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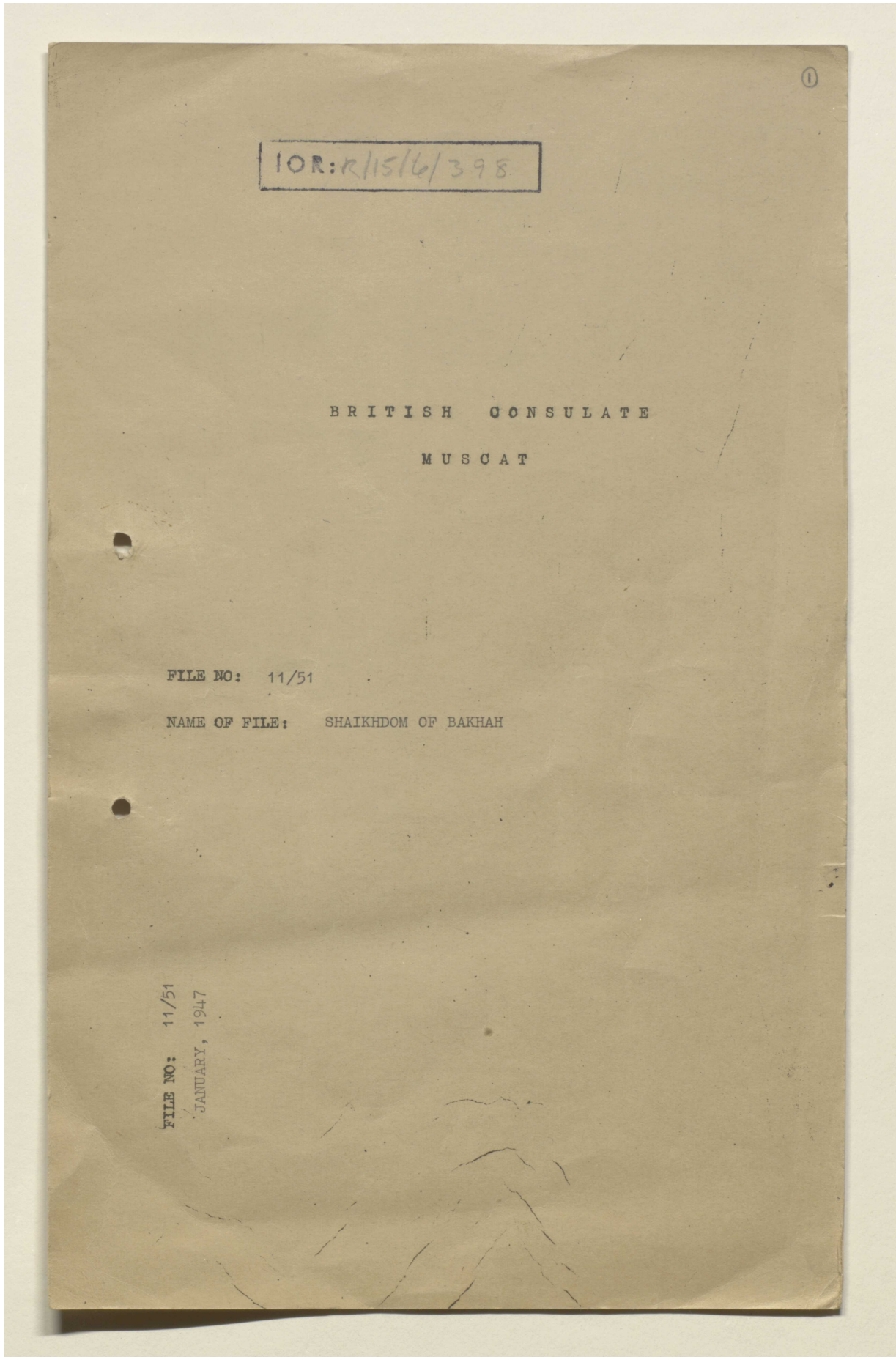
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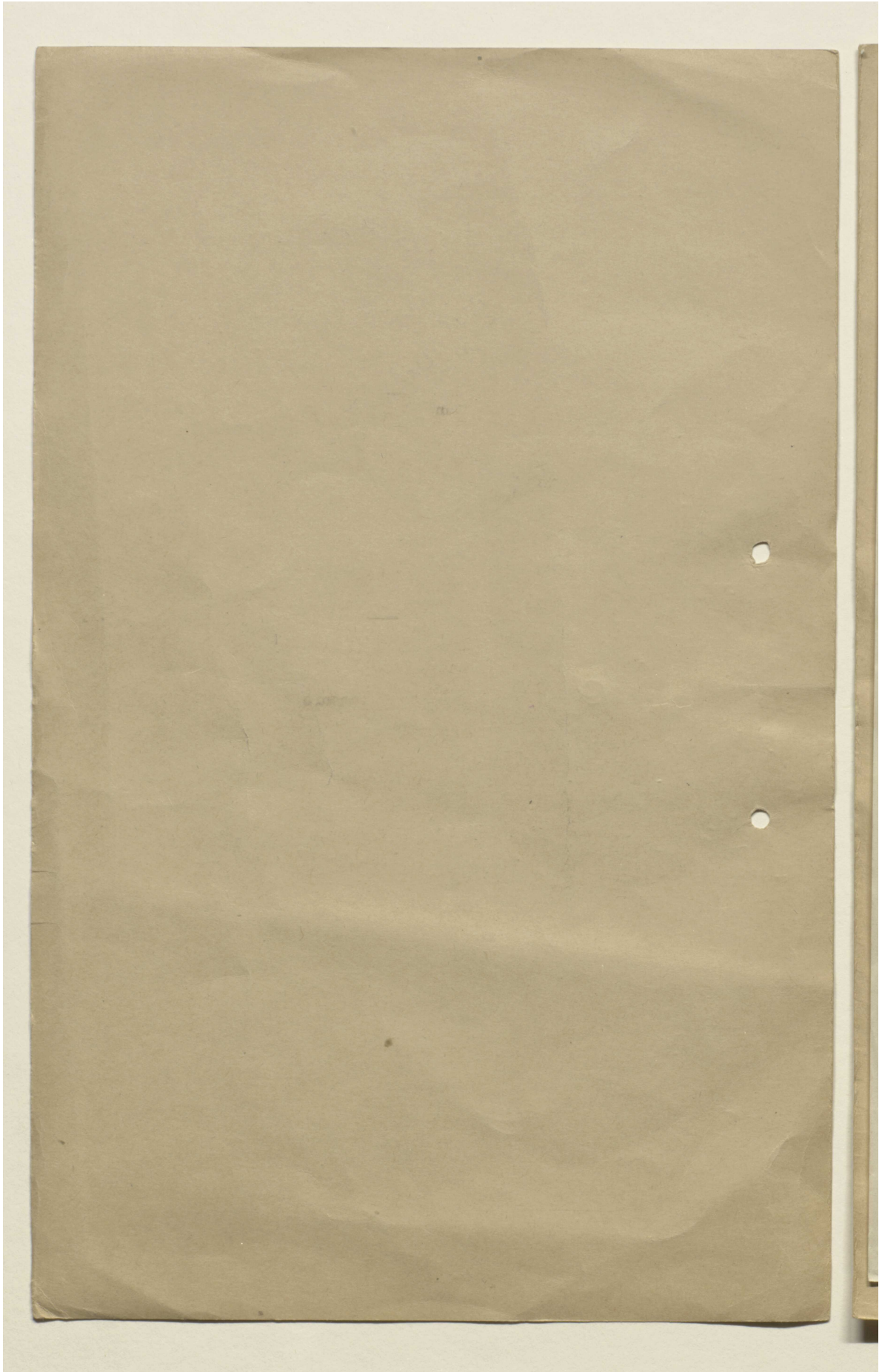


About this record

This file contains a report on the Shaikhdom of Bakhah [Bukha] written by the Political Agent in Bahrain, Arnold Crawshaw Galloway. The report was written after Galloway and the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, William Rupert Hay, had visited the area on 25 January 1947. It contains a brief description of the shaikhdom including details of its size, its ruler (Shaikh Muhammad bin Ahmad bin Sulaiman Shihhi), its inhabitants and its relations with the British Government.

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No. 162 - S.

The Hon'ble the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf presents his compliments to

1. The Secretary to the Government of India, External Affairs Department, NEW DELHI.
2. The Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf, H.M.S. WILD GOOSE.
3. The Political Agent, MUSCAT.
- *4. The Political Agent, BAHRAIN.

and has the honour to transmit to him a copy of the undermentioned document.

PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY,
BAHRAIN.

Dated the 29th January, 1947.

Reference to previous correspondence :

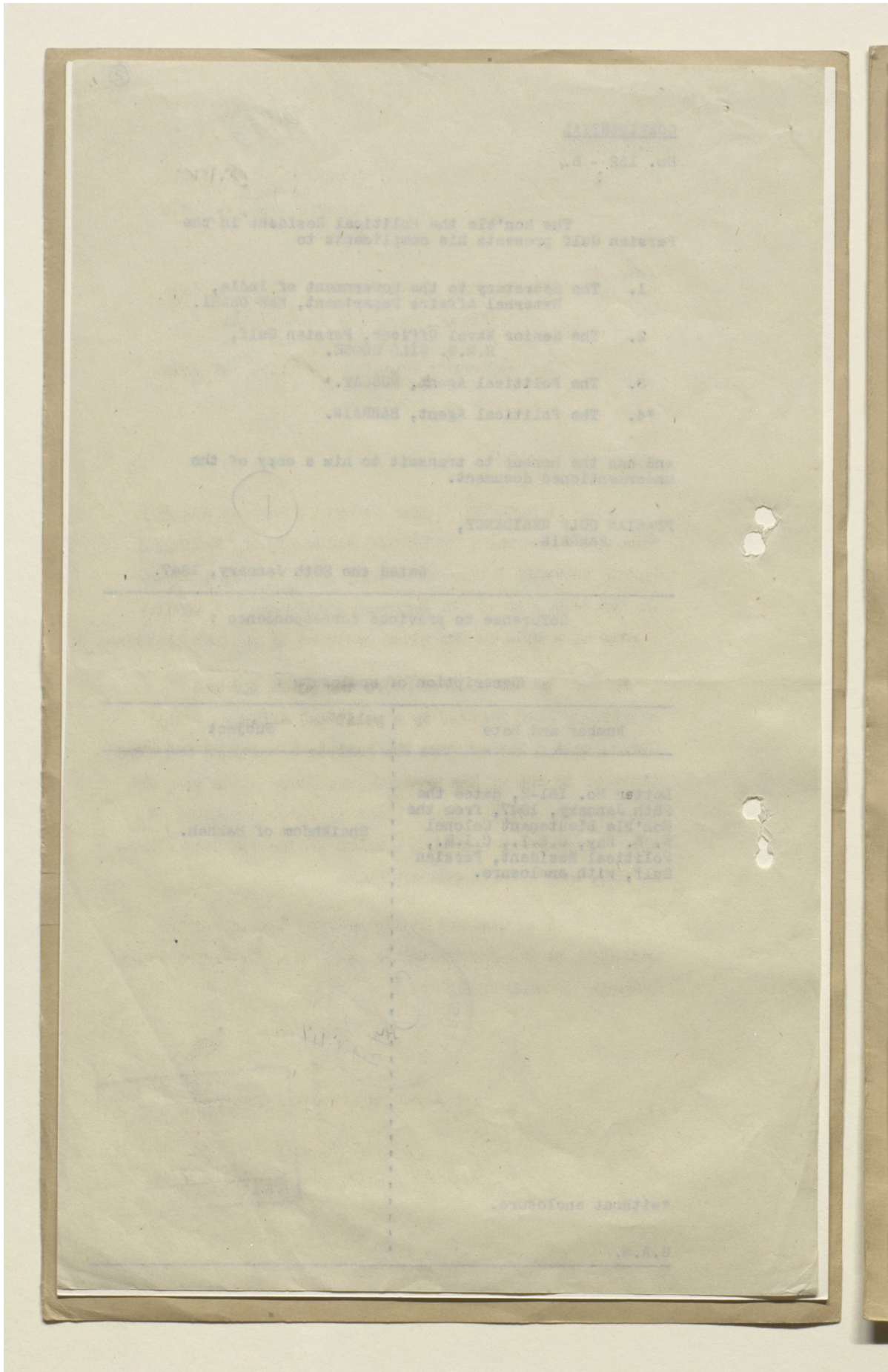
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Letter No. 161-S, dated the 29th January, 1947, from the Hon'ble Lieutenant Colonel W. R. Hay, C.S.I., C.I.E., Political Resident, Persian Gulf, with enclosure.	Shaikhdom of Bakhah.

*without enclosure.

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'File 11/51 Shaikhdom of Bakhah [Bukha]' [3r] (5/12)

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No. 161 - S.

PERSIAN GULF RESIDENCY,
BAHRAIN.
the 29th January, 1947.

From

The Hon'ble Lieutenant Colonel W. R. Hay,
C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Political Resident, Persian Gulf.

To

His Majesty's Secretary of State for India,
India Office,
LONDON.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that on the 25th January, accompanied by Colonel Galloway, the Political Agent, Bahrain, I visited Bakhah, a small port situated on the west side of the Musandam peninsula. I enclose a copy of a note on the place recorded by Colonel Galloway.

2. So far as I am aware the place has not previously been visited by a political officer. The Shaikh said a letter from the Political Resident had been received by one of his predecessors fifty years ago, but searched for it in vain. The last steamer visited the place seven years ago when a naval doctor was sent ashore to deal with a small-pox epidemic.

3. I am sending a copy of this letter and its enclosure to the Government of India and the Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf.

I have the honour to be,

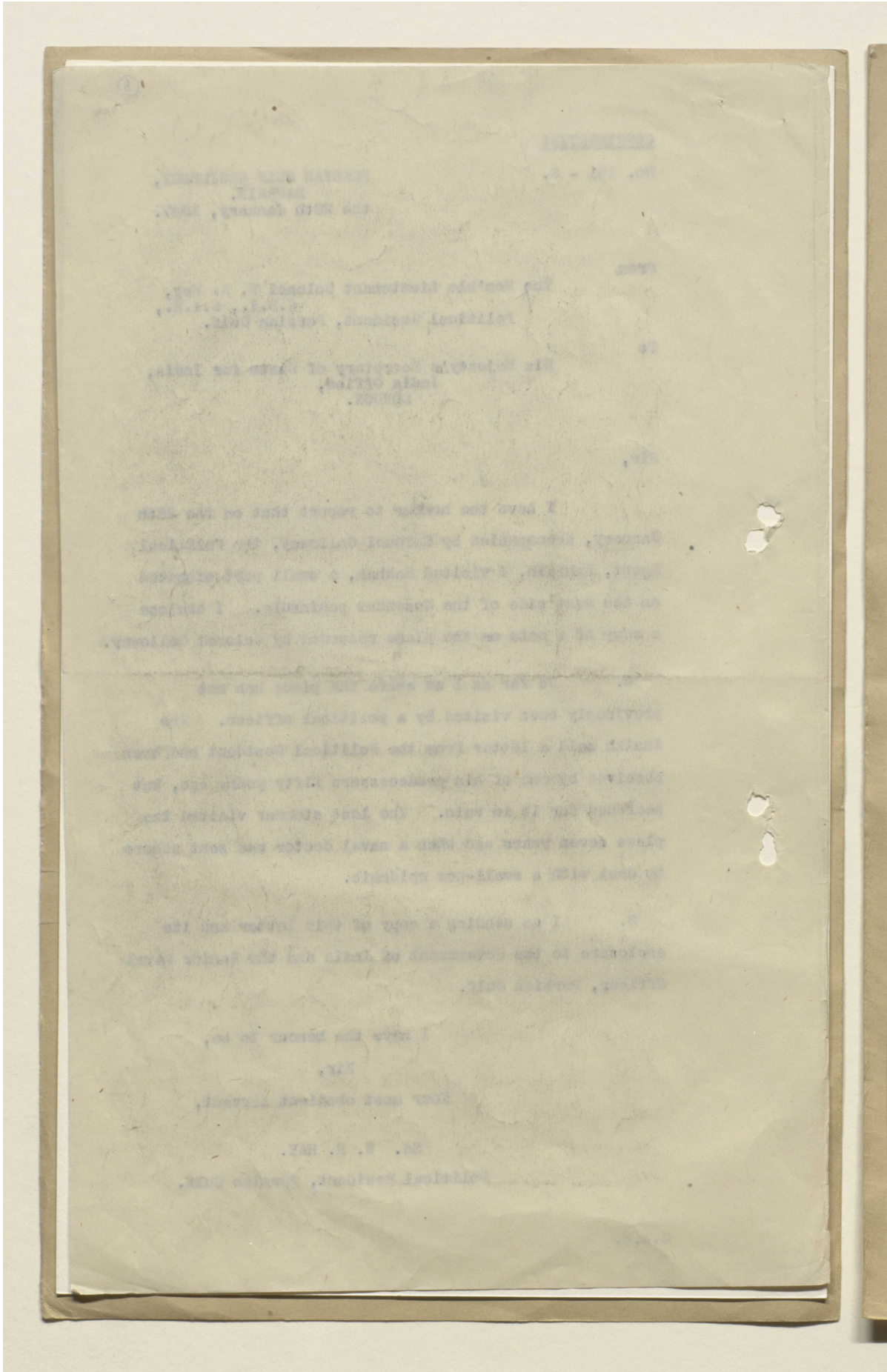
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd. W. R. HAY.

Political Resident, Persian Gulf.

G.A.H.



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NOTE ON BAKHAH.

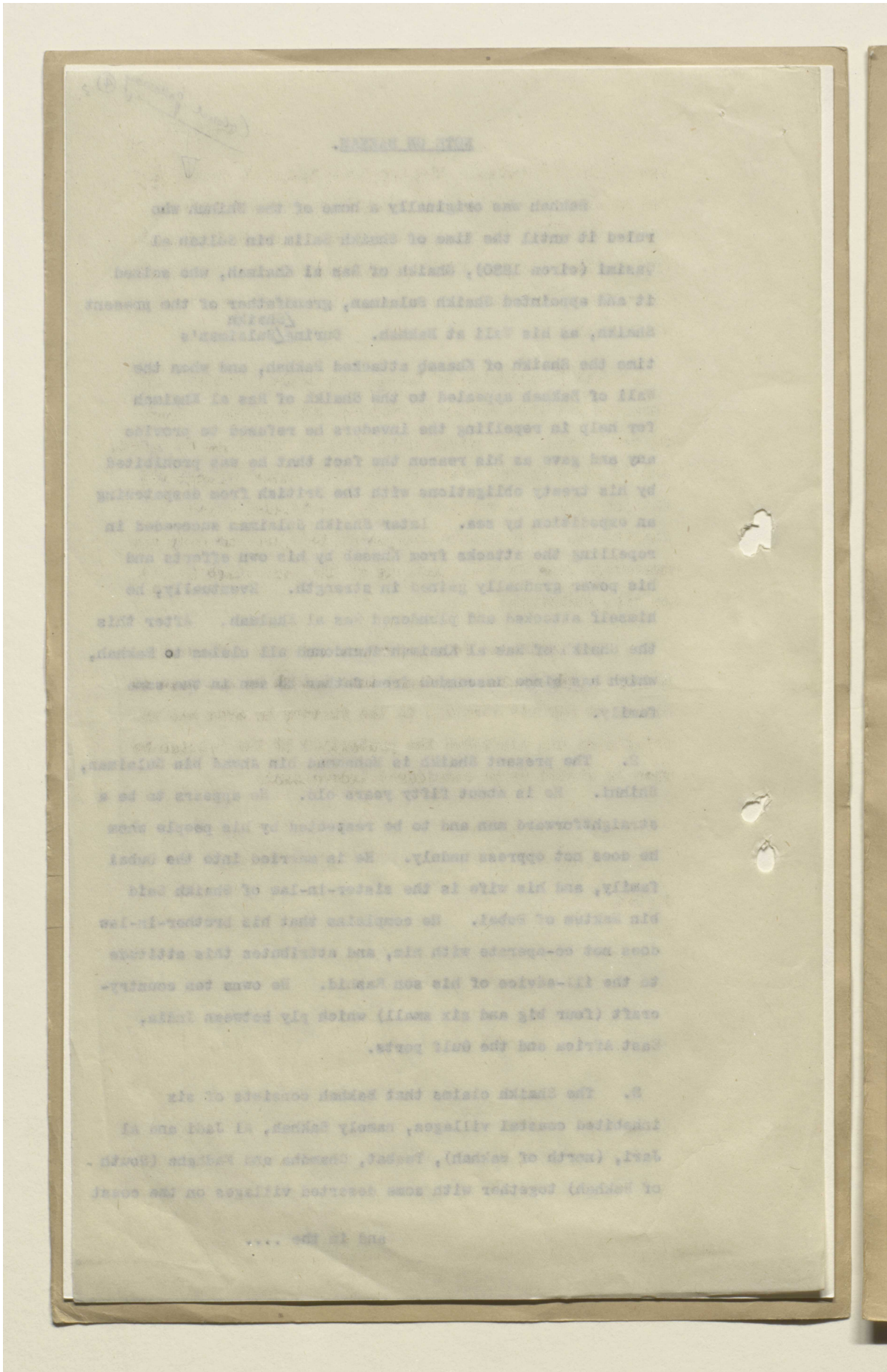
Colonel Galloway (4) 3
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Bakhah was originally a home of the Shihuh who ruled it until the time of Shaikh Salim bin Sultan al Qasimi (circa 1830), Shaikh of Ras al Khaimah, who seized it and appointed Shaikh Sulaiman, grandfather of the present Shaikh, as his Wali at Bakhah. During ^{Shaikh} Sulaiman's time the Shaikh of Khasab attacked Bakhah, and when the Wali of Bakhah appealed to the Shaikh of Ras al Khaimah for help in repelling the invaders he refused to provide any and gave as his reason the fact that he was prohibited by his treaty obligations with the British from despatching an expedition by sea. Later Shaikh Sulaiman succeeded in repelling the attacks from Khasab by his own efforts and his power gradually gained in strength. Eventually, he himself attacked and plundered Ras al Khaimah. After this the Shaikh of Ras al Khaimah abandoned all claims to Bakhah, which has since descended from father to son in the same family.

2. The present Shaikh is Muhammad bin Ahmad bin Sulaiman, Shihhi. He is about fifty years old. He appears to be a straightforward man and to be respected by his people whom he does not oppress unduly. He is married into the Dubai family, and his wife is the sister-in-law of Shaikh Said bin Maktum of Dubai. He complains that his brother-in-law does not co-operate with him, and attributes this attitude to the ill-advice of his son Rashid. He owns ten country-craft (four big and six small) which ply between India, East Africa and the Gulf ports.

3. The Shaikh claims that Bakhah consists of six inhabited coastal villages, namely Bakhah, Al Jadi and Al Jari, (north of Bakhah), Teebat, Ghamdha and Fadhgha (South of Bakhah) together with some deserted villages on the coast

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and in the mountains. The northern limit he claims is Ras al Jari and the southern Ras al Sha'am and part of Sha'am village. In fact, he has no authority in Sha'am and the head-land is the natural boundary in that direction which is, incidentally, the end of the motor road from Ras al Khaimah.

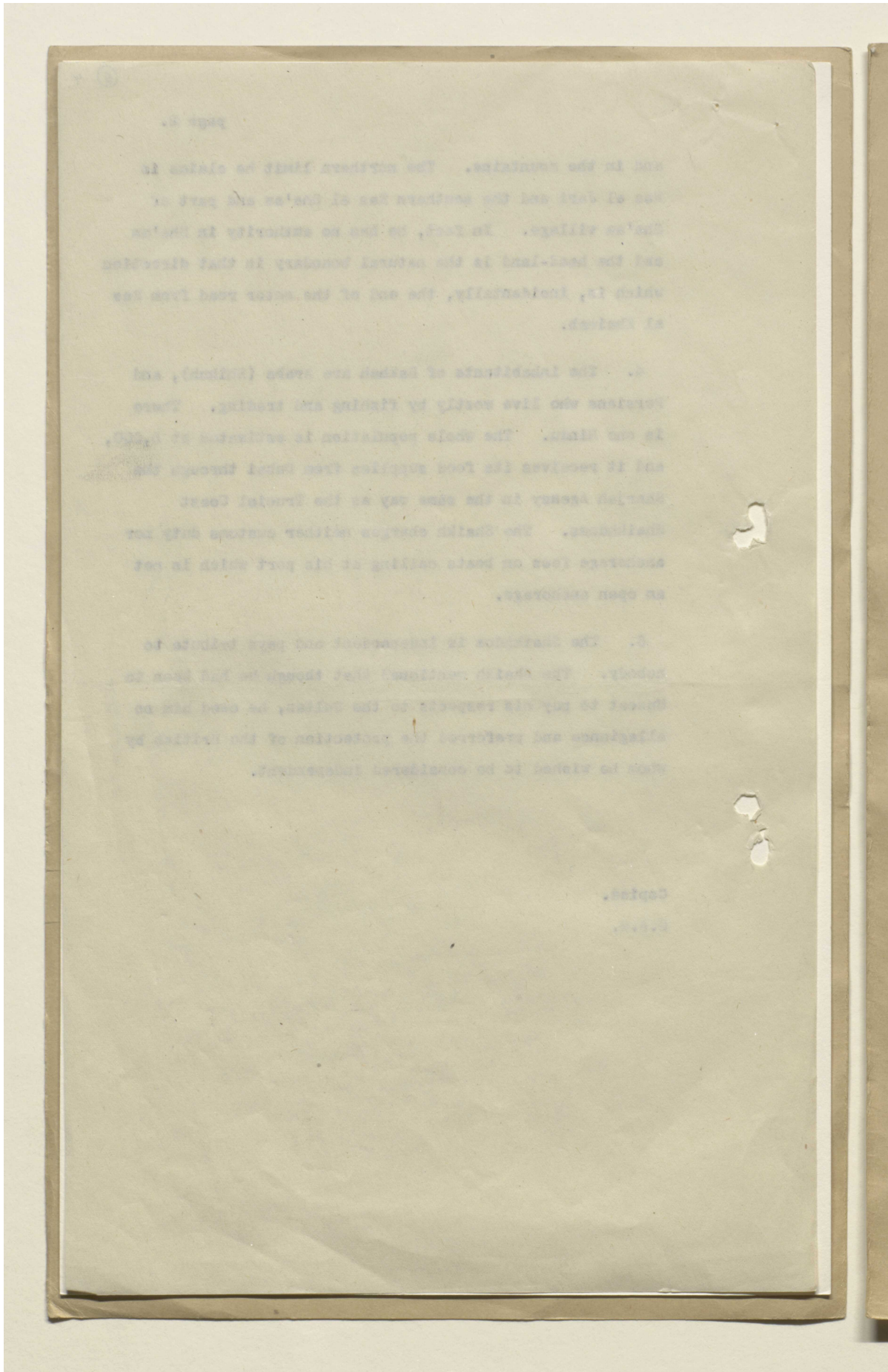
4. The inhabitants of Bakhah are Arabs (Shihuh), and Persians who live mostly by fishing and trading. There is one Hindu. The whole population is estimated at 5,000, and it receives its food supplies from Dubai through the Sharjah Agency in the same way as the Trucial Coast Shaikhdoms. The Shaikh charges neither customs duty nor anchorage fees on boats calling at his port which is not an open anchorage.

5. The Shaikhdom is independent and pays tribute to nobody. The Shaikh mentioned that though he had been to Muscat to pay his respects to the Sultan, he owed him no allegiance and preferred the protection of the British by whom he wished to be considered independent.

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G.A.M.

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