Joasmee to fit out their Vessels to Avize against the trade of Muscat, on their pleading it was the Season for the pearl fishery, the orders were repeated and no delay allowed in consequence they have given public intimation to the Merchants of Muscat —

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) David Seton
Resid^t.

Muscat
8th June 1803

Received

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Bushire 30th June 1803.

Thursday 30th

Ships & Vessels Hector. Letter from the Commander stating the Seizure of his Ship and Cargo by Shykh Rehma

Received the following Letter from Captain Beecher late Commander of the Hector.—

Sir,

I am sorry to inform you of the Seizure and Plunder of the Ship Hector of Bombay, late under my Command, freighted chiefly on Account of the Honble Company with about 800 Bales of broad Cloth and Long Ells consigned to you, by the Shaikh of Busheab, under which Island I was obliged to run for Shelter, from a heavy gale of wind, which broke in upon me off Cape Verdistan, the accompanying Papers will I hope fully explain the particulars one Copy of which I have sent to the Bengal Government, by Mr. Melvill of the Bengal Civil Service, lately arrived here from an Embassy in Egypt. and the original I take with me to Bombay; The Shaikh's name who Seized the Ship is I understand Rama or Bamaund and he holds the Districts of Nukheloo and Jebarra of the King of Persia, as well as the Island of Busheab and Schitwar. He was made perfectly to understand that the greatest part of the property on board belonged to the Honble Company and consigned to you, as also Dispatches from Government to you, to Mr. Manesty and to Mr. Jones, at Bagdat. His Answer to me was that he was good friends with the English Nation, the Sircar at Bushire, and the Sultaun and that whatever belonged to them should be given up to them as also the Ship if enquired after, but tell them he should keep what he had got—

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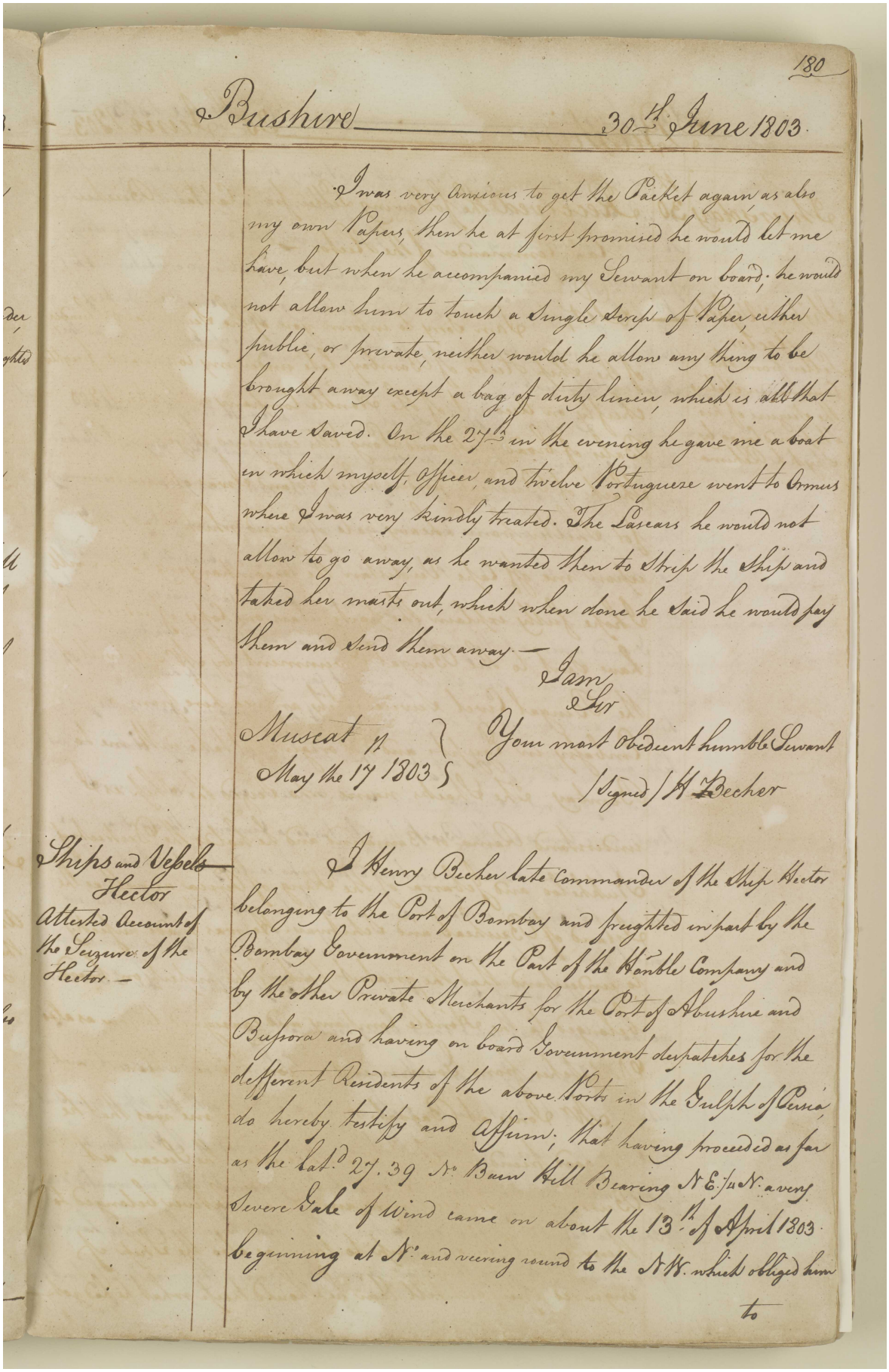

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I was very anxious to get the Packet again as also my own Papers, then he at first promised he would let me have, but when he accompanied my Servant on board, he would not allow him to touch a single scrip of Paper, either public, or private, neither would he allow any thing to be brought away except a bag of dirty linen, which is all that I have saved. On the 27th in the evening he gave me a boat in which myself, Officer, and twelve Portuguese went to Ormus where I was very kindly treated. The Lascars he would not allow to go away, as he wanted them to Strip the Ship and take her masts out, which when done he said he would pay them and send them away.—

I am
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
/Signed/ H Becher

Muscat 17th
May the 17 1803

Ships and Vessels
Hector
Attested Account of the Seizure of the Hector.—

I Henry Becher late Commander of the Ship Hector belonging to the Port of Bombay and freighted in part by the Bombay Government on the Part of the Honble Company and by the other Private Merchants for the Port of Abushire and Bussora and having on board Government despatches for the different Residents of the above Ports in the Gulph of Persia do hereby testify and affirm; that having proceeded as far as the Lat.d 27. 39 N.o Bani Hill Bearing N.E. ½ N. a very Severe Gale of Wind came on about the 13th of April 1803 beginning at N.o and veering round to the N.W. which obliged him to

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to lay too and Continued to Blow with great Fury between the two above Points till the 23d Scarcely ever Admitting making any Sail on the Ship, that the abovementioned Henry Becher did during the whole of that time keep the Sea in hopes of a change of Weather, but that on the 23d Seeing no likelyhood of a Change, or abatement, his People being Sickly, and much Jaded, and having only two Small Jang Casks of Water remaining on board, bore up to take Shelter and fill up his Water under the Island of Bushead —

That on the 24th of April he rounded the South End of Bushead, and that in Standing in towards the Town, under a Fore and Mizn Topsails the lead kept going had Soundings 17. 13. 10 fms when the helm was put down and every thing prepared to bring too, but the Ship Struck instantaneously before the Anchor was clear of the Ships Bows, that having the Fore Topsail a back, the Ship paid off as tho She would veer round into deep Water, when the Cable was cut but She took the Ground again a little further to the Eastward, all the time trailing over a Sandy Bottom and then Struck fast, but lay very easy with her head to the S.W. her head Sails being kept a back to prevent her forging in Shore on the flood tide, and in hopes if She did float, that it would be into deep Water — That a gun as fired and a Singnal made to the People on Shore, when a number of Boats were laying on the Beach for Assistance, a Cannon with one Man was sent off to us, in which we Sent one Man who could Speak Arabic to desire they would Send us a boat to carry an Anchor out astern, for which we would pay, but he never returned to the Ship, during this time we carried out a Small Grapnel Astern but when the Ship lifted on the Flood and we hauld on it, it came home being too Small —

That early in the Morning of the 25th we made another Signal when a Small Boat was Sent off, in her Mr Galbraith the Officer was Sent on Shore to procure a Boat that having proceeded to the Dunbar he then explained to the Head Man (the Sheick being Absent) that we wanted a Boat to carry an anchor out Astern, they told him he should have one for a hundred Rupees, this was Agreed to provided they would take part in

Goods

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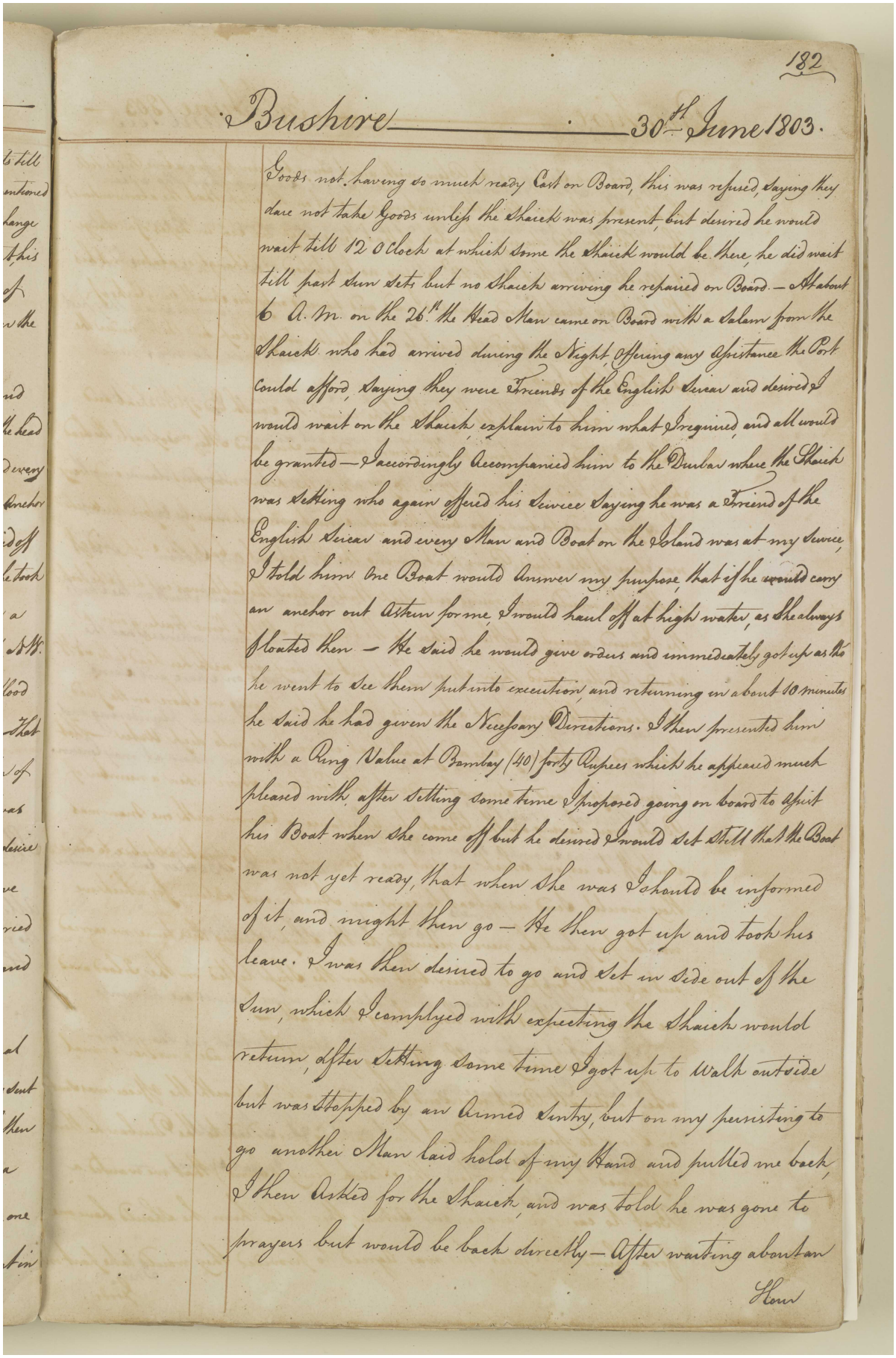

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Goods not having so much ready Cast on Board, this was refused, saying they dare not take Goods unless the Shaick was present, but desired he would wait till 12 O'clock at which time the Shaick would be there, he did wait till past Sun sets but no Shaick arriveing he repaired on Board. — About 6 A. M. on the 26th the Head Man came on Board with a Salem from the Shaick who had arrived during the Night, offering any Assistance the Port could afford, saying they were Friends of the English Sircar and desired I would wait on the Shaick, explain to him what I required, and all would be granted — I accordingly Accompanied him to the Dubar where the Shaick was sitting who again offered his Service saying he was a Friend of the English Sircar and every Man and Boat on the Island was at my Service, I told him one Boat would Answer my purpose, that if he would carry an anchor out Astern for me, I would haul off at high water, as She always floated then — He said he would give orders and immediately got up as tho he went to see them put into execution, and returning in about 10 minutes he said he had given the Necessary Directions. I then presented him with a Ring Value at Bombay (40) forty Rupees which he appeared much pleased with after sitting some time I proposed going on board to visit his Boat when she come off but he desired I would set still that the Boat was not yet ready, that when She was I should be informed of it, and might then go — He then got up and took his leave. I was then desired to go and set in Side out of the Sun, which I complyed with expecting the Shaick would return, after sitting some time I got up to Walk outside but was stopped by an Armed Sentry, but on my persisting to go another Man laid hold of my Hand and pulled me back, I then Asked for the Shaick, and was told he was gone to prayers but would be back directly — After waiting about an

Hour

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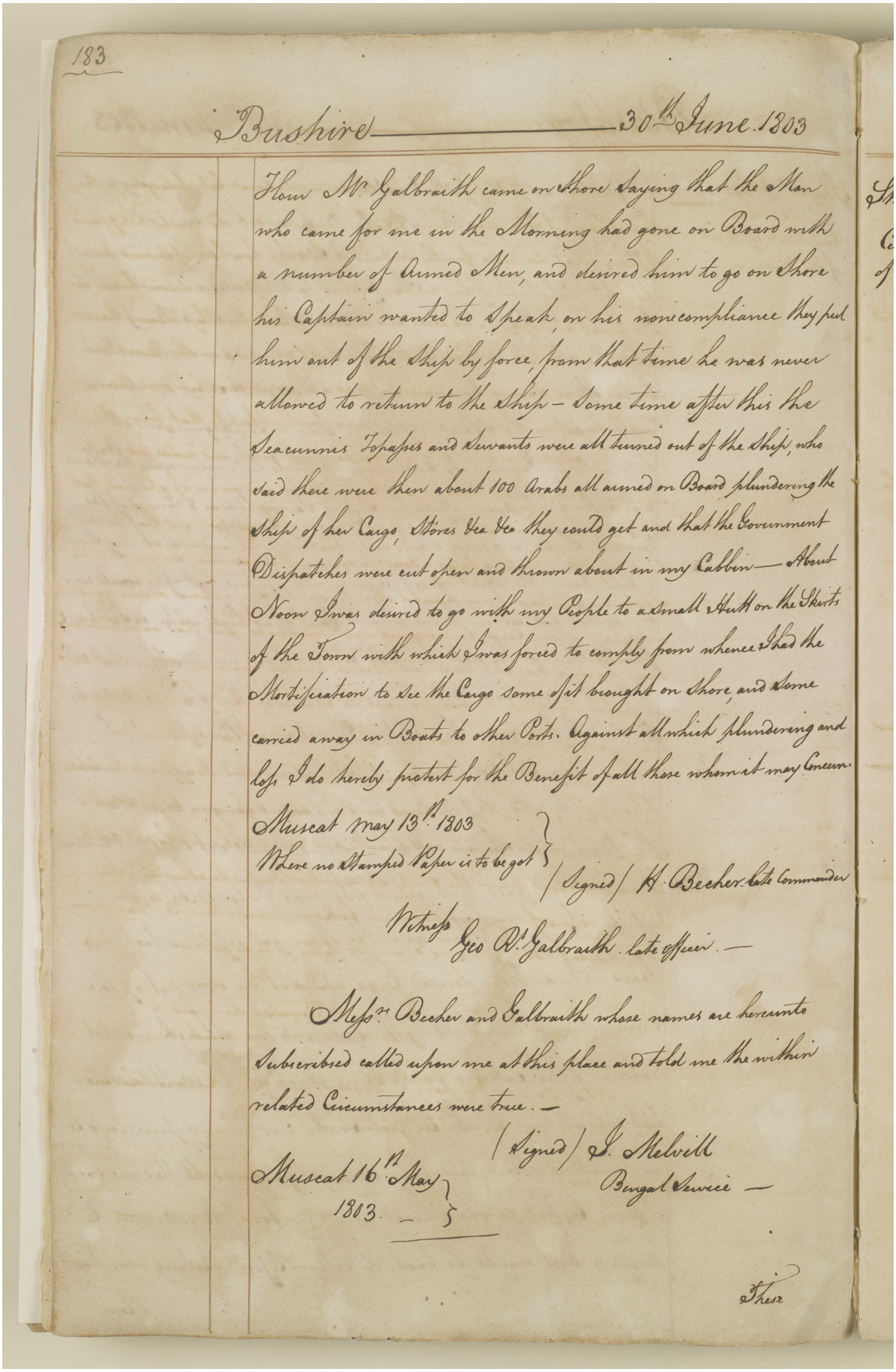

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How Mr Galbraith came on Shore saying that the Man who came for me in the Morning had gone on Board with a number of Armed Men, and desired him to go on Shore his Captain wanted to Speak, on his non compliance they put him out of the Ship by force, from that time he was never allowed to return to the Ship – Some time after this the Seacunnis Topasses and Servants were all turned out of the Ship, who said there were then about 100 Arabs all armed on Board plundering the Ship of her Cargo, Stores &c &c they could get and that the Government Dispatches were cut open and thrown about in my Cabbin — About Noon I was desired to go with my People to a small Hutt on the Skirts of the Town with which I was forced to comply from whence I had the Mortification to see the Cargo some of it brought on Shore, and some carried away in Boats to other Ports. Against all which plundering and loss I do hereby protest for the Benefit of all those whom it may Concern.

Muscat may 13th 1803
Where no Stamped Paper is to be got

(Signed) H. Becher late Commander

Witness Geo R. Galbraith late officer —

Messrs Becher and Galbraith whose names are hereunto Subscribed called upon me at this place and told me the within related Circumstances were true. —

(Signed) J. Melvill
Bengal Service —

Muscat 16th May 1803. —

These

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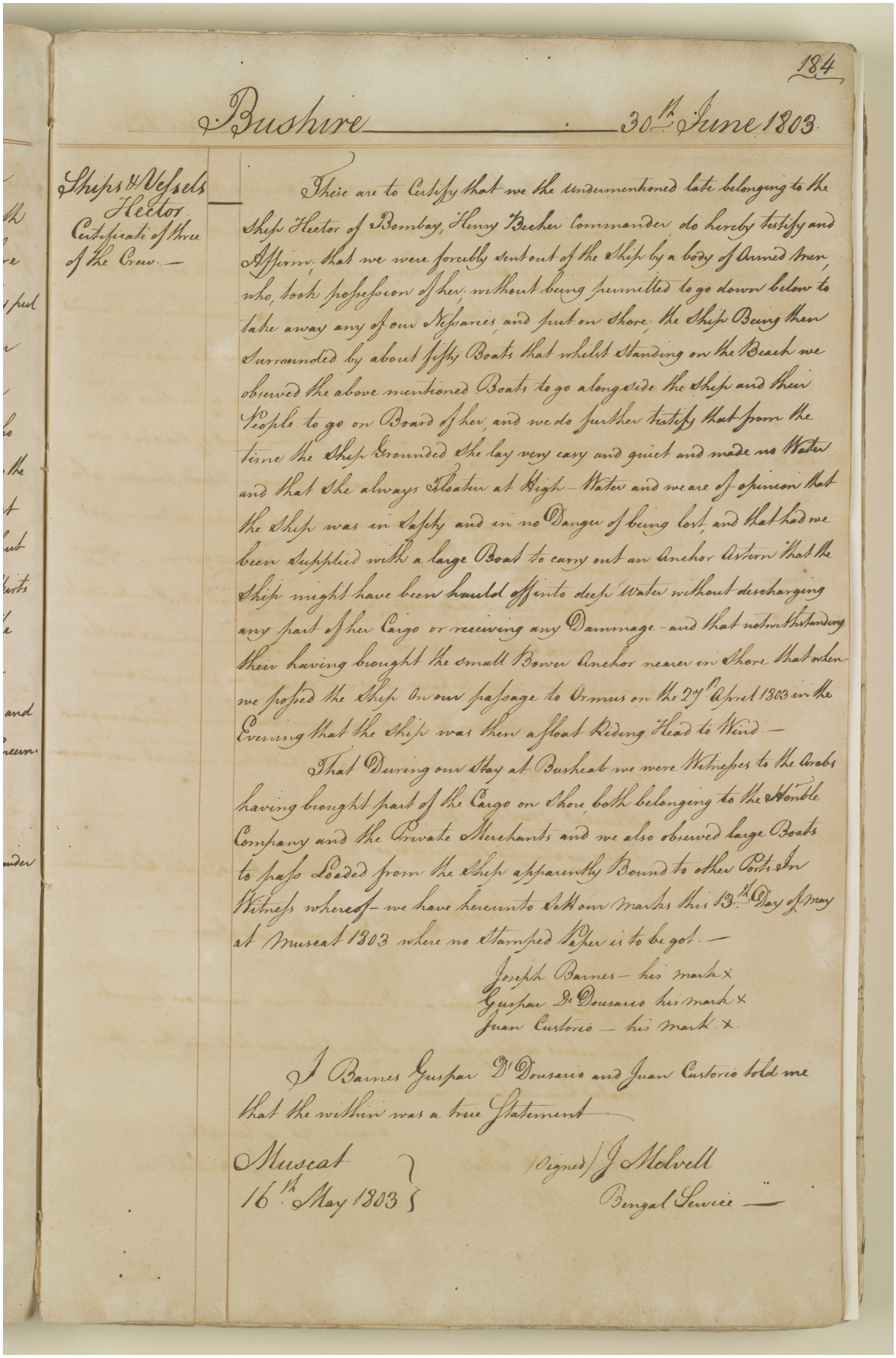

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Ships & Vessels
Hector
Certificate of three of the Crew —

These are to Certify that we the undermentioned late belonging to the Ship Hector of Bombay, Henry Becher Commander do hereby testify and Affirm, that we were forcably sent out of the Ship by a body of Armed Men, who took possession of her, without being permitted to go down below to take away any of our Necessaries, and put on Shore, the Ship Being then Surrounded by about fifty Boats that whilst Standing on the Beach we observed the above mentioned Boats to go alongside the Ship and their People to go on Board of her, and we do further testify that from the time the Ship Grounded She lay very easy and quiet and made no Water and that She always floated at High Water and we are of opinion that the Ship was in Safety and in no Danger of being lost, and that had we been Supplied with a large Boat to carry out an Anchor Astern that the Ship might have been hauled off into deep Water without discharging any part of her Cargo or receiving any Dammage — and that notwithstanding their having brought the small Bower Anchor nearer in Shore that when we proped the Ship on our passage to Ormus on the 27th April 1803 in the Evening that the Ship was then afloat Riding Head to Wind —

That During our Stay at Bushcab we were Witnesses to the Arabs having brought part of the Cargo on Shore, both belonging to the Honble Company and the Private Merchants and we also observed large Boats to pass Loaded from the Ship apparently Bound to other Ports In Witness whereof — we have hereunto Set our Marks this 13th Day of May at Muscat 1803 where no Stamped Paper is to be got —

Joseph Barnes — his mark ×
Gaspar De Dousario his mark ×
Juan Custorio — his mark ×

I Barnes Gaspar De Dousario and Juan Custorio told me that the within was a true Statement —

Muscat
16th May 1803

(Signed) J Melvell
Bengal Service —

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Sunday 3d

Ships & Vessels Rehamshah Instructions to the Commander for the guidance of his Conduct between this and Bussora

Wrote the following Letter to Captain Thomas Megson Commander of the Country Ship Rahemshah.

Sir,

The Nature of Accounts lately received from Bussora renders it expedient for you to pursue the following Course which I Communicate by the desire of the British Resid.t at that place —

Upon your passage up Bussora River and your Arrival off the Town you are to decline paying the usual Compliments to the Turkish Flag: after bringing your Vessel to an Anchor, you are to proceed to Maghill to receive further orders from the Resident, leaving at the same time instructions to your officers not to allow any Communication between the Ship and the Shore upon any Consideration whatever —

I further Advise you not to Admit of any Piratical Boats Approaching too near you between this and Bussora, altho' you must avoid any hasty or wanton Act of hostility against them —

I am Sir
Your most obedient Humble
Servant
(Signed) J.W. Lovett

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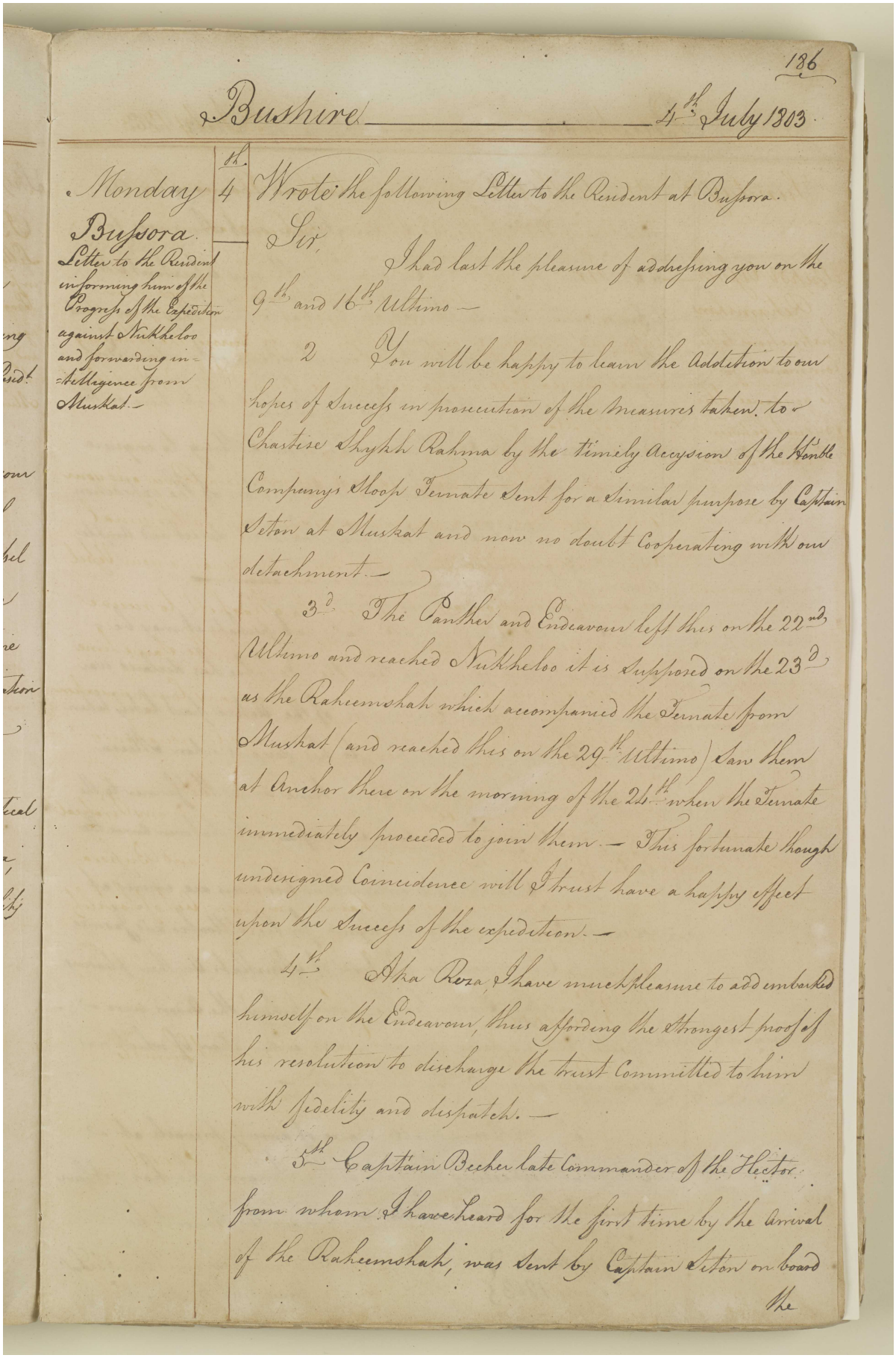

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Monday 4½ Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora.

Bussora. Letter to the Resident informing him of the Progress of the Expedition against Nukheloo and forwarding intelligence from Muskat.

Sir,

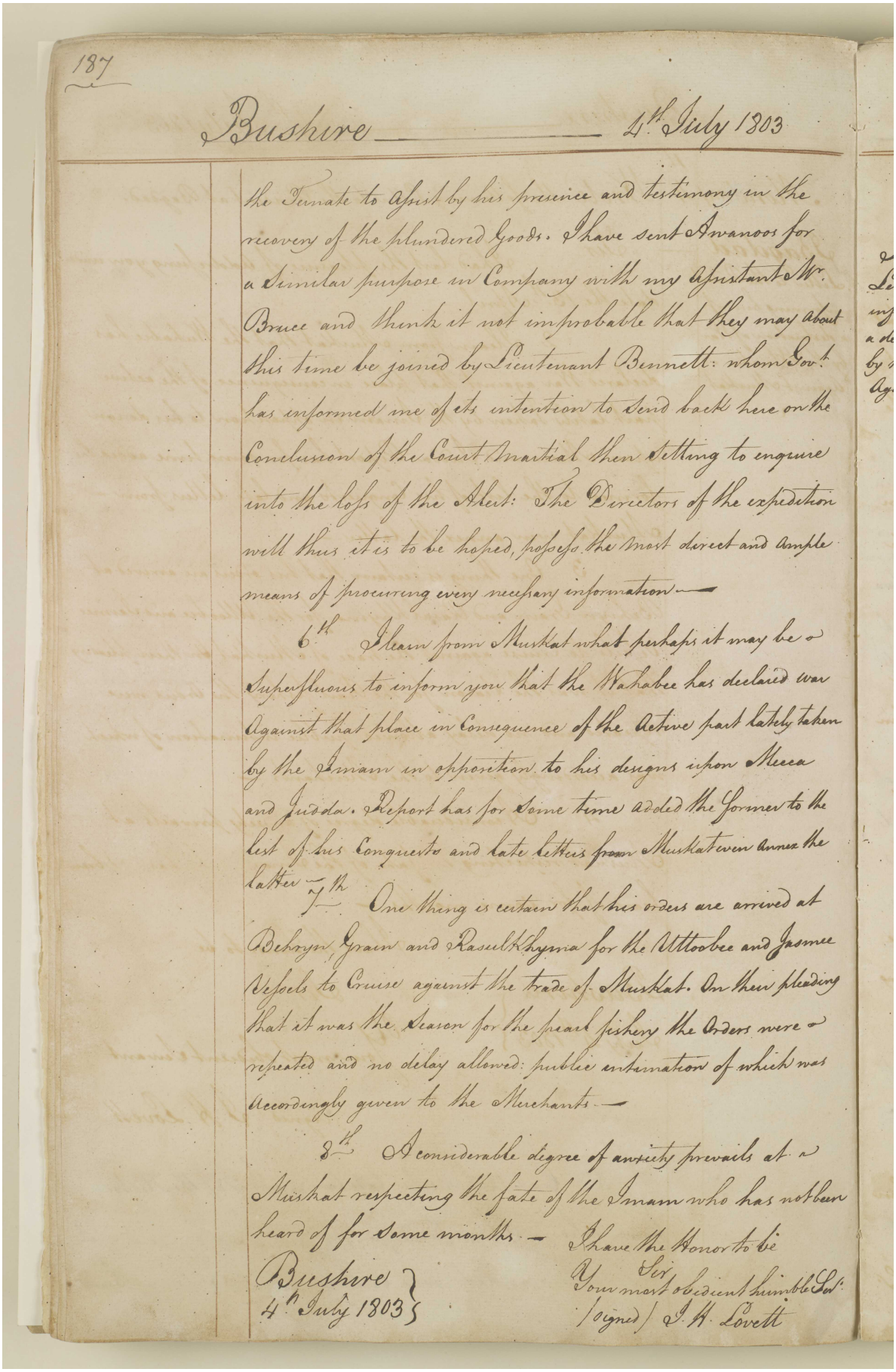
I had last the pleasure of addressing you on the 9th and 16th Ultimo.

2 You will be happy to learn the Addition to our hopes of Success in prosecution of the measures taken to Chastise Shykh Rahma by the timely accession of the Honble Company's Sloop Fernate sent for a similar purpose by Captain Seton at Muskat and now no doubt Cooperating with our detachment.

3d The Panther and Endeavour left this on the 22nd Ultimo and reached Nukheloo it is supposed on the 23d as the Raheemshah which accompanied the Fernate from Muskat (and reached this on the 29th Ultimo) saw them at Anchor there on the morning of the 25th when the Fernate immediately proceeded to join them. This fortunate though undesigned Coincidence will I trust have a happy effect upon the Success of the expedition.

4th Aka Reza I have much pleasure to add embarked himself on the Endeavour, thus affording the strongest proof of his resolution to discharge the trust committed to him with fidelity and dispatch.

5th Captain Becher late Commander of the Hector from whom I have heard for the first time by the Arrival of the Raheemshah, was sent by Captain Seton on board the



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the Tenate to Assist by his presence and testimony in the recovery of the plundered Goods. I have sent Nwanoos for a similar purpose in Company with my Assistant Mr. Bruce and think it not improbable that they may about this time be joined by Lieutenant Bennett: whom Govt. has informed me of its intention to send back here on the Conclusion of the Court Martial then sitting to enquire into the loss of the Alert: The Directors of the expedition will thus it is to be hoped, possess the most direct and ample means of procuring every necessary information —

6th I learn from Muskat what perhaps it may be superfluous to inform you that the Wahabee has declared war against that place in Consequence of the active part lately taken by the Imam in opposition to his designs upon Mecca and Judda. Report has for some time added the former to the list of his Conquests and late Letters from Muskat even name the latter 7th One thing is certain that his orders are arrived at Behryn, Grain and Rasulkhyma for the Attoobee and Jasmee Vessels to Cruise against the trade of Muskat. On their pleading that it was the Season for the pearl fishery the Orders were repeated and no delay allowed: publick intimation of which was accordingly given to the Merchants —

8th A considerable degree of anxiety prevails at Muskat respecting the fate of the Imam who has not been heard of for some months. —

I have the Honor to be Sir Your most obedient humble Servt.

Bushire 4th July 1803

/signed/ J. H. Lovett

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Monday 4 | Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bagdad.

Bagdad
Letter to the Resident informing him of a declaration of War by the Wahabee against Muskat

Sir, I had last the pleasure of addressing you under date the 13th April.

2 I learn from Muskat that the Wahabee has declared War against that place in consequence of the active part lately taken by the Imam in opposition to his design upon Mecca and Judda. Report has for some time added the former to the list of his Conquests and late letters from Muskat even annex the latter.

3 One thing is certain that his orders are arrived at Behryn, Grain and Rasal Khyma for the Attoobee and Jarmee Vessels to Cruise against the trade of Muskat on their pleading that it was the Season for the Pearl fishery the Orders were repeated and no delay allowed: public intimation of which was accordingly given to the Merchants.

4 A considerable degree of anxiety prevails at Muskat respecting the fate of the Imam who has not been heard of for some months.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) J. H. Lovett

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Bushire 7th July 1803

Thursday 7 — Imported the Country Ship Trimmer Captain Cumming from Bombay and Muskat —

" " — Sailed the Country Ship Raheemshah Captain Thomas Megson Commander for Bussora —

Friday 8 — Imported the Country Ship Adventure from Bussora, Captain Forest —

Saturday 9 — Wrote the following Letter to the Commander of the Brig Trimmer —

Ships and Vessels — Trimmer — Instructions to the Commander for the guidance of his Conduct between this and Bussora

Sir,

The nature of Accounts lately received from Bussora renders it expedient for you to pursue the following Course which I communicate by the desire of the British Resident at that place —

Upon your passage up Bussora River and your Arrival off the Town you are to decline paying the usual Compliments to the Turkish Flag, after bringing your Vessel to an Anchor, you are to proceed to Maghill to receive further orders from the Resident, leaving at the same time instructions to your officers not to allow any Communication between the Ship and the Shore upon any Consideration whatever —

I further Advise you not to admit of any Piratical Boats Approaching too near you between this and Bussora, altho you must Avoid any hasty or wanton Act of hostility Against them —

I am Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. H. Lovett

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Bushire 9th July 1803

Saturday 9 Sailed the Country Ships Trimmer for Bussora.
" " Imported the Mersey Captain Wilson from Bussora.
" " Received the following Letter from the Resident at Bussora.

Bussora Letter from the Resid declining any Share in the Public employment of the Endeavour or the apprehension of Shykh Rehma and noticing the embarkation of the establishment on the two Ships in the River —

Sir, My last Advices were dated the 30th May and transmitted p Panther and I have since on the 18th Ultimo p Belle and on the 26th Ultimo p express Boat received your Communications of the 3d and 9th ultimo —

I rejoice that my active Attention to your wishes respecting the Panther has proved acceptable to you, but I deny all participation on the Public Employment of the Endeavor or that I have been in any degree officially instrumental to her departure hence for Bushire. On the Receipt by her Supercargo Mr Stephen Beaufort, at Maghel on the 29th May, of your private Letter, to his Address, which accompanied your official Request to me, respecting the Panther, he perused it in my presence, and on his having done so, and read a Paragraph of it to me, I immediately asked him what determination he had formed on the Subject of your Hint and proposal, to which Question he replied, that he should certainly proceed without delay to Bushire in order there to make you an offer of the Services of the Endeavor —

Had Mr Beaufort proposed to settle with me, the Terms on which he would consent to devote, the Endeavor to the public Service, I should have declined Negociation with him altogether for I was certainly not Authorized by your Advices to engage therein. I am unequivocally of opinion that the proposals made by him to you, in his Letter of the 5th Ultimo, is inadmissible and that his Demands therein stated for the monthly hire of the Endeavor, are exhorbetant and unreasonable in the Extreme and I shall Rejoice if you are not compelled by Circumstances to accede to them —

The Part of the Endeavor Cargo, left at Bussora unsold by Mr Beaufort was received into my Care, on the most liberal Terms, and I have Reason to hope that it may be disposed of under my Management, at Prices exceeding those offered to him, during his Stay at Maghel, by the Bussora Merchants —

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In the present political State of the Island of Bahreen and Town of Zebarra, recently Acknowledging the Authority of the Whahabee Shaik, tho' yet greatly independent of it, there is not a Possibility of recovering the Property, reported at Bushire to have been sent from Bushear to Zelarra, by Sheik Rahmah, and under his Conviction, I shall, unless some unexpected Circumstance occurs, of a peculiarly favorable Nature, decline all Communication on the Subject, either with Abdel Aziz the Whahabee Shaik or with Shaik Suleman, the Governor of Bahreen —

The Mersey now proceeds to Bushire, on her way to Bombay, in Deviation from her projected Voyage, in more direct return to Calcutta, in order to land at Bombay a Public Packet from the India House, for the Honble the President in Council, received on the 28th Ultimo. Her Commander Captain James Wilson, has my Instructions to receive charge of such Packets for Government, as you may wish to entrust to his Care —

Peculiar Circumstances has determined me to embark the Bussora Establishment on British Vessels, and it is now on board the Fury and Belle at an Anchorage to the Southward of the Town of Bussora, waiting the Decision of the Bacha of Bagdad, respecting the injured and unfortunate Woman, lately under the protection of Captain White —

I have the Pleasure to enclose a Packet to your Address from Mr Jones, received on the 28th Ultimo, and I have the Honor to be with great Truth and Regard —

Sir

Your very obedient humble Servant

/Signed/ Samuel Manesty

Fury
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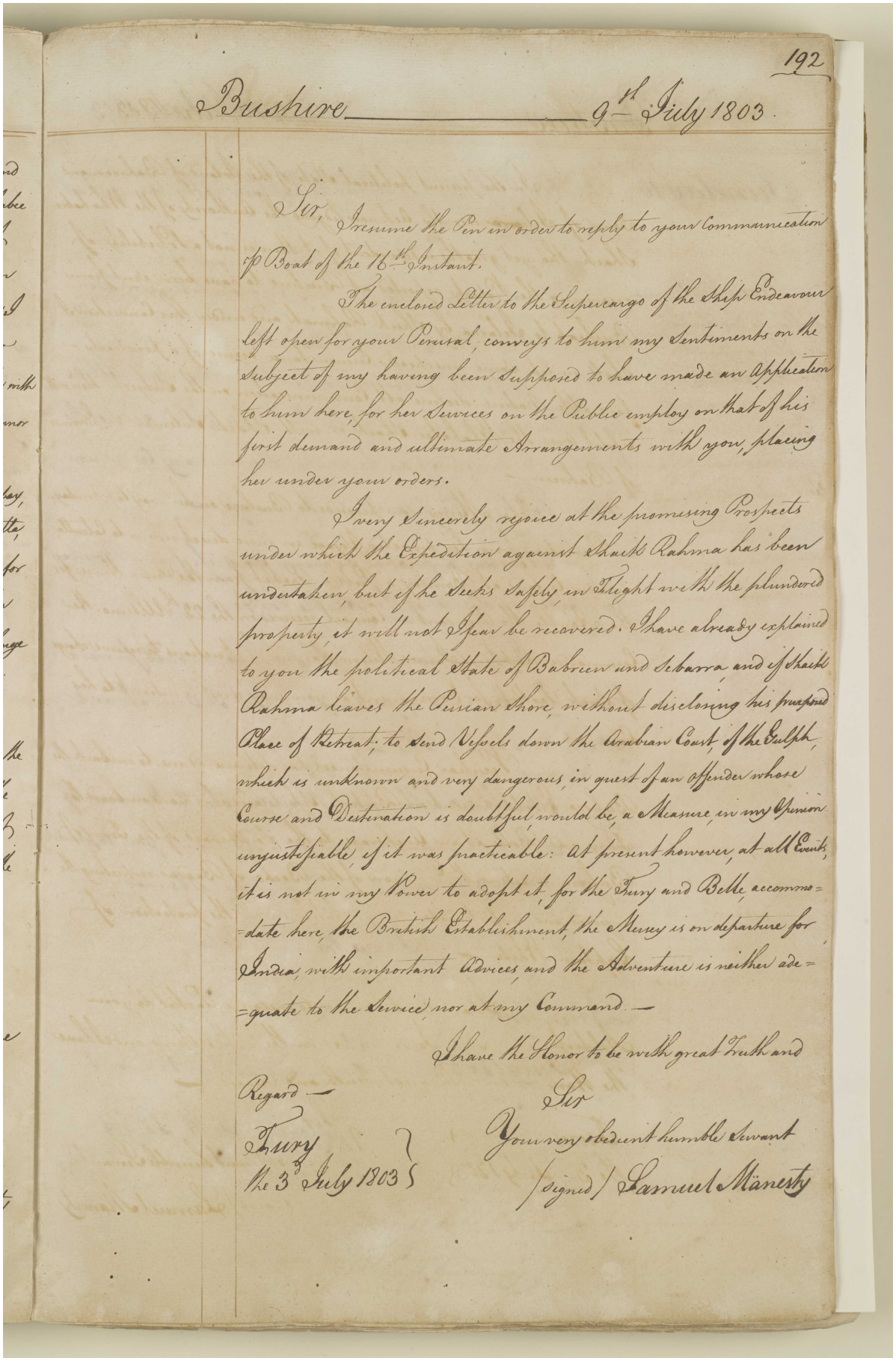

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Sir,

I resume the Pen in order to reply to your Communication of Boat of the 16th Instant.

The enclosed Letter to the Supercargo of the Ship Endeavour left open for your Perusal, conveys to him my Sentiments on the subject of my having been supposed to have made an Application to him here, for her Services on the Public employ on that of his first demand and ultimate Arrangements with you, placeing her under your orders.

I very Sincerely rejoice at the promising Prospects under which the Expedition against Sheik Rahma has been undertaken, but if he Seeks Safety in Flight with the plundered property, it will not I fear be recovered. I have already explained to you the political State of Bahrein and Zobarra, and if Sheik Rahma leaves the Persian Shore, without disclosing his proposed Place of Retreat, to send Vessels down the Arabian Coast of the Gulph, which is unknown and very dangerous, in quest of an Offender whose Course and Destination is doubtful, would be, a Measure, in my Opinion unjustifiable, if it was practicable: At present however, at all Events, it is not in my Power to adopt it, for the Tury and Belle accommodate here, the British Establishment, the Money is on departure for India, with important Advices, and the Adventure is neither adequate to the Service, nor at my Command.—

I have the Honor to be with great Truth and Regard—

Sir

Your very obedient humble Servant

/signed/ Samuel Manesty

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Sunday 10 Wrote the following Letter to Captain Seton Resident at Muskat —

Muskat — Letter to the Resident touching upon the troubled State of the Gulph forwarding Packets and requesting some Post intelligence

Sir,

I beg to offer you my Congratulations on your return to the duties of your Station —

The Wuhabees or rather their Maritim allies the Uttoobies are at war with the whole of this side of the Gulph: so much so as to render the ordinary Communication between the nearest ports unsafe —

I enclose a packet to your Address from Bombay forwarded by desire of the Honble the Governor.

I should be much obliged if you would forward to me by occasions opportunities list of Arrivals and departures at your Port —

I enclose a letter from the Honble the Governor of Bombay to the Imaum which I would thank you to present on His Highness's return with my respects —

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

(signed) J. H. Lovett

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Sunday 10 Received the following Dispatches from Captain Stephenson

Marine Panther Letter from the Commander noticing the arrival of the Zenate and a Conference held with Aga Reza

Sir,

On our Arrival here I found the Zenate Cruzer had been dispatched from Muscat with Letters to the Sheikh demanding the Bales with orders to return as soon as Captn Maughan could get answers to the Letters, but as Aga Reza's Troops had not arrived and was expected in two or three days I have thought proper to detain her for that time —

The day after our arrival I went on Shore and waited on Aga Reza to get what information I could from him respecting what Steps he meant to take and to offer him all the Assistance we could — He informed me that as soon as Mahomed Tuchey Cawn Governor of Lohor arrived he would order the Bales to be given up without making any resistance — I questioned him about puting that confidence in him and if he might not be deceived and offered to land near a hundred fighting Men that would take the place, pointing out the Fort to be in a very defenceless State and all the inhabitants did not seem to consist of more than two or three hundred (report said there were about four hundred) and at the same time mentioned that if he waited until the Arrival of the Governor and all his Troops it might then be too late the N. Westers might detain many things might happen and nothing like embracing the present opportunity to all of which he turned a deaf ear and the only Answer I got was to wait. —

We have been very fortunate as yet since our Arrival

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arrival having had nothing but land and Sea breezes which would have permitted us to have laid the Vessells so close to the Shore that we could Knock'd the Fort and all the houses down in a very short time. I only hope he may not be deceived but if he should that it may be found out before the North westers comes on —

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(signed) Edwd Stephenson

Honble Company's Cruizer
Panther off Nakeloo
June 26 1803.

Sunday 12 10 Received the following despatches from Lieutenant William Bruce on Deputation at Nukheloo —

Nukheloo Bruce Lt Wm Letter from stating his arrival at that place junction of the Ternate the Conferences held between Aka Reza and Shykh Rehma the hostile measures of the latter the necessity of force and a disinclination of Aka Reza to use it —

Nukhelo 24th June 1803 —

Sir, I have the honor to inform you of our Anchoring abreast of Bassatien on the 23d at ½ past 9 Oclock at night it is about ½ a Jursong from this place —

At Day light in the Morning we saw two Vessels laying at Anchor between the Islands of Bushear and Chitwar I immediately wrote a letter (the Copy of which I now enclose) and sent the Country Boat we had with us to them but before she reached the Vessels the Ship made Sail and stood to Sea, the other Vessel the Ternate Brig came down to us and Anchored close to the Panther — at 9 the Brigs Boat came on board with a Lieutenant and letter from her Commander as p accompanying Copy — informed Aga Reza respecting the Vessel and told him that she had been

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been Sent on the Same Service with Letters from the Resident at Muscat for Shaikh Rama Ebn Ben Summud and that the Commander of the Hector was on board, He told me I had better go on board and bring him back with me, that He might go on Shore with us and He would wait my return Accordingly went on board the Fenate and had some talk with Captain Maughan, He Said he had been at Anchor three days, that the other Vessel was the Raheem Shah Captain Megson, that he had Sent a Boat over from the Island to the Shaik at Nabbee to tell him to come over for the letters, but that the people he had sent had not as yet returned — He then He then introduced me to Mr. Beacher of the Hector whom I requested to accompany me on Shore in which he of course agreed and Captain Maughan gave him the letters for the Shaikh —— Returned on board the Endeavour and found Aga Reza all ready for going on Shore, desembarked all his Attendants into the Country Boat and went on Shore in the Fenates with Aga Reza and Captain Beacher — Landed about 12 Oclock and found Cyea Awannoos and Shaikh Rama (who had been Sent early in the morning Setting with the Shaikh of the Place in a Tent upon the Beach and who got up and welcomed us on Shore — Aga Reza then asked him why he broke up the last Vessel that got on Shore, which He denied but said She broke to pieces herself (although in the present of Captain Beacher) and it was not his fault if the Commanders of the Vessels kept their eyes Shut instead of open as He was not

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put there to keep a look out for Vessels and inform them of the Dangers about his Islands — Captain Beacher then gave him the letters from Captain Seton which He immediately opened opened and read and asked after his health, and said he was a very particular friend of his, after setting a short time longer He took his leave and sent two or three people to Fetch a Tent for me and shortly after a Magona with something for my Dinner —

Sent the Country Boat back to bring the remainder of Aga Rezas and my own baggage on Shore, which returned again at Sun Set —

In the evening Shaikh Rama Ben Sunneed came and paid me a Visit which Awannoos and Shaikh Rama was with me — He told Awannoos he had ruined Him and why did I not come by myself and not bring the Persians along with me, that He had now to Satisfy me (which He wished to do in preference to the Persians, his whole Subsistance depending on his trade by Sea and which we was master of) Aga Raza Cheraek Aly Khawn, the young Prince and Mohummed Turkey Khawn of Tor, and how was he to do it, no, not even the property of the Vessels, his own private and the whole of his Tribes would do it, for still they would say he had more and that it was impossible to Satisfy a Persian — I told him it was his own fault why did he not give the Alots to Captain Margoty

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and the Hector to Awanmoos when he was here which had he have done he would have proved himself a friend to the English and it would ultimately have been better for him, He said he was perfectly aware of it, but how happened it that we came to claim property of Vessels wrecked on his Coasts, when Mr. Seton had informed him that amongst all Europeans powers it was customary when Vessels was stranded on any Coast, she immediately became the property of the Inhabetants of that Coast in which case he had only followed our own custom I made no Answer to this last remark of his as he only stayed a short time after—— He then set with Awanmoos and Shaikh Rama and told them to come and tell me that had I have come alone with them two, and not brought Aga Reza, that he would have shewn me every thing he got from the Vessels and have left it to me to have given him what I thought proper, but still as it was he would let me have one half of the property unknown to Aga Reza and the other half he would shew to him after my having taken an Account of what there was and told him what to put on one side for himself— I returned for Answer that first I must on the whole of the property and take an Account of it, and then I should be able to give him a better how I would wish him to act, He said very well he would—

June 25th 1803—

This morning Shaikh Rama Eben Ben Sinneed sent me word he would not stand by what he had said yesterday

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yesterday as he was afraid of the Persians—

During this Morning Several Musqueteers have arrived from the Sourrounding Country and which he put inside the Fort and round the Walls——In the evening Setting with Aga Reza in company with Shaik Rama of Bushire opened the business of the Vessels to him Aga Raza then told him I had come for the express purpose of recovering the Private and Public property of the two Vessels, and that I had already been here one day and nothing had taken place, the busenes was would he give it to me or not—He said as for the Share of the property he had got (which was no more than any other person) he would not, for both the Vessels were wrecked and that they became the property of any body who could secure it. And if he had got the whole of it he would not be compelled by any European force—I told him we had not come here to use force unless Aga Reza desired it that he knew if we wanted to use force without Consulting the Persian Government we were capable of distroying not only this place but any other on the Sea Coast, He said he was not afraid of any force we could bring against him, that he was a Subject of the King of Persia, and who was at liberty to do what he pleased with him Aga Raza then told him that he was come expressly with a Firmaun from the young Prince to recover the British

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property and give it to me, and would he give it up or not, if not He should be obliged to write for force to compel him, He Answered he had nothing to give but would go himself to Sheraze or even to Taheran if ordered by the Government and to whom he would only be answerable —

It is now evident that Aga Reza has not Sufficient Authority to collect a force untill He receives further instructions from Sheraze, He has applied to the Shaik here for a Cafeid to go there which he refused him, and inconsequence I have let him have one of mine but which will be obliged to go by Sea to the next Natr. port as this Rascal has put people on the different Roads to prevent our sending any expresses —

Shaik Rama of Bushire told me to day that Aga Reza's instructions from Cheraut Aly Khan was to get the Goods from this fellows without letting any body see them and put them into Godowns, sending an Account of the Amount and Quality that he would afterwards tell him what to do with them — this Aga Reza told himself to Shaik Rama —

Indeed if He was not along with me I do not know I should manage between this Arab and Persian — He is perfectly in my interest and lets me know of every private Conference that takes place, I have told him that you will reward his Services if he continues to Conduct himself to my wish —

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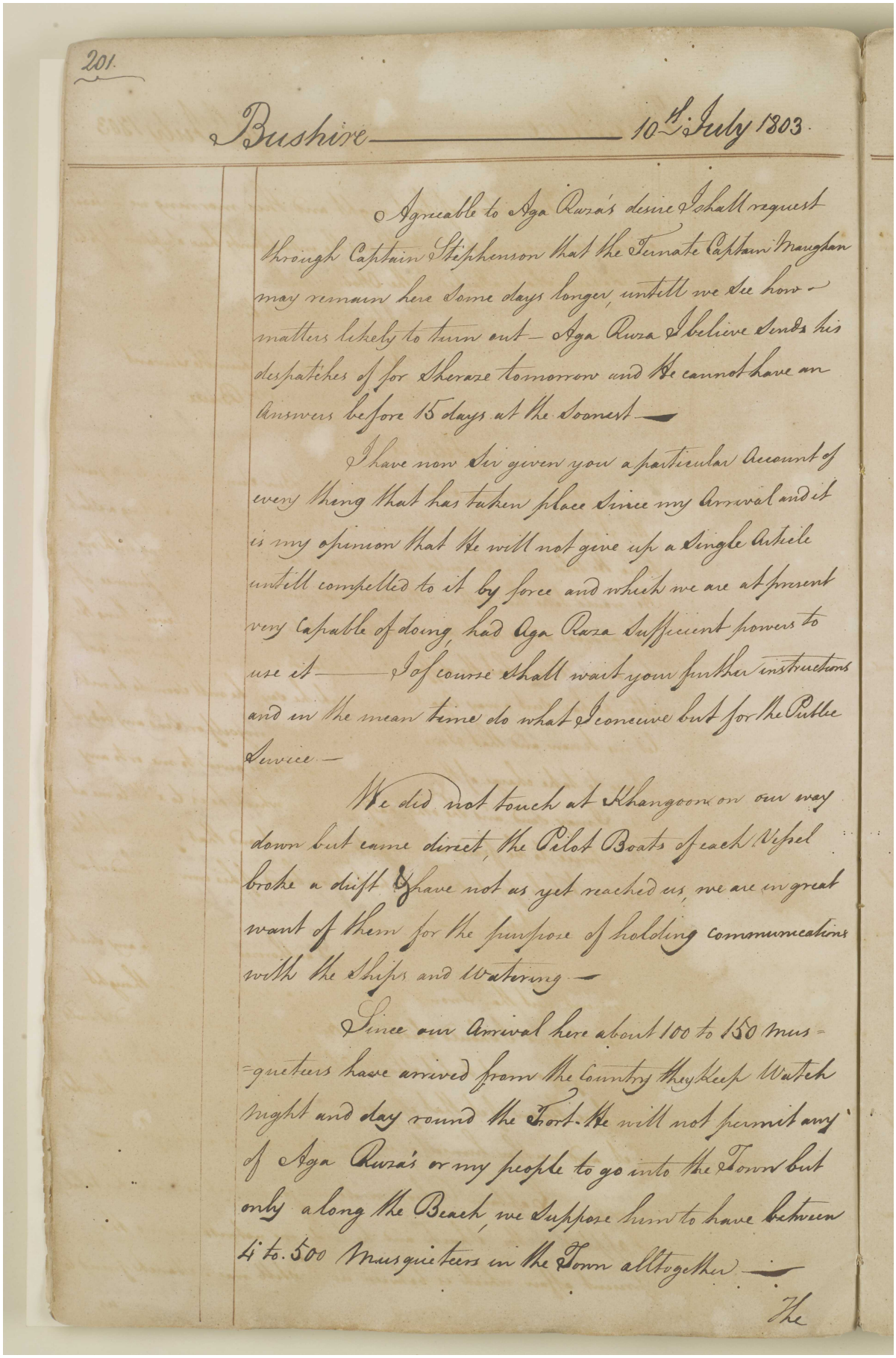

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Agreeable to Aga Reza's desire I shall request through Captain Stephenson that the Fenate Captain Maughan may remain here some days longer, untill we see how matters likely to turn out — Aga Reza I believe Sends his despatches off for Sheraze tomorrow and We cannot have an Answers before 15 days at the Soonest —

I have now Sir given you a particular Account of every thing that has taken place Since my Arrival and it is my opinion that We will not give up a Single Article untill compelled to it by force and which we are at present very Capable of doing had Aga Reza Sufficient powers to use it — I of course shall wait your further instructions and in the mean time do what I conceive but for the Public Service —

We did not touch at Khangoon on our way down but came direct, the Pilot Boats of each Vessel broke a drift & have not as yet reached us, we are in great want of them for the purpose of holding Communications with the Ships and Watering —

Since our Arrival here about 100 to 150 Musquetiers have arrived from the Country they keep Watch night and day round the Fort. We will not permit any of Aga Reza's or my people to go into the Town but only along the Beach, we Suppose them to have between 4 to 500 Musquieteers in the Town altogether —

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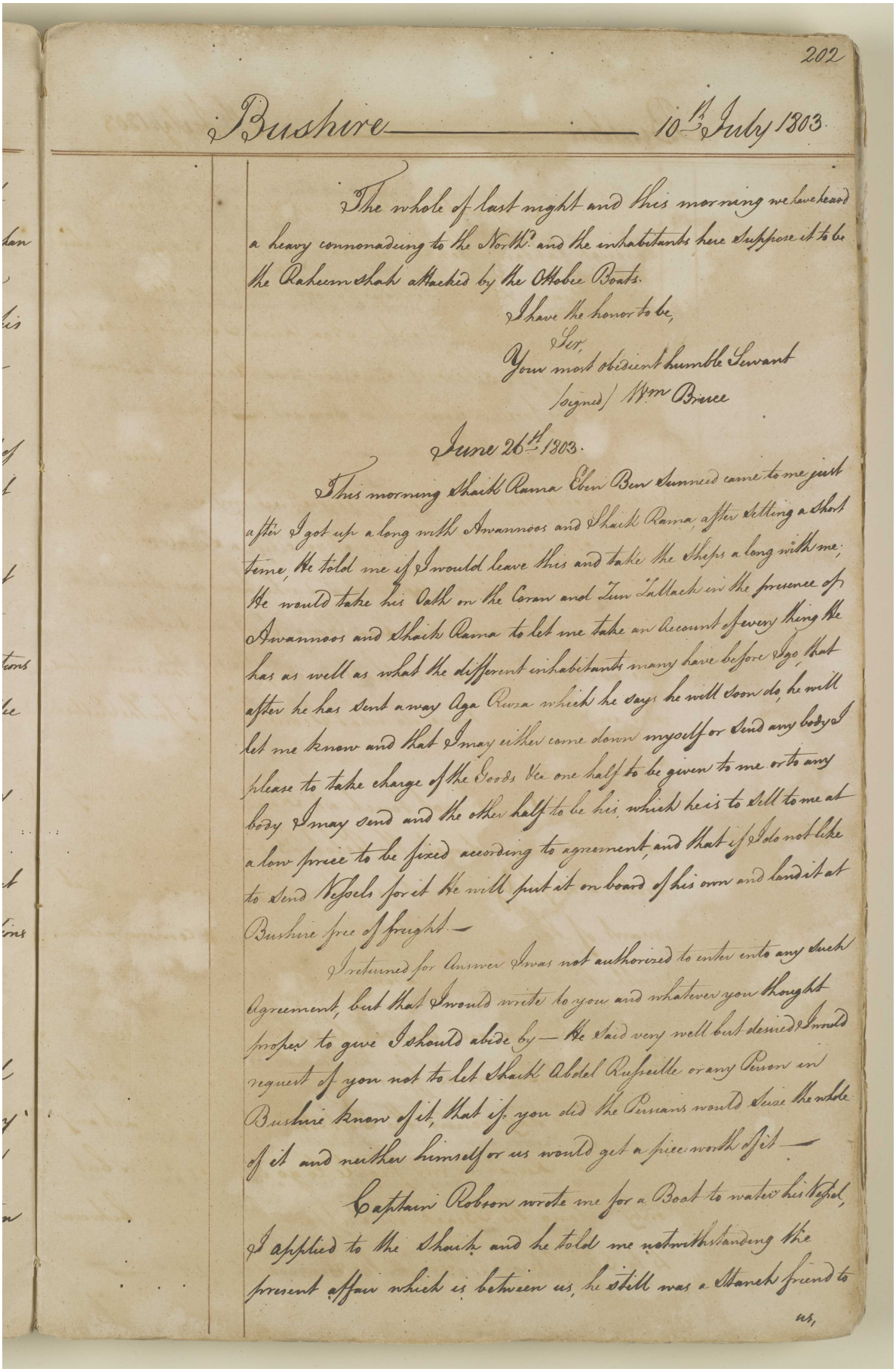

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The whole of last night and this morning we have heard a heavy cannonading to the North^d and the inhabitants here suppose it to be the Raheem Shah attacked by the Ottobee Boats.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) Wm Bruce

June 26th 1803.

This morning Shaikh Rama Eben Ben Summed came to me just after I got up along with Awannoos and Shaikh Rama, after setting a short time, he told me if I would leave this and take the Shefs along with me, he would take his Oath on the Coran and Zun Tallack in the presence of Awannoos and Shaikh Rama to let me take an Account of every thing he has as well as what the different inhabitants many have before I go, that after he has sent away Aga Rusa which he says he will soon do, he will let me know and that I may either come down myself or send any body I please to take charge of the Goods &c one half to be given to me or to any body I may send and the other half to be his, which he is to sell to me at a low price to be fixed according to agreement, and that if I do not like to send Vessels for it he will put it on board of his own and land it at Bushire free of freight —

I returned for Answer I was not authorized to enter into any such Agreement, but that I would write to you and whatever you thought proper to give I should abide by — He said very well but desired I would request of you not to let Shaikh Abdel Rufeille or any Person in Bushire know of it, that if you did the Persians would seize the whole of it and neither himself or us would get a piece worth of it —

Captain Robson wrote me for a Boat to water his Vessel, I applied to the Shaikh and he told me notwithstanding the present affair which is between us, he still was a Staunch friend to us,

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us, that I should not only have one Boat but as many as I pleased for Water or any thing else, even provisions for the Vessels if I wanted it, I of course returned him my thanks for his kindness and told him I hope the Interest business would be settled without doing a way that friendship which had ever existed —

I have Agreed with this Cossid to give him Six Piasters on the delivery of these letters to you, which I beg you will be kind enough to order him I have the honor to remain,

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

(sig^d) William Bruce

If in case Aga Ruza should tell me the Goods cannot be got back as yet and desire me to go to Bushire with the Vessels shall I abide by his request or not, or endeavour myself to bring the Shaik to some terms —

(sig^d) Wm Bruce —

Nukheloo Bruce Lt Wm

Copy Correspondence with the Commander of the Ternate

To

The Commanding Officer of the Two Vessels

Laying of the Island of Busheab.

Sir,

I have to request if Lieutenant Richard Bennet of the Honble Company's Marine should be on board and bound up to Bushire for the purpose of laying his claims against Shaik Rama Ben Sunneed you will inform him that the Panther and Endeavour arrived here last night with a Persian of distinction from Sheraze and Commanding a member of Men, and that we have come expressly upon the Service of forcing a restitution of the Property plundered from the Alert and Hector, as Lieutenant Bennets presence is of the utmost importance you will shew him this letter and request from me that He will join us. —

If there should be any letter or Packages to my Address you will

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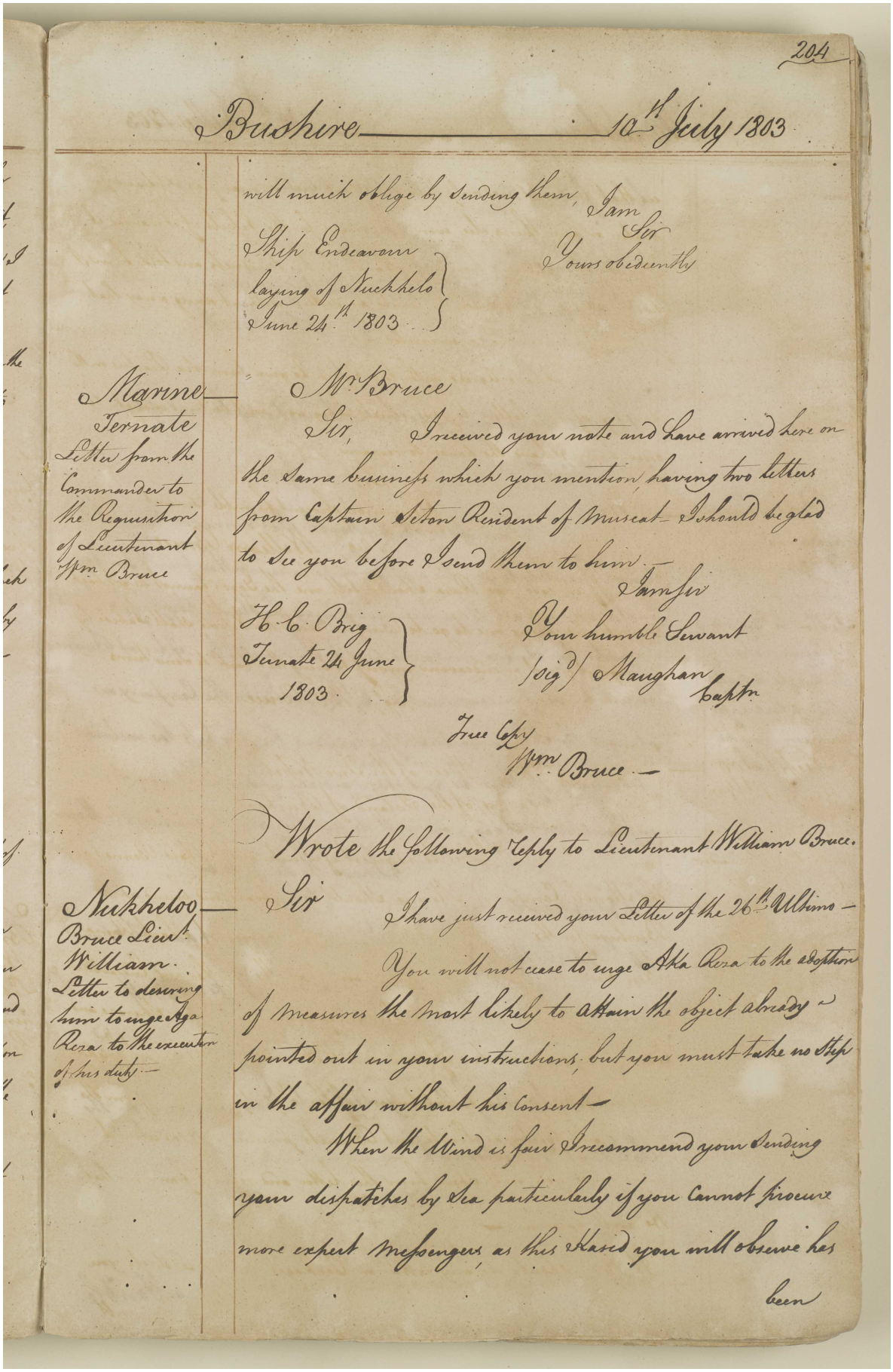

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will much oblige by sending them, I am Sir Yours obedently

Ship Endeavour laying of Nuckhelo June 24th 1803

Marine Ternate Letter from the Commander to the Requesthon of Lieutenant Wm Bruce

Mr Bruce

Sir, I received your note and have arrived here on the same business which you mention, having two letters from Captain Seton Resident of Muscat I should be glad to see you before I send them to him. I am Sir Your humble Servant (sig) Maughan Capt.

H.C. Brig Ternate 24 June 1803

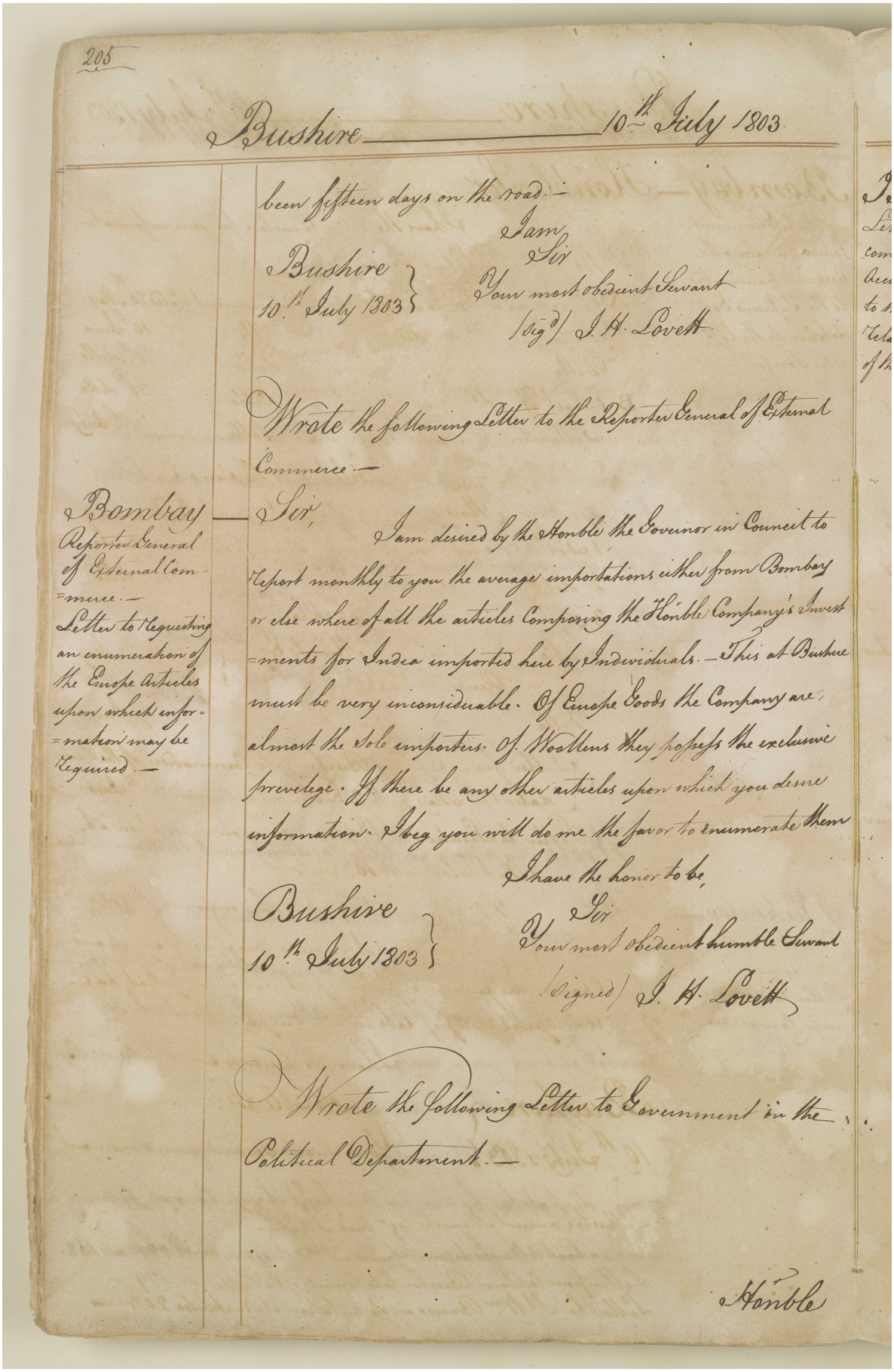
True Copy Wm Bruce

Wrote the following Reply to Lieutenant William Bruce.

Nuckheloo Bruce Lieut. William. Letter to desiring him to urge Aga Reza to the execution of his duty.

Sir I have just received your Letter of the 26th Ultimo — You will not cease to urge Aka Reza to the adoption of measures the most likely to attain the object already pointed out in your instructions, but you must take no Step in the affair without his Consent —

When the Wind is fair I recommend your sending your dispatches by Sea particularly if you cannot procure more expert Messengers, as this Gulf you will observe has been



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been fifteen days on the road.—

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Sig'd) J. H. Lovett

Bushire
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Wrote the following Letter to the Reporter General of External Commerce.—

Bombay
Reporter General of External Commerce.—
Letter to Requesting an enumeration of the Europe Articles upon which information may be Required.—

Sir,

I am desired by the Honble the Governor in Council to report monthly to you the average importations either from Bombay or else where of all the articles Composing the Honble Company's Investments for India imported here by Individuals.—This at Bushire must be very inconsiderable. Of Europe Goods the Company are almost the Sole importers. Of Woollens they possess the exclusive prevelege. If there be any other articles upon which you desire information. I beg you will do me the favor to enumerate them

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. H. Lovett

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Wrote the following Letter to Government in the Political Department.—

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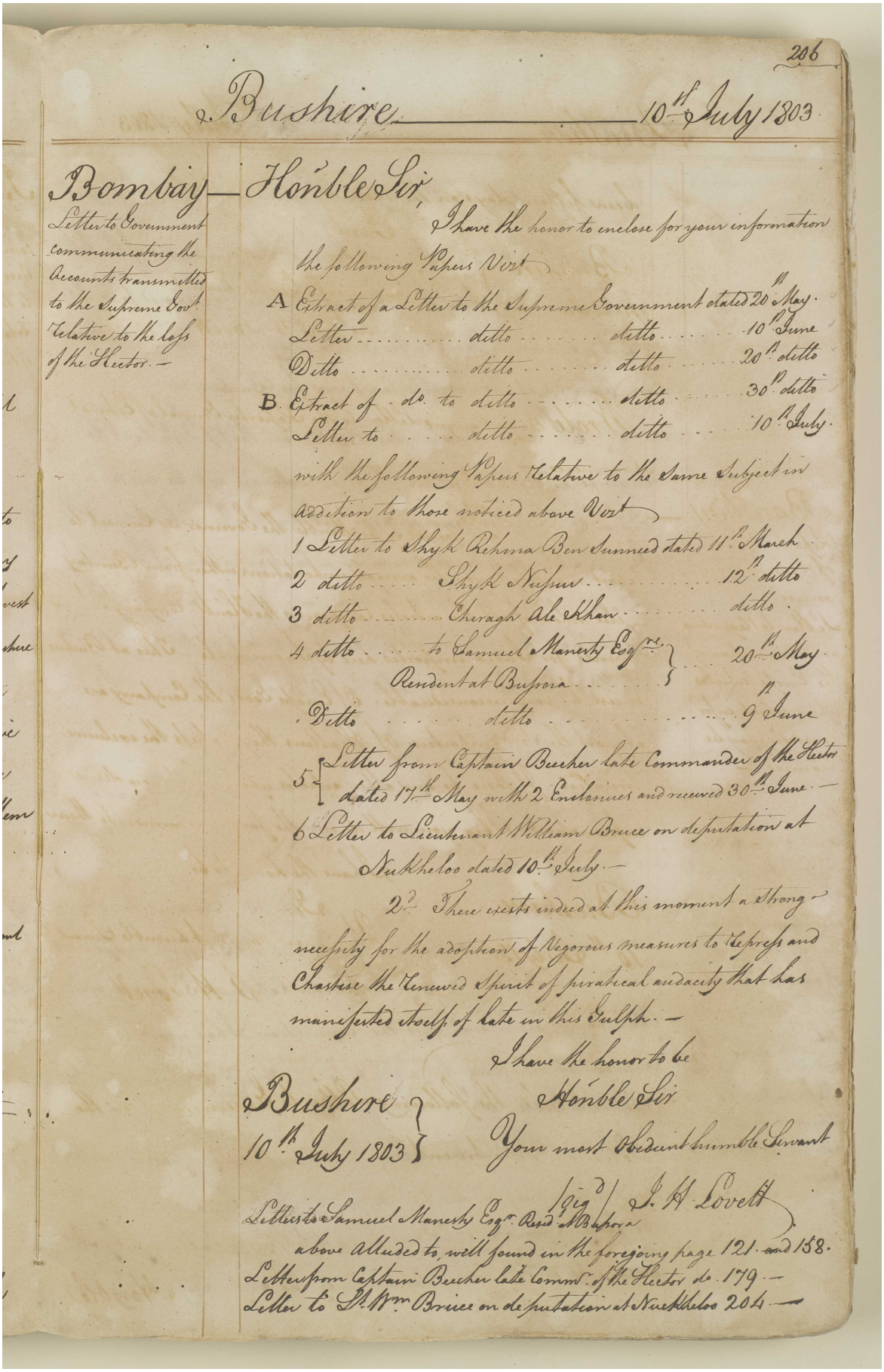

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Bombay — Honble Sir,

Letter to Government communicating the Accounts transmitted to the Supreme Govt. Relative to the loss of the Hector —

I have the honor to enclose for your information the following Papers Viz.t

A Extract of a Letter to the Supreme Government dated 20th May.
Letter ..... ditto ..... ditto ..... 10th June
Ditto ..... ditto ..... ditto ..... 20th ditto
B Extract of do to ditto ..... ditto ..... 30th ditto
Letter to ..... ditto ..... ditto ..... 10th July.

with the following Papers Relative to the Same Subject in addition to those noticed above Viz.t

1 Letter to Shyk Rehma Ben Summed dated 11th March.
2 ditto ..... Shyk Nujum ..... 12th ditto
3 ditto ..... Chiragh Ale Khan ..... ditto.
4 ditto ..... to Samuel Manesty Esqr. Resident at Bussora ..... 20th May
Ditto ..... ditto ..... 9th June
5 Letter from Captain Beecher late Commander of the Hector dated 17th May with 2 Enclosures and received 30th June —
6 Letter to Lieutenant William Bruce on deputation at Nuckheloo dated 10th July —

2d There exists indeed at this moment a strong necessity for the adoption of Vigorous measures to Depress and Chastise the renewed Spirit of piratical audacity that has manifested itself of late in this Gulph. —

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servant
J. H. Lovett

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Letters to Samuel Manesty Esqr. Resd. Bussora dig'd above alluded to, well found in the foregoing page 121 and 158.
Letter from Captain Beecher late Commr. of the Hector do. 179 —
Letter to Lt. Wm. Bruce on deputation at Nuckheloo 204 —

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Extract of a Letter to the Supreme Government dated 20th May.

Para 5th It is with much Concern I inform you of the loss of another Vessel on the island of Busheab supposed to be the Hector Captain Beecher from Bombay laden partly with goods on Account of the Honble Company for Bushire —

" 6th I sent down the Broker on the 17th Instant to enquire and report upon the Circumstances and to make a demand, though I fear an ineffectual one, for the restoration of the Goods. This day having received a Confirmation of the report, I have written to Mr Maneuty for a Vessel to enforce the requisition and receive the goods. The detail of these measures shall be duly Communicated to the Bombay Government. —

Fort William — Letter to noticing the arrival of the Panther and Endeavour from Bushora with the cause of not employing the latter noticing the appoint.t of an Officer to assist in the Recovery of the plundered property and informing of the Steps taken to prevent the delapi=dation of the Hector Cargo —

To N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.
Secretary to the Government in the Secret Political and Foreign Departments Fort William

Sir,

I had the honor on the 20th Ultimo to inform you of the loss of a Vessel on the Island of Busheab supposed as she has since proved to be the Hector Captain Beecher from Bombay I mentioned also the Requisition I had made to the Resident at Bushora for a Ship to assist in the Recovery of the plundered Goods. —

2d The Panther which was accordingly dispatched without delay arrived here on the 2nd Instant and the Endeavour on the 3rd the latter a private Vessel not being definitively taken up by Mr Maneuty and the terms demanded by the Super Cargo being high,

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I have hesitated to engage her further Services until I learn upon the return of the Broker whether they be absolutely required or not. I have not yet heard from Awanoos since his departure. — The enclosed Nos 1 2 & 3 are Copies of the correspondence that passed on this occasion. —

3 I received on the 1st Instant a letter from Shykh Nasser informing me of the appointment of Aka Reza a man of high Rank and approved Resolution to assist in the Recovery of the property plundered from the Alert and Hector. On the 8th I received the accompanying Confirmation of this intelligence No 4. with the enclosed official Communication from the Minister No 5. —

4th Aga Reza is expected to reach this on the 13th Instant In the mean time intelligence having been received of the exportation to Tabara the principal Sea Port of the opposite Coast of a Considerable part of the Cargo of the Hector, I have dispatched yesterday an express boat to His Majesty requesting that he would exert his influence with the Arabian powers upon that Side of the Gulph to defeat the fraudulent projects of Shykh Rehma. —

5th I wait Anxiously for the arrival of Aka Reza and the Receipt of Advices from Awanoos, Copy of whose Instructions I enclose No 6. I had intended not to have troubled you with these details, but as the Affair has involved frequent Political Communication with the Persian Government, and as the progress of it may in a manner unknown to Common observers develop much of their Real dispositions I have thought it best to afford to His Excellency in Council the most direct and particular information of all events to which it may give Rise. —

6. There can be little doubt of Mohummed Nebee's having established a decided personal influence at the Court of Teheran. The King has Confirmed the Letters of Administration to the estate of the late Ambassador

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in his favor: Ordered all Accounts this property to be rendered to him & given over the person and fortunes of the opposite Claimant to be disposed of as he pleases. It is confidently affirmed that he has been equally successful in securing an eventual succession to every remaining portion of the titles and functions of his deceased relation with which he is not at present invested —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t humble Serv.t
Sign.d/ J. H. Lovett

Bushire
10th June 1803

To
N. B. Edmonstone Esq.r
&c &c

Fort William —
Letter to Communicating detail of the measures adopted in Concert with Abla Reza to fit out an expedition against Nukhaloo —

Sir, I had the honor under date the 15th Instant to notice for the information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council the preparatory steps taken towards effecting Reparation from Shykh Rehma for the injuries offered to the Alert and Since as it would appear to the Rector —

Para: 2nd — The Brother returned here on the 12th instant. From
No. 1. the tenor of his report which I enclose and the evasive letter which
No. 2. he brought back from Shykh Rehma, I was Confirmed in the necessity of pursuing Coercive measures. His proposal to restore half the Goods, even Supposing it Sincere, will I trust be looked upon by His Excellency to have been totally unworthy of any Consideration.

3rd — To Accept it would have been to Compromise on very low terms with a man whose Conduct falls little Short of piracy who had taken Advantage of the Severe Visitations of Providence to aggravate instead of relieving the pitiable distresses of his fellow Creatures, and whose exemplary punish=ment is in Consequence an object no less desirable than

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any other Species of reparation. —

4th This object we are I hope likely to attain. Aka Reza, who arrived here on the 13th instant, has given me the most satisfactory assurances on this head and I have taken such steps as well, I trust Confirm him in the good resolutions by which he seems at present actuated. —

5th No office of attention and respect that was due to his personal character, the dignity of the Prince from whom he was deputed and the proofs of friendly dispositions Conveyed to me in his Mission was in the first place omitted. I sent out tents for his reception at one Stage from this and a party, as is usual on Such occasion, to meet him on his entry into the town I returned his first Visit on the 15th instant and on the 16th gave him an entertainment at which Some of the principal inhabetants amongst the rest the Son of the late Ambassador were present —

6th Shykh Rehma relies much for the Secure enjoyment of his plunder upon the venality of the person who may be deputed to enforce its restitution I have endeavoured however without making any particular Stipulation to Convince Aga Reza of the Superior Advantages which he must obtain by pursuing an honorable Course of Conduct on the present occasion. I have pointed out to him the encreased lustre which his reputation will Acquire by the Successful execution of the task now Committed to him. I have urged him to Seize the opportunity which now presented itself by Vindicating the rights of humanity of laying two powerful Governments under an obligation to him: and as the human mind never Acts with more resolution than when a Sense of interest Co-operates with a

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a Sense of propriety, I have some grounds to think that I have not resumed in Vain —

7th The presents which I have made Aga Reza Amounting to about Rupees 5000 scarce exceed those of form upon such an occasion. I propose however, should it meet with the Approbation of His Excellency in Council to divide a certain portion Say 10 or 15 p Cent of the plundered property after deducting this and all other expences Amongst those who may be Concerned in its recovery. The Charge should be then entered in the Factory Books under the head of Salvage: to which, should we be successful, it will most properly belong —

8th Shykh Rehma, on being called to Account for his Conduct by the Shiraz Government asserted the right of every Country to the property which may be Ship wrecked on its Coasts. And I learn from Aga Reza that the principle might perhaps have been recognized had it not been for a regard to the persons who were Sufferers on the present occasion and the friendship which it was the desire of the Persian Government to preserve between the two Nations unviolated. I cannot but Congratulate myself upon receiving such a profession at the present instant & trust ere long that to have the pleasure of testifying its Sincerity —

9th Upon the Subject of Ship wrecks in this Gulph, as the Case may unfortunately occur again, I beg to receive the instructions of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General. I request particularly to know how far we are Authorized to prosecute Claims upon Government to which

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we are not Connected by treaty. Force will I fear on most Such Occasions prove the only ultimate means of restitution: and policy must determine the propriety of employing it. —

10th In Some places that disclaim the title of Savage, I am aware that a practice which deserves it most fully, prevails. On the Coasts of Guzurat and Kokun though Contrary to the law of Nations & repugnant to the first principles of civilized Society I believe the Attempt hitherto made to repress it have been without Avail. The records of the Bombay Government Contain I fear but few instances in proportion to the Contrary of the Successful prosecution of Claims for reparation even of avowed Acts of piracy on the Neighbouring Coasts. —

11th Between the Cases of the Alert and Hector there may, in what I would Call the refinement of barbarity, be some difference. One was Wrecked beyond the power of recovery: the other (as far as I can learn for I have still to Complain of a deficiency of regular information) had merely touched and was very inconsiderably damaged, when she was taken possession of by Shykh Rehma. I trust however I was justified in denying that any Such principle is tolerated in either Case by justice and humanity of the English Government. It is with Concern I notice the report of the Hector having been deliberately run on Shore: but I think the matter Should not be permitted to pass without enquiry. —

12th I beg also to know whether in the Course of my future discussions with this Government I am authorized to refer to the treaties Concluded by Major Malcolm: having had Some doubts upon the Subject I omitted noticing them in my late remonstrances. Not Satisfactory now ever to observe that the Spirit which Should actuate opposite party in Such an engagement has not neglected to Shew itself

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itself on the present Occasion—

13th The enclosed Copy of my instructions to Captain Stephenson No 3 and my letter to Lieutenant Bruce No 4 & 5 will exhibit to His Excellency in detail the Arrangements which I had made up to the 17th instant in Concert with Aga Reza. Having re=
No 6 & 7. =duced the terms of the Endeavour (as per enclosed Copy of Correspondence with her Supercargo) Rupees Twenty thousand, to Six, I no longer hesitated in taking her up for the public Service. The Panther as her Commander informed me could only Carry about 70 bales whereas the Endeavour will take in the whole 300—

14th It would have been ill timed Oeconomy to have trusted for Cheaper freight to the dangerous and precarious expedient of taking up small Country Craft on the Spot. Besides the
No 8 Endeavour, as His Excellency will observe, has received an Addition to her force and respectability from the Factory guard: and for show as well as Service, for the purpose of recovering, receiving and transporting the Goods without loss of time is in all respects a most efficient Ship—

15th This day however I have the Satisfaction to inform you that I have succeeded in rebailing upon Aga Reza to go on board Ship a measure as truly desirable as it was unhoped for. At the same time that it affords the strongest pledge of his Sincerity and the best means of Securing him from temptation it Conveys him to the Scene of Action in one day instead of Six. I was I confess struck with his intrepidity such as I fear few of his Country men would have evinced at

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at their first attempt upon an element of which they know little but its dangers by aggravation: and to few of his rank and habits would I have indeed ventured to propose it.—

16th One inducement to his preferring the Sea trip may be found in the expectation which he entertains of being appointed to some high situation in a long talked of expedition to Bahrein: a measure beyond doubt in the Contemplations of the Persian Government and only delayed I do believe by the same unfortunate Causes which interrupted the progress of the late Embassy to Calcutta. Aga Reza I may add is in high personal favor with the King and usually entrusted with the guard of the female part of the Royal family on their occasional Visit to Nujuf Kurbela and other Sacred places, He is by no means therefore an unlikely person to receive such Command.—

17th The enclosed No. 9. is Copy of the orders which I have in Consequence issued to Captain Stephenson. Aka Reza will embark tomorrow, having this evening ordered all his horses and a Considerable part of his Suite to proceed by Land. To morrow evening therefore or the next day at farthest will the expedition sail.—

18 I have sent besides the persons already noticed on board the Endeavour Khaja Awanoos the Broker to bear a witness against Shykh Ruhma and a few Hands to keep me regularly advised of their proceedings; and have only further upon this Subject to add that Suspecting the probability of Shykh Rehma's endeavouring to make his

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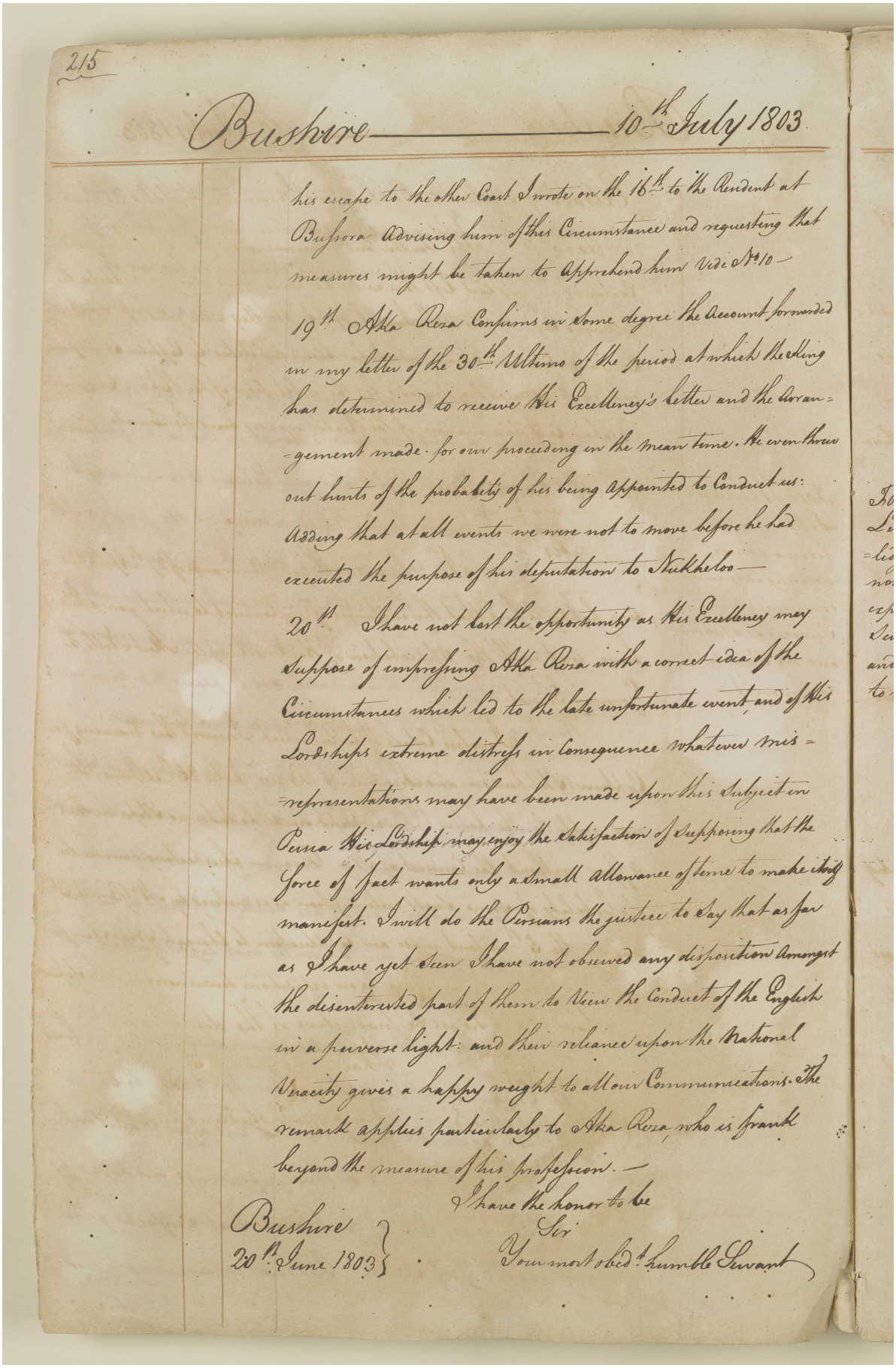

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his escape to the other Coast I wrote on the 16th to the Resident at Bussora Advising him of this Circumstance and requesting that measures might be taken to Apprehend him Vide No 10—

19th Aka Reza Confirms in some degree the Account forwarded in my letter of the 30th Ultimo of the period at which the King has determined to receive His Excellency's letter and the Arrangement made for our proceeding in the mean time. He even threw out hints of the probability of his being appointed to Conduct us: Adding that at all events we were not to move before he had executed the purpose of his deputation to Nukhelou—

20th I have not lost the opportunity as His Excellency may suppose of impressing Aka Reza with a correct idea of the Circumstances which led to the late unfortunate event, and of His Lordships extreme distress in Consequence whatever misrepresentations may have been made upon this subject in Persia His Lordship may enjoy the satisfaction of supposing that the force of fact wants only a small allowance of time to make it duly manifest. I will do the Persians the justice to say that as far as I have yet seen I have not observed any disposition Amongst the disinterested part of them to View the Conduct of the English in a perverse light: and their reliance upon the National Probity gives a happy weight to all our Communications. The remark applies particularly to Aka Reza, who is frank beyond the measure of his profession.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t humble Servant

Bushire
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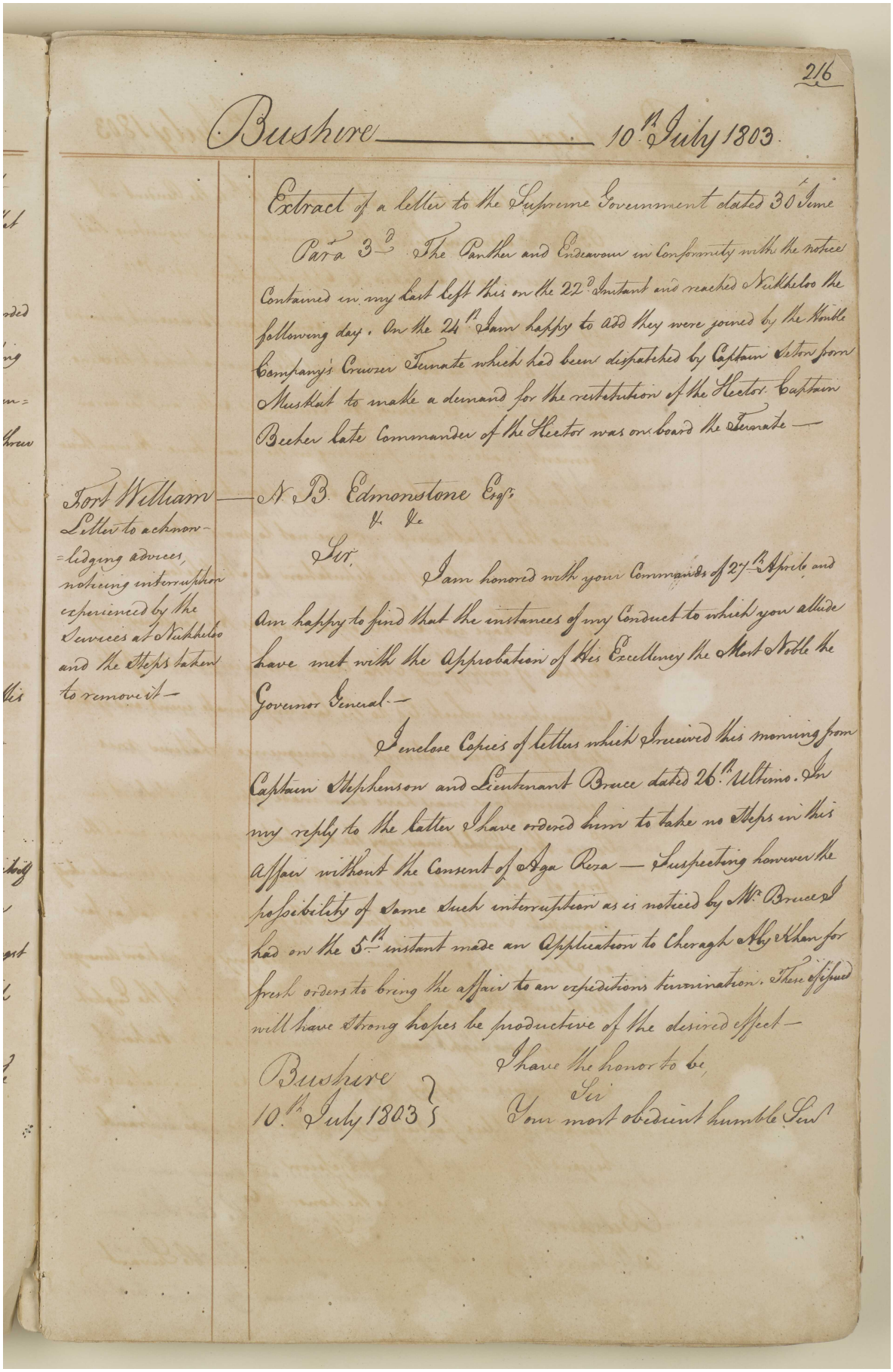

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Extract of a letter to the Supreme Government dated 30th June

Para 3d The Panther and Endeavour in Conformity with the notices Contained in my Last left this on the 22d Instant and reached Nukheloo the following day. On the 24th I am happy to add they were joined by the Honble Company's Cruizer Fenate which had been dispatched by Captain Seton from Muskat to make a demand for the restitution of the Hector. Captain Beeher late Commander of the Hector was on board the Fenate —

Fort William — A. B. Edmonstone Esqr
Letter to acknowledging advices, nothing interruption experienced by the Services at Nukheloo and the steps taken to remove it —

&c &c

Sir

I am honored with your Commands of 27th April and am happy to find that the instances of my Conduct to which you allude have met with the Approbation of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General —

I enclose Copies of letters which I received this morning from Captain Stephenson and Lieutenant Bruce dated 26th ultimo. In my reply to the latter I have ordered him to take no steps in this affair without the Consent of Aga Reza — Suspecting however the possibility of some such interruption as is noticed by Mr Bruce I had on the 5th instant made an Application to Cheragh Aly Khan for fresh orders to bring the affair to an expeditious termination. These if issued will have strong hopes be productive of the desired effect —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servt

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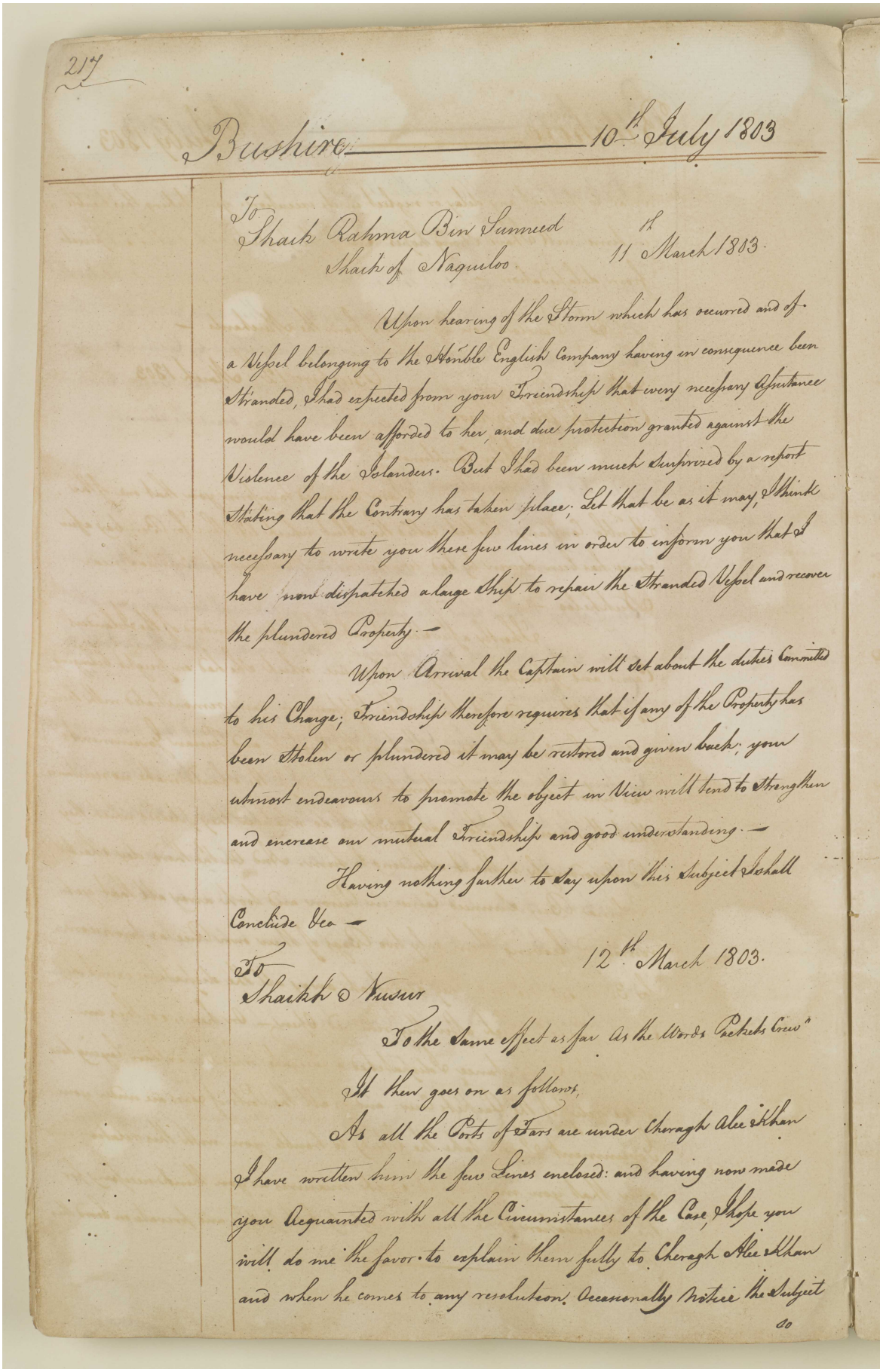

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To
Shaik Rahma Bin Sumeed
Shaik of Naquiloo

11 March 1803.

Upon hearing of the Storm which has occurred and of a Vessel belonging to the Honble English Company having in consequence been Stranded, I had expected from your Friendship that every necessary Assistance would have been afforded to her, and due protection granted against the Violence of the Islanders. But I had been much Surprized by a report Stating that the Contrary has taken place; Let that be as it may, I think necessary to write you these few lines in order to inform you that I have now dispatched a large Ship to repair the Stranded Vessel and recover the plundered Property —

Upon Arrival the Captain will set about the duties Committed to his Charge; Friendship therefore requires that if any of the Property has been Stolen or plundered it may be restored and given back; your utmost endeavours to promote the object in View will tend to Strengthen and encrease our mutual Friendship and good understanding —

Having nothing further to Say upon this Subject I shall Conclude &c —

12th March 1803.

To
Shaikh of Kuseir

To the Same effect as far as the Words Packets Crew"

It then goes on as follows,

As all the Ports of Fars are under Cheragh Alee Khan I have written him the few Lines enclosed: and having now made you Acquainted with all the Circumstances of the Case, I hope you will do me the favor to explain them fully to Cheragh Alee Khan and when he comes to any resolution occasionally Notice the Subject

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so as to prevent any delay or neglect in its execution. your taking this trouble in time will I have strong hopes Secure the property both public and private from delapidation. —

P.S. I enclose you an address from the Merchants. —

Bushire 12th March 1803

To
Cheragh Alee Khan

After Compliments

I am Concerned to inform you that one of the Honble Companys Packets called the Alert which left this for Bombay a few Since has been driven by bad weather upon the Island of Bushear near Nukheloo. —

Shortly after She struck about five hundred of the Islanders Came and plundered her of the Treasure which She had on freight belonging to this place and Bussora. The Captain in vain remonstrated with them upon this Conduct adding that as the English and Persian Governments were upon terms of such intimate friendship he should make no resistance that they were therefore at liberty to do whatever they pleased which they did Accordingly without attending to him. And On the third day Sheikh Rahma Bin Sunnied Came in Person and took away all that yet remained, leaving them only two Bags of their own Rice as provisions for 30 or 40 People — they also took away all the dispatches except a Europe Packet which after they returned Open — On hearing of this unfortunate Circumstance I dispatched a Zingate which was then Laying here, to the relief of the Packets Crew: and as all the Ports of Fars are under your Government I now take the liberty to trouble you with this relation in order that you may Adopt Such measures as you think necessary for the preservation of the plundered Property both public and private on board this Vessel. —

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Sunday 10 Wrote the following Letter to Government in the Public Department —

Bombay Letter to Government in Reply to the demand for information Respecting the Suspension of the claims against Mohumed Nebee noticing the measures taken to secure redress from Shykh Rehma, a theft by some Servants and indenting for Weights and Stationary —

Honble Sir

I am honored with your Commands of the 15th and 23d March the 5th 17th and 25th April —

2 To the Circular Letter of the first mentioned date it is only necessary to Reply, that from the peculiar Circumstances of Bushire differing altogether from the ports in India, the principal information demanded as Contained in the periodical Statements regularly transmitted from this Factory. The rest, with little exception, is to be found in the Resident's occasional Reports to Government —

3d Of the Honble Company's Investments for India they are themselves almost the Sole importers. Of Woollens they possess the exclusive privelege. I have requested the Reporter General to Specify all other articles, upon which he is desirous of receiving information —

4th I have of Course Suspended all prosecution of the Honble Companys claims against Alla Mohummed Nebee, whose Correspondents declare that he is to be appointed Embassador. He has evinced no disposition to liquidate them himself, nor do I think it probable that he will —

5th I am directed by your Orders of 17th April to claim from Shykh Nusser (who is represented to your Honble Board to be Security for Shykh Rehma) redress for the plunder Committed on the Fleet by the Shykh of Bushear. I accordingly intimated the same to Shykh Abdor Rusool, now acting Governor of Bushire and Son to Shykh Nusser, who in Reply positively denied the fact —

6th I trust however your Honble Board will find that I have not been remiss in prosecuting the claims of Government against Shykh

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Shykh Rehma for his misconduct in this as well as a Subsequent instance, of which I had not before an opportunity of informing you — For an account of my proceedings in pursuit of this object I beg leave to Refer you to my letter in the Political Department of this days date —

7th A discovery was made on the 25th May of a theft Committed by the Terrashes some days preceding. Having ascertained its extent Viz. One Bale of Grey Superfine Cloth I took immediate measures for its Recovery by dispatching Messengers to Shiraz and Kazeroon, where the Thieves Confessed they had sent it —

8th This step I am happy to add has had the desired effect. The Cloth having arrived to day, I now enclose a Statement of its amount noticing a small deficiency for your information.

9th The Factory Weights being very incorrect I beg leave to Indent upon your Honble Board for a new Set, which should be sealed up in presence of some Confidential person —

10th I beg leave also to Indent for a fresh Supply of Stationary, that Sent p.r Panther being very nearly Consumed —

11th I have this day granted to the Super Cargo of the Endeavour a Set of Bills on your Honble Board in favor of the Owners for Rupees 6000 the Amount Charter Party Allowance due that Ship on the 2nd Instant —

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant

Bushire
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Bombay
Statement of the amount of the Stolen Cloth recieved back —.

Statement of the Contents of a Bale of Grey Superfine Cloth arrived from Shiraz 10th July 1803 —

6 Pieces Viz.t
3 Pieces untouched
1 Piece torn in half
1 ditto deficient 2 Yards or Guz
1 ditto do 8 Yards or Guz —

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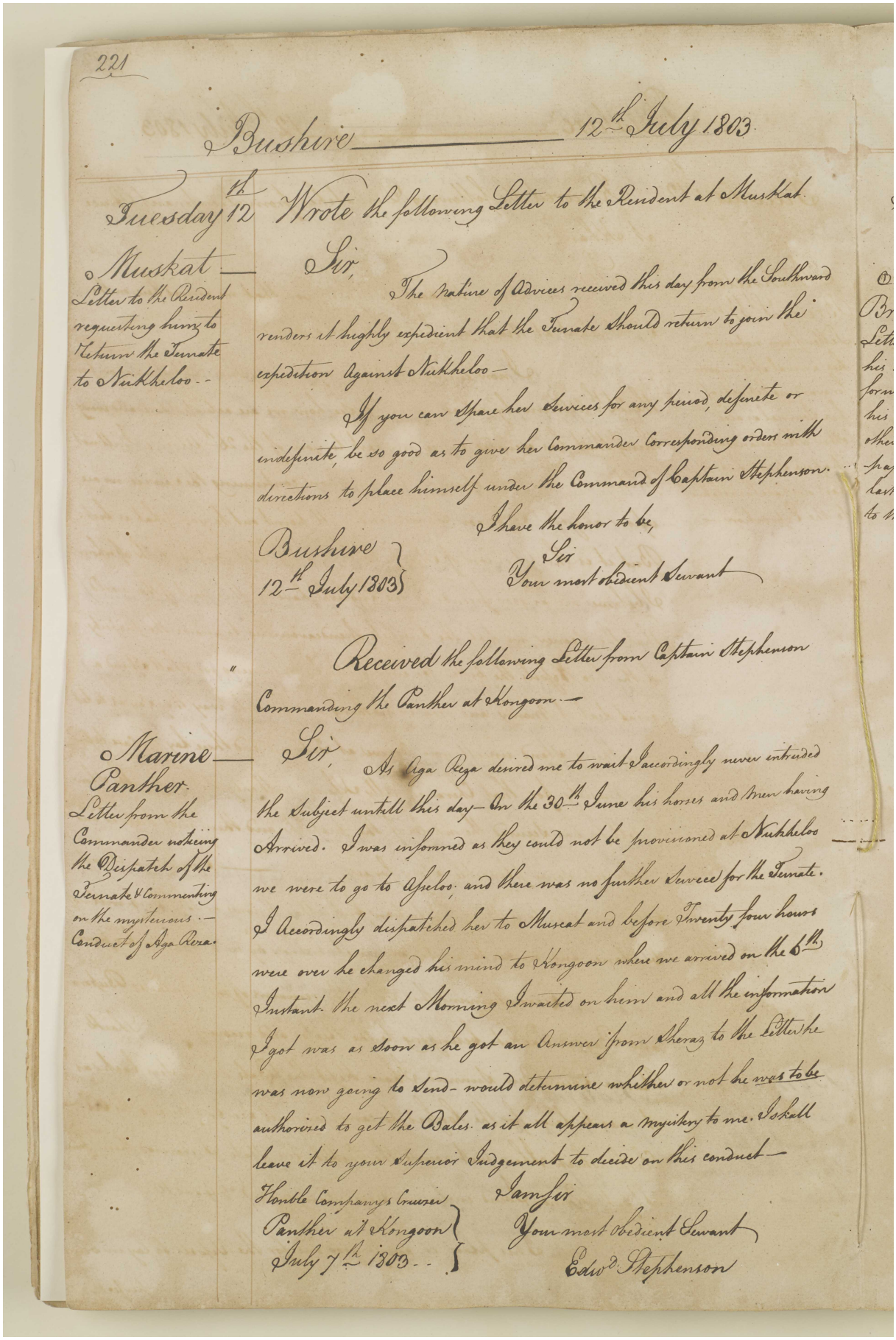

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Tuesday 12th

Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Muskat.

Muskat — Letter to the Resident requesting him to return the Ternate to Nukheloo.

Sir,

The nature of Advices received this day from the Southward renders it highly expedient that the Ternate should return to join the expedition against Nukheloo —

If you can spare her services for any period, definite or indefinite, be so good as to give her Commander corresponding orders with directions to place himself under the Command of Captain Stephenson.

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

Bushire
12th July 1803

Received the following Letter from Captain Stephenson Commanding the Panther at Kongoon —

Marine Panther. Letter from the Commander noticing the Dispatch of the Ternate & Commenting on the mysterious Conduct of Aga Reza.

Sir,

As Aga Reza desired me to wait I accordingly never intruded the Subject untill this day — On the 30th June his horses and men having Arrived. I was informed as they could not be provisioned at Nukheloo we were to go to Asseloo, and there was no further service for the Ternate. I Accordingly dispatched her to Muscat and before Twenty four hours were over he changed his mind to Kongoon where we arrived on the 6th Instant. the next Morning I waited on him and all the information I got was as soon as he got an Answer from Sheraz to the Letter he was now going to send — would determine whither or not he was to be authorized to get the Bales. as it all appears a mystery to me. I shall leave it to your Superior Judgement to decide on this conduct —

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Edwd Stephenson

Honble Companys Cruizer
Panther at Kongoon
July 7th 1803

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Tuesday 12

Received the following Dispatches from Lieutenant Bruce at Khangoon —

Nukheloo Bruce Lt Wm
Letter from noticing his arrival at Kungoon forwarding Extracts of his Journal as also other Miscellanious papers since his last dispatches relative to the Expedition —

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that we arrived here on the 6th Instant at Noon and found Aga Reza here —

I now enclose you Extracts from my Journal continued on from the 26th ultimo, by which you will see how we are actuated here and every thing that has occurred since my last to you of the 26th Ultimo I will not pretend to give my opinion to you upon continuing the Service we are upon as your Superior Judgement will point out to you what is best. But it is the Opinion of Shaik Jubara and Shaik Rama both of whom I believe are as good freinds as the English have in this part of the world, that the sooner we drop the Business of endeavouring to recover the property of the two Vessels the better, for in the end by continuing we shall Spend a great deal of Money and recover nothing, and the only way they say is to let every thing stand untill you Arrive at Taheran and there lay the Case before his Majesty for that Cheraneh ally Khawn will only put us off with Show untill he has Secured the whole of the property and then will keep it and make up some plausible Story for us —— Aga Reza I really believe wishes to get us restitution, but either knows or thinks it will not be done and wishes to make as much money by us as lays in his power.

Accompanying this I send the remains of the Bushire, Bussora and Bagdad Packets belonging to the Hector and recovered from Shaik Rama Eben Ben Sunnee I have kept the Bale of Musters back as it was to large for the Cofoid to carry you will see by opening the Oil Cloth which I have just round the Packets, the State I recovered them from Shaik Rama I send enclosures Accompanying Nos 8. 9. and 10. —

This place is a very good one for the Vessels to lay in being perfectly

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perfectly secure and laying close to the Shore, Supplies of every kind in great abundance — Shaik Jubara fully deserves the good character given of him by Awannoos for really he is one of the best of the cast I have seen —

I hope long ere this my letter to you from Nukheloo has arrived, Aga Ruza writes to you by this conveyance with the full ex=pectation that you will order me to advance him the money he wishes ——— Hajee Mohummed Jumall has very kindly offered to advance me what money I may be in want of whilst I am here, as yet I have not had occasion to trouble him, but of course shall if we lay any time to supply the Vessel ——— The day before we left Nukheloo a Boat arrived from Muscat and brought accounts of two English Vessels having been wrecked at the Island of Mazeria, it lays to the Southward of Cape Rossalgate, One Vessel was loaded with Sugar and the other with Piece Goods, I hope not the Shrewsbury —

Wwishing you and all the Gentlemen at the Factory good health —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) Wm Bruce

Khangoon
July 8th 1803

I have paid the Cossid half this Agreement the other half he is to receive when he returns —

Nukheloo — Extracts from Mr William Bruce's Journal Continued on from the 27th June up to July 1803 —

Bruce Lt William
Extract of his Journal relative to the former part of his proceedings on his deputation to Nukheloo —

Monday 27th June 1803

This morning Shaik Rama of Bushire came and told me that Aga Reza had desired him to go to the Shaik and tell him, that if he would make him a handsome

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handsome present He might keep the property of the Vessel and he would send away the Ships and go himself also. He answered he did not mean to give a single piece but might on his going away give about 100 Tomans by way of paying the expences of his journey — Received a letter No 8 from Captain Stephenson respecting the claims of Captain Beeher against Shaik Rama Eben Ben Summed, explained every part of it to Aga Reza and asked him what he intended to do on the business, he told me if he had powers to use force he would get us both ample restitution for our property, but as he had not, he must wait until further advices from Sheraze —

Tuesday 28th This morning Aga Reza sent off his dispatches one for Sheraze and the other to Lar, the former informing Cheraub Aly Khawn of his arrival that Shaik Rama had refused to give back any part of the property and indeed said he had nothing to give, that I had come with him with two Vessels and another on the same Service had arrived from Muscat that if he intended we should have our property back to order a sufficient force to compel the Shaik to restore it. if not to order him back to Sheraze and let the English recover their own property the best every thing could ——— The letter to Lar telling Mohammed Thuckey Khawn of his arrival and desiring him to come down and get this business settled this place being under Lar ——— During this day about 50 Musquetteers have arrived, enquired of Shaik Rama of Bushire why a number of these people came in daily and went away again, he said the Shaik was entering into treaty with the neighbouring towns. that in case of his being obliged to out on the defensive for them to punish him with a certain number of Men at so much a head got intelligence today of one of the Hectors Packets having been brought over from the Island, sent to the Shaik for it he said he would give it me by & by ——

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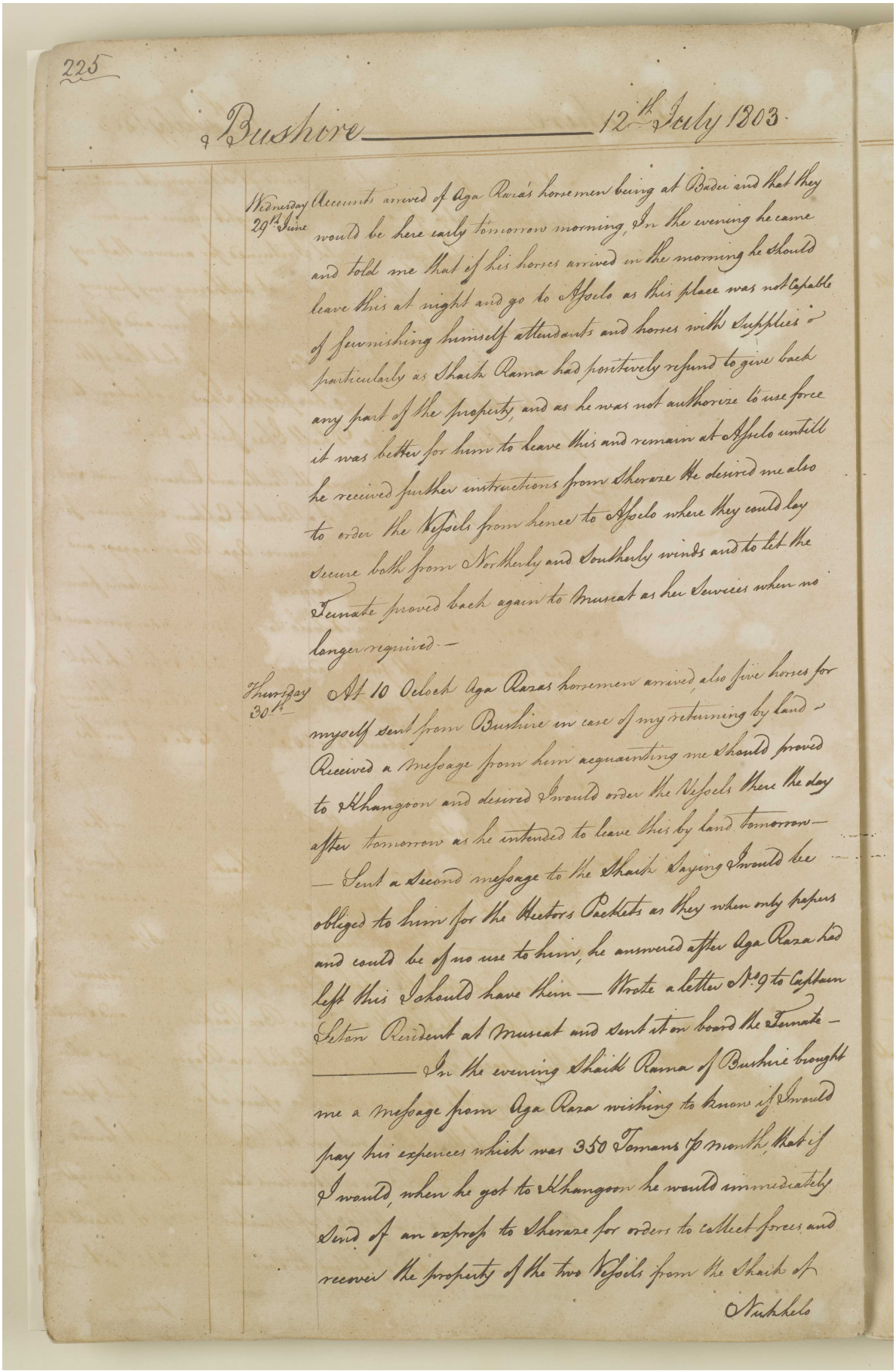

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Wednesday 29th June — Accounts arrived of Aga Raza's horsemen being at Badu and that they would be here early tomorrow morning, In the evening he came and told me that if his horses arrived in the morning he should leave this at night and go to Asselo as this place was not capable of furnishing himself attendants and horses with Supplies particularly as Shaikh Rama had pointively refused to give back any part of the property, and as he was not authorize to use force it was better for him to leave this and remain at Asselo untill he received further instructions from Sheraze He desired me also to order the Vessels from hence to Asselo where they could lay secure both from Northerly and Southerly winds and to let the Tenate proved back again to Muscat as her Services when no longer required —

Thursday 30th — At 10 Oclock Aga Razas horsemen arrived, also five horses for myself sent from Bushire in case of my returning by land — Received a Message from him acquainting me I should proved to Khangoon and desired I would order the Vessels there the day after tomorrow as he intended to leave this by land tomorrow — Sent a second message to the Shaikh Saying I would be obliged to him for the Hectors Packets as they when only papers and could be of no use to him, he answered after Aga Raza had left this I should have them — Wrote a letter No 9 to Captain Seton Resident at Muscat and sent it on board the Tenate — In the evening Shaikh Rama of Bushire brought me a Message from Aga Raza wishing to know if I would pay his expences which was 350 Tomans pr month that if I would, when he got to Khangoon he would immediately send of an express to Sheraze for orders to collect forces and recover the property of the two Vessels from the Shaikh of Nukhelo

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Nutkhelo — If not that when he arrived at Khangoon he would immediately set off for Sheraz and we might recover our own property the best way we could I returned for answer that my instructions from Mr Lovett did not authorize my paying any such thing, but that I would write to him and if I received his orders to do it I of course should comply: but that if he was pushed for provisioning his people I had no objection to provide them with Rice Dholl Ghee, fish &c &c &c -

Friday 1st July 1803. In the morning perceived the Panther and Endeavour under sail standing to the Northd Sent of a Boat to Captain Stephenson for to send the Endeavour back to receive Aga Rasa's baggage and Servants — In the evening received written instructions from Aga Raza No 10. for the Vessels to proceed to Khangoon and there remain untill further advices — at 8 Oclock he took his leave and set off with his horsemen for Khangoon leaving all his baggage and about 18 or 20 Servants to be Sent in the Endeavour —

Saturday 2nd July At Day light found the Panther and Endeavour in the Roads, Sent my Compliments to the Shaik and told him I would thank him for Boats to ship off Aga Rasas baggage and Servants — At Noon received Boats Sufficient for the purpose and Sent the whole of them off — Shortly after received a visit from the Shaik also three Box Packets open and Several Letters of each open, the Europe Packet via Bagdad only one letter remaining, the one via Aleppo open at one end but appa=rently no letters taken out in the Bushire Packet found the Invoice of 874 Bales of Woollens laden on the Hector Captn Becher and the Small Bale of Muslins — told the Shaik there Still remaind a bag of Letters he said he had not as yet

proved

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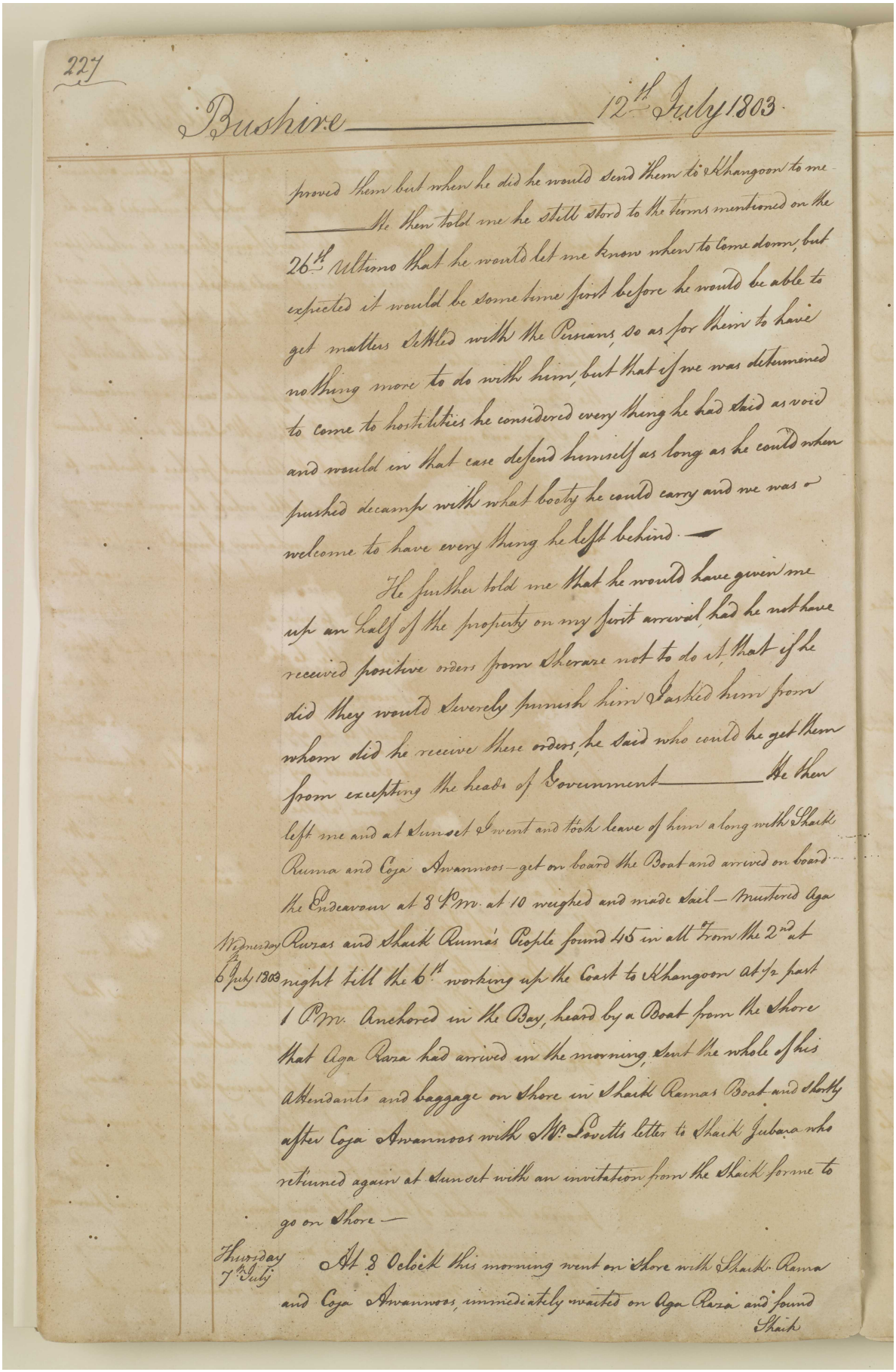

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proved them but when he did he would send them to Khangoon to me — He then told me he still stood to the terms mentioned on the 26th ultimo that he would let me know where to come down, but expected it would be some time first before he would be able to get matters settled with the Persians, so as for them to have nothing more to do with him, but that if we was determined to come to hostilities he considered every thing he had said as void and would in that case defend himself as long as he could when pushed decamp with what booty he could carry and we was welcome to have every thing he left behind —

He further told me that he would have given me up an half of the property on my first arrival, had he not have received positive orders from Shiraze not to do it, that if he did they would severely punish him I asked him from whom did he receive these orders, he said who could he get them from excepting the heads of Government — He then left me and at Sunset I went and took leave of him along with Shaik Ruma and Coja Awannoos — get on board the Boat and arrived on board the Endeavour at 8 PM. at 10 weighed and made Sail — Mustered Aga Wednesday 6th July 1803 Ruzas and Shaik Rumas People found 45 in all From the 2nd at night till the 6th working up the Coast to Khangoon at ½ past 1 PM. Anchored in the Bay, heard by a Boat from the Shore that Aga Raza had arrived in the morning, Sent the whole of his Attendants and baggage on Shore in Shaik Ramas Boat and shortly after Coja Awannoos with Mr Lovetts letter to Shaik Jubara who returned again at Sunset with an invitation from the Shaik for me to go on Shore —

Thursday 7th July At 8 Oclock this morning went on shore with Shaik Rama and Coja Awannoos, immediately waited on Aga Raza and found Shaik

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Shaik Subara setting a long with him, shortly after Captain Stephenson came, after setting a short time asked him what he intended to do, he said he could do nothing untill he heard from Sheraze, to which place he intended to send a Message directly and which would be four days going — Set a little longer and then after him along with one of the Shaiks Men who conducted me to a Couple of Tents to the North of the Town pitched for me — Shortly after he came and welcomed me on Shore and enquired particularly after Mr Lovetts health I returned him many thanks on the part of the Resident for his attention to Coja Awannoos — after setting a little while he went away and left one of his Man to provide whatever I might want either Supplies for the Vessels or for myself — In the afternoon Aga Reza sent his Mirza (Aly Nachey) to me saying that he would go himself to Sheraze where he would be able to settle matters so that a Force should be sent for the recovery of the English property from the Shaik of Nukhelo and himself to be appointed Mainendar to Mr Lovett, but on these terms, that I should pay the expences of his Servants and Horses &c whilst he was gone (at the rate of 20 Tomans a day in=dependent of their wages which he would afterwards get from Mr Lovett as also his expences at Sheraze to be advanced before he left this — and if I did not like this going he would send his Mirza (Aly Nachey) the expences &c to be paid as above a month in Advance and the Mirza expences at Sheraze — I told him that Aga Reza of course was the best judge whether to go himself or who to send, but with respect to paying 20 Tomans a day it was a thing that I was not authorized to do and of course could not untill I received orders from Mr Lovett — but that I could provide the whole of his people and horses &c with what provisions was requisite untill I received answers to my letters from Bushire The Mirza then left me and returned again at Sunset

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Sunset and told me Aga Rasa had not Agreed, and unless I advanced the money before mentioned He should leave this tomorrow evening for Sherase with the whole of his People and we might remain or go away just as we like — I returned it remained with himself but with respect to the Money I could not acquire during the whole of this conversation Shaik Rama and Coja Avannes was present —

Friday 8th July

Whilst at Breakfast Aga Rasa came to me and after sitting some time he told me he had come to the determination of going to Sherase as I would not consent to pay his expences I told him I was not at Liberty to pay him money for his expences, but as I had laid in a large Stock of Supplies I had no objection to provision the whole of his men and even provide for his horses if he was pushed untill I received further instructions from Bushire; He then consented to receive Supplies as above untill letters arrived from Mr Lovett. Went on board the Panther and informed Captain Stephenson of what conversation had taken place and ask his advice upon what I had Agreed to, He told me he thought I could not have done otherwise, and by no means to advance money untill I received further advices from Bushire

— after coming on Shore found Aga Rasa still in my Tent, he told me he had altered his mind with respect to taking provisions and that he would bear the expence of 20 Tomaums a day himself untill I received letters from Bushire as he was come here entirely to serve us, He was sure Mr Lovett would have no objection to pay not only his provisions expences but wages to his Servants also, which if He did he would never leave the Sea Coast untill he got the British Ample restitution for the two Vessels lost at Nukhiloo, and desired I would write to

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to Mr. Lovett on the Subject and tell him that could he afford to stay here without our paying his expences, he would not think of enticing us for it, but really he could not — And not only that he had lost about 10 of his best horses since he had left Bushire with the great fatigue they had gone through and the Violent heat He said he should himself write to Mr. Lovett on the business Mirza Aly Nackey leaves this to night for Sheraze with letters for Cherauk Aly Khawn and the young Prince I have provided him with a Cossid for to go with him, that he may send back Cherauk Aly Khawn's Answers the instant he get them, I have also spared him one of my Horses his own having died —

(Signed) William Bruce

Khangoon
July 8th 1803

To
Lieutenant Wm Bruce

Nukheloo — Bruce Lt Wm Letter from the Commander of the Panther stating the Claims of the late Commander of the Hector for the plunder of his Ship & Cargo

Sir, You will Acquaint Aga Raza I this morning received a letter from Captain H. Becher claiming restitution for the loss of his Vessel which was in good condition when forcibly taken from him and likewise restitution of his private property his Vessel he Value at 12000 Rupees his private loss he States at 1500 Rupees and in behalf of the private freighters, as the Cargo Book and all his papers are lost he cannot ascertain the full Value of the Goods — I have to request you will fully explain the above that ample restitution may be gained if possible and as Captain Becher is on the Spot he can Answer any question that Aga Raza may wish to put to him, to prove the Piratical Conduct of the Shaik of this place —

I remain
Sir
Your most obediently
(signed) Edwd Stephenson

Panther
June 27th 1803

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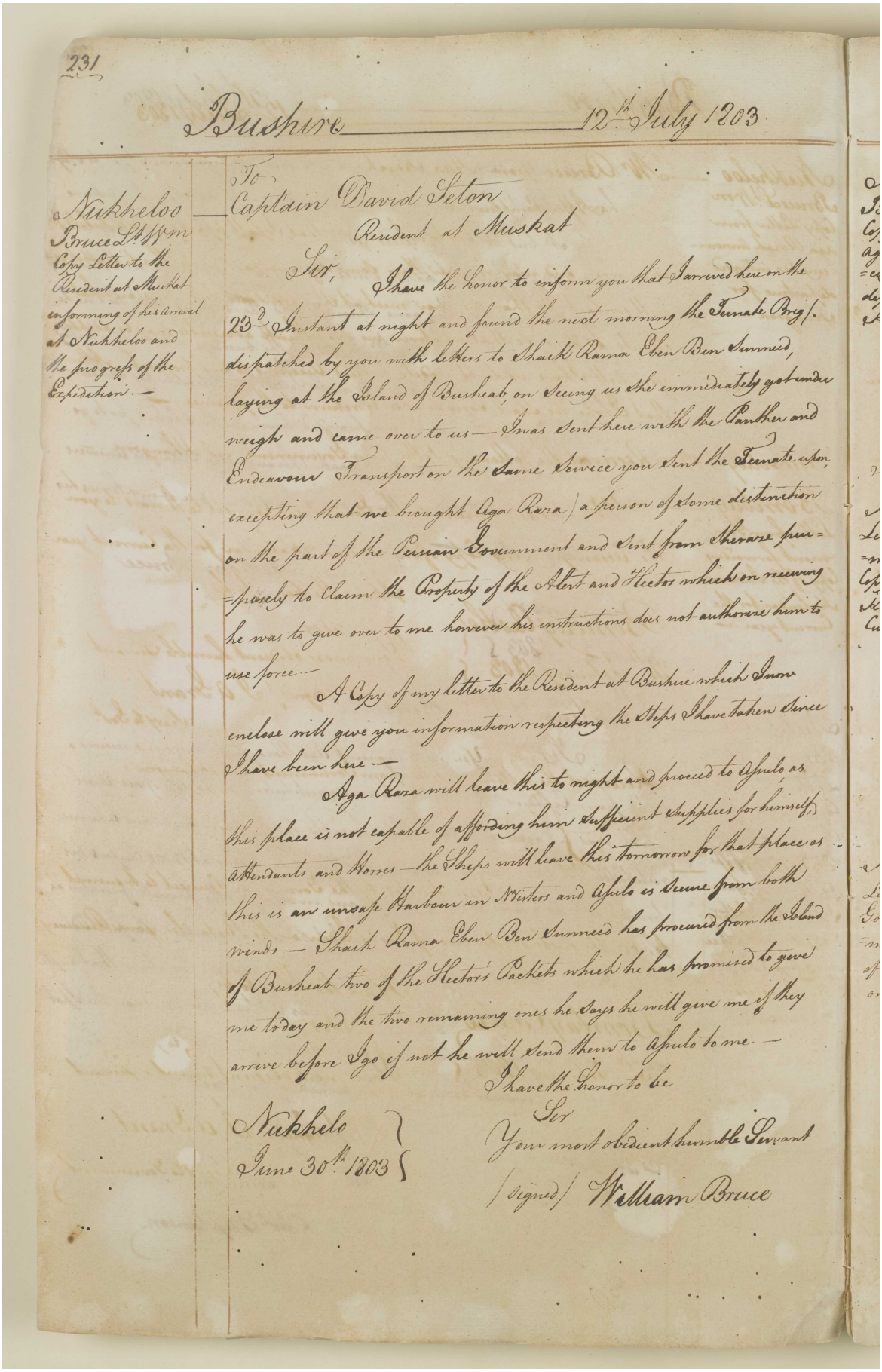

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Nukheloo
Bruce Lt Wm
Copy Letter to the Resident at Muskat informing of his Arrival at Nukheloo and the progress of the Expedition —

To
Captain David Seton
Resident at Muskat

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I arrived here on the 23d Instant at night and found the next morning the Fenate Brig/. dispatched by you with Letters to Shaik Rama Eben Ben Sunneed, laying at the Island of Busheab, on seeing us she immediately got under weigh and came over to us — I was sent here with the Panther and Endeavour Transport on the same Service you sent the Fenate upon, excepting that we brought Aga Reza / a person of some distinction on the part of the Persian Government and sent from Sheraze purposely to claim the Property of the Alert and Hector which on receiving he was to give over to me however his instructions does not authorize him to use force —

A Copy of my letter to the Resident at Bushire which I now enclose will give you information respecting the Steps I have taken since I have been here —

Aga Reza will leave this to night and proceed to Apulo as this place is not capable of affording him sufficient supplies for himself attendants and Horses — the Ships will leave this tomorrow for that place as this is an unsafe Harbour in Westers and Apulo is secure from both winds — Shaik Rama Eben Ben Sunneed has procured from the Island of Busheab two of the Hectors Packets which he has promised to give me today and the two remaining ones he says he will give me if they arrive before I go if not he will send them to Apulo to me —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
/signed/ William Bruce

Nukhelo
June 30th 1803

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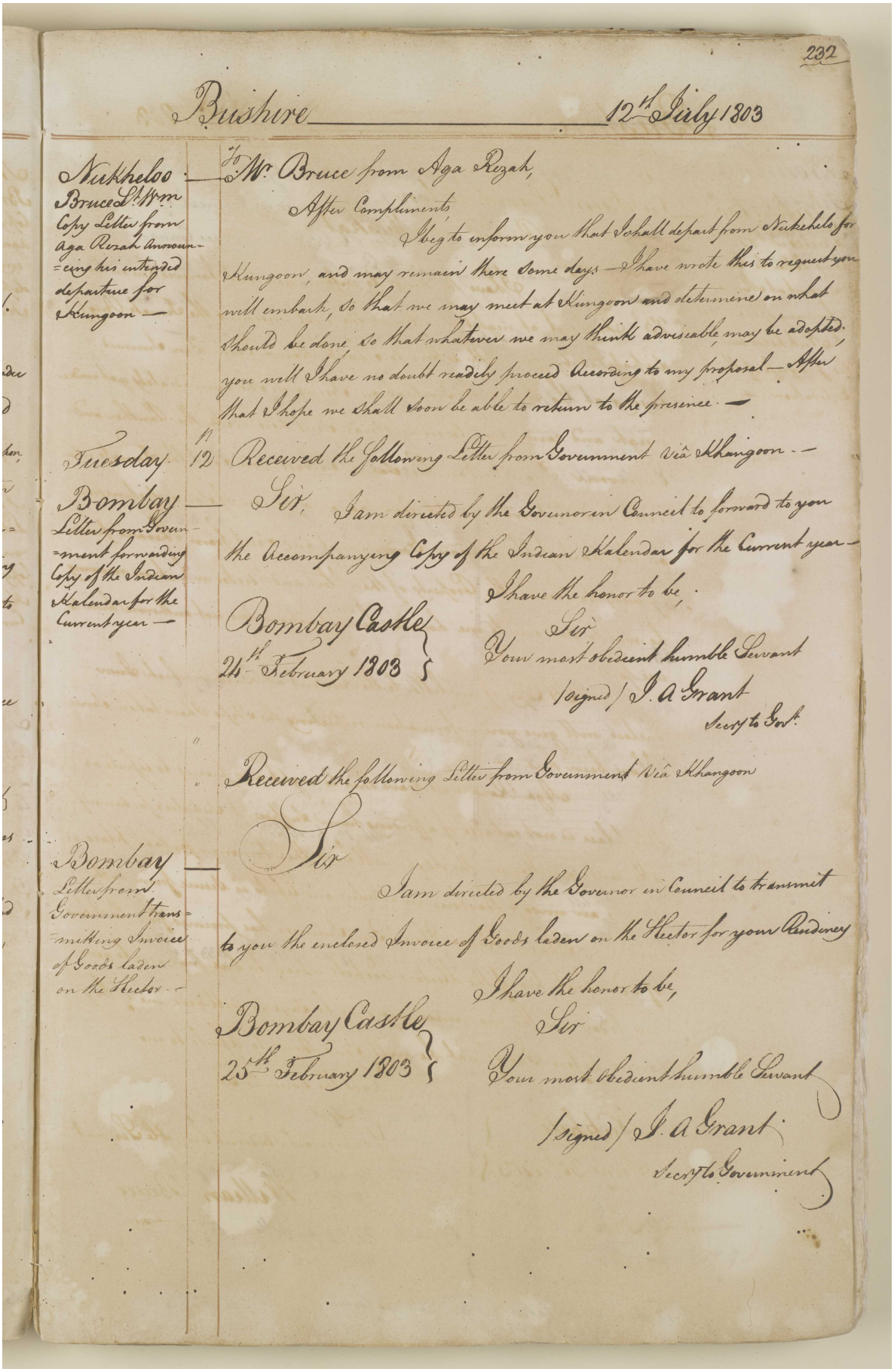

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Nukheloo — Bruce Lt. Wm Copy Letter from Aga Rezah Announcing his intended departure for Kungoon —

To Mr. Bruce from Aga Rezah,

After Compliments

I beg to inform you that I shall depart from Nukehelo for Kungoon, and may remain there some days — I have wrote this to request you will embark, so that we may meet at Kungoon and determine on what should be done, so that whatever we may think adviseable may be adopted; you will I have no doubt readily proceed according to my proposal — After that I hope we shall soon be able to return to the presence —

Tuesday 12th

Received the following Letter from Government via Khangoon —

Bombay — Letter from Government forwarding Copy of the Indian Kalendar for the Current year —

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward to you the accompanying Copy of the Indian Kalendar for the Current year —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. A Grant
Secry to Govt.

Bombay Castle
24th February 1803

Received the following Letter from Government via Khangoon

Bombay — Letter from Government transmitting Invoice of Goods laden on the Hector —

Sir

I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Invoice of Goods laden on the Hector for your Residency

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(signed) J. A Grant
Secry to Government

Bombay Castle
25th February 1803

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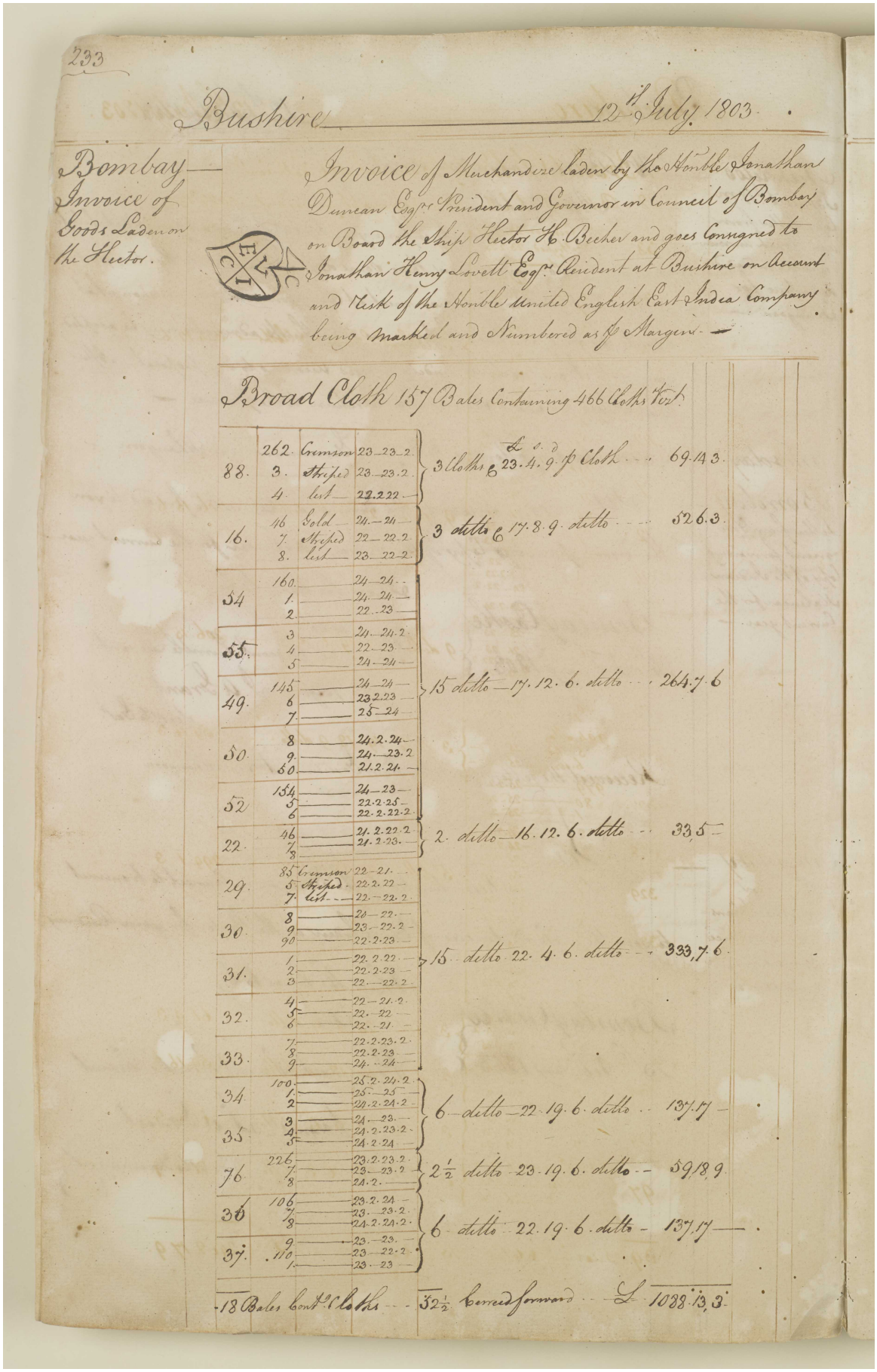

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Bombay—
Invoice of
Goods Laden on
the Hector.

Invoice of Merchandize laden by the Honble Jonathan Duncan Esqr President and Governor in Council of Bombay on Board the Ship Hector H. Becher and goes Consigned to Jonathan Henry Lovett Esqr Resident at Bushire on Account and Risk of the Honble United English East India Company being marked and Numbered as p Margen—

Broad Cloth 157 Bales Containing 466 Cloths Viz.

					£ s. d.	
88	262	Crimson	23—23—2	3 Cloths @	23.4.9 p Cloth	69.14.3
	3	Striped	23—23.2			
	4	List	22.2.22			
16	46	Gold	24—24	3 ditto @	17.8.9 ditto	52.6.3
	7	Striped	22—22.2			
	8	List	23—22—2			
54	160		24—24			
	1		24—24			
	2		22—23			
55	3		24—24.2			
	4		22—23			
	5		24—24			
49	145		24—24	15 ditto	17.12.6 ditto	264.7.6
	6		23.2.23			
	7		25—24			
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	60		21.2.24			
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	6		22.2.22.2			
22	46		21.2.22.2	2 ditto	16.12.6 ditto	33.5—
	7		21.2.23			
	8					
29	85	Crimson	22—21			
	5	Striped	22.2.22			
	7	List	22—22.2			
30	8		24—22			
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	90		22.2.23			
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35	3		24—23	6 ditto	22.19.6 ditto	137.17—
	4		24.2.23.2			
	5		24.2.24			
76	226		23.2.23.2			
	7		23—23.2	2½ ditto	23.19.6 ditto	59.18.9
	8		24.2—			
36	106		23.2.24			
	7		23—23.2	6 ditto	22.19.6 ditto	137.17—
	8		24.2.24.2			
37	9		23—23			
	110		23—22.2			
	1		23—23			

18 Bales Cont. Cloths — 32½ Carried forward — £ 1038.13.3

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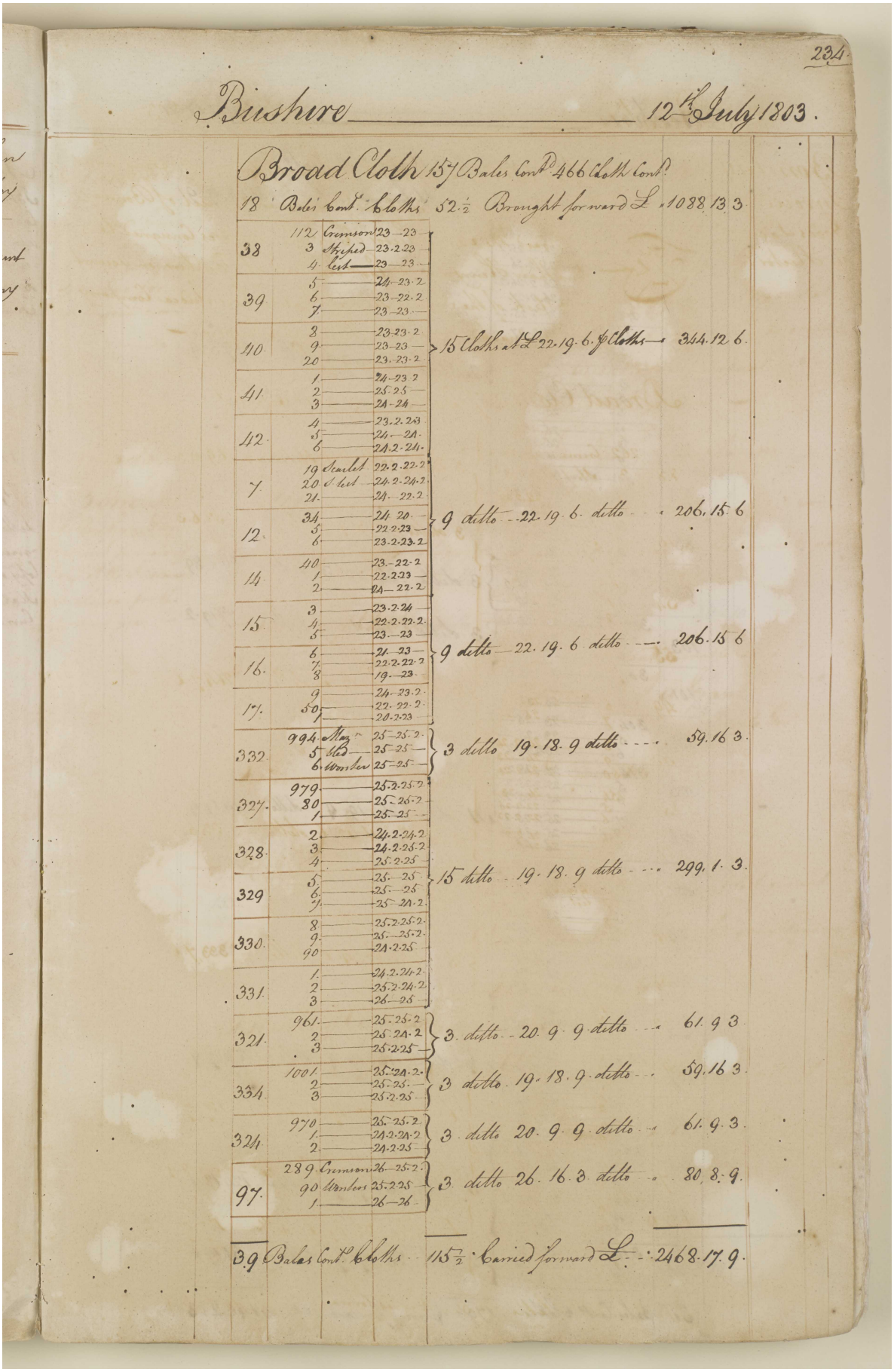

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Broad Cloth 157 Bales Cont.d 466 Cloth Cont.d

18	Bales Cont.d		Cloths	52½ Brought forward £	1088.13.3
38	112	Crimson	23—23	15 Cloths at £22.19.6. p Cloths	344.12.6
	3	Striped	23.2.23		
	4	lest	23—23		
39	5		24—23.2		
	6		23—22.2		
	7		23—23		
40	8		23.23.2		
	9		23—23		
	20		23.23.2		
41	1		24—23.2		
	2		25.25		
	3		24—24		
42	4		23.2.23		
	5		24—24		
	6		24.2.24		
7	19	Scarlet	22.2.22.2	9 ditto 22.19.6 ditto	206.15.6
	20	S. lest	24.2.24.2		
	21		24—22.2		
12	34		24.20		
	5		22.2.23		
	6		23.2.23.2		
14	40		23—22.2		
	1		22.2.23		
	2		24—22.2		
15	3		23.2.24	9 ditto 22.19.6 ditto	206.15.6
	4		22.2.22.2		
	5		23—23		
16	6		21—23		
	7		22.2.22.2		
	8		19—23		
17	9		24—23.2		
	50		22.22.2		
	1		20.2.23		
332	994	Mazr	25—25.2	3 ditto 19.18.9 ditto	59.16.3
	5	bled	25—25		
	6	Worster	25—25		
327	979		25.2.25.2	15 ditto 19.18.9 ditto	299.1.3
	80		25—25.2		
	1		25—25		
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	3		25.2.25		
324	970		25.25.2	3 ditto 20.9.9 ditto	61.9.3
	1		24.2.24.2		
	2		24.2.25		
97	289	Crimson	26—25.2	3 ditto 26.16.3 ditto	80.8.9
	90	Wonters	25.2.25		
	1		26—26		
39	Bales Cont.d		Cloths	115½ Carried forward £	2468.17.9

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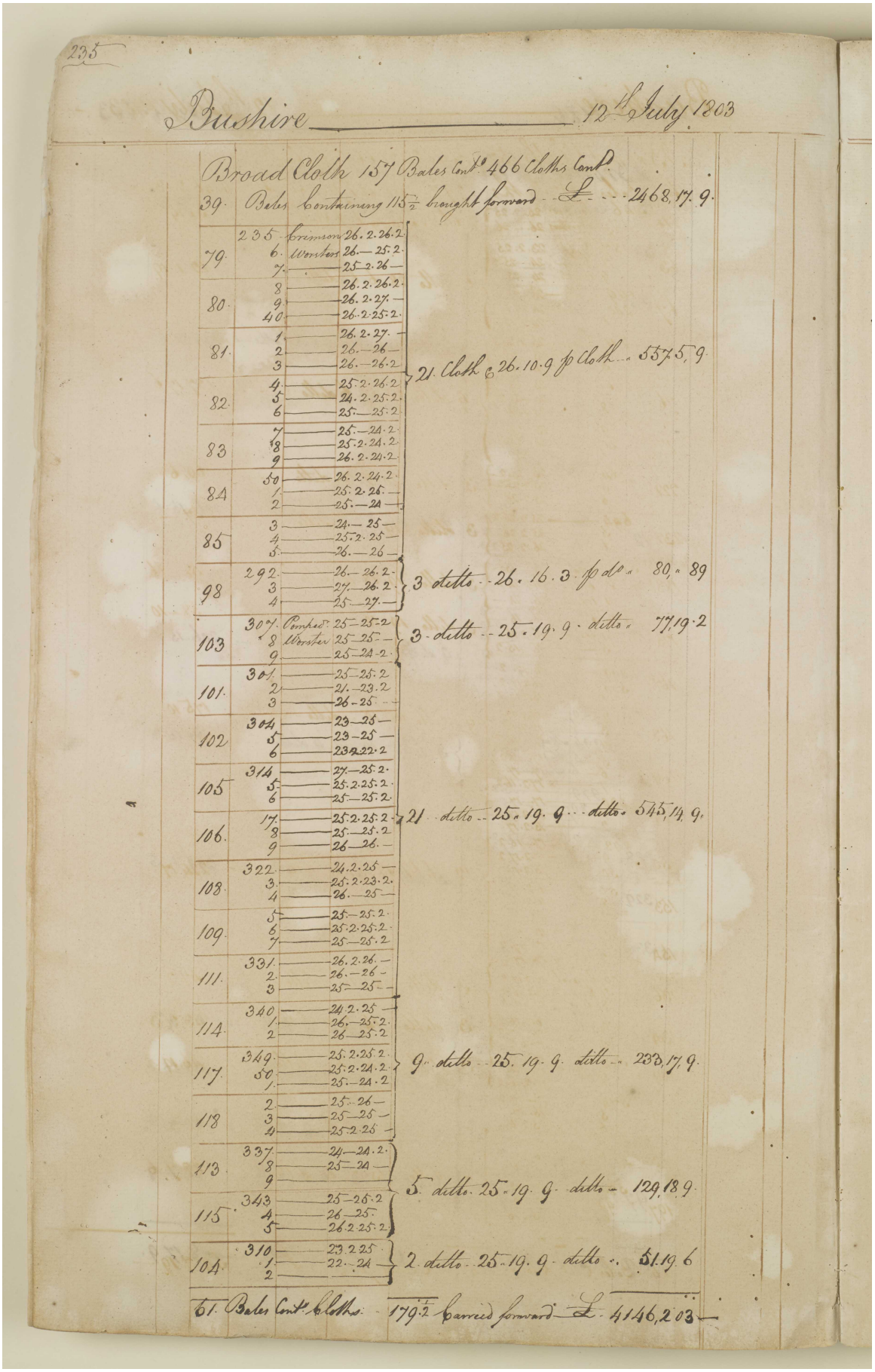

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Broad Cloth 157 Bales Cont.a 466 Cloths Cont.a

39 Bales containing 115½ brought forward £ 2468.17.9

79	235	Crimson	26.2.26.2		
	6	Worsted	26.—25.2		
	7		25.2.26.—		
80	8		26.2.26.2		
	9		26.2.27.—		
	40		26.2.25.2		
81	1		26.2.27.—		
	2		26.—26.—		
	3		26.—26.2	21 Cloth	26.10.9 pp Cloth 557.5.9
82	4		25.2.26.2		
	5		24.2.25.2		
	6		25.—25.2		
83	7		25.—24.2		
	8		25.2.24.2		
	9		26.2.24.2		
84	50		26.2.24.2		
	1		25.2.26.—		
	2		25.—24.—		
85	3		24.—25.—		
	4		25.2.25.—		
	5		26.—26.—		
98	292		26.—26.2		
	3		27.—26.2	3 ditto	26.16.3 pp do 80.11.89
	4		25.—27.—		
103	307	Compd	25—25.2		
	8	Worsted	25—25.—	3 ditto	25.19.9 ditto 77.19.2
	9		25—24.2		
101	301		25—25.2		
	2		21.—23.2		
	3		26—25.—		
102	304		23—25.—		
	5		23—25.—		
	6		23.2.22.2		
105	314		27—25.2		
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106	17		25.2.25.2	21 ditto	25.19.9 ditto 545.14.9
	8		25—25.2		
	9		26—26.—		
108	322		24.2.25.—		
	3		25.2.23.2		
	4		26.—25.—		
109	5		25.—25.2		
	6		25.2.25.2		
	7		25—25.2		
111	331		26.2.26.—		
	2		26.—26.—		
	3		25—25.—		
114	340		24.2.25.—		
	1		26.—25.2		
	2		26—25.2		
117	349		25.2.25.2		
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	3		25—25.—		
	4		25.2.25.—		
113	337		24.—24.2		
	8		25—24.—		
	9			5 ditto	25.19.9 ditto 129.18.9
115	343		25—25.2		
	4		26—25.—		
	5		26.2.25.2		
104	310		23.2.25.—		
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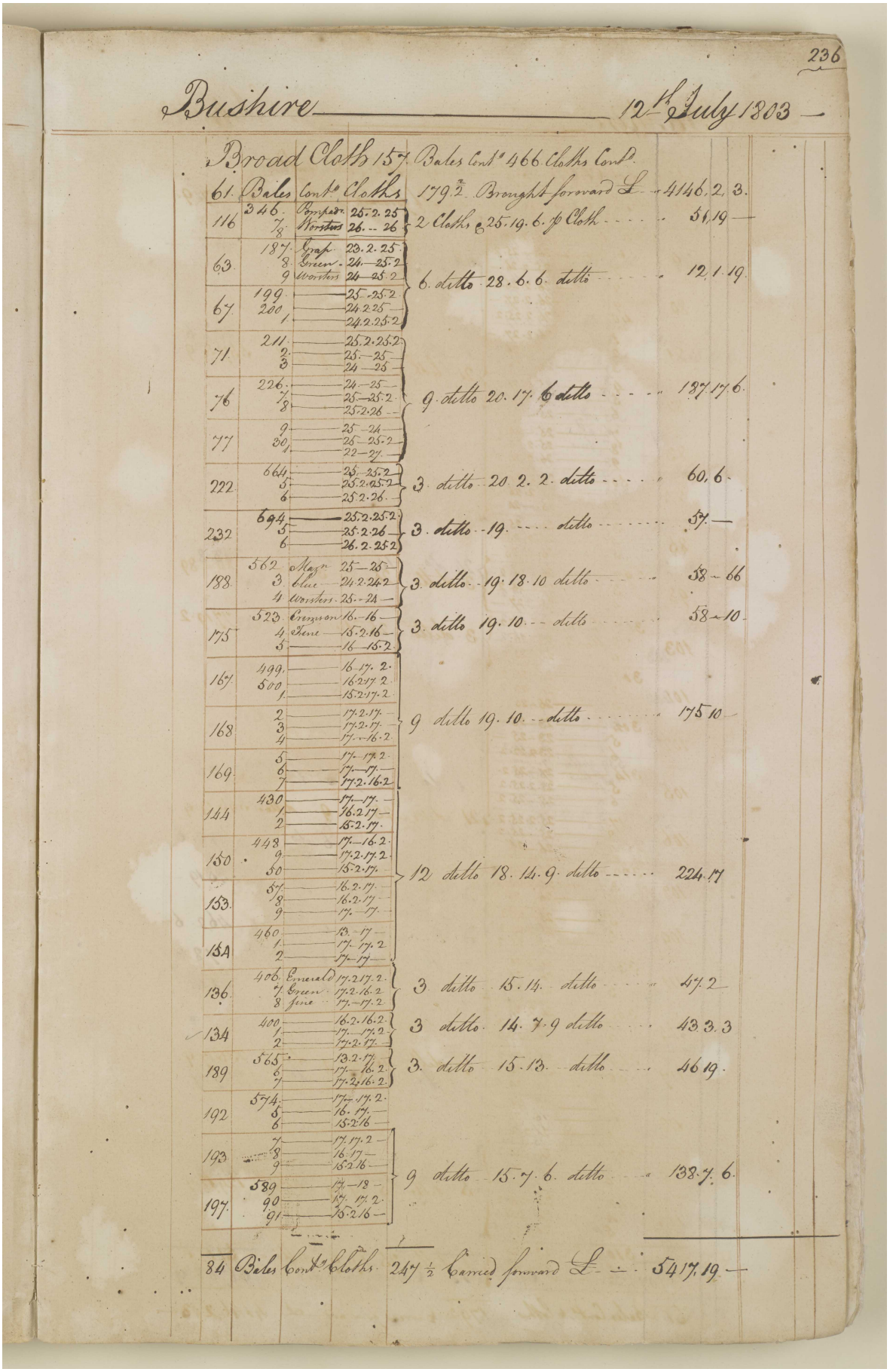
61 Bales Cont.a Cloths 179½ Carried forward £ 4146.2.03



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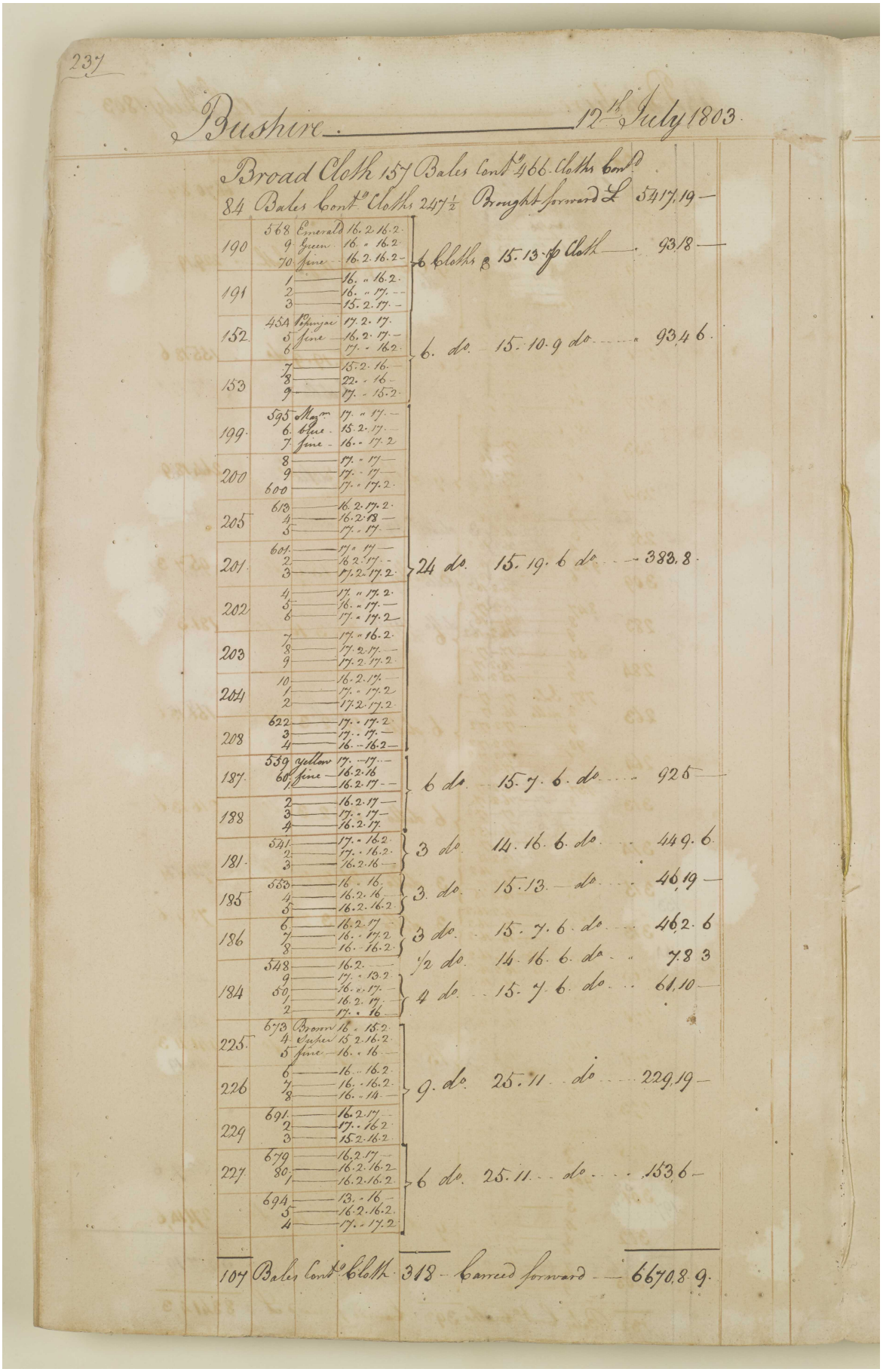
Broad Cloth 157 Bales Cont^d 466 Cloths Cont^d

61	Bales	Cont^d	Cloths	179 2/2 Brought forward £	4146.2.3.
116	346	Pompadr.	25.2.25	2 Cloths @ 25.19.6. p Cloth	51.19 —
	7	Worsters	26.--26		
	8				
63	187	Grap	23.2.25	6 ditto 28.6.6 ditto	12.1.19
	8	Green	24.—25.2		
	9	Worsters	24—25.2		
67	199		25.25.2		
	200		24.2.25		
	1		24.2.25.2		
71	211		25.2.25.2	9 ditto 20.17.6 ditto	187.17.6
	2		25.—25		
	3		24—25		
76	226		24—25		
	7		25—25.2		
	8		25.2.26		
77	9		25—24		
	30		25—25.2		
	1		22—27		
222	664		25.25.2	3 ditto 20.2.2 ditto	60.6
	5		25.2.25.2		
	6		25.2.26		
232	694		25.2.25.2	3 ditto 19 ditto	57 —
	5		25.2.26		
	6		26.2.25.2		
188	562	Mazn	25—25	3 ditto 19.18.10 ditto	58—66
	3	blue	24.2.24.2		
	4	Worsters	25.—24		
175	523	Crimson	16.—16	3 ditto 19.10 ditto	58—10
	4	Fine	15.2.16		
	5		16—15.2		
167	499		16.17.2	9 ditto 19.10 ditto	175 10
	500		16.2.17.2		
	1		15.2.17.2		
168	2		17.2.17		
	3		17.2.17		
	4		17.—16.2		
169	5		17.—17.2		
	6		17.—17		
	7		17.2.16.2		
144	430		17.—17	12 ditto 18.14.9 ditto	224.17
	1		16.2.17		
	2		15.2.17		
150	448		17.—16.2		
	9		17.2.17.2		
	50		15.2.17		
153	57		16.2.17		
	8		16.2.17		
	9		17.—17		
154	460		13.—17		
	1		17.17.2		
	2		17—17		
136	406	Emerald	17.2.17.2	3 ditto 15.14 ditto	47.2
	7	Green	17.2.16.2		
	8	fine	17.—17.2		
134	400		16.2.16.2	3 ditto 14.7.9 ditto	43.3.3
	1		17.—17.2		
	2		17.2.17		
189	565		13.2.17	3 ditto 15.13 ditto	46.19
	6		17.—16.2		
	7		17.2.16.2		
192	574		17.—17.2		
	5		16.17		
	6		15.2.16		
193	7		17.17.2	9 ditto 15.7.6 ditto	138.7.6
	8		16.17		
	9		15.2.16		
197	589		17.—18		
	90		17.17.2		
	91		15.2.16		
84	Bales	Cont^d	Cloths	247 1/2 Carried forward £	5417.19 —



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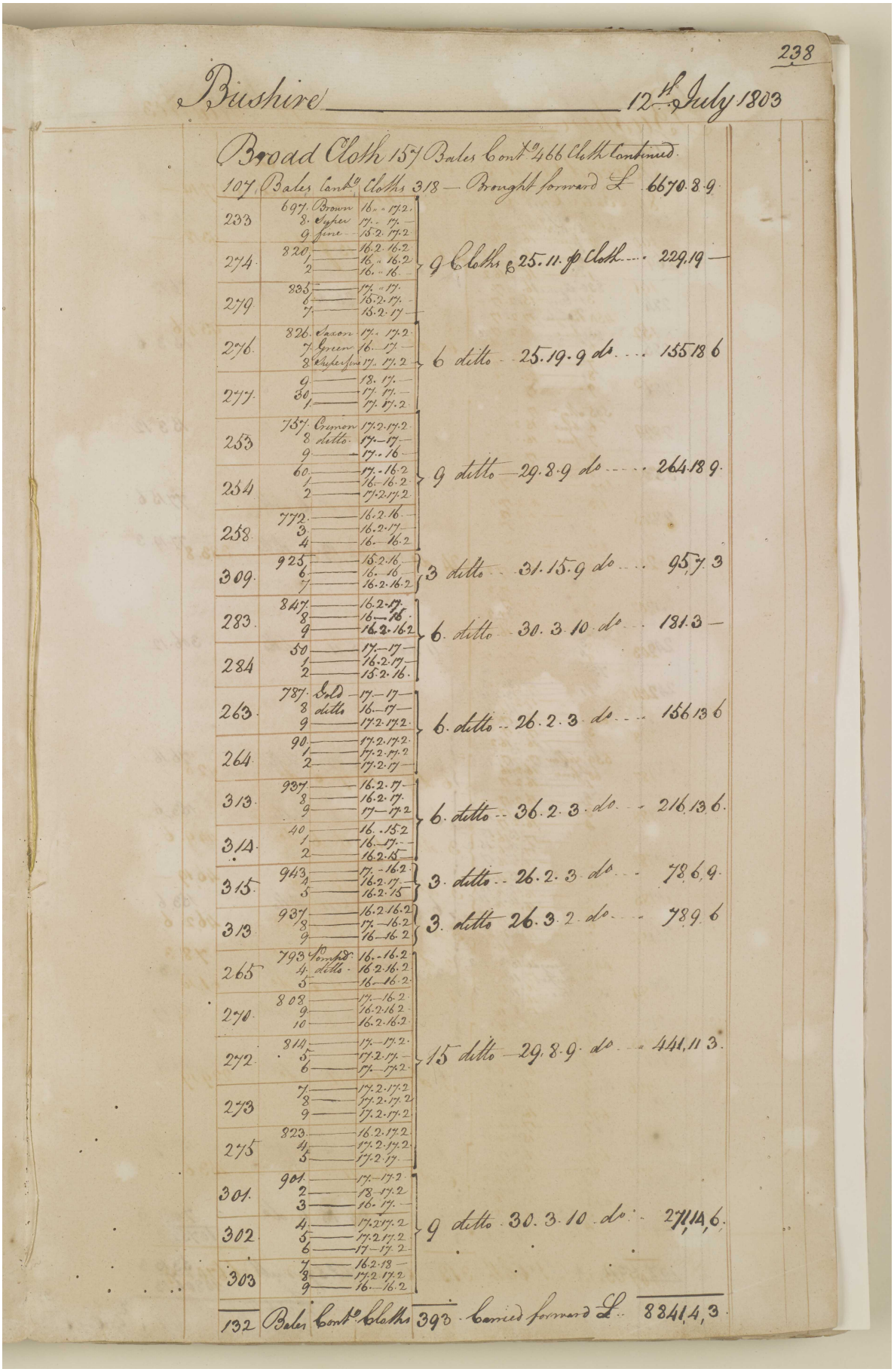
Broad Cloth 157 Bales Cont^d 466 Cloths Cont^d

84 Bales Cont^d Cloths 247½ Brought forward £ 5417,19 —

190	568	Emerald	16.2.16.2	6 Cloths @ 15.13 ⅌ Cloth	93,18 —
	9	Green	16.„16.2		
	70	fine	16.2.16.2		
191	1		16.„16.2		
	2		16.„17		
	3		15.2.17		
152	454	Pepinjac	17.2.17	6 do. 15.10.9 do.	93,4 6
	5	fine	16.2.17		
	6		17.„16.2		
153	7		15.2.16		
	8		22.„16		
	9		17.„15.2		
199	595	Mazm	17.„17	24 do. 15.19.6 do.	383,8
	6	blue	15.2.17		
	7	fine	16.„17.2		
200	8		17.„17		
	9		17.„17		
	600		17.„17.2		
205	613		16.2.17.2		
	4		16.2.18		
	5		17.„17		
201	601		17.„17		
	2		16.2.17		
	3		17.2.17.2		
202	4		17.„17.2		
	5		16.„17		
	6		17.„17.2		
203	7		17.„16.2		
	8		17.2.17		
	9		17.2.17.2		
204	10		16.2.17		
	1		17.„17.2		
	2		17.2.17.2		
208	622		17.„17.2		
	3		17.„17		
	4		16.„16.2		
187	559	yellow	17.„17	6 do. 15.7.6 do.	92,5 —
	60	fine	16.2.16		
	1		16.2.17		
188	2		16.2.17		
	3		17.„17		
	4		16.2.17		
181	541		17.„16.2	3 do. 14.16.6 do.	44,9.6
	2		17.„16.2		
	3		16.2.16		
185	553		16.„16	3 do. 15.13 do.	46,19 —
	4		16.2.16		
	5		16.2.16.2		
186	6		16.2.17	3 do. 15.7.6 do.	46,2.6
	7		16.„17.2		
	8		16.„16.2		
184	548		16.2	½ do. 14.16.6 do.	7,8 3
	9		17.„13.2	4 do. 15.7.6 do.	61,10 —
	50		16.„17		
	1		16.2.17		
	2		17.„16		
225	673	Brown	16.„15.2	9 do. 25.11 do.	229,19 —
	4	Super	15.2.16.2		
	5	fine	16.„16		
226	6		16.„16.2		
	7		16.„16.2		
	8		16.„14		
229	691		16.2.17		
	2		17.„16.2		
	3		15.2.16.2		
227	679		16.2.17	6 do. 25.11 do.	153,6 —
	80		16.2.16.2		
	1		16.2.16.2		
	694		13.„16		
	5		16.2.16.2		
	4		17.„17.2		

107 Bales Cont^d Cloth 318 — Carried forward — 6670,8.9



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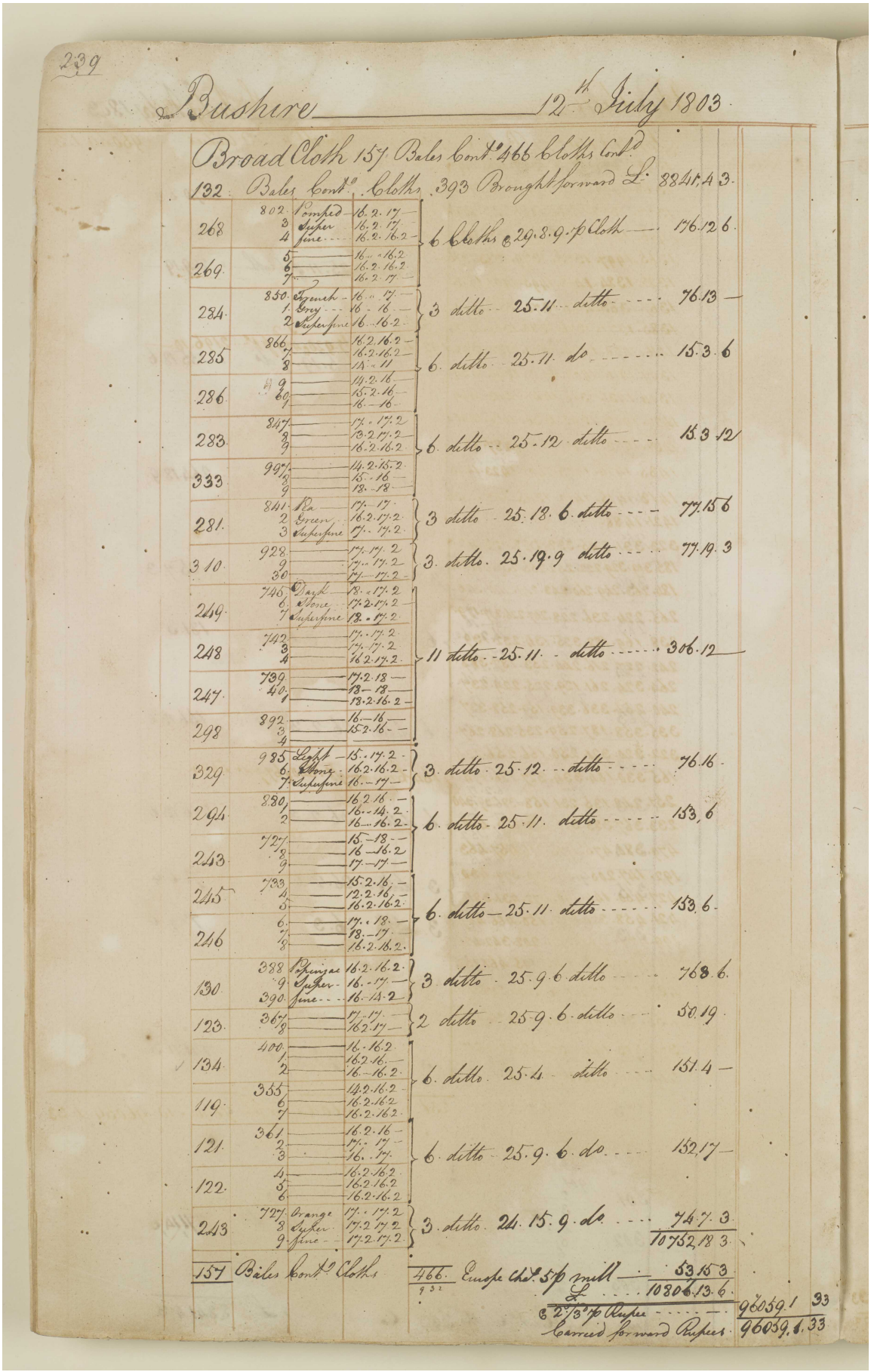
Broad Cloth 157 Bales Cont.d 466 Cloth Continued.

107	Bales Cont.d	Cloths 318	Brought forward £	6670.8.9
233	697. Brown 8. Super 9 fine	16. " 17.2. 17. " 17. — 15.2. 17.2		
274	820. 1 2	16.2. 16.2 16. " 16.2 16. " 16. —	9 Cloths @ 25.11. p Cloth	229.19 —
279	835 6 7	17. " 17. 15.2. 17. — 15.2. 17 —		
276	826. Saxon 7 Green 8 Superfine	17. " 17.2 16. — 17. — 17. " 17.2	6 ditto 25.19.9 do	155.18.6
277	9 30 1	18. 17. — 17. 17. — 17. 17.2		
253	757. Crimon 8 ditto 9	17.2. 17.2 17. — 17. — 17. " 16 —		
254	60. 1 2	17. " 16.2 16. — 16.2 17.2. 17.2	9 ditto 29.8.9 do	264.18.9
258	772. 3 4	16.2. 16. — 16.2. 17. — 16. — 16.2		
309	925 6 7	15.2. 16. — 16. — 16. — 16.2. 16.2	3 ditto 31.15.9 do	95.7.3
283	847. 8 9	16.2. 17. 16. — 16. 16.2. 16.2	6 ditto 30.3.10 do	181.3 —
284	50 1 2	17. — 17. — 16.2. 17. — 15.2. 16.		
263	787. Gold 8 ditto 9	17. — 17. — 16. — 17. — 17.2. 17.2	6 ditto 26.2.3 do	156.13.6
264	90. 1 2	17.2. 17.2 17.2. 17.2 17.2. 17 —		
313	937 8 9	16.2. 17. — 16.2. 17. 17 — 17.2	6 ditto 36.2.3 do	216.13.6
314	40 1 2	16. " 15.2 16. — 17. — 16.2. 15 —		
315	943 4 5	17. " 16.2 16.2. 17. — 16.2. 15	3 ditto 26.2.3 do	78.6.9
313	937 8 9	16.2. 16.2 17. — 16.2 16 — 16.2	3 ditto 26.3.2 do	78.9.6
265	793 Pompd. 4 ditto 5	16. " 16.2 16.2. 16.2 16 — 16.2		
270	808 9 10	17. — 16.2 16.2. 16.2 16.2. 16.2		
272	814 5 6	17. — 17.2 17.2. 17. — 17. — 17.2	15 ditto 29.8.9 do	441.11.3
273	7 8 9	17.2. 17.2 17.2. 17.2 17.2. 17.2		
275	823 4 5	16.2. 17.2 17.2. 17.2 17.2. 17 —		
301	901 2 3	17. — 17.2 18. — 17.2 16. 17. —		
302	4 5 6	17.2. 17.2 17.2. 17.2 17 — 17.2	9 ditto 30.3.10 do	271.14.6
303	7 8 9	16.2. 18 — 17.2. 17.2 16. — 16.2		
132	Bales Cont.d	Cloths 393	Carried forward £	8841.4.3



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Broad Cloth 157 Bales Cont.d 466 Cloths Cont.d

132	Bales Cont.d		Cloths	393 Brought forward L.	8841.4.3
268	802	Pomped	16.2.17	6 Cloths @ 29.8.9 p Cloth	176.12.6
	3	Super	16.2.17		
	4	fine	16.2.16.2		
269	5		16.16.2		
	6		16.2.16.2		
	7		16.2.17		
284	850	French	16.17	3 ditto 25.11 ditto	76.13
	1	Grey	16.16		
	2	Superfine	16.16.2		
285	866		16.2.16.2	6 ditto 25.11 do	15.3.6
	7		16.2.16.2		
	8		14.11		
286	9		14.2.16		
	60		15.2.16		
	1		16.16		
283	847		17.17.2	6 ditto 25.12 ditto	15.3.12
	8		13.2.17.2		
	9		16.2.16.2		
333	997		14.2.15.2		
	8		15.16		
	9		18.18		
281	841	Pea	17.17	3 ditto 25.18.6 ditto	77.15.6
	2	Green	16.2.17.2		
	3	Superfine	17.17.2		
310	928		17.17.2	3 ditto 25.19.9 ditto	77.19.3
	9		17.17.2		
	30		17.17.2		
249	745	Dark	18.17.2	11 ditto 25.11 ditto	306.12
	6	Stone	17.2.17.2		
	7	Superfine	18.17.2		
248	742		17.17.2		
	3		17.17.2		
	4		16.2.17.2		
247	739		17.2.18		
	40		18.18		
	1		18.2.16.2		
298	892		16.16		
	3		15.2.16		
	4				
329	985	Light	15.17.2	3 ditto 25.12 ditto	76.16
	6	Stone	16.2.16.2		
	7	Superfine	16.17		
294	880		16.2.16	6 ditto 25.11 ditto	153.6
	1		16.14.2		
	2		16.16.2		
243	727		15.18		
	8		16.16.2		
	9		17.17		
245	733		15.2.16	6 ditto 25.11 ditto	153.6
	4		12.2.16		
	5		16.2.16.2		
246	6		17.18		
	7		18.17		
	8		16.2.16.2		
130	388	Popinjac	16.2.16.2	3 ditto 25.9.6 ditto	768.6
	9	Super	16.17		
	390	fine	16.14.2		
123	367		17.17	2 ditto 25.9.6 ditto	50.19
	8		16.2.17		
134	400		16.16.2	6 ditto 25.4 ditto	151.4
	1		16.2.16		
	2		16.16.2		
119	355		14.2.16.2		
	6		16.2.16.2		
	7		16.2.16.2		
121	361		16.2.16	6 ditto 25.9.6 do	152.17
	2		17.17		
	3		16.17		
122	4		16.2.16.2		
	5		16.2.16.2		
	6		16.2.16.2		
243	727	Orange	17.17.2	3 ditto 24.15.9 do	74.7.3
	8	Super	17.2.17.2		
	9	fine	17.2.17.2		
					10752.18.3
157	Bales Cont.d		Cloths	466 / 932 Europe Chas. 5 p mill	53.15.3
				L	10806.13.6
				@ 2/3 p Rupee	96059.1.33
				Carried forward Rupees	96059.1.33

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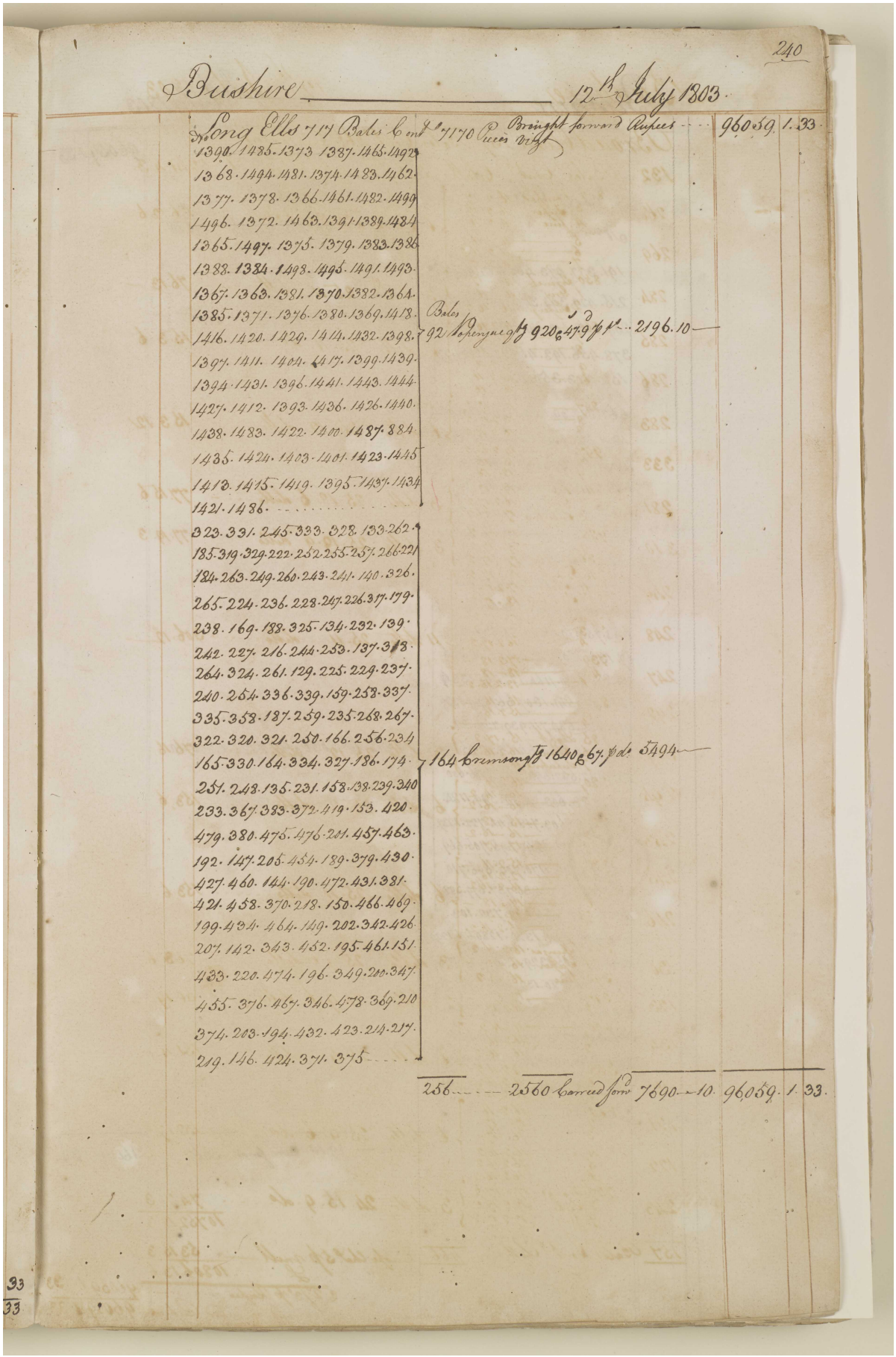

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Long Ells 717 Bales Cont.d 7170 Pieces Brought forward Rupees 96059. 1. 33.

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1421. 1486. .....

92 Bales Assortg 920 @ 47.9 pr. 2196. 10

323. 331. 245. 333. 328. 139. 262.
185. 319. 329. 222. 252. 255. 257. 246. 221
184. 263. 249. 260. 243. 241. 140. 326.
265. 224. 236. 228. 247. 226. 317. 179.
238. 169. 188. 325. 134. 232. 139.
242. 227. 216. 244. 253. 137. 318.
264. 324. 261. 129. 225. 229. 237.
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165. 330. 164. 334. 327. 186. 174.
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164 Bremsongs 1640 @ 67. pr. 5494.

256 ..... 2560 Carried forw.d 7690. 10. 96059. 1. 33.

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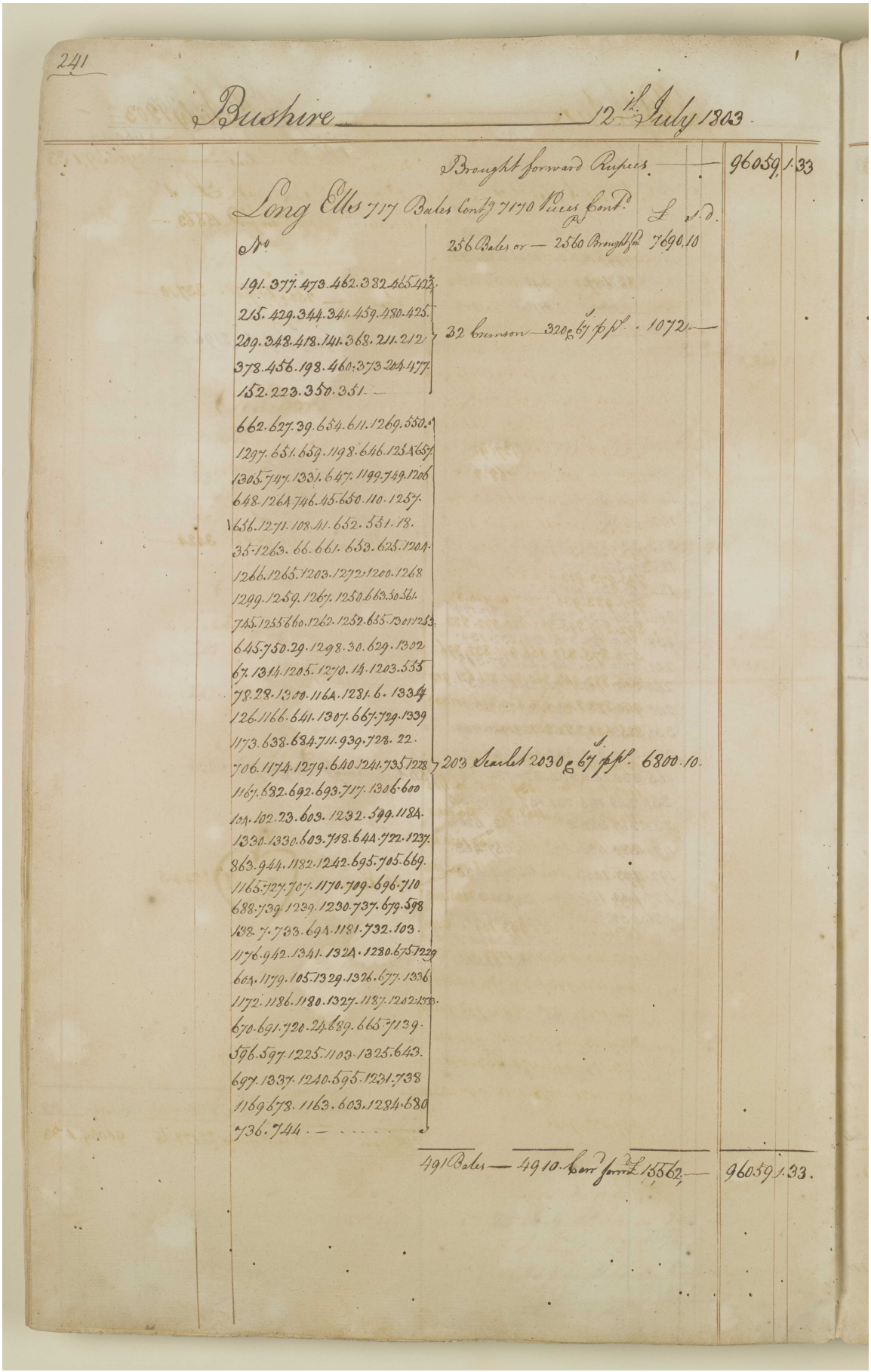

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Brought forward Rupees — 96059.1.33

Long Ells 717 Bales Contg 7170 Pieces Contd.

No.		Ps	L	s.	d.
	256 Bales or —	2560 Brought for	7690	10	
191. 377. 473. 462. 382. 465. 422. 215. 429. 344. 341. 459. 480. 425. 209. 348. 418. 141. 368. 211. 212. 378. 456. 198. 460. 373. 204. 477. 152. 223. 350. 351. —	32 Crimson —	320 @ 67 s. p.p.	1072	—	
662. 627. 39. 654. 611. 1269. 550. 1297. 651. 659. 1198. 646. 1254. 657. 1305. 747. 1331. 647. 1199. 749. 1206. 648. 1264. 746. 45. 650. 110. 1257. 656. 1271. 108. 41. 652. 551. 18. 35. 1263. 66. 661. 653. 625. 1204. 1266. 1265. 1203. 1272. 1200. 1268. 1299. 1259. 1267. 1250. 663. 50. 561. 745. 1255. 660. 1262. 1252. 655. 1301. 1253. 645. 750. 29. 1298. 30. 629. 1302. 67. 1314. 1205. 1270. 14. 1203. 555. 78. 28. 1300. 1164. 1281. 6. 1334. 126. 1166. 641. 1307. 667. 729. 1339. 1173. 638. 684. 711. 939. 728. 22. 706. 1174. 1279. 640. 1241. 735. 1228. 1167. 682. 692. 693. 717. 1306. 600. 104. 102. 23. 603. 1232. 599. 1184. 1330. 1330. 603. 718. 644. 722. 1237. 863. 944. 1182. 1242. 695. 705. 669. 1165. 727. 707. 1170. 709. 696. 710. 688. 739. 1239. 1230. 737. 679. 598. 138. 7. 733. 694. 1181. 732. 103. 1176. 942. 1341. 1324. 1280. 675. 1229. 604. 1179. 105. 1329. 1326. 677. 1336. 1172. 1186. 1180. 1327. 1187. 1202. 1333. 670. 691. 720. 24. 689. 665. 7139. 596. 597. 1225. 1103. 1325. 643. 697. 1337. 1240. 595. 1231. 738. 1169. 678. 1163. 603. 1284. 680. 736. 744. —	203 Scarlet	2030 @ 67 s. p.p.	6800	10	
	491 Bales —	4910. Carr. forwd.	15562	—	96059.1.33.

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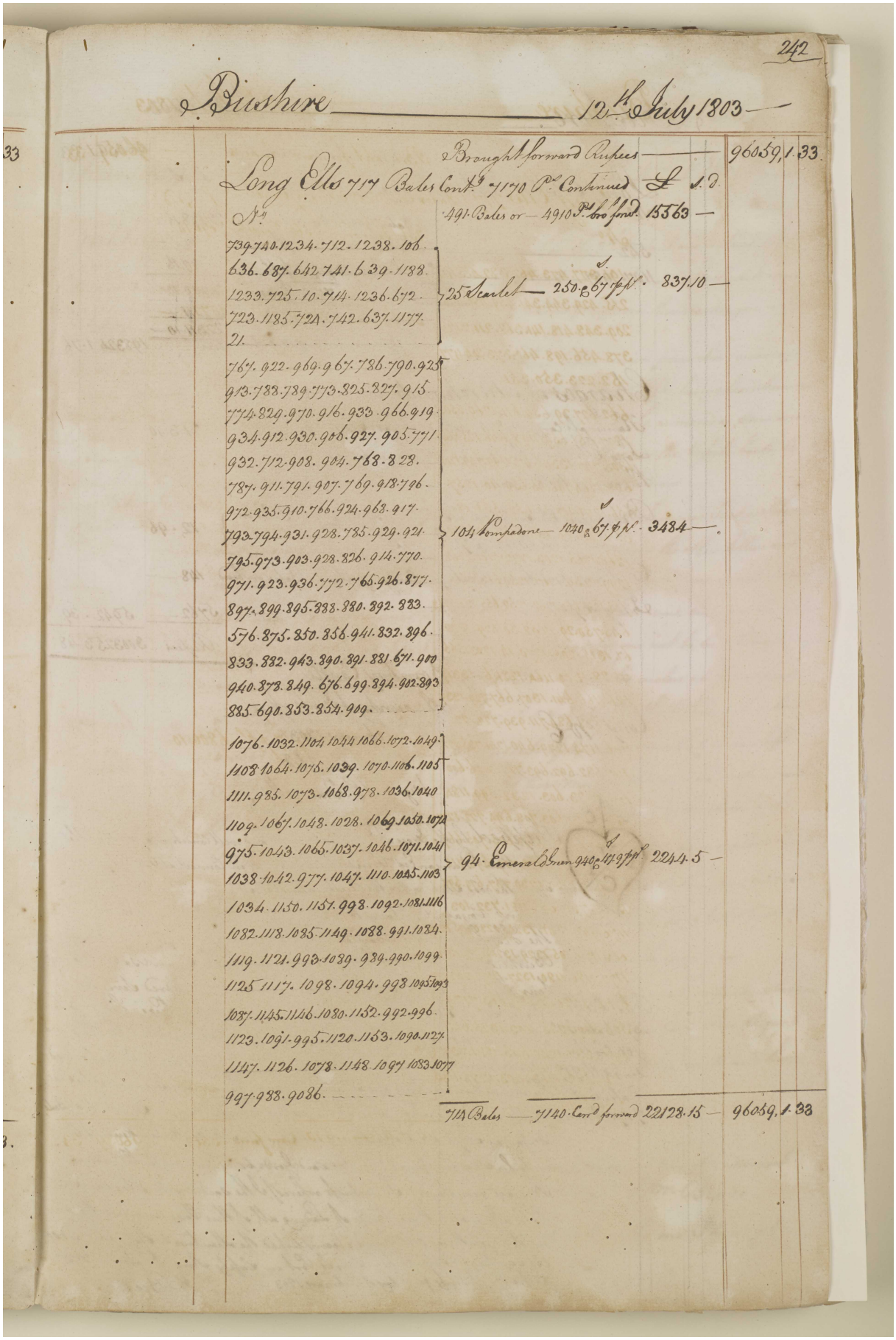

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	Brought forward Rupees			96059,1.33
Long Ells 717 Bales Cont.d 7170 P.s Continued		£	s. d.	
No.	491 Bales or — 4910 P.s bro forwd.	15563	—	
739.740.1234.712.1238.106.636.687.642.741.639.1188.1233.725.10.714.1236.672.723.1185.724.742.637.1177.21.	25 Scarlet — 250 @ 67 p.p.	837.10	—	
767.922.969.967.786.790.925.913.788.789.773.825.827.915.774.829.970.916.933.966.919.934.912.930.906.927.905.771.932.712.908.904.768.828.787.911.791.907.769.918.796.972.935.910.766.924.968.917.793.794.931.928.785.929.921.795.973.903.928.826.914.770.971.923.936.772.765.926.877.897.899.895.888.880.892.883.576.875.850.856.941.832.896.833.882.943.890.891.881.671.900.940.878.849.676.699.894.902.893.885.690.853.854.909.	104 Pompadore — 1040 @ 67 p.p.	3484	—	
1076.1032.1104.1044.1066.1072.1049.1108.1064.1075.1039.1070.1106.1105.1111.985.1073.1068.978.1036.1040.1109.1067.1048.1028.1069.1050.1074.975.1043.1065.1037.1046.1071.1041.1038.1042.977.1047.1110.1045.1103.1034.1150.1151.998.1092.1081.1116.1082.1118.1085.1149.1088.991.1084.1119.1121.993.1089.989.990.1099.1125.1117.1098.1094.998.1095.1093.1087.1145.1146.1080.1152.992.996.1123.1091.995.1120.1153.1090.1127.1147.1126.1078.1148.1097.1083.1077.997.988.9086.	94 Emerald Green 940 @ 47 p.p.	2244.5	—	
	714 Bales — 7140 Carrd forward	22128.15	—	96059,1.33

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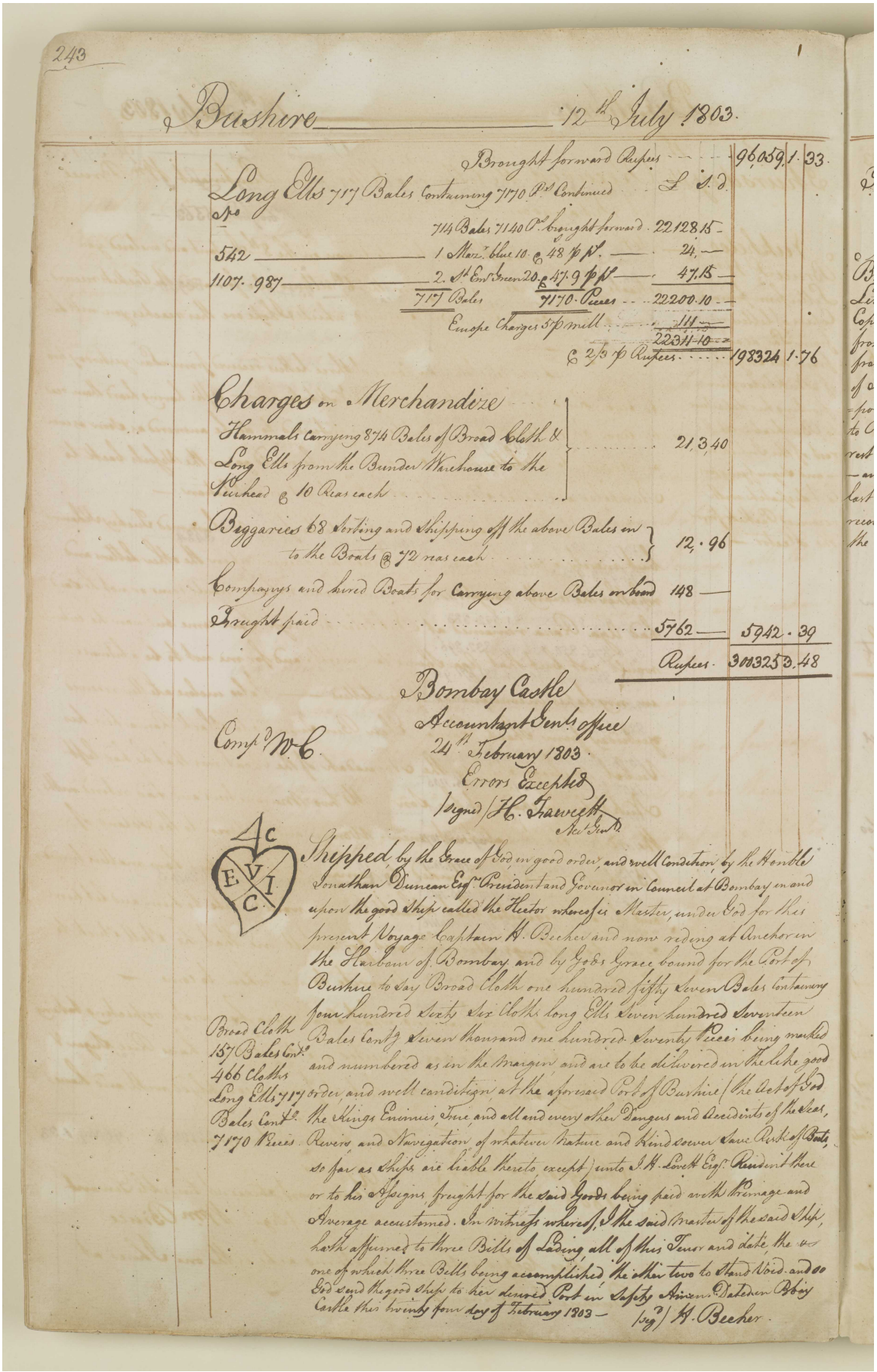

	Brought forward Rupees		96,059.1.33
Long Ells 717 Bales Containing 7170 Pcs Continued		£ s. d.	
No	714 Bales 7140 Pcs brought forward	22128.15	
542	1 Mazr blue 10 @ 48 p pc	24.—	
1107.987	2 St Emr Green 20 @ 47.9 p pc	47.15	
	717 Bales 7170 Pieces	22200.10	
	Europe Charges 5 p mill	111	
		22311.10	
	@ 2/3 p Rupees		198324.1.76
Charges on Merchandize			
Hammals carrying 874 Bales of Broad Cloth & Long Ells from the Bunder Warehouse to the Vurhead @ 10 Reas each		21,3,40	
Biggaries 68 Sorting and Shipping off the above Bales in to the Boats @ 72 reas each		12,.96	
Companys and hired Boats for Carrying above Bales on board		148 —	
Freight paid		5762 —	5942.39
		Rupees	300325.3.48

Bombay Castle
Accountant Genls office
24th February 1803.
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Broad Cloth 157 Bales Contg 466 Cloths Long Ells 717 Bales Contg 7170 Pieces

Shipped by the Grace of God in good order, and well Condition, by the Honble Jonathan Duncan Esqr President and Governor in Council at Bombay in and upon the good Ship called the Hector whereof is Master, under God for this present Voyage Captain H. Becher and now riding at Anchor in the Harbour of Bombay and by Gods Grace bound for the Port of Bushire to say Broad Cloth one hundred fifty Seven Bales Containing four hundred Sixty Six Cloths long Ells Seven hundred Seventeen Bales Contg Seven thousand one hundred Seventy Pieces being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the like good order, and well condition, at the aforesaid Port of Bushire (the Act of God the Kings Enemies, Fire, and all and every other Dangers and Accidents of the Seas, Rivers, and Navigation of whatever Nature and Kind soever Save Risk of Boats, so far as Ships are liable thereto, except) unto J. H. Lovett Esqr Resident there or to his Assigns, freight for the said Goods being paid with Primage and Average accustomed. In witness whereof, I the said Master of the said Ship, hath affirmed to three Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and date, the one of which three Bills being accomplished the other two to Stand Void. and so God send the good Ship to her desired Port in Safety Amen. Dated in Bbay Castle this twenty four day of February 1803 — (sgd) H. Becher.

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Thursday 14th

Nukheloo Bruce Lt Wm Letter from forward Copies of letters received from Lar, as also one from the Shykh of Nukheloo purporting his departure to Busheab with the rest of the Inhabitants — and signifying his last dispatch with recovered Packets from the Hector. —

Received the following Letter from Lieutenant Wm Bruce at Khangoon —

Sir,

I had the honor to write to you on the 8th Instant and enclosed you extracts from my Journal up from the 26th Ultimo, also forwarded the Packets received from Shaik Rama Eben Ben Sunneed, which I hope ere this reaches you will have arrived safe —

I now enclose you Copys of three letters received from Lar yesterday, two to Aga Ruza and one to the Shaik of Nukheloo — After having heard them read by Aga Ruza I asked him what he now intended to do, he answered as soon as ever an Answer to his letter from Sheraze arrived he would go in the Vessels back to Nukheloo and hoped should be able then to get us restitution. —

Shaik Rama also received a letter from Mohummed Tuckey Khawn but merely a complimentory one, I asked his opinion upon the other letters and whether he really thought Mohummed Tuckey Khawn would come or not, he said had Aga Raza remained at Nukheloo he might have come but now he certainly would not but that Aga Shumshaw might. and for me not to be a bit more sanguine in my hopes in consequence of these letters — I also enclose a letter received yesterday from Shaik Rama Eben Ben Sunneed to Shaik Rama here his Verbal message sent by the Noquadah of the Boat was that he had left Nukheloo in charge of his Son with two Musqueteers and had retired with the rest of the Inhabitant men. Women and Children to the Island of Busheab where he intended to remain untill he saw how matters turned out he also requested that Shaik Rama would write to him and let him know how things stood here and for to tell me that he still stuck to his former promise and would write to me when to come. —

Notwithstanding what Aga Ruza has wrote respecting taking provisions from me, he has requested me to let him have Rice, Sugar & Sugar Candy when he wants, which I of course complyed with and have given him some —

I have the honor to remain
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signd) Wm Bruce

Khangoon 10th July 1803

This Copied is to receive nothing as he is the one I hired at Bushire by the month —

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Nukheloo
Bruce Lt Wm
Letter from Mirza Mohummed Aka Rezas writer to his Master.—

Letter from Meerza Mohummud Aga Reza's Writer to his Master.—

Soon after my departure I arrived at Larr and having waited upon Mahomed Tukky Khan and shewn him the Princes Rukkum addressed to you, he immediately made every preparation for setting off to Nukheloo directly in order to have the honor of waiting upon you, at this time the Nanakully, Moore and Comera Barat-dars came in successively, bringing Orders to the Amount of 3 or 4000 Tomans and upon hearing of his intended Journey collected together in numbers giving him much trouble and Vexation and declaring they would upon no Account let him depart till he had settled their demands — In consequence of their importunities he has postponed his Journey for a few days, till Aga Shuma can arrive, when he will refer them to him and use every possible haste in setting out for Nukheloo to have the honor of paying his respects to you.—

This day a Cossid came in from Aga Shuma by whose Letters it appears that he will certainly leave Sheraz on the Seventh of the present month and get to Larr Tomorrow or the day following, after his arrival Mahomed Tukky Khan will undoubtely set off to join you, indeed I am observe that he is distressed and Vexed at this detention for however distant He may be, he thinks he ought ere this to have been with you; Upon Aga Shuma's arrival no further delay will take place as Mahomed Tukky Khan has

already

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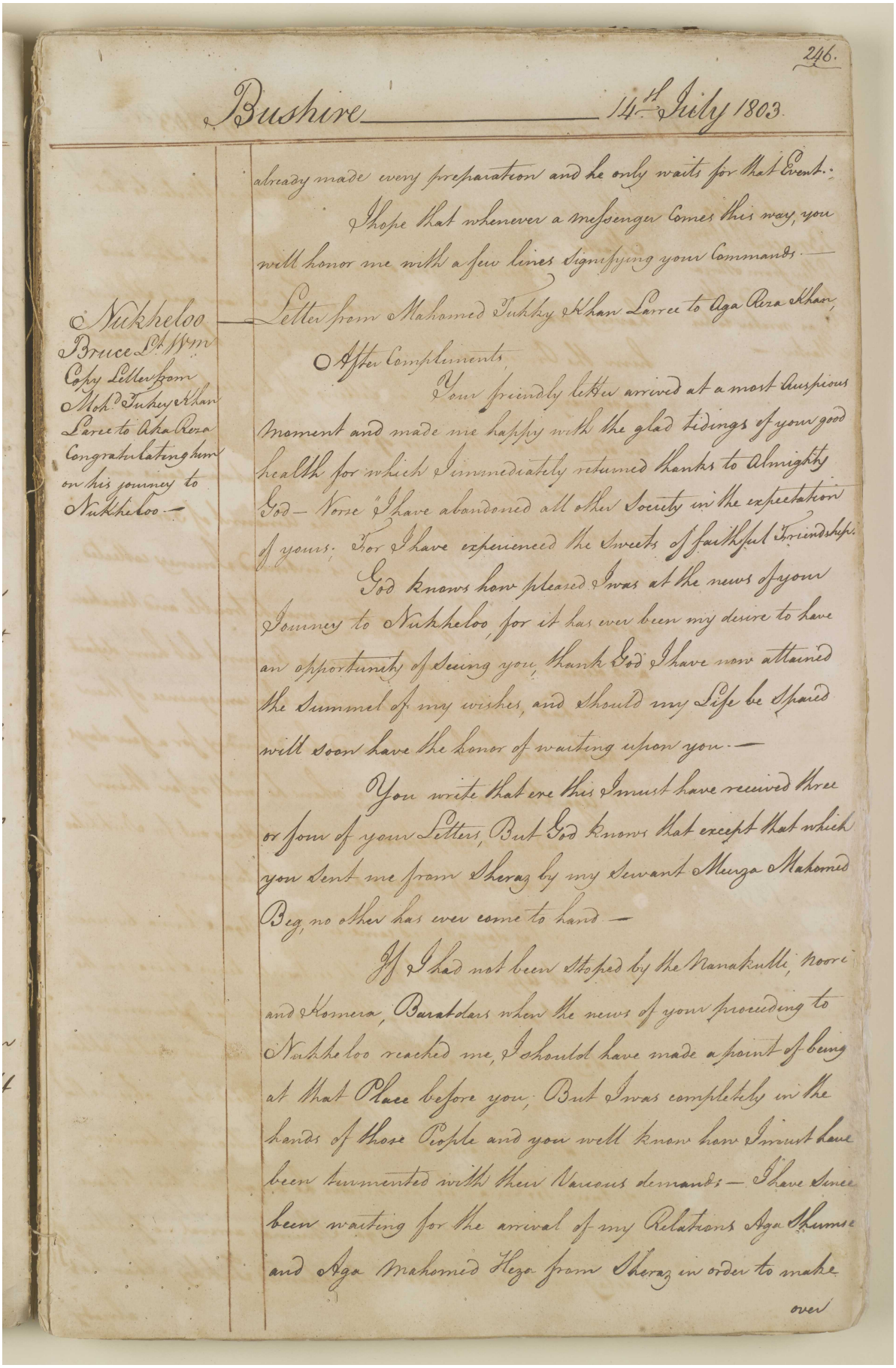

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already made every preparation and he only waits for that Event.

I hope that whenever a messenger comes this way, you will honor me with a few lines signifying your Commands —

Nukheloo — Letter from Mahomed Tukky Khan Larree to Aga Reza Khan,

Bruce Lt. Wm. Copy Letter from Moh.d Tukey Khan Laree to Aka Reza Congratulating him on his journey to Nukheloo —

After Compliments,

Your friendly letter arrived at a most Auspious moment and made me happy with the glad tidings of your good health for which I immediately returned thanks to Almighty God — Norse "I have abandoned all other Society in the expectation of yours; For I have experienced the Sweets of faithful Friendship.

God knows how pleased I was at the news of your Journey to Nukheloo, for it has ever been my desire to have an opportunity of Seeing you, thank God I have now attained the Summel of my wishes, and Should my Life be Spared will soon have the honor of waiting upon you —

You write that ere this I must have received three or four of your Letters, But God knows that except that which you sent me from Sheraz by my Servant Meerza Mahomed Beg, no other has ever come to hand —

If I had not been Stoped by the Nanakulli, Noori and Komera, Baratdars when the news of your proceeding to Nukheloo reached me, I should have made a point of being at that Place before you; But I was completely in the hands of those People and you well know how I must have been turmented with their Various demands — I have Since been waiting for the arrival of my Relations Aga Shumse and Aga Mahomed Heza from Sheraz in order to make

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over the Baratdars to them, that I might join you myself, It is now four days since a Cassid arrived bringing intelligence of their having left Sheraz on the Seventh — they will be at Larr three days hence, and as soon as they get here I will give them charge of that business and repair to you with all possible expedition. —

Although you will find the heat at Nakheloo oppressive and it is putting you to inconvenience, you might I think remain there till I arrive. —

God Knows that if I had been at liberty and not exposed to the detention of the Baratdars I would ere this have been with you, But not being my own Master this little delay has unavoidably occurred: Every thing will please God be brought to a happy termination. —

As I shall so soon have the pleasure of seeing you I need trouble you no farther at present —

Nukheloo — Letter from Mahomed Tuckky Khan Larree to Shaikh Rama Ben Sunned

Bruce Lt Ssm

Copy letter from Mahd. Tuckey Khan Larree to Shykh Rehma Ben Sunneed requesting him not to incur Aka Reza's displeasure and abide by the orders of Govt.

After Compliments

By Aga Reza Khan's letter to me it appears that some days have elapsed since he arrived at your Residence. He has desired my Attendance likewise, But I had not before heard of his Arrival and am now Com=pletely tied down by the Nanakulli, Noori and Komera Baratdars and not my own Master, otherwise I have received His Royal Highness's Commands to attend Aga Reza on his

Visit

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Visit to you and at any Rate will set off from hence Soon, as Aga Shumsa and Aga Mahomed Reza are to be at Lar the day after Tomorrow and I will upon their arrival here, made over the Baratdars to them.—

In the mean time, I have to request that you will per= =form the duties of hospitality and friendship towards Aga Reza Khan in Such a manner as not to incur his displeasure in any respect, and until I have the honor of joining him you will be entirely guided by his advise and manage to save your reputation by paying implicit obedience to the orders of Government ——

This Letter is concise, as the time of our meeting approaches

Thursday. 14 Sailed the Mersey Country Ship Captain Wilson for Bombay, Muskat Madras and Bengal.—

" Imported the Honble Company's Schooner Fury from Bussora.

" Received the following Letter from the Resident at Bussora.

Bussora — Letter from the Resident informing of the departure of the Fury with the intelligence of the probable occurrence of hostilities between great Britain and France and noticing the departure of the Surgeon of that Establishment in charge of some Sick for Bushire —

Sir, Since I had the Pleasure to write to you p Mersey I have not received any Advices from you.

The Fury now Suddenly leaves Bussora in order Expeditiously to Convey to India Intelligence of the probable actual Renewal of Hostilities between Great Britain and France and I most strenuously request, that you will not detain her at Bushire longer than twelve Hours on any Account whatever —

Mr. John Milne, Surgeon of the Bussora Residency proceeds hence on the Fury, in charge of certain Sick belonging to that Vessel, which he will probably land at Bushire in which case you will please to afford him, requisite Aid and Assistance, untill their Recovery, when he will return to his Station. —

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In the hope of Speedily receiving Advices from you of the Successful Termination of the Expedition on which the Endeavour and Panther are at present Employed, I beg leave to repeat my Request, that the Latter Vessel may be dispatched on her Return to her Station here, as early as may be practicable, with due regard to the public Interests.

I have the Honor to be with great Truth and Regard —

Sir

Your very obedient humble Servant

(signed) Samuel Manesty

Belle
the 12th July 1803

Thursday 14th — Sailed the Fury for Bombay —

Saturday 16th — Sailed the Country Ships Adventure Captain Forrest for Muskat, Madras and Bengal —

Sunday 17th — Wrote the following Letter to Lieutenant William Bruce on Deputation at Nukheloo —

Nukheloo Bruce Lt. Wm Letter to Authorising an Additional expenditure for Aka Reza's Servants and Horses and noticing the orders issued from Sheraz to send troops thither and procure other Machine Aid and forwarding Letter to Aka Reza.

Sir,

I have, Since I last wrote received your Letters of the 8th and 10th July —

You may give Aga Reza either provisions for his Servants and horses or a Consideration instead of 10 Tomans p day: but until the business upon which he is Sent is concluded I Cannot think of making him any further Allowance. —

This he is to receive for one month from your receipt of this letter: after, which Should the affair Still remain unsettled, you will want to receive my further orders for its Continuance. Should he on the Country finish it to your Satisfaction

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Satisfaction in less than one Month, you may give him 10 Tomans additional for very remaining day —

You have no doubt before this received intelligence of the Orders issued by Cheragh Aly Khan to furnish you with every kind of Assistance both by land and Sea. I trust you have already returned to Nukheloo resumed your operations against Shykh Rehma. —

I have written to the Resident at Muskat to return the Fennate with all practicable expedition Shykh Nasser is ordered to supply any further Maritime assistance of which you may be in want. I am happy however to observe that this is not likely to be the case. —

I enclose a letter to Aka Reza referring him to you for the above information. —

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Bushire
17th July 1803

To
Aga Reza

Nukheloo
Bruce Lt. Wm
Letter to Aka Reza urging him to the execution of his duty and referring him to Mr. Bruce for an Account of further expences for his Servants &c.

Dated 17th July 1803.

Your friendly Letter has been received and its Contents understood you have written that Sheikh Rama had upon your Arrival employed many People to induce you to receive a Certain Sum of Money which you had refused, in consequence of your friendship for me, and farther, that you had represented the State of Affairs to the Prince and were then waiting for new orders upon the Subject. —

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This disenterestedness perfectly accord, with your high reputation but I have still farther claims upon your Friendship and particularly hope, that you will spare no exertions in the recovery of the Property and that the Speedy Accomplishment of my wishes on this Subject may afford you still farther Credit —

P.S. I have stated my Sentiments at large to Mr. Bruce Concerning the expences of your Attendants; He will of course Communicate them to you —

Wednesday 20th Imported the Country Ship Shreusburry Captain Robert Angeer from Bengal Mussulipatam and Muskat —

Saturday 23d Imported the Snow Amelia Captain Padding from Mussulipatuam and Muskat —

" Received the following Letter from Lieutenant William Bruce on Deputation at Khangoon —

Nukheloo Bruce Lt. Wm. Letter from noticing the departure of Aka Reza for Firozabad and little hopes entertained of his return —

Sir

I have the honor to Acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant and which reached me on the 16th at night I have dispatched two Expresses since my Coming here one on the 8th and the other on the 10th and am now anxiously waiting for further instructions from you.

The day after my last express left this, Aga Raza did also to a place about 3 or 4 fursongs from hence on a hunting party as he told me although then it was my opinion that it was with an intention of not returning,

notwithstanding

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notwithstanding he left the most of his people behind — On the 13th those he had left here Applied to me for provisions with which I complied at the same time writing a letter to Aga Raza to know if I should Continue to give it them, which he returned I called at the back with a message saying as he had no pen and Ink he could not wrote, but to continue giving them provisions, which I have done ever since —

The same day your letter arrived and by the same person a message was brought me from Aga Raza (to whom he had been first) desiring that me and Awanoos would come up to him as he had something to communicate, as I was in hourly expectation of your Answer I wrote to him telling him of it & the instant they arrived I should do myself the pleasure of coming up to him Copys of both my letters I enclose Today to my Astonishment I received a Verbal message from him by the bearer Aga Baba, saying as I had not agreed to pay him the money mentioned in my former letters, and as he was informed I had been Speaking of him to Several persons in the most disrespectful manner as well as not informing him of the Arrival of the Answers to my letters to you of the 8th Instant which he knew had arrived although I would not tell him of it he had set off for Kerwzabad where he should remain one or two days and then proceed to Sheraze — he also Sent word he had received a letter from thence without saying whether it respected the present Service or not — He has himself wrote to you and I dare Say very fully respecting my Conduct,

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however Sir I hope you have a better opinion of me than to Suppose I am so much a Boy as to act in the manner Aga Raza Supposes; but what will Shewn you best the person I have to deal with is the rediculous idea of my concealing the Answers to my letters of the 8th Instant and which has not as yet Arrived — He still leaves Cubella Codadad with about 10 Persons here, whether it is his intention to return or not I cannot pretend to say —

I am extremely Anxious to hear from you to know what further Steps we are to take I have the honor to be,

Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) William Bruce

Khangoon
18th July 1803

Monday 24th Received the following Letter from Lieutenant Wm Bruce on deputation at Khungoon

Kungoon
Bruce Lt Wm
Letter from noticing his request to Aka Reza respecting the disposal of the Ships

Sir,

I have sent the bearer purposely to see what has become of my first express to you of the 8th Instant as so long a time has elapsed without my receiving any Accounts of his arrival at Bushire that I am led to believe some Accident has happened to him ——— I have instructed the bearer to enquire particularly at every Village on the Road about him and to proceed ultimately on to Bushire ——— yesterday I wrote to Aga Raza to know if he intended to remain at Tereozabad or not, as likewise a letter for

Captain

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Captain Stephenson to him to know also if he had any Service for the Vessel —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Signed) Wm. Bruce

Khangoon
20th July 1803

Wednesday 27th — Received the following Letter from Captain Stephenson.

Marine Panther Letter from the Commander informg of his orders to proceed to Bushire —

Sir, Having been informed that Aka Raza had left this for Sheraz, without sending me a line or Verbal Message, I immediately wrote to him, to enquire if there was any further Service for the Vessel, after four days I was favoured with an Answer, desiring me to proceed to Bushire with the Vessel, which I shall accordingly do & leave this on the 25th instant. —

I remain
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Edward Stephenson

Kangoon
Panther July 23d 1803

" — Received the following Letter from Lieutenant Wm Bruce

Nukheloo Bruce Lt Wm Letter from informg the departure of Aka Reza towards Sheraz and transmitting Correspondence with the Commander of the Panther —

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 17th Instant the Duplicate one reached on the 21st and the Original the day after — I immediately wrote to Aga Raza & forwarded your Letter to him. A Copy of my Letter I now enclose ——— I shall commence paying Aga Raza when he returns 10 Tomauns P Day from the receipt of your Letter, for one month, that is if he prefers it to provisions —

I had the pleasure to write before on the 17th and 20th wherein I mentioned of Aga Raza's having left this with an intention

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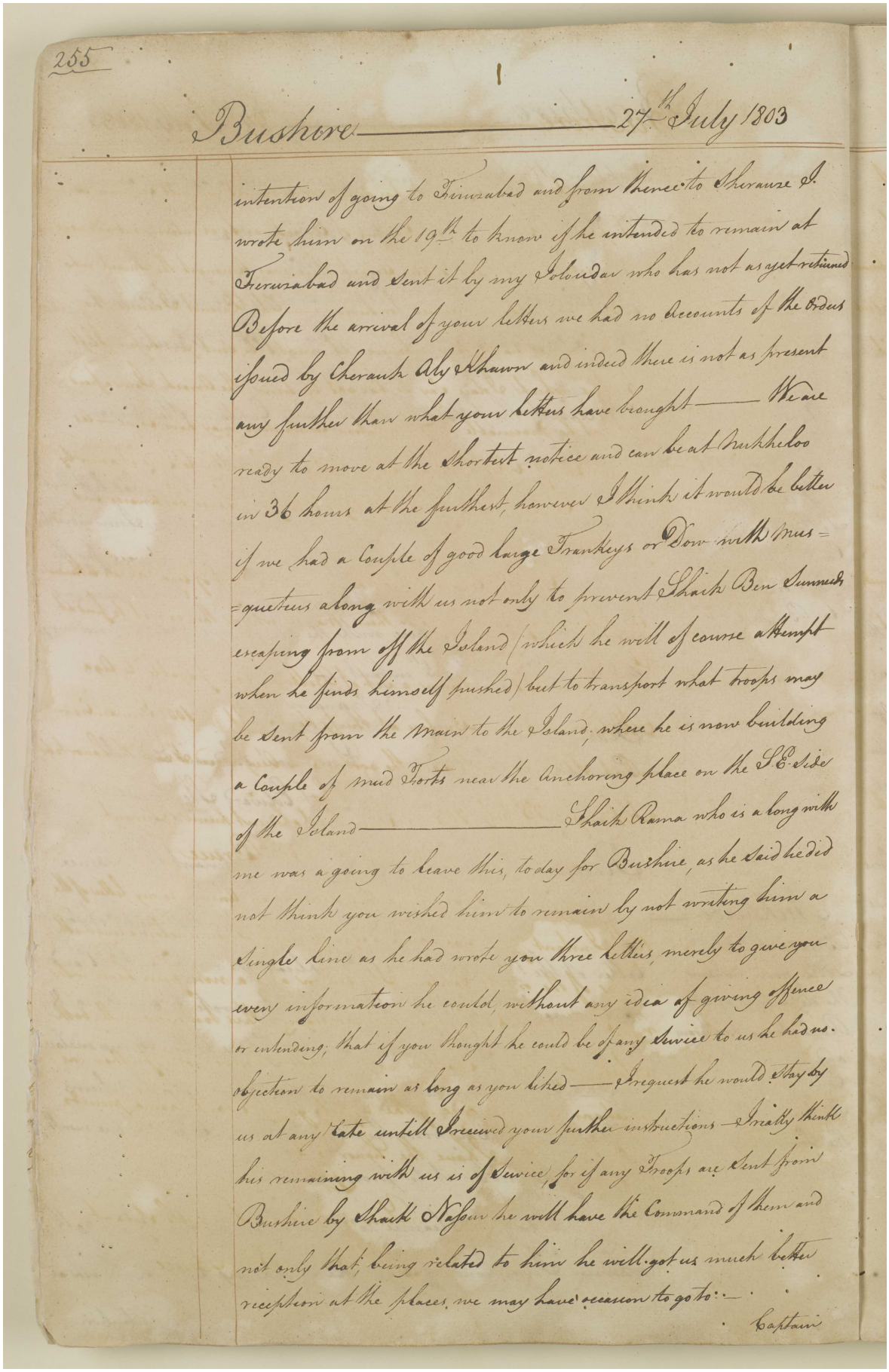

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intention of going to Firuzabad and from thence to Sherauze I wrote him on the 19th to know if he intended to remain at Feruzabad and sent it by my Joloudar who has not as yet returned Before the arrival of your letters we had no Accounts of the Orders issued by Cherauk Aly Khawn and indeed there is not as present any further than what your letters have brought ——— We are ready to move at the shortest notice and can be at Nukheloo in 36 hours at the furthest, however I think it would be better if we had a Couple of good large Trankeys or Dow with Mus=quetees along with us not only to prevent Shaik Ben Sunneeds escaping from off the Island (which he will of course attempt when he finds himself pushed) but to transport what troops may be sent from the Main to the Island, where he is now building a Couple of mud Forts near the Anchoring place on the S.E. side of the Island ——— Shaik Rama who is a long with me was a going to leave this, to day for Bushire, as he said he did not think you wished him to remain by not writing him a single line as he had wrote you three letters, merely to give you every information he could, without any idea of giving offence or intending; that if you thought he could be of any Service to us he had no objection to remain as long as you liked ——— I request he would stay by us at any rate untill I received your further instructions — I really think his remaining with us is of Service, for if any Troops are sent from Bushire by Shaik Nassur he will have the Command of them and not only that, being related to him he will got us much better reception at the places we may have occasion to go to: —

Captain

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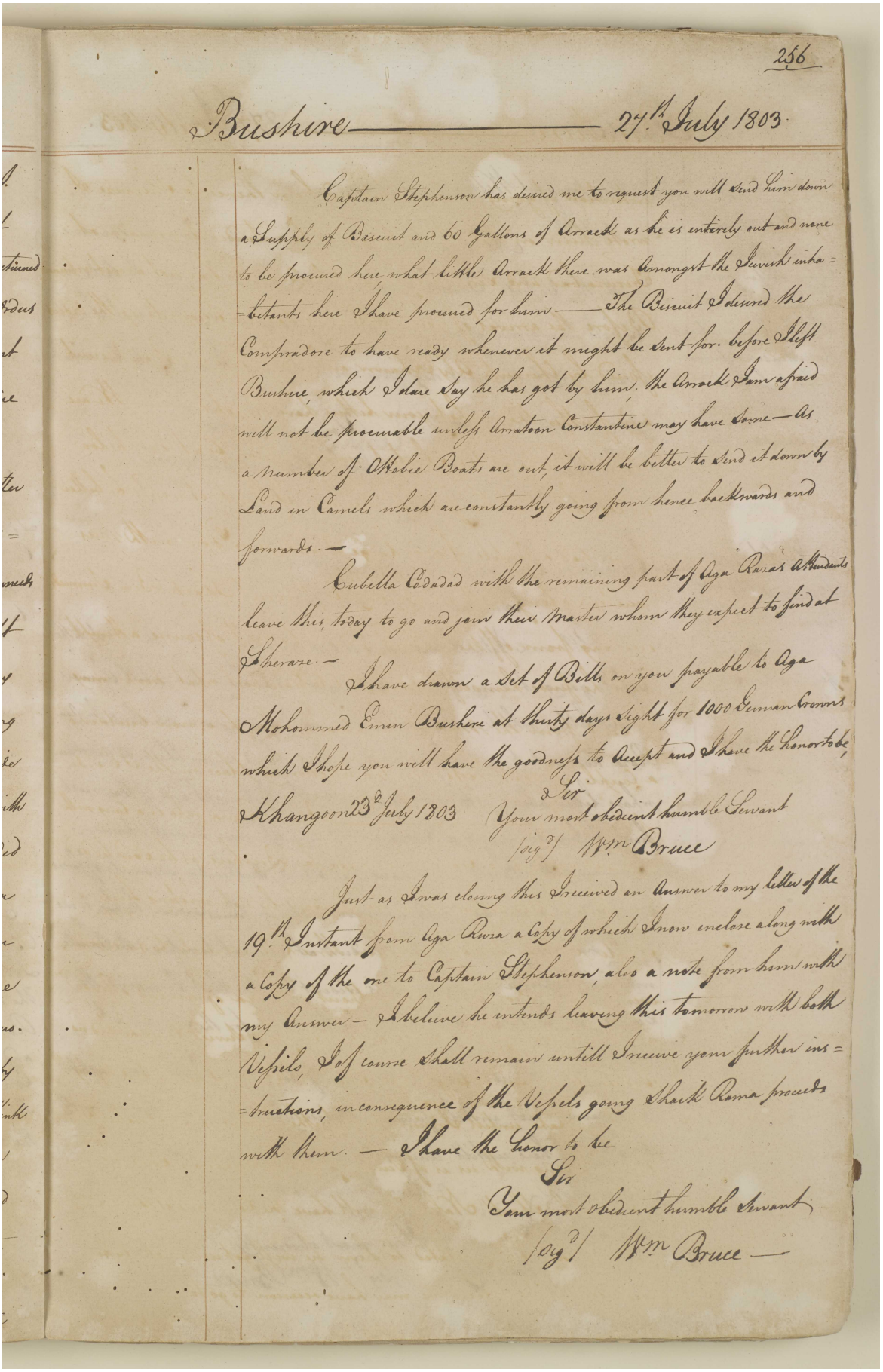

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Captain Stephenson has desired me to request you will send him down a Supply of Biscuit and 60 Gallons of Arrack as he is entirely out and none to be procured here, what little Arrack there was Amongst the Jewish inha=
=bitants here I have procured for him —— The Biscuit I desired the Compradore to have ready whenever it might be sent for. before I left Bushire, which I dare say he has got by him. the Arrack I am afraid will not be procurable unless Arratoon Constantine may have some — As a number of Ottobie Boats are out, it will be better to send it down by Land in Camels which are constantly going from hence backwards and forwards. —

Cubella Codadad with the remaining part of Aga Razas Attendants leave this, today to go and join their Master whom they expect to find at Sheraze. —

I have drawn a Set of Bills on you payable to Aga Mohommed Emin Bushire at thirty days sight for 1000 German Crowns which I hope you will have the goodness to Accept and I have the honor to be,

Khangoon 23d July 1803

Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(sigd) Wm Bruce

Just as I was closing this I received an Answer to my letter of the 19th Instant from Aga Rusa a Copy of which I now enclose along with a Copy of the one to Captain Stephenson, also a note from him with my Answer — I believe he intends leaving this tomorrow with both Vessels, I of course shall remain untill I receive your further ins=
=tructions, in consequence of the Vessels going Shaik Rama proceeds with them. — I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(sigd) Wm Bruce —

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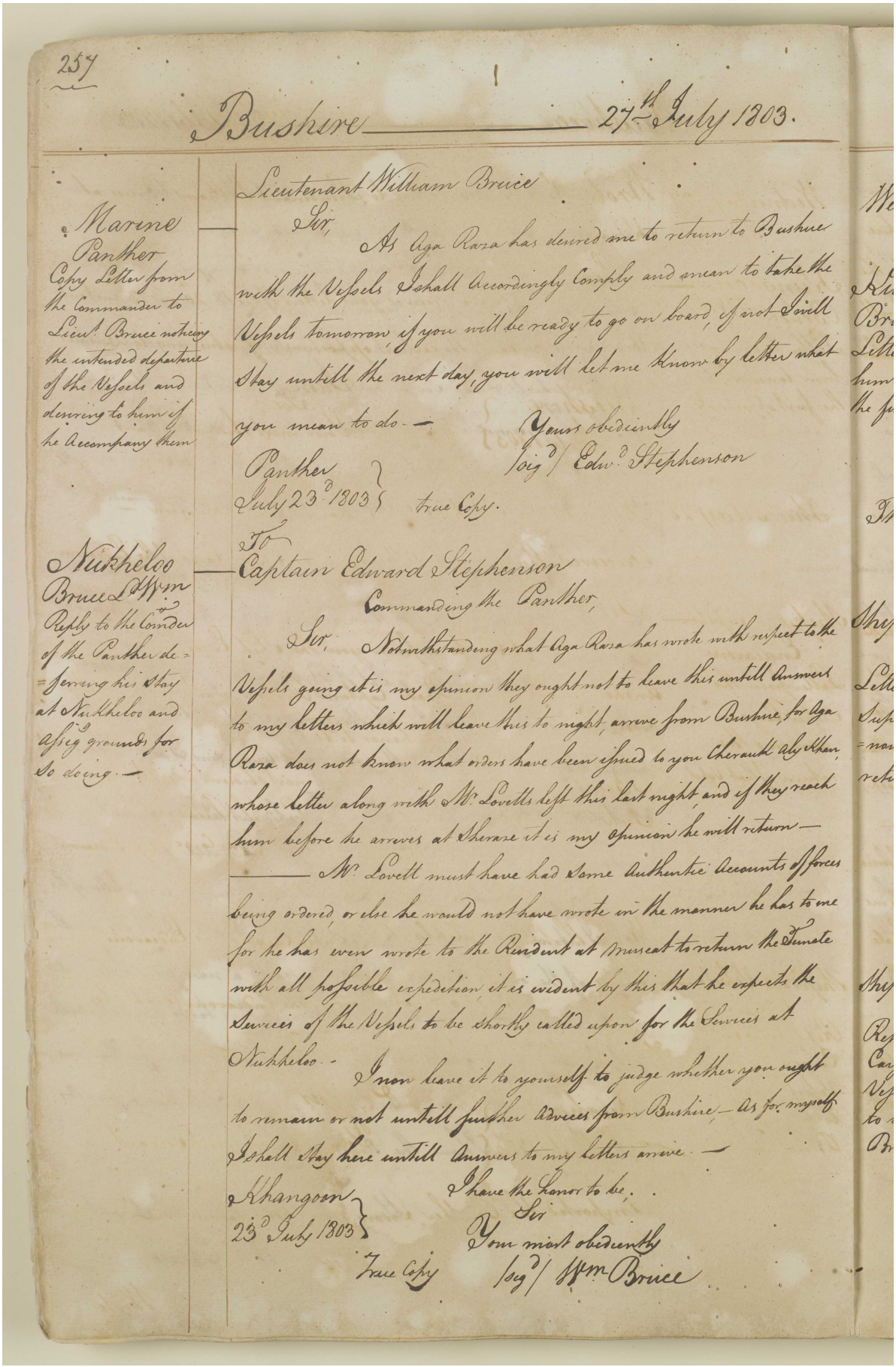

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Marine Panther
Copy Letter from the Commander to Lieut. Bruce noticing the intended departure of the Vessels and desiring to him if he Accompany them

Lieutenant William Bruce

Sir,

As Aga Raza has desired me to return to Bushire with the Vessels I shall Accordingly Comply and mean to take the Vessels tomorrow, if you will be ready to go on board, if not I will Stay untill the next day, you will let me Know by letter what you mean to do —

Yours obediently
(sig^d) Edwd Stephenson

Panther
July 23^d 1803 } true Copy.

Nukheloo
Bruce L^t W^m
Reply to the Comder of the Panther deferring his Stay at Nukheloo and assig^g grounds for so doing —

To
Captain Edward Stephenson
Commanding the Panther,

Sir, Notwithstanding what Aga Raza has wrote with respect to the Vessels going it is my opinion they ought not to leave this untill Answers to my letters which will leave this to night, arrive from Bushire, for Aga Raza does not know what orders have been issued to you Cherauk Aly Khan, whose letter along with Mr. Lovetts left this last night, and if they reach him before he arrives at Sheraze it is my opinion he will return —

— Mr. Lovett must have had Some Authentic Accounts of forces being ordered, or else he would not have wrote in the manner he has to me for he has even wrote to the Resident at Muscat to return the Fumate with all possible expedition, it is evident by this that he expects the Services of the Vessels to be shortly called upon for the Services at Nukheloo —

I now leave it to yourself to judge whether you ought to remain or not untill further Advices from Bushire, — As for myself I shall Stay here untill Answers to my letters arrive —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obediently
(sig^d) Wm Bruce

Khangoon
23^d July 1803 }

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Wednesday	27th	Wrote the following Letter to Lieutenant William Bruce at Kungoon —
Kungoon Bruce Lt. Wm Letter to desiring him to return by the first opportunity	—	Sir, I have received your letters of the 18th, 20th and 23d instant I beg you will take the earliest opportunity of returning to Bushire. Bushire 27th July 1803 } I am Sir Your most obedient Servant
Thursday	28th	Imported the Country Ship Endeavour from Kungoon —
"	"	Received the following Letter from the Super Cargo of the Endeavour —
Ships and Vessels Endeavour Letter from the Super Cargo announcing the return of that Vessel	—	Sir, I beg to inform you the Ship Endeavour is now at Anchor in the inner Roads Captain Robson waits your further orders — I have the honor to be, Sir Your most obedient humble Servant Bushire July 28th 1803 } (Sig^d) S. Beaufort Super Cargo Ship Endeavour
	"	[illegible]
	"	Wrote the following Reply to the Super Cargo of the Endeavour —
Ships and Vessels Endeavour Reply to the Super Cargo ordering the Vessel to Kungoon to bring up Lieut. Bruce —	—	Sir, Be so good as to order the Endeavour back to Kungoon to bring up Lieutenant Bruce — Bushire 28th July 1803 } I am Sir Your most obedient Servant
	"	Imported the Panther Snow from Kungoon —

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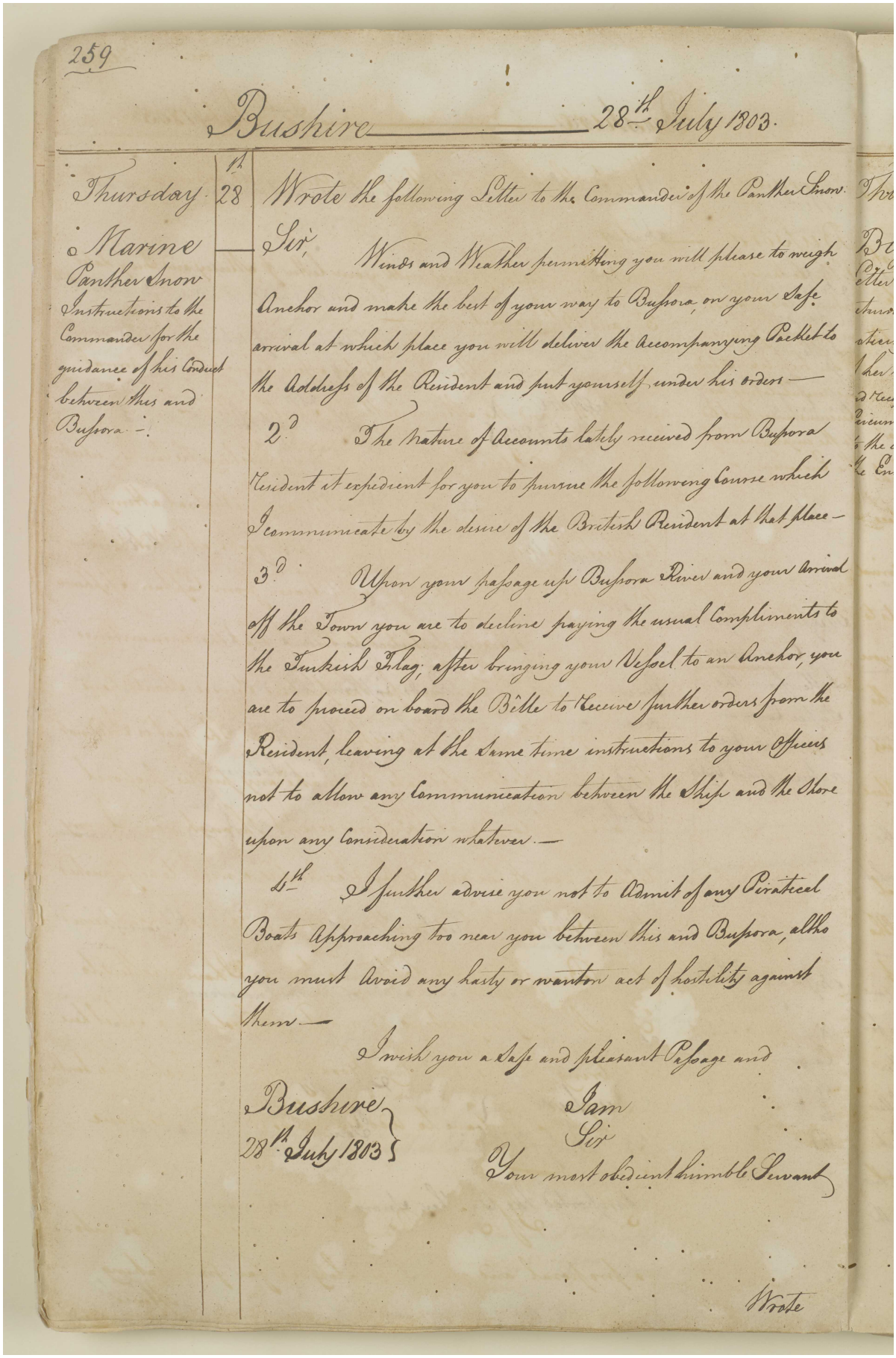

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Thursday 28 | Wrote the following Letter to the Commander of the Panther Snow.

Marine Panther Snow Instructions to the Commander for the guidance of his Conduct between this and Bushora —

Sir,

Winds and Weather permitting you will please to weigh Anchor and make the best of your way to Bushora, on your safe arrival at which place you will deliver the accompanying Packet to the Address of the Resident and put yourself under his orders —

2d The Nature of Accounts lately received from Bushora Resident at expedient for you to pursue the following Course which I communicate by the desire of the British Resident at that place —

3d Upon your passage up Bushora River and your arrival off the Town you are to decline paying the usual Compliments to the Turkish Flag; after bringing your Vessel to an Anchor, you are to proceed on board the Bilke to receive further orders from the Resident, leaving at the same time instructions to your Officers not to allow any Communication between the Ship and the Shore upon any Consideration whatever —

4th I further advise you not to Admit of any Piratical Boats Approaching too near you between this and Bushora, altho you must Avoid any hasty or wanton act of hostility against them —

I wish you a safe and pleasant Passage and

I am
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant

Bushire
28th July 1803

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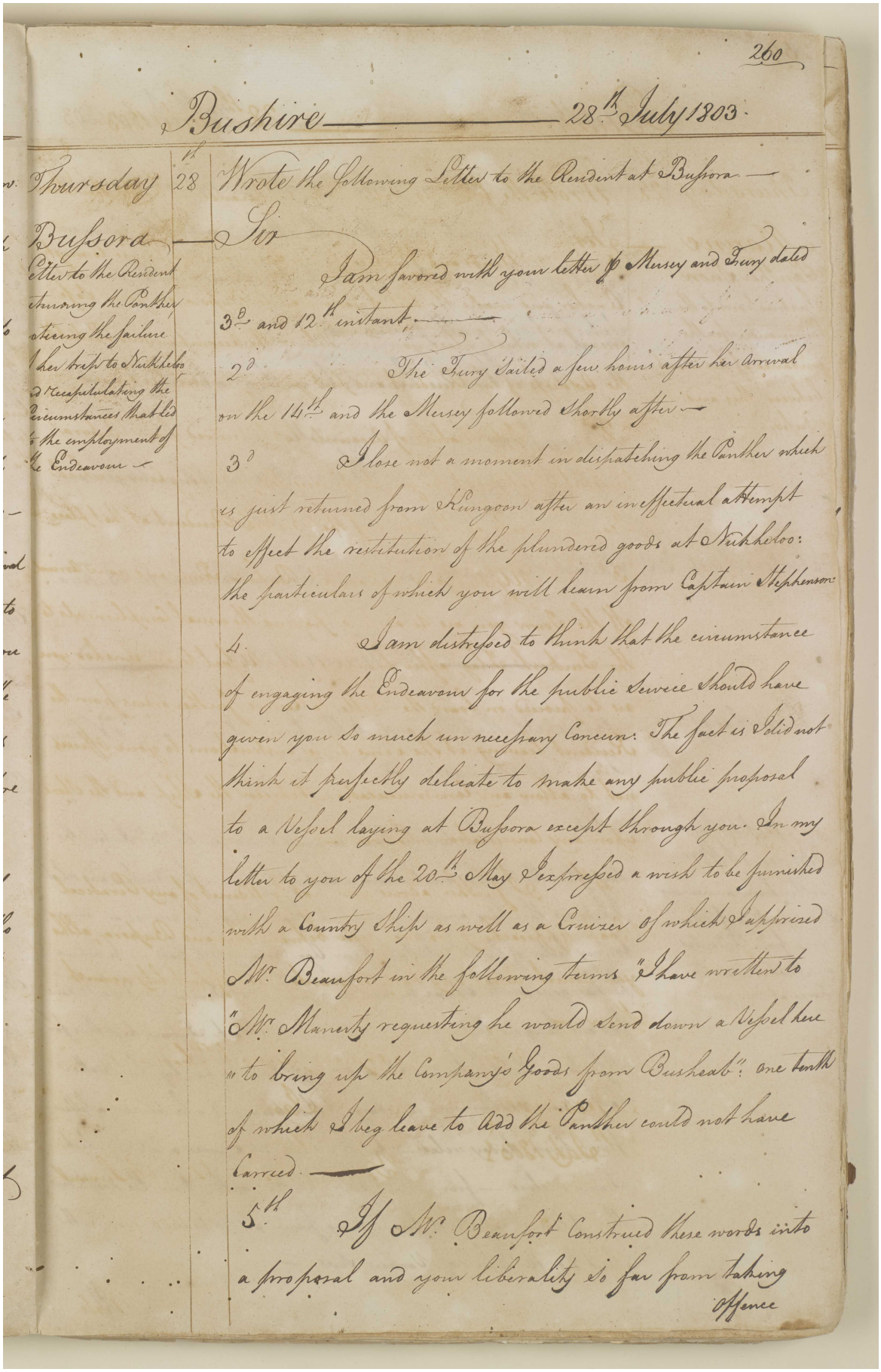

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Thursday 28th

Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bushora —

Bushora

Letter to the Resident returning the Panther advising the failure of her trip to Nukheloo & Recapitulating the Circumstances that led to the employment of the Endeavour —

Sir

I am favored with your letter of Mersey and Fury dated 3d and 12th instant —

2d The Fury sailed a few hours after her arrival on the 14th and the Mersey followed shortly after —

3d I lose not a moment in dispatching the Panther which is just returned from Rungoon after an ineffectual attempt to effect the restitution of the plundered goods at Nukheloo: the particulars of which you will learn from Captain Stephenson.

4. I am distressed to think that the circumstance of engaging the Endeavour for the publick Service should have given you so much un necessary Concern. The fact is I did not think it perfectly delicate to make any public proposal to a Vessel laying at Bushora except through you. In my letter to you of the 20th May I expressed a wish to be furnished with a Country Ship as well as a Cruizer of which I apprized Mr. Beaufort in the following terms "I have written to "Mr. Manesty requesting he would send down a Vessel here "to bring up the Company's Goods from Busheab": one tenth of which I beg leave to add the Panther could not have Carried —

5th If Mr. Beaufort Construed these words into a proposal and your liberality is so far from taking offence

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offence permitted him freely to accept it what can I say but that I congratulate myself on the attainment of the Common object of the promotion of the public Service with so much Satisfaction to all parties —

I have the honor to be with great respect —

Bushire
28th July 1803

Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant

Saturday 30th Sailed the Honble Company's Cruizer Panther for Bussora.

1st August 1803

Monday 1st Received the following Letter from Lieutenant William Bruce at Kungoon —

Nukheloo
Bruce Lt Wm
Letter from announcing the departure of Aka Reza from Fyrozabad and treating upon the Force at Kungoon

Sir,

I had last the honor to write to you on the 23d Instant, the day after, the Panther and Endeavour Sailed from hence for Bushire and which I hope ere this have arrived — I have not as yet received an Answer to my letter of the 22d Instant from Aga Raza which leads me to believe he has gone on to Sheraz for had he remained at Feruzabad I should have had one long ere this — Shaik Jubara left this for Asselo on the 26th having some business there, he has left his Brother Saif Ben Mohummed in charge of this place and who received a letter from him today relating to the Nukheloo Service, a Copy of which I now enclose — from what accounts I can gather from the people here, this place is capable of furnishing from a 1000 to 1500 men with about 8 or 10 Vessels of Various Sizes —

If

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If these orders are really to be put in force it will take a month before they will be ready at this place — The bearer of this is our own Cojeed Marajie —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Sig'd Wm Bruce

Khangoon
29th July 1803

Monday 1 Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora —

Bussora

Letter to the Resid forwarding Letters from Shiraz relative to the Reduction of Shykh Rehma and begging him to decide when the Panther could be dispos'd of to the best advantage —

Sir,

The Panther, by which I had the honor of addressing you on the 28th Ultimo was still in sight on the 30th when I received the enclosed letter from Shykh Nasser at Shiraz desiring the Ships to resume their Station at Nukheloo to prevent the escape of Shykh Rehma before the arrival at that place of the forces appointed by the Persian Government for his Reduction — No 1

2 I enclose likewise Copy of a letter received this morning from Lieutenant Bruce at Kungoon with accompanyment, Confirming in a manner Sufficiently Satisfactory the information Communicated on this and former Occasions by Shykh Nasser of the Steps taken by the Persian Government to render us reparation for the injuries we have Sustained from this Marander — No 2 & 3

3 I subjoin Copy of the Princes orders to Aga Reza, the Original of which he forwarded for my inspection — No 4

3 I was obliged in Consequence of Shykh Nassers requisition to make an Attempt which however proved fruitless

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fruitless to recall the Panther. It remains with you at present to determine, where her Services can be most profitably employed at Bussora or Nukheloo —

4 I enclose you the Hectors Packets for Bussora and Bagdad recovered by Lieutenant Bruce from Shykh Rehma: and have the honor to be, with great respect, —

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

Bushire
1 August 1803

Letter from Shaikh Nusser Khan to J. H. Lovett.

Received 30th June 1803. —

Your friendly Letter rejoiced by its auspicious Arrival and made me most happy by the intelligence of your being in good health —

The intimation therein given of your having been gratified by the friendly Attentions of Cheragh Alee Khan I immediately Communicated to him, as a means of encreasing his friendship and regard for yourself and of Strengthening the ties of Amity and friendship between the two mighty States —

It has been resolved in obedience to the orders of His Royal Highness the Princes Regent that all the Shipping of the Sea Ports should be collected and proceed under my Command to Naguiloo in order to punish those Rebels and reduce them to obedience —

On the Land side also active Officers have been

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appointed to hold the forces of the Gumsteer and Laar in readiness in their respective districts so that at the time of my departure from Shiraz they also may set out from their different Stations and keep between my operations by Sea and the other movements by lands, Shaikh Rasna will be hemmed in, and We will after recovering the property and Stores of the two Ships Confine and send him to the Presence.—

I shall without doubt take my leave of the Prince in two or three days more and soon have the pleasure of seeing you at Bushire.—

A few days ago a Cossid arrived from Hajee Salman at Congoon and acquainted me that two or three English Ships which had proceeded to Maquiloo were now come back to Congoon. I know not what motives they had for taking their Step but it certainly does not at all accord with the usages of Vigilance and Policy, and I only hope that in leaving the Sea open, they may not have afforded them an opportunity to escape. I have already noticed this Circumstance to Hajee Salman that he might Communicate it to you, which I have no doubt that he has done and that orders have been given for the return of the Ships; you undoubtedly have directed them to keep a good look out in quarter till my arrival.—

I have already informed you that a Mehmandar will be appointed on the part of His Royal Highness on the 15th to join you at Bushire and from that place make due provision for your entertainment and Accomodation.—

You

Bushire ——— 1st August 1803.

You will no doubt make every necessary preparation for your Mission and journey, as According to the orders which His Majesty has been pleased to issue, you must be at the Court before the Sun quits the Sign of Virgo —

Our happy intercourse and intimacy makes it necessary for me to perform the duties of friendship by giving you information upon every Subject ——— but As the time of our meeting Approaches I will trouble you no farther at present —

Letter from Mr Bruce see page 261.

Translation of the Princes Rukkum to Aga Reza Khan

Being ever hopeful of my favorable regards, Know, that the Petition which the Sincerity of your faithful attachment prompted you to forward to my presence, having been presented to my Ministers Came under my own inspection and the Appearance of your Services and Attachment became reflected more Clearly than ever, upon the mirror of my understanding —

What you write Concerning the duties Committed to your Charge, and the neglects and delays which you have experienced from Shaik Rama of Naquiloo has all been perfectly understood —

At this time Shaik Nasur Khan is permitted to depart and he has been ordered, to Collect upon his arrival at Bushire all the Shipping belonging to that Place and the Kola Ports, and after getting them properly manned and equipped, proceed to join you —

And I have also dispatched Active Officers from hence to Collect the forces of the districts of Lar, Fal Kulladar Juim, Beedsheher, and the tribes of Herem, Noosoor, Carzeen and the Adjacent parts & put themselves under your Orders, that you may Set about the execution of your Appointed duties —

After

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After the Arrival of the Shaikh and the aforementioned forces, you must act in Conformity to such further orders as may be given & exert yourself strenuously in the execution of the duties Committed to your Charge —

After displaying your Zeal in this Service communicate your wishes and requests & Consider them as granted —

Let this be conformed to —

Monday 1st Sailed the Country Ship Shrewsbury Captain Richard Angier for Bussora —

Friday 5 Received the following Letter from the Super Cargo of the Endeavour.

Ships & Vessels — Endeavour Letter from the Super Cargo announcing the Return of this Vessel from Rungoon.

Sir

The Ship Endeavour is returned from Rungoon and is at Anchor in the Roads having on board Lieutenant William Bruce and the Honble Company's Broker —

The Sepoys, their Baggage, and the other Stores are ready for landing —

I beg to be informed if you have any further employment for the Ship —

I am Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Sig) J. Beaufort
Super Cargo Ship Endeavour

Bushire
August 5th 1803

" Wrote the following Reply to the Super Cargo of the Endeavour

Ships & Vessels — Endeavour Reply to the Super Cargo dismissing her from the publick employ —

Sir,

I am happy to hear of the safe return of the Endeavour, which from this day Ceases to be in the publick employ —

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Bushire
5 August 1803

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Bushire 8th August 1803

Monday 8 Imported the American Brig Joseph - Captain Gardner Lee from Boston and Muskat

Thursday 11 Sailed the American Brig Joseph Captain Gardner Lee for Bussora -

Monday 15 Imported the Honble Company's Cruizer the Panther Captain Edward Stephenson from Bussora -

" Received the following Letter from the Resident at Bussora

Bussora — Sir I had last the Pleasure to write to You officially, on the 12th Ultimo & Duty, and on the 18th Ultimo and 5th and 6th Instant, I was favored with your Communications by Rahimshah, Panther, and Shrewsbury of the 6th and 28th Ultimo, and 1st Instant -

Letter from the Resident noticing the expected arrival of the Wahabee returning of the Panther to Bushire but requesting her Return unless her Services be urgently required, noticing the ill Effects of fruitless expeditions in the Gulph, informing of the Ravages of the Plague the Recommencement of hostilities between Britain and France noticing an explanation entered into with the Shykh of Grein and instructions given to Doctor Mehre, requesting the produce of the Pupets of Diamond and Duncan in 1800 and forwarding vist

Your political Intelligence is extremely acceptable -

The Wahabee Shaikh, is extending his conquests in Various directions and will I have every Reason to Suppose, compell the Bacha of Bagdat to repair to the Neighbourhood of Bussora, about the approaching Month of October, in order to counteract, his hostile Intentions, and Designs, against this Country -

The Result of the Expedition against Beekheloo has not, unfortunately realized, the flattering Expectations, which your Report of the 4th Ultimo had raised in my mind: however you have received, subsequently to the despatch of the Panther, on her Return to Bussora, Advices from Sheik Nesser announcing to you, the Intention of the Persian Government to Cause an Army to march from the Interior against the Offender and recommending to You the Measure of causing the British Vessels, lately employed against Sheik Rahma, to resume their Station off Beekheloo I hesitate not again to place the Panther under your orders. She arrived here on the 5th Instant, and

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might have departed at a more early Period had She not been necessarily detained in order to afford Opportunity of furnishing her with an indispensably requisite Supply of Provisions &c.

On this occasion however I am to request that on her arrival at Bushire you will very maturely consider the Nature of the Persian Arrangements for the Reduction of Nukheloo and the punishment of Sheikh Rahma, and that unless you can ascertain to your own Judgement the Sincerity of the Prince, or his Assurances and the Determination of Sheikh Nejir effectually to act in Execution of his Commands, that you will decline again to send the Panther to the Southward, and return her to me without delay. —

I have substantial Reasons for making this Request to you. —

The unfortunate, and fruitless Issue of British Expeditions in the Persian Gulph, formerly diminished the National Credit in it, in a distressing and injurious Degree. That Credit was reestablished by Policy, not by Arms; and the Failures at Beda, in 1801. and at Bushear and Nukheloo in the present Year, must inevitably cause unfavorable Impressions. Having in Vain sent the Frigate to Bushear, to recover the Atlent, and the Property on board her, when She was wrecked on that Island, and having in Vain sent the Panther and Endeavour Against Nukheloo, you are even yourself, personally exposed to some loss of local Credit, in the Event of a third Miscarriage: and therefore unless you are certain that the Persian Auxiliaries will positively Act, or unless you decidedly direct Captain Stephenson, with the British force, which you can place under his orders, to attempt the Capture of Nukheloo, independently of those Auxiliaries; I recommend to you, clearly and unequivocally to desist from active Measures, and to leave to Government the Assertion, in the Gulph of British Honor and respectability.

The Situation of the Residency, positively demand the presence

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here of a respectable Cruizer, for altho' as I have already informed You, in my private Communication of the 26th Instant the Belle the British Flag again flies triumphant at the Factory, and personal Influence here, again gives personal Security to British Subjects and dependents, the Establishment may, at an early Period, or indeed perhaps unexpectedly, be forced to leave the Place —

During the late Prevalence of the Plague at Bagdad, many Individuals and indeed many Families, inhabitants of that City abandoned it, and sought Refuge and Safety here, and it is to be feared, that they may have introduced into the Country, the dreadful Malady, and that altho' now restrained in a latent and inactive State by the Excessive Heat of the Season, it may, unfortunately manifest itself and commence its Ravages on the first Change of the Weather —

It is with much Concern, that I officially confirm to you the Recommencement of Hostilities between Great Britain and France with which Nation are combined Holland the Ligurian and Italian Republics, Intelligence of which has been transmitted to Government, by the Trimmer direct to Bengal on the 19th Ultimo, and by the Belle direct to Bombay, on the 26th Ultimo, the latter Vessel carried important Packets from the India House containing I have reason to believe, His Majesty's order to His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General, to cause the Occupation by British Troops, of the French and Dutch Possessions in Bengal and on the Coromander, and Malabar Coasts. The accompanying News papers which you will please to hold at my Disposal, Contain much interesting News on this important Subject, to which I make Reference —

As I returned to the Factory on the 25th Ultimo, in Consequence of the delivery to me, on board the Belle on the 22d

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preceding of the Woman forcibly taken from Captain Whites House in Bussora in the night of the 4th April, I request that you will Signify the Circumstance to the Commanders of all British Vessels arriving at Bushire, bound to Bussora with an Intimation of my wishes, that they should on their Importation here cause customary Salutes to be fired from their Vessels, in Compliment to the Turkish and the British Flags —

I deem it necessary to inform You that a recent Explanation, have taken place between me and the Sheik of Grain on the Subject of the Protection to be afforded by British Vessels to Boats belonging to the Enemies of the Beneattala Tribe when employed in our Service, in consequence of which, it has been Agreed, that whenever Boats are really so employed, they shall not be molested by them, and that British Vessels shall not, on any occasion whatever, afford Convoy to Dows or Boats of the beforementioned Description if not so employed; which Agreement, is in the very Spirit of the express Orders of the British Government, that their Servants Stationed in this Quarter of the World shall observe in their political Transactions and Arrangements with its Inhabitants the most marked and guarded Neutrality —

In my Letter of the 12th Ultimo I intimated the intended Return of Mr. Milne to his Station here, whenever the Sick, to be landed from the Fury at Bushire, might not longer require his Care, I now beg leave to inform you that I have directed Mr. Milne to remain at Bushire, untill a Communication respecting him can be made to the Honble the President in Council, and their orders on the Subject of it, may reach me and through me, be made known to him —

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt from Captain Aungier, of the Public Packets, confided by Government to the Care of the Commander of the Hector and recovered by Lieutenant Bruce from Sheik Rahma —

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I request you will furnish me, with a Statement of the positive Produce of the Honble Company on an Average of Piece of the Papers Consigned to Bushire on the Public Account on 1800 by Ships Governor Duncan and Diamond —

I enclose a Small Packet for the Resident at Muscat, which you will please to transmit, by some eligible Conveyance unless you think it will as early reach him, by the Rattenshah, which Vessel will depart hence in a few days and probably have Bushire for Muscat about the 20th Instant —

I enclose a Copy of my Sailing Instructions to Captain Stephenson and I have the Honor to be with great Truth and Regard. —

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant
[sig?] Samuel Manesty

Bussora
the 9th August 1803

Bussora
Copy of Sailing orders to the Commander of the Panther —

Copy
To
Captain Edward Stephenson
Commander of the Panther

Sir

You will please, Wind, and Weather permitting to weigh Anchor and make the best of your Way to Bushire, on your Arrival at which Place you will please to deliver to the Resident the accompanying Packet to his Address, and to obey his orders for your further Proceedings.

I deem it necessary to inform you that Hostilities re = = commenced between Great Britain and the French and Dutch Republics on the 26th May last, and consequently, hereby to authorize you to take, burn or destroy, if possible such Vessels of the Enemy, as you may meet, or encounter at Sea. —

I wish you a pleasant and successful Cruize and I am

Sir
Your very obed. humble Servant
[sig?] Saml. Manesty

Bussora
the 9 Augt 1803
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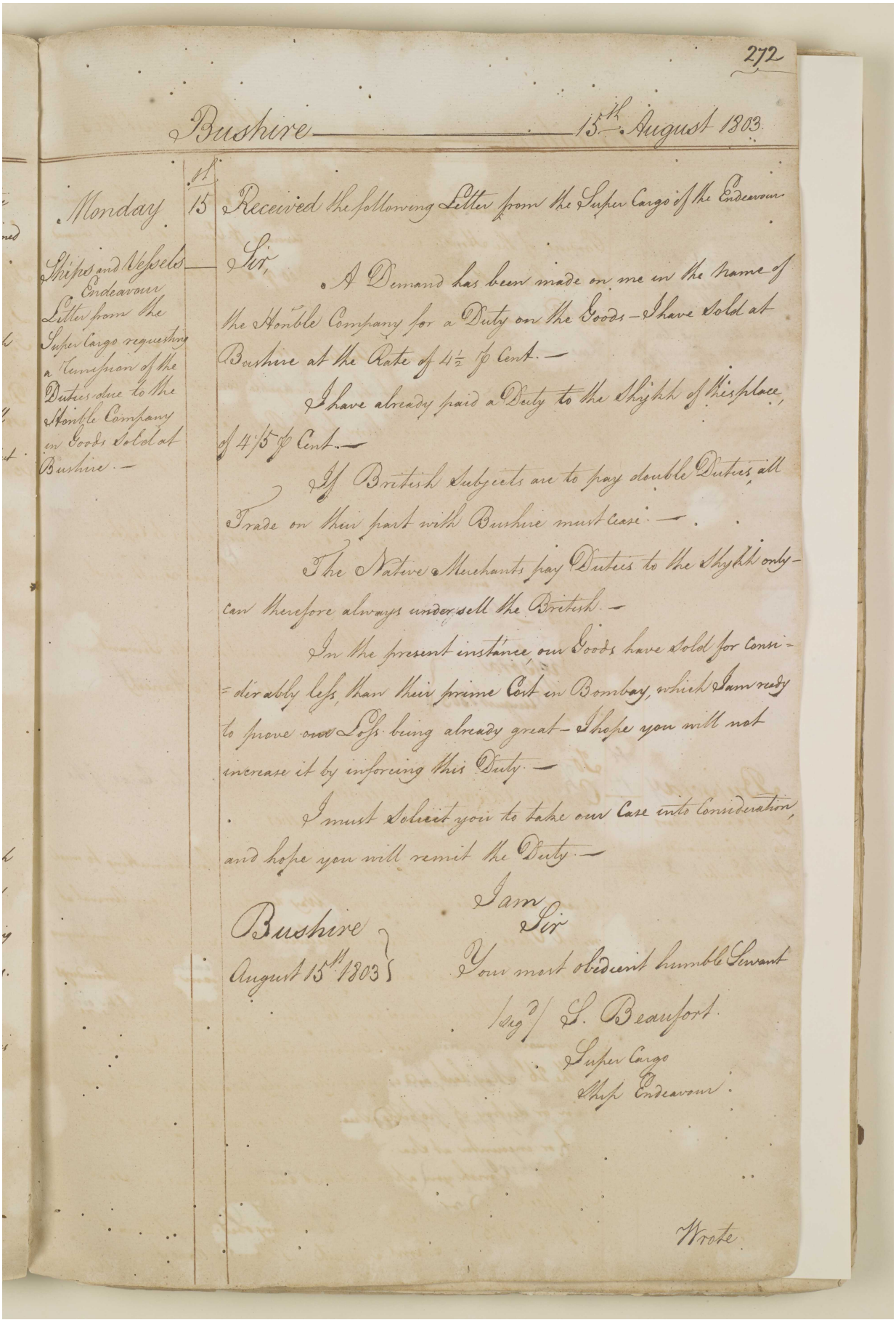

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Monday 15th

Ships and Vessels Endeavour Letter from the Super Cargo requesting a Remission of the Duties due to the Honble Company in Goods Sold at Bushire —

Received the following Letter from the Super Cargo of the Endeavour

Sir,

A Demand has been made on me in the name of the Honble Company for a Duty on the Goods — I have Sold at Bushire at the Rate of 4½ p Cent. —

I have already paid a Duty to the Shykh of this place, of 4/5 p Cent. —

If British Subjects are to pay double Duties, all Trade on their part with Bushire must cease —

The Native Merchants pay Duties to the Shykh only — can therefore always undersell the British —

In the present instance, our Goods have Sold for considerably less, than their prime Cost in Bombay, which I am ready to prove our Loss being already great — I hope you will not increase it by inforcing this Duty —

I must Solicit you to take our Case into Consideration, and hope you will remit the Duty —

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I am
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(sig^d) S. Beaufort
Super Cargo
Ship Endeavour

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Tuesday 16

Ships and Vessels — Endeavour
Reply to the Super Cargo Agreeing to refer his Claim to the Supreme Government

Wrote the following Reply to the Super Cargo of the Endeavour —

Sir,

It is not in my power to remit the Honble Company's duties upon the Goods which you have Sold Since your Arrival here —

I am willing however to Suspend the demand and Submit your Case to the Consideration of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council upon Condition that you give me a bond to pay the Amount into the Honble Company's treasury at Fort William in case His Excellency Should not be pleased to remit them —

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Bushire
16th August 1803

Wednesday 17

Ships and Vessels — Endeavour
Letter from the Super Cargo enclosing his Agreement and Statement of Goods landed at Bushire with their produce —

Received the following Letter from the Super Cargo of the Endeavour —

Sir,

I am favored with your Letter of yesterday —

I enclose you an Engagement to pay the Duties into the Honble Company's Treasury at Fort William Should His Excellency the most Noble the Governor General of India order them to be demanded.

I also enclose a Statement of the Goods landed and the Sums they have produced —

I am Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Sig/ S. Beaufort
Super Cargo Ship Endeavour

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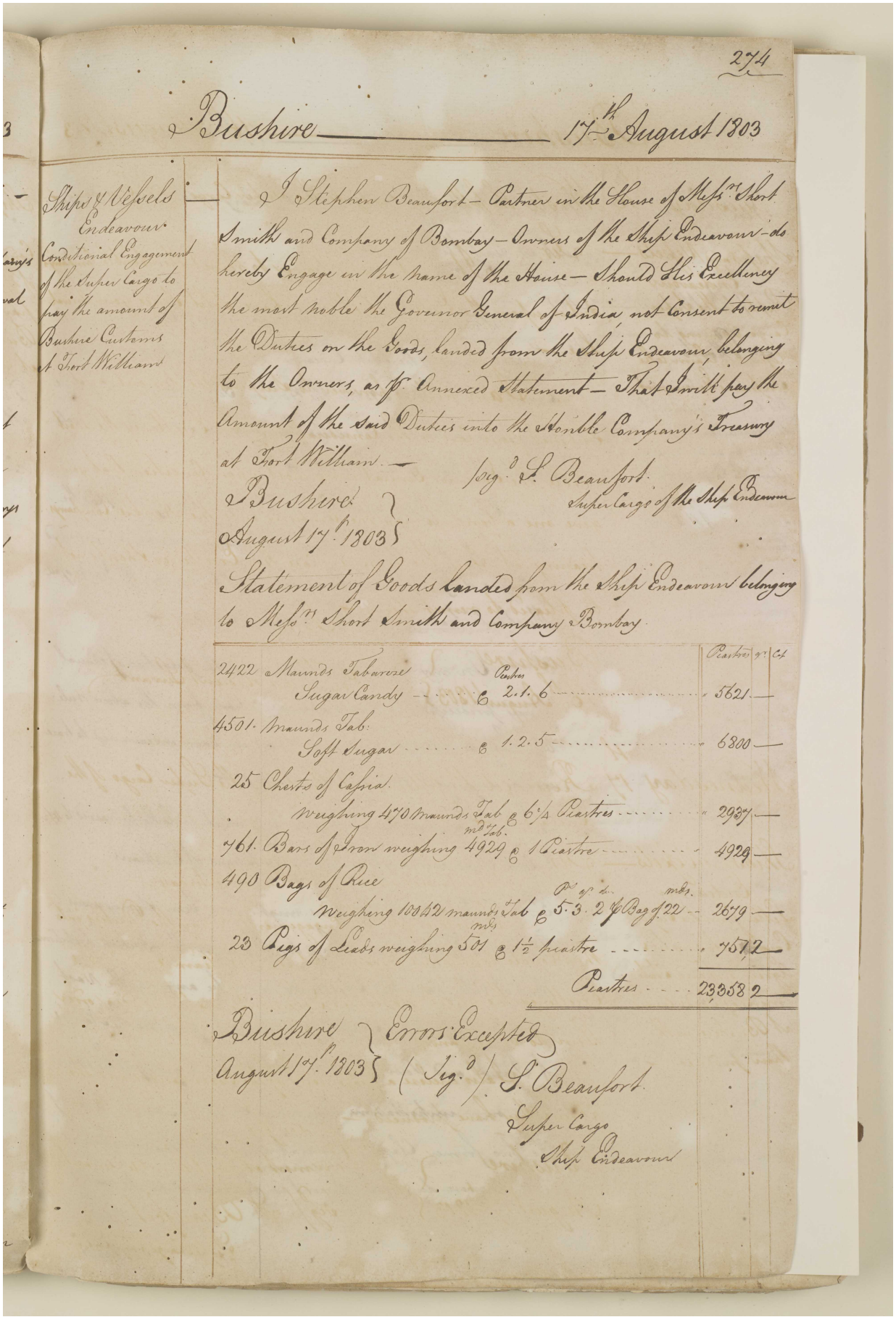

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Ships & Vessels Endeavour. Conditional Engagement of the Super Cargo to pay the amount of Bushire Customs at Fort William

I Stephen Beaufort — Partner in the House of Messrs Short Smith and Company of Bombay — Owners of the Ship Endeavour — do hereby Engage in the name of the House — Should His Excellency the most noble the Governor General of India, not Consent to remit the Duties on the Goods, landed from the Ship Endeavour, belonging to the Owners, as pr Annexed Statement — That I will pay the Amount of the said Duties into the Honble Company's Treasury at Fort William. —

Sig.d S. Beaufort
Super Cargo of the Ship Endeavour

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Statement of Goods landed from the Ship Endeavour belonging to Messrs Short Smith and Company Bombay

		Piastres	qr	Cs
2422 Maunds Tabareze Sugar Candy	@ Piastres 2.1.6	5621	—	
4501 Maunds Tab: Soft Sugar	@ 1.2.5	6800	—	
25 Chests of Cassia weighing 470 maunds Tab	@ 6¼ Piastres	2937	—	
761 Bars of Iron weighing 4929 md Tab	@ 1 Piastre	4929	—	
490 Bags of Rice weighing 10042 maunds Tab	@ Ps 5.3.2 qr dn pr Bag of 22 mds	2679	—	
23 Pigs of Leads weighing 501 mds	@ 1½ piastre	751	2	—
	Piastres	23358	2	—

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(Sig.d) S. Beaufort
Super Cargo
Ship Endeavour

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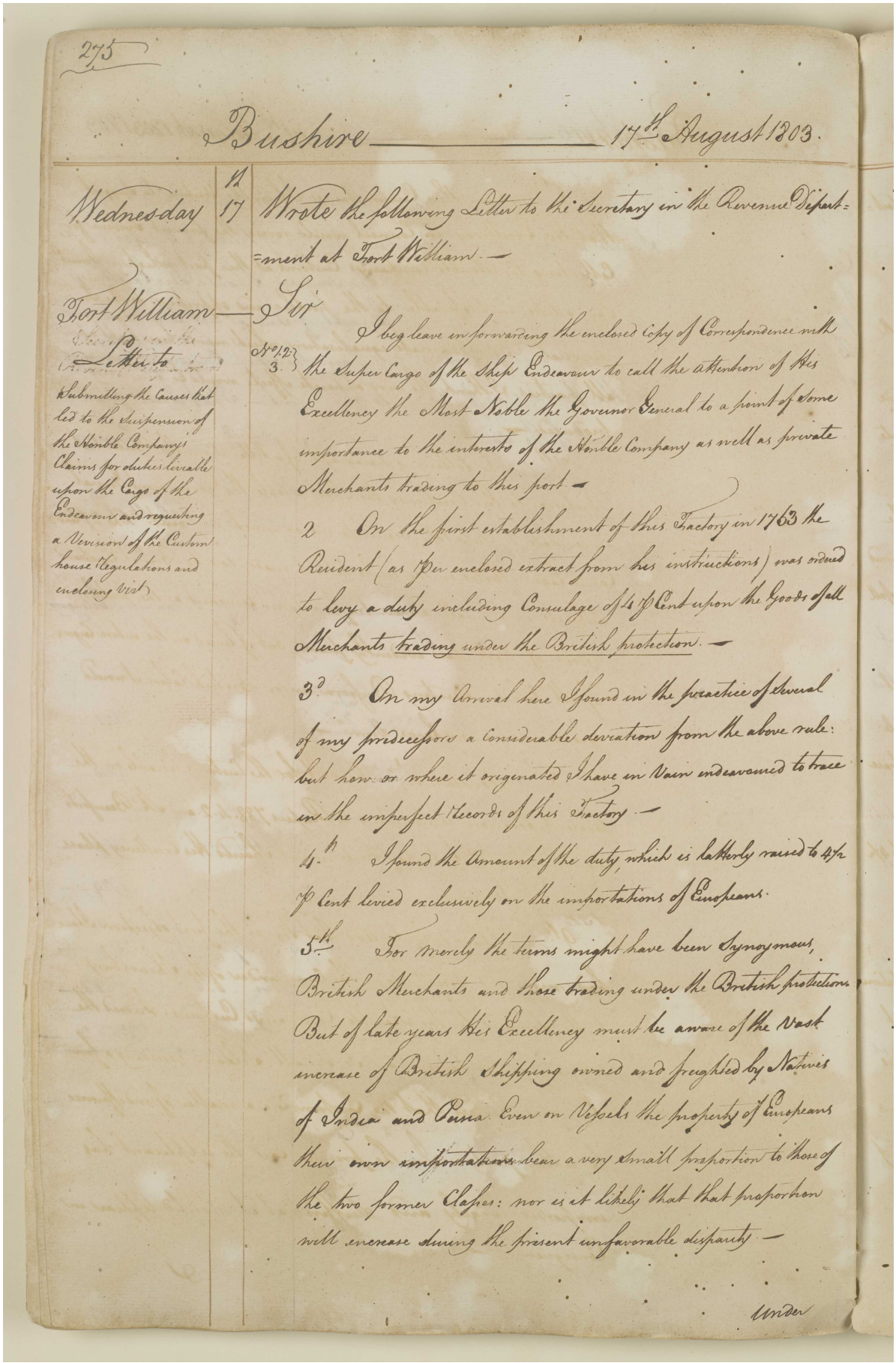

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Wednesday 17 Wrote the following Letter to the Secretary in the Revenue Department at Fort William —

Fort William — Letter to — Submitting the Causes that led to the Suspension of the Honble Company's Claims for duties leviable upon the Cargo of the Endeavour and requesting a Revision of the Custom house Regulations and enclosing Visit

Nos 1 2 3

Sir

I beg leave in forwarding the enclosed Copy of Correspondence with the Super Cargo of the Ship Endeavour to call the attention of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General to a point of some importance to the interests of the Honble Company as well as private Merchants trading to this port —

2 On the first establishment of this Factory in 1763 the Resident (as per enclosed extract from his instructions) was ordered to levy a duty including Consulage of 4 p Cent upon the Goods of all Merchants trading under the British protection —

3d On my Arrival here I found in the practice of several of my predecessors a considerable deviation from the above rule: but how or where it originated I have in Vain endeavoured to trace in the imperfect Records of this Factory —

4th I found the Amount of the duty, which is latterly raised to 4½ p Cent levied exclusively on the importations of Europeans.

5th For merely the terms might have been Synonymous, British Merchants and those trading under the British protection. But of late years His Excellency must be aware of the Vast increase of British Shipping owned and freighted by Natives of India and Persia. Even on Vessels the property of Europeans their own importations bear a very small proportion to those of the two former Classes: nor is it likely that that proportion will increase during the present unfavorable disparity —

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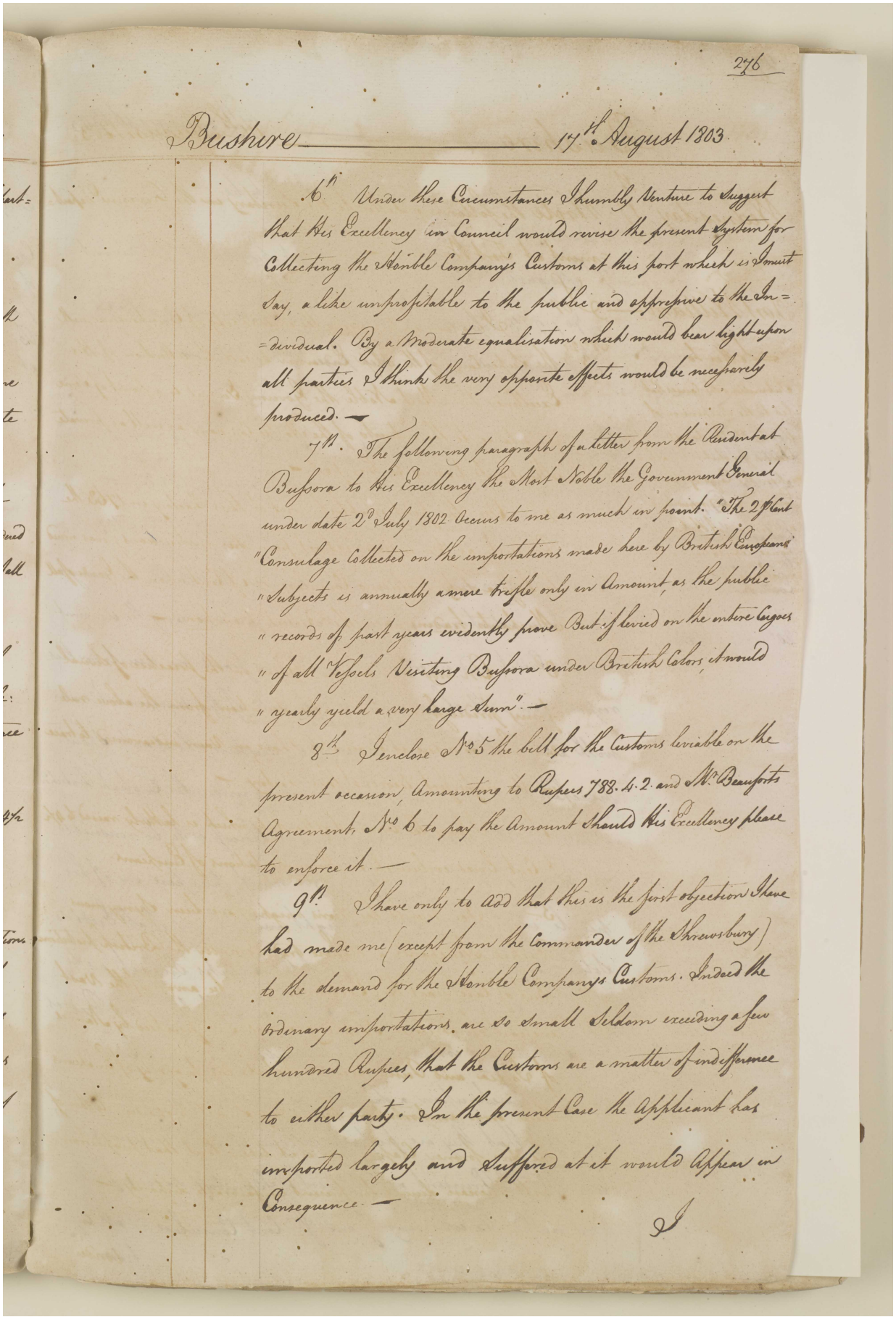

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6th Under these Circumstances I humbly venture to suggest that His Excellency in Council would revise the present System for Collecting the Honble Company's Customs at this port which is I must say, a like unprofitable to the public and oppressive to the In= =dividual. By a Moderate equalisation which would bear light upon all parties I think the very opposite effects would be necessarily produced. —

7th. The following paragraph of a letter from the Resident at Bussora to His Excellency the Most Noble the Government General under date 2d July 1802 occurs to me as much in point. "The 2 p.Cent "Consulage Collected on the importations made here by British Europeans "Subjects is annually a mere trifle only in Amount, as the public "records of past years evidently prove But if levied on the entire Cargoes "of all Vessels Visiting Bussora under British Colors, it would "yearly yield a very large Sum". —

8th I enclose No 5 the bill for the Customs leviable on the present occasion, Amounting to Rupees 788.4.2. and Mr Beaufort's Agreement No 6 to pay the Amount Should His Excellency please to enforce it. —

9th I have only to add that this is the first objection I have had made me (except from the Commander of the Shrewsbury) to the demand for the Honble Company's Customs. Indeed the ordinary importations are so small seldom exceeding a few hundred Rupees, that the Customs are a matter of indifference to either party. In the present Case the Applicant has imported largely and suffered as it would appear in Consequence. —

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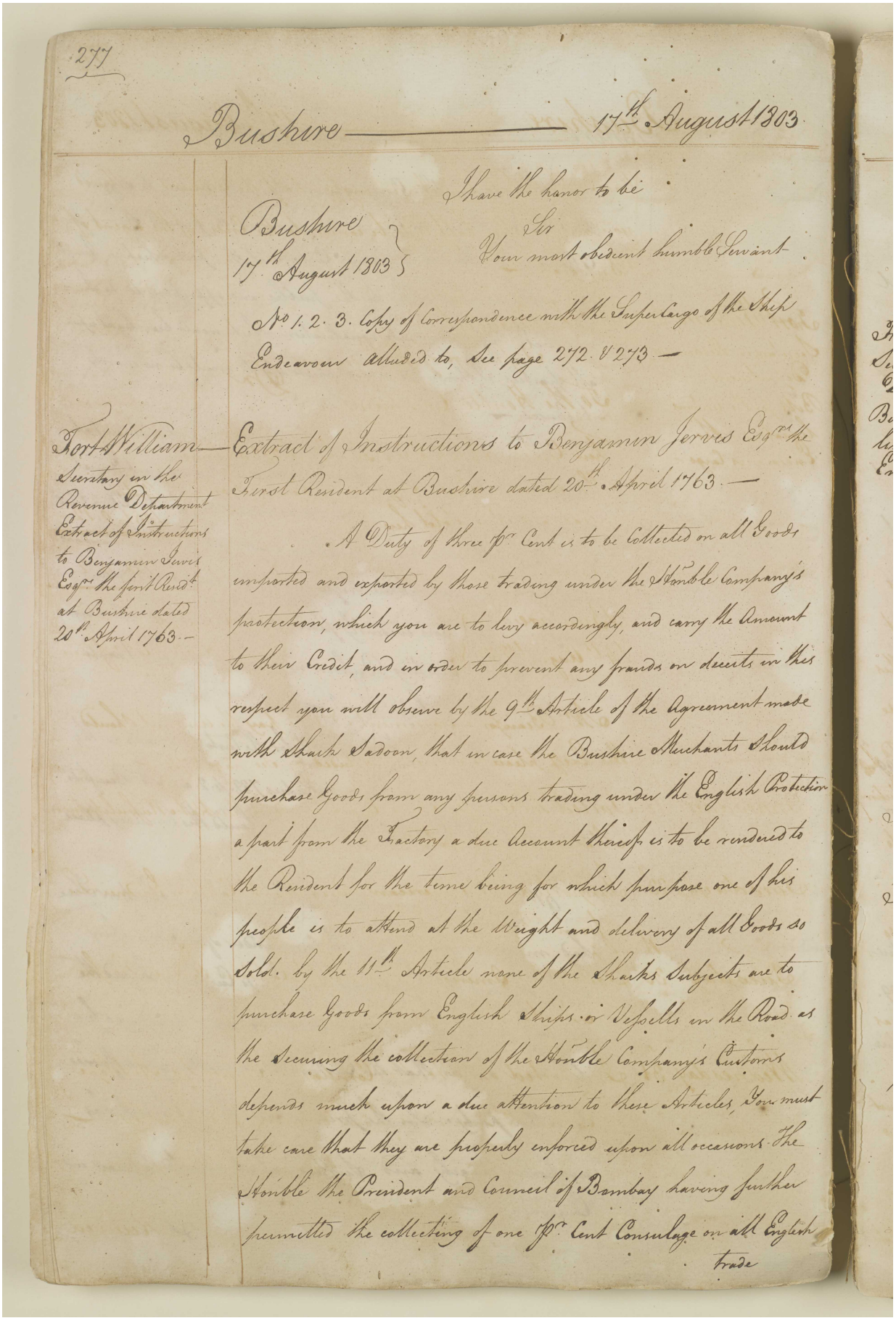

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant

Bushire
17th August 1803

No 1. 2. 3. Copy of Correspondence with the Supercargo of the Ship Endeavour alluded to, See page 272 & 273 —

Fort William — Secretary in the Revenue Department
Extract of Instructions to Benjamin Jervis Esqr the first Resid.t at Bushire dated 20th April 1763 —

Extract of Instructions to Benjamin Jervis Esqr the First Resident at Bushire dated 20th April 1763 —

A Duty of three pr Cent is to be collected on all Goods imported and exported by those trading under the Honble Company's protection, which you are to levy accordingly, and carry the Amount to their Credit, and in order to prevent any frauds or deceits in this respect you will observe by the 9th Article of the Agreement made with Shaik Sadoon, that in case the Bushire Merchants should purchase Goods from any persons trading under the English Protection apart from the Factory a due Account thereof is to be rendered to the Resident for the time being for which purpose one of his people is to attend at the Weight and delivery of all Goods so Sold. by the 11th Article none of the Shaiks Subjects are to purchase Goods from English Ships or Vessells in the Road as the securing the collection of the Honble Company's Customs depends much upon a due attention to these Articles, You must take care that they are properly enforced upon all occasions. The Honble the President and Council of Bombay having further permitted the collecting of one pr Cent Consulage on all English

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trade. You are to levy it accordingly — half the Amount is allowed you and the other half is to be carried to the Credit of the Agent of Bussorah —

Fort William — Secretary in the Revenues Department — Bill for the Customs liviable on the Endeavours Cargo —

Mr. S. Beaufort
Supercargo of the Endeavour
To the Honble Company Dr.

Their Customs at 4½ p Cent on Piastres 23,358 being the Amount Sugar, Sugar Candy, Cassia, Iron Lead and Rice Sold here ..... Piastres 1051. 0. 12 —

Equal Rupees ..... 788. 4. 2.

Bushire
14th August 1803

Sig.d J. H. Lovett
Resid.t & Coll.r of Customs.

Mr. Beauforts Agreement No. 6 to pay the Amount Should His Exc.y please to inforce it, alluded to, See page 274. —

Thursday 18th Sailed the Country Ship Endeavour for Muskat Mussulipatuam Madras and Bengal.

Tuesday 23d Imported the American Brig Joseph Captain Gardner Lee from Bussora. —

Tuesday 30th Sailed the American Brig Joseph Captain Gardner Lee for Muskat and England. —

Wednesday 31st Imported the Honble Company's Cruizer the Antelope Captain Charles Keys from Muskat and Bombay. —

Received

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Bushire — 31st August 1803

Wednesday 31st

Received the following Letter from Government

Bombay — Letter from Govern.t forwarding Correspon=dence connected with the late Residents proceeding at Bushire and Enclos.d viz.t

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon.ble the Governor in Council to forward to you the Accompanying Papers as p List of Corres=pondence connected with the period of your Predecessors Residency at Bushire —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servt.
(Sig.d) J. A. Grant
Secry to Govt.

Bombay Castle
16th May 1803

The List.

List of Vouchers Accompanying the letter to the Resident at Bushire dated the 16th of May 1803 —

No. 1 From Mehedi Ali Khan Resident at Bushire to the Hon.ble the Governor of Bombay dated 26th October 1803.

2 Translate of an Akhbar Nana or Paper of Intelligence sent by Mehedy Ali Khan dated the 24th of December 1799.

3 From Hajee Kheleel Muleek Illajar to the Hon.ble Governor dated the 25th of October 1799. —

4. From Sheikh Nasser Khan to the Hon.ble the Governor.

5 From Khajeh Arratoon in Charge of the Factory at Bushire to the Hon.ble the Governor dated the 1st December 1799.

6 From Khajeh Arratoon in charge of the Factory at Bushire to the Hon.ble the Governor dated 7th December 1799.

7 From Mahomed Hussein and Khawjeh Arratoon in Charge of the Factory at Bushire to the Hon.ble the Governor dated the 21st January 1800 —

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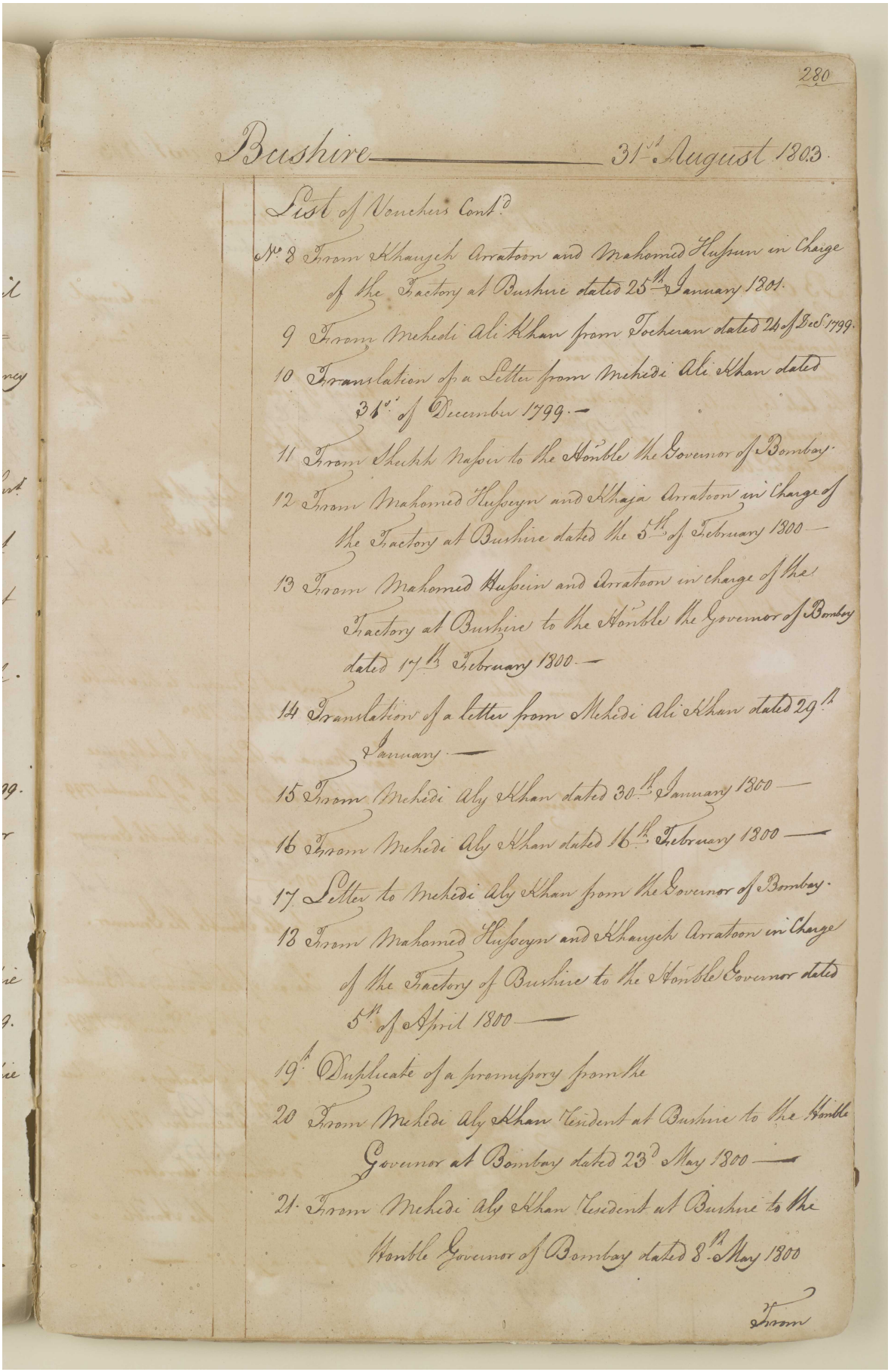

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List of Vouchers Contd.

No. 8 From Khaujeh Arratoon and Mahomed Hussun in Charge of the Factory at Bushire dated 25th January 1801.

9 From Mehedi Ali Khan from Tocheran dated 24 of Decr 1799.

10 Translation of a Letter from Mehedi Ali Khan dated 31st of December 1799.—

11 From Sheikh Nasser to the Honble the Governor of Bombay.

12 From Mahomed Hussein and Khaja Arratoon in Charge of the Factory at Bushire dated the 5th of February 1800—

13 From Mahomed Hussein and Arratoon in charge of the Factory at Bushire to the Honble the Governor of Bombay dated 17th February 1800.—

14 Translation of a letter from Mehedi Ali Khan dated 29th January.—

15 From Mehedi Aly Khan dated 30th January 1800—

16 From Mehedi Aly Khan dated 16th February 1800—

17 Letter to Mehedi Aly Khan from the Governor of Bombay.

18 From Mahomed Hussein and Khaujeh Arratoon in Charge of the Factory of Bushire to the Honble Governor dated 5th of April 1800—

19th Duplicate of a promissory from the

20 From Mehedi Aly Khan Resident at Bushire to the Honble Governor at Bombay dated 23d May 1800—

21 From Mehedi Aly Khan Resident at Bushire to the Honble Governor of Bombay dated 8th May 1800

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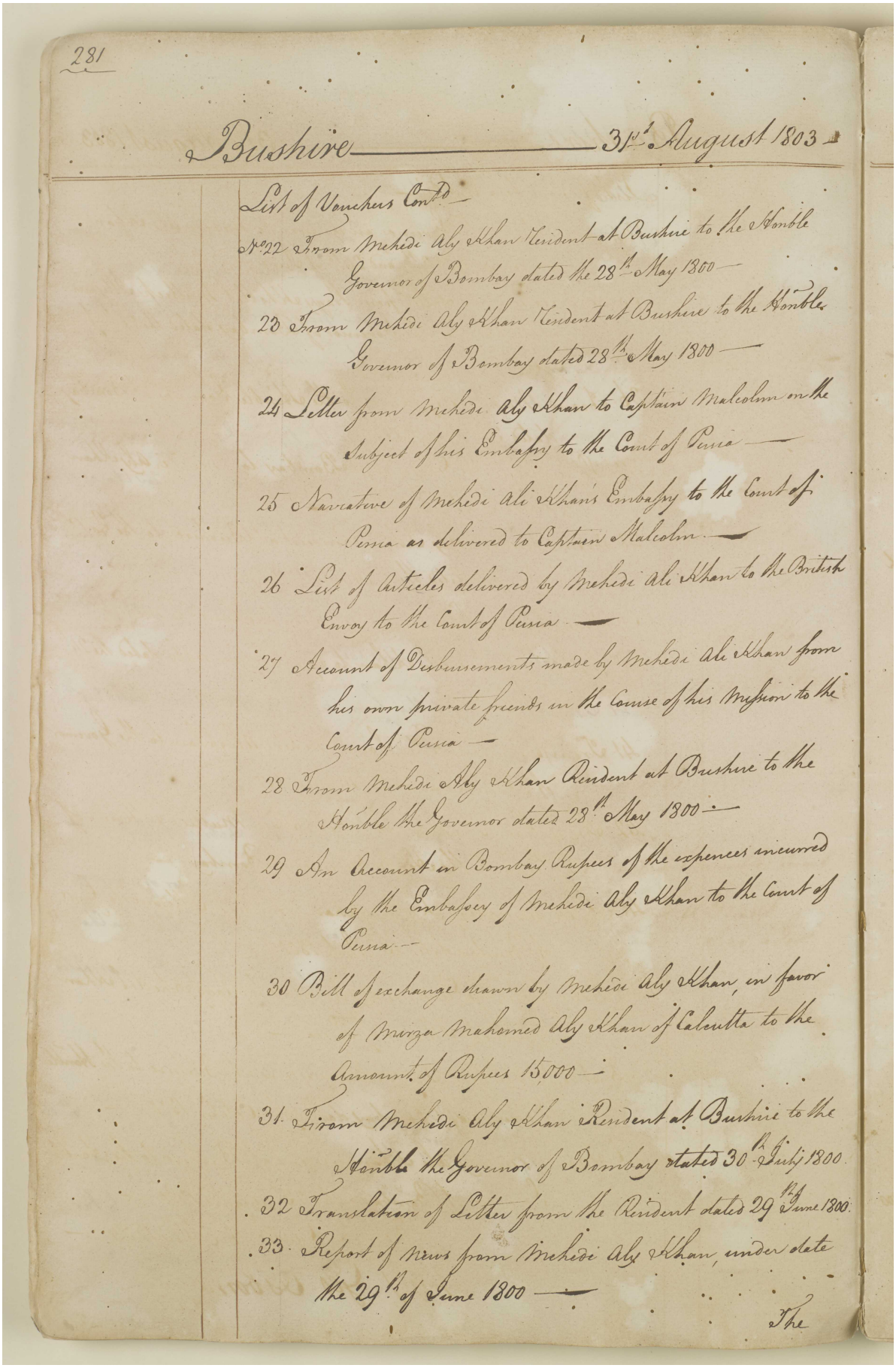

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List of Vouchers Cont.d

No 22 From Mehedi Aly Khan Resident at Bushire to the Honble Governor of Bombay dated the 28th May 1800

23 From Mehedi Aly Khan Resident at Bushire to the Honble Governor of Bombay dated 28th May 1800

24 Letter from Mehedi Aly Khan to Captain Malcolm on the Subject of his Embassy to the Court of Persia

25 Narrative of Mehedi Ali Khan's Embassy to the Court of Persia as delivered to Captain Malcolm

26 List of Articles delivered by Mehedi Ali Khan to the British Envoy to the Court of Persia

27 Account of Disbursements made by Mehedi Ali Khan from his own private funds in the Course of his Mission to the Court of Persia

28 From Mehedi Aly Khan Resident at Bushire to the Honble the Governor dated 28th May 1800

29 An Account in Bombay Rupees of the expences incurred by the Embassey of Mehedi Aly Khan to the Court of Persia

30 Bill of exchange drawn by Mehedi Aly Khan, in favor of Mirza Mahomed Aly Khan of Calcutta to the Amount of Rupees 15,000

31 From Mehedi Aly Khan Resident at Bushire to the Honble the Governor of Bombay dated 30th July 1800

32 Translation of Letter from the Resident dated 29th June 1800

33 Report of News from Mehedi Aly Khan, under date the 29th of June 1800

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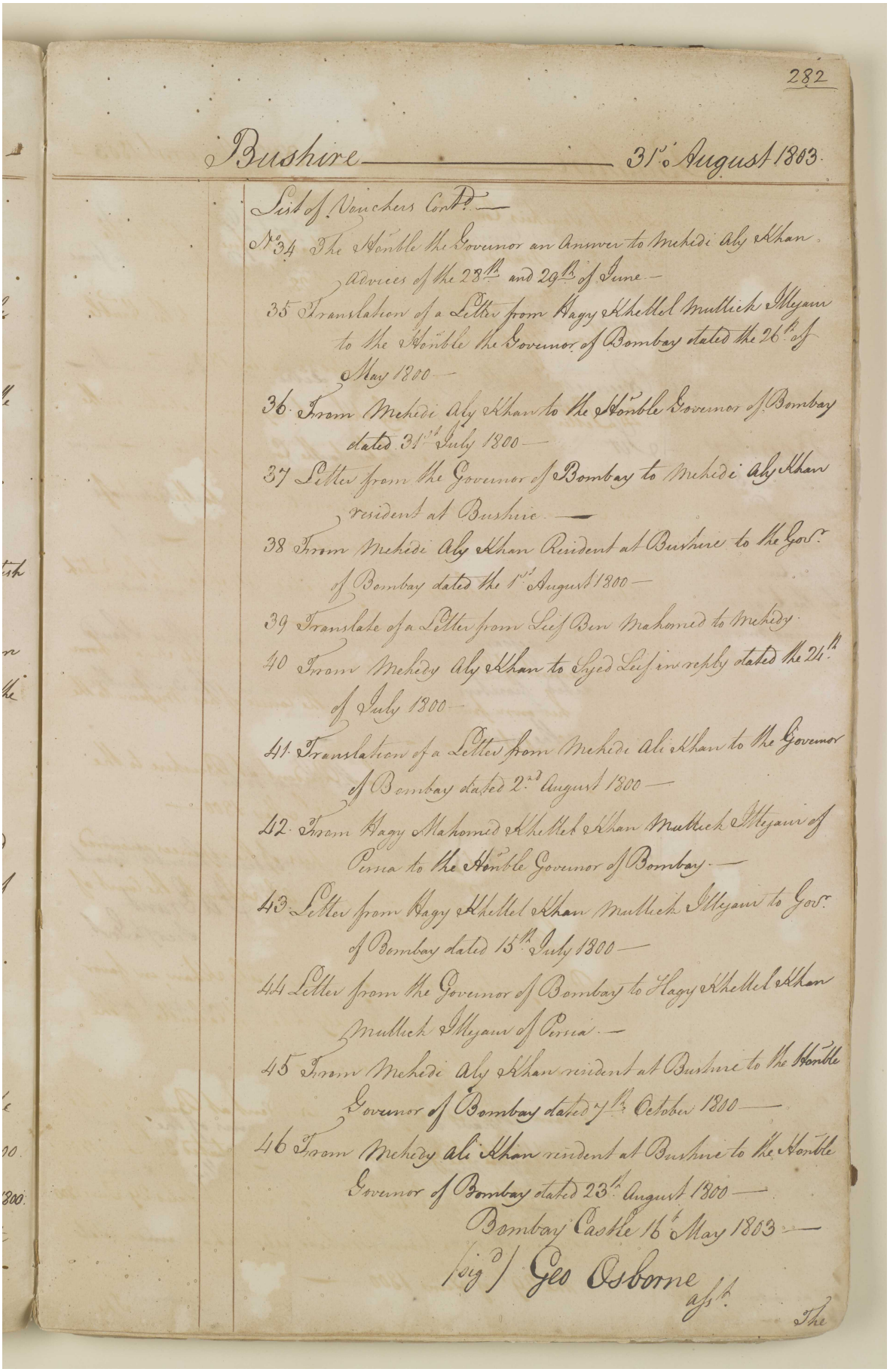

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List of Vouchers Contd —

No 34 The Honble the Governor an Answer to Mehedi Aly Khan Advices of the 28th and 29th of June —

35 Translation of a Letter from Hagy Khettel Mullick Illejaur to the Honble the Governor of Bombay dated the 26th of May 1800 —

36 From Mehedi Aly Khan to the Honble Governor of Bombay dated 31st July 1800 —

37 Letter from the Governor of Bombay to Mehedi Aly Khan resident at Bushire —

38 From Mehedi Aly Khan Resident at Bushire to the Govr of Bombay dated the 1st August 1800 —

39 Translate of a Letter from Leif Ben Mahomed to Mehedy

40 From Mehedy Aly Khan to Syed Leif in reply dated the 24th of July 1800 —

41 Translation of a Letter from Mehedi Ali Khan to the Governor of Bombay dated 2nd August 1800 —

42 From Hagy Mahomed Khettel Khan Mullick Illejaur of Persia to the Honble Governor of Bombay —

43 Letter from Hagy Khettel Khan Mullick Illejaur to Govr of Bombay dated 15th July 1800 —

44 Letter from the Governor of Bombay to Hagy Khettel Khan Mullick Illejaur of Persia —

45 From Mehedi Aly Khan resident at Bushire to the Honble Governor of Bombay dated 7th October 1800 —

46 From Mehedy Ali Khan resident at Bushire to the Honble Governor of Bombay dated 23th August 1800 —

Bombay Castle 16th May 1803 —

(sigd) Geo Osborne
asst

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The said Correspondence forming in fact a Diary of the late Resident's proceedings during his Residency at Bushire, will be found among the Factory Records.—

Wednesday 31 — Received the following Circular Letter from Government—

Bombay — Letter from Govt desiring Disbursements to be sent to the Civil Aud.r by the 6th of each ensuing month.

Sir

I am directed to require of you, on pain of incurring the highest displeasure of the Governor in Council, to forward your Disbursement Accounts immediately to the Civil Auditor, by the 6 of each ensuing Month; it being indispensibly necessary that the Accounts of your Office should be audited positively within at the latest the 3d Month, following the month of Account.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Sig.d/ J.A Grant
Secry to Govt

Bombay Castle
7th June 1803.

" " — Received the following Letter from the Resident at Muskat—

Muskat — Letter from the Resident Accounting for his detention of the Senate and stating the Annual periods of the Arrival and departure of Arab & Foreign Vessels

Sir

I have been favored with yours of the 10th and 12th July per Meesey and delivered the Letter for Seyad Sultan.—

2d It is a pity you did not mention the nature of the

advices

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advices from the Southward, as I then could have determined on sending the Fenate, In her present state she cannot remain for any time as she has fifty Europeans on board with only five days Salt provisions left, and without either biscuit or Spirits, was hostilities immediately to commence she could trust to fresh provisions

3d The Emam is absent from Muscat, but returns soon, when my departure will be fixed if I then can procure a Native Vessel to go in, and the Fenate in the opinion of the Captain and officers can be employed in that Service, She will be sent to Captain Stephenson —

4th The Arrival of the Antilope will render her presence less necessary, should she be unfit —

5th Captain Maughan when first sent, was not restricted to any time and Captn Stephenson detained him till he went to Muscat, and required him no longer —

6th Government are furnished with accounts of arrivals, and departures which will Answer every public purpose —

7th The number of Arab three Masted Vessels, are twenty two Brigs four, which sail at fixed Seasons, Viz in August to Bengal, the Brigs in December to Zanzibar, occasionally some of these Vessels go to Bombay, from Muscat for repairs, but in general they touch on the Malabar coast at Cochin, and Mangalore, and Bombay on their return from Bengal —

8th The American Vessels come in April, May, and June, about three Annually —

9th French Vessels come in June, July, and August —

10th From the month of August to the month of March and even the middle of April, there are daily opportunities of communication with Bombay in Dows, and Small Craft, and with Mandavee in Cutch to the 25th of May — May, June and July to the middle of August no Small craft sail —

I am Sir
Your very obedient Servant
Sign'd / David Seton
Resident

Bushire
16th August 1803

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Thursday 1st

Marine
Panther
Letter to the Commander proposing that Lieut Bennett of the Antilope be transferred to that Vessel in lieu of one of his Lieutenant

Wrote the following Letter to Captain Stephenson Commanding the Honble Company's Cruizer Panther —

Sir

Lieutenant Bennett late Commander of the Alert is I understand now on board the Antilope: and Captain Keys has received orders to attend to any requisition for his removal with the View of assisting in the prosecution of the Honble Company's Claim Against Shykh Rehma —

I think it highly important that Lieutenant Bennett should attend the Service on which you are soon to proceed again to Nukheloo: and I beg leave to propose in Consequence Should you and Captain Keys see no objection that Lieutenant Bennett be transferred to the Panther in exchange for one of your Lieutenants —

Bushire
1st September 1803

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant

" Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora —

Bussora
Letter to the Resd in Reply to his Communication of the Panthers departure to proceed on the expedition to Nukheloo —

Sir

I am favored with your letter of the 9th instant to Panther and feel Again impressed with obligation for the readiness with which you have sacrificed your own Convenience to the exigencies of the public Service —

Had you detained the Panther I do not know indeed that that Service would have Suffered much: but as you have sent her I must necessarily hold her at the requisition of the Persian Government having since I last wrote received the enclosed

repetition

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No. 1. repetition of his former demand from Shykh Nasser Confirmed on the 24th Ultimo
2. by the Accompanying Letter from Cheragh Aly Khan —

In so doing I beg you to be aware that I do not at all think it necessary to Calculate the Chances of a fresh expedition to Nukhelou. I merely Comply with a request, the refusal of which would afford too plausible grounds for evasion and delay — I do it to Avoid removing the responsibility which now rests heavily upon the Persian Government —

As to the result of the late expedition it is sufficient to say, that I deem my personal Credit no ways Concerned in the Conduct of an enterprise to which is not entrusted to me. I sent two Ships to receive such goods as the Government led to return to me: with orders to make such use of their force as might be required of them —

The Bombay Frigate was dispatched with a friendly letter to the Shykh of the Island upon which one of the Honble Company's Cruizers was lost In neither instance were the British Vessels authorized to fire a single Shot. I know nothing about Beda but if hostilities did there take place, it will be sufficient to notice this point to prove to you that the two Cases were as different as those of peace & war — a reflection that will tend much to relieve your Anxiety for the honor of the British Arms —

I have above assigned my reasons for detaining the Panther let the prospect of the expedition or my opinion of the Princes Sincerity be what it may. It is not however to be expected that I can order Captain Stephenson to attempt the Capture of Nukhelou independent of the Persian Authority. I wish to adhere to the sound policy so often recommended of observing a strict neutrality on all possible occasions in this Gulph, and for my part have never Authorised a recourse to Arms. Doubly urgent is that policy on the present occasion when the offender is a Subject

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of the Persian Government whom we dare not attack without risking a War with the Empire.—

You style the Persians Auxiliaries in more than one instance This misnomer Arises from a Conception which I have I trust removed of the British Nation being engaged as Principals or indeed at all in Active Measures Against any of the Powers in this Gulph.—

I am thoroughly Sensible of the want you experience of the Command of a respectable Cruizer at Bussora and wish Sincerely that it were in my power to return the Panther.— If the requisition which I Submitted to you without Command was Sufficient to Authorize her dispatch from Bussora, doubly so does the repetition of that demand require her detention here. She now await the further pleasure of the Persian Government and will probably Accompany Shaykh Nasser on his projected deputation to Nuktheloo.—

It is with much Concern that I learn the recommencement of hostelities between Great Britain and France.—

I shall have great pleasure in informing the persons Specified of your return to the British Factory: upon which occasion permit me to offer you my hearty Congratulations.—

I shall hold in due remembrance the explanation into which you have entered with the Sheik of Grain I should like however to be furnished with a list of those whom he considers as his Enemies.—

Mr. Milne, who with the Sick under his Charge has received every Accommodation in my power to afford him remains here the expectation of your further orders.—

No 3. I enclose the Statement you have desired of the

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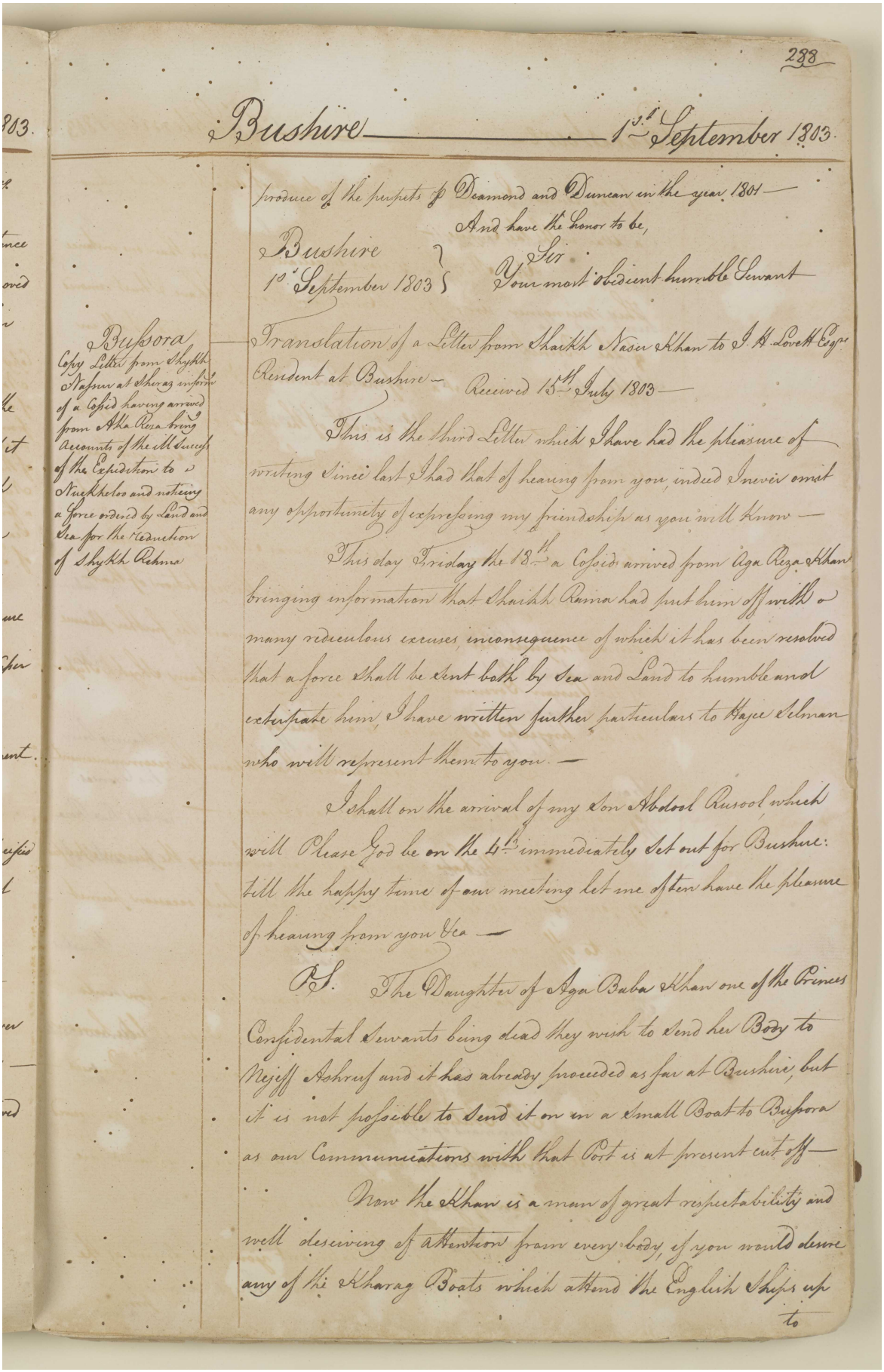

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produce of the perpets of Diamond and Duncan in the year 1801 —

And have the honor to be,

Bushire
1st September 1803

Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant

Bussora
Copy Letter from Shykh Nassur at Shiraz inform of a Cossid having arrived from Aka Reza bring Accounts of the ill Success of the Expedition to Nuckheloo and noticing a force ordered by Land and Sea for the reduction of Shykh Rehma

Translation of a Letter from Shaikh Naser Khan to J. H. Lovett Esqr Resident at Bushire — Received 15th July 1803 —

This is the third Letter which I have had the pleasure of writing since last I had that of hearing from you, indeed I never omit any opportunity of expressing my friendship as you will know —

This day Friday the 18th a Cossid arrived from Aga Reza Khan bringing information that Shaikh Rama had put him off with many rediculous excuses, inconsequence of which it has been resolved that a force shall be sent both by Sea and Land to humble and extirpate him, I have written further particulars to Hajee Selman who will represent them to you. —

I shall on the arrival of my Son Abdool Rusool, which will Please God be on the 4th immediately set out for Bushire: till the happy time of our meeting let me often have the pleasure of hearing from you &ca —

P.S. The Daughter of Aga Baba Khan one of the Princes Confidental Servants being dead they wish to send her Body to Nejeff Ashruf and it has already proceeded as far at Bushire, but it is not possible to send it on in a small Boat to Bussora as our Communications with that Port is at present cut off —

Now the Khan is a man of great respectability and well deserving of attention from every body, if you would desire any of the Kharag Boats which attend the English Ships up

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to Bussora to Carry the Corpse up there (freight being paid to the Owner) it would be well taken and indeed lay the Khan under the highest obligations to you; I have thought it proper to give you this hint and shall not trouble you any farther —

Translation of a
Letter from Cheragh Alee Khan to J. H. Lovett
Received 24th August 1803 —

After Compliments,

Your friendly Epistle arrived at the most auspicious moment and rejoiced me by the happy tidings of your welfare —

What is therein written concerning the present State of Affairs at Naquiloo, the negligence and incapacity shewn by Aga Reza on his deputation for the recovery of the Cargoes of the English Vessells, His return from the abovementioned Port, with all the other particulars stated in your Letter, has been perfectly understood —

The truth is, that the first time the news of a Ship having been stranded and her property plundered was communicated to the Princes Ministers, the real State of the Case not being perfectly understood, Aga Reza was directed, to proceed to the Spot and having made himself master of the Subject, to recover and restore the property —

Upon the reports which reached his Royal Highness' Ministers soon after the Arrival of that Officer at Naquiloo, Concerning his negligence and incapacity, He was immediately recalled, and Ameer Kouli Khan Nana Kulli an Officer of Approved merit was appointed in his Stead in Command of a party of the Household Troops and Orders were issued directing all the Forces which were in readiness in the Adjacent low Country to join and proceed with him by land to Naquiloo: Shaikh Nuser Khan at the same time received his dismission from the Presence and was Commanded to go down there by Sea with the Shipping

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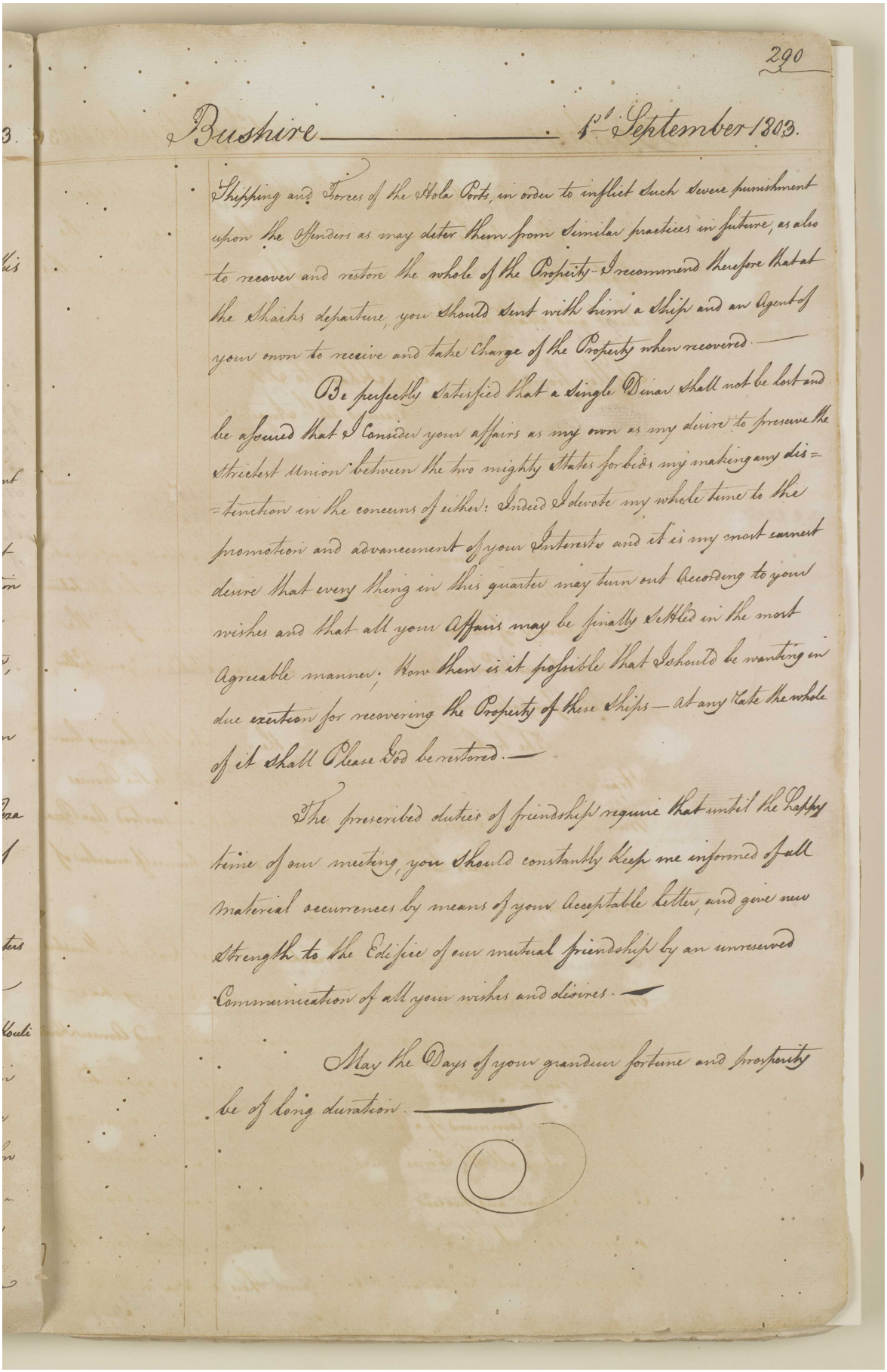

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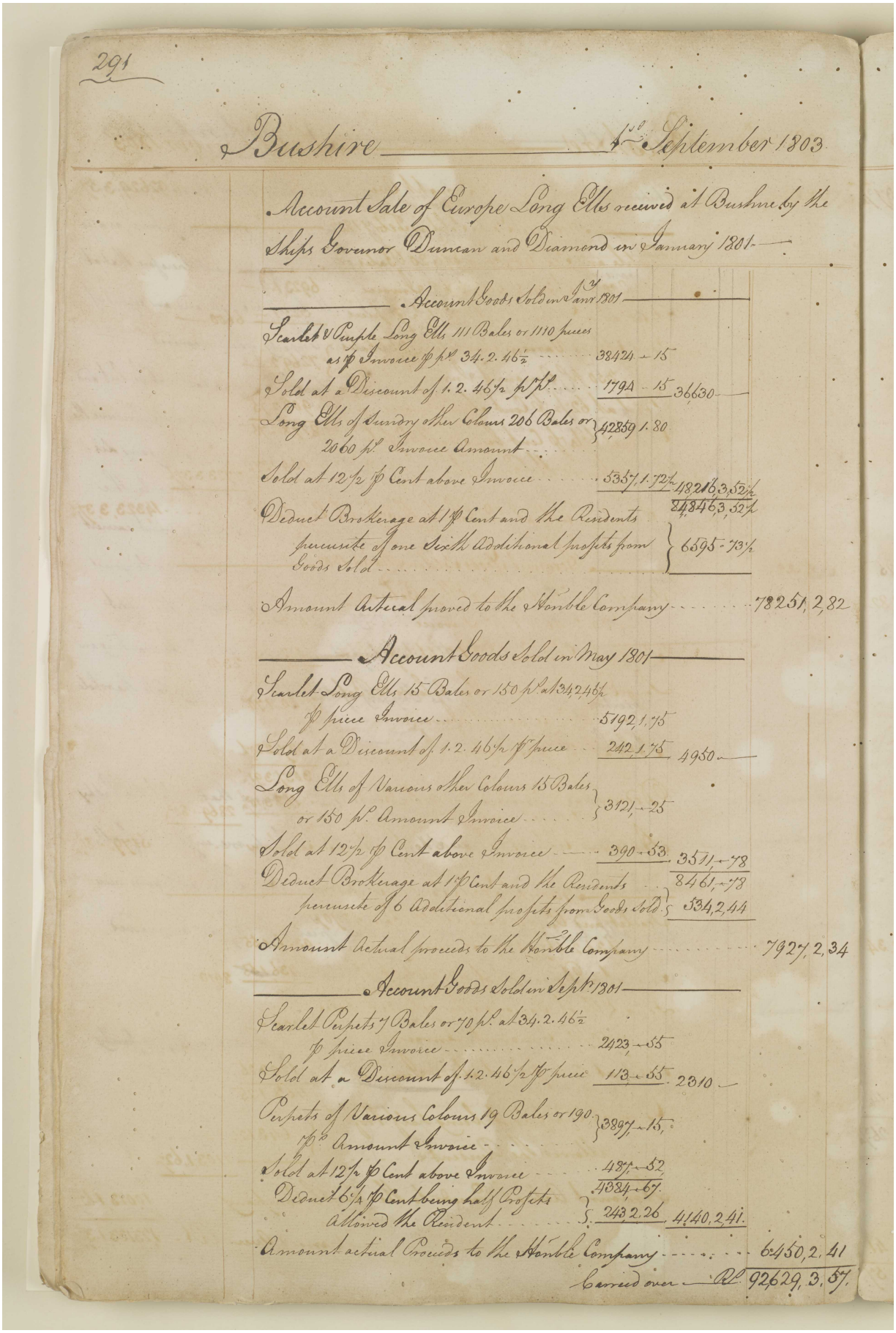
Shipping and Forces of the Hola Ports, in order to inflict such severe punishment upon the Offenders as may deter them from similar practices in future, as also to recover and restore the whole of the Property. I recommend therefore that at the Shaiks departure, you should sent with him a Ship and an Agent of your own to receive and take Charge of the Property when recovered.

Be perfectly satisfied that a Single Dinar shall not be lost and be assured that I Consider your affairs as my own as my desire to preserve the strictest Union between the two mighty States forbids my making any distinction in the concerns of either: Indeed I devote my whole time to the promotion and advancement of your Interests and it is my most earnest desire that every thing in this quarter may turn out According to your wishes and that all your Affairs may be finally settled in the most Agreeable manner; How then is it possible that I should be wanting in due exertion for recovering the Property of these Ships — at any Rate the whole of it shall Please God be restored.

The prescribed duties of friendship require that until the happy time of our meeting, you should constantly keep me informed of all material occurrences by means of your Acceptable Letter, and give new strength to the Edifice of our mutual friendship by an unreserved Communication of all your wishes and desires.

May the Days of your grandeur fortune and prosperity be of long duration.



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Account Sale of Europe Long Ells received at Bushire by the Ships Governor Duncan and Diamond in January 1801 —

Account Goods Sold in Jany 1801

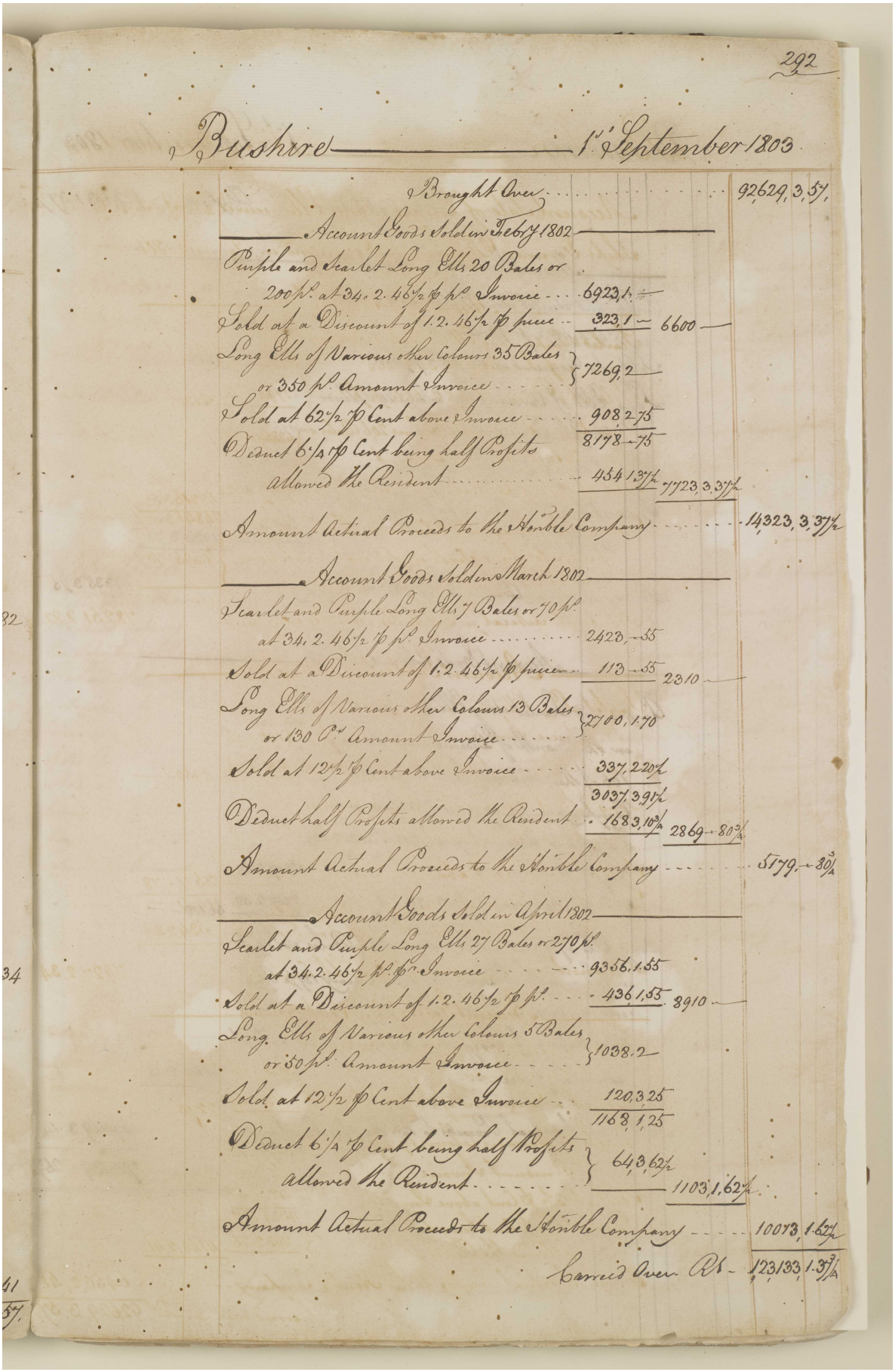
Scarlet & Purple Long Ells 111 Bales or 1110 pieces as ℘ Invoice ℘ pr 34.2.46½	38424 – 15		
Sold at a Discount of 1.2.46½ ℘ pr	1794 – 15	36630 –	
Long Ells of Sundry other Colours 206 Bales or 2060 pr Invoice Amount	42859 1.80		
Sold at 12½ ℘ Cent above Invoice	5357,1.72½	48216,3,52½	
		84846,3,52½	
Deduct Brokerage at 1 ℘ Cent and the Residents percusite of one Sixth Additional profits from Goods Sold		6595 – 73½	
Amount Actual proved to the Honble Company			78251,2,82

Account Goods Sold in May 1801

Scarlet Long Ells 15 Bales or 150 pr at 34,2,46½ ℘ piece Invoice	5192,1,75		
Sold at a Discount of 1.2.46½ ℘ piece	242,1,75	4950 –	
Long Ells of Various other Colours 15 Bales or 150 pr Amount Invoice	3121, – 25		
Sold at 12½ ℘ Cent above Invoice	390 – 53	3511, – 78	
		8461, – 78	
Deduct Brokerage at 1 ℘ Cent and the Residents percusite of 6 Additional profits from Goods Sold		534,2,44	
Amount Actual proceeds to the Honble Company			7927,2,34

Account Goods Sold in Sept 1801

Scarlet Perpets 7 Bales or 70 pr at 34.2.46½ ℘ piece Invoice	2423, – 55		
Sold at a Discount of 1.2.46½ ℘ piece	113, – 55	2310 –	
Perpets of Various Colours 19 Bales or 190 pr Amount Invoice	3897, – 15,		
Sold at 12½ ℘ Cent above Invoice	487, – 52		
	4384, – 67		
Deduct 6¼ ℘ Cent being half Profits allowed the Resident	243,2,26	4140,2,41	
Amount actual Proceeds to the Honble Company			6450,2,41
Carried over		Rs	92629,3,57



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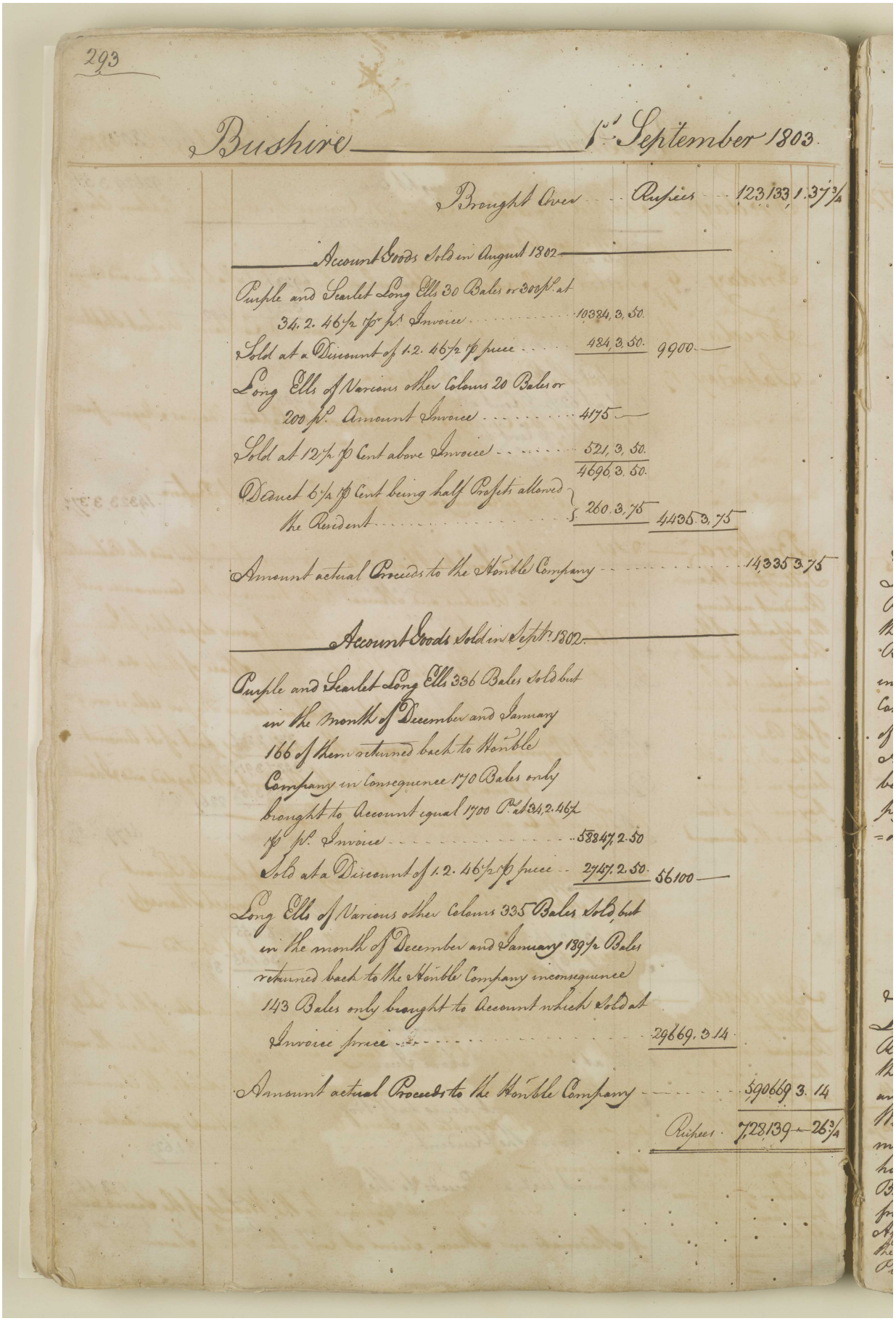
Brought Over			92,629, 3, 57,
Account Goods Sold in Febry 1802			
Purple and Scarlet Long Ells 20 Bales or 200 pcs at 34. 2. 46½ ₱ pc Invoice	6923, 1		
Sold at a Discount of 1. 2. 46½ ₱ piece	323, 1	6600	
Long Ells of Various other Colours 35 Bales or 350 pcs Amount Invoice	7269, 2		
Sold at 62½ ₱ Cent above Invoice	908, 2, 75		
	8178, 75		
Deduct 6¼ ₱ Cent being half Profits allowed the Resident	454, 1, 37½	7723, 3, 37½	
Amount Actual Proceeds to the Honble Company			14,323, 3, 37½
Account Goods Sold in March 1802			
Scarlet and Purple Long Ells 7 Bales or 70 pcs at 34. 2. 46½ ₱ pc Invoice	2423, 55		
Sold at a Discount of 1. 2. 46½ ₱ piece	113, 55	2310	
Long Ells of Various other Colours 13 Bales or 130 Pcs Amount Invoice	2700, 1, 70		
Sold at 12½ ₱ Cent above Invoice	337, 2, 20½		
	3037, 3, 91½		
Deduct half Profits allowed the Resident	1683, 10¾	2869, 80¾	
Amount Actual Proceeds to the Honble Company			5179, 80¾
Account Goods Sold in April 1802			
Scarlet and Purple Long Ells 27 Bales or 270 pcs at 34. 2. 46½ pc ₱ Invoice	9356, 1, 55		
Sold at a Discount of 1. 2. 46½ ₱ pc	436, 1, 55	8910	
Long Ells of Various other Colours 5 Bales or 50 pcs Amount Invoice	1038, 2		
Sold at 12½ ₱ Cent above Invoice	120, 3, 25		
	1168, 1, 25		
Deduct 6¼ ₱ Cent being half Profits allowed the Resident	64, 3, 62½	1103, 1, 62½	
Amount Actual Proceeds to the Honble Company			10073, 1, 62½
Carried Over Rs			123,133, 1, 37¾



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Brought Over		Rupees	123133, 1. 37¾
Account Goods Sold in August 1802			
Purple and Scarlet Long Ells 30 Bales or 300 pc. at 34. 2. 46½ ℘ pc. Invoice	10384, 3, 50.		
Sold at a Discount of 1. 2. 46½ ℘ piece	484, 3, 50.	9900 —	
Long Ells of Various other Colours 20 Bales or 200 pc. Amount Invoice	4175 —		
Sold at 12½ ℘ Cent above Invoice	521, 3, 50.		
	4696, 3, 50.		
Deduct 6¼ ℘ Cent being half Profits allowed the Resident	260. 3, 75	4435. 3, 75	
Amount actual Proceeds to the Honble Company			14335 3. 75
Account Goods Sold in Septr. 1802			
Purple and Scarlet Long Ells 336 Bales Sold but in the month of December and January 166 of them returned back to Honble Company in Consequence 170 Bales only brought to Account equal 1700 Pc. at 34, 2. 46½ ℘ pc. Invoice	58847, 2. 50		
Sold at a Discount of 1. 2. 46½ ℘ piece	2747. 2. 50.	56100 —	
Long Ells of Various other Colours 335 Bales Sold, but in the month of December and January 189½ Bales returned back to the Honble Company in consequence 143 Bales only brought to Account which Sold at Invoice price		29669. 3. 14	
Amount actual Proceeds to the Honble Company			590669 3. 14
		Rupees	728139 — 26¾

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Friday	2d	Sailed the Honble Company's Cruizer the Antilope Captain Charles Keys for Bussora.—
Friday	9th	Sailed the Country Ship Shrewsbury for Muskat Massulipatam and Bengal.
Friday	16th	Imported the Country Ship Diamond Captain Robert Stephenson
Saturday	17th	Sailed the Diamond for Bussora.—
"	"	Imported the Country Ship Rahemshah Captain Thomas Magson from Bussora.—
"	"	Received the following Letter from the Resident at Bussora.—

Bussora — Letter from the Resident noticing the departure of the Raheemshah with instructions to her Commander. Inform of the Bill upon Aka Nasser Ally being in a Course of payment and tendering the Amount

Sir,

I had last the Pleasure to write to you of Panther, and the Rahimshah, now proceeds viâ Bushire and Muscat to the Presidency. Her Commander will, in Obedience to my Instructions receive charge of your despatches for Government, but I have limitted his Stay at Bushire, to the Space of thirty six Hours.

Akaw Mahomed Nebies Bill on Akaw Nasser Alli, is in a Course of Payment. Do you require the whole or any part of its Amount.—

I enclose a letter from the Resident at Bagdad, and I have the Honor to be with great Truth and Regard.—

Bussora
the 12th September 1803

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant
(Sig.d) Samuel Manesty.

" Received the following Letter from the Resident at Bagdad.—

Bagdad — Letter from the Resident noticing the Captures of Medina and Mecca by the Whiraby and of the measures taken for his reform, forward Bulletin of intelligence from Persia and Afghanistan and noticing the Continuance of the Plague.—

Sir,

I beg to return you my thanks for your Letter of the 4th July which reached me on the 30th following; and to inform you that on the next day I carefully forwarded under my own Cover to the Honble the Chairman the Packet for the Honble the Secret Committee by which your Letter was Accompanied.—

The unfortunate Capture by the Wahaby of the Sacred Cities of Medinah and Mecca seems at last after a long Season of

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impolitick and unaccountable Supineness to have roused the Ottoman Emperor and Ministry to a Sense of the terrible Consequences which must necessarily ensue to the Empire by a further procrastination, of opposing by all and every Means in their power the Encrease of Abdulaziz's Authority and the Reception of his Doctrines of Reform. In consequence of this Imperial Mandates have been issued to several Pashas in Syria, and Mesopotamia, and other parts of the Ottoman Dominions from whence Attacks on this Sectary are judged practicable to be made, to use every possible Effort Against Abdulaziz; but more particularly a Commission has been issued to his Highness Ally Pasha and received here yesterday accompanied by a Sabre of honor and the Velipe of Office, appointing him Generalissime on this Expedition. —

Preparations for a Compaign, are actively and extensively Carrying on here, — it seems not however by any means evident that the Pasha will early be able to take the field. —

I do myself the pleasure to enclose a Bulletin formed from the latest Letters received here from Persia, and Afganistan, not indeed with any great hope it will convey any thing new to you, but rather that you may Compare the Accounts we get here with those you receive no Doubt from other Quarters. —

We are still apprehensive as the hot Weather has not put an End to the Plague that the Violence of this cruel disorder will in the Autumn be more severe and dreadful, than it was last Spring when it certainly Cost the Town at least fifteen thousand Souls. —

I shall at all times be most thankful to you for any Information of what is stirring in the Gulph and your part of the World, and have great Satisfaction in Sending you in Return

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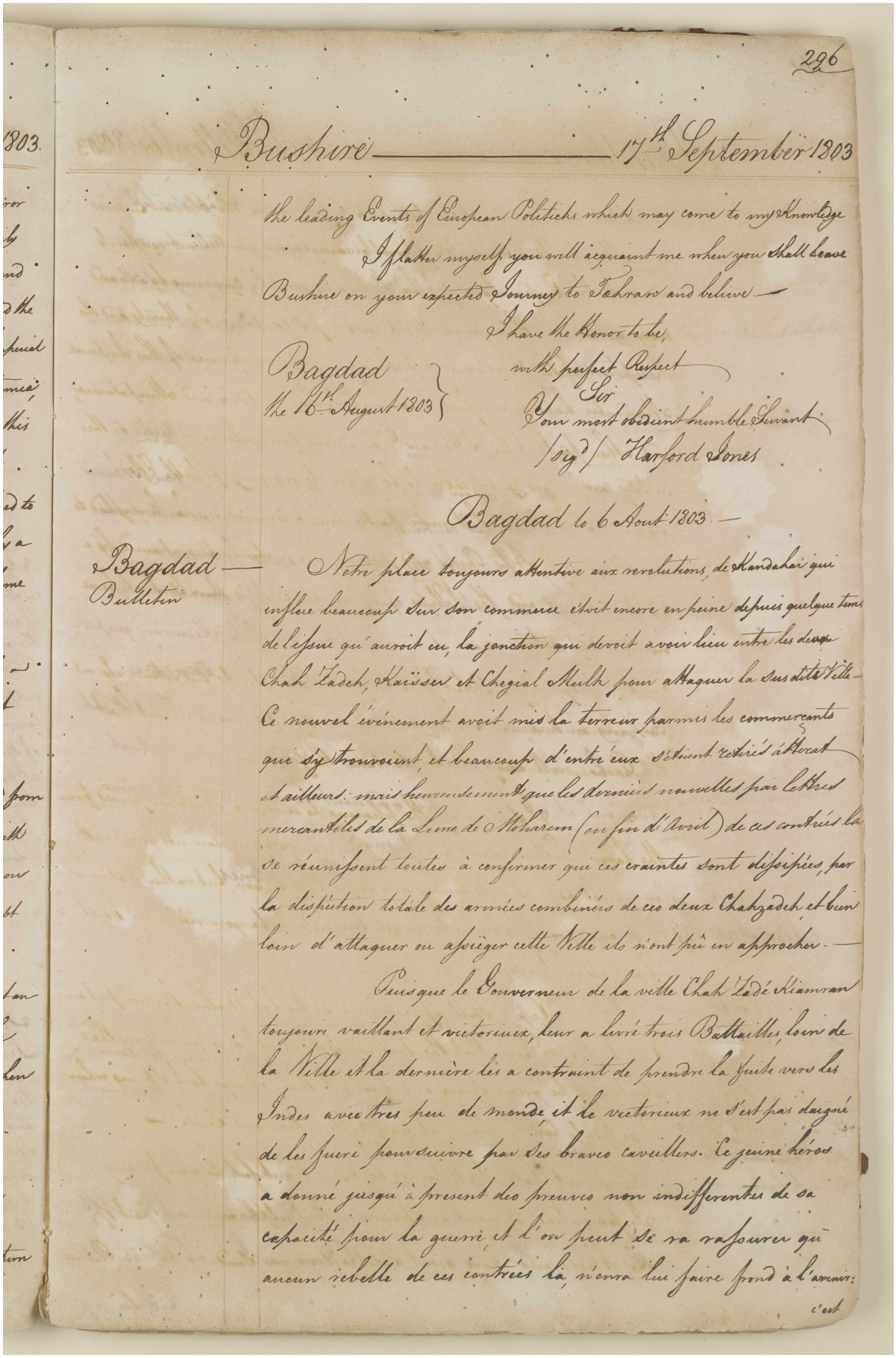

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the leading Events of European Politicks which may come to my Knowledge
I flatter myself you will acquaint me when you shall leave
Bushire on your expected Journey to Tehran and believe —
I have the Honor to be,
with perfect Respect
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(sig) Harford Jones

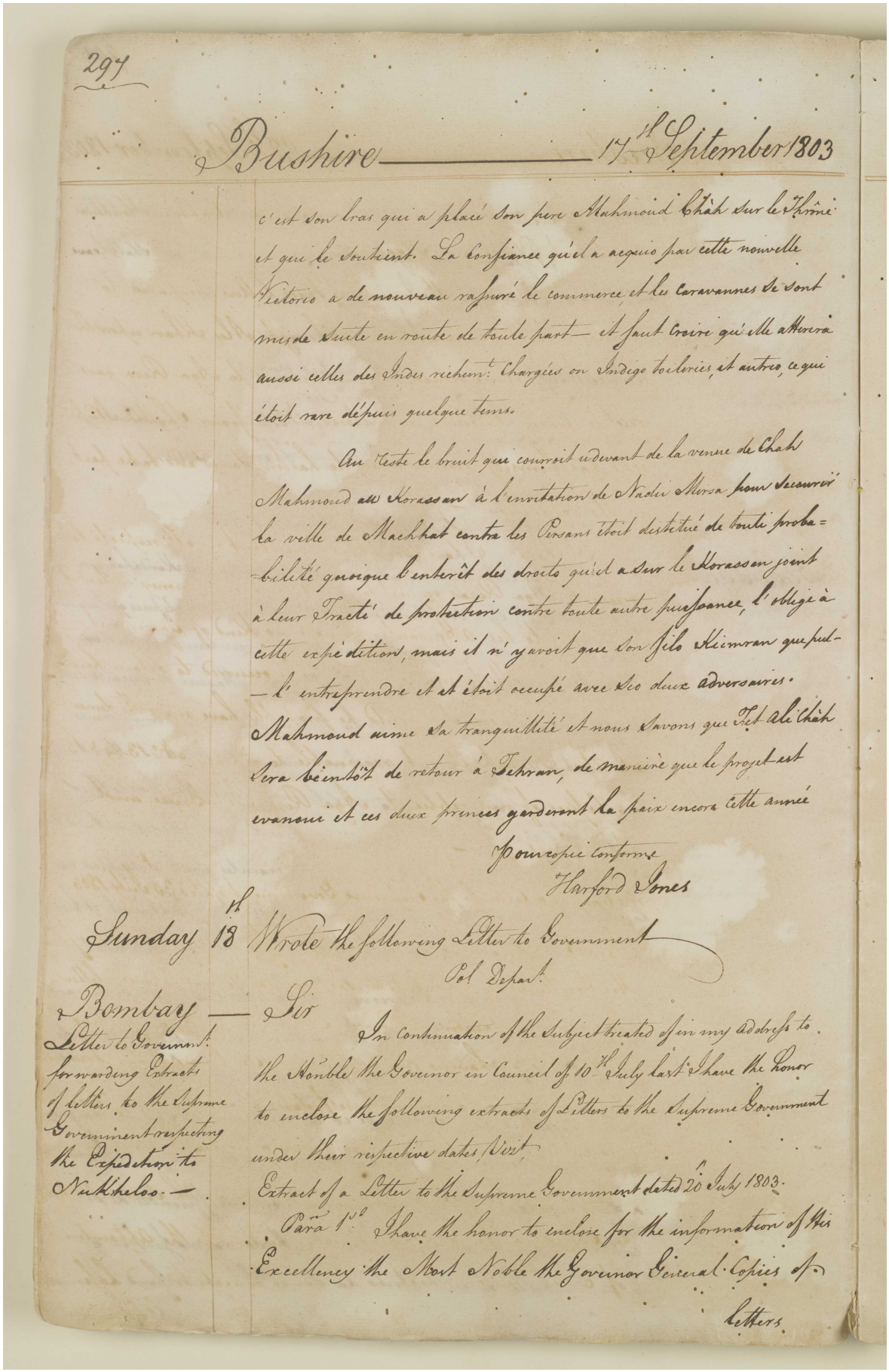
Bagdad
the 16th August 1803

Bagdad to 6 Aout 1803 —

Bagdad
Bulletin

Notre place toujours attentive aux revolutions de Kandahar qui influe beaucoup sur son commerce étoit encore en peine depuis quelque tems de l'issue qu'auroit eu la jonction qui devoit avoir lieu entre les deux Chah Zadeh, Kaïsser et Chegial Mulk pour attaquer la susdite Ville — Ce nouvel événement avoit mis la terreur parmis les commercants qui s'y trouvoient, et beaucoup d'entre eux s'étant retirés à Herat et ailleurs: mais heureusement que les dernier nouvelles par Let Bred mercantiles de la Lune de Moharem (en fin d'Avril) de ces contrées la se réunissent toutes à confirmer que ces craintes sont dissipées, par la dispistion totale des armées combinées de ces deux Chahzadeh et bien loin d'attaquer ou assiéger cette Ville ils n'ont pû en approcher —

Puisque le Gouverneur de la ville Chah Zadé Niamran toujours vaillant et victorieux, leur a livré trois Battailles, loin de la Ville et la dernière les a contraint de prendre la fuite vers les Indes avec très peu de monde, et le victorieux ne s'est pas daigné de les faire poursuivre par des braves cavaillers. Ce jeune héros a donné jusqu'à present des preuves non indifferentes de sa capacité pour la guerre, et l'on peut se ra rassurer qu'aucun rebelle de ces contrées là, n'osera lui faire front à l'avenir: c'est



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c'est son bras qui a placé son pere Mahmoud Chah sur le Thrône et qui le soutient. La confiance qu'il a acquis par cette nouvelle victoire a de nouveau rassuré le commerce, et les Caravannes se sont mises de suite en route de toute part — il faut croire qu'elle apportera aussi celles des Indes richem.t Chargées en Indigo toiles, et autres, ce qui étoit rare depuis quelque tems.

Au reste le bruit qui couroit auparavant de la venue de Chah Mahmoud au Korassan à l'invitation de Nadir Mirza pour secourir la ville de Machhad contre les Persans étoit destitué de toute probabilité quoique l'interêt des droits qu'il a sur le Korassan joint à leur Traité de protection contre toute autre puissance, l'oblige à cette expédition, mais il n'y avoit que son fils Kamran qui pût l'entreprendre et il étoit occupé avec ses deux adversaires. Mahmoud aime la tranquillité et nous savons que Fet ale Chah sera bientôt de retour à Tehran, de maniere que le projet est evanoui et ces deux princes garderont la paix encore cette année

Pour copie conforme
Harford Jones

Sunday 18th Wrote the following Letter to Government

Pol Depart.

Bombay — Letter to Govern.t forwarding Extracts of letters to the Supreme Government respecting the Expedition to Nukheloo —

Sir

In Continuation of the Subject treated of in my address to the Honble the Governor in Council of 10th July last I have the Honor to enclose the following extracts of Letters to the Supreme Government under their respective dates Viz.t

Extract of a Letter to the Supreme Government dated 20 July 1803.

Para 1st I have the honor to enclose for the information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General Copies of

Letters

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Letters received on the 12th and 14th instant from Captain Stephenson, Lieutenant Bruce and Aga Reza —

2d Para I was on the receipt of these Letters prepared to present a fresh remonstrance to Cheragh Alee Khan upon the unnecessary delays which his instructions to Aga Reza gave rise to when I received the enclosed No. 12 from Shykh Nasser who has himself received orders to hasten down and take part in the expedition —

3d Para I have thought it prudent in all respects to accede to Aga Reza's request for an allowance of money instead of provisions to his Attendants. I made no kind of Agreement with him to this effect: nor had no obstacles occurred to detain him longer than he expected would he probably have made the demand. As it is, I think it but reasonable to Comply. No. 13. 14 & 15 are Copies of my replies to Aga Reza Mr. Bruce and Shykh Nasser —

Extract of a letter to the Supreme Government dated 30th July 1803.

Para 1st I have the honor to enclose for the information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General Copy of a letter received from Lieutenant Bruce on the 23d instant informing of Aga Reza's having left Kungoon. On the next day I received the accompanying from himself, dated at Firozabad, a place nearer to Shiraz than Kungoon, where the bearer left him —

Para 2d Aga Reza's Views in returning with such expedition to Shiraz as far as I can discover directed to the Appointment of Mehmandar which he no doubt expects to find less laborious

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laborious than his present employment His Servant indeed informed me that orders had come from the King to this effect: but I have strong reasons to suspect his Veracity —

Para 3d On the 27th I received with much mortification the enclosed from Captain Stephenson and Lieutenant Bruce saying that Aga Reza had ordered the Ships to return to Bushire —

Para 4th They arrived accordingly on the 28th I immediately sent the Endeavour back to Kungoon to bring up Lieutenant Bruce, whose longer stay there could be of no possible utility The Panther I dispatched to Bussora in compliance with the repeated request of the Resident —

Para 5th On the 29th I received the enclosed from Aga Reza: to which I immediately sent the following reply No 10 — In my opinion he only wishes to draw from me some Voucher (expressive of my satisfaction at the prospect of his Appointment) to enable him to return to Sheraz: which project however does not seem so well to accord with the intentions of the Minister —

Para 6th This morning I received the enclosed from Skykh Nusser, one of the few who seems sincerely interested in the cause of procuring us justice Hajee Solyman usually styled the Skyhs vizier, who brought me this letter showed me the orders he had received himself on the occasion — desiring the dows of this place to be ready by the time of the

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the Shykhs return that no obstacle might exist to prevent his immediate proceeding. — No. 12 is Copy of my reply. —

Para 7th As the Panther was in Sight when I received this information I thought I could not do less than make an Attempt to recall her. I have Accordingly dispatched a boat for that purpose but doubt much whether it will be able to reach her. —

Para 8th I only wait for the return of Lieutenant Bruce, which may be expected in three days at farthest, to obtain the necessary information for Addressing Cheragh Aly Khan in Strong and I trust effectual terms upon the measures he has yet thought proper to take in Satisfaction of our Claims for very extensive reparation —

Para 9th These have as yet exhibited, to Say the least a most reprehensible degree of mismanagement. When the entire fault lies I shall not pretend to Say. Aga Reza's Conduct betrays deficiency in every respect: want of patience want of judgement want of regard for the interests Committed to him. He may find some apology in the limitations of his instructions but his ordering the Ships from their Station is totally inexcusable. —

Para 10th I shall not recapitulate to His Excellency the pains I had taken to deprive this Government of all Shadow of Complaint against us for not Affording them the necessary Assistance towards promoting our own Cause. I trust His Excellency will not deem me extravagant when I declare, that upon Aga Reza's departure from this I scarce foresaw any obstacles to the attainment of our object except what arose from his Venality. Others however in which this had no Share seen to have been Sufficient. That they are only temporary I have Still some hopes and shall labor Accordingly to remove them. —

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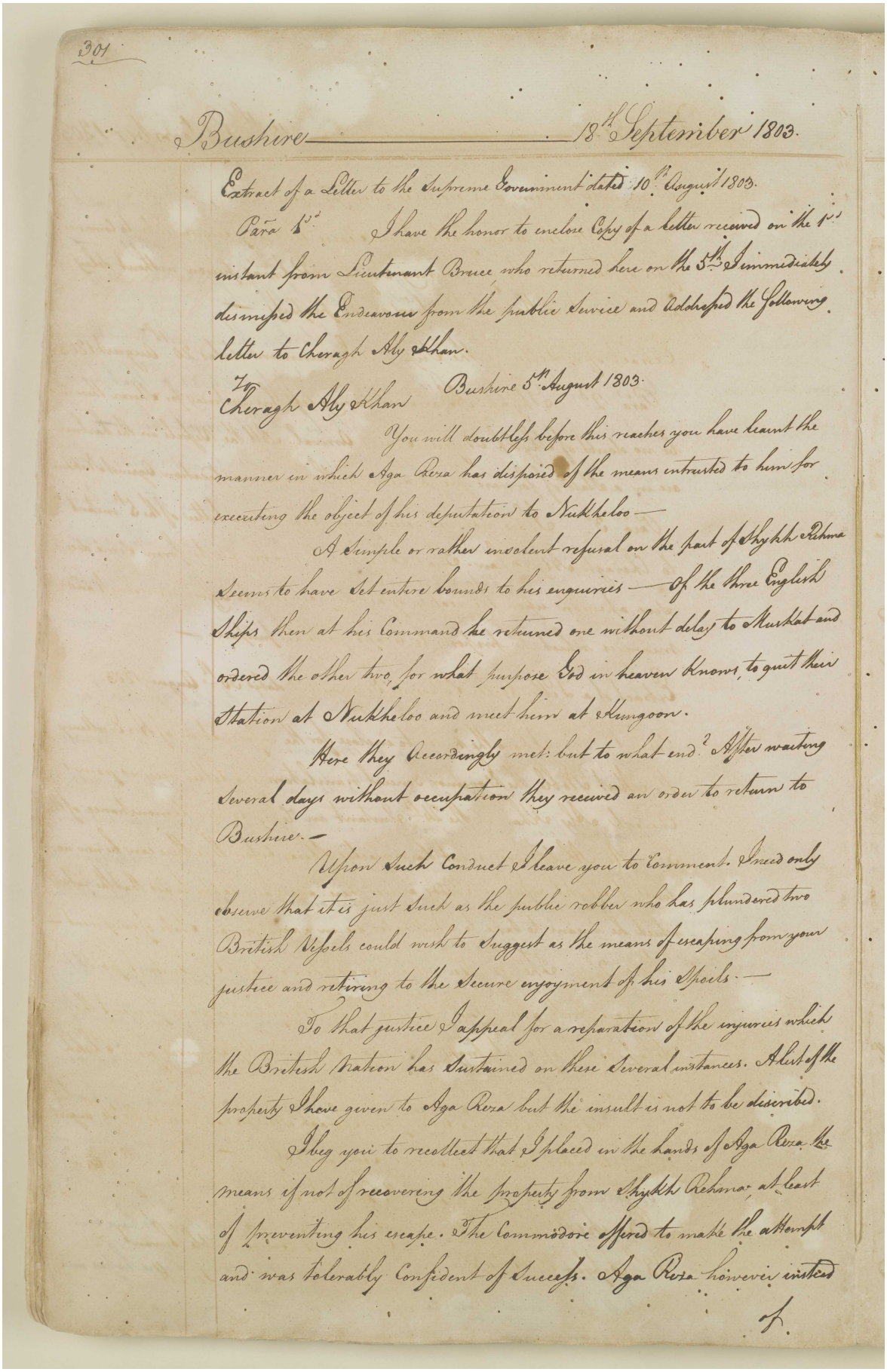

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Extract of a Letter to the Supreme Government dated 10th August 1803.

Para 1st I have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter received on the 1st instant from Lieutenant Bruce who returned here on the 5th I immediately dismissed the Endeavours from the publick Service and Addressed the following letter to Cheragh Aly Khan.

To Cheragh Aly Khan Bushire 5th August 1803.

You will doubtless before this reaches you have learnt the manner in which Aga Reza has disposed of the means entrusted to him for executing the object of his deputation to Nukheloo —

A Simple or rather insolent refusal on the part of Shykh Rehma seems to have set entire bounds to his enquiries — Of the three English Ships then at his Command he returned one without delay to Muskat and ordered the other two, for what purpose God in heaven Knows, to quit their Station at Nukheloo and meet here at Kungoon.

Here they accordingly met: but to what end? After waiting several days without occupation they received an order to return to Bushire —

Upon such Conduct I leave you to Comment. I need only observe that it is just such as the publick robber who has plundered two British Vessels could wish to Suggest as the means of escaping from your justice and retiring to the Secure enjoyment of his Spoils —

To that justice I appeal for a reparation of the injuries which the British Nation has Sustained on these Several instances. A List of the property I have given to Aga Reza but the insult is not to be described.

I beg you to recollect that I placed in the hands of Aga Reza the means if not of recovering the property from Shykh Rehma, at least of preventing his escape. The Commodore offered to make the attempt and was tolerably confident of Success. Aga Reza however insisted

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of permitting him, gave orders to quit the place. —

To the above facts I need scarce add any Arguments to convince you of the necessity of securing Shykh Rehma's person without delay and preventing the dilapidation of the property. —

Extract of a Letter to the Supreme Government dated 20th August 1803.

Para 2d Shykh Abdarrasool having left this yesterday for Shiraz there can be no doubt of Shykh Nusser's speedy arrival. All the Vessels in the harbour are in a state of forward preparation for the proposed expedition against Nukheloo.

Para 3d I have not yet received any reply to my letter of the 5th instant to Cheragh Aly Khan. That I trust, will enable me to form some decisive opinion upon the reality of his disposition to afford us readness and measures which he proposes to adopt for that purpose. —

Extract of a Letter to the Supreme Government dated 30th August 1803.

Para 1st I have the honor to enclose for the information of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General translation of a letter received from Cheragh Aly Khan on the 24th Instant in reply to my remonstrance of the 5th. As Abdorrusool must have reached Shiraz before this, there can be now no doubt of Shykh Nusser's speedy arrival here: and I am happy to add that the Vessels which he means to take to Nukheloo are in a very forward state of equipment —

Para 2d The Panther which arrived here on the 16th Instant from Bussora will attend this fleet to assist its operations and prevent the dilapidation of such property as may be eventually recovered from Shykh Rehma. —

Translation of a letter from Cheragh Alee Khan received the 24th August alluded to, in the 1st Para of 30th August. See page 289. —

And have the honor to be,

Sir
Your most obedt humble Servant
Sigd J. H. Lovett

Bushire.
18th September 1803

Bushire — 18th September 1803

Sunday 18th — Wrote the following Letter to the Auditor of Civil Accounts —

Bombay — Auditor of Civil Accounts — Letter to enclosing Statement of the monthly Allowance of the Residency —

Sir, I have the honor to enclose you a Statement of the Monthly Allowance of this Residency agreeable to the Government Advertisement of the 1st April 1803 —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedt. humble Servant

Bushire
18th September 1803

Bombay — Auditor of Civil Accounts The Statement — Statement of the Monthly Allowances for the Residency of Bushire —

	Rs.	
The Resident J. H. Lovett his Salary	400	—
Allowance for Native Assistants	200	—
ditto — Petty Stores and Contingencies	100	—
Pay — to 10 Lascars	100	—
The Assistant Mr. William Bruce his Salary	150	—
The Linguists Coja Arratoon	30.2	8
Rupees	980	28

Bushire
18 September 1803

Tuesday 20th — Sailed the Country Ship Rahimshah Captain Thomas Megson for Muskat and Bombay —

Friday 30th — Received the following Letter from a Committee of Survey

Bushire — Factory — Letter from a Commee appointed to inspect the most ruinous parts and enclosing visit —

Sir, The Committee having assembled this morning, according to your Orders, proceeded to Survey those parts of the Factory which absolutely require repair to preserve their being totally distroyed by the ensuing Rainy Season and have now the Honor to enclose you our Report —

We have the Honor to be with much respect —

Bushire
30th September 1803

Your most obedient humble Servants.
Signed { Wm Bruce Asst.
Andr. Jukes
E H Bellasis Lt. Engr.

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Bushire Factory Repairs

Report of a Committee of Survey, Ordered by Jonathan Henry Lovett Esq.r Resident to examine and Report on those parts of the Factory, which absolutely require Repair in order to prevent their being totally destroyed by the ensuing Rainy Season.

Names of Apartments &c.	In what State	Requisite Repairs	Remarks
The S. E. Terrace	Quite destroyed	to be made New	If not repaired it must inevitably fall in and destroy the Apartments below. —
Verandah leading to the Stair Case	Quite destroyed	to be made New	It must shortly fall in and destroy the rooms occupied by the Seapoys
The Passage and Terrace leading to the Assistants Apartment	Very weak and parts of it given way	to be repaired	To preserve its total destruction. —

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(Signed) William Bruce Asst.
And.r Jukes.
E. H. Bellasis Lt.t Engr.

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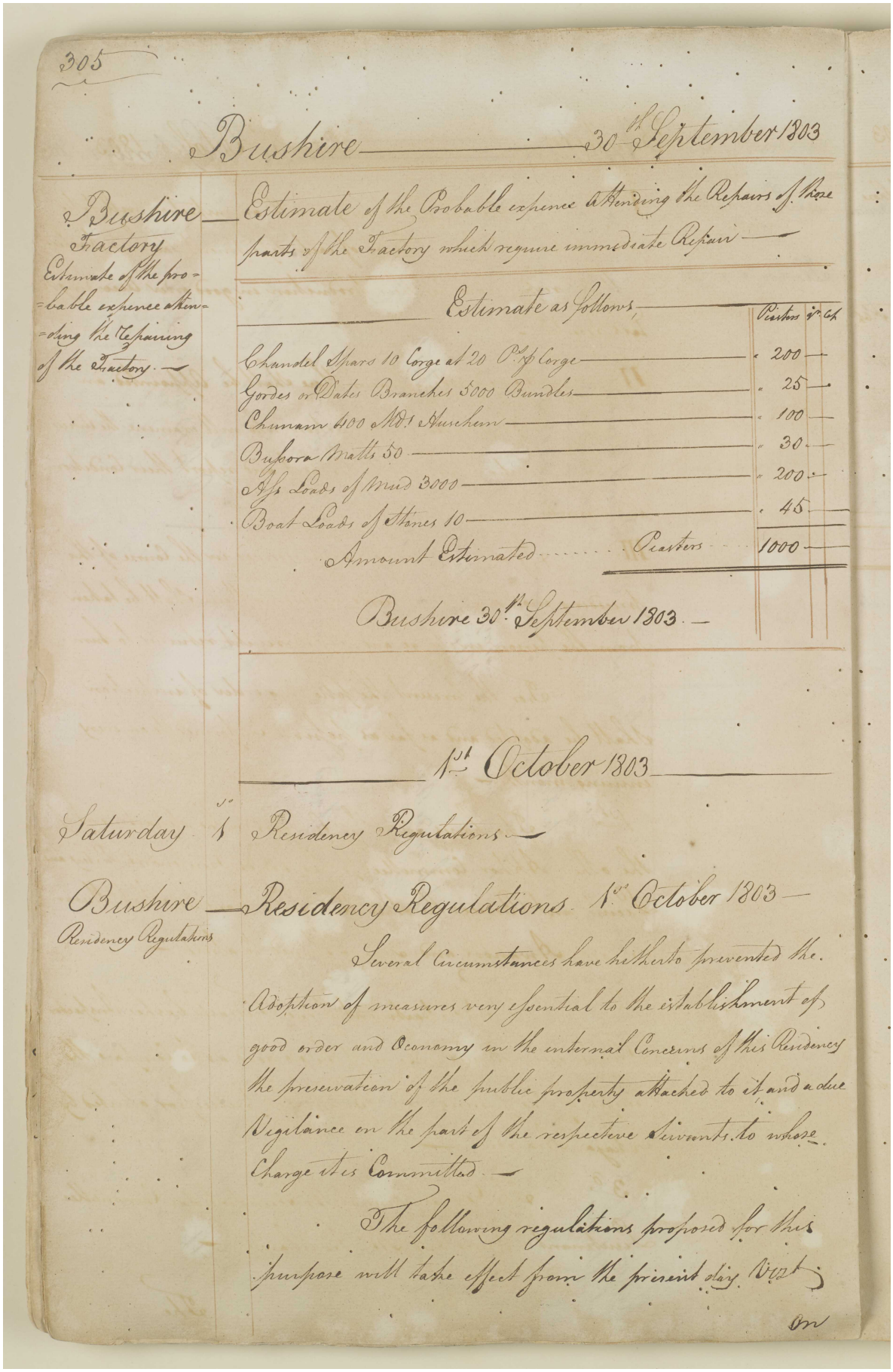

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Bushire — 30th September 1803

Bushire Factory — Estimate of the probable expence attending the repairing of the Factory —

Estimate of the Probable expence attending the Repairs of those parts of the Factory which require immediate Repair —

Estimate as follows,

	Piasters	Ps.	Cs.
Chandel Spars 10 Corge at 20 Ps. ⅌ Corge	200	—	
Gordes or Dates Branches 5000 Bundles	25	—	
Chunam 400 Mds. Huschem	100	—	
Bussora Matts 50	30	—	
Ass Loads of Mud 3000	200	—	
Boat Loads of Stones 10	45	—	
Amount Estimated ..... Piasters	1000	—	

Bushire 30th September 1803 —

1st October 1803

Saturday 1st Residency Regulations —

Bushire Residency Regulations — Residency Regulations 1st October 1803 —

Several Circumstances have hitherto prevented the Adoption of measures very essential to the establishment of good order and Oeconomy in the internal Concerns of this Residency the preservation of the public property attached to it and a due Vigilance on the part of the respective Servants to whose Charge it is Committed —

The following regulations proposed for this purpose will take effect from the present day Vizt

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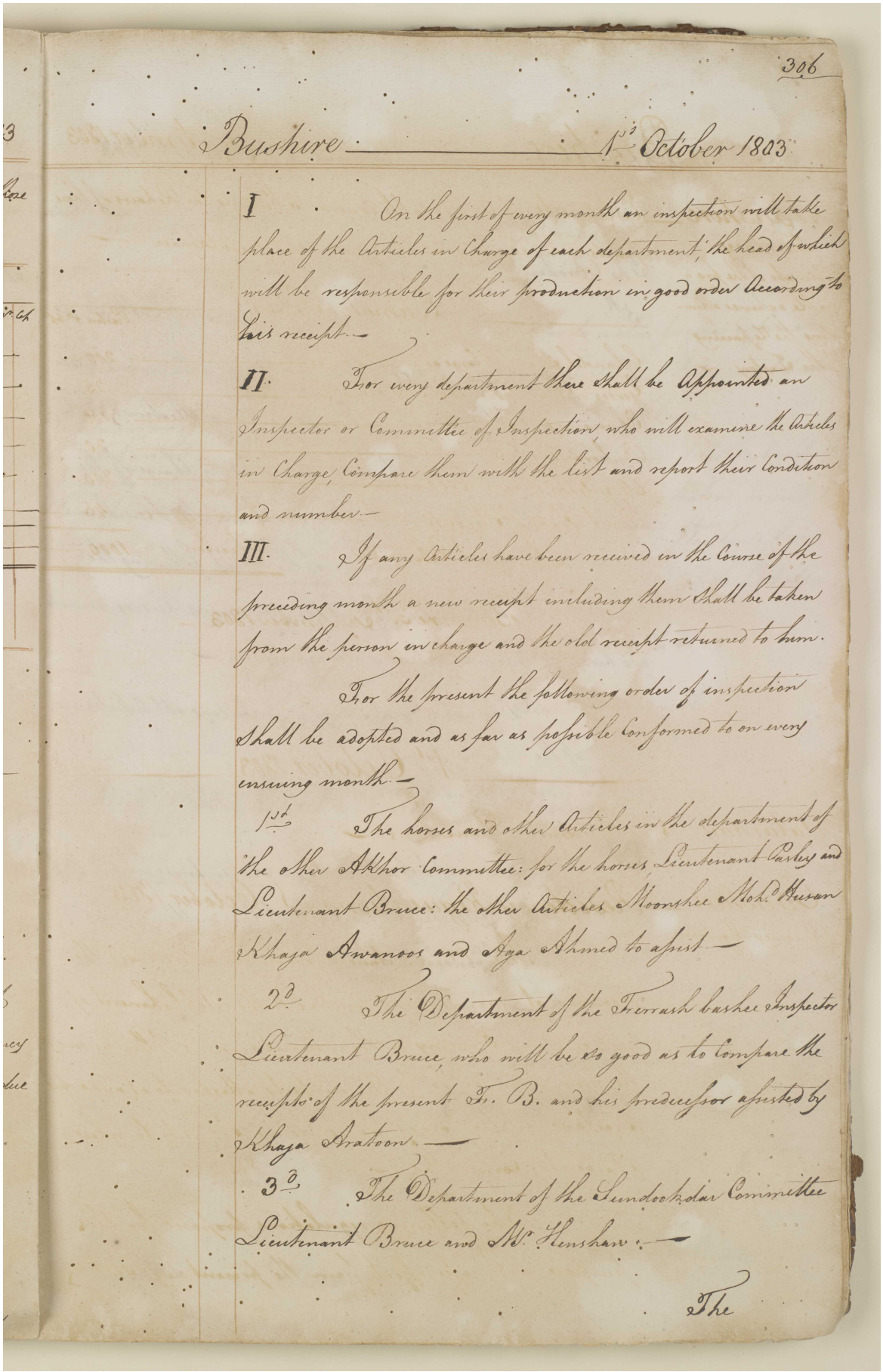

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I On the first of every month an inspection will take place of the Articles in Charge of each department, the head of which will be responsible for their production in good order According to his receipt —

II For every department there shall be Appointed an Inspector or Committee of Inspection, who will examine the Articles in Charge, Compare them with the list and report their Condition and number —

III If any Articles have been received in the Course of the preceding month a new receipt including them shall be taken from the person in charge and the old receipt returned to him.

For the present the following order of inspection shall be adopted and as far as possible Conformed to on every ensuing month —

1st The horses and other Articles in the department of the other Akhor Committee: for the horses, Lieutenant Pasley and Lieutenant Bruce: the other Articles Moonshee Mohd Husan Khaja Awanoos and Aga Ahmed to assist —

2d The Department of the Ferrash bashee Inspector Lieutenant Bruce, who will be so good as to Compare the receipts of the present F. B. and his predecessor assisted by Khaja Aratoon —

3d The Department of the Sundookdar Committee Lieutenant Bruce and Mr Henshaw —

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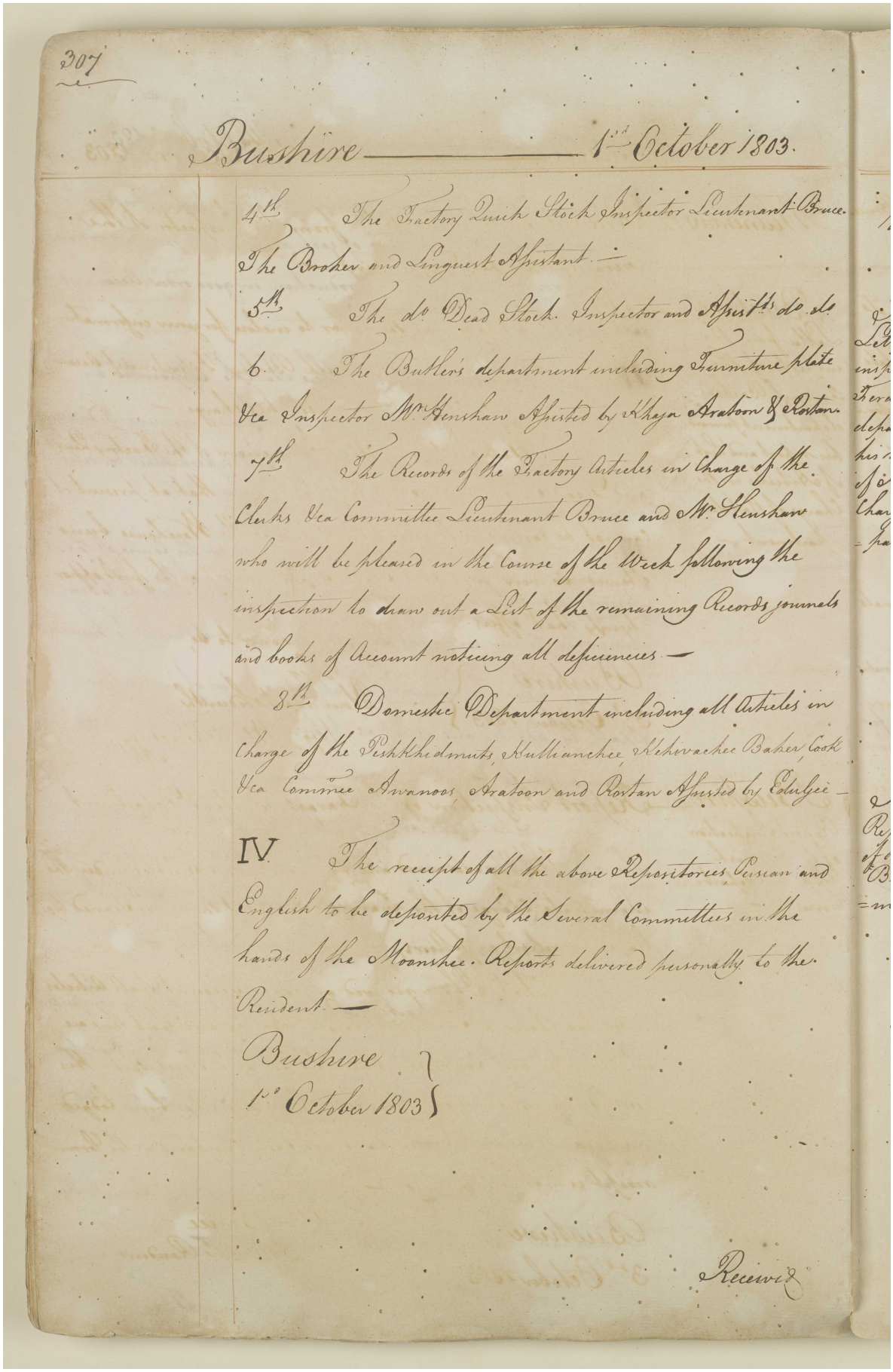

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4th The Factory Quick Stock Inspector Lieutenant Bruce. The Broker and Linguest Assistant. —

5th The do Dead Stock Inspector and Assist.ts do. do.

6 The Butlers department including Furniture plate &c Inspector Mr. Henshaw Assisted by Khoja Avatoon & Rostom.

7th The Records of the Factory Articles in charge of the Clerks &c Committee Lieutenant Bruce and Mr. Henshaw who will be pleased in the Course of the Week following the inspection to draw out a List of the remaining Records journals and books of Account noticing all deficiencies. —

8th Domestic Department including all Articles in charge of the Peshkhidmuts, Kullianchee, Kehovachee Baker, Cook &c Commee Avanoos, Avatoon and Rostan Assisted by Edulgee. —

IV The receipt of all the above Repositories, Persian and English to be deposited by the Several Committees in the hands of the Moonshee. Reports delivered personally to the Resident. —

Bushire
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Bushire — 12th October 1803

Wednesday 12th

Received the following Letter from the Inspector of the Feraush Bashee's Department —

Bushire — Letter from the inspector of the Feraush Bashee's department forward his report and List of Articles in the Charge of that department —

Sir,

I have now the honor to enclose for your information a Report Inspection on the Feraush Bashey's Department Accompanied with a List of Articles under his charge —

With respect to the Inspection of the Factory Quick and Dead Stock, I am sorry to inform you that at present it cannot be carried into execution owing to the Warehouse being stowed so very full, but shall avail myself of the first opportunity that offers —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obediently —
(Sig^d) Wm Bruce
Ass^t

Bushire
3rd October 1803

Bushire — Report Inspection of the Feraush Bashee's department —

Report Inspection of the Farash Bashey's Department

Having examined and Inspected those Articles under the immediate Charge of the Farash Bashey, I the under Signed beg leave to report as follows,

That I have received an exact Account of all Articles under the Charge of Suffer Beg Farash Bashey and that they are in number and Condition Agreeable to the enclosed List — His receipt for which incompliance with the orders has been lodged with the Moonshee — They have not been compared as the former receipt is not forthcoming —

(Sig^d) Wm Bruce
Ass^t to the Resident

Bushire
3rd October 1803

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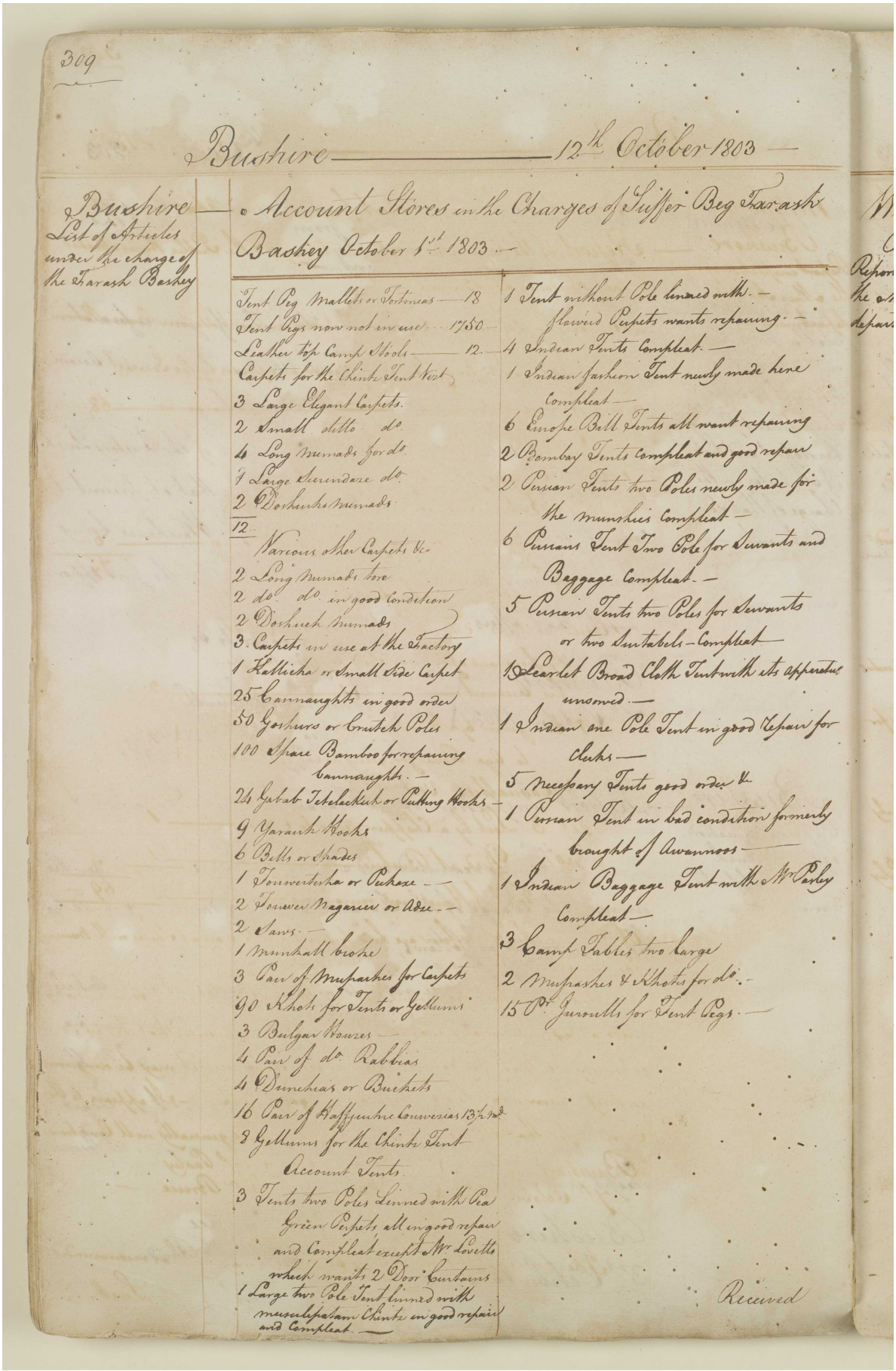

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Bushire
List of Articles
under the charge of
the Tarash Bashey

Account Stores in the Charges of Sufferr Beg Tarash Bashey October 1st 1803

Tent Peg Mallets or Potimars — 18
Tent Pegs now not in use — 1750
Leather top Camp Stools — 12
Carpets for the Chintz Tent Viz
3 Large Elegant Carpets.
2 Small ditto do.
4 Long Numads for do
1 Large Surendaze do.
2 Dorhuck Numads
12
Various other Carpets &c
2 Long Numads torn
2 do. do. in good condition
2 Dorhuck Numads
3 Carpets in use at the Factory
1 Kattiche or Small Side Carpet
25 Cannaughts in good order
50 Gorhurs or Crutch Poles
100 Spare Bamboo for repairing Cannaughts.
24 Gabab Tebelachak or Pulling Ropes
9 Yaraub Ropes
6 Bells or Shades
1 Tonwertcha or Pichoze
2 Tonwer Nagaries or Adze
2 Saws
1 Munhall broke
3 Pair of Muspathes for Carpets
90 Khots for Tents or Gellums
3 Bulgar Pouzes
4 Pair of do Rabbias
4 Dunchias or Buckets
16 Pair of Hafsputtie Convercias 13½ mds
8 Gellums for the Chintz Tent
Account Tents.
3 Tents two Poles Linned with Sea Green Carpets all in good repair and Compleat except Mr Lovetts which wants 2 Door Curtains
1 Large two Pole Tent linned with musulipatam Chintz in good repair and Compleat —
1 Tent without Pole linned with flowred Carpets wants repairing —
4 Indian Tents Compleat —
1 Indian fashion Tent newly made here Compleat —
6 Europe Ball Tents all want repairing
2 Bombay Tents Compleat and good repair
2 Persian Tents two Poles newly made for the munshies Compleat —
6 Persian Tent Two Pole for Servants and Baggage Compleat —
5 Persian Tents two Poles for Servants or two Suntabels Compleat
1 Scarlet Broad Cloth Tent with its appertenances unsewed —
1 Indian one Pole Tent in good repair for Clerks —
5 Necessary Tents good order &
1 Persian Tent in bad condition formerly brought of Awanmoos —
1 Indian Baggage Tent with Mr Perry Compleat —
3 Camp Tables two Large
2 Muspathes & Khotis for do.
15 Pr Jurnulls for Tent Pegs —

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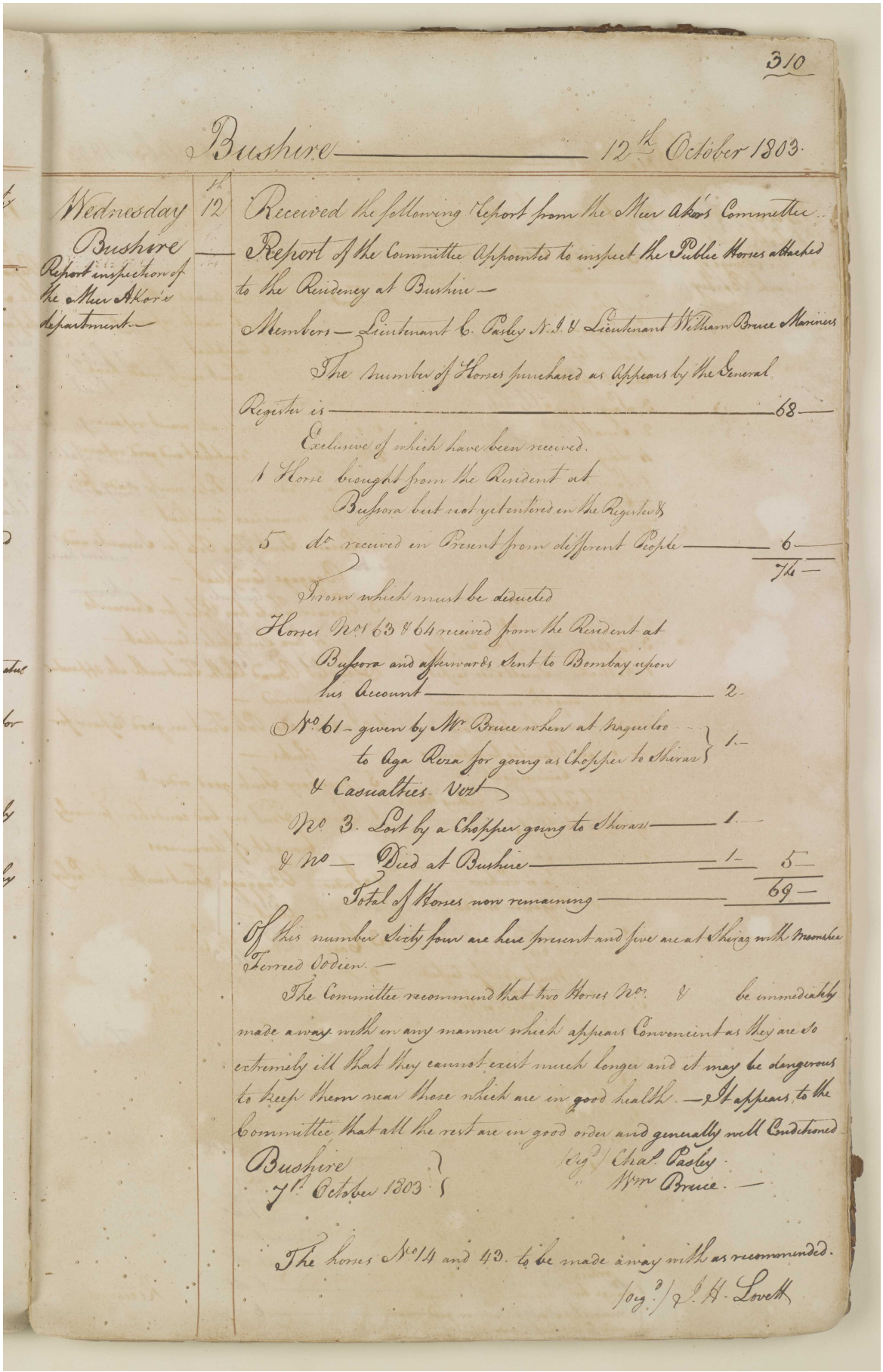

Bushire — 12th October 1803.

Wednesday 12th Bushire — Report inspection of the Meer Akor's department —

Received the following Report from the Meer Akor's Committee.

Report of the Committee Appointed to inspect the Public Horses attached to the Residency at Bushire —

Members — Lieutenant C. Pasley N.I. & Lieutenant William Bruce Mariners

The number of Horses purchased as Appears by the General Register is — 68 —

Exclusive of which have been received.

1 Horse brought from the Resident at Bussora but not yet entered in the Register &

5 do. received in Present from different People — 6 —

74 —

From which must be deducted

Horses Nos 63 & 64 received from the Resident at Bussora and afterwards Sent to Bombay upon his Account — 2 —

No. 61 — given by Mr. Bruce when at Naquiloo to Aga Reza for going as Chopper to Shiraz } 1 —

& Casualties — Vizt

No. 3. Lost by a Chopper going to Shiraz — 1 —

& No — Died at Bushire — 1 — 5 —

Total of Horses now remaining — 69 —

Of this number Sixty four are here present and five are at Shiraz with Moonshee Ferreed Oodien. —

The Committee recommend that two Horses No. & be immediately made away with in any manner which appears Convenient as they are so extremely ill that they cannot exist much longer and it may be dangerous to keep them near those which are in good health. — It appears to the Committee that all the rest are in good order and generally well Conditioned

Bushire 7th October 1803 } (Sigd) Chas. Pasley. Wm Bruce. —

The horses No. 14 and 43. to be made away with as recommended.

(Sigd) J. H. Lovett

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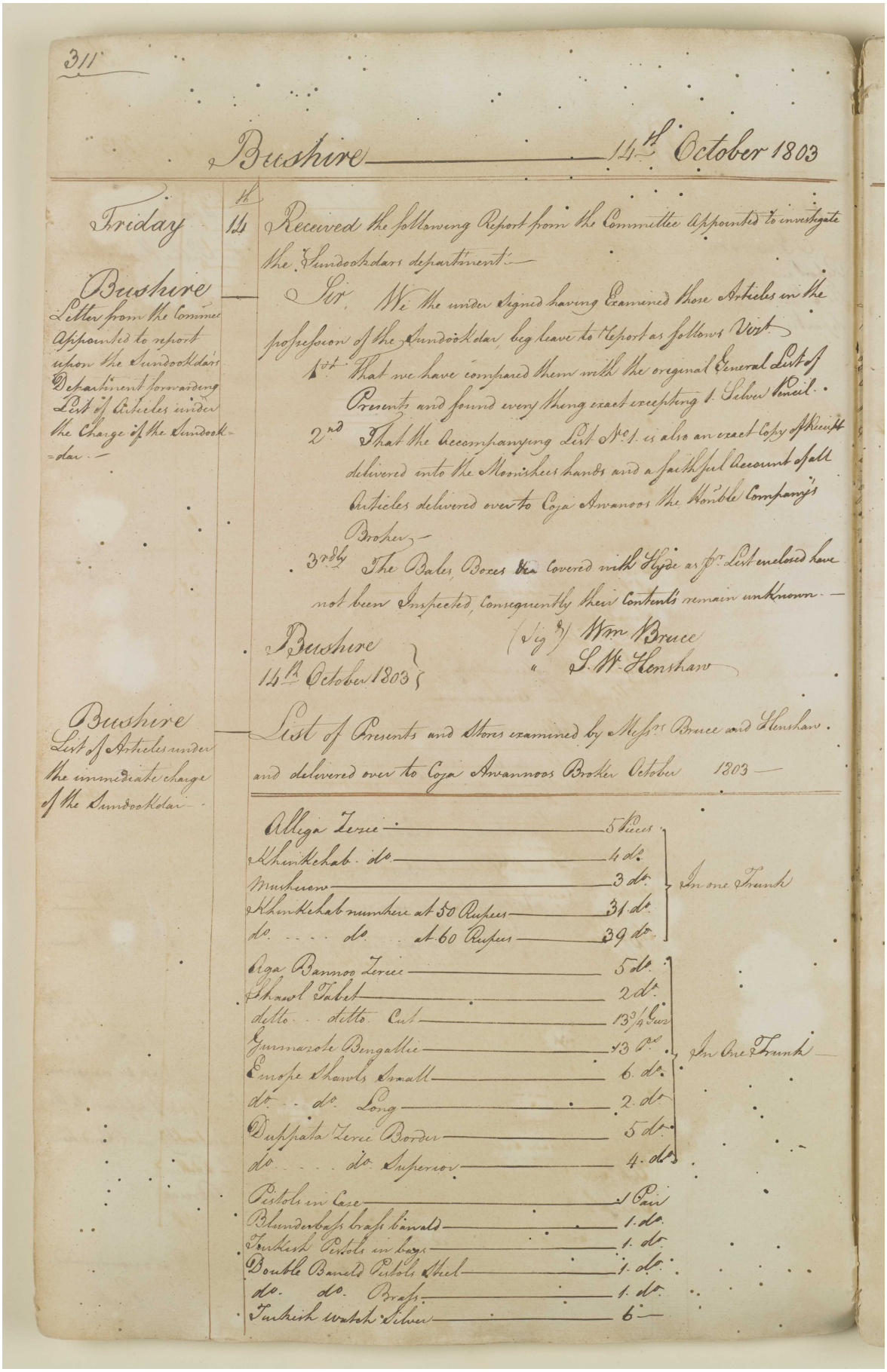

Bushire — 14th October 1803

Friday 14th

Received the following Report from the Committee Appointed to investigate the Sundookdars department —

Bushire
Letter from the Commee Appointed to report upon the Sundookdars Department forwarding List of Articles under the Charge of the Sundookdar —

Sir, We the under Signed having Examined those Articles in the possession of the Sundookdar, beg leave to Report as follows Vizt.

1st That we have compared them with the original General List of Presents and found every thing exact excepting 1 Silver Pencil.

2nd That the Accompanying List No. 1. is also an exact Copy of Receipt delivered into the Moonshees hands and a faithful Account of all Articles delivered over to Coja Awanoos the Honble Company's Broker —

3rdly The Bales, Boxes &c covered with Hyde as pr. List enclosed have not been Inspected, Consequently their Contents remain unknown —

Bushire
14th October 1803

(Sigd) Wm Bruce
" S. W. Henshaw

Bushire
List of Articles under the immediate charge of the Sundookdar —

List of Presents and Stores examined by Messrs Bruce and Henshaw and delivered over to Coja Awannoos Broker October 1803 —

Alliga Zerie	5 Pieces	In one Trunk
Khinkchab do.	4 do.	
Mushrow	3 do.	
Khinkchab numbere at 50 Rupees	31 do.	
do. do. at 60 Rupees	39 do.	
Aga Bannoo Zerie	5 do.	In One Trunk
Shawl Tabet	2 do.	
ditto ditto Cut	13 3/4 Gurs	
Gurmazote Bengallie	13 Pcs	
Europe Shawls Small	6 do.	
do. do. Long	2 do.	
Duppata Zerie Border	5 do.	
do. do. Superior	4 do.	
Pistols in Case	1 Pair	
Blunderbass brass banald	1 do.	
Turkish Pistols in bags	1 do.	
Double Baneld Pistols Steel	1 do.	
do. do. Brass	1 do.	
Turkish Watch Silver	6 —	

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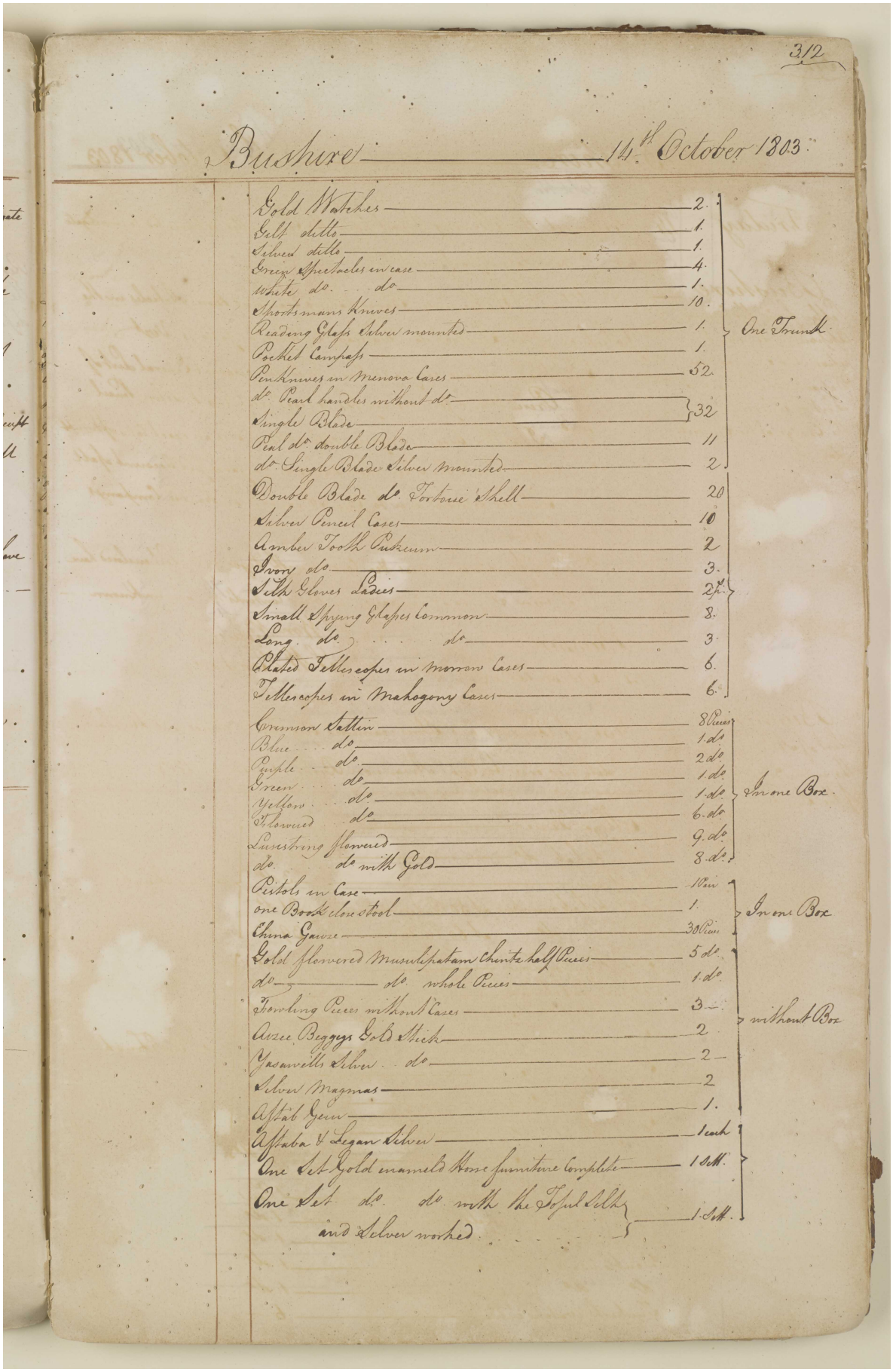

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Gold Watches	2.	One Trunk
Gilt ditto	1.	
Silver ditto	1.	
Green Spectacles in case	4.	
White do. do.	1.	
Sportsmans Knives	10.	
Reading Glass Silver mounted	1.	
Pocket Campass	1.	
Penknives in Menova Cases	52.	
do. Pearl handles without do.	32	
Single Blade		
Pearl do. double Blade	11	
do. Single Blade Silver mounted	2	
Double Blade do. Tortoise Shell	20	
Silver Pencil Cases	10	
Amber Tooth Pickeum	2	
Ivory do.	3.	
Silk Gloves Ladies	2P.	
Small Spying Glasses Common	8.	
Long do. do.	3.	
Plated Telescopes in Morroco Cases	6.	
Telescopes in Mahogony Cases	6.	
Common Sattin	8 Pieces	In one Box
Blue do.	1 do.	
Purple do.	2 do.	
Green do.	1 do.	
Yellow do.	1 do.	
Flowered do.	6 do.	
Lunstring flowered	9 do.	
do. do. with Gold	8 do.	
Pistols in Case	10 Pair	In one Box
one Book close stool	1.	
China Gauze	30 Pieces	
Gold flowered Mundulpatam Chintz half Pieces	5 do.	without Box
do. do. whole Pieces	1 do.	
Fowling Pieces without Cases	3	
Arzee Beggys Gold Stick	2	
Jasawells Silver do.	2	
Silver Magmas	2	
Assab Jeen	1.	
Assaba & Legan Silver	1 each	
One Set Gold enamell'd Horse furniture Complete	1 Set.	
One Set do. do. with the Tissul Silk and Silver worked	1 Set.	

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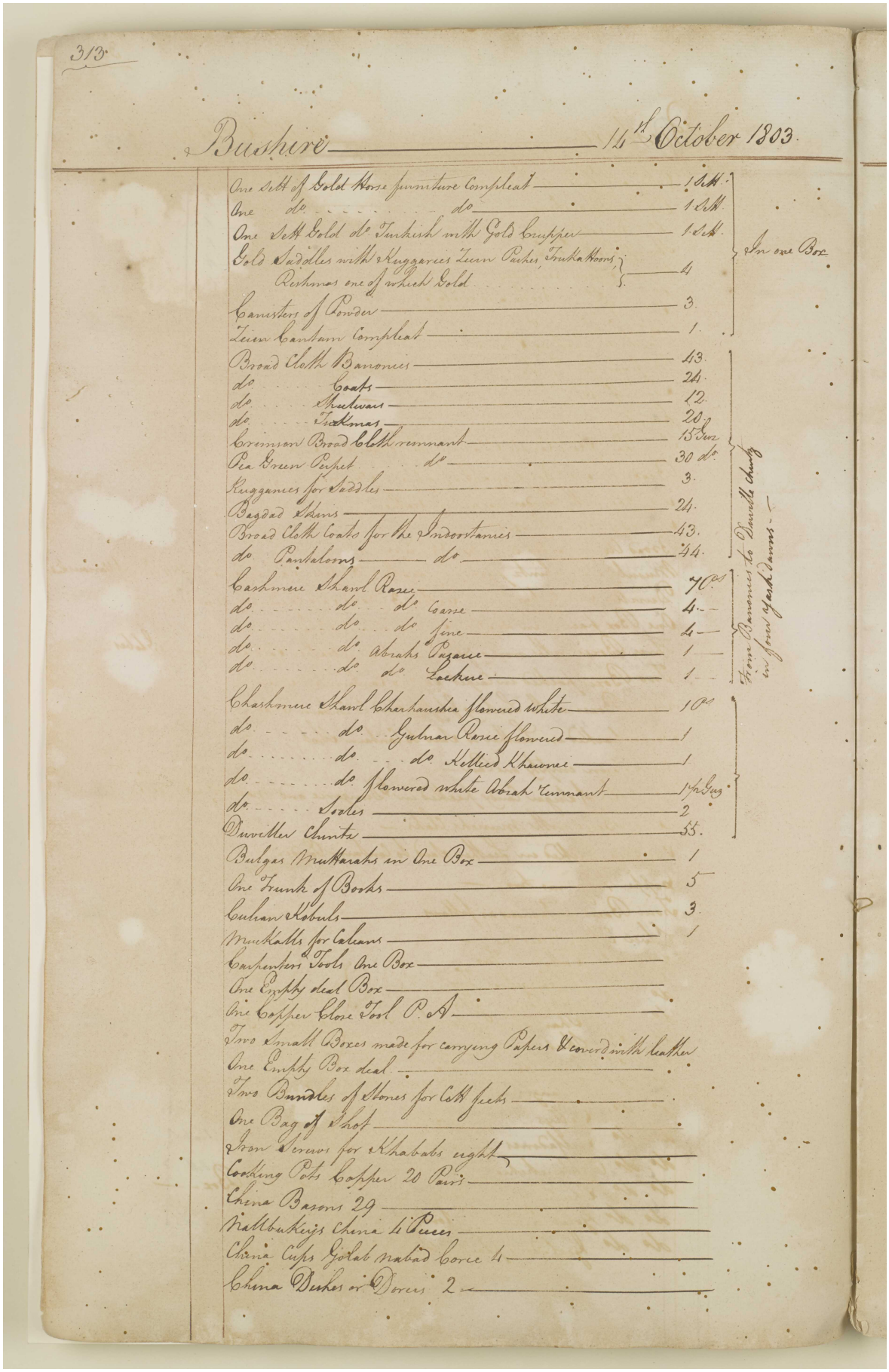

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One Sett of Gold Horse furniture Compleat	1 Sett	In one Box
One do do	1 Sett	
One Sett Gold do Turkish with Gold Stripper	1 Sett	
Gold Saddles with Khuggaries Zeun Pushes Tukhatoons Peshmas one of which Gold	4	
Canisters of Powder	3	
Zeun Cantum Compleat	1	
Broad Cloth Baronies	43	From Bannus to Bussorah Chuny in four Yuk Dawns
do Coats	24	
do Shulwars	12	
do Tukmas	20	
Crimson Broad Cloth remnant	15 Yds	
Pea Green Carpet do	30 do	
Khuggaries for Saddles	3	
Bagdad Khans	24	
Broad Cloth Coats for the Indoostanies	43	
do Pantaloons do	44	
Cashmere Shawl Rose	70 Pcs	
do do do Cane	4	
do do do fine	4	
do do Abraks Figures	1	
do do do Lachere	1	
Cashmere Shawl Charkanshea flowered white	10 Pcs	
do do Gulnar Rose flowered	1	
do do do Kellied Khawnee	1	
do do flowered white Abrah remnant	1 Pcs 9 Yds	
do Soles	2	
Duvetter Chintz	55	
Bulgas Mutkarahs in One Box	1	
One Trunk of Books	5	
Cutian Kobuls	3	
Muckalls for Calcans	1	
Carpenters Tools One Box		
One Empty deal Box		
One Copper Close Stool P. A		
Two Small Boxes made for carrying Papers & covered with Leather		
One Empty Box deal		
Two Bundles of Stones for Cast feets		
One Bag of Shot		
Iron Screws for Khababs night		
Cooking Pots Copper 20 Pairs		
China Basons 29		
Nalbukeijs China 4 Pieces		
China Cups Golab nabad Coree 4		
China Bushes or Dorees 2		

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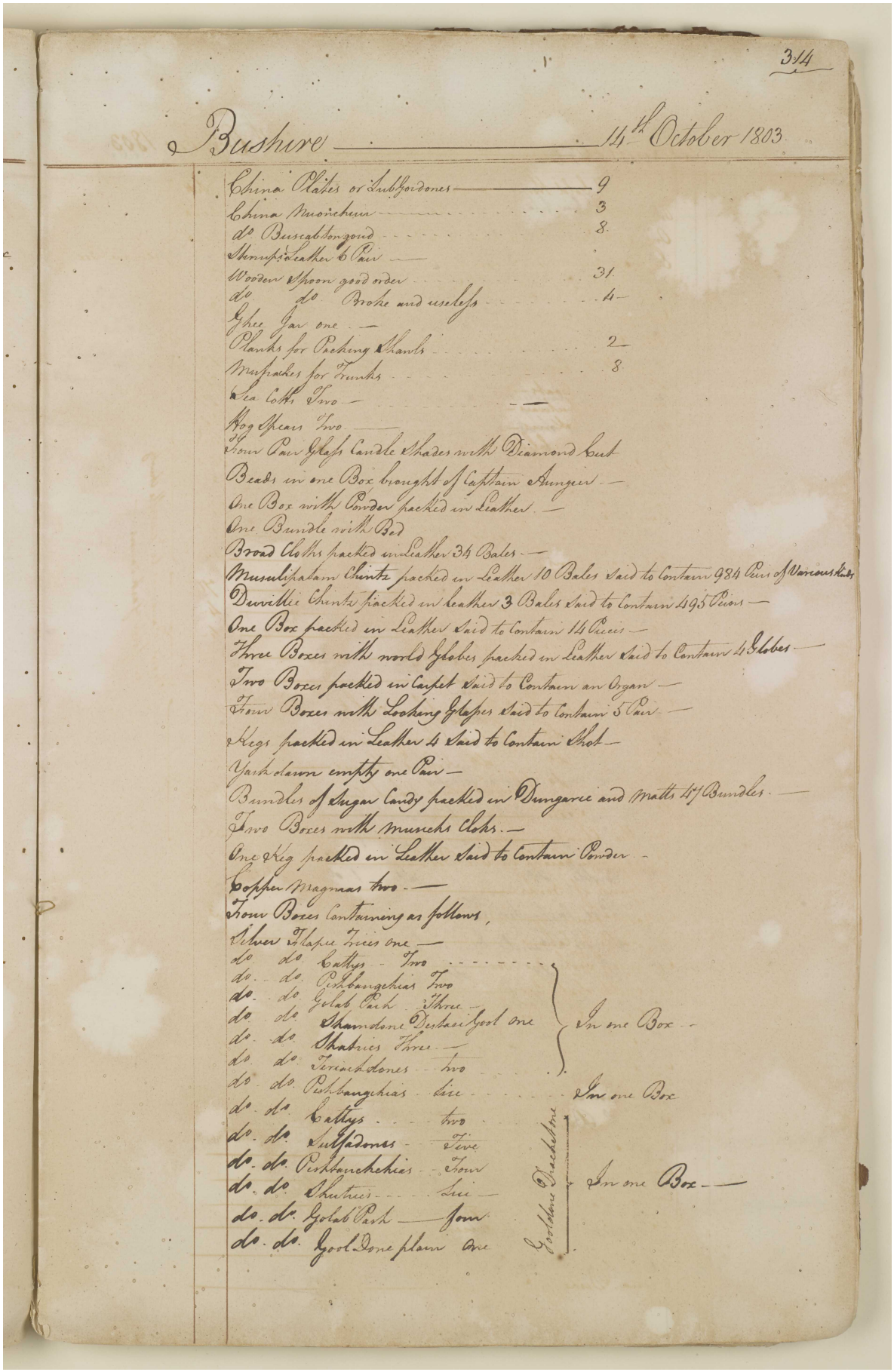

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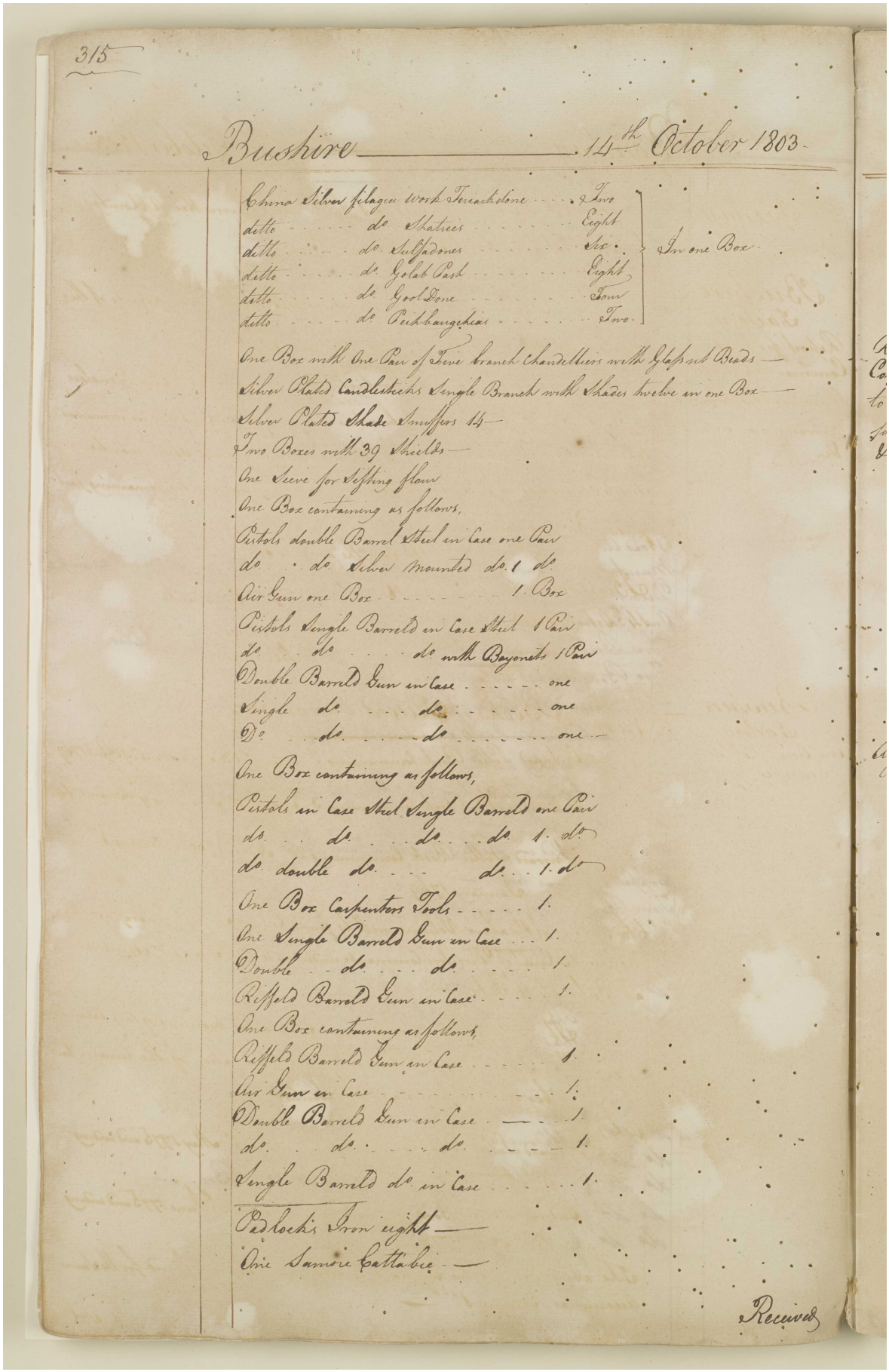
China Plates or Sub Gordones — 9
China Nuonchuur — 3
do. Buscabtongoud — 8
Stirrups Leather 6 Pair —
Wooden Spoon good order — 31
do. do. Broke and useless — 4
Ghee Jar one —
Planks for Packing Shawls — 2
Mustaches for Trunks — 8
Sea Cotts Two —
Hog Spears Two —
Four Pair Glass Candle Shades with Diamond Cut
Beads in one Box brought of Captain Aungier —
One Box with Powder packed in Leather —
One Bundle with Bed
Broad Cloths packed in Leather 34 Bales —
Musulipatam Chintz packed in Leather 10 Bales said to Contain 984 Peirs of Various kinds
Duvillee Chintz packed in leather 3 Bales said to Contain 495 Peirs —
One Box packed in Leather said to Contain 14 Pieces —
Three Boxes with world Globes packed in Leather said to Contain 4 Globes —
Two Boxes packed in Carpet said to Contain an Organ —
Four Boxes with Looking Glasses said to Contain 5 Pair —
Kegs packed in Leather 4 said to Contain Shot —
Yarkdawn empty one Pair —
Bundles of Sugar Candy packed in Dungaree and Matts 47 Bundles —
Two Boxes with musichs Cloks —
One Keg packed in Leather said to Contain Powder —
Copper Magmas two —
Four Boxes Containing as follows,
Silver Flapee Trices one —
do. do. Cattys Two
do. do. Peshbangchias Two
do. do. Golab Pash Three
do. do. Shamdone Destasi Gool one
do. do. Shatries Three
do. do. Teriachdones two
} In one Box —
do. do. Peshbangchias Six — In one Box
do. do. Cattys two
do. do. Sulfadones Five
do. do. Peshtauchchias Four
do. do. Shutries Six
do. do. Golab Pash four
do. do. Gool Done plain One
} Gooldone Dracket one — In one Box —



Bushire ——— 14th October 1803

China Silver filagree Work Teriackdone	Two	In one Box
ditto do Shatrees	Eight	
ditto do Sulfadones	Six	
ditto do Golab Pash	Eight	
ditto do Gool Done	Four	
ditto do Peikbaugchias	Two	

One Box with One Pair of Five branch Chandelliers with Glass set Beads —
Silver Plated Candlesticks Single Branch with Shades twelve in one Box —
Silver Plated Shade Snuffers 14 —
Two Boxes with 39 Shields —
One Sieve for Sifting flour
One Box containing as follows,
Pistols double Barrel Steel in Case one Pair
do do Silver mounted do 1 do
Air Gun one Box 1 Box
Pistols Single Barreld in Case Steel 1 Pair
do do do with Bayonets 1 Pair
Double Barreld Gun in Case one
Single do do one
Do do do one —
One Box containing as follows,
Pistols in Case Steel Single Barreld one Pair
do do do do 1 do
do double do do 1 do
One Box Carpenters Tools 1
One Single Barreld Gun in Case 1
Double do do 1
Riffeld Barreld Gun in Case 1
One Box containing as follows,
Riffeld Barreld Gun in Case 1
Air Gun in Case 1
Double Barreld Gun in Case 1
do do do 1
Single Barreld do in Case 1

Padlocks Iron eight —
One Samore Cattabee —

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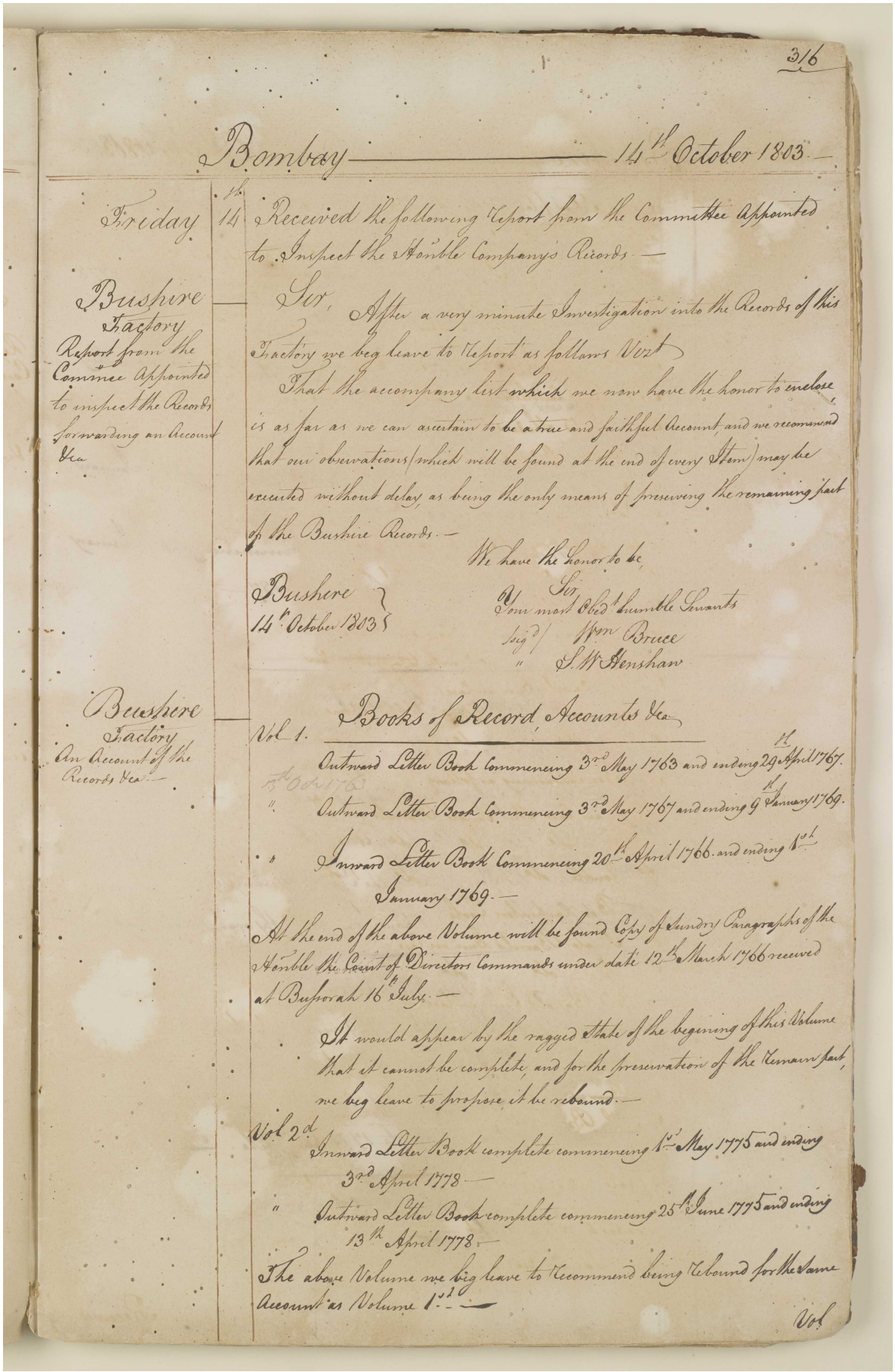

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Bombay — 14th October 1803.

Friday 14th — Received the following Report from the Committee Appointed to Inspect the Honble Company's Records —

Bushire Factory Report from the Commee Appointed to inspect the Records forwarding an Account &c.

Sir, After a very minute Investigation into the Records of this Factory we beg leave to Report as follows Viz.t

That the accompany List which we now have the honor to enclose, is as far as we can ascertain to be a true and faithful Account, and we recommend that our observations (which will be found at the end of every Item) may be executed without delay as being the only means of preserving the remaining part of the Bushire Records. —

We have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Humble Servants
sig.d/ Wm Bruce
" S.W Henshaw

Bushire 14th October 1803

Bushire Factory An Account of the Records &c.

Books of Record Accounts &c.

Vol 1. Outward Letter Book Commencing 3rd May 1763 and ending 29th April 1767.

" Outward Letter Book Commencing 3rd May 1767 and ending 9th January 1769.

" Inward Letter Book Commencing 20th April 1766 and ending 1st January 1769. —

At the end of the above Volume will be found Copy of Sundry Paragraphs of the Honble the Court of Directors Commands under date 12th March 1766 received at Busorah 16th July. —

It would appear by the ragged State of the begining of this Volume that it cannot be complete, and for the preservation of the Remainder part, we beg leave to propose it be rebound. —

Vol 2d Inward Letter Book complete commencing 1st May 1775 and ending 3rd April 1778 —

" Outward Letter Book complete commencing 25th June 1775 and ending 13th April 1778 —

The above Volume we beg leave to Recommend being Rebound for the same Account as Volume 1st. —

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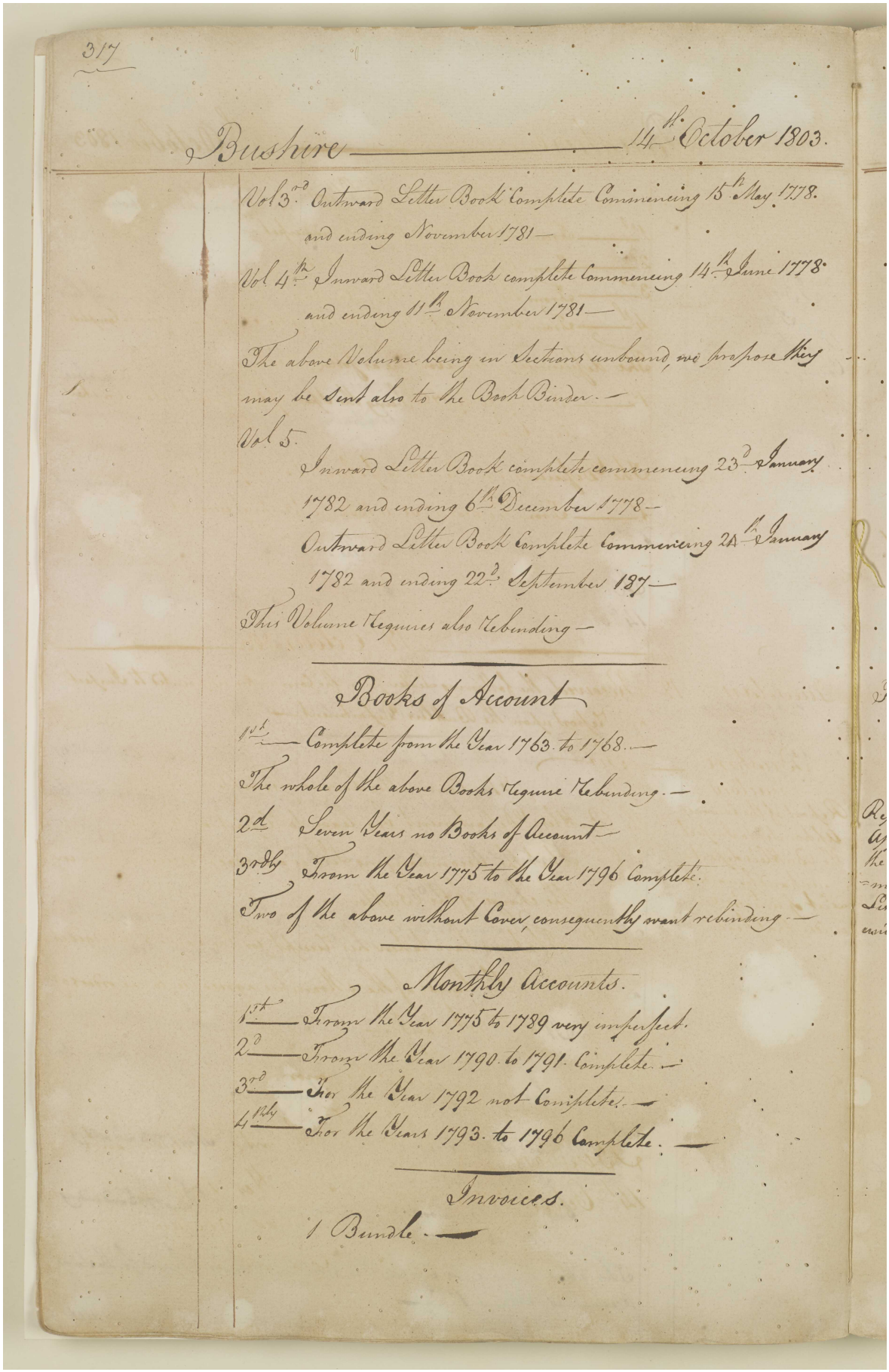

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Vol 3rd Outward Letter Book Complete Commencing 15th May 1778. and ending November 1781—

Vol 4th Inward Letter Book complete Commencing 14th June 1778. and ending 11th November 1781—

The above Volume being in Sections unbound, we propose they may be sent also to the Book Binder.—

Vol 5.

Inward Letter Book complete commencing 23d January 1782 and ending 6th December 1778—

Outward Letter Book Complete Commencing 24th January 1782 and ending 22d September 187—

This Volume Requires also Rebinding—

Books of Account

1st — Complete from the Year 1763 to 1768.—

The whole of the above Books Require Rebinding.—

2d Seven Years no Books of Account—

3rd&4th From the Year 1775 to the Year 1796 Complete.

Two of the above without Cover, consequently want rebinding.—

Monthly Accounts.

1st — From the Year 1775 to 1789 very imperfect.

2d — From the Year 1790. to 1791. Complete.—

3rd — For the Year 1792 not Completed.—

4th&5th — For the Years 1793. to 1796 Complete.—

Invoices.

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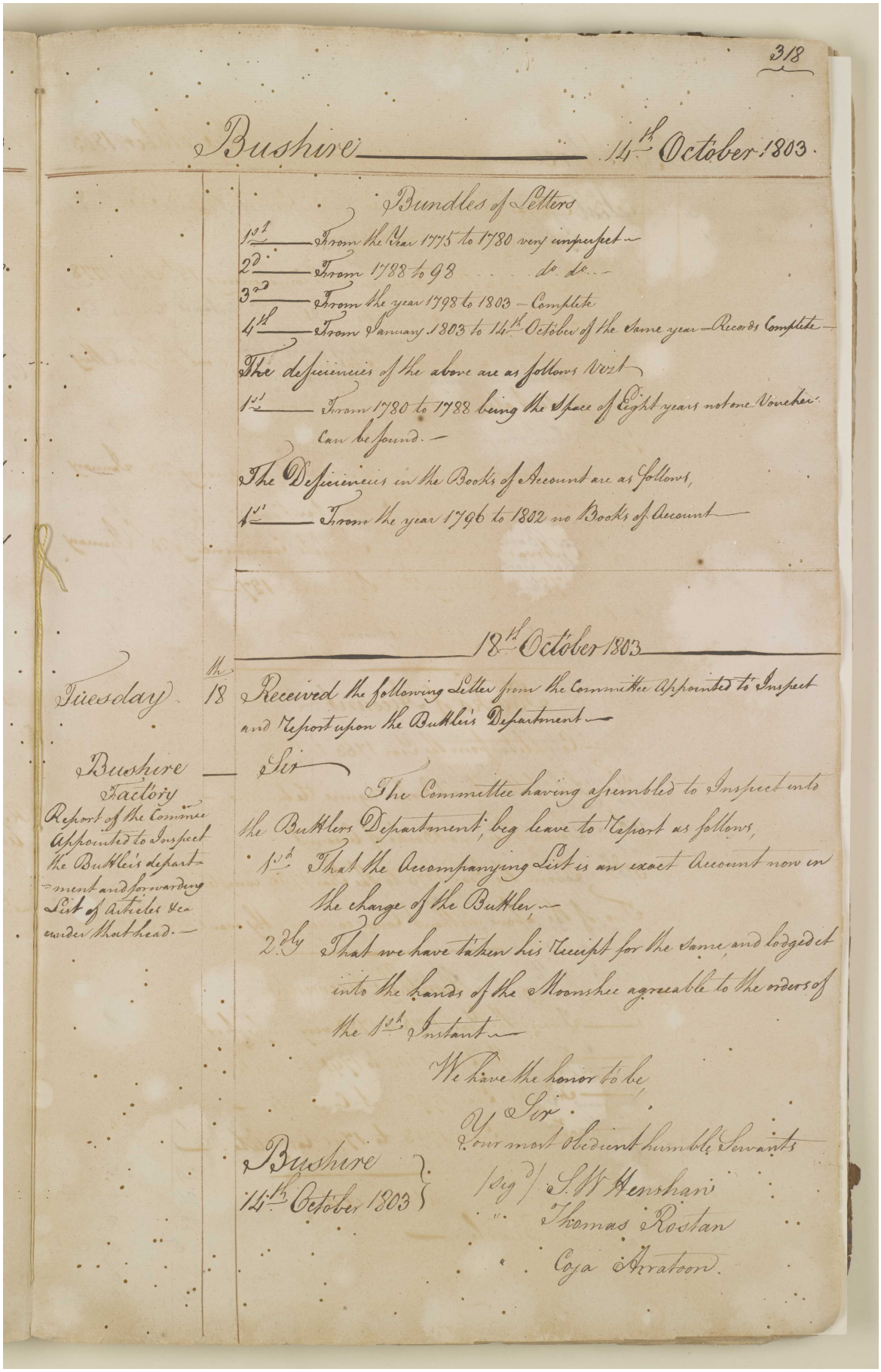

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Bushire 14th October 1803.

Bundles of Letters

1st From the Year 1775 to 1780 very imperfect
2d From 1788 to 98 do do
3d From the year 1798 to 1803 Complete
4th From January 1803 to 14th October of the same year Records Complete

The deficiencies of the above are as follows Viz

1st From 1780 to 1788 being the Space of Eight years not one Voucher can be found.

The Deficiencies in the Books of Account are as follows,

1st From the year 1796 to 1802 no Books of Account

18th October 1803

Tuesday 18th Received the following Letter from the Committee Appointed to Inspect and Report upon the Buttlers Department

Bushire Factory Report of the Commee Appointed to Inspect the Buttlers department and forwarding List of Articles &c under that head.

Sir

The Committee having assembled to Inspect into the Buttlers Department, beg leave to Report as follows,

1st That the accompanying List is an exact Account now in the charge of the Buttler.

2dly That we have taken his Receipt for the same, and lodged it into the hands of the Moonshee agreable to the orders of the 1st Instant.

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servants
(Sig) S W Henshaw
Thomas Rostan
Coja Avratoon

Bushire
14th October 1803

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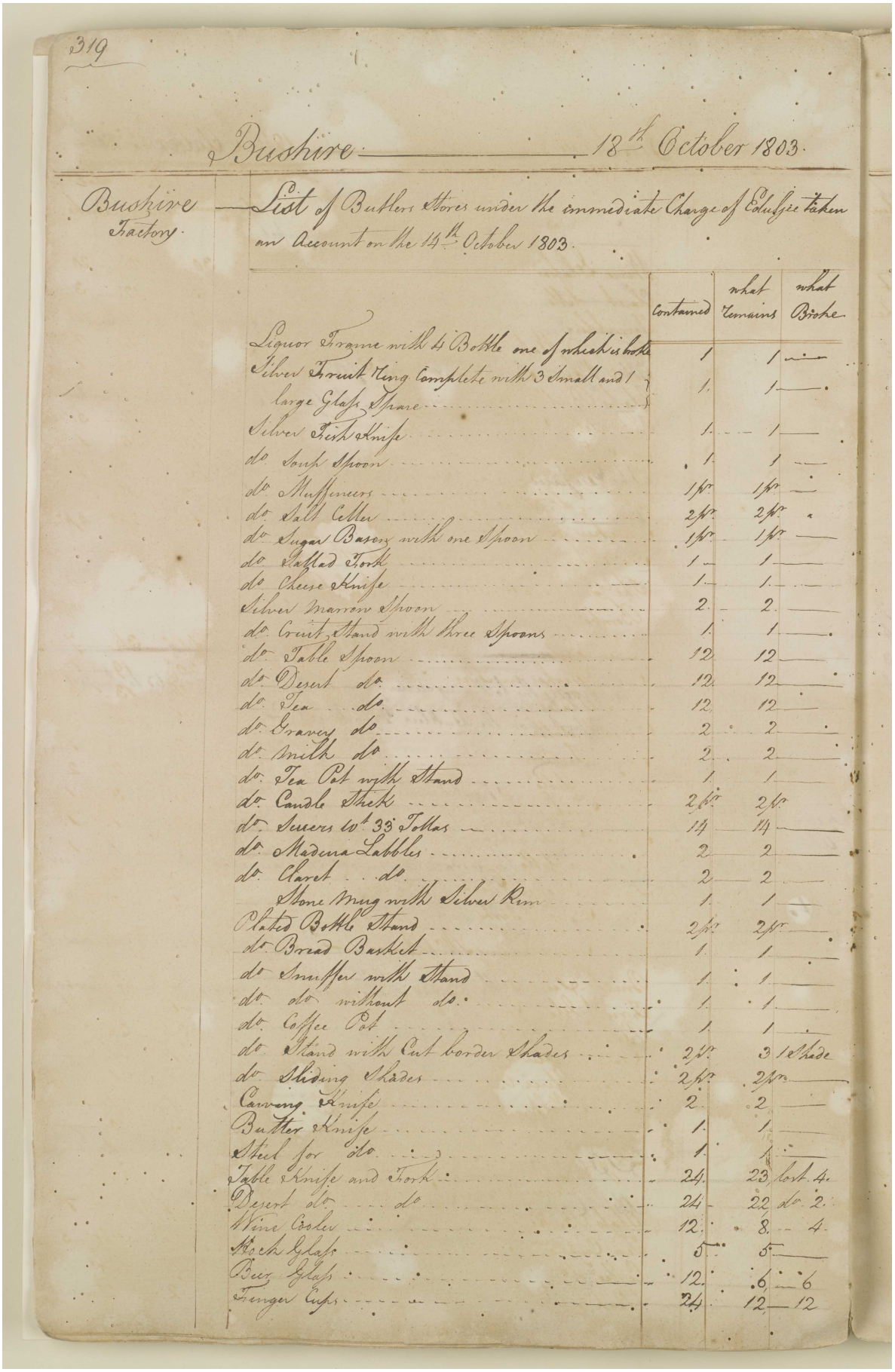

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Bushire 18th October 1803.

Bushire Factory.

List of Butlers Stores under the immediate Charge of Edulgie taken on Account on the 14th October 1803.

	Contained	what Remains	what Broke
Liquor Frame with 4 Bottle one of which is broke	1	1	
Silver Fruit Ring Complete with 3 Small and 1 large Glass Spare	1	1	
Silver Fish Knife	1	1	
do Soup Spoon	1	1	
do Mustineirs	1pr	1pr	
do Salt Cellar	2pr	2pr	
do Sugar Basen with one Spoon	1pr	1pr	
do Sallad Fork	1	1	
do Cheese Knife	1	1	
Silver Marrow Spoon	2	2	
do Court Stand with three Spoons	1	1	
do Table Spoon	12	12	
do Desert do	12	12	
do Tea do	12	12	
do Gravey do	2	2	
do Milk do	2	2	
do Tea Pot with Stand	1	1	
do Candle Sheik	2pr	2pr	
do Sneers wt 33 Tolas	14	14	
do Madeira Labbles	2	2	
do Claret do	2	2	
Stone Mug with Silver Rim	1	1	
Plated Bottle Stand	2pr	2pr	
do Bread Basket	1	1	
do Snuffer with Stand	1	1	
do do without do	1	1	
do Coffee Pot	1	1	
do Stand with Cut border Shades	2pr	3 1 Shade	
do Sliding Shades	2pr	2pr	
Carveng Knife	2	2	
Butter Knife	1	1	
Steel for do	1	1	
Table Knife and Fork	24	23	lost 4
Desert do do	24	22	do 2
Wine Cooler	12	8	4
Rock Glass	5	5	
Beer Glass	12	6	6
Finger Cups	24	12	12

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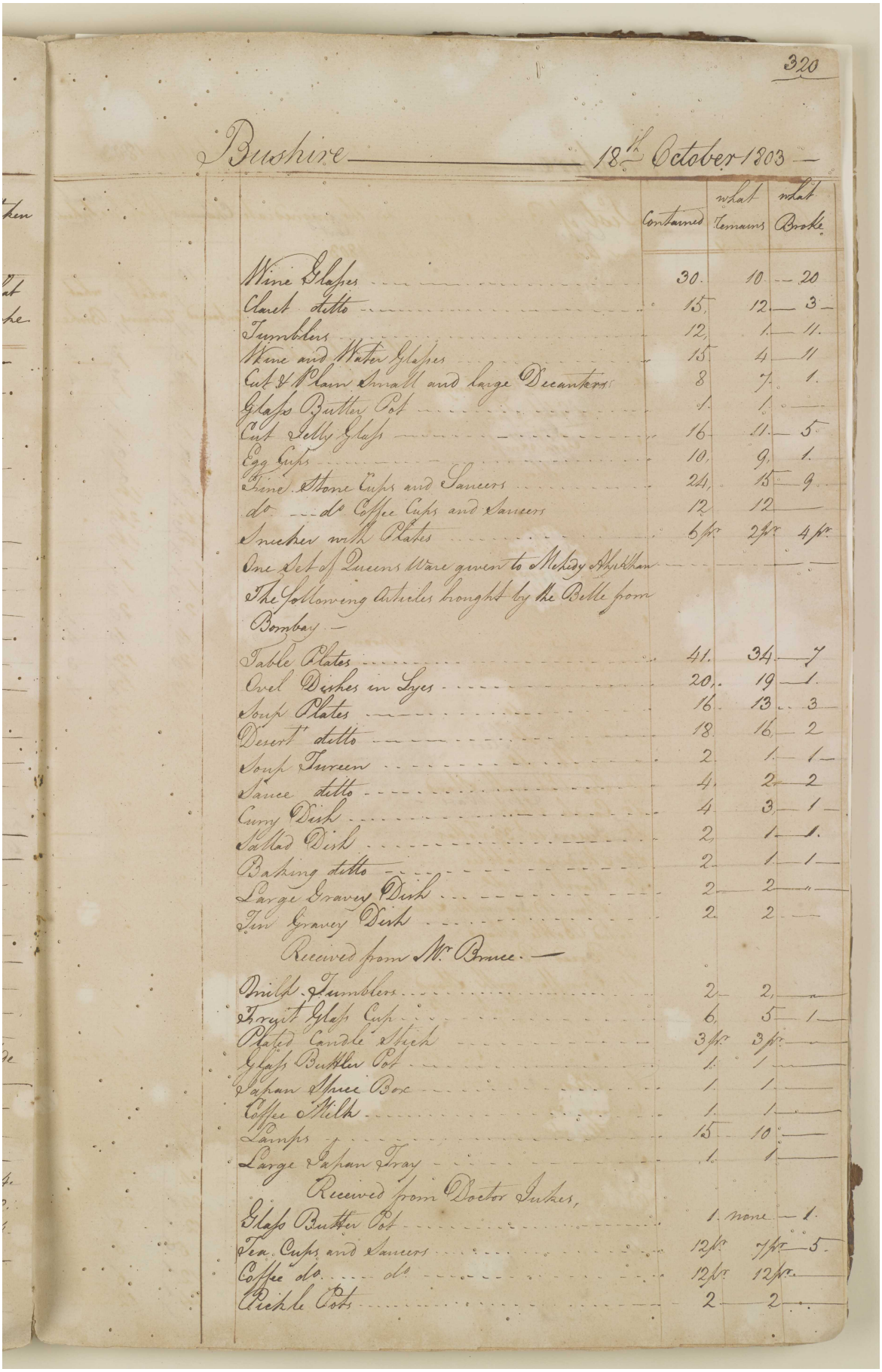

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	Contained	what Remains	what Broke
Wine Glasses	30.	10	20
Claret ditto	15.	12	3
Tumblers	12.	1	11.
Wine and Water Glasses	15	4	11
Cut & Plain Small and large Decanters	8	7	1.
Glass Butter Pot	1.	1	
Cut Jelly Glass	16	11	5
Egg Cups	10.	9.	1.
Fine Stone Cups and Saucers	24.	15	9
do do Coffee Cups and Saucers	12	12	
Sneeker with Plates	6 pr.	2 pr.	4 pr.
One Set of Queens Ware given to Mehdy Alikhan			
The following Articles brought by the Belle from Bombay —			
Table Plates	41.	34	7
Oval Dishes in Sizes	20.	19	1.
Soup Plates	16	13	3
Desert ditto	18	16	2
Soup Tureen	2	1	1
Sauce ditto	4	2	2
Curry Dish	4	3	1
Salad Dish	2	1	1.
Basting ditto	2	1	1
Large Gravey Dish	2	2	"
Tin Gravey Dish	2	2	
Received from Mr Bruce —			
Milk Tumblers	2	2	"
Fruit Glass Cup	6	5	1
Plated Candle Stick	3 pr.	3 pr.	
Glass Butter Pot	1	1	
Japan Spice Box	1	1	
Coffee Mills	1	1	
Lamps	15	10	
Large Japan Tray	1	1	
Received from Doctor Jukes,			
Glass Butter Pot	1	none	1
Tea Cups and Saucers	12 pr.	7 pr.	5
Coffee do do	12 pr.	12 pr.	
Pickle Pots	2	2	

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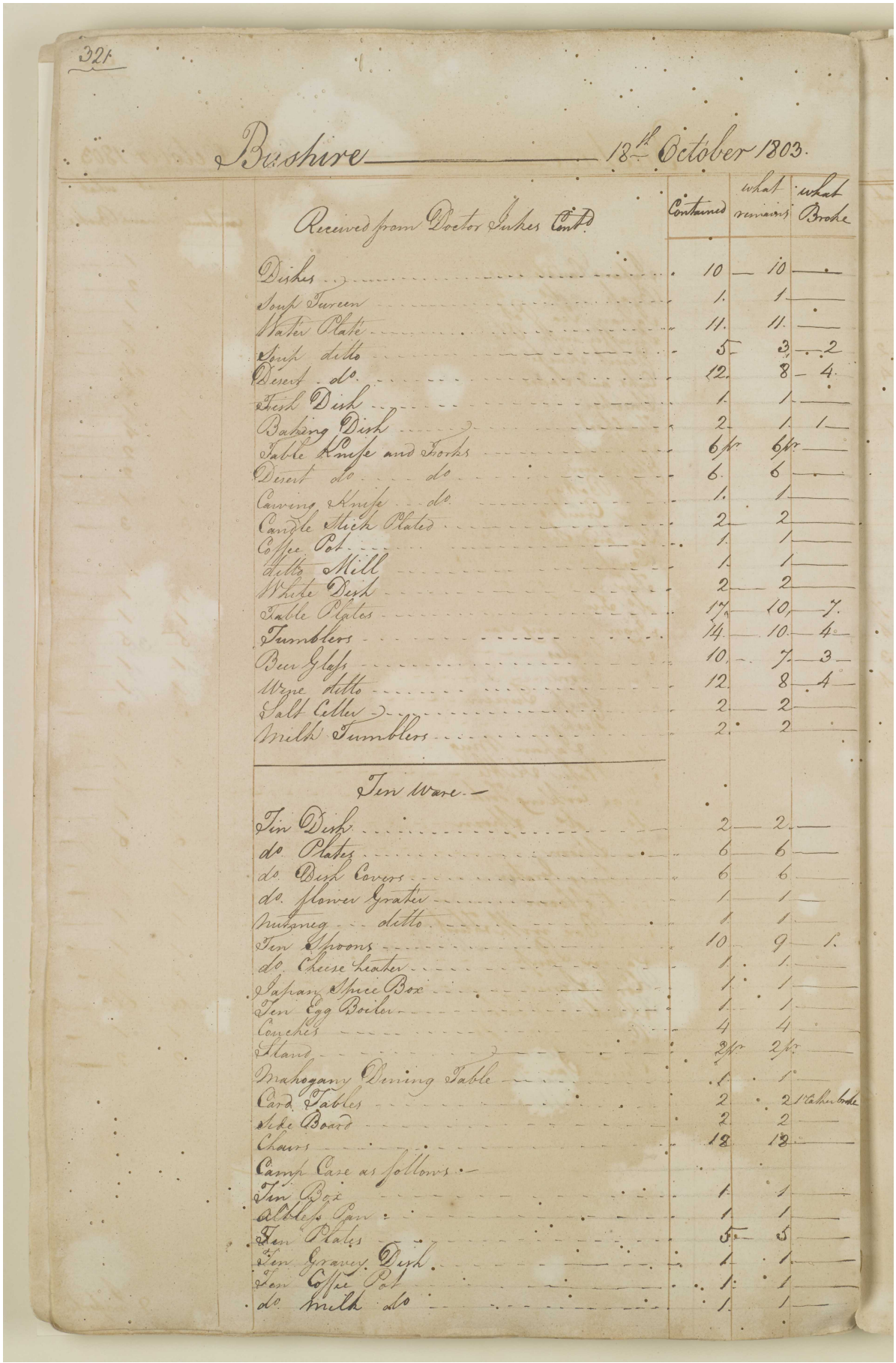

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Received from Doctor Jukes Contd	Contained	what remains	what Broke
Dishes	10	10	
Soup Tureen	1	1	
Water Plate	11	11	
Soup ditto	5	3	2
Desert do	12	8	4
Fish Dish	1	1	
Baking Dish	2	1	1
Table Knife and Forks	6 p	6 p	
Desert do do	6	6	
Carving Knife do	1	1	
Candle Stick Plated	2	2	
Coffee Pot	1	1	
ditto Mill	1	1	
White Dish	2	2	
Table Plates	17	10	7
Tumblers	14	10	4
Beer Glass	10	7	3
Wine ditto	12	8	4
Salt Cellar	2	2	
Milk Tumblers	2	2	
Tin Ware			
Tin Dish	2	2	
do Plates	6	6	
do Dish Covers	6	6	
do flower Grater	1	1	
nutmeg ditto	1	1	
Tea Spoons	10	9	1
do Cheese Scraper	1	1	
Japan Spice Box	1	1	
Tea Egg Boiler	1	1	
Coveches	4	4	
Stand	2 p	2 p	
Mahogany Dining Table	1	1	
Card Tables	2	2	1 Taken broke
Side Board	2	2	
Chairs	12	12	
Camp Case as follows			
Tin Box	1	1	
Abbots Pan	1	1	
Tea Plates	5	5	
Tea Gravy Dish	1	1	
Tea Coffee Pot	1	1	
do Milk do	1	1	

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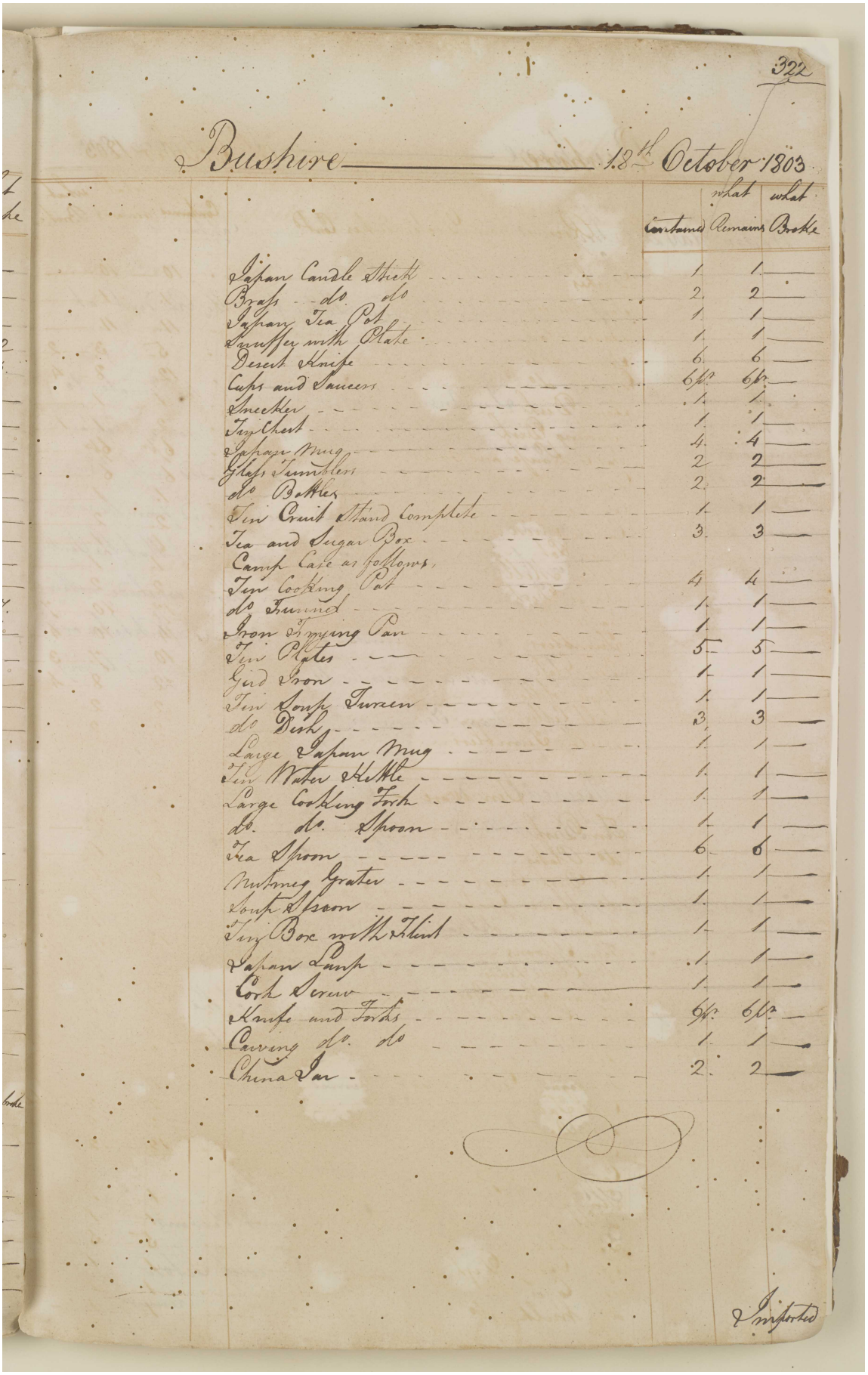

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	what Contained	what Remains	what Broke
Japan Candle Stick	1	1	
Brass do do	2	2	
Japan Tea Pot	1	1	
Snuffer with Plate	1	1	
Desert Knife	6	6	
Cups and Saucers	6/2	6/2	
Sneetker	1	1	
Tea Chest	1	1	
Japan Mug	4	4	
Glass Tumblers	2	2	
do Bottles	2	2	
Tin Fruit Stand Complete	1	1	
Tea and Sugar Box	3	3	
Camp Case as follows,			
Tin Cooking Pot	4	4	
do Tunned	1	1	
Iron Frying Pan	1	1	
Tin Plates	5	5	
Gird Iron	1	1	
Tin Soup Tureen	1	1	
do Dish	3	3	
Large Japan Mug	1	1	
Tin Water Kettle	1	1	
Large Cooking Fork	1	1	
do do Spoon	1	1	
Tea Spoon	6	6	
Nutmeg Grater	1	1	
Soup Spoon	1	1	
Tin Box with Chest	1	1	
Japan Lamp	1	1	
Cork Screw	1	1	
Knife and Forks	6/2	6/2	
Carving do do	1	1	
China Jar	2	2	

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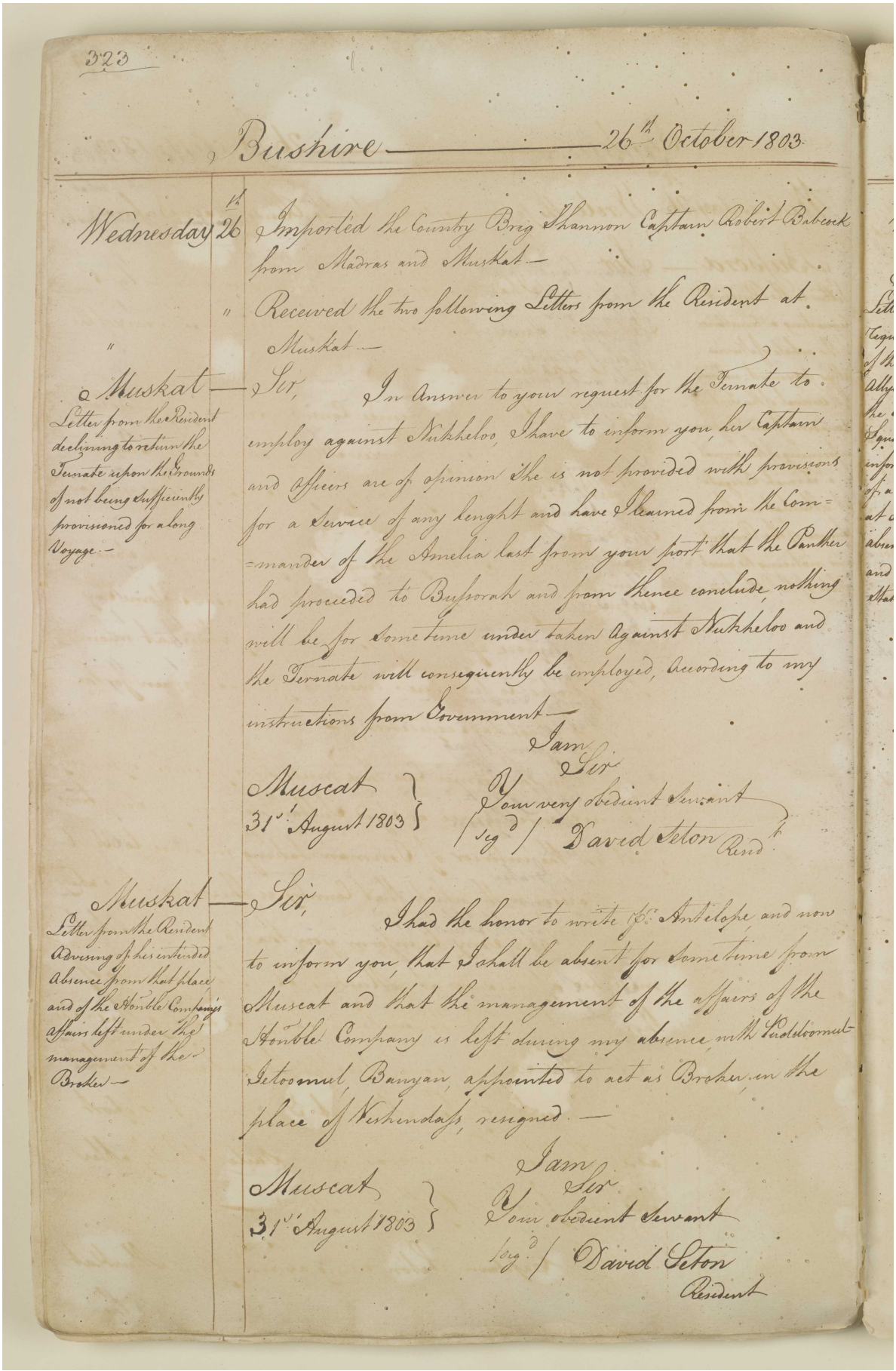

Bushire — 26th October 1803

Wednesday 26th Imported the Country Brig Shannon Captain Robert Babcock from Madras and Muskat —

" Received the two following Letters from the Resident at Muskat —

Muskat — Letter from the Resident declining to return the Ternate upon the Grounds of not being sufficiently provisioned for a long Voyage —

Sir, In Answer to your request for the Ternate to employ against Nukheloo, I have to inform you, her Captain and Officers are of opinion she is not provided with provisions for a Service of any lenght and have I learned from the Commander of the Amelia last from your port that the Panther had proceeded to Bussorah and from thence conclude, nothing will be for some time under taken Against Nukheloo and the Ternate will consequently be employed, According to my instructions from Government —

Muscat 31st August 1803

I am
Sir
Your very obedient Servant
(sig^d) David Seton Resid^t

Muskat — Letter from the Resident Advising of his intended Absence from that place and of the Honble Company's Affairs left under the management of the Broker —

Sir, I had the honor to write Pr. Antelope and now to inform you, that I shall be absent for some time from Muscat and that the management of the affairs of the Honble Company is left during my absence, with Puddoomul Jetoomul, Banyan, appointed to act as Broker, in the place of Veshendass, resigned —

Muscat 31st August 1803

I am
Sir
Your obedient Servant
(sig^d) David Seton
Resident

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Wednesday 26 Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora

Bussora Letter to the Resident requesting a remittance of the whole of Nuzzer Allys payment: noticing the Arrival of the Turkish Squadron from Bussora informing of the arrival of a French Frigate at Muskat in the absence of the Resident and noticing the quiet state of the Wahoobies

Sir

I had last the honor of writing to you on the 1st September since when I have been favored with yours of the 12th P. Rahemshah —

I should experience Considerable relief if you could remit me the whole of Nuzzer Alys payment in Piastres. If not I shall be very thankful for such part as you can spare —

Three Vessels forming part of the Turkish Squadron Arrived here from Bussora on the 20th instant some say for the purpose of joining the Imam of Muskat whom they expected to find here. others, to purchase grain for the Basha of Baghdads expedition —

In the former Case they must have proceeded upon very incorrect intelligence as Syed Sultan has been for some time past in the interior of Ommân taking measure to Repel an invasion with which that Country is threatened the Wahaby.

I am Sorry to inform you that a French Vessel made her appearance at Muskat about the beginning of this month while the Rahemshah was laying there. She wished it is said to have attacked the Rahemshah but was prevented by the Muskat Government. Report adds that the Rahemshah since Sailed shortly after and was followed by the privateer —

Captain Seton being absent from Muskat the

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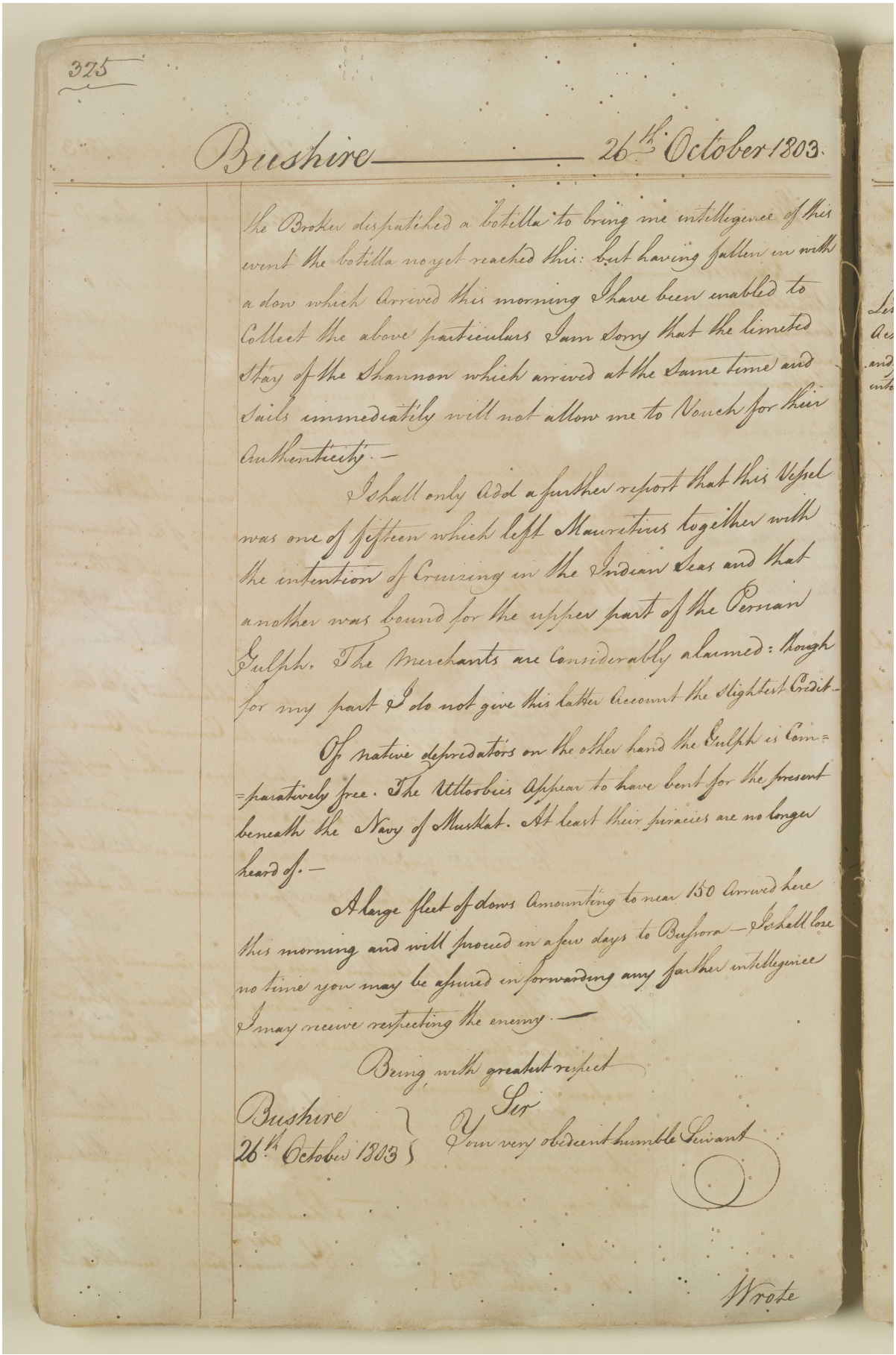

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The Broker dispatched a botilla to bring me intelligence of this event the botilla no yet reached this: but having fallen in with a dow which Arrived this morning I have been enabled to Collect the above particulars I am sorry that the limeted stay of the Shannon which arrived at the same time and Sails immediately will not allow me to Vouch for their Authenticity.—

I shall only Add a further report that this Vessel was one of fifteen which left Mauritius together with the intention of Cruizing in the Indian Seas and that another was bound for the upper part of the Persian Gulph. The Merchants are Considerably alarmed: though for my part I do not give this latter Account the Slightest Credit.—

Of native depredators on the other hand the Gulph is Com=paratively free. The Attoobies Appear to have bent for the present beneath the Navy of Muskat. At least their piracies are no longer heard of.—

A large fleet of dows Amounting to near 150 Arrived here this morning and will proceed in a few days to Bussora—I shall lose no time you may be assured in forwarding any further intelligence I may receive respecting the enemy.—

Being with greatest respect
Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bushire
26th October 1803

Wrote

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Wednesday 26th

Bagdad

Letter to the Resident Acknowledging advices and forwarding maritime intelligence from Muskat.

Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bagdad. —

Sir

I had last the pleasure of Addressing you on the 1st September and on 17th do received yours of 16th preceding I shall always be much obliged for bulletens of a Similar description to that with which you have favored me on this Occasion.

I have just received intelligence of a French Vessel's having made her Appearance at Muskat about the 12th instant some apprehensions are in Consequence entertained for the fate of the Ruheemshah & Shrewsbury. Nor indeed are we totally without fears for the Safety of the Bombay Packet It is said that another French Vessel intends Coming up to Bussora but this I very much doubt. As it would Subject her almost to the Certainty of being taken. —

There Arrived here on the 20th instant a detachment of the Bussora Squadron of Consisting of three Ships under the Command of Omar Osman, and Khuleel Agas they expected it is said (though without any foun=dation) to fall in here with Syed Sultan; who is engaged in taking measures to repel an invasion with which Omman is threatened by the Wuhaby. — These have detained him for some time in the interior of the Country. —

A Ship of the Sultans is also here under Command of Ibrahim Moolla Aly, who is charged with dispatches for the Basha of Bagdad upon the reception of which depends much it is said the Cordial Coope=ration of these Commanders. —

I have been obliged by Severe illness to defer the Commencement of my journey into the interior. Captain Seton left Muskat about the begining of September. — I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obedient humble Servt.

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Friday 28

Ships and Vessels
Raheemshah
Letter from the Commander at Muskat giving information of the arrival of a French Frigate there:- and his having forwarded the Packets to Bombay.

Received the following Letter from the Commander of the Rahseemshah laying at Muskat

Sir,

For Your information I have to Communicate to you we Arrived here on the 2nd Instant and Completed our Business according to my wish, and I fully intended Sailing from hence yesterday, but a Strange Sail appearing in the Offing under French Colours prevented it- after Laying by Some time she made Sail and Came to Anchor in the Cove along Side of us, and Proves to be the French Frigate Attalanta of 38 Guns and 300 Men said to have come last from the Isle of France in 28 days and is Reported to have brought Dispatches for the Imaum- they also Say two other Frigates left the Isle of France at the Same time and were destined for this Place, but as to the truth of this there is no certainty:- As I did not think the Packets Safe on Board the Rahseemshaw I landed them under the Care of a Mr. Schott a Medical Gentleman residing here and to be forwarded by him to Bombay on an Arab Dingy- Judging them more Safe than if they were on Board a Vessel under English Colours, and as I had determined to remain here untill the Frigate left this, detaining them might be of Serious Consequence:-

I hope these Measures will be Approved of by you and the Government of Bombay, as there appears to me a great Risk of Capture from this to Bombay:- it is said the Frigate will not remain more than 6 or 8 days but the Arrival of the Sultaun. will determine their departure:- As yet they have Shewed no Hostile Intention towards us, and it is uncertain whether they will be Restrained by our being in a Neutral Port or not, I think we Shall not be molested all our Treasure is on Shore and the Stores will be tomorrow it is not Known whether the Shrewsbury escaped or not, as She only left this

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two days before we Arrived — Previous to my departure I shall make it my Duty to give you such information as I can possibly collect that may tend to the Safety of the Honble Company's Cruizers and Packets — This Frigate is the Handsomest I have ever seen, Yellow Sides, and quarter Gallery Mouldings white Her Head rather high, and white has Royall Crosstrees and Yards Rigged a Lift but not Tidded — This I mention for the information of the Nautical Gentlemen but I hope they may not have so near a View as to distinguish her from any other — She appeared to Sail very fast — at this time I beg leave to Conclude having nothing more to add. —

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(sig^d) Thomas Negoon

Muscat 4th October 1803

Marine
Panther
Concurring with the Commander for his giving Chace to a Strange Sail seen in the Offing —

Wrote the following Letter to the Commander of the Honble Company's Cruizer Panther —

Sir

I entirely Concur in the propriety of your giving Chace to the Strange Sail which appeared off the Port this afternoon.

2nd If She should not lead you to the Southw^d you will please to pursue a Northerly Course as far as the mouth of Bushora River in which Case you will most probably be able to forward the enclosed Letter to the Resident. Wishing you a pleasant Cruize —

I am Sir —
Your most obedient humble Servant
(sig^d) J. H. Lovett

Bushire
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Friday 28th

Bussora

Letter to the Resident forwarding dispatches from the Commander of the Rahemshah and the Broker at Muskat and the Acting Governor there.

Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora —

Sir, I had the honor of informing you on the 26th instant of the Arrival of a French Vessel at Muskat. She proves as by the enclosed Copy of a letter from Captain Megson to be the Atalanta Frigate of 38 guns and 300 men —

4 Oct. No. 1

2nd — Today a two masted Vessel which appeared off this port has Conducted herself so as to excite some Suspecion. She made the land from the Westward but has since assumed a Northerly Course apparently with an intention of passing the harbour —

3rdly She is by some supposed to be the Shannon which left this the day before yesterday and has since experienced Northerly Winds. As To put the matter however beyond all doubt Captn Stephenson has determined to go in chase. He will first touch at Kharuk where if she should not be in sight he will no doubt be able to learn the Course she has taken. — If Northerly, I have recommended him to proceed as far as Bussora river & forward you these few lines by a boat —

4thly The botella mentioned is arrived from Muskat this moment. She proceeds immediately with a duplicate of letter and an Original one from the Broker who employed her. I enclose a Copy of his letter to Lieutenant Bruce which he wrote supposing me to be absent —

No 2.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant

Bushire 28th October 1803

Copy of a letter from Captn Megson alluded to, See page 327.

" Sailed the Honble Companys Cruizer Panther upon a Cruize —

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Saturday 29th

Wrote the following letter to the Resident at Bussora —

Bussora, — Letter to the Resident forwarding Copy of a letter from the acting Governor of Muskat and noticing a Vague report of the Capture of the Shrewsbury.

Sir, 1 I have now the pleasure to forward to you duplicate of my letter of yesterday with Copy of a further one received by Lieutenant Bruce from Syed Syf the Acting Governor of Muskat. — The Original to your Address from the Broker is likewise enclosed.

Pr botella Nakhoda Subt.

2nd The Panther is at some distance in pursuit of the Strange Sail, which is no longer however in Sight from the Shore. —

3rdly I have little farther to add but a report brought by some of the passengers on the botella that the Shrewsbury was taken by the Frigate and dispatched with 70 men to the Mauritius. It is Certain on the other hand that the Frigate has got no prisoners on board.

4thly I dispatch a pair of Kaoids today with duplicate of this and triplicate of my letter of yesterday. — Be so good as to inform me when they arrive as the Amount they are to receive from me depends upon it. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant

Bushire
29th October 1803

" Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bagdad —

Bagdad — Letter to the Resident forwarding intelligence of the appearance of a French Frigate at Muskat: noticing the probable capture of the Shrewsbury and dis=patch of the Panther on a Cruise. —

Sir, The botella mentioned in my last of the 26th instant having arrived last night I have now the honor of forwarding to you Copies of letters from the Commander of the Ruheemshah No. 1) the Acting Governor of Muskat No. 2) and the Broker (No. 3) Containing the authentic intelligence respecting the French Vessel that appeared here in the beginning of this month. —

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As the Imam is absent from Muskat it Cannot yet be ascertained whether she has got on board a Resident for that place

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or not. From what I have heard I think the fact not unlikely. Equally dubious is the fate of the Shrewsbury which left this on 9th September and certainly fell in with the Frigate about the latter end of that Month. The most suspicious Circumstance is their denying any Knowledge of the War.—

A two Masted Vessel having made her appearance yesterday off this port without coming to anchor the Panther which was lying in the inner Roads gave Chace, and in Case of not coming up with her will continue her Cruize as far as the Mouth of Bussora River.—

A fleet of Attoobies hoving in Sight about the same time were pursued and driven off the Coast by the Kadiry Nakhoda Ibrahim Moolla Aly.—

Part of the Southern fleet of between 100 and 200 Dows, bound for Bussora have accordingly got under way to Complete their Voyage.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant

Bushire
29th October 1803

Copy of a letter from Capt. Megson alluded to, See page 327

Monday 31st Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora.

Bussora

Letter to the Resident giving information of several Bales of Woollens being on board some Boats bound for that place and requesting Account of their marks and numbers.—

Sir

I beg leave to acquaint you that I have just received information of several bales of Woollens supposed part of the Cargo of the Hector being on board the Southern fleet of Dows and Botellas which has touched here on its way to Bussora.—

2nd. It is not likely that they will be landed here for fear of Seizure: I beg leave therefore as I know not the Eminent the

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the boats may sail, to give you this intimation; that in Case they should be Carried on, you may take such steps as appear necessary to you upon their Arrival. It would be highly desirable at least to procure a Correct Account of their marks and numbers with an attestation from the present Owners of the persons from whom they were received.—

3rd The Vessels which have been particularly pointed out to me are

1. A Bugla belonging to Shykh Syf of Aseloo. Nakhoda Bin Yoosuf
2. A Bugla belonging to an Ali Hurum Merchant of do. Nakhoda's name unknown.—

I have the honor to be with great respect and esteem.—

Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant

Bushire
31st October 1803

November 1803

Thursday 3d Imported the Honble Company's Cruizer Panther Captain Edward Stephenson from a Cruize.—

Friday 4th Received the following Report from the Commander of the Panther.—

Marine Panther
Report from the Commander upon his return from the Cruize.—

Sir

For your information I have to acquaint you, that at half past 5. A. M. of the 29th Ultimo, weighed anchor with a light land wind and stood out of the roads: kept wreking for the Island of Karack till 10. P. M. of the 31st then anchored off it in 1/4 10 fms.—

On the 1st instant at half past 3 P. M. as soon as I had procured a Conveyance to forward the Letters to the Resident at Bussorah,

proceeded

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proceeded on the cruize: the morning of the same day sent away the boat with the dispatches, with instructions to make all possible speed to deliver them — By 7 A. M. of the 2nd arrived in the Khore Abdillah, which is close to the bar of the river, nothing in sight from the mast head, about this time it set in to blow in a severe squall from the Northward, which obliged us to strike the T. G. Masts, and for the safety of the Vessel to bear up to the S. E. passed close to the Island of Karack and at half past 5 of the 4th Anchored here in the inner roads —

During this cruize have not seen any Topsail Vessel, had intelligence at Karack of a brig having passed which was supposed to be the Shannon — and

Iam
Sir
Yours Most obediently —
(Sigd) Edwd Stephenson,

H. E. Snow Panther
November 4th 1803

Tuesday 8th Imported the Honble Company's Cruizer Viper Lieutt Charles Gilmour from Bombay.

" " Received the following Letter from Government —

Bombay — Letter from Governmt forwarding an Application from Joshua Essack and enclosing vizt.

Sir

Iam directed by the Governor in Council to refer to you the enclosed Application from Joshua Essack a Jew Merchant of Bombay dated the 21st Instant —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
(Sigd) J. A. Grant
Secry to Govt.

Bombay Castle
22d July 1803

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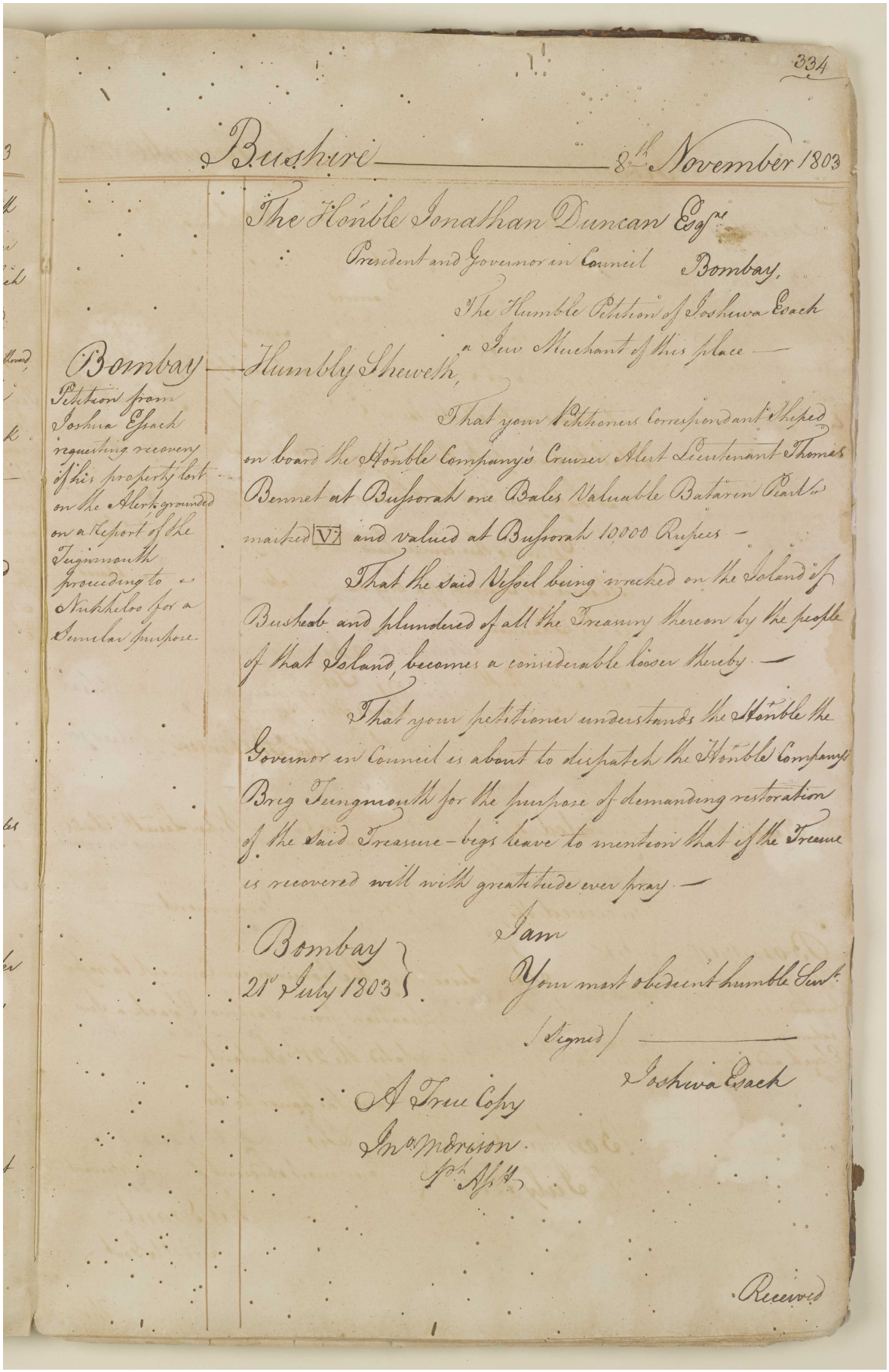

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The Honble Jonathan Duncan Esqr.
President and Governor in Council Bombay.

The Humble Petition of Joshua Esack
a Jew Merchant of this place —

Bombay — Humbly Sheweth,

Petition from Joshua Essack requesting recovery of his property lost on the Alert grounded on a Report of the Teignmouth proceeding to Nukheloo for a Similar purpose.

That your Petitioners Correspondant Shiped on board the Honble Company's Cruizer Alert Lieutenant Thomas Bennet at Bussorah one Bales Valuable Bataren Pearls marked [V] and valued at Bussorah 10,000 Rupees —

That the said Vessel being wrecked on the Island of Busheab and plundered of all the Treasury thereon by the people of that Island, becomes a considerable looser thereby —

That your petitioner understands the Honble the Governor in Council is about to dispatch the Honble Company's Brig Teingmouth for the purpose of demanding restoration of the said Treasure — begs leave to mention that if the Treasure is recovered will with greatitude ever pray —

Bombay
21st July 1803

I am
Your most obedient humble Servt.
(Signed)
Joshua Esack

A True Copy
Jno. Morrison
Pt. Asst.

Received

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Bushire 2d November 1803.

Tuesday 8

Bombay Letter from Govt Acknowld Advices approving of the Steps taken to recover the Cloth, noticing orders issued for a Set of Weights and Stationary to be sent as applied for.

Received the following Letter from Government

Sir

1st I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated the 10th ultimo, and to intimate that the 7th and 8th Paragraphs have been communicated to the Accountant: at the same time, that I am desired to express his Approbation of the Marked Success, that has attended your Vigilance in the instance of the Recovery of the Cloth therein referred to —

2nd The Marine Storekeeper has been instructed to forward by the earliest opportunity a new Set of Weights as desired in the 9th Paragraph and the Stationary applied for in the 10th Paragraph will be supplied —

3rd The Bill advised of in the Concluding Paragraph has been accepted —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble
Servant
(signed) J. a Grant
Secy to Govt

Bombay Castle
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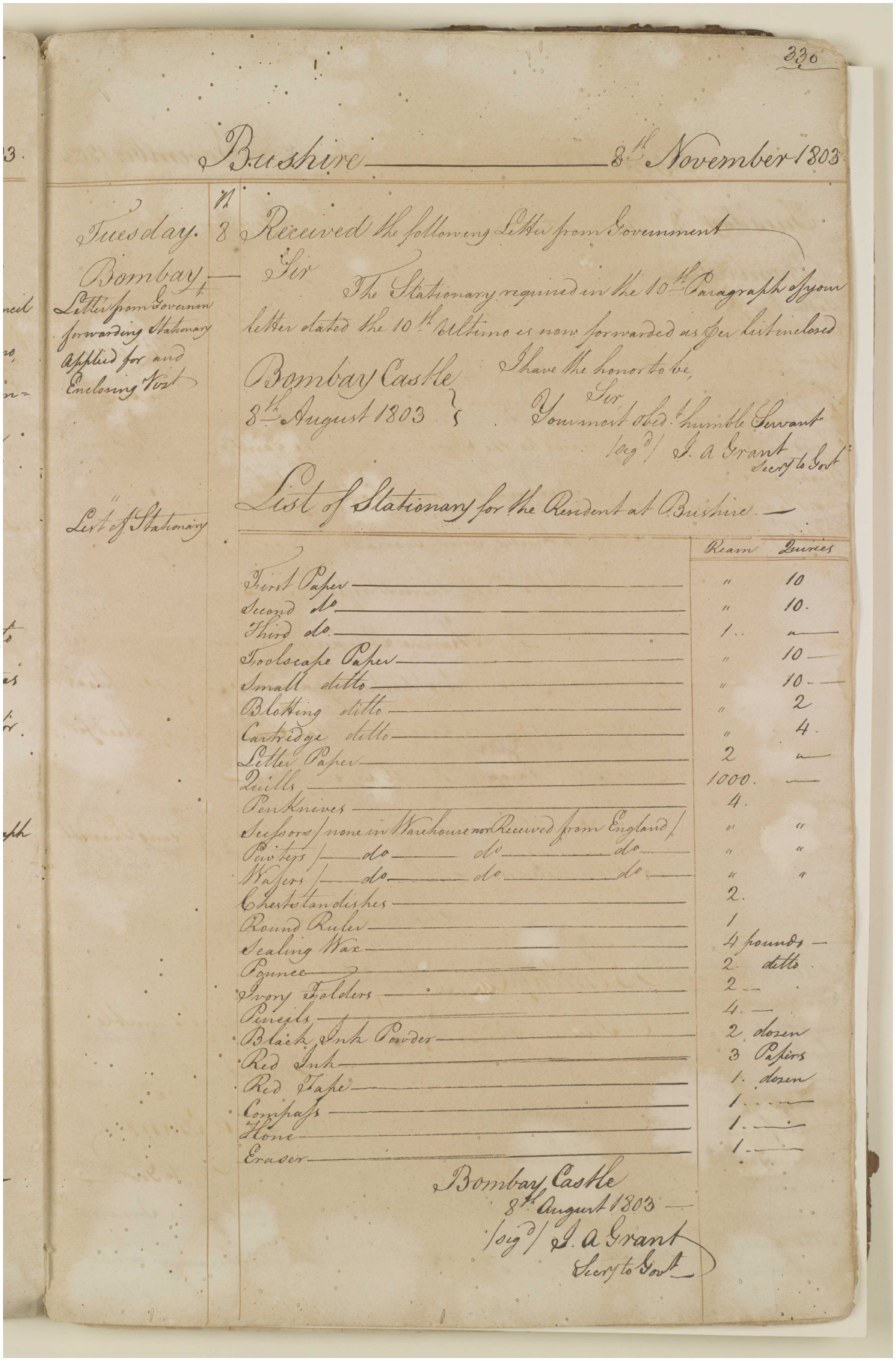

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Tuesday. 8th

Bombay — Letter from Govern^t forwarding Stationary applied for and Enclosing Vizt

Received the following Letter from Government

Sir

The Stationary required in the 10th Paragraph of your letter dated the 10th Ultimo is now forwarded as per list inclosed

Bombay Castle
8th August 1803

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obed^t humble Servant
(sig^d) J. A Grant
Secry to Govt

List of Stationary

List of Stationary for the Resident at Bushire —

	Ream	Quiries
First Paper	"	10
Second do	"	10.
Third do	1	—
Foolscape Paper	"	10 —
Small ditto	"	10 —
Blotting ditto	"	2
Cartridge ditto	"	4.
Letter Paper	2	—
Quills	1000.	—
Penknives	4.	
Scissors (none in Warehouse nor Received from England)	"	"
Pewters (do do do	"	"
Wafers (do do do	"	"
Cheststandishes	2.	
Round Ruler	1	
Sealing Wax	4 pounds —	
Pounce	2. ditto	
Ivory Folders	2 —	
Pencils	4. —	
Black Ink Powder	2 dozen	
Red Ink	3 Papers	
Red Tape	1. dozen	
Compass	1. —	
Hone	1. —	
Eraser	1. —	

Bombay Castle
8th August 1803 —
(sig^d) J. A Grant
Secry to Govt

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Tuesday 8

Bombay
Letter from Govern=ment forwarding a Minute upon the Mode adopted for the transmission of the Treasure freighted on the Mersey and Enclos'

Received the following Letter from Government

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Minute from the Governor under date the 31st Ultimo shewing the grounds on which this Government received into the Treasury of Bombay the Consignments of Treasure per Mersey, being at the same time instructed to Annex a List of the Bills granted in Consequence on Calcutta, Madras and Masulipatam to the Agent of the Freighters, all which particulars are thus Communicated to enable you to afford the fullest Satisfaction to the Merchants in your quarter respecting this transaction,

Bombay Castle
24th September 1803

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servt
Sign'd J. a Grant Secy to Govt

Bombay 31st August 1803.

Bombay
His Minute assig=ning the reason why Government have received into the Treasury the Specie freighted p Mersey and the mode adopted to prevent any loss to the Agents of the real owners

Presidents Minute

The Mersey having imported about 2 Lacks of Rupees worth of foreign Coins from the Gulph the greater part of which was consigned to Masulipatnam with some part also for Calcutta. I have in our present distress for Specie, Settled with the several general Agents here of the Owners of this Treasure to pay it at once into our Treasury; to which

Effect,

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Effect, all of them have thro' Mirza Mehedy Ali Khan and Sayed Tucky delivered in Signed Applications which when translated will be delivered in to be recorded. — the Conditions thereof, being that for one Moiety, of the out turn of the Several Coins Composing this Treasure, Valued each at the Bazar Rates, the Parties shall have the Drafts of this Government on Bengal, and for the other, on Madras, at the usual Sight, and at an Exchange of Bombay 104. for 100 Sicca Rupees for the first mentioned half; and of Bombay Rupees 346 per 100 Star Pagodas for the latter —

It will however still be necessary to grant an Indemnification to the Commander of the Mercy for delivering up this Treasure, instead of Carrying it According to his Instructions to Masulipatnam and Calcutta, Since altho' the Agents above alluded to be indeed the general Attornies or Representations of the Owners of the Coins enquestion at this Place they are not Specially Authorized to Stop them here, but have nevertheless taken upon themselves to Concur therein, and even to Apply that it may be done, Since their Constituents could not now ensure for the Remainder of the Voyage under 12 ℘ Cent, on Such a Vessel as the Mercy, which besides being essentially without the Means of defence, is unequipped, and consequently a dull Sailor. —

Upon these Grounds, the Secretary should now write to the Custom Master to pass the said Treasure unopened, to morrow to the Government house and to the Commander of the Mercy to carry it thither, for which he will receive a due Receipt and Indemnification to be drawn out by the Company's Solicitor, and the Boxes being opened in the Presence of the Sub Treasurer (Mr Travers) and of the General Agents of the Parties, under the Superintendence of Mehedy Ali Khan and of Syed Tucky the Amount will be thence carried to the Treasury.

Ex.d Jas Borchwick (Signed) Jonathan Duncan

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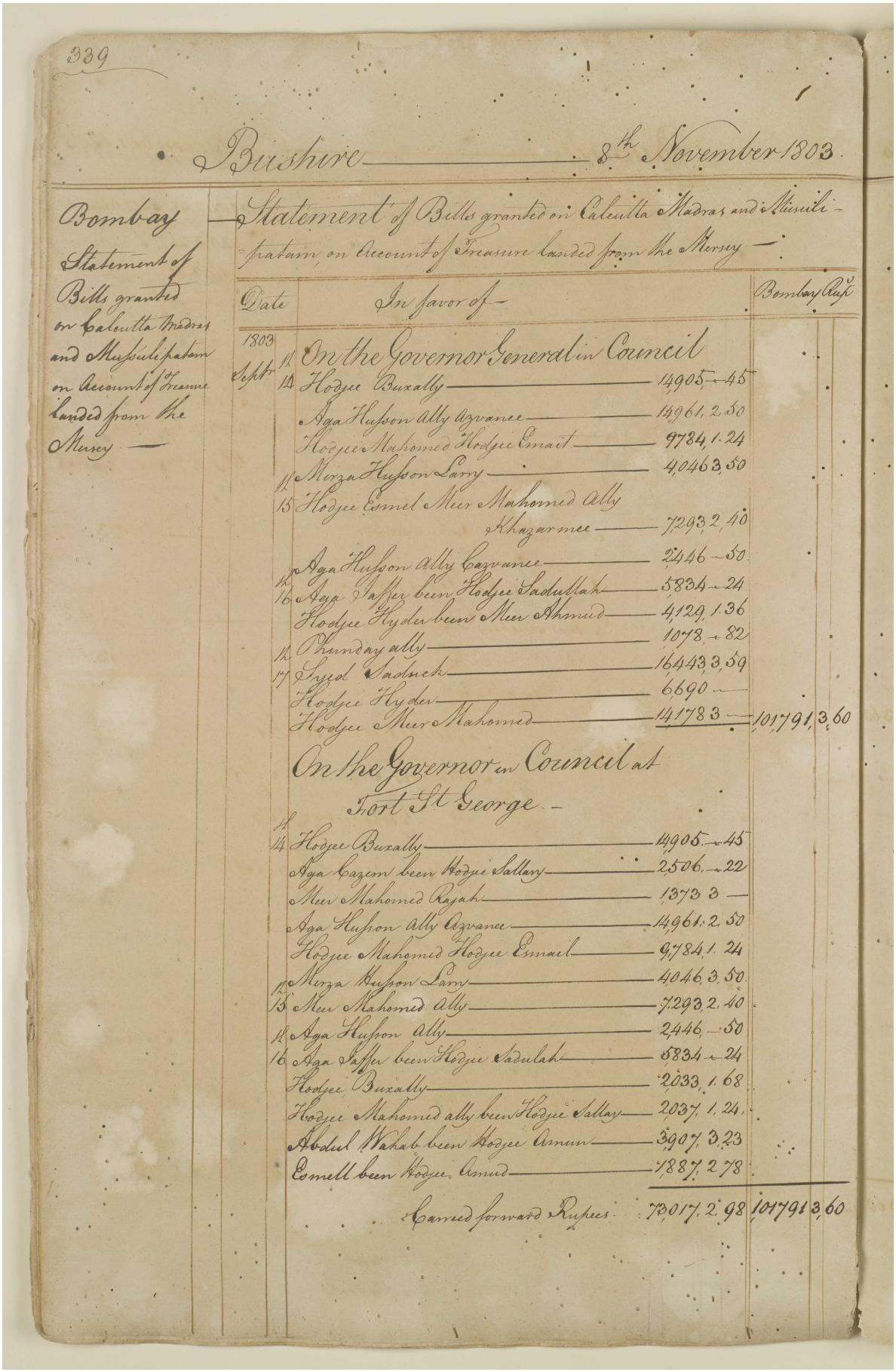

Bombay — Statement of Bills granted on Calcutta Madras and Musulipatam on Account of Treasure landed from the Mersey —

Statement of Bills granted on Calcutta Madras and Musulipatam on Account of Treasure landed from the Mersey —

Date		In favor of —		Bombay Rupees
1803		On the Governor General in Council		
Septr	14th	Hodjee Buxally	14,905 – 45	
		Aga Husson Ally Azvance	14,961, 2, 50	
		Hodjee Mahomed Hodjee Emait	9784, 1. 24	
		Mirza Husson Larry	4,046 3, 50	
	15th	Hodjee Esmel Meer Mahomed Ally Khazarmee	7,293, 2, 40	
		Aga Husson Ally Cazvance	2,446 – 50	
	16th	Aga Jaffer been Hodjee Sadullah	5,834 – 24	
		Hodjee Hyder been Meer Ahmud	4,129, 1. 36	
		Phunday ally	1,078 – 82	
	17th	Syed Sadnck	16,443, 3, 59	
		Hodjee Hyder	6,690 –	
		Hodjee Meer Mahomed	14,178 3 –	101,791, 3, 60
		On the Governor in Council at Fort St George —		
	14th	Hodjee Buxally	14,905 – 45	
		Aga Cazem been Hodjee Sallary	2,506 – 22	
		Meer Mahomed Rajah	1,373 3 –	
		Aga Husson Ally Azvance	14,961. 2, 50	
		Hodjee Mahomed Hodjee Esmael	9,784, 1. 24	
		Mirza Husson Larry	4,046, 3, 50	
	15th	Meer Mahomed Ally	7,293, 2, 40	
		Aga Husson Ally	2,446, – 50	
	16th	Aga Jaffer been Hodjee Sadulah	5,834 – 24	
		Hodjee Buxally	2,033, 1. 68	
		Hodjee Mahomed ally been Hodjee Sallay	2,037, 1, 24	
		Abdul Wahab been Hodjee Amun	3,907, 3, 23	
		Esmell been Hodjee Amud	1,887, 2 78	
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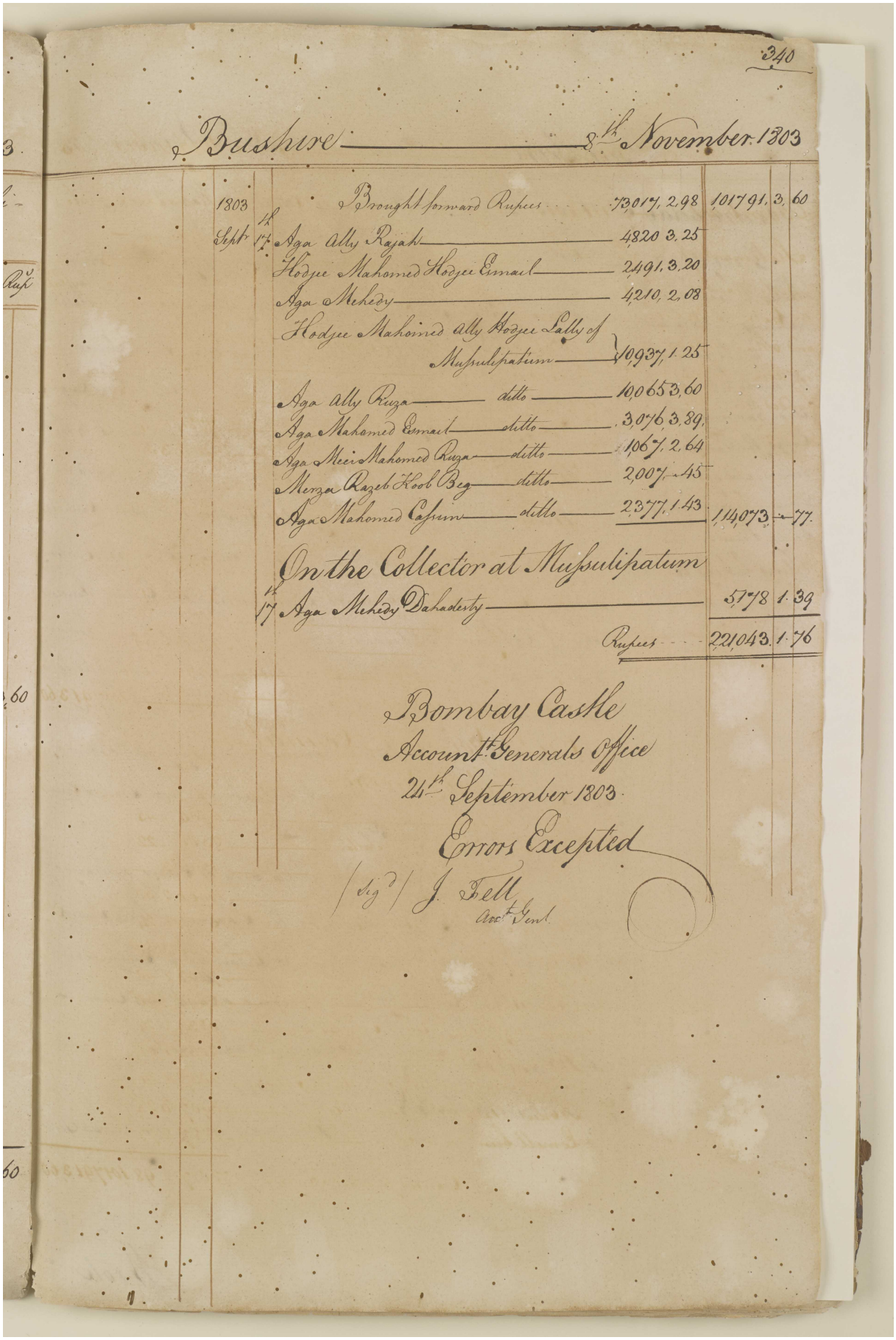

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Sept 17th	Aga Ally Rajah		4820 3, 25	
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	Aga Mehedy		4210, 2, 08	
	Hodjee Mahomed ally Hodjee Lally of Musulipatum		10937, 1, 25	
	Aga ally Ruza	ditto	10065 3, 60	
	Aga Mahomed Email	ditto	3076, 3, 39	
	Aga Meir Mahomed Ruza	ditto	1067, 2, 64	
	Mirza Razeb Kool Beg	ditto	2007, 45	
	Aga Mahomed Casim	ditto	2377, 1, 43	114073, 77
	On the Collector at Musulipatum			
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		Rupees		221043, 1, 76

Bombay Castle
Account.t Generals Office
24th September 1803
Errors Excepted
(sig.d) J. Tell
Acc.t Genl

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Bushire 9th November 1803.

Wednesday 9

Wrote the following Letter to the Resident of Bussora —

Bussora Letter to the Resident noticing the departure of the boats for Bussora, the impossibility of Ascertaining their Cargo, the Panther's return and of another Square rigged Vessel being seen in the offing likely to have been the Shannon —

Sir

I have not had the honor of hearing from you since my last of 31st Ultimo of which a duplicate is now enclosed.

2nd The Boats mentioned in that letter have since proceeded to Bussora, without attempting to land their Cargoes here. I sent people on board the two Buglas to enquire to the truth of the report: but, as every thing was closely packed up in Mats, it was found impossible to ascertain their Contents.

3rd The Panther returned here on the 3rd instant without having seen a Square rigged Vessel during her Cruise I enclose Copy of Captain Stephenson's report No 1. It is strange however, that a brig, (which Could not be the Panther) was supposed to have been seen off this port again on the 2nd instant. On the other hand, the Viper which arrived yesterday from Bombay and Conveys to you my present respects, has not seen a single European Vessel in the Gulph —

4th Upon the whole, if the brig or Snow appeared off Bushire on the 28th instant, was the Shannon, there seems little ground for apprehension. A Vessel of a suspicious description has Certainly been hovering about this Coast —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servt.

Bushire
9th November 1803

Wrote

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Bushire 9th November 1803.

Wednesday 9 h. Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bagdad.—

Bagdad Letter to the Resd. forwarding Report of the Panther's Cruize and Maritime intelligence.—

Sir.

I had last the honor of addressing you on the 29th Ultimo as p duplicate enclosed.—

I have not since received any intelligence from Muskat nor has the Viper which arrived yesterday from Bombay, fallen in with any European Vessel in the Gulph.

I enclose also a report of the Panther late Cruize: during which she did not see a single Square rigged Vessel. There is reason therefore to hope that the brig which appeared off this place on the 28th Ultimo was no other than the Shannon.—

No 1.

The Uttoobies; notwithstanding the Vigilance of the Muskat Arabs and the Strength of the fleet noticed in my last Succeeded in Capturing one or two boats after their departure on this port.—The last division of these Vessels Sailed for Bussora on the 4th instant in Company with the Kaaree and the three Turkish Ships.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant

Bushire
9th November 1803

Friday 11 h. Sailed the Honble Company's Cruizer Viper Lieutenant Charles Belmour for Bussora.—

A report of the Panther late Cruize alluded to, See page 332.—

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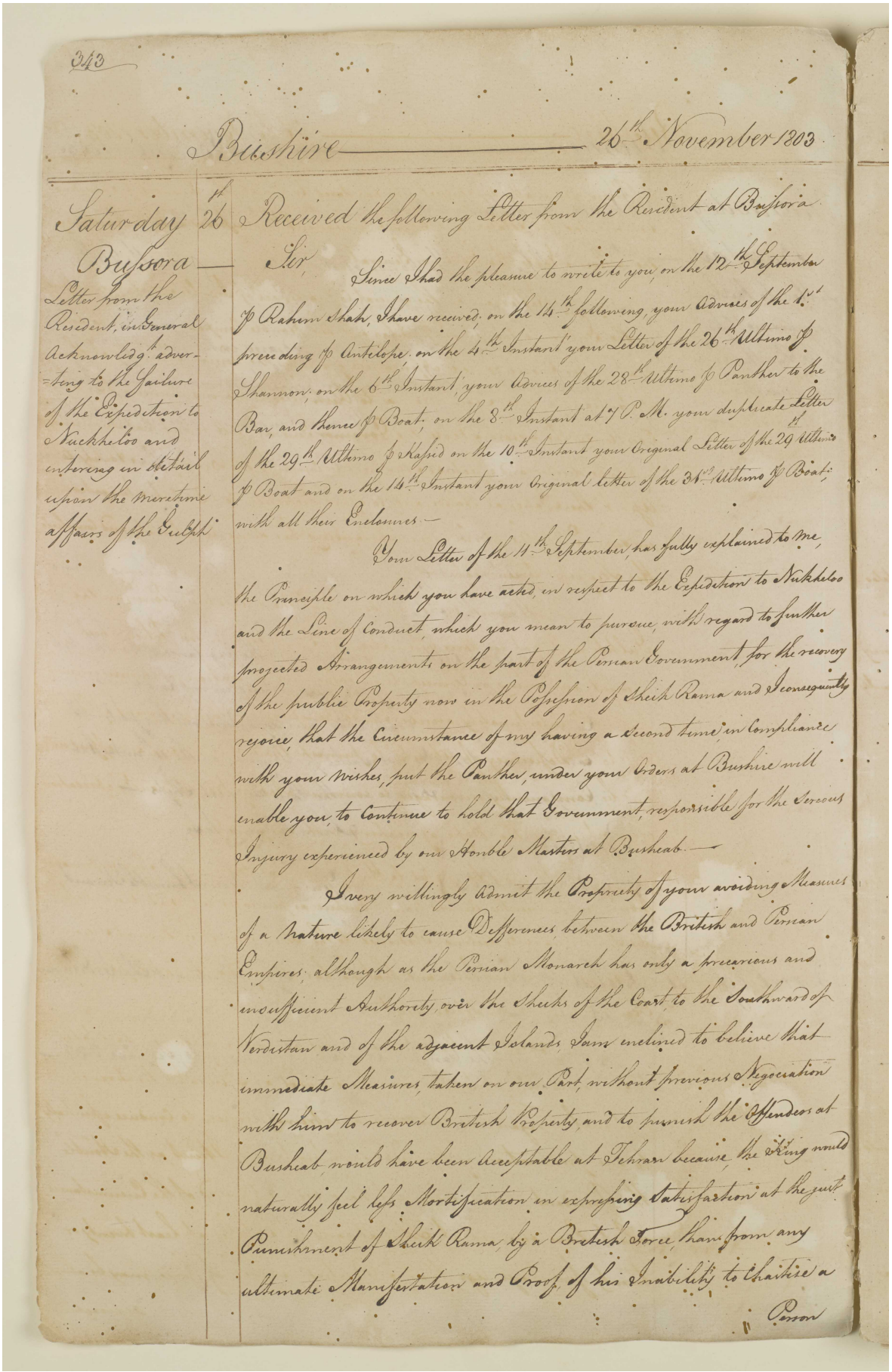

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Saturday Bussora Letter from the Resident, in General Acknowledg.t advertising to the Failure of the Expedition to Nuckeloo and entering in detail upon the meretime affairs of the Gulph

26th Received the following Letter from the Resident at Bussora

Sir

Since I had the pleasure to write to you, on the 12th September p Rahim Shah, I have received, on the 14th following, your Advices of the 1st preceding p Antelope, on the 4th Instant your Letter of the 26th Ultimo p Shannon, on the 6th Instant, your Advices of the 28th Ultimo p Panther to the Bar, and thence p Boat; on the 8th Instant at 7 P.M. your duplicate Letter of the 29th Ultimo p Rasid on the 10th Instant your original Letter of the 29 Ultimo p Boat and on the 14th Instant your original letter of the 31st Ultimo p Boat; with all their Enclosures

Your Letter of the 11th September, has fully explained to me, the Principle on which you have acted, in respect to the Expedition to Nukheloo and the Line of Conduct, which you mean to pursue, with regard to further projected Arrangements on the part of the Persian Government, for the recovery of the public Property now in the Possession of Sheik Rama and I consequently rejoice, that the Circumstance of my having a second time, in Compliance with your Wishes, put the Panther, under your Orders at Bushire will enable you, to Continue to hold that Government, responsible for the Serious Injury experienced by our Honble Masters at Bushcab

I very willingly admit the Propriety of your avoiding Measures of a Nature likely to cause Differences, between the British and Persian Empires; although as the Persian Monarch has only a precarious and insufficient Authority, over the Sheiks of the Coast, to the Southward of Verdistan and of the adjacent Islands, I am inclined to believe that immediate Measures, taken on our Part, without previous Negociation with him to recover British Property, and to punish the Offenders at Bushcab would have been Acceptable at Tehran because, the King would naturally feel less Mortification in expressing Satisfaction at the just Punishment of Sheik Rama, by a British Force, than from any ultimate Manifestation and Proof of his Inability to Chastise a

Person

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a Person nominally his Subject who has dared to Violate the Friendship subsisting between the two States, and from a consequent Discussion with his Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General —

Reflexion on the general Consequences of Insults and Injuries offered in the Gulph to the British Flag and the Honble Company urges me to hope that in the Event of the Assurances given by the Persian Ministry, of their Intention to force Sheik Rama to Restitution, proving insincere, His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General will resent that Insincerity, and take decided and effectual Measures to convince the King of his Ability to Assert the National Honor, and to afford Protection to British Navigation in this Part of the World, notwithstanding his desire to cultivate and Conciliate His Majesty's Friendship —

It must be remembered that the Maratime Powers, in the Gulph, will not in their Estimation of Events, consider the Policy which prevents our acting as Principals, in obtaining Reparation for Injuries received they will unfortunately ascribe our Submission to them, to want of Power, and to a Deficiency of Ability to punish those who molest and offend us. and be consequently encouraged to commit Acts of Hostility and Depredation Against us, in the Hope of escaping with Impunity —

It may be useful to Hint to you, that I have received such Information from Persons recently Arrived from Bushire, as persuades me, that Sheik Nesser decidedly means to decline, Obedience to the Orders received by him at Shiraz to proceed to Nuckheloo and that he has already framed rather plausible Excuses for his intended Conduct —

I consider the active and effectual Means which you have taken to Convey to me Intelligence of the Arrival at Muscat of the French National Frigate the Atalanta, as extremely likely to Conduce essentially to the promotion of the Public Interests and Trust, as the Honble the President in Council must have been apprized of the Circumstances which have occurred at Muscat early in October, at least twenty or twenty five days Ago, that a British Vessel of force, may be already approaching

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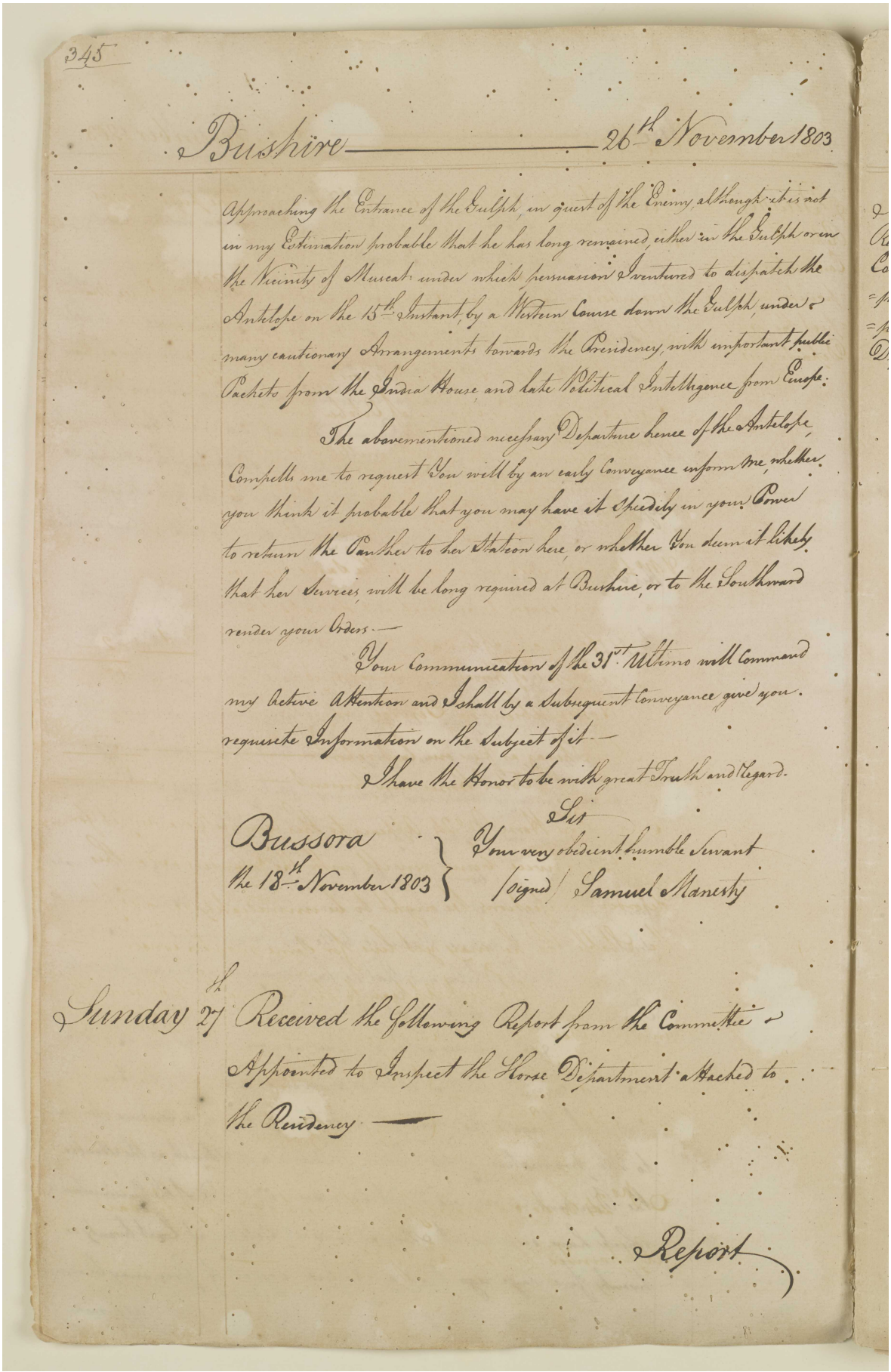

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Approaching the Entrance of the Gulph, in quest of the Enemy, although it is not in my Estimation probable that he has long remained, either in the Gulph or in the Vicinity of Muscat under which persuasion I ventured to dispatch the Antelope on the 15th Instant, by a Western Course down the Gulph, under many cautionary Arrangements towards the Presidency, with important public Packets from the India House, and late Political Intelligence from Europe.

The abovementioned necessary Departure hence of the Antelope, Compells me to request You will by an early Conveyance inform me, whether you think it probable that you may have it Speedily in your Power to return the Panther to her Station here, or whether You deem it likely that her Services will be long required at Bushire, or to the Southward render your Orders.

Your Communication of the 31st Ultimo will Command my Active Attention and I shall by a Subsequent Conveyance give you requisite Information on the Subject of it.

I have the Honor to be with great Truth and Regard.

Sir

Your very obedient humble Servant

Bussora the 18th November 1803 } (signed) Samuel Manesty

Sunday 27 Received the following Report from the Committee Appointed to Inspect the Horse Department attached to the Residency.

Report

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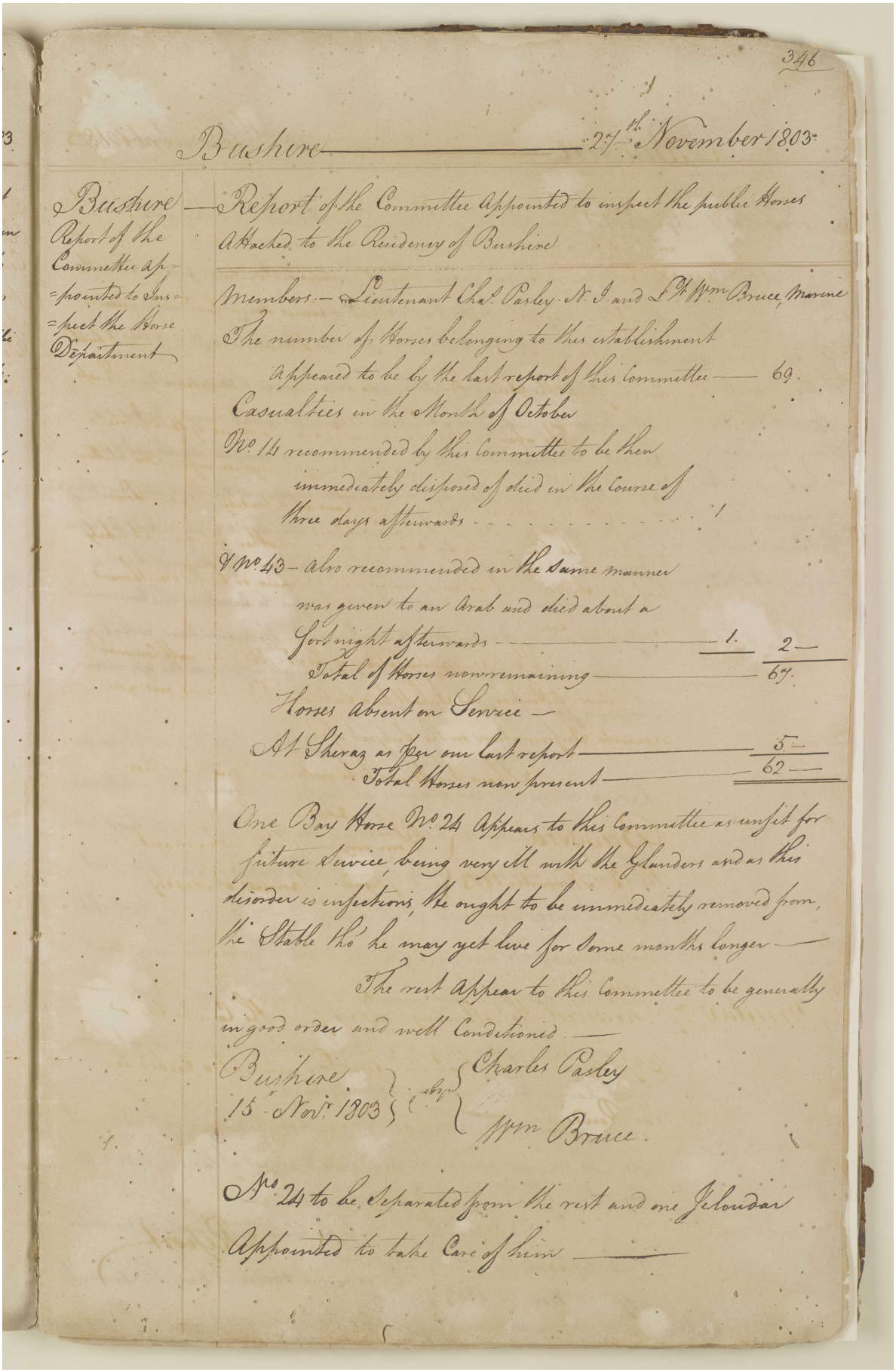

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Bushire — Report of the Committee Appointed to inspect the public Horses Attached to the Residency of Bushire

Report of the Committee appointed to Inspect the Horse Department

Members — Lieutenant Chas. Pasley N. I. and Lt. Wm. Bruce, Marine

The number of Horses belonging to this establishment appeared to be by the last report of this Committee — 69.

Casualties in the Month of October

No. 14 recommended by this Committee to be then immediately disposed of died in the Course of three days afterwards 1

& No. 43 — also recommended in the same manner was given to an Arab and died about a fortnight afterwards — 1. 2 —

Total of Horses now remaining — 67.

Horses absent on Service —

At Sheraz as per our last report — 5 —

Total Horses now present — 62 —

One Bay Horse No. 24 Appears to this Committee as unfit for future Service, being very ill with the Glanders and as this disorder is infectious, He ought to be immediately removed from the Stable tho' he may yet live for some months longer —

The rest Appear to this Committee to be generally in good order and well Conditioned —

Bushire 15th Novr. 1803 } Chas. Pasley
Wm Bruce

No. 24 to be Separated from the rest and one Jeloudar Appointed to take Care of him —

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Bushire —— 29th November 1803

Tuesday 29th

Bussora

Letter to the Resid.t Acknowledging his free Communication of the Maritime affairs of the Gulph Avoid entering in detail upon the measures taken for the Recovery of the property at Nukheloo.

Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora:—

Sir.

I was honored on the 26th instant by the receipt of your Letter of the 18th do. and feel indebted in no Small degree for the free and instructive Communication of your Sentiments upon the Maritime affairs of this Gulph.

The information which you have received of Shykh Nusser's reluctance to proceed to Nukheloo I have too great reason to believe Correct. Whether this is to be regretted or not may be doubted I have Some hopes indeed that this interference may eventually prove unnecessary. The Government at Shiraz has Summoned Shykh Rehma to Appear before them. and it will only be in Case of his disobedience that they will be obliged to have recourse to extremeties. I wish therefore to Ascertain this Circumstance before I return the Panther to Bussora. In the mean time as the Viper must have Arrived from Bombay I trust you will experience the less inconvenience from her detention.—

Intelligence has just reached this of the French Frigates having taken up her Station at the Great Tomb. Some difference is said to have taken place between her Commander and Syed Sultan in Consequence of his not allowing the establishment of a French Residency at Muskat. — The former part of this report may I sincerely hope, from untrue or otherwise that the first sail she sees may be a British Man of War —

The Jasmee and Uttooby fleets are out in great force and have effected a descent on Kishma.

This goes in Charge of a Kasid Sent express by the Government here to Convey as I understand intellegence of these events to the Southern fleet now lying at Bussora —

I have the honor to be with great respect & esteem

Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant

Bushire
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Bushire ——— 30th November 1803

Wednesday 30 Wrote the following Letter to Government Commercial Department

Bombay — Honble Sir

1st I have the honor to enclose an Original Address for the Honble the Governor from Hajee Ibrahim Dehdushty one of the most respectable Merchants in Persia —

2nd He Complains in Common with all the Merchants Concerned in Mehedy Aly Khan's latter Sales of the very high prices that were exacted from him, and the heavy loss he was exposed in Consequence —

3rd Such Complaints it is not my province to Relieve — I can only express my belief that they are not wholly without foun=dation — Accidental Causes, such as the Continued distractions in the Provinces N. E. of Persia Superadded to the high prices of the European Invoice, have operated much to the prejudice of these purchasers: and will no doubt Materially affect our Sales for some time to Come. The quantity imported during the last two years has served to en=crease the evil. Not only have the Merchants sold at a loss: but vast quantities Still Remain on hand. The Market is in short Completely glutted —

4th Mohummed Jafer the Agent of Hajee Ibraheem has made an Appeal more directly to my justice in the Case of 20 Bales of Perpets which he said proved on being opened at Yezd to be of a different Color from the patterns. On this point I told him there was less hesitation. If such Should really prove the fact they would doubtless be taken back, as it could never have been our intention to deceive him: and I was not less interested than he in maintaining the Credit of the English patterns, which so highly facilitated the transactions of their Commercial Concerns in all parts of the world —

5th From the difficulty of fixing upon a proper person

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person to make a just report at such distance it was determined to bring the Goods back to Bushire that they might be examined to our mutual satisfaction: the expence (upon such as should be returned to be borne equally by both parties — They were accordingly sent for and submitted to an Arbitration on the 6th Ultimo the result of which was that fifteen out of the 20 were received back into Store — Mohummed Jafer wished to take Crimson or Scarlet Perpets to the same Amount instead: but to this I told him I could not Consent without the Approbation of your Honble Board: to which I respectfully submit the account of these proceedings. —

6th The returned Bales I am sorry to say are of a very unsaleable discription. — The Color (Popinjay) is at best of times in dispute — I beg leave to know whether I shall send them back to the Presidency or endeavour to dispose of them here to the best advantage. That this will not be to a loss I have little hope. —

26th April 7th I have from the experience of my Predecessors and myself — deprecated the insertion of this Color in the Europe Consignments. In Broad Cloth particularly superfine it is perhaps less objectionable. — May I beg that this information will be Communicated to the Honble the Court of Directors as one means of maintaining their investments at prices sufficient to secure them from loss. —

8th The Colors most in request are, for Broad Cloth, Sky blue, Mazazine blue, Purple Scarlet, Dark green, Crimson, Brown, Stone Color: for Long Ells, Scarlet, Crimson, Dark green, Purple, & Mazazine blue. Can there be any necessity for purchasing one Color that is little esteemed, instead of those which are, in the Europe Market? —

9th I have exacted from the Ferrashes who opened the Bale of French Grey Cloth payment for the deficiency with an advance of 10 pr. Cent and have since disposed of the remainder at the same rate. —

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10th I have the honor to enclose an Extract of a letter
No 1 from Haujee Mohummed Ibraheem Indeed, a person who has been for some months in charge of near 100 Bales of the Honble Company's Long Ells at Yezd as pr Enclosed Account No 1.

11th How 76 of those Bales found their way there your Honble Board will see in my predecessors letter dated 14th August 1802. The remainder (35 Bales) was half of a quantity purchased in September 1802 by Coja Gabriel and agreed to be received back in December 1802 as specified in the late Residents Accounts for that month —

12th About the 1st October 1802 Accounts arrived from Yezd of a person named Mirza Mohummed having forged a Draft on the Residents Agent at Yezd Aga Momine for 12 Bales of Long Ells which he carried with him to Khorasan The Resident immediately wrote to Yezd desiring letters to be written to the different Governors on the road to Khorasan to intercept Mirza Mohummed and detain the Goods which took place accordingly at Neshapone —

13th About the middle of February 1803 Accounts arrived here of Aga Momines death which took place some time in January. Letters were then dispatched to Haujee Ibraheem Indeed a Merchant of Yezd to take charge of the Company's property as above noticed.

14th The particulars of this Affair which will be more fully
No 2 illustrated by the enclosed Statement I have learned from Mr Bruce, the Correspondence of the late Resident, as far as I can discover, not containing the necessary information upon the Subject — Your Honble Board will there observe that there now remaining with Hajee Ibraheem Indeed 72 Bales undisposed of —

15th I have written to him to sell the whole at 30 Ps or Rupees 22½ pr price for ready money but by no means to part with any more upon Credit I know too well the difficulty of recovering Debts even at Bushire —

16th The 12 Bales detained at Neshapone which I forward entered in the Quick Stock on my Arrival may I humbly request be struck off the Books. Their recovery must depend

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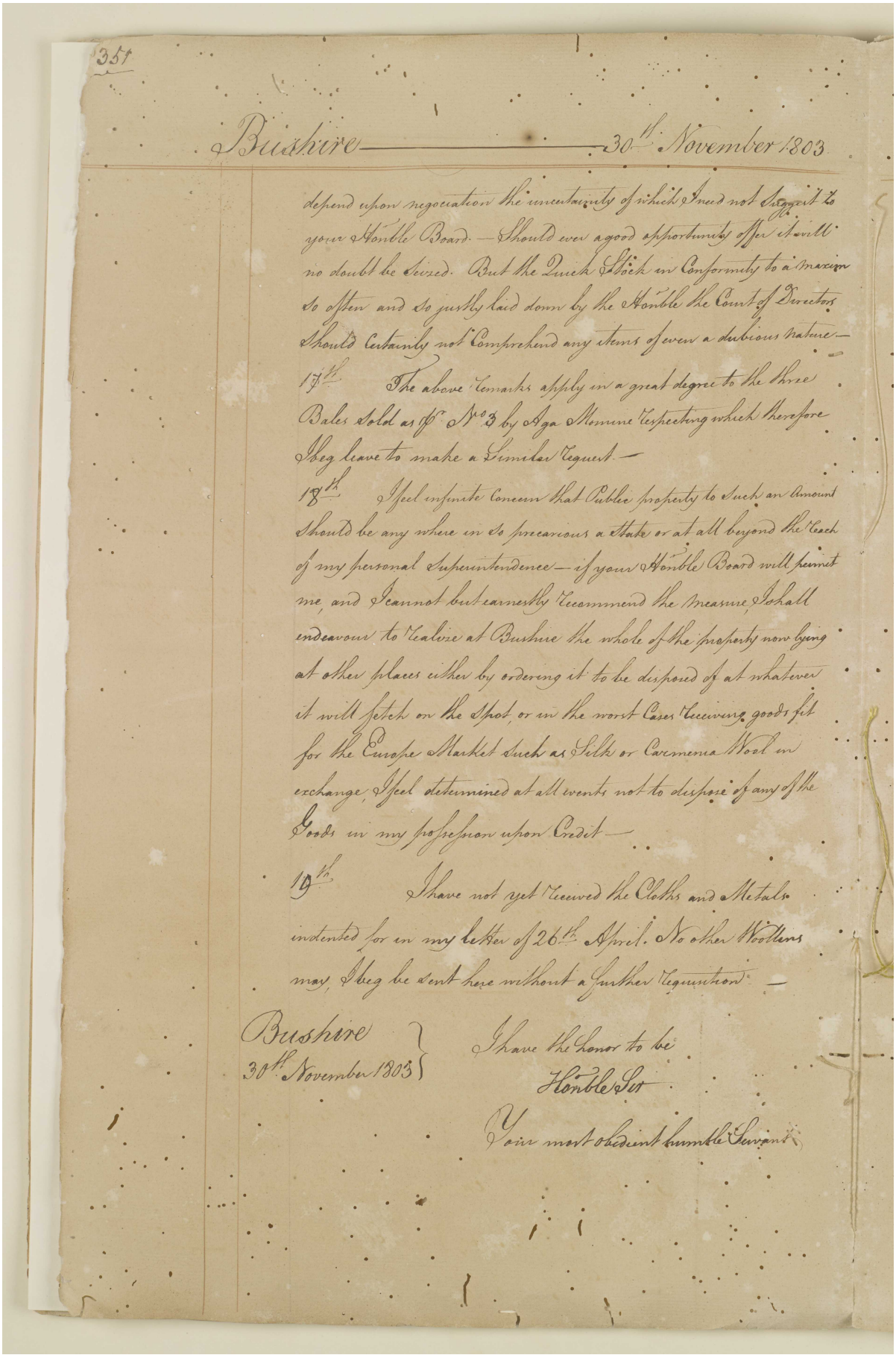

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depend upon negociation the uncertainity of which I need not suggest to your Honble Board — Should ever a good opportunity offer it will no doubt be seized. But the Quick Stock in Conformity to a maxim so often and so justly laid down by the Honble the Court of Directors should certainly not comprehend any items of even a dubious nature —

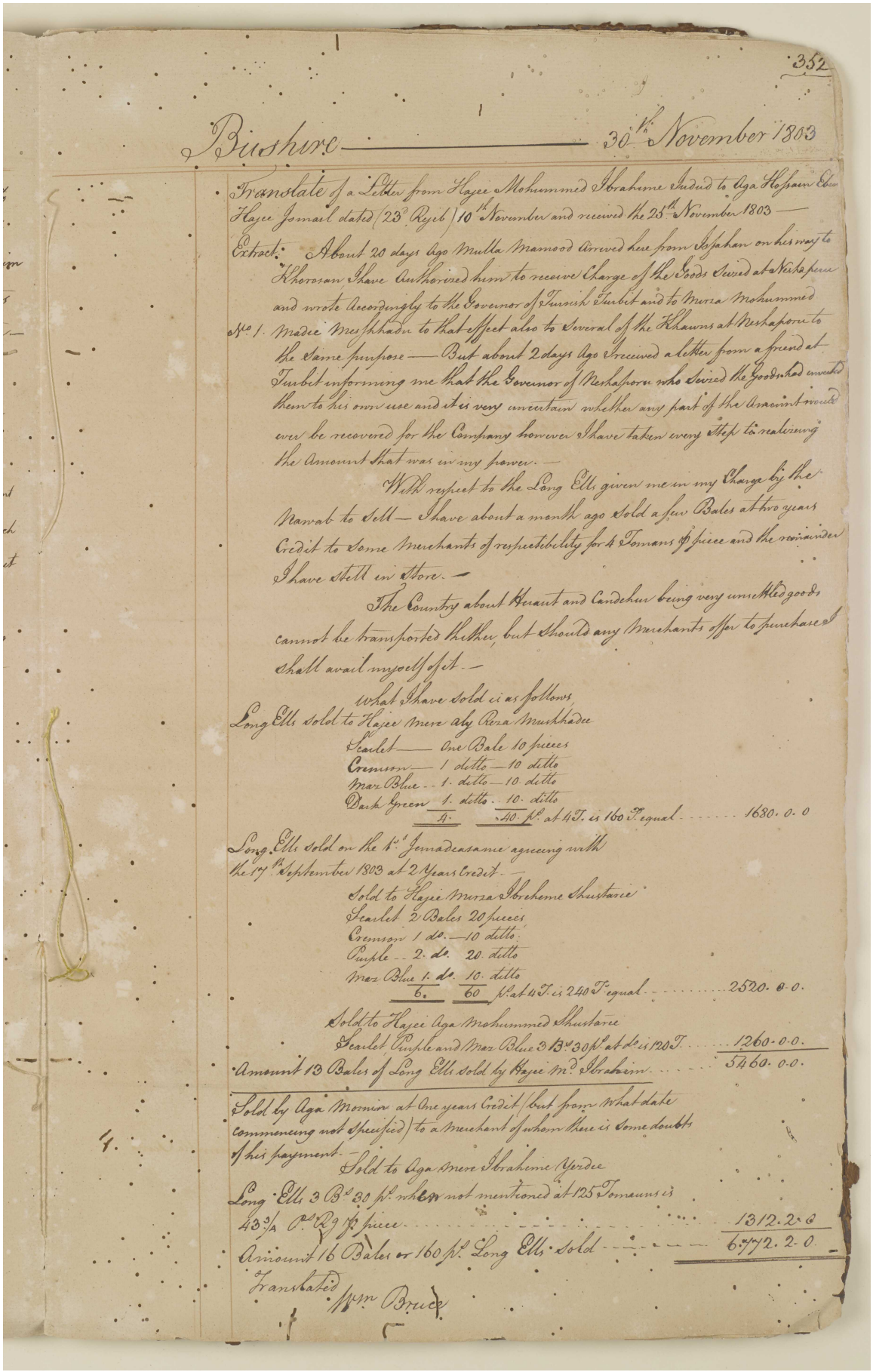
17th The above remarks apply in a great degree to the three Bales sold as pr No 3 by Aga Momine respecting which therefore I beg leave to make a similar request —

18th I feel infinite concern that Public property to such an amount should be any where in so precarious a state or at all beyond the reach of my personal superintendence — if your Honble Board will permit me, and I cannot but earnestly recommend the measure, I shall endeavour to realize at Bushire the whole of the property now lying at other places either by ordering it to be disposed of at whatever it will fetch on the spot, or in the worst cases receiving goods fit for the Europe Market such as Silk or Carmenia Wool in exchange, I feel determined at all events not to dispose of any of the Goods in my possession upon Credit —

19th I have not yet received the Cloths and Metals indented for in my letter of 26th April. No other Woollens may, I beg be sent here without a further requisition —

Bushire
30th November 1803

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant



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Translate of a Letter from Hajee Mohummed Ibrahime Judud to Aga Hossain Eben Hajee Jsmail dated (23d Rejeb) 10th November and received the 25th November 1803 —

Extract: About 20 days Ago Mulla Mamood Arrived here from Issahan on his way to Khorosan I have Authorized him to receive Charge of the Goods Seized at Neshaporu and wrote Accordingly to the Governor of Tursish Turbit and to Mirza Mohummed Madee Messhhadu to that effect also to Several of the Khawns at Neshaporu to the Same purpose — But about 2 days Ago I received a letter from a friend at Turbit informing me that the Governor of Neshaporu who Seized the Goods had invested them to his own use and it is very uncertain whether any part of the Amount would ever be recovered for the Company however I have taken every Step to realizing the Amount that was in my power. —

No. 1.

With respect to the Long Ells given me in my Charge by the Nawab to Sell — I have about a month ago Sold a few Bales at two years Credit to Some Merchants of respectibility for 4 Tomans ℘ piece and the remainder I have still in Store. —

The Country about Heraut and Candehur being very unsettled goods cannot be transported thither, but Should any Merchants offer to purchase I shall avail myself of it. —

What I have sold is as follows,

Long Ells sold to Hajee Mere aly Reza Mushhadee

Scarlet	One Bale	10 pieces	
Cremson	1 ditto	10 ditto	
Maz Blue	1. ditto	10. ditto	
Dark Green	1. ditto	10. ditto	
	4.	40. ps. at 4 T. is 160 T. equal	1680. 0. 0

Long Ells sold on the 1st Jemadeasanie agreeing with the 17th September 1803 at 2 Years Credit. —

Sold to Hajee Mirza Ibreheme Shustarie

Scarlet	2 Bales	20 pieces	
Cremson	1 do.	10 ditto	
Purple	2. do.	20. ditto	
Maz Blue	1. do.	10. ditto	
	6.	60 ps. at 4 T. is 240 T. equal	2520. 0. 0.

Sold to Hajee Aga Mohummed Shustarie

Scarlet, Purple and Maz Blue 3 Bs. 30 ps. at do. is 120 T. ..... 1260. 0. 0.

Amount 13 Bales of Long Ells sold by Hajee Md. Ibrahim ..... 5460. 0. 0.

Sold by Aga Momin at One years Credit (but from what date commencing not Specified) to a Merchant of whom there is Some doubts of his payment. —

Sold to Aga Mere Ibraheme Yezdee

Long Ells 3 Bs. 30 ps. when not mentioned at 125 Tomauns is 43 3/4 Ps. Rg ℘ piece 1312. 2. 0

Amount 16 Bales or 160 ps. Long Ells sold 6772. 2. 0

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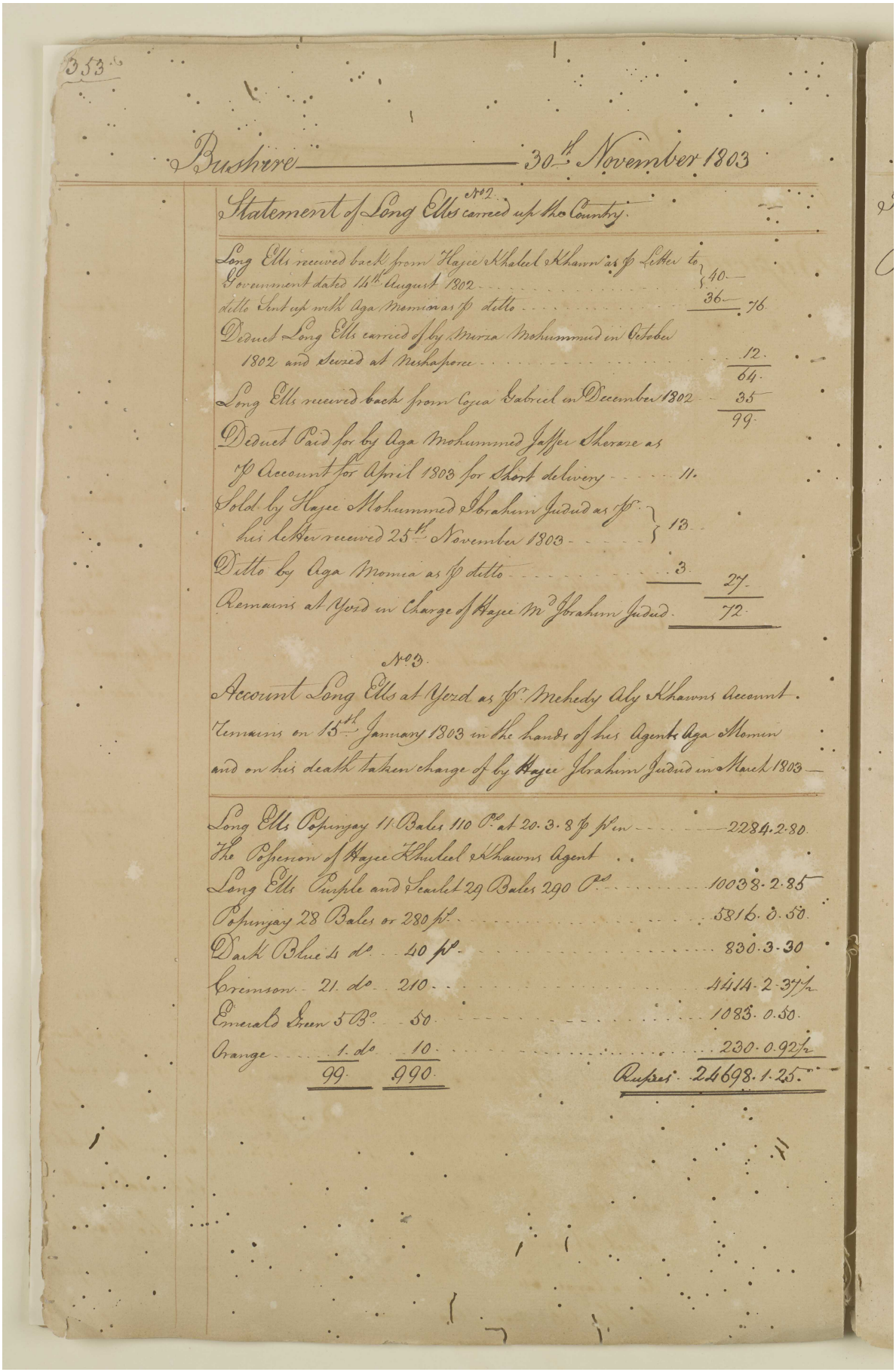

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Bushire 30th November 1803

No 2

Statement of Long Ells carried up the Country

Long Ells received back from Hajee Khaleel Khawn's as p Letter to Government dated 15th August 1802	40	
ditto Sent up with Aga Momin as p ditto	36	76
Deduct Long Ells carried off by Mirza Mohummud in October 1802 and Seized at Nushapore	12	
		64
Long Ells received back from Cojia Gabriel in December 1802	35	
		99
Deduct Paid for by Aga Mohummed Jaffer Sherazee as p Account for April 1803 for Short delivery	11	
Sold by Hajee Mohummed Ibrahim Judud as p his Letter received 25th November 1803	13	
Ditto by Aga Momin as p ditto	3	27
Remains at Yezd in Charge of Hajee Mohd Ibrahim Judud		72

No 3

Account Long Ells at Yezd as p Mehedy Aly Khawns Account

Remains on 15th January 1803 in the hands of his Agents Aga Momin and on his death taken charge of by Hajee Ibrahim Judud in March 1803

Long Ells Popinjay 11 Bales 110 Pcs at 20.3.8 p p'in			2284.2.80
The Poperon of Hajee Khaleel Khawns Agent			
Long Ells Purple and Scarlet 29 Bales 290 Pcs			1003.8.2.35
Popinjay 28 Bales or 280 p			581.6.0.50
Dark Blue 4 do	40 p		830.3.30
Cremson 21 do	210		4414.2.37½
Emerald Green 5 Pcs	50		1083.0.50
Orange 1 do	10		230.0.92½
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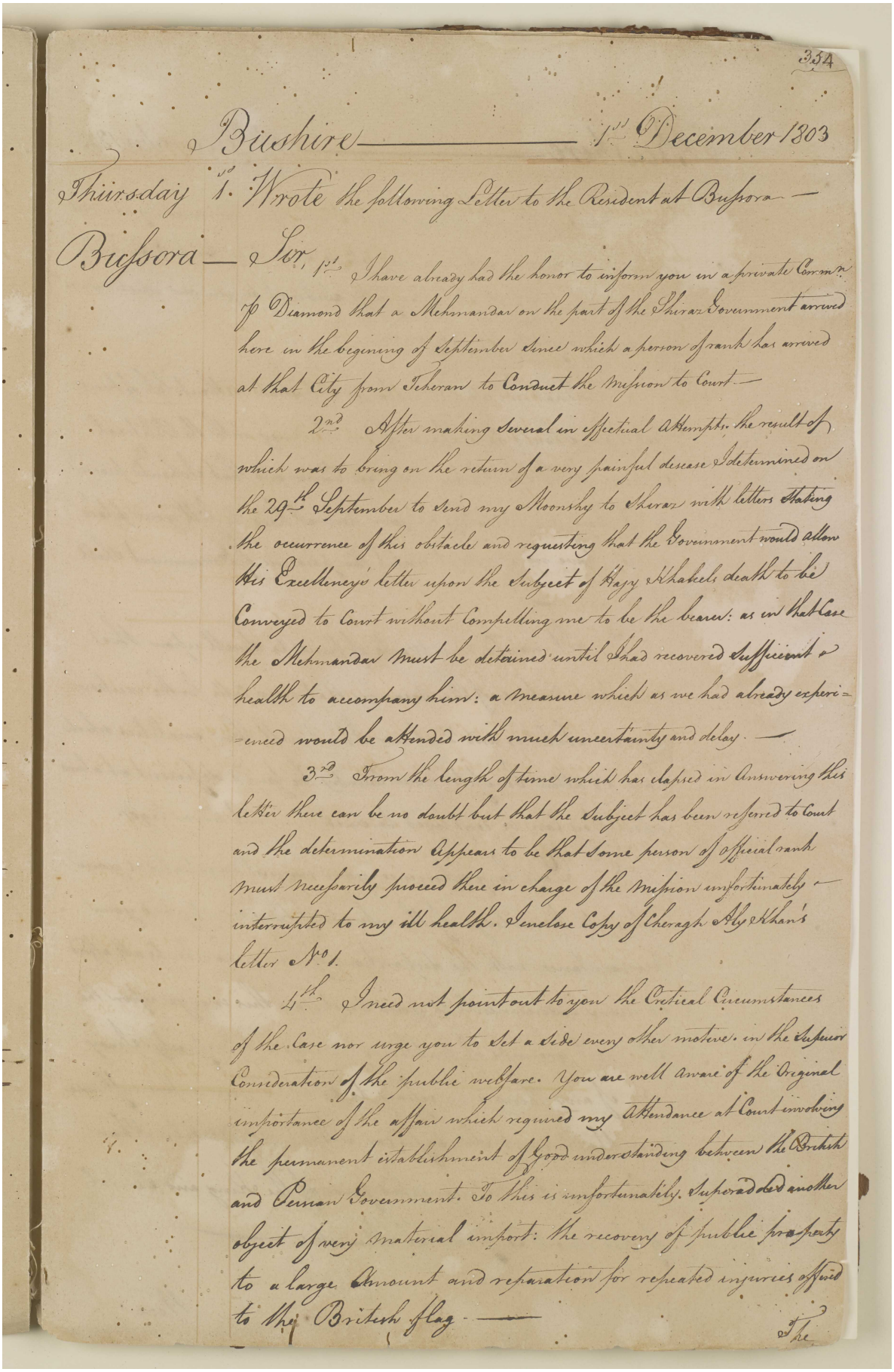

Bushire ——— 1st December 1803

Thursday 1st. Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora —

Bussora — Sir, 1st I have already had the honor to inform you in a private Comm.n of Diamond that a Mehmandar on the part of the Shiraz Government arrived here in the begining of September since which a person of rank has arrived at that City from Teheran to Conduct the Mission to Court —

2nd After making several ineffectual Attempts, the result of which was to bring on the return of a very painful disease I determined on the 29th. September to send my Moonshy to Shiraz with letters stating the occurrence of this obstacle and requesting that the Government would allow His Excellency's letter upon the Subject of Hajy Khaleels death to be Conveyed to Court without Compelling me to be the bearer: as in that Case the Mehmandar must be detained until I had recovered sufficient health to accompany him: a measure which as we had already experienced would be attended with much uncertainty and delay —

3rd From the length of time which has elapsed in Answering this letter there can be no doubt but that the Subject has been referred to Court and the determination appears to be that some person of official rank must necessarily proceed there in charge of the Mission unfortunately interrupted to my ill health. I enclose Copy of Cheragh Aly Khan's letter No 1.

4th I need not point out to you the Critical Circumstances of the Case nor urge you to set a side every other motive in the superior Consideration of the public welfare. You are well aware of the Original importance of the affair which required my attendance at Court involving the permanent establishment of Good understanding between the British and Persian Government. To this is unfortunately superadded another object of very material import: the recovery of public property to a large Amount and reparation for repeated injuries offered to the British flag — —

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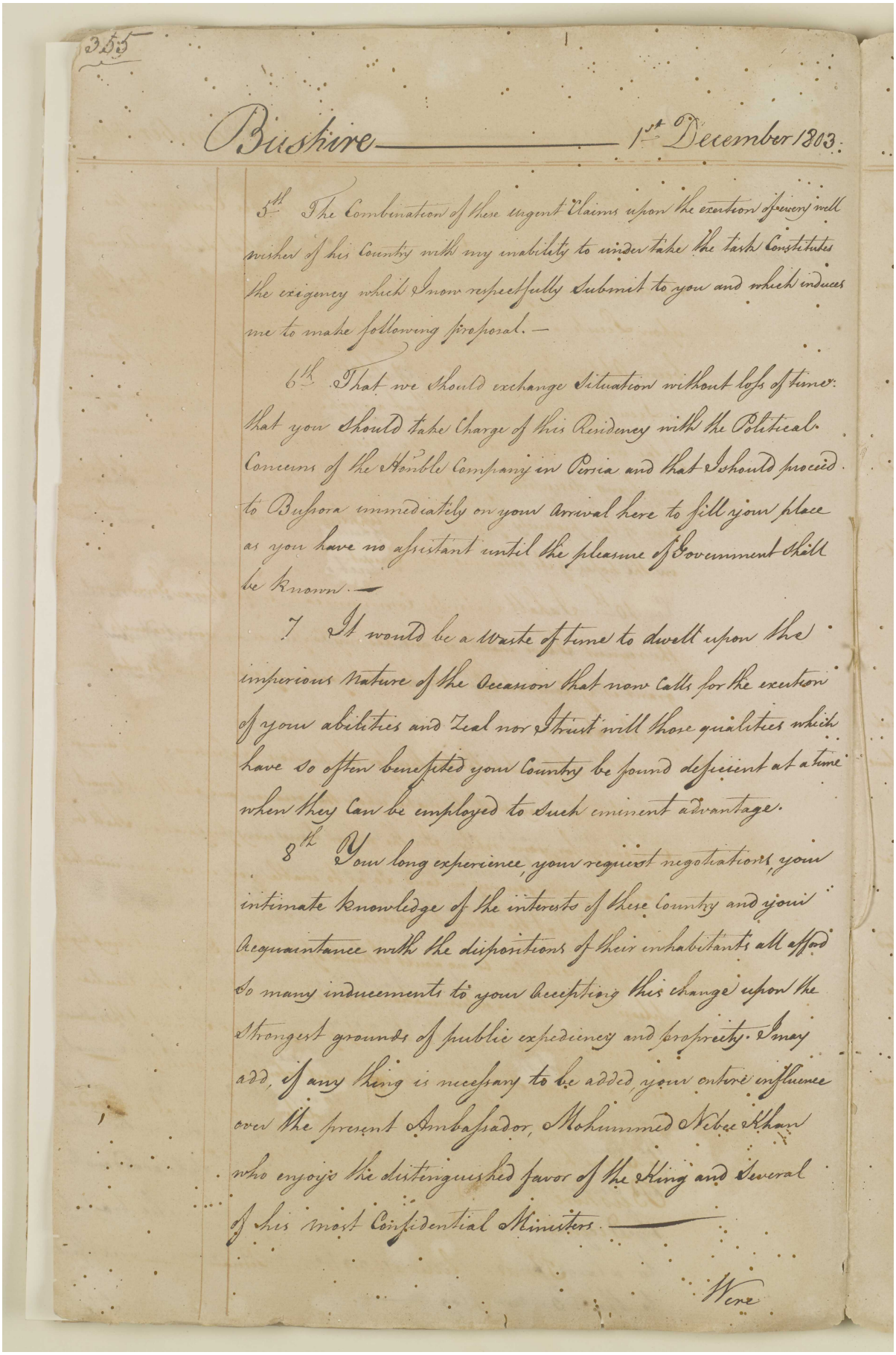

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Bushire 1st December 1803.

5th The Combination of these urgent Claims upon the exertion of every well wisher of his Country with my inability to undertake the task Constitutes the exigency which I now respectfully Submit to you and which induces me to make following proposal. —

6th That we should exchange Situation without loss of time: that you should take Charge of this Residency with the Political Concerns of the Honble Company in Persia and that I should proceed to Bussora immediately on your Arrival here to fill your place as you have no Assistant until the pleasure of Government shall be known. —

7 It would be a Waste of time to dwell upon the imperious Nature of the occasion that now calls for the exertion of your abilities and Zeal nor I trust will those qualities which have so often benefited your Country be found deficient at a time when they can be employed to such eminent advantage.

8th Your long experience, your regnant negotiations, your intimate knowledge of the interests of these Country and your acquaintance with the dispositions of their inhabitants all afford so many inducements to your accepting this change upon the strongest grounds of public expediency and propriety. I may add, if any thing is necessary to be added, your entire influence over the present Ambassador, Mohummed Nebee Khan who enjoys the distinguished favor of the King and several of his most Confidential Ministers. ——

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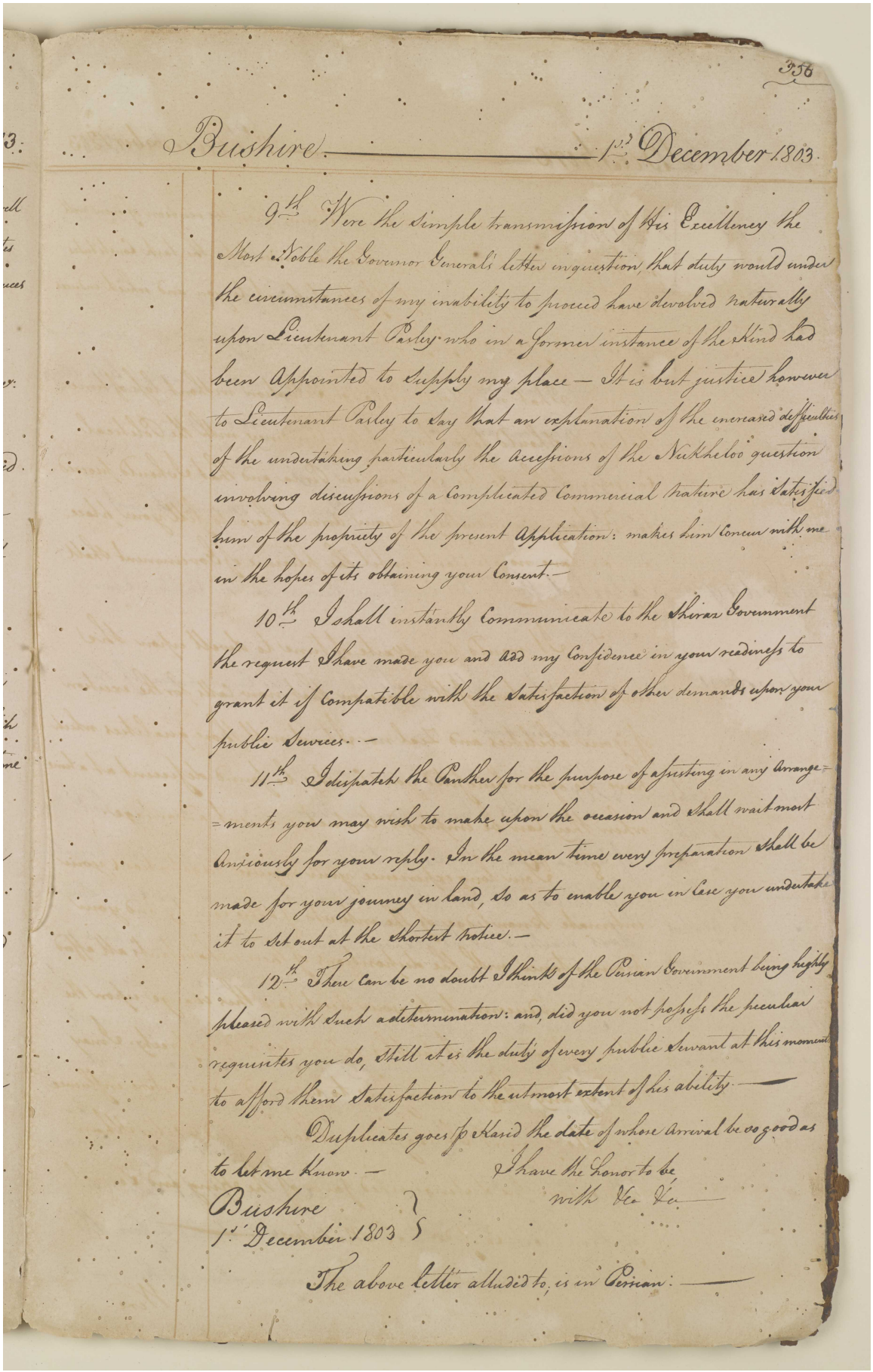

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9th Were the simple transmission of His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor Generals letter in question that duty would under the circumstances of my inability to proceed have devolved naturally upon Lieutenant Pasley who in a former instance of the kind had been Appointed to supply my place — It is but justice however to Lieutenant Pasley to say that an explanation of the encreased difficulties of the undertaking particularly the accessions of the Nukheloo question involving discussions of a Complicated Commercial nature has satisfied him of the propriety of the present Application: makes him Concur with me in the hopes of its obtaining your Consent —

10th I shall instantly Communicate to the Shiraz Government the request I have made you and add my Confidence in your readiness to grant it if Compatible with the Satisfaction of other demands upon your public Services. —

11th I dispatch the Panther for the purpose of assisting in any arrange=ments you may wish to make upon the occasion and shall wait most anxiously for your reply. In the mean time every preparation shall be made for your journey in land, so as to enable you in Case you undertake it to set out at the shortest notice. —

12th There can be no doubt I think of the Persian Government being highly pleased with such a determination: and, did you not possess the peculiar requisites you do, still it is the duty of every public Servant at this moment to afford them Satisfaction to the utmost extent of his ability. —

Duplicates goes per Hawk the date of whose arrival be so good as to let me know. — I have the Honor to be
with &c &c

Bushire
1st December 1803

The above letter alluded to, is in Persian. —

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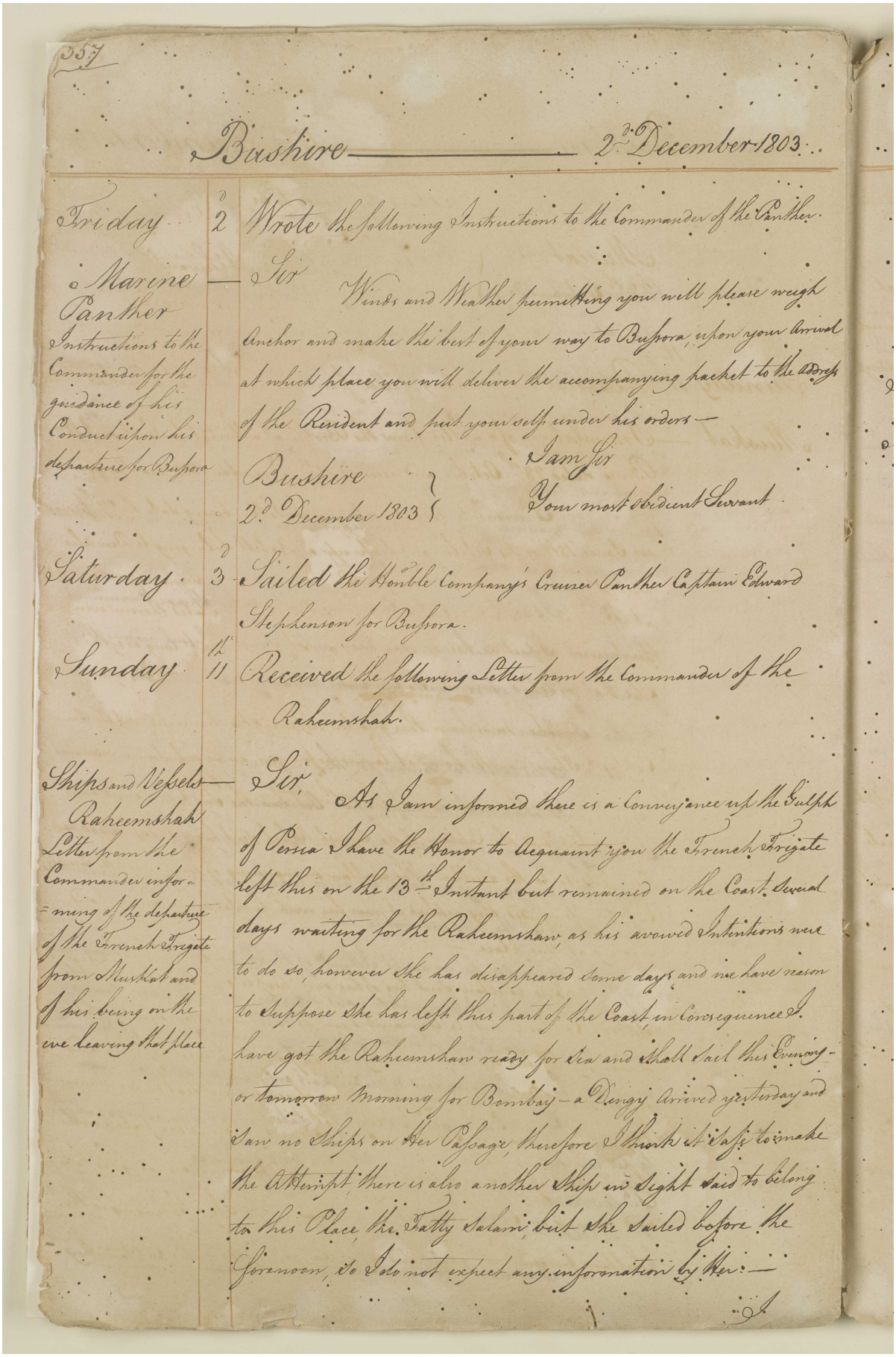

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Bushire 2d December 1803

Friday 2 Wrote the following Instructions to the Commander of the Panther.

Marine Panther Instructions to the Commander for the guidance of his Conduct upon his departure for Bushire

Sir

Winds and Weather permitting you will please weigh Anchor and make the best of your way to Bushire, upon your Arrival at which place you will deliver the accompanying packet to the address of the Resident and put your self under his orders —

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Bushire
2d December 1803

Saturday 3 Sailed the Honble Company's Cruizer Panther Captain Edward Stephenson for Bushire.

Sunday 11 Received the following Letter from the Commander of the Raheemshah.

Ships and Vessels Raheemshah Letter from the Commander informing of the departure of the French Frigate from Muskat and of his being on the eve leaving that place

Sir

As I am informed there is a Conveyance up the Gulph of Persia I have the Honor to acquaint you the French Frigate left this on the 13th Instant but remained on the Coast several days waiting for the Raheemshaw, as his avowed Intentions were to do so, however she has disappeared some days and we have reason to suppose she has left this part of the Coast, in Consequence I have got the Raheemshaw ready for Sea and shall sail this Evening or tomorrow Morning for Bombay — a Dingy Arrived yesterday and saw no Ships on Her Passage, therefore I think it safe to make the Attempt, there is also another Ship in Sight said to belong to this Place, the Fatty Salam; but she sailed before the Forenoon, so I do not expect any information by her: —

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Bushire ——— 11th December 1803

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant,
(signed) Thomas Negron

Muscat
28th October 1803

Sunday 11th Received the following Letter from the Broker at Muskat—

Muskat — Translation of a Letter from the Broker at Muskat to Lieutenant Wm Bruce dated 28th October and received 11th December 1803 Via Kangoon

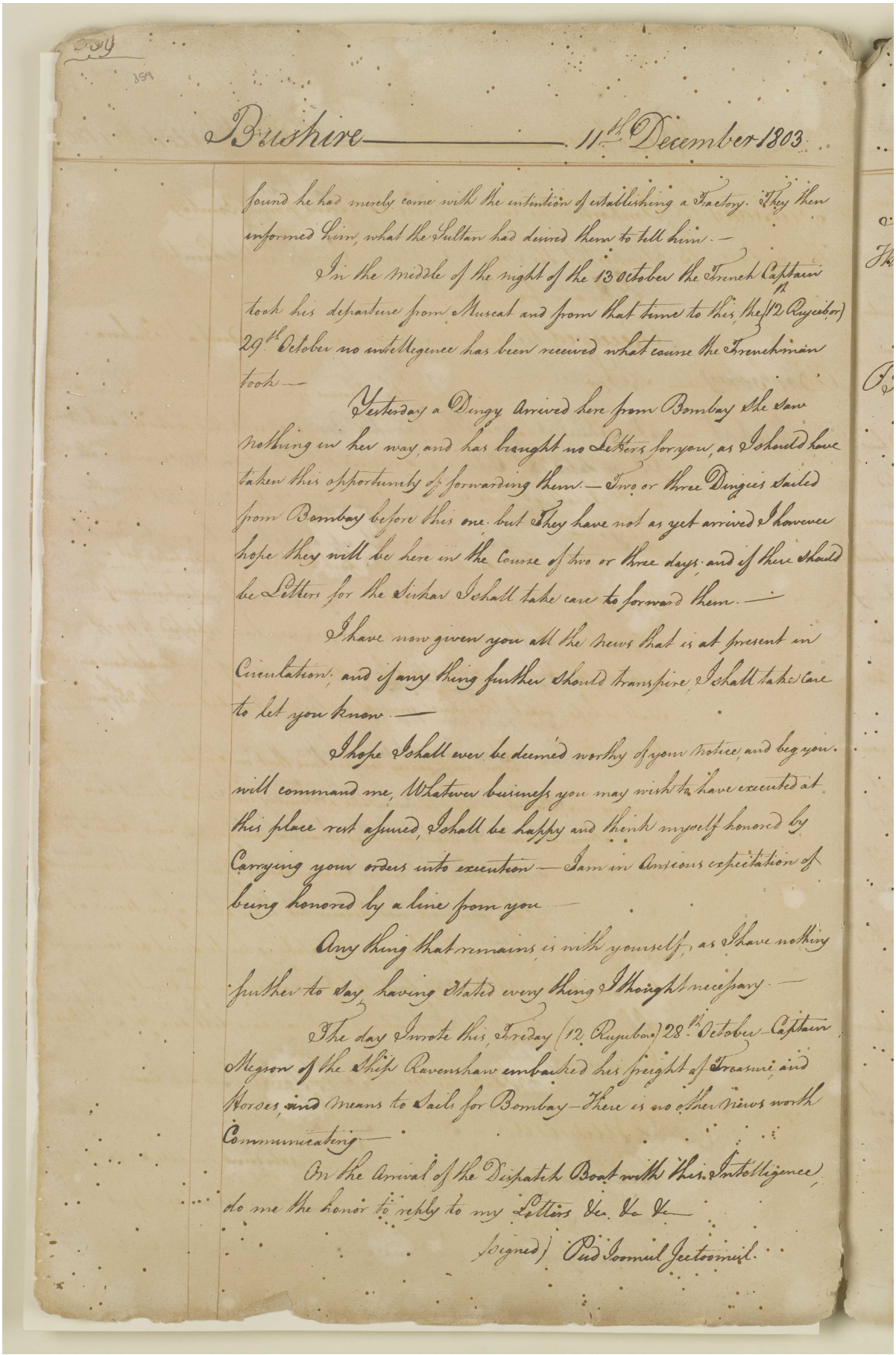
Previous to this I wrote you a Letter bearing date the 27th Jumad aos Sanee 1818 or 14 October and took up a Batell belonging to Bin Abee which I dispatched with the Letter for Bushire, in order to acquaint you and those at Bussora of the arrival of a French Vessel here, and stated therein every particular respecting her— I am in great hopes that long ere this she has reached you in Safety—

The News from this quarter respecting the transactions of the French Captain, I have now the honor at laying before you, as his intentions are ascertained

On the morning of the 12th October the Sultan of Muscat Arrived here and the Captain of the French Vessel sent two of his Officers to pay their respects to the Sultan—The Sultan on enquiring of them what the French Captain demanded, they replied it was his wish to establish a Resident and Factory at this place—

The Sultan sent two of his own people on Board the Vessel to see the Captain, and to acquaint him he could not allow him to establish a Factory, If his demand was only a passport for French Vessels in and out of this Port, as formerly, he had no objections and that on the morrow he should be glad to see him on Shore, and to bring his papers with him;—but if otherwise, there was no necessity in his bringing his papers and coming on Shore to Visit him—— The Men belonging to the Sultan proceeded on board and after Conversing with the Captain they—

Found



Bushire ——— 11th December 1803.

found he had merely come with the intention of establishing a Factory. They then informed him, what the Sultan had desired them to tell him. —

In the Middle of the night of the 13 October the French Captain took his departure from Muscat and from that time to this, the (12 Ryeebee) 29th October no intelligence has been received what cause the Frenchman took. —

Yesterday a Dingy arrived here from Bombay She saw nothing in her way, and has brought no Letters for you, as I should have taken this opportunity of forwarding them. — Two or three Dingies sailed from Bombay before this one but they have not as yet arrived I however hope they will be here in the Course of two or three days: and if there should be Letters for the Sirkar I shall take care to forward them. —

I have now given you all the news that is at present in Circulation: and if any thing further should transpire, I shall take care to let you know. —

I hope I shall ever be deemed worthy of your notice, and beg you will command me, Whatever business you may wish to have executed at this place rest assured, I shall be happy and think myself honored by Carrying your orders into execution — I am in Anxious expectation of being honored by a line from you. —

Any thing that remains is with yourself, as I have nothing further to say, having stated every thing I thought necessary. —

The day I wrote this, Sreday (12 Ryubee) 28th October Captain Megson of the Ship Ravenshaw embarked his freight of Treasure and Horses, and Means to Sail for Bombay — There is no other News worth Communicating. —

On the Arrival of the Dispatch Boat with this Intelligence, do me the honor to reply to my Letters &c. &c. &c. —

(Signed) Pud Soomul Jeetoomul.

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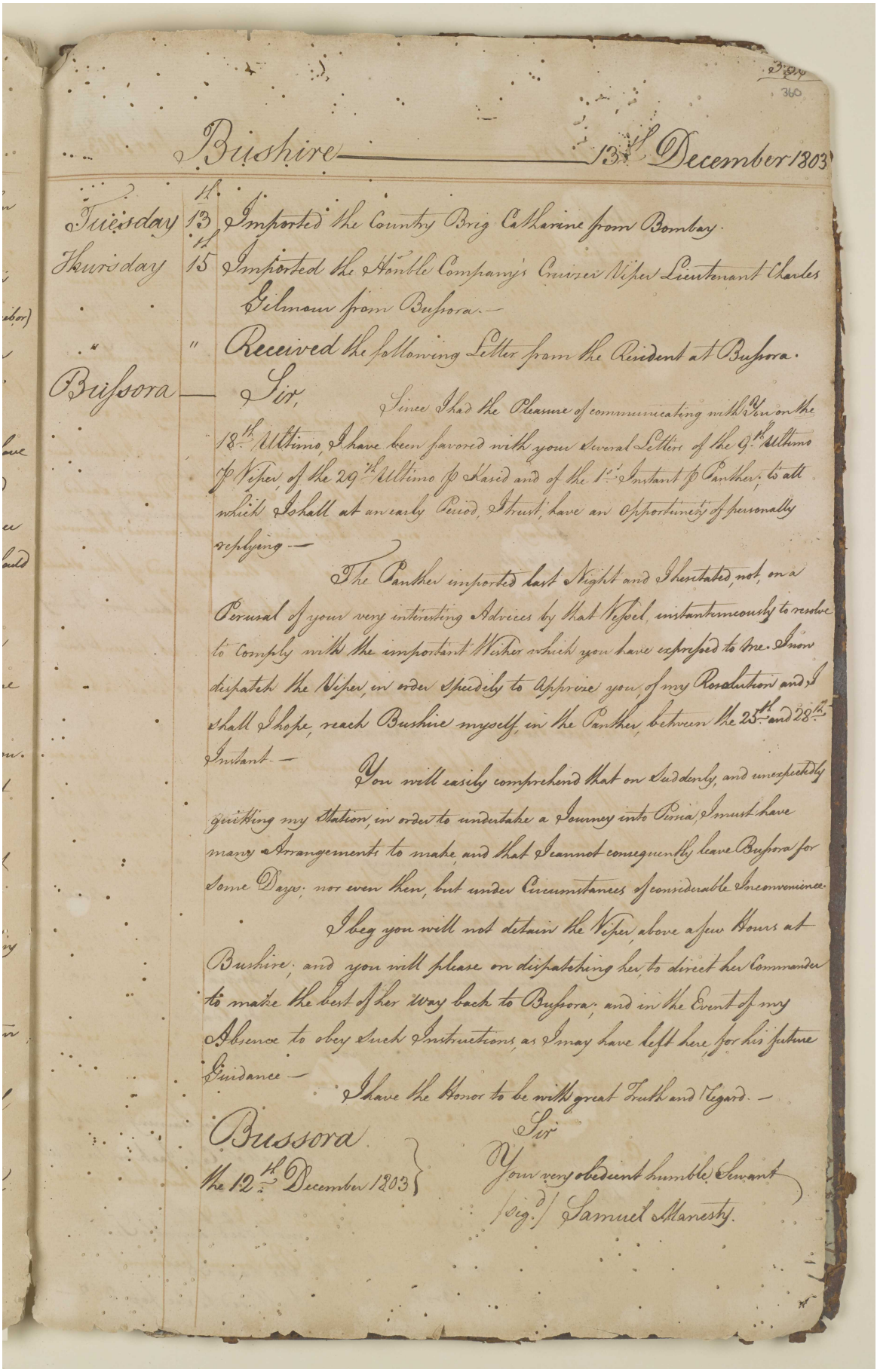


Bushire — 13th December 1803

Tuesday 13 — Imported the Country Brig Catharine from Bombay.

Thursday 15 — Imported the Honble Company's Cruizer Viper Lieutenant Charles Gilmour from Bussora.

" " — Received the following Letter from the Resident at Bussora.

Bussora —

Sir,

Since I had the Pleasure of communicating with You on the 18th Ultimo, I have been favored with your several Letters of the 9th Ultimo & Viper of the 29th Ultimo & Lark and of the 1st Instant & Panther, to all which I shall at an early Period, I trust, have an Opportunity of personally replying —

The Panther imported last Night and I hesitated not, on a Perusal of your very intersting Advices by that Vessel, instantaneously to resolve to comply with the important Wishes which you have expressed to me. I now dispatch the Viper, in order speedily to Apprize you of my Resolution and I shall I hope, reach Bushire myself in the Panther, between the 25th and 28th Instant —

You will easily comprehend that on Suddenly, and unexpectedly quitting my Station, in order to undertake a Journey into Persia I must have many Arrangements to make, and that I cannot consequently leave Bussora for some Days: nor even then, but under Circumstances of considerable Inconvenience.

I beg you will not detain the Viper, above a few Hours at Bushire; and you will please on dispatching her, to direct her Commander to make the best of her Way back to Bussora; and in the Event of my Absence to obey such Instructions, as I may have left here, for his future Guidance —

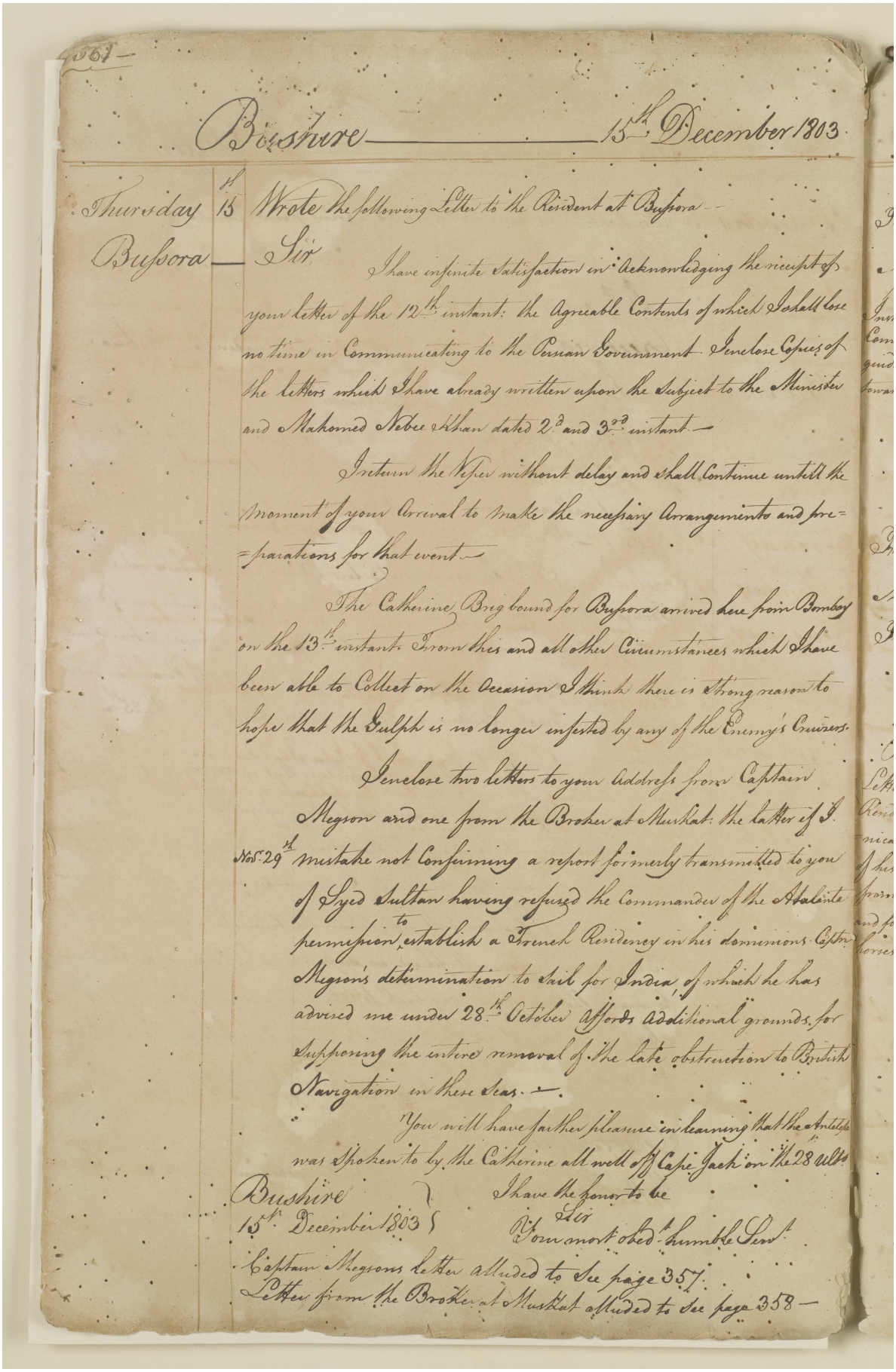
I have the Honor to be with great Truth and Regard —

Sir

Your very obedient humble Servant

(sig.d) Samuel Manesty.

Bussora
the 12th December 1803



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Bushire — 15th December 1803

Thursday 15th Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Bussora —

Bussora — Sir

I have infinite satisfaction in acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant: the Agreeable Contents of which I shall lose no time in Communicating to the Persian Government. I enclose Copies of the letters which I have already written upon the Subject to the Minister and Mahomed Nebee Khan dated 2d and 3rd instant —

I return the Viper without delay and shall Continue untill the moment of your Arrival to make the necessary Arrangements and pre=parations for that event —

The Catherine Brig bound for Bussora arrived here from Bombay on the 13th instant. From this and all other Circumstances which I have been able to Collect on the Occasion I think there is strong reason to hope that the Gulph is no longer infested by any of the Enemy's Cruizers.

I enclose two letters to your Address from Captain Megson and one from the Broker at Muskat: the latter if I

No. 29th mistake not Confirming a report formerly transmitted to you of Syed Sultan having refused the Commander of the Atalanta permission to establish a French Residency in his dominions. Captn. Megson's determination to sail for India, of which he has advised me under 28th October affords additional grounds for supposing the entire removal of the late obstruction to British Navigation in these Seas. —

You will have farther pleasure in learning that the Antelope was spoken to by the Catherine all well off Cape Jack on the 28th Ult.

Bushire
15th December 1803

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. humble Servt.

Captain Megsons Letter alluded to See page 357.
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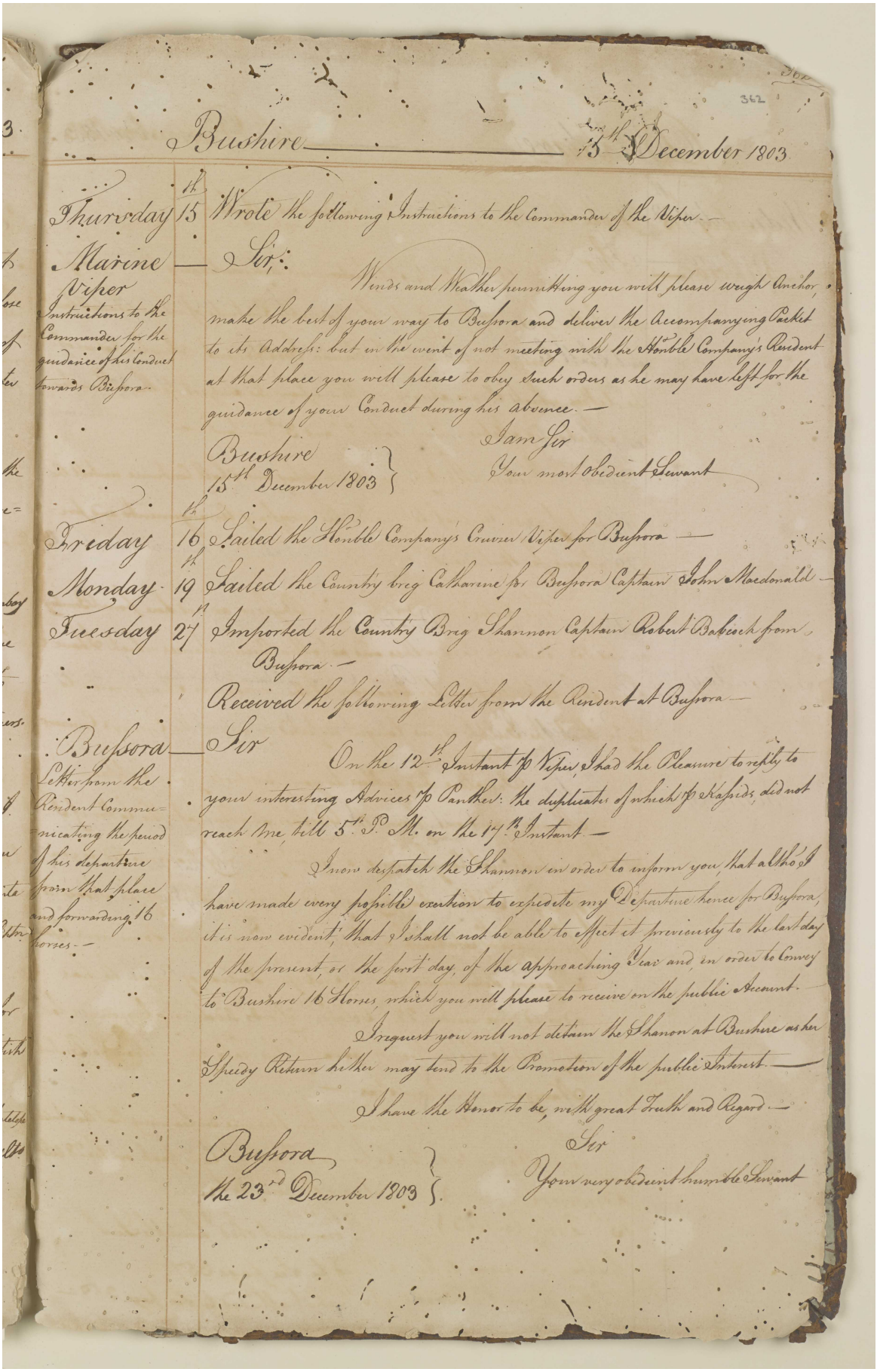

Bushire 15th December 1803

Thursday 15th — Wrote the following Instructions to the Commander of the Viper —

Marine — Viper — Instructions to the Commander for the guidance of his Conduct towards Bussora —

Sir;

Winds and Weather permitting you will please weigh Anchor, make the best of your way to Bussora and deliver the Accompanying Packet to its Address: but in the event of not meeting with the Honble Company's Resident at that place you will please to obey such orders as he may have left for the guidance of your Conduct during his absence. —

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Bushire
15th December 1803

Friday 16th — Sailed the Honble Company's Cruiser Viper for Bussora —

Monday 19th — Sailed the Country brig Catharine for Bussora Captain John Macdonald —

Tuesday 27th — Imported the Country Brig Shannon Captain Robert Babcock from Bussora —

Received the following Letter from the Resident at Bussora —

Bussora — Letter from the Resident Communicating the period of his departure from that place and forwarding 16 Horses. —

Sir

On the 12th Instant p Viper, I had the Pleasure to reply to your interesting Advices p Panther: the duplicates of which p Rapid, did not reach me, till 5 P. M. on the 17th Instant. —

I now dispatch the Shannon in order to inform you, that although I have made every possible exertion to expedite my Departure hence for Bussora, it is now evident, that I shall not be able to effect it previously to the last day of the present, or the first day of the approaching Year and, in order to Convey to Bushire 16 Horses, which you will please to receive on the public Account.

I request you will not detain the Shanon at Bushire as her Speedy Return hither may tend to the Promotion of the public Interest. —

I have the Honor to be, with great Truth and Regard —

Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant

Bussora
the 23rd December 1803

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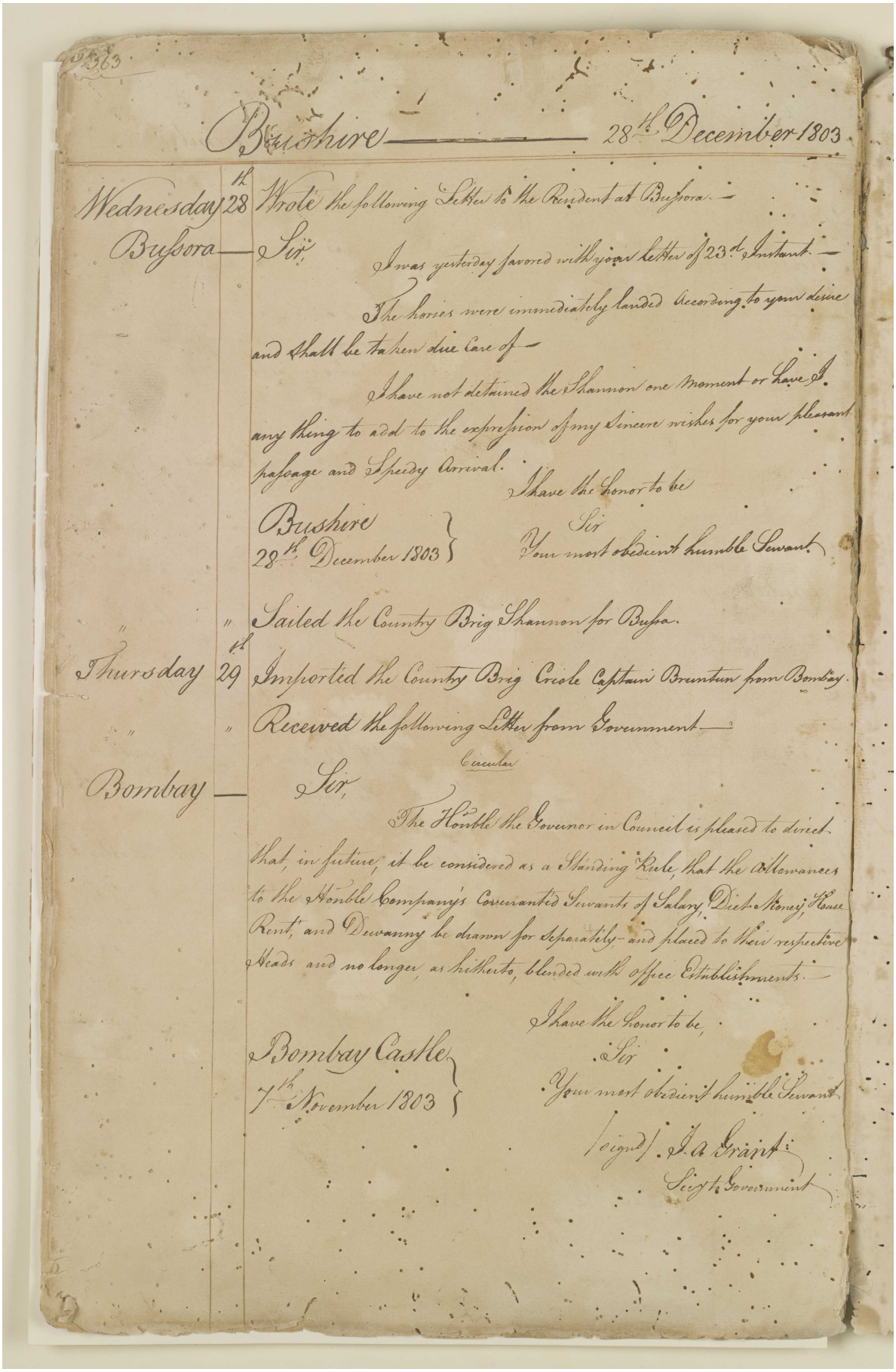

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Bushire ——— 28th December 1803

Wednesday 28th — Wrote the following Letter to the Resident at Buşora —

Buşora — Sir,

I was yesterday favored with your Letter of 23d Instant —

The horses were immediately landed according to your desire and shall be taken due care of —

I have not detained the Shannon one Moment or have I any thing to add to the expression of my Sincere wishes for your pleasant passage and Speedy Arrival.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant

Bushire
28th December 1803

" — Sailed the Country Brig Shannon for Buşra.

Thursday 29th — Imported the Country Brig Creole Captain Brunton from Bombay.

" — Received the following Letter from Government —

Circular

Bombay — Sir,

The Honble the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that, in future, it be considered as a Standing Rule, that the Allowances to the Honble Company's Covenanted Servants of Salary, Diet Money, House Rent, and Dewanny be drawn for Separately — and placed to their respective Heads and no longer, as hitherto, blended with office Establishments —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant

Bombay Castle
7th November 1803

(signd) J. A. Grant
Secy to Government

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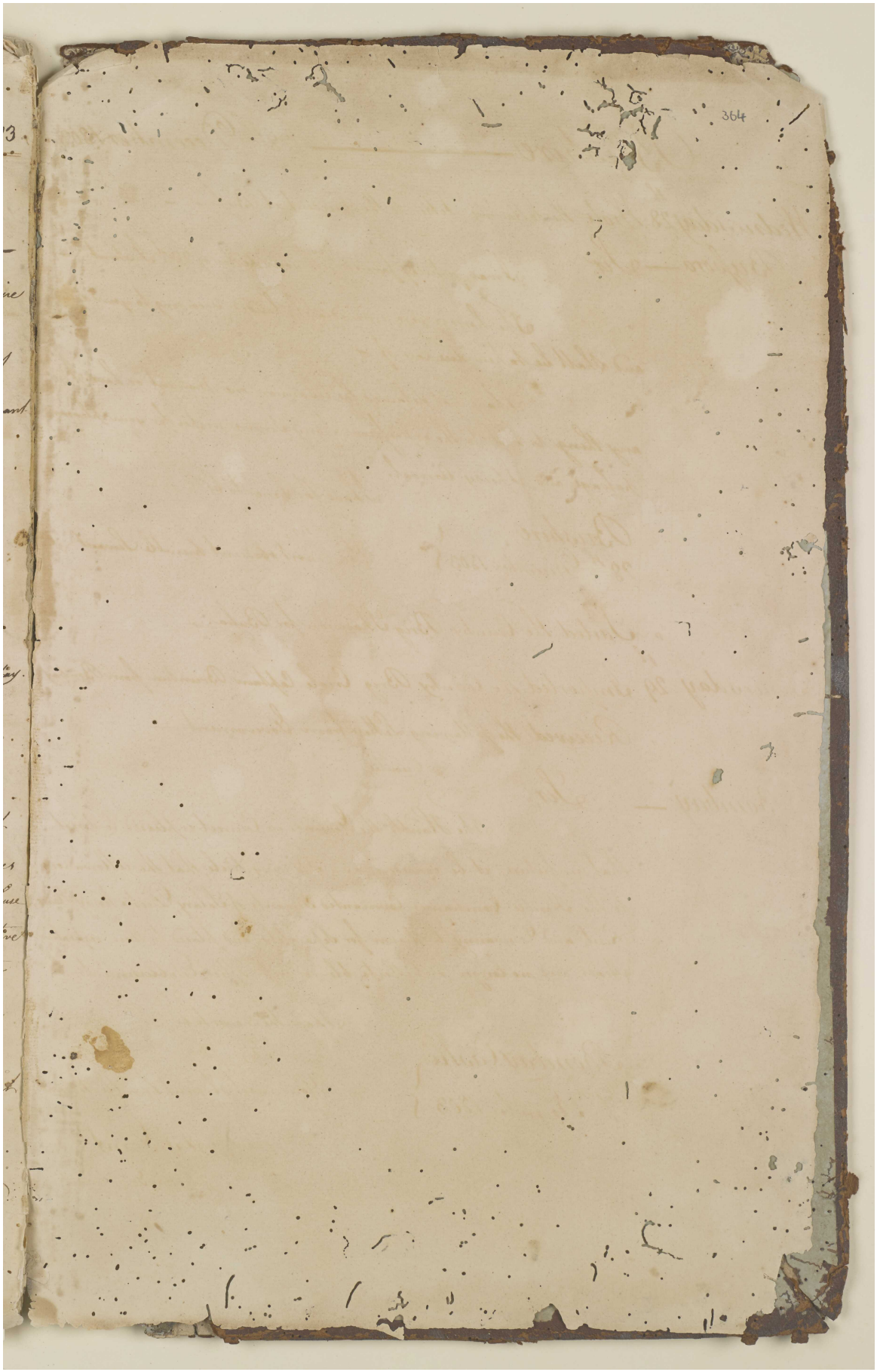

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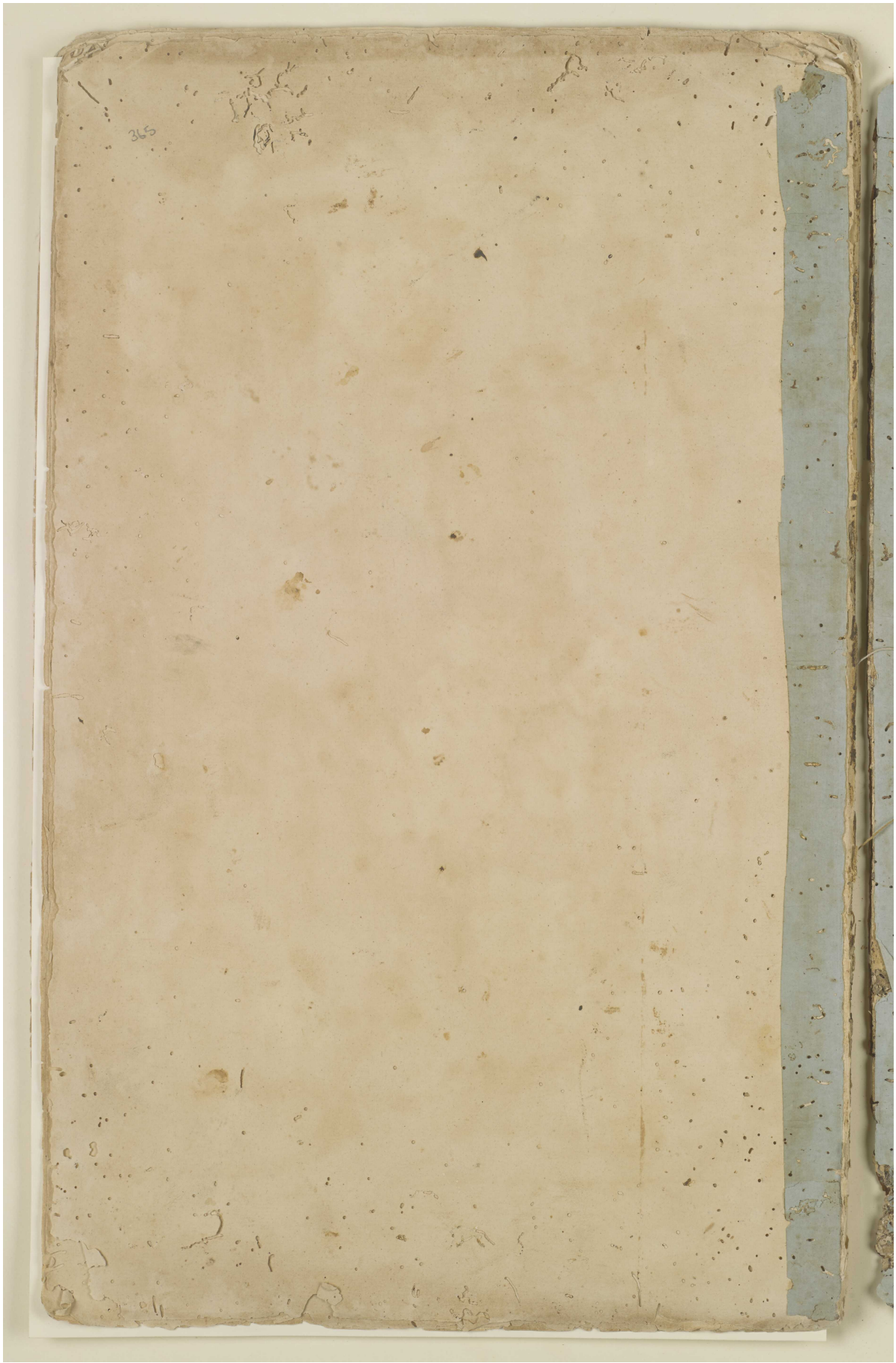

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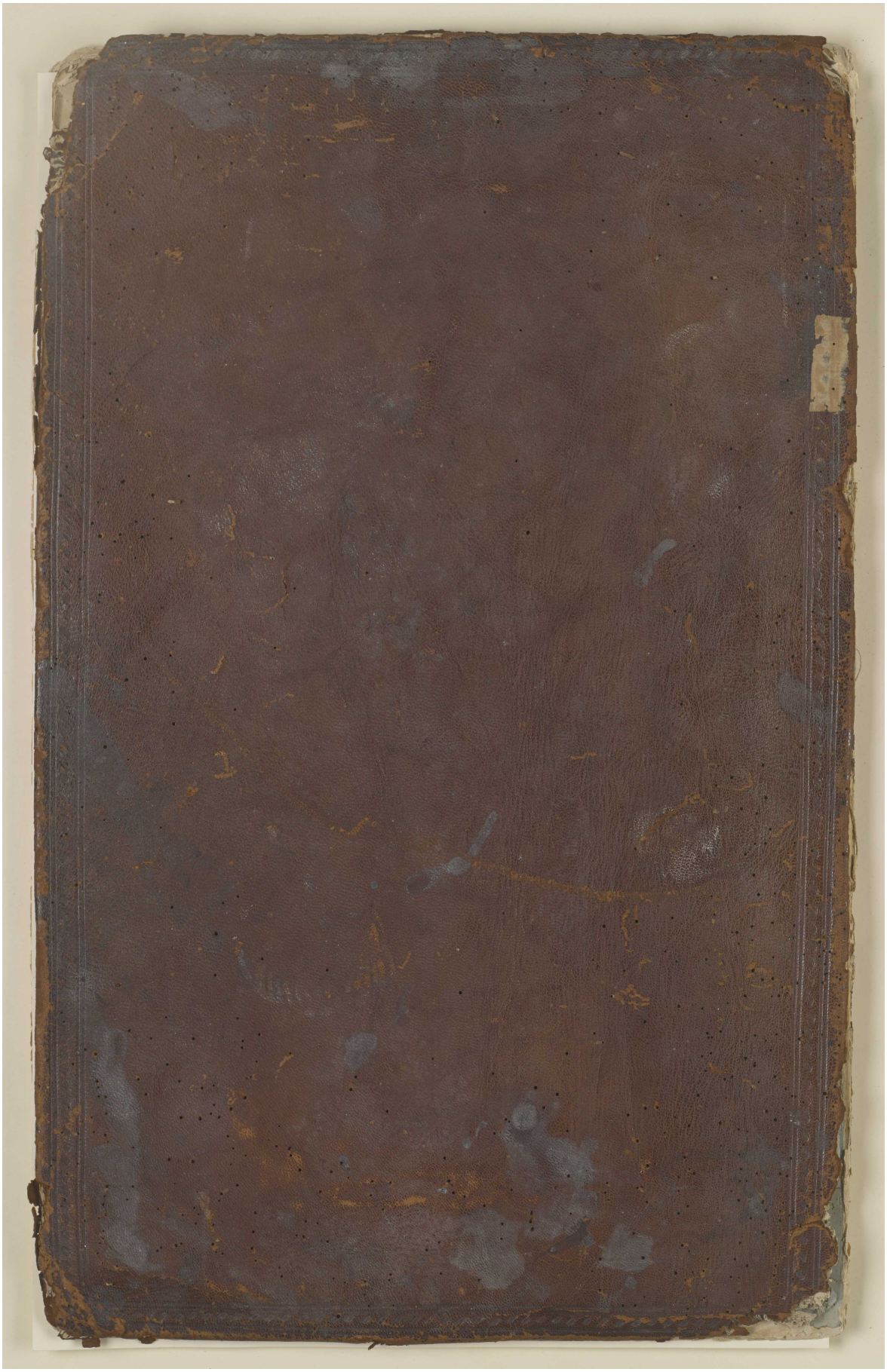

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