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### "البحرين (C 7) ملف 19/118"

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٠٤ فبراير ١٨٩٨ - ١٠ أبريل ١٩٠٨ (ميلادي)

الإنجليزية و العربية في اللاتينية بالأحرف والعربية

مجلد واحد (٩١ ورقة)

غير معروف

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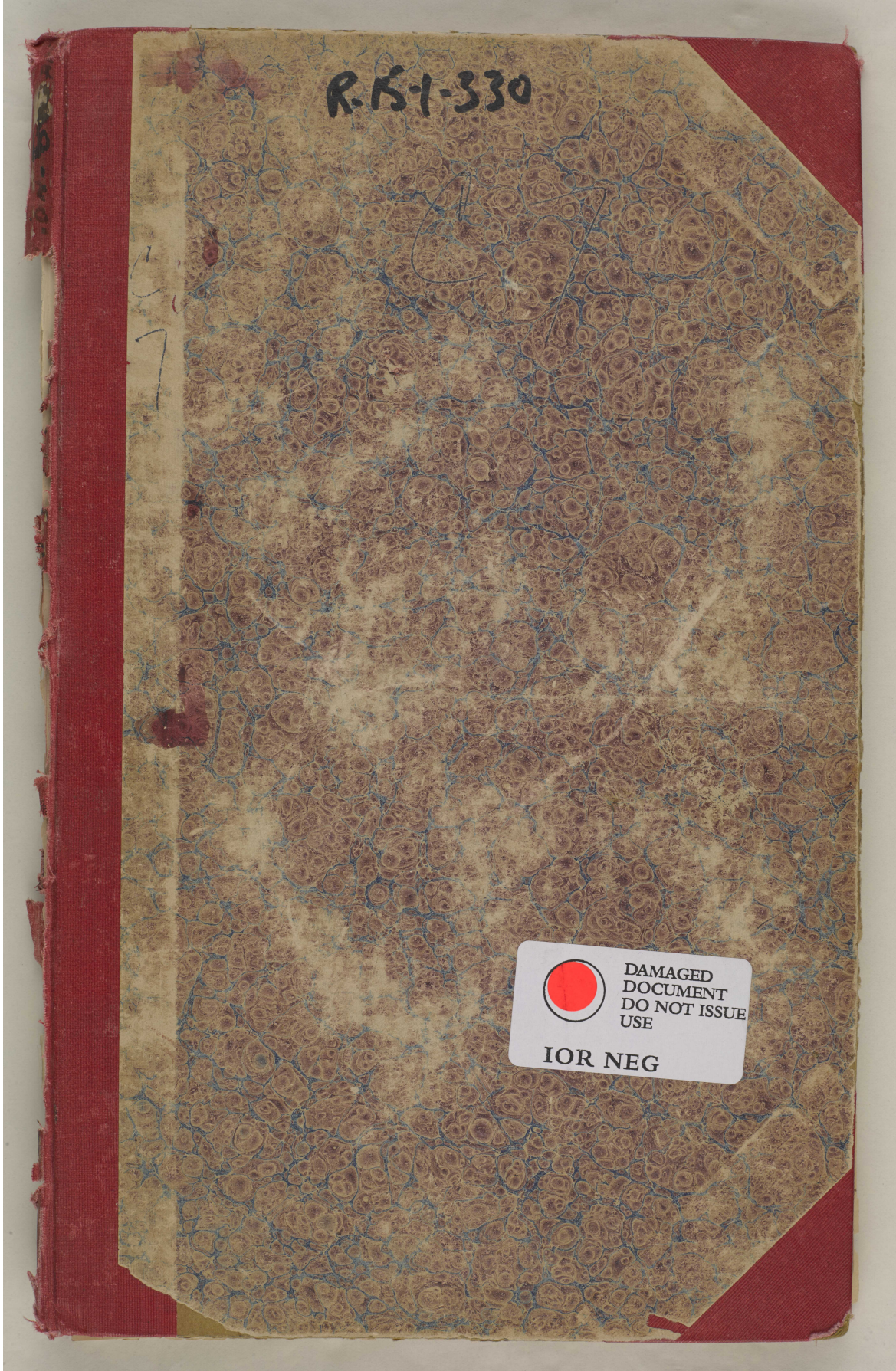


### حول هذا السجل

يحتوي هذا المُجلد على المراسلات المتعلقة بتعيين أول وكيل سياسي للبحرين (١٩٠٠). تتضمن  
المستندات تقييمًا لحكم الشيخ عيسى بن عليّ وتناقش الحكمة من وراء تعيين وكيل للجزيرة  
بالإضافة إلى التجهيزات والتكلفة المتضمنة في هذا العمل. أغلب المراسلات بين المقيم السياسي  
في بوشهر وحكومة الهند.

وتناقش مستندات لاحقة، من ١٩٠٤، ضرورة تحمل الوكيل المزيد من المسؤولية ورغبة المقيم السياسي  
بتعيين موظف من قائمة المناصب ذات الدرجات. يحتوي المُجلد كذلك على مستندات من ١٩٠٧/٨ متعلقة  
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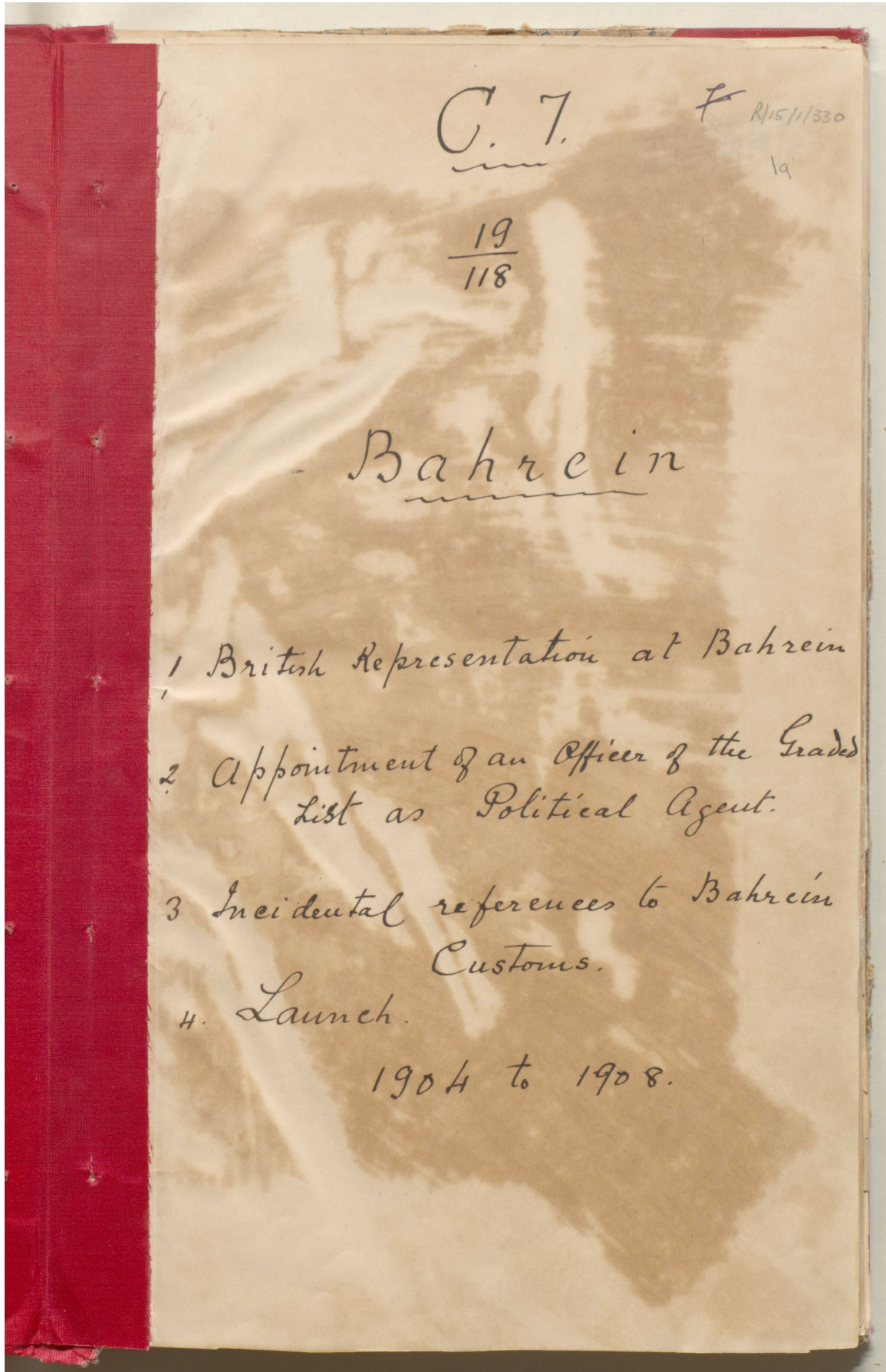


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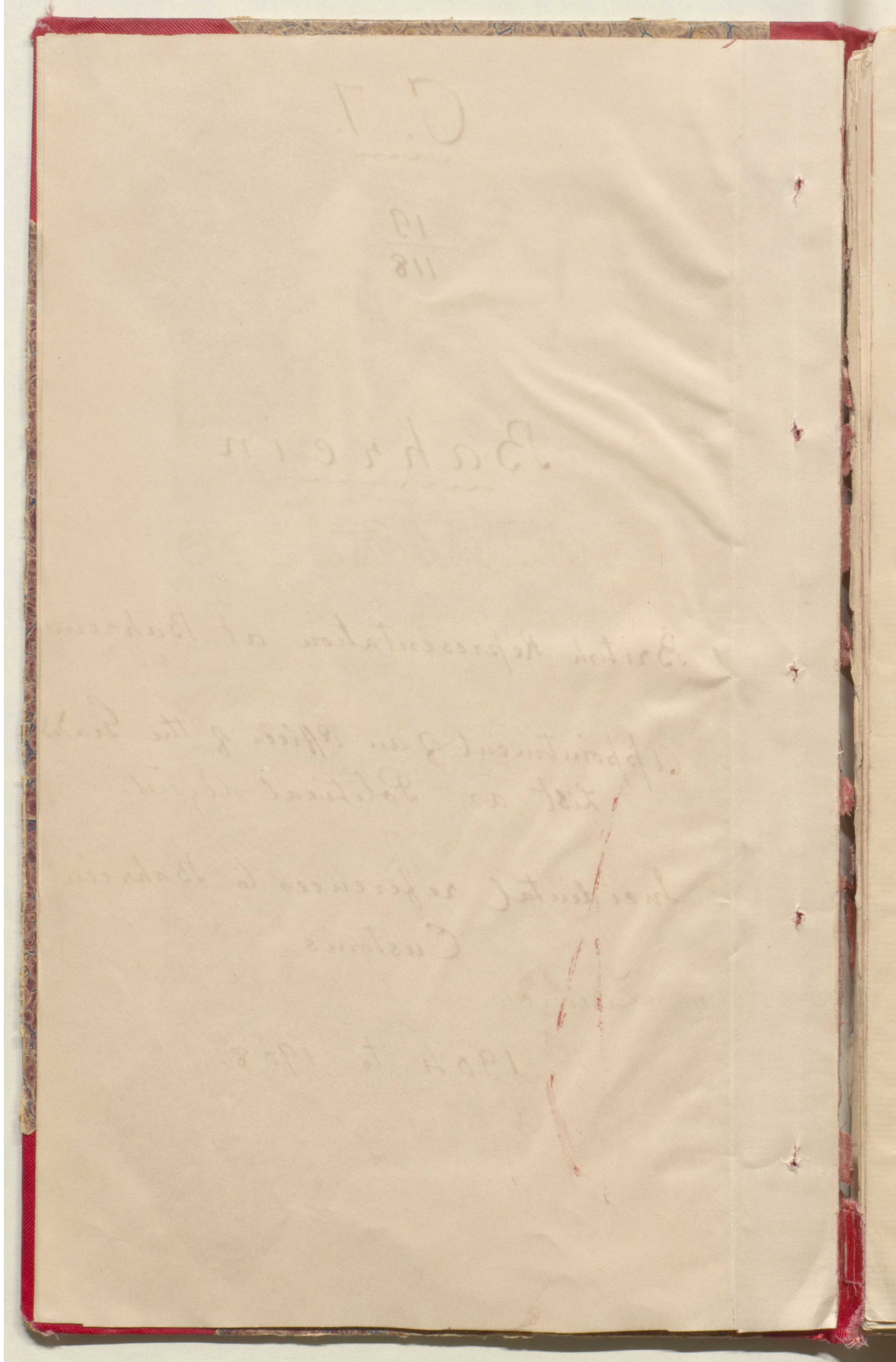


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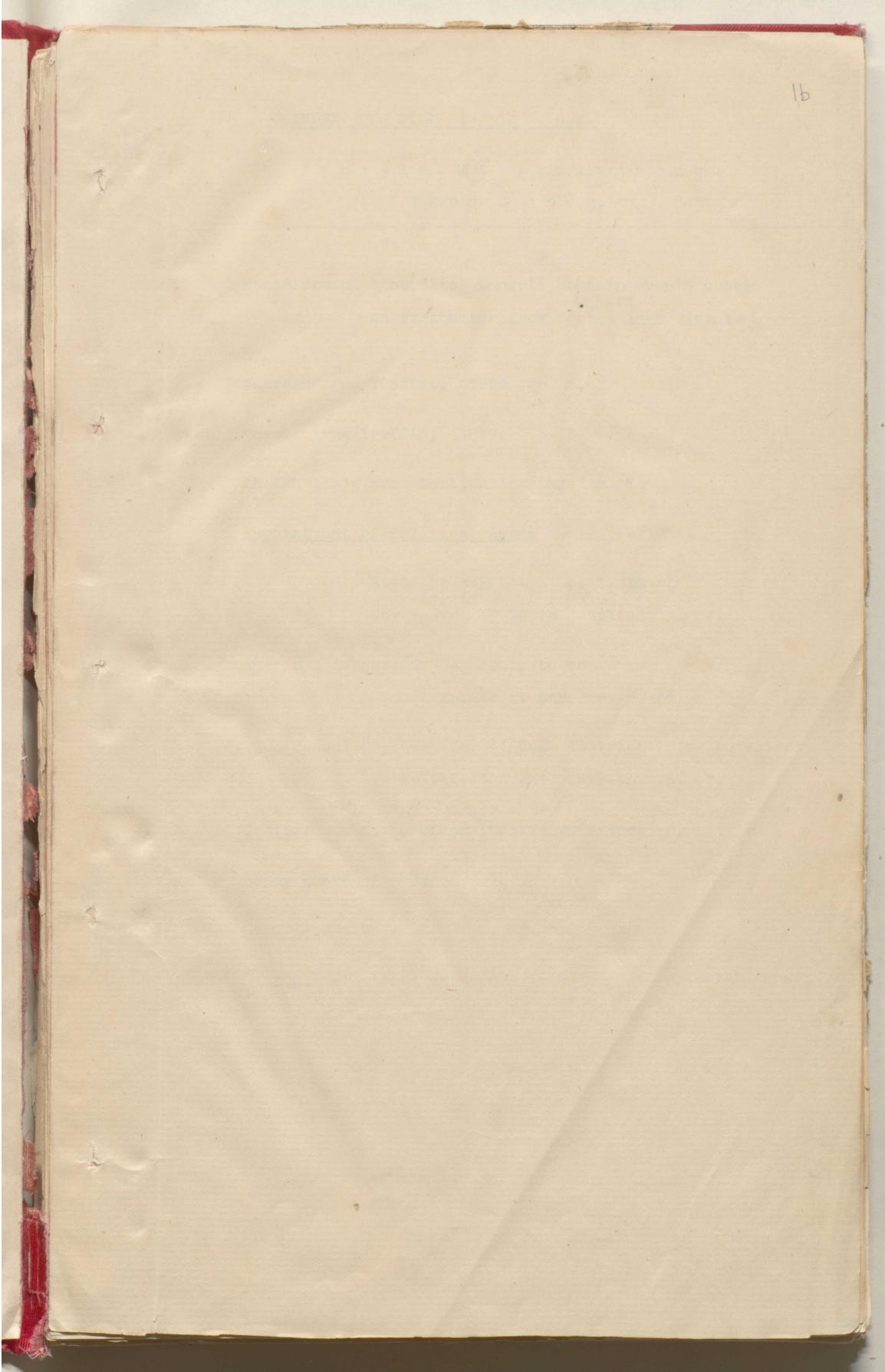




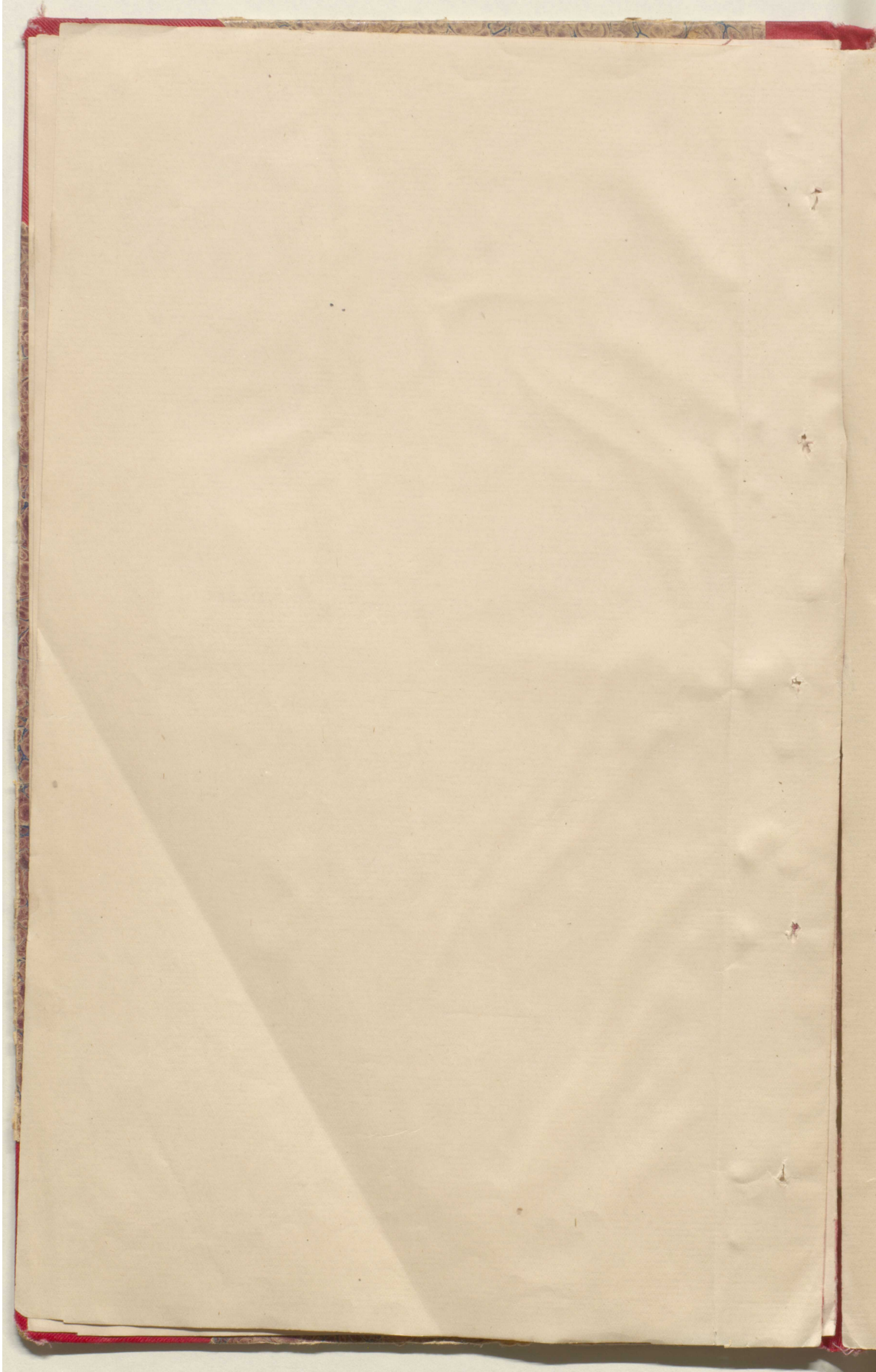
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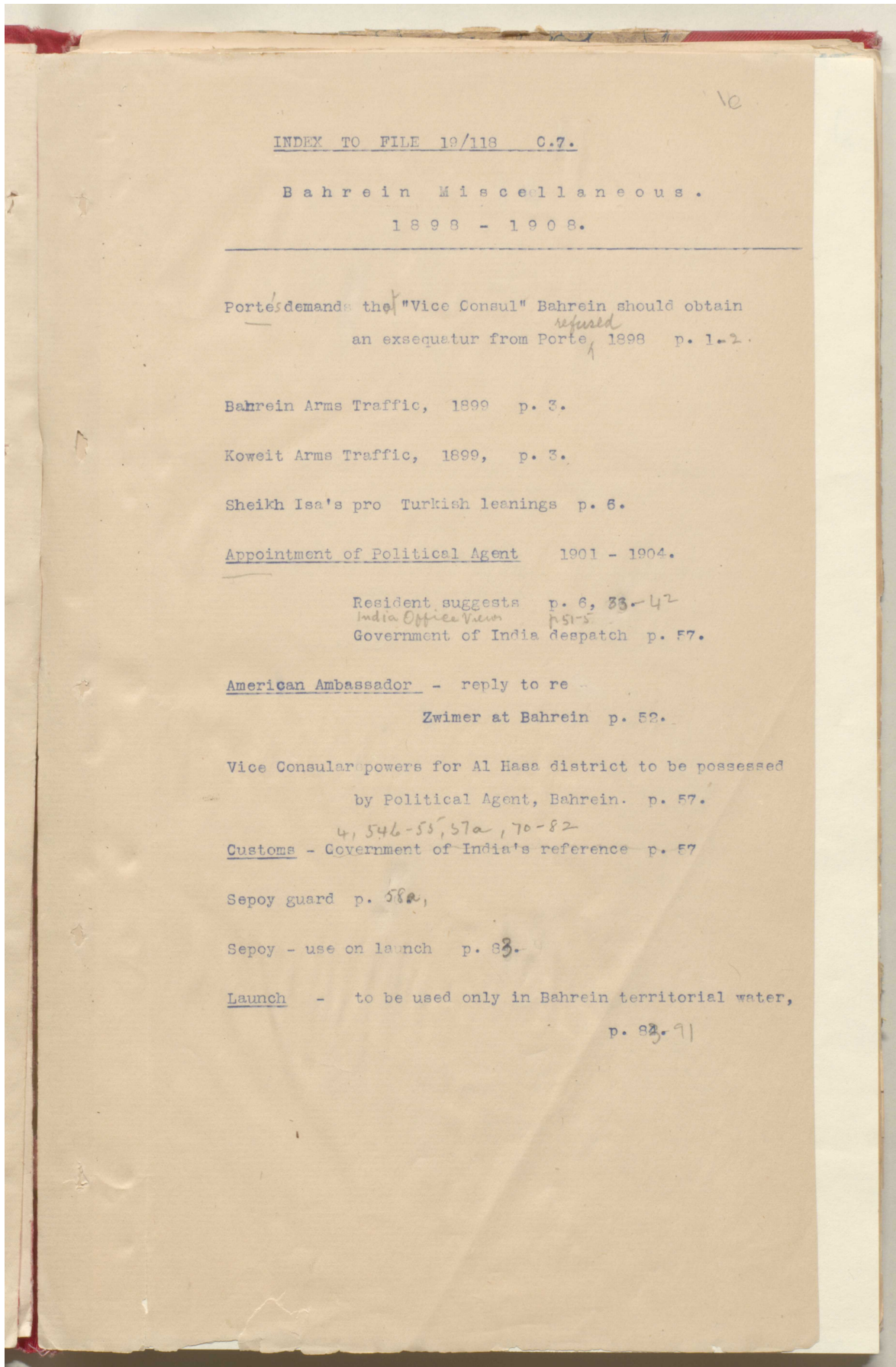
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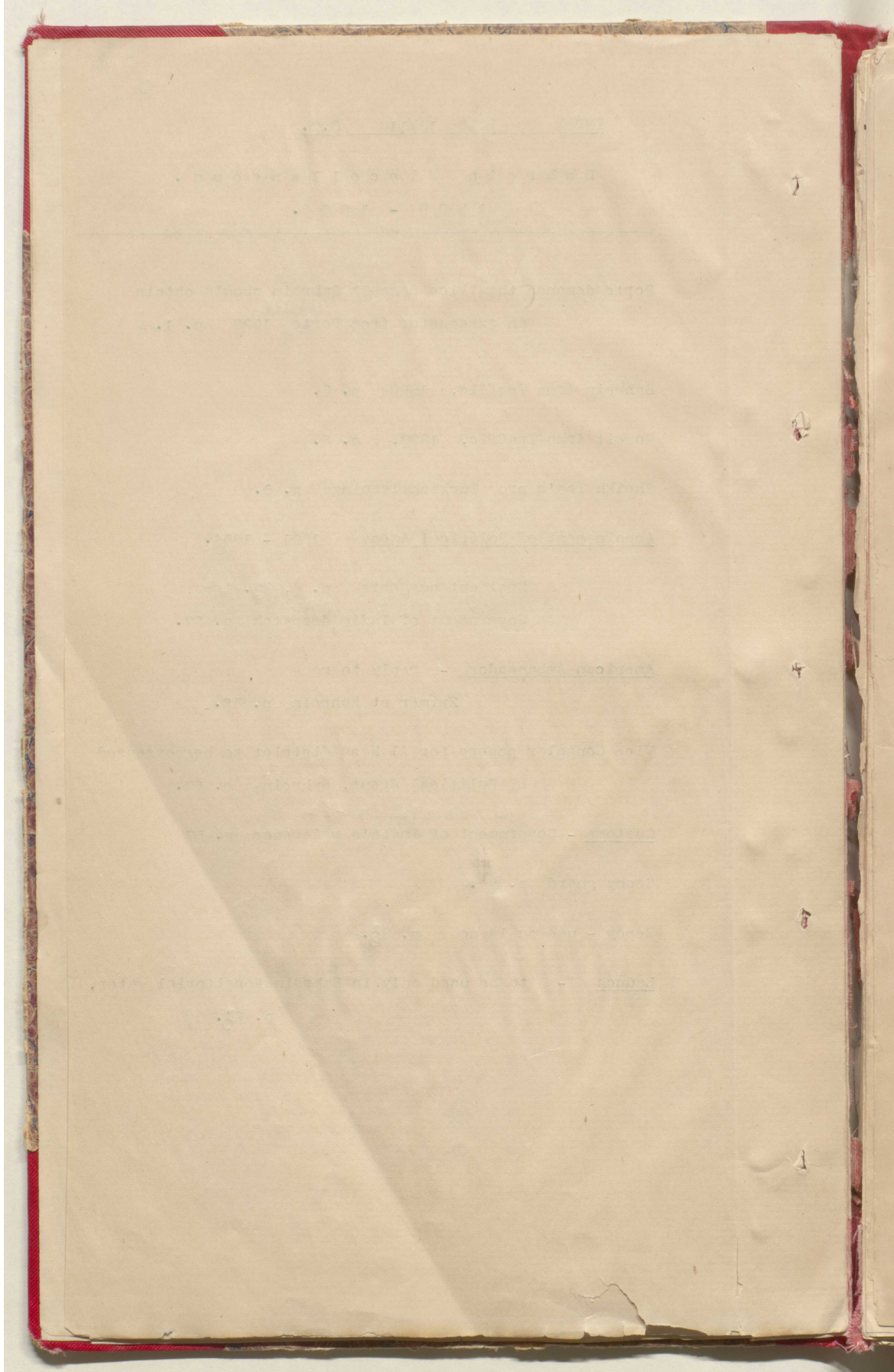
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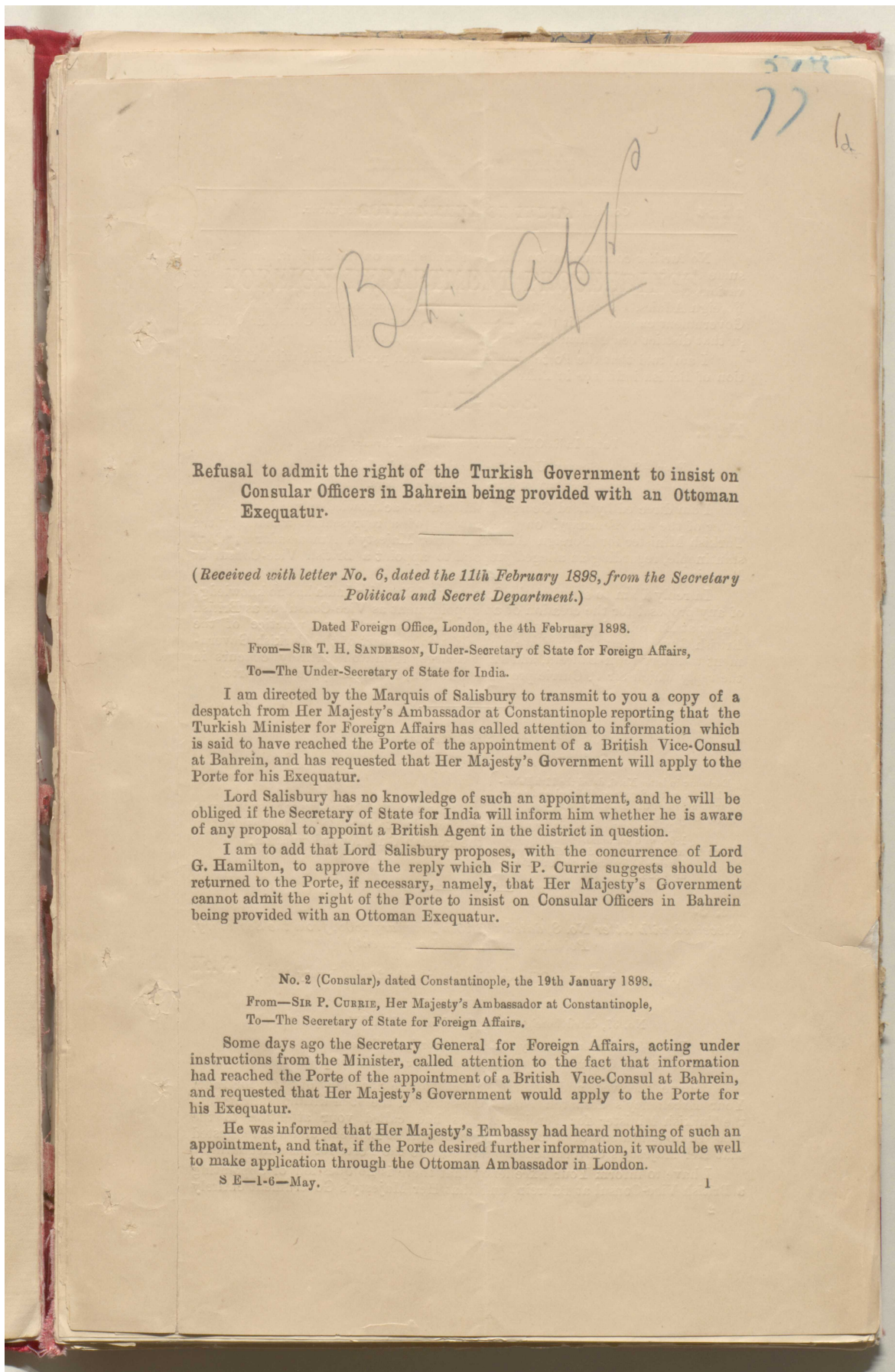
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"ملف 19/118 (C 7) البحرين" [١٥/١٤] (٢١٥/١٤)



Refusal to admit the right of the Turkish Government to insist on  
Consular Officers in Bahrein being provided with an Ottoman  
Exequatur.

(Received with letter No. 6, dated the 11th February 1898, from the Secretary  
Political and Secret Department.)

Dated Foreign Office, London, the 4th February 1898.

From—SIR T. H. SANDBERSON, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,

To—The Under-Secretary of State for India.

I am directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to transmit to you a copy of a  
despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople reporting that the  
Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs has called attention to information which  
is said to have reached the Porte of the appointment of a British Vice-Consul  
at Bahrein, and has requested that Her Majesty's Government will apply to the  
Porte for his Exequatur.

Lord Salisbury has no knowledge of such an appointment, and he will be  
obliged if the Secretary of State for India will inform him whether he is aware  
of any proposal to appoint a British Agent in the district in question.

I am to add that Lord Salisbury proposes, with the concurrence of Lord  
G. Hamilton, to approve the reply which Sir P. Currie suggests should be  
returned to the Porte, if necessary, namely, that Her Majesty's Government  
cannot admit the right of the Porte to insist on Consular Officers in Bahrein  
being provided with an Ottoman Exequatur.

No. 2 (Consular), dated Constantinople, the 19th January 1898.

From—SIR P. CURRIE, Her Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople,

To—The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Some days ago the Secretary General for Foreign Affairs, acting under  
instructions from the Minister, called attention to the fact that information  
had reached the Porte of the appointment of a British Vice-Consul at Bahrein,  
and requested that Her Majesty's Government would apply to the Porte for  
his Exequatur.

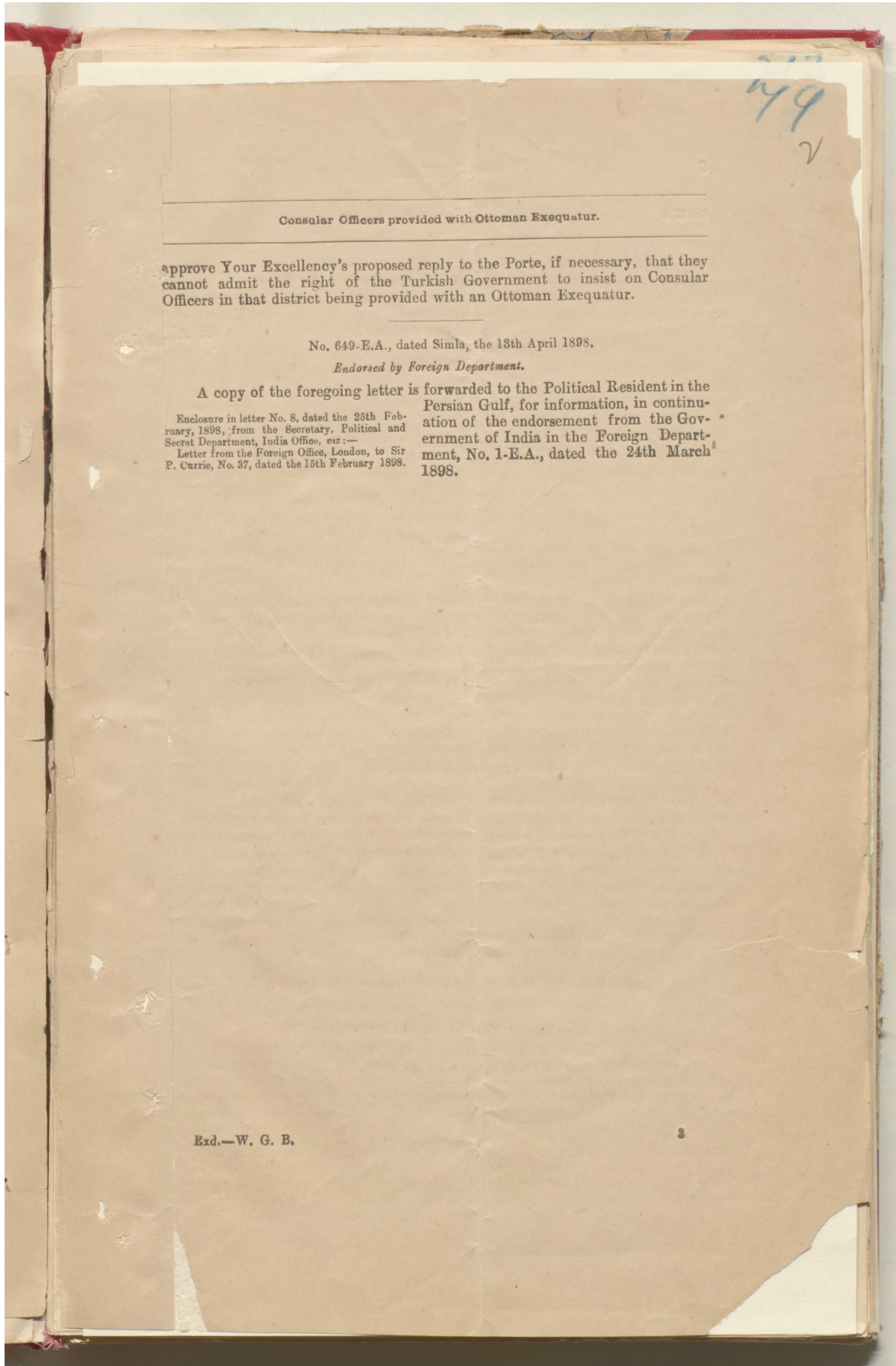
He was informed that Her Majesty's Embassy had heard nothing of such an  
appointment, and that, if the Porte desired further information, it would be well  
to make application through the Ottoman Ambassador in London.

S E—1-6—May.

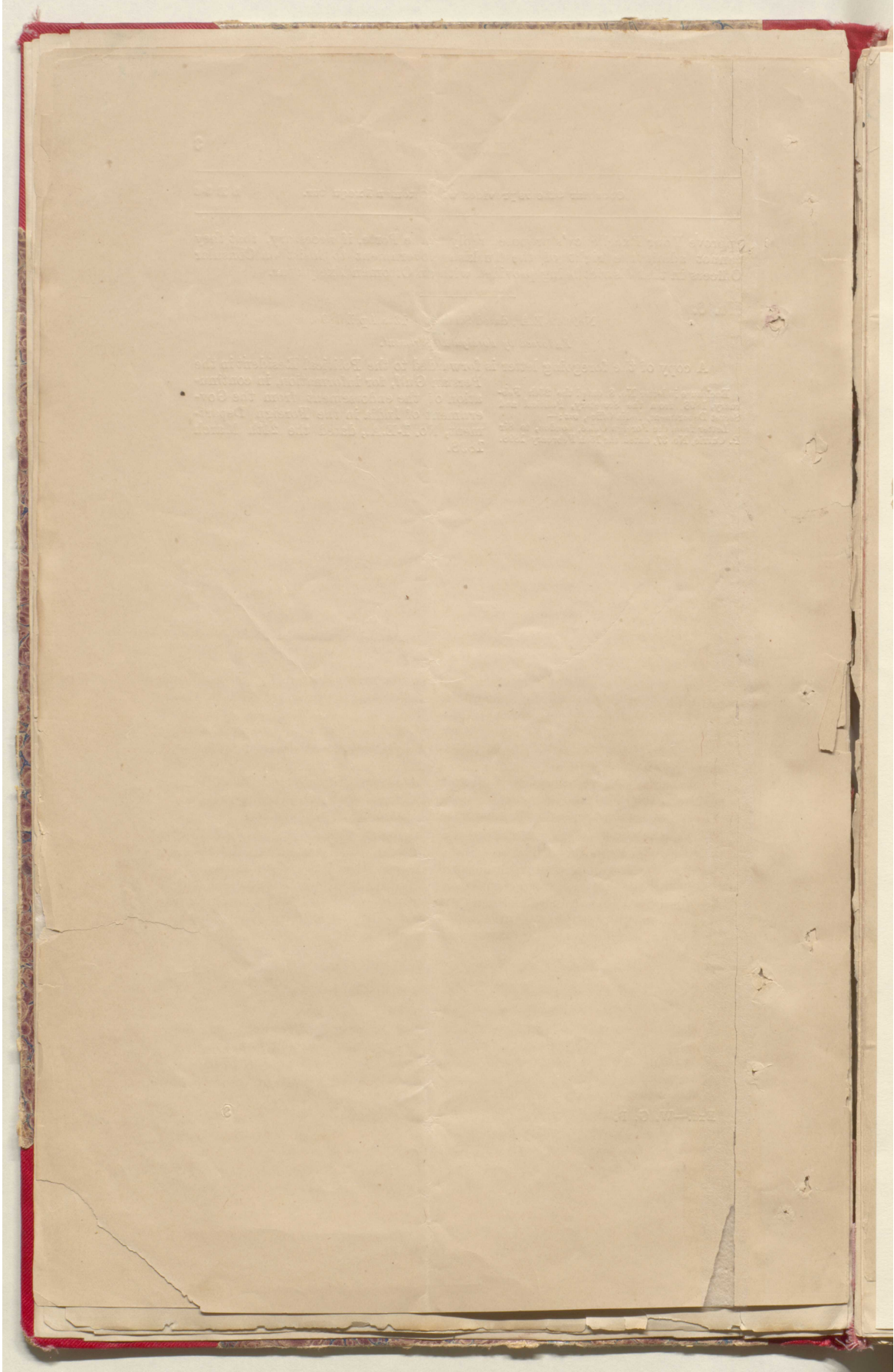
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"ملف 19/118 (C 7) البحرين" [ظ٢] (٢١٥/١٧)



"ملف 19/118 (C 7) البحرين" [و٣] [٢١٥/١٨]

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

No. 360 E.-A.

FROM

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA  
*in the Foreign Department,*

To

THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF.

*Dated Fort William, the 6th March 1899.*

SIR,

No. 89, dated the 1st January 1899.  
" 7 " 15th " 1899.  
" 9 " 20th " 1899.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters cited in the margin regarding the arms traffic in the Persian Gulf.

2. You have perhaps discussed with Rear-Admiral Douglas the question of what further assistance can be given by Her Majesty's ships towards stopping this illicit trade. The Government of India will be glad to consider any suggestions which you may be able to make after consulting the Naval authorities.

3. You should endeavour, if opportunity presents itself, to arrive at some arrangement with the Chief of Koweit for checking the arms trade there.

4. During the visit which you are now making to Bahrein, you will, no doubt, prosecute any necessary further enquiries in the matter of the trade there and the claims of Messrs. Fracis, Times & Co. It will be convenient if the result of the proceedings pending before the Sheikh can be reported at an early date. A reference is being made to Her Majesty's Government on the subject of the disposal or storage of the arms and ammunition seized and attached at Bahrein and elsewhere, and instructions will be sent to you as soon as possible.

5. The report received with your letter No. 69, dated the 21st November 1898, contains unsatisfactory disclosures respecting the attitude of the subordinate staff of the Residency in respect to the arms trade at Bahrein. I am to request you to consider this matter in connection with the question of how British interests should in future be represented at Bahrein. If you can see your way to doing so, you may submit proposals for a reorganisation of the Residency staff.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

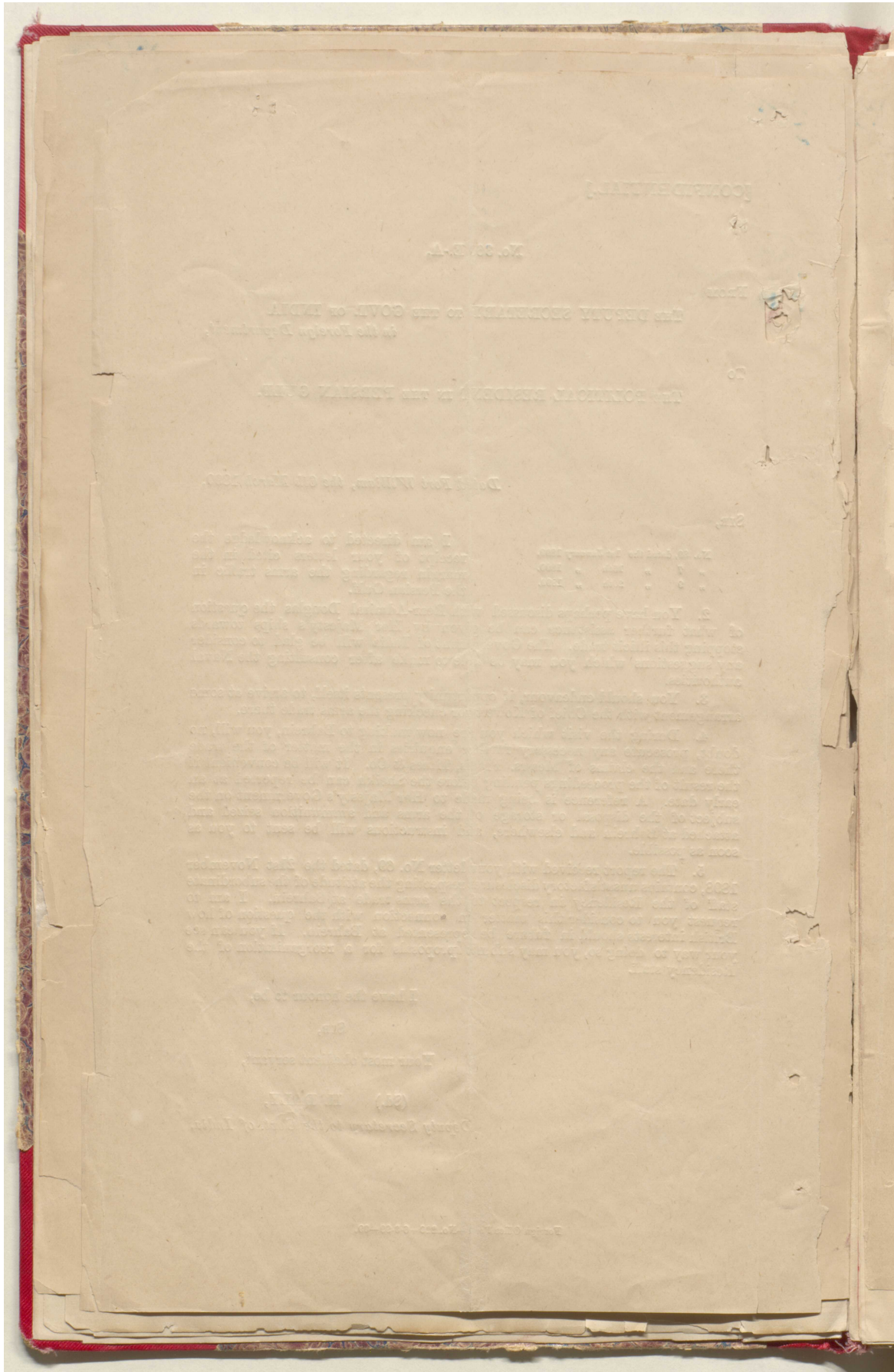
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) H. DALY,

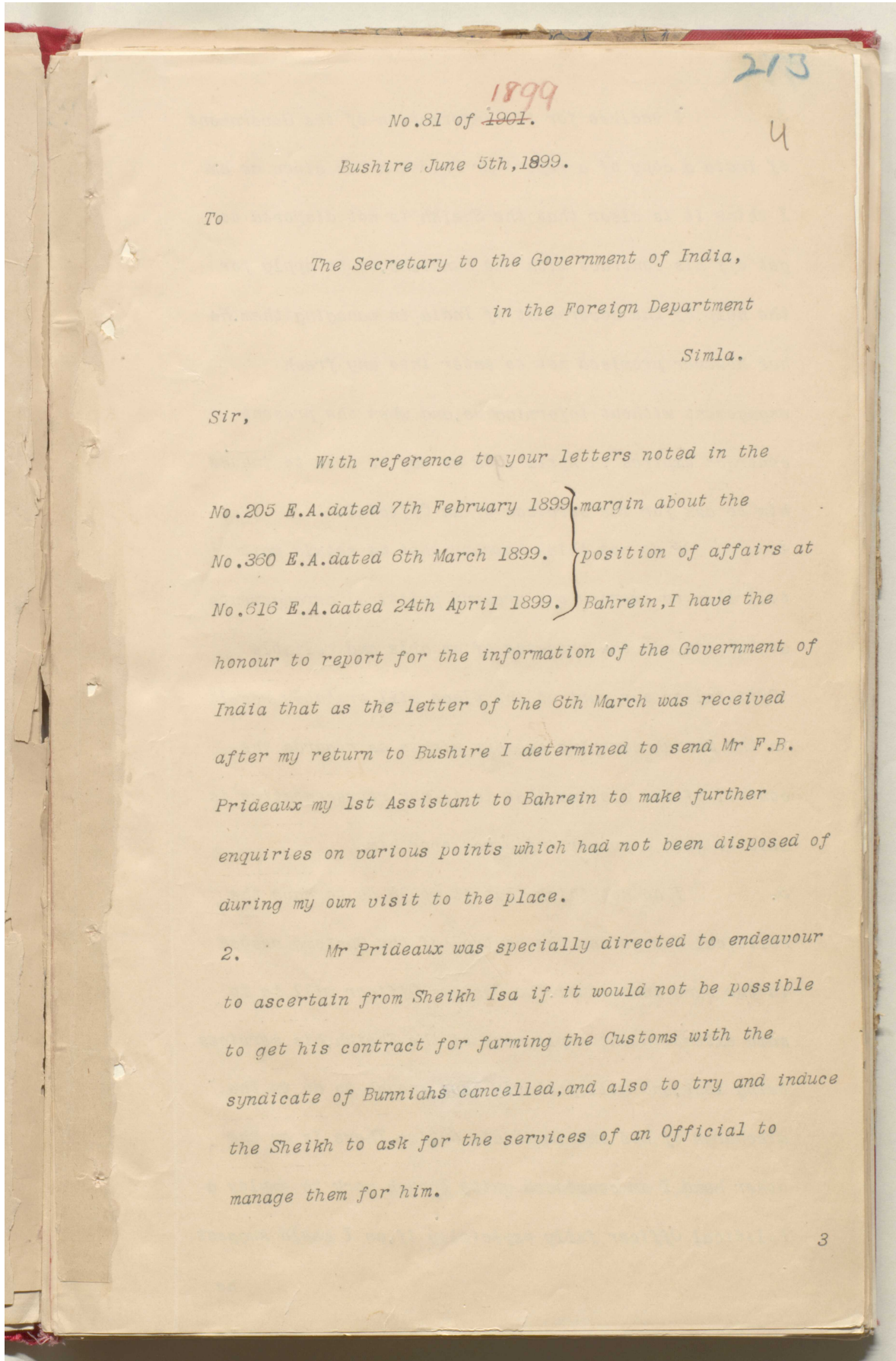
*Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.*

Foreign Office Press—No. 220—G-3-99—39.

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"ملف 19/118 (C 7) البحرين" [و٤] (٢١٥/٢٠)



"ملف 19/118 (C 7) البحرين" [ظ٤] (٢١٥/٢١)

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3. I enclose for the information of the Government of India a copy of a report Mr Prideaux has given me and I think it is clear that the Sheikh is not disposed to get off his contract with the Bunniahs, or to apply for the help of the Government of India in managing them. He has however promised not to enter into any fresh engagement without informing us, and when the present contract expires in April 1902 we may be able to induce him to ask for the services of an Official.

4. I do not think however that we should wait till then to improve our present political arrangements at Bahrein, and the presence of an able and reliable Official on our part at the place will probably result in the Sheikh carrying out our wishes as regards the control of the Customs that is if our representative is able to gain a proper influence over him.

5. I do not think that it would do to have the Political Charge and the control of the Customs vested in the same individual. The Customs Officer will be to some extent in the employment of the Sheikh, his services being lent, and will probably have enough to do in the discharge of his own immediate duties. There is on the other hand I am convinced quite enough work to employ a Political Officer fully especially if, as I would suggest

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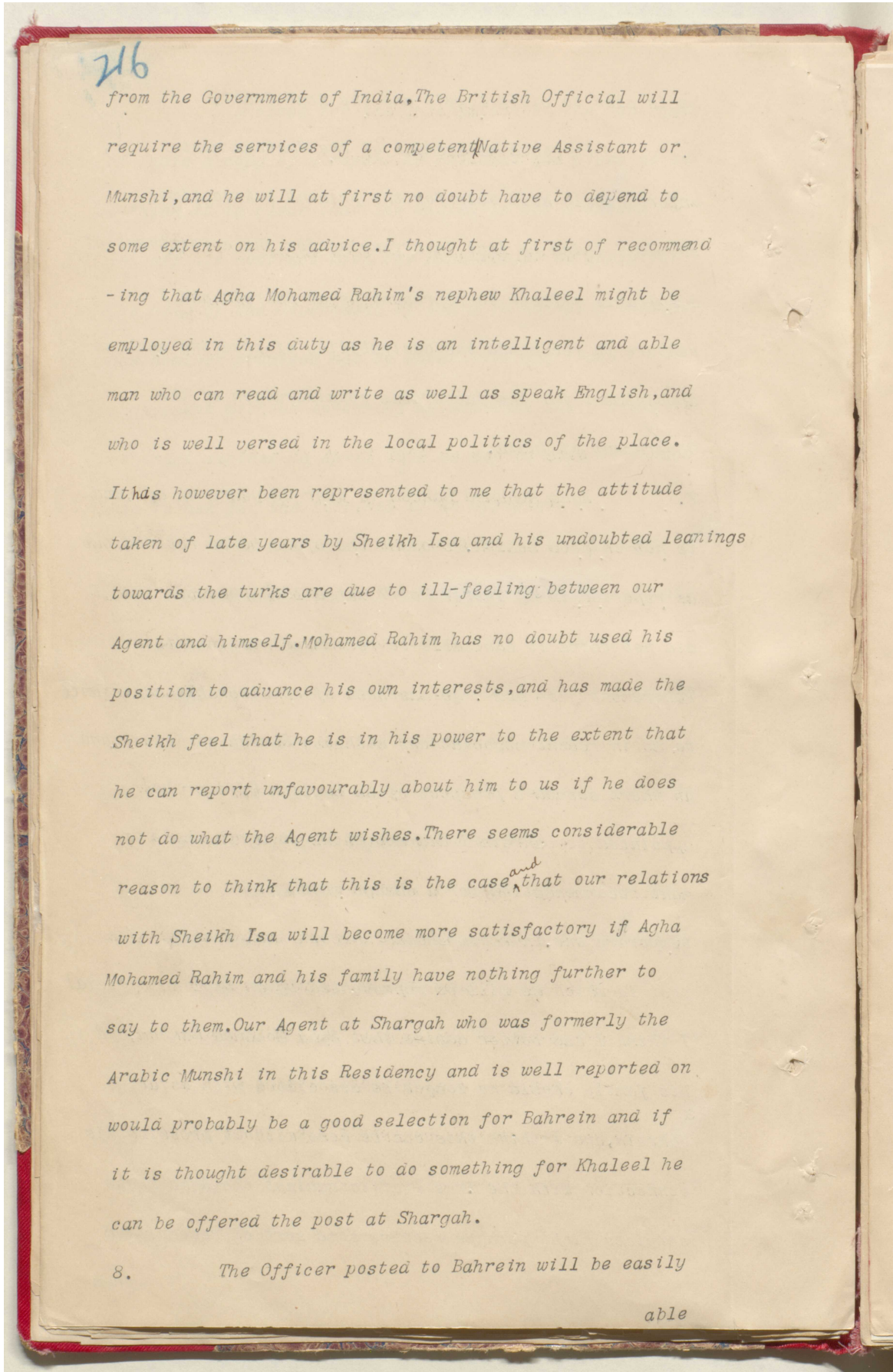
he is also to visit Koweit and the Arab Coast,

6. Improved management of the Customs must unfortunately hold over for the present but no time should I think be lost in arranging for the appointment of a suitable officer to represent us at Bahrein, and I venture to recommend the desirability of creating such an appointment for the favourable consideration of the Government of India.

7. Agha Mohamed Raheem is over 55 years of age, and is not in good health. He ought therefore to be retired; but as reported in my letter No 77 dated 18th December 1898, I did not think it advisable to recommend his immediate retirement just now. He has been of considerable assistance to me in recent negotiations with the Sheikh of Koweit, and as there seemed a prospect of an English Officer being appointed to Bahrein I did not think it worth while to make recommendation, for a change which might be only a temporary one. In recommending however the creation of a post in which we will be represented by an English official I think I had better advise that Agha Mohamed Raheem, and his family should no longer be associated with us at Bahrein, and I think this can be done without pressing his connection with the Arms Traffic against the Agha whose services might perhaps receive some sort of recognition

from

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"ملف 19/118 (C 7) البحرين" [و٦] (٢٤/١٠٢١)

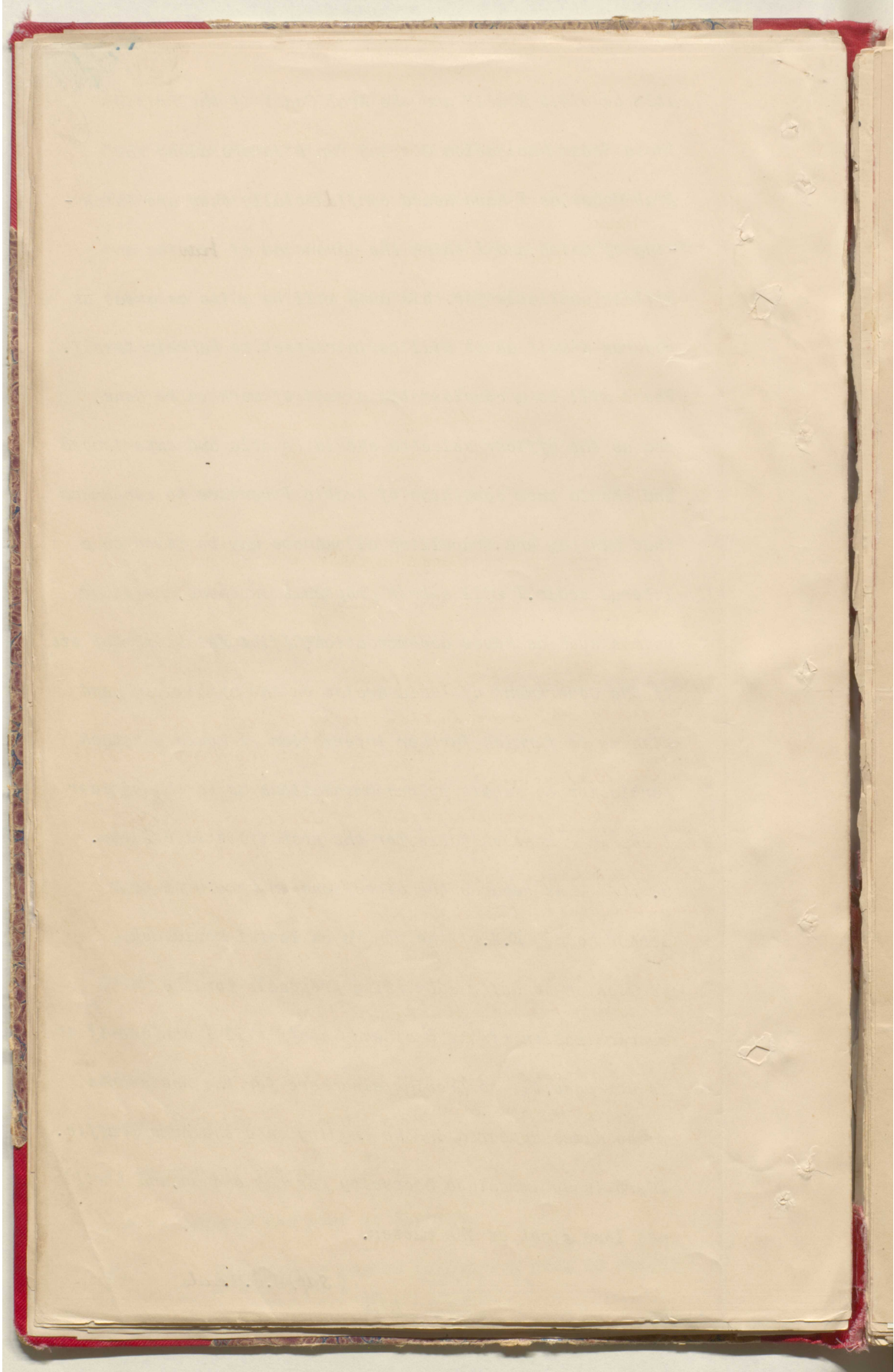
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able to visit Koweit and the Arab Coast if the British India Steam Navigation Company run steamers along the Arab Coast, as I have heard confidentially they are thinking of doing, and I think the advantage of leaving an officer available for this duty will be quite as great as regards Koweit as it will be in respect to Bahrein itself. There will be a considerable amount of work to be done, and as the officer selected should be able and experienced and should know something of Arabic I venture to recommend that his pay and travelling allowances may be fixed on a liberal scale. I will submit proposals on these, and other points such as house accommodation, Office Establishment etc if the Government of India decide on the appointment, and wish me to furnish further information I would also ask permission to submit my recommendations as to the officer I consider most suitable for the post if it is created.

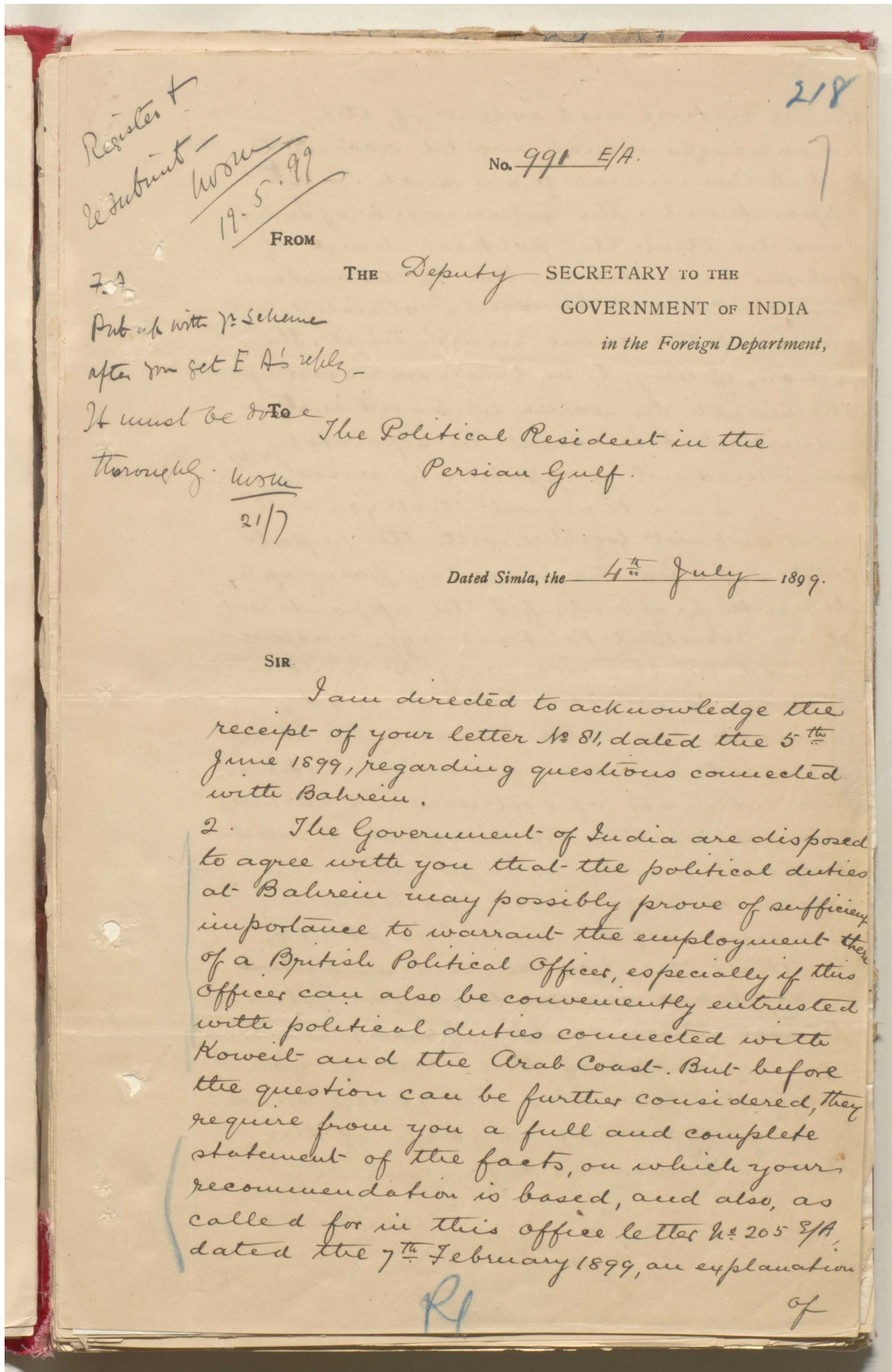
9. As regards the directions in para:8 of your letter No 360 E.A. of the 5th March last I would ask permission to defer submitting proposals for the reorganization of the Residency staff till I can see if it is not possible to provide elsewhere for the Assistants whose names appeared in the enquiry into the Arms Traffic. There is no immediate necessity for any change, and I will not lose sight of the matter.

(sd) M. J. Meade  
WKA

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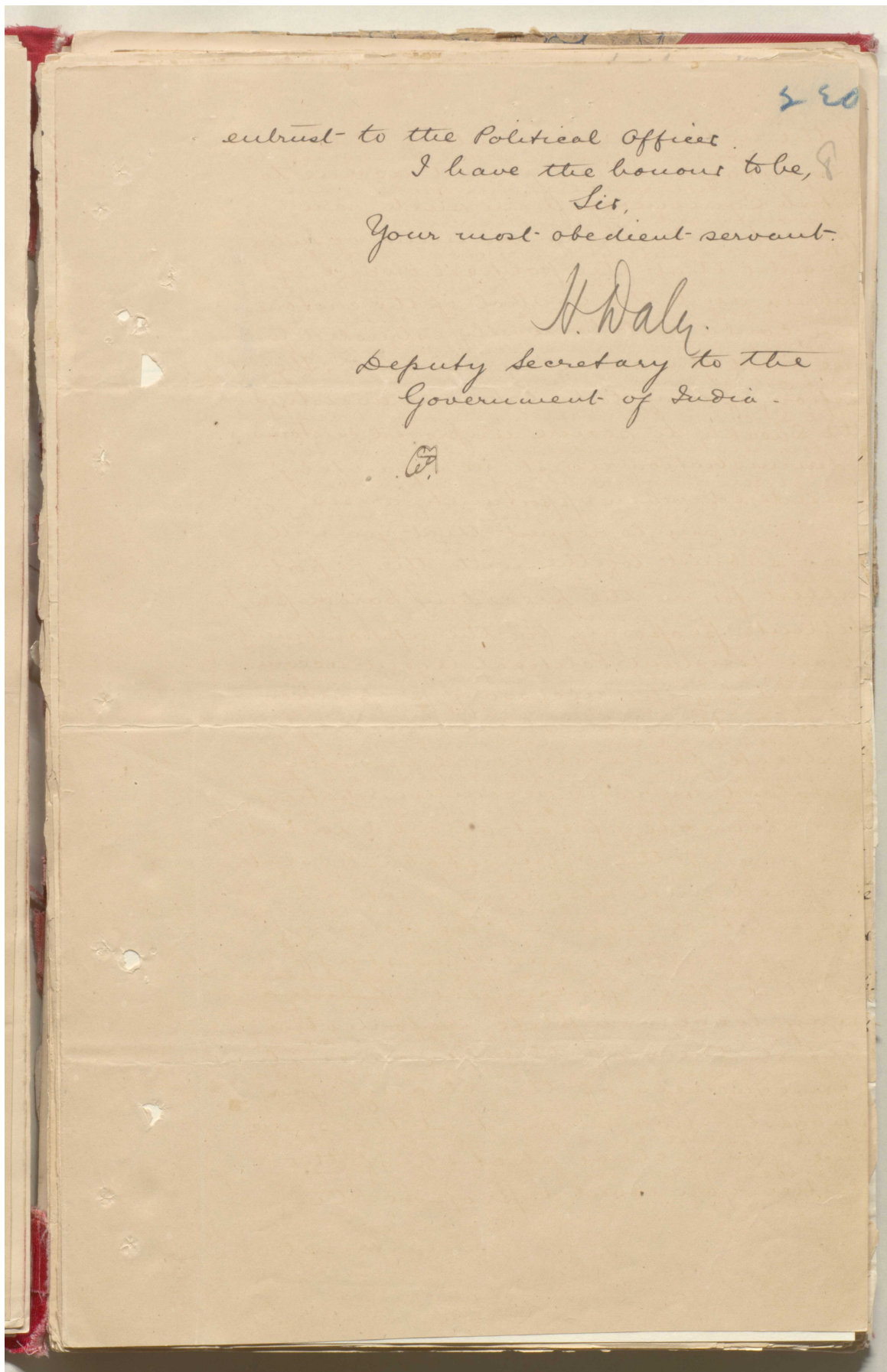
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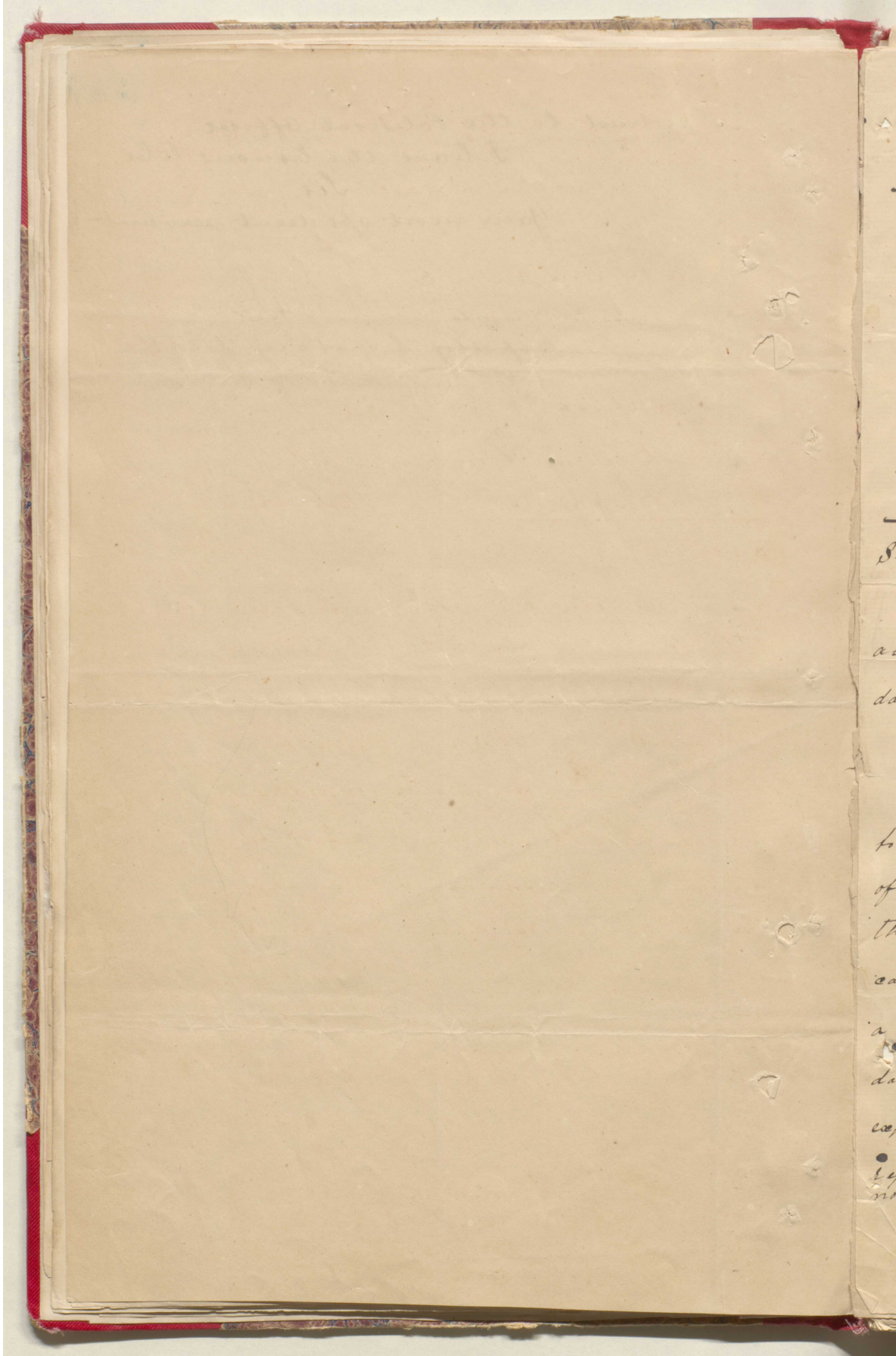
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of the nature and extent of the advantages which would accrue to British Commerce from such an appointment. The Government of India consider that the political charge of Bahrein and the control of the customs there, could not be wisely entrusted to one and the same individual. The action, if any, to be taken in assisting the Sheikh to secure improved customs administration must be separately considered when opportunity arises.

3. I am to request that you will now submit together with the report called for in the preceding paragraph, definite proposals for the appointment of an Assistant Political Agent accompanied by the necessary proposition statements which should clearly indicate the additional expenditure involved by your recommendations. This estimate of cost should include the pay of the office establishment proposed and also any initial expenditure required for housing the new officer and his staff, so that the Government of India may have complete information before them of the financial consequences of the change you suggest. You should at the same time give a clear sketch of the duties you would propose to entrust

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"ملف 19/118 (C 7) البحرين" [ظ ٨] (٢١٥/٢٩)



Government of India. *Office Copy*  
Foreign Department. *Reply.*

No. 1361 B.A. dated Simla, the 6<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>, 1899.

To, The Political Resident,  
in the Persian Gulf.

To, The Secretary to the,  
Government of India,  
Foreign Department.

Subject. *Sir,*  
British Representation,  
at Bahrain.

*Sir,*

I am directed to invite attention to the ~~2899~~ B.A. dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 1899. } marginally  
No 991 EA } noted commu-  
-nication and

to request that the Government of India may be informed, in the column opposite, of the cause of the delay in furnishing a reply and of the approximate date on which a reply may be expected.

I am also to request that the reply to this reminder may be sent not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1899.

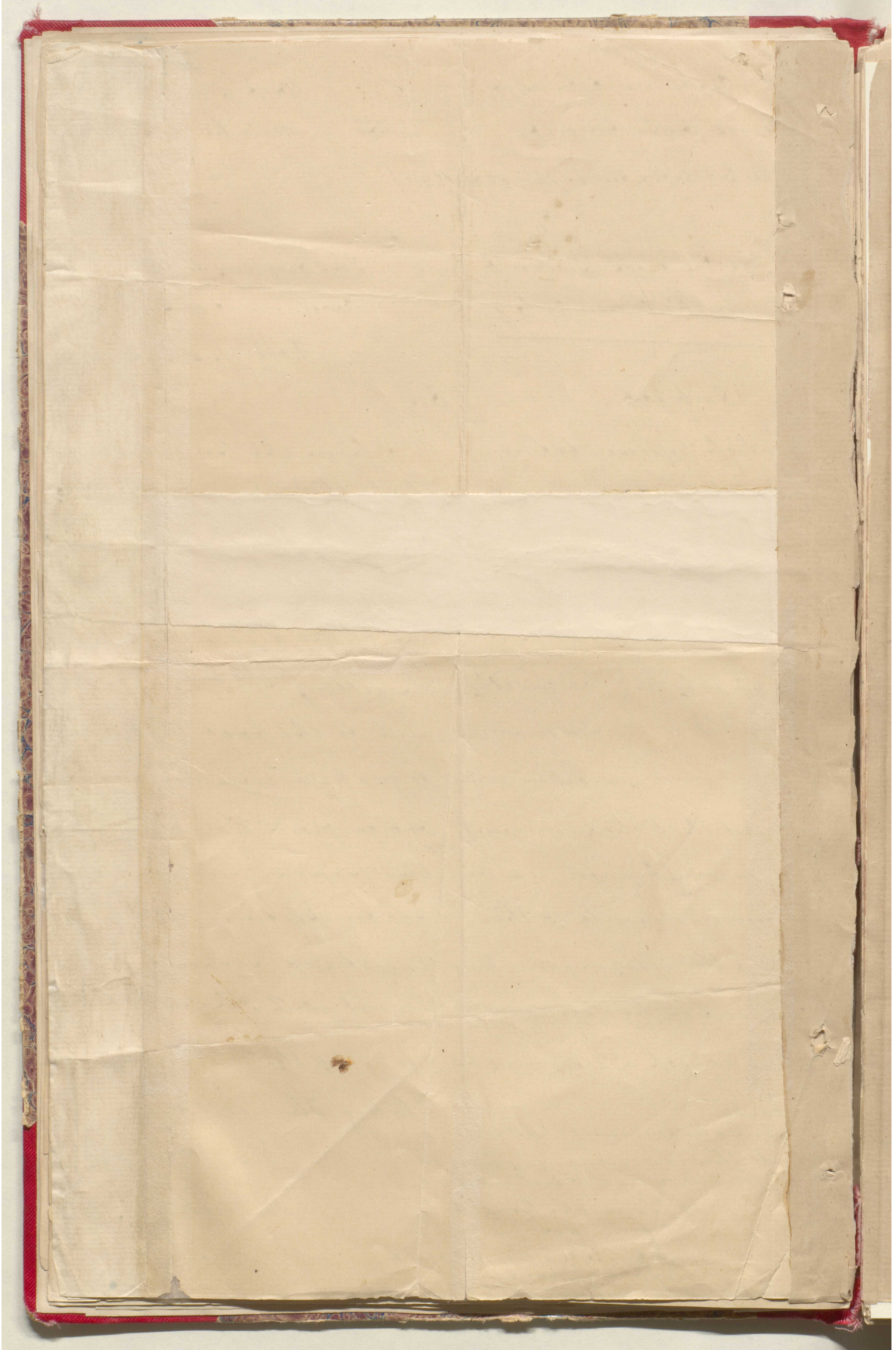
I have the honor to be,  
*Sir*

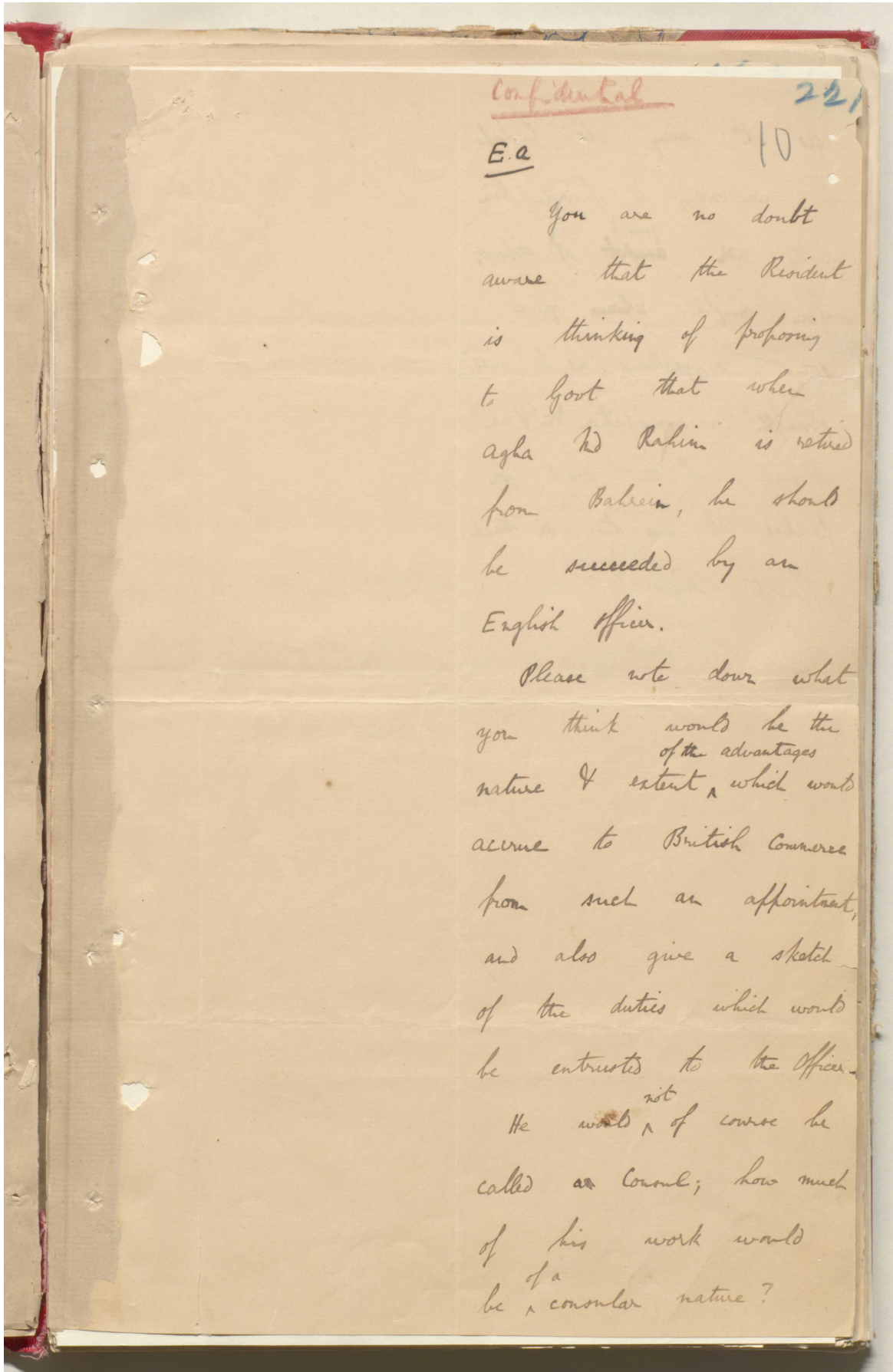
Your most obedient servant  
(S.D.) W. B. Wood  
Offg. Under Secretary to the Secy of India.

I have the honor to report that the delay in replying to Foreign Department letter No. 991 B/A dated the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1899 is due to the difficulty I had in getting full information and to the fact that I had to make a reference to my office from Karachi where the papers were sent to me for completion. The required report and proposition statement will I hope be ready to go by the mail which takes this letter.

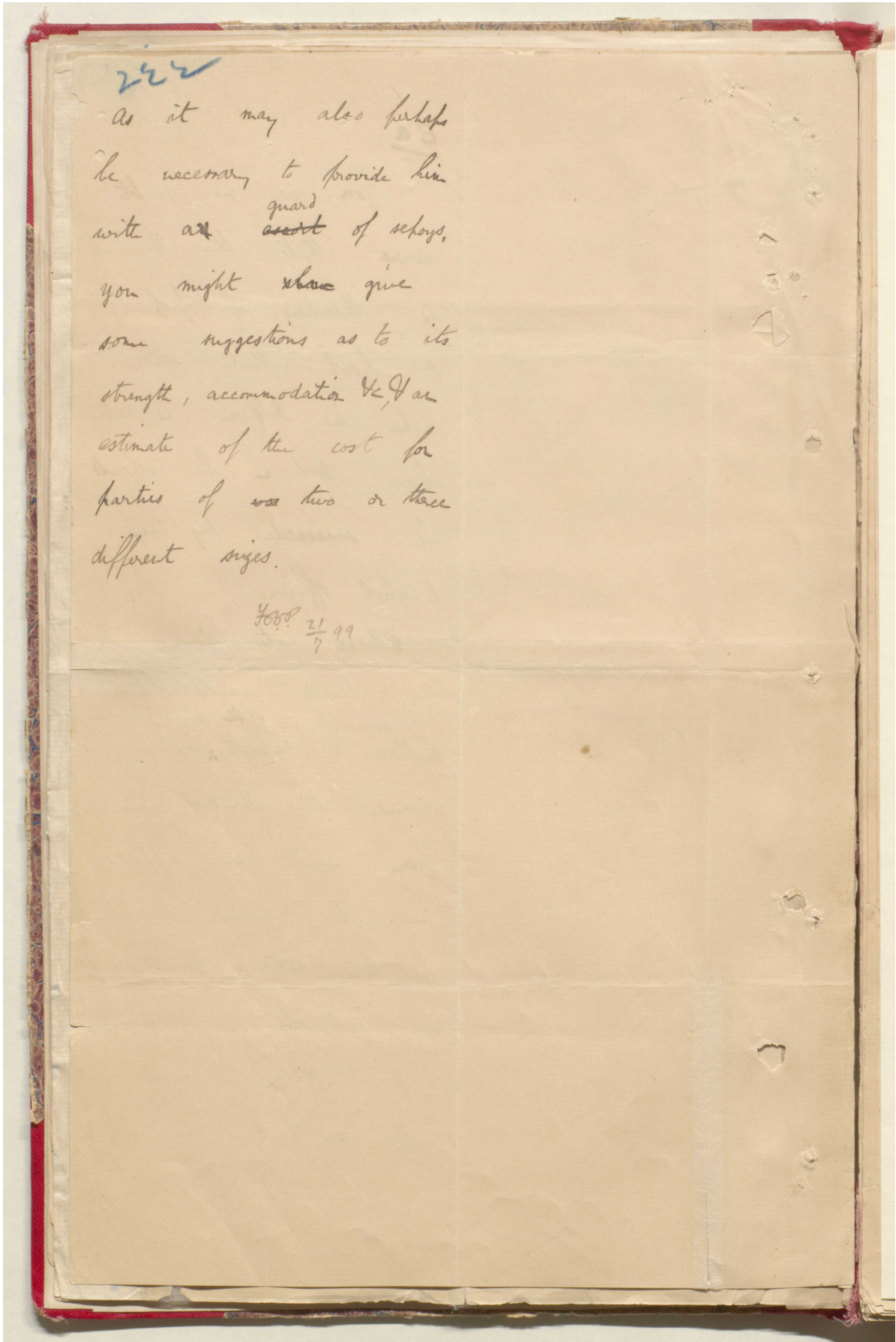
M. M.  
Political Resident  
in the Persian Gulf

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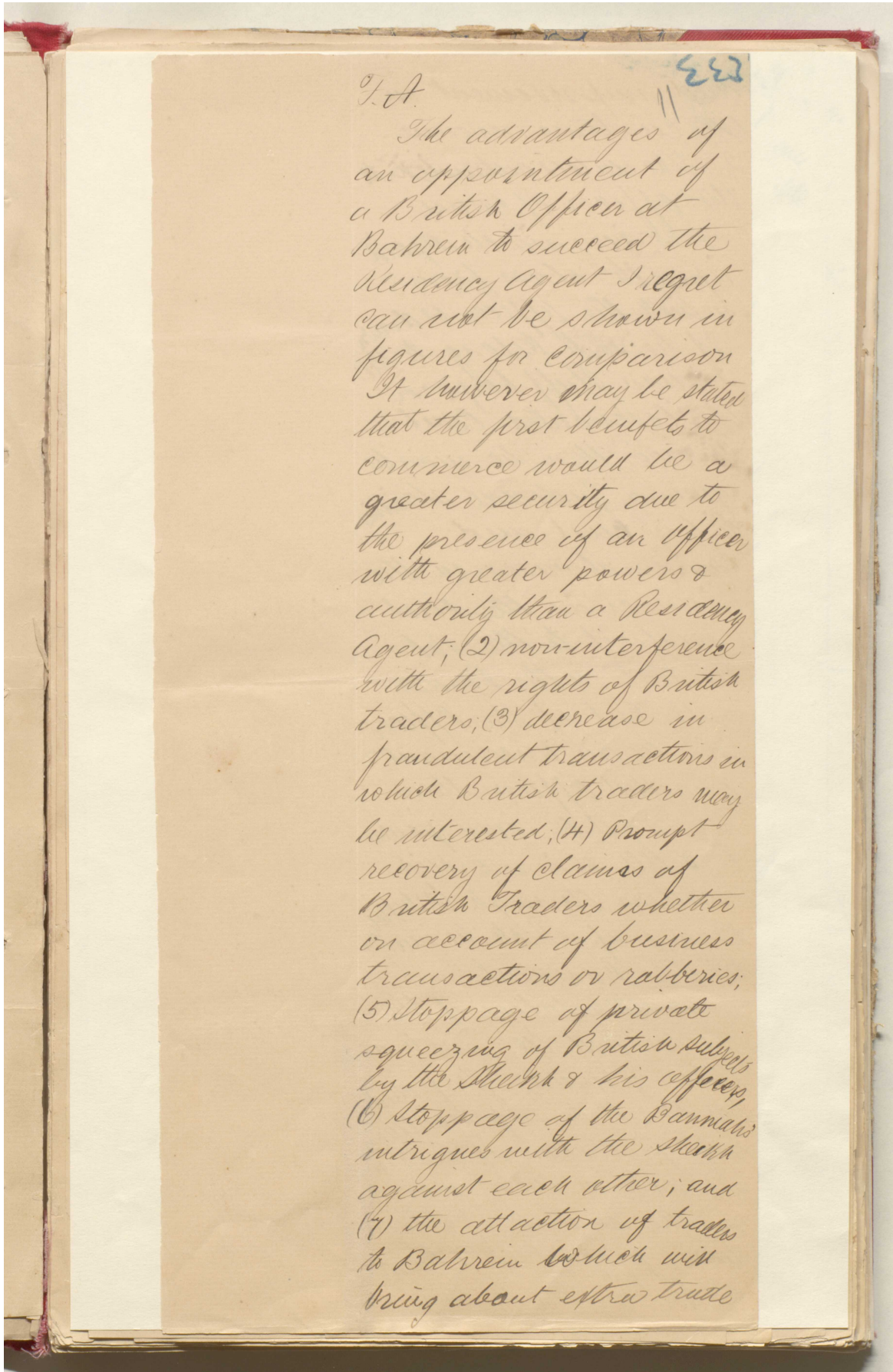


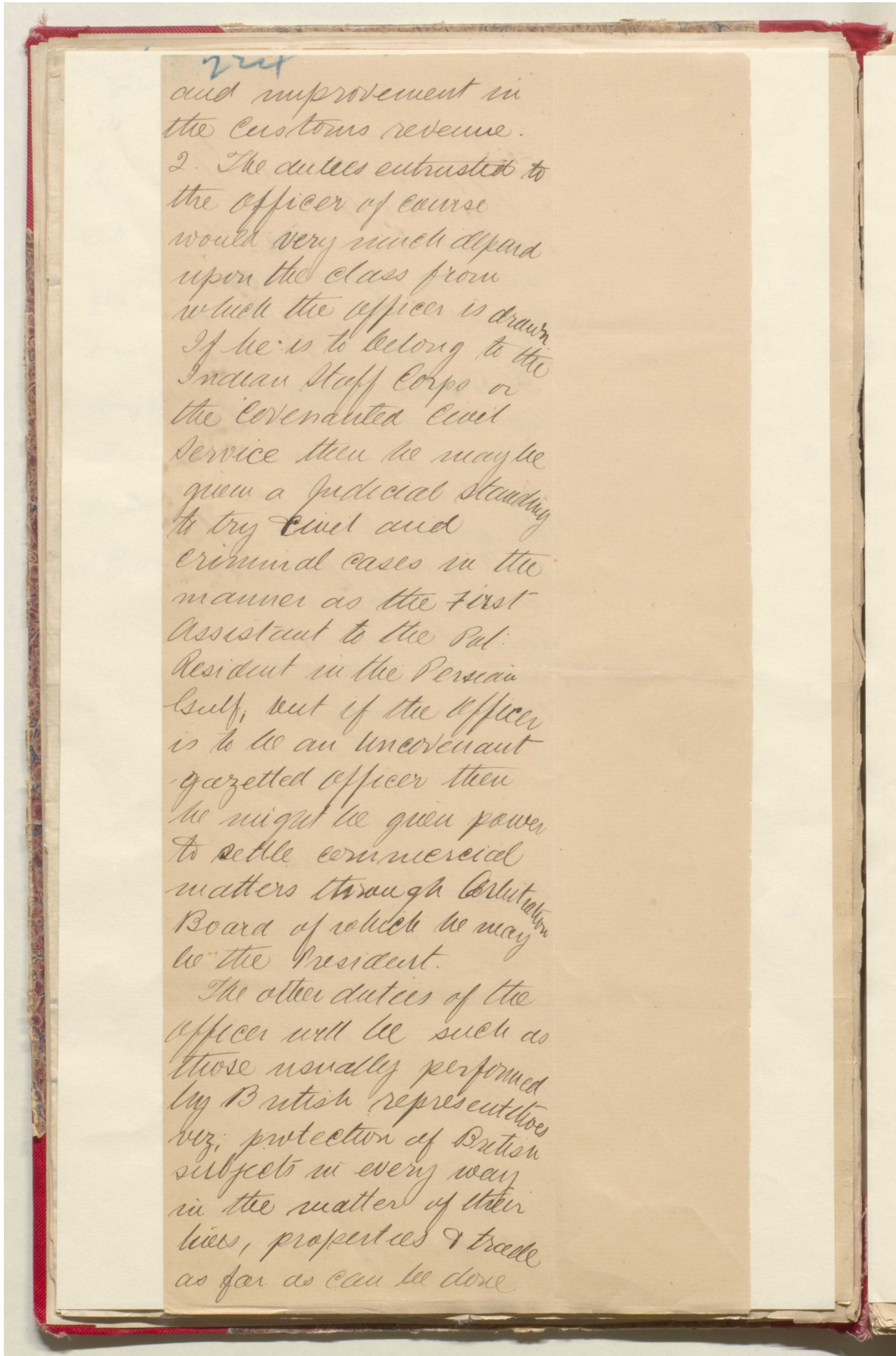
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As it may also perhaps  
be necessary to provide him  
with a <sup>guard</sup> escort of sepoy,  
you might ~~have~~ give  
some suggestions as to its  
strength, accommodation &c, & an  
estimate of the cost for  
parties of ~~two~~ two or three  
different sizes.

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without intervention by  
force; recovering claims  
of British subjects against  
Bahreinis through the  
Sheikh; procuring manumission  
of slaves taking refuge  
on his premises & entitled  
to freedom under treaties  
and using his good  
offices on behalf of  
foreign subjects residing  
in Bahrein with a view  
to prevent friction or  
interference of the  
Govt of such subjects  
He should also be  
entrusted to endorse  
Passports issued by the  
Sheikh to his subjects;  
and authenticated any  
other document at the  
Sheikh's request which  
may prove useful.  
Of course such minor  
duties as furnishing  
reports of all things  
done during the interval  
between each post &  
any general information  
& news acceptable to  
the Govt; and in some  
respects to the Trade  
and compiling the  
Annual Trade Report

*Bahrain*  
If ever the Bahrain  
Customs should come  
under the control  
of sort: of India I  
think the officer should  
be placed in charge  
of the management  
assisted by an  
adequate staff

As regards how much  
of the officer's work  
would be of a consular  
nature I think it  
will be admitted that  
the greater part of  
his ~~work~~ rightly  
speaking will be  
Consular and may be  
classed under the following  
general heads.

"Claims & Complaints";  
"Slave Trade";  
"Matters connected with  
shipping";  
"Notarial duties";  
"Trade & other returns";

I think therefore it  
is most desirable that  
the officer should  
be a Consul also, as  
it will increase his  
powers & facilitate  
matters.

With reference to the staff of the office, of course it also depends on the class of officer to be employed. If he should not be conversant with Arabic he will have to have a Moorshi who can speak English to interpret & help in the Clerical work, but if acquainted with the language it will not be so necessary to have English speaking Moorshi. In any case a Moorshi will be required at the least on Rs 50 per month. I think also he should be given 2 Chaprassies to run errands & accompany him about, at a salary of Rs 10 of each. A sailing boat with 3 Khatasies will also be necessary to be placed at his disposal to enable him to move from one Island to another & visit the shipping when necessary, on a monthly charge of Rs 40/- a month. A small entertaining allowance will also be

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necessary as he will have  
to do a deal of entertaining  
the Arabs who will call  
on him from all parts.

The house for the  
officer should also be  
supplied by Govt. &  
consequently a Govt.  
sweeper will be required  
to keep the place clean.

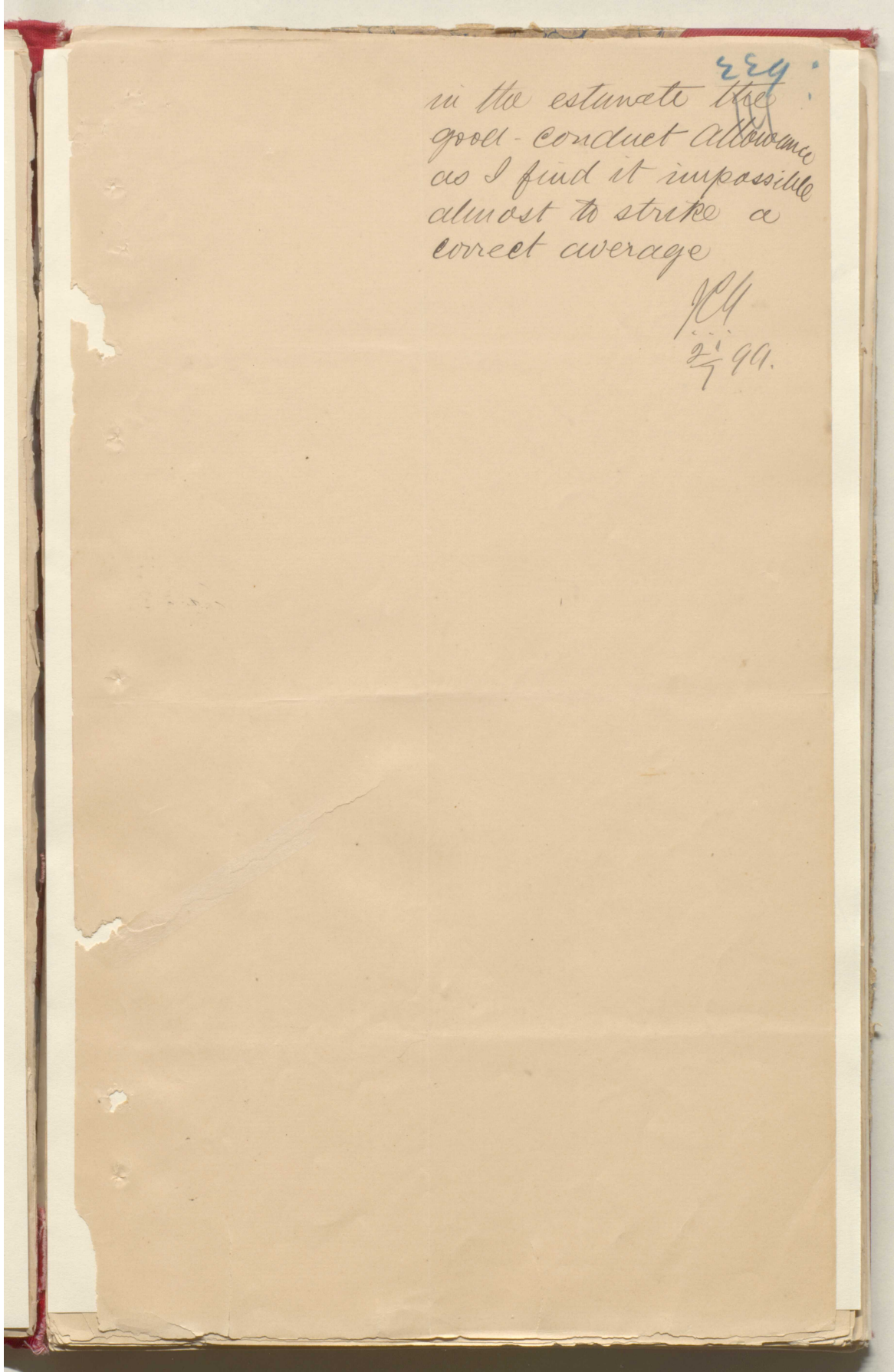
I submit 2 lists, one  
showing expenses that  
will be incurred if a  
Pat. Asst. is appointed  
and the other in the  
event of an uncorrupted  
officer is entertained.

In the first case the  
expenses will be Rs 13,800  
& in the second Rs 8,040

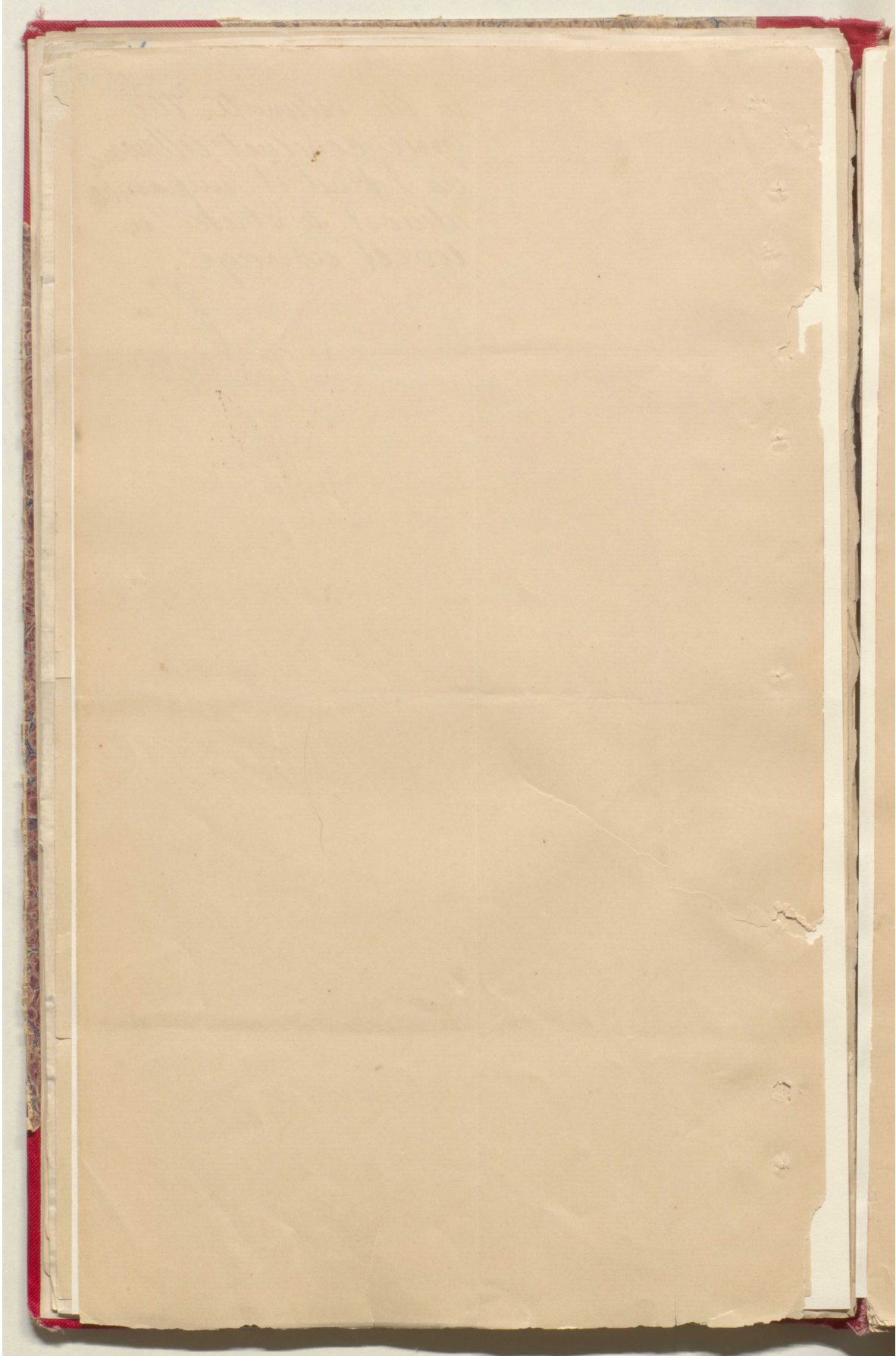
I have not included  
in the statements any  
contingent charges such  
as postage, conveyance for  
the Chaprassies &c. These  
I think can be put  
down at about Rs 200.

I also submit a  
statement showing  
details & cost of 4 different  
strengths of guard of  
sepoys either of which  
may be entertained. I  
however have not included

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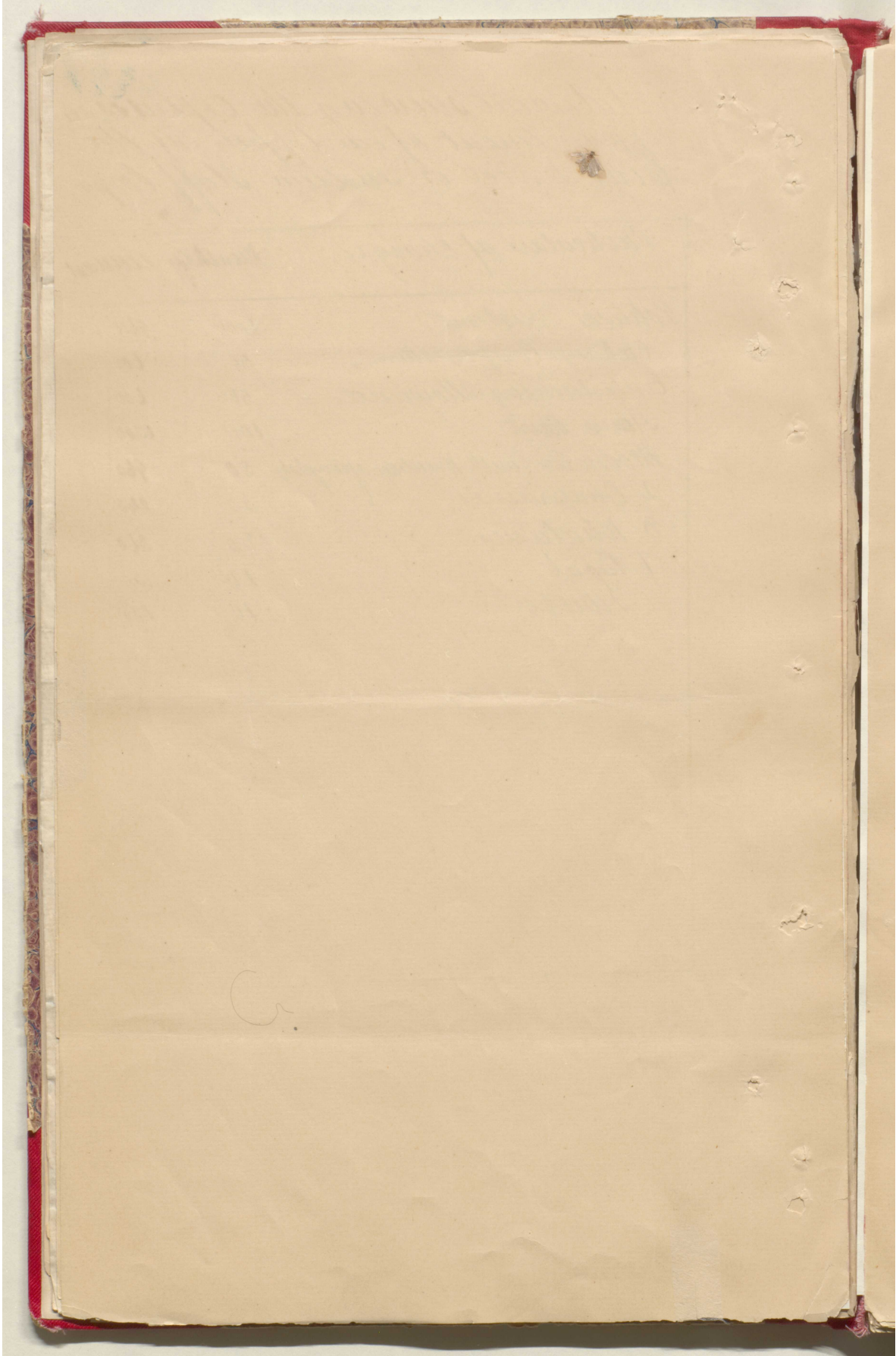


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Statement showing the expenses in  
account of an officer of the Mercantile  
Civil Service at Bahrain.

Particulars of charges.	Monthly	Annual
Political Officer of the U.C. Service	400	4800 .. ..
Entertaining allowance.	50	600 .. ..
House rent.	100	1200 .. ..
2 Chaprassies @ 10/-	20	240 .. ..
3 Khalasies @ 10/-	30	360 .. ..
1 Boat.	10	120 .. ..
Moonshee	50	600 .. ..
Sweeper	10	120 .. ..
		8040 .. ..
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Rs 8040

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Statements showing details of annual cost of Sepoy Guard of various strength (excluding good conduct pay)

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Strength	Pay	Field Batta	Extra Rations	Monthly Cost	Annual cost
1 Naik	14	5	10	348	
1 Lance Naik	9	1 8 0	10	246	
6 Privates	54	9	60	1476	
	97	15 5 0	80		2070 0 0
8	Passages of Annual Relief				240
					<u>Rs 2310 0 0</u>

No 2

1 Havildar	16	5 0 0	10	372	
1 Naik	14	5 0 0	10	348	
2 Lance Naiks	18	3 0 0	20	492	
9 Privates	81	13 8 0	90	2214	3426
13	Passages of Annual Relief				390
					<u>Rs 3816</u>

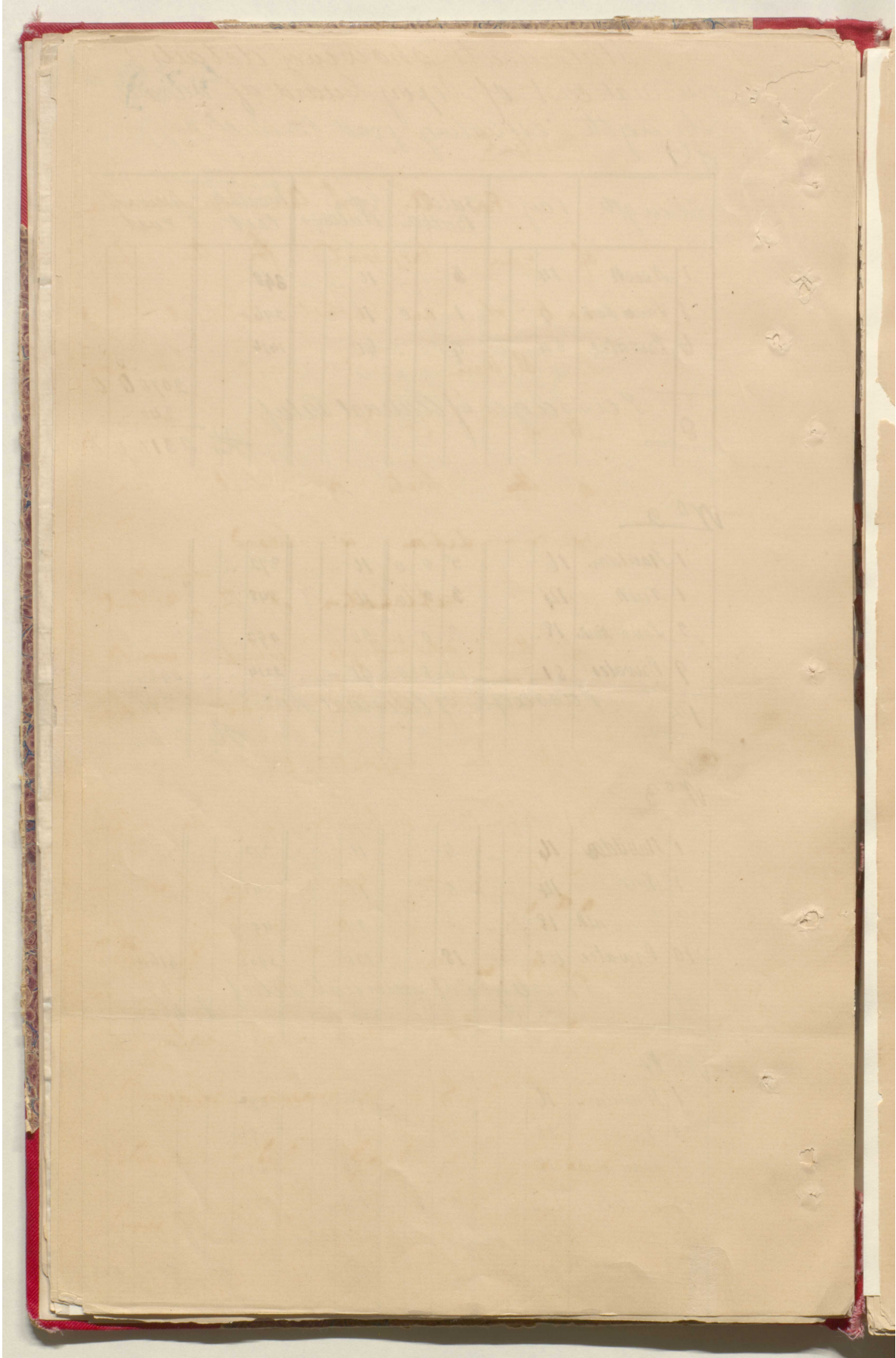
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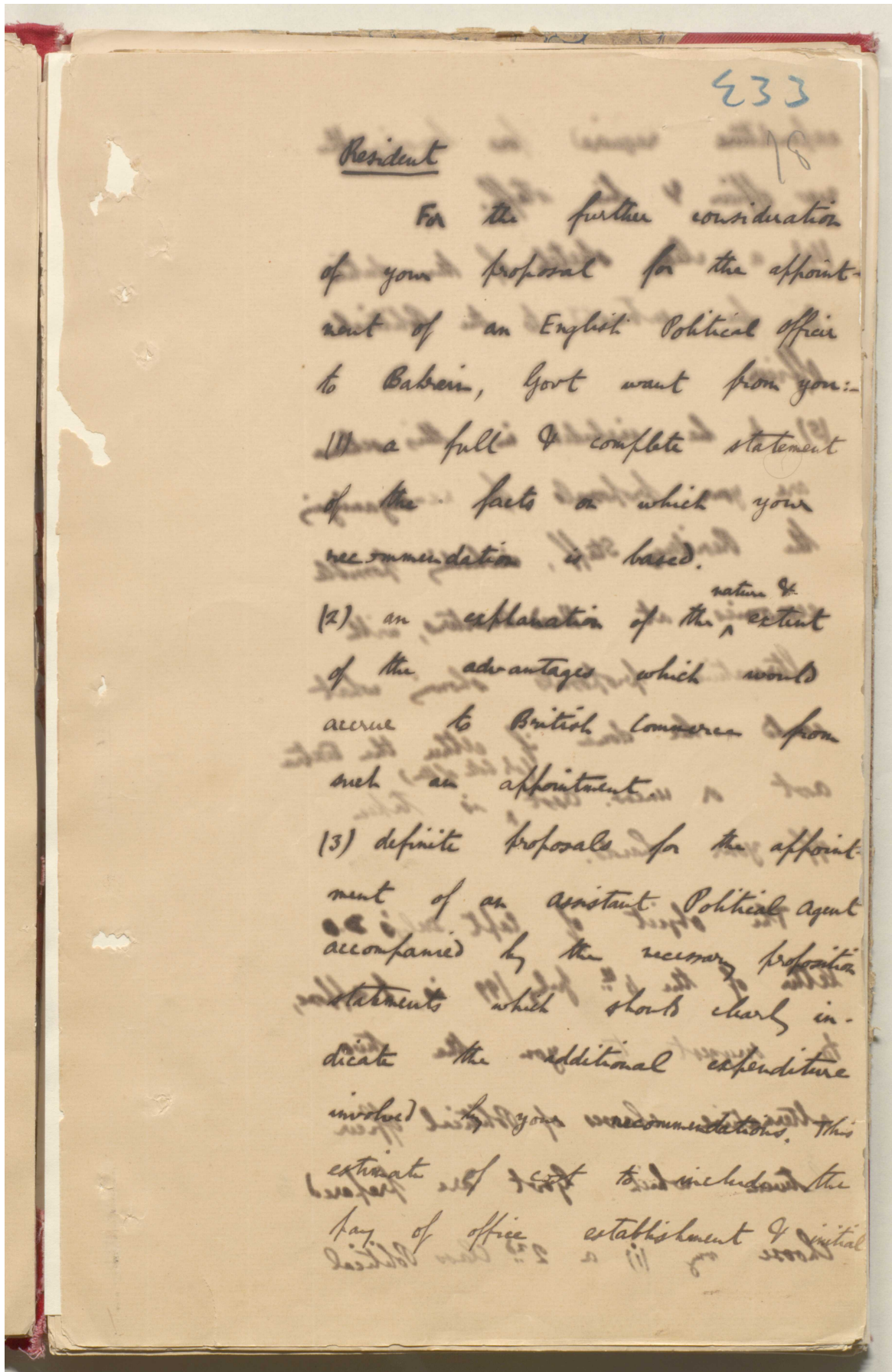
1 Havildar	16	5	10	372	
1 Naik	14	5	10	348	
2 Lance Naik	18	3	20	492	
12 Privates	108	18	120	2952	4164
16	Passages of Annual Relief				480
	156	31	160		<u>Rs 4644</u>

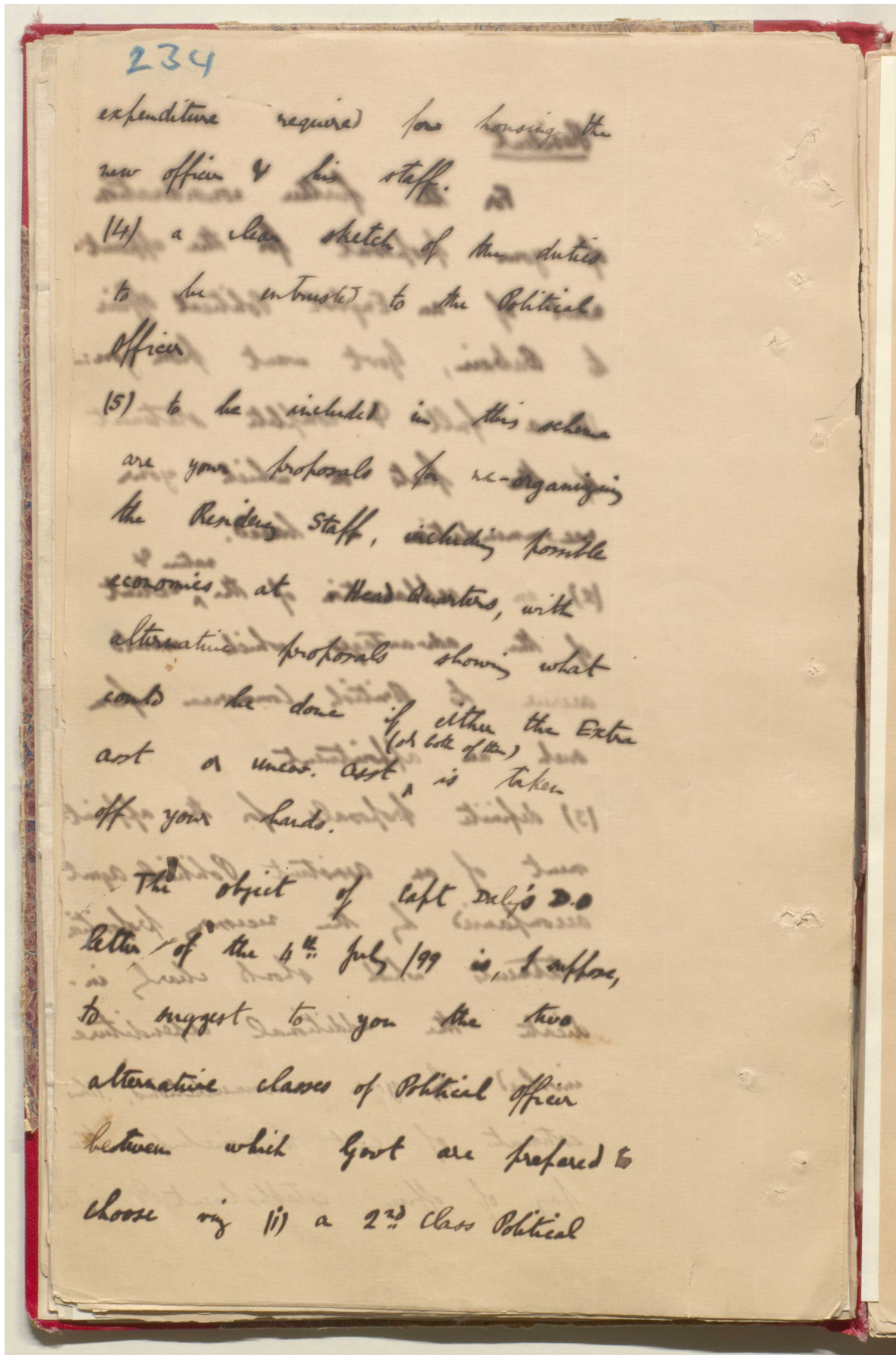
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1 Havildar	16	5	10	372	
2 Naiks	28	10	20	696	
2 Lance Naiks	18	3	20	492	
15 Privates	135	22 8	150	3690	5220
20	Passages of Annual Relief			600	
	197	40 8	200		<u>Rs 5820 0 0</u>

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Assistant on Rs600 p.m. + local allowance, & (ii) an uncommissioned officer of the Ottawa-type, who perhaps should receive Rs400 p.m.

It is not clear to me what Govt require in reply to point (1) as distinct from point (2), but I suppose in the first place mention should be made of the changes which have taken place in <sup>the</sup> constitution of the Persian Gulf Residency Staff.

In his letter No 163 d/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug/89, Colonel Ross has said that it was decided in the year 1866 that the Resident should have <sup>Political</sup> two Assistants on Rs1000 & Rs700 respectively. He also at that time had an uncommissioned assistant & Treasury Officer on Rs300 p.m., & I have seen

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it somewhere states that one of the assistants was specially sent to Bahrain for some years on account of the Turkish movements on the Arab coast.

In 1879, in consequence of financial pressure, the Govt of India abolished the post of 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant & reduced the pay of the First assistant from Rs 1000/- to Rs 800/-

Two years later in 1881, in his letters N<sup>o</sup> 111 & 203 dated respectively the 8<sup>th</sup> June & 14<sup>th</sup> October, Colonel Ross wrote to the Govt of India to the effect that his Staff was inadequate & that he had hoped that the reduction made in it would be reconsidered when the urgency should be over. He then applied that an Asst. Surgeon Abdur Rahman Hakim might be added to his Staff on Rs 350 p.m

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with the designation of Native Assistant.  
This arrangement was approved &  
remained in force until 1889, when  
the asst. Surgeon went to the  
Foreign Office as Native Attaché, &  
Mr. Sequeira was brought into the  
Residency. The designations of the  
~~two~~ <sup>native</sup> Uncommissioned Assistants was then  
altered to Extra Assistant, Mr  
Lucas being promoted to that post  
on Rs 350 (+ Rs 50 Personal allowance), &  
the Uncommissioned Assistant's pay was  
fixed at Rs 300 p.m.  
It thus will be seen that  
prior to 1879 the pay of the  
Assistant Residents amounted to Rs 1000  
p.m. (Rs 1000 + Rs 700 + Rs 300) & there  
was also at Basidore an asst  
Surgeon on Rs 200 p.m. who also performed

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 a certain amount of Political work.  
 In 1891 there were at Bushire  
 3 assistants on Rs 800 + Rs 350 + Rs 350  
 total Rs 1500 with a Hospital ap<sup>t</sup>  
 at Basndare & on Rs 60 instead  
 of an Assistant Surgeon.  
 In 1889 the rates of pay at  
 Bushire were Rs 700, Rs 400 &  
 Rs 300, & at the present time  
 they are Rs 700, Rs 350 & Rs 300,  
 total Rs 1350, against Rs 2200  
 in 1877. } a native Agent  
 was first appointed  
 to Bahrain in 1871,  
 & it is now proposed  
 to do away with  
 this appointment.  
 In 1891 Colonel Ross wrote "A good  
 deal of interest, commercial, quasi-commercial  
 & political is entering, or about to do  
 so, in the countries adjacent to the  
 Gulf. Fresh Steamship Coys, English & Foreign,  
 are being organized; the attention of  
 Foreign Officers is directed to the S. West

of Persia; whilst serious Political  
intrigues are known to be rife  
throughout that Kingdom."

These arguments in favour of  
strengthening the Residency Staff can  
be easily supplemented now.

The Sheikh of Bahrein as an  
old man & seems to have  
become more susceptible to the  
influence of outsiders. His son is only  
a youth, without experience, & if  
he is not supported by us is  
likely to meet with considerable  
difficulties in establishing himself  
on his father's throne when the  
latter dies. Our interest in Kowait  
has become greater than it was.  
The visits of foreigners to the Gulf  
are much more numerous than  
formerly, & the intrigues of Turkish

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officials require more careful watching  
than is possible from Bushire.  
In order to reasonably contest the  
wish of the Turkish Govt to estab-  
lish a Quarantine office at Bahrein  
it is incumbent on us to send  
a medical man there ourselves, &  
he will require at first at any  
rate a certain amount of protection  
from our Political officer, as will also  
probably later on the official whom  
we may induce the Sheikh to  
borrow from us to work his  
Customs. The British India S.N. Coy are  
contemplating running a line of steamers  
along the Arab Coast, Shargah, Debye,  
Abu Dhabbi, Bahrein, Kateef, Koweit, Malo-  
merah & Buareh, & whilst this line  
no doubt will be of use to us  
politically, the company will itself

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be much benefitted & encouraged  
by having an English Officer at  
Bahrein to safeguard their interests  
These seem to me to be  
the political facts on which  
we can recommend the Government  
to appoint a British Political  
Officer to Bahrein & the Arab Coast.  
The reply to Point (2) re the  
nature & extent of the advantages  
accruing to British Commerce would  
appear to be as follows:-  
Our present Native Agent is per-  
mitted to trade, & he is theoretically  
only a Jews Agent. He has private  
commercial interests which must  
to a certain extent be in opposition  
to those of the other merchants  
in the place, including the British

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of British Indian subjects. The appointment  
of an English Officer, confined to his  
official duties, would attract more  
firms to the place, particularly British (European)  
ones, of whom two or three are  
even now commencing to open up  
dealings there, & would inspire the  
Chief with greater confidence <sup>as regards</sup>  
the actions <sup>of nature</sup> of the Indian Government's  
agent. A greater sense of security  
in the Islands would follow, the  
Sheikh would be compelled to pay  
more attention to the wishes &  
advice of Govt, the rights of  
British traders would cease to be  
interfered with; there would be  
fewer fraudulent transactions in  
which British traders might be  
interested; claims whether on account

of business transactions or robberies  
would be ~~re~~ settled more promptly,  
& there would be a cessation both  
of squeezing of British subjects by  
the Sheikh & his officers, & of intrigues  
of the Bunniah with the Sheikh  
directed against each other.

with regard to Point (4), the duties,  
the Political officer would be <sup>the</sup> usual  
channel of communication between  
the Residency & the Chief <sup>within his charge</sup>. He would  
be the latter's adviser, & would  
report for the information of the  
Govt of India, all events of  
interest <sup>which</sup> ~~occurring~~ might come to  
his notice. He would have to  
see to the strict observation  
of the Treaties connected with the  
Slave Trade, & Piracy & Breaches of  
the Maritime Peace. He would give

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all the authorized assistance in his  
power to British subjects in the  
pursuance of their commercial business,  
& might also be instructed to  
use his good offices on behalf of  
other foreign subjects, to prevent the  
interference of ~~other~~ <sup>their</sup> Govts on behalf  
of such subjects. The want of  
Law Courts, Judicial & Magisterial, has  
been distinctly felt in Bahrein &  
along the Arab Coast & the Political  
Officer might with great advantage  
be made a First Class Sub-judge  
& District Magistrate <sup>with Courts</sup> ~~under the~~ sub-  
ordinate to those of the Resident  
in the Persian Gulf. If the de-  
pendence of the Chiefs on the British  
Govt is to be recognized, he might  
endorse Passports issued by the Chiefs

to their subjects, & also authenticate  
any other documents which he might  
be requested to do. The rest of  
his duties would be such as  
are performed in all seaport towns  
in connection with the shipping, the  
compilation of trade & other returns,  
& notarial duties.

None of these duties I think  
can be said to be purely &  
simply consular, & as they are all  
performed in native states in  
India where the Political officers  
have judicial & magisterial powers  
besides being in charge of registration  
offices, & the advisability of  
making the Political officer a consul  
would simply depend on the degree  
of independence enjoyed by the

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various chiefs. I don't think the  
Govt of India contemplates making  
the appointment a consular one,  
which would necessitate the  
issuing of a Commission from the  
Foreign Office & perhaps of an Order  
in Council as in the case of Persia.  
All the Trucial Chiefs are under  
obligations to hold no political  
relations with other Powers, & therefore  
I fancy the Govt of India will  
not consider it necessary to have  
its representative designated a Consul.  
at the same time I think  
he should be given a clearly  
defined official status approximating  
to that of a Consul, in consequence  
of the amount of contact into  
which he will be brought with

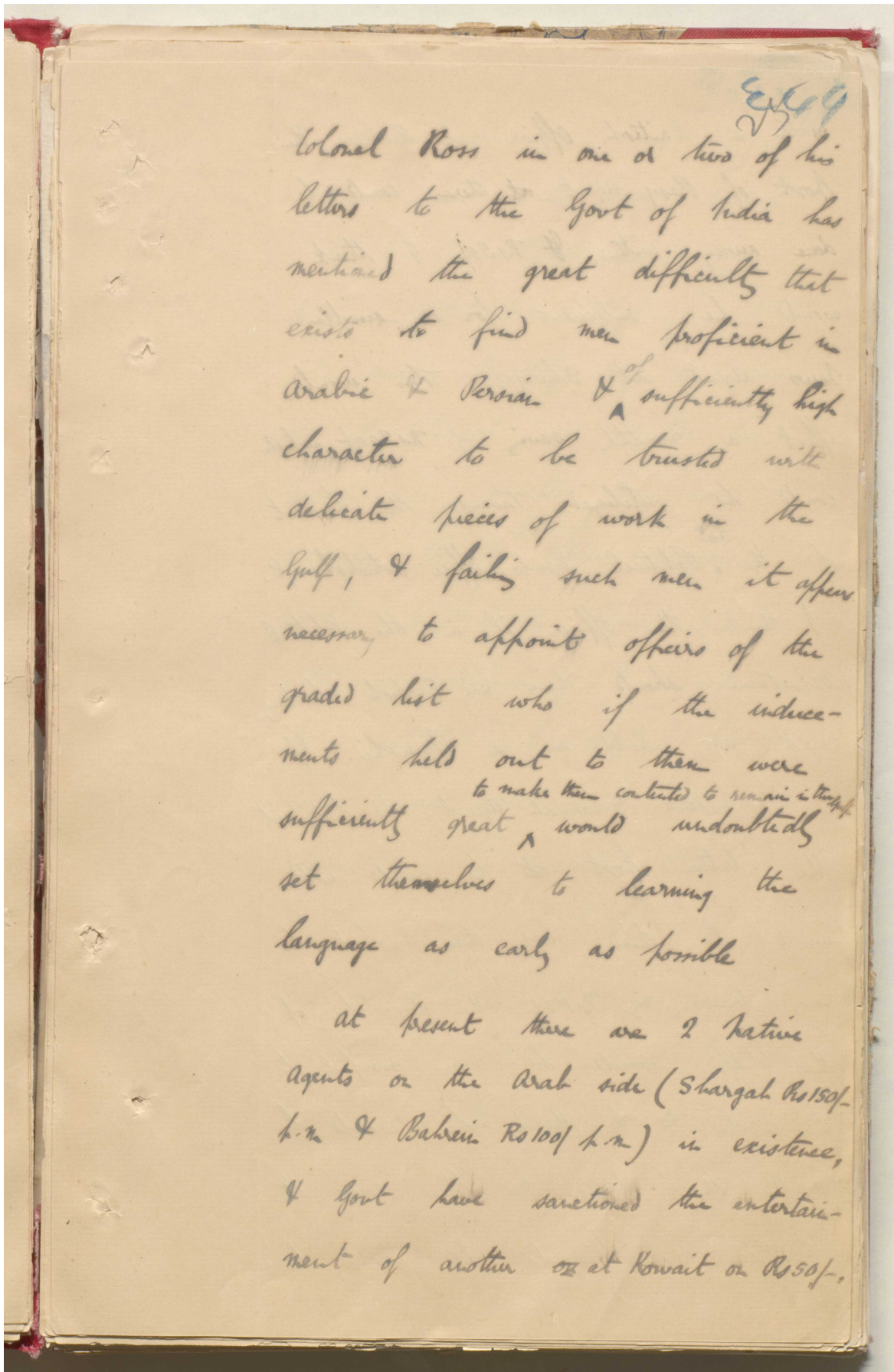
Officers of Her Majesty's ships &  
those of other countries.

X with regard to Point (3) viz your  
definite proposals for the appointment  
of a Political Officer, I am of opinion  
that he should be on the graded  
list & not one of lower status.

Even if it is considered desirable  
to bring the officer into the Depart-  
ment solely for service in the  
Gulf, his prospects of advancement  
would not be nil, as he could  
hope after a certain number of  
years to be promoted to Muscat  
& eventually to Bushira or Baghdad.

I do not believe that an  
officer of the Ottawa type is avail-  
able. In Ottawa it must be re-  
membered is a pure Frenchman &  
thoroughly patriotic; it is probably  
a good deal due to his knowledge

of Muscat  
of these facts that the Sultan has  
allowed himself to fall so much  
under his influence. Eurasians or  
Natives of India would not be re-  
cognized by the Arab chiefs as deserving  
of the same amount of respect, &  
I do not therefore think that men  
who have previously occupied sub-  
ordinate positions in other offices would  
satisfactorily take the place of a  
graded officer, except in very exceptional  
cases. The I.E. Telegraph Dept may  
perhaps be occasionally able to  
supply a suitable man, but if  
it did, there would be no reason  
why he should not be taken into  
the Political Dept, & at the present  
moment I do not think there  
are any suitable persons for the  
Bahrain office appointment in that the I.E.T. Dept.



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with a British Officer at Bahrain, the  
post of Perry Agent at there could be  
done away with, & Rs 50/- I think  
would be sufficient for a simple  
news agent at Shargah. This would  
effect a monthly saving of Rs 200/- which  
could be utilized towards the payment  
of the <sup>ans</sup> Political Agents Office Establishment.  
I think this officer if in the Political  
Department should have an English speaking  
clerk as well as a Munshi. If  
the present Shargah agent is put into  
the latter post, it he could not  
well be paid less than what he  
now draws viz Rs 150/-. His knowledge of  
the Chiefs would be very useful to  
the A.P.A. & I think he would be  
worth the money. In this case the  
English clerk would also probably have

to receive as much pay, for which  
a good man could easily be got.

If the Shargah agent is unwilling  
to come to Bahrain (being a trader,  
who might possibly prefer to remain  
or at Shargah or smaller pay) a  
Munshi or smaller pay could be  
secured. If the <sup>Political</sup> Officer receives Rs 600/-  
pay + Rs 250 local allowance (including  
entertaining allowance) he would not  
be entitled to anything further  
as house allowance, but could  
reasonably be expected to pay the  
usual rent to Govt (10 per cent  
of his salary) if a house is  
built for him. 2 Shuprassio,  
3 Khalassio & a boat, 1 sweeper &  
1 waterman would also be required.  
I think a guard of Strength N<sup>o</sup> 2

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as suggested by Mr Gaskin, would  
be the most useful.

From the Statement I have prepared  
the annual additional charge or account  
of this new office would be Rs11,960  
+ the charge for the guard, say <sup>Rs</sup> 38/6.

It would also be necessary to  
ask Govt to advance at least  
Rs18,000 for the erection of ~~the~~ a  
house & office, but they would recoup  
themselves for this by charging the  
Officer house-rent.

As a set-off against this increased  
expenditure Govt enquire whether any  
savings cannot be effected at  
Bushire.

The only suggestions I can make  
are that the London Foreign Office  
should be asked to make the Extra

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assistant a Queen's Commission Vice  
Consul for Bushire & to pay a  
portion of his salary, the Indian  
Govt paying a portion also in  
consideration of this Vice-Consul  
continuing to act as Treasury Officer  
of the Political Residency.

The appointment to the Vice-Consul  
should still be within the gift  
of the Indian Govt, as the Officer  
would always have to understand  
Indian accounts.

The appointment of Uncovenanted  
Assistant I think might be  
abolished & its place taken <sup>by</sup> ~~take~~  
that of a Superintendent on a  
salary rising from Rs 200 to Rs 250.

This Officer should be considered to  
have first claim to the Vice-Consulate  
when falling vacant.

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Government have also informed  
you that you may propose <sup>a</sup> reason-  
able local allowance for your  
First assistant, & I would suggest  
that instead of the present system  
under which I believe that officer  
is temporarily put up a certain  
number of places in the graded  
list, he be kept in his  
permanent place in the list, going  
up ~~into~~ officiating in higher grades  
occasionally in ordinary course, & that  
he receive a local allowance  
of say Rs 200 without any house-  
allowance. If ever, later on, Govern-  
ment provide him with a house,  
he should then pay house-rent  
under the ordinary rules.

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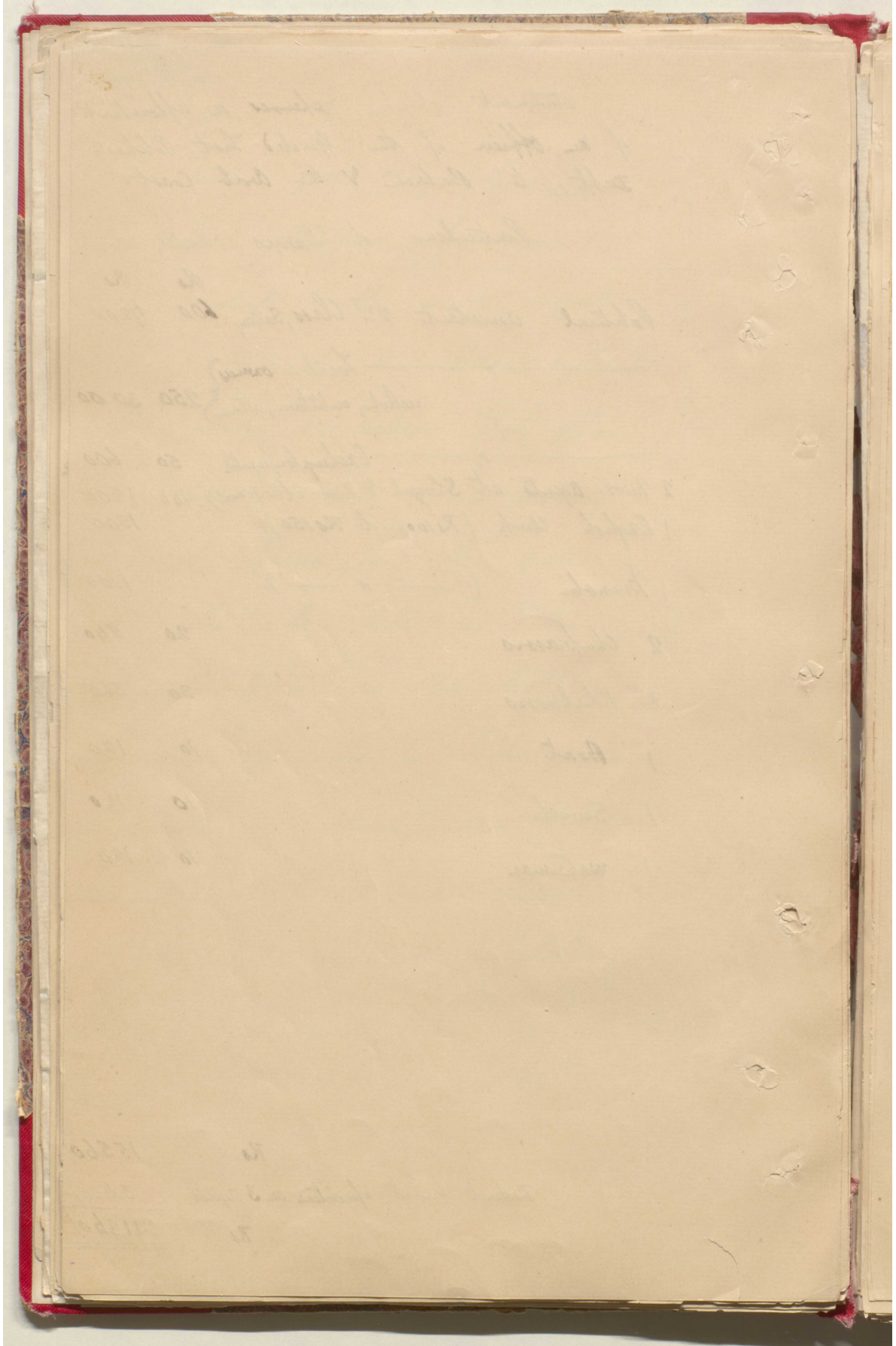
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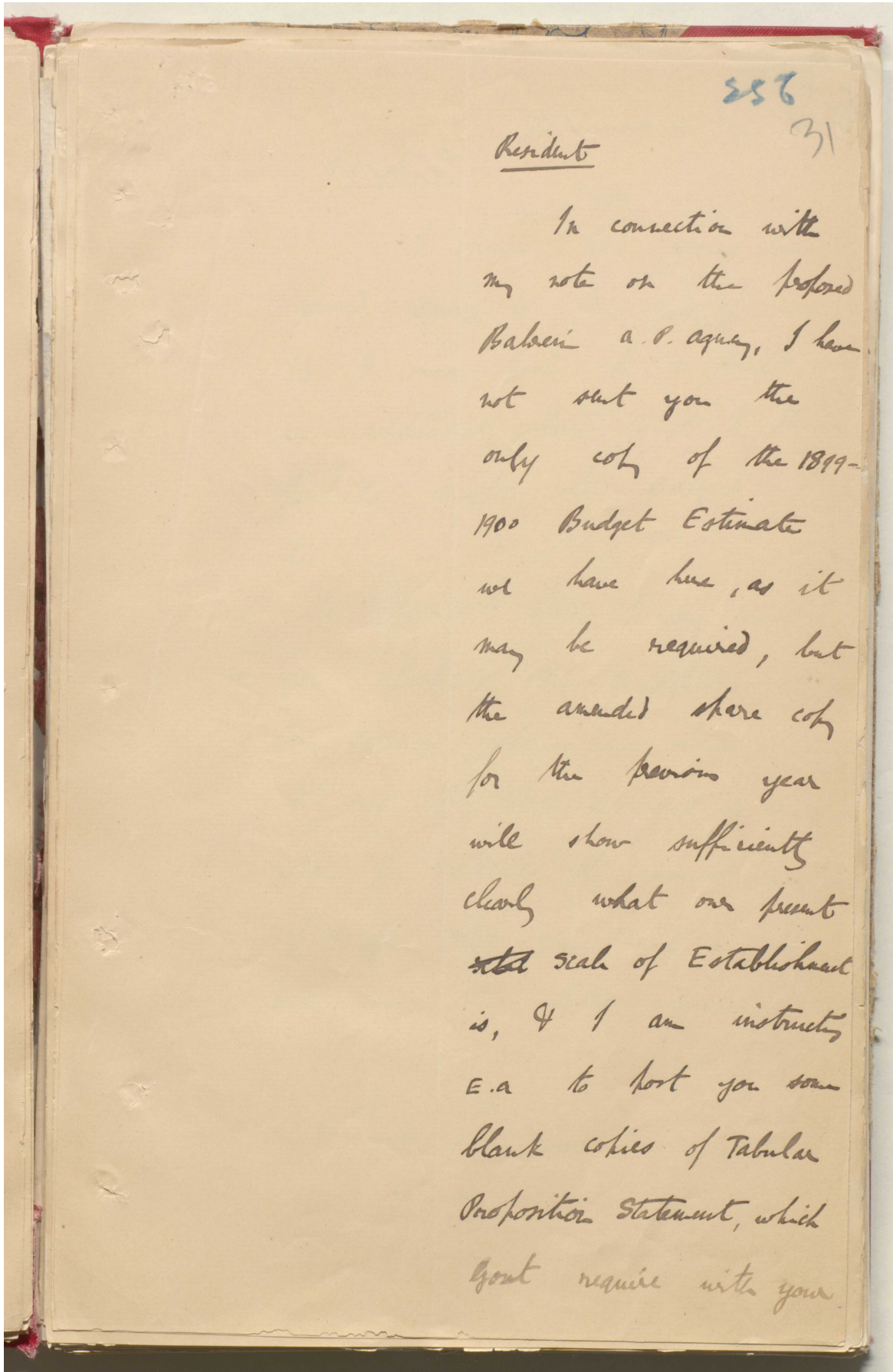
Statement showing expenses & appointments  
of an Officer of the Graded List, Political  
Dept, to Bahrain & the Arab Coast.

Particulars of Charges	Monthly Annual	
	Rs	Rs
Political assistant 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class, Salary	600	7200
———— " ———— Local allowances including entertaing allowance	250	30 00
———— " ———— Exchange Computation	50	600
2 News Agents at Sharjah & Kuwait (Rs 50 each)	100	1200
1 English Clerk (Rs 100 to Rs 150)		1800
1 Munshi ( — " — )		1800
2 Chuprassis	20	240
3 Khalassis	30	360
1 Boat	10	120
1 Sweeper	10	120
1 Waterman	10	120
	Rs	15,560/-
Deduct present expenditure on 3 Agents		3,600/-
	Rs	11,960/-

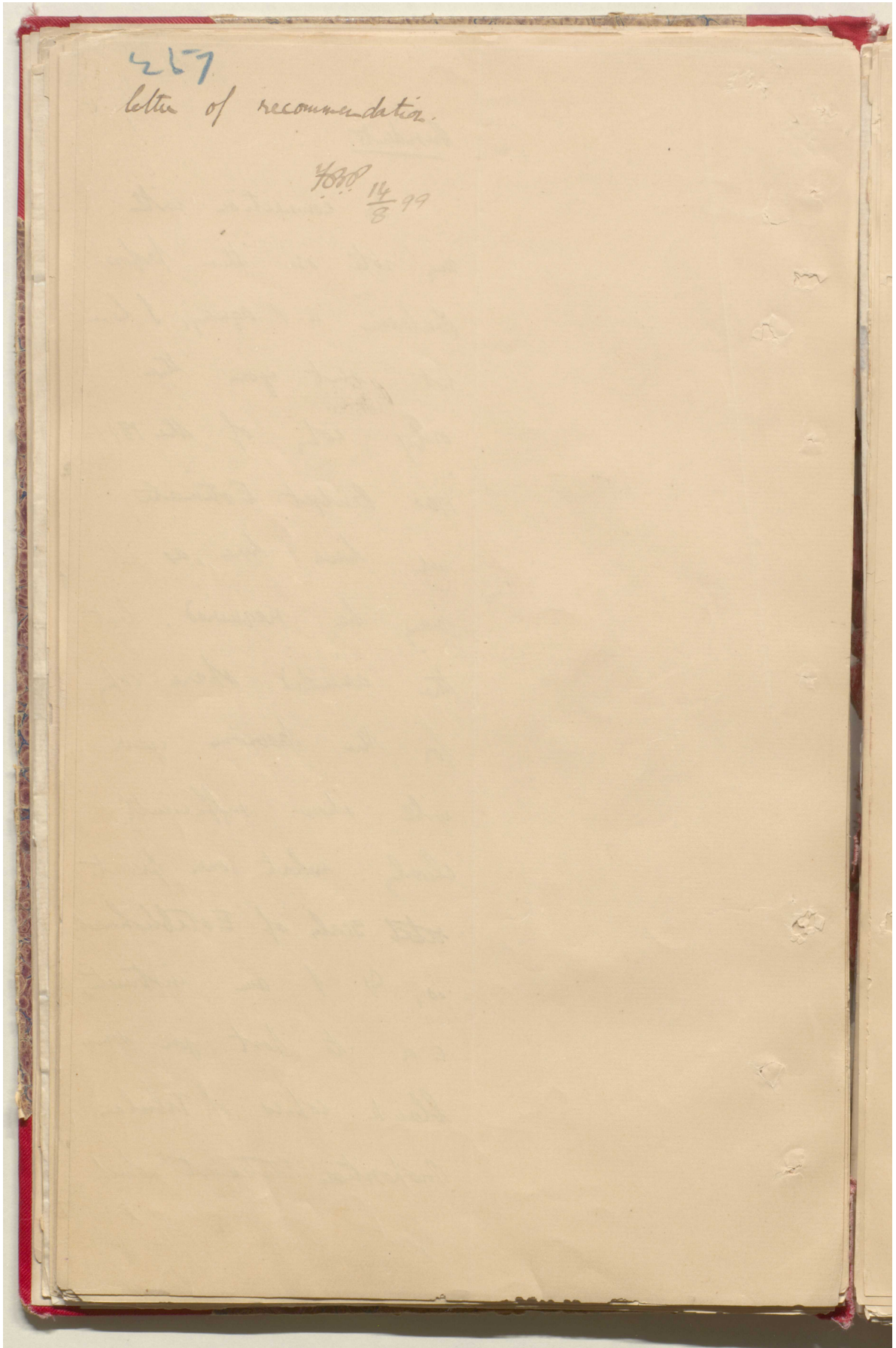
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to include, in this office  
Contingencies & Travelling Allowance  
Rs 200 14 99

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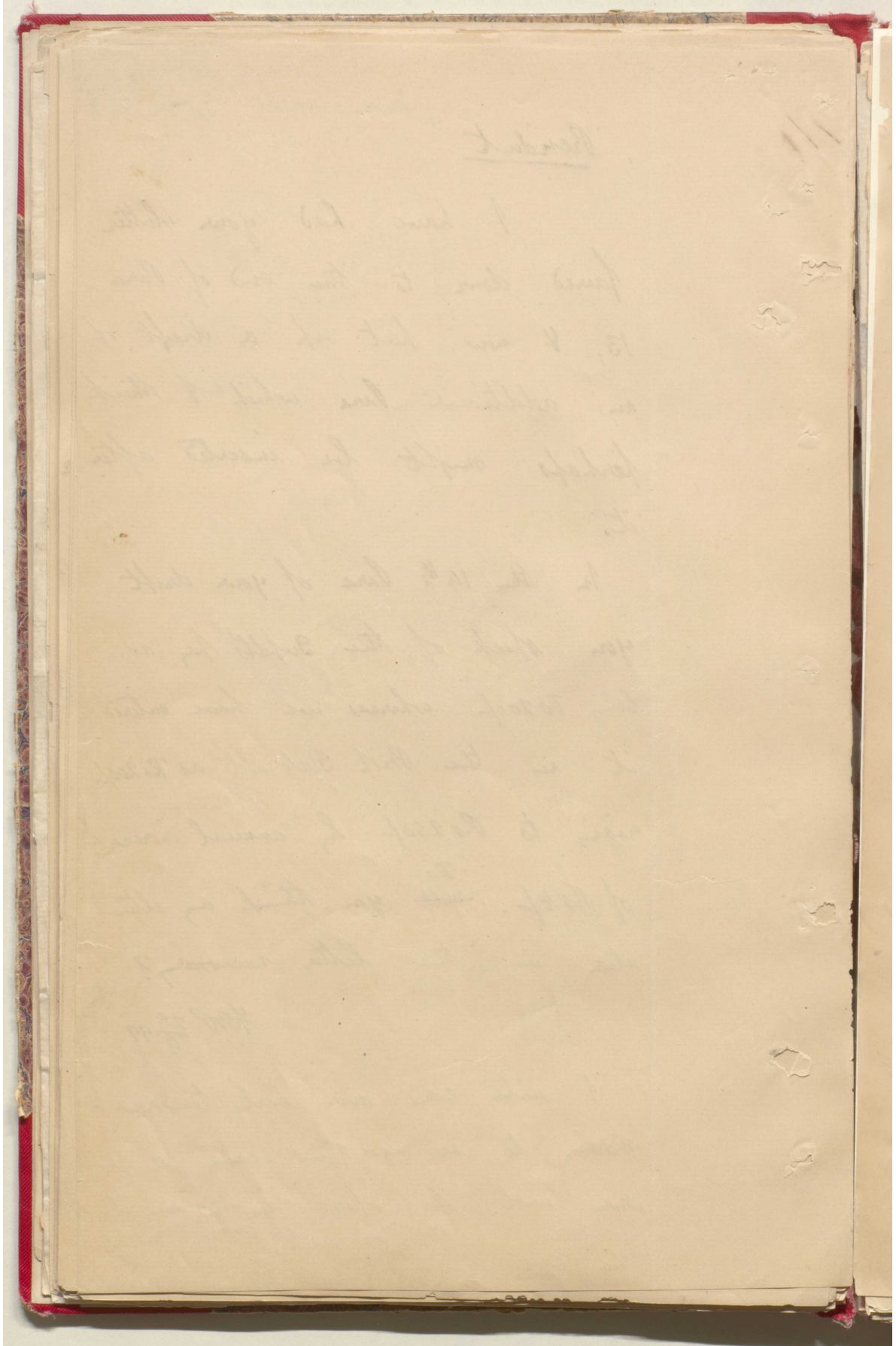
I have had your letter  
fairied down to the end of Para  
13, & now put up a draft of  
an additional Para which I think  
perhaps might be inserted after  
it.

In the 14<sup>th</sup> Para of your draft  
you speak of the Supdt's pay as  
being Rs 200/- whereas we have entered  
it in the Prop. Statement as Rs 200/-  
rising to Rs 250/- by annual increments  
of Rs 10/-. <sup>Do</sup> ~~Will~~ you think any alter-  
ation in the letter necessary?

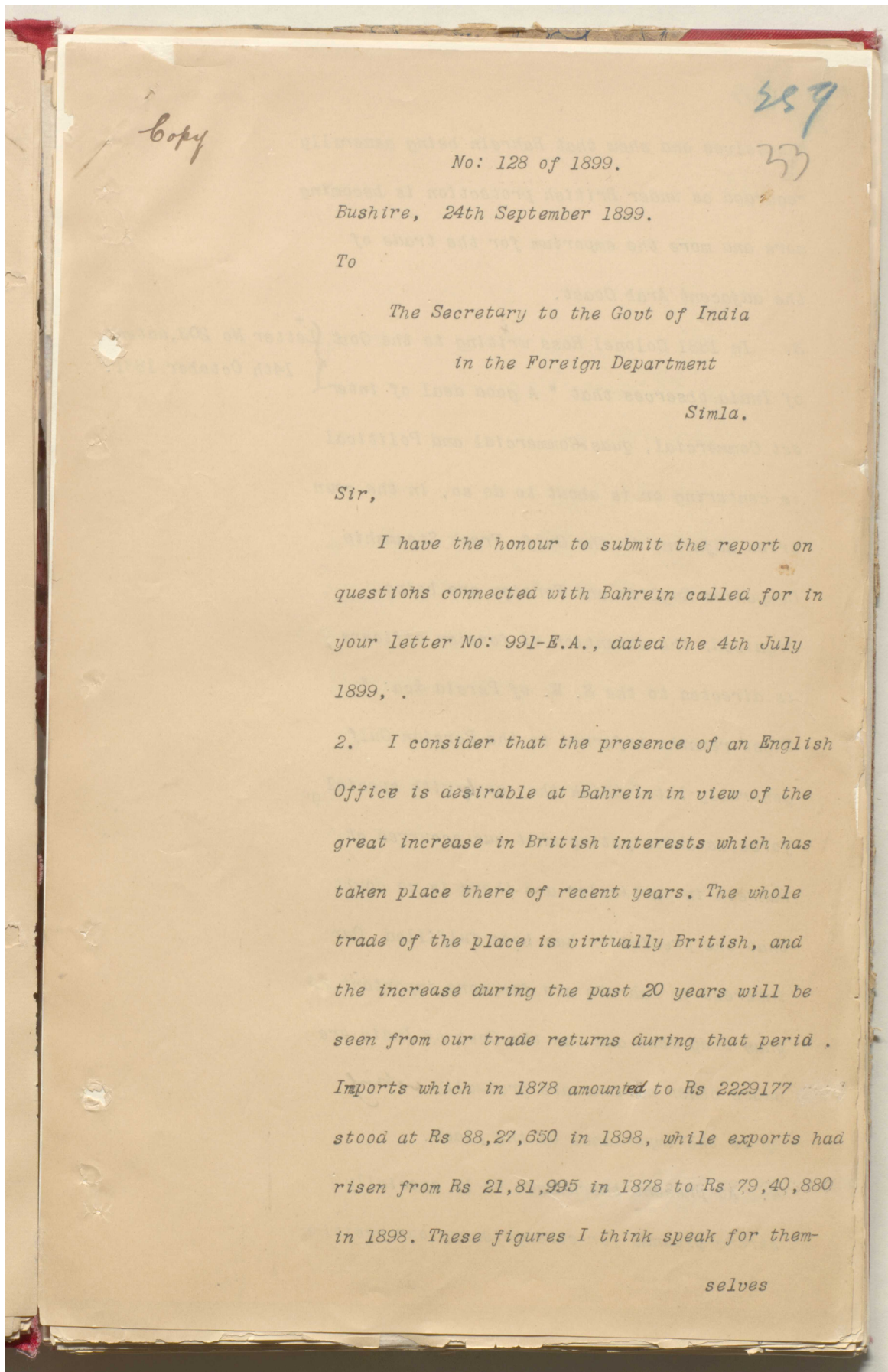
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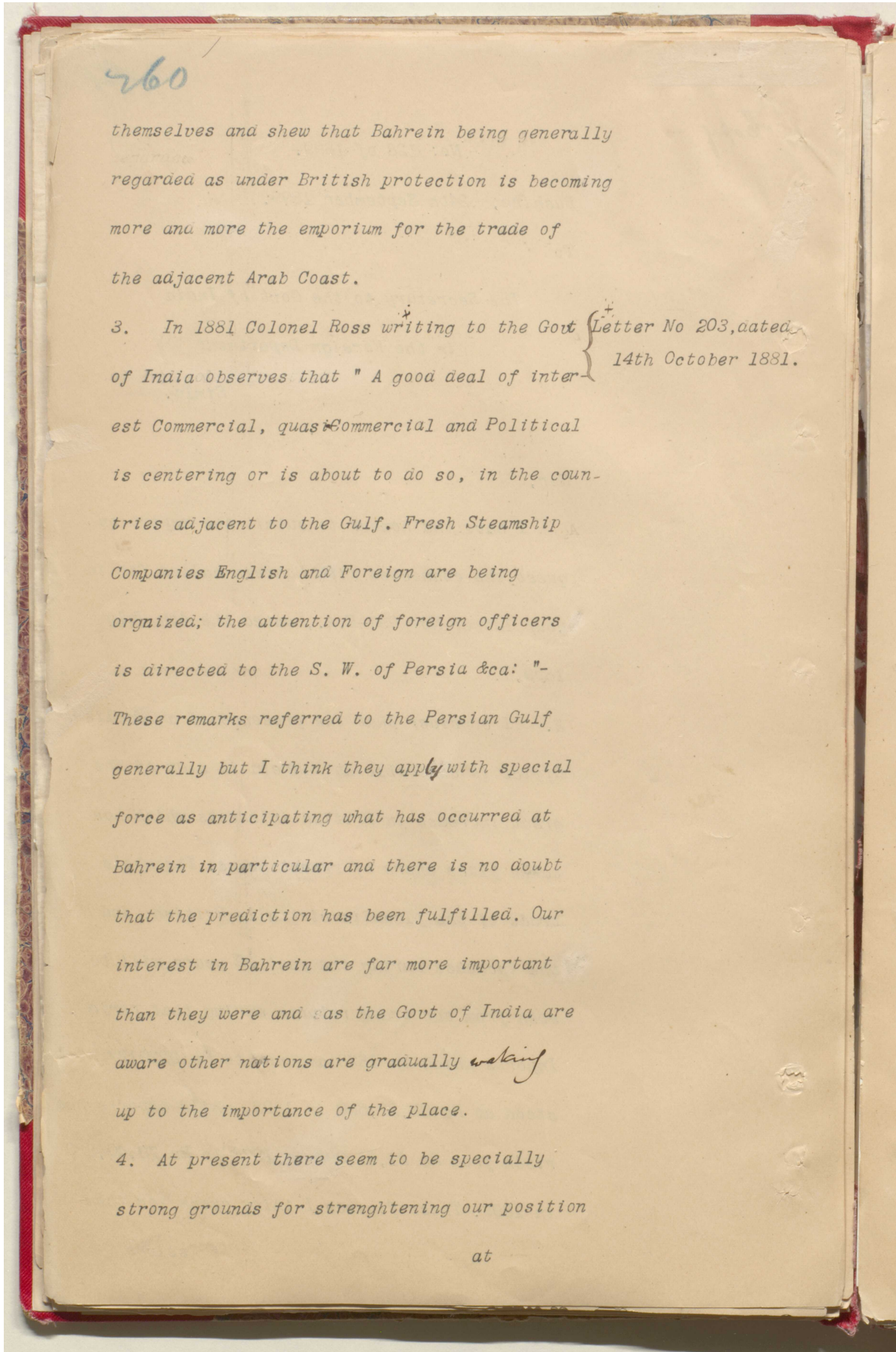
I will come over early tomorrow  
morning to see you, in case you  
may wish to speak any more about  
the case. 4/10/99 25/9/99

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at Bahrein . Sheikh Esa is an old man, who, during his earlier years, used to act in conformity with the advice he received from the British Residency. Of late however he seems to have become more susceptible to the influence of persons from other nations and his chief advisers are now French or Turkish. This change in his attitude is probably due in part to dislike to Agha Mahomed Raheem who has for some years been our representative in the place.

5. Prior to the reduction of the Residency Staff in 1879 the First Assistant Resident resided constantly for a portion of the year in the island but since then the Chief and his people only see the Resident or his Assistant occasionally and much more is consequently left in the hands of the Native Agent who is unpopular with the merchants as his Commercial dealings clash with theirs, and with the Chief whose actions he has to bring to the notice of the Residency.

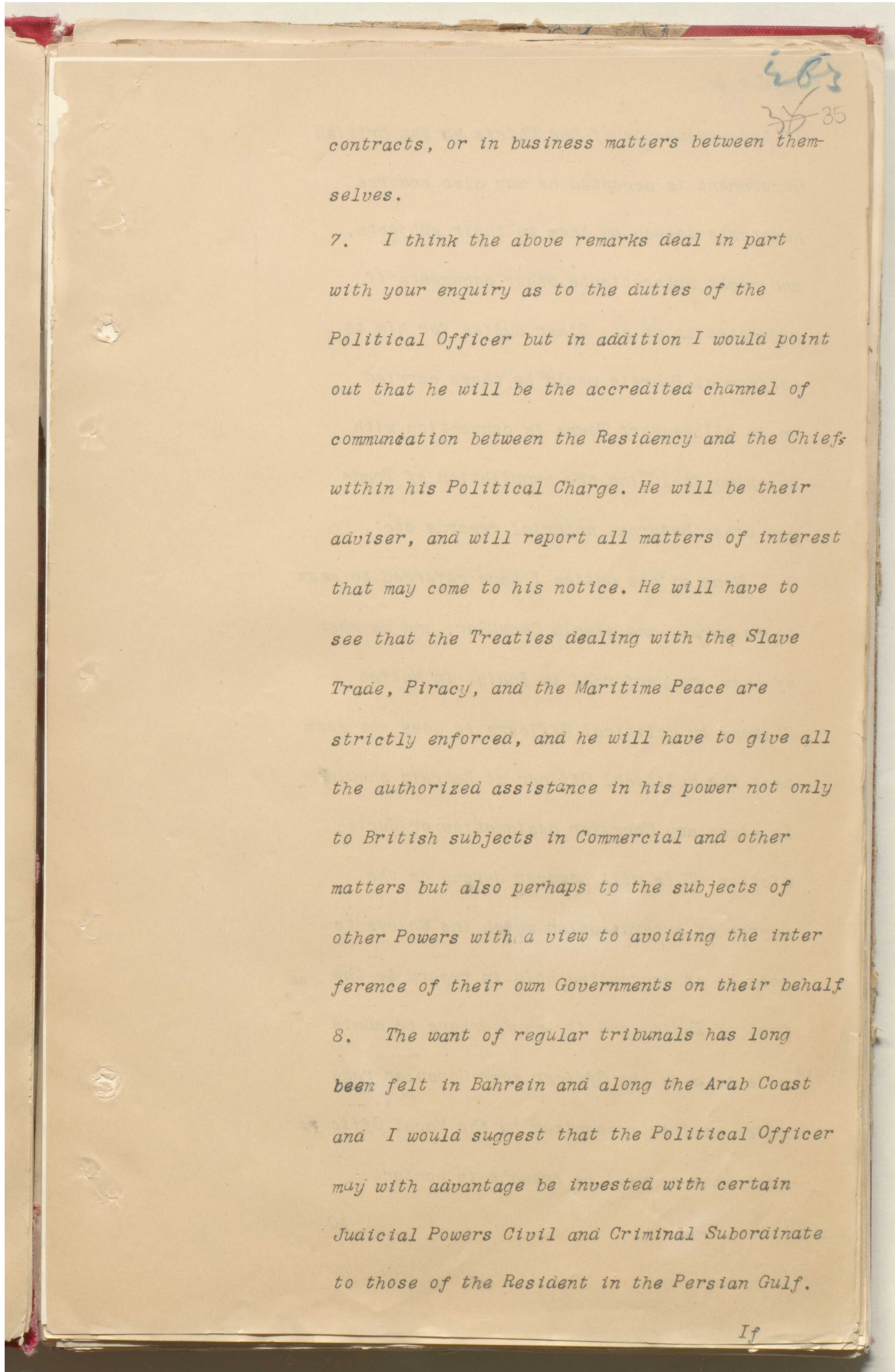
6. The appointment of an English Officer, who will be confined to his own official duties, will attract more British Firms to Bahrein for already there

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there are two or three who are commencing to open up dealings with the place and the number will certainly be increased if we are properly represented on the Island. The presence of such an Officer will inspire the Chief with greater confidence than he has at present in the motives and actions of the representative of the Govt of India. An increased sense of security will no doubt follow and the Sheikh will be obliged to attend more to the wishes and advice of our Govt than he has been doing of late. The rights of our traders will be less interfered with and they will know where to apply for assistance and redress. There will be fewer fraudulent transactions in which British subjects are concerned. Claims whether arising out of business transactions or from thefts and robberies, will be settled more promptly, and there will be an end to the squeezing of British subjects by the Sheikh and his Officers, and of the intrigues which now go on between the Bunniahs and the Sheikh either over Customs contracts

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If the dependence of the Chiefs on the British Government is accepted he may also endorse passports issued by them to their subjects, and might authenticate other documents if requested to do so. Other duties for him to perform at Bahrein would be those carried on in all seaport Towns in connection with shipping including the compilation of Trade and other Returns, notarial records etc.:

9. None of the duties I have referred to seem to be purely and simply Consular, and as most of them are performed in India, in Native States, by Political Officers it does not seem that the Political Officer at Bahrein should be given any Consular designation or Jurisdiction. This will however depend on the degree of subordination which the Chiefs to whom he is accredited hold in regard to the Govt of India, and it may perhaps be advisable to give the Officer some Consular rank which will be recognized by the Naval Officers with whom he will be brought in contact.

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10. The Political Officer's charge will be an extensive one if, as I propose, he is employed in visiting the whole of the Arab Coast from the Mussenāum Peninsula to Koweit, and it will I think be necessary to provide a liberal allotment for travelling which he should be encouraged to do constantly.

11. I am of opinion that the post should be held by an Officer on the Graded List of the Political Department: but he ought to know Arabic at any rate colloquially, and it may be necessary to bring in some one from outside the Political Department. There are undoubtedly strong objections to employing natives of India or Eurasians in posts like the one I am proposing as the Arabs never have the same respect for them as they have for English gentlemen and I am confident that it is better to employ an officer who can be depended on to enforce respect even if in some respects he is not so well qualified as a man of inferior position.

12. As regards the additional cost of the proposed appointment I have the honour to submit for favourable consideration a proposition

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statement showing the yearly increase which it will entail together with a statement showing the initial expenditure which will have to be incurred the first year.

13. As regards the latter I would observe that it will be necessary to build a suitable residence for our representative as there are no houses available. While a house is being built he can remain in tents as the climate is neither hot nor cold during the winter but eventually he and his office establishment and escort must be properly housed, and I do not think the amount I have suggested for this purpose is excessive. The incumbent will of course pay the usual rent assessed on the value of the house the cost of which will not therefore be an actual loss to the Govt.

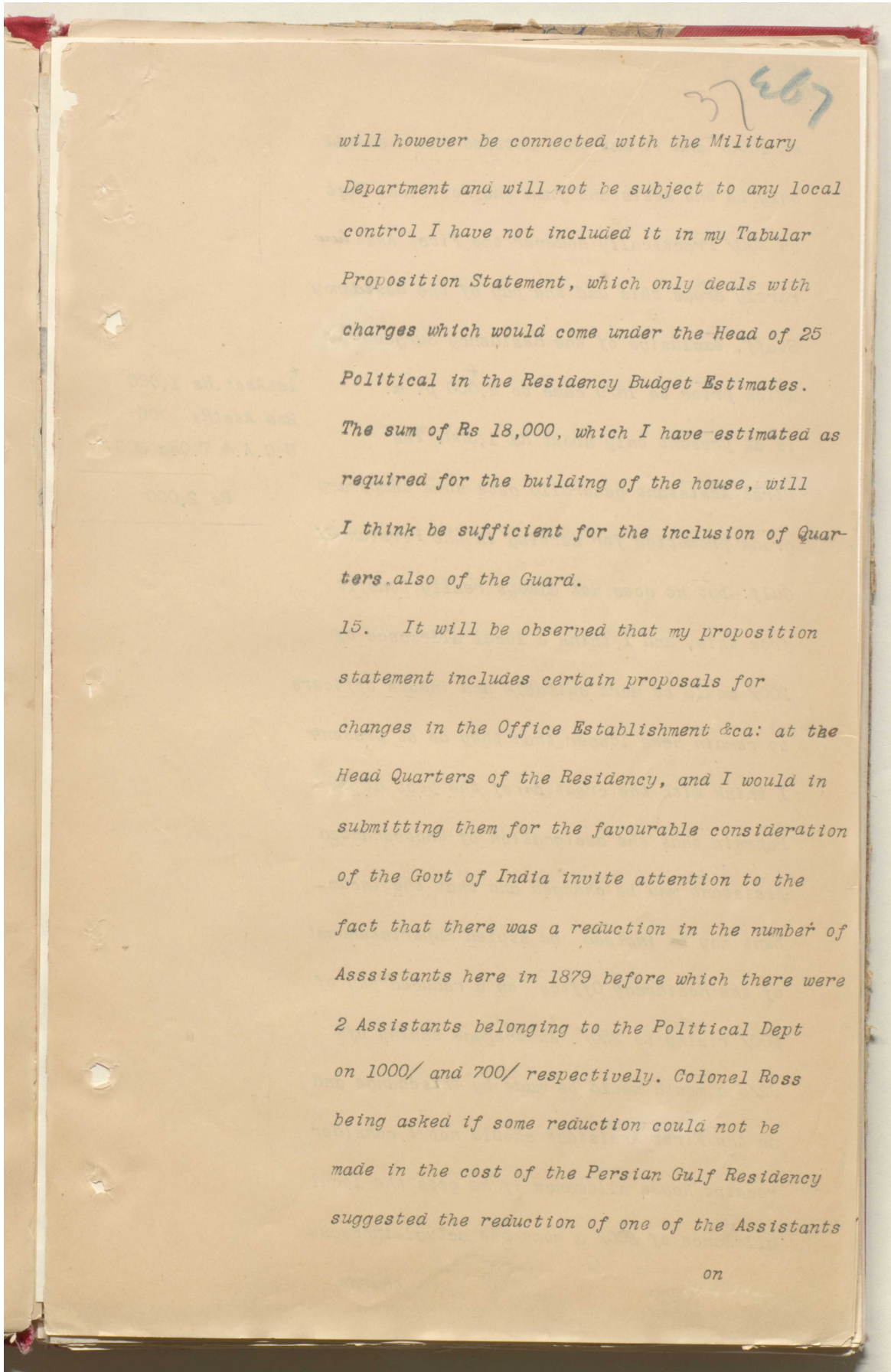
14. A small Guard of Native Infantry for the Political Officer will I think be necessary.

If one of the strength noted in the margin be granted the annual expense thereby incurred will be including that for the passages of the annual relieving parties, about Rs 3,800. As the charges for a guard

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1 Havildar	
1 Naik	
2 Lce Naiks	
9 Privates	
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on 1000/ and it was then settled there should only be one Assistant from the Political Dept on 800/ Practically however the First Asst here rarely draws this and the pay of the Residency Staff, exclusive of the Residency Surgeon which prior to 1879 came to 2,000 p. m. is at present only about Rs 1,350. The First Assistant generally gets some temporary grade promotion for serving in the Persian Gulf: but he does not always really benefit from this, and I think a local allowance of 200/ would be more suitable and induce officers to remain here longer than they do at present I think with the creation of the post at Bahrein that the designation of Uncovenanted Assistant may be changed and that the incumbent may ~~be~~ instead be styled Superintendent of the Residency Office on a reduced pay of 200/ rising to 250/. An average saving of 62/8 a month would be made by this change and as the First Assistant should not I consider receive house allowance if he gets the local allowance of 200/ a month the actual increase

1st Asst. Rs 1,000
2nd Asst Rs 700
U.C.A. & T.O Rs 300
Rs 2,000

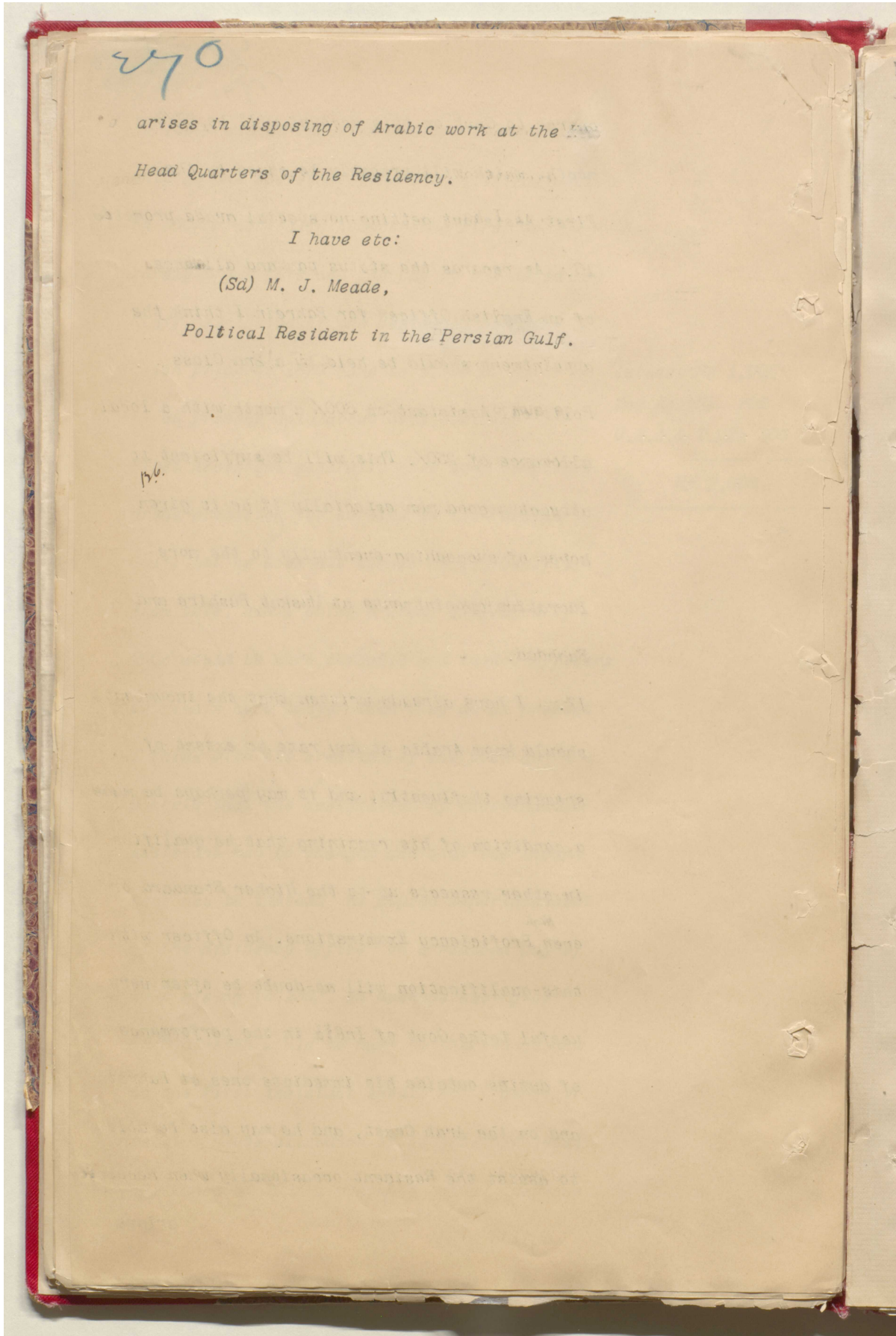
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charge to Govt on this account will be 87/8 a  
month, which will probably be saved by the  
First Assistant getting no special grade promotion  
16. As regards the status pay and allowances  
of an English Officer for Bahrein I think the  
appointment should be held by a 2nd Class  
Political Assistant on 600/ a month with a local  
allowance of 250/. This will be sufficient to  
attract a good man especially if he is given  
hopes of succeeding eventually to the more  
lucrative appointments at Muskat, Bushire and  
Baghdad.

17. I have already written that the incumbent  
should know Arabic at any rate to extent of  
speaking it fluently, and it may perhaps be made  
a condition of his remaining that he qualifies  
in other respects up to the Higher Standard or  
even <sup>High</sup> Proficiency Examinations. An Officer with  
this qualification will no doubt be often very  
useful to the Govt of India in the performance  
of duties outside his immediate ones at Bahrein  
and on the Arab Coast, and he may also be able  
to assist the Resident occasionally when necessity  
arises

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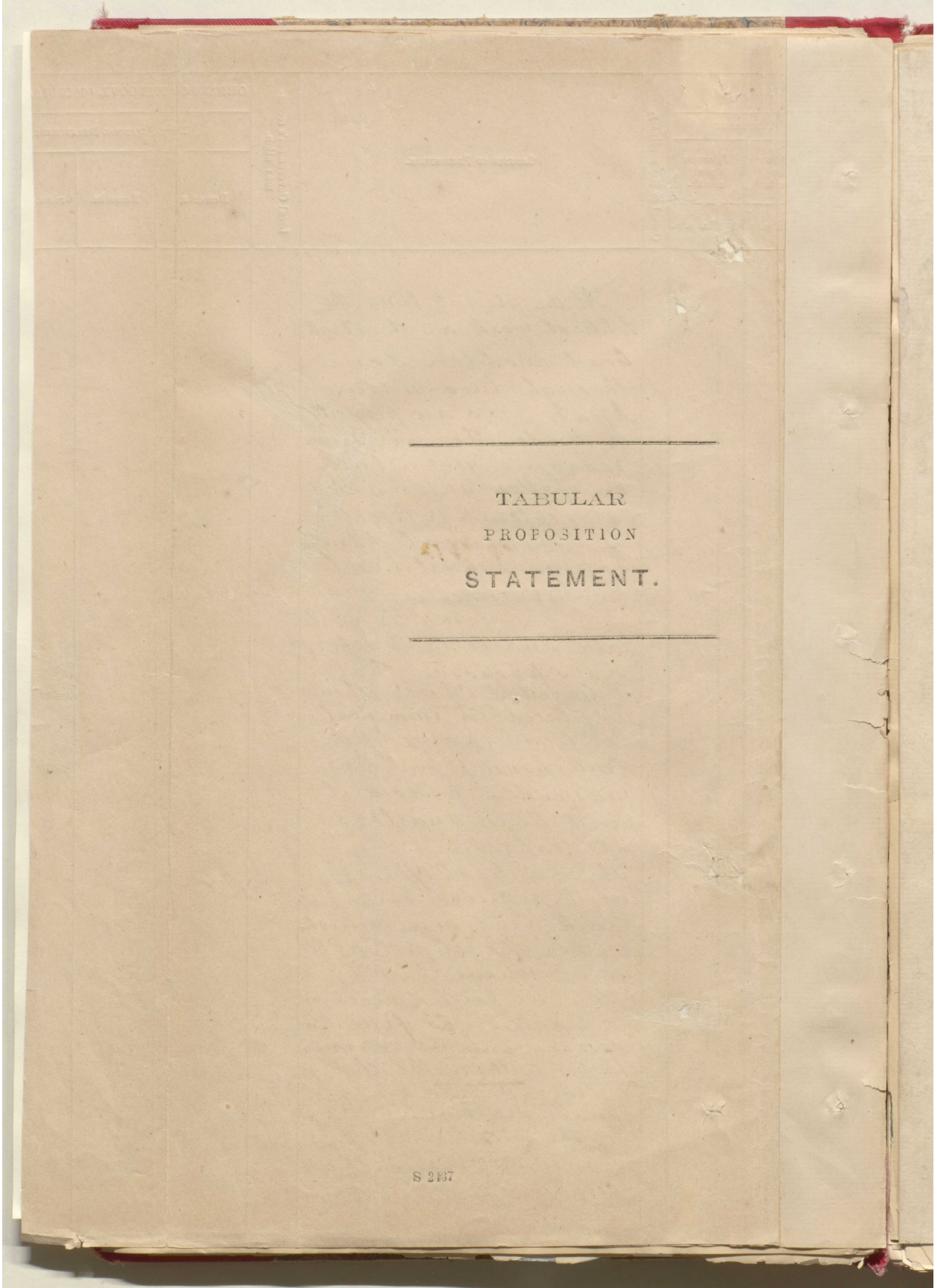
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			<u>Bushire Officers</u>																	
			Resident	Pay	2750		Resident	Pay	2750											
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			Ex. Comp <sup>o</sup> all <sup>o</sup> s		42		Ex. Comp <sup>o</sup> all <sup>o</sup> s		42											
			<u>Clerks &amp; others</u>																	
			Head Clerk	Pay	150		Head Clerk	Pay	150											
			House rent		10		House rent		10											
			Treasury accountant		130		Treasury accountant		130											
			House rent		10		House rent		10											
			2 <sup>nd</sup> Clerk	Pay	120		2 <sup>nd</sup> Clerk	Pay	120											
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			5 <sup>th</sup> Clerk	Pay	60		5 <sup>th</sup> Clerk	Pay	60											
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			Telegraph all <sup>o</sup> s		10		Tele. all <sup>o</sup> s		10											
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			Shangah "		150		Shangah "		150											
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			Kingah "		50		Kingah Agent		50											
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			Carried forward Rs 6599				Carried forward Rs 6599													

At the present time the Political work on the Arab coast has been done through two native Agents who are permitted to trade. For various reasons given fully in letter No 125 dated 24<sup>th</sup> September 1899 to the Government of India Foreign Department this arrangement has been found not to work well and it is therefore now proposed that a gazetted Officer should be placed in immediate Political charge of the Arab coast from Ras-mussendem to Howeit with Head quarters at Bahrein. The Political Officer will require one Clerk and one Munshi and to attract reliable men, whom it may often be found necessary to depute on Confidential missions to the various Chiefs within the charge a liberal rate of pay appears desirable. He will have to know Arabic and Persian fluently as well as English, and do so.

No 535 - A  
 15 April 1895  
 Political Residency Persian Gulf  
 No 535 E.A.  
 9 June 1899

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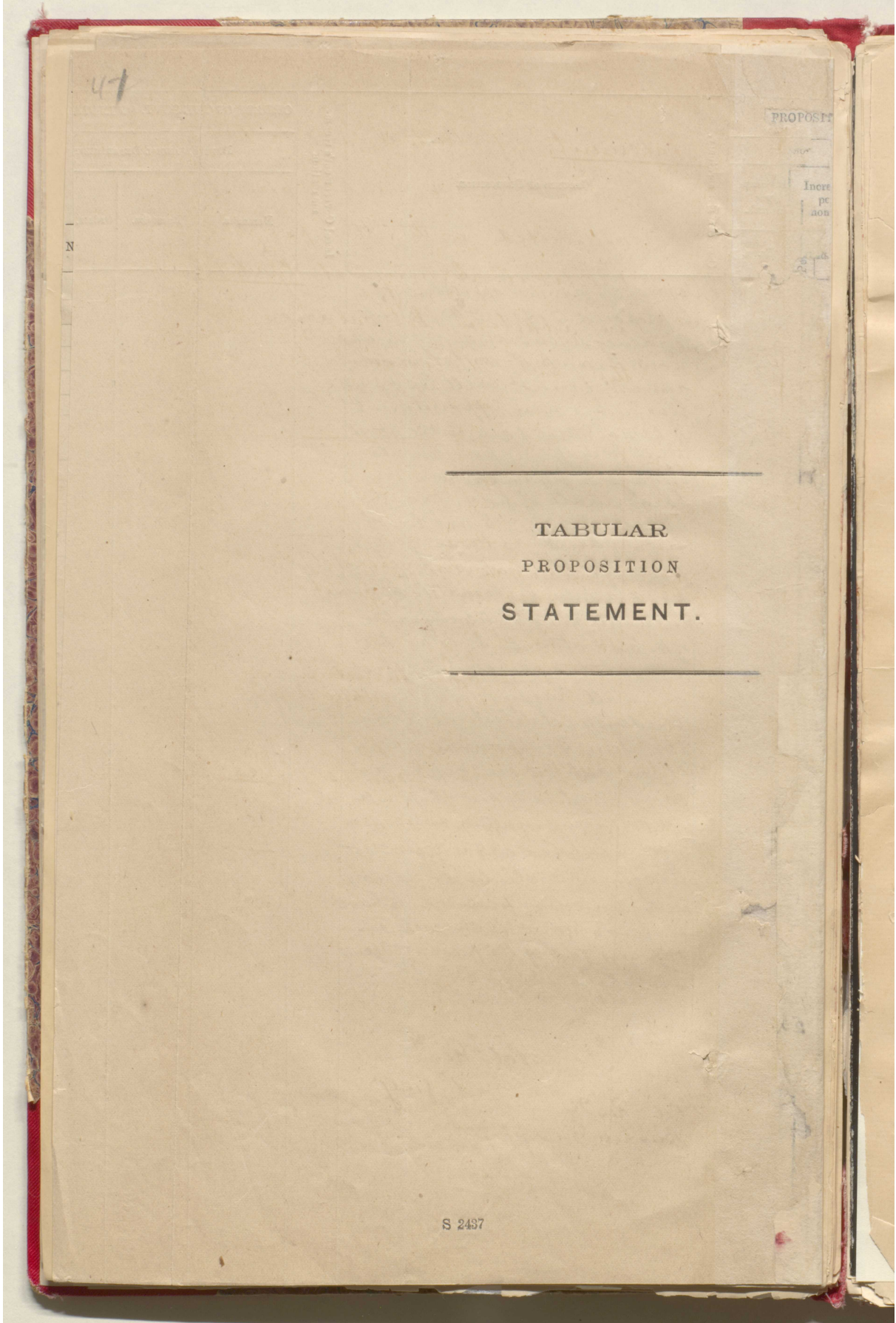
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Regarding the Munshi's appointment, it is proposed to offer it to the present Residency Agent at Shargah who now draws Rs 150 per mensem and who cannot well be offered less in his new appointment. If he does not care to accept, it may perhaps be possible to engage a Munshi on a lower rate of pay, though his services will not be of such value as those of the present Shargah agent, who is already intimately acquainted with all the political features of the appointment. It is at the same time proposed to effect a small saving in the Bushire Residency establishment by abolishing the appointment of Uncord. add. Post on 300 p.m. and creating instead the post of Superintendent of the Residency office on Rs 200/250 p.m. The post of native agent at Bahrain will also be done away with, but it is proposed to have a new agent at Shargah on Rs 50/- instead of the present agent on Rs 150/-

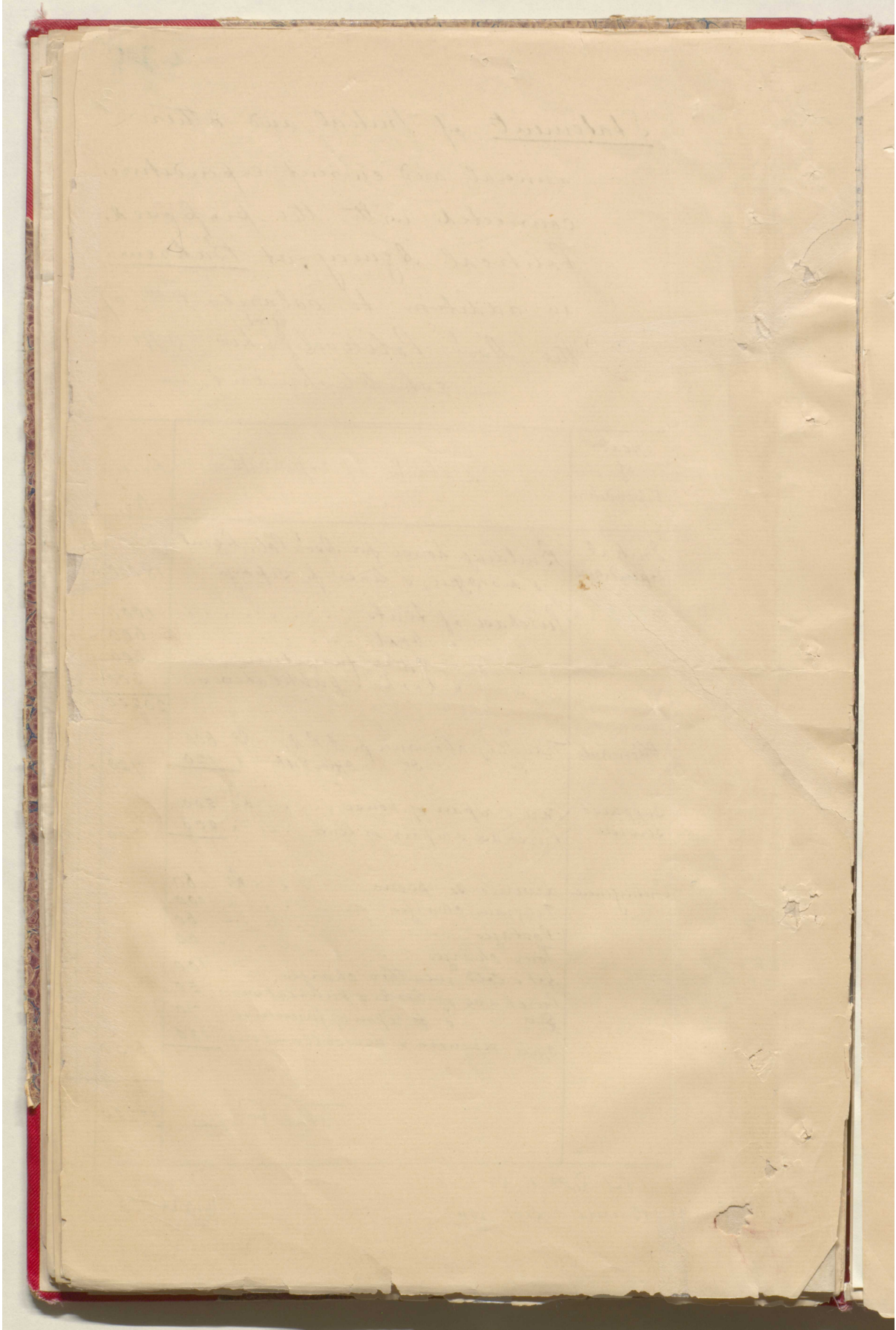
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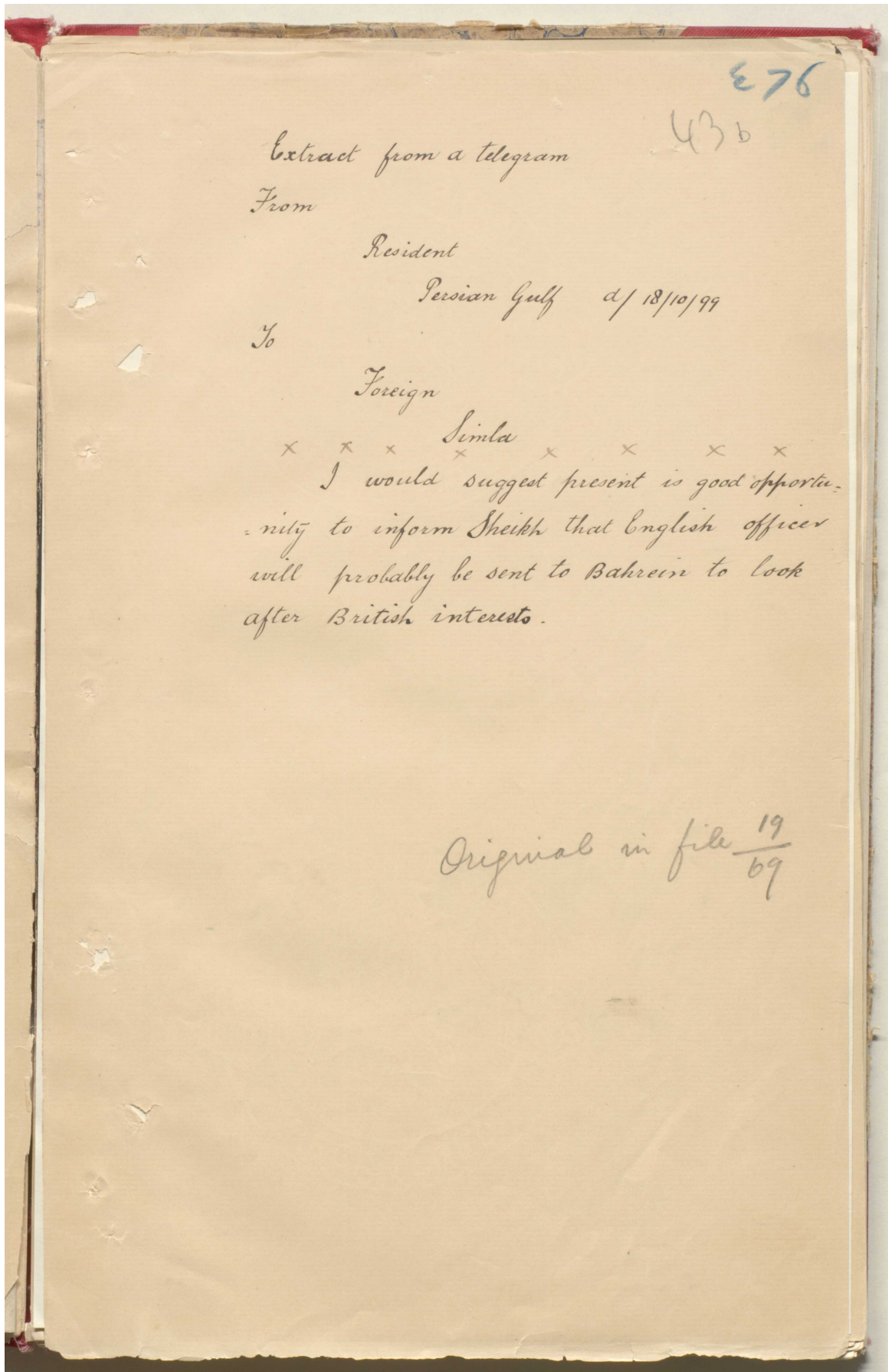




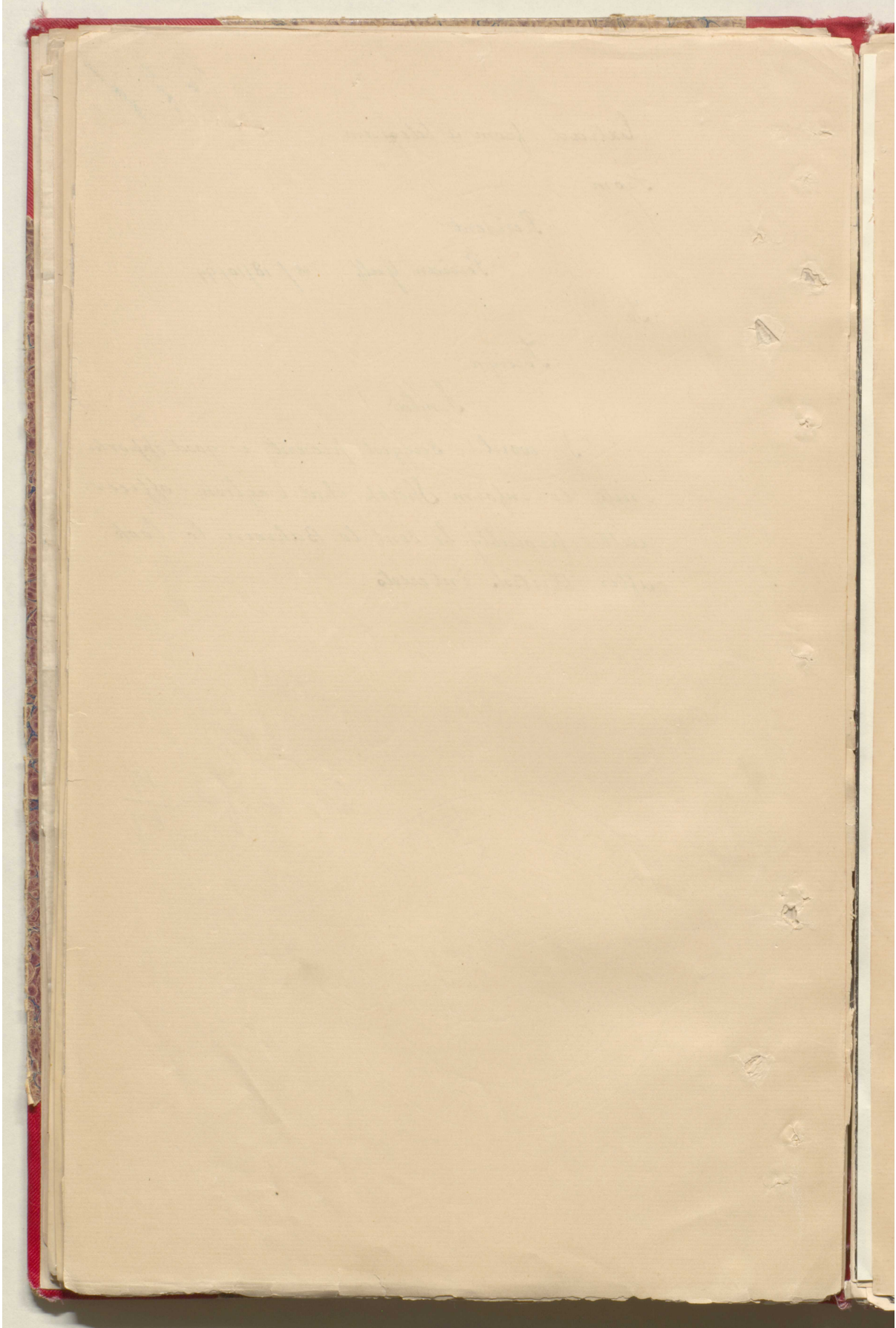
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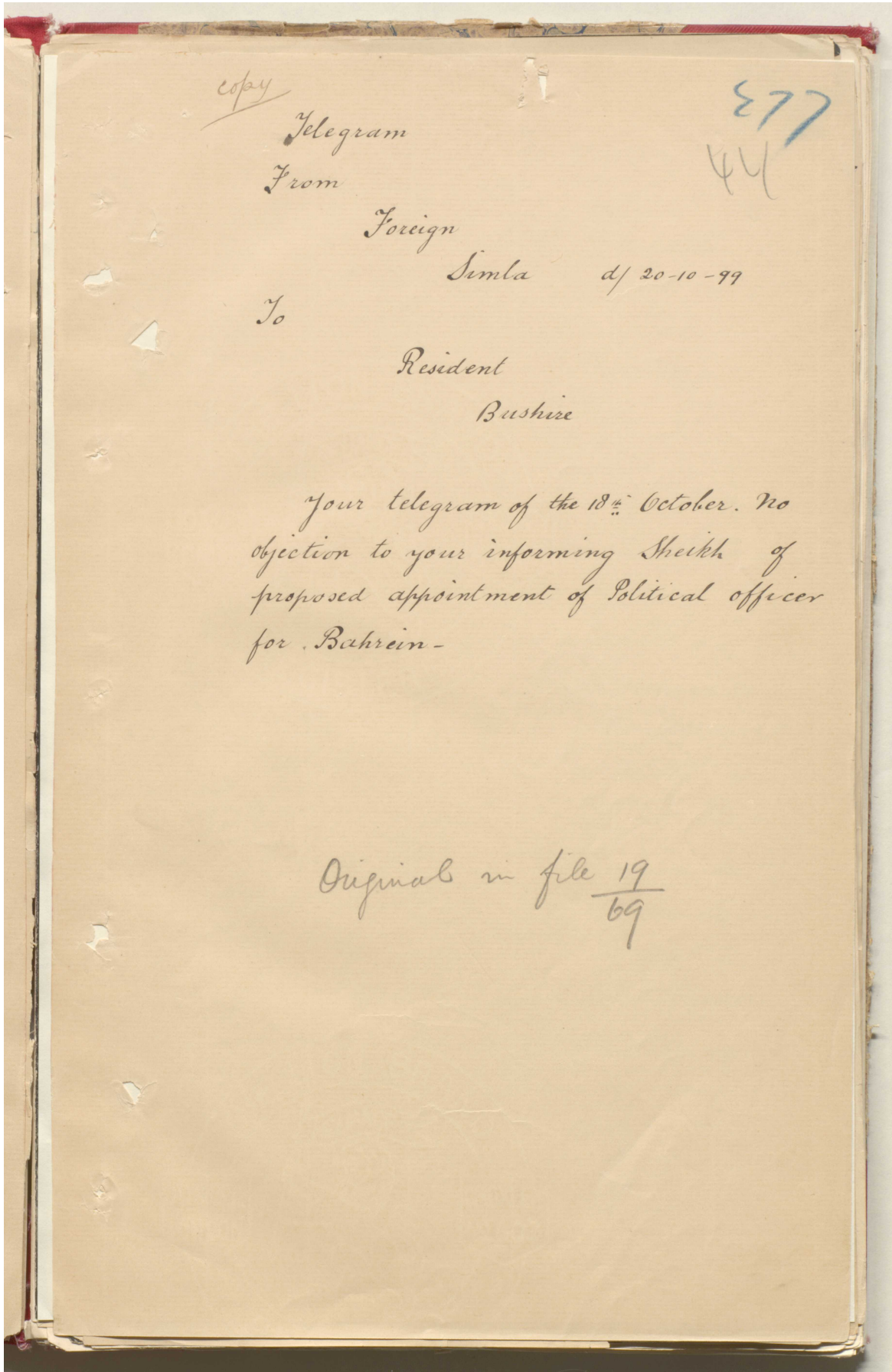
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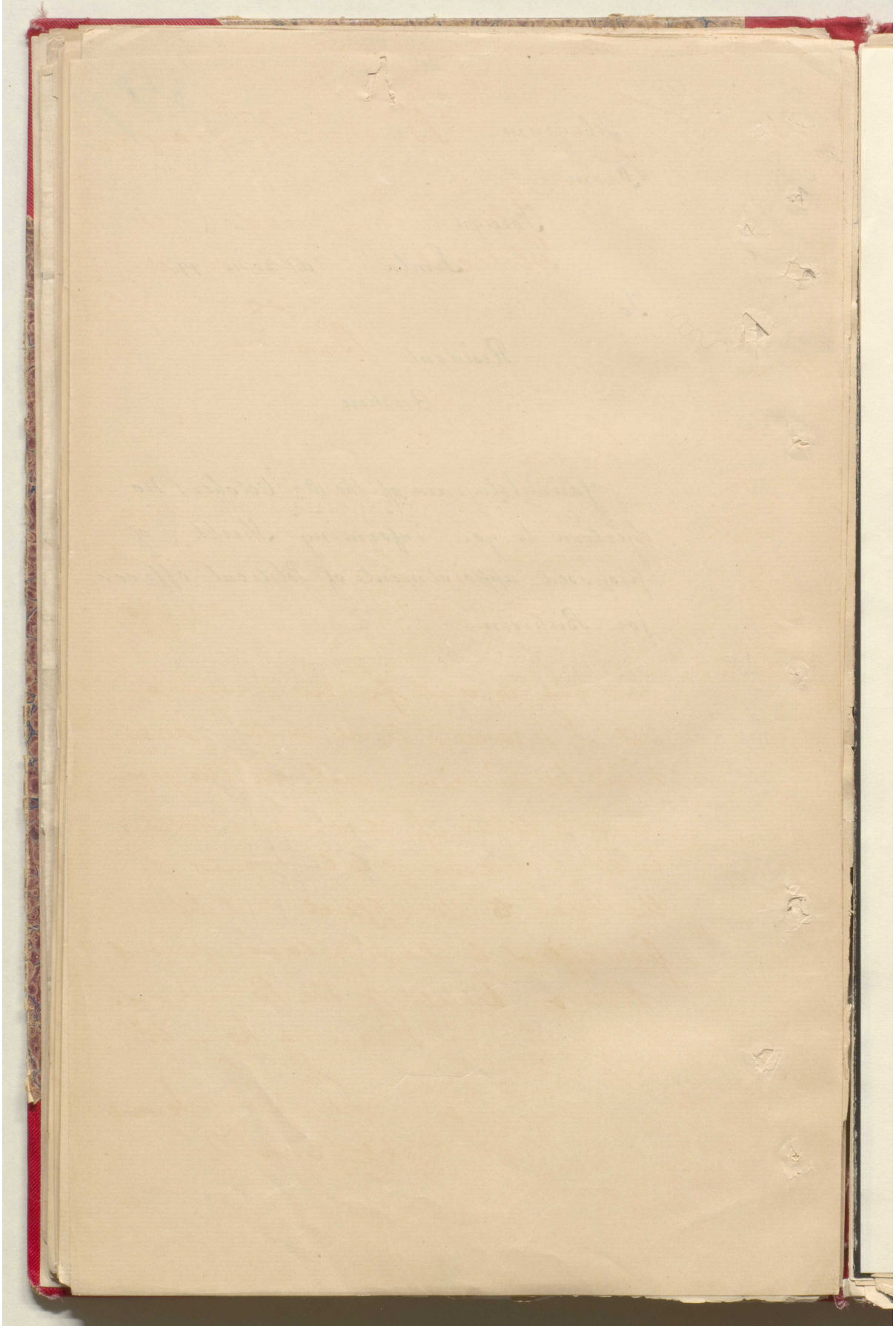
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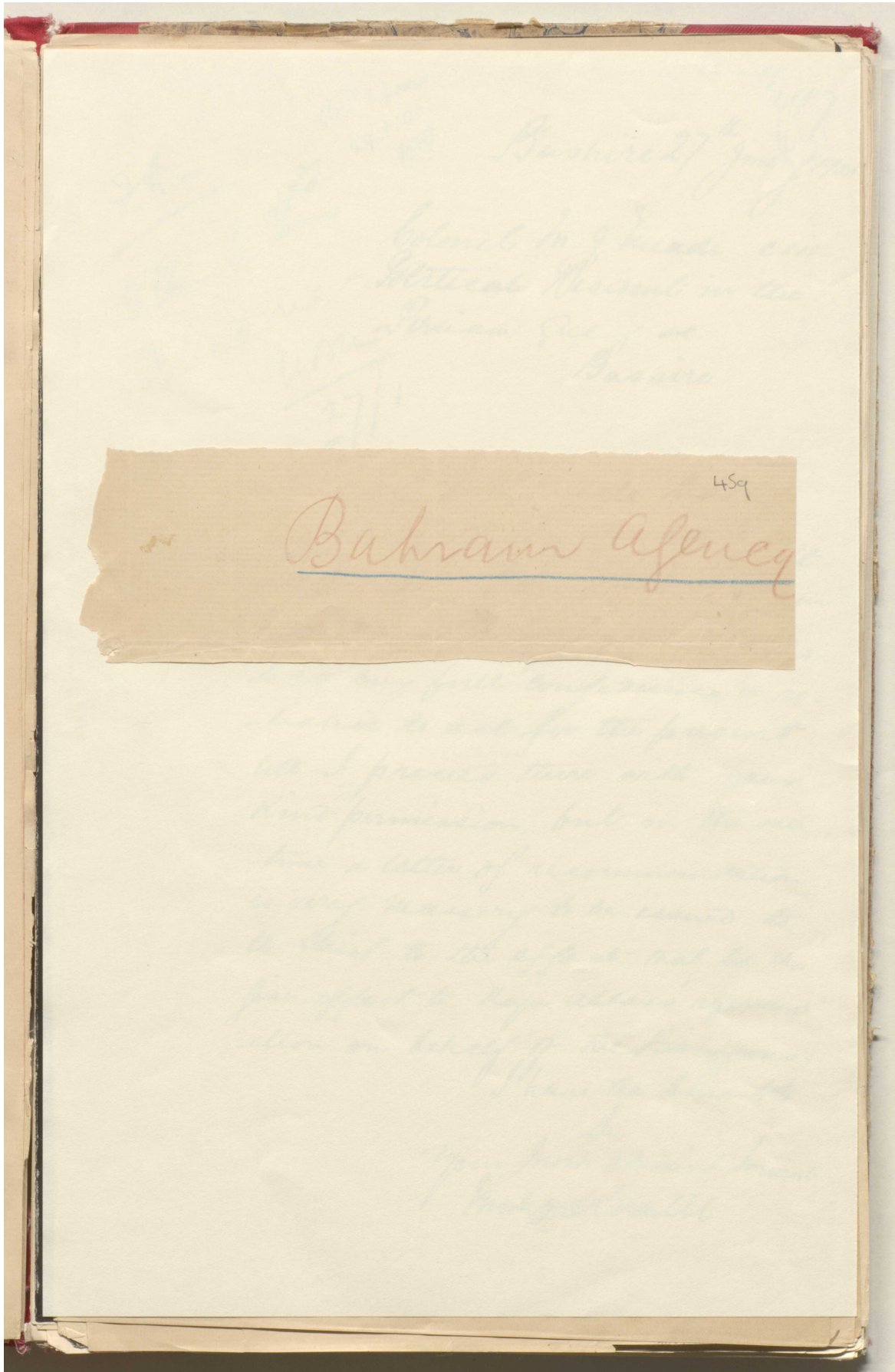
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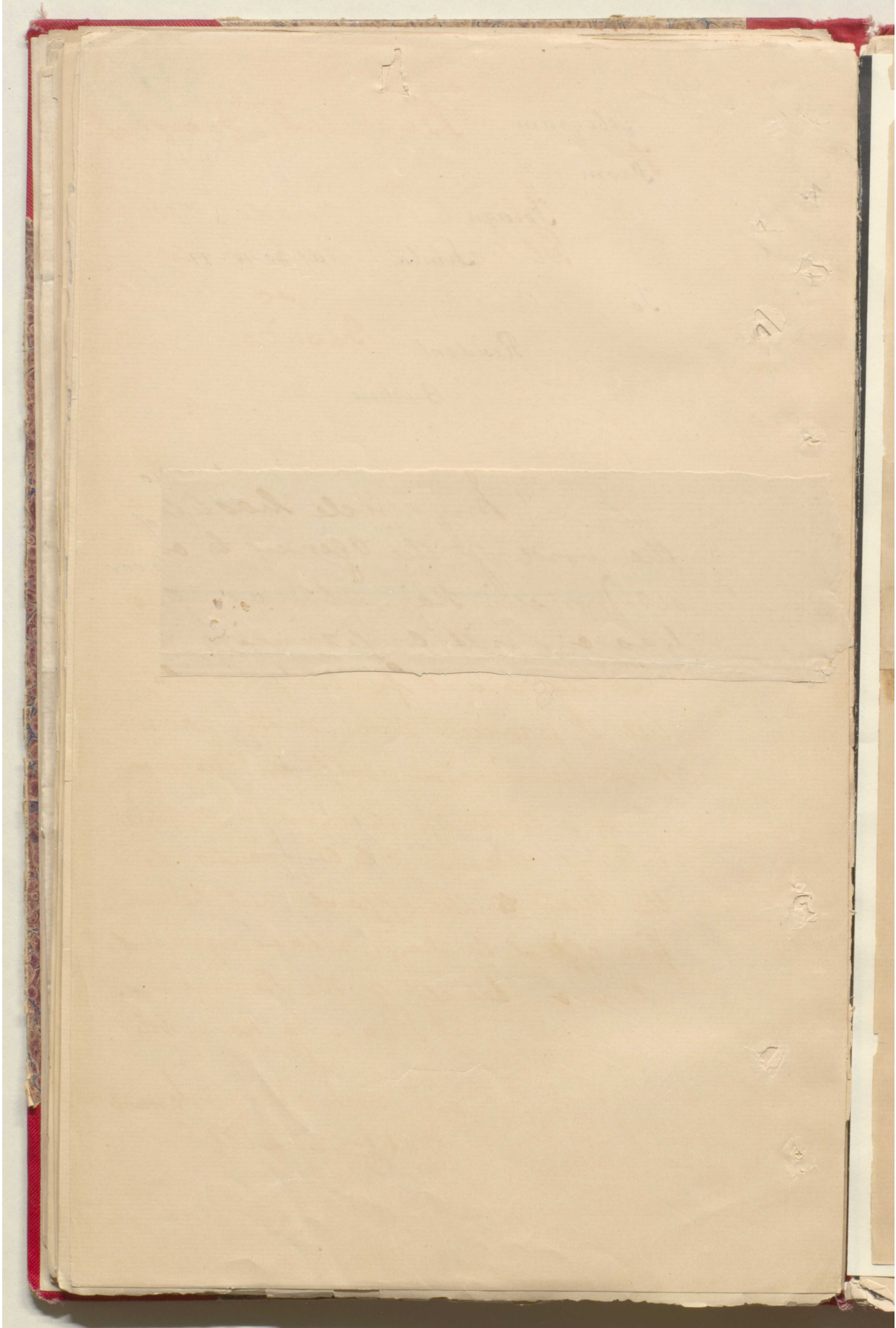
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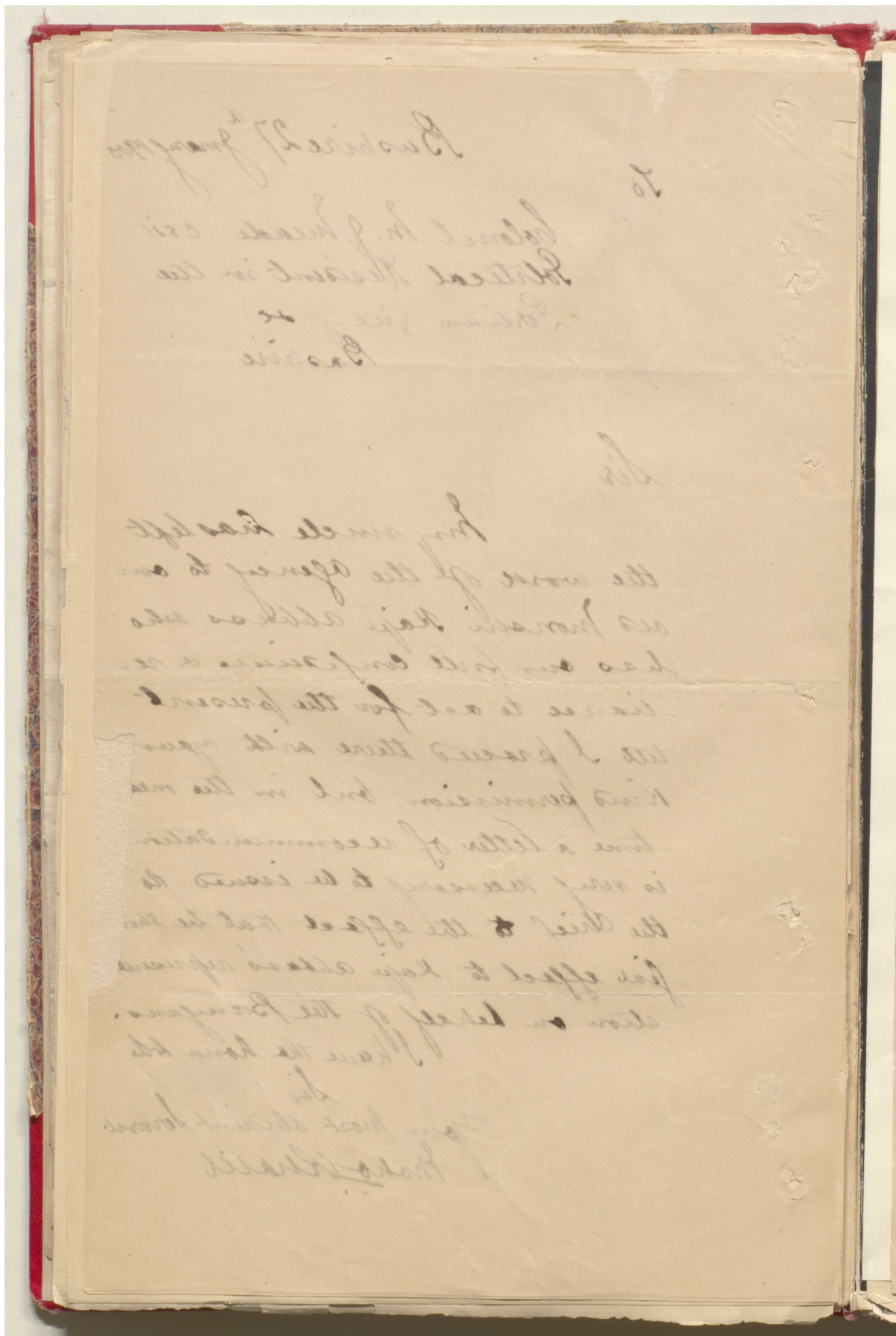
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I think this  
should be  
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Sir,  
Rec'd. L.M.  
29.1.00.  
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Bushire 27<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1900  
Colonel M. J. Meade C.S.I.  
Political Resident in the  
Persian Gulf &  
Bushire  
My uncle has left  
the work of the Agency to our  
old Monsi Haji Abbas who  
has our full confidence & re-  
liance to act for the present  
till I proceed there with your  
kind permission, but in the mea-  
-time a letter of recommendation  
is very necessary to be issued to  
the Chief to the effect that he should  
give effect to Haji Abbas's representa-  
-tion on behalf of the Banyans.  
I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your most obedient servant.  
Mansoor Khalil

"ملف 19/118 (C 7) البحرين" [٥٤:ظب] (٢١٥/١٠١)



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N<sup>o</sup>. 55 of 1900.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> Jan 1900.

To

Sheikh Isa bin Ali el Khalifa  
Chief of Bahrain

A.C.

I have the honor  
to inform you that  
during the absence  
of Agha Mahomed  
Rahim from Bahrain,  
his munshi Haji  
Abbas will carry on  
the current duties  
of the Residency Agency  
there. I w<sup>ould</sup> therefore  
request that you will  
be so good as to  
accept any representations  
that w<sup>ill</sup> Haji Abbas may  
have to make to you  
on behalf of British  
subjects residing in  
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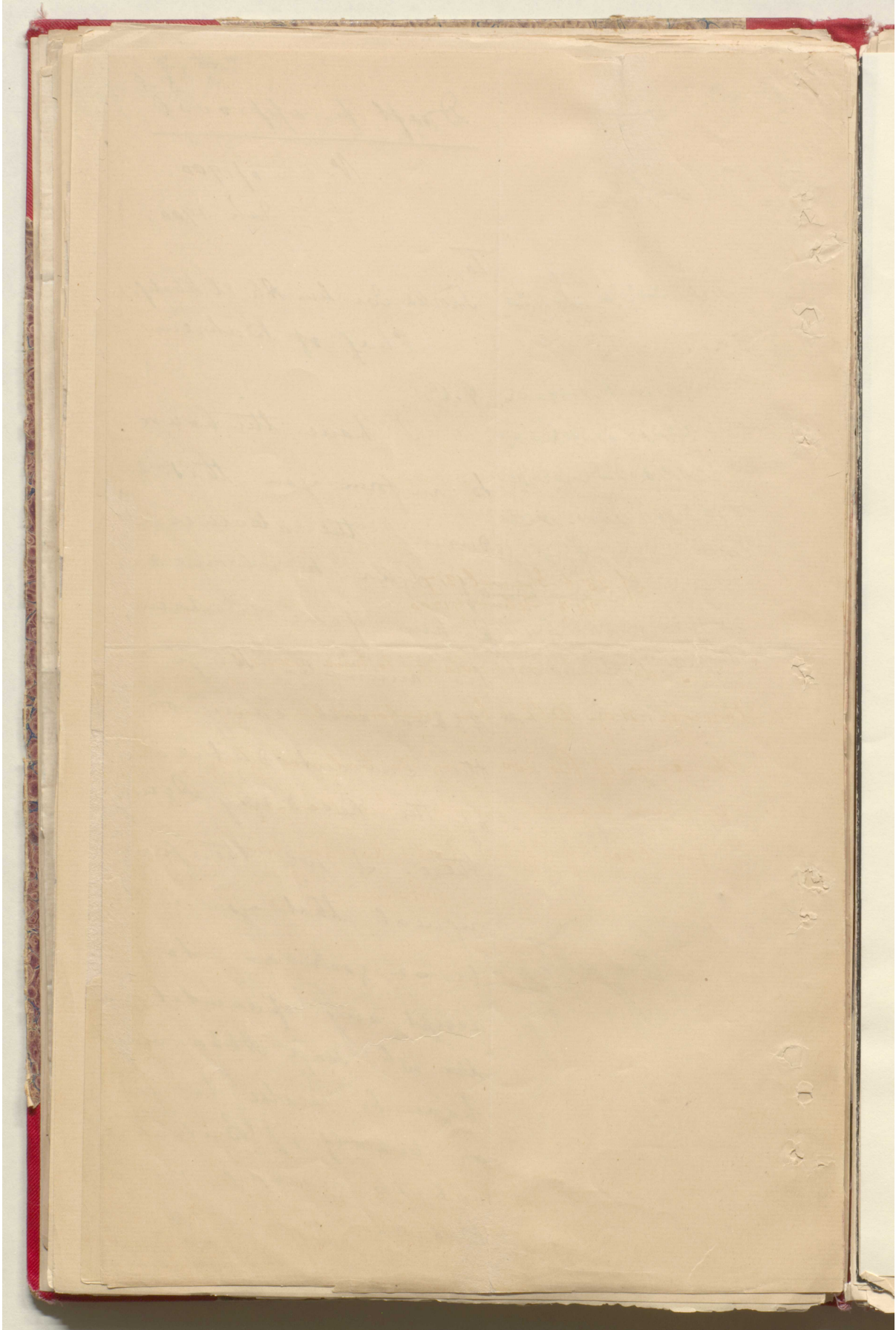
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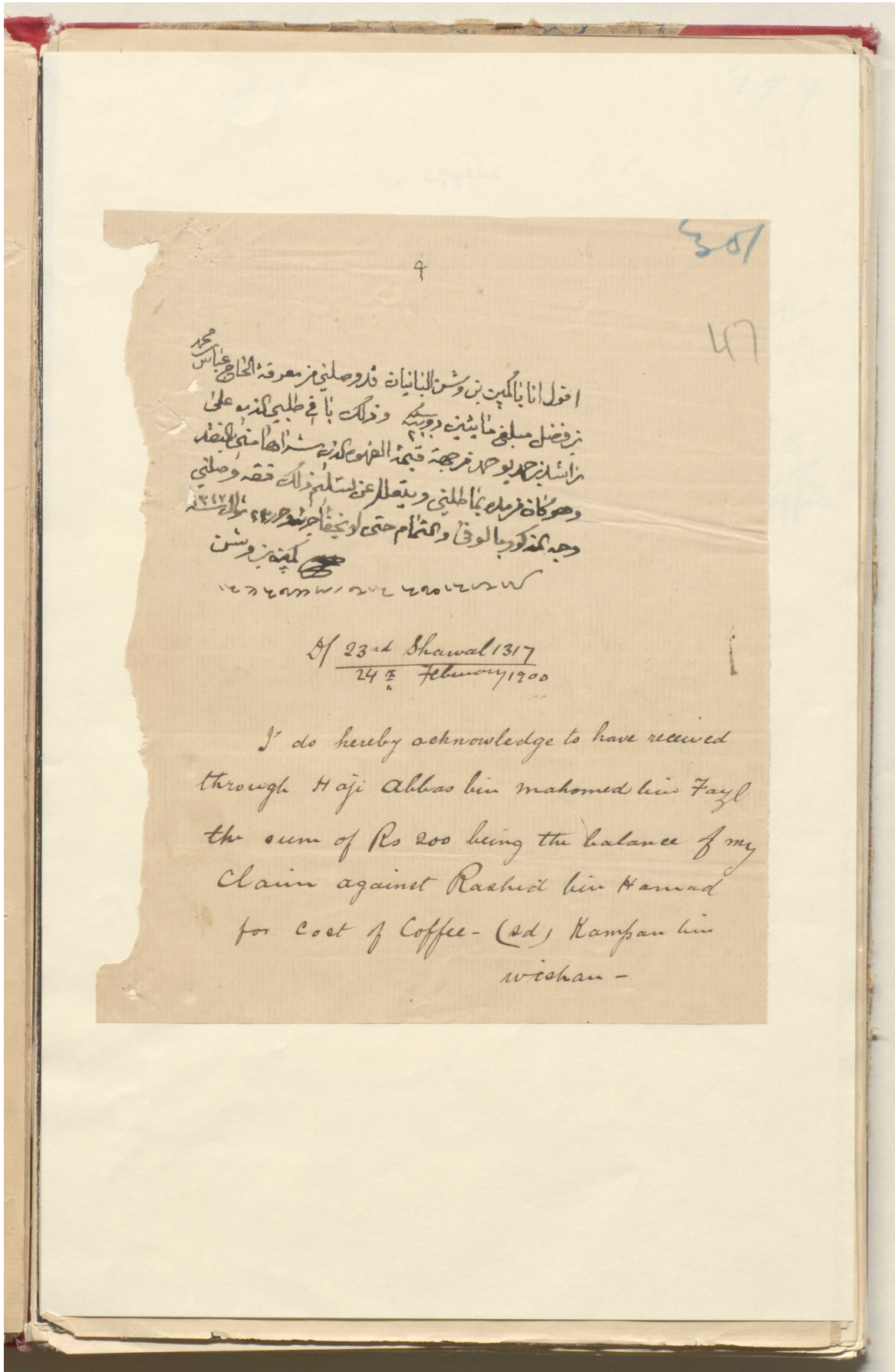
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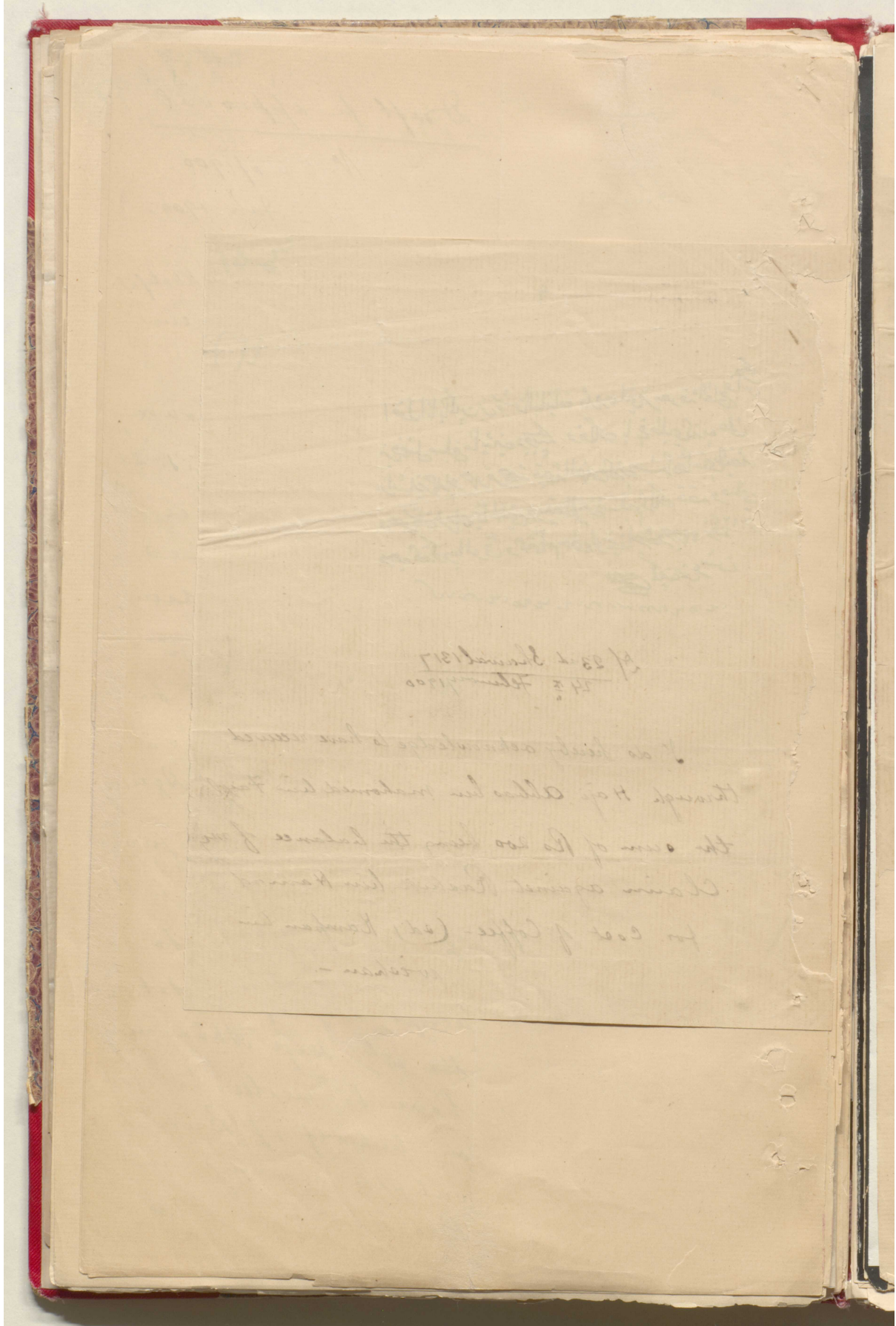
اما بعد الموصى لوزار الخبايا كمواد هو سلمت من اول  
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بان في منة غيا جنابك ان ما خرج من عنكم  
عنه محران ما المذكور قد فوض في نظام امور  
الداير الى كوكالز فلهمنا اننا نتمنى ان يكون  
جنابكم يقبل ويرجي كل اظهارة استعنى  
ببديها جنابكم احاطه عيان المذكور في مواد  
ارهايا لردته اليه القصر المقومه في البحرين  
هذا ما ذكره و سلم محمد

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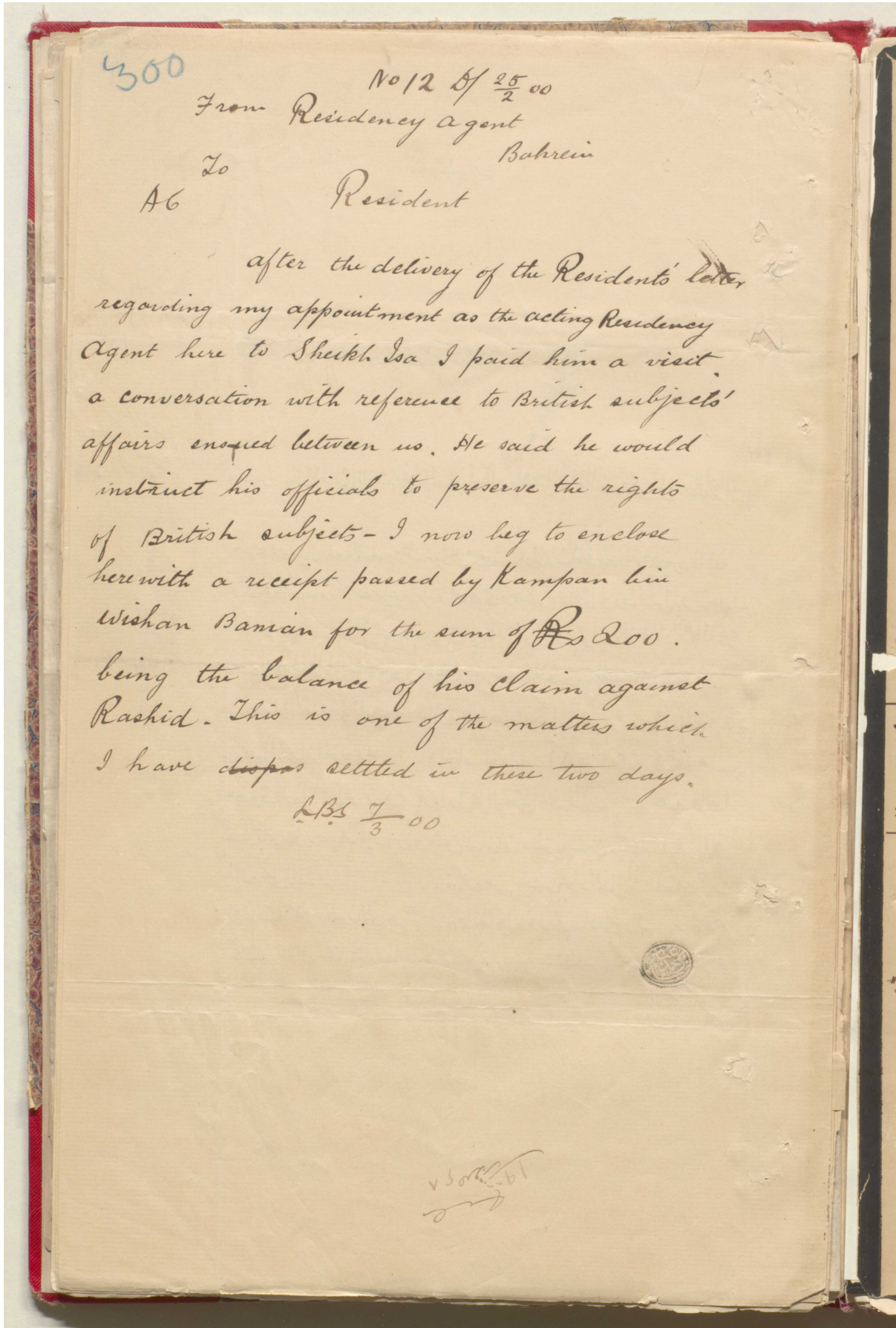


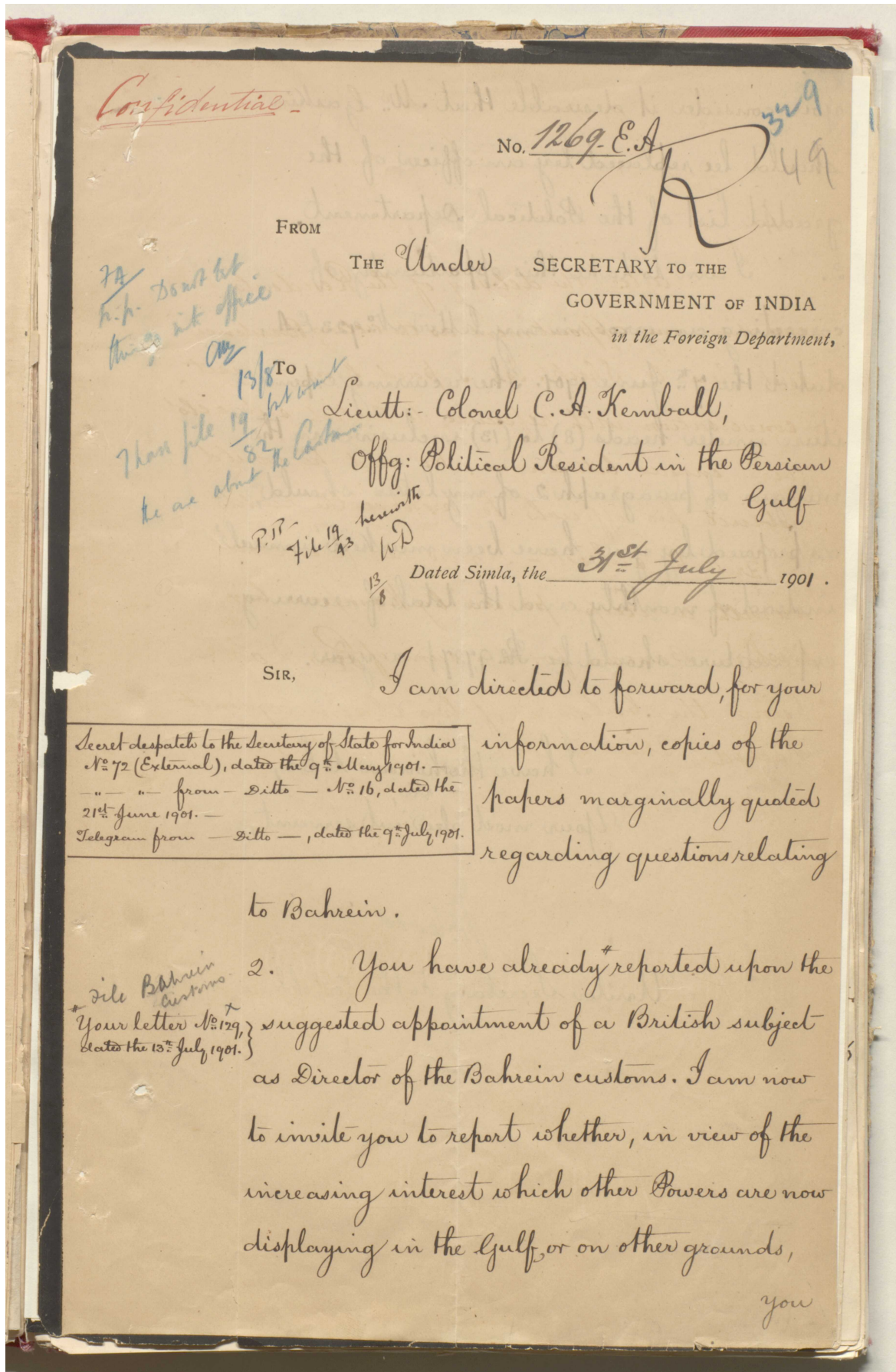
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you consider it desirable that Mr. Gaskin should be replaced by an officer of the graded list of the Political Department.

3. I am to take this opportunity of correcting an error in my letter N<sup>o</sup> 923 E.A., dated the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1901. The recurring expenditure under heads (8) to (13) inclusive in the margin of paragraph 2 of my letter should, as proposed by you, have been marked 'annual' instead of monthly and the total of recurring expenditure should be Rs. 9,787/- a year.

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put with p.p. in file  
19/82 W.D.

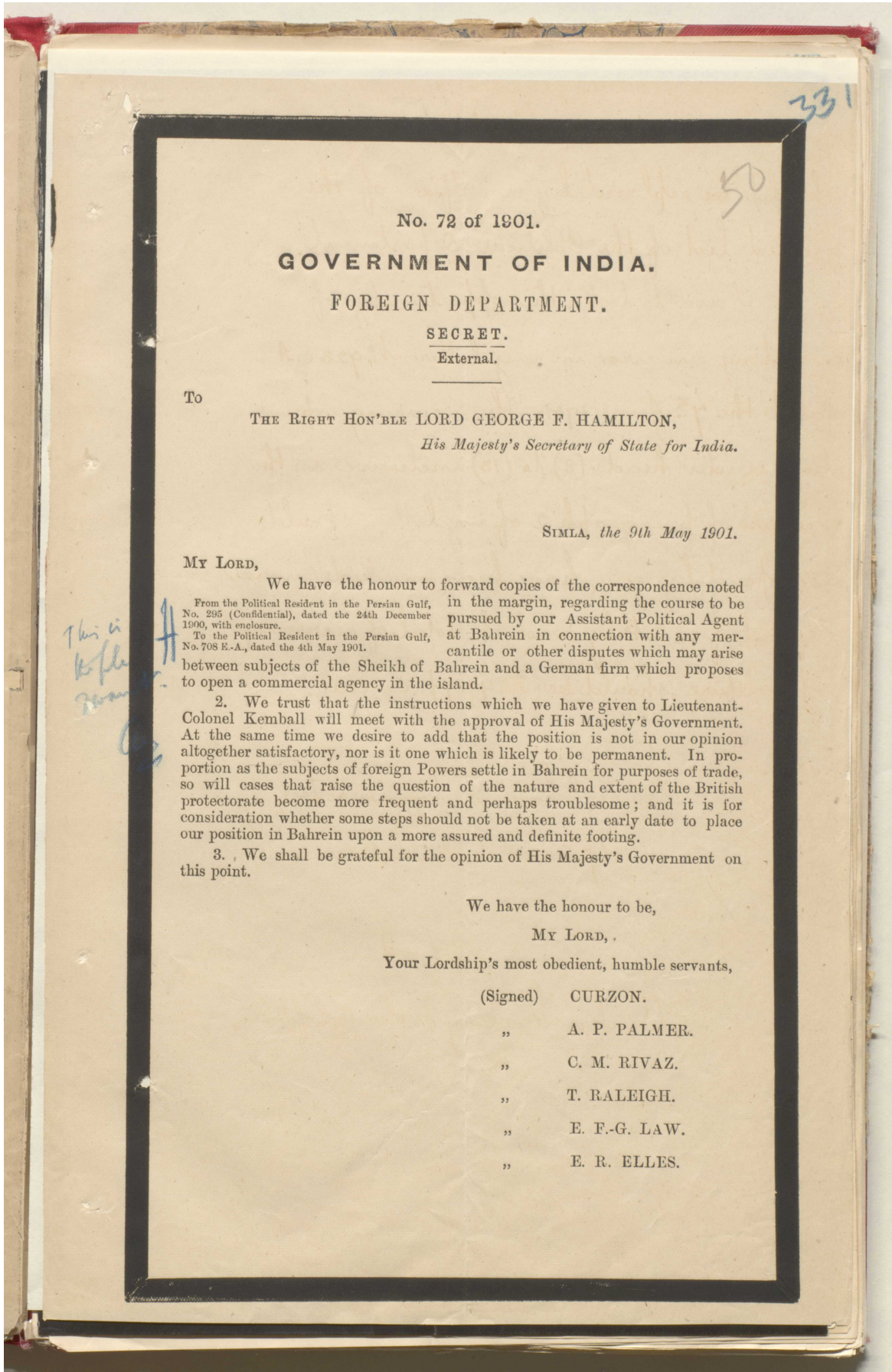
I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

J Wood

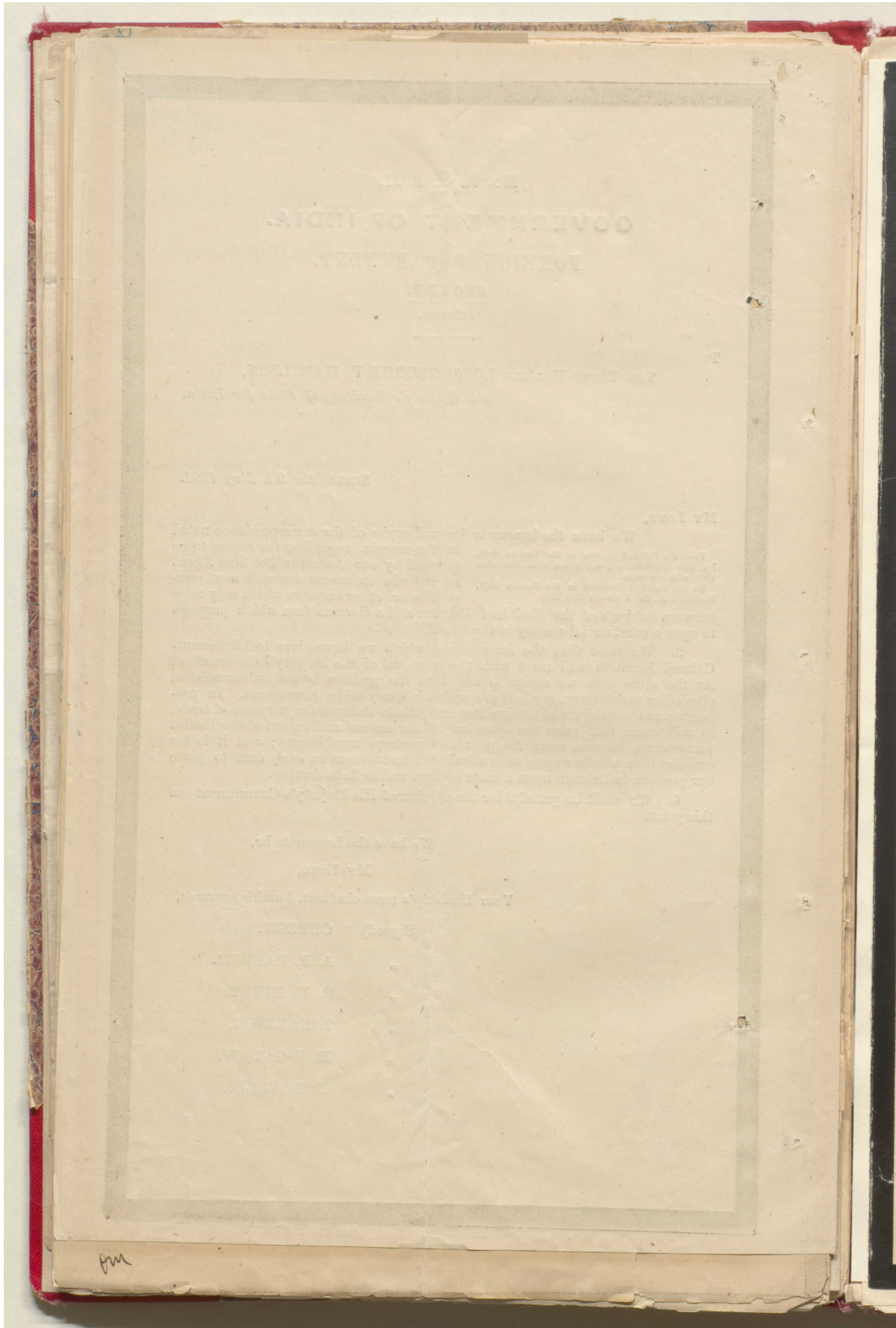
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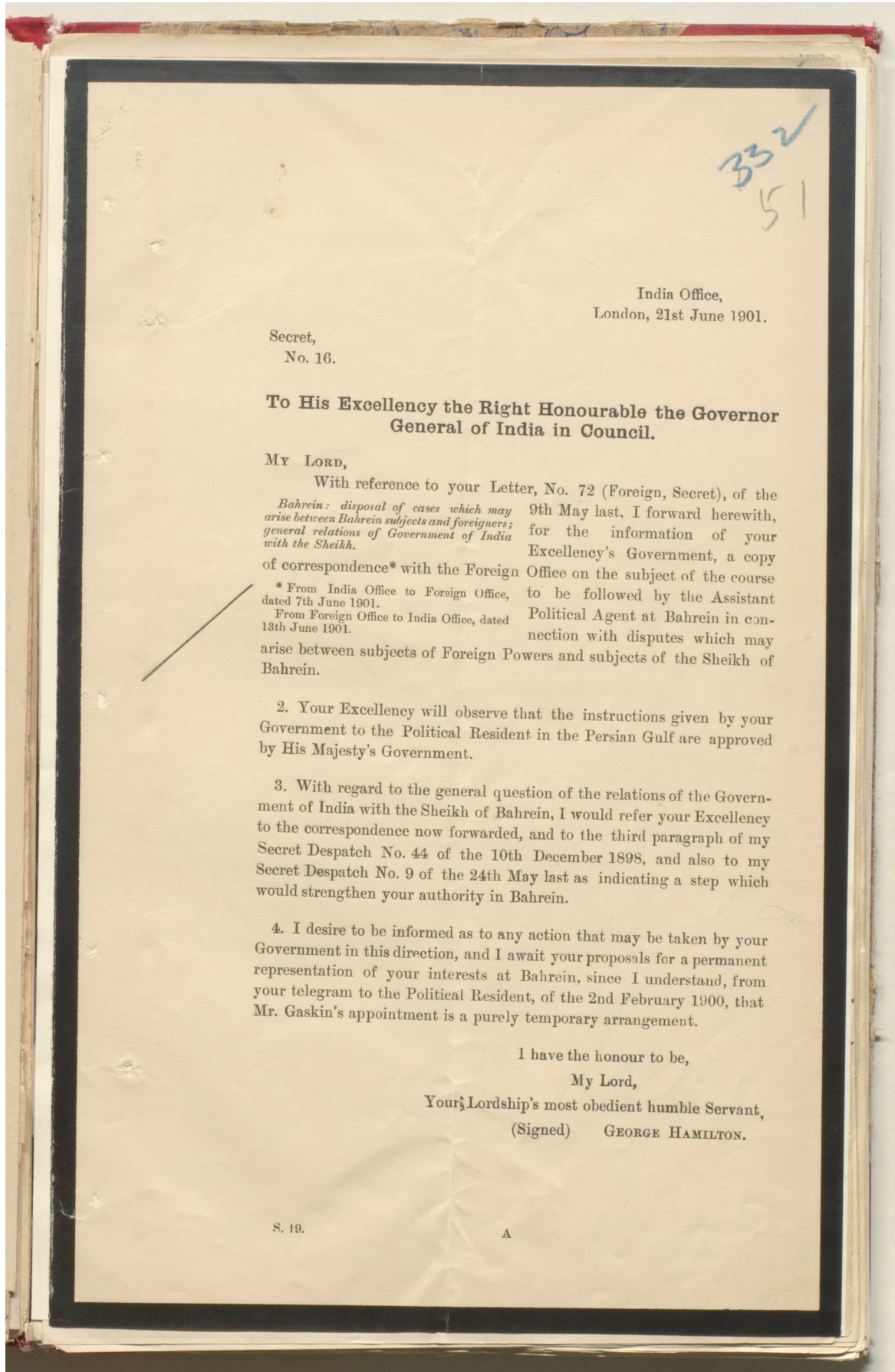
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"ملف 19/118 (C 7) البحرين" [٥١] [٢١٥/١١٢]



India Office,  
London, 21st June 1901.

Secret,  
No. 16.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor  
General of India in Council.

MY LORD,

With reference to your Letter, No. 72 (Foreign, Secret), of the 9th May last, I forward herewith, for the information of your Excellency's Government, a copy of correspondence\* with the Foreign Office on the subject of the course to be followed by the Assistant Political Agent at Bahrein in connection with disputes which may arise between subjects of Foreign Powers and subjects of the Sheikh of Bahrein.

2. Your Excellency will observe that the instructions given by your Government to the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf are approved by His Majesty's Government.

3. With regard to the general question of the relations of the Government of India with the Sheikh of Bahrein, I would refer your Excellency to the correspondence now forwarded, and to the third paragraph of my Secret Despatch No. 44 of the 10th December 1898, and also to my Secret Despatch No. 9 of the 24th May last as indicating a step which would strengthen your authority in Bahrein.

4. I desire to be informed as to any action that may be taken by your Government in this direction, and I await your proposals for a permanent representation of your interests at Bahrein, since I understand, from your telegram to the Political Resident, of the 2nd February 1900, that Mr. Gaskin's appointment is a purely temporary arrangement.

I have the honour to be,

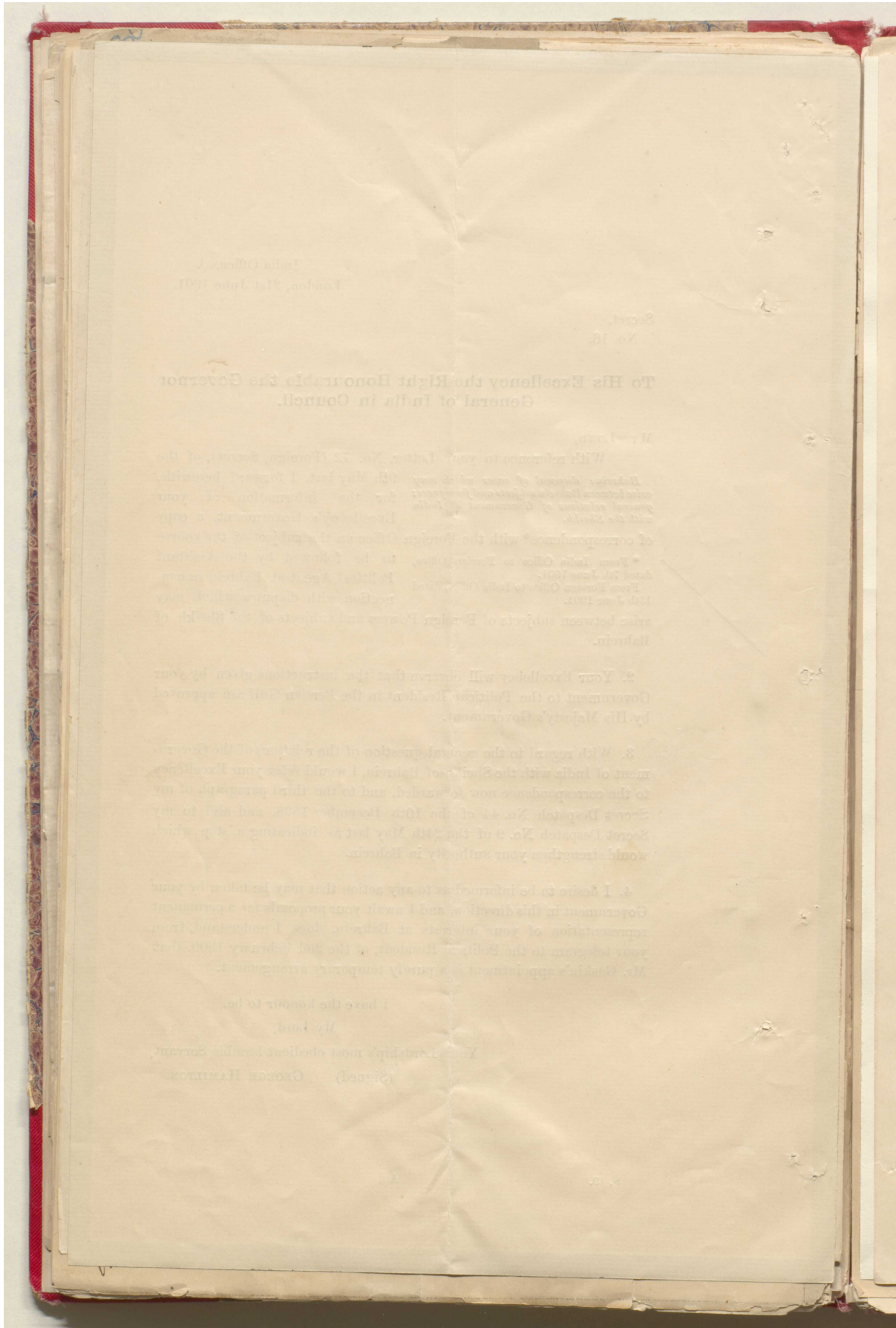
My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,  
(Signed) GEORGE HAMILTON.

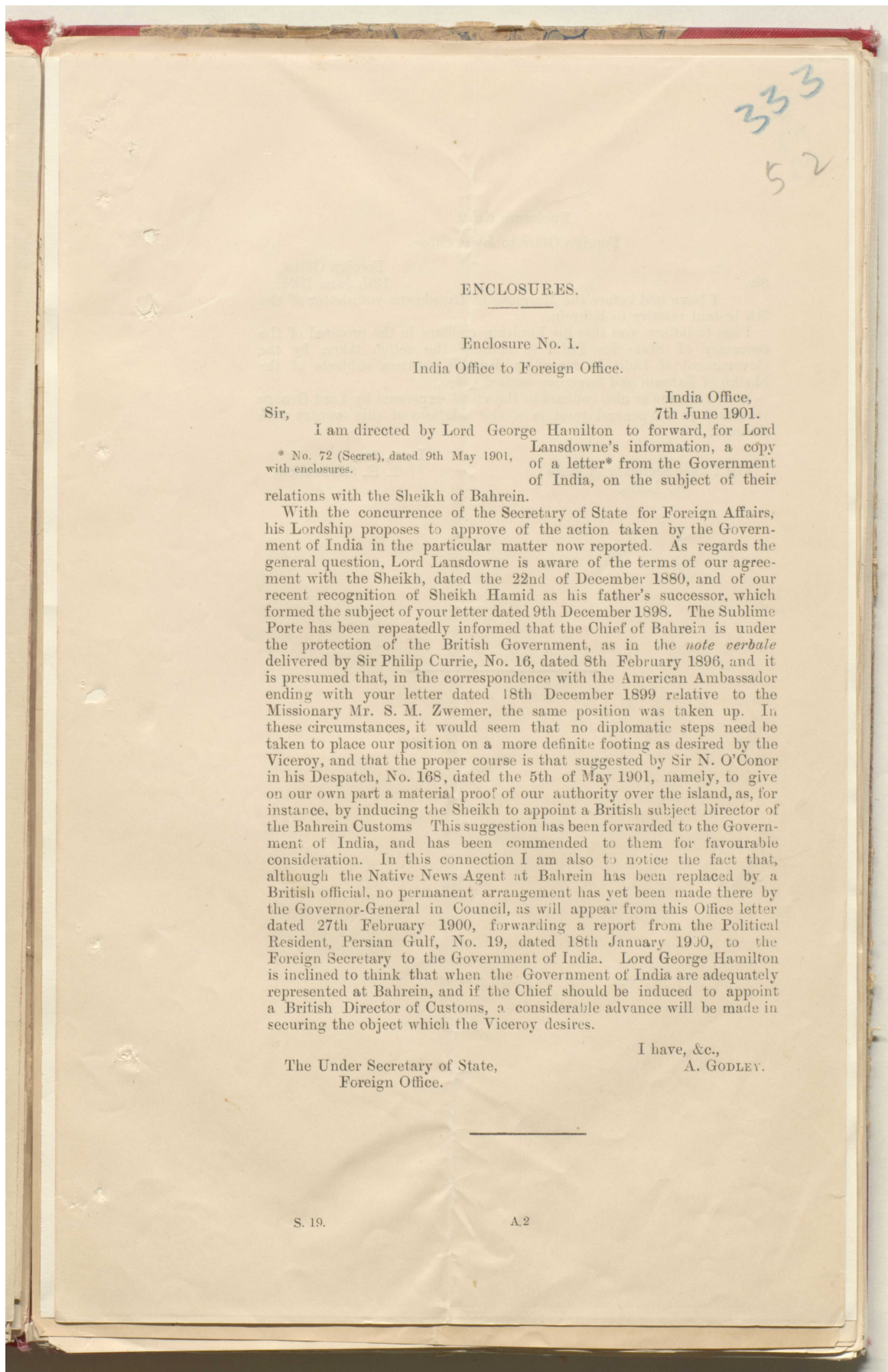
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ENCLOSURES.

Enclosure No. 1.

India Office to Foreign Office.

Sir,

India Office,  
7th June 1901.

I am directed by Lord George Hamilton to forward, for Lord Lansdowne's information, a copy of a letter\* from the Government of India, on the subject of their relations with the Sheikh of Bahrein.

With the concurrence of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, his Lordship proposes to approve of the action taken by the Government of India in the particular matter now reported. As regards the general question, Lord Lansdowne is aware of the terms of our agreement with the Sheikh, dated the 22nd of December 1880, and of our recent recognition of Sheikh Hamid as his father's successor, which formed the subject of your letter dated 9th December 1898. The Sublime Porte has been repeatedly informed that the Chief of Bahrein is under the protection of the British Government, as in the *note verbale* delivered by Sir Philip Currie, No. 16, dated 8th February 1896, and it is presumed that, in the correspondence with the American Ambassador ending with your letter dated 18th December 1899 relative to the Missionary Mr. S. M. Zwemer, the same position was taken up. In these circumstances, it would seem that no diplomatic steps need be taken to place our position on a more definite footing as desired by the Viceroy, and that the proper course is that suggested by Sir N. O'Connor in his Despatch, No. 168, dated the 5th of May 1901, namely, to give on our own part a material proof of our authority over the island, as, for instance, by inducing the Sheikh to appoint a British subject Director of the Bahrein Customs. This suggestion has been forwarded to the Government of India, and has been commended to them for favourable consideration. In this connection I am also to notice the fact that, although the Native News Agent at Bahrein has been replaced by a British official, no permanent arrangement has yet been made there by the Governor-General in Council, as will appear from this Office letter dated 27th February 1900, forwarding a report from the Political Resident, Persian Gulf, No. 19, dated 18th January 1900, to the Foreign Secretary to the Government of India. Lord George Hamilton is inclined to think that when the Government of India are adequately represented at Bahrein, and if the Chief should be induced to appoint a British Director of Customs, a considerable advance will be made in securing the object which the Viceroy desires.

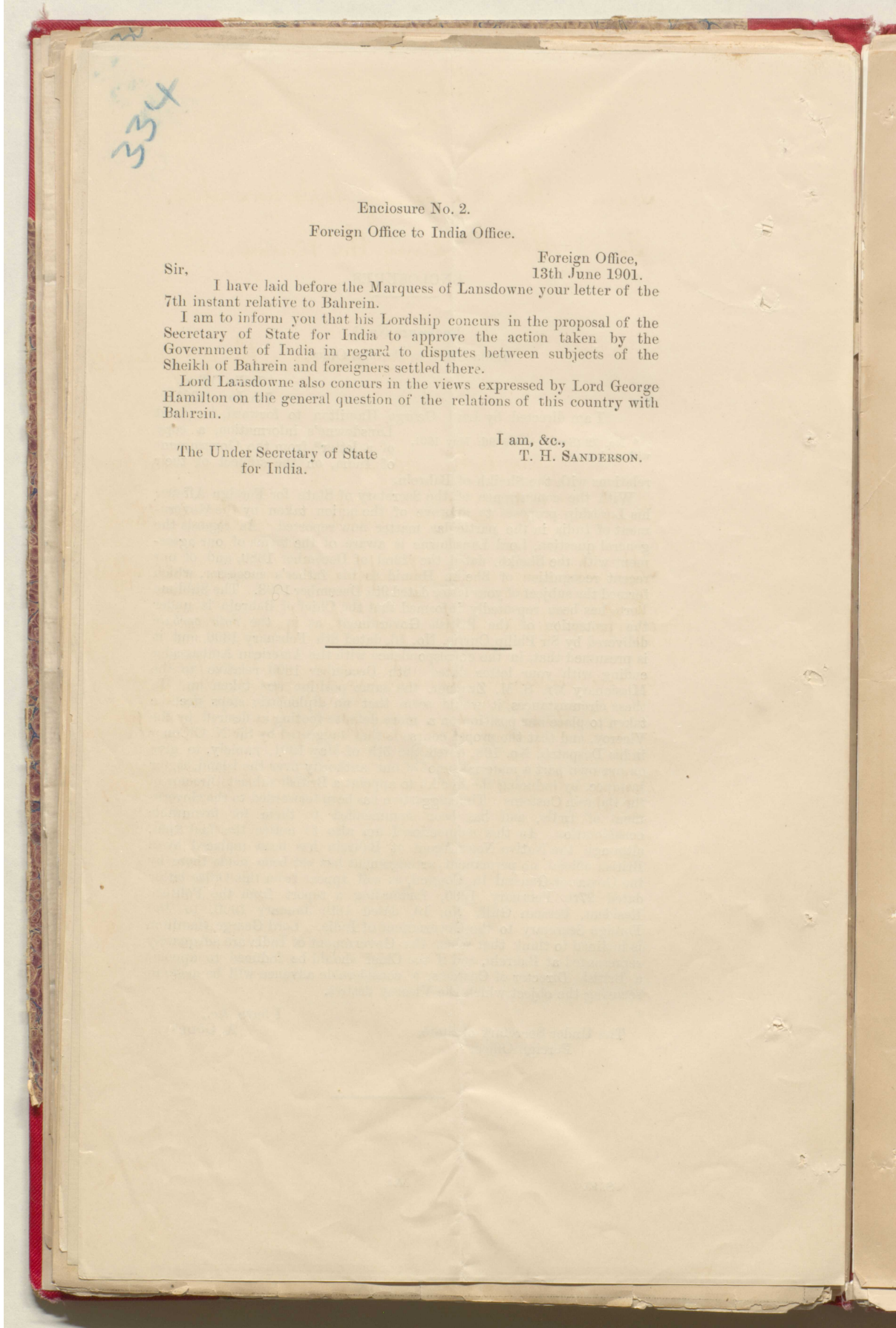
The Under Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office.

I have, &c.,  
A. GODLEY.

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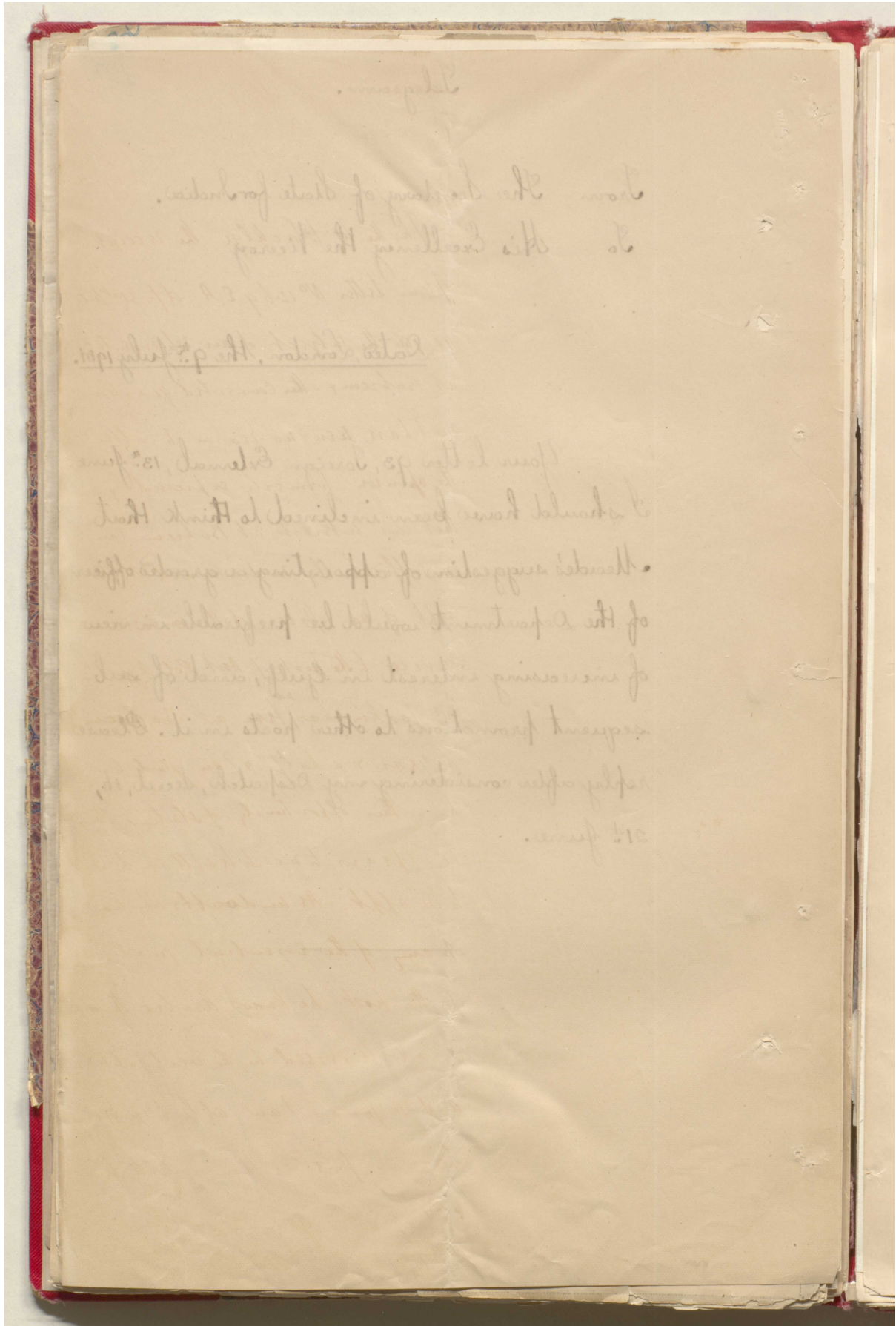
Telegram.

From - The Secretary of State for India.  
To - His Excellency the Viceroy.

Dated, London, the 9<sup>th</sup> July 1901.

Your letter 93, Foreign External, 13<sup>th</sup> June.  
I should have been inclined to think that  
Meade's suggestion of appointing a graded officer  
of the Department would be preferable in view  
of increasing interest in Gulf, and of sub-  
sequent promotions to other posts in it. Please  
reply after considering my Despatch, Secret, 16,  
21<sup>st</sup> June.

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Confidential  
N. 147 of 1901  
To Foreign Bureau 16 August  
1901.  
Sir  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter N<sup>o</sup> 1269 E.A. dt. 31<sup>st</sup> July  
1901 on the subject of our representation  
at Bahrein & other connected questions  
2. I have seen no reason to alter  
the opinion formerly expressed by me  
that our interests at Bahrein can  
be sufficiently maintained by the  
appt of an officer of the uncommissioned  
service to the post of Asst Pol. Agent.  
Mr Gaskin has <sup>now</sup> been at Bahrein  
a year & a half & I am glad to  
have this opportunity of stating that  
he appears to me to be well suited  
to the appt. He undoubtedly has  
many of the essential qualifications  
for the post: he knows Arabic thoroughly  
& is well versed in the local politics  
and so far as I am able to judge  
he is on friendly terms with the  
Chief & is gaining his confidence.  
I have every reason to be satisfied

with his conduct of affairs. 337

3. So far then as the maintenance of our interests <sup>is</sup> ~~are~~ concerned I do not think that any change in the nature of our representation at Bahrein is called for. The Secretary of State however in his ltr. dt. 9<sup>th</sup> July which formed one of the enclosures to your ltr suggests that the appt of an ~~graded~~ officer of the graded list of the Political Dept. might be preferable in view of the increasing interest in the Gulf & of subsequent promotions to other posts in it. & I propose therefore to consider briefly the question from these points of view apart from that of the local necessity for the change.

As regards increasing interest in the Gulf, I cannot see that it makes much difference whether

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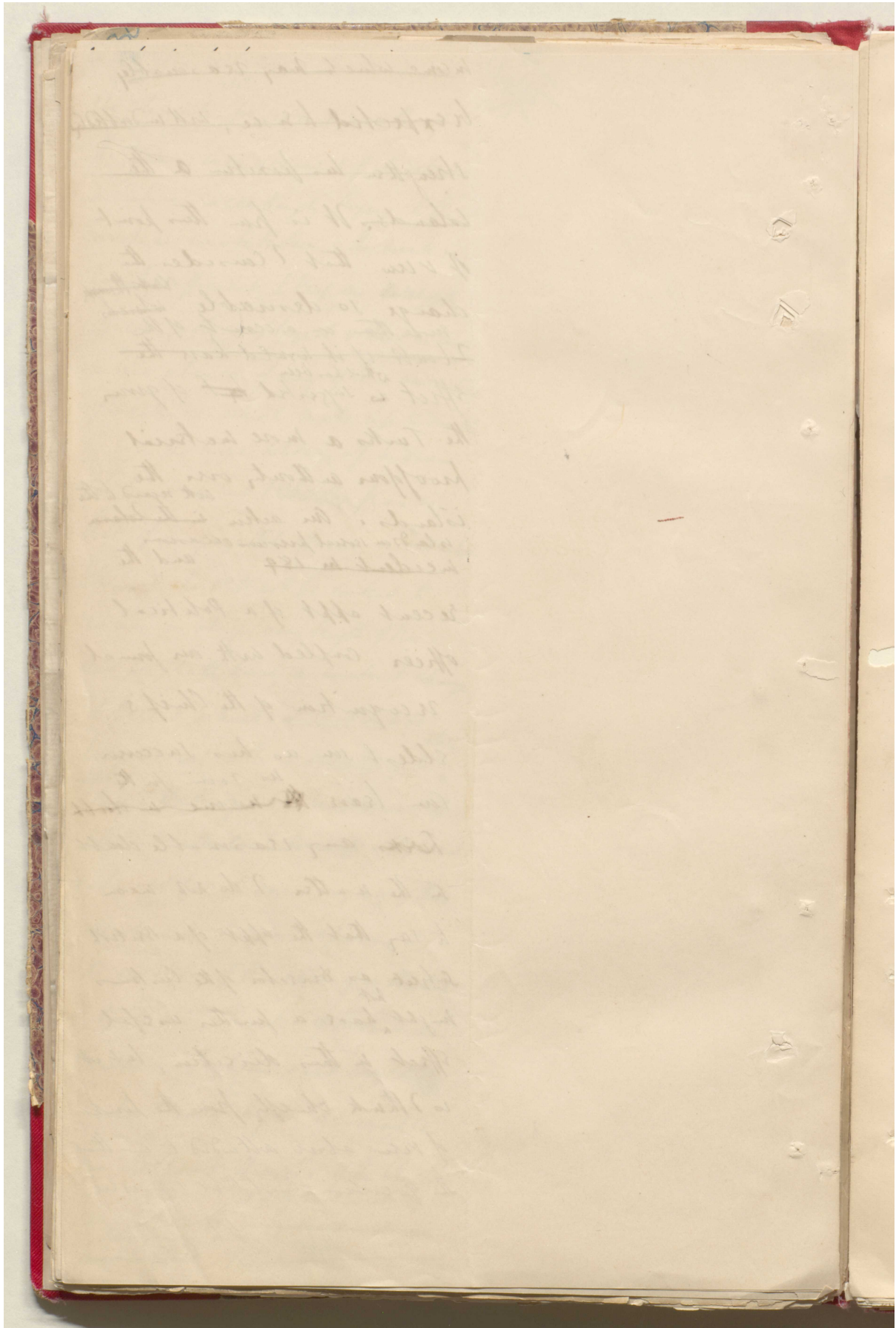
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the Asst Pol. Agent is an officer  
54-a  
of the graded list A of the uncom-  
menced service. so long as he  
is possessed of the required quali-  
fications for the appt.  
With regard to the other point  
of view, which I understand to  
be the desirability of training  
officers with a view to subsequent  
promotions to other posts in the  
Gulf, I am <sup>doubtful of it is</sup> of opinion ~~that~~  
advisable to choose Bahrain as  
Bahrain will hardly be found to  
be a suitable <sup>a</sup> training ground.  
In my opinion, more especially  
at the present time, we require  
our representative at Bahrain  
to be a man who ~~has~~ <sup>is</sup> already  
in possession of the <sup>essential</sup> qualifications for the appt. Whether  
it will be possible to find such an  
officer ~~in~~ of the graded list?  
do not know.  
The conditions of service at Bahrain



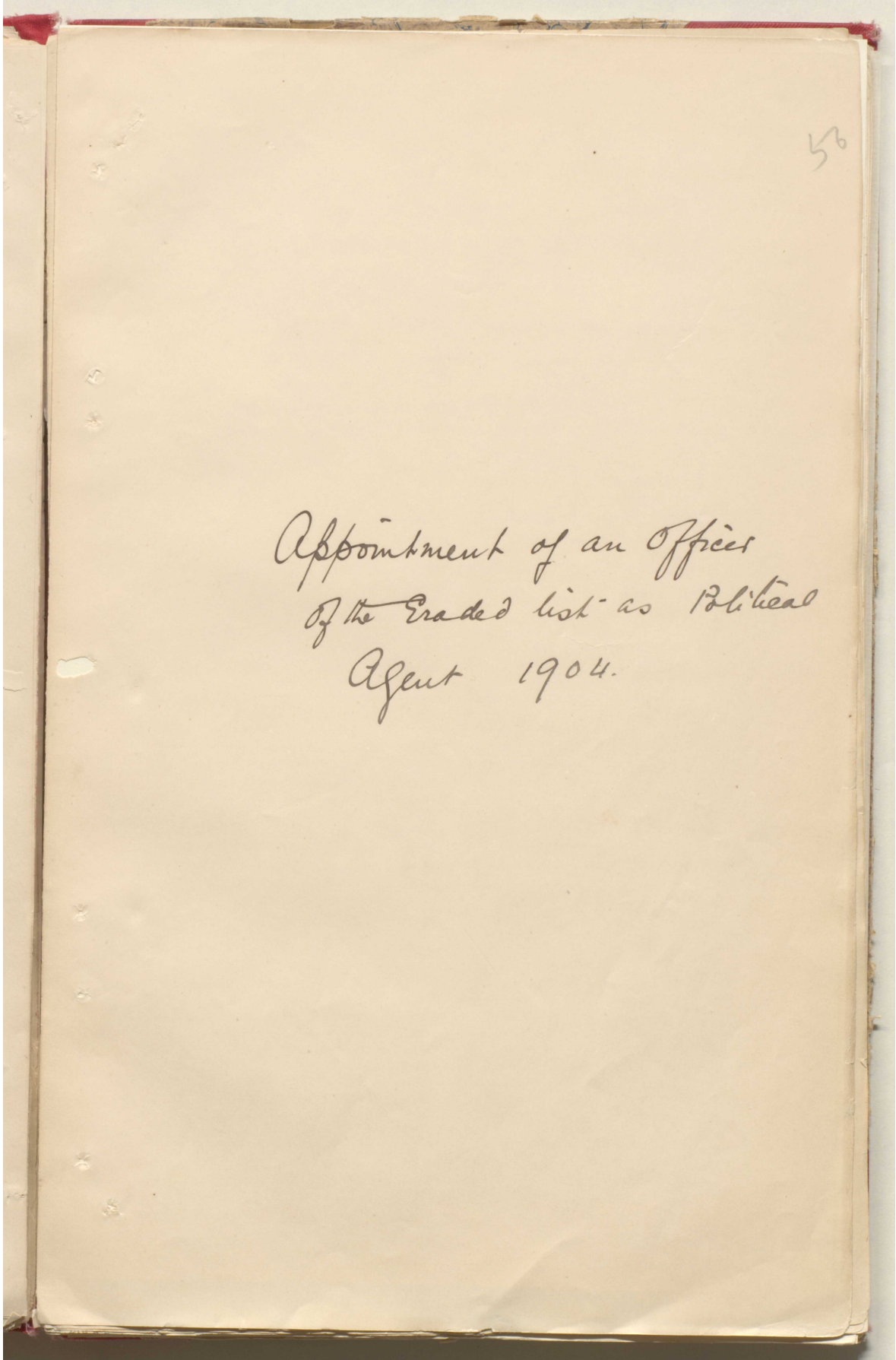
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 income which may reasonably  
 be expected to arise, will undoubtedly  
 strengthen his position on the  
 islands. It is from this point  
 of view that I consider the  
 change so desirable, <sup>not through</sup>  
<sup>more than</sup> on account of the  
~~fact that if it would have the~~  
<sup>which has been</sup>  
 effect as suggested ~~of~~ of giving  
 the Turks a more material  
 proof of authority over the  
 islands: An action <sup>in regard to the</sup>  
<sup>islands on several previous occasions</sup>  
<sup>occurred in 189</sup> and the  
 recent appt of a Political  
 officer coupled with an formal  
 recognition of the Chief's  
 eldest son as his successor  
 can leave <sup>no room for the</sup>  
~~the~~ <sup>his case in doubt</sup>  
 doubts any reasonable doubt  
 in the matter. I do not mean  
 to say that the appt of a British  
 subject as Director of the Customs  
 might <sup>not</sup> have a further useful  
 effect in this direction, but it  
 is I think chiefly from the point  
 of view above alluded to <sup>by</sup> me that  
 the question should be considered

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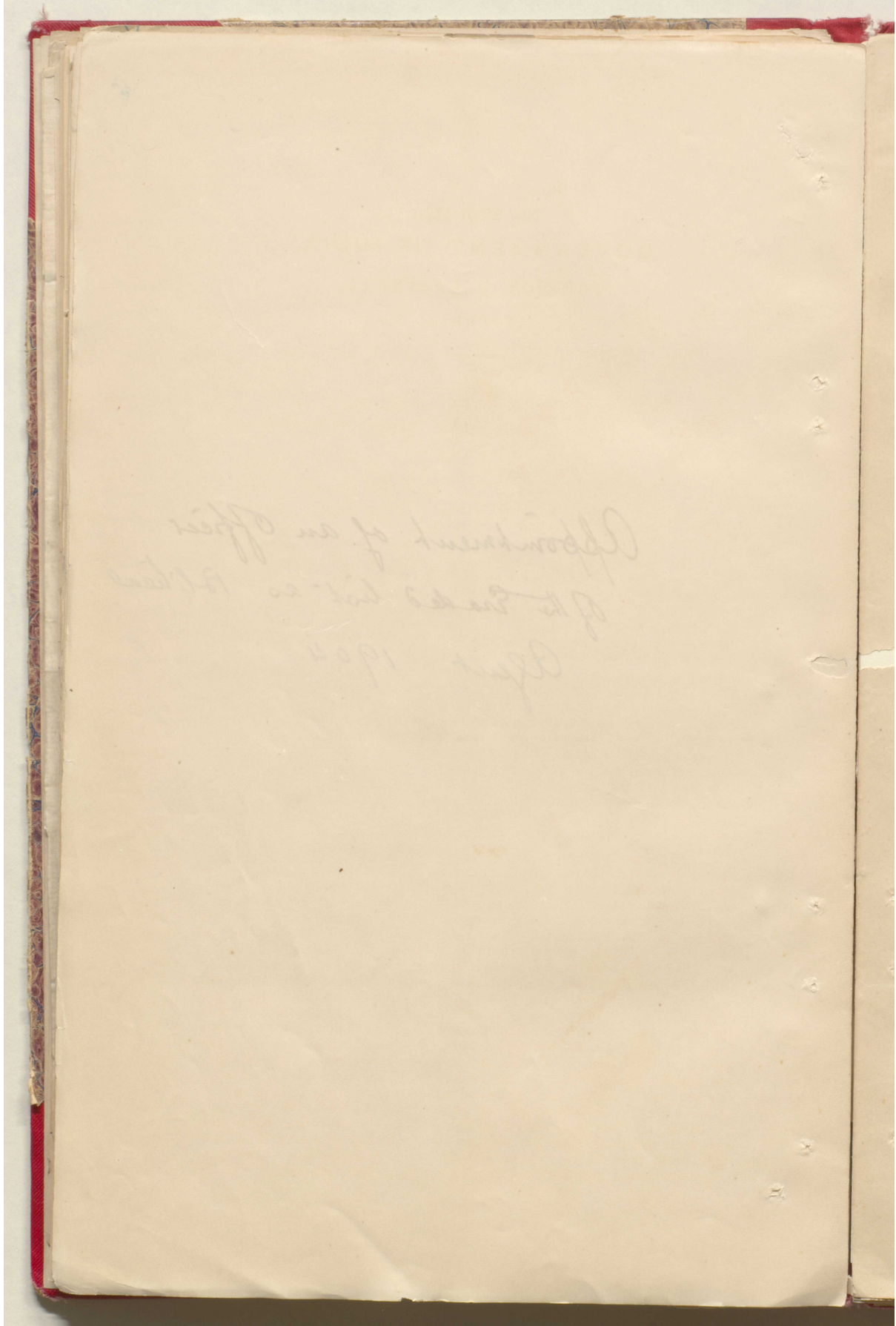
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

EXTERNAL.

To

THE RIGHT HON'BLE ST. JOHN BRODRICK,  
*His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.*

SIMLA, the 21st April 1904.

SIR,

We have the honour to address you regarding the affairs of Bahrein and the arrangements for British representation at Manama. The situation is peculiar. The protection of the British Government has converted the island from a scene of chronic external aggression and intestine feud into a peaceful and flourishing centre of industry and commerce. We have not only secured the stability of the present Chief's rule, but, at the Sheikh's entreaty and with the approval of His Majesty's Government, we have recognised his son, Hamed, as his heir, and have thus practically guaranteed the succession on Sheikh Isa's death. Yet we have never declared a formal protectorate; we have demanded no tribute; and we have abstained from interference in domestic affairs, except at the Sheikh's request. Secure in the gratuitous enjoyment of the benefits thus conferred upon him, the Sheikh has forgotten the past vicissitudes of the Khalifa family and the exactions and the loss of independence to which his ancestors submitted at the hands of the Wahabi House and of the Imam of Maskat during the period immediately preceding our intervention: while our moderation seems to have induced the belief in the Chief's mind that his relations with the British Government are of a kind that involve no corresponding obligations on his own part.

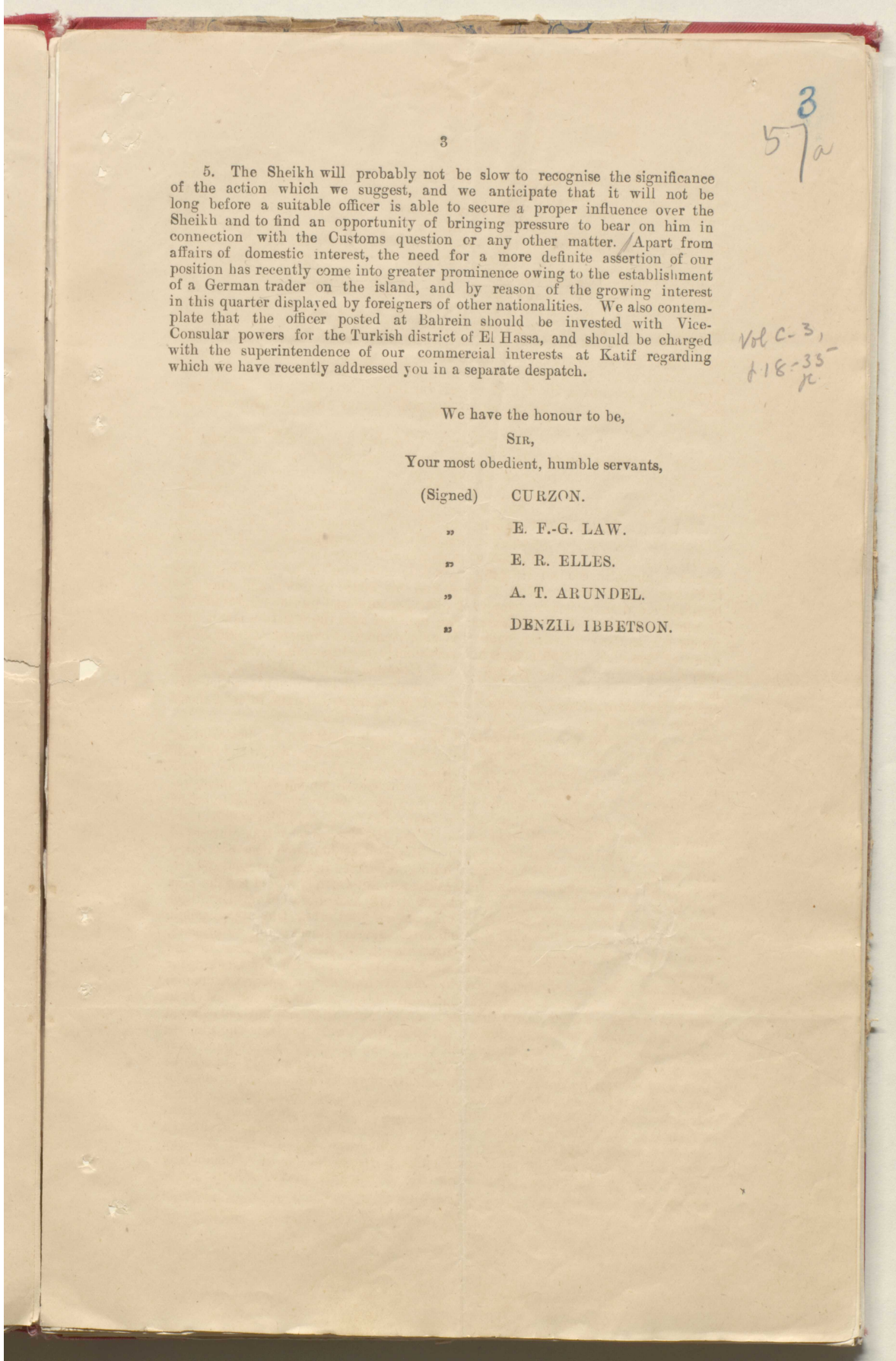
2. The incorrectness of the Sheikh's attitude has been conspicuously noticeable in connection with the question of his Customs revenues. His Majesty's Government are aware of the existing system whereby the Customs are farmed to British Indian Baniyas, and of the inadequacy of the income which is obtained under this arrangement. So far back as 1898, our Political Resident in the Persian Gulf broached the subject with the Chief, who gave Colonel Meade to understand that he would not renew the lease which had then about fourteen months to run, without first communicating with the Resident. Later in the same year, in pursuance of a proposal approved by your predecessor, Colonel Meade visited Bahrein with the object of inducing the Sheikh to receive a qualified officer to manage his Customs. Despite the previous understanding, however, the lease had in the meanwhile been extended for a further period of two years; and no action was taken beyond an expression by Colonel Meade of his disapproval of the Sheikh's bad faith. Three months later the Sheikh, though still indisposed to revise his Customs arrangements, again promised not to enter into any fresh agreement on the expiry of the existing contract in April 1902, without first informing the Resident. But in January 1900 Colonel Meade reported that the Sheikh had again departed from his engagements, and had prolonged the lease for a fresh term of two years, without previous intimation. A remonstrance was made; and the Chief expressed regret; but nevertheless, when in

1901, at the instance of Sir Nicolas O'Connor, it was again suggested that he should employ a British subject to supervise his Customs, he once more declined to accede to the wishes of His Majesty's Government. In November of the same year, the Sheikh appeared to become more amenable, and declared his intention of assuming the direct management of his Customs on the expiry of the lease then current. Within a fortnight, however, he had renewed the contract for a further period of two years. No further action was taken until, during his recent tour in the Persian Gulf, His Excellency the Viceroy spoke seriously about the matter to the Chief, and pointed out to him the necessity of a change in the existing arrangements. The Sheikh asked for time to consider the matter with his brother and sons; and the Resident was accordingly instructed to report further after renewed consultation with the Sheikh. In his letter of the 18th February 1904, of which we enclose a copy, Colonel Kemball has recounted the failure of his further endeavours with Sheikh Isa, who steadily declines to revise the arrangements under which his revenues are at present collected.

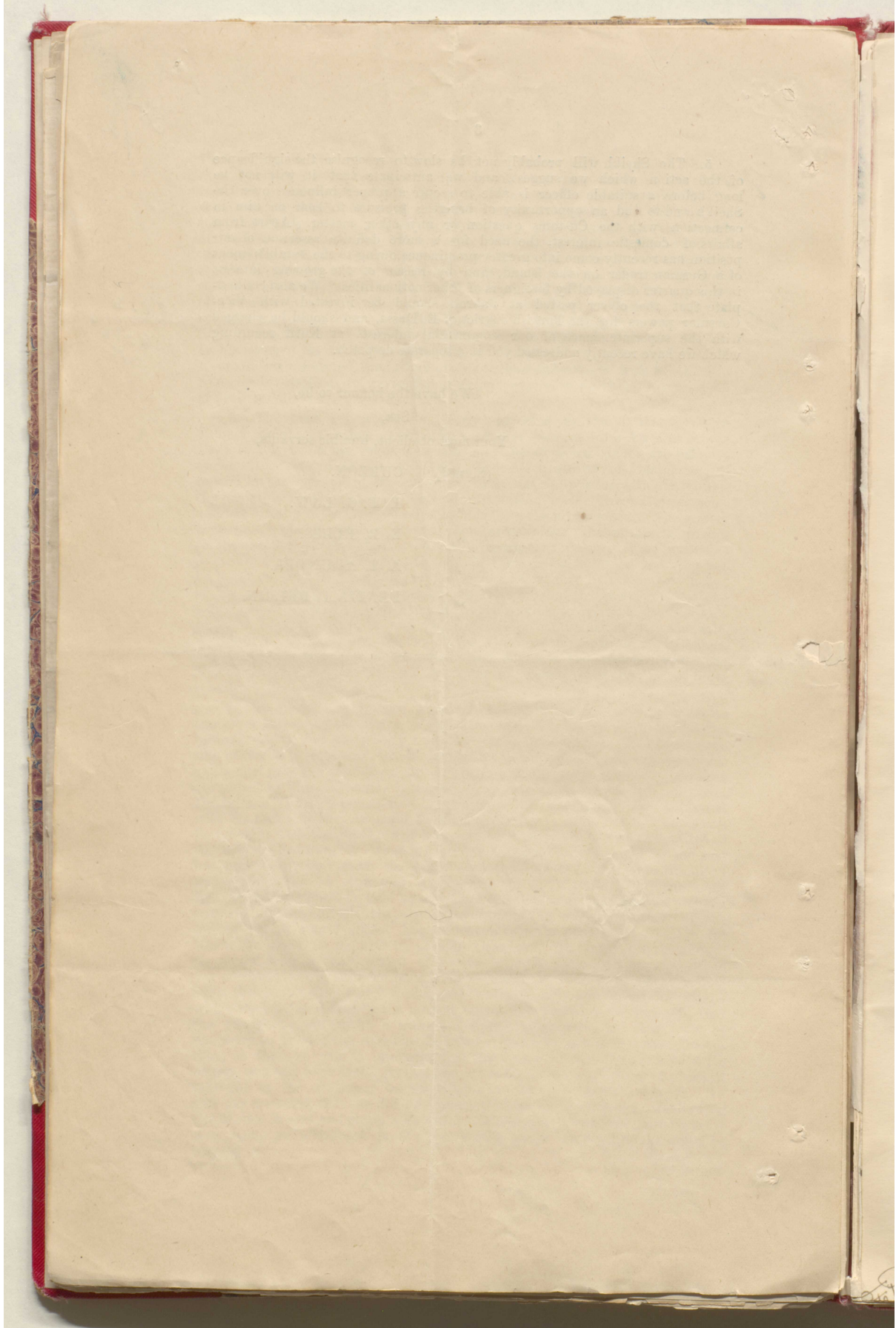
3. The need for reform is clearly indicated by the figures given in Colonel Kemball's letter. The Chief's present income from his Customs is Rs. 1,16,200, while the revenue which may be expected under an efficient system is estimated at Rs. 3,50,000. The practicability of the change is proved by the example of Maskat where, in partial compliance with our wishes, the Sultan has taken the Customs administration under direct management, and has already reaped considerable benefit from the arrangement. The matter is obviously one to which we cannot remain indifferent. Committed, as we are, to the support of Sheikh Hamed, it is incumbent on us to take measures to ensure that, on his accession, he may find his house in order, and may not be burdened with a heavy legacy of debt accumulated by the improvidence of his predecessor. For this reason we consider that the question is not one which can be allowed to drop, even if it were possible to overlook the Sheikh's repeated breaches of faith and his persistently contumacious attitude with regard to it. In fact, the reform of the Customs administration of Bahrein has become a test case of the nature and degree of the influence which the British Government may reasonably claim to exercise over the ruler of those islands.

4. To coerce the Sheikh would be a simple matter. He possesses no troops or ships, and the towns of Manama and Muharrak, where the Sheikh himself resides, are completely open to attack from the sea. But the adoption of forcible measures would be liable to arouse unnecessary suspicion and alarm as to our intentions in the Gulf; and we prefer, therefore, to effect our object by means which, if slower, may, we trust, be not less effective. During the Viceroy's recent visit to the island, His Excellency was impressed with the fact that our Assistant Political Resident at Manama does not carry that weight with the Sheikh which should be expected in the representative of the British Government. That Mr. Gaskin was not entirely suited for the post has been recognised from the outset; we think that Lord George Hamilton was right when he expressed the opinion in 1901 that the appointment was one which should be held by an officer of superior status; and we propose, with the approval of His Majesty's Government, to select an officer of the graded list of our Political Department to take the place of Mr. Gaskin, for whom we hope to be able to provide elsewhere. To emphasise the change we would send a small guard of native infantry as a permanent escort to our new Agent. It has been recognised as desirable that a gun-boat should visit the island frequently during the pearling season to check the piracies which then occur. During the present year it can probably be arranged that the gun-boat shall make a more prolonged stay at Bahrein. It will also be necessary to provide the Assistant Political Agent with a boat of some description, so that he can at intervals visit Katif and the outlying portions of his charge, and this boat could, perhaps, be utilised for the suppression of piratical outrages in the shallower waters which a British gun-boat cannot reach. In this way we think that the difficult question which has been raised, of allowing the Sheikh to arm and equip a dhow for this purpose, might be satisfactorily met, while an additional proof of our title to police the pearl banks would be secured.

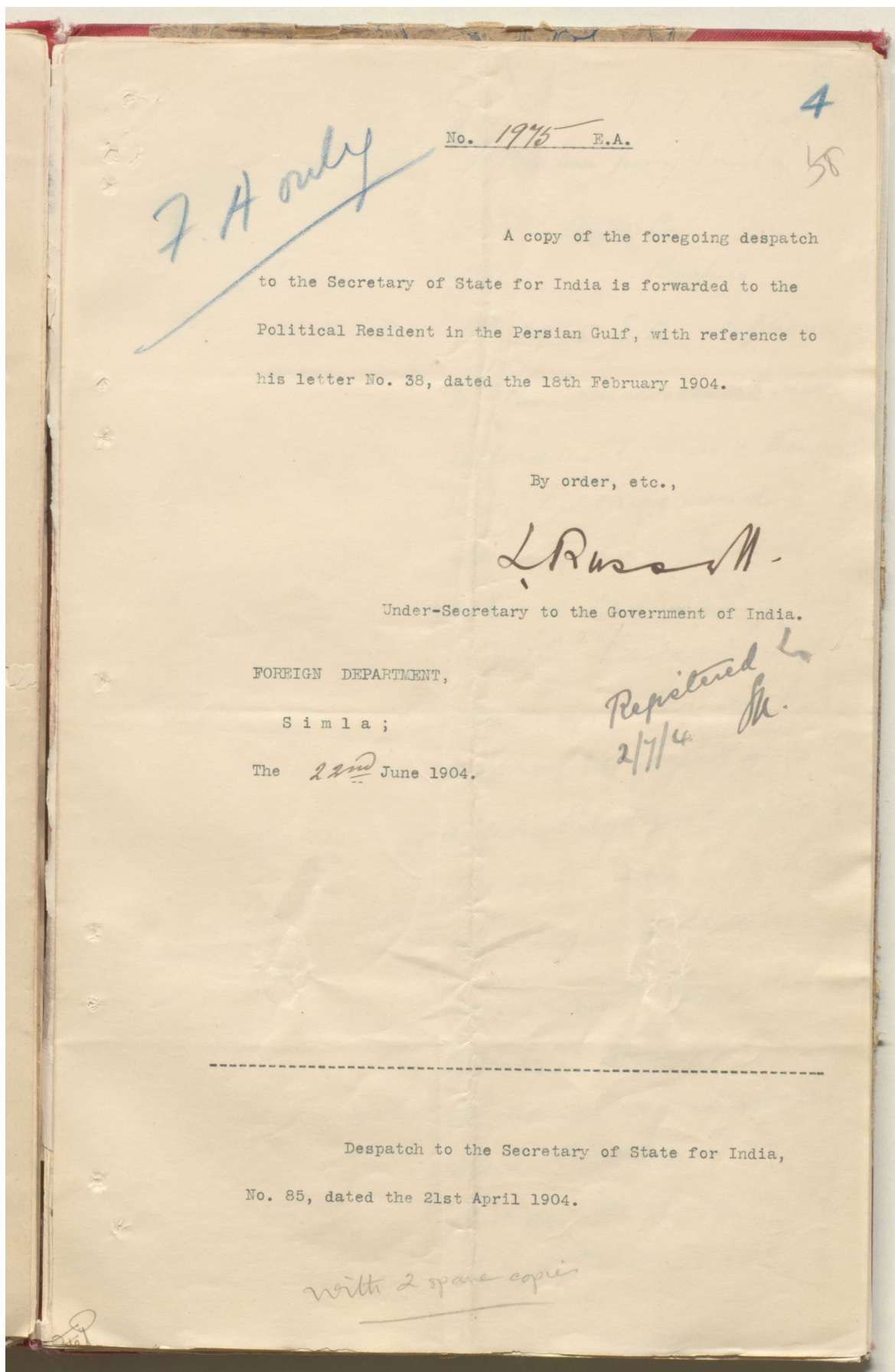
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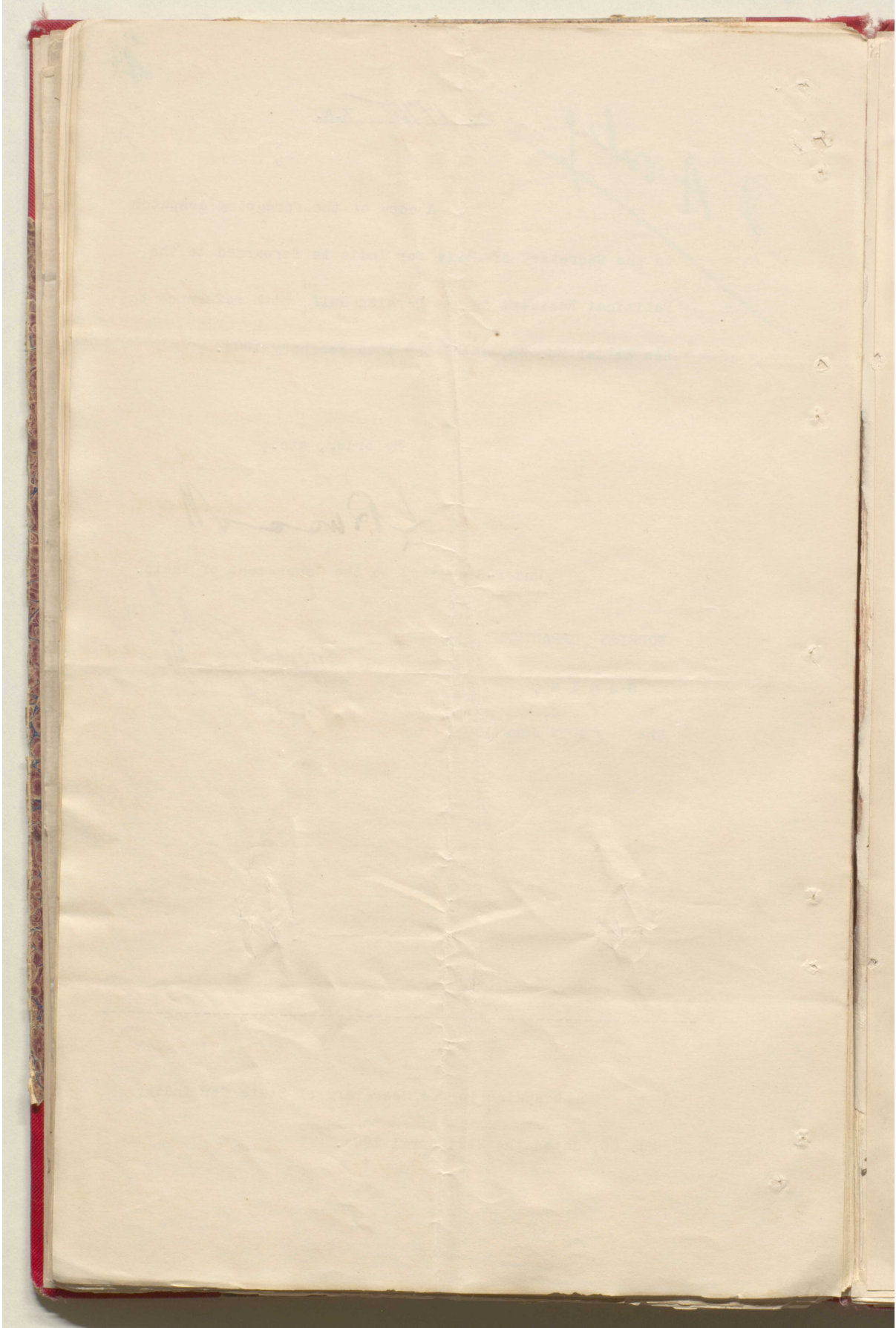
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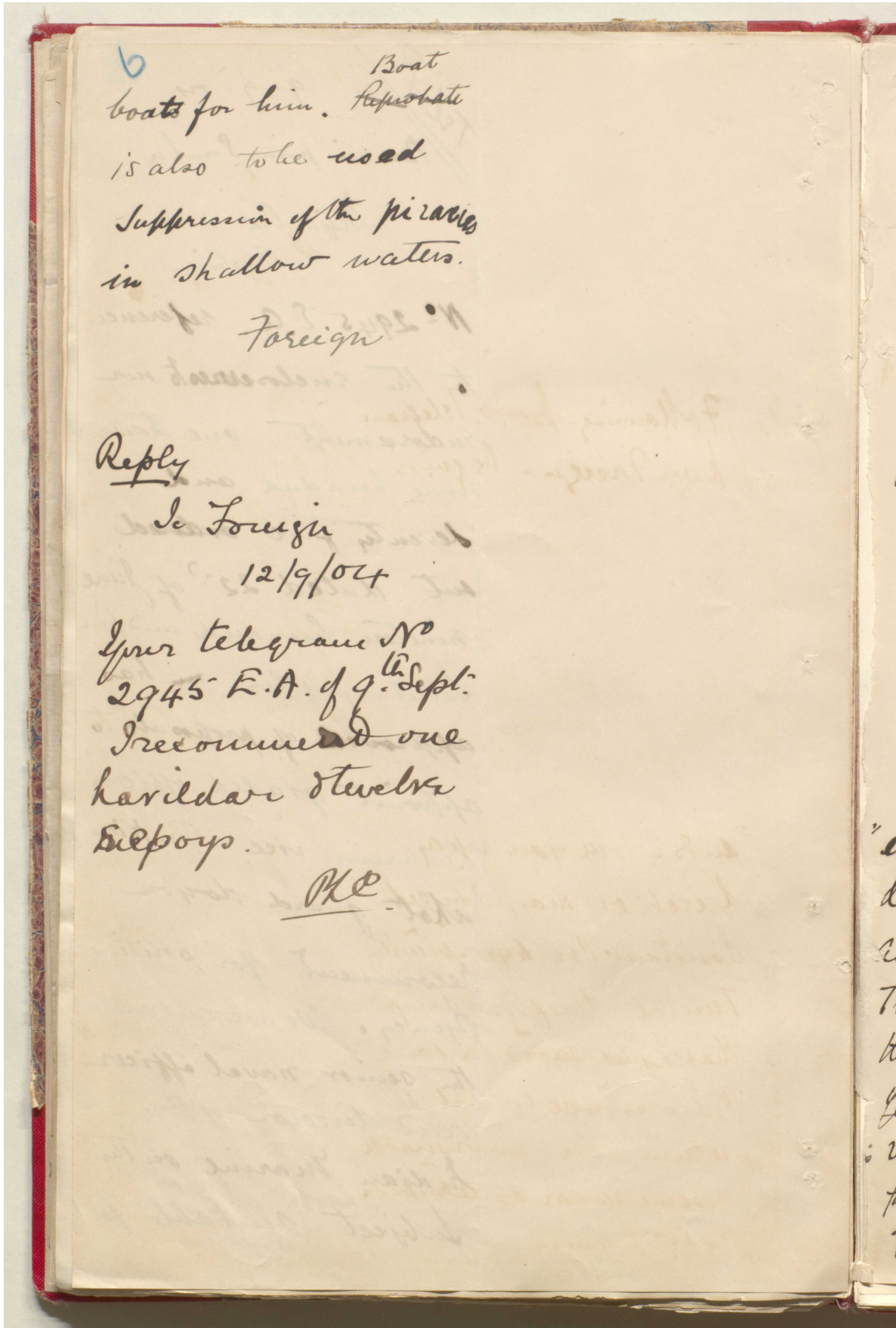


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Tel P / 9-9-04 5  
Bahrain from Simla 58-a  
Major Cox  
Bahrain.  
N<sup>o</sup> 2945 E.A. reference  
to the enclosures to our  
endorsement one thousand  
nine hundred and  
seventy five ~~ordered~~  
~~sent~~ dated 22<sup>nd</sup> of June  
nineteen hundred and four  
Secretary of State has  
approved of proposals to  
appoint graded officers  
Bahrain vice Gaskin  
what guard do you  
recommend for political  
Agency. We are addressing  
the senior naval officer  
and director of the  
Indian Marine on the  
Subject of suitable for



Telegram from Simla <sup>7</sup>  
date 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 96

Political Resident  
Bahrein.

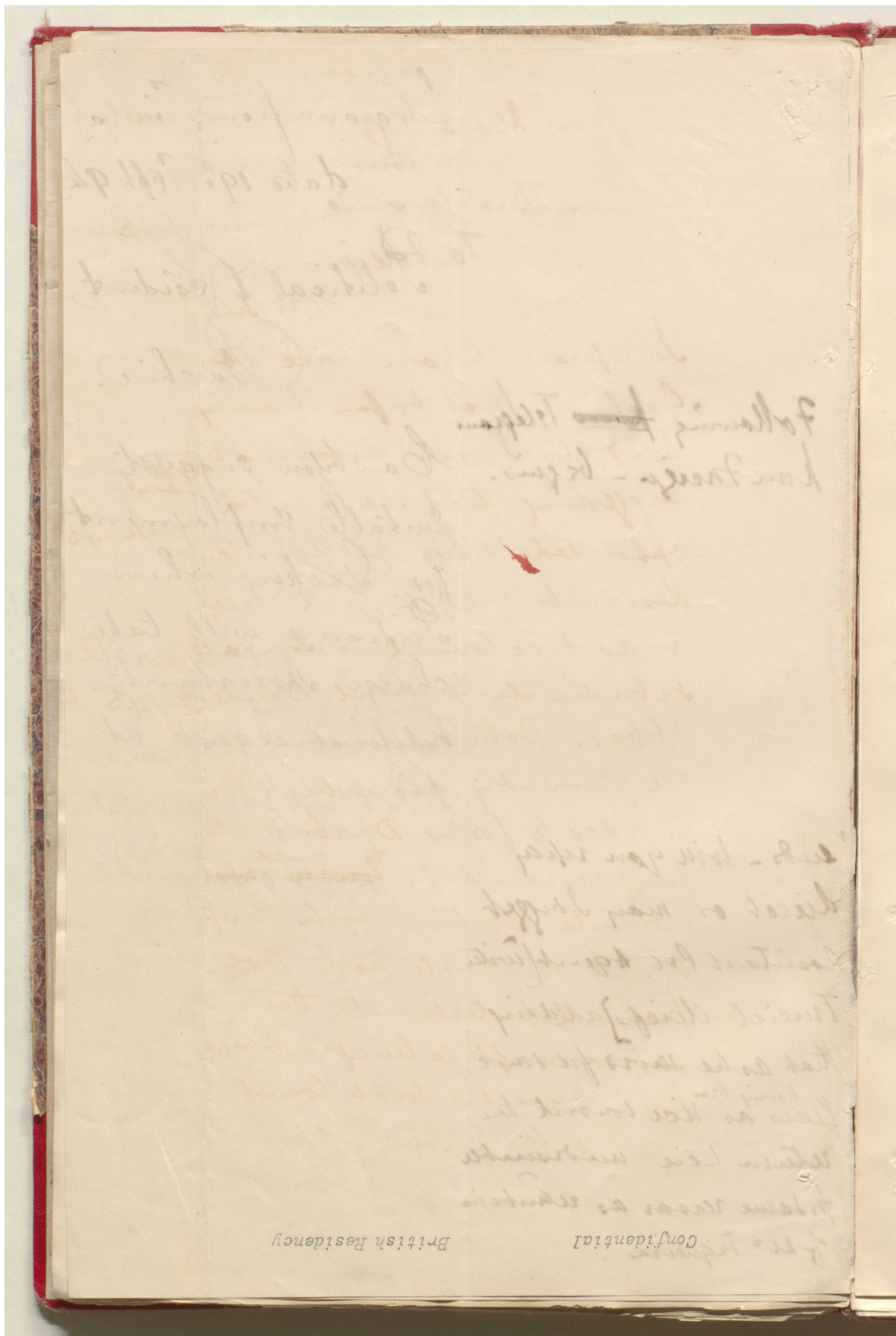
Following ~~Telegram~~ Telegram  
from Foreign - Bahrein.

Can you suggest  
suitable employment  
for Gaskin when  
Spideaux will take  
charge Assistant  
Political Agent at  
Bahrein.

and - will you reply  
direct or may I suggest  
Assistant Pol Agent (with  
Trucial Chiefs) adding  
that as he served for some  
years as Vice Consul here  
<sup>having been</sup>  
return here undesirable  
for same reason as retention  
for Bahrein.

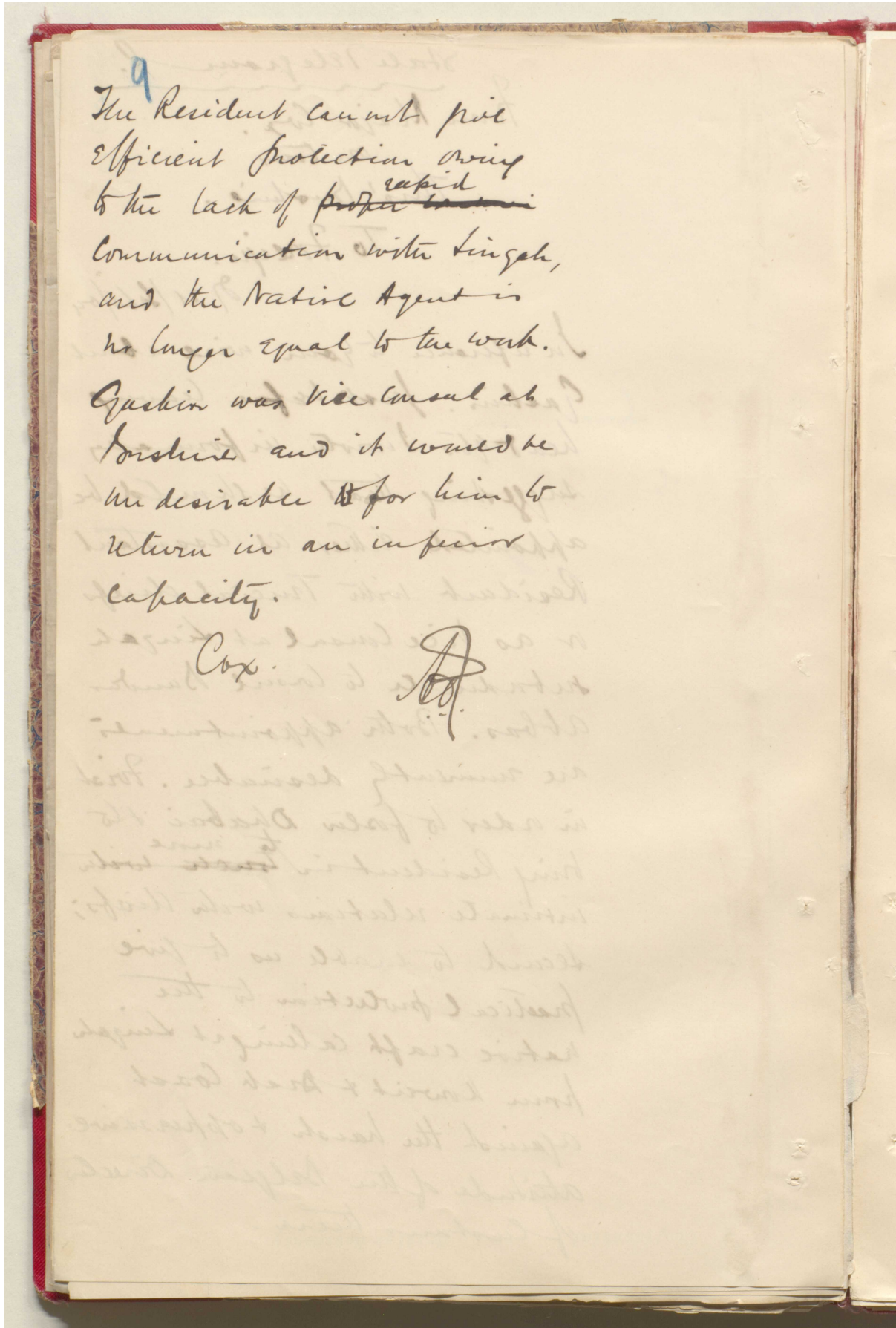
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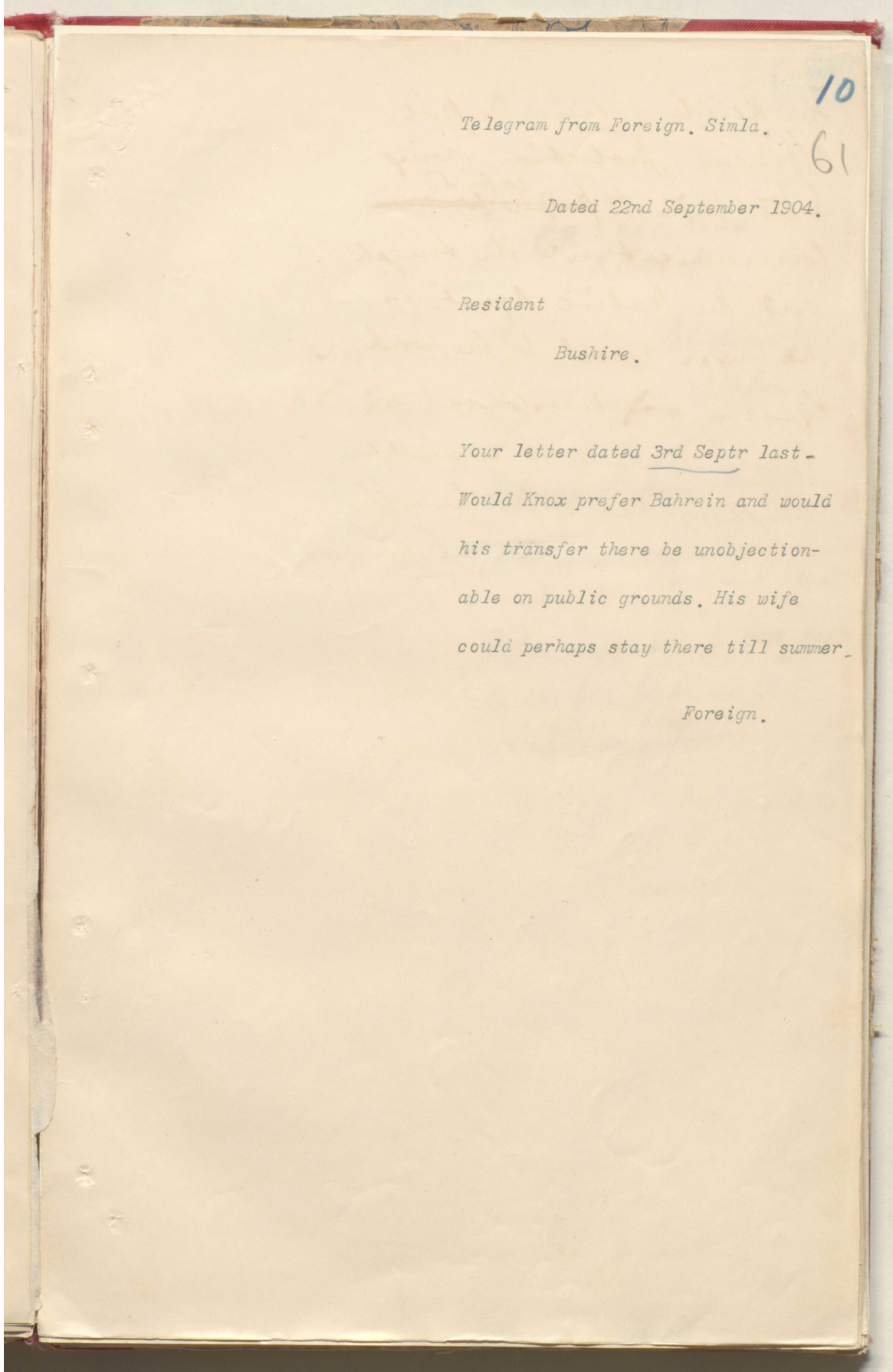


State Telegram P.  
From Major Cox. 8  
on tour 60  
Thos' Muskie.  
To Foreign.  
of 21/11/04

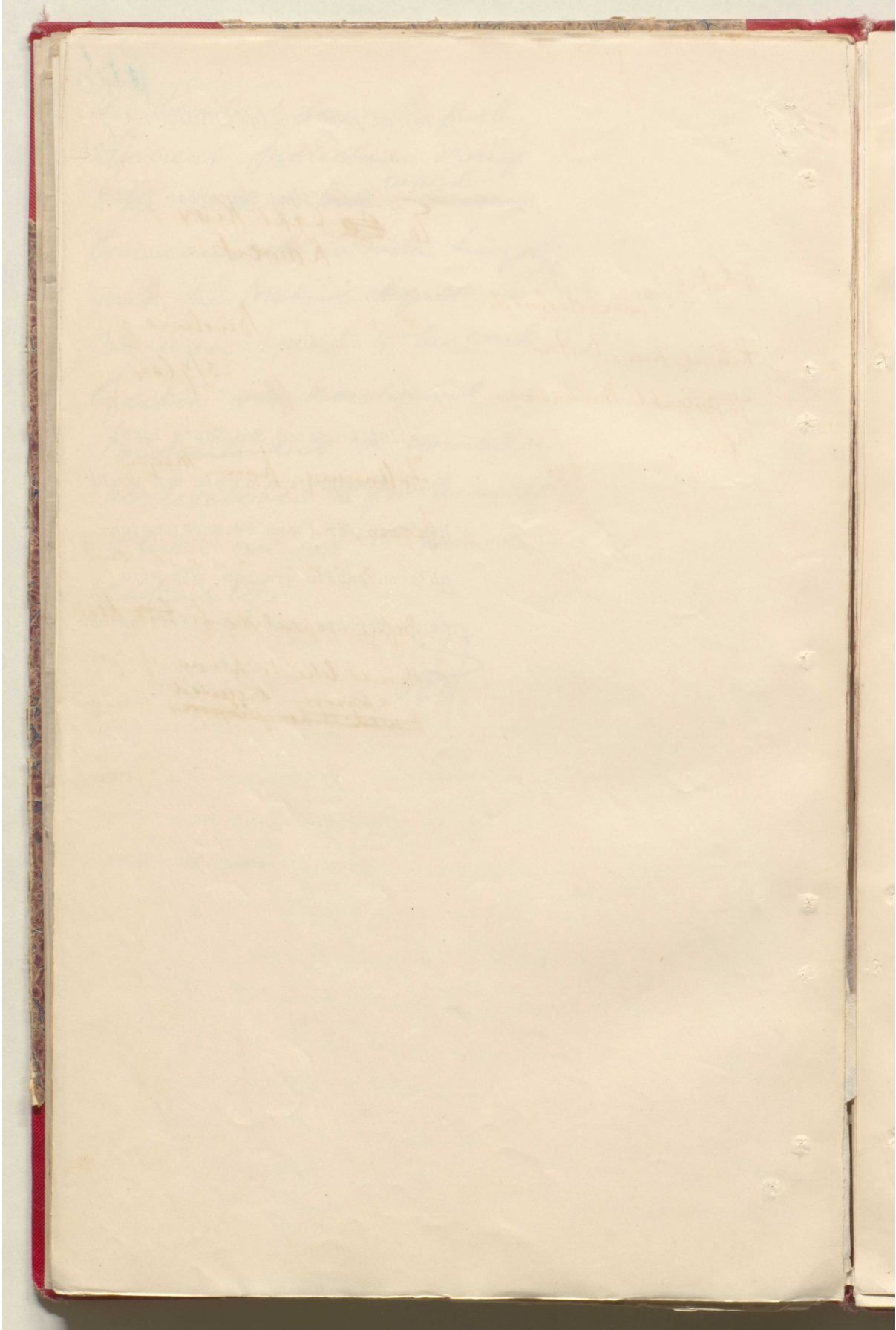
In reference to your wire about  
Gashin. Just before leaving  
head qtrs I wrote informally  
suggesting that he should be  
appointed either as Assistant  
Resident with Tribal chiefs  
or as Vice Consul at Lingah  
subordinate to Consul Daudar  
Abbas. Both appointments  
are eminently desirable. First  
in order to foster Dhabai & to  
bring Resident in <sup>to more</sup> ~~contact~~ with  
intimate relations with chiefs;  
second to enable us to give  
practical protection to the  
native craft calling at Lingah  
from Kuwait & Arab Coast  
against the harsh & oppressive  
attitude of the Belgian Director  
of Customs there.

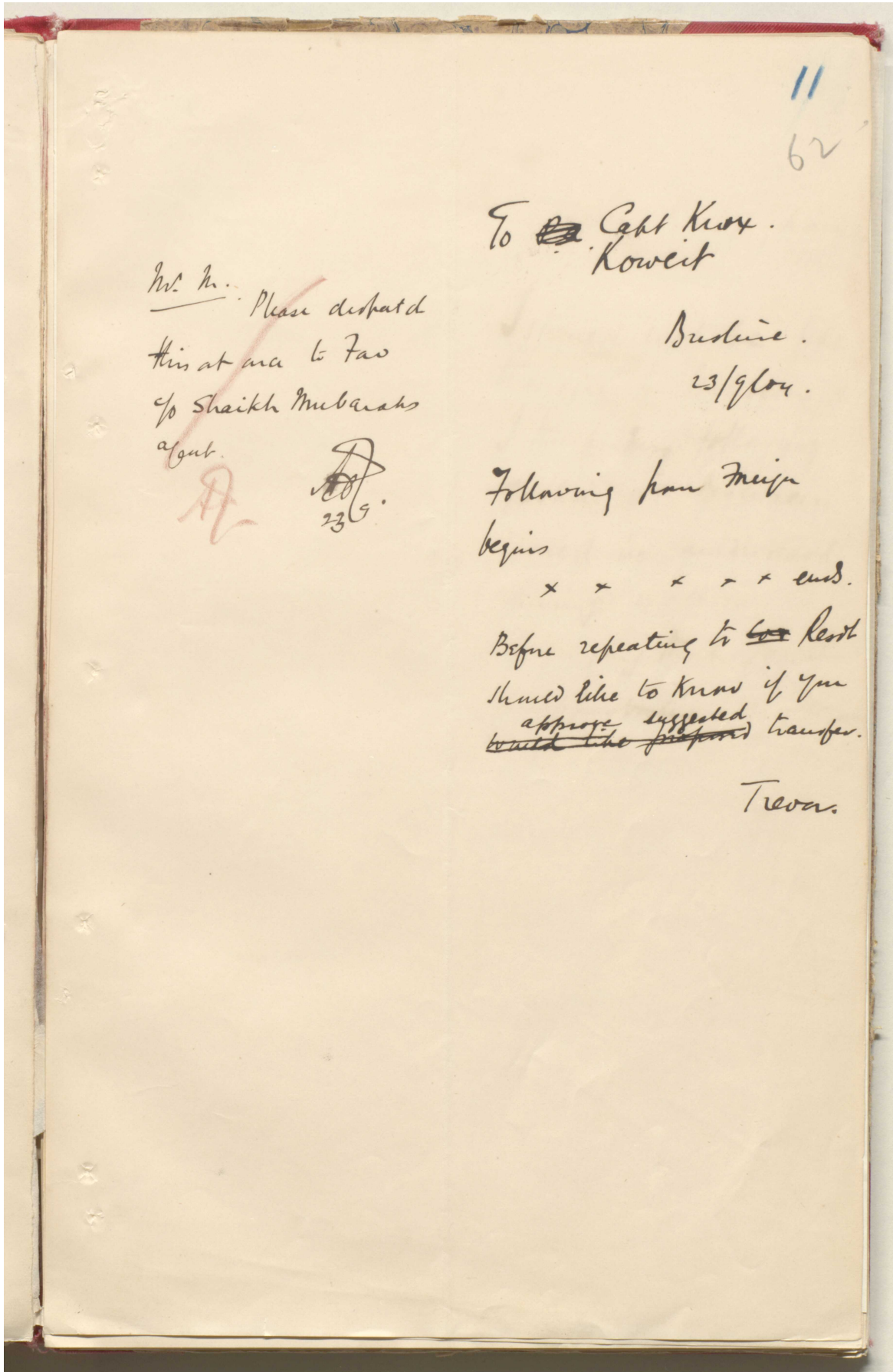


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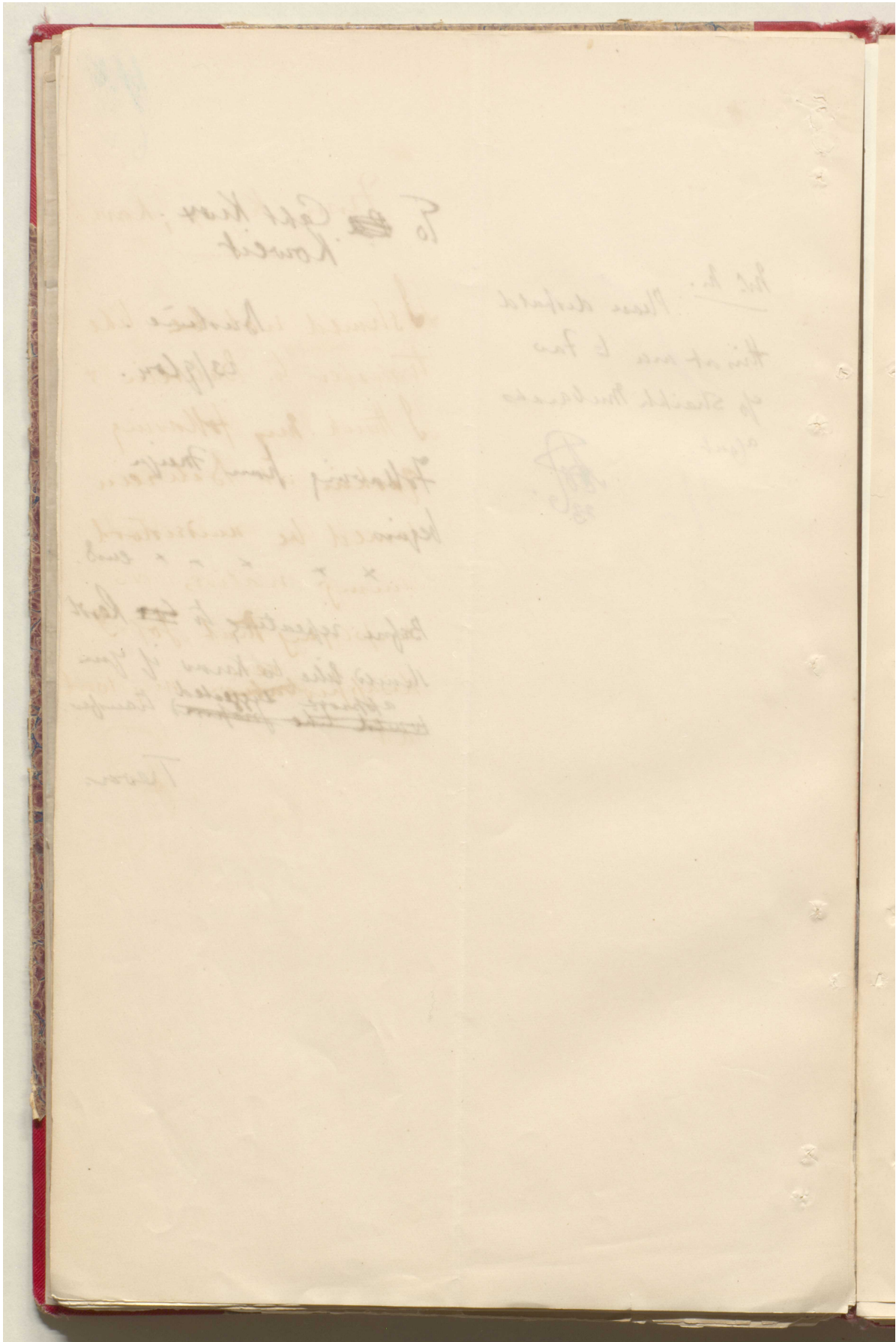


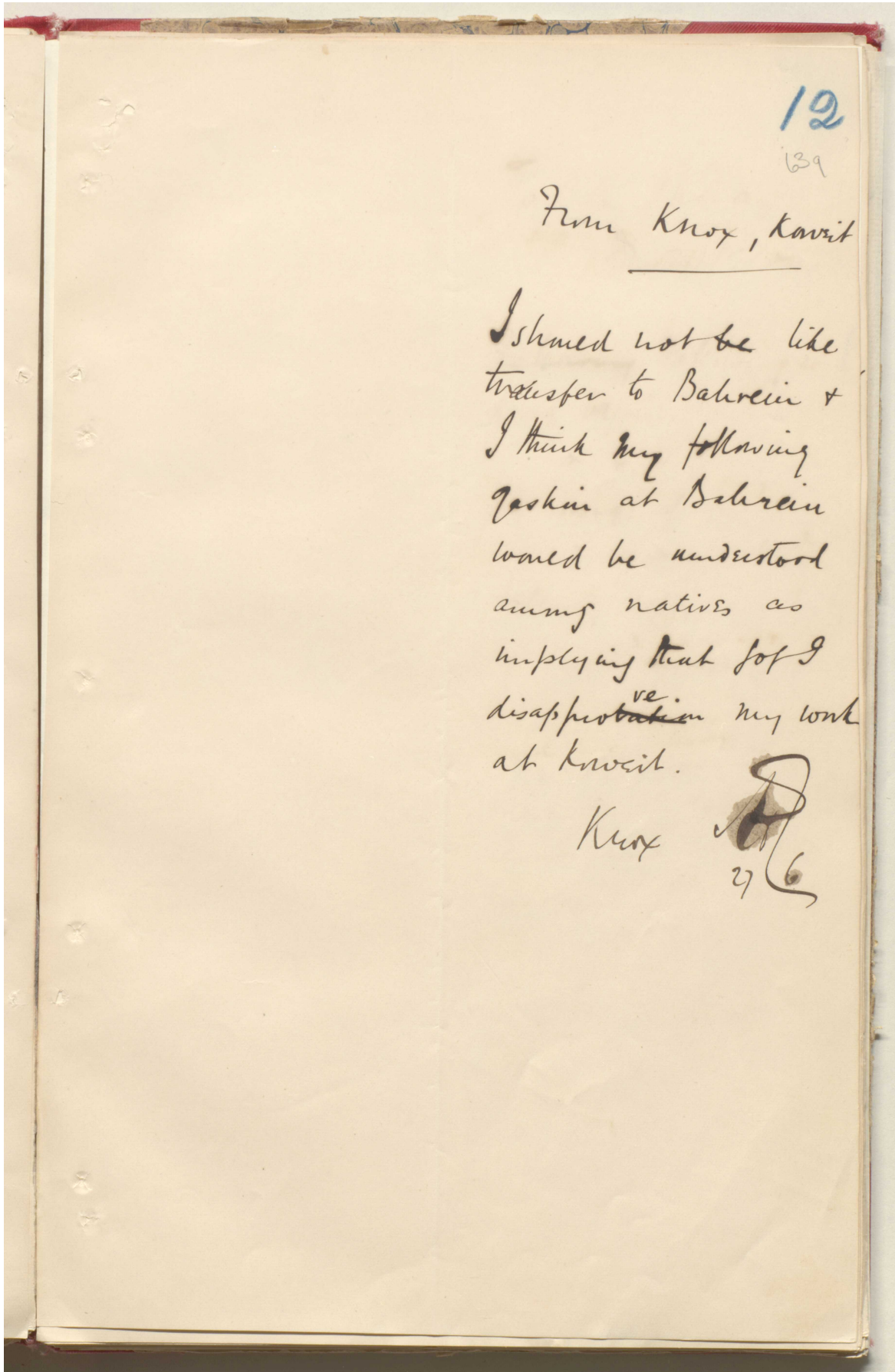
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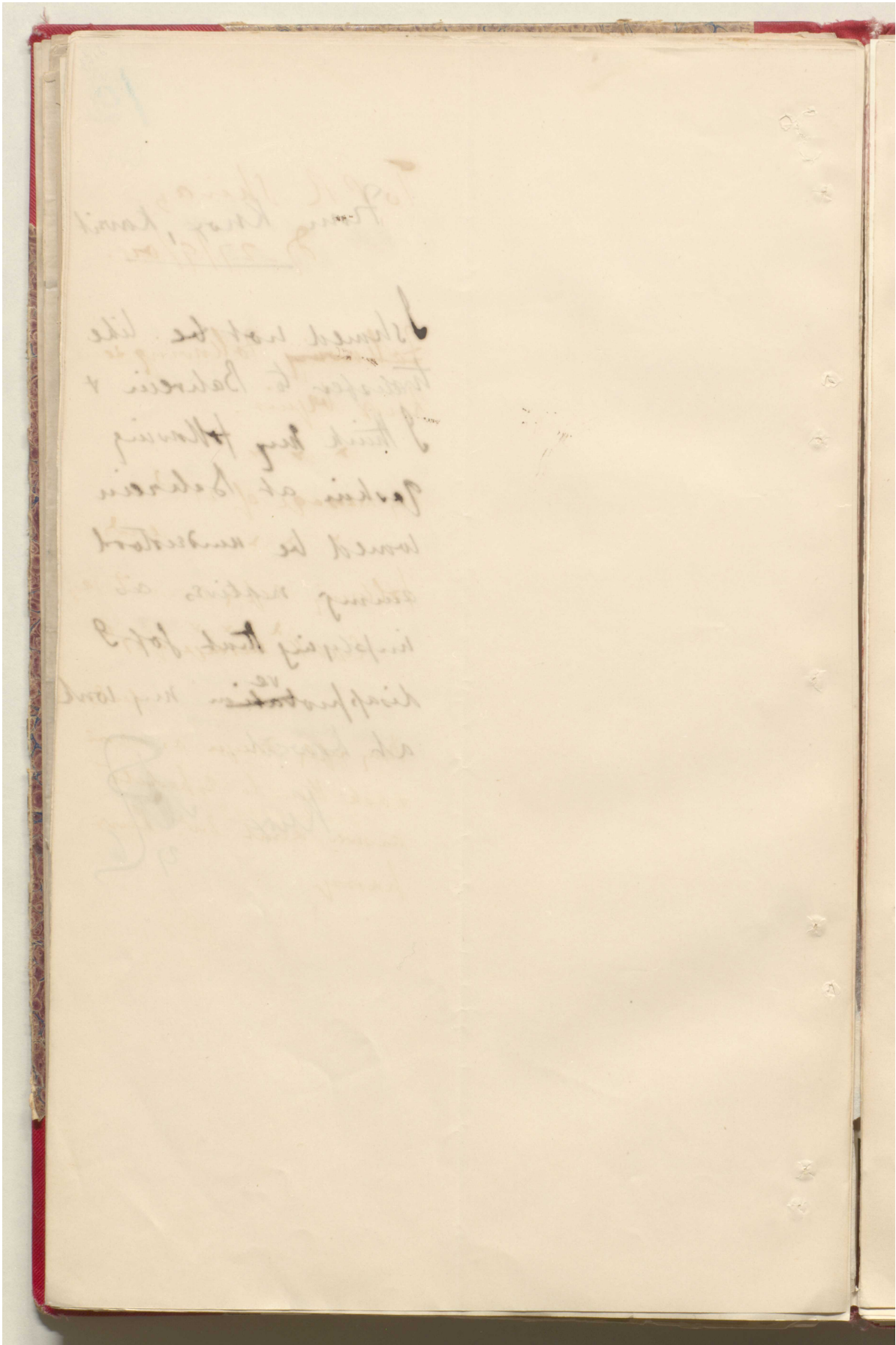


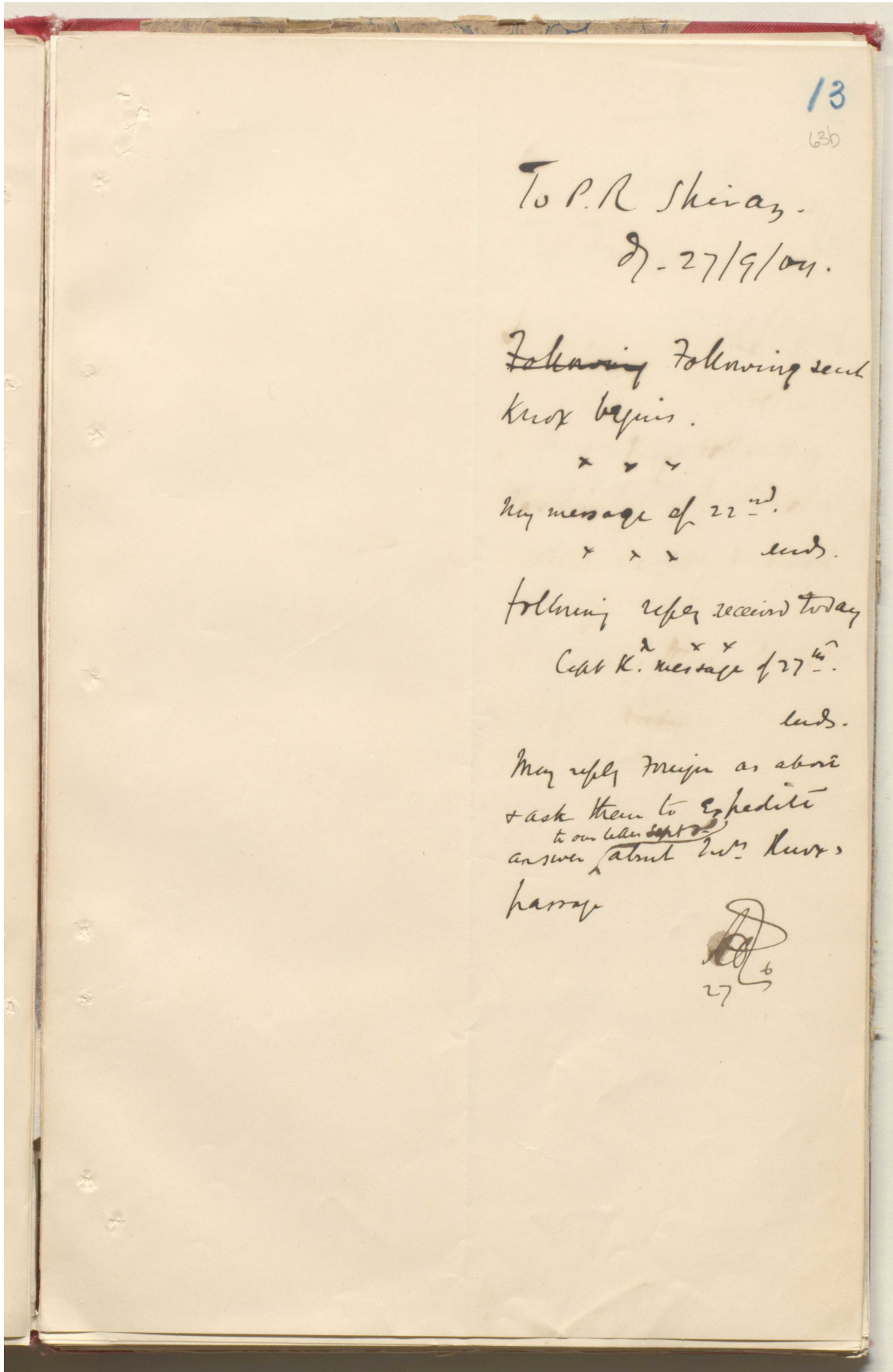
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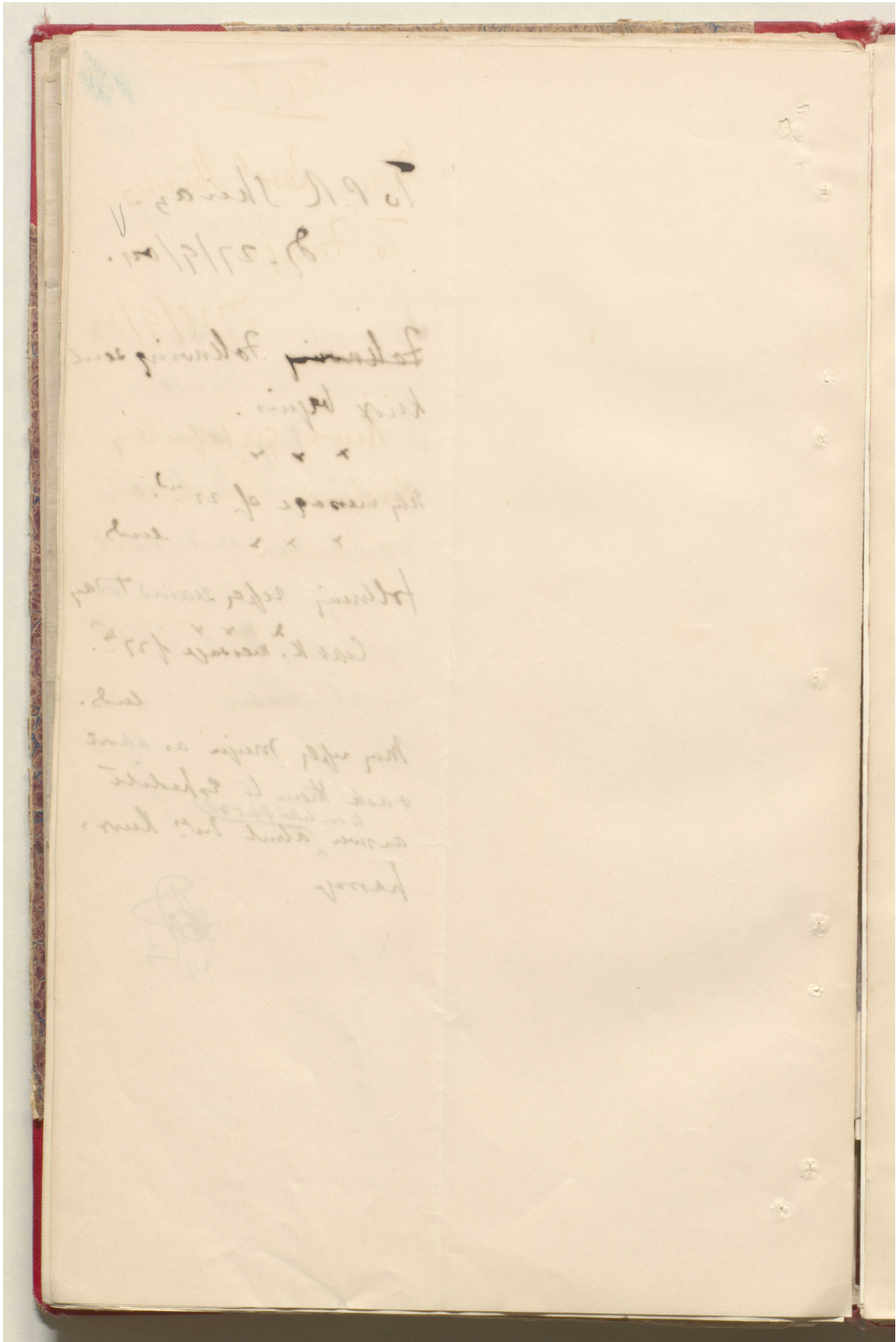


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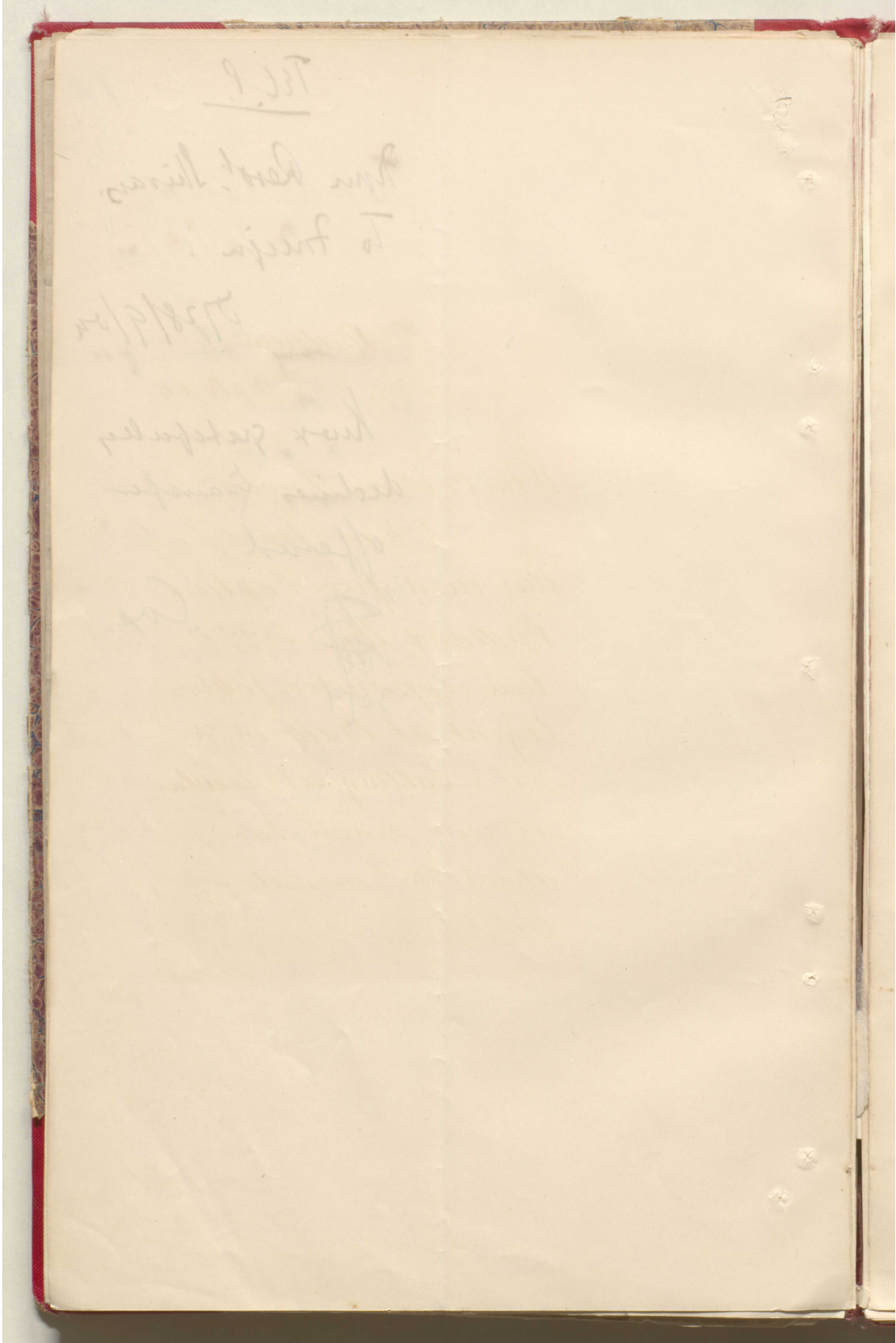


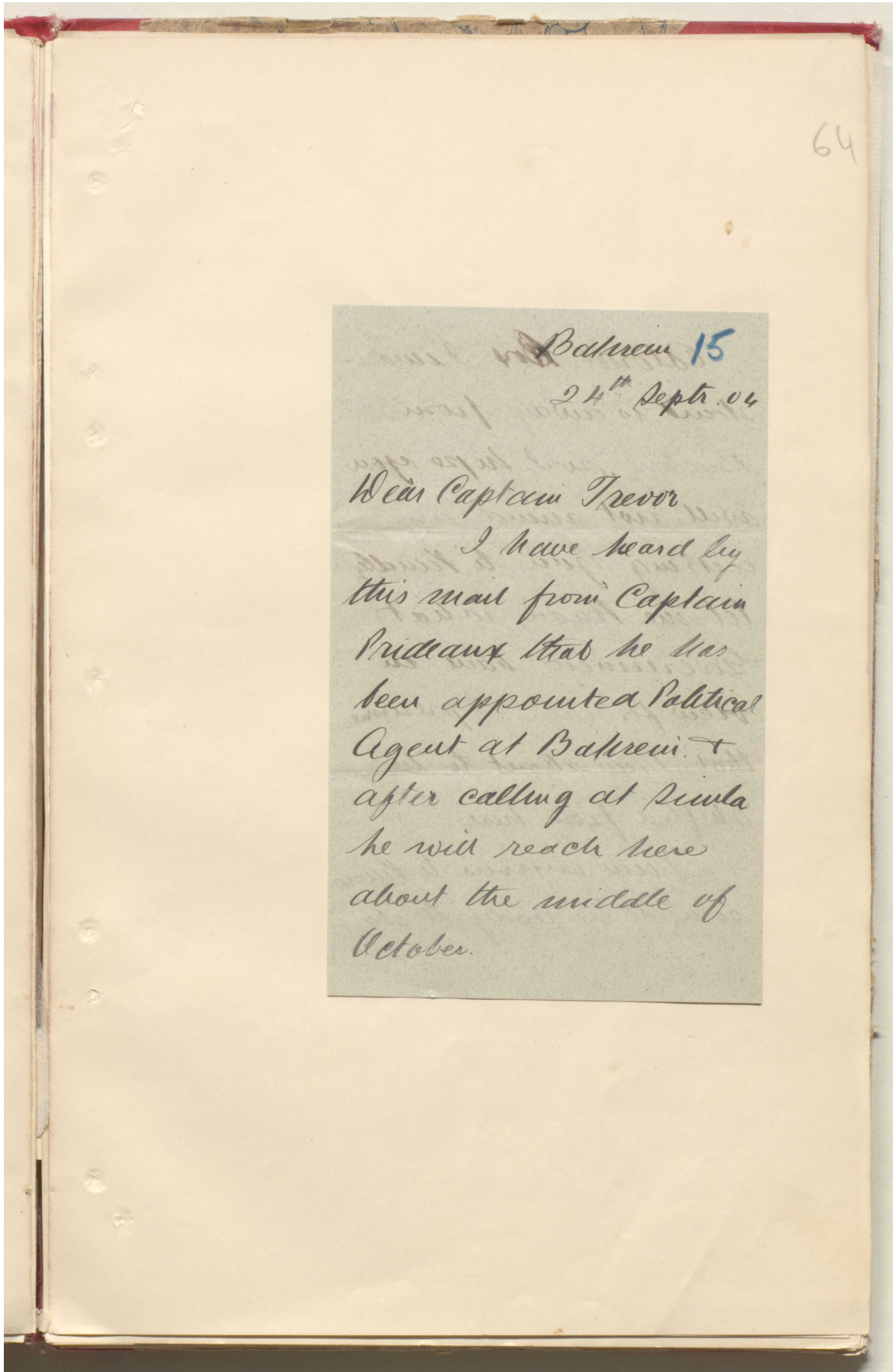
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TELEP. 14  
From Res. Shiras 63  
To Fuzja.  
27/28/9/54  
Knox gratefully  
declines transfer  
offered.  
D Cox.  
30/9

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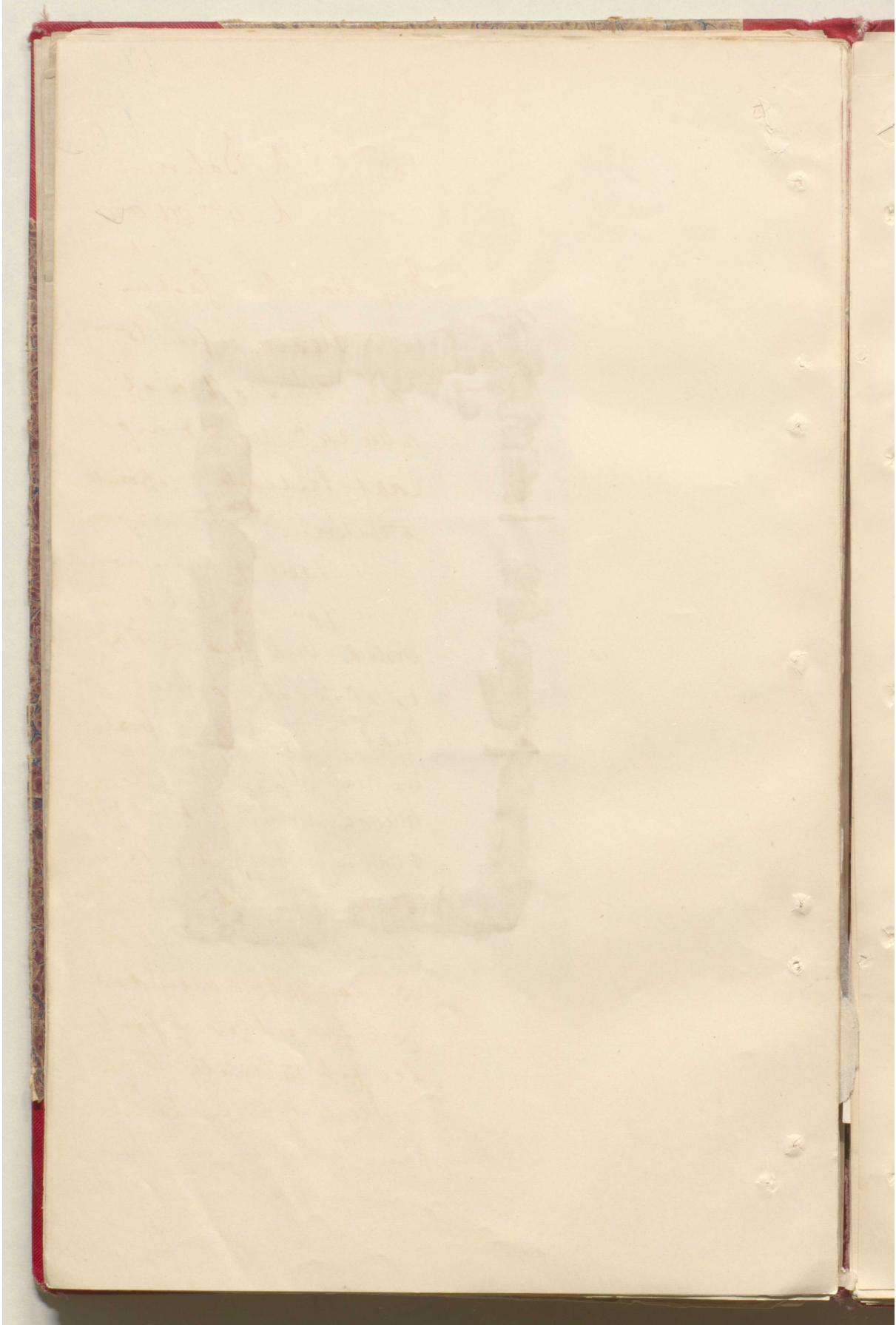
16 Colonel Cox. I understand is away from Buckire, so I hope you will not mind my asking you to kindly let me know what Government have in view for me. I presume that I am about to be shifted from here.

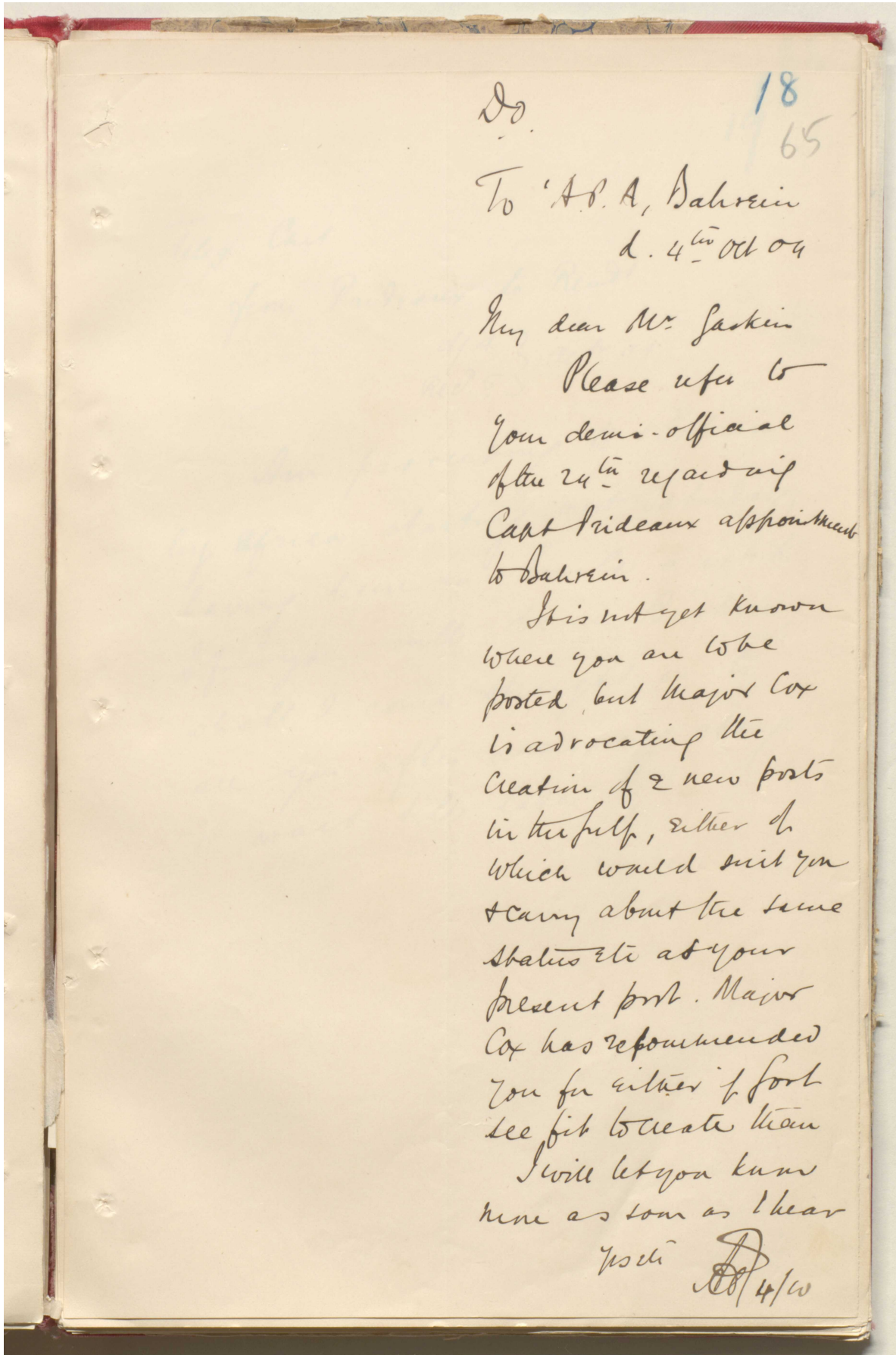
I am curious to know so as to be ready to start

away from here at 17 any moment I may receive my orders.

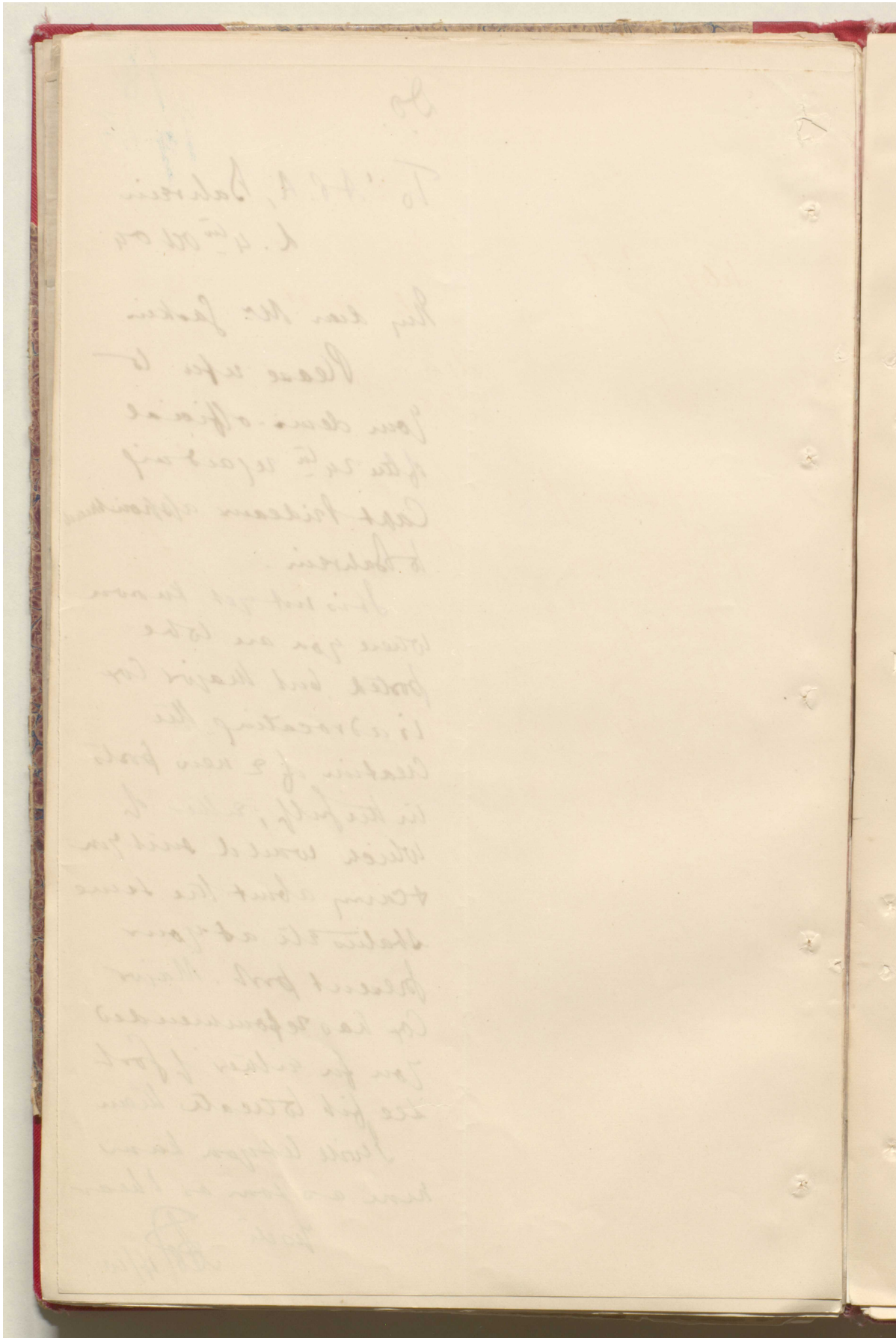
Yours sincerely  
J Colecott Easton

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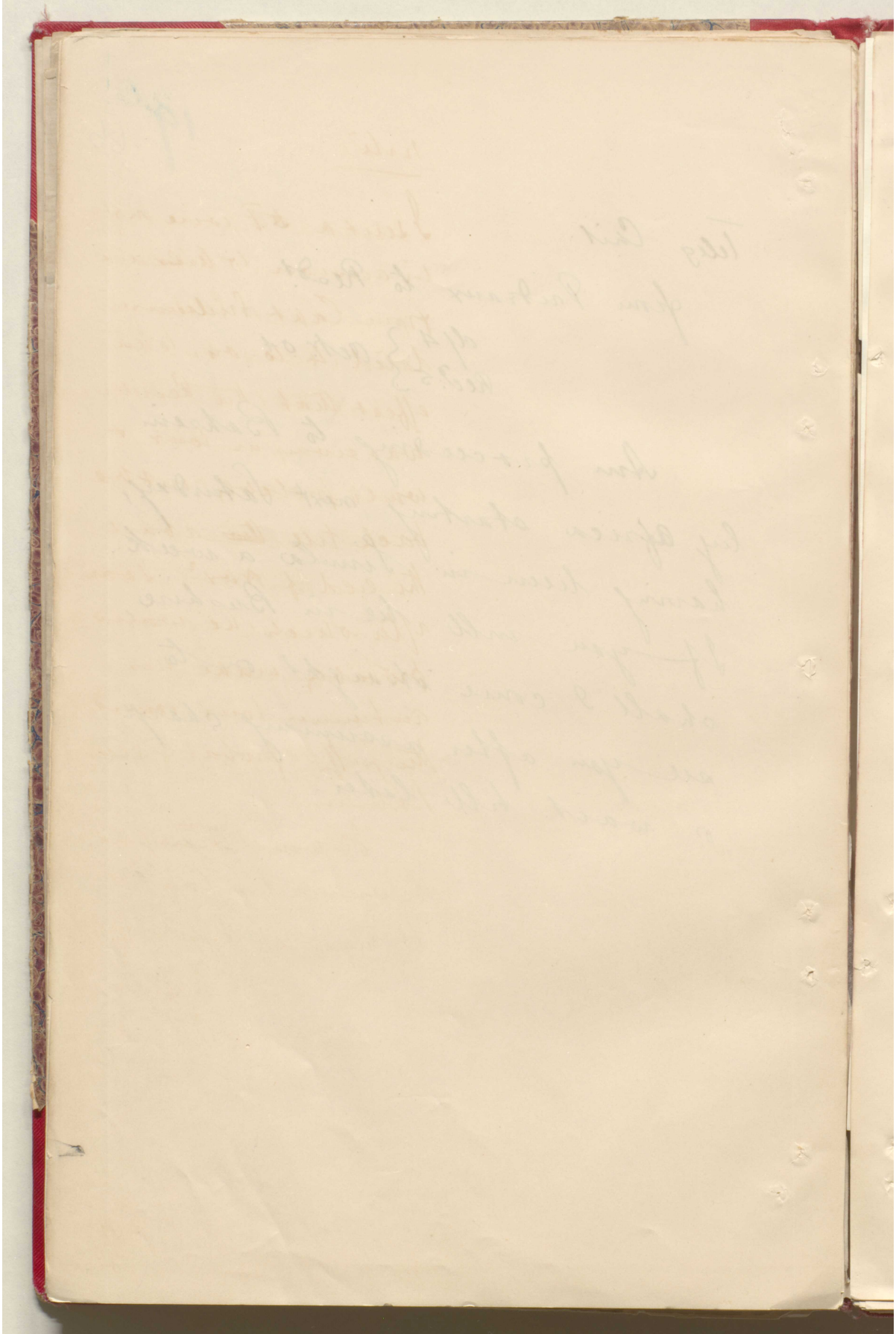
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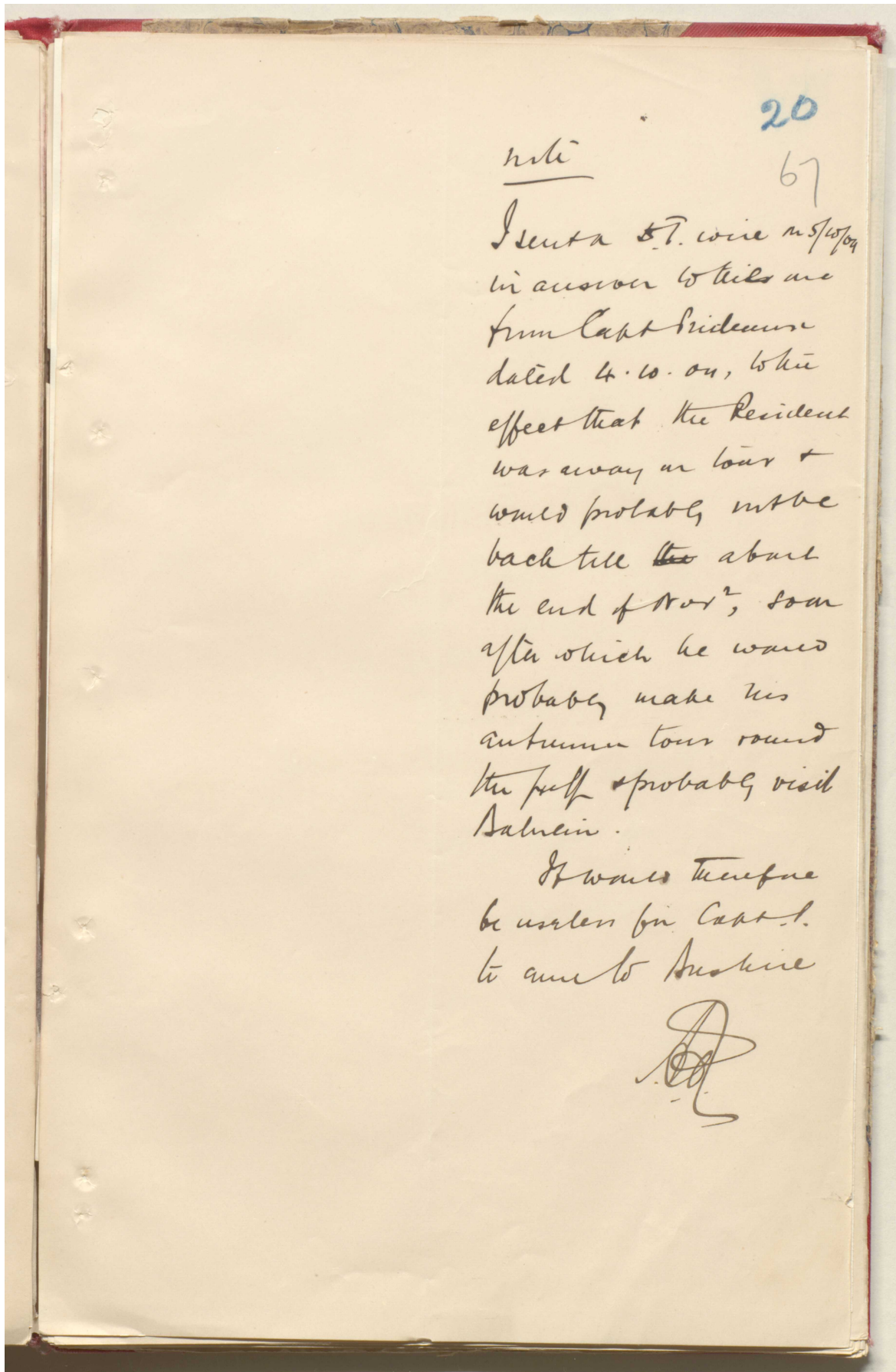
from Paireaux to Resd!

d/4 } Oct. 04  
Rec. 5 }

Am proceeding to Bahrein  
by Africa starting next Saturday,  
having been in Simla a week.  
If you will be in Bushire,  
shall I come straight on to  
see you after assuming charge  
or wait till later.

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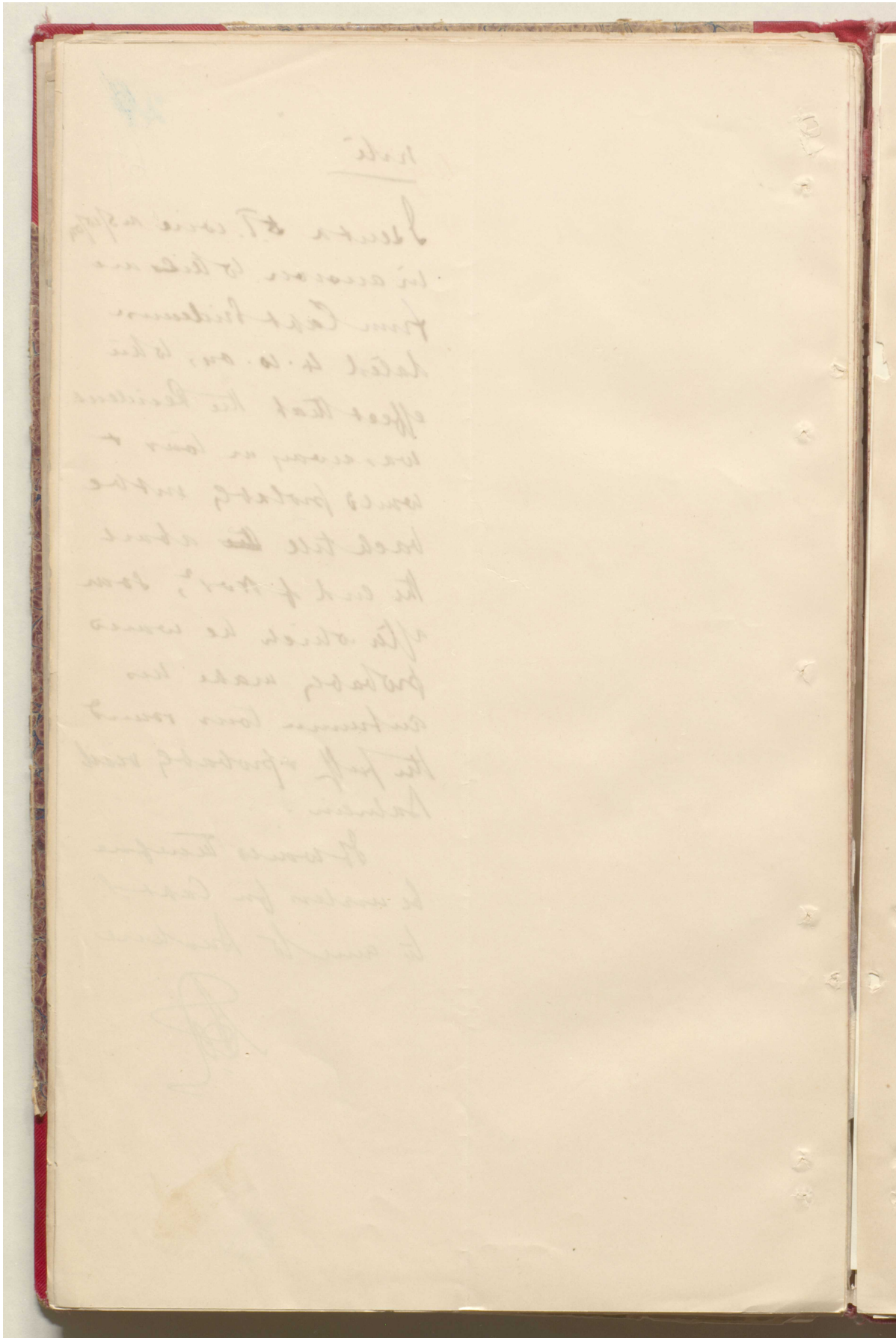
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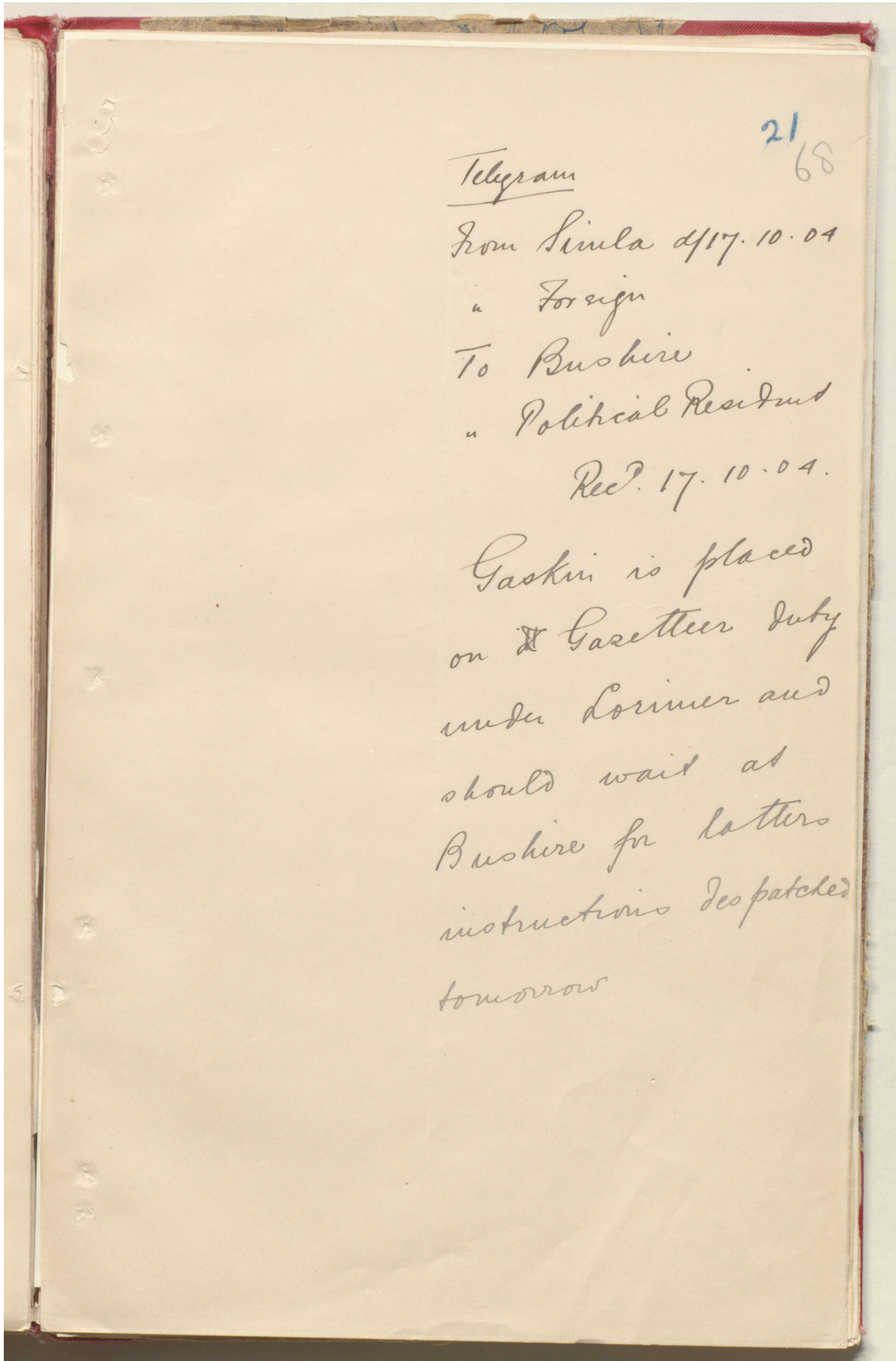
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I sent a B.T. wire on 5/10/04  
in answer to this one  
from Capt Siddeux  
dated 4.10.04, to the  
effect that the Resident  
was away on tour &  
would probably not be  
back till ~~the~~ about  
the end of Nov<sup>r</sup>, soon  
after which he would  
probably make his  
autumn tour round  
the Gulf & probably visit  
Salween.

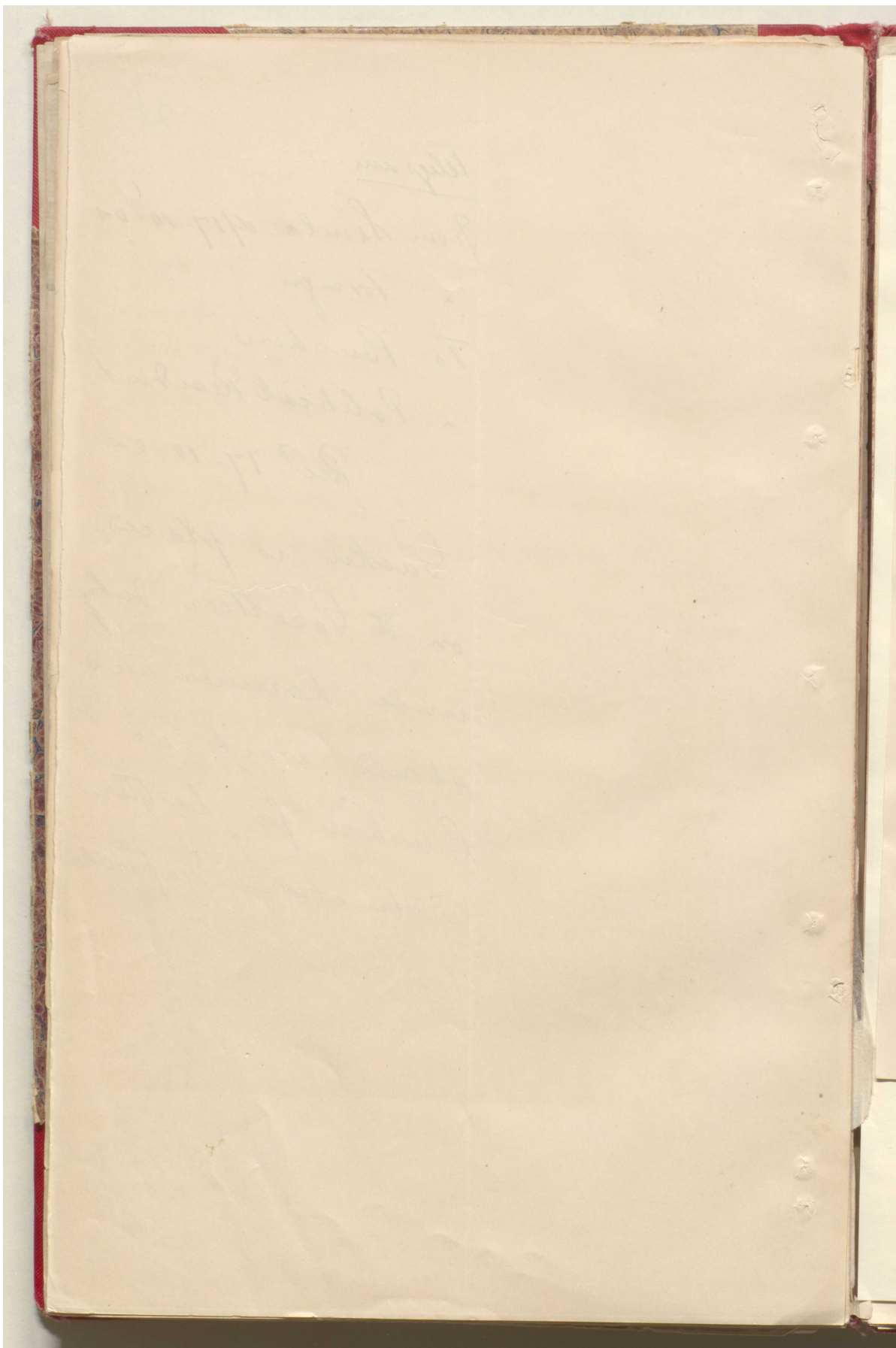
It would therefore  
be useless for Capt. S.  
to come to Amherst

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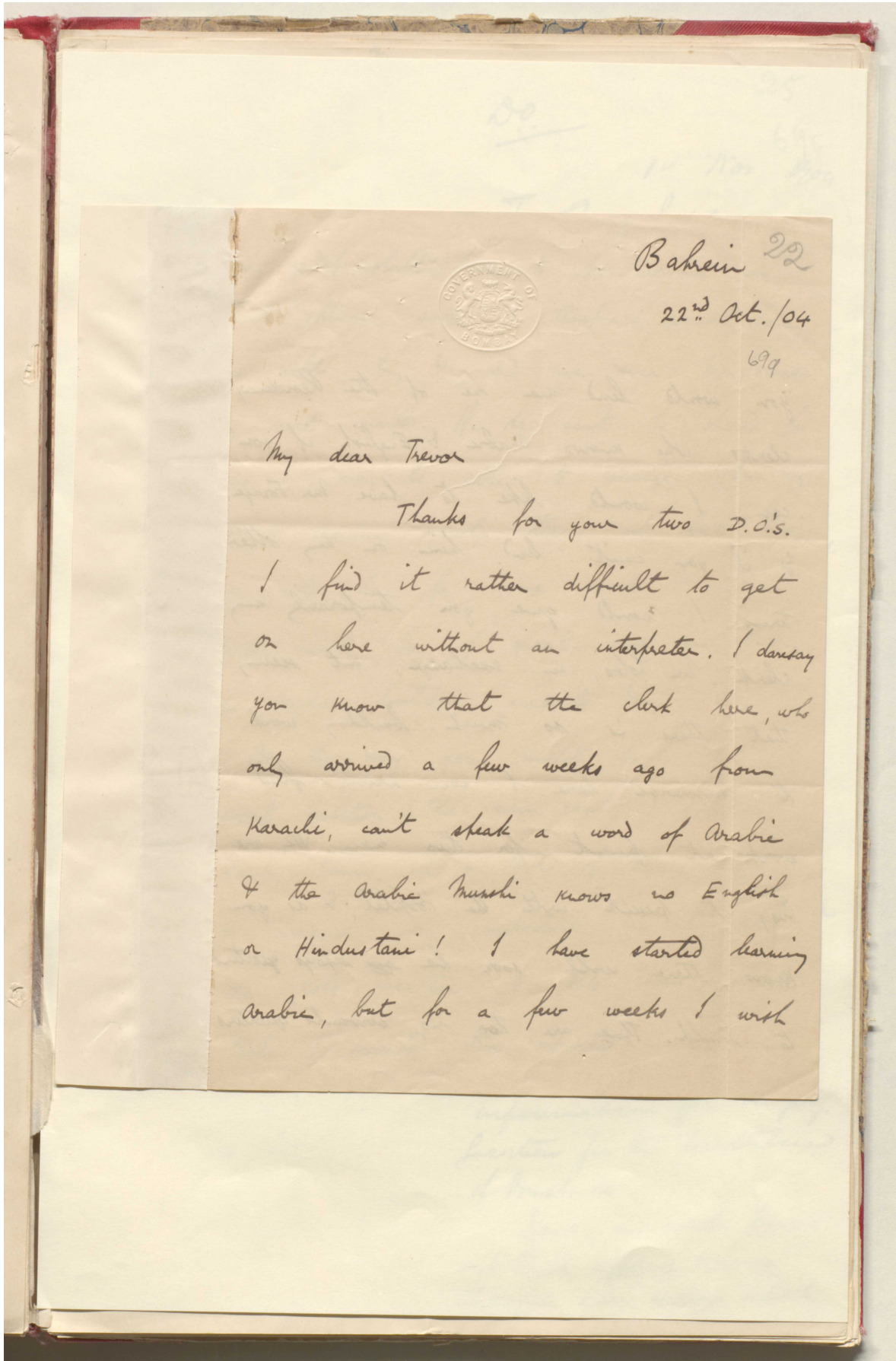




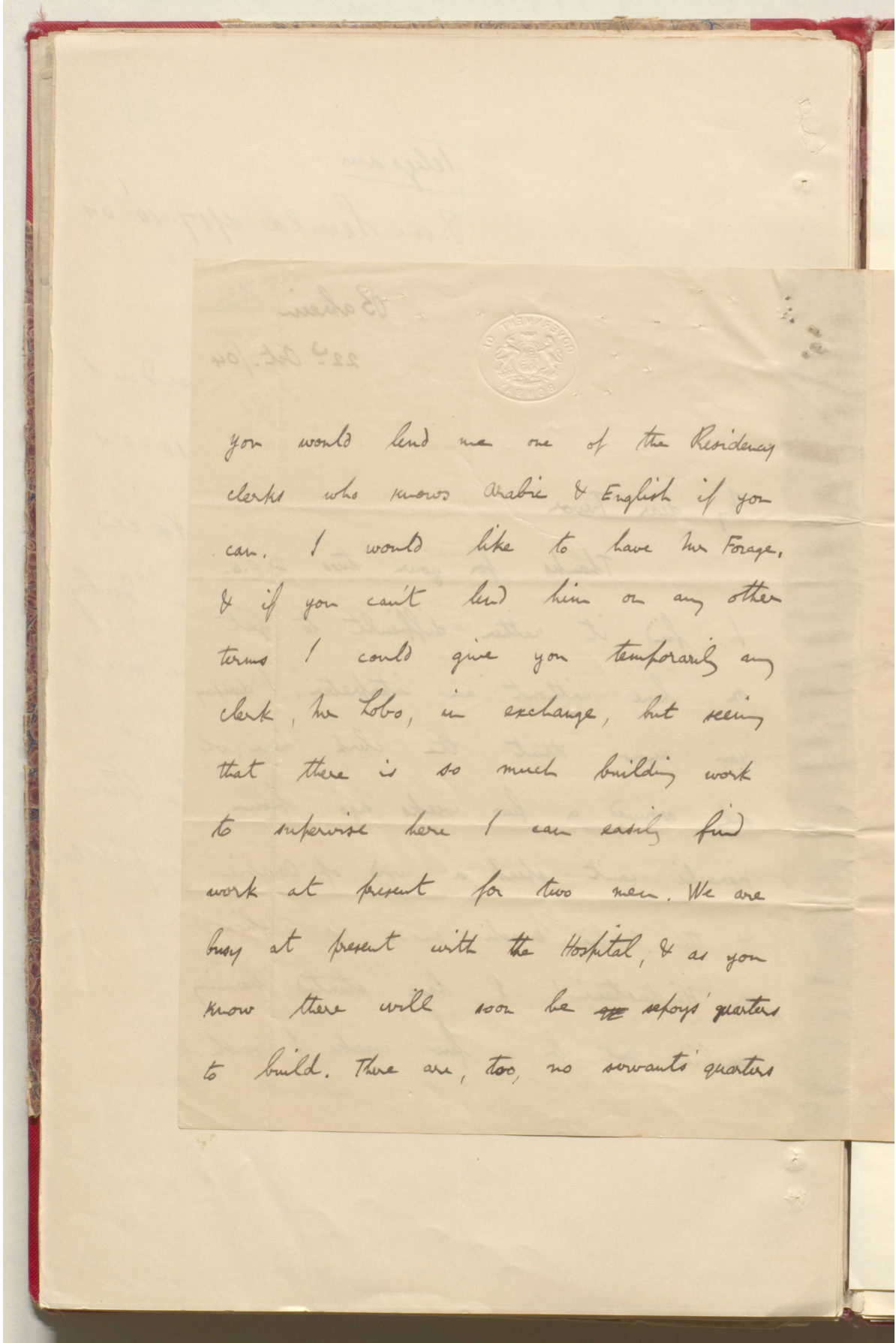
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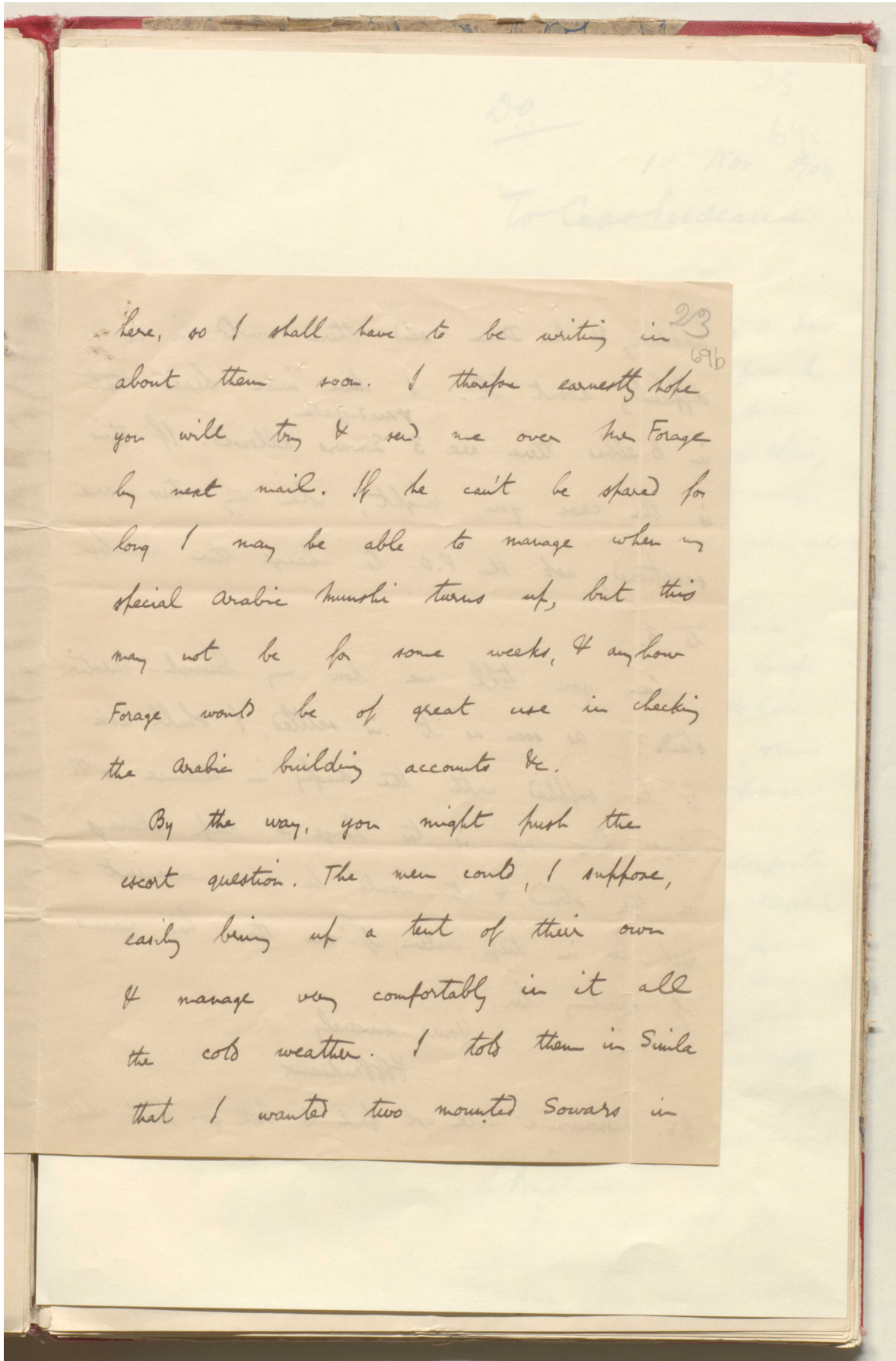
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"ملف 19/118 (C 7) البحرين" [١٩٦٩وب] (٢١٥/١٦١)



here, so I shall have to be writing in <sup>23</sup><sub>69b</sub>  
about them soon. I therefore earnestly hope  
you will try & send me over the Forage  
by next mail. If he can't be spared for  
long I may be able to manage when my  
special Arabic Munshi turns up, but this  
may not be for some weeks, & anyhow  
Forage would be of great use in checking  
the Arabic building accounts &c.

By the way, you might push the  
escort question. The men could, I suppose,  
easily bring up a tent of their own  
& manage very comfortably in it all  
the cold weather. I told them in Simla  
that I wanted two mounted Sowars in

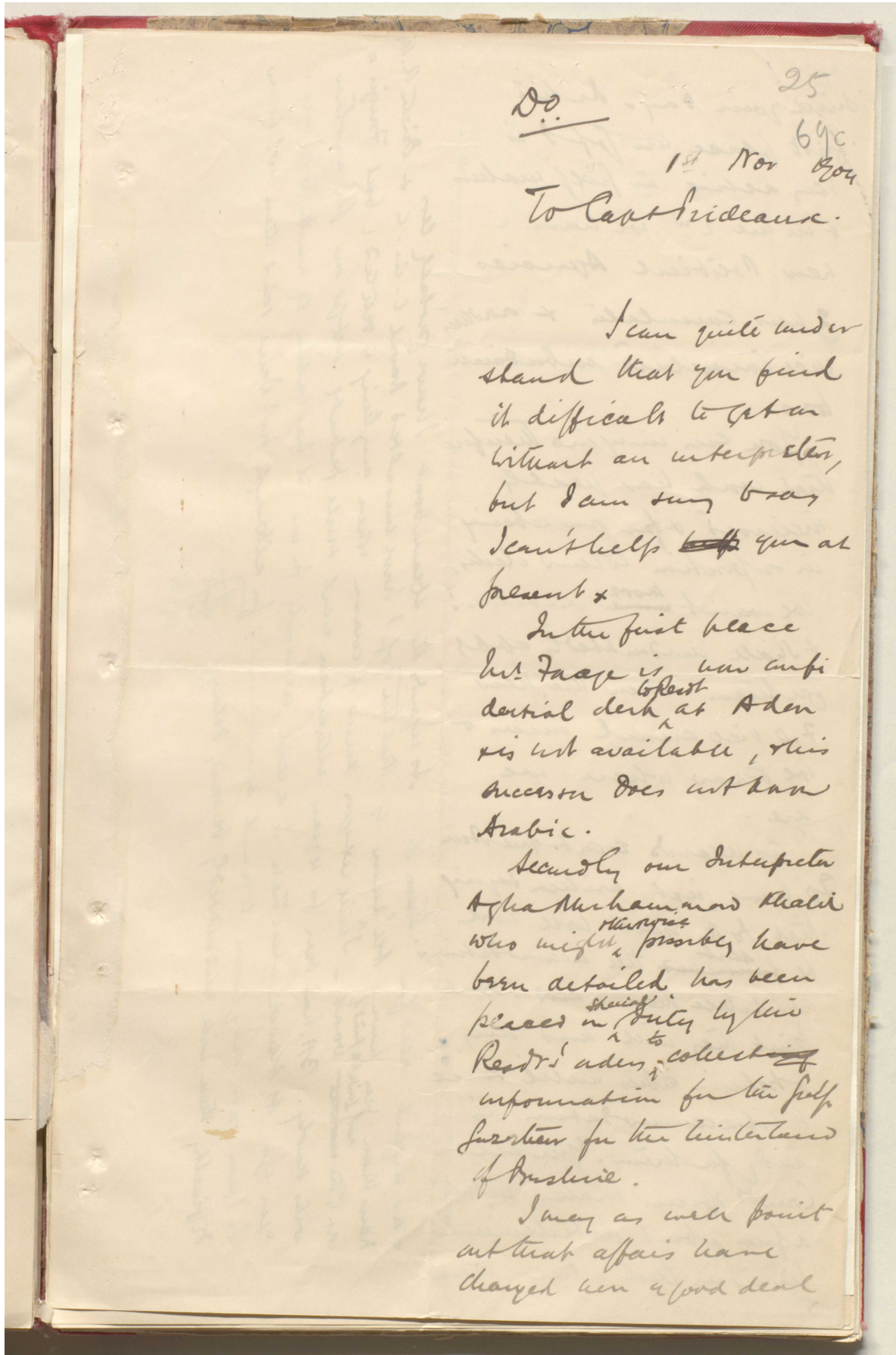
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In addition, & Mr Dana said there would be no difficulty about it. I have since heard that in B. Abbas there are 3 <sup>valid</sup> Sowars allowed. If this is the case you might, when my two are sanctioned, ask the F.O. to change the number to 3.

Can you tell me how my launch-question stands? as soon as it is settled, I shall ask to be supplied with the dinghy in advance, as the boat here now is too large to keep always on the strand, & it would be more convenient to keep her in deep water, if one then had means of reaching her.

Yours sincerely  
J. B. Prideaux

P.S. Hussarwanji will not fail to bill you for the clippers.



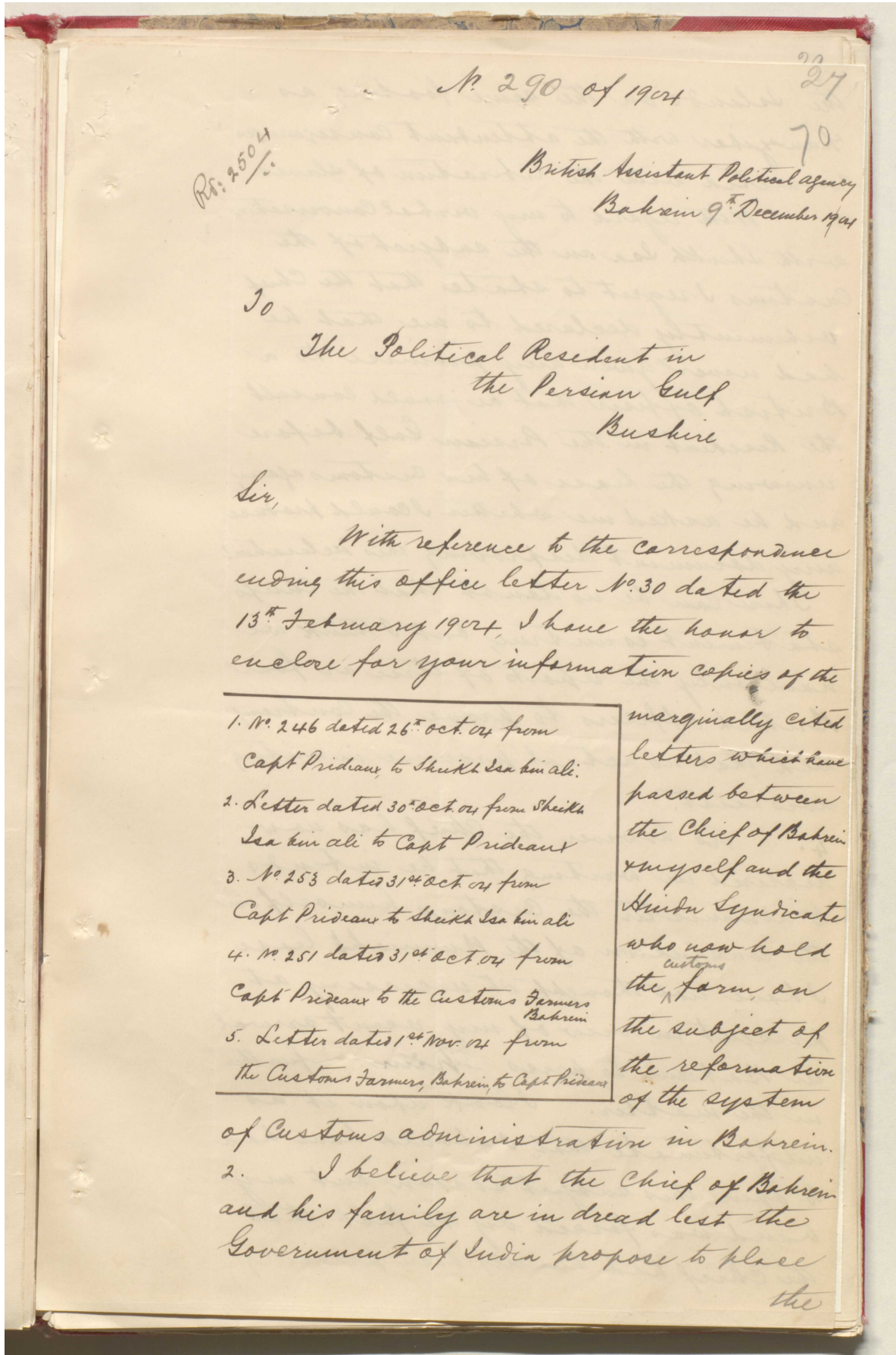
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 Since your day. de his  
 first place the top of it is  
 very active in Gulf waters.  
 & in the 2<sup>nd</sup> we have a  
 new Political Agencies  
 3 new Consulates & another  
 Vice Consulate's subordination  
 tons.

You can imagine therefore  
 that work has greatly  
 increased & far from being  
 in a position to stand steady,  
 we want ~~more~~ <sup>more</sup> ourselves!  
 & shall undoubtedly apply  
 for them when the new  
 F.O vice consul comes &  
 we know where we  
 are.

As regards escort question.  
 I have just written saying  
 that to H. Esart will not  
 be ~~forwarded~~ <sup>sent</sup> till accommodation is  
 available there, and I don't  
 think they will send any  
 to Bahrain either until some  
 sort of accommodation is  
 ready for them. You see  
 Court's officers make rather  
 a fuss about detachement's  
 living in tents when there

As regards the steam boat I have probably seen  
 that the top of it have consulted Naval C. in. C. & District R. M.  
 I will let you know of course when anything is settled; but Frigate &  
 works steady. B.A. has been for 4 years without an equal while probably not far from another  
 year yet. As it is a real necessity for me it has been a matter to get me.  
 So I have my plan to mail some mail; for although Mr. Duce said steam w<sup>o</sup> be in  
 difficulty there will undoubtedly become delay.

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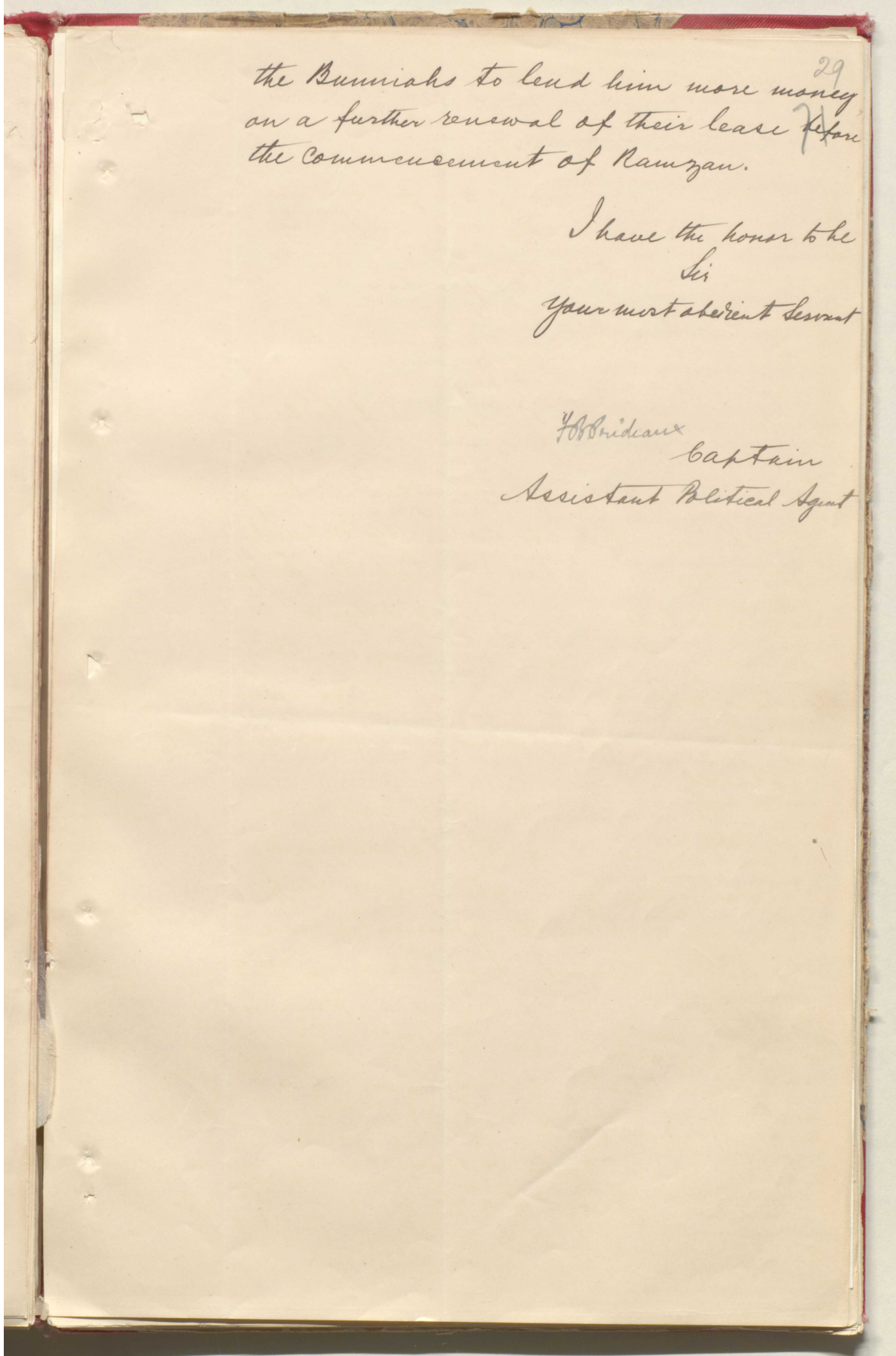
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the Islands on the same footing as  
Lanzibar with the attendant consequences  
connected with the liberation of slaves.

3. With regard to my verbal conversation  
with Sheikh Isa on the subject of the  
Customs I regret to state that the Chief  
vehemently declared to me that he  
had never given any promise to a  
British officer that he would consult  
the Resident in the Persian Gulf before  
renewing the lease of his Customs again,  
and he asked me whether I could produce  
any document disproving this declaration!

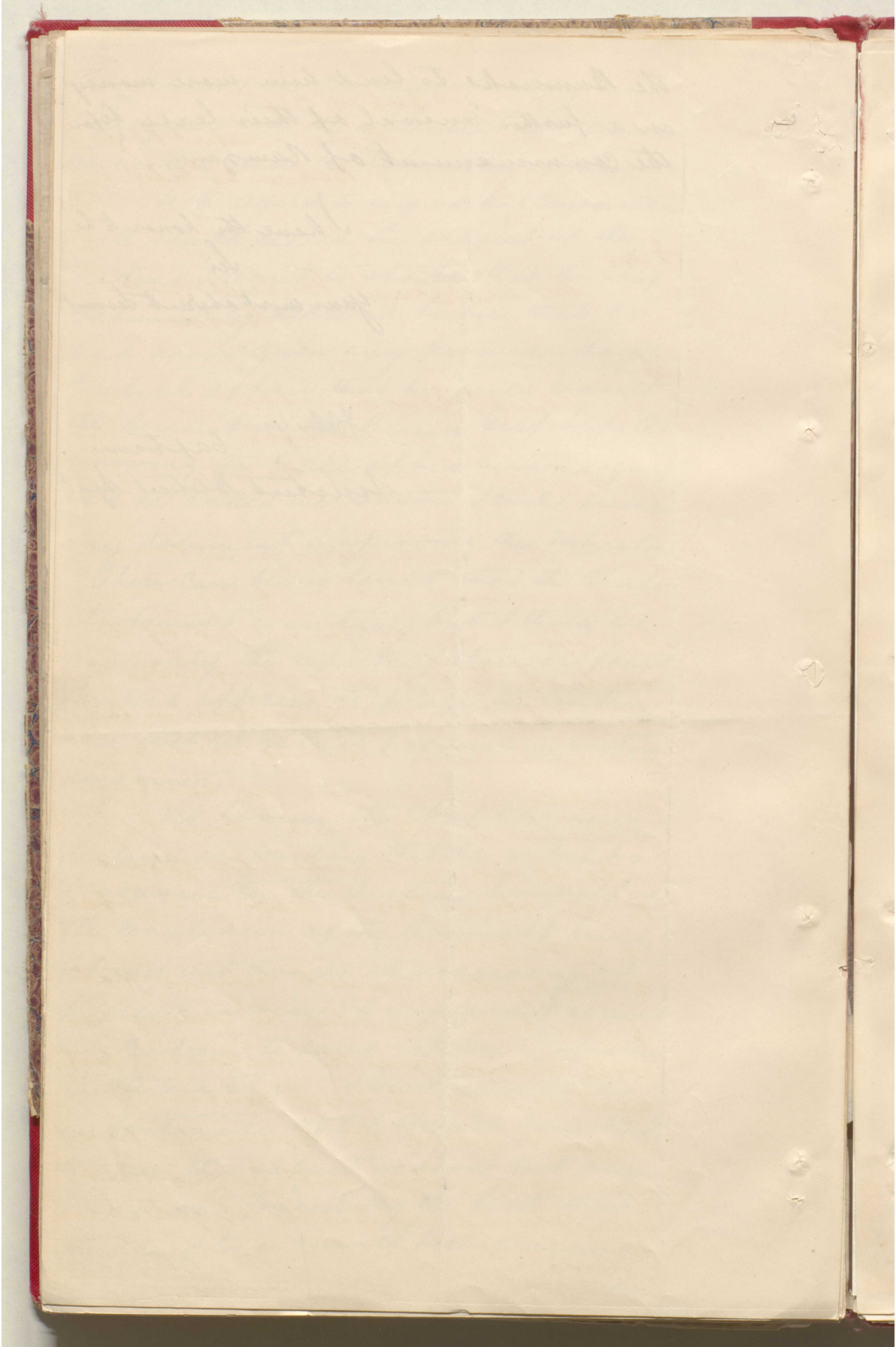
There can be no doubt that the Chief's  
statement is untrue, but I think we  
have only the reports of three or four  
British officers to prove the contrary,  
and that no actual promise in writing  
does exist.

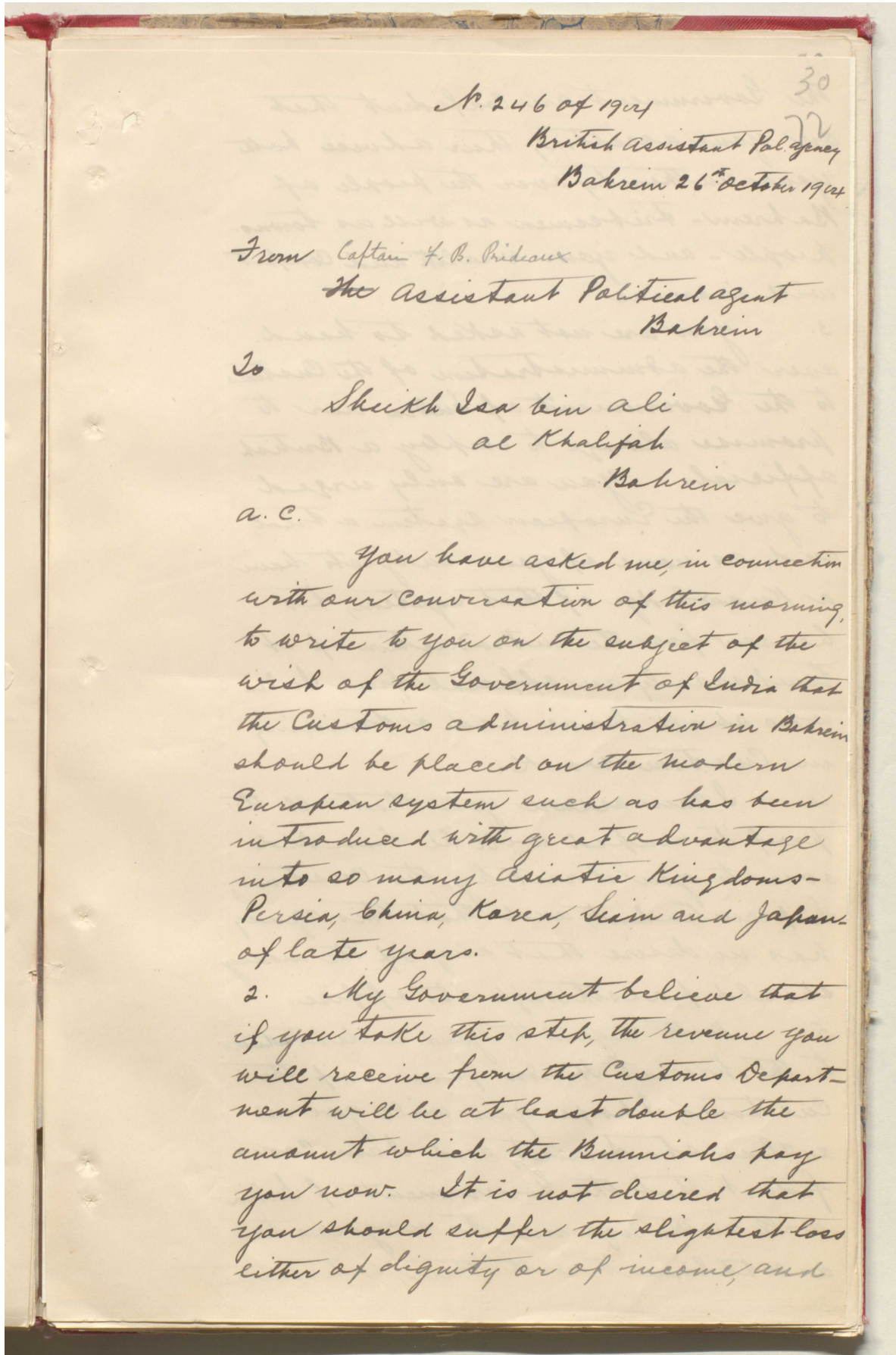
4. As, however, the Chief has now  
declared in writing that he intends  
to administer the Customs himself on  
the conclusion of the Bunniah's lease,  
I have not thought it necessary at  
present in view of my recent arrival  
in Bahrein to press him further  
in the matter. I look upon it as  
unfortunate that I should have had  
to open this subject so soon, but my  
hand was forced by the fact that  
the Chief had himself been pressing  
the

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The Government are confident that on your accepting their advice both your authority over the people of Bahrein - Tribesmen as well as towns-people - and your wealth and Comfort will increase.

3. You are not asked to hand over the administration of the Customs to the Government of India nor to promise always to employ a British official. You are only urged to give the European system a trial, and, as none of your subjects have a knowledge of that system, to borrow for the introduction of it temporarily an official from India who shall have had a training in Customs work.

4. I can assure you that all the profits reaped will be handed over to you direct by the Customs Superintendent, and that this agency has no desire that any of the money should pass through its office.

5. With regard to your indebtedness to the present Hindu farmers of the Customs, I hope you will give me a clear statement, and I am confident that the Government of India will authorize me to negotiate a settlement with them, satisfactory

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both to yourself and the Baniyas,  
and if need be the Government will  
sanction my making you an im-  
mediate advance of money to preserve  
you from inconvenience whilst the  
new arrangements are taking shape.

b. I am looking forward to a reply  
from you which shall give a further  
proof of your friendly sentiments  
towards my Government, and of  
your readiness to trust in the  
wisdom of its advice.

(Sgd) J. B. Pridmore Captain  
Assistant Political agent

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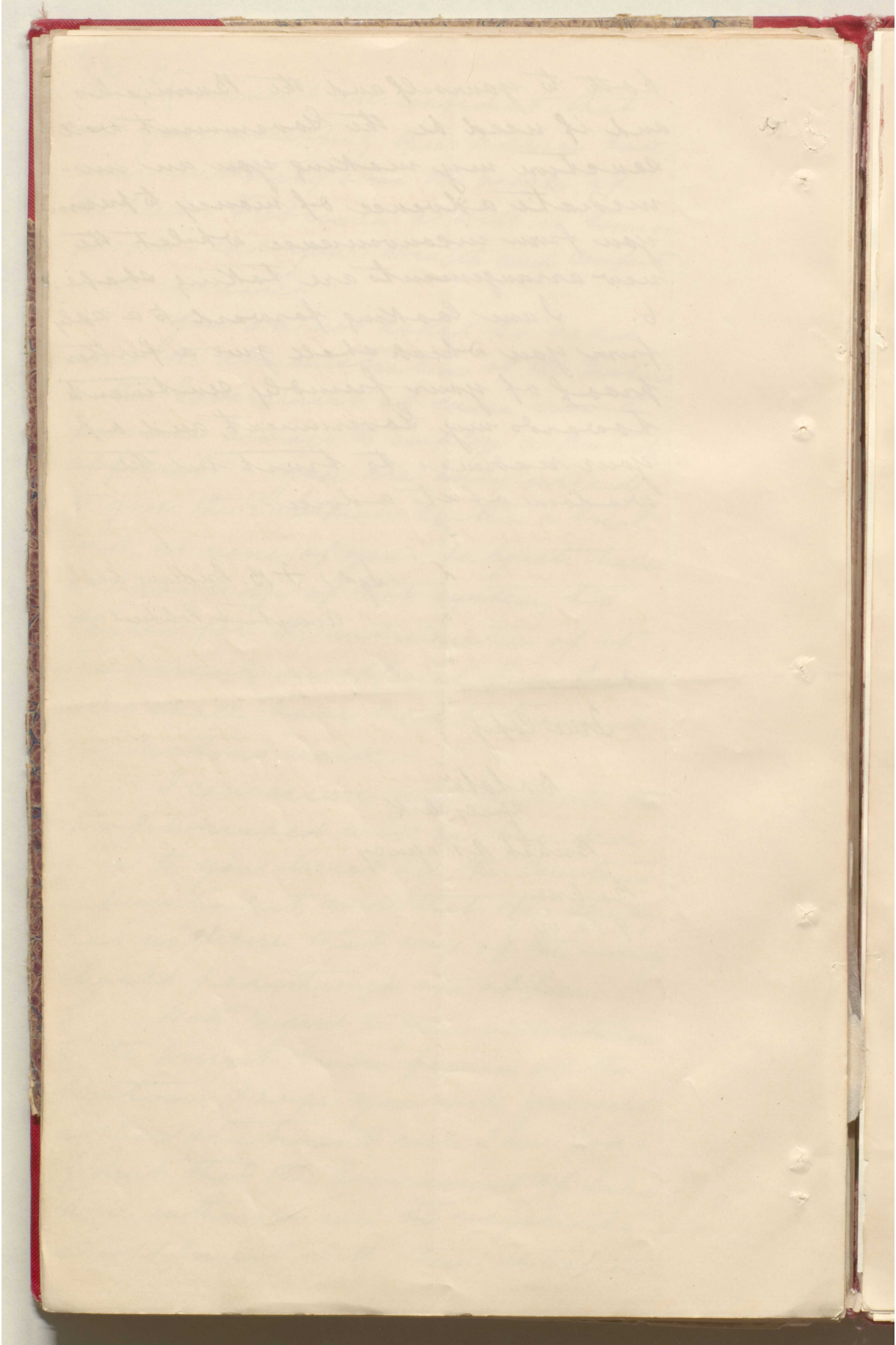
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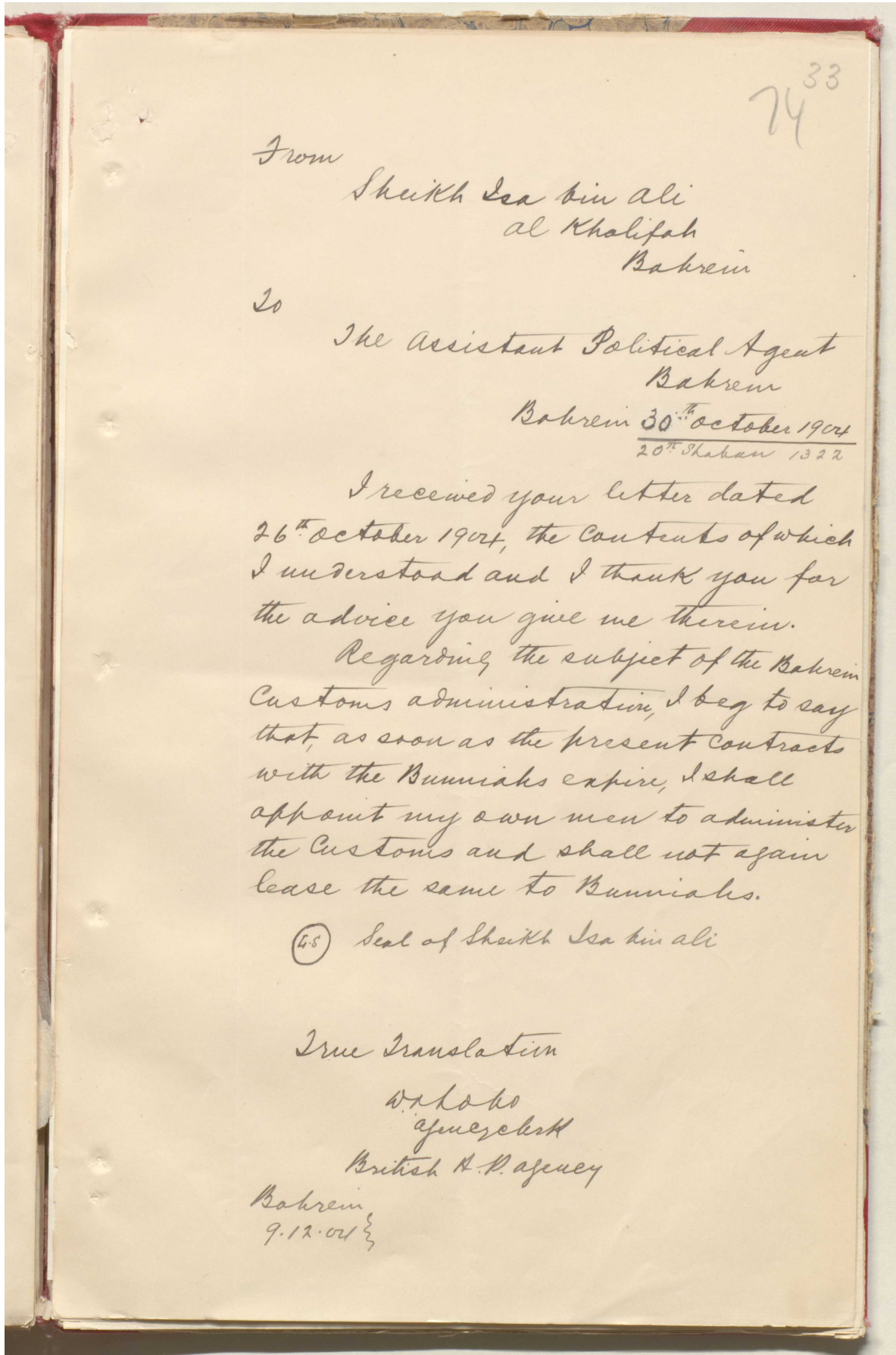
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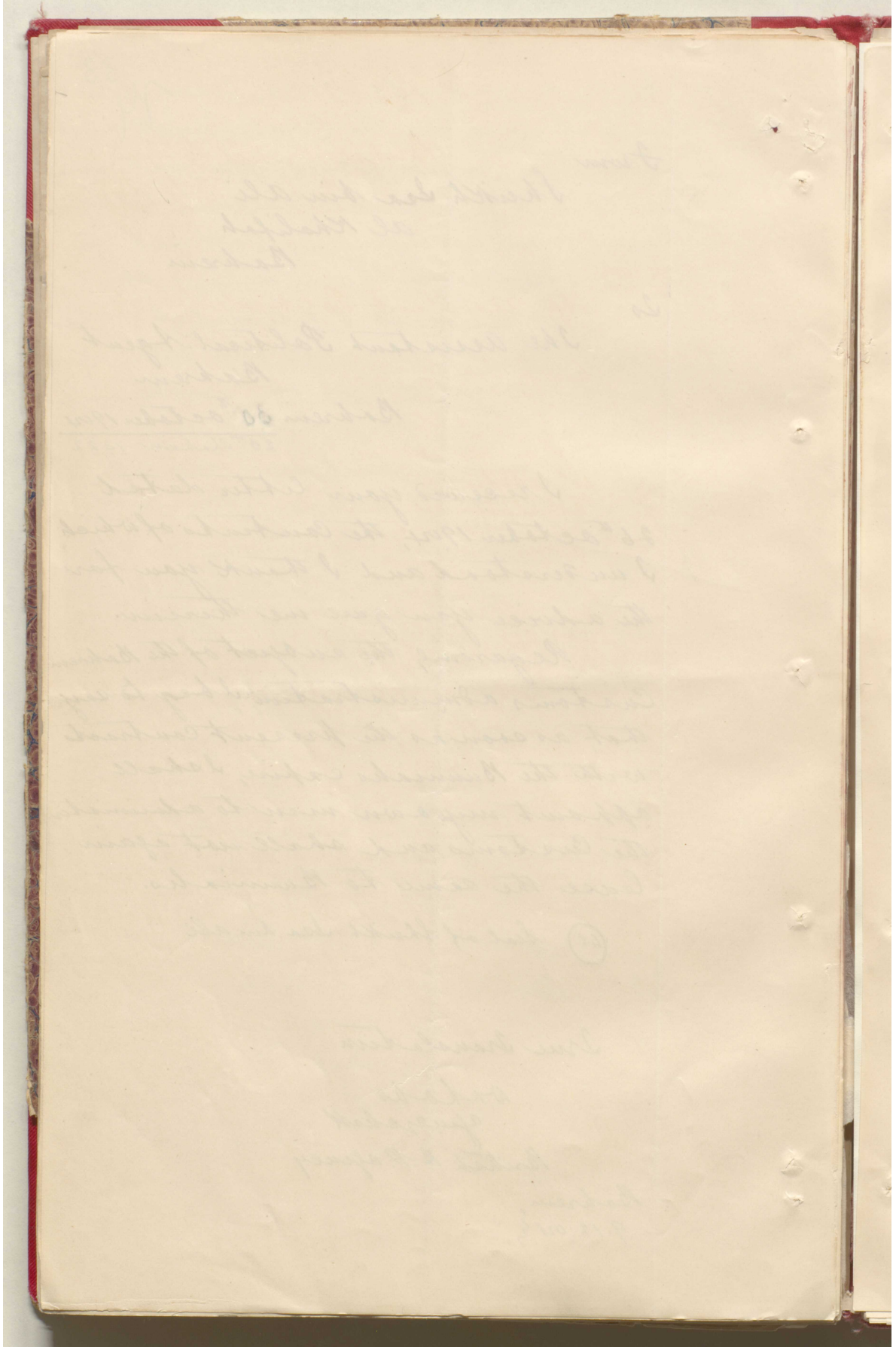
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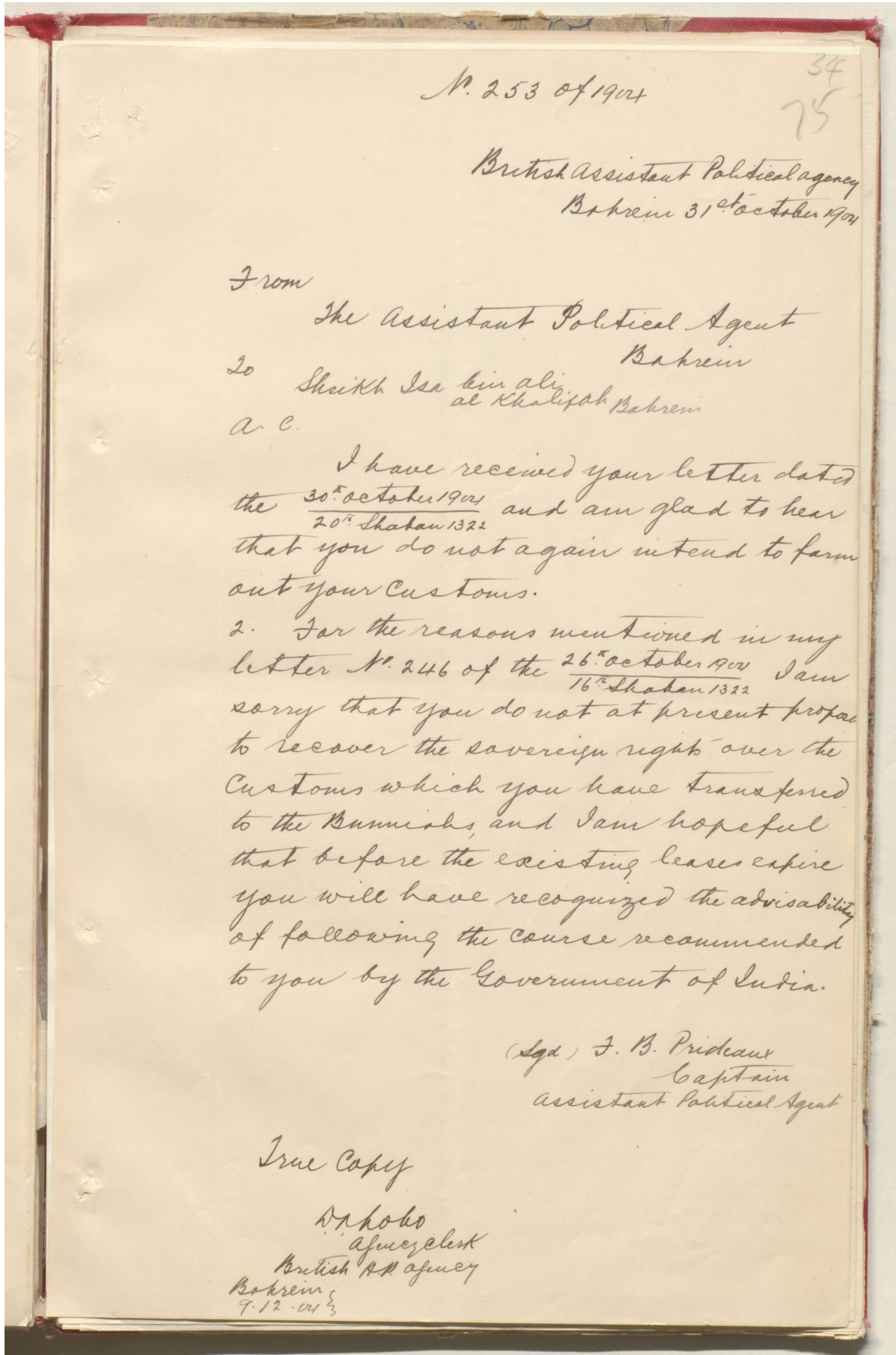




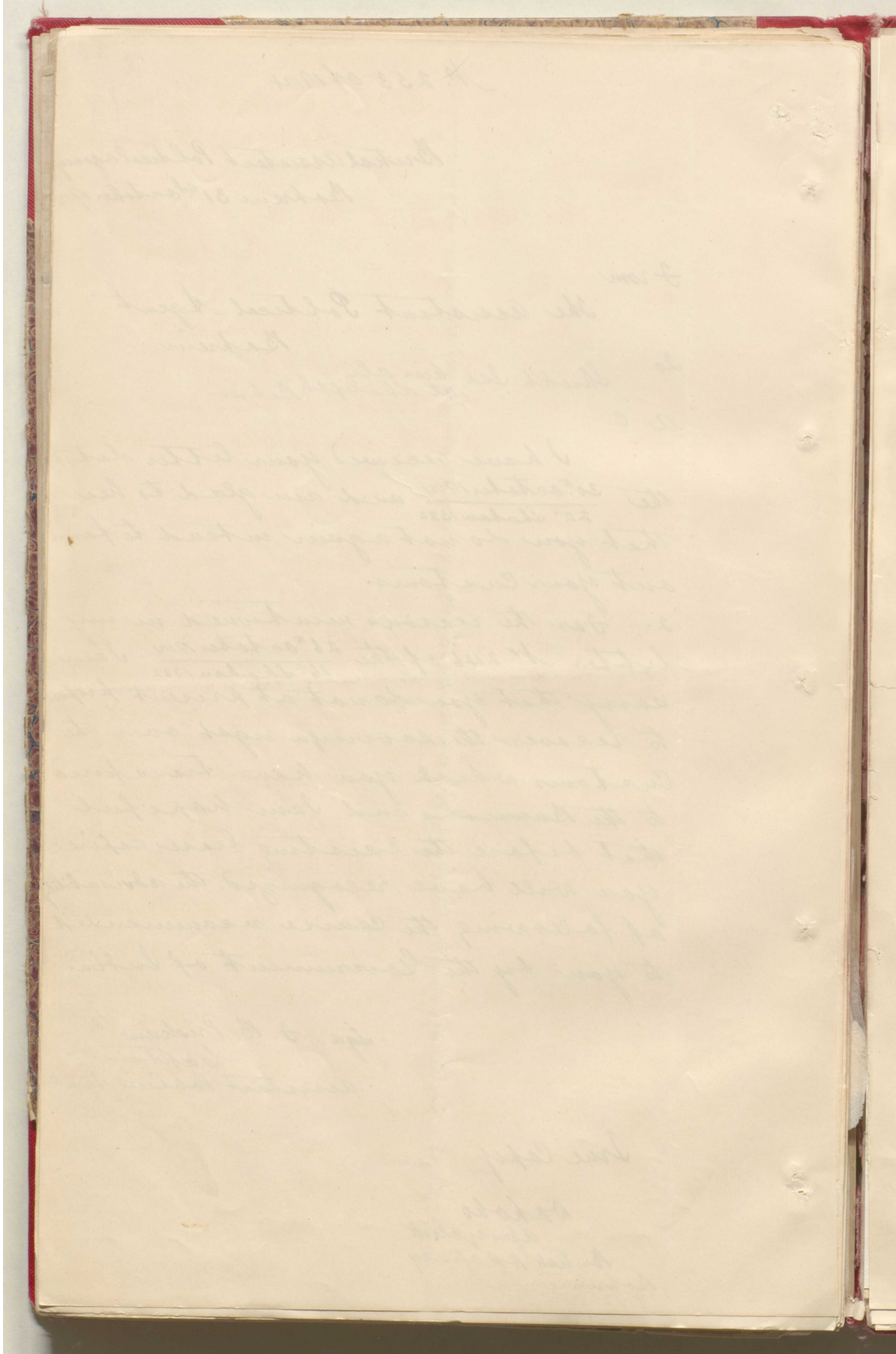
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British assistant Political Agency  
Bahrain 31<sup>st</sup> October 1904.

From  
The Assistant Political Agent  
Bahrain

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Messrs. Gungaram Sirkumbass  
" Ratanchand Shewakram  
" Utkamal Jaishanmal and  
" Lakhmidas Shanwardar

Gentlemen,

With reference to our con-  
versations of the 14<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October 1904,  
on the subject of the leases of the 4  
per cent and 1 per cent Customs Duties  
which you hold from the Sheikh of  
Bahrain up to the <sup>4<sup>th</sup> January 1908</sup> and  
<sup>30<sup>th</sup> Hilkada 1325</sup>  
<sup>25<sup>th</sup> April 1906</sup> respectively when you  
<sup>8<sup>th</sup> Safar 1324</sup>  
informed me that Sheikh Isa was again  
in want of a further advance of money  
and you consulted me on the propriety  
of acceding to his request, I have thought  
it advisable to repeat in writing  
what I then told you, viz: that the  
Government of India have hopes that  
the Chief of Bahrain will in the near  
future reform his system of Customs  
administration and will apply to the  
Government for the loan of an official

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to introduce the desirable amendments.  
In these circumstances, while the Government will give you all due support in your existing transactions with the Chief, you must not expect that they will further regard your claims if you persist in negotiating for another renewal of your farm of the Customs. I am now further able to inform you that Sheikh Isa has recently written to me that he will not again allow his Customs to be farmed out after the expiry of the present leases.

An early acknowledgement of this letter is requested.

I have &c.

(Sgd) J. B. Pridoux Captain  
Assistant Political Agent

True Copy

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Agency Clerk

British A. P. Agency

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Bahrain 1<sup>st</sup> November 1904 <sup>37</sup>

From 77  
The Bahrain Customs Farmers  
Bahrain

To  
The Assistant Political agent  
Bahrain

Sir,

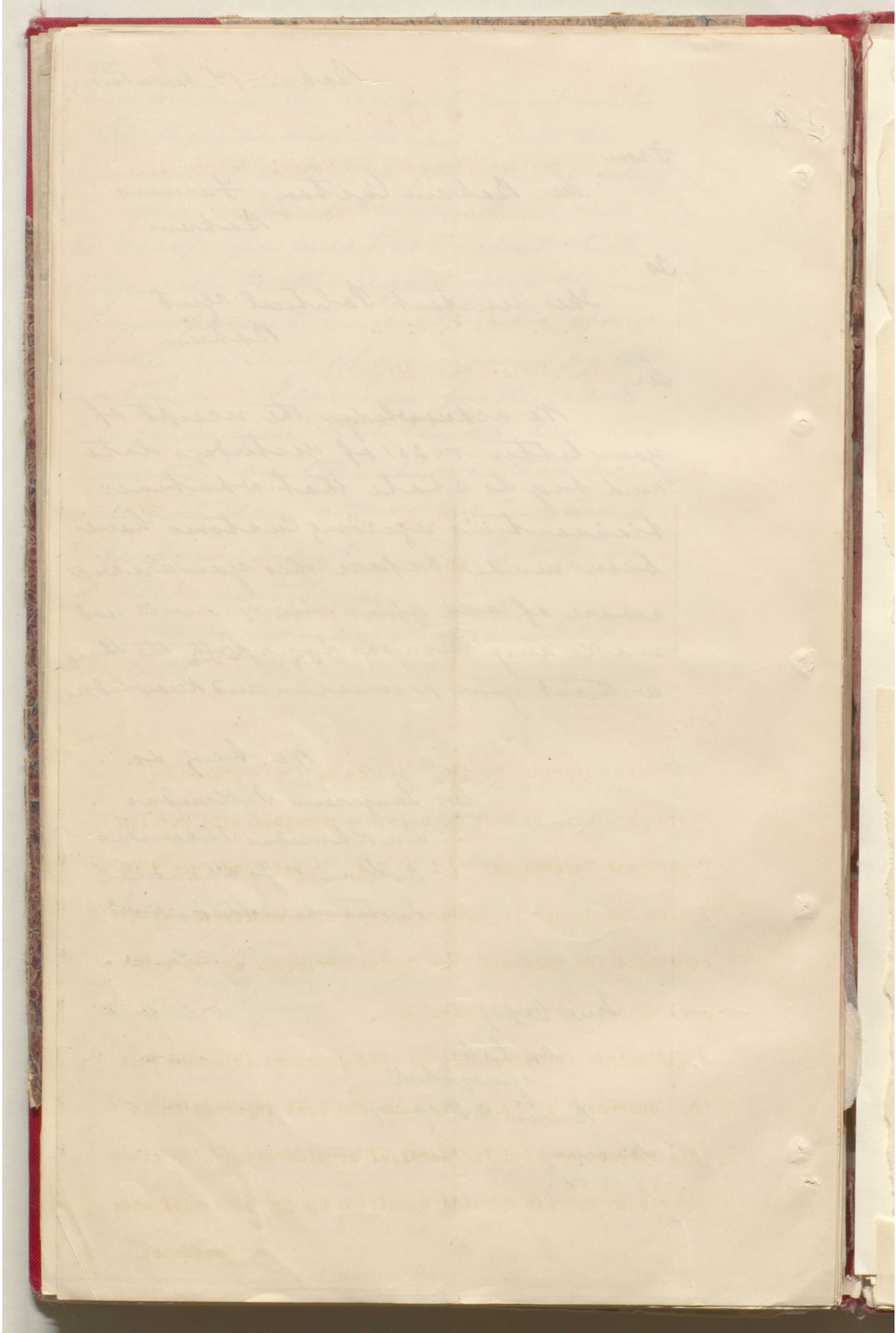
We acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 251 of yesterday's date and beg to state that whatever transactions regarding Customs have been made before this you are well aware of, and after this we will not make any transactions with the Shikhs without your permission and knowledge.

We beg to.

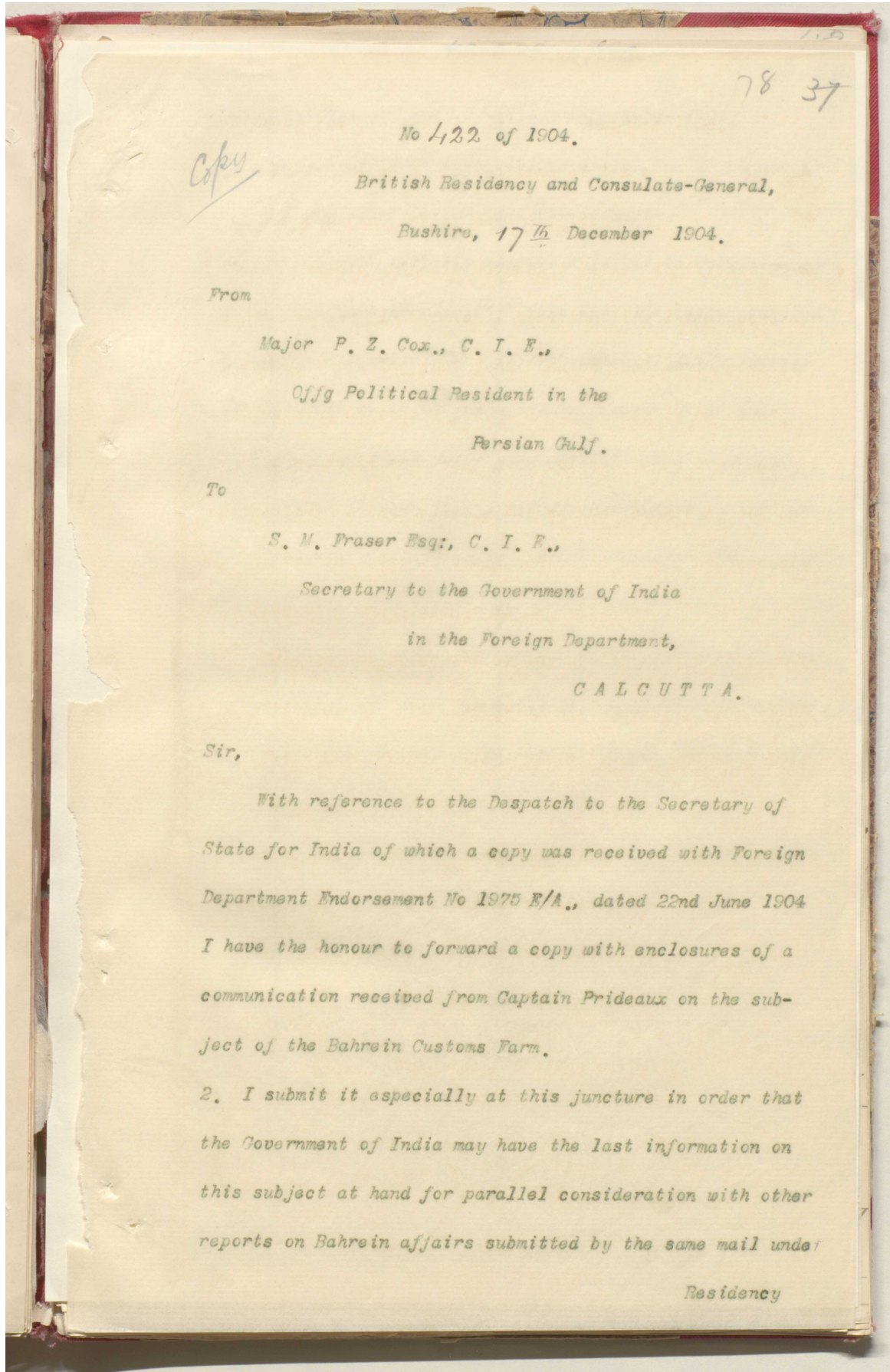
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" Lukhmidas Shaverdas  
" Ootkamal Jasbannal  
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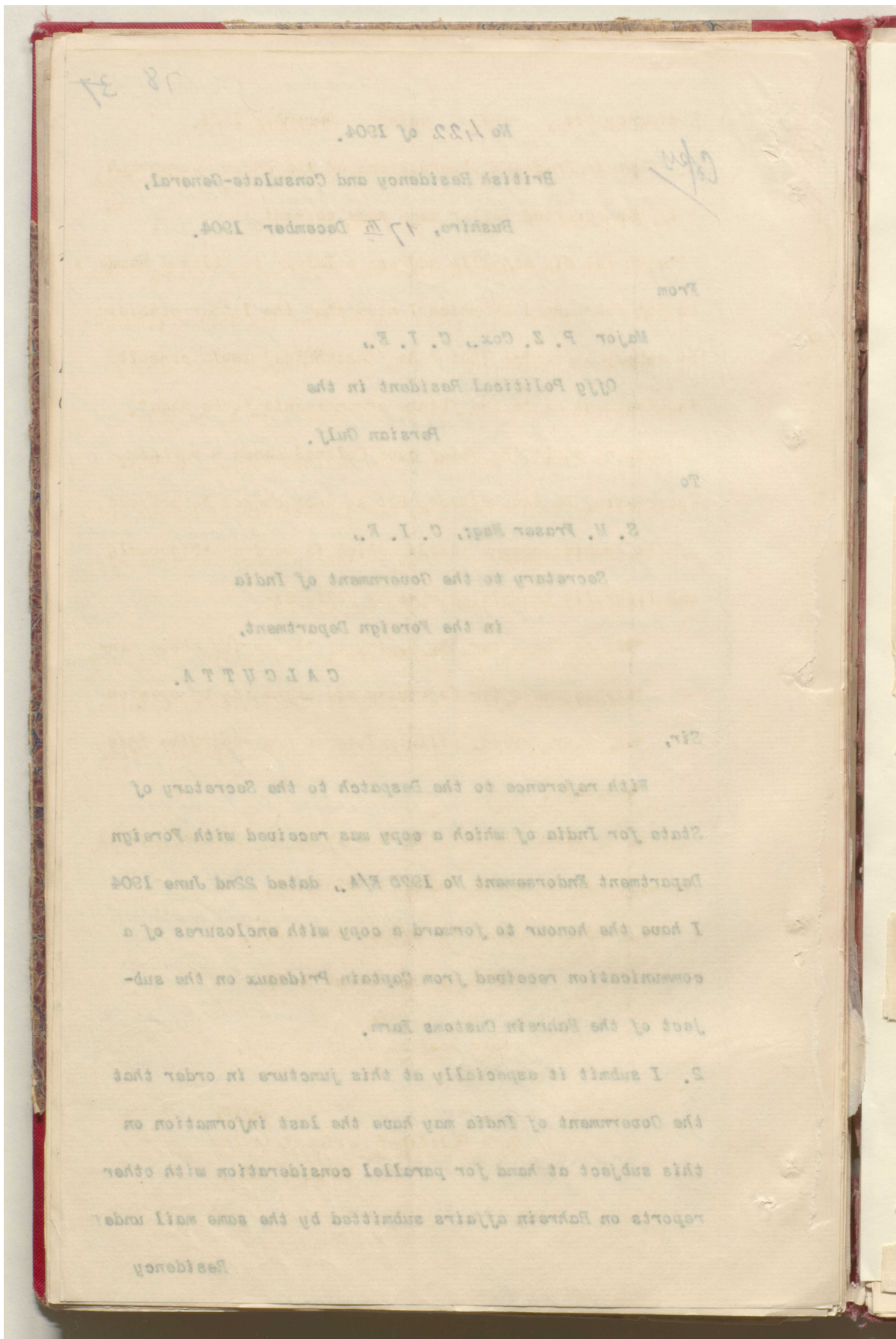
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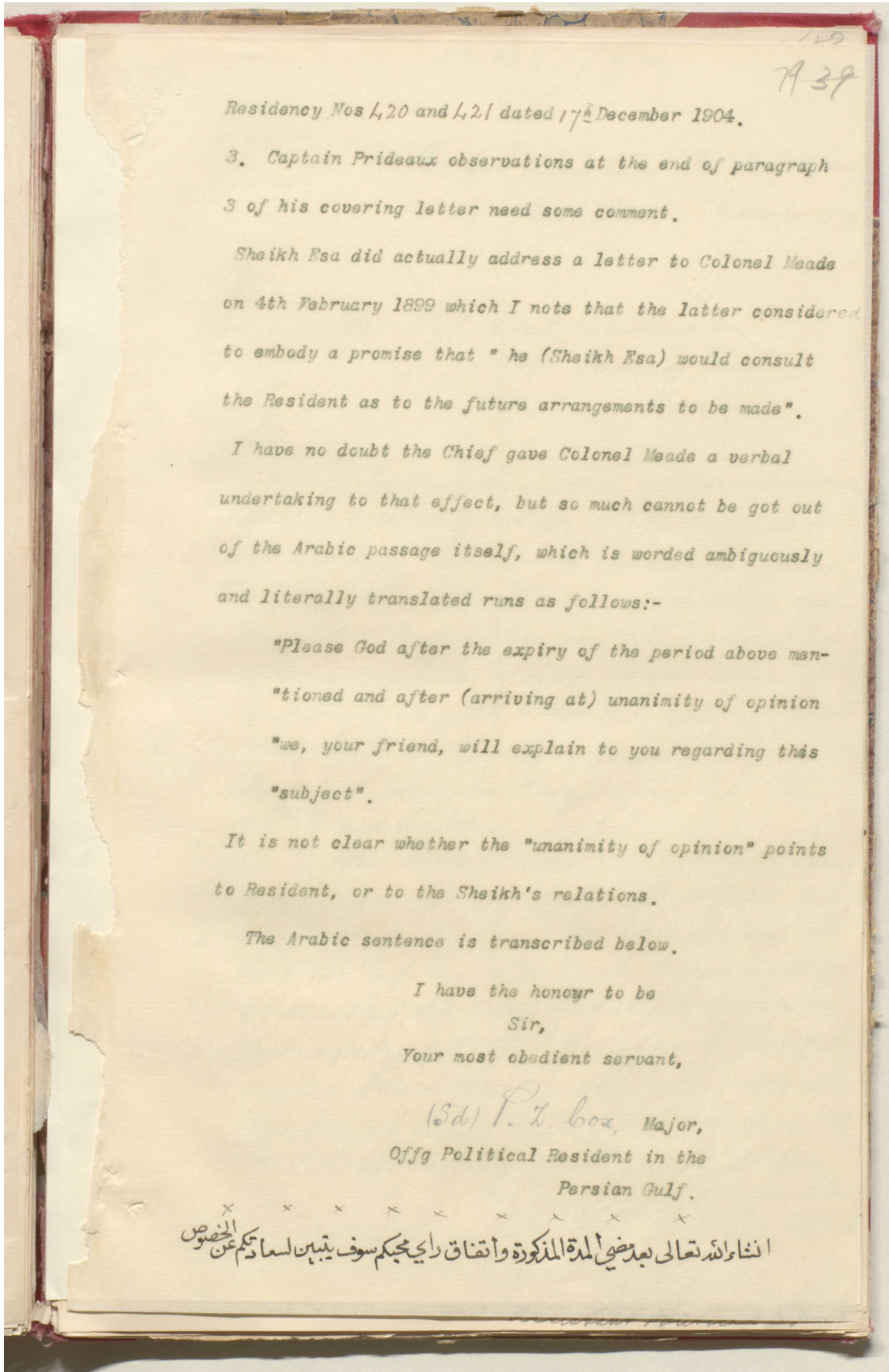
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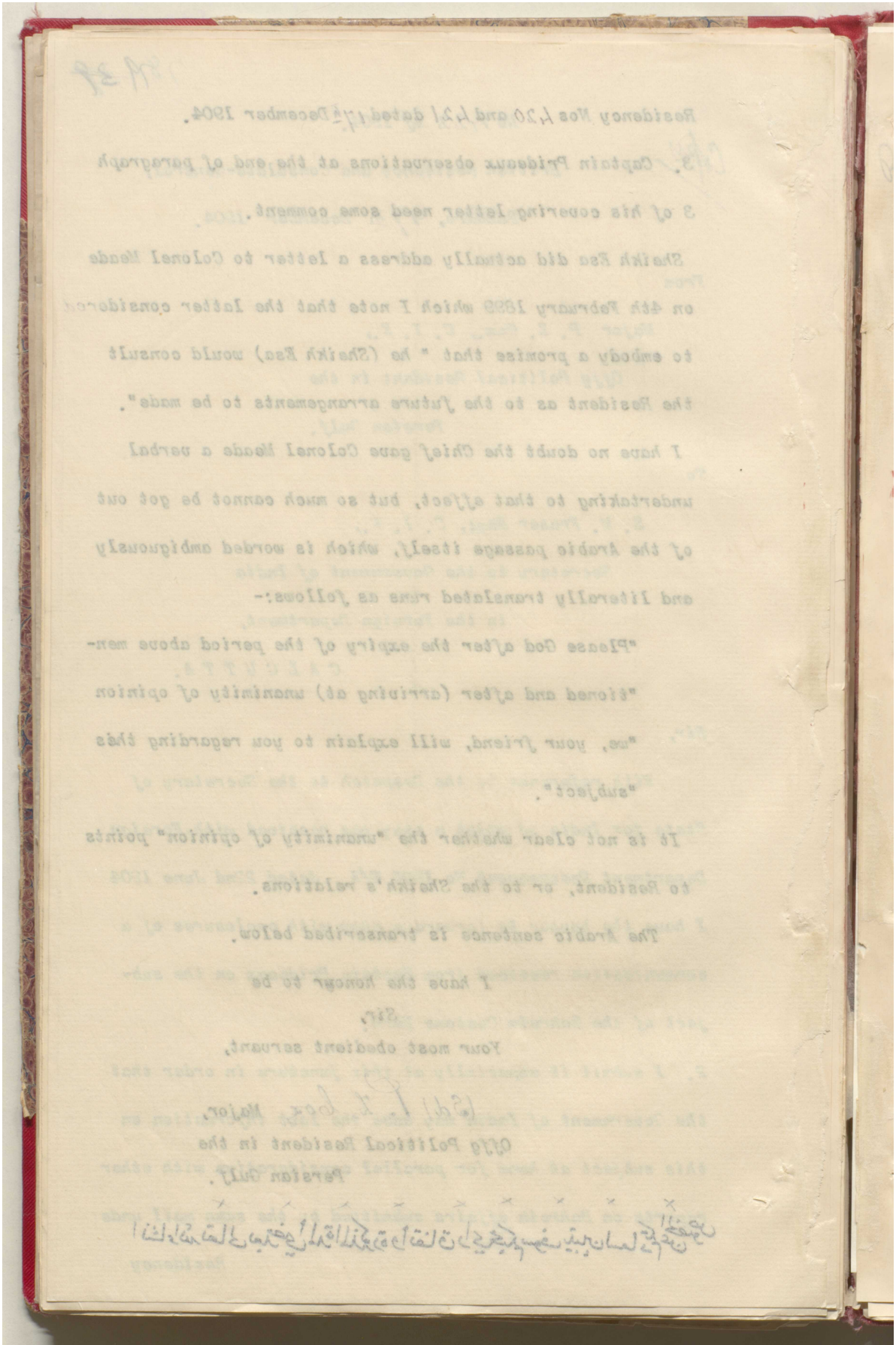
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No. 298 of 1904

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British Assistant Political Agency  
Bahrain 24<sup>th</sup> December 1904

To

The Political Resident in  
the Persian Gulf  
Bushire

Sir,

In Continuation of Correspondence ending with my letter No. 296 dated the 18<sup>th</sup> instant, I have the honor to enclose a copy of a Report submitted by my manshi Haji Abbas on the subject of a Conversation, which took place between Sheikh Hamad bin Isa, Haji Mukhbil al Shakiri, Bahraini, and Haji Abdulnabi Kazerooni on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 1904.

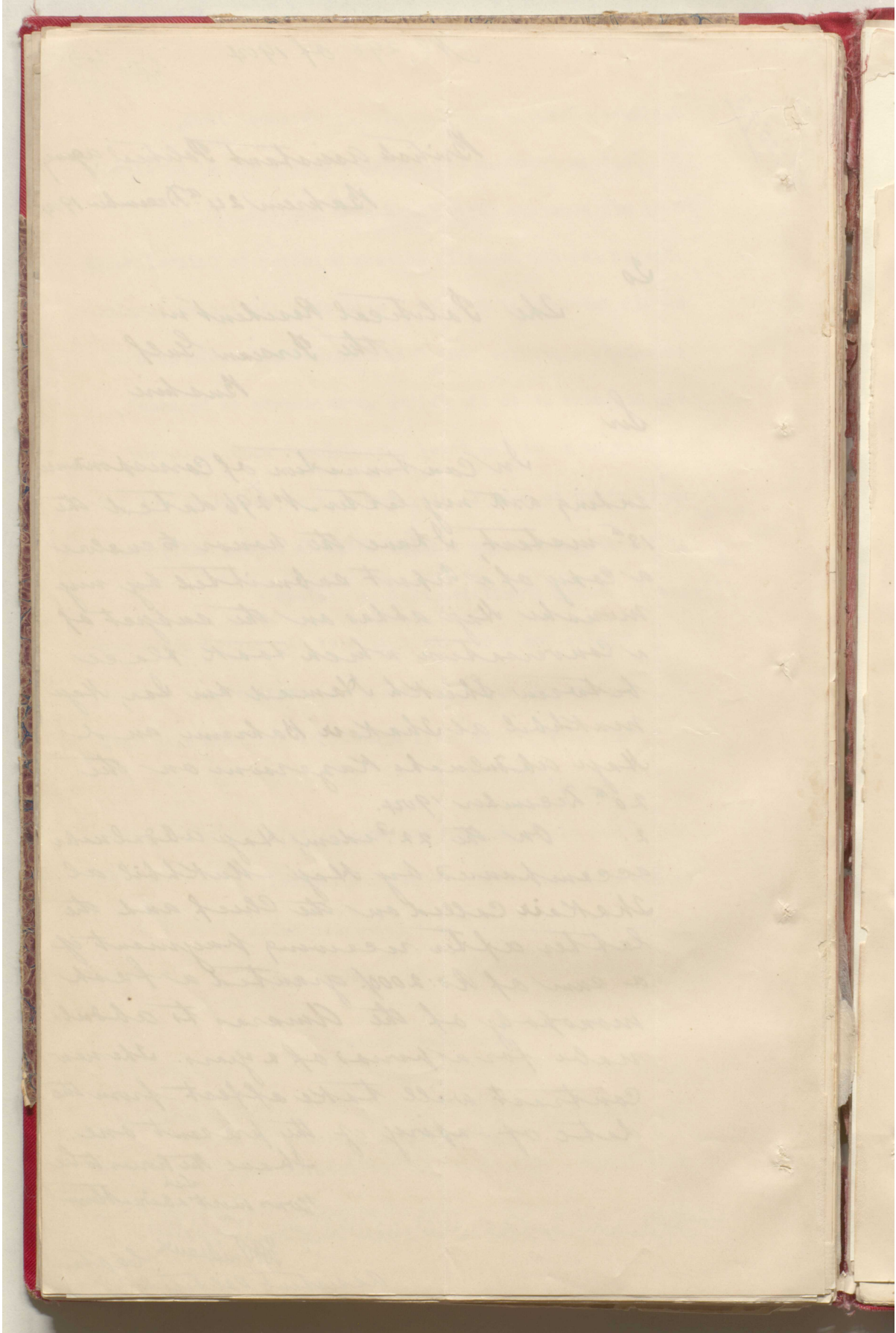
2. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> idem, Haji Abdulnabi accompanied by Haji Mukhbil al Shakiri, called on the Chief, and the latter after receiving payment of a sum of Rs. 2000, granted a fresh monopoly of the Amaras to Abdulnabi for a period of 2 years. The new contract will take effect from the date of expiry of the present one.

I have the honor to be  
Your most obedient servant

J. H. Dideaux Captain  
Assistant Political Agent

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Report of Munshi Haji Abbas to  
Assistant Political Agent, Bahrain dated  
21<sup>st</sup> December 1904

Sheikh Hamad bin Isa called on Mukhbil al Shakari, the leading Bahraini (Arab) merchant, yesterday and talked with him on the subject of Abdulnabi and the Amara monopoly he holds from the Chief. He told him that his father wished to cancel the Amara contract with Abdulnabi and asked Mukhbil for his opinion in the matter, as a merchant. Mukhbil replied that he had not suffered any inconvenience or loss of goods by the Amaras being in the hands of Abdulnabi and the same good working was to be expected from him in the future so that in his opinion the Amara contract with Abdulnabi should not be cancelled.

Moreover Abdulnabi never charged more than he is authorized to do and the contract does not expire till after a year and 5 months. This, he said, was his advice and the Sheikh could do what he liked in the matter.

Sheikh Hamad informed Mukhbil that Abdulwahed was offering Rs. 1400 more than Abdulnabi pays the Sheikh.

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for the Amaras &c. to which Mukhbil replied that Abdulnabi should be sent for, which Sheikh Hamad did and shortly after Abdulnabi appeared.

Sheikh Hamad told Abdulnabi that he was Sheikh Isa's servant and that he had done harm to his master.

Abdulnabi denied that he was the Sheikh's servant, having bought a monopoly under business conditions, or had in any way wronged him. The Arabs, said he, assaulted the Persians and the Sheikh was informed of it first but he did nothing; we therefore reported the matter to the British Political Agent and showed him the injured persons. The Political Agent represented the matter to the Sheikh and asked for justice. The Sheikh informed the Political Agent that this quarrel would be referred to the Shara Court.

We objected to appear before the Sunni Shara Court, as the case was not a suitable one for decision by such a Court. The Political Agent reported the incident to the Political Resident. Here Mukhbil interrupted the conversation and said what is past should be forgotten and both parties should strive at reconciliation, to which Abdulnabi answered that it was not in the Persians' hands to do so

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as the question had been referred to the Political Resident, who had promised to settle it with the Sheikh. Mukhlbil again interrupted Felling abdulnabi to leave the talk about the quarrel alone and asked him what he had to say about the Amara Contract.

He gave him to understand that abdul wahed was offering more for the Amaras and wished to know if abdulnabi was prepared to do likewise.

abdulnabi said he was willing to give Rs. 300f. more than abdul wahed on condition that the old contract which he holds, is not in any way affected but allowed to run its full course on the existing terms.

Sheikh Hamad said very well and told abdulnabi that if he would call on Sheikh Isa, with mukhlbil, it would greatly pacify his father and he would make a new contract with abdulnabi on his paying the Rs. 2000f.

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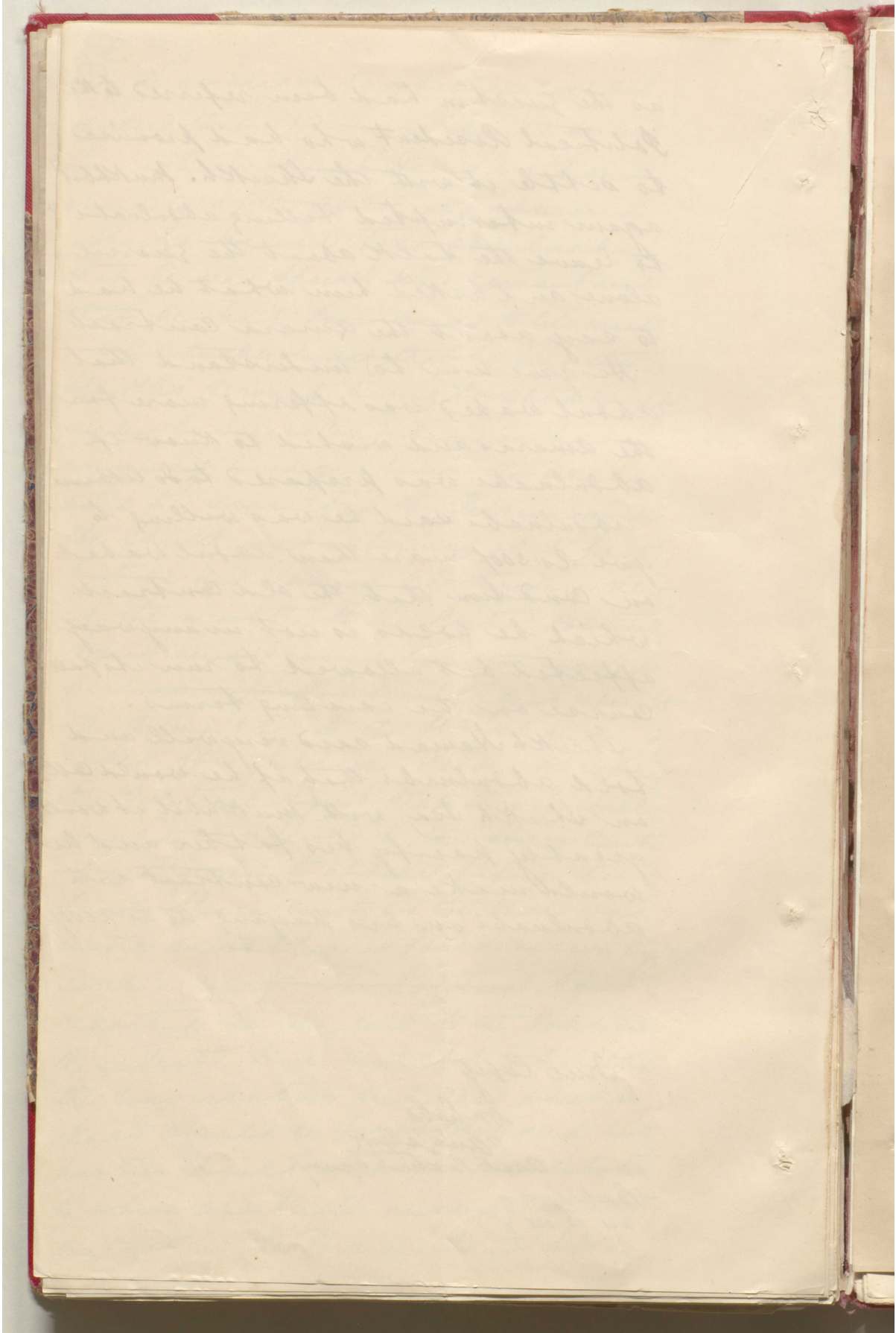
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[Confidential.]

No. 4, dated Bushire, the 7th (received 16th) January 1905.

From—MAJOR P. Z. Cox, C.I.E., Officiating Political Resident in the Persian Gulf,  
To—The Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign Department.

I have the honour to refer to your telegram No. 2945-E.A., dated 9th September last, and to my reply of 12th, stating that I recommended 1 Havildar and 12 Sepoys as suitable strength for the guard of our Agent at Bahrein.

2. Since then I have paid Bahrein a lengthy visit and have discussed local questions with Captain Prideaux, and understand from him pursuant to his visit to Simla that the possibility of his taking some of his sepoy with him when he makes expeditions in the launch with which he will be eventually provided may have to be taken into consideration.

Such a contingency I had not contemplated, and in view of its possibility and also having regard to present conditions prevailing in Bahrein, I beg to modify my former recommendation and to ask that the strength of the Bahrein guard may be increased to 1 Jemadar (or a senior non-commissioned officer), 1 Havildar, 2 Naiks, 24 Sepoys.

*Copy No 209 of 1905.*

*British Residency & Consulate General  
Bushire 14 Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1905.*

*A copy of the foregoing letter  
is forwarded to the Asst. Pol.  
Agent Bahrein for information.*

*B. O.*

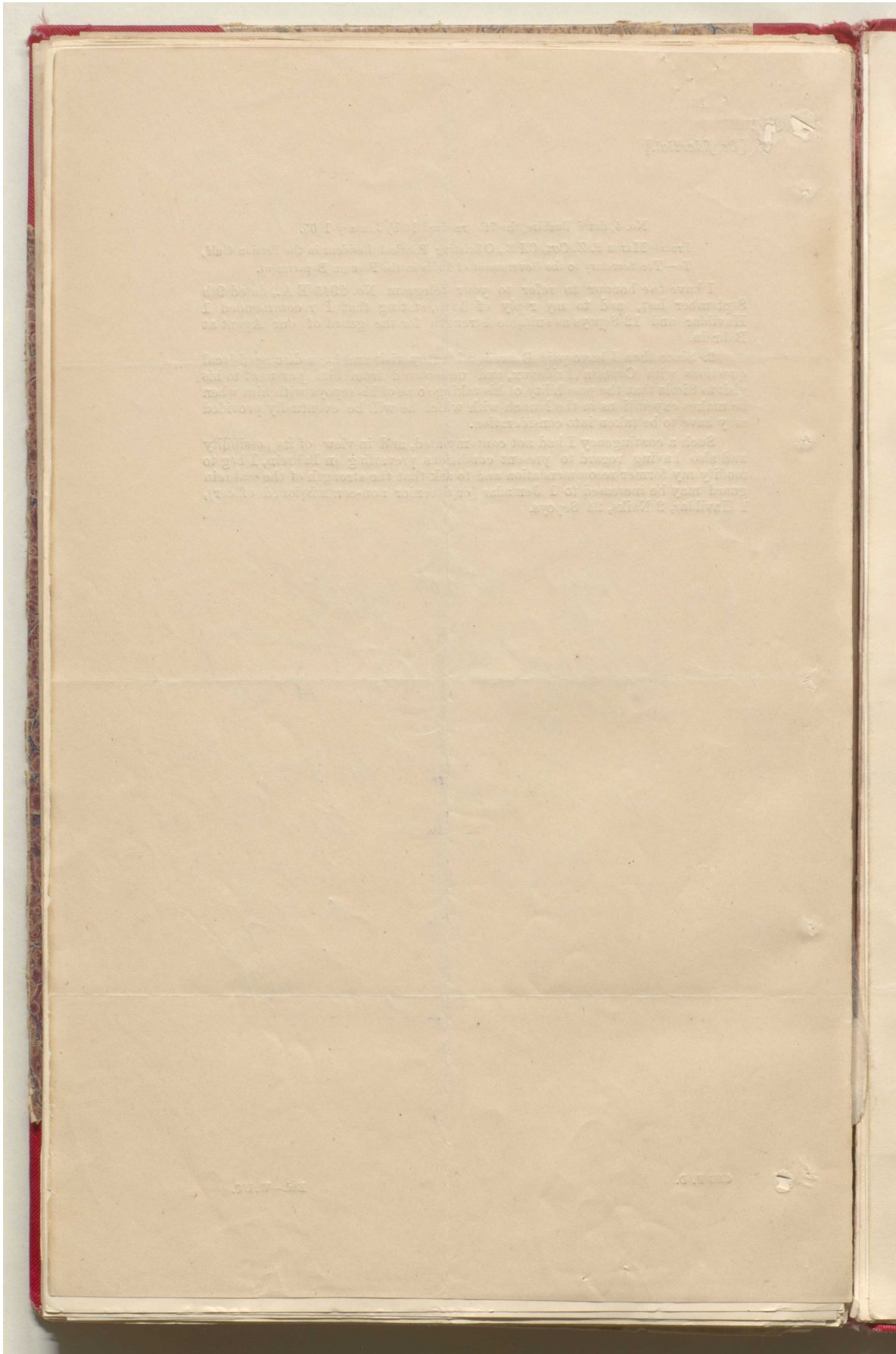
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No. 4651- E.B.

FROM

THE D E P U T Y SECRETARY TO THE  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
in the Foreign Department,

BRITISH RESIDENCY  
RECEIPT  
No. 3743-  
Date 18. DEC. 1907  
PERSIAN GULF.

To

Major P. Z. Cox, C.I.E.,  
Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Dated Fort William, the 5<sup>th</sup> December 1907.

SIR,

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I am directed to refer to your letter No. 4,  
dated the 7th January 1905, regarding the proposal  
that the Political Agent at Bahrein might take his  
escort on his launch with him when he is proceeding  
in search of pirates.

2. Provided that the Political Agent himself is  
always present when the escort is thus employed the  
Government of India have no objection to the proposal.

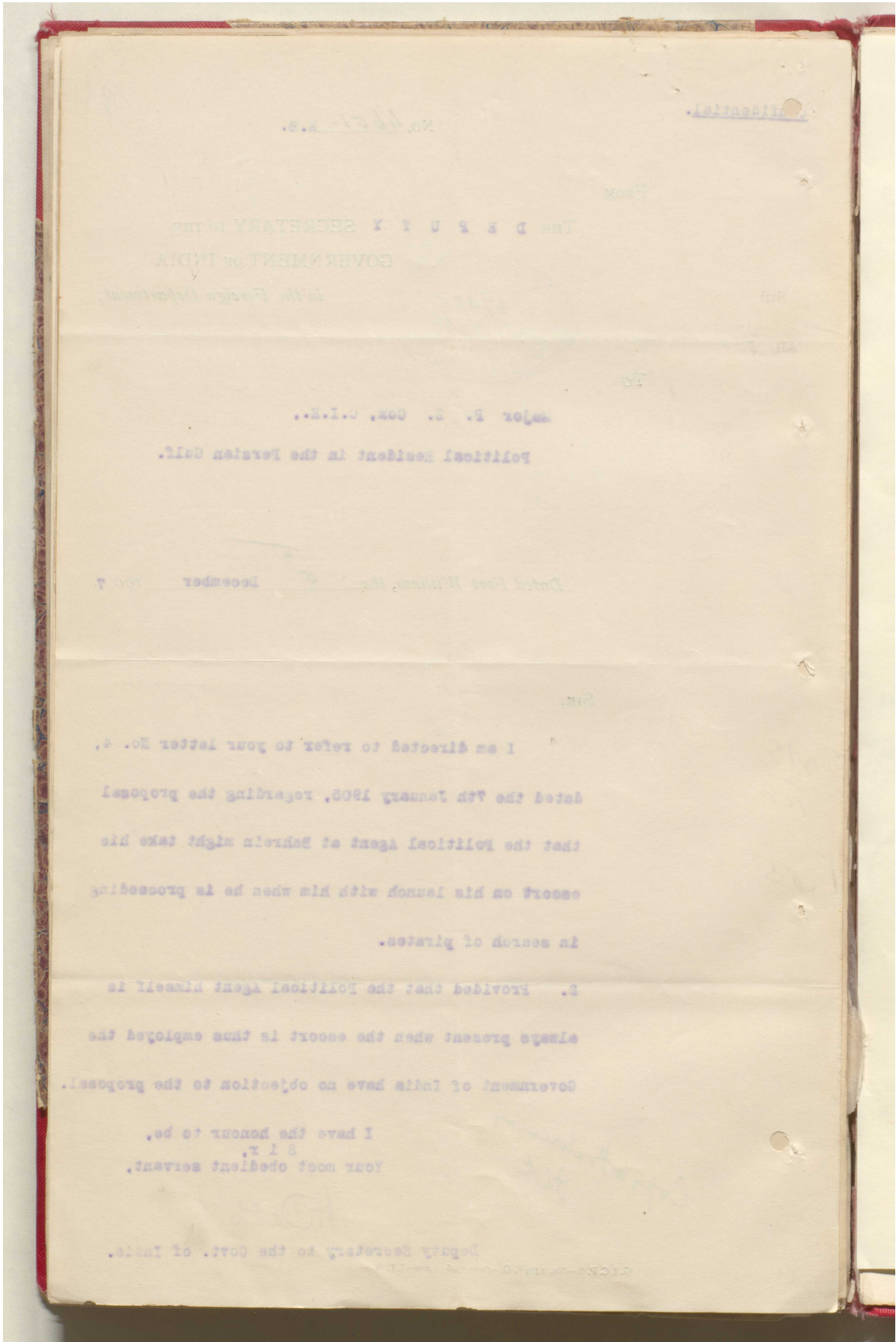
I have the honour to be,  
S i r,  
Your most obedient servant,  
H. D. Dobb

Copy to Bahrein  
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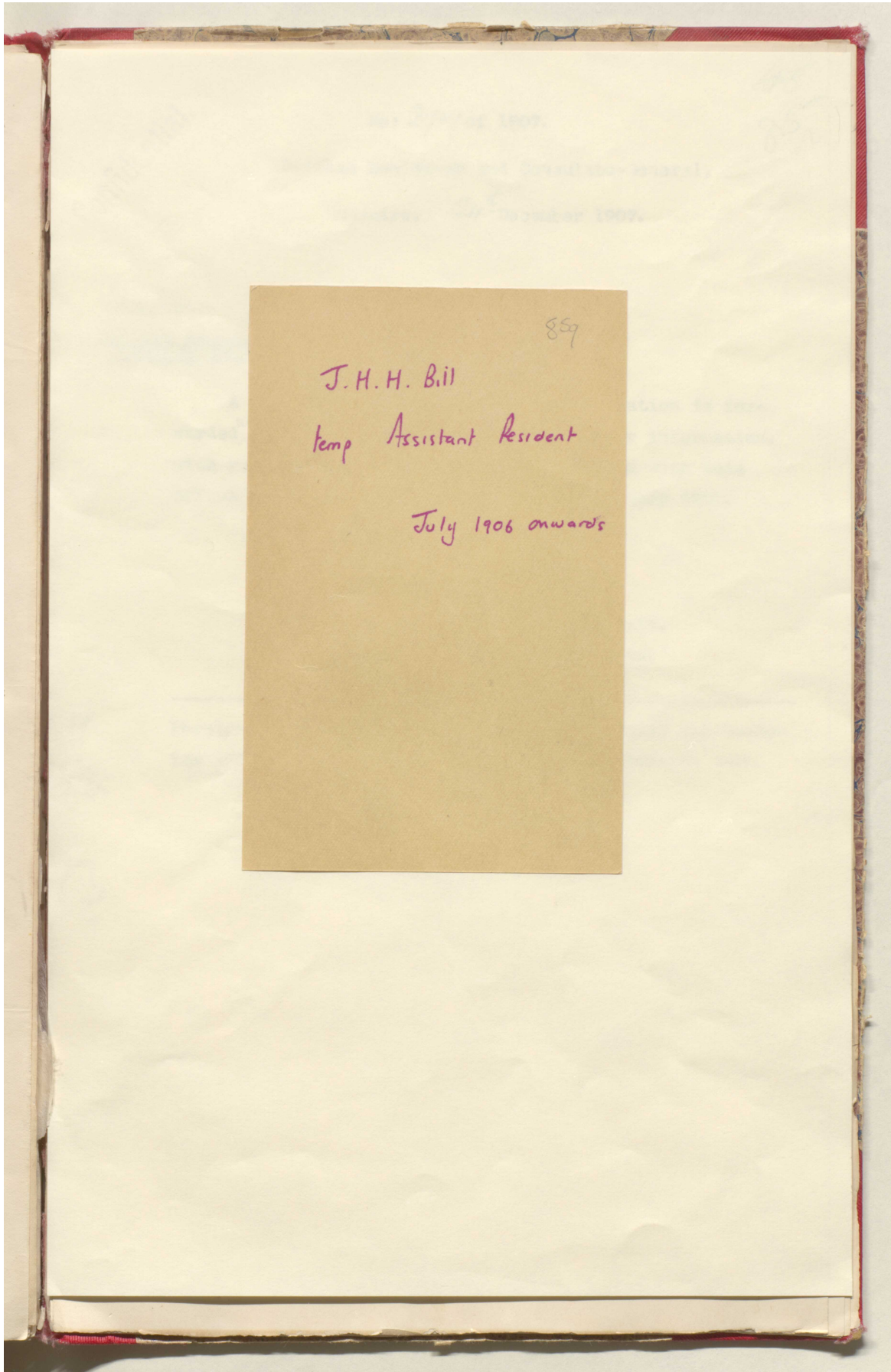
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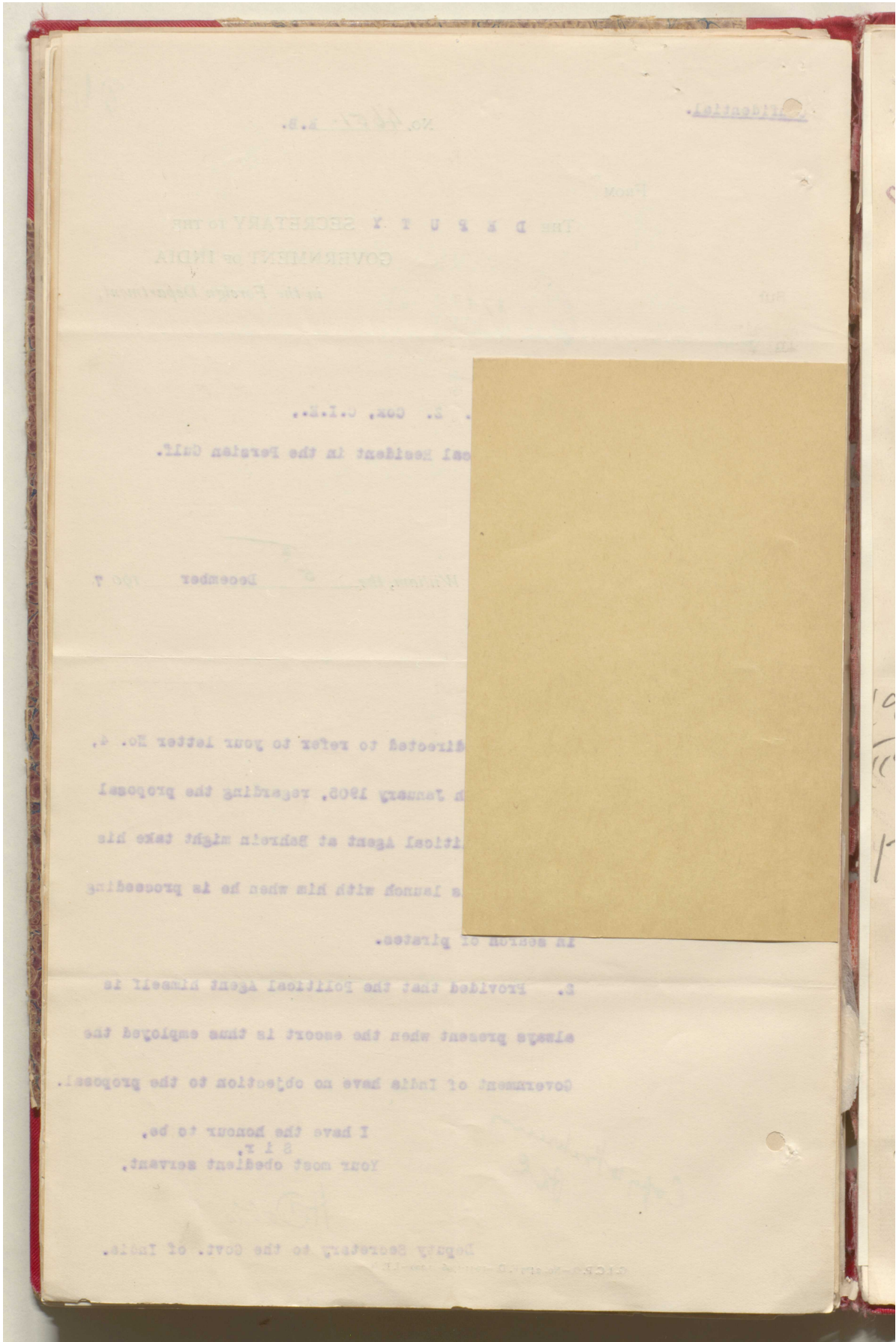
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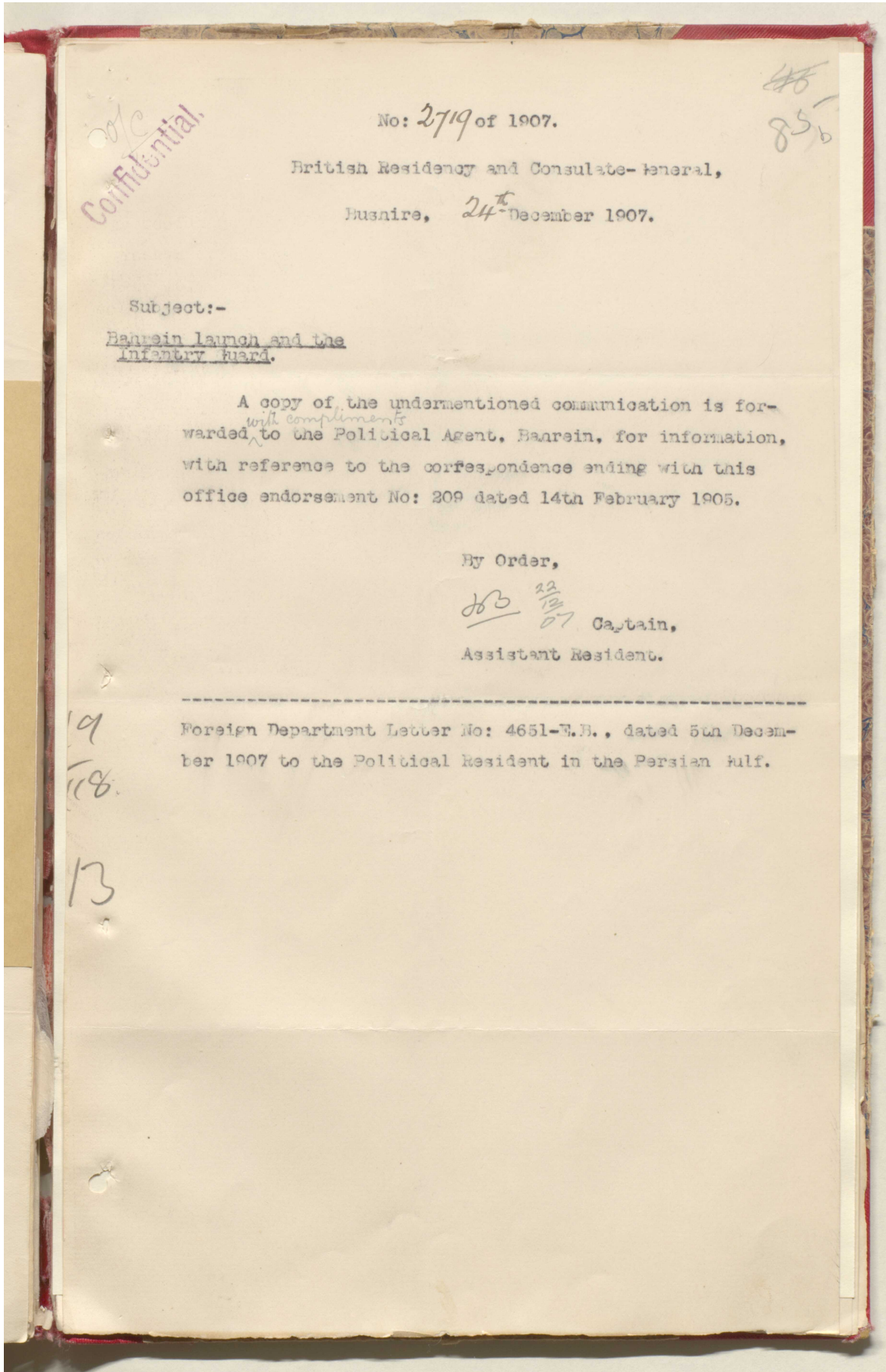
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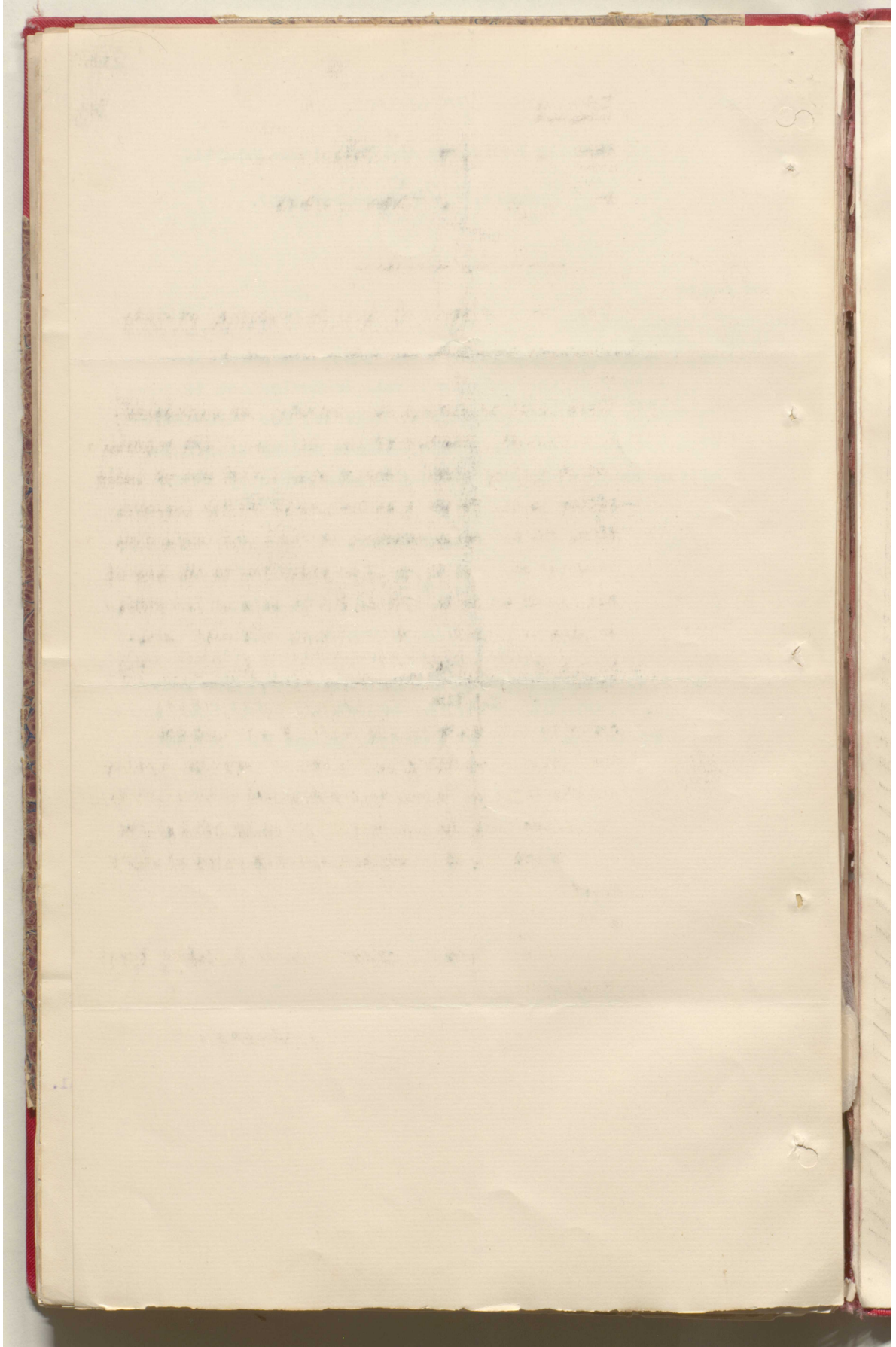
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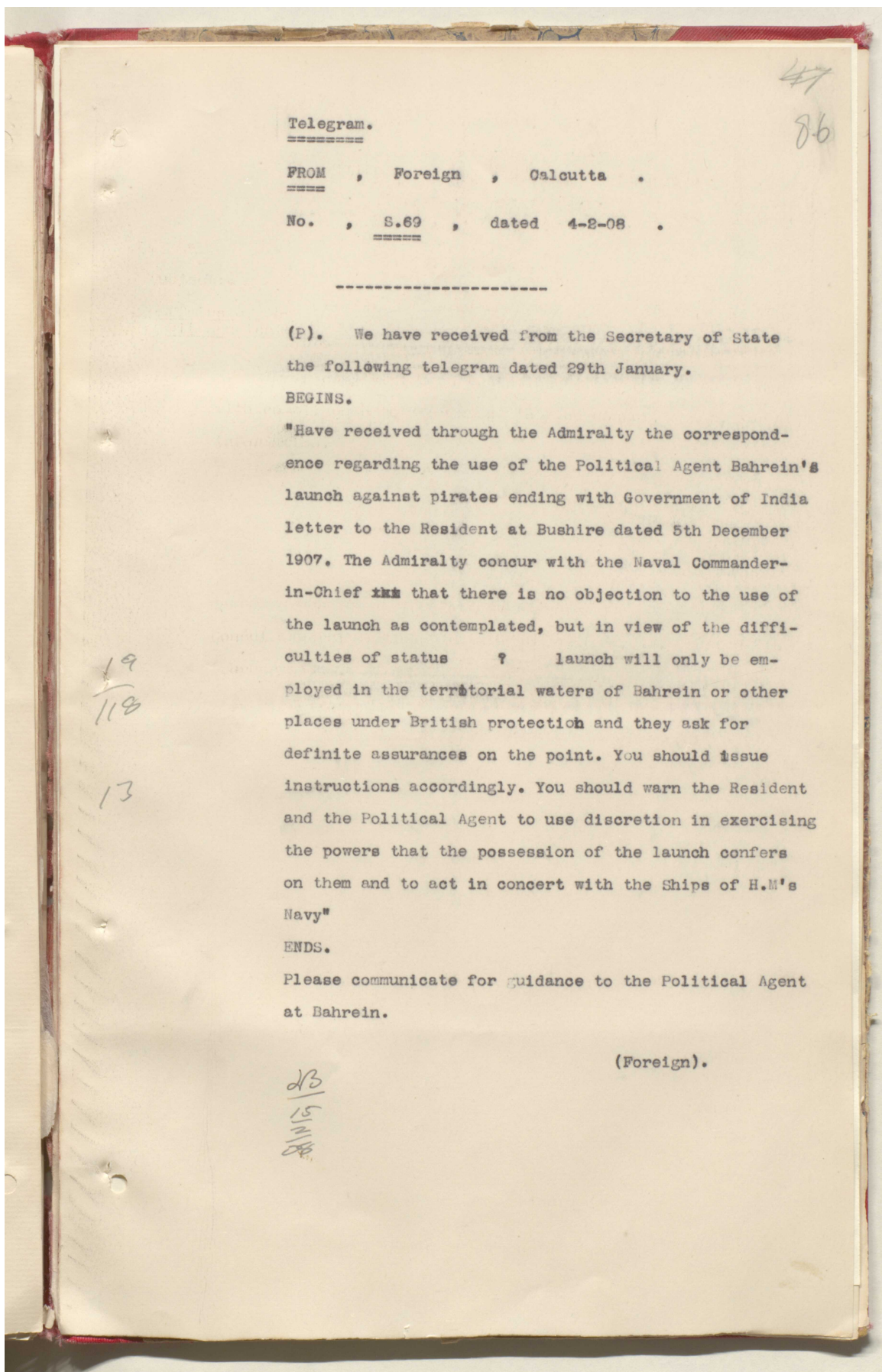
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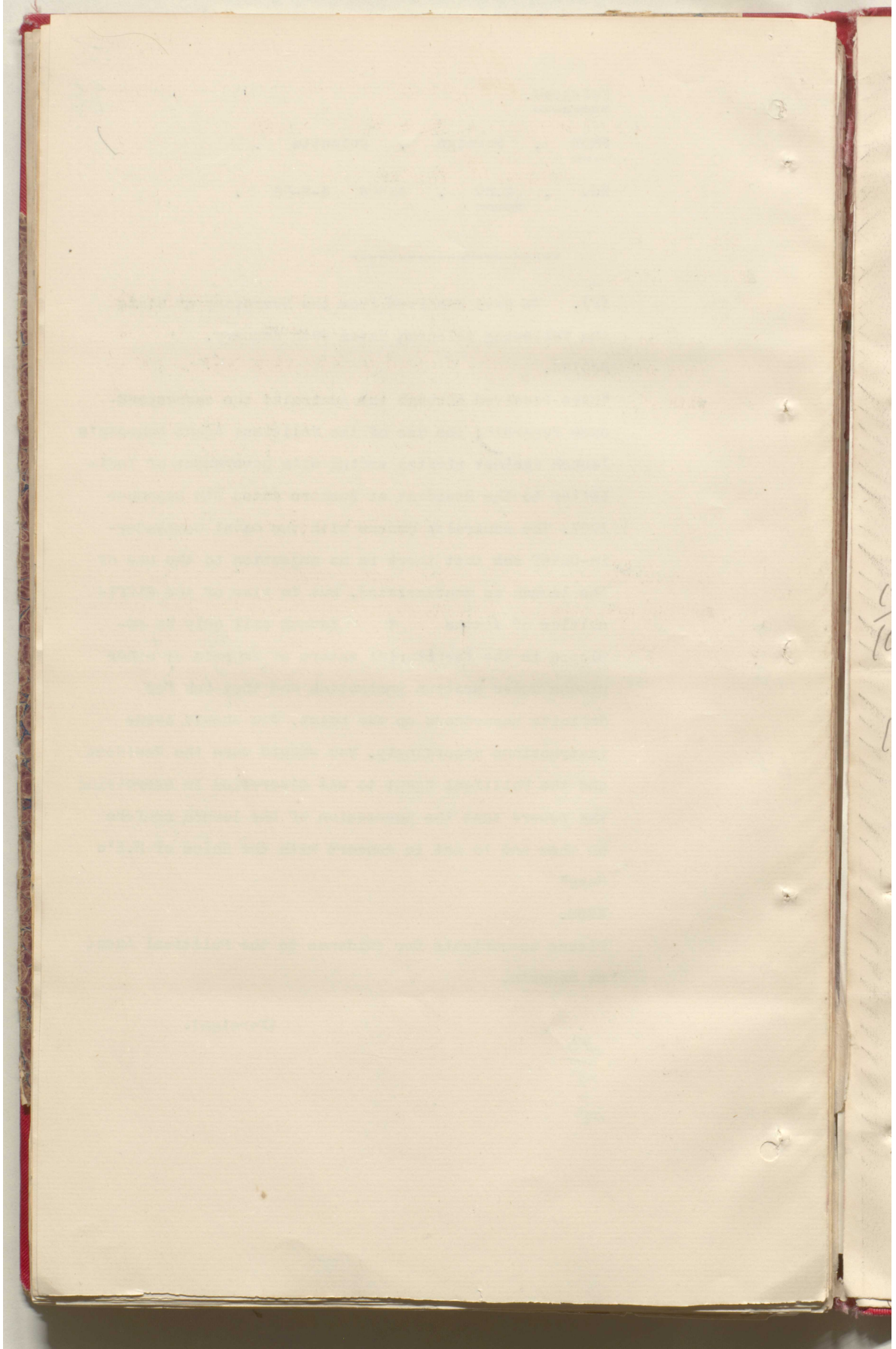
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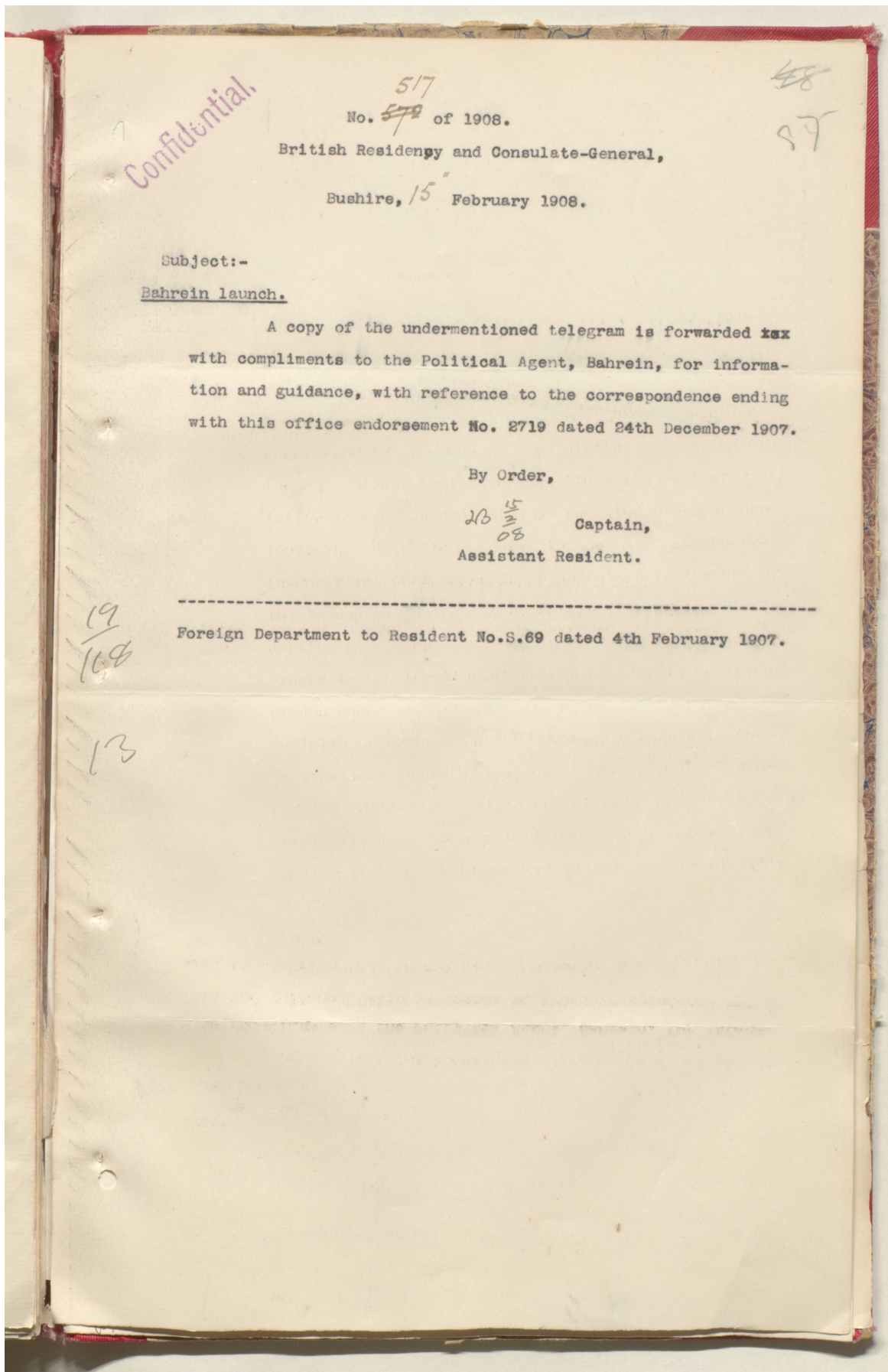
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No. ~~578~~ of 1908.

British Residency and Consulate-General,

Bushire, 15<sup>th</sup> February 1908.

Subject:-

Bahrein launch.

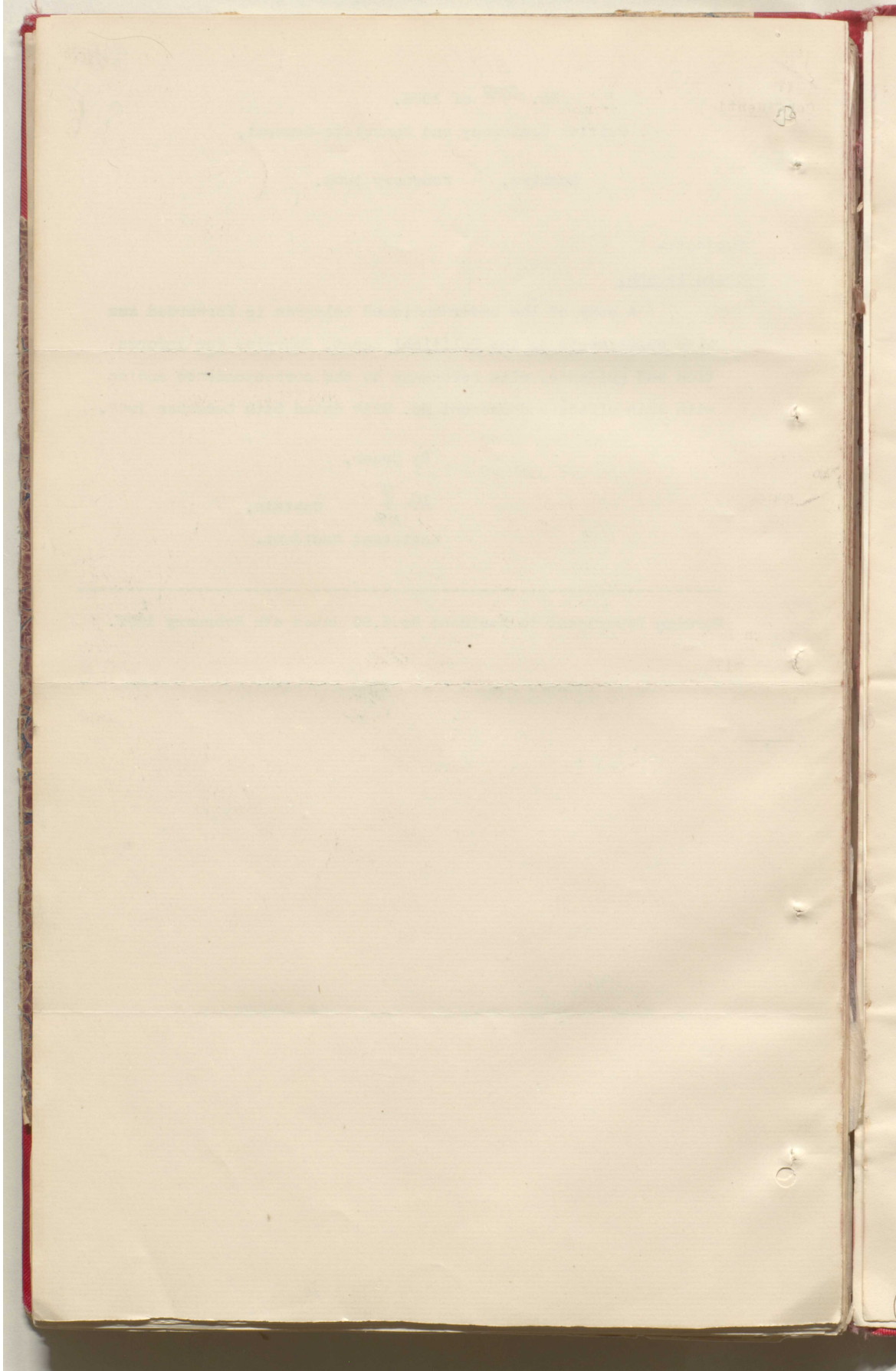
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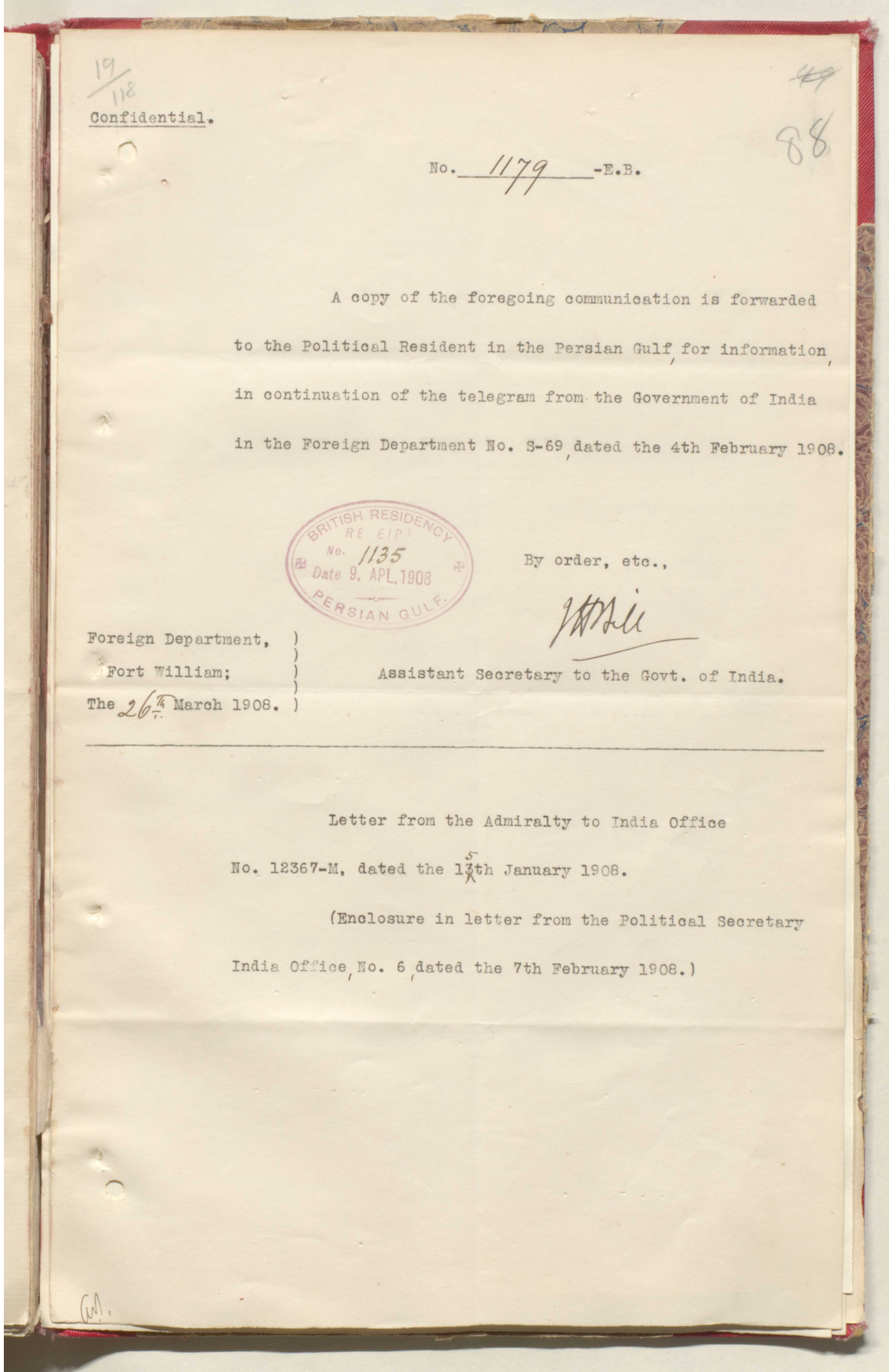
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Assistant Resident.

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Foreign Department to Resident No.S.69 dated 4th February 1907.

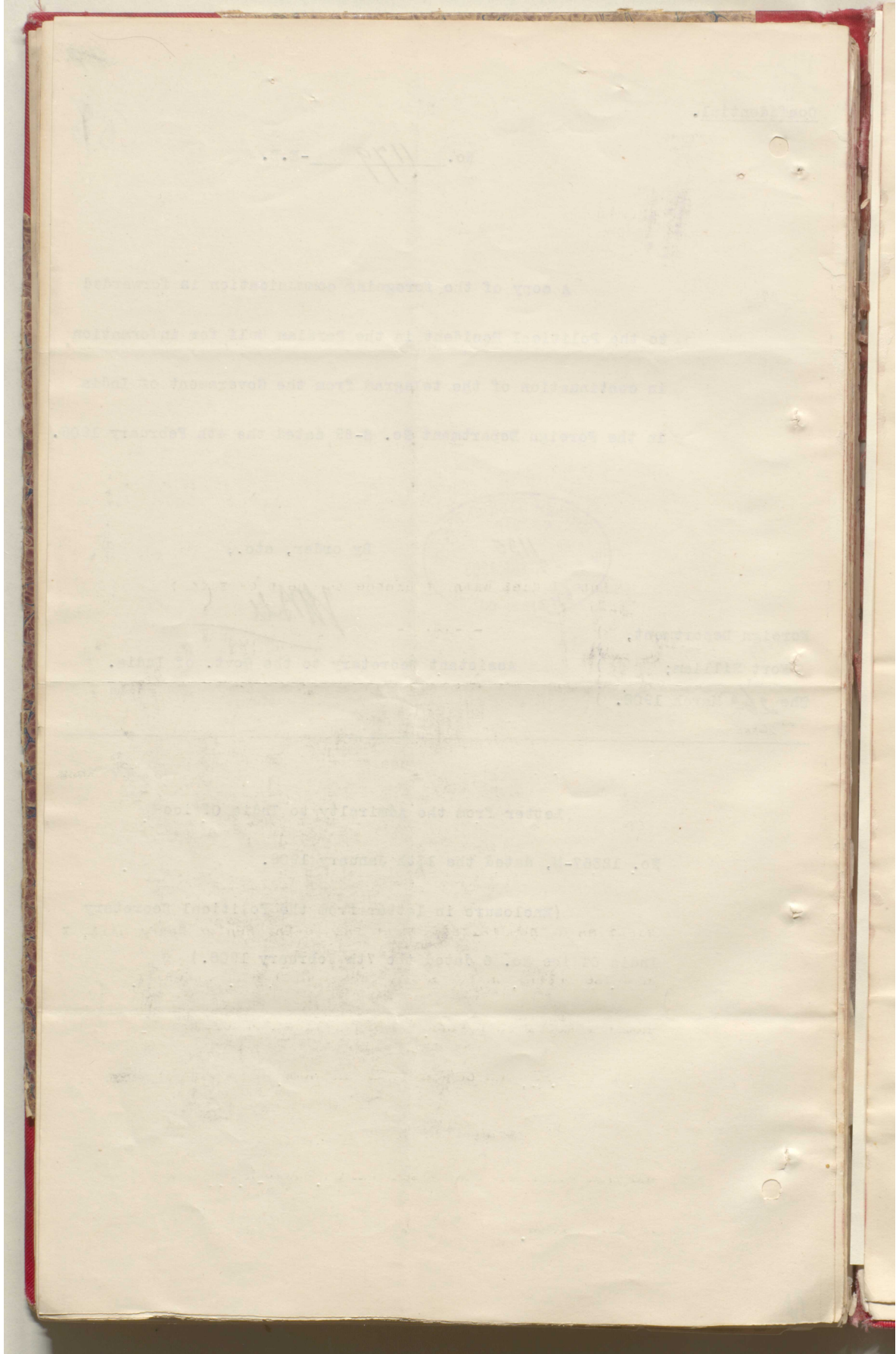
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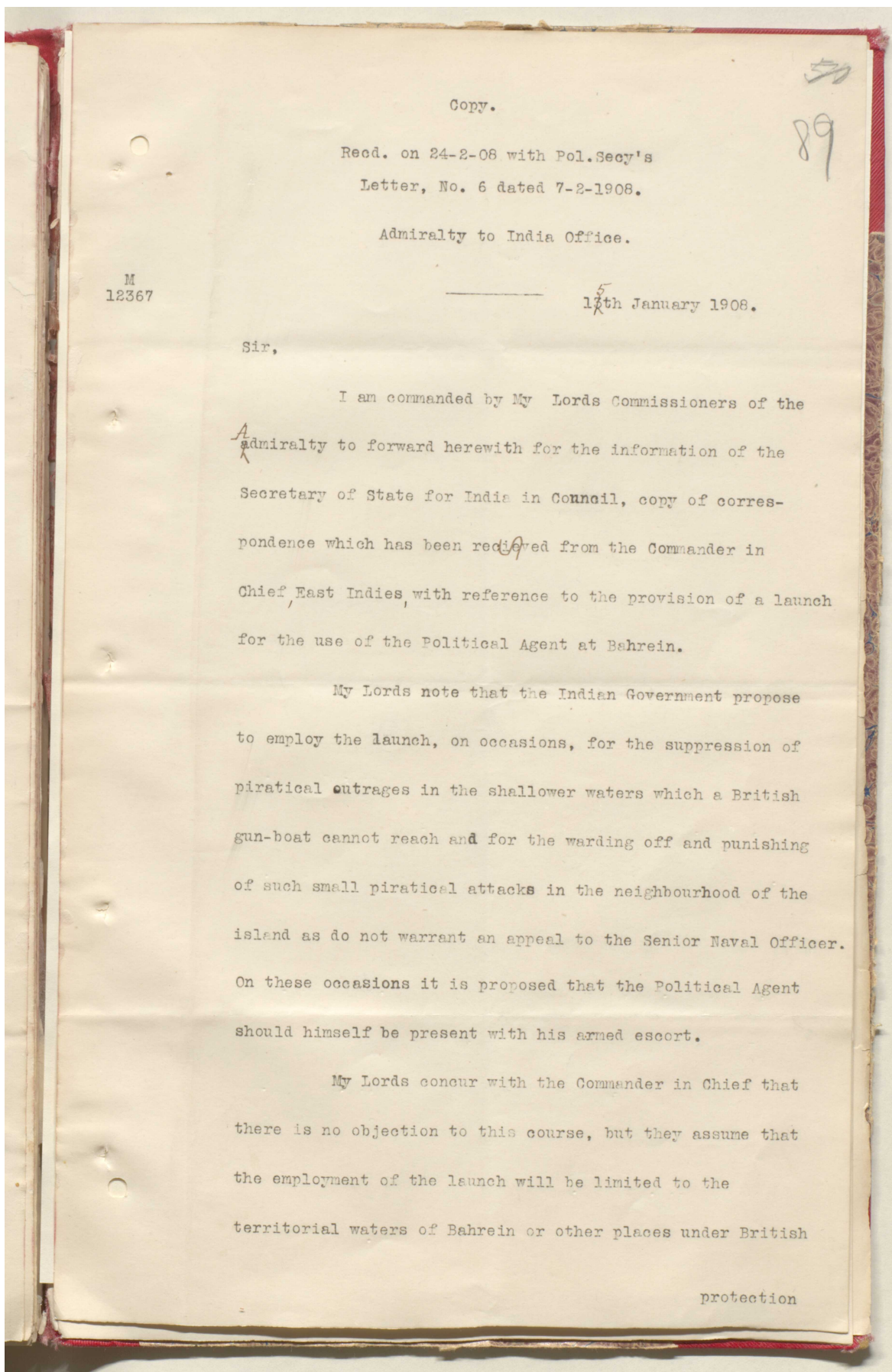
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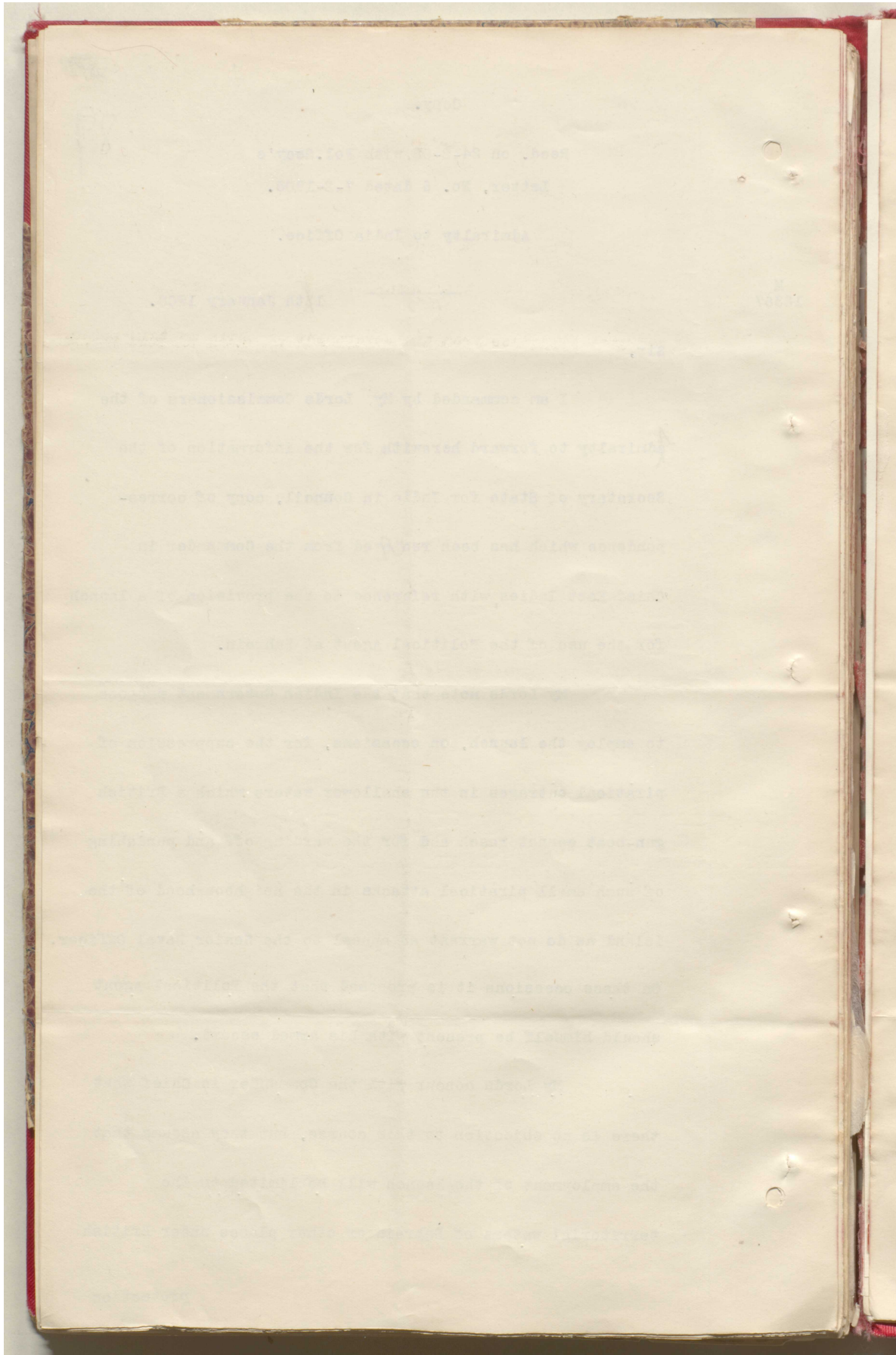
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protection since her status<sup>u</sup> would not admit of her employment  
outside these waters.

My Lords suggest for the consideration of the  
Secretary of State that it may be des<sup>s</sup>irable to obtain a  
definite assurance from the Government of India on this point.

I am etc.,

Sd/- C. J. Thomas.

List of Enclosures ( copies not sent to India)

From Secretary to Govt. of India in Foreign Department to  
Naval Commander-in-Chief, East Indies dated 26th October 1907,  
No. 4223-E.B.,

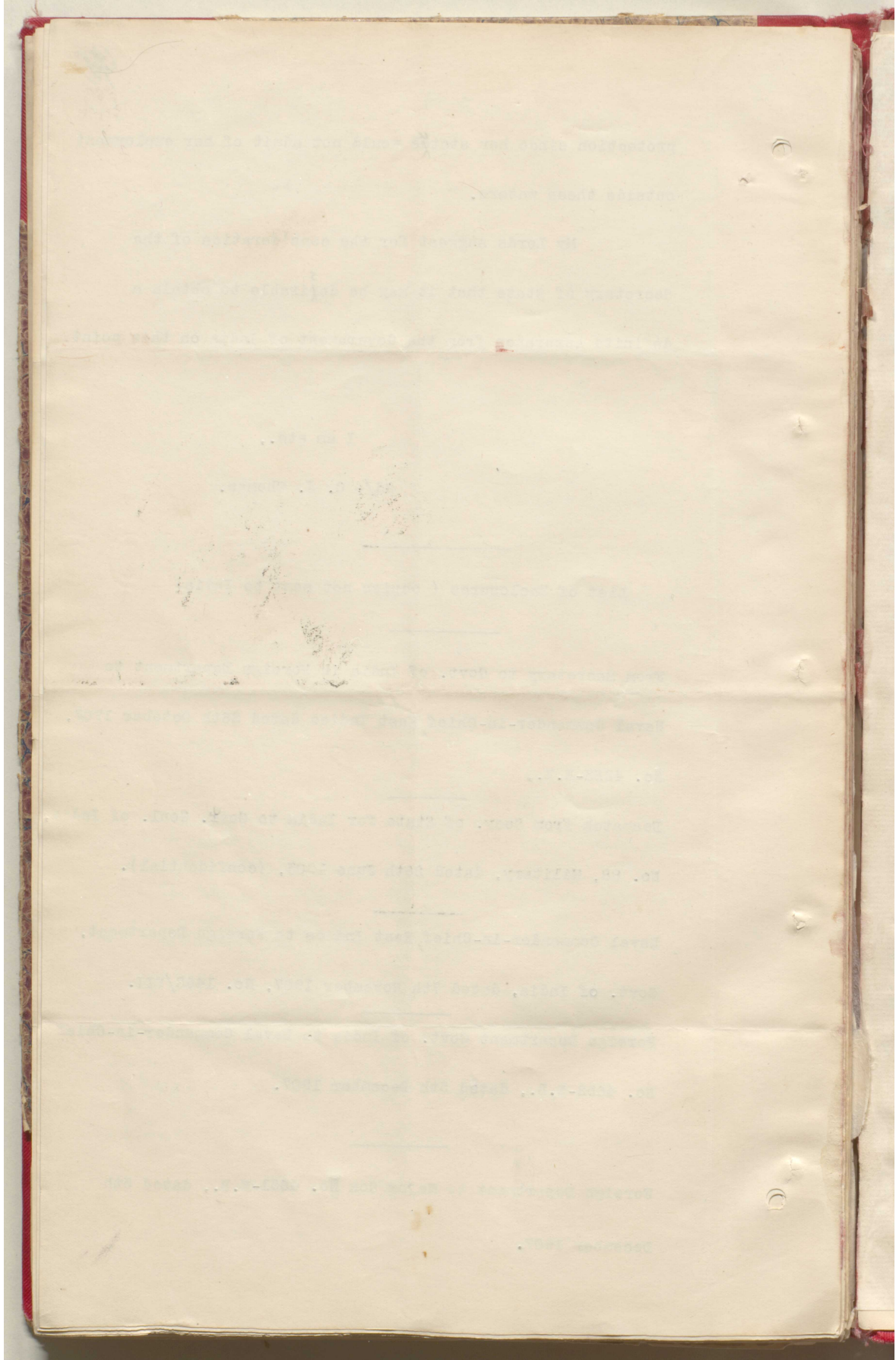
Despatch from Secy. of State for India to Govr. Genl. of India,  
No. 88, Military, dated 26th June 1903, (Confidential).

Naval Commander-in-Chief, East Indies to Foreign Department,  
Govt. of India, dated 7th November 1907, No. 1462/VII.

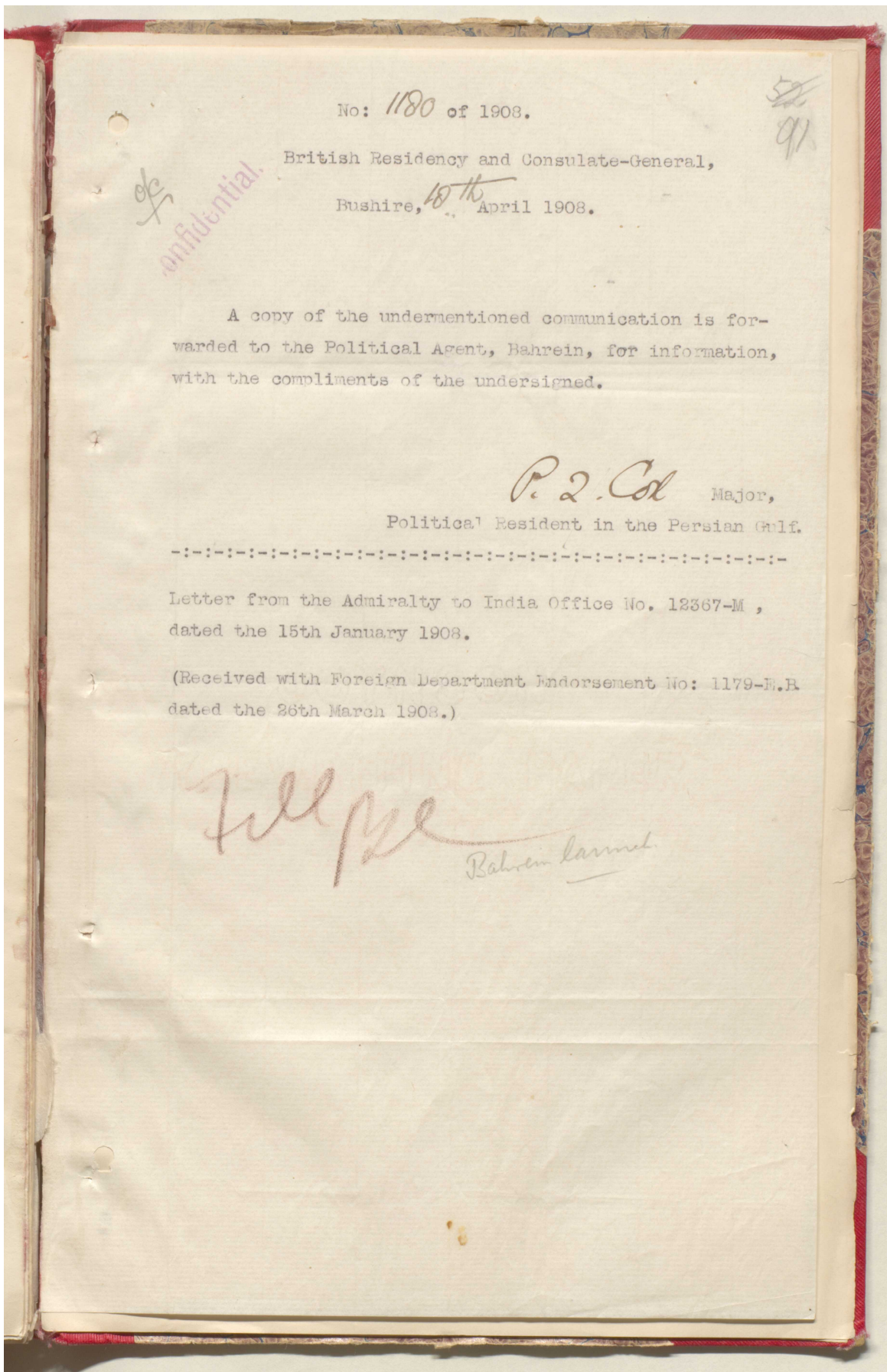
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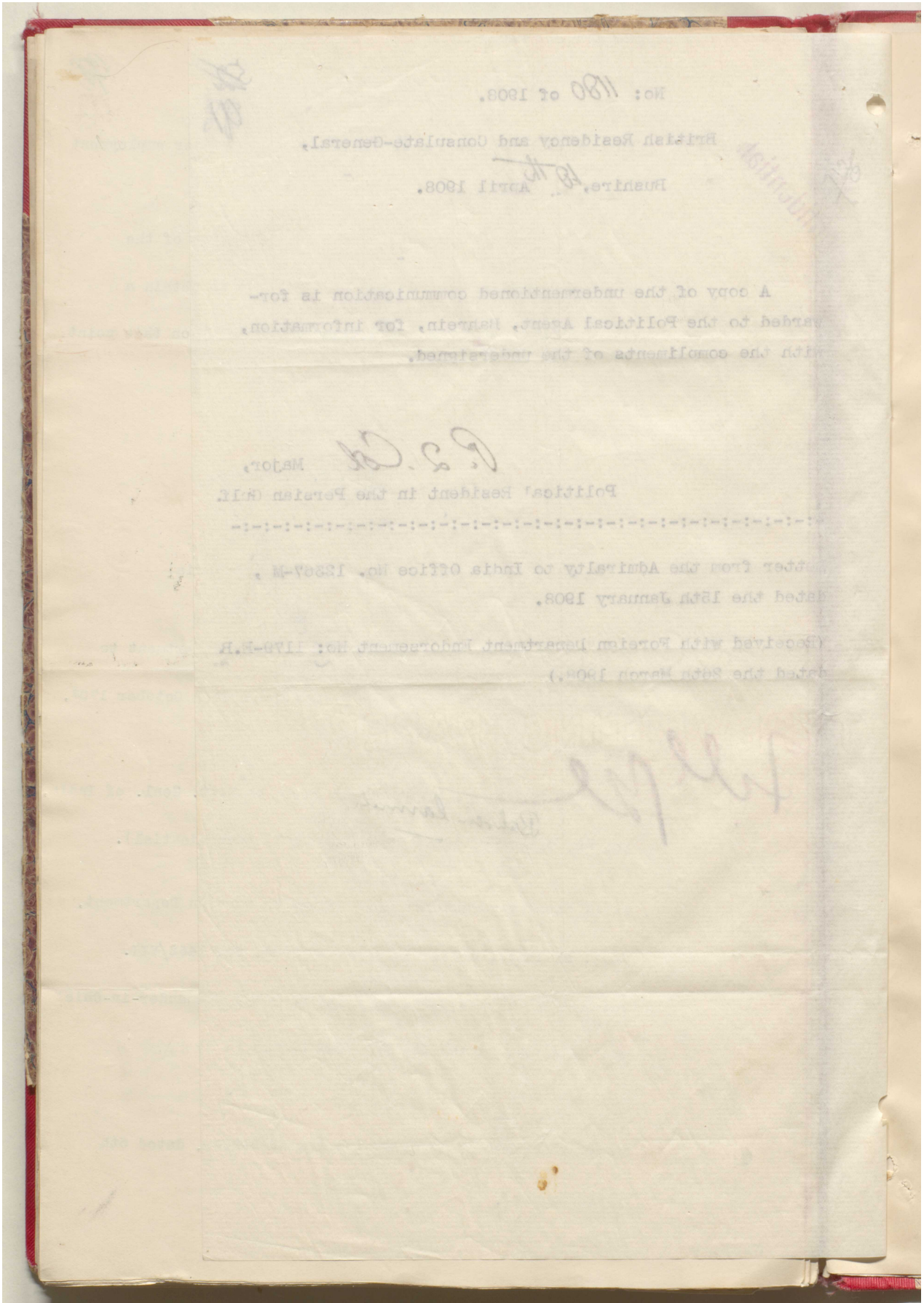
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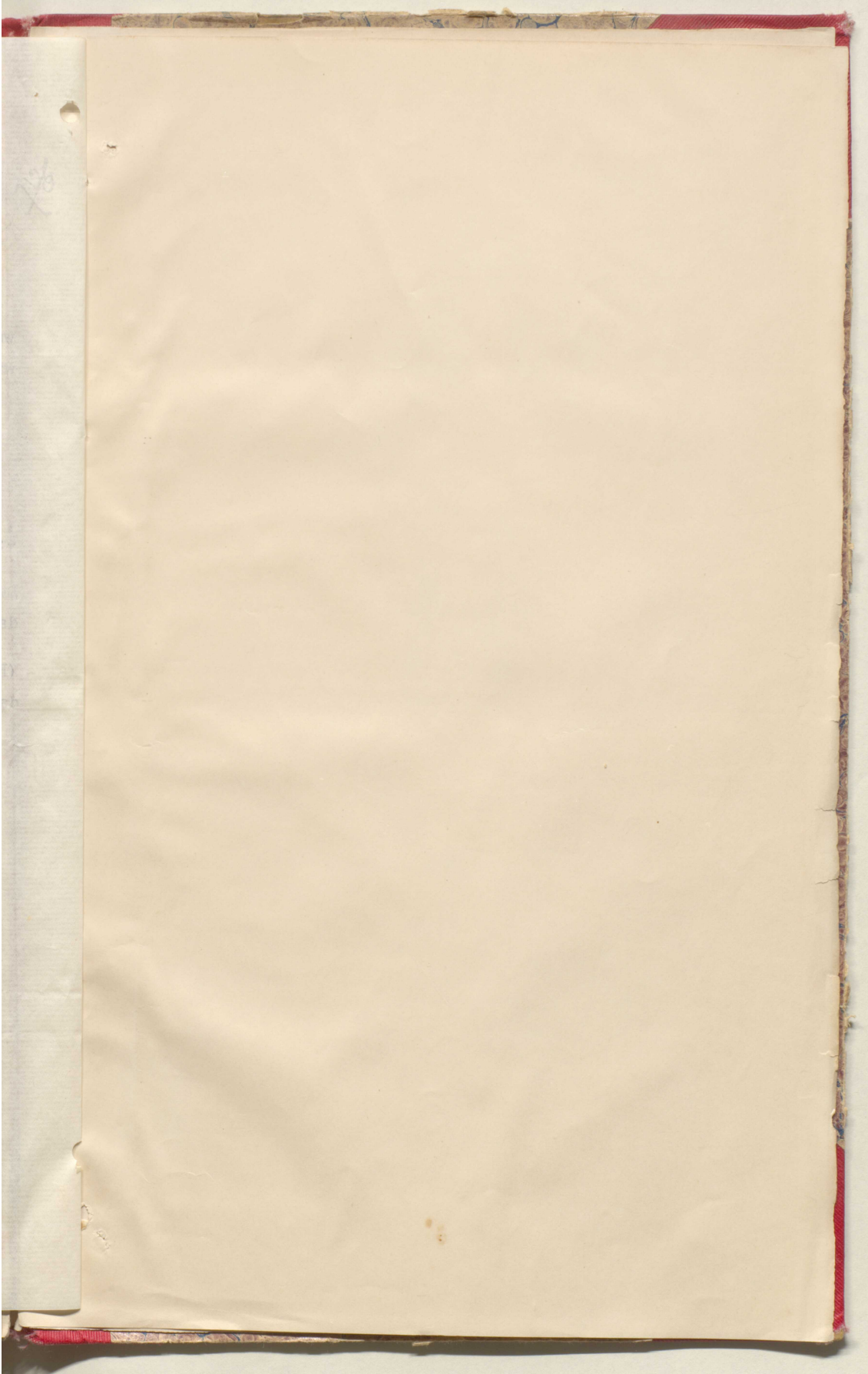
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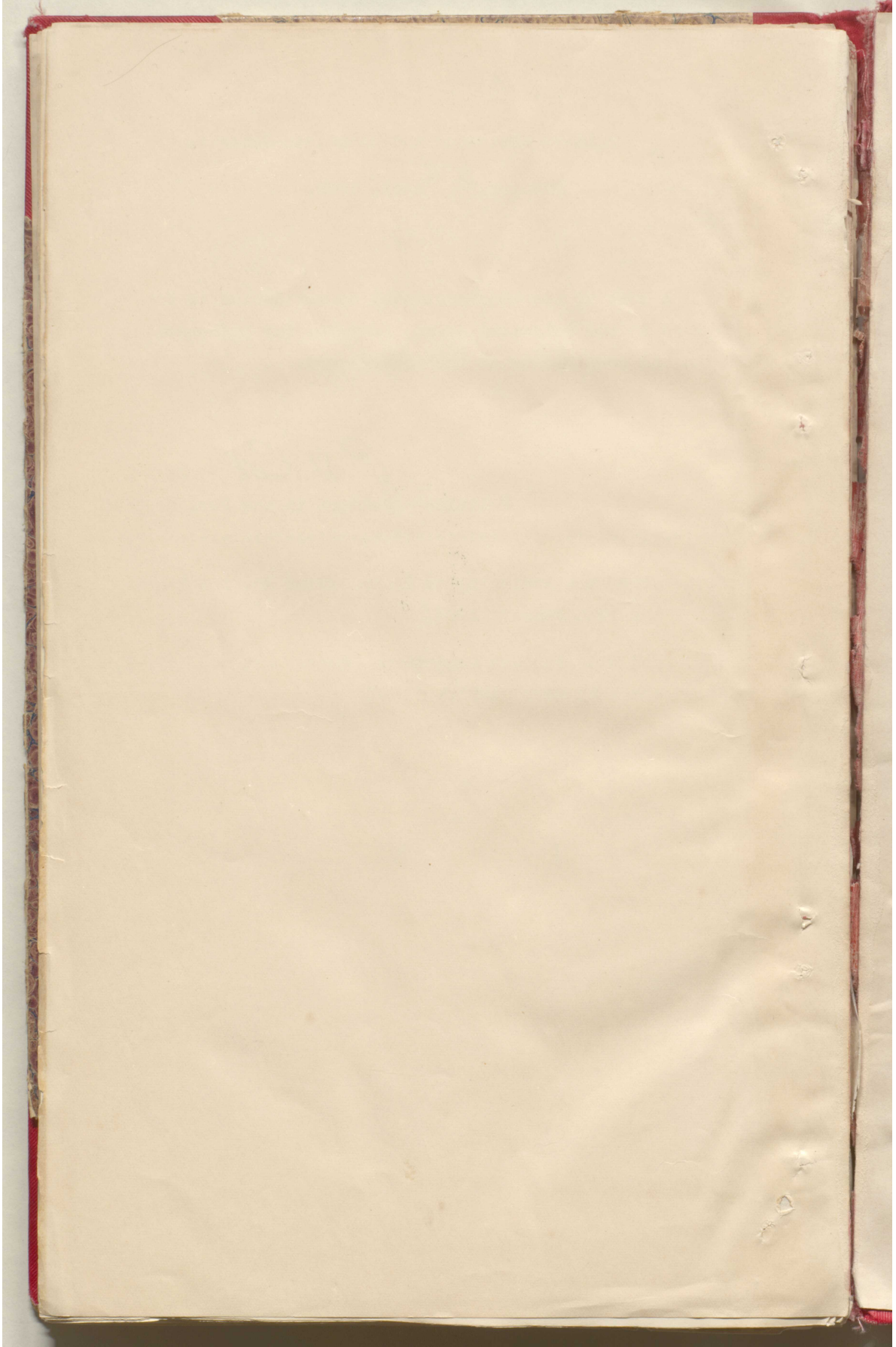
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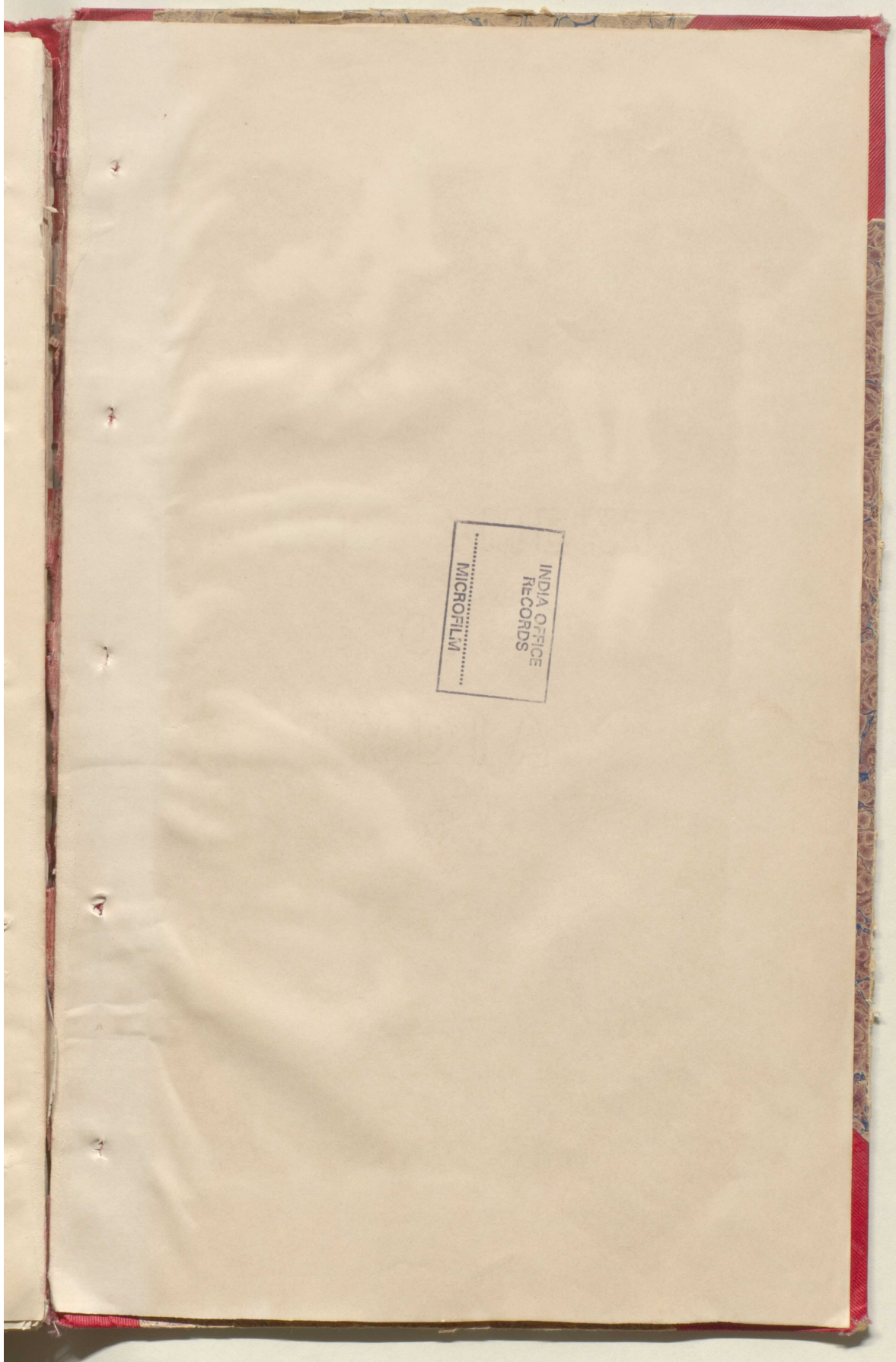
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"ملف 19/118 (C 7) البحرين" [ii-و] (٢١٣/٢١٥)



"ملف 19/118 (C 7) البحرين" [ii-ظ] (٢١٥/٢١٤)



"ملف 19/118 (C 7) البحرين" [خلفي-داخلي] (٢١٥/٢١٥)

