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About this record

The volume consists of draft letters outwards from the British Resident in the Persian Gulf; up to 1831 the office holder is David Wilson, but following his departure Samuel Hennell fills the position — in an acting capacity — until the end of the volume.

The correspondence can be divided into two broad categories. The first being letters addressed to the Resident's Native Agents throughout the Persian Gulf at Bahrain, Carrack [Bandar-e Chārak], Muscat, Sharjah, and Shiraz. A great deal of this material is of a routine nature; for example, praise for good conduct, reprimands for poor conduct, instructions to forward correspondence, and authorisation for leave. Solicitations for information on a range of topics such as local political affairs, the slave trade in the Gulf, and suspected piratical activity are also common.

The second category is made up of letters addressed to various rulers throughout the Persian Gulf. The principal recipients being Shaikh Sulṭān bin Saqr, Hakim of Ra's al-Khaymah; Shaikh ʻAbdullāh bin Aḥmad Āl Khalīfah, Hakim of Bahrain; Shaikh Tanoon [Ṭaḥnūn bin Shakhbūṭ Āl Nahyān], Hakim of Aboothabee [Abu Dhabi]; Saʻīd bin Sultān Āl Saʻīd, the Imam of Muscat; and Shaikh ʻAbd al-Rasūl Khān, Governor of Bushire. Much of this correspondence is related to to the Resident's efforts to maintain peace in the Gulf, and ensure the suppression of piracy. It also covers attempts by the Resident to investigate suspected acts of piracy, to facilitate recompense for property plundered at sea, and calls to punish offenders. To a lessor extent, it includes applications for redress for injuries inflicted against British agents, and matters affecting British trade.

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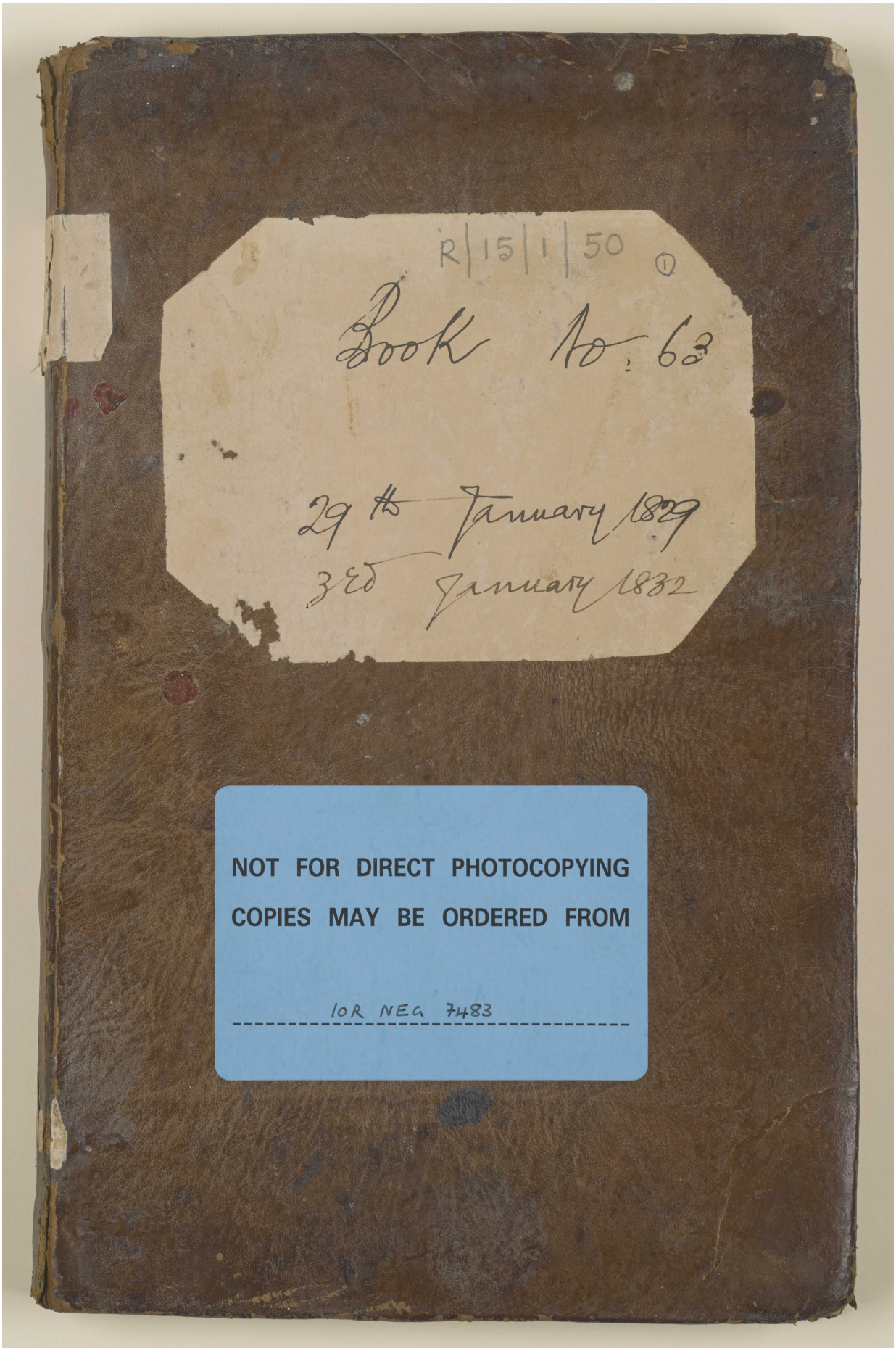

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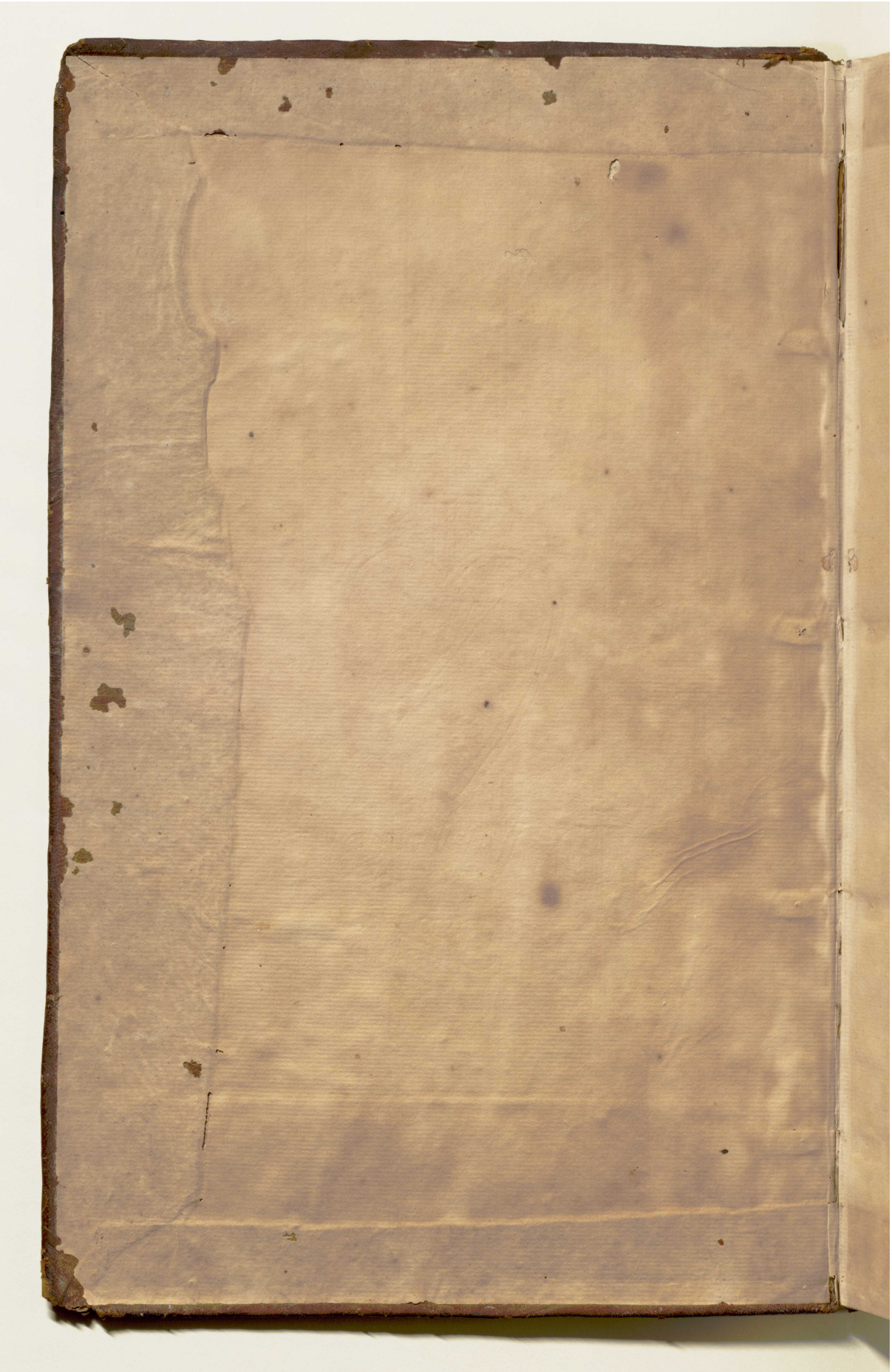

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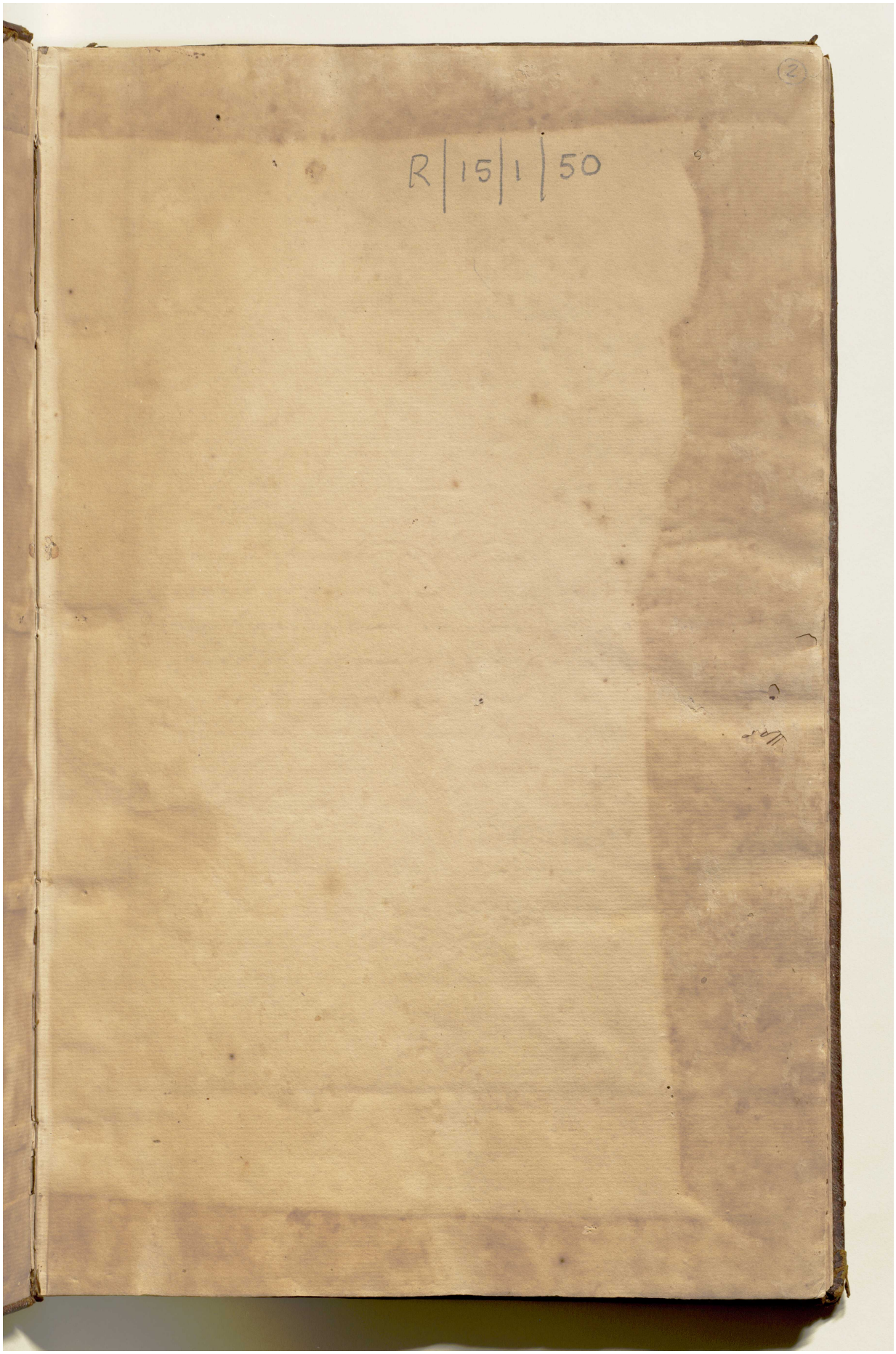
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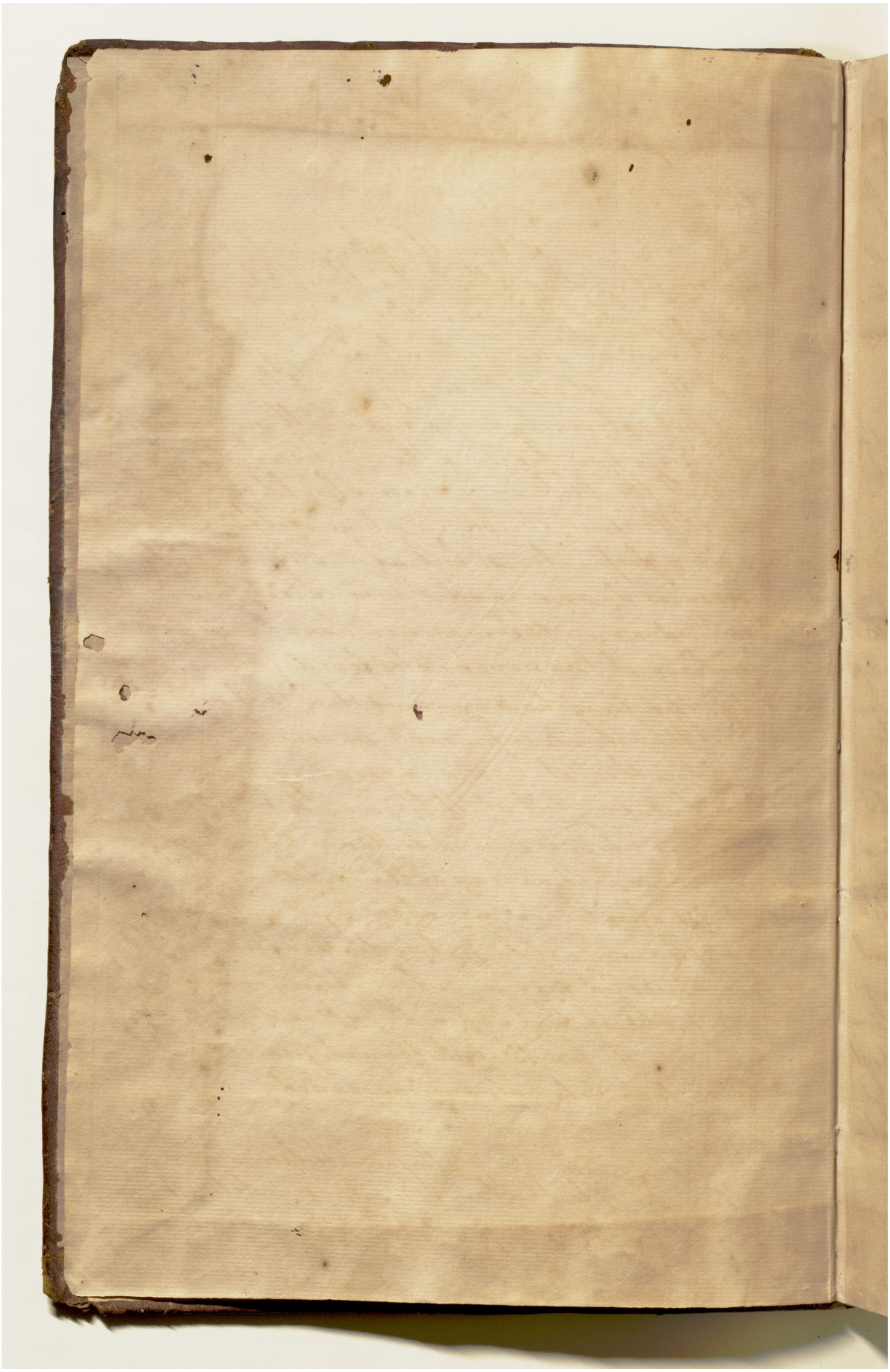

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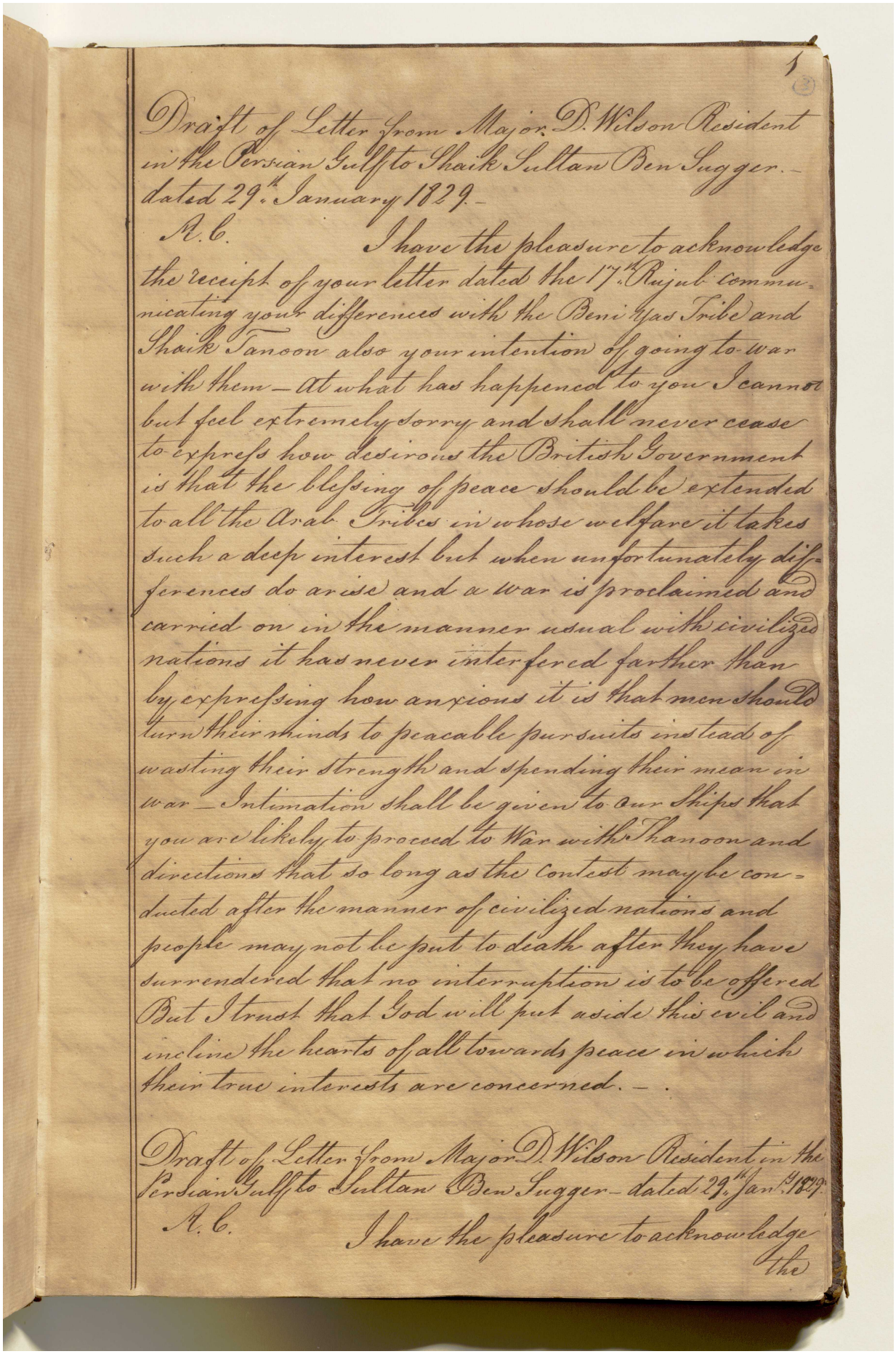

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Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Sultan Ben Sugger. – dated 29th January 1829. –

A. C. I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 17th Rujub communicating your differences with the Beni Yas Tribe and Shaik Tanoon also your intention of going to war with them – At what has happened to you I cannot but feel extremely sorry and shall never cease to express how desirous the British Government is that the blessing of peace should be extended to all the Arab Tribes in whose welfare it takes such a deep interest but when unfortunately differences do arise and a war is proclaimed and carried on in the manner usual with civilized nations it has never interfered farther than by expressing how anxious it is that men should turn their minds to peacable pursuits instead of wasting their strength and spending their means in war – Intimation shall be given to our Ships that you are likely to proceed to War with Shanoon and directions that so long as the Contest may be conducted after the manner of civilized nations and people may not be put to death after they have surrendered that no interruption is to be offered But I trust that God will put aside this evil and incline the hearts of all towards peace in which their true interests are concerned. – .

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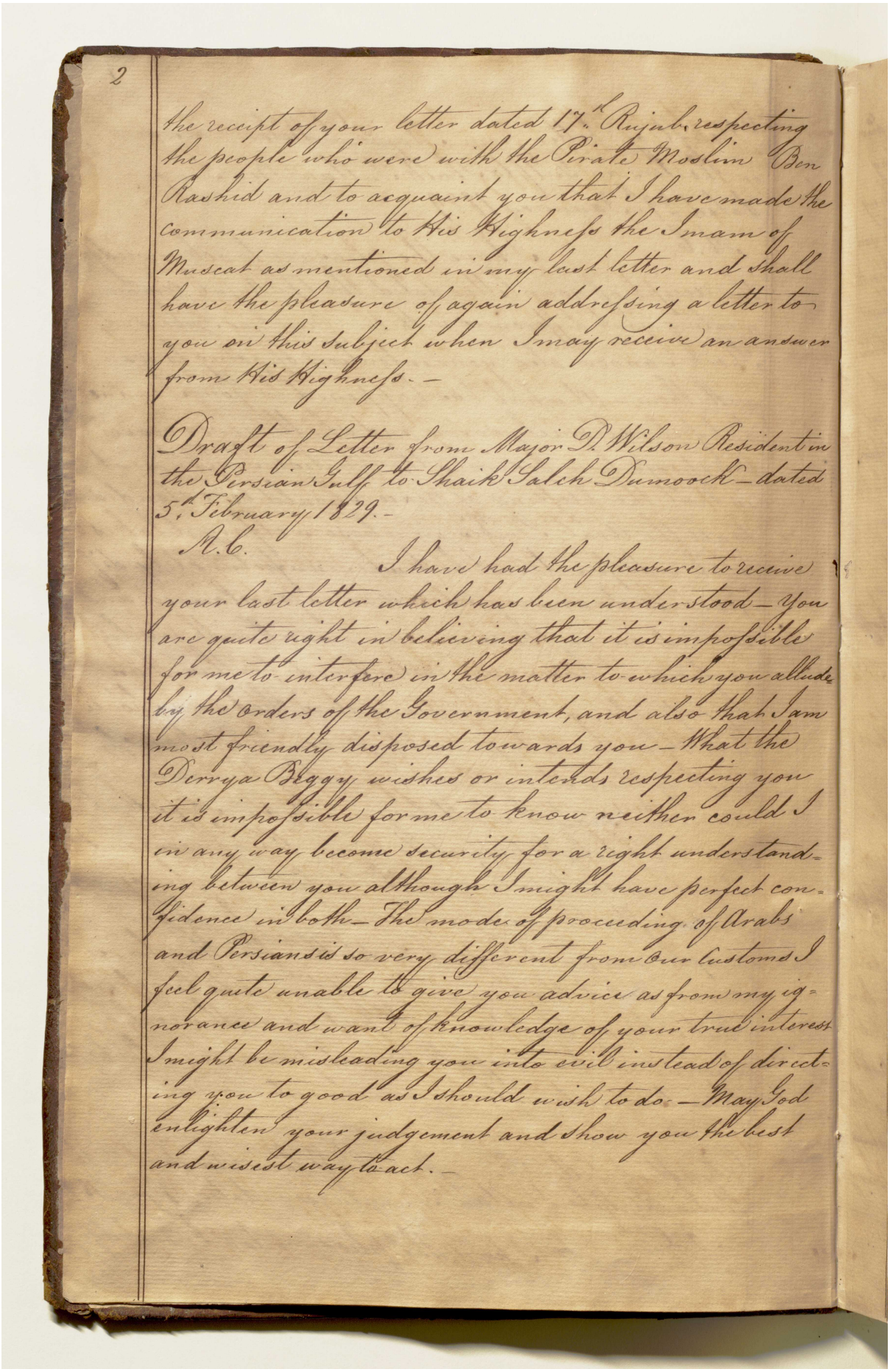

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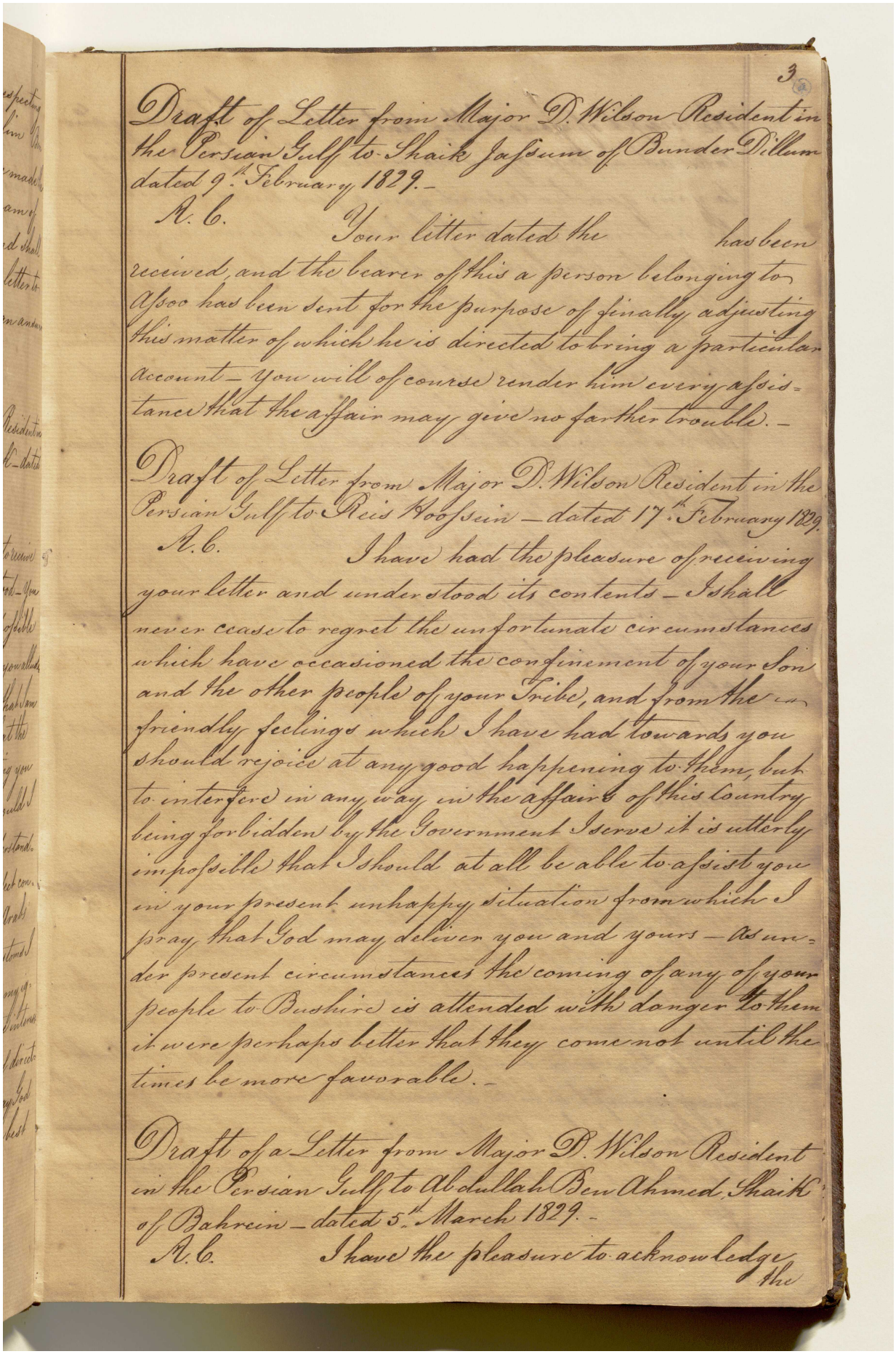
the receipt of your letter dated 17th Rujub respecting the people who were with the Pirate Moslim Ben Rashid and to acquaint you that I have made the communication to His Highness the Imam of Muscat as mentioned in my last letter and shall have the pleasure of again addressing a letter to you on this subject when I may receive an answer from His Highness.—

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Salch Dumoock—dated 5th February 1829.—

A.C.

I have had the pleasure to receive your last letter which has been understood—You are quite right in believing that it is impossible for me to interfere in the matter to which you allude by the orders of the Government, and also that I am most friendly disposed towards you—What the Derrya Beggy wishes or intends respecting you it is impossible for me to know neither could I in any way become security for a right understanding between you although I might have perfect confidence in both—The mode of proceeding of Arabs and Persians is so very different from our customs I feel quite unable to give you advice as from my ignorance and want of knowledge of your true interest I might be misleading you into evil instead of directing you to good as I should wish to do.—May God enlighten your judgement and show you the best and wisest way to act.—



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Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Jafsum of Bunder Dillum dated 9th February 1829.-

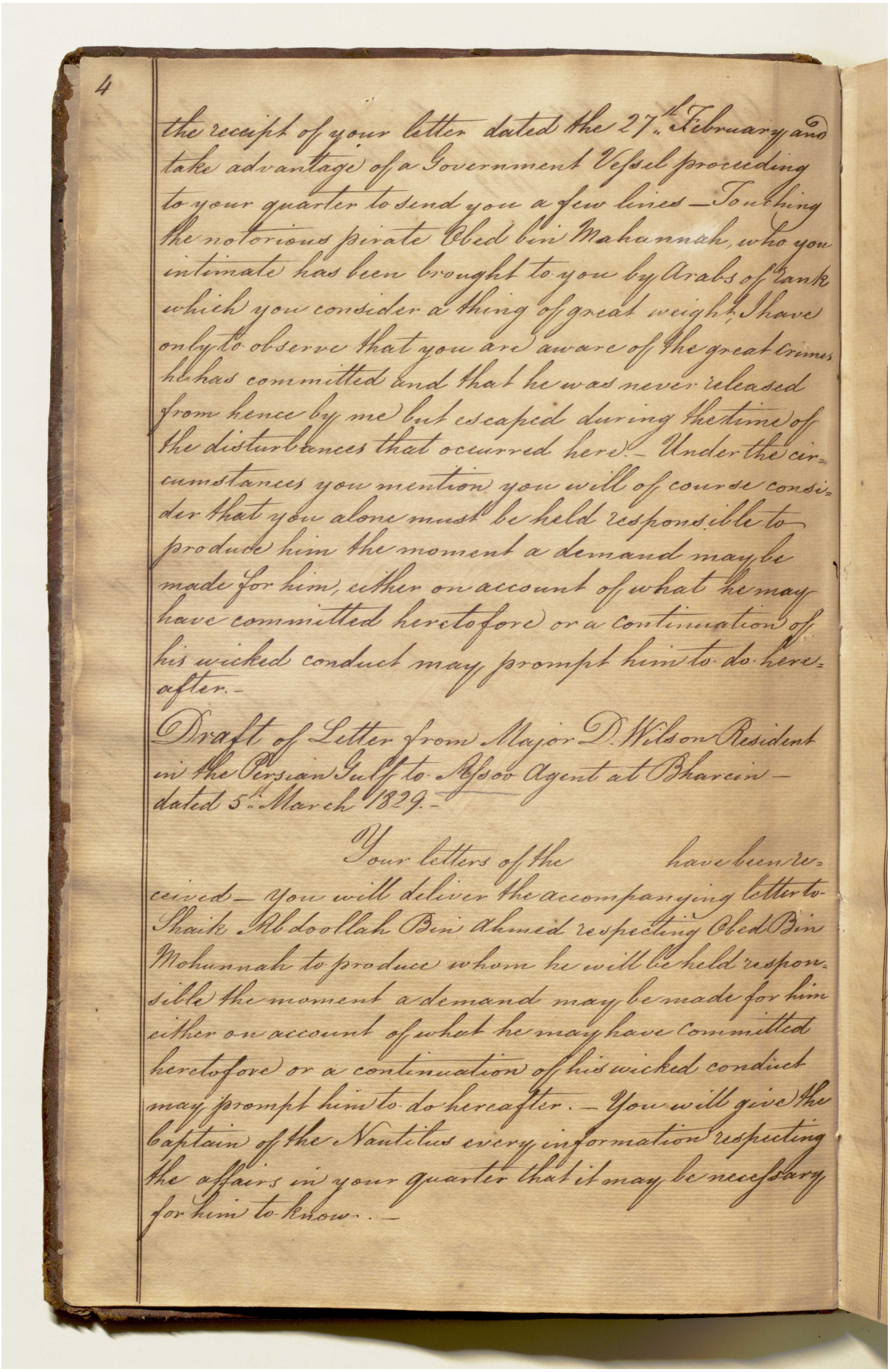
R. C. Your letter dated the has been received, and the bearer of this a person belonging to Aboo has been sent for the purpose of finally adjusting this matter of which he is directed to bring a particular account - You will of course render him every assistance that the affair may give no farther trouble. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Reis Koofsein - dated 17th February 1829.

R. C. I have had the pleasure of receiving your letter and understood its contents - I shall never cease to regret the unfortunate circumstances which have occasioned the confinement of your Son and the other people of your Tribe, and from the friendly feelings which I have had towards you should rejoice at any good happening to them, but to interfere in any way in the affairs of this Country being forbidden by the Government I serve it is utterly impossible that I should at all be able to assist you in your present unhappy situation from which I pray that God may deliver you and yours - As under present circumstances the coming of any of your people to Bushire is attended with danger to them it were perhaps better that they come not until the times be more favorable. -

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Abdullah Ben Ahmed, Shaik of Bahrein - dated 5th March 1829. -

R. C. I have the pleasure to acknowledge the



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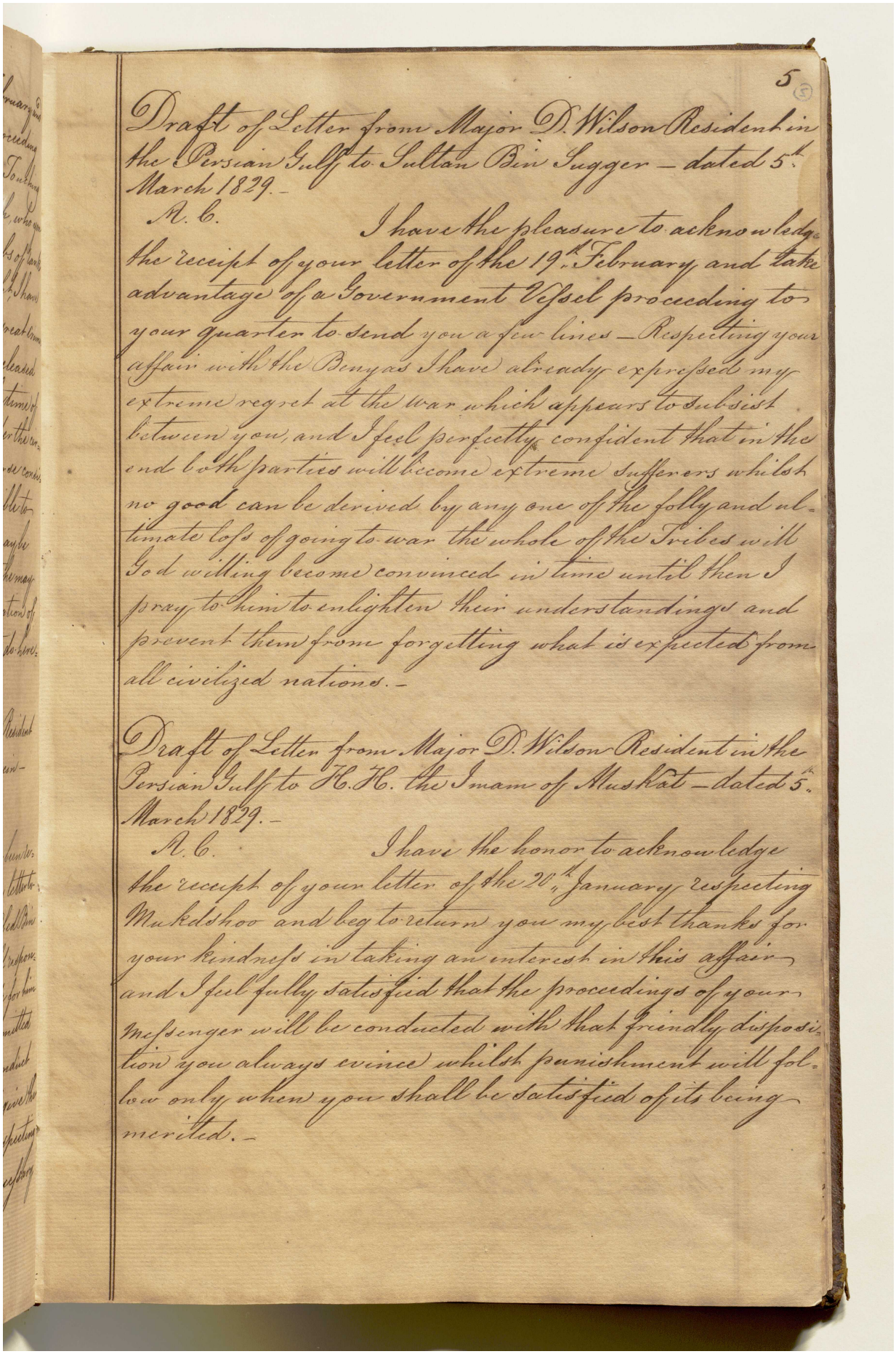
the receipt of your letter dated the 27th. February and take advantage of a Government Vessel proceeding to your quarter to send you a few lines — Touching the notorious pirate Obed bin Mahannah, who you intimate has been brought to you by Arabs of Tank which you consider a thing of great weight, I have only to observe that you are aware of the great crimes he has committed and that he was never released from hence by me but escaped during the time of the disturbances that occurred here — Under the circumstances you mention you will of course consider that you alone must be held responsible to produce him the moment a demand may be made for him, either on account of what he may have committed heretofore or a continuation of his wicked conduct may prompt him to do hereafter —

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Rfsoo Agent at Bharein — dated 5th. March 1829 —

Your letters of the have been received — You will deliver the accompanying letter to Shaik Abdoollah Bin Ahmed respecting Obed Bin Mohannah to produce whom he will be held responsible the moment a demand may be made for him either on account of what he may have committed heretofore or a continuation of his wicked conduct may prompt him to do hereafter — You will give the Captain of the Nautilus every information respecting the affairs in your quarter that it may be necessary for him to know —



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Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Sultan Bin Sugger – dated 5th March 1829.–

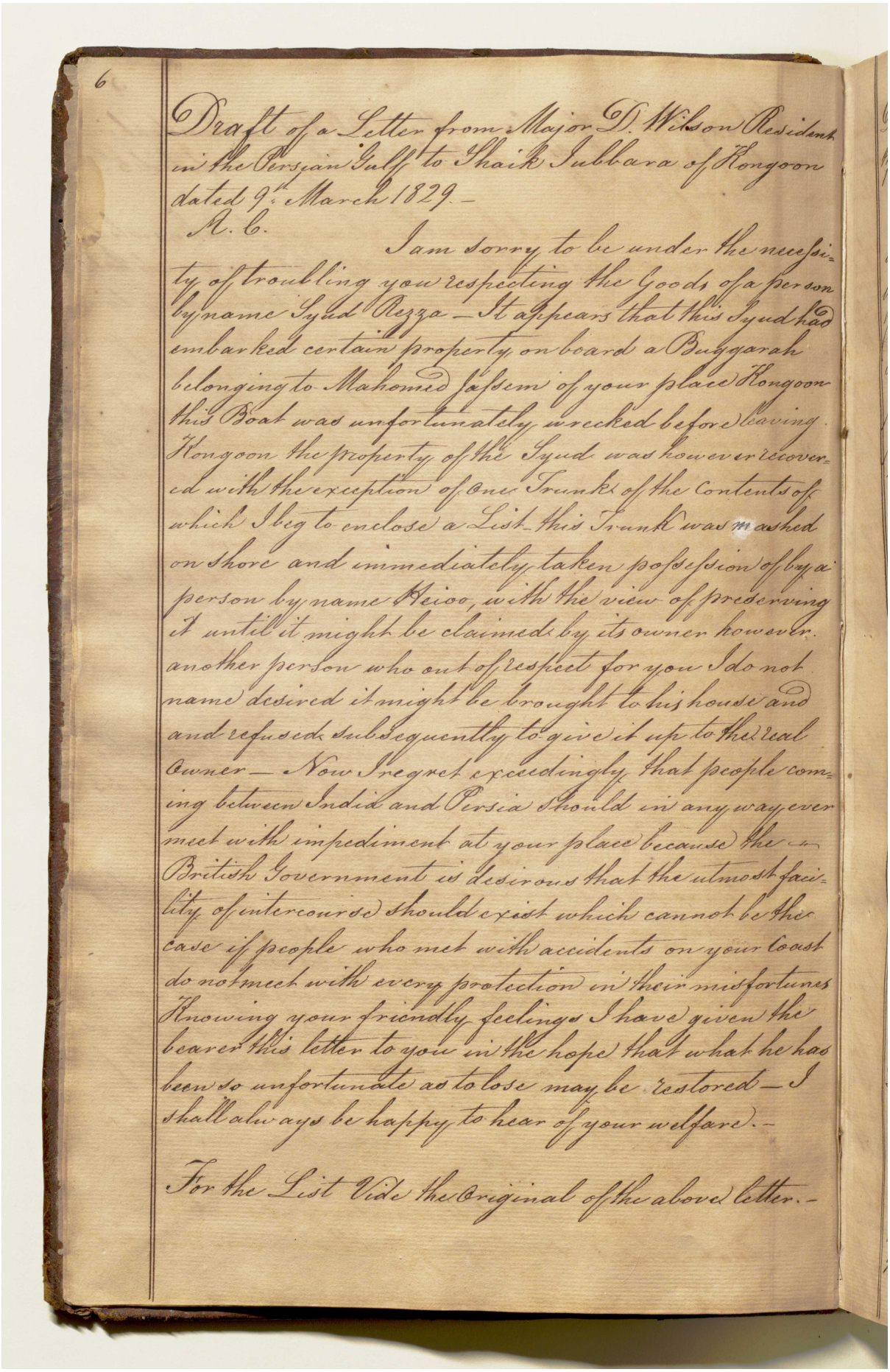
R. C.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th February and take advantage of a Government Vessel proceeding to your quarter to send you a few lines – Respecting your affair with the Benyas I have already expressed my extreme regret at the war which appears to subsist between you, and I feel perfectly confident that in the end both parties will become extreme Sufferers whilst no good can be derived by any one of the folly and ultimate loss of going to war the whole of the Tribes will God willing become convinced in time until then I pray to him to enlighten their understandings and prevent them from forgetting what is expected from all civilized nations.–

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to H.H. the Imam of Muskat – dated 5th March 1829.–

R. C.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st January respecting Mukdshoo and beg to return you my best thanks for your kindness in taking an interest in this affair and I feel fully satisfied that the proceedings of your Messenger will be conducted with that friendly disposition you always evince whilst punishment will follow only when you shall be satisfied of its being merited.–



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Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Subbara of Rongoon dated 9th March 1829.-

R. C.

I am sorry to be under the necessity of troubling you respecting the Goods of a person by name Syud Rezza - It appears that this Syud had embarked certain property on board a Buggarah belonging to Mahomed Jasem of your place Rongoon this Boat was unfortunately wrecked before leaving Rongoon the property of the Syud was however recovered with the exception of one Trunk of the Contents of which I beg to enclose a List - this Trunk was washed on shore and immediately taken possession of by a person by name Heioo, with the view of preserving it until it might be claimed by its owner however another person who out of respect for you I do not name desired it might be brought to his house and and refused subsequently to give it up to the real owner - Now I regret exceedingly that people coming between India and Persia should in any way ever meet with impediment at your place because the British Government is desirous that the utmost facility of intercourse should exist which cannot be the case if people who met with accidents on your coast do not meet with every protection in their misfortunes Knowing your friendly feelings I have given the bearer this letter to you in the hope that what he has been so unfortunate as to lose may be restored - I shall always be happy to hear of your welfare.-

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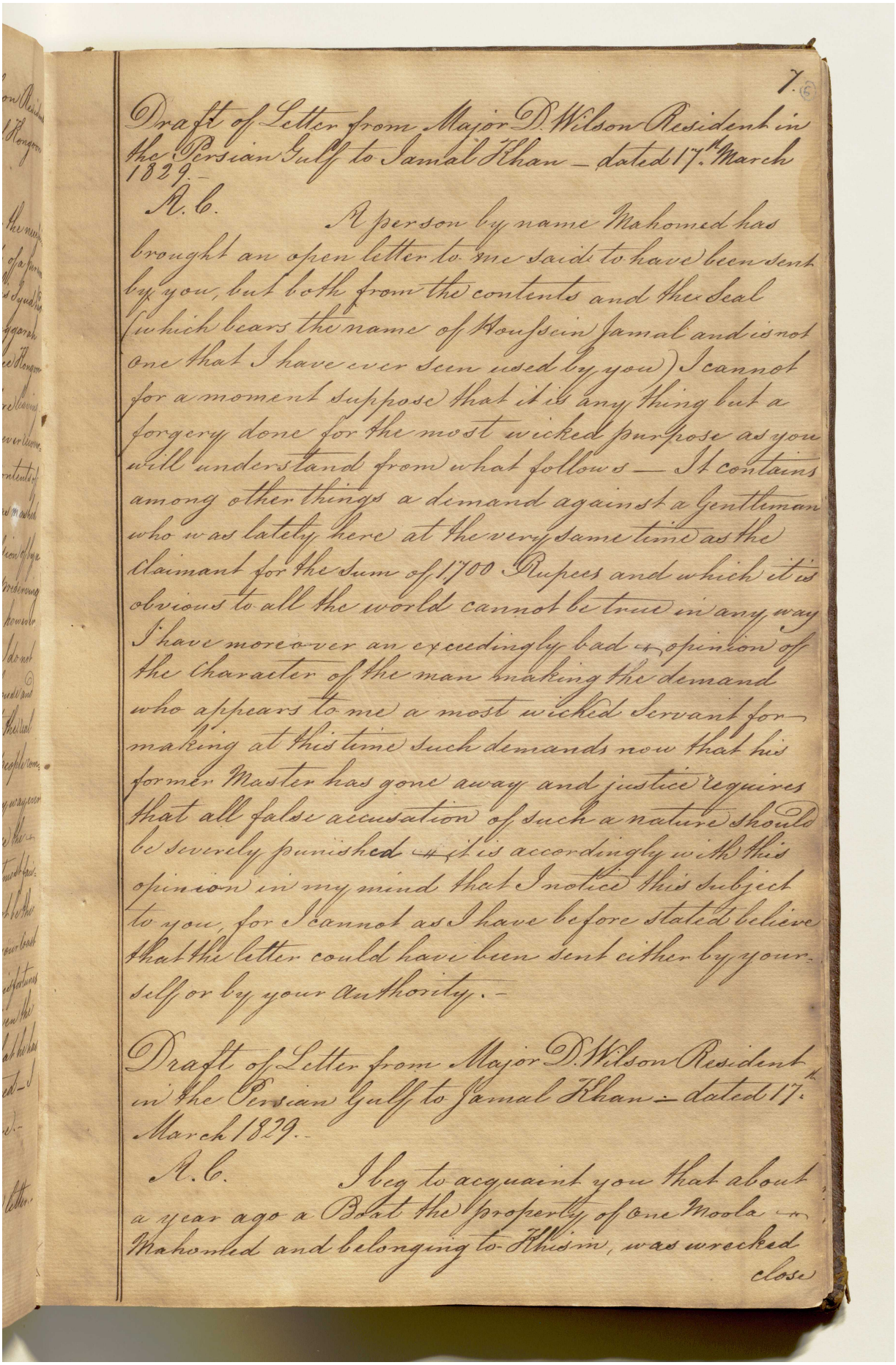

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Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Jamal Khan – dated 17th March 1829.–

A. C.

A person by name Mahomed has brought an open letter to me said to have been sent by you, but both from the contents and the Seal (which bears the name of Houssein Jamal and is not one that I have ever seen used by you) I cannot for a moment suppose that it is any thing but a forgery done for the most wicked purpose as you will understand from what follows — It contains among other things a demand against a Gentleman who was lately here at the very same time as the claimant for the Sum of 1700 Rupees and which it is obvious to all the world cannot be true in any way I have moreover an exceedingly bad opinion of the character of the man making the demand who appears to me a most wicked Servant for making at this time such demands now that his former Master has gone away and justice requires that all false accusation of such a nature should be severely punished & it is accordingly with this opinion in my mind that I notice this subject to you, for I cannot as I have before stated believe that the letter could have been sent either by yourself or by your authority.–

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Jamal Khan – dated 17th March 1829.–

A. C.

I beg to acquaint you that about a year ago a Boat the property of one Moola Mahomed and belonging to Khism, was wrecked close

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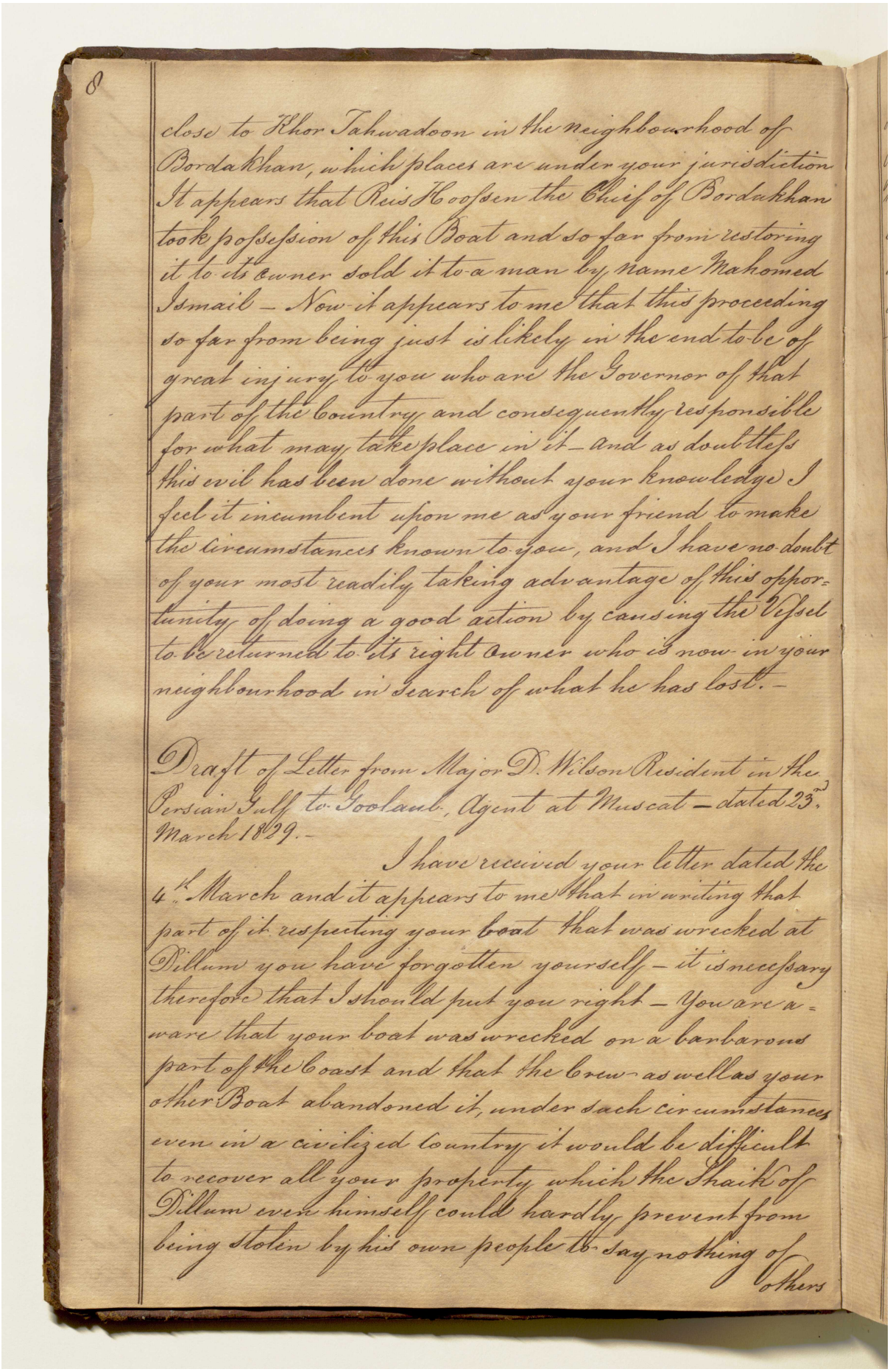

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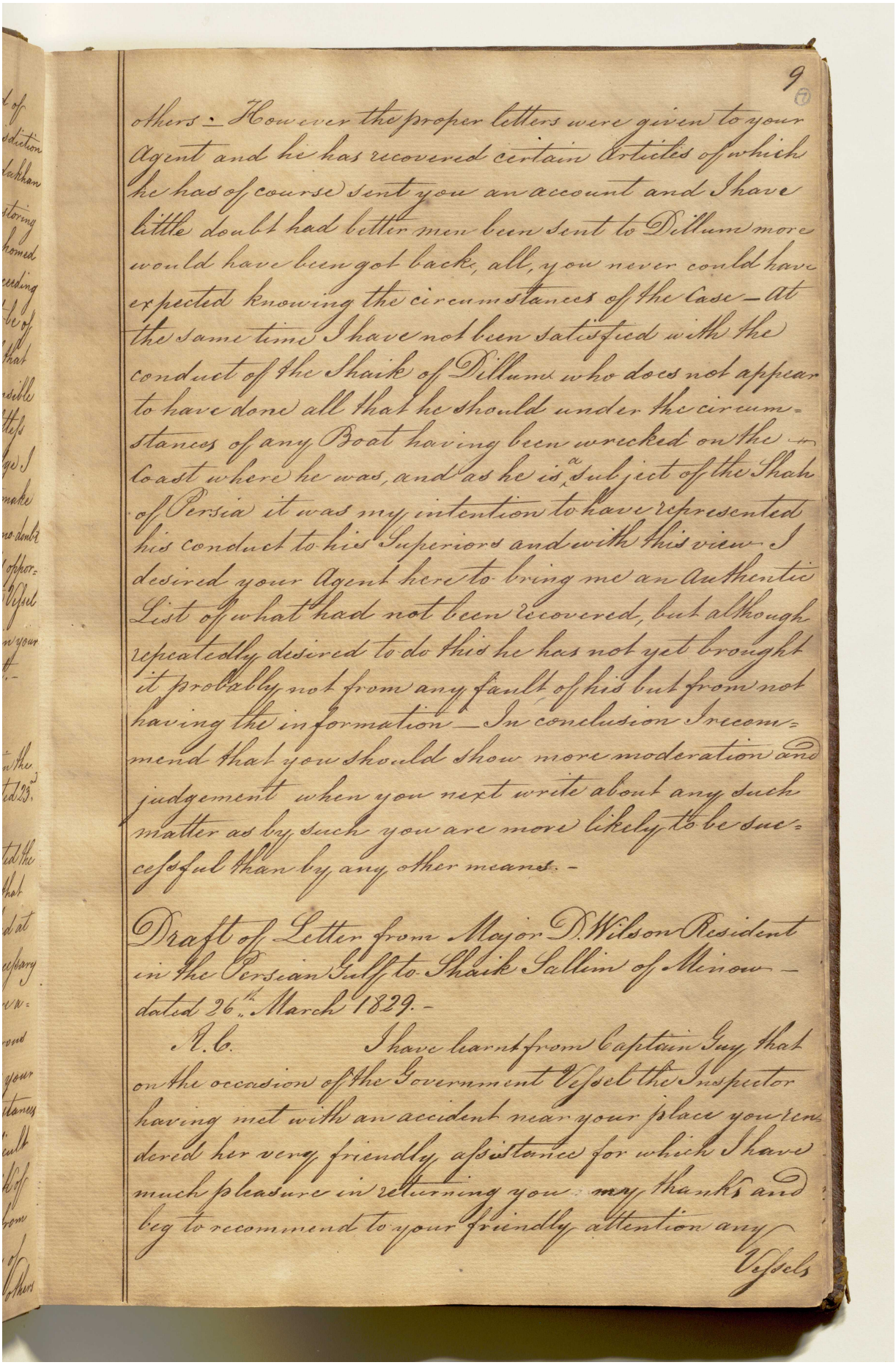
close to Khor Tahwadoon in the neighbourhood of Bordakhan, which places are under your jurisdiction It appears that Reis Koosen the Chief of Bordakhan took possession of this Boat and so far from restoring it to its owner sold it to a man by name Mahomed Ismail – Now it appears to me that this proceeding so far from being just is likely in the end to be of great injury to you who are the Governor of that part of the Country and consequently responsible for what may take place in it – and as doubtless this evil has been done without your knowledge I feel it incumbent upon me as your friend to make the circumstances known to you, and I have no doubt of your most readily taking advantage of this opportunity of doing a good action by causing the Vessel to be returned to its right owner who is now in your neighbourhood in search of what he has lost. –

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Goolaub, Agent at Muscat – dated 23d. March 1829. –

I have received your letter dated the 4th. March and it appears to me that in writing that part of it respecting your boat that was wrecked at Dillum you have forgotten yourself – it is necessary therefore that I should put you right – You are aware that your boat was wrecked on a barbarous part of the Coast and that the Crew as well as your other Boat abandoned it, under such circumstances even in a civilized Country it would be difficult to recover all your property which the Shaik of Dillum even himself could hardly prevent from being stolen by his own people to say nothing of others



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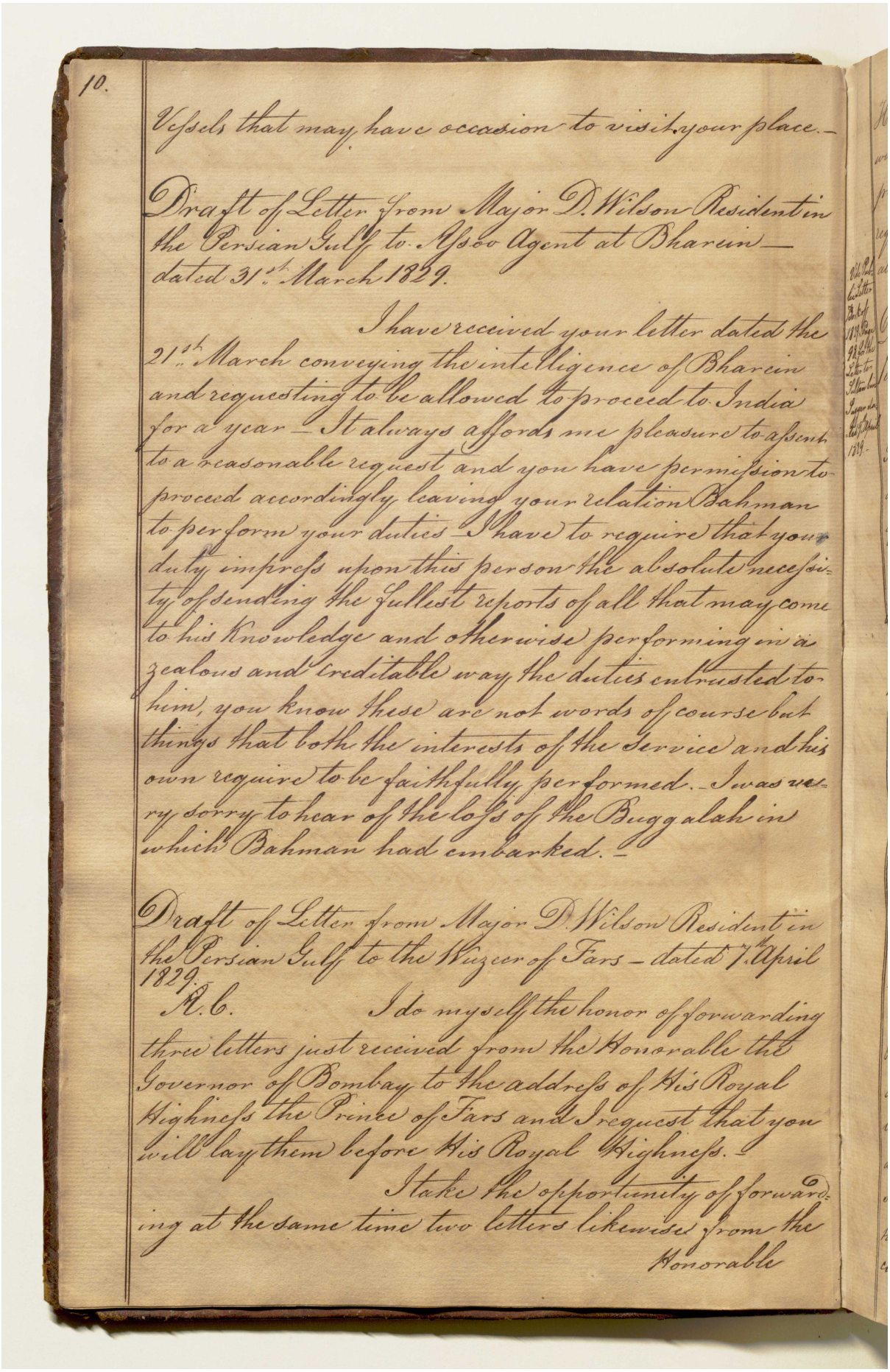
others:- However the proper letters were given to your Agent and he has recovered certain Articles of which he has of course sent you an account and I have little doubt had better men been sent to Dillum more would have been got back, all, you never could have expected knowing the circumstances of the Case- At the same time I have not been satisfied with the conduct of the Shaik of Dillum who does not appear to have done all that he should under the circumstances of any Boat having been wrecked on the Coast where he was, and as he is a Subject of the Shah of Persia it was my intention to have represented his conduct to his Superiors and with this view I desired your Agent here to bring me an Authentic List of what had not been recovered, but although repeatedly desired to do this he has not yet brought it probably not from any fault of his but from not having the information- In conclusion I recommend that you should show more moderation and judgement when you next write about any such matter as by such you are more likely to be successful than by any other means.-

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Sallim of Muscat- dated 26th March 1829.-

N.B. I have learnt from Captain Guy that on the occasion of the Government Vessel the Inspector having met with an accident near your place you rendered her very friendly assistance for which I have much pleasure in returning you my thanks and beg to recommend to your friendly attention any

Vessels



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Vessels that may have occasion to visit your place.—

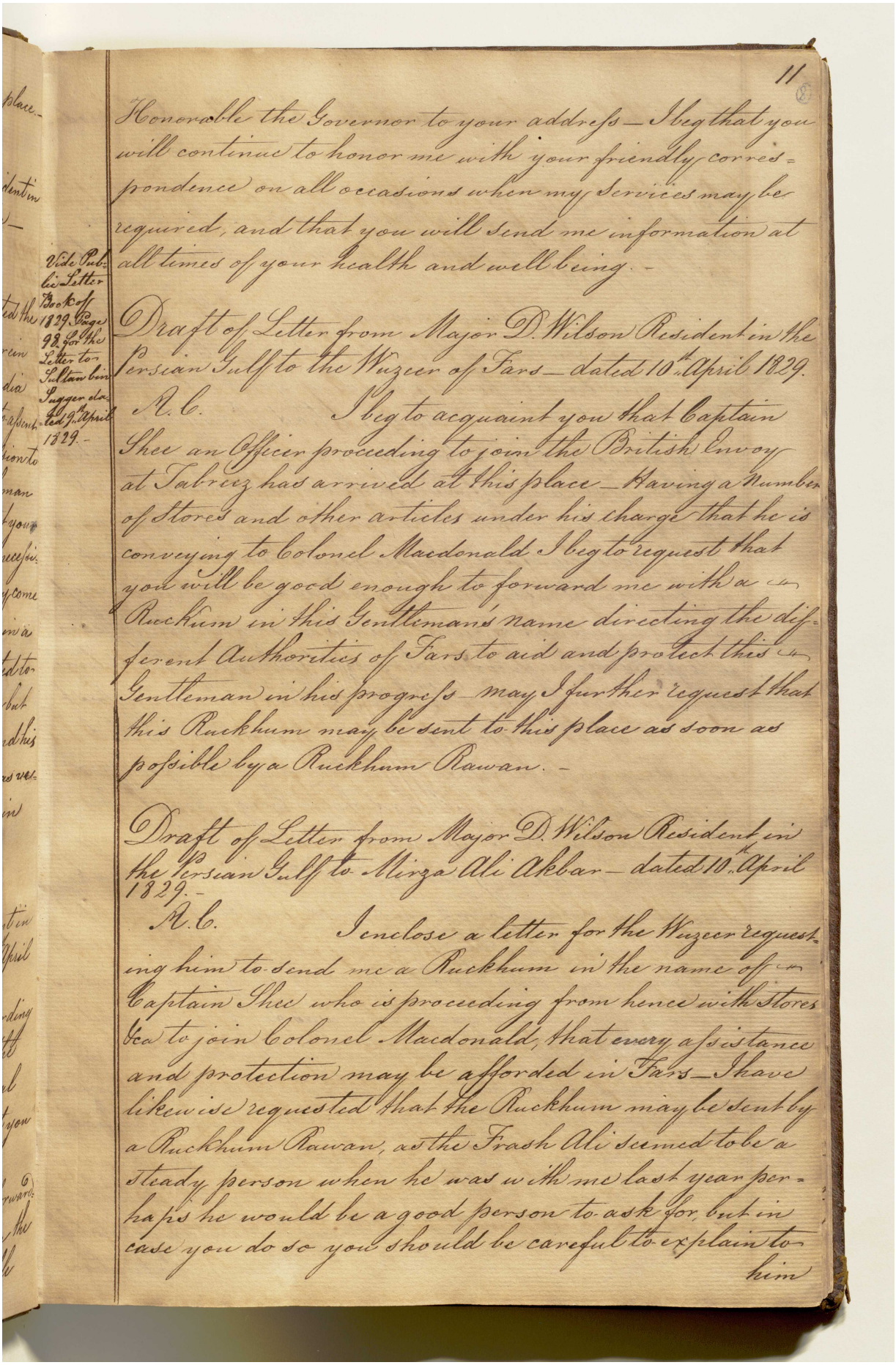
Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Mysoo Agent at Bharein— dated 31st. March 1829.

I have received your letter dated the 21st. March conveying the intelligence of Bharein and requesting to be allowed to proceed to India for a year— It always affords me pleasure to assent to a reasonable request and you have permission to proceed accordingly leaving your relation Bahman to perform your duties— I have to require that you duly impress upon this person the absolute necessity of sending the fullest reports of all that may come to his knowledge and otherwise performing in a zealous and creditable way the duties entrusted to him, you know these are not words of course but things that both the interests of the Service and his own require to be faithfully performed.— I was very sorry to hear of the loss of the Buggalah in which Bahman had embarked.—

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Wuzeer of Fars— dated 7th April 1829.

R.C. I do myself the honor of forwarding three letters just received from the Honorable the Governor of Bombay to the address of His Royal Highness the Prince of Fars and I request that you will lay them before His Royal Highness.

I take the opportunity of forwarding at the same time two letters likewise from the Honorable



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Honorable the Governor to your address — I beg that you will continue to honor me with your friendly correspondence on all occasions when my Services may be required, and that you will send me information at all times of your health and well being. —

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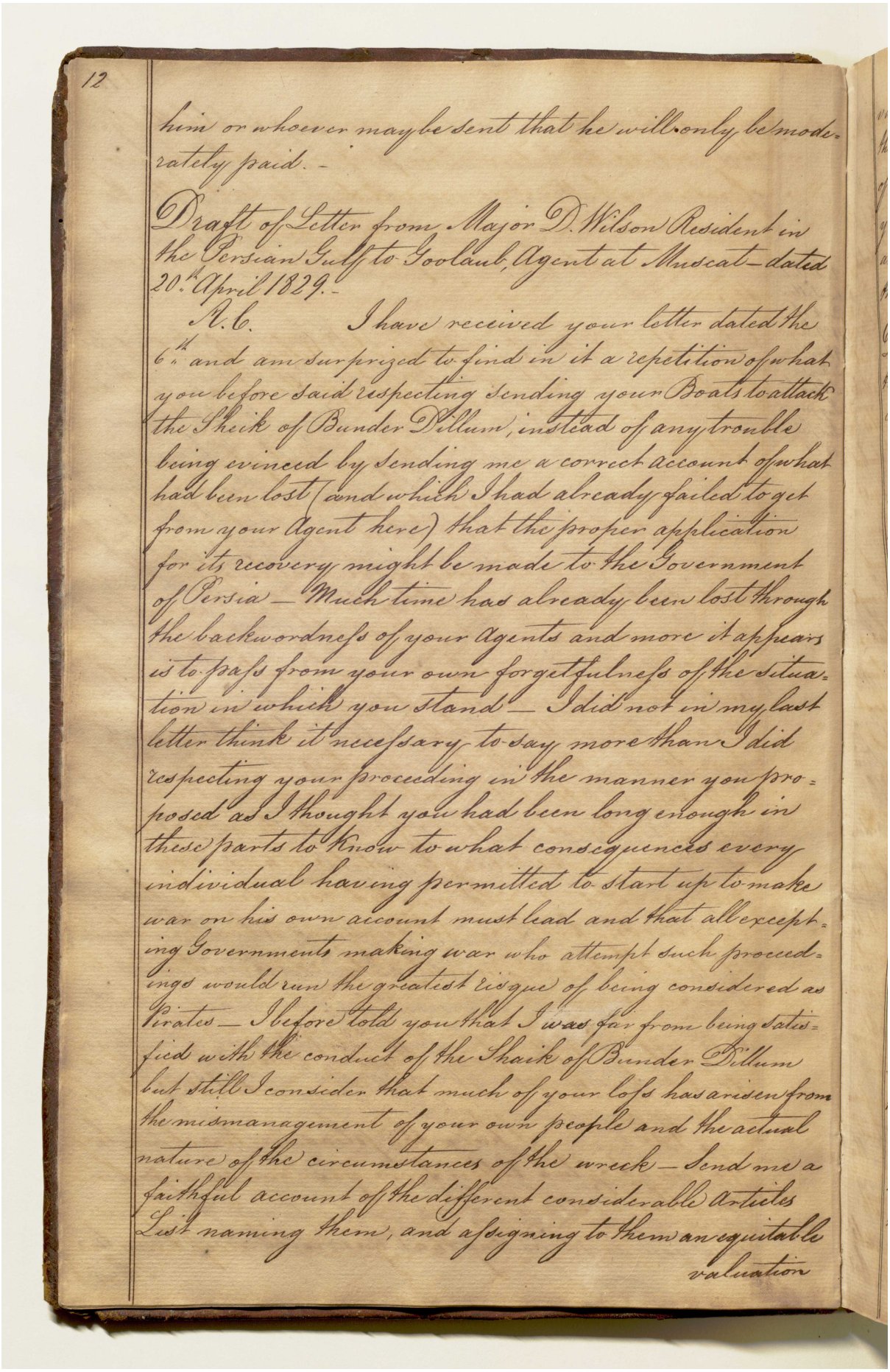
Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Wuzeer of Fars — dated 10th April 1829.

R. C. I beg to acquaint you that Captain Shee an Officer proceeding to join the British Envoy at Tabreez has arrived at this place — Having a Number of Stores and other articles under his charge that he is conveying to Colonel Macdonald I beg to request that you will be good enough to forward me with a Ruckhum in this Gentlemans name directing the different Authorities of Fars to aid and protect this Gentleman in his progress — may I further request that this Ruckhum may be sent to this place as soon as possible by a Ruckhum Rawan. —

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Mirza Ali Akbar — dated 10th April 1829. —

R. C. I enclose a letter for the Wuzeer requesting him to send me a Ruckhum in the name of Captain Shee who is proceeding from hence with Stores &c to join Colonel Macdonald, that every assistance and protection may be afforded in Fars — I have likewise requested that the Ruckhum may be sent by a Ruckhum Rawan, as the Frash Ali seemed to be a steady person when he was with me last year perhaps he would be a good person to ask for, but in case you do so you should be careful to explain to him



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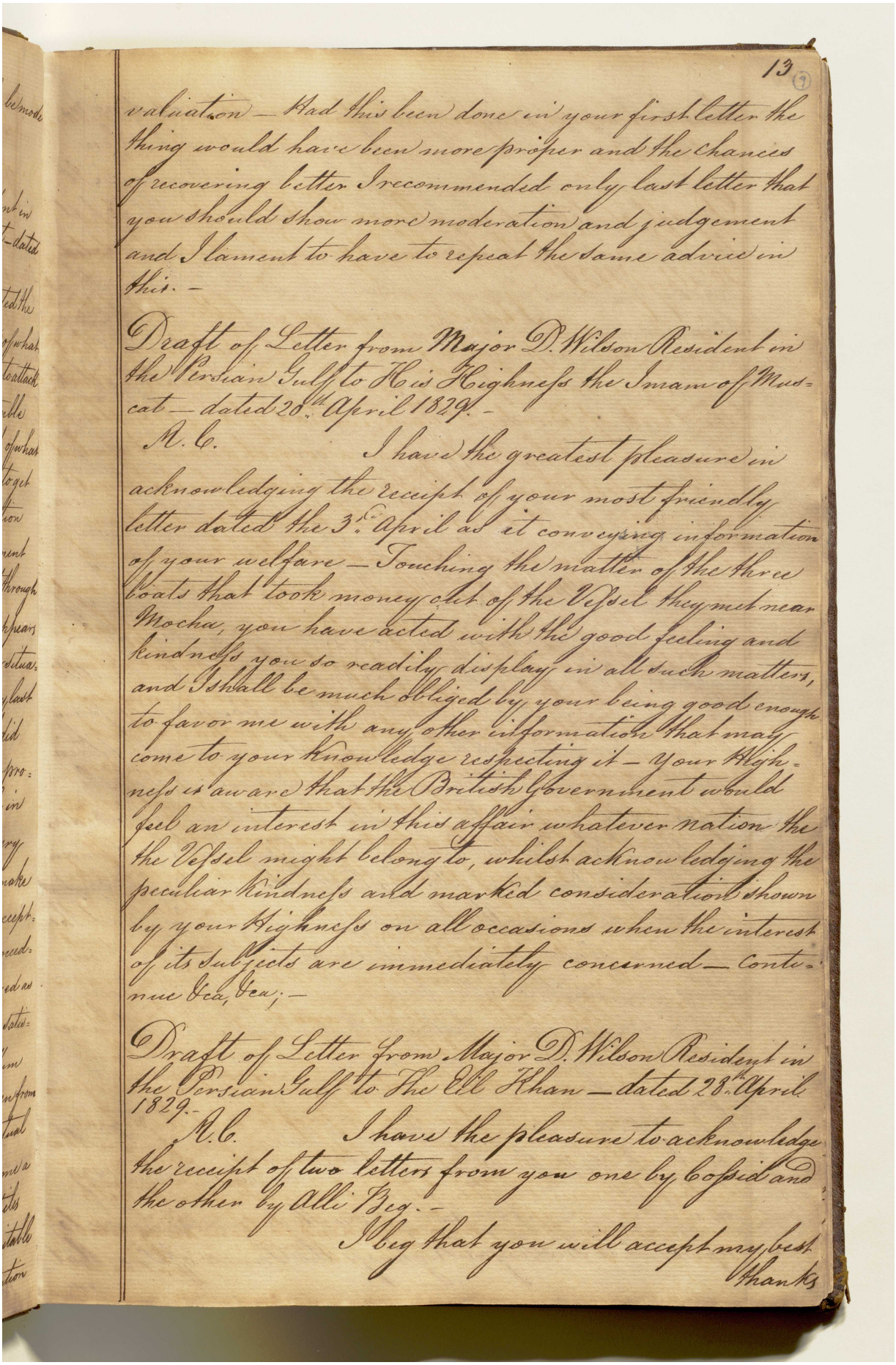
him or whoever may be sent that he will only be moderately paid. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Goolaub, Agent at Muscat - dated 20th April 1829. -

N.C. I have received your letter dated the 6th and am surprized to find in it a repetition of what you before said respecting sending your Boats to attack the Sheik of Bunder Dillum, instead of any trouble being evinced by sending me a correct account of what had been lost (and which I had already failed to get from your Agent here) that the proper application for its recovery might be made to the Government of Persia - Much time has already been lost through the backwardness of your Agents and more it appears is to pass from your own forgetfulness of the situation in which you stand - I did not in my last letter think it necessary to say more than I did respecting your proceeding in the manner you proposed as I thought you had been long enough in these parts to know to what consequences every individual having permitted to start up to make war on his own account must lead and that all except-ing Governments making war who attempt such proceedings would run the greatest risque of being considered as Pirates - I before told you that I was far from being satisfied with the conduct of the Shaik of Bunder Dillum but still I consider that much of your loss has arisen from the mismanagement of your own people and the actual nature of the circumstances of the wreck - Send me a faithful account of the different considerable Articles List naming them, and assigning to them an equitable valuation



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valuation — Had this been done in your first letter the thing would have been more proper and the chances of recovering better I recommended only last letter that you should show more moderation and judgement and I lament to have to repeat the same advice in this. —

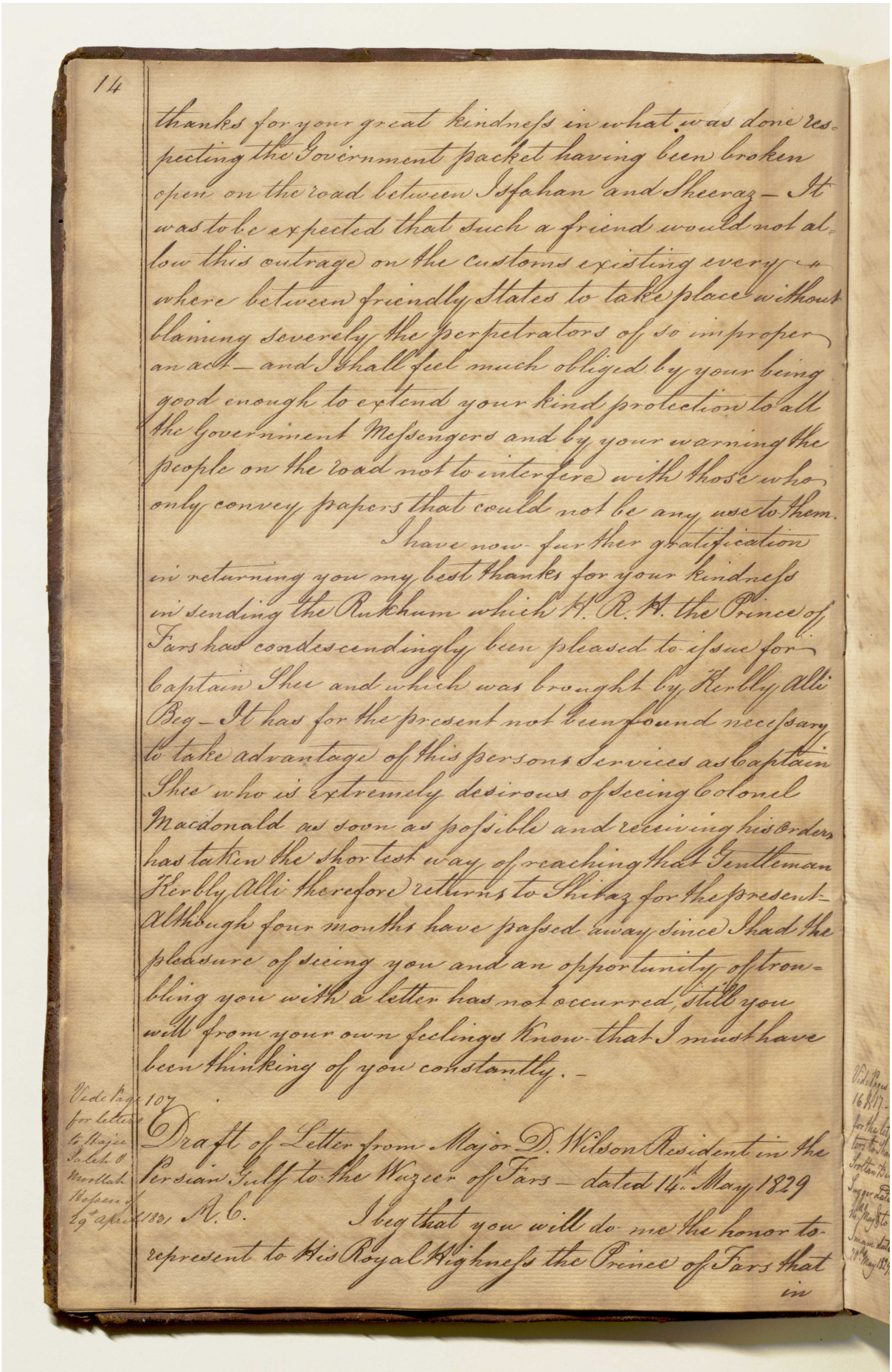
Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to His Highness the Imam of Muscat — dated 28th April 1829. —

R. C. I have the greatest pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your most friendly letter dated the 3rd April as it conveying information of your welfare — Touching the matter of the three boats that took money out of the Vessel they met near Mocha, you have acted with the good feeling and kindness you so readily display in all such matters, and I shall be much obliged by your being good enough to favor me with any other information that may come to your knowledge respecting it — Your Highness is aware that the British Government would feel an interest in this affair whatever nation the the Vessel might belong to, whilst acknowledging the peculiar kindness and marked consideration shown by your Highness on all occasions when the interest of its Subjects are immediately concerned — Continue &c, &c, —

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to The Ell Khan — dated 28th April 1829. —

R. C. I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of two letters from you one by Cossid and the other by Alli Beg. —

I beg that you will accept my best thanks



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thanks for your great kindness in what was done respecting the Government packet having been broken open on the road between Isfahan and Sheeraz — It was to be expected that such a friend would not allow this outrage on the customs existing every where between friendly States to take place without blaming severely the perpetrators of so improper an act — and I shall feel much obliged by your being good enough to extend your kind protection to all the Government Messengers and by your warning the people on the road not to interfere with those who only convey papers that could not be any use to them.

I have now further gratification in returning you my best thanks for your kindness in sending the Rukhum which H. R. H. the Prince of Fars has condescendingly been pleased to issue for Captain Shee and which was brought by Kerbly Alli Beg — It has for the present not been found necessary to take advantage of this persons Services as Captain Shee who is extremely desirous of seeing Colonel Macdonald as soon as possible and receiving his Orders has taken the shortest way of reaching that Gentleman Kerbly Alli therefore returns to Shiraz for the present — Although four months have passed away since I had the pleasure of seeing you and an opportunity of troubling you with a letter has not occurred, still you will from your own feelings know that I must have been thinking of you constantly. —

Vide Page 107 for letters to Hajee Saleh O Moollah Hossein of 29th April 1831

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Wuzeer of Fars — dated 14th May 1829

A. C.

I beg that you will do me the honor to represent to His Royal Highness the Prince of Fars that in

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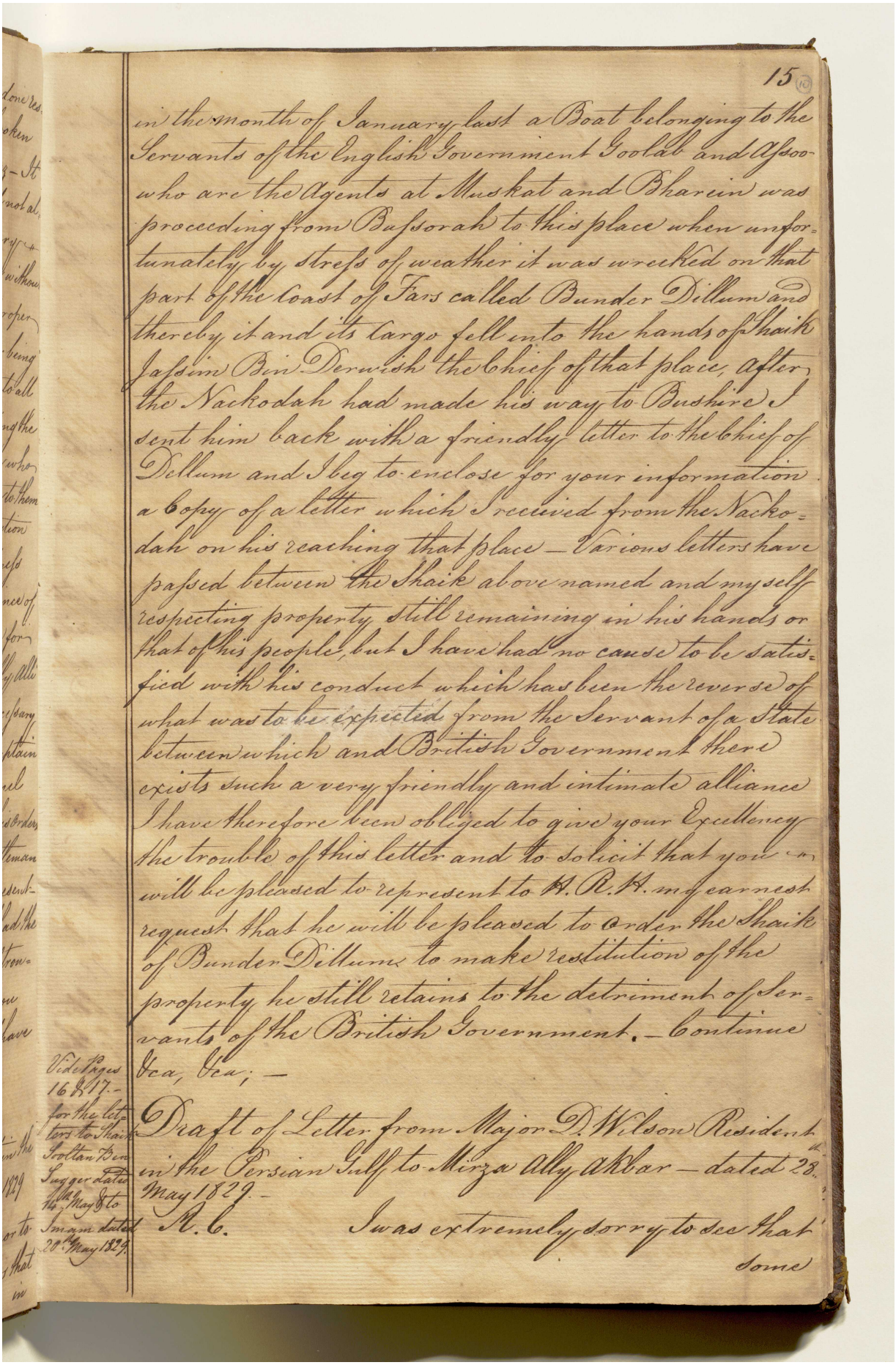

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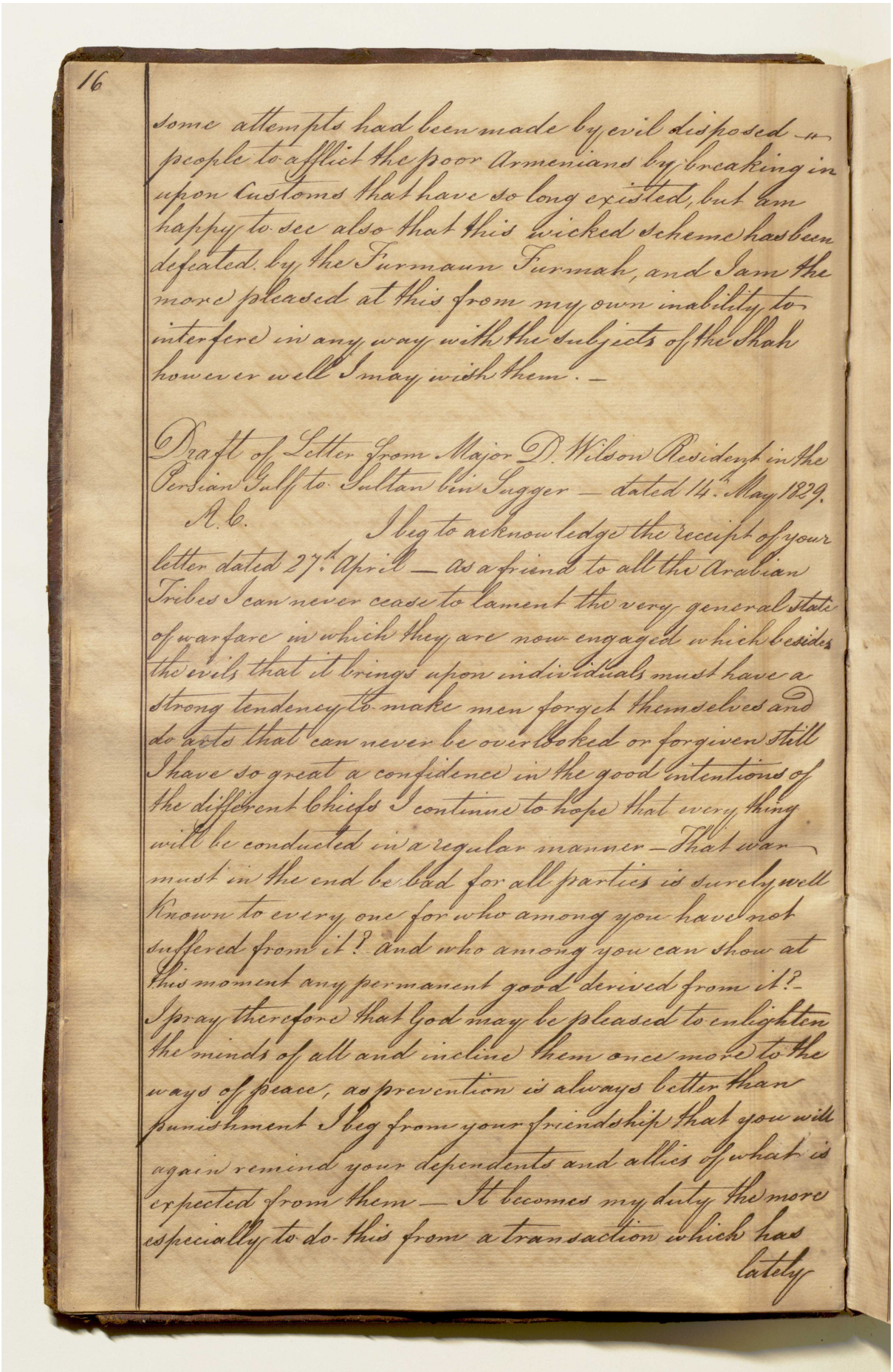
in the month of January last a Boat belonging to the Servants of the English Government Goolab and Ajsoo who are the Agents at Muskat and Bharein was proceeding from Bussorah to this place when unfortunately by stress of weather it was wrecked on that part of the Coast of Fars called Bunder Dillum and thereby it and its Cargo fell into the hands of Shaik Jafsim Bin Derwish the Chief of that place, after the Nackodah had made his way to Bushire I sent him back with a friendly letter to the Chief of Dellum and I beg to enclose for your information a Copy of a letter which I received from the Nackodah on his reaching that place — Various letters have passed between the Shaik above named and myself respecting property still remaining in his hands or that of his people, but I have had no cause to be satisfied with his conduct which has been the reverse of what was to be expected from the Servant of a State between which and British Government there exists such a very friendly and intimate alliance I have therefore been obliged to give your Excellency the trouble of this letter and to solicit that you will be pleased to represent to H.M. my earnest request that he will be pleased to order the Shaik of Bunder Dillum to make restitution of the property he still retains to the detriment of Servants of the British Government. — Continue &c, &c, —

Vide Pages 16 & 17 — for the letters to Shaik Sooltan Bin Sugger dated the 7th May & to Imam dated 20th May 1829

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Mirza Ally Akbar — dated 28th May 1829 —

R.C. I was extremely sorry to see that some



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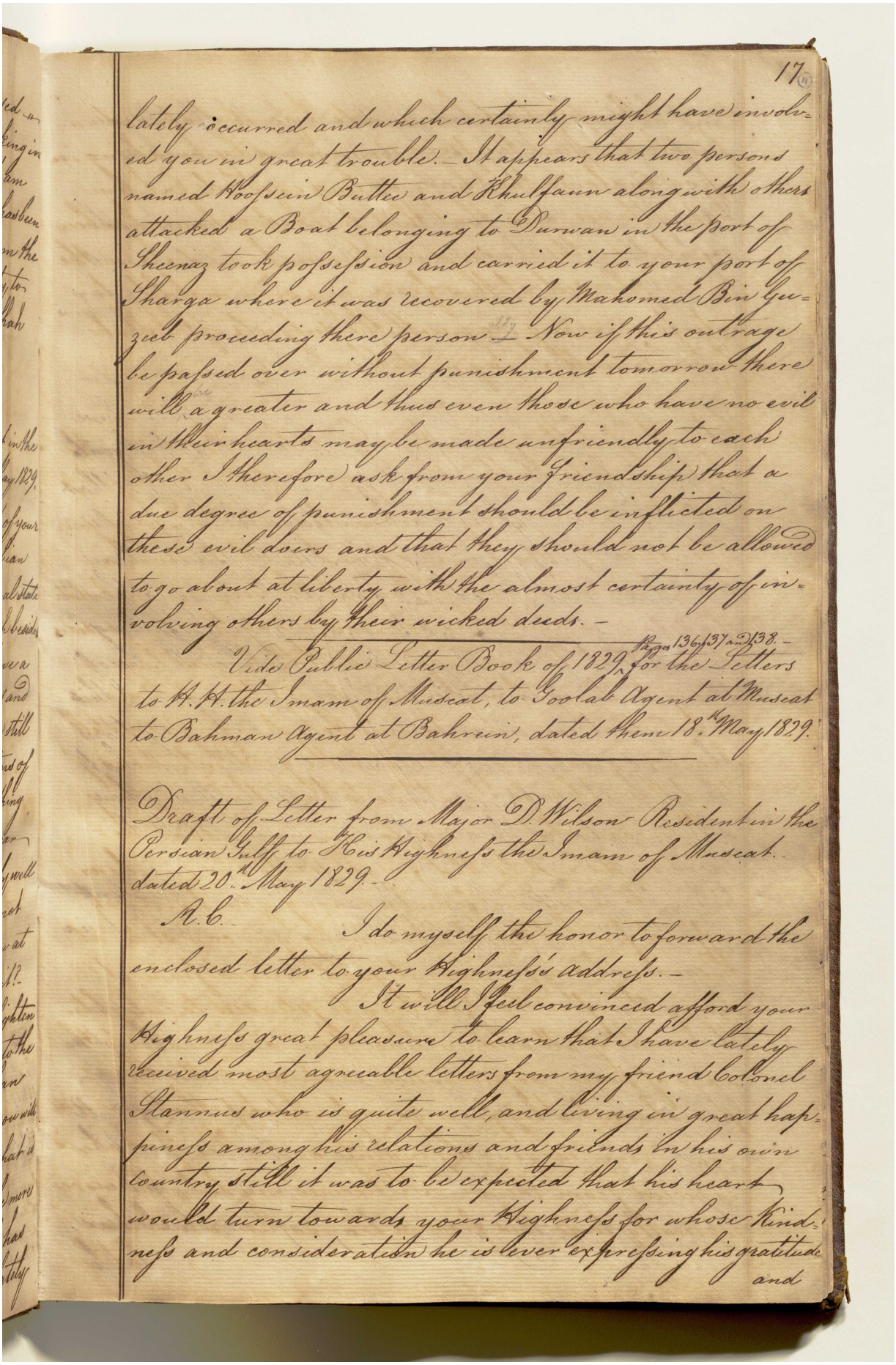
some attempts had been made by evil disposed people to afflict the poor Armenians by breaking in upon Customs that have so long existed, but am happy to see also that this wicked scheme has been defeated by the Furmaun Furmah, and I am the more pleased at this from my own inability to interfere in any way with the subjects of the Shah however well I may wish them. –

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Sultan bin Sugger – dated 14th May 1829.

A.C. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 27th April – as a friend to all the Arabian Tribes I can never cease to lament the very general state of warfare in which they are now engaged which besides the evils that it brings upon individuals must have a strong tendency to make men forget themselves and do acts that can never be overlooked or forgiven still I have so great a confidence in the good intentions of the different Chiefs I continue to hope that every thing will be conducted in a regular manner – That war must in the end be bad for all parties is surely well known to every one for who among you have not suffered from it? and who among you can show at this moment any permanent good derived from it? – I pray therefore that God may be pleased to enlighten the minds of all and incline them once more to the ways of peace, as prevention is always better than punishment I beg from your friendship that you will again remind your dependents and allies of what is expected from them – It becomes my duty the more especially to do this from a transaction which has lately



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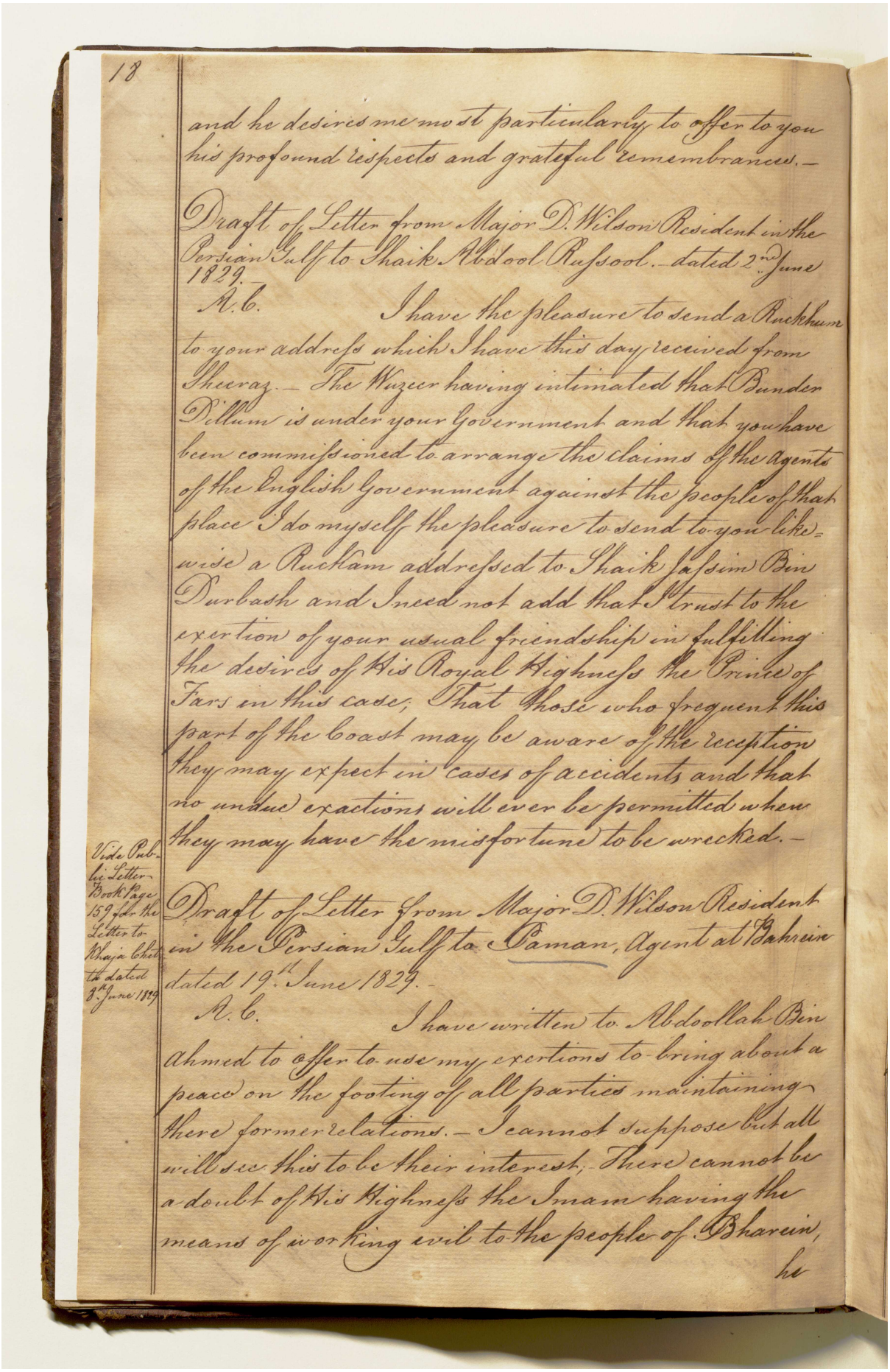
lately occurred and which certainly might have involved you in great trouble. — It appears that two persons named Hoosein Butter and Khulfaun along with others attacked a Boat belonging to Durwan in the port of Sheenaz took possession and carried it to your port of Sharga where it was recovered by Mahomed Bin Guzeb proceeding there person — Now if this outrage be passed over without punishment tomorrow there will a greater and thus even those who have no evil in their hearts may be made unfriendly to each other I therefore ask from your friendship that a due degree of punishment should be inflicted on these evil doers and that they should not be allowed to go about at liberty with the almost certainty of involving others by their wicked deeds. —

Vide Public Letter Book of 1829, Pages 136/137 and 138. — for the Letters to H.H. the Imam of Muscat, to Goolab Agent at Muscat to Bahman Agent at Bahrein, dated them 18th May 1829.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to His Highness the Imam of Muscat. dated 20th May 1829. —

R.C. I do myself the honor to forward the enclosed letter to your Highness's address. —

It will I feel convinced afford your Highness great pleasure to learn that I have lately received most agreeable letters from my friend Colonel Stannus who is quite well, and living in great happiness among his relations and friends in his own country still it was to be expected that his heart would turn towards your Highness for whose Kindness and consideration he is ever expressing his gratitude and



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and he desires me most particularly to offer to you his profound respects and grateful remembrances.—

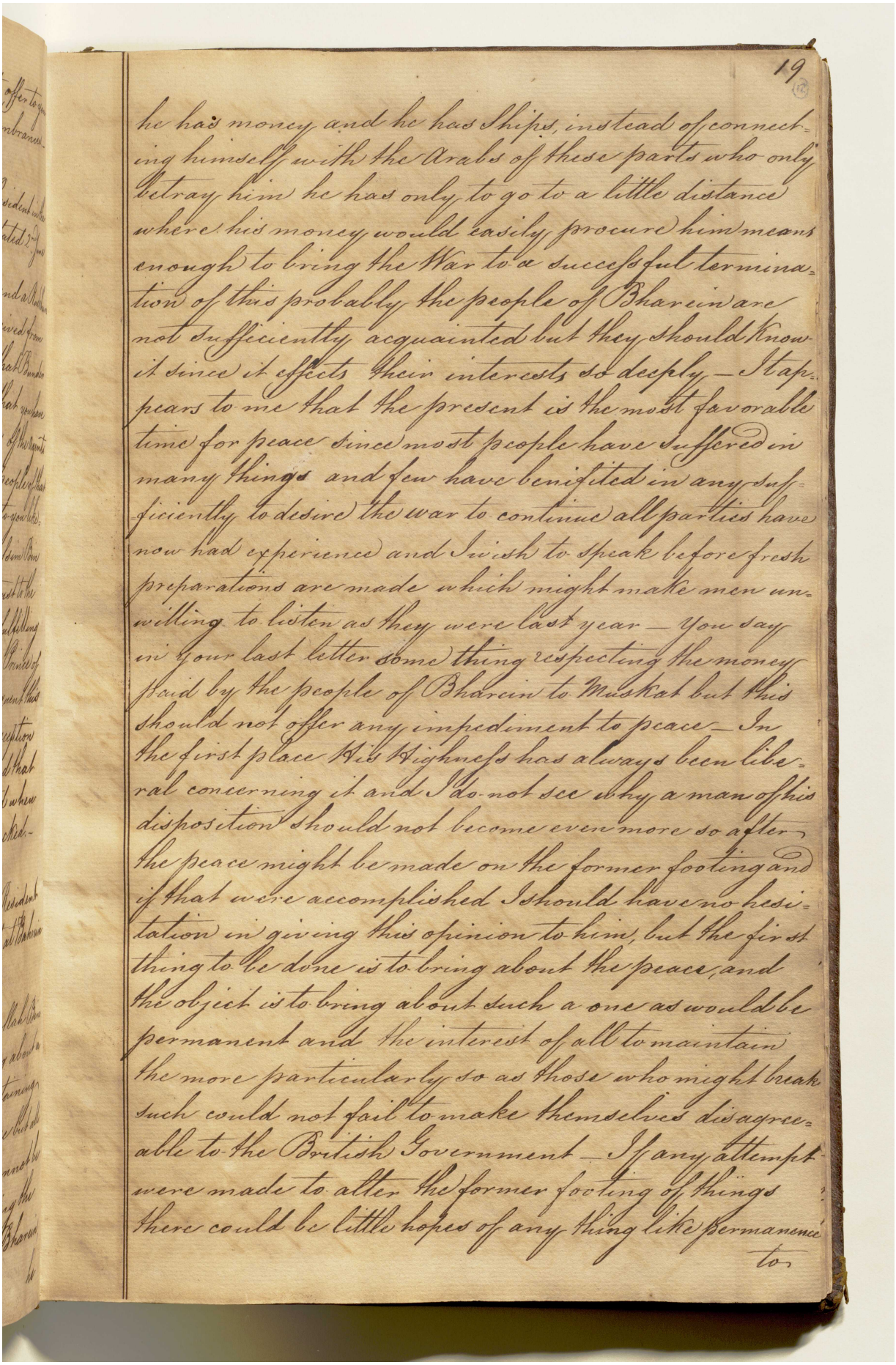
Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Abdool Rufsool.— dated 2nd June 1829.

N. 6. I have the pleasure to send a Ruckhum to your address which I have this day received from Sheraz.— The Wuzeer having intimated that Bunder Dillum is under your Government and that you have been commissioned to arrange the claims of the Agents of the English Government against the people of that place I do myself the pleasure to send to you likewise a Ruckam addressed to Shaik Jassim Bin Durbash and I need not add that I trust to the exertion of your usual friendship in fulfilling the desires of His Royal Highness the Prince of Fars in this case; That those who frequent this part of the Coast may be aware of the reception they may expect in cases of accidents and that no undue exactions will ever be permitted when they may have the misfortune to be wrecked.—

Vide Public Letter Book Page 159 for the Letter to Khaja Chetto dated 3d June 1829

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Saman, Agent at Bahrein dated 19th June 1829.—

N. 6. I have written to Abdoollah Bin ahmed to offer to use my exertions to bring about a peace on the footing of all parties maintaining there former relations.— I cannot suppose but all will see this to be their interest. There cannot be a doubt of His Highness the Imam having the means of working evil to the people of Bharein, he



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he has money and he has Ships, instead of connecting himself with the Arabs of these parts who only betray him he has only to go to a little distance where his money would easily procure him means enough to bring the War to a successful termination of this probably the people of Bharein are not sufficiently acquainted but they should know it since it effects their interests so deeply — It appears to me that the present is the most favorable time for peace since most people have suffered in many things and few have benifited in any sufficiently to desire the war to continue all parties have now had experience and I wish to speak before fresh preparations are made which might make men unwilling to listen as they were last year — You say in your last letter some thing respecting the money paid by the people of Bharein to Muskat but this should not offer any impediment to peace — In the first place His Highness has always been liberal concerning it and I do not see why a man of his disposition should not become even more so after the peace might be made on the former footing and if that were accomplished I should have no hesitation in giving this opinion to him, but the first thing to be done is to bring about the peace, and the object is to bring about such a one as would be permanent and the interest of all to maintain the more particularly so as those who might break such could not fail to make themselves disagreeable to the British Government — If any attempt were made to alter the former footing of things there could be little hopes of any thing like permanence

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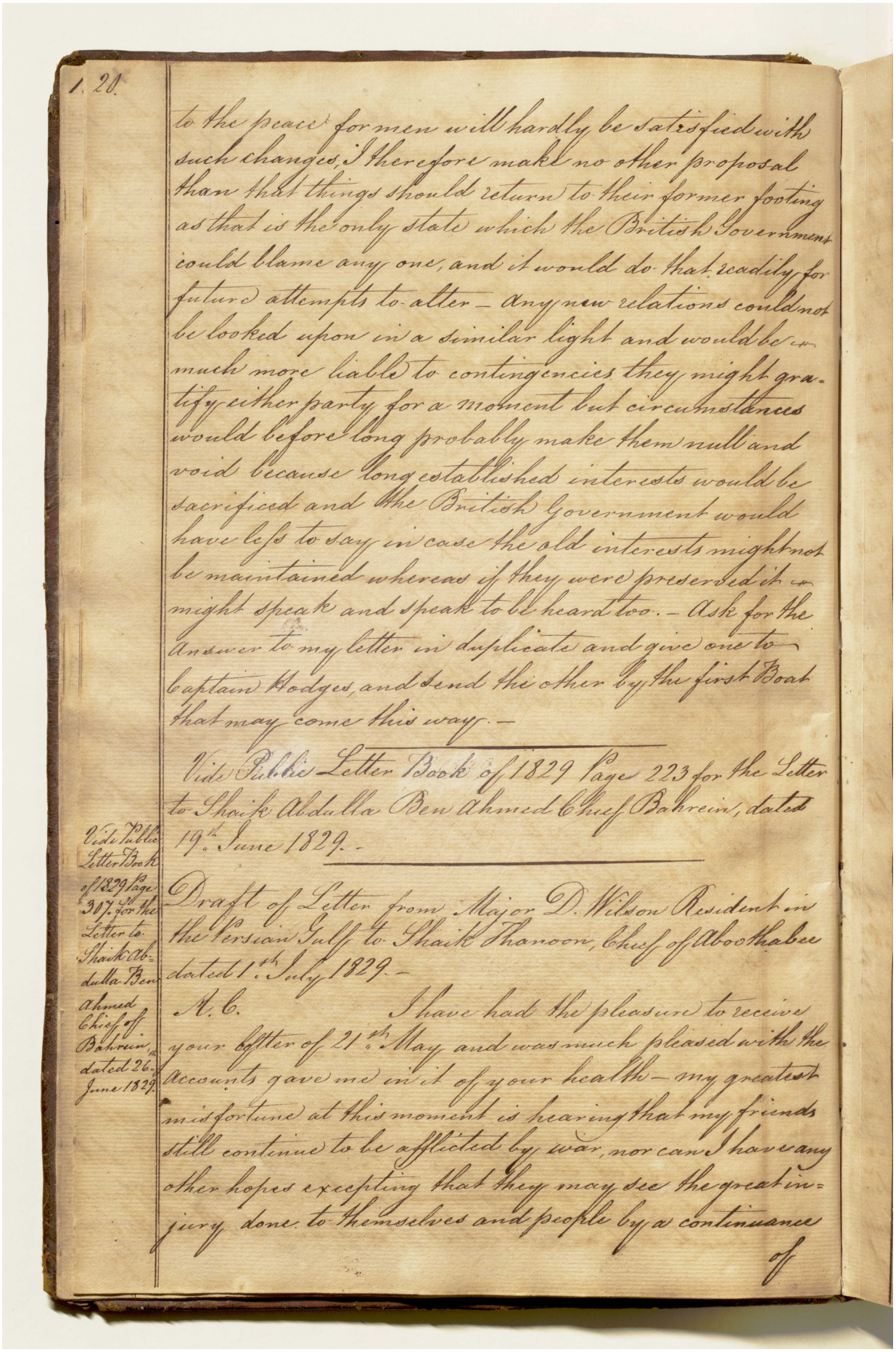

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to the peace for men will hardly be satisfied with such changes, I therefore make no other proposal than that things should return to their former footing as that is the only state which the British Government could blame any one, and it would do that readily for future attempts to alter – any new relations could not be looked upon in a similar light and would be much more liable to contingencies they might gratify either party for a moment but circumstances would before long probably make them null and void because long established interests would be sacrificed and the British Government would have less to say in case the old interests might not be maintained whereas if they were preserved it might speak and speak to be heard too. – Ask for the Answer to my letter in duplicate and give one to Captain Hodges, and send the other by the first Boat that may come this way. –

Vide Public Letter Book of 1829 Page 223 for the Letter to Shaik Abdulla Ben Ahmed Chief Bahrein, dated 19th June 1829. –

Vide Public Letter Book of 1829 Page 307. for the Letter to Shaik Abdulla Ben Ahmed Chief of Bahrein, dated 26th June 1829.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Thanoon, Chief of Aboothabee dated 1st July 1829. –

A. C. I have had the pleasure to receive your letter of 21st May and was much pleased with the accounts gave me in it of your health – my greatest misfortune at this moment is hearing that my friends still continue to be afflicted by war, nor can I have any other hopes excepting that they may see the great injury done to themselves and people by a continuance

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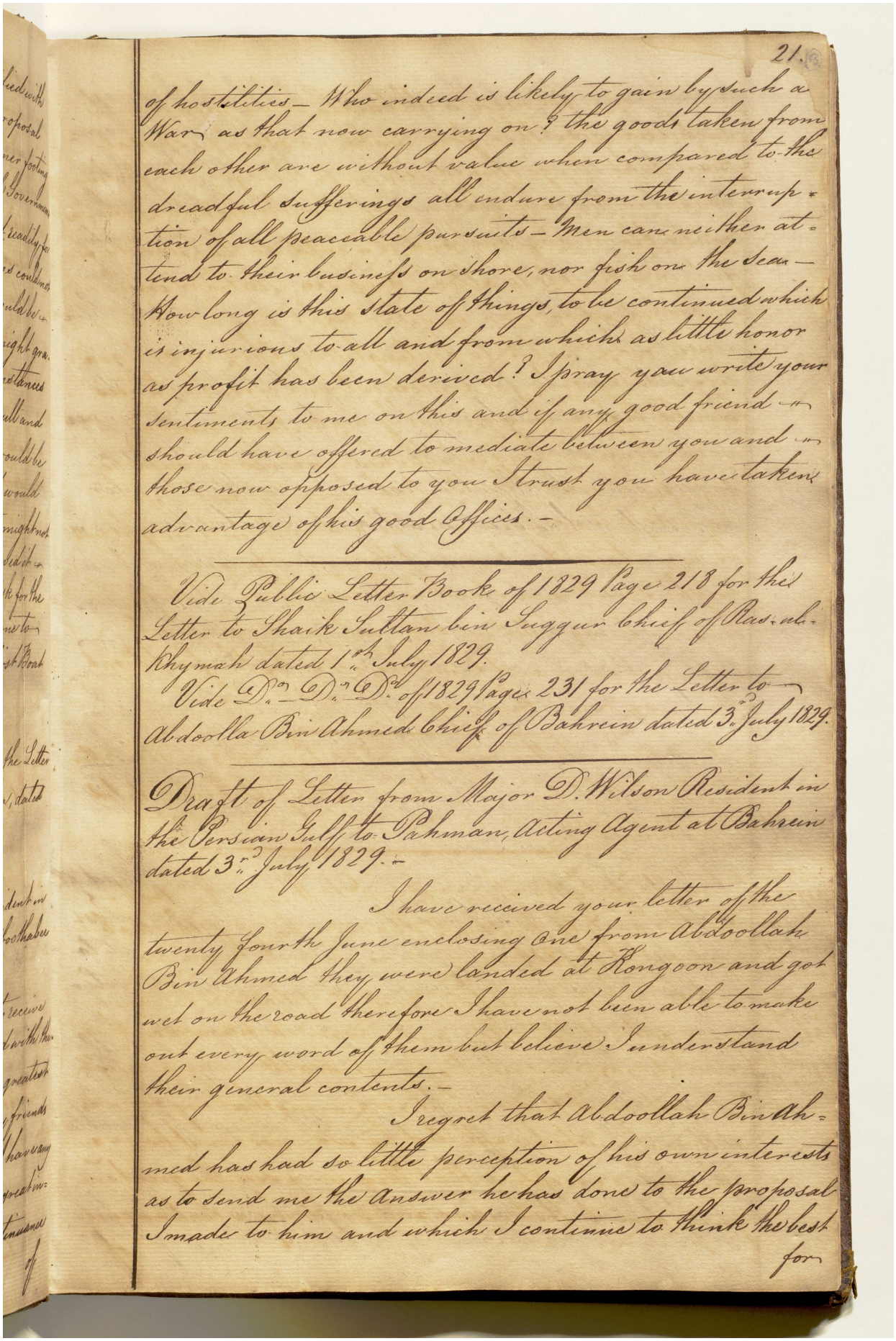

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of hostilities— Who indeed is likely to gain by such a War as that now carrying on? the goods taken from each other are without value when compared to the dreadful sufferings all endure from the interruption of all peaceable pursuits— Men can neither attend to their business on shore, nor fish on the Sea— How long is this State of things, to be continued which is injurious to all and from which as little honor as profit has been derived? I pray you write your sentiments to me on this and if any good friend should have offered to mediate between you and those now opposed to you I trust you have taken advantage of his good offices.—

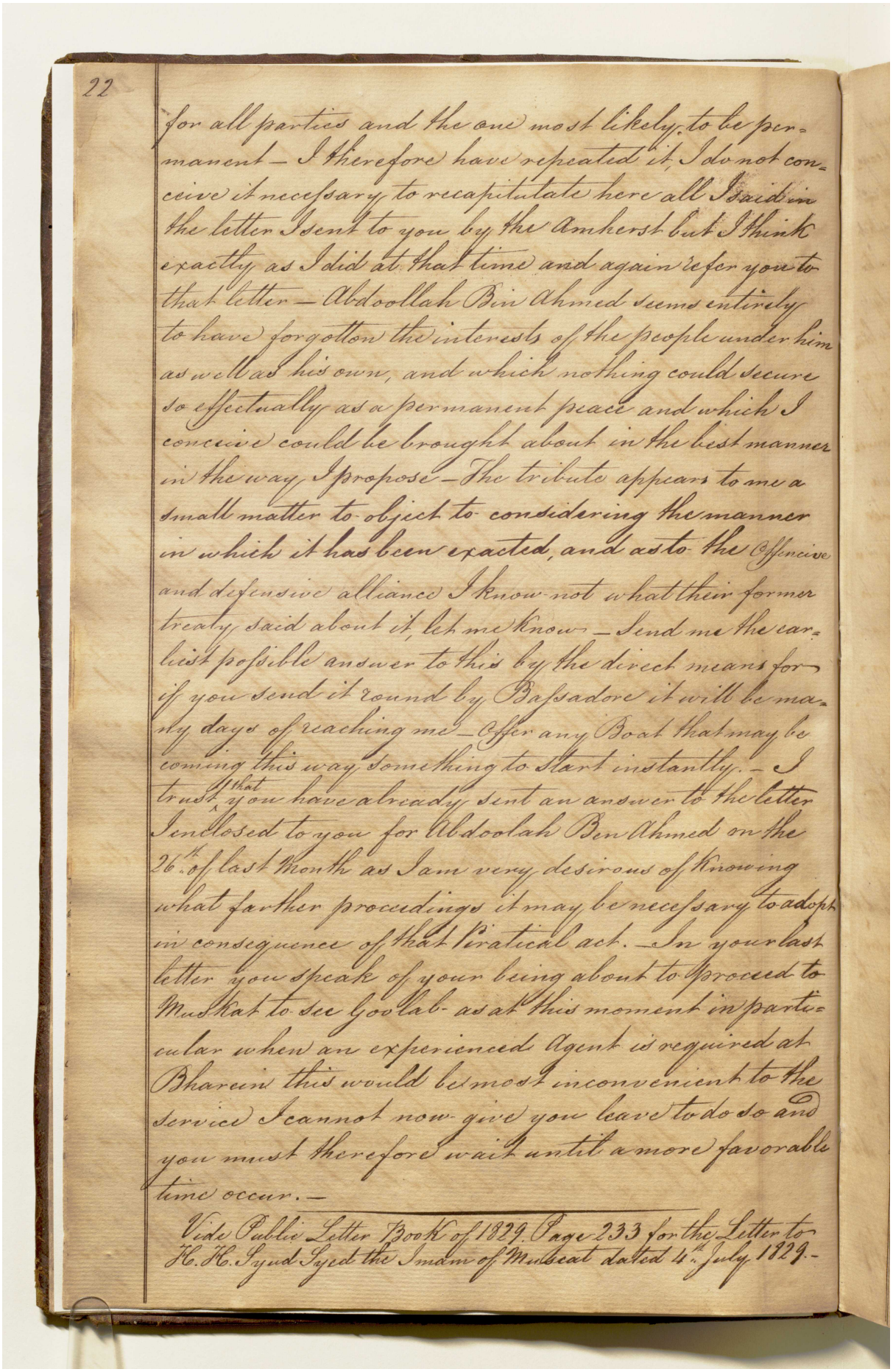
Vide Public Letter Book of 1829 Page 218 for the Letter to Shaik Sultan bin Suggur Chief of Ras-ul-Khymah dated 1st July 1829.

Vide Do— Do— Do— of 1829 Page 231 for the Letter to Abdoolla Bin Ahmed Chief of Bahrein dated 3d July 1829.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Pahman, Acting Agent at Bahrein dated 3d July 1829.—

I have received your letter of the twenty fourth June enclosing one from Abdoollah Bin Ahmed they were landed at Rongoon and got wet on the road therefore I have not been able to make out every word of them but believe I understand their general contents.—

I regret that Abdoollah Bin Ahmed has had so little perception of his own interests as to send me the Answer he has done to the proposal I made to him and which I continue to think the best for



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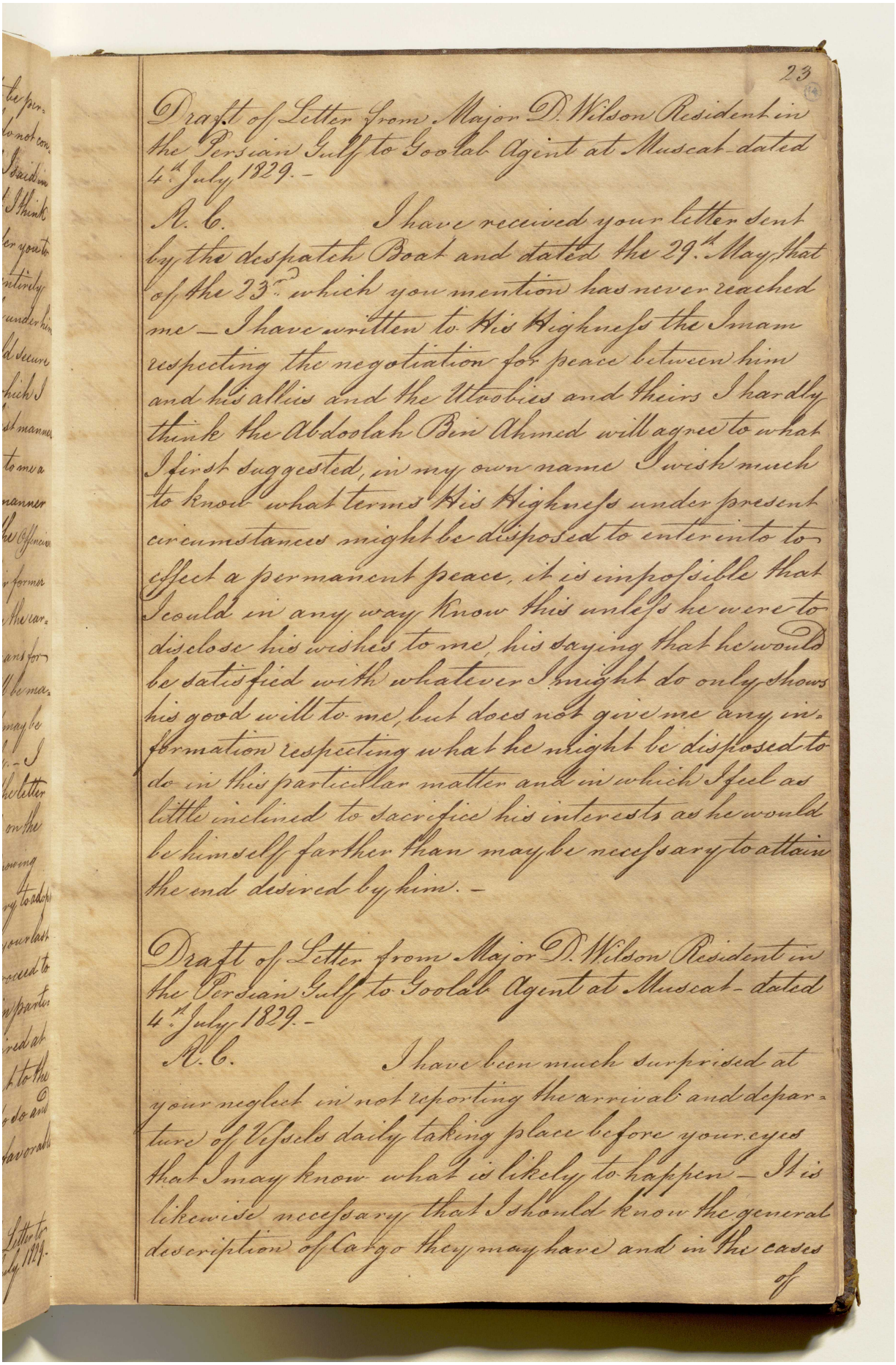
for all parties and the one most likely to be permanent — I therefore have repeated it, I do not conceive it necessary to recapitulate here all I said in the letter I sent to you by the Amherst but I think exactly as I did at that time and again refer you to that letter — Abdoollah Bin Ahmed seems entirely to have forgotten the interests of the people under him as well as his own, and which nothing could secure so effectually as a permanent peace and which I conceive could be brought about in the best manner in the way I propose — The tribute appears to me a small matter to object to considering the manner in which it has been exacted, and as to the Offencive and defensive alliance I know not what their former treaty said about it, let me know — Send me the earliest possible answer to this by the direct means for if you send it round by Bassadore it will be many days of reaching me — Offer any Boat that may be coming this way something to start instantly. — I trust that you have already sent an answer to the letter I enclosed to you for Abdoolah Bin Ahmed on the 26th. of last Month as I am very desirous of knowing what farther proceedings it may be necessary to adopt in consequence of that Piratical act. — In your last letter you speak of your being about to proceed to Muskat to see Goolab as at this moment in particular when an experienced Agent is required at Bharein this would be most inconvenient to the service I cannot now give you leave to do so and you must therefore wait until a more favorable time occur. —

Vide Public Letter Book of 1829. Page 233 for the Letter to H.H. Syud Syed the Imam of Muscat dated 4th. July 1829.



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Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Goolab Agent at Muscat dated 4th July 1829.-

N. C. I have received your letter sent by the despatch Boat and dated the 29th May, that of the 23rd which you mention has never reached me — I have written to His Highness the Imam respecting the negotiation for peace between him and his allies and the Wuhabies and theirs I hardly think the Abdoolah Bin Ahmed will agree to what I first suggested, in my own name I wish much to know what terms His Highness under present circumstances might be disposed to enter into to effect a permanent peace, it is impossible that I could in any way know this unless he were to disclose his wishes to me, his saying that he would be satisfied with whatever I might do only shows his good will to me, but does not give me any information respecting what he might be disposed to do in this particular matter and in which I feel as little inclined to sacrifice his interests as he would be himself farther than may be necessary to attain the end desired by him.-

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Goolab Agent at Muscat - dated 4th July 1829.-

N. C. I have been much surprised at your neglect in not reporting the arrival and departure of Vessels daily taking place before your eyes that I may know what is likely to happen — It is likewise necessary that I should know the general description of Cargo they may have and in the cases of

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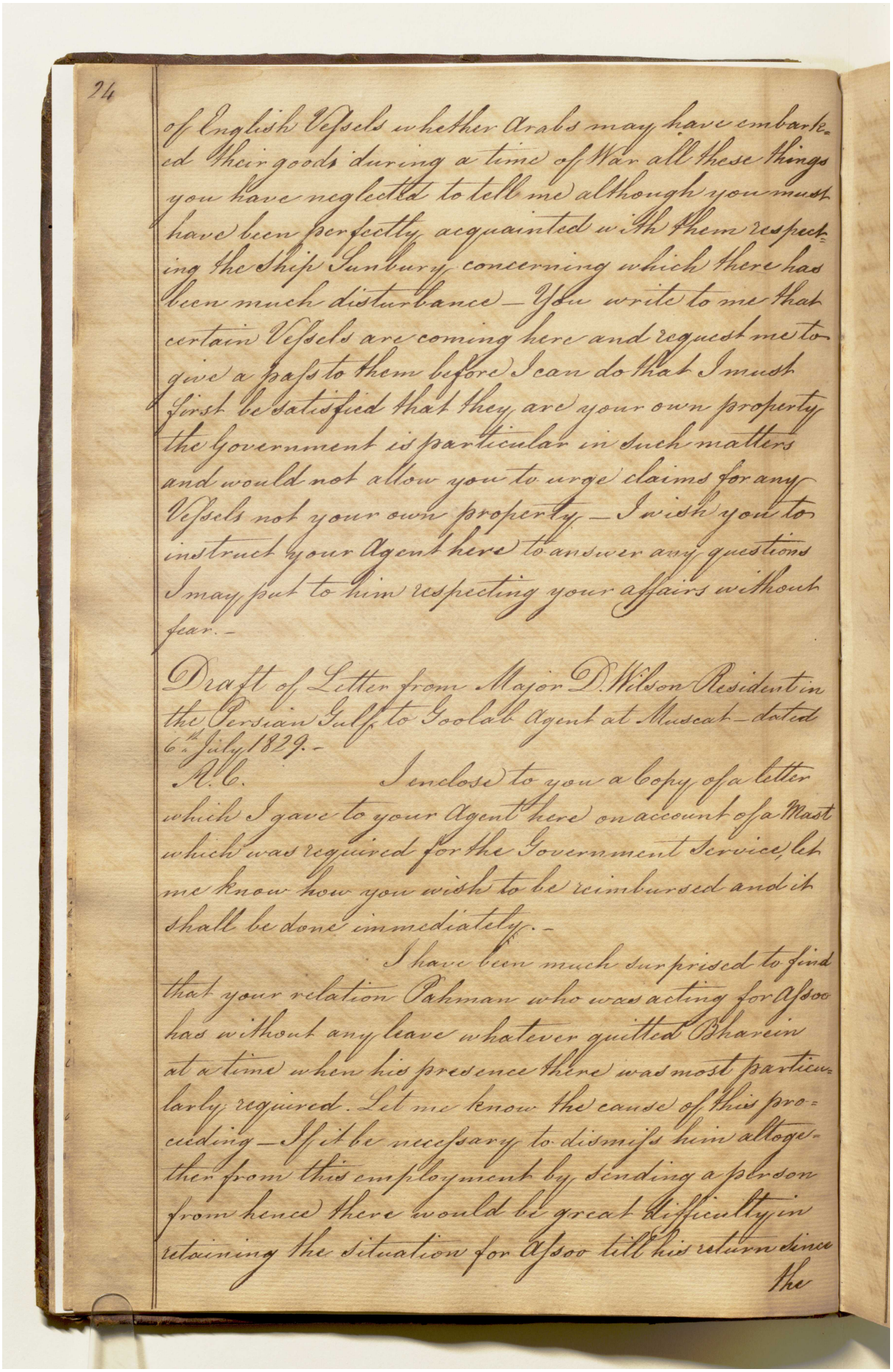

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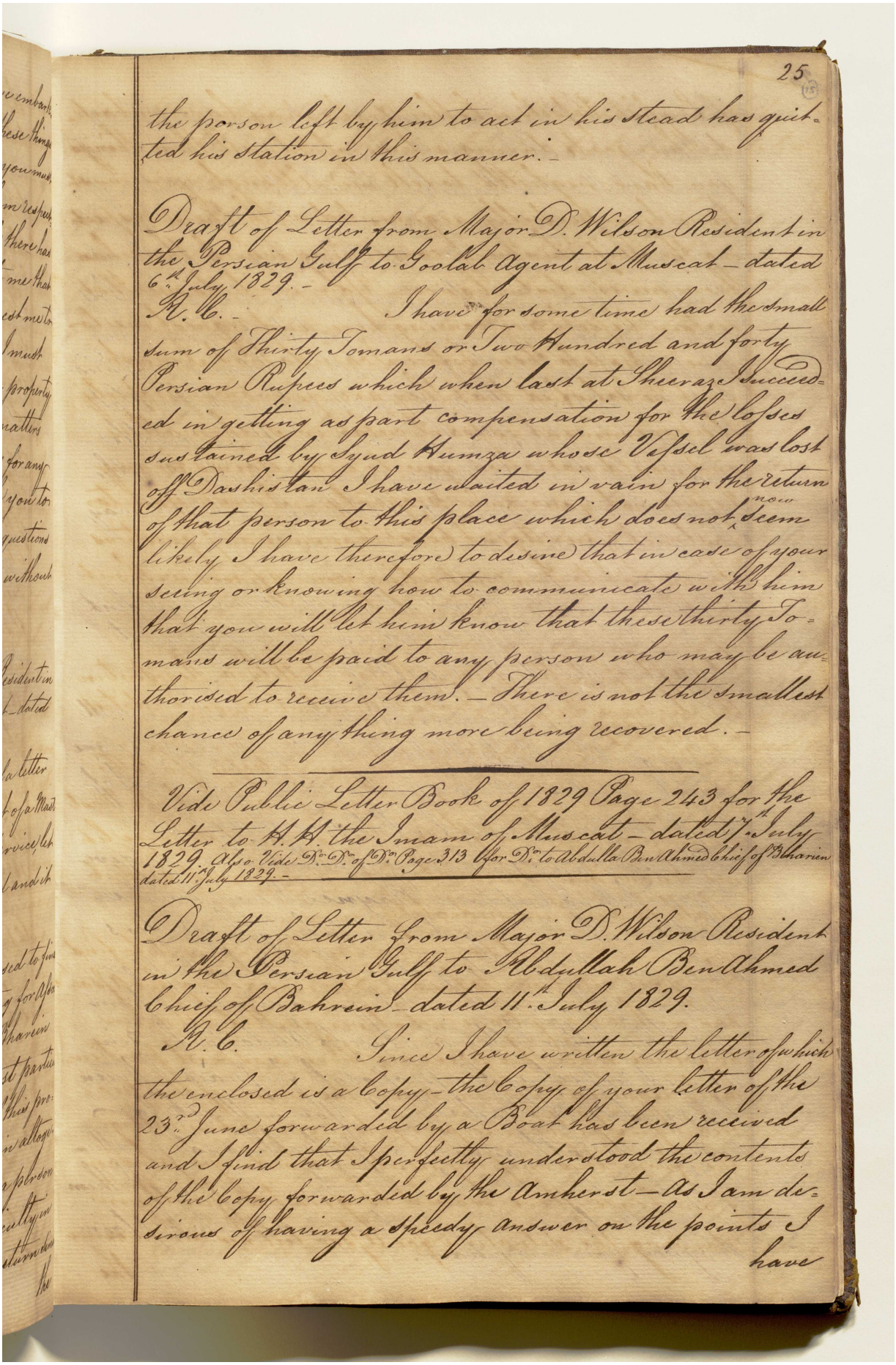
of English Vessels whether Arabs may have embarked their goods during a time of War all these things you have neglected to tell me although you must have been perfectly acquainted with them respecting the Ship Sunbury concerning which there has been much disturbance — You write to me that certain Vessels are coming here and request me to give a pass to them before I can do that I must first be satisfied that they are your own property the Government is particular in such matters and would not allow you to urge claims for any Vessels not your own property — I wish you to instruct your Agent here to answer any questions I may put to him respecting your affairs without fear. —

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Goolab Agent at Muscat — dated 6th July 1829. —

N.B. I enclose to you a Copy of a letter which I gave to your Agent here on account of a Mast which was required for the Government Service, let me know how you wish to be reimbursed and it shall be done immediately. —

I have been much surprised to find that your relation Rahman who was acting for Ajsoo has without any leave whatever quitted Bharein at a time when his presence there was most particularly required. Let me know the cause of this proceeding — If it be necessary to dismiss him altogether from this employment by sending a person from hence there would be great difficulty in retaining the situation for Ajsoo till his return since the



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the person left by him to act in his stead has quitted his station in this manner. –

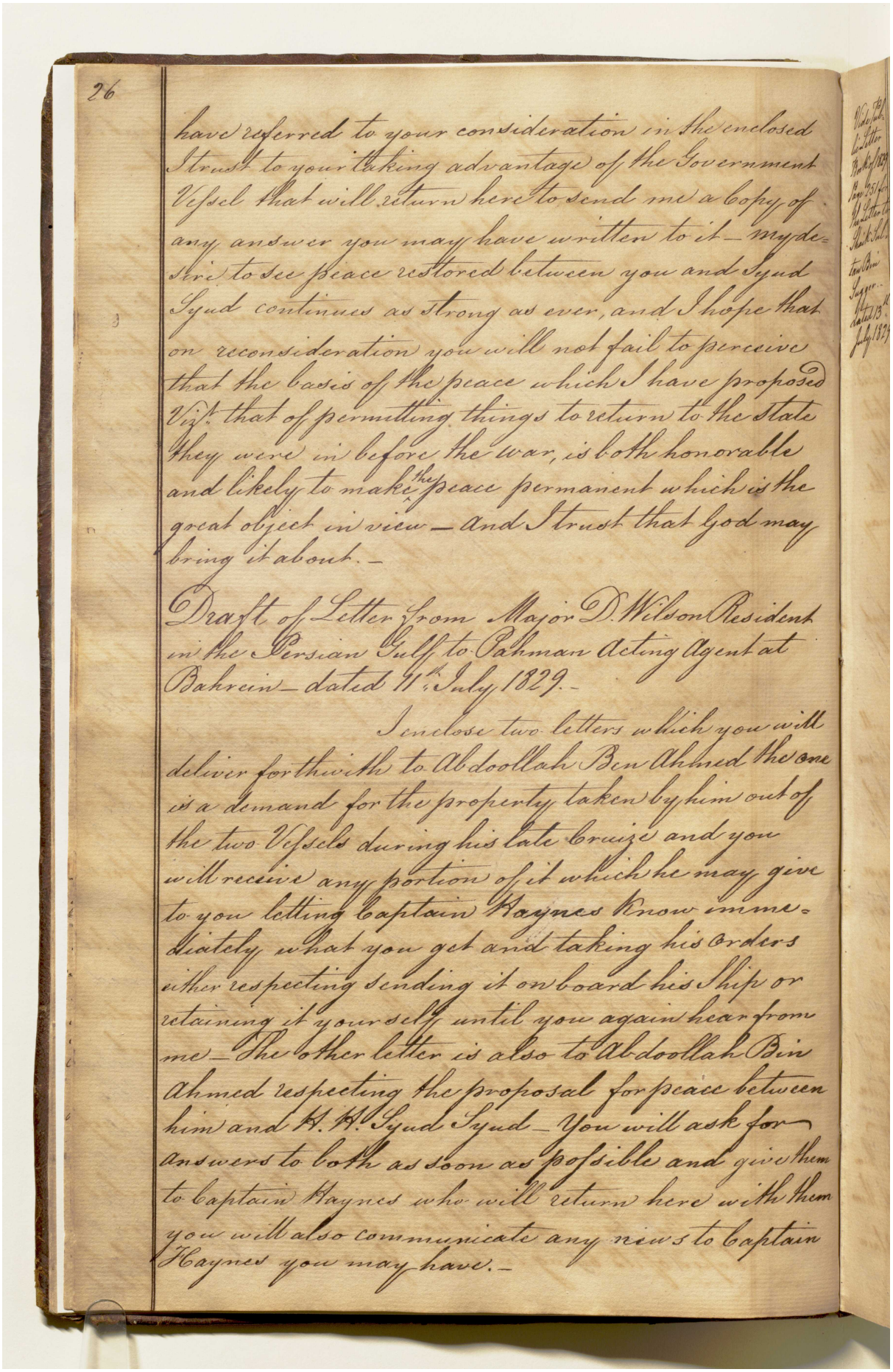
Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Goolab Agent at Muscat – dated 6th July 1829. –

R. C. – I have for some time had the small sum of Thirty Tomans or Two Hundred and forty Persian Rupees which when last at Sheeraz I succeeded in getting as part compensation for the losses sustained by Syud Humza whose Vessel was lost off Dashistan I have waited in vain for the return of that person to this place which does not now seem likely I have therefore to desire that in case of your seeing or knowing how to communicate with him that you will let him know that these thirty Tomans will be paid to any person who may be authorised to receive them. – There is not the smallest chance of anything more being recovered. –

Vide Public Letter Book of 1829 Page 243 for the Letter to H. H. the Imam of Muscat – dated 7th July 1829. Also Vide Do. Do. of Do. Page 313 for Do. to Abdulla Ben Ahmed Chief of Bahrein dated 11th July 1829. –

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Abdullah Ben Ahmed Chief of Bahrein – dated 11th July 1829.

R. C. Since I have written the letter of which the enclosed is a copy – the Copy of your letter of the 23rd June forwarded by a Boat has been received and I find that I perfectly understood the contents of the Copy forwarded by the Amherst – As I am desirous of having a speedy answer on the points I have



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have referred to your consideration in the enclosed I trust to your taking advantage of the Government Vessel that will return here to send me a copy of any answer you may have written to it— my desire to see peace restored between you and Syud Syud continues as strong as ever, and I hope that on reconsideration you will not fail to perceive that the basis of the peace which I have proposed Viz^t. that of permitting things to return to the State they were in before the war, is both honorable and likely to make the peace permanent which is the great object in view— and I trust that God may bring it about.—

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Rahman Acting Agent at Bahrein— dated 11th July 1829.—

I enclose two letters which you will deliver forthwith to Abdoollah Ben Ahmed the one is a demand for the property taken by him out of the two Vessels during his late Cruize and you will receive any portion of it which he may give to you letting Captain Haynes know immediately what you get and taking his orders either respecting sending it on board his Ship or retaining it yourself until you again hear from me— The other letter is also to Abdoollah Bin Ahmed respecting the proposal for peace between him and H. H. Syud Syud— You will ask for answers to both as soon as possible and give them to Captain Haynes who will return here with them you will also communicate any news to Captain Haynes you may have.—

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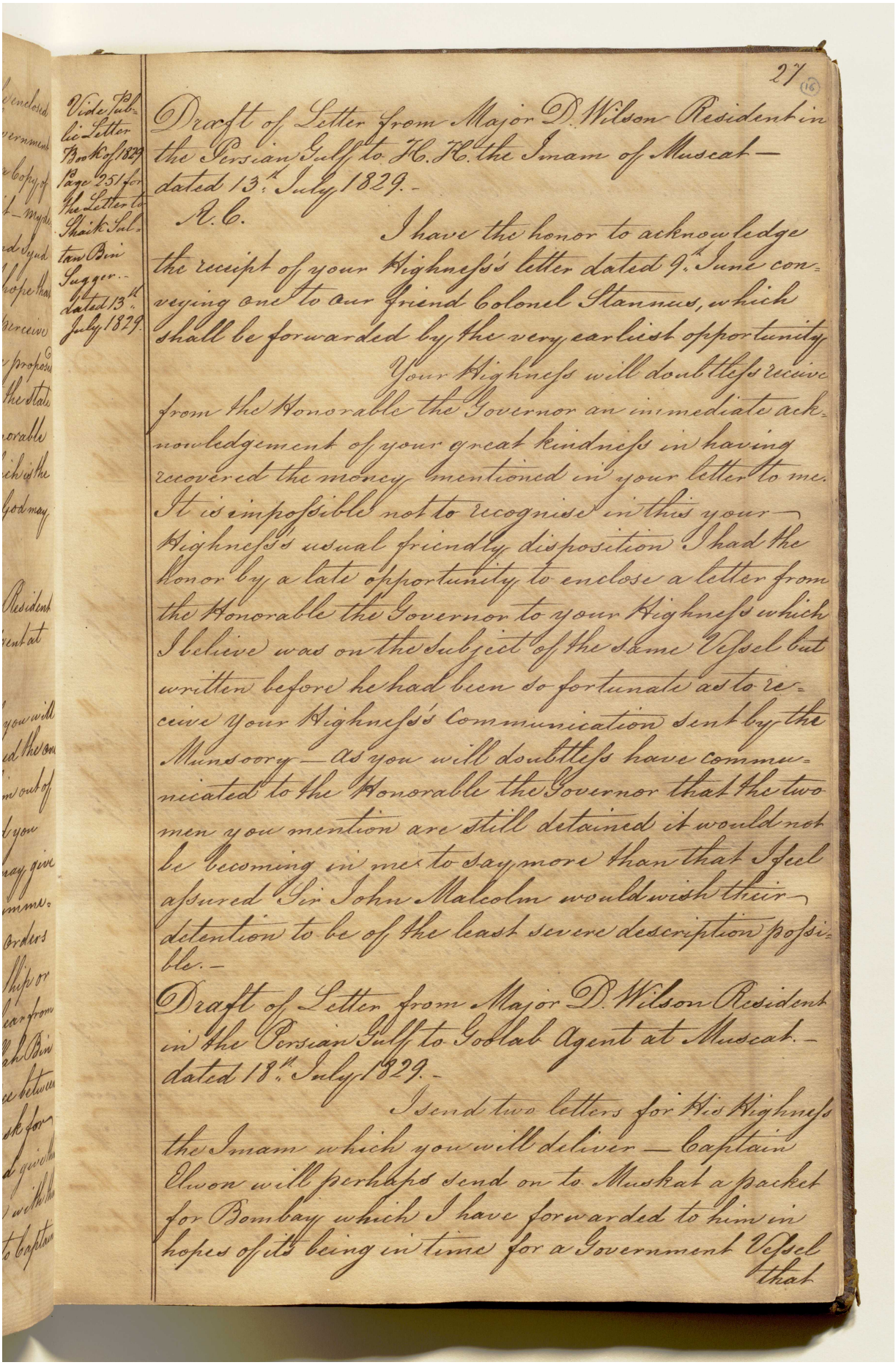

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Vide Public Letter Book of 1829 Page 251 for the Letter to Shaik Sultan Bin Sugger dated 13th July 1829.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to H. H. the Imam of Muscat — dated 13th July 1829.

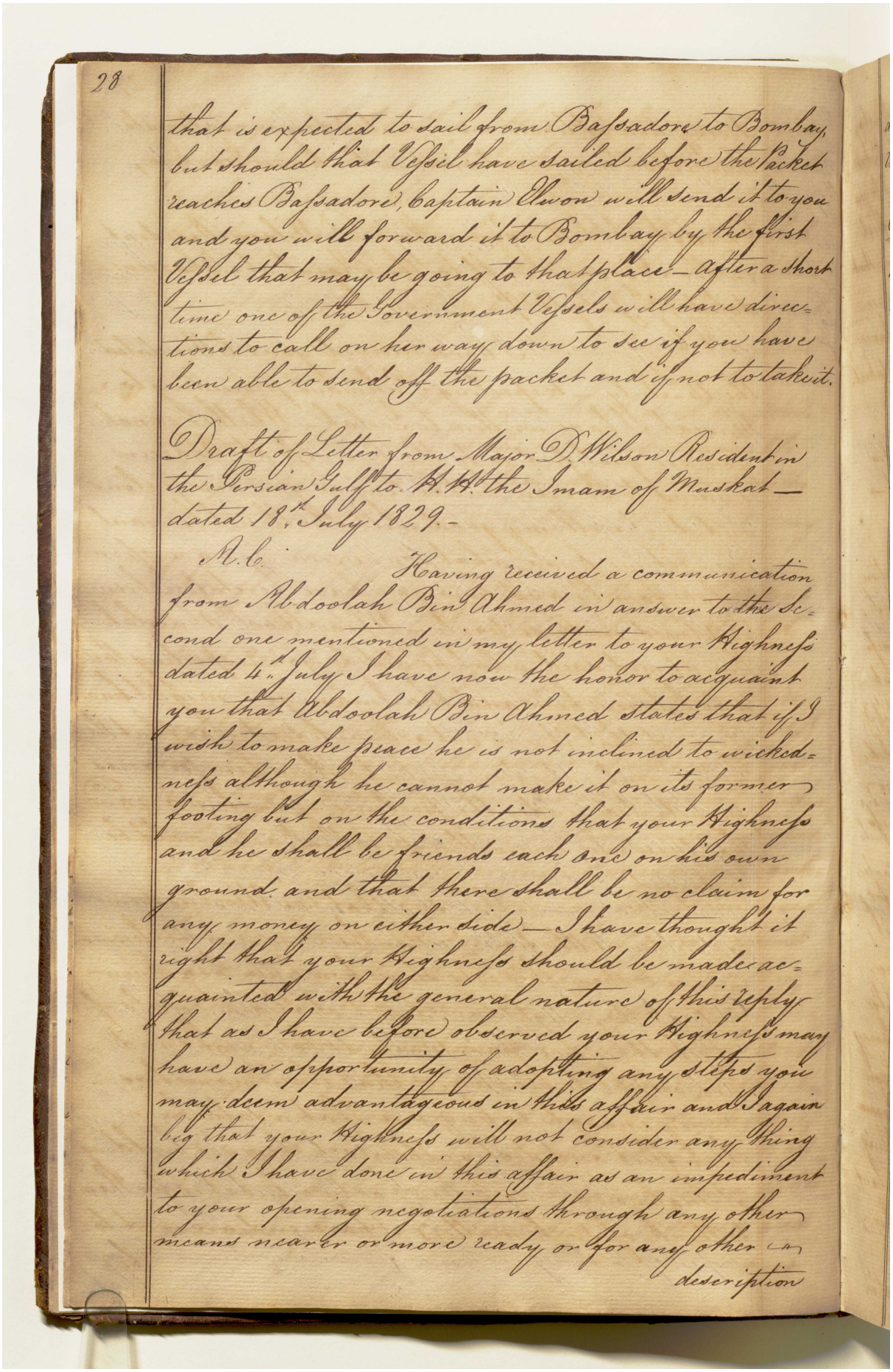
A. C.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Highness's letter dated 9th June conveying one to our friend Colonel Stannus, which shall be forwarded by the very earliest opportunity.

Your Highness will doubtless receive from the Honorable the Governor an immediate acknowledgement of your great kindness in having recovered the money mentioned in your letter to me. It is impossible not to recognise in this your Highness's usual friendly disposition. I had the honor by a late opportunity to enclose a letter from the Honorable the Governor to your Highness which I believe was on the subject of the same Vessel but written before he had been so fortunate as to receive your Highness's communication sent by the Munsoory — as you will doubtless have communicated to the Honorable the Governor that the two men you mention are still detained it would not be becoming in me to say more than that I feel assured Sir John Malcolm would wish their detention to be of the least severe description possible. —

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Goolab Agent at Muscat. — dated 18th July 1829. —

I send two letters for His Highness the Imam which you will deliver — Captain Elwon will perhaps send on to Muskat a packet for Bombay which I have forwarded to him in hopes of its being in time for a Government Vessel that



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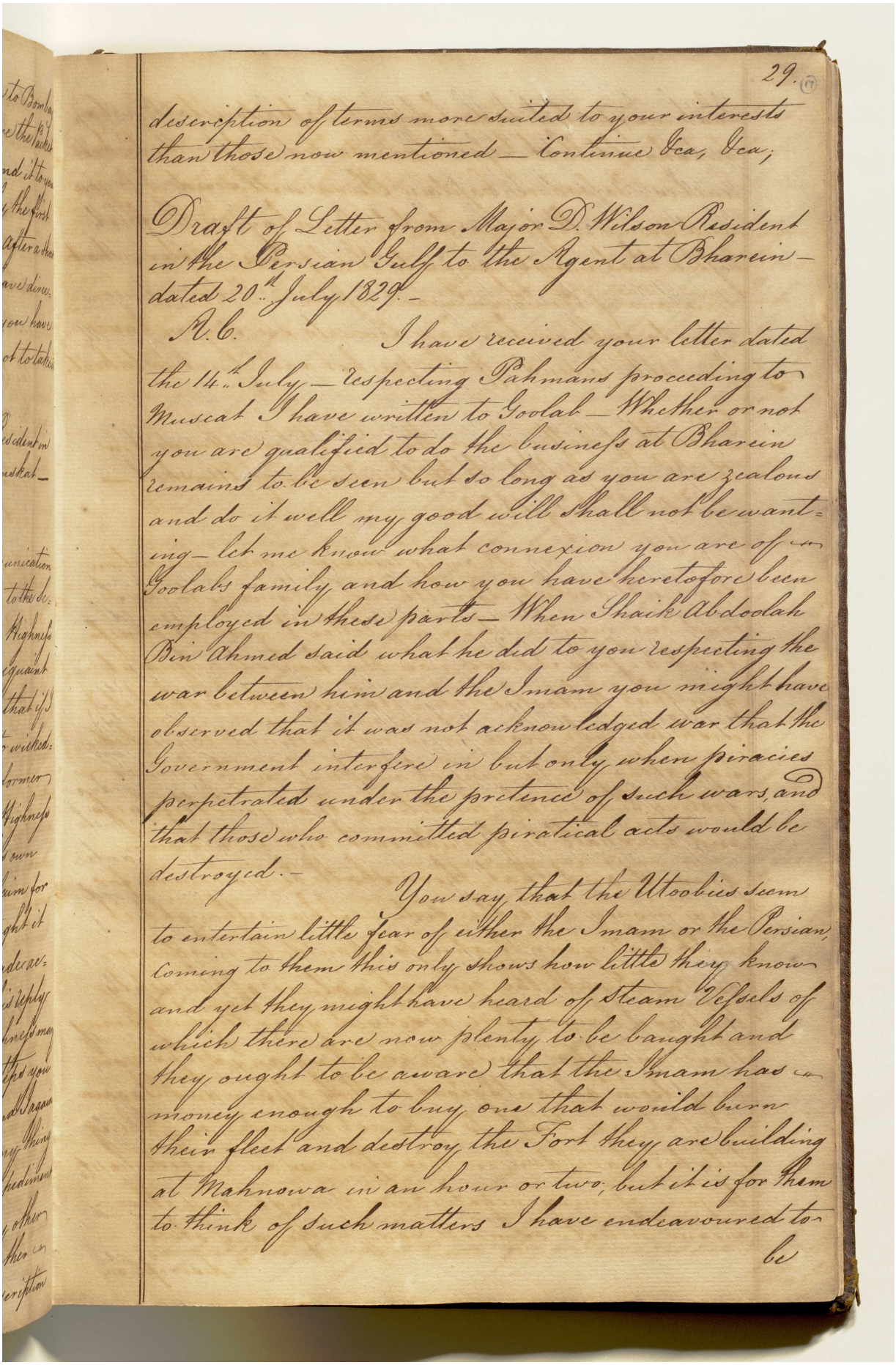
that is expected to sail from Bassadore to Bombay, but should that Vessel have sailed before the Packet reaches Bassadore, Captain Elwon will send it to you and you will forward it to Bombay by the first Vessel that may be going to that place— after a short time one of the Government Vessels will have directions to call on her way down to see if you have been able to send off the packet and if not to take it.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to H.H. the Imam of Muskat— dated 18th July 1829.-

A.C.

Having received a communication from Abdoolah Bin Ahmed in answer to the second one mentioned in my letter to your Highness dated 4th July I have now the honor to acquaint you that Abdoolah Bin Ahmed states that if I wish to make peace he is not inclined to wickedness although he cannot make it on its former footing but on the conditions that your Highness and he shall be friends each one on his own ground and that there shall be no claim for any money on either side— I have thought it right that your Highness should be made acquainted with the general nature of this reply that as I have before observed your Highness may have an opportunity of adopting any steps you may deem advantageous in this affair and I again beg that your Highness will not consider any thing which I have done in this affair as an impediment to your opening negotiations through any other means nearer or more ready or for any other description



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description of terms more suited to your interests than those now mentioned — Continue &c, &c,

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Agent at Bharein — dated 20th July 1829.—

R. C. I have received your letter dated the 14th July — respecting Pahmans proceeding to Muscat I have written to Goolab — Whether or not you are qualified to do the business at Bharein remains to be seen but so long as you are zealous and do it well my good will shall not be wanting — let me know what connexion you are of in Goolabs family and how you have heretofore been employed in these parts — When Shaik Abdoolah Bin Ahmed said what he did to you respecting the war between him and the Imam you might have observed that it was not acknowledged war that the Government interfere in but only when piracies perpetrated under the pretence of such wars, and that those who committed piratical acts would be destroyed.—

You say that the Utoobies seem to entertain little fear of either the Imam or the Persian coming to them this only shows how little they know and yet they might have heard of Steam Vessels of which there are now plenty to be bought and they ought to be aware that the Imam has money enough to buy one that would burn their fleet and destroy the Fort they are building at Mahnowa in an hour or two, but it is for them to think of such matters I have endeavoured to

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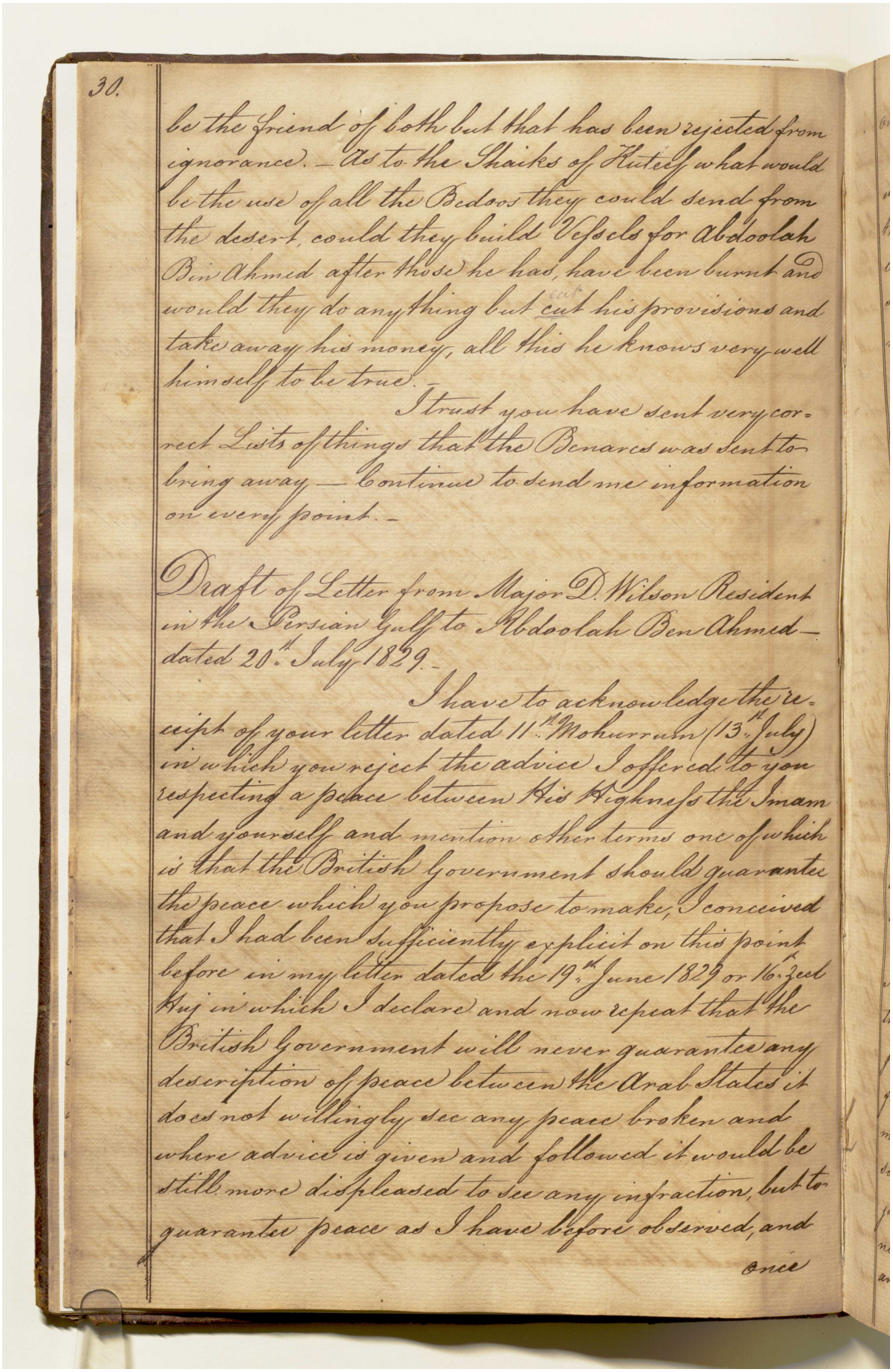

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be the friend of both but that has been rejected from ignorance. — As to the Shaiks of Kuteef what would be the use of all the Bedoos they could send from the desert, could they build Vessels for Abdoolah Bin Ahmed after those he had, have been burnt and would they do anything but cut his provisions and take away his money, all this he knows very well himself to be true. —

I trust you have sent very correct Lists of things that the Benares was sent to bring away — Continue to send me information on every point. —

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Abdoolah Ben Ahmed — dated 20th. July 1829. —

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 11th Mohurrum (13th July) in which you reject the advice I offered to you respecting a peace between His Highness the Imam and yourself and mention other terms one of which is that the British Government should guarantee the peace which you propose to make, I conceived that I had been sufficiently explicit on this point before in my letter dated the 19th June 1829 or 16th Zeel Hug in which I declare and now repeat that the British Government will never guarantee any description of peace between the Arab States it does not willingly see any peace broken and where advice is given and followed it would be still more displeased to see any infraction, but to guarantee peace as I have before observed, and

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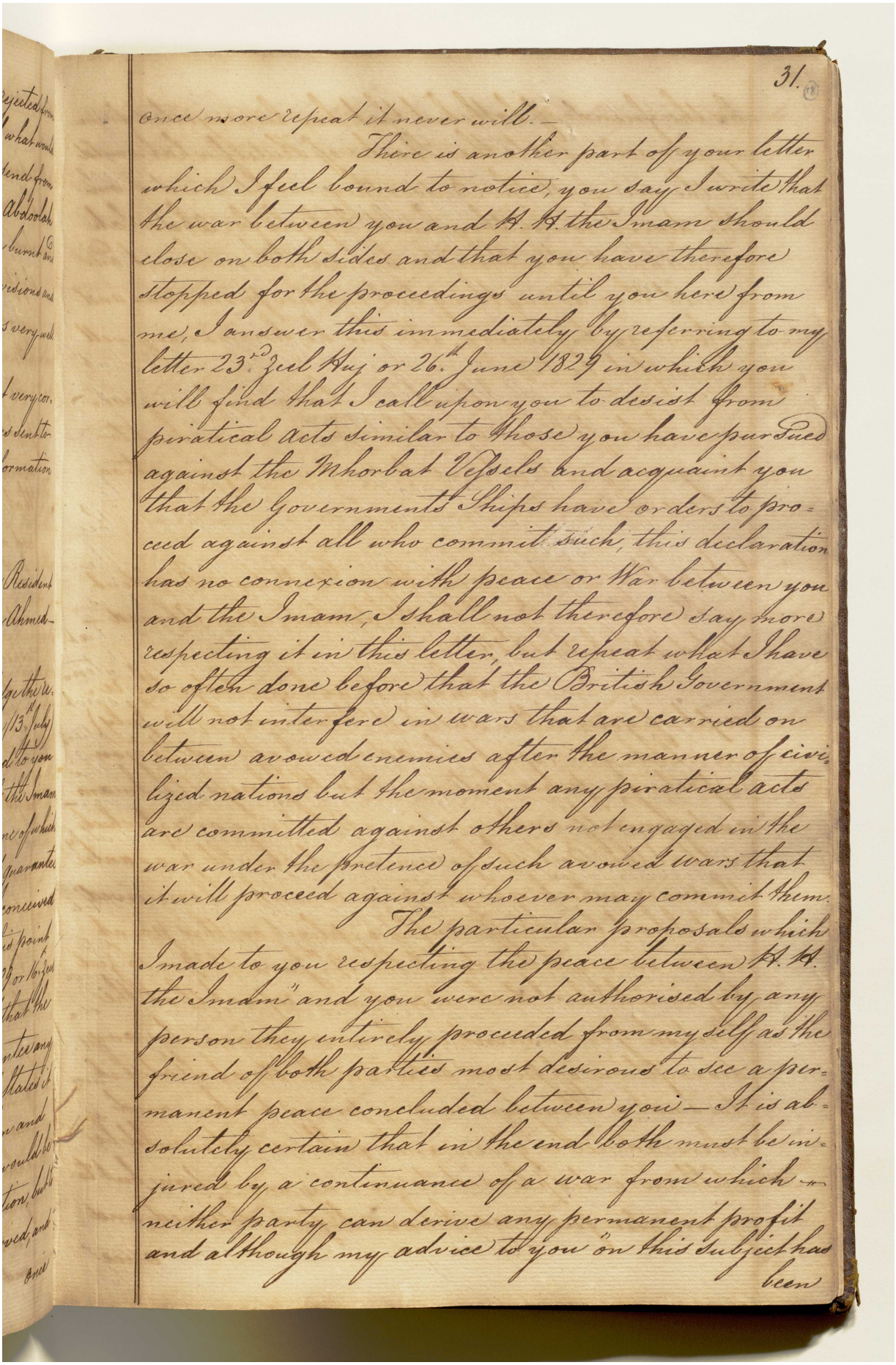

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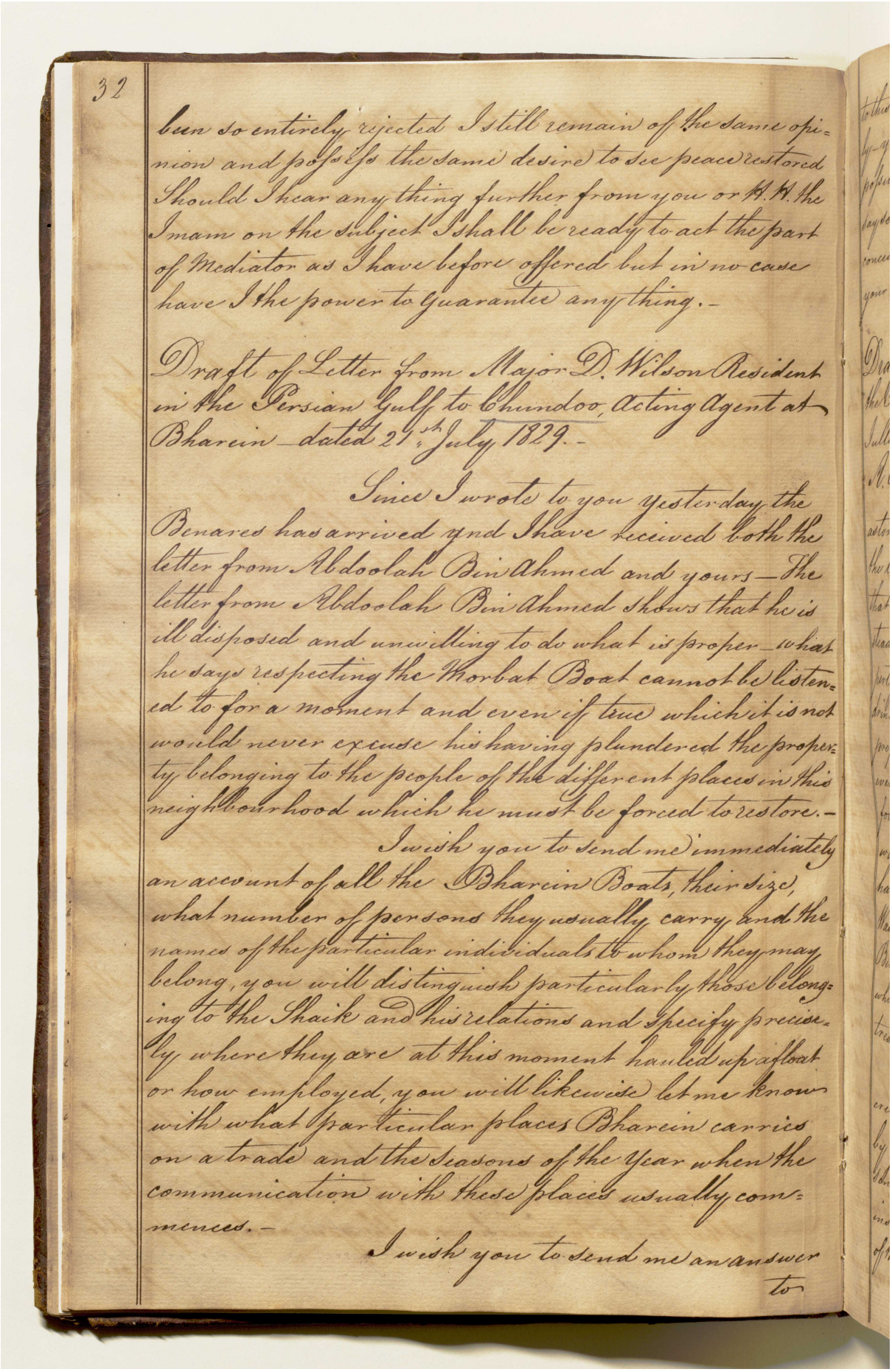
once more repeat it never will.—

There is another part of your letter which I feel bound to notice, you say I write that the war between you and H. H. the Imam should close on both sides and that you have therefore stopped for the proceedings until you here from me, I answer this immediately by referring to my letter 23rd Jeel Huj or 26th June 1829 in which you will find that I call upon you to desist from piratical acts similar to those you have pursued against the Mhorbat Vessels and acquaint you that the Governments Ships have orders to proceed against all who commit such, this declaration has no connexion with peace or War between you and the Imam, I shall not therefore say more respecting it in this letter, but repeat what I have so often done before that the British Government will not interfere in wars that are carried on between avowed enemies after the manner of civilized nations but the moment any piratical acts are committed against others not engaged in the war under the pretence of such avowed wars that it will proceed against whoever may commit them.

The particular proposals which I made to you respecting the peace between H. H. the Imam" and you were not authorised by any person they entirely proceeded from my self as the friend of both parties most desirous to see a permanent peace concluded between you— It is absolutely certain that in the end both must be injured by a continuance of a war from which neither party can derive any permanent profit and although my advice to you on this subject has been



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been so entirely rejected I still remain of the same opinion and possess the same desire to see peace restored. Should I hear any thing further from you or H.H. the Imam on the subject I shall be ready to act the part of Mediator as I have before offered but in no case have I the power to guarantee any thing.-

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Chundoo acting Agent at Bharein dated 21st July 1829.-

Since I wrote to you yesterday the Benares has arrived and I have received both the letter from Abdoolah Bin Ahmed and yours—The letter from Abdoolah Bin Ahmed shows that he is ill disposed and unwilling to do what is proper—what he says respecting the Morbat Boat cannot be listened to for a moment and even if true which it is not would never excuse his having plundered the property belonging to the people of the different places in this neighbourhood which he must be forced to restore.-

I wish you to send me immediately an account of all the Bharein Boats, their size, what number of persons they usually carry and the names of the particular individuals to whom they may belong, you will distinguish particularly those belonging to the Shaik and his relations and specify precisely where they are at this moment hauled up afloat or how employed, you will likewise let me know with what particular places Bharein carries on a trade and the seasons of the year when the communication with these places usually commences.-

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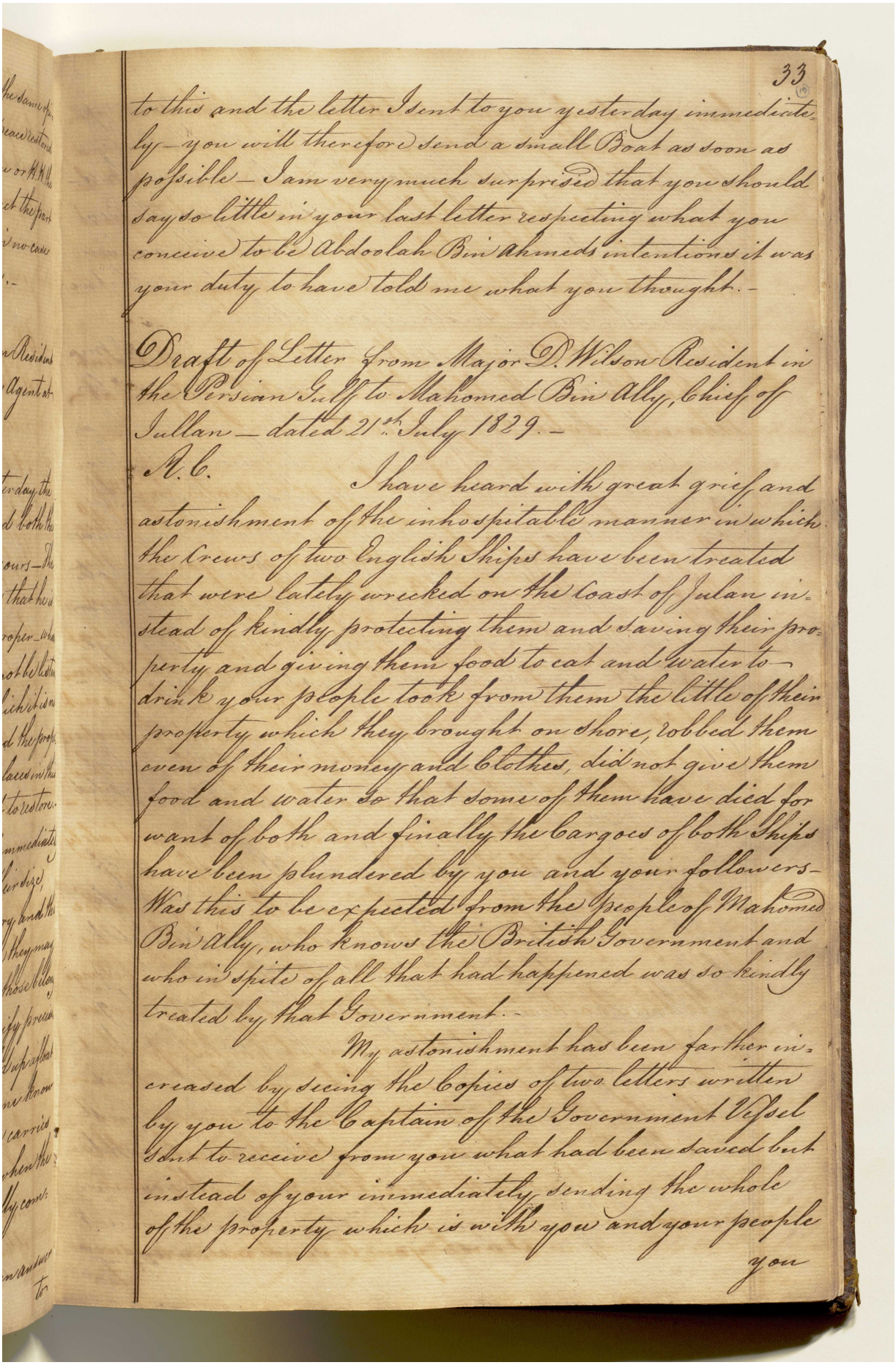

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to this and the letter I sent to you yesterday immediately — you will therefore send a small Boat as soon as possible — I am very much surprised that you should say so little in your last letter respecting what you conceive to be Abdoolah Bin Ahmeds intentions it was your duty to have told me what you thought. —

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Mahomed Bin Ally, Chief of Julfar — dated 21st July 1829. —

A. C.

I have heard with great grief and astonishment of the inhospitable manner in which the Crews of two English Ships have been treated that were lately wrecked on the Coast of Julfar instead of kindly protecting them and saving their property and giving them food to eat and water to drink your people took from them the little of their property which they brought on shore, robbed them even of their money and Clothes, did not give them food and water so that some of them have died for want of both and finally the Cargoes of both Ships have been plundered by you and your followers — Was this to be expected from the People of Mahomed Bin Ally, who knows the British Government and who in spite of all that had happened was so kindly treated by that Government. —

My astonishment has been farther increased by seeing the Copies of two letters written by you to the Captain of the Government Vessel sent to receive from you what had been saved but instead of your immediately sending the whole of the property which is with you and your people

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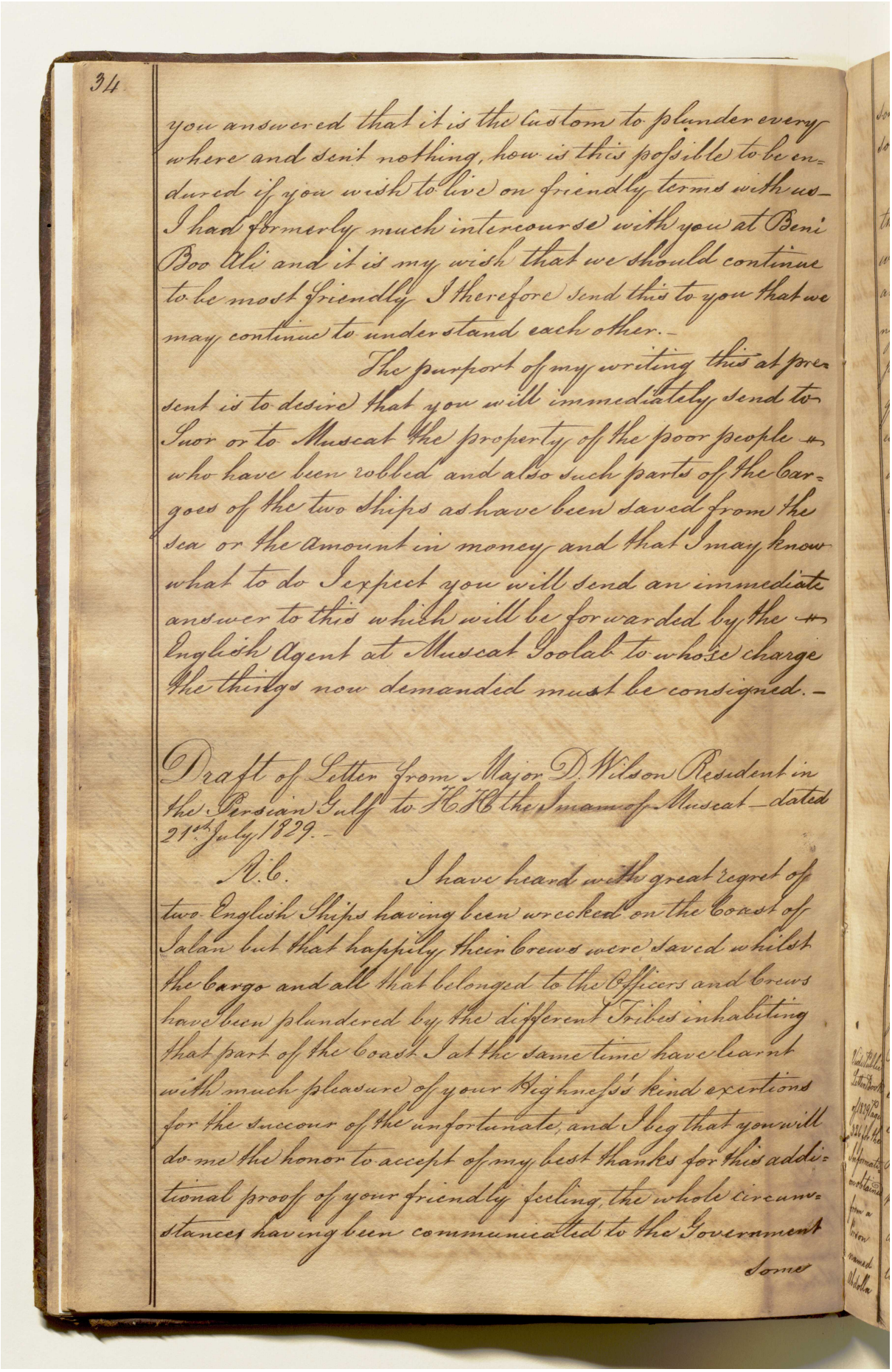

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you answered that it is the custom to plunder every where and sent nothing, how is this possible to be endured if you wish to live on friendly terms with us— I had formerly much intercourse with you at Beni Boo Ali and it is my wish that we should continue to be most friendly I therefore send this to you that we may continue to understand each other.—

The purport of my writing this at present is to desire that you will immediately send to Suor or to Muscat the property of the poor people who have been robbed and also such parts of the Cargoes of the two Ships as have been saved from the sea or the amount in money and that I may know what to do I expect you will send an immediate answer to this which will be forwarded by the English Agent at Muscat Soolat to whose charge the things now demanded must be consigned.—

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to H.H the Imam of Muscat— dated 21st July 1829.—

A.C. I have heard with great regret of two English Ships having been wrecked on the Coast of Jalan but that happily their Crews were saved whilst the Cargo and all that belonged to the Officers and Crews have been plundered by the different Tribes inhabiting that part of the Coast I at the same time have learnt with much pleasure of your Highness's kind exertions for the succour of the unfortunate, and I beg that you will do me the honor to accept of my best thanks for this additional proof of your friendly feeling, the whole circumstances having been communicated to the Government

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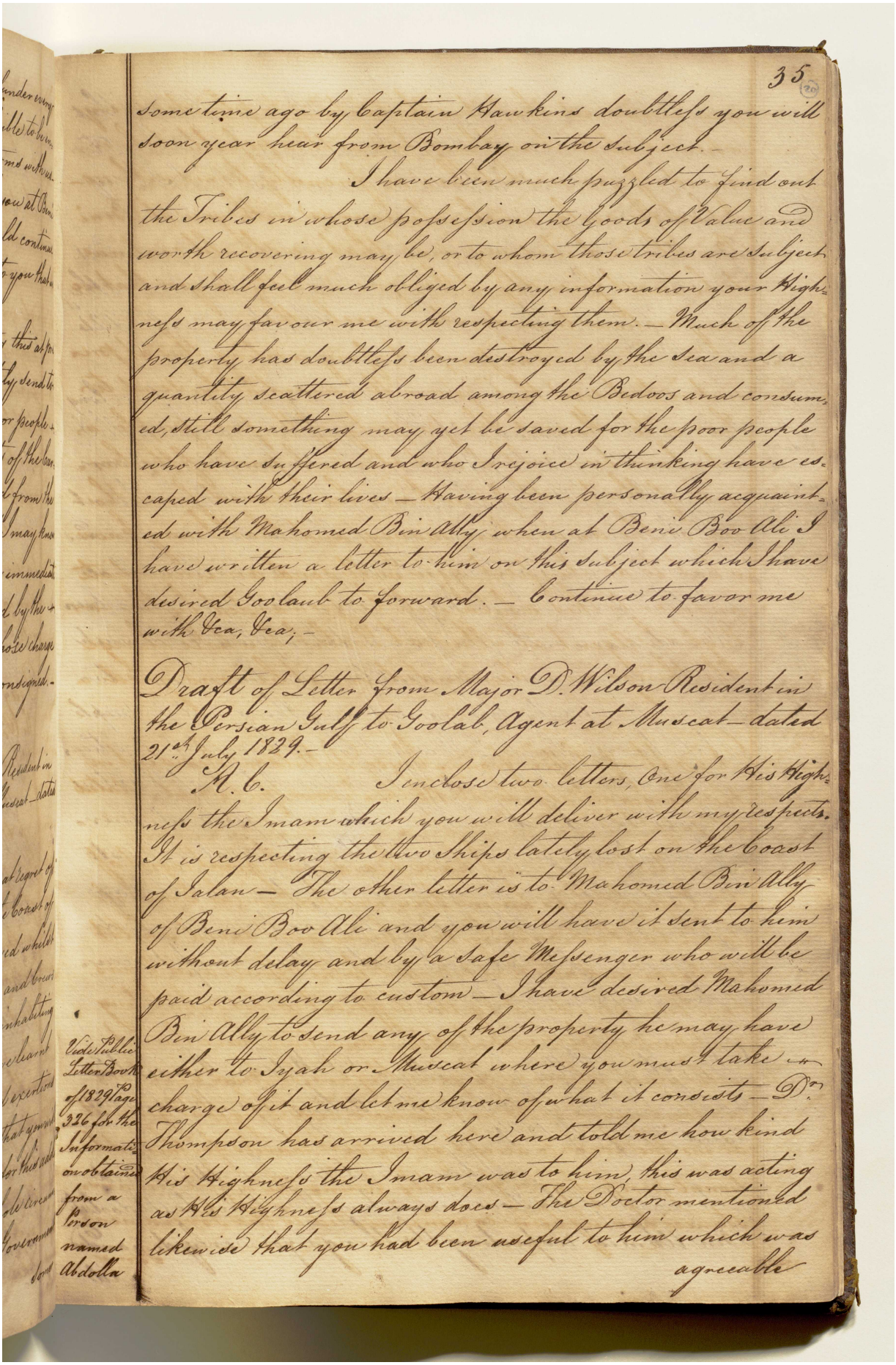

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some time ago by Captain Hawkins doubtless you will soon year hear from Bombay on the subject.—

I have been much puzzled to find out the Tribes in whose possession the Goods of Value and worth recovering may be, or to whom those tribes are subject and shall feel much obliged by any information your Highness may favour me with respecting them.— Much of the property has doubtless been destroyed by the Sea and a quantity scattered abroad among the Bedoos and consumed, still something may yet be saved for the poor people who have suffered and who I rejoice in thinking have escaped with their lives— Having been personally acquainted with Mahomed Bin Ally when at Beni Boo Ali I have written a letter to him on this subject which I have desired Goolaub to forward.— Continue to favor me with Dea, Dea,—

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Goolab, Agent at Muscat— dated 21st July 1829.—

N.B. I enclose two letters, One for His Highness the Imam which you will deliver with my respects. It is respecting the two Ships lately lost on the Coast of Jalan— The other letter is to Mahomed Bin Ally of Beni Boo Ali and you will have it sent to him without delay and by a safe Messenger who will be paid according to custom— I have desired Mahomed Bin Ally to send any of the property he may have either to Syah or Muscat where you must take charge of it and let me know of what it consists— Dr. Thompson has arrived here and told me how kind His Highness the Imam was to him, this was acting as His Highness always does— The Doctor mentioned likewise that you had been useful to him which was

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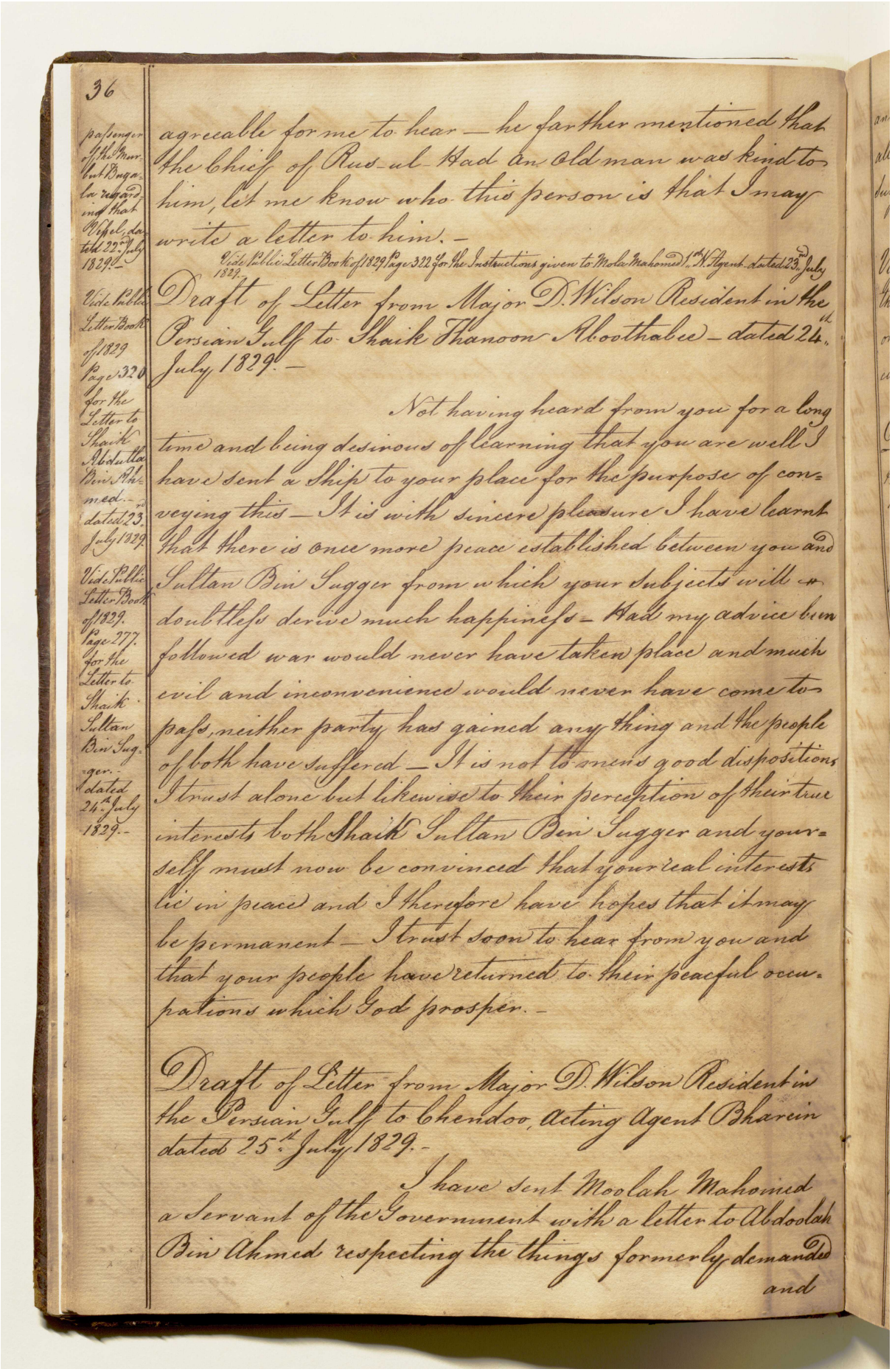
Vide Public Letter Book of 1829 Page 326 for the Information obtained from a Person named Abdolla



passenger of the Murbut Bugala regarding that Vessel, dated 22nd July 1829.-

agreeable for me to hear — he farther mentioned that the Chief of Rus-ul-Had an old man was kind to him, let me know who this person is that I may write a letter to him.-

Vide Public Letter Book of 1829 Page 322 for the Instructions given to Mola Mahomed 1st N. Agent dated 23rd July 1829.-

Vide Public Letter Book of 1829 Page 320 for the Letter to Shaik Abdulla Bin Ahmed.- dated 23rd July 1829.

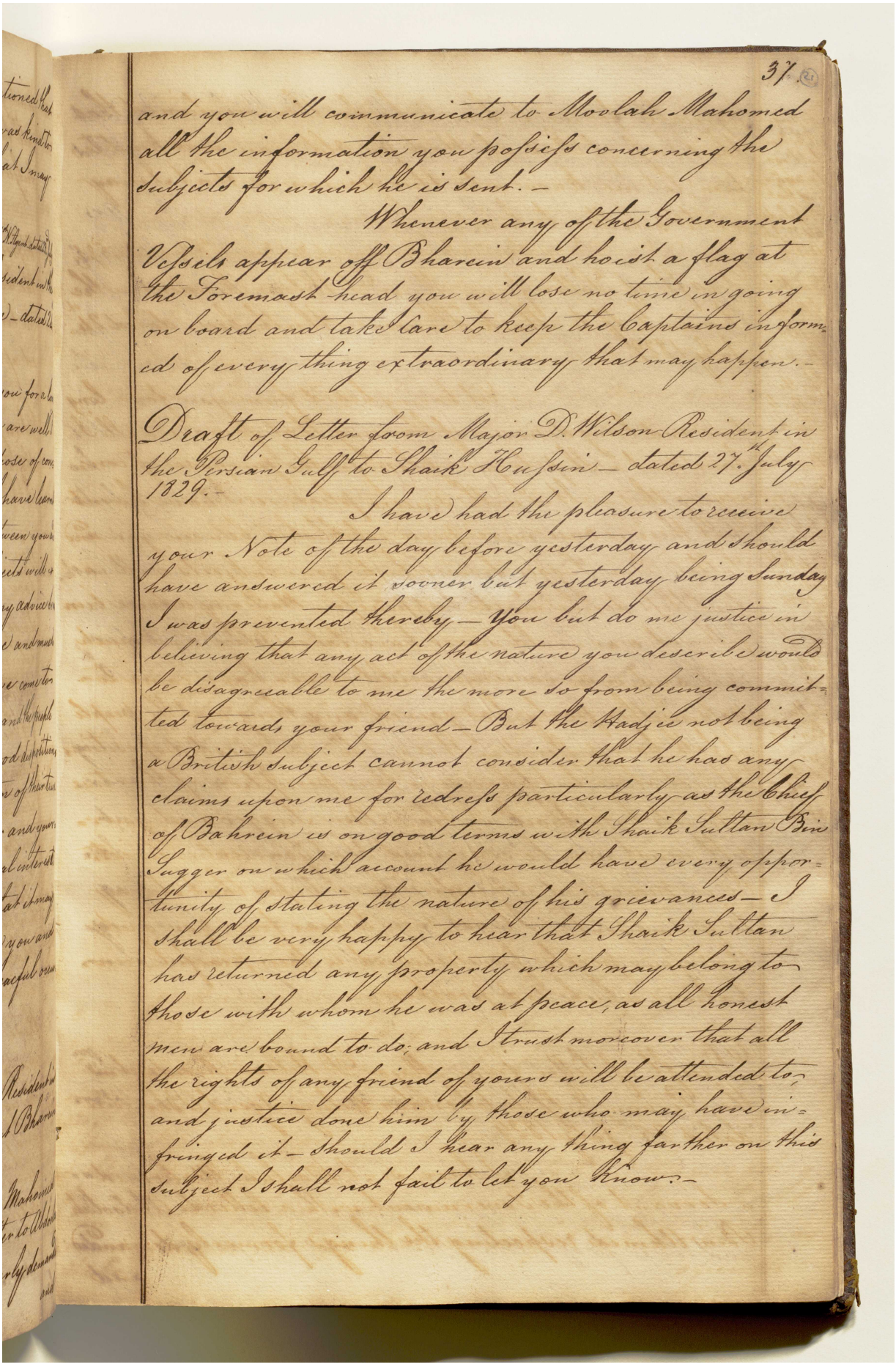
Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Thanoon Aboothabee — dated 24th July 1829.-

Not having heard from you for a long time and being desirous of learning that you are well I have sent a Ship to your place for the purpose of conveying this — It is with sincere pleasure I have learnt that there is once more peace established between you and Sultan Bin Sugger from which your subjects will doubtless derive much happiness — Had my advice been followed war would never have taken place and much evil and inconvenience would never have come to pass, neither party has gained any thing and the people of both have suffered — It is not to mens good dispositions I trust alone but likewise to their perception of their true interests both Shaik Sultan Bin Sugger and yourself must now be convinced that your real interests lie in peace and I therefore have hopes that it may be permanent — I trust soon to hear from you and that your people have returned to their peaceful occupations which God prosper.-

Vide Public Letter Book of 1829. Page 277. for the Letter to Shaik Sultan Bin Sugger.- dated 24th July 1829.-

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Chendoo, Acting Agent Bharein dated 25th July 1829.-

I have sent Moolah Mahomed a Servant of the Government with a letter to Abdoolah Bin Ahmed respecting the things formerly demanded and



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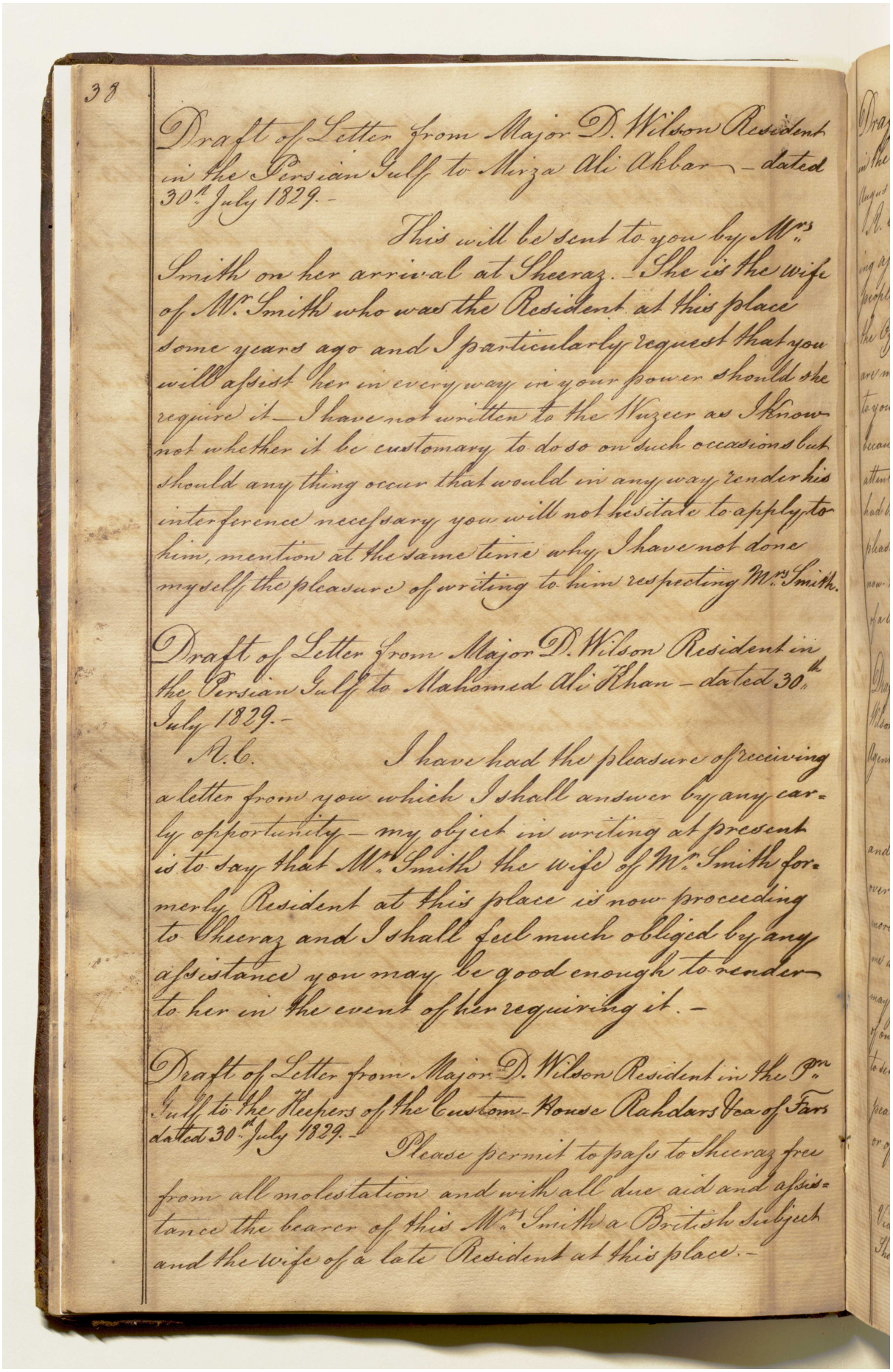
and you will communicate to Moolah Mahomed all the information you possess concerning the subjects for which he is sent.—

Whenever any of the Government Vessels appear off Bharein and hoist a flag at the Foremast head you will lose no time in going on board and take Care to keep the Captains informed of every thing extraordinary that may happen.—

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Hussein— dated 27th July 1829.—

I have had the pleasure to receive your Note of the day before yesterday and should have answered it sooner but yesterday being Sunday I was prevented thereby— You but do me justice in believing that any act of the nature you describe would be disagreeable to me the more so from being committed towards your friend— But the Hadjee not being a British subject cannot consider that he has any claims upon me for redress particularly as the Chief of Bahrein is on good terms with Shaik Sultan Bin Sugger on which account he would have every opportunity of stating the nature of his grievances— I shall be very happy to hear that Shaik Sultan has returned any property which may belong to those with whom he was at peace, as all honest men are bound to do; and I trust moreover that all the rights of any friend of yours will be attended to, and justice done him by those who may have infringed it— Should I hear any thing farther on this subject I shall not fail to let you know.—



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Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Mirza Ali Akbar — dated 30th July 1829.-

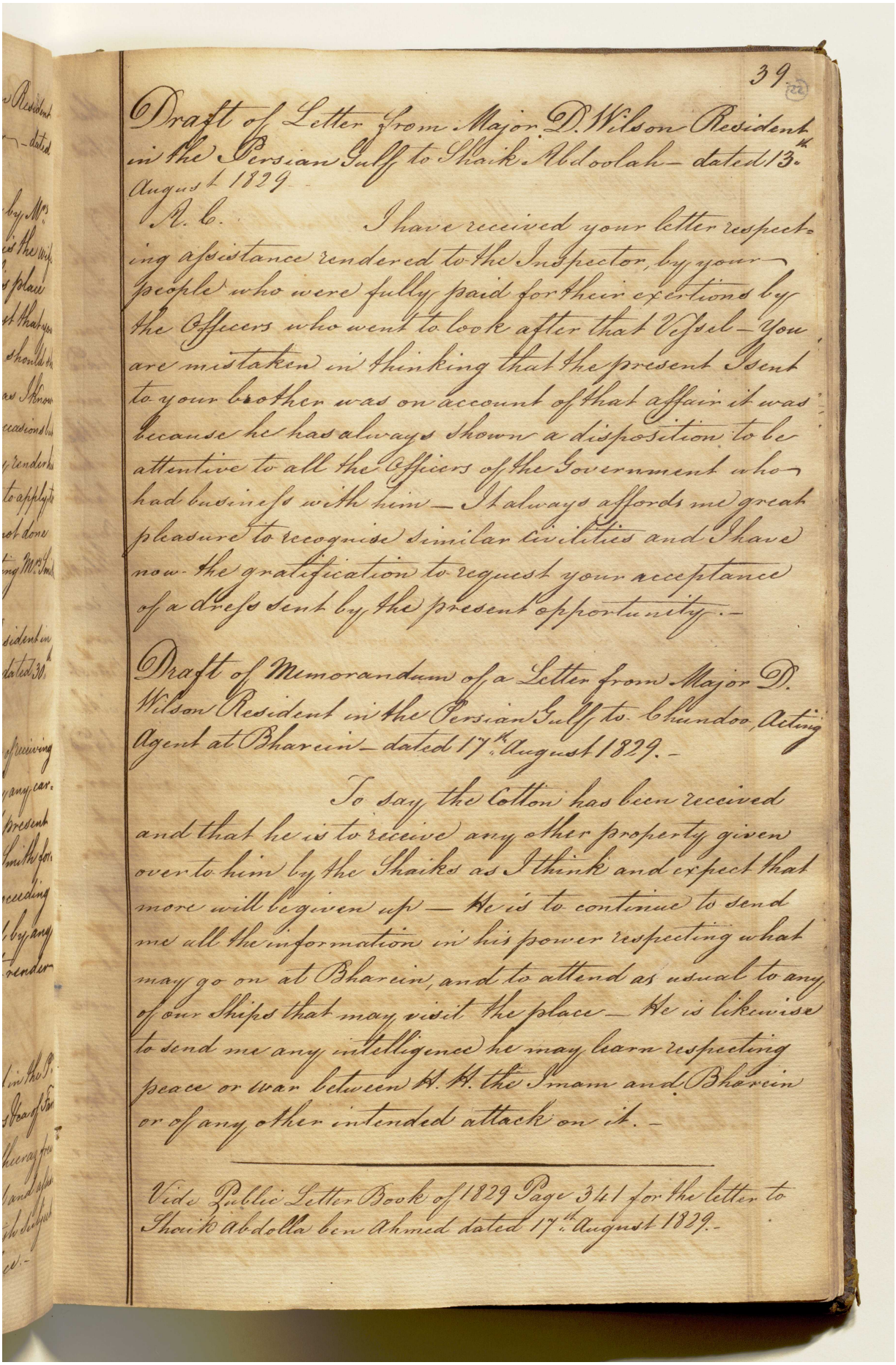
This will be sent to you by Mrs Smith on her arrival at Sheeraz. She is the wife of Mr. Smith who was the Resident at this place some years ago and I particularly request that you will assist her in every way in your power should she require it — I have not written to the Wuzeer as I know not whether it be customary to do so on such occasions but should any thing occur that would in any way render his interference necessary you will not hesitate to apply to him, mention at the same time why I have not done myself the pleasure of writing to him respecting Mrs Smith.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Mahomed Ali Khan — dated 30th July 1829.-

N.C. I have had the pleasure of receiving a letter from you which I shall answer by any early opportunity — my object in writing at present is to say that Mrs Smith the wife of Mr. Smith formerly Resident at this place is now proceeding to Sheeraz and I shall feel much obliged by any assistance you may be good enough to render to her in the event of her requiring it. —

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Pn Gulf to the Keepers of the Custom-House Rahdars &c of Fars dated 30th July 1829.-

Please permit to pass to Sheeraz free from all molestation and with all due aid and assistance the bearer of this Mrs Smith a British Subject and the wife of a late Resident at this place.-



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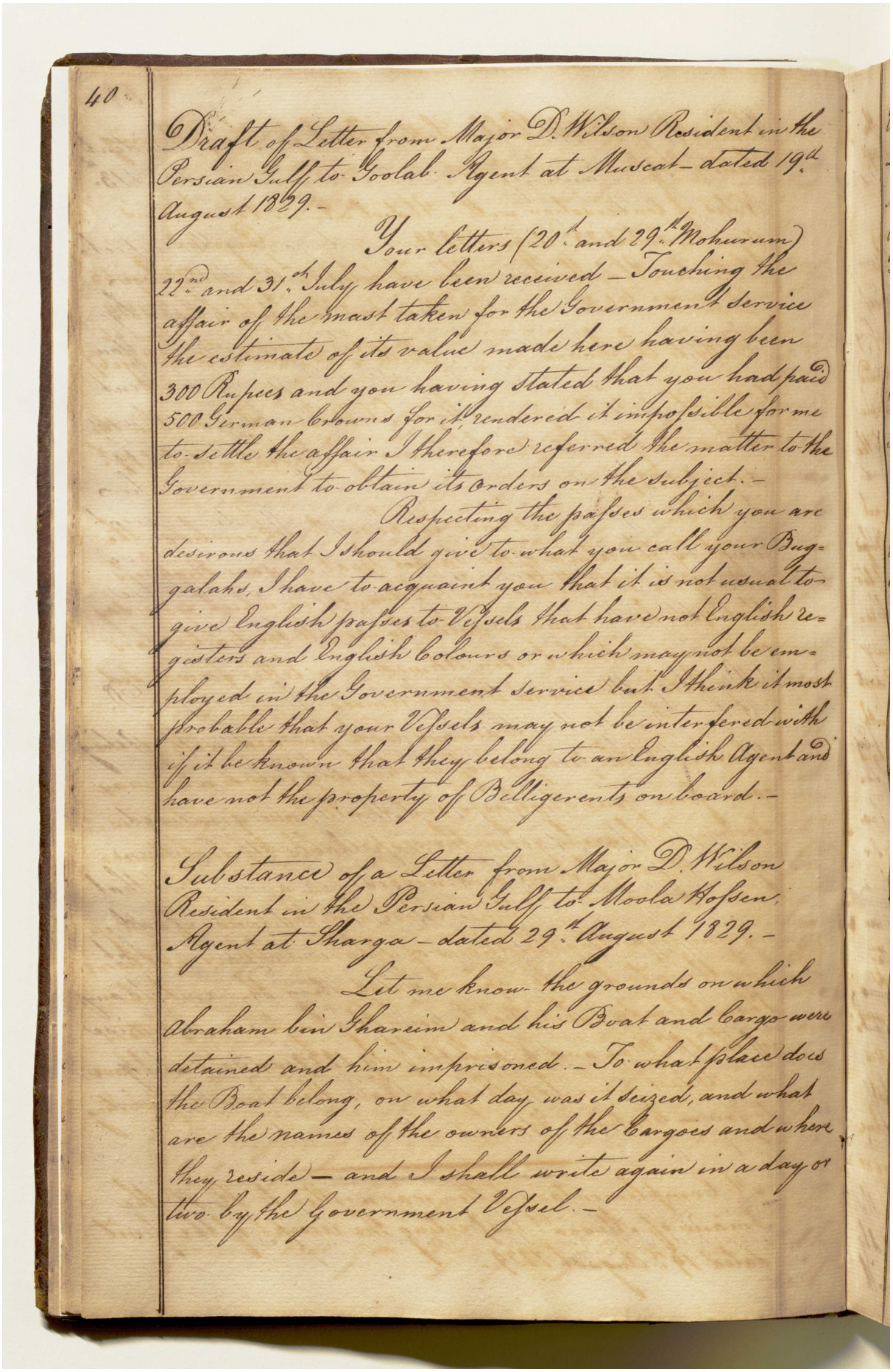
Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Abdoolah – dated 13th August 1829.

P. C. I have received your letter respecting assistance rendered to the Inspector, by your people who were fully paid for their exertions by the Officers who went to look after that Vessel – You are mistaken in thinking that the present I sent to your brother was on account of that affair it was because he has always shown a disposition to be attentive to all the Officers of the Government who had business with him – It always affords me great pleasure to recognise similar civilities and I have now the gratification to request your acceptance of a dress sent by the present opportunity. –

Draft of Memorandum of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Chundoo Acting Agent at Bharein – dated 17th August 1829. –

To say the Cotton has been received and that he is to receive any other property given over to him by the Shaikes as I think and expect that more will be given up – He is to continue to send me all the information in his power respecting what may go on at Bharein, and to attend as usual to any of our Ships that may visit the place – He is likewise to send me any intelligence he may learn respecting peace or war between H. H. the Imam and Bharein or of any other intended attack on it. –

Vide Public Letter Book of 1829 Page 341 for the letter to Shaik Abdolla bin Ahmed dated 17th August 1829. –



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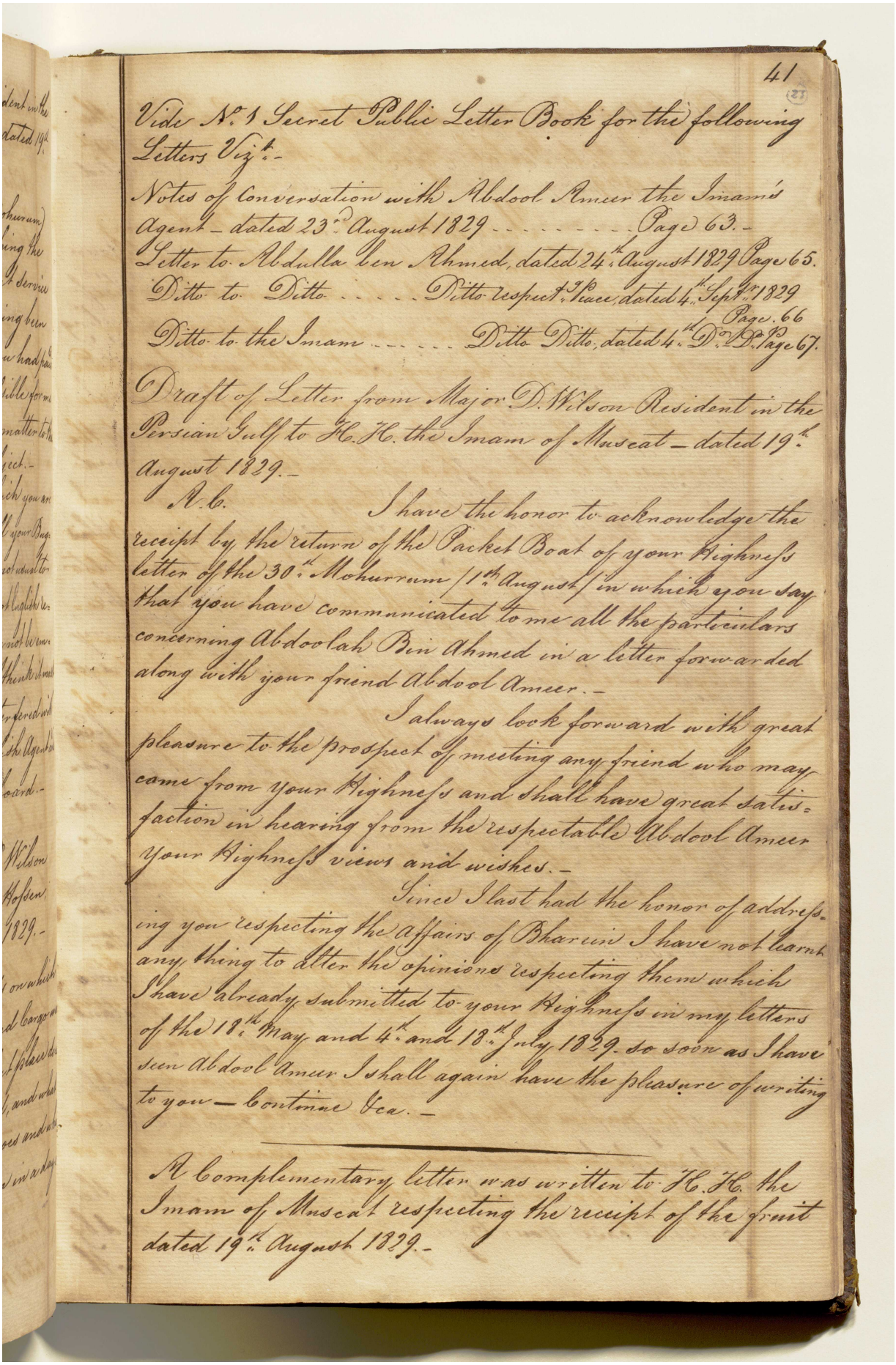
Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Goolab Agent at Muscat – dated 19th August 1829. –

Your letters (20th and 29th Mohurum) 22nd and 31st July have been received – Touching the affair of the mast taken for the Government Service the estimate of its value made here having been 300 Rupees and you having stated that you had paid 500 German Crowns for it rendered it impossible for me to settle the affair I therefore referred the matter to the Government to obtain its orders on the subject. –

Respecting the passes which you are desirous that I should give to what you call your Bugalahs, I have to acquaint you that it is not usual to give English passes to Vessels that have not English registers and English Colours or which may not be employed in the Government service but I think it most probable that your Vessels may not be interfered with if it be known that they belong to an English Agent and have not the property of Belligerents on board. –

Substance of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Moola Hossen, Agent at Sharga – dated 29th August 1829. –

Let me know the grounds on which Abraham bin Ibraeim and his Boat and Cargo were detained and him imprisoned. – To what place does the Boat belong, on what day was it seized, and what are the names of the owners of the Cargoes and where they reside – and I shall write again in a day or two by the Government Vessel. –



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Ditto to the Imam ..... Ditto Ditto, dated 4.th D.o D.o Page 67.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to H. H. the Imam of Muscat - dated 19.th August 1829.-

N.B. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by the return of the Packet Boat of your Highness's letter of the 30.th Mohurrum 11.th August, in which you say that you have communicated to me all the particulars concerning Abdoolah Bin Ahmed in a letter forwarded along with your friend Abdool Ameer.-

I always look forward with great pleasure to the prospect of meeting any friend who may come from your Highness and shall have great satisfaction in hearing from the respectable Abdool Ameer your Highness's views and wishes.-

Since I last had the honor of addressing you respecting the affairs of Bharein I have not learnt any thing to alter the opinions respecting them which I have already submitted to your Highness in my letters of the 18.th May and 4.th and 18.th July 1829. so soon as I have seen Abdool Ameer I shall again have the pleasure of writing to you - Continue &c.a -

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A Complementary letter was written to H. H. the Imam of Muscat respecting the receipt of the fruit dated 19.th August 1829.-

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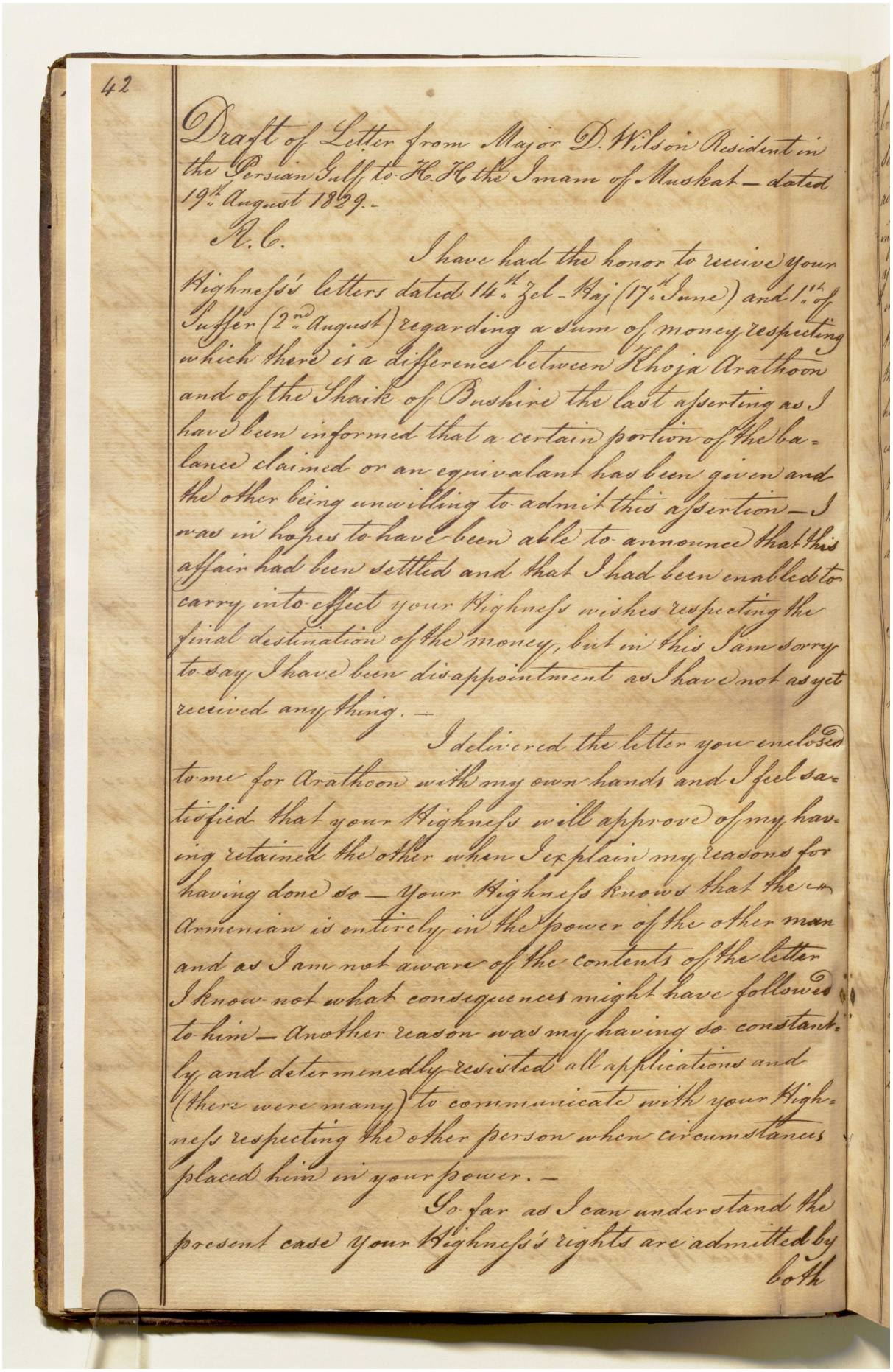

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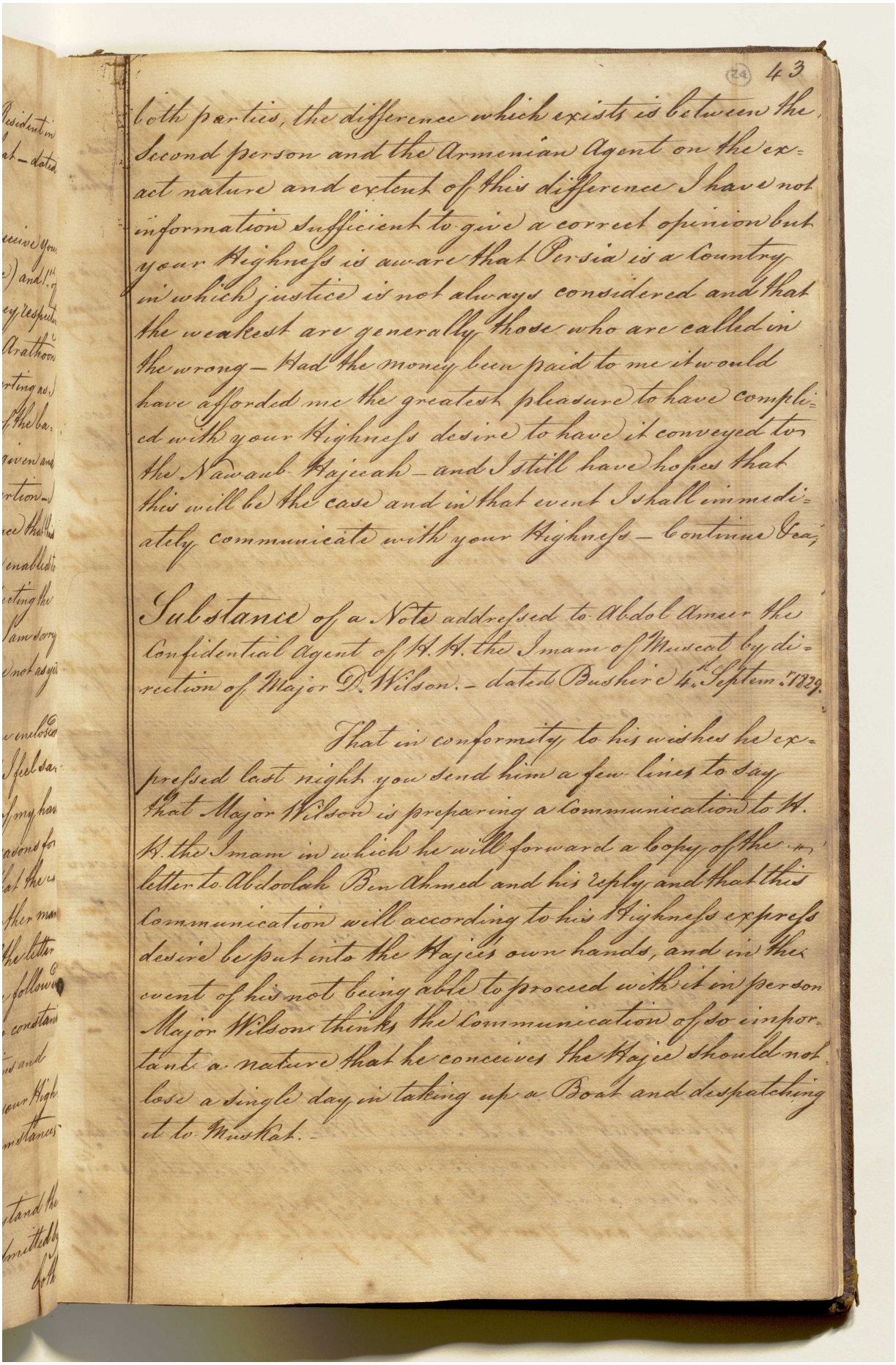
Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to H.H. the Imam of Muskat — dated 19th August 1829.-

N. C.

I have had the honor to receive your Highness's letters dated 14th Zel-Haj (17th June) and 1st of Suffer (2nd August) regarding a sum of money respecting which there is a difference between Khoja Arathoon and of the Shaik of Bushire the last asserting as I have been informed that a certain portion of the balance claimed or an equivalant has been given and the other being unwilling to admit this assertion — I was in hopes to have been able to announce that this affair had been settled and that I had been enabled to carry into effect your Highness wishes respecting the final destination of the money, but in this I am sorry to say I have been disappointment as I have not as yet received any thing. —

I delivered the letter you enclosed to me for Arathoon with my own hands and I feel satisfied that your Highness will approve of my having retained the other when I explain my reasons for having done so — Your Highness knows that the Armenian is entirely in the power of the other man and as I am not aware of the contents of the letter I know not what consequences might have follows to him — another reason was my having so constantly and determinedly resisted all applications and (there were many) to communicate with your Highness respecting the other person when circumstances placed him in your power. —

So far as I can understand the present case your Highness's rights are admitted by both



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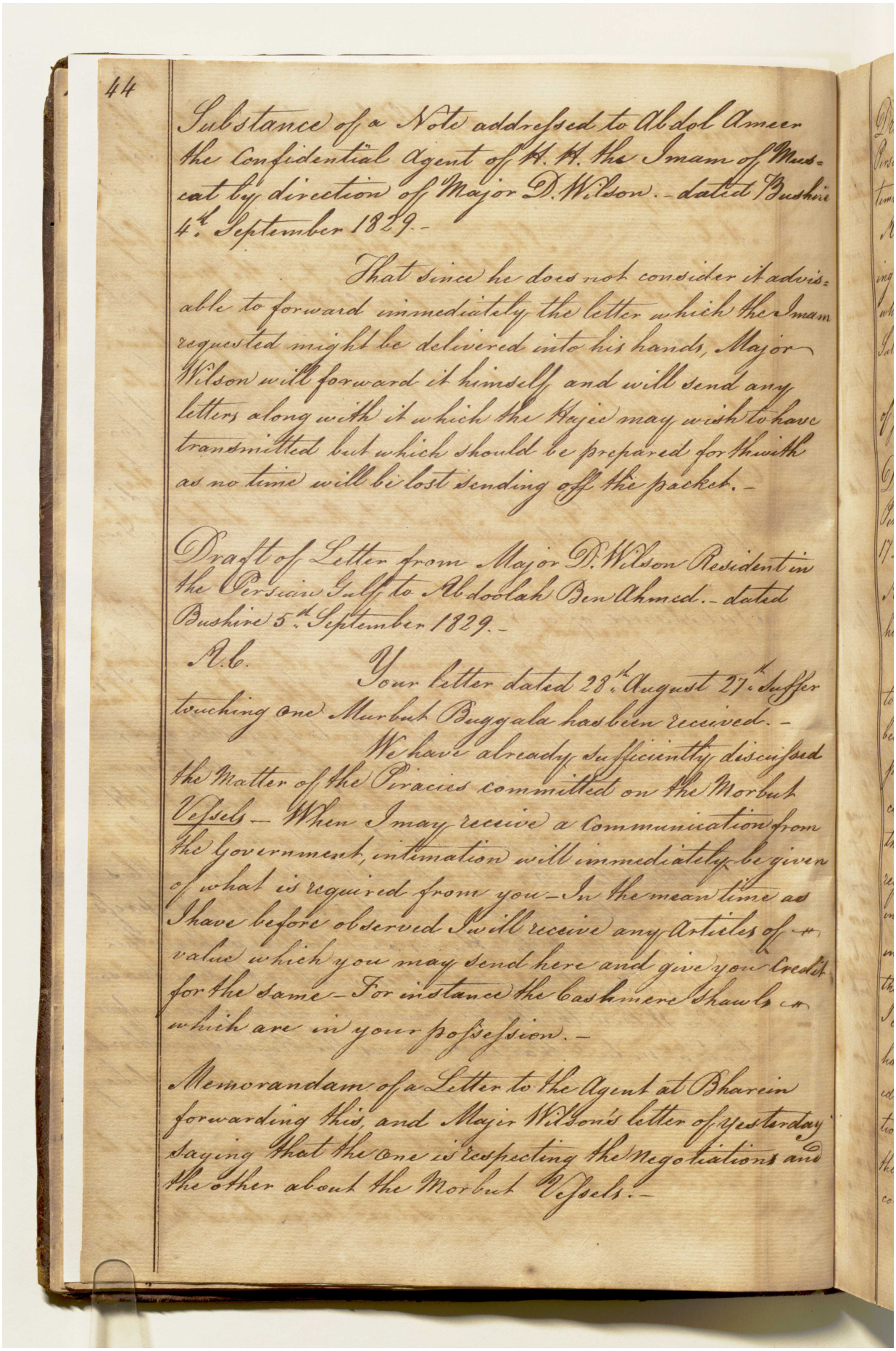
both parties, the difference which exists is between the Second person and the Armenian Agent on the exact nature and extent of this difference I have not information sufficient to give a correct opinion but your Highness is aware that Persia is a Country in which justice is not always considered and that the weakest are generally those who are called in the wrong — Had the money been paid to me it would have afforded me the greatest pleasure to have complied with your Highness desire to have it conveyed to the Nawaub Bajeeah — and I still have hopes that this will be the case and in that event I shall immediately communicate with your Highness — Continue &c.,

Substance of a Note addressed to Abdol Ameer the Confidential Agent of H. H. the Imam of Muscat by direction of Major D. Wilson. — dated Bushire 4th Septem.r 1829.

That in conformity to his wishes he expressed last night you send him a few lines to say that Major Wilson is preparing a Communication to H. H. the Imam in which he will forward a Copy of the letter to Abdoolah Ben Ahmed and his reply and that this Communication will according to his Highness express desire be put into the Bajees own hands, and in the event of his not being able to proceed with it in person Major Wilson thinks the Communication of so important a nature that he conceives the Baje should not lose a single day in taking up a Boat and despatching it to Muskat. —



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Substance of a Note addressed to Abdol Ameer the Confidential Agent of H. H. the Imam of Muscat by direction of Major D. Wilson. - dated Bushire 4th. September 1829. -

That since he does not consider it advisable to forward immediately the letter which the Imam requested might be delivered into his hands, Major Wilson will forward it himself and will send any letters along with it which the Hajie may wish to have transmitted but which should be prepared forthwith as no time will be lost sending off the packet. -

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Abdoolah Ben Ahmed. - dated Bushire 5th. September 1829. -

N.B. Your letter dated 28th. August 27th. Suffer touching one Murbut Buggala has been received. -

We have already sufficiently discussed the Matter of the Piracies committed on the Morbut Vessels - When I may receive a Communication from the Government, intimation will immediately be given of what is required from you - In the mean time as I have before observed I will receive any Articles of value which you may send here and give you Credit for the same - For instance the Cashmere Shawls &c which are in your possession. -

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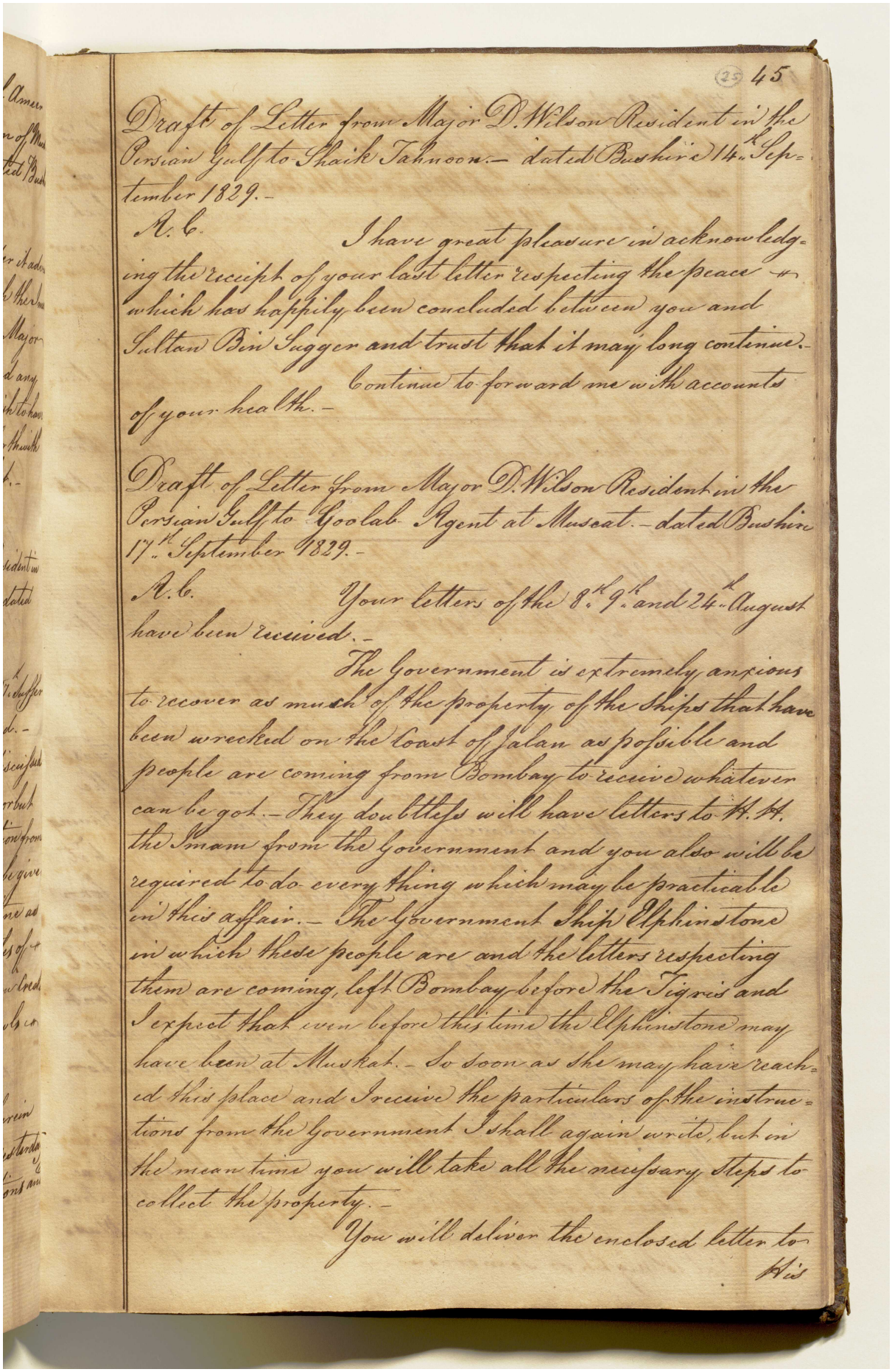

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Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Jahnoon.— dated Bushire 14th. September 1829.-

A. C. I have great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your last letter respecting the peace — which has happily been concluded between you and Sultan Bin Sugger and trust that it may long continue.-

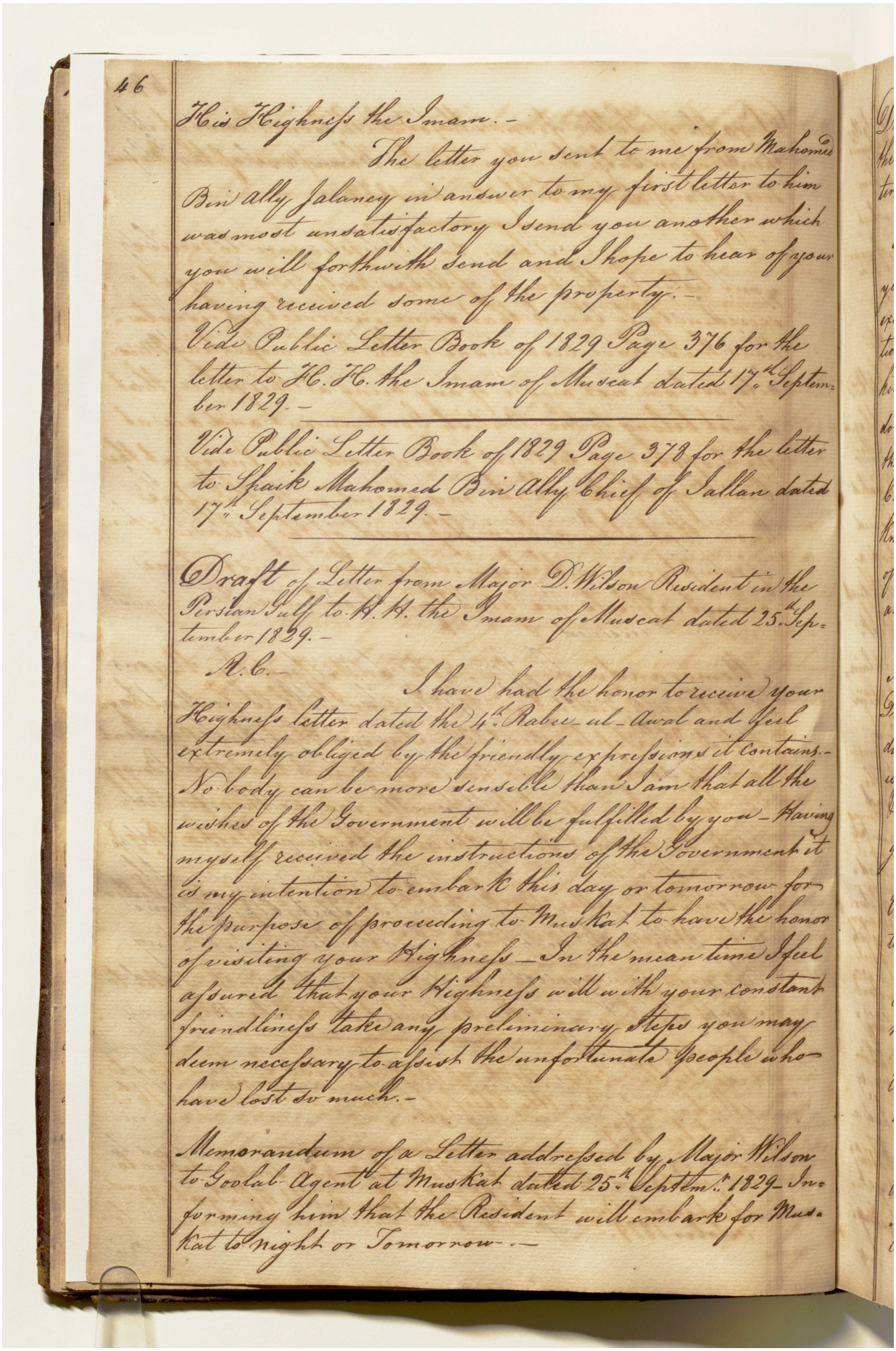
Continue to forward me with accounts of your health.-

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Goolab Agent at Muscat.- dated Bushire 17th. September 1829.-

A. C. Your letters of the 8th. 9th. and 24th. August have been received.-

The Government is extremely anxious to recover as much of the property of the Ships that have been wrecked on the Coast of Jalan as possible and people are coming from Bombay to receive whatever can be got.- They doubtless will have letters to H. H. the Imam from the Government and you also will be required to do every thing which may be practicable in this affair.- The Government Ship Elphinstone in which these people are and the letters respecting them are coming, left Bombay before the Tigris and I expect that even before this time the Elphinstone may have been at Muskat.- So soon as she may have reached this place and I receive the particulars of the instructions from the Government I shall again write, but in the mean time you will take all the necessary steps to collect the property.-

You will deliver the enclosed letter to His



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His Highness the Imam.-

The letter you sent to me from Mahomed Bin Ally Jalaney in answer to my first letter to him was most unsatisfactory I send you another which you will forthwith send and I hope to hear of your having received some of the property.-

Vide Public Letter Book of 1829 Page 376 for the letter to H.H. the Imam of Muscat dated 17th September 1829.-

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Vide Public Letter Book of 1829 Page 378 for the letter to Shaik Mahomed Bin Ally Chief of Sallan dated 17th September 1829.-

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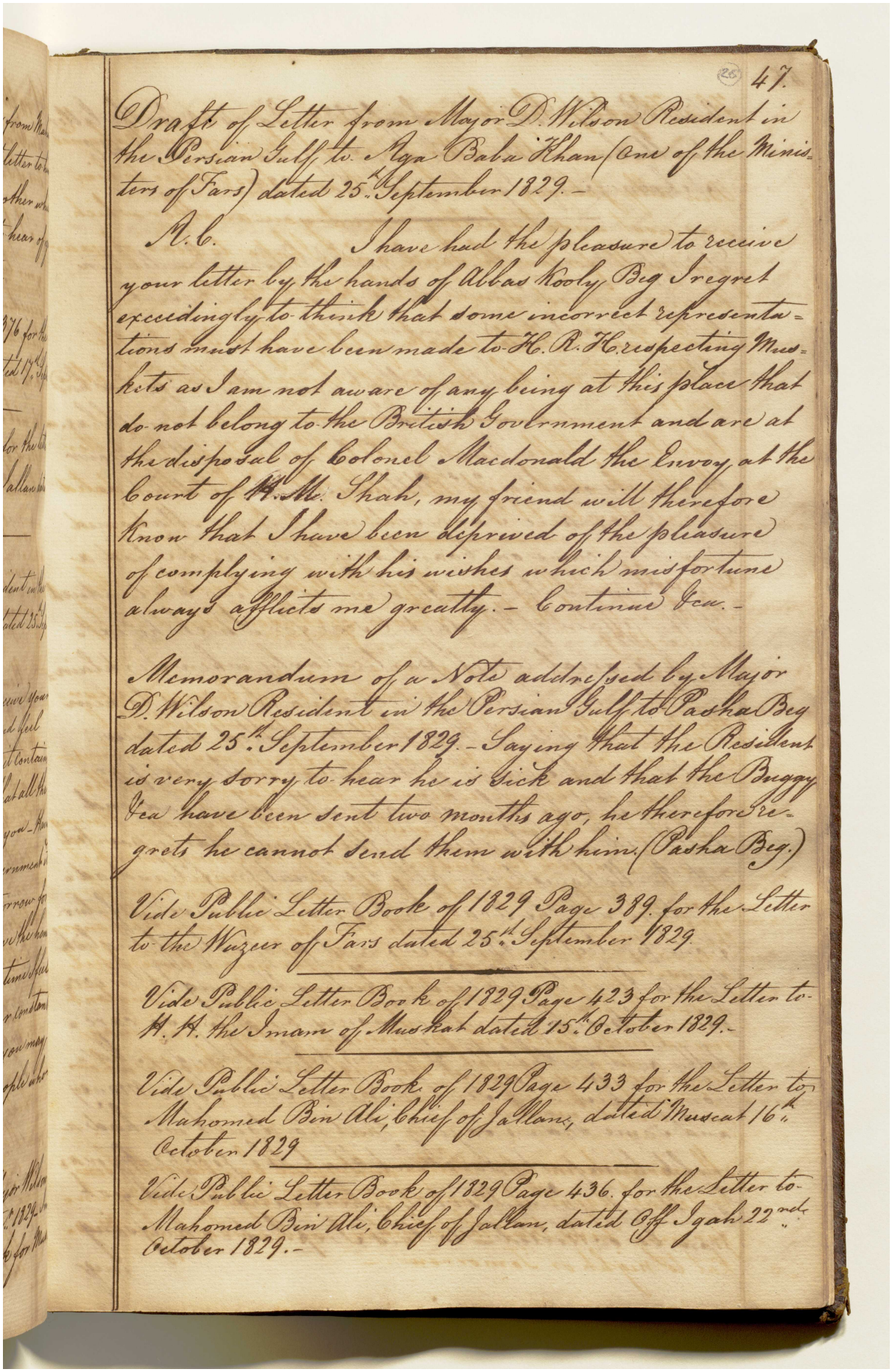
Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to H.H. the Imam of Muscat dated 25th September 1829.-

A.C.-

I have had the honor to receive your Highness letter dated the 4th Rabee-ul-Awal and feel extremely obliged by the friendly expressions it contains.- No body can be more sensible than I am that all the wishes of the Government will be fulfilled by you- Having myself received the instructions of the Government it is my intention to embark this day or tomorrow for the purpose of proceeding to Muskat to have the honor of visiting your Highness- In the mean time I feel assured that your Highness will with your constant friendliness take any preliminary steps you may deem necessary to assist the unfortunate people who have lost so much.-

Memorandum of a Letter addressed by Major Wilson to Goolab Agent at Muskat dated 25th Septem.r 1829- Informing him that the Resident will embark for Muskat to night or Tomorrow.-



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Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Agha Baba Khan (one of the Ministers of Fars) dated 25th. September 1829.-

N.B. I have had the pleasure to receive your letter by the hands of Abbas Kooly Beg I regret exceedingly to think that some incorrect representations must have been made to H.R.H. respecting Muskets as I am not aware of any being at this place that do not belong to the British Govt. and are at the disposal of Colonel Macdonald the Envoy at the Court of H.M. Shah, my friend will therefore know that I have been deprived of the pleasure of complying with his wishes which misfortune always afflicts me greatly.- Continue &c.-

Memorandum of a Note addressed by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Pasha Beg dated 25th. September 1829.- Saying that the Resident is very sorry to hear he is sick and that the Buggy &c have been sent two months ago, he therefore regrets he cannot send them with him (Pasha Beg.)

Vide Public Letter Book of 1829 Page 389. for the Letter to the Wuzeer of Fars dated 25th. September 1829.

Vide Public Letter Book of 1829 Page 423 for the Letter to H.H. the Imam of Muskat dated 15th. October 1829.-

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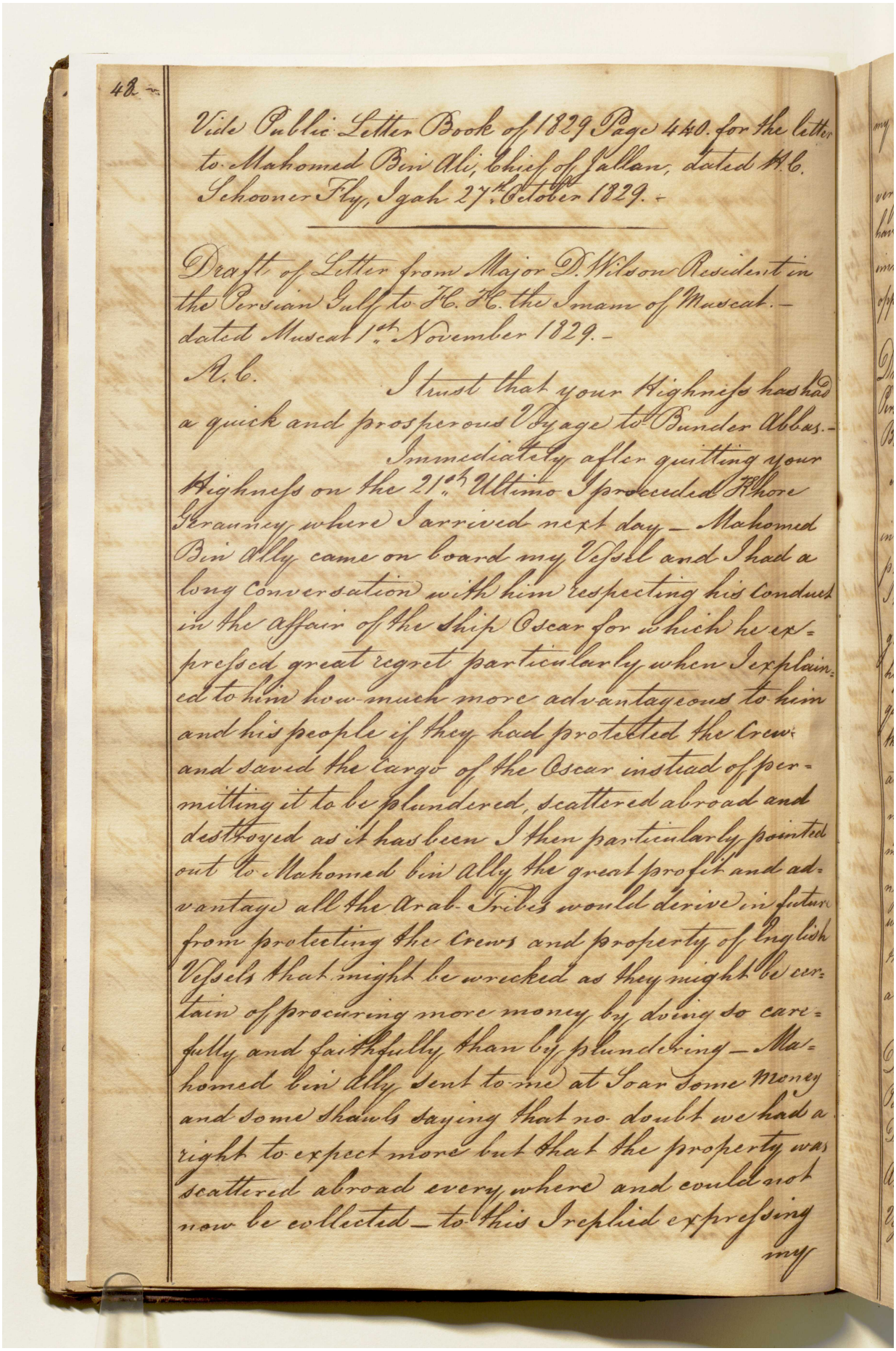
Vide Public Letter Book of 1829 Page 433 for the Letter to Mahomed Bin Ali, Chief of Jallam, dated Muscat 16th. October 1829

Vide Public Letter Book of 1829 Page 436. for the Letter to Mahomed Bin Ali, Chief of Jallam, dated Off Igah 22nd. October 1829.-



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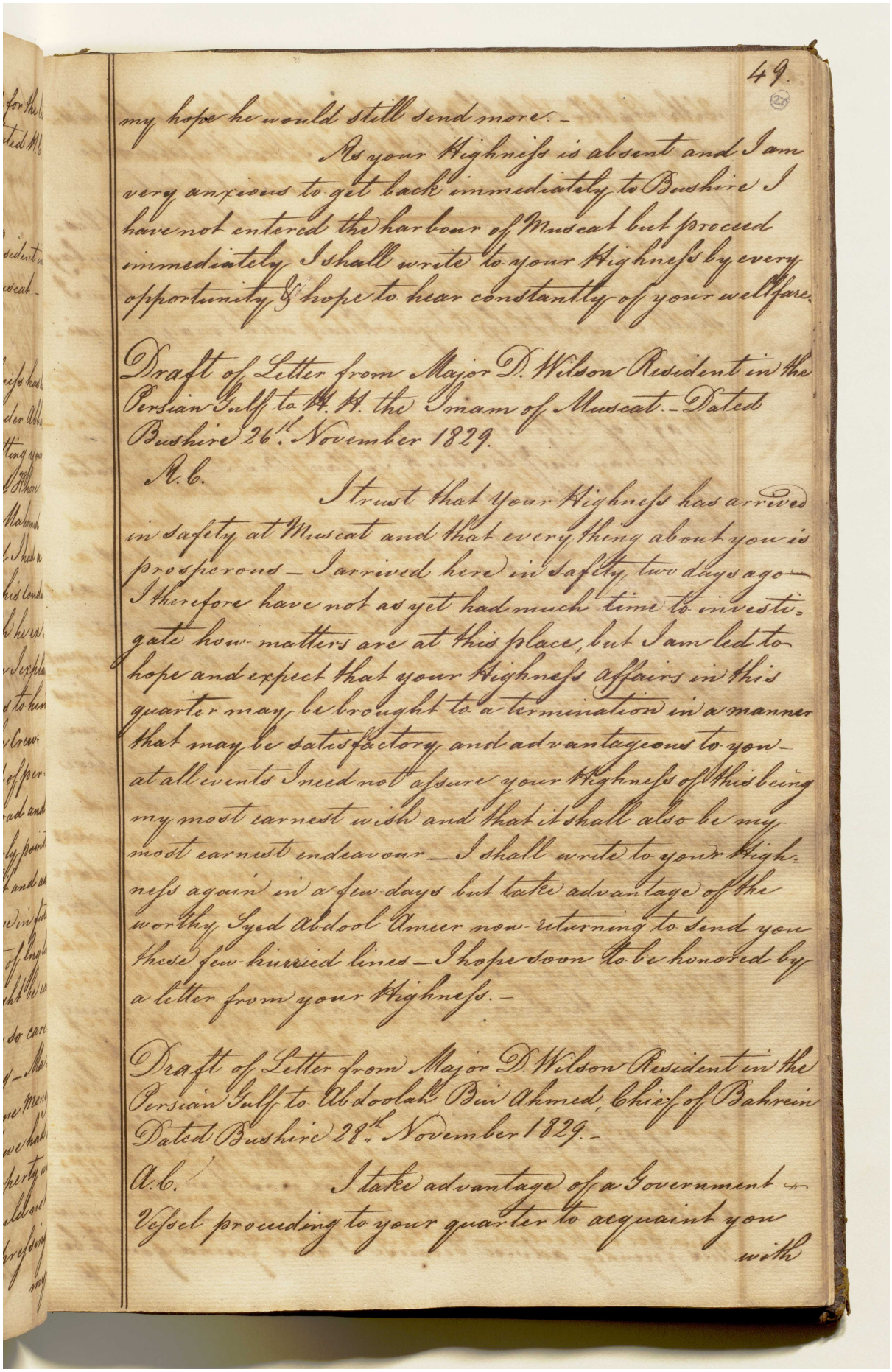
Vide Public Letter Book of 1829 Page 440. for the letter to Mahomed Bin Ali, Chief of Jallan, Dated H.C. Schooner Fly, Igah 27th October 1829.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to H.H. the Imam of Muscat.— dated Muscat 1st November 1829.—

A.C. I trust that your Highness has had a quick and prosperous Voyage to Bunder Abbas.— Immediately after quitting your Highness on the 21st Ultimo I proceeded Khore Skraunney where I arrived next day— Mahomed Bin Ally came on board my Vessel and I had a long Conversation with him respecting his Conduct in the affair of the Ship Oscar for which he expressed great regret particularly when I explained to him how much more advantageous to him and his people if they had protected the Crew and saved the Cargo of the Oscar instead of permitting it to be plundered, scattered abroad and destroyed as it has been I then particularly pointed out to Mahomed bin ally the great profit and advantage all the Arab Tribes would derive in future from protecting the Crews and property of English Vessels that might be wrecked as they might be certain of procuring more money by doing so carefully and faithfully than by plundering— Mahomed bin Ally sent to me at Soar Some Money and some Shawls saying that no doubt we had a right to expect more but that the property was scattered abroad every where and could not now be collected— to this I replied expressing my



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my hope he would still send more.—

As your Highness is absent and I am very anxious to get back immediately to Bushire I have not entered the harbour of Muscat but proceed immediately I shall write to your Highness by every opportunity & hope to hear constantly of your welfare.

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to H. H. the Imam of Muscat.—Dated Bushire 26th. November 1829.

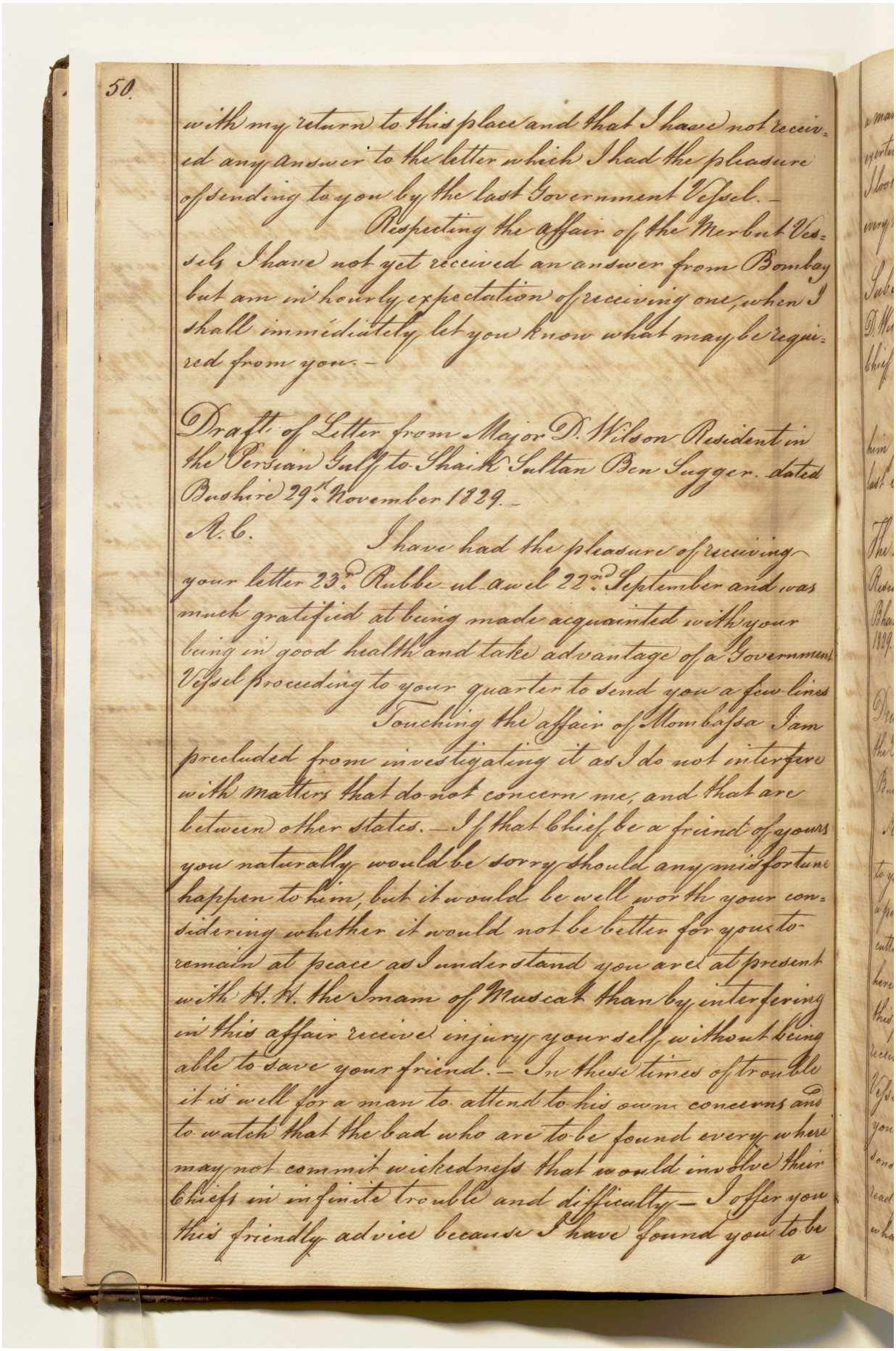
A. C.

I trust that your Highness has arrived in safety at Muscat and that every thing about you is prosperous—I arrived here in safety two days ago—I therefore have not as yet had much time to investigate how matters are at this place, but I am led to hope and expect that your Highness affairs in this quarter may be brought to a termination in a manner that may be satisfactory and advantageous to you—at all events I need not assure your Highness of this being my most earnest wish and that it shall also be my most earnest endeavour—I shall write to your Highness again in a few days but take advantage of the worthy Syed Abdool Ameer now returning to send you these few hurried lines—I hope soon to be honored by a letter from your Highness.—

Draft of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Abdoolah Bin Ahmed, Chief of Bahrein Dated Bushire 28th. November 1829.—

A. C.

I take advantage of a Government Vessel proceeding to your quarter to acquaint you with



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with my return to this place and that I have not received any answer to the letter which I had the pleasure of sending to you by the last Government Vessel.—

Respecting the affair of the Merbut Vessels I have not yet received an answer from Bombay but am in hourly expectation of receiving one, when I shall immediately let you know what may be required from you.—

Draft. of Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Sultan Ben Sugger. dated Bushire 29th. November 1829.—

A. C.

I have had the pleasure of receiving your letter 23d. Rubbe-ul-awel 22nd. September and was much gratified at being made acquainted with your being in good health and take advantage of a Government Vessel proceeding to your quarter to send you a few lines

Touching the affair of Mombassa I am precluded from investigating it as I do not interfere with matters that do not concern me, and that are between other states.—If that Chief be a friend of yours you naturally would be sorry should any misfortune happen to him, but it would be well worth your considering whether it would not be better for you to remain at peace as I understand you are at present with H. H. the Imam of Muscat than by interfering in this affair receive injury yourself without being able to save your friend.—In these times of trouble it is well for a man to attend to his own concerns and to watch that the bad who are to be found every where may not commit wickedness that would involve their Chiefs in infinite trouble and difficulty—I offer you this friendly advice because I have found you to be

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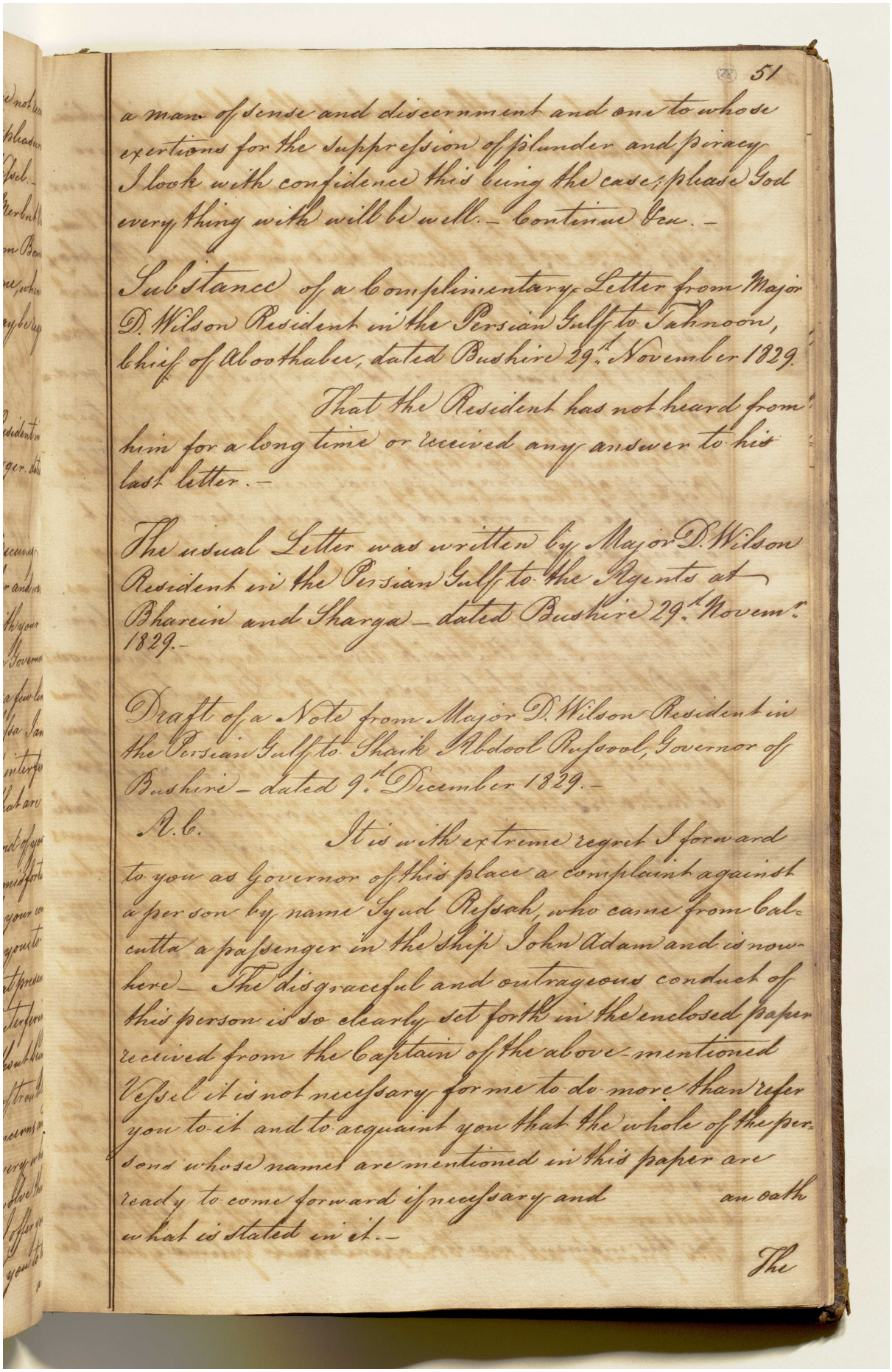

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a man of sense and discernment and one to whose exertions for the suppression of plunder and piracy I look with confidence this being the case, please God every thing with will be well. – Continue &c. –

Substance of a Complimentary Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Tahnoon, Chief of Aboothabee, dated Bushire 29th. November 1829.

That the Resident has not heard from him for a long time or received any answer to his last letter. –

The usual Letter was written by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Agents at Bharein and Sharga – dated Bushire 29th. Novemr. 1829. –

Draft of a Note from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Abdool Rusool, Governor of Bushire – dated 9th. December 1829. –

N.B. It is with extreme regret I forward to you as Governor of this place a complaint against a person by name Syud Ressah, who came from Calcutta a passenger in the Ship John Adam and is now here – The disgraceful and outrageous conduct of this person is so clearly set forth in the enclosed paper received from the Captain of the above-mentioned Vessel it is not necessary for me to do more than refer you to it and to acquaint you that the whole of the persons whose names are mentioned in this paper are ready to come forward if necessary and an oath what is stated in it. –

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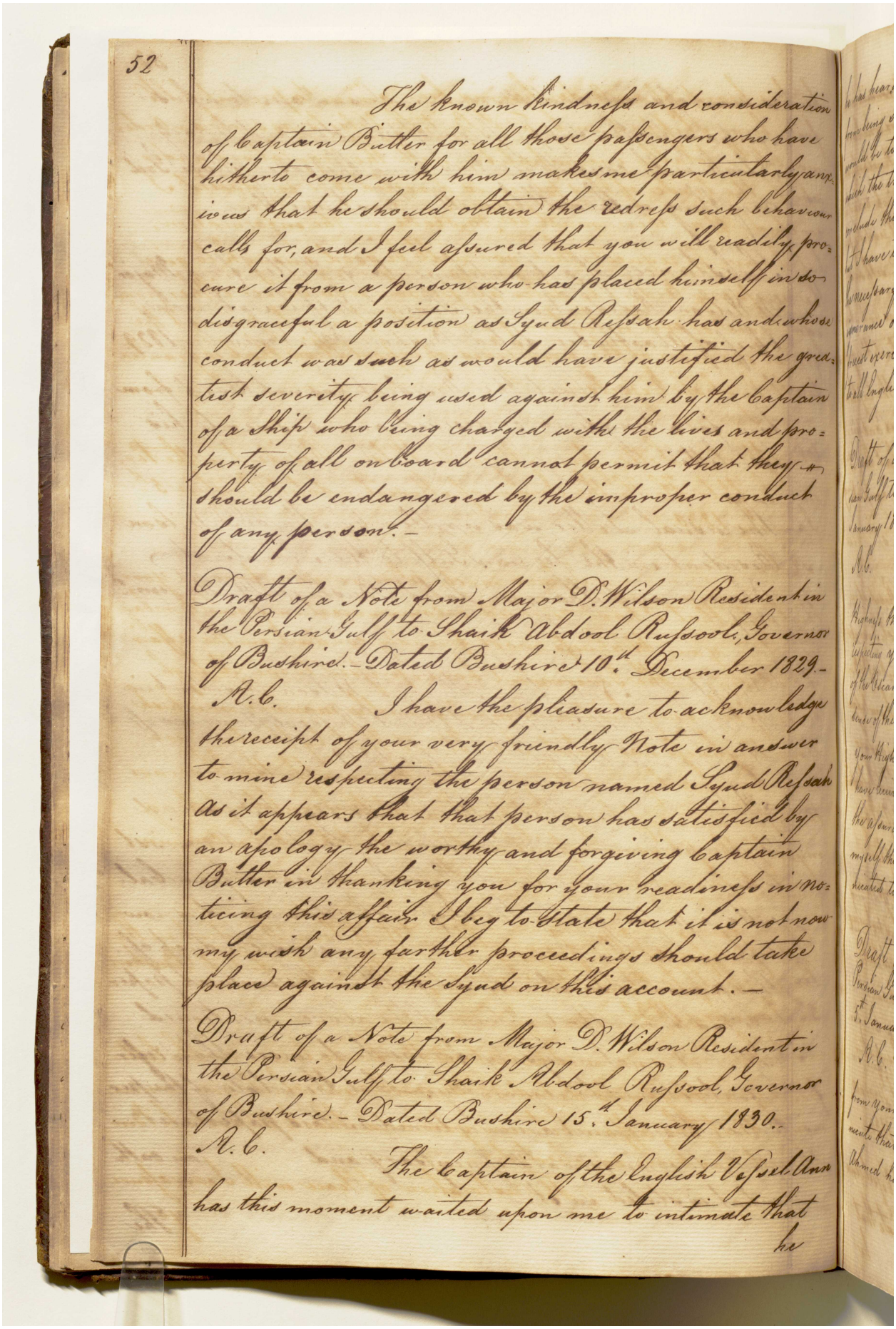

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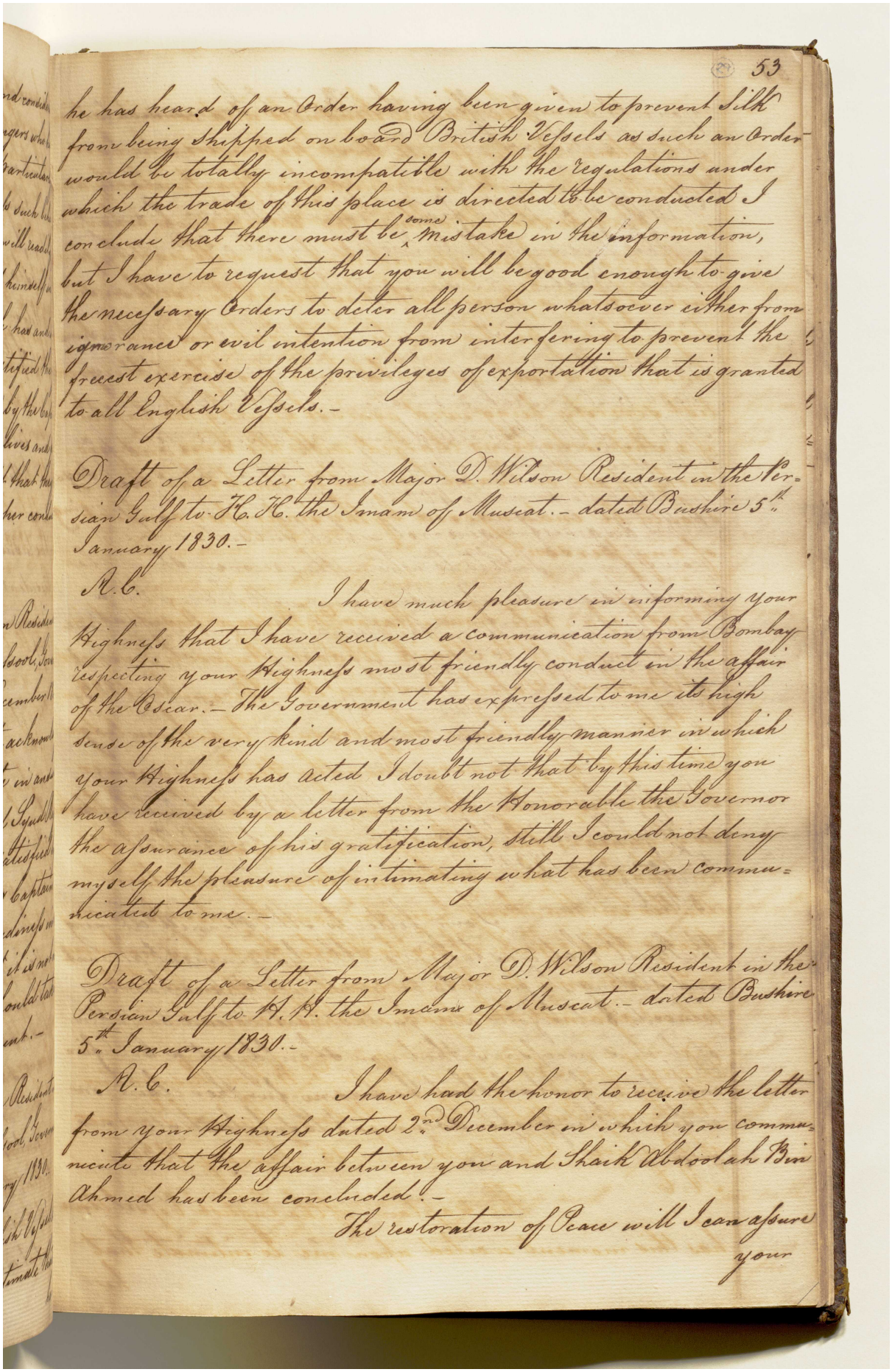
The known kindness and consideration of Captain Butler for all those passengers who have hitherto come with him makes me particularly anxious that he should obtain the redress such behaviour calls for, and I feel assured that you will readily procure it from a person who has placed himself in so disgraceful a position as Syud Refsah has and whose conduct was such as would have justified the greatest severity being used against him by the Captain of a Ship who being charged with the lives and property of all on board cannot permit that they should be endangered by the improper conduct of any person[s].—

Draft of a Note from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Abdool Russool, Governor of Bushire.—Dated Bushire 10th December 1829.—

R.C. I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your very friendly Note in answer to mine respecting the person named Syud Refsah as it appears that that person has satisfied by an apology the worthy and forgiving Captain Butler in thanking you for your readiness in noticing this affair I beg to state that it is not now my wish any farther proceedings should take place against the Syud on this account.—

Draft of a Note from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Abdool Russool, Governor of Bushire.—Dated Bushire 15th January 1830.—

R.C. The Captain of the English Vessel Ann has this moment waited upon me to intimate that he



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he has heard of an Order having been given to prevent Silk from being shipped on board British Vessels as such an Order would be totally incompatible with the Regulations under which the trade of this place is directed to be conducted I conclude that there must be some Mistake in the information, but I have to request that you will be good enough to give the necessary Orders to deter all person whatsoever either from ignorance or evil intention from interfering to prevent the freest exercise of the privileges of exportation that is granted to all English Vessels.-

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to H. H. the Imam of Muscat.- dated Bushire 5th January 1830.-

R.C.

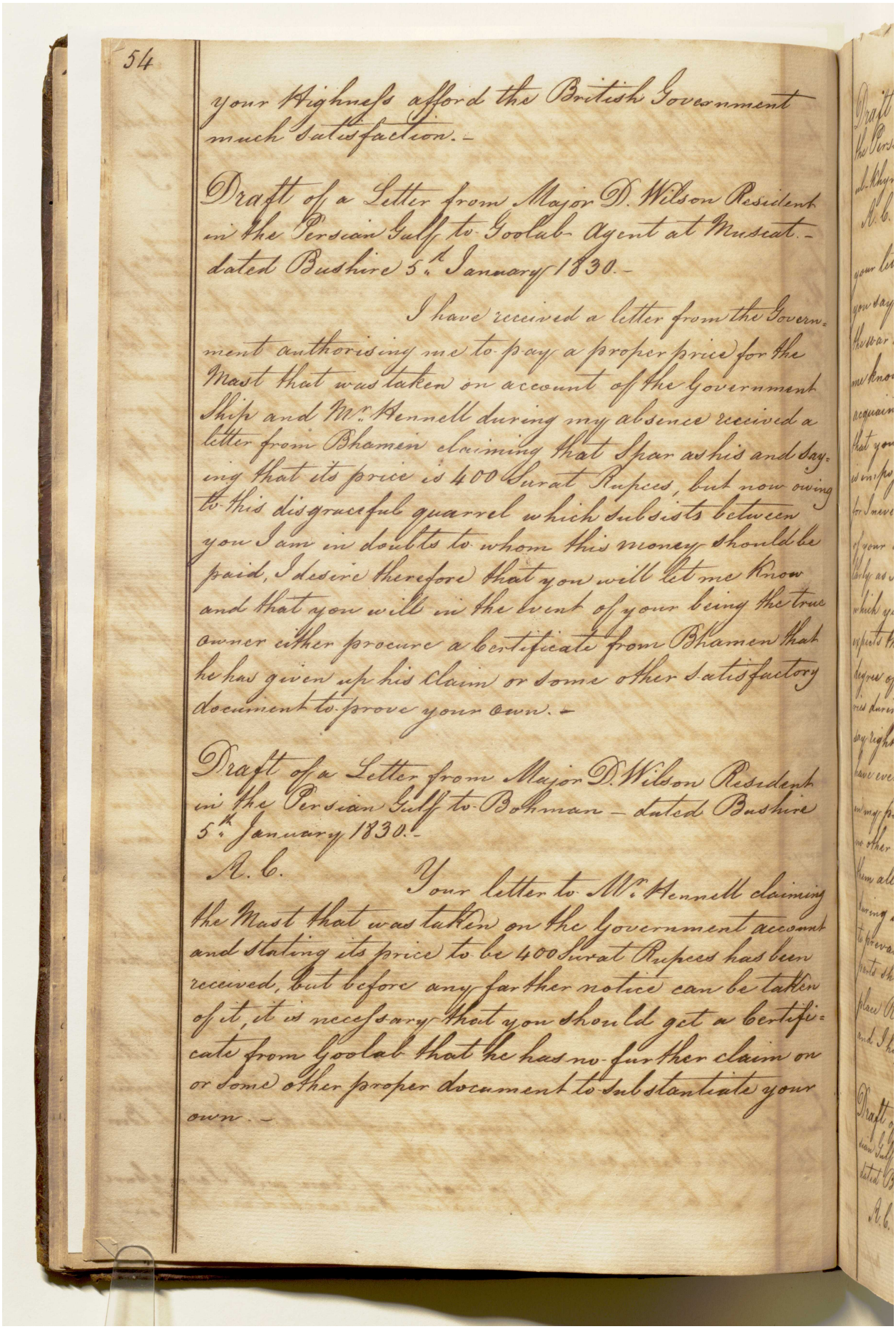
I have much pleasure in informing your Highness that I have received a communication from Bombay respecting your Highness most friendly conduct in the affair of the Escar.- The Government has expressed to me its high sense of the very kind and most friendly manner in which your Highness has acted I doubt not that by this time you have received by a letter from the Honorable the Governor the assurance of his gratification, still I could not deny myself the pleasure of intimating what has been communicated to me.-

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to H. H. the Imam of Muscat.- dated Bushire 5th January 1830.-

R.C.

I have had the honor to receive the letter from your Highness dated 2nd December in which you communicate that the affair between you and Shaik Abdoolah Bin Ahmed has been concluded.-

The restoration of Peace will I can assure your



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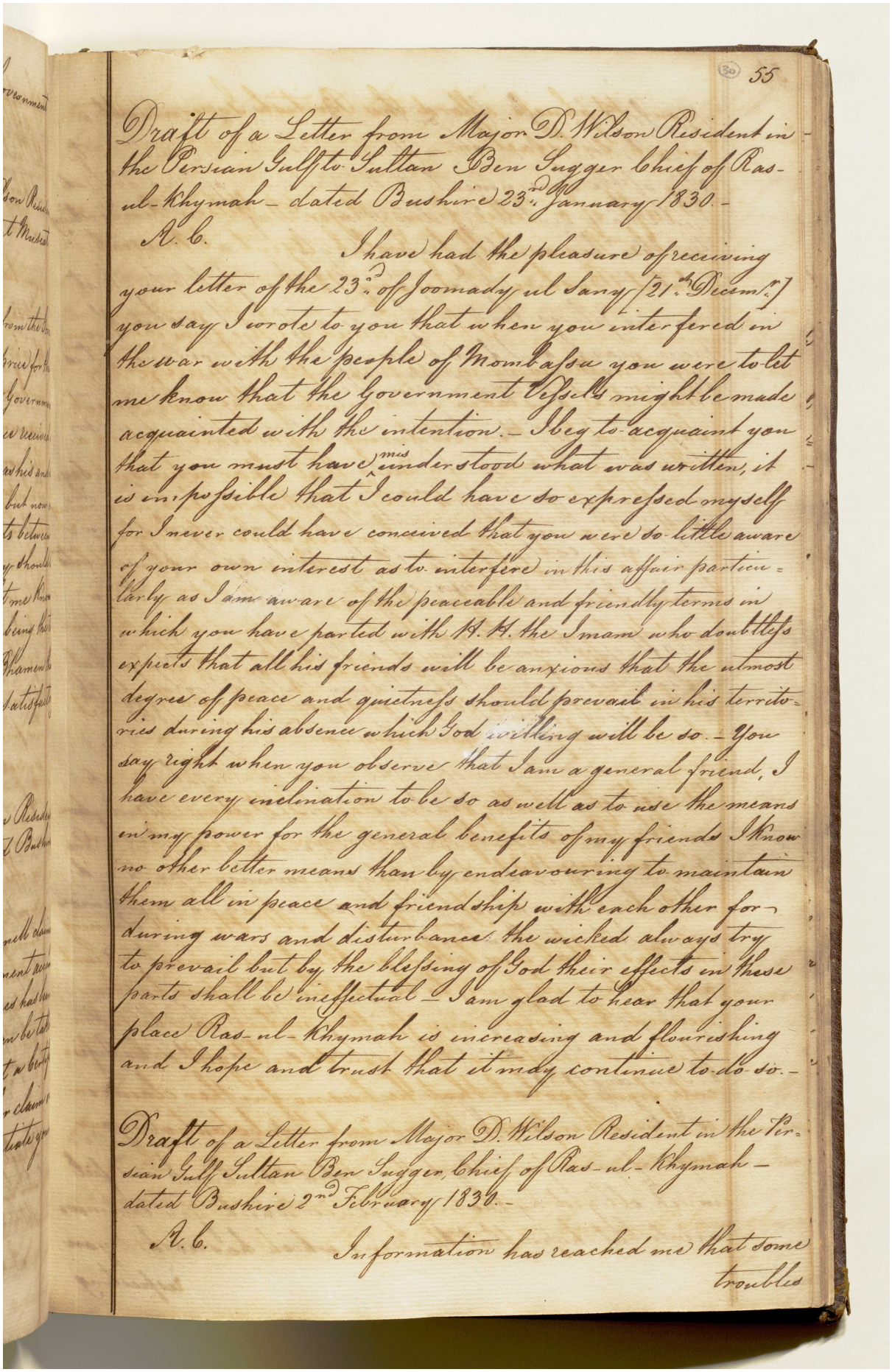
your Highness afford the British Government much satisfaction. –

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Goolab- Agent at Muscat. – dated Bushire 5th January 1830. –

I have received a letter from the Government authorising me to pay a proper price for the Mast that was taken on account of the Government Ship and Mr. Hennell during my absence received a letter from Bhamen claiming that Spar as his and saying that its price is 400 Surat Rupees, but now owing to this disgraceful quarrel which subsists between you I am in doubts to whom this money should be paid, I desire therefore that you will let me know and that you will in the event of your being the true owner either procure a Certificate from Bhamen that he has given up his claim or some other satisfactory document to prove your own. –

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Bohman – dated Bushire 5th January 1830. –

R. C. Your letter to Mr. Hennell claiming the Mast that was taken on the Government account and stating its price to be 400 Surat Rupees has been received, but before any further notice can be taken of it, it is necessary that you should get a Certificate from Goolab that he has no further claim on or some other proper document to substantiate your own. –



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Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Sultan Ben Sugger Chief of Ras-ul-Khymah – dated Bushire 23d. January 1830. –

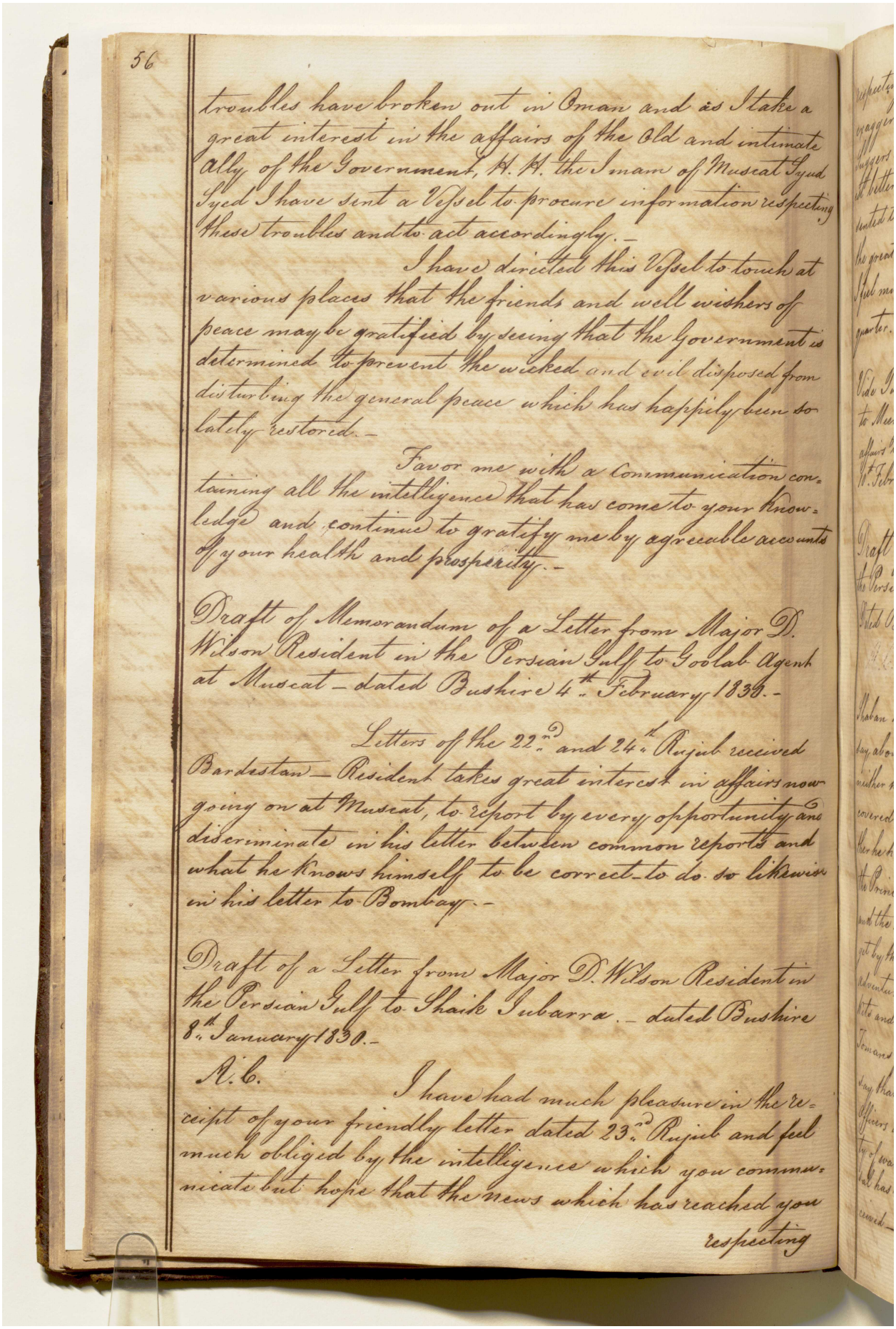
R. C.

I have had the pleasure of receiving your letter of the 23d. of Joomady ul Sany [21st. Decemr.] you say I wrote to you that when you interfered in the war with the people of Mombassa you were to let me know that the Government Vessels might be made acquainted with the intention. – I beg to acquaint you that you must have misunderstood what was written, it is impossible that I could have so expressed myself for I never could have conceived that you were so little aware of your own interest as to interfere in this affair particularly as I am aware of the peaceable and friendly terms in which you have parted with H. H. the Imam who doubtless expects that all his friends will be anxious that the utmost degree of peace and quietness should prevail in his territories during his absence which God willing will be so. – You say right when you observe that I am a general friend, I have every inclination to be so as well as to use the means in my power for the general benefits of my friends I know no other better means than by endeavouring to maintain them all in peace and friendship with each other for during wars and disturbances the wicked always try to prevail but by the blessing of God their effects in these parts shall be ineffectual – I am glad to hear that your place Ras-ul-Khymah is increasing and flourishing and I hope and trust that it may continue to do so. –

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf Sultan Ben Sugger Chief of Ras-ul-Khymah – dated Bushire 2nd February 1830. –

R. C.

Information has reached me that some troubles



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troubles have broken out in Oman and as I take a great interest in the affairs of the old and intimate ally of the Government, H. H. the Imam of Muscat Syud Syed I have sent a Vessel to procure information respecting these troubles and to act accordingly.—

I have directed this Vessel to touch at various places that the friends and well wishers of peace may be gratified by seeing that the Government is determined to prevent the wicked and evil disposed from disturbing the general peace which has happily been so lately restored.—

Favor me with a Communication containing all the intelligence that has come to your knowledge and continue to gratify me by agreeable accounts of your health and prosperity.—

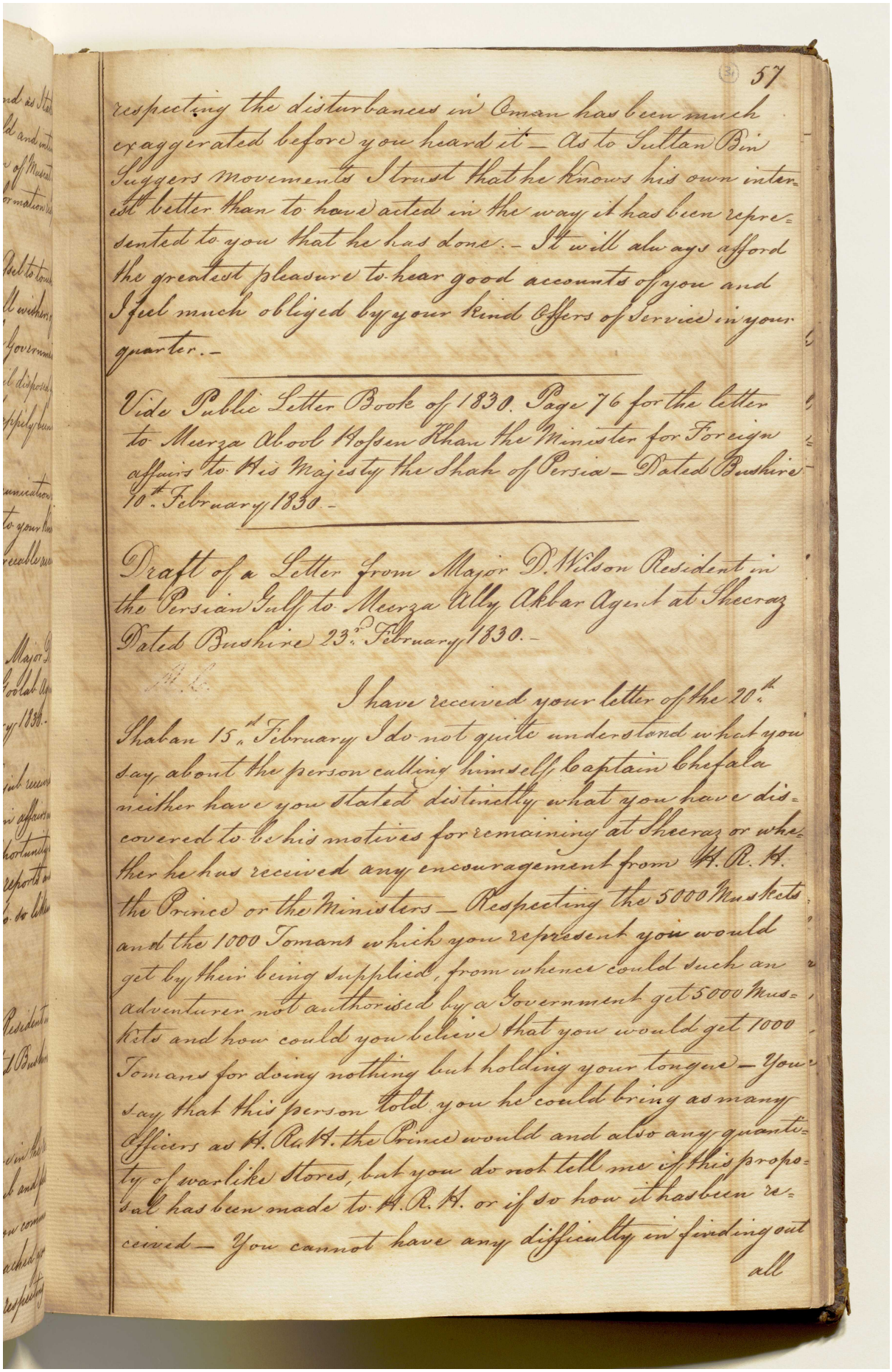
Draft of Memorandum of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Goolab Agent at Muscat—dated Bushire 4th February 1838.—

Letters of the 22nd and 24th Rujub received Bardestan—Resident takes great interest in affairs now going on at Muscat, to report by every opportunity and discriminate in his letter between common reports and what he knows himself to be correct—to do so likewise in his letter to Bombay.—

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Subarra.—dated Bushire 8th January 1838.—

R. C.

I have had much pleasure in the receipt of your friendly letter dated 23rd Rujub and feel much obliged by the intelligence which you communicate but hope that the news which has reached you respecting



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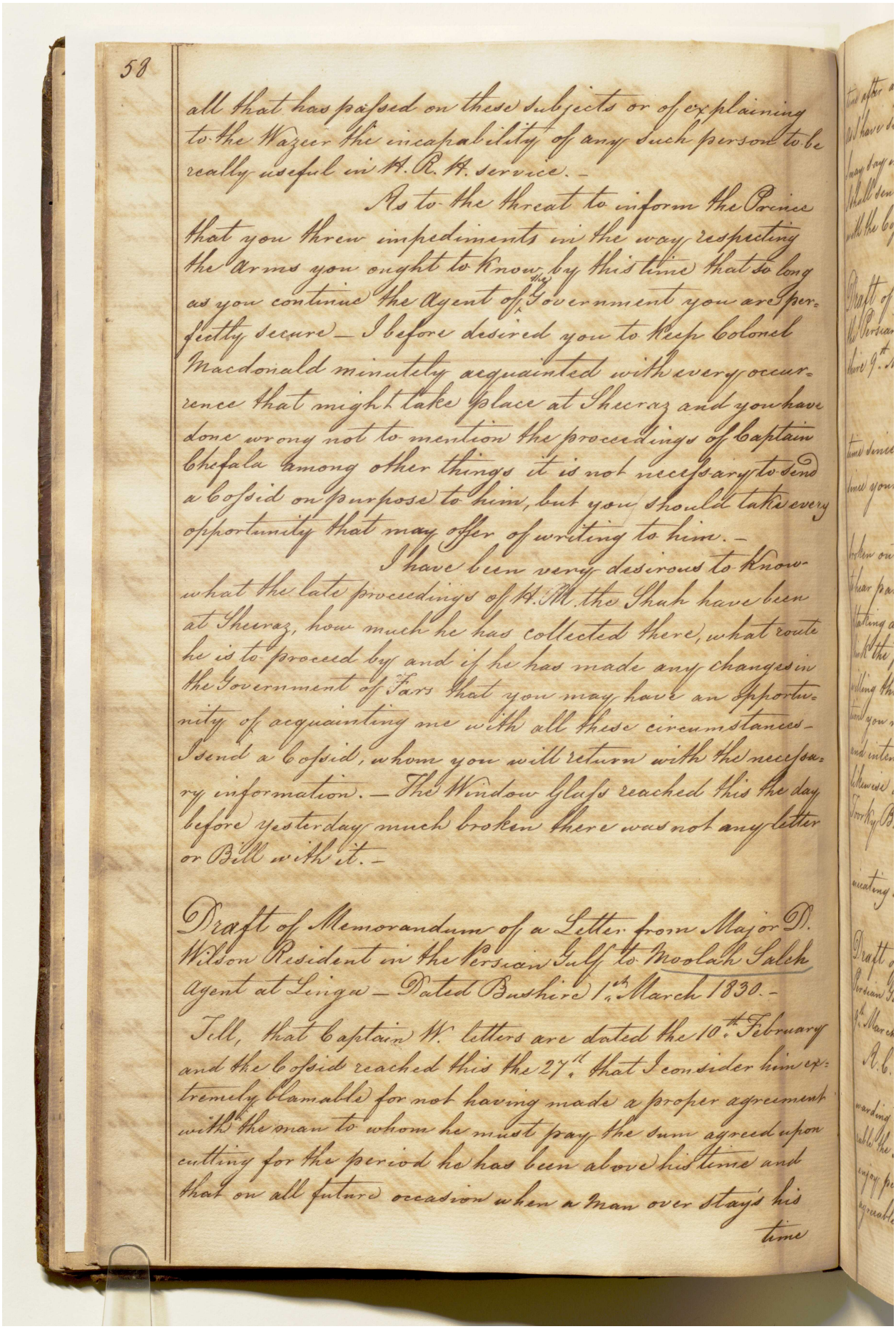
respecting the disturbances in Oman has been much exaggerated before you heard it – As to Sultan Bin Suggers movements I trust that he knows his own interest better than to have acted in the way it has been represented to you that he has done. – It will always afford the greatest pleasure to hear good accounts of you and I feel much obliged by your kind offers of service in your quarter. –

Vide Public Letter Book of 1830. Page 76 for the letter to Meerza Abool Hossen Khan the Minister for Foreign affairs to His Majesty the Shah of Persia – Dated Bushire 10th. February 1830. –

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Meerza Ally Akbar Agent at Sheeraz Dated Bushire 23rd. February 1830. –

I have received your letter of the 20th. Shaban 15th. February I do not quite understand what you say about the person calling himself Captain Chefala neither have you stated distinctly what you have discovered to be his motives for remaining at Sheeraz or whether he has received any encouragement from H. R. H. the Prince or the Ministers – Respecting the 5000 Muskets and the 1000 Tomans which you represent you would get by their being supplied, from whence could such an adventurer not authorised by a Government get 5000 Muskets and how could you believe that you would get 1000 Tomans for doing nothing but holding your tongue – You say that this person told you he could bring as many officers as H. R. H. the Prince would and also any quantity of warlike stores, but you do not tell me if this proposal has been made to H. R. H. or if so how it has been received – You cannot have any difficulty in finding out all



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all that has passed on these subjects or of explaining to the Wazeer the incapability of any such person to be really useful in H. B. M. service. –

As to the threat to inform the Prince that you threw impediments in the way respecting the arms you ought to know by this time that so long as you continue the Agent of Government you are perfectly secure – I before desired you to keep Colonel Macdonald minutely acquainted with every occurrence that might take place at Sheeraz and you have done wrong not to mention the proceedings of Captain Chefala among other things it is not necessary to send a Cossid on purpose to him, but you should take every opportunity that may offer of writing to him. –

I have been very desirous to know what the late proceedings of H. M. the Shah have been at Sheeraz, how much he has collected there, what route he is to proceed by and if he has made any changes in the Government of Fars that you may have an opportunity of acquainting me with all these circumstances – I send a Cossid, whom you will return with the necessary information. – The Window Glass reached this the day before yesterday much broken there was not any letter or Bill with it. –

Draft of Memorandum of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Moolah Saleh Agent at Linga – Dated Bushire 1st March 1830. –

Tell, that Captain W. letters are dated the 10th February and the Cossid reached this the 27th that I consider him extremely blamable for not having made a proper agreement with the man to whom he must pay the sum agreed upon cutting for the period he has been above his time and that on all future occasion when a man over stays his

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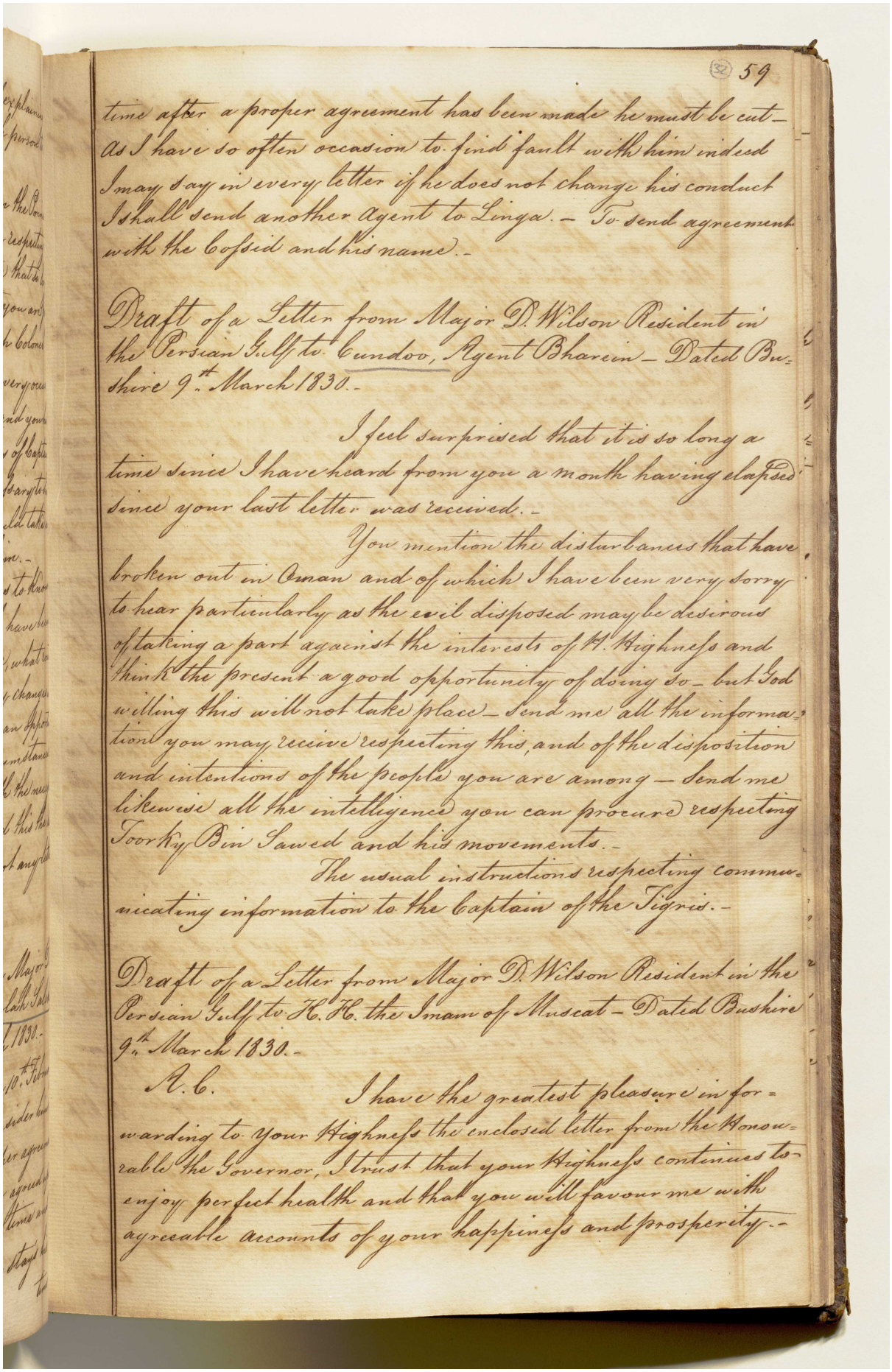

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time after a proper agreement has been made he must be cut— As I have so often occasion to find fault with him indeed I may say in every letter if he does not change his conduct I shall send another Agent to Linga.— To send agreement with the Cojeid and his name.—

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Cundoo, Agent Bharein— Dated Bushire 9th March 1830.—

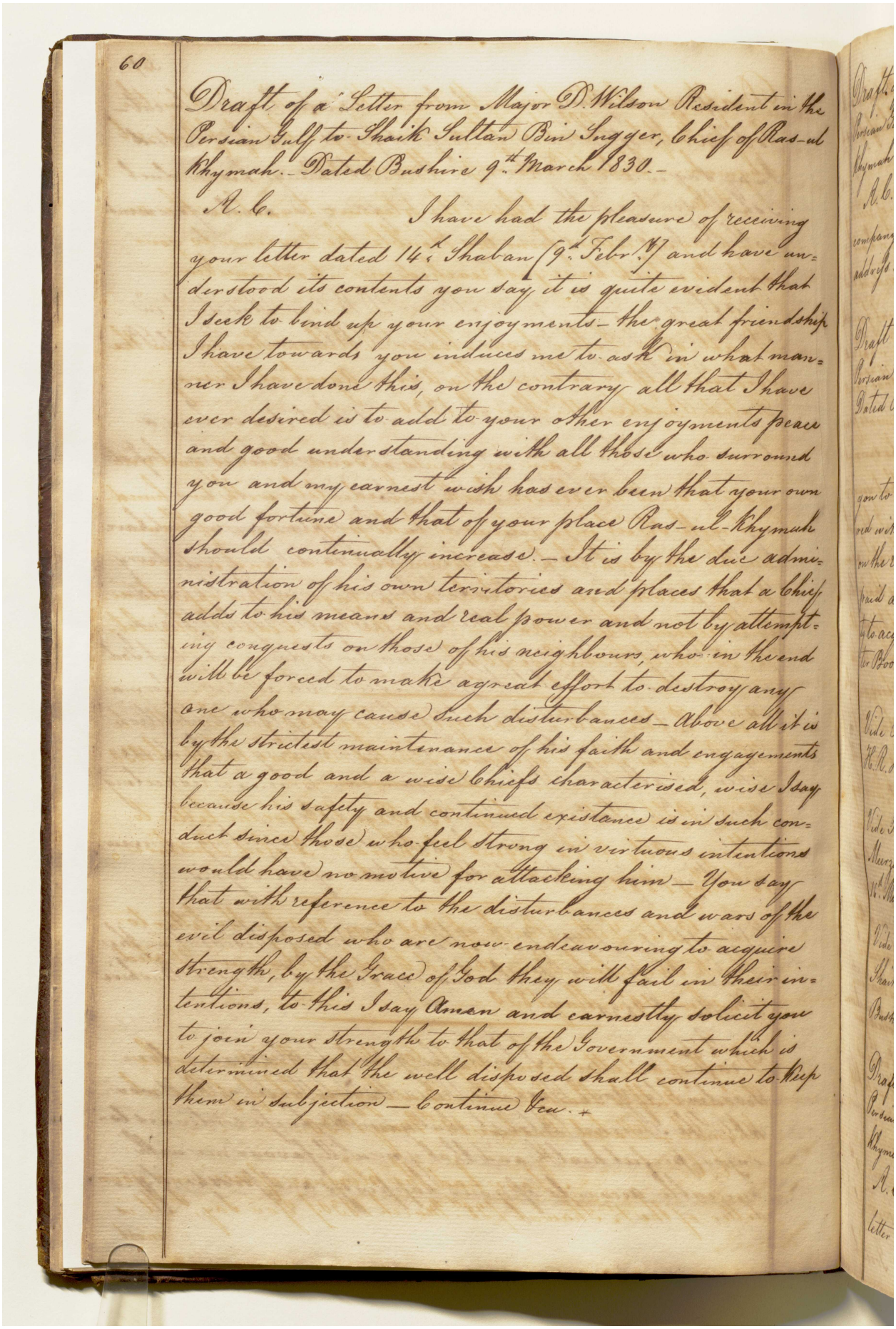
I feel surprised that it is so long a time since I have heard from you a month having elapsed since your last letter was received.—

You mention the disturbances that have broken out in Oman and of which I have been very sorry to hear particularly as the evil disposed may be desirous of taking a part against the interests of H. Highness and think the present a good opportunity of doing so— but God willing this will not take place— Send me all the information you may receive respecting this, and of the disposition and intentions of the people you are among— Send me likewise all the intelligence you can procure respecting Toorky Bin Sawed and his movements.—

The usual instructions respecting communicating information to the Captain of the Tigris.—

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to H.H. the Imam of Muscat— Dated Bushire 9th March 1830.—

A.C. I have the greatest pleasure in forwarding to your Highness the enclosed letter from the Honourable the Governor, I trust that your Highness continues to enjoy perfect health and that you will favour me with agreeable accounts of your happiness and prosperity.—



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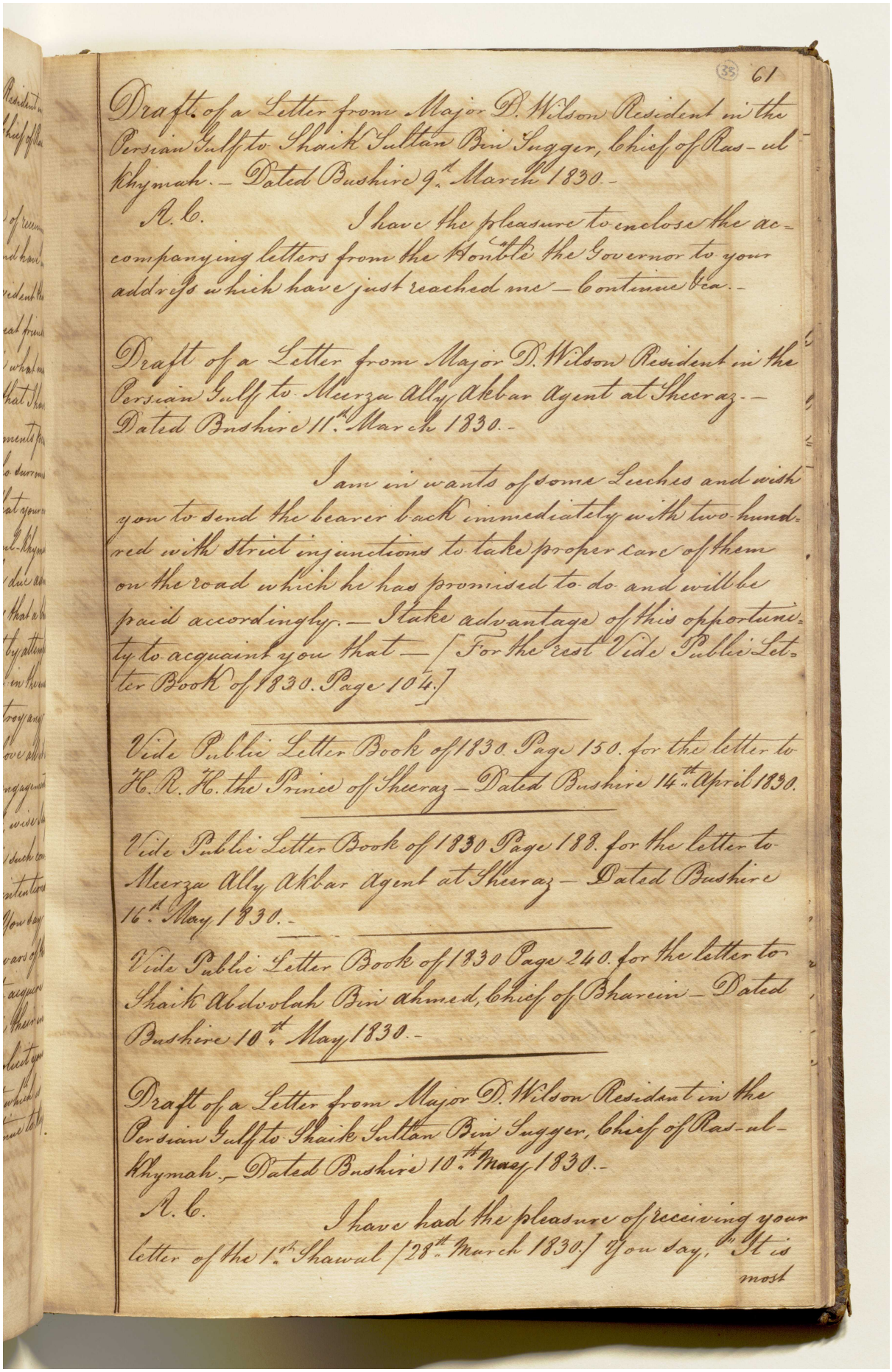
Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Sultan Bin Sugger, Chief of Ras-ul Khymah.- Dated Bushire 9th March 1830.-

A. C. I have had the pleasure of receiving your letter dated 14th Shaban (9th Febr. N) and have understood its contents you say it is quite evident that I seek to bind up your enjoyments - the great friendship I have towards you induces me to ask in what manner I have done this, on the contrary all that I have ever desired is to add to your other enjoyments peace and good understanding with all those who surround you and my earnest wish has ever been that your own good fortune and that of your place Ras-ul-Khymah should continually increase.- It is by the due administration of his own territories and places that a Chief adds to his means and real power and not by attempting conquests on those of his neighbours, who in the end will be forced to make a great effort to destroy any one who may cause such disturbances - Above all it is by the strictest maintenance of his faith and engagements that a good and a wise Chiefs characterised, wise I say because his safety and continued existance is in such conduct since those who feel strong in virtuous intentions would have no motive for attacking him - You say that with reference to the disturbances and wars of the evil disposed who are now endeavouring to acquire strength, by the Grace of God they will fail in their intentions, to this I say Aman and earnestly solicit you to join your strength to that of the Government which is determined that the well disposed shall continue to keep them in subjection - Continue &c. +



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Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Sultan Bin Sugger, Chief of Ras-ul Khymah.— Dated Bushire 9th. March 1830.-

A. C. I have the pleasure to enclose the accompanying letters from the Honble the Governor to your address which have just reached me — Continue &c.-

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Meerza Ally Akbar Agent at Sheeraz.— Dated Bushire 11th. March 1830.-

I am in wants of some Leeches and wish you to send the bearer back immediately with two hundred with strict injunctions to take proper care of them on the road which he has promised to do and will be paid accordingly.— I take advantage of this opportunity to acquaint you that — [For the rest Vide Public Letter Book of 1830. Page 104.]

Vide Public Letter Book of 1830. Page 150. for the letter to H. R. H. the Prince of Sheeraz — Dated Bushire 14th. April 1830.

Vide Public Letter Book of 1830 Page 188. for the letter to Meerza Ally Akbar Agent at Sheeraz — Dated Bushire 16th. May 1830.-

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Vide Public Letter Book of 1830 Page 240. for the letter to Shaik Abdoolah Bin ahmed, Chief of Bharein — Dated Bushire 10th. May 1830.-

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Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Sultan Bin Sugger, Chief of Ras-ul-Khymah.— Dated Bushire 10th. May 1830.-

A. C. I have had the pleasure of receiving your letter of the 1st. Shawal [28th. March 1830.] You say, "It is most

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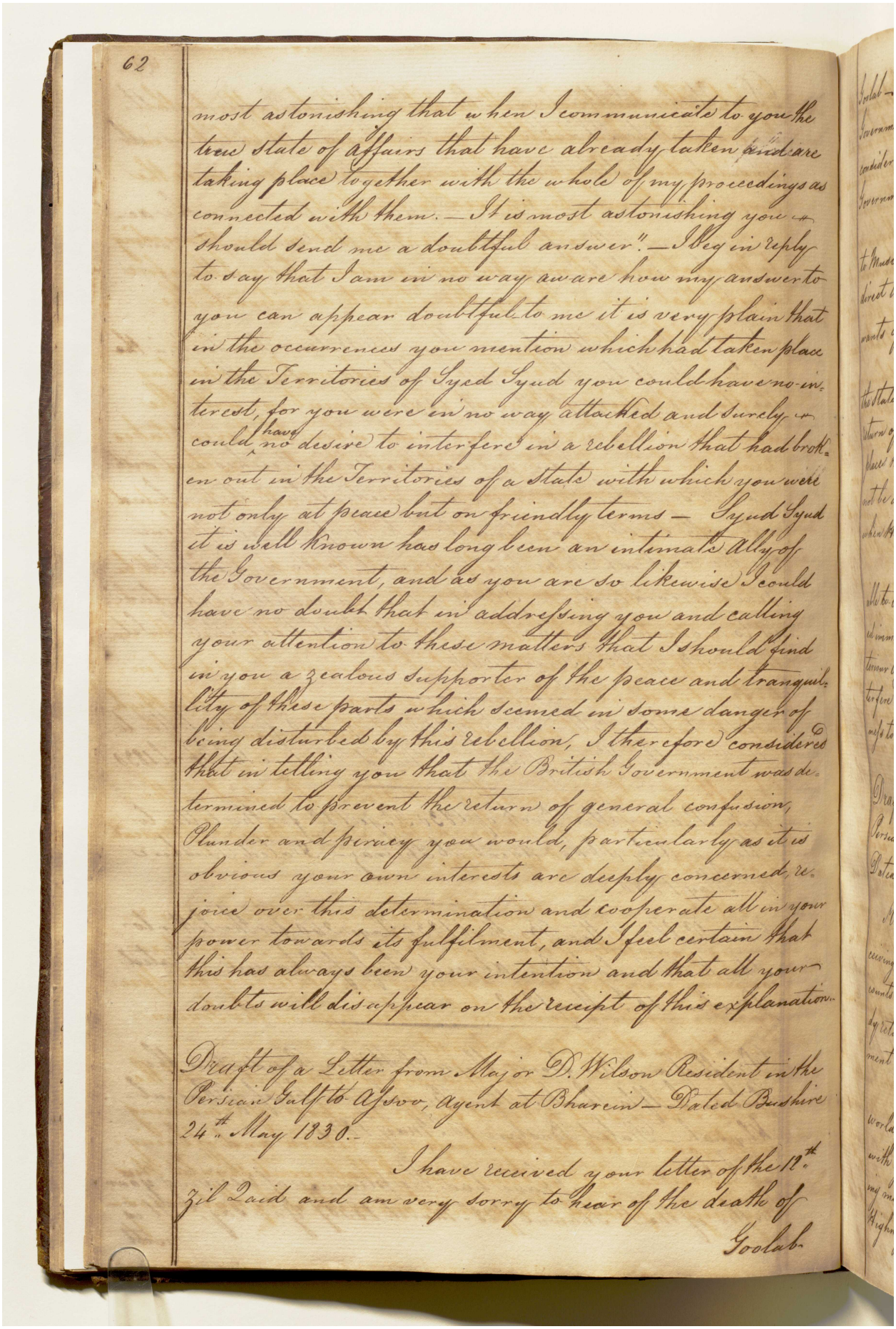

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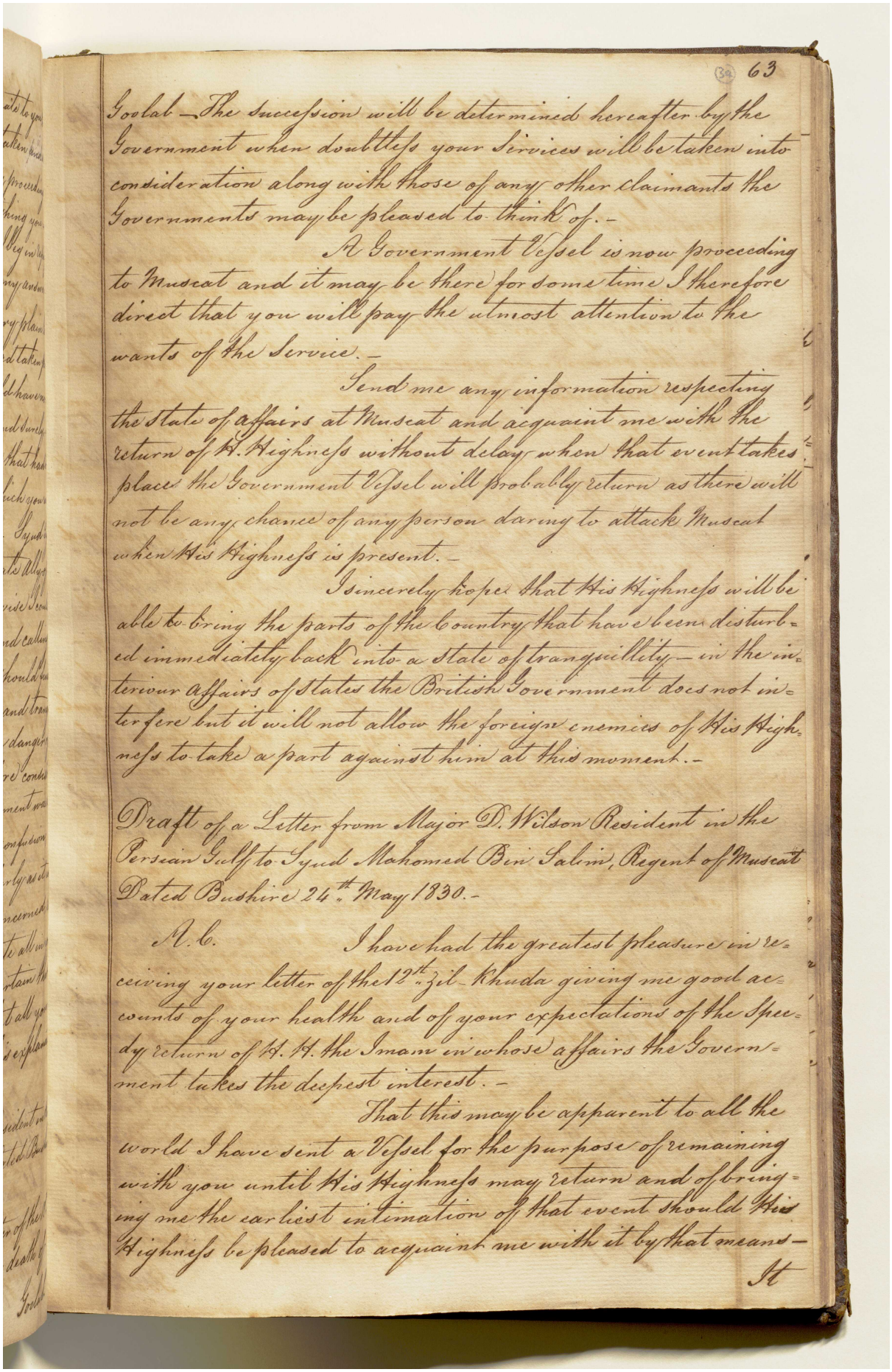
most astonishing that when I communicate to you the true state of affairs that have already taken and are taking place together with the whole of my proceedings as connected with them. — It is most astonishing you should send me a doubtful answer". — I beg in reply to say that I am in no way aware how my answer to you can appear doubtful to me it is very plain that in the occurrences you mention which had taken place in the Territories of Syed Syud you could have no interest, for you were in no way attacked and surely could have no desire to interfere in a rebellion that had broken out in the Territories of a State with which you were not only at peace but on friendly terms — Syud Syud it is well known has long been an intimate Ally of the Government, and as you are so likewise I could have no doubt that in addressing you and calling your attention to these matters that I should find in you a zealous supporter of the peace and tranquility of these parts which seemed in some danger of being disturbed by this rebellion, I therefore considered that in telling you that the British Government was determined to prevent the return of general confusion, Plunder and piracy you would, particularly as it is obvious your own interests are deeply concerned, rejoice over this determination and cooperate all in your power towards its fulfilment, and I feel certain that this has always been your intention and that all your doubts will disappear on the receipt of this explanation.

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Ajsoo, agent at Bharein — Dated Bushire 24th May 1830.

I have received your letter of the 12th Zil Zaid and am very sorry to hear of the death of Goolab



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Goolab — The succession will be determined hereafter by the Government when doubtless your Services will be taken into consideration along with those of any other claimants the Governments may be pleased to think of. —

A Government Vessel is now proceeding to Muscat and it may be there for some time I therefore direct that you will pay the utmost attention to the wants of the Service. —

Send me any information respecting the State of affairs at Muscat and acquaint me with the return of H. Highness without delay when that event takes place the Government Vessel will probably return as there will not be any chance of any person daring to attack Muscat when His Highness is present. —

I sincerely hope that His Highness will be able to bring the parts of the Country that have been disturbed immediately back into a State of tranquillity — in the interiour affairs of States the British Government does not interfere but it will not allow the foreign enemies of His Highness to take a part against him at this moment. —

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Syud Mahomed Bin Salim, Regent of Muscat Dated Bushire 24th May 1830. —

N. B. I have had the greatest pleasure in receiving your letter of the 12th Zil-Khuda giving me good accounts of your health and of your expectations of the Speedy return of H. H. the Imam in whose affairs the Government takes the deepest interest. —

That this may be apparent to all the world I have sent a Vessel for the purpose of remaining with you until His Highness may return and of bringing me the earliest intimation of that event should His Highness be pleased to acquaint me with it by that means —

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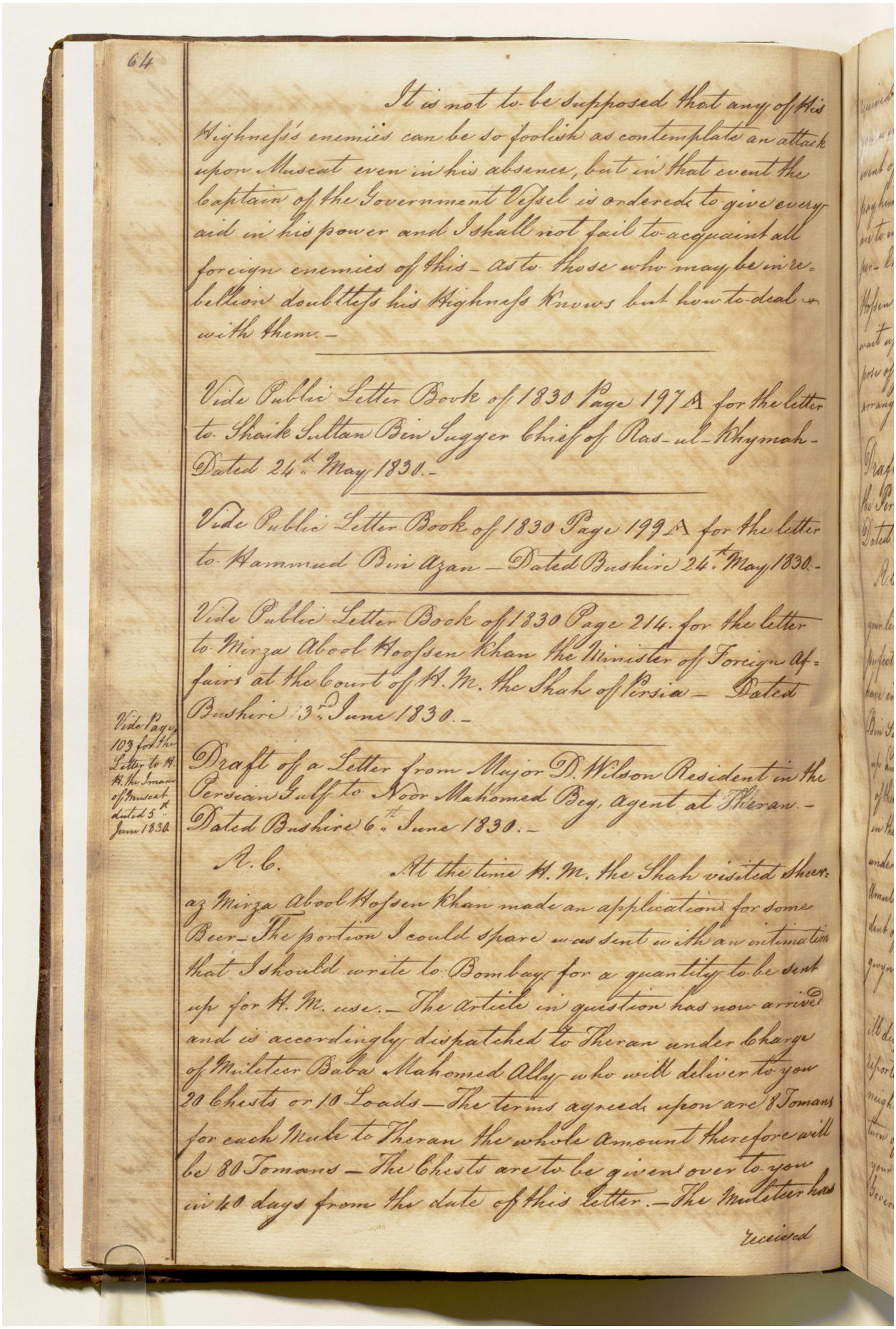

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It is not to be supposed that any of His Highness's enemies can be so foolish as contemplate an attack upon Muscat even in his absence, but in that event the Captain of the Government Vessel is ordered to give every aid in his power and I shall not fail to acquaint all foreign enemies of this – as to those who may be in rebellion doubtless his Highness knows but how to deal with them. –

Vide Public Letter Book of 1830 Page 197 A for the letter to Shaik Sultan Bin Sugger Chief of Ras-ul-Khymah – Dated 24th May 1830. –

Vide Public Letter Book of 1830 Page 199 A for the letter to Hammud Bin Azan – Dated Bushire 24th May 1830. –

Vide Public Letter Book of 1830 Page 214. for the letter to Mirza Abool Hoosen Khan the Minister of Foreign Affairs at the Court of H. M. the Shah of Persia – Dated Bushire 3d June 1830. –

Vide Page 103 for the Letter to H. H. the Imaum of Muscat dated 5th June 1830

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Noor Mahomed Beg, Agent at Theran. – Dated Bushire 6th June 1830. –

A. C. At the time H. M. the Shah visited Sheeraz Mirza Abool Hoosen Khan made an applications for some Beer – The portion I could spare was sent with an intimation that I should write to Bombay for a quantity to be sent up for H. M. use. – The article in question has now arrived and is accordingly dispatched to Theran under charge of Muleteer Baba Mahomed Ally who will deliver to you 20 Chests or 10 Loads – The terms agreed upon are 8 Tomans for each Mule to Theran the whole Amount therefore will be 80 Tomans – The Chests are to be given over to you in 40 days from the date of this Letter. – The Muleteer has

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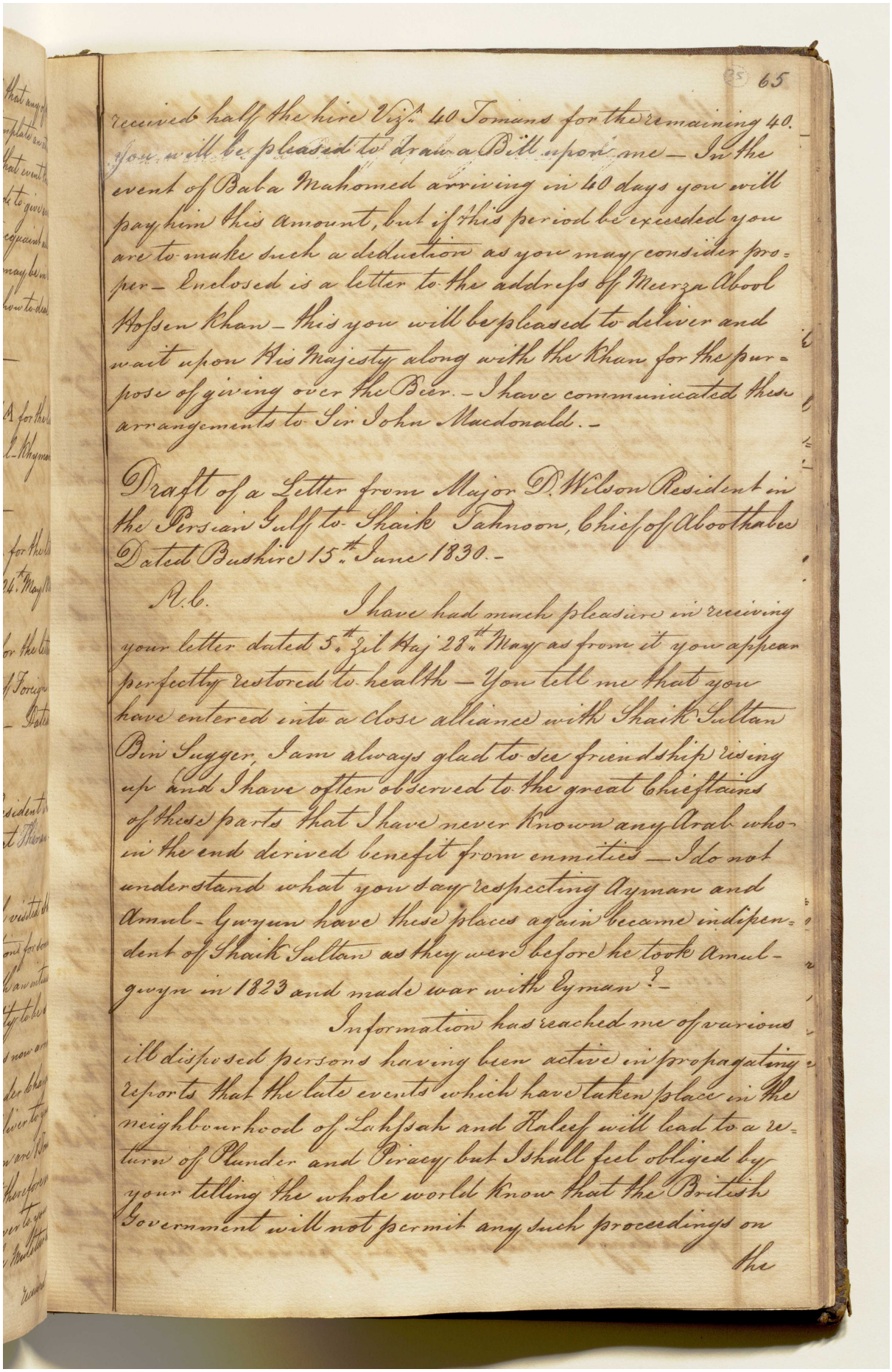

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received half the hire Viz.ᵗ 40 Tomans for the remaining 40. you will be pleased to draw a Bill upon me — In the event of Baba Mahomed arriving in 40 days you will pay him this amount, but if this period be exceeded you are to make such a deduction as you may consider proper — Enclosed is a letter to the address of Mirza Abool Hosen Khan — this you will be pleased to deliver and wait upon His Majesty along with the Khan for the purpose of giving over the Beer. — I have communicated these arrangements to Sir John Macdonald. —

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Tahnoon, Chief of Aboothabee Dated Bushire 15.ᵗʰ June 1830. —

R.C. I have had much pleasure in receiving your letter dated 5.ᵗʰ Zil Haj 28.ᵗʰ May as from it you appear perfectly restored to health — You tell me that you have entered into a close alliance with Shaik Sultan Bin Sugger, I am always glad to see friendship rising up and I have often observed to the great Chieftains of these parts that I have never known any Arab who in the end derived benefit from enmities — I do not understand what you say respecting Aymun and Amul-Gwyun have these places again became independent of Shaik Sultan as they were before he took Amul-gwyn in 1823 and made war with Eyman? —

Information has reached me of various ill disposed persons having been active in propagating reports that the late events which have taken place in the neighbourhood of Lahsah and Hafeef will lead to a return of Plunder and Piracy but I shall feel obliged by your telling the whole world know that the British Government will not permit any such proceedings on the

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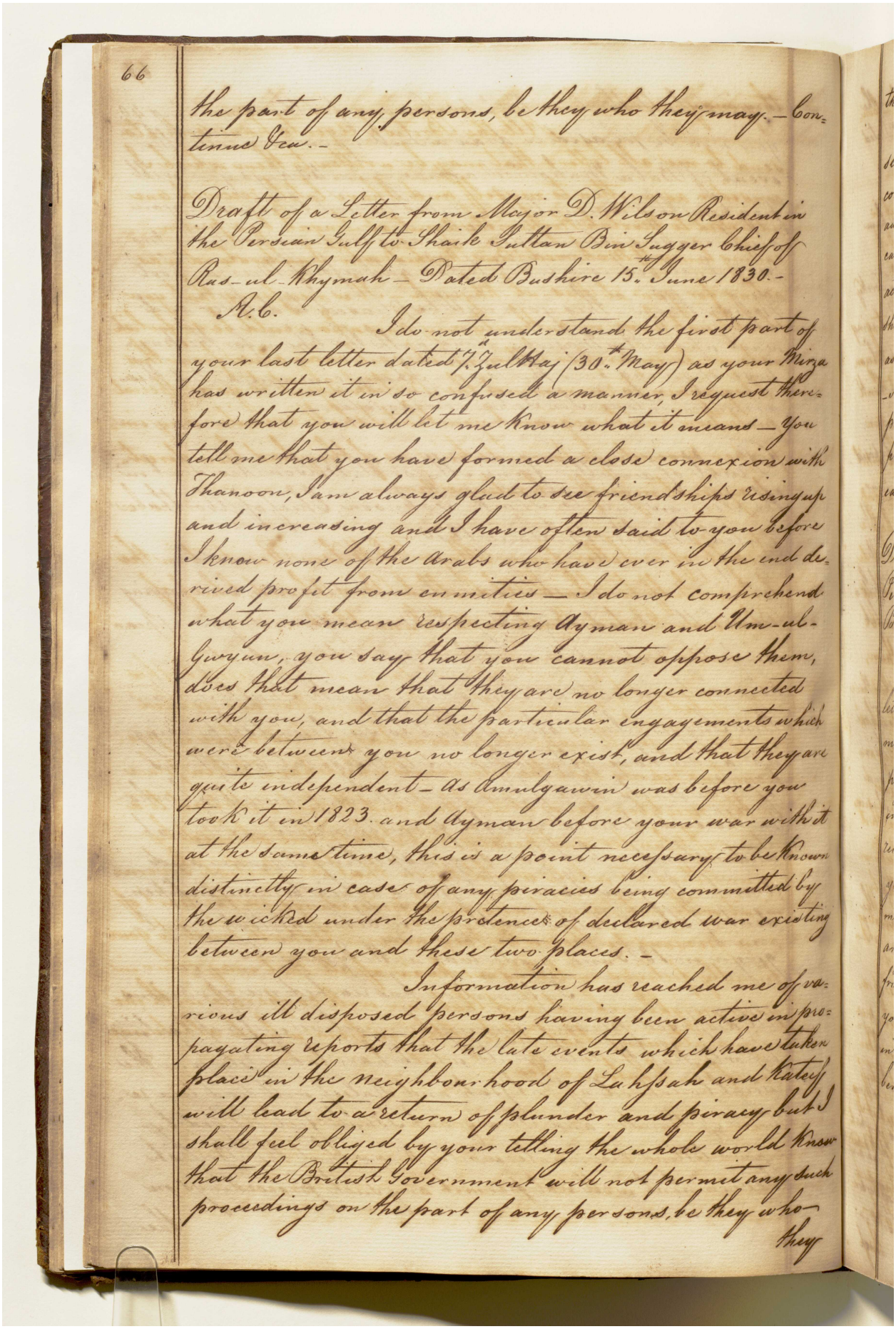

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the part of any persons, be they who they may. — Continue &c. —

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Sultan Bin Sugger Chief of Ras-ul-Khymah — Dated Bushire 15th June 1830. —

R.C.

I do not understand the first part of your last letter dated 7 Zulhaj (30th May) as your Mirza has written it in so confused a manner, I request therefore that you will let me know what it means — You tell me that you have formed a close connexion with Thanoon, I am always glad to see friendships rising up and increasing and I have often said to you before I know none of the Arabs who have ever in the end derived profit from enmities — I do not comprehend what you mean respecting Ayman and Um-ul-Gwyun, you say that you cannot oppose them, does that mean that they are no longer connected with you, and that the particular engagements which were between you no longer exist, and that they are quite independent — as Ummulgawin was before you took it in 1823. and Ayman before your war with it at the same time, this is a point necessary to be known distinctly in case of any piracies being committed by the wicked under the pretence of declared war existing between you and these two places. —

Information has reached me of various ill disposed persons having been active in propagating reports that the late events which have taken place in the neighbourhood of Lahsah and Katef will lead to a return of plunder and piracy but I shall feel obliged by your telling the whole world know that the British Government will not permit any such proceedings on the part of any persons, be they who—

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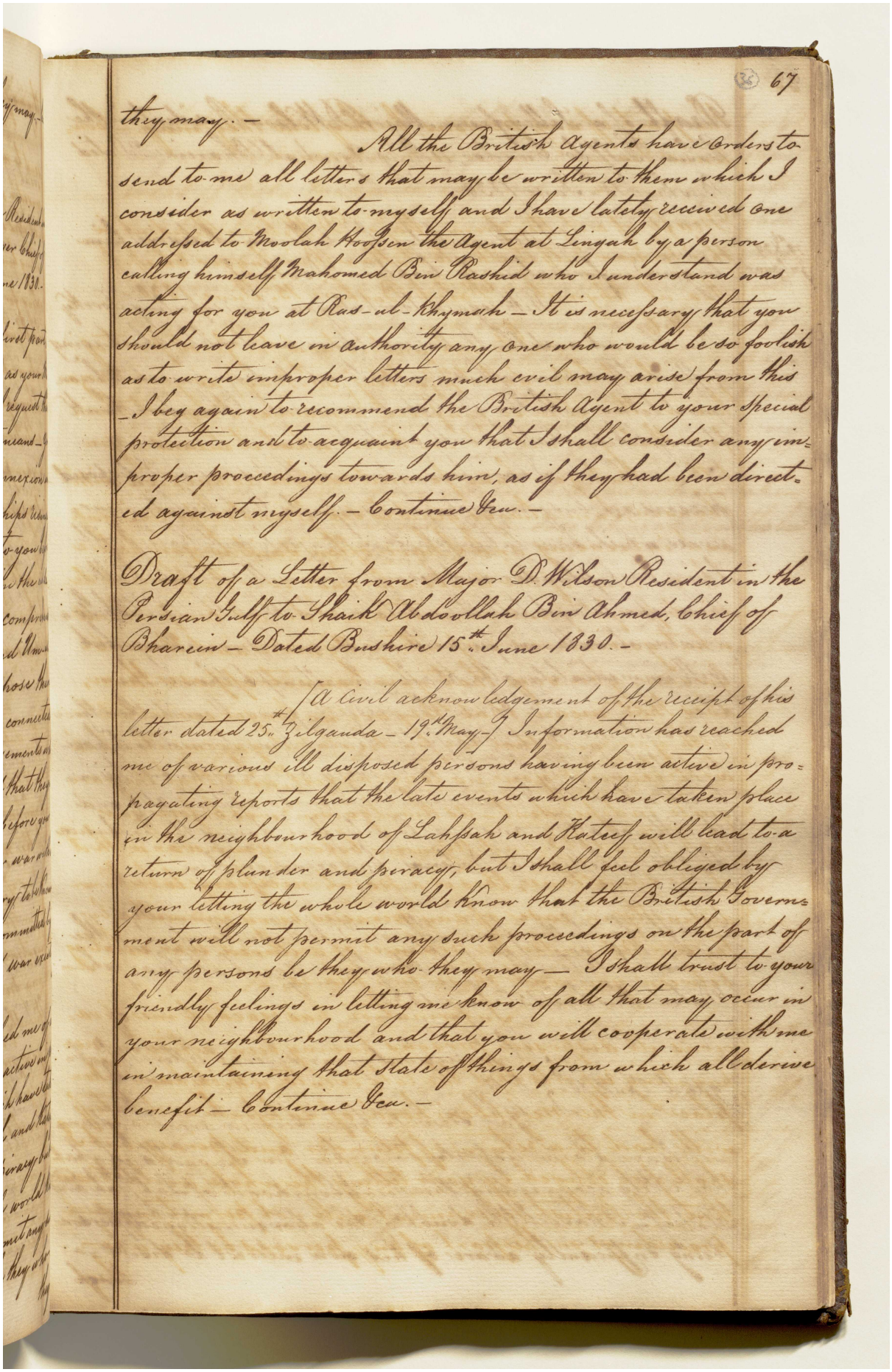
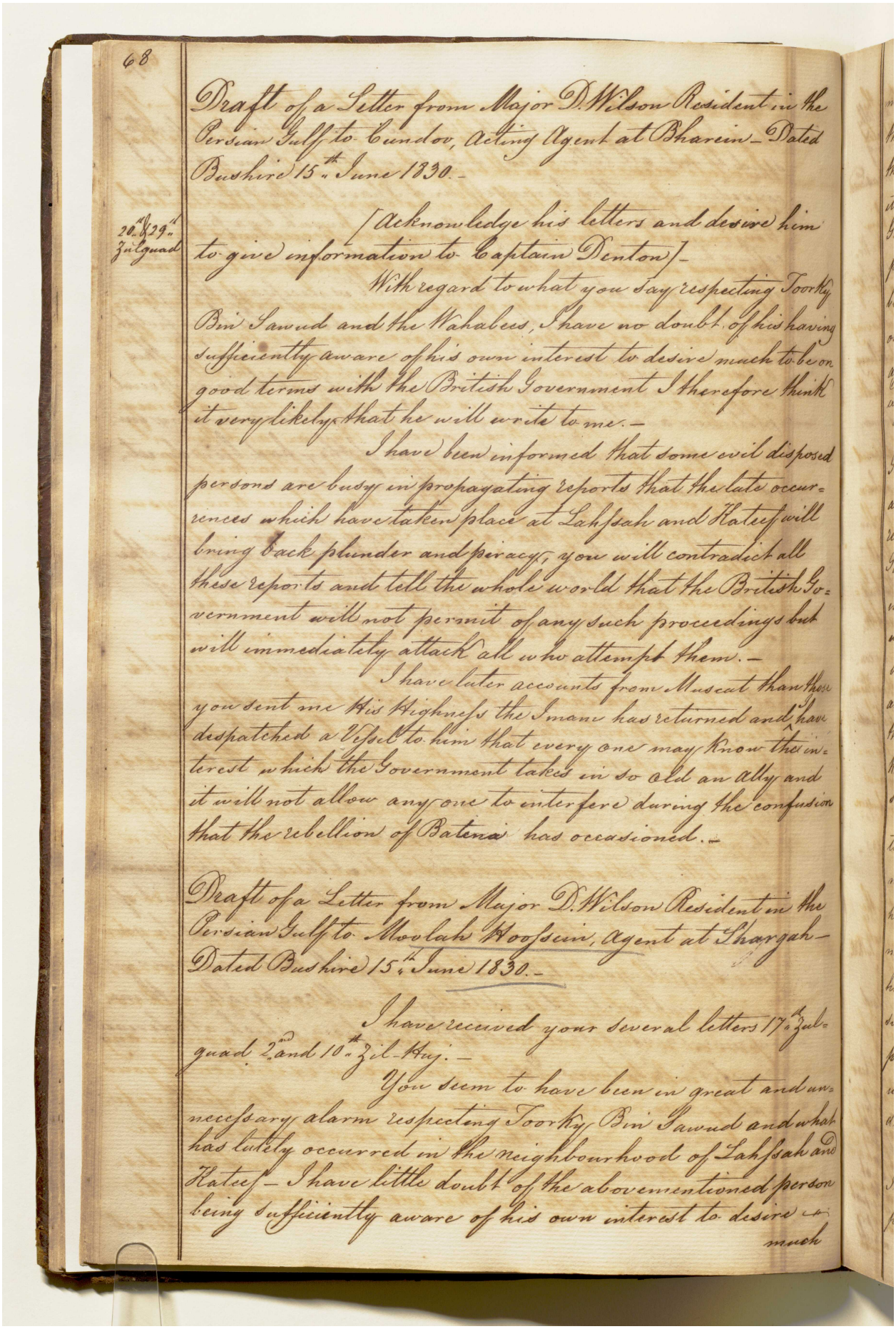


they may. –

All the British Agents have Orders to send to me all letters that may be written to them which I consider as written to myself and I have lately received one addressed to Moolah Hoosen the Agent at Lingah by a person calling himself Mahomed Bin Rashid who I understand was acting for you at Ras-al-Khymah – It is necessary that you should not leave in authority any one who would be so foolish as to write improper letters much evil may arise from this – I beg again to recommend the British Agent to your special protection and to acquaint you that I shall consider any improper proceedings towards him, as if they had been directed against myself. – Continue &c. –

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Abdoollah Bin Ahmed, Chief of Bharein – Dated Bushire 15th. June 1830. –

A civil acknowledgement of the receipt of his letter dated 25th. Zilganda – 19th. May – I Information has reached me of various ill disposed persons having been active in propagating reports that the late events which have taken place in the neighbourhood of Lahsah and Katef will lead to a return of plunder and piracy, but I shall feel obliged by your letting the whole world know that the British Government will not permit any such proceedings on the part of any persons be they who they may – I shall trust to your friendly feelings in letting me know of all that may occur in your neighbourhood and that you will cooperate with me in maintaining that state of things from which all derive benefit – Continue &c. –



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Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Cundoo, Acting Agent at Bhareen – Dated Bushire 15th June 1830 –

20th 29th Zulquad

[Acknowledge his letters and desire him to give information to Captain Denton] –

With regard to what you say respecting Toorky Bin Sawud and the Wahabees, I have no doubt of his having sufficiently aware of his own interest to desire much to be on good terms with the British Government I therefore think it very likely that he will write to me. –

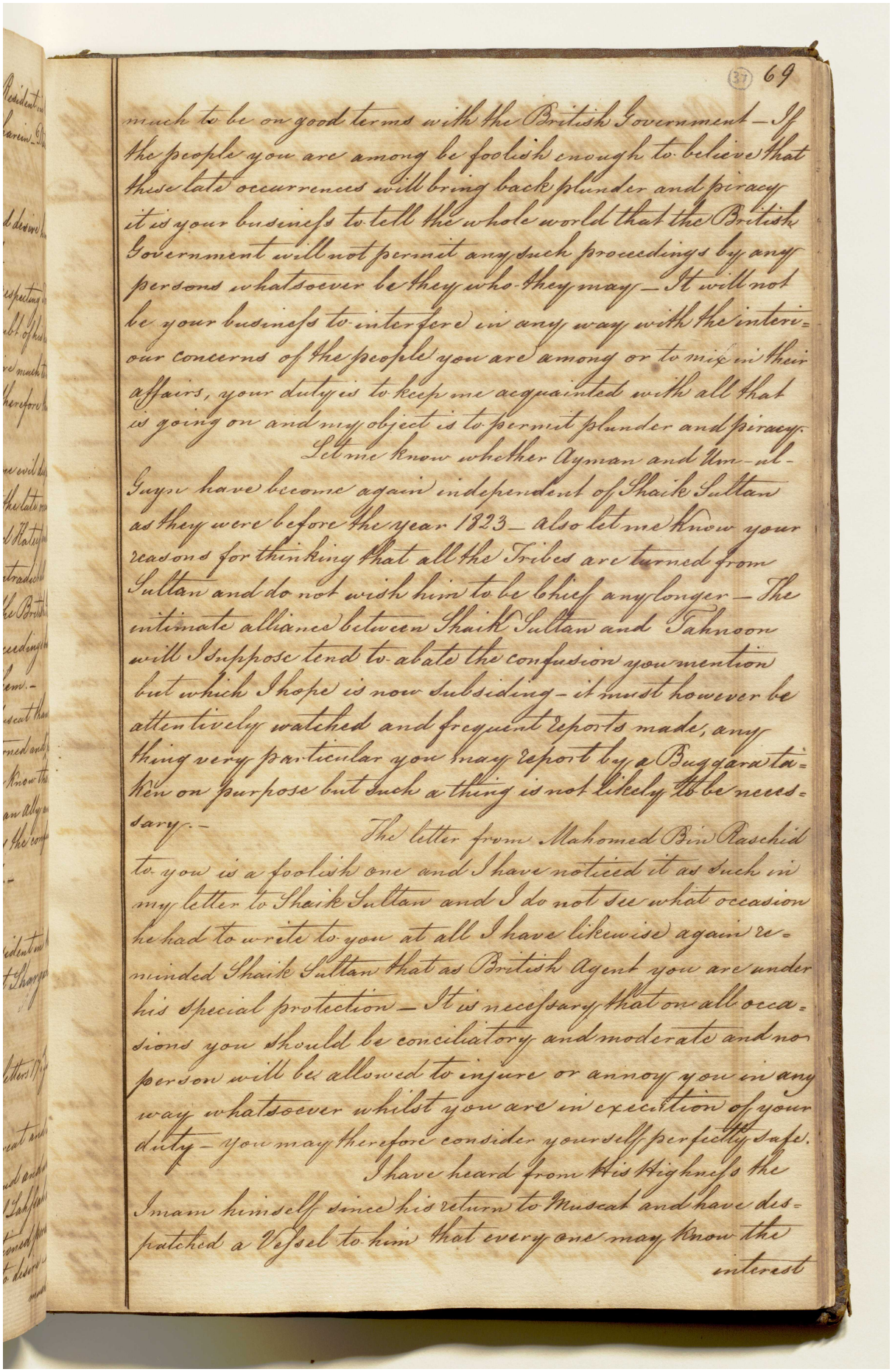
I have been informed that some evil disposed persons are busy in propagating reports that the late occurrences which have taken place at Lahsah and Katee will bring back plunder and piracy, you will contradict all these reports and tell the whole world that the British Government will not permit of any such proceedings but will immediately attack all who attempt them. –

I have later accounts from Muscat than those you sent me His Highness the Imaun has returned and I have despatched a Vessel to him that every one may know the interest which the Government takes in so old an ally and it will not allow any one to interfere during the confusion that the rebellion of Batena has occasioned. –

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Moolah Hoosein, Agent at Shargah – Dated Bushire 15th June 1830. –

I have received your several letters 17th Zulquad 2nd and 10th Zil-Huj. –

You seem to have been in great and unnecessary alarm respecting Toorky Bin Sawud and what has lately occurred in the neighbourhood of Lahsah and Katee – I have little doubt of the abovementioned person being sufficiently aware of his own interest to desire much



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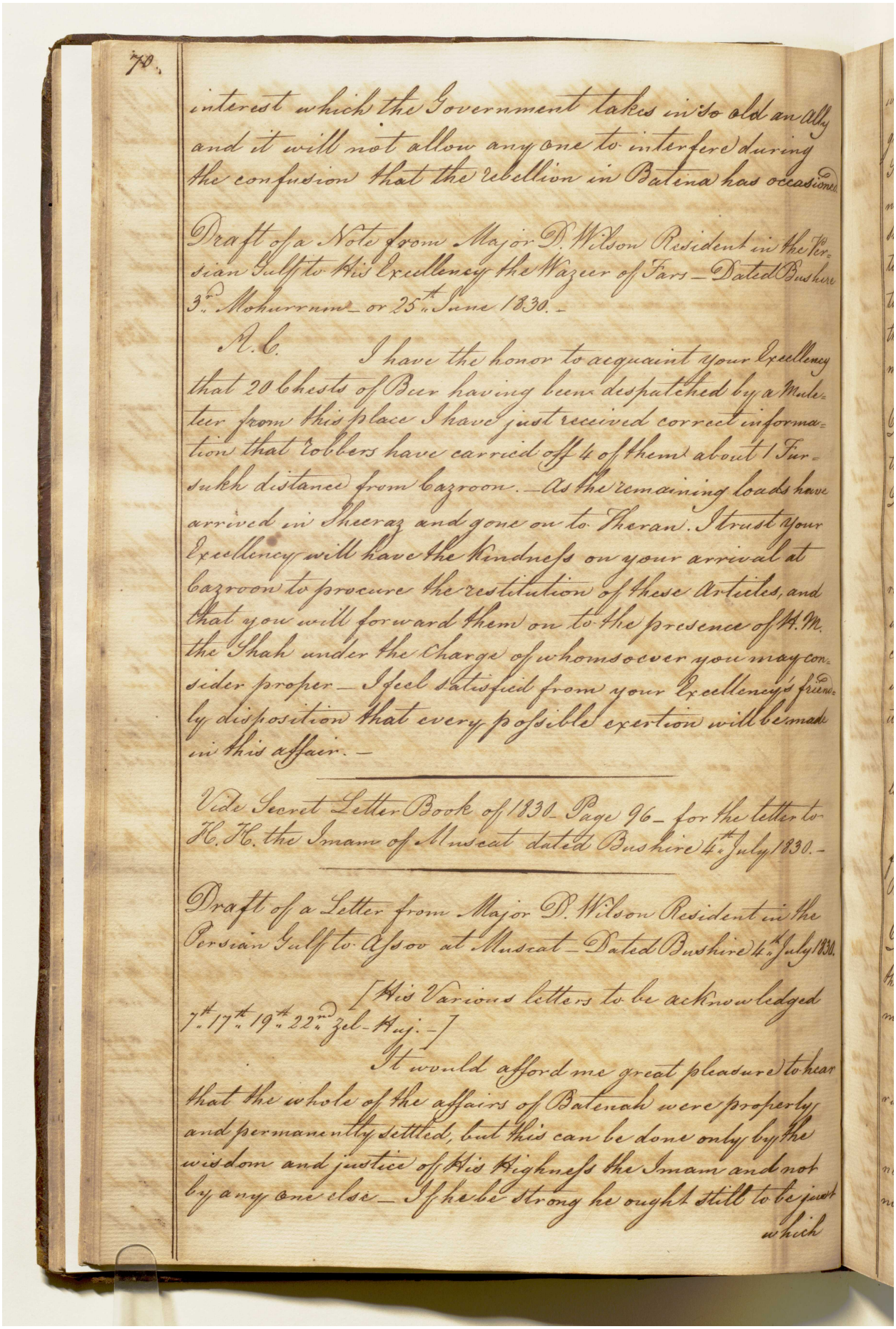
much to be on good terms with the British Government – If the people you are among be foolish enough to believe that these late occurrences will bring back plunder and piracy it is your business to tell the whole world that the British Government will not permit any such proceedings by any persons whatsoever be they who they may – It will not be your business to interfere in any way with the interi= our concerns of the people you are among or to mix in their affairs, your duty is to keep me acquainted with all that is going on and my object is to permit plunder and piracy.

Let me know whether Ayman and Um-ul-Guyn have become again independent of Shaik Sultan as they were before the year 1823 – also let me know your reasons for thinking that all the Tribes are turned from Sultan and do not wish him to be chief any longer – The intimate alliance between Shaik Sultan and Tahnoon will I suppose tend to abate the confusion you mention but which I hope is now subsiding – it must however be attentively watched and frequent reports made, any thing very particular you may report by a Buggara ta= ken on purpose but such a thing is not likely to be neces= sary.–

The letter from Mahomed Bin Raschid to you is a foolish one and I have noticed it as such in my letter to Shaik Sultan and I do not see what occasion he had to write to you at all I have likewise again re= minded Shaik Sultan that as British Agent you are under his special protection – It is necessary that on all occa= sions you should be conciliatory and moderate and no person will be allowed to injure or annoy you in any way whatsoever whilst you are in execution of your duty – you may therefore consider yourself perfectly safe.

I have heard from His Highness the Imam himself since his return to Muscat and have des= patched a Vessel to him that every one may know the interest



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interest which the Government takes in so old an ally and it will not allow any one to interfere during the confusion that the rebellion in Batina has occasioned.

Draft of a Note from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to His Excellency the Wazeer of Fars — Dated Bushire 3d. Moharrum — or 25th. June 1830. —

N. C. I have the honor to acquaint your Excellency that 20 Chests of Beer having been despatched by a Muleteer from this place I have just received correct information that Robbers have carried off 4 of them about 1 Fursukh distance from Kazroon. — As the remaining loads have arrived in Sheeraz and gone on to Theran. I trust your Excellency will have the kindness on your arrival at Kazroon to procure the restitution of these Articles, and that you will forward them on to the presence of H. M. the Shah under the Charge of whomsoever you may consider proper — I feel satisfied from your Excellency's friendly disposition that every possible exertion will be made in this affair. —

Vide Secret Letter Book of 1830 — Page 96 — for the letter to H. H. the Imam of Muscat dated Bushire 4th July 1830. —

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Ajsoo at Muscat — Dated Bushire 4th July 1830.

[His Various letters to be acknowledged 7th. 17th. 19th. 22nd. Zel-Huj. —]

It would afford me great pleasure to hear that the whole of the affairs of Batenah were properly and permanently settled, but this can be done only by the wisdom and justice of His Highness the Imam and not by any one else — If he be strong he ought still to be just

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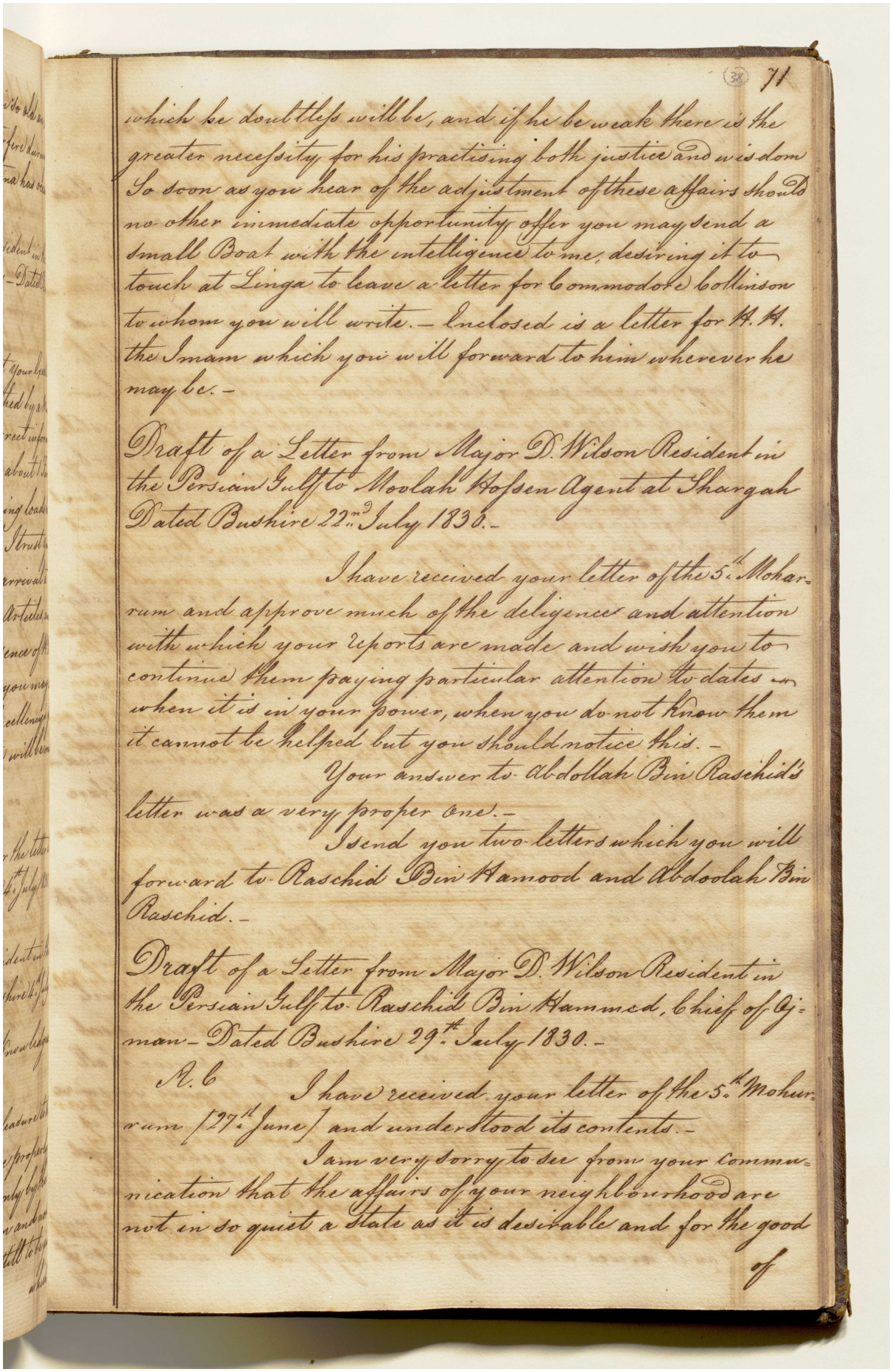

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which he doubtless will be, and if he be weak there is the greater necessity for his practising both justice and wisdom So soon as you hear of the adjustment of these affairs should no other immediate opportunity offer you may send a small Boat with the intelligence to me, desiring it to touch at Linga to leave a letter for Commodore Collinson to whom you will write. – Enclosed is a letter for H. H. the Imam which you will forward to him wherever he may be. –

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Moolah Hosen Agent at Shargah Dated Bushire 22nd July 1830. –

I have received your letter of the 5th Moharrum and approve much of the deligence and attention with which your reports are made and wish you to continue them paying particular attention to dates – when it is in your power, when you do not know them it cannot be helped but you should notice this. –

Your answer to Abdollah Bin Raschid's letter was a very proper one. –

I send you two letters which you will forward to Raschid Bin Hamood and Abdoolah Bin Raschid. –

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Raschid Bin Hammed, Chief of Ajman – Dated Bushire 29th July 1830. –

R. 6 I have received your letter of the 5th Moharrum [27th June] and understood its contents. –

I am very sorry to see from your communication that the affairs of your neighbourhood are not in so quiet a state as it is desirable and for the good

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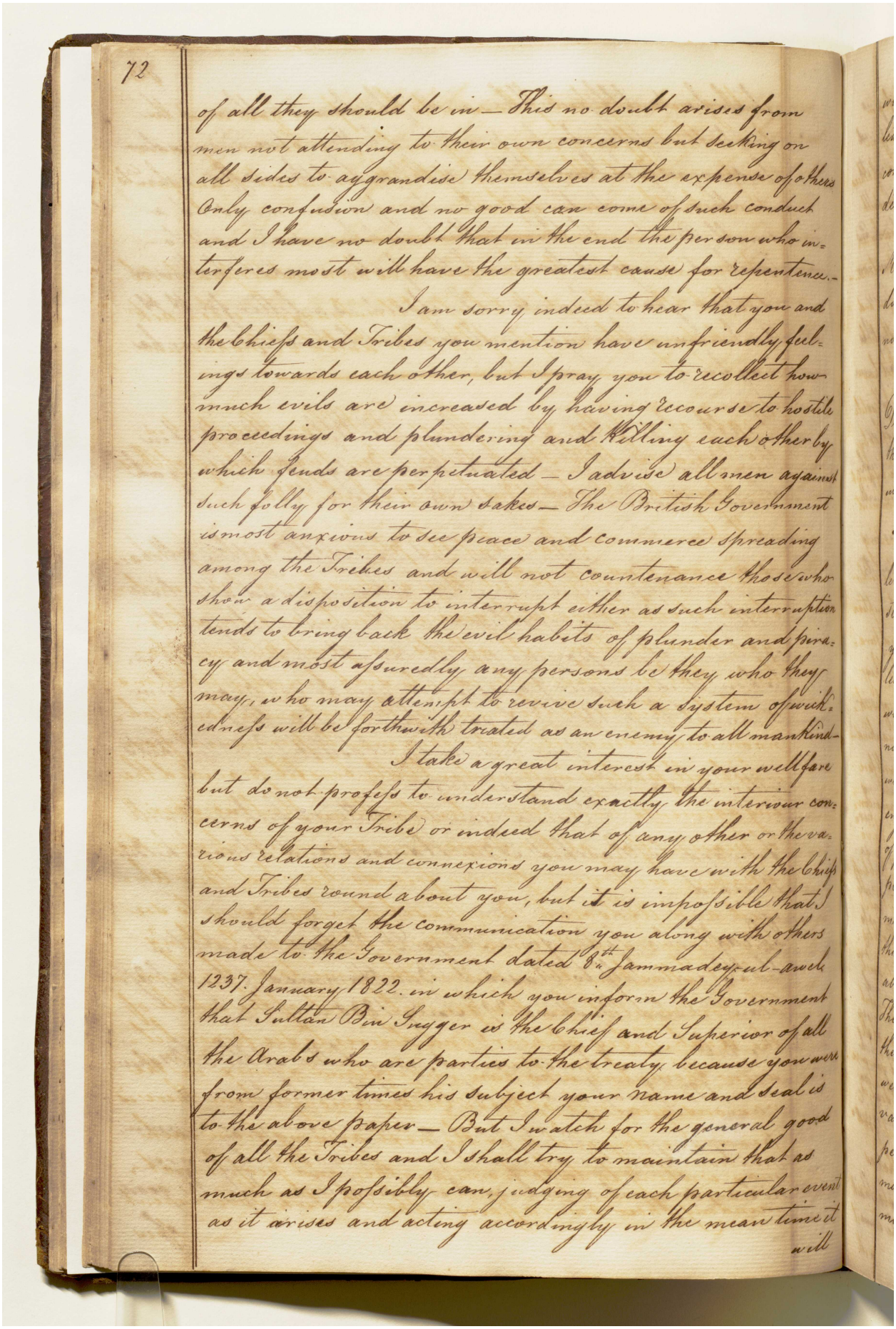

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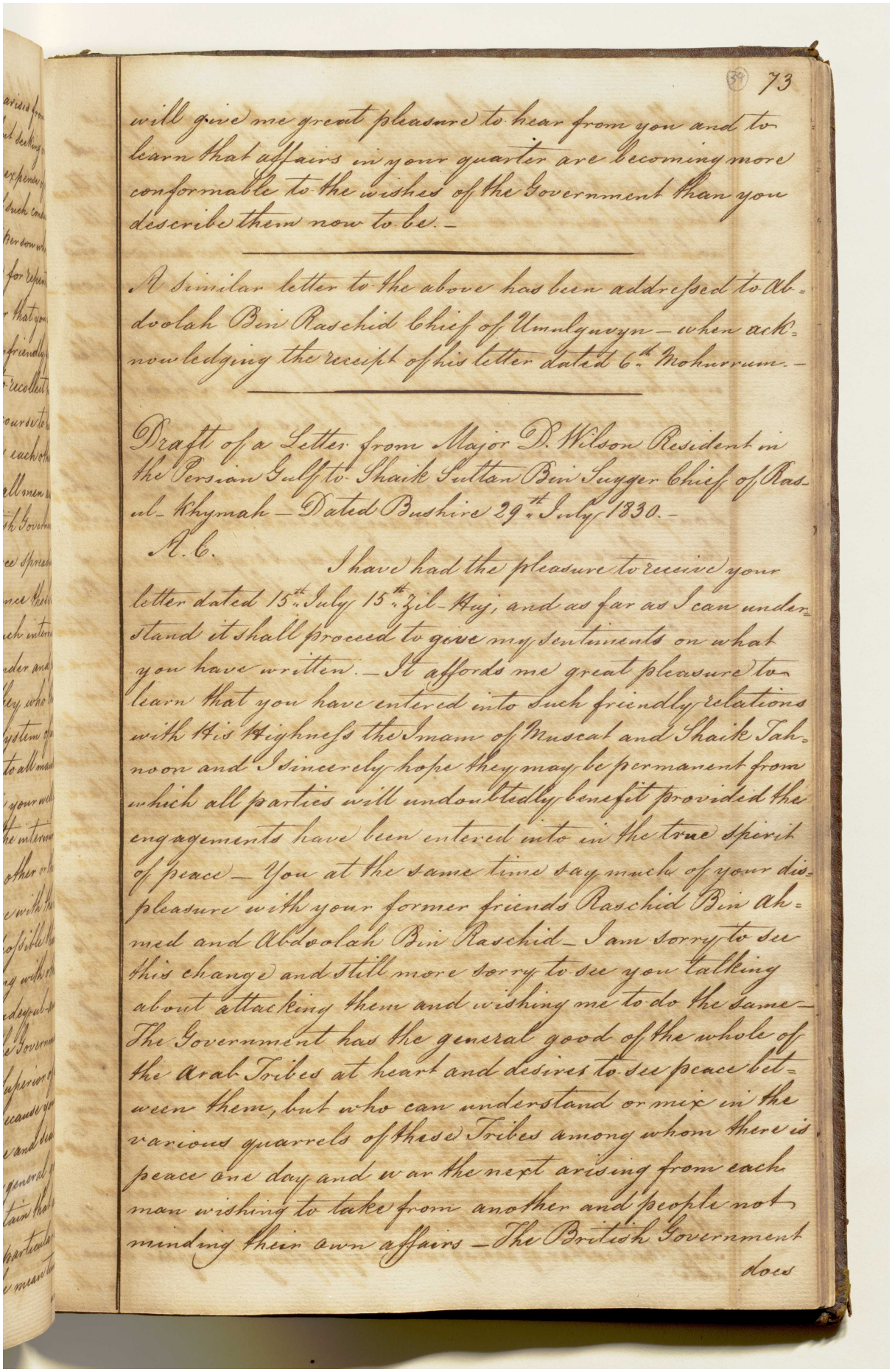
of all they should be in— This no doubt arises from men not attending to their own concerns but seeking on all sides to aggrandise themselves at the expense of others Only confusion and no good can come of such conduct and I have no doubt that in the end the person who interferes most will have the greatest cause for repentance.—

I am sorry indeed to hear that you and the Chiefs and Tribes you mention have unfriendly feelings towards each other, but I pray you to recollect how much evils are increased by having recourse to hostile proceedings and plundering and killing each other by which feuds are perpetuated— I advise all men against such folly for their own sakes— The British Government is most anxious to see peace and commerce spreading among the Tribes and will not countenance those who show a disposition to interrupt either as such interruption tends to bring back the evil habits of plunder and piracy and most assuredly any persons be they who they may, who may attempt to revive such a system of wickedness will be forthwith treated as an enemy to all mankind.—

I take a great interest in your welfare but do not profess to understand exactly the interiour concerns of your Tribe or indeed that of any other or the various relations and connexions you may have with the Chiefs and Tribes round about you, but it is impossible that I should forget the communication you along with others made to the Government dated 8th Jammadey-ul-awel 1237. January 1822. in which you inform the Government that Sultan Bin Sugger is the Chief and Superior of all the Arabs who are parties to the treaty, because you were from former times his subject your name and seal is to the above paper— But I watch for the general good of all the Tribes and I shall try to maintain that as much as I possibly can, judging of each particular event as it arises and acting accordingly in the mean time it will



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will give me great pleasure to hear from you and to learn that affairs in your quarter are becoming more conformable to the wishes of the Government than you describe them now to be.—

A similar letter to the above has been addressed to Abdoolah Bin Raschid Chief of Umulyuyn—when acknowledging the receipt of his letter dated 6th Mohurrum.—

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Sultan Bin Sugger Chief of Rasul Khymah—Dated Bushire 29th July 1830.—

A.C.

I have had the pleasure to receive your letter dated 15th July 15th Zil-Huj, and as far as I can understand it shall proceed to give my sentiments on what you have written.—It affords me great pleasure to learn that you have entered into such friendly relations with His Highness the Imam of Muscat and Shaik Tahnoon and I sincerely hope they may be permanent from which all parties will undoubtedly benefit provided the engagements have been entered into in the true spirit of peace—You at the same time say much of your displeasure with your former friends Raschid Bin Ahmed and Abdoolah Bin Raschid—I am sorry to see this change and still more sorry to see you talking about attacking them and wishing me to do the same—The Government has the general good of the whole of the Arab Tribes at heart and desires to see peace between them, but who can understand or mix in the various quarrels of these Tribes among whom there is peace one day and war the next arising from each man wishing to take from another and people not minding their own affairs—The British Government

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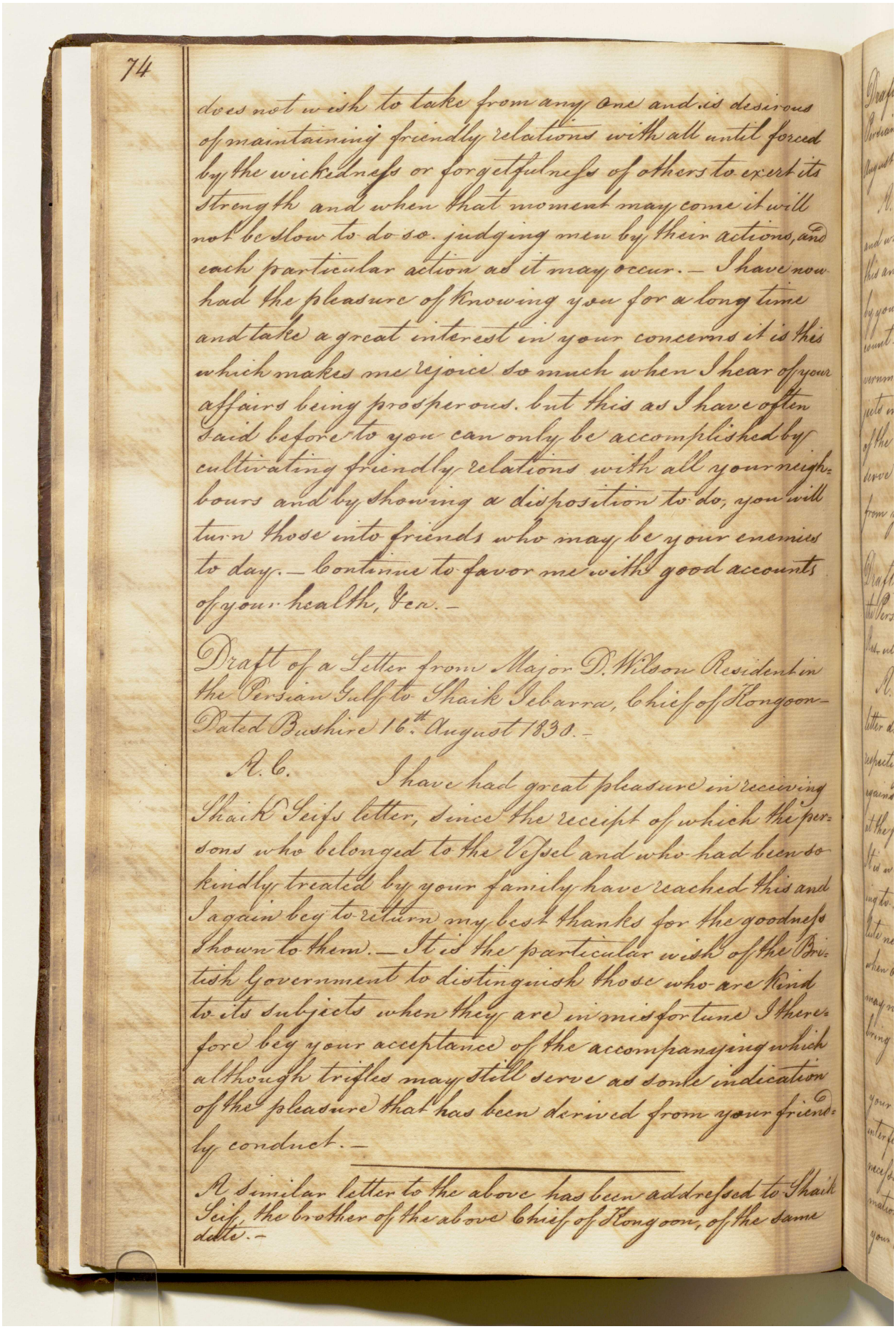

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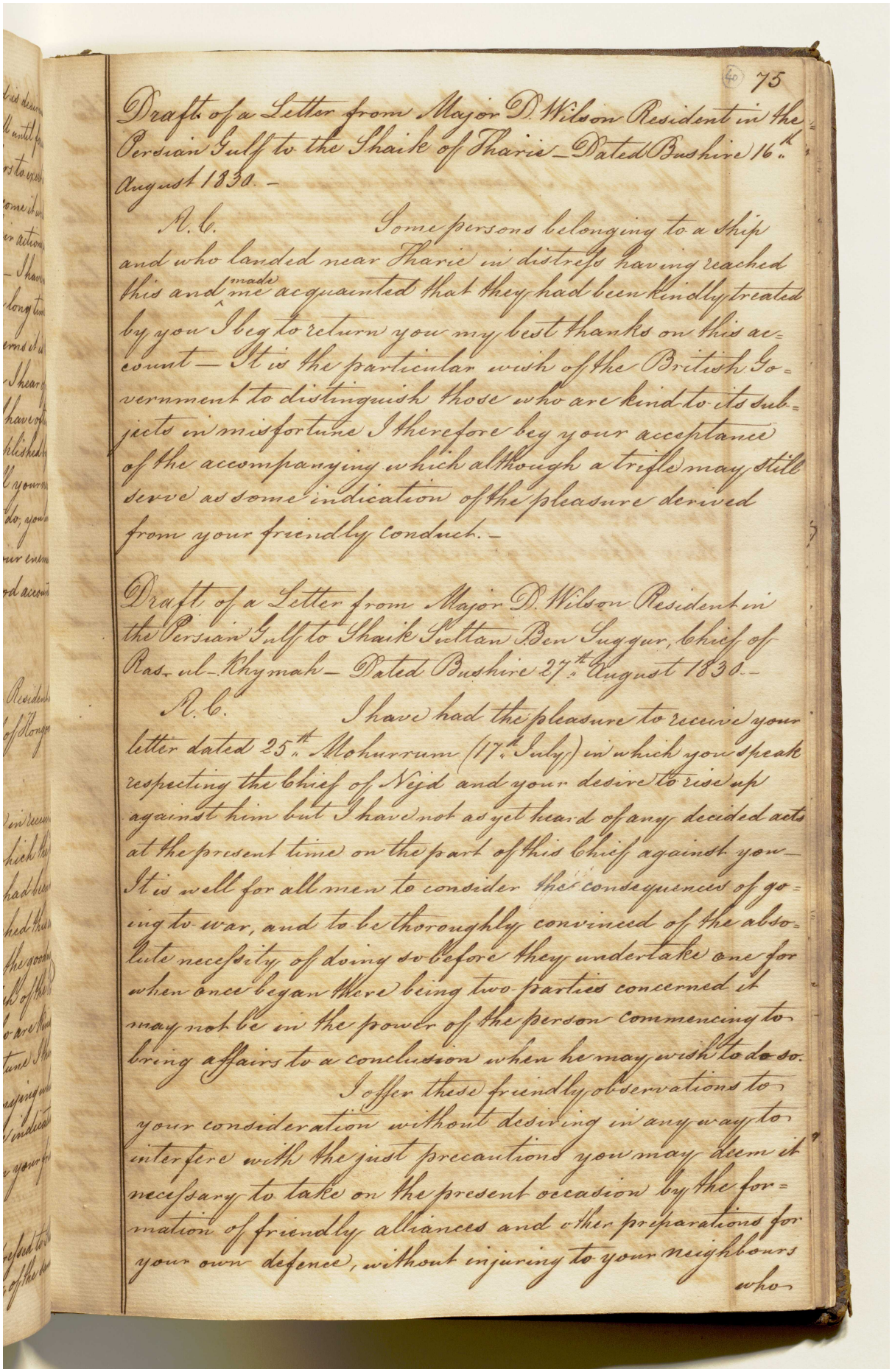
does not wish to take from any one and is desirous of maintaining friendly relations with all until forced by the wickedness or forgetfulness of others to exert its strength and when that moment may come it will not be slow to do so. judging men by their actions, and each particular action as it may occur. — I have now had the pleasure of knowing you for a long time and take a great interest in your concerns it is this which makes me rejoice so much when I hear of your affairs being prosperous. but this as I have often said before to you can only be accomplished by cultivating friendly relations with all your neighbours and by showing a disposition to do; you will turn those into friends who may be your enemies to day. — Continue to favor me with good accounts of your health, &c. —

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Jebarra, Chief of Kongoon — Dated Bushire 16th. August 1830. —

A. C. I have had great pleasure in receiving Shaik Seifs letter, since the receipt of which the persons who belonged to the Vessel and who had been so kindly treated by your family have reached this and I again beg to return my best thanks for the goodness shown to them. — It is the particular wish of the British Government to distinguish those who are kind to its subjects when they are in misfortune I therefore beg your acceptance of the accompanying which although trifles may still serve as some indication of the pleasure that has been derived from your friendly conduct. —

A similar letter to the above has been addressed to Shaik Seif, the brother of the above Chief of Kongoon, of the same date. —



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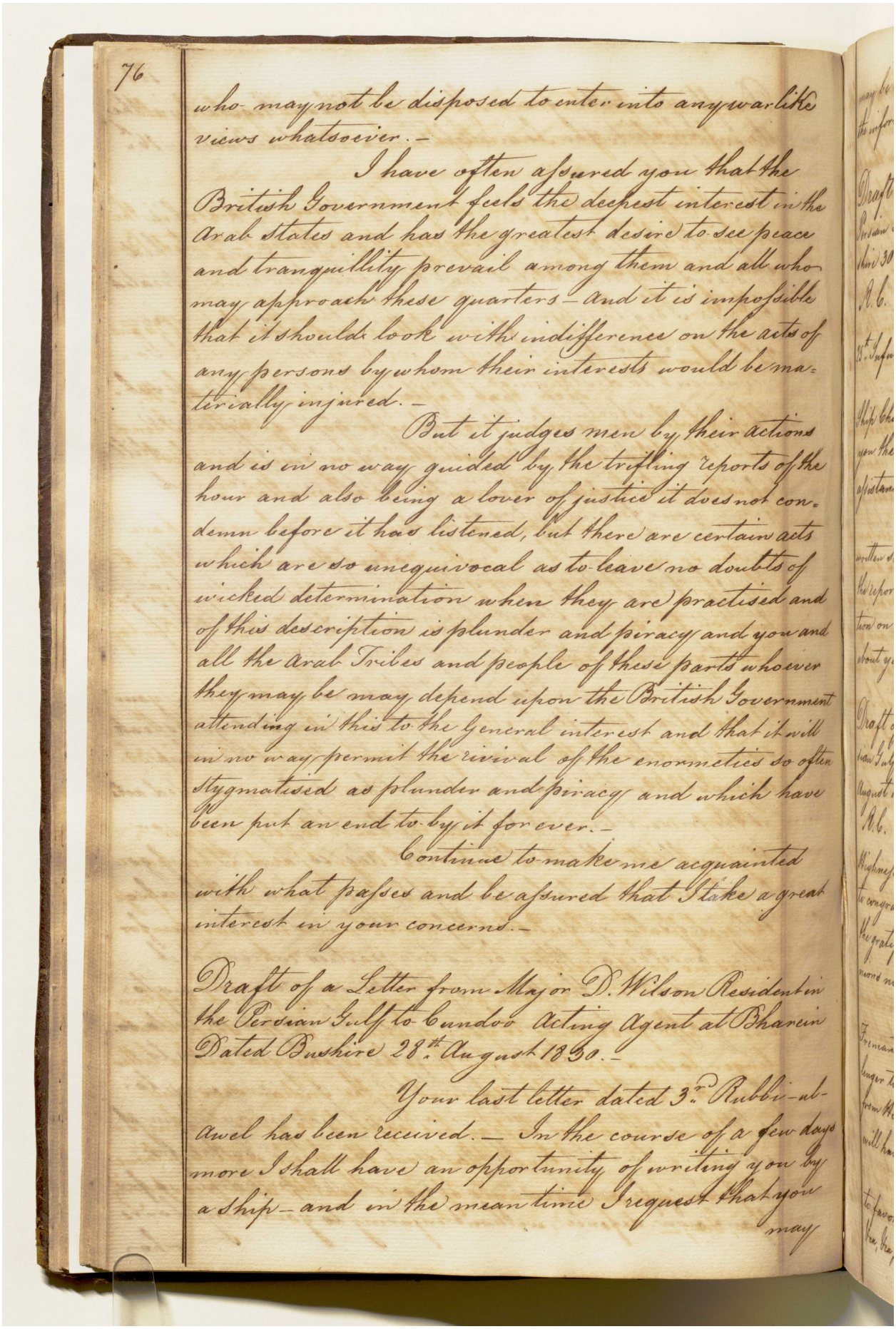
Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the Shaik of Tharis – Dated Bushire 16th. August 1830. –

N. C. Some persons belonging to a Ship and who landed near Tharis in distress having reached this and made me acquainted that they had been kindly treated by you I beg to return you my best thanks on this account – It is the particular wish of the British Government to distinguish those who are kind to its subjects in misfortune I therefore beg your acceptance of the accompanying which although a trifle may still serve as some indication of the pleasure derived from your friendly conduct. –

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Sultan Ben Suggur, Chief of Ras. ul. Khymah – Dated Bushire 27th. August 1830. –

N. C. I have had the pleasure to receive your letter dated 25th. Mohurrum (17th. July) in which you speak respecting the Chief of Nejd and your desire to rise up against him but I have not as yet heard of any decided acts at the present time on the part of this Chief against you – It is well for all men to consider the consequences of going to war, and to be thoroughly convinced of the absolute necessity of doing so before they undertake one for when once began there being two parties concerned it may not be in the power of the person commencing to bring affairs to a conclusion when he may wish to do so.

I offer these friendly observations to your consideration without desiring in any way to interfere with the just precautions you may deem it necessary to take on the present occasion by the formation of friendly alliances and other preparations for your own defence, without injuring to your neighbours who



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who may not be disposed to enter into any warlike views whatsoever.—

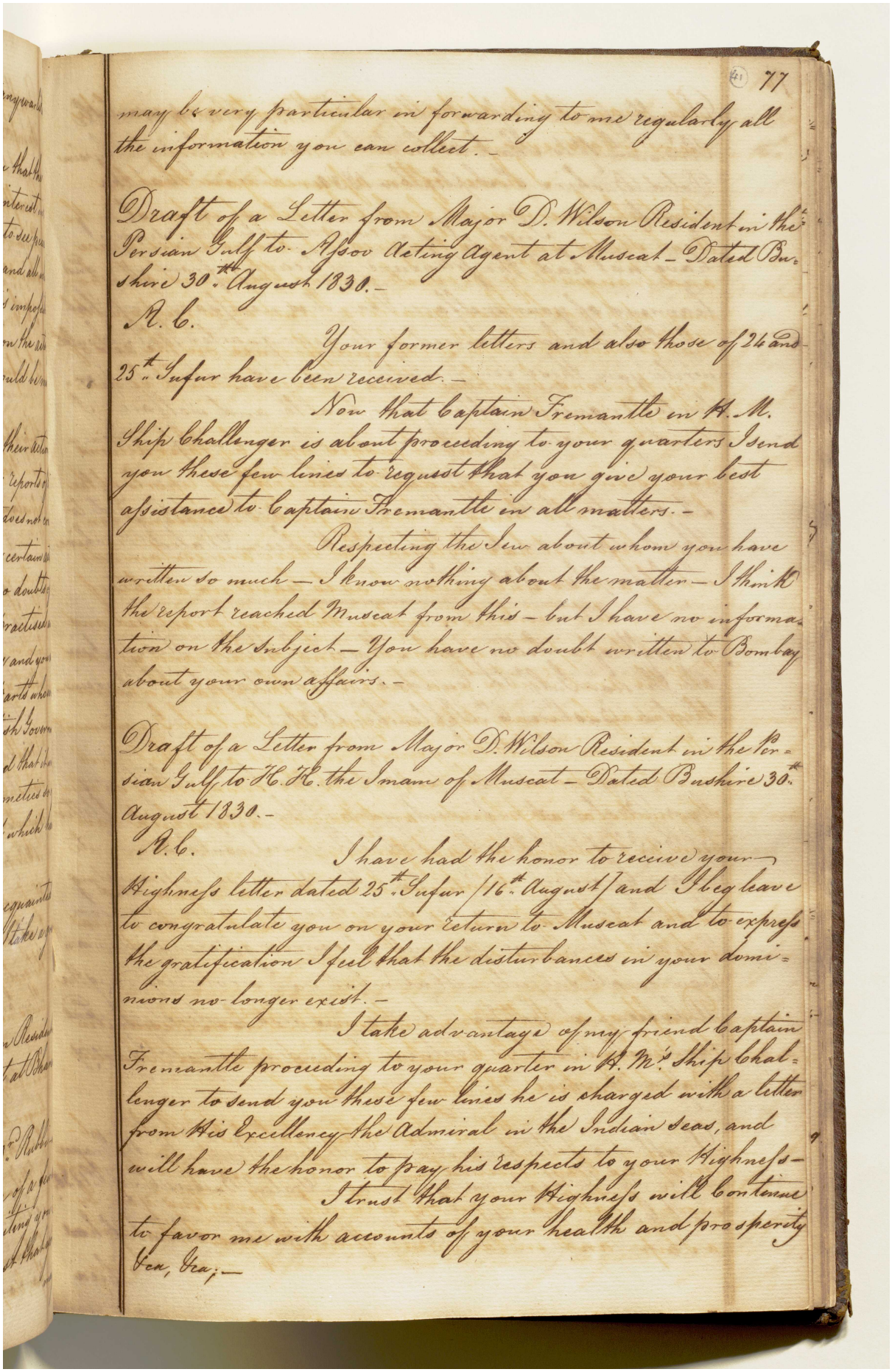
I have often assured you that the British Government feels the deepest interest in the Arab States and has the greatest desire to see peace and tranquillity prevail among them and all who may approach these quarters—and it is impossible that it should look with indifference on the acts of any persons by whom their interests would be materially injured.—

But it judges men by their actions and is in no way guided by the trifling reports of the hour and also being a lover of justice it does not condemn before it has listened, but there are certain acts which are so unequivocal as to leave no doubts of wicked determination when they are practised and of this description is plunder and piracy and you and all the Arab Tribes and people of these parts whoever they may be may depend upon the British Government attending in this to the General interest and that it will in no way permit the revival of the enormities so often stygmatised as plunder and piracy and which have been put an end to by it for ever.—

Continue to make me acquainted with what passes and be assured that I take a great interest in your concerns.—

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Cundoo Acting Agent at Bharein Dated Bushire 28th. August 1830.—

Your last letter dated 3rd. Rubbi-ul-awel has been received.— In the course of a few days more I shall have an opportunity of writing you by a ship—and in the mean time I request that you may



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may be very particular in forwarding to me regularly all the information you can collect.—

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Afsoo Acting Agent at Muscat—Dated Bushire 30th August 1830.—

R. C.

Your former letters and also those of 24 and 25th Safur have been received.—

Now that Captain Fremantle in H. M. Ship Challenger is about proceeding to your quarters I send you these few lines to request that you give your best assistance to Captain Fremantle in all matters.—

Respecting the Jew about whom you have written so much—I know nothing about the matter—I think the report reached Muscat from this—but I have no information on the subject—You have no doubt written to Bombay about your own affairs.—

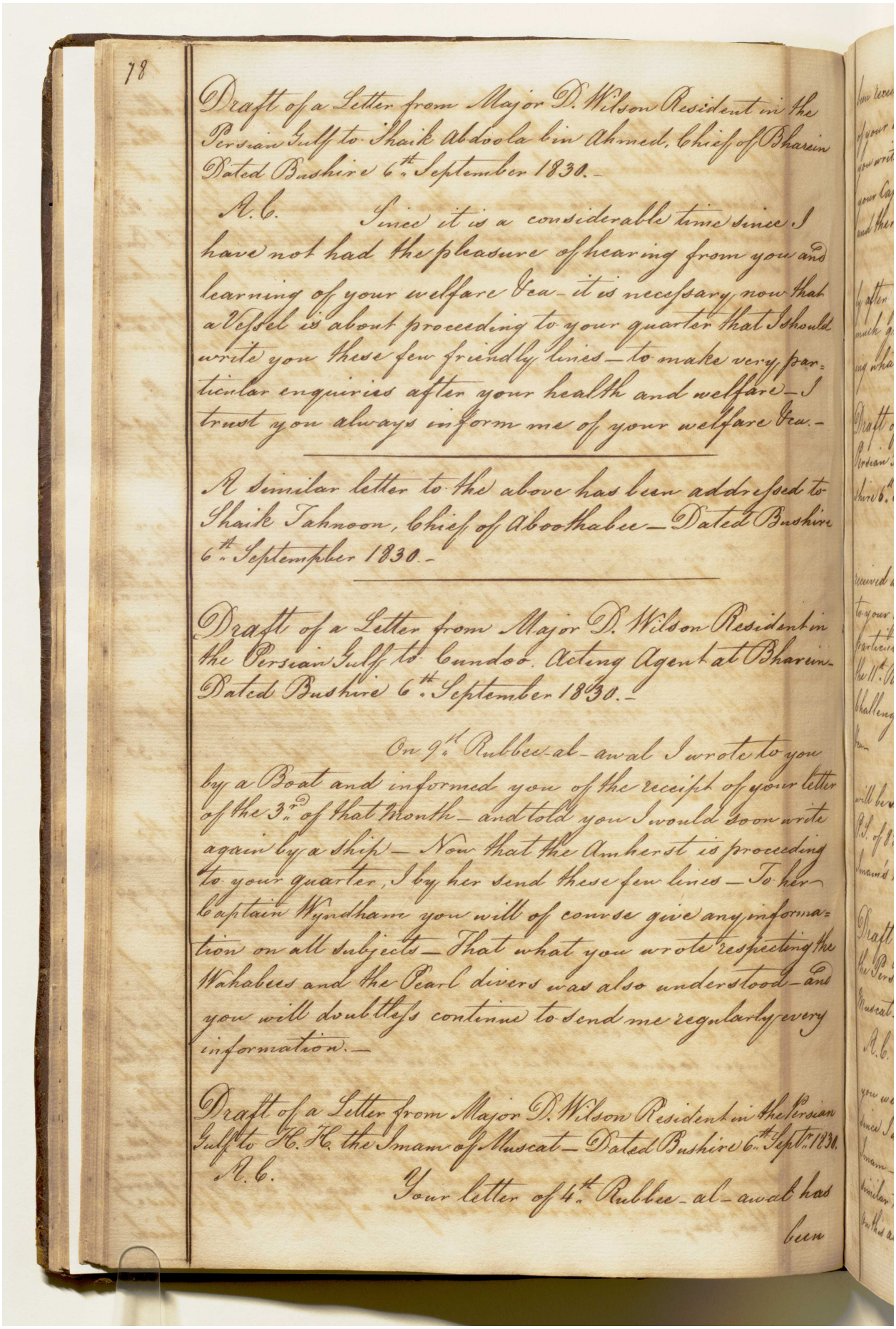
Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to H. H. the Imam of Muscat—Dated Bushire 30th August 1830.—

R. C.

I have had the honor to receive your Highness letter dated 25th Safur / 16th August / and I beg leave to congratulate you on your return to Muscat and to express the gratification I feel that the disturbances in your dominions no longer exist.—

I take advantage of my friend Captain Fremantle proceeding to your quarter in H. M.s Ship Challenger to send you these few lines he is charged with a letter from His Excellency the Admiral in the Indian Seas, and will have the honor to pay his respects to your Highness—

I trust that your Highness will continue to favor me with accounts of your health and prosperity &c, &c,—



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Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Abdoola bin Ahmed, Chief of Bharein Dated Bushire 6th. September 1830.-

A.C. Since it is a considerable time since I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you and learning of your welfare &ca- it is necessary, now that a Vessel is about proceeding to your quarter that I should write you these few friendly lines- to make very particular enquiries after your health and welfare- I trust you always inform me of your welfare &ca.-

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A similar letter to the above has been addressed to Shaik Tahnoon, Chief of Aboothabee- Dated Bushire 6th. September 1830.-

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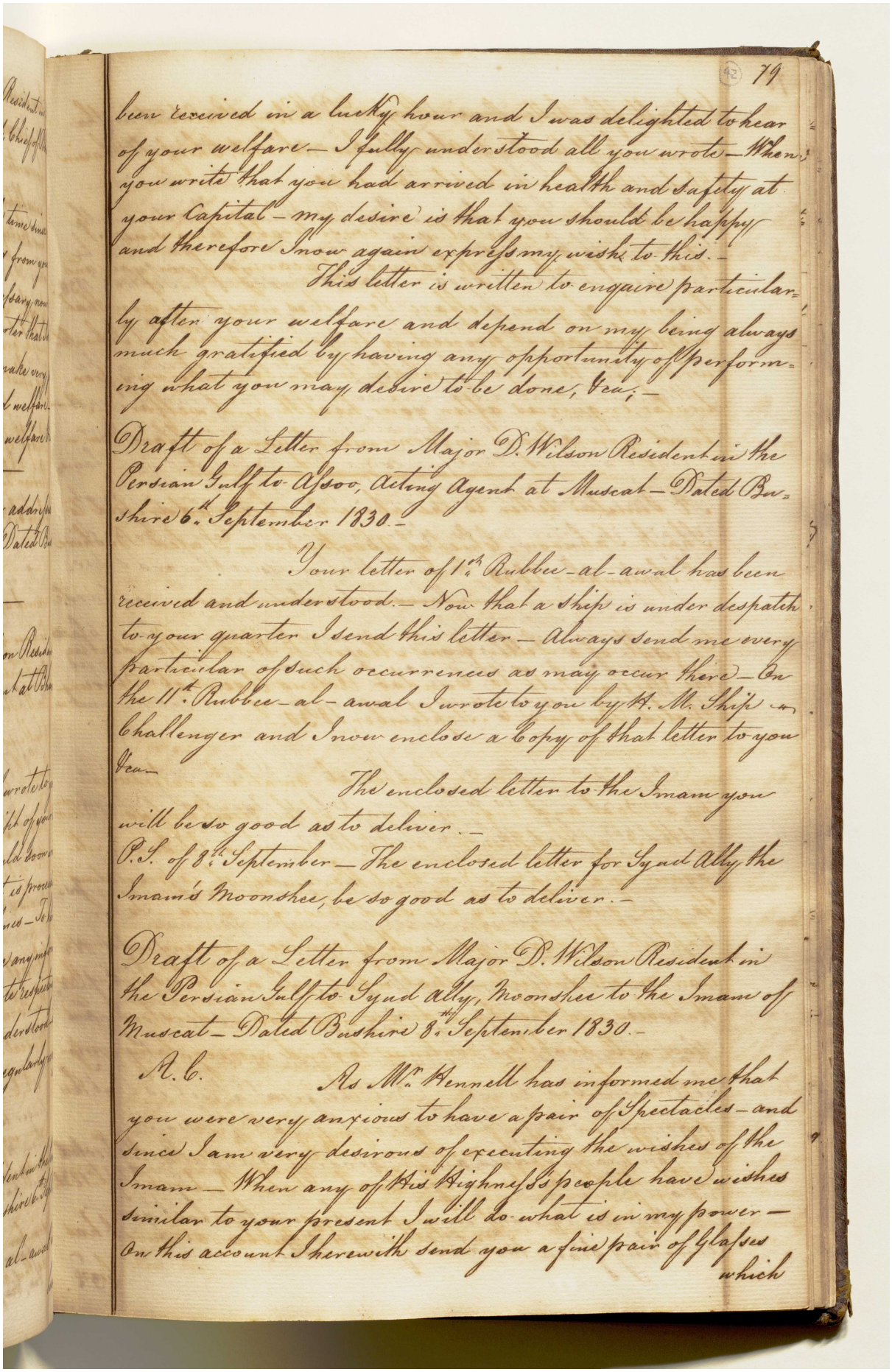
Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Cundoo. Acting Agent at Bharein Dated Bushire 6th. September 1830.-

On 9th. Rubbee-al-awal I wrote to you by a Boat and informed you of the receipt of your letter of the 3rd. of that Month- and told you I would soon write again by a Ship- Now that the Amherst is proceeding to your quarter, I by her send these few lines- To her Captain Wyndham you will of course give any information on all subjects- That what you wrote respecting the Wahabees and the Pearl divers was also understood- and you will doubtless continue to send me regularly every information.-

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to H.H. the Imam of Muscat- Dated Bushire 6th. Sept. 1830.

A.C. Your letter of 4th. Rubbee-al-awal has been



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been received in a lucky hour and I was delighted to hear of your welfare— I fully understood all you wrote— When you write that you had arrived in health and safety at your Capital— my desire is that you should be happy and therefore I now again express my wish to this.—

This letter is written to engage particularly after your welfare and depend on my being always much gratified by having any opportunity of performing what you may desire to be done, &c.;—

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Afsoo, Acting Agent at Muscat— Dated Bushire 6th. September 1830.—

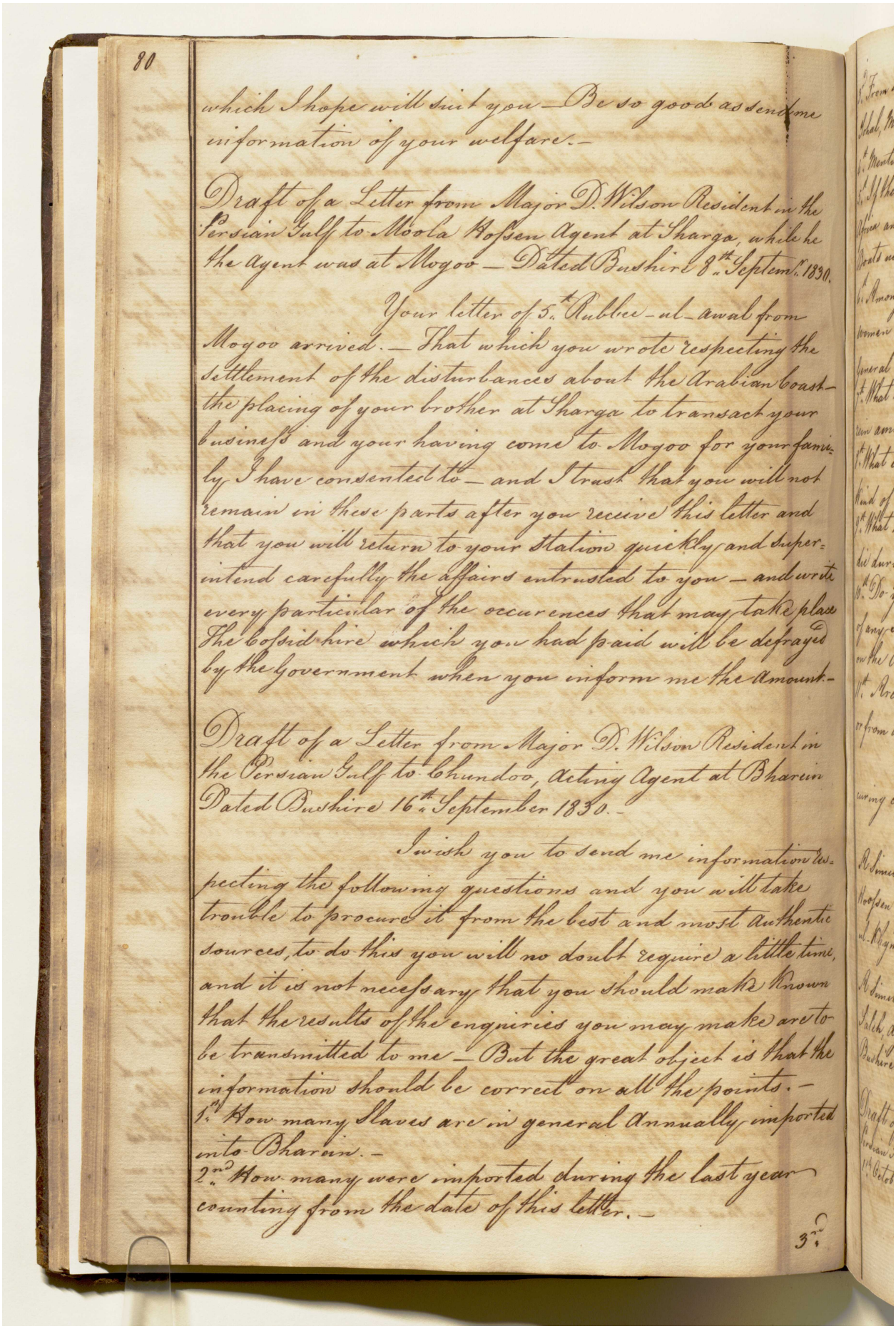
Your letter of 1st. Rubbee-al-awal has been received and understood.— Now that a Ship is under despatch to your quarter I send this letter— Always send me every particular of such occurrences as may occur there— On the 11th. Rubbee-al-awal I wrote to you by H. M. Ship Challenger and I now enclose a Copy of that letter to you &c.—

The enclosed letter to the Imam you will be so good as to deliver.—

P.S. of 8th. September— The enclosed letter for Syud Ally the Imam's Moonshee, be so good as to deliver.—

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Syud Ally, Moonshee to the Imam of Muscat— Dated Bushire 8th. September 1830.—

A. C. As Mr. Bennell has informed me that you were very anxious to have a pair of Spectacles— and since I am very desirous of executing the wishes of the Imam— When any of His Highness's people have wishes similar to your present I will do what is in my power— On this account I herewith send you a fine pair of Glasses which



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which I hope will suit you — Be so good as send me information of your welfare. —

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Moola Hoosen Agent at Sharga, while he the Agent was at Mogoo — Dated Bushire 8th Septem.r 1830.

Your letter of 5th Rubbee-ul-awal from Mogoo arrived. — That which you wrote respecting the settlement of the disturbances about the Arabian Coast — the placing of your brother at Sharga to transact your business and your having come to Mogoo for your family I have consented to — and I trust that you will not remain in these parts after you receive this letter and that you will return to your station quickly and superintend carefully the affairs entrusted to you — and write every particular of the occurences that may take place The Cossid hire which you had paid will be defrayed by the Government when you inform me the Amount —

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Chundoo, Acting Agent at Bharein Dated Bushire 16th September 1830. —

I wish you to send me information respecting the following questions and you will take trouble to procure it from the best and most authentic sources, to do this you will no doubt require a little time, and it is not necessary that you should make known that the results of the engiries you may make are to be transmitted to me — But the great object is that the information should be correct on all the points. —

1st How many Slaves are in general Annually imported into Bharein. —

2nd How many were imported during the last year counting from the date of this letter. —

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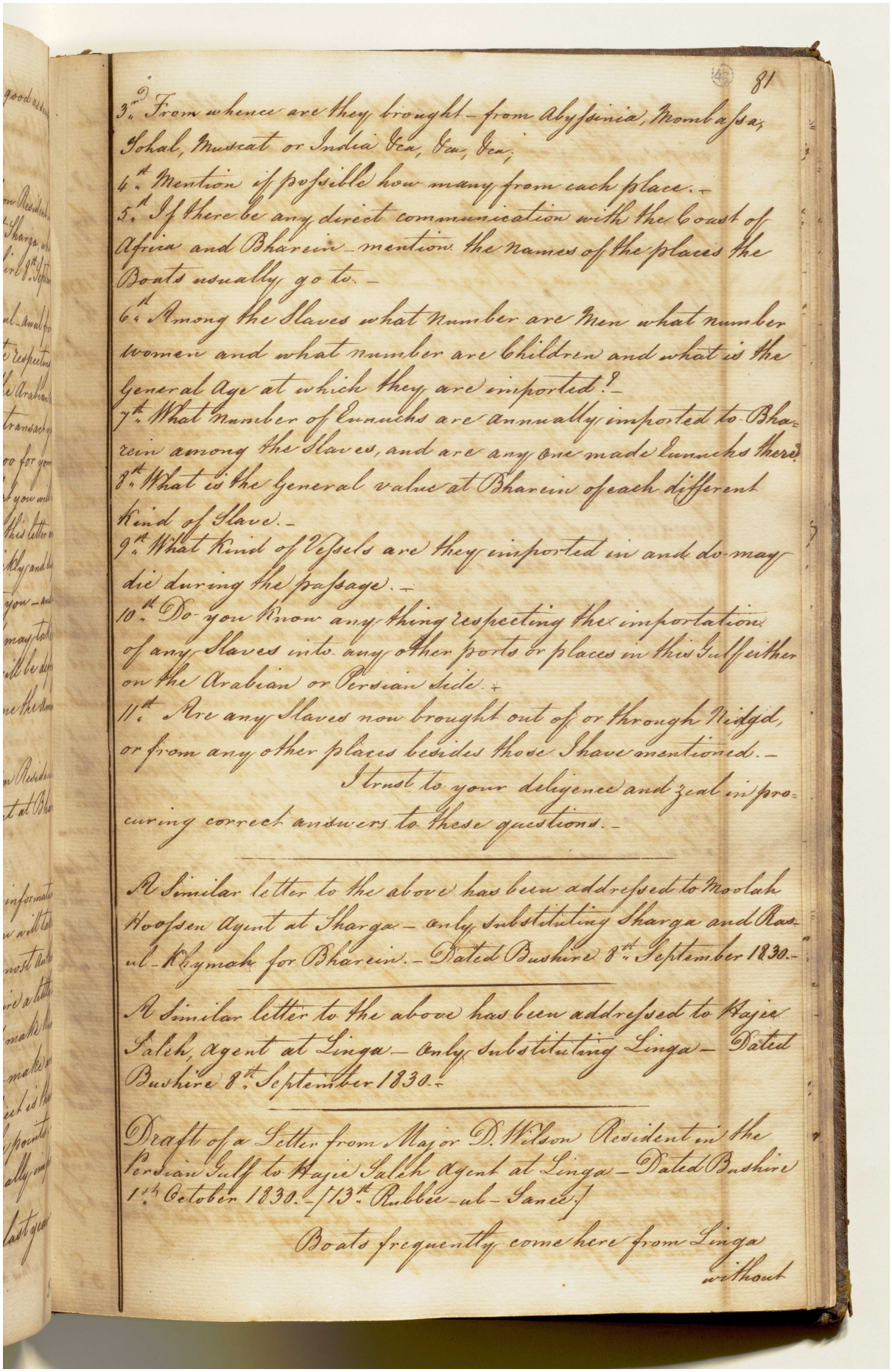

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3d. From whence are they brought – from Abyssinia, Mombassa, Johal, Muscat or India &c, &c, &c;
4th. Mention if possible how many from each place. –
5th. If there be any direct communication with the Coast of Africa and Bharein – mention the names of the places the Boats usually go to. –
6th. Among the Slaves what number are Men what number women and what number are Children and what is the General Age at which they are imported? –
7th. What number of Eunuchs are annually imported to Bharein among the Slaves, and are any one made Eunuchs there?
8th. What is the General value at Bharein of each different kind of Slave. –
9th. What kind of Vessels are they imported in and do many die during the passage. –
10th. Do you know any thing respecting the importation of any Slaves into any other ports or places in this Gulf either on the Arabian or Persian Side. ÷
11th. Are any Slaves now brought out of or through Nidjd, or from any other places besides those I have mentioned. –

I trust to your deligence and zeal in procuring correct answers to these questions. –

A Similar letter to the above has been addressed to Moolah Hoosen Agent at Sharga – only substituting Sharga and Ras-ul-Khymah for Bharein. – Dated Bushire 8th. September 1830. –

A Similar letter to the above has been addressed to Hajee Saleh, agent at Linga – only substituting Linga – Dated Bushire 8th. September 1830. –

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Hajee Saleh Agent at Linga – Dated Bushire 1st. October 1830. – /13th. Rubbee-ul-Sanee/

Boats frequently come here from Linga without

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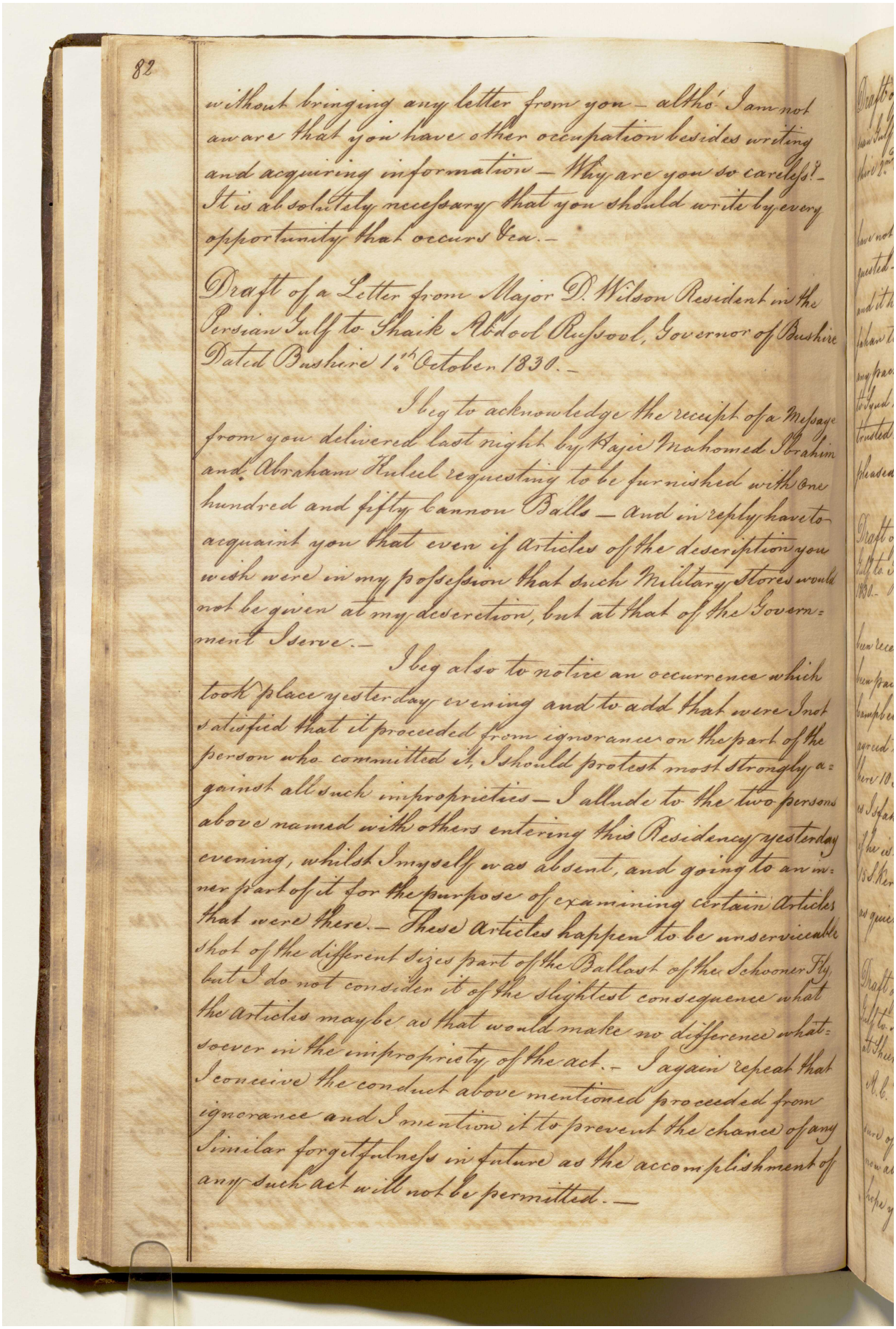

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without bringing any letter from you — altho' I am not aware that you have other occupation besides writing and acquiring information — Why are you so careless? — It is absolutely necessary that you should write by every opportunity that occurs Dea. —

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Abdool Rusool, Governor of Bushire Dated Bushire 1st October 1830. —

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a Message from you delivered last night by Agie Mahomed Ibrahim and Abraham Rulel requesting to be furnished with one hundred and fifty Cannon Balls — and in reply have to acquaint you that even if articles of the description you wish were in my possession that such Military Stores would not be given at my descretion, but at that of the Government I Serve. —

I beg also to notice an occurrence which took place yesterday evening and to add that were I not satisfied that it proceeded from ignorance on the part of the person who committed it, I should protest most strongly against all such improprieties — I allude to the two persons above named with others entering this Residency yesterday evening, whilst I myself was absent, and going to an inner part of it for the purpose of examining certain Articles that were there. — These articles happen to be unserviceable shot of the different sizes part of the Ballast of the Schooner Fly but I do not consider it of the slightest consequence what the Articles may be as that would make no difference whatsoever in the impropriety of the act. — I again repeat that I conceive the conduct above mentioned proceeded from ignorance and I mention it to prevent the chance of any Similar forgetfulness in future as the accomplishment of any such act will not be permitted. —

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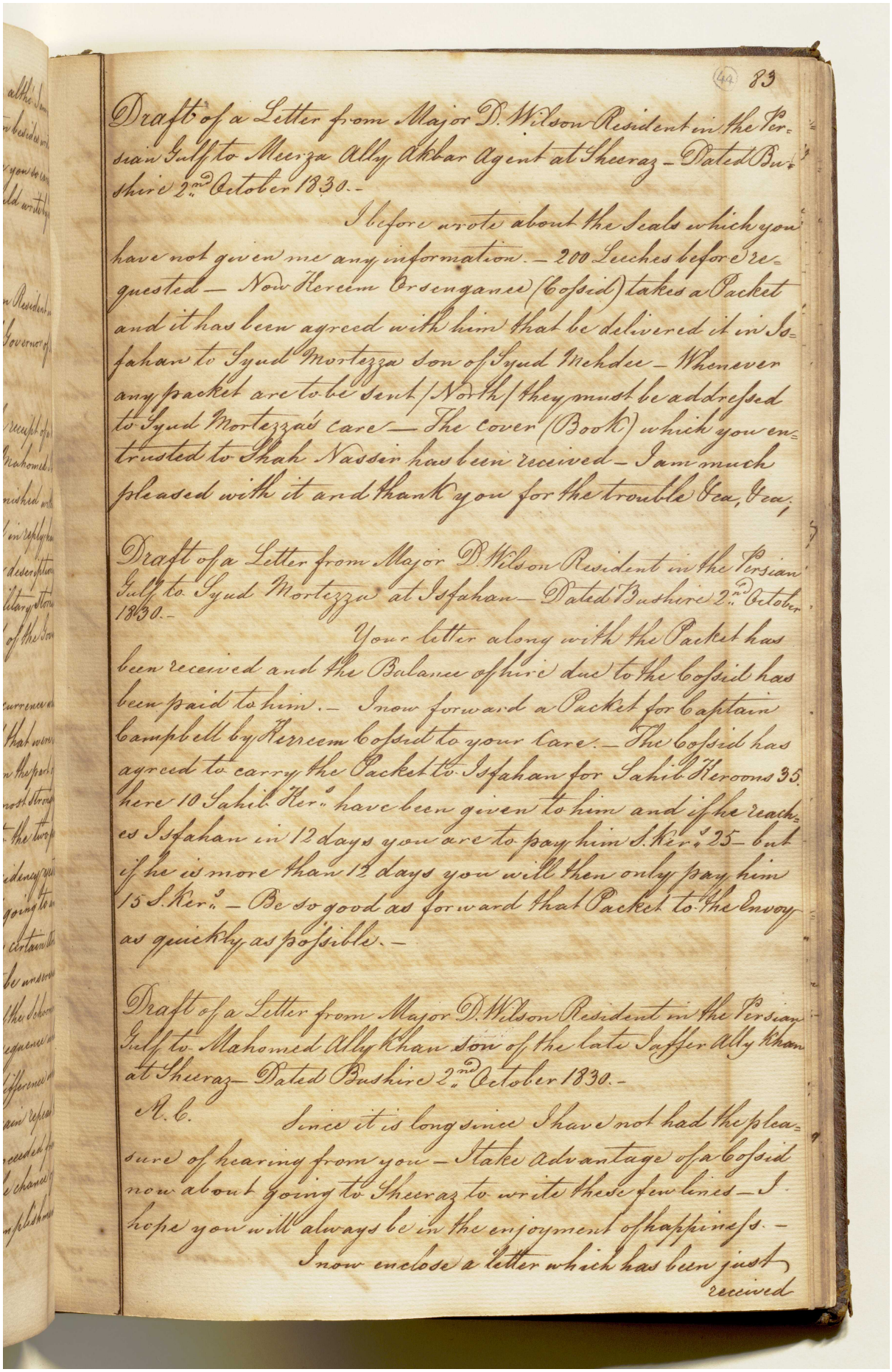

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Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Meerza Ally Akbar Agent at Sheeraz – Dated Bushire 2nd October 1830.–

I before wrote about the Seals which you have not given me any information. – 200 Leeches before requested – Now Kereem Ersenganee (Cossid) takes a Packet and it has been agreed with him that he delivered it in Isfahan to Syud Mortezza Son of Syud Mehdee – Whenever any packet are to be sent /North/ they must be addressed to Syud Mortezza's care – The cover (Book) which you entrusted to Shah Nassir has been received – I am much pleased with it and thank you for the trouble &c, &c,

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Syud Mortezza at Isfahan – Dated Bushire 2nd October 1830.–

Your letter along with the Packet has been received and the Balance of hire due to the Cossid has been paid to him.– I now forward a Packet for Captain Campbell by Kereem Cossid to your care.– The Cossid has agreed to carry the Packet to Isfahan for Sahib Kerooms 35 here 10 Sahib Ker.s have been given to him and if he reaches Isfahan in 12 days you are to pay him S. Ker.s 25– but if he is more than 12 days you will then only pay him 15 S. Ker.s – Be so good as forward that Packet to the Envoy as quickly as possible.–

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Mahomed Ally Khan Son of the late Jaffer Ally Khan at Sheeraz – Dated Bushire 2nd October 1830.–

N. C.

Since it is long since I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you – I take advantage of a Cossid now about going to Sheeraz to write these few lines – I hope you will always be in the enjoyment of happiness. –

I now enclose a letter which has been just received

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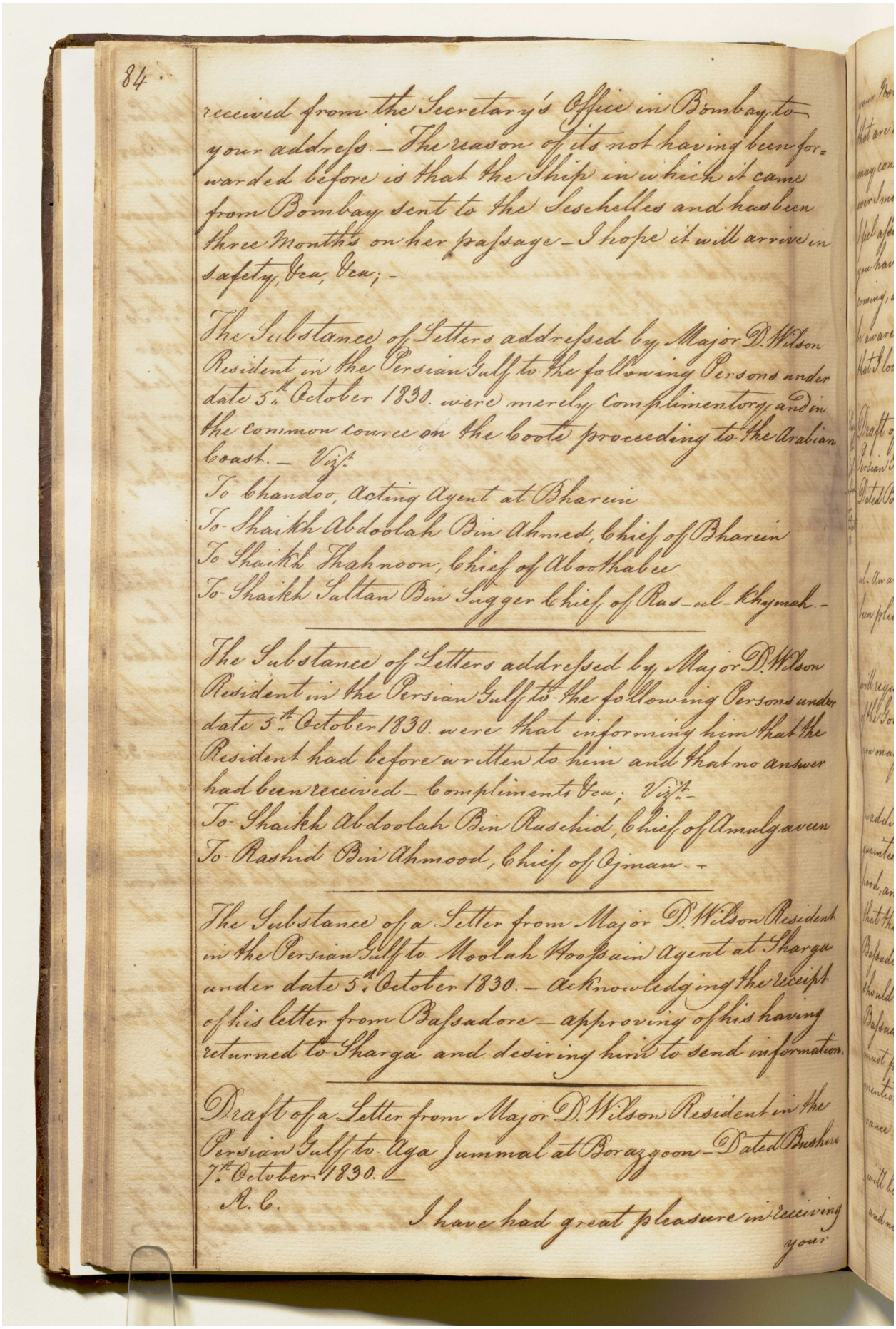

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received from the Secretary's Office in Bombay to your address.— The reason of its not having been forwarded before is that the Ship in which it came from Bombay sent to the Seschelles and has been three Months on her passage— I hope it will arrive in safety, &c, &c;-

The Substance of Letters addressed by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the following Persons under date 5th October 1830. were merely Complimentory, and in the common course on the Coole proceeding to the Arabian Coast.— Viz.

To Chandoo, acting Agent at Bharein
To Shaikh Abdoolah Bin Ahmed, Chief of Bharein
To Shaikh Thahnoon, Chief of Aboothabee
To Shaikh Sultan Bin Sugger Chief of Ras-ul-Khymah.-

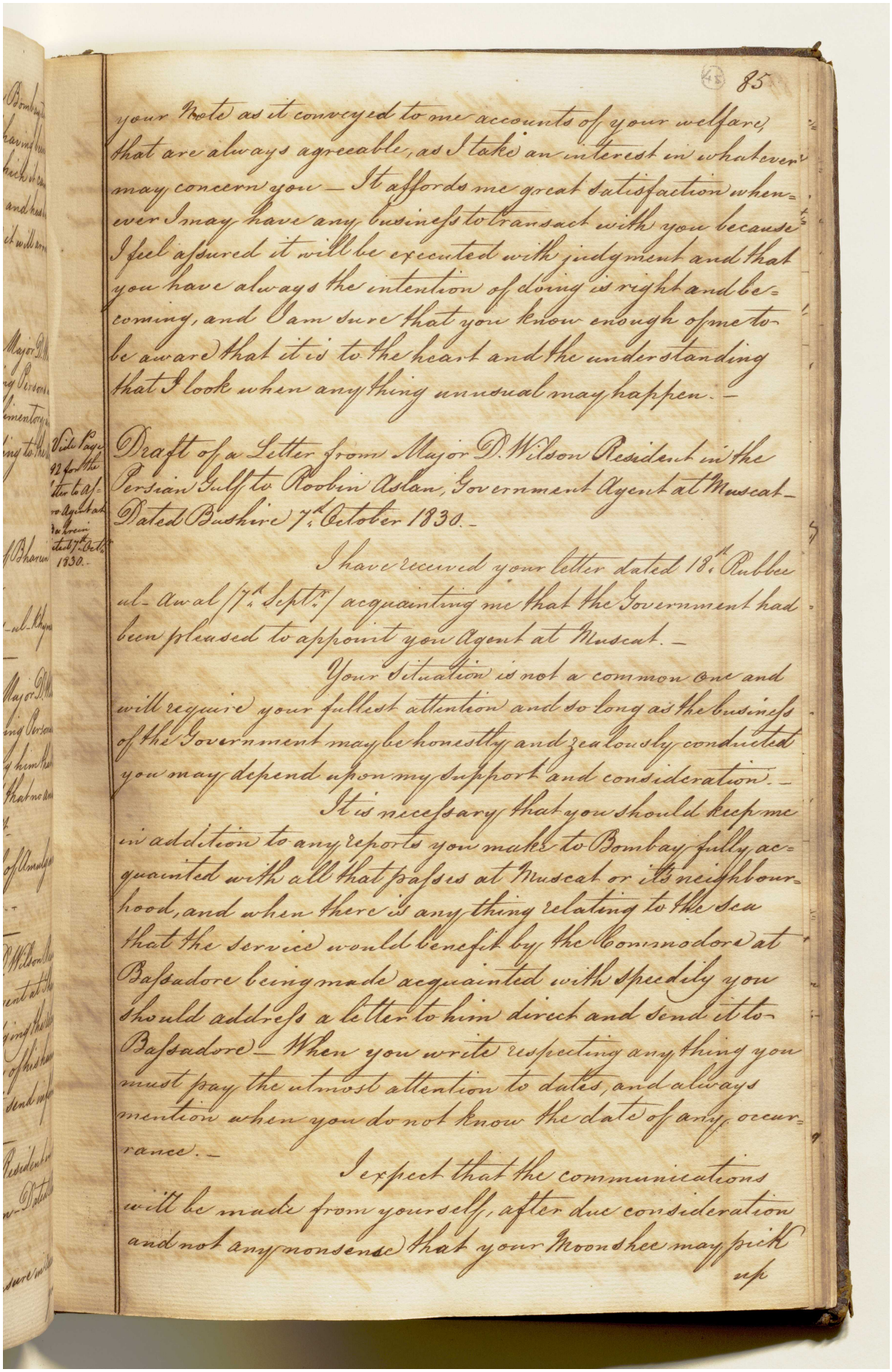
The Substance of Letters addressed by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to the following Persons under date 5th October 1830. were that informing him that the Resident had before written to him and that no answer had been received— Compliments &c; Viz.-
To Shaikh Abdoolah Bin Rashid, Chief of Amulgaveen
To Rashid Bin Ahmood, Chief of Ejman.-

The Substance of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Moolah Hoosain Agent at Sharga under date 5th October 1830.— acknowledging the receipt of his letter from Bassadore— approving of his having returned to Sharga and desiring him to send information.

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Aga Jummal at Borazgoon— Dated Bushire 7th October 1830.

R. C.

I have had great pleasure in receiving your



your Note as it conveyed to me accounts of your welfare, that are always agreeable, as I take an interest in whatever may concern you — It affords me great satisfaction whenever I may have any business to transact with you because I feel assured it will be executed with judgment and that you have always the intention of doing is right and becoming, and I am sure that you know enough of me to be aware that it is to the heart and the understanding that I look when anything unusual may happen. —

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Roobin Aslan, Government Agent at Muscat — Dated Bushire 7th October 1830. —

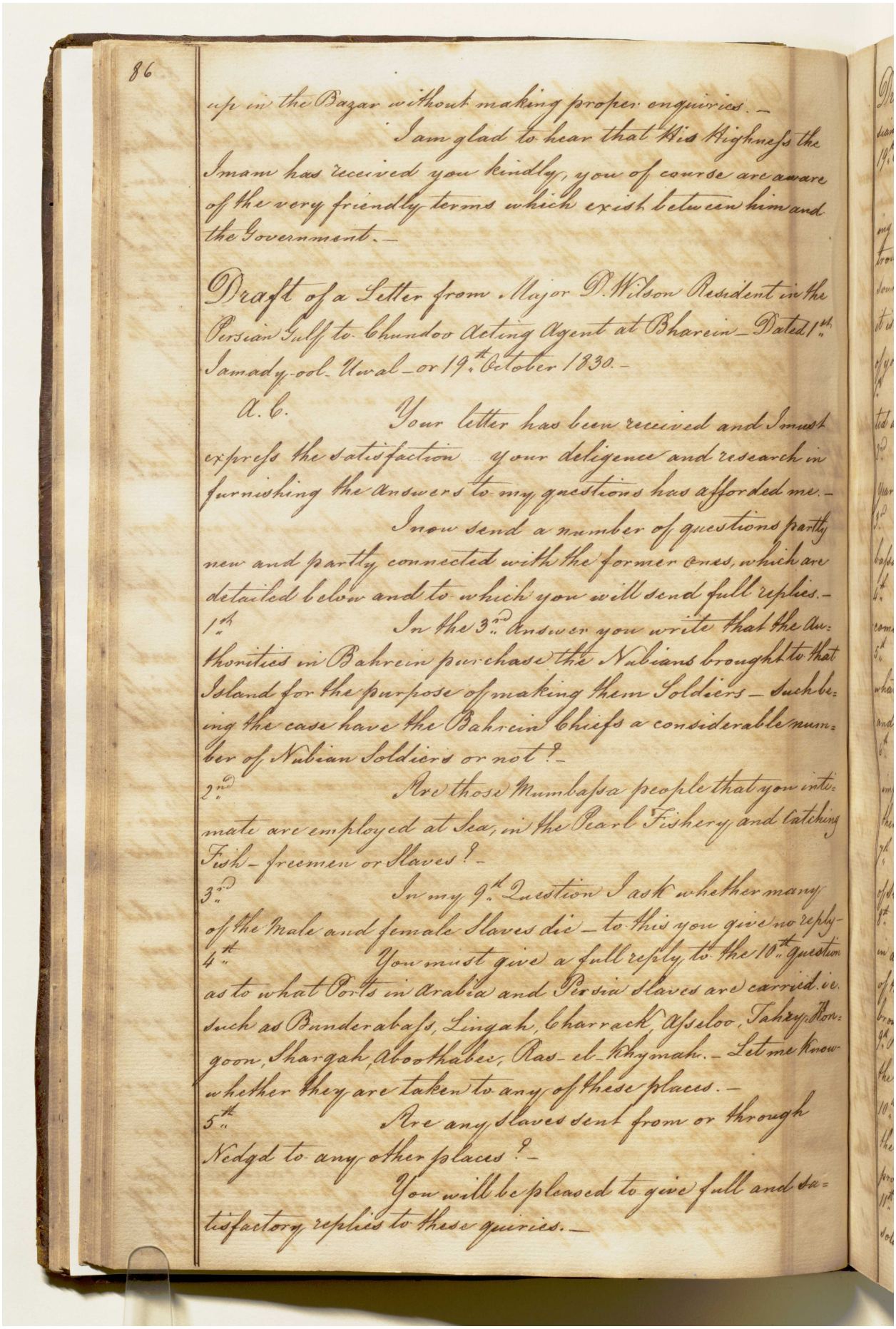
Vide Page 92 for the letter to Aslan Agent at Bahrein dated 7th Octr 1830.

I have received your letter dated 18th Rubbee ul-Awal (7th Septr) acquainting me that the Government had been pleased to appoint you Agent at Muscat. —

Your Situation is not a common one and will require your fullest attention and so long as the business of the Government may be honestly and zealously conducted you may depend upon my support and consideration. —

It is necessary that you should keep me in addition to any reports you make to Bombay fully acquainted with all that passes at Muscat or its neighbourhood, and when there is any thing relating to the sea that the service would benefit by the Commodore at Bassadore being made acquainted with speedily you should address a letter to him direct and send it to Bassadore — When you write respecting any thing you must pay the utmost attention to dates, and always mention when you do not know the date of any occurrance. —

I expect that the communications will be made from yourself, after due consideration and not any nonsense that your Moonshee may pick up



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up in the Bazar without making proper enquiries.—

I am glad to hear that His Highness the Imam has received you kindly, you of course are aware of the very friendly terms which exist between him and the Government.—

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Chundoo Acting Agent at Bharein—Dated 1st Jamady-ool-Uwal—or 19th October 1830.—

A. C. Your letter has been received and I must express the satisfaction your deligence and research in furnishing the answers to my questions has afforded me.—

I now send a number of questions partly new and partly connected with the former ones, which are detailed below and to which you will send full replies.—

1st In the 3rd Answer you write that the Authorities in Bahrein purchase the Nubians brought to that Island for the purpose of making them Soldiers—Such being the case have the Bahrein Chiefs a considerable number of Nubian Soldiers or not?—

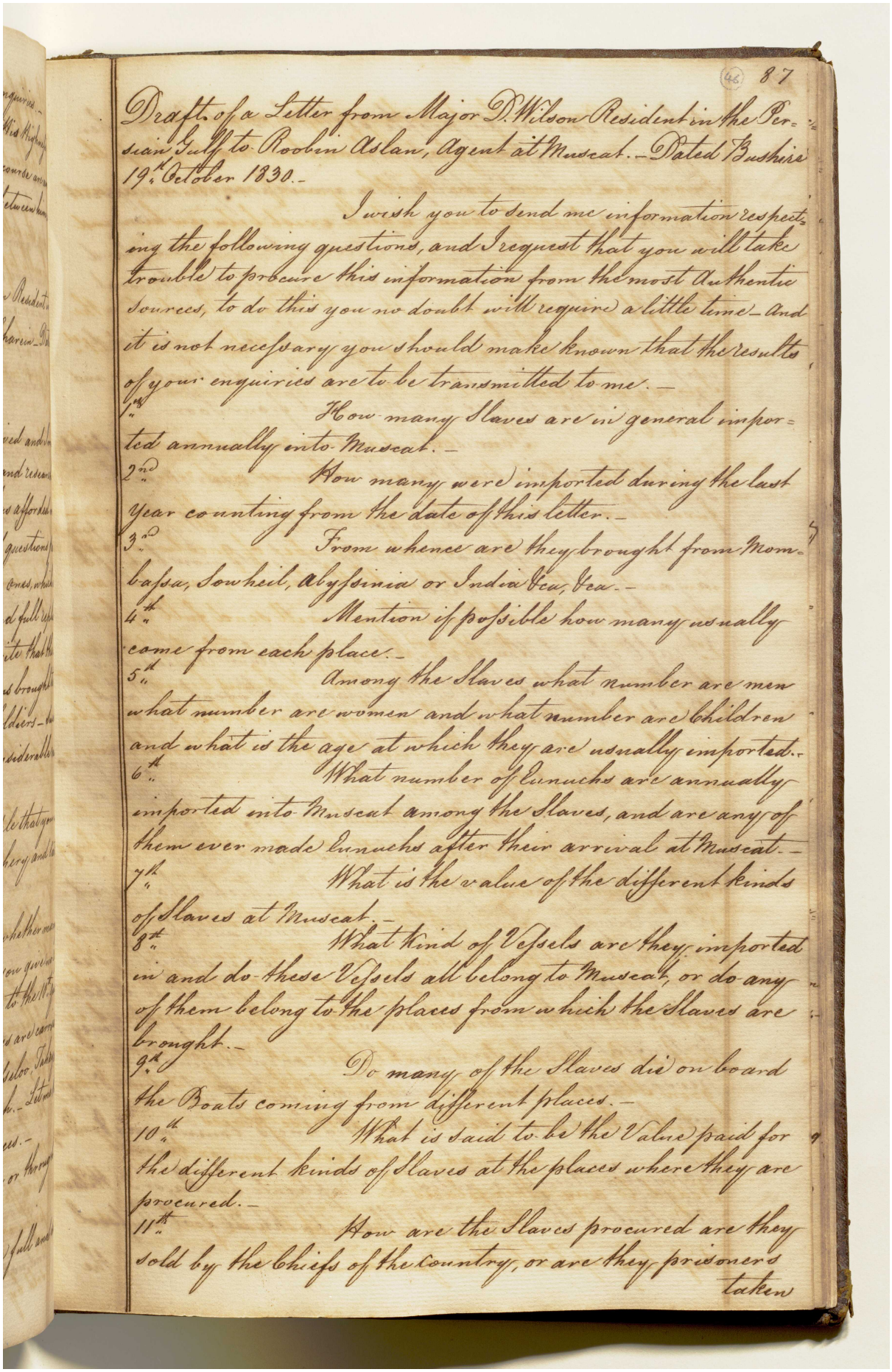
2nd Are those Mumbassa people that you intimate are employed at Sea, in the Pearl Fishery and Catching Fish—freemen or Slaves?—

3rd In my 9th Question I ask whether many of the Male and female Slaves die—to this you give no reply—

4th You must give a full reply to the 10th question as to what Ports in Arabia and Persia Slaves are carried. ie. such as Bunderabass, Lingah, Charrack, Asseloo, Tahzy, Bongoon, Shargah, Aboothabee, Ras-el-khymah.—Let me know whether they are taken to any of these places.—

5th Are any Slaves sent from or through Nedjd to any other places?—

You will be pleased to give full and satisfactory replies to these queries.—



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Draft. of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Roobin Aslan, Agent at Muscat.—Dated Bushire 19th October 1830.—

I wish you to send me information respecting the following questions, and I request that you will take trouble to procure this information from the most Authentic sources, to do this you no doubt will require a little time—And it is not necessary you should make known that the results of your enquiries are to be transmitted to me.—

1st " How many Slaves are in general imported annually into Muscat.—

2nd " How many were imported during the last year counting from the date of this letter.—

3rd " From whence are they brought from Mombassa, Sowheil, Abyssinia or India &c, &c.—

4th " Mention if possible how many usually come from each place.—

5th " Among the Slaves what number are men what number are women and what number are children and what is the age at which they are usually imported.—

6th " What number of Eunuchs are annually imported into Muscat among the Slaves, and are any of them ever made Eunuchs after their arrival at Muscat.—

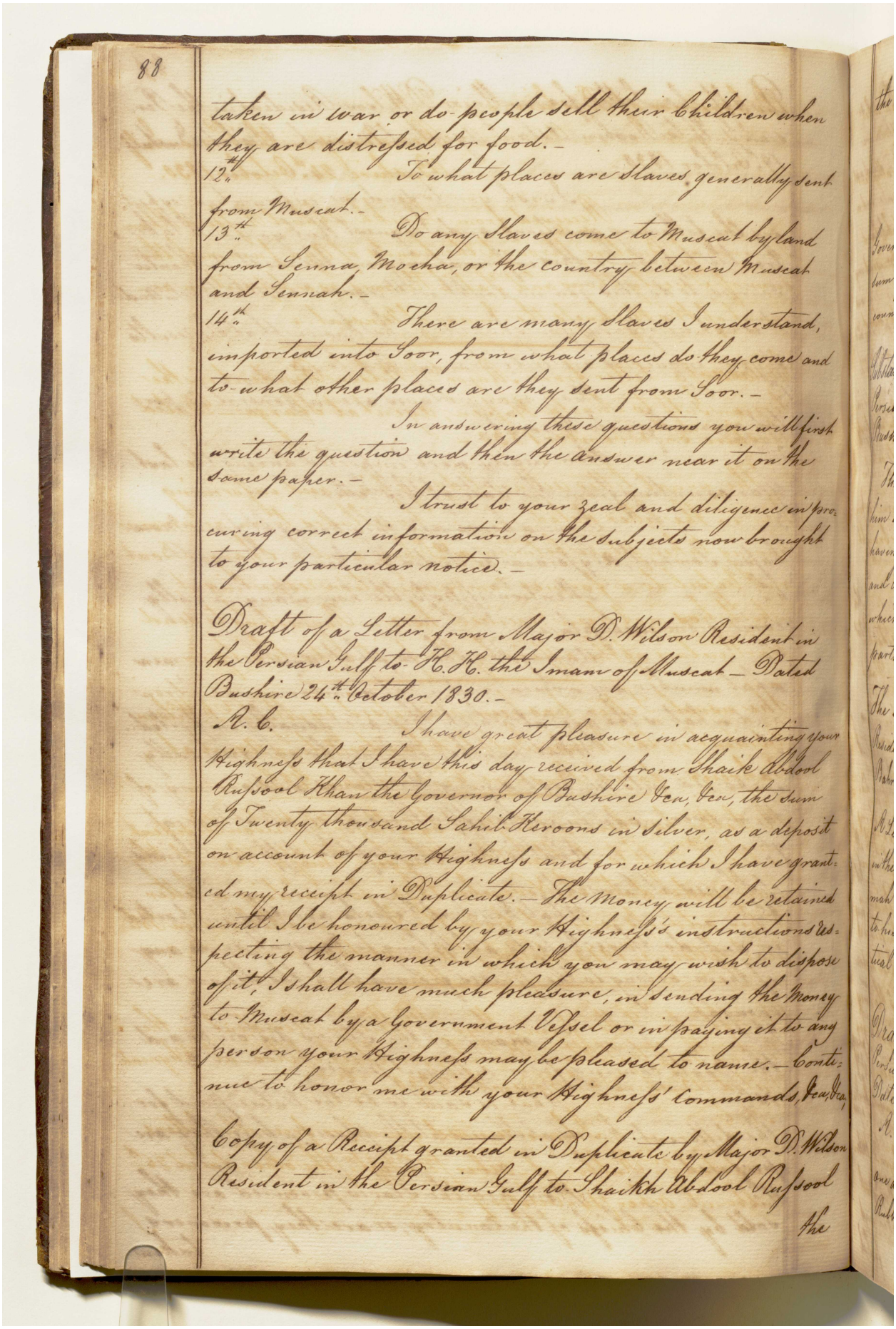
7th " What is the value of the different kinds of Slaves at Muscat.—

8th " What kind of Vessels are they imported in and do these Vessels all belong to Muscat, or do any of them belong to the places from which the Slaves are brought.—

9th " Do many of the Slaves die on board the Boats coming from different places.—

10th " What is said to be the Value paid for the different kinds of Slaves at the places where they are procured.—

11th " How are the Slaves procured are they sold by the Chiefs of the Country, or are they prisoners taken



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taken in war or do people sell their Children when they are distressed for food.-

12th " To what places are Slaves generally sent from Muscat.-

13th " Do any Slaves come to Muscat by land from Senna, Mocha, or the country between Muscat and Sennah.-

14th " There are many Slaves I understand, imported into Soor, from what places do they come and to what other places are they sent from Soor.-

In answering these questions you will first write the question and then the answer near it on the same paper.-

I trust to your zeal and diligence in procuring correct information on the subjects now brought to your particular notice.-

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to H.H. the Imam of Muscat - Dated Bushire 24th October 1830.-

A.C. I have great pleasure in acquainting your Highness that I have this day received from Shaik Abdool Russool Khan the Governor of Bushire &c, &c, the sum of Twenty thousand Sahib Keroons in Silver, as a deposit on account of your Highness and for which I have granted my receipt in Duplicate.- The Money will be retained until I be honoured by your Highness's instructions respecting the manner in which you may wish to dispose of it, I shall have much pleasure, in sending the Money to Muscat by a Government Vessel or in paying it to any person your Highness may be pleased to name.- Continue to honor me with your Highness' Commands, &c, &c,

Copy of a Receipt granted in Duplicate by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaikh Abdool Russool

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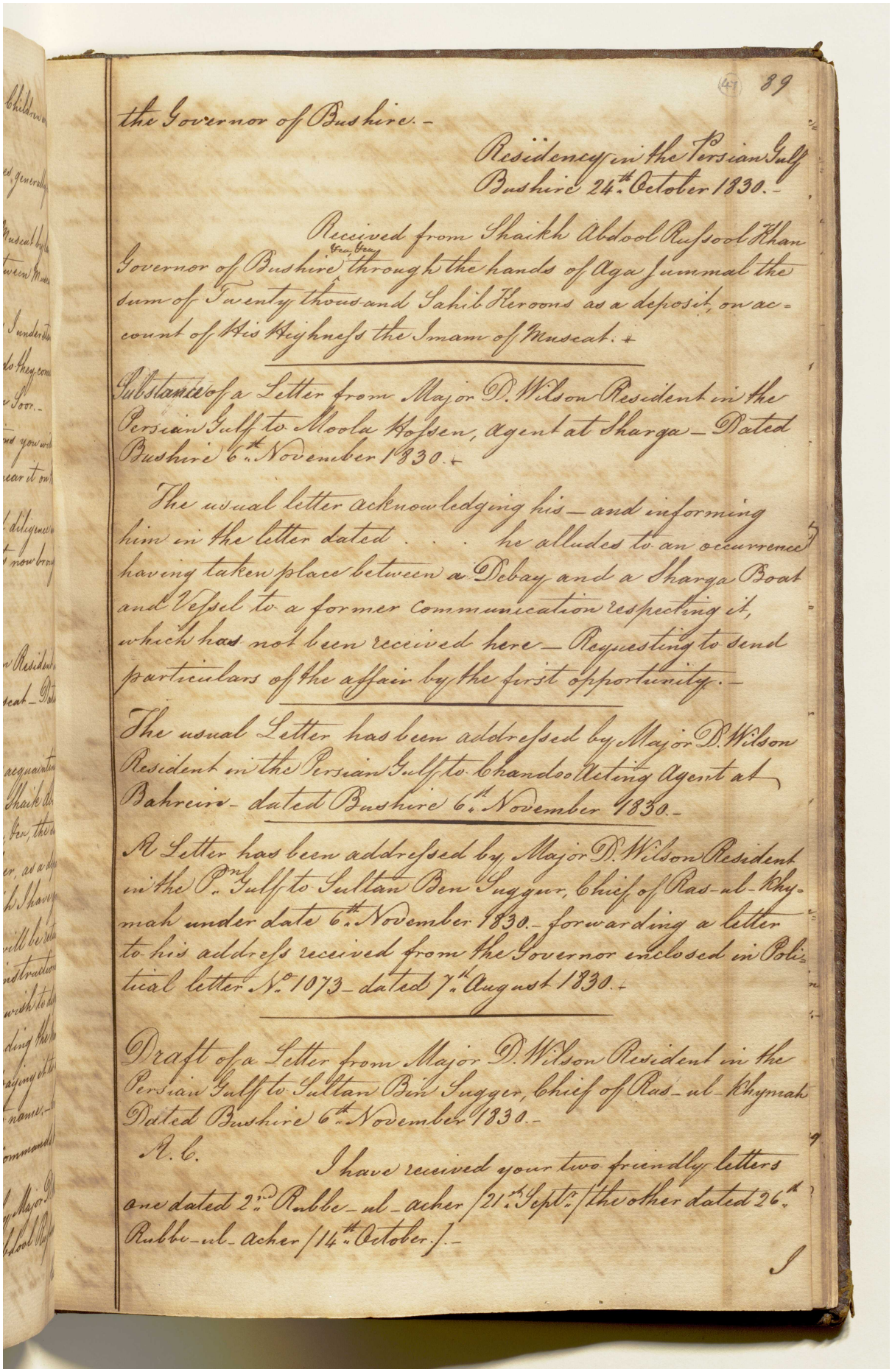

the Governor of Bushire.-

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire 24th. October 1830.-

Received from Shaikh Abdool Russool Khan Governor of Bushire through the hands of Aga Jummal the sum of Twenty thousand Sahib Keroons as a deposit, on account of His Highness the Imam of Muscat.+

Substance of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Moola Hoosen, Agent at Sharga - Dated Bushire 6th. November 1830.+

The usual letter acknowledging his - and informing him in the letter dated . . . he alludes to an occurrence having taken place between a Debay and a Sharga Boat and Vessel to a former communication respecting it, which has not been received here - Requesting to send particulars of the affair by the first opportunity.-

The usual Letter has been addressed by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Chandoo Acting Agent at Bahrein - dated Bushire 6th. November 1830.-

A Letter has been addressed by Major D. Wilson Resident in the P.G. to Sultan Ben Suggur, Chief of Ras-ul-Khymah under date 6th. November 1830.- forwarding a letter to his address received from the Governor enclosed in Political letter No. 1073 - dated 7th. August 1830.+

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Sultan Bin Sugger, Chief of Ras-ul-Khymah Dated Bushire 6th. November 1830.-

A. C.

I have received your two friendly letters one dated 2nd. Rubbe-ul-acher / 21st. Sept. / the other dated 26th. Rubbe-ul-acher / 14th. October. /.-

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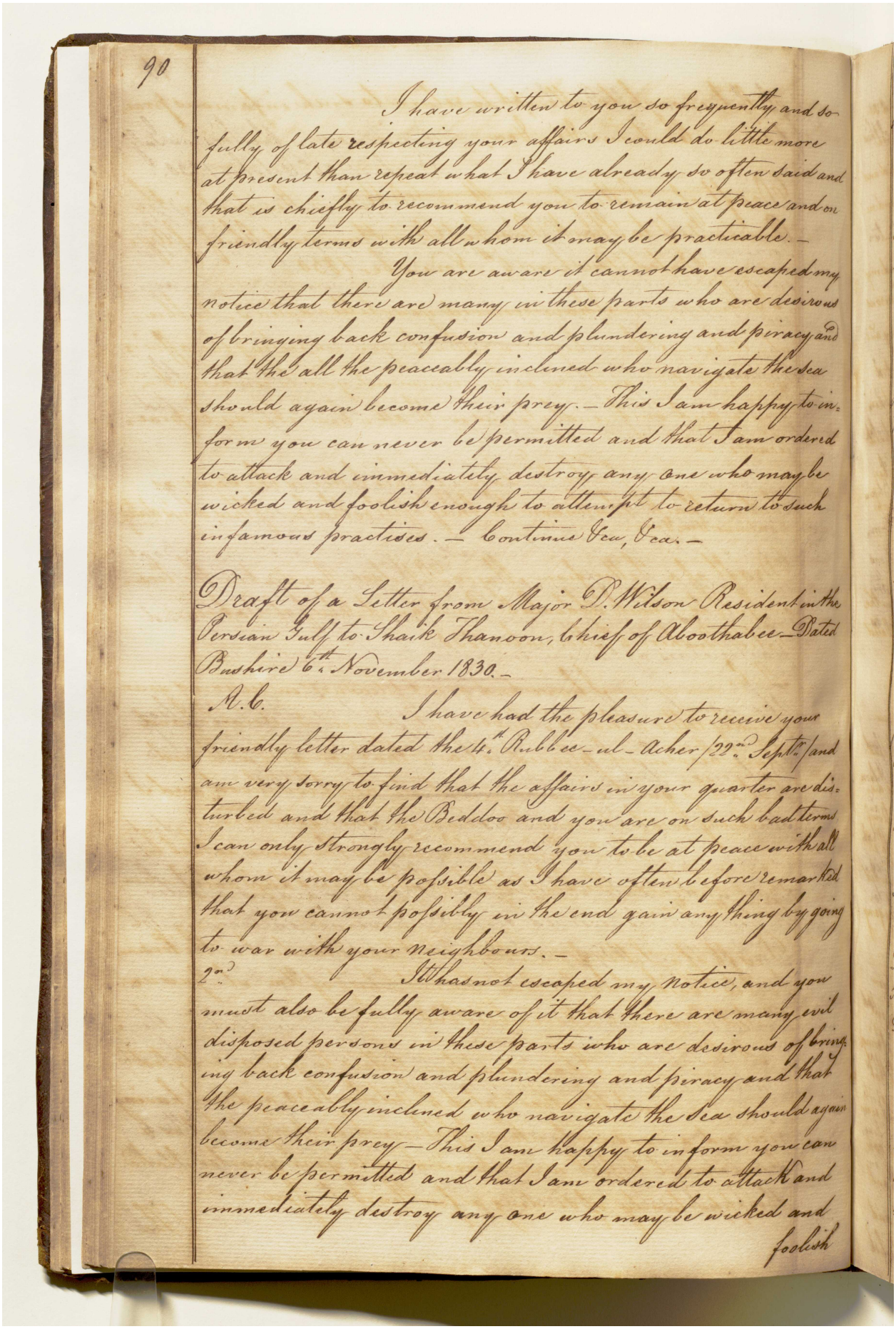

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I have written to you so frequently and so fully of late respecting your affairs I could do little more at present than repeat what I have already so often said and that is chiefly to recommend you to remain at peace and on friendly terms with all whom it may be practicable. –

You are aware it cannot have escaped my notice that there are many in these parts who are desirous of bringing back confusion and plundering and piracy and that the all the peaceably inclined who navigate the sea should again become their prey. – This I am happy to inform you can never be permitted and that I am ordered to attack and immediately destroy any one who may be wicked and foolish enough to attempt to return to such infamous practises. – Continue &c, &c. –

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Thanoon, Chief of Aboothabee – Dated Bushire 6th November 1830. –

N.6. I have had the pleasure to receive your friendly letter dated the 4th Rubbee-ul-Acher / 22nd Sept.r / and am very sorry to find that the affairs in your quarter are disturbed and that the Beddoo and you are on such bad terms I can only strongly recommend you to be at peace with all whom it may be possible as I have often before remarked that you cannot possibly in the end gain any thing by going to war with your neighbours. –

2nd It has not escaped my notice, and you must also be fully aware of it that there are many evil disposed persons in these parts who are desirous of bringing back confusion and plundering and piracy and that the peaceably inclined who navigate the sea should again become their prey – This I am happy to inform you can never be permitted and that I am ordered to attack and immediately destroy any one who may be wicked and foolish

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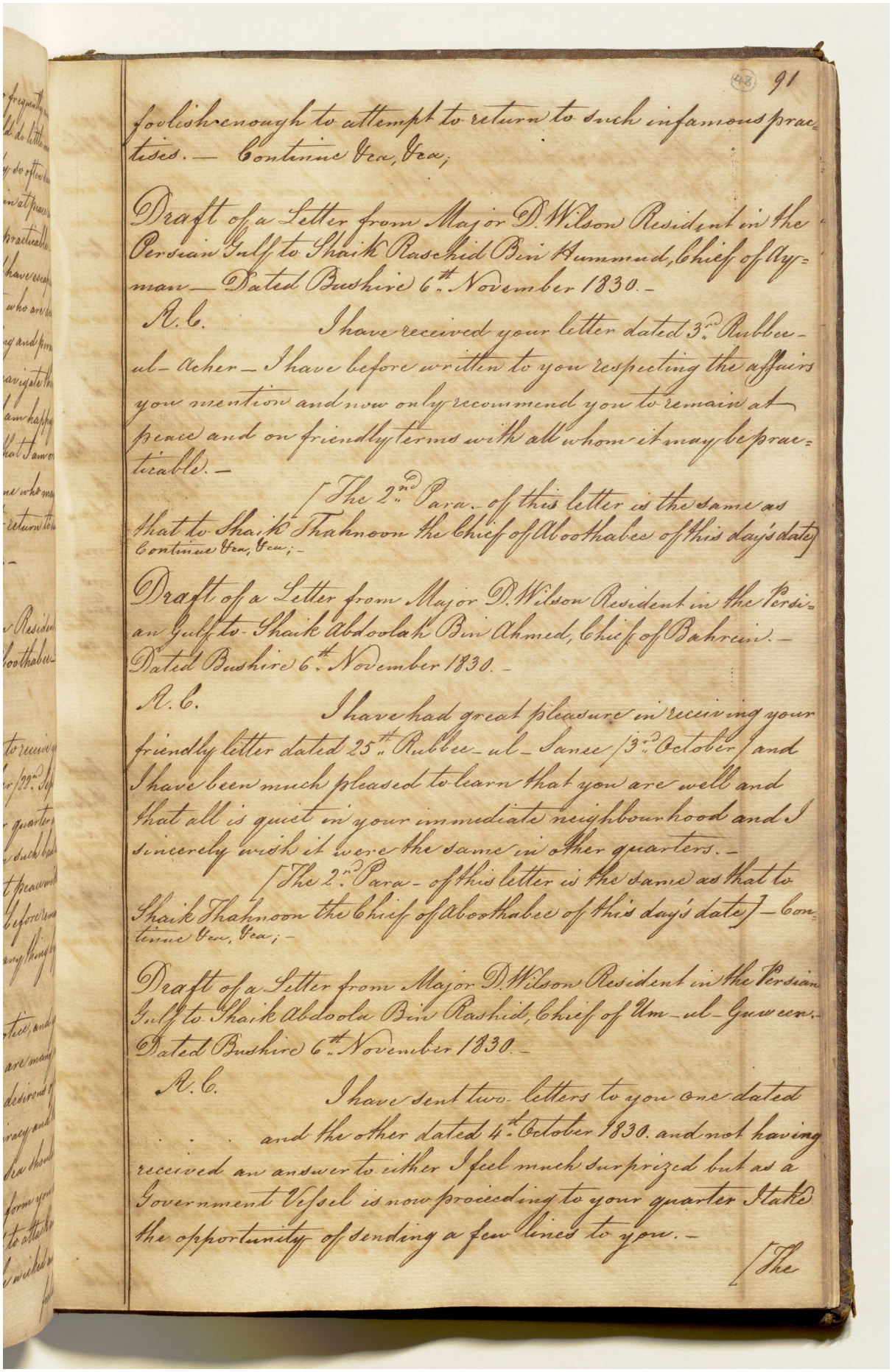

foolish enough to attempt to return to such infamous practises. — Continue Vera, Vera;

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Rashid Bin Hummud, Chief of Ajyman — Dated Bushire 6th November 1830. —

R. C. I have received your letter dated 3rd Rubbee-ul-Acher — I have before written to you respecting the affairs you mention and now only recommend you to remain at peace and on friendly terms with all whom it may be practicable. —

[The 2nd Para. of this letter is the same as that to Shaik Thahnoon the Chief of Abothabee of this day's date]
Continue Vera, Vera; —

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Abdoolah Bin Ahmed, Chief of Bahrein. —
Dated Bushire 6th November 1830. —

R. C. I have had great pleasure in receiving your friendly letter dated 25th Rubbee-ul-Sanee 3rd October and I have been much pleased to learn that you are well and that all is quiet in your immediate neighbourhood and I sincerely wish it were the same in other quarters. —

[The 2nd Para. of this letter is the same as that to Shaik Thahnoon the Chief of Abothabee of this day's date] — Continue Vera, Vera; —

Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Abdoola Bin Rashid, Chief of Um-ul-Guweens. —
Dated Bushire 6th November 1830. —

R. C. I have sent two letters to you one dated
. . . and the other dated 4th October 1830. and not having received an answer to either I feel much surprized but as a Government Vessel is now proceeding to your quarter I take the opportunity of sending a few lines to you. —

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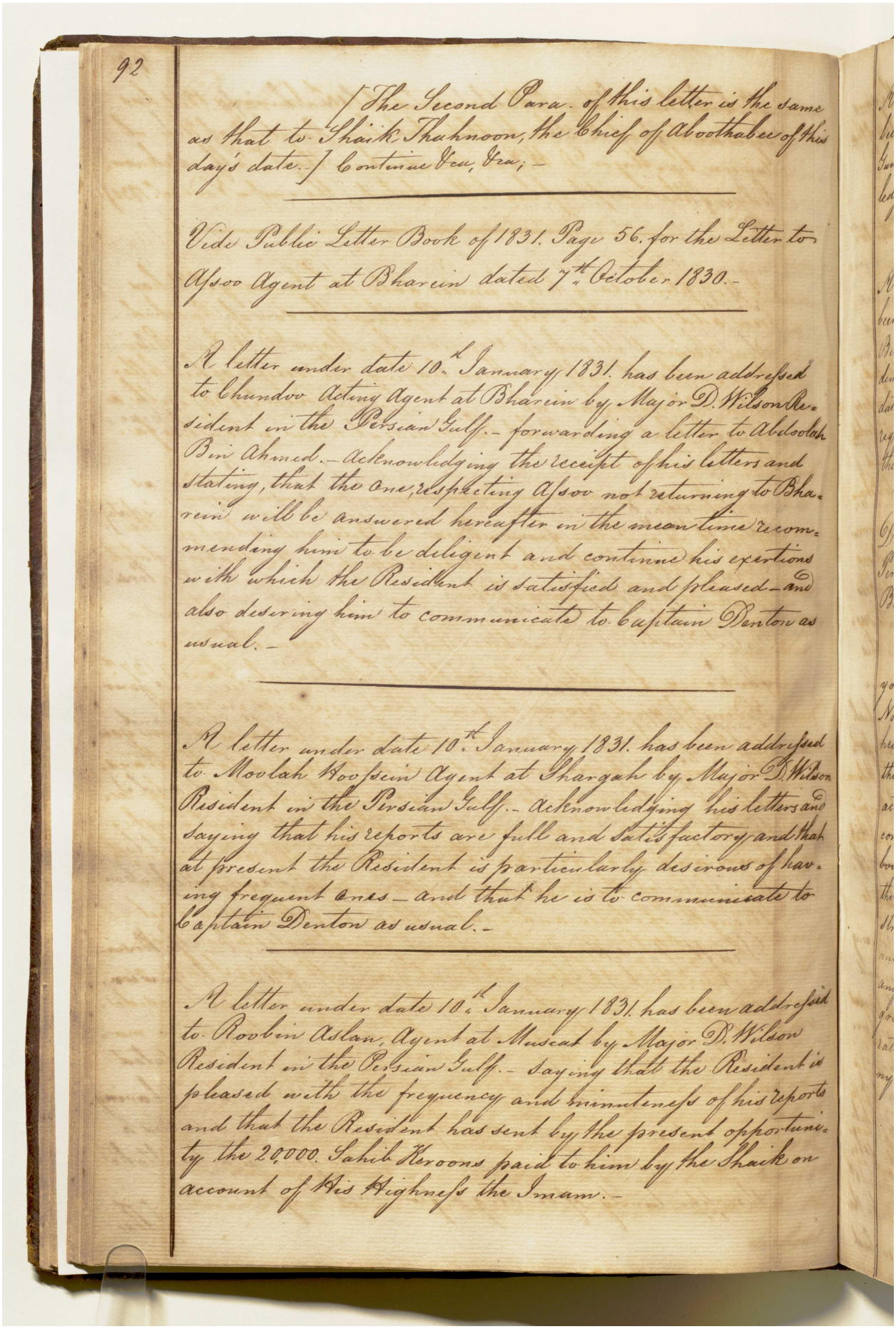

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[The Second Para. of this letter is the same as that to Shaik Thahnoon, the Chief of Aboothabee of this day's date.] Continue Dear, Dear, -

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A letter under date 10th January 1831. has been addressed to Chundoo Acting Agent at Bharein by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf. - forwarding a letter to Abdoolah Bin Ahmed. - Acknowledging the receipt of his letters and stating, that the one, respecting Afsoo not returning to Bharein will be answered hereafter in the mean time recommending him to be delegent and continue his exertions with which the Resident is satisfied and pleased - and also desiring him to communicate to Captain Denton as usual. -

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A letter under date 10th January 1831. has been addressed to Moolah Hoosein Agent at Shargah by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf. - Acknowledging his letters and saying that his reports are full and satisfactory and that at present the Resident is particularly desirous of having frequent ones - and that he is to communicate to Captain Denton as usual. -

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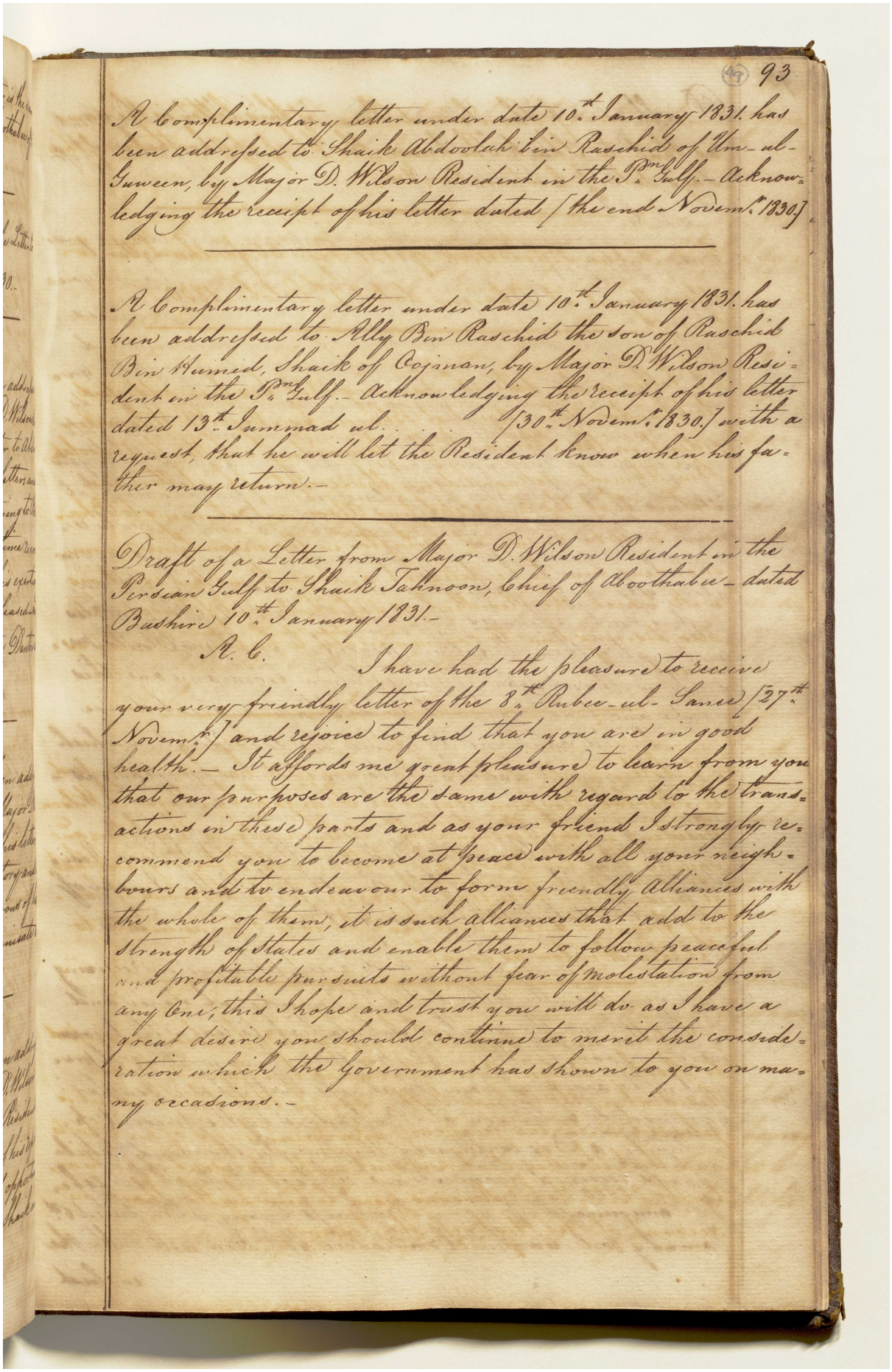
A letter under date 10th January 1831. has been addressed to Roobin Aslan, Agent at Muscat by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf. - saying that the Resident is pleased with the frequency and minuteness of his reports and that the Resident has sent by the present opportunity the 20,000 Sahib Keroons paid to him by the Shaick on account of His Highness the Imam. -



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A Complimentary letter under date 10th January 1831. has been addressed to Shaik Abdoolah bin Raschid of Um-ul-Guween, by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Pn Gulf.- Acknowledging the receipt of his letter dated [the end Novemr 1830.]

A Complimentary letter under date 10th January 1831. has been addressed to Ally Bin Raschid the son of Raschid Bin Humeid, Shaik of Ejman, by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Pn Gulf.- Acknowledging the receipt of his letter dated 13th Jummad ul [30th Novemr 1830.] with a request, that he will let the Resident know when his father may return.-

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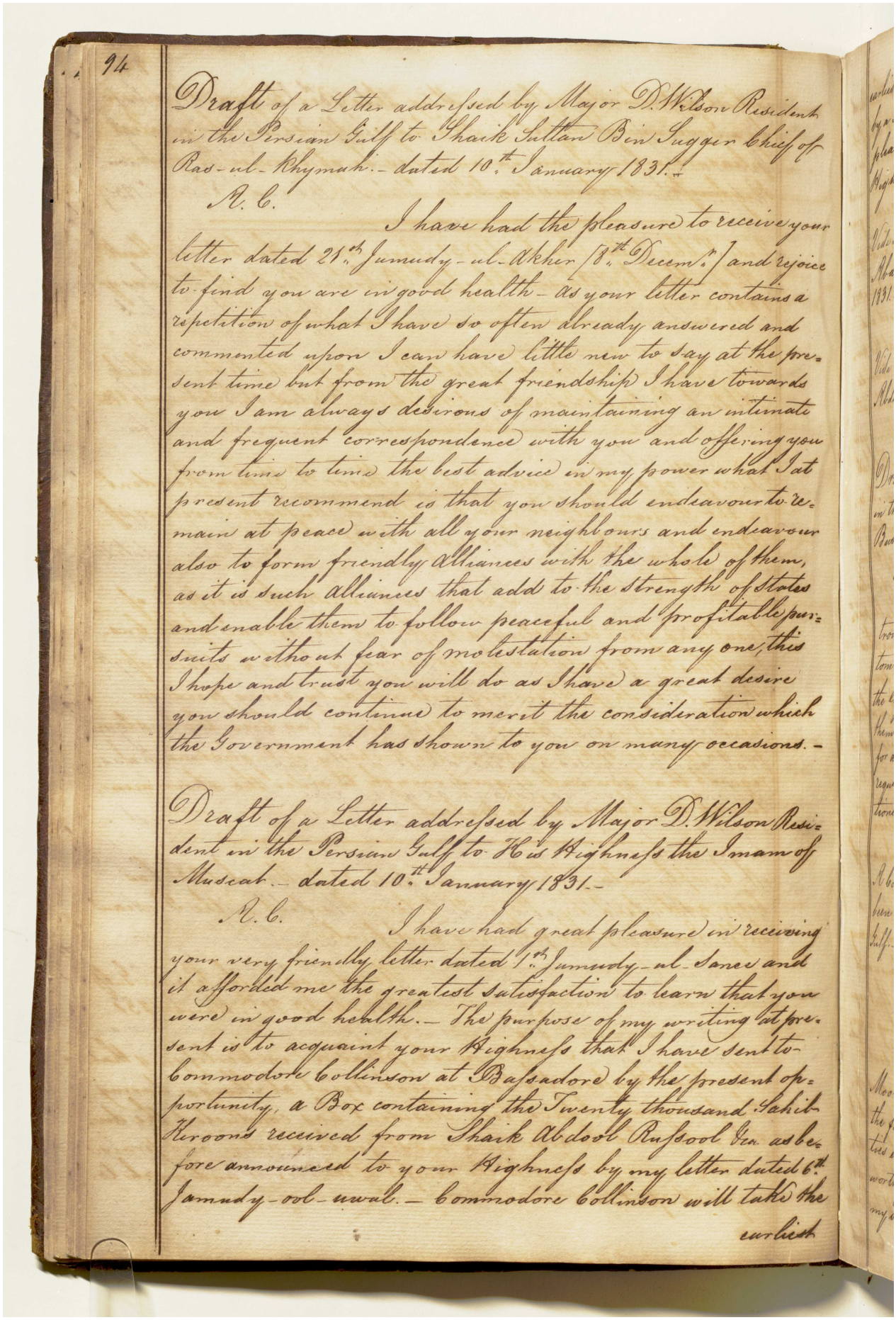
Draft of a Letter from Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Jahnoon, Chief of Aboothabe- dated Bushire 10th January 1831.-

R. C.

I have had the pleasure to receive your very friendly letter of the 8th Rubee-ul-Sanee [27th Novemr] and rejoice to find that you are in good health.- It affords me great pleasure to learn from you that our purposes are the same with regard to the transactions in these parts and as your friend I strongly recommend you to become at peace with all your neighbours and to endeavour to form friendly Alliances with the whole of them, it is such alliances that add to the strength of States and enable them to follow peaceful and profitable pursuits without fear of molestation from any one; this I hope and trust you will do- as I have a great desire you should continue to merit the consideration which the Government has shown to you on many occasions.-



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Draft of a Letter addressed by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Sultan Bin Sugger Chief of Ras-ul-Khymah.- dated 10th January 1831.-

R. C.

I have had the pleasure to receive your letter dated 21st Jumudy-ul-Akher 18th Decemr. and rejoice to find you are in good health- as your letter contains a repetition of what I have so often already answered and commented upon I can have little new to say at the present time but from the great friendship I have towards you I am always desirous of maintaining an intimate and frequent correspondence with you and offering you from time to time the best advice in my power what I at present recommend is that you should endeavour to remain at peace with all your neighbours and endeavour also to form friendly Alliances with the whole of them, as it is such Alliances that add to the strength of States and enable them to follow peaceful and profitable pursuits without fear of molestation from any one, this I hope and trust you will do as I have a great desire you should continue to merit the consideration which the Government has shown to you on many occasions.-

Draft of a Letter addressed by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to His Highness the Imam of Muscat.- dated 10th January 1831.-

R. C.

I have had great pleasure in receiving your very friendly letter dated 1st Jumudy-ul-Sanee and it afforded me the greatest satisfaction to learn that you were in good health.- The purpose of my writing at present is to acquaint your Highness that I have sent to Commodore Collinson at Bassadore by the present opportunity, a Box containing the Twenty thousand Sahib Keroons received from Shaik Abdool Russool &c. as before announced to your Highness by my letter dated 6th Jumudy-ool-awal.- Commodore Collinson will take the earliest

earliest opportunity of transmitting this Box to your Highness by a Government Vessel. — It always affords me the greatest pleasure when I can in any way be of service to your Highness — I continue &c, &c, —

Vide Public Letter Book of 1831. Page 100 for the letter to Shaik Abdoollah ben Ahmed, Chief of Bahrein Dated 1st. February 1831. —

Vide Public Letter Book of 1831. Page 43. for the letter to Shaik Abdool Rassool Governor of Bushire. — Dated 16th. February 1831.

Draft of a Letter addressed by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Abdool Rassool Governor of Bushire. — Dated 24th. February 1831. —

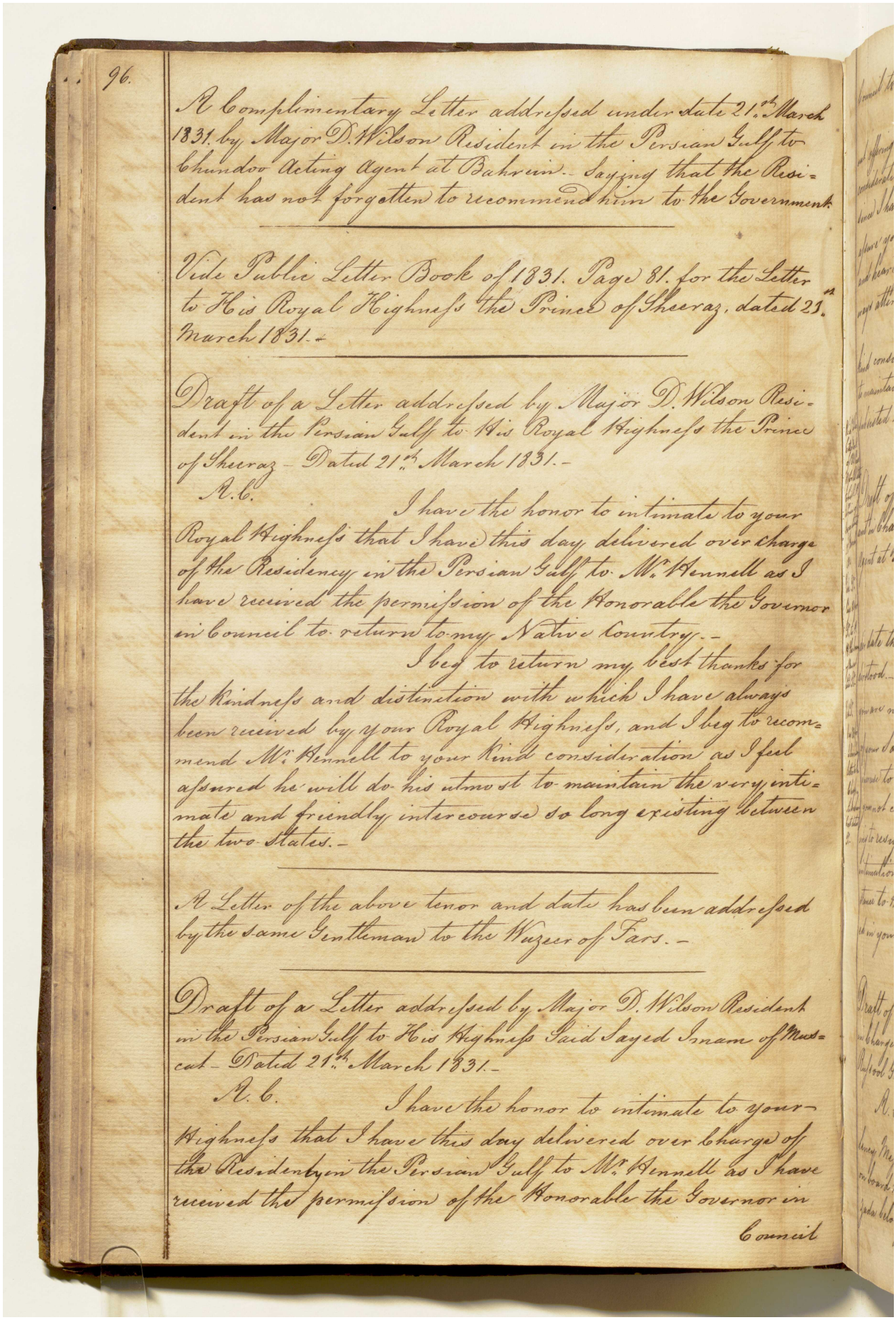
A. C.

I regret to be under the necessity of troubling you respecting a trifle but the refusal of the Custom Master to pass two horses belonging to the Captain of the English Ship Discovery without duty being paid on them obliges me to do so. — As it never has been the Custom for duty to be taken on horses the property of Englishmen I request that you will be good enough to order the above mentioned two horses to be passed. —

A complimentary Letter under date 21st. March 1831 has been addressed by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf. — Enclosing the following Certificate. —

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire 21st. March 1831. —

I have much pleasure in certifying that Moollah Hoosen the Government Agent at Shurga, during the four years I have been Resident, has conducted the duties entrusted to him in a most zealous, active and praiseworthy manner being to the benefit of the Service and much to my satisfaction. —



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A Complimentary Letter addressed under date 21st March 1831. by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to Chundoo Acting Agent at Bahrein.- Saying that the Resident has not forgotten to recommend him to the Government.

Vide Public Letter Book of 1831. Page 81. for the Letter to His Royal Highness the Prince of Sheeraz, dated 21st March 1831.-

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Draft of a Letter addressed by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to His Royal Highness the Prince of Sheeraz - Dated 21st March 1831.-

R.C.

I have the honor to intimate to your Royal Highness that I have this day delivered over charge of the Residency in the Persian Gulf to Mr. Bennell as I have received the permission of the Honorable the Governor in Council to return to my Native Country.-

I beg to return my best thanks for the Kindness and distinction with which I have always been received by your Royal Highness, and I beg to recommend Mr. Bennell to your kind consideration as I feel assured he will do his utmost to maintain the very intimate and friendly intercourse so long existing between the two States.-

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A Letter of the above tenor and date has been addressed by the same Gentleman to the Wuzeer of Fars.-

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Draft of a Letter addressed by Major D. Wilson Resident in the Persian Gulf to His Highness Said Sayed Imam of Muscat - Dated 21st March 1831.-

R.C.

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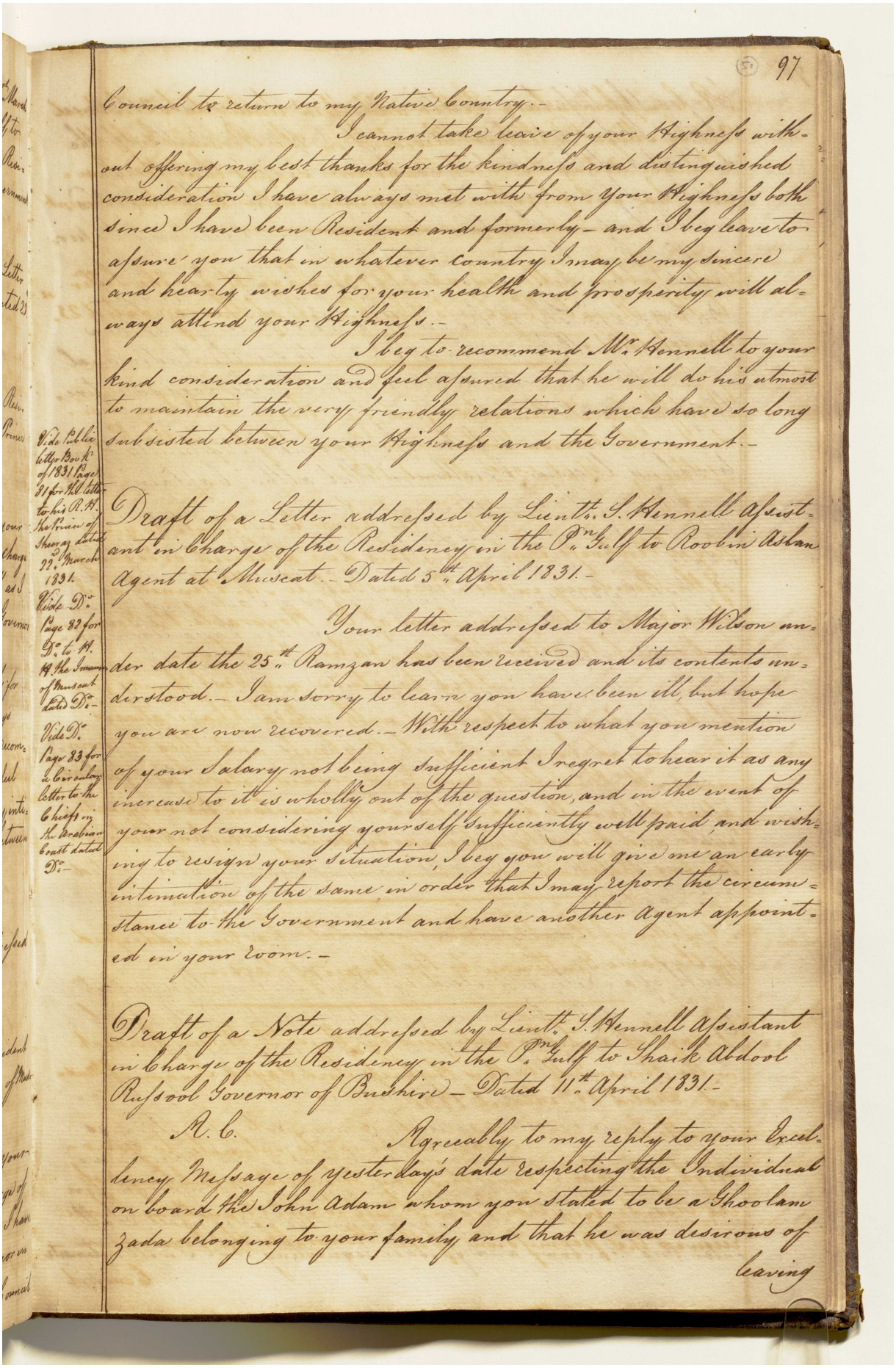


Council to return to my Native Country.-

I cannot take leave of your Highness without offering my best thanks for the kindness and distinguished consideration I have always met with from Your Highness both since I have been Resident and formerly - and I beg leave to assure you that in whatever country I may be my sincere and hearty wishes for your health and prosperity will always attend your Highness.-

I beg to recommend Mr. Hennell to your kind consideration and feel assured that he will do his utmost to maintain the very friendly relations which have so long subsisted between your Highness and the Government.-

Vide Public letter Book of 1831 Page 81 for the letter to his R.H. the Prince of Sheeraz dated 22d March 1831.

Vide Do. Page 82 for Do. to H. H. the Imaum of Muscat dated Do.-

Vide Do. Page 83 for a Circular letter to the Chiefs in the Arabian Coast dated Do.-

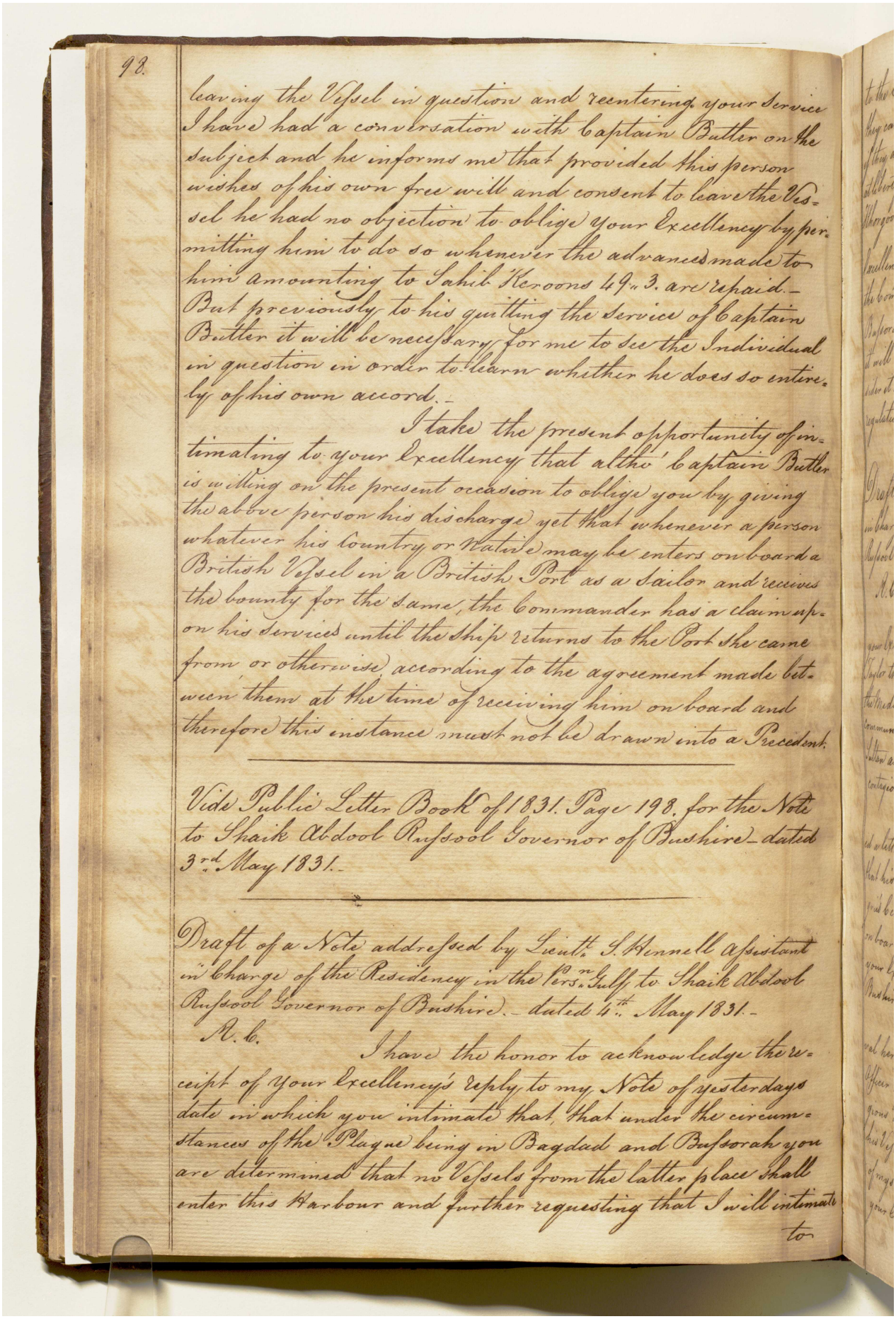
Draft of a Letter addressed by Lieutt. S. Hennell Assistant in Charge of the Residency in the Pn. Gulf to Roobin Aslan Agent at Muscat.- Dated 5th April 1831.-

Your letter addressed to Major Wilson under date the 25th Ramzan has been received and its contents understood.- I am sorry to learn you have been ill, but hope you are now recovered.- With respect to what you mention of your Salary not being sufficient I regret to hear it as any increase to it is wholly out of the question, and in the event of your not considering yourself sufficiently well paid, and wishing to resign your situation, I beg you will give me an early intimation of the same, in order that I may report the circumstance to the Government and have another Agent appointed in your room.-

Draft of a Note addressed by Lieutt. S. Hennell Assistant in Charge of the Residency in the Pn. Gulf to Shaik Abdool Russool Governor of Bushire - Dated 11th April 1831.-

R. C.

Agreeably to my reply to your Excellency Message of yesterday's date respecting the Individual on board the John Adam whom you stated to be a Ghoolam Zada belonging to your family and that he was desirous of leaving



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leaving the Vessel in question and reentering your Service I have had a conversation with Captain Butler on the subject and he informs me that provided this person wishes of his own free will and consent to leave the Vessel he had no objection to oblige your Excellency by permitting him to do so whenever the advances made to him amounting to Sahib Keroons 49.3. are repaid.- But previously to his quitting the service of Captain Butler it will be necessary for me to see the Individual in question in order to learn whither he does so entirely of his own accord.-

I take the present opportunity of intimating to your Excellency that althe' Captain Butler is willing on the present occasion to oblige you by giving the above person his discharge yet that whenever a person whatever his Country or Native may be enters on board a British Vessel in a British Port as a Sailor and receives the bounty for the same, the Commander has a claim upon his services until the Ship returns to the Port she came from, or otherwise according to the agreement made between them at the time of receiving him on board and therefore this instance must not be drawn into a Precedent.

Vide Public Letter Book of 1831. Page 198. for the Note to Shaik Abdool Russool Governor of Bushire- dated 3rd. May 1831.-

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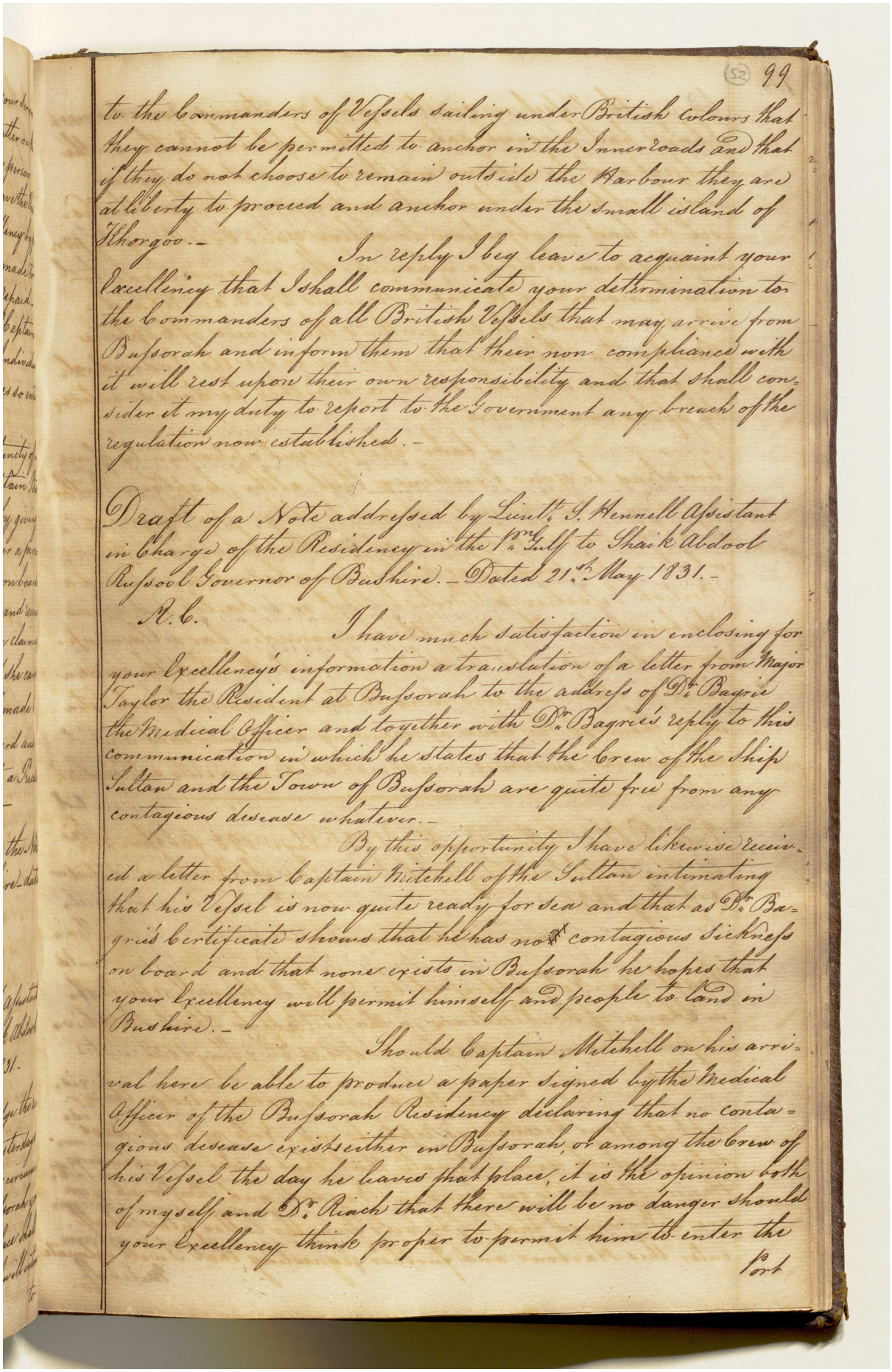
Draft of a Note addressed by Lieut.t S. Hennell Assistant in Charge of the Residency in the Pers.n Gulf to Shaik Abdool Russool Governor of Bushire.- dated 4th. May 1831.-

R. 6.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's reply to my Note of yesterdays date in which you intimate that, that under the circumstances of the Plague being in Bagdad and Bussorah you are determined that no Vessels from the latter place shall enter this Harbour and further requesting that I will intimate to



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to the Commanders of Vessels sailing under British Colours that they cannot be permitted to anchor in the Inner Roads and that if they do not choose to remain outside the Harbour they are at liberty to proceed and anchor under the small island of Khorgoo.—

In reply I beg leave to acquaint your Excellency that I shall communicate your determination to the Commanders of all British Vessels that may arrive from Bussorah and inform them that their non compliance with it will rest upon their own responsibility and that I shall consider it my duty to report to the Government any breach of the regulation now established.—

Draft of a Note addressed by Lieut.t S. Hennell Assistant in charge of the Residency in the P.n Gulf to Shaik Abdool Russool Governor of Bushire.—Dated 21.st May 1831.—

R.C.

I have much satisfaction in enclosing for your Excellency's information a translation of a letter from Major Taylor the Resident at Bussorah to the address of D.r Bagrie the Medical Officer and together with D.r Bagrie's reply to this communication in which he states that the Crew of the Ship Sultan and the Town of Bussorah are quite free from any contagious disease whatever.—

By this opportunity I have likewise received a letter from Captain Mitchell of the Sultan intimating that his Vessel is now quite ready for sea and that as D.r Bagrie's Certificate shows that he has no contagious Sickness on board and that none exists in Bussorah he hopes that your Excellency will permit himself and people to land in Bushire.—

Should Captain Mitchell on his arrival here be able to produce a paper signed by the Medical Officer of the Bussorah Residency declaring that no contagious disease exists either in Bussorah, or among the Crew of his Vessel the day he leaves that place, it is the opinion both of myself and D.r Riach that there will be no danger should your Excellency think proper to permit him to enter the

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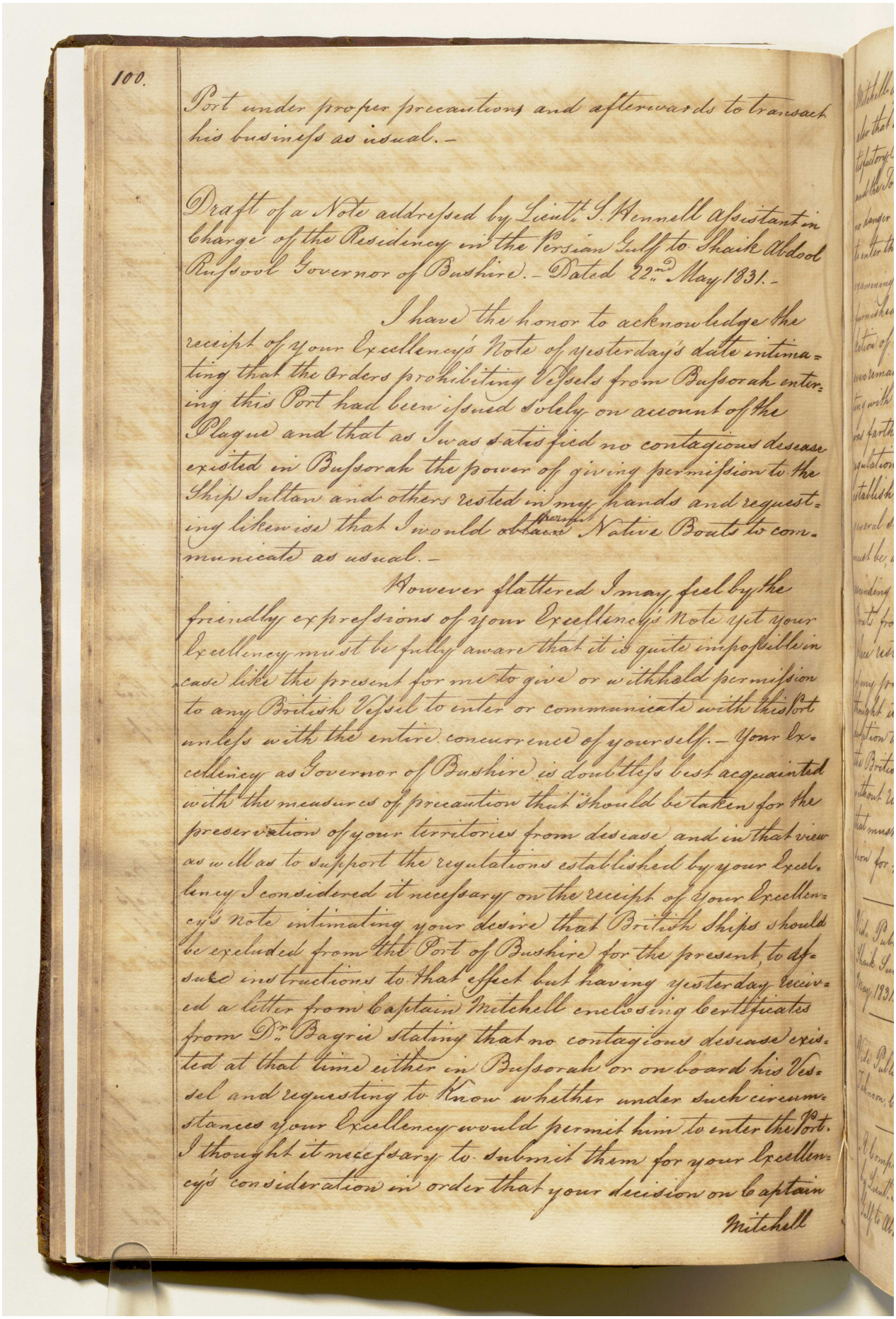

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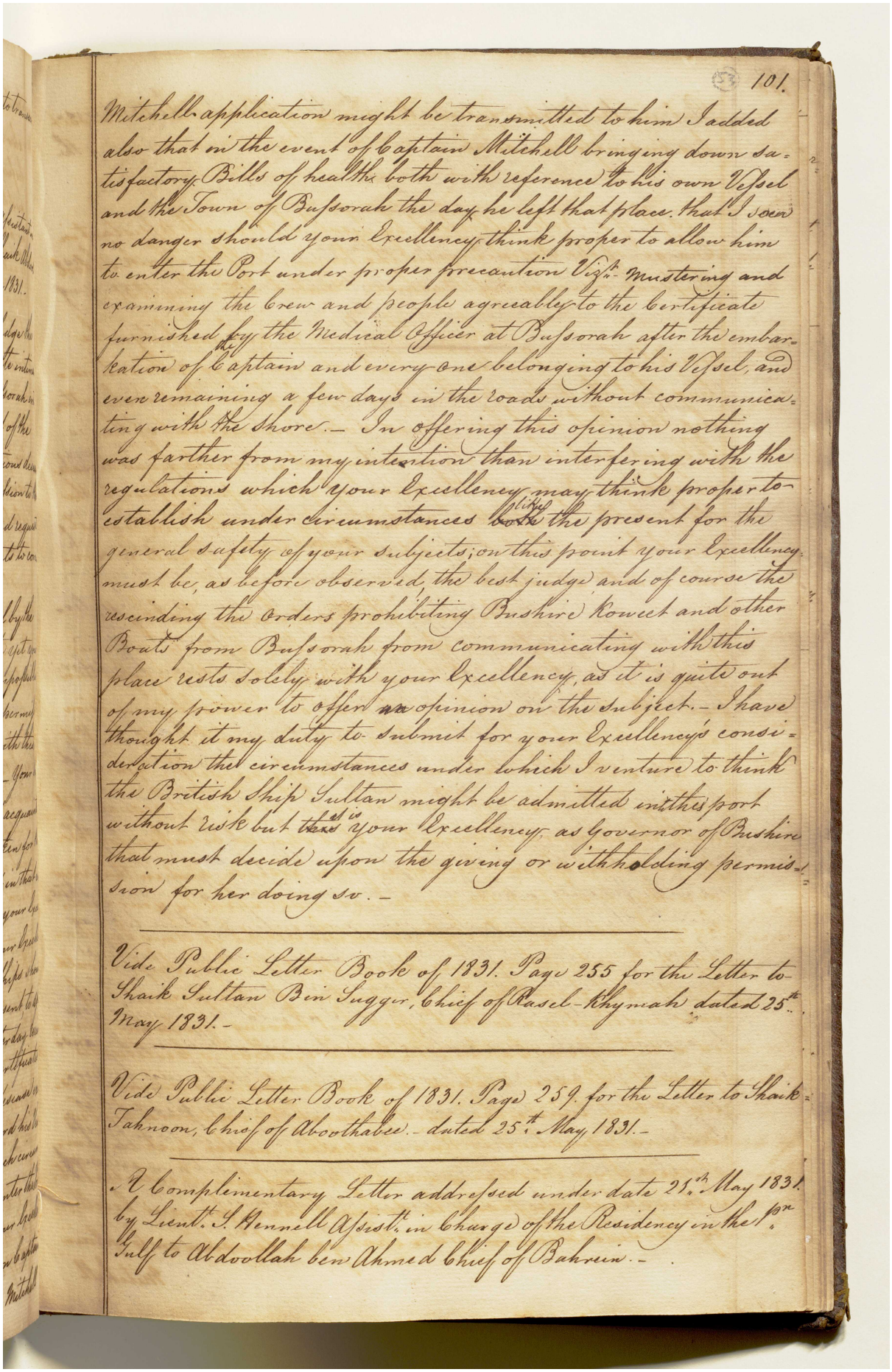
Port under proper precautions and afterwards to transact his business as usual.–

Draft of a Note addressed by Lieut.t S. Hennell Assistant in charge of the Residency in the Persian Gulf to Shaik Abdool Russool Governor of Bushire.– Dated 22.nd May 1831.–

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Note of yesterday's date intimating that the Orders prohibiting Vessels from Bussorah entering this Port had been issued solely on account of the Plague and that as I was satisfied no contagious desease existed in Bussorah the power of giving permission to the Ship Sultan and others rested in my hands and requesting likewise that I would (perm[illegible]) Native Boats to communicate as usual.–

However flattered I may feel by the friendly expressions of your Excellency's Note yet your Excellency must be fully aware that it is quite impossible in case like the present for me to give or withhold permission to any British Vessel to enter or communicate with this Port unless with the entire concurrence of yourself.– Your Excellency as Governor of Bushire is doubtless best acquainted with the measures of precaution that should be taken for the preservation of your territories from desease and in that view as well as to support the regulations established by your Excellency I considered it necessary on the receipt of your Excellency's Note intimating your desire that British Ships should be excluded from the Port of Bushire for the present, to assure instructions to that effect but having yesterday received a letter from Captain Mitchell enclosing Certificates from Dr. Bagrie stating that no contagious desease existed at that time either in Bussorah or on board his Vessel and requesting to know whether under such circumstances your Excellency would permit him to enter the Port. I thought it necessary to submit them for your Excellency's consideration in order that your decision on Captain

Mitchell



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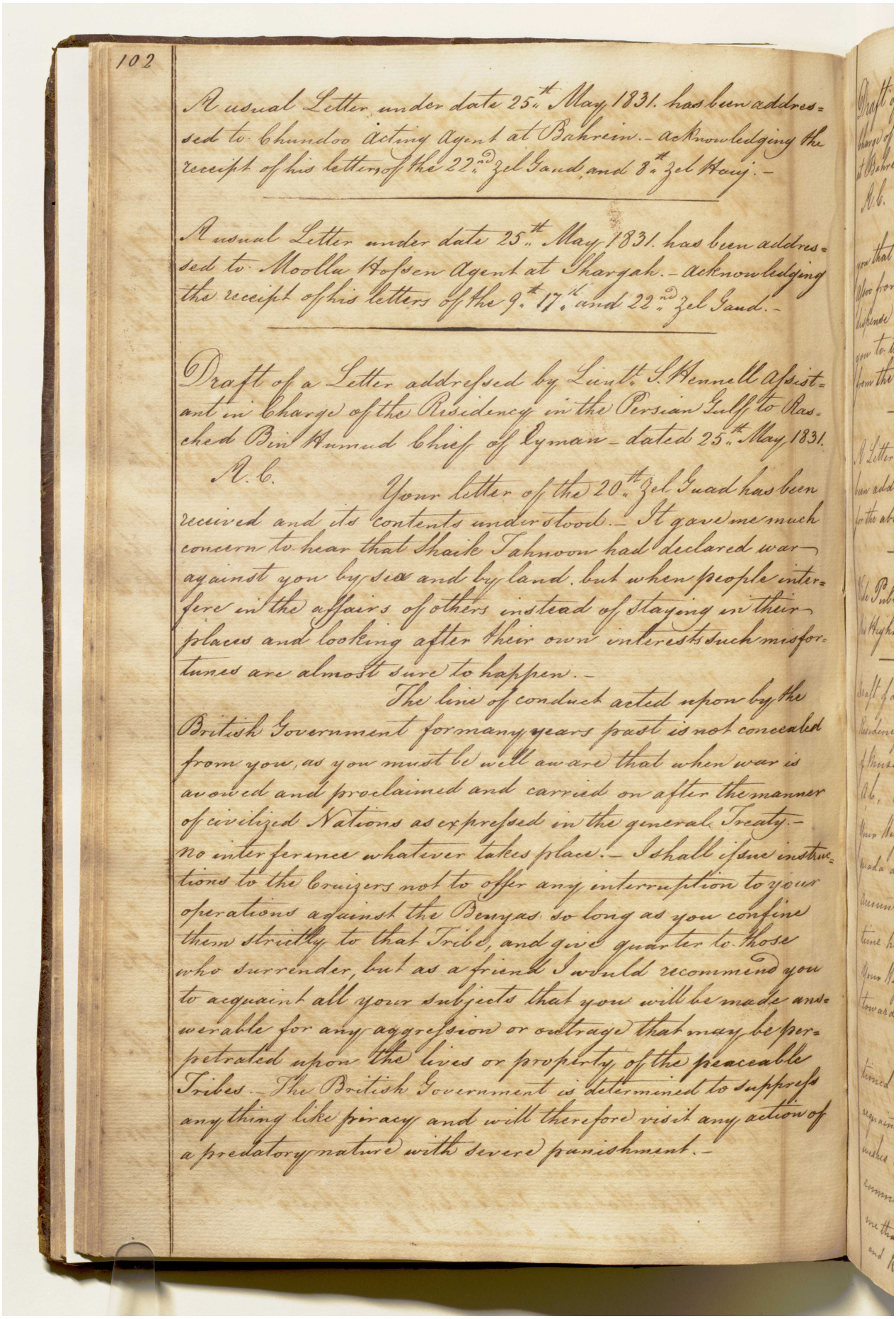
Mitchell application might be transmitted to him I added also that in the event of Captain Mitchell bringing down satisfactory Bills of health both with reference to his own Vessel and the Town of Bussorah the day he left that place. that I saw no danger should your Excellency think proper to allow him to enter the Port under proper precaution Viz^t. Mustering and examining the Crew and people agreeably to the Certificate furnished by the Medical Officer at Bussorah after the embarkation of Captain and every one belonging to his Vessel, and even remaining a few days in the roads without communicating with the shore.— In offering this opinion nothing was farther from my intention than interfering with the regulations which your Excellency may think proper to establish under circumstances (like) the present for the general safety of your subjects; on this point your Excellency must be, as before observed, the best judge and of course the rescinding the orders prohibiting Bushire Koweet and other Boats from Bussorah from communicating with this place rests solely with your Excellency, as it is quite out of my power to offer an opinion on the subject.— I have thought it my duty to submit for your Excellency's consideration the circumstances under which I venture to think the British Ship Sultan might be admitted in this port without risk but this is your Excellency, as Governor of Bushire that must decide upon the giving or withholding permission for her doing so.—

Vide Public Letter Book of 1831. Page 255 for the Letter to Shaik Sultan Bin Sugger, Chief of Rasel-khymah dated 25th. May 1831.—

Vide Public Letter Book of 1831. Page 259. for the Letter to Shaik Tahnoon, Chief of Aboothabee.— dated 25th. May 1831.—

A Complementary Letter addressed under date 25th. May 1831. by Lieut. J. Bennell Assist^t. in Charge of the Residency in the P^r. Gulf to Abdoollah ben Ahmed Chief of Bahrein.—



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A usual Letter under date 25th May 1831. has been addressed to Chundoo acting Agent at Bahrein.- acknowledging the receipt of his letters of the 22nd Zel Gaud, and 8th Zel Hauj.-

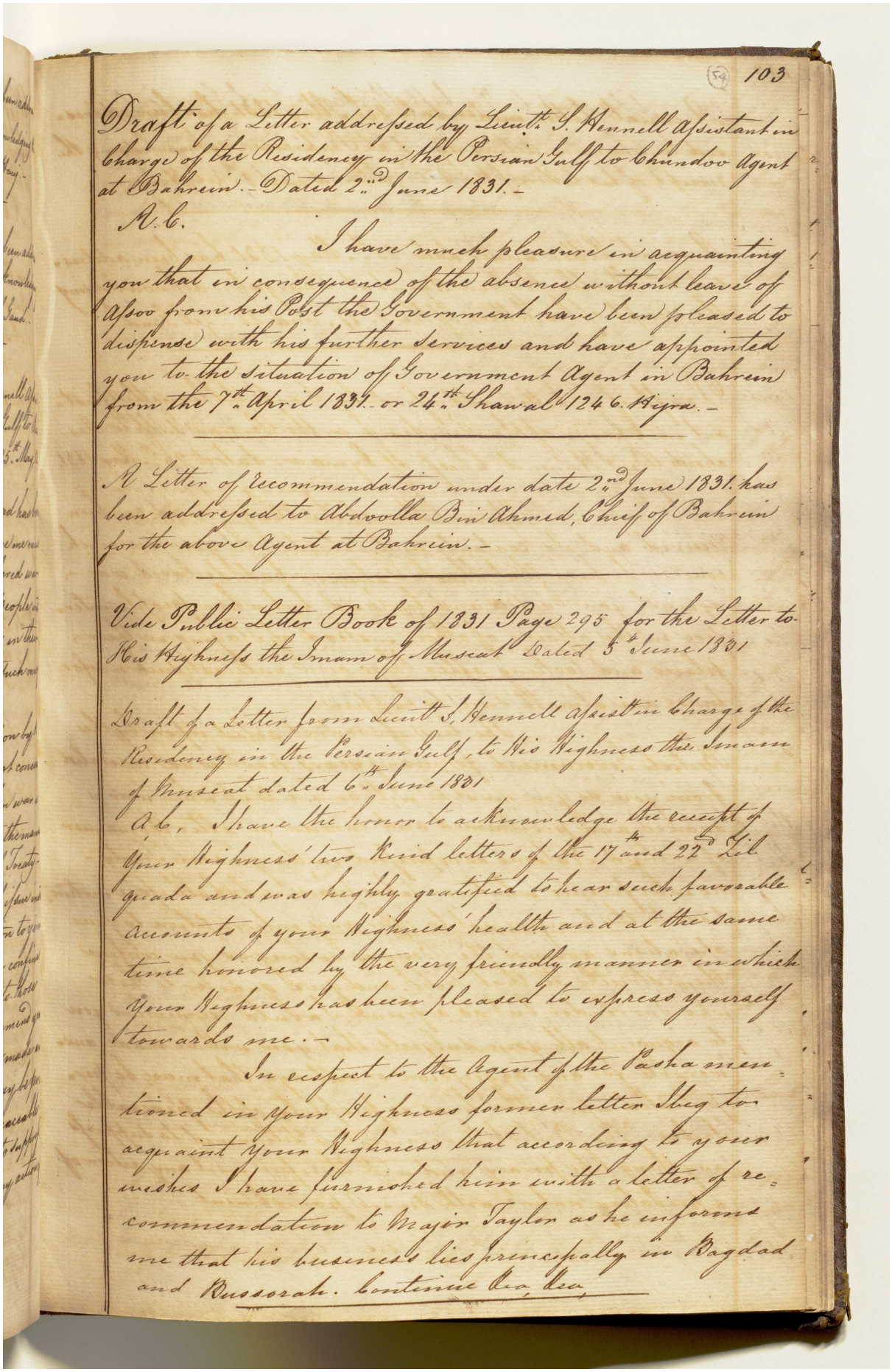
A usual Letter under date 25th May 1831. has been addressed to Moolla Hosen Agent at Shargah.- acknowledging the receipt of his letters of the 9th 17th and 22nd Zel Gaud.-

Draft of a Letter addressed by Lieut. S. Hennell Assistant in Charge of the Residency in the Persian Gulf to Rasched Bin Humud Chief of Lyman - dated 25th May 1831.

N. C.

Your letter of the 20th Zel Guad has been received and its contents understood.- It gave me much concern to hear that Shaik Tahnoon had declared war against you by sea and by land. but when people interfere in the affairs of others instead of staying in their places and looking after their own interests such misfortunes are almost sure to happen.-

The line of conduct acted upon by the British Government for many years past is not concealed from you, as you must be well aware that when war is avowed and proclaimed and carried on after the manner of civilized Nations as expressed in the general Treaty.- no interference whatever takes place.- I shall issue instructions to the Cruizers not to offer any interruption to your operations against the Benyas so long as you confine them strictly to that Tribe, and give quarter to those who surrender, but as a friend I would recommend you to acquaint all your subjects that you will be made answerable for any aggression or outrage that may be perpetrated upon the lives or property of the peaceable Tribes.- The British Government is determined to suppress any thing like piracy and will therefore visit any action of a predatory nature with severe punishment.-



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Draft of a Letter addressed by Lieut.t S. Hennell Assistant in Charge of the Residency in the Persian Gulf to Chundoo Agent at Bahrein. - Dated 2.nd June 1831. -

A. C.

I have much pleasure in acquainting you that in consequence of the absence without leave of Assoo from his Post the Government have been pleased to dispense with his further services and have appointed you to the situation of Government Agent in Bahrein from the 7.th April 1831. - or 24.th Shawal 1246. Hijra. -

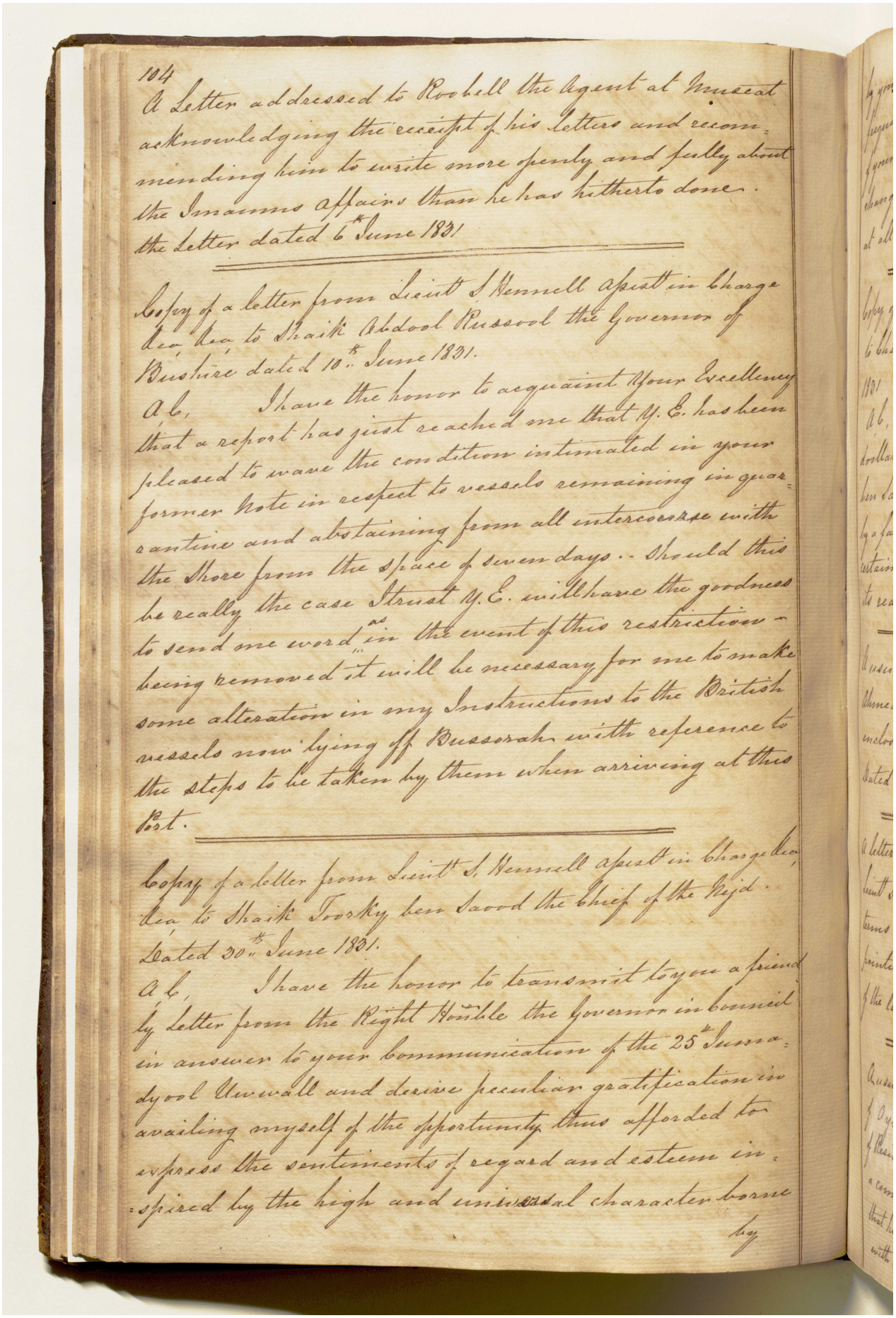
A Letter of recommendation under date 2.nd June 1831. has been addressed to Abdoolla Bin Ahmed, Chief of Bahrein for the above Agent at Bahrein. -

Vide Public Letter Book of 1831 Page 295 for the Letter to His Highness the Imam of Muscat Dated 3.d June 1831

Draft of a Letter from Lieut.t S. Hennell Assist.t in Charge of the Residency in the Persian Gulf, to His Highness the Imaum of Muscat dated 6.th June 1831

A. C. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Highness' two Kind letters of the 17.th and 22.d Zil quada and was highly gratified to hear such favorable accounts of your Highness' health and at the same time honored by the very friendly manner in which Your Highness has been pleased to express yourself towards me. -

In respect to the Agent of the Pasha mentioned in your Highness former letter I beg to acquaint Your Highness that according to your wishes I have furnished him with a letter of recommendation to Major Taylor as he informs me that his business lies principally in Bagdad and Bussorah. Continue &c. &c.



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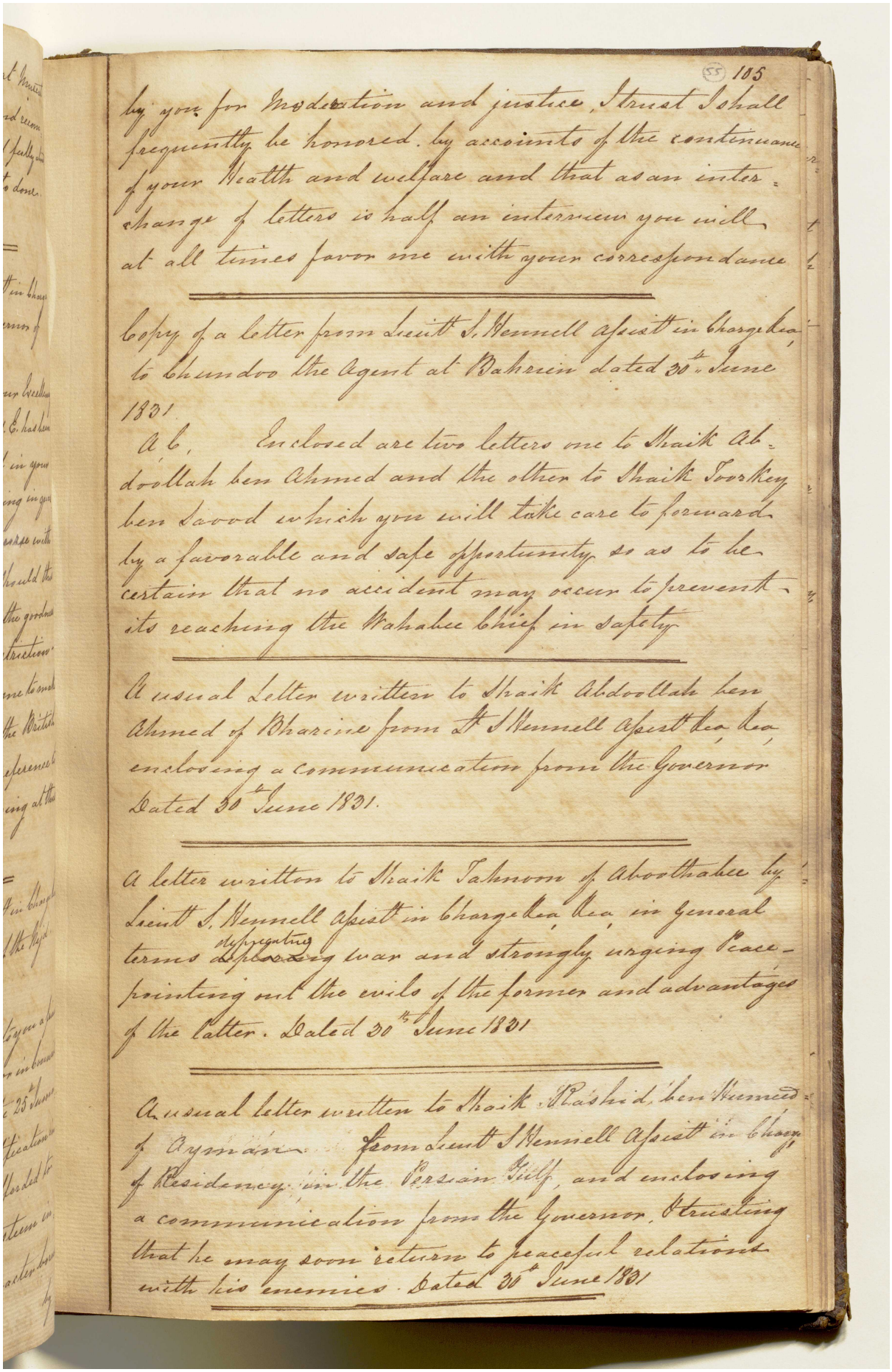
A Letter addressed to Rochell the Agent at Muscat acknowledging the receipt of his Letters and recommending him to write more openly and fully about the Imaums affairs than he has hitherto done.
the Letter dated 6th June 1831

Copy of a letter from Lieut J Kennell Apist in Charge &c &c to Shaik Abdool Russool the Governor of Bushire dated 10th June 1831.

A.C. I have the honor to acquaint Your Excellency that a report has just reached me that H. E. has been pleased to waive the condition intimated in your former Note in respect to vessels remaining in quarantine and abstaining from all intercourse with the Shore from the space of seven days. Should this be really the case I trust H. E. will have the goodness to send me word as in the event of this restriction being removed it will be necessary for me to make some alteration in my Instructions to the British vessels now lying off Bussorah with reference to the steps to be taken by them when arriving at this Port.

Copy of a letter from Lieut J. Kennell Apist in Charge &c &c to Shaik Toorky ben Saood the Chief of the Nejd.
Dated 30th June 1831.

A.C. I have the honor to transmit to you a friendly letter from the Right Honble the Governor in Council in answer to your communication of the 25th Jemmadyool Uwwall and derive peculiar gratification in availing myself of the opportunity thus afforded to express the sentiments of regard and esteem inspired by the high and universal character borne by



by you for Moderation and justice, I trust I shall frequently be honored by accounts of the continuance of your Health and welfare and that as an interchange of letters is half an interview you will at all times favor me with your correspondance

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Copy of a letter from Lieut S. Hennell Assist in Charge Rea, to Chundoo the Agent at Bahrein dated 30th June 1831.

A C, Enclosed are two letters one to Shaik Abdoollah ben Ahmed and the other to Shaik Toorkey ben Saood which you will take care to forward by a favorable and safe opportunity so as to be certain that no accident may occur to prevent its reaching the Wahabee Chief in safety

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A usual Letter written to Shaik Abdoollah ben Ahmed of Bharine from Lt S Hennell Assist Rea Rea, enclosing a communication from the Governor Dated 30th June 1831.

A letter written to Shaik Tahnoon of Aboothabee by Lieut S. Hennell Assist in Charge Rea Rea in General terms ~~deploring~~ deprecating war and strongly urging Peace pointing out the evils of the former and advantages of the latter. Dated 30th June 1831

A usual letter written to Shaik Rashid ben Humeed of Ayman from Lieut S Hennell Assist in Charge of Residency in the Persian Gulf, and enclosing a communication from the Governor, & trusting that he may soon return to peaceful relations with his enemies. Dated 30th June 1831

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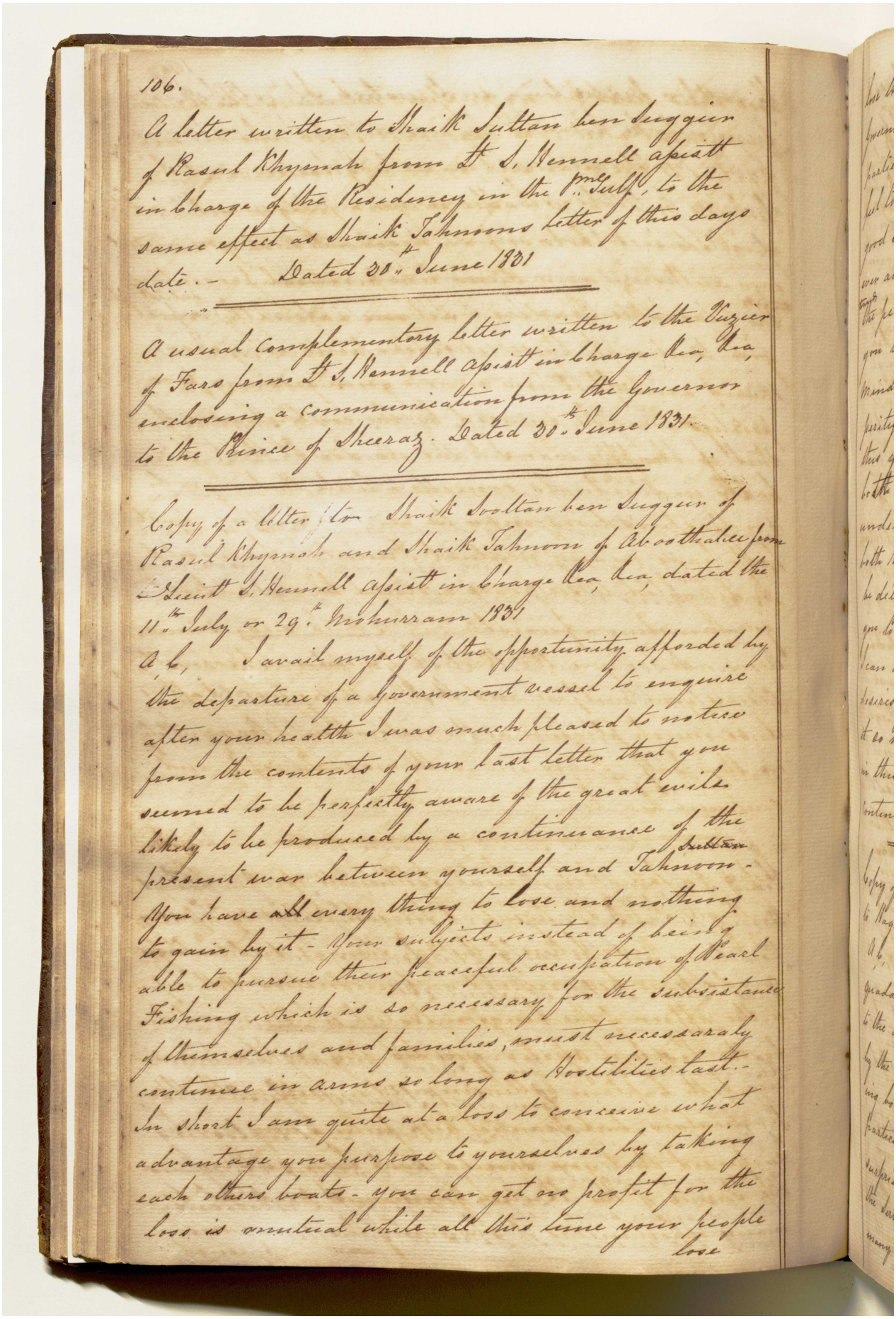

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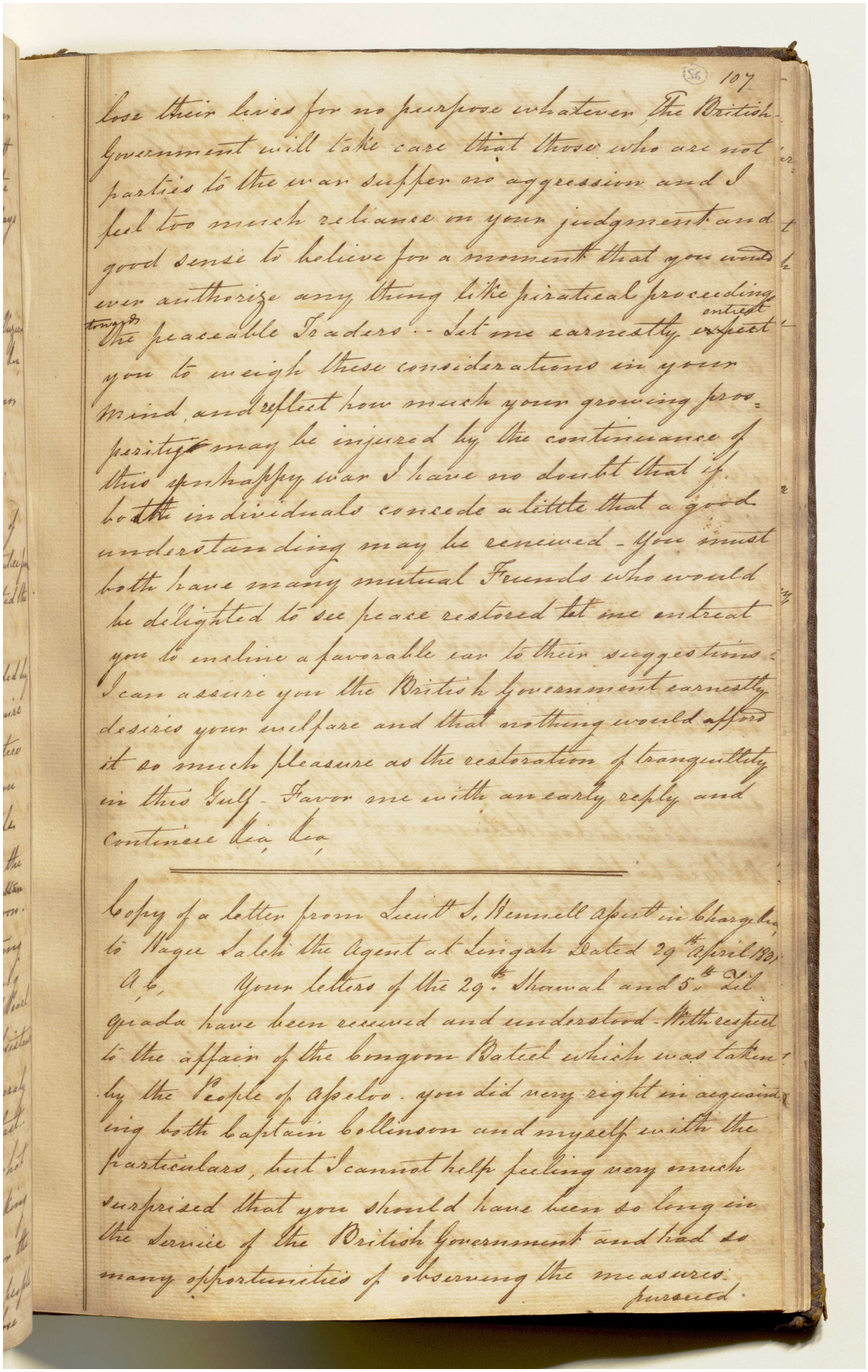
A letter written to Shaik Sultan ben Suggur of Rasul Khymah from Lt S. Hennell assistt in Charge of the Residency in the Pme Gulf, to the same effect as Shaik Tahnoons letter of this days date. — Dated 30th June 1831

A usual complementory letter written to the Vuzier of Fars from Lt S. Hennell assistt in Charge Rea, Rea, enclosing a communication from the Governor to the Prince of Sheeraz. Dated 30th June 1831.

Copy of a letter to Shaik Sooltan ben Suggur of Rasul Khymah and Shaik Tahnoon of Aboothabee from Lieut S. Hennell assistt in Charge Rea, Rea, dated the 11th July or 29th Mohurram 1831

A, C, I avail myself of the opportunity afforded by the departure of a Government vessel to enquire after your health I was much pleased to notice from the contents of your last letter that you seemed to be perfectly aware of the great evils likely to be produced by a continuance of the present war between yourself and Tahnoon Sultan - You have ~~all~~ every thing to lose and nothing to gain by it - Your subjects instead of being able to pursue their peaceful occupation of Pearl Fishing which is so necessary for the subsistance of themselves and families, must necessaraly continue in arms so long as Hostilities last. - In short I am quite at a loss to conceive what advantage you purpose to yourselves by taking each others boats - you can get no profit for the loss is mutual while all this time your people lose



lose their lives for no purpose whatever, The British Government will take care that those who are not parties to the war suffer no aggression and I feel too much reliance on your judgment and good sense to believe for a moment that you would ever authorize any thing like piratical proceeding towards the peaceable Traders. - Let me earnestly entreat you to weigh these considerations in your mind, and reflect how much your growing prosperity may be injured by the continuance of this unhappy war I have no doubt that if both individuals concede a little that a good understanding may be renewed - You must both have many mutual Friends who would be delighted to see peace restored let me entreat you to encline a favorable ear to their suggestions - I can assure you the British Government earnestly desires your welfare and that nothing would afford it so much pleasure as the restoration of tranquillity in this Gulf - Favor me with an early reply and Continue &c, &c,

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Copy of a letter from Lieut S. Hennell Asst in Charge &c, to Hagee Saleh the Agent at Lingah Dated 29th April 1831

A.C, Your letters of the 29th Shawal and 5th Zil Quada have been received and understood - With respect to the affair of the Congoon Bateel which was taken by the People of Asseloo - you did very right in acquainting both Captain Collinson and myself with the particulars, but I cannot help feeling very much surprised that you should have been so long in the Service of the British Government and had so many opportunities of observing the measures pursued

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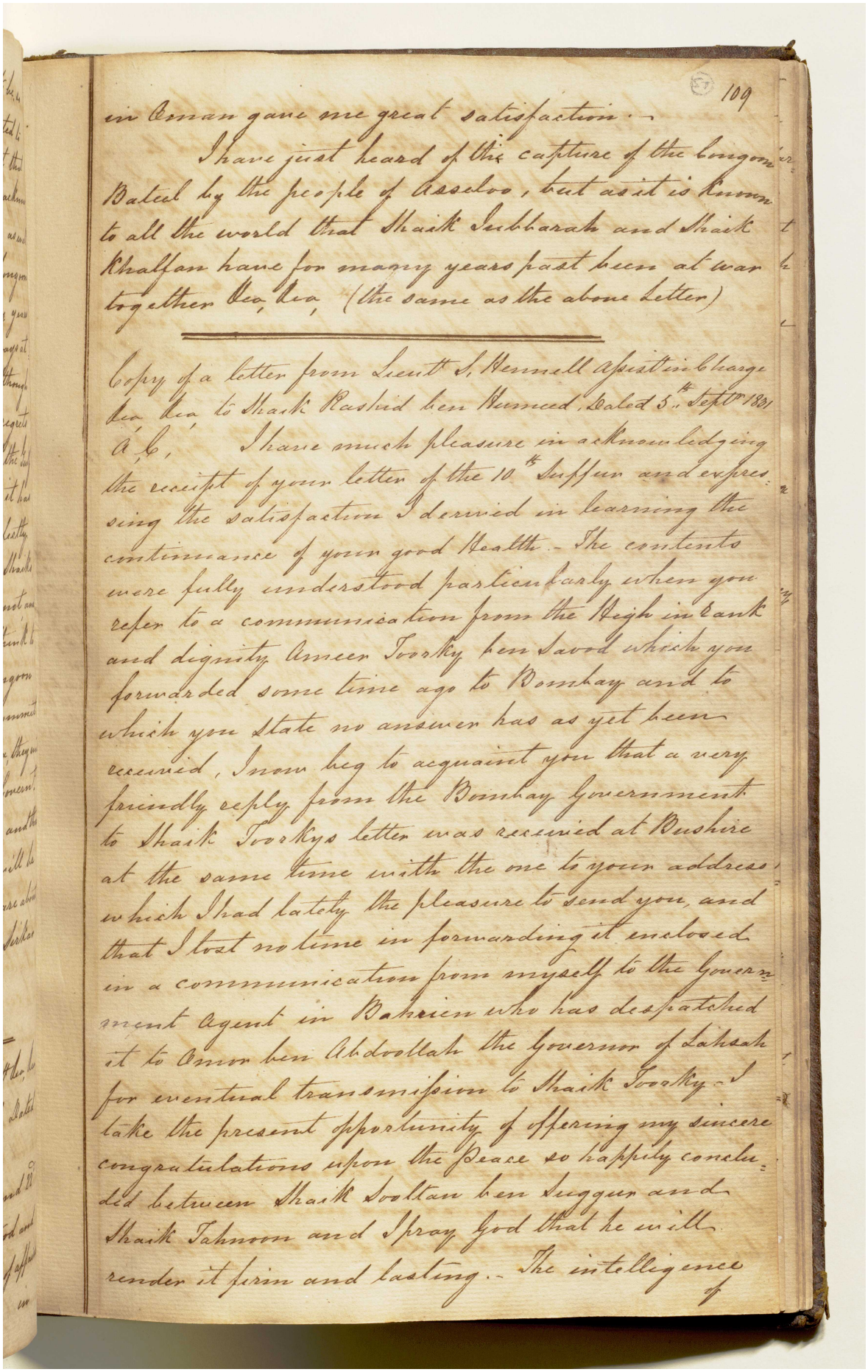
pursued by it in this Gulf and yet appear to be so little aware that its sole attention is directed to the suppression of plunder and Piracy, but that it never interferes in cases of lawful and acknowledged war. You must be perfectly aware as well as every one else that Shaik Jubbarah of Congoon and Shaik Khalfan of Asseeloo for many years have been at war together, and have always attacked each other by land and by sea. Although the British Government always deeply regrets the existence of war between the Chiefs of the Gulf yet when this has been publicly ~~known~~ avowed it has never interfered; but thank God, it is perfectly well acquainted with the affairs of all the Shaiks, and knows who are at war and who are not, and should the evil disposed in your parts think to take advantage of the capture of the Congoon boat in lawful war, as an excuse to commit depredation upon their Neighbours by sea, they will soon find to their cost that the British Govern^t. can distinguish between cases of Piracy and those of Legetimate warfare, and therefore it will be well for them to be cautious what they are about, lest they bring down the vengence of the Sirkar upon them.

Copy of a letter from Lieut^t. S. Hennell Assist^t. Res. Res. to Moollah Houssein the Agent at Shargah Dated 29th. April 1831.

Your letters of the 27th. Ramzan and 22^d. Shuwal have been received and understood and the full accounts you afforded of the state of affairs in

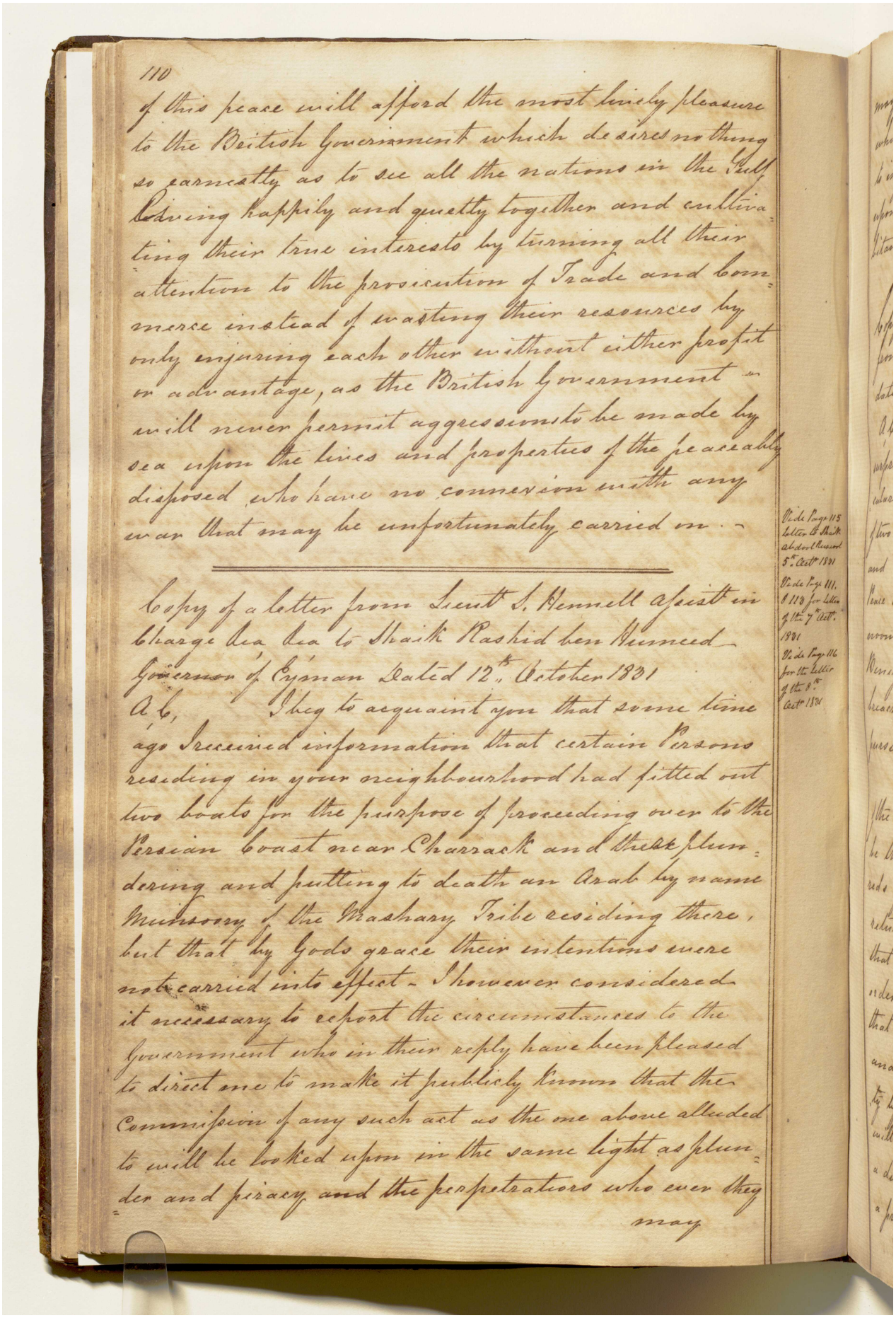


in Oman gave me great satisfaction.—

I have just heard of the capture of the Longoon Bateel by the people of Asseloo, but as it is known to all the world that Shaik Jubbarah and Shaik Khalfan have for many years past been at war together &c, &c, (the same as the above Letter)

Copy of a letter from Lieut^t S. Hennell Assist in Charge &c &c to Shaik Rashid ben Humeed, Dated 5th Septr 1831

A, C, I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 10th Suffur and expressing the satisfaction I derived in learning the continuance of your good Health.— The contents were fully understood particularly when you refer to a communication from the High in rank and dignity Ameer Toorky ben Savod which you forwarded some time ago to Bombay and to which you state no answer has as yet been received, I now beg to acquaint you that a very friendly reply from the Bombay Government to Shaik Toorkys letter was received at Bushire at the same time with the one to your address which I had lately the pleasure to send you, and that I lost no time in forwarding it enclosed in a communication from myself to the Government Agent in Bahrien who has despatched it to Omor ben Abdoollah the Governor of Lahsah for eventual transmission to Shaik Toorky.— I take the present opportunity of offering my sincere congratulations upon the Peace so happily concluded between Shaik Sooltan ben Suggur and Shaik Tahnoon and I pray God that he will render it firm and lasting.— The intelligence of



of this peace will afford the most lively pleasure to the British Government which desires nothing so earnestly as to see all the nations in the Gulf Living happily and quietly together and cultivating their true interests by turning all their attention to the prosicution of Trade and Commerce instead of wasting their resources by only injuring each other without either profit or advantage, as the British Government will never permit aggressions to be made by sea upon the lives and properties of the peaceably disposed who have no connexion with any war that may be unfortunately carried on. –

Copy of a letter from Lieut. S. Hennell Assist. in Charge Rea Rea to Shaik Rashid ben Humeed Governor of Eyman Dated 12th October 1831

A. C.

I beg to acquaint you that some time ago I received information that certain Persons residing in your neighbourhood had fitted out two boats for the purpose of proceeding over to the Persian Coast near Charrack and there plundering and putting to death an Arab by name Mumsoory of the Mashary Tribe residing there, but that by Gods grace their intentions were not carried into effect – I however considered it necessary to report the circumstances to the Government who in their reply have been pleased to direct me to make it publicly known that the Commission of any such act as the one above alluded to will be looked upon in the same light as plunder and piracy and the perpetrators who ever they may

Vide Page 115 Letter to Shaik Abdool Russool 5th Octr 1831

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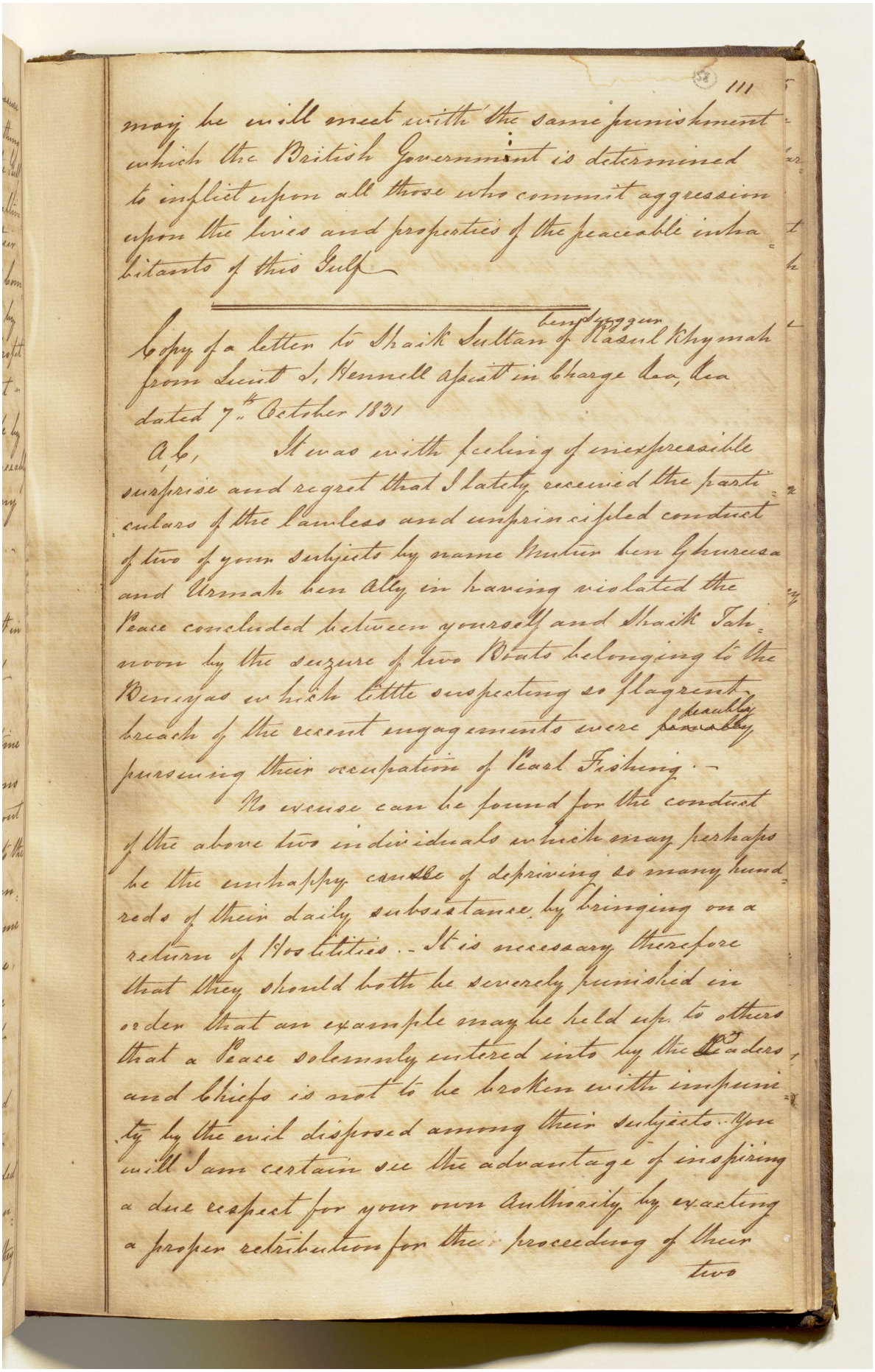

may be will meet with the same punishment which the British Government is determined to inflict upon all those who commit aggression upon the lives and properties of the peaceable inhabitants of this Gulf

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Copy of a letter to Shaik Sultan ben Suggur of Rasul Khymah from Lieut S. Hennell Assist in Charge Rea, Rea dated 7th October 1831

A.C. It was with feeling of inexpressible surprise and regret that I lately received the particulars of the lawless and unprincipled conduct of two of your subjects by name Mutur ben Ghureesa and Urmah ben Ally in having violated the Peace concluded between yourself and Shaik Tahnoon by the seizure of two Boats belonging to the Beniyas which little suspecting so flagrent breach of the recent engagements were ~~[illegible]~~ peaceably pursuing their occupation of Pearl Fishing.—

No excuse can be found for the conduct of the above two individuals which may perhaps be the unhappy cause of depriving so many hundreds of their daily subsistance by bringing on a return of Hostilities.— It is necessary therefore that they should both be severely punished in order that an example may be held up to others that a Peace solemnly entered into by the Leaders and Chiefs is not to be broken with impunity by the evil disposed among their subjects. You will I am certain see the advantage of inspiring a due respect for your own Authority by exacting a proper retribution for their proceeding of their

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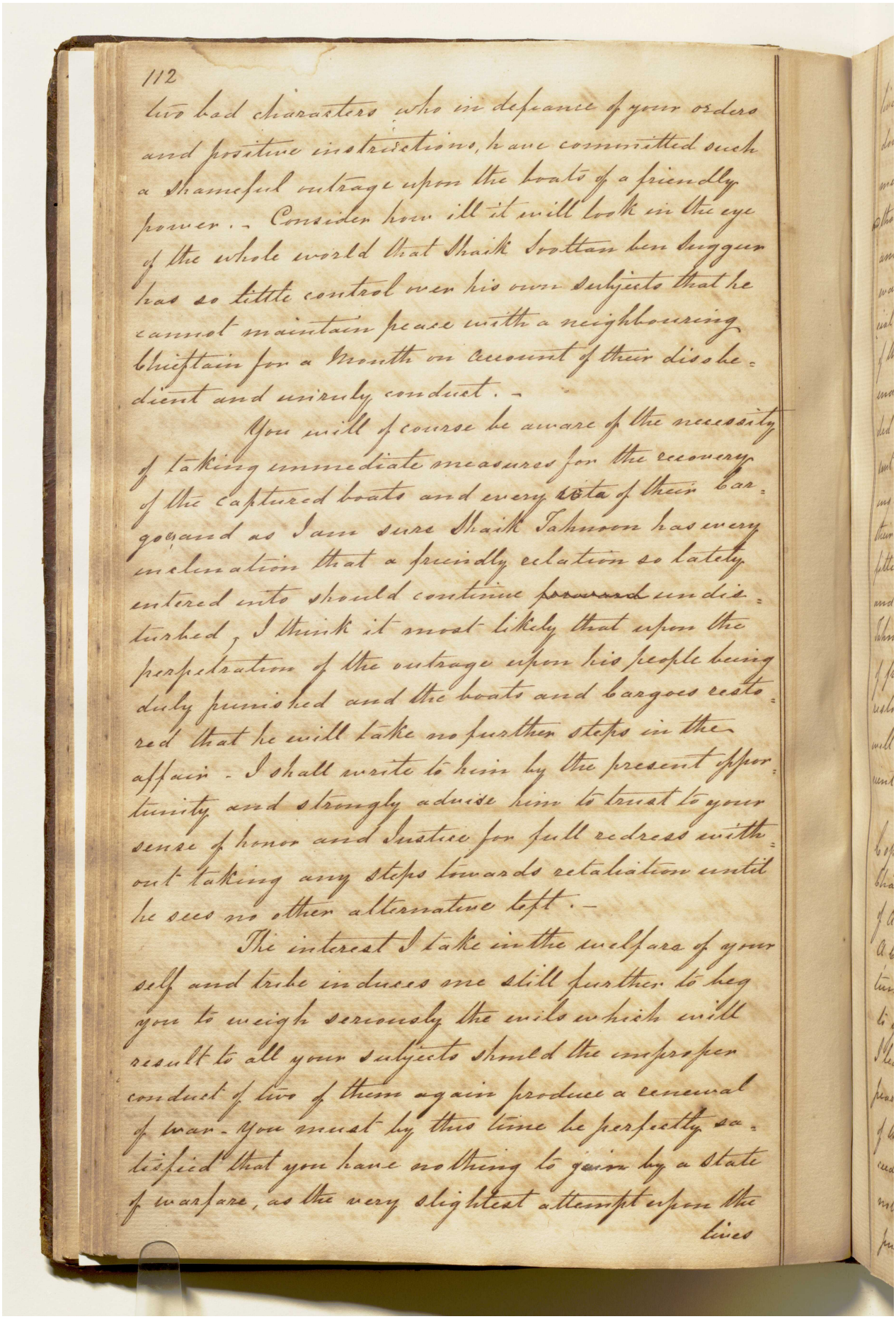

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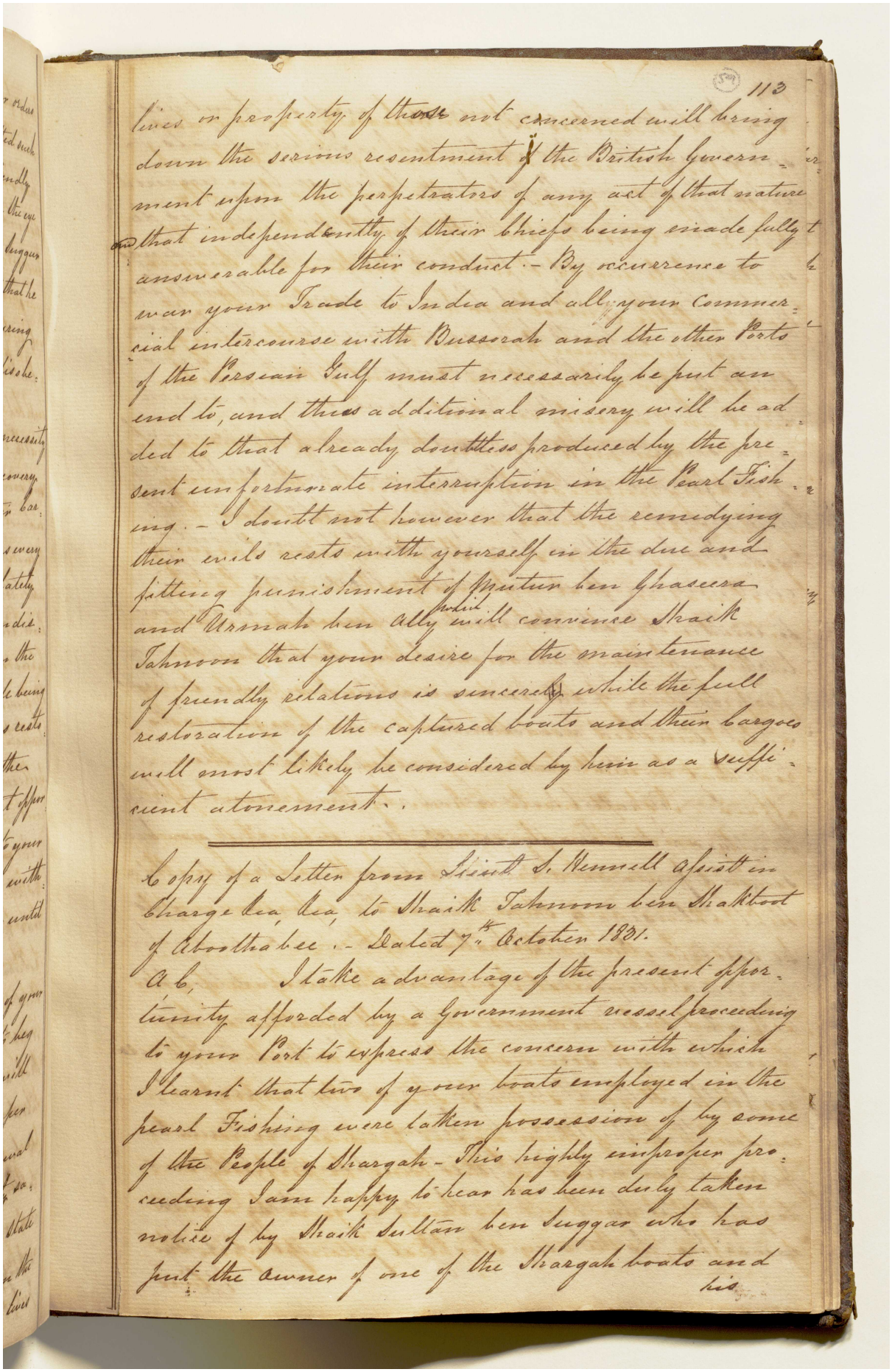
two bad characters who in defiance of your orders and positive instructions, have committed such a shameful outrage upon the boats of a friendly power. - Consider how ill it will look in the eye of the whole world that Shaik Sooltan ben Suggur has so little control over his own subjects that he cannot maintain peace with a neighbouring Chieftain for a Month on account of their disobedient and unruly conduct. -

You will of course be aware of the necessity of taking immediate measures for the recovery of the captured boats and every sota of their cargo; and as I am sure Shaik Tahnoon has every inclination that a friendly relation so lately entered into should continue ~~forward~~ undisturbed, I think it most likely that upon the perpetration of the outrage upon his people being duly punished and the boats and cargoes restored that he will take no further steps in the affair. I shall write to him by the present opportunity and strongly advise him to trust to your sense of honor and Justice for full redress without taking any steps towards retaliation until he sees no other alternative left. -

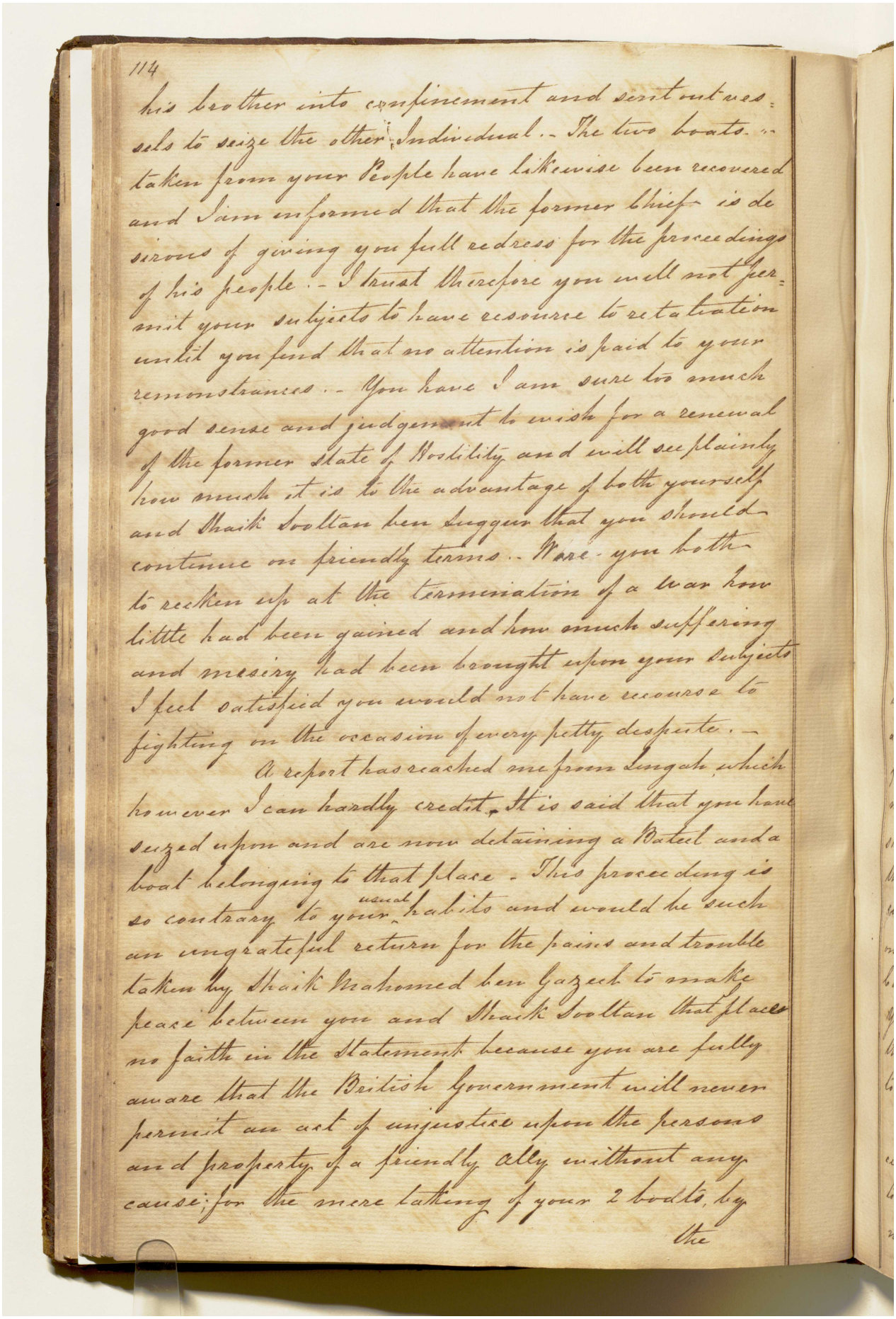
The interest I take in the welfare of yourself and tribe induces me still further to beg you to weigh seriously the evils which will result to all your subjects should the improper conduct of two of them again produce a renewal of war. You must by this time be perfectly satisfied that you have nothing to gain by a state of warfare, as the very slightest attempt upon the lives



lives or property of those not concerned will bring down the serious resentment of the British Government upon the perpetrators of any act of that nature and that independently of their Chiefs being made fully answerable for their conduct. - By occurrence to war your Trade to India and all your Commercial intercourse with Bussorah and the other Ports of the Persian Gulf must necessarily be put an end to, and thus additional misery will be added to that already doubtless produced by the present unfortunate interruption in the Pearl Fishing. - I doubt not however that the remedying their evils rests with yourself in the due and fitting punishment of Mutur ben Ghaseera and Urmah ben Ally which will convince Shaik Tahnoon that your desire for the maintenance of friendly relations is sincere, while the full restoration of the captured boats and their Cargoes will most likely be considered by him as a sufficient atonement.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut. S. Hennell Assist in Charge Rea, Rea, to Shaik Tahnoon ben Shakboot of Aboothabee. - Dated 7th October 1831.

A C, I take advantage of the present opportunity afforded by a Government vessel proceeding to your Port to express the concern with which I learnt that two of your boats employed in the pearl Fishing were taken possession of by some of the People of Shargah - This highly improper proceeding I am happy to hear has been duly taken notice of by Shaik Sultan ben Suggar who has put the owner of one of the Shargah boats and his



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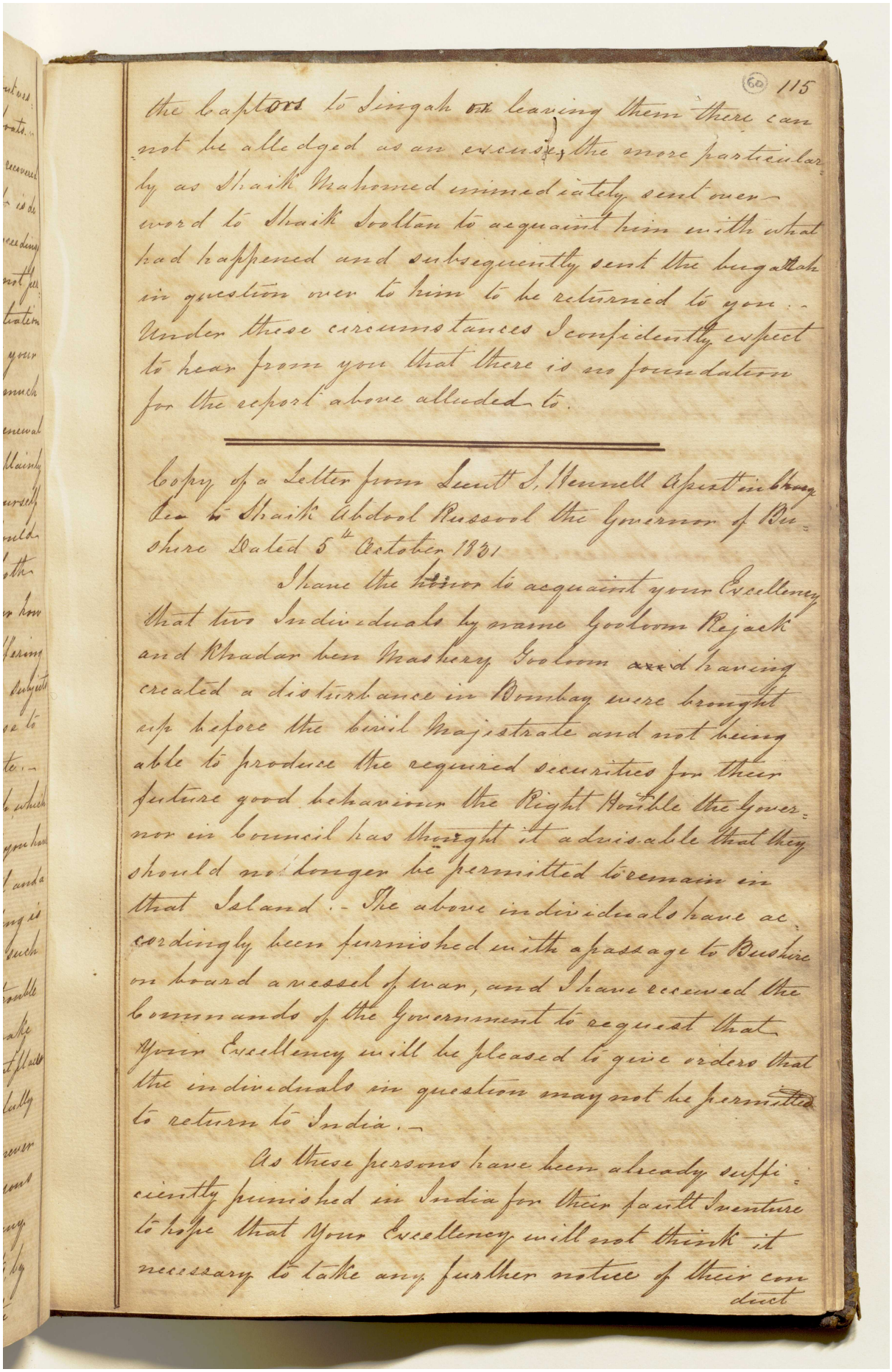
his brother into confinement and sent out vessels to seize the other Individual.- The two boats taken from your People have likewise been recovered and I am informed that the former Chief is desirous of giving you full redress for the proceedings of his people.- I trust therefore you will not permit your subjects to have resource to retaliation until you find that no attention is paid to your remonstrances.- You have I am sure too much good sense and judgement to wish for a renewal of the former State of Hostility and will see plainly how much it is to the advantage of both yourself and Shaik Soultan ben Sugger that you should continue on friendly terms.- Were you both to reckon up at the termination of a war how little had been gained and how much suffering and misery had been brought upon your Subjects I feel satisfied you would not have recourse to fighting on the occasion of every petty dispute.-

A report has reached me from Lingah which however I can hardly credit. It is said that you have seized upon and are now detaining a Bateel and a boat belonging to that place. This proceeding is so contrary to your usual habits and would be such an ungrateful return for the pains and trouble taken by Shaik Mahomed ben Gazeek to make peace between you and Shaik Soultan that I place no faith in the Statement because you are fully aware that the British Government will never permit an act of injustice upon the persons and property of a friendly ally without any cause; for the mere taking of your 2 boats, by the



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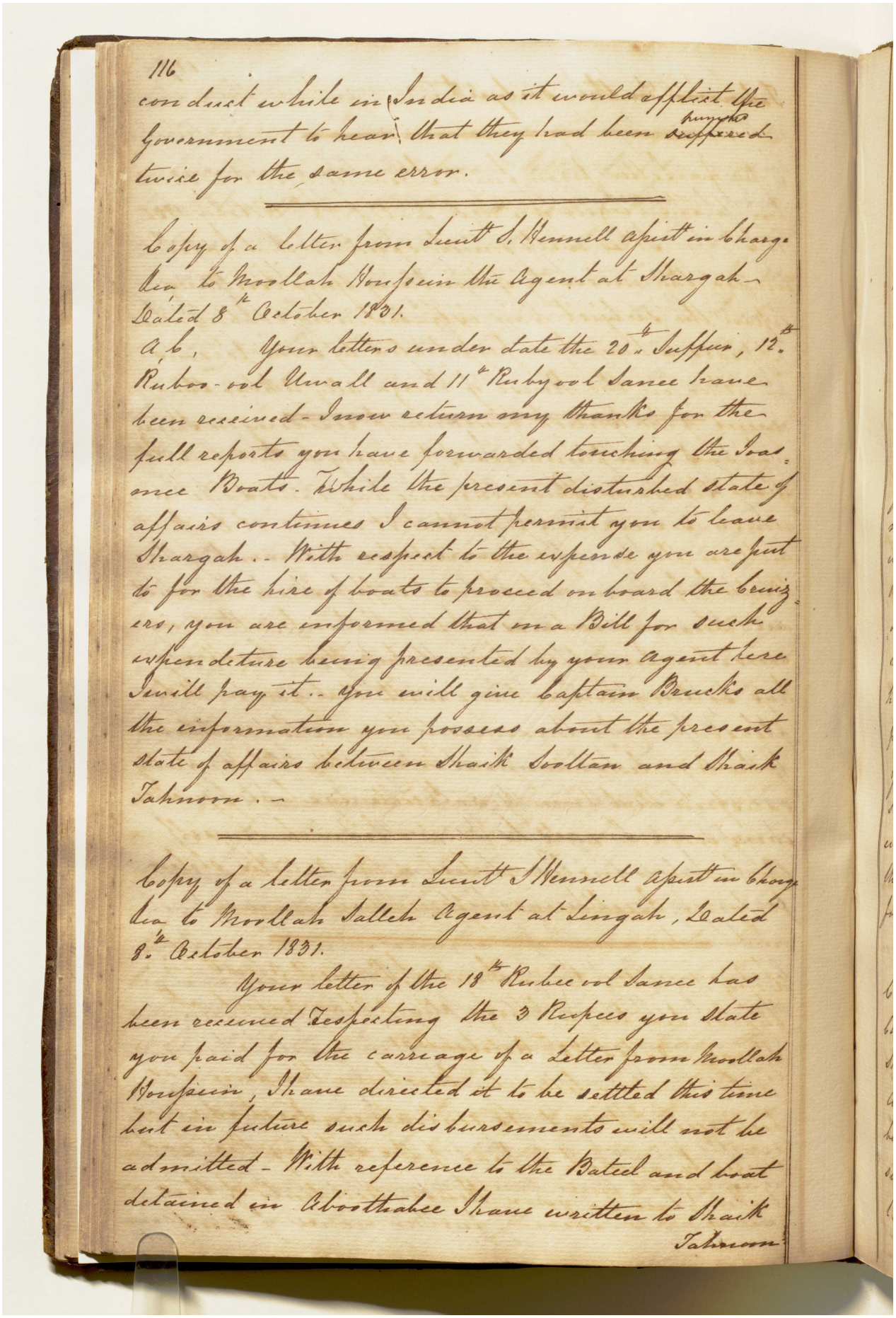
the Captors to Singah on leaving them there can not be alledged as an excuse, the more particularly as Shaikh Mahomed immediately sent over word to Shaikh Soollan to acquaint him with what had happened and subsequently sent the buggalah in question over to him to be returned to you.- Under these circumstances I confidently expect to hear from you that there is no foundation for the report above alluded to.

Copy of a Letter from Lieut. S. Bennell Agent in Persian to Shaikh Abdool Russool the Governor of Bushire Dated 5th October 1831

I have the honor to acquaint your Excellency that two Individuals by name Goolaam Rejack and Khadar ben Mashery Goolaam having created a disturbance in Bombay were brought up before the Civil Magistrate and not being able to produce the required securities for their future good behaviour the Right Honble the Governor in Council has thought it advisable that they should no longer be permitted to remain in that Island.- The above individuals have accordingly been furnished with a passage to Bushire on board a vessel of war, and I have received the commands of the Government to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to give orders that the individuals in question may not be permitted to return to India.-

As these persons have been already sufficiently punished in India for their fault I venture to hope that Your Excellency will not think it necessary to take any further notice of their conduct



conduct while in India as it would afflict the Government to hear that they had been ~~suffered~~ punished twice for the same error.

Copy of a letter from Lieut S. Hennell Assist in Charge Dea to Moollah Houssein the Agent at Shargah - Dated 8th October 1831.

A.C. Your letters under date the 20th Suffer, 12th Ruboo-ool Uwall and 11th Rubyool Sanee have been received - I now return my thanks for the full reports you have forwarded touching the Joasmee Boats. While the present disturbed state of affairs continues I cannot permit you to leave Shargah. - With respect to the expense you are put to for the hire of boats to proceed on board the Cruizers, you are informed that on a Bill for such expendeture being presented by your Agent here I will pay it. - You will give Captain Brucks all the information you possess about the present state of affairs between Shaik Sooltan and Shaik Tahnoon. -

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Copy of a letter from Lieut S Hennell Assist in Charge Dea to Moollah Salleh Agent at Lingah, Dated 8th October 1831.

Your letter of the 18th Rubee ool Sanee has been received Respecting the 3 Rupees you state you paid for the carriage of a Letter from Moollah Houssein, I have directed it to be settled this time but in future such disbursements will not be admitted - With reference to the Bateel and boat detained in Aboothabee I have written to Shaik

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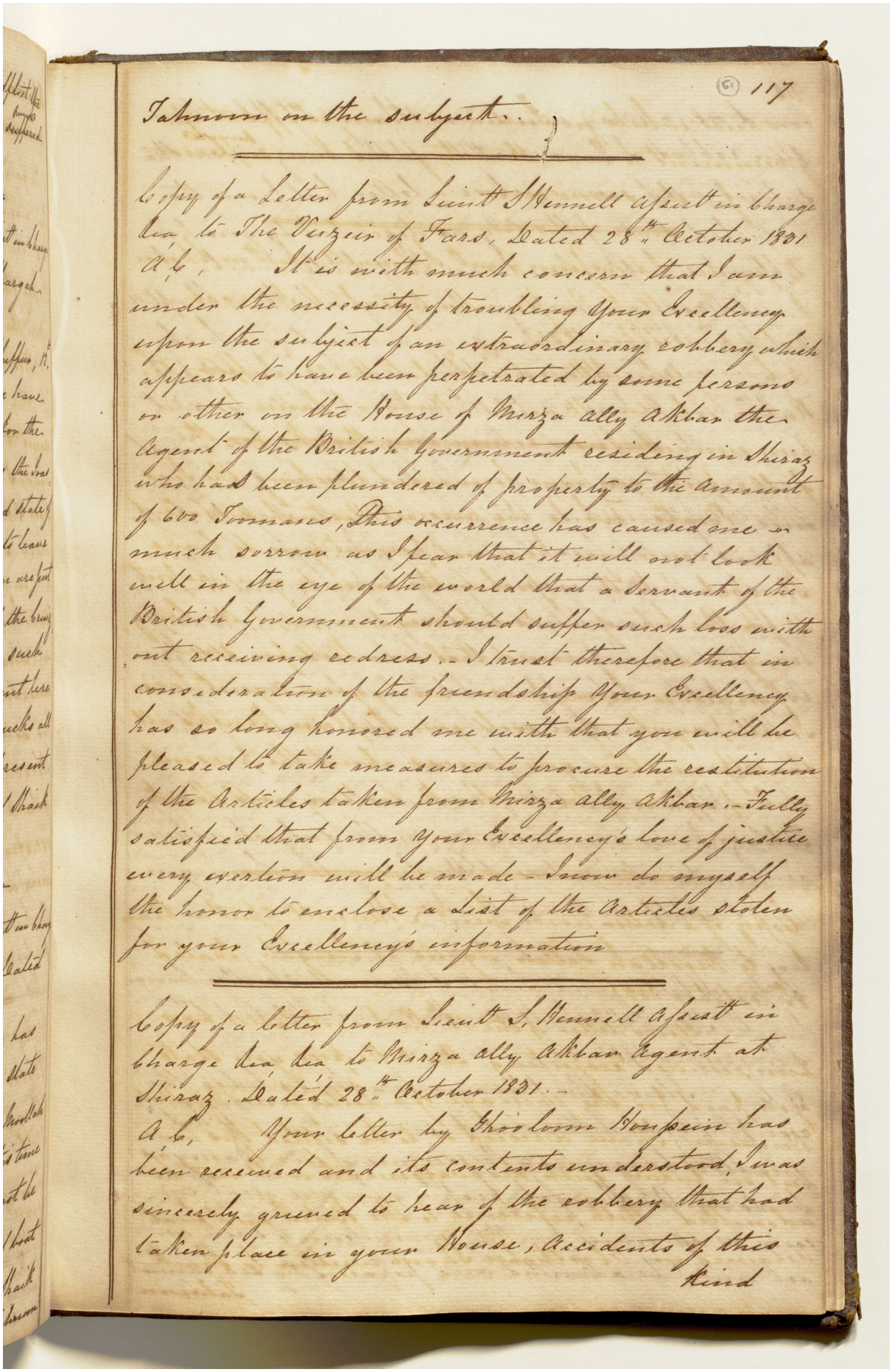
Tahnoon on the subject.



Copy of a Letter from Lieut S Hennell Assist in Charge Dea to The Vuzeir of Fars, Dated 28th October 1831

A C, It is with much concern that I am under the necessity of troubling Your Excellency upon the subject of an extraordinary robbery which appears to have been perpetrated by some persons or other on the House of Mirza Ally Akbar the Agent of the British Government residing in Shiraz who has been plundered of property to the amount of 600 Toomans, This occurrence has caused me much sorrow as I fear that it will not look well in the eye of the world that a Servant of the British Government should suffer such loss without receiving redress. - I trust therefore that in consideration of the friendship Your Excellency has so long honored me with that you will be pleased to take measures to procure the restitution of the Articles taken from Mirza Ally Akbar. - Fully satisfied that from Your Excellency's love of justice every exertion will be made - I now do myself the honor to enclose a List of the Articles stolen for your Excellency's information

Copy of a letter from Lieut S. Hennell Assist in Charge Dea Dea to Mirza Ally Akbar Agent at Shiraz. Dated 28th October 1831. -

A C, Your letter by Ghooloom Houssein has been received and its contents understood, I was sincerely grieved to hear of the robbery that had taken place in your House, Accidents of this

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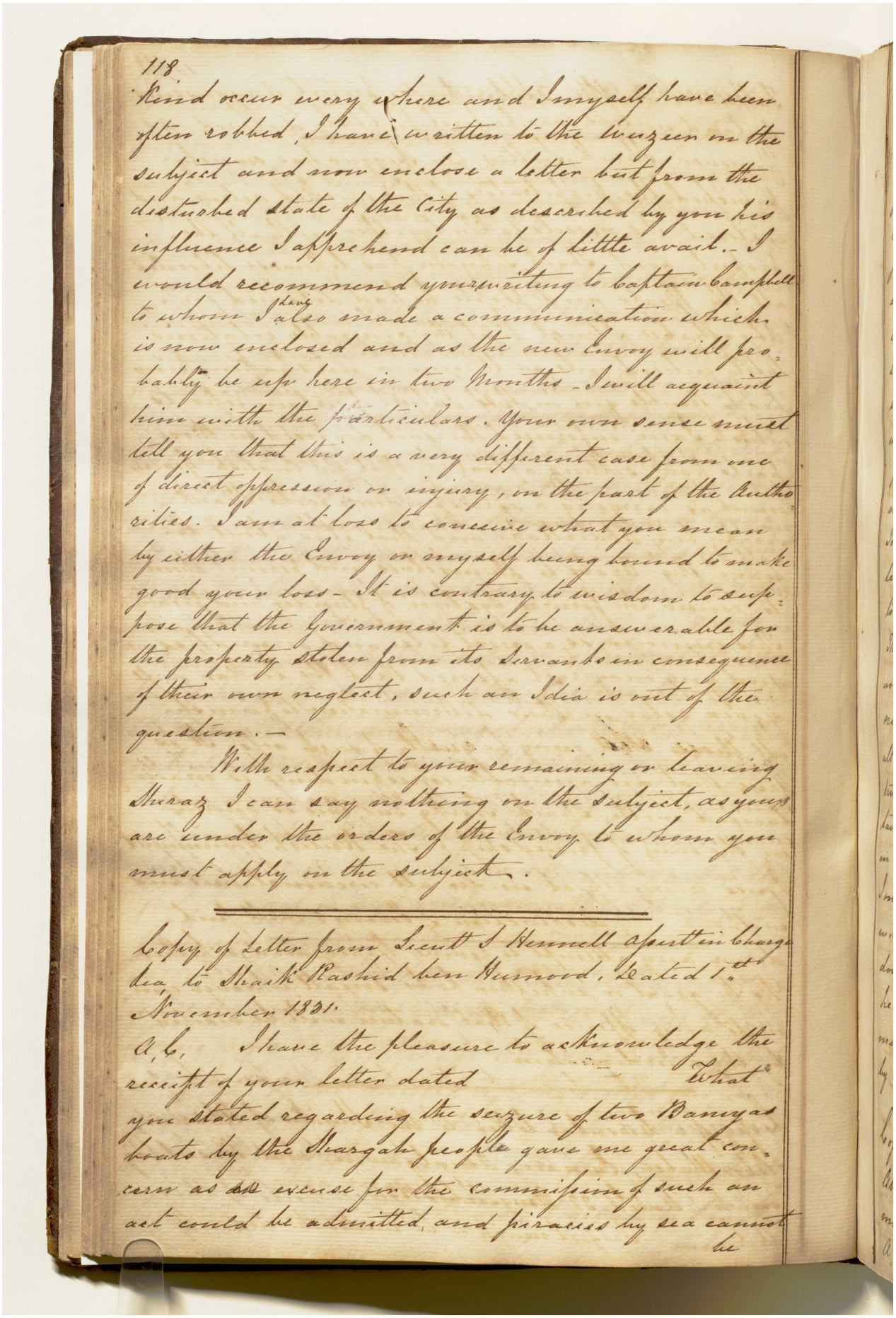
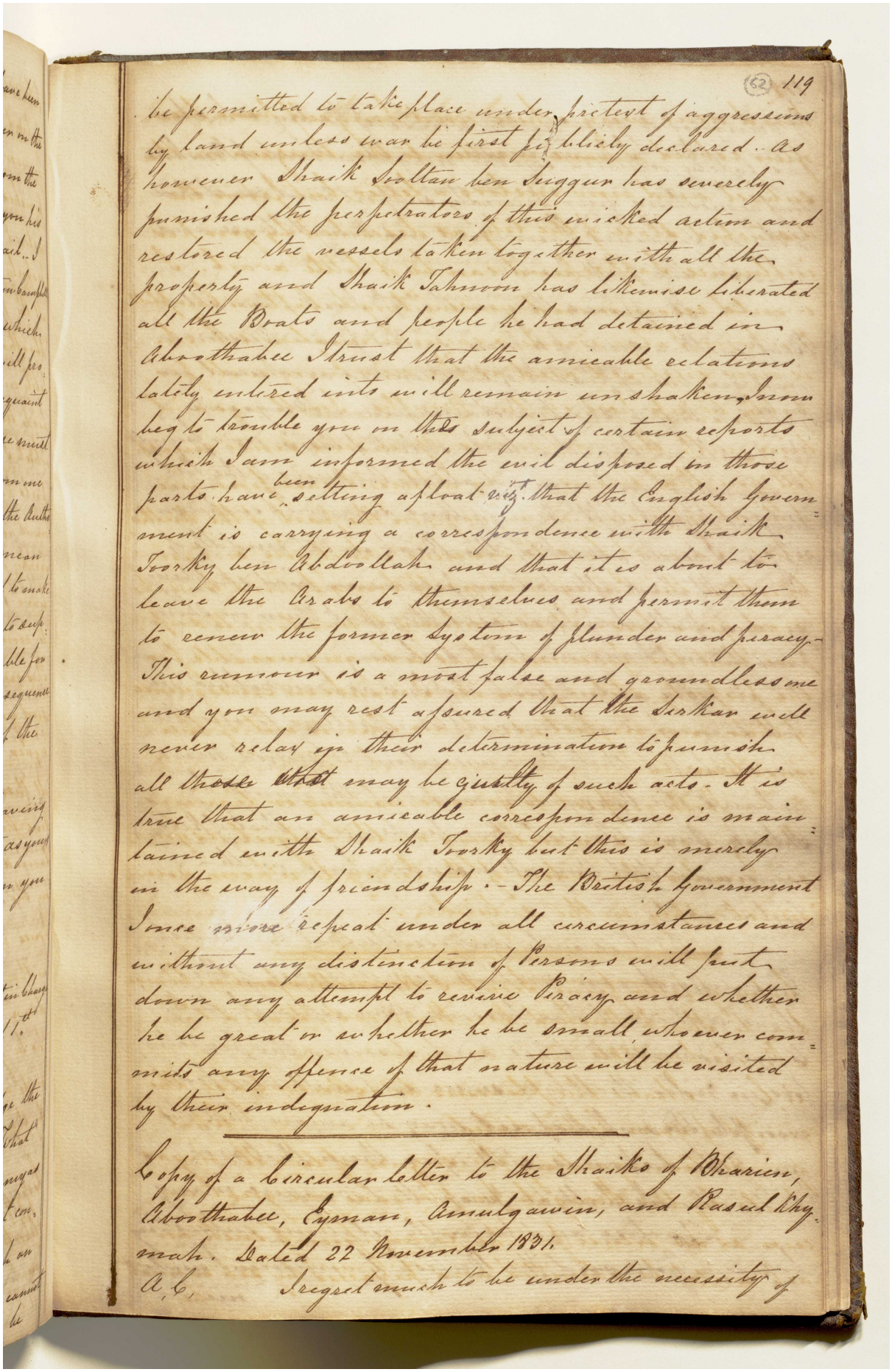


kind occur every where and I myself have been often robbed, I have written to the Wuzeer on the subject and now enclose a letter but from the disturbed state of the City as described by you his influence I apprehend can be of little avail.- I would recommend your writing to Captain Campbell to whom I have also made a communication which is now enclosed and as the new Envoy will probably be up here in two Months - I will acquaint him with the particulars. Your own sense must tell you that this is a very different case from one of direct oppression or injury, on the part of the Authorities. I am at loss to conceive what you mean by either the Envoy or myself being bound to make good your loss - It is contrary to wisdom to suppose that the Government is to be answerable for the property stolen from its Servants in consequence of their own neglect, such an Idea is out of the question.—

With respect to your remaining or leaving Shiraz I can say nothing on the subject, as you are under the orders of the Envoy to whom you must apply on the subject.

Copy of Letter from Lieut S Hennell Assist in Charge Sea to Shaik Rashid ben Humood, Dated 1st November 1831.

A, C, I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated What you stated regarding the seizure of two Banyas boats by the Shargah people gave me great concern as an excuse for the commission of such an act could be admitted, and piracies by sea cannot be



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be permitted to take place under pretext of aggressions by land unless war be first publicly declared. As however Shaik Sooltan ben Suggur has severely punished the perpetrators of this wicked action and restored the vessels taken together with all the property and Shaik Tahnoon has likewise liberated all the Boats and people he had detained in Aboothabee I trust that the amicable relations lately entered into will remain unshaken. I must beg to trouble you on this subject of certain reports which I am informed the evil disposed in those parts have been setting afloat viz. that the English Government is carrying a correspondence with Shaik Toorky ben Abdoollah and that it is about to leave the Arabs to themselves and permit them to renew the former System of plunder and piracy. This rumour is a most false and groundless one and you may rest assured that the Sirkar will never relax in their determination to punish all those that may be guilty of such acts. It is true that an amicable correspondence is maintained with Shaik Toorky but this is merely in the way of friendship. The British Government I once more repeat under all circumstances and without any distinction of persons will put down any attempt to revive Piracy and whether he be great or whether he be small whoever commits any offence of that nature will be visited by their indignation.

Copy of a Circular Letter to the Shaikhs of Wharien, Aboothabee, Ejman, Amulgawin, and Rasul Khymah. Dated 22 November 1831.

A. C. I regret much to be under the necessity of

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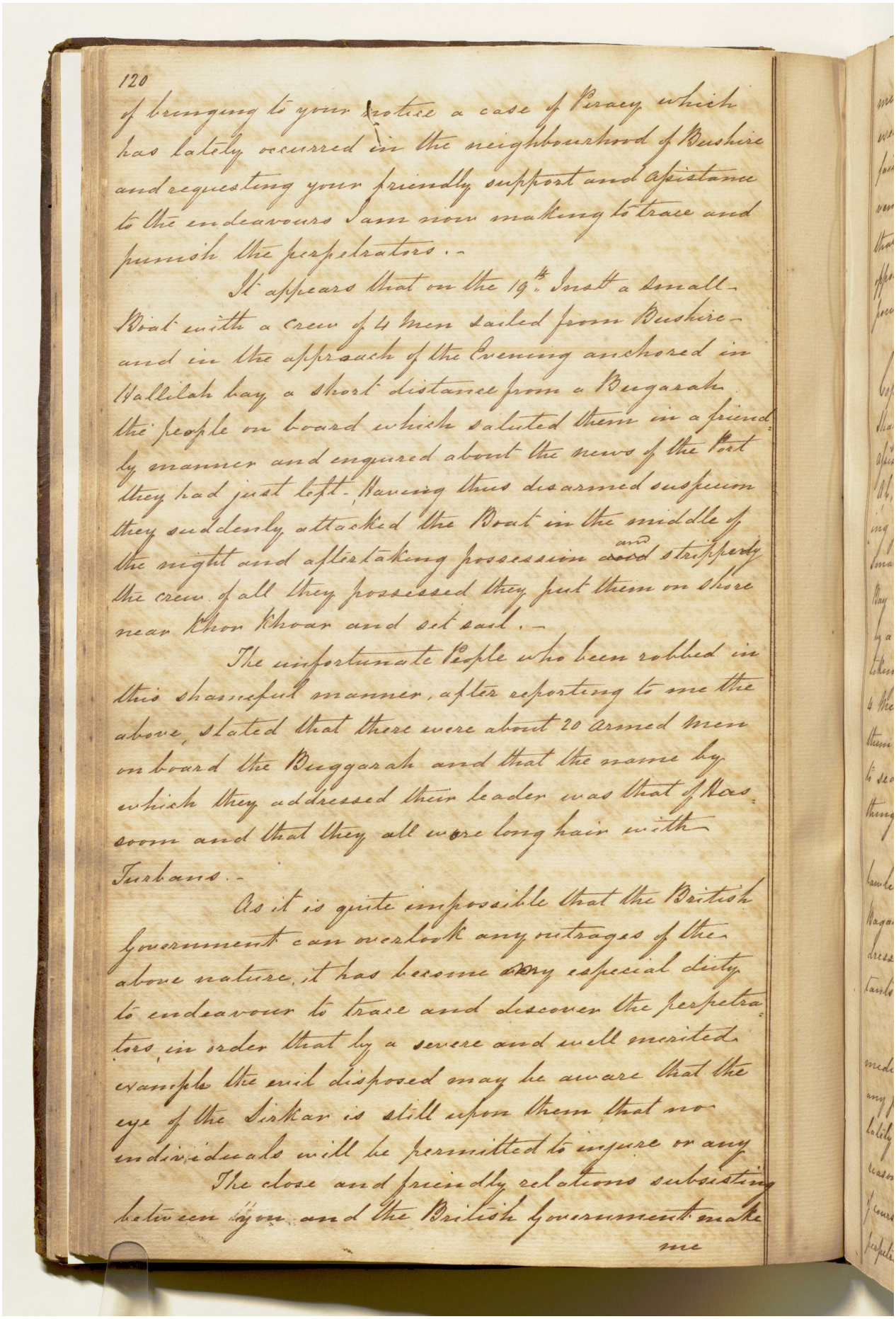

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of bringing to your notice a case of Piracy which has lately occurred in the neighbourhood of Bushire and requesting your friendly support and Assistance to the endeavours I am now making to trace and punish the perpetrators.-

It appears that on the 19th Inst a small Boat with a crew of 4 men sailed from Bushire and in the approach of the Evening anchored in Wallilah bay a short distance from a Buggarah the people on board which saluted them in a friendly manner and enquired about the news of the Port they had just left. Having thus disarmed suspicion they suddenly attacked the Boat in the middle of the night and after taking possession and stripped the crew of all they possessed they put them on shore near Khor Khoar and set sail.-

The unfortunate People who been robbed in this shameful manner, after reporting to me the above, stated that there were about 20 armed men on board the Buggarah and that the name by which they addressed their leader was that of Hassoom and that they all wore long hair with Turbans.-

As it is quite impossible that the British Government can overlook any outrages of the above nature, it has become my especial duty to endeavour to trace and discover the perpetrators, in order that by a severe and well merited example the evil disposed may be aware that the eye of the Sirkar is still upon them, that no individuals will be permitted to injure or any

The close and friendly relations subsisting between Your and the British Government make

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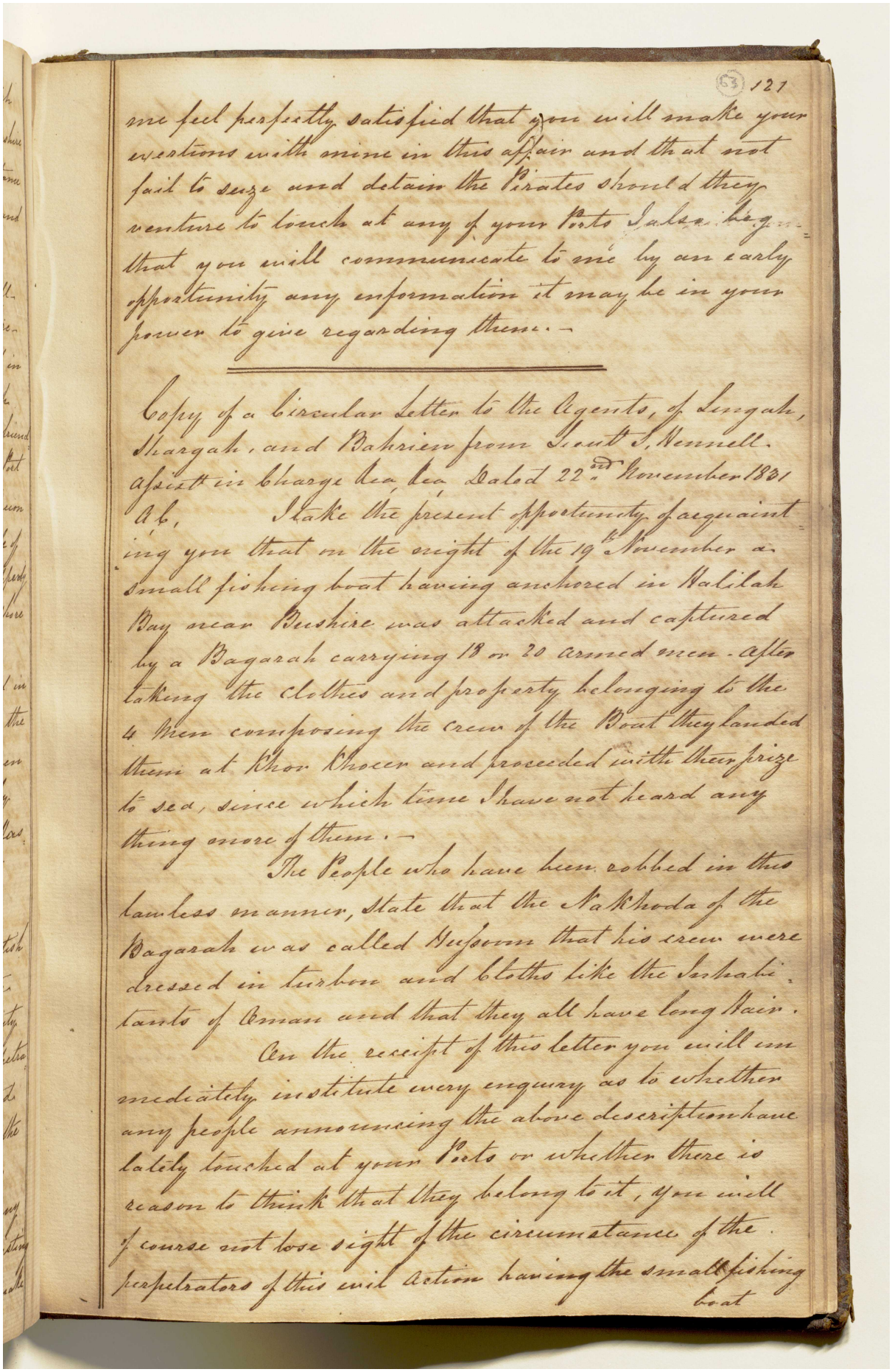

me feel perfectly satisfied that you will make your exertions with mine in this affair and that not fail to seize and detain the Pirates should they venture to touch at any of your Ports I also beg that you will communicate to me by an early opportunity any information it may be in your power to give regarding them.—

Copy of a Circular Letter to the Agents, of Lingah, Shargah, and Bahrien from Lieut S. Hennell Assist in Charge Rea Rea Dated 22nd November 1831 A.C.

I take the present opportunity of acquainting you that on the night of the 19th November a small fishing boat having anchored in Halilah Bay near Bushire was attacked and captured by a Bagarah carrying 18 or 20 armed men. After taking the clothes and property belonging to the 4 Men composing the crew of the Boat they landed them at Khor Khoeer and proceeded with their prize to sea, since which time I have not heard any thing more of them.—

The People who have been robbed in this lawless manner, state that the Nakhoda of the Bagarah was called Hussoom that his crew were dressed in turbon and Cloths like the Inhabitants of Oman and that they all have long Hair.

On the receipt of this letter you will immediately institute every enquiry as to whether any people announcing the above description have lately touched at your Ports or whether there is reason to think that they belong to it, you will of course not lose sight of the circumstance of the perpetrators of this evil Action having the small fishing boat

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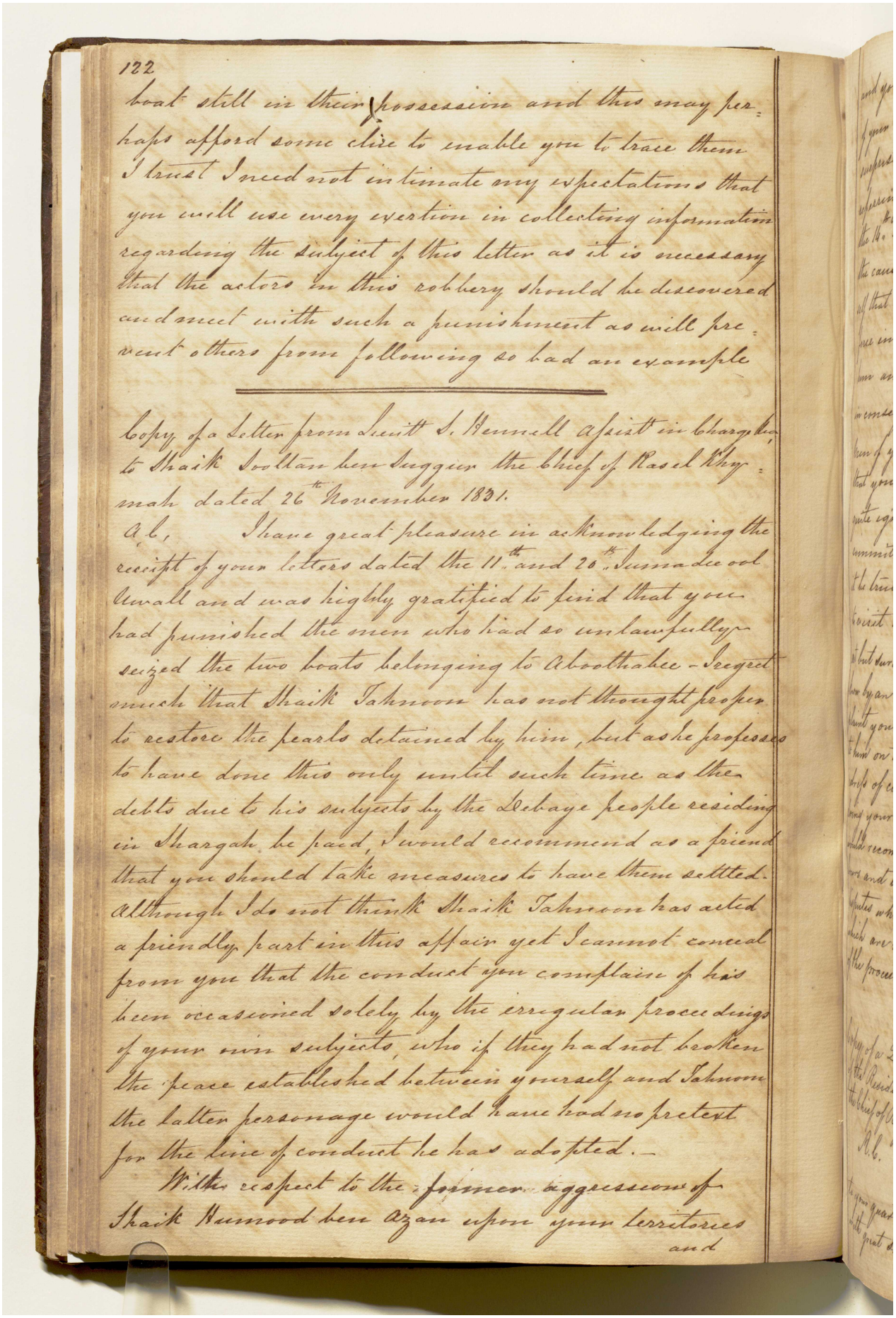

boat still in their possession and this may perhaps afford some clue to enable you to trace them I trust I need not intimate my expectations that you will use every exertion in collecting information regarding the subject of this letter as it is necessary that the actors in this robbery should be discovered and meet with such a punishment as will prevent others from following so bad an example

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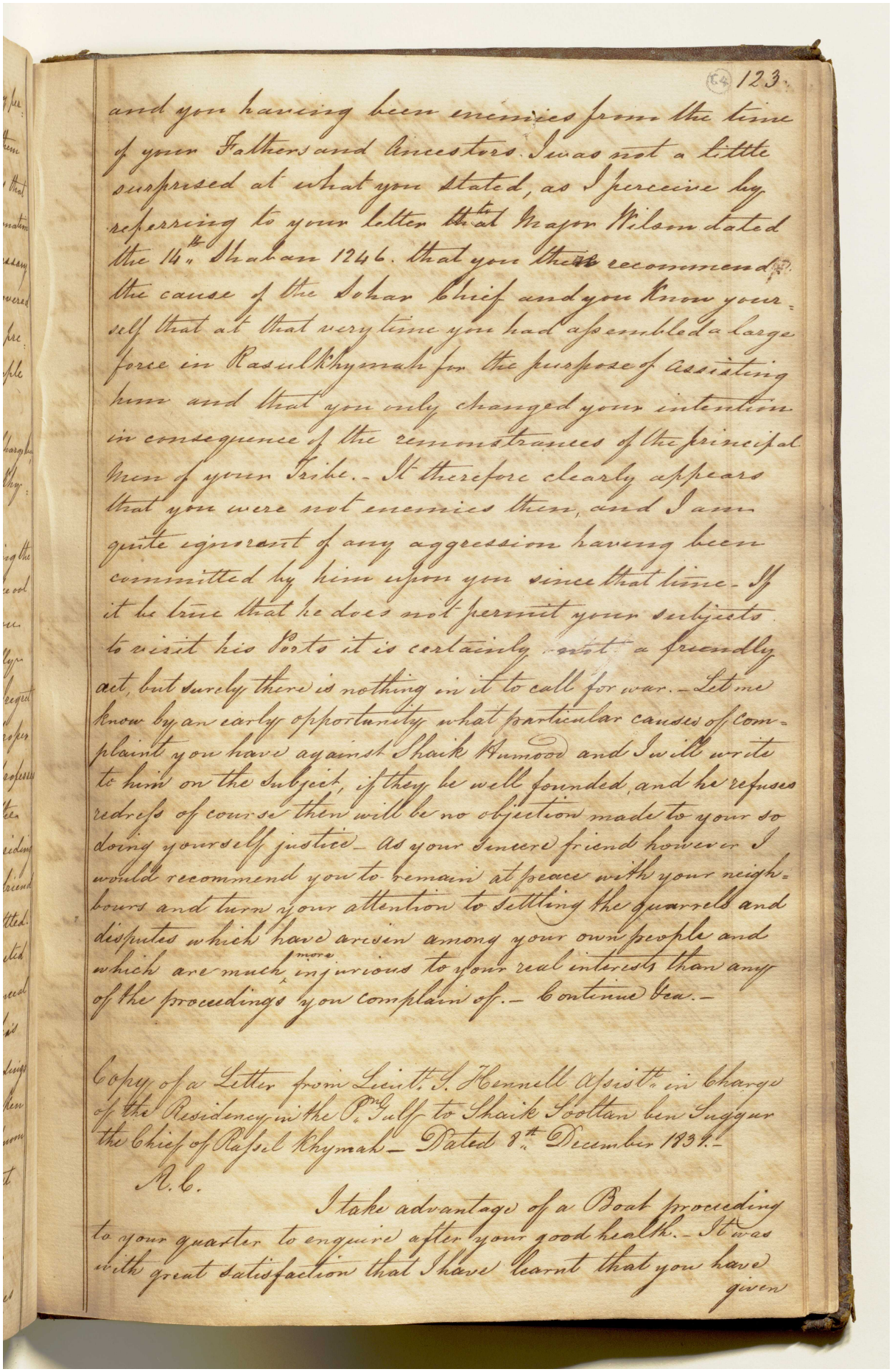
Copy of a Letter from Lieut S. Hennell Assist in Charge Reg to Shaik Sooltan ben Suggur the Chief of Rasel Khymah dated 26th November 1831.

A.C. I have great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your letters dated the 11th and 20th Jumadee ool Uwall and was highly gratified to find that you had punished the men who had so unlawfully seized the two boats belonging to Aboothabee - I regret much that Shaik Tahnoon has not thought proper to restore the pearls detained by him, but as he professes to have done this only until such time as the debts due to his subjects by the Debaye people residing in Shargah be paid, I would recommend as a friend that you should take measures to have them settled. Although I do not think Shaik Tahnoon has acted a friendly part in this affair yet I cannot conceal from you that the conduct you complain of has been occasioned solely by the irregular proceedings of your own subjects, who if they had not broken the peace established between yourself and Tahnoon the latter personage would have had no pretext for the line of conduct he has adopted.—

With respect to the former aggression of Shaik Humood ben Azan upon your territories and



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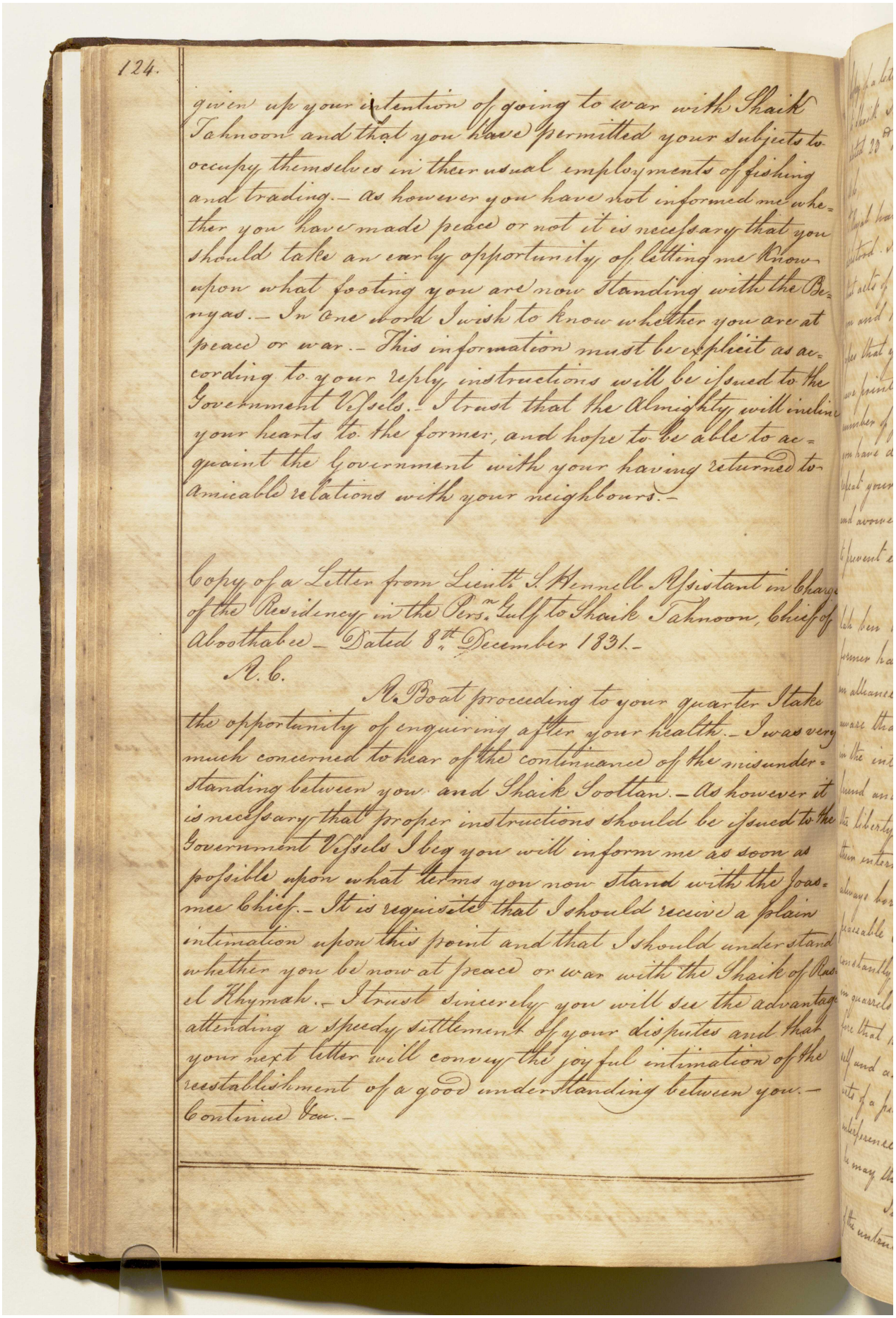
and you having been enemies from the time of your Fathers and Ancestors. I was not a little surprised at what you stated, as I perceive by referring to your letter that Major Wilson dated the 14th Shaban 1246. that you then recommended the cause of the Sohar Chief and you know your self that at that very time you had assembled a large force in Rasul Khymah for the purpose of assisting him and that you only changed your intention in consequence of the remonstrances of the principal men of your Tribe.- It therefore clearly appears that you were not enemies then, and I am quite ignorant of any aggression having been committed by him upon you since that time- If it be true that he does not permit your subjects to visit his Ports it is certainly not a friendly act, but surely there is nothing in it to call for war.- Let me know by an early opportunity what particular causes of complaint you have against Shaik Humood and I will write to him on the subject, if they be well founded, and he refuses redress of course then will be no objection made to your so doing yourself justice- as your Sincere friend however I would recommend you to remain at peace with your neighbours and turn your attention to settling the quarrels and disputes which have arisen among your own people and which are much more injurious to your real interests than any of the proceedings you complain of.- Continue &c.-

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.t S. Hennell Asst.t in charge of the Residency in the P.n Gulf to Shaik Soottan bin Suggur the Chief of Rasel Khymah- Dated 8th December 1834.-

A.C.

I take advantage of a Boat proceeding to your quarter to enquire after your good health.- It was with great satisfaction that I have learnt that you have given



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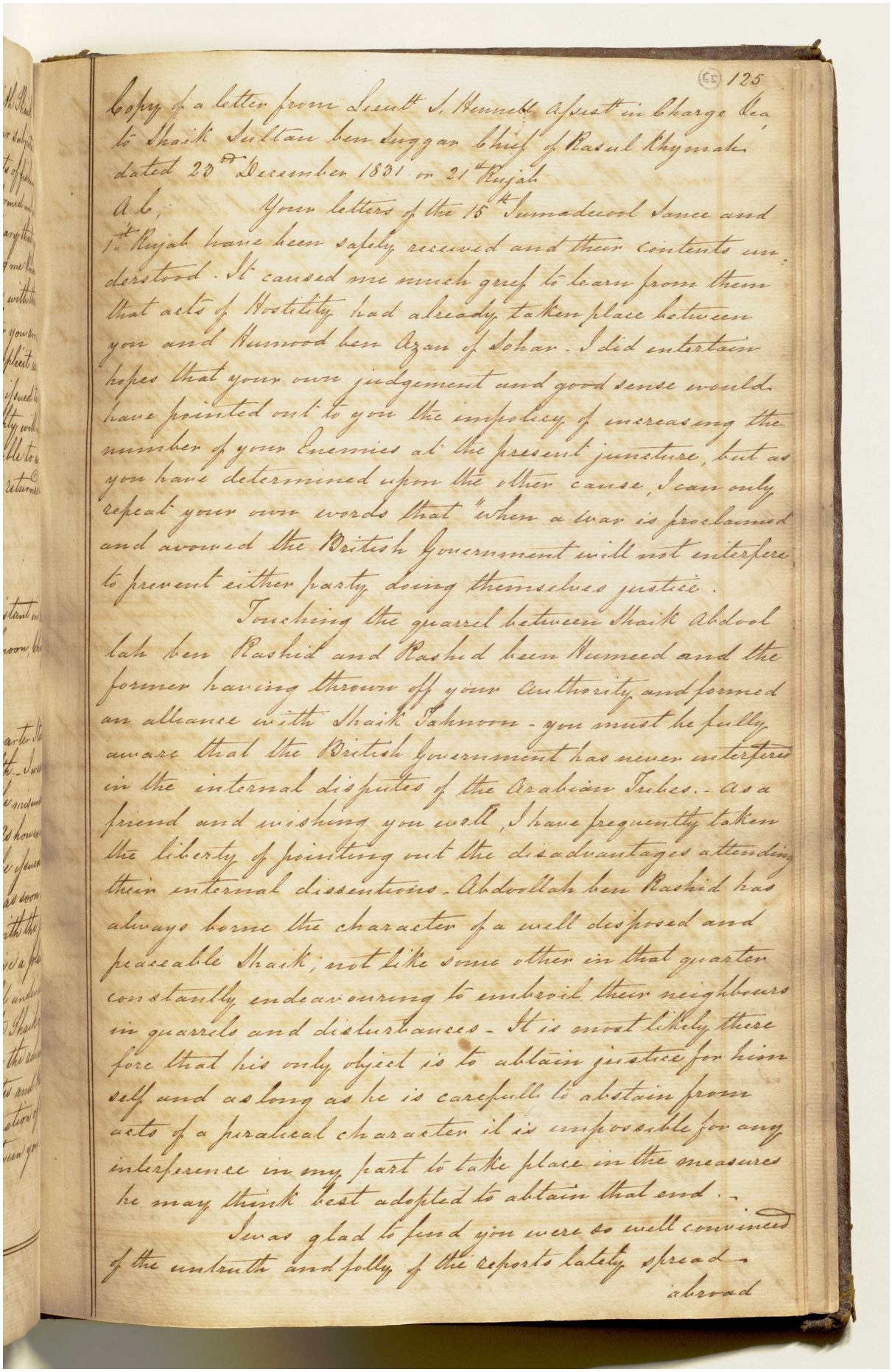
given up your intention of going to war with Shaik Tahnoon and that you have permitted your subjects to occupy themselves in their usual employments of fishing and trading.— as however you have not informed me whether you have made peace or not it is necessary that you should take an early opportunity of letting me know upon what footing you are now standing with the Beniyas.— In one word I wish to know whether you are at peace or war.— This information must be explicit as according to your reply instructions will be issued to the Government Vessels.— I trust that the Almighty will incline your hearts to the former, and hope to be able to acquaint the Government with your having returned to amicable relations with your neighbours.—

Copy of a Letter from Lieut.t S. Kennell Assistant in Charge of the Residency in the Pers.n Gulf to Shaik Tahnoon, Chief of Aboothabee.— Dated 8.th December 1831.—

A. C.

A Boat proceeding to your quarter I take the opportunity of enquiring after your health.— I was very much concerned to hear of the continuance of the misunderstanding between you and Shaik Soultan.— As however it is necessary that proper instructions should be issued to the Government Vessels I beg you will inform me as soon as possible upon what terms you now stand with the Joasmee Chief.— It is requisite that I should receive a plain intimation upon this point and that I should understand whether you be now at peace or war with the Shaik of Ras el Khymah.— I trust sincerely you will see the advantage attending a speedy settlement of your disputes and that your next letter will convey the joyful intimation of the reestablishment of a good understanding between you.— Continue &c.—



Copy of a letter from Lieut. S. Hennell Assist. in Charge Sea to Shaik Sultan ben Suggar Chief of Rasul Khymah dated 23rd December 1831 or 21st Rujab

A.C.; Your letters of the 15th Jumadeeool Sanee and 1st Rujab have been safely received and their contents understood. It caused me much grief to learn from them that acts of Hostility had already taken place between you and Humood ben Azan of Sohar. I did entertain hopes that your own judgement and good sense would have pointed out to you the impolicy of increasing the number of your Enemies at the present juncture, but as you have determined upon the other cause, I can only repeat your own words that "when a war is proclaimed and avowed the British Government will not interfere to prevent either party doing themselves justice.

Touching the quarrel between Shaik Abdoollah ben Rashid and Rashid been Humeed and the former having thrown off your Authority and formed an alliance with Shaik Tahnoon - you must be fully aware that the British Government has never interfered in the internal disputes of the Arabian Tribes. - As a friend and wishing you well, I have frequently taken the liberty of pointing out the disadvantages attending their internal dissentions. Abdoollah ben Rashid has always borne the character of a well disposed and peaceable Shaik, not like some other in that quarter constantly endeavouring to embroil their neighbours in quarrels and disturbances - It is most likely therefore that his only object is to abtain justice for himself and as long as he is carefull to abstain from acts of a piratical character it is impossible for any interference in my part to take place in the measures he may think best adopted to abtain that end. -

I was glad to find you were so well convinced of the untruth and folly of the reports lately spread

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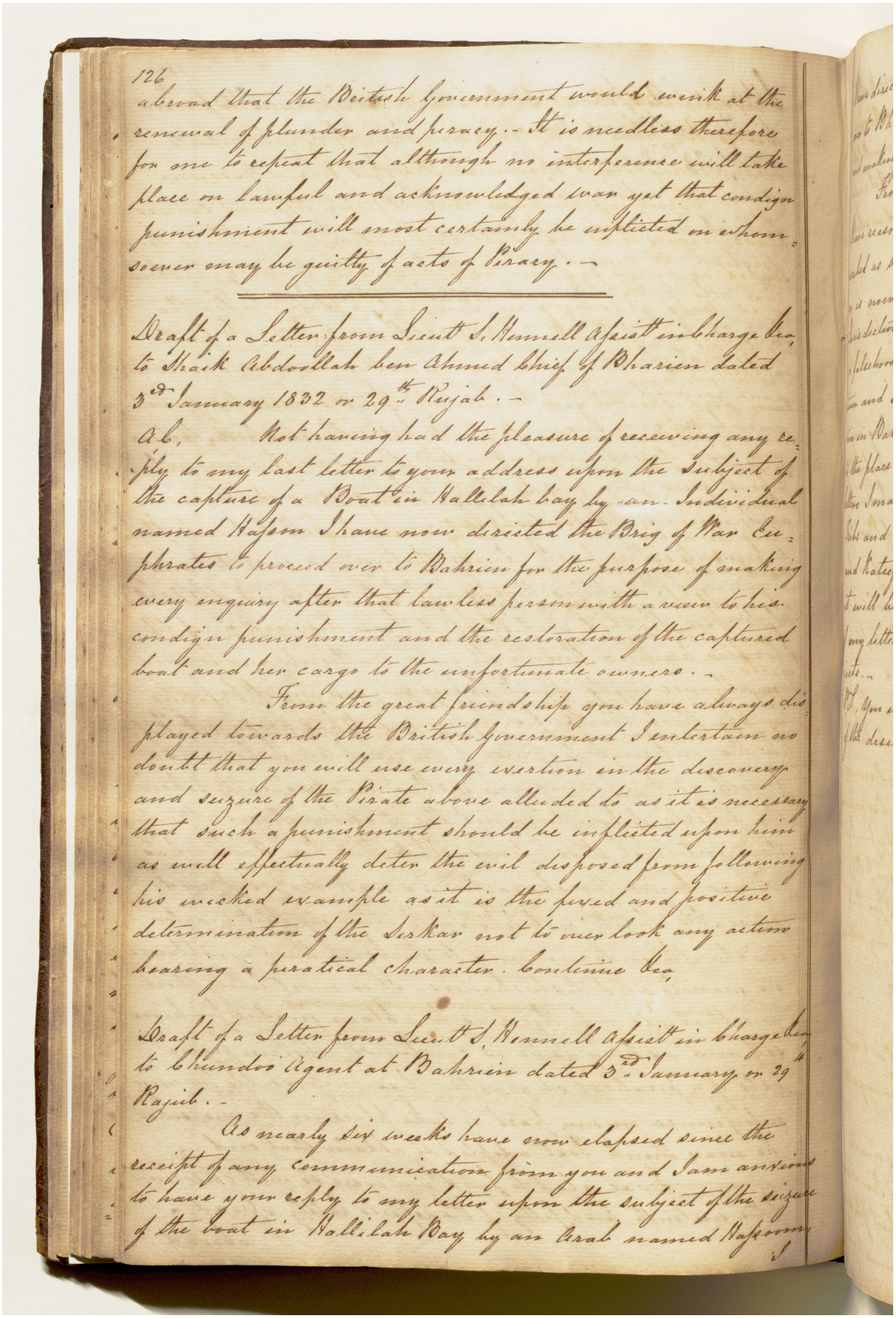

abroad that the British Government would wink at the renewal of plunder and piracy.- It is needless therefore for me to repeat that although no interference will take place on lawful and acknowledged war yet that condign punishment will most certainly be inflicted on whomsoever may be guilty of acts of Piracy.-

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Draft of a Letter from Lieut S. Hennell Assist in Charge &c, to Shaik Abdoollah ben Ahmed Chief of Bharien dated 3rd January 1832 or 29th Rujab.-

A.C. Not having had the pleasure of receiving any reply to my last letter to your address upon the subject of the capture of a Boat in Hallilah bay by an Individual named Hassoon I have now directed the Brig of War Euphrates to proceed over to Bahrien for the purpose of making every enquiry after that lawless person with a view to his condign punishment and the restoration of the captured boat and her cargo to the unfortunate owners.-

From the great friendship you have always displayed towards the British Government I entertain no doubt that you will use every exertion in the discovery and seizure of the Pirate above alluded to as it is necessary that such a punishment should be inflicted upon him as will effectually deter the evil disposed from following his wicked example as it is the fixed and positive determination of the Sirkar not to over look any action bearing a piratical character. Continue &c,

Draft of a Letter from Lieut S. Hennell Assist in Charge &c, to Chundoo Agent at Bahrien dated 3rd January or 29th Rajub.-

As nearly six weeks have now elapsed since the receipt of any communication from you and I am anxious to have your reply to my letter upon the subject of the seizure of the boat in Hallilah Bay by an Arab named Hassoom,

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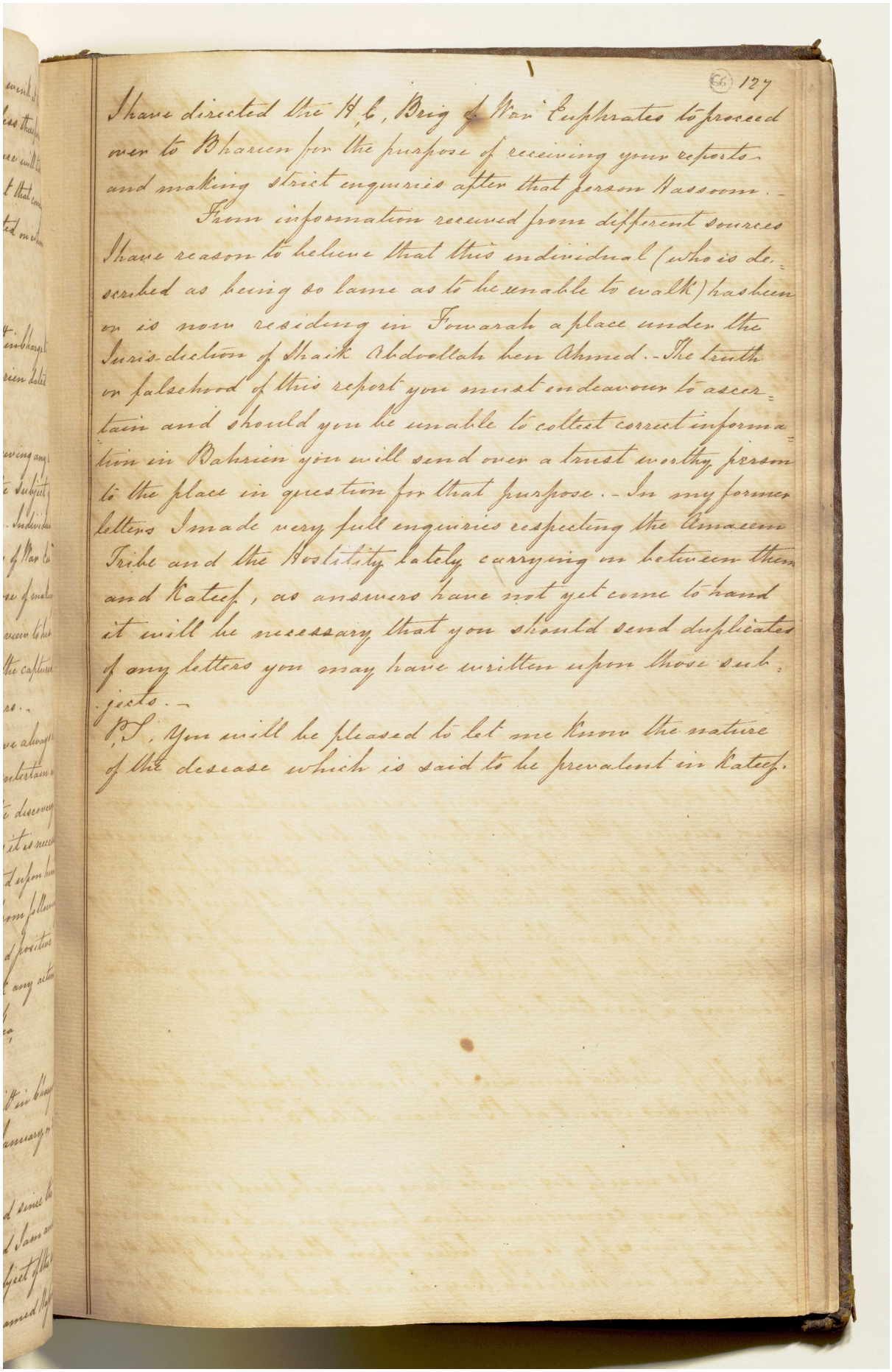

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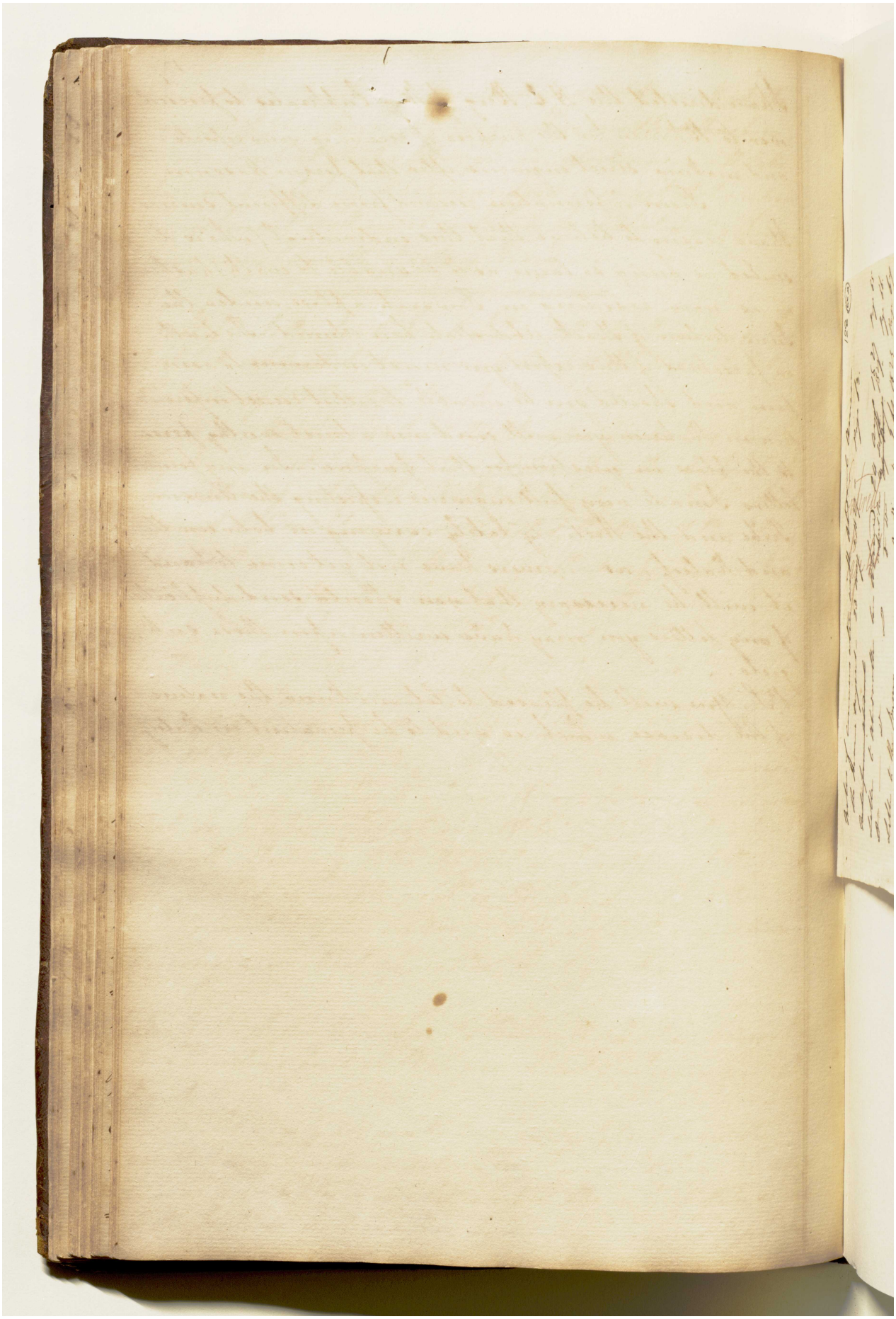
I have directed the H.C. Brig of War 'Euphrates' to proceed over to Bharein for the purpose of receiving your reports and making strict enquiries after that person Hassoon.-

From information received from different sources I have reason to believe that this individual (who is described as being so lame as to be unable to walk) has been or is now residing in Fowarah a place under the Jurisdiction of Shaik Abdoollah ben Ahmed.- The truth or falsehood of this report you must endeavour to ascertain and should you be unable to collect correct information in Bahrein you will send over a trust worthy person to the place in question for that purpose.- In my former letters I made very full enquiries respecting the Amaseem Tribe and the hostility lately carrying on between them and Kateef, as answers have not yet come to hand it will be necessary that you should send duplicates of any letters you may have written upon those subjects.-

P.S. You will be pleased to let me know the nature of the disease which is said to be prevalent in Kateef.



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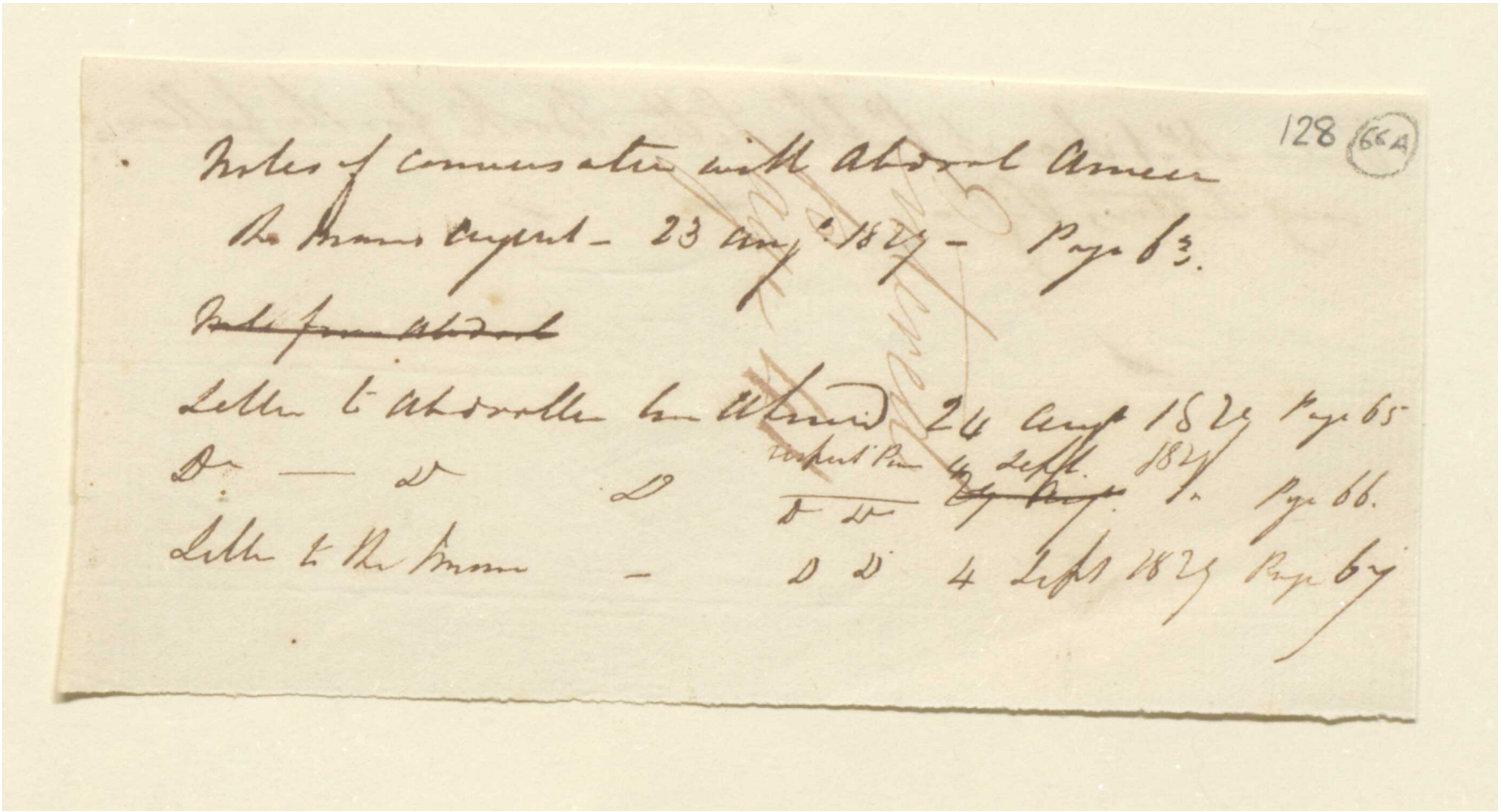

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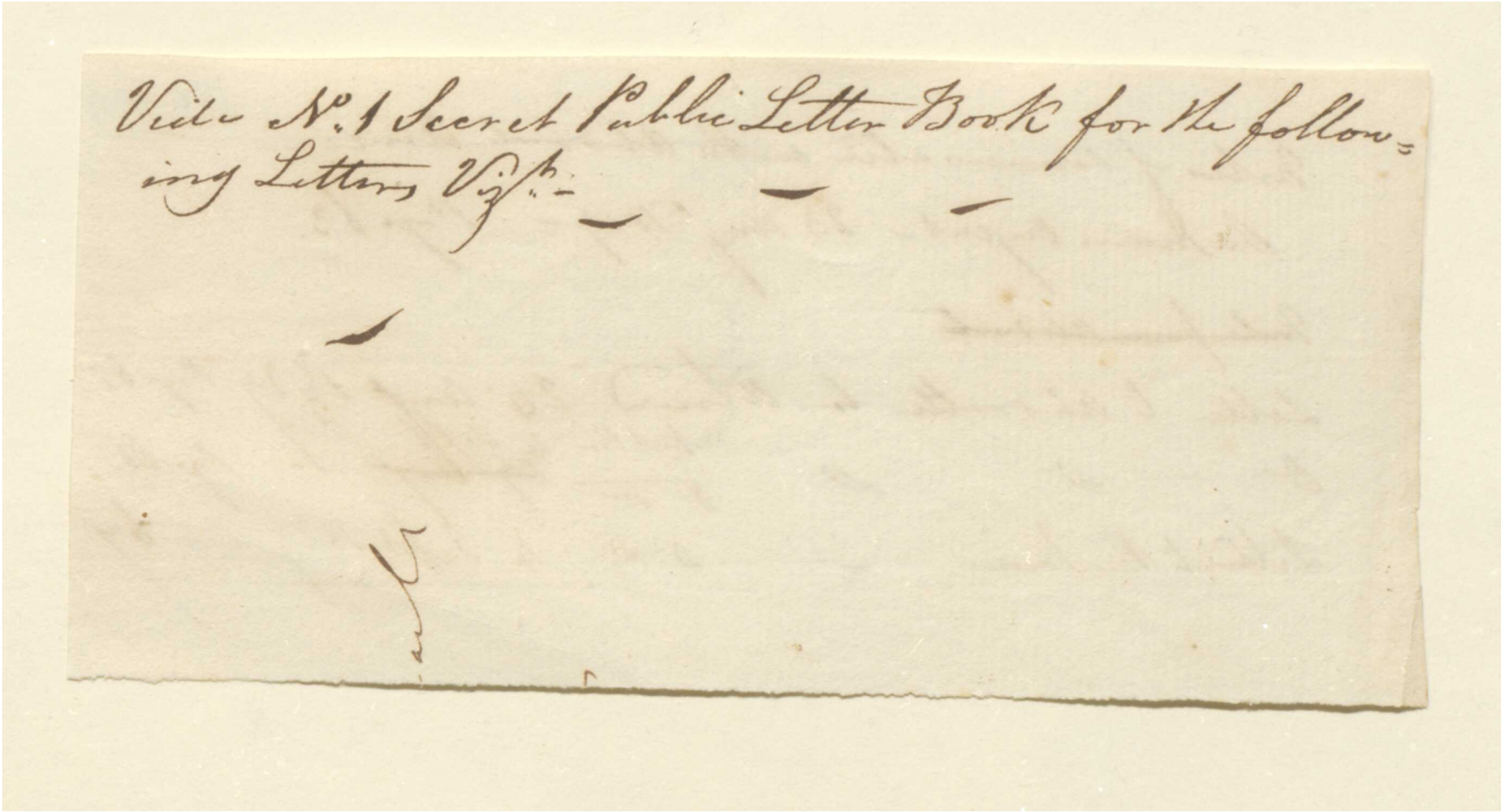

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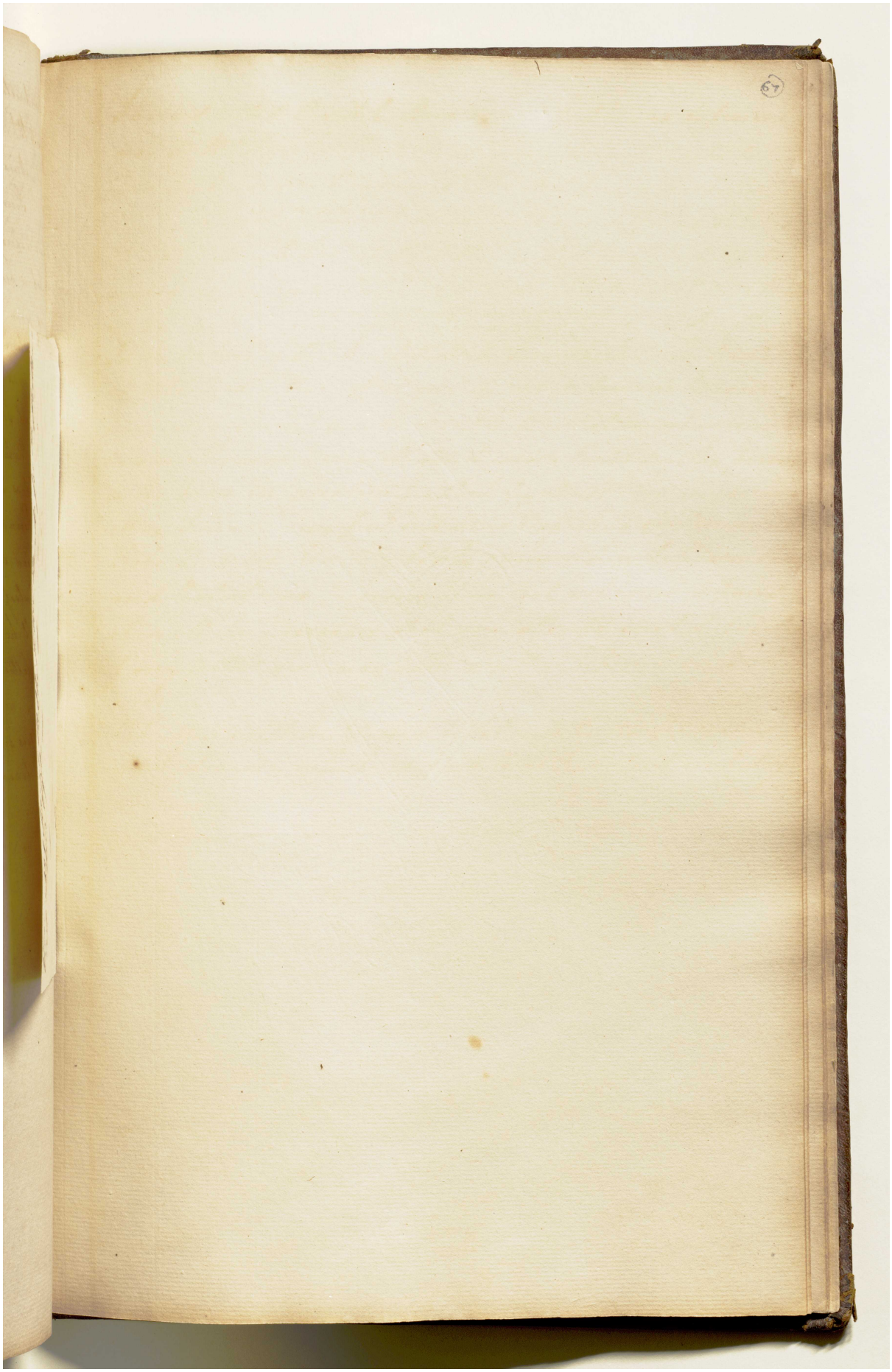

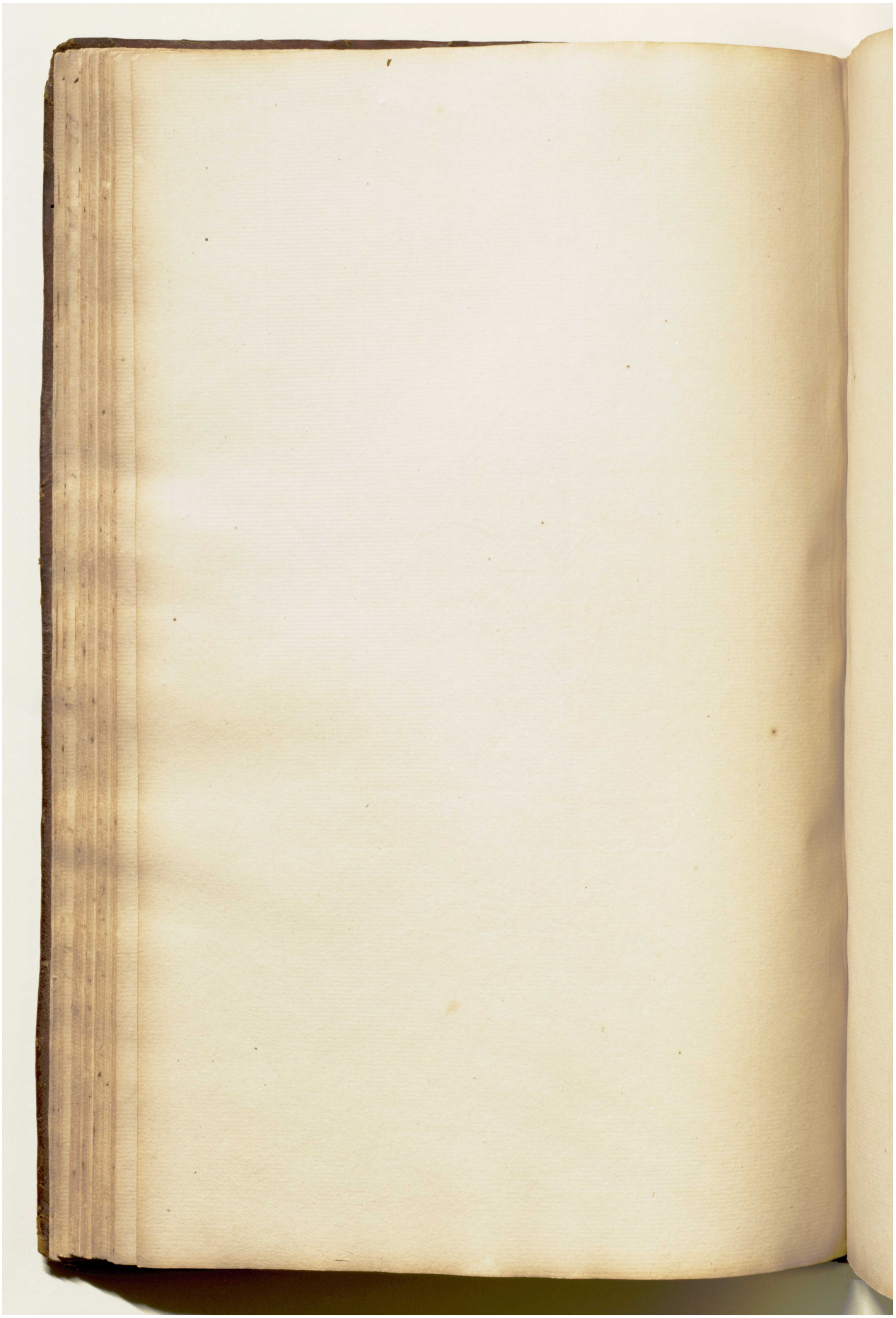

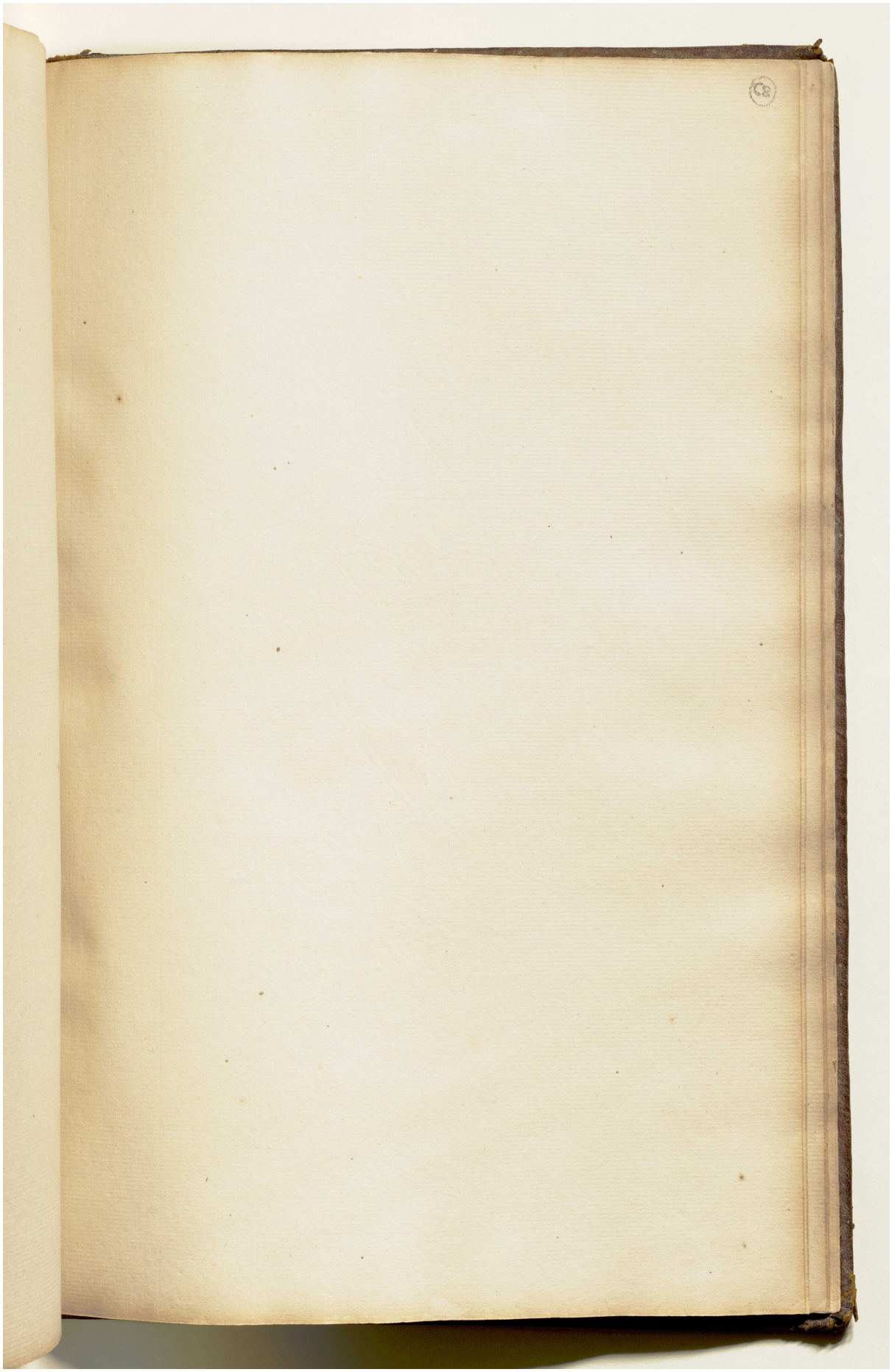

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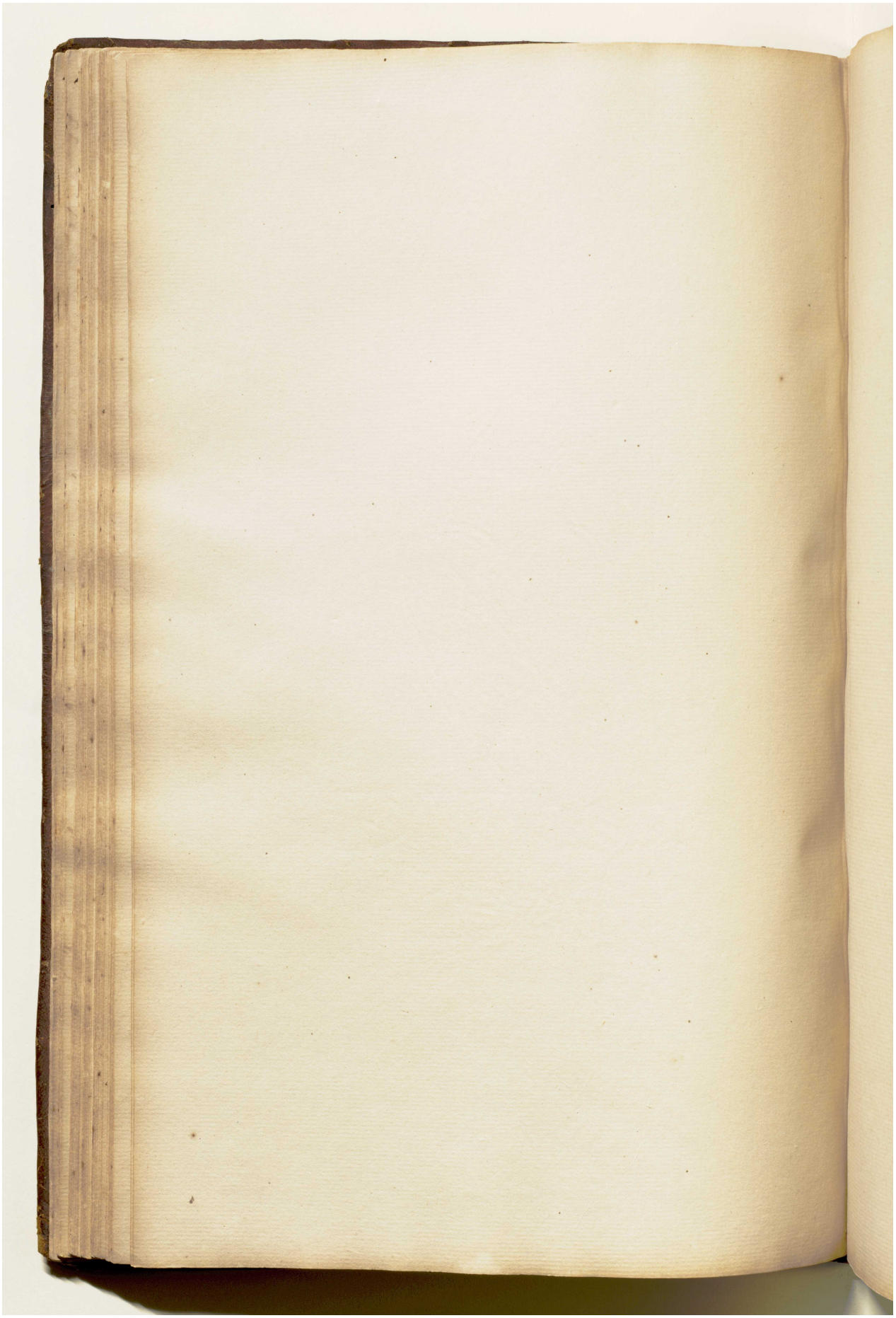

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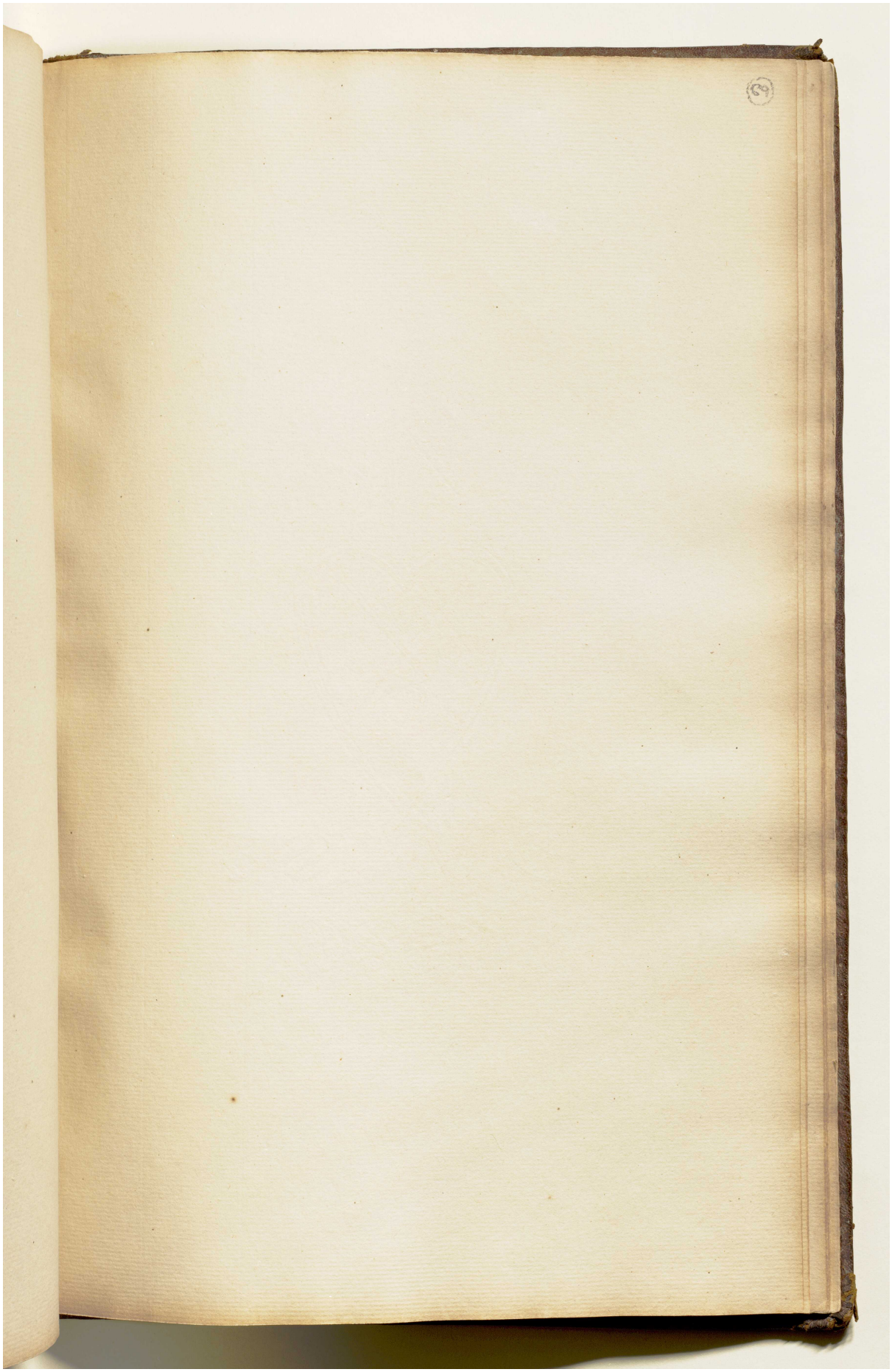

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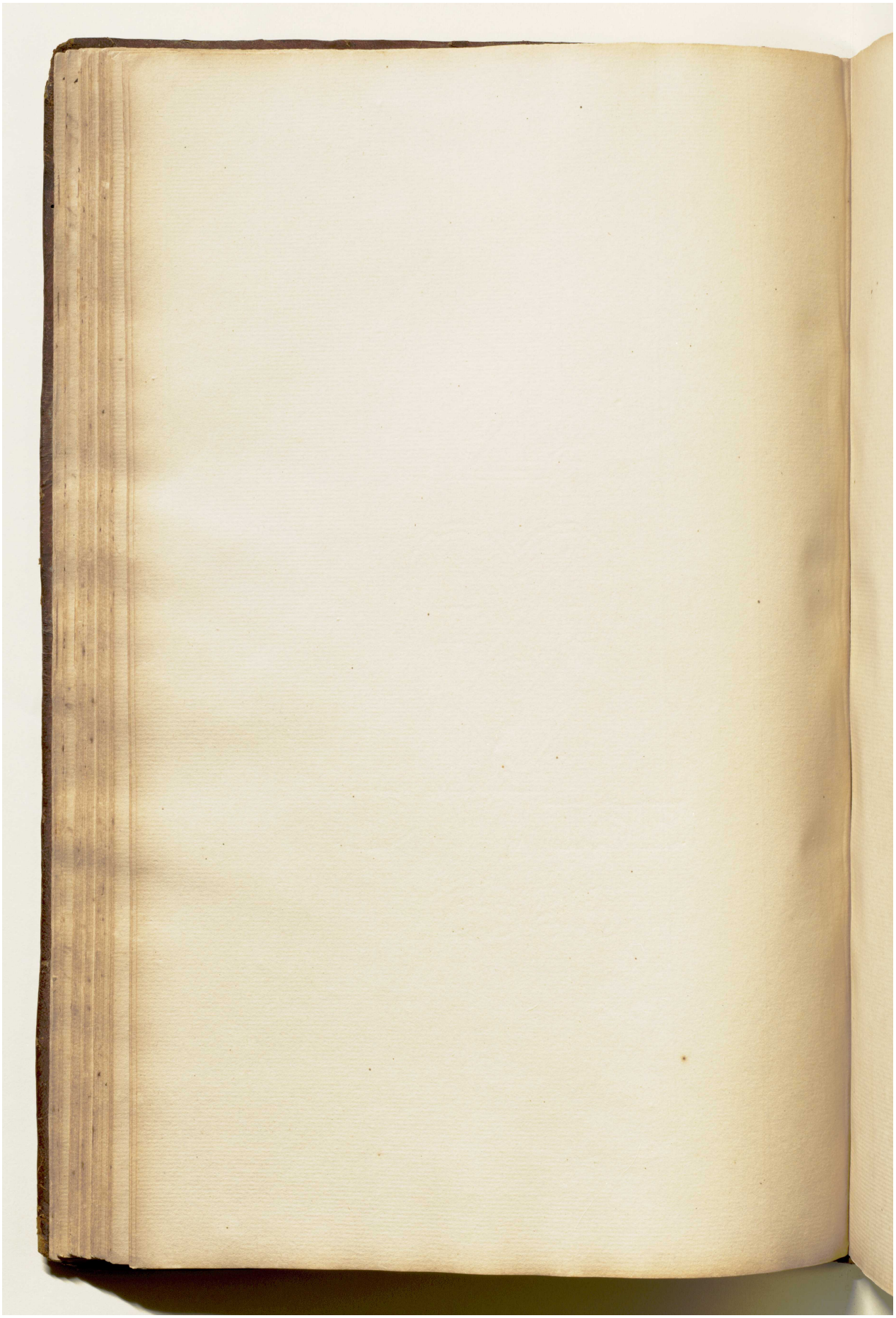

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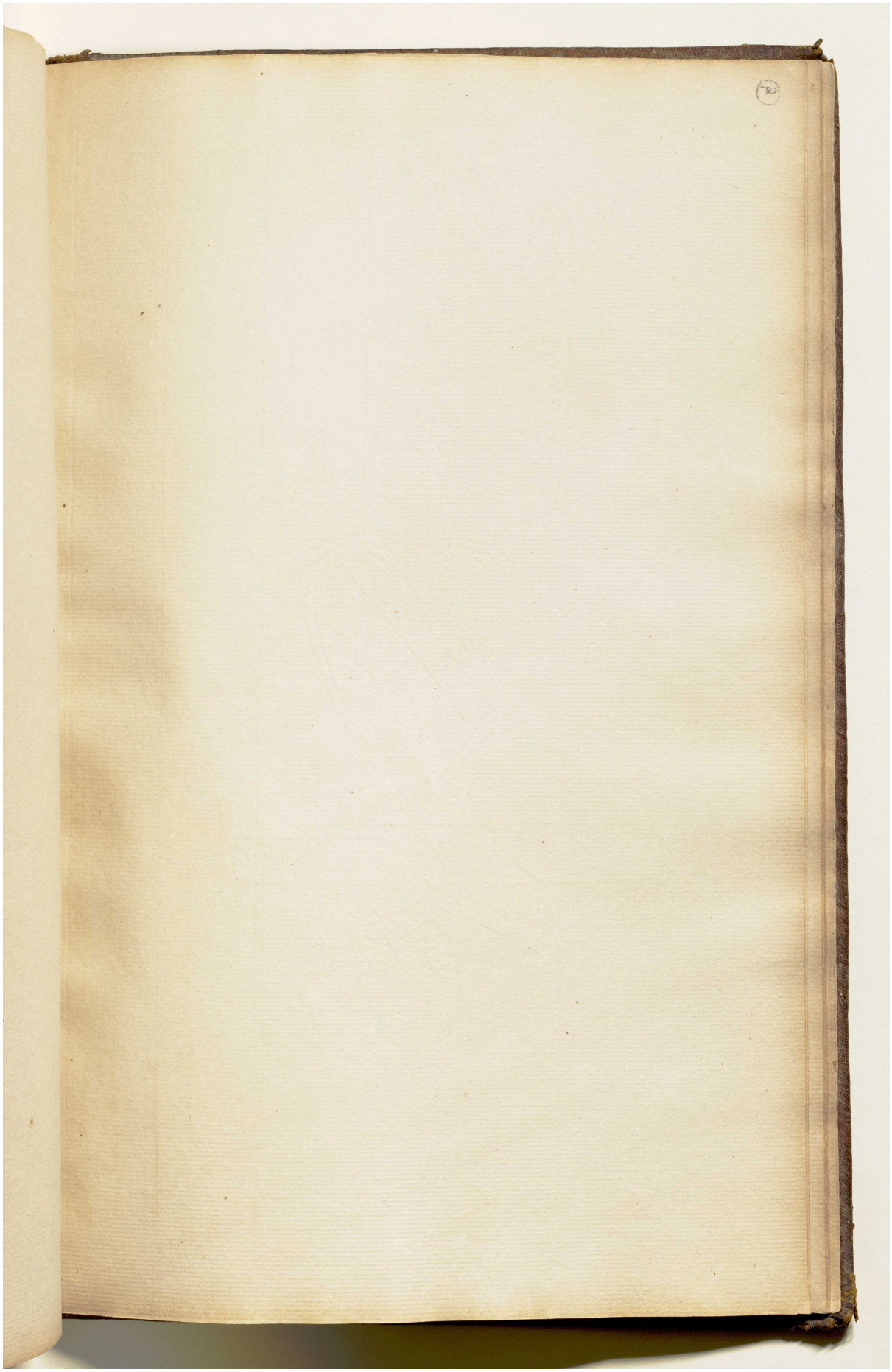

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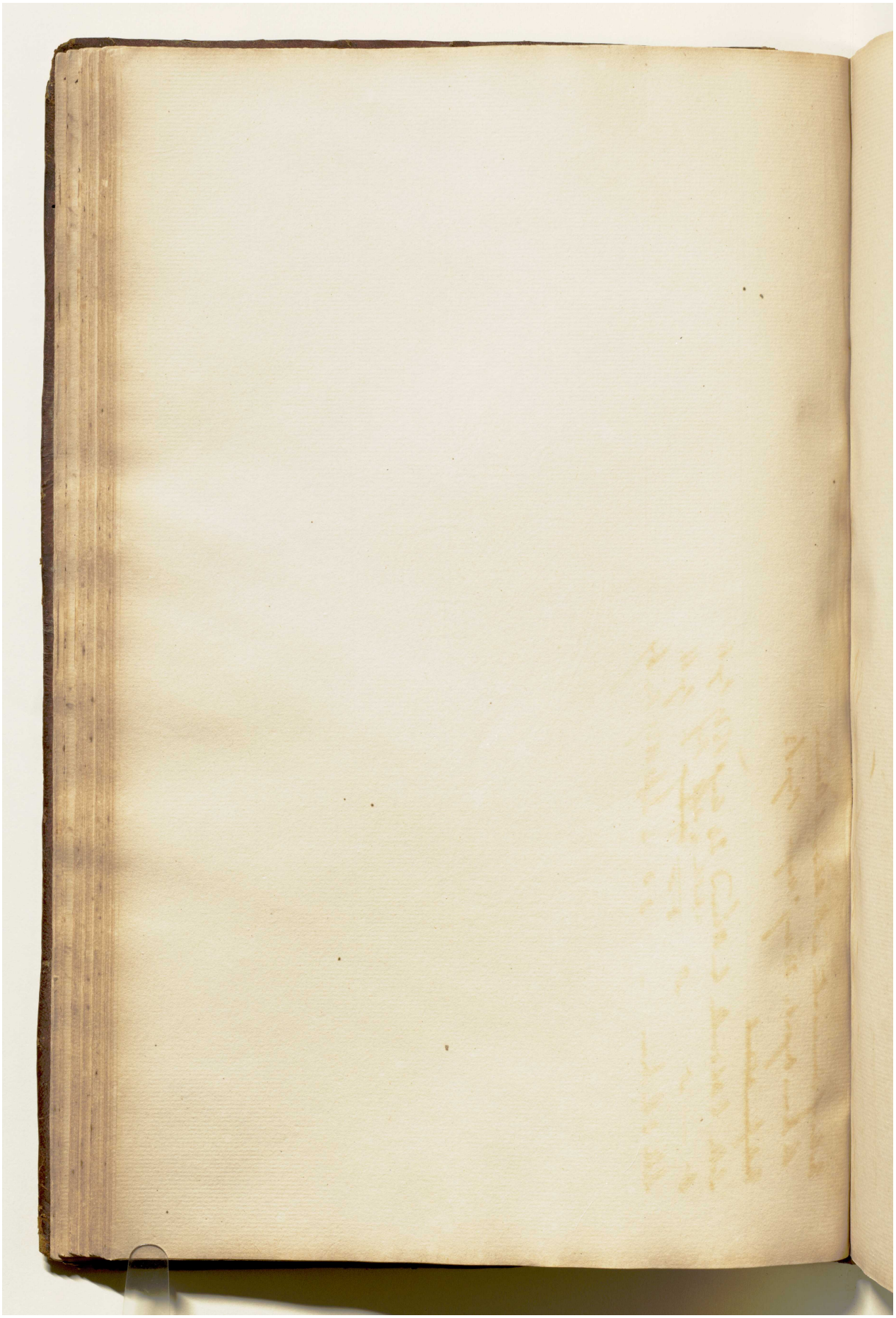

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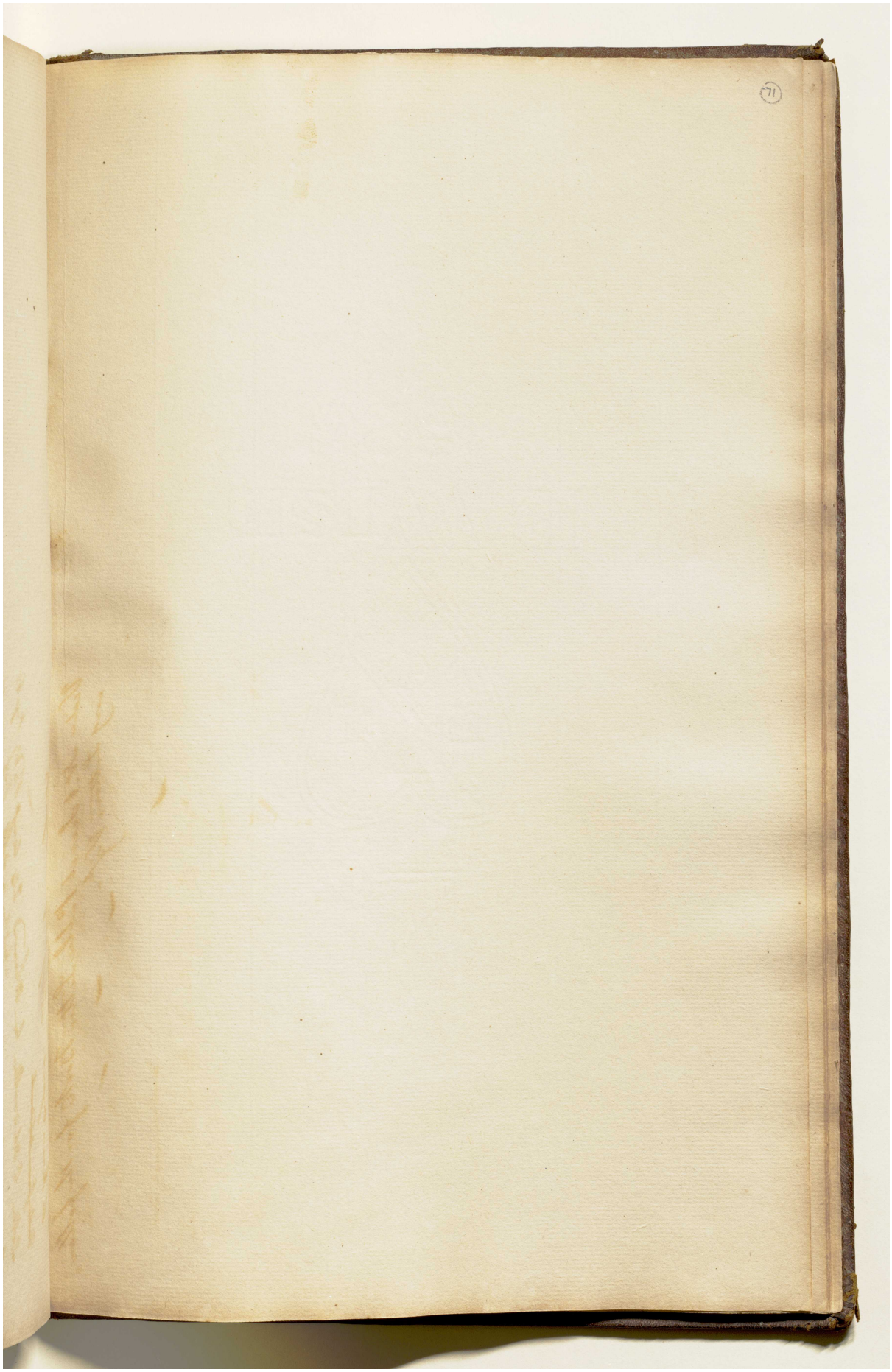

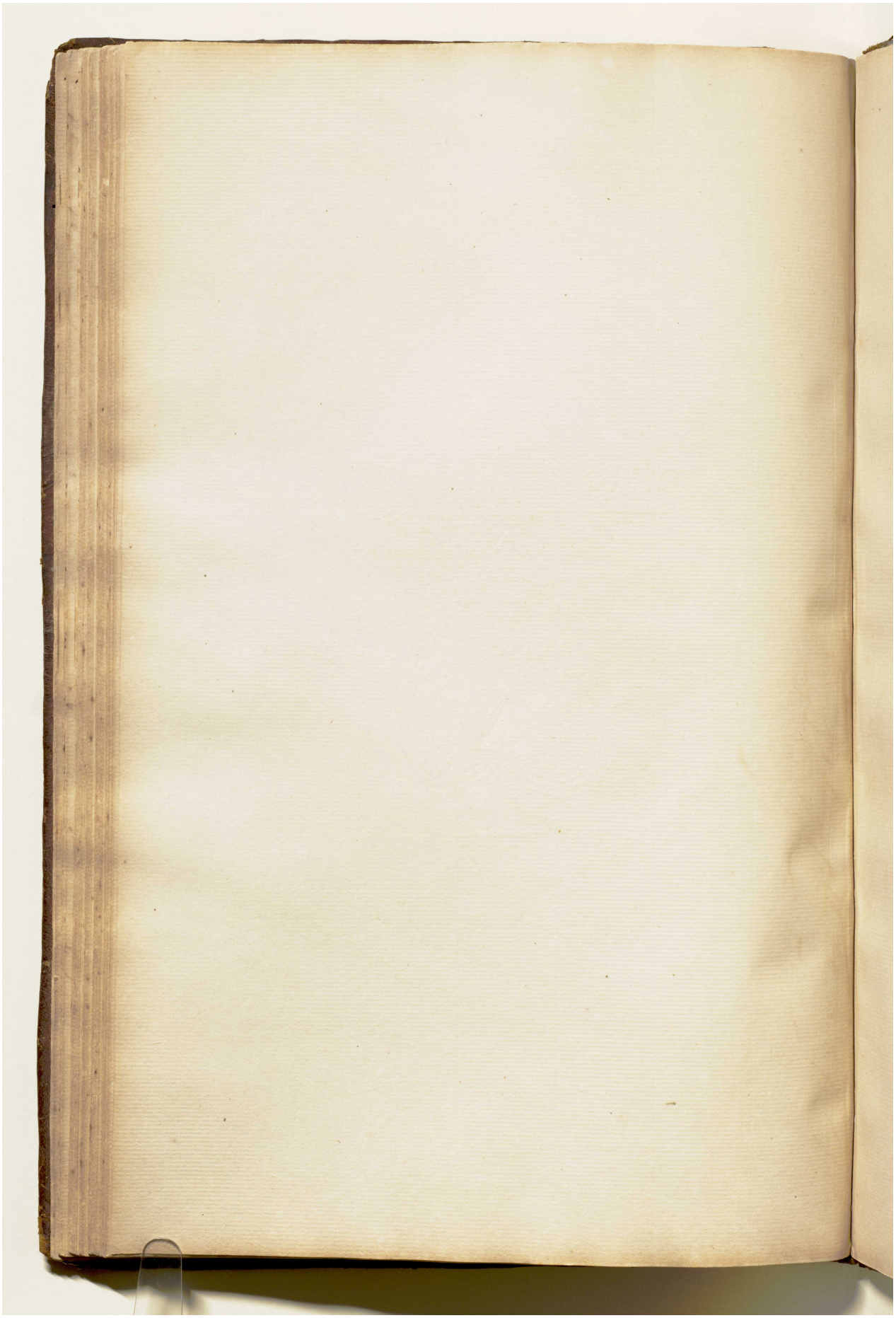

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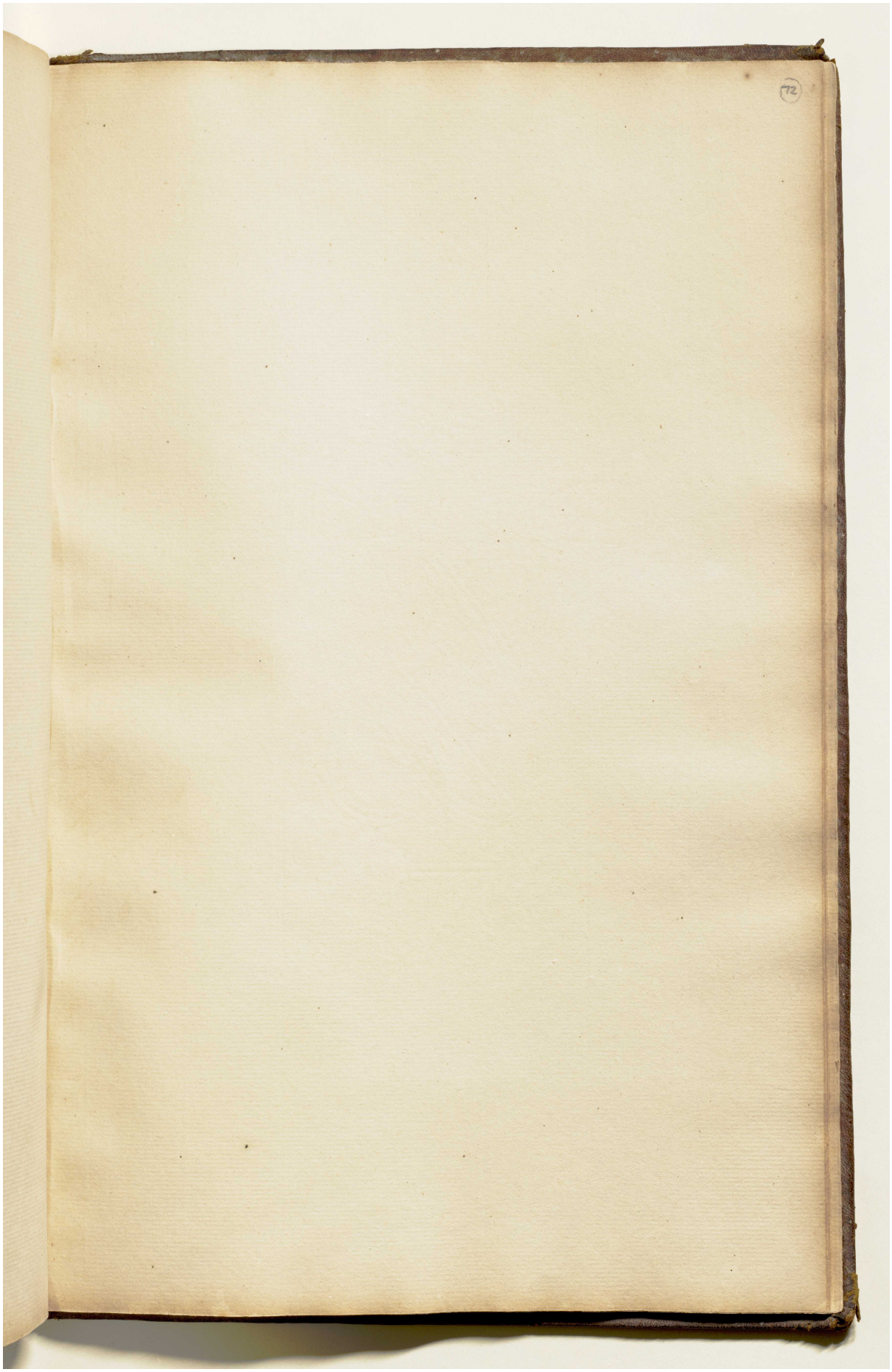

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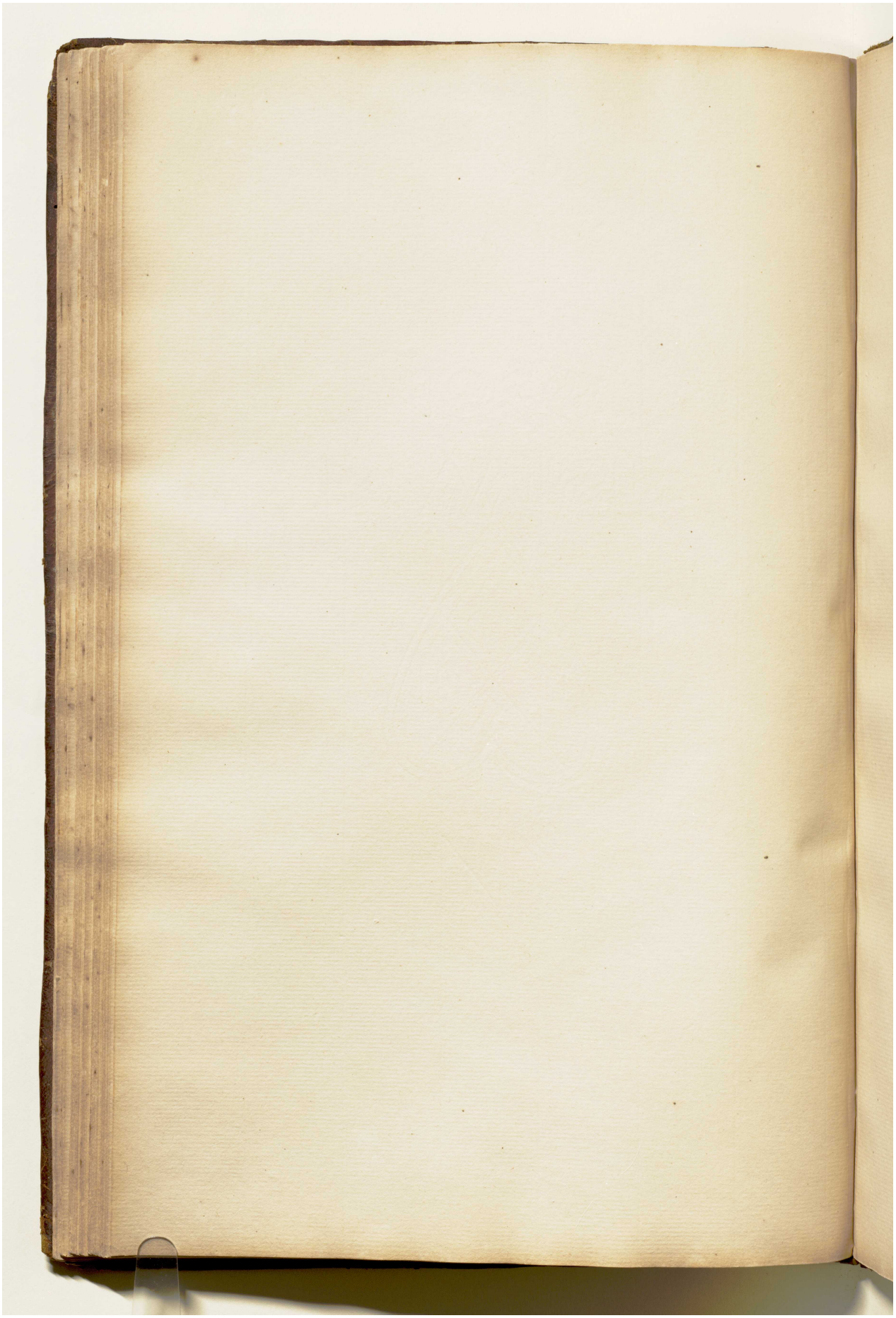

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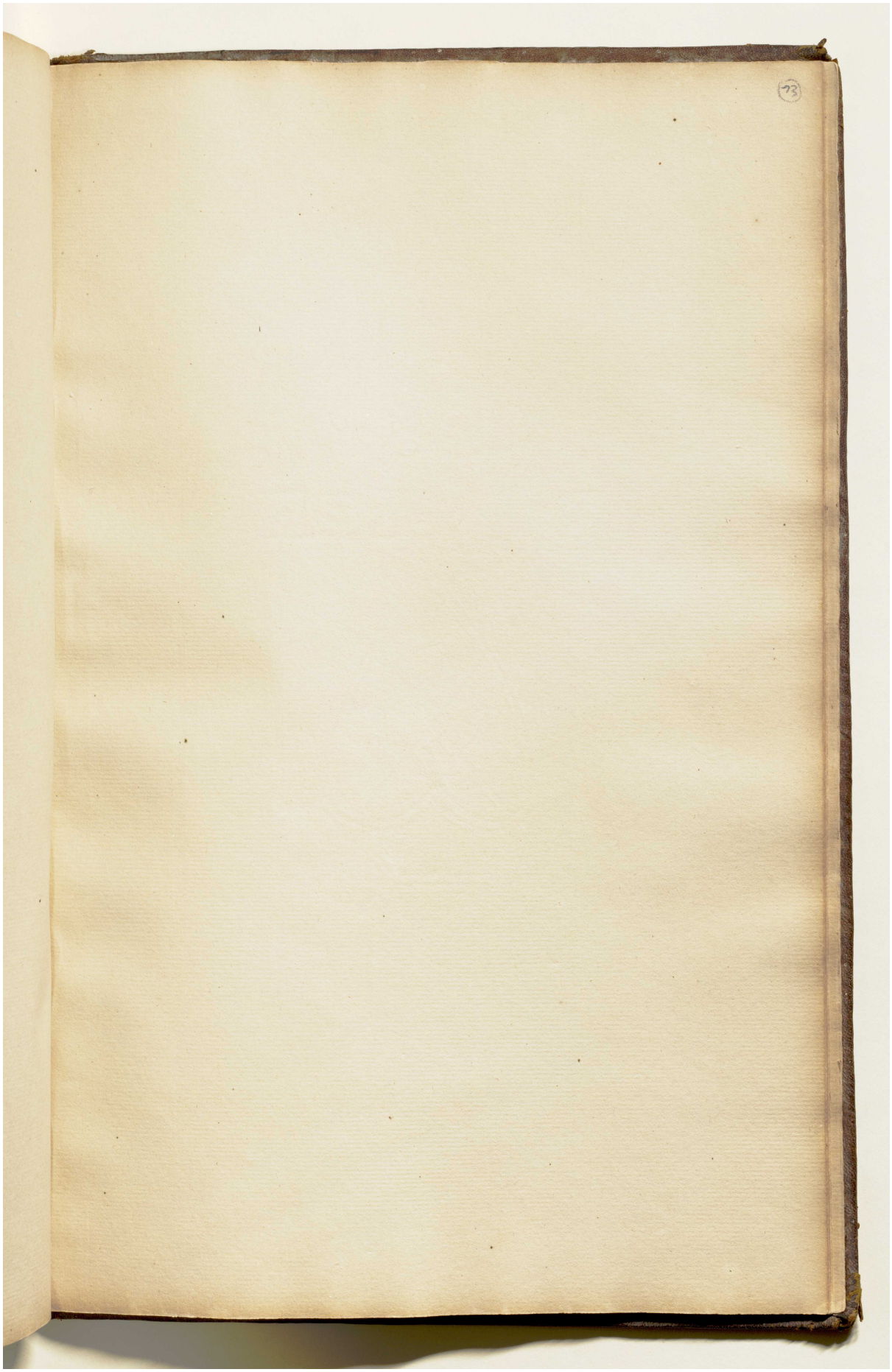

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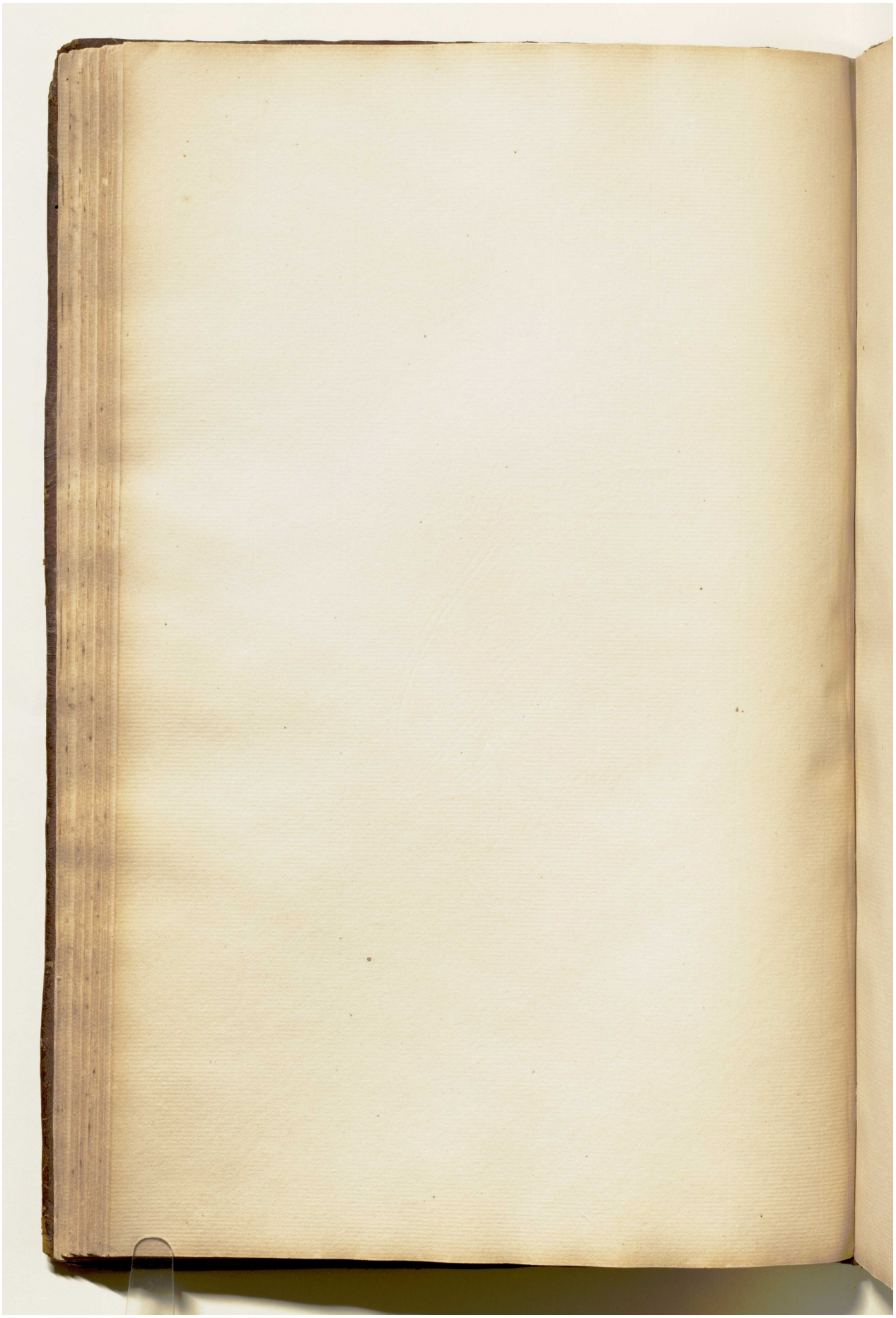

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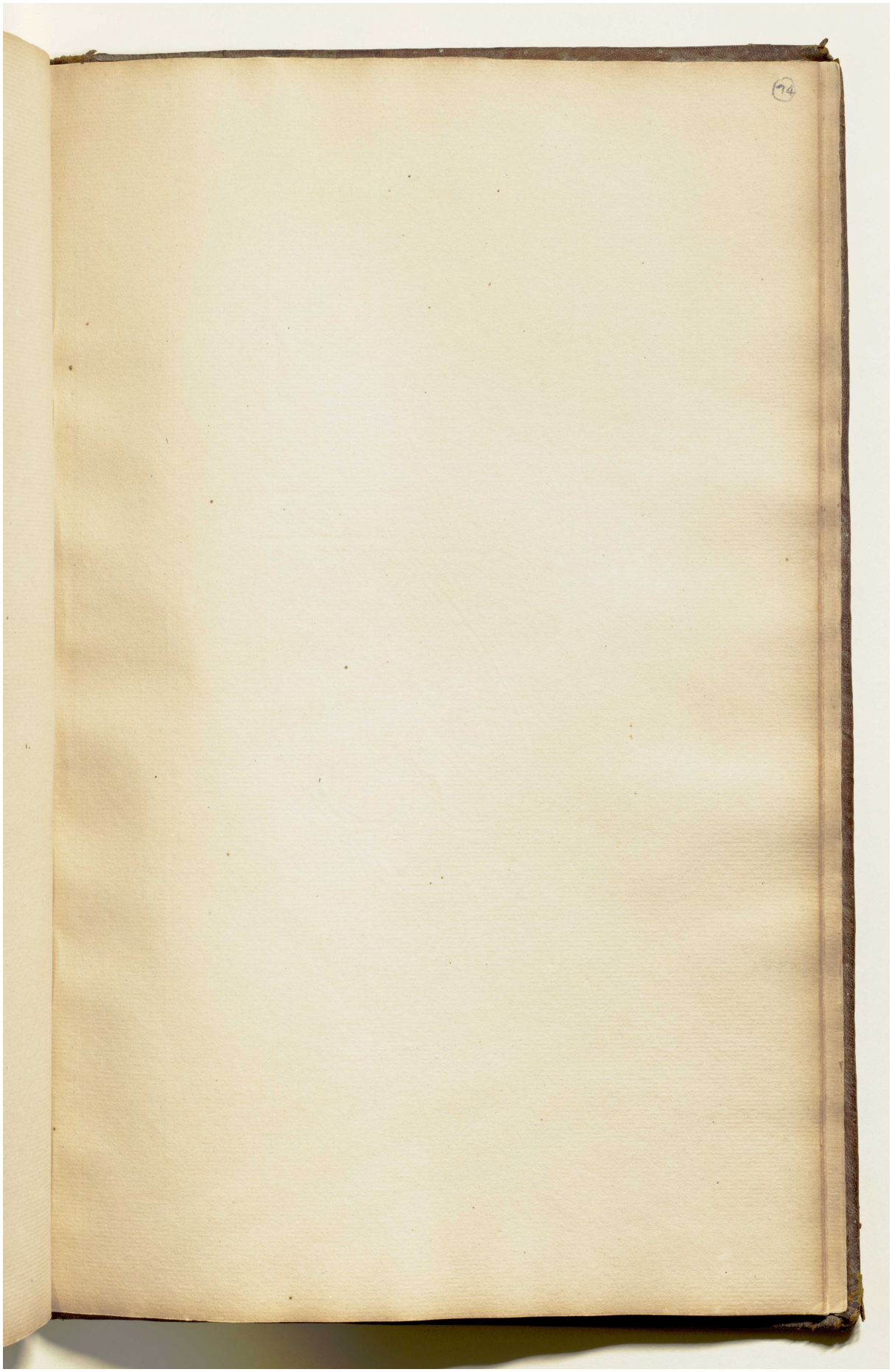

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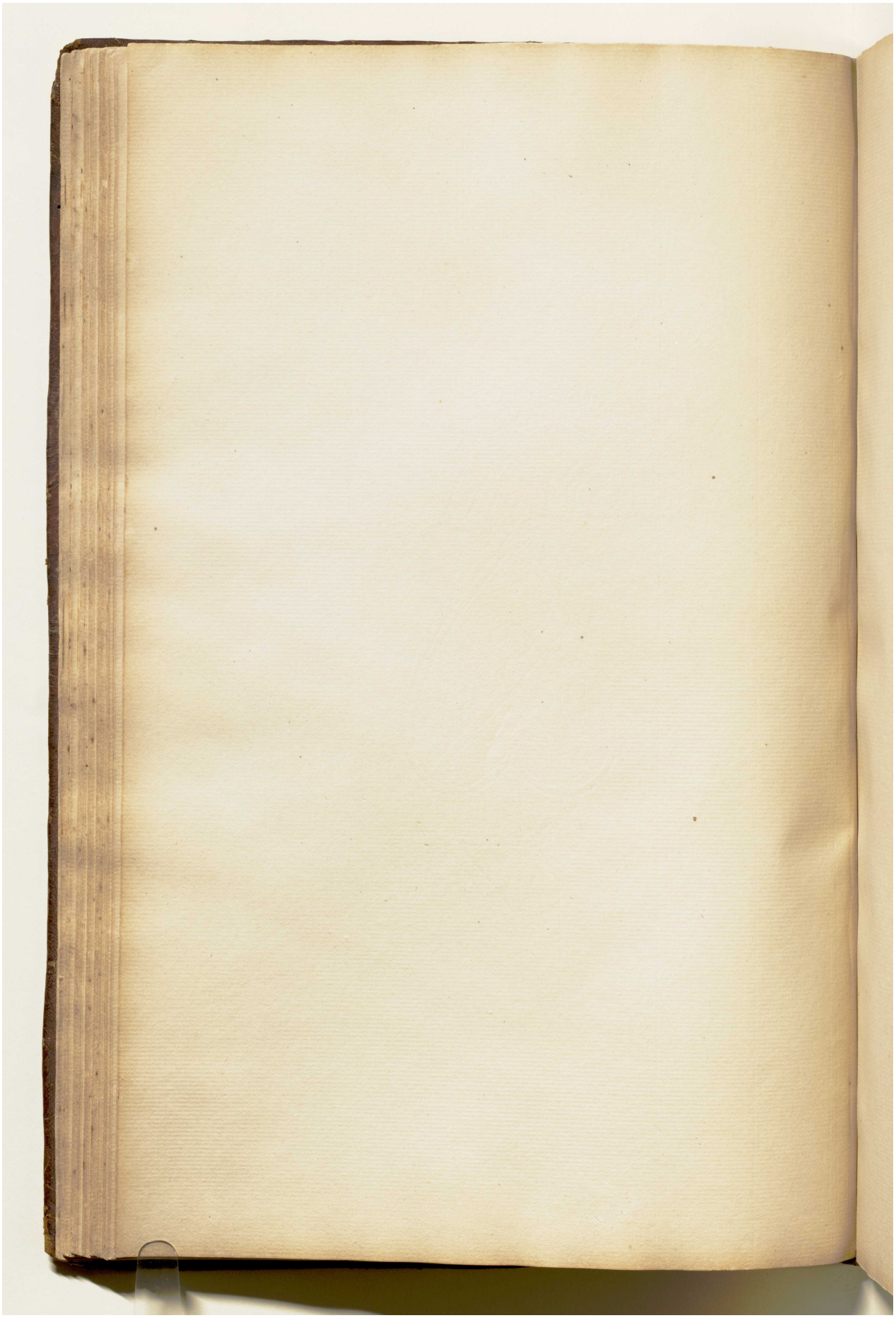

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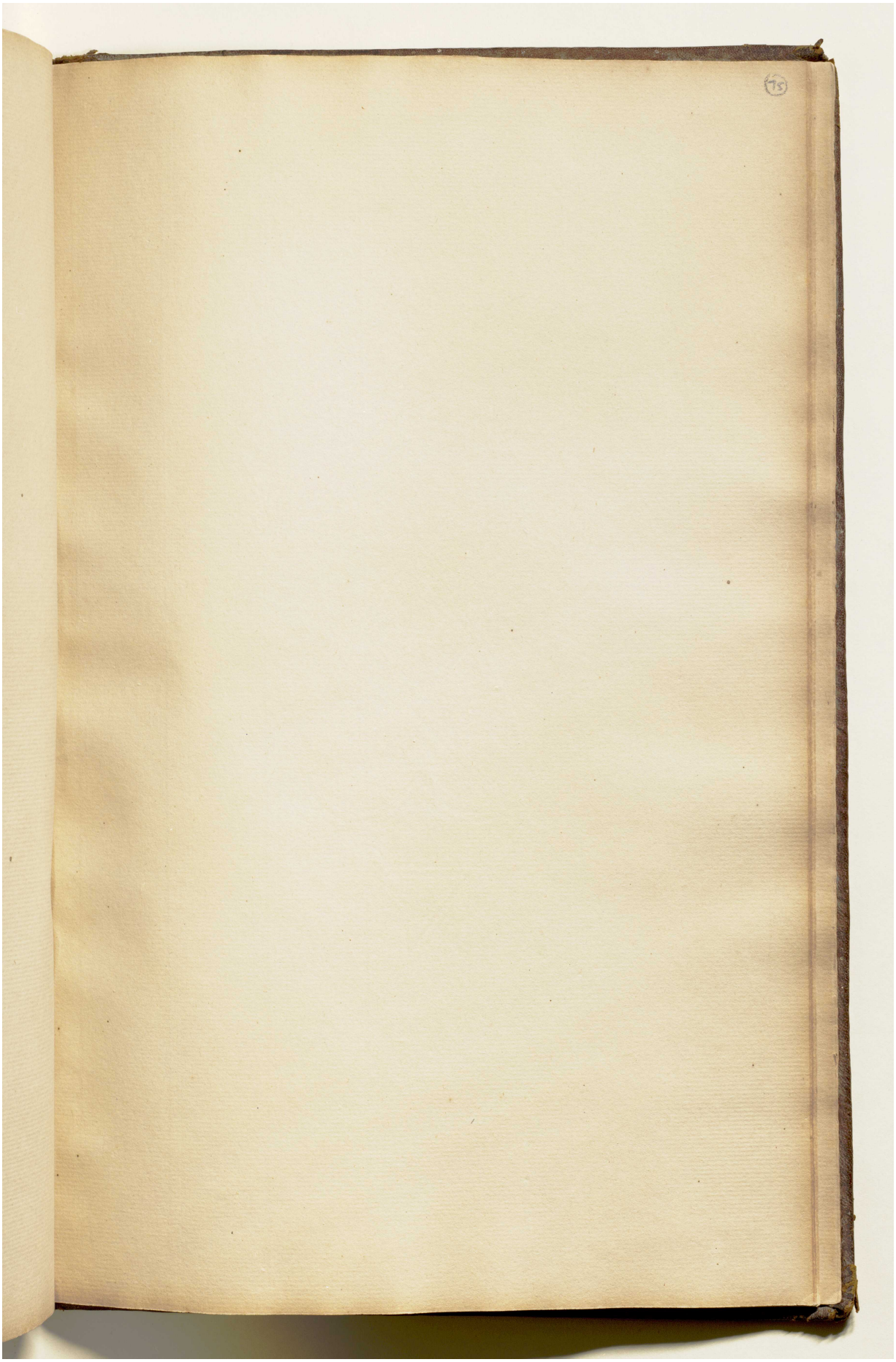

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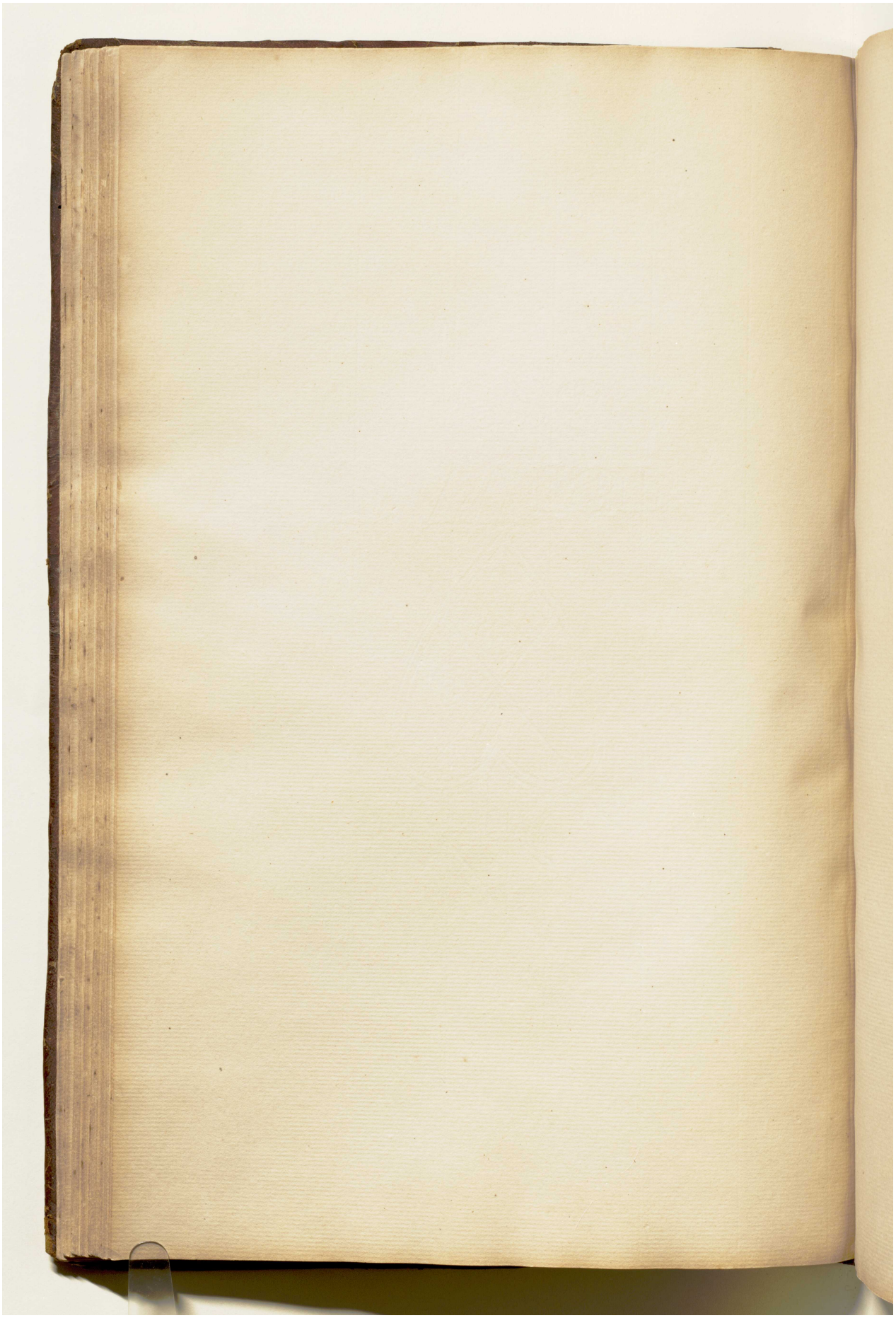

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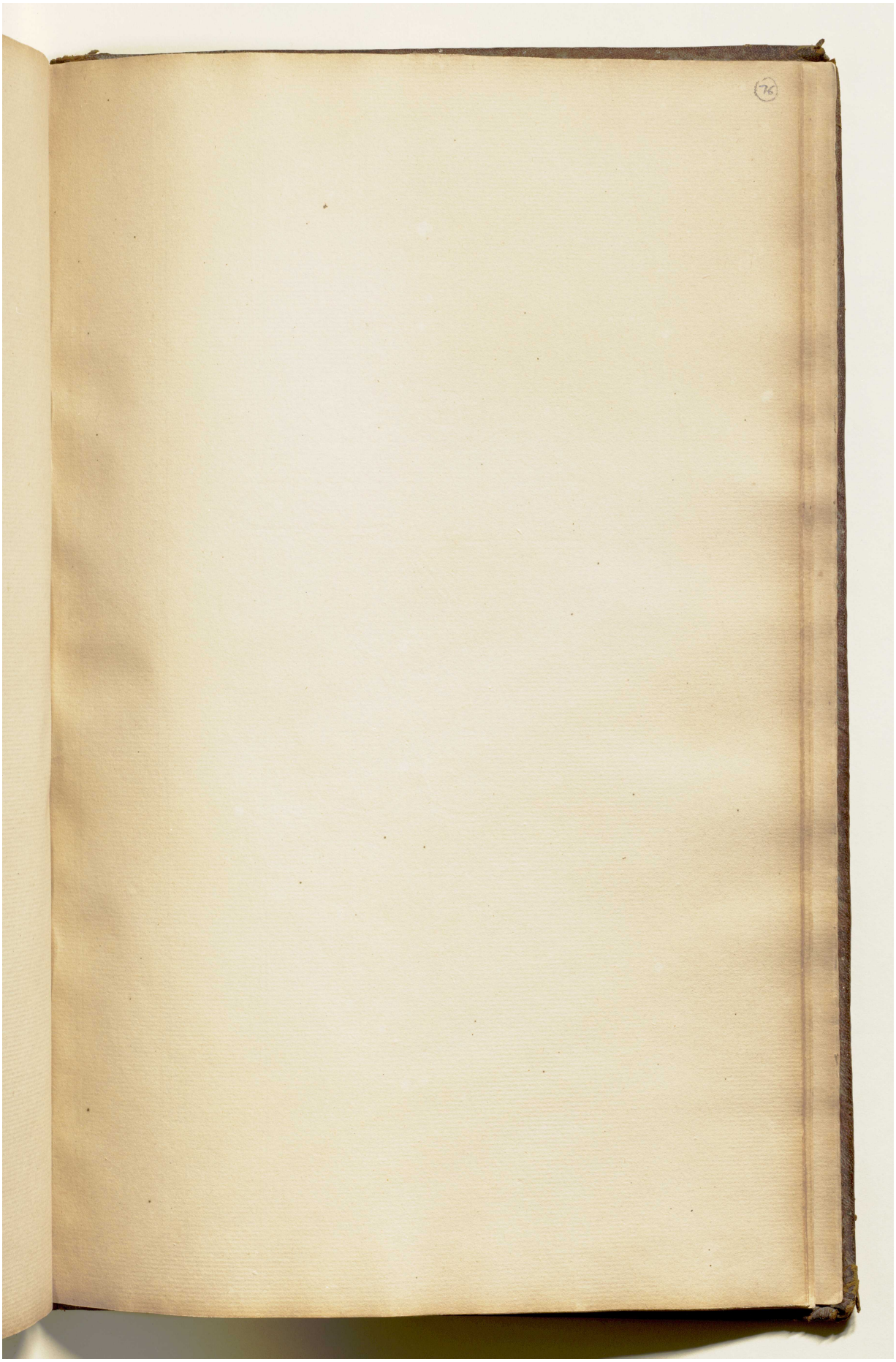

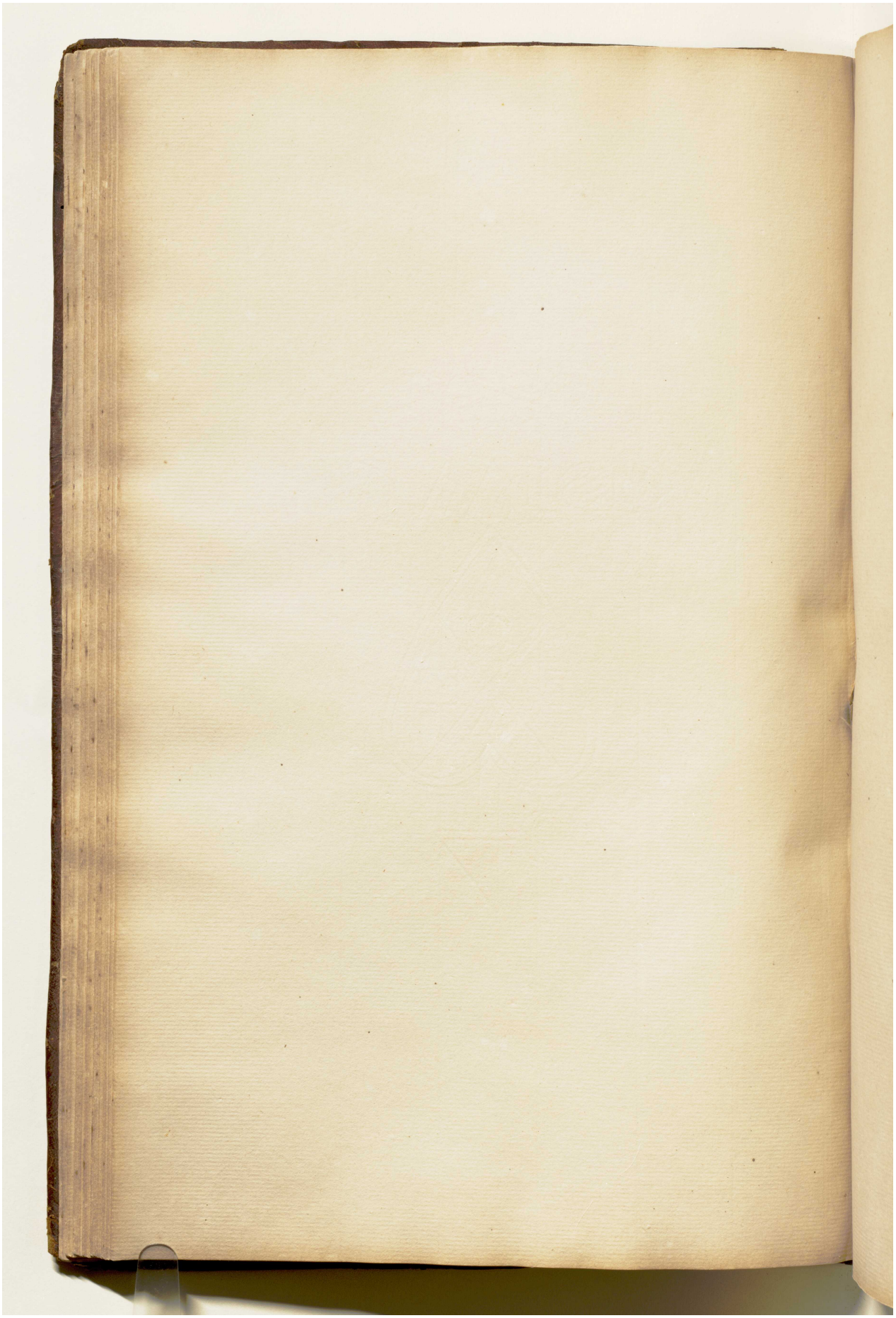

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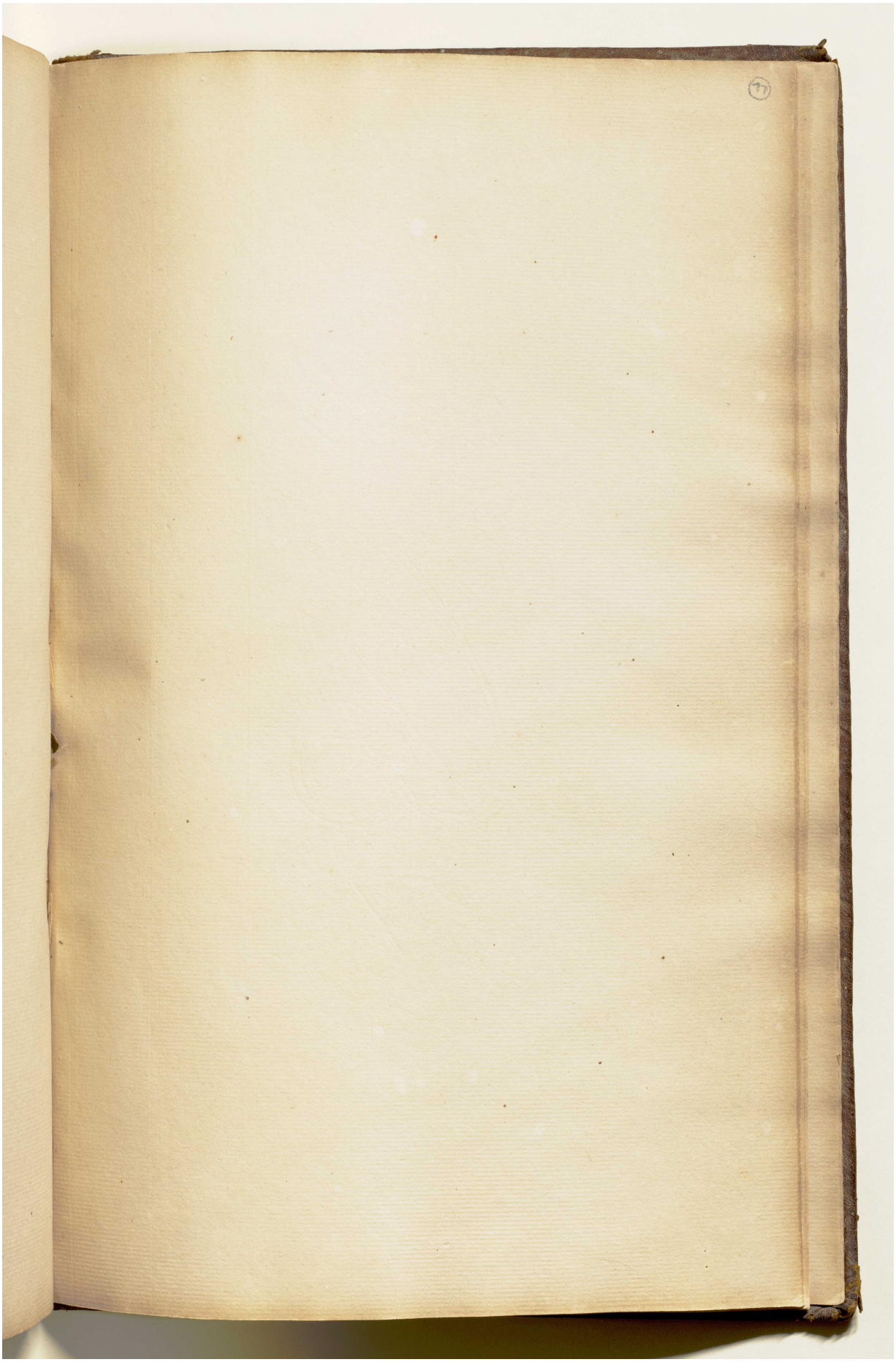

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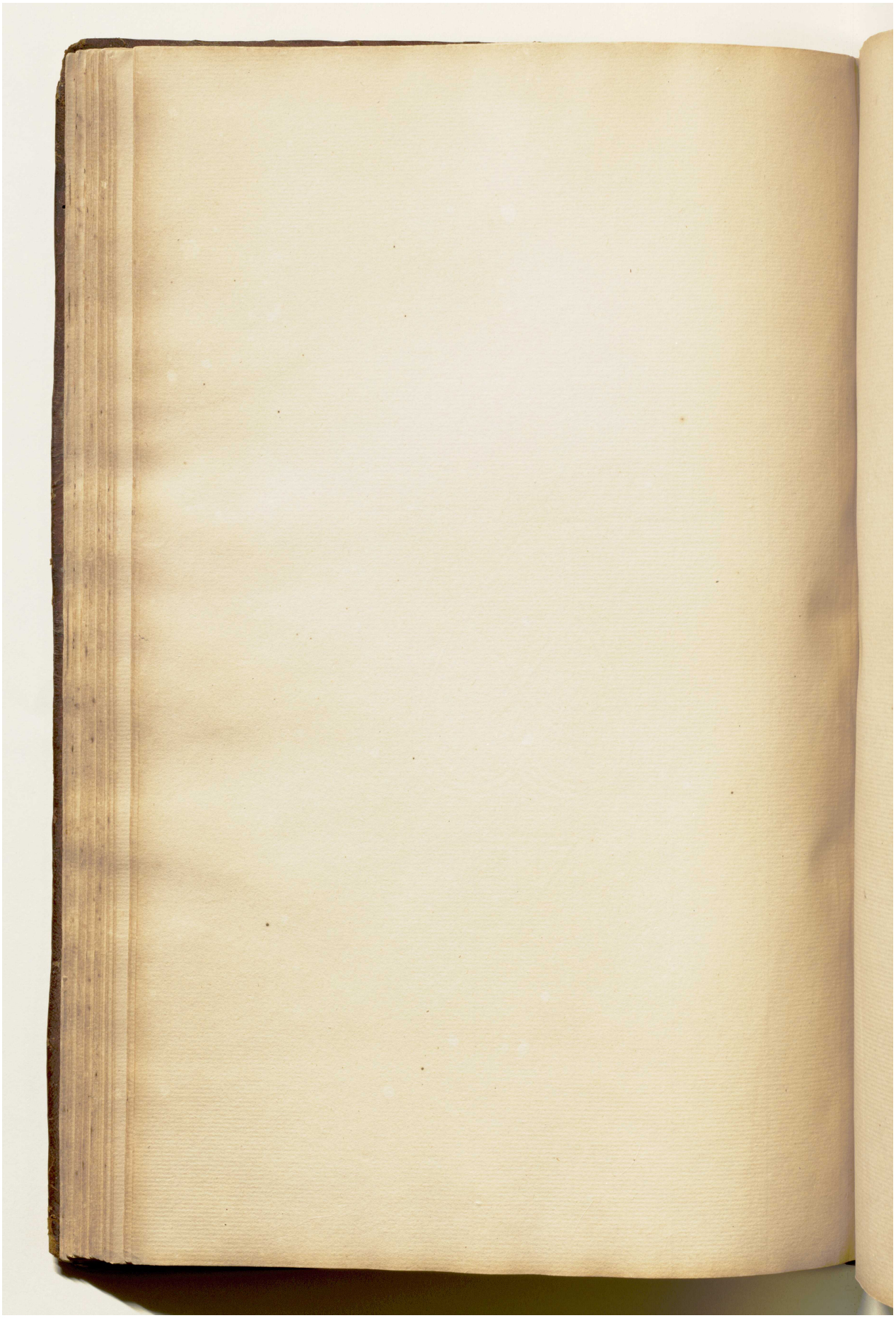

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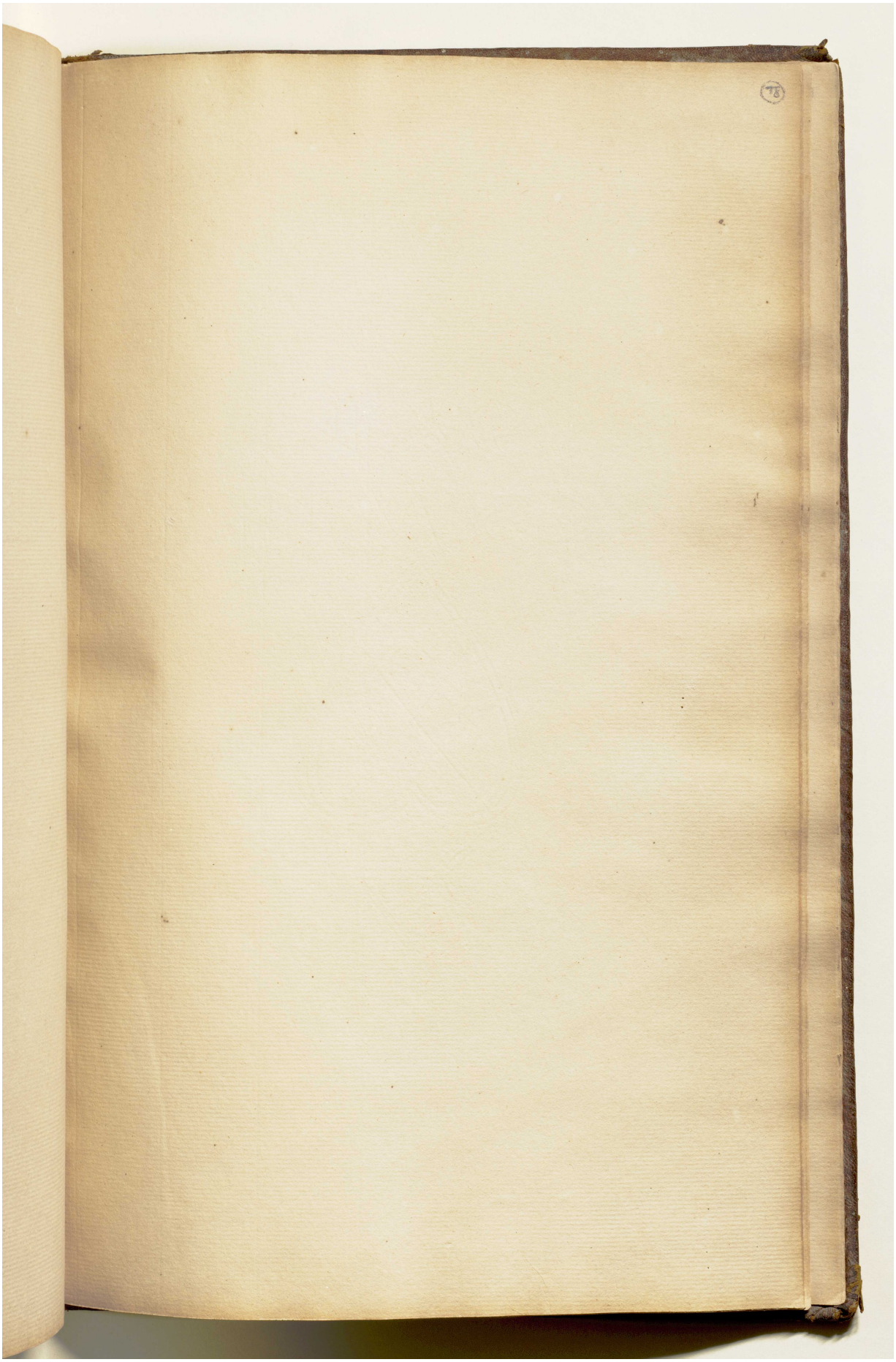

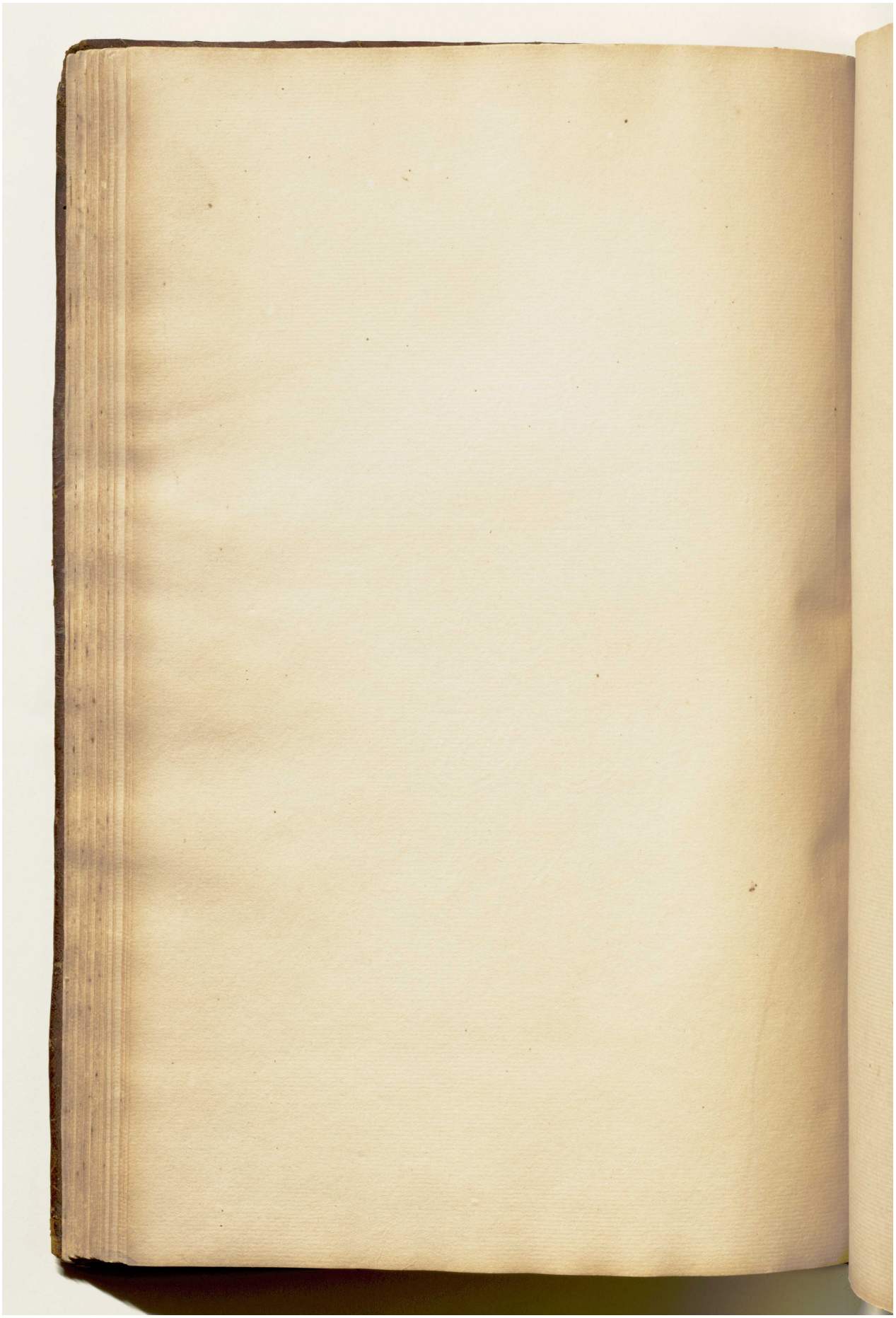

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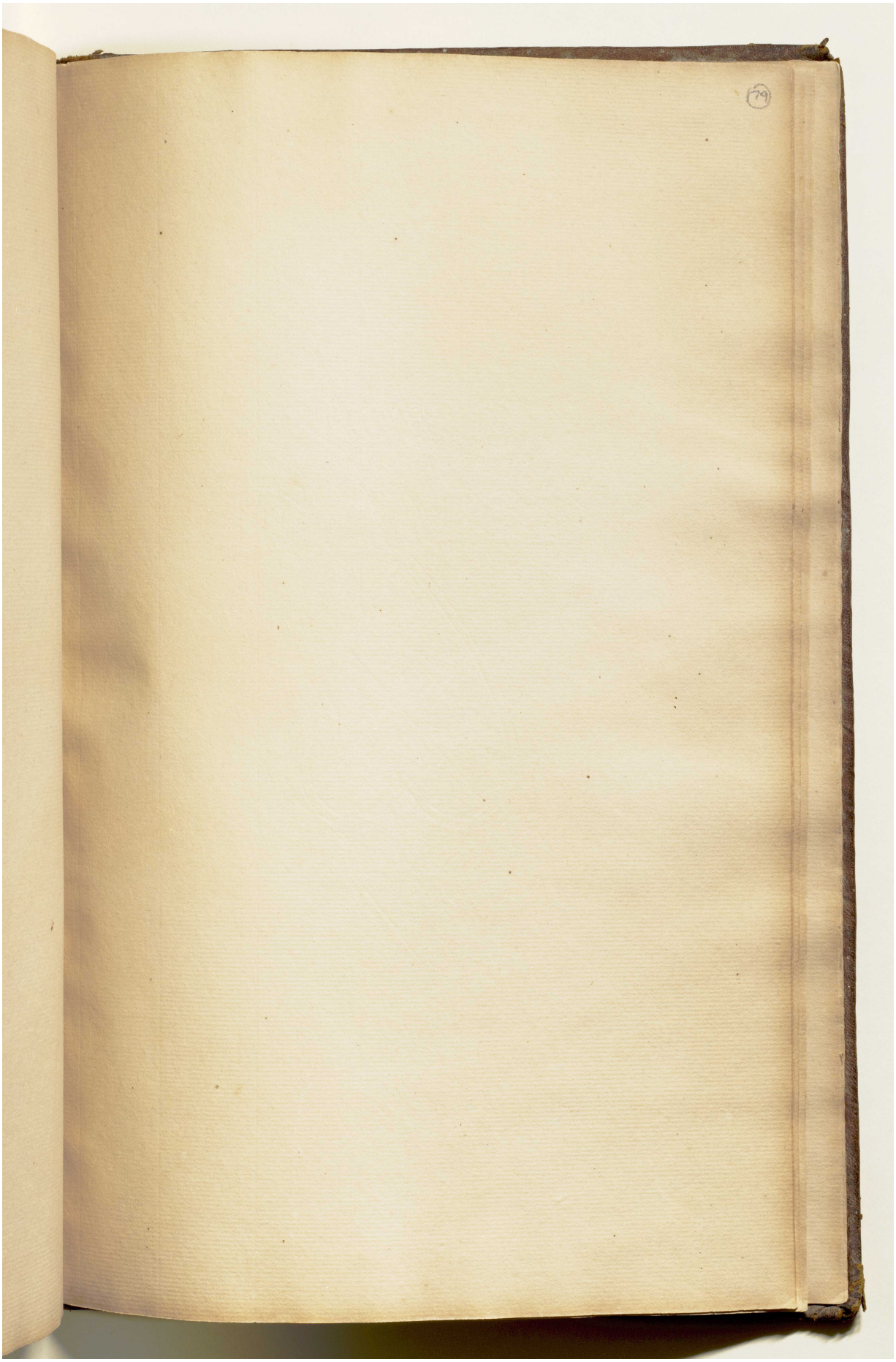

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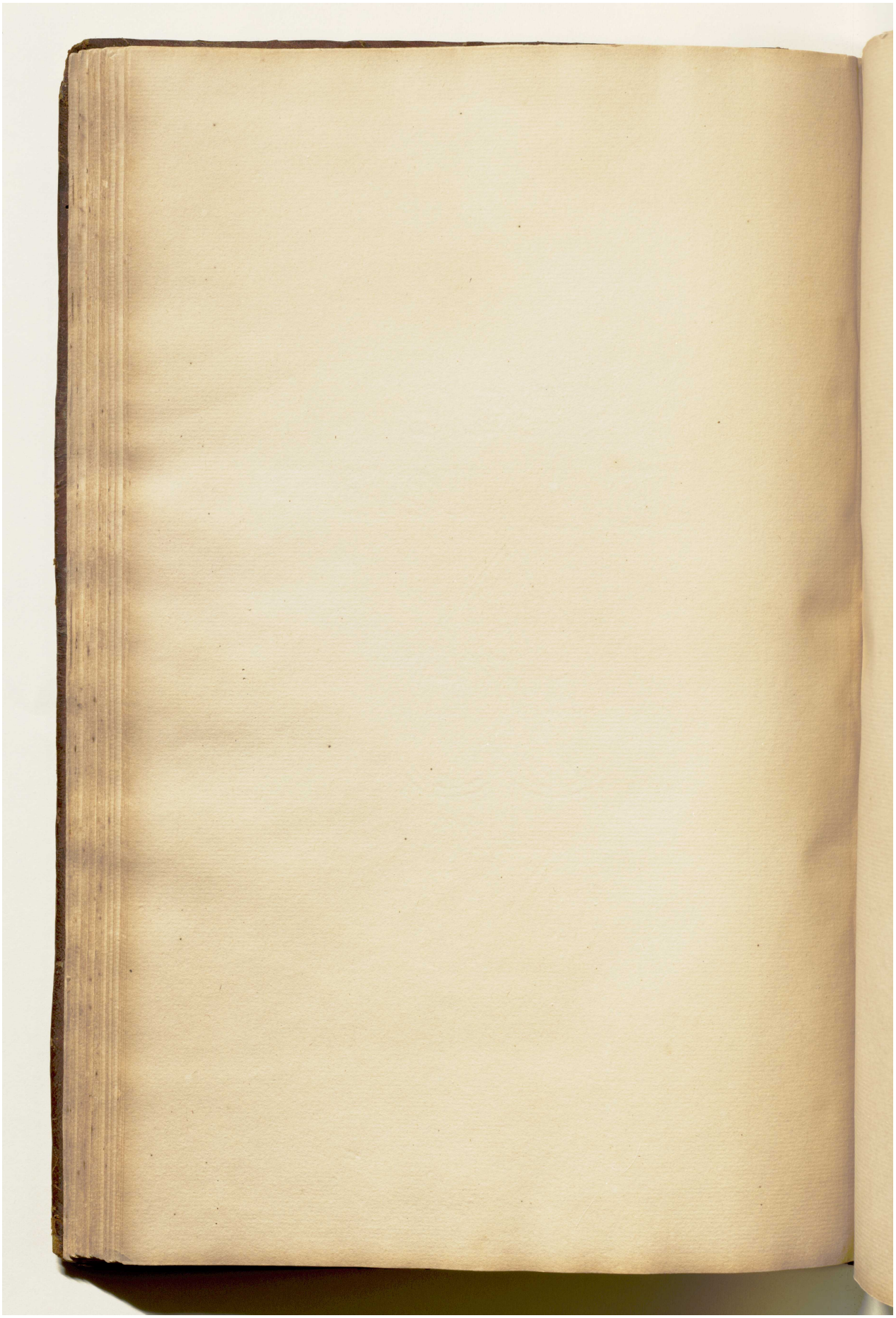

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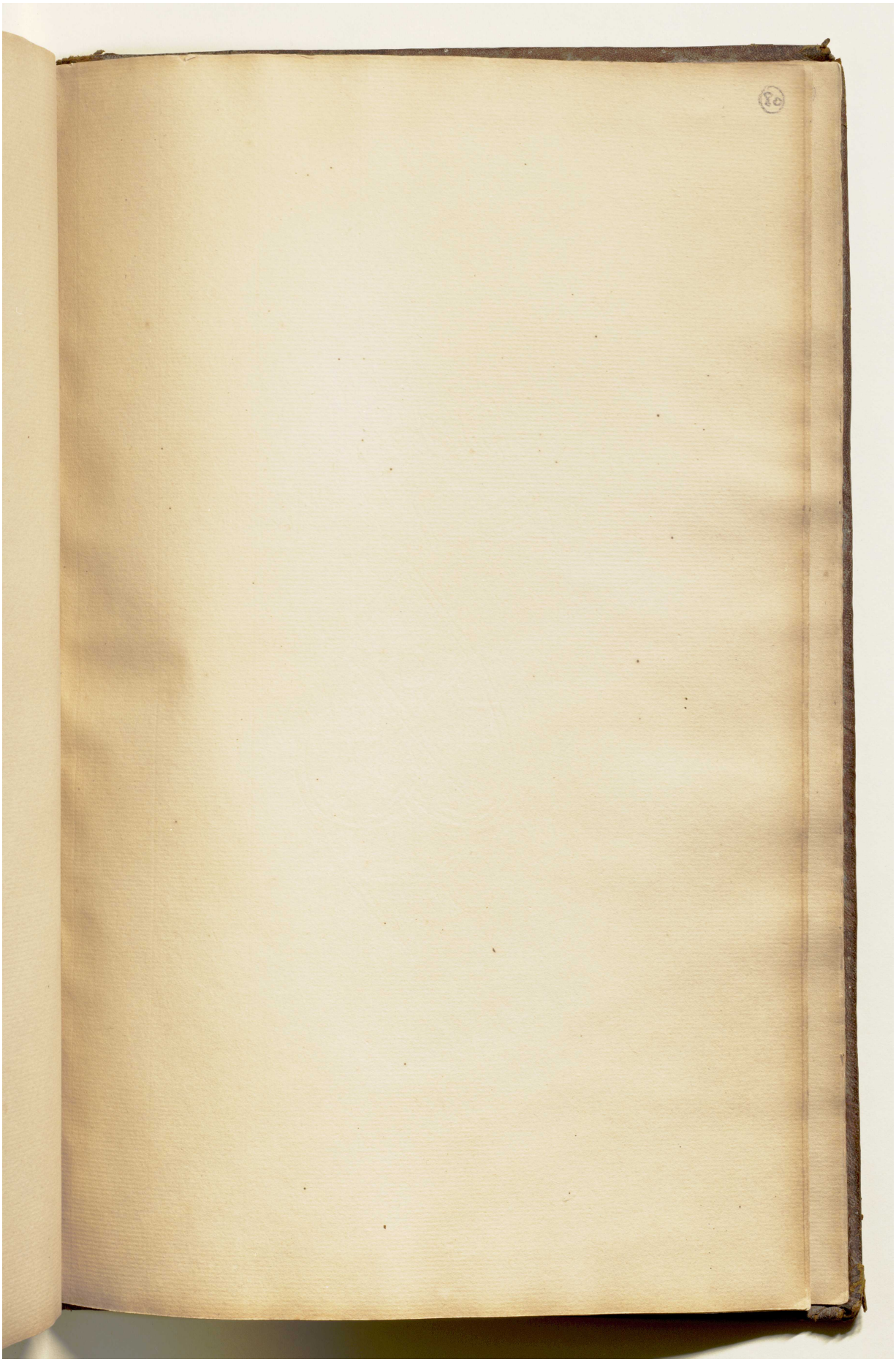

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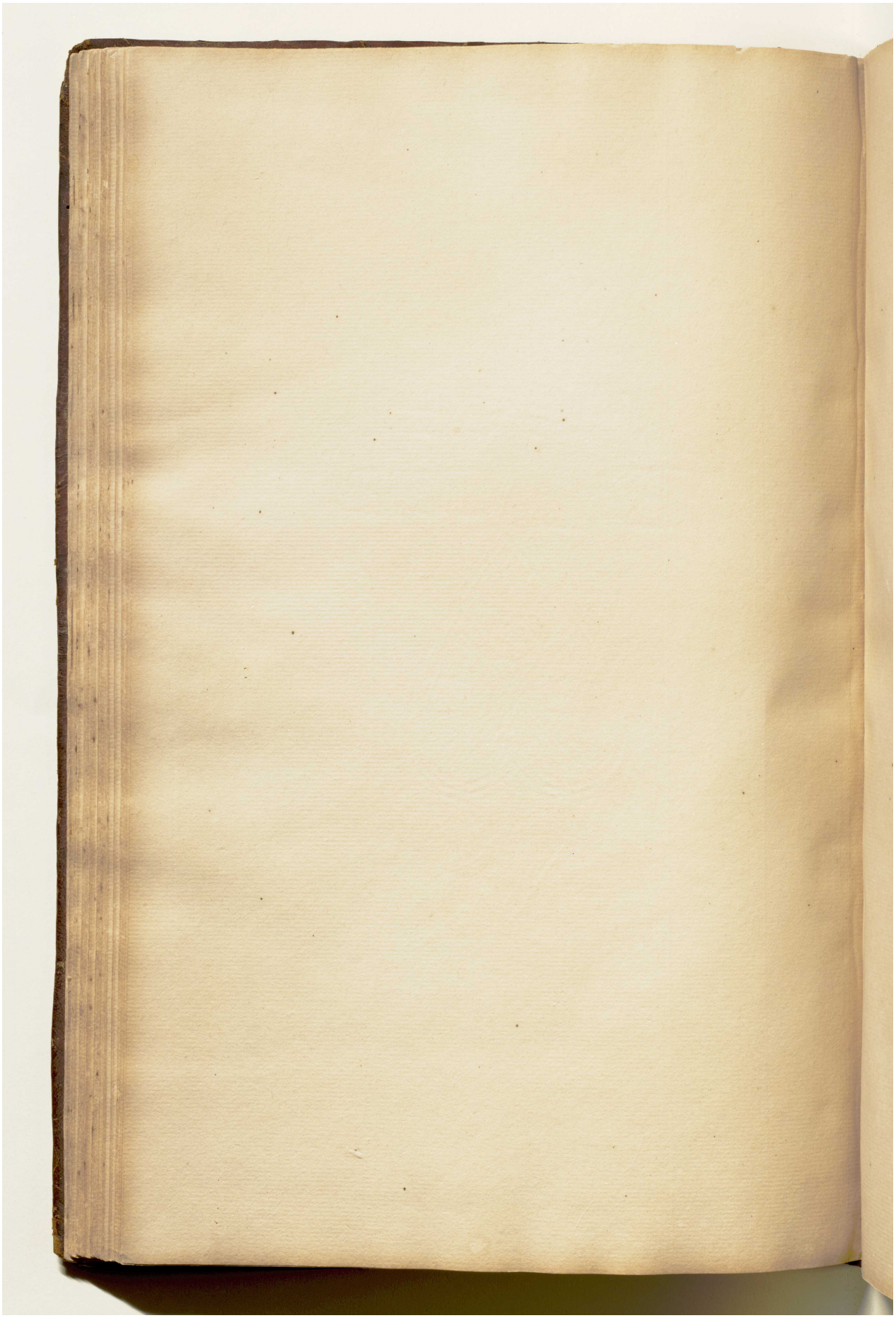

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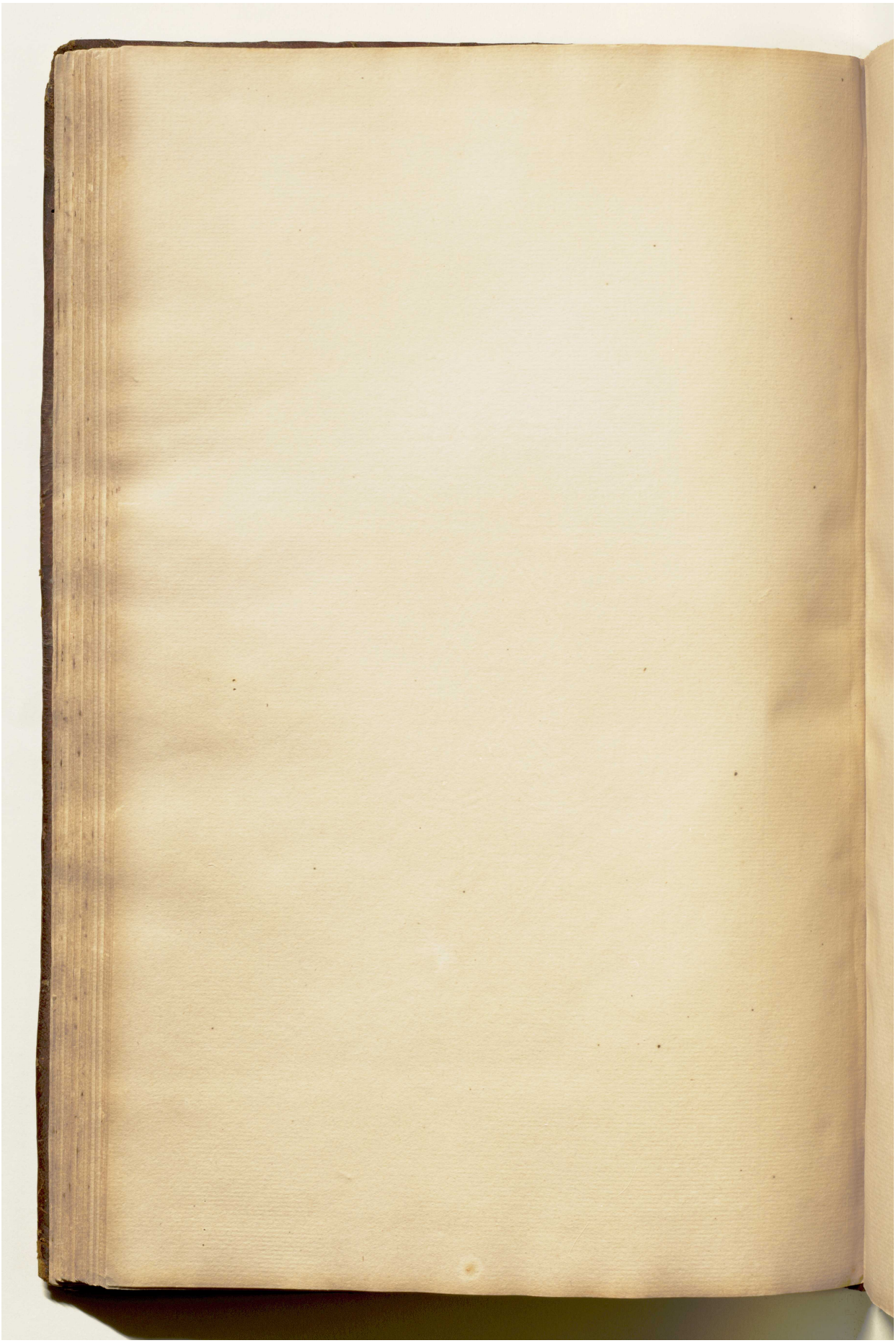

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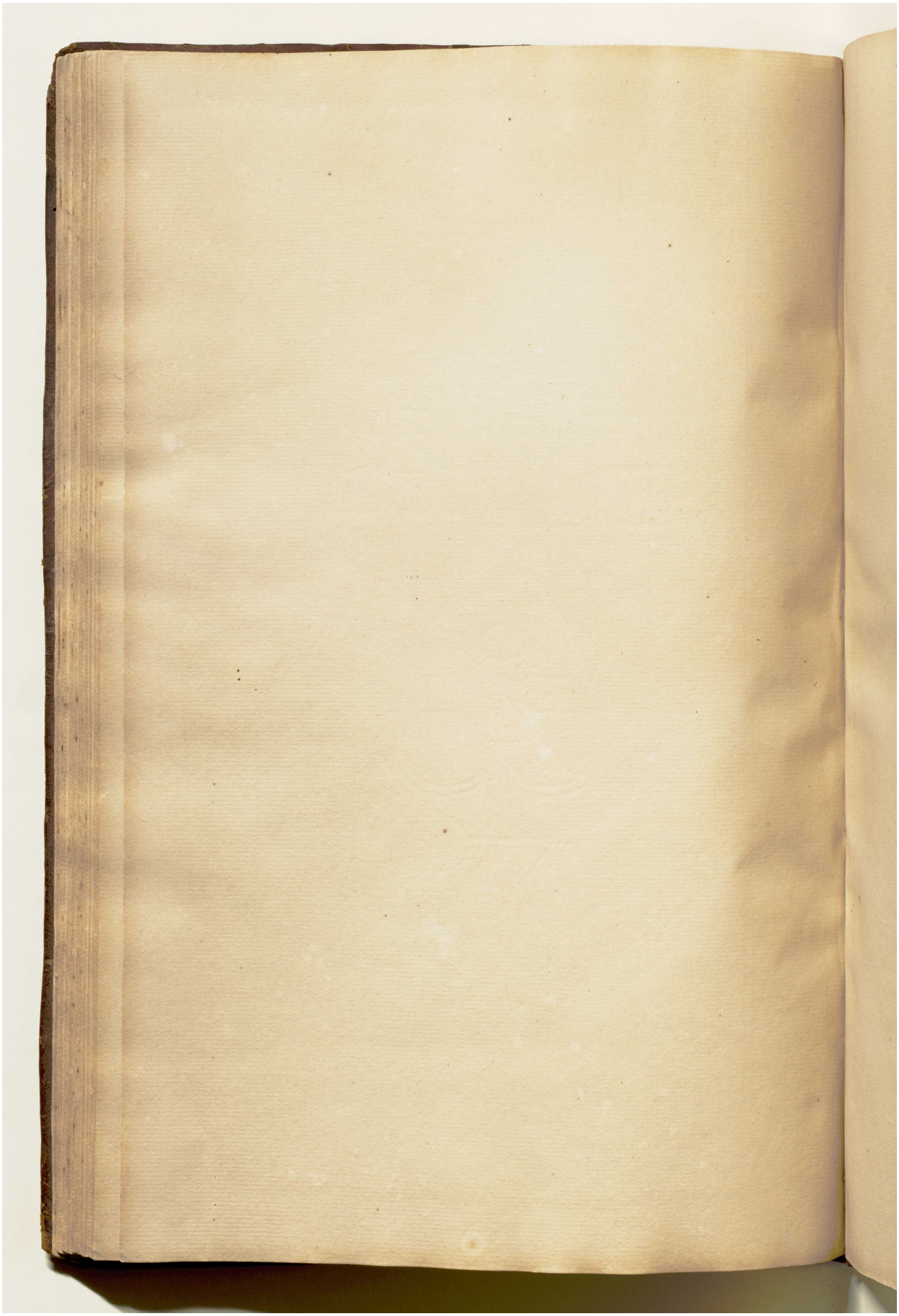

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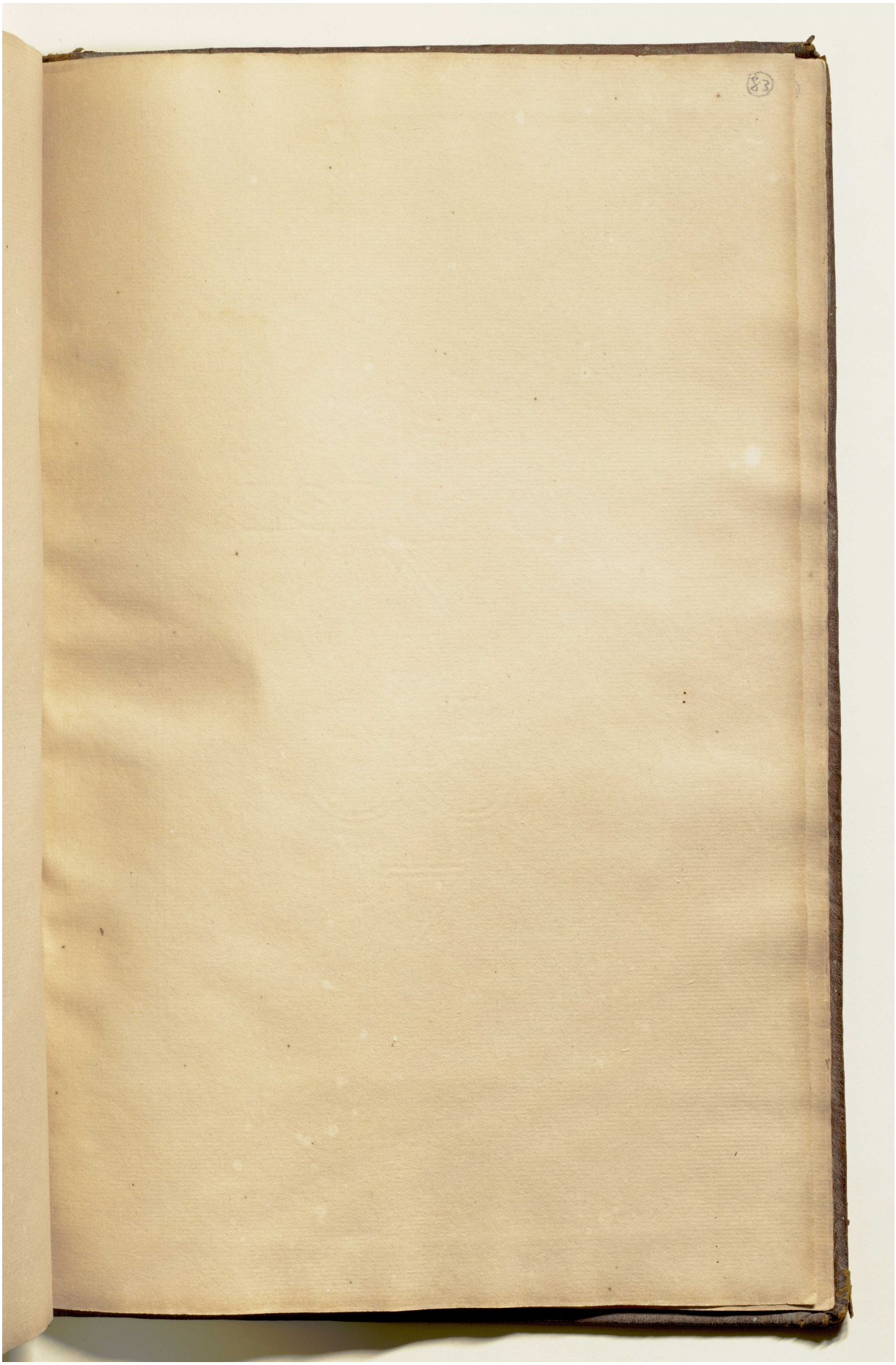



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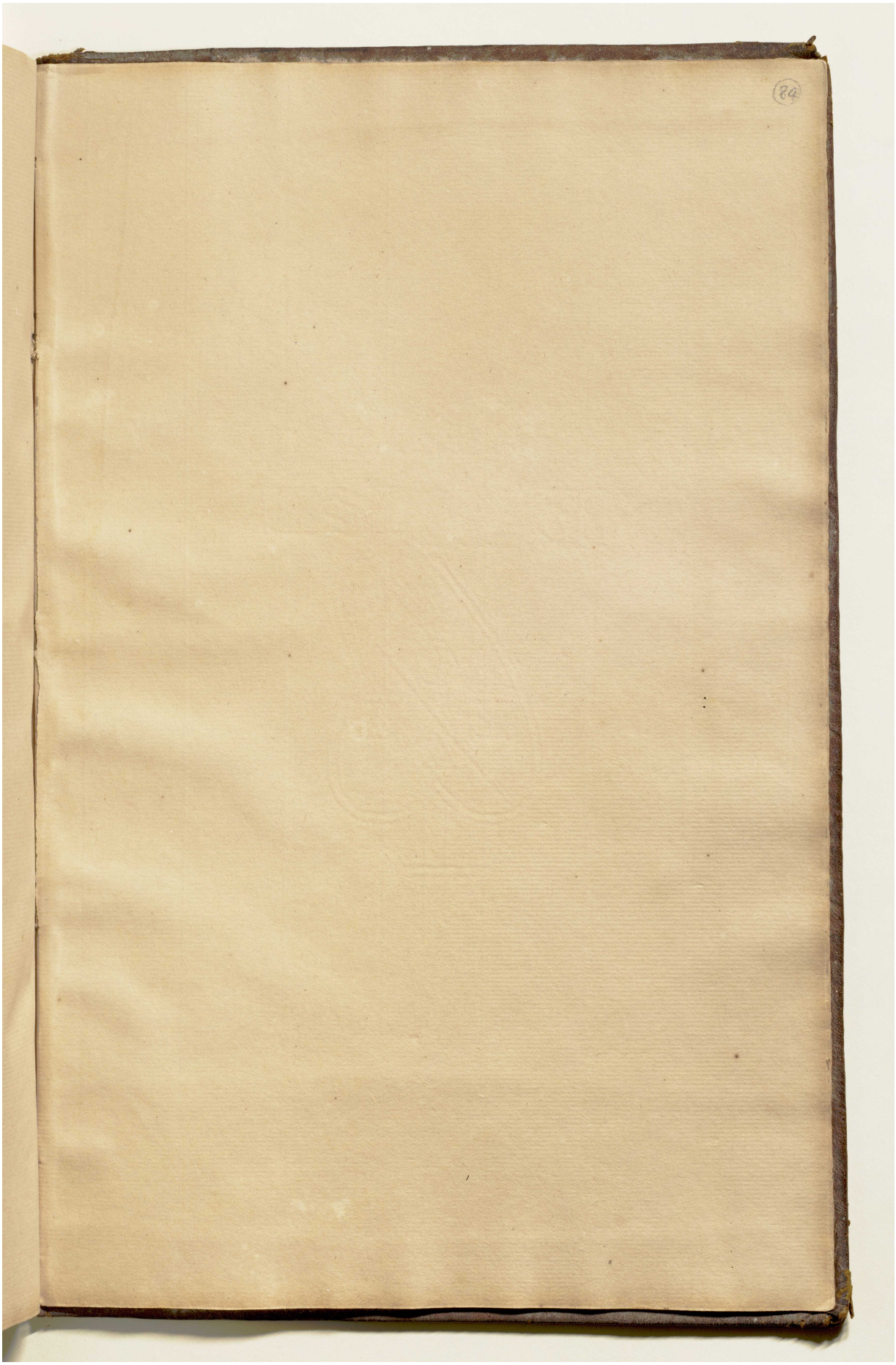

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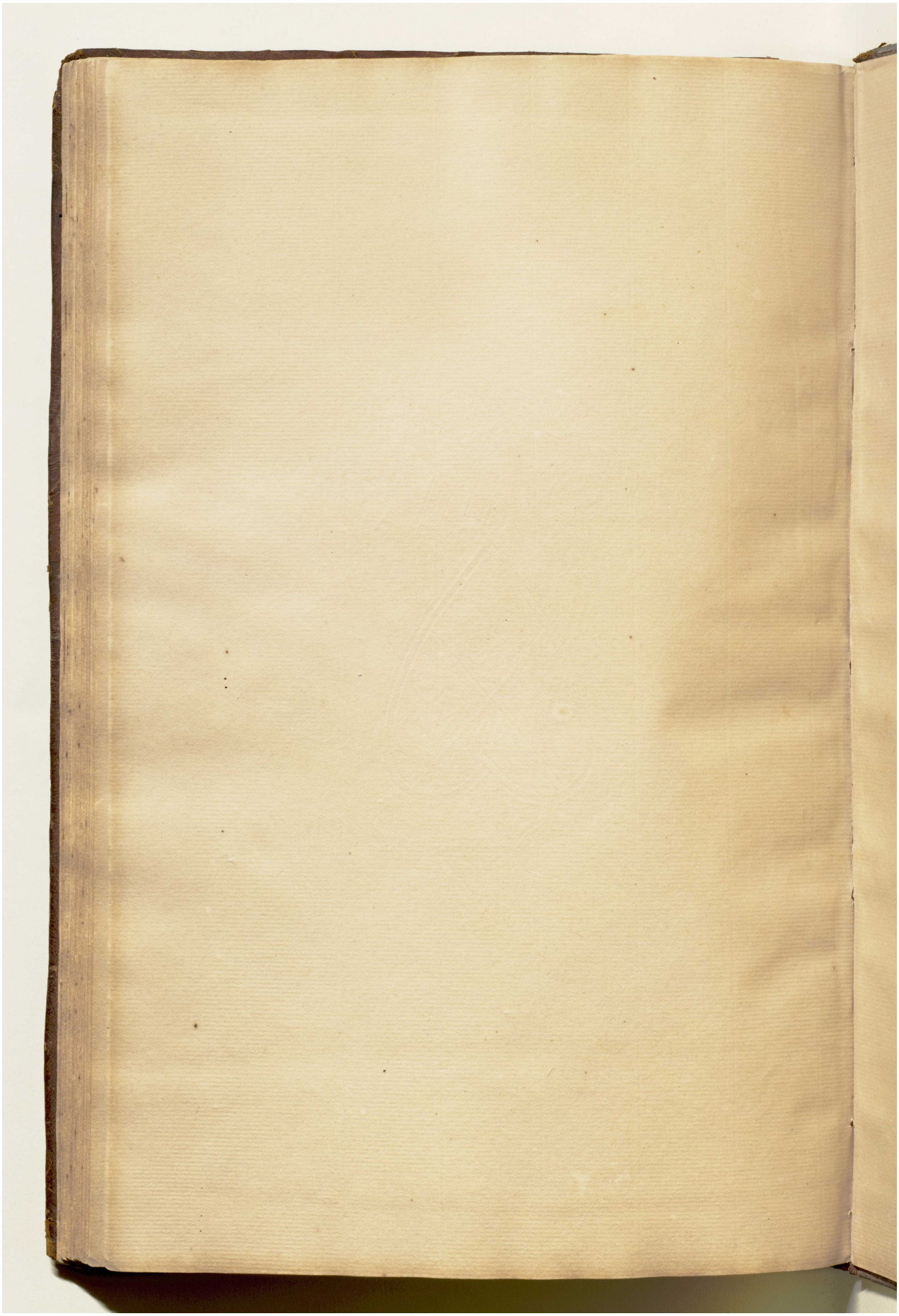

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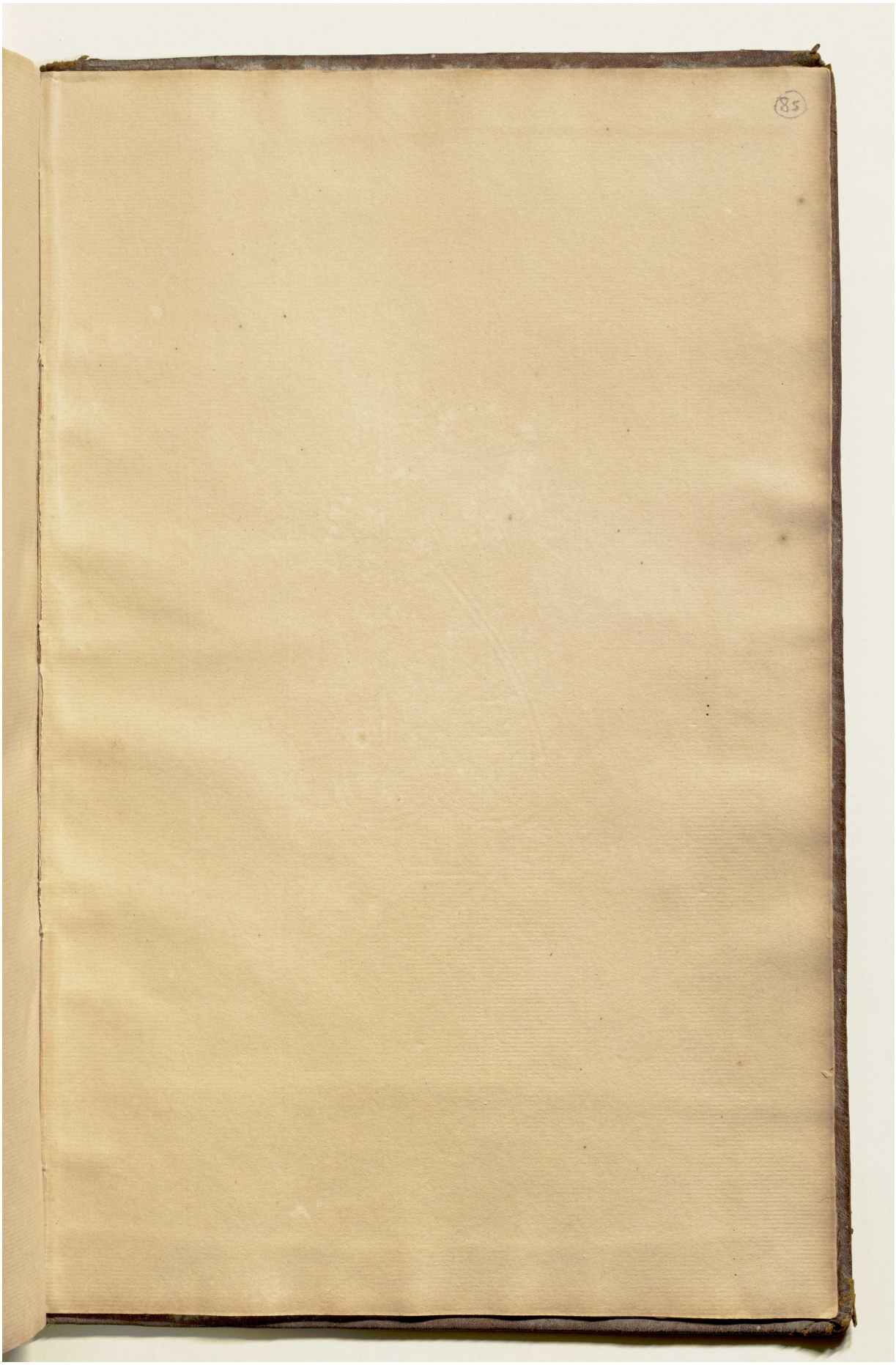

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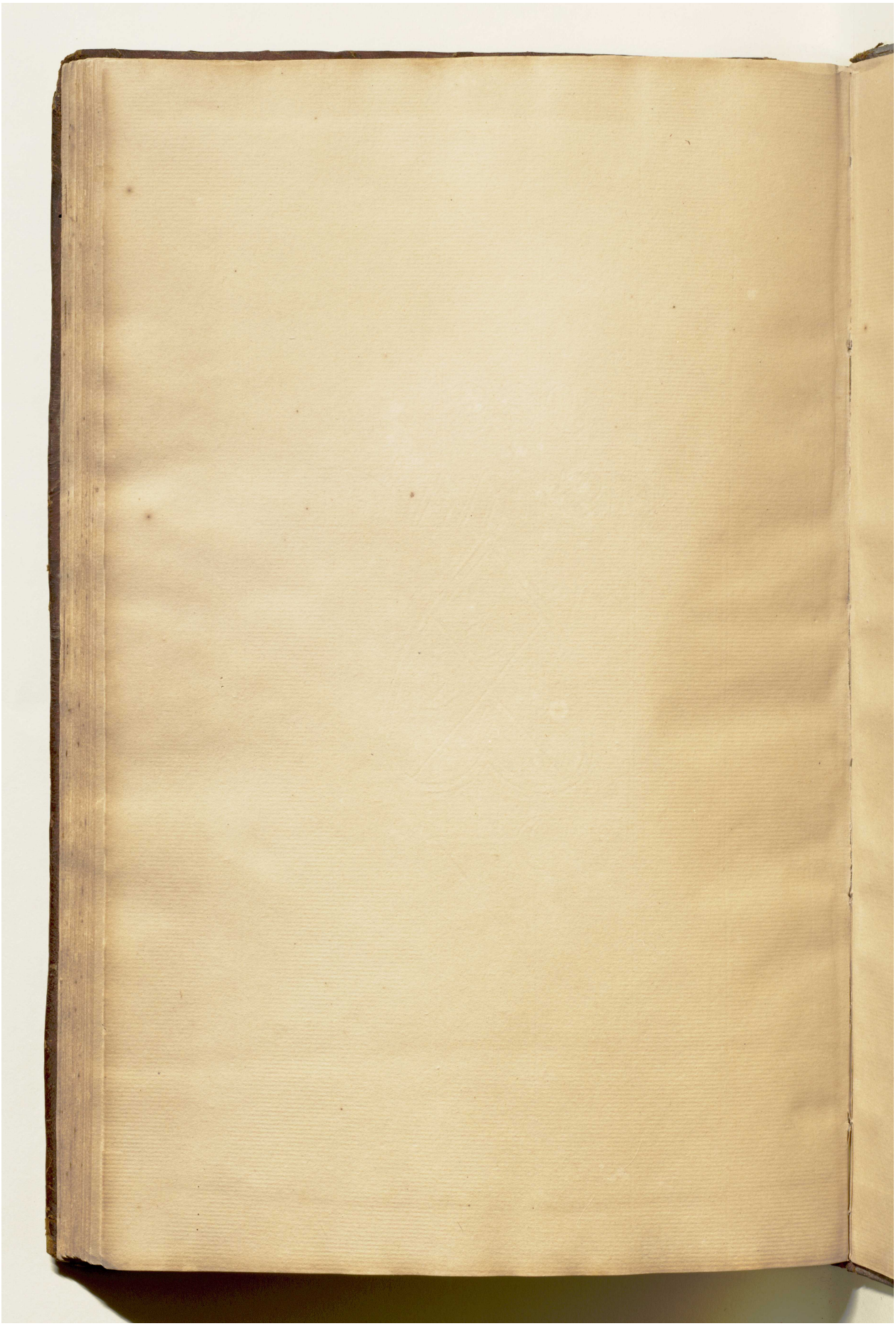

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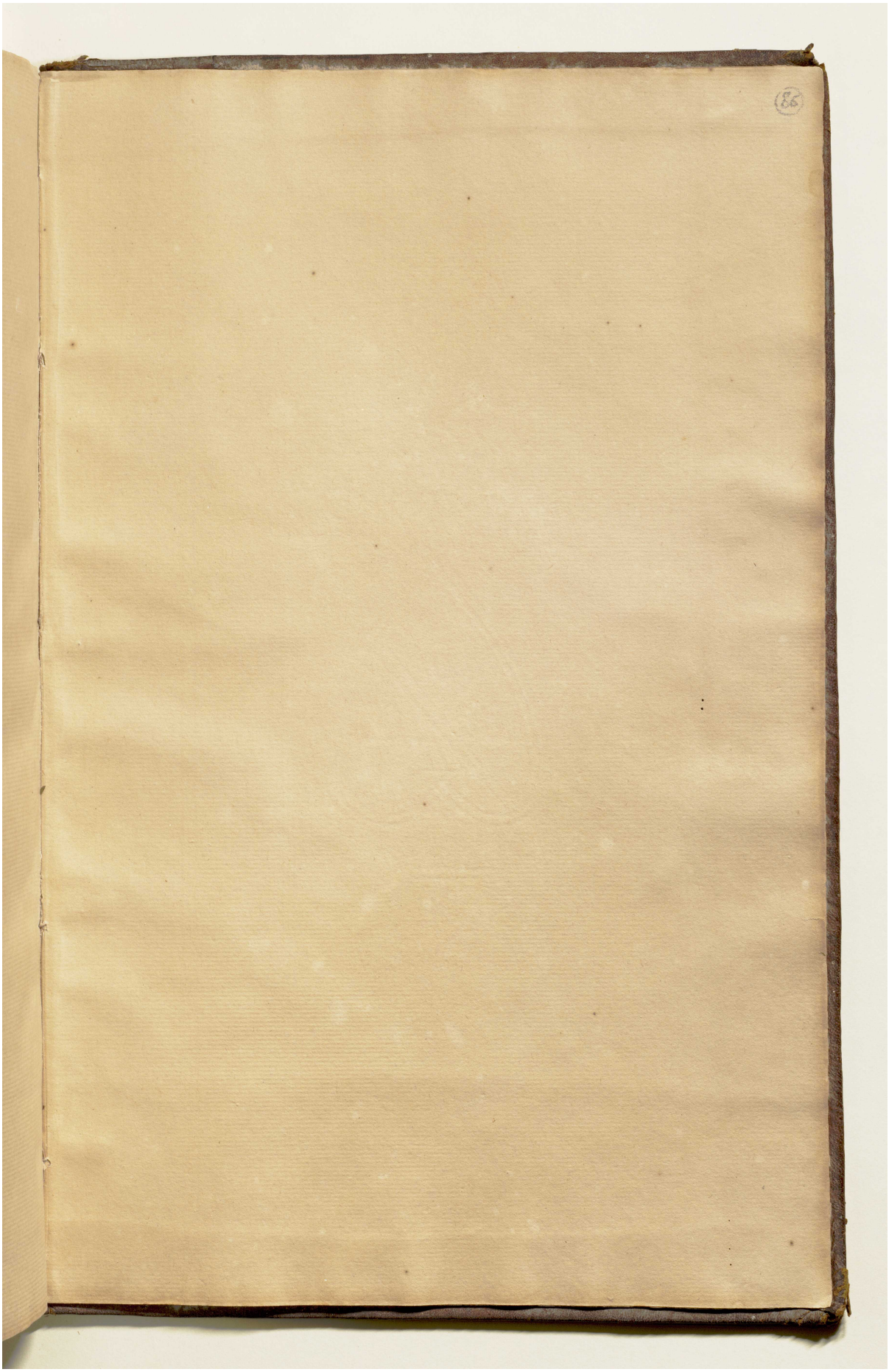

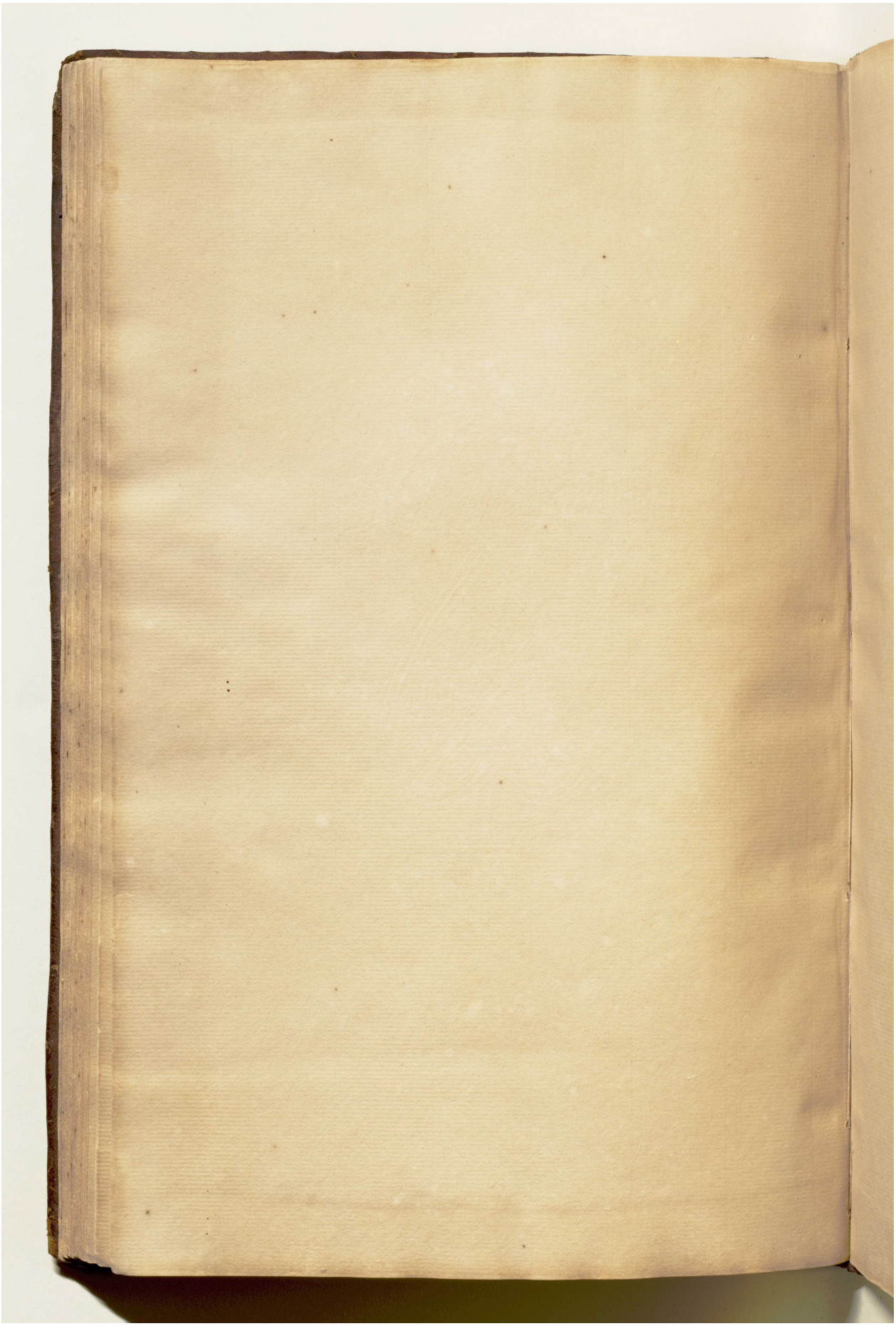

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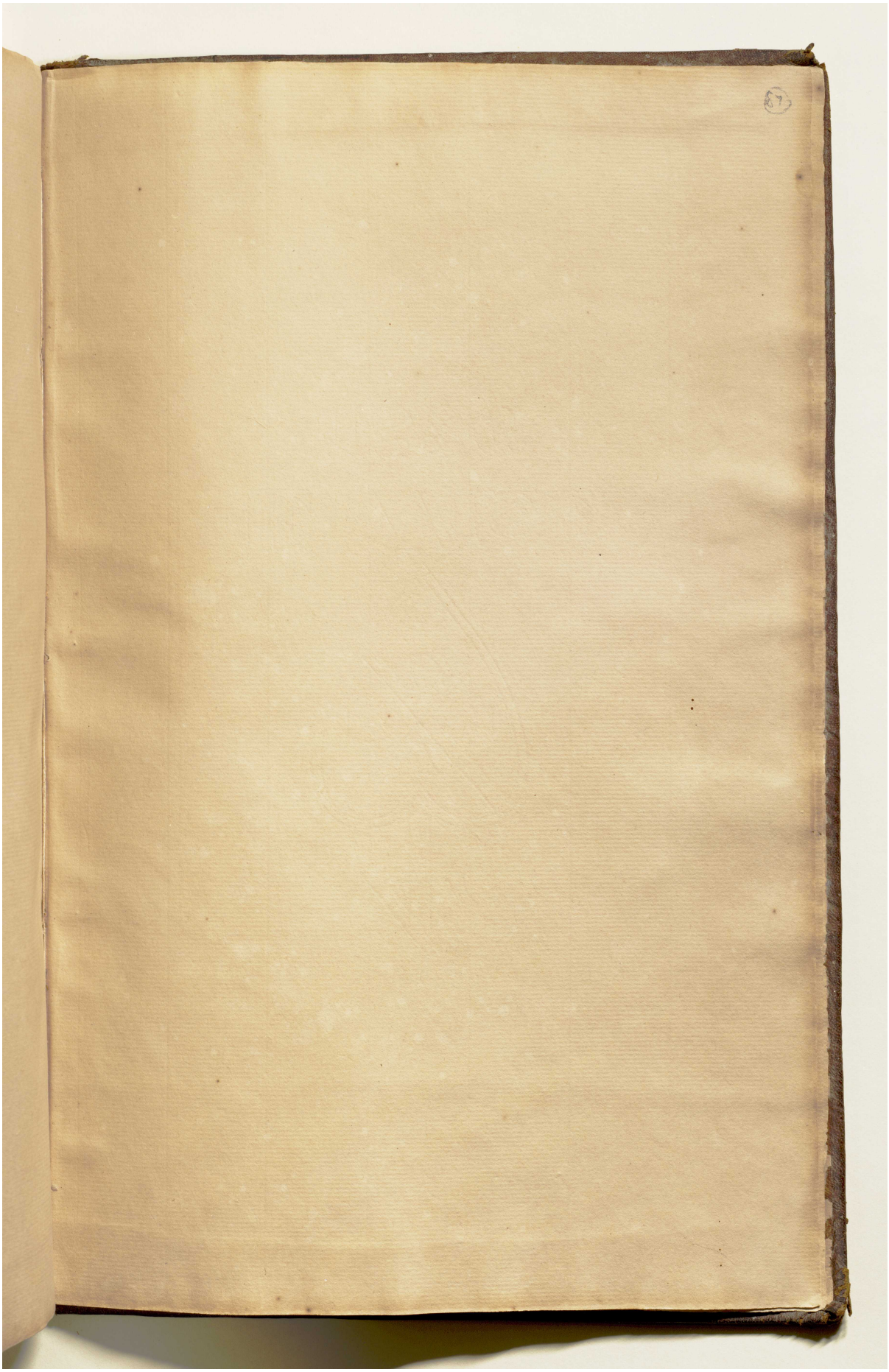

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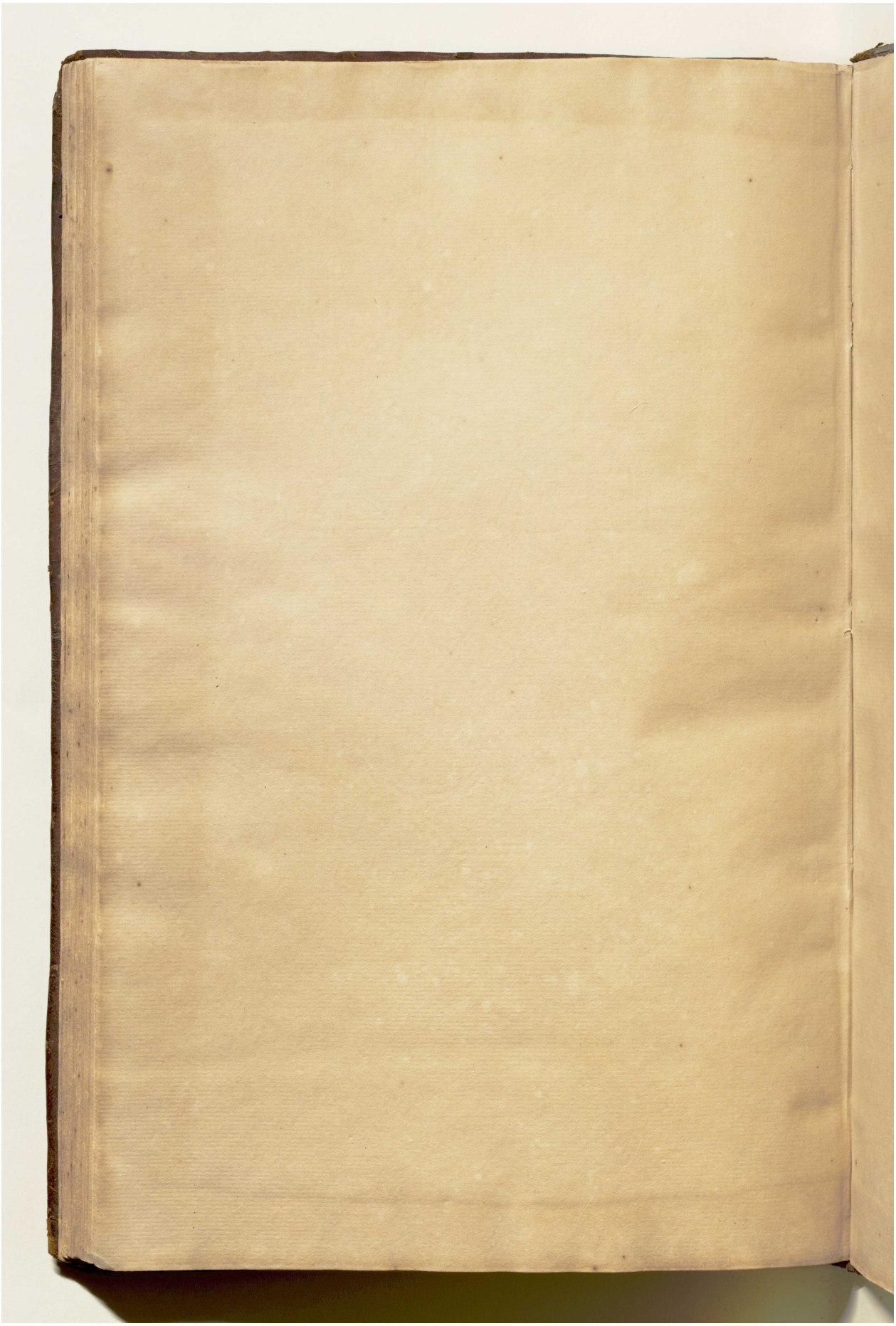

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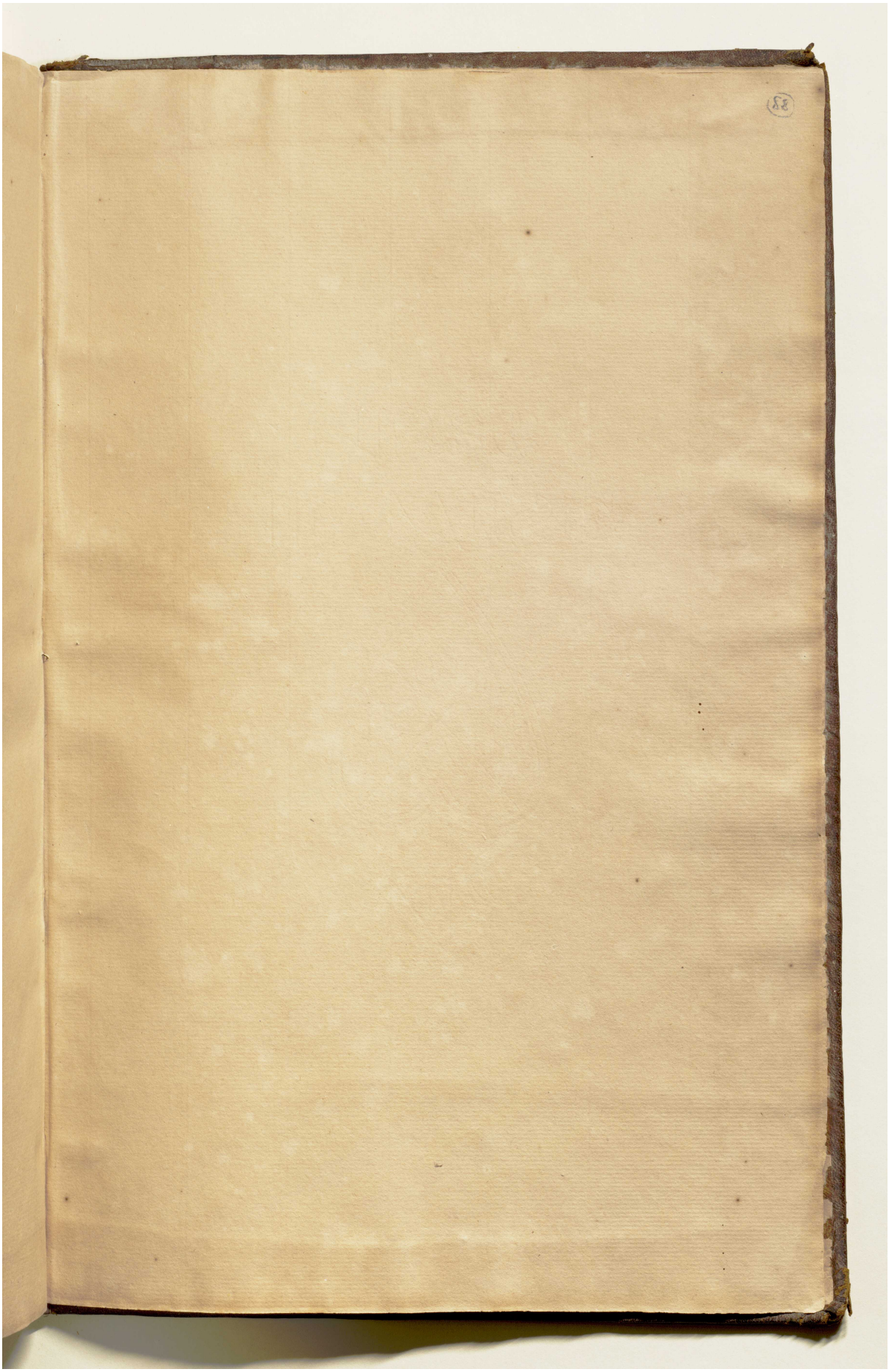

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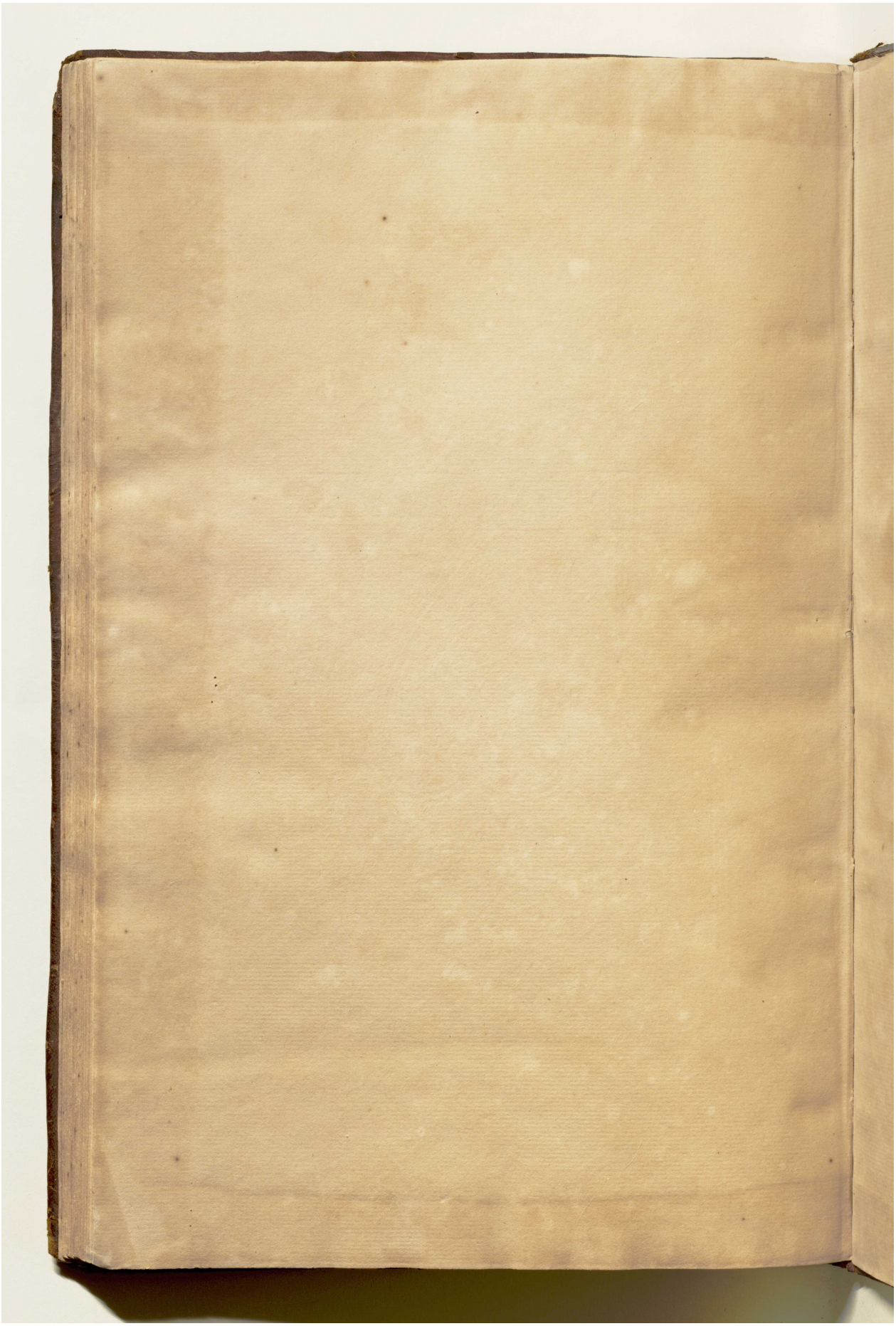

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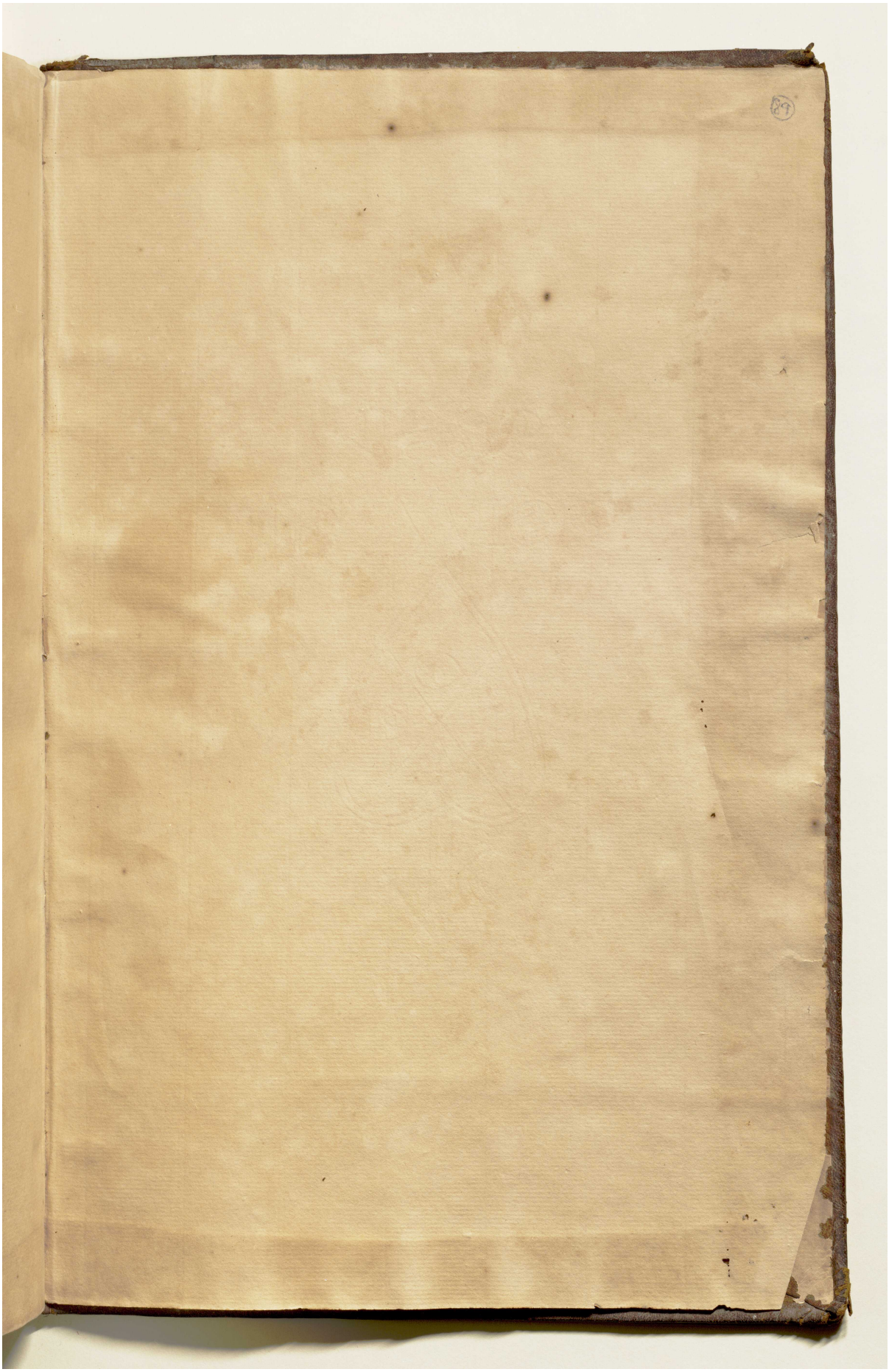

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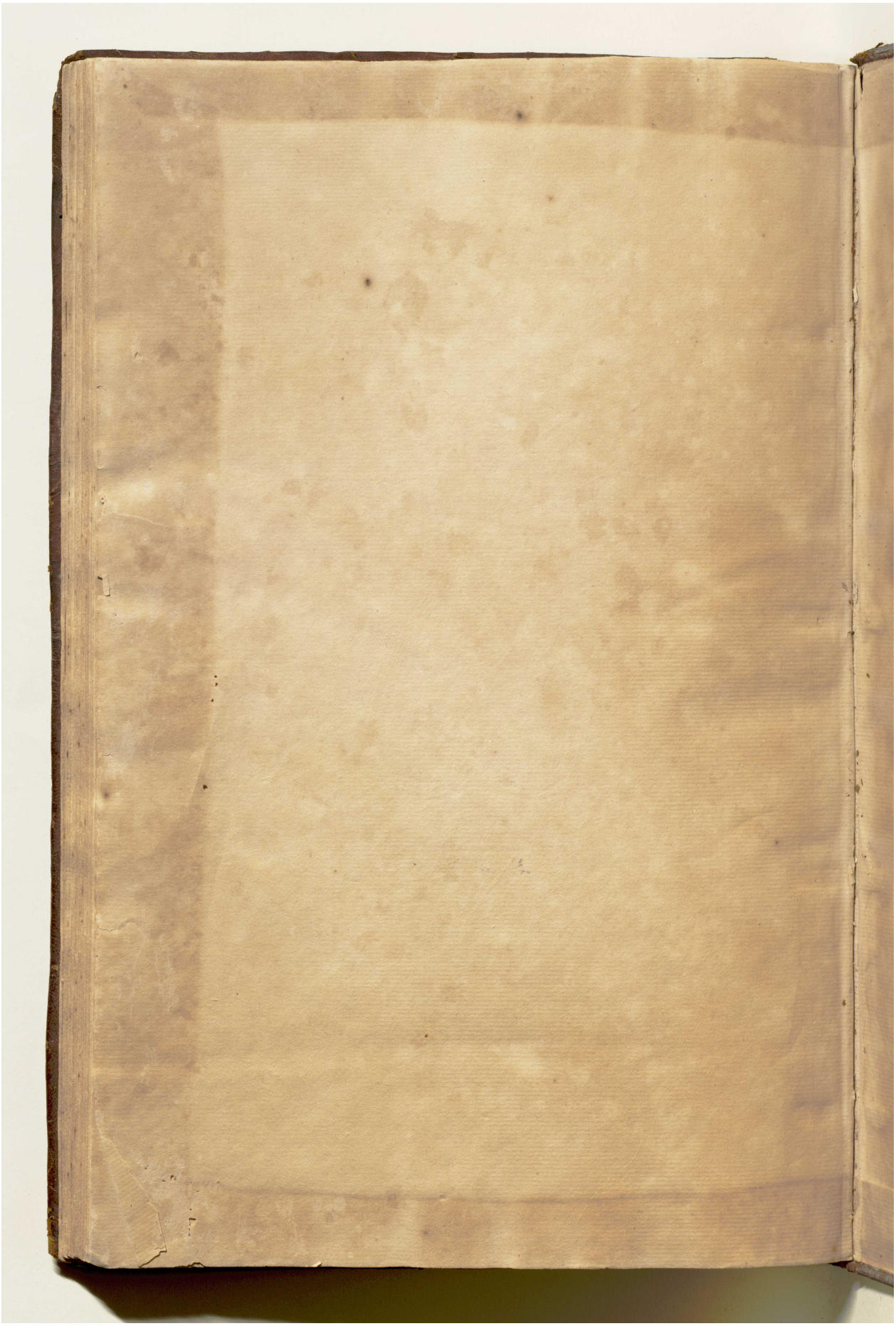

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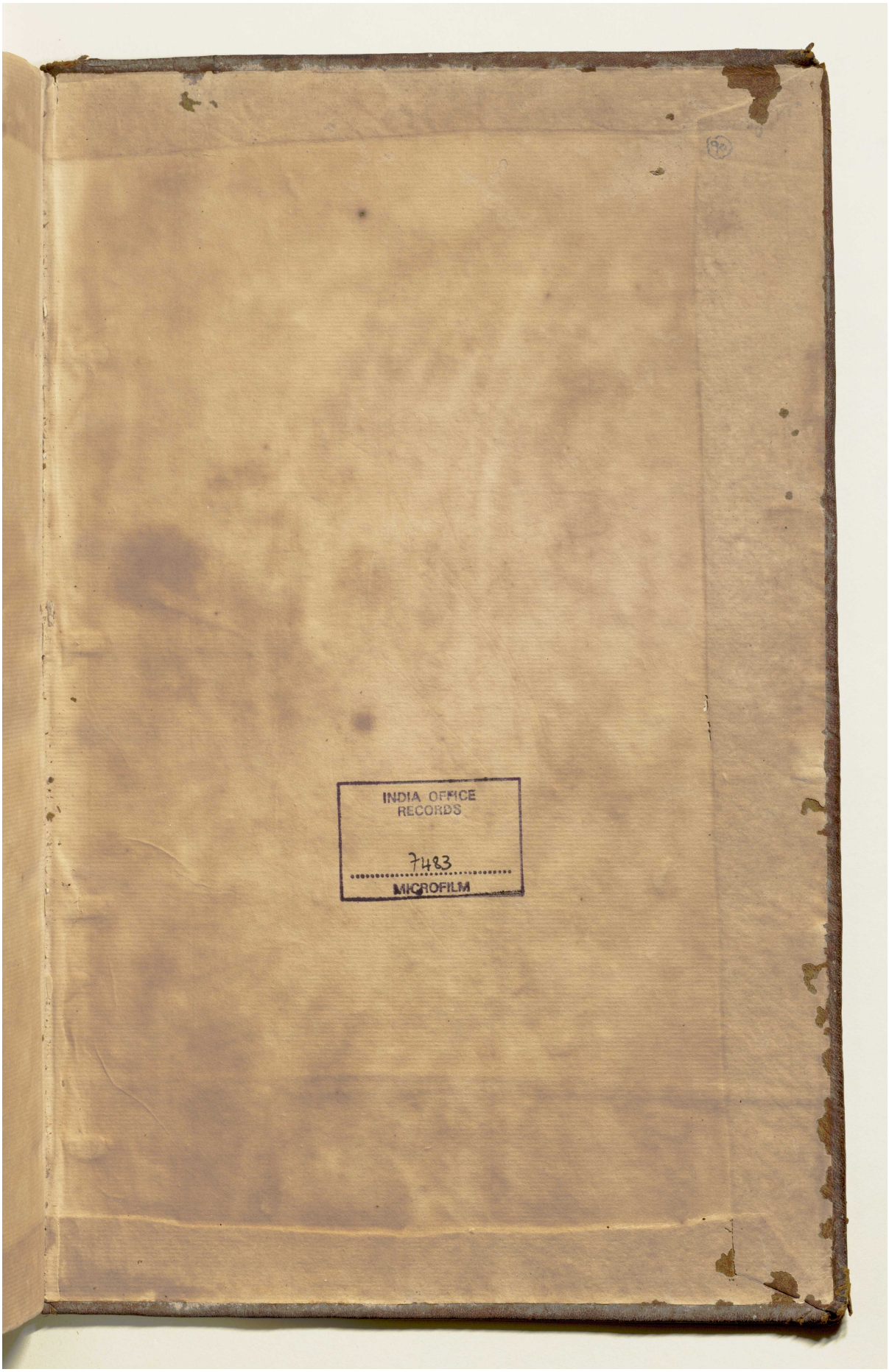

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