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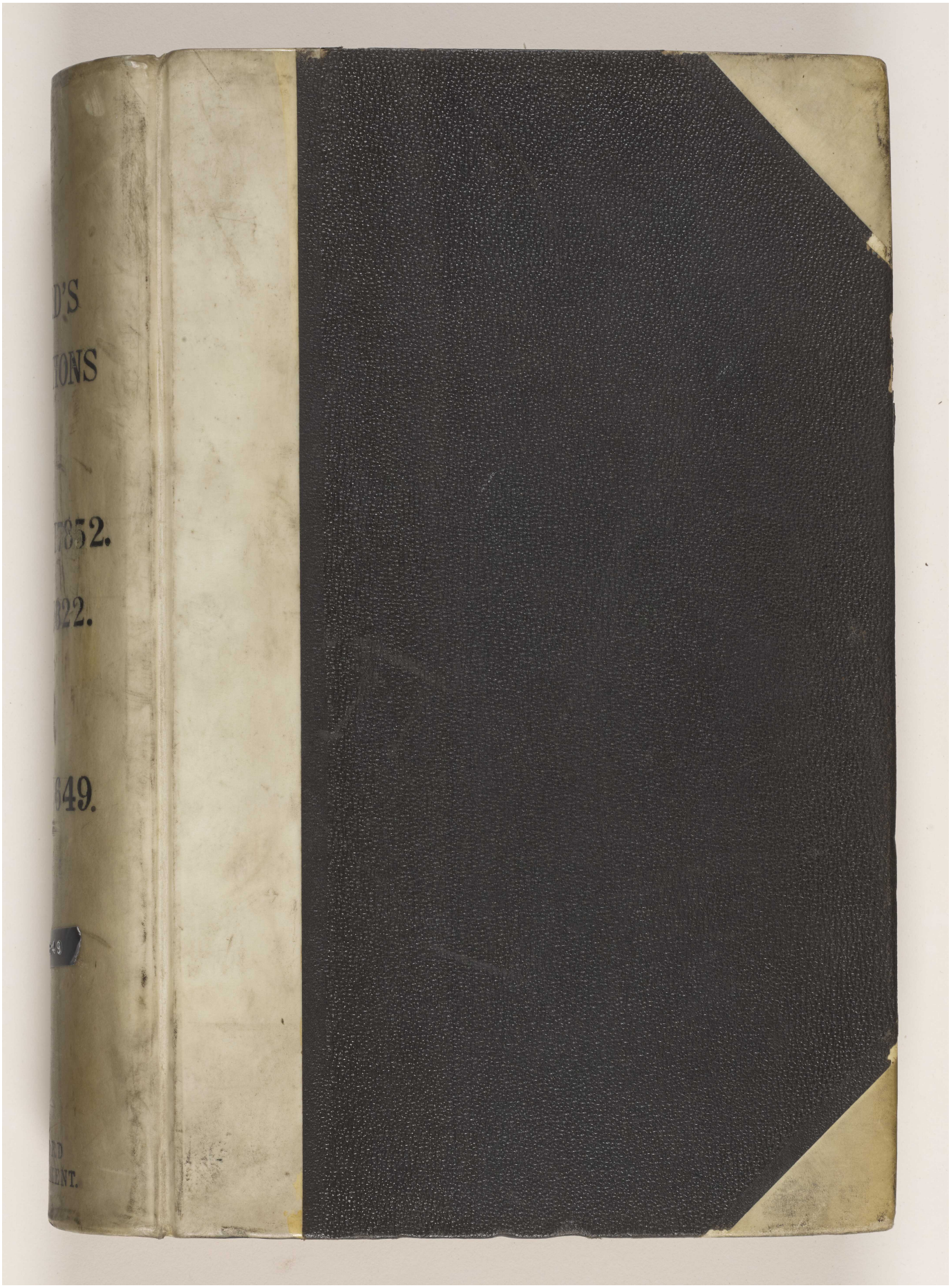

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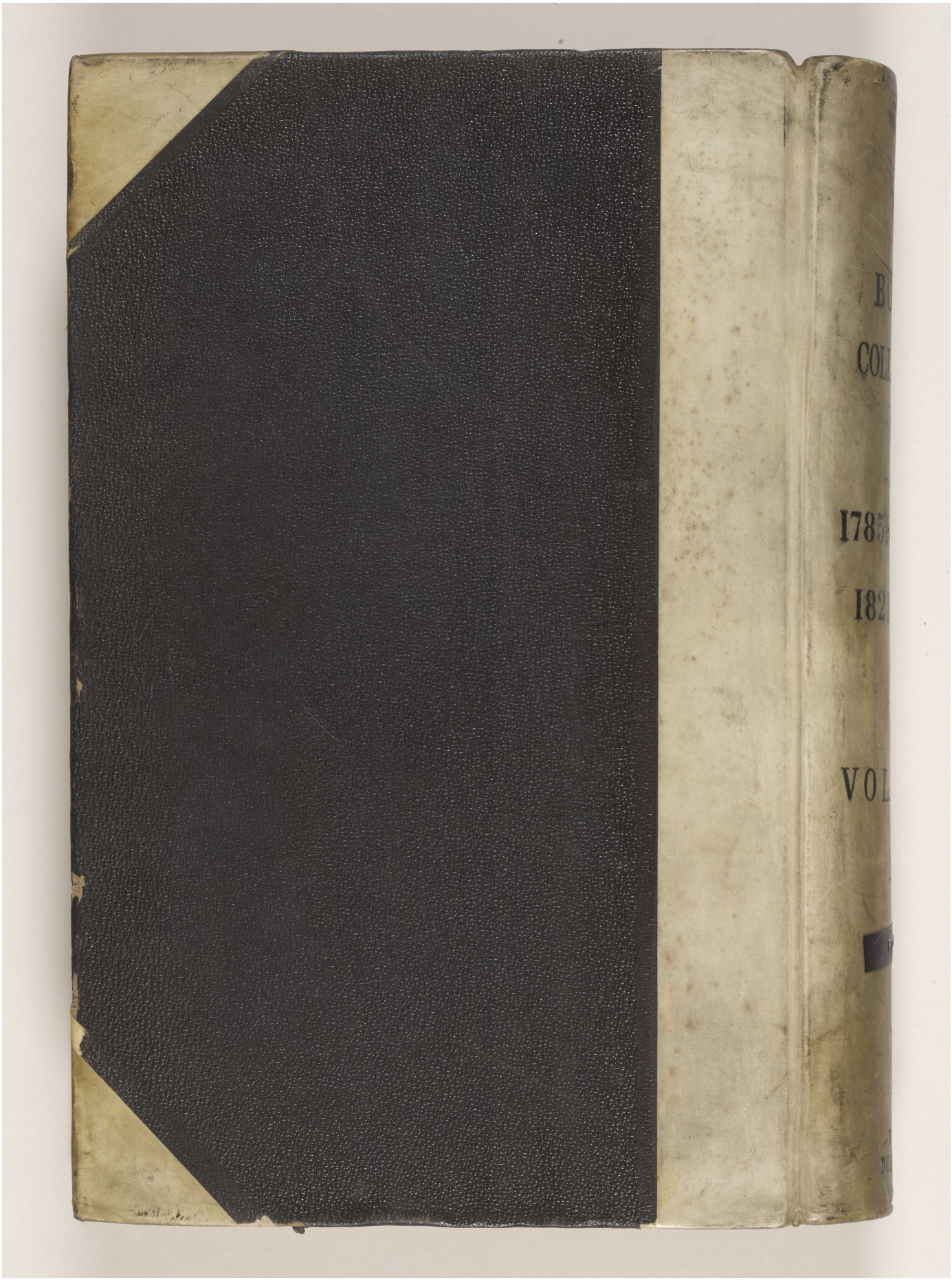

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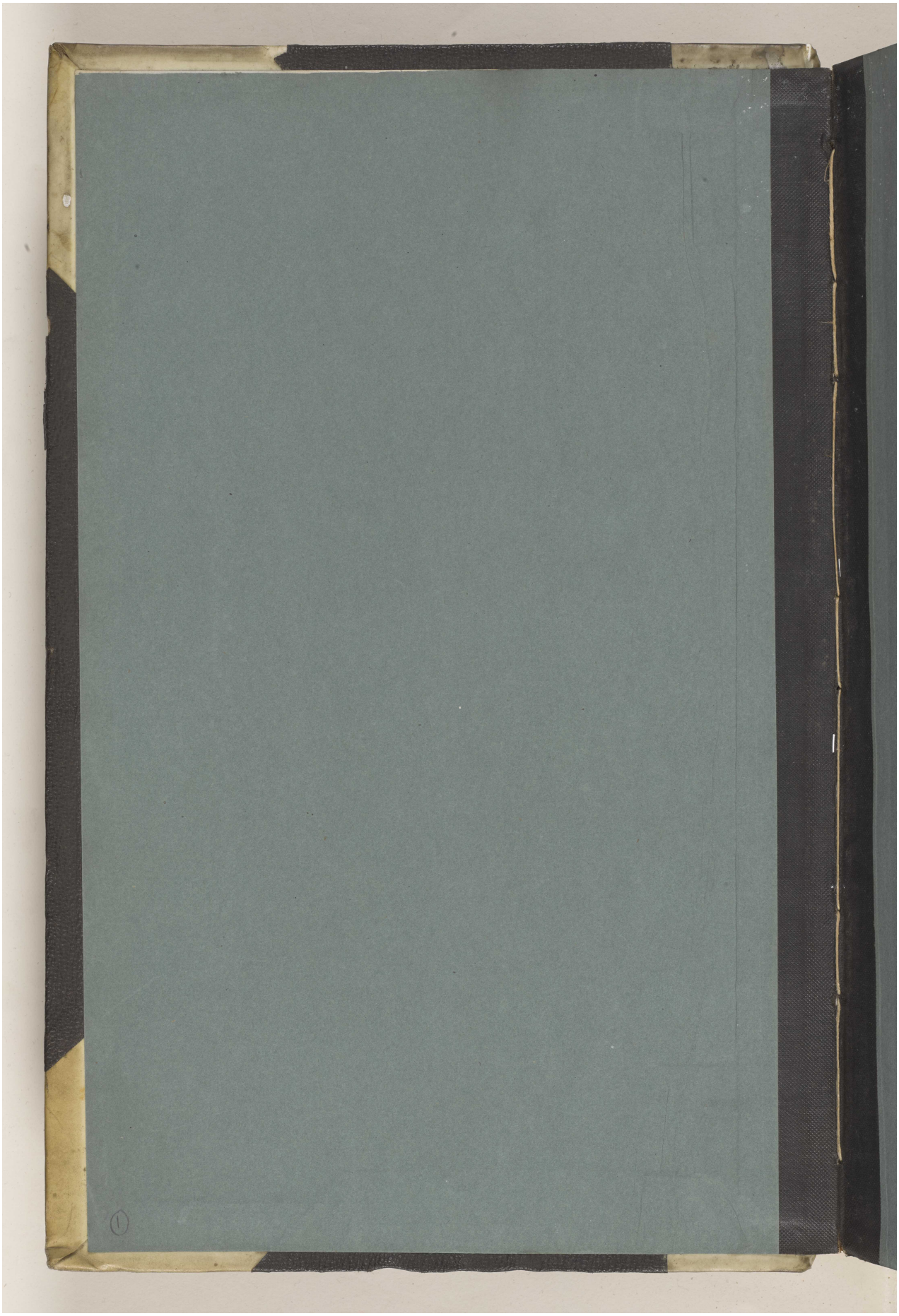

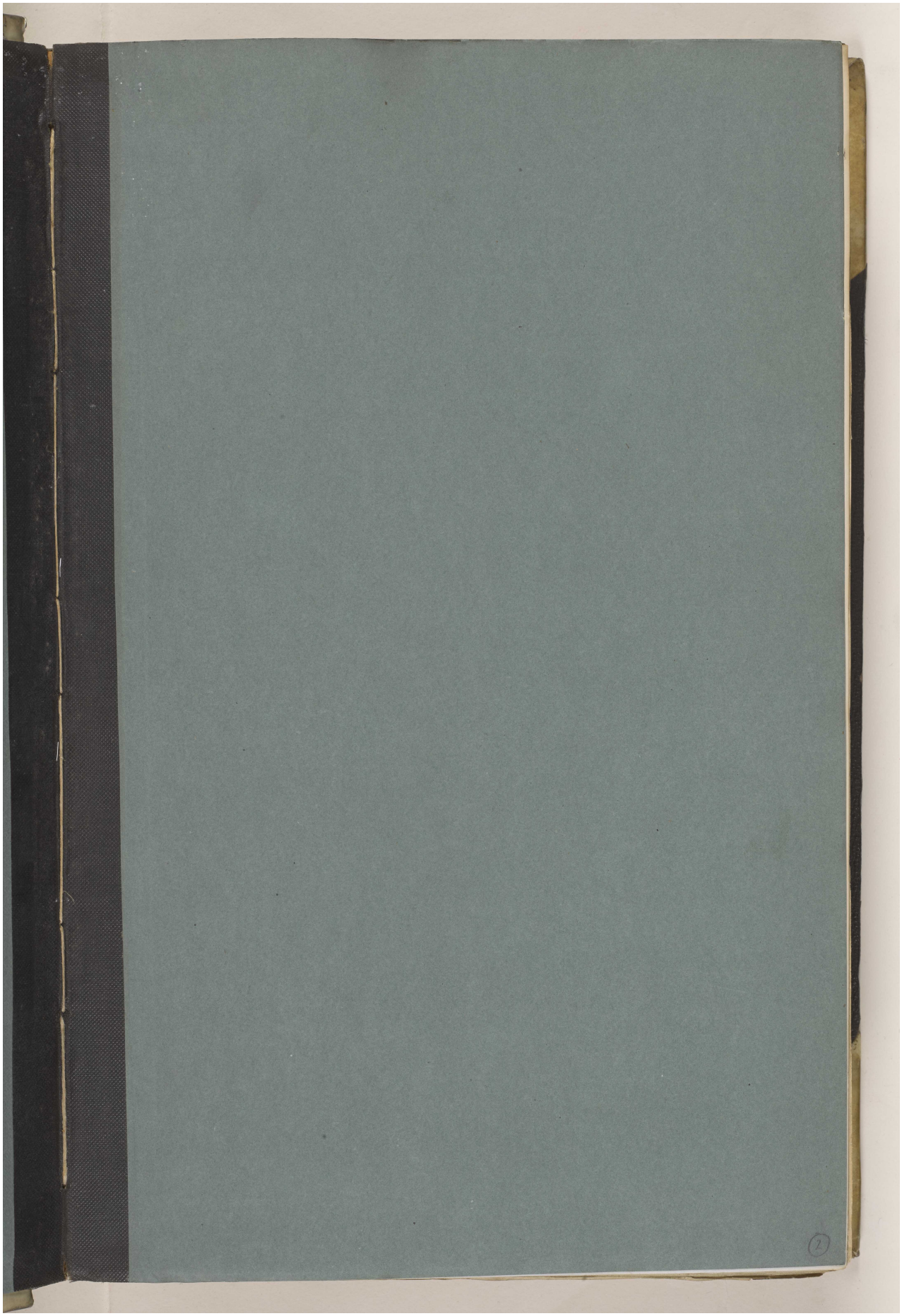

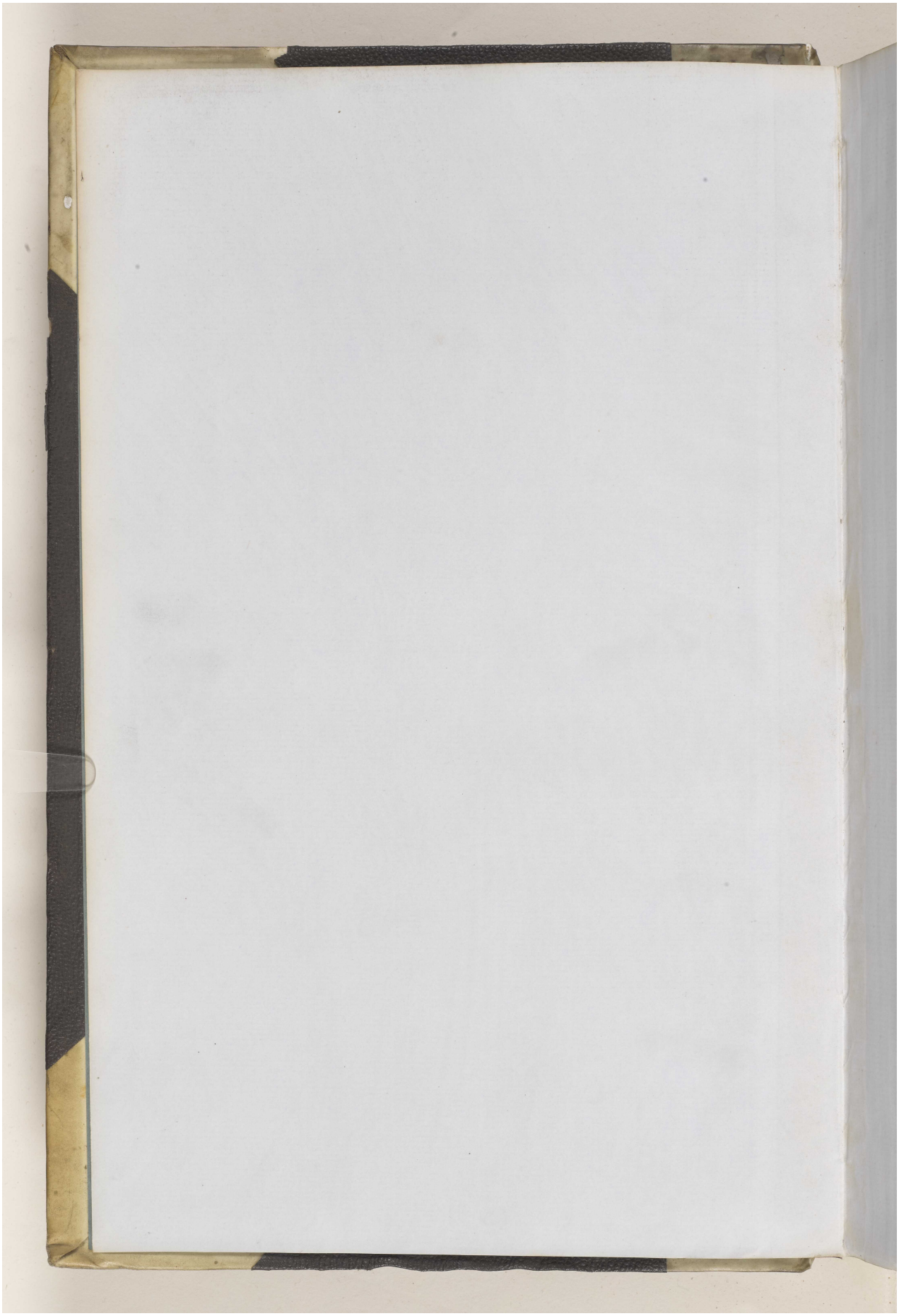

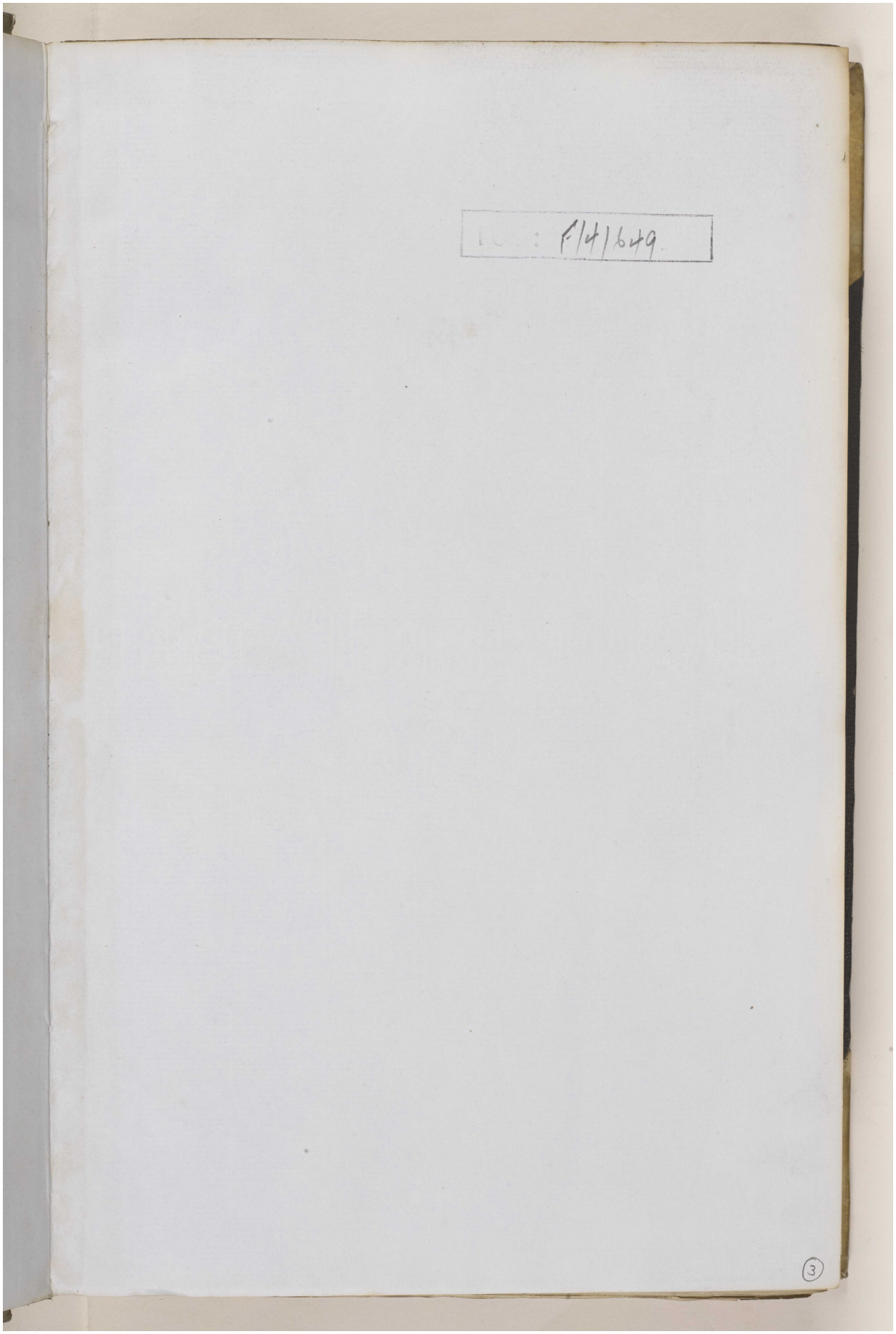

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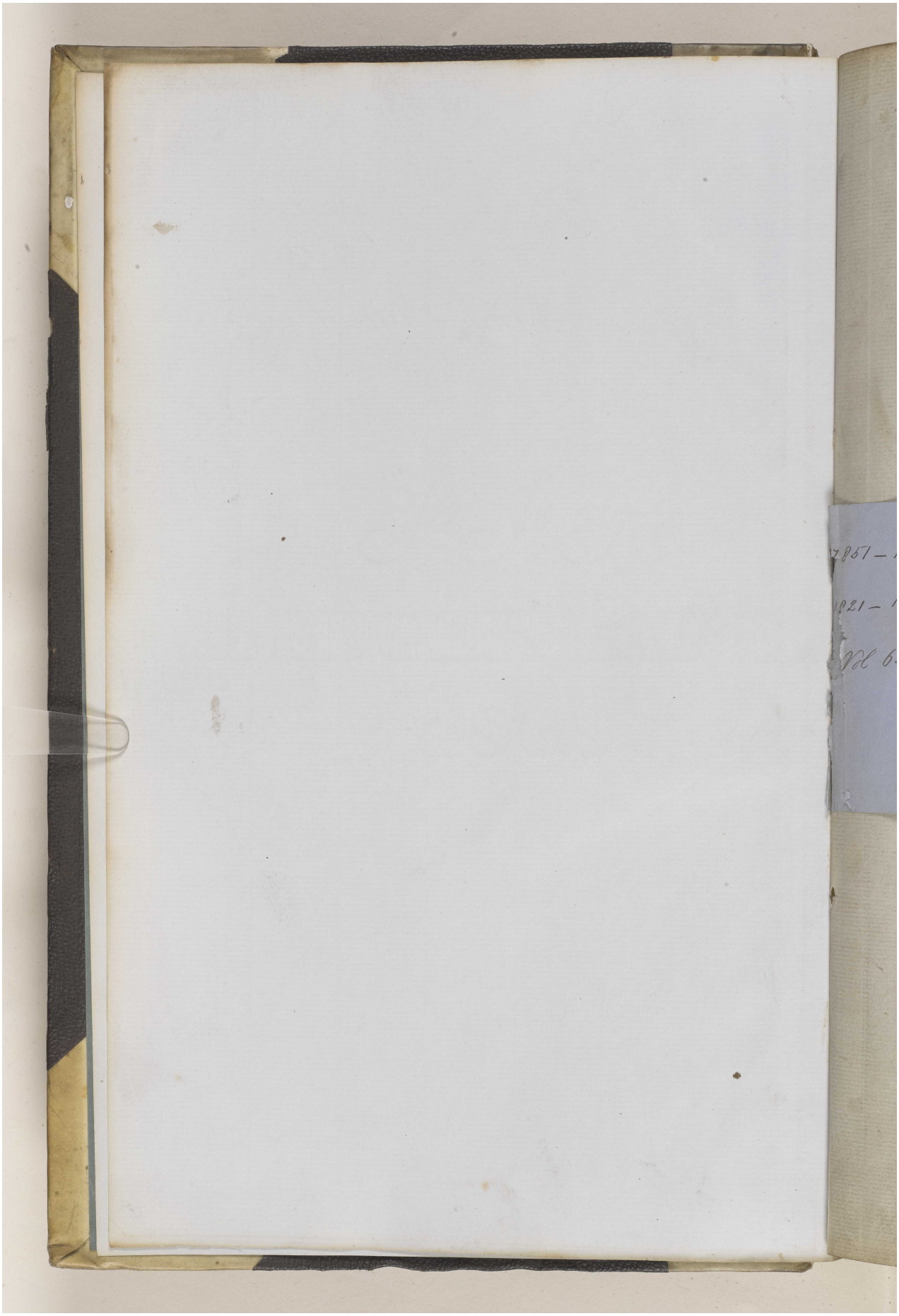

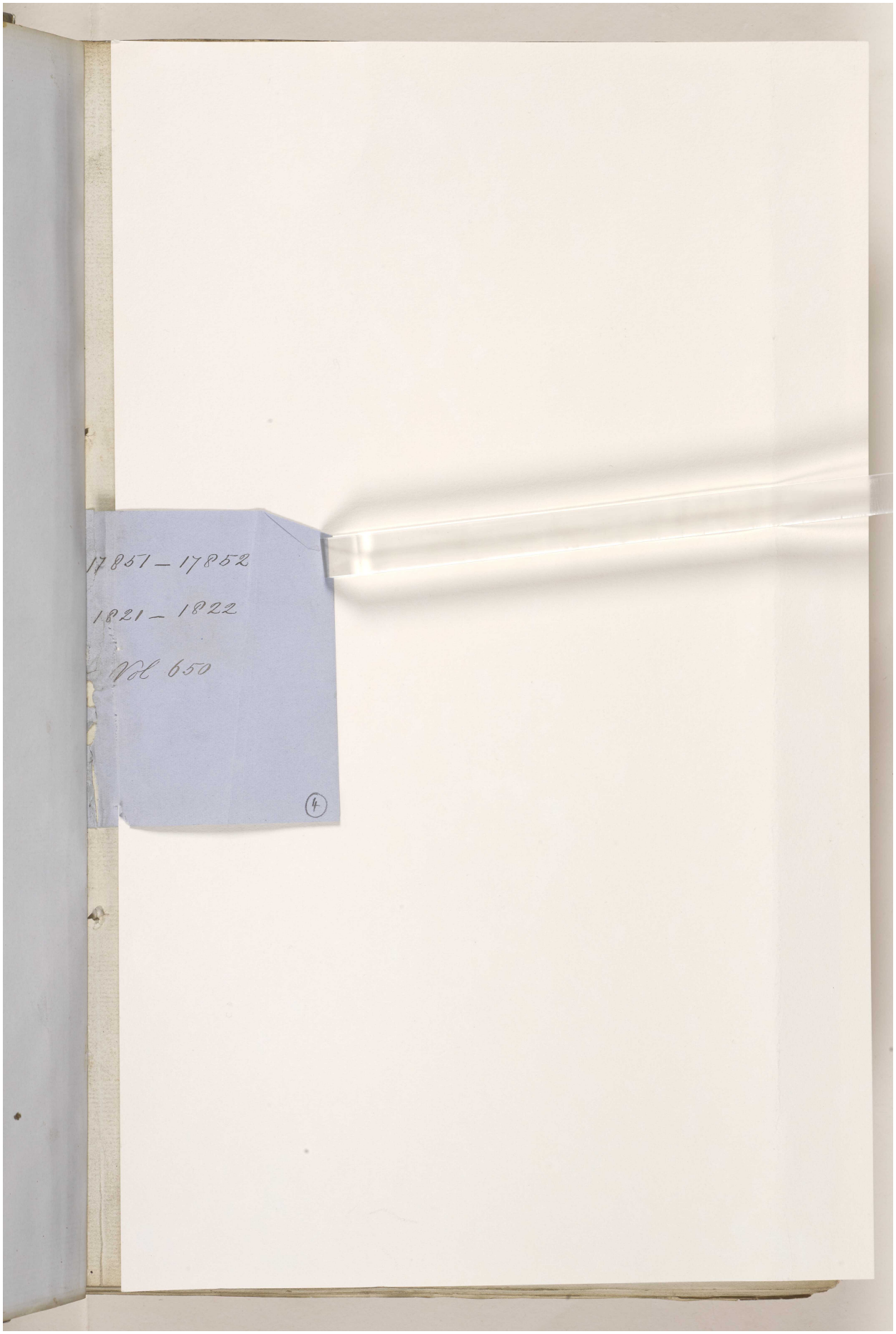

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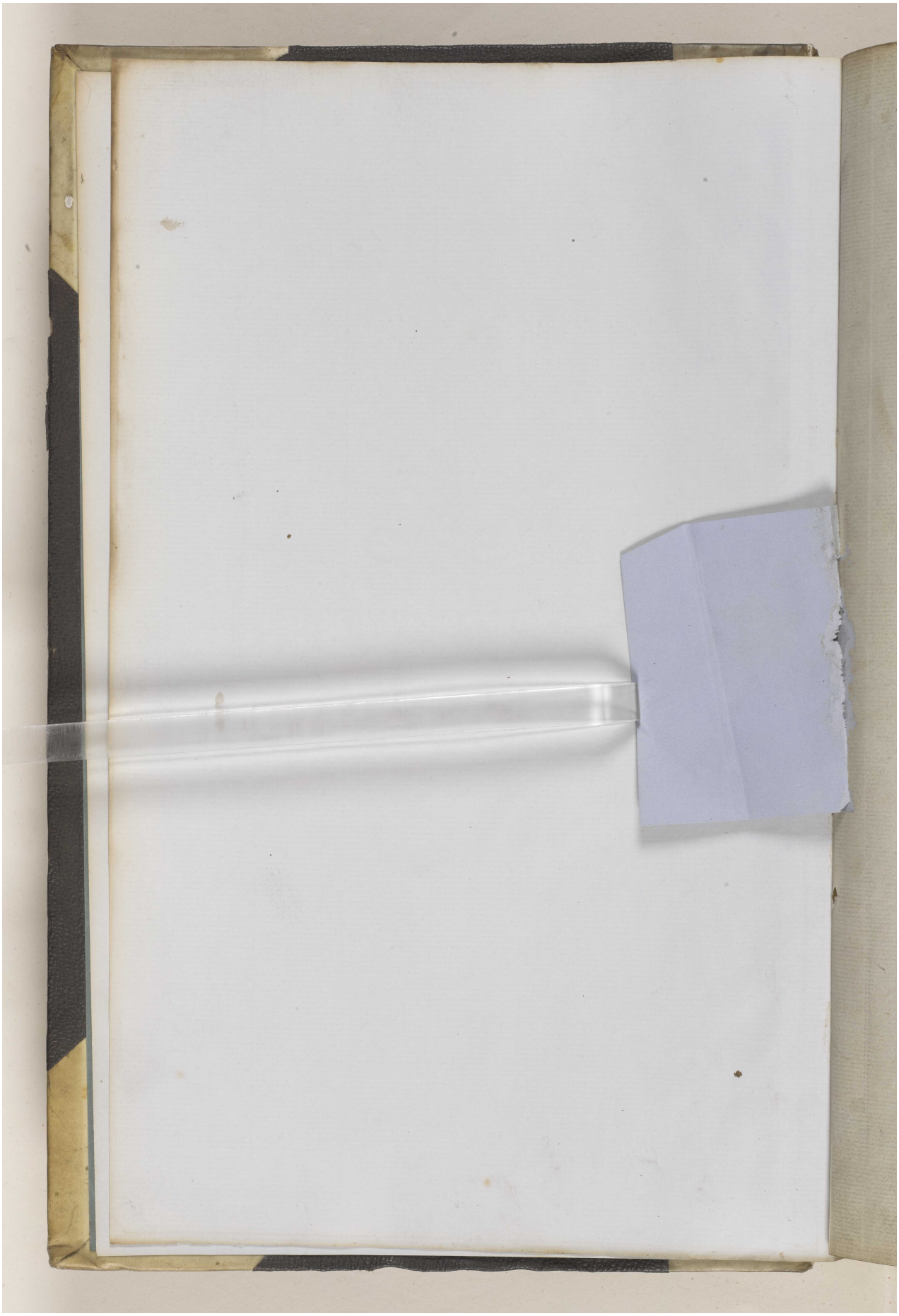

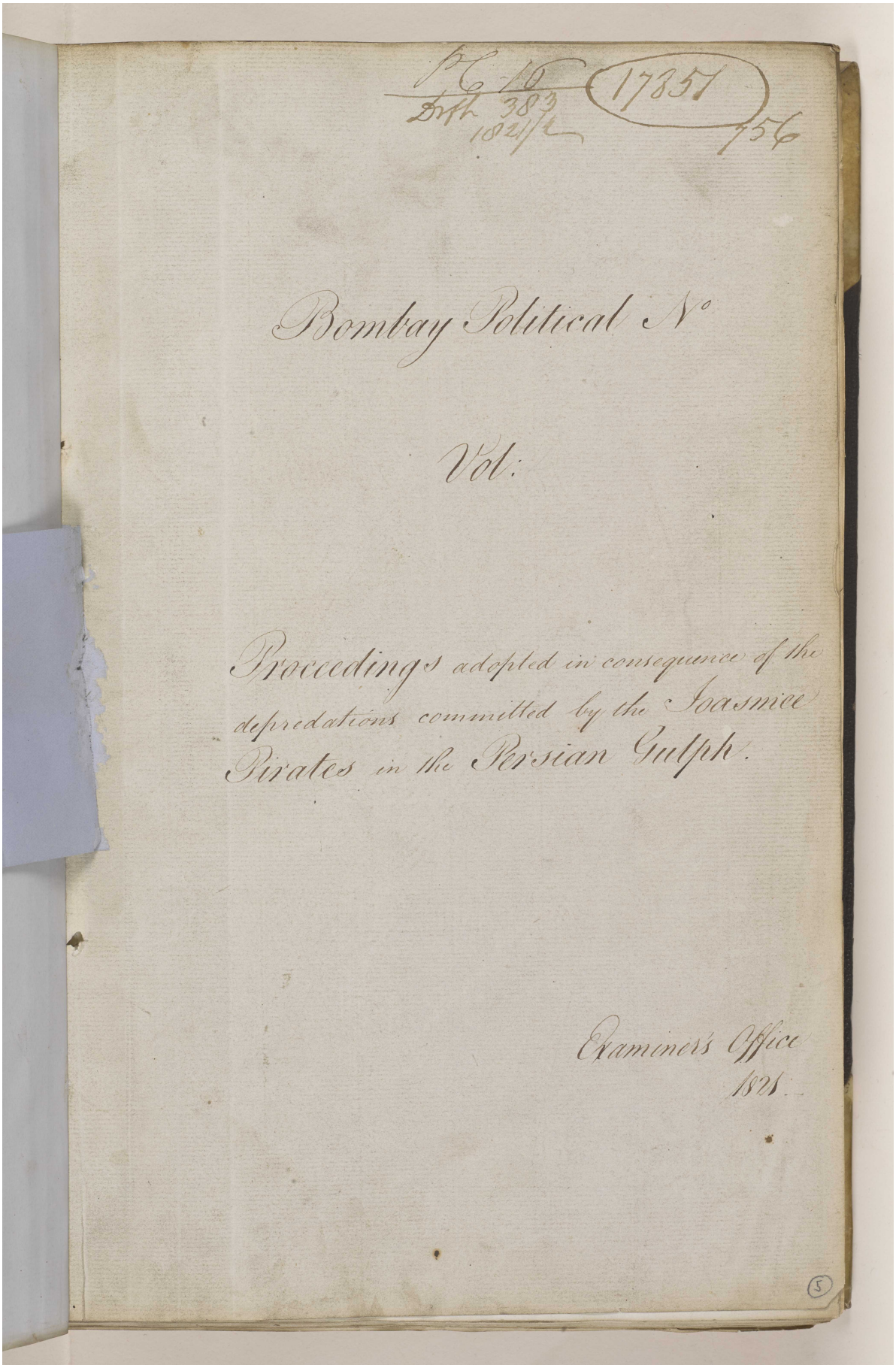

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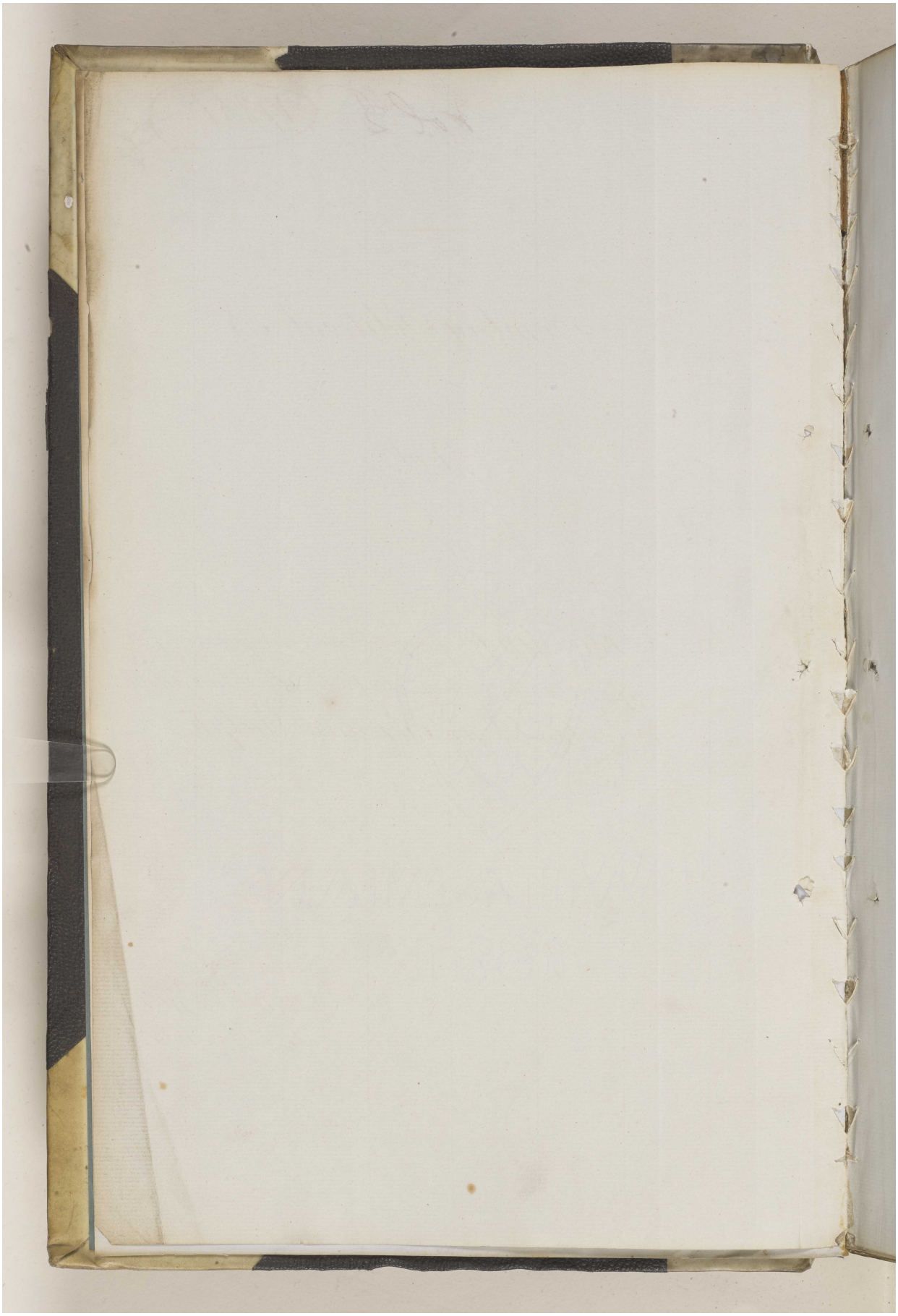

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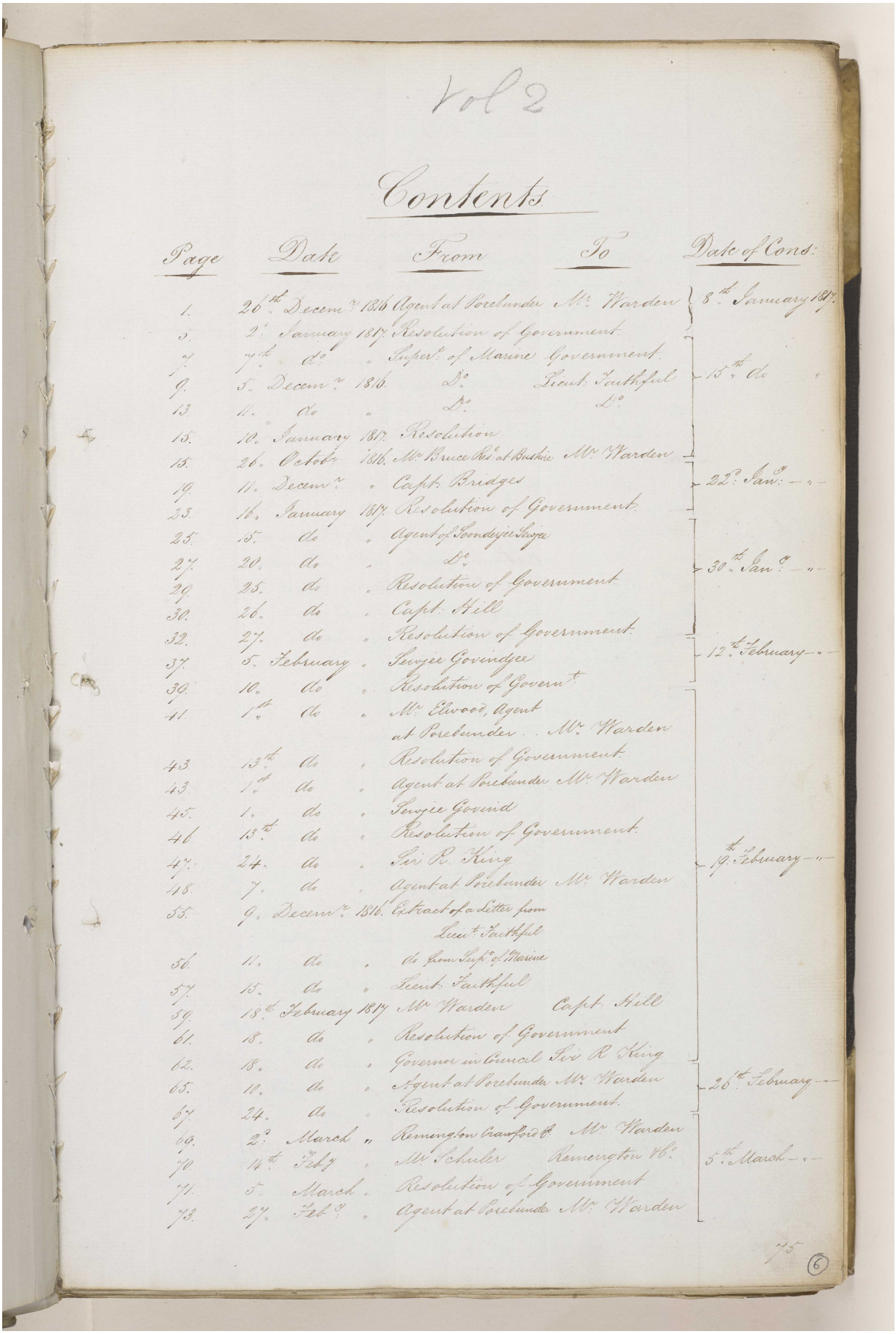

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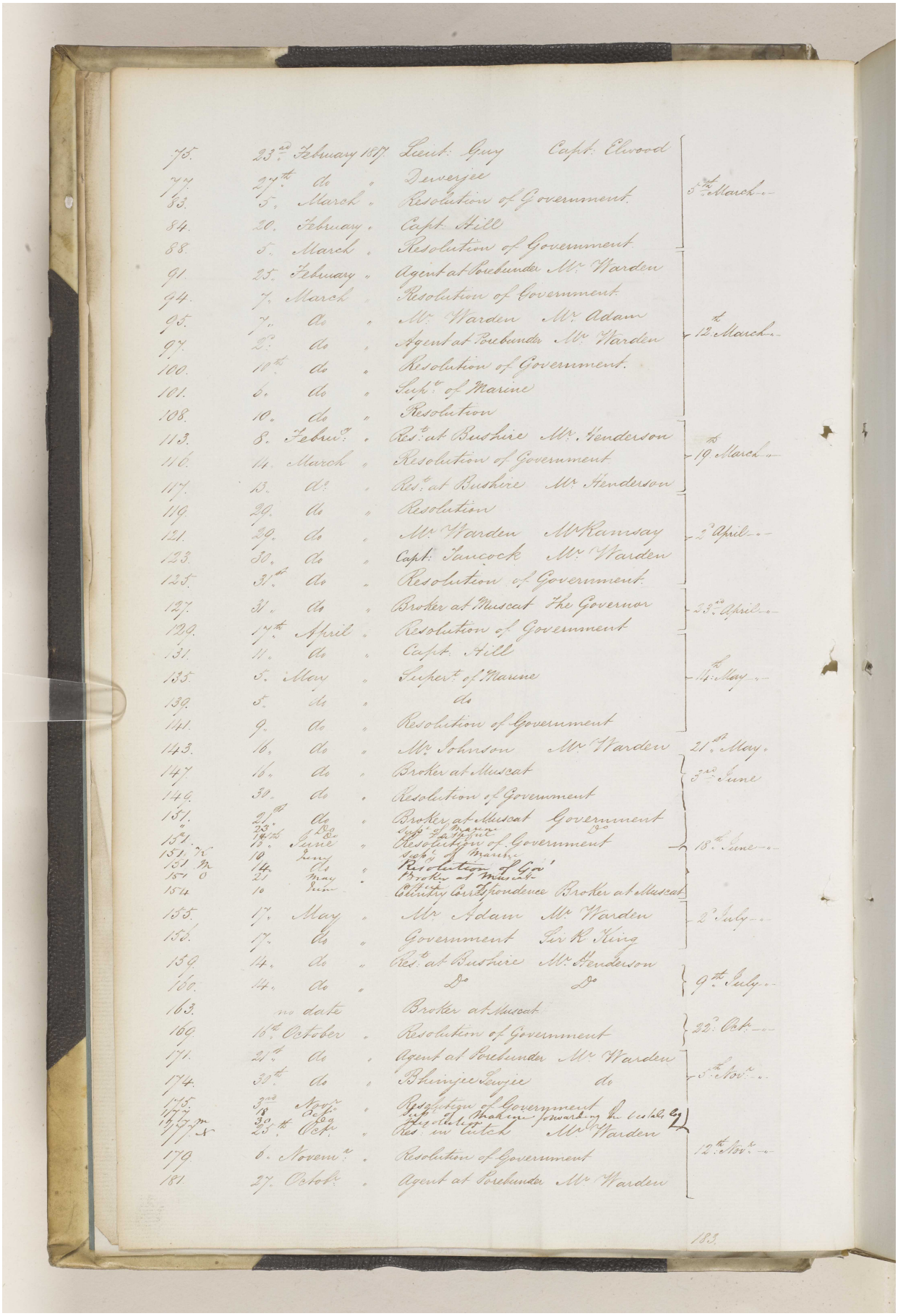

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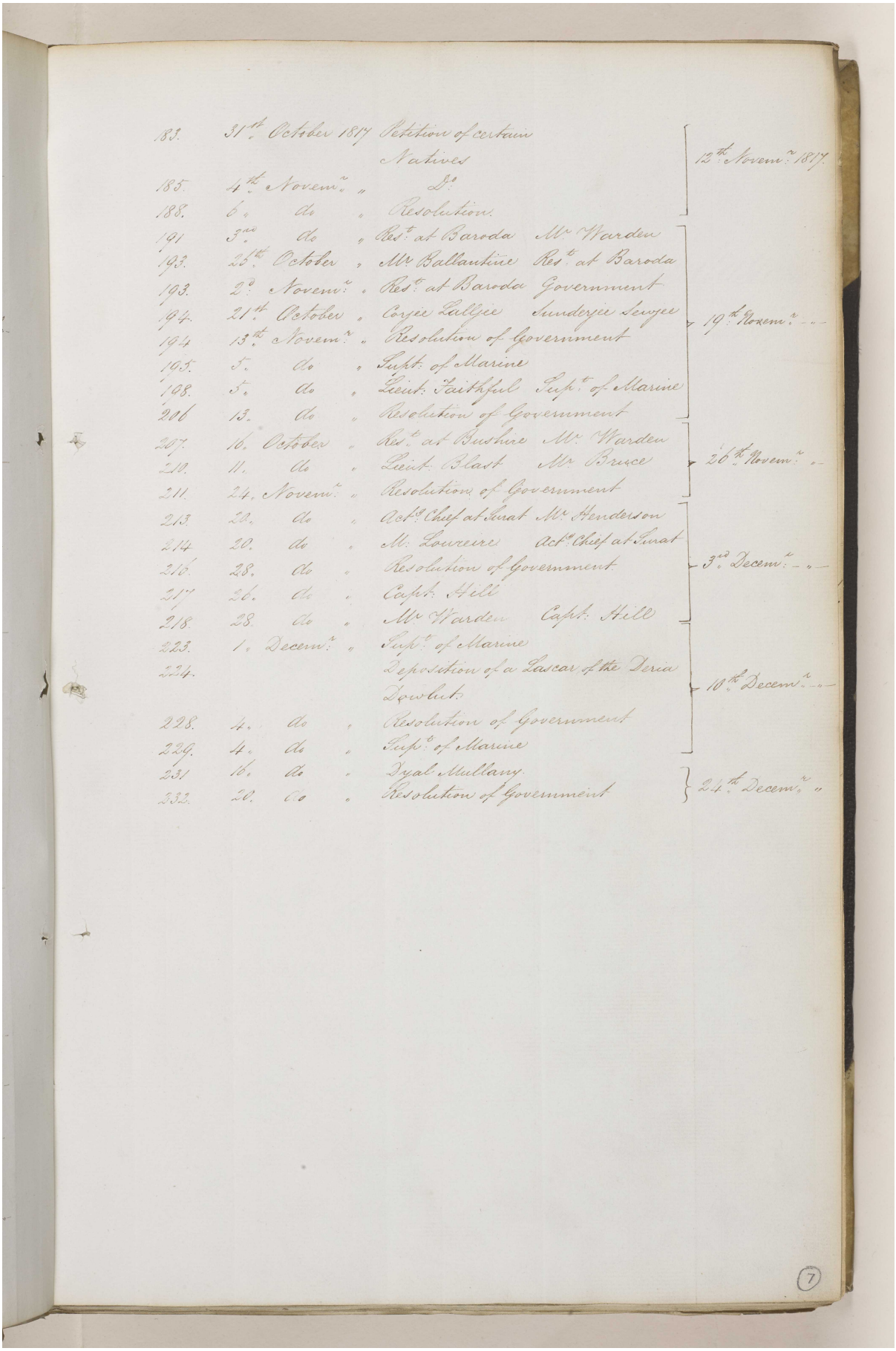

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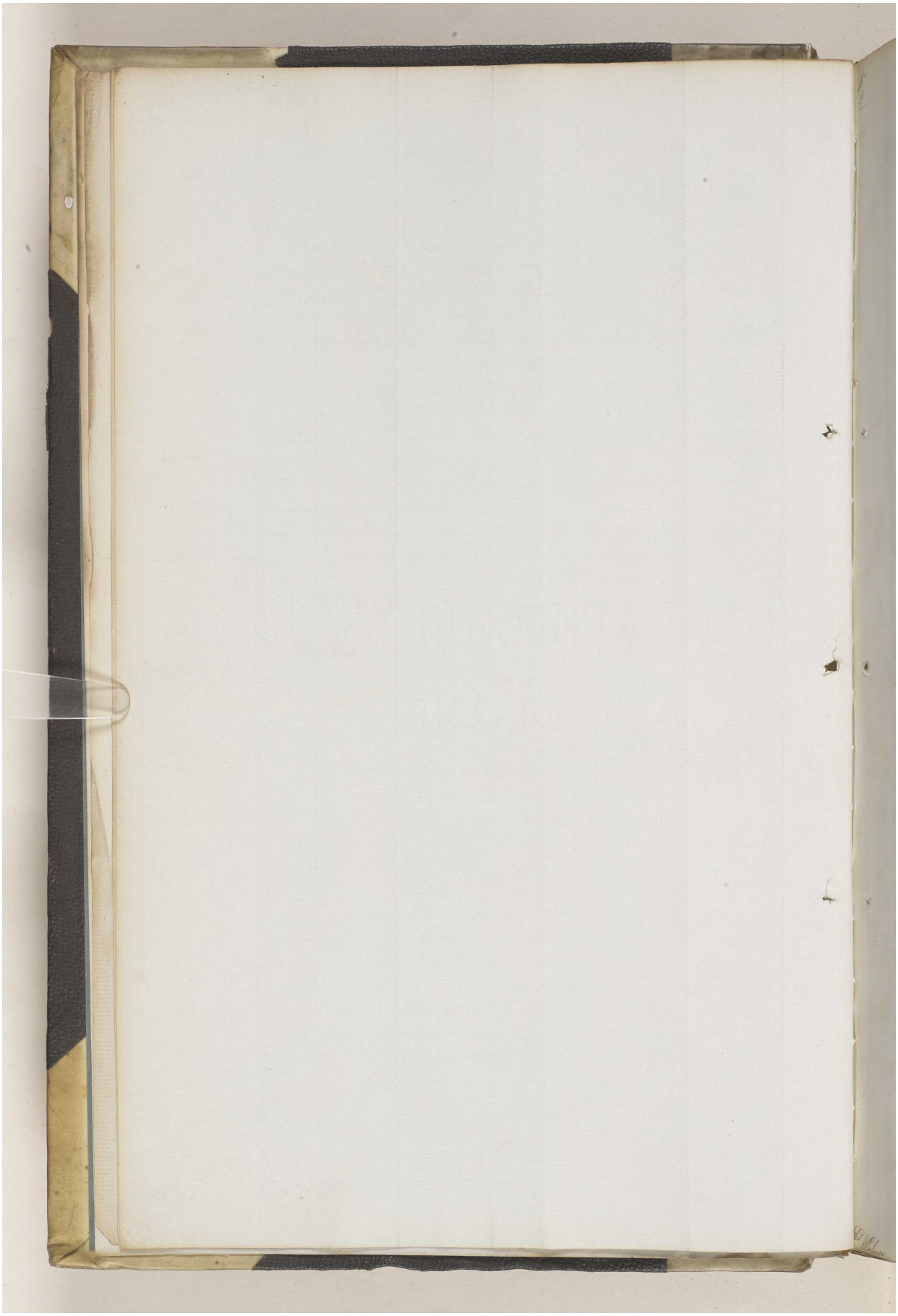

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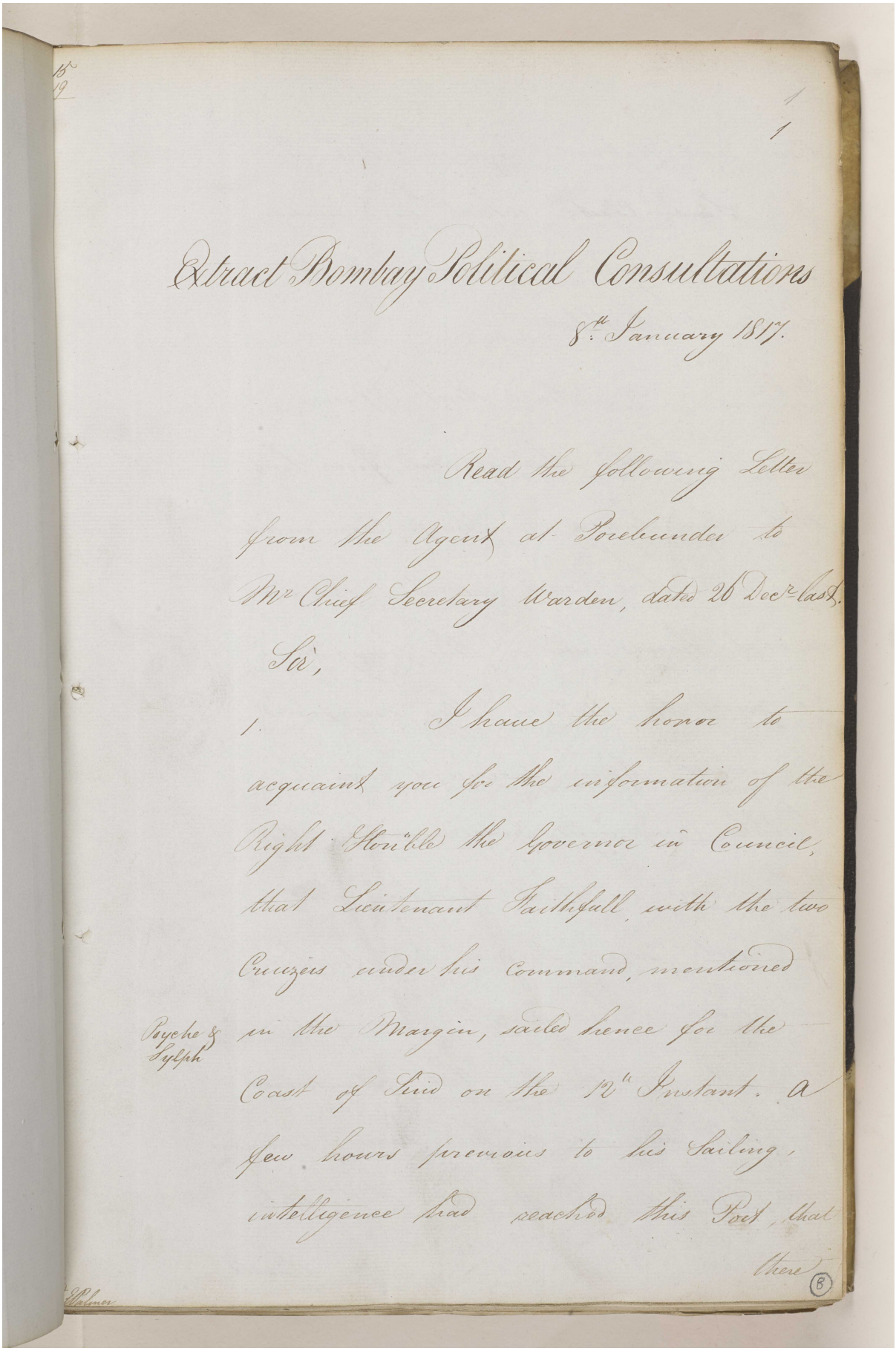

Extract Bombay Political Consultations

8th January 1817.

Read the following Letter from the Agent at Porebunder to Mr Chief Secretary Warden, dated 26 Decr last.

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that Lieutenant Faithfull with the two Cruizers under his Command, mentioned in the Margin, sailed hence for the Coast of Sind on the 12th Instant. a few hours previous to his Sailing, intelligence had reached this Port, that there

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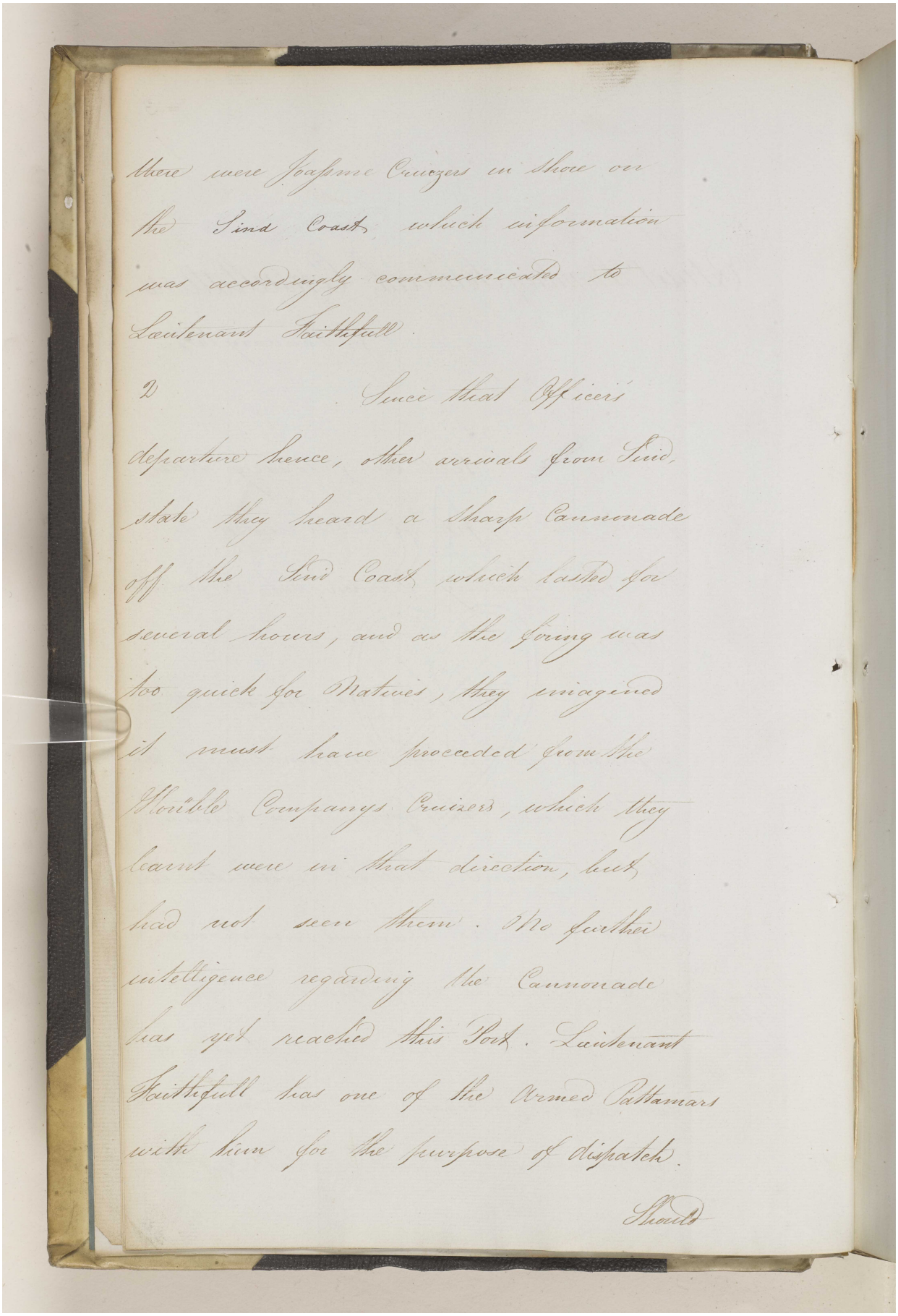

there were Joasmee Cruizers in shore on the Sind Coast which information was accordingly communicated to Lieutenant Faithfull.

2d Since that Officers departure hence, other arrivals from Sind state they heard a sharp Cannonade off the Sind Coast which lasted for several hours, and as the firing was too quick for Natives, they imagined it must have proceeded from the Honble Companys Cruizers, which they learnt were in that direction, but had not seen them. No further intelligence regarding the Cannonade has yet reached this Port. Lieutenant Faithfull has one of the Armed Pattamars with him for the purpose of dispatch.

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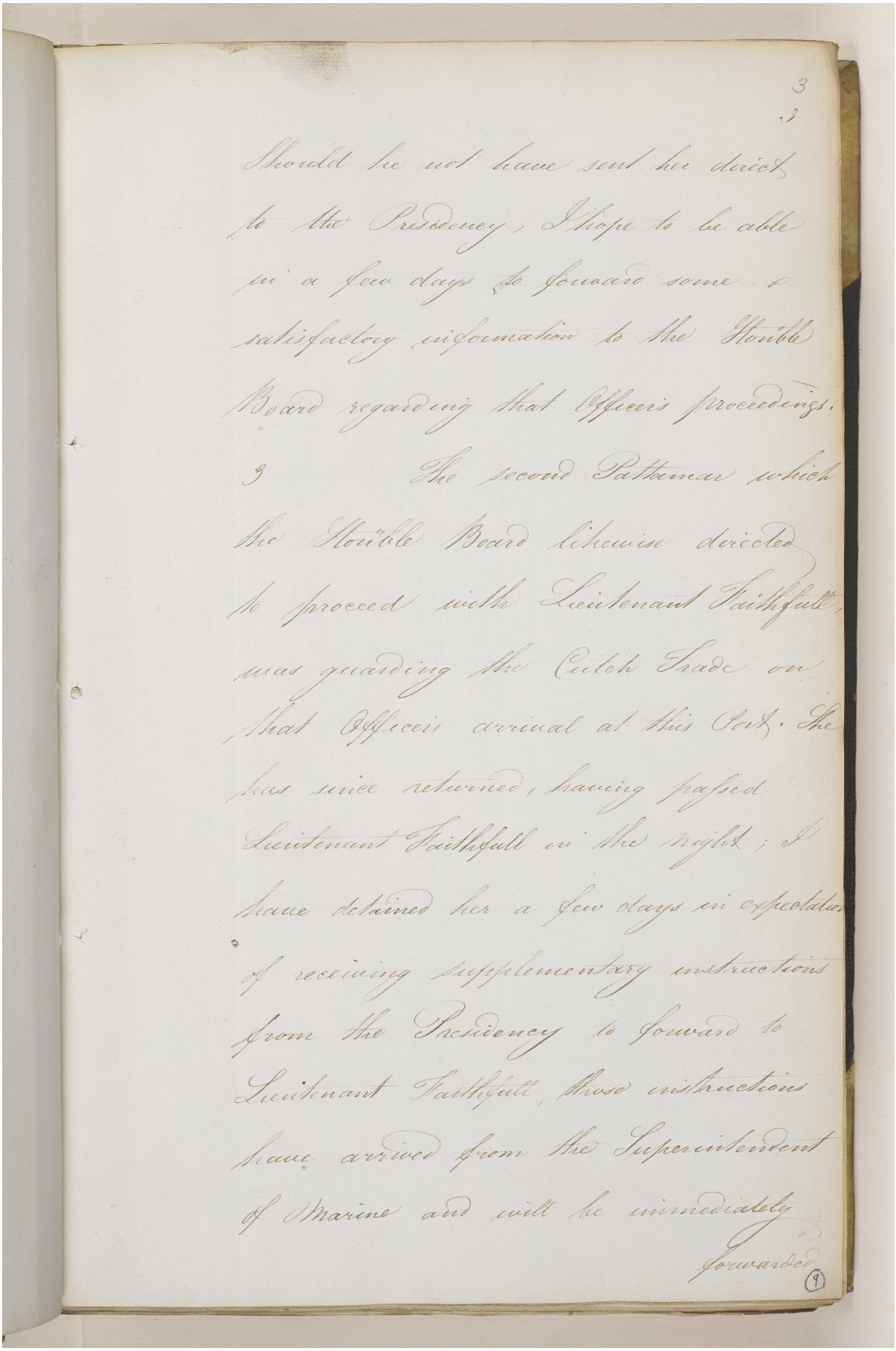

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Should he not have sent her direct
to the Presidency, I hope to be able
in a few days to forward some
satisfactory information to the Honble
Board regarding that Officers proceedings.

3 The second Pattamar which
the Honble Board likewise directed
to proceed with Lieutenant Faithfull,
was guarding the Cutch Trade on
that Officers arrival at this Port. She
has since returned, having passed
Lieutenant Faithfull in the night; I
have detained her a few days in expectation
of receiving supplementary instructions
from the Presidency to forward to
Lieutenant Faithfull, those instructions
have arrived from the Superintendent
of Marine and will be immediately
forwarded

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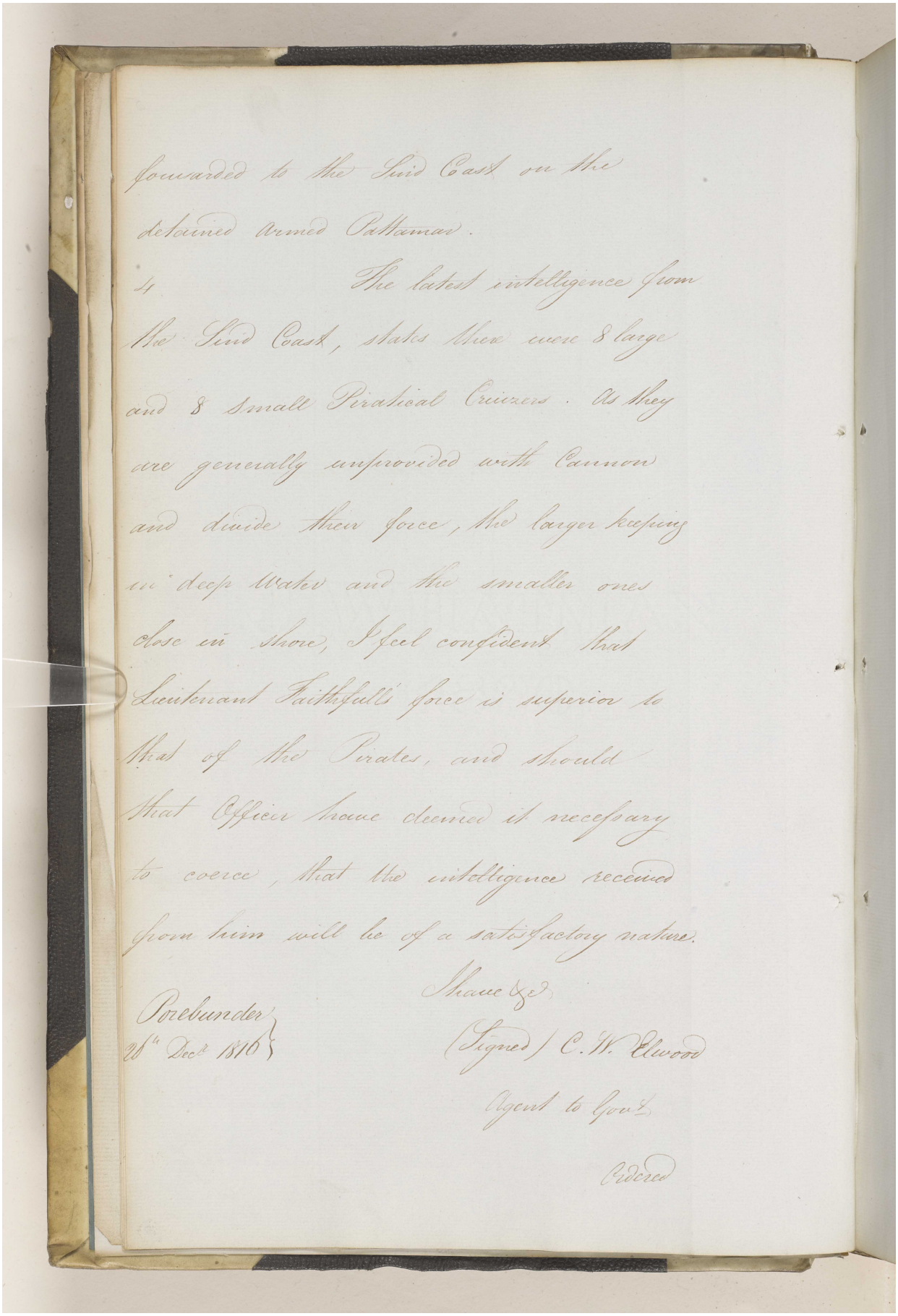

forwarded to the Sind Coast on the detained Armed Pattamar.

4 The latest intelligence from the Sind Coast, states there were 8 large and 8 small Piratical Cruizers. As they are generally unprovided with Cannon and divide their force, the larger keeping in deep Water and the smaller ones close in shore, I feel confident that Lieutenant Faithfull's force is superior to that of the Pirates, and should that Officer have deemed it necessary to coerce, that the intelligence received from him will be of a satisfactory nature.

I have &c.

Porebunder
26th Decr 1816

(Signed) C. W. Elwood
Agent to Govt.

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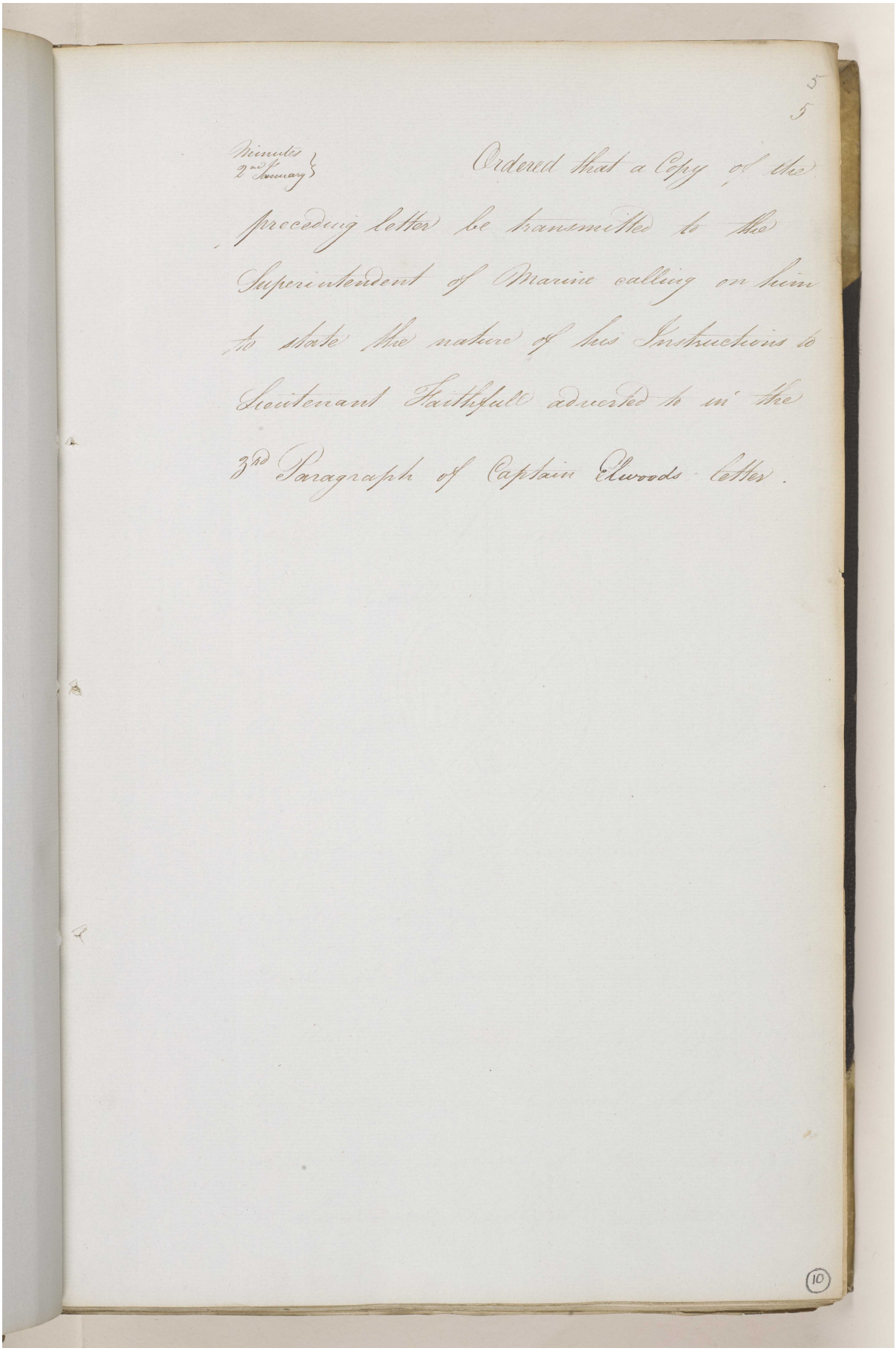

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Ordered that a Copy of the preceding letter be transmitted to the Superintendent of Marine calling on him to state the nature of his Instructions to Lieutenant Faithfull adverted to in the 3rd Paragraph of Captain Elwoods letter.

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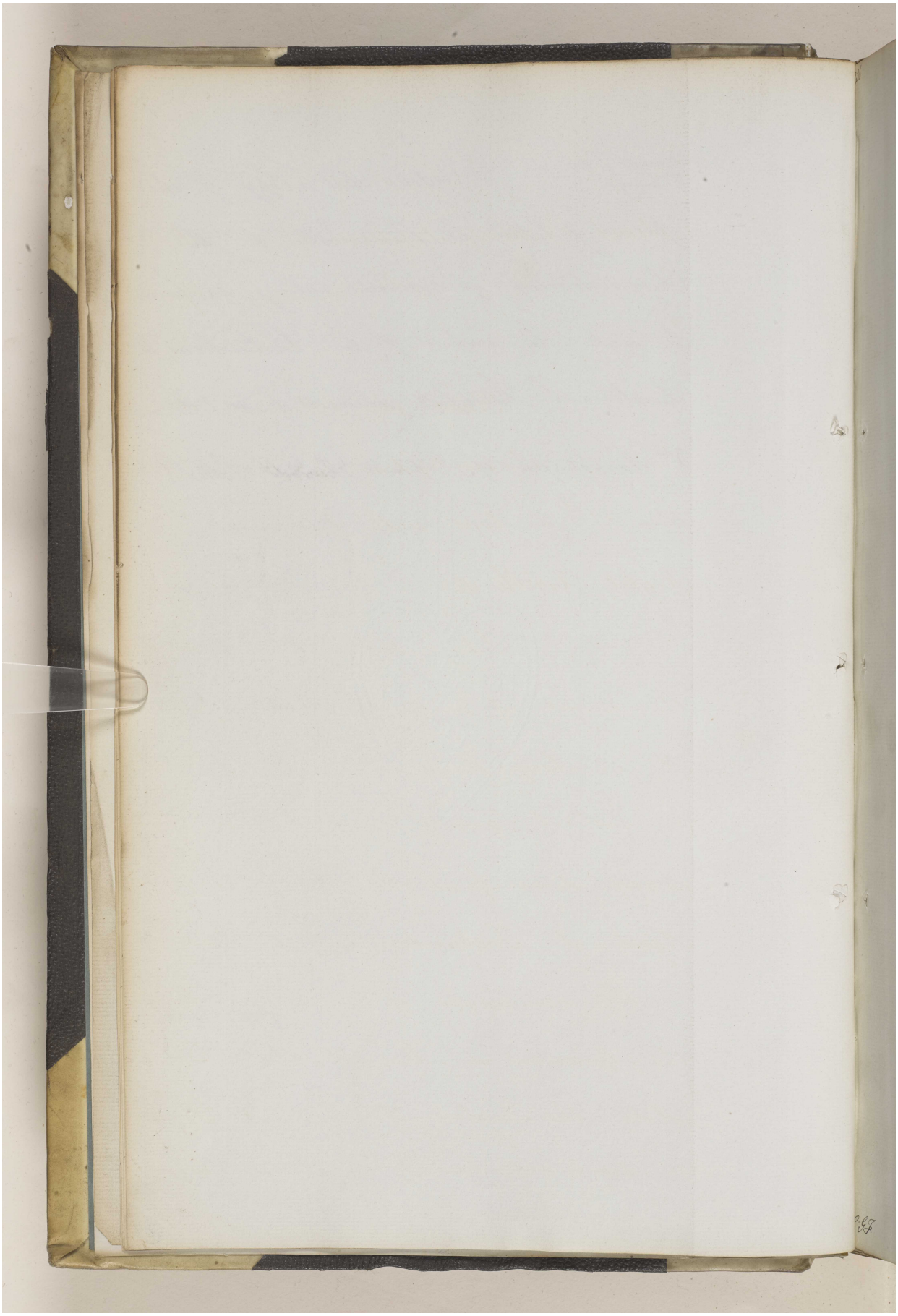

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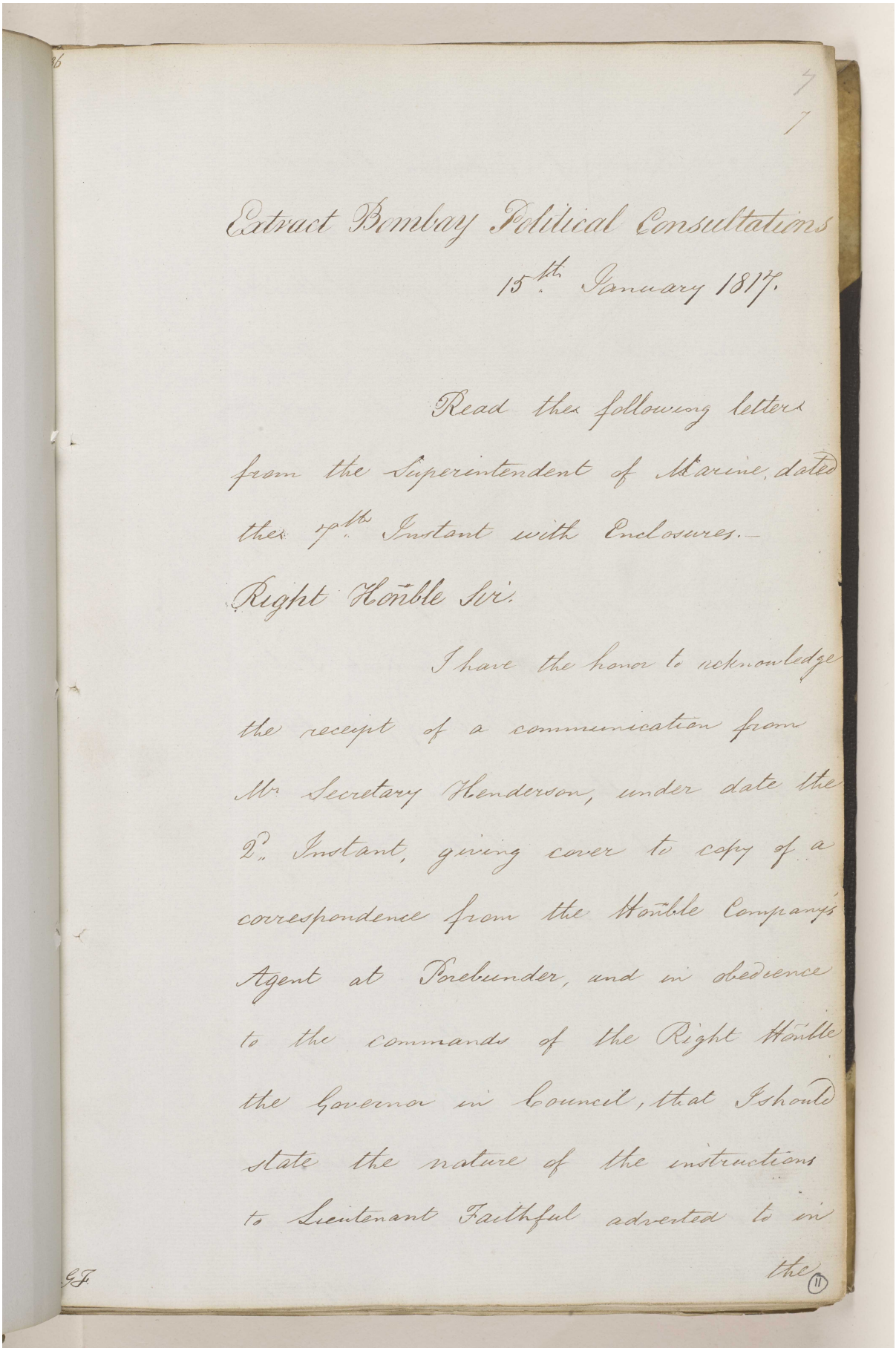
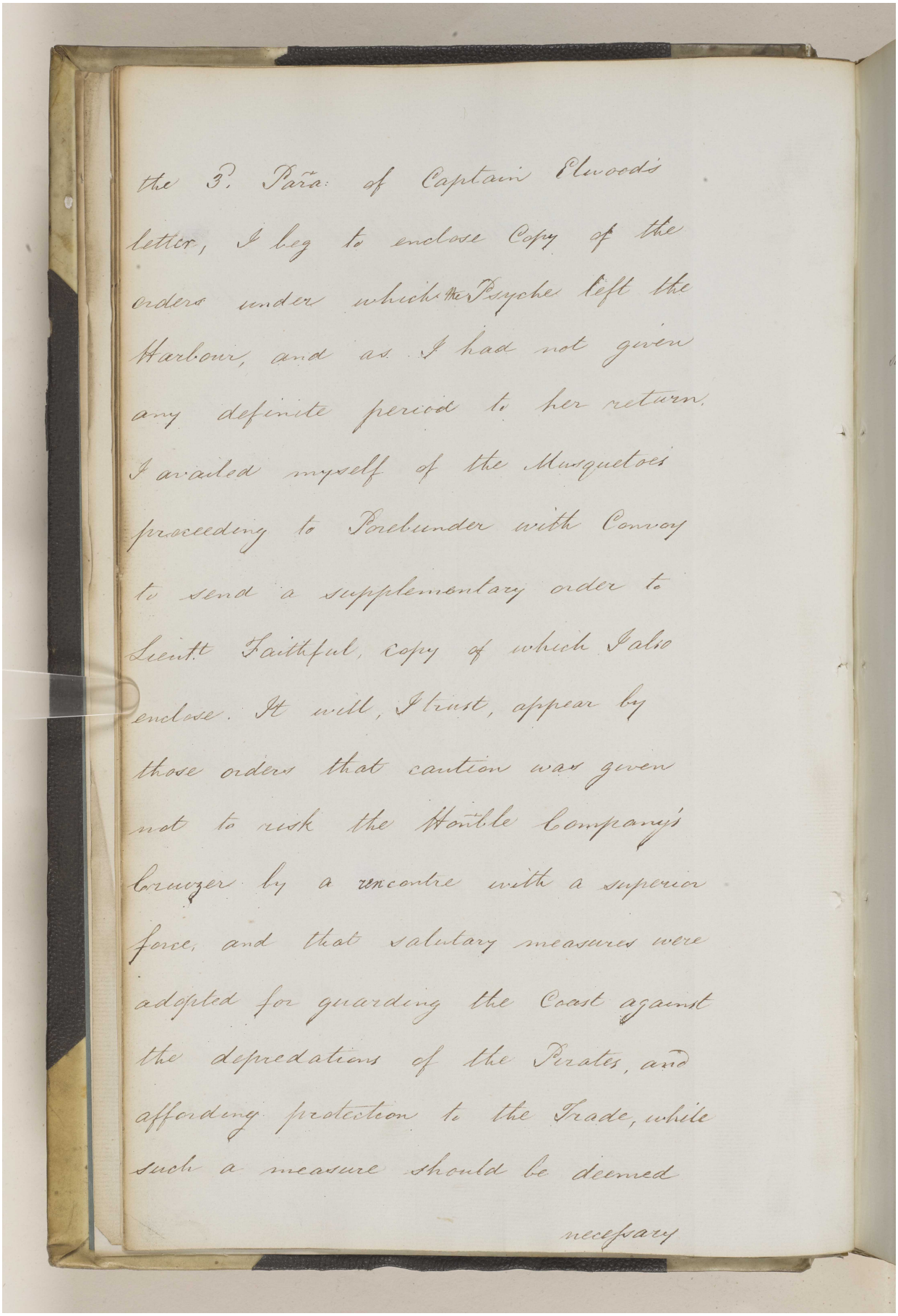


Extract Bombay Political Consultations
15th January 1819.

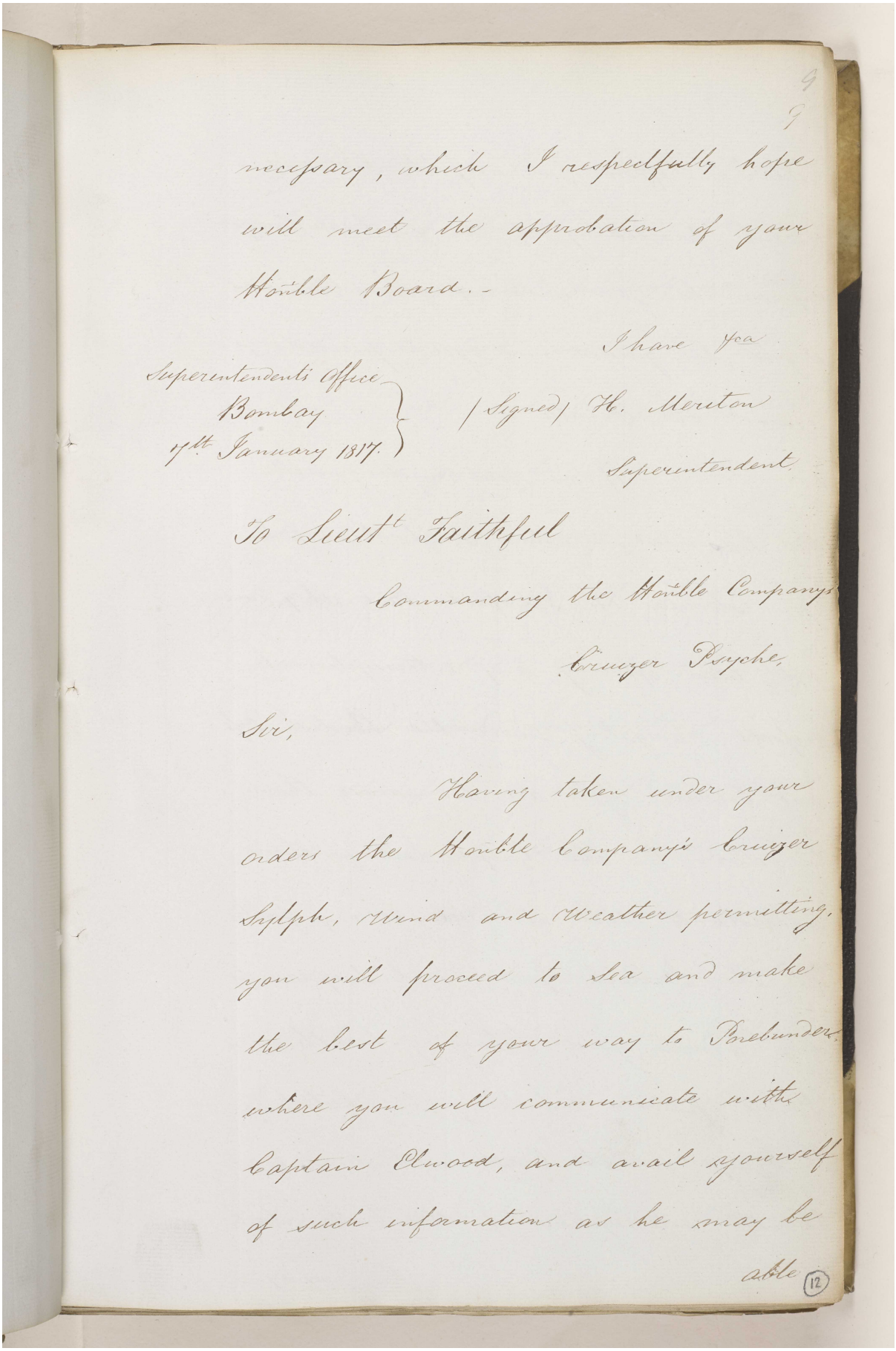
Read the following letters from the Superintendent of Marine, dated the 7th Instant with Enclosures.—

Right Honble Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from Mr Secretary Henderson, under date the 2d Instant, giving cover to copy of a correspondence from the Honble Company's Agent at Porebunder, and in obedience to the commands of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that I should state the nature of the instructions to Lieutenant Faithful adverted to in the



the 3d Para: of Captain Elwood's
letter, I beg to enclose Copy of the
orders under which the Psyche left the
Harbour, and as I had not given
any definite period to her return
I availed myself of the Musquetoes
proceeding to Porebunder with Convoy
to send a supplementary order to
Lieut.t Faithful, copy of which I also
enclose. It will, I trust, appear by
those orders that caution was given
not to risk the Honble Company's
Cruizer by a rencontre with a superior
force, and that salutary measures were
adopted for guarding the Coast against
the depredations of the Pirates, and
affording protection to the Trade, while
such a measure should be deemed
necessary



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necessary, which I respectfully hope will meet the approbation of your Honble Board.-

I have &c.

Superintendents Office
Bombay
17th January 1817.

(Signed) H. Meriton
Superintendent.

To Lieut Faithfull
Commanding the Honble Company's
Cruizer Psyche.

Sir,

Having taken under your orders the Honble Company's Cruizer Sylph, Wind and Weather permitting, you will proceed to Sea and make the best of your way to Porebunder where you will communicate with Captain Elwood, and avail yourself of such information as he may be able

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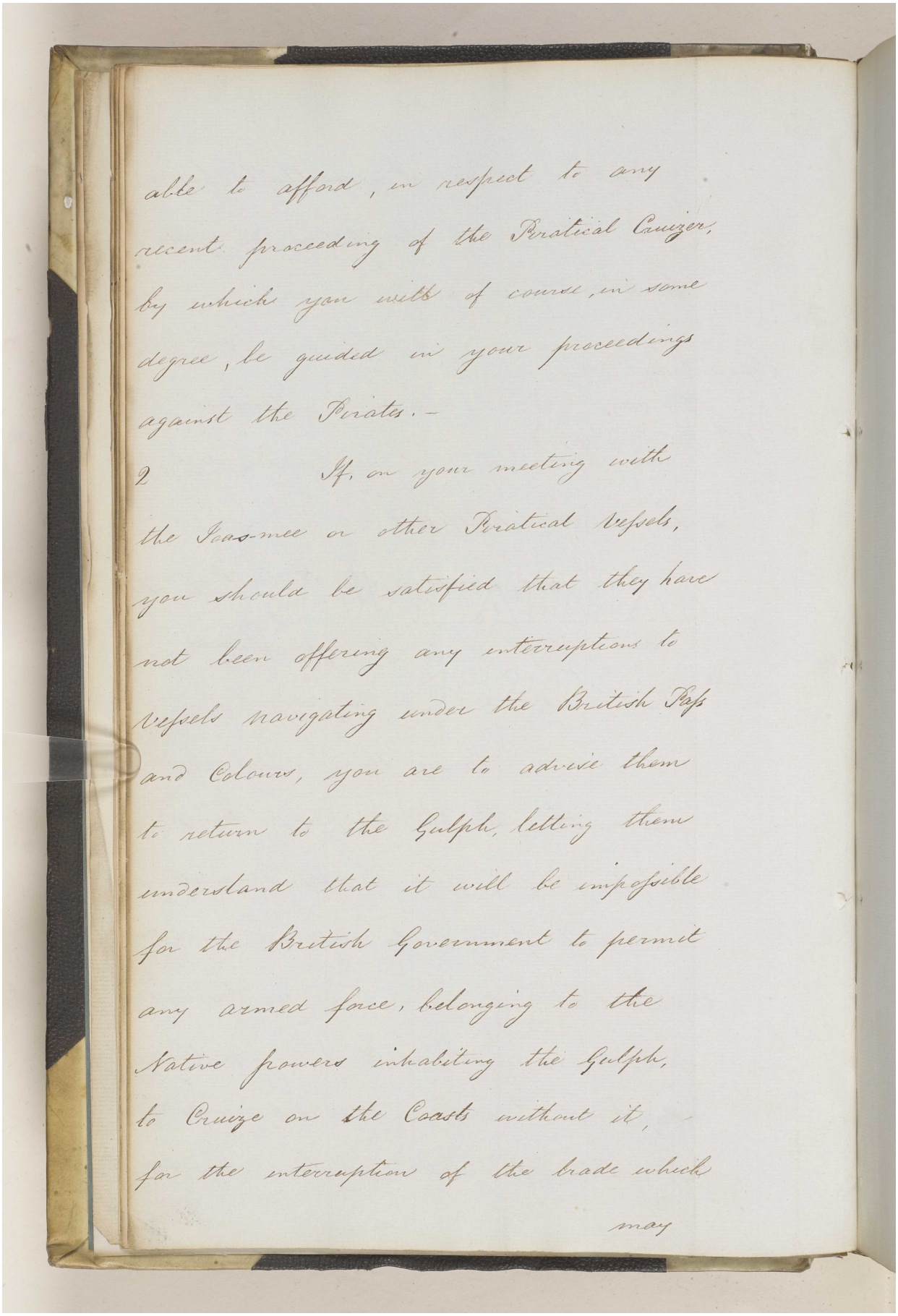

able to afford, in respect to any recent proceeding of the Piratical Cruizer, by which you will of course, in some degree, be guided in your proceedings against the Pirates.-

2 If, on your meeting with the Joas-mee or other Piratical Vessels, you should be satisfied that they have not been offering any interruptions to Vessels navigating under the British Pass and Colours, you are to advise them to return to the Gulph, letting them understand that it will be impossible for the British Government to permit any armed force, belonging to the Native powers inhabiting the Gulph, to Cruize on the Coasts without it, for the interruption of the trade which

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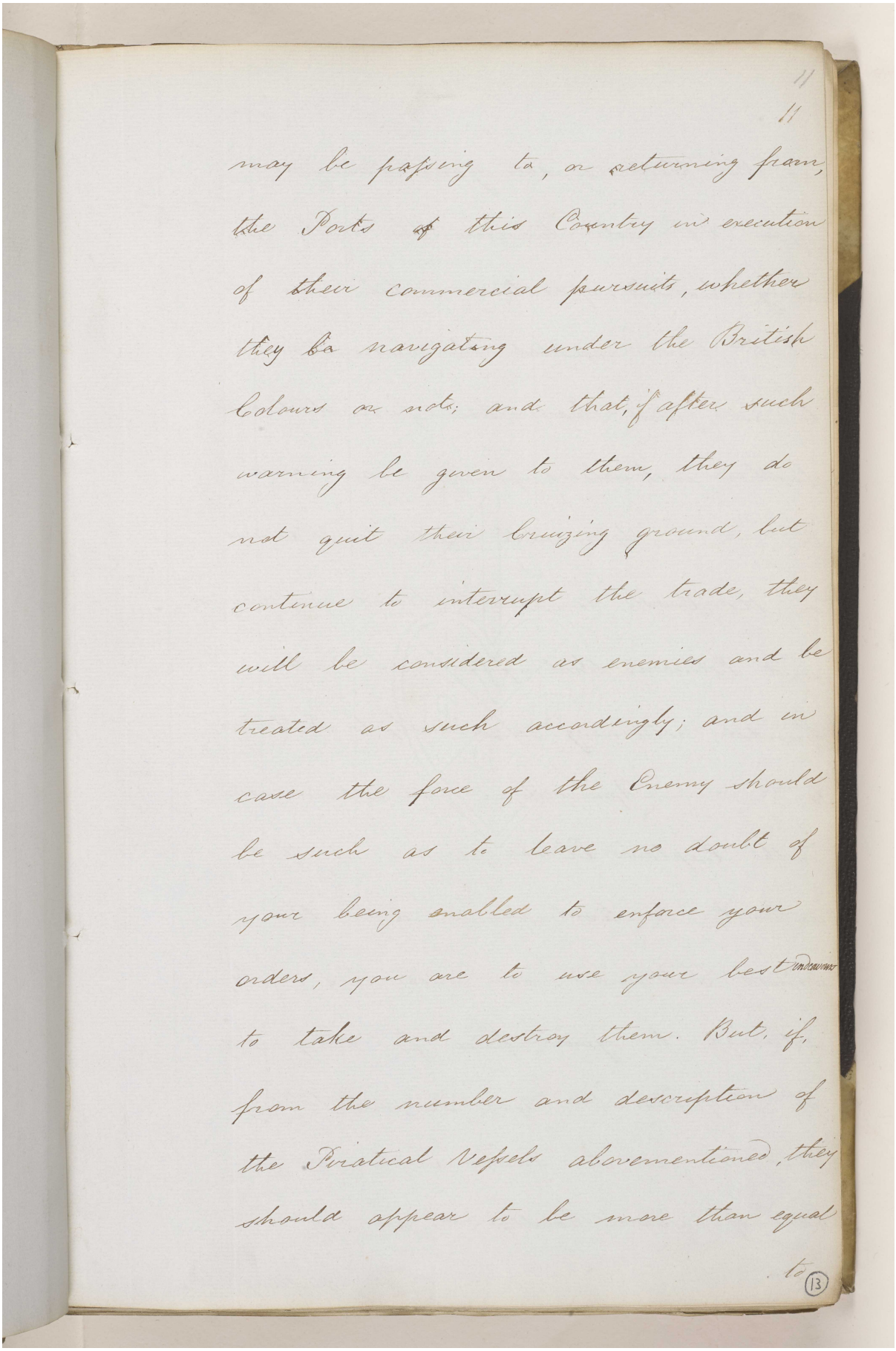

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may be passing to, or returning from, the Ports of this Country in execution of their commercial pursuits, whether they be navigating under the British Colours or not; and that, if after such warning be given to them, they do not quit their cruizing ground, but continue to interrupt the trade, they will be considered as enemies and be treated as such accordingly; and in case the force of the Enemy should be such as to leave no doubt of your being enabled to enforce your orders, you are to use your best endeavours to take and destroy them. But, if, from the number and description of the Piratical Vessels abovementioned, they should appear to be more than equal to

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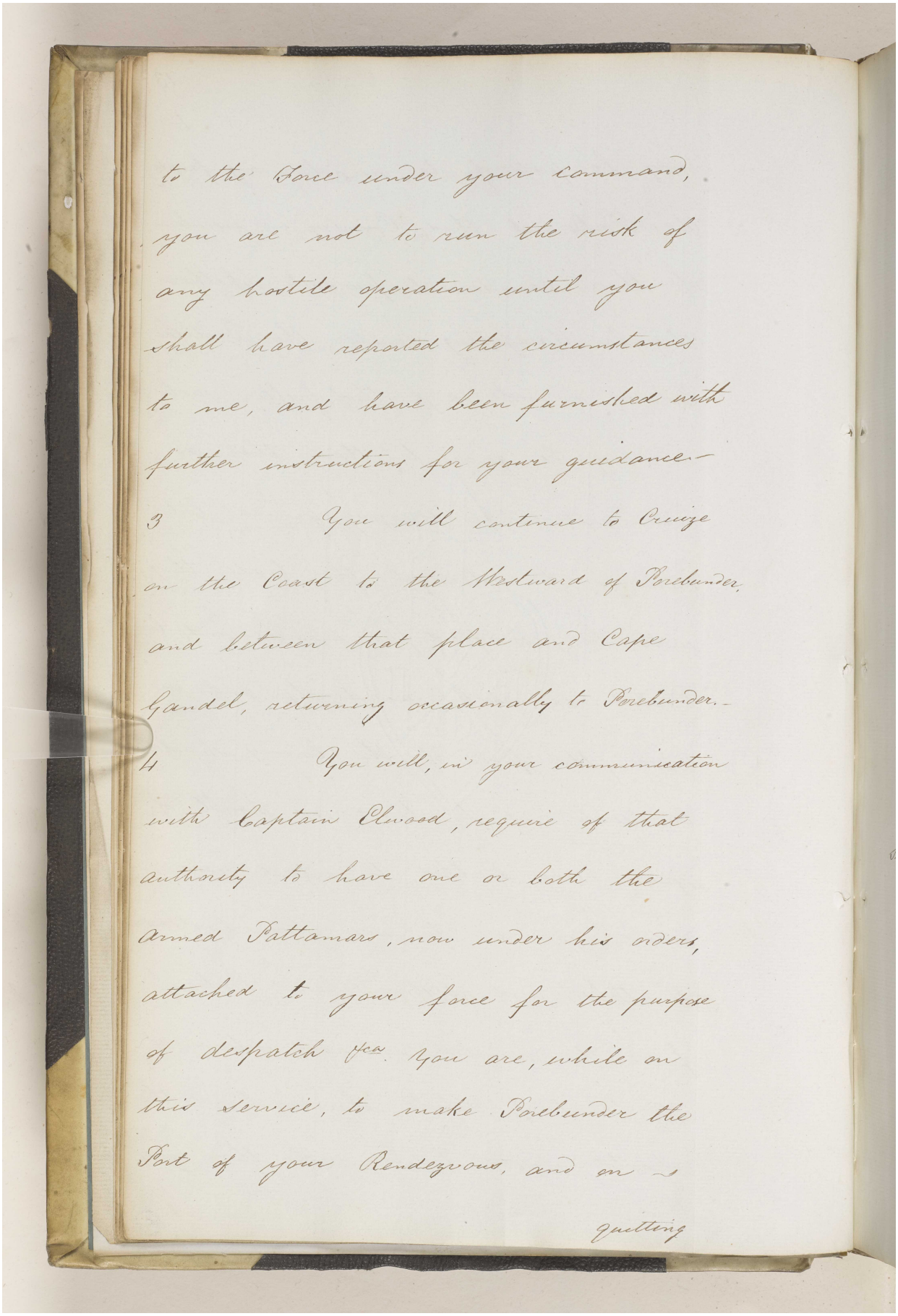
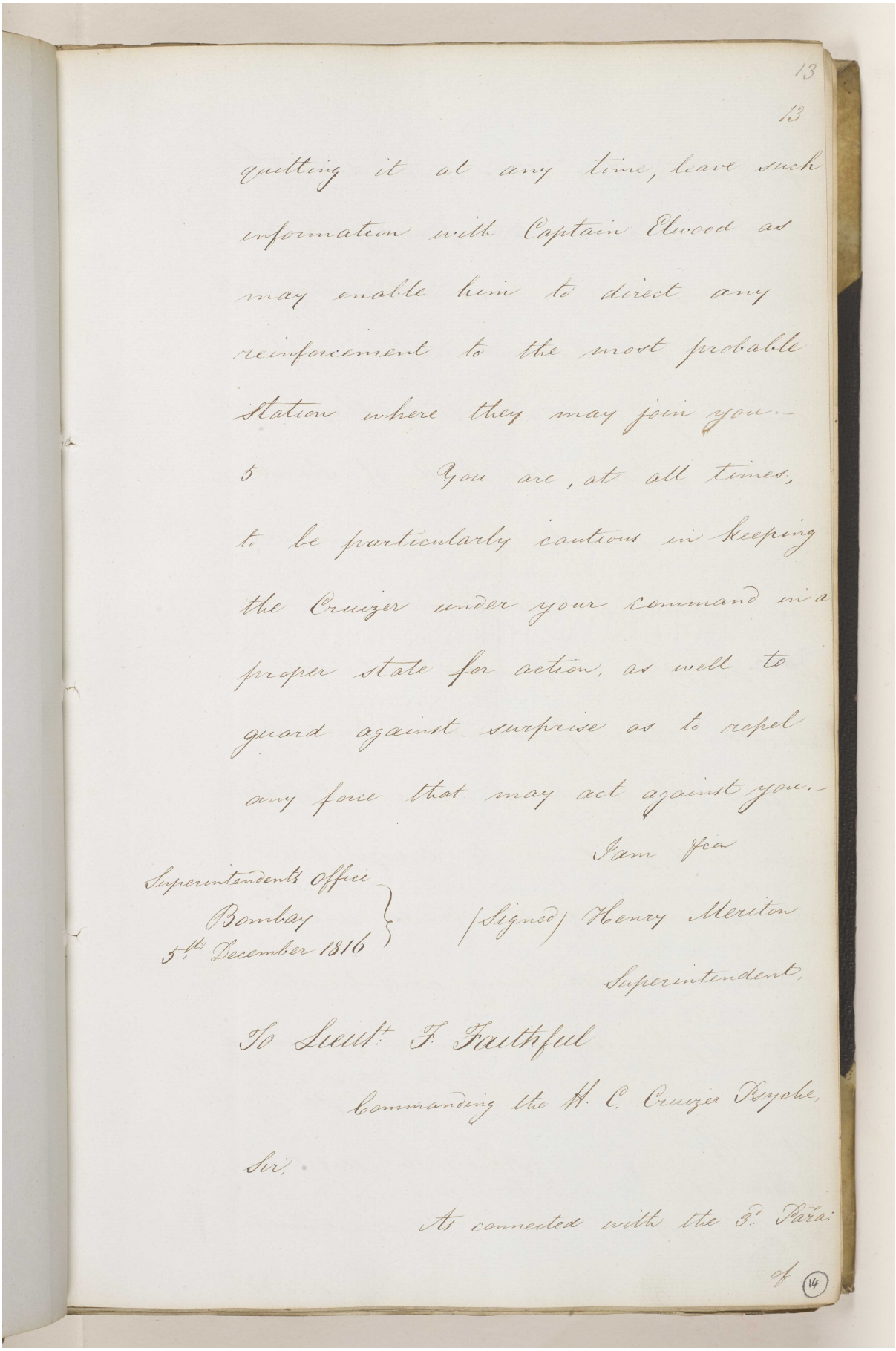


to the Force under your command, you are not to run the risk of any hostile operation until you shall have reported the circumstances to me, and have been furnished with further instructions for your guidance.

3 You will continue to Cruize on the Coast to the Westward of Porebunder, and between that place and Cape Gandel, returning occasionally to Porebunder.

4 You will, in your communication with Captain Elwood, require of that authority to have one or both the armed Pattamars, now under his orders, attached to your force for the purpose of despatch &c. You are, while on this Service, to make Porebunder the Port of your Rendezvous, and on [illegible] quitting



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quitting it at any time, have such information with Captain Elwood as may enable him to direct any reinforcement to the most probable Station where they may join you.—

5 You are, at all times, to be particularly cautious in keeping the Cruizer under your command in a proper state for action, as well to guard against surprise as to repel any force that may act against you.—

I am &c.a

Superintendents Office
Bombay
5th December 1816

(Signed) Henry Meriton
Superintendent.

To Lieut.t T. Faithfull
Commanding the H. C. Cruizer Psyche.

Sir,

As connected with the 3d Para.

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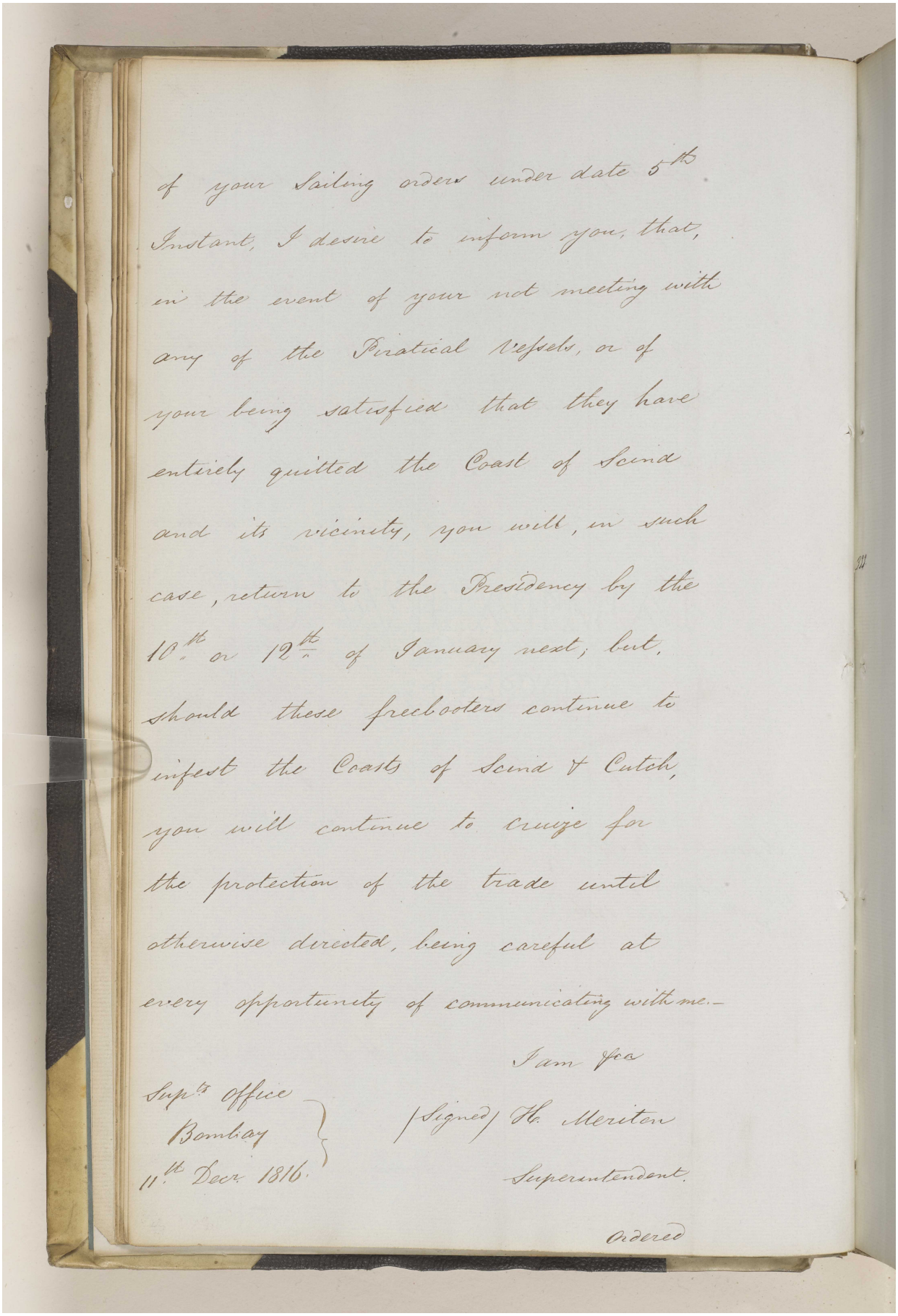

of your Sailing orders under date 5th Instant, I desire to inform you, that, in the event of your not meeting with any of the Piratical Vessels, or of your being satisfied that they have entirely quitted the Coast of Scind and its vicinity, you will, in such case, return to the Presidency by the 10th or 12th of January next; but, should these freebooters continue to infest the Coasts of Scind & Cutch, you will continue to cruize for the protection of the trade until otherwise directed, being careful at every opportunity of communicating with me.—

I am &ca

Supts Office
Bombay
11th Decr 1816.

(Signed) H. Meriton
Superintendent.

Ordered

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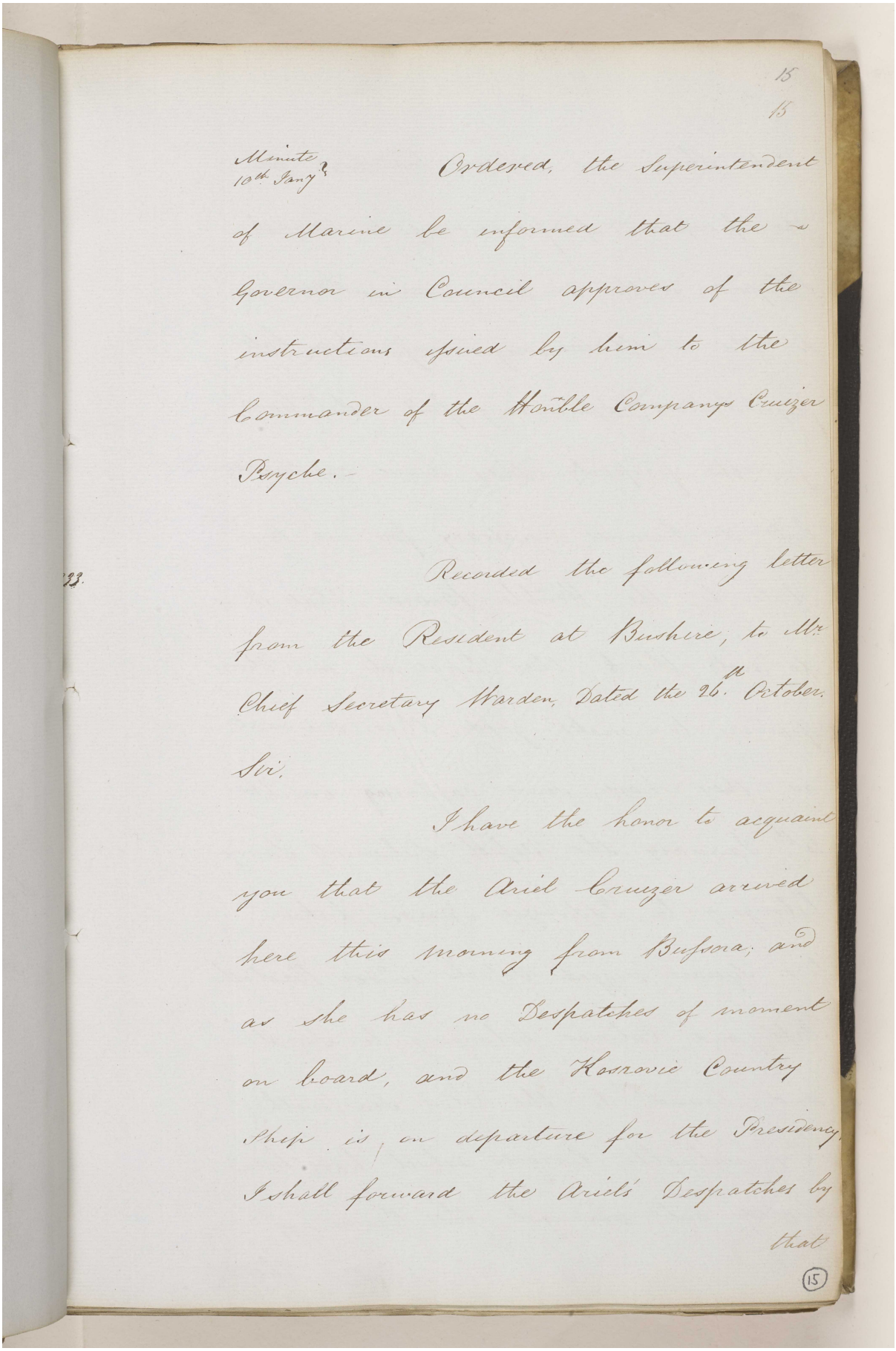

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Ordered, the Superintendent of Marine be informed that the Governor in Council approves of the instructions issued by him to the Commander of the Honble Company's Cruizer Psyche.-

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Recorded the following letter from the Resident at Bushire, to Mr. Chief Secretary Warden, Dated the 26th October.

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that the Ariel Cruizer arrived here this morning from Bufsora; and as she has no Despatches of moment on board, and the Kossovie Country Ship is, on departure for the Presidency, I shall forward the Ariel's Despatches by that

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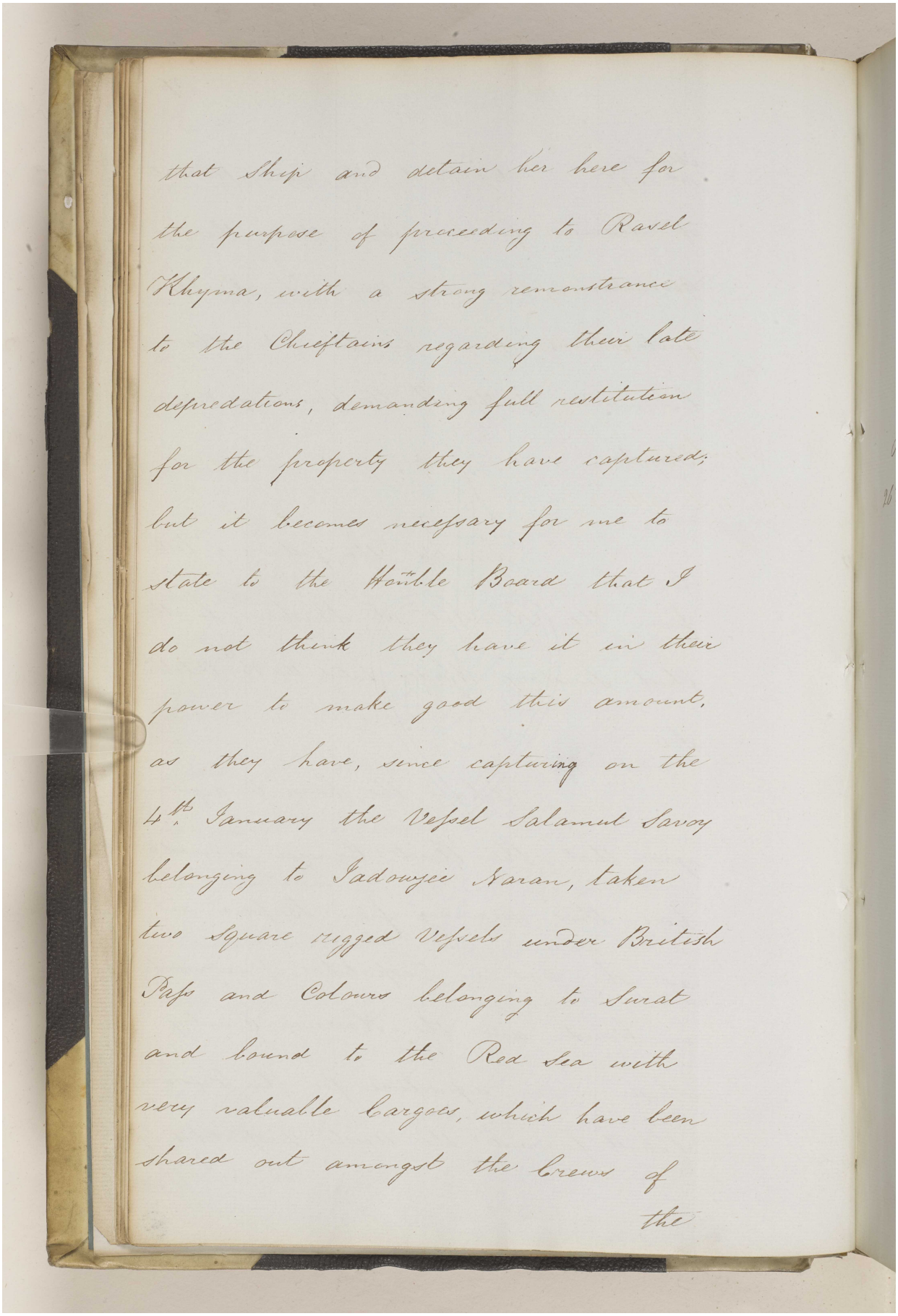

that Ship and detain her here for
the purpose of proceeding to Ravel
Khyma, with a strong remonstrance
to the Chieftains regarding their late
depredations, demanding full restitution
for the property they have captured;
but it becomes necessary for me to
state to the Honble Board that I
do not think they have it in their
power to make good this amount,
as they have, since capturing on the
4th. January the Vessel Salamut Savoy
belonging to Jadowjee Narain, taken
two Square rigged Vessels under British
Pass and Colours belonging to Surat
and bound to the Red Sea with
very valuable Cargoes, which have been
shared out amongst the Crews of
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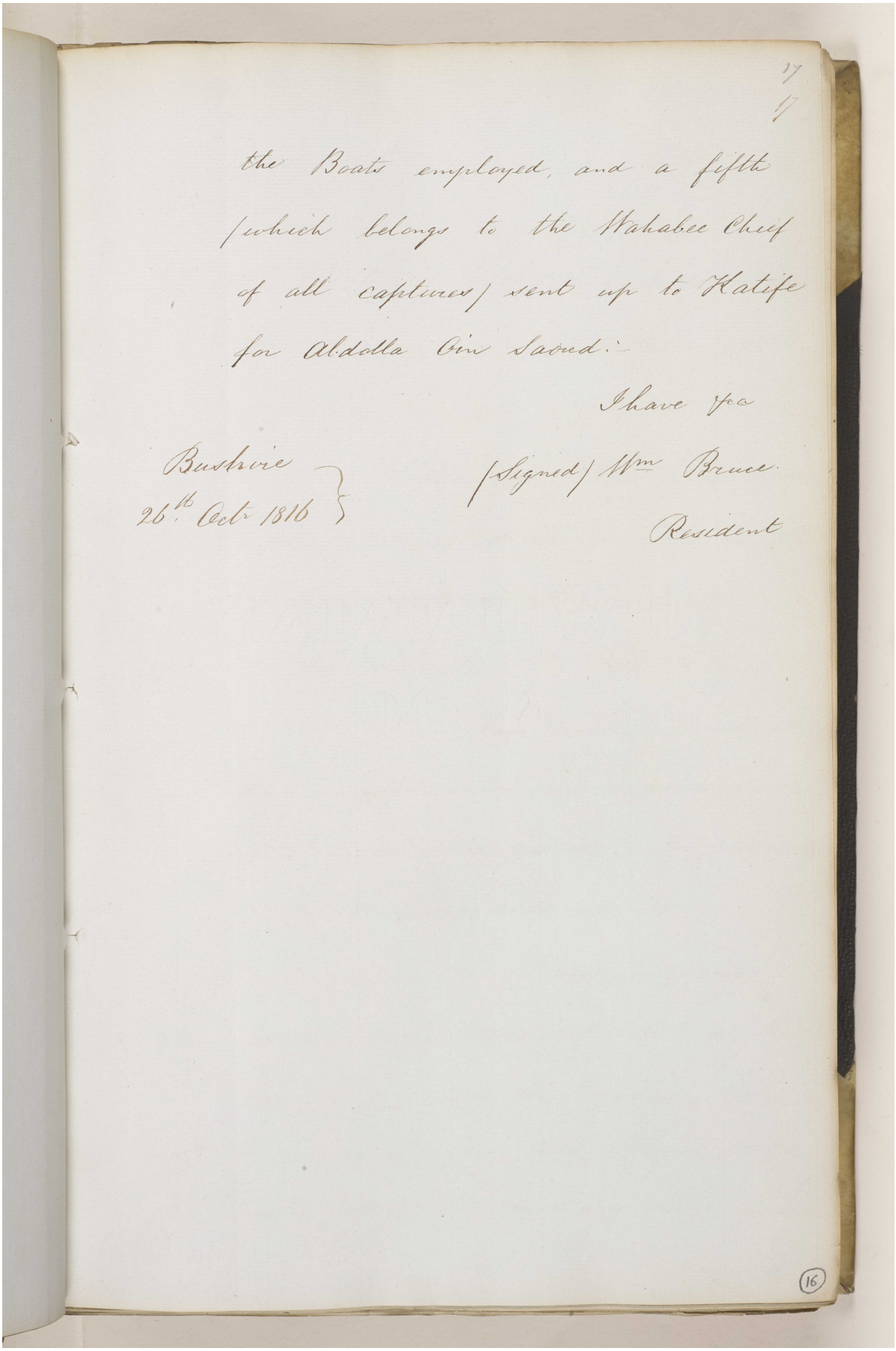

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the Boats employed, and a fifth (which belongs to the Wahabee Chief of all captures) sent up to Katife for Abdolla Bin Saoud:-

I have &c.

Bushire
26th Octr 1816

(Signed) Wm Bruce
Resident

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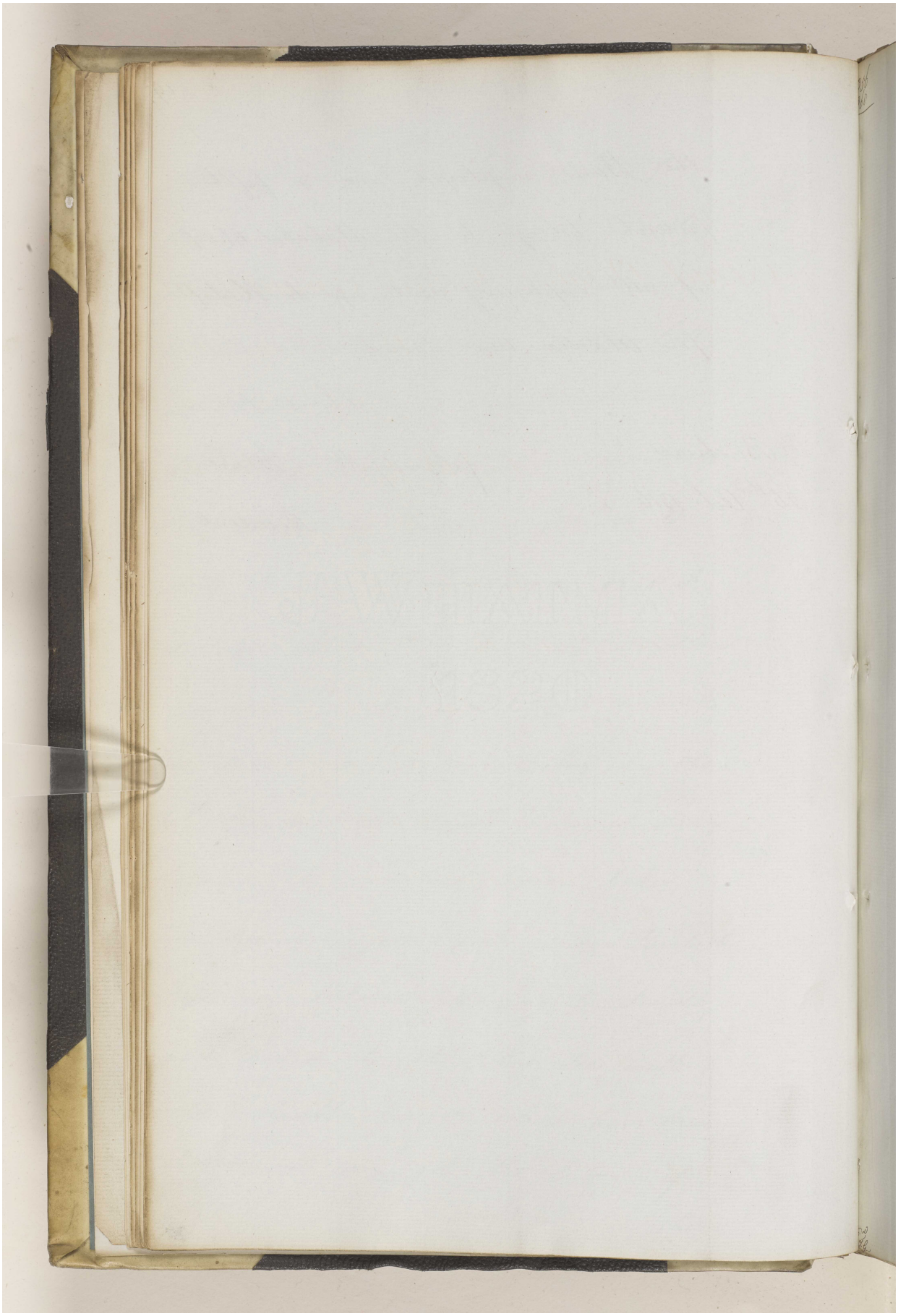

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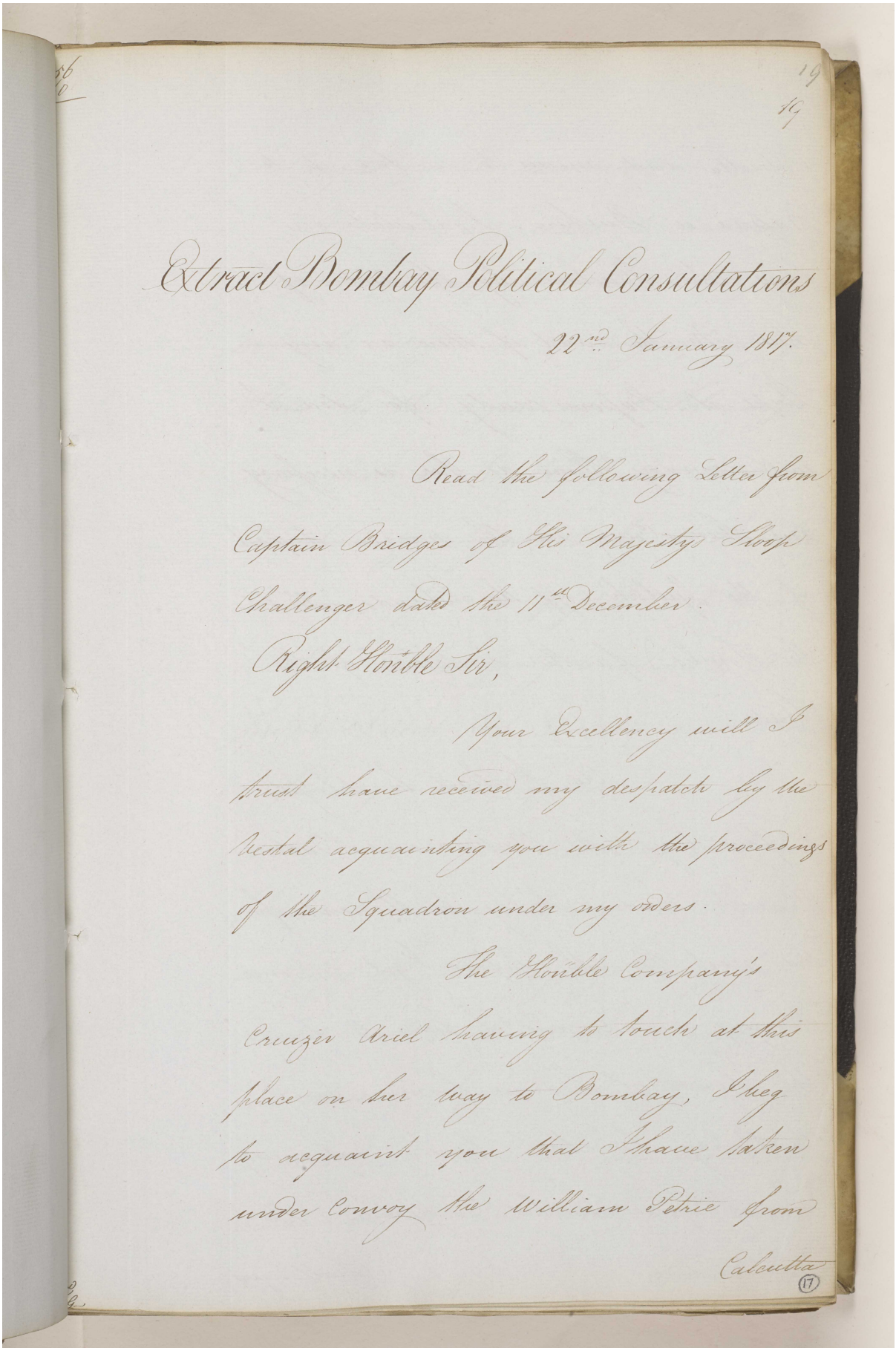

Extract Bombay Political Consultations

22nd January 1817.

Read the following Letter from Captain Bridges of His Majesty's Sloop Challenger dated the 11th December.

Right Honble Sir,

Your Excellency will I trust have received my despatch by the Vestal acquainting you with the proceedings of the Squadron under my orders.

The Honble Company's Cruizer Ariel having to touch at this place on her way to Bombay, I beg to acquaint you that I have taken under convoy the William Petrie from Calcutta

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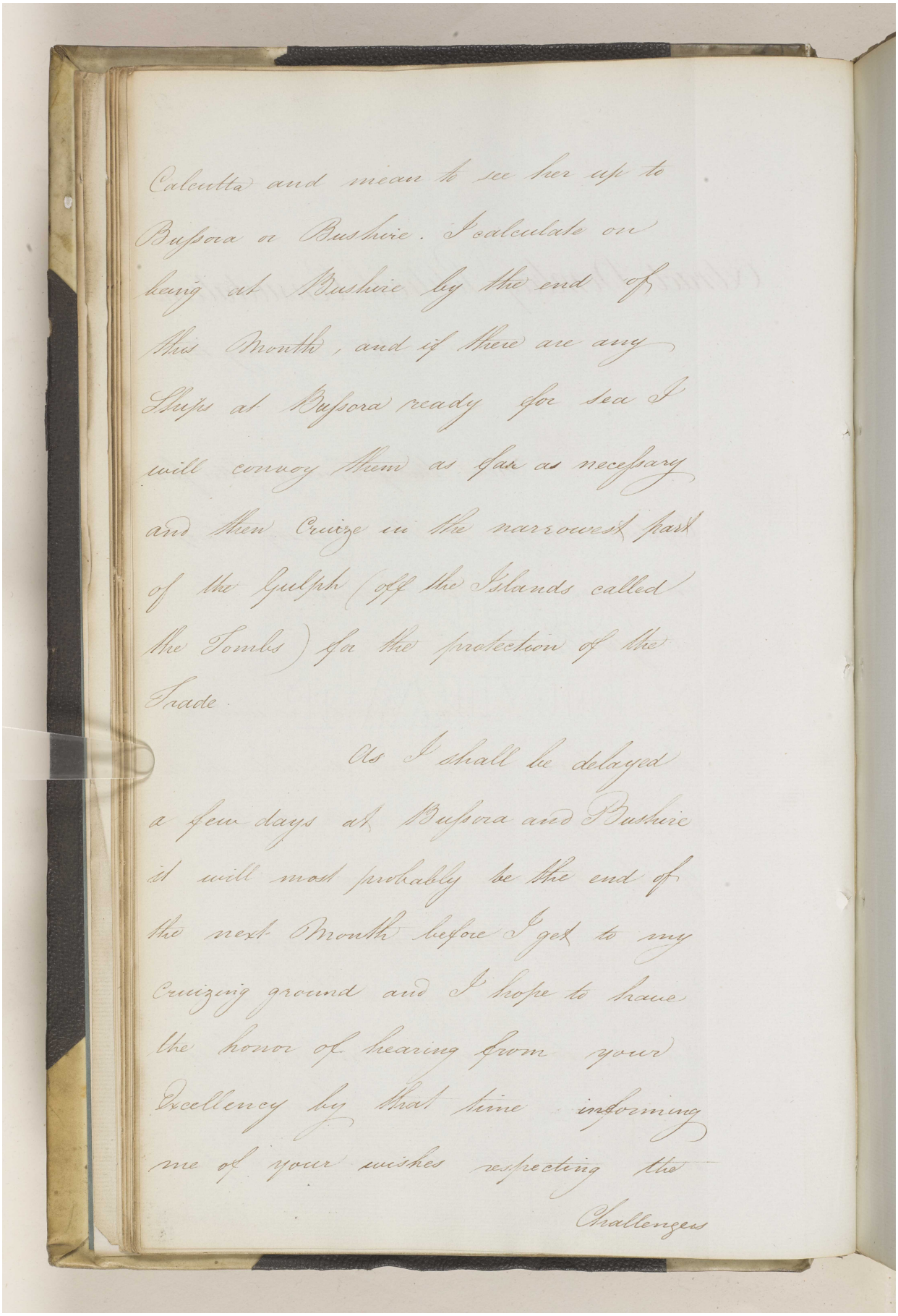

Calcutta and mean to see her up to
Bussora or Bushire. I calculate on
being at Bushire by the end of
this Month, and if there are any
Ships at Bussora ready for sea I
will convoy them as far as necessary
and then Cruize in the narrowest part
of the Gulph (off the Islands called
the Tombs) for the protection of the
Trade.

As I shall be delayed
a few days at Bussora and Bushire
it will most probably be the end of
the next Month before I get to my
Cruizing ground and I hope to have
the honor of hearing from your
Excellency by that time informing
me of your wishes respecting the
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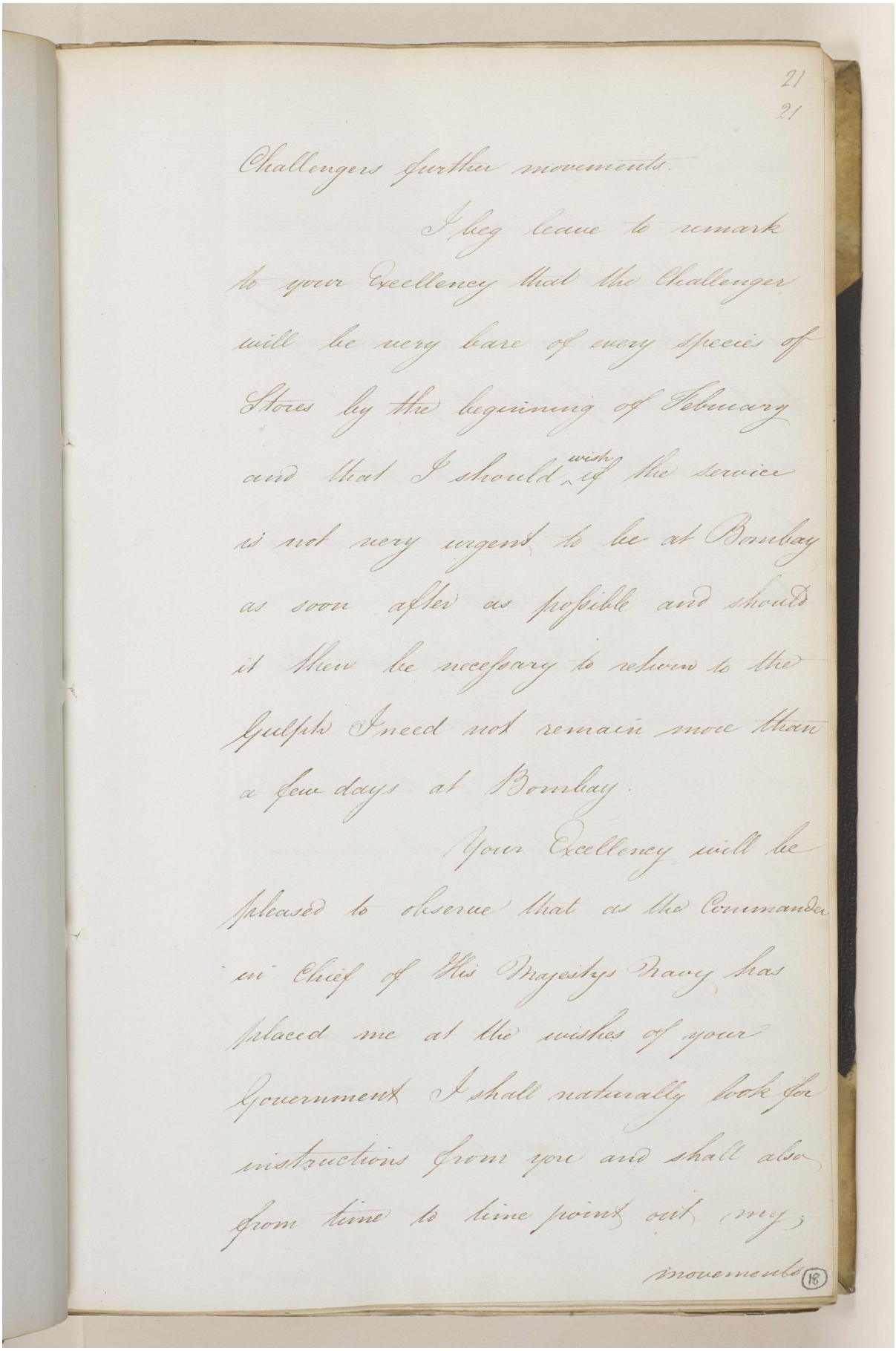

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Challengers further movements.

I beg leave to remark to your Excellency that the Challenger will be very bare of every species of Stores by the beginning of February and that I should wish if the service is not very urgent to be at Bombay as soon after as possible and should it then be necessary to return to the Gulph I need not remain more than a few days at Bombay.

Your Excellency will be pleased to observe that as the Commander in Chief of His Majestys Navy has placed me at the wishes of your Government I shall naturally look for instructions from you and shall also from time to time point out my movements

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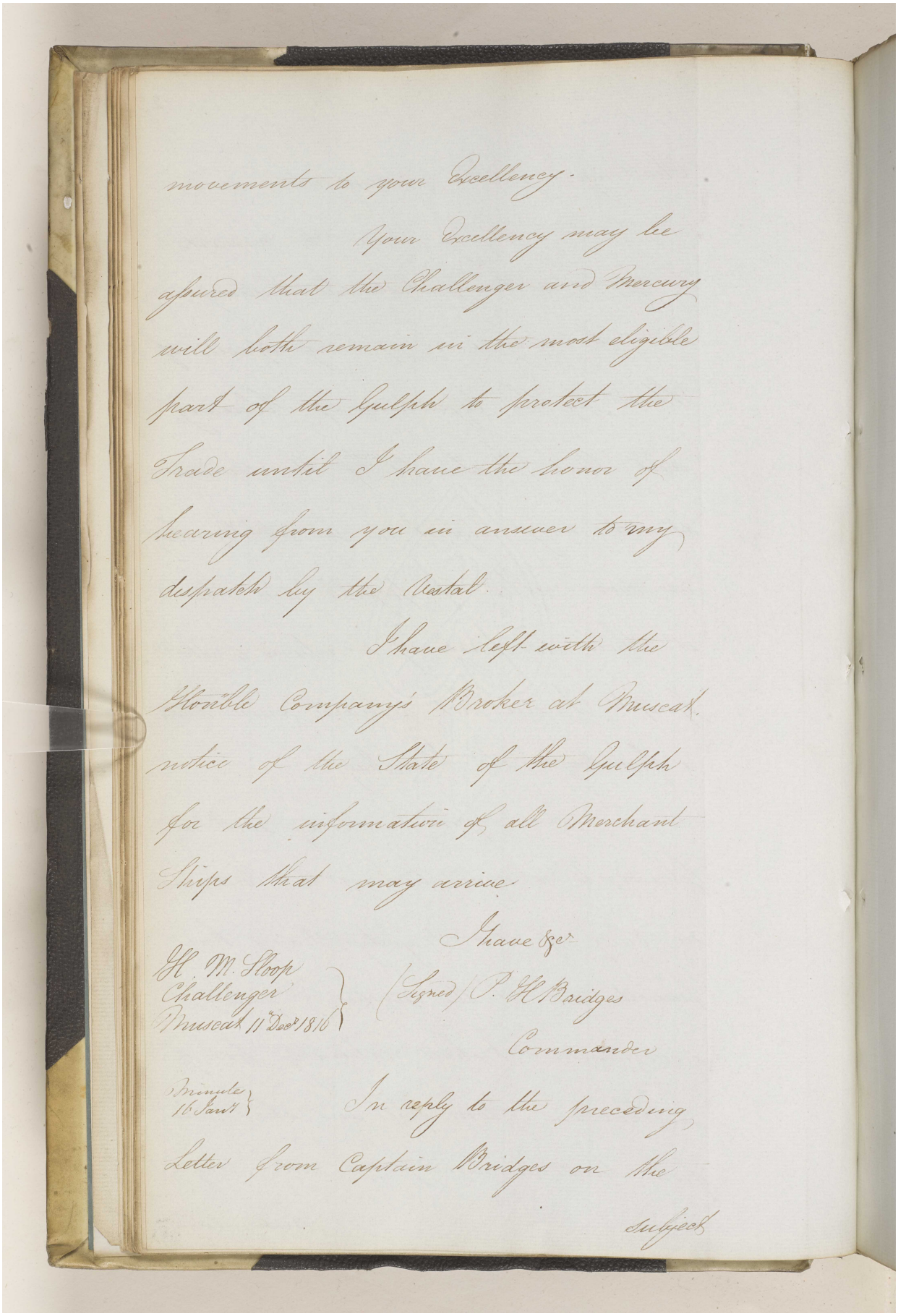

movements to your Excellency.

Your Excellency may be assured that the Challenger and Mercury will both remain in the most eligible part of the Gulph to protect the Trade until I have the honor of hearing from you in answer to my despatch by the Vestal.

I have left with the Honble Company's Broker at Muscat notice of the State of the Gulph for the information of all Merchant Ships that may arrive.

I have &c.

H. M. Sloop Challenger
Muscat 11th Decr 1816

(Signed) P. H. Bridges
Commander

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In reply to the preceding Letter from Captain Bridges on the

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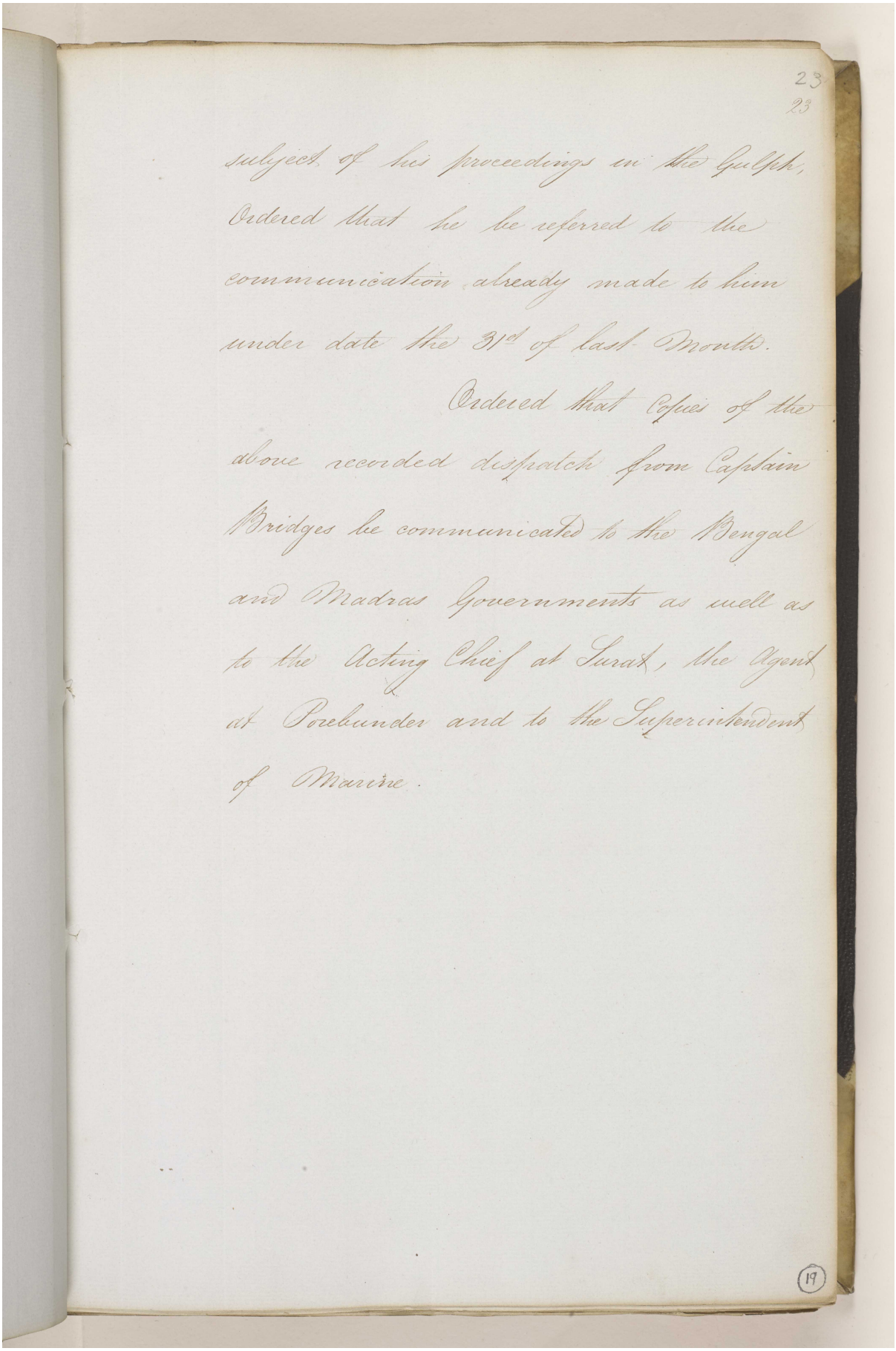

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subject of his proceedings in the Gulph,
Ordered that he be referred to the
communication already made to him
under date the 31st of last Month.

Ordered that Copies of the
above recorded dispatch from Captain
Bridges be communicated to the Bengal
and Madras Governments as well as
to the Acting Chief at Surat, the Agent
at Porebunder and to the Superintendent
of Marine.

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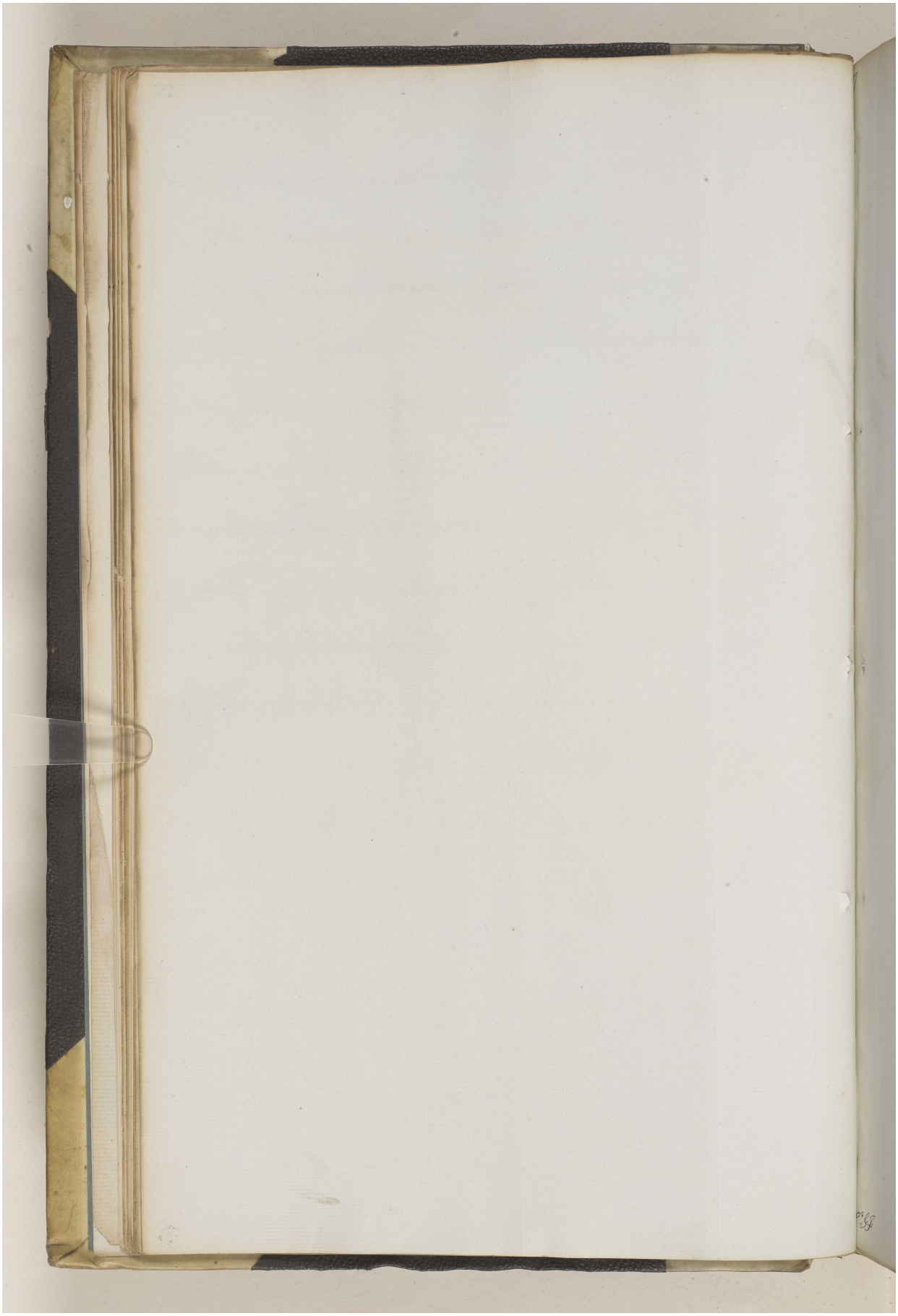

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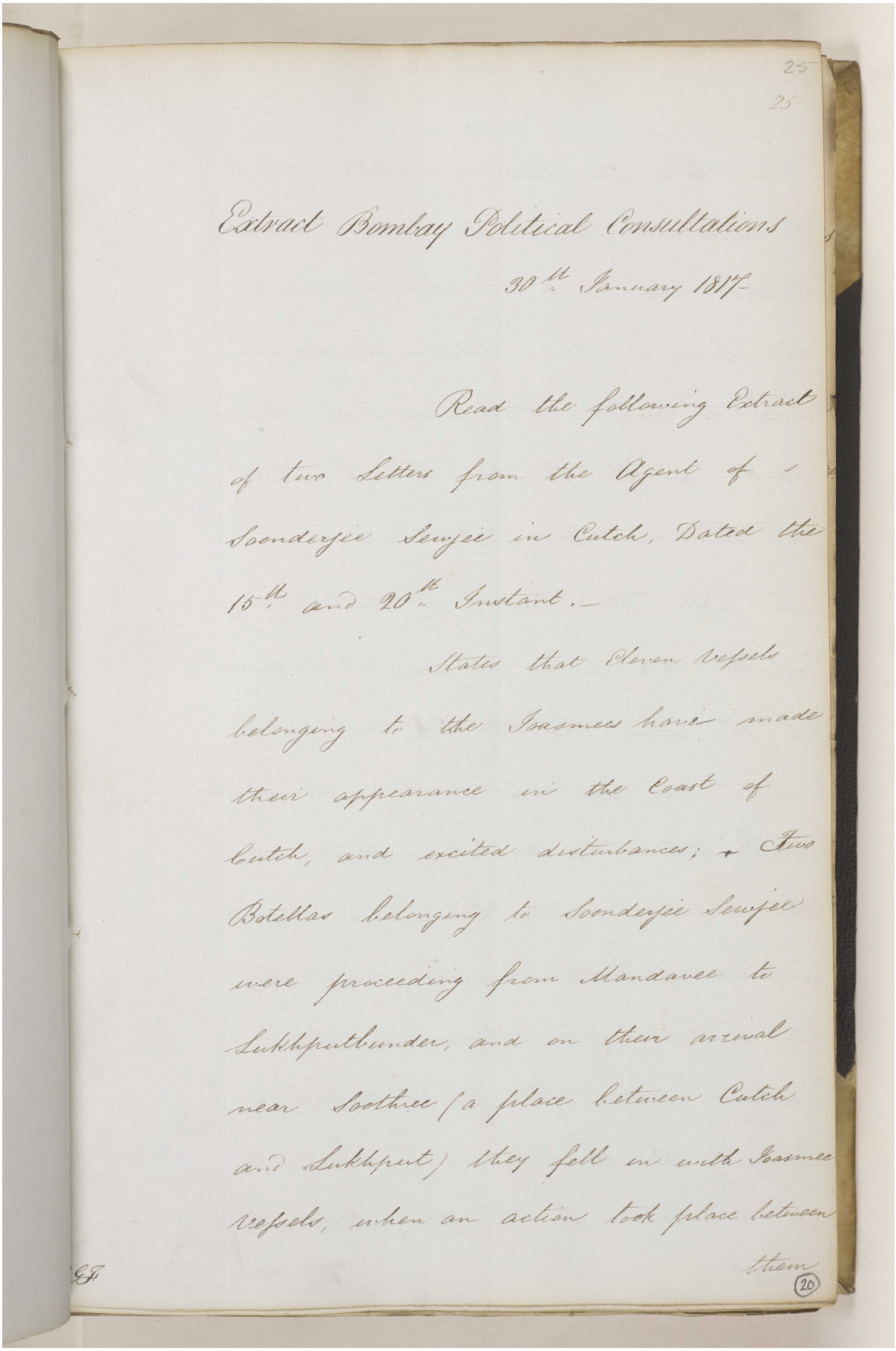

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
30th. January 1817.

Read the following Extract of two Letters from the Agent of Soonderjee Sewjee in Cutch, Dated the 15th. and 20th. Instant.—

States that Eleven Vessels belonging to the Joasmees have made their appearance in the Coast of Cutch, and excited disturbances; + Two Botellas belonging to Soonderjee Sewjee were proceeding from Mandavee to Lukhputbunder, and on their arrival near Soothree (a place between Cutch and Lukhput) they fell in with Joasmee vessels, when an action took place between them

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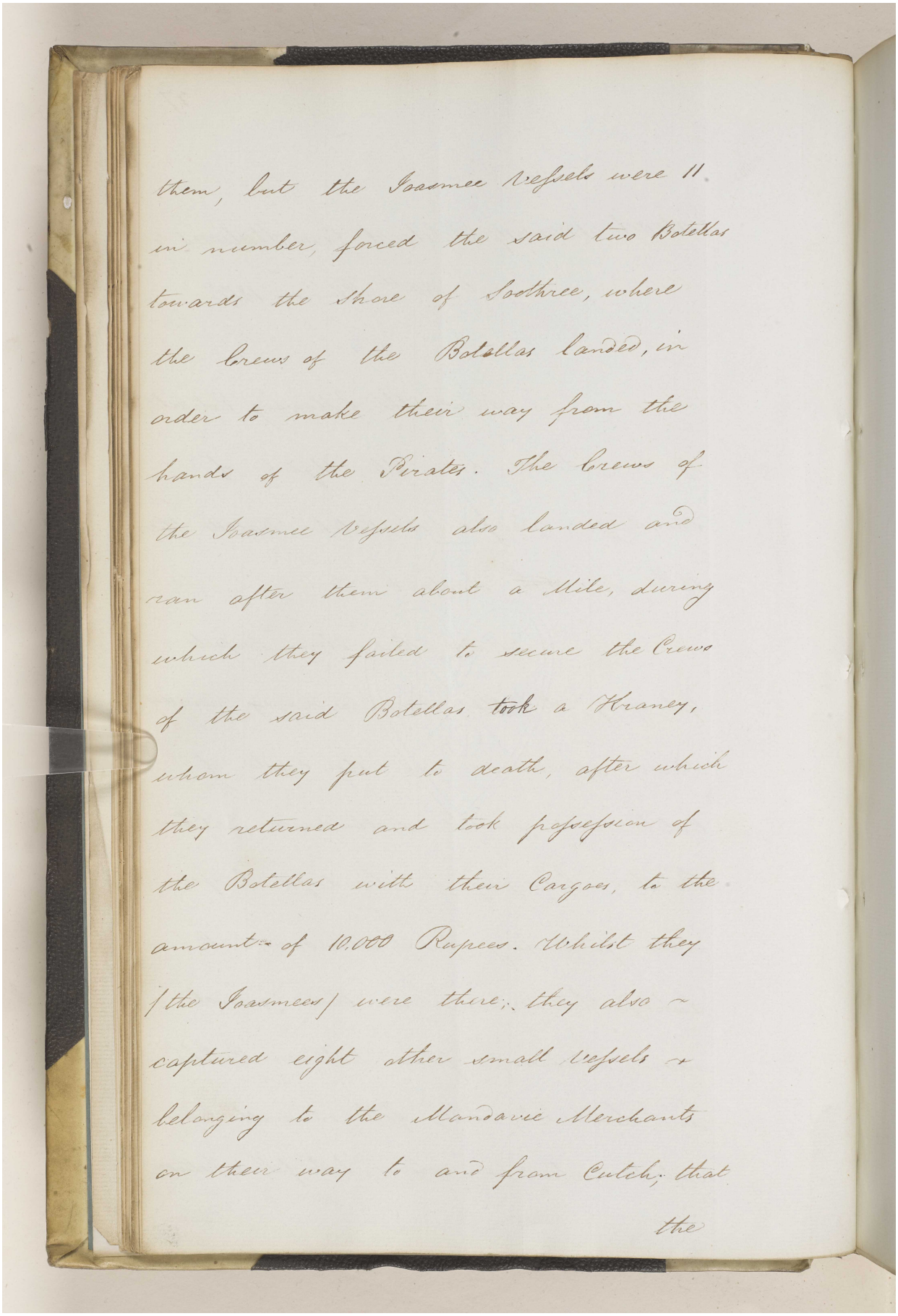

them, but the Joasmee Vessels were 11 in number, forced the said two Botellas towards the Shore of Soothree, where the Crews of the Botellas landed, in order to make their way from the hands of the Pirates. The Crews of the Joasmee Vessels also landed and ran after them about a Mile, during which they failed to secure the Crews of the said Botellas took a Hranee, whom they put to death, after which they returned and took possession of the Botellas with their Cargoes, to the amount of 10,000 Rupees. Whilst they /the Joasmees/ were there, they also captured eight other small Vessels belonging to the Mandavie Merchants on their way to and from Cutch, that

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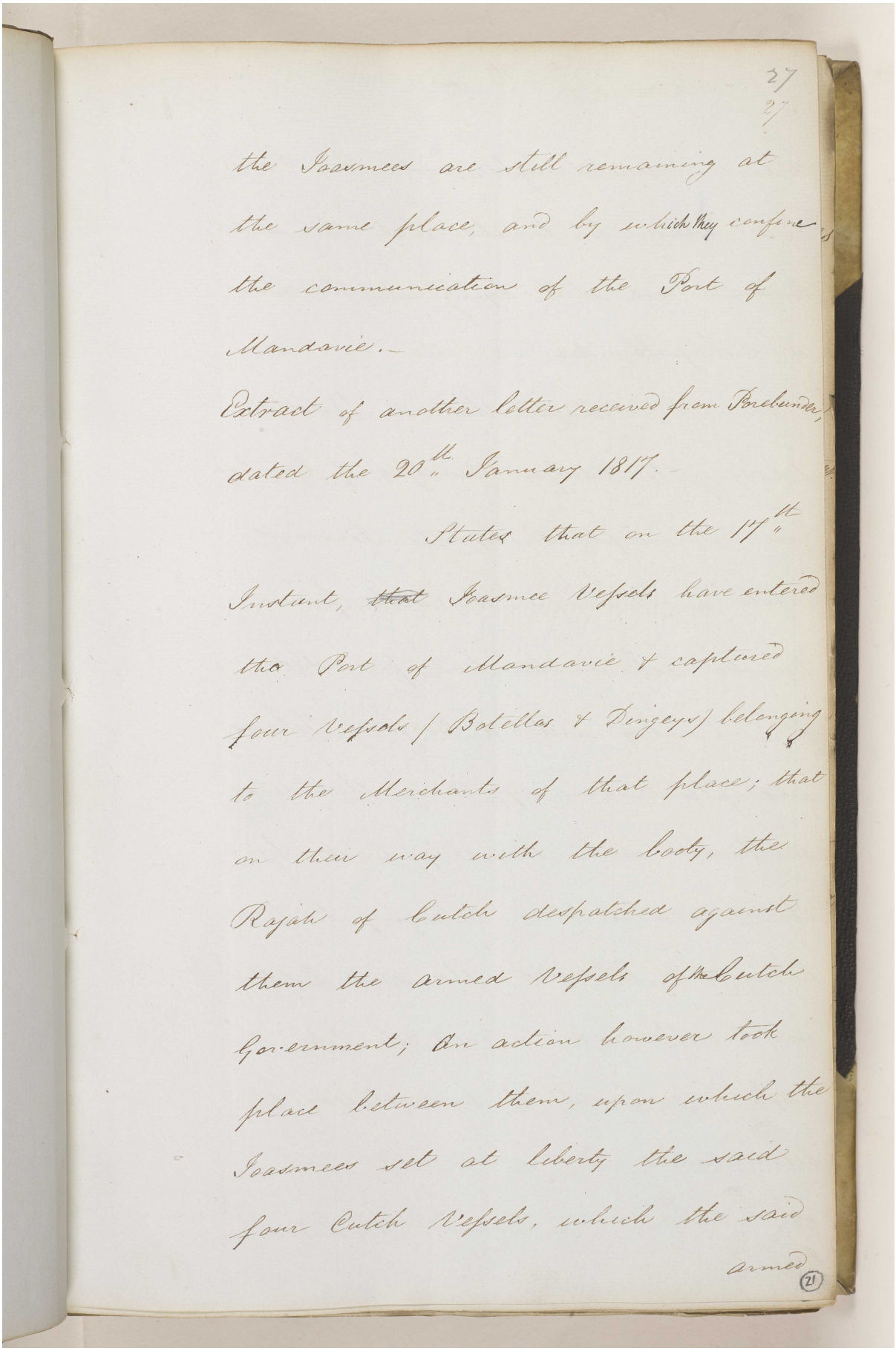

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the Joasmees are still remaining at the same place, and by which they confine the communication of the Port of Mandavie.-

Extract of another letter received from Bombay, dated the 20th. January 1817.-

States that on the 17th. Instant, ~~that~~ Joasmee Vessels have entered the Port of Mandavie & captured four Vessels / Batellas & Dingeys / belonging to the Merchants of that place; that on their way with the booty, the Rajah of Cutch despatched against them the armed Vessels of the Cutch Government; An action however took place between them, upon which the Joasmees set at liberty the said four Cutch Vessels, which the said armed

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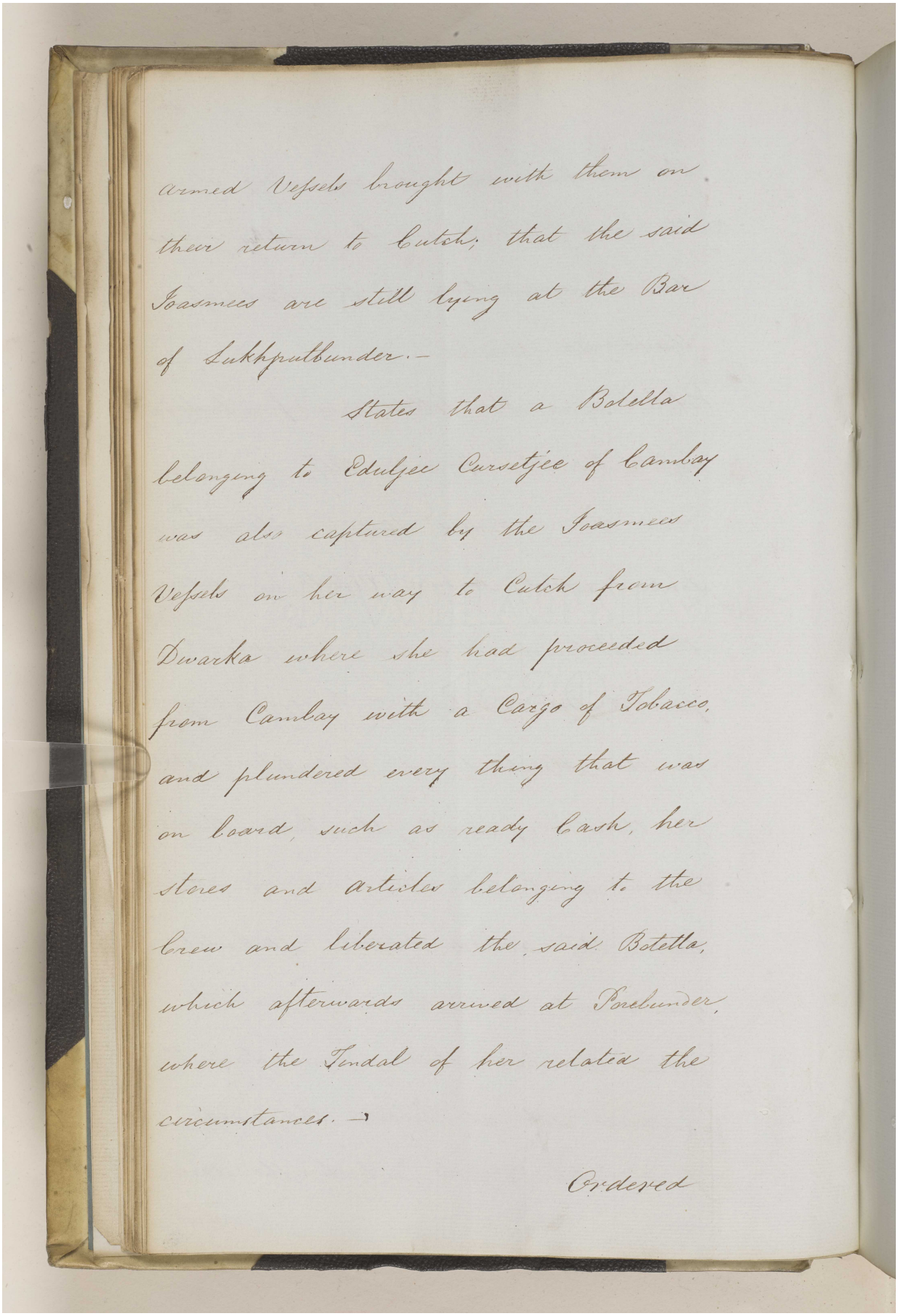

armed Vessels brought with them on their return to Cutch; that the said Joasmees are still lying at the Bar of Sukhpurbunder.—

States that a Botella belonging to Edulgee Cursetjee of Cambay was also captured by the Joasmees Vessels on her way to Cutch from Dwarka where she had proceeded from Cambay with a Cargo of Tobacco, and plundered every thing that was on board, such as ready Cash, her Stores and Articles belonging to the Crew and liberated the said Botella, which afterwards arrived at Porebunder, where the Tindal of her related the circumstances.—

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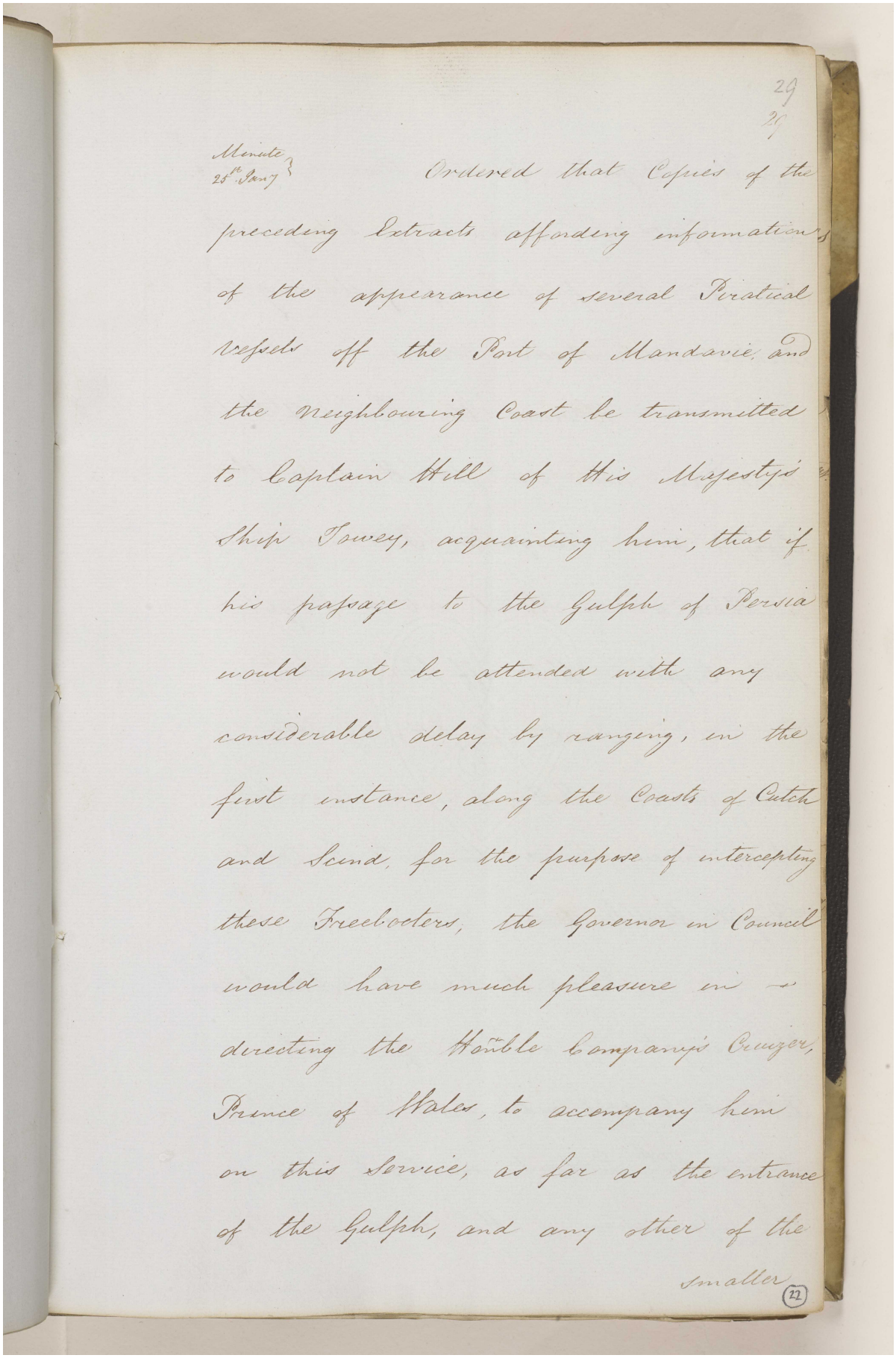

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Ordered that Copies of the preceding Extracts affording informations of the appearance of several Piratical Vessels off the Port of Mandavie, and the neighbouring Coast be transmitted to Captain Hill of His Majesty's Ship Fowey, acquainting him, that if his passage to the Gulph of Persia would not be attended with any considerable delay by ranging, in the first instance, along the Coasts of Cutch and Scind, for the purpose of intercepting these Freebooters, the Governor in Council would have much pleasure in directing the Honble Company's Cruizer, Prince of Wales, to accompany him on this Service, as far as the entrance of the Gulph, and any other of the smaller

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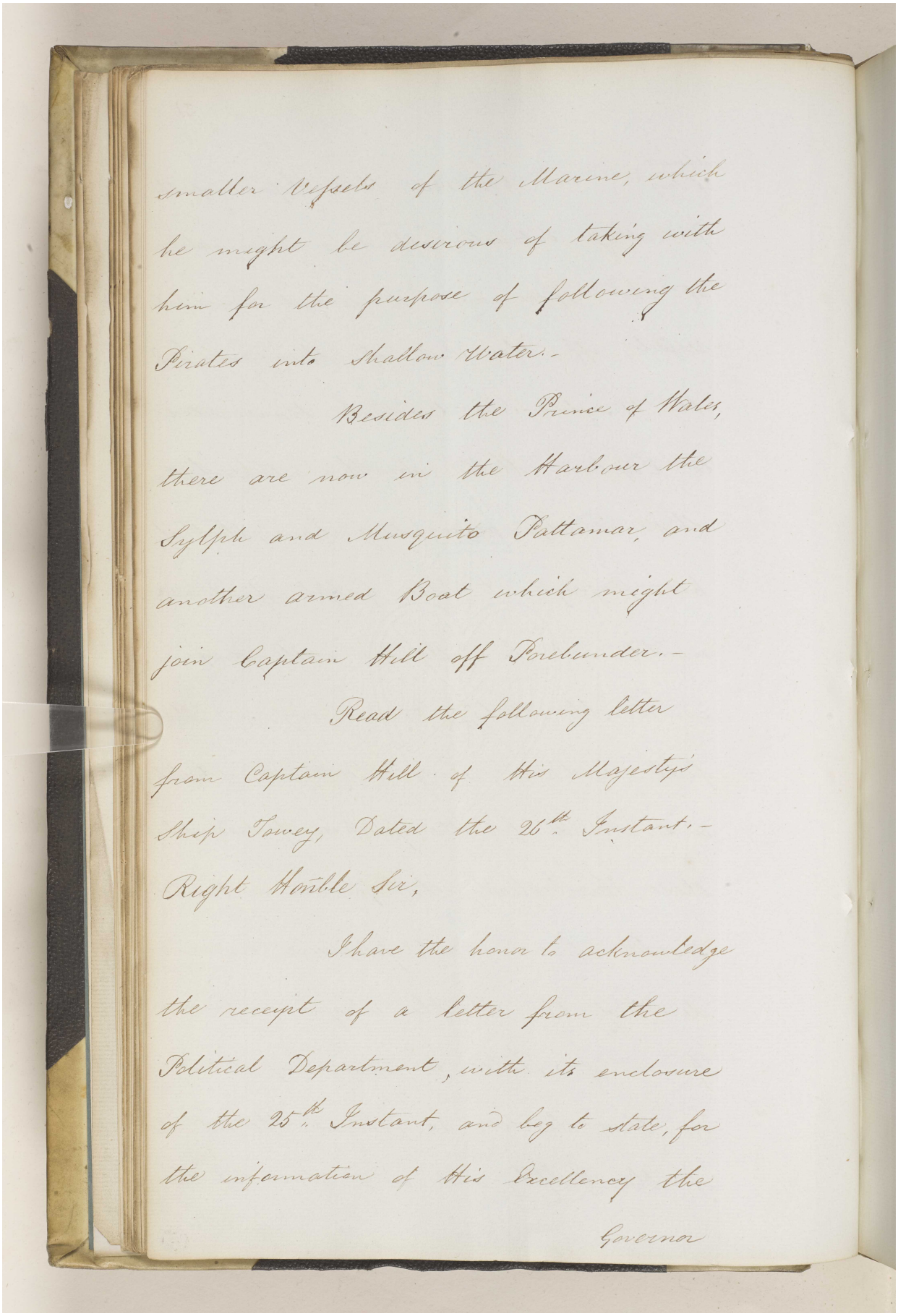


smaller Vessels of the Marine, which he might be desirous of taking with him for the purpose of following the Pirates into shallow Water.-

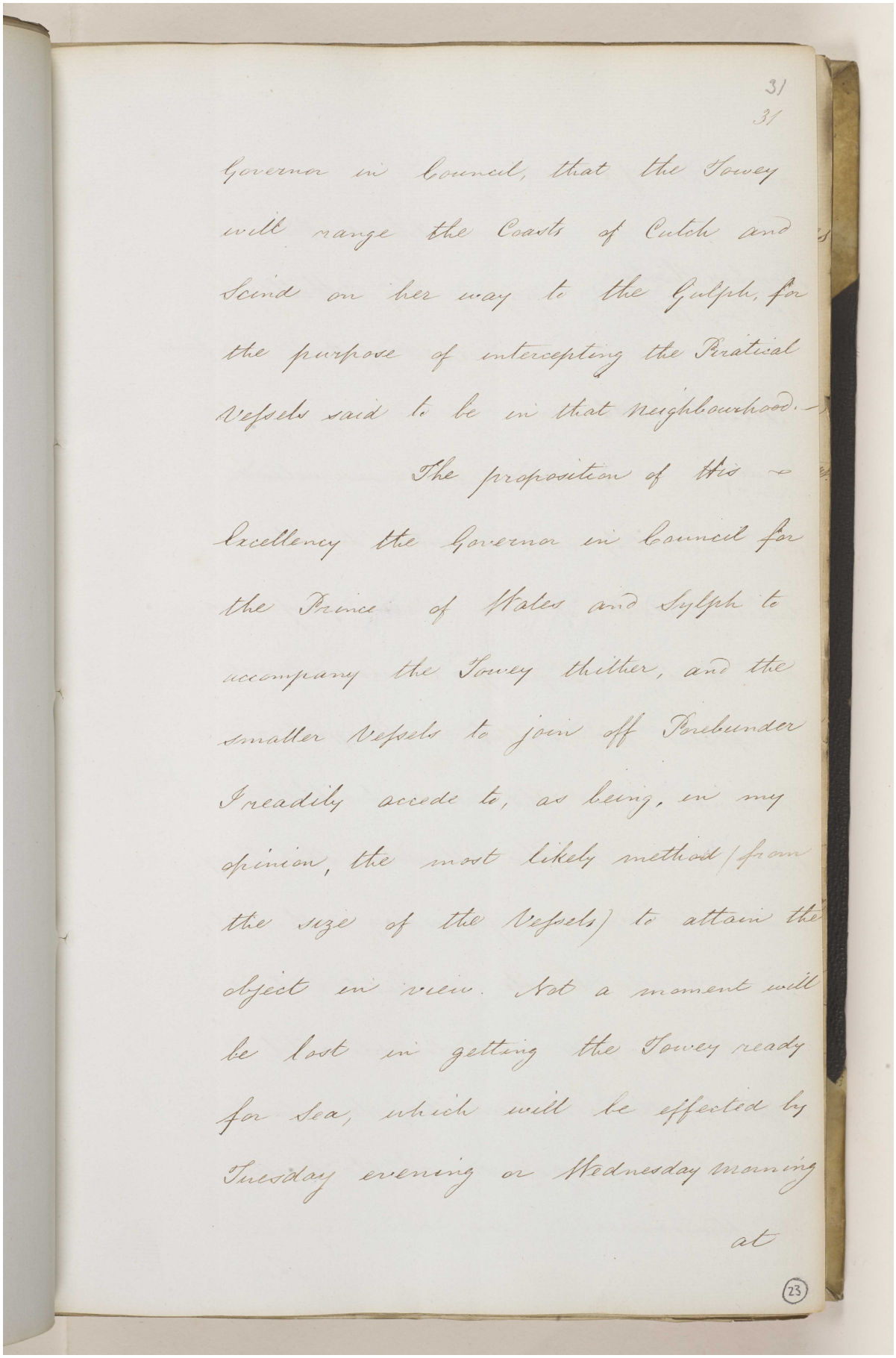
Besides the Prince of Wales, there are now in the Harbour the Sylph and Musquito Pattamar, and another armed Boat which might join Captain Hill off Bushire.-

Read the following letter from Captain Hill of His Majesty's Ship Fawey, Dated the 26th. Instant.-

Right Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Political Department, with its enclosure of the 25th. Instant, and beg to state, for the information of His Excellency the

Governor



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Governor in Council, that the Sowey will range the Coasts of Cutch and Scind on her way to the Gulph, for the purpose of intercepting the Piratical Vessels said to be in that neighbourhood.—

The proposition of His Excellency the Governor in Council for the Prince of Wales and Sylph to accompany the Sowey thither, and the smaller Vessels to join off Porebunder I readily accede to, as being, in my opinion, the most likely method (from the size of the Vessels) to attain the object in view. Not a moment will be lost in getting the Sowey ready for Sea, which will be effected by Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning at

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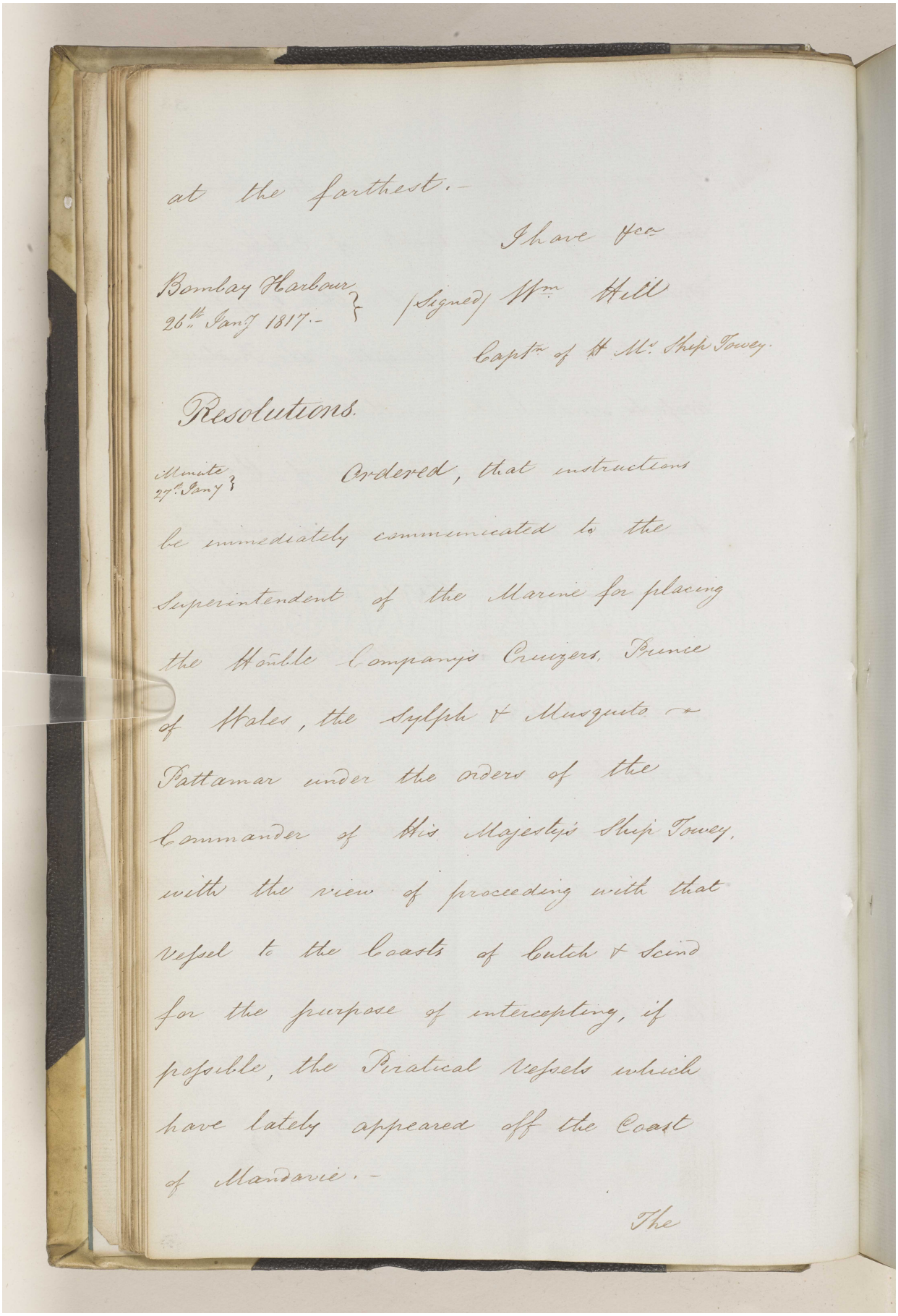

at the farthest.-

I have &c.

Bombay Harbour
26th Jany 1817.- } (Signed) Wm Hall
Captn of H. M. Ship Towey.

Resolutions.

Minute
27th Jany } Ordered, that instructions
be immediately communicated to the
Superintendent of the Marine for placing
the Honble Company's Cruizers, Prince
of Wales, the Sylph & Musquito &
Pattamar under the orders of the
Commander of His Majesty's Ship Towey,
with the view of proceeding with that
Vessel to the Coasts of Cutch & Scind
for the purpose of intercepting, if
possible, the Piratical Vessels which
have lately appeared off the Coast
of Mandavie.-

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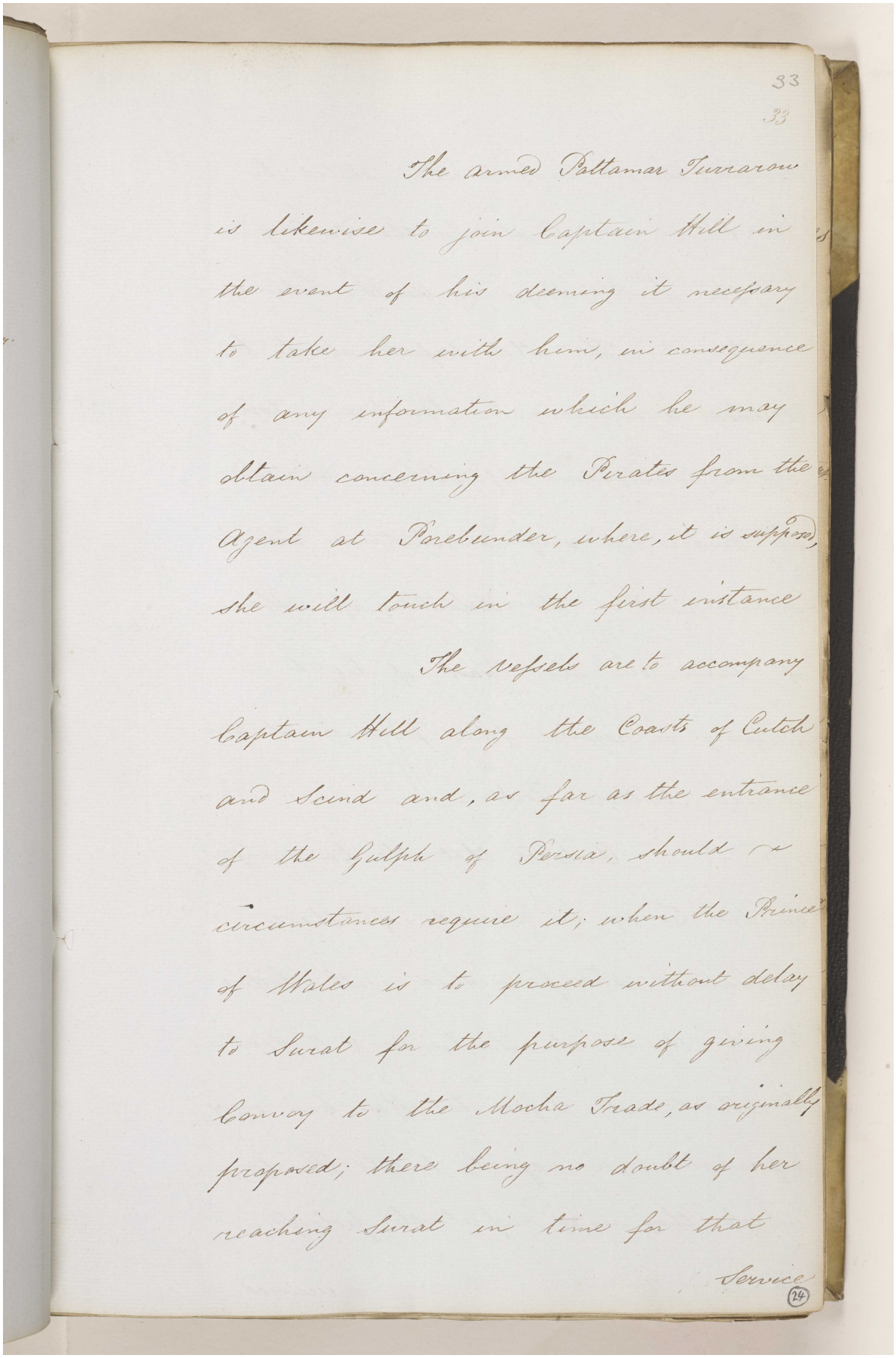

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The armed Pattamar Tivvarow is likewise to join Captain Hill in the event of his deeming it necessary to take her with him, in consequence of any information which he may obtain concerning the Pirates from the Agent at Porebunder, where, it is supposed, she will touch in the first instance

The Vessels are to accompany Captain Hill along the Coasts of Cutch and Scind and, as far as the entrance of the Gulph of Persia, should circumstances require it; when the Prince of Wales is to proceed without delay to Surat for the purpose of giving Convoy to the Mocha Trade, as originally proposed; there being no doubt of her reaching Surat in time for that

Service

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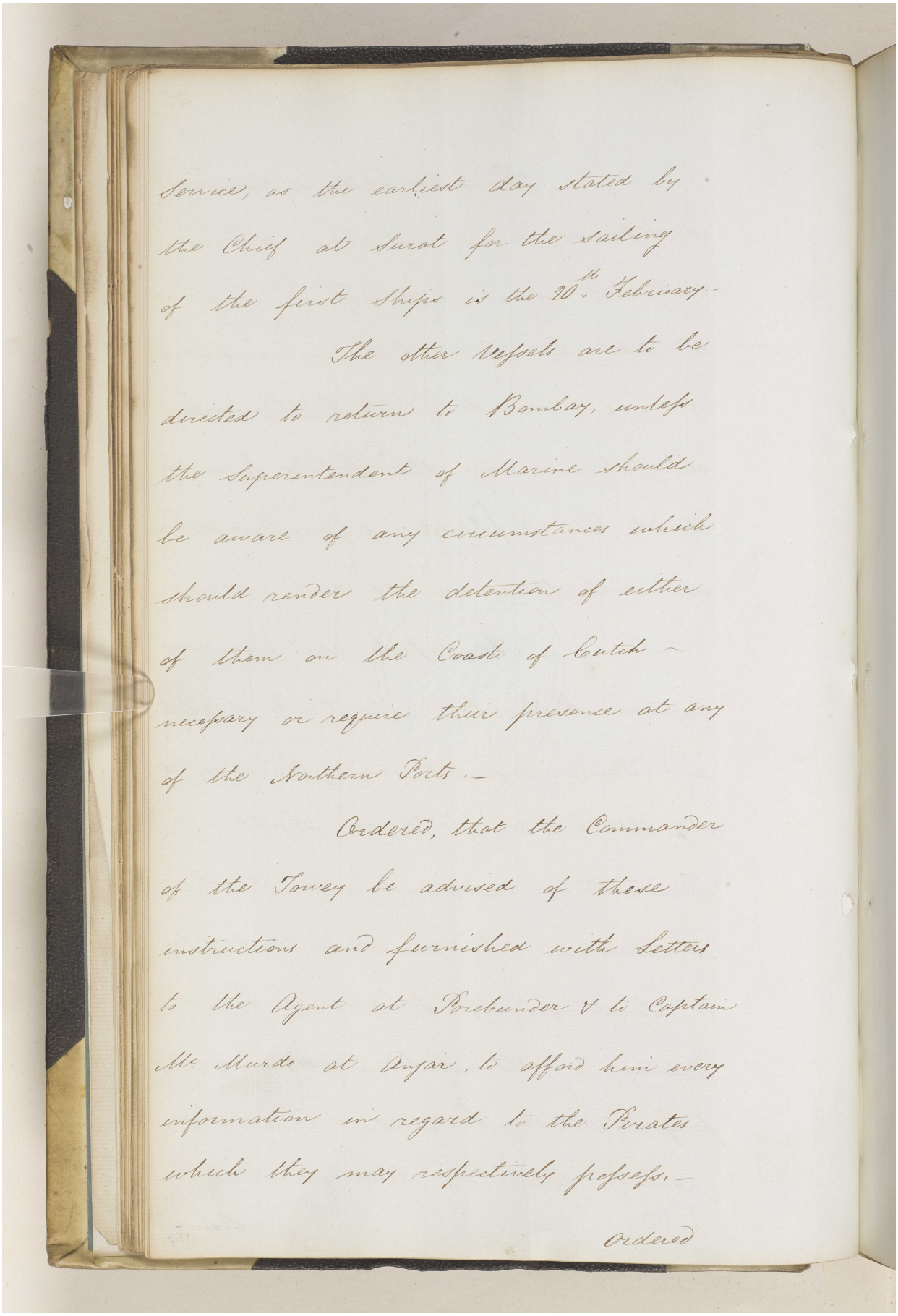
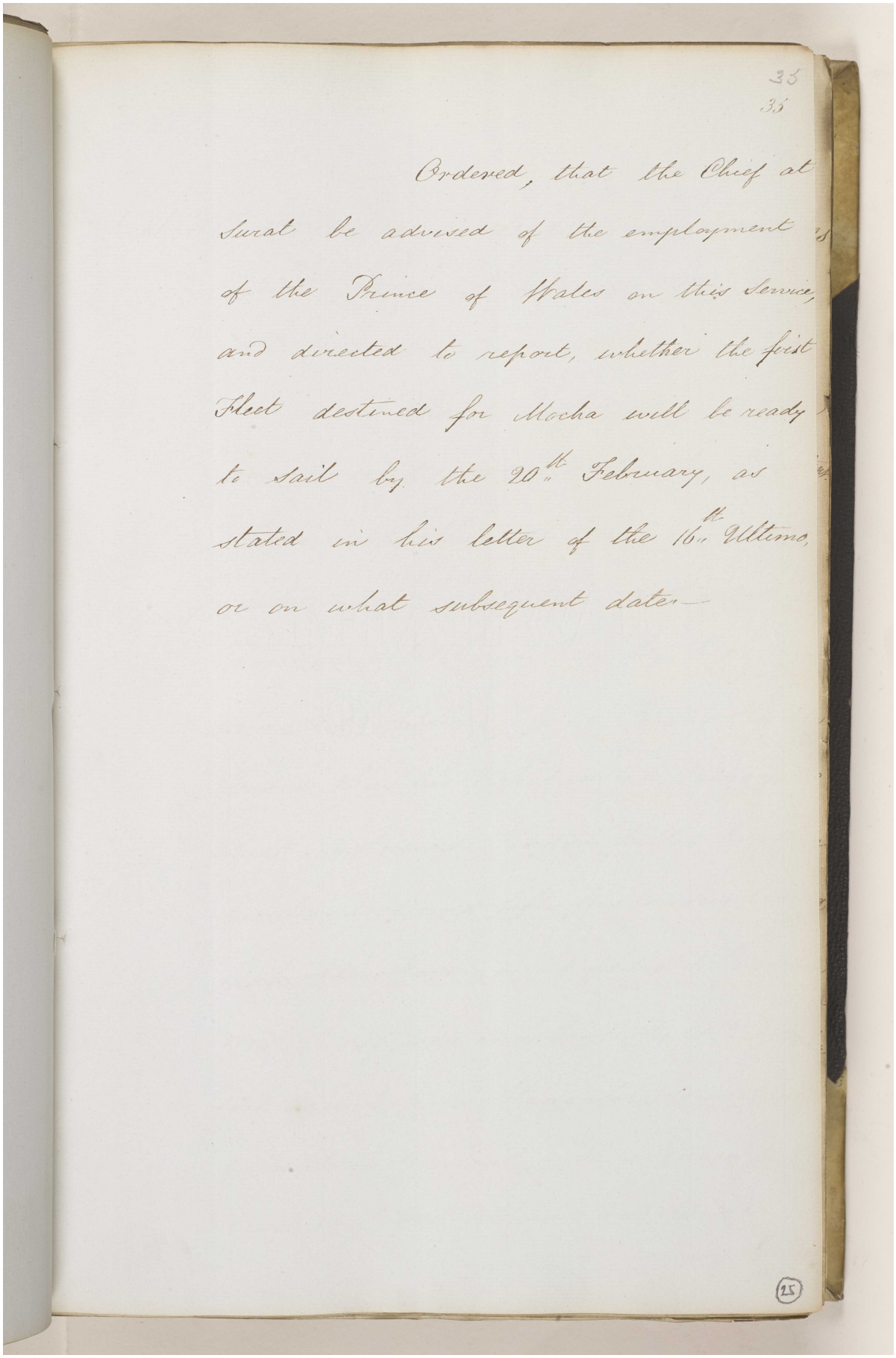


service, as the earliest day stated by the Chief at Surat for the sailing of the first Ships is the 20th. February.-

The other Vessels are to be directed to return to Bombay, unless the Superintendent of Marine should be aware of any circumstances which should render the detention of either of them on the Coast of Cutch necessary or require their presence at any of the Northern Ports.-

Ordered, that the Commander of the Tavey be advised of these instructions and furnished with Letters to the Agent at Porebunder & to Captain Mc. Murdo at Anjar, to afford him every information in regard to the Pirates which they may respectively possess.-

Ordered



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Ordered, that the Chief at Surat be advised of the employment of the Prince of Wales on this Service, and directed to report, whether the first Fleet destined for Mocha will be ready to sail by the 20th. February, as stated in his letter of the 16th. Ultimo, or on what subsequent date—

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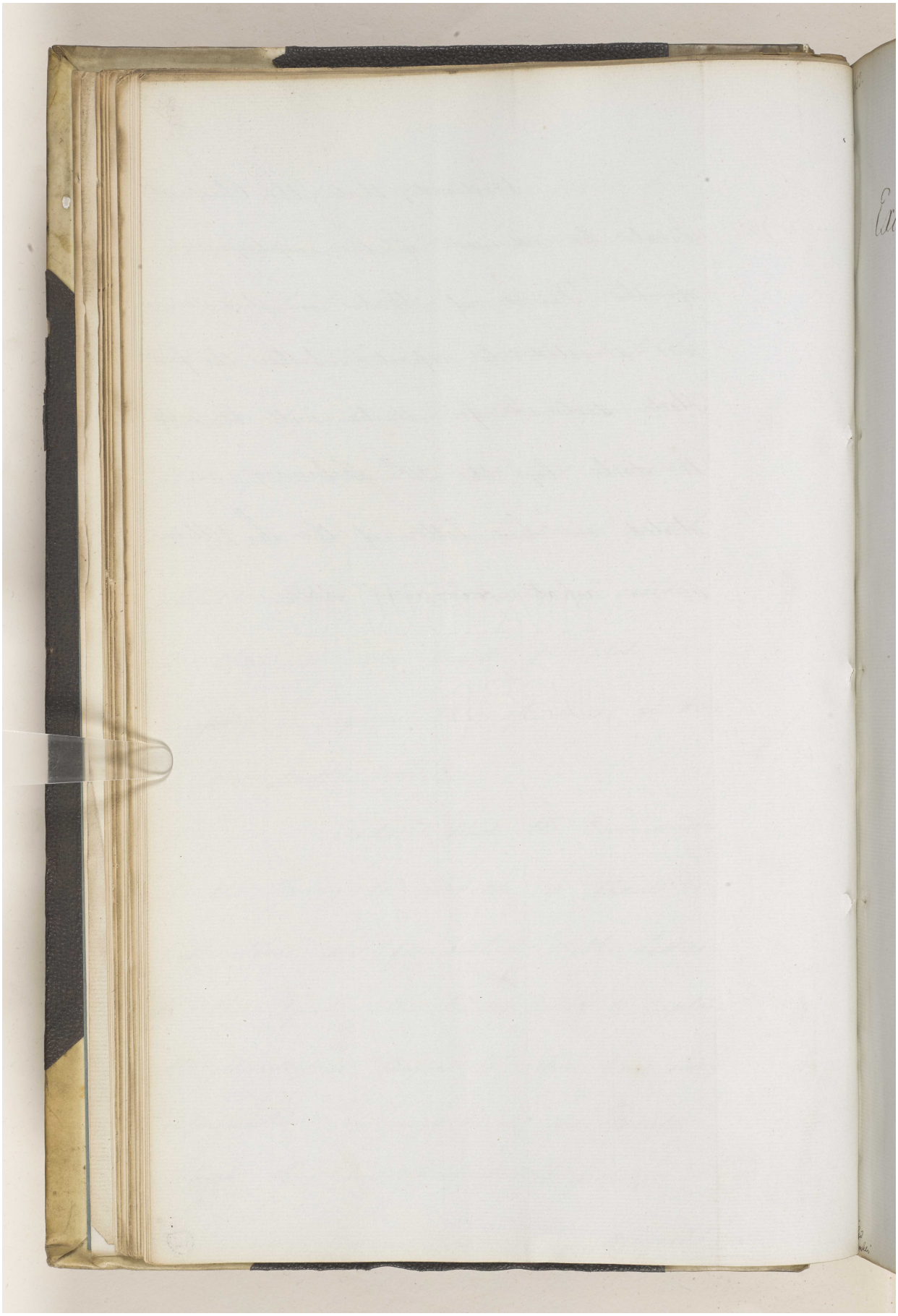

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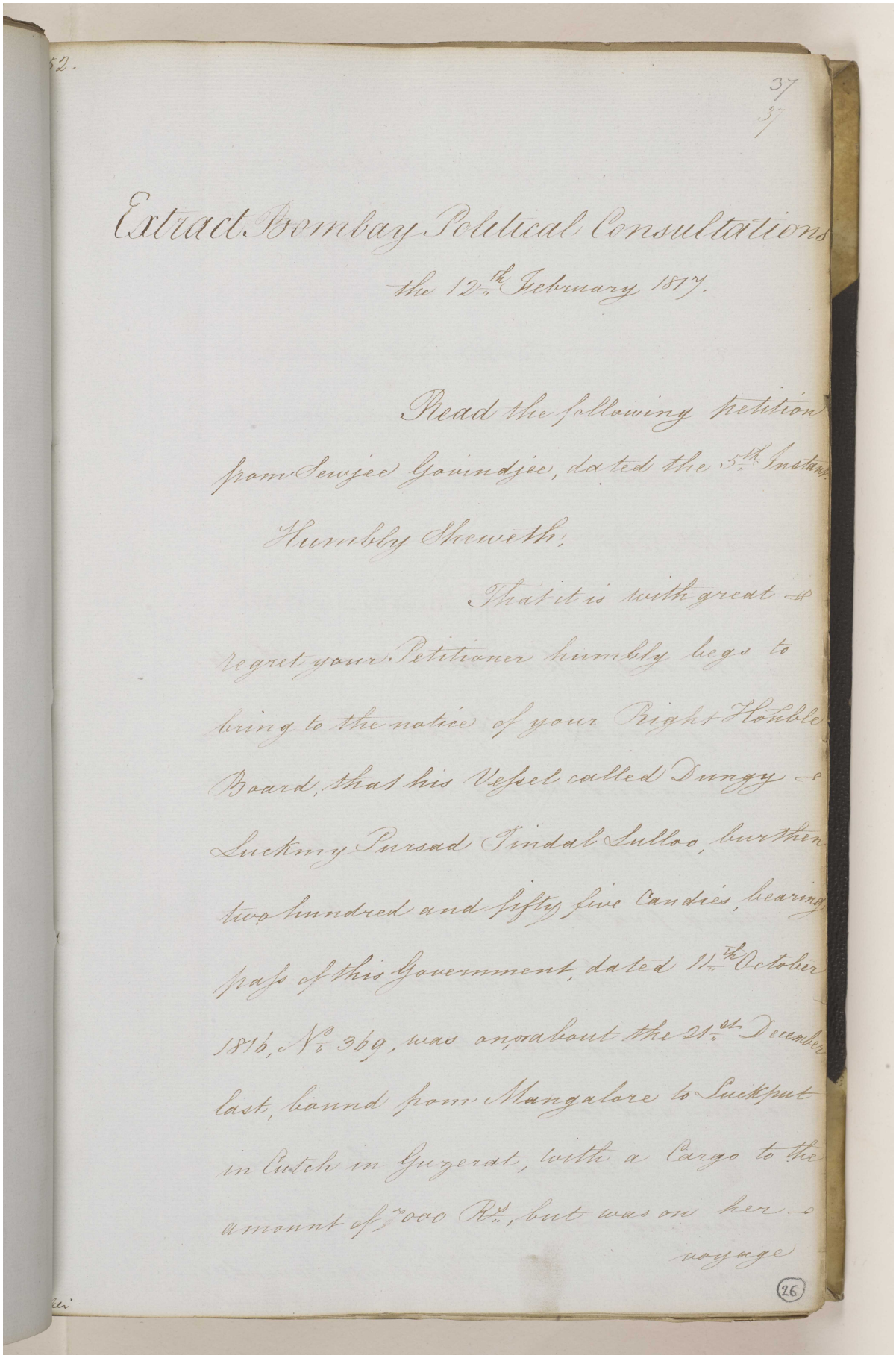

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
the 12th February 1817.

Read the following petition
from Sewjee Gouindjee, dated the 5th Instant.

Humbly Sheweth,

That it is with great
regret your Petitioner humbly begs to
bring to the notice of your Right Honble
Board, that his Vessel called Dungy
Luckmy Pursad Tindal Sulloo, burthen
two hundred and fifty five Candies, bearing
pass of this Government, dated 11th October
1816, No. 369, was on or about the 21st December
last, bound from Mangalore to Suikpur
in Cutch in Guzerat, with a Cargo to the
amount of 70000 Rs., but was on her
voyage

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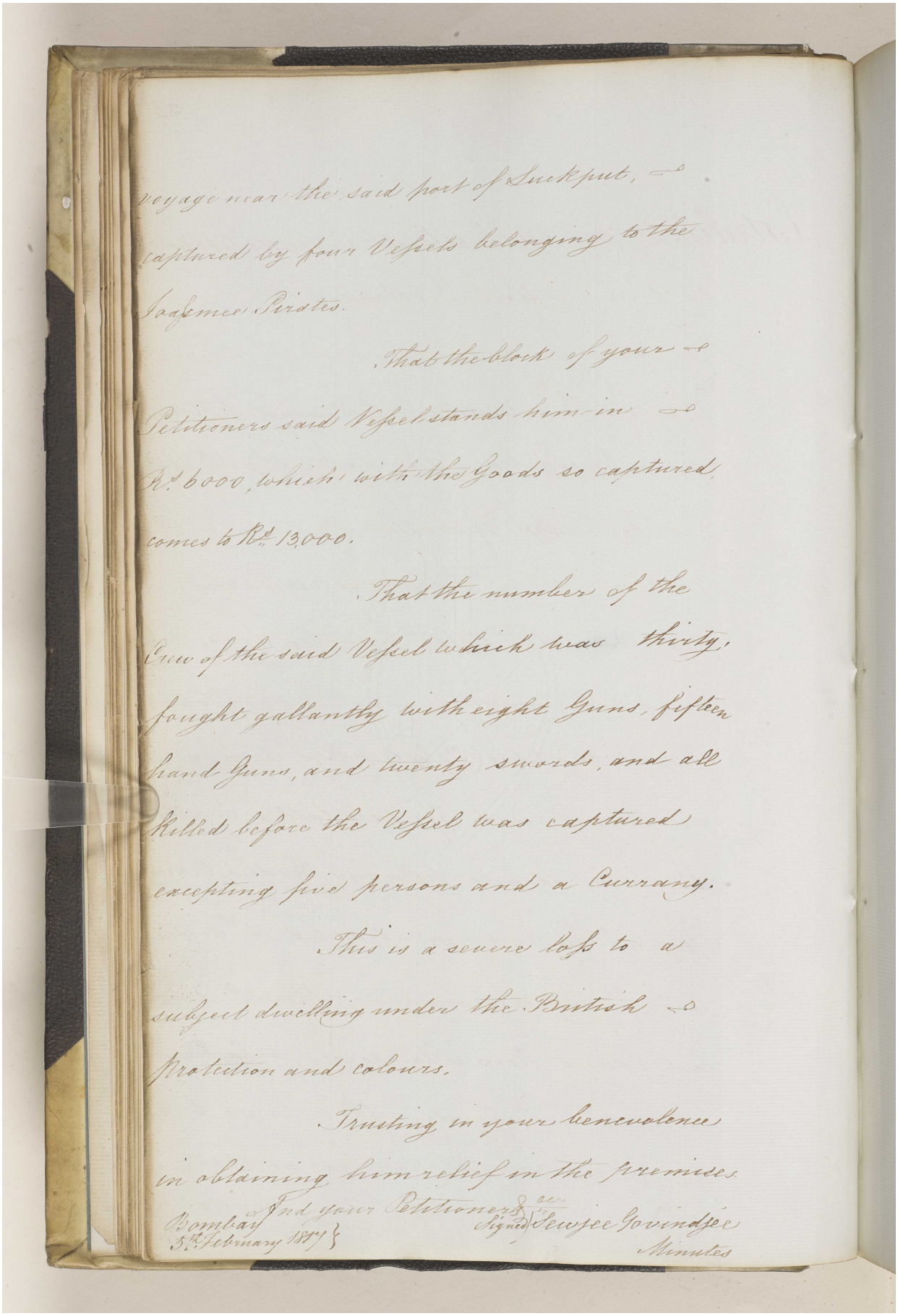
voyage near the said port of Suckput, captured by four Vessels belonging to the Joasmee Pirates.



That the block of your Petitioners said Vessel stands him in Rs. 6000, which with the Goods so captured, comes to Rs. 13,000.

That the number of the Crew of the said Vessel which was thirty, fought gallantly with eight Guns, fifteen hand Guns, and twenty swords, and all killed before the Vessel was captured excepting five persons and a Currany.

This is a severe loss to a subject dwelling under the British protection and colours.

Trusting in your benevolence in obtaining him relief in the premises.

And your Petitioners &c.

Bombay
5th February 1817

Signed Sewjee Govindjee
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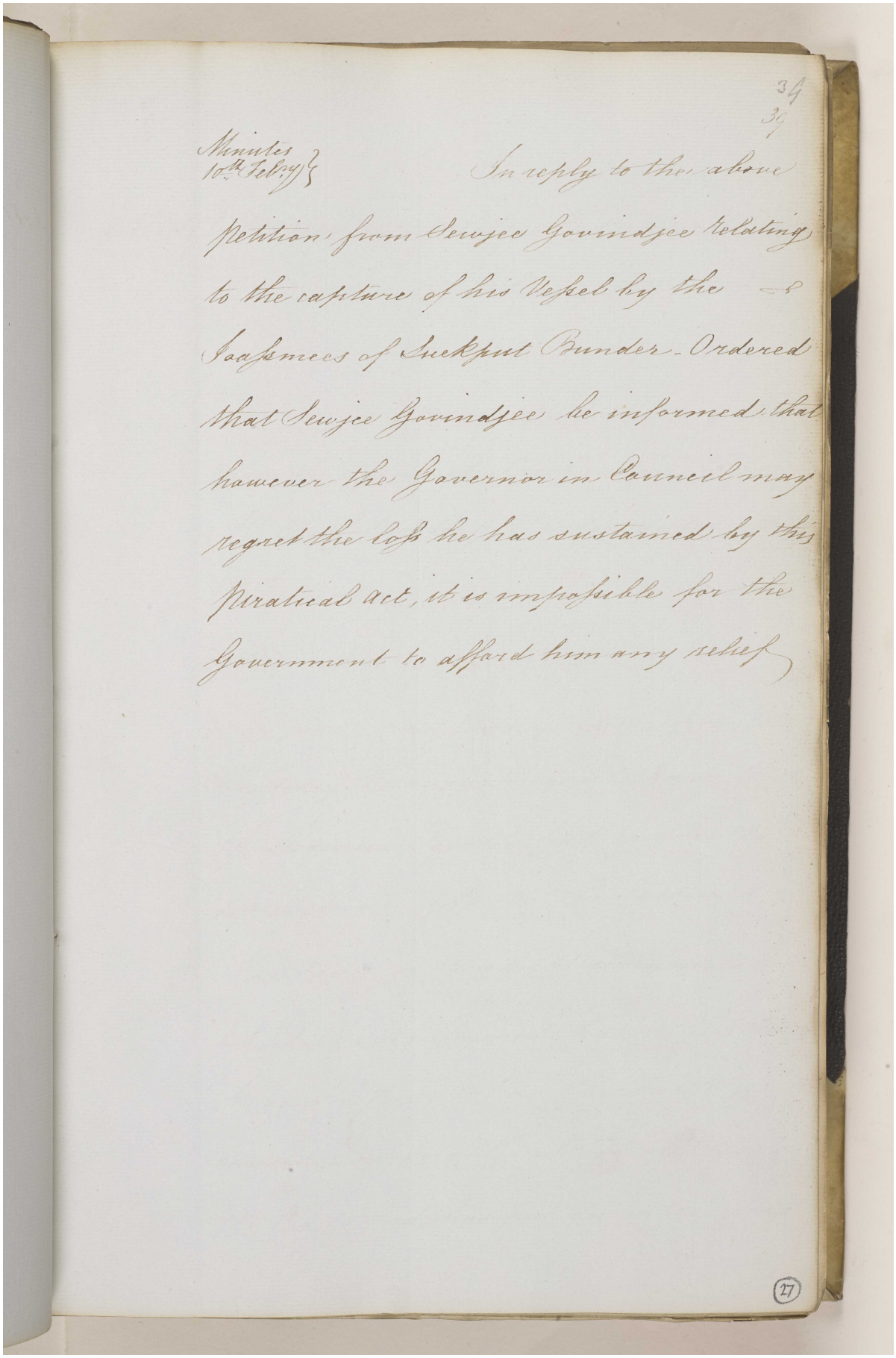

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In reply to the above petition from Sewjee Govindjee relating to the capture of his Vessel by the Joassmees of Suekput Bunder - Ordered that Sewjee Govindjee be informed that however the Governor in Council may regret the loss he has sustained by this piratical act, it is impossible for the Government to afford him any relief

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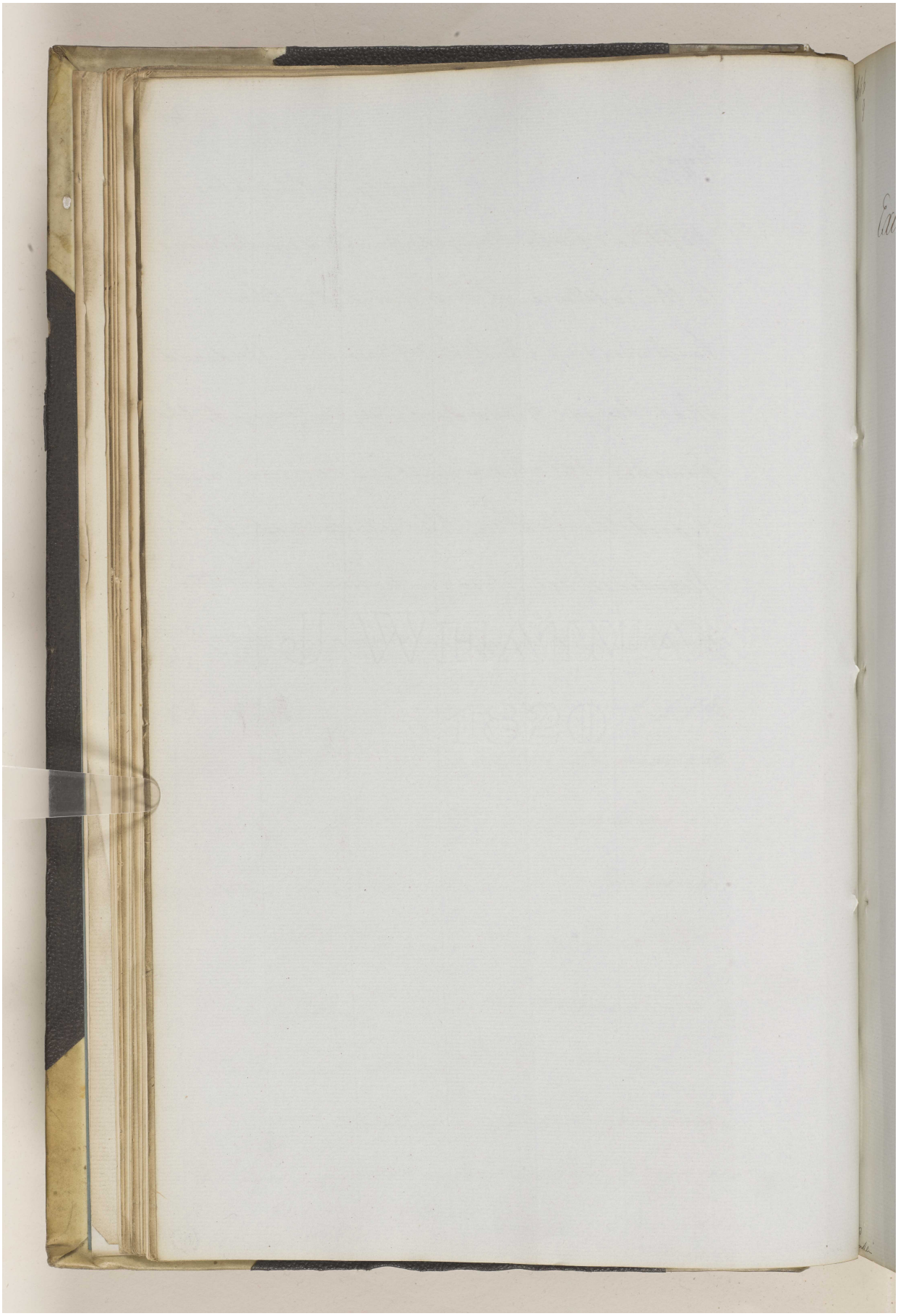

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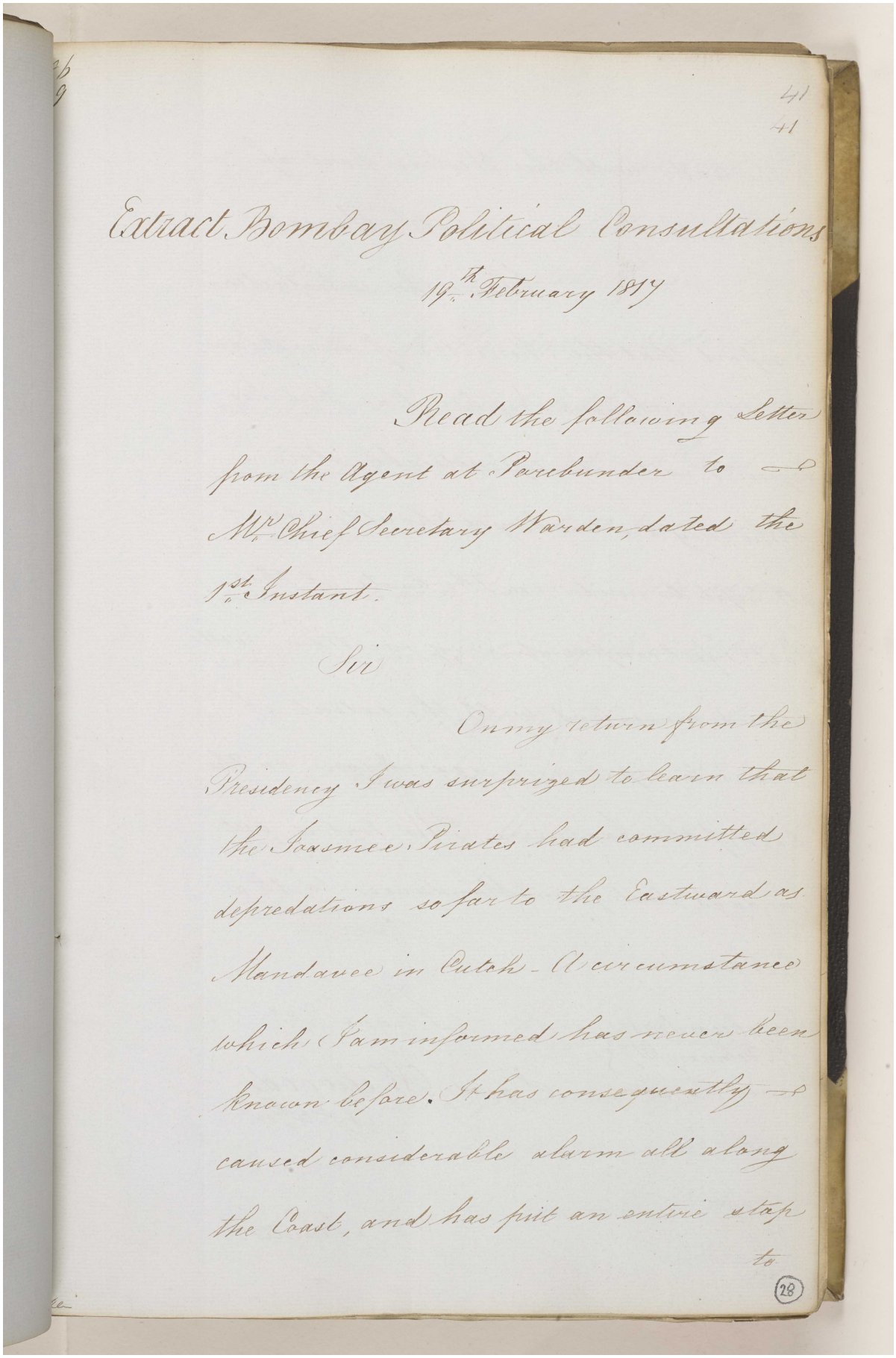

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
19th February 1817

Read the following Letter from the Agent at Porebunder to Mr. Chief Secretary Warden, dated the 1st Instant.

Sir

On my return from the Presidency I was surprized to learn that the Joasmee Pirates had committed depredations so far to the Eastward as Mandavee in Cutch. A circumstance which I am informed has never been known before. It has consequently caused considerable alarm all along the Coast, and has put an entire stop to

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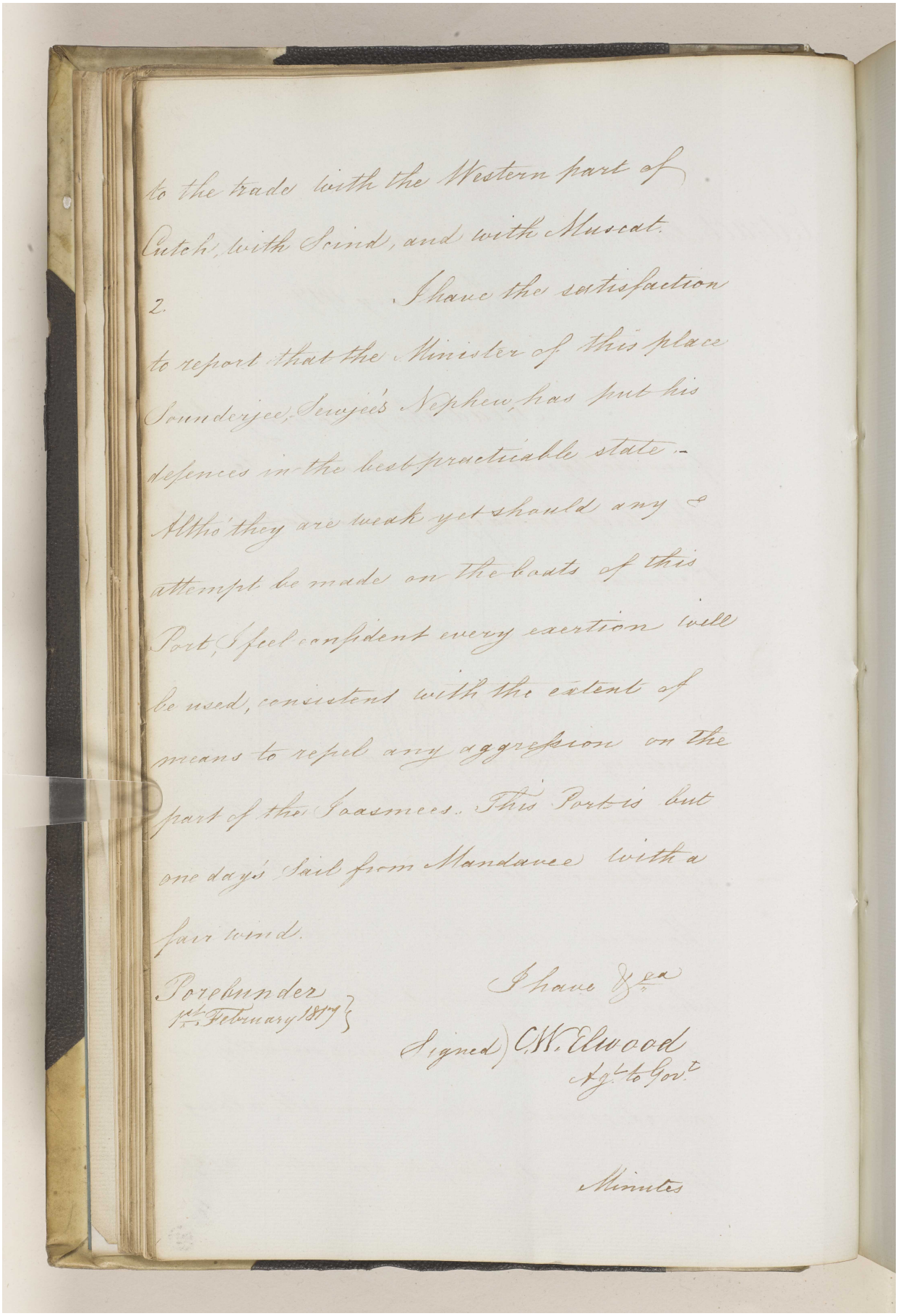

to the trade with the Western part of Cutch, with Scind, and with Muscat.

2. I have the satisfaction to report that the Minister of this place Sounderjee, Sewjee's Nephew, has put his defences in the best practicable state. Altho' they are weak yet should any attempt be made on the boats of this Port, I feel confident every exertion will be used, consistent with the extent of means to repel any aggression on the part of the Joasmees. This Port is but one day's Sail from Mandavee with a fair wind.

Porebunder
1st February 1817

I have &ca

Signed) C.W. Elwood
Agt. to Govt.

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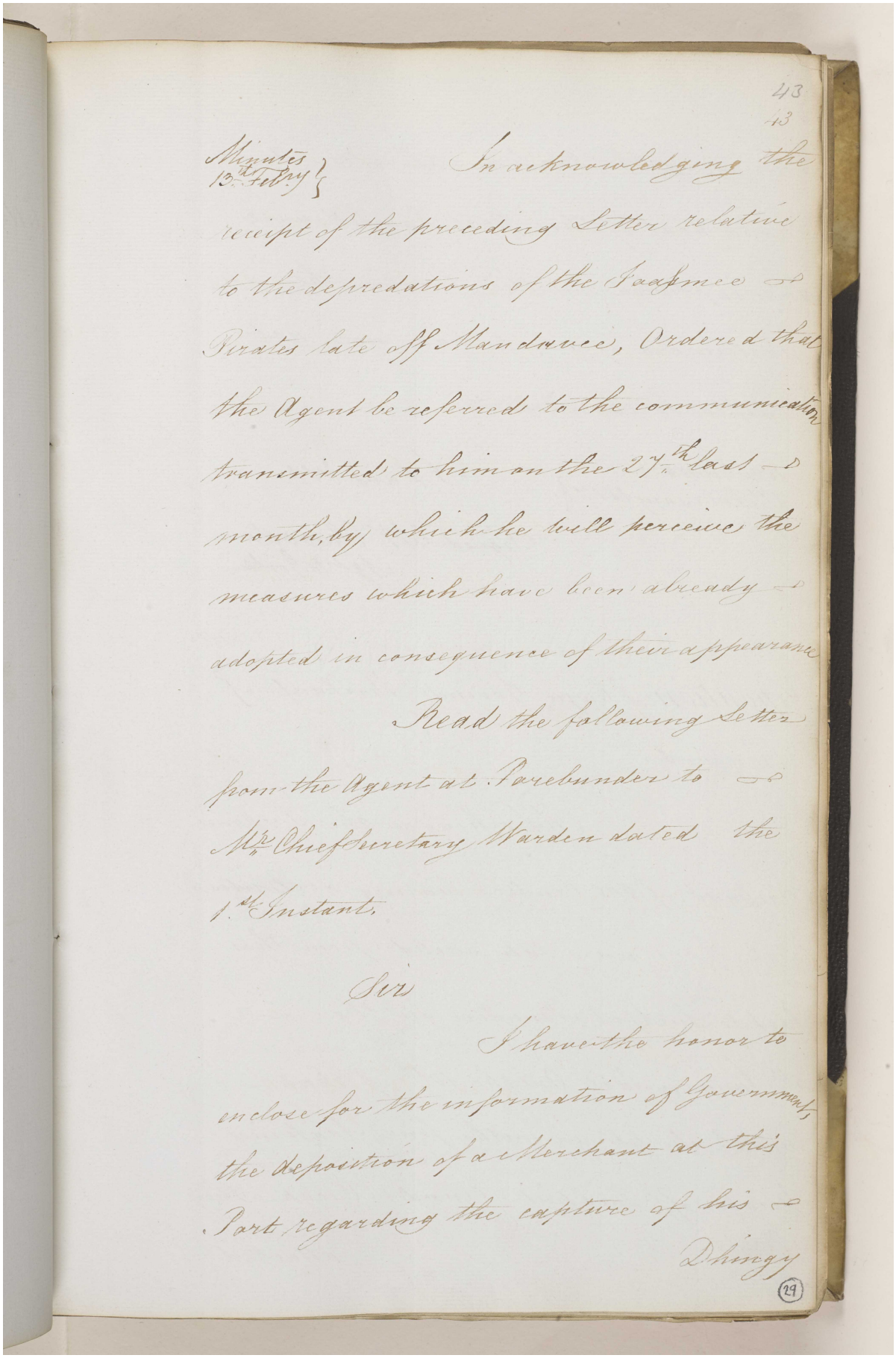

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In acknowledging the receipt of the preceding Letter relative to the depredations of the Joasmee Pirates late off Mandavee, Ordered that the Agent be referred to the communication transmitted to him on the 27th. last month, by which he will perceive the measures which have been already adopted in consequence of their appearance

Read the following Letter from the Agent at Tarebunder to Mr. Chief Secretary Warden dated the 1st. Instant.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government the deposition of a Merchant at this Port regarding the capture of his Dhingy

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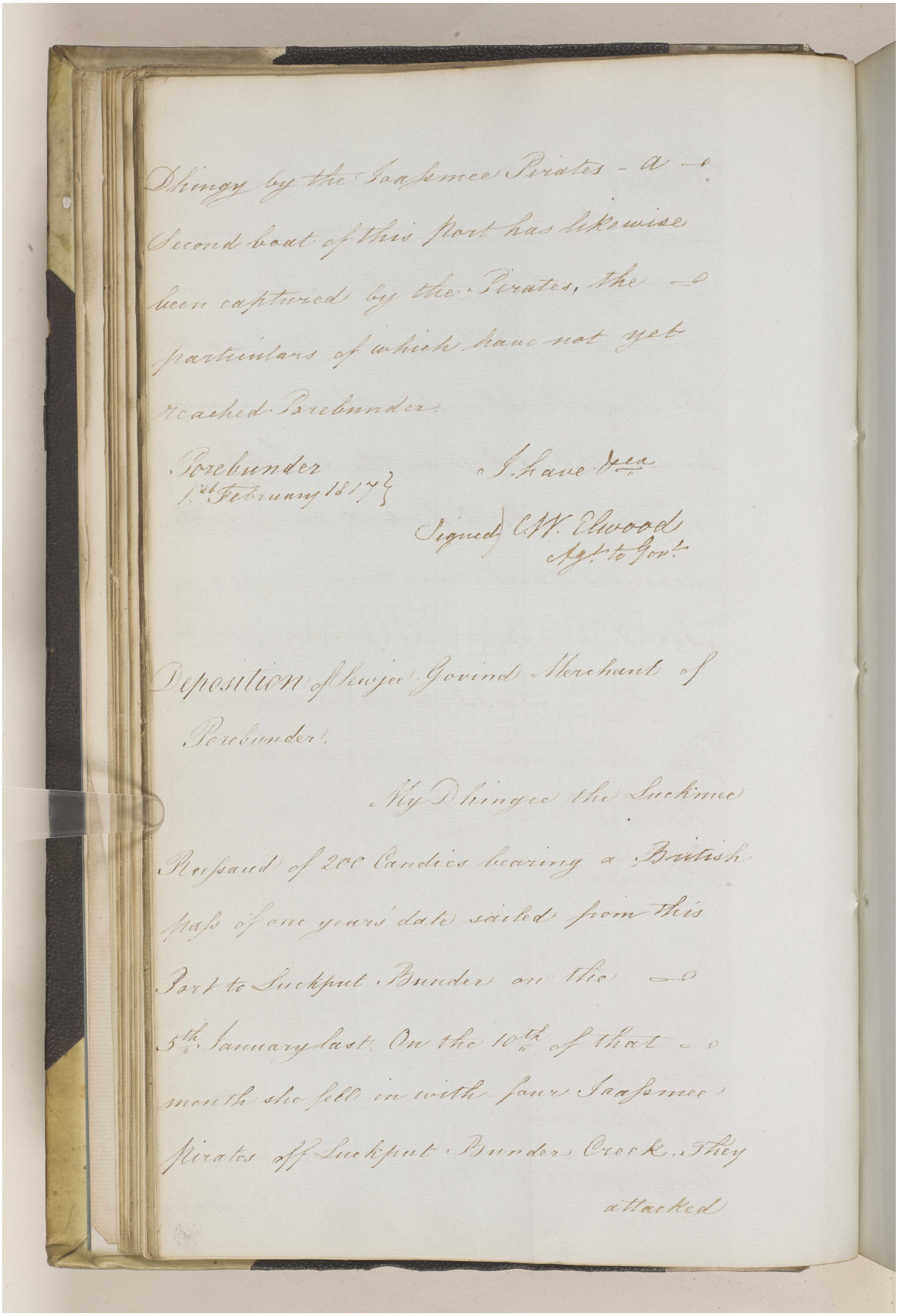


Dhingy by the Joassmee Pirates - a Second boat of this Port has likewise been captured by the Pirates, the particulars of which have not yet reached Porebunder.

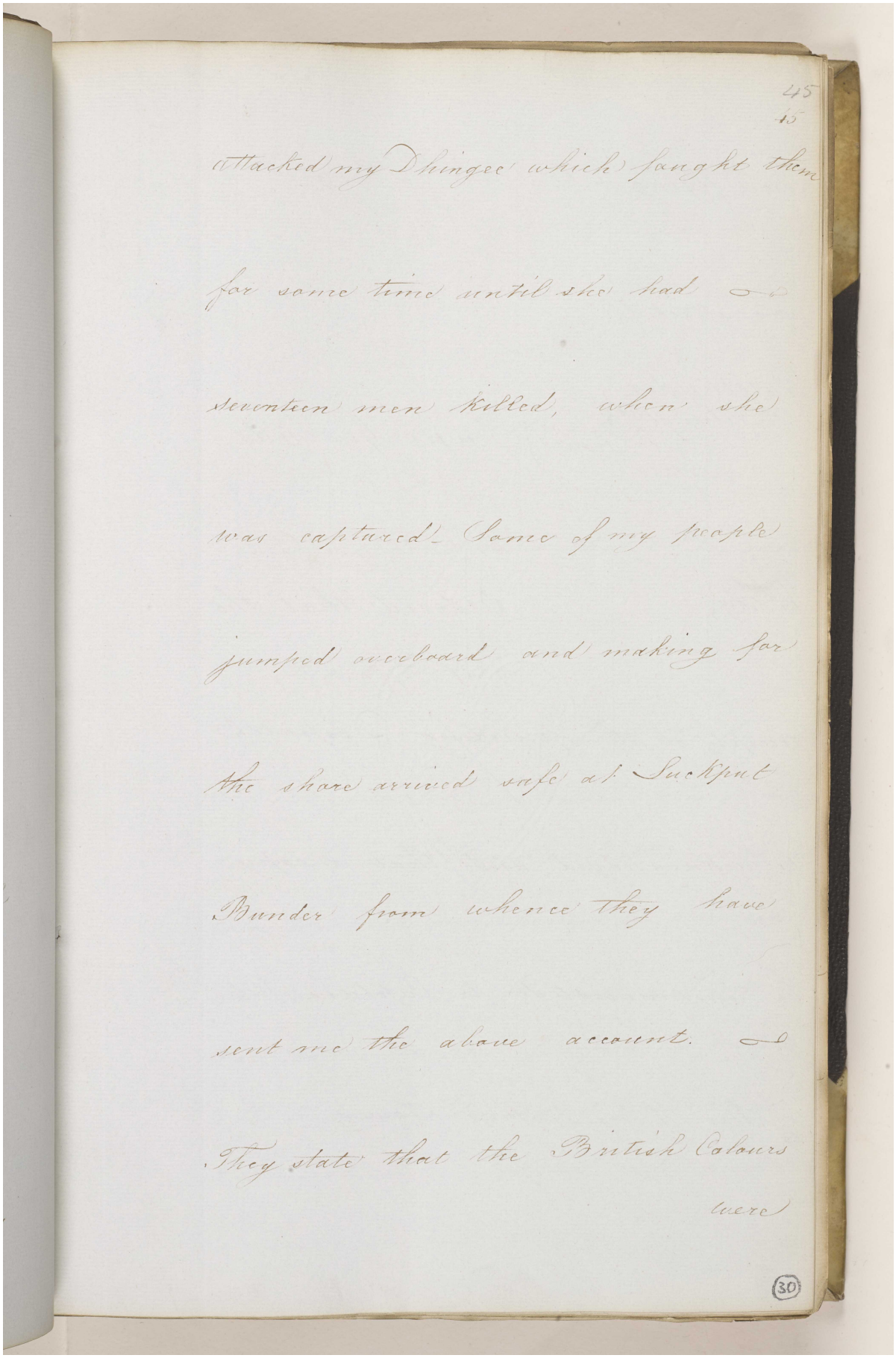
Porebunder
1st February 1817

I have &ca

Signed C.W. Elwood
Agt. to Govt.

Deposition of Sewjee Govind Merchant of Porebunder.

My Dhingee the Luckmee Russaud of 200 Candies bearing a British pass of one years' date sailed from this Port to Luckput Bunder on the 5th January last. On the 10th of that month she fell in with four Joassmee Pirates off Luckput Bunder Creek. They attacked



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attacked my Dhinger which fought them
for some time until she had
seventeen men killed, when she
was captured. Some of my people
jumped overboard and making for
the shore arrived safe at Suckjut
Bunder from whence they have
sent me the above account.
They state that the British Colours
were

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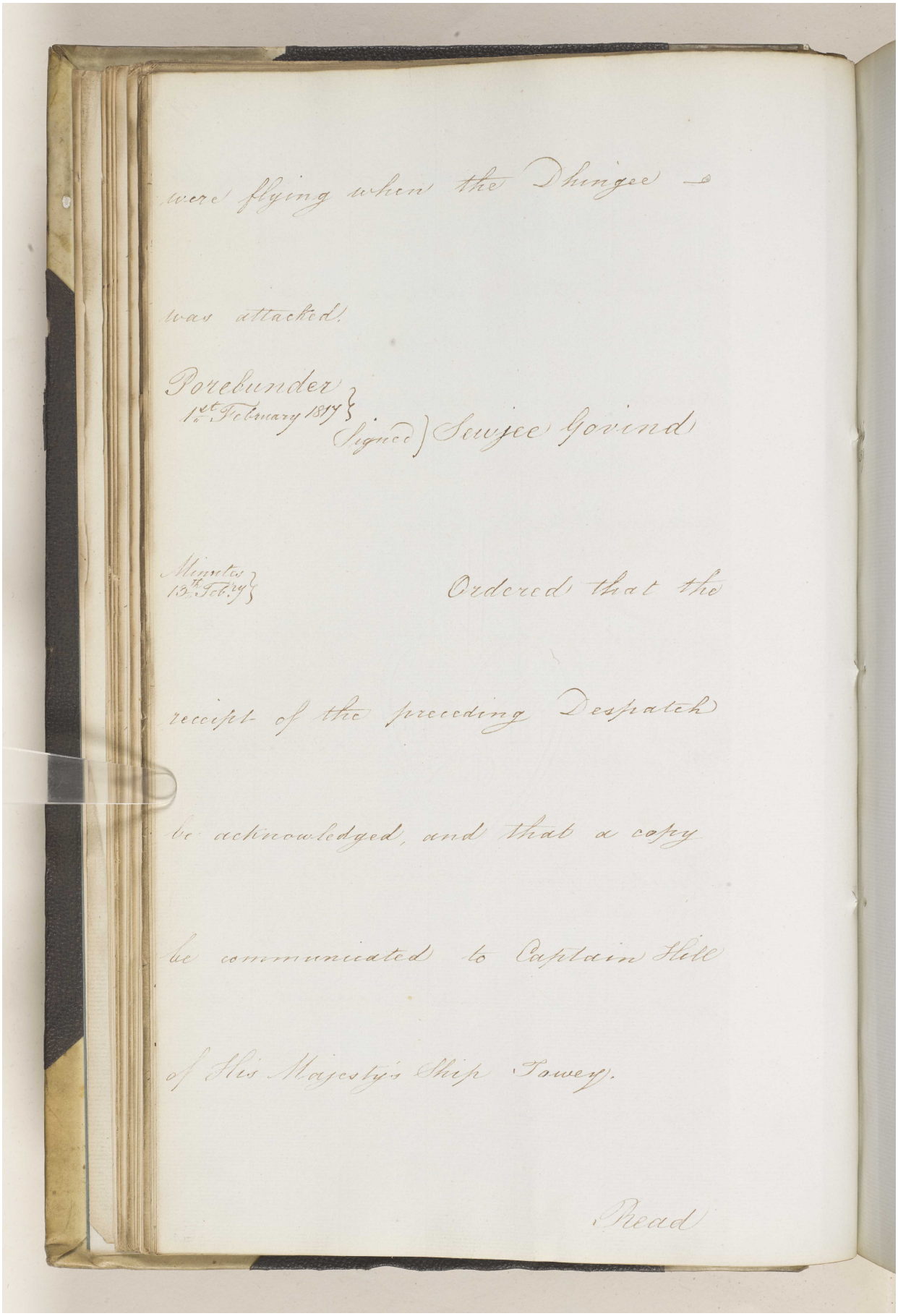

were flying when the Dhingee

was attacked.

Porebunder
1st February 1817 } (Signed) Sewjee Govind

Minutes
13th Feb.ry } Ordered that the

receipt of the preceding Despatch

be acknowledged, and that a copy

be communicated to Captain Hill

of His Majesty's Ship Tawey.

Read

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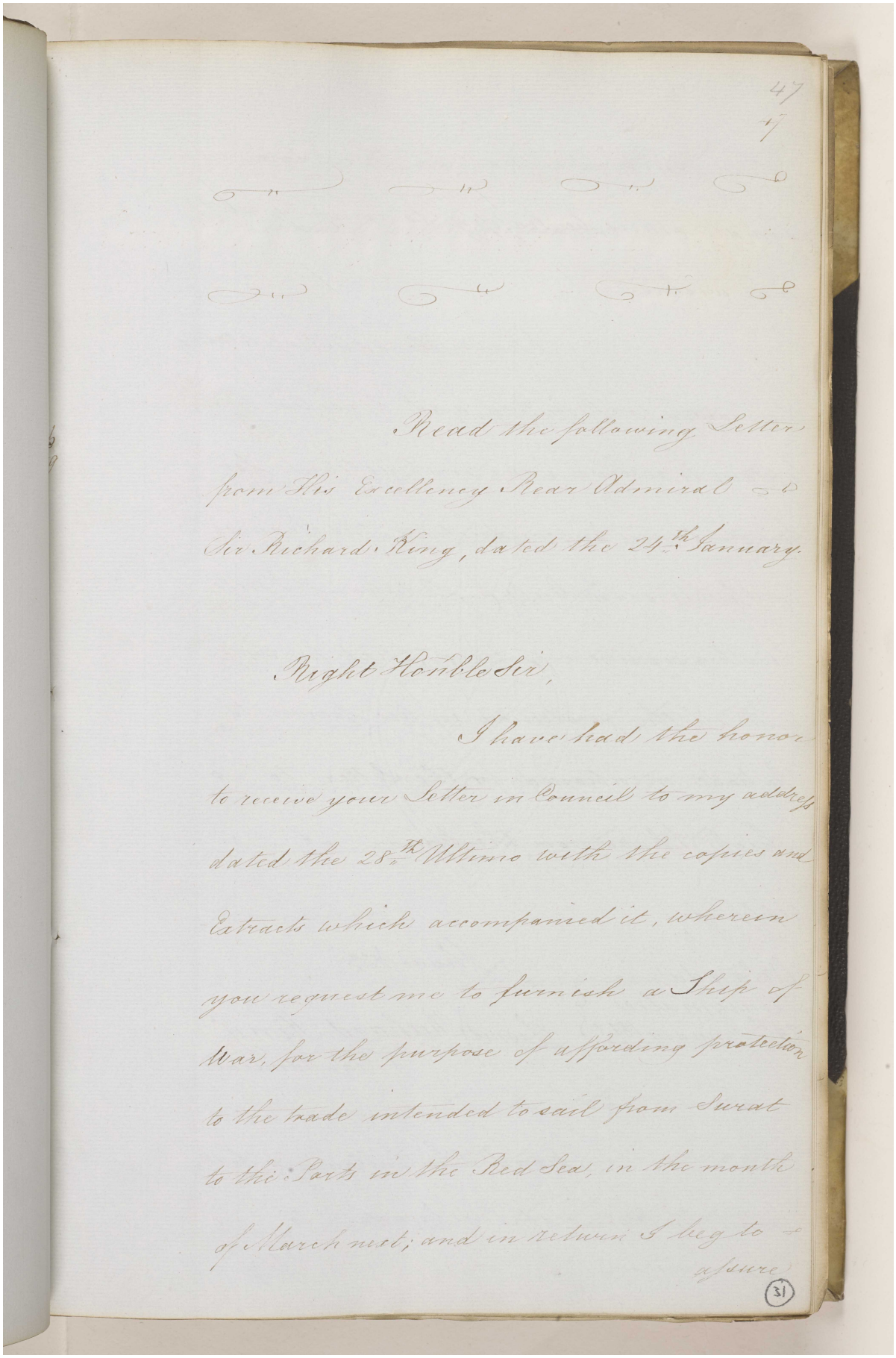

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Read the following Letter from His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Richard King, dated the 24th January.

Right Honble Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your Letter in Council to my address dated the 28th Ultimo with the copies and Extracts which accompanied it, wherein you request me to furnish a Ship of War, for the purpose of affording protection to the trade intended to sail from Surat to the Ports in the Red Sea, in the month of March next; and in return I beg to assure

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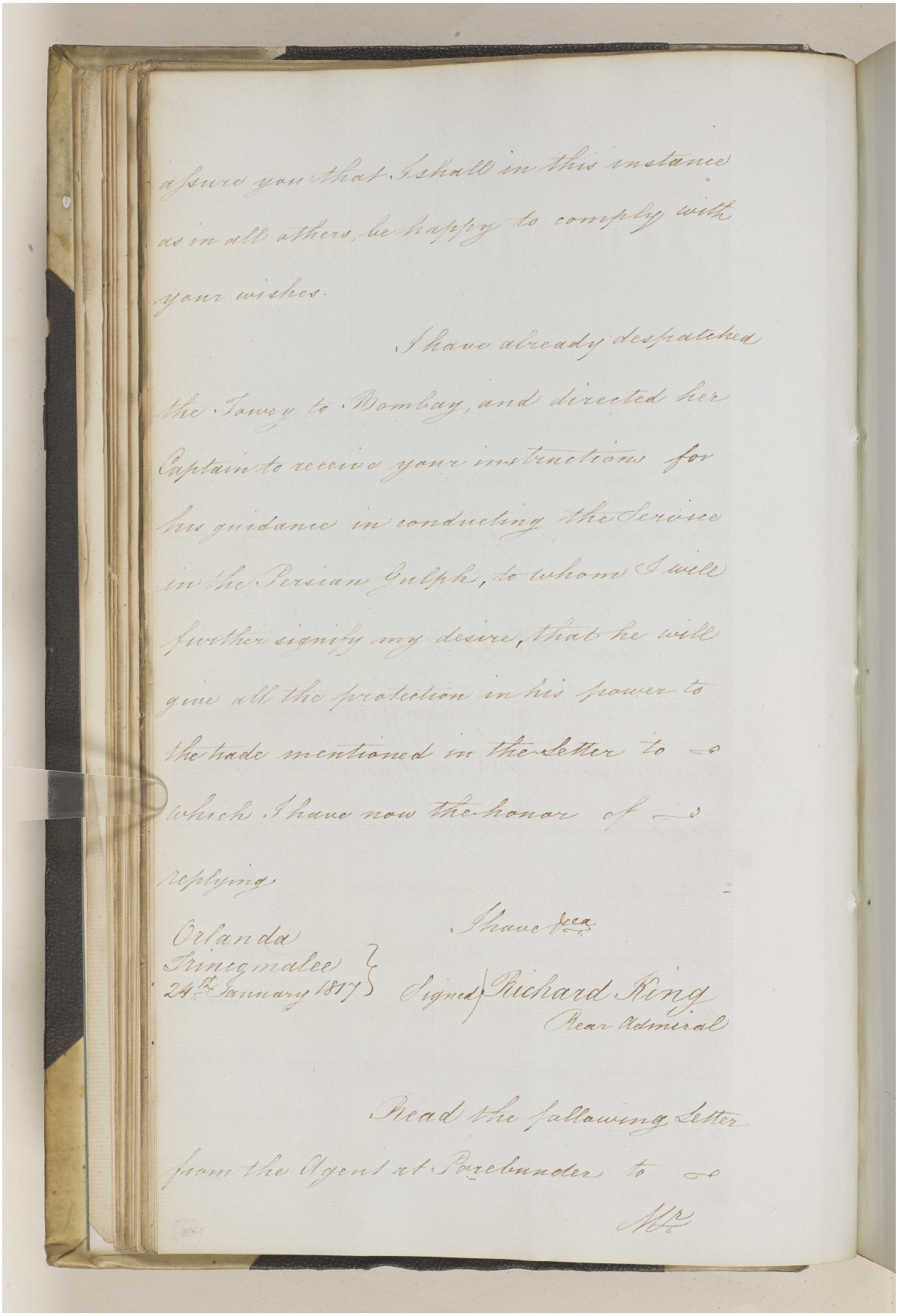

assure you that I shall in this instance as in all others, be happy to comply with your wishes.

I have already despatched the Tamey to Bombay, and directed her Captain to receive your instructions for his guidance in conducting the Service in the Persian Gulph, to whom I will further signify my desire, that he will give all the protection in his power to the trade mentioned in the letter to &c which I have now the honor of &c replying.

I have &c

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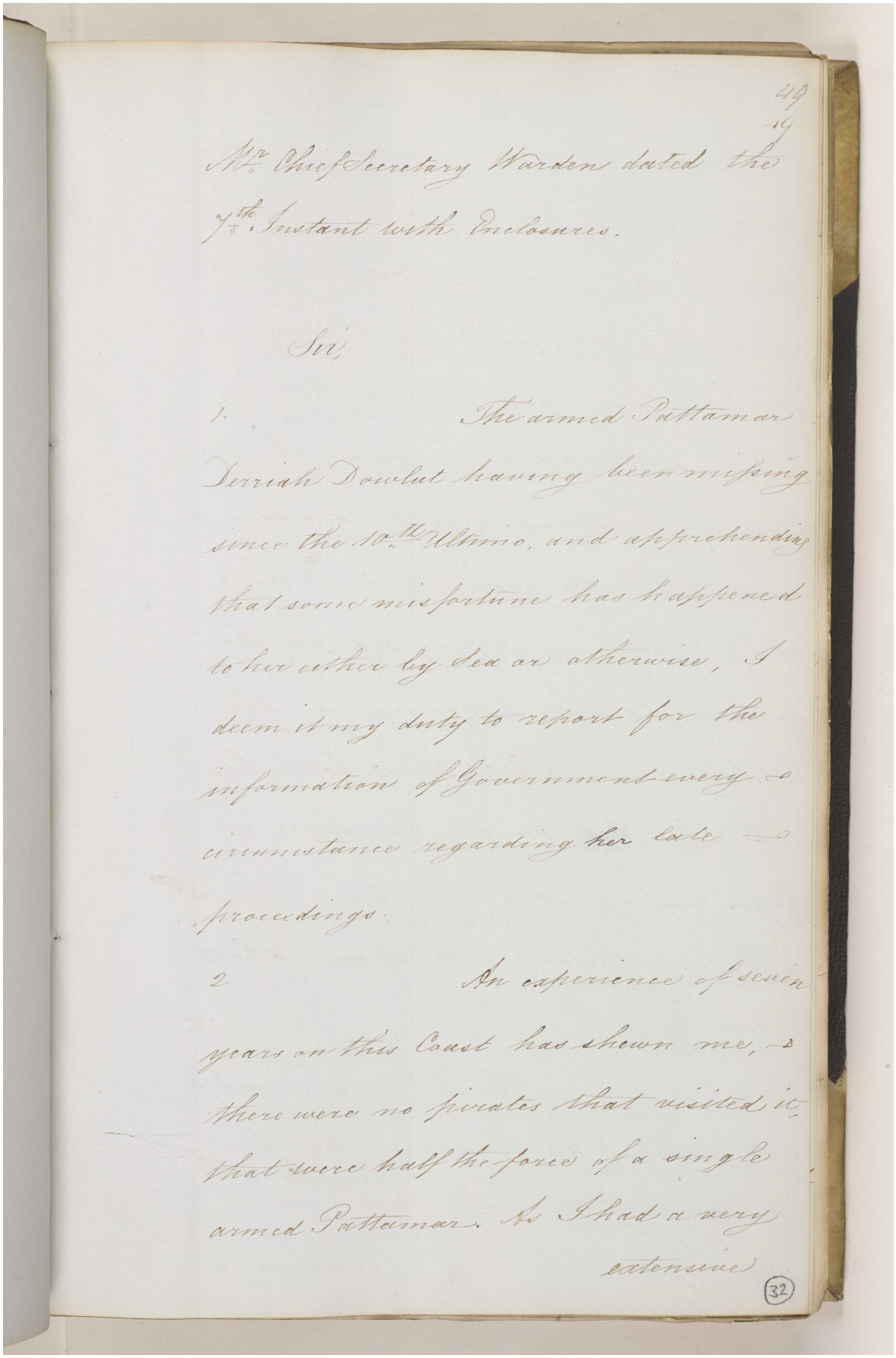
Trincomalee
24th January 1817

Signed Richard King
Rear Admiral

Read the following letter from the Agent at Bushire to &c

Mr



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Mr. Chief Secretary Warden dated the
7th Instant with Enclosures.

Sir,

1. The armed Pattamar Derriah Doubut having been missing since the 10th Ultimo, and apprehending that some misfortune has happened to her either by Sea or otherwise, I deem it my duty to report for the information of Government every circumstance regarding her late proceedings.

2. An experience of seven years on this Coast has shewn me, there were no pirates that visited it, that were half the force of a single armed Pattamar. As I had a very extensive

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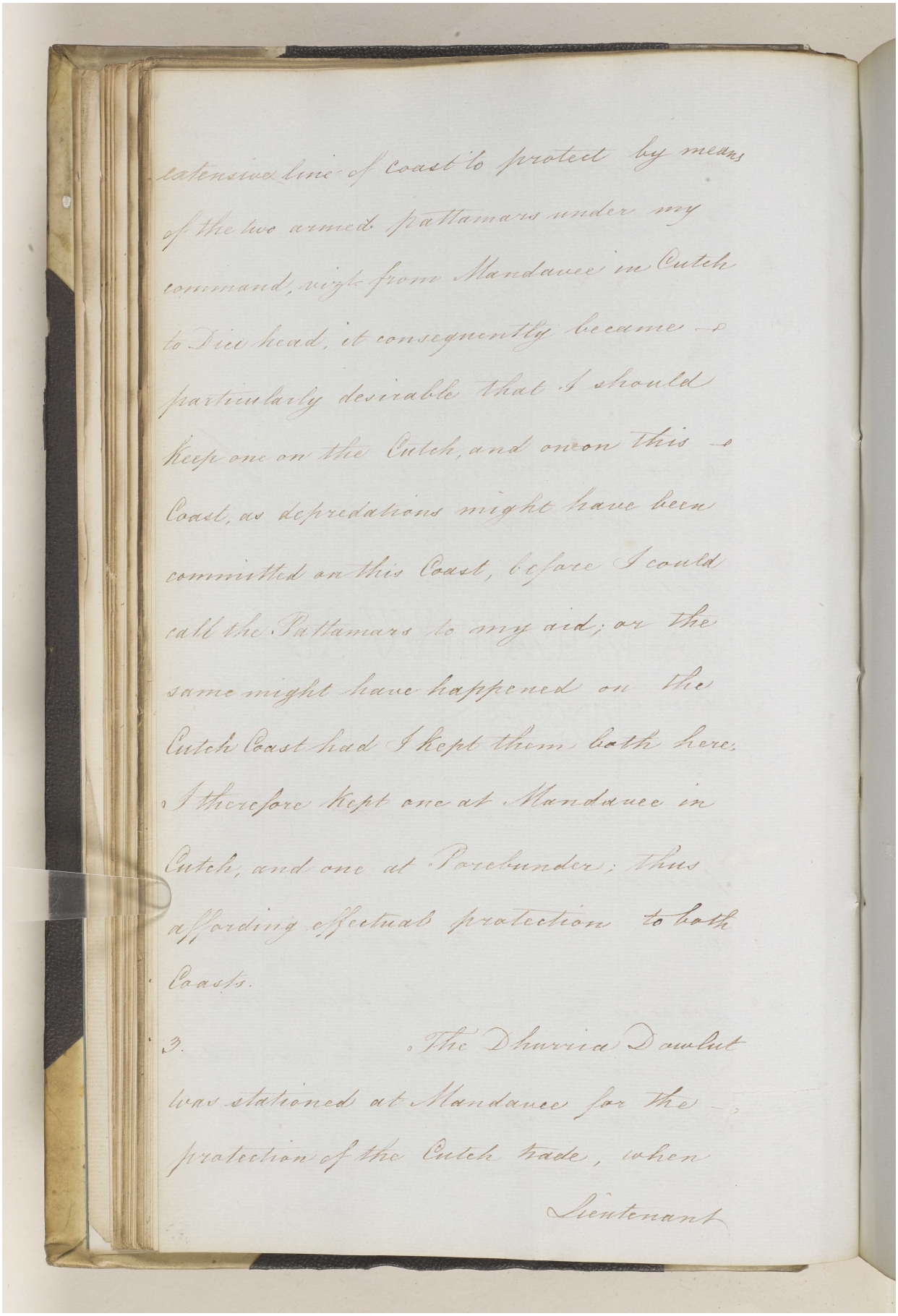
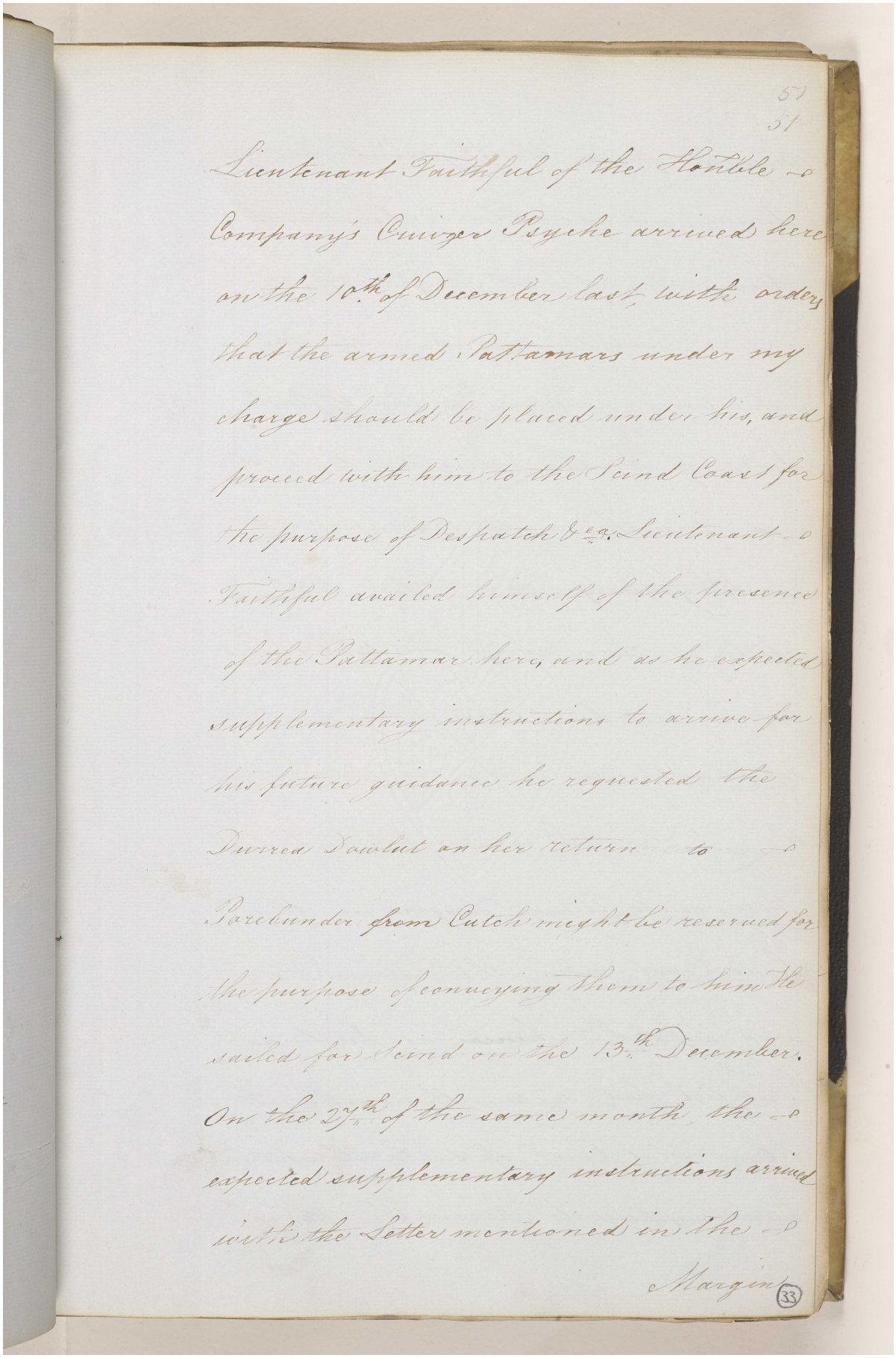


extensive line of coast to protect by means of the two armed Pattamars under my command, viz. from Mandavee in Cutch to Diu head, it consequently became particularly desirable that I should keep one on the Cutch, and one on this Coast, as depredations might have been committed on this Coast, before I could call the Pattamars to my aid; or the same might have happened on the Cutch Coast had I kept them both here. I therefore kept one at Mandavee in Cutch, and one at Porebunder; thus affording effectual protection to both Coasts.

3. The Dhurma Dawlut was stationed at Mandavee for the protection of the Cutch trade, when Lieutenant



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Lieutenant Faithful of the Honble
Company's Cruizer Psyche arrived here
on the 10th of December last with orders
that the armed Pattamars under my
charge should be placed under his, and
proceed with him to the Scind Coast for
the purpose of Despatch &c. Lieutenant
Faithful availed himself of the presence
of the Pattamar here, and as he expected
supplementary instructions to arrive for
his future guidance he requested the
Durrea Dowlut on her return to
Porebunder from Cutch might be reserved for
the purpose of conveying them to him He
sailed for Scind on the 13th December.
On the 27th of the same month the
expected supplementary instructions arrived
with the Letter mentioned in the
Margin

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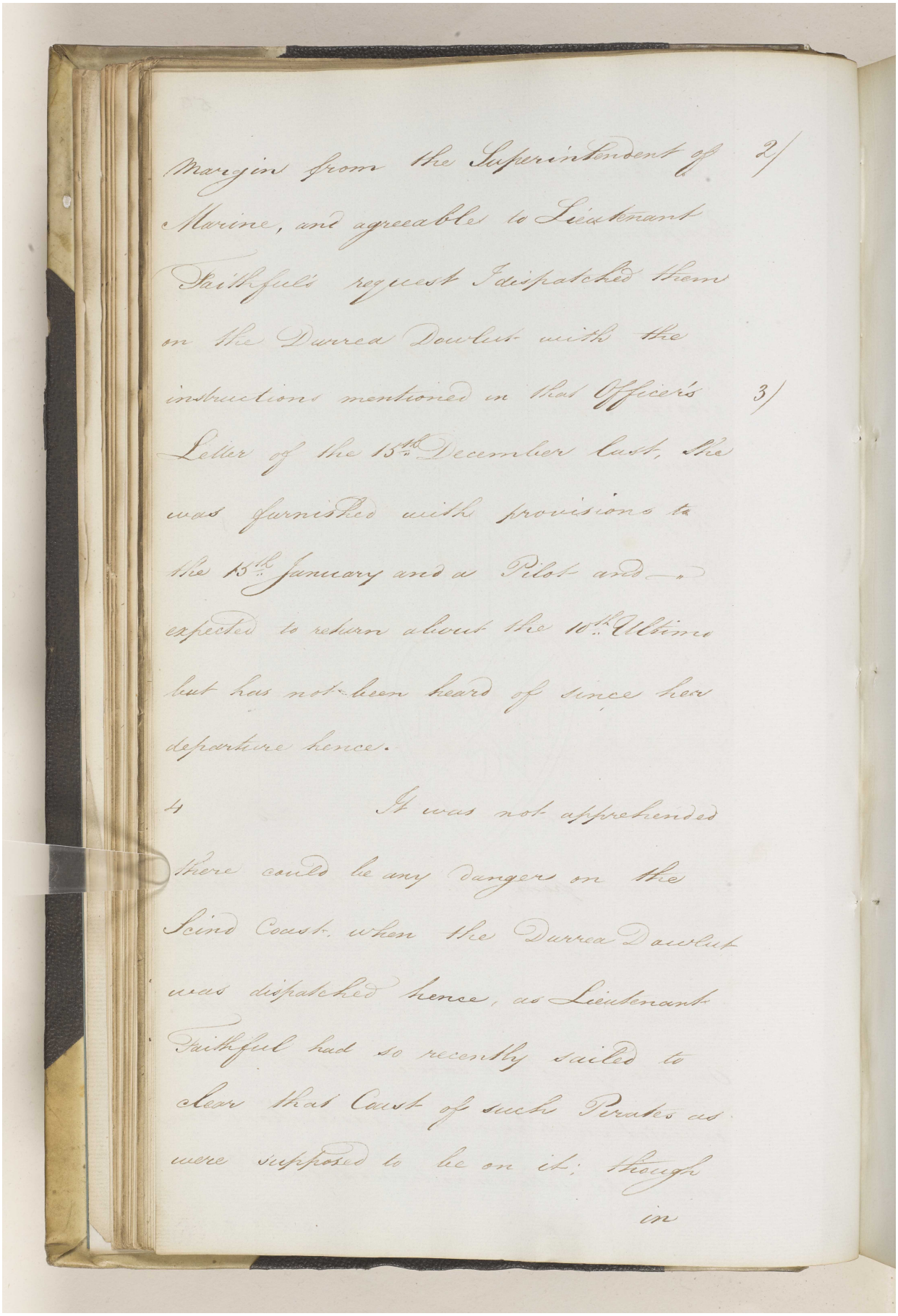
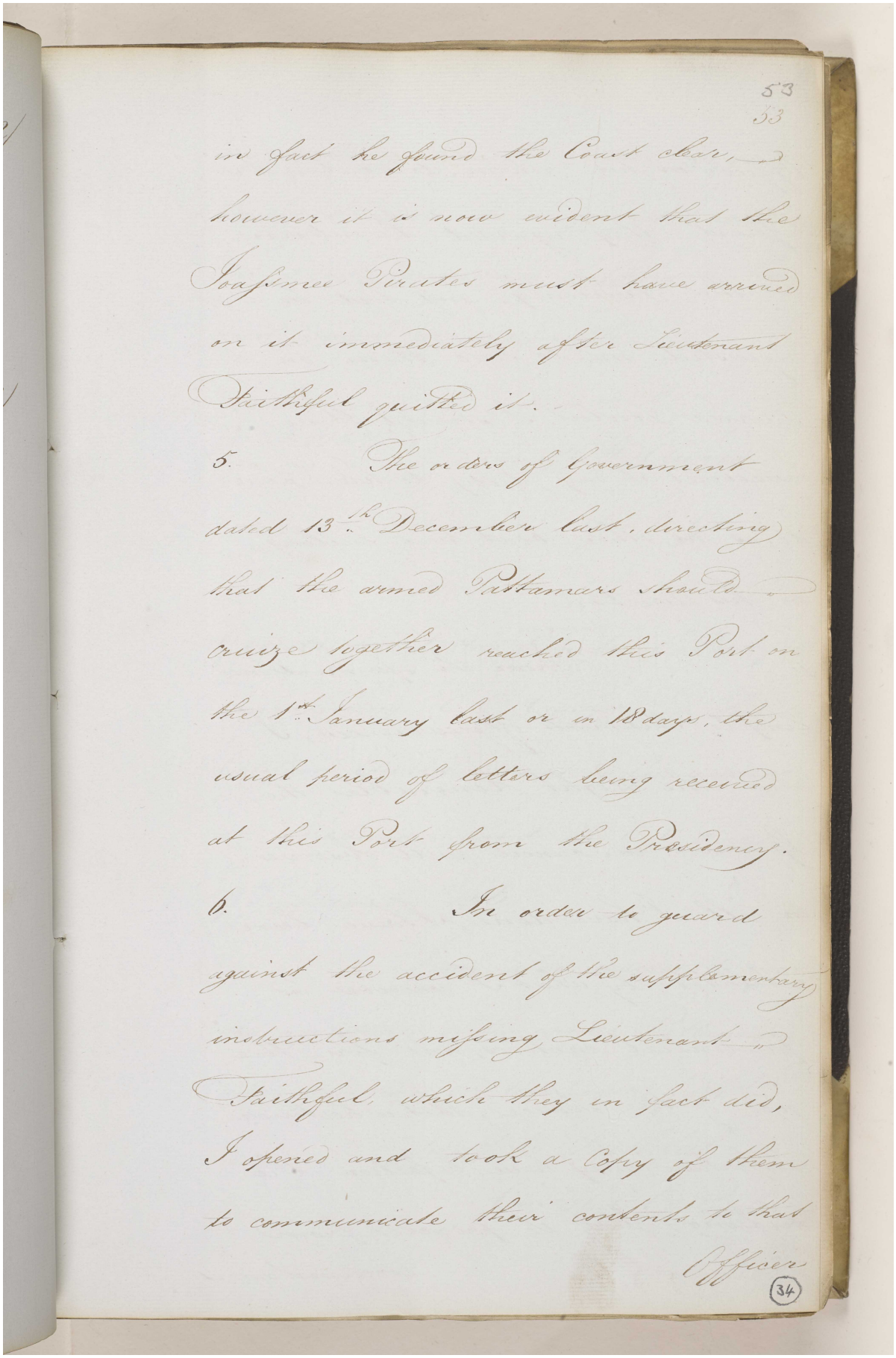


Margin from the Superintendent of 2/
Marine, and agreeable to Lieutenant
Faithfull's request I dispatched them
on the Durrea Dawlut with the
instructions mentioned in that Officer's 3/
Letter of the 15th December last. She
was furnished with provisions to
the 15th January and a Pilot and —
expected to return about the 10th Ultimo
but has not been heard of since her
departure hence.

4 It was not apprehended
there could be any dangers on the
Scind Coast when the Durrea Dawlut
was dispatched hence, as Lieutenant
Faithfull had so recently sailed to
clear that Coast of such Pirates as
were supposed to be on it; though
in



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in fact he found the Coast clear, however it is now evident that the Joasmee Pirates must have arrived on it immediately after Lieutenant Faithfull quitted it.

5. The orders of Government dated 13th. December last, directing that the armed Pattamars should cruize together reached this Port on the 1st. January last or in 18 days, the usual period of letters being received at this Port from the Presidency.

6. In order to guard against the accident of the supplementary instructions missing Lieutenant Faithfull, which they in fact did, I opened and took a Copy of them to communicate their contents to that Officer

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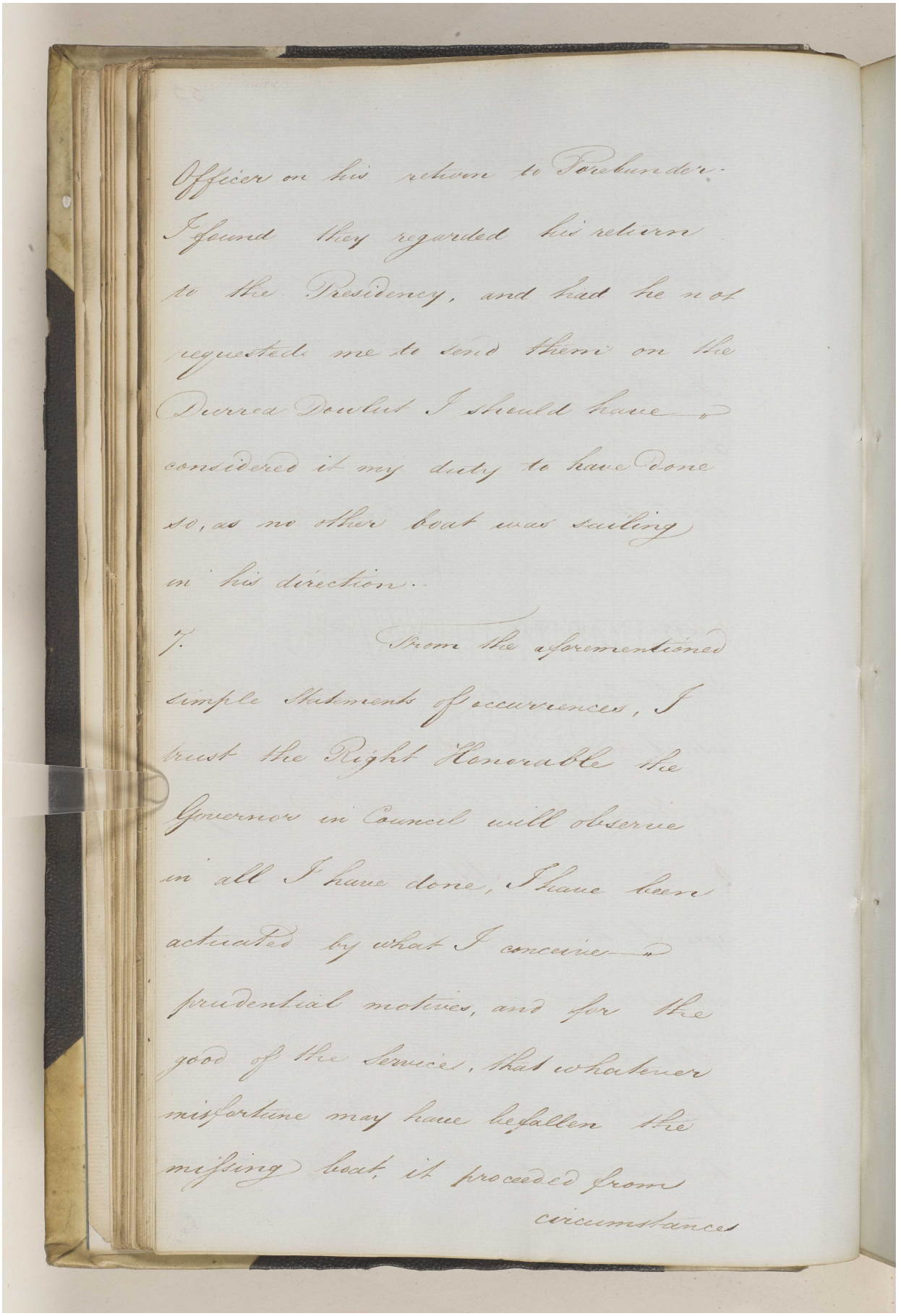
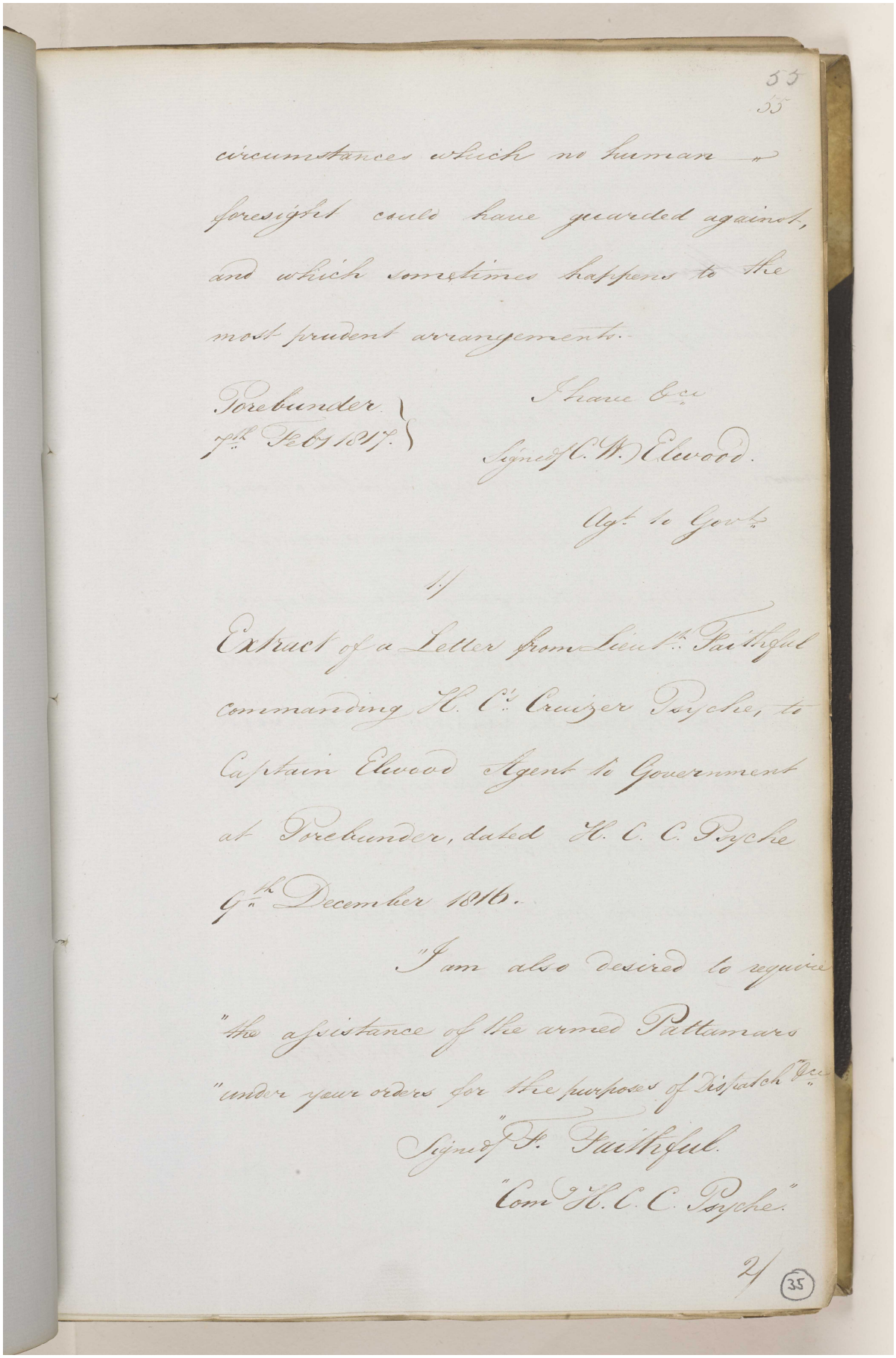


Officer on his return to Forbunder.
I found they regarded his return
to the Residency, and had he not
requested me to send them on the
Durreea Doulut I should have
considered it my duty to have done
so, as no other boat was sailing
in his direction.

7. From the aforementioned
simple Statements of occurrences, I
trust the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council will observe
in all I have done, I have been
actuated by what I conceive
prudential motives, and for the
good of the Service, that whatever
misfortune may have befallen the
missing boat, it proceeded from
circumstances



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circumstances which no human foresight could have guarded against, and which sometimes happens to the most prudent arrangements.

I have &c.
Signed C. W. Elwood.
Agt to Govt.

Forebunder
7th Feby 1817.

1/

Extract of a Letter from Lieut. Faithful commanding H. C. Cruizer Psyche, to Captain Elwood Agent to Government at Forebunder, dated H. C. C. Psyche 6th December 1816.

"I am also desired to require "the assistance of the armed Pattamars "under your orders for the purposes of Dispatch &c."

Signed J. Faithful.
"Com H. C. C. Psyche."

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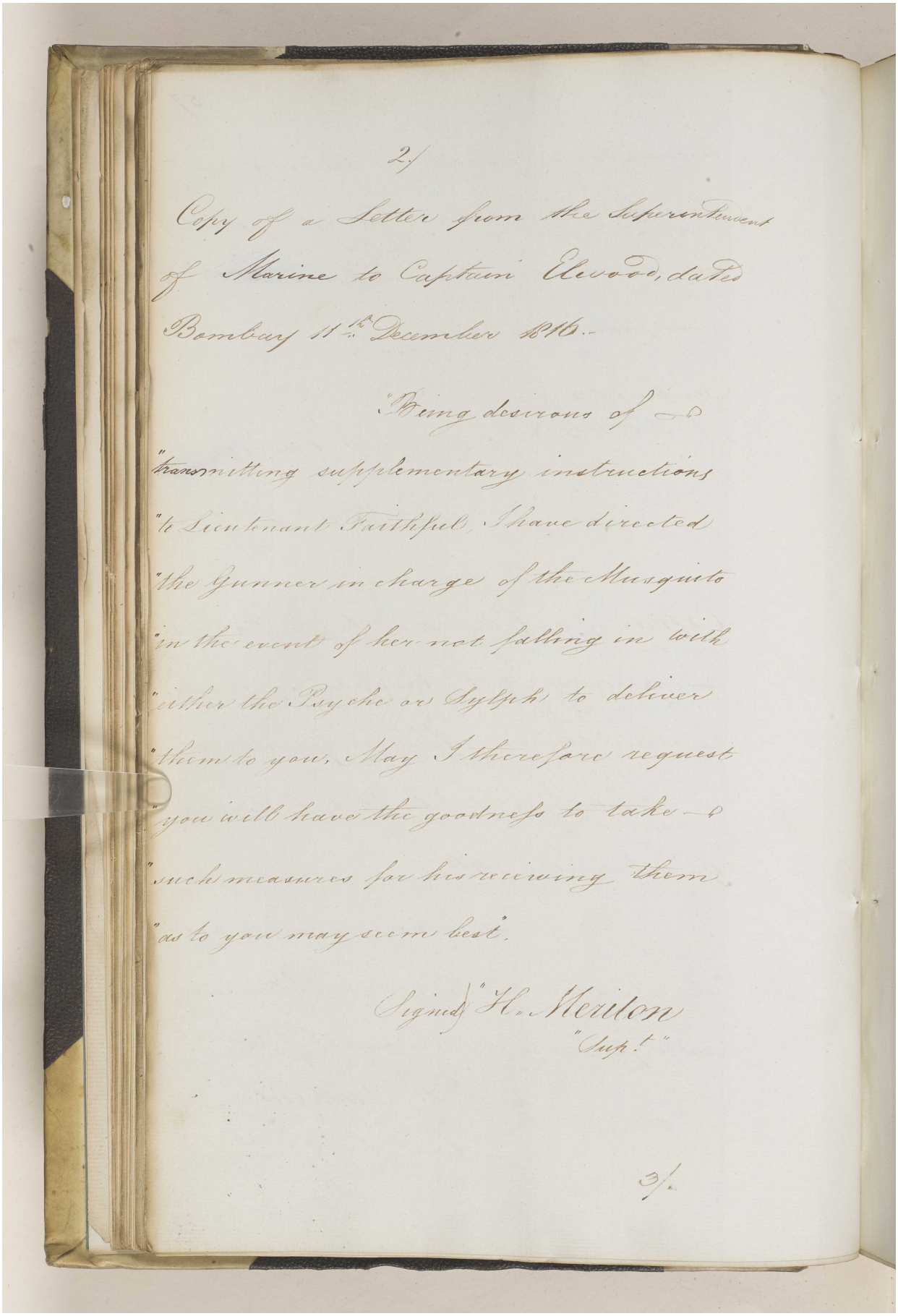

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Copy of a Letter from the Superintendent of Marine to Captain Elwood, dated Bombay 11th December 1816.-

"Being desirous of —
"transmitting supplementary instructions
"to Lieutenant Faithful, I have directed
"the Gunner in charge of the Musquito
"in the event of her not falling in with
"either the Psyche or Sylph to deliver
"them to you. May I therefore request
"you will have the goodness to take —
"such measures for his receiving them
"as to you may seem best.

Signed "H. Meriton
"Sup.t"

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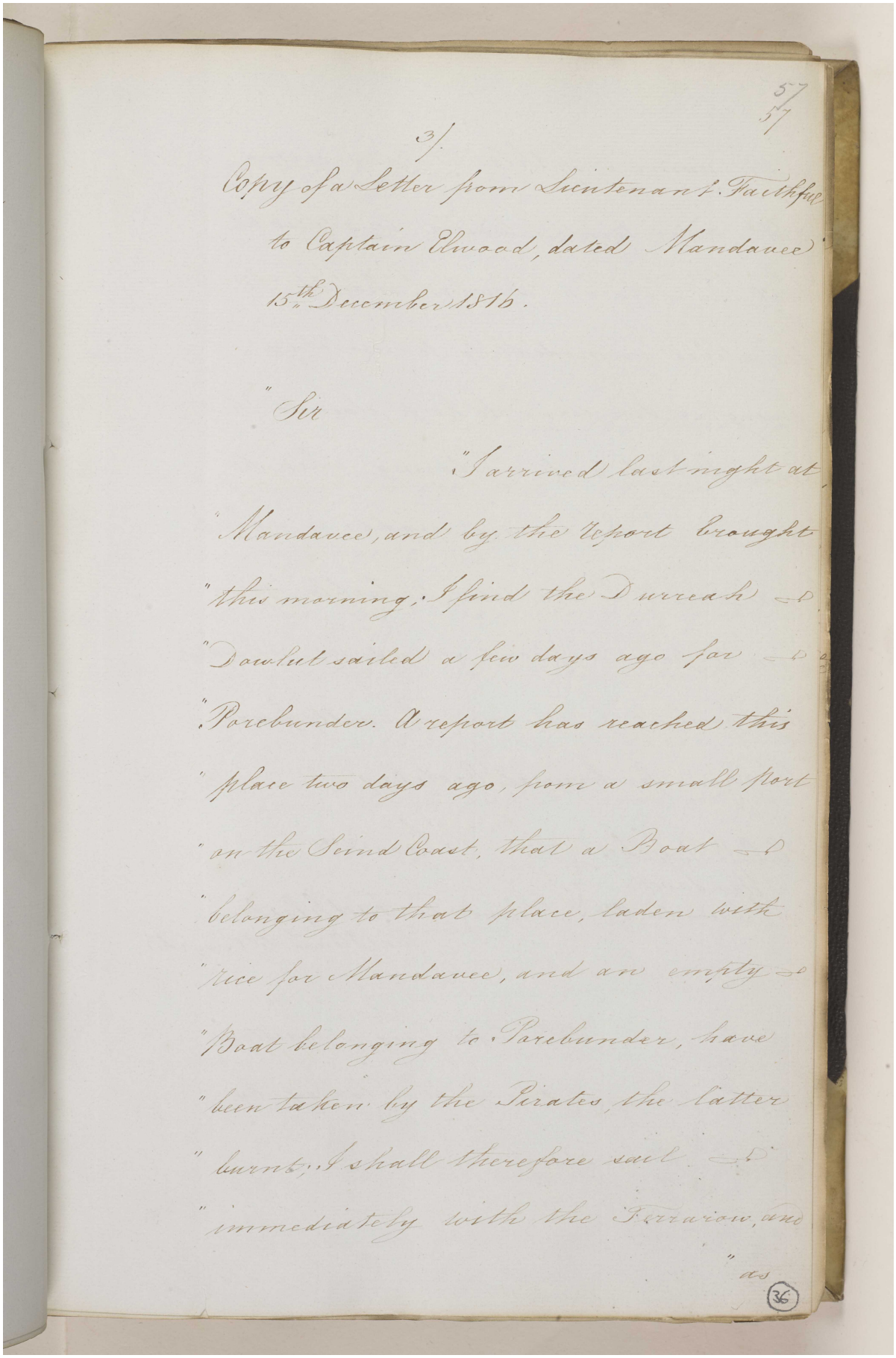

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Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Faithful to Captain Elwood, dated Mandavee 15th December 1816.

"Sir

"I arrived last night at "Mandavee, and by the report brought "this morning, I find the Durreah "Dowlut sailed a few days ago for "Porebunder. A report has reached this "place two days ago, from a small Port "on the Scind Coast, that a Boat "belonging to that place, laden with "rice for Mandavee, and an empty "Boat belonging to Porebunder, have "been taken by the Pirates, the latter "burnt; I shall therefore sail "immediately with the Ferrarow, and

"as

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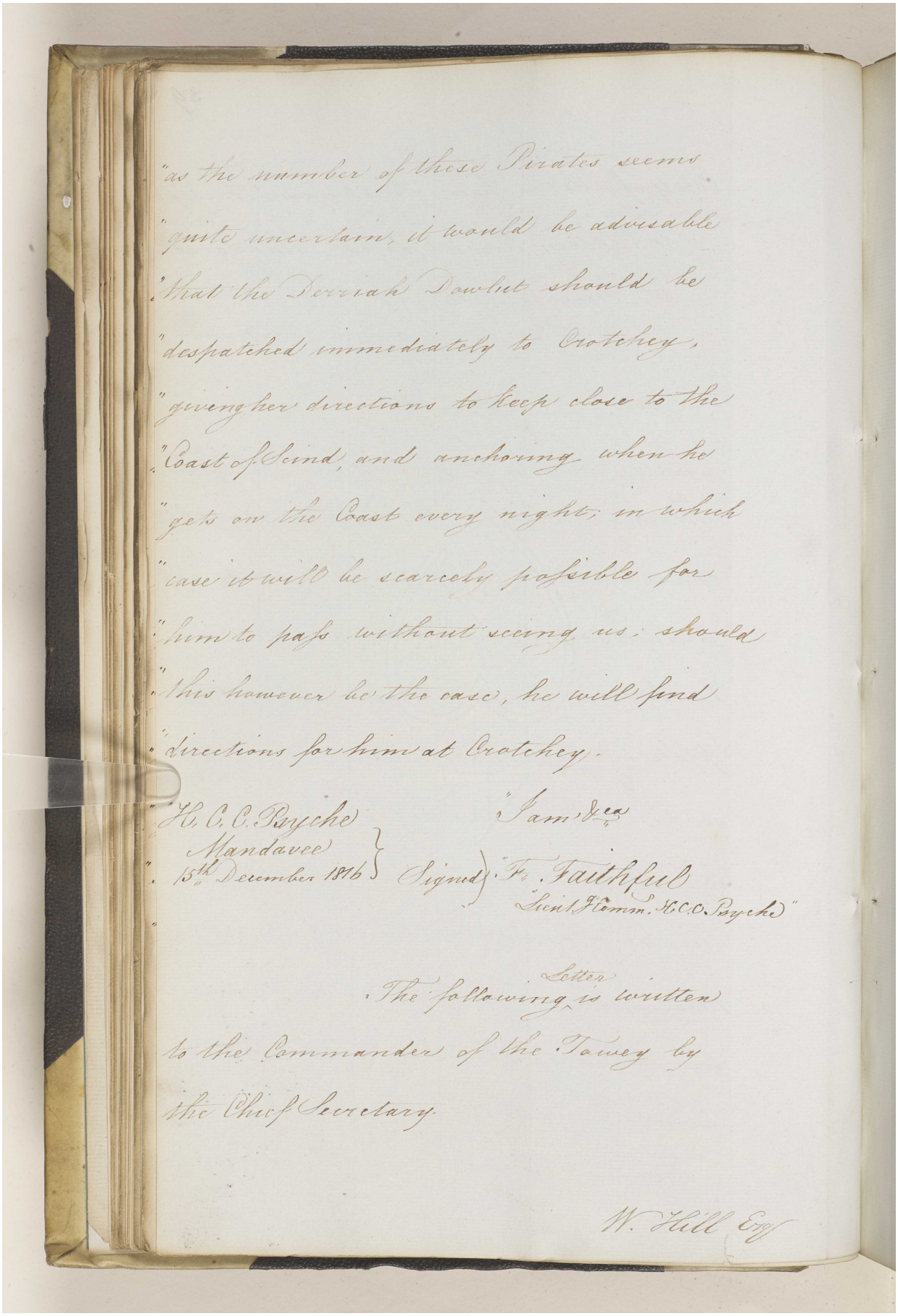


"as the number of these Pirates seems
"quite uncertain, it would be advisable
"that the Berriah Dawlut should be
"despatched immediately to Orotchey,
"giving her directions to keep close to the
"Coast of Scind, and anchoring when he
"gets on the Coast every night; in which
"case it will be scarcely possible for
"him to pass without seeing us: should
"this however be the case, he will find
"directions for him at Orotchey.

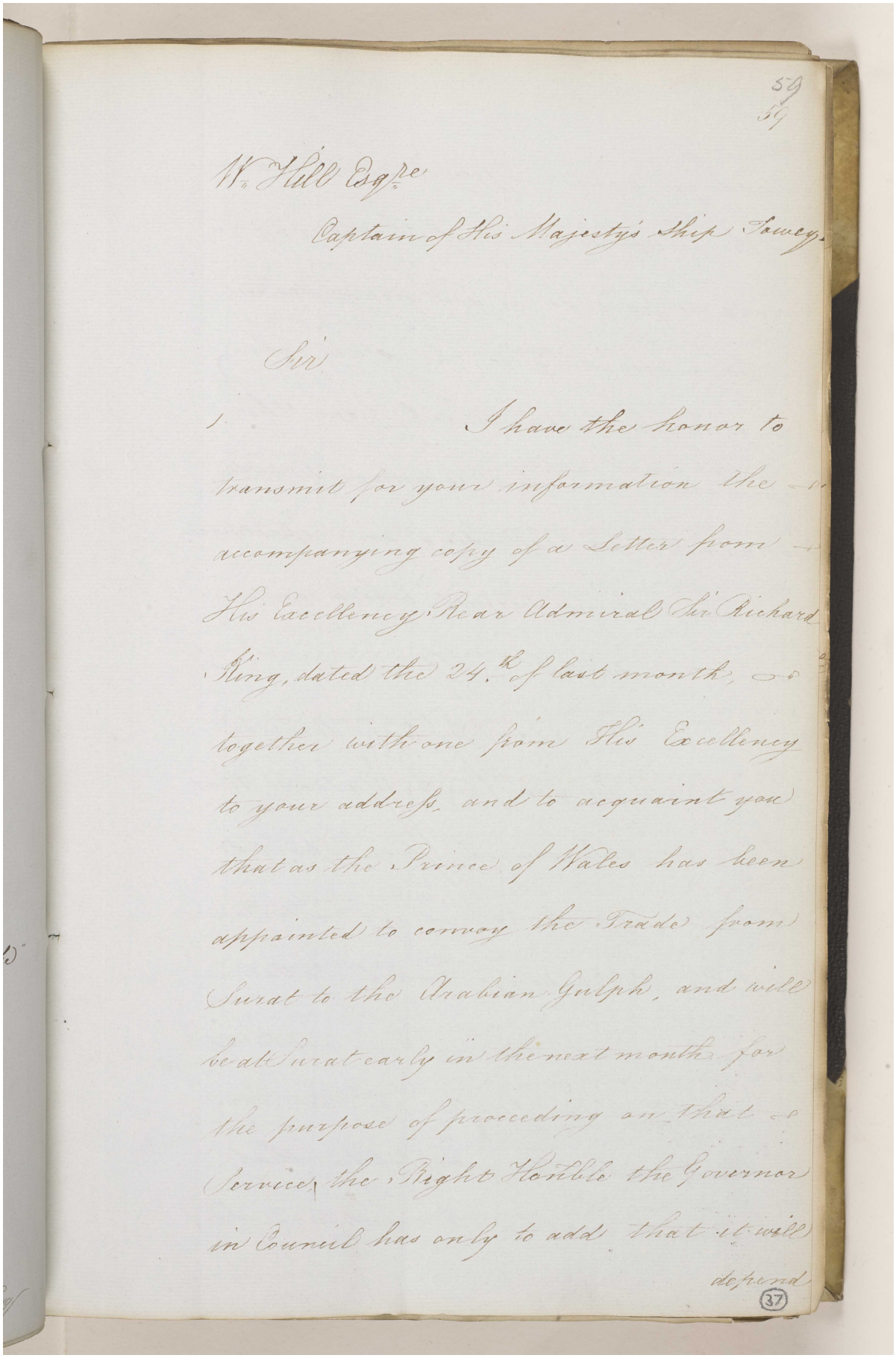
"I am &c.ª

"H. C. C. Psyche
Mandavee
15th December 1816

Signed) "F. Faithfull
Lieut. & Comm. H.C.C. Psyche"

The following Letter is written to the Commander of the Tawey by the Chief Secretary.

W. Hull Esq



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W. Hill Esq.re

Captain of His Majestys Ship Fawey.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit for your information the accompanying copy of a Letter from His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Richard King, dated the 24.th of last month, together with one from His Excellency to your address, and to acquaint you that as the Prince of Wales has been appointed to convoy the Trade from Surat to the Arabian Gulph, and will be at Surat early in the next month for the purpose of proceeding on that Service, the Right Honble the Governor in Council has only to add that it will depend

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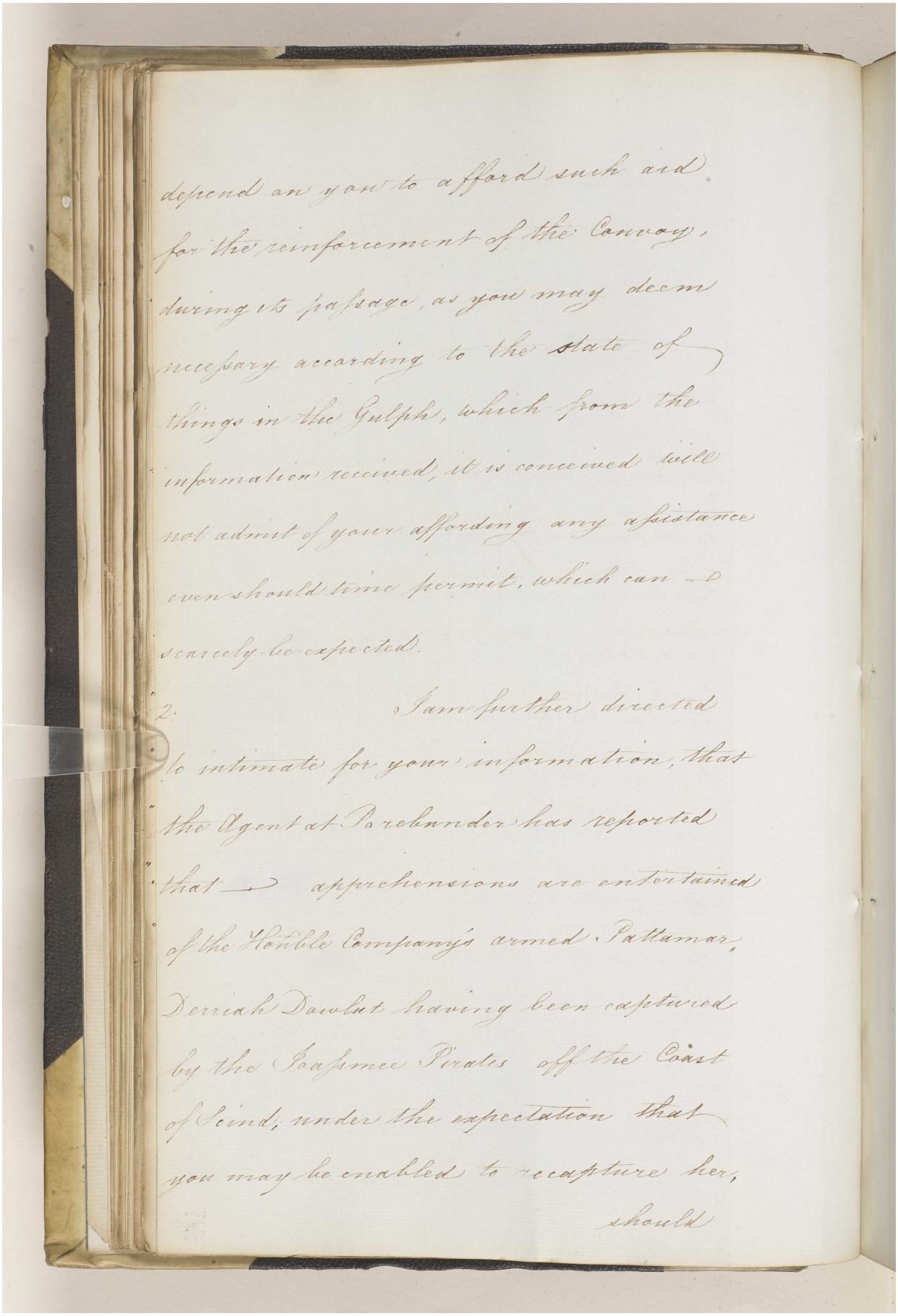
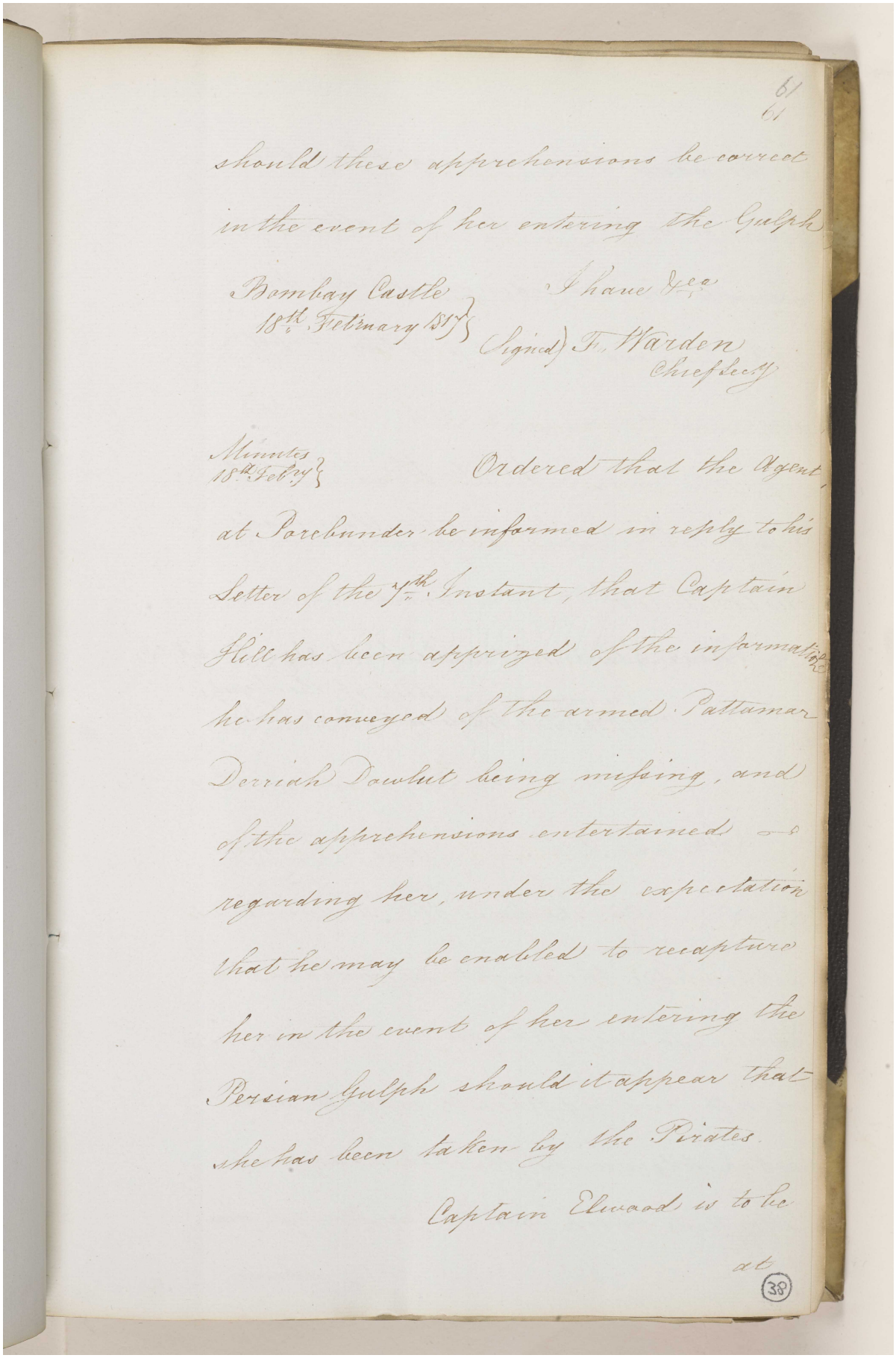


depend on your to afford such aid
for the reinforcement of the Convoy,
during its passage, as you may deem
necessary according to the state of
things in the Gulph, which from the
information received, it is conceived will
not admit of your affording any assistance
even should time permit, which can
scarcely be expected.

2. I am further directed
to intimate for your information, that
the Agent at Bushander has reported
that apprehensions are entertained
of the Honble Company's armed Pattamar,
Derriah Dawlut having been captured
by the Joasmee Pirates off the Coast
of Scind, under the expectation that
you may be enabled to recapture her,
should



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should these apprehensions be correct
in the event of her entering the Gulph

Bombay Castle
18th. Febuary 1817

I have &c.
(Signed) F. Warden
Chief Secy.

Minutes
18th Feby.

Ordered that the Agent
at Porebunder be informed in reply to his
Letter of the 7th. Instant, that Captain
Hill has been apprized of the informatio
he has conveyed of the armed Pattamar
Derriah Dawlut being missing, and
of the apprehensions entertained
regarding her, under the expectation
that he may be enabled to recapture
her in the event of her entering the
Persian Gulph should it appear that
she has been taken by the Pirates.

Captain Elwood is to be
at

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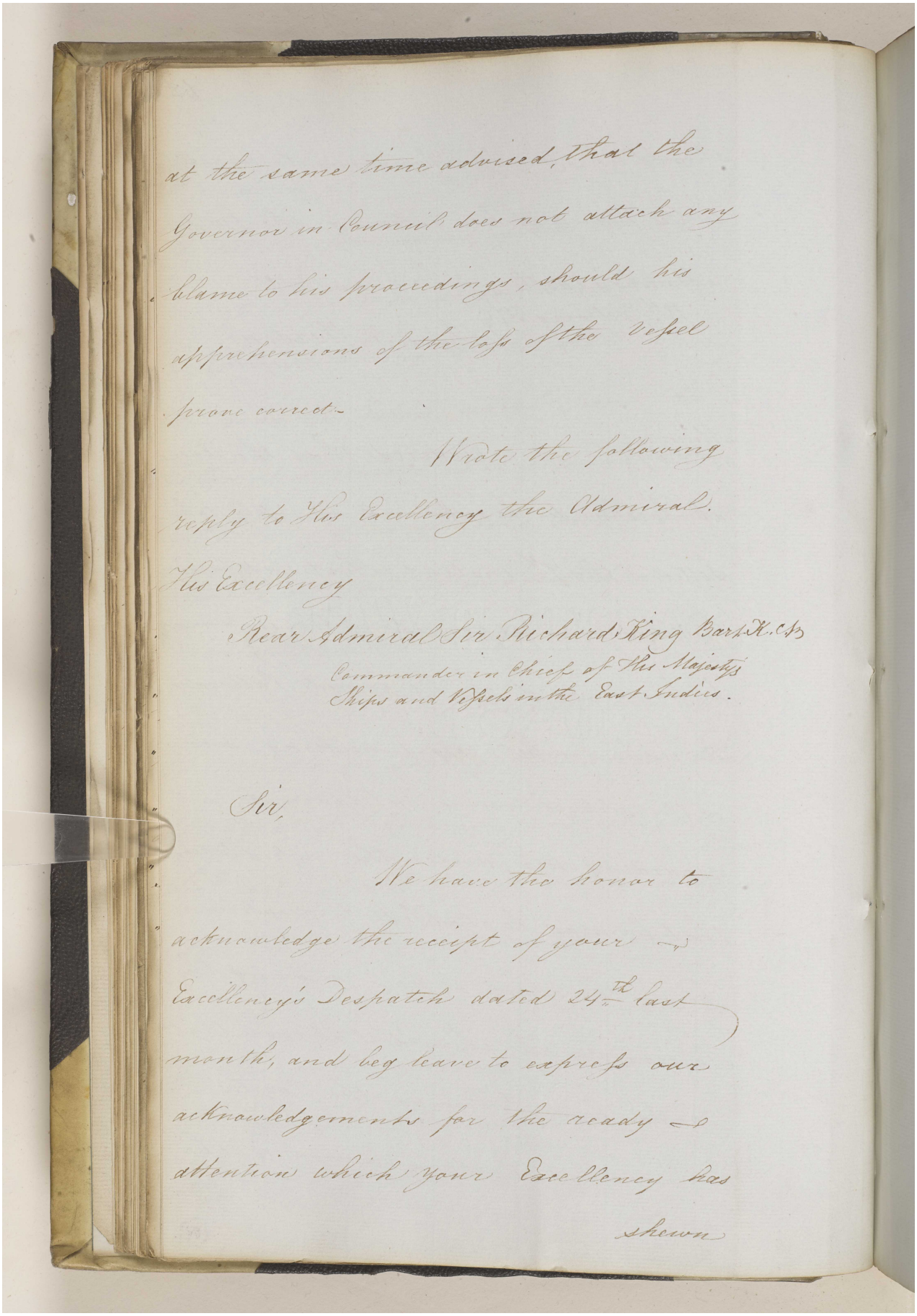


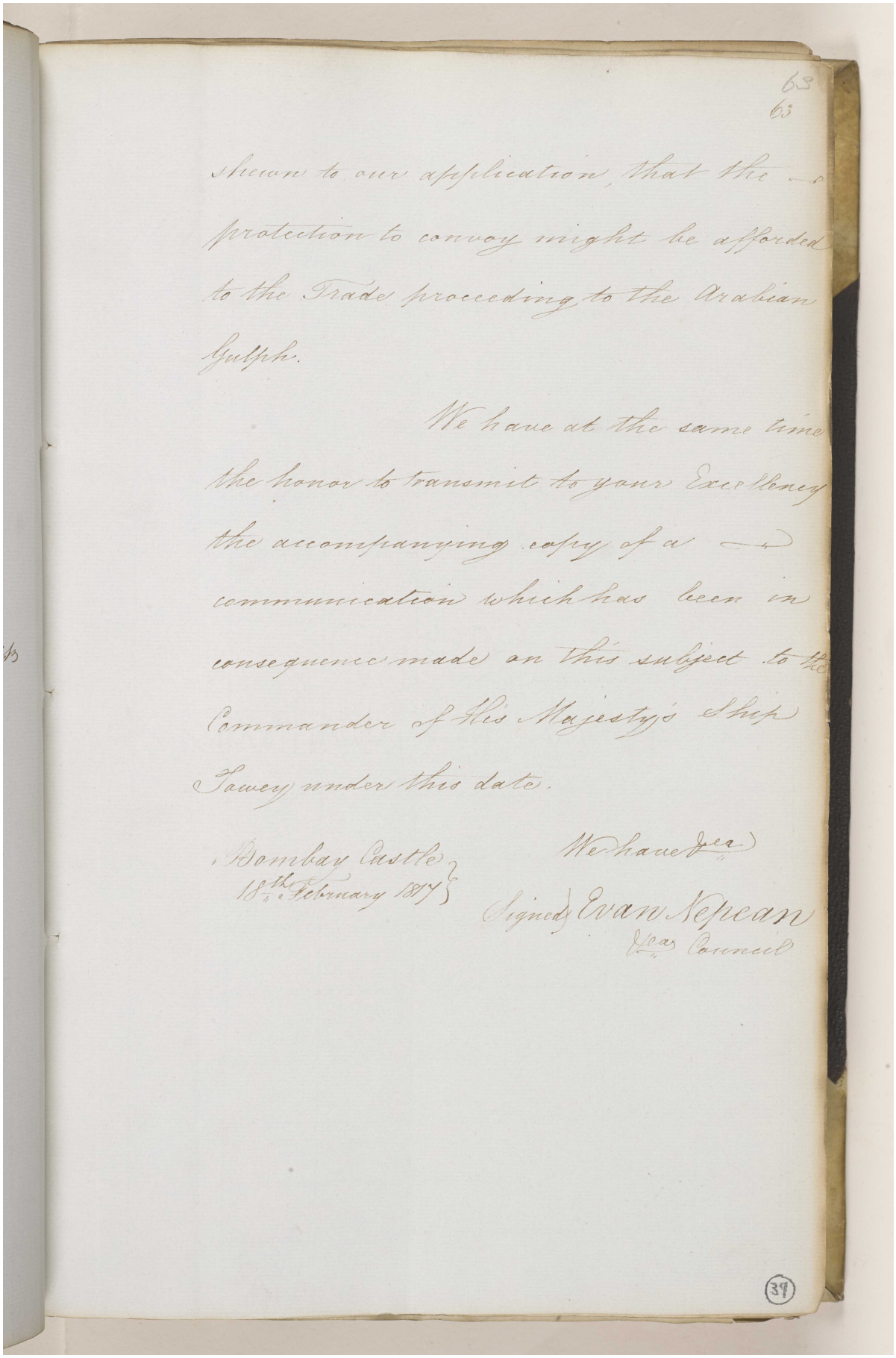
at the same time advised, that the
Governor in Council does not attach any
blame to his proceedings, should his
apprehensions of the loss of the Vessel
prove correct.

Wrote the following
reply to His Excellency the Admiral.

His Excellency
Rear Admiral Sir Richard King Bart K.C.B
Commander in Chief of His Majesty's
Ships and Vessels in the East Indies.

Sir,

We have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your
Excellency's Despatch dated 24th last
month, and beg leave to express our
acknowledgements for the ready
attention which your Excellency has
shewn



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shewn to our application, that the protection to convoy might be afforded to the Trade proceeding to the Arabian Gulph.

We have at the same time the honor to transmit to your Excellency the accompanying copy of a communication which has been in consequence made on this subject to the Commander of His Majesty's Ship Tawey under this date.

Bombay Castle
18th February 1817

We have &c.
Signed Evan Nepean
&c. Council

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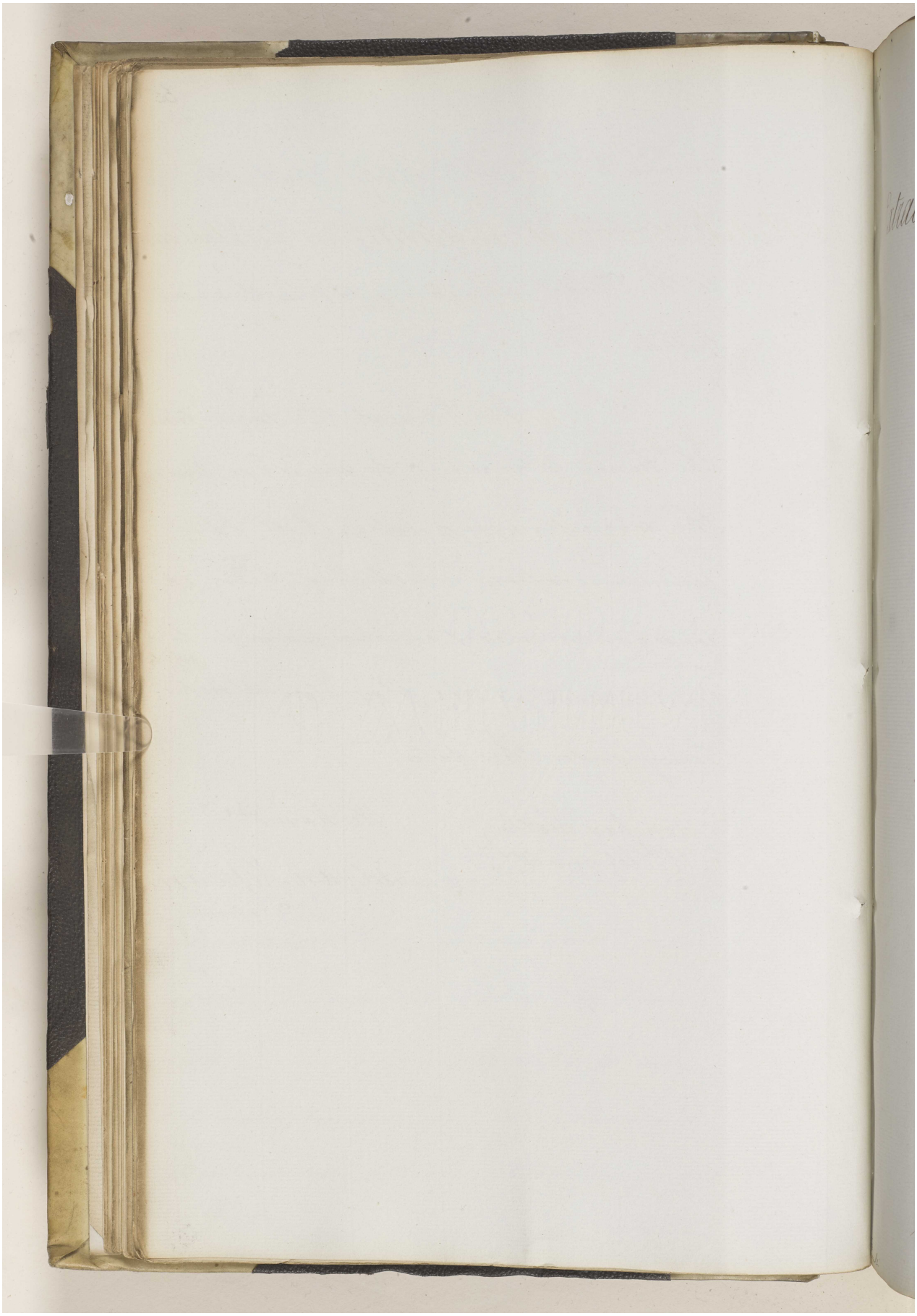

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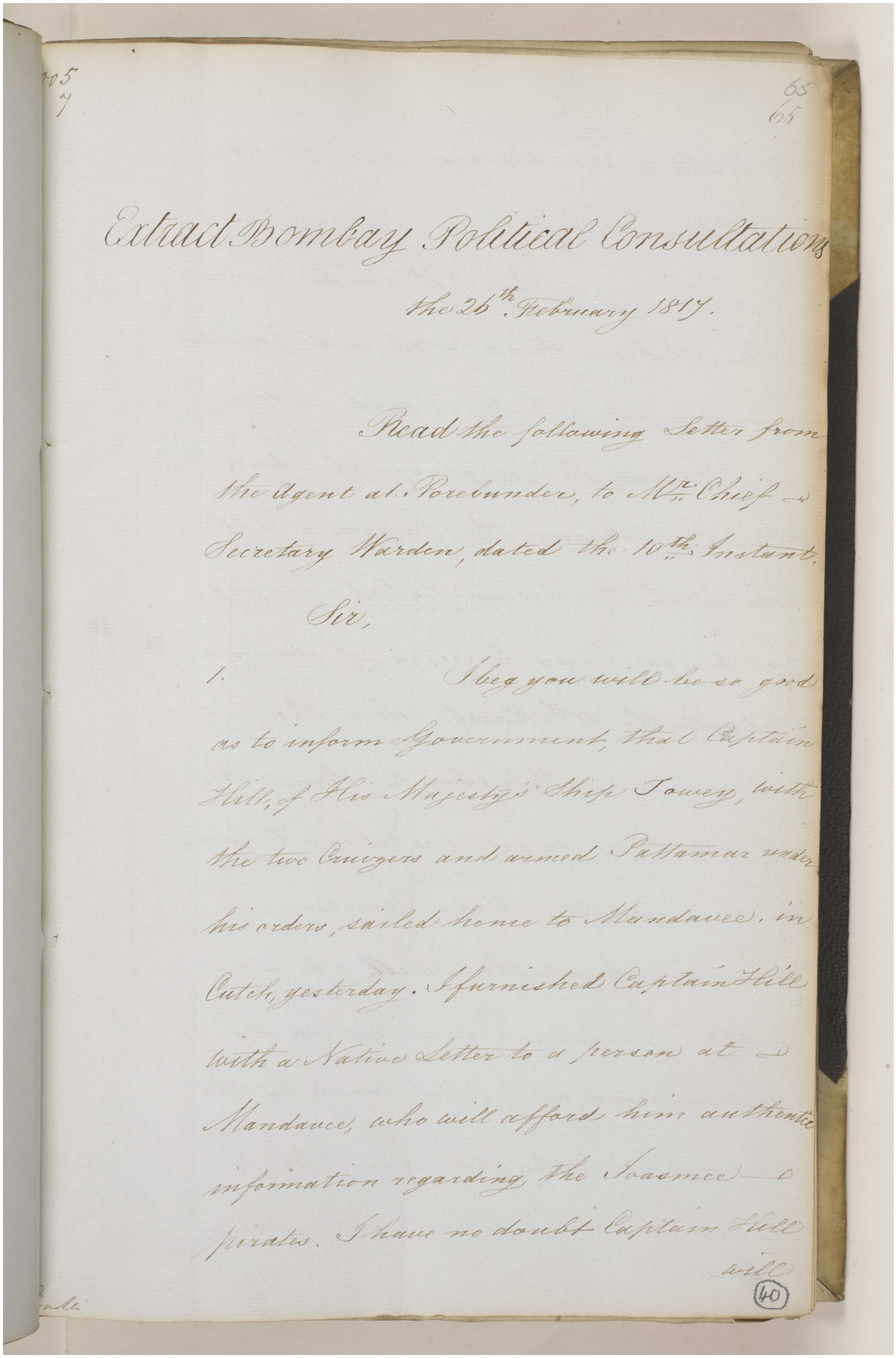

Extract Bombay Political Consultations

the 26th. February 1819.

Read the following Letter from the Agent at Porebunder, to Mr. Chief Secretary Warden, dated the 10th. Instant.

Sir,

I beg you will be so good as to inform Government, that Captain Hill, of His Majesty's Ship Tavey, with the two Cuttyers and armed Pattamar under his orders, sailed hence to Mandavee, in Cutch, yesterday. I furnished Captain Hill with a Native Letter to a person at Mandavee, who will afford him authentic information regarding the Joasmee pirates. I have no doubt Captain Hill will

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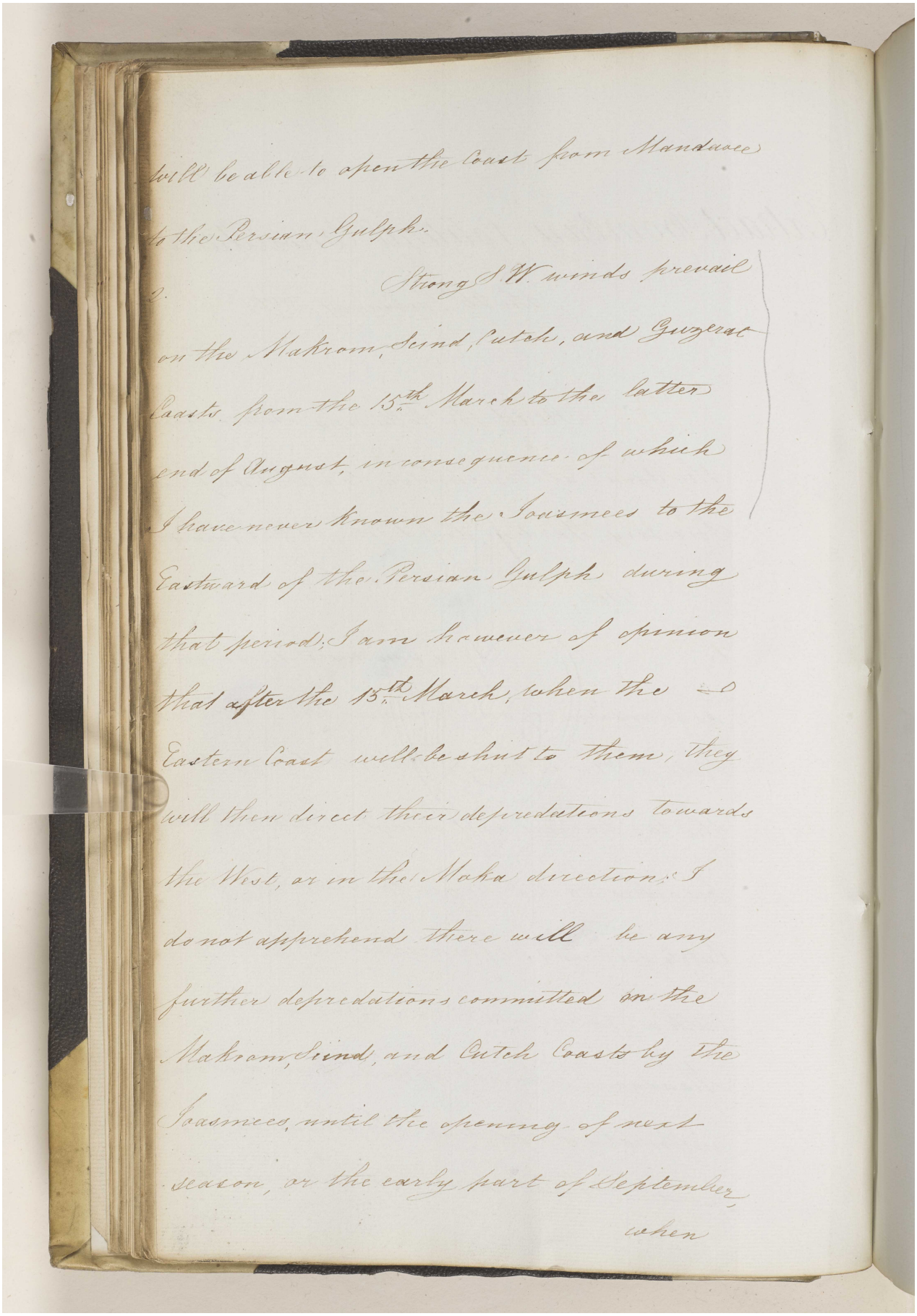
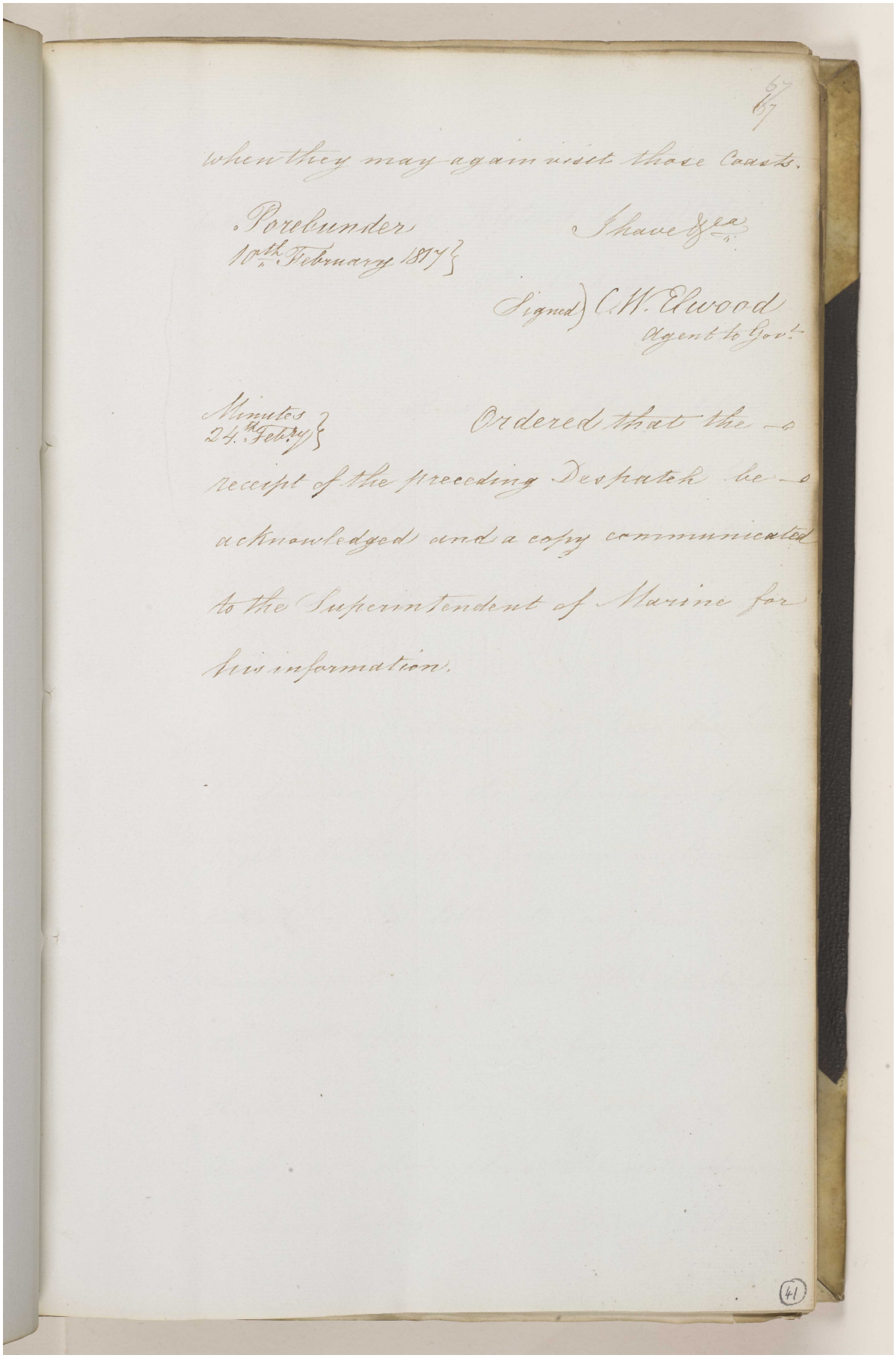


will be able to open the Coast from Mandavee
to the Persian Gulph.

2. Strong S.W. winds prevail
on the Makram, Seind, Cutch, and Guzerat
Coasts from the 15th. March to the latter
end of August, in consequence of which
I have never known the Joasmees to the
Eastward of the Persian Gulph during
that period; I am however of opinion
that after the 15th. March, when the
Eastern Coast will be shut to them, they
will then direct their depredations towards
the West, or in the Maka direction; I
do not apprehend there will be any
further depredations committed on the
Makram, Seind, and Cutch Coasts by the
Joasmees, until the opening of next
season, or the early part of September,
when



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when they may again visit those Coasts.

Porebunder
10th. February 1817

I have &c.

Signed) C.W. Elwood
Agent to Govt.

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24th. Febry.

Ordered that the — receipt of the preceding Despatch be — acknowledged and a copy communicated to the Superintendent of Marine for his information.

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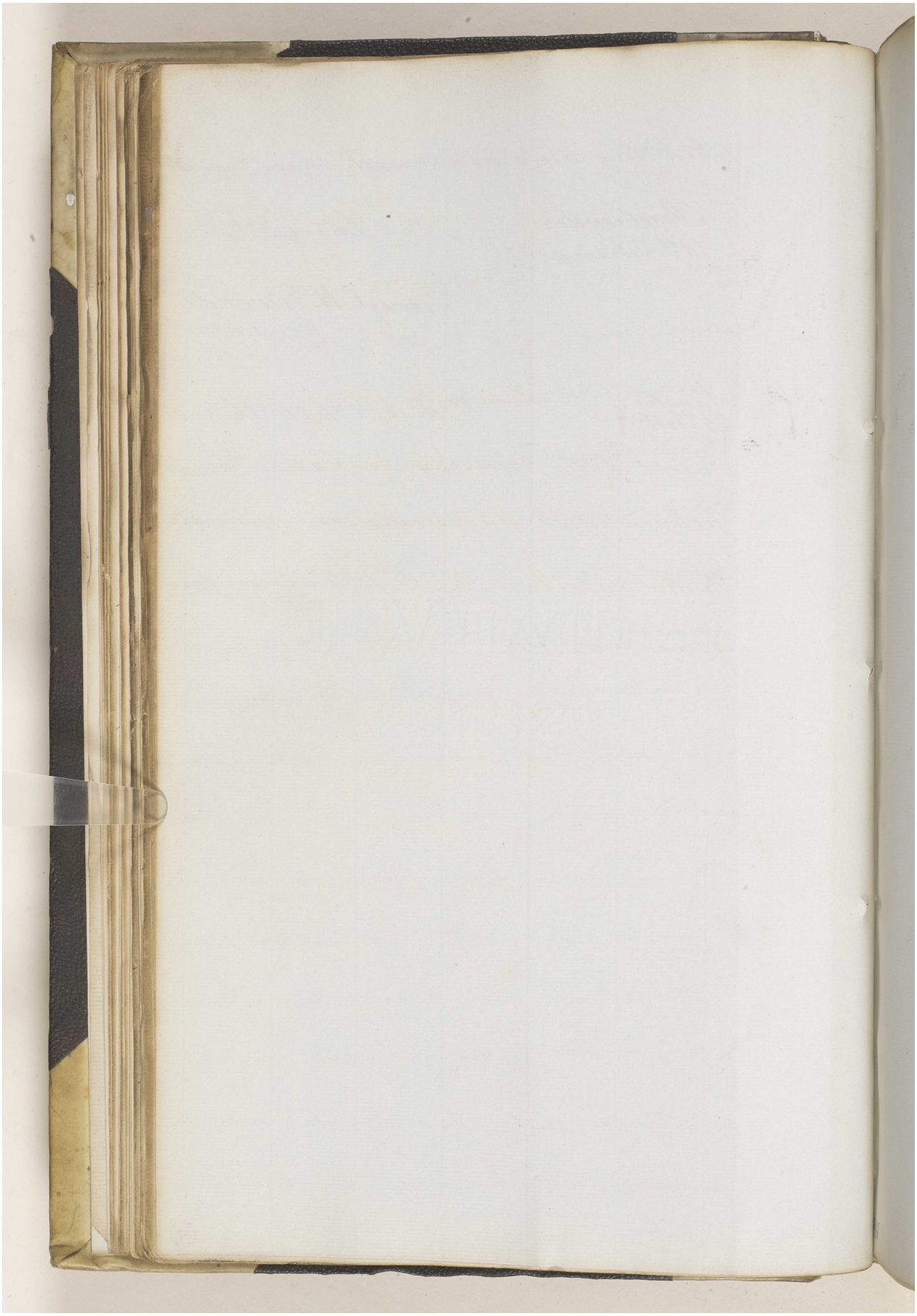

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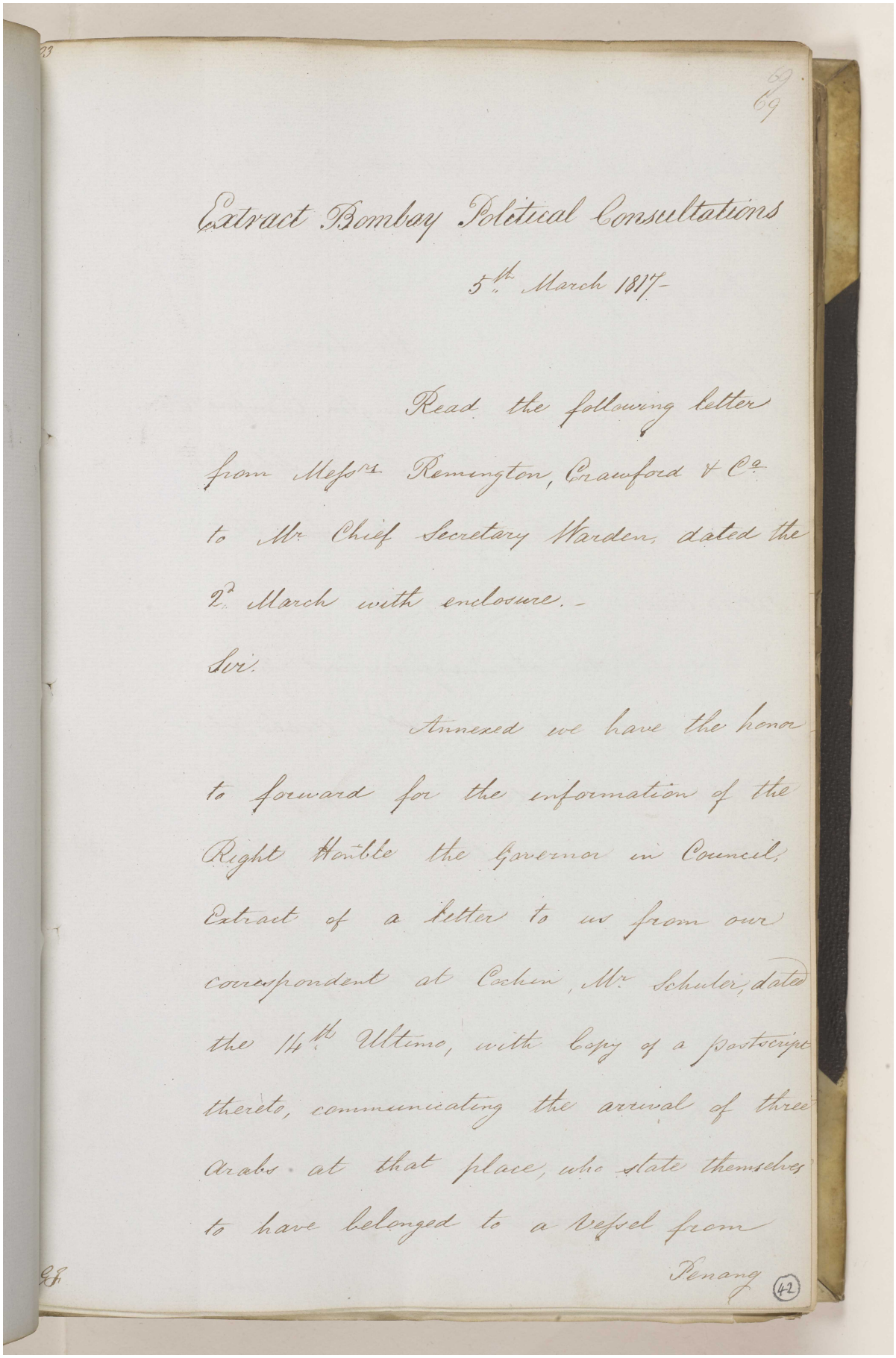

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

5th March 1817.

Read the following letter from Messrs Remington, Crawford & Co. to Mr Chief Secretary Warden, dated the 2d March with enclosure.

Sir,

Annexed we have the honor to forward for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, Extract of a letter to us from our correspondent at Cochin, Mr Schuler, dated the 14th Ultimo, with Copy of a Postscript thereto, communicating the arrival of three Arabs at that place, who state themselves to have belonged to a Vessel from Penang

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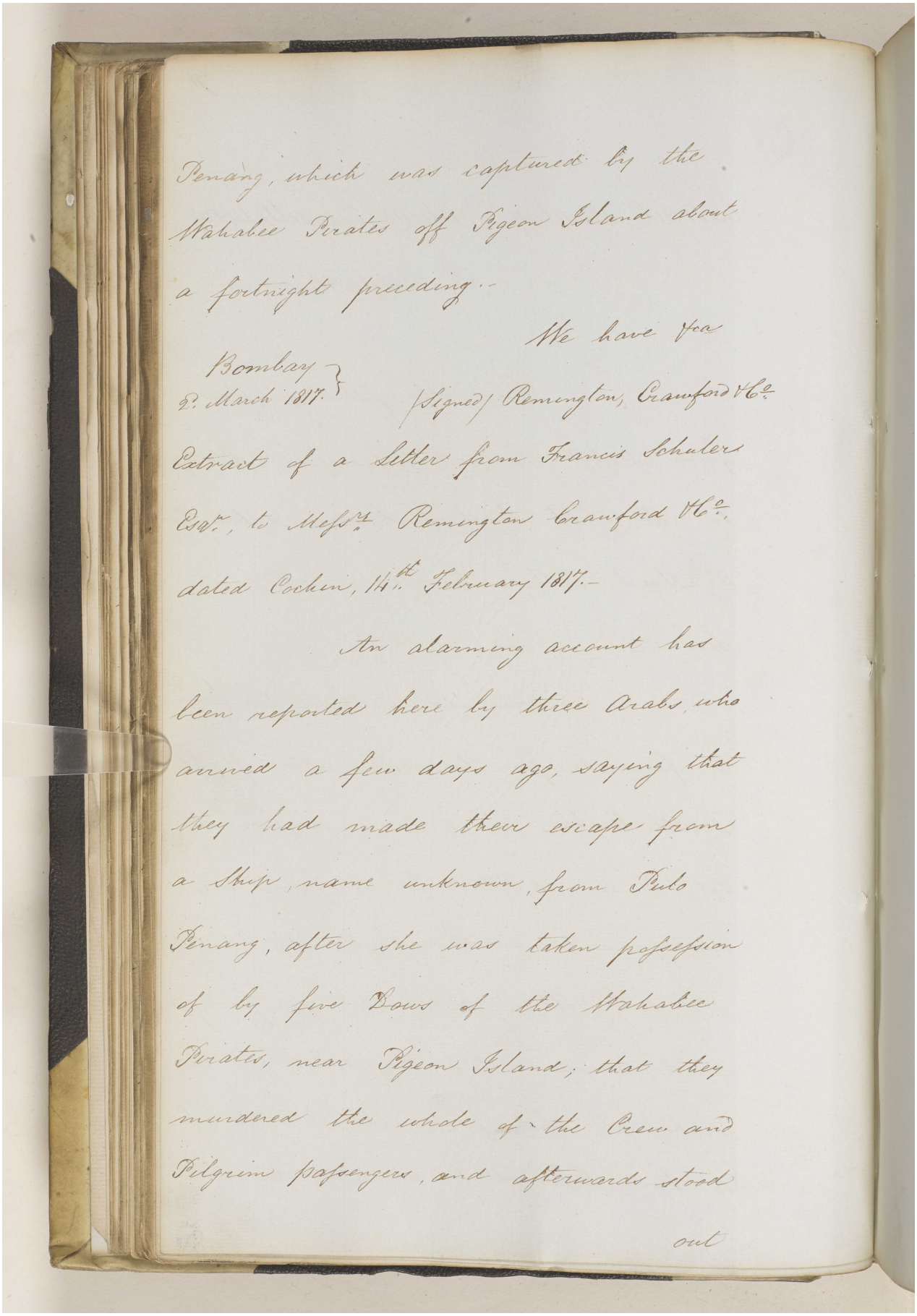

Penang, which was captured by the
Wahabee Pirates off Pigeon Island about
a fortnight preceding.-

We have &c.a

Bombay
2d. March 1817.

(Signed) Remington, Crawford & Co.

Extract of a Letter from Francis Schuler
Esq.r, to Messrs. Remington Crawford & Co.
dated Cochin, 14th. February 1817.-

An alarming account has
been reported here by three Arabs, who
arrived a few days ago, saying that
they had made their escape from
a Ship, name unknown, from Pulo
Penang, after she was taken possession
of by five Dows of the Wahabee
Pirates, near Pigeon Island; that they
murdered the whole of the Crew and
Pilgrim passengers, and afterwards stood

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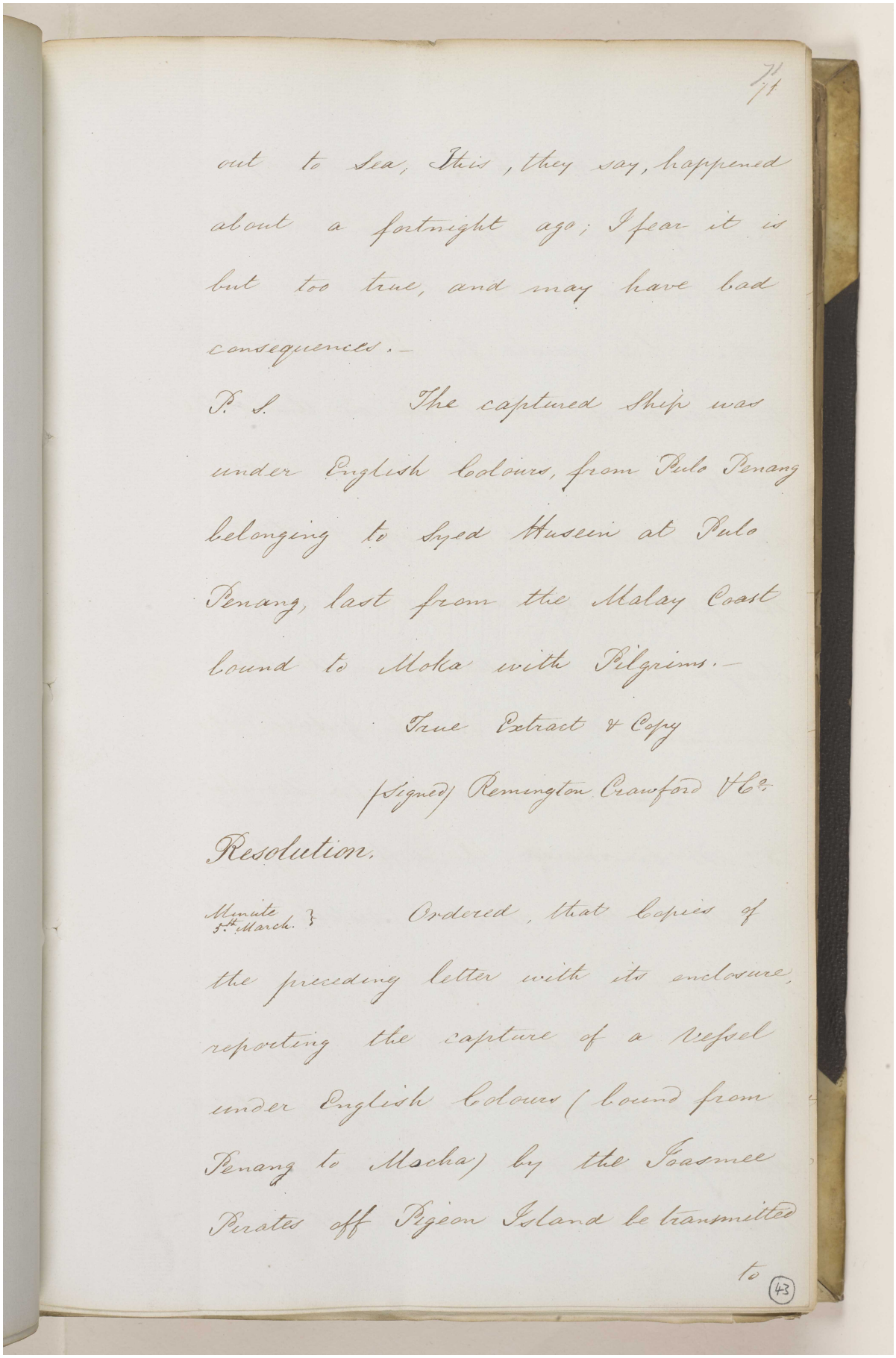

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out to Sea, This, they say, happened about a fortnight ago; I fear it is but too true, and may have bad consequences.—

P. S. The captured Ship was under English Colours, from Pulo Penang belonging to Syed Hussein at Pulo Penang, last from the Malay Coast bound to Moka with Pilgrims.—

True Extract & Copy

(Signed) Remington Crawford & Co.

Resolution.

Minute 5th March. } Ordered, that Copies of the preceding letter with its enclosure, reporting the capture of a Vessel under English Colours (bound from Penang to Mocha) by the Joasmee Pirates off Pigeon Island be transmitted to

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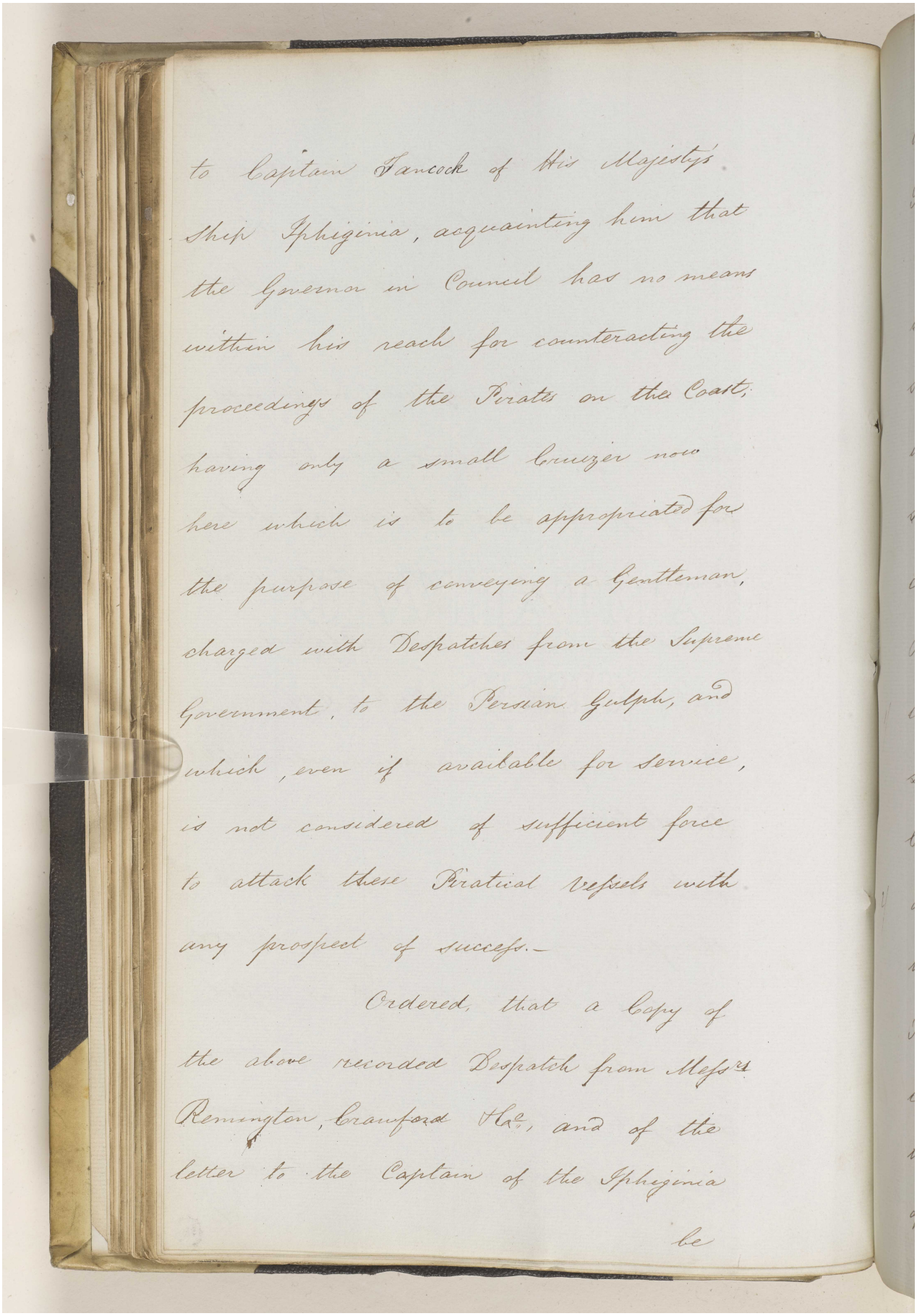

to Captain Hancock of His Majestys
Ship Iphigenia, acquainting him that
the Governor in Council has no means
within his reach for counteracting the
proceedings of the Pirates on the Coast,
having only a small Cruizer now
here which is to be appropriated for
the purpose of conveying a Gentleman,
charged with Despatches from the Supreme
Government, to the Persian Gulph, and
which, even if available for service,
is not considered of sufficient force
to attack these Piratical Vessels with
any prospect of success.—

Ordered, that a Copy of
the above recorded Despatch from Messrs
Remington, Crawford &c., and of the
letter to the Captain of the Iphigenia

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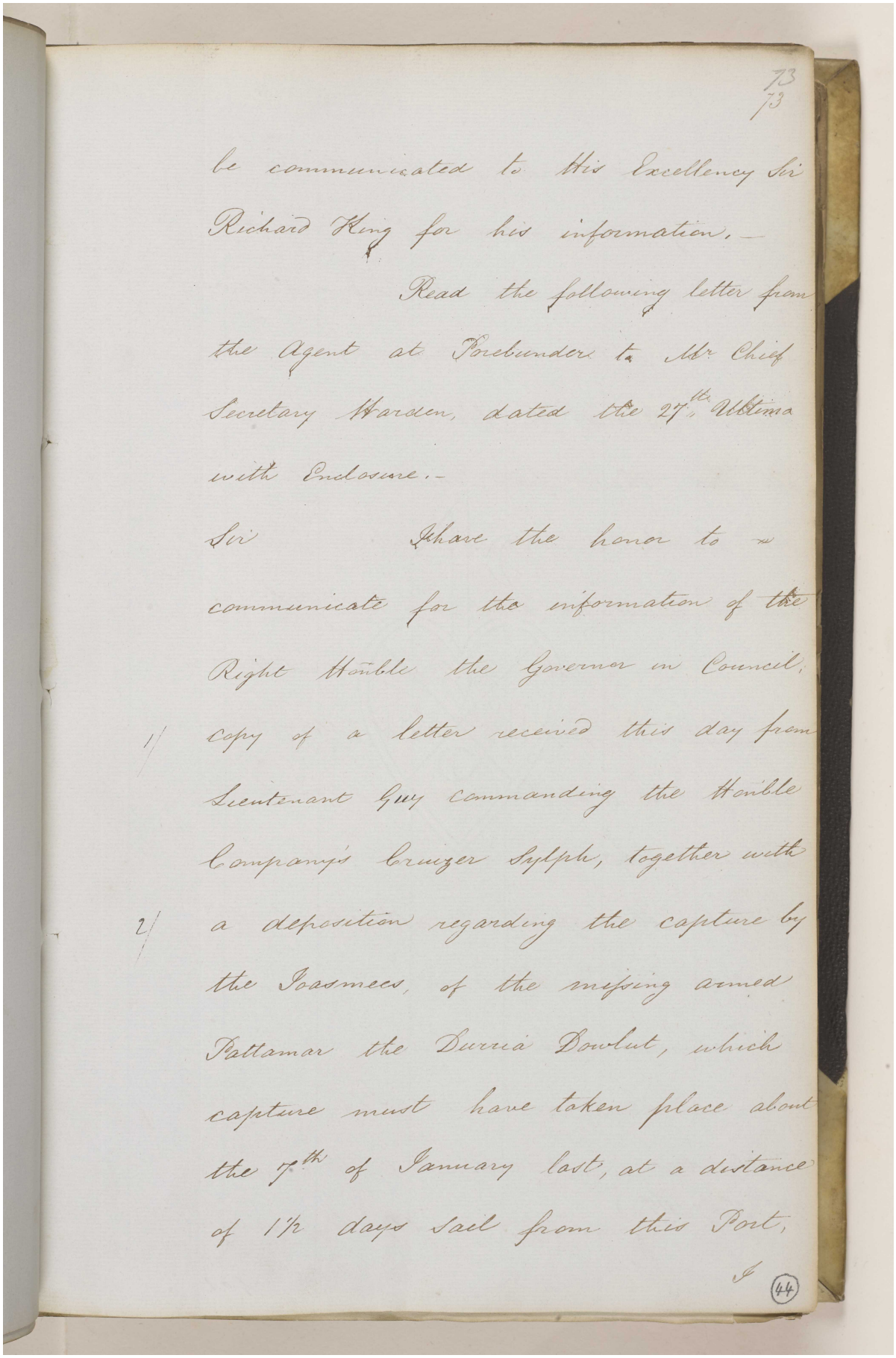

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be communicated to His Excellency Sir Richard King for his information.—

Read the following letter from the Agent at Bushire to Mr. Chief Secretary Warden, dated the 27th. Ultimo with Enclosure.—

Sir I have the honor to communicate for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, 1/ copy of a letter received this day from Lieutenant Guy commanding the Honble Company's Cruizer Sylph, together with 2/ a deposition regarding the capture by the Joasmees, of the missing armed Pattamar the Durria Dowlut, which capture must have taken place about the 7th of January last, at a distance of 1½ days Sail from this Port,

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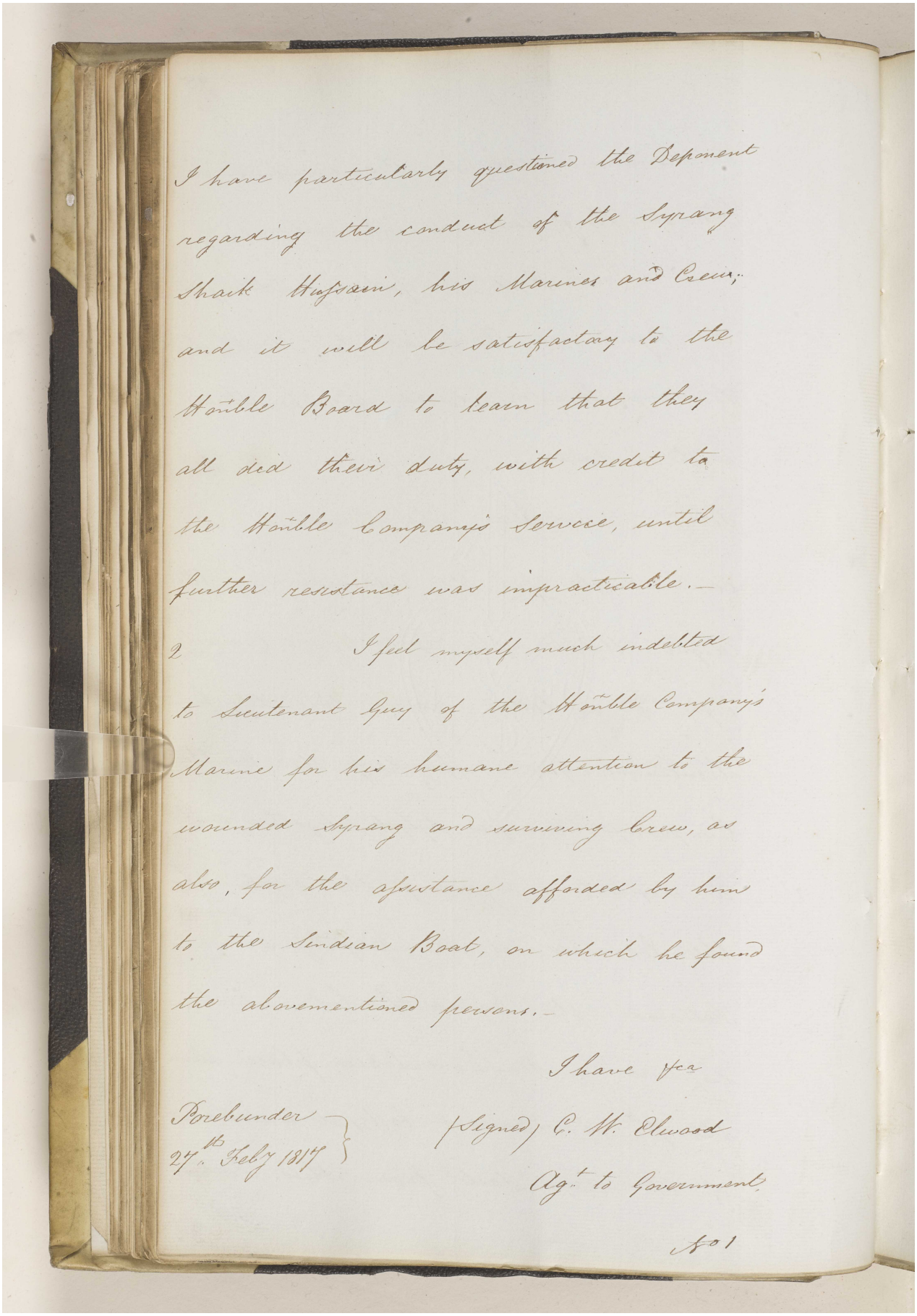

I have particularly questioned the Deponent regarding the conduct of the Syrang Shaik Hussain, his Marines and Crew; and it will be satisfactory to the Honble Board to learn that they all did their duty, with credit to the Honble Company's Service, until further resistance was impracticable.—

2 I feel myself much indebted to Lieutenant Guy of the Honble Company's Marine for his humane attention to the wounded Syrang and surviving Crew, as also, for the assistance afforded by him to the Sindian Boat, on which he found the abovementioned persons.—

I have &ca

Porebunder
27th Feby 1817

(Signed) C. W. Elwood
Ag^t to Government

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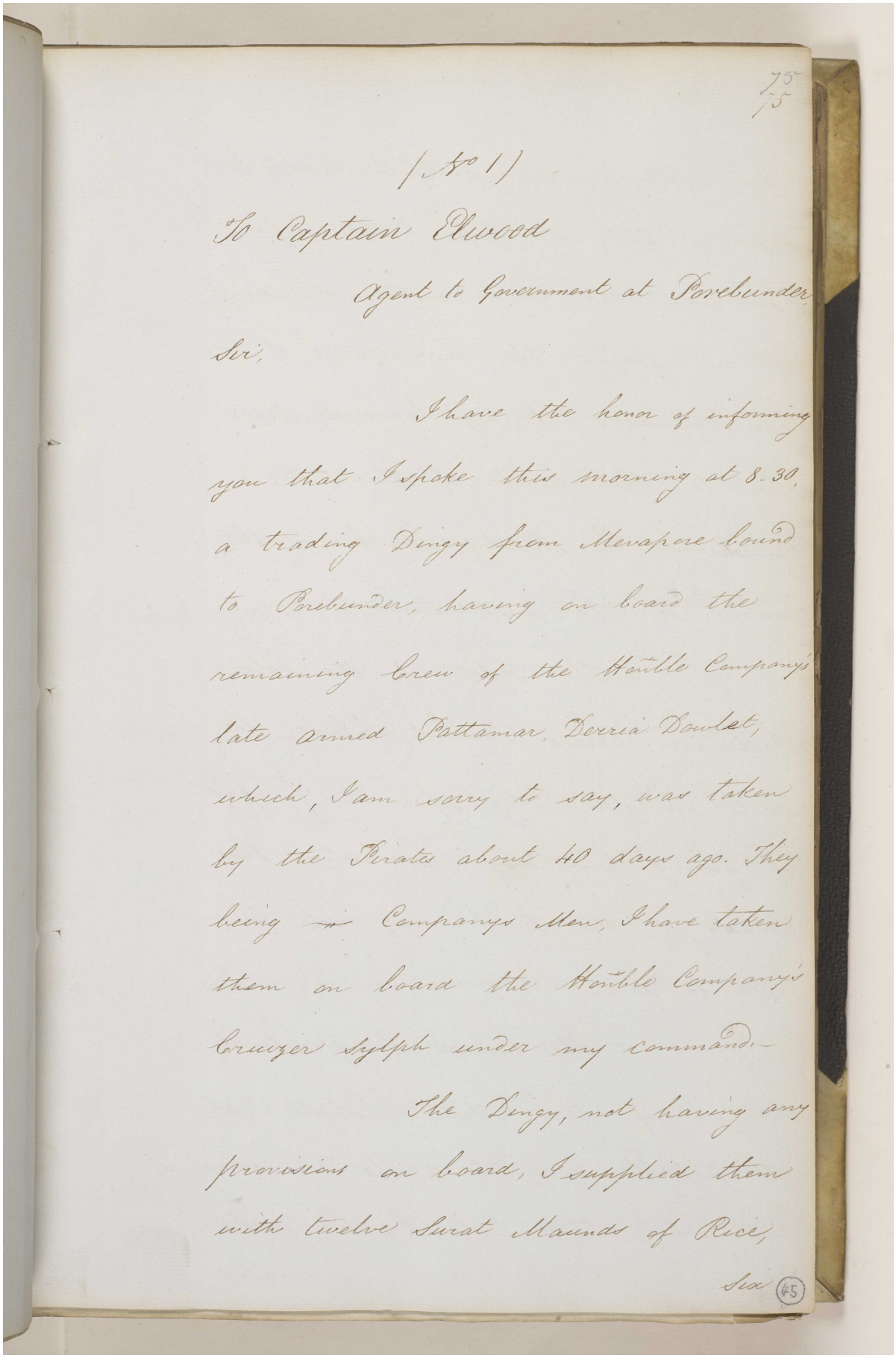

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To Captain Elwood

Agent to Government at Porebunder

Sir,

I have the honor of informing you that I spoke this morning at 8.30, a trading Dingy from Mevapore bound to Porebunder, having on board the remaining Crew of the Honble Company's late armed Pattamar, Derria Dowlet, which, I am sorry to say, was taken by the Pirates about 40 days ago. They being 4 Companys Men, I have taken them on board the Honble Company's Cruizer Sylph under my command.

The Dingy, not having any provisions on board, I supplied them with twelve Surat Maunds of Rice,

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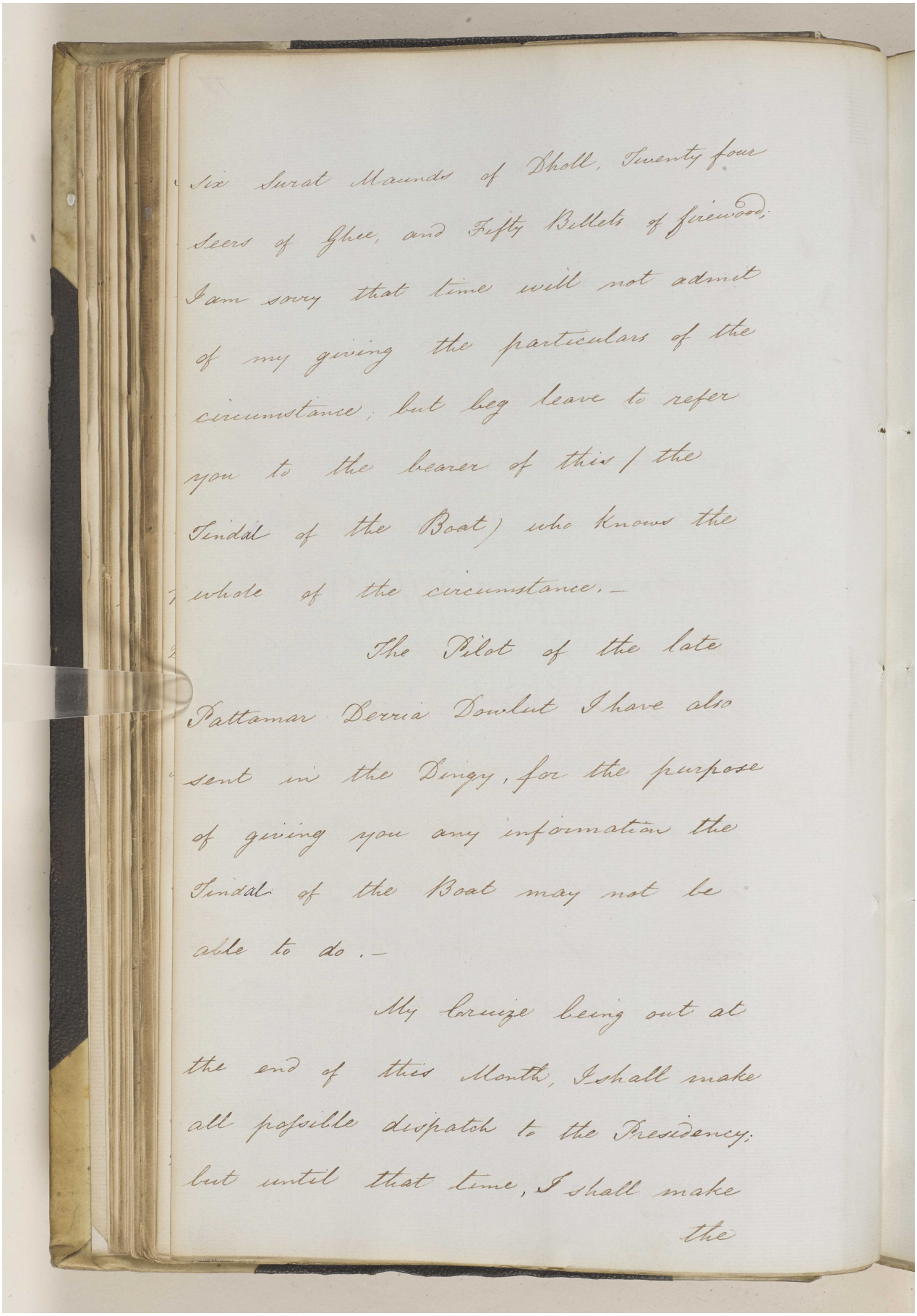
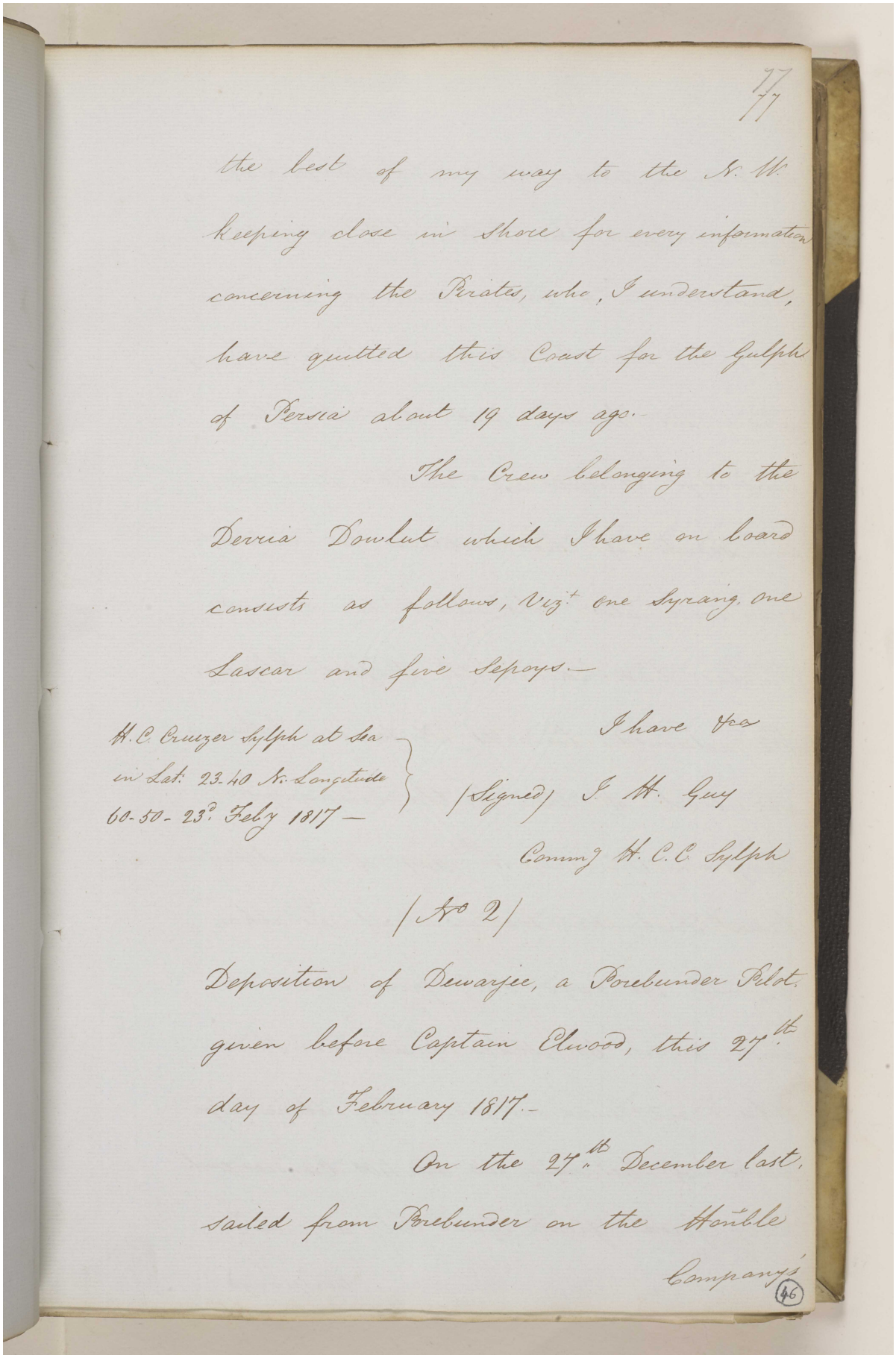


six Surat Maunds of Dholl, Twenty four Seers of Ghee, and Fifty Billets of firewood; I am sorry that time will not admit of my giving the particulars of the circumstance; but beg leave to refer you to the bearer of this (the Tindal of the Boat) who knows the whole of the circumstance.—

The Pilot of the late Pattamar Derria Dowlut I have also sent in the Dingy, for the purpose of giving you any information the Tindal of the Boat may not be able to do.—

My Cruize being out at the end of this Month, I shall make all possible dispatch to the Presidency; but until that time, I shall make the



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the best of my way to the N. W.
keeping close in Shore for every information
concerning the Pirates, who, I understand,
have quitted this Coast for the Gulphs
of Persia about 19 days ago.

The Crew belonging to the
Derria Dowlut which I have on board
consists as follows, Viz.t one Syrang, one
Lascar and five Sepoys.—

I have &c.a

H. C. Cruizer Sylph at Sea
in Lat. 23.40 N. Longitude
60-50- 23d. Feby 1817—

(Signed) J. H. Guy
Comm.g H. C. C. Sylph

(No 2)

Deposition of Dewarjee, a Porebunder Pilot.
given before Captain Elwood, this 27.th
day of February 1817.—

On the 27.th December last,
sailed from Porebunder on the Honble
Company's

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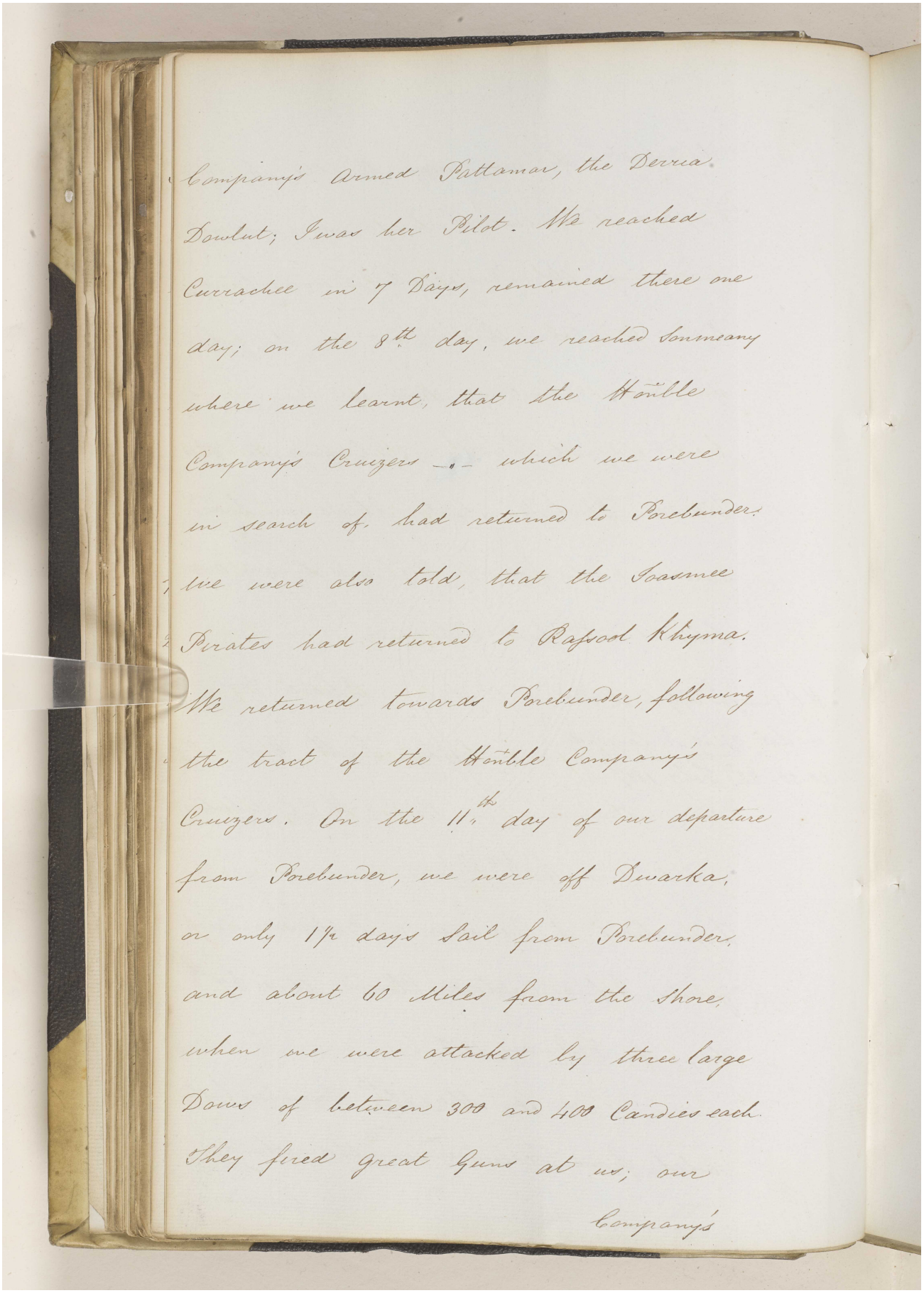

Company's Armed Pattamar, the Derria
Dowlut; I was her Pilot. We reached
Currachee in 7 Days, remained there one
day; on the 8th day, we reached Sonmeany
where we learnt, that the Honble
Company's Cruizers — which we were
in search of, had returned to Porebunder.
We were also told, that the Joasmee
Pirates had returned to Rajpod Khyma.
We returned towards Porebunder, following
the tract of the Honble Company's
Cruizers. On the 11th day of our departure
from Porebunder, we were off Dwarka,
or only 1½ days Sail from Porebunder,
and about 60 Miles from the Shore,
when we were attacked by three large
Dows of between 300 and 400 Candies each.
They fired great Guns at us; our
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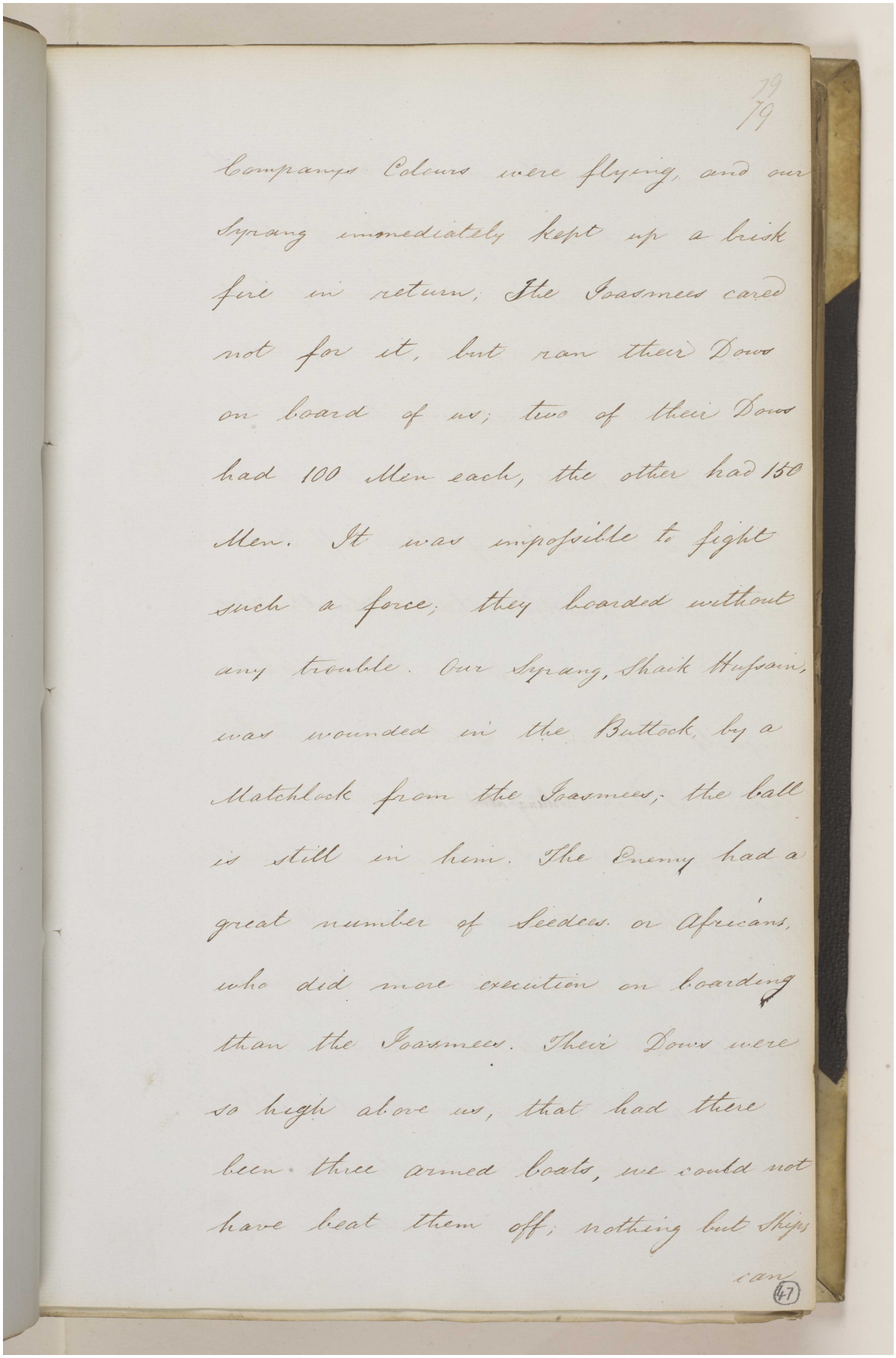

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Companys Colours were flying, and our Syrang immediately kept up a brisk fire in return; The Joasmees cared not for it, but ran their Dows on board of us; two of their Dows had 100 Men each, the other had 150 Men. It was impossible to fight such a force; they boarded without any trouble. Our Syrang, Shaik Hussain, was wounded in the Buttock by a Matchlock from the Joasmees; the ball is still in him. The Enemy had a great number of Seedees or Africans, who did more execution on boarding than the Joasmees. Their Dows were so high above us, that had there been three armed boats, we could not have beat them off; nothing but Ships can

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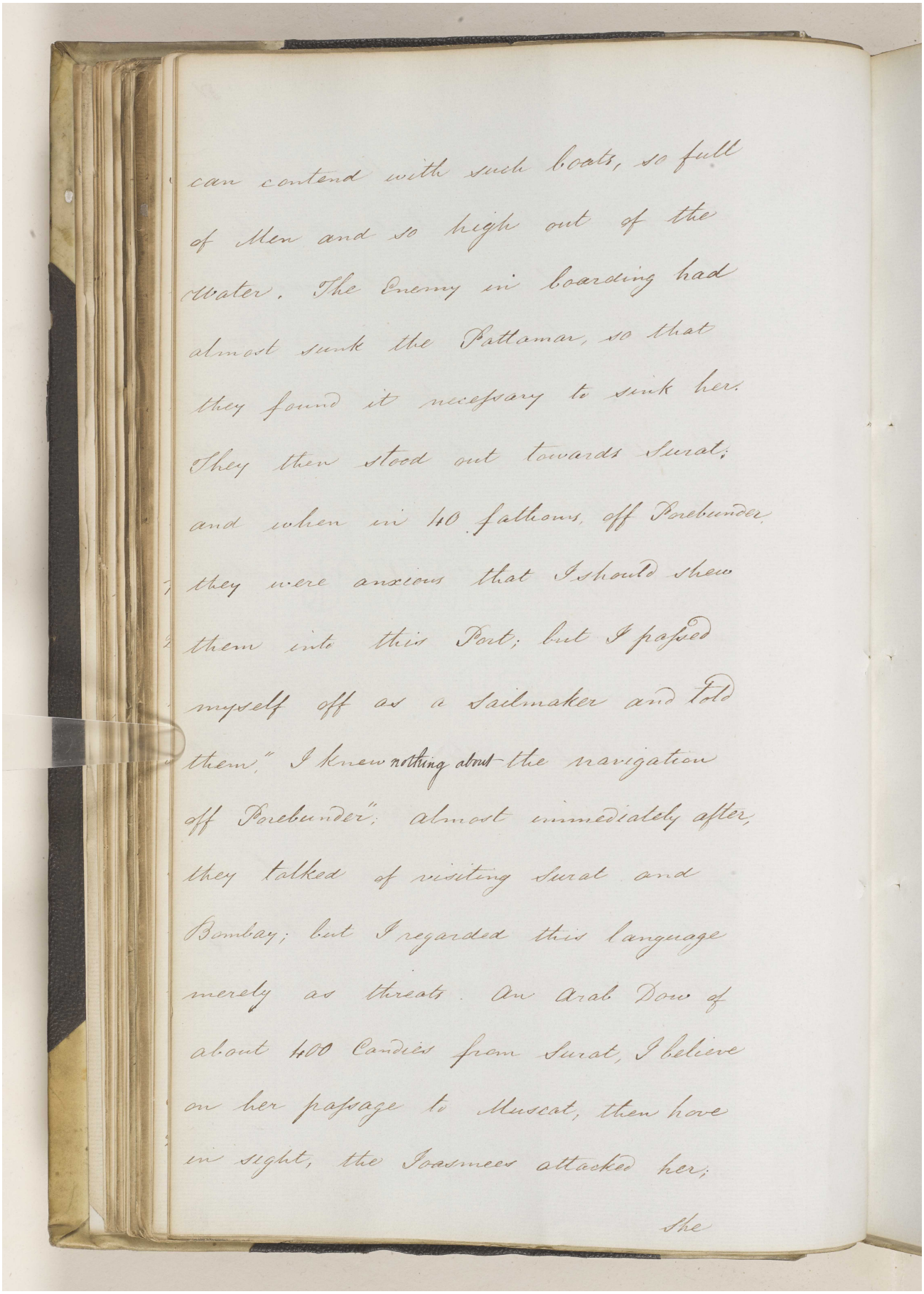

can contend with such boats, so full
of Men and so high out of the
water. The Enemy in boarding had
almost sunk the Pattamar, so that
they found it necessary to sink her.
They then stood out towards Surat;
and when in 40 fathoms, off Porebunder,
they were anxious that I should shew
them into this Port; but I passed
myself off as a Sailmaker and told
them," I knew nothing about the navigation
off Porebunder"; almost immediately after,
they talked of visiting Surat and
Bombay; but I regarded this language
merely as threats. An Arab Dow of
about 400 Candies from Surat, I believe
on her passage to Muscat, then hove
in sight, the Joasmees attacked her;

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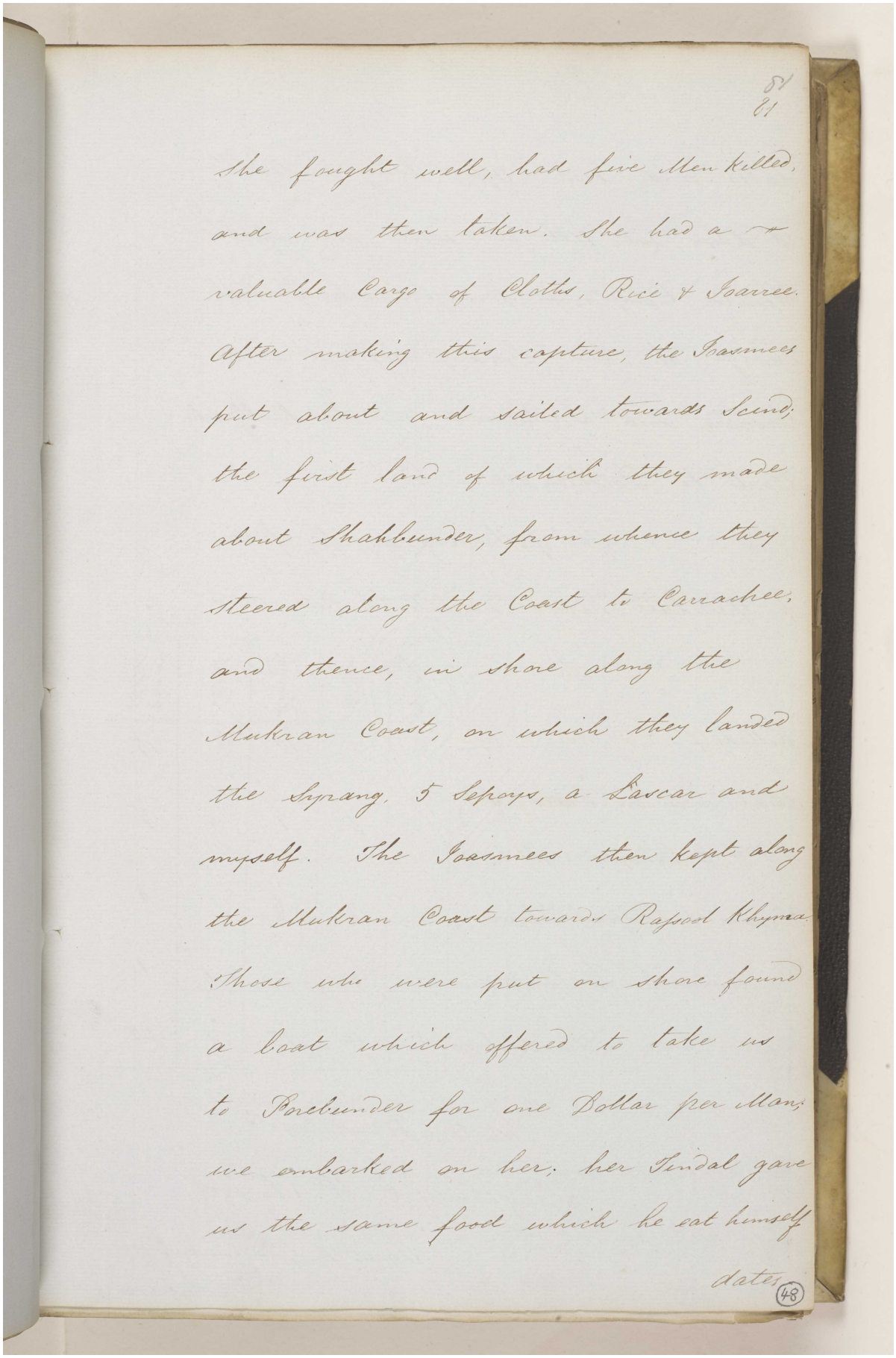

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She fought well, had five Men killed, and was then taken. She had a valuable Cargo of Cloths, Rice & Soarree. After making this capture, the Joasmees put about and sailed towards Scind; the first land of which they made about Shahbunder, from whence they steered along the Coast to Carrachee, and thence, in shore along the Mukran Coast, on which they landed the Syrang, 5 Sepoys, a Lascar and myself. The Joasmees then kept along the Mukran Coast towards Rajpool Khyma. Those who were put on shore found a boat which offered to take us to Porebunder for one Dollar per Man; we embarked on her; her Tindal gave us the same food which he eat himself

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dates and Fish. After being a Sea 10 days, we fell in with one of the Honble Company's Cruizers, which took charge of the Syrang Sepoys and Lascars, and I returned on the Bulloach Boat to Porebunder.-

The following is the fate of the late Derria Doulut's Crew.-

	Syrang	Sepoys	Lascars	Pilot	Grand Total
Killed	"	7	10	"	17
Saved, now on board of the H. C. Cruizer Sylph	1	5	1	"	7
D° taken to Rajpood Khyma	"	2	6	"	8
D° returned to Porebunder	"	"	"	1	1
Total	1	14	17	1	33

(A true translate)

(Signed) C. M. Elwood

Agent to Government,

Resolution

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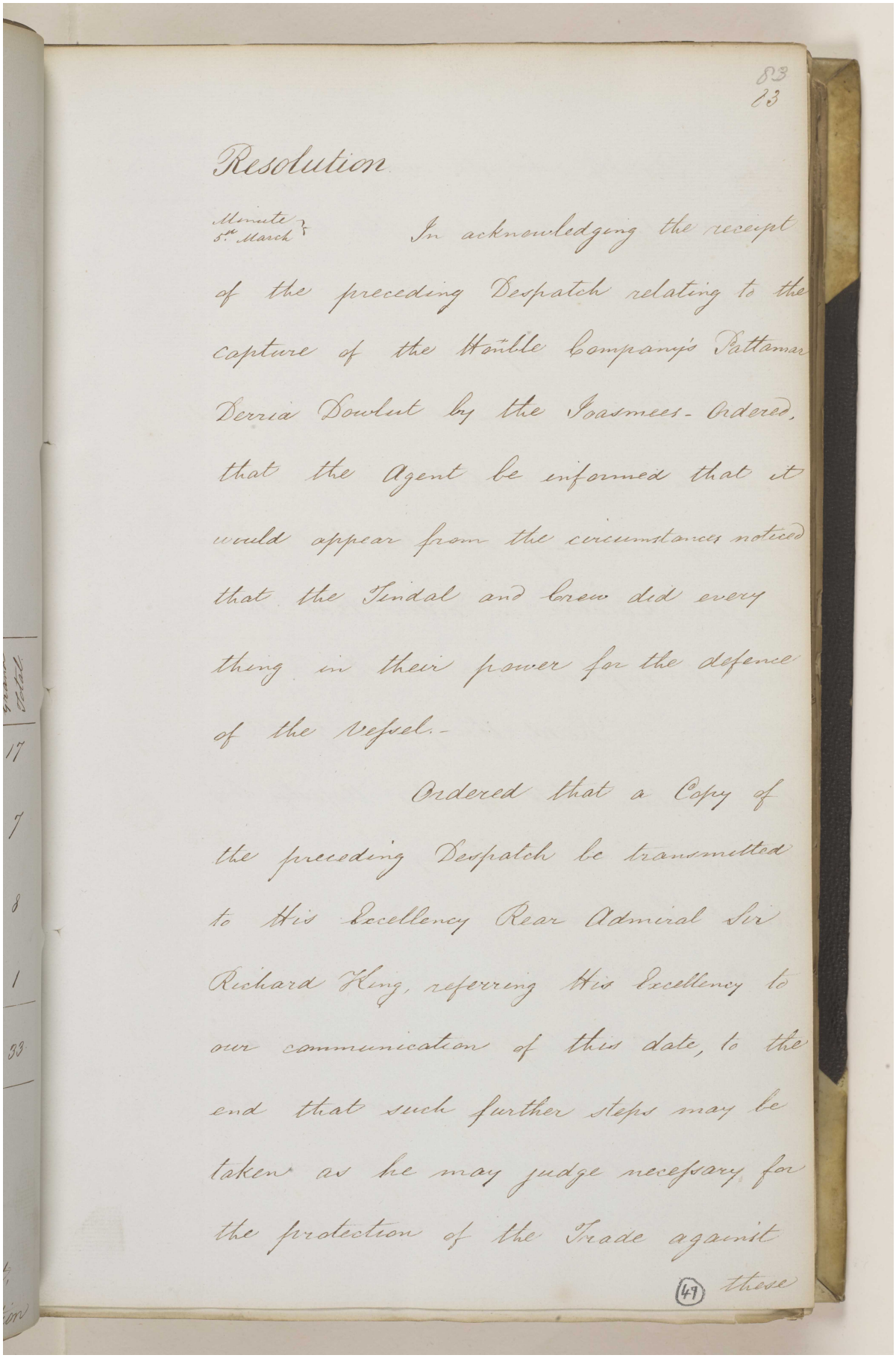

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Resolution

Minute 5th March

In acknowledging the receipt of the preceding Despatch relating to the capture of the Honble Company's Pattamar Derria Dowlut by the Joasmees - Ordered, that the Agent be informed that it would appear from the circumstances noticed that the Tindal and Crew did every thing in their power for the defence of the Vessel -

Ordered that a Copy of the preceding Despatch be transmitted to His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Richard King, referring His Excellency to our communication of this date, to the end that such further steps may be taken as he may judge necessary for the protection of the Trade against

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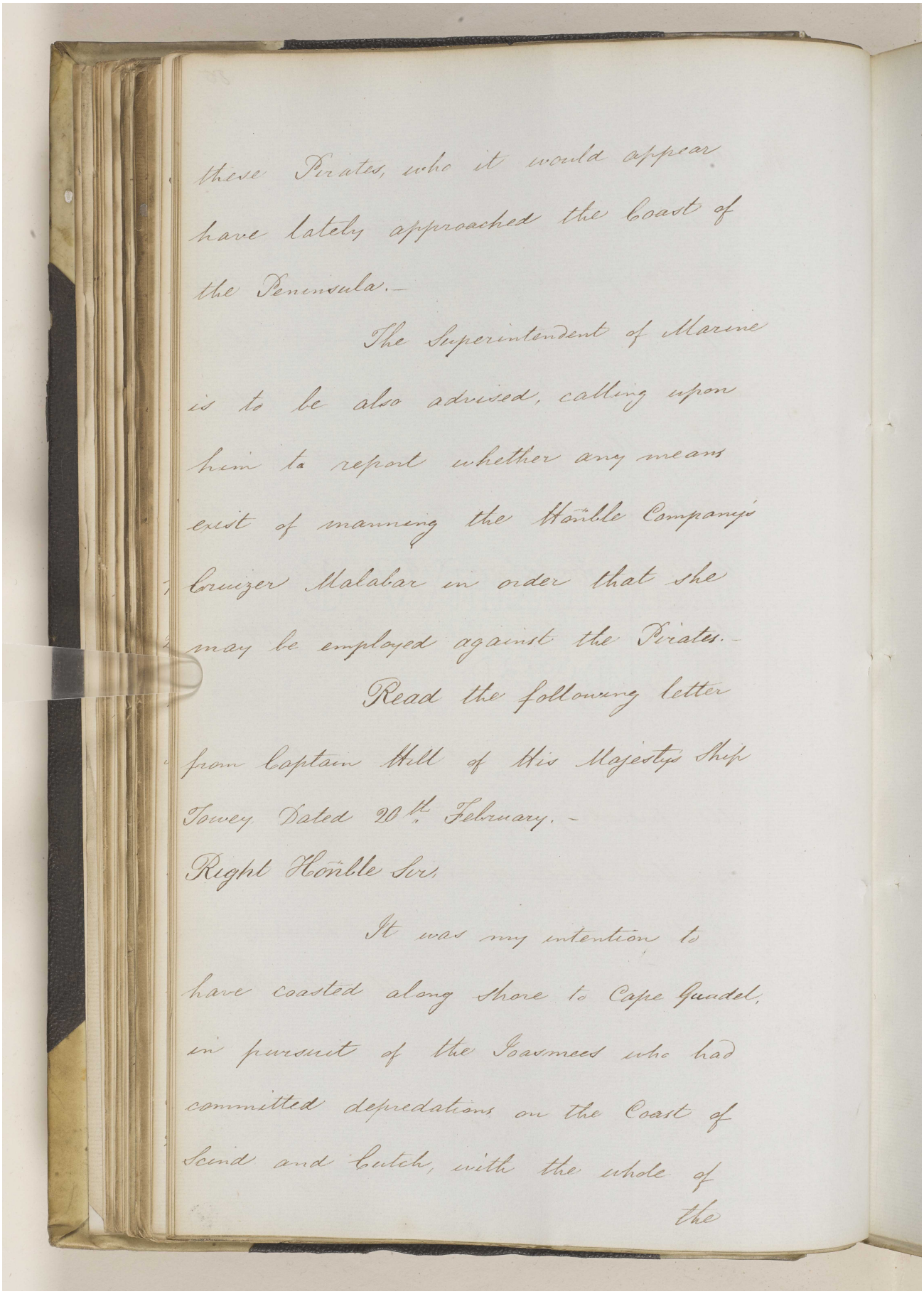

these Pirates, who it would appear have lately approached the Coast of the Peninsula.-

The Superintendent of Marine is to be also advised, calling upon him to report whether any means exist of manning the Honble Company's Cruizer Malabar in order that she may be employed against the Pirates.-

Read the following letter from Captain Hill of His Majestys Ship Towey Dated 20th. February.-

Right Honble Sir,

It was my intention to have coasted along shore to Cape Guadel, in pursuit of the Joasmees who had committed depredations on the Coast of Scind and Cutch, with the whole of the

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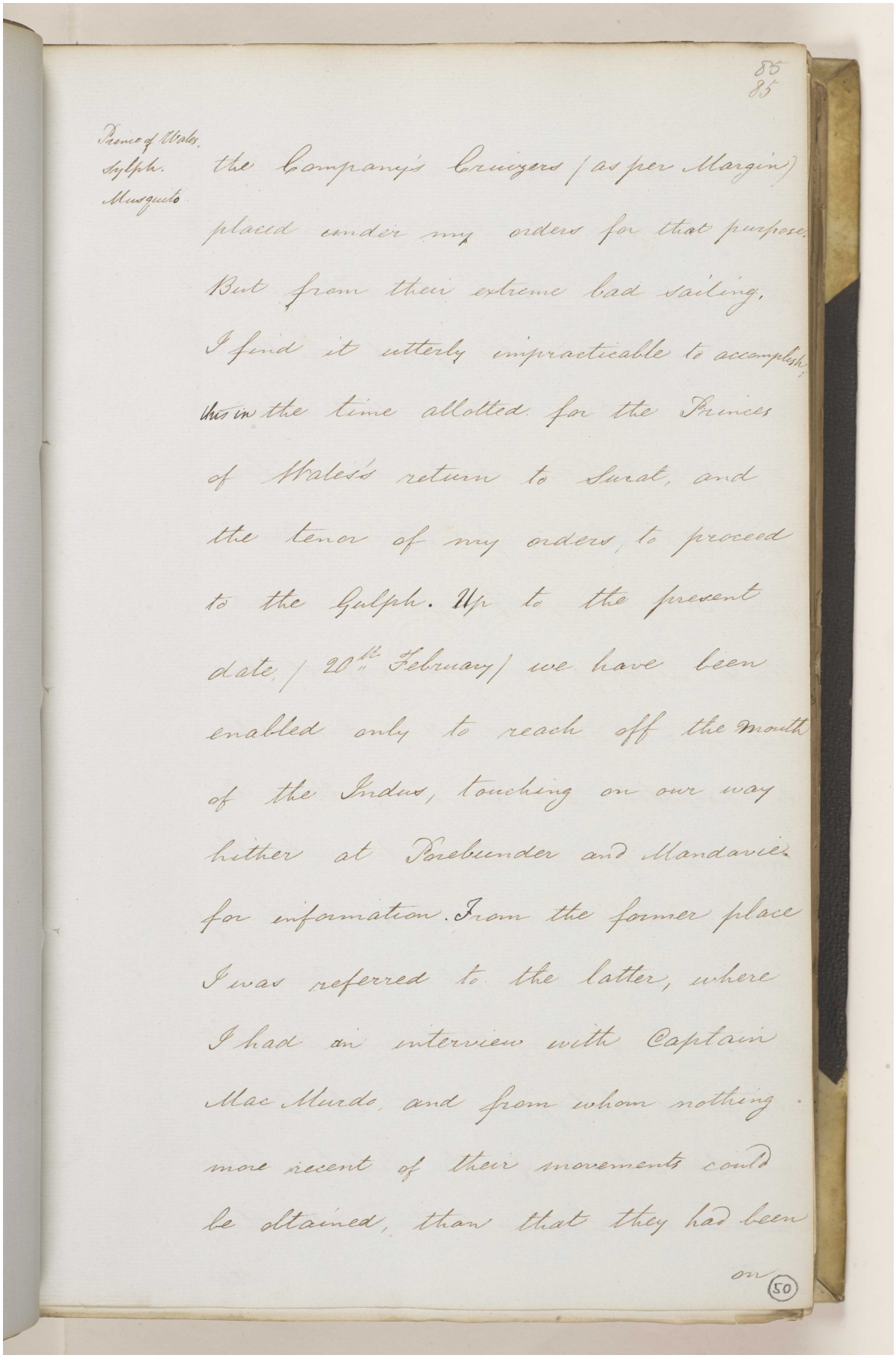

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Prince of Wales.
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the Company's Cruizers (as per Margin) placed under my orders for that purpose. But from their extreme bad sailing, I find it utterly impracticable to accomplish this in the time allotted for the Prince of Wales's return to Surat, and the tenor of my orders, to proceed to the Gulph. Up to the present date (20th February) we have been enabled only to reach off the mouth of the Indus, touching on our way hither at Prebunder and Mandavie for information. From the former place I was referred to the latter, where I had an interview with Captain Mac Murdo, and from whom nothing more recent of their movements could be obtained, than that they had been

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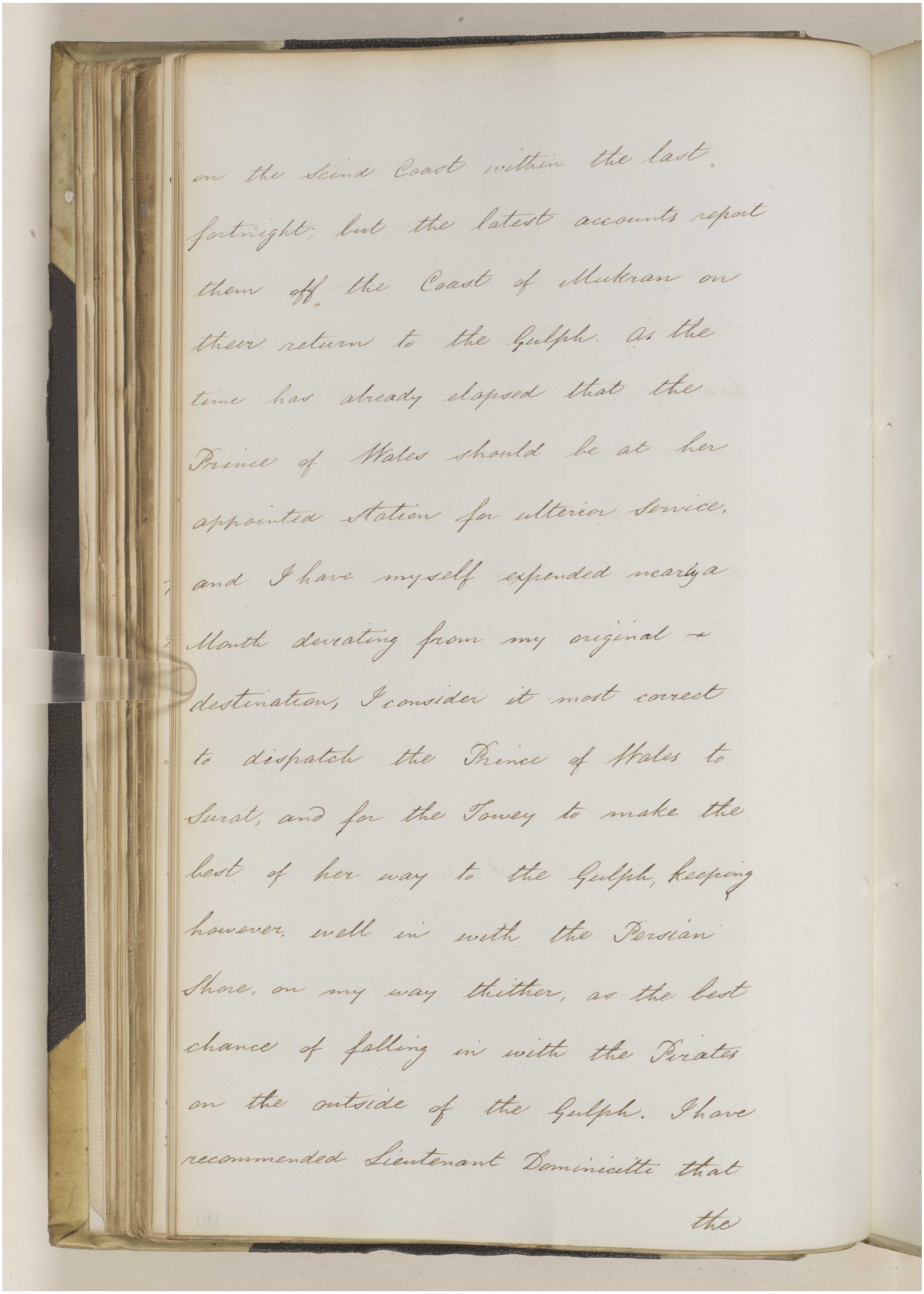
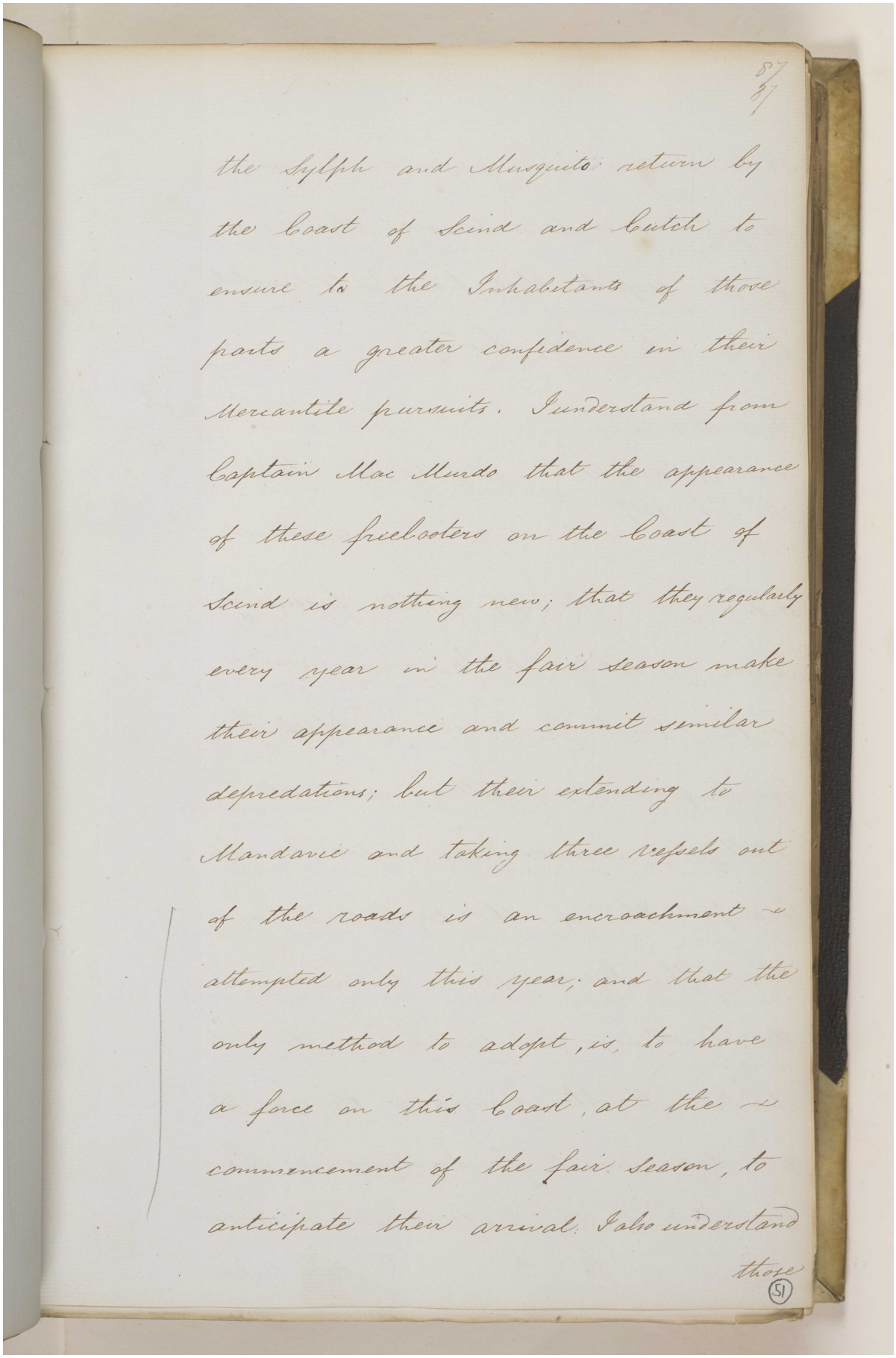


on the Scind Coast within the last
fortnight; but the latest accounts repot
them off the Coast of Mukran on
their return to the Gulph. As the
time has already elapsed that the
Prince of Wales should be at her
appointed Station for ulterior Service,
and I have myself expended nearly a
Month deviating from my original
destination, I consider it most correct
to dispatch the Prince of Wales to
Surat, and for the Towey to make the
best of her way to the Gulph, keeping
however, well in with the Persian
Shore, on my way thither, as the best
chance of falling in with the Pirates
on the outside of the Gulph. I have
recommended Lieutenant Dominicetti that
the



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the Sylph and Musquito return by
the Coast of Scind and Cutch to
ensure to the Inhabitants of those
parts a greater confidence in their
Mercantile pursuits. I understand from
Captain Mac Murdo that the appearance
of these freebooters on the Coast of
Scind is nothing new; that they regularly
every year in the fair season make
their appearance and commit similar
depredations; but their extending to
Mandavie and taking three vessels out
of the roads is an encroachment ~
attempted only this year; and that the
only method to adopt, is, to have
a force on this Coast, at the ~
commencement of the fair season, to
anticipate their arrival. I also understand
those

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those Savages have pursued the same sanguinary System towards the Crews of the Vessels that have unfortunately fallen into their hands.-

I have &c.a

H. Ms Ship Tweed
at Sea off the Indus
20th Feby 1817

(Signed) Wm. Hall
Captain.

Minute 5th March

A copy of the preceding letter is ordered to be communicated to the Naval Commander in Chief for his information, together with the intelligence received from Messrs Remington, Crawford &Co. of the capture of a Ship off Pigeon Island, intimating to His Excellency that we have not one of the Honble Company's Cruizers at our command to be employed in the protection of the trade, except the small

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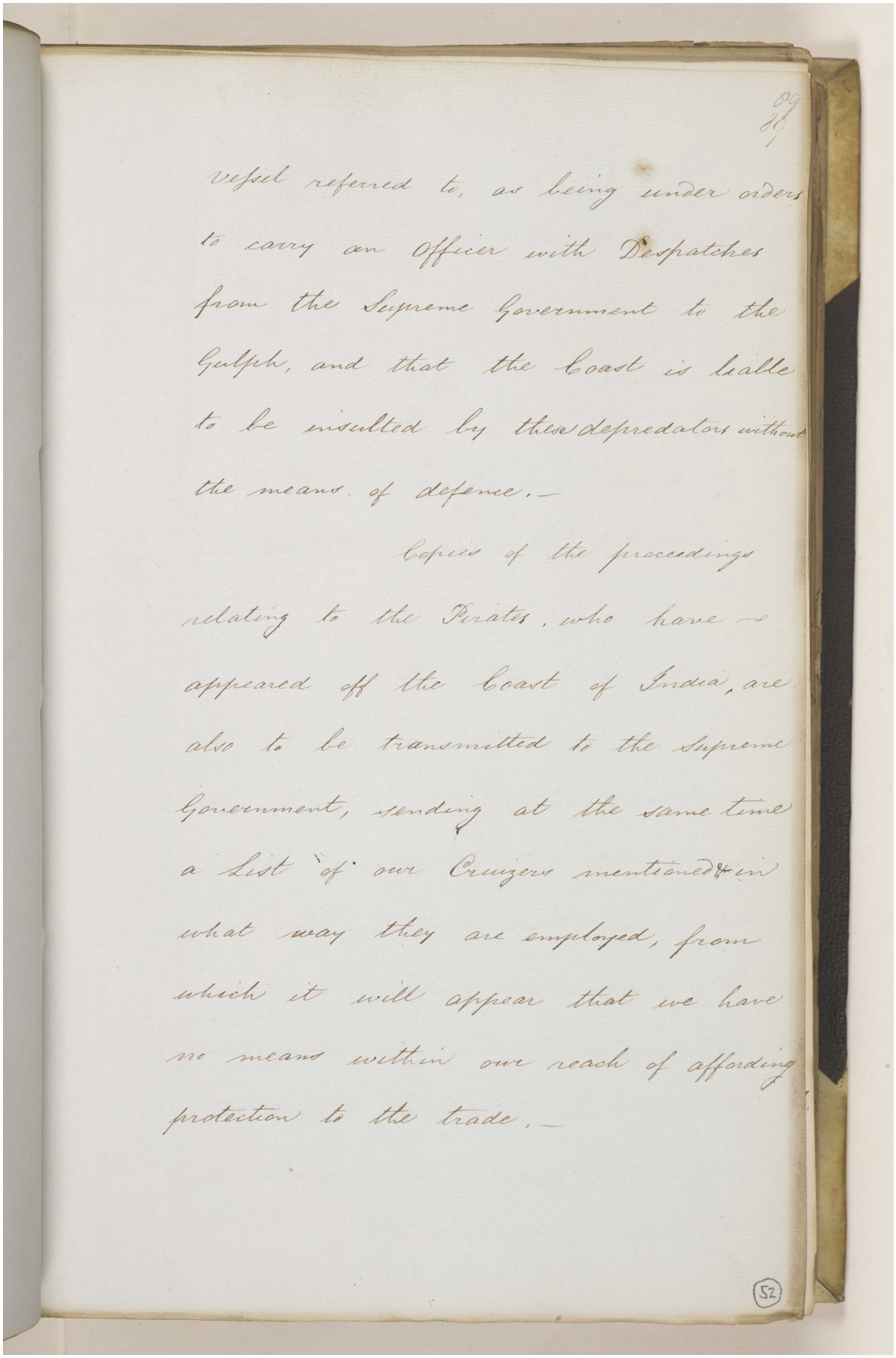

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vessel referred to, as being under orders to carry an Officer with Despatches from the Supreme Government to the Gulph, and that the Coast is liable to be insulted by these depredators without the means of defence.—

Copies of the proceedings relating to the Pirates, who have appeared off the Coast of India, are also to be transmitted to the Supreme Government, sending at the same time a List of our Cruizers mentioned & in what way they are employed, from which it will appear that we have no means within our reach of affording protection to the trade.—

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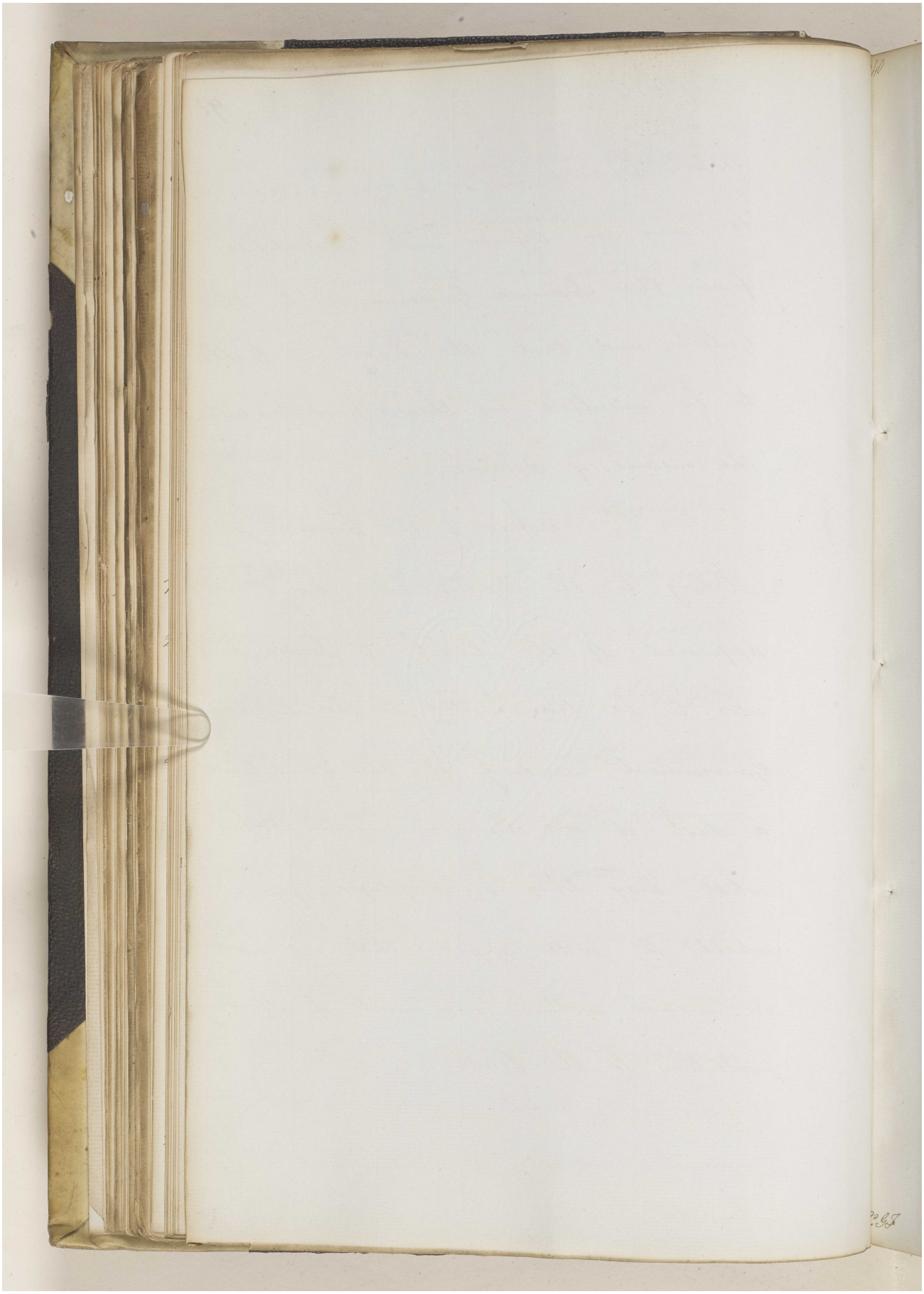

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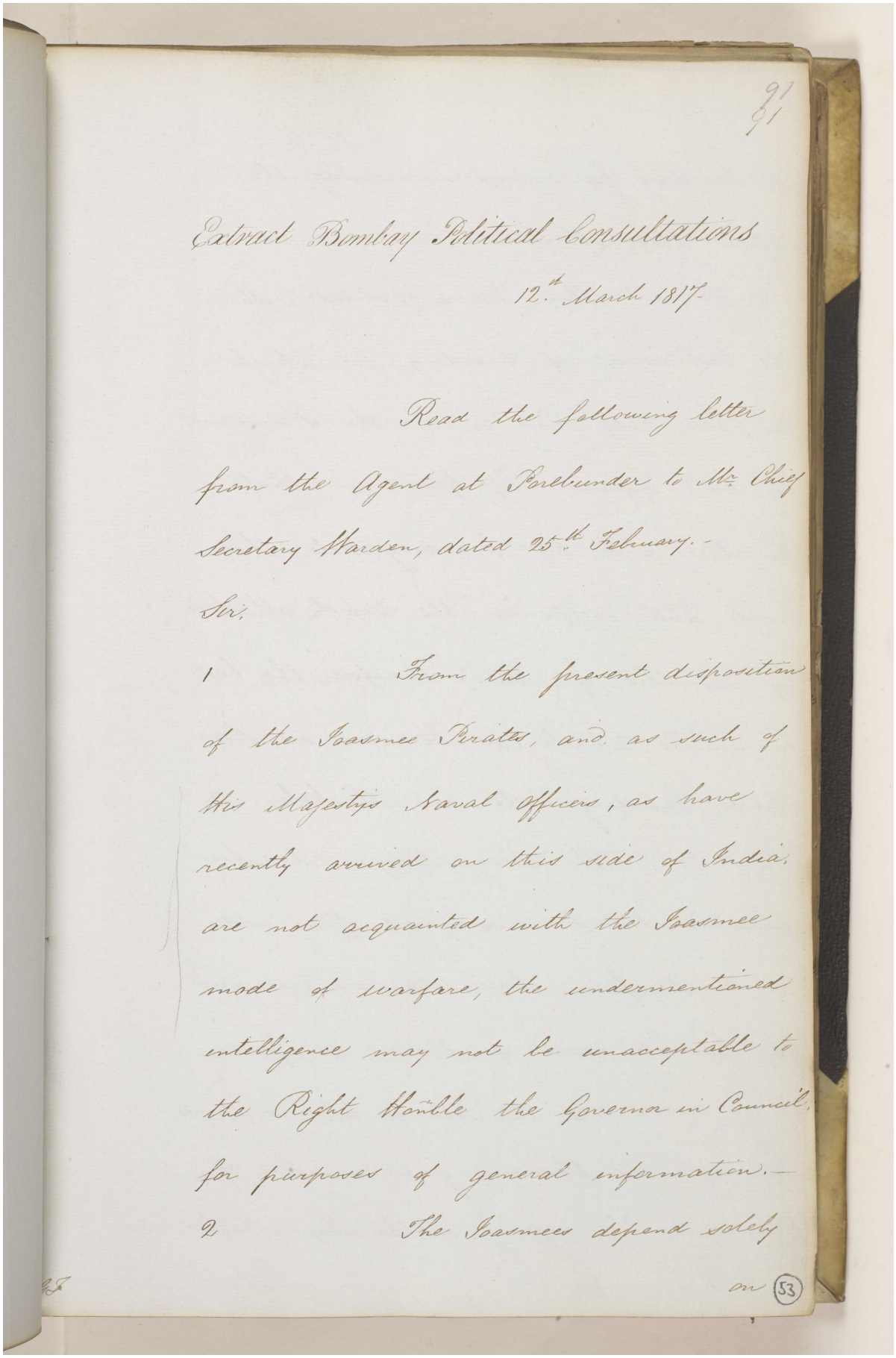

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

12th March 1817

Read the following letter from the Agent at Porebunder to Mr. Chief Secretary Warden, dated 25th February.-

Sir,

1 From the present disposition of the Joasmee Pirates, and as such of His Majestys Naval Officers, as have recently arrived on this side of India, are not acquainted with the Joasmee mode of warfare, the undermentioned intelligence may not be unacceptable to the Right Honble the Governor in Council, for purposes of general information.—

2 The Joasmees depend solely

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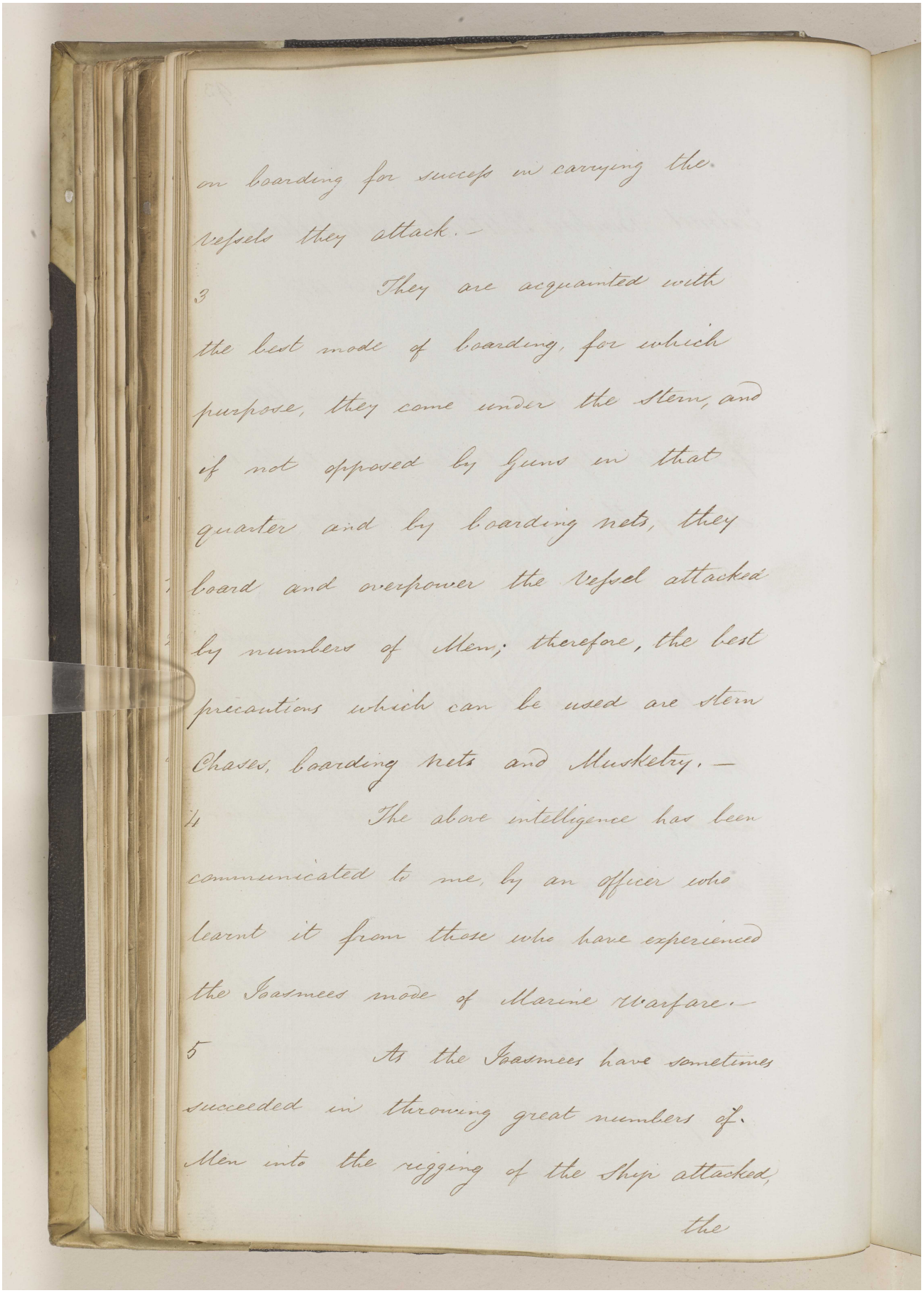

on boarding for success in carrying the
vessels they attack. —

3 They are acquainted with
the best mode of boarding, for which
purpose, they come under the Stern, and
if not opposed by Guns in that
quarter and by boarding nets, they
board and overpower the Vessel attacked
by numbers of Men; therefore, the best
precautions which can be used are Stern
Chases, boarding nets and Musketry. —

4 The above intelligence has been
communicated to me, by an officer who
learnt it from those who have experienced
the Joasmees mode of Marine Warfare. —

5 As the Joasmees have sometimes
succeeded in throwing great numbers of
Men into the rigging of the Ship attacked,
the

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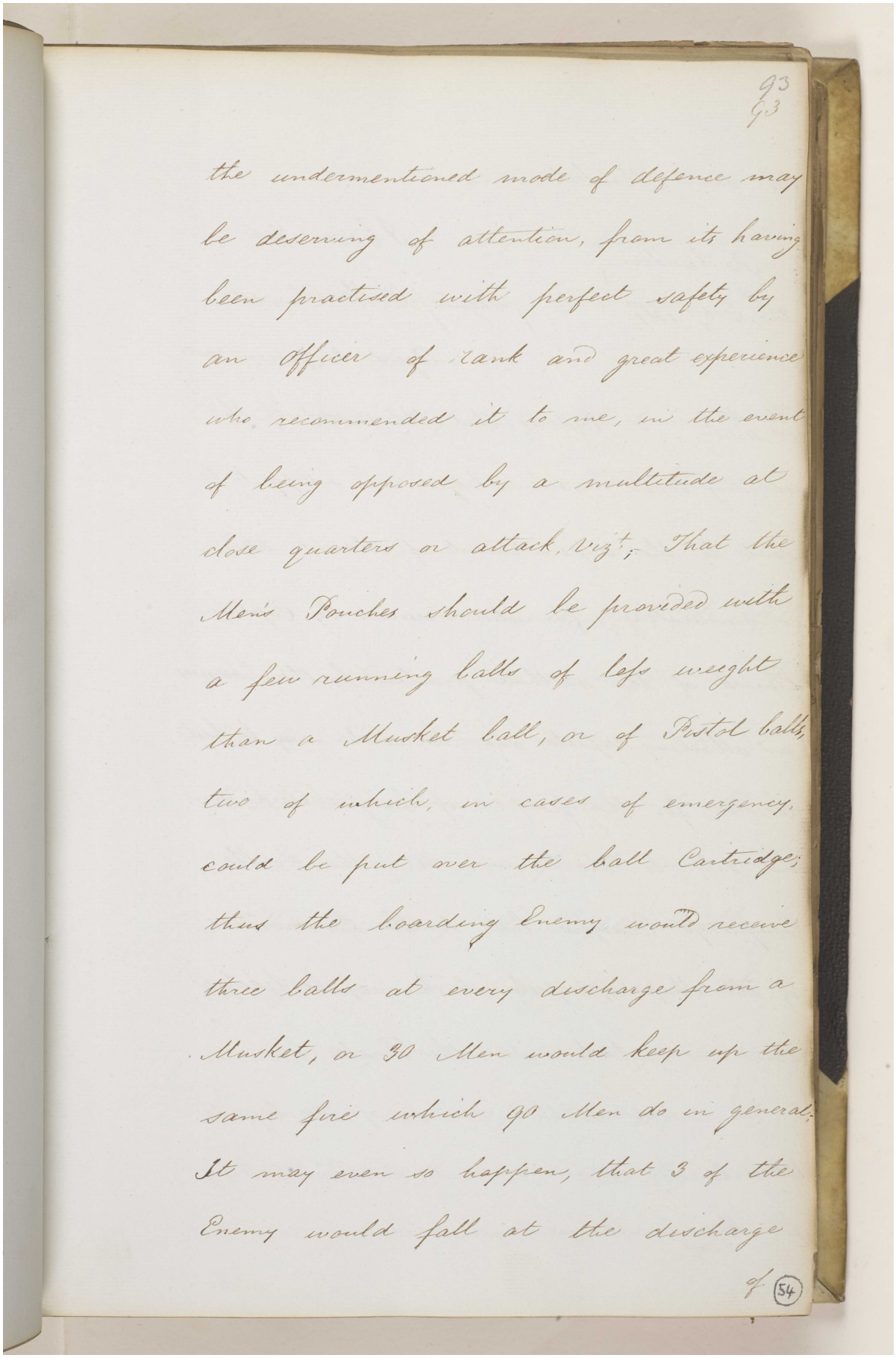

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the undermentioned mode of defence may be deserving of attention, from its having been practised with perfect safety by an Officer of rank and great experience who recommended it to me, in the event of being opposed by a multitude at close quarters or attack, Viz^t; That the Men's Pouches should be provided with a few running balls of less weight than a Musket ball, or of Pistol balls, two of which, in cases of emergency, could be put over the ball Cartridge; thus the boarding Enemy would receive three balls at every discharge from a Musket, or 30 Men would keep up the same fire which 90 Men do in general; It may even so happen, that 3 of the Enemy would fall at the discharge

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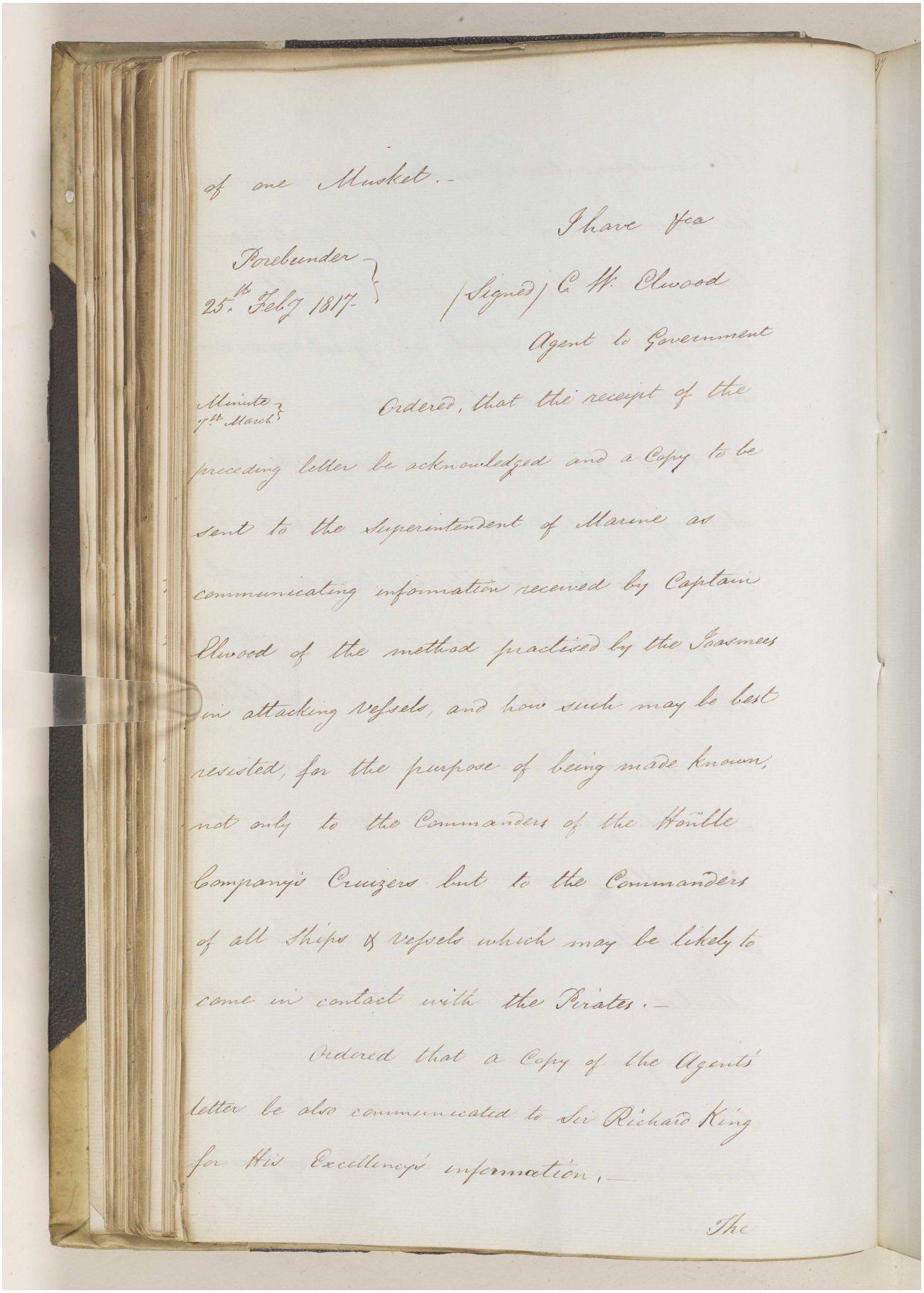

of one Musket.-

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Porebunder
25th Feby 1817-

(Signed) C. W. Elwood
Agent to Government

Minute
7th March

Ordered, that the receipt of the preceding letter be acknowledged and a Copy to be sent to the Superintendent of Marine as communicating information received by Captain Elwood of the method practised by the Joasmees in attacking vessels, and how such may be best resisted, for the purpose of being made known, not only to the Commanders of the Honble Company's Cruizers but to the Commanders of all Ships & vessels which may be likely to come in contact with the Pirates.-

Ordered that a Copy of the Agent's letter be also communicated to Sir Richard King for His Excellency's information.-

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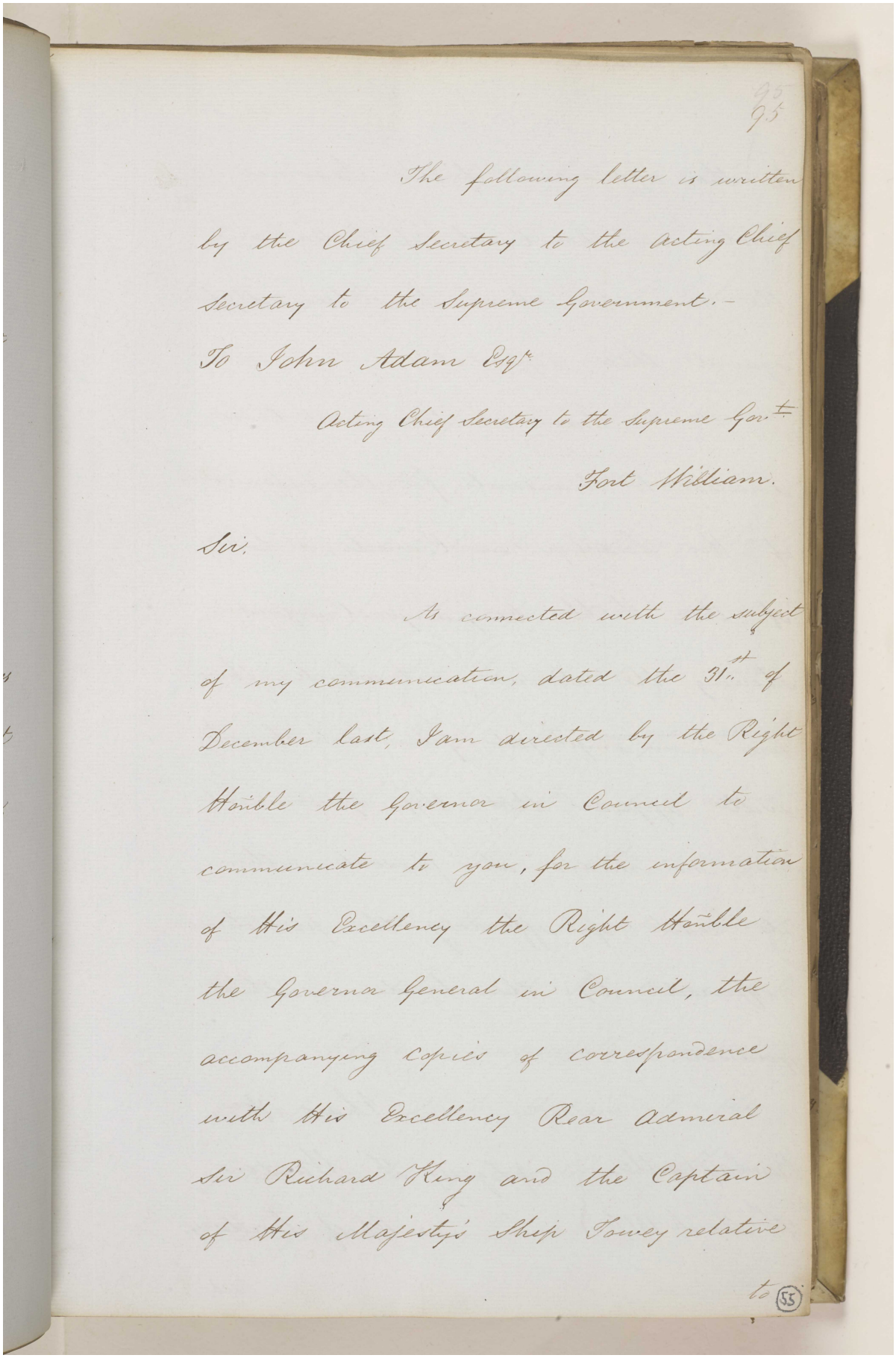

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The following letter is written by the Chief Secretary to the acting Chief Secretary to the Supreme Government.-

To John Adam Esq.r

Acting Chief Secretary to the Supreme Gov.t

Fort William.

Sir.

As connected with the subject of my communication, dated the 31.st of December last, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to communicate to you, for the information of His Excellency the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, the accompanying Copies of correspondence with His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Richard King and the Captain of His Majesty's Ship Dowey relative

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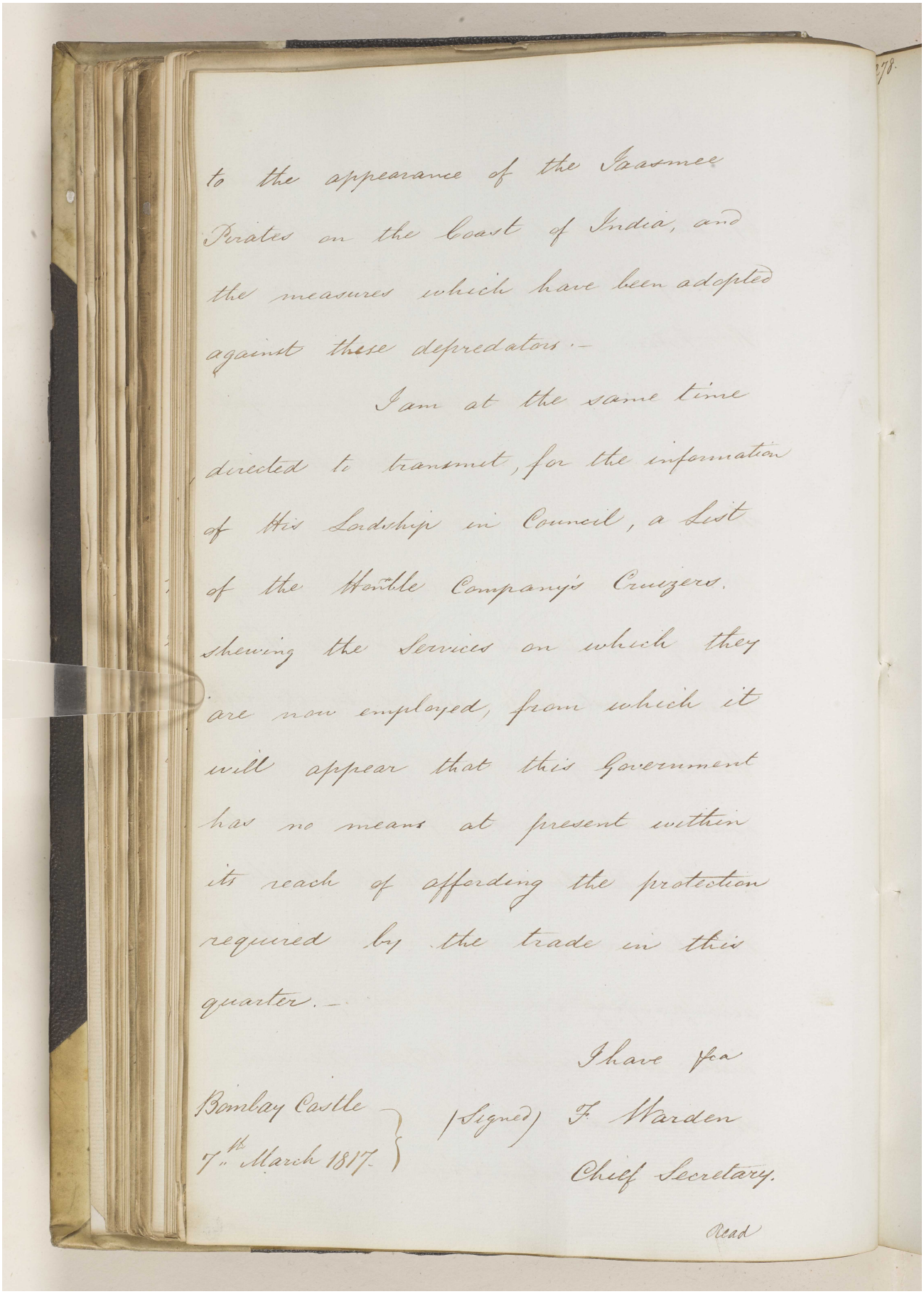

to the appearance of the Joasmee Pirates on the Coast of India, and the measures which have been adopted against these depredators.—

I am at the same time directed to transmit, for the information of His Lordship in Council, a List of the Honble Company's Cruizers, shewing the Services on which they are now employed, from which it will appear that this Government has no means at present within its reach of affording the protection required by the trade in this quarter.—

I have &c.a

Bombay Castle
7th March 1817.

(Signed) F. Warden
Chief Secretary.

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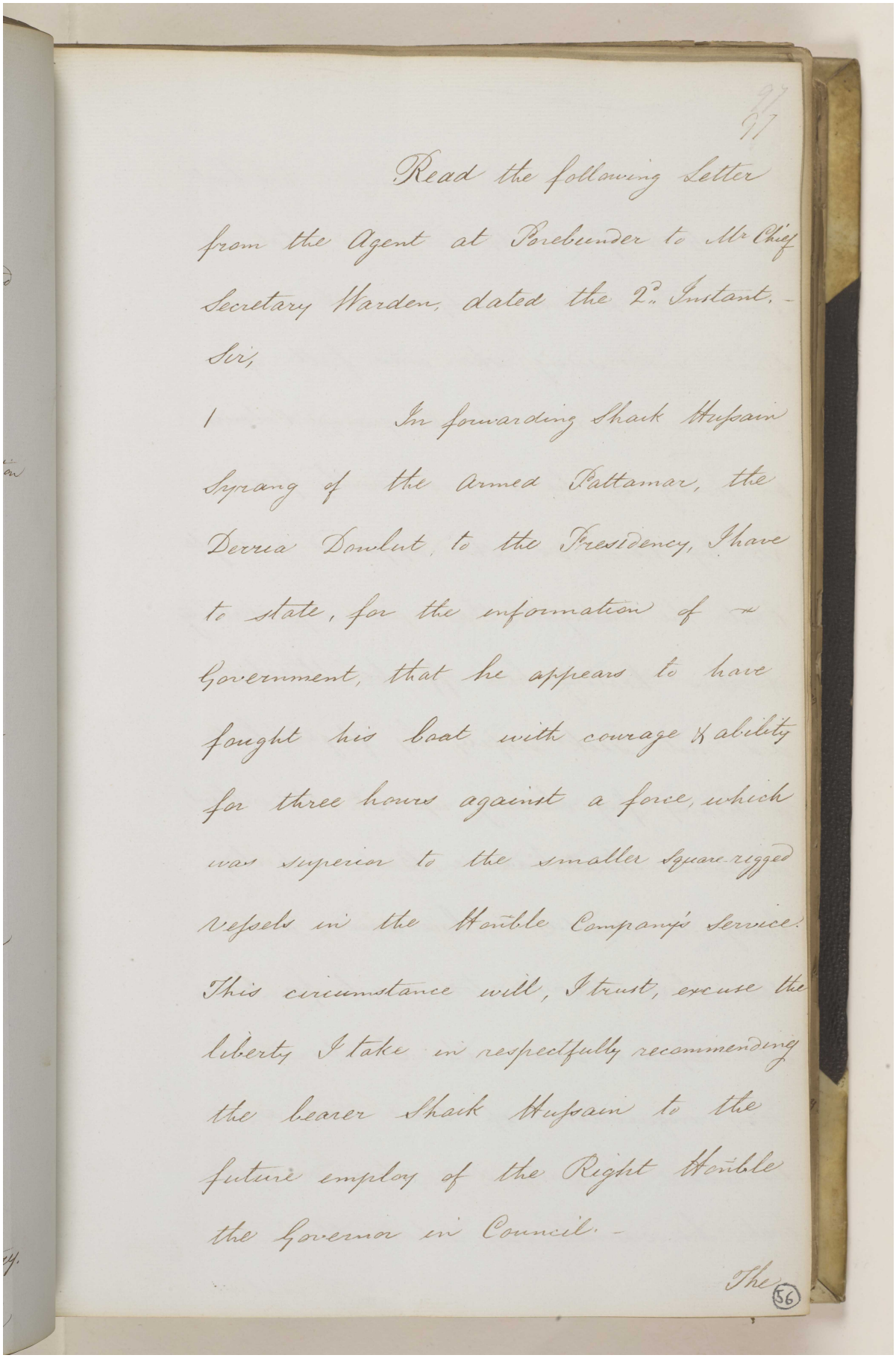

Read the following Letter from the Agent at Bushire to Mr Chief Secretary Warden, dated the 2d. Instant. -

Sir,

I In forwarding Shaik Hussain Syrang of the armed Pattamar, the Derria Dowlut, to the Presidency, I have to state, for the information of Government, that he appears to have fought his boat with courage & ability for three hours against a force, which was superior to the smaller Square-rigged Vessels in the Honble Company's Service. This circumstance will, I trust, excuse the liberty I take in respectfully recommending the bearer Shaik Hussain to the future employ of the Right Honble the Governor in Council. -

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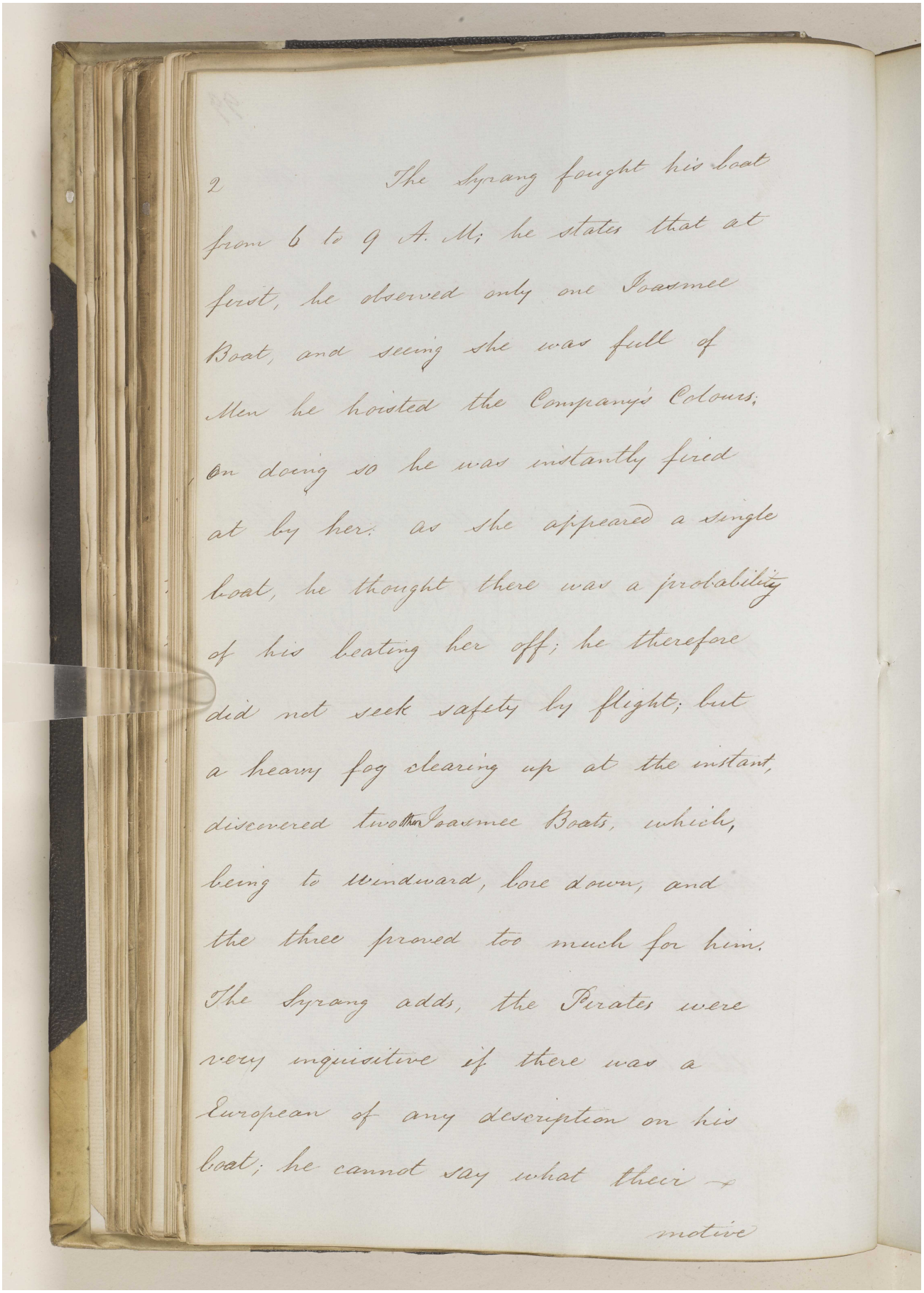

2 The Syrang fought his boat from 6 to 9 A. M; he states that at first, he observed only one Joasmee Boat, and seeing she was full of Men he hoisted the Company's Colours; on doing so he was instantly fired at by her: as she appeared a single boat, he thought there was a probability of his beating her off; he therefore did not seek safety by flight; but a heavy fog clearing up at the instant, discovered two other Joasmee Boats, which, being to windward, bore down, and the three proved too much for him. The Syrang adds, the Pirates were very inquisitive if there was a European of any description on his boat; he cannot say what their motive

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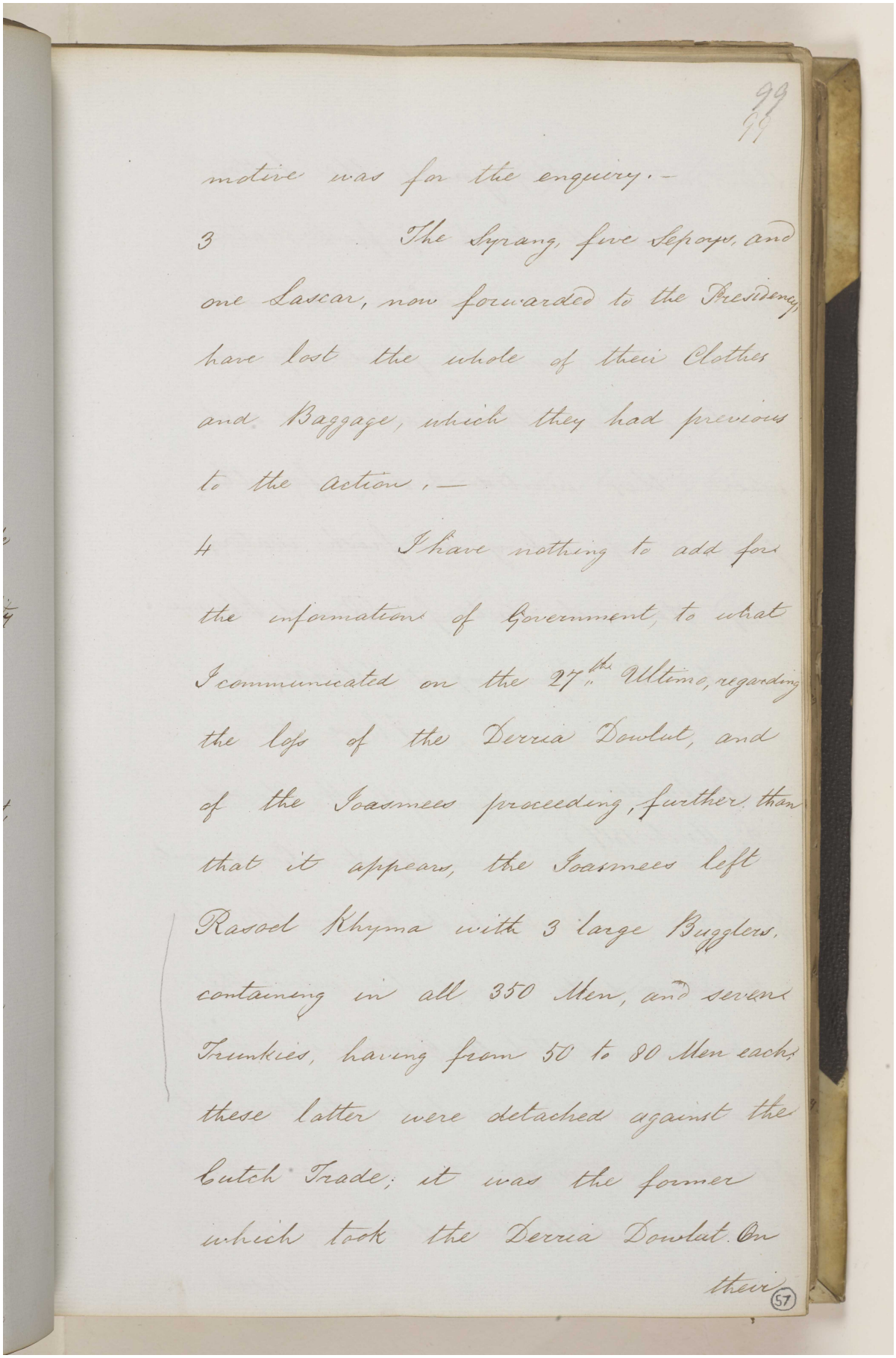

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motive was for the enquiry.—

3 The Syrang, five Sepoys, and one Lascar, now forwarded to the Presidency, have lost the whole of their Clothes and Baggage, which they had previous to the action.—

4 I have nothing to add for the information of Government, to what I communicated on the 27th. Ultimo, regarding the loss of the Derria Dowlut, and of the Joasmees proceeding, further than that it appears, the Joasmees left Rasool Khyma with 3 large Buggles, containing in all 350 Men, and seven Trunkies, having from 50 to 80 Men each; these latter were detached against the Dutch Trade; it was the former which took the Derria Dowlut. On their

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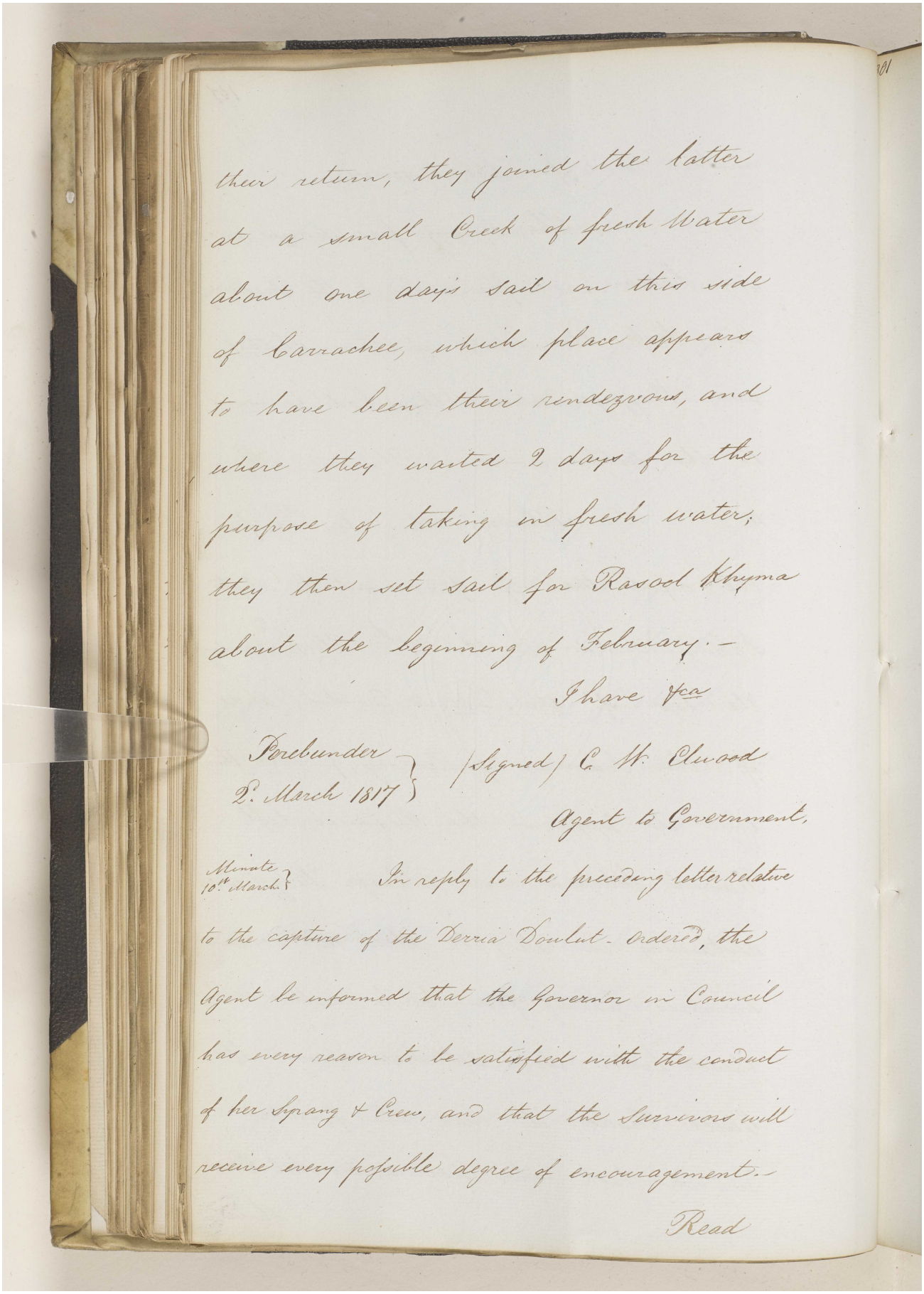

their return, they joined the latter at a small Creek of fresh Water about one day's sail on this side of Carrachee, which place appears to have been their rendezvous, and where they waited 2 days for the purpose of taking in fresh water; they then set sail for Rasool Khyma about the beginning of February.—

I have &ca

Porebunder
2d March 1817

(Signed) C. W. Elwood
Agent to Government,

Minute
10th March

In reply to the preceding letter relative to the capture of the Derria Doulut - ordered, the Agent be informed that the Governor in Council has every reason to be satisfied with the conduct of her Syrang & Crew, and that the Survivors will receive every possible degree of encouragement.—

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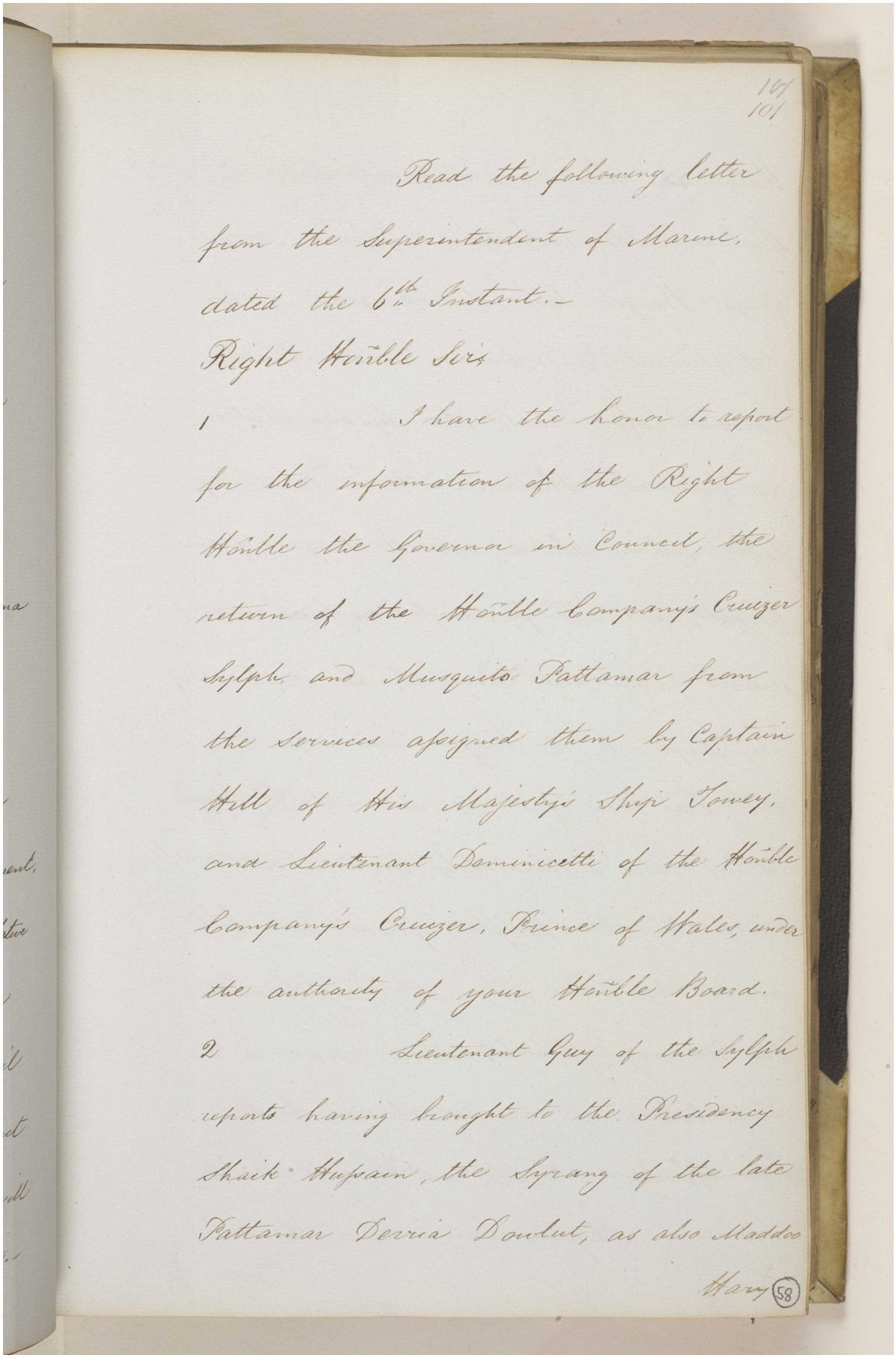

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Read the following letter
from the Superintendent of Marine,
dated the 6th Instant.—

Right Honble Sirs

1 I have the honor to report
for the information of the Right
Honble the Governor in Council, the
return of the Honble Company's Cruizer
Sylph, and Musquito Pattamar from
the Services assigned them by Captain
Hall of His Majesty's Ship Towey,
and Lieutenant Dominicetti of the Honble
Company's Cruizer, Prince of Wales, under
the authority of your Honble Board.

2 Lieutenant Guy of the Sylph
reports having brought to the Presidency
Shaik Hupain, the Syrang of the late
Pattamar Derria Doulut, as also Maddoo

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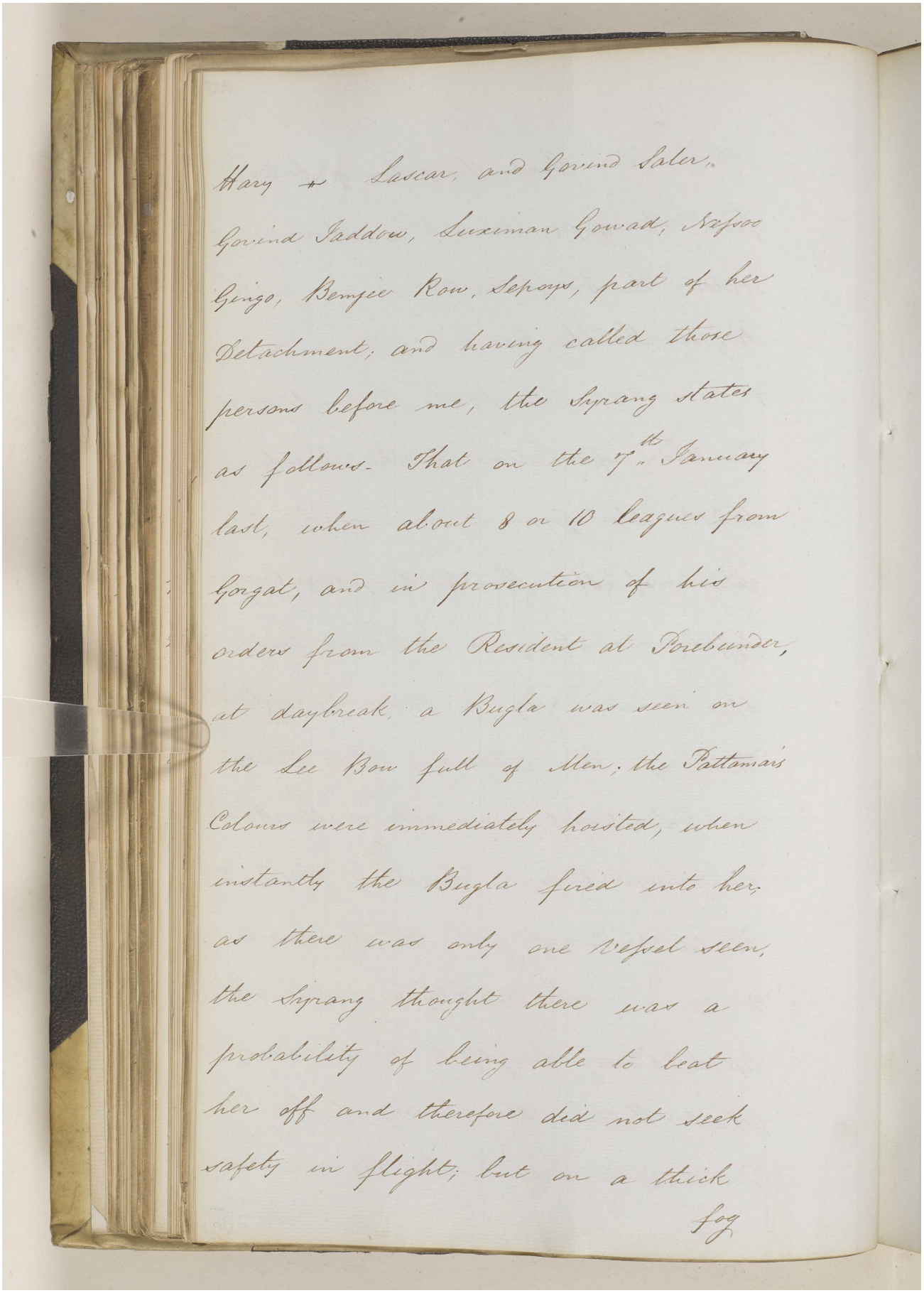

Hary + Lascar, and Govind Saler,
Govind Jaddow, Luximan Gowad, Nefsoo
Gingo, Bengie Row, Sepoys, part of her
Detachment; and having called those
persons before me, the Syrang states
as follows- That on the 7th. January
last, when about 8 or 10 leagues from
Gorgat, and in prosecution of his
orders from the Resident at Porebunder,
at daybreak a Bugla was seen on
the Lee Bow full of Men; the Pattamar's
Colours were immediately hoisted, when
instantly the Bugla fired into her.
as there was only one Vessel seen,
the Syrang thought there was a
probability of being able to beat
her off and therefore did not seek
safety in flight; but on a thick
fog

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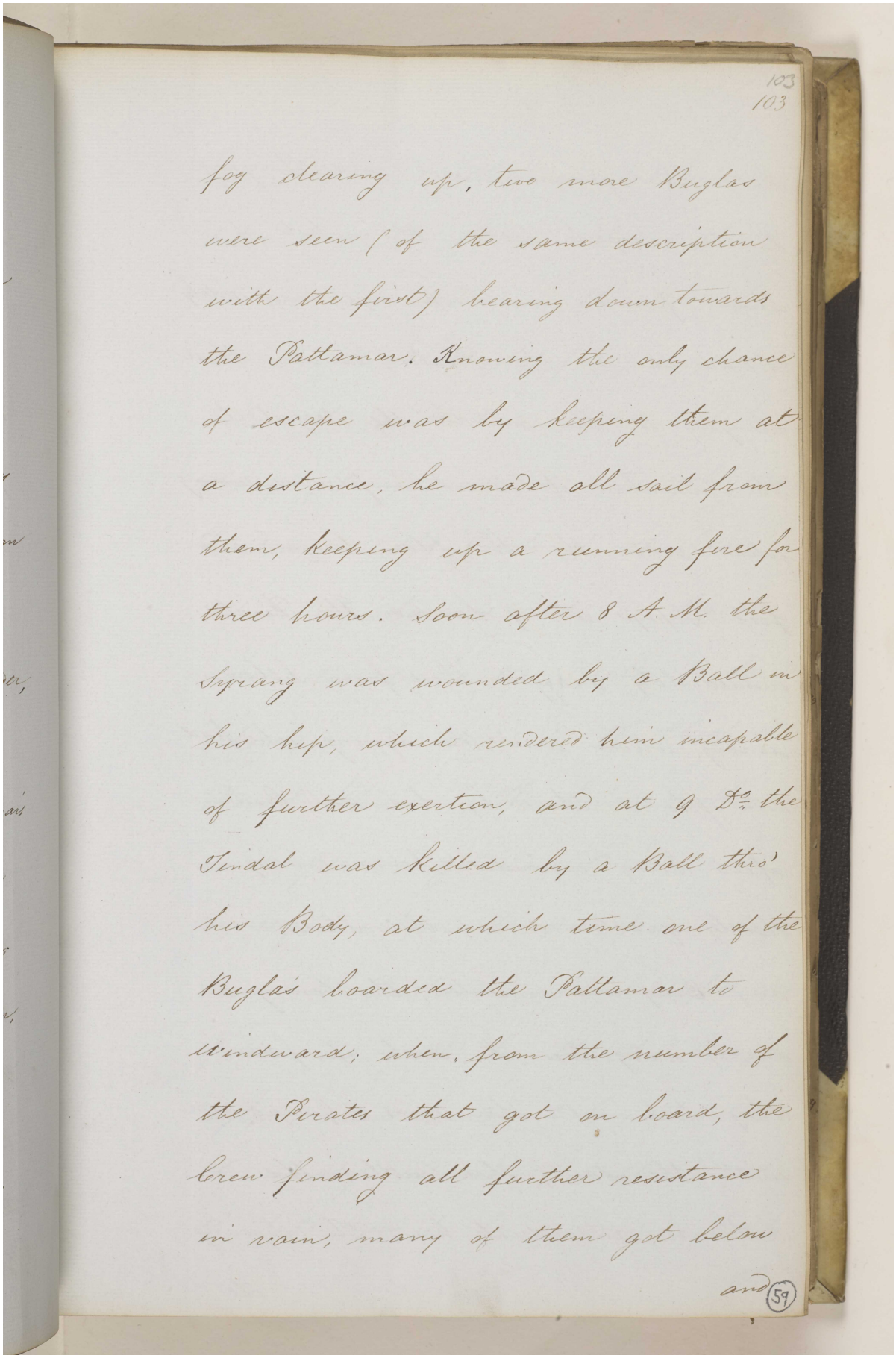

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fog clearing up, two more Buglas were seen (of the same description with the first) bearing down towards the Pattamar. Knowing the only chance of escape was by keeping them at a distance, he made all sail from them, keeping up a running fire for three hours. Soon after 8 A.M. the Syrang was wounded by a Ball in his hip, which rendered him incapable of further exertion, and at 9 Dº the Tindal was killed by a Ball thro' his Body, at which time one of the Buglas boarded the Pattamar to windward, when, from the number of the Pirates that got on board, the Crew finding all further resistance in vain, many of them got below

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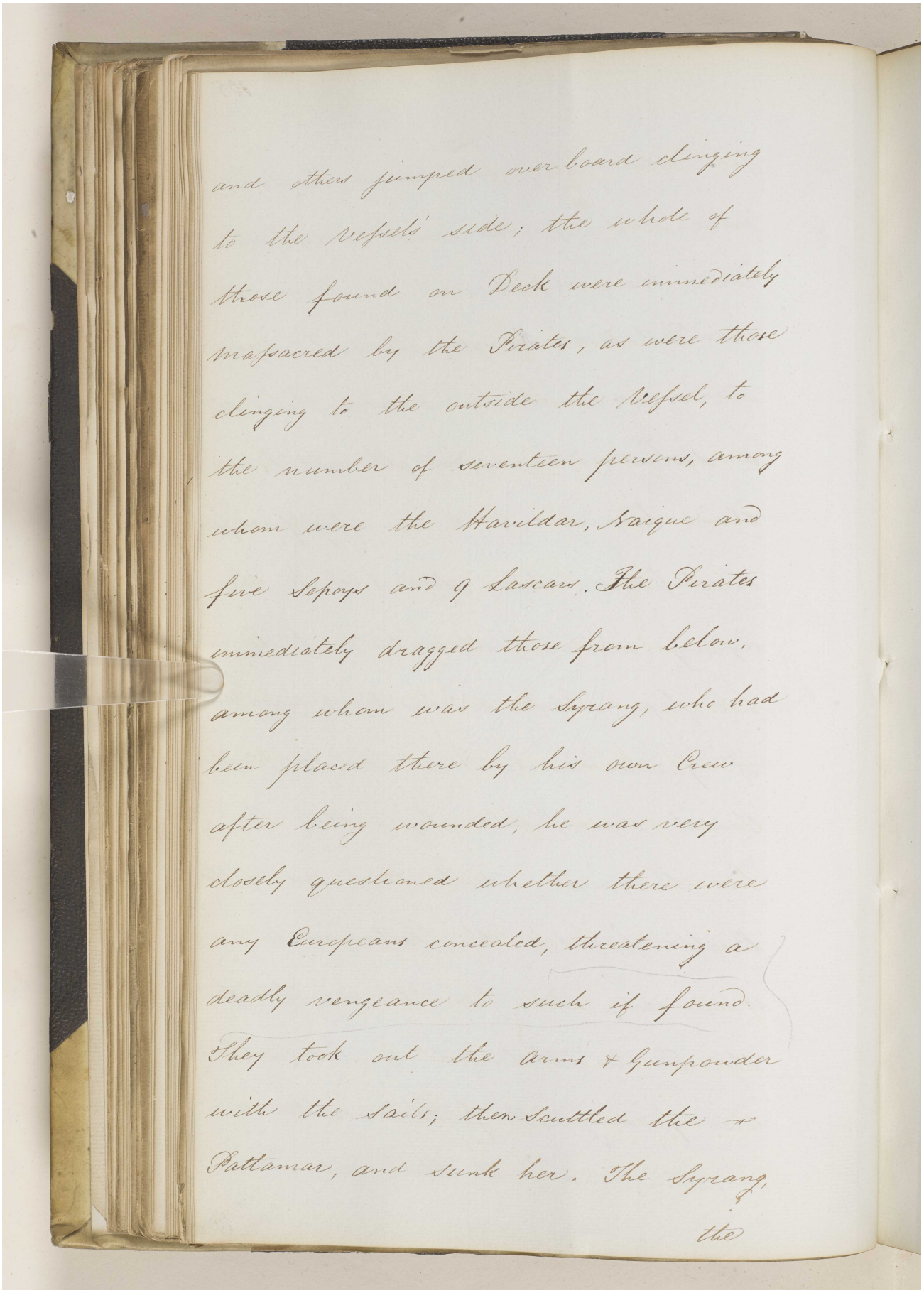

and others jumped over board clinging
to the Vessels side; the whole of
those found on Deck were immediately
massacred by the Pirates, as were those
clinging to the outside the Vessel, to
the number of seventeen persons, among
whom were the Havildar, Naique and
five Sepoys and 9 Lascars. The Pirates
immediately dragged those from below,
among whom was the Syrang, who had
been placed there by his own Crew
after being wounded; he was very
closely questioned whether there were
any Europeans concealed, threatening a
deadly vengeance to such if found.
They took out the arms & Gunpowder
with the Sails; then Scuttled the
Pattamar, and sunk her. The Syrang,
the

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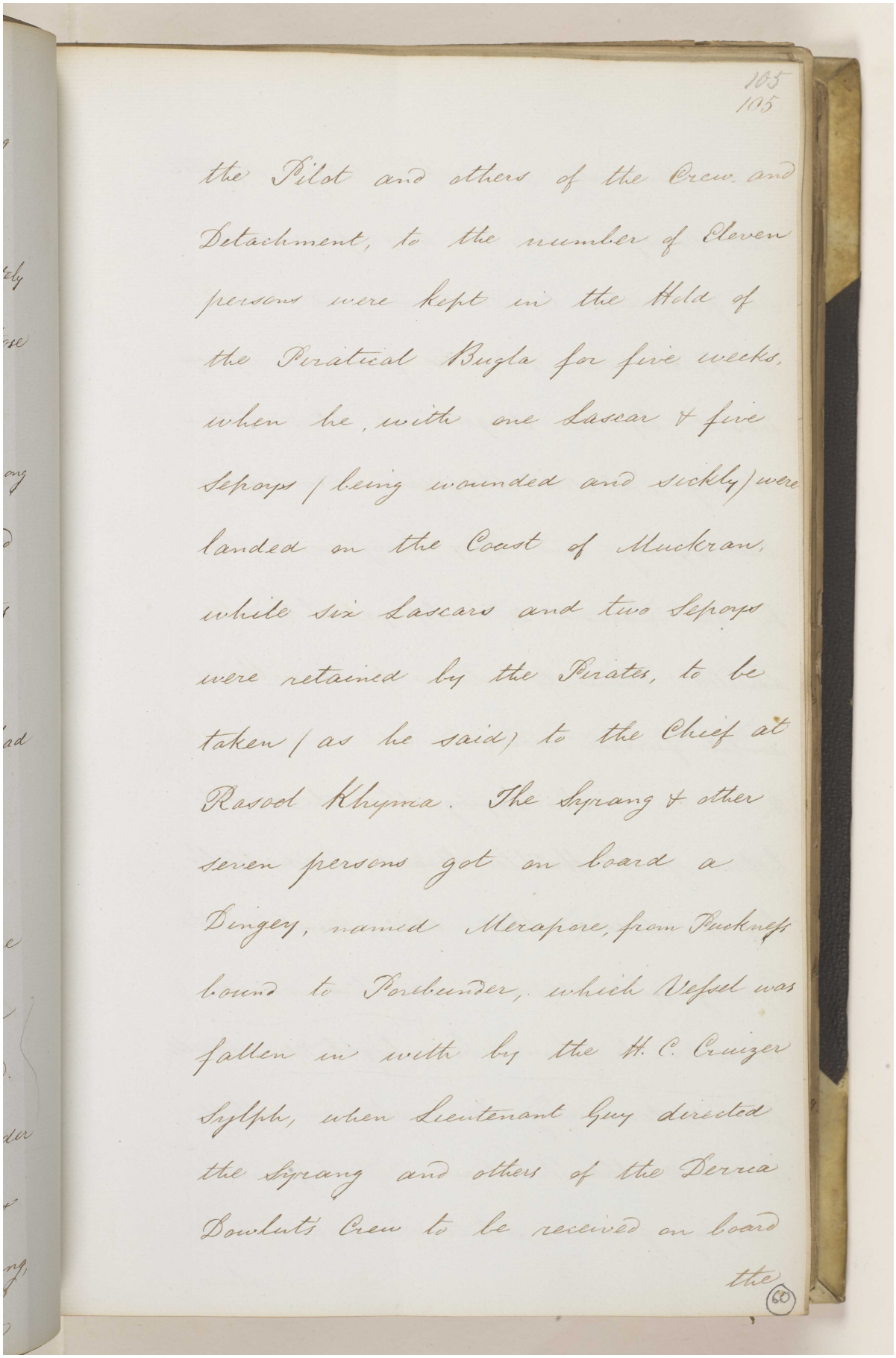

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the Pilot and others of the Crew and Detachment, to the number of Eleven persons were kept in the Hold of the Piratical Bugla for five weeks, when he, with one Lascar & five Sepoys (being wounded and sickly) were landed on the Coast of Muckran, while six Lascars and two Sepoys were retained by the Pirates, to be taken (as he said) to the Chief at Rasod Khyma. The Syrang & other seven persons got on board a Dingey, named Merapore, from Puckness bound to Porbunder, which Vessel was fallen in with by the H. C. Cruizer Sylph, when Lieutenant Guy directed the Syrang and others of the Derria Doulut's Crew to be received on board the

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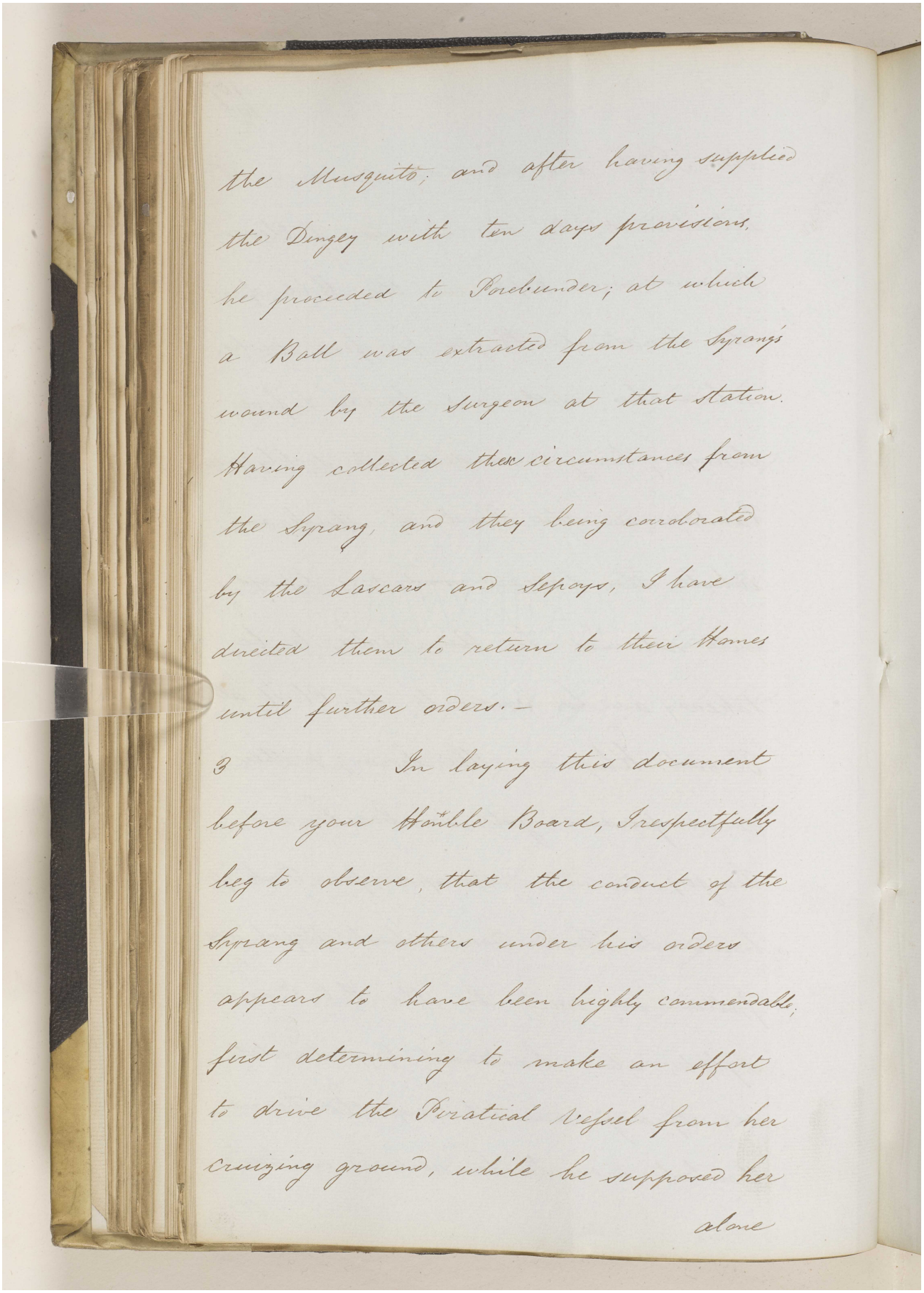

the Musquito; and after having supplied
the Dingey with ten days provisions,
he proceeded to Porbunder; at which
a Ball was extracted from the Syrang's
wound by the Surgeon at that Station.
Having collected these circumstances from
the Syrang, and they being corroborated
by the Lascars and Sepoys, I have
directed them to return to their Homes
until further orders.—

9 In laying this document
before your Honble Board, I respectfully
beg to observe, that the conduct of the
Syrang and others under his orders
appears to have been highly commendable,
first determining to make an effort
to drive the Piratical Vessel from her
cruizing ground, while he supposed her
alone

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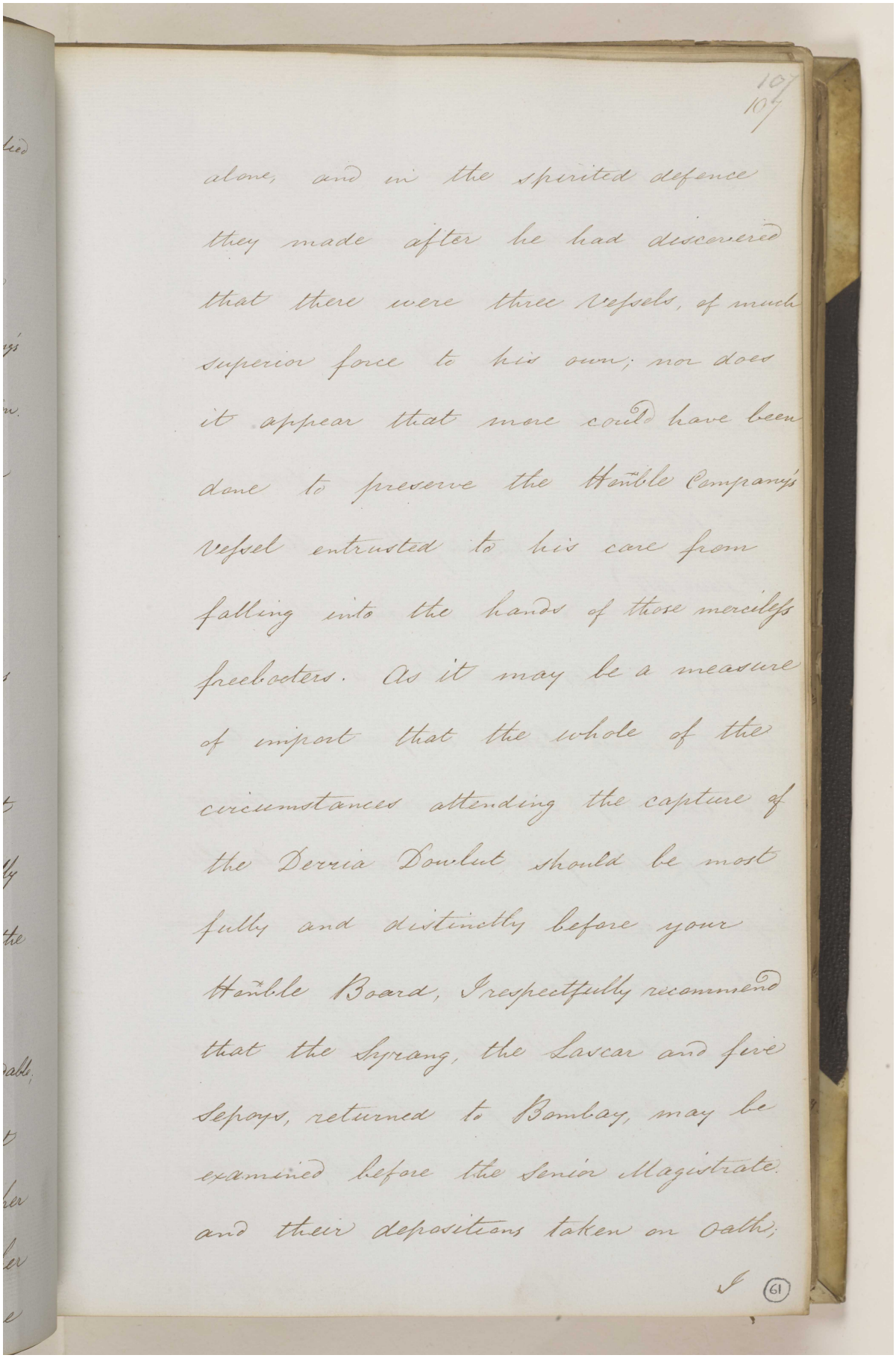

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alone, and in the spirited defence they made after he had discovered that there were three vessels, of much superior force to his own; nor does it appear that more could have been done to preserve the Honble Company's vessel entrusted to his care from falling into the hands of those merciless freebooters. As it may be a measure of import that the whole of the circumstances attending the capture of the Derria Doulut should be most fully and distinctly before your Honble Board, I respectfully recommend that the Syrang, the Lascar and five Sepoys, returned to Bombay, may be examined before the Senior Magistrate and their depositions taken on oath;

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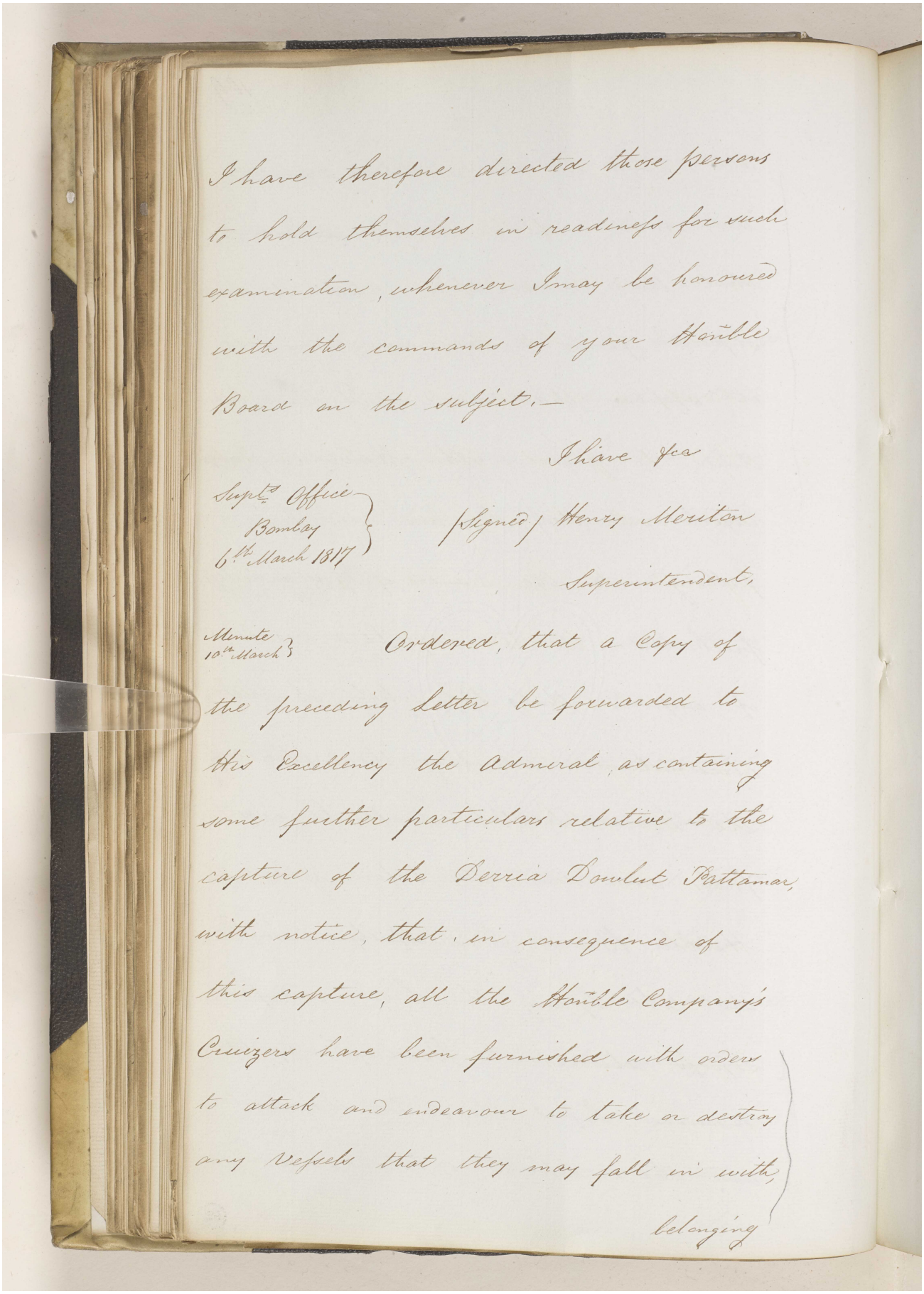

I have therefore directed those persons to hold themselves in readiness for such examination, whenever I may be honoured with the commands of your Honble Board on the subject.—

I have &c.a

Sept.r Office
Bombay
6.th March 1817

/Signed/ Henry Meriton
Superintendent,

Minute
10.th March

Ordered, that a Copy of the preceding Letter be forwarded to His Excellency the Admiral, as containing some further particulars relative to the capture of the Derria Doulut Pattamar, with notice, that in consequence of this capture, all the Honble Company's Cruizers have been furnished with orders to attack and endeavour to take or destroy any Vessels that they may fall in with, belonging

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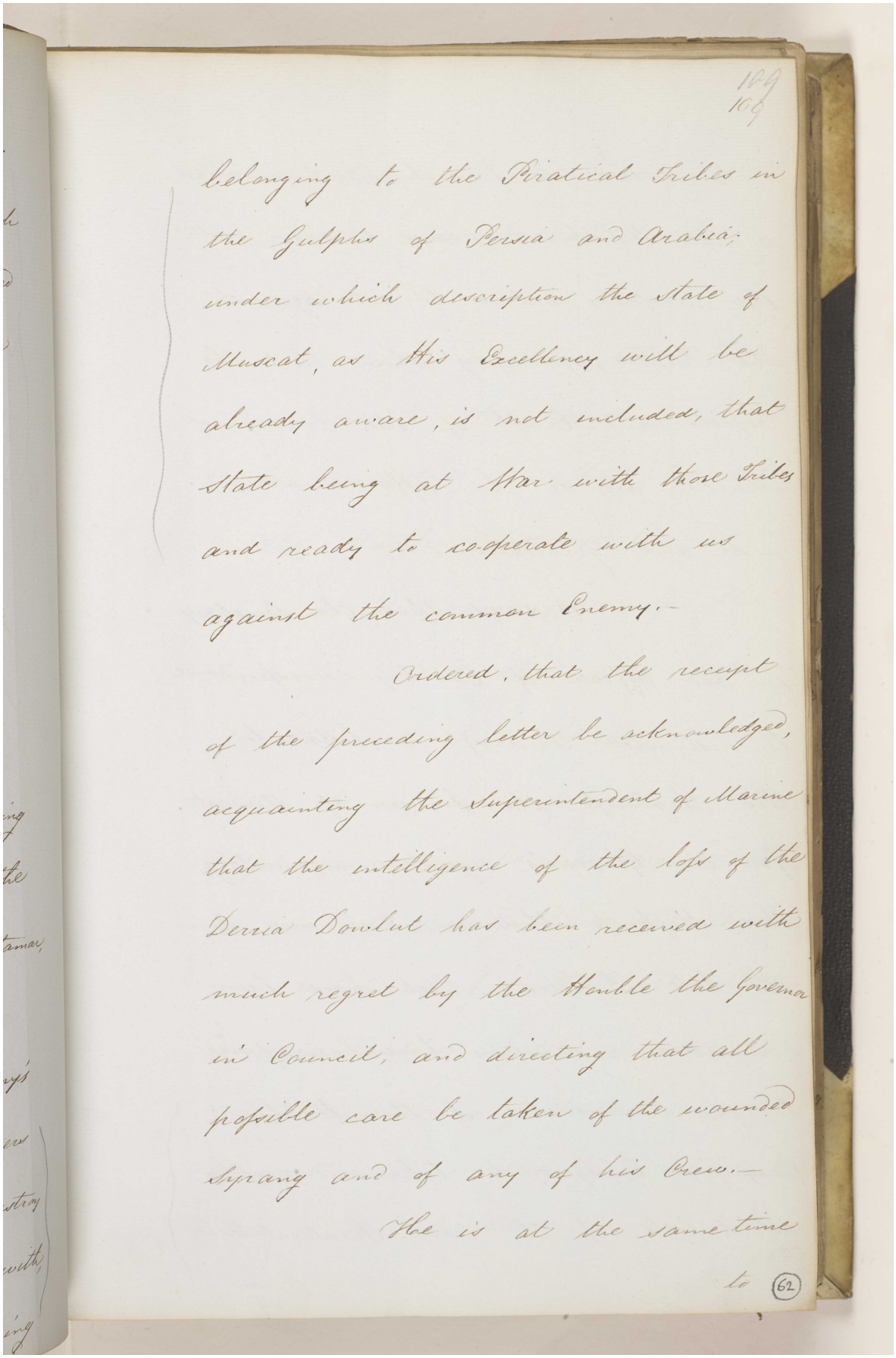

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belonging to the Piratical Tribes in the Gulphs of Persia and Arabia; under which description the State of Muscat, as His Excellency will be already aware, is not included, that State being at War with those Tribes and ready to co-operate with us against the common Enemy.-

Ordered, that the receipt of the preceding letter be acknowledged, acquainting the Superintendent of Marine that the intelligence of the loss of the Derria Dowlut has been received with much regret by the Honble the Governor in Council, and directing that all possible care be taken of the wounded Syrang and of any of his Crew.-

He is at the same time

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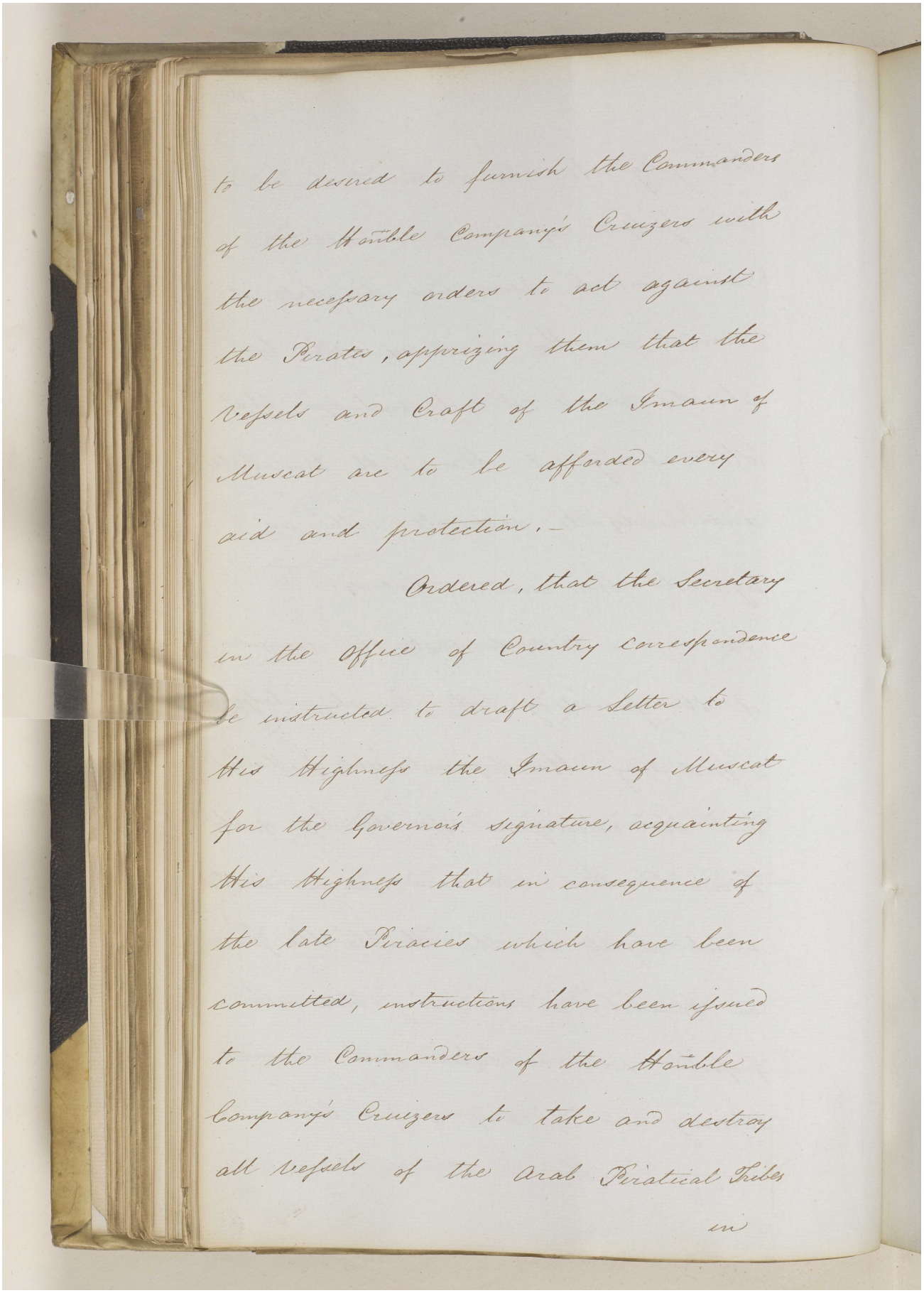

to be desired to furnish the Commanders of the Honble Company's Cruizers with the necessary orders to act against the Pirates, apprizing them that the Vessels and Craft of the Imaum of Muscat are to be afforded every aid and protection.-

Ordered, that the Secretary in the Office of Country Correspondence be instructed to draft a Letter to His Highness the Imaum of Muscat for the Governor's signature, acquainting His Highness that in consequence of the late Piracies which have been committed, instructions have been issued to the Commanders of the Honble Company's Cruizers to take and destroy all Vessels of the Arab Piratical Tribes

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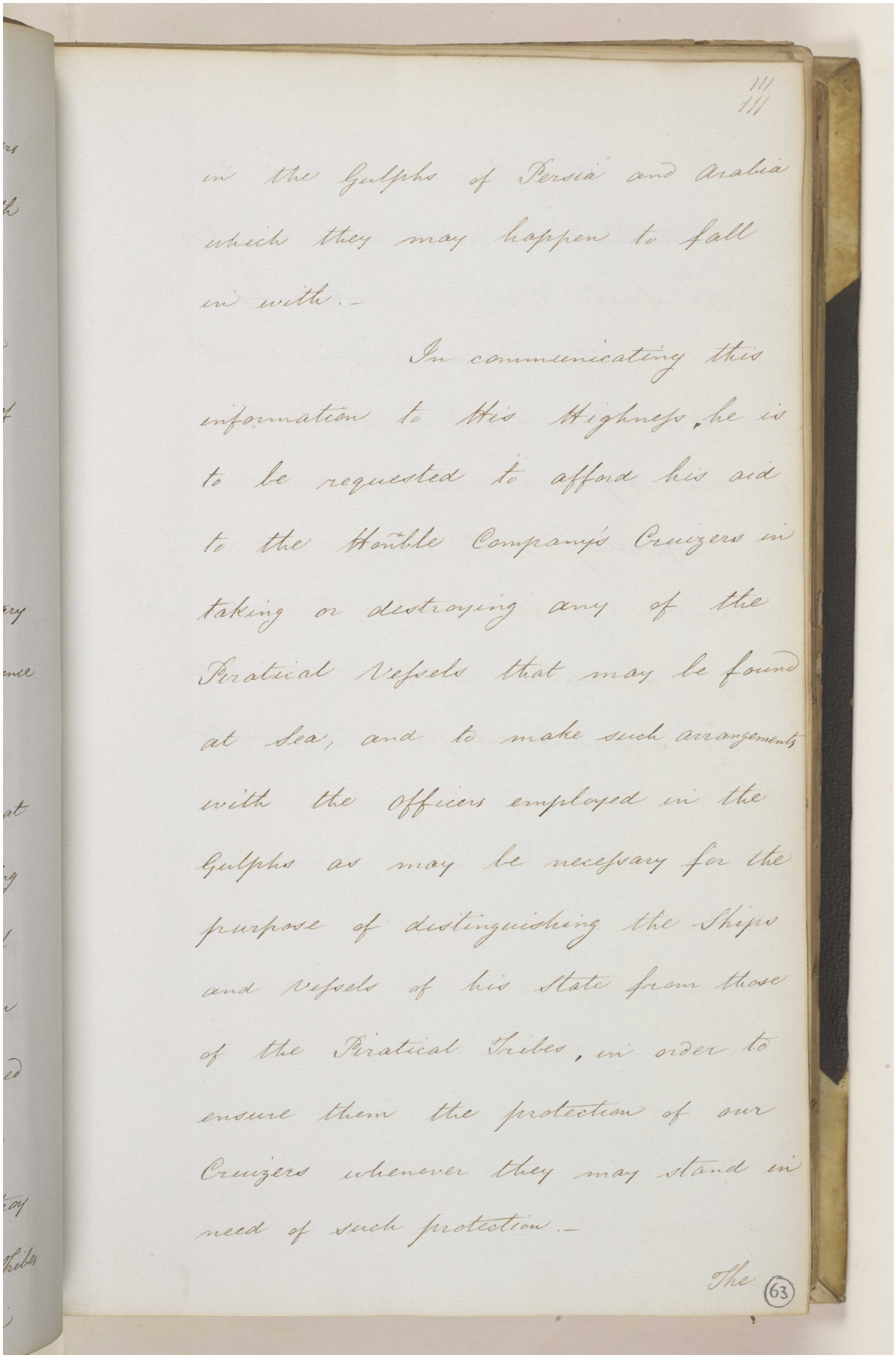

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in the Gulphs of Persia and Arabia which they may happen to fall in with.–

In communicating this information to His Highness, he is to be requested to afford his aid to the Honble Company's Cruizers in taking or destroying any of the Piratical Vessels that may be found at Sea, and to make such arrangements with the Officers employed in the Gulphs as may be necessary for the purpose of distinguishing the Ships and Vessels of his State from those of the Piratical Tribes, in order to ensure them the protection of our Cruizers whenever they may stand in need of such protection.–

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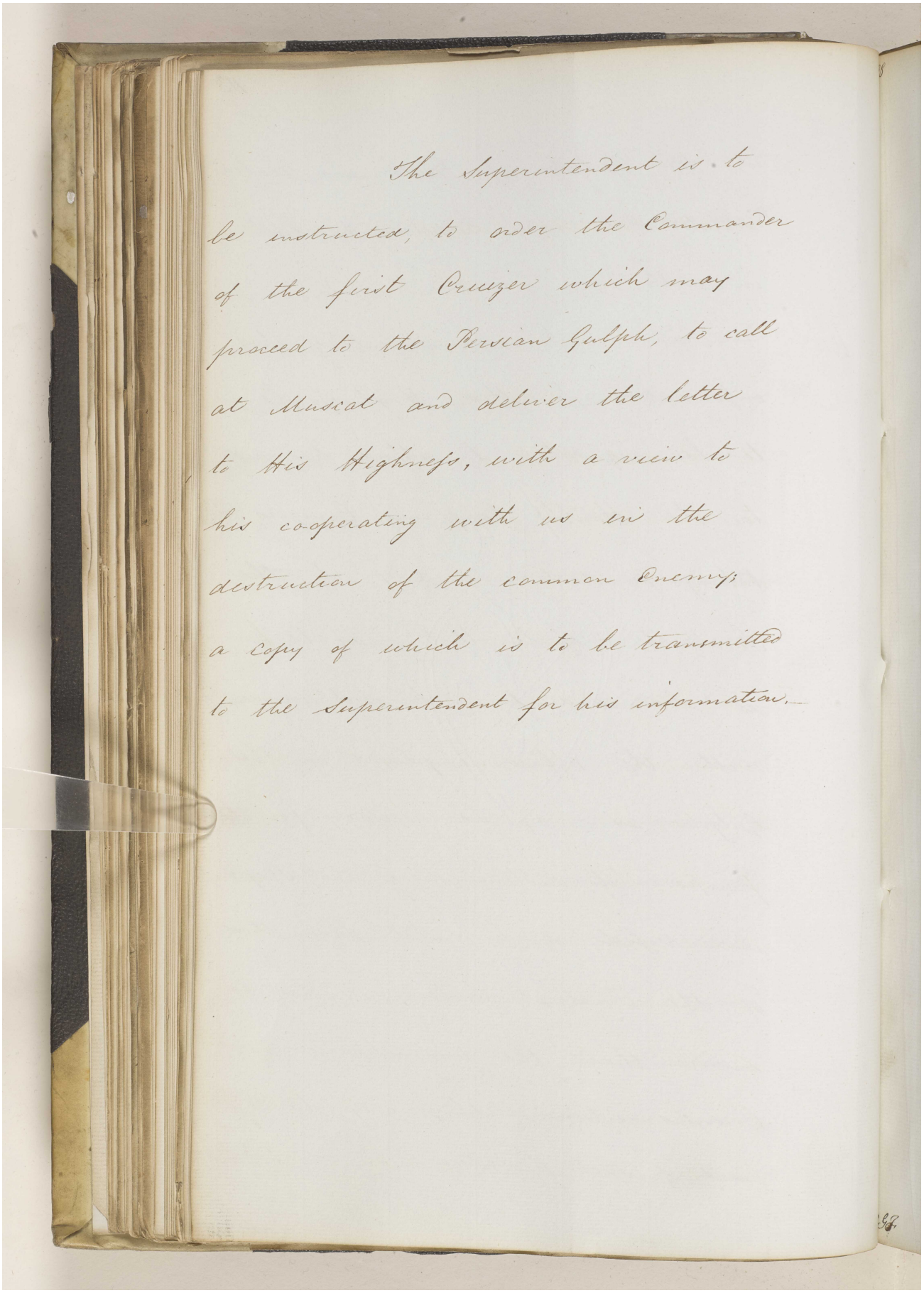

The Superintendent is to be instructed, to order the Commander of the first Cruizer which may proceed to the Persian Gulph, to call at Muscat and deliver the letter to His Highness, with a view to his cooperating with us in the destruction of the common Enemy; a copy of which is to be transmitted to the Superintendent for his information.—

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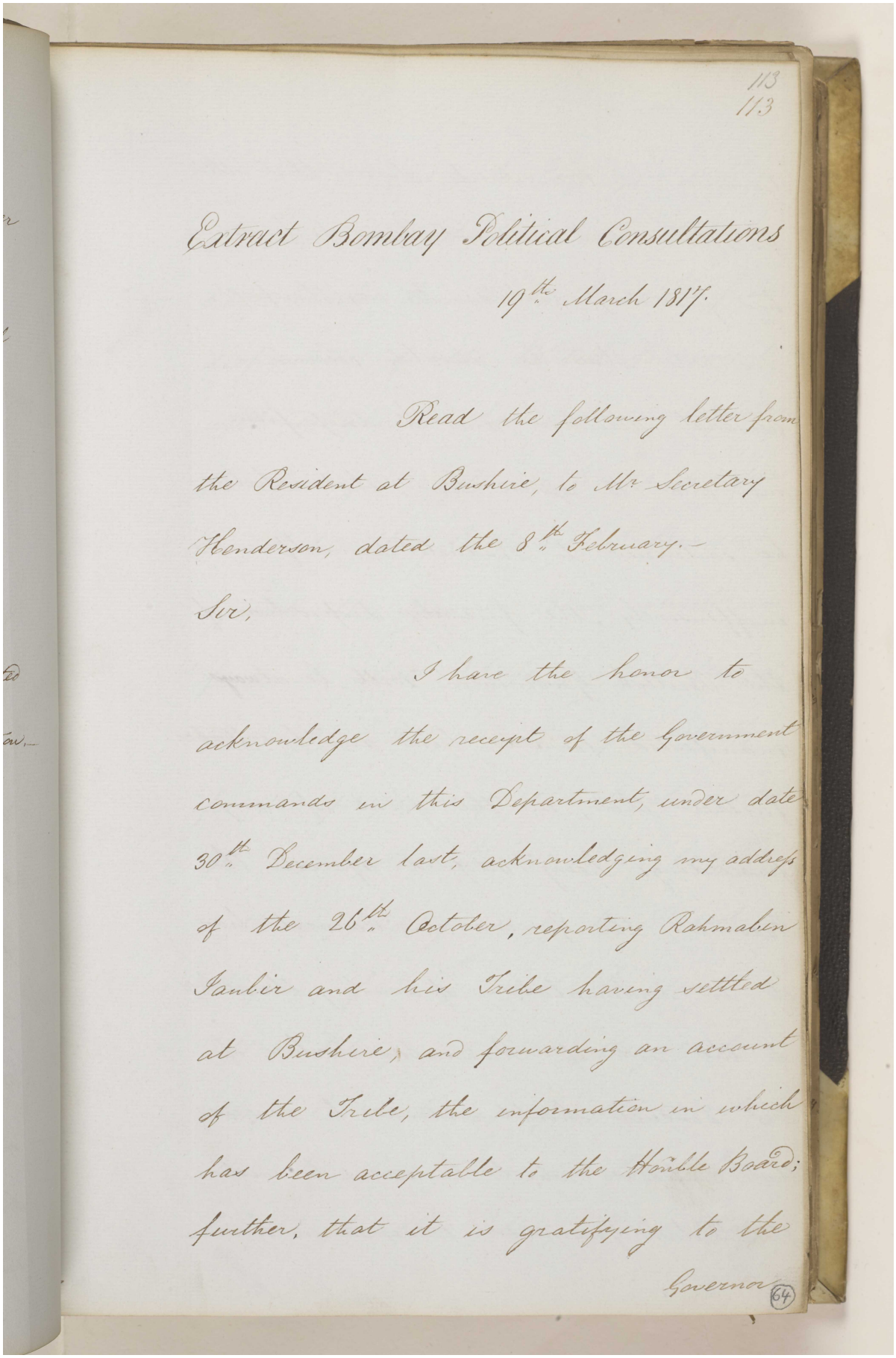

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
19th March 1817.

Read the following letter from the Resident at Bushire, to Mr Secretary Henderson, dated the 8th February.—

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Government commands in this Department, under date 30th December last, acknowledging my address of the 26th October, reporting Rahmabin Jaubir and his Tribe having settled at Bushire, and forwarding an account of the Tribe, the information in which has been acceptable to the Honble Board; further, that it is gratifying to the

Governor

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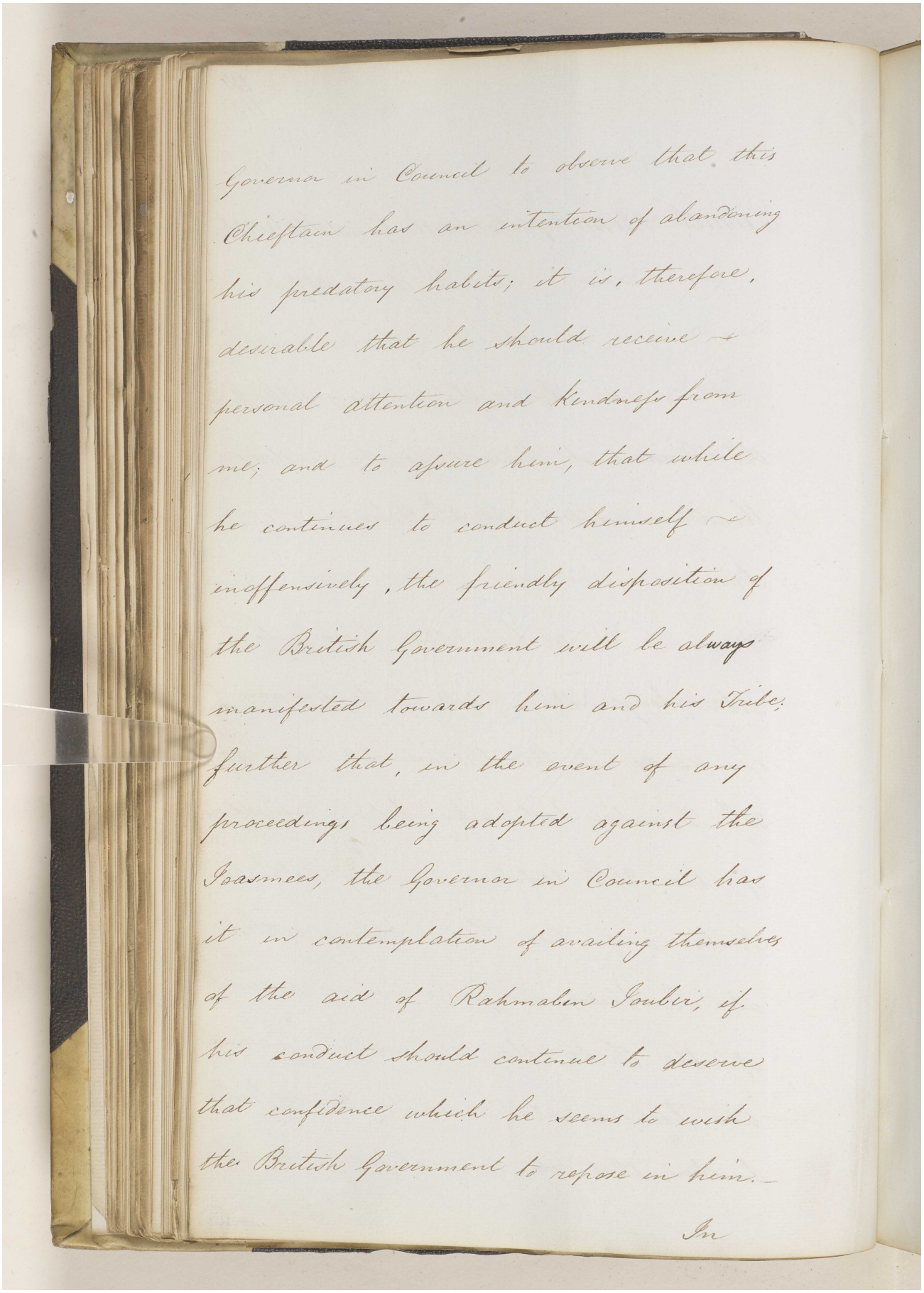

Governor in Council to observe that this Chieftain has an intention of abandoning his predatory habits; it is, therefore, desirable that he should receive ~ personal attention and kindness from me; and to assure him, that while he continues to conduct himself ~ inoffensively, the friendly disposition of the British Government will be always manifested towards him and his Tribe; further that, in the event of any proceedings being adopted against the Joasmees, the Governor in Council has it in contemplation of availing themselves of the aid of Rahmahin Joubir, if his conduct should continue to deserve that confidence which he seems to wish the British Government to repose in him. ~

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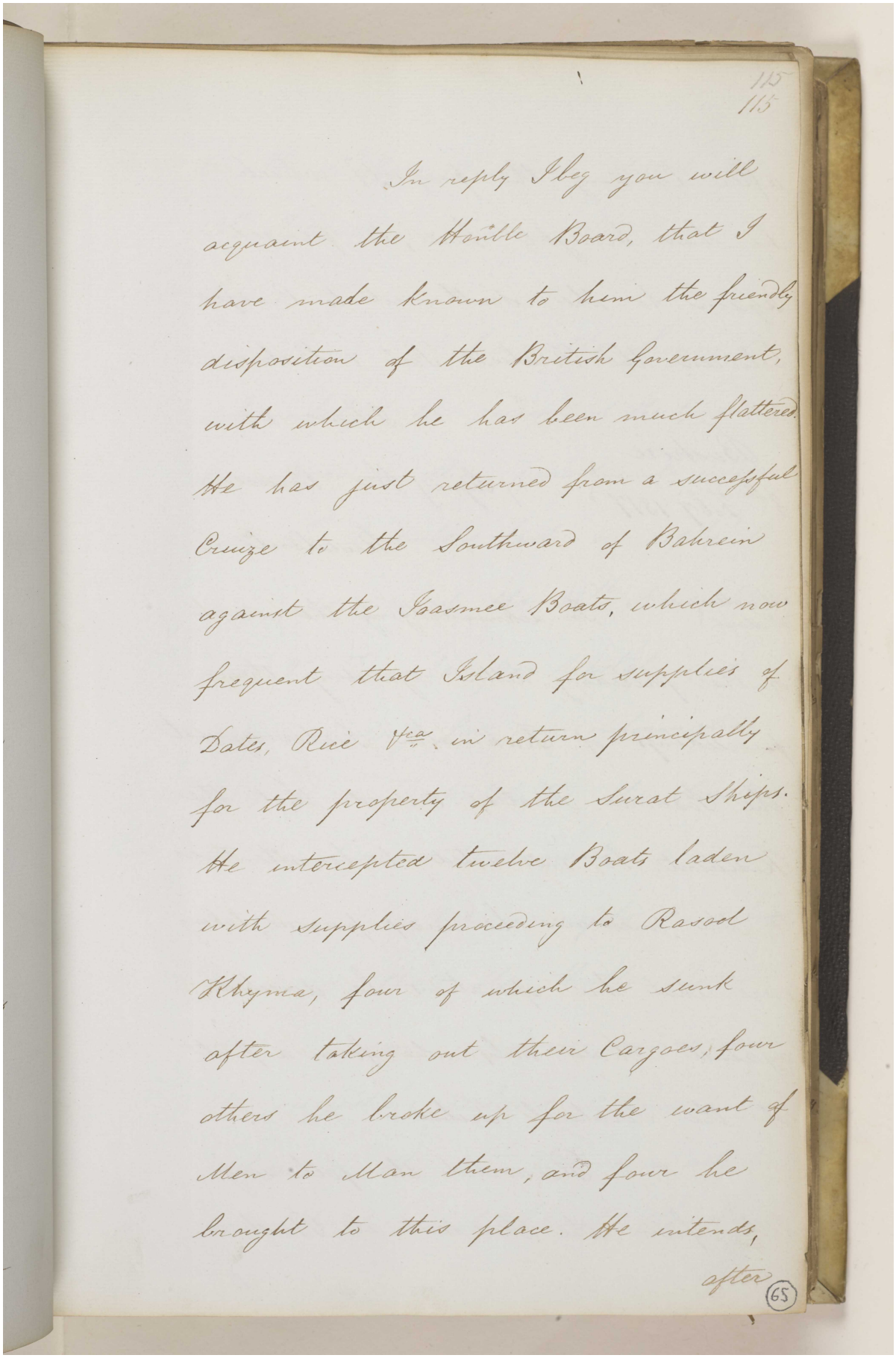

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In reply I beg you will
acquaint the Honble Board, that I
have made known to him the friendly
disposition of the British Government,
with which he has been much flattered
He has just returned from a successful
Cruize to the Southward of Bahrein
against the Joasmee Boats, which now
frequent that Island for supplies of
Dates, Rice &c. in return principally
for the property of the Surat Ships.
He intercepted twelve Boats laden
with supplies proceeding to Rasool
Khyma, four of which he sunk
after taking out their Cargoes, four
others he broke up for the want of
Men to Man them, and four he
brought to this place. He intends,
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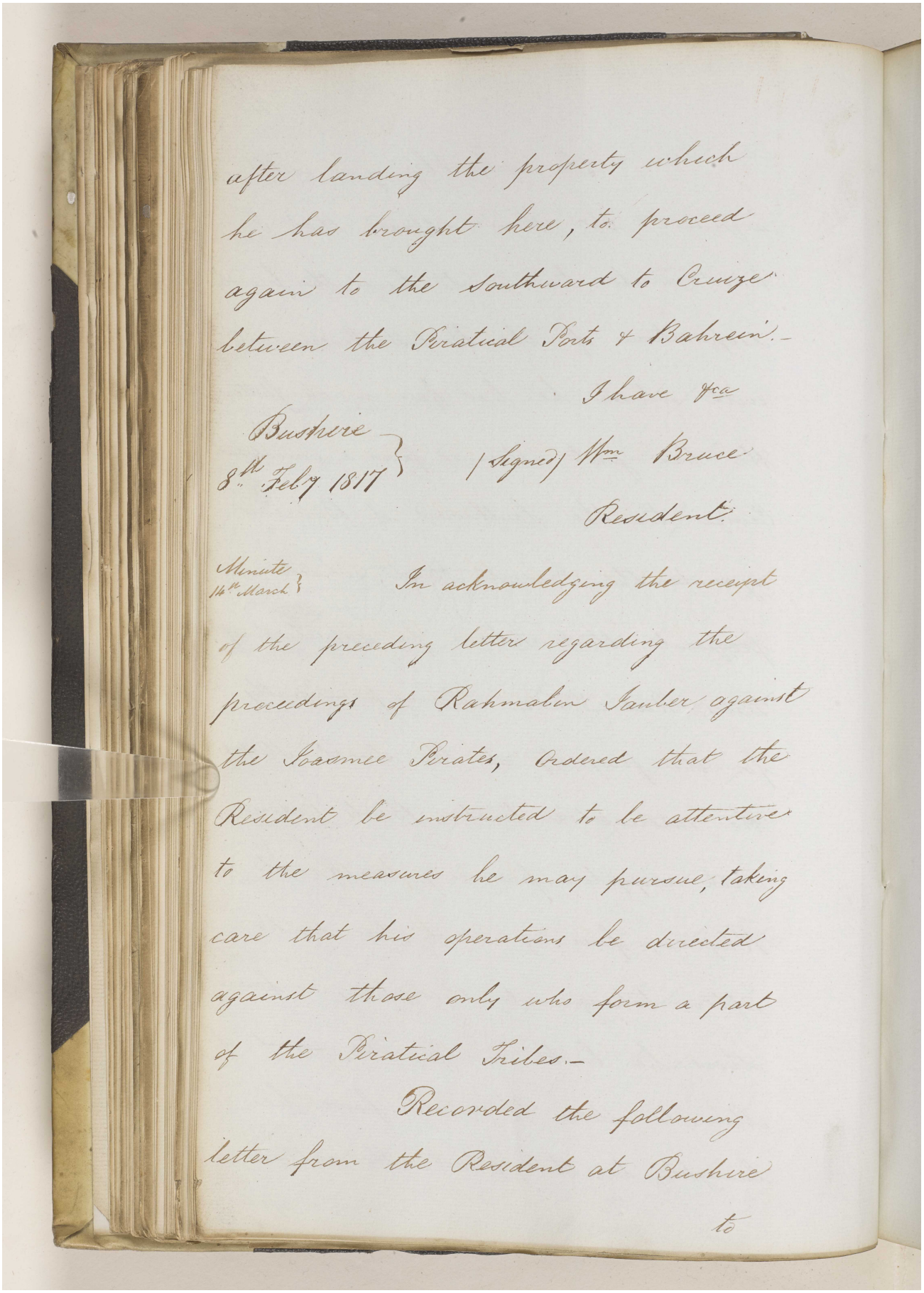

after landing the property which he has brought here, to proceed again to the Southward to Cruize between the Piratical Ports & Bahreen.—

I have &c.a

Bushire 8th Feby 1817 } (Signed) Wm Bruce Resident.

Minute 14th March } In acknowledging the receipt of the preceding letter regarding the proceedings of Rahmahin Jauber against the Joasmee Pirates, Ordered that the Resident be instructed to be attentive to the measures he may pursue, taking care that his operations be directed against those only who form a part of the Piratical Tribes.—

Recorded the following letter from the Resident at Bushire

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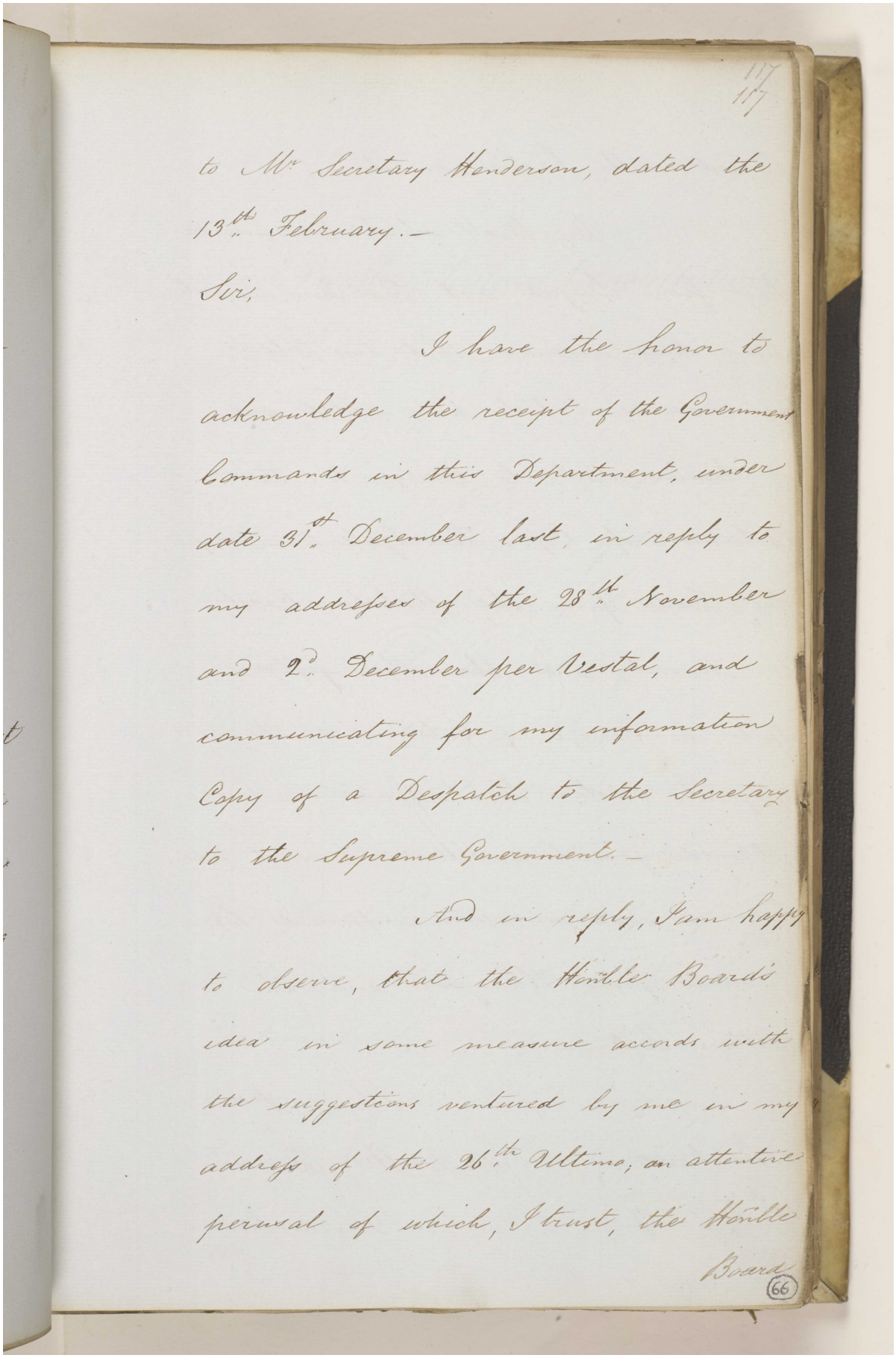

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to Mr Secretary Henderson, dated the
13th. February.—

Sir,

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of the Government
Commands in this Department, under
date 31st. December last, in reply to
my addresses of the 28th November
and 2d. December per Vestal, and
communicating for my information
Copy of a Despatch to the Secretary
to the Supreme Government.—

And in reply, I am happy
to observe, that the Honble Board's
idea in some measure accords with
the suggestions ventured by me in my
address of the 26th Ultimo, an attentive
perusal of which, I trust, the Honble
Board

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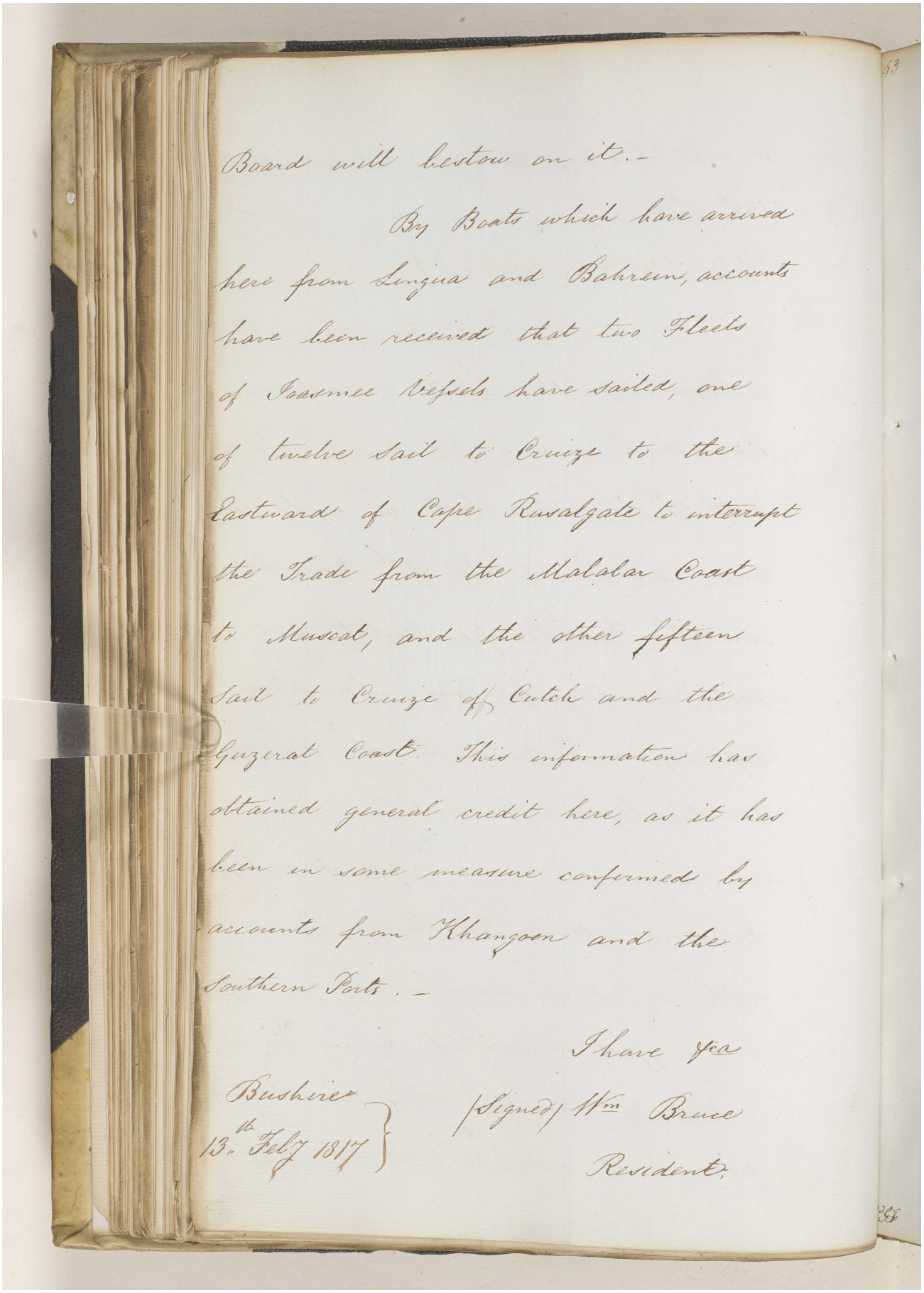

Board will bestow on it.-

By Boats which have arrived here from Lingua and Bahreen, accounts have been received that two Fleets of Joasmee Vessels have sailed, one of twelve Sail to Cruize to the Eastward of Cape Ruwalgate to interrupt the Trade from the Malabar Coast to Muscat, and the other fifteen Sail to Cruize off Cutch and the Guzerat Coast. This information has obtained general credit here, as it has been in some measure confirmed by accounts from Khangoon and the Southern Ports.-

I have &c.a

Bushire 13th Feby 1817

(Signed) Wm Bruce
Resident.

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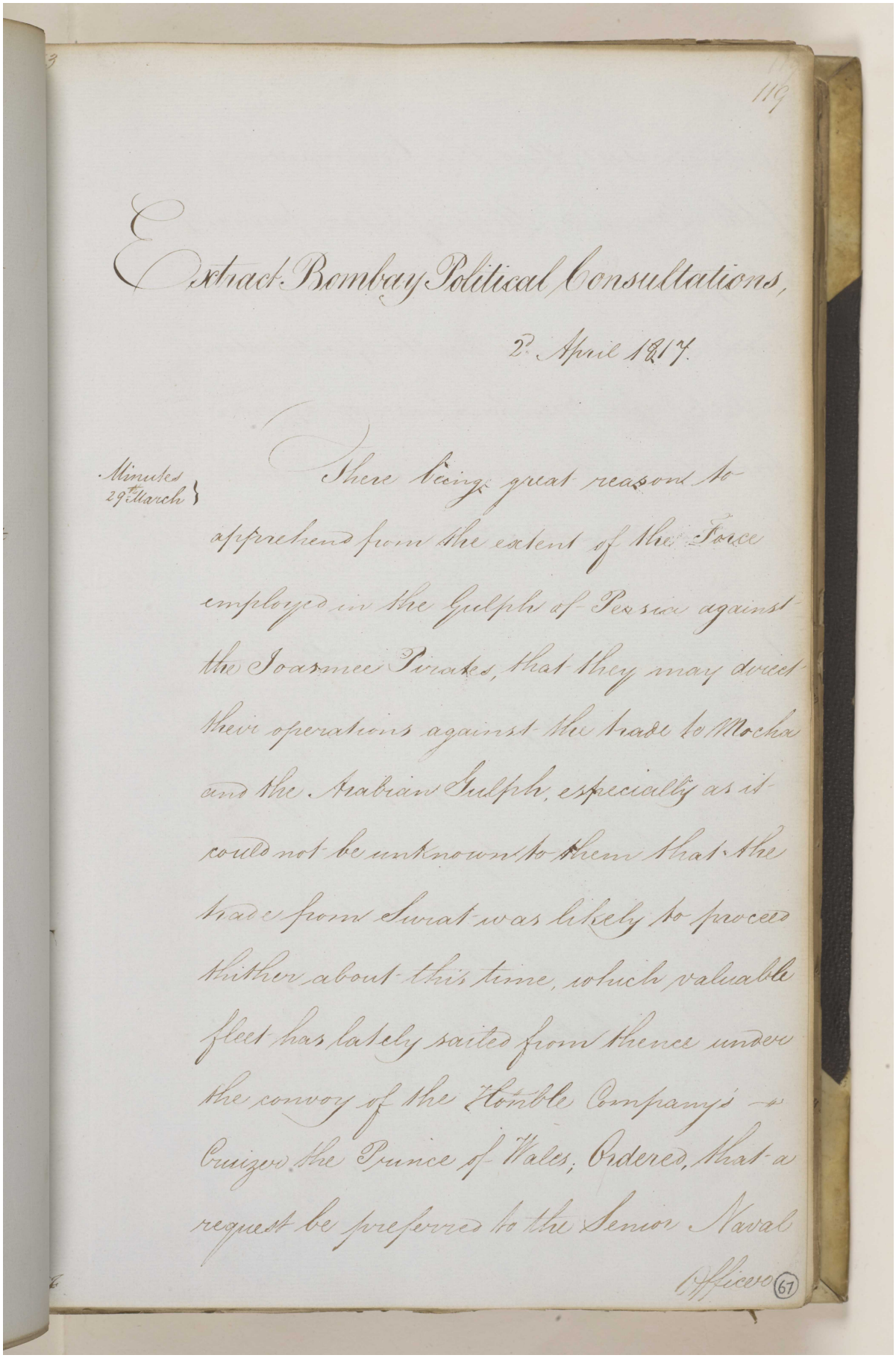

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations,

2d April 1817.

Minutes 29th March

There being great reason to apprehend from the extent of the Force employed in the Gulphs of Persia against the Joasmee Pirates, that they may direct their operations against the trade to Mocha and the Arabian Gulph, especially as it could not be unknown to them that the trade from Surat was likely to proceed thither about this time, which valuable fleet has lately sailed from thence under the convoy of the Honble Company's Cruizer the Prince of Wales, Ordered, that a request be preferred to the Senior Naval Officer

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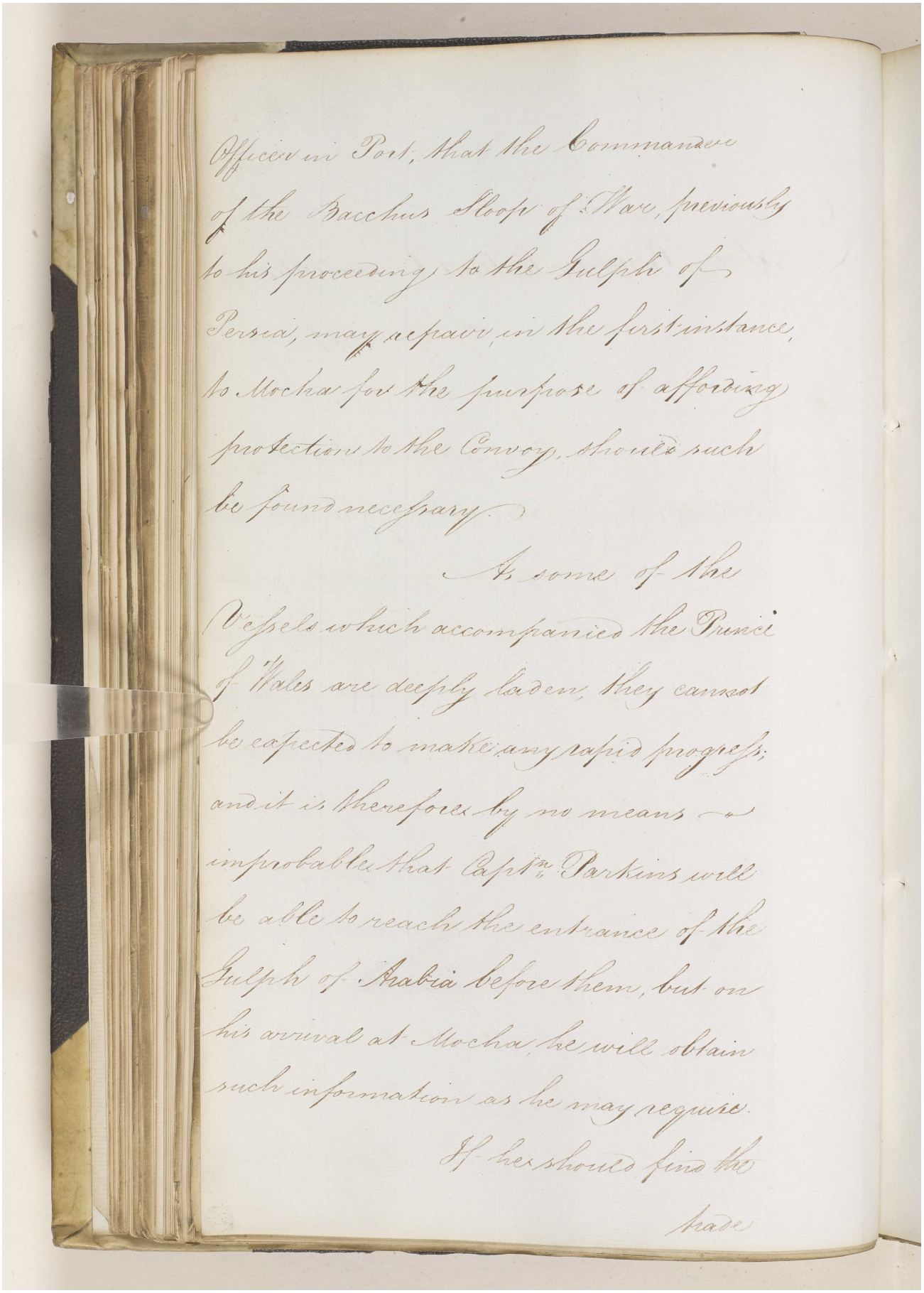
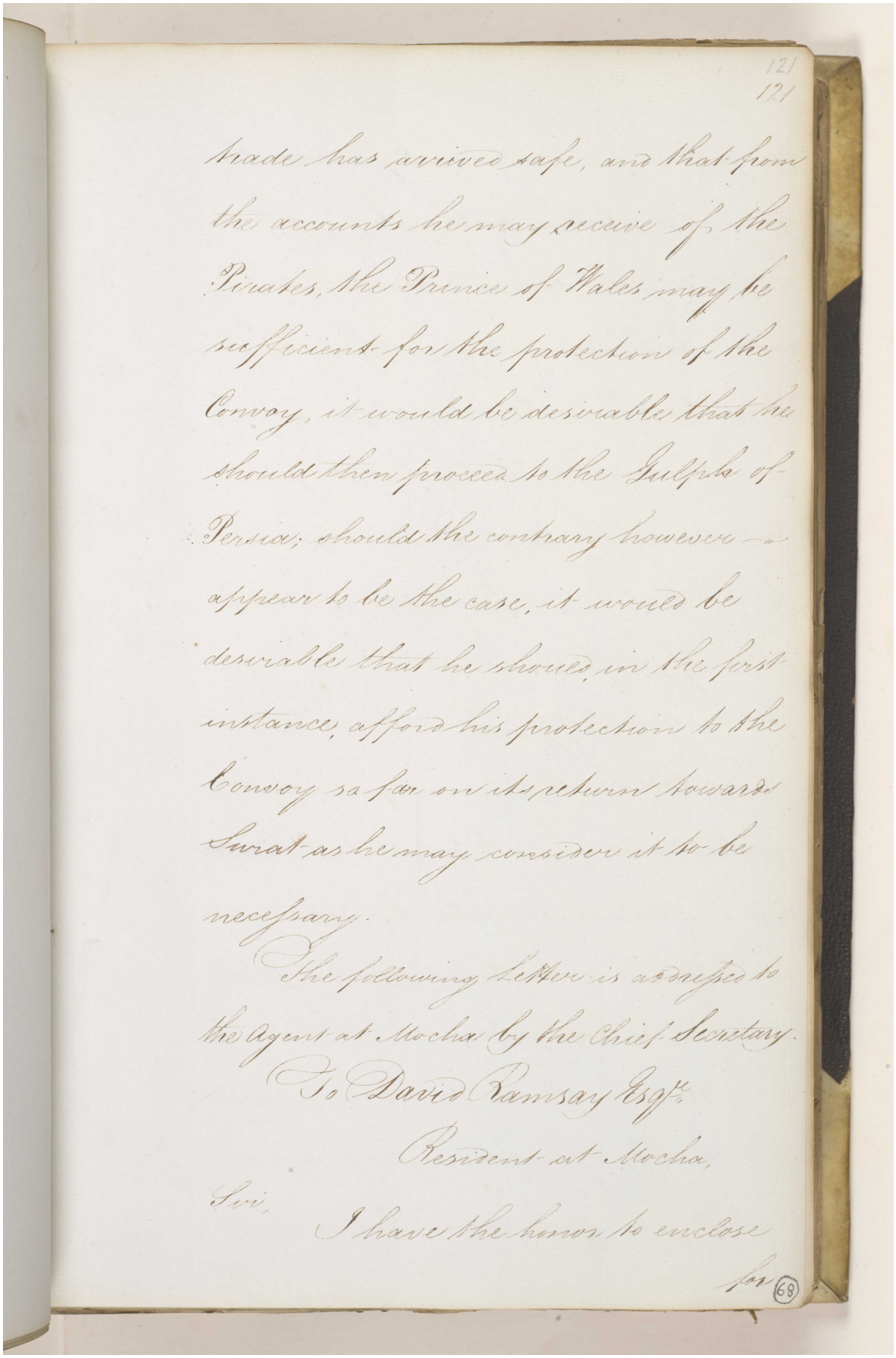


Officer in Port, that the Commander of the Bacchus Sloop of War, previously to his proceeding to the Gulph of Persia, may repair, in the first instance, to Mocha for the purpose of affording protection to the Convoy, should such be found necessary.

As some of the Vessels which accompanied the Prince of Wales are deeply laden, they cannot be expected to make any rapid progress; and it is therefore by no means improbable that Capt.n Parkins will be able to reach the entrance of the Gulph of Arabia before them, but on his arrival at Mocha, he will obtain such information as he may require.

If he should find the trade



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trade has arrived safe, and that from the accounts he may receive of the Pirates, the Prince of Wales may be sufficient for the protection of the Convoy, it would be desirable that he should then proceed to the Gulph of Persia; should the contrary however appear to be the case, it would be desirable that he should in the first instance, afford his protection to the Convoy as far on its return towards Surat as he may consider it to be necessary.

The following letter is addressed to the Agent at Mocha by the Chief Secretary.

To David Ramsay Esqr.
Resident at Mocha.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose

for

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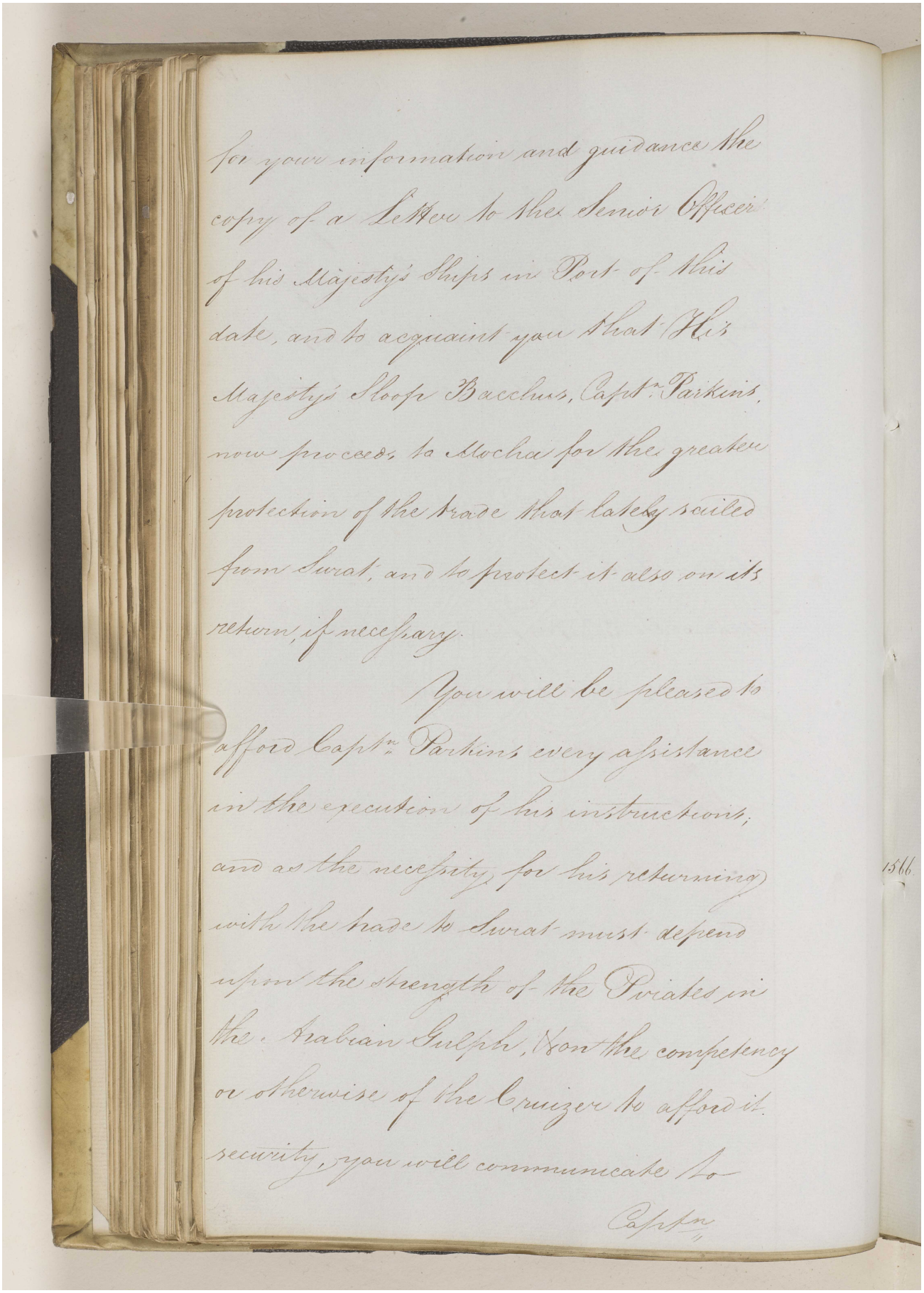

for your information and guidance the copy of a Letter to the Senior Officer of his Majesty's Ships in Port of this date, and to acquaint you that His Majesty's Sloop Bacchus, Capt.n Parkins, now proceeds to Mocha for the greater protection of the trade that lately sailed from Surat, and to protect it also on its return, if necessary.

You will be pleased to afford Capt.n Parkins every assistance in the execution of his instructions, and as the necessity for his returning with the trade to Surat must depend upon the strength of the Pirates in the Arabian Gulph, & on the competency or otherwise of the Cruizer to afford it security, you will communicate to

Capt.n

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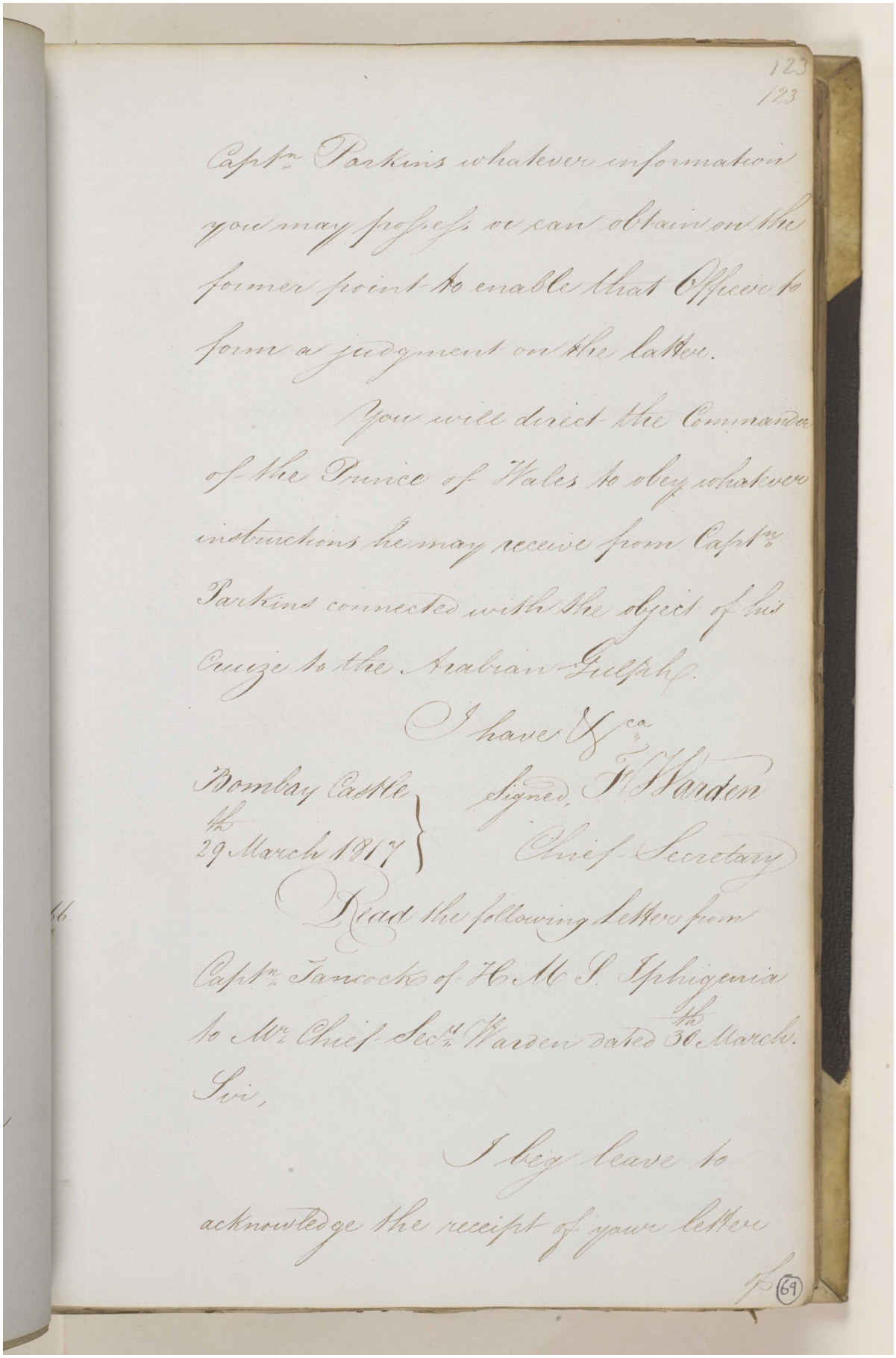

Captn. Parkins whatever information you may possess or can obtain on the former point to enable that Officer to form a judgment on the latter.

You will direct the Commander of the Prince of Wales to obey whatever instructions he may receive from Captn. Parkins connected with the object of his Cruize to the Arabian Gulph.

I have &ca.

Bombay Castle
29th March 1817

Signed, F. Warden
Chief Secretary

Read the following Letter from Captn. Tancock of H. M. S. Iphigenia to Mr. Chief Secy. Warden dated 30th March.

Sir,

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter

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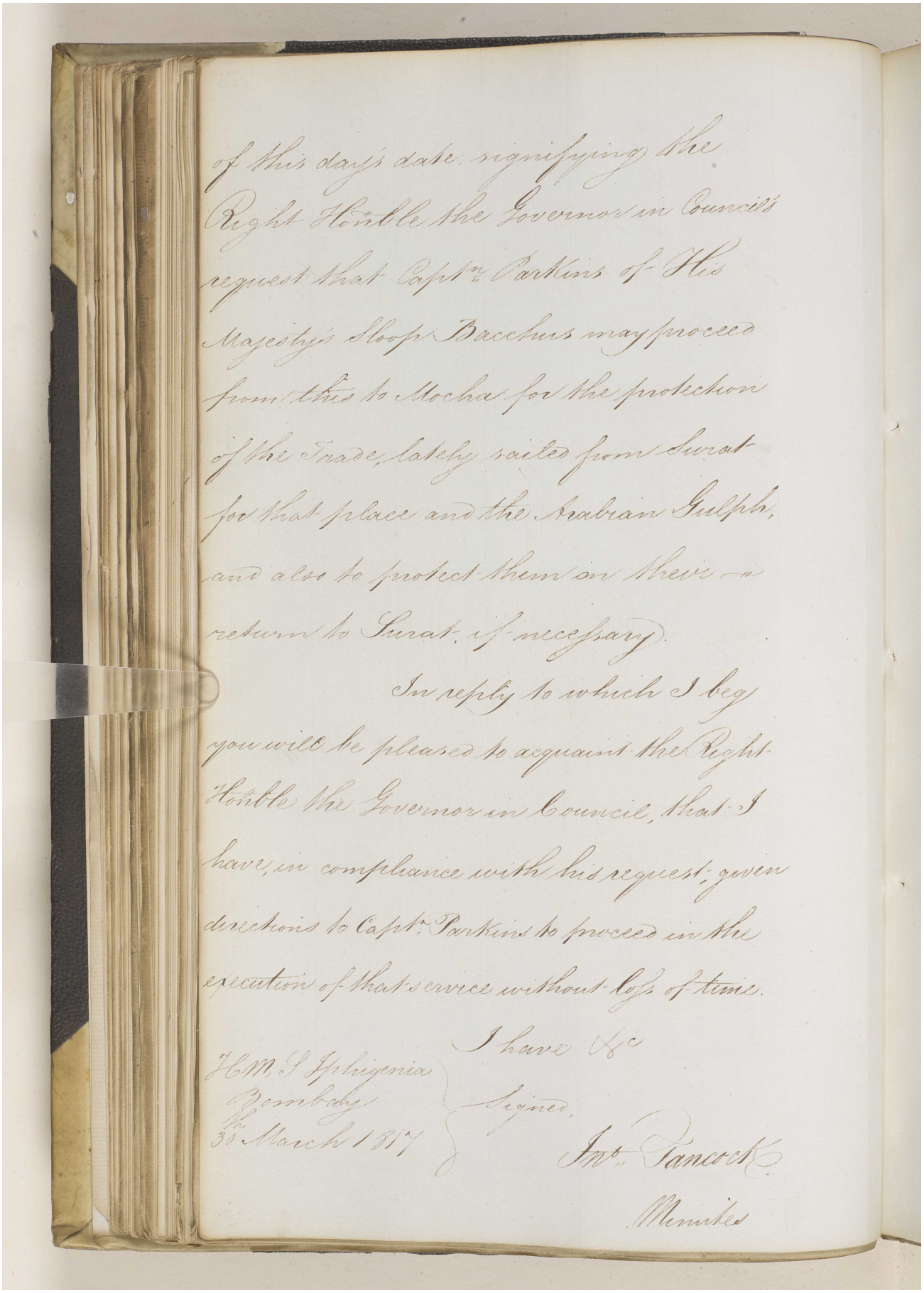

of this day's date, signifying the Right Honble the Governor in Council's request that Captn. Parkins of His Majesty's Sloop Bacchus may proceed from this to Mocha for the protection of the Trade, lately sailed from Surat for that place and the Arabian Gulph, and also to protect them on their return to Surat, if necessary.

In reply to which I beg you will be pleased to acquaint the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that I have, in compliance with his request, given directions to Captn. Parkins to proceed in the execution of that service without loss of time.

I have &c

H.M.S. Iphigenia
Bombay
30th March 1817

Signed,
Jno. Pancock
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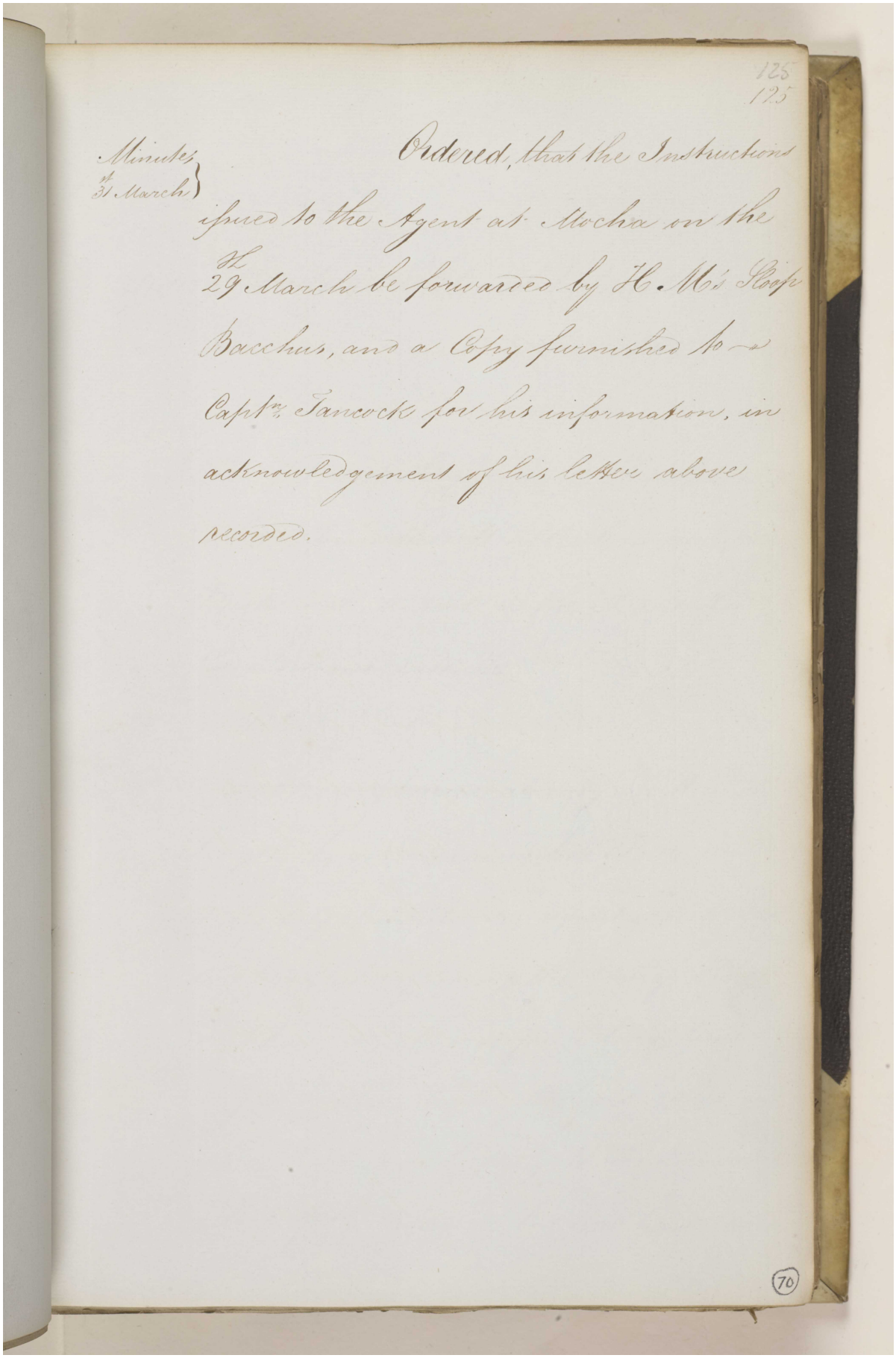

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Ordered, that the Instructions issued to the Agent at Mocha on the 29 March be forwarded by H. M.s Sloop Bacchus, and a Copy furnished to Capt.n Jancock for his information, in acknowledgement of his letter above recorded.

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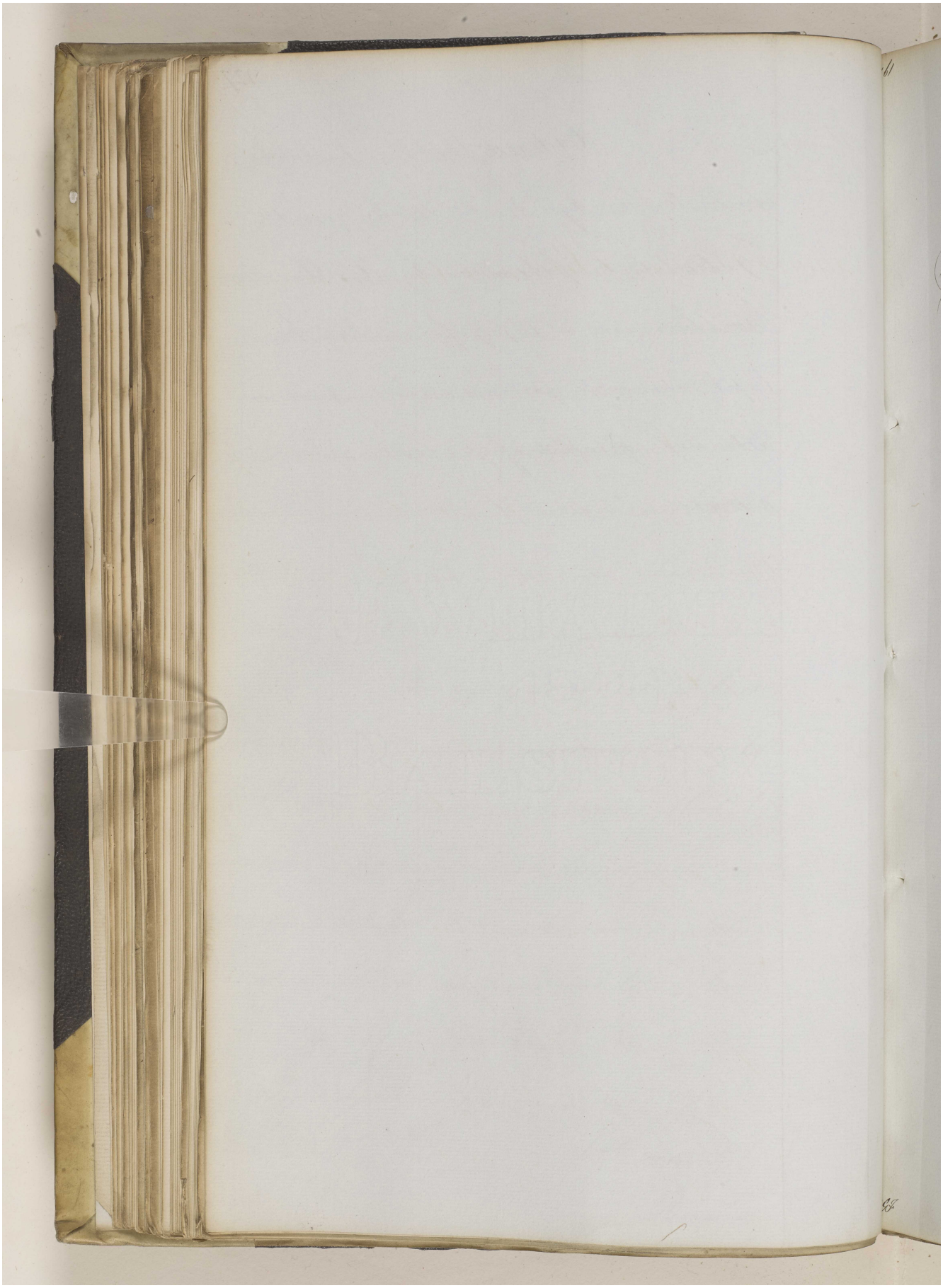

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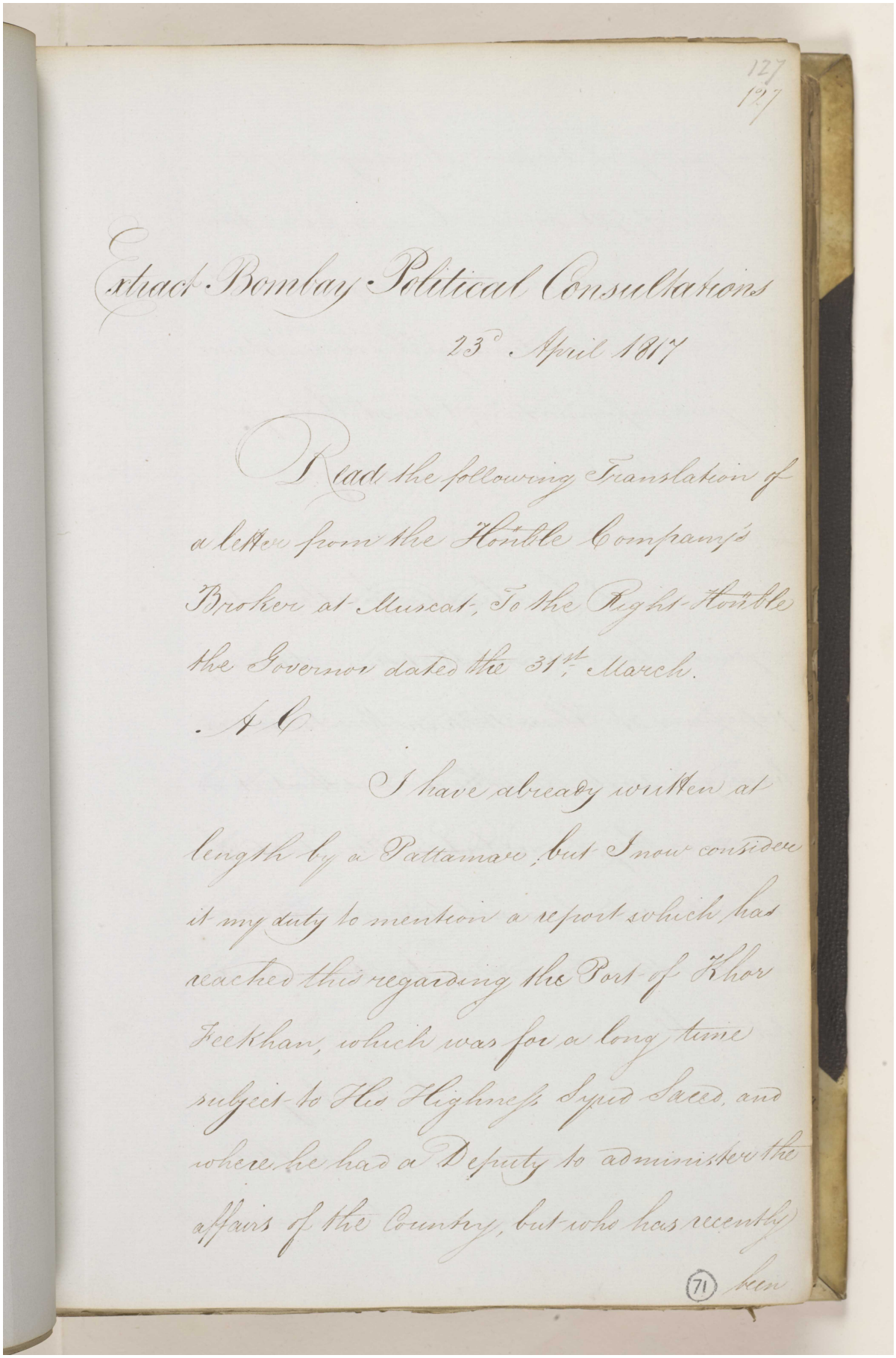

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
23d. April 1817

Read the following Translation of a letter from the Honble Company's Broker at Muscat, To the Right Honble the Governor dated the 31st. March.

A C.

I have already written at length by a Pattamar, but I now consider it my duty to mention a report which has reached this regarding the Port of Khor Feekhan, which was for a long time subject to His Highness Syud Saeed, and where he had a Deputy to administer the affairs of the Country, but who has recently

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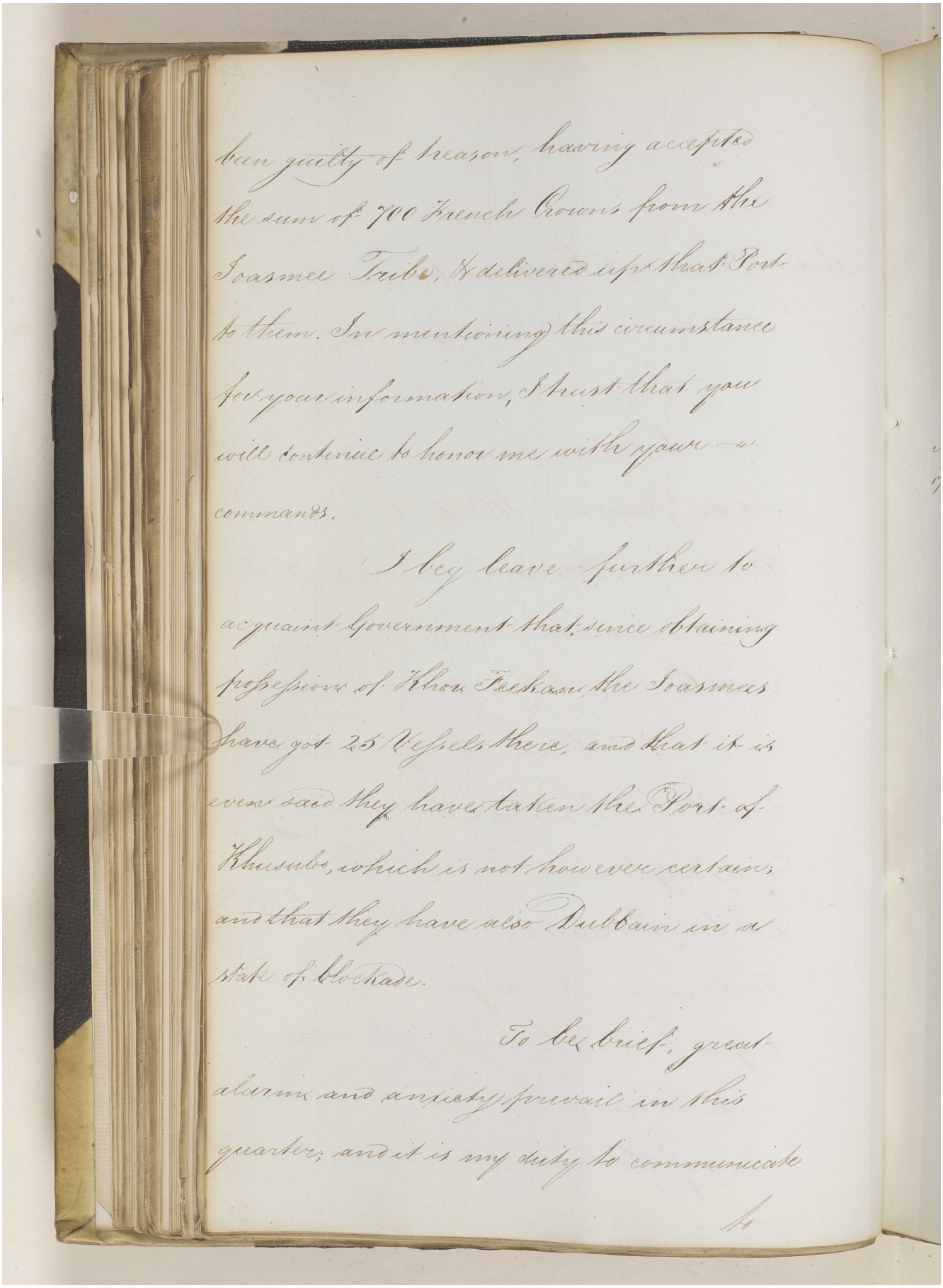
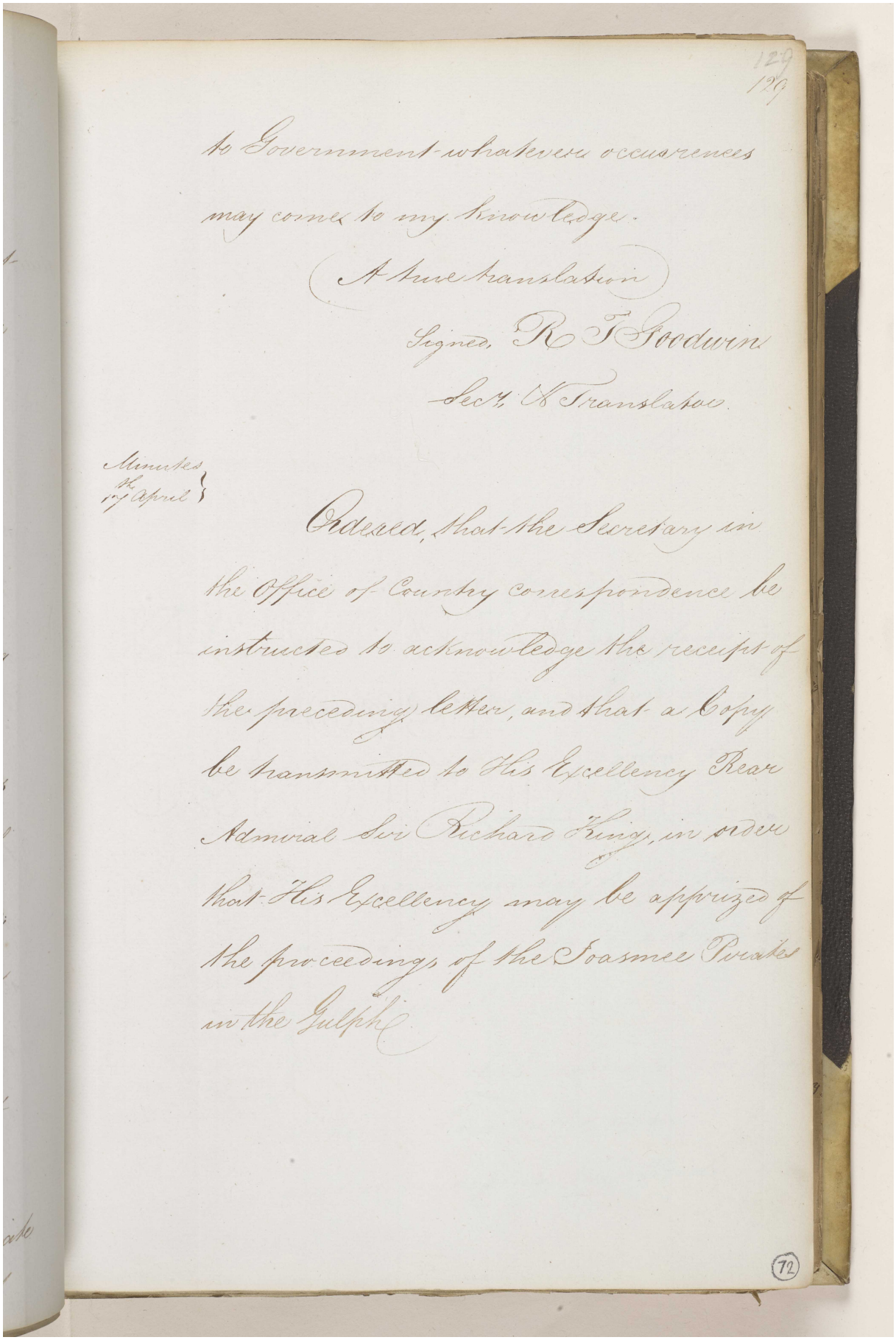


been guilty of treason, having accepted the sum of 700 French Crowns from the Joasmee Tribe, & delivered up that Port to them. In mentioning this circumstance for your information, I trust that you will continue to honor me with your commands.

I beg leave further to acquaint Government that since obtaining possession of Khor Feskan the Joasmees have got 25 Vessels there, and that it is even said they have taken the Port of Khusab, which is not however certain; and that they have also Dubbain in a state of blockade.

To be brief, great alarm and anxiety prevail in this quarter; and it is my duty to communicate to



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to Government whatever occurrences may come to my knowledge.

(A true translation)

Signed, R T Goodwin

Secy. & Translator

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Ordered, that the Secretary in the Office of Country correspondence be instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the preceding letter, and that a Copy be transmitted to His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Richard King, in order that His Excellency may be apprized of the proceedings of the Joasmee Pirates in the Gulph.

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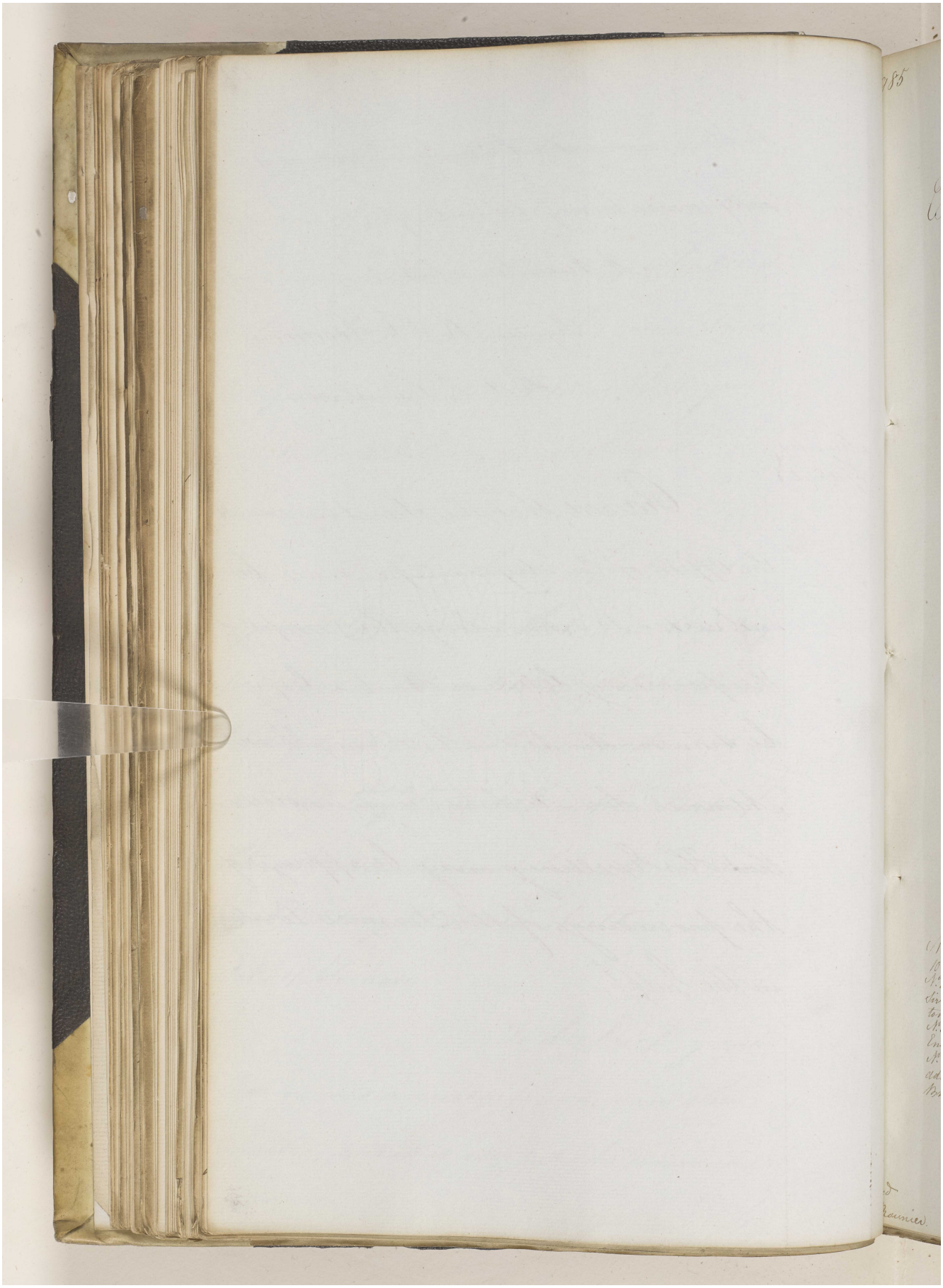

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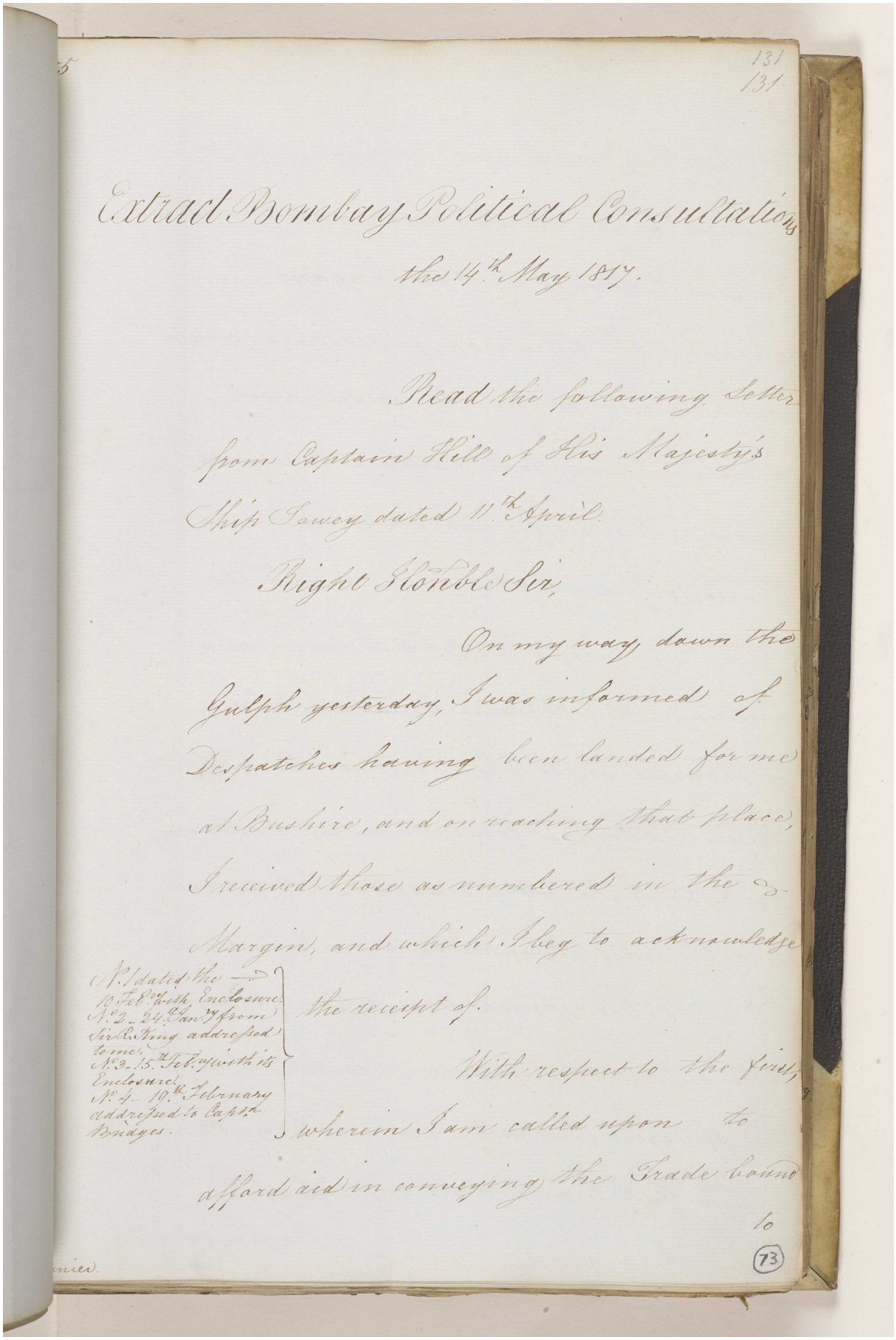

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the 14th May 1817.

Read the following Letter from Captain Hill of His Majesty's Ship Sawey dated 11th April.

Right Honble Sir,

On my way down the Gulph yesterday, I was informed of Despatches having been landed for me at Bushire, and on reaching that place, I received those as numbered in the Margin, and which I beg to acknowledge the receipt of.

No. 1 dated the 10 Feby with Enclosure.
No. 2 - 24th Jany from Sir R. King addressed to me.
No. 3 - 15th Feby with its Enclosure.
No. 4 - 19th February addressed to Captn Bridges.

With respect to the first, wherein I am called upon to afford aid in conveying the Trade bound to

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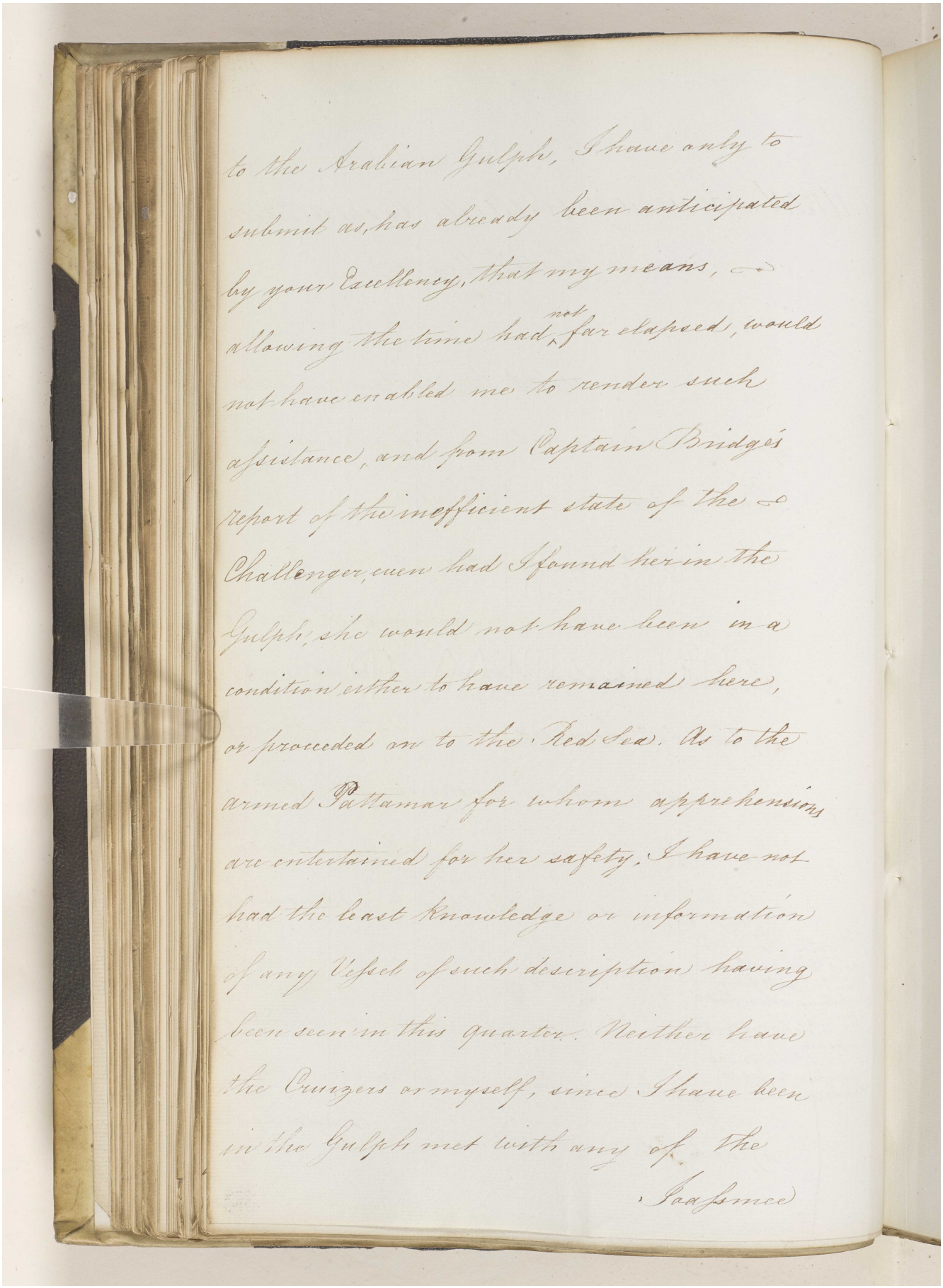
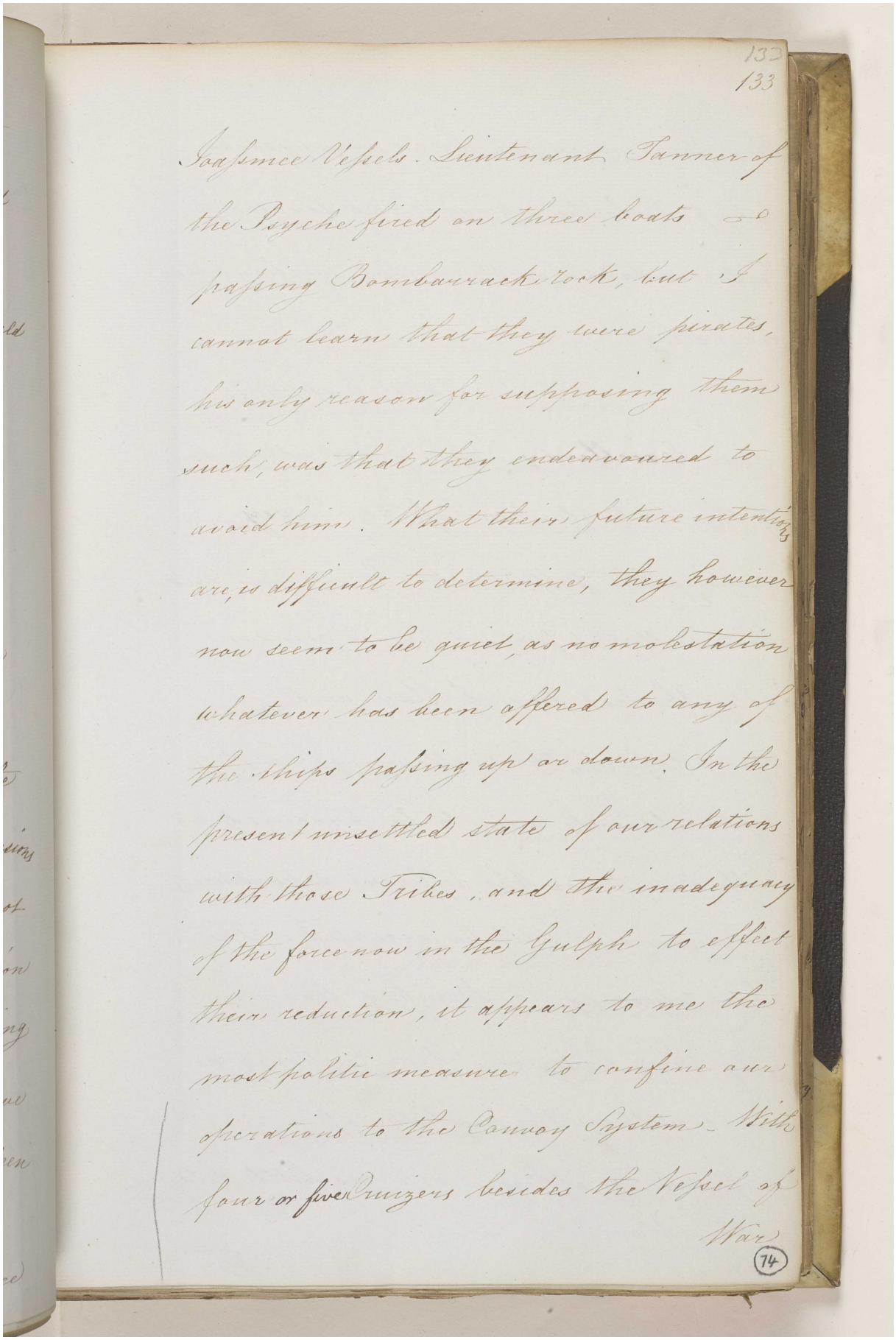


to the Arabian Gulph, I have only to
submit as has already been anticipated
by your Excellency, that my means, —
allowing the time had not far elapsed, would
not have enabled me to render such
assistance, and from Captain Bridges
Report of the inefficient state of the —
Challenger, even had I found her in the
Gulph, she would not have been in a
condition either to have remained here,
or proceeded on to the Red Sea. As to the
armed Pattamar for whom apprehensions
are entertained for her safety, I have not
had the least knowledge or information
of any Vessel of such description having
been seen in this quarter. Neither have
the Cruizers or myself, since I have been
in the Gulph met with any of the
Joasmee



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Joasmee Vessels. Lieutenant Tanner of the Psyche fired on three boats passing Bombaurack Rock, but I cannot learn that they were pirates, his only reason for supposing them such, was that they endeavoured to avoid him. What their future intentions are, is difficult to determine, they however now seem to be quiet, as no molestation whatever has been offered to any of the ships passing up or down. In the present unsettled state of our relations with those Tribes, and the inadequacy of the force now in the Gulph to effect their reduction, it appears to me the most politic measure to confine our operations to the Convoy System. With four or five Cruizers besides the Vessel of War

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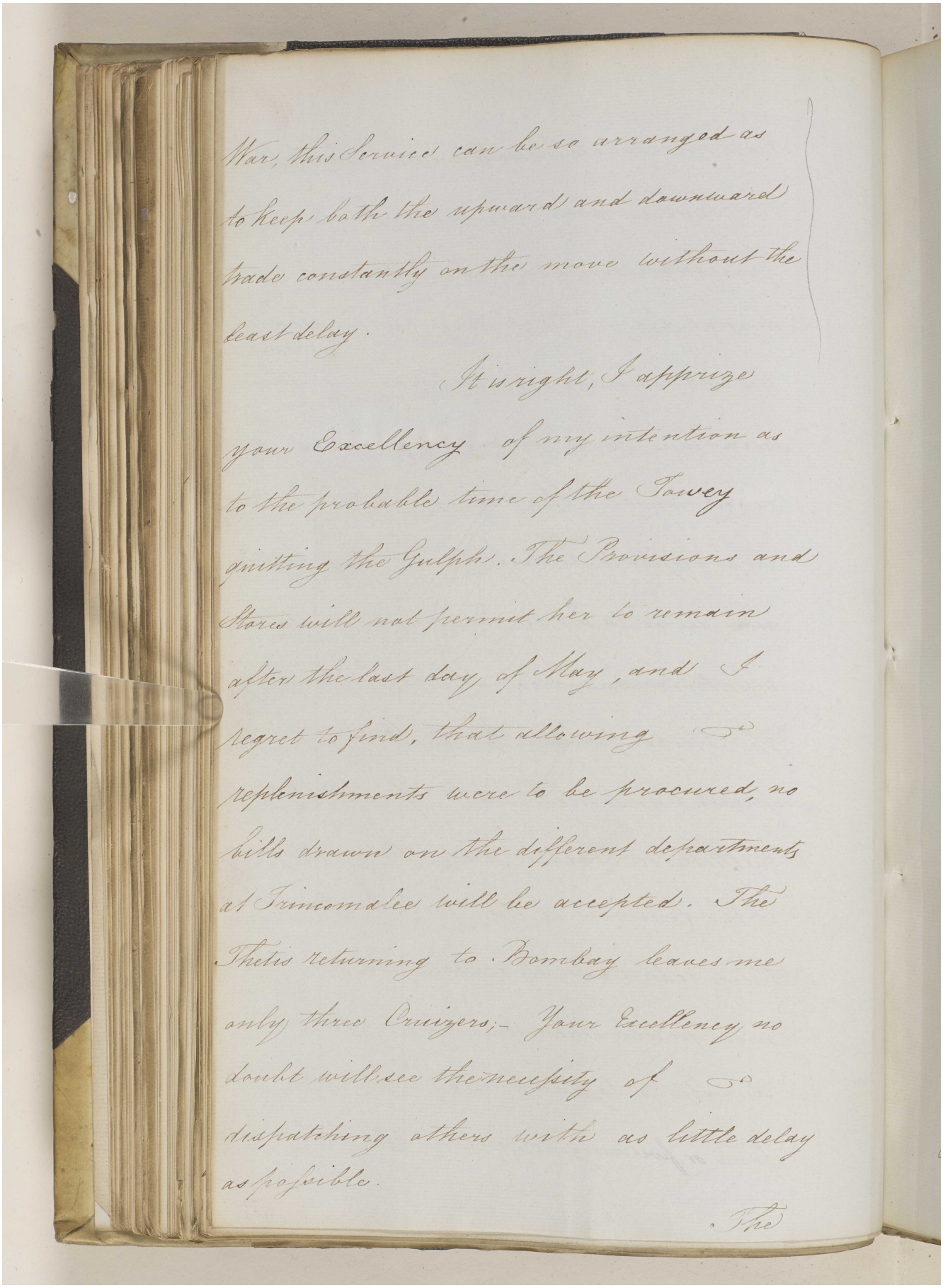

War, this Service can be so arranged as to keep both the upward and downward trade constantly on the move without the least delay.

It is right, I apprize your Excellency of my intention as to the probable time of the Tavey quitting the Gulph. The Provisions and Stores will not permit her to remain after the last day of May, and I regret to find, that allowing no replenishments were to be procured, no bills drawn on the different departments at Trincomalee will be accepted. The Thetis returning to Bombay leaves me only three Cruizers;- Your Excellency no doubt will see the necessity of dispatching others with as little delay as possible.

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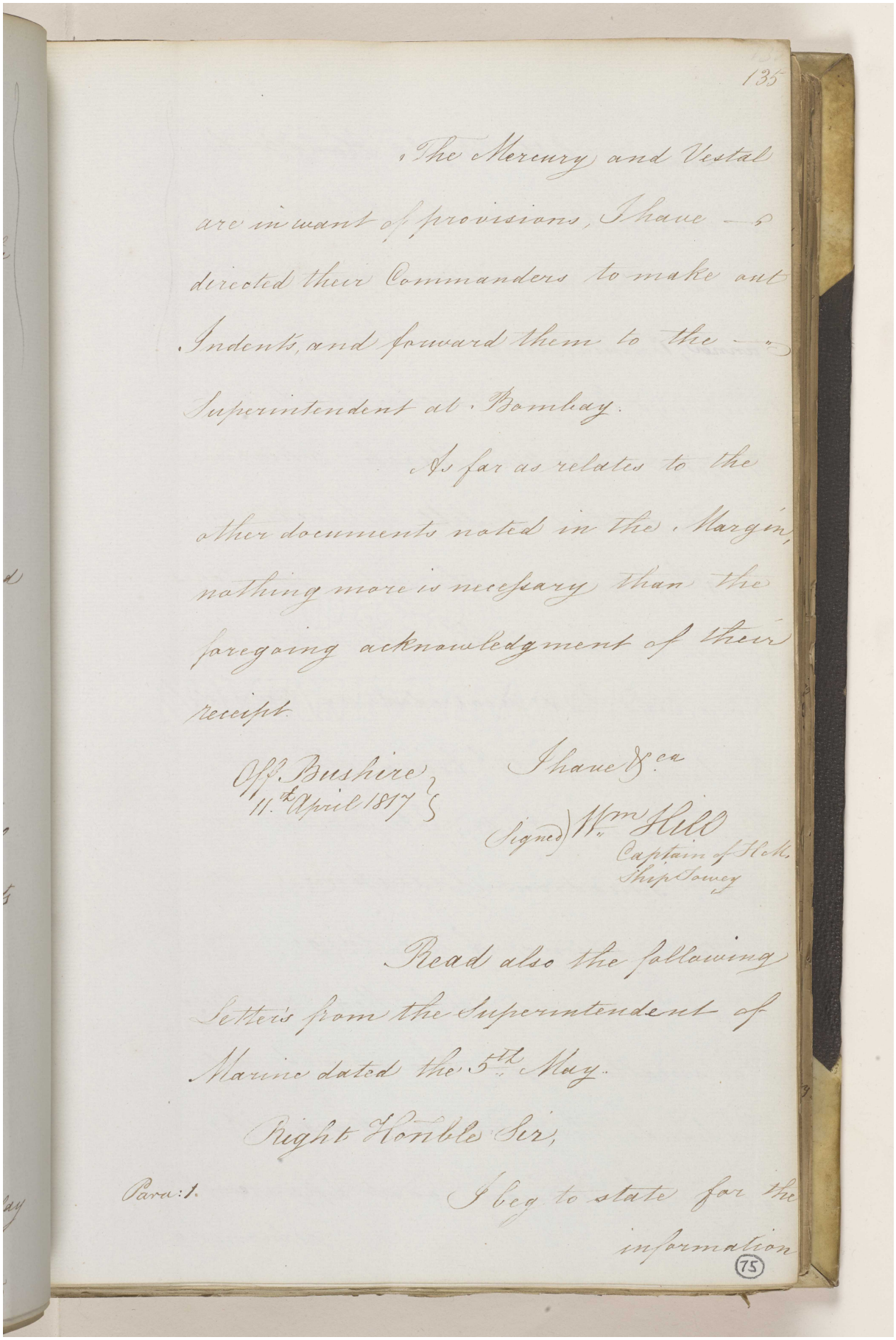

The Mercury and Vestal are in want of provisions, I have directed their Commanders to make out Indents, and forward them to the Superintendent at Bombay.

As far as relates to the other documents noted in the Margin, nothing more is necessary than the foregoing acknowledgment of their receipt.

Off. Bushire
11th April 1817

I have &ca

Signed) Wm Hill
Captain of H.M.
Ship Tower

Read also the following Letter's from the Superintendent of Marine dated the 5th May.

Right Honble Sir,

Para: 1.

I beg to state for the information

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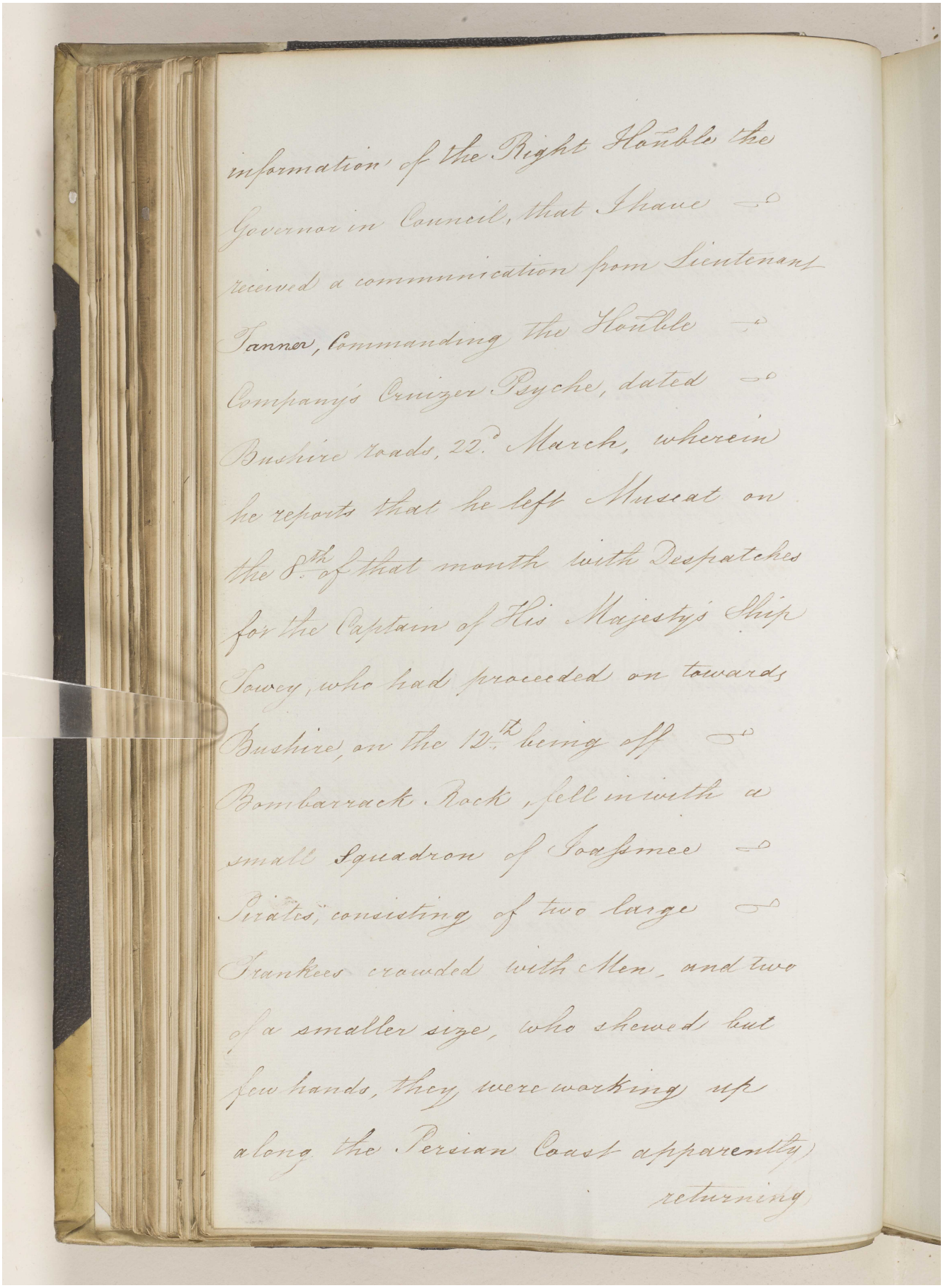
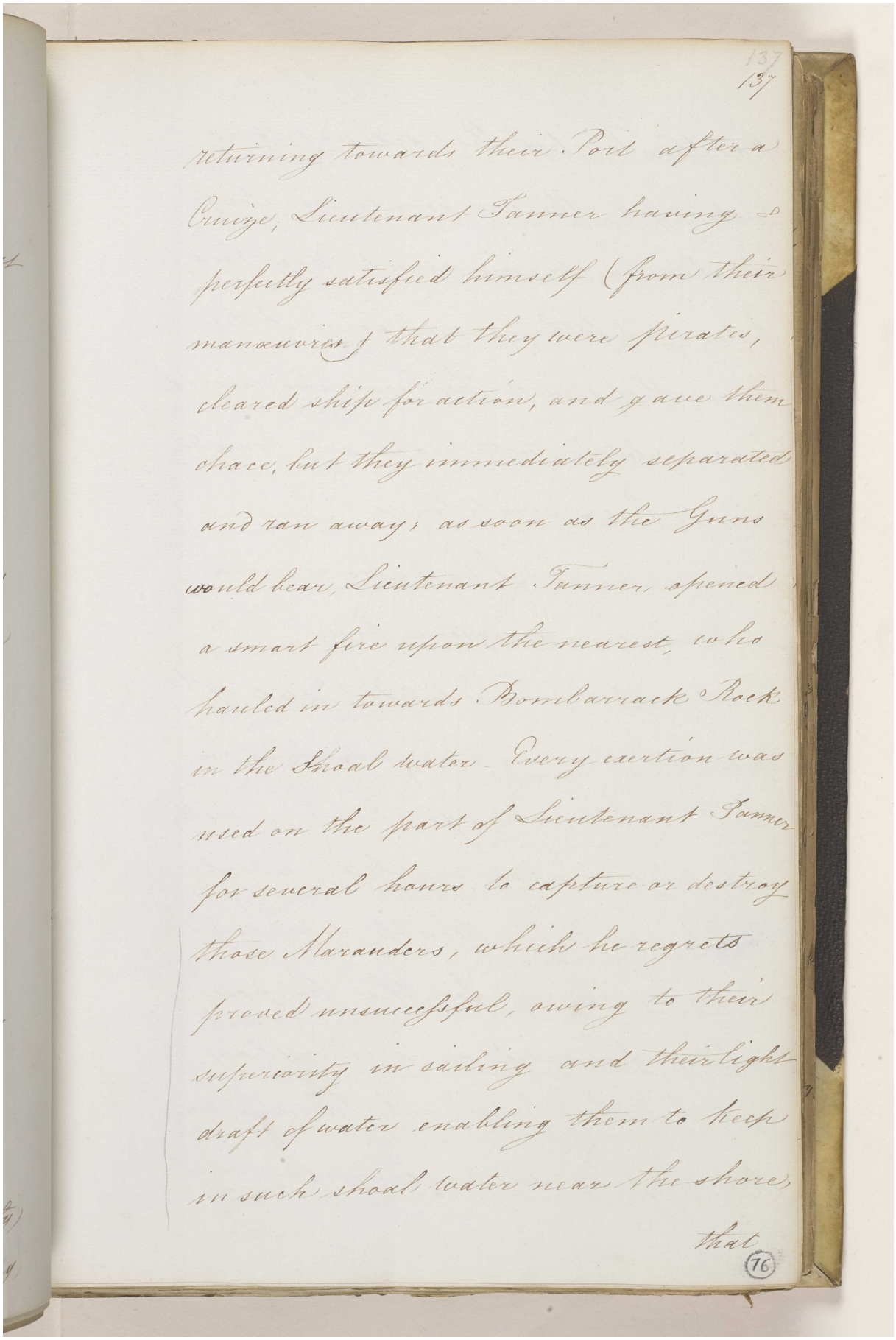


information of the Right Honble the
Governor in Council, that I have
received a communication from Lieutenant
Tanner, Commanding the Honble
Company's Cruizer Psyche, dated
Bushire Roads, 22d March, wherein
he reports that he left Muscat on
the 8th of that month with Despatches
for the Captain of His Majesty's Ship
Sawey, who had proceeded on towards
Bushire, on the 12th being off
Bombarrack Rock, fell in with a
small Squadron of Joasmee
Pirates, consisting of two large
Trankees crowded with Men, and two
of a smaller size, who shewed but
few hands, they were working up
along the Persian Coast apparently
returning



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returning towards their Port after a Cruize, Lieutenant Tanner having perfectly satisfied himself (from their manœuvres) that they were pirates, cleared ship for action, and gave them chace, but they immediately separated and ran away; as soon as the Guns would bear, Lieutenant Tanner opened a smart fire upon the nearest, who hauled in towards Bombarrack Rock in the Shoal water. Every exertion was used on the part of Lieutenant Tanner for several hours to capture or destroy those Marauders, which he regrets proved unsuccessful, owing to their superiority in sailing and their light draft of water enabling them to keep in such shoal water near the shore,

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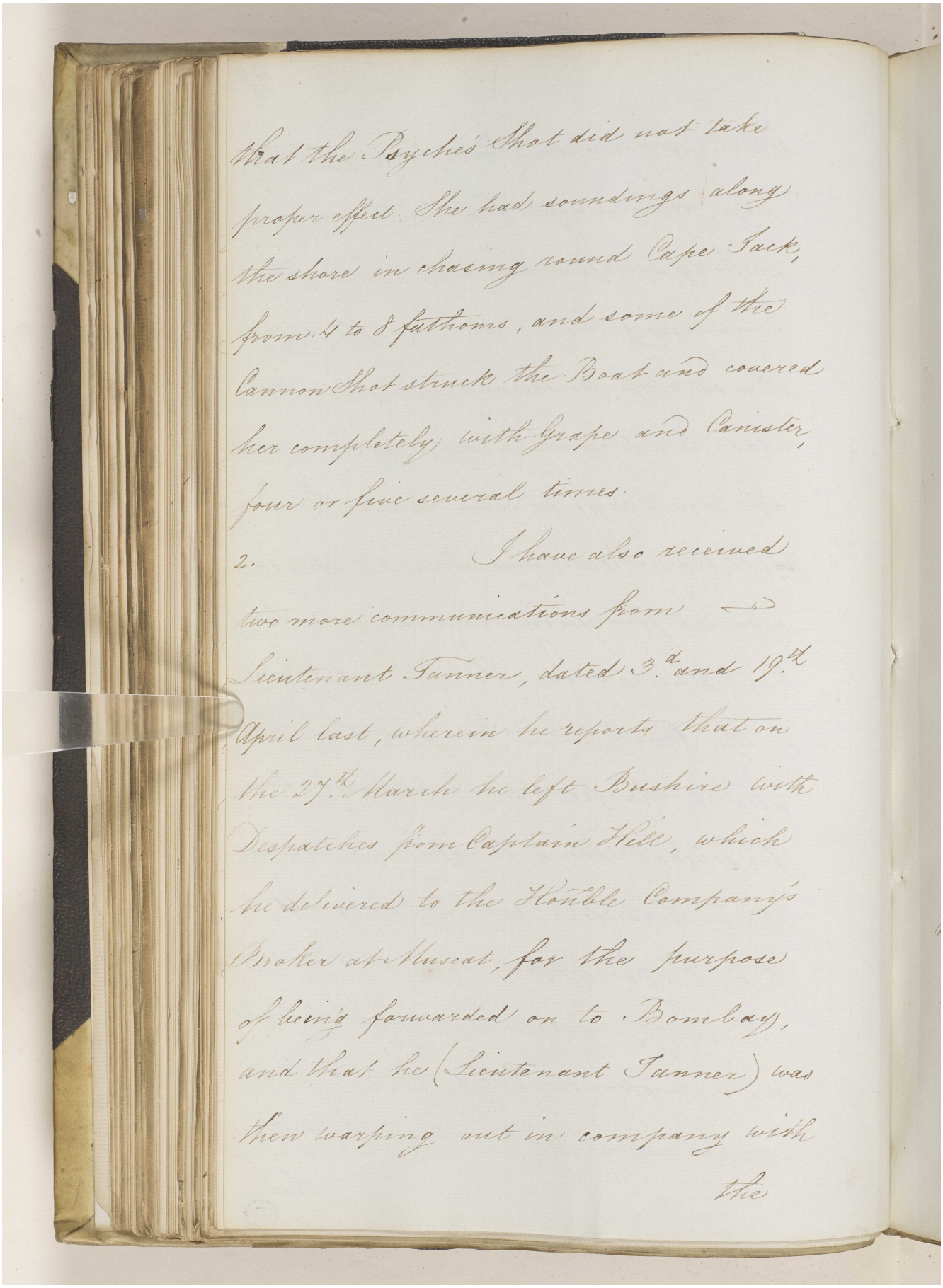
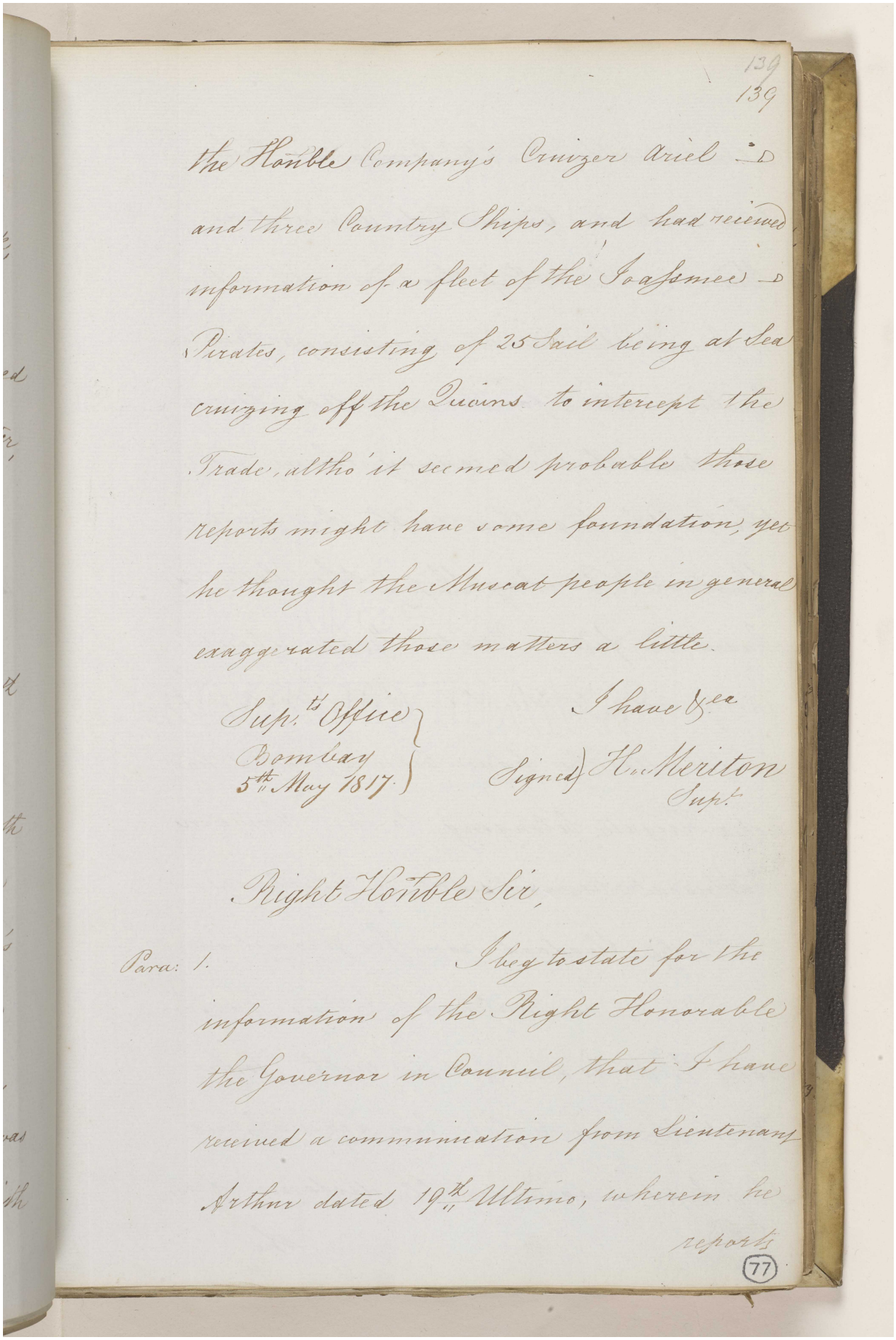


that the Psyches shot did not take proper effect. She had soundings along the shore in chasing round Cape Jack, from 4 to 8 fathoms, and some of the Cannon shot struck the Boat and covered her completely with Grape and Canister, four or five several times.

2. I have also received two more communications from Lieutenant Tanner, dated 3d and 19th April last, wherein he reports that on the 27th March he left Bushire with Despatches from Captain Hell, which he delivered to the Honble Company's Broker at Muscat, for the purpose of being forwarded on to Bombay, and that he (Lieutenant Tanner) was then warping out in company with the



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the Honble Company's Cruizer Ariel D
and three Country Ships, and had received
information of a fleet of the Joasmee D
Pirates, consisting of 25 Sail being at Sea
cruizing off the Quoins to intercept the
Trade, altho' it seemed probable those
Reports might have some foundation, yet
he thought the Muscat people in general
exaggerated those matters a little.

Sup.ts Office
Bombay
5th May 1817.

I have &c.a
Signed) H. Meriton
Supt.

Right Honble Sir,

Para: 1. I beg to state for the
information of the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council, that I have
received a communication from Lieutenant
Arthur dated 19th Ultimo, wherein he
reports

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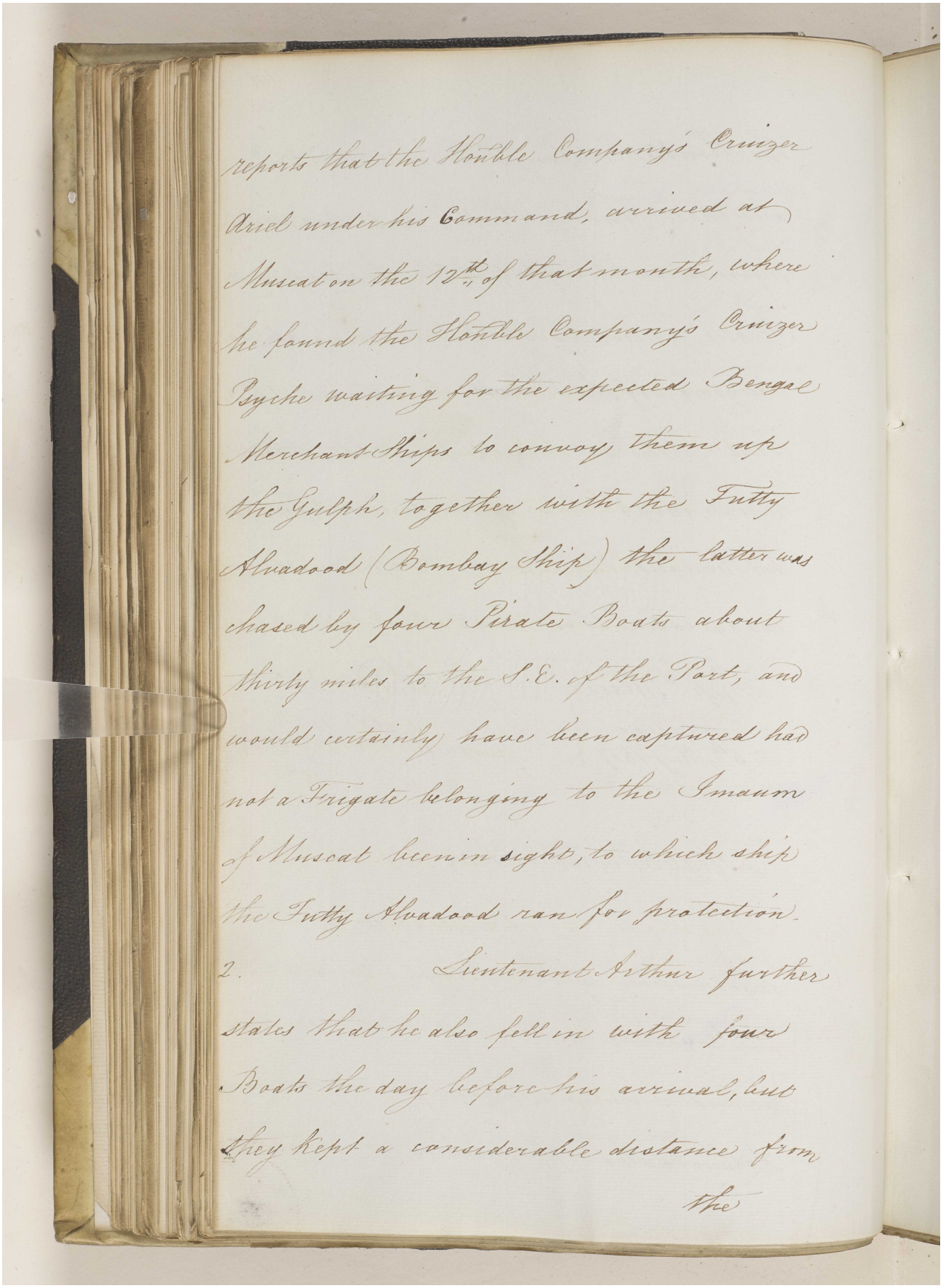
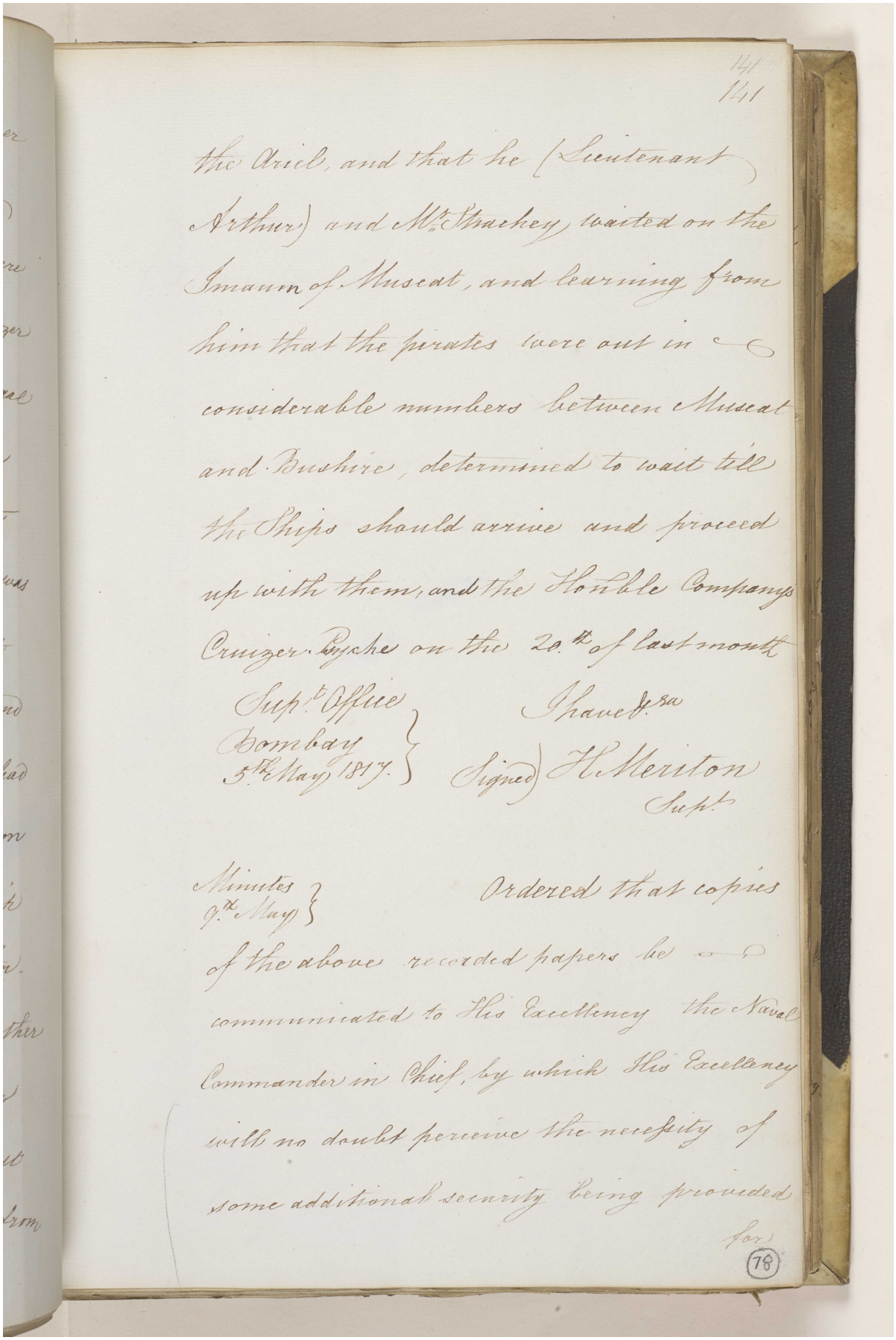


reports that the Honble Company's Cruizer Ariel under his Command, arrived at Muscat on the 12th. of that month, where he found the Honble Company's Cruizer Psyche waiting for the expected Bengal Merchant Ships to convoy them up the Gulph, together with the Futty Alwadood (Bombay Ship) the latter was chased by four Pirate Boats about thirty miles to the S.E. of the Port, and would certainly have been captured had not a Frigate belonging to the Imaum of Muscat been in sight, to which ship the Futty Alwadood ran for protection.

2. Lieutenant Arthur further states that he also fell in with four Boats the day before his arrival, but they kept a considerable distance from the



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the Ariel, and that he (Lieutenant Arthur) and Mr. Thackery, waited on the Imaum of Muscat, and learning from him that the pirates were out in considerable numbers between Muscat and Bushire, determined to wait till the Ships should arrive and proceed up with them, and the Honble Company's Cruizer Psyche on the 20th of last month

Sup.t Office
Bombay
5th May 1817.

Signed) H. Meriton
Sup.t

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9th May

Ordered that copies of the above recorded papers be communicated to His Excellency the Naval Commander in Chief, by which His Excellency will no doubt perceive the necessity of some additional security being provided for

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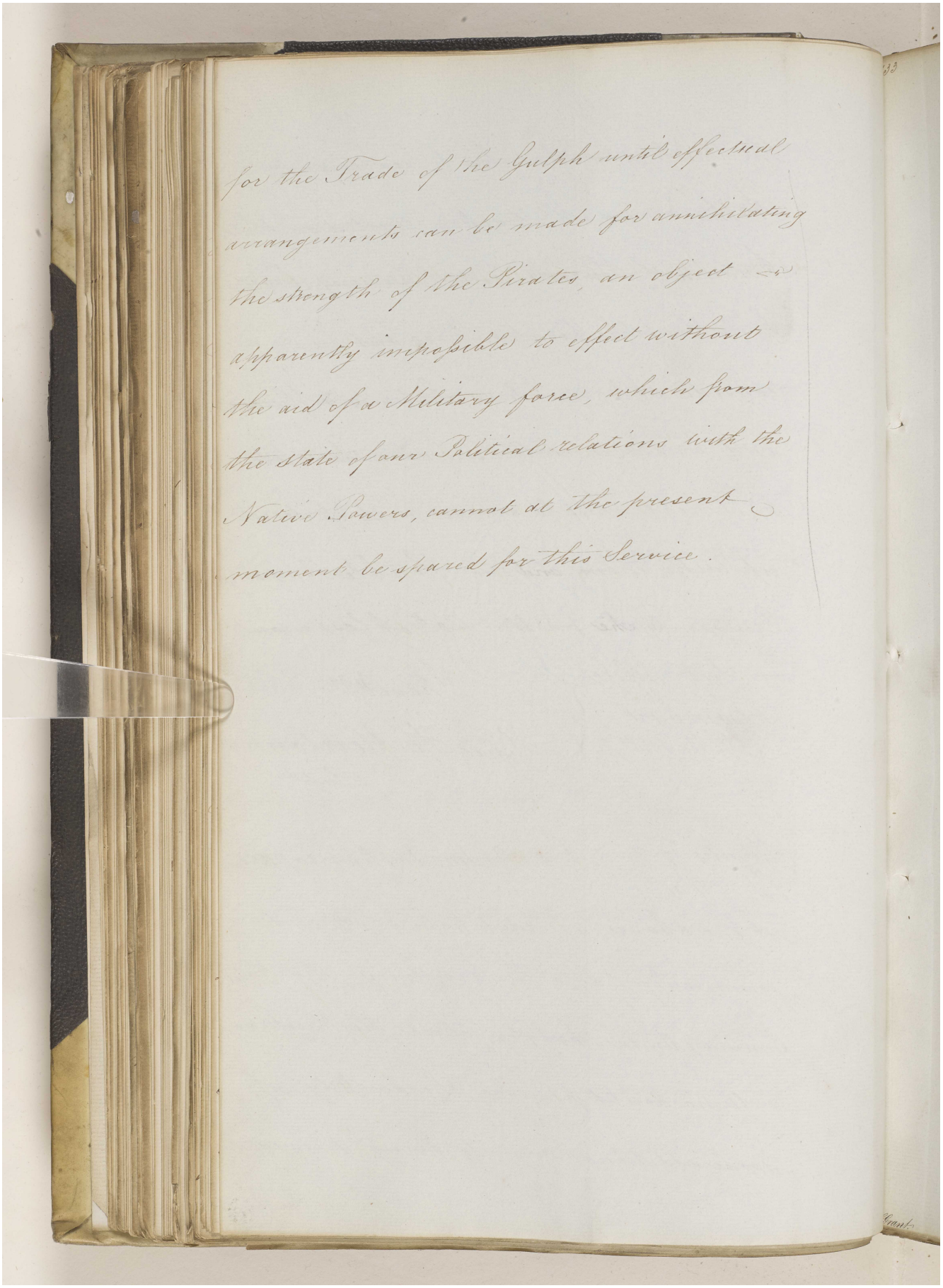
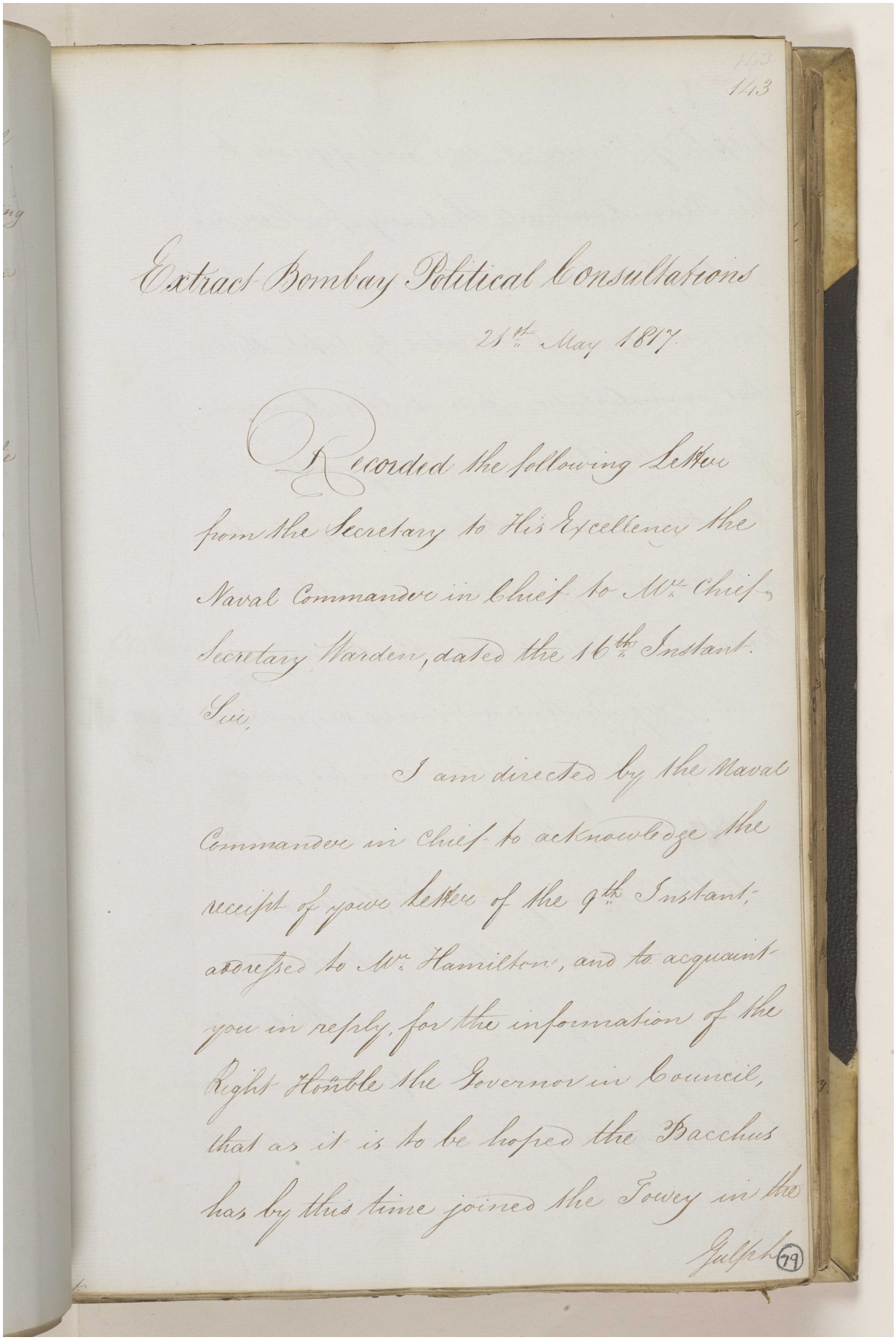


for the Trade of the Gulph until effectual
arrangements can be made for annihilating
the strength of the Pirates, an object
apparently impossible to effect without
the aid of a Military force, which from
the state of our Political relations with the
Native Powers, cannot at the present
moment be spared for this Service.



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21st May 1817

Recorded the following Letter from the Secretary to His Excellency the Naval Commander in Chief to Mr. Chief Secretary Warden, dated the 16th Instant.

Sir,

I am directed by the Naval Commander in Chief to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 9th Instant, addressed to Mr. Hamilton, and to acquaint you in reply, for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that as it is to be hoped the Bacchus has by this time joined the Fowey in the Gulph

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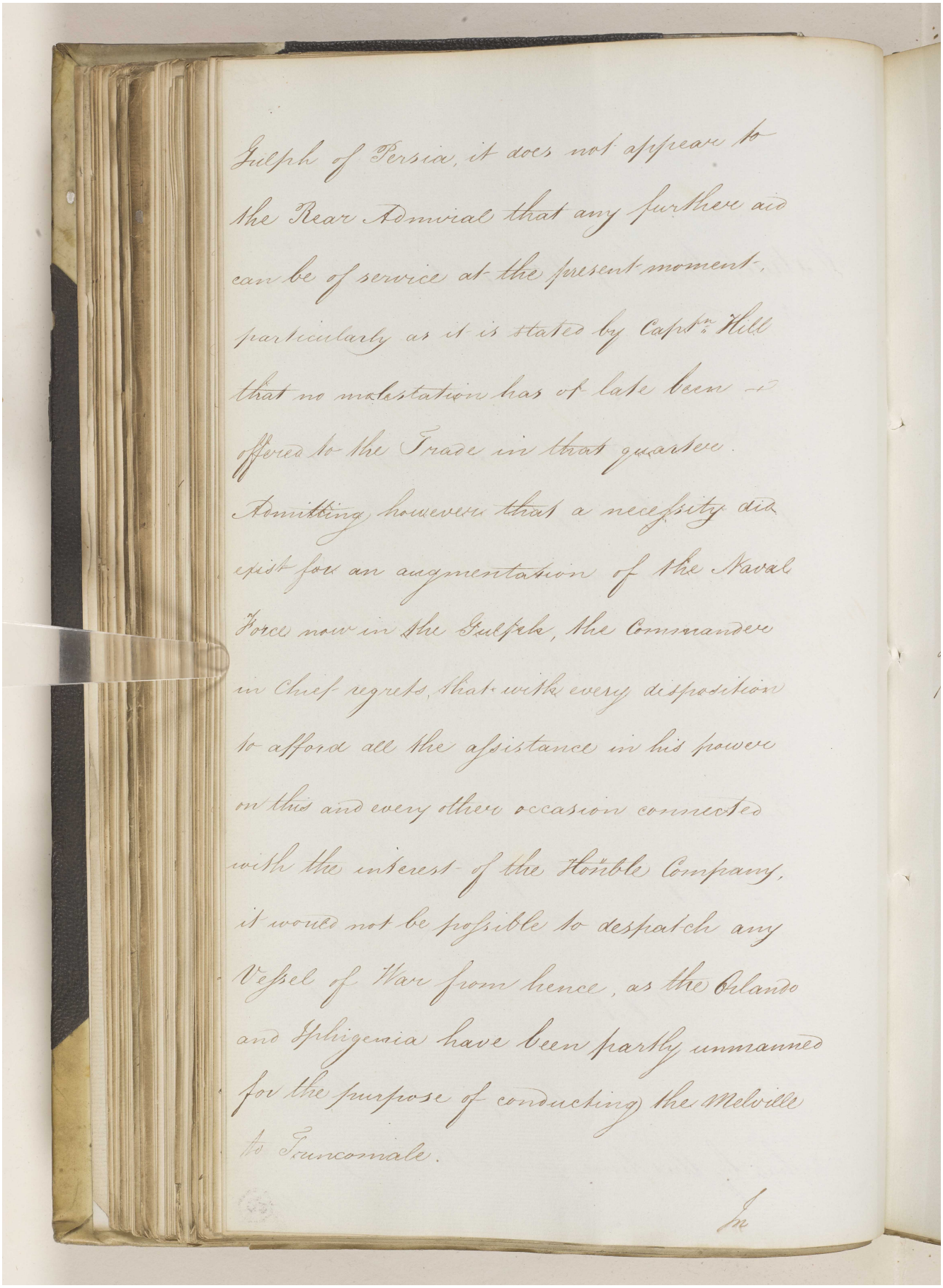

Gulph of Persia, it does not appeare to
the Rear Admiral that any further aid
can be of service at the present moment,
particularly as it is stated by Capt.n Hill
that no molestation has of late been
offered to the Trade in that quarter.
Admitting however that a necessity did
exist for an augmentation of the Naval
Force now in the Gulph, the Commander
in Chief regrets, that with every disposition
to afford all the assistance in his power
on this and every other occasion connected
with the interest of the Honble Company,
it would not be possible to despatch any
Vessel of War from hence, as the Orlando
and Iphigenia have been partly unmanned
for the purpose of conducting the Melville
to Trincomale.

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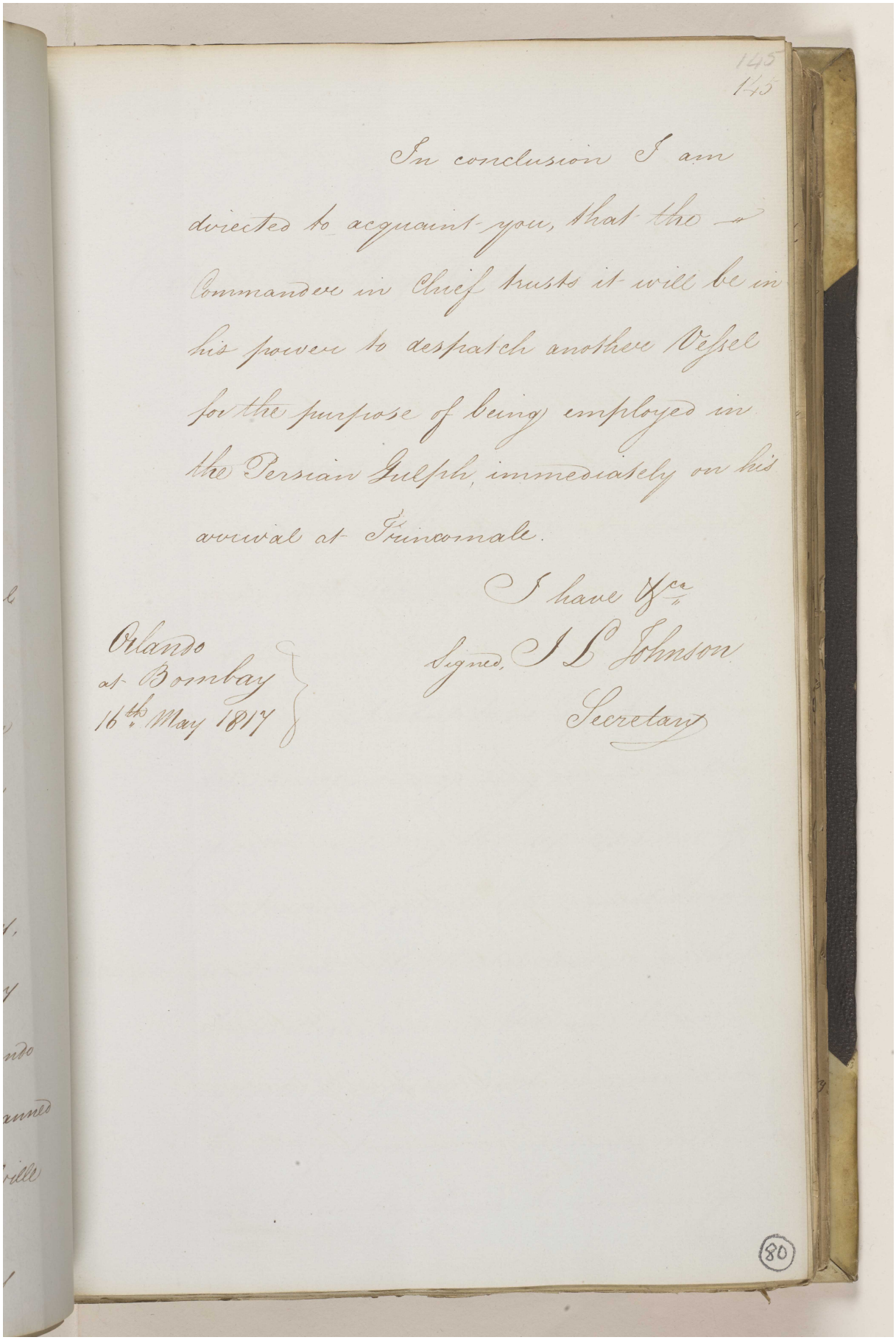

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In conclusion I am directed to acquaint you, that the Commander in Chief trusts it will be in his power to despatch another Vessel for the purpose of being employed in the Persian Gulph, immediately on his arrival at Trincomale.

I have &c.

Signed J S Johnson
Secretary

Orlando
at Bombay
16th May 1817

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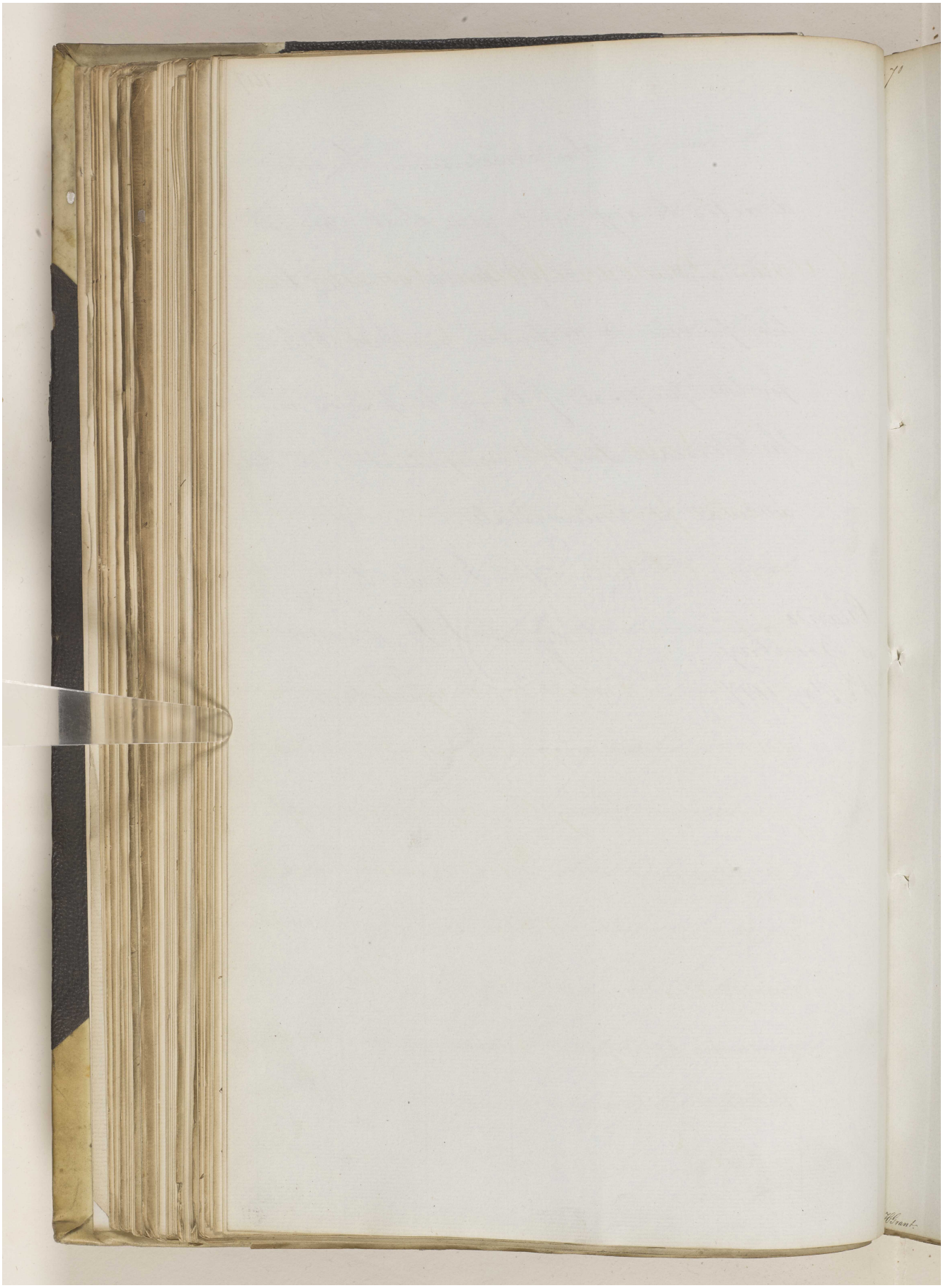

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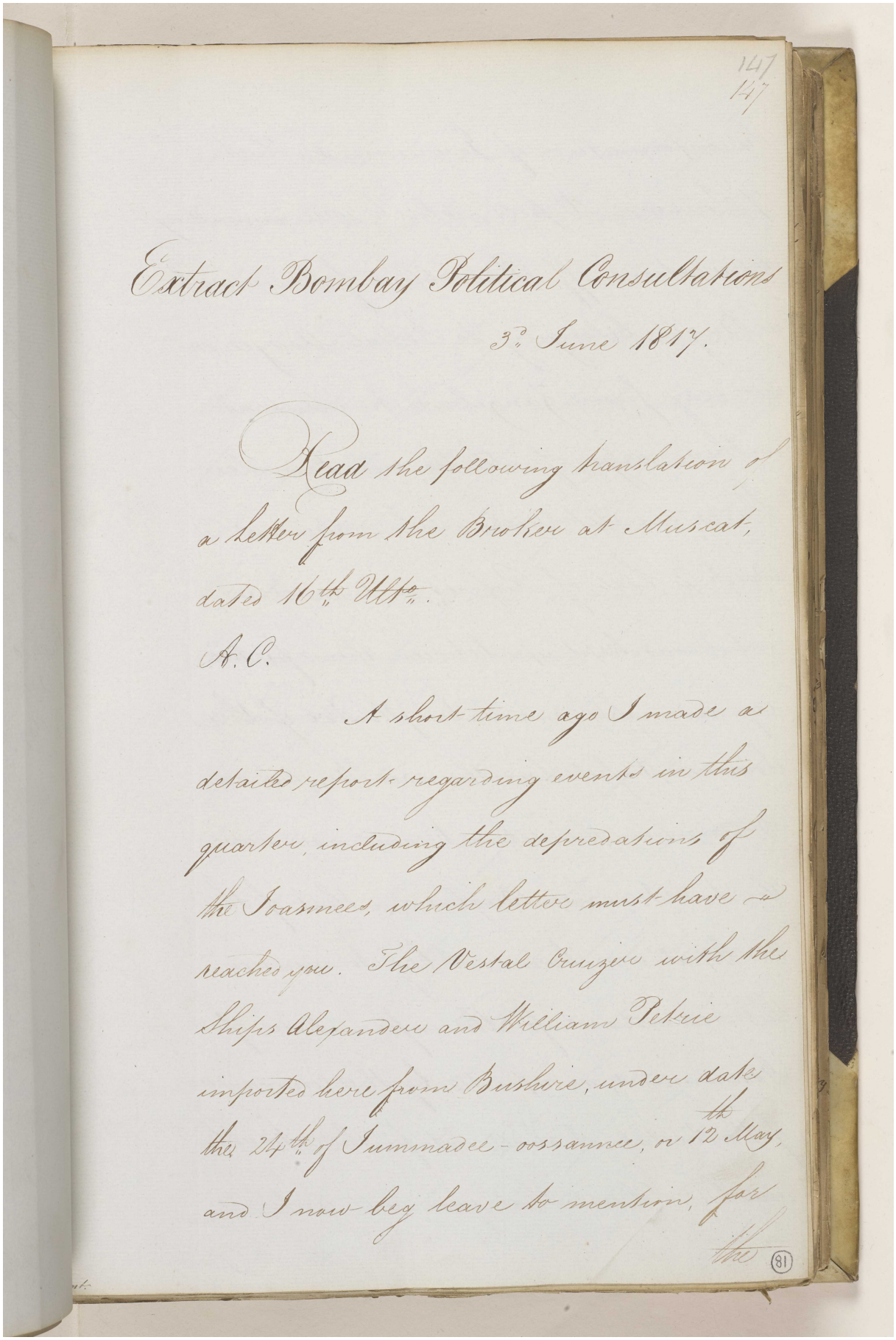

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
3d June 1817.

Read the following translation of a Letter from the Broker at Muscat, dated 16th Ulto.
A. C.

A short time ago I made a detailed report regarding events in this quarter, including the depredations of the Joasmees, which letter must have reached you. The Vestal Cruizer with the Ships Alexander and William Petrie imported here from Bushire, under date the 24th of Jummadee-oossanee, or 12 May, and I now beg leave to mention, for the

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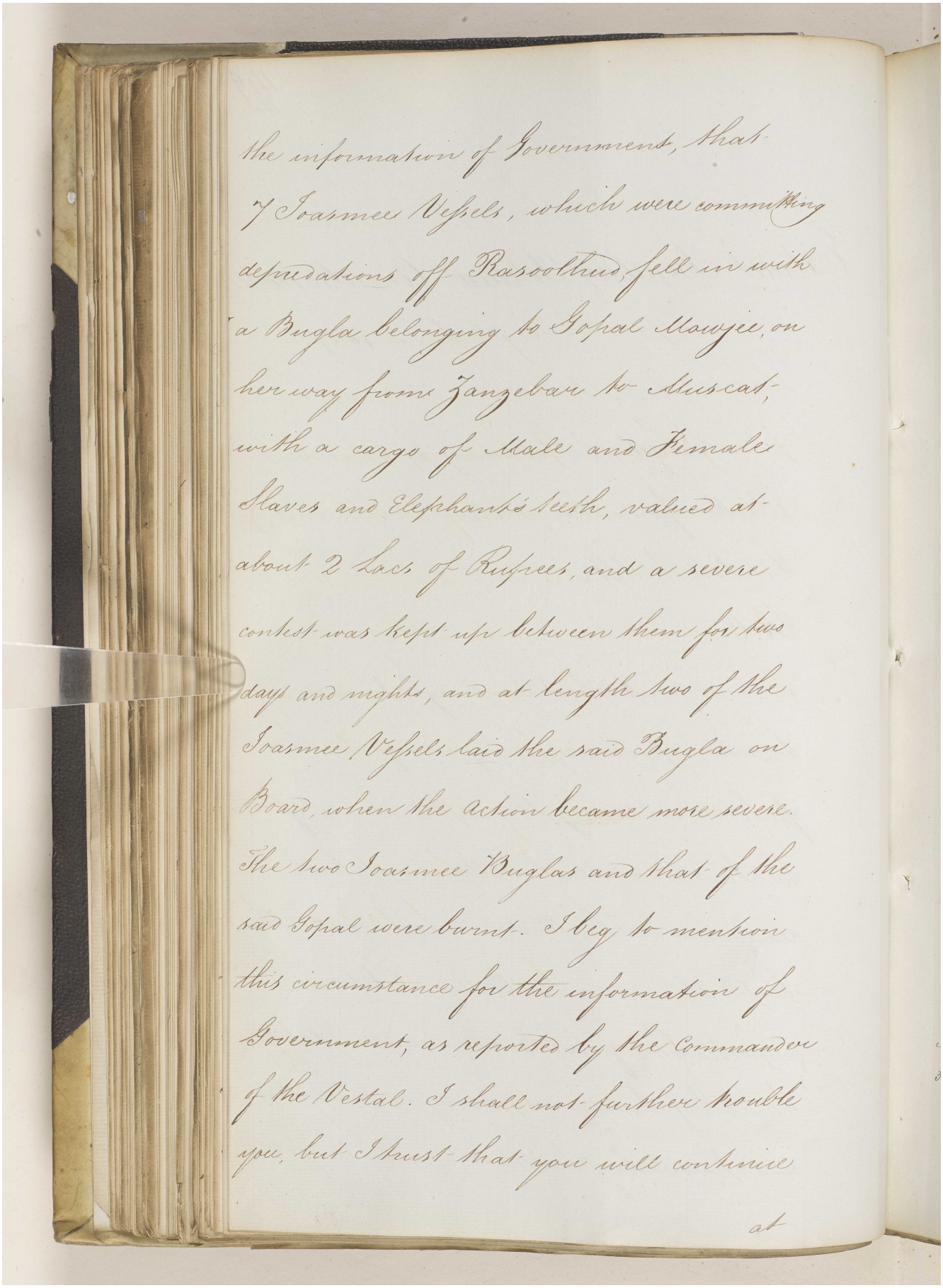

the information of Government, that
7 Joasmee Vessels, which were committing
depredations off Rasoolkhud, fell in with
a Bugla belonging to Gopal Mowjee, on
her way from Zanzebar to Muscat,
with a cargo of Male and Female
Slaves and Elephants teeth, valued at
about 2 Lacs of Rupees, and a severe
contest was kept up between them for two
days and nights, and at length two of the
Joasmee Vessels laid the said Bugla on
Board, when the action became more severe.
The two Joasmee Buglas and that of the
said Gopal were burnt. I beg to mention
this circumstance for the information of
Government, as reported by the Commander
of the Vestal. I shall not further trouble
you, but I trust that you will continue

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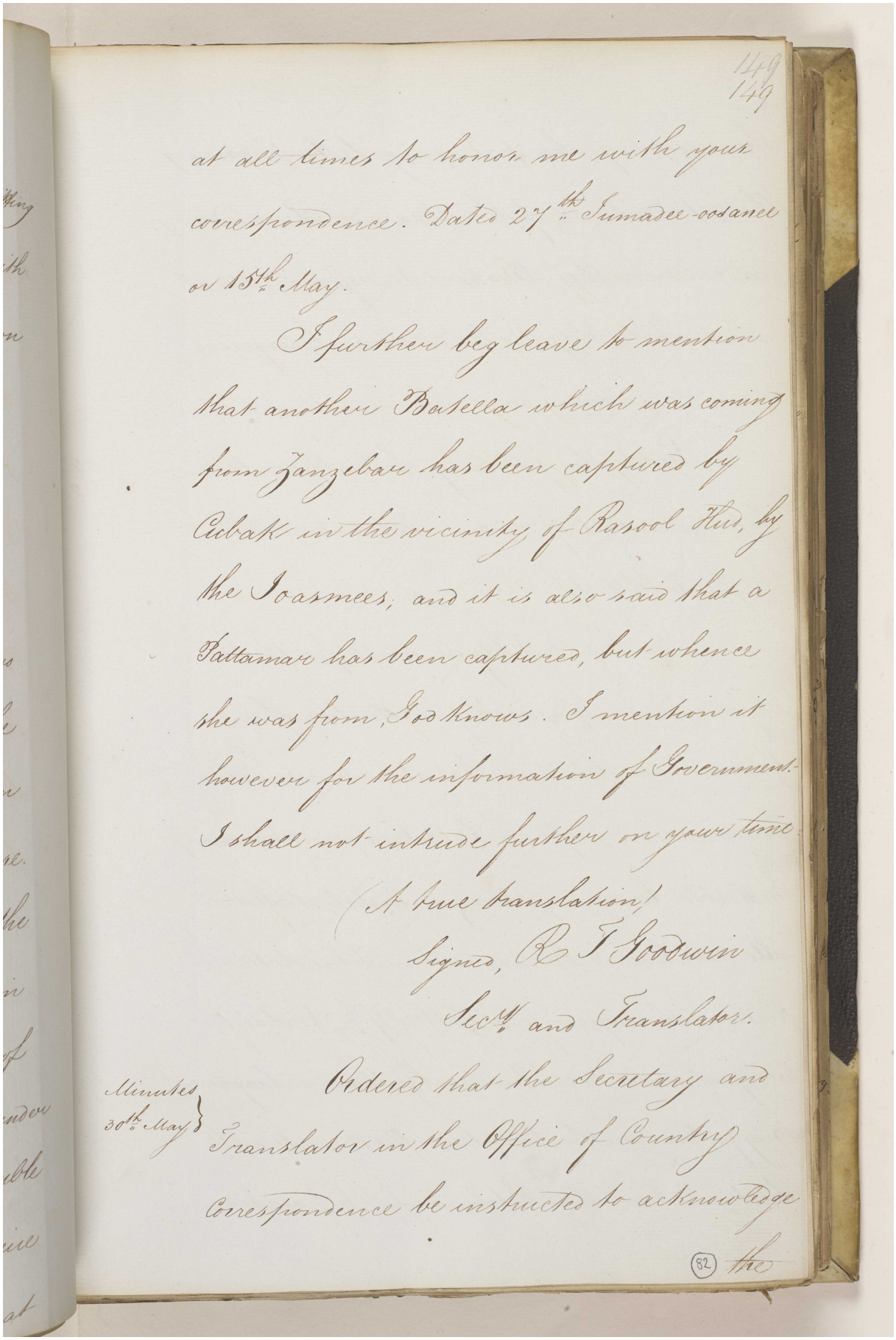

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at all times to honor me with your
correspondence. Dated 27th. Jumadee-oosanee
or 15th. May.

I further beg leave to mention
that another Batella which was coming
from Zanzebar has been captured by
Cubak in the vicinity of Rasool Hud, by
the Joasmees, and it is also said that a
Pattamar has been captured, but whence
she was from, God knows. I mention it
however for the information of Government.
I shall not intrude further on your time.

A true translation,
Signed, R. T. Goodwin
Sect.y and Translator.

Minutes 30th. May } Ordered that the Secretary and
Translator in the Office of Country
Correspondence be instructed to acknowledge

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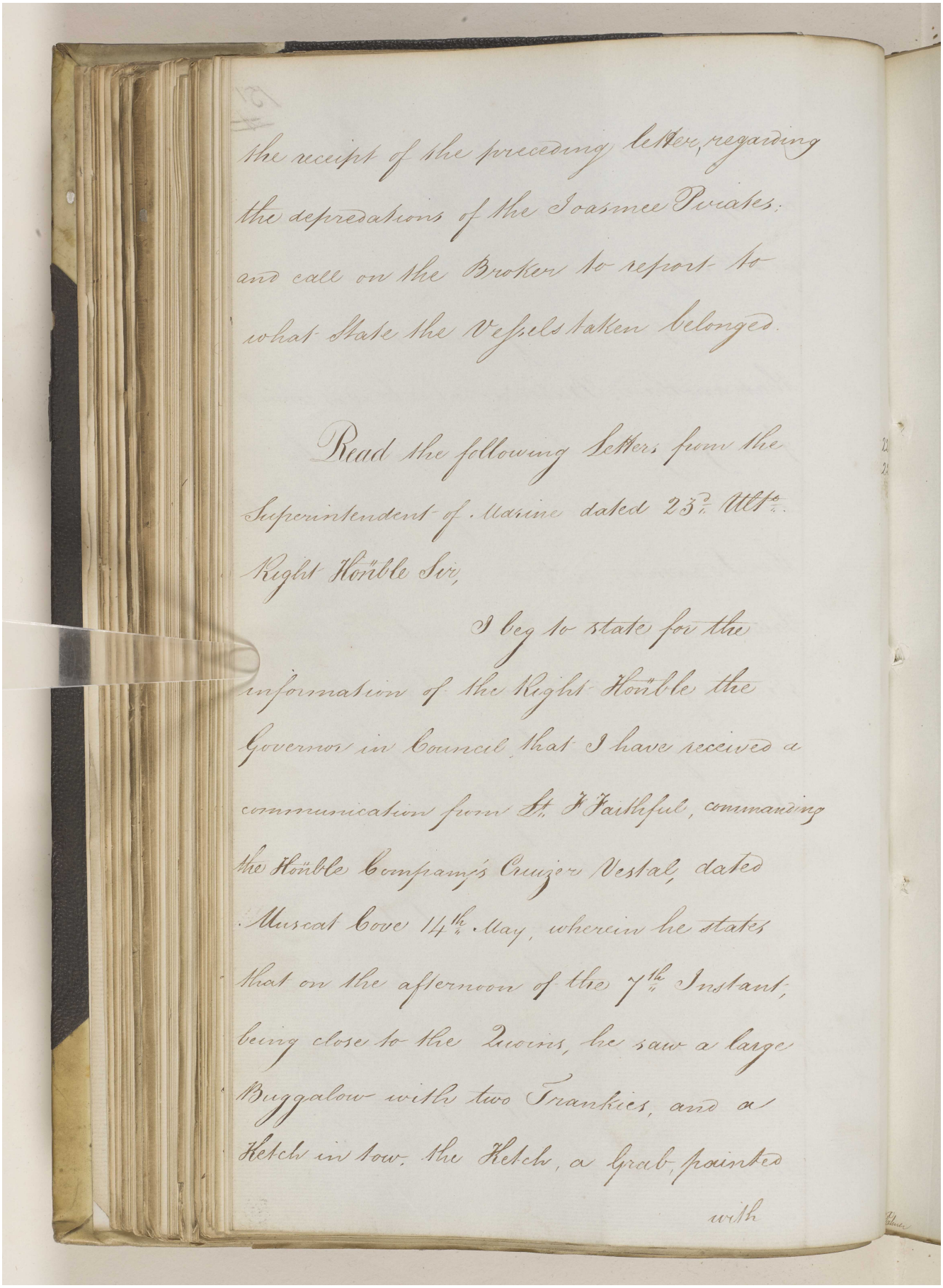

the receipt of the preceding letter, regarding the depredations of the Joasmee Pirates: and call on the Broken to report to what State the Vessels taken belonged.

Read the following Letter from the Superintendent of Marine dated 23d. Ulto.

Right Honble Sir,

I beg to state for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council that I have received a communication from Lt. F. Faithful, commanding the Honble Company's Cruizer Vestal, dated Muscat Cove 14th. May, wherein he states that on the afternoon of the 7th. Instant, being close to the Quoins, he saw a large Buggalow with two Trankies, and a Ketch in tow. the Ketch, a Grab, painted

with

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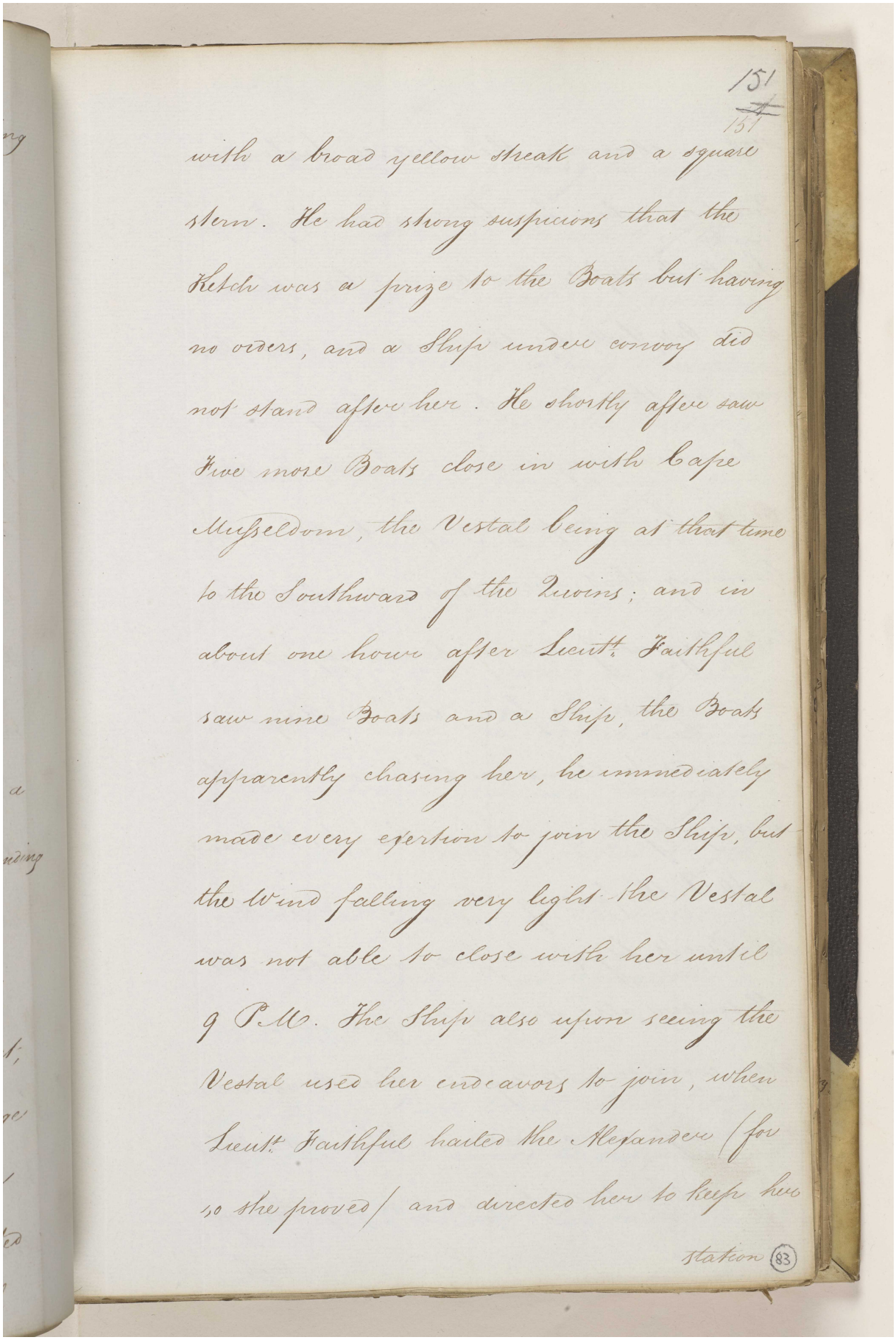

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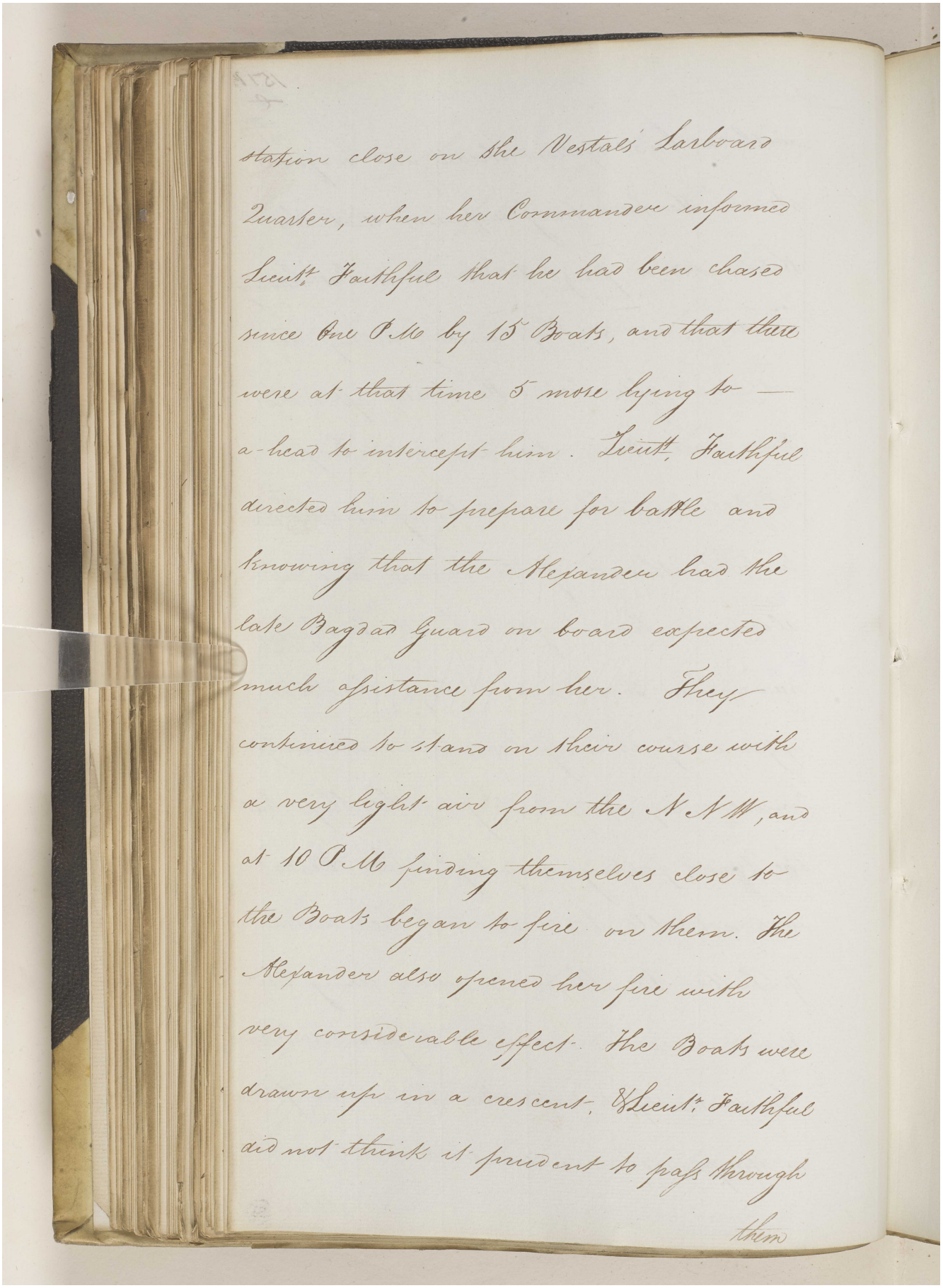
with a broad yellow streak and a square stern. He had strong suspicions that the Ketch was a prize to the Boats but having no orders, and a Ship under convoy did not stand after her. He shortly after saw Five more Boats close in with Cape Musseldom, the Vestal being at that time to the Southward of the Quoins; and in about one hour after Lieut.t Faithful saw nine Boats and a Ship, the Boats apparently chasing her, he immediately made every exertion to join the Ship, but the Wind falling very light the Vestal was not able to close with her until 9 P.M. The Ship also upon seeing the Vestal used her endeavors to join, when Lieut.t Faithful hailed the Alexander (for so she proved) and directed her to keep her station (83)



station close on the Vestals Larboard Quarter, when her Commander informed Lieut.t Faithful that he had been chased since One P.M by 15 Boats, and that there were at that time 5 more lying to — a-head to intercept him. Lieut.t Faithful directed him to prepare for battle and knowing that the Alexander had the late Bagdad Guard on board expected much assistance from her. They continued to stand on their course with a very light air from the N.N.W, and at 10 P.M finding themselves close to the Boats began to fire on them. The Alexander also opened her fire with very considerable effect. The Boats were drawn up in a crescent. & Lieut.t Faithful did not think it prudent to pass through them

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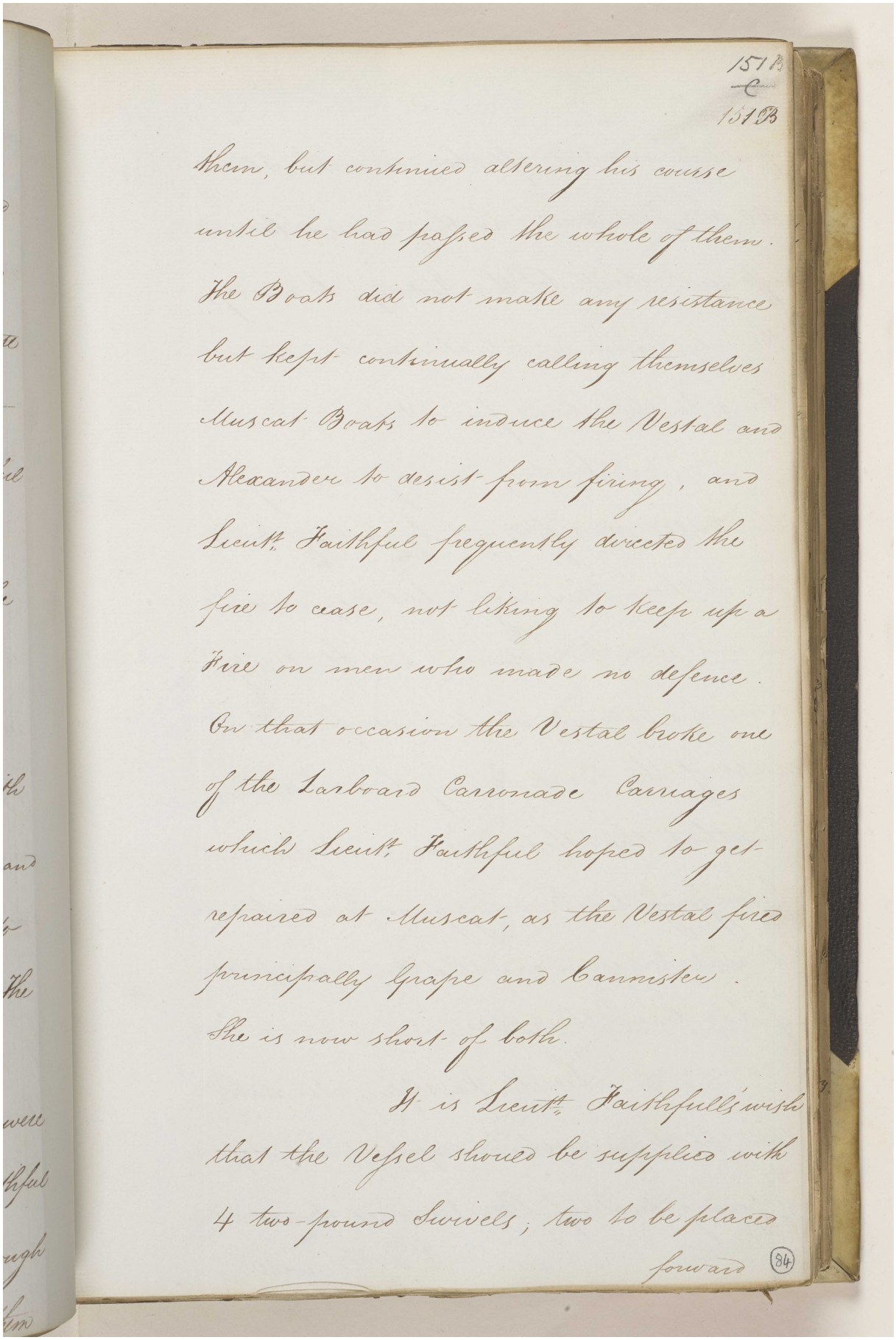

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them, but continued altering his course until he had passed the whole of them. The Boats did not make any resistance but kept continually calling themselves Muscat Boats to induce the Vestal and Alexander to desist from firing, and Lieut.t Faithful frequently directed the fire to cease, not liking to keep up a fire on men who made no defence. On that occasion the Vestal broke one of the Larboard Carronade Carriages which Lieut.t Faithful hoped to get repaired at Muscat, as the Vestal fires principally Grape and Cannister. She is now short of both.

It is Lieut.t Faithfull's wish that the Vessel should be supplied with 4 two-pound Swivels; two to be placed forward

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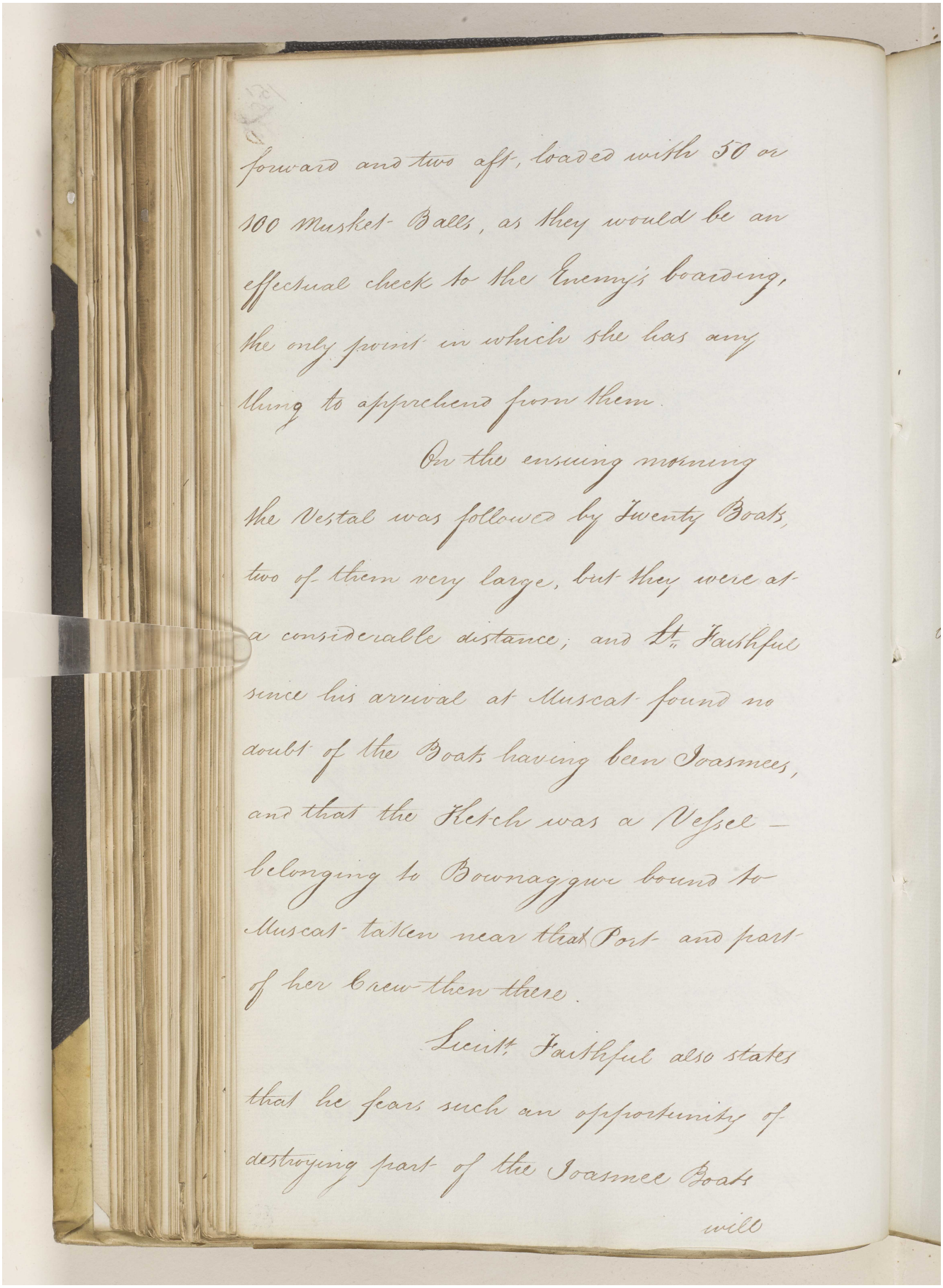
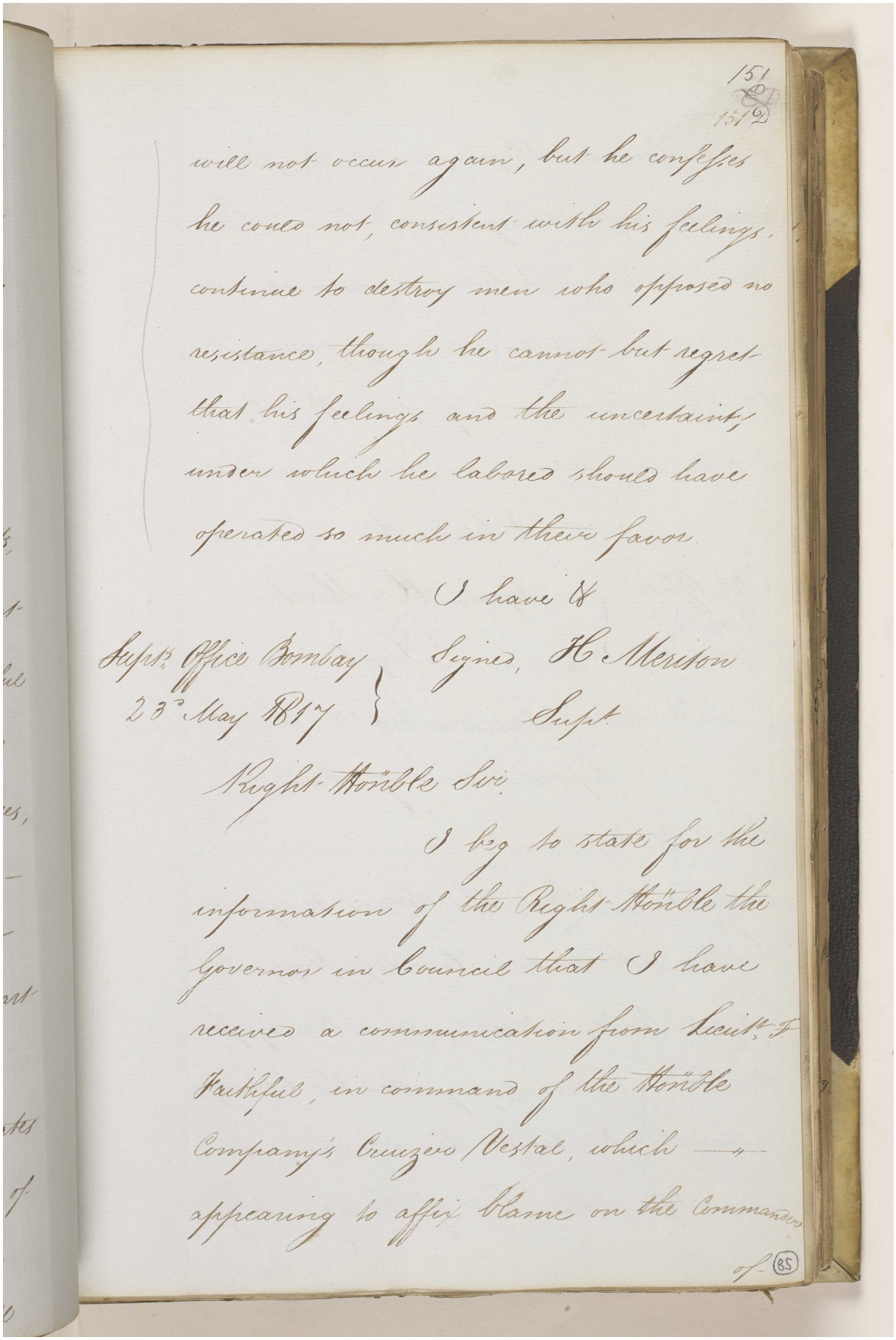


forward and two aft, loaded with 50 or 100 Musket-Balls, as they would be an effectual check to the Enemy's boarding, the only point in which she has any thing to apprehend from them.

On the ensuing morning the Vestal was followed by Twenty Boats, two of them very large, but they were at a considerable distance; and Lt. Faithful since his arrival at Muscat found no doubt of the Boats having been Joasmees, and that the Ketch was a Vessel belonging to Bownaggur bound to Muscat taken near that Port and part of her Crew then there.

Lieut. Faithful also states that he fears such an opportunity of destroying part of the Joasmee Boats will



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will not occur again, but he confesses he could not, consistent with his feelings, continue to destroy men who opposed no resistance, though he cannot but regret that his feelings and the uncertainty under which he labored should have operated so much in their favor.

I have &

Supt's Office Bombay
23d May 1817

Signed, H Meriton
Supt

Right Hon'ble Sir,

I beg to state for the information of the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council that I have received a communication from Lieut. F. Faithful, in command of the Hon'ble Company's Cruizer Vestal, which — appearing to affix blame on the Commander

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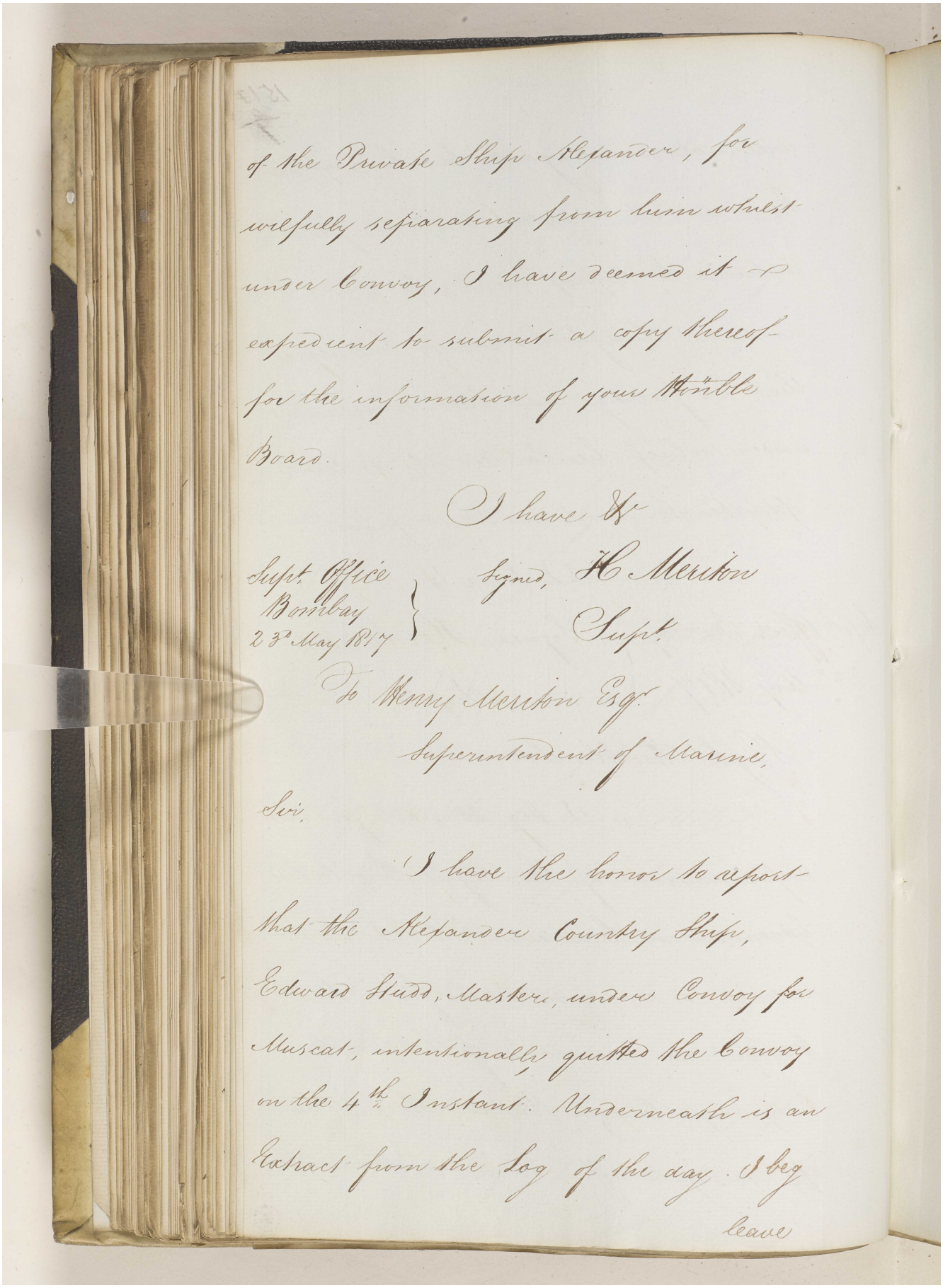


of the Private Ship Alexander, for wilfully separating from him whilst under Convoy, I have deemed it expedient to submit a copy thereof for the information of your Honble Board.

I have &c

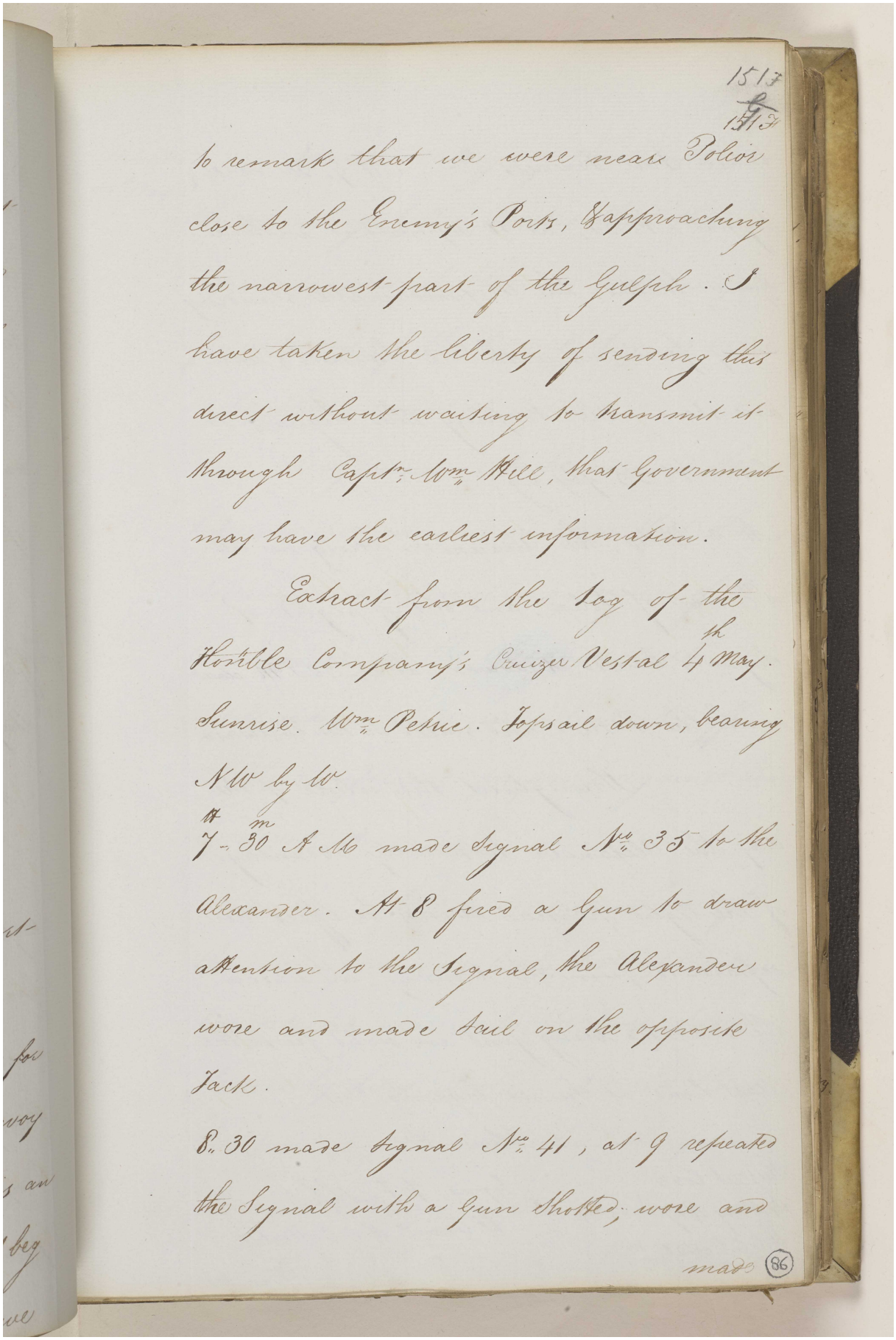
Supt. Office
Bombay
23d May 1817

Signed, H Meriton
Supt.

To Henry Meriton Esqr.
Superintendent of Marine,

Sir,

I have the honor to report that the Alexander Country Ship, Edward Studd, Master, under Convoy for Muscat, intentionally quitted the Convoy on the 4th Instant. Underneath is an Extract from the Log of the day. I beg leave



to remark that we were near Polior close to the Enemy's Ports, & approaching the narrowest part of the Gulph. I have taken the liberty of sending this direct without waiting to transmit it through Captn. Wm. Hill, that Government may have the earliest information.

Extract from the Log of the Honble Company's Cruizer Vestal 4th May. Sunrise. Wm. Petrie. Topsail down, bearing NW by W.

7h. 30m A M made Signal No. 35 to the Alexander. At 8 fired a Gun to draw attention to the Signal, the Alexander wore and made Sail on the opposite Tack.

8. 30 made Signal No. 41, at 9 repeated the Signal with a Gun Shotted; wore and

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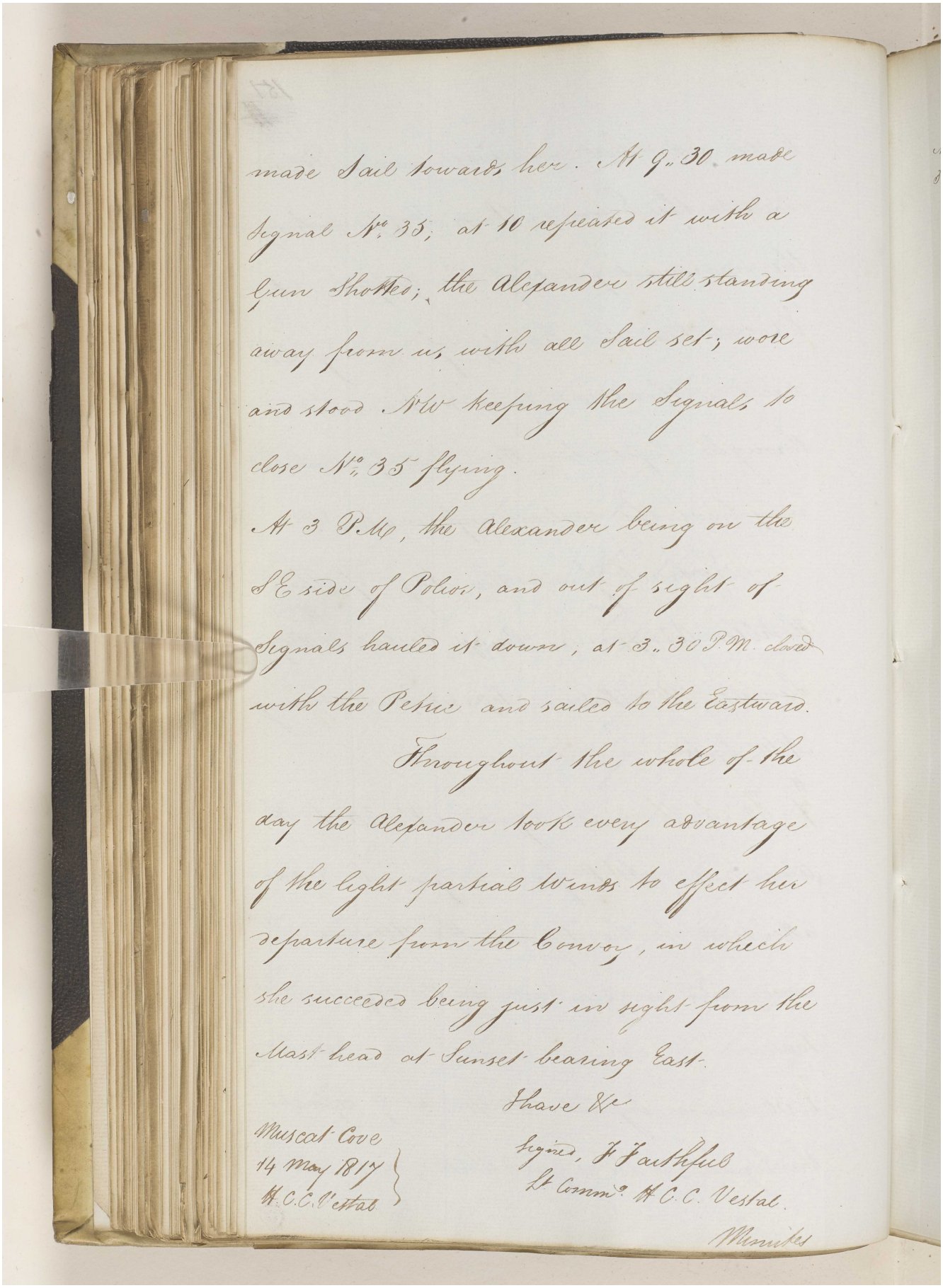

made Sail towards her. At 9. 30 made Signal No. 35; at 10 repeated it with a Gun Shotted; the Alexander still standing away from us, with all Sail set; wore and stood N.W keeping the Signals to close No. 35 flying.

At 3 P.M, the Alexander being on the S.E side of Polior, and out of sight of Signals hauled it down, at 3. 30 P.M. closed with the Petrie and sailed to the Eastward.

Throughout the whole of the day the Alexander took every advantage of the light partial Winds to effect her departure from the Convoy, in which she succeeded being just in sight from the Mast head at Sunset bearing East.

I have &c

Muscat Cove
14 May 1817
H.C.C. Vestal

Signed, F Faithfull
Lt Commg H.C.C. Vestal.

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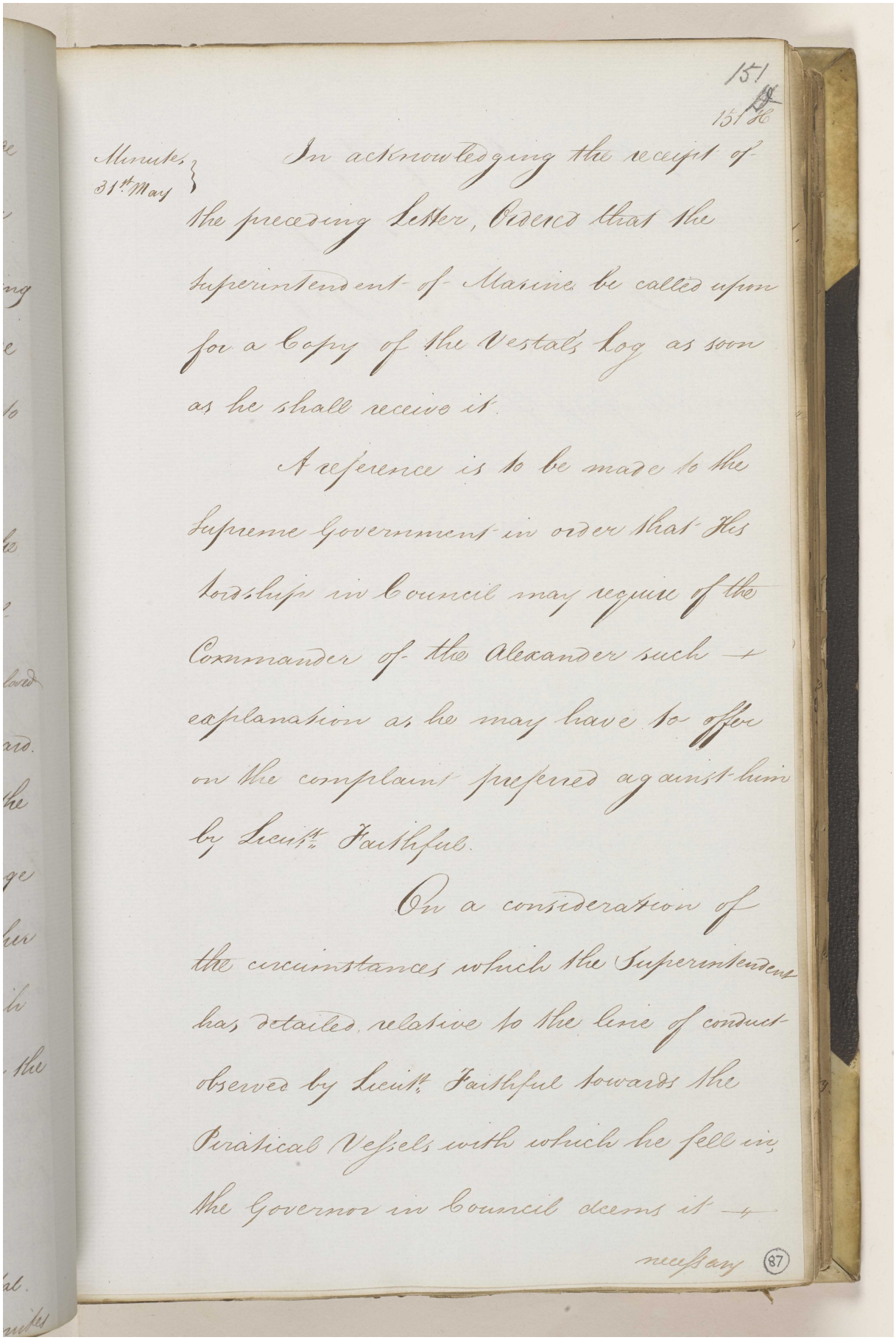

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31st May

In acknowledging the receipt of the preceding Letter, Ordered that the Superintendent of Marine be called upon for a Copy of the Vestals log as soon as he shall receive it.

A reference is to be made to the Supreme Government in order that His Lordship in Council may require of the Commander of the Alexander such explanation as he may have to offer on the compliant preferred against him by Lieut.t Faithful.

On a consideration of the circumstances which the Superintendent has detailed relative to the line of conduct observed by Lieut.t Faithful towards the Piratical Vessels with which he fell in, the Governor in Council deems it

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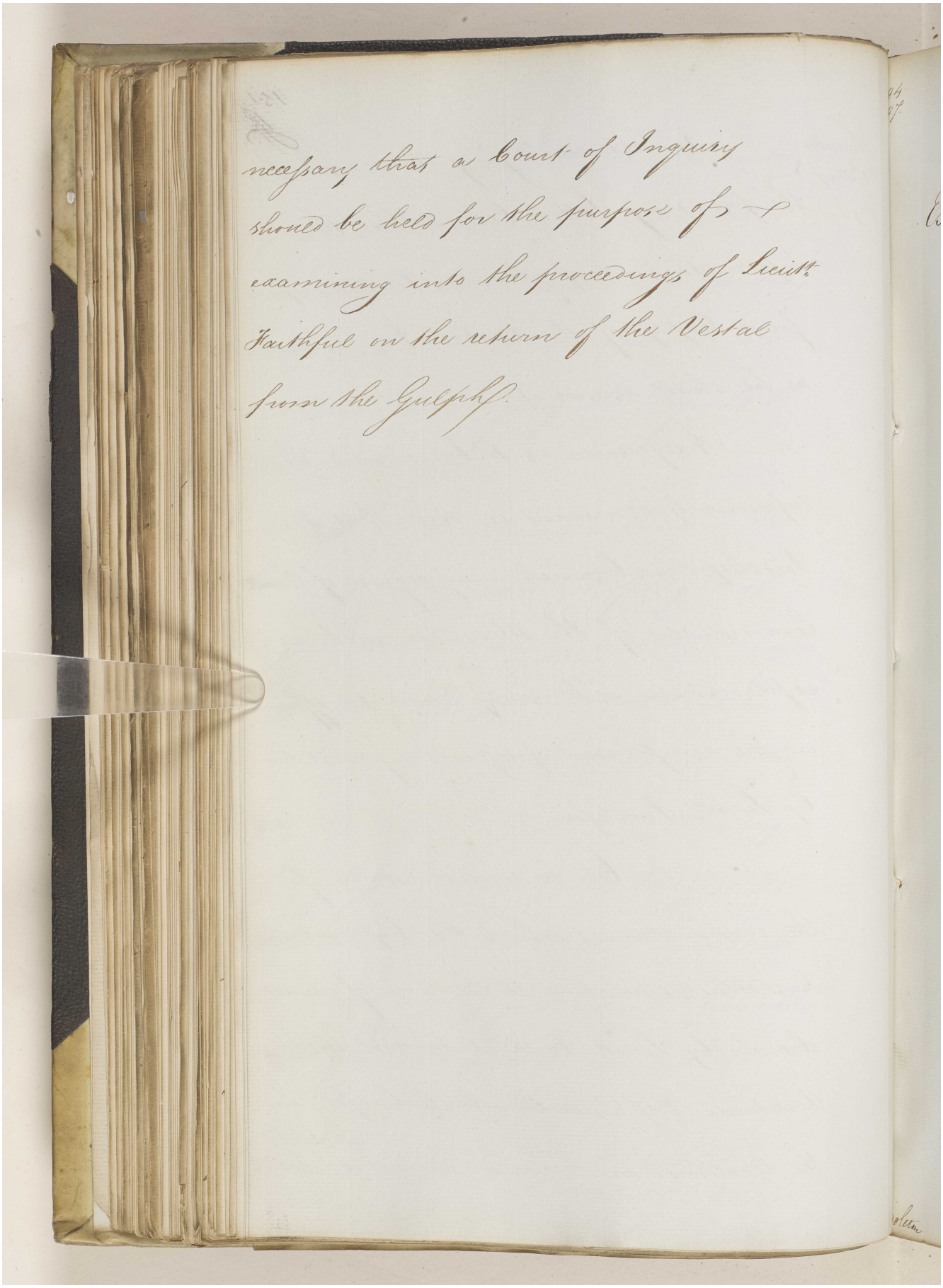
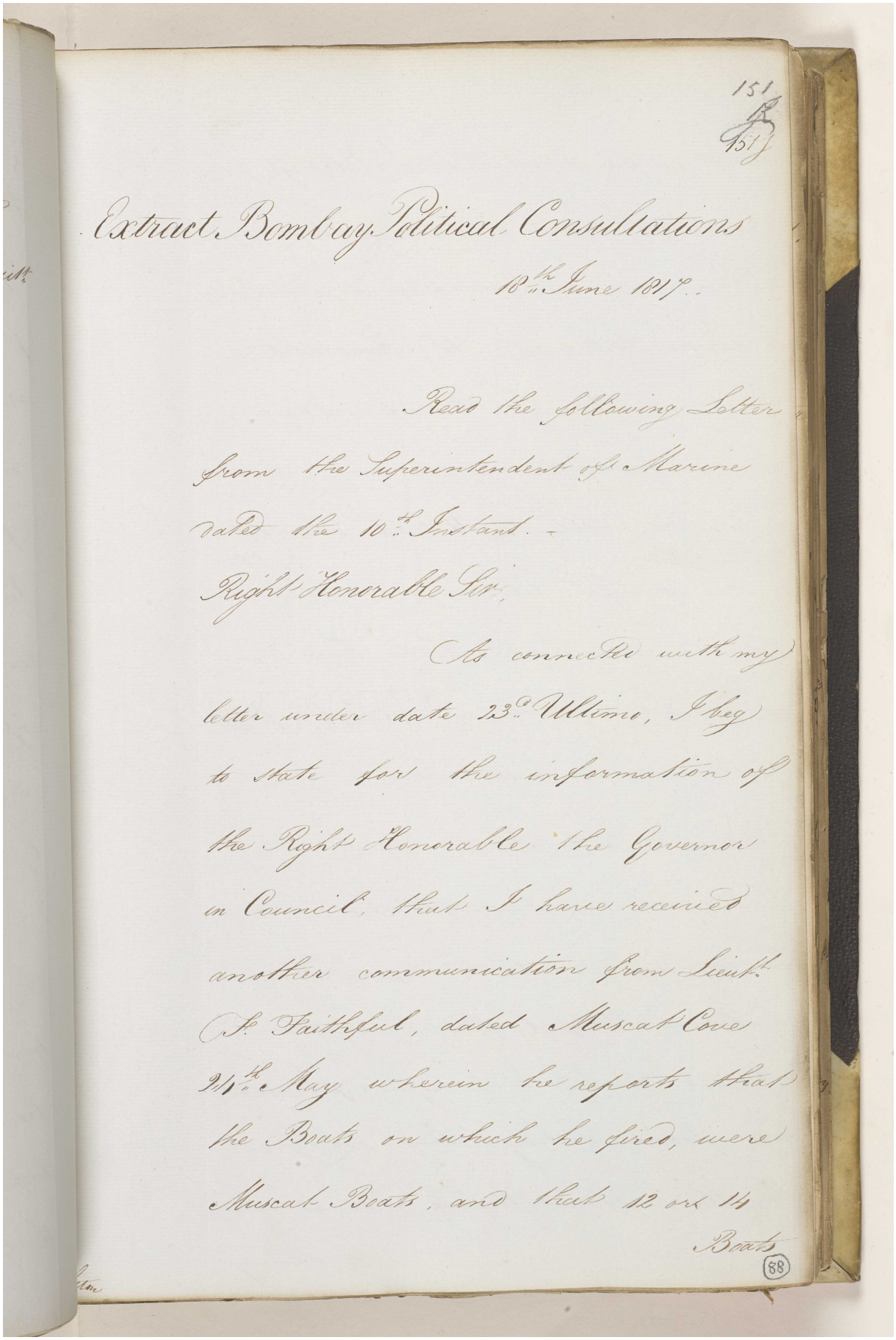

necessary that a Court of Inquiry
should be held for the purpose of
examining into the proceedings of Lieut.t
Faithful on the return of the Vestal
from the Gulph.



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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
18th June 1819.

Read the following Letter from the Superintendent of Marine dated the 10th Instant.

Right Honorable Sir,

As connected with my letter under date 23d Ultimo, I beg to state for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that I have received another communication from Lieut. St. Faithful, dated Muscat Cove 21st May wherein he reports that the Boats on which he fired, were Muscat Boats, and that 12 or 14 Boats

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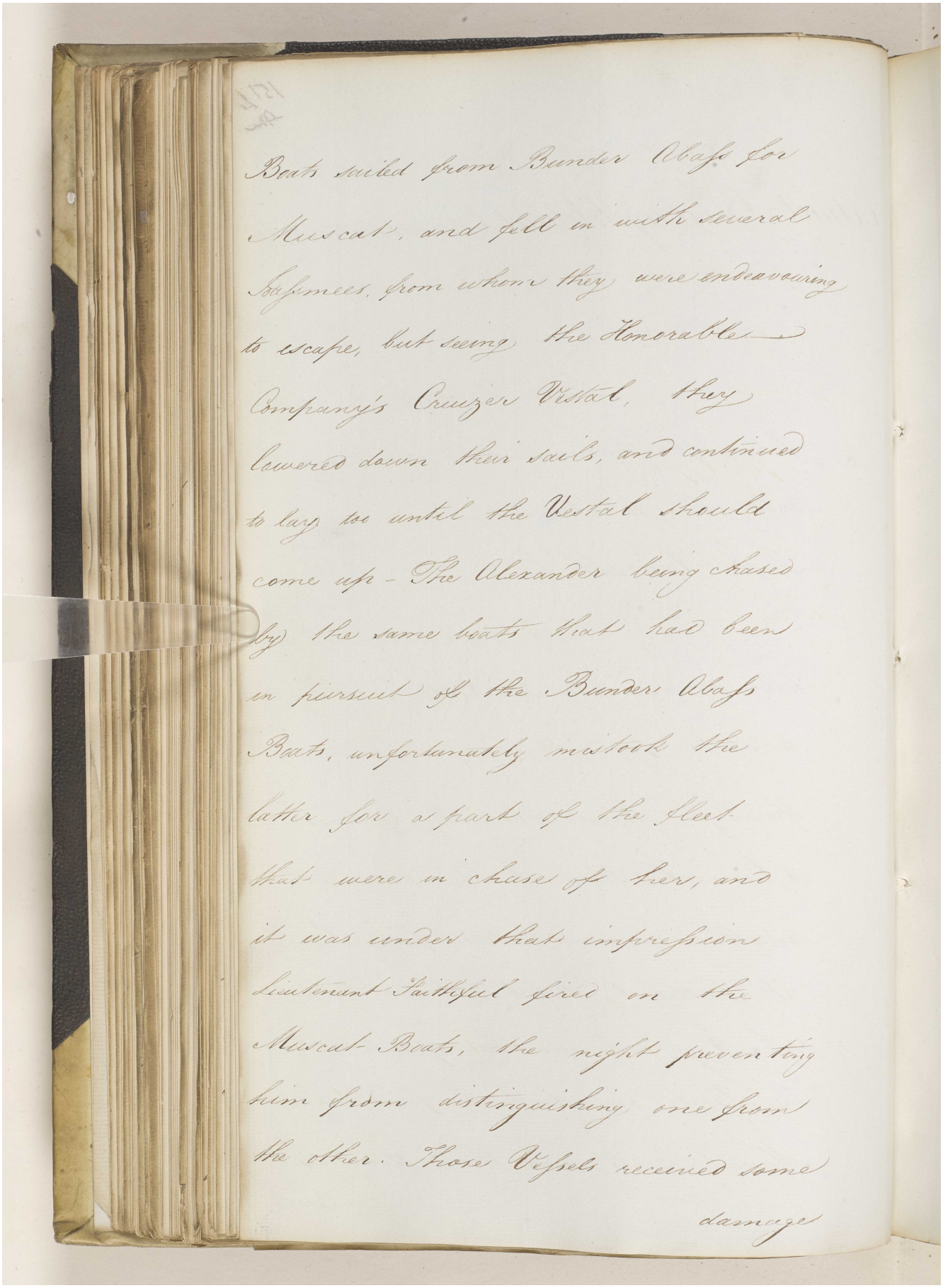

Boats sailed from Bunder Abass for
Muscat, and fell in with several
Joasmees, from whom they were endeavouring
to escape, but seeing the Honorable
Company's Cruizer Vestal, they
lowered down their sails, and continued
to lay too until the Vestal should
come up - The Alexander being chased
by the same boats that had been
in pursuit of the Bunder Abass
Boats, unfortunately mistook the
latter for a part of the fleet
that were in chase of her, and
it was under that impression
Lieutenant Faithfull fired on the
Muscat Boats, the night preventing
him from distinguishing one from
the other. Those Vessels received some
damage

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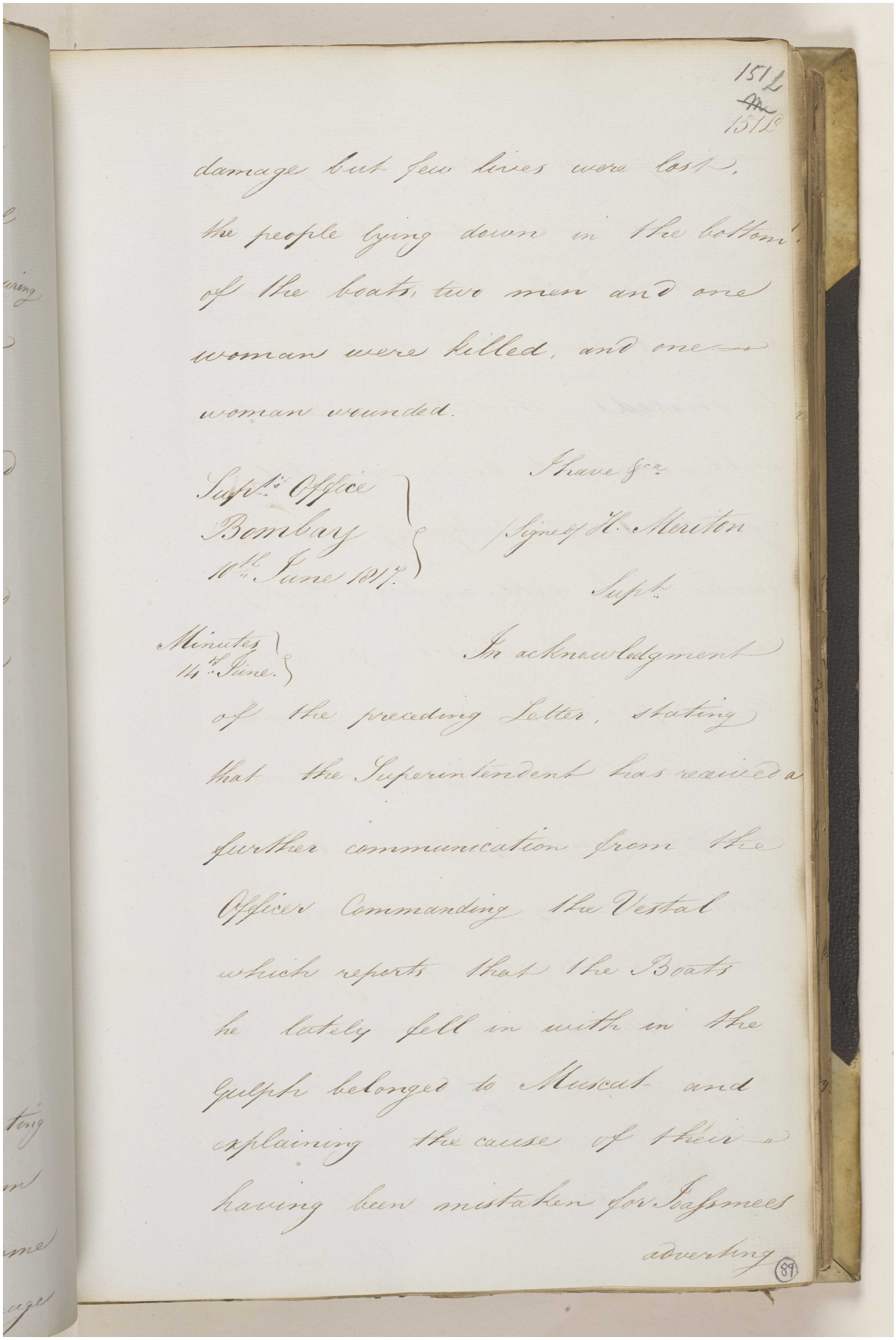

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damage but few lives were lost,
the people lying down in the bottom
of the boats, two men and one
woman were killed, and one
woman wounded.

Supt.s Office
Bombay
11th June 1817

I have &c.
Signed H. Morton
Supt.

Minutes
11th June.

In acknowledgment
of the preceding Letter, stating
that the Superintendent has received a
further communication from the
Officer Commanding the Vestal
which reports that the Boats
he lately fell in with in the
Gulph belonged to Muscat and
explaining the cause of their
having been mistaken for Joasmees
adverting

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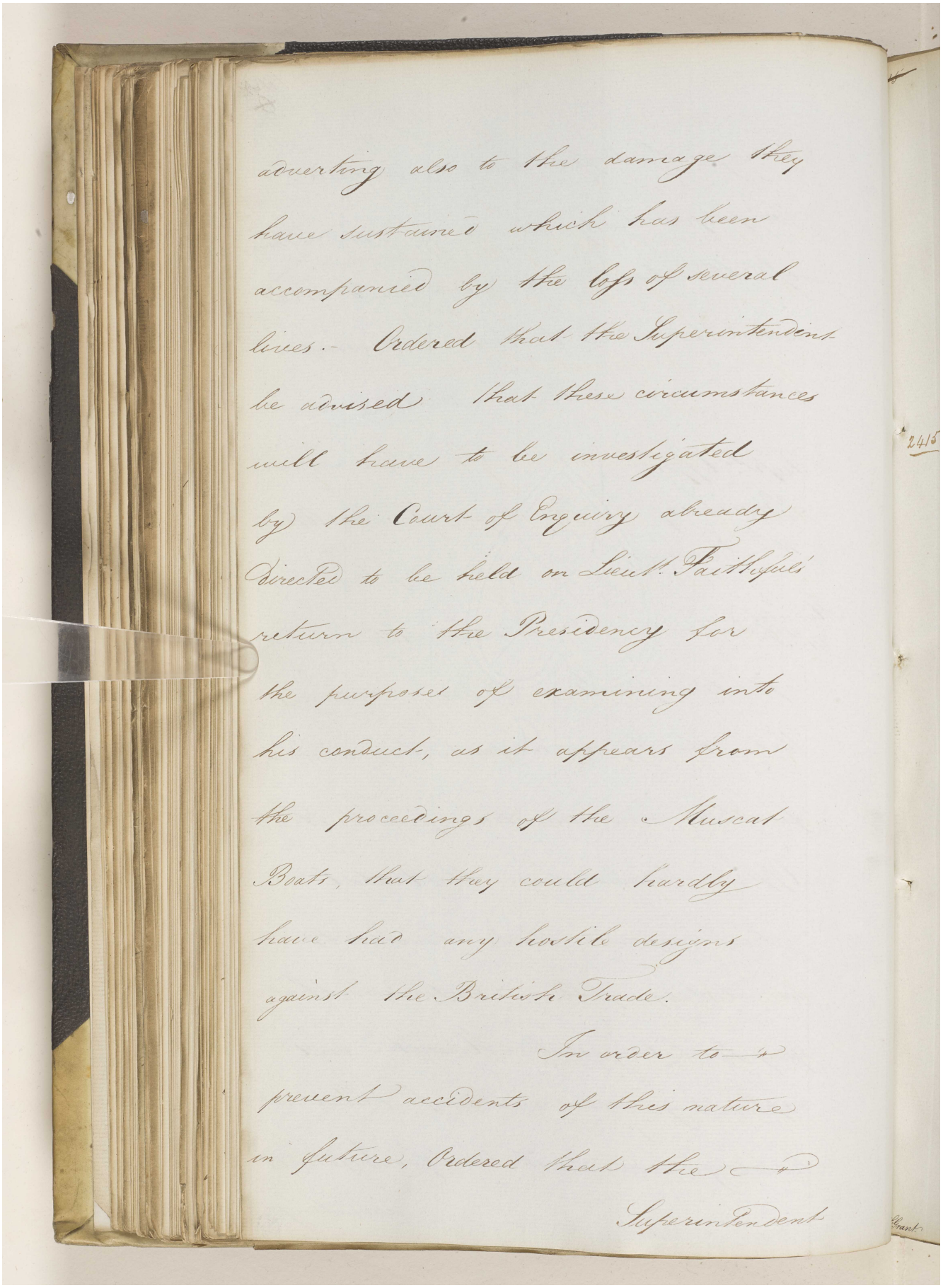
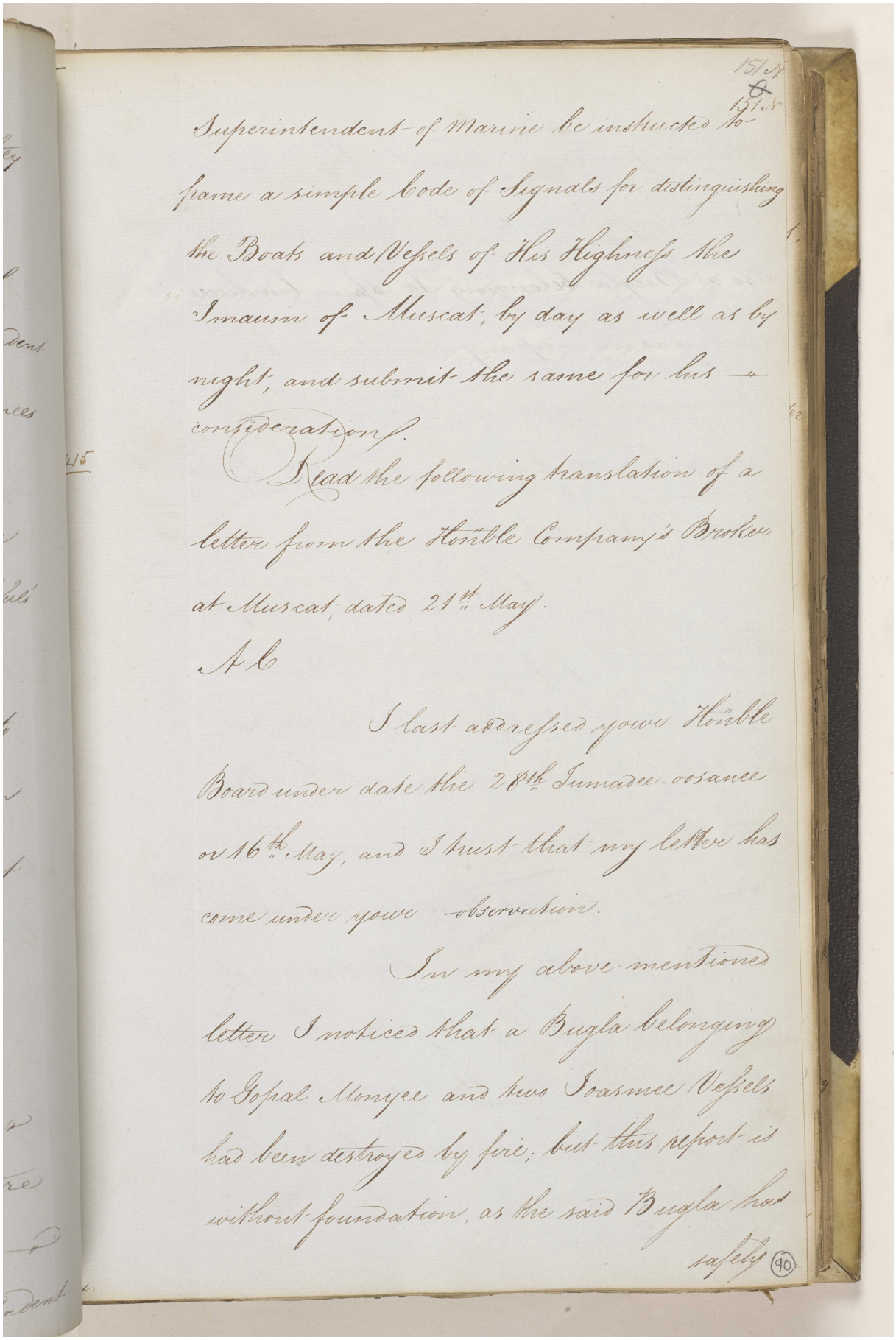


adverting also to the damage they have sustained which has been accompanied by the loss of several lives.- Ordered that the Superintendent be advised that these circumstances will have to be investigated by the Court of Enquiry already Directed to be held on Lieut. Faithfull's return to the Presidency for the purposes of examining into his conduct, as it appears from the proceedings of the Muscat Boats, that they could hardly have had any hostile designs against the British Trade.

In order to prevent accidents of this nature in future, Ordered that the Superintendent



Superintendent of Marine be instructed to
frame a simple Code of Signals for distinguishing
the Boats and Vessels of His Highness the
Imaum of Muscat, by day as well as by
night, and submit the same for his
consideration.

Read the following translation of a
letter from the Honble Company's Broker
at Muscat, dated 21st May.

A.C.

I last addressed your Honble
Board under date the 28th Jumadee-oosance
or 16th May, and I trust that my letter has
come under your observation.

In my above-mentioned
letter I noticed that a Bugla belonging
to Gopal Monjee and two Joasmee Vessels
had been destroyed by fire, but this report is
without foundation, as the said Bugla has
safely (90)

safely imported at Muscat. She was
however engaged with the Joasmees, and
also a Bugla belonging to Casim bin Sueer,
which was in company with her. The
Action was a severe one, the Joasmees
having had 200 of their men killed, but
the said Bugla only 12.

I beg leave to notice, for
the information of Government, that the
Vestal Cruizer sailed from this under date
the 28th of Jumadee-oosanee or 16th May,
with the Alexander and William Petrie,
which Ships she was to see beyond Rasoolkhut,
and then return to Muscat. She accordingly
arrived here on the 3d of Rujub or 20th May.
I beg also to mention that a Boat
belonging to Valjee Jyram has been captured
by the Joasmees on her way from Bombay

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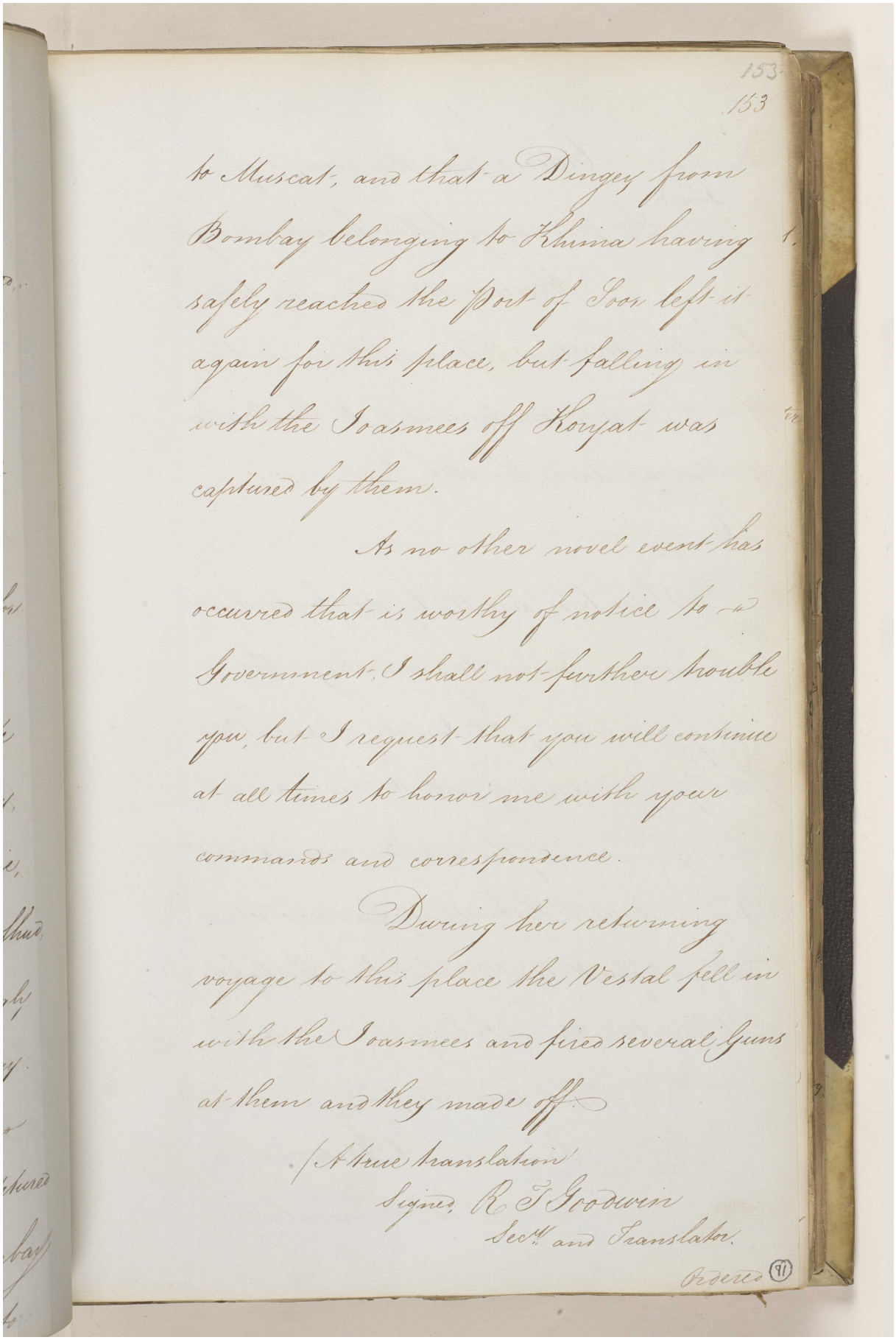

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to Muscat, and that a Dingey from Bombay belonging to Khima having safely reached the Port of Soor left it again for this place, but falling in with the Joasmees off Konyat was captured by them.

As no other novel event has occurred that is worthy of notice to Government, I shall not further trouble you, but I request that you will continue at all times to honor me with your commands and correspondence.

During her returning voyage to this place the Vestal fell in with the Joasmees and fired several guns at them and they made off.

A true translation
Signed R. T. Goodwin
Secy. and Translator.

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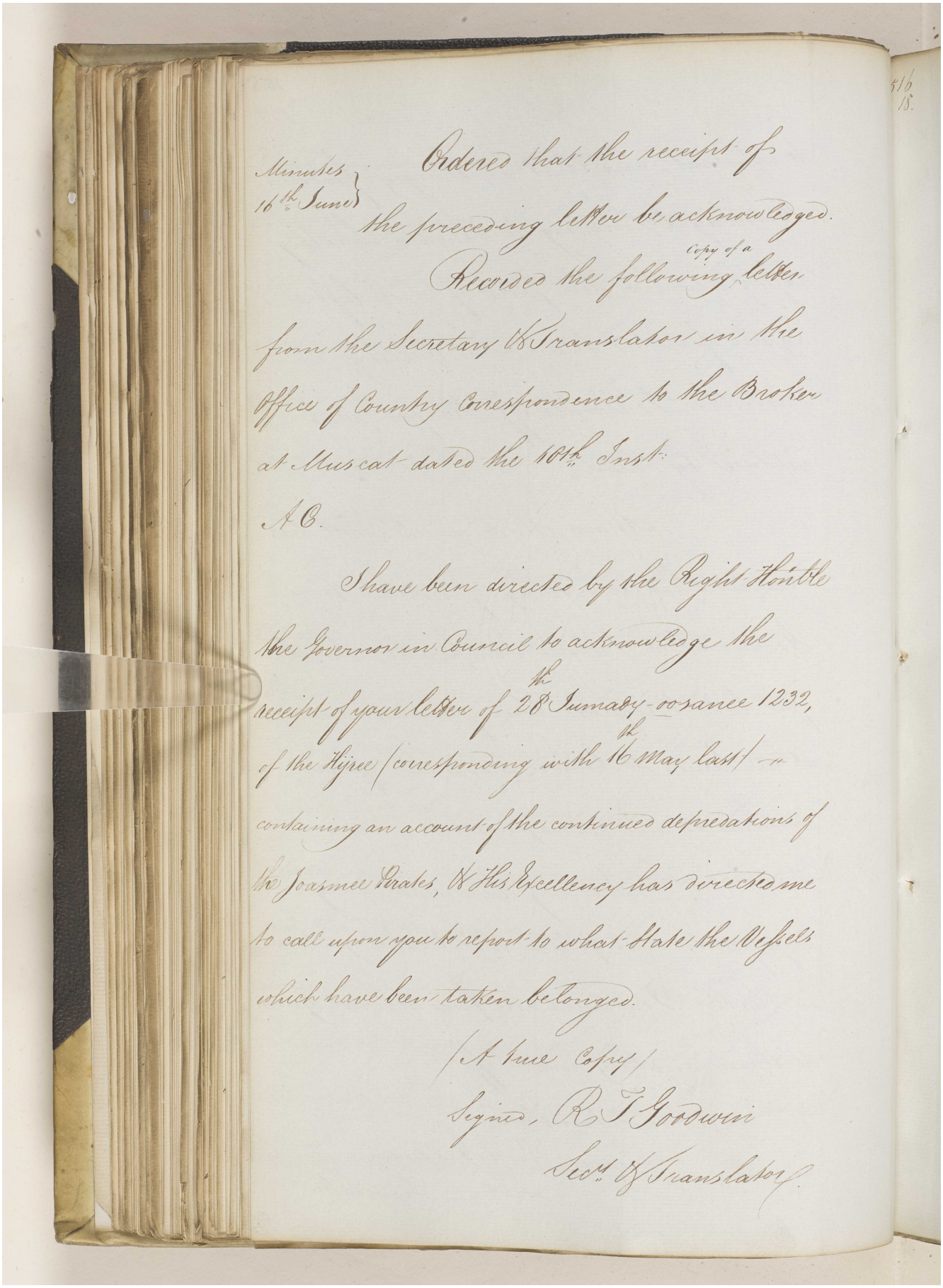


Minutes 16th June

Ordered that the receipt of the preceding letter be acknowledged.

Recorded the following copy of a letter from the Secretary & Translator in the Office of Country Correspondence to the Broker at Muscat dated the 10th Inst.

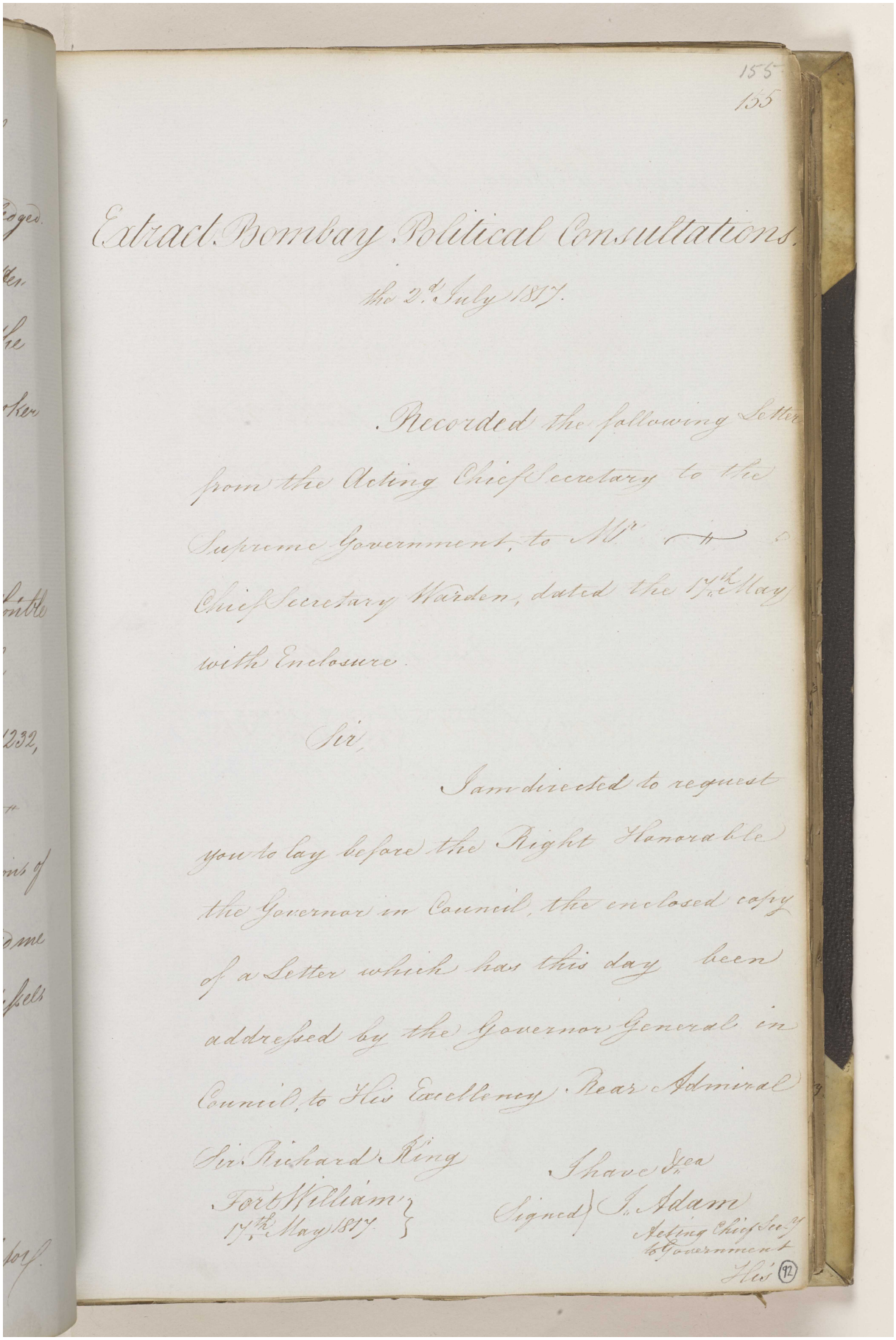
&c.

I have been directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 28th Jumady-oossanee 1232, of the Hijree corresponding with 16th May last — containing an account of the continued depredations of the Joasmee Pirates, & His Excellency has directed me to call upon you to report to what State the Vessels which have been taken belonged.

A true Copy

Signed, R T Goodwin

Secy & Translator



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Extract Bombay Political Consultations.

the 2d July 1817.

Recorded the following Letter from the Acting Chief Secretary to the Supreme Government, to Mr. Chief Secretary Warden, dated the 17th May with Enclosure.

Sir,

I am directed to request you to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the enclosed copy of a Letter which has this day been addressed by the Governor General in Council, to His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Richard King

Fort William
17th May 1817

I have &ca
Signed J. Adam
Acting Chief Secy to Government

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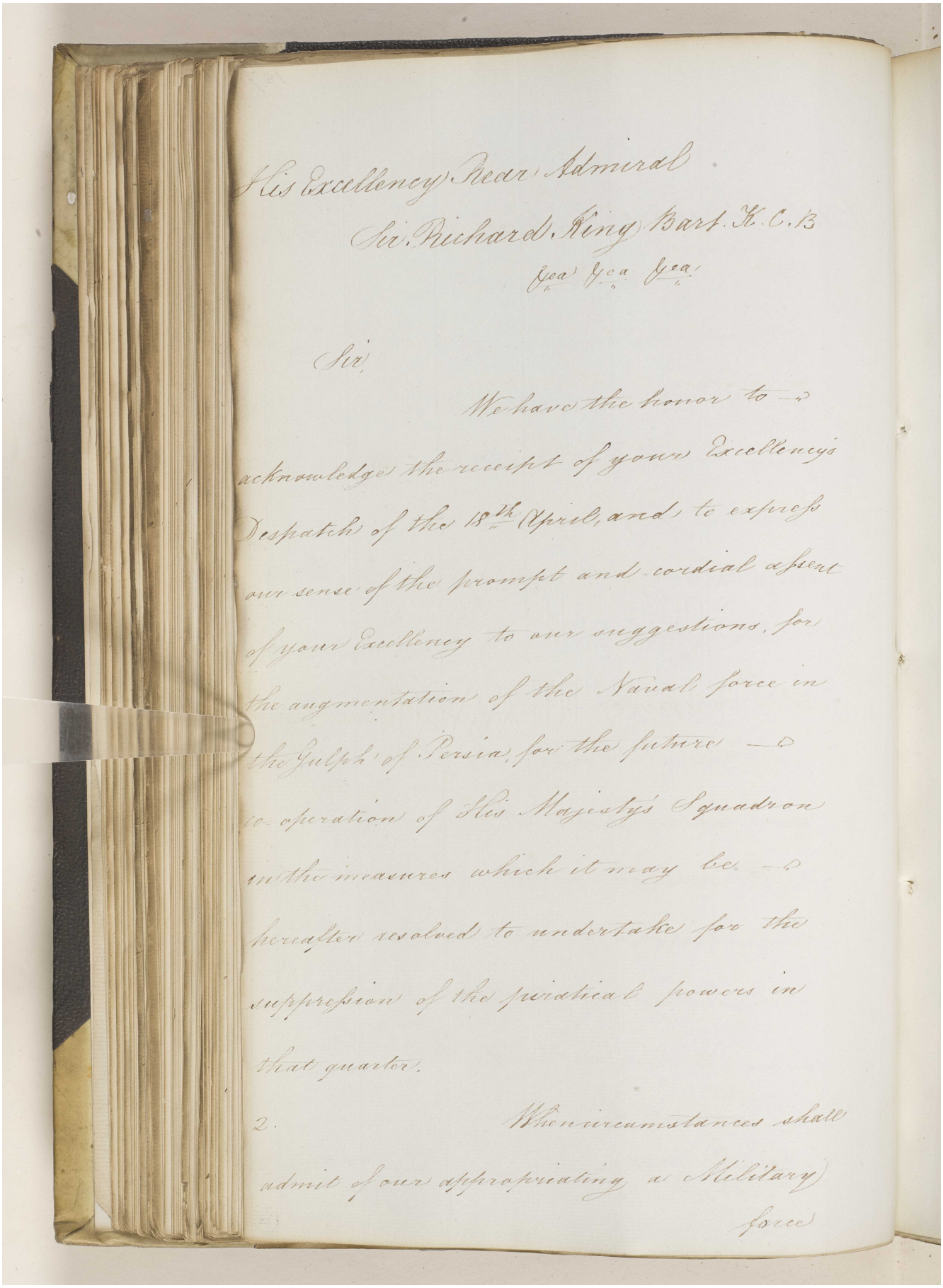

His Excellency Rear Admiral
Sir. Richard. King Bart. K.C.B
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

We have the honor to —
acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's
Despatch of the 18th April, and to express
our sense of the prompt and cordial assent
of your Excellency to our suggestions, for
the augmentation of the Naval force in
the Gulph of Persia, for the future —
co-operation of His Majesty's Squadron
in the measures which it may be —
hereafter resolved to undertake for the
suppression of the piratical powers in
that quarter.

2. When circumstances shall
admit of our appropriating a Military
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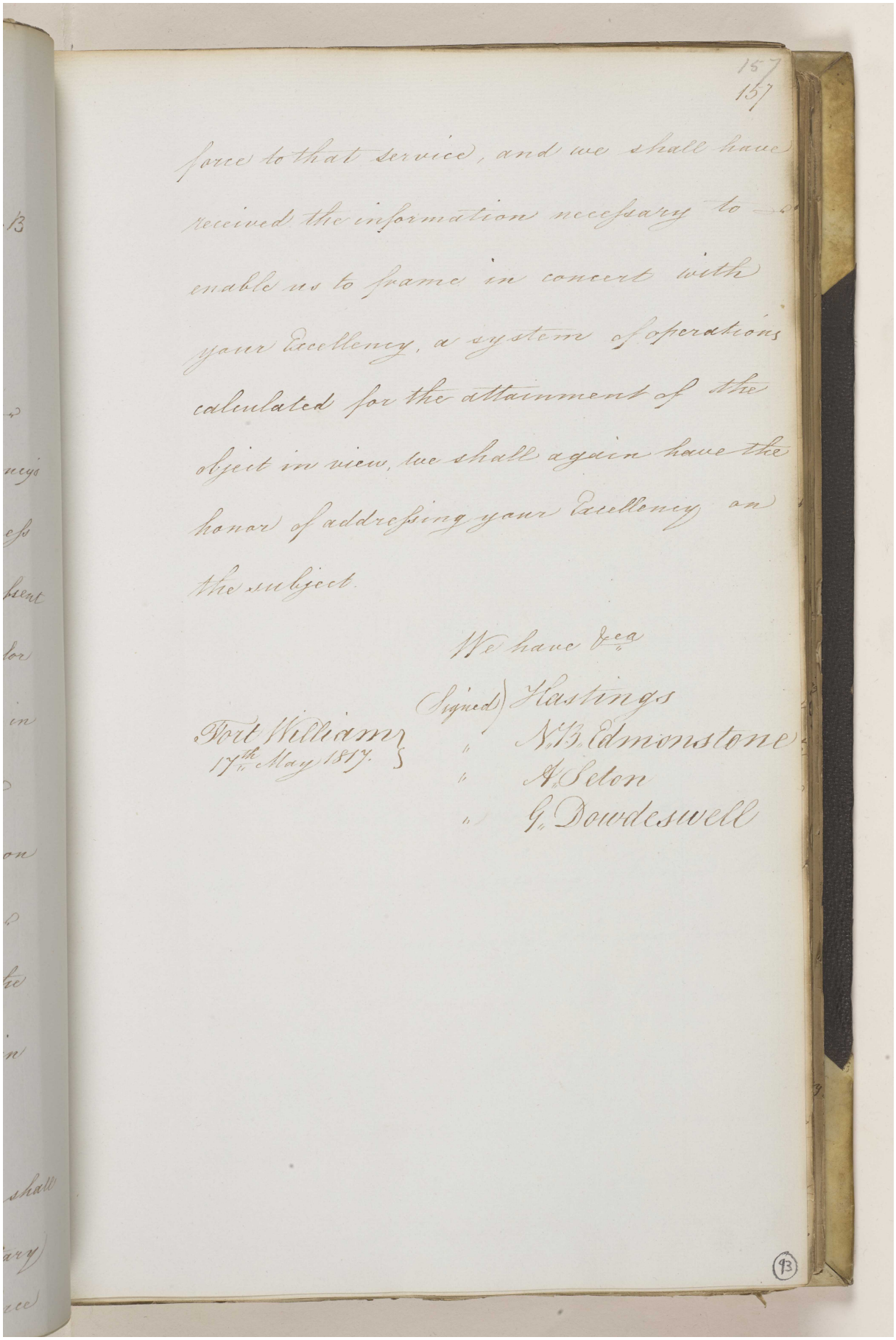

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force to that service, and we shall have received the information necessary to enable us to frame in concert with your Excellency, a system of operations calculated for the attainment of the object in view, we shall again have the honor of addressing your Excellency on the subject.

We have &c.

(Signed) Hastings
" N.B. Edmonstone
" A. Seton
" G. Dowdeswell

Fort William
17th May 1817.

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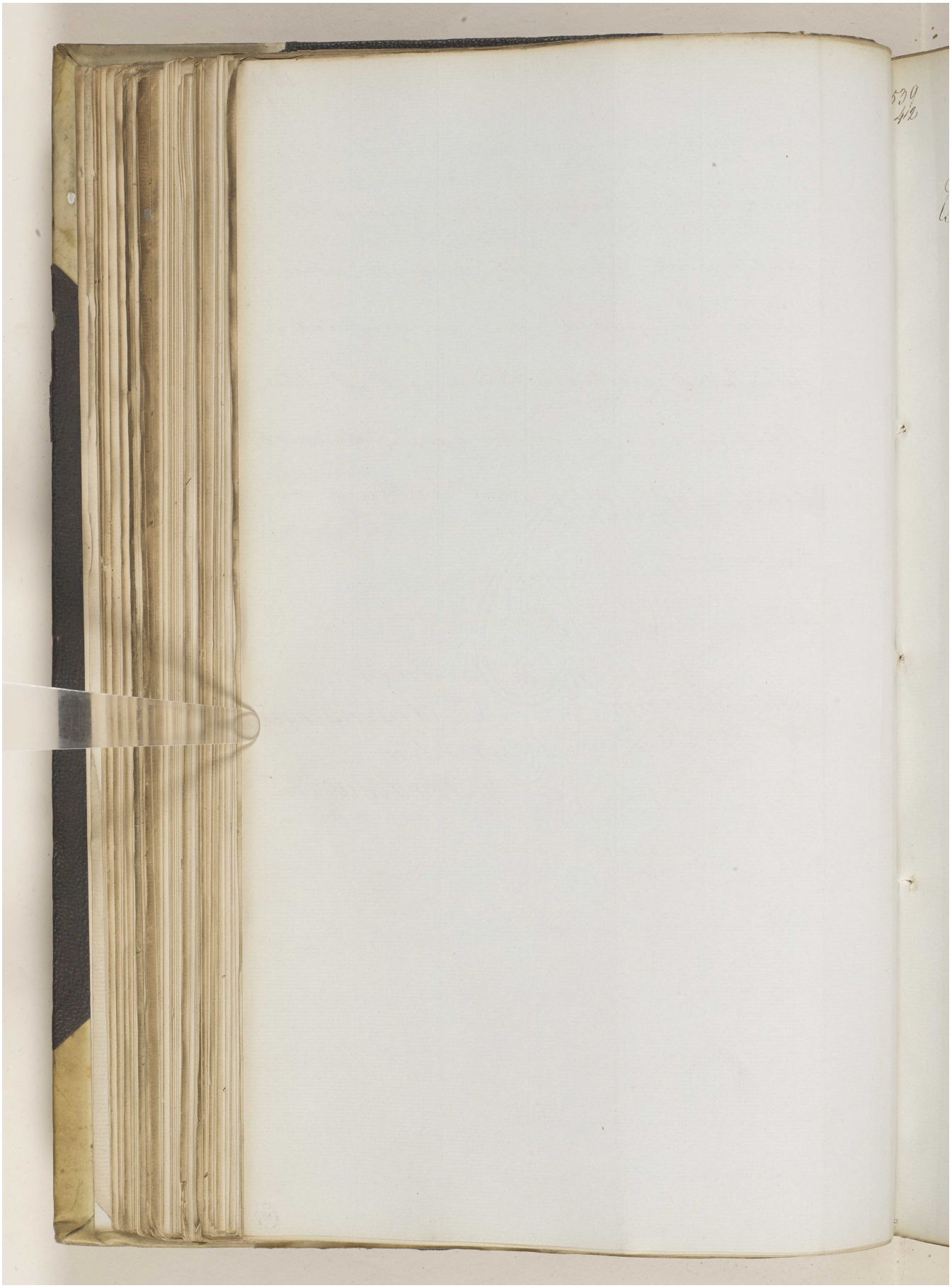

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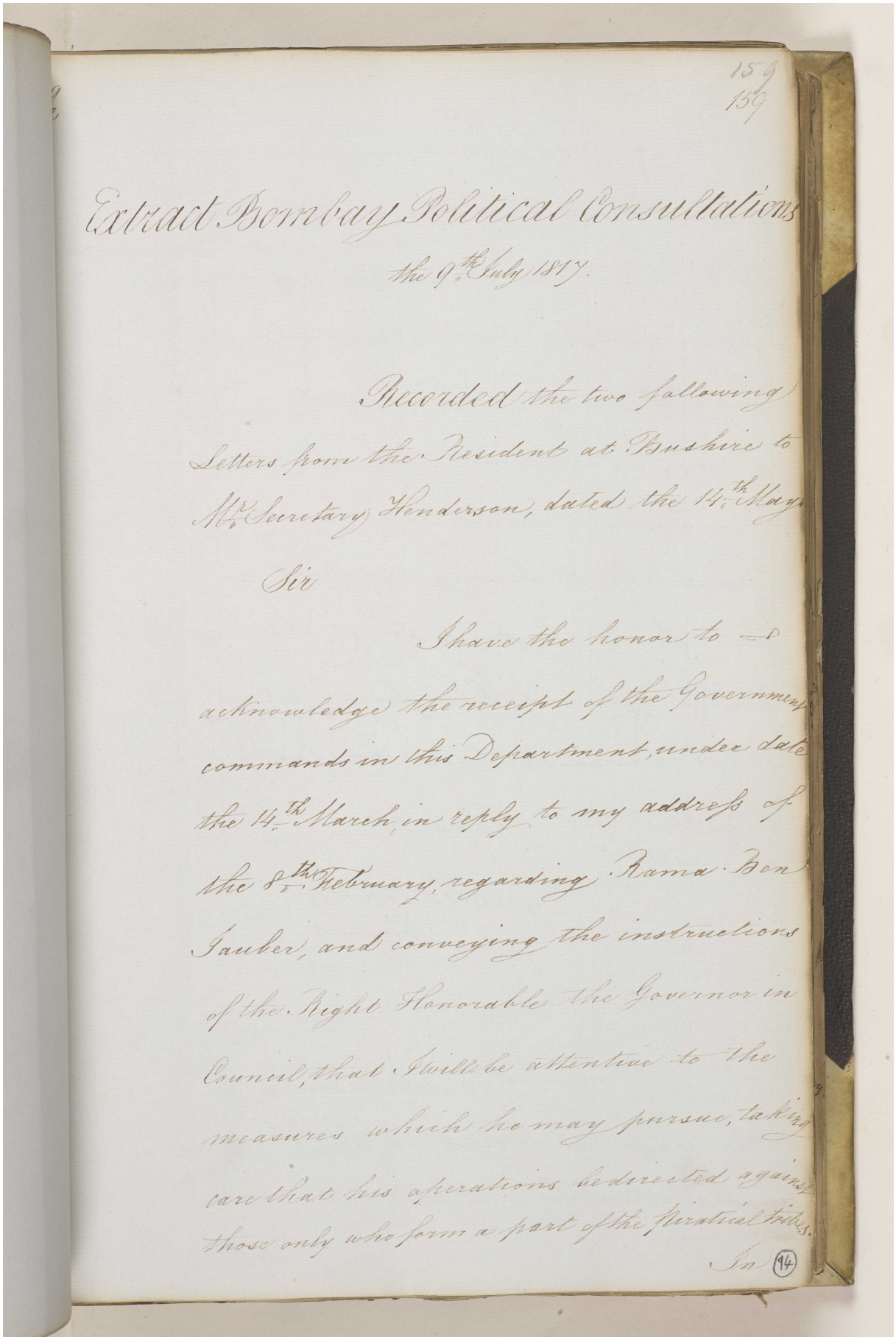

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
the 9th July 1817.

Recorded the two following
Letters from the Resident at Bushire to
Mr Secretary Henderson, dated the 14th May

Sir

I have the honor to —
acknowledge the receipt of the Government
commands in this Department, under date
the 14th March, in reply to my address of
the 8th February, regarding Rama Ben
Jauber, and conveying the instructions
of the Right Honorable the Governor in
Council, that I will be attentive to the
measures which he may pursue, taking
care that his operations be directed against
those only who form a part of the Piratical tribes.

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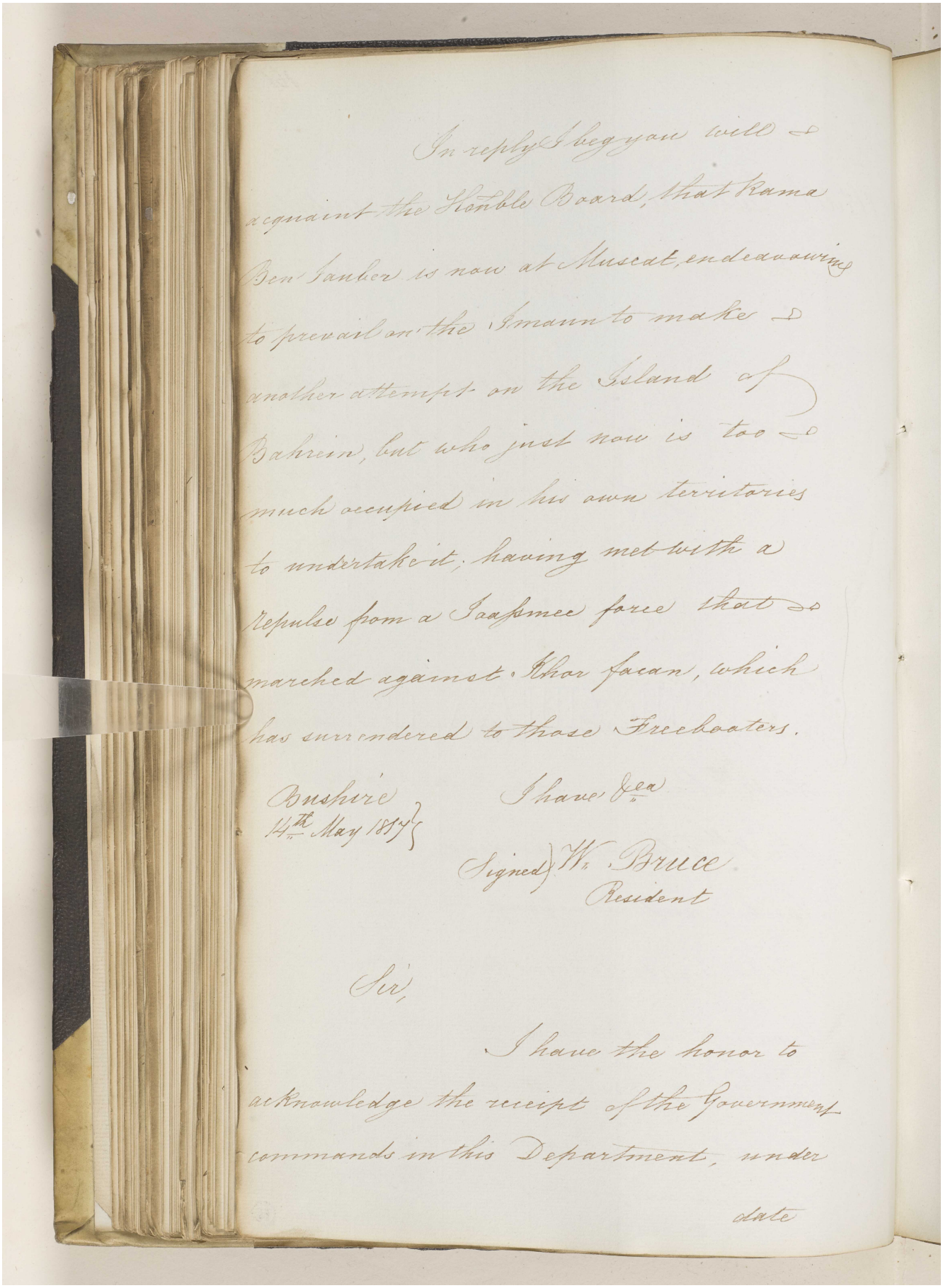


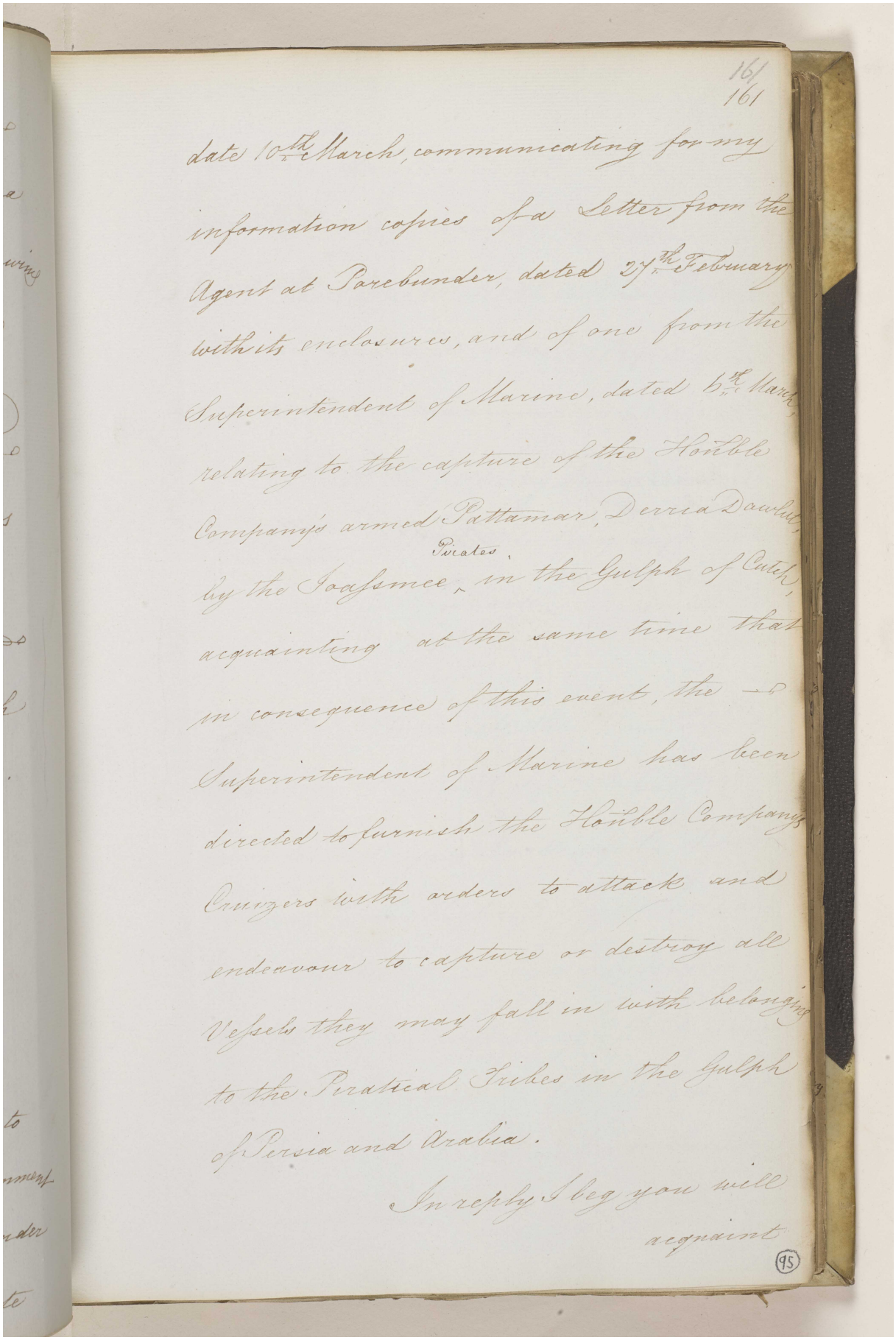
In reply I beg you will acquaint the Honble Board, that Rama Ben Sanker is now at Muscat, endeavouring to prevail on the Imaum to make another attempt on the Island of Bahrein, but who just now is too much occupied in his own territories to undertake it, having met with a repulse from a Joasmee force that marched against Khor Jacan, which has surrendered to those Freebooters.

Bushire
14th May 1819

I have &c.
(Signed) W. Bruce
Resident

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Government commands in this Department, under date



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date 10th March, communicating for my
information copies of a Letter from the
Agent at Parebunder, dated 27th February
with its enclosures, and of one from the
Superintendent of Marine, dated 6th March,
relating to the capture of the Honble
Company's armed Pattamar, Derria Dawlut,
by the Joasmee Pirates, in the Gulph of Cutch,
acquainting at the same time that
in consequence of this event, the —
Superintendent of Marine has been
directed to furnish the Honble Company's
Cruizers with orders to attack and
endeavour to capture or destroy all
Vessels they may fall in with belonging
to the Piratical Tribes in the Gulph
of Persia and Arabia.

In reply I beg you will
acquaint

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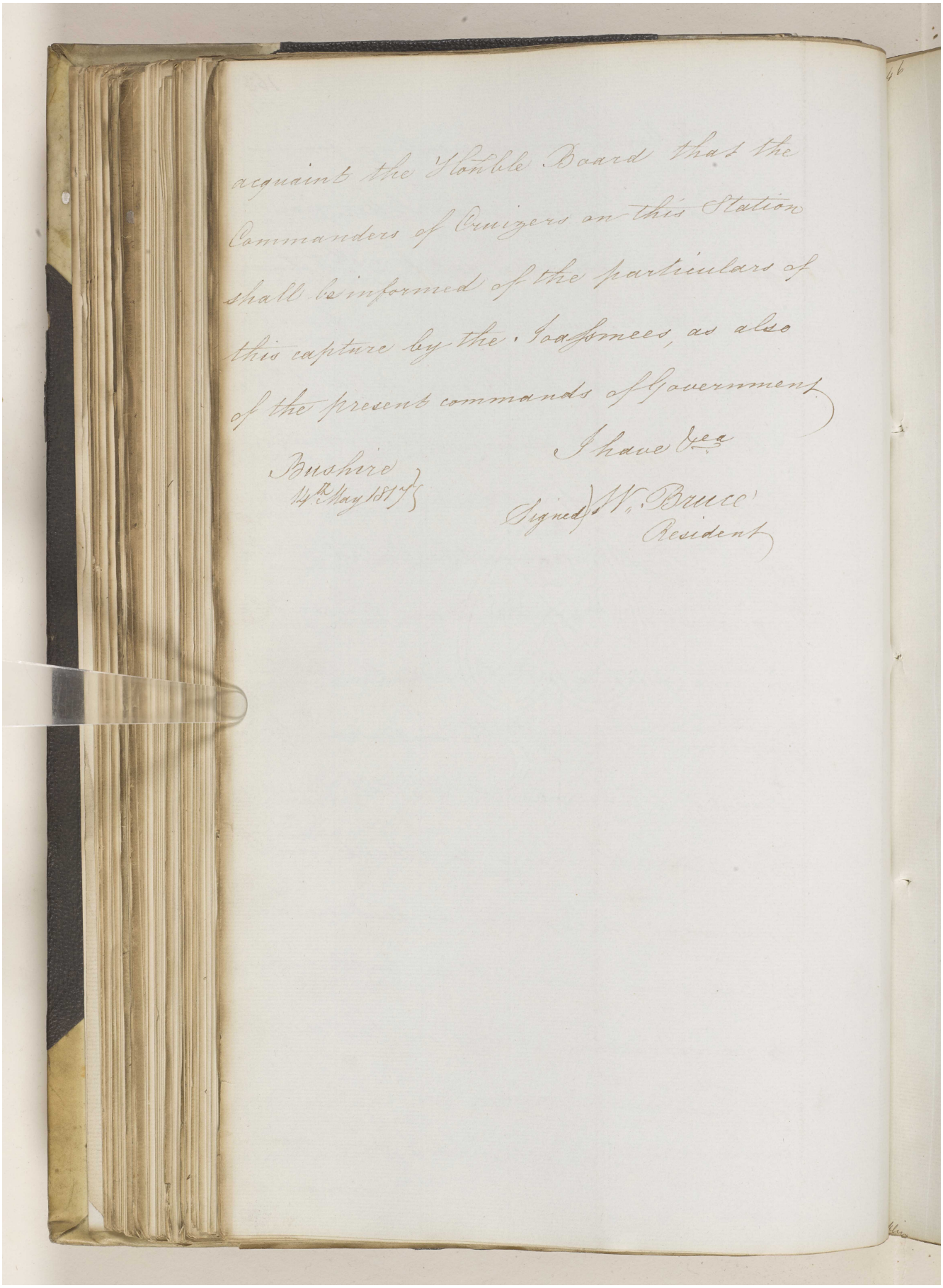
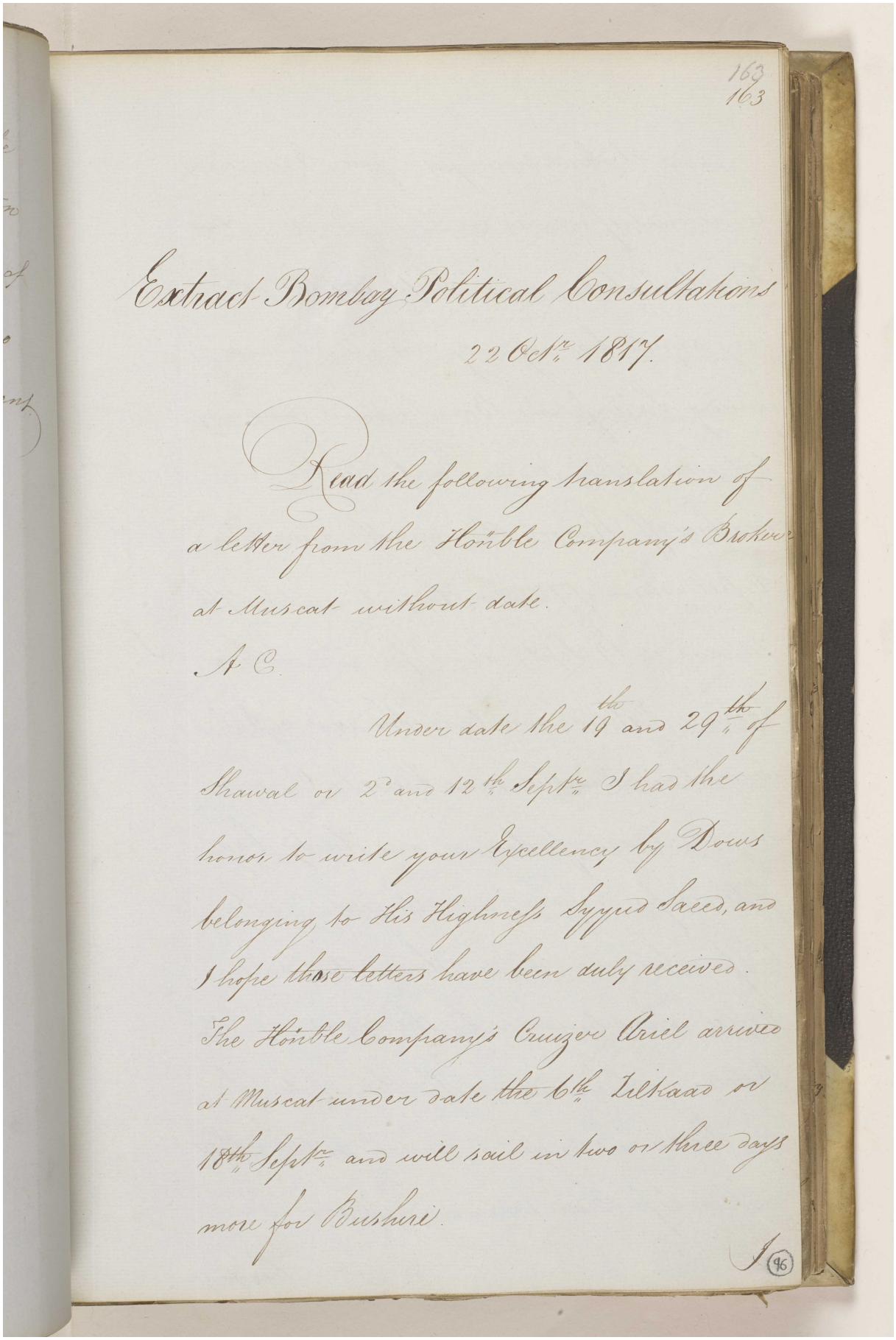


acquaint the Honble Board that the Commanders of Cruizers on this Station shall be informed of the particulars of this capture by the Joasmees, as also of the present commands of Government.

I have &c.

Bushire
14th May 1817

Signed) H. Bruce
Resident



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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
22 Oct.r 1817.

Read the following translation of a letter from the Honble Company's Broker at Muscat without date.

A. C.

Under date the 19th and 29th of Shawal or 2d and 12th Sept.r I had the honor to write your Excellency by Dows belonging to His Highness Syyud Saeed, and I hope those letters have been duly received.

The Honble Company's Cruizer Ariel arrived at Muscat under date the 6th Zeekaad or 18th Sept.r and will sail in two or three days more for Bushire.

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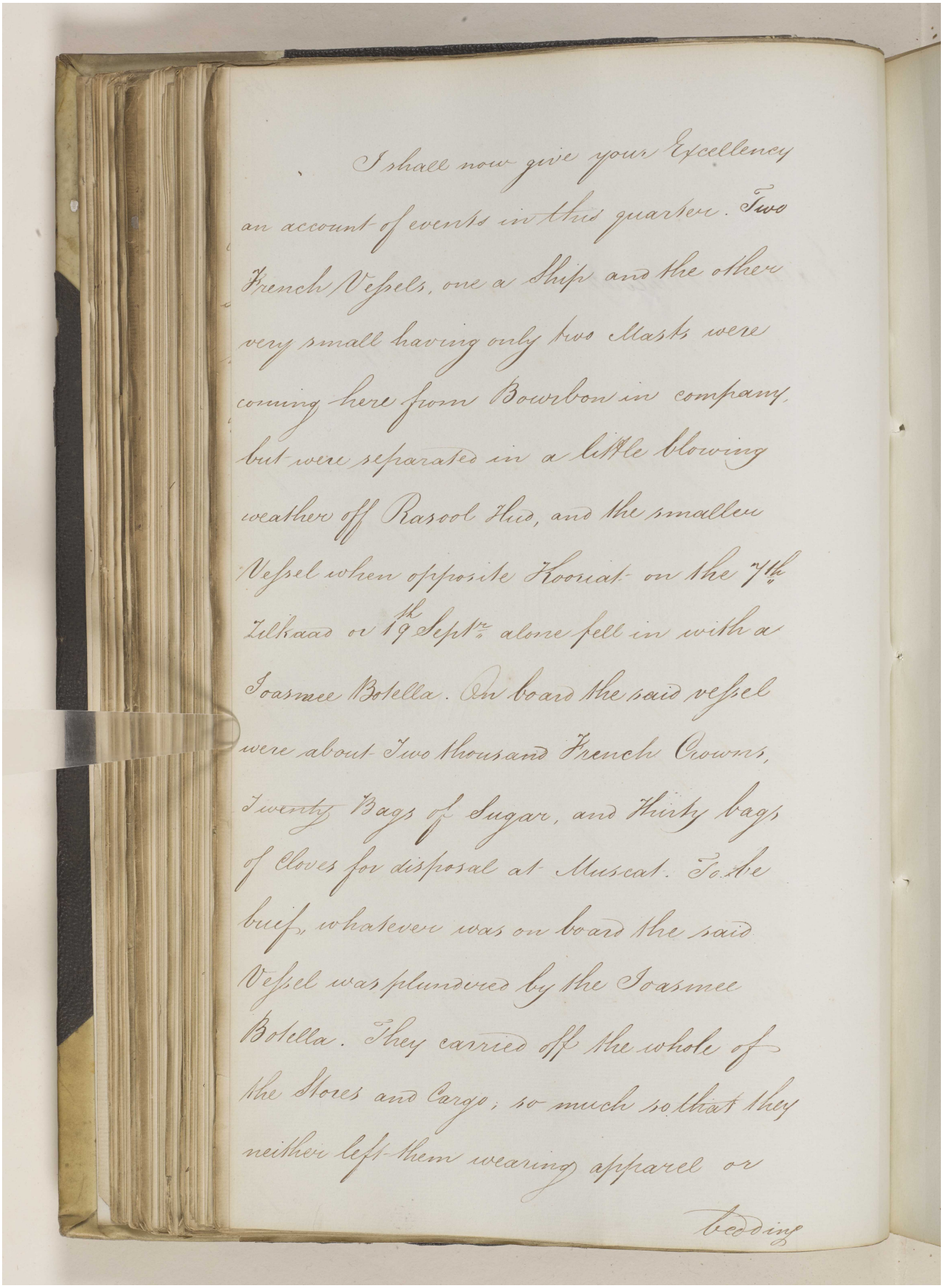

I shall now give your Excellency an account of events in this quarter. Two French Vessels, one a Ship and the other very small having only two Masts were coming here from Bourbon in company, but were separated in a little blowing weather off Rasool Hud, and the smaller Vessel when opposite Koorial on the 7th Zilkaad or 19th Sept.r alone fell in with a Joasmee Botella. On board the said vessel were about Two thousand French Gowns, Twenty Bags of Sugar, and thirty bags of Cloves for disposal at Muscat. To be brief, whatever was on board the said Vessel was plundered by the Joasmee Botella. They carried off the whole of the Stores and Cargo; so much so that they neither left them wearing apparel or bedding

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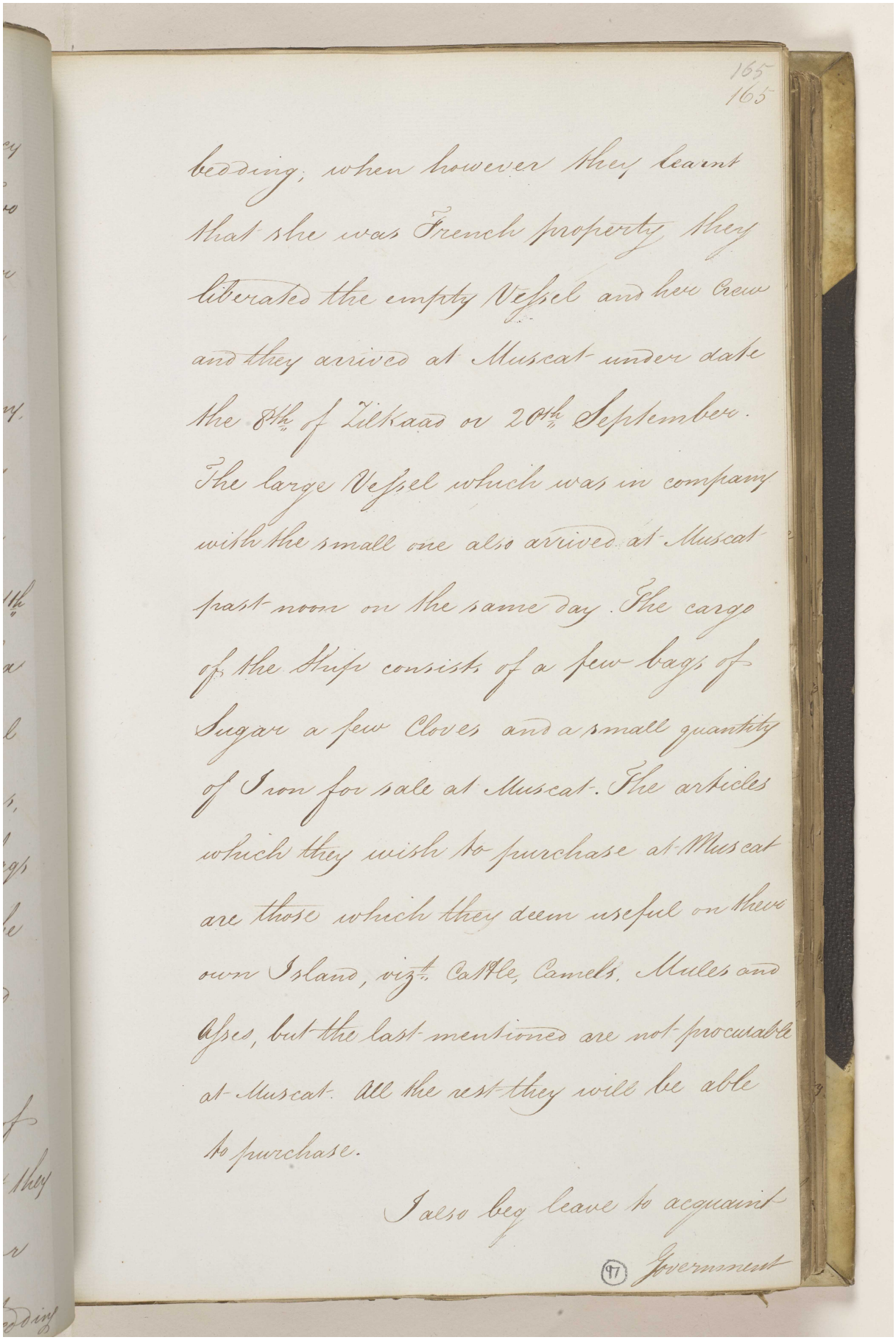

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bedding; when however they learnt
that she was French property they
liberated the empty Vessel and her Crew
and they arrived at Muscat under date
the 8th of Zilkaad or 20th September.
The large Vessel which was in company
with the small one also arrived at Muscat
past noon on the same day. The cargo
of the Ships consists of a few bags of
Sugar a few Cloves and a small quantity
of Iron for sale at Muscat. The articles
which they wish to purchase at Muscat
are those which they deem useful on their
own Island, viz.t Cattle, Camels, Mules and
Asses, but the last mentioned are not procurable
at Muscat. All the rest they will be able
to purchase.

I also beg leave to acquaint

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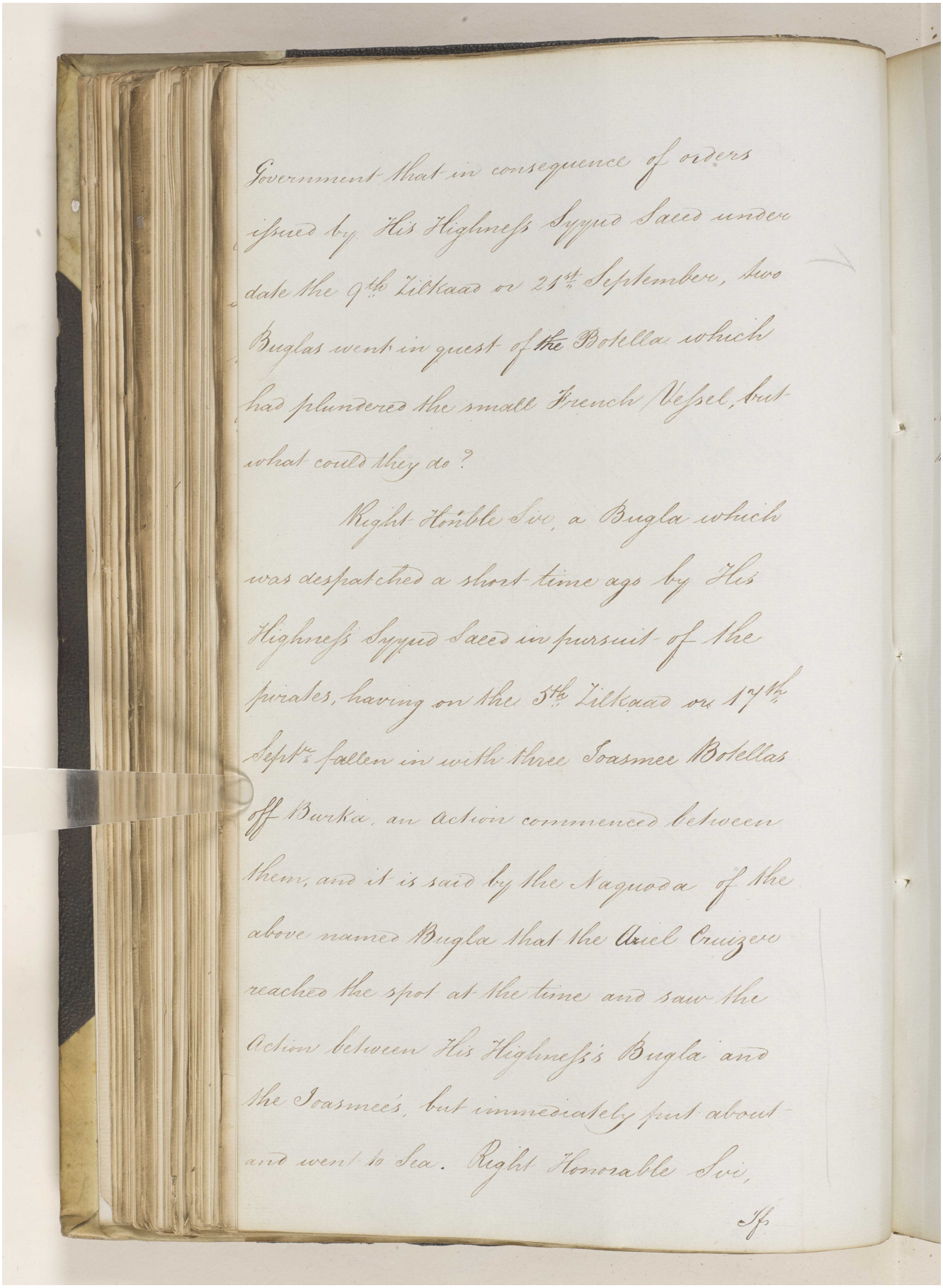

Government that in consequence of orders
issued by His Highness Syyud Saeed under
date the 9th Zilkaad or 21st September, two
Buglas went in quest of the Botellas which
had plundered the small French Vessel, but
what could they do?

Right Honble Sir, a Bugla which
was despatched a short time ago by His
Highness Syyud Saeed in pursuit of the
pirates, having on the 5th Zilkaad or 17th
Septr fallen in with three Joasmee Botellas
off Burka, an action commenced between
them, and it is said by the Nagnoda of the
above named Bugla that the Ariel Cruizer
reached the spot at the time and saw the
Action between His Highness's Bugla and
the Joasmees, but immediately put about
and went to Sea. Right Honorable Sir,

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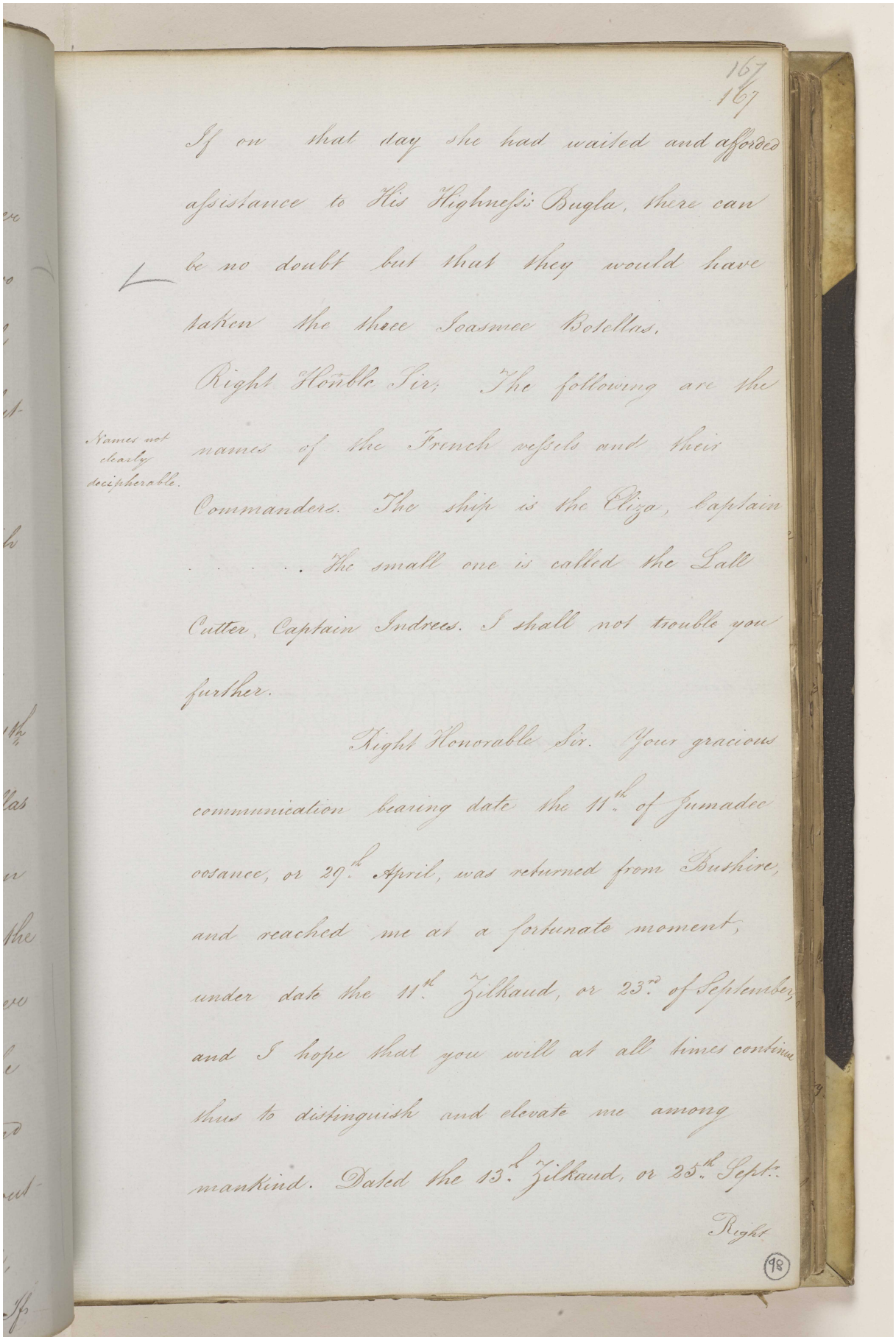

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If on that day she had waited and afforded
afsistance to His Highneſs Bugla, there can
be no doubt but that they would have
taken the three Joasmee Botellas.

Right Honble Sir, The following are the
names of the French veſsels and their
Commanders. The ship is the Eliza, Captain
. . . . . The small one is called the Dale
Cutter, Captain Indrees. I shall not trouble you
further.

Names not clearly decipherable.

Right Honorable Sir. Your gracious
communication bearing date the 11th. of Jumadee
eosance, or 29th. April, was returned from Bushire,
and reached me at a fortunate moment,
under date the 11th Zilkaud, or 23rd. of September,
and I hope that you will at all times continue
thus to distinguish and elevate me among
mankind. Dated the 13th. Zilkaud, or 25th. Sept.

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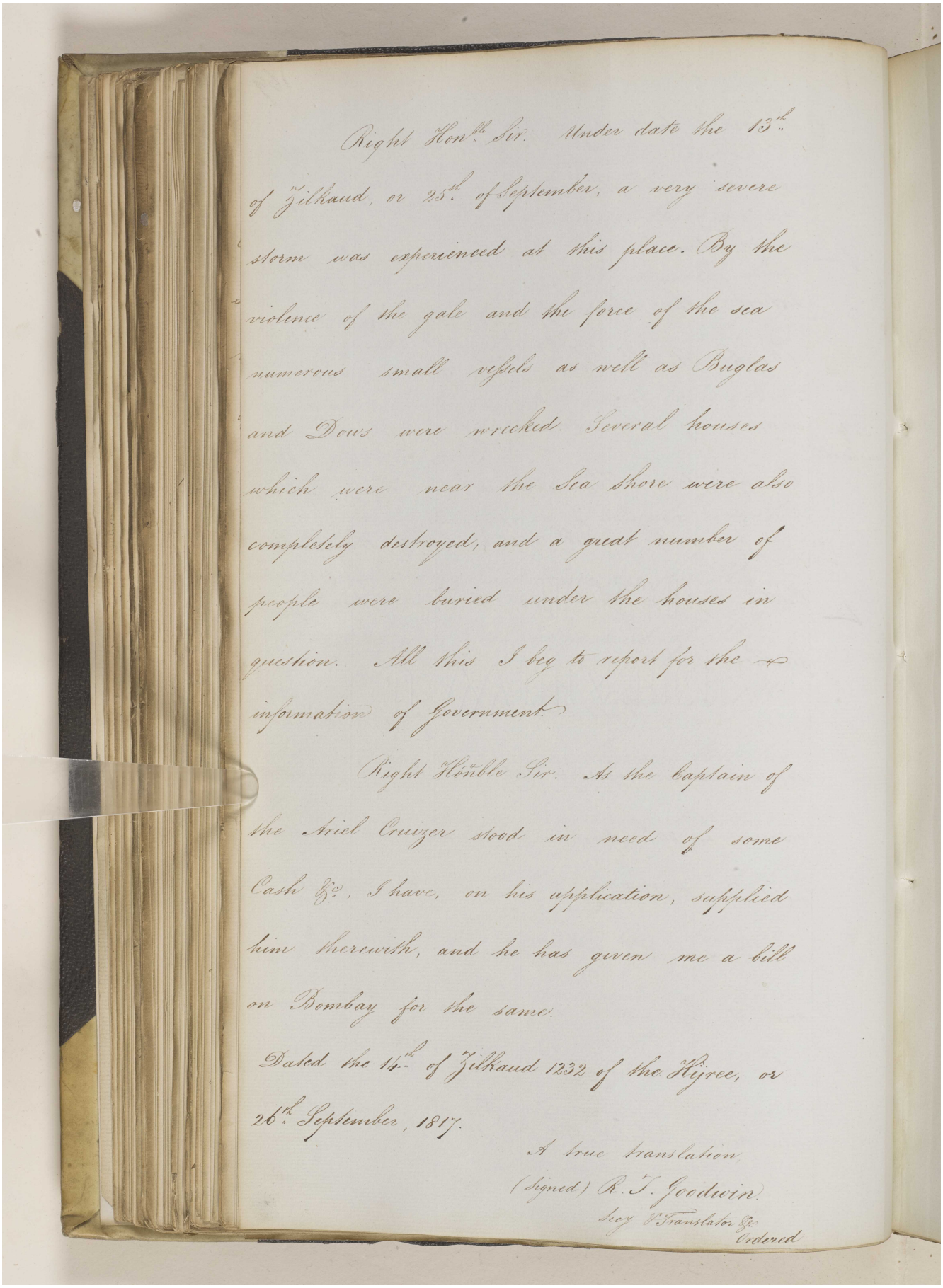
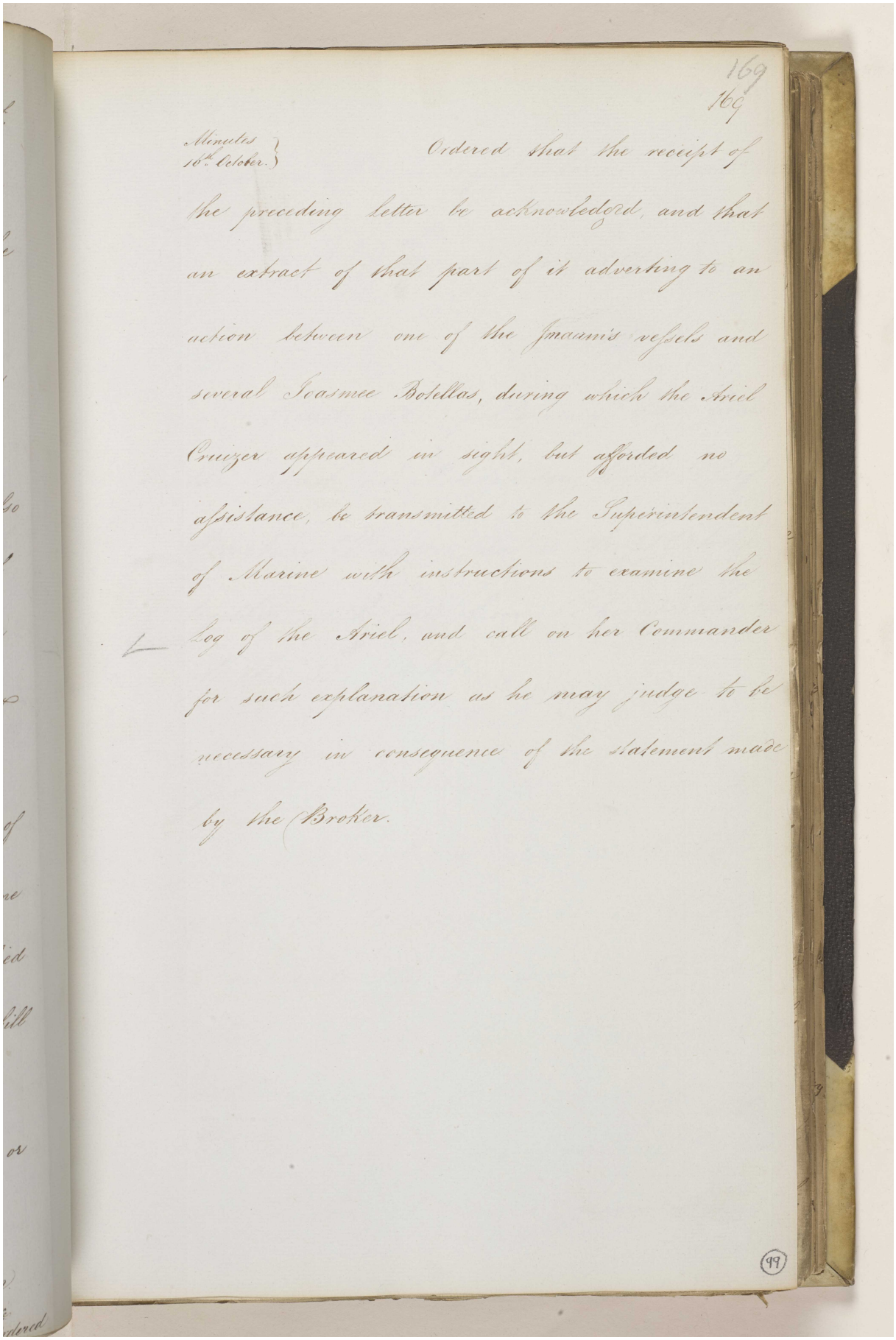


Right Hon.ble Sir. Under date the 13.th of Zilkaud, or 25.th of September, a very severe storm was experienced at this place. By the violence of the gale and the force of the sea numerous small vessels as well as Buglas and Dows were wrecked. Several houses which were near the Sea Shore were also completely destroyed, and a great number of people were buried under the houses in question. All this I beg to report for the information of Government.

Right Honble Sir. As the Captain of the Ariel Cruizer stood in need of some Cash &c., I have, on his application, supplied him therewith, and he has given me a bill on Bombay for the same.

Dated the 14.th of Zilkaud 1232 of the Hijree, or 26.th September, 1817.

A true translation
(Signed) R. T. Goodwin
Secy & Translator &c.
Ordered



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Minutes 16th October. } Ordered that the receipt of the preceding letter be acknowledged, and that an extract of that part of it adverting to an action between one of the Imaum's vessels and several Joasmee Botellas, during which the Ariel Cruizer appeared in sight, but afforded no assistance, be transmitted to the Superintendent of Marine with instructions to examine the Log of the Ariel, and call on her Commander for such explanation as he may judge to be necessary in consequence of the statement made by the Broker.

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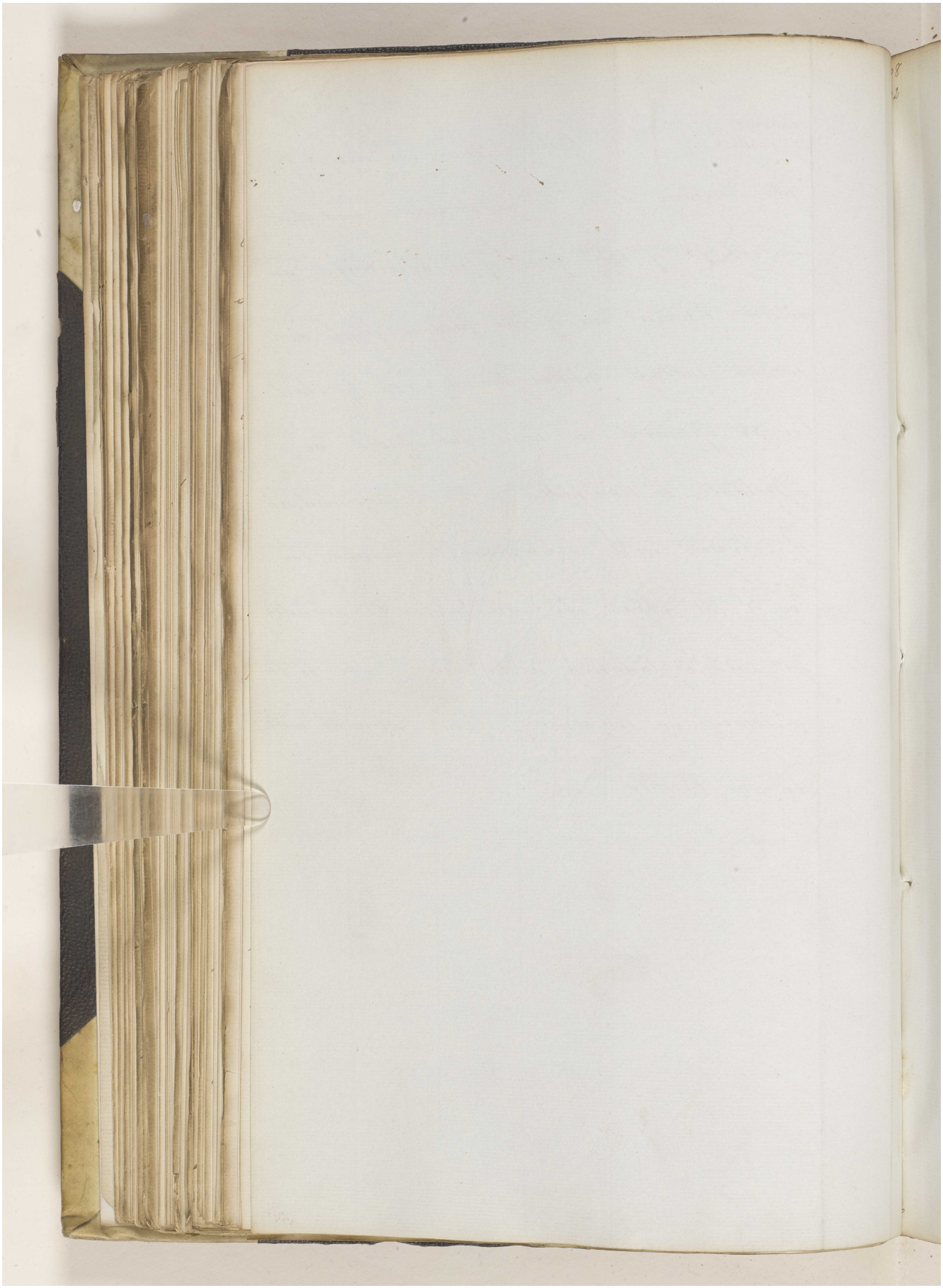

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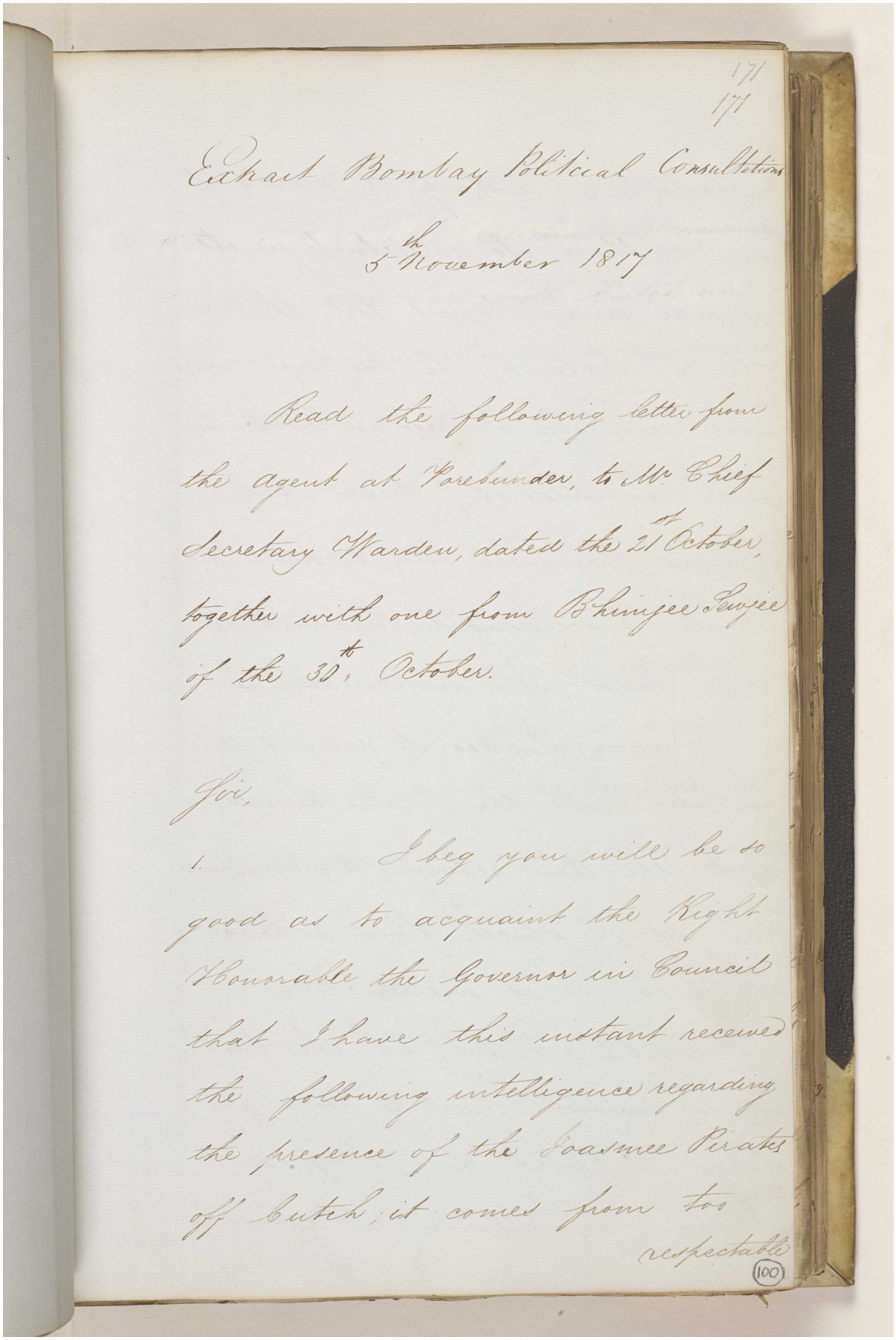

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Extract Bombay Political Consultation

5th November 1817

Read the following letter from the agent at Porebunder, to Mr Chief Secretary Warden, dated the 21st October, together with one from Bhimjee Jeejee of the 30th October.

Sir,

1. I beg you will be so good as to acquaint the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that I have this instant received the following intelligence regarding the presence of the Joasmee Pirates off Cutch, it comes from too respectable

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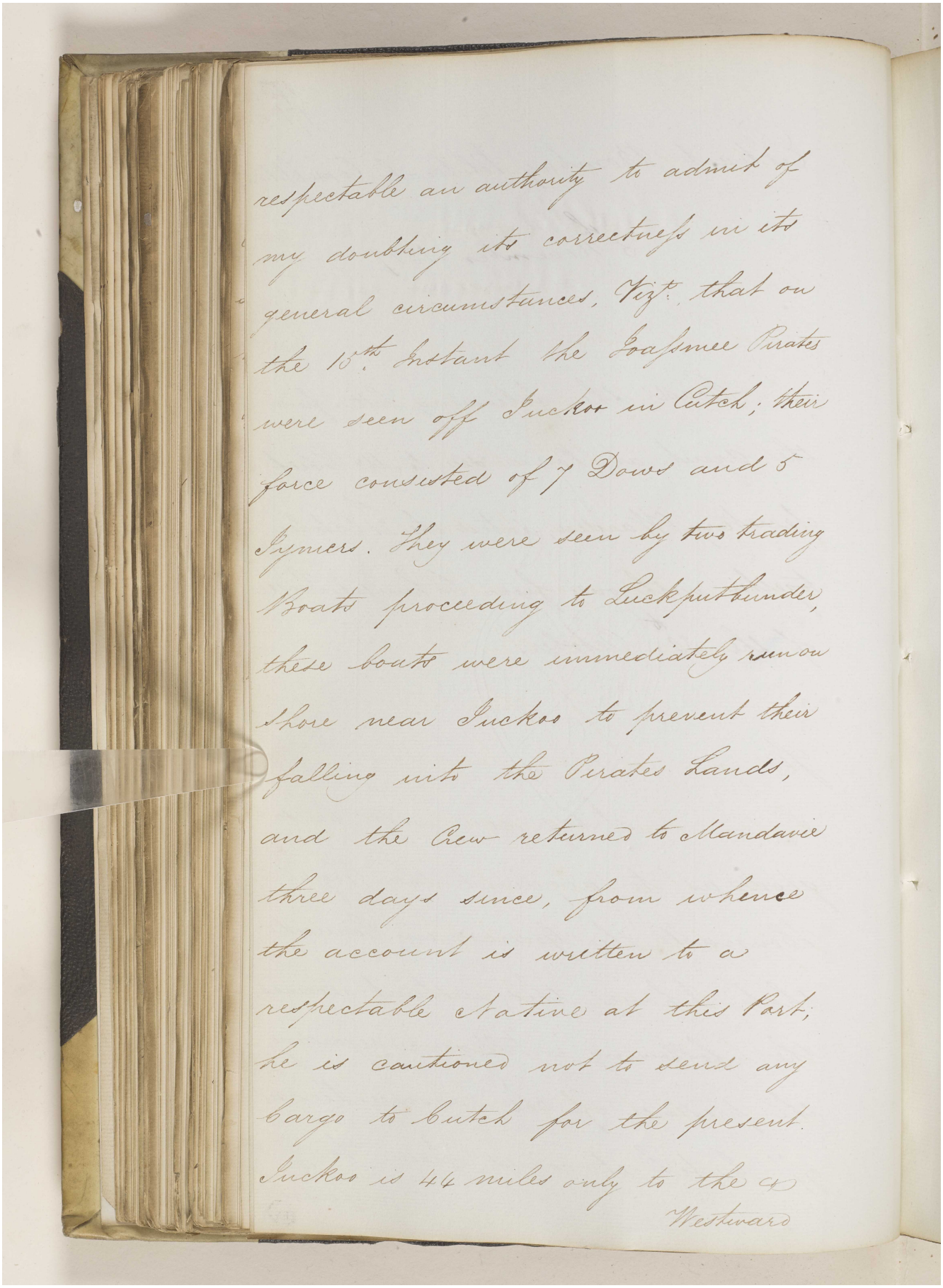
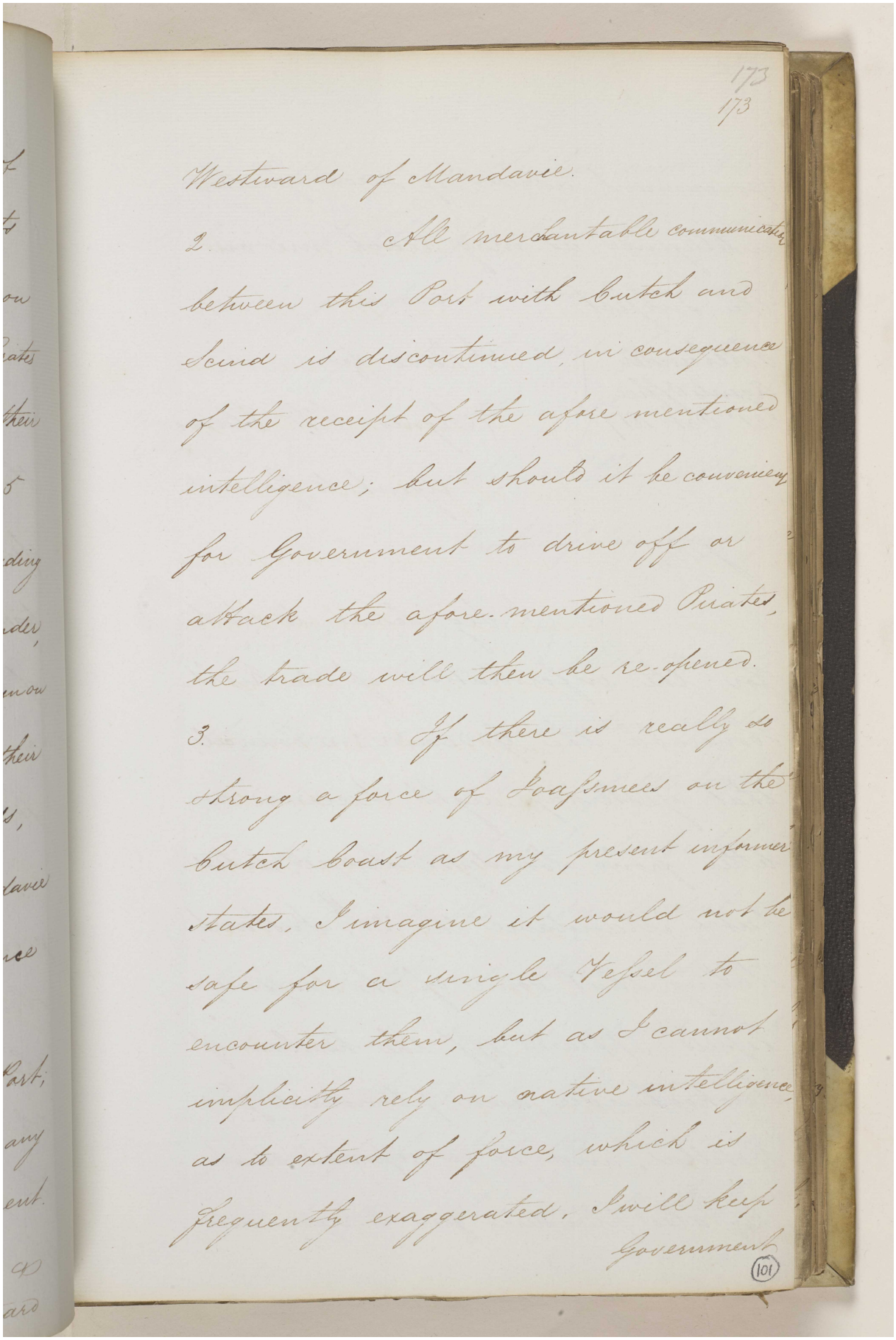


respectable an authority to admit of
my doubting its correctness in its
general circumstances, Viz.t. that on
the 15.th Instant the Joasmee Pirates
were seen off Luckos in Catch; their
force consisted of 7 Dows and 5
Symers. They were seen by two trading
Boats proceeding to Luckputbunder,
these boats were immediately run on
shore near Luckos to prevent their
falling into the Pirates Lands,
and the Crew returned to Mandavie
three days since, from whence
the account is written to a
respectable Native at this Port,
he is cautioned not to send any
Cargo to Cutch for the present.
Luckos is 44 miles only to the
Westward



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Westward of Mandavie.

2. All mercantable communication between this Port with Cutch and Scind is discontinued, in consequence of the receipt of the afore mentioned intelligence; but should it be convenient for Government to drive off or attack the afore-mentioned Pirates, the trade will then be re-opened.

3. If there is really so strong a force of Joasmees on the Cutch Coast as my present informer states, I imagine it would not be safe for a single Vessel to encounter them, but as I cannot implicitly rely on native intelligence as to extent of force, which is frequently exaggerated, I will keep

Government

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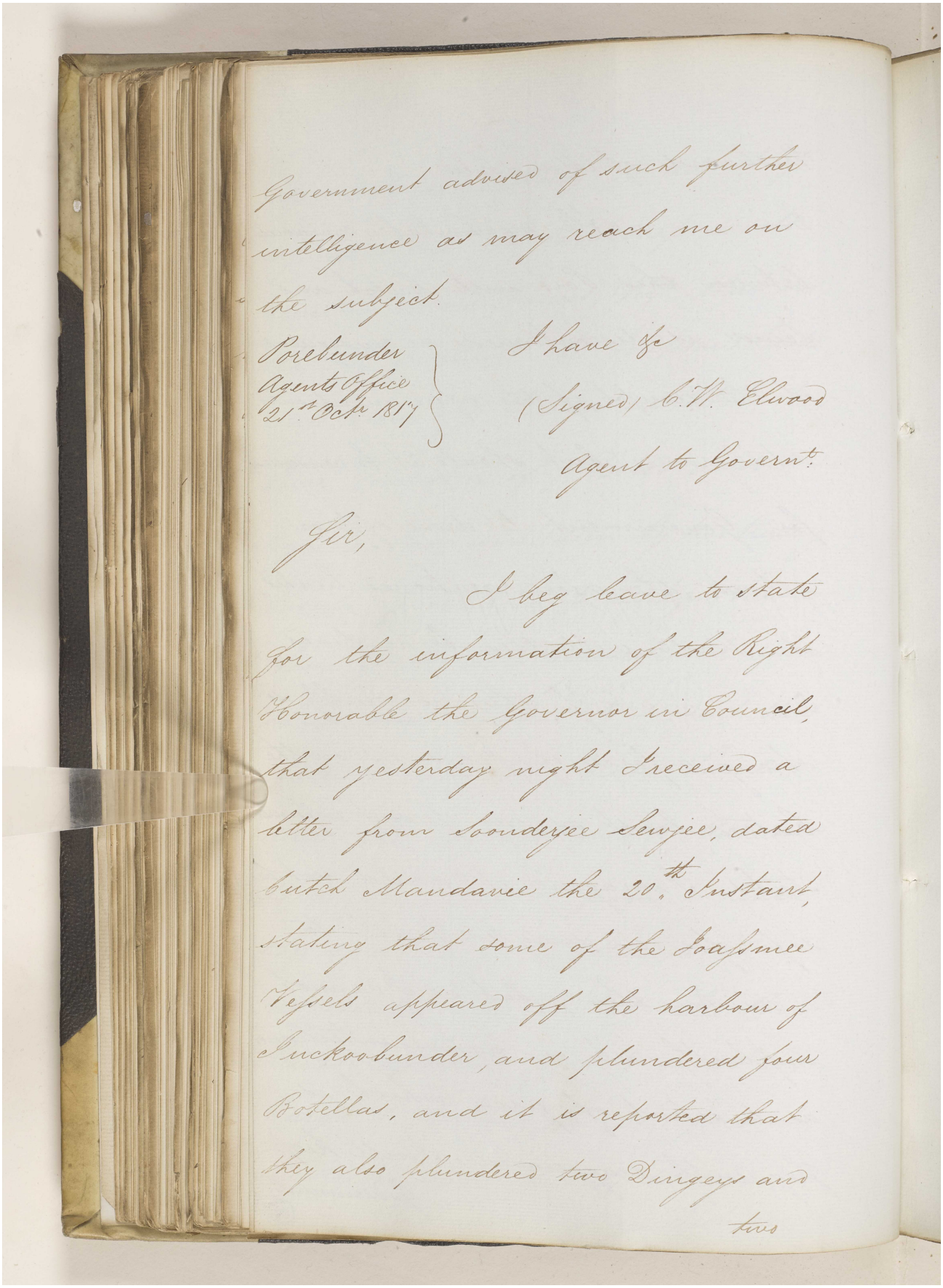

Government advised of such further
intelligence as may reach me on
the subject.

Porebunder
Agents Office
21st Oct. 817

I have &c
(Signed) C.W. Elwood
Agent to Govern.t

Sir,

I beg leave to state
for the information of the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council,
that yesterday night I received a
letter from Soondersee Sewjee, dated
Cutch Mandavee the 20.th Instant,
stating that some of the Joasmee
Vessels appeared off the harbour of
Suckoobunder, and plundered four
Botellas, and it is reported that
they also plundered two Dingeys and
two

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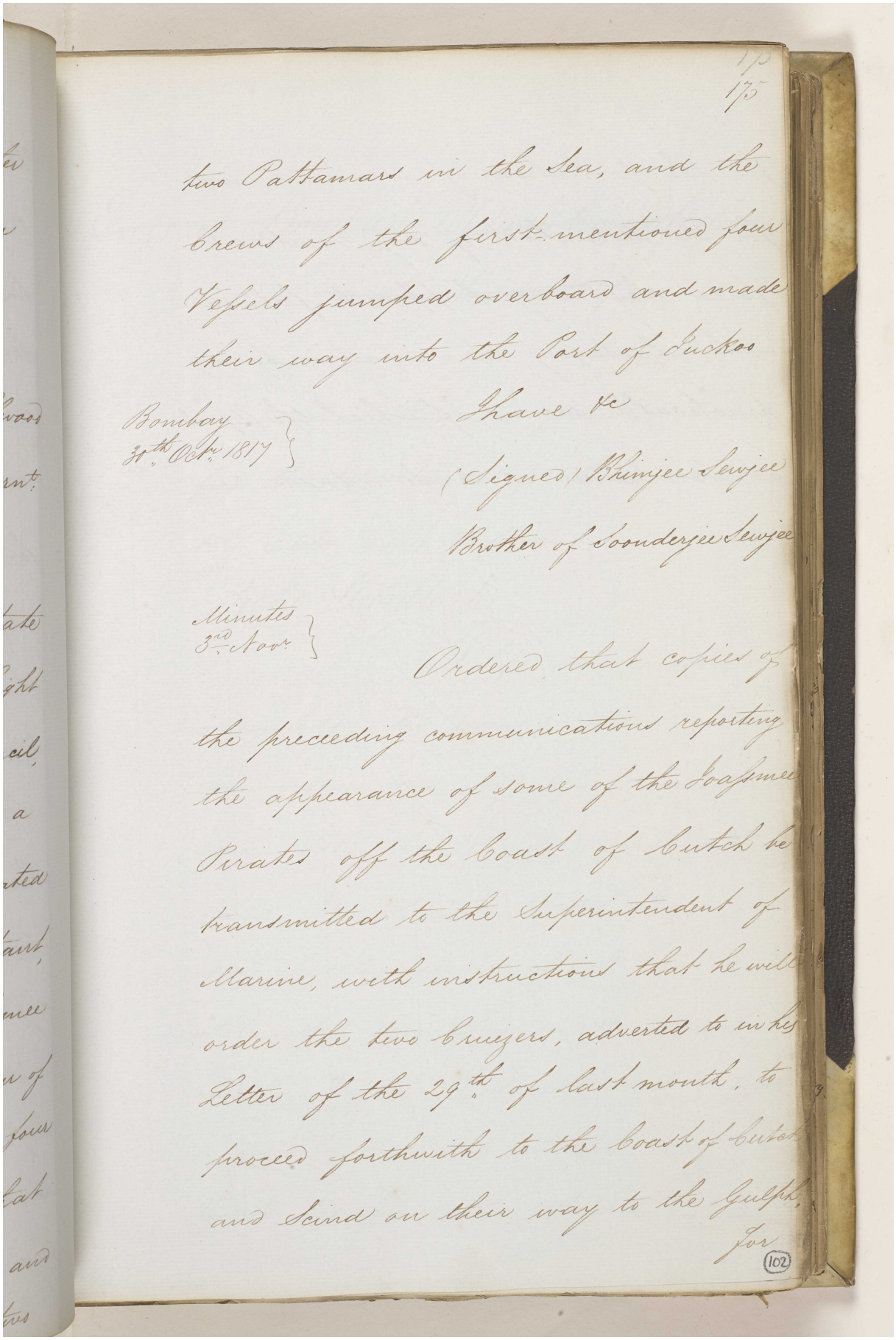

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two Pattamars in the Sea, and the Crews of the first mentioned four Vessels jumped overboard and made their way into the Port of Luckos

I have &c

(Signed) Khimjee Sewjee

Brother of Soondergee Sewjee

Bombay
30th Octr. 1817

Minutes
3rd Novr

Ordered that copies of the preceding communications reporting the appearance of some of the Joasmee Pirates off the Coast of Cutch be transmitted to the Superintendent of Marine, with instructions that he will order the two Cruizers, adverted to in his Letter of the 29th of last month, to proceed forthwith to the Coast of Cutch and Scind on their way to the Gulph.

For

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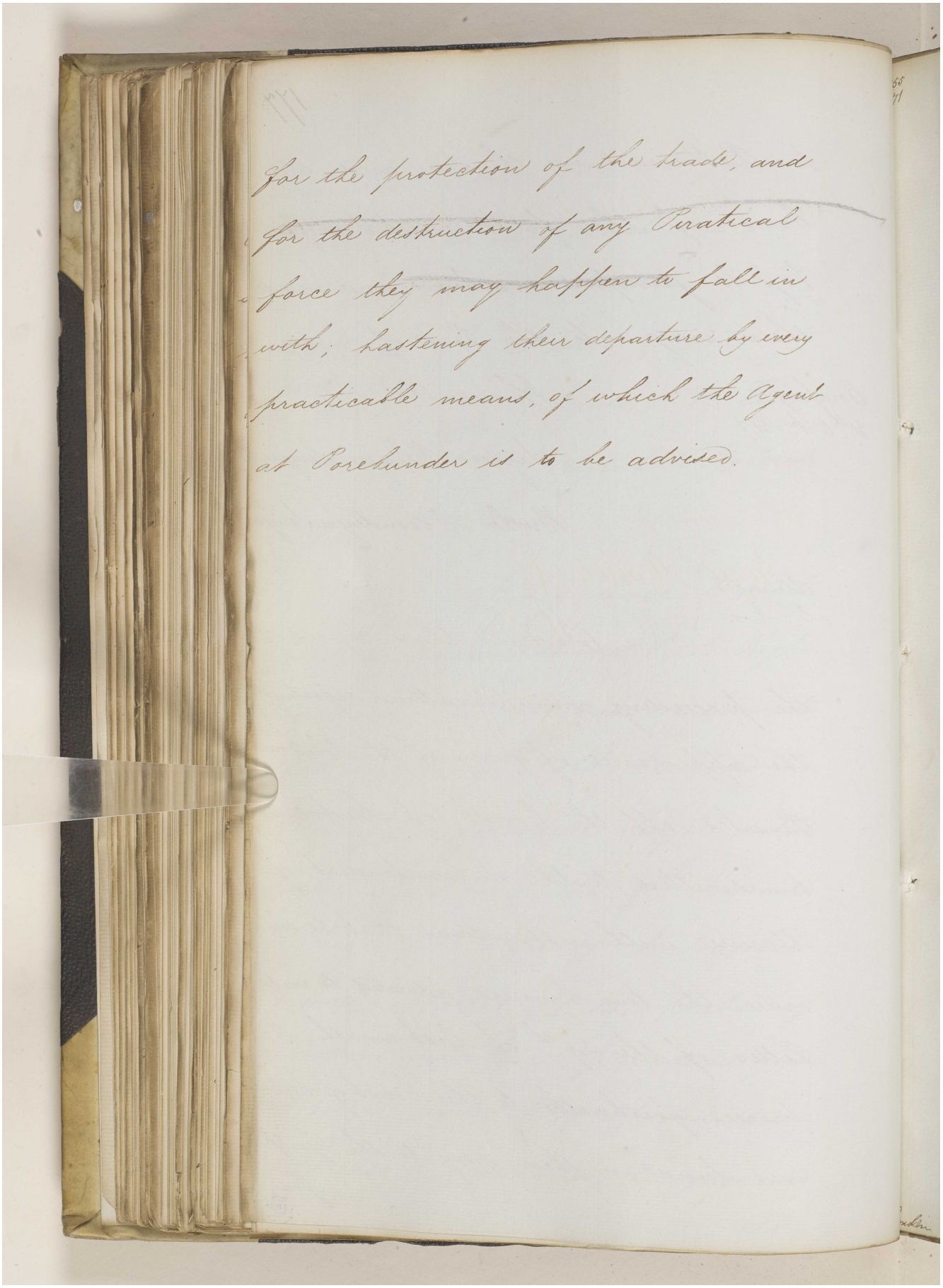
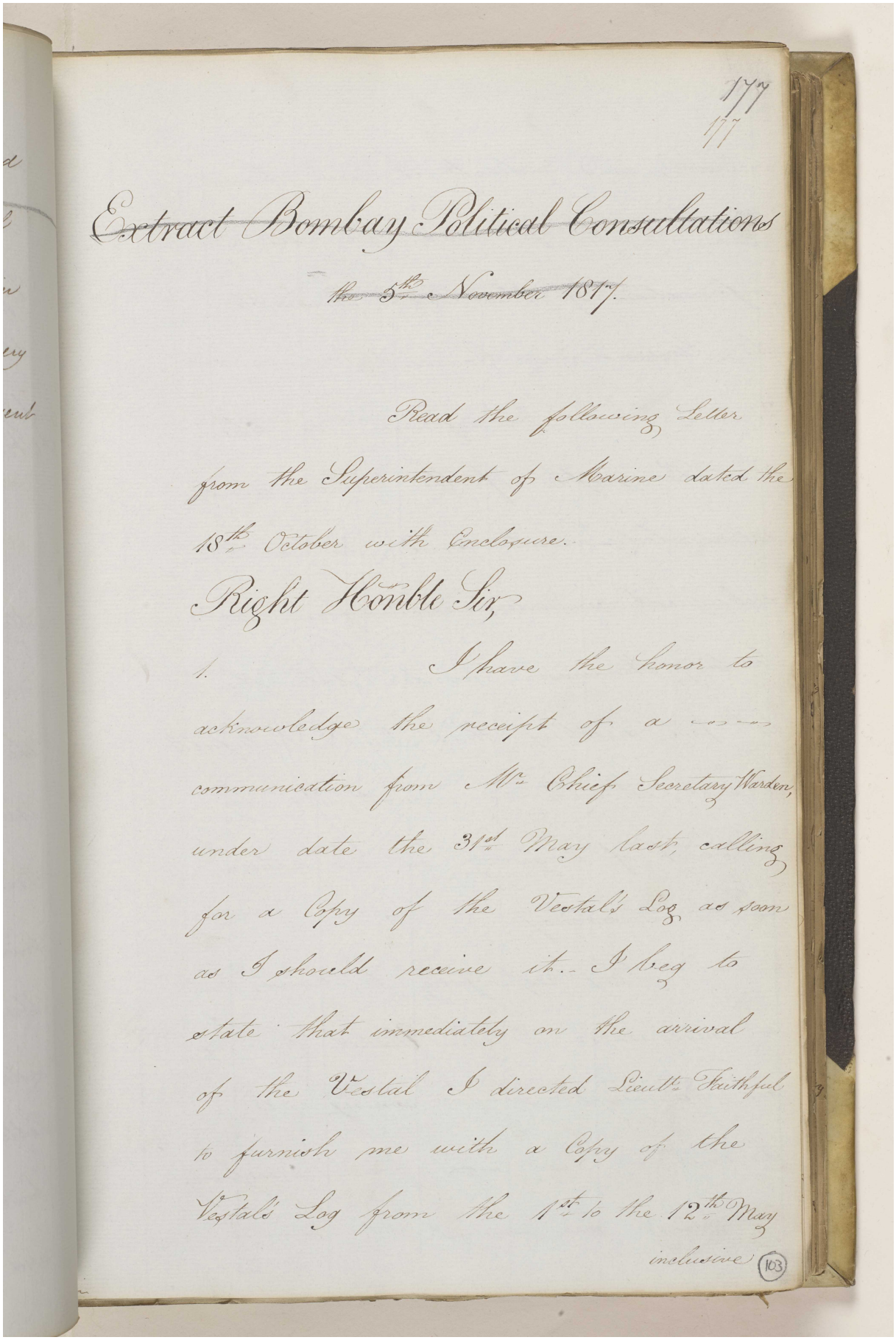


for the protection of the trade, and for the destruction of any Piratical force they may happen to fall in with; hastening their departure by every practicable means, of which the Agent at Bushire is to be advised.



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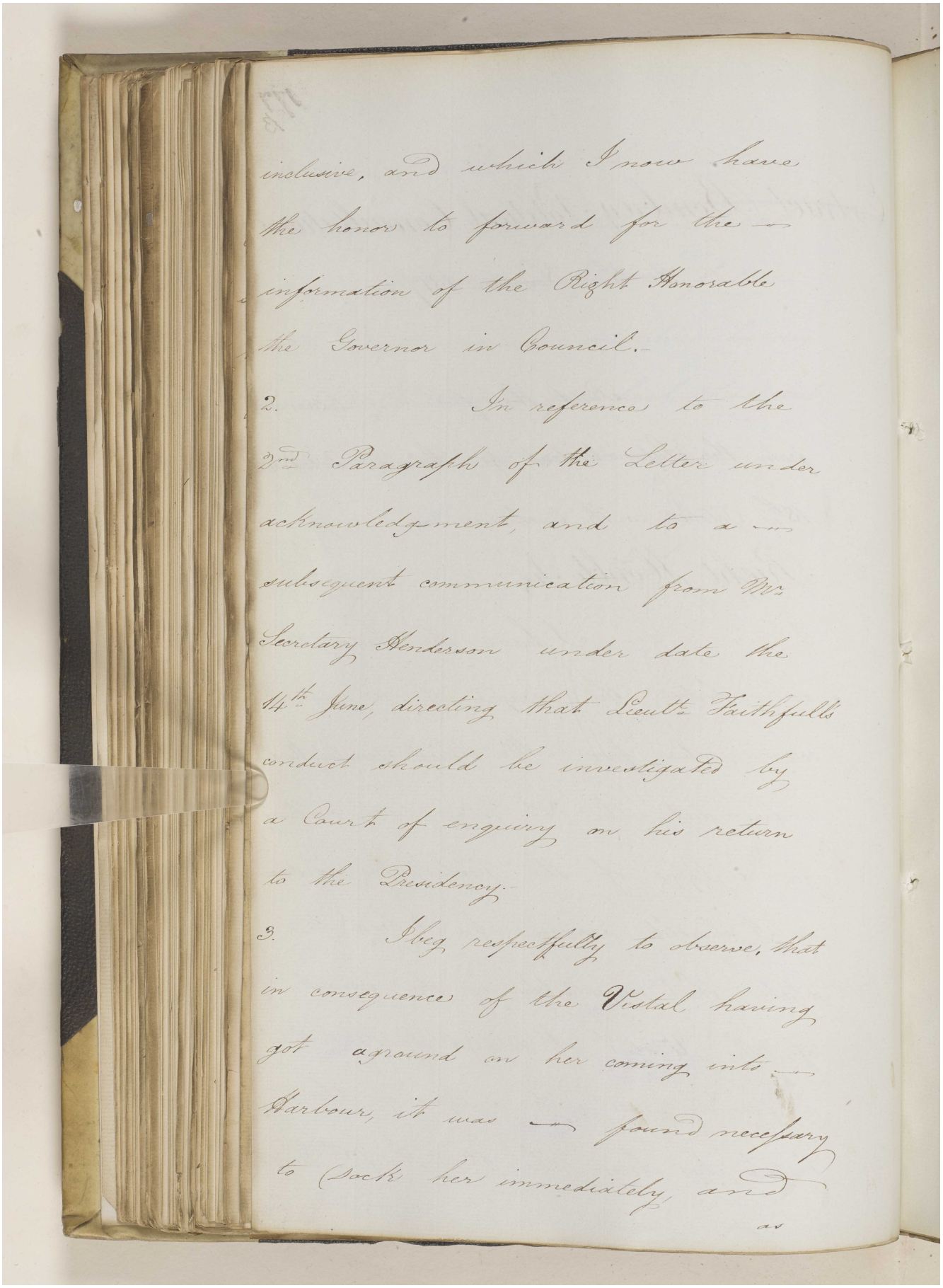
Extract Bombay Political Consultations

the 5th November 1817.

Read the following Letter from the Superintendent of Marine dated the 18th October with Enclosure.

Right Honble Sir,

I. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from Mr. Chief Secretary Warden, under date the 31st May last, calling for a Copy of the Vestals Log as soon as I should receive it. I beg to state that immediately on the arrival of the Vestal I directed Lieut.t Faithfull to furnish me with a Copy of the Vestals Log from the 1st to the 12th May inclusive (103)



inclusive, and which I now have
the honor to forward for the —
information of the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council.—

2. In reference to the
2nd Paragraph of the Letter under
acknowledgment, and to a —
subsequent communication from Mr
Secretary Henderson under date the
14th June, directing that Lieut. Faithfull's
conduct should be investigated by
a Court of enquiry on his return
to the Presidency.—

3. I beg respectfully to observe, that
in consequence of the Vishal having
got aground on her coming into —
Harbour, it was — found necessary
to dock her immediately, and

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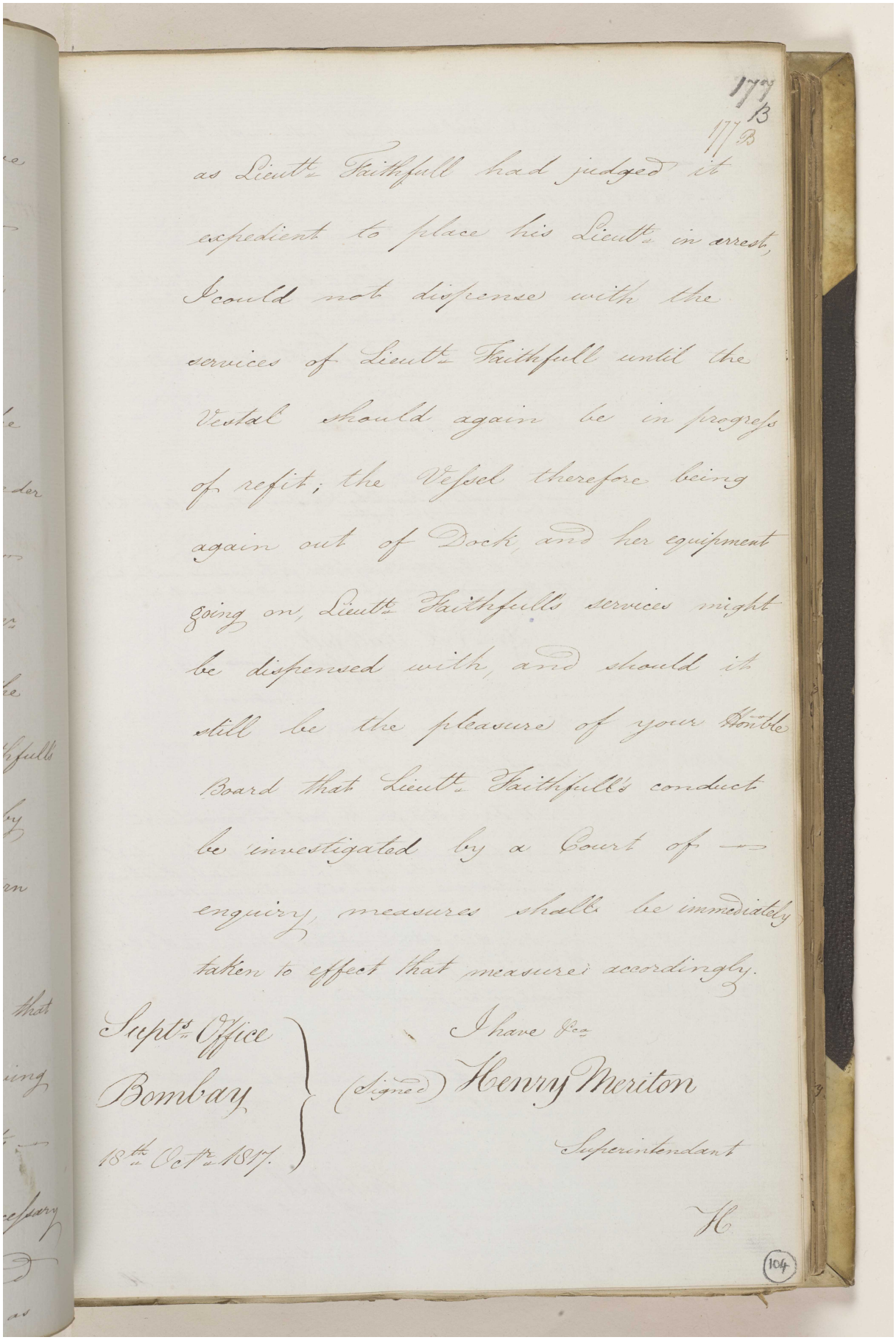

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as Lieutt. Faithfull had judged it
expedient to place his Lieutt. in arrest,
I could not dispense with the
services of Lieutt. Faithfull until the
Vestal should again be in progress
of refit; the Vessel therefore being
again out of Dock, and her equipment
going on, Lieutt. Faithfulls services might
be dispensed with, and should it
still be the pleasure of your Honble
Board that Lieutt. Faithfulls conduct
be investigated by a Court of —
enquiry, measures shall be immediately
taken to effect that measure accordingly.

I have &c.
(Signed) Henry Meriton
Superintendant

Supt. Office
Bombay
18th Octr. 1773.

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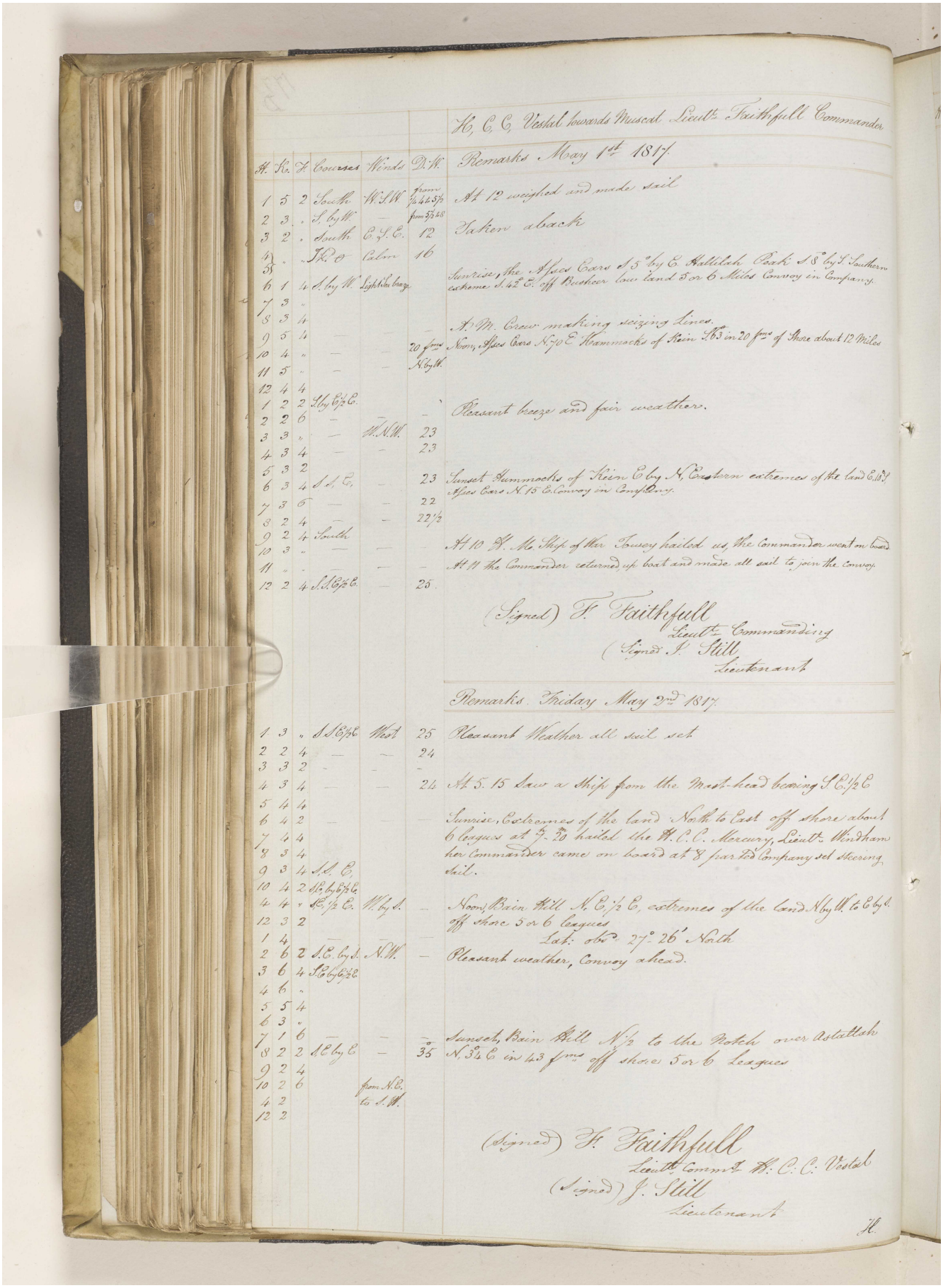

H, C, C, Vestal towards Muscat Lieut^t Faithfull Commander

Remarks May 1st 1817.

H.	K.	F.	Courses	Winds	D.W.	
1	5	2	South	W.S.W.	from 1/4 4 to 5 1/2	At 12 weighed and made sail
2	3	"	S, by W.	—	from 5 1/2 to 8	
3	2	"	South	E.S.E.	12	Taken aback
4	"	"	Ditto	Calm	16	
5						
6	1	4	S. by W.	Light Sea breeze		Sunrise, the Asses Ears S 5° by E. Hallilah Peak S 8° by S. Southern extreme S. 42° E. off Bushcer low land 5 or 6 Miles Convoy in Company.
7	3	"				
8	3	4				A. M. Crew making seizing Lines.
9	5	4	—	—	—	
10	4	"	—	—	20 f^ms	Noon, Asses Ears N. 70 E Hammocks of Kein S. 63° in 20 f^ms of Shore about 12 Miles
11	5	"	—	—	N. by W.	
12	4	4				
1	2	2	S. by E 1/2 E.			
2	2	6	—	—	—	Pleasant breeze and fair weather.
3	3	"	—	W.N.W.	23	
4	3	4	—	—	23	
5	3	2				
6	3	4	S.S.E.	—	23	Sunset Hummocks of Kein E by N, Eastern extremes of the land E. 10° S. Asses Ears N. 15 E. Convoy in Company.
7	3	6	—	—	22	
8	2	4	—	—	22 1/2	
9	2	4	South			
10	3	"	—	—	—	At 10 H. M. Ship of War Towey hailed us, the Commander went on board.
11	"	"	—	—	—	At 11 the Commander returned, up boat and made all sail to join the Convoy.
12	2	4	S.S.E 1/2 E.	—	25.	

(Signed) F. Faithfull
Lieut^t Commanding
(Signed) J. Still
Lieutenant

Remarks. Friday May 2nd 1817.

1	3	"	S.S.E 1/2 E	West	25	Pleasant Weather all sail set
2	2	4	—	—	24	
3	3	2	—	—	—	
4	3	4	—	—	24	At 5. 15 Saw a Ship from the Mast-head bearing S.E. 1/2 E
5	4	4				
6	4	2	—	—	—	Sunrise, Extremes of the land North to East off shore about 6 leagues at 7h 20m hailed the H. C. C. Mercury, Lieut^t Windham her Commander came on board at 8 parted Company set steering sail.
7	4	4				
8	3	4				
9	3	4	S.S.E.			
10	4	2	S.E. by E 1/2 E.			
4	4	"	S.E. 1/2 E.	W. by S.	—	Noon, Bain Hill N. E. 1/2 E, extremes of the land N by W. to E by S. off shore 5 or 6 leagues
12	3	2				
1	4		—	—	—	Lat: obs^d 27° 26' North
2	6	2	S.E. by S.	N.W.	—	Pleasant weather, Convoy ahead.
3	6	4	S.E by E 1/2 E			
4	6	"				
5	5	4				
6	3	"				
7	1	6	—	—	—	Sunset, Bain Hill N 1/2 to the Notch over Astallah N. 34° E in 43 f^ms off shore 5 or 6 Leagues
8	2	2	S.E by E	—	35°	
9	2	4				
10	2	6		from N.E. to S.W.		
4	2					
12	2					

(Signed) F. Faithfull
Lieut^t Comm^g H. C. C. Vestal
(Signed) J. Still
Lieutenant

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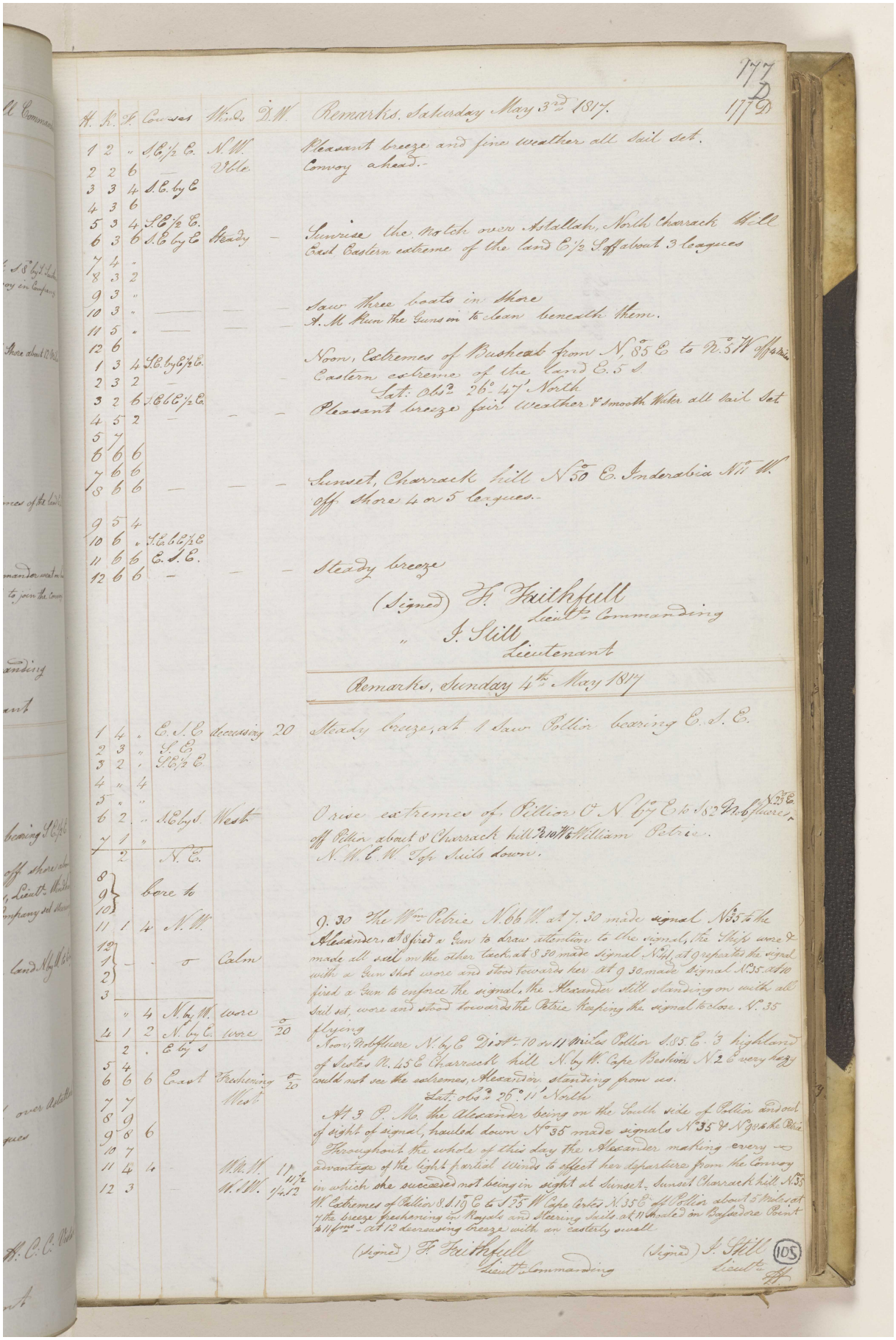

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Remarks, Saturday May 3rd 1817.

H.	P.	F.	Courses	Winds	D.W.	
1	2	"	S.S.E½ E.	N.W.		Pleasant breeze and fine weather all sail set.
2	2	6	—	Vble.		Convoy ahead.-
3	3	4	S.E. by E			
4	3	6				
5	3	4	S.S.E½ E.			
6	3	6	S.E by E	Steady	—	Sunrise the Notch over Astallah, North Charrack Hill
						East Eastern extreme of the land E½S distant 3 leagues
7	4	"				
8	3	2				
9	3	"				
10	3	"	——	——	—	Saw three boats in shore
11	5	"	——	——	—	A.M. Run the Guns in to Lee beneath them.
12	6					
1	3	4	S.E. by E½ E.			Noon, Extremes of Bushear from N. 85 E to N. 5 W
2	3	2	—		—	Eastern extreme of the Land E. 5 S
3	2	6	S.E. by E½ E.		—	Sat. Obsd 26° 47' North
4	5	2	—	—	—	Pleasant breeze fair Weather & smooth Water all sail Set
5	7					
6	6	6				
7	6	6				Sunset, Charrack hill N 5° E. Inderabia N.W. W.
8	6	6	—	—	—	Off Shore 4 or 5 Leagues.-
9	5	4				
10	6	"	S.E. by E½ E.			
11	6	6	E.S.E.			
12	6	6	—	—	—	Steady breeze

(Signed) F. Faithfull
Lieut.t Commanding
" J. Still
Lieutenant

Remarks, Sunday 4th May 1817

1	4	"	E.S.E.	decreasing	20	Steady breeze, at 1 Saw Pollier bearing E.S.E.
2	3	"	S.E.			
3	2	"	S.E½ E			
4	"	4				
5	"	"				
6	2	"	S.E. by S	West		Orise extremes of Pollier & N. 67 E to S.S.E. 2 or 3 leagues distant
7	1	"				off Pollier about 8 Charrack hill N.W. by W. William Petrie.
	2		N.E.			N.W. & W. Top Sails down.
8						
9			bore to			
10						
11	1	4	N.W.			
12						
1	—	.	—	Calm		
2						
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	"	4	N. by W.	wore		
4	1	2	N. by E.	wore	0/20	
	2	.	E by S			
5	4					
6	6	6	East	Freshening	0/20	
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9	8	6				
10	7					
11	4	4		W.N.W.	1/2	
12	3		—	W.S.W.	1/2	

P. 30 The Wm Petrie N. 66 W. at 7.30 made signal N°35 to the Alexander, at 8 fired a Gun to draw attention to the signal, the Ships were made all sail on the other tack, at 8.30 made signal N°44, at 9 repeated the signal with a Gun shot wore and stood towards her at 9.30 made signal N.35. At 10 fired a Gun to enforce the signal, the Alexander still standing on with all Sail set, wore and stood towards the Petrie keeping the signal to close. N. 35 flying

Noon, Robsphere N. by E 2 or 3 Leagues Pollier S.85 E. 3 highlands of Sestes N. 45 E Charrack hill N by W. Cape Bushire N 2 E very hazy could not see the extremes, Alexander standing from us.

Lat. obsd 26° 11' North

At 3 P. M. the Alexander being on the South side of Pollier and out of sight of signal, hauled down N°35 made signals N°35 & N°36 to the Petrie Throughout the whole of this day the Alexander making every advantage of the light partial Winds to effect her departure from the Convoy in which she succeeded not being in sight at Sunset. Sunset Charrack hill N.35 W. Extremes of Pollier S.15 E & S.35 W Cape Bushire N.35 E. off Pollier about 5 Miles at 6 the breeze freshening in Mayds and Steering Sails at 11 Moderate in Bassidore Point S.11 W.ly — at 12 decreasing breeze with an easterly swell

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Lieut.t Commanding

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Lieut.t

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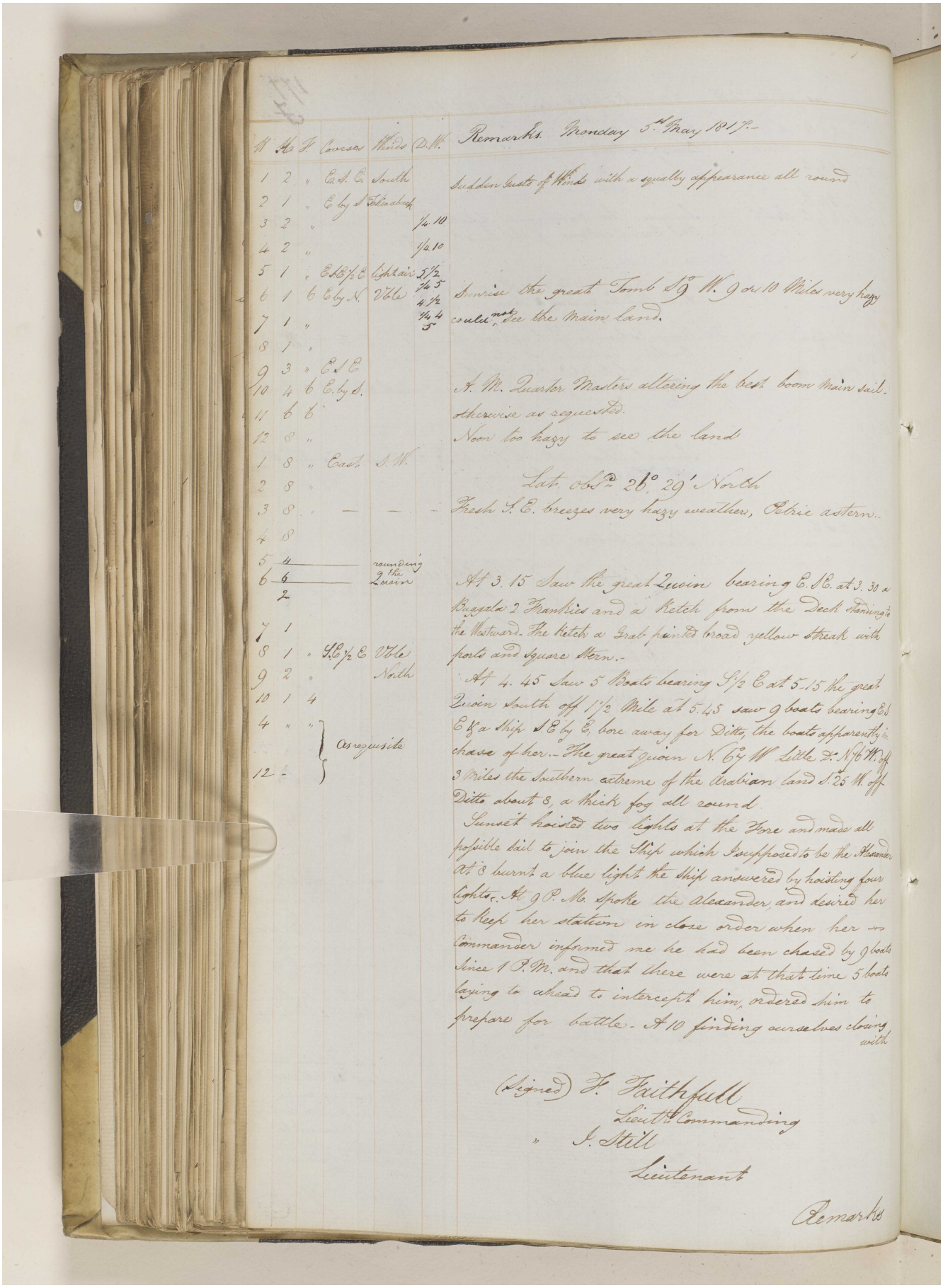

H	M	F	Courses	Winds	D.W.	Remarks. Monday 5th May 1817.-
1	2	"	E.S.E.	South		Sudden Gusts of Winds with a squally appearance all round
2	1	"	E by S	Taken aback		
3	2	"			1/4.10	
4	2	"			1/4.10	
5	1	"	E.S.E 1/2 E	light air	5 1/2	
6	1	6	E by N.	Vble	1/4 5 4 1/2	Sunrise the great Tomb S 9° W. 9 or 10 Miles very hazy could not see the main land.
7	1	"			1/4 4 5	
8	1	"				
9	3	"	E S E			
10	4	6	E. by S.			A. M. Quarter Masters altering the best boom main sail.
11	6	6				otherwise as requested.
12	8	"				Noon too hazy to see the land
1	8	"	East	S.W.		
2	8	"				Lat. obs.d 26° 29' North
3	8	"	—	—	—	Fresh S.E. breezes very hazy weather, Petrie astern.-
4	8					
5	4			rounding the Quoin		
6	6					At 3. 15 Saw the great Quoin bearing E.S.E. at 3. 30 a Buggala 2 Frankies and a Ketch from the Deck standing to the Westward. The Ketch a Grab painted broad yellow streak with ports and square Stern.-
	2					
7	1					
8	1	"	S.E 1/2 E	Vble		
9	2	"		North		At 4. 45 Saw 5 Boats bearing S 1/2 E at 5-15 the great Quoin South off 1 1/2 Mile at 5.45 saw 9 boats bearing E.S.E & a Ship S.E by E, bore away for Ditto, the boats apparently in chase of her.- The great Quoin N. 67° W Little D.o N 76 W. off 3 Miles the Southern extreme of the Arabian land S. 25 W. off Ditto about 8, a thick fog all round.
10	1	4				
4	"	"	As requisite			
12	-					

Sunset hoisted two lights at the Fore and made all possible sail to join the Ship which I supposed to be the Alexander At 8 burnt a blue light the Ship answered by hoisting four lights. At 9 P. M. Spoke the Alexander, and desired her to keep her station in close order when her Commander informed me he had been chased by 9 boats Since 1 P.M. and that there were at that time 5 boats laying to ahead to intercept him, ordered him to prepare for battle. A 10 finding ourselves closing with

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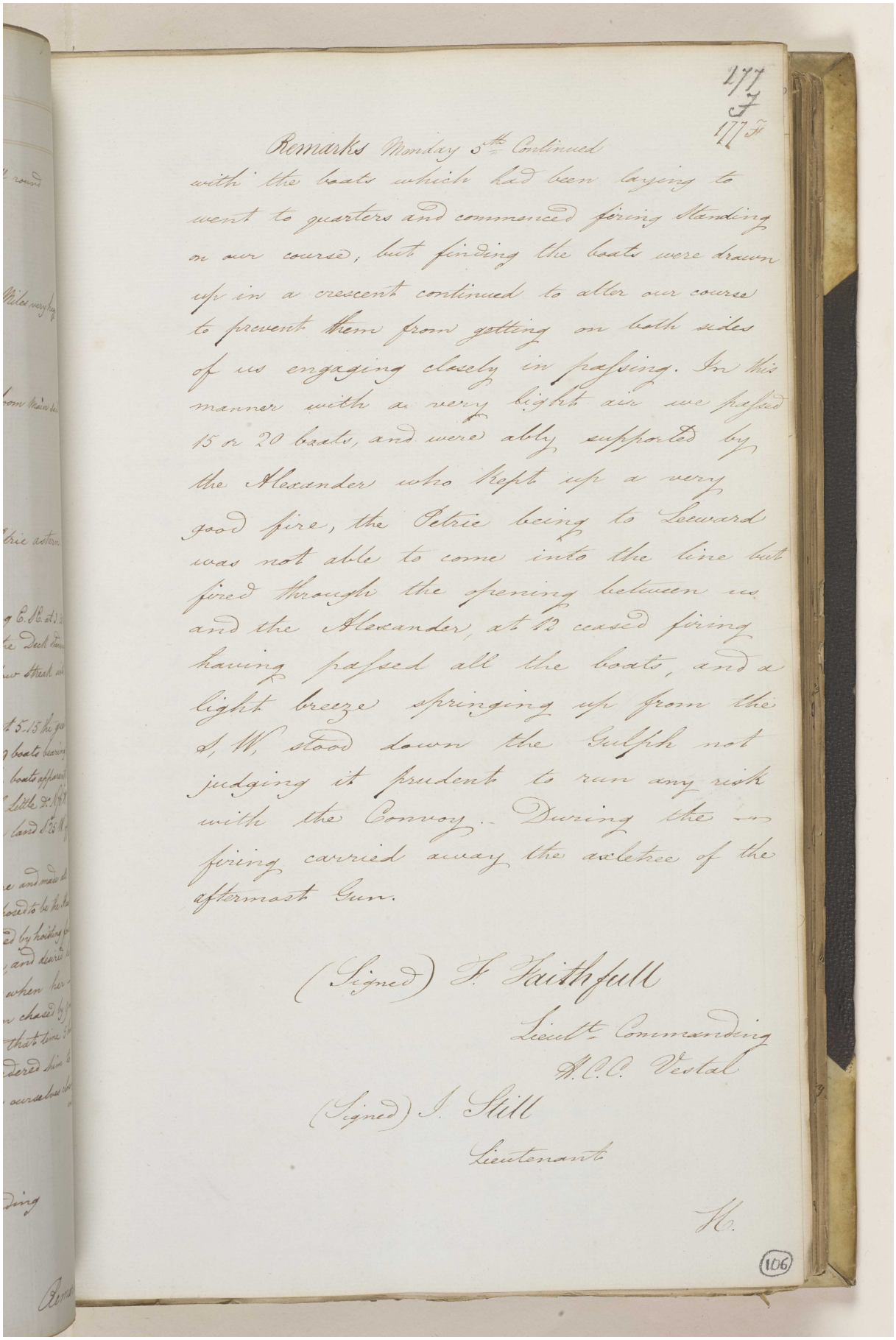

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Remarks Monday 5th Continued

with the boats which had been laying to went to quarters and commenced firing standing on our course, but finding the boats were drawn up in a crescent continued to alter our course to prevent them from getting on both sides of us engaging closely in passing. In this manner with a very light air we passed 15 or 20 boats, and were ably supported by the Alexander who kept up a very good fire, the Petrie being to Leeward was not able to come into the line but fired through the opening between us and the Alexander, at 12 ceased firing having passed all the boats, and a light breeze springing up from the S. W. stood down the Gulph not judging it prudent to run any risk with the Convoy. During the firing carried away the axletree of the aftermost Gun.

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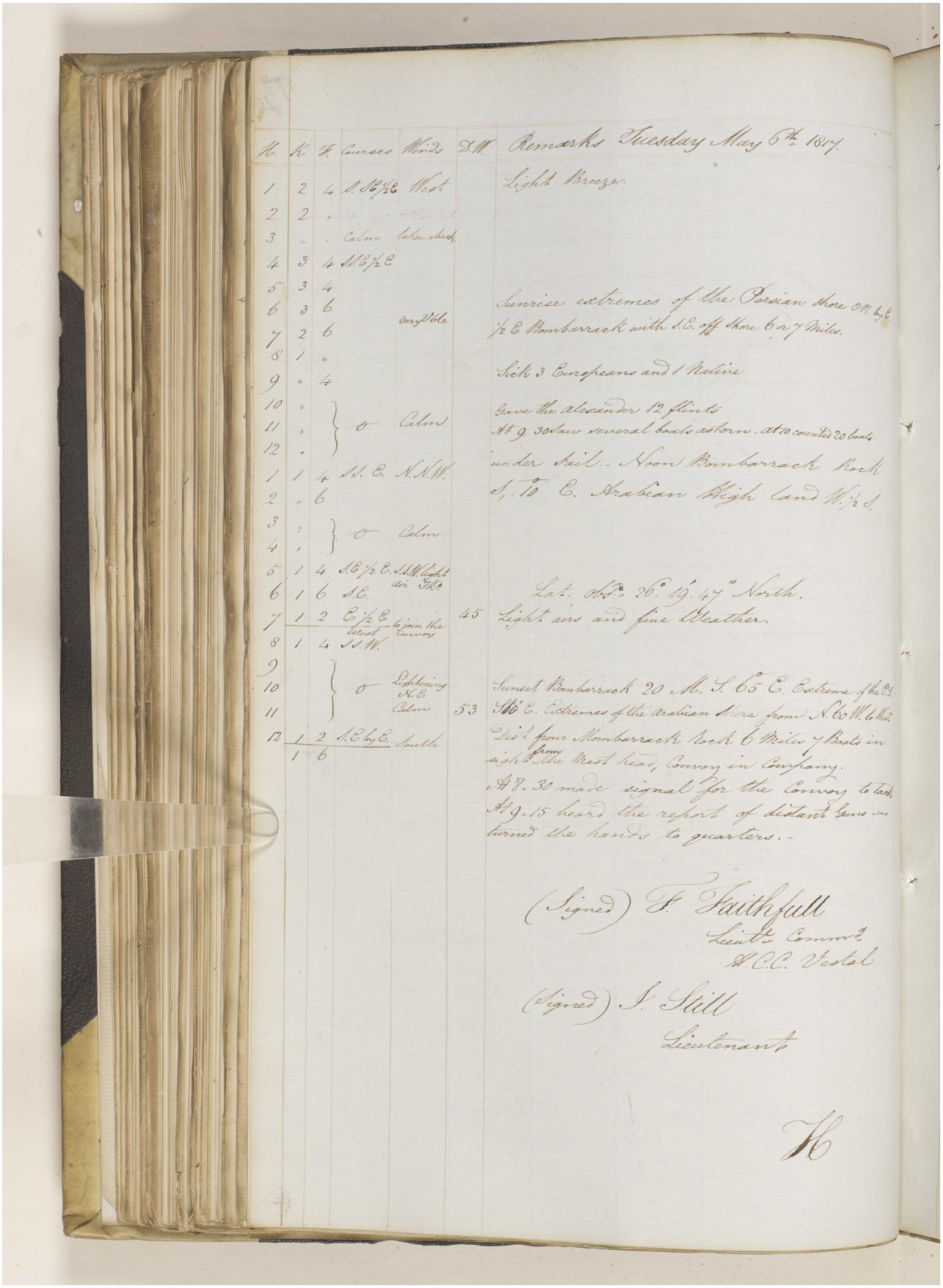

H.	K.	F.	Courses	Winds	D.W.	Remarks Tuesday May 6th 1817.
1	2	4	S. SE ½ E	West		Light Breeze.
2	2	"				
3	"	"	Calm	taken aback		
4	3	4	S.S.E ½ E			
5	3	4				
6	3	6		very Vble		Sunrise extremes of the Persian shore ON by E.
7	2	6				½ E Bombarrack with S.E. off Shore 6 or 7 Miles.
8	1	"				
9	"	4				Sick 3 Europeans and 1 Native
10	"					Gave the alexander 12 flints
11	"		0	Calm		At 9. 30 saw several boats astern - at 10 counted 20 boats
12	"					under Sail. - Noon Bombarrack Rock
1	1	4	S.S. E.	N.N.W.		S. 10° E. Arabian High land W. ½ S.
2	"	6				
3	"		0	Calm		
4	"					
5	1	4	S.E ½ E.	S.S.W. light air Thd.		
6	1	6	S.E.			Lat. obs.d 26°. 19'. 47" North.
7	1	2	E ½ E West	to join the Convoy	45	Light airs and fine Weather.
8	1	4	S.S.W.			
9						
10			0	Lightening N.E		Sunset Bombarrack 20 M. S. 65° E. Extreme of the P.S.
11				Calm	53	S 60° E. Extremes of the arabian Shore from N. 60 W. to West
12	1	2	S.E by E.	South		Dist from Mombarrack Rock 6 Miles 7 Boats in
	1	6				sight from the Mast head, Convoy in Company.

At 8. 30 made signal for the Convoy to tack
At 9. 15 heard the report of distant Guns - turned the hands to quarters. -

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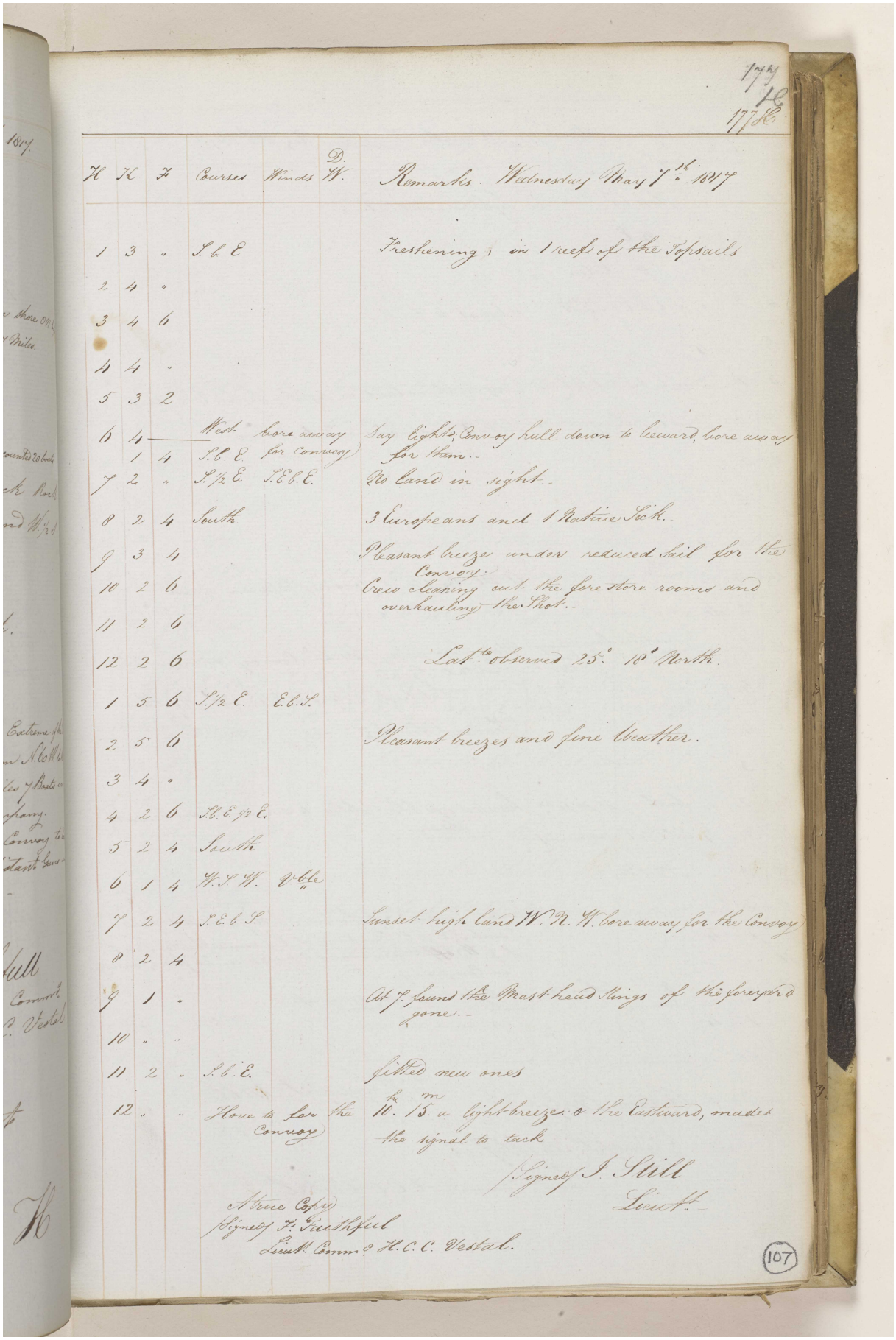

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H	K	F	Courses	Winds	D. W.	Remarks. Wednesday May 7th 1817.
1	3	"	S. b. E			Freshening; in 1 reef of the Topsails
2	4	"				
3	4	6				
4	4	"				
5	3	2				
6	4		West	bore away for Convoy		Day light; Convoy hull down to leeward, bore away for them.-
	1	4	S. b. E.			
7	2	"	S. ½ E.	S. E. b. E.		No land in sight.-
8	2	4	South			3 Europeans and 1 Native Sick.-
9	3	4				Pleasant breeze under reduced Sail for the Convoy.
10	2	6				Crew cleaning out the fore store rooms and overhauling the Shot.-
11	2	6				
12	2	6				Latte observed 25° 18' North.
1	5	6	S. ½ E.	E. b. S.		
2	5	6				Pleasant breezes and fine Weather.
3	4	"				
4	2	6	S. b. E. ½ E.			
5	2	4	South			
6	1	4	W. S. W.	Vble		
7	2	4	S. E. b. S.			Sunset high land W. N. W. bore away for the Convoy
8	2	4				
9	1	"				At 7. found the Mast head Slings of the foreyard gone.-
10	"	"				
11	2	"	S. b. E.			fitted new ones
12	"	"	Hove to for the Convoy			10h 15m a light breeze & the Eastward, made the signal to tack

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Lieut.

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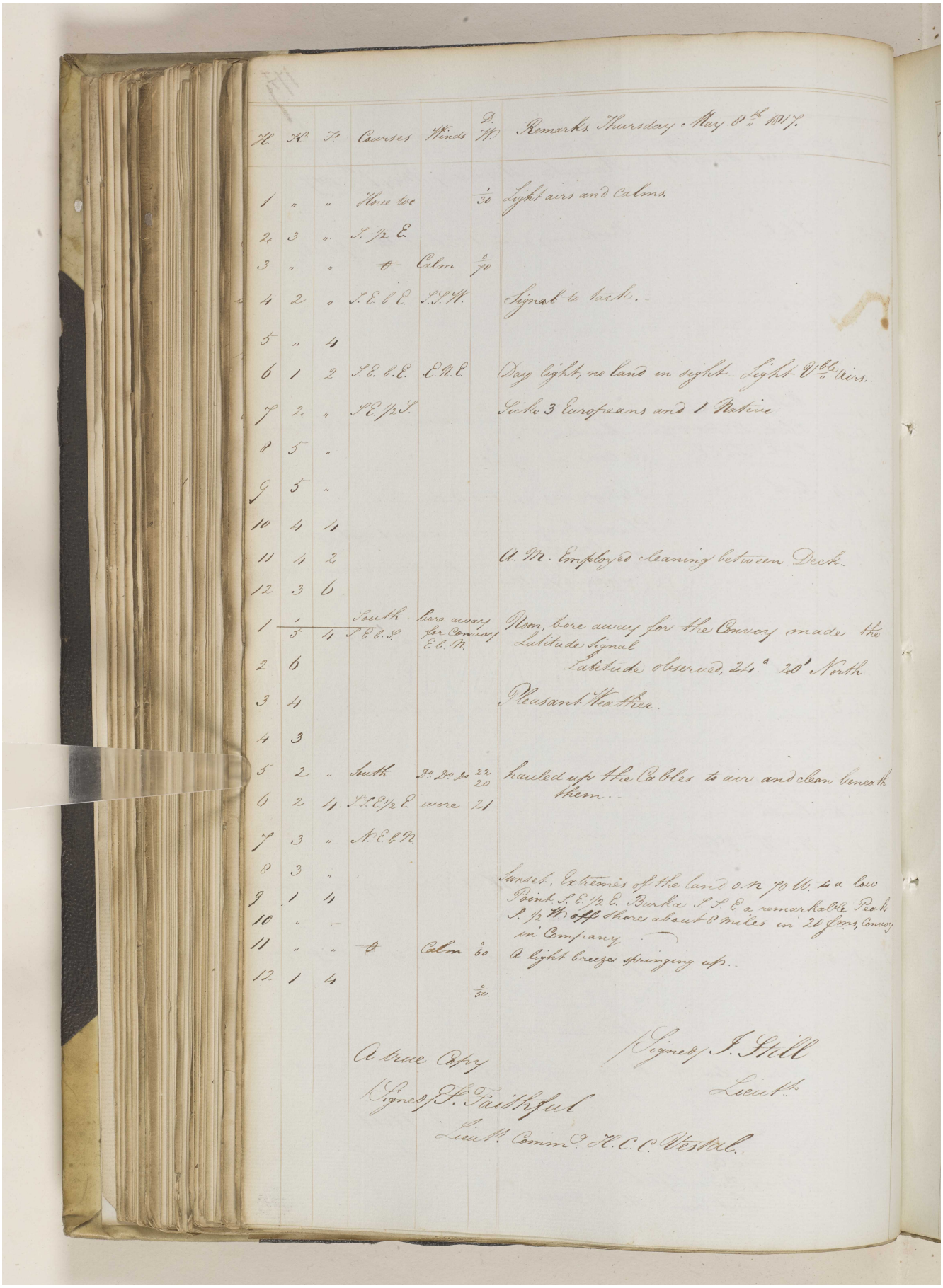

H.	K.	F.	Courses	Winds	D. W.	Remarks. Thursday May 8th 1817.
1	"	"	Hove too		1/30	Light airs and Calms.
2	3	"	S. ½ E.			
3	"	"	0	Calm	0/70	
4	2	"	S. E. b. E.	S. S. W.		Signal to tack.
5	"	4				
6	1	2	S. E. b. E.	E. N. E.		Day light, no land in sight - Light Vble Airs.
7	2	"	S. E. ½ S.			Sick 3 Europeans and 1 Native
8	5	"				
9	5	"				
10	4	4				
11	4	2				A. M. Employed cleaning between Deck.
12	3	6				
1	1/5	4	South / S. E. b. S.	bore away for Convoy E. b. N.		Noon, bore away for the Convoy made the Latitude Signal
2	6					Latitude observed, 24° 20' North.
3	4					Pleasant Weather.
4	3					
5	2	"	South	Do. Do. Do.	22/20	hauled up the Cables to air and clean beneath them.
6	2	4	S. S. E. ½ E.	wore	21	
7	3	"	N. E. b. N.			
8	3	"				Sunset. Extremes of the land O. N. 70 W. to a low Point S. E. ½ E. Burka S. S. E. a remarkable Peak S. ½ W. off shore about 8 miles in 20 fms, Convoy in Company.
9	1	4				
10	"	–				
11	"	"	0	Calm	0/60	A light breeze springing up.
12	1	4			0/50	

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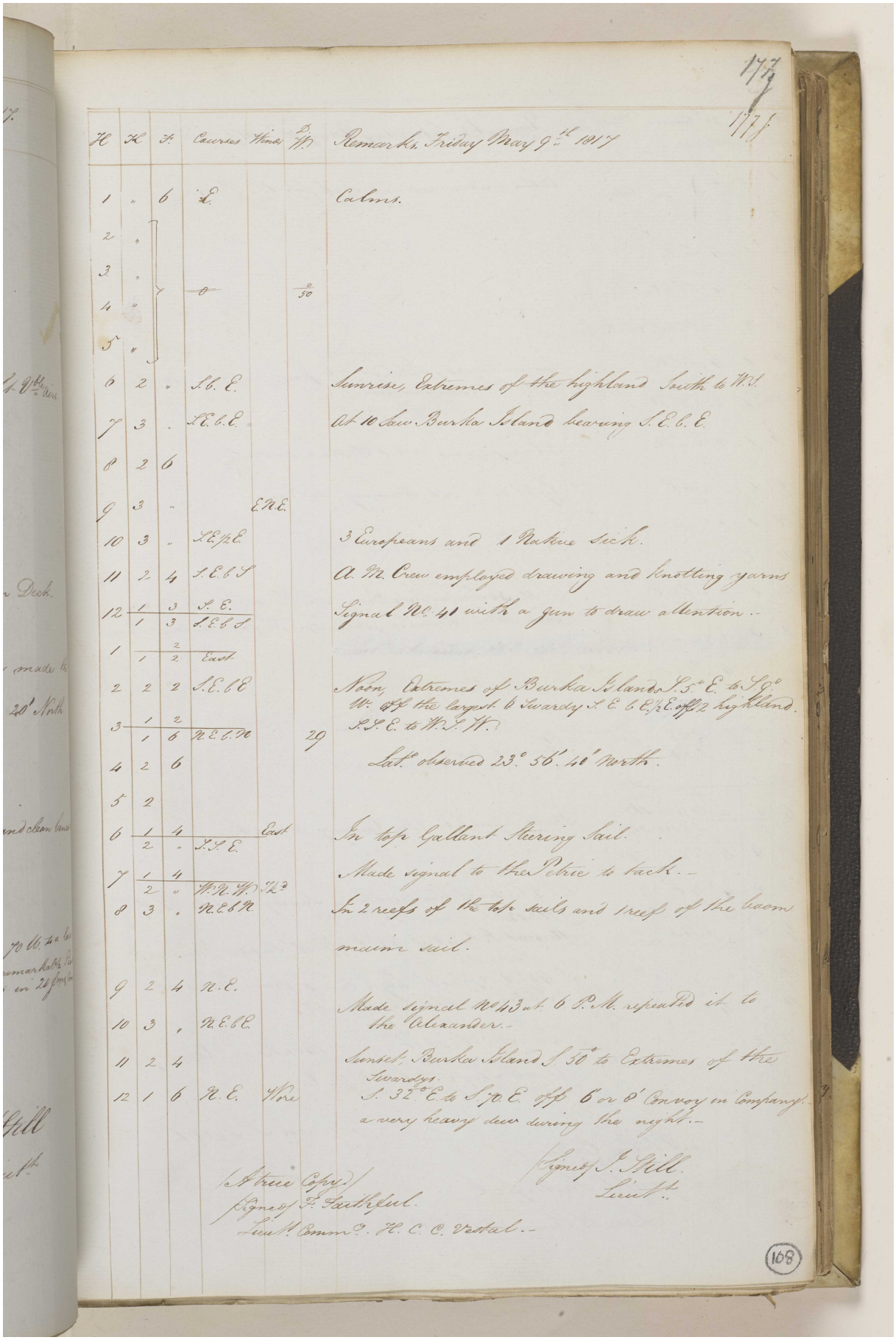

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H	K	F	Courses	Winds	D. W.	Remarks, Friday May 9th 1817
1	"	6	E.			Calms.
2	"					
3	"					
4	"		~~0~~		0/50	
5	"					
6	2	"	S.b.E.			Sunrise, Extremes of the highland South to W.S.
7	3	"	S.E.b.E.			At 10 saw Burka Island bearing S.E.b.E.
8	2	6				
9	3	"		E.N.E.		
10	3	"	S.E.½E.			3 Europeans and 1 Native sick.
11	2	4	S.E.b.S.			A. M. Crew employed drawing and knotting yarns
12	1	3	S.E.			Signal No. 41 with a gun to draw attention.-
	1	3	S.E.b.S.			
1		2				
	1	2	East			
2	2	2	S.E.b.E.			Noon, Extremes of Burka Islands S.5° E. to S.9° W. off the largest 6 Swardy S.E.b.E.½E. off 2 highland. S.S.E. to W.S.W.
3	1	2				
	1	6	N.E.b.N.		29	
4	2	6				Lat. observed 23°. 56'. 40" North.
5	2					
6	1	4		East		In top Gallant Steering Sail.
	2	"	S.S.E.			
7	1	4				Made signal to the Petrie to tack.-
	2	"	W.N.W.	Tk.d		
8	3	"	N.E.b.N.			In 2 reefs of the top sails and 1 reef of the boom main sail.
9	2	4	N.E.			
10	3	"	N.E.b.E.			Made signal No. 43 at 6 P.M. repeated it to the Alexander.-
11	2	4				Sunset, Burka Island S. 50° to Extremes of the Swardys.
12	1	6	N.E.	Wore		S. 32° E. to S. 70 E. off 6 or 8' Convoy in Company. a very heavy dew during the night.-

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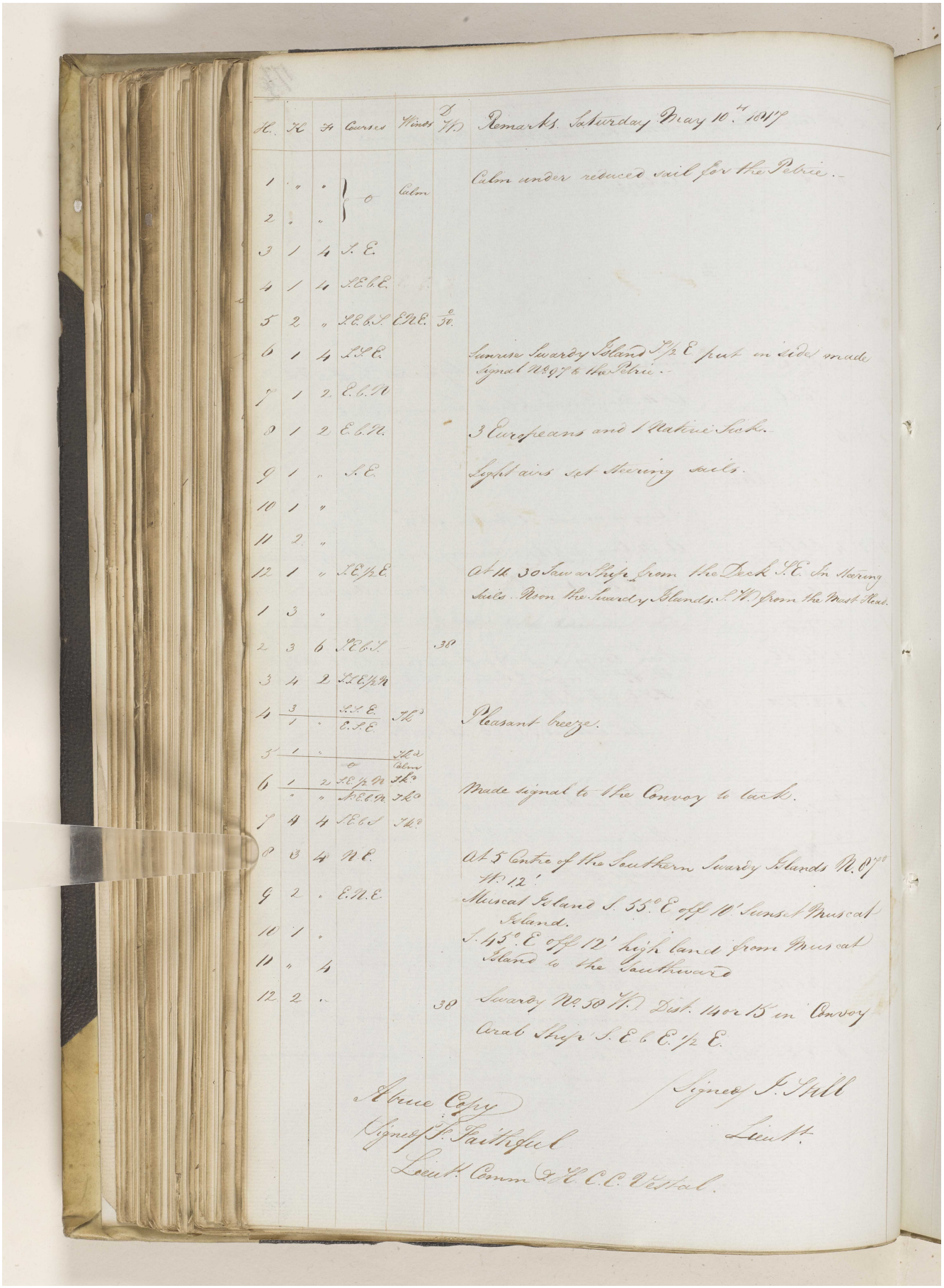

H.	K	F	Courses	Winds	D W	Remarks. Saturday May 10th 1817
1	"	"	} 0	Calm		Calm under reduced sail for the Petrie.–
2	"	"				
3	1	4	S. E.			
4	1	4	S.E.b.E.			
5	2	"	S.E.b.S.	E.N.E.	0/50.	
6	1	4	S.S.E.			Sunrise Swardy Island S½E put in side made signal No. 97 to the Petrie.–
7	1	2	E.b.N.			
8	1	2	E.b.N.			3 Europeans and 1 Native Sick.–
9	1	"	S.E.			Light airs set steering sails.
10	1	"				
11	2	"				
12	1	"	S.E.½E.			At 11.30 Saw a Ship from the Deck S.E. In steering sails. Noon the Swardy Islands S.W. from the Mast Head.
1	3	"				
2	3	6	S.E.b.S.		38	
3	4	2	S.S.E.½N			
4	3 / 1	"	S.S.E. / E.S.E.	Ik^d		Pleasant breeze.
5	1	"	0	Ik^d Calm		
6	1	2	S.E.½N	Ik^d		Made signal to the Convoy to tack.
	"	"	N.E.b.N.	Ik^d		
7	4	4	S.E.b.S	Ik^d		
8	3	4	N.E.			At 5 Centre of the Southern Swardy Islands N. 87° W. 12'.
9	2	"	E.N.E.			Muscat Island S. 55° E off 10' Sunset Muscat Island.
10	1	"				S. 45° E off 12' high land from Muscat Island to the Southward
11	"	4				
12	2	"			38	Swardy No. 58 W. Dist. 14 or 15 in Convoy Arab Ship S.E.b.E.½E.

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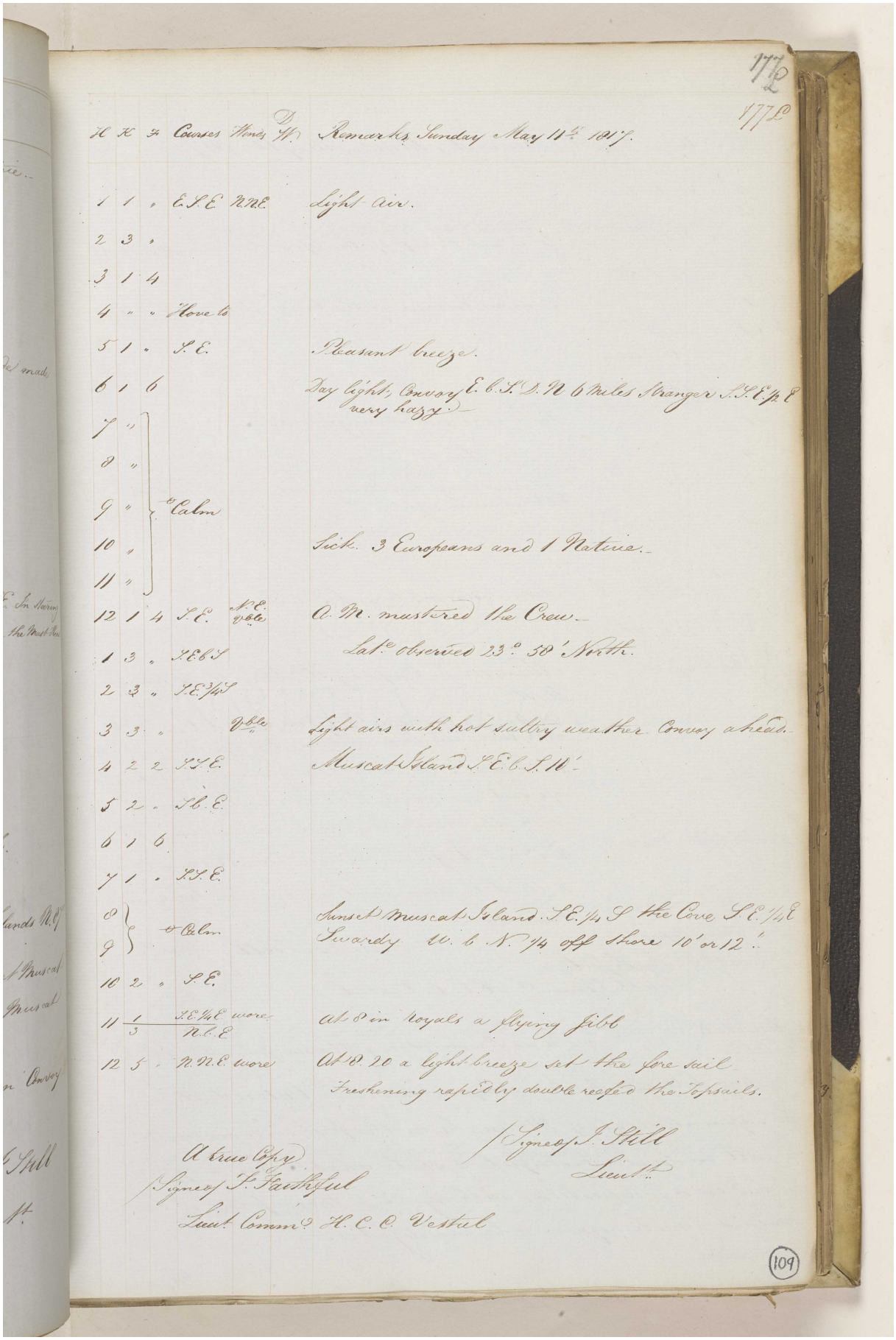

H	K	F	Courses	Winds	D. W.	Remarks Sunday May 11th 1817.
1	1	"	E.S.E.	N.N.E.		Light air.
2	3	"				
3	1	4				
4	"	"	Hove to			
5	1	"	S.E.			Pleasant breeze.
6	1	6				Day light, Convoy E. b. S. D. N. 6 miles Stranger S.S.E. ½ E very hazy.
7	"					
8	"					
9	"		Calm			
10	"					Sick. 3 Europeans and 1 Native.
11	"					
12	1	4	S.E.	N.E. Vble		A. M. mustered the Crew.
1	3	"	S.E. b. S.			Latd observed 23° 58' North.
2	3	"	S.E. ¾ S.			
3	3	"		Vble		Light airs with hot sultry weather Convoy ahead.
4	2	2	S.S.E.			Muscat Island S.E. b. S. 10'.
5	2	"	S. b. E.			
6	1	6				
7	1	"	S.S.E.			
8			Calm			Sunset Muscat Island S.E. ¼ S the Cove S.E. ¼ E
9						Swardy W. b. N. ¼ off shore 10' or 12'.
10	2	"	S.E.			
11	1 / 3		S.E. ¼ E / N. b. E.	wore		At 8 in royals a flying jibb
12	5	"	N.N.E.	wore		At 8. 20 a light breeze set the fore sail Freshening rapidly double reefed the Topsails.

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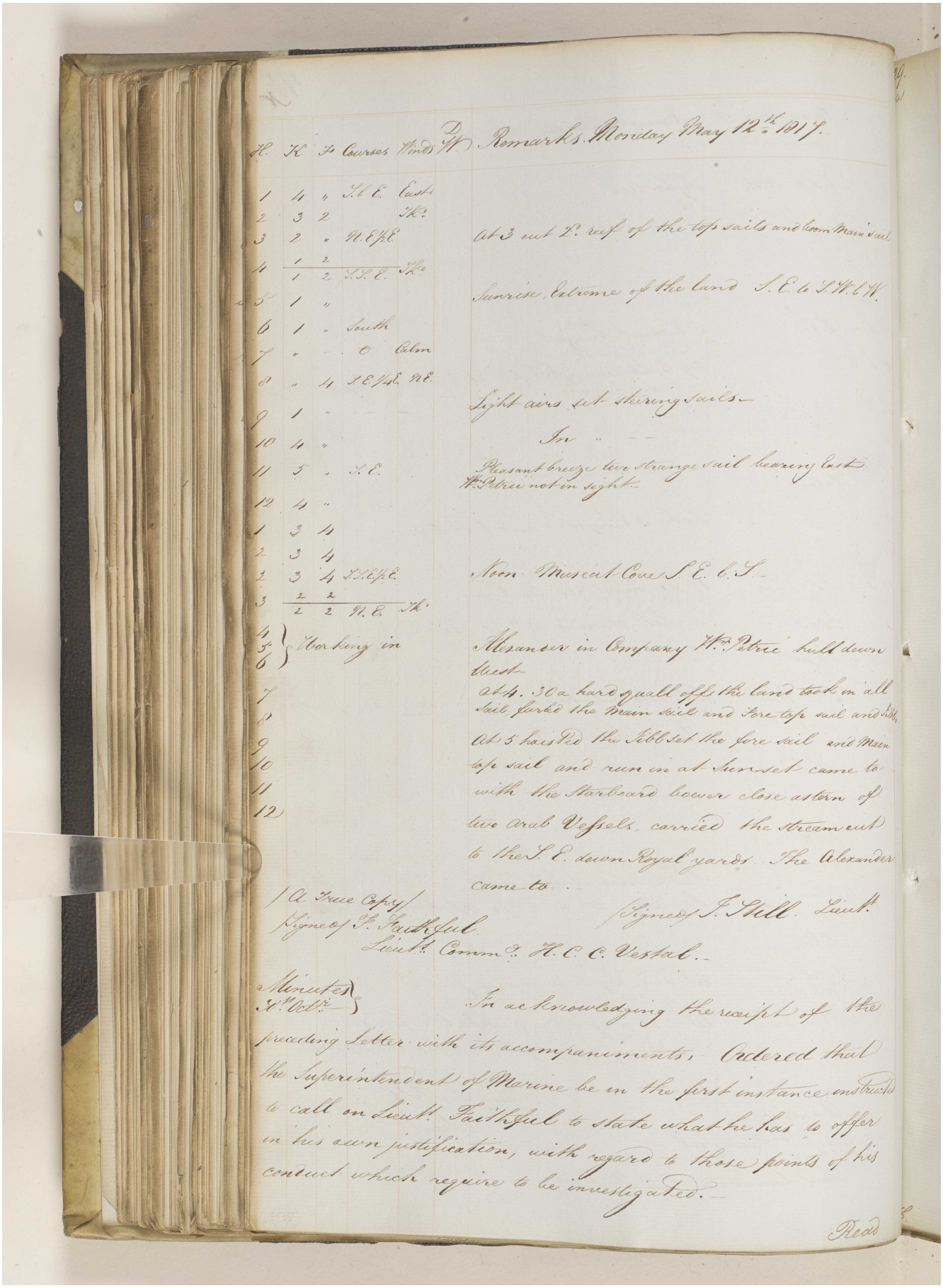

H.	K.	F.	Courses	Winds	D W	Remarks. Monday May 12th 1817.
1	4	"	S. b E.	East		
2	3	2		Ik.		
3	2	"	N. E ½ E.			At 3 out 2d. reef of the top sails and boom Main sail
4	1 / 1	2 / 2	S. S. E.	Ik.		
5	1	"				Sunrise, Extreme of the land S. E. to S. W. b W.
6	1	"	South			
7	"	–	O	Calm		
8	"	4	S. E. ¼ E.	N. E.		
9	1	"				Light airs set steering sails –
10	4	"				In " – –
11	5	"	S. E.			Pleasant breeze two strange sail bearing East Wm. Petrie not in sight. –
12	4	"				
1	3	4				
2	3	4				
2	3	4	S. S. E ½ E.			Noon Muscat Cove S. E. b. S. –
3	2 / 2	2 / 2	N. E.	Ik.		
4, 5, 6	Working in					Alexander in Company Wm. Petrie hull down West –
7						At 4. 30 a hard squall off the land took in all sail, furled the main sail and fore top sail and Jibbs
8						
9						At 5 hoisted the Jibb set the fore sail and Main top sail and run in at Sun set came to
10						
11						with the Starboard bower close astern of
12						two Arab Vessels, carried the stream out to the S. E. down Royal yards. The Alexander came to.

(A True Copy)
(Signed) J. Faithful
Lieut. Comm. H. C. C. Vestal. –

(Signed) J. Still Lieut.

Minutes 30th Octr.

In acknowledging the receipt of the preceding Letter with its accompaniments, Ordered that the Superintendent of Marine be in the first instance instructed to call on Lieut. Faithful to state what he has to offer in his own justification, with regard to those points of his conduct which require to be investigated. –

Read

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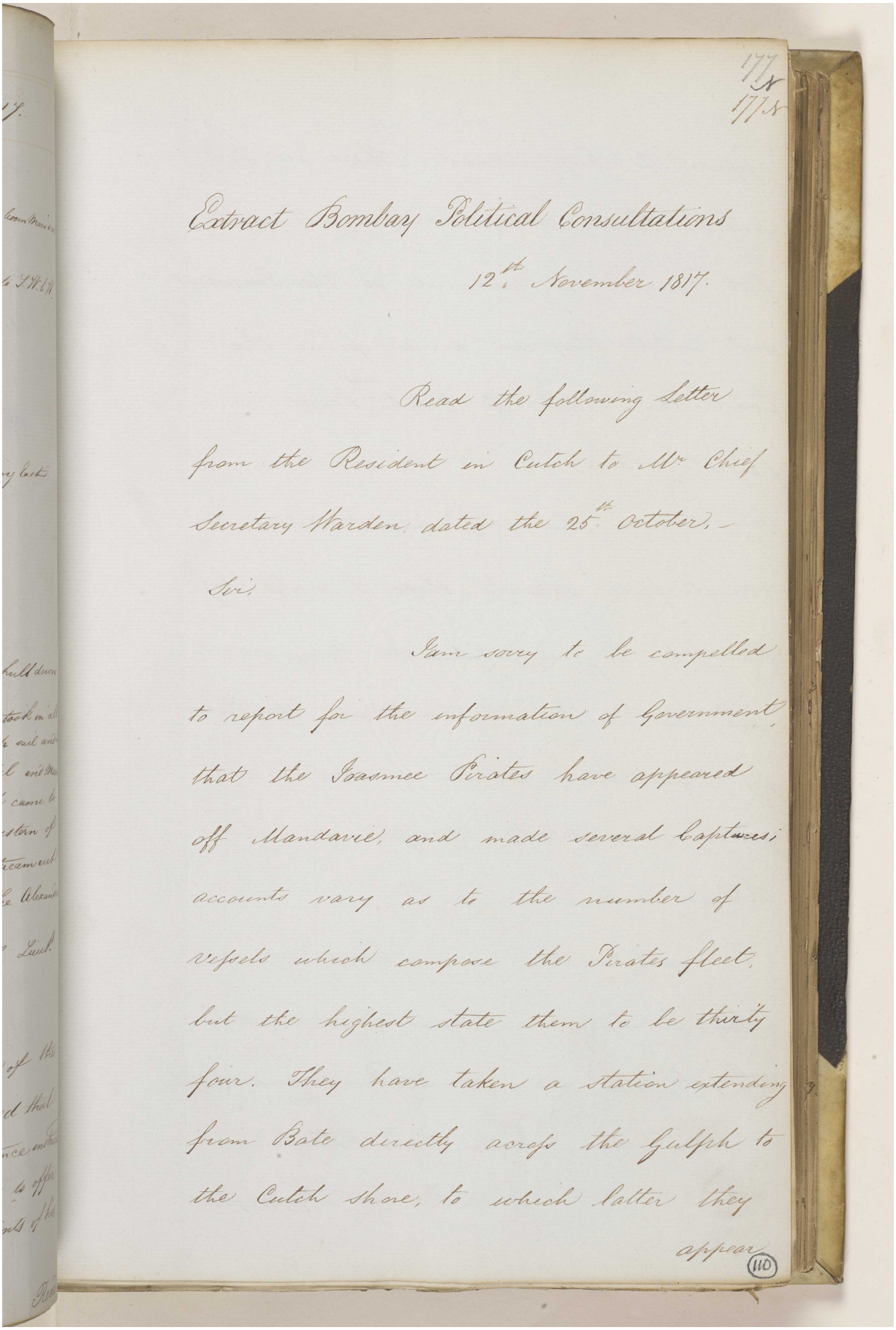

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
12th November 1817.

Read the following Letter from the Resident in Cutch to Mr. Chief Secretary Warden dated the 25th October, —

Sir,

I am sorry to be compelled to report for the information of Government, that the Joasmee Pirates have appeared off Mandavie, and made several captures; accounts vary as to the number of vessels which compose the Pirates fleet, but the highest state them to be thirty four. They have taken a station extending from Bate directly across the Gulph to the Cutch shore, to which latter they appear

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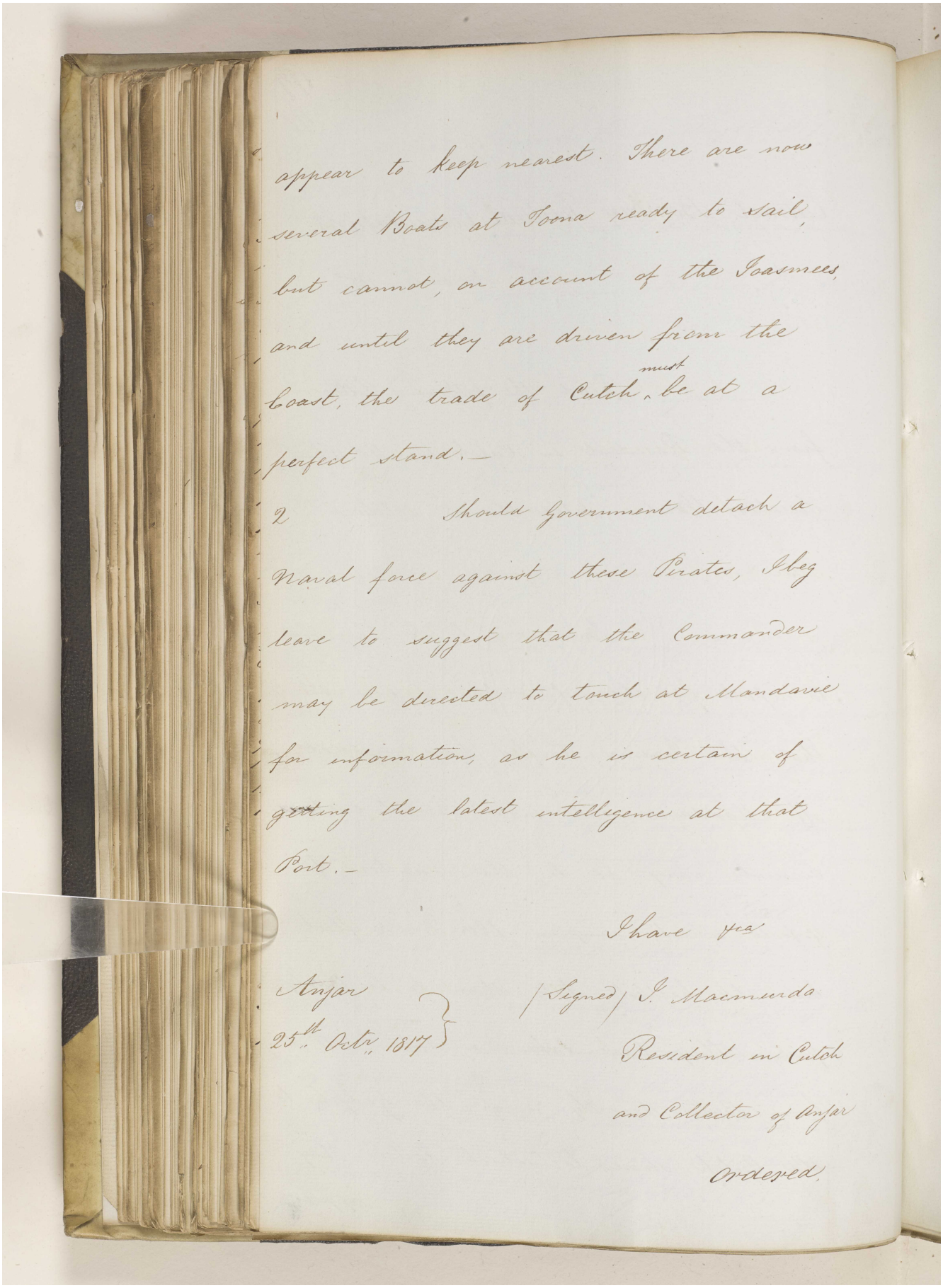


appear to keep nearest. There are now several Boats at Soona ready to sail, but cannot, on account of the Joasmees, and until they are driven from the Coast, the trade of Cutch must be at a perfect stand.—

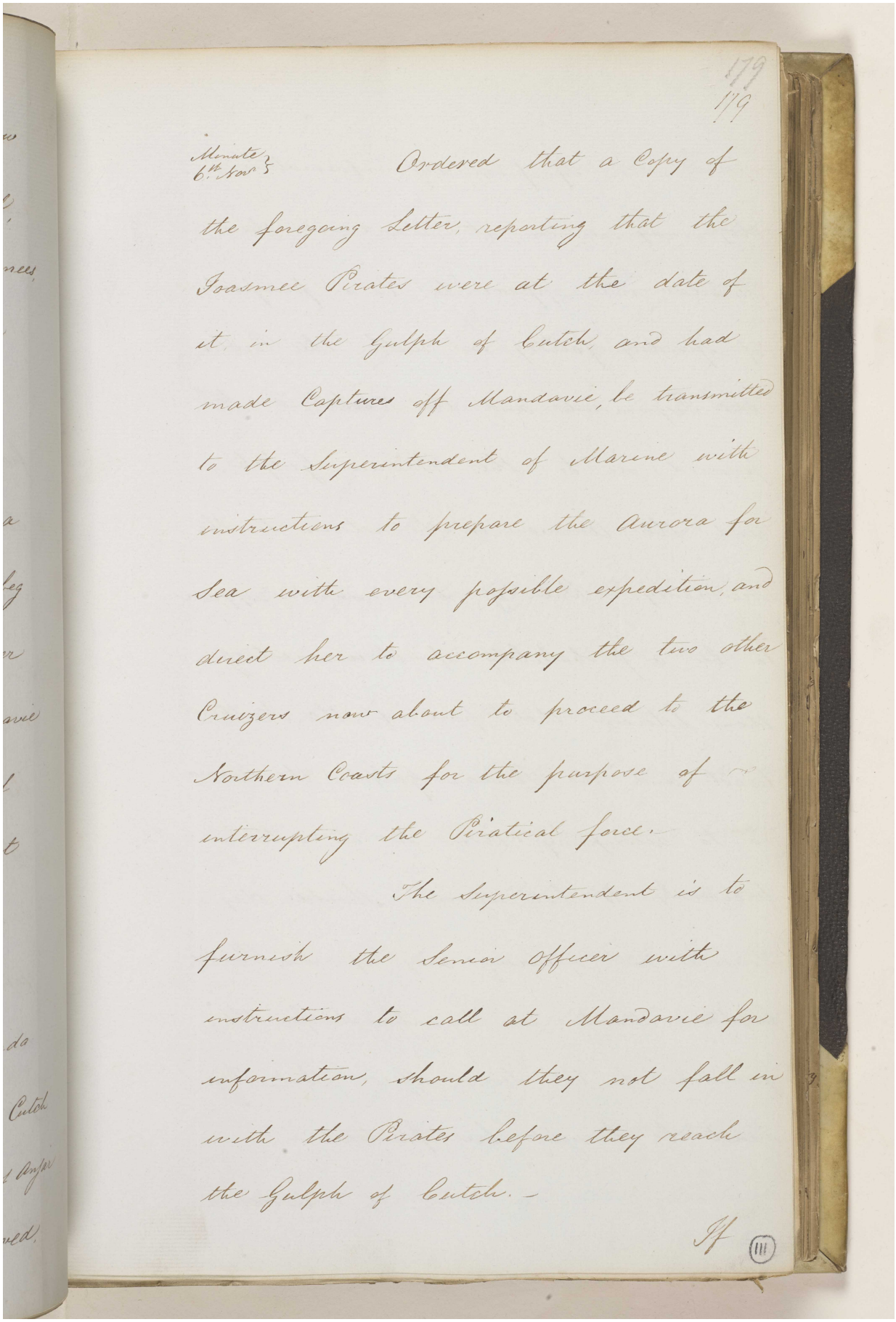
2 Should Government detach a Naval force against these Pirates, I beg leave to suggest that the Commander may be directed to touch at Mandavie for information, as he is certain of getting the latest intelligence at that Port.—

I have &c.

Anjar
25th Octr. 1817

(Signed) J. Macmurdo
Resident in Cutch
and Collector of Anjar

Ordered.



Minute 6th Nov.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter, reporting that the Joasmee Pirates were at the date of it, in the Gulph of Cutch, and had made Captures off Mandavie, be transmitted to the Superintendent of Marine with instructions to prepare the Aurora for Sea with every possible expedition, and direct her to accompany the two other Cruizers now about to proceed to the Northern Coasts for the purpose of interrupting the Piratical force.

The Superintendent is to furnish the Senior Officer with instructions to call at Mandavie for information, should they not fall in with the Pirates before they reach the Gulph of Cutch.

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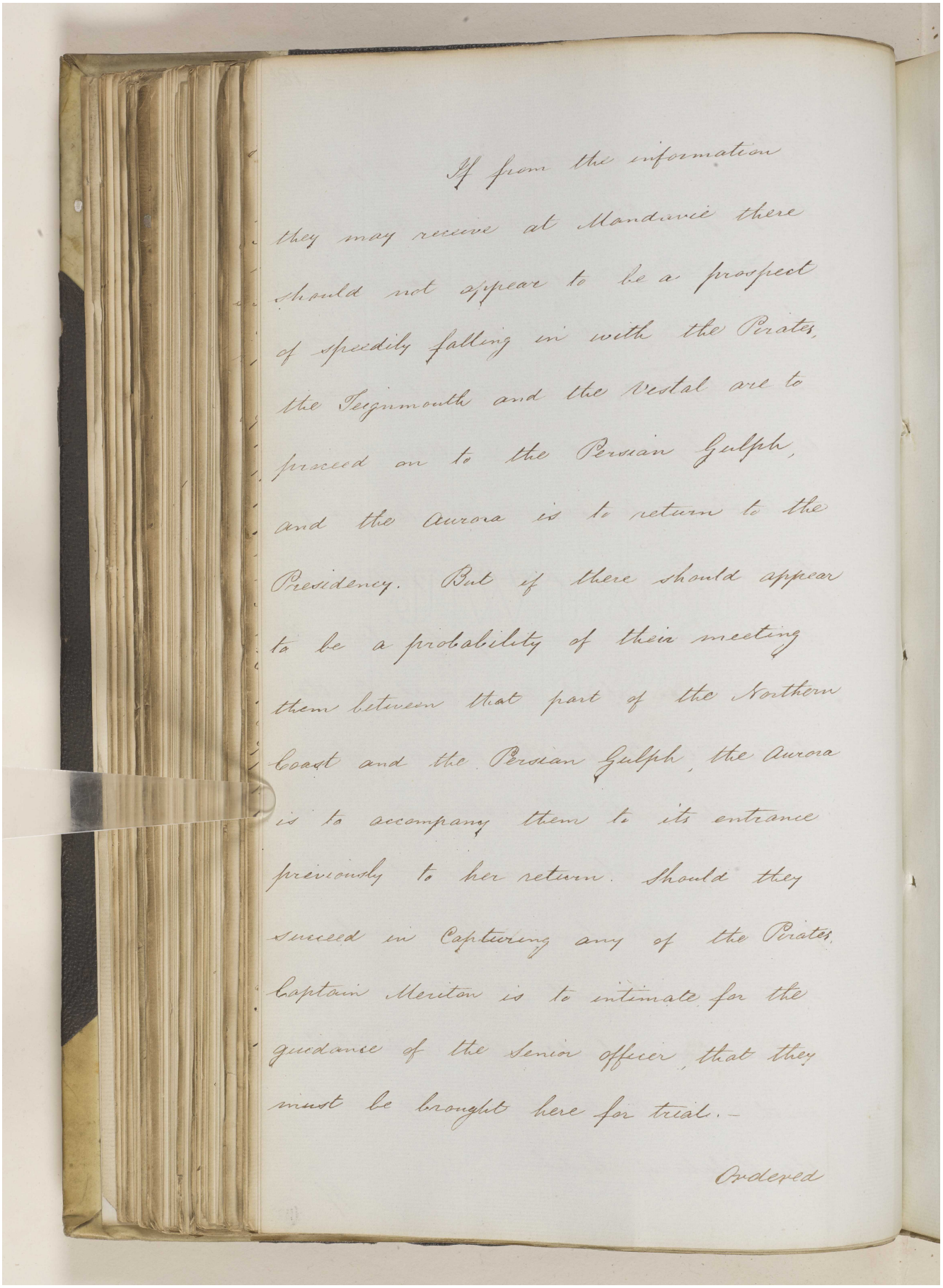
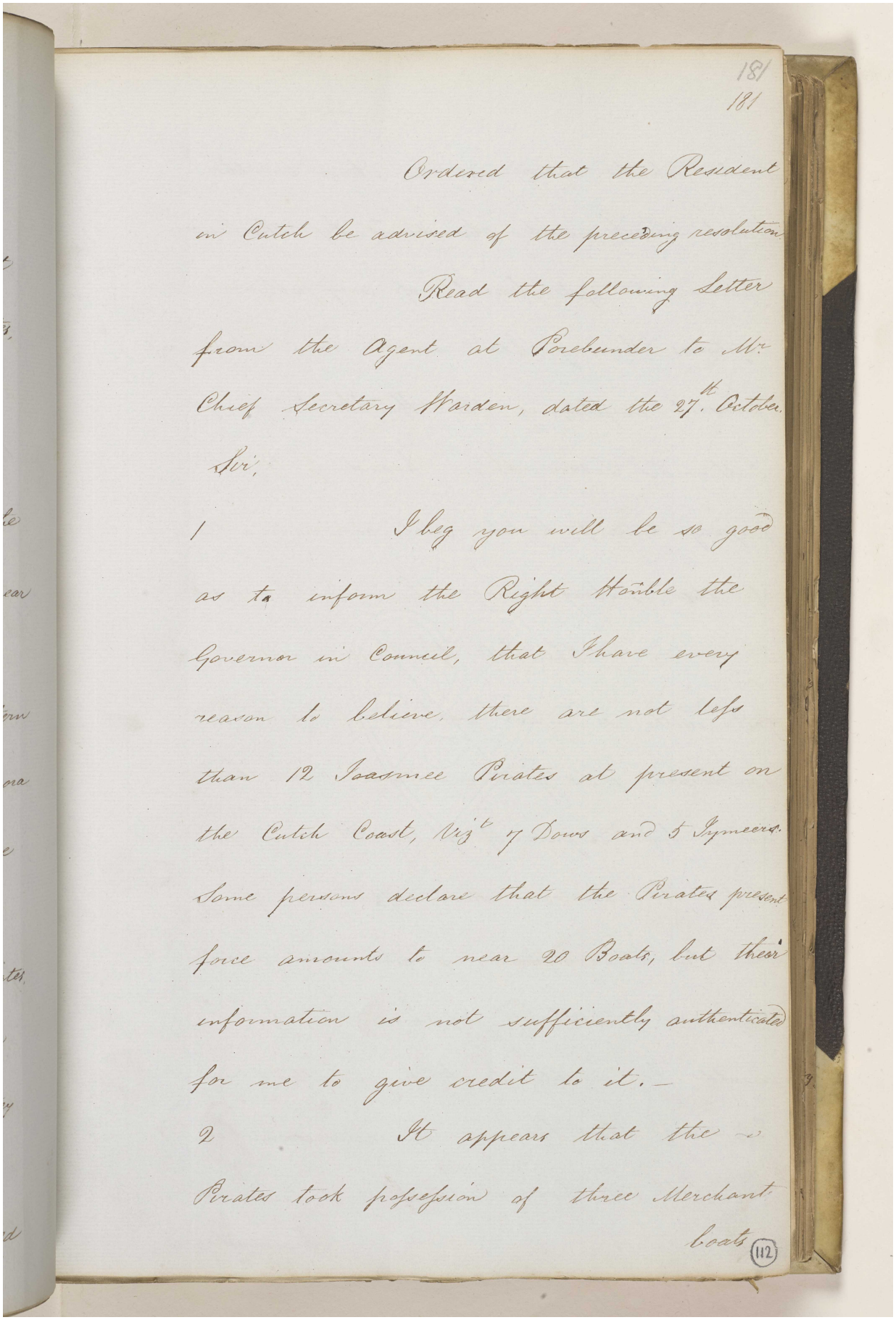


If from the information they may receive at Mandavie there should not appear to be a prospect of speedily falling in with the Pirates, the Teignmouth and the Vestal are to proceed on to the Persian Gulph, and the Aurora is to return to the Presidency. But if there should appear to be a probability of their meeting them between that part of the Northern Coast and the Persian Gulph, the Aurora is to accompany them to its entrance previously to her return. Should they succeed in Capturing any of the Pirates, Captain Meriton is to intimate for the guidance of the Senior officer, that they must be brought here for trial.—

Ordered



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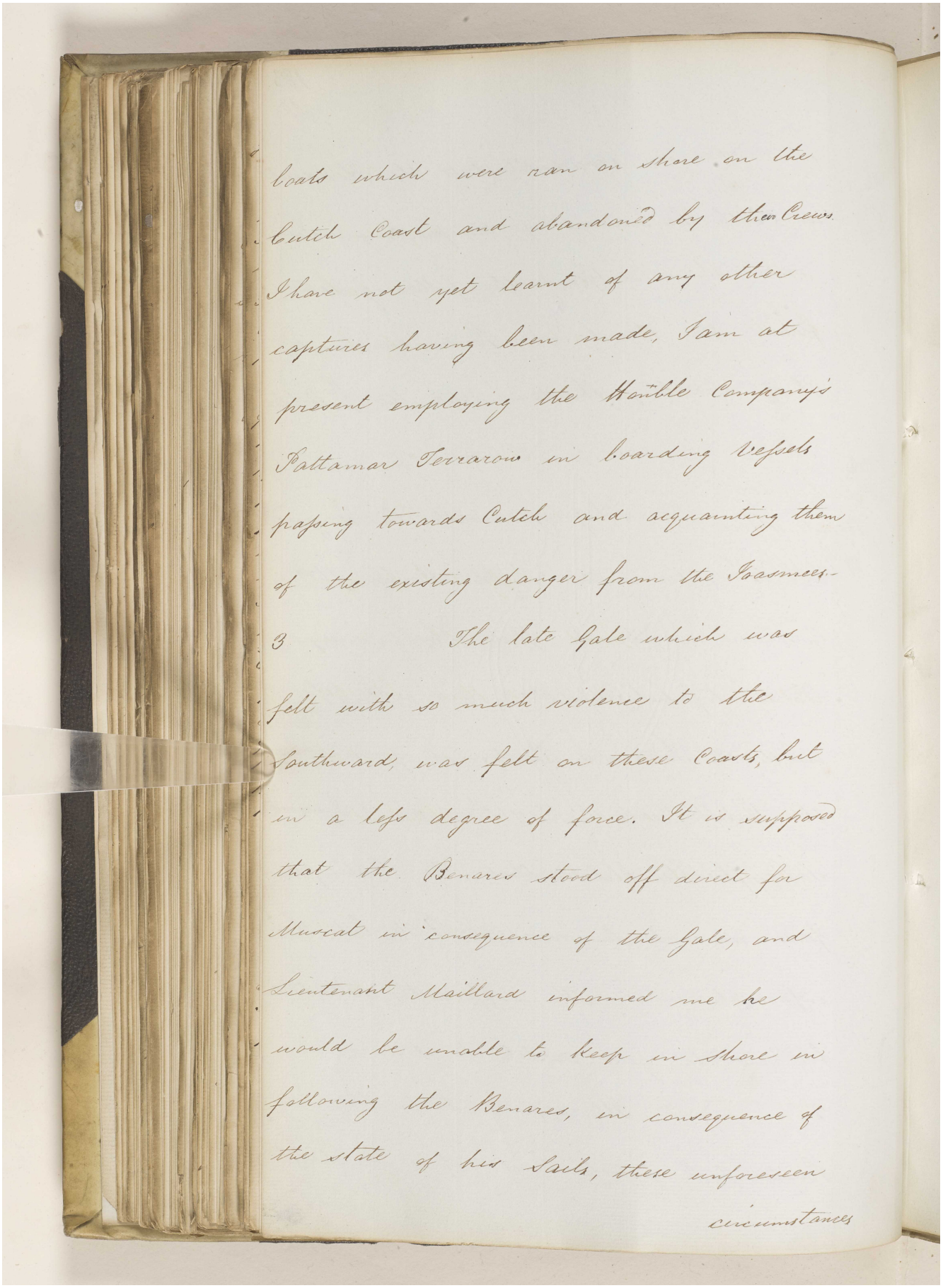
Ordered that the Resident
in Cutch be advised of the preceding resolution.

Read the following Letter
from the Agent at Porebunder to Mr.
Chief Secretary Warden, dated the 27th. October.

Sir,

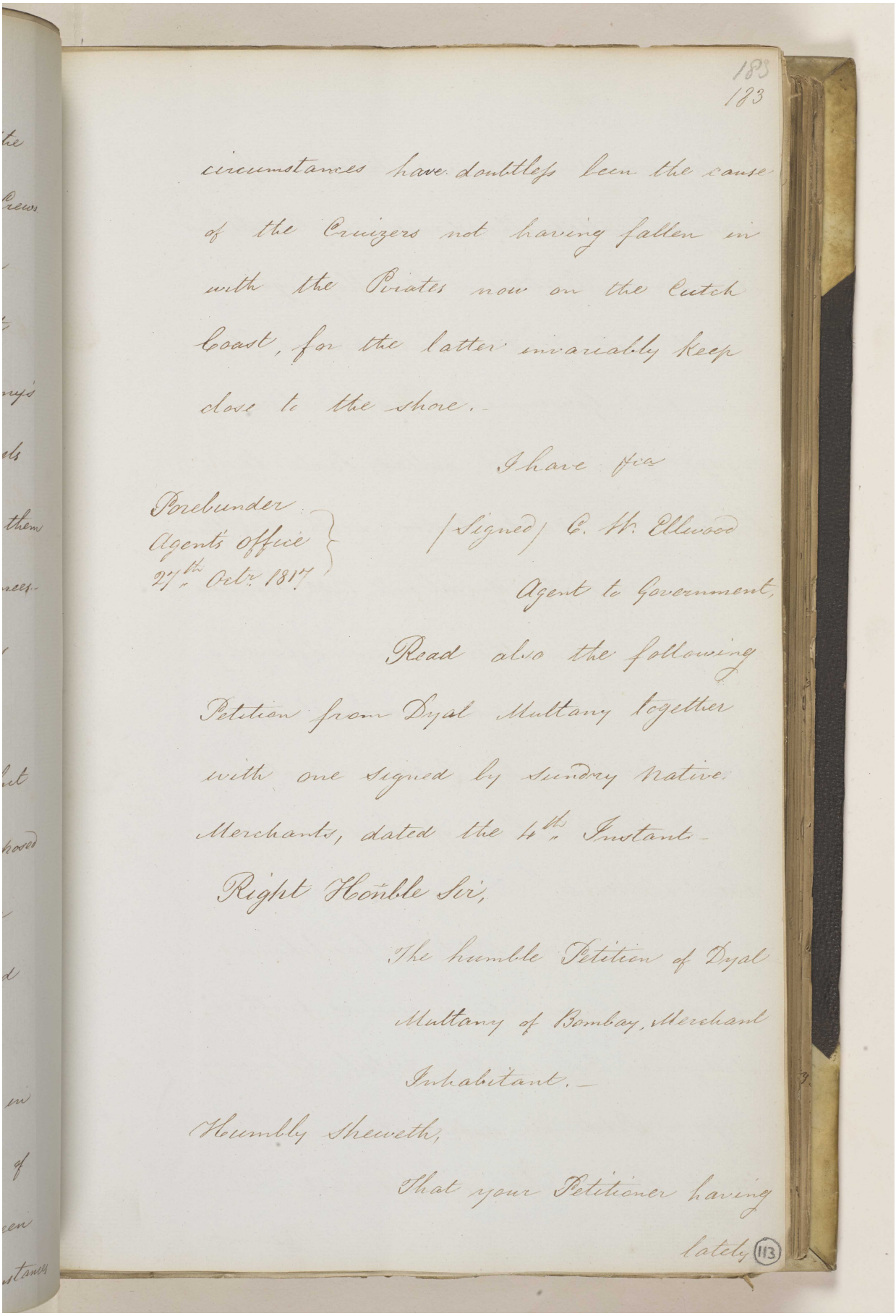
1 I beg you will be so good
as to inform the Right Honble the
Governor in Council, that I have every
reason to believe, there are not less
than 12 Joasmee Pirates at present on
the Cutch Coast, Viz.t 7 Dows and 5 Symeers.
Some persons declare that the Pirates present
force amounts to near 20 Boats, but their
information is not sufficiently authenticated
for me to give credit to it.—

2 It appears that the
Pirates took possession of three Merchant
boats (112)



boats which were run on shore on the
Cutch Coast and abandoned by their Crews.
I have not yet learnt of any other
captures having been made, I am at
present employing the Honble Company's
Pattamar Terrarow in boarding Vessels
passing towards Cutch and acquainting them
of the existing danger from the Joasmees.

3 The late Gale which was
felt with so much violence to the
Southward, was felt on these Coasts, but
in a less degree of force. It is supposed
that the Benares stood off direct for
Muscat in consequence of the Gale, and
Lieutenant Maillard informed me he
would be unable to keep in shore in
following the Benares, in consequence of
the state of his Sails, these unforeseen
circumstances



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circumstances have doubtless been the cause of the Cruizers not having fallen in with the Pirates now on the Cutch Coast, for the latter invariably keep close to the shore.-

I have &ca

Porebunder
Agent's office
27th Octr. 1817

(Signed) C. W. Ellwood
Agent to Government,

Read also the following Petition from Dyal Multany together with one signed by sundry Native Merchants, dated the 4th Instant.-

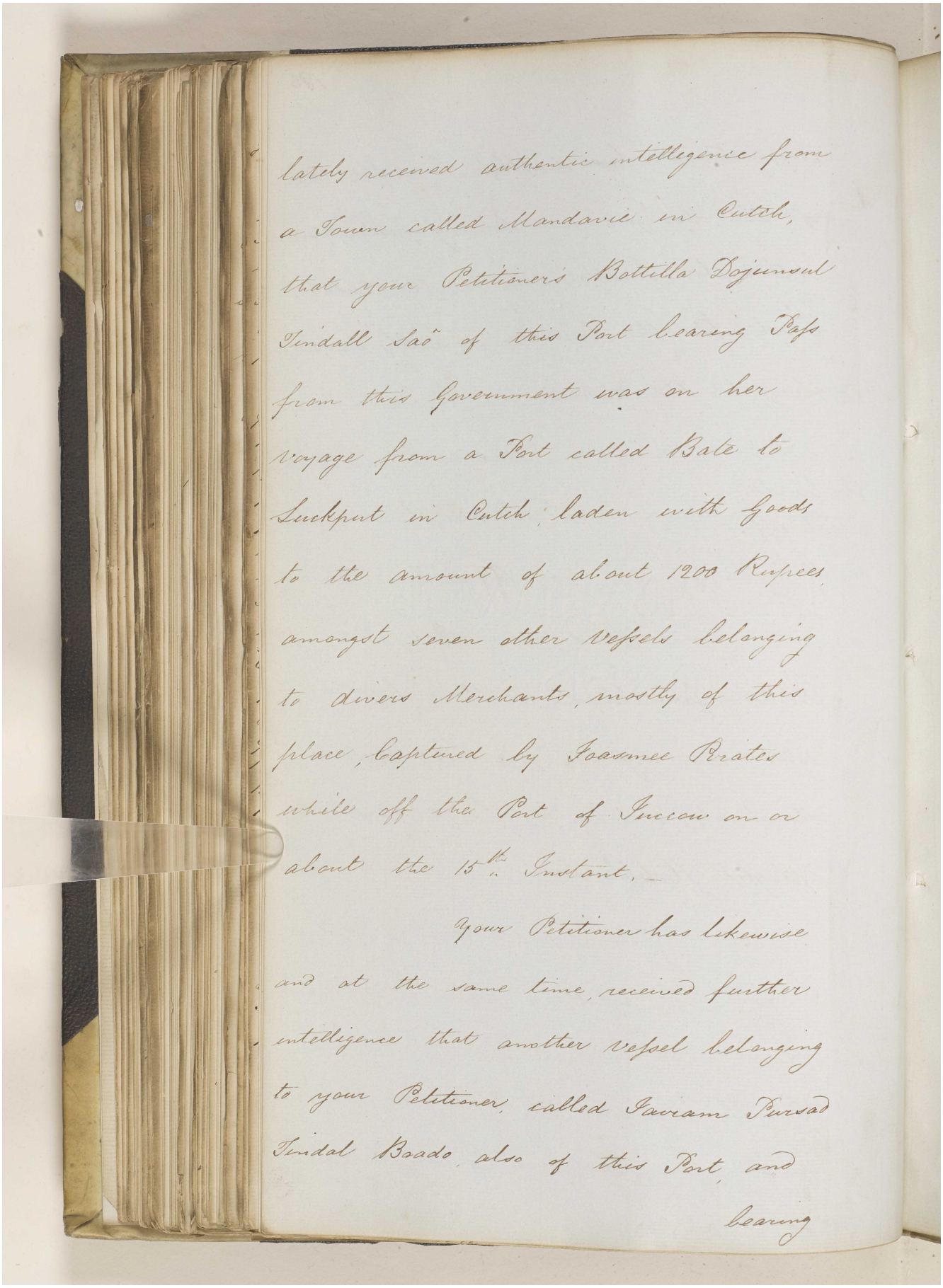
Right Honble Sir,

The humble Petition of Dyal Multany of Bombay, Merchant Inhabitant.-

Humbly Sheweth,

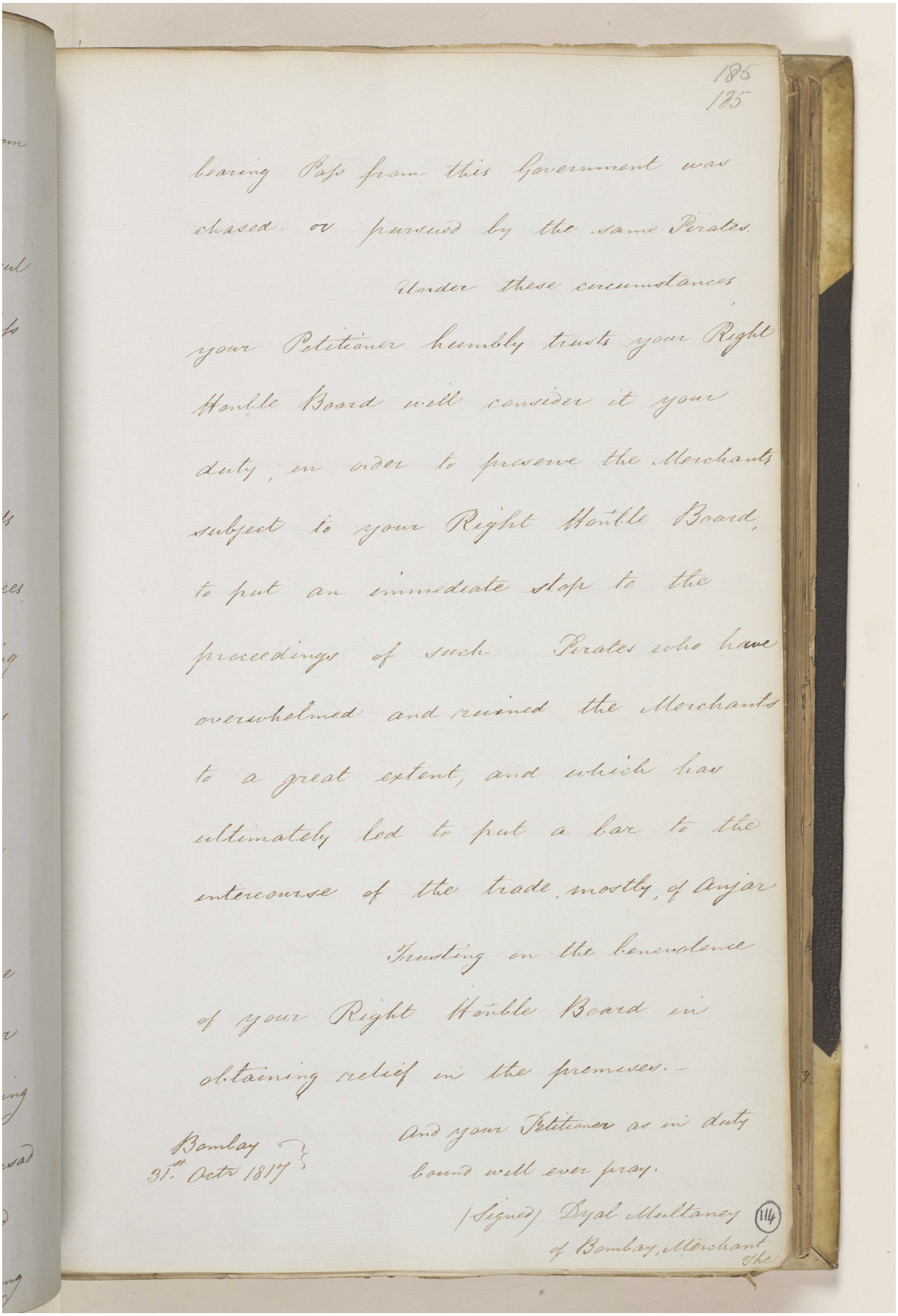
That your Petitioner having

lately (113)



lately received authentic intelligence from a Town called Mandavie in Cutch, that your Petitioners Battilla Dojumull Tindall Saõ of this Port bearing Pass from this Government was on her voyage from a Port called Bate to Luckput in Cutch laden with Goods to the amount of about 1200 Rupees amongst seven other Vessels belonging to divers Merchants, mostly of this place, captured by Joasmee Pirates while off the Port of Juccow on or about the 15th. Instant.—

Your Petitioner has likewise and at the same time received further intelligence that another Vessel belonging to your Petitioner, called Jawram Pursad Tindal Boado also of this Port and bearing



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bearing Pass from this Government was
chased or pursued by the same Pirates.

Under these circumstances,
your Petitioner humbly trusts your Right
Honble Board will consider it your
duty, in order to preserve the Merchants
subject to your Right Honble Board,
to put an immediate stop to the
proceedings of such Pirates who have
overwhelmed and ruined the Merchants
to a great extent, and which has
ultimately led to put a bar to the
intercourse of the trade, mostly, of Anjar

Trusting on the benevolence
of your Right Honble Board in
obtaining relief in the premises.—

And your Petitioner as in duty
bound will ever pray.

Bombay
31st. Octr 1817

(Signed) Dyal Multaney
of Bombay, Merchant

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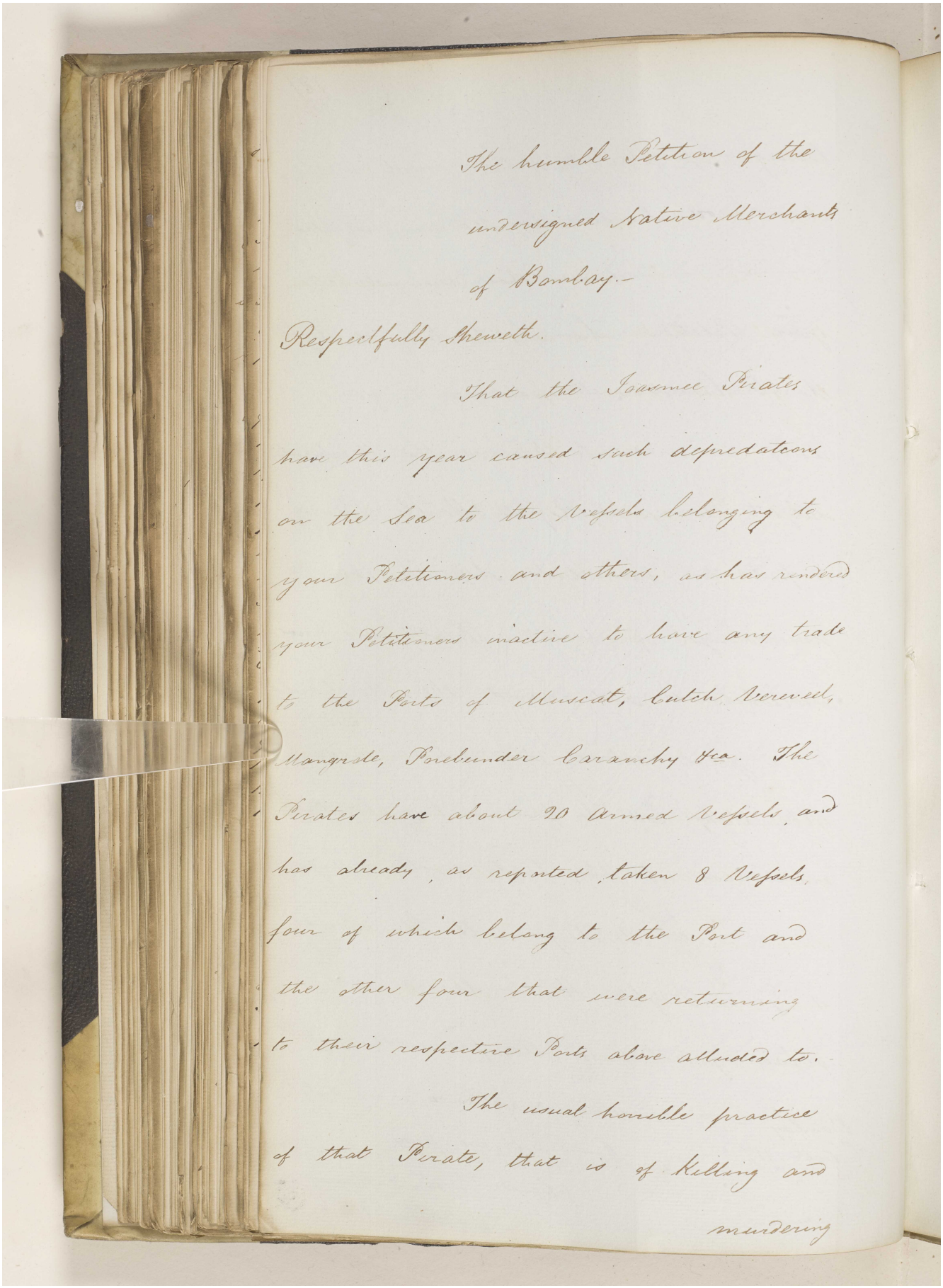
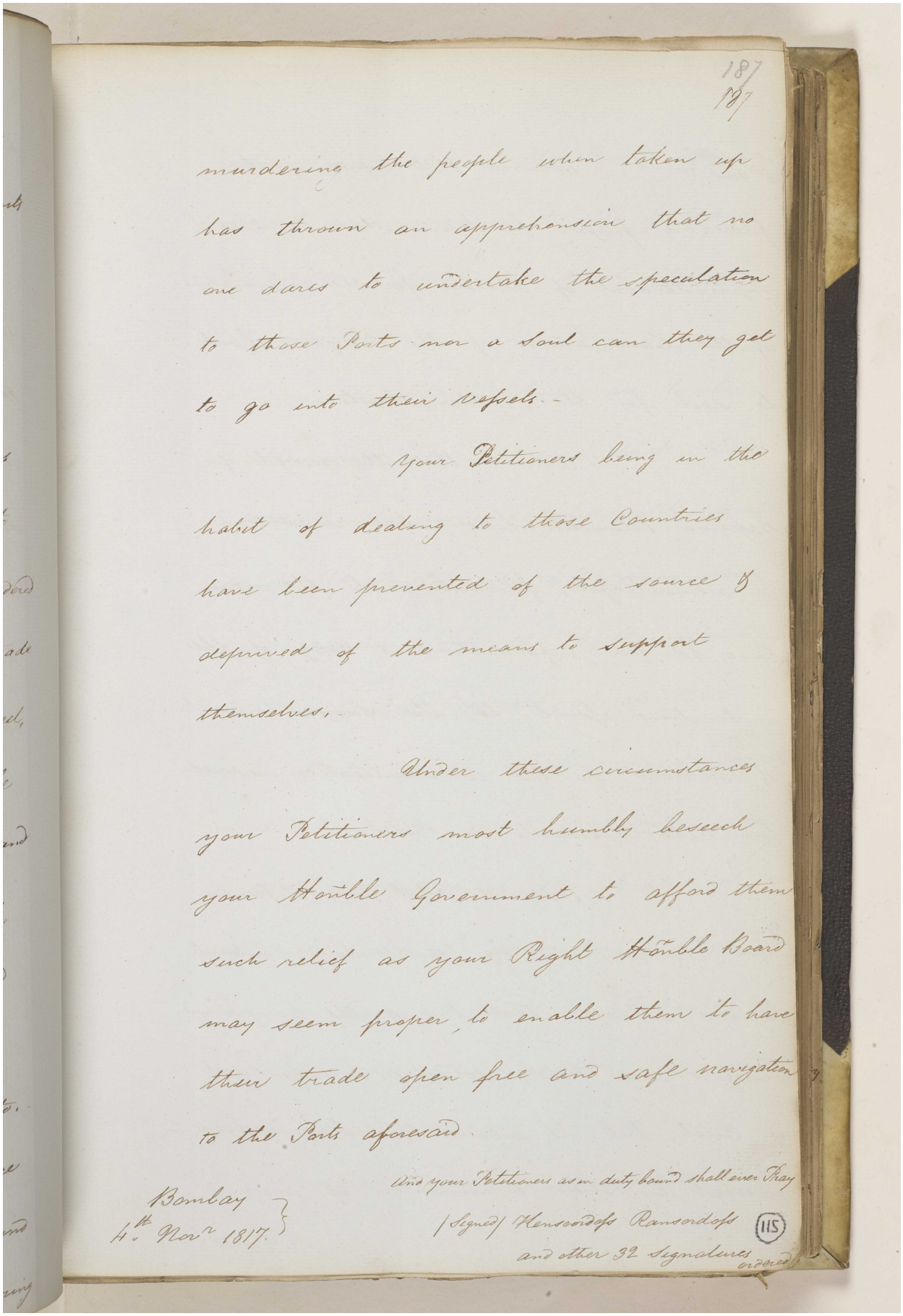


The humble Petition of the
undersigned Native Merchants
of Bombay.-

Respectfully Sheweth.

That the Joasmee Pirates
have this year caused such depredatcons
on the Sea to the Vessels belonging to
your Petitioners and others, as has rendered
your Petitioners inactive to have any trade
to the Ports of Muscat, Cutch Verawel,
Mangrole, Porebunder Carranchy &c. The
Pirates have about 20 Armed Vessels, and
has already, as reported, taken 8 Vessels,
four of which belong to the Port and
the other four that were returning
to their respective Ports above alluded to.

The usual horrible practice
of that Pirate, that is of killing and
murdering



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murdering the people when taken up has thrown an apprehension that no one dares to undertake the speculation to those Ports nor a Soul can they get to go into their vessels.-

Your Petitioners being in the habit of dealing to those Countries have been prevented of the source & deprived of the means to support themselves.-

Under these circumstances your Petitioners most humbly beseech your Hon̄ble Government to afford them such relief as your Right Hon̄ble Board may seem proper, to enable them to have their trade open free and safe navigation to the Ports aforesaid.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever Pray

Bombay
4th Novr 1817.

(Signed) Hensoordoss Ransordoss
and other 32 Signatures ordered

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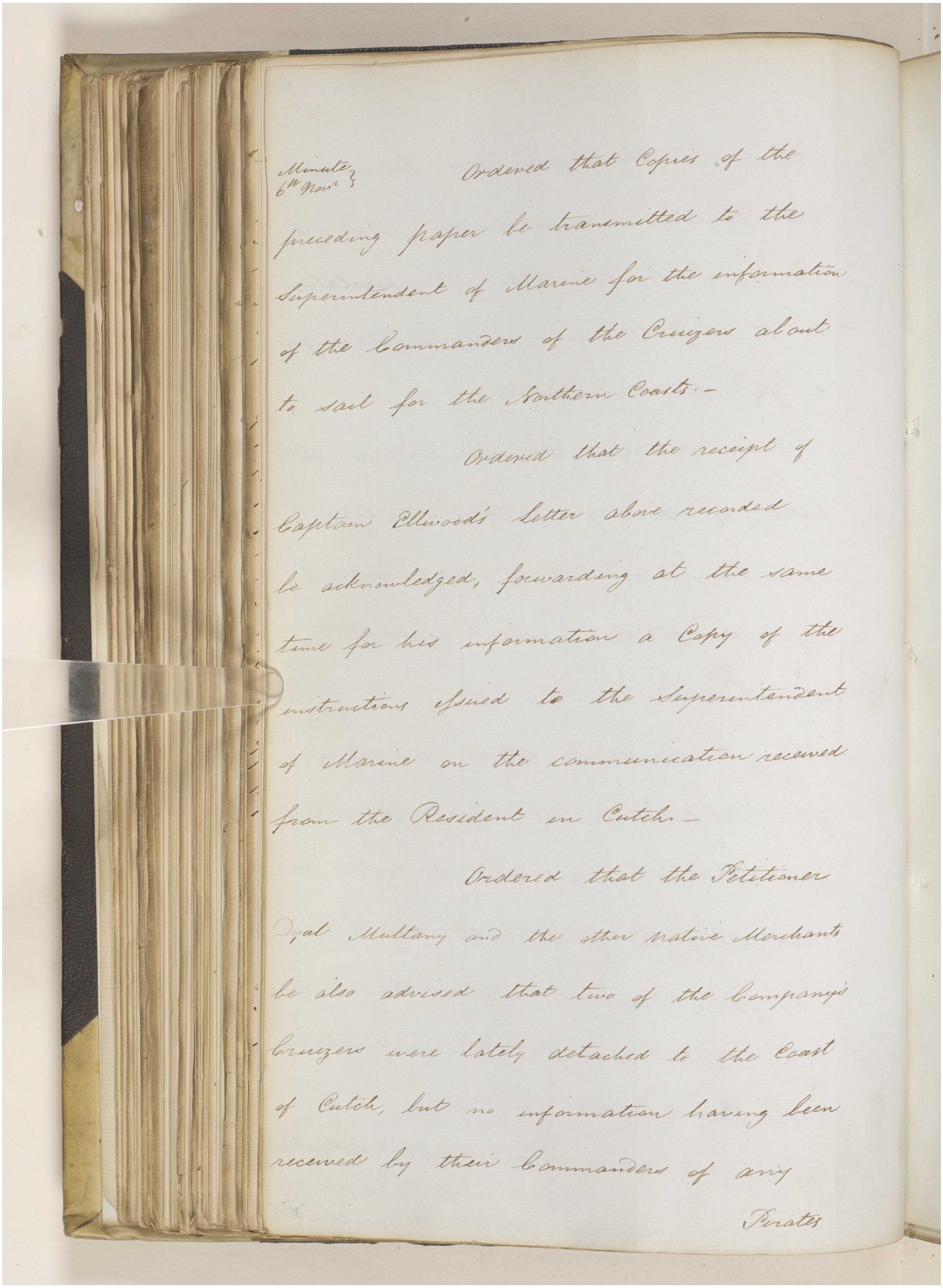

Minute 6th Nov.r

Ordered that Copies of the preceding paper be transmitted to the Superintendent of Marine for the information of the Commanders of the Cruizers about to sail for the Northern Coasts.—

Ordered that the receipt of Captain Ellwood's Letter above recorded be acknowledged, forwarding at the same time for his information a Copy of the instructions issued to the Superintendent of Marine on the communication received from the Resident in Cutch.—

Ordered that the Petitioner Dyal Multany and the other native Merchants be also advised that two of the Company's Cruizers were lately detached to the Coast of Cutch, but no information having been received by their Commanders of any

Pirates

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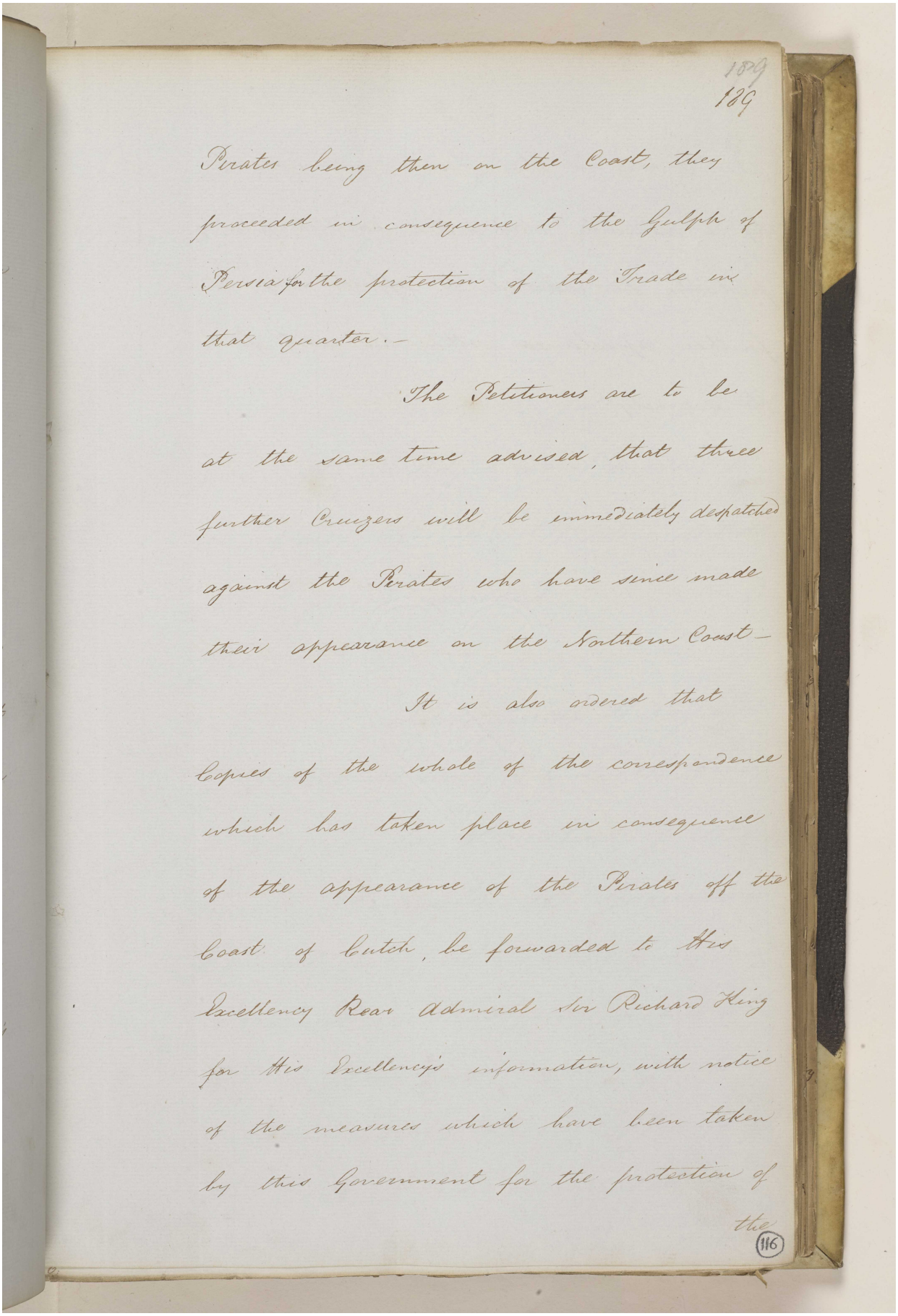

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Pirates being then on the Coast, they proceeded in consequence to the Gulph of Persia for the protection of the Trade in that quarter.—

The Petitioners are to be at the same time advised, that three further Cruizers will be immediately despatched against the Pirates who have since made their appearance on the Northern Coast—

It is also ordered that Copies of the whole of the correspondence which has taken place in consequence of the appearance of the Pirates off the Coast of Cutch, be forwarded to His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Richard King for His Excellency's information, with notice of the measures which have been taken by this Government for the protection of the

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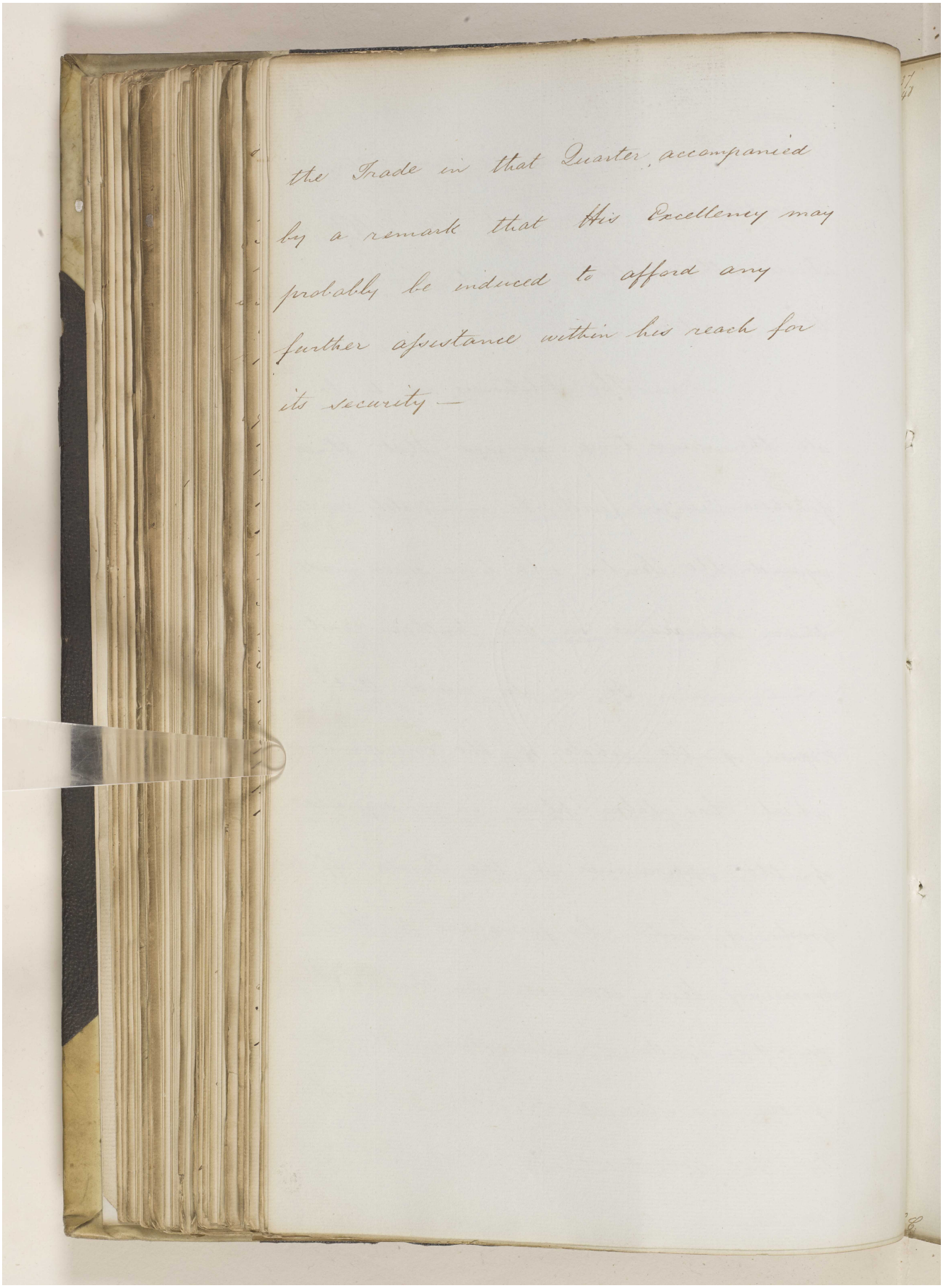
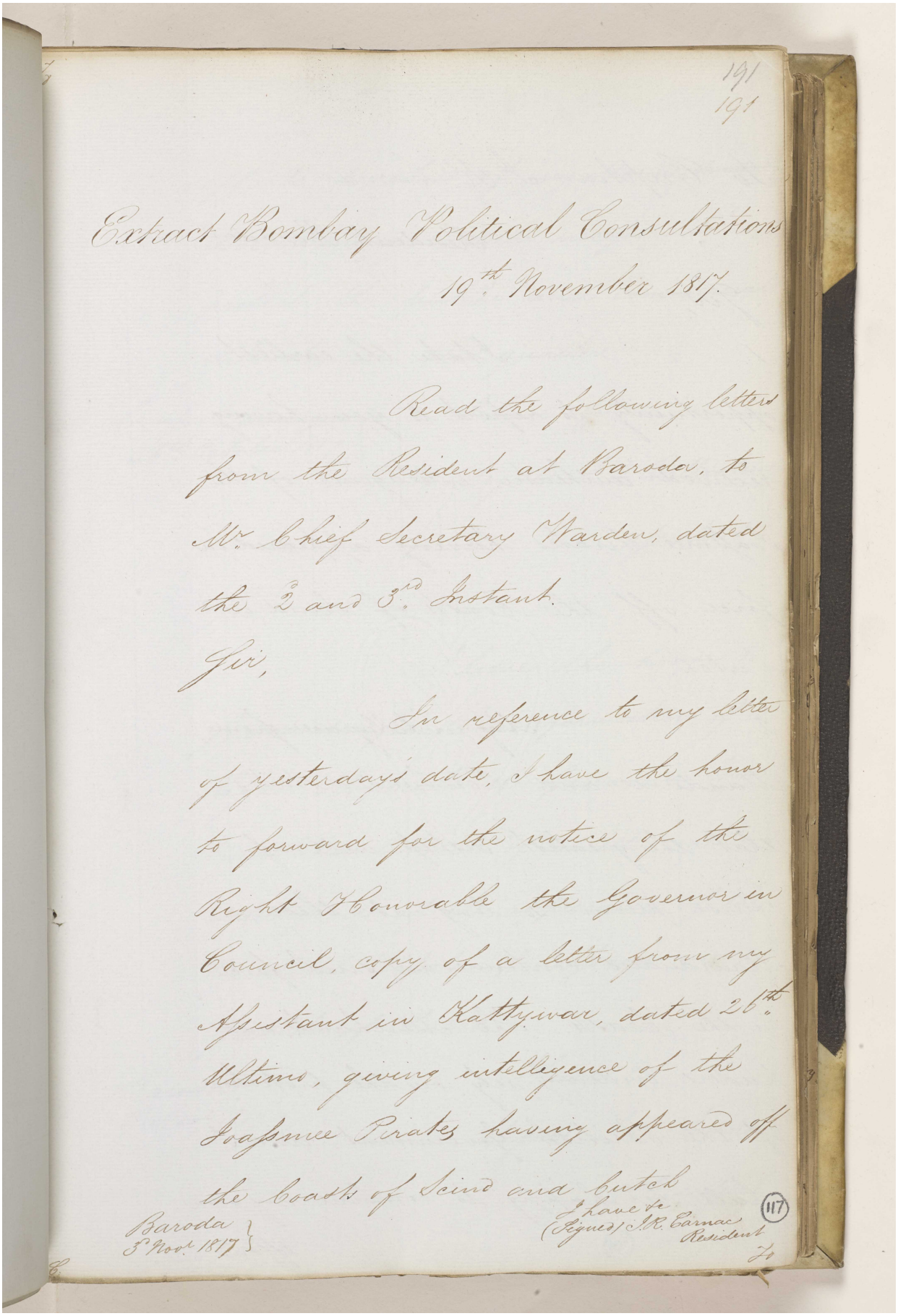


the Trade in that Quarter, accompanied
by a remark that His Excellency may
probably be induced to afford any
further assistance within his reach for
its security —



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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
19th November 1817.

Read the following letter from the Resident at Baroda, to Mr. Chief Secretary Warden, dated the 2 and 3d Instant.

Sir,

In reference to my letter of yesterday's date, I have the honor to forward for the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copy of a letter from my Assistant in Kattywar, dated 26th Ultimo, giving intelligence of the Joasmee Pirates having appeared off the coasts of Scind and Cutch

I have &c
(Signed) J.R. Carnac
Resident

Baroda
3 Nov. 1817

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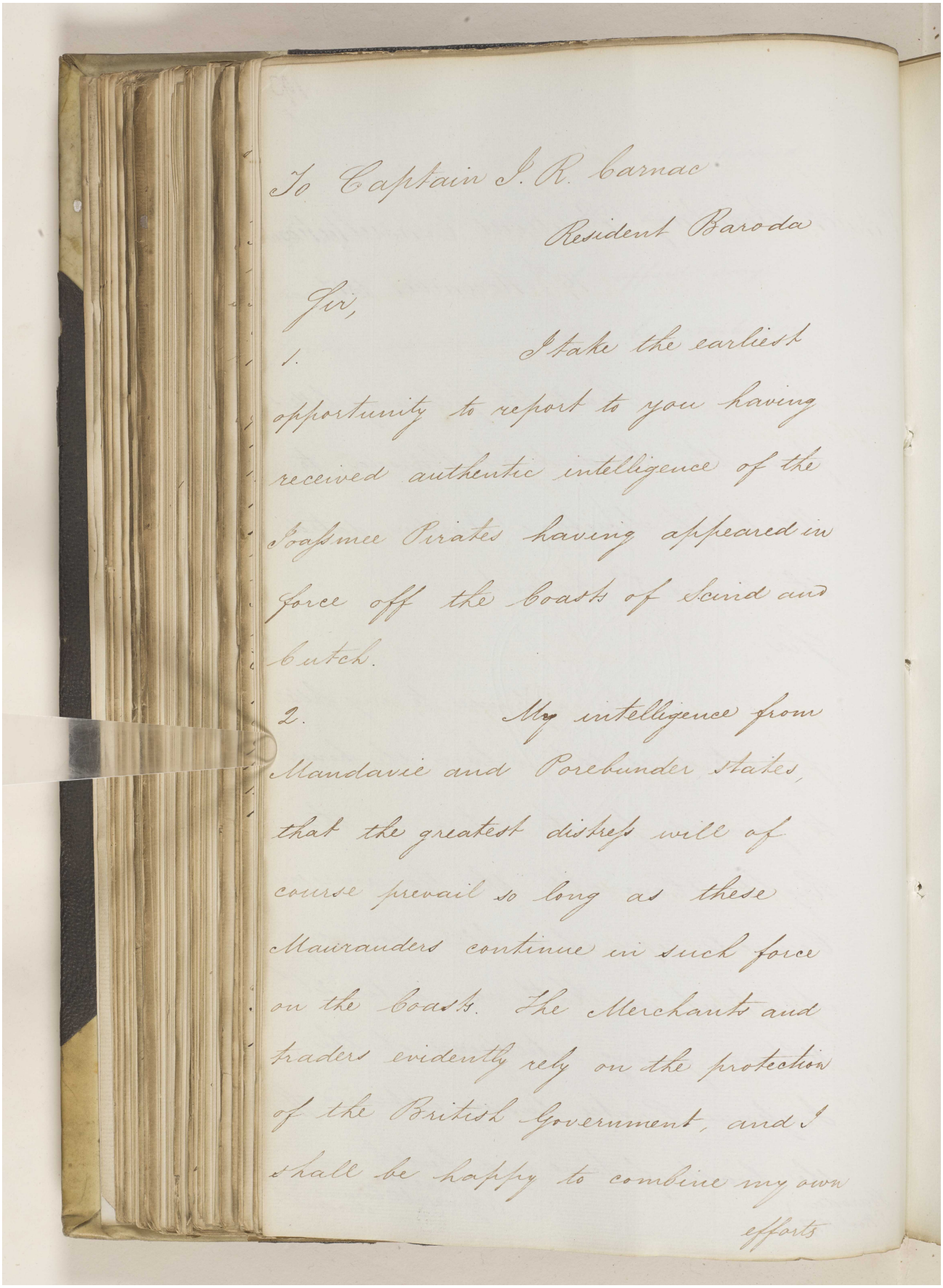
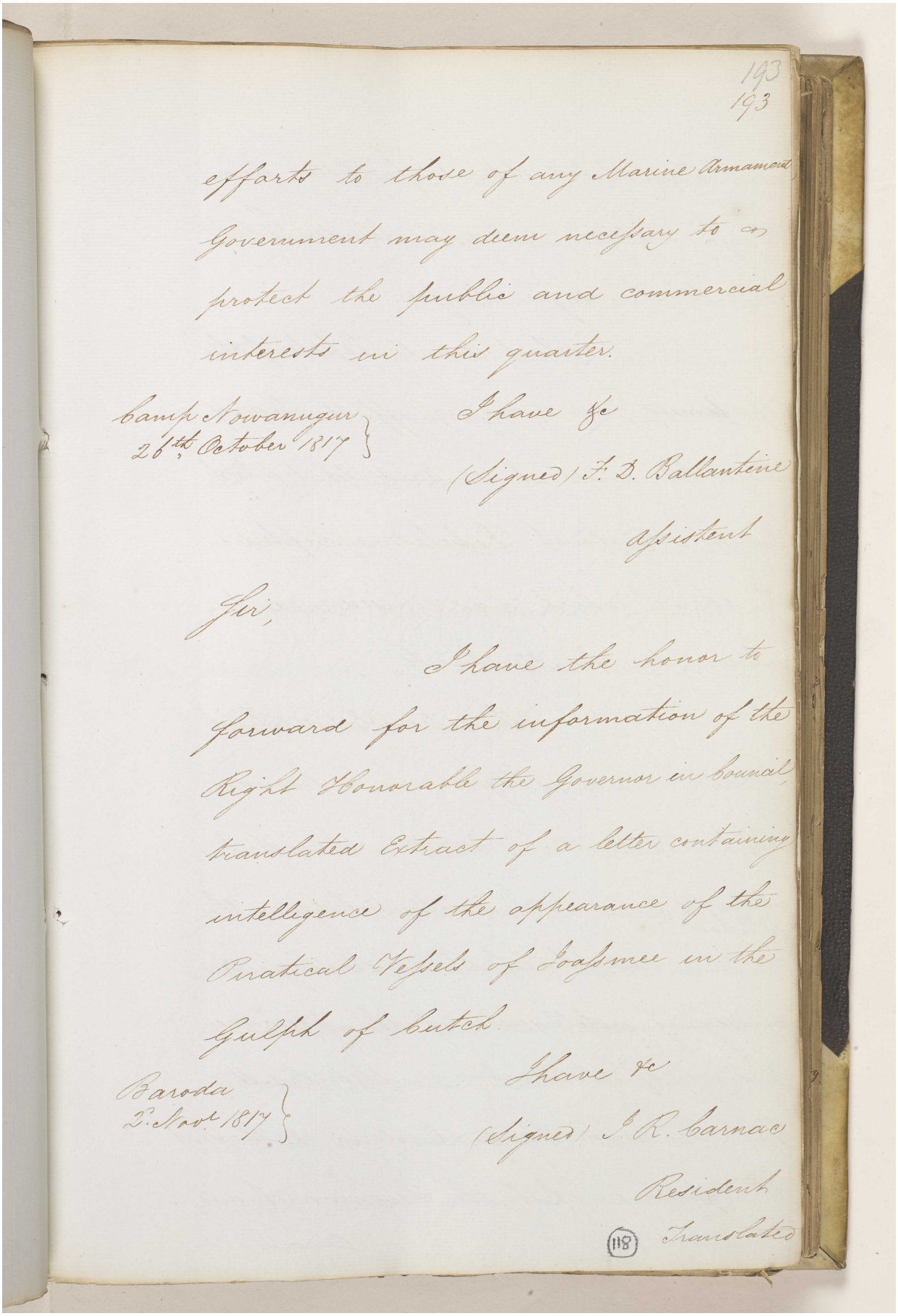


To Captain J. R. Carnac
Resident Baroda

Sir,

1. I take the earliest opportunity to report to you having received authentic intelligence of the Joasmee Pirates having appeared in force off the Coasts of Scind and Cutch.

2. My intelligence from Mandavie and Porebunder states, that the greatest distress will of course prevail so long as these Maurauders continue in such force on the Coasts. The Merchants and traders evidently rely on the protection of the British Government, and I shall be happy to combine my own efforts



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efforts to those of any Marine Armament Government may deem necessary to protect the public and commercial interests in this quarter.

I have &c

(Signed) J. D. Ballantine

Assistant

Camp Nowanugur
26th October 1817

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, translated Extract of a letter containing intelligence of the appearance of the Piratical Vessels of Joasmee in the Gulph of Cutch.

I have &c

(Signed) J. R. Carnac

Resident

Translated

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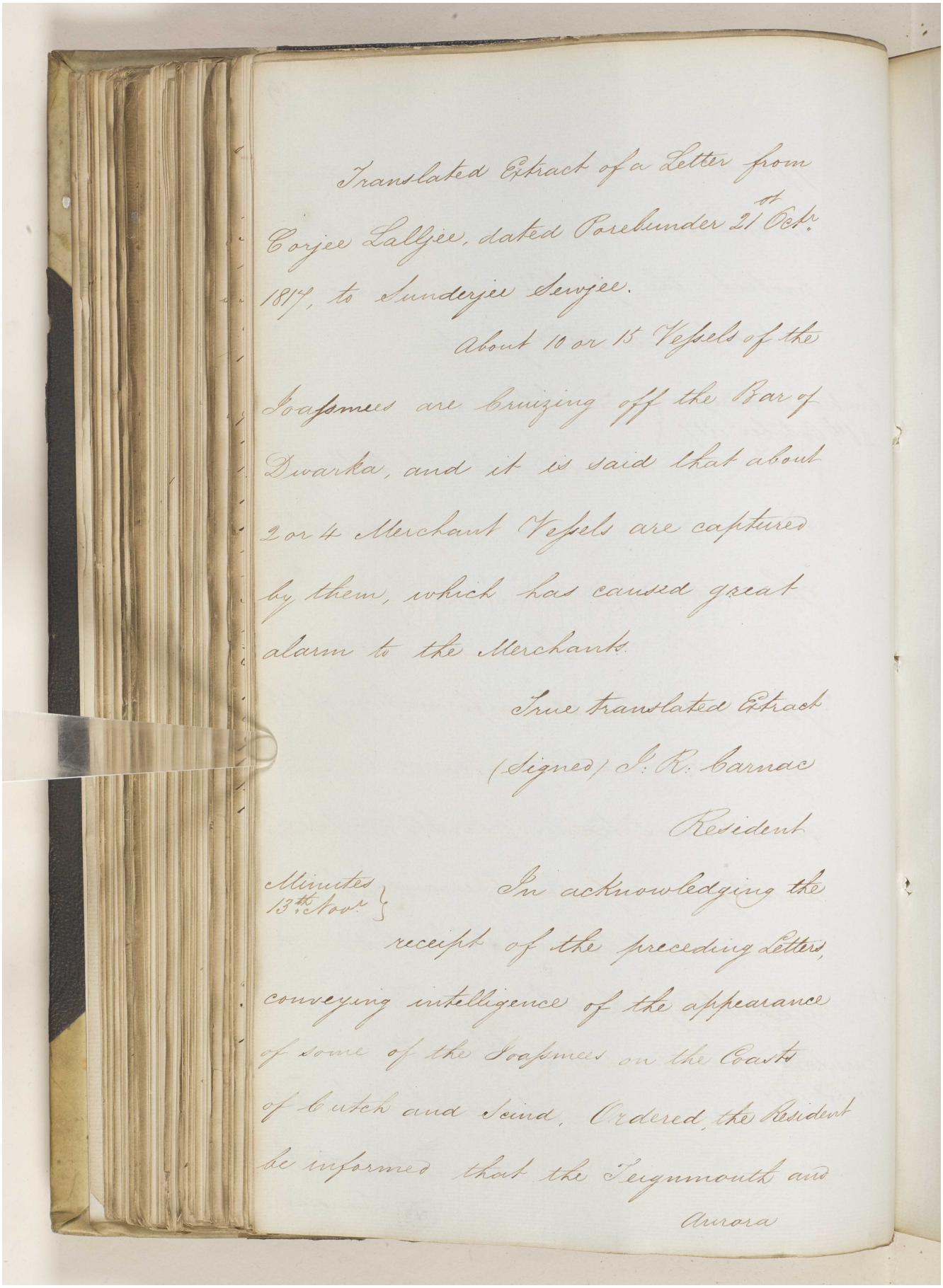

Translated Extract of a Letter from Corjee Lallgee, dated Porebunder 21st Oct. 1817, to Sunderjee Sewjee.

About 10 or 15 Vessels of the Joasmees are cruizing off the Bar of Dwarka, and it is said that about 2 or 4 Merchant Vessels are captured by them, which has caused great alarm to the Merchants.

True translated Extract

(Signed) J. R. Carnac

Resident

Minutes 13th Nov.

In acknowledging the receipt of the preceding Letters, conveying intelligence of the appearance of some of the Joasmees on the Coasts of Cutch and Scind, Ordered, the Resident be informed that the Teignmouth and Aurora

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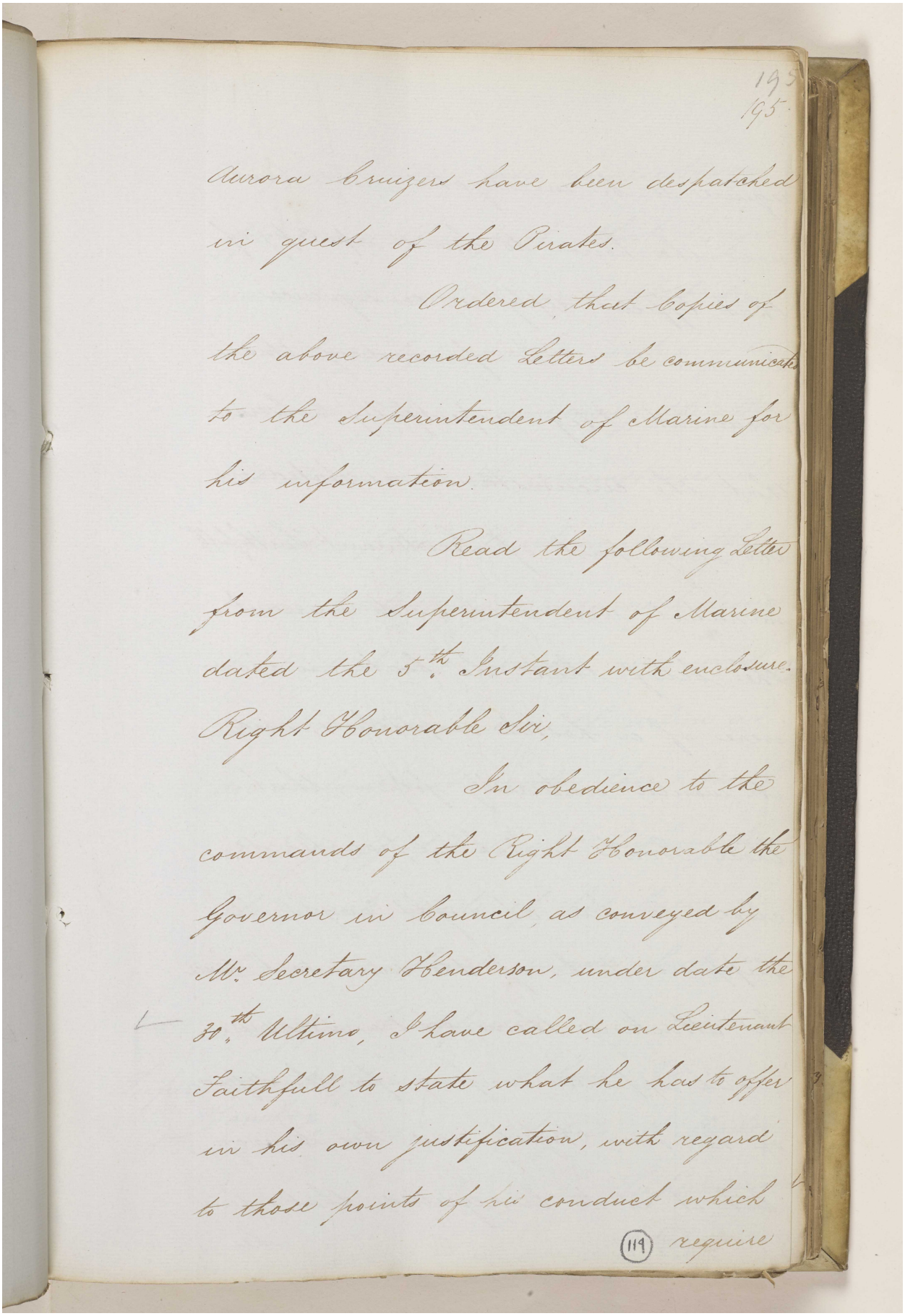

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Aurora Bruizers have been despatched in quest of the Pirates.

Ordered, that Copies of the above recorded Letters be communicated to the Superintendent of Marine for his information.

Read the following Letter from the Superintendent of Marine dated the 5th. Instant with enclosure.

Right Honorable Sir,

In obedience to the commands of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, as conveyed by Mr. Secretary Henderson, under date the 30th. Ultimo, I have called on Lieutenant Faithfull to state what he has to offer in his own justification, with regard to those points of his conduct which

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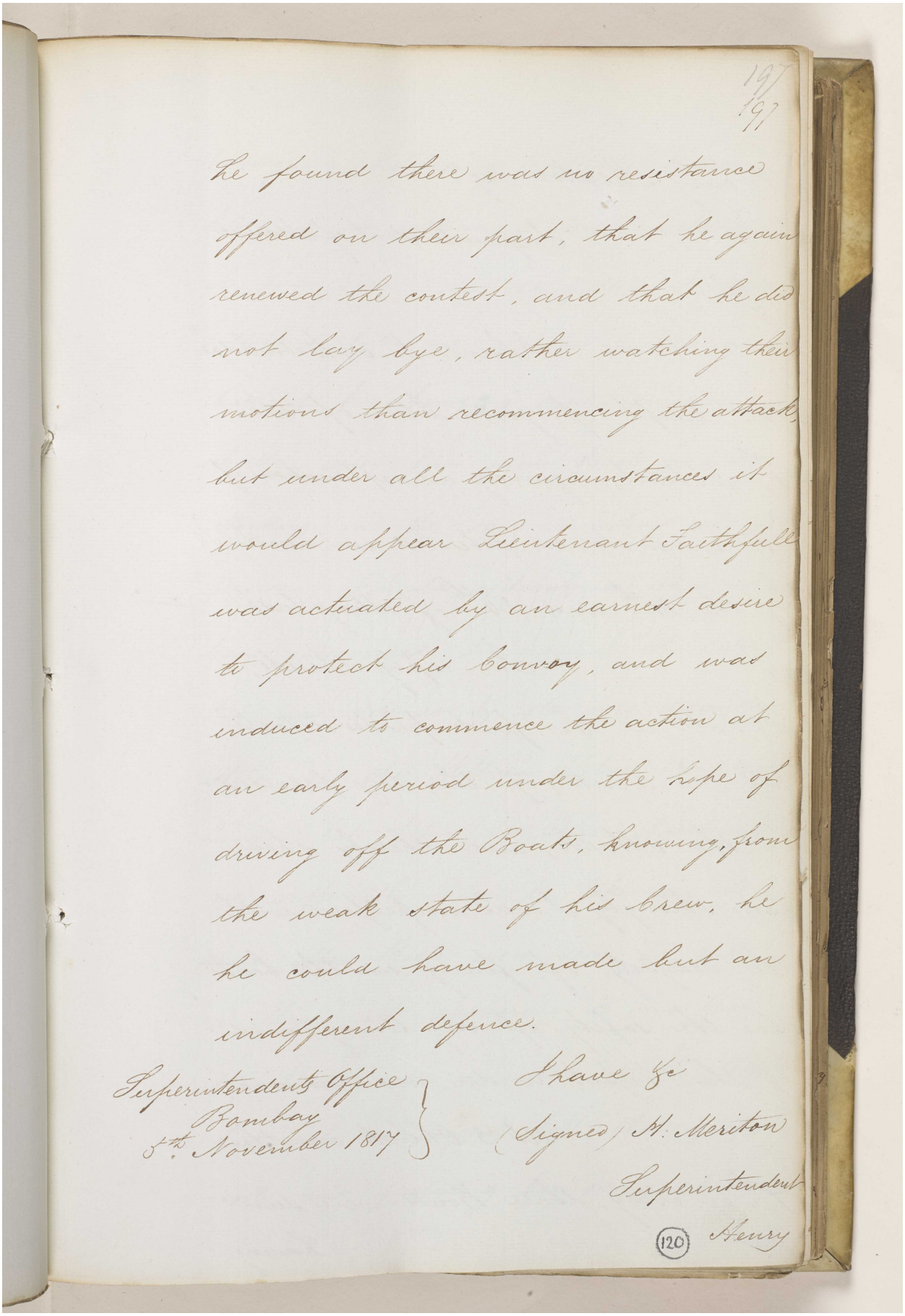
require to be investigated, and have
now the honor to hand up Copy of
that Officers reply in consequence.
2. In forwarding this
document I beg respectfully to observe
that the circumstances as stated in
the early part of Lieutenant Faithfull's
narrative were such as to warrant
the belief that the boats in view
were of a hostile disposition, and
it would naturally follow, that
those Boats which approached so
close to him at night might be
supposed to be of the same sort, hence
his attacking them was a measure
which appeared necessary for the defence
of his own Vessel and his Convoy,
but it is to be regretted, that when
he



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he found there was no resistance offered on their part, that he again renewed the contest, and that he did not lay bye, rather watching their motions than recommencing the attack, but under all the circumstances it would appear Lieutenant Faithfull was actuated by an earnest desire to protect his Convoy, and was induced to commence the action at an early period under the hope of driving off the Boats, knowing, from the weak state of his brew, he he could have made but an indifferent defence.

I have &c
(Signed) H. Meriton
Superintendent

Superintendent's Office
Bombay
5th November 1817

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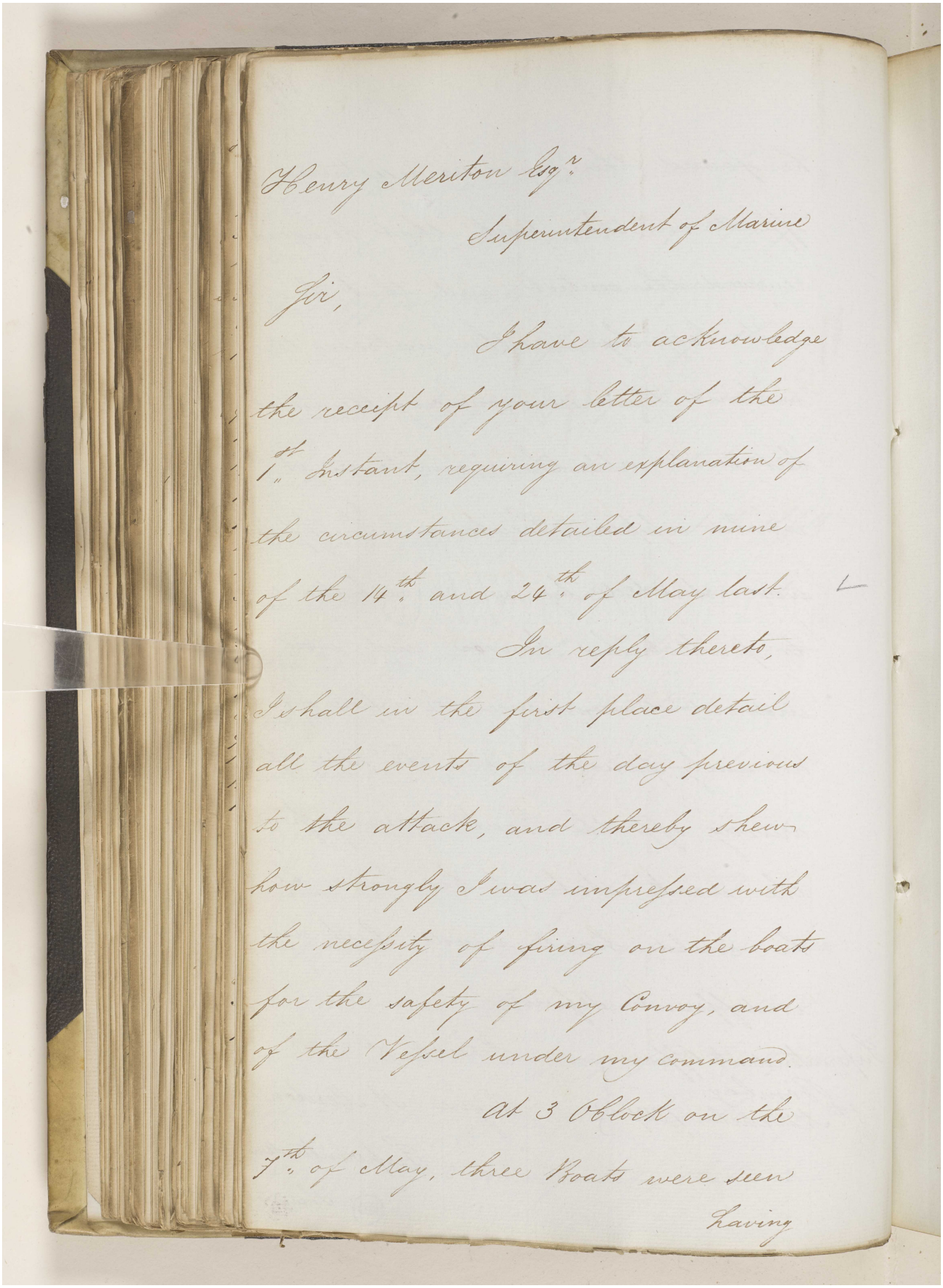

Henry Meriton Esq.r

Superintendent of Marine

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st. Instant, requiring an explanation of the circumstances detailed in mine of the 14th. and 24th. of May last.

In reply thereto, I shall in the first place detail all the events of the day previous to the attack, and thereby shew how strongly I was impressed with the necessity of firing on the boats for the safety of my Convoy, and of the Vessel under my command.

At 3 Oblock on the 7th. of May, three Boats were seen

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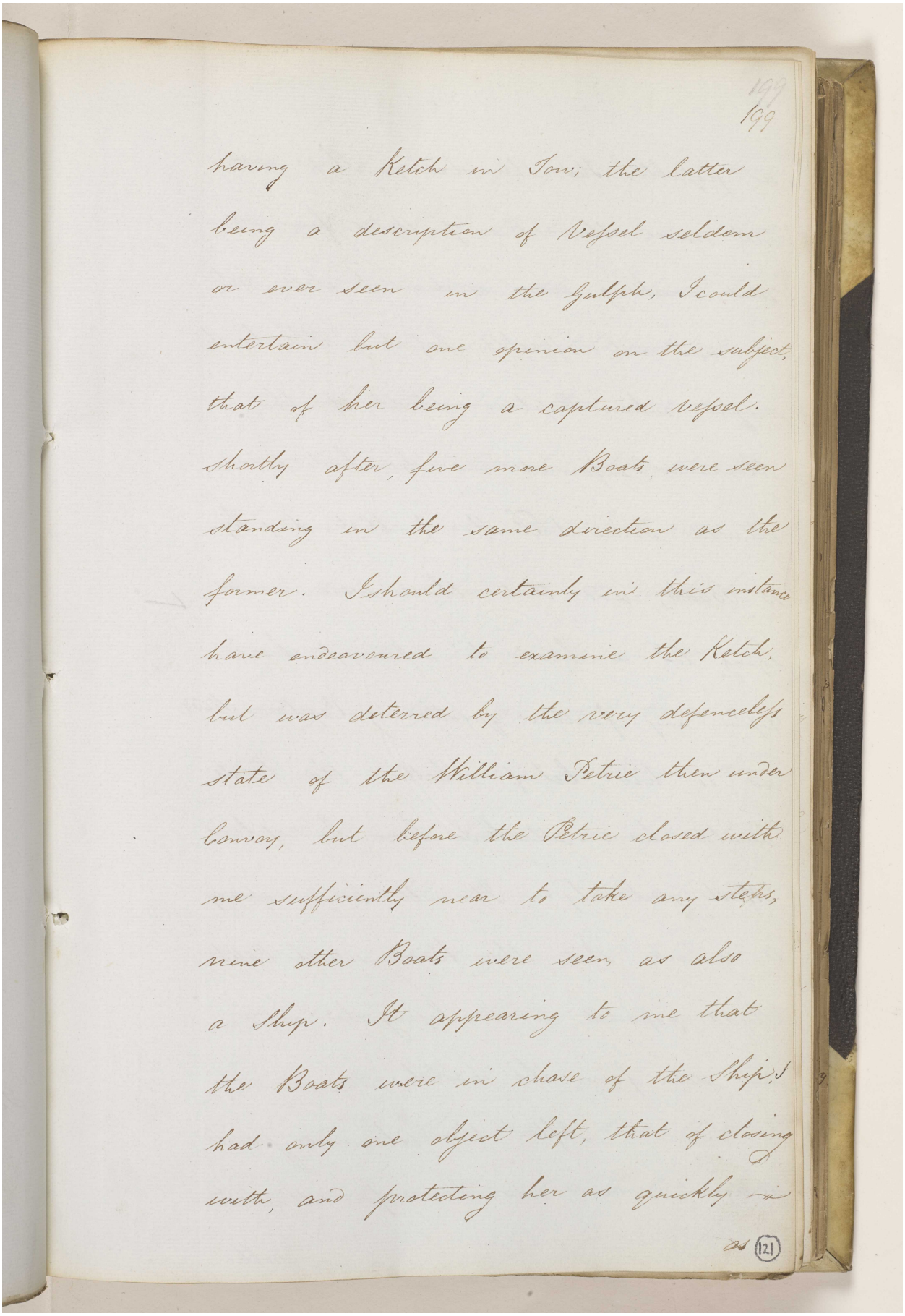

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having a Ketch in Tow; the latter being a description of Vessel seldom or ever seen in the Gulph, I could entertain but one opinion on the subject, that of her being a captured Vessel. Shortly after, five more Boats were seen standing in the same direction as the former. I should certainly in this instance have endeavoured to examine the Ketch, but was deterred by the very defenceless state of the William Petrie then under convoy, but before the Petrie closed with me sufficiently near to take any steps, nine other Boats were seen, as also a Ship. It appearing to me that the Boats were in chase of the Ship, I had only one object left, that of closing with, and protecting her as quickly

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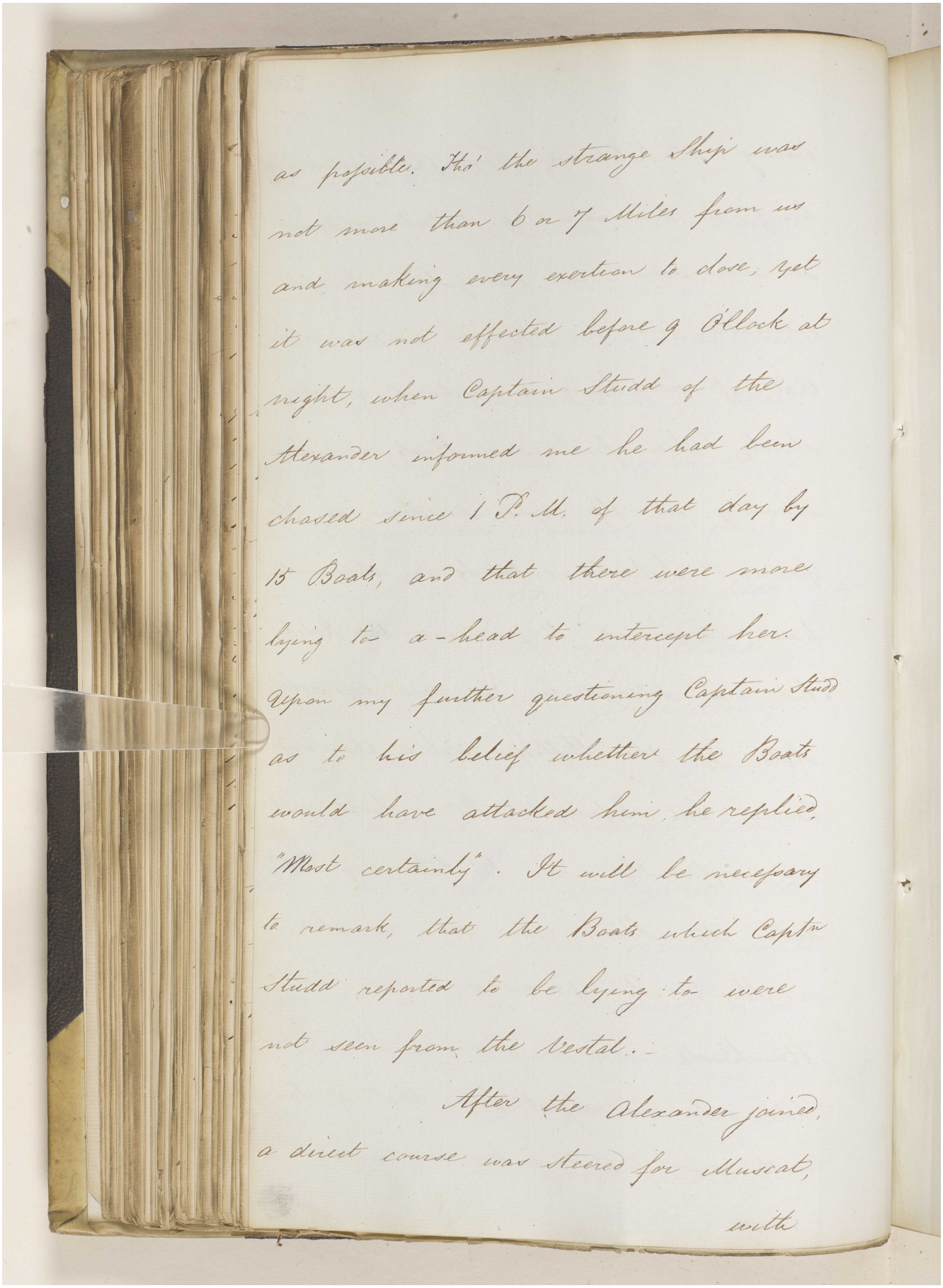

as possible. Tho' the strange Ship was not more than 6 or 7 Miles from us and making every exertion to close, yet it was not effected before 9 Oclock at night, when Captain Studd of the Alexander informed me he had been chased since 1 P. M. of that day by 15 Boats, and that there were more lying to a-head to intercept her. Upon my further questioning Captain Studd as to his belief whether the Boats would have attacked him, he replied "Most certainly". It will be necessary to remark, that the Boats which Captn Studd reported to be lying to were not seen from the Vestal.

After the Alexander joined, a direct course was steered for Muscat, with

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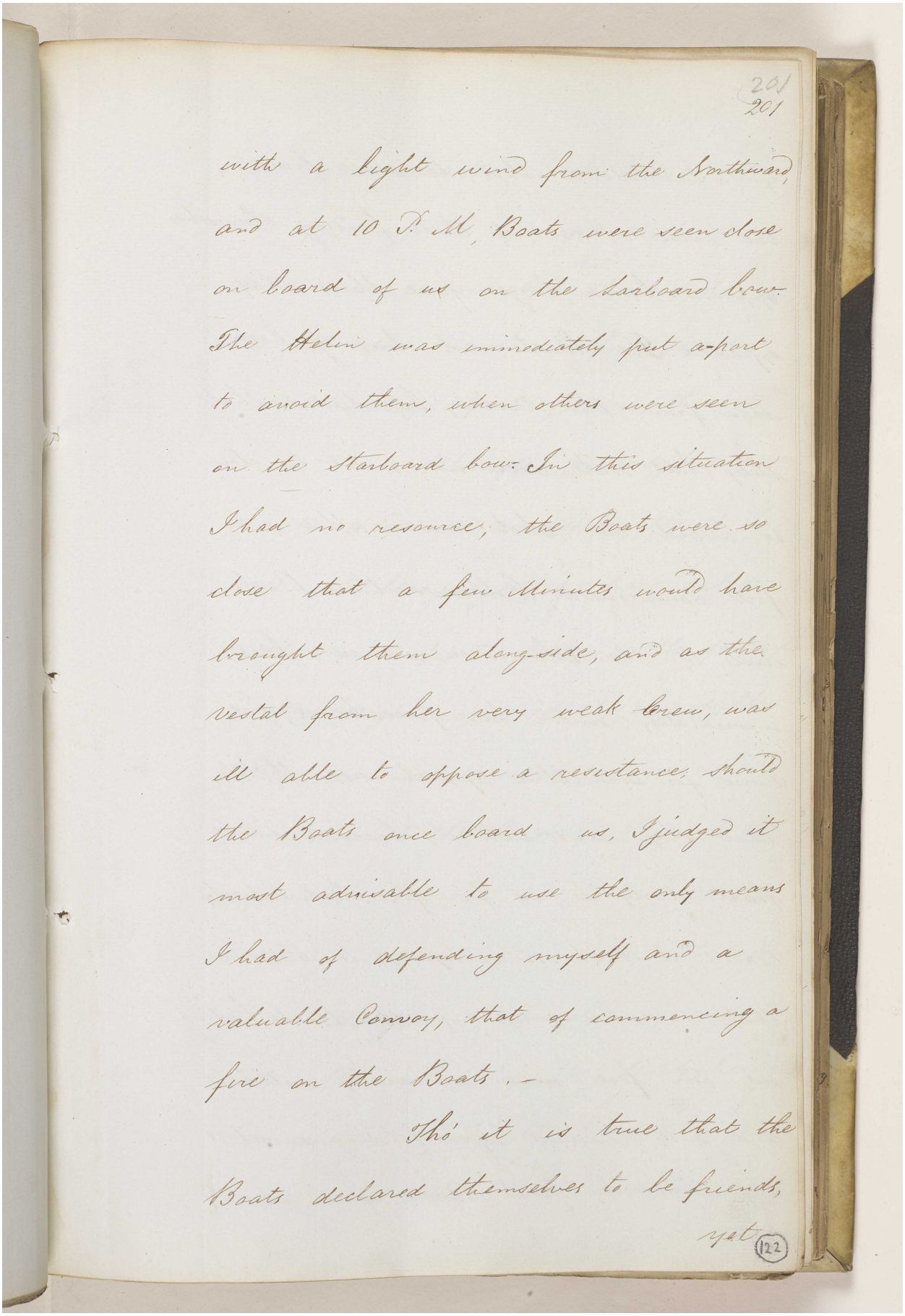

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with a light wind from the Southward
and at 10 P. M. Boats were seen close
on board of us on the Larboard bow.
The Helm was immediately put a-port
to avoid them, when others were seen
on the Starboard bow. In this situation
I had no resource, the Boats were so
close that a few Minutes would have
brought them along-side, and as the
Vestal from her very weak Crew, was
ill able to oppose a resistance, should
the Boats once board us, I judged it
most advisable to use the only means
I had of defending myself and a
valuable Convoy, that of commencing a
fire on the Boats. -

Tho' it is true that the
Boats declared themselves to be friends,
yet

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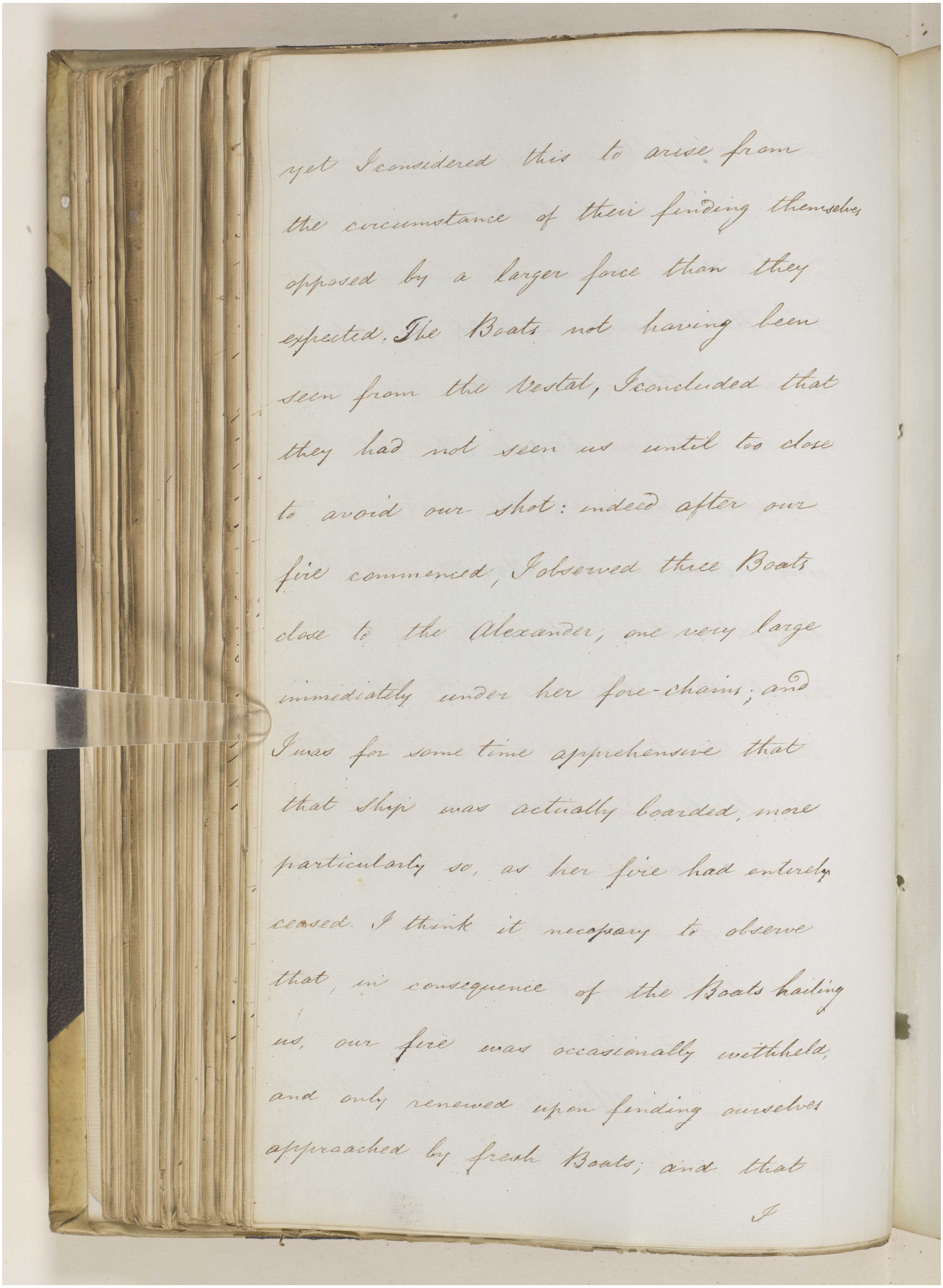

yet I considered this to arise from
the circumstance of their finding themselves
opposed by a larger force than they
expected. The Boats not having been
seen from the Vestal, I concluded that
they had not seen us until too close
to avoid our shot: indeed after our
fire commenced, I observed three Boats
close to the Alexander; one very large
immediately under her fore-chains; and
I was for some time apprehensive that
that Ship was actually boarded, more
particularly so, as her fire had entirely
ceased. I think it necessary to observe
that, in consequence of the Boats hailing
us, our fire was occasionally withheld,
and only renewed upon finding ourselves
approached by fresh Boats; and that

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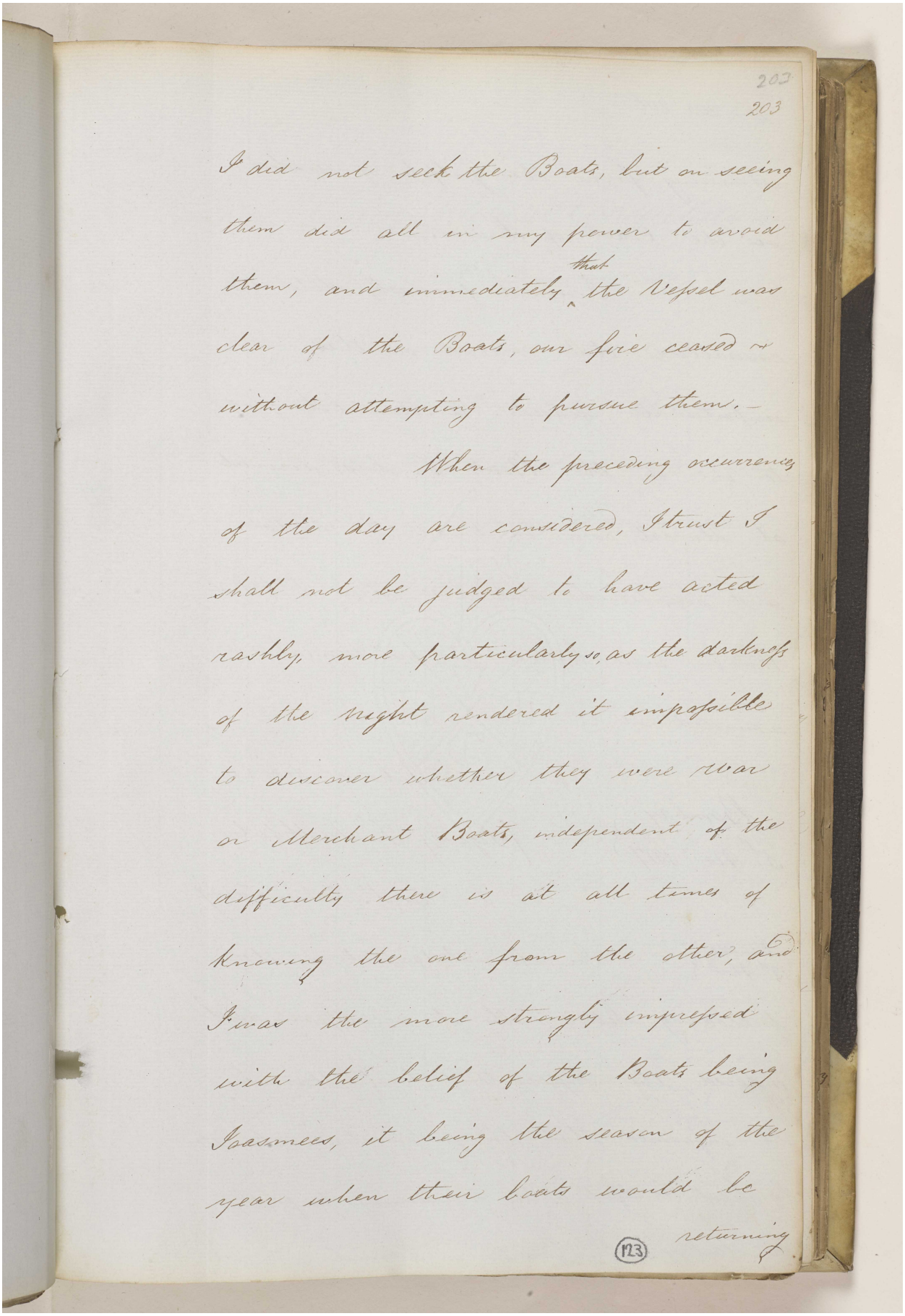

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I did not seek the Boats, but on seeing them did all in my power to avoid them, and immediately that the Vessel was clear of the Boats, our fire ceased & without attempting to pursue them.—

When the preceding occurrences of the day are considered, I trust I shall not be judged to have acted rashly, more particularly so, as the darkness of the night rendered it impossible to discover whether they were War or Merchant Boats, independent of the difficulty there is at all times of knowing the one from the other, and I was the more strongly impressed with the belief of the Boats being Joasmees, it being the season of the year when their boats would be returning

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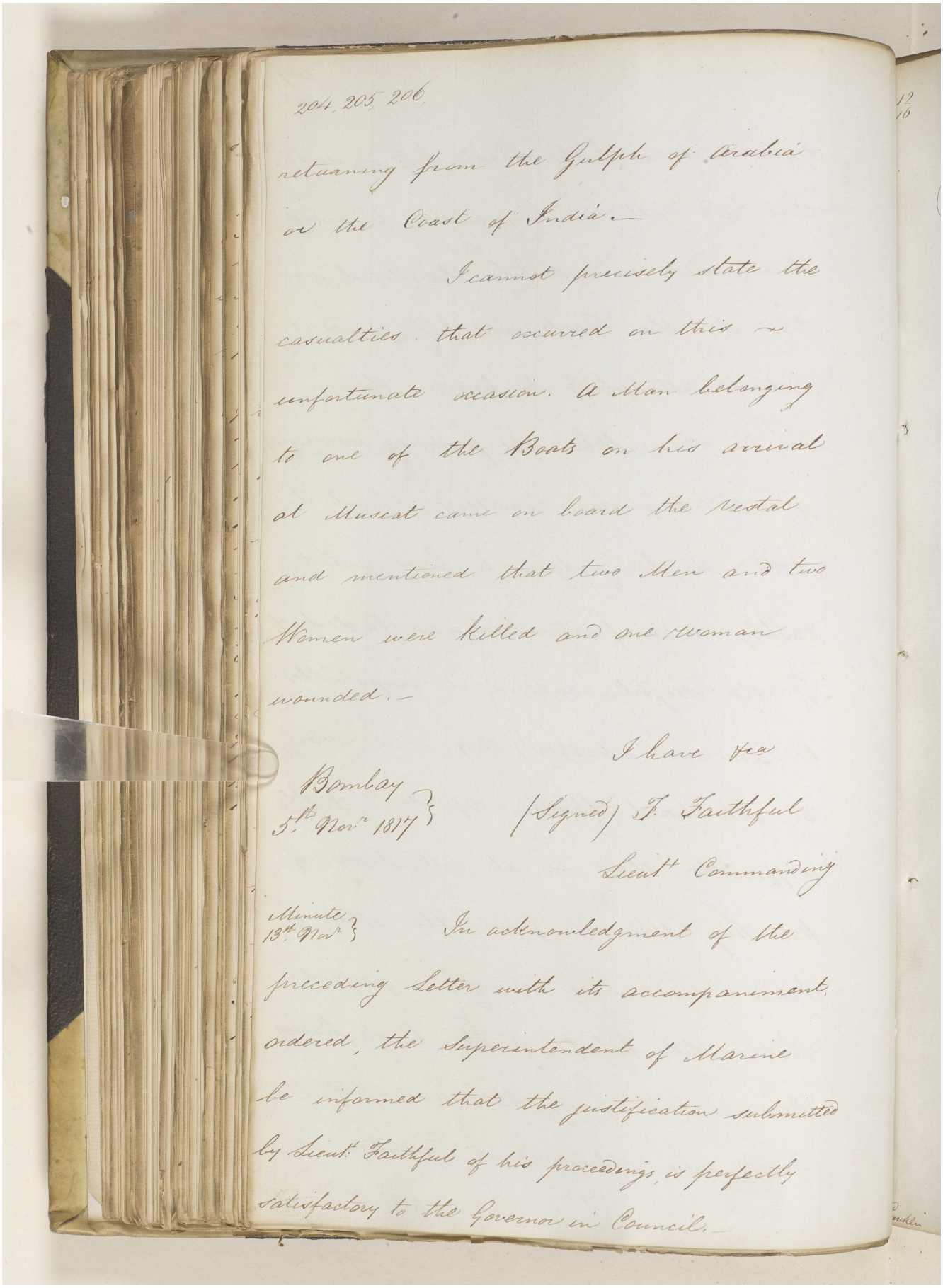

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returning from the Gulph of Arabia
or the Coast of India.—

I cannot precisely state the
casualties that occurred on this
unfortunate occasion. A Man belonging
to one of the Boats on his arrival
at Muscat came on board the Vestal
and mentioned that two Men and two
Women were killed and one Woman
wounded.—

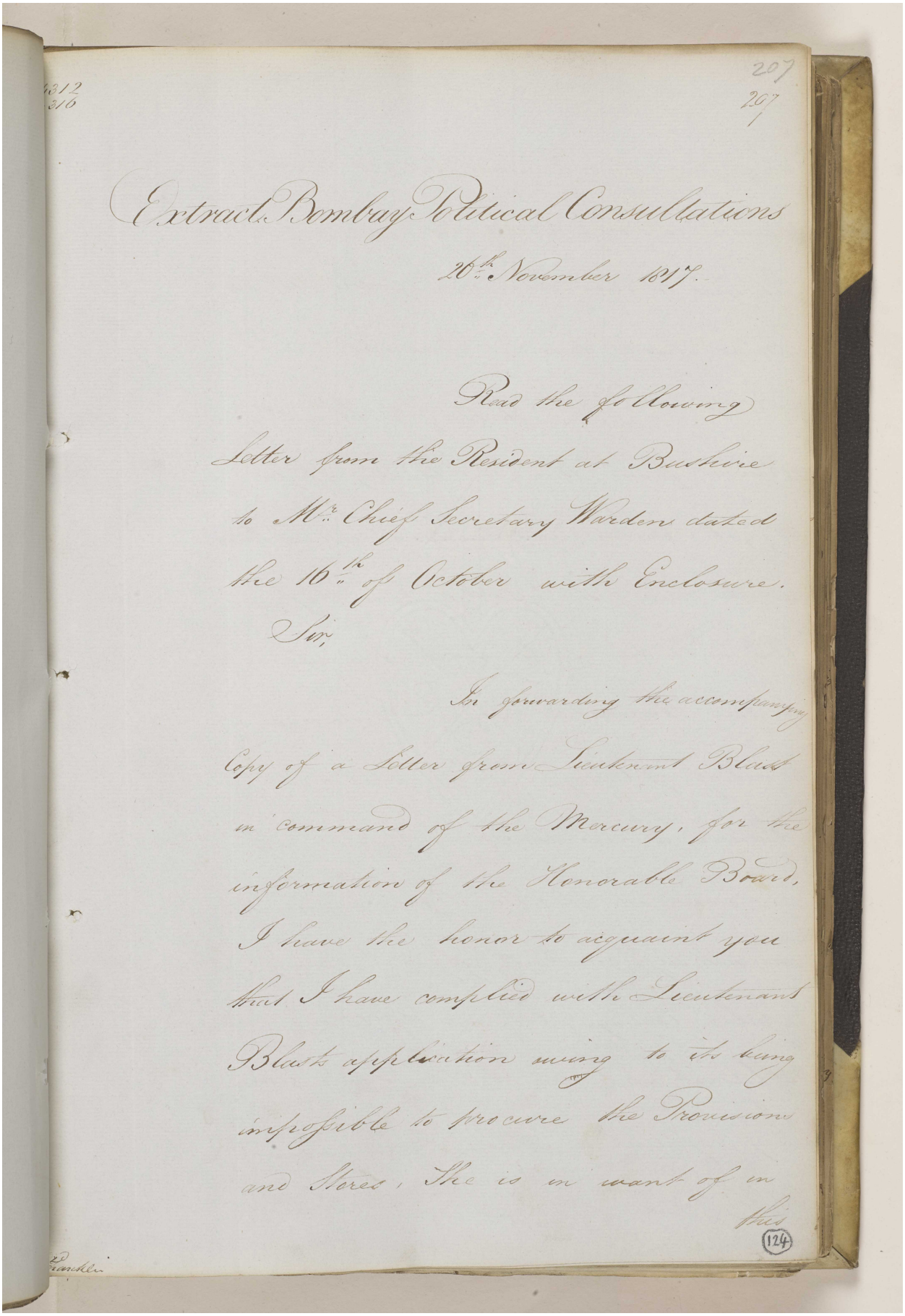
I have &c.a

Bombay
5th Novr 1817

(Signed) T. Faithful
Lieut Commanding

Minute
13th Novr

In acknowledgment of the
preceding Letter with its accompaniment,
ordered, the Superintendent of Marine
be informed that the justification submitted
by Lieut. Faithful of his proceedings, is perfectly
satisfactory to the Governor in Council.—



Extract Bombay Political Consultations

26th November 1817.

Read the following

Letter from the Resident at Bushire

to Mr. Chief Secretary Warden dated

the 16th of October with Enclosure.

Sir,

In forwarding the accompanying

Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Blast

in command of the Mercury, for the

information of the Honorable Board,

I have the honor to acquaint you

that I have complied with Lieutenant

Blasts application owing to its being

impossible to procure the Provisions

and Stores, She is in want of in

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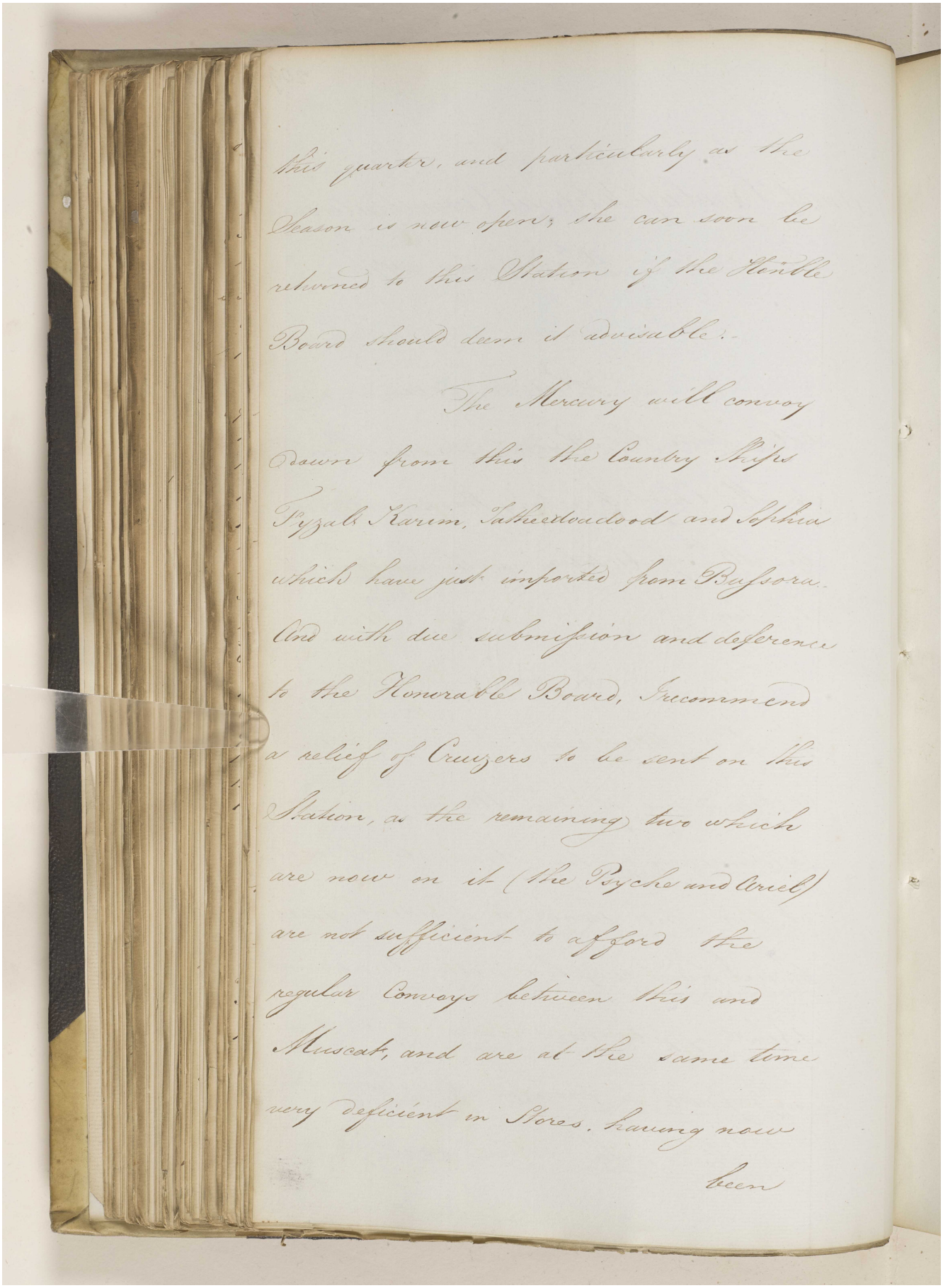

this quarter, and particularly as the Season is now open; she can soon be returned to this Station if the Honble Board should deem it advisable.-

The Mercury will convoy down from this the Country Ships Fyzal Karim, Tatheedoadood and Sophia which have just imported from Bussora. And with due submission and deference to the Honorable Board, I recommend a relief of Cruizers to be sent on this Station, as the remaining two which are now on it (the Psyche and Ariel) are not sufficient to afford the regular Convoys between this and Muscat, and are at the same time very deficient in Stores, having now

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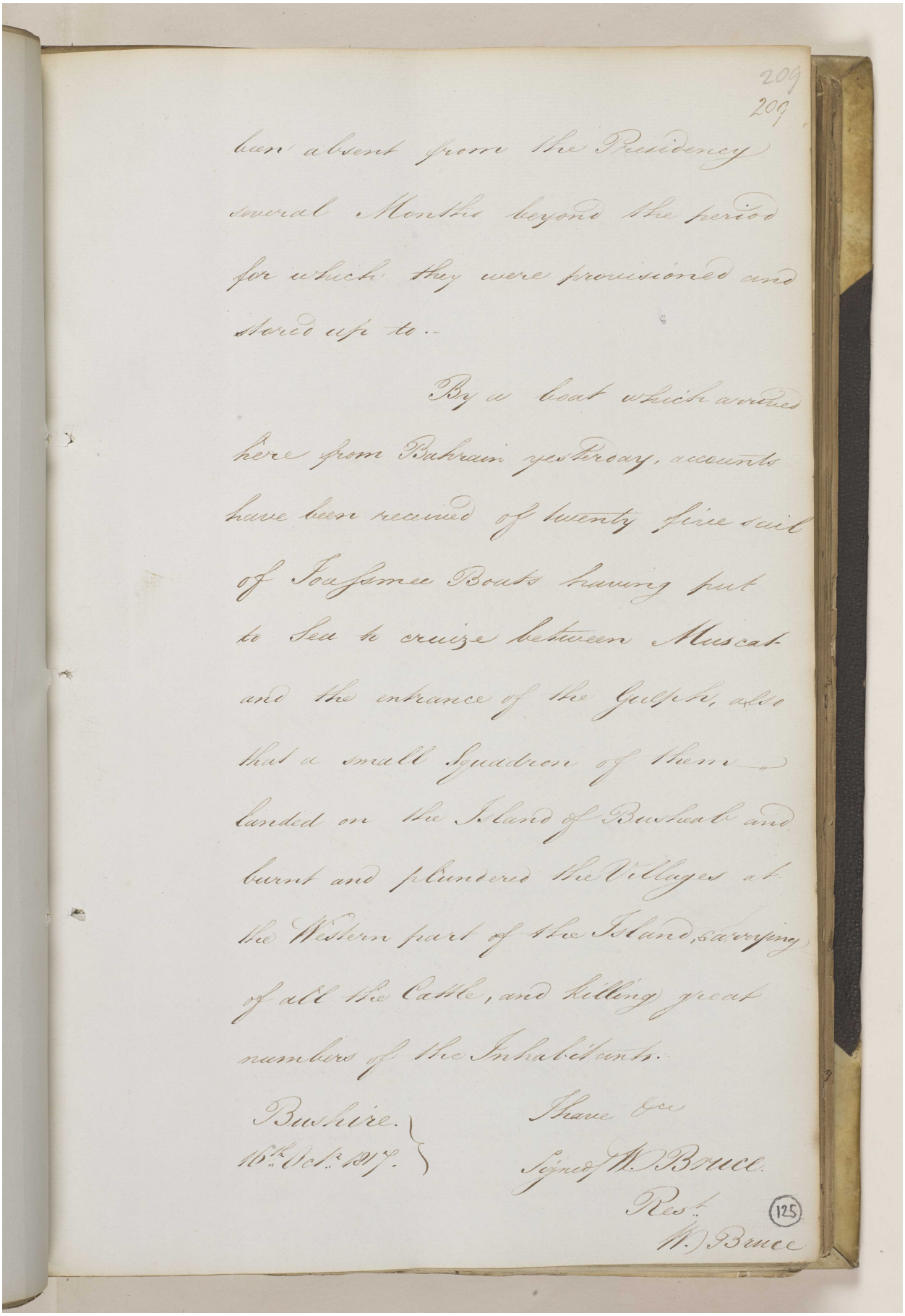

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been absent from the Presidency
several Months beyond the period
for which they were provisioned and
stored up to.-

By a boat which arrives
here from Bahrain yesterday, accounts
have been received of twenty five sail
of Joasmee Boats having put
to Sea to cruize between Muscat
and the entrance of the Gulph, also
that a small Squadron of them
landed on the Island of Bushaab and
burnt and plundered the Villages at
the Western part of the Island, carrying
off all the Cattle, and killing great
numbers of the Inhabitants.

Bushire.
16th Oct. 1817.

I have &c
Signed W. Bruce.

Rest.
W. Bruce

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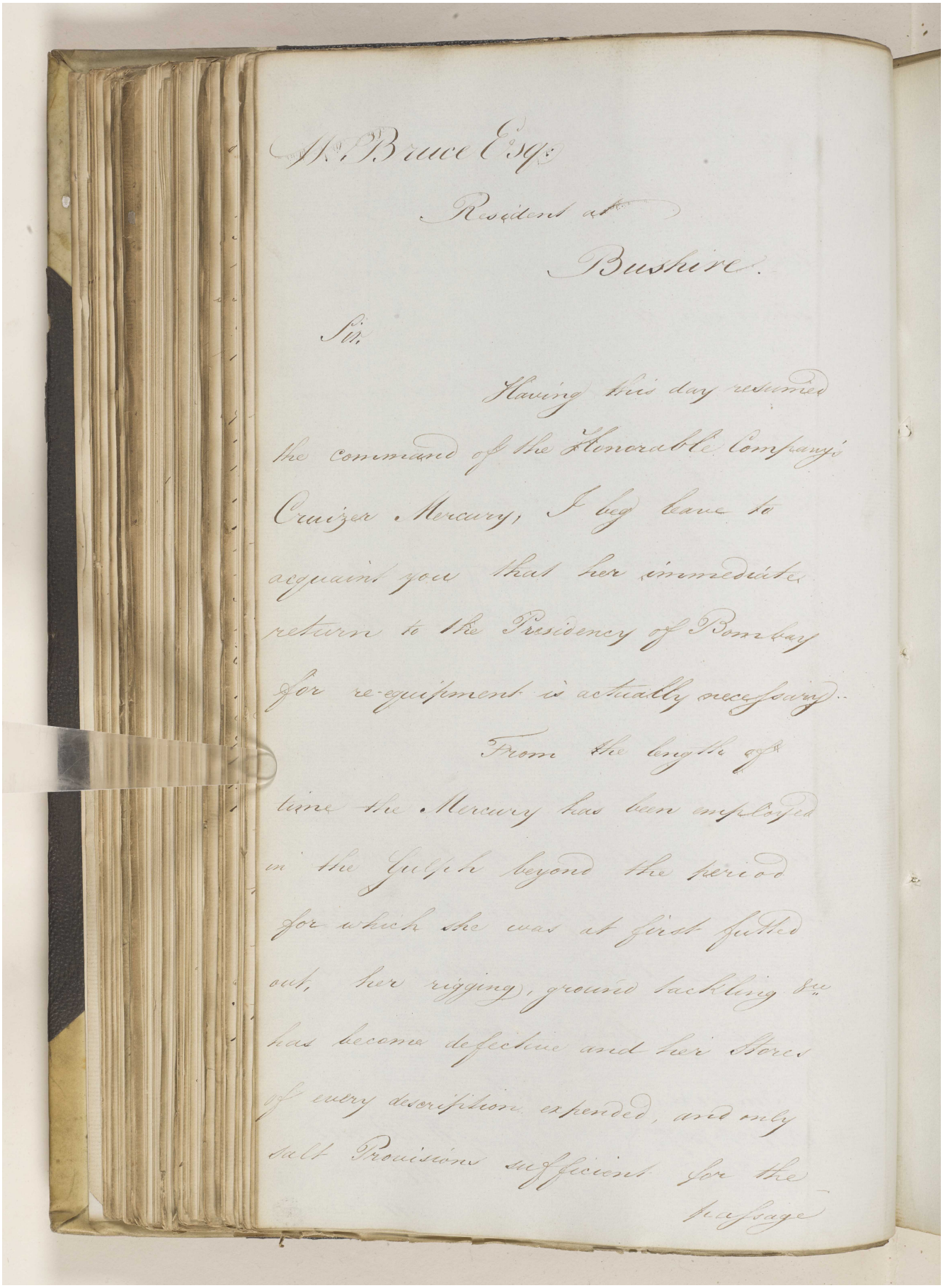
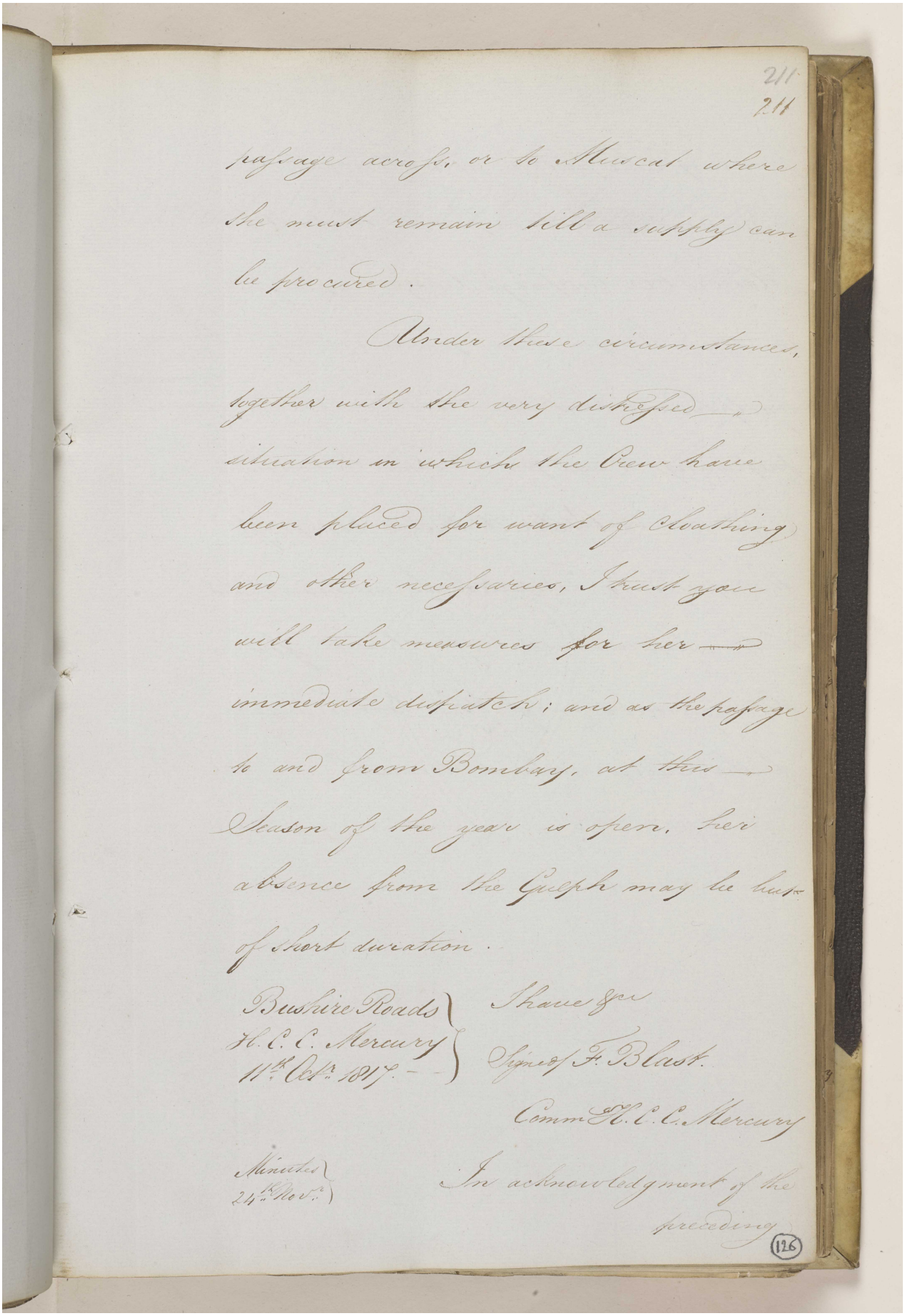


H. B. Bruce Esqr
Resident at
Bushire.

Sir,

Having this day resumed the command of the Honorable Company's Cruizer Mercury, I beg leave to acquaint you that her immediate return to the Presidency of Bombay for re-equipment is actually necessary.

From the length of time the Mercury has been employed in the Gulph beyond the period for which she was at first fitted out, her rigging, ground tackling &c. has become defective and her Stores of every description expended, and only salt Provisions sufficient for the passage



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passage across, or to Muscat where she must remain till a supply can be procured.

Under these circumstances, together with the very distressed situation in which the Crew have been placed for want of Cloathing and other necessaries, I trust you will take measures for her immediate dispatch; and as the passage to and from Bombay, at this Season of the year is open, her absence from the Gulph may be but of short duration.

Bushire Roads
H. C. C. Mercury
11th Octr. 1817.

I have &c
Signed F. Blast.
Comm H. C. C. Mercury

Minutes
24th Novr.

In acknowledgment of the preceding

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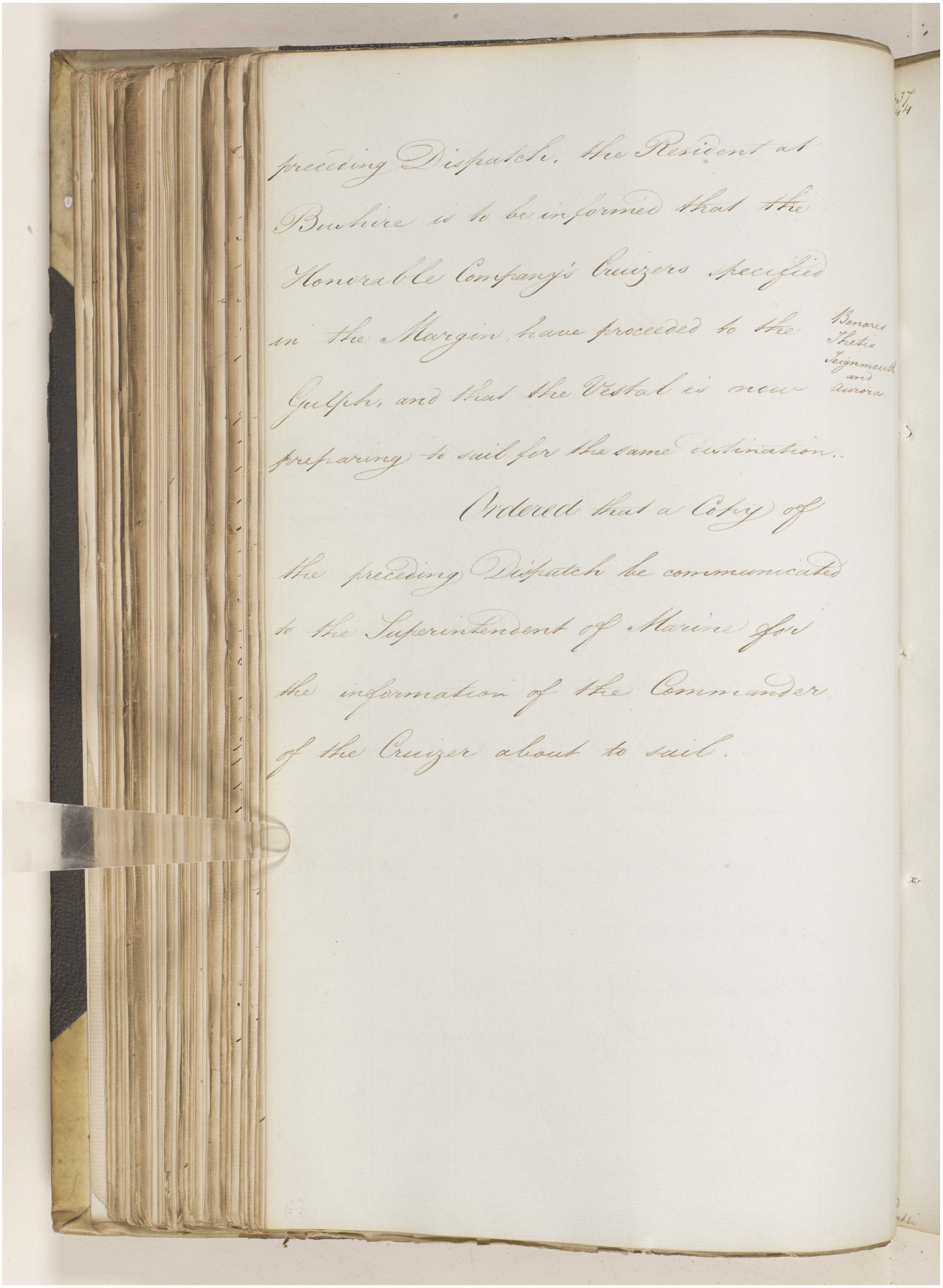

preceding Dispatch, the Resident at Bushire is to be informed that the Honorable Company's Cruizers specified in the Margin, have proceeded to the Gulph, and that the Vestal is now preparing to sail for the same destination.

Benares
Thetis
Teignmouth
and
Aurora

Ordered that a Copy of the preceding Dispatch be communicated to the Superintendent of Marine for the information of the Commander of the Cruizer about to sail.

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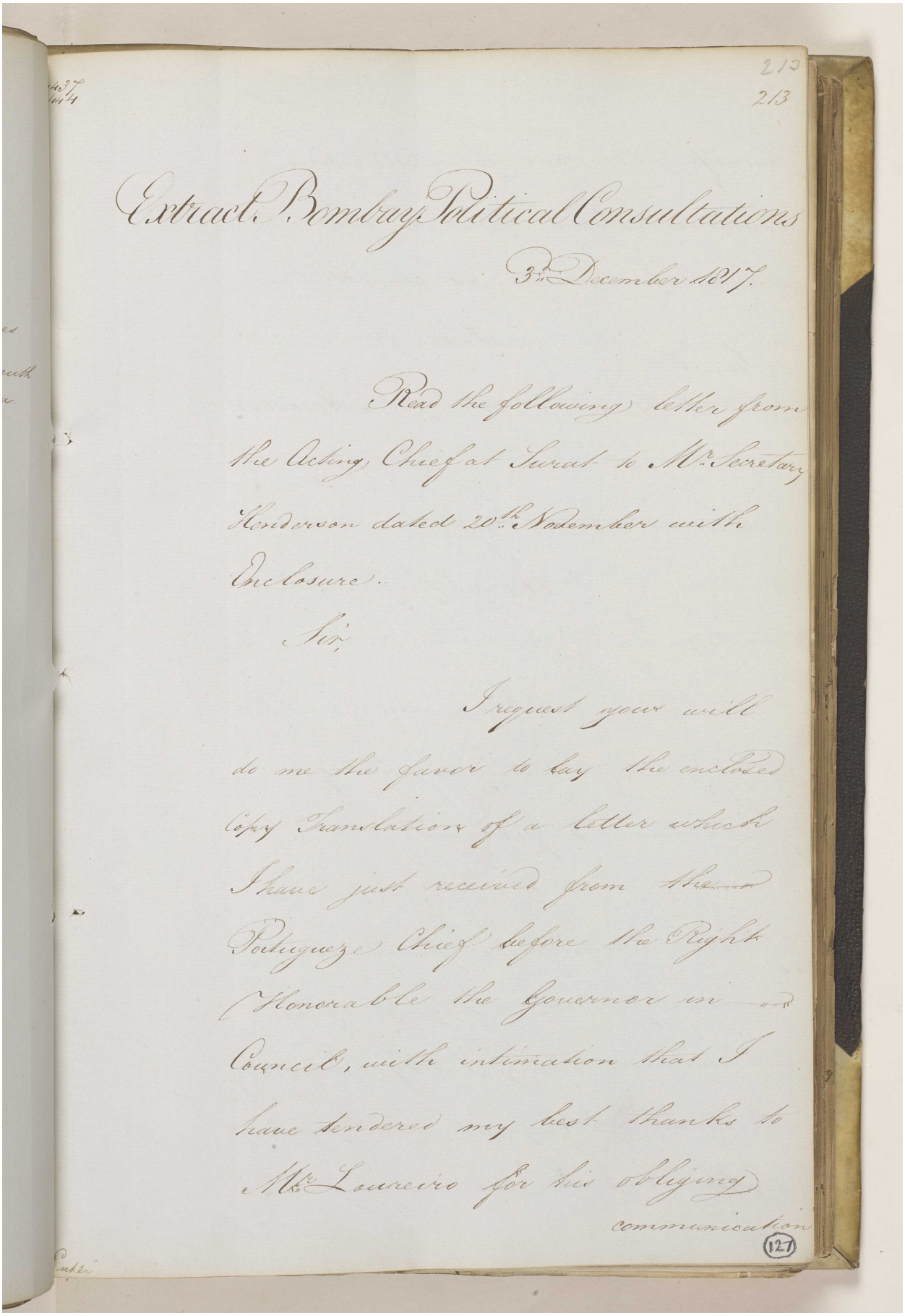

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3rd December 1817.

Read the following letter from the Acting Chief at Surat to Mr. Secretary Henderson dated 20th November with Inclosure.

Sir,

I request you will do me the favor to lay the inclosed Copy Translation of a letter which I have just received from the Portugueze Chief before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with intimation that I have tendered my best thanks to Mr. Loureiro for his obliging communication

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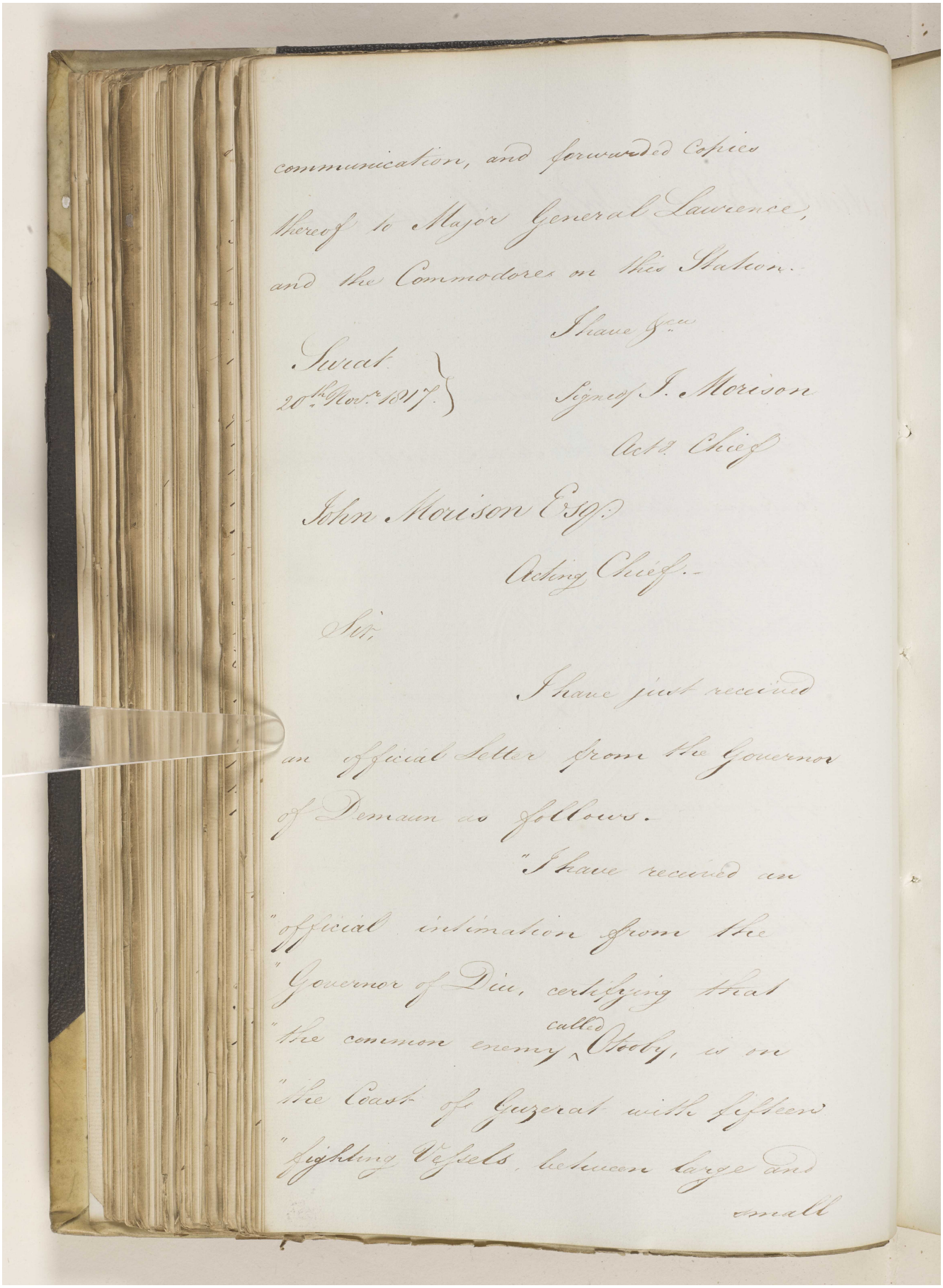


communication, and forwarded Copies
thereof to Major General Lawrence,
and the Commodores on this Station.

I have &c.

Surat
20th Novr 1817.

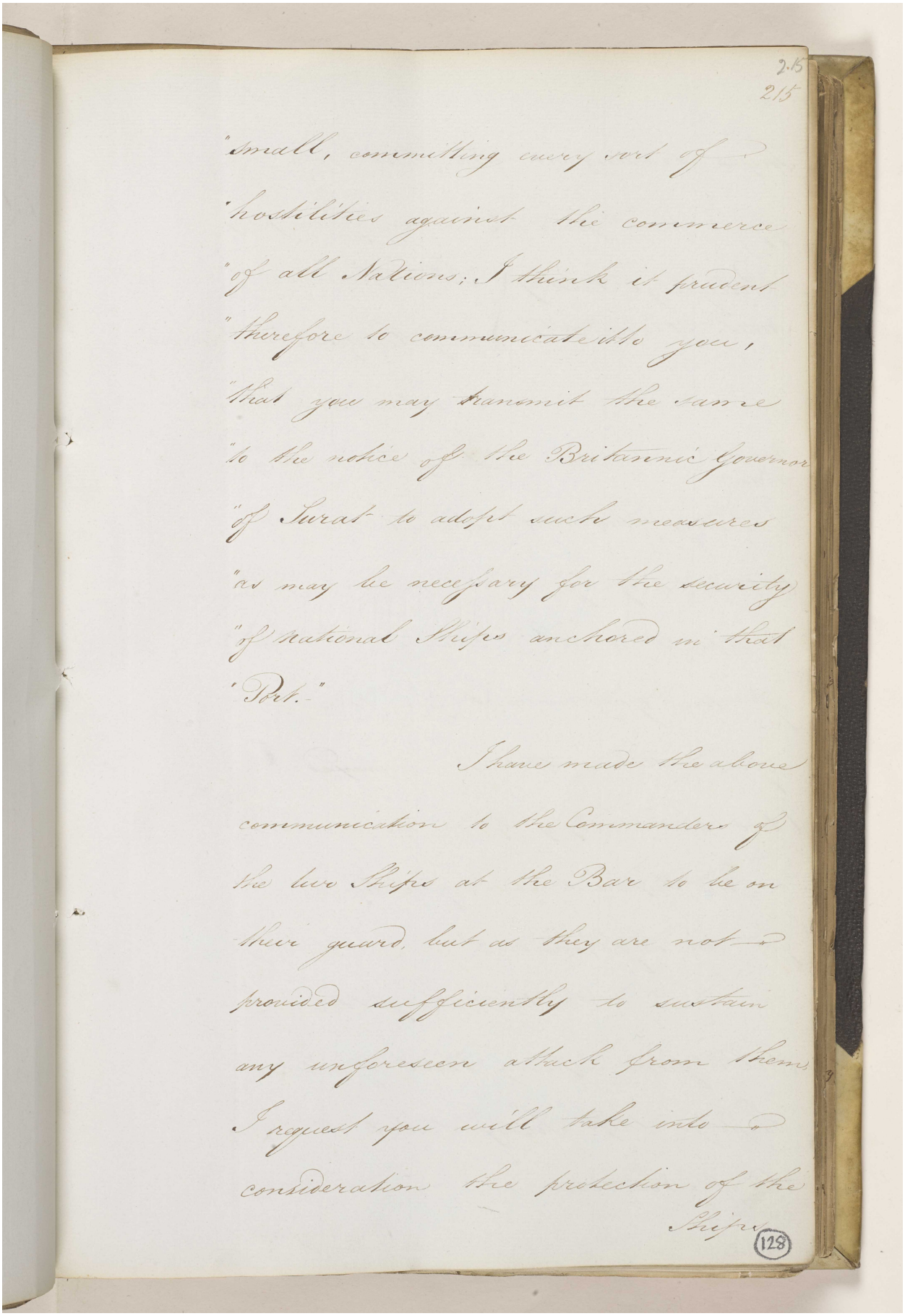
Signed J. Morison
Actg Chief

John Morison Esqr.
Acting Chief.

Sir,

I have just received
an Official Letter from the Governor
of Demaun as follows.

"I have received an
"official intimation from the
"Governor of Diu, certifying that
"the common enemy called Ooby, is on
"the Coast of Guzerat with fifteen
"fighting Vessels, between large and
small



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"small, committing every sort of
"hostilities against the commerce
"of all Nations; I think it prudent
"therefore to communicate it to you,
"that you may transmit the same
"to the notice of the Britannic Governor
"of Surat to adopt such measures
"as may be necessary for the security
"of National Ships anchored in that
"Port."

I have made the above
communication to the Commanders of
the two Ships at the Bar to be on
their guard, but as they are not
provided sufficiently to sustain
any unforeseen attack from them
I request you will take into
consideration the protection of the
Ships

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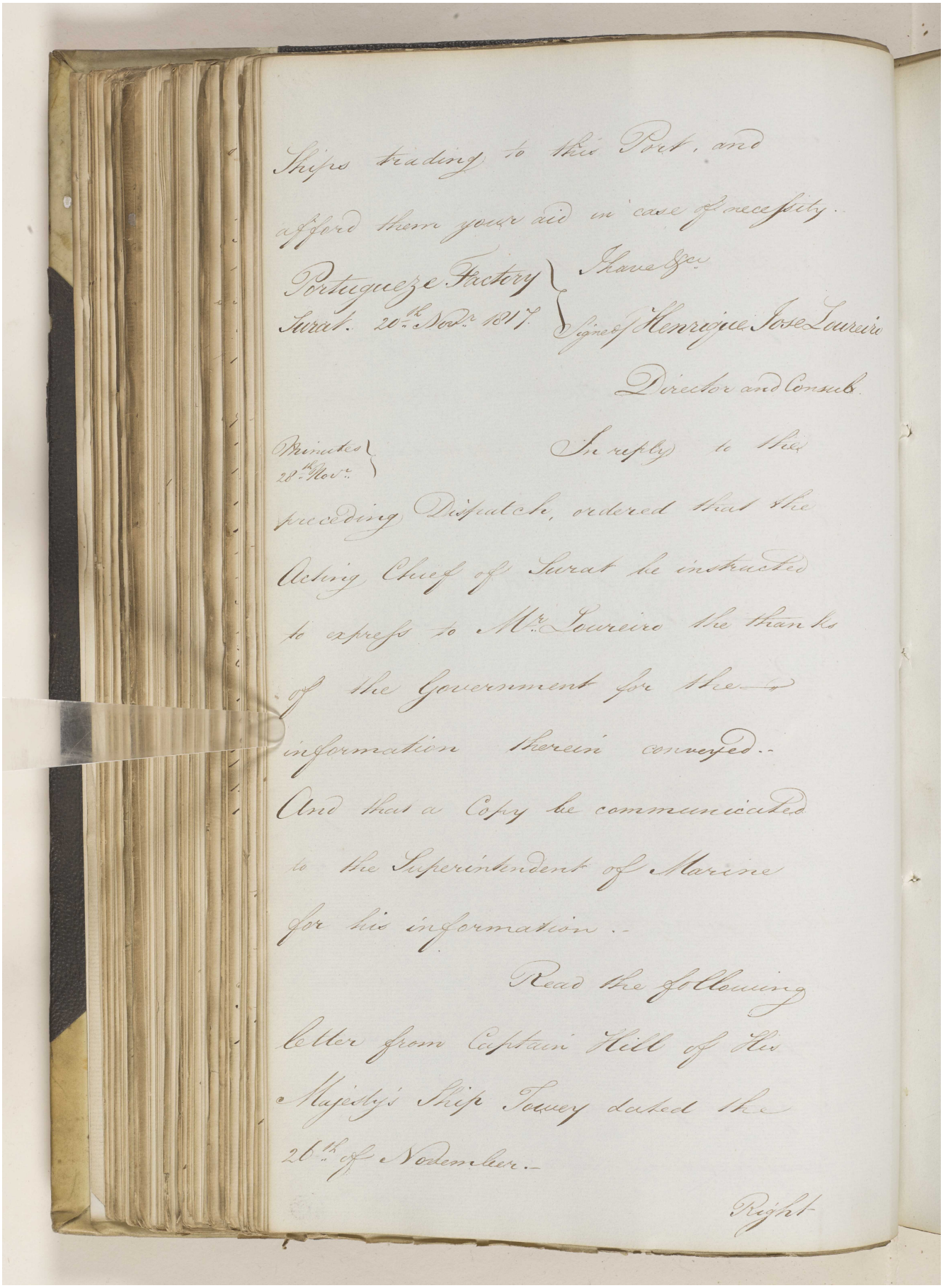

Ships trading to this Port, and
afford them your aid in case of necessity.

Portuguese Factory
Surat. 20th Novr 1817.

I have &c
Signed Henrique José Loureiro
Director and Consul.

Minutes
28th Novr.

In reply to the
preceding Dispatch, ordered that the
Acting Chief of Surat be instructed
to express to Mr. Loureiro the thanks
of the Government for the
information therein conveyed.
And that a Copy be communicated
to the Superintendent of Marine
for his information.

Read the following
Letter from Captain Hill of His
Majesty's Ship Tower dated the
26th of November.

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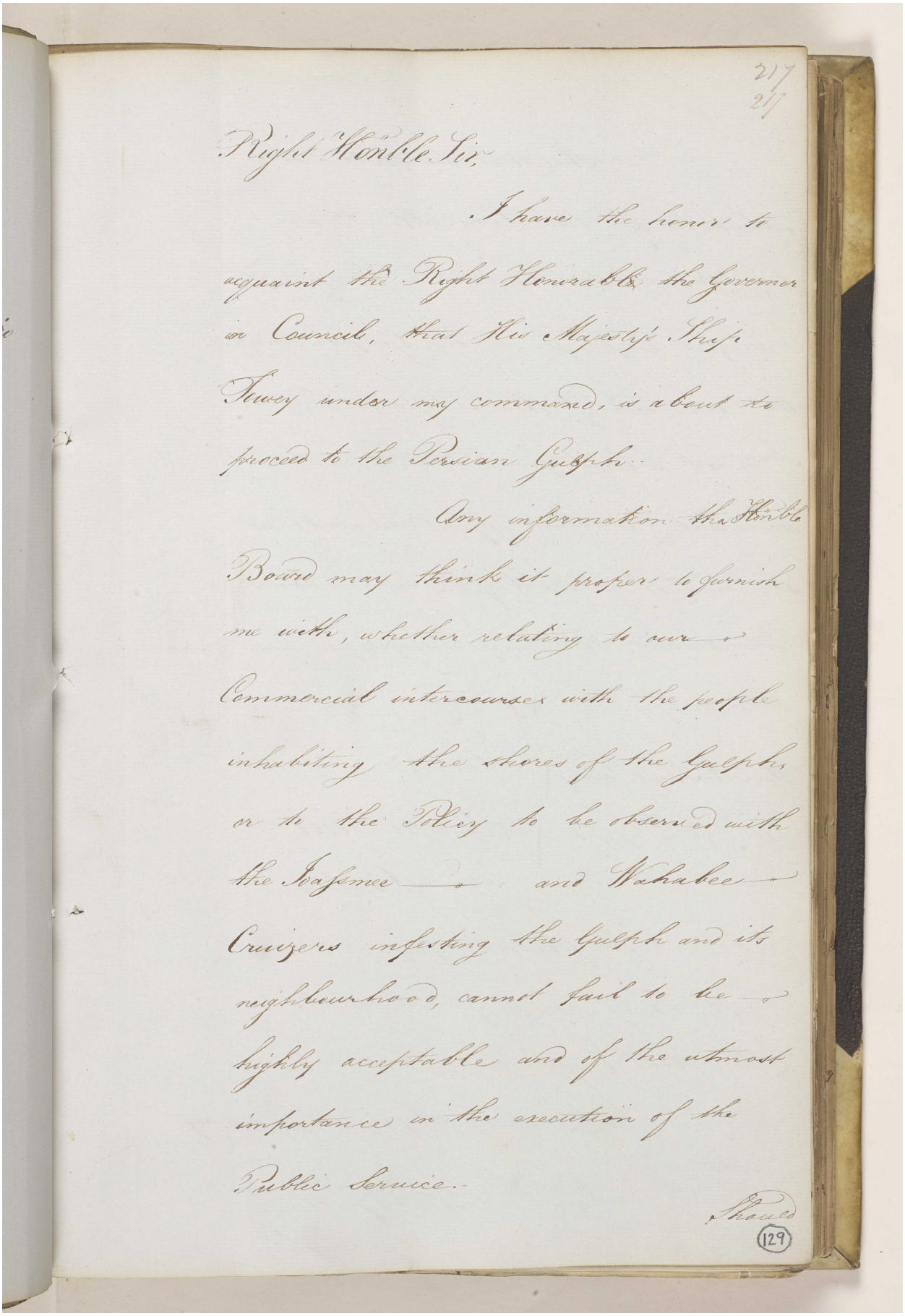

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Right Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that His Majesty's Ship Tweed under my command, is about to proceed to the Persian Gulph.

Any information the Honble Board may think it proper to furnish me with, whether relating to our Commercial intercourse with the people inhabiting the shores of the Gulph, or to the Policy to be observed with the Joasmee and Wahabee Cruizers infesting the Gulph and its neighbourhood, cannot fail to be highly acceptable and of the utmost importance in the execution of the Public Service.

I have &c

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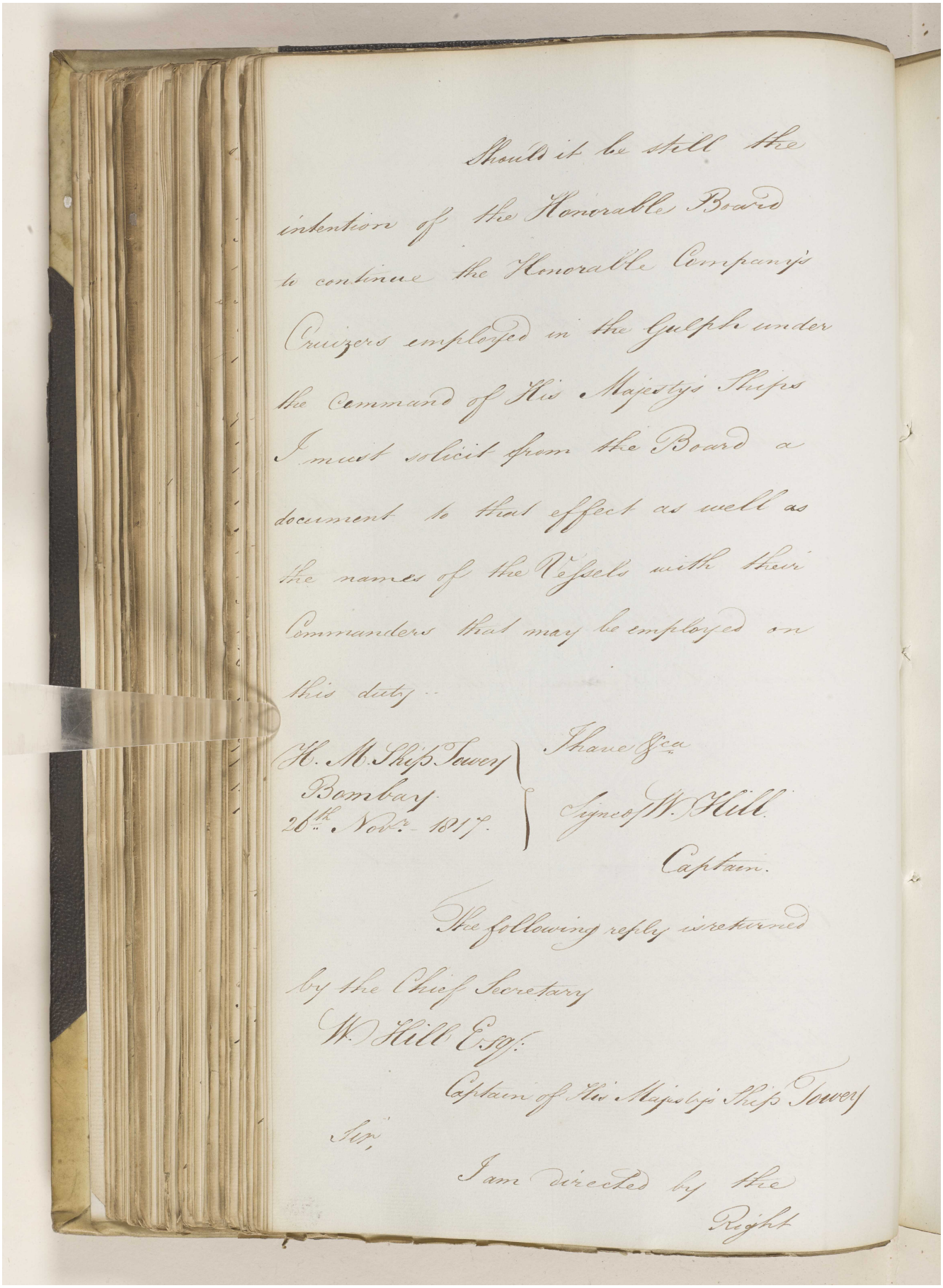

Should it be still the
intention of the Honorable Board
to continue the Honorable Company's
Cruizers employed in the Gulph under
the command of His Majesty's Ships
I must solicit from the Board a
document to that effect as well as
the names of the Vessels with their
Commanders that may be employed on
this duty.

H. M. Ship Tower
Bombay
26th Novr. 1817.

I have &c.
Signed W. Hill
Captain.

The following reply is returned
by the Chief Secretary

W. Hill Esqr.
Captain of His Majesty's Ship Tower

Sir,

I am directed by the
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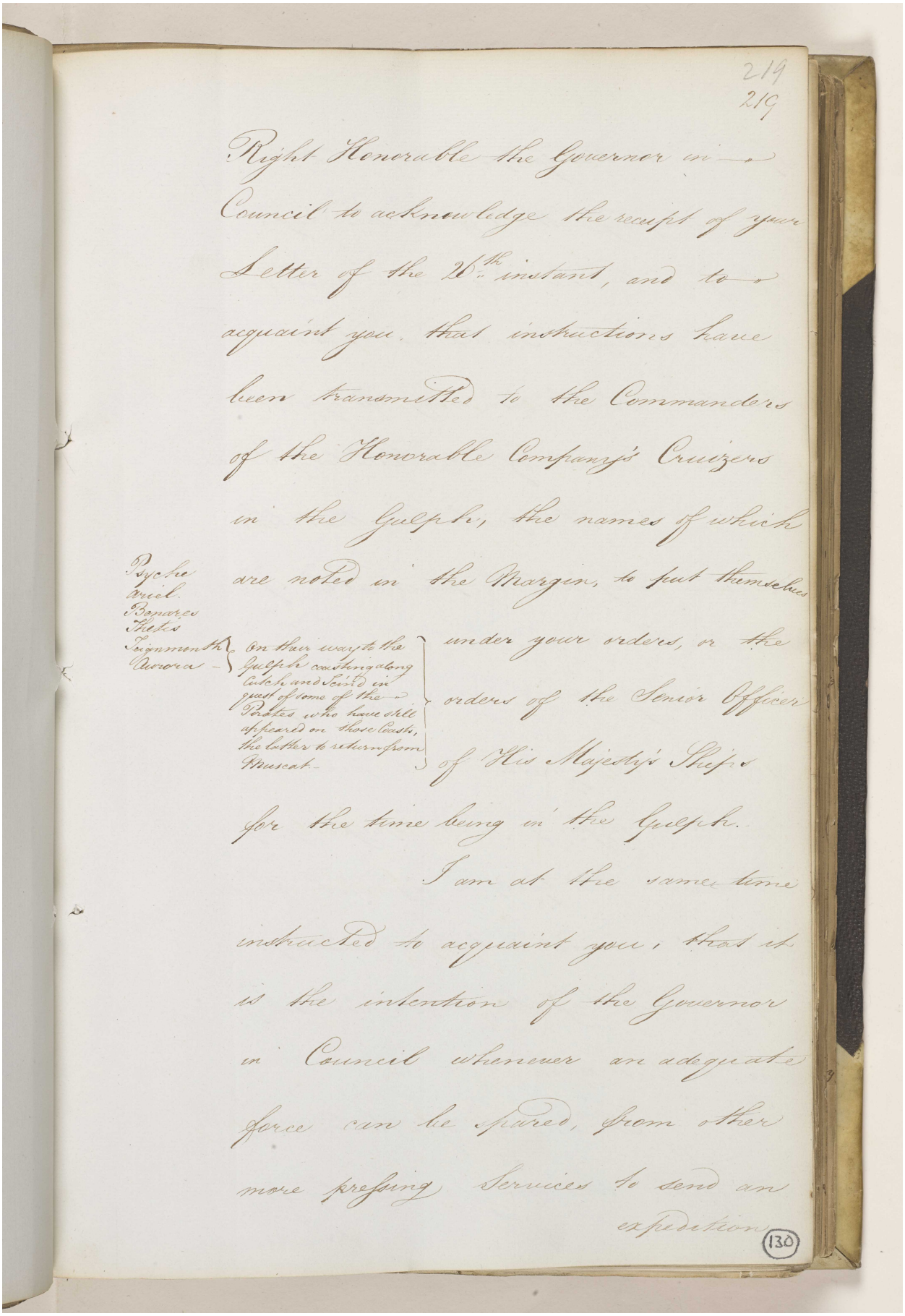

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Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 26th instant, and to acquaint you, that instructions have been transmitted to the Commanders of the Honorable Company's Cruizers in the Gulph, the names of which are noted in the Margin, to put themselves under your orders, or the orders of the Senior Officer of His Majesty's Ships for the time being in the Gulph.

Psyche
Ariel
Benares
Thetis
Teignmouth
Aurora

On their way to the Gulph coasting along Cutch and Scind in quest of some of the Pirates who have still appeared on those Coasts, the latter to return from Muscat.

I am at the same time instructed to acquaint you, that it is the intention of the Governor in Council whenever an adequate force can be spared, from other more pressing Services to send an expedition

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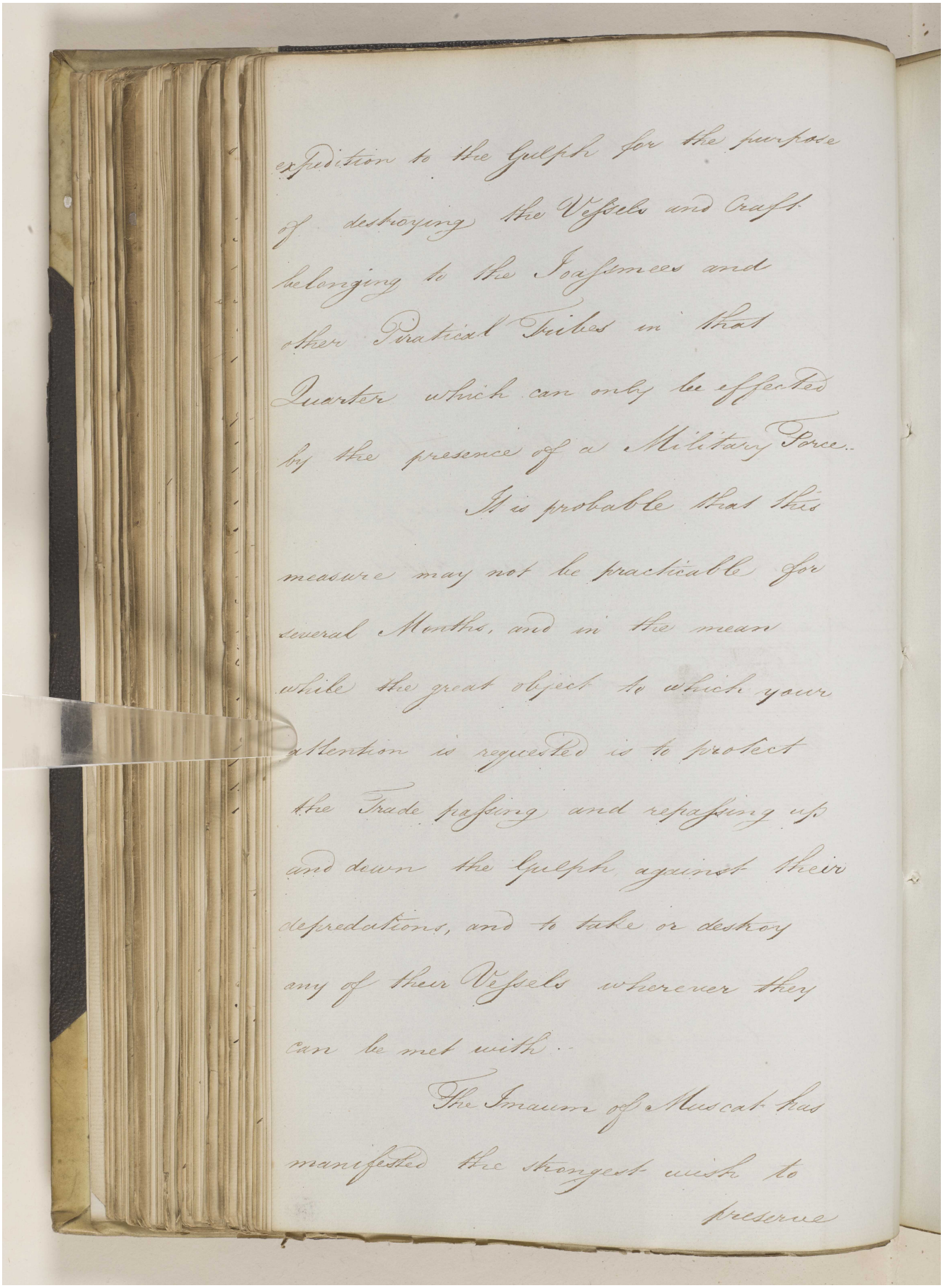

expedition to the Gulph for the purpose of destroying the Vessels and Craft belonging to the Joasmees and other Piratical Tribes in that Quarter which can only be effected by the presence of a Military Force.

It is probable that this measure may not be practicable for several Months, and in the mean while the great object to which your attention is requested is to protect the Trade passing and repassing up and down the Gulph against their depredations, and to take or destroy any of their Vessels wherever they can be met with.

The Imaum of Muscat has manifested the strongest wish to preserve

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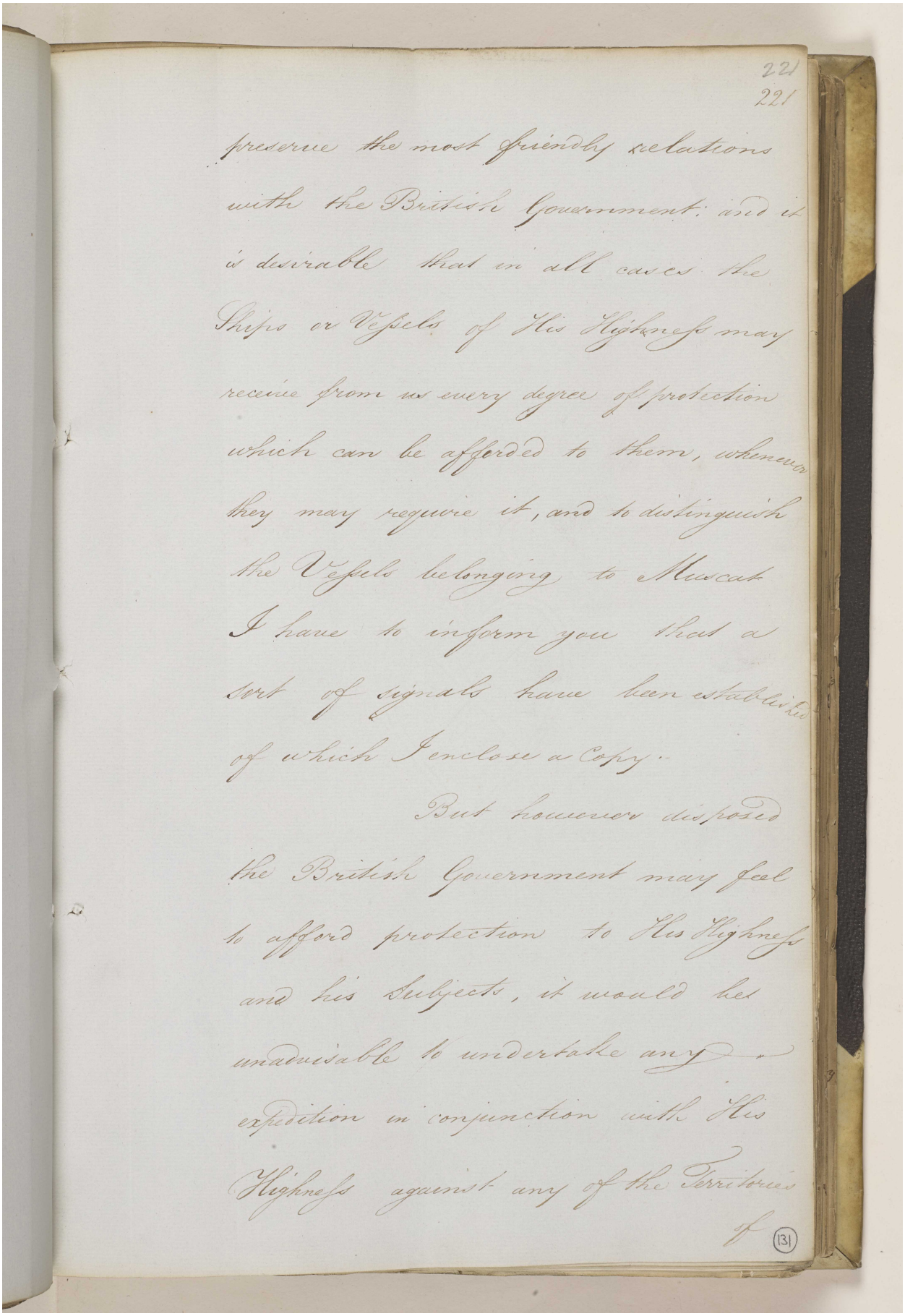

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preserve the most friendly relations
with the British Government: and it
is desirable that in all cases the
Ships or Vessels of His Highness may
receive from us every degree of protection
which can be afforded to them, whenever
they may require it, and to distinguish
the Vessels belonging to Muscat
I have to inform you that a
sort of signals have been established
of which I enclose a Copy.

But however disposed
the British Government may feel
to afford protection to His Highness
and his Subjects, it would be
inadvisable to undertake any
expedition in conjunction with His
Highness against any of the Territories
of

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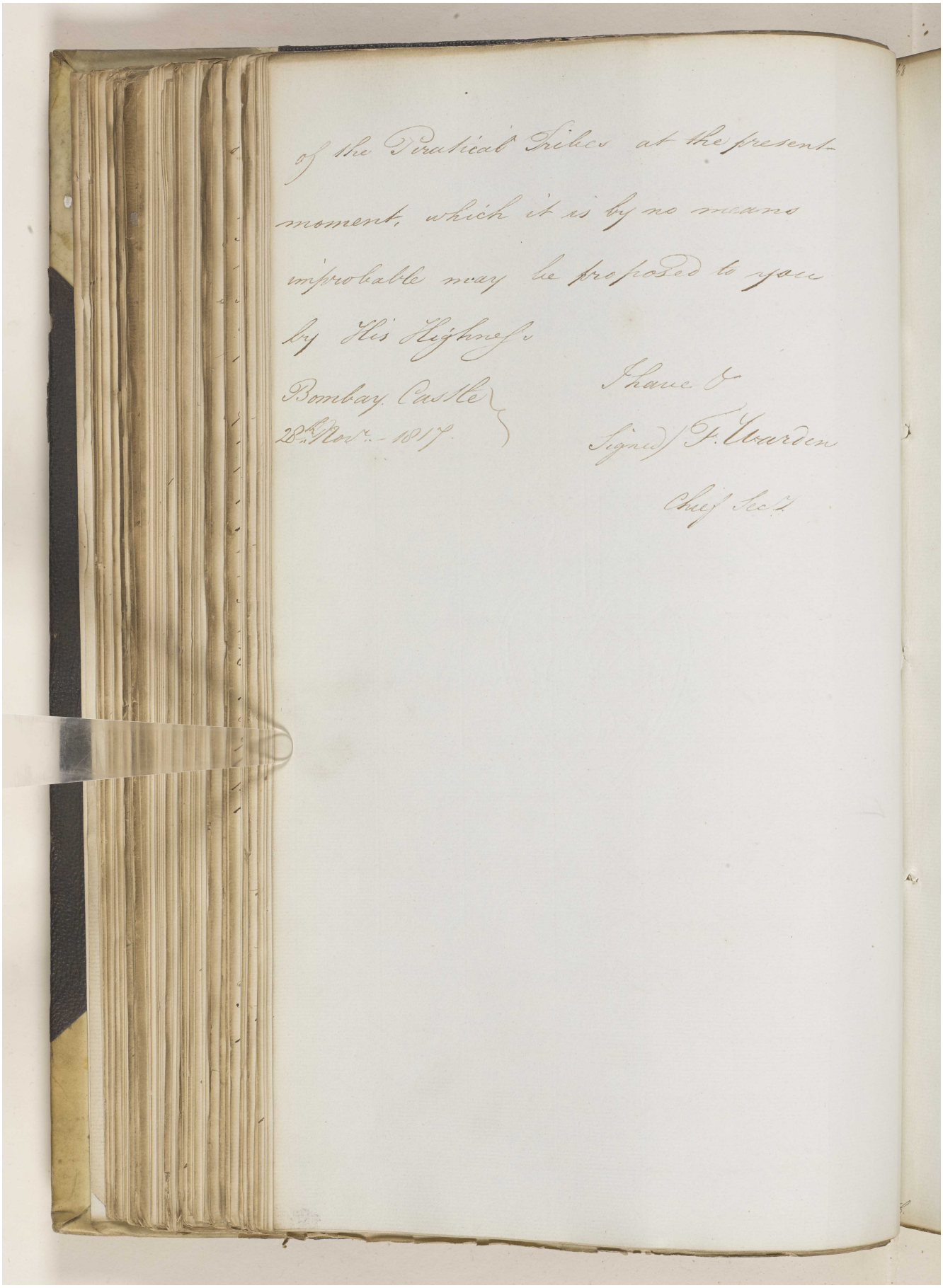

of the Piratical Tribes at the present moment, which it is by no means improbable may be proposed to you by His Highness.

Bombay Castle
28th Novr. 1817

I have &
Signed F. Warden
Chief Secy.

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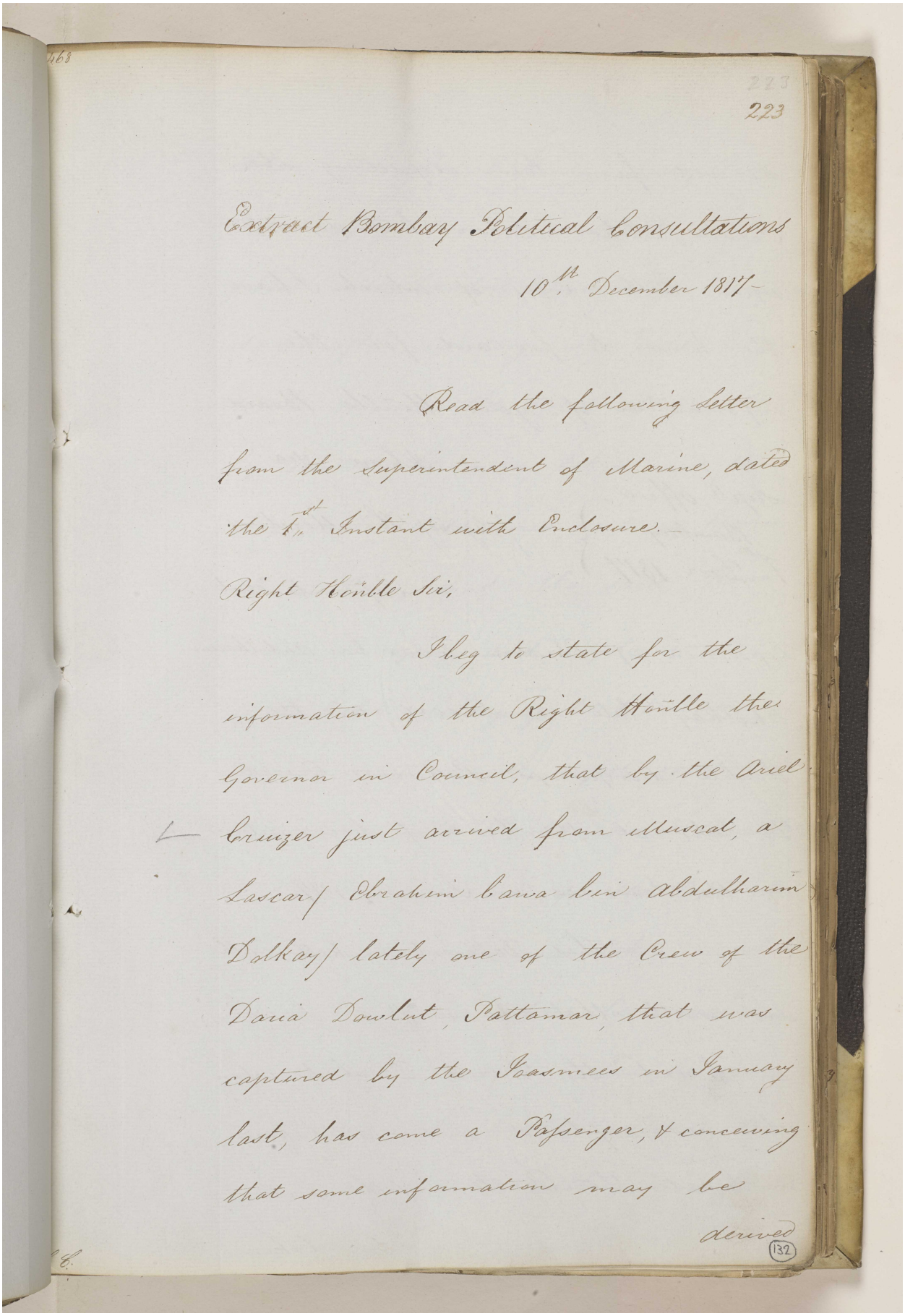

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10th December 1817

Read the following Letter from the Superintendent of Marine, dated the 1st Instant with Enclosure.

Right Honble Sir,

I beg to state for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that by the Ariel Cruizer just arrived from Muscat, a Lascar Ebrahim bawa bin Abdulkarim Dalkay lately one of the Crew of the Dana Dowlut, Pattamar, that was captured by the Joasmees in January last, has come a Passenger, & conceiving that some information may be derived

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derived from him respecting the Pirates, I have taken his deposition upon oath, Copy of which I have the honor to forward for the information of your Honble Board.-

I have &ca

Sup^ts Office
Bombay
1st Decr 1817

(Signed) H. Meriton
Superintendent

Deposition of Ebrahim bawa bin Abdulkarim Dholkay late a Lascar in the Honble Company's Pattamar Daria Dowlut, at the time of her capture by the Joasmees in January 1817.-

This Deponent maketh oath and saith, that he was a Lascar on board the Daria Dowlut when she was captured, and was taken on board the Pirate vessel and

taken

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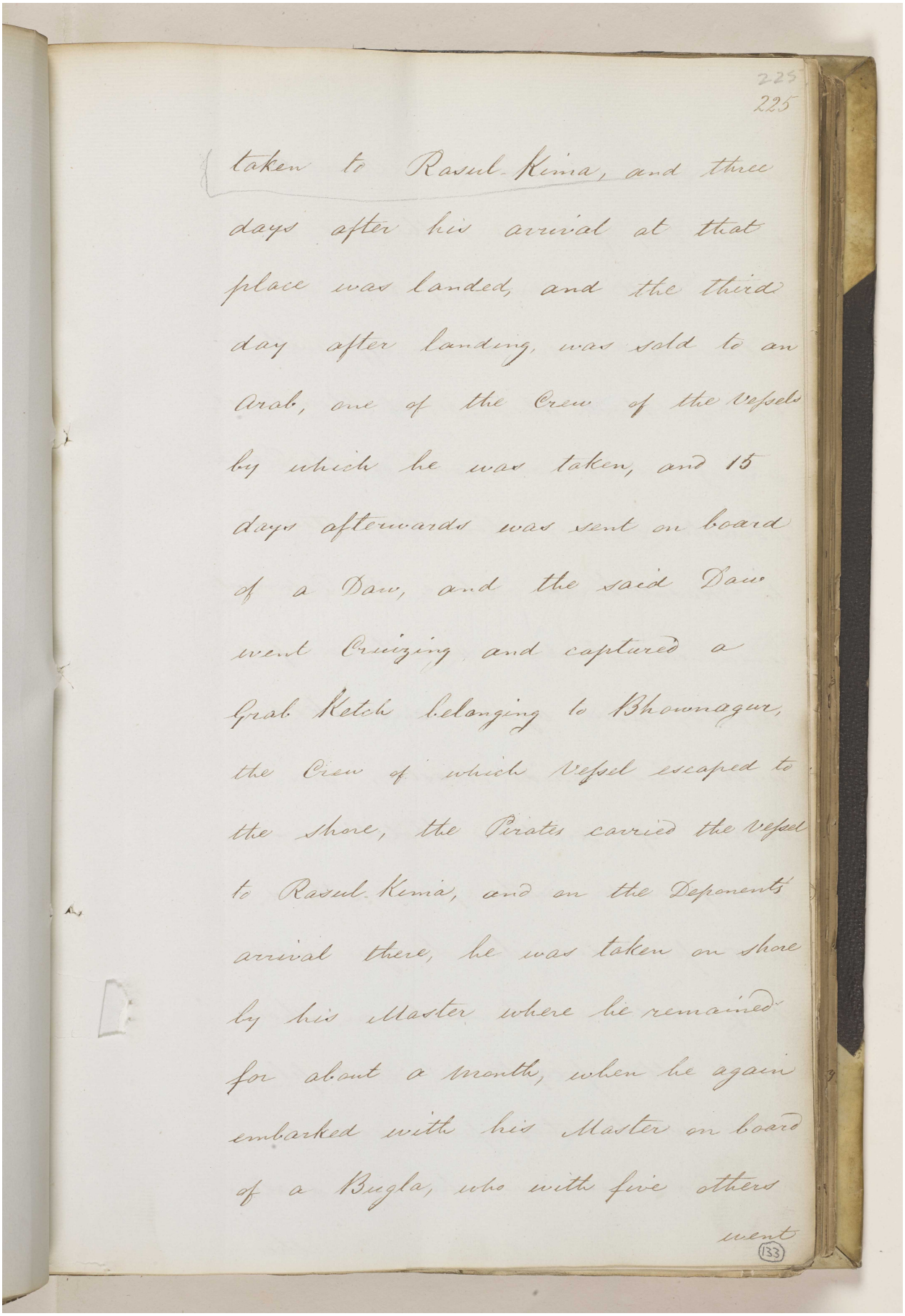

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taken to Rasul Kima, and three days after his arrival at that place was landed, and the third day after landing, was sold to an Arab, one of the Crew of the Vessels by which he was taken, and 15 days afterwards was sent on board of a Dow, and the said Dow went Cruizing and captured a Grab Ketch belonging to Bhownagur, the Crew of which Vessel escaped to the shore, the Pirates carried the Vessel to Rasul Kima, and on the Deponents arrival there, he was taken on shore by his Master where he remained for about a month, when he again embarked with his Master on board of a Bugla, who with five others went

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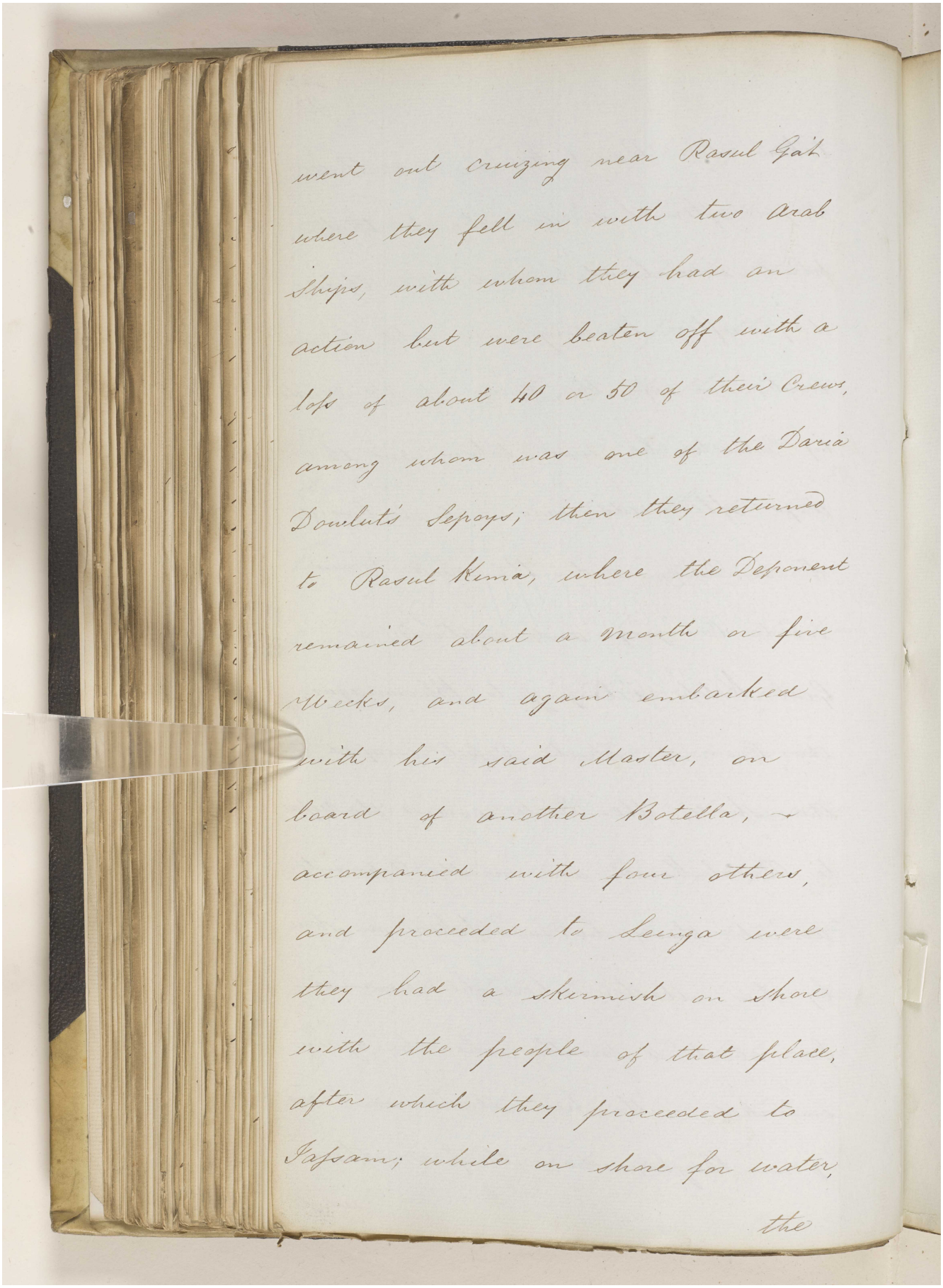
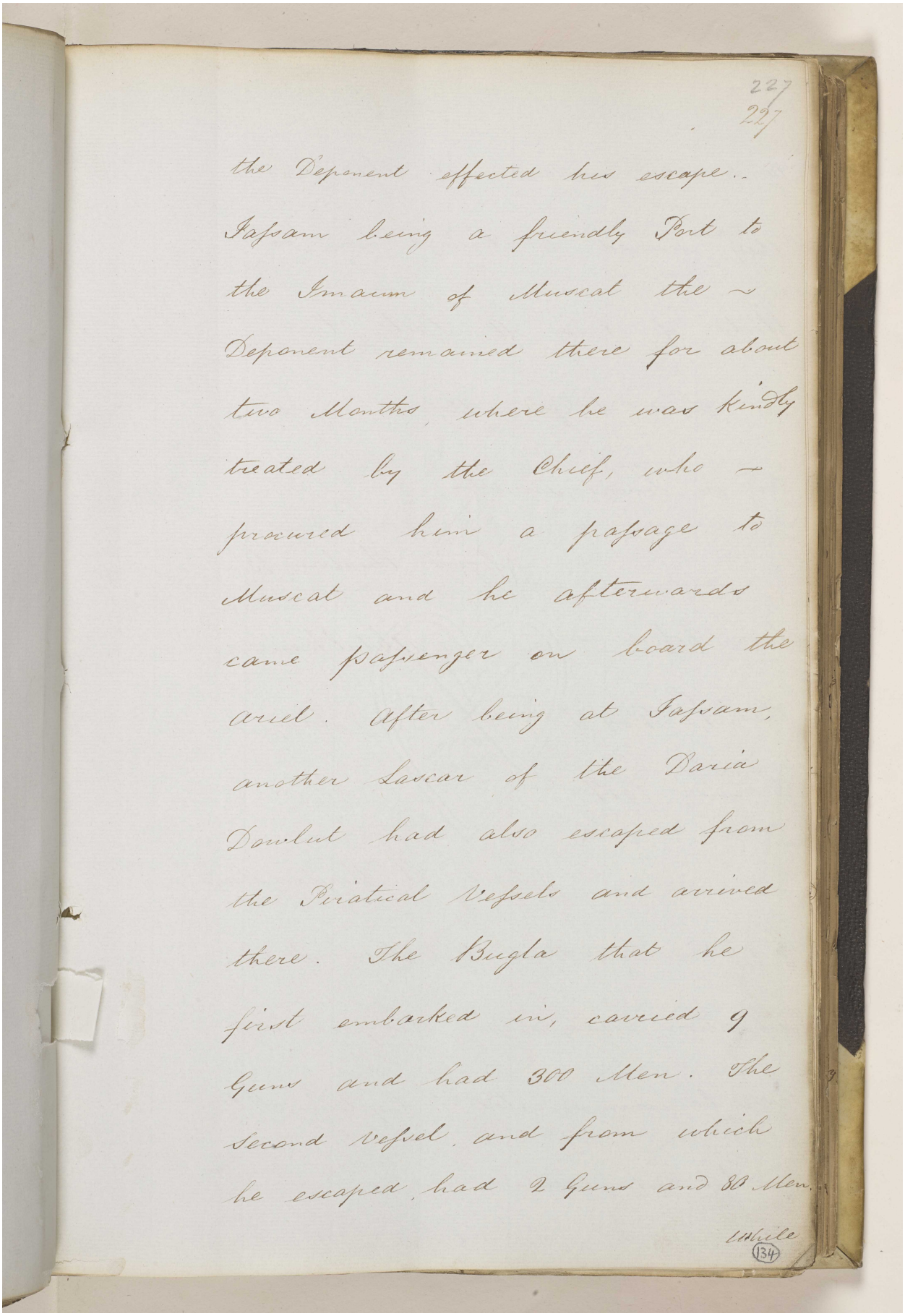


went out cruizing near Rasul Gát
where they fell in with two Arab
Ships, with whom they had an
action but were beaten off with a
loss of about 40 or 50 of their Crews,
among whom was one of the Daria
Doulut's Sepoys; then they returned
to Rasul Kimia, where the Deponent
remained about a Month or five
Weeks, and again embarked
with his said Master, on
board of another Botella, —
accompanied with four others,
and proceeded to Lenga were
they had a Skirmish on Shore
with the people of that place,
after which they proceeded to
Jafsam; while on shore for water,
the



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the Deponent effected his escape.
Jafsam being a friendly Port to
the Imaum of Muscat the ~
Deponent remained there for about
two Months, where he was kindly
treated by the Chief, who ~
procured him a passage to
Muscat and he afterwards
came passenger on board the
Ariel. After being at Jafsam,
another Lascar of the Daria
Doulut had also escaped from
the Piratical Vessels and arrived
there. The Bugla that he
first embarked in, carried 9
Guns and had 300 Men. The
second Vessel, and from which
he escaped, had 2 Guns and 80 Men.

While

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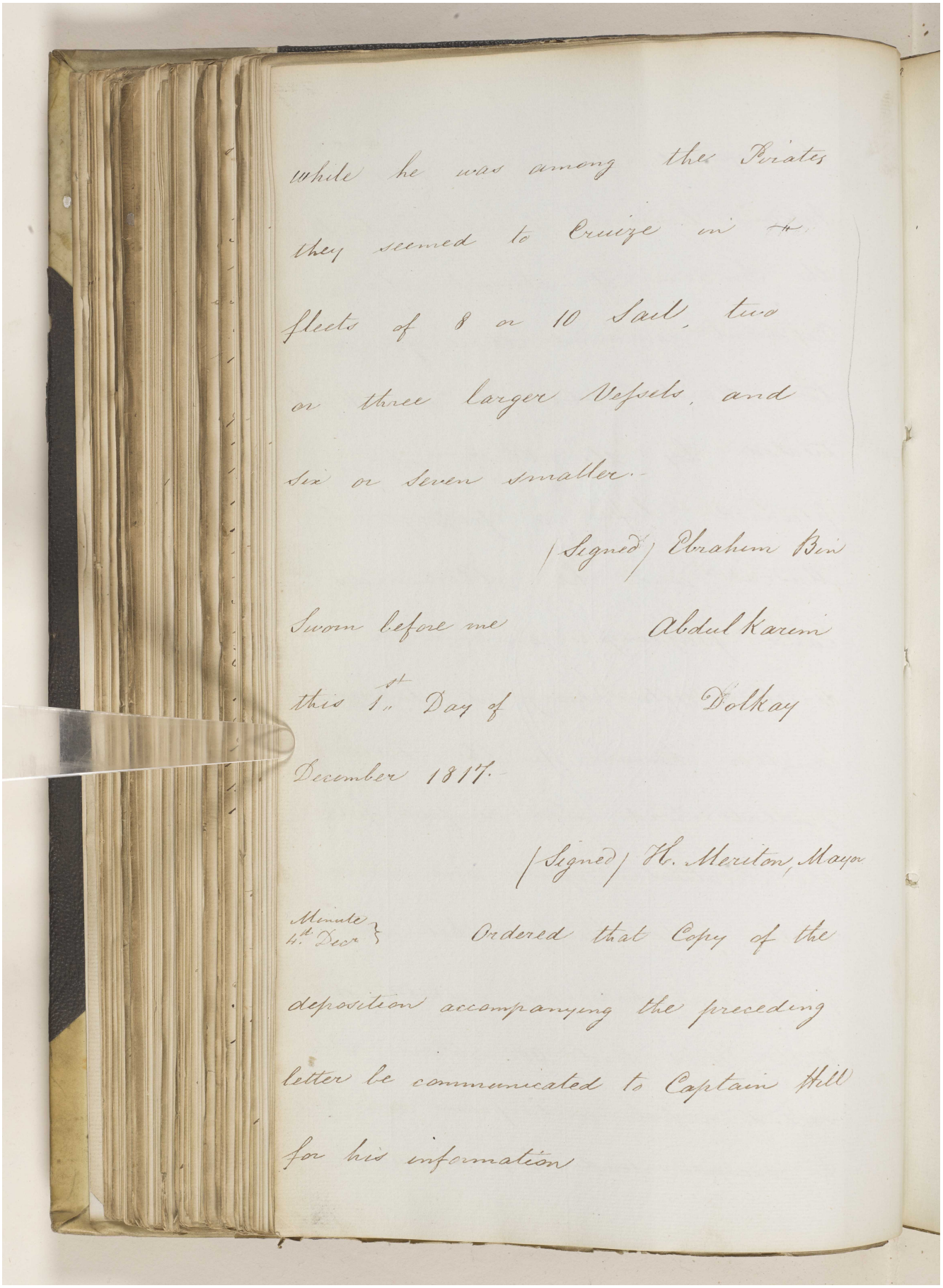


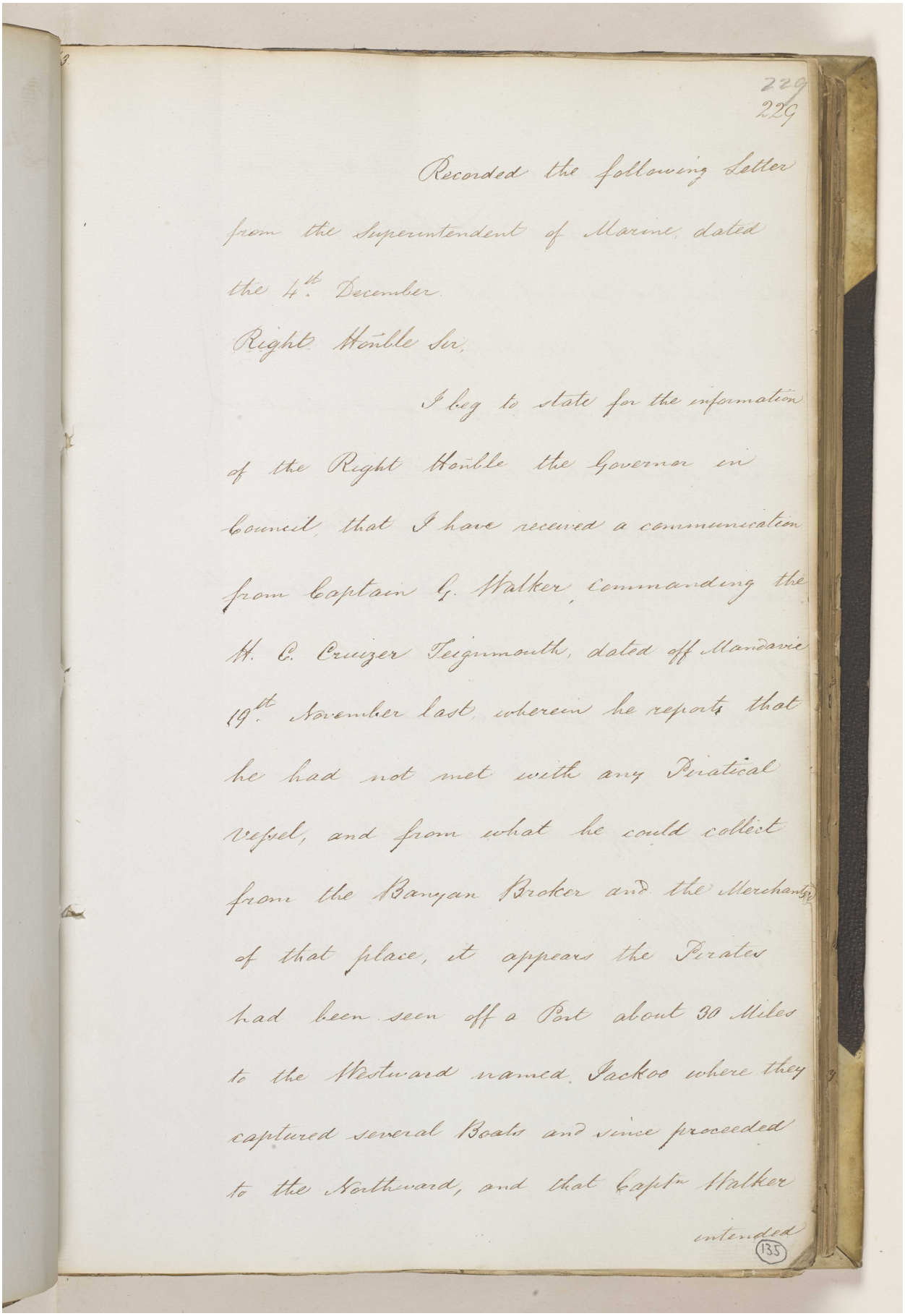
while he was among the Pirates they seemed to Cruize in the fleets of 8 or 10 Sail, two or three larger Vessels, and Six or Seven smaller.

(Signed) Ebrahem Bin Abdul Karem Dolkay

Sworn before me this 1st Day of December 1817.

(Signed) H. Meriton, Mayor

Minute 4th Dec. Ordered that Copy of the deposition accompanying the preceding letter be communicated to Captain Hill for his information



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Recorded the following Letter
from the Superintendent of Marine, dated
the 4th. December.

Right Honble Sir,

I beg to state for the information
of the Right Honble the Governor in
Council, that I have received a communication
from Captain G. Walker, commanding the
H. C. Cruizer Teignmouth, dated off Mandavie
19th. November last, wherein he reports that
he had not met with any Piratical
Vessel, and from what he could collect
from the Banyan Broker and the Merchants
of that place, it appears the Pirates
had been seen off a Port about 30 Miles
to the Westward named Jackoo where they
captured several Boats and since proceeded
to the Northward, and that Captn Walker
intended

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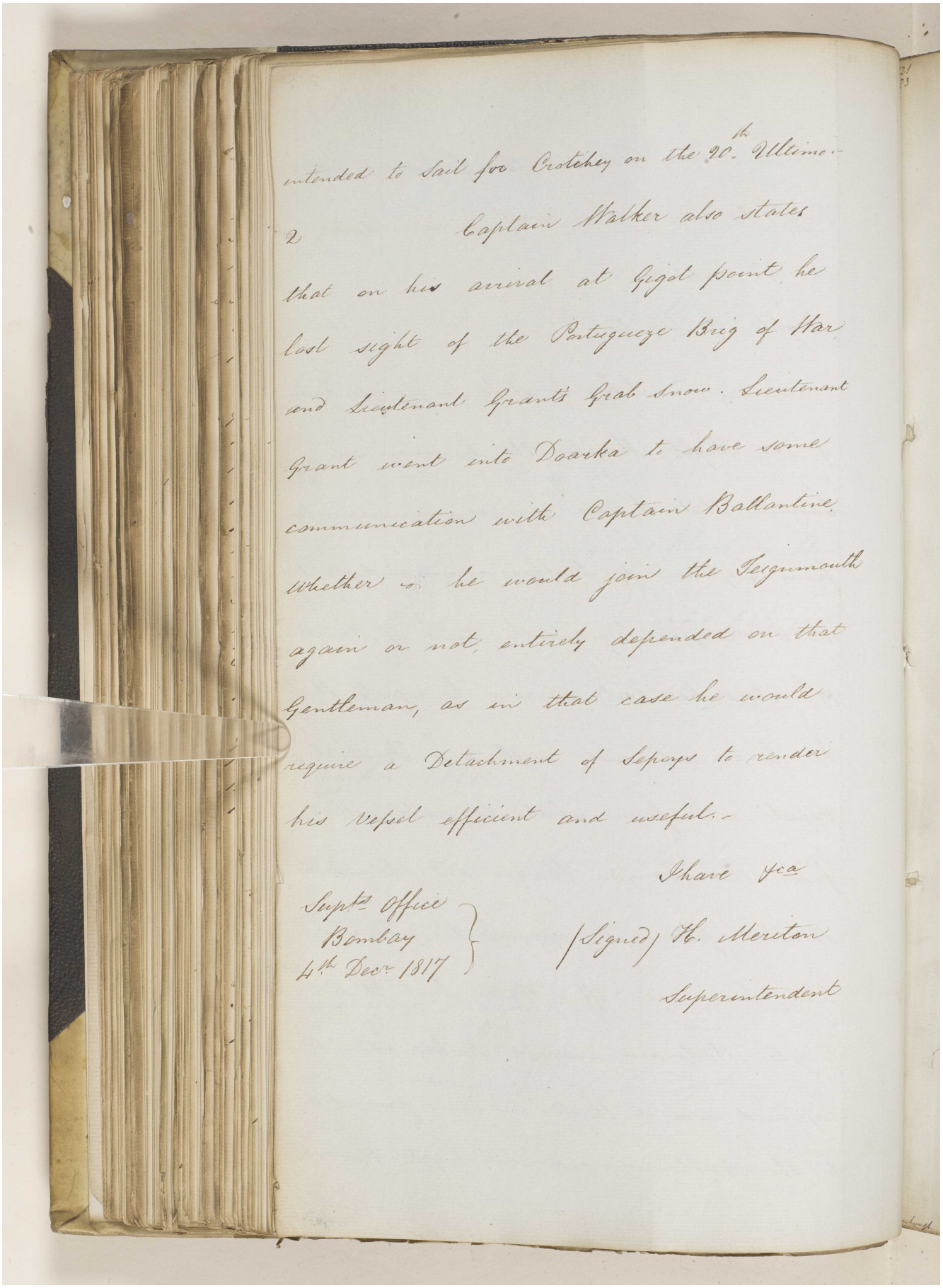


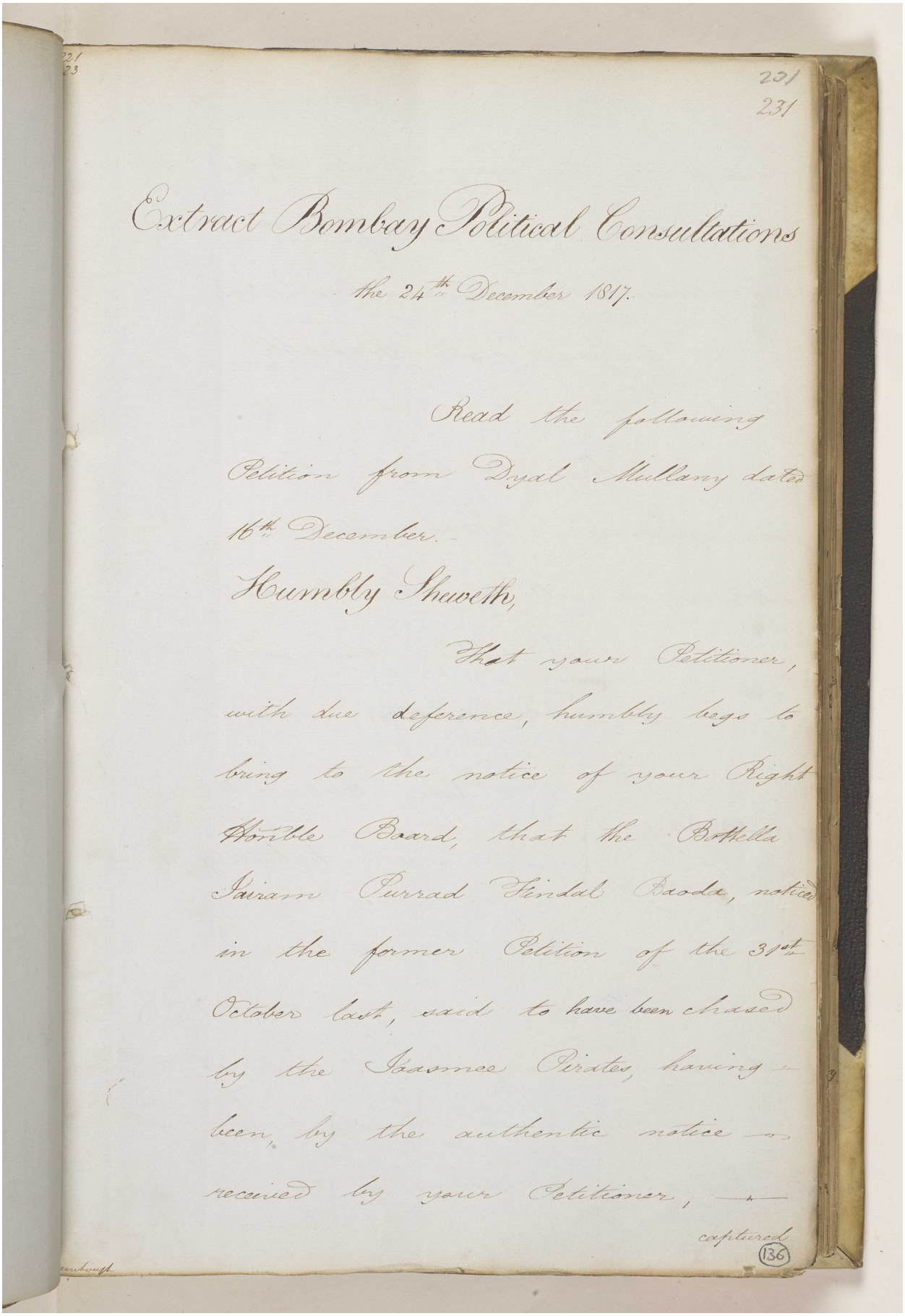
intended to Sail for Cutchey on the 20th Ultimo.-

2 Captain Walker also states that on his arrival at Gigal point he lost sight of the Portugueze Brig of War and Lieutenant Grant's Grab Snow. Lieutenant Grant went into Doarka to have some communication with Captain Ballantine, whether or he would join the Teignmouth again or not, entirely depended on that Gentleman, as in that case he would require a Detachment of Sepoys to render his Vessel efficient and useful.-

I have &c.

(Signed) H. Meriton
Superintendent

Supt. Office
Bombay
4th Decr 1817



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the 24th December 1817.

Read the following Petition from Dyal Mullany dated 16th December.

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner, with due deference, humbly begs to bring to the notice of your Right Honble Board, that the Brthella Jairam Purrad Sindal Baoda, noticed in the former Petition of the 31st October last, said to have been chased by the Joasmee Pirates, having been, by the authentic notice received by your Petitioner,

captured

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captured by the same Pirates to the
very great injury of your Petitioner
and others who are concerned therein, being
subject to your right Honorable
Board.

Humbly trusting from
the experienced British valour, your
Petitioner as well as other Merchants
will soon be relieved from such
an outrage and ruination,

Your Petitioner &c.

Bombay
16th December 1817. } (Signed) Dyal Mullaney

Minutes 20th Dec.r } Ordered the Petitioner —
Dyal Mullaney be informed that
the Governor in Council has not
been inattentive to the object of
checking the depredations of the —
Joasmee

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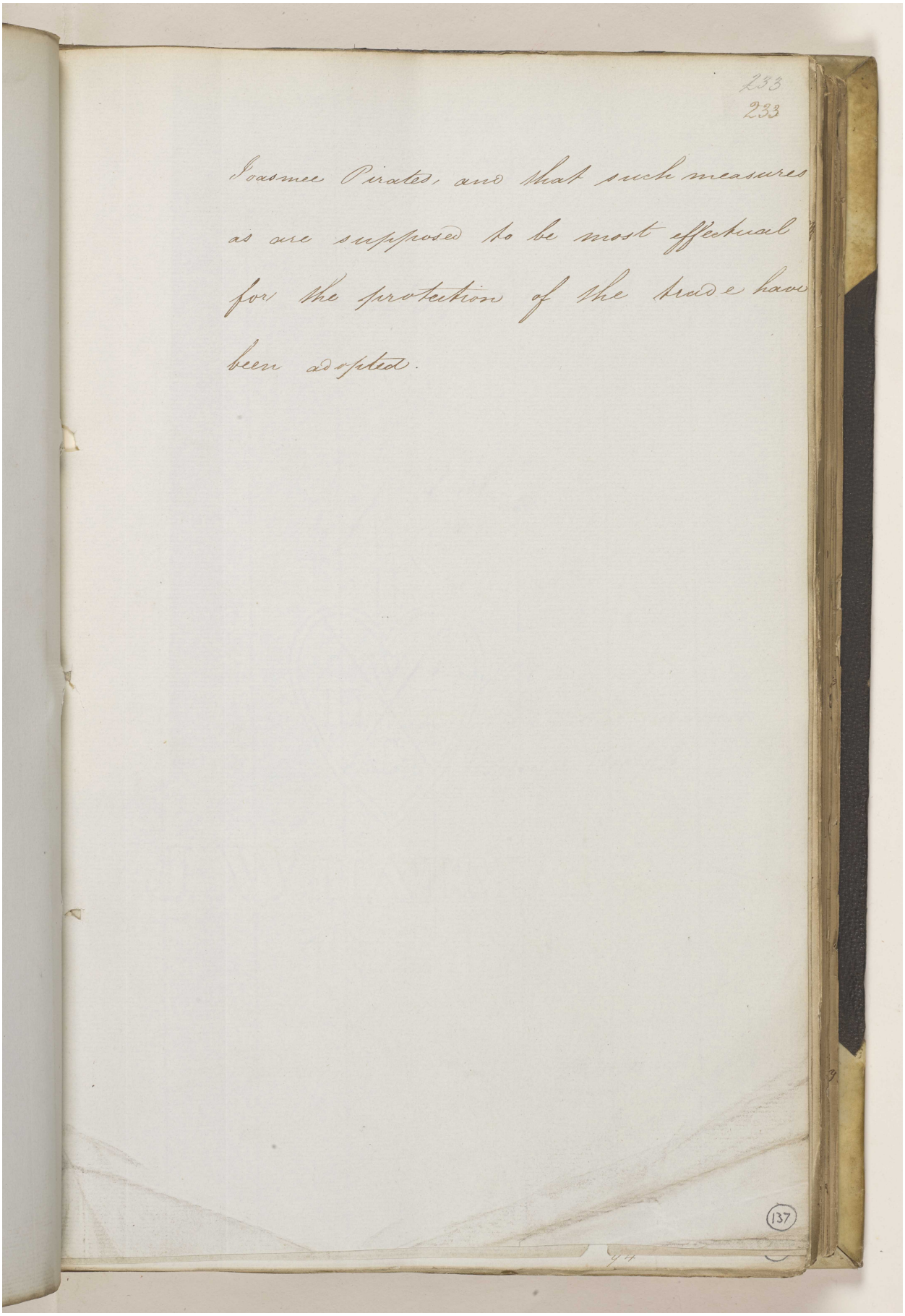

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Joasmee Pirates, and that such measures as are supposed to be most effectual for the protection of the trade have been adopted.

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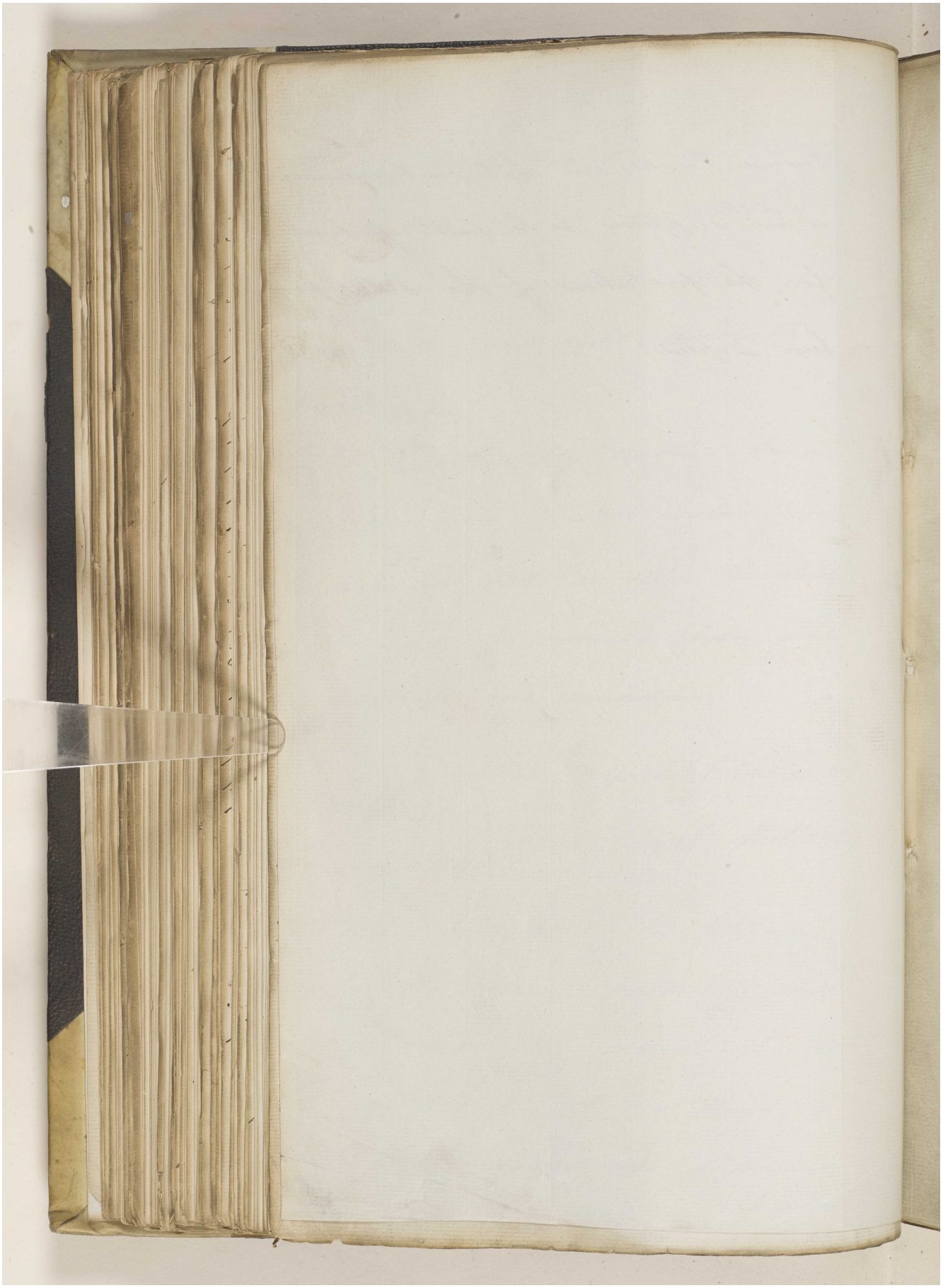

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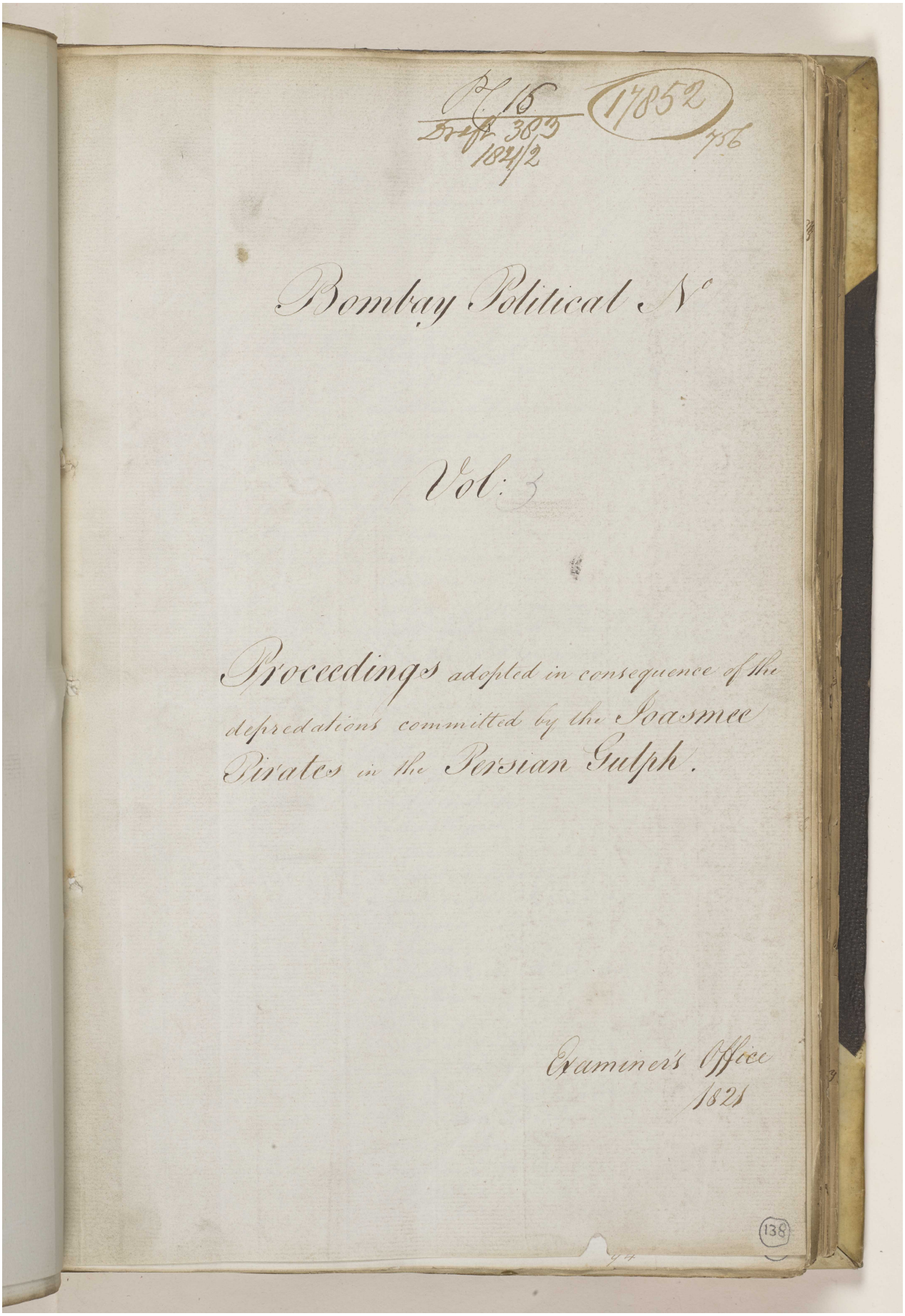

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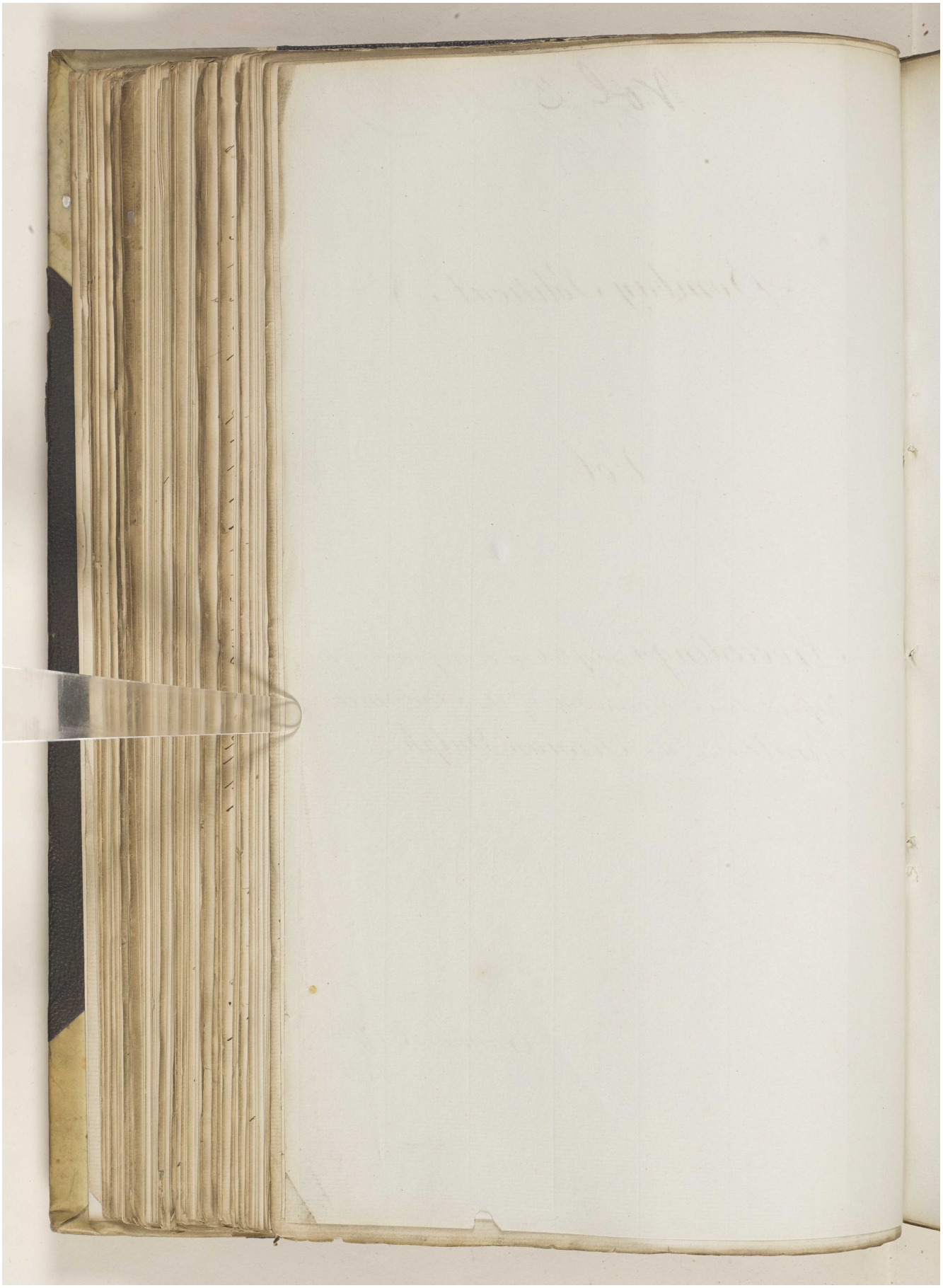

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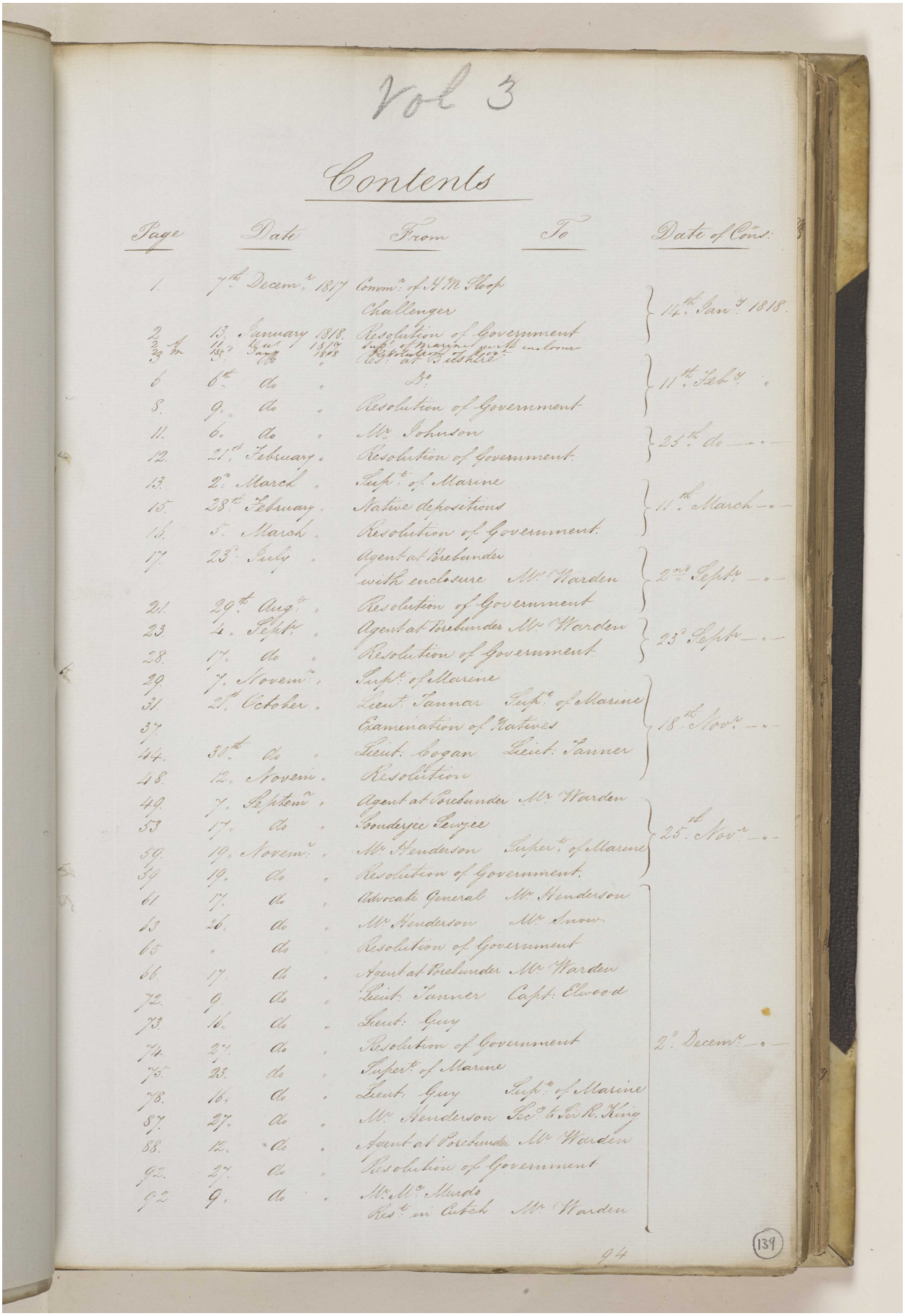

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21.	29th Augt	Resolution of Government		
23.	4. Septr	Agent at Porebunder	Mr Warden	23d Septr
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29.	7. Novemr	Supt of Marine		18th Novr
31.	21st October	Lieut Tannar	Supt of Marine	
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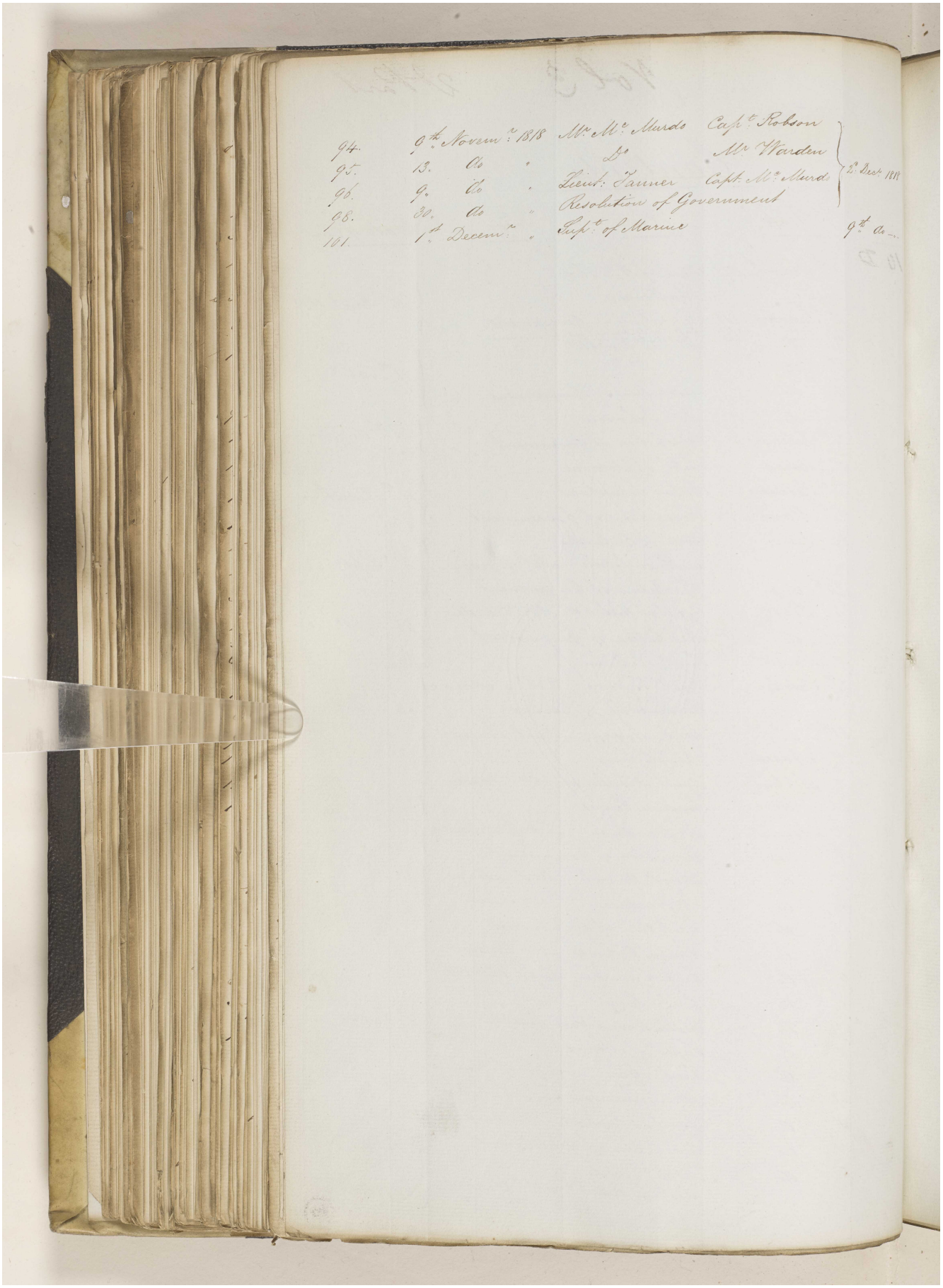

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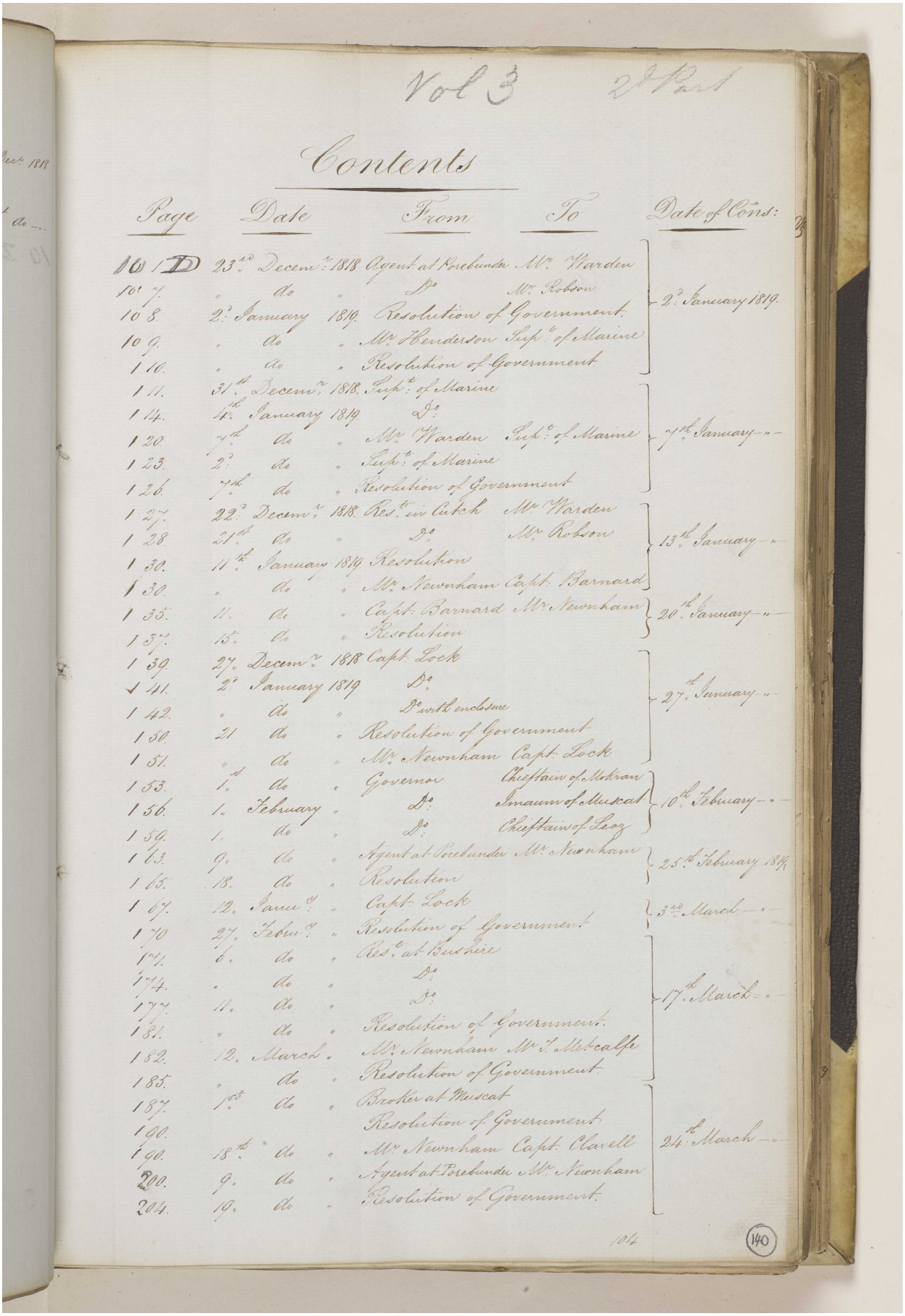

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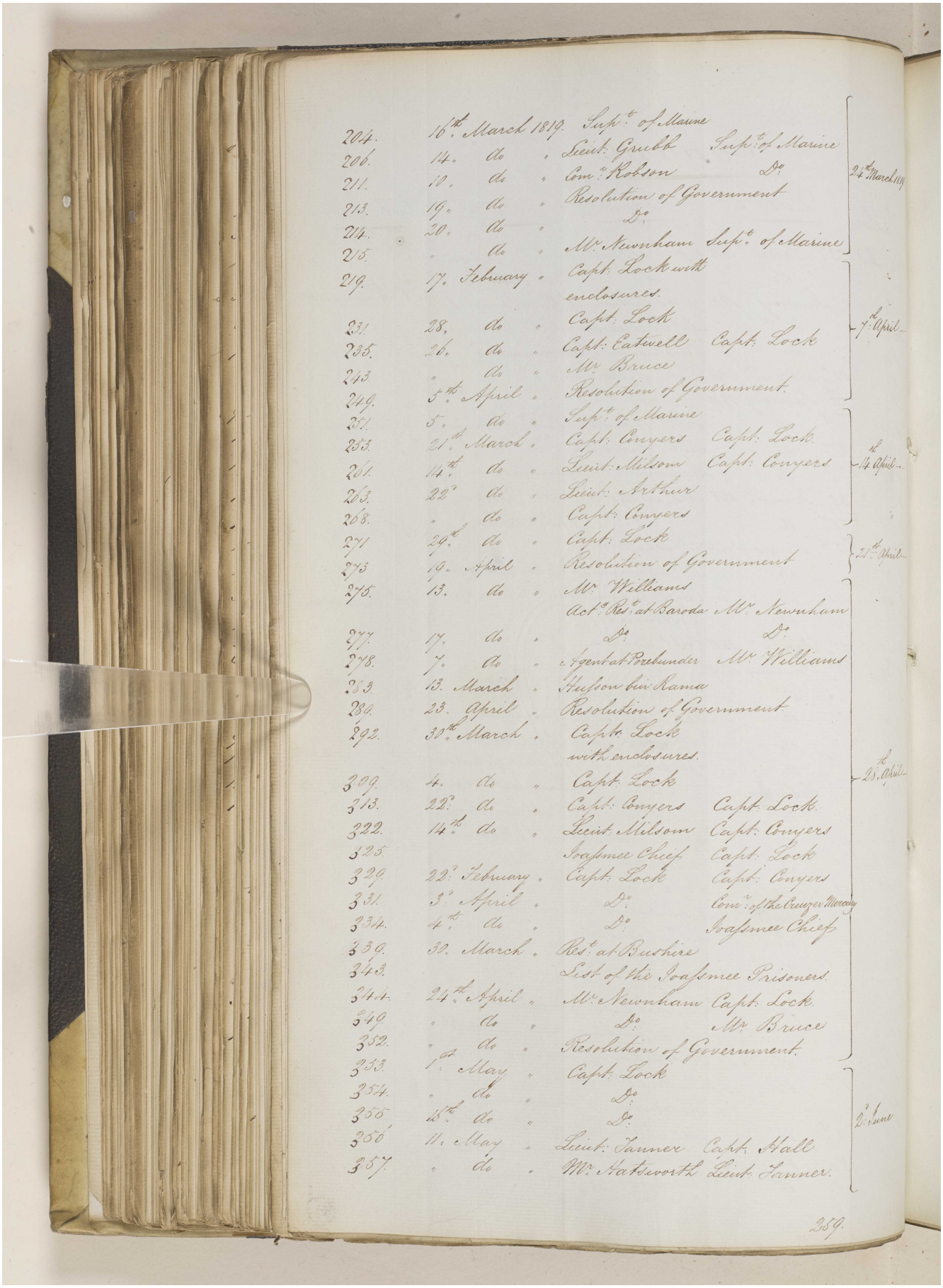

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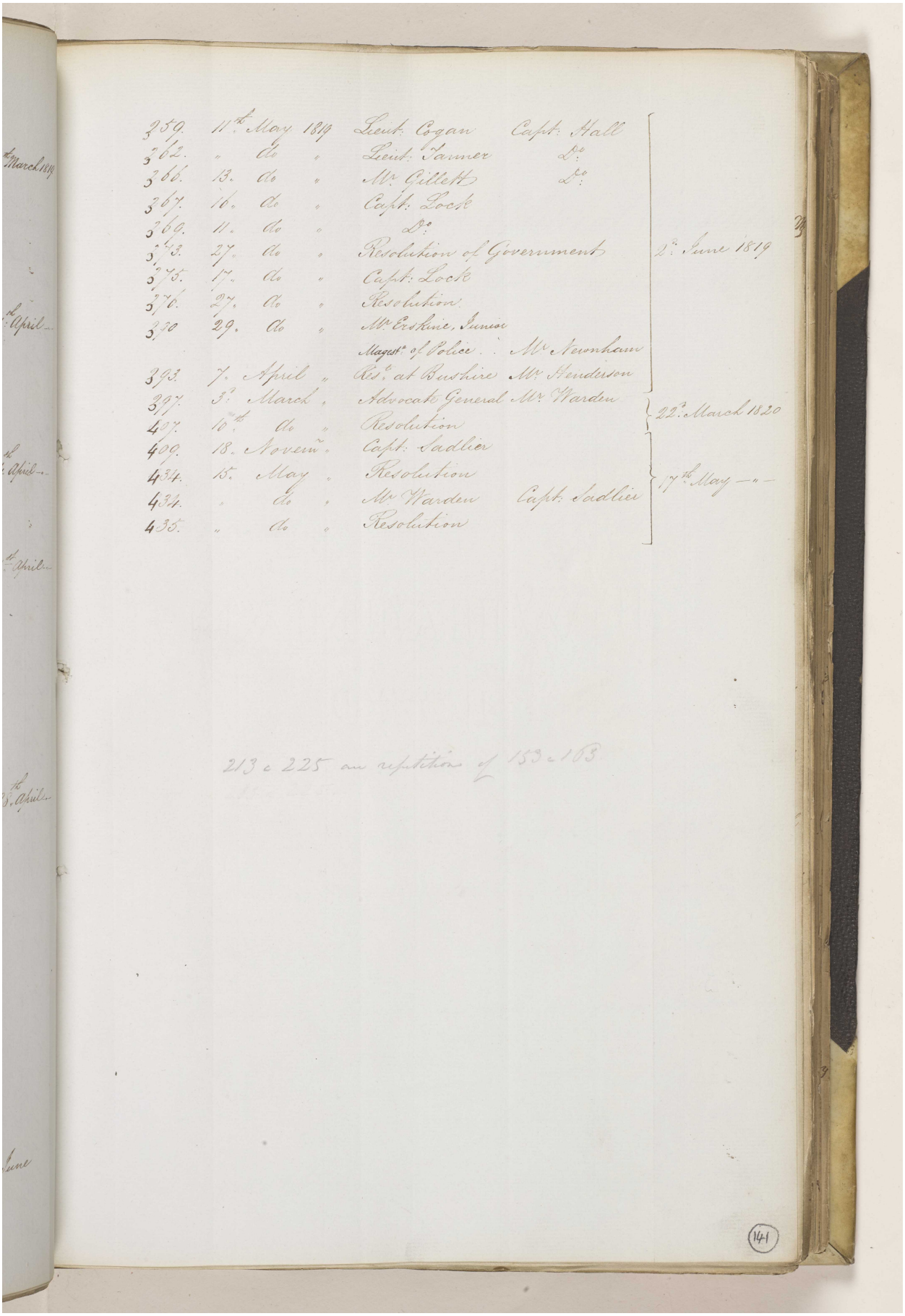

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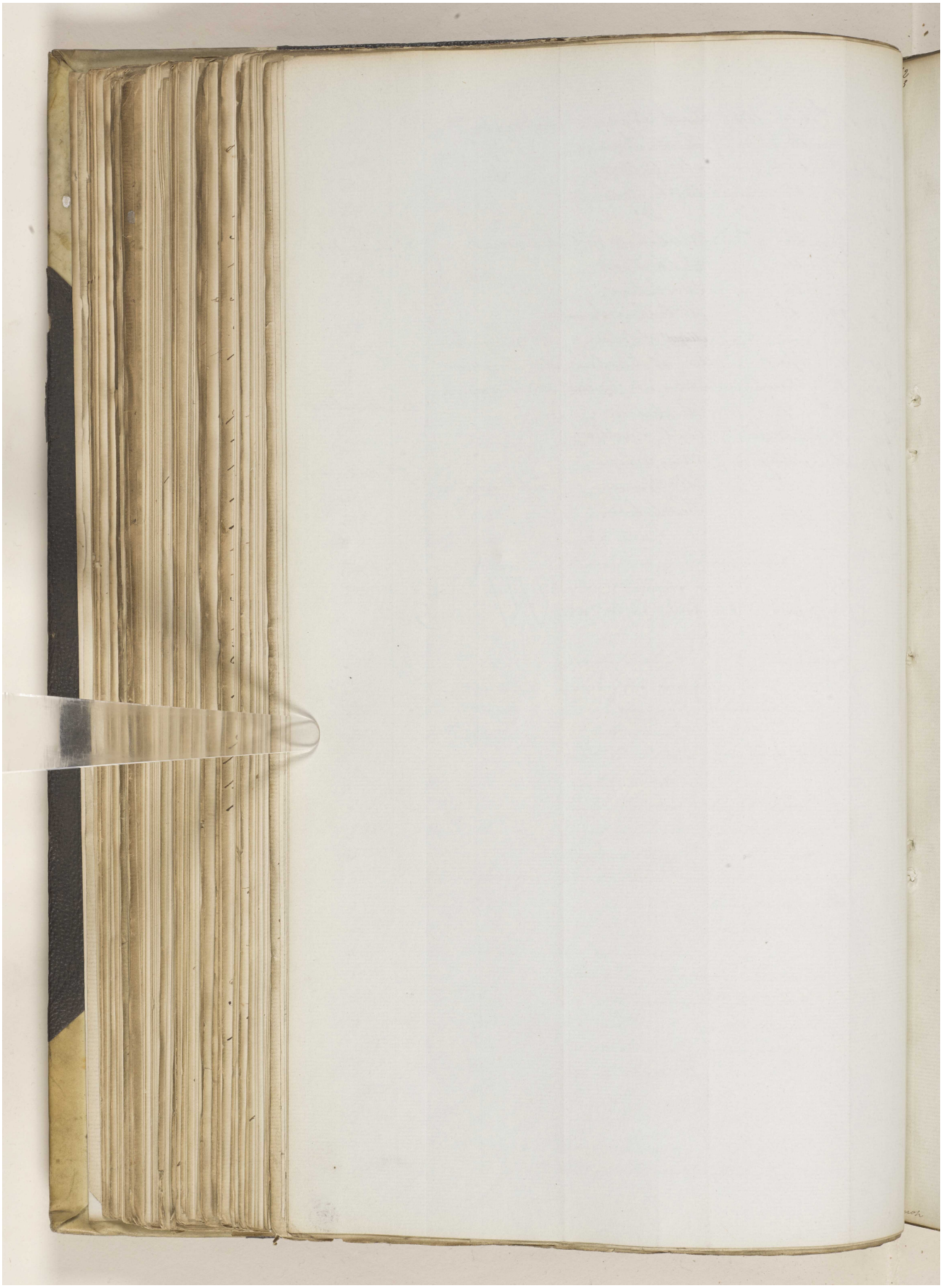

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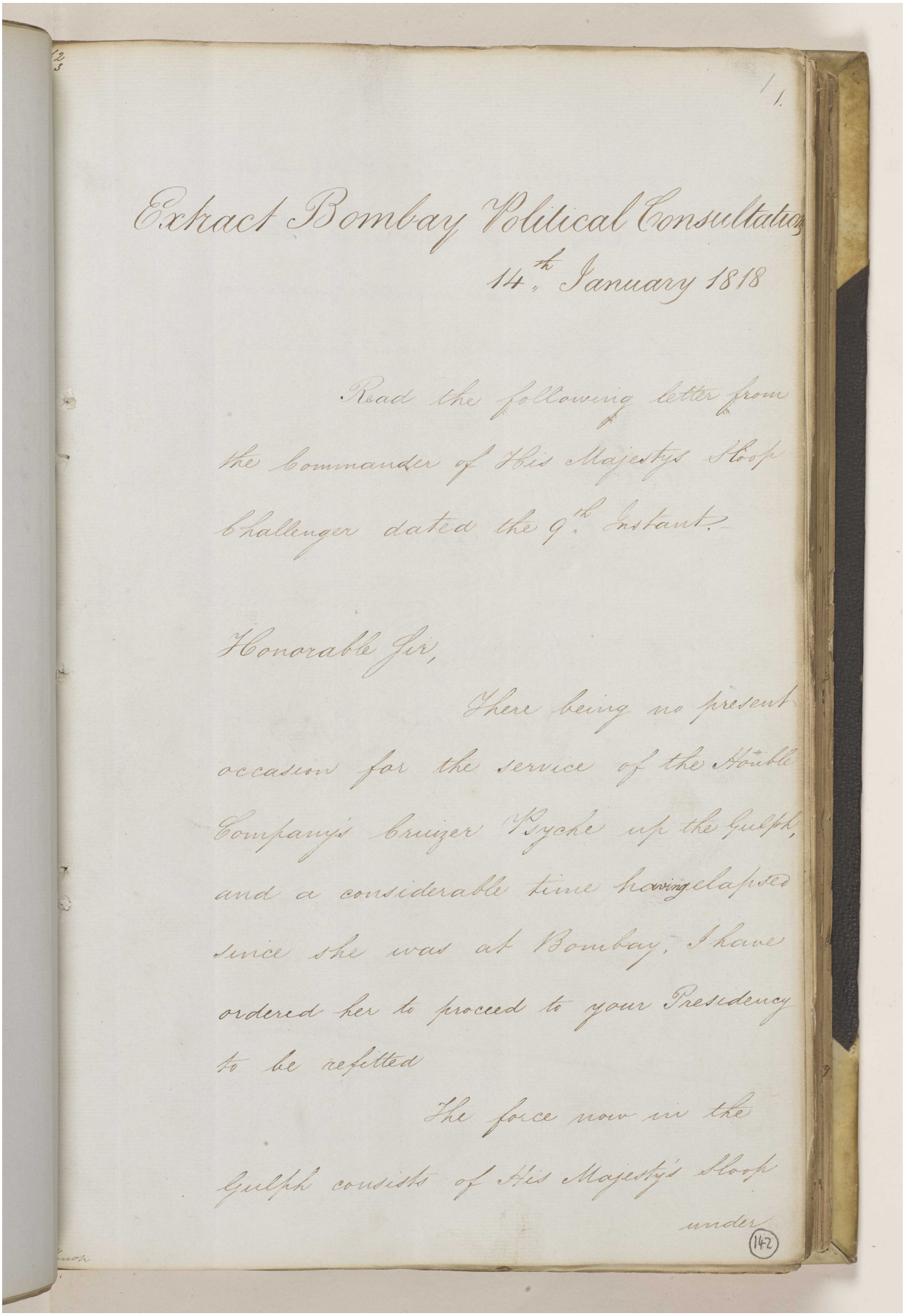

Extract Bombay Political Consultation
14th January 1818

Read the following letter from the Commander of His Majestys Sloop Challenger dated the 9th Instant.

Honorable Sir,

There being no present occasion for the service of the Honble Company's Cruizer Psyche up the Gulph, and a considerable time having elapsed since she was at Bombay, I have ordered her to proceed to your Presidency to be refitted

The force now in the Gulph consists of His Majesty's Sloop under

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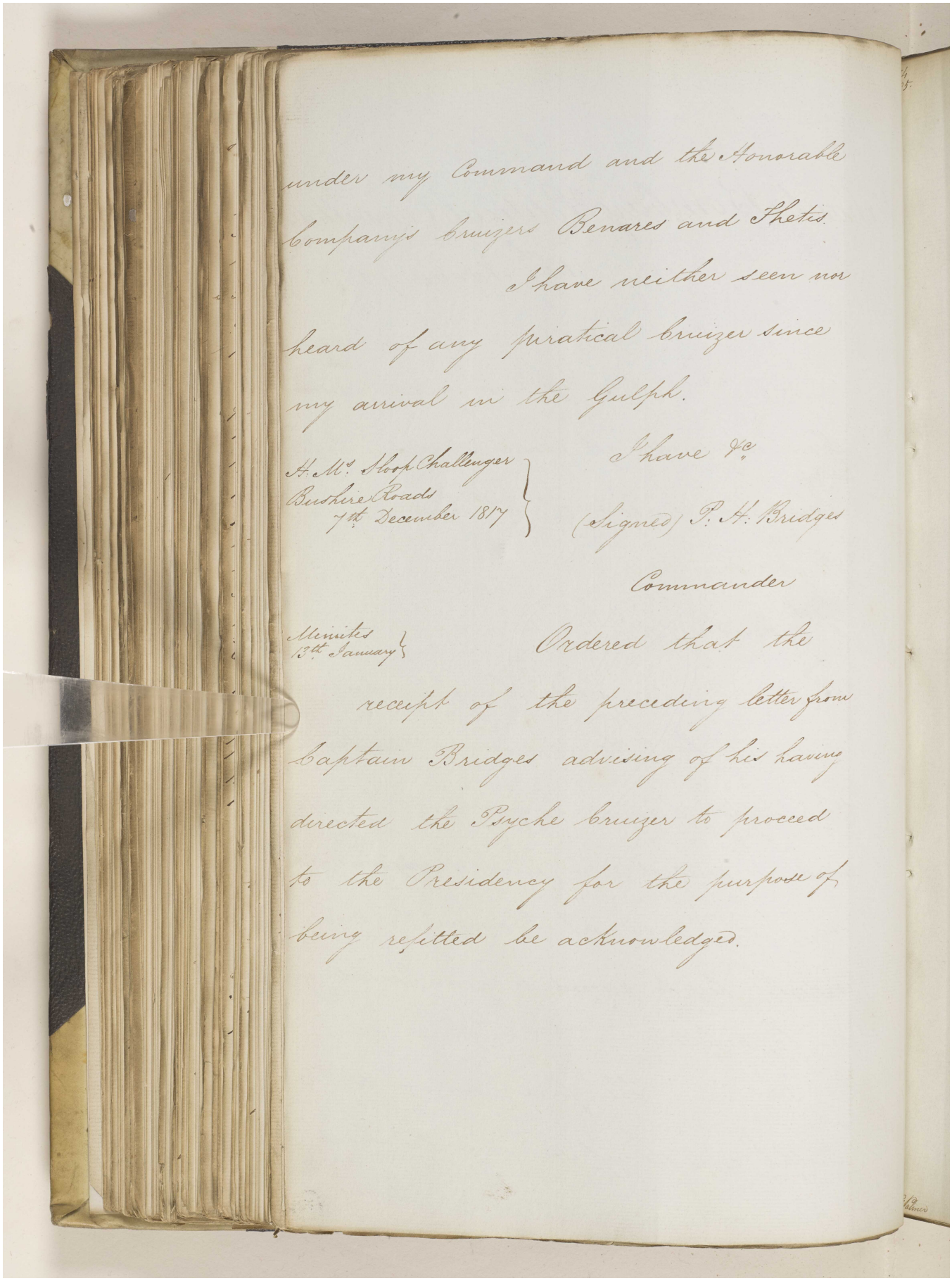


under my Command and the Honorable Company's Cruizers Benares and Chetes.

I have neither seen nor heard of any piratical Cruizer since my arrival in the Gulph.

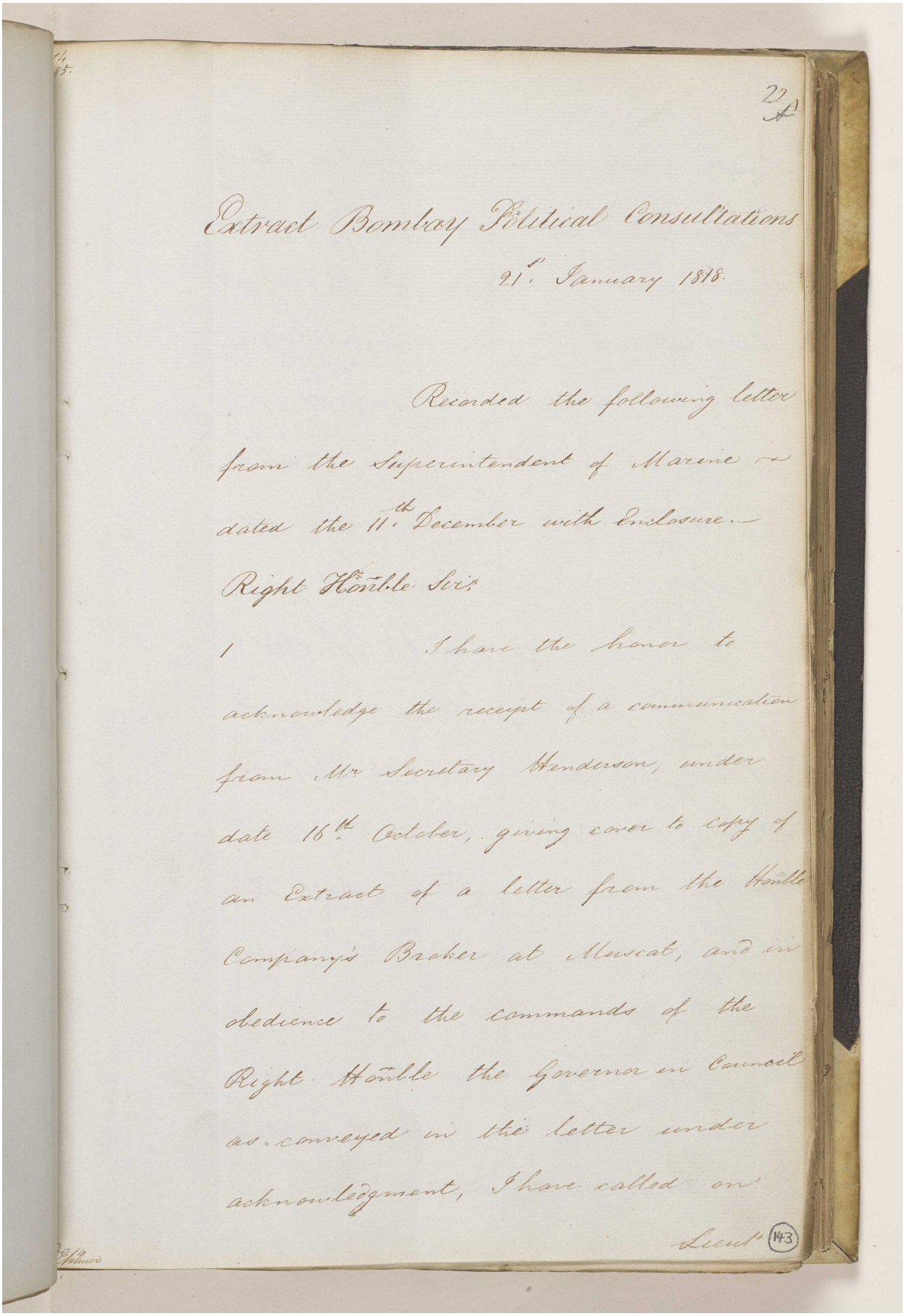
I have &c.

H. M.s Sloop Challenger
Bushire Roads
7th December 1817

(Signed) P. H. Bridges
Commander

Minutes
13th January

Ordered that the receipt of the preceding letter from Captain Bridges advising of his having directed the Psyche Cruizer to proceed to the Presidency for the purpose of being refitted be acknowledged.



Extract Bombay Political Consultations

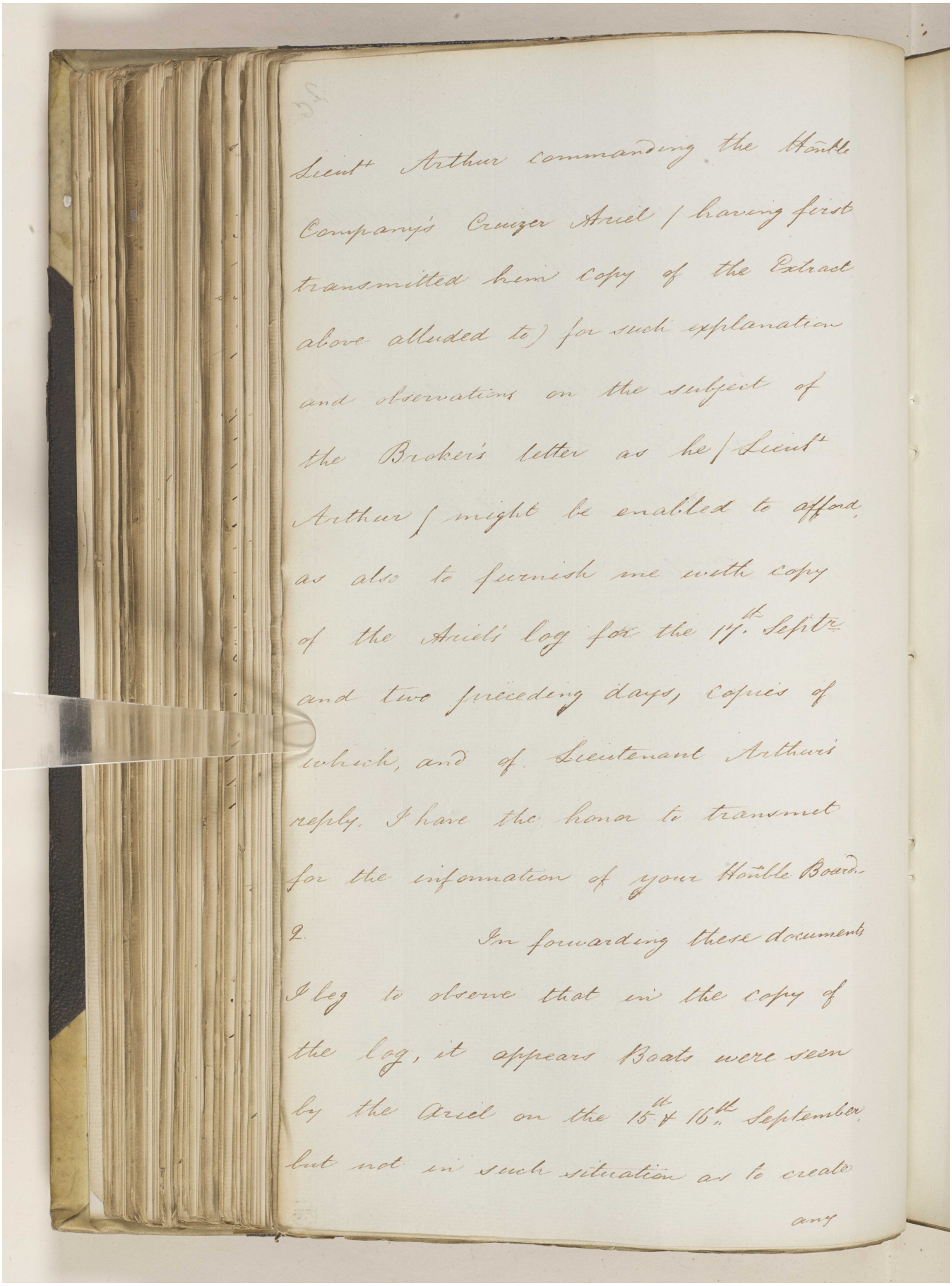
21st. January 1818.

Recorded the following letter from the Superintendent of Marine — dated the 11th. December with Enclosure.—

Right Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from Mr Secretary Henderson, under date 16th. October, giving cover to copy of an Extract of a letter from the Honble Company's Broker at Muscat, and in obedience to the commands of the Right Honble the Governor in Council as conveyed in the letter under acknowledgment, I have called on

Lieut (143)



Lieut^t Arthur commanding the Honble Company's Cruizer Ariel / having first transmitted him copy of the Extract above alluded to) for such explanation and observations on the subject of the Broker's letter as he / Lieut^t Arthur / might be enabled to afford, as also to furnish me with copy of the Ariel's log for the 17th Septr and two preceding days, copies of which, and of Lieutenant Arthur's reply, I have the honor to transmit for the information of your Honble Board.

2. In forwarding these documents I beg to observe that in the copy of the log, it appears Boats were seen by the Ariel on the 15th & 16th September but not in such situation as to create

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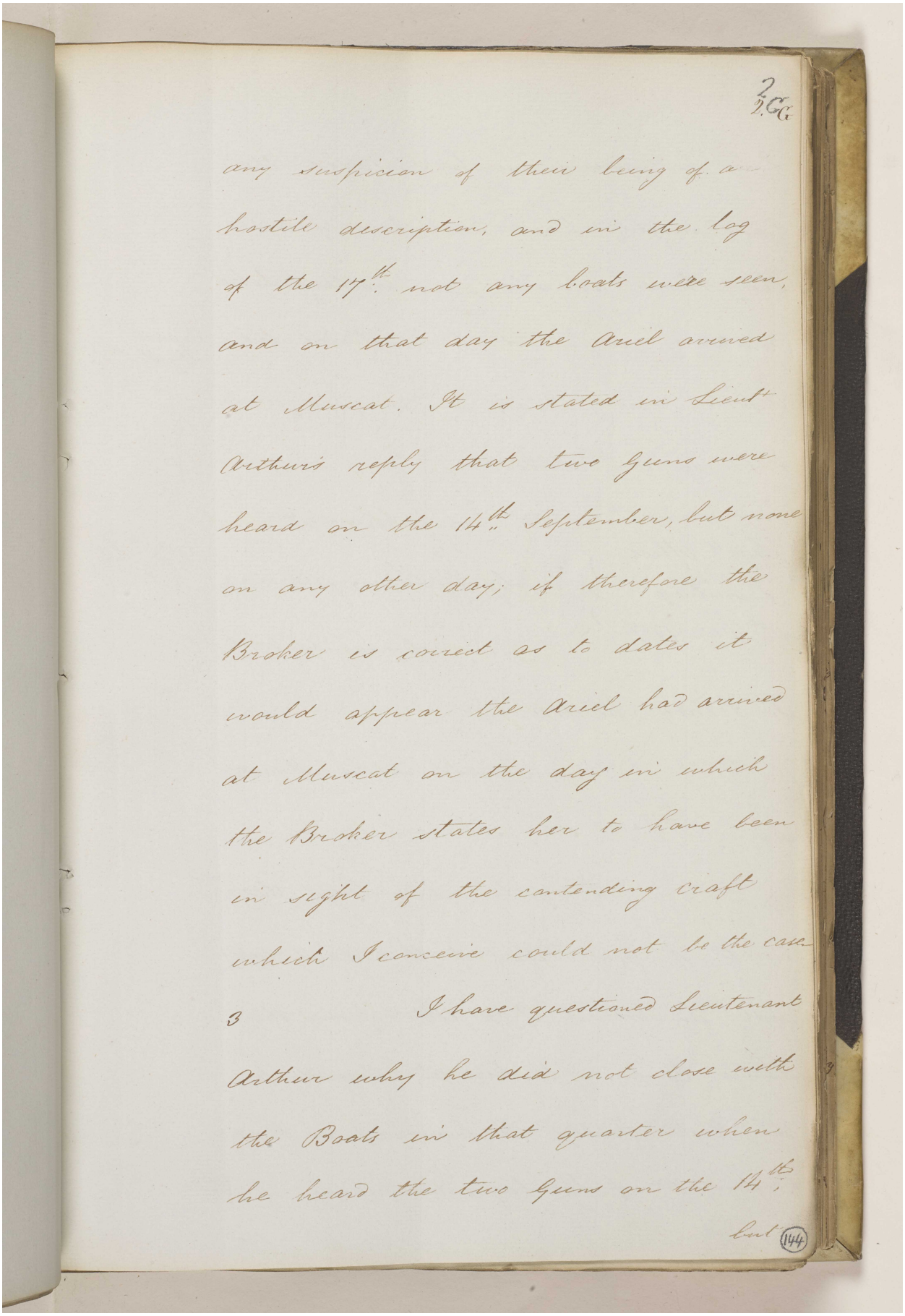

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any suspicion of their being of a hostile description, and in the log of the 17th. not any boats were seen, and on that day the Ariel arrived at Muscat. It is stated in Lieut. Arthurs reply that two Guns were heard on the 14th. September, but none on any other day; if therefore the Broker is correct as to dates it would appear the Ariel had arrived at Muscat on the day in which the Broker states her to have been in sight of the contending craft which I conceive could not be the case

3 I have questioned Lieutenant Arthur why he did not close with the Boats in that quarter when he heard the two Guns on the 14th. Inst

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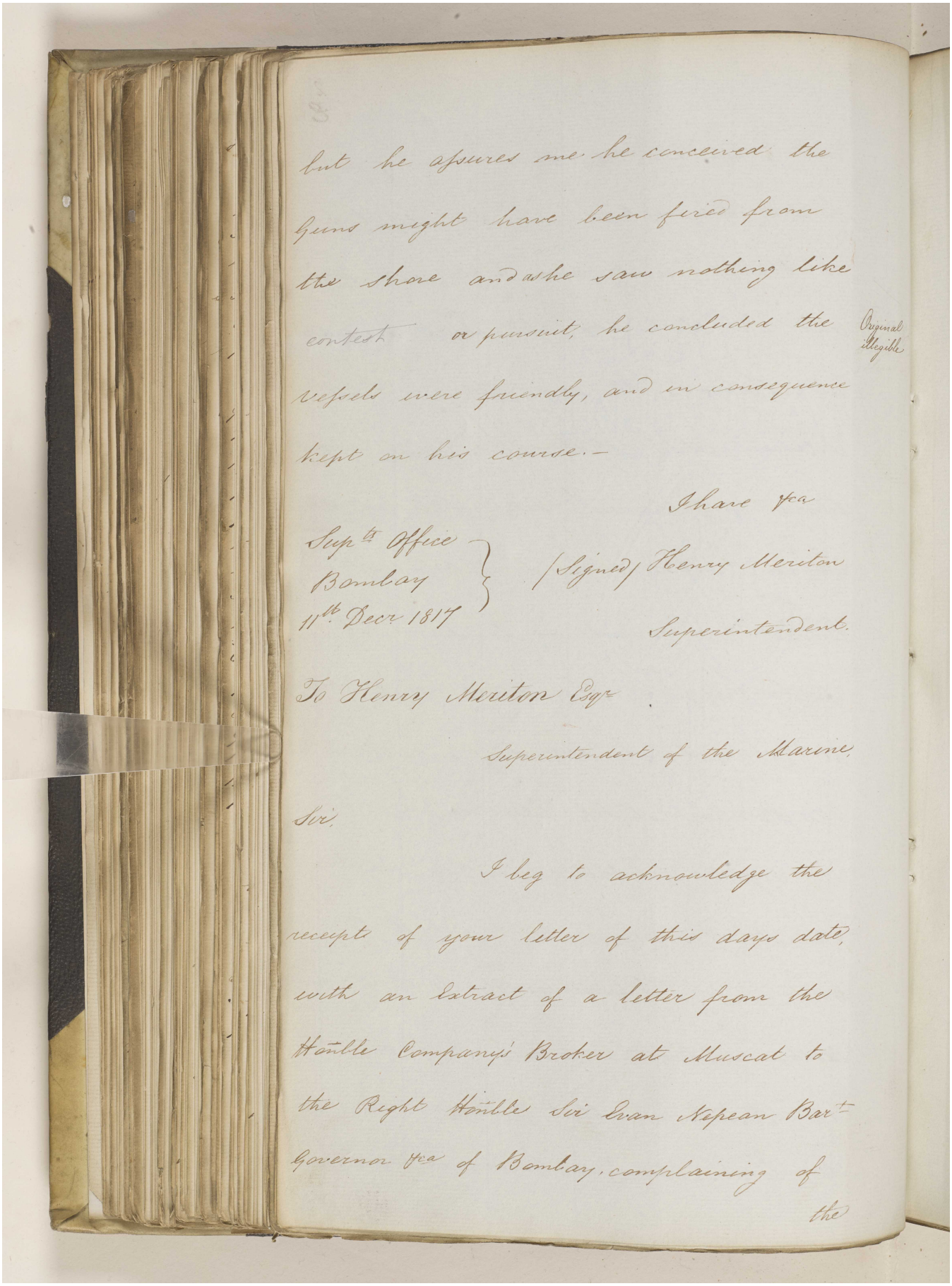

but he assures me he conceived the guns might have been fired from the shore and as he saw nothing like contest or pursuit, he concluded the vessels were friendly, and in consequence kept on his course.—

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I have &c.a

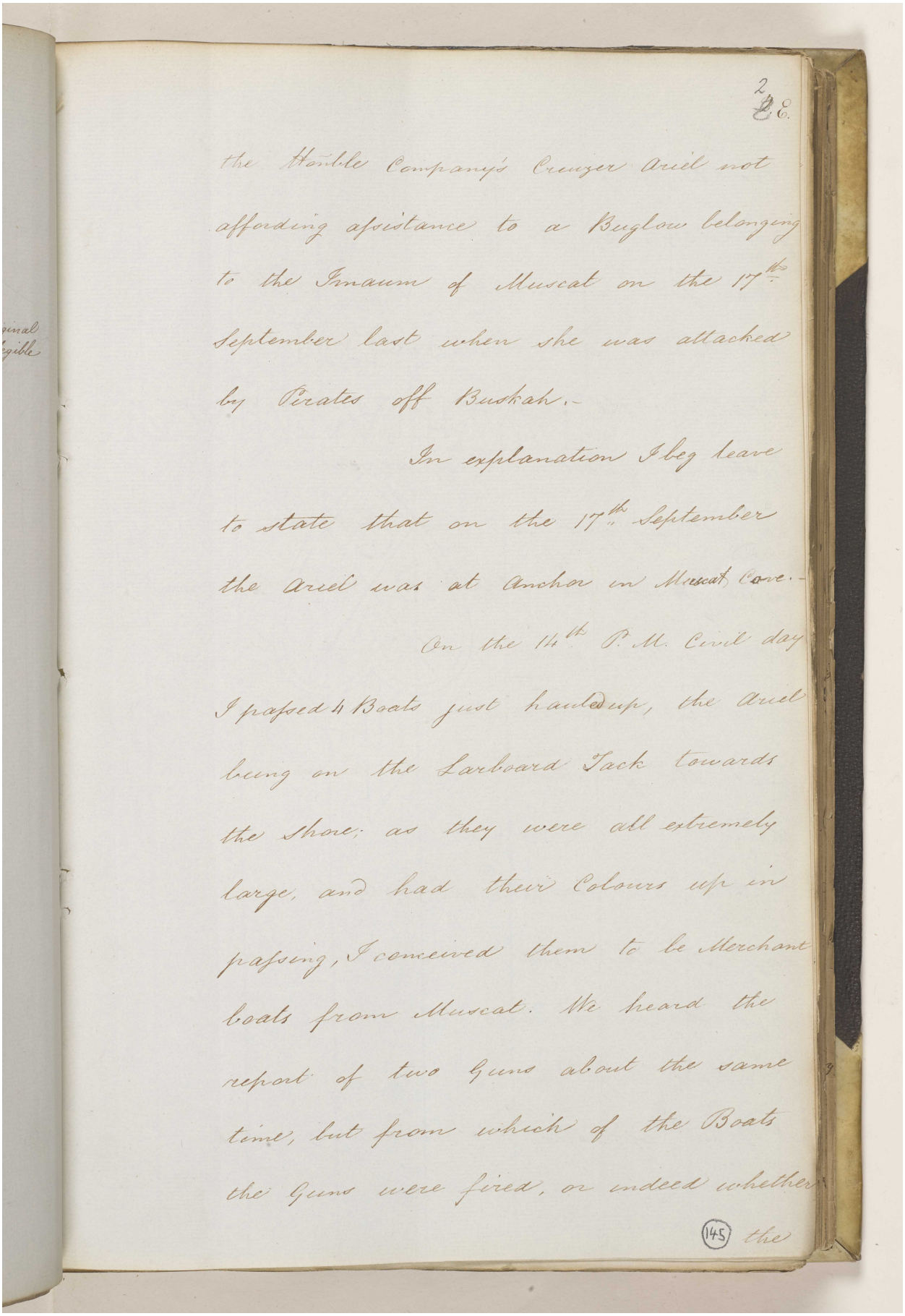
Sup.te Office
Bombay
11th Decr 1817

(Signed) Henry Meriton
Superintendent.

To Henry Meriton Esqr
Superintendent of the Marine,

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this days date, with an Extract of a letter from the Honble Company's Broker at Muscat to the Right Honble Sir Evan Nepean Bart Governor &c.a of Bombay, complaining of the



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the Honble Company's Cruizer Ariel not affording assistance to a Buglow belonging to the Imaum of Muscat on the 17th September last when she was attacked by Pirates off Bushab.-

In explanation I beg leave to state that on the 17th September the Ariel was at Anchor in Muscat Cove.-

On the 14th P. M. Civil day I passed 4 Boats just hauled up, the Ariel being on the Larboard Tack towards the Shore; as they were all extremely large, and had their Colours up in passing, I conceived them to be Merchant boats from Muscat. We heard the report of two Guns about the same time, but from which of the Boats the Guns were fired, or indeed whether

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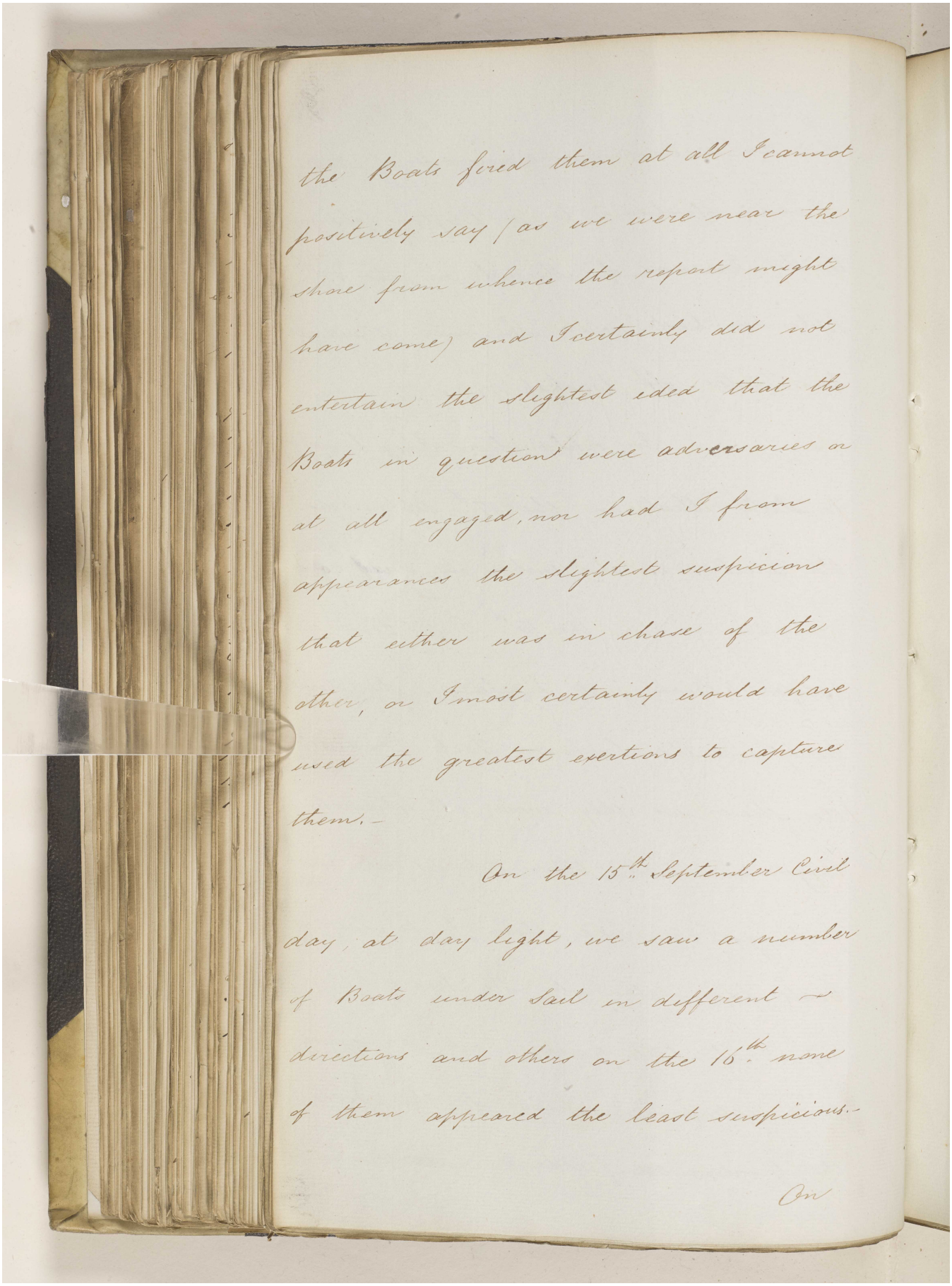
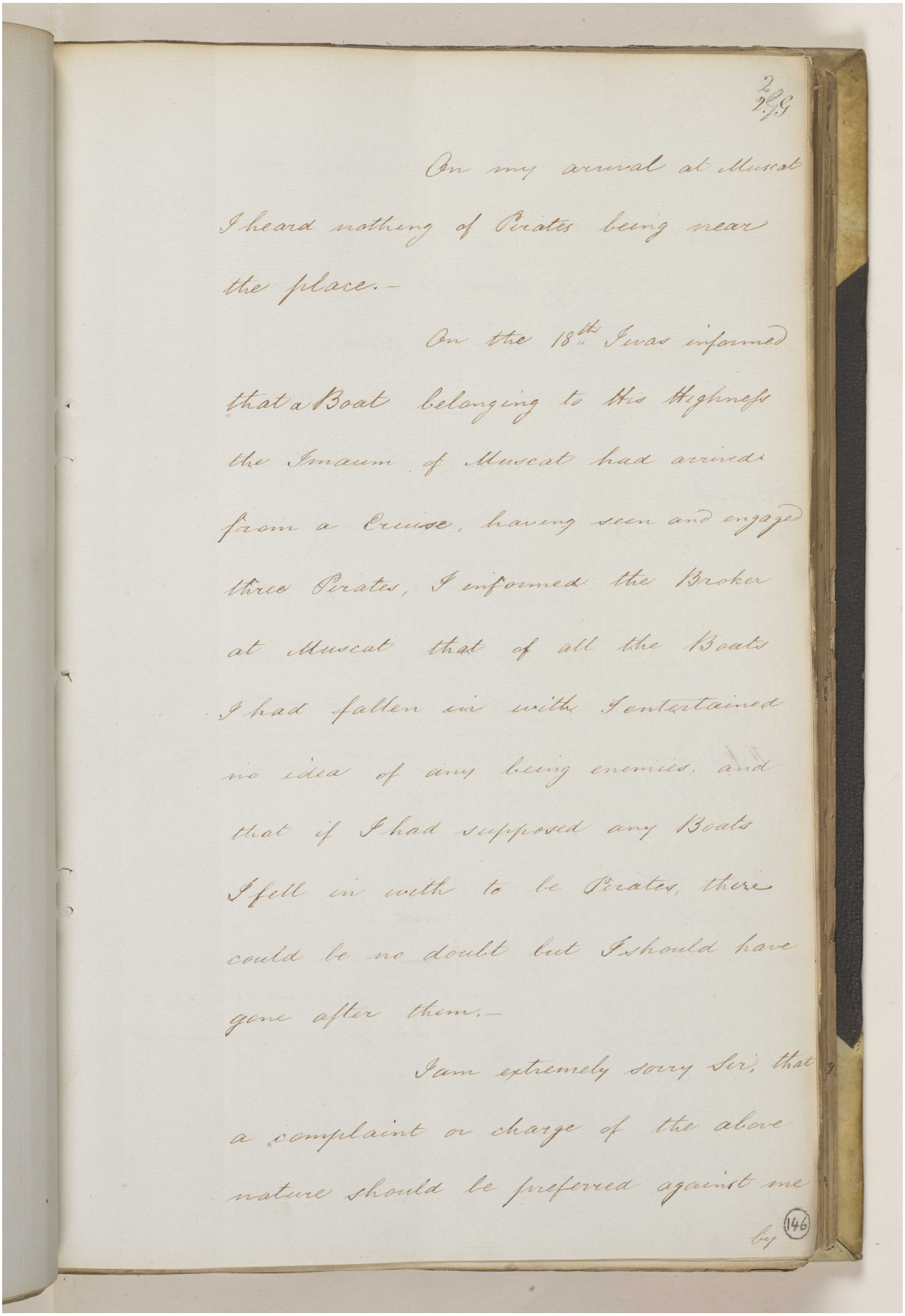


the Boats fired them at all I cannot positively say / as we were near the shore from whence the report might have come) and I certainly did not entertain the slightest idea that the Boats in question were adversaries or at all engaged, nor had I from appearances the slightest suspicion that either was in chase of the other, or I most certainly would have used the greatest exertions to capture them.-

On the 15th. September Civil day, at day light, we saw a number of Boats under Sail in different directions and others on the 16th. none of them appeared the least suspicious.-

On



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On my arrival at Muscat I heard nothing of Pirates being near the place.—

On the 18th I was informed that a Boat belonging to His Highness the Imaum of Muscat had arrived from a Cruise, having seen and engaged three Pirates, I informed the Broker at Muscat that of all the Boats I had fallen in with I entertained no idea of any being enemies, and that if I had supposed any Boats I fell in with to be Pirates, there could be no doubt but I should have gone after them.—

I am extremely sorry Sir, that a complaint or charge of the above nature should be preferred against me by

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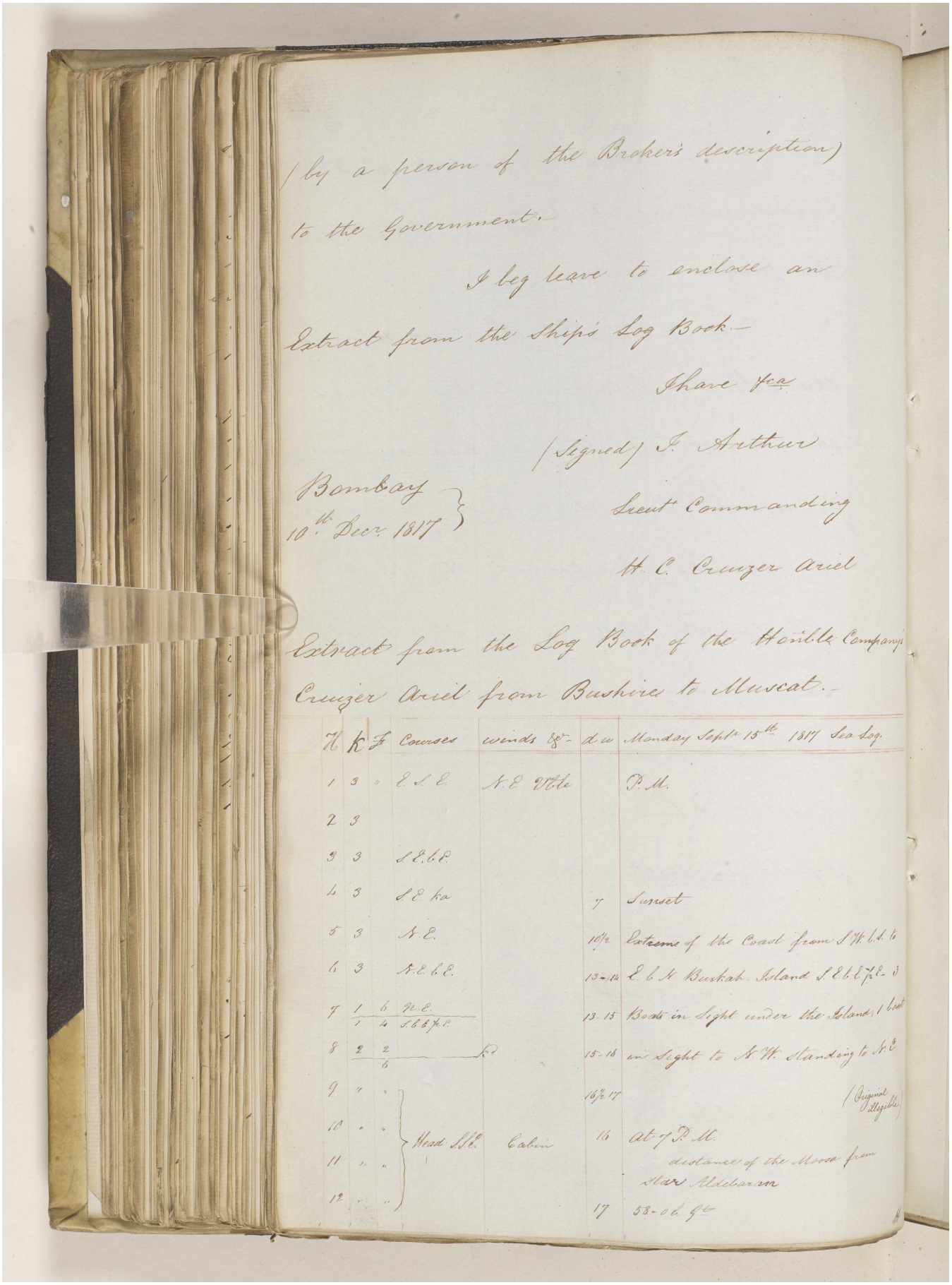


(by a person of the Broker's description)

to the Government.

I beg leave to enclose an

Extract from the Ship's Log Book.

I have &ca

(Signed) J. Arthur

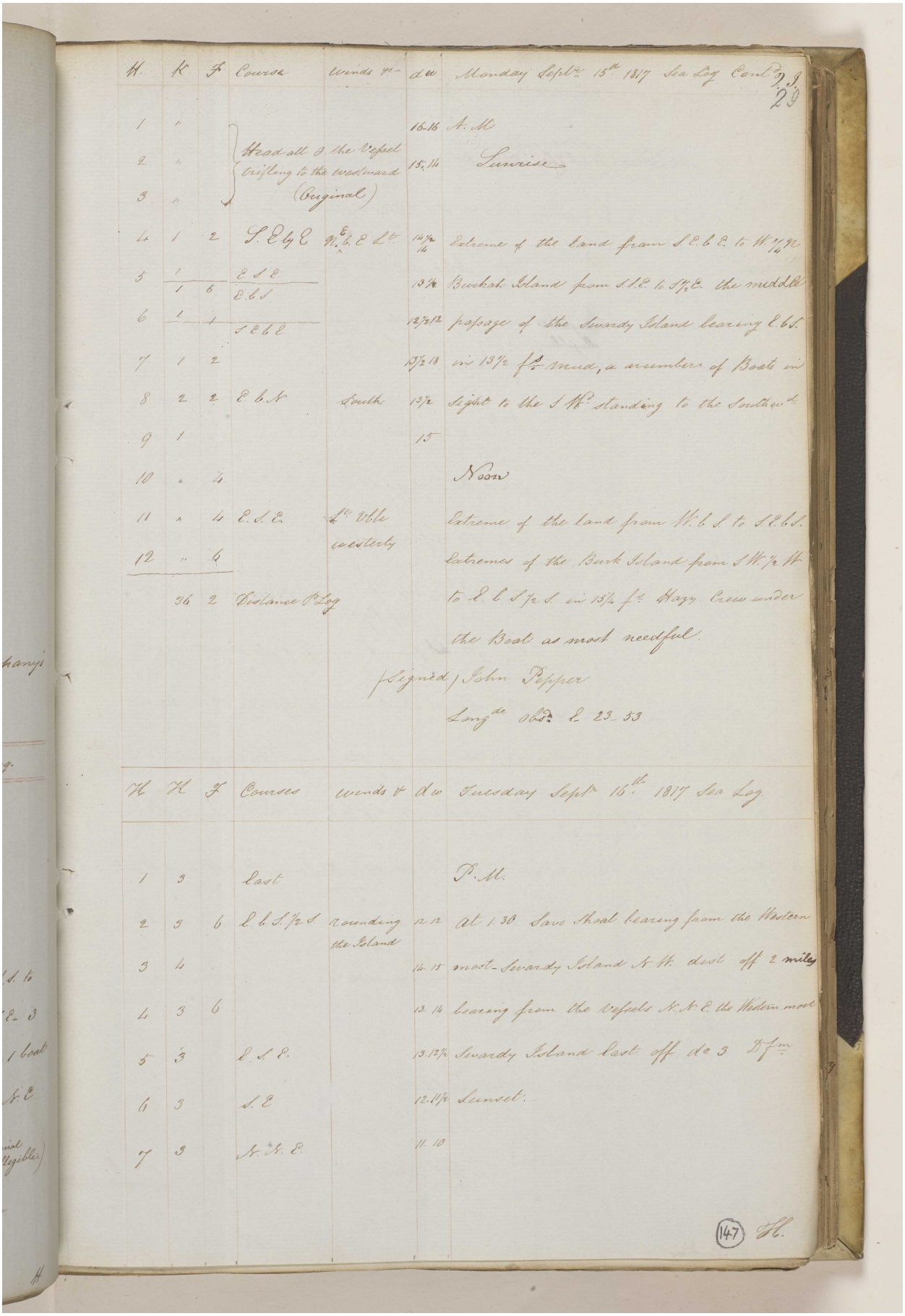
Bombay
10th Decr. 1817

Lieut Commanding

H. C. Cruizer Ariel

Extract from the Log Book of the Honble Company's Cruizer Ariel from Bushire to Muscat.

H	K	F	Courses	winds &c	d w	Monday Septr 15th 1817 Sea Log.
1	3	"	E. S. E.	N. E. Vble		P. M.
2	3					
3	3		S. E. b. E.			
4	3		S. E. ka		7	Sunset
5	3		N. E.		10½	Extreme of the Coast from S. W. b. S. to
6	3		N. E. b. E.		13-14	E. b. N. Burkah Island S. E. b. E. ½ E. 3
7	1 / 1	6 / 4	N. E. / S. b. E. ½ E.		13-15	Boats in Sight under the Island, 1 boat
8	2	2 / 6		Kd	15-16	in Sight to N. W. standing to N. E.
9	"	"			16½ 17	(Original illegible)
10	"	"	Head S. S. E.	Cabin	16	At 7 P. M.
11	"	"				distance of the Moosa from Star Aldebaran
12	"	"			17	58-0 E. Gt



H.	K	F	Course	Winds &c	d w	Monday Septr 15th 1817 Sea Log Contd 29
1	"				16-16	A. M.
2	"		Head all of the Vessel trifling to the westward (Original)		15-14	Sunrise
3	"					
4	1	2	S. E by E	N. E b. E Lt	14½ 14	Extreme of the land from S. E. b. E. to W. ¼ N
5	1		E. S. E.		13½	Burkah Island from S. S. E. to S ½ E. the middle
	1	6	E. b. S			
6	1	1	S. E. b. E		12½ 12	passage of the Swardy Island bearing E. b. S.
7	1	2			13½ 18	in 13½ fs mud, a number of Boats in
8	2	2	E. b. N	South	13½	sight to the S Wd standing to the Southwd
9	1				15	
10	"	4				Noon
11	"	4	E. S. E.	Lt Vble westerly		Extreme of the land from W. b. S. to S. E. b. S.
12	"	6				Extremes of the Burk Island from S W. ½ W
	36	2	Distance P Log			to E. b. S ½ S. in 15¼ fs Hazy Crew under the Boat as most needful.

(Signed) John Pepper

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H	K	F	Courses	Winds &	d w	Tuesday Septr 16th 1817 Sea Log
1	3		East			P. M.
2	3	6	E. b. S. ½ S.	rounding the Island	12-12	At 1.30 Savo Shoal bearing from the Western
3	4				14-15	most Swardy Island N. W. dist off 2 miles
4	3	6			13-14	bearing from the Vessels N. N. E. the Western most
5	3		E. S. E.		13-12½	Swardy Island East off do 3 Dfm
6	3		S. E		12-11½	Sunset.
7	3		N. N. E.		11-10	

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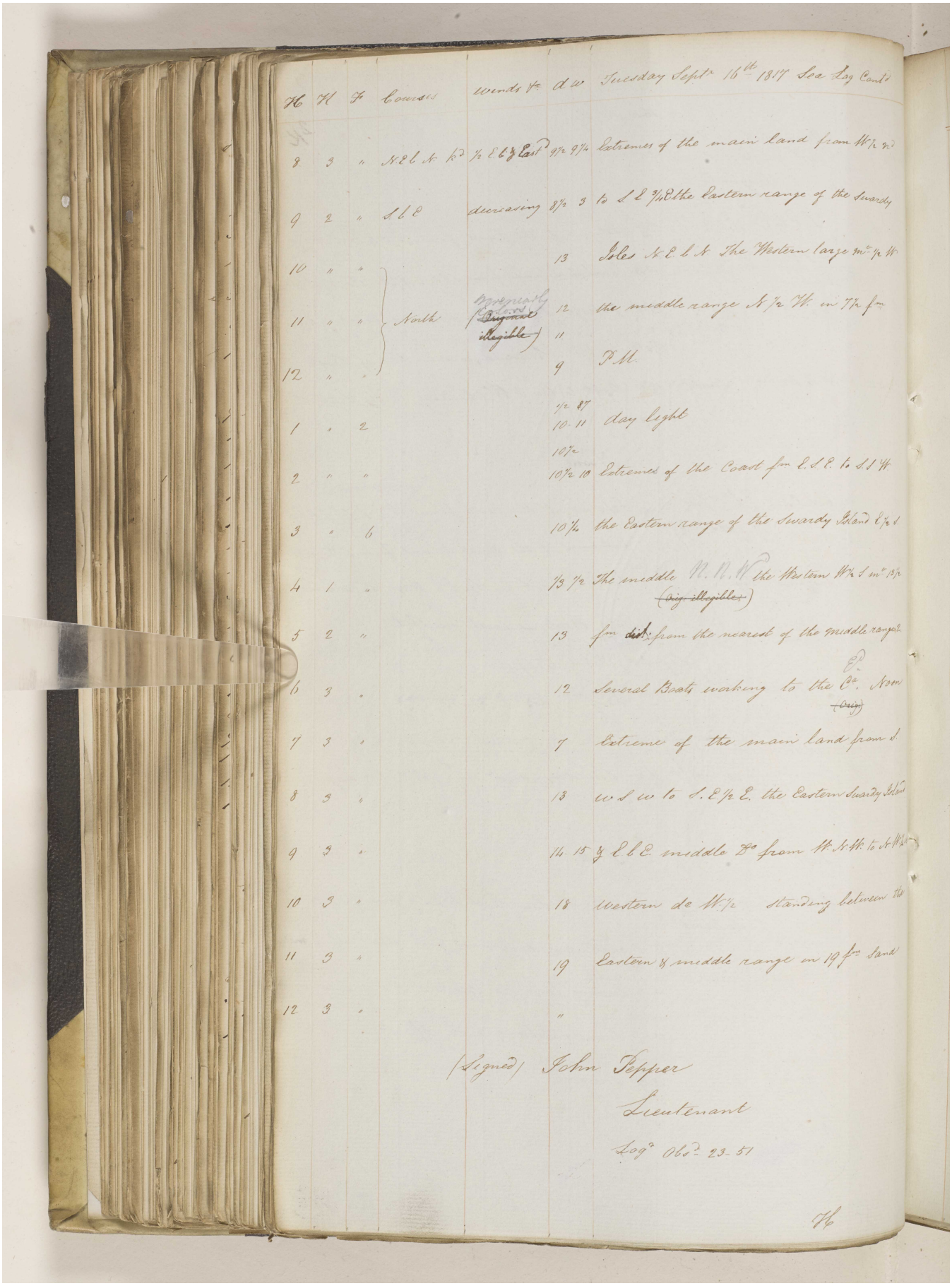

H	H	F	Courses	Winds &c	d w	Tuesday Septr 16th 1817 Sea Log Cont^d
8	3	"	N.E b N. k^d	½ E b ½ East	9½ 9¼	Extremes of the main land from W½ N^d
9	2	"	S b E	decreasing	8½ 3	to S E ¾ E the Eastern range of the Swardy
10	"	"	North		13	Isles N.E b N. The Western large m^t ½ W
11	"	"		Generally Colors (~~Original illegible~~)	12	the middle range N ½ W. in 7½ f^m
					11	
12	"	"			9	P.M.
1	"	2			½ 87 10-11	day light
2	"	"			10½ 10½ 10	Extremes of the Coast f^m E.S.E. to S.S.W.
3	"	6			10¼	the Eastern range of the Swardy Island E ½ S.
4	1	"			⅓ ½	The middle N.N.W the Western W½ S m^t 13½ ~~(Orig. illegible)~~
5	2	"			13	f^m ~~dist.~~ from the nearest of the middle range E.
6	3	"			12	Several Boats working to the E^d. C^a. Noon ~~(Orig.)~~
7	3	"			7	Extreme of the main land from S.
8	3	"			13	W S W to S.E ½ E. the Eastern Swardy Island
9	3	"			14-15	½ E b E. middle D^o from W.N.W. to N.W ¼ W
10	3	"			18	Western d^o W ½ standing between the
11	3	"			19	Eastern & middle range in 19 f^m Sand
12	3	"			"	

(Signed) John Pepper

Lieutenant

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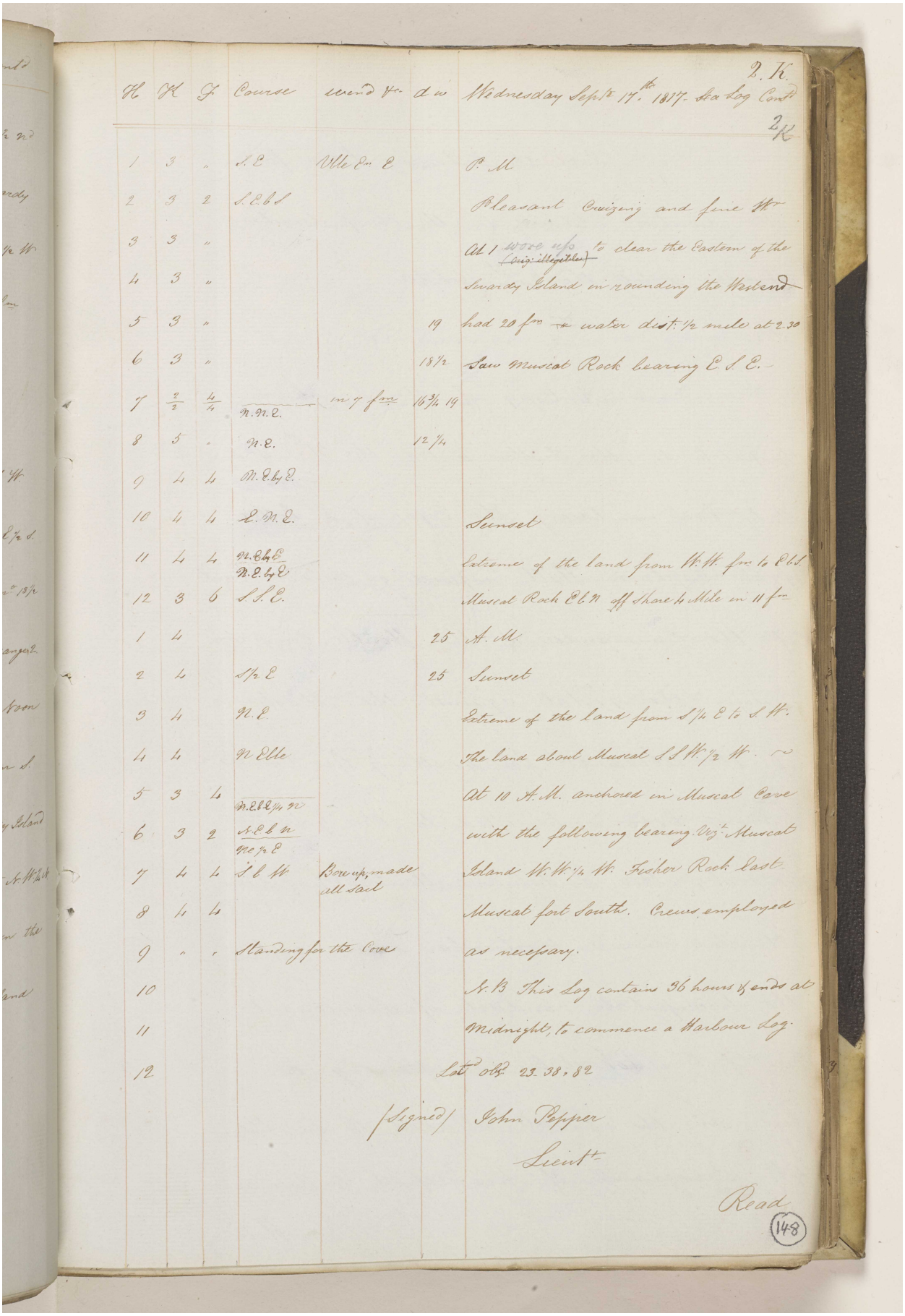

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H	K	F	Course	wind &c.	d w	Wednesday Sept. 17th 1817. Sea Log Cont. 2 K
1	3	"	S. E	Vlle Em E		P. M
2	3	2	S. E. b S.			Pleasant Cruizing and fine Wr
3	3	"				At 1 wore up ~~(orig: illegible)~~ to clear the Eastern of the
4	3	"				Swardy Island in rounding the Westend
5	3	"			19	had 20 fm ~~+~~ water dist: 1/2 mile at 2.30
6	3	"			18 1/2	Saw Muscat Rock bearing E. S. E.
7	2/2	4/4	N. N. E.	in 7 fm	16 3/4 19	
8	5	"	N. E.		12 1/4	
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11	4	4	N. E. by E / N. E. by E			Extreme of the land from W. W. fm to E b S.
12	3	6	S. S. E.			Muscat Rock E b N off Shore 4 Mile in 11 fm
1	4				25	A. M.
2	4		S 1/2 E		25	Sunset
3	4		N. E.			Extreme of the land from S 1/4 E to S. W.
4	4		N Elle			The land about Muscat S S W 1/2 W. ~
5	3	4	N. E. b E 1/4 N			At 10 A. M. anchored in Muscat Cove
6	3	2	N. E. b N / Ne 1/2 E			with the following bearing. Viz. Muscat
7	4	4	S. b W.	Bore up, made all sail		Island W. W. 1/4 W. Fisher Rock East
8	4	4				Muscat fort South. Crews employed
9	"	"	Standing for the Cove			as necessary.
10						N. B This Log contains 36 hours & ends at
11						Midnight, to commence a Harbour Log.
12						Lat. obs. 23. 38. 82

(Signed) John Pepper

Lieut.

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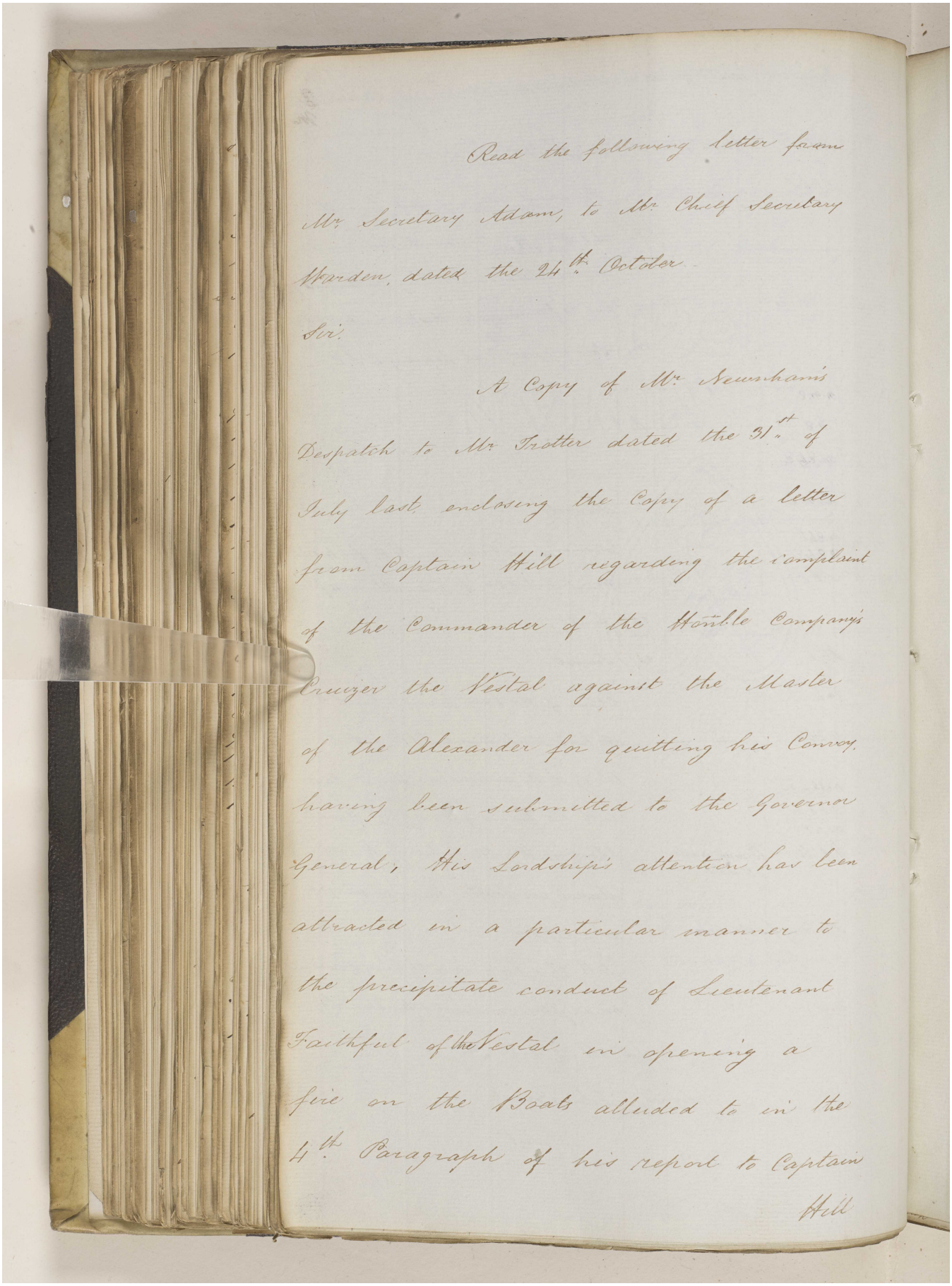

Read the following letter from
Mr Secretary Adam, to Mr Chief Secretary
Warden, dated the 24th October.

Sir,

A Copy of Mr Newnham's
Despatch to Mr Trotter dated the 31st of
July last enclosing the Copy of a letter
from Captain Hill regarding the complaint
of the Commander of the Honble Company's
Cruizer the Vestal against the Master
of the Alexander for quitting his Convoy,
having been submitted to the Governor
General, His Lordship's attention has been
attracted in a particular manner to
the precipitate conduct of Lieutenant
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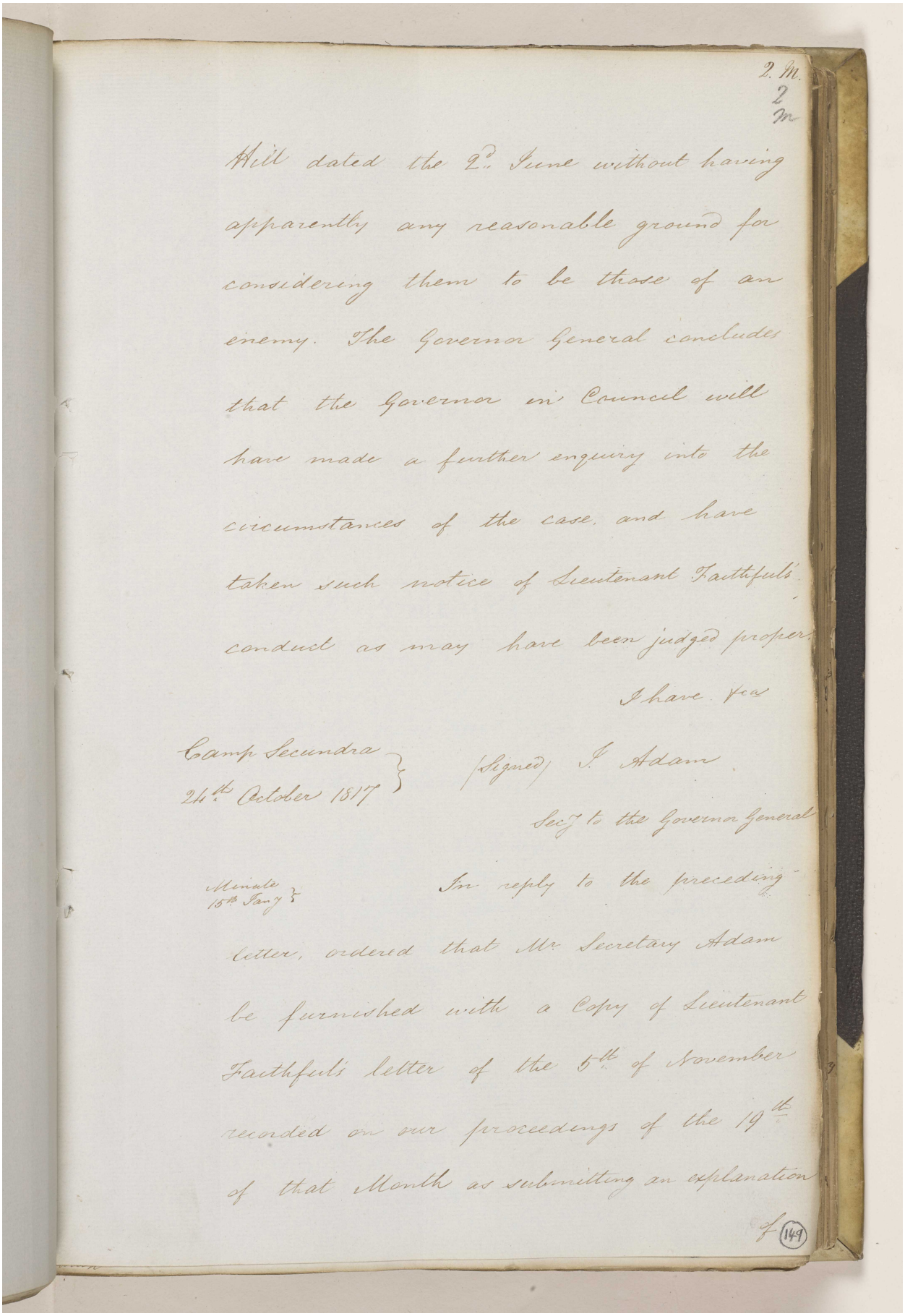

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Hill dated the 2d. June without having apparently any reasonable ground for considering them to be those of an enemy. The Governor General concludes that the Governor in Council will have made a further enquiry into the circumstances of the case, and have taken such notice of Lieutenant Faithfull's conduct as may have been judged proper.

I have &c.

Camp Secundra
24th October 1817

(Signed) J. Adam
Secy to the Governor General

Minute
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In reply to the preceding letter, ordered that Mr. Secretary Adam be furnished with a Copy of Lieutenant Faithfull's letter of the 5th of November recorded on our proceedings of the 19th of that Month as submitting an explanation

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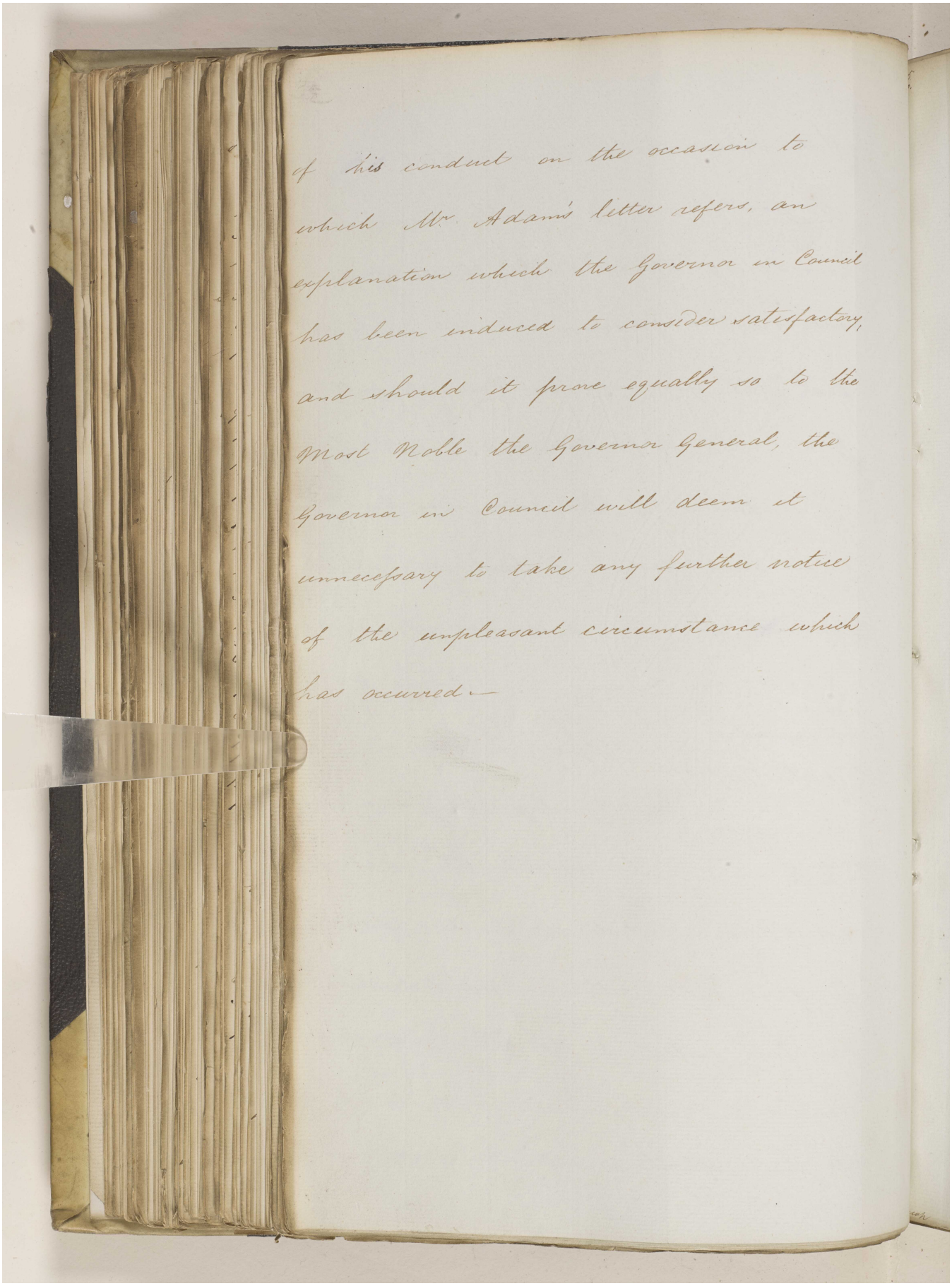
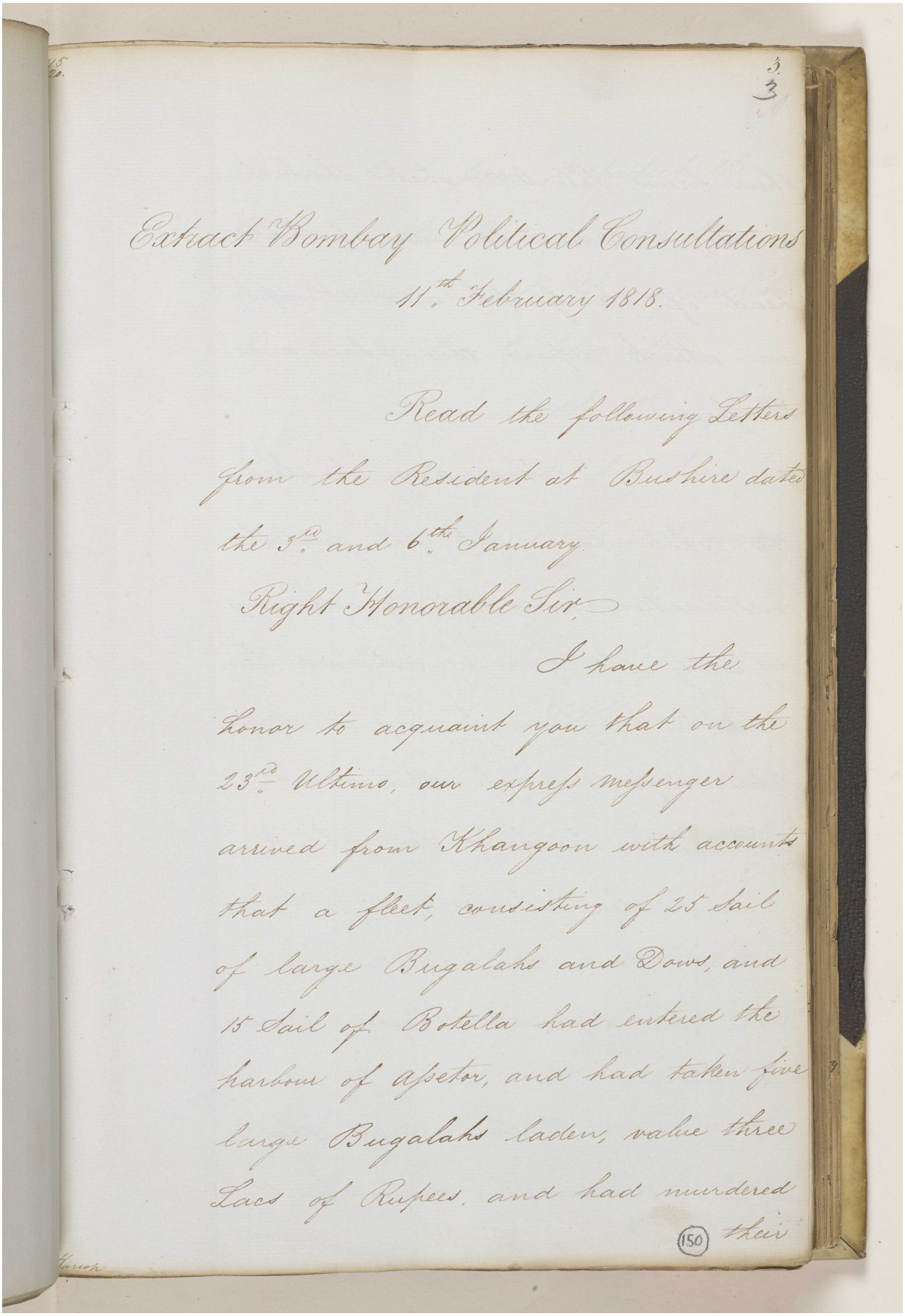


of his conduct on the occasion to
which Mr Adams letter refers, an
explanation which the Governor in Council
has been induced to consider satisfactory,
and should it prove equally so to the
Most Noble the Governor General, the
Governor in Council will deem it
unnecessary to take any further notice
of the unpleasant circumstance which
has occurred.—

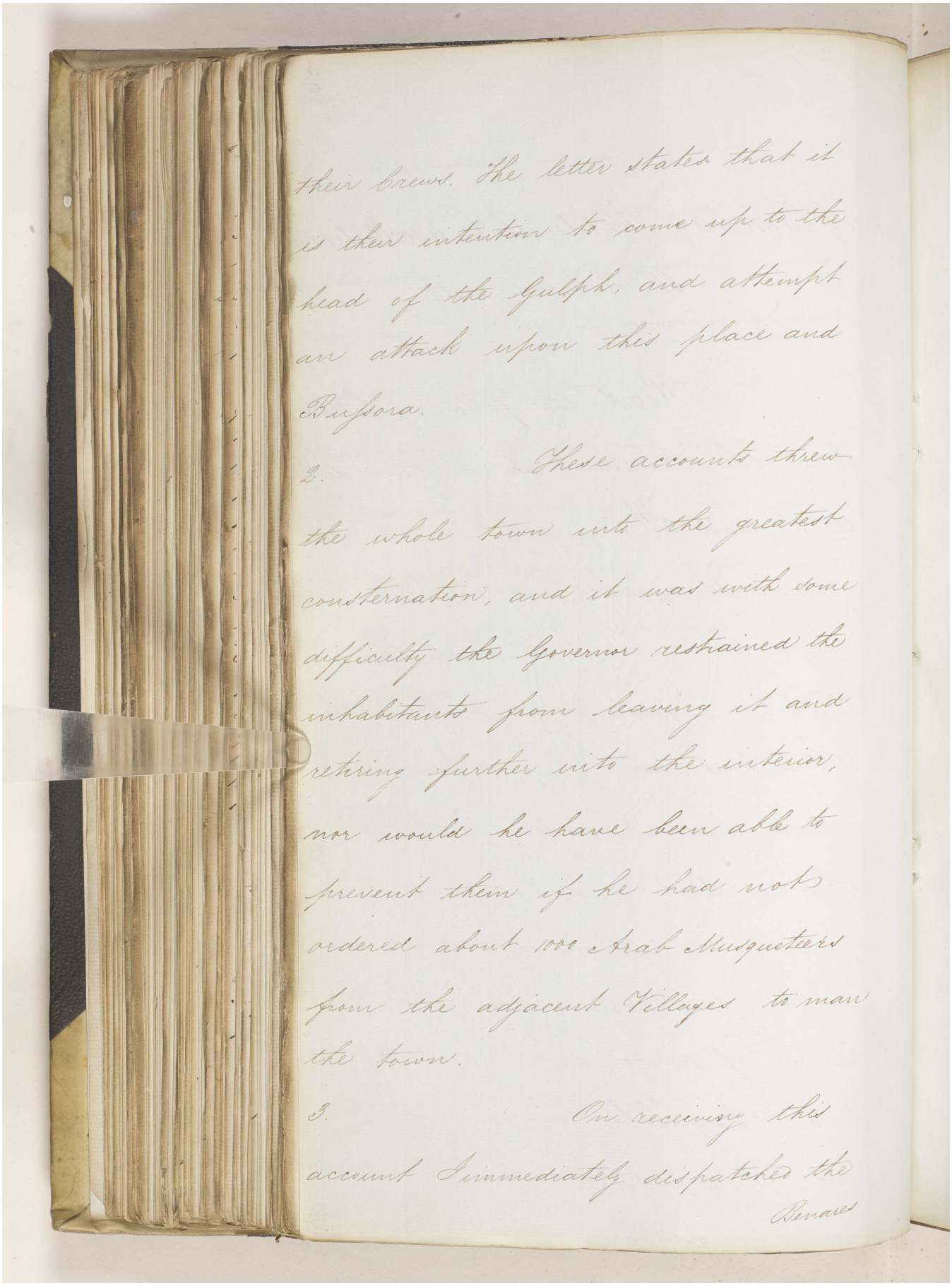


Extract Bombay Political Consultations
11th February 1818.

Read the following Letters from the Resident at Bushire dated the 3d and 6th January.

Right Honorable Sir,

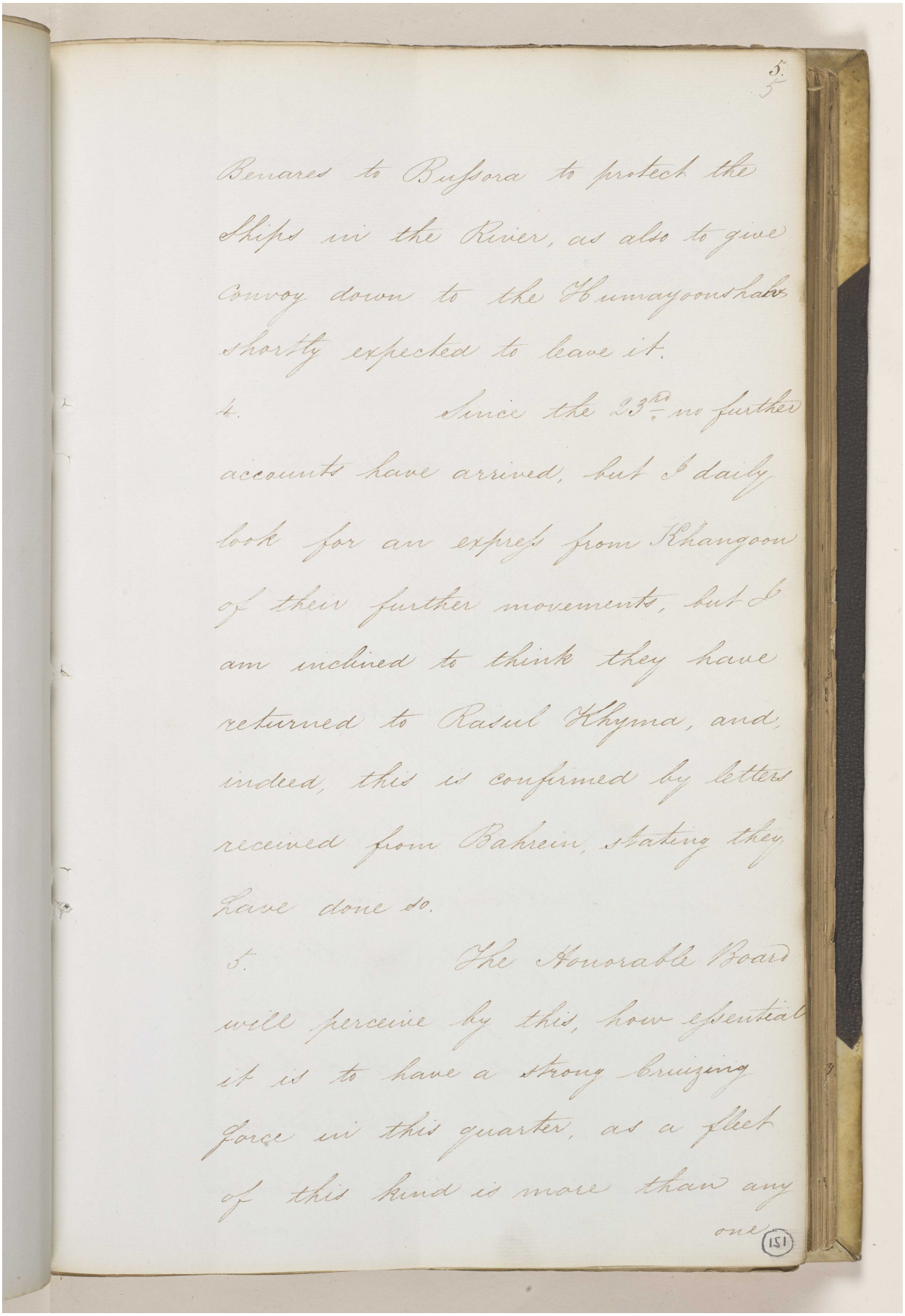
I have the honor to acquaint you that on the 23d Ultimo, our express messenger arrived from Khangoon with accounts that a fleet, consisting of 25 Sail of large Bugalahs and Dows, and 15 Sail of Botella had entered the harbour of Apetor, and had taken five large Bugalahs laden, value three Lacs of Rupees, and had murdered (150) their



their brews. The letter states that it is their intention to come up to the head of the Gulph, and attempt an attack upon this place and Bussora.

2. These accounts threw the whole town into the greatest consternation, and it was with some difficulty the Governor restrained the inhabitants from leaving it and retiring further into the interior, nor would he have been able to prevent them if he had not ordered about 100 Arab Musqueteers from the adjacent Villages to man the town.

3. On receiving this account I immediately dispatched the Benares



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Benares to Bussora to protect the Ships in the River, as also to give convoy down to the Humayoonshah shortly expected to leave it.

4. Since the 23rd. no further accounts have arrived, but I daily look for an expres from Khangoon of their further movements, but I am inclined to think they have returned to Rasul Khyma, and, indeed, this is confirmed by letters received from Bahrein, stating they have done so.

5. The Honorable Board will perceive by this, how essential it is to have a strong cruizing force in this quarter, as a fleet of this kind is more than any one

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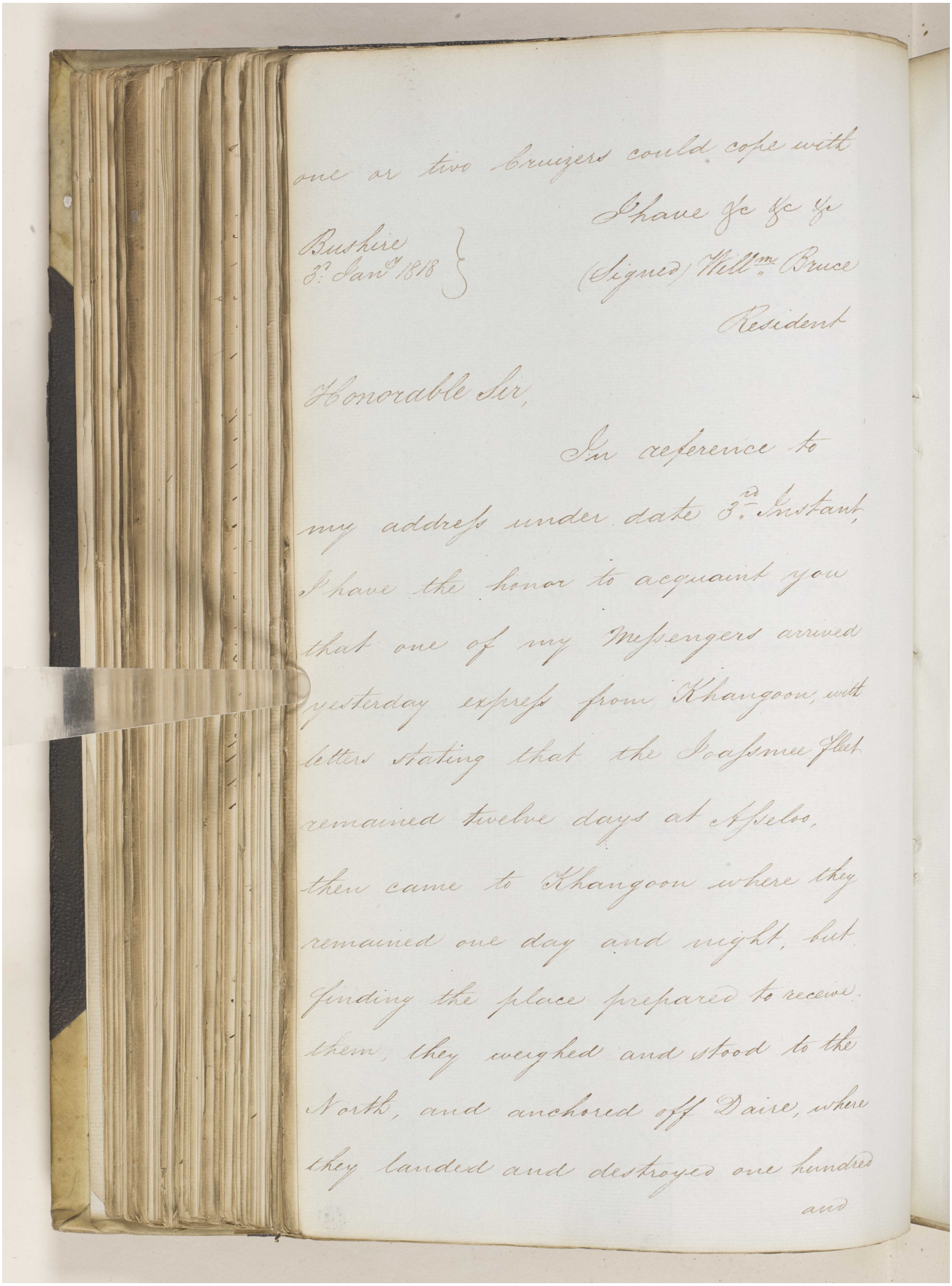

one or two Cruizers could cope with

I have &c &c &c

Bushire
3d Jan.y 1818

(Signed) Will.m Bruce
Resident

Honorable Sir,

In reference to my address under date 3d. Instant, I have the honor to acquaint you that one of my Mpsengers arrived yesterday expres from Khangoon, with letters stating that the Joasmee Fleet remained twelve days at Asseloo, then came to Khangoon where they remained one day and night, but finding the place prepared to receive them, they weighed and stood to the North, and anchored off Daire, where they landed and destroyed one hundred

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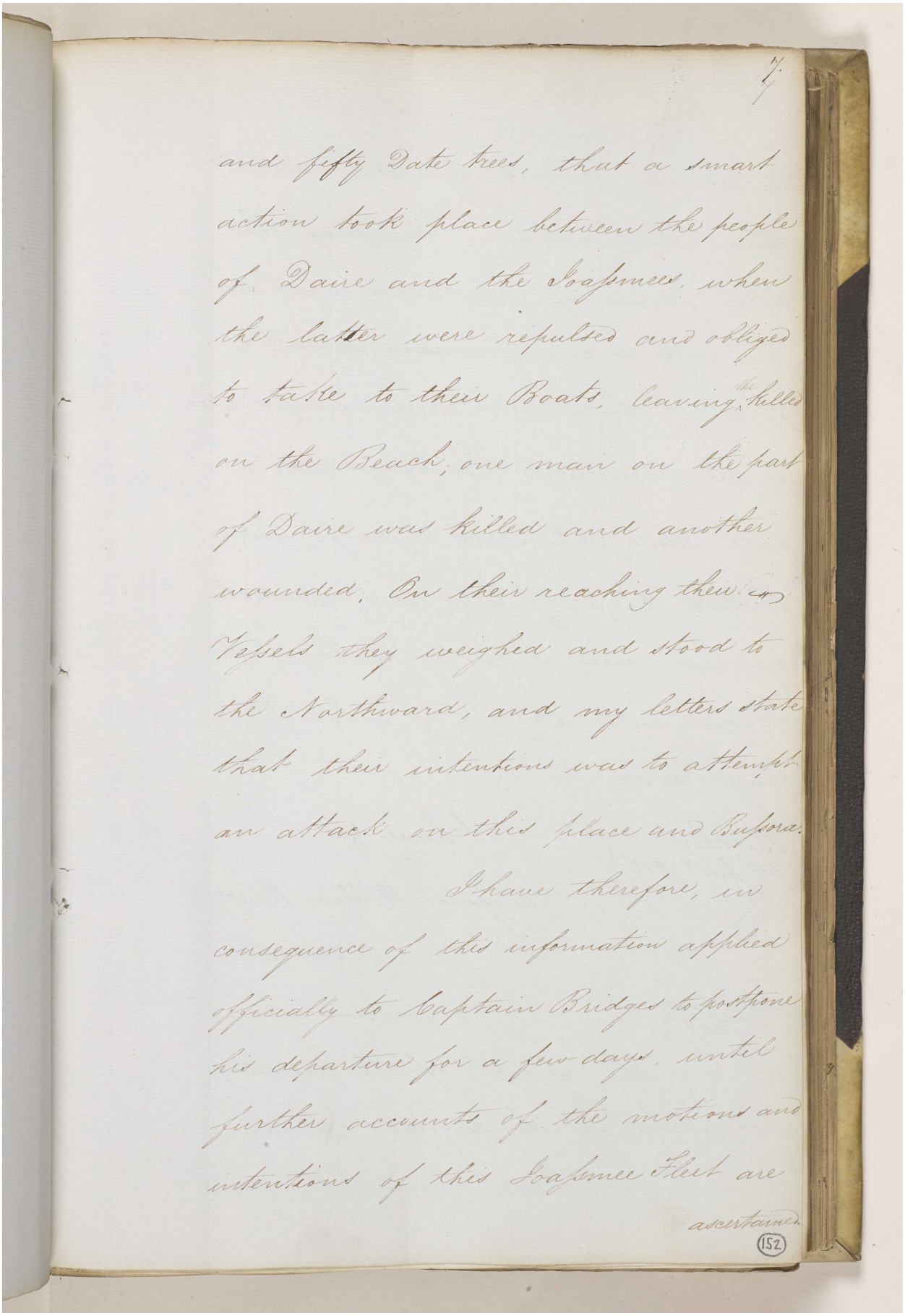

and fifty Date trees, that a smart action took place between the people of Daire and the Joasmees, when the latter were repulsed and obliged to take to their Boats, leaving the killed on the Beach; one man on the part of Daire was killed and another wounded. On their reaching their Vessels they weighed and stood to the Northward, and my letters state that their intentions was to attempt an attack on this place and Bussora.

I have therefore, in consequence of this information applied officially to Captain Bridges to postpone his departure for a few days, until further accounts of the motions and intentions of this Joasmee Fleet are ascertained.

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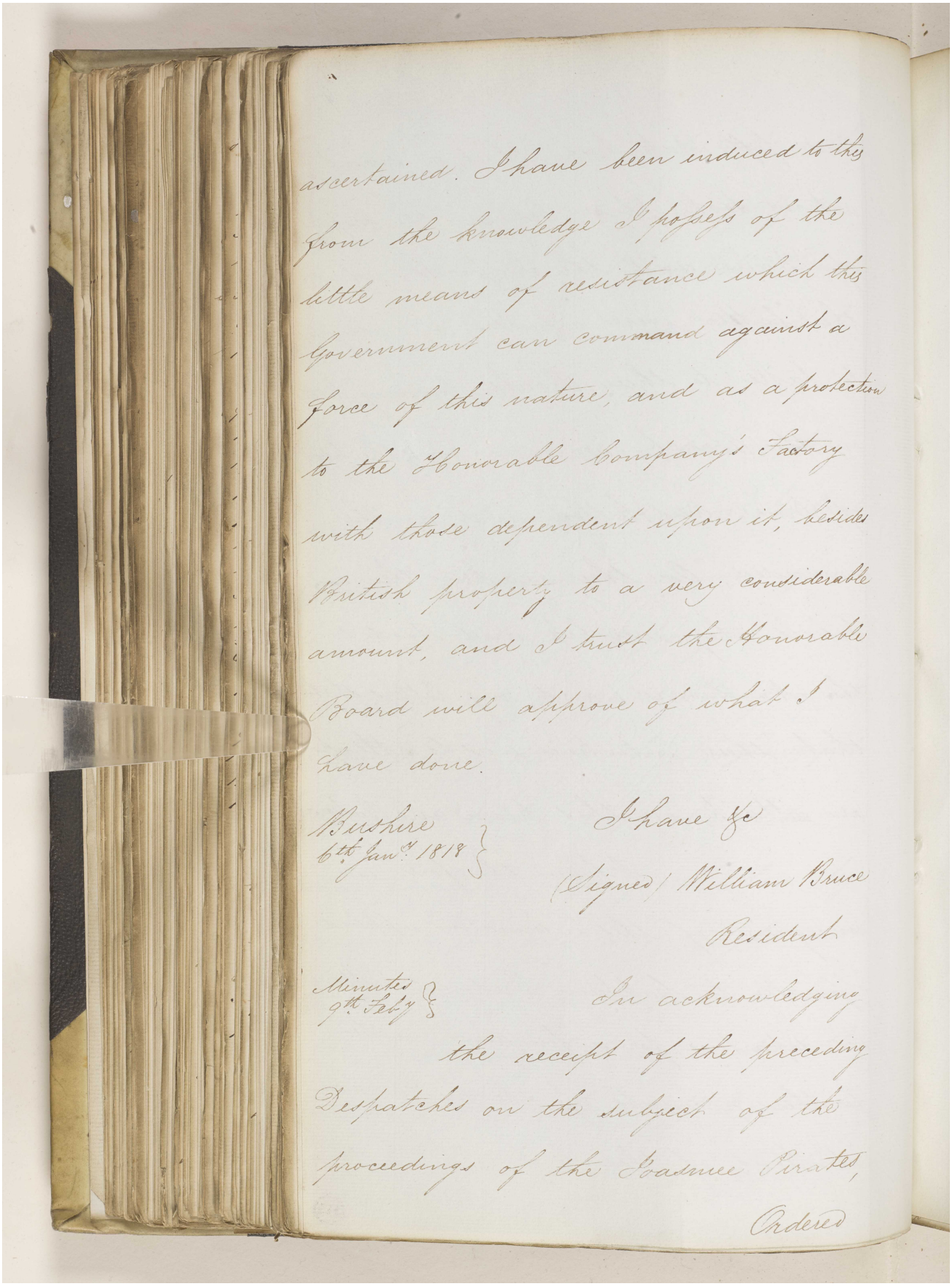

ascertained. I have been induced to this from the knowledge I possess of the little means of resistance which this Government can command against a force of this nature, and as a protection to the Honorable Company's Factory with those dependent upon it, besides British property to a very considerable amount, and I trust the Honorable Board will approve of what I have done.

Bushire
6th Jan.y 1818

I have &c
(Signed) William Bruce
Resident

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In acknowledging the receipt of the preceding Despatches on the subject of the proceedings of the Joasmee Pirates,

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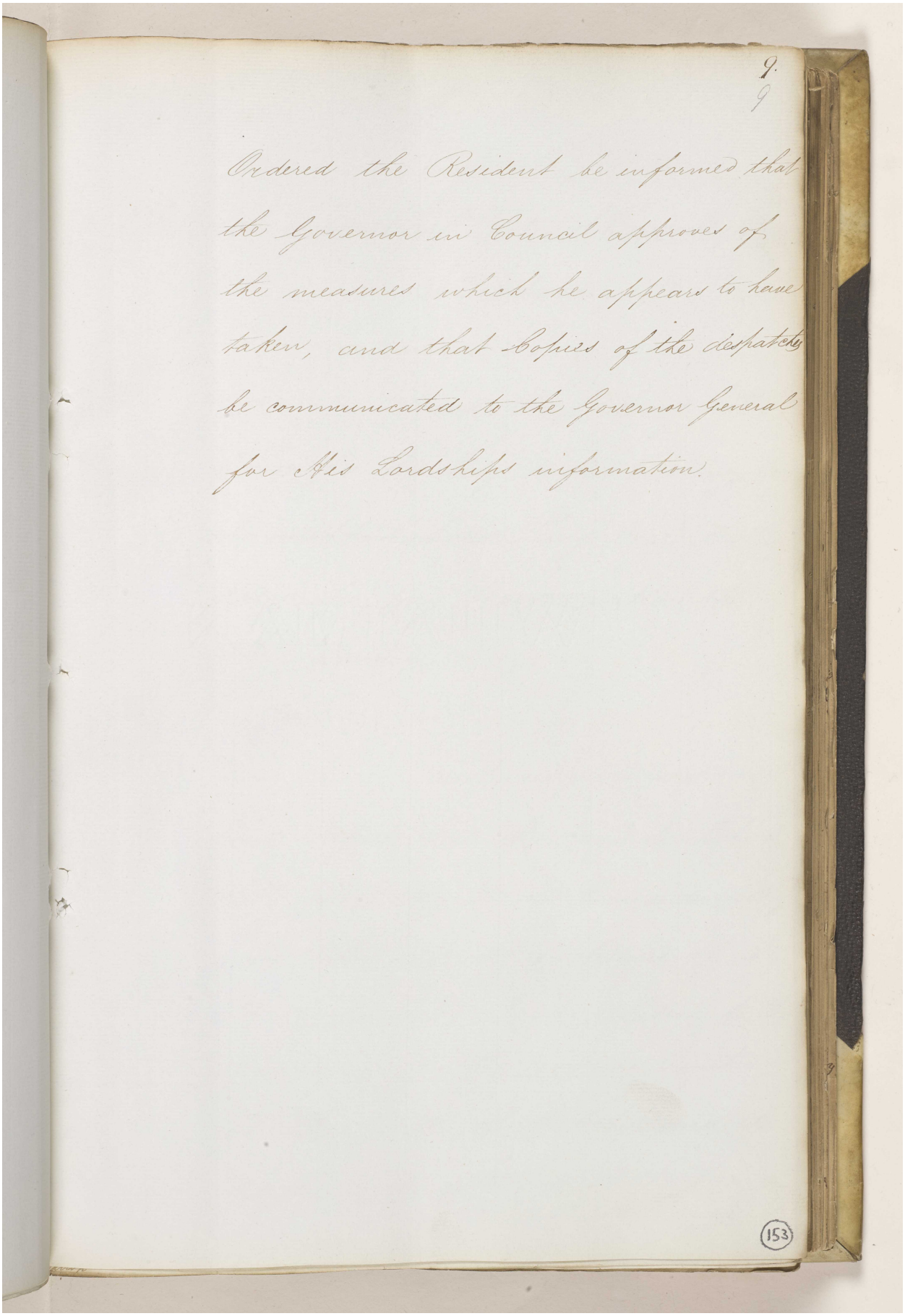

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Ordered the Resident be informed that the Governor in Council approves of the measures which he appears to have taken, and that Copies of the dispatches be communicated to the Governor General for His Lordships information.

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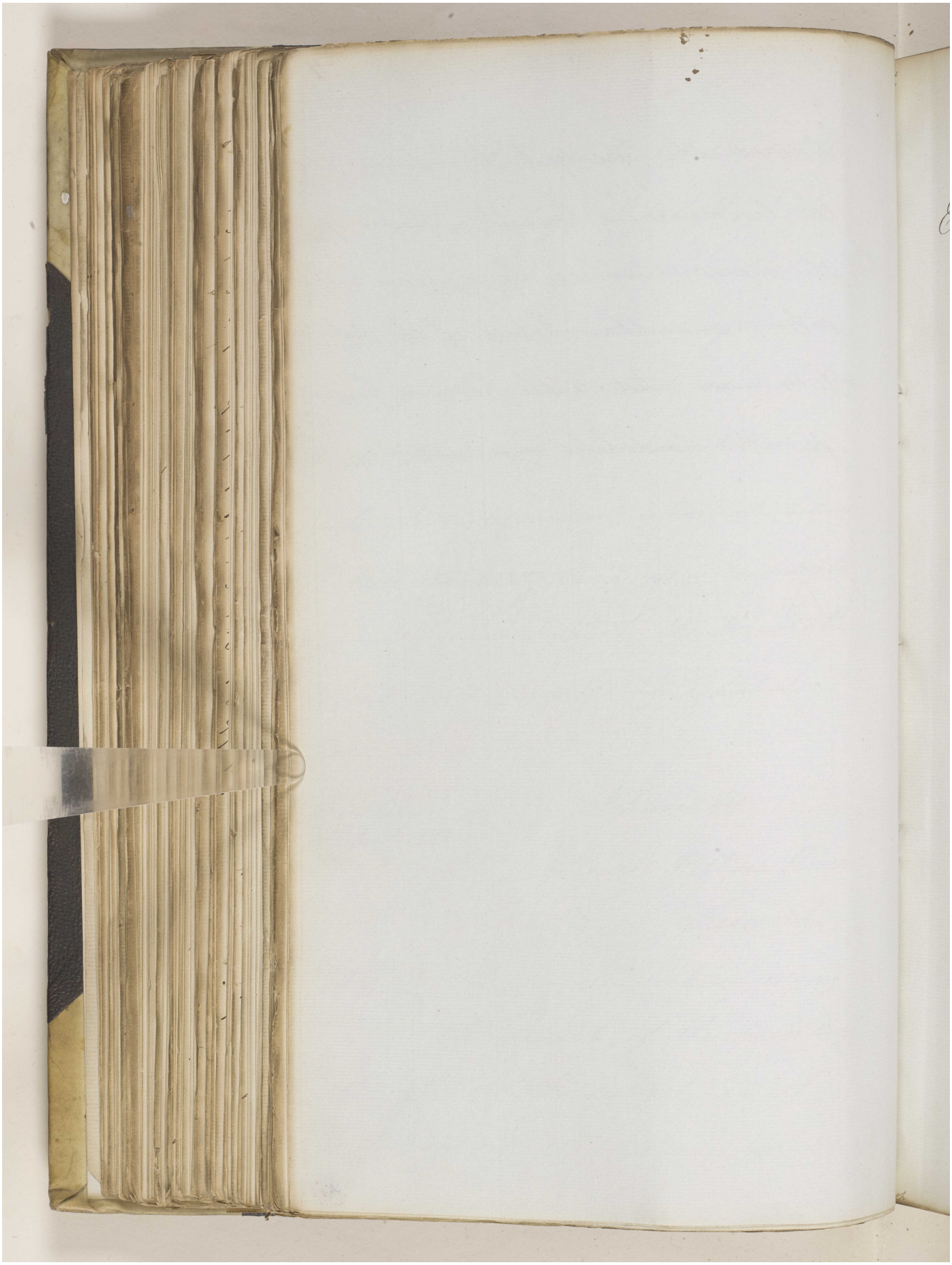

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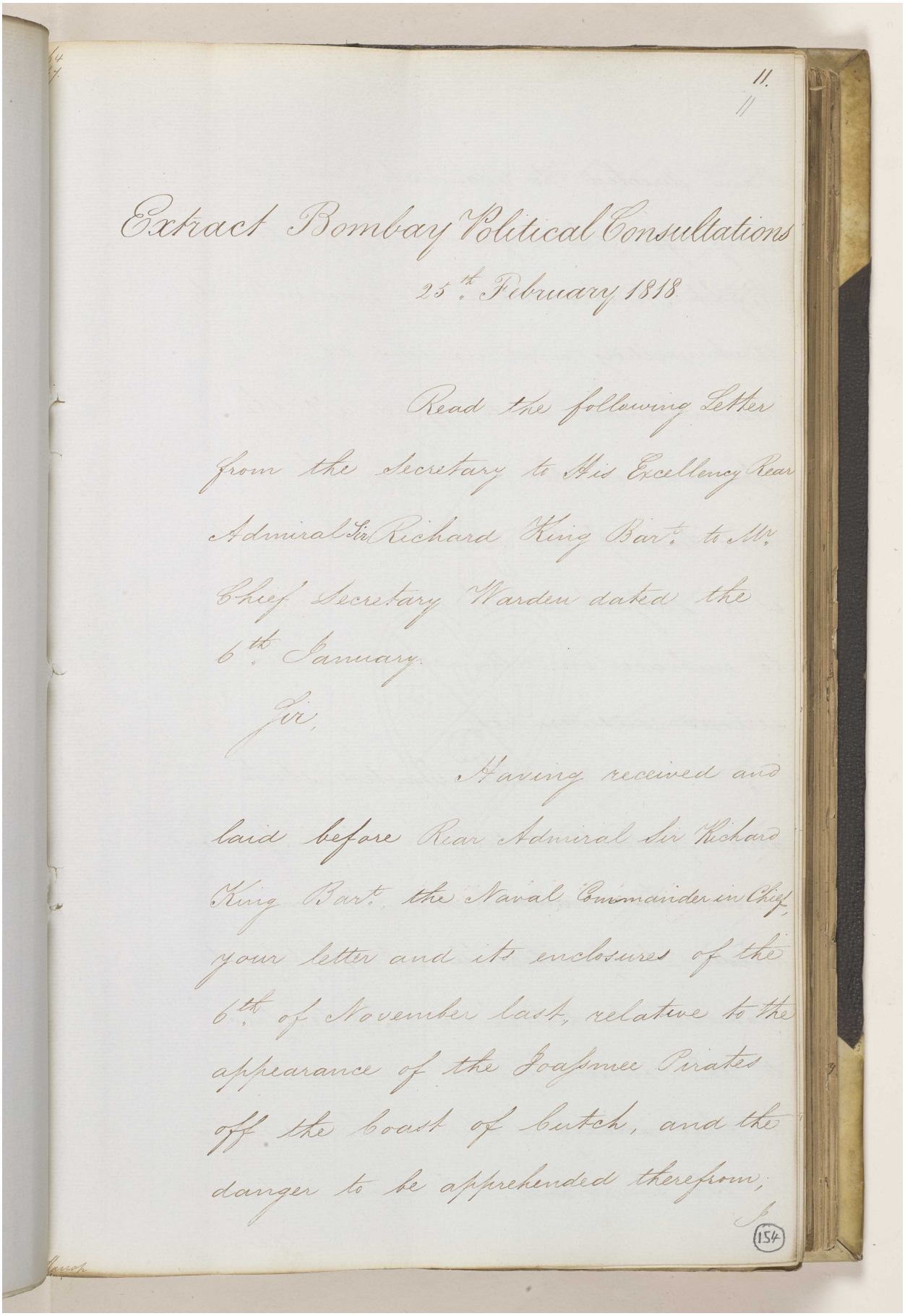

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

25th. February 1818

Read the following Letter from the Secretary to His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Richard King Bart. to Mr. Chief Secretary Warden dated the 6th. January.

Sir,

Having received and laid before Rear Admiral Sir Richard King Bart. the Naval Commander in Chief, your letter and its enclosures of the 6th. of November last, relative to the appearance of the Joasmee Pirates off the coast of Cutch, and the danger to be apprehended therefrom;

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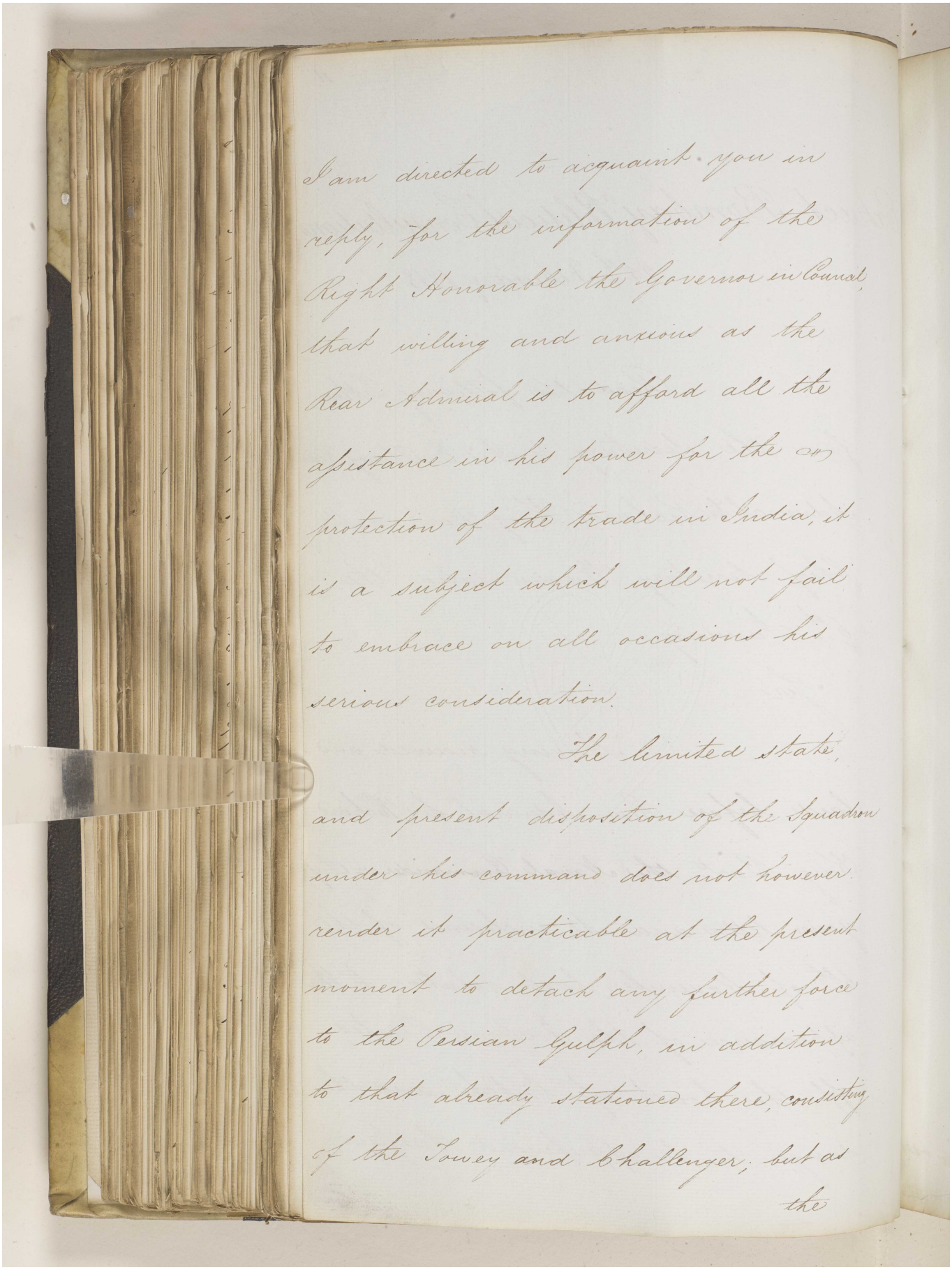

I am directed to acquaint you in reply, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that willing and anxious as the Rear Admiral is to affard all the assistance in his power for the protection of the trade in India, it is a subject which will not fail to embrace on all occasions his serious consideration.

The limited state, and present disposition of the Squadron under his command does not however render it practicable at the present moment to detach any further force to the Persian Gulph, in addition to that already stationed there, consisting of the Towey and Challenger, but as the

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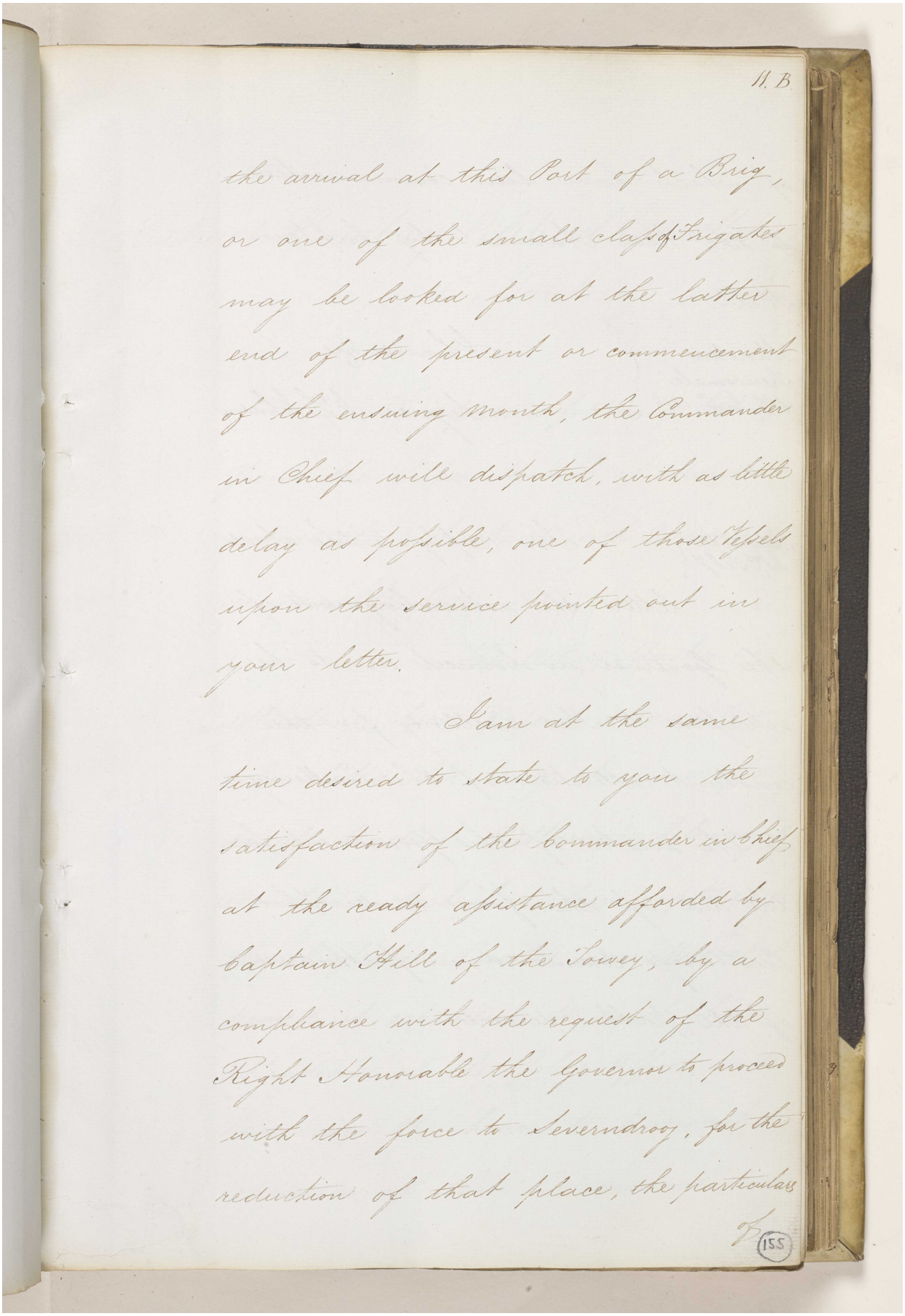

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the arrival at this Port of a Brig, or one of the small class of Frigates may be looked for at the latter end of the present or commencement of the ensuing month, the Commander in Chief will dispatch, with as little delay as possible, one of those Vessels upon the service pointed out in your letter.

I am at the same time desired to state to you the satisfaction of the Commander in Chief at the ready assistance afforded by Captain Hill of the Sowey, by a compliance with the request of the Right Honorable the Governor to proceed with the force to Severndroog, for the reduction of that place, the particulars

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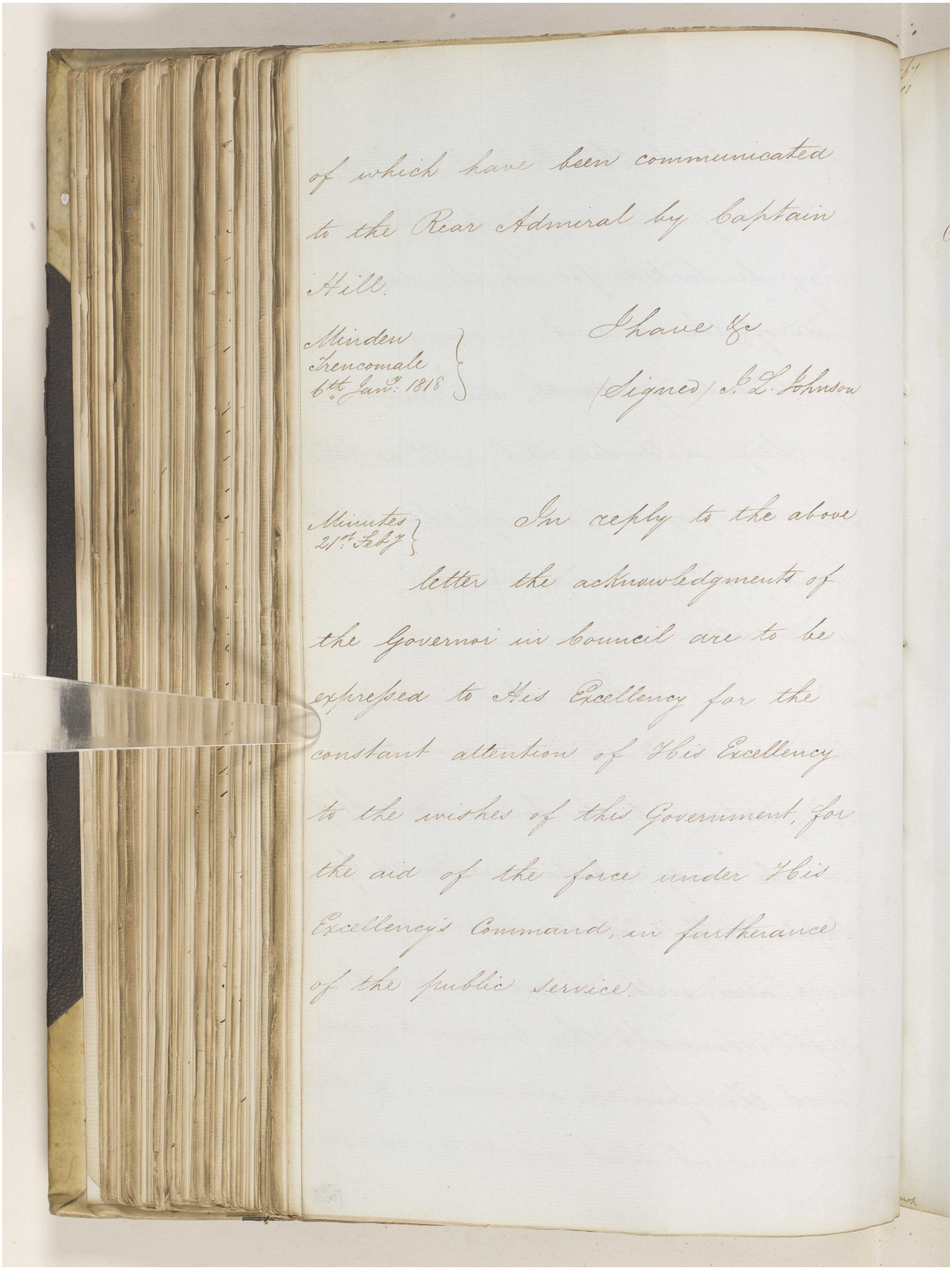

of which have been communicated to the Rear Admiral by Captain Hill.

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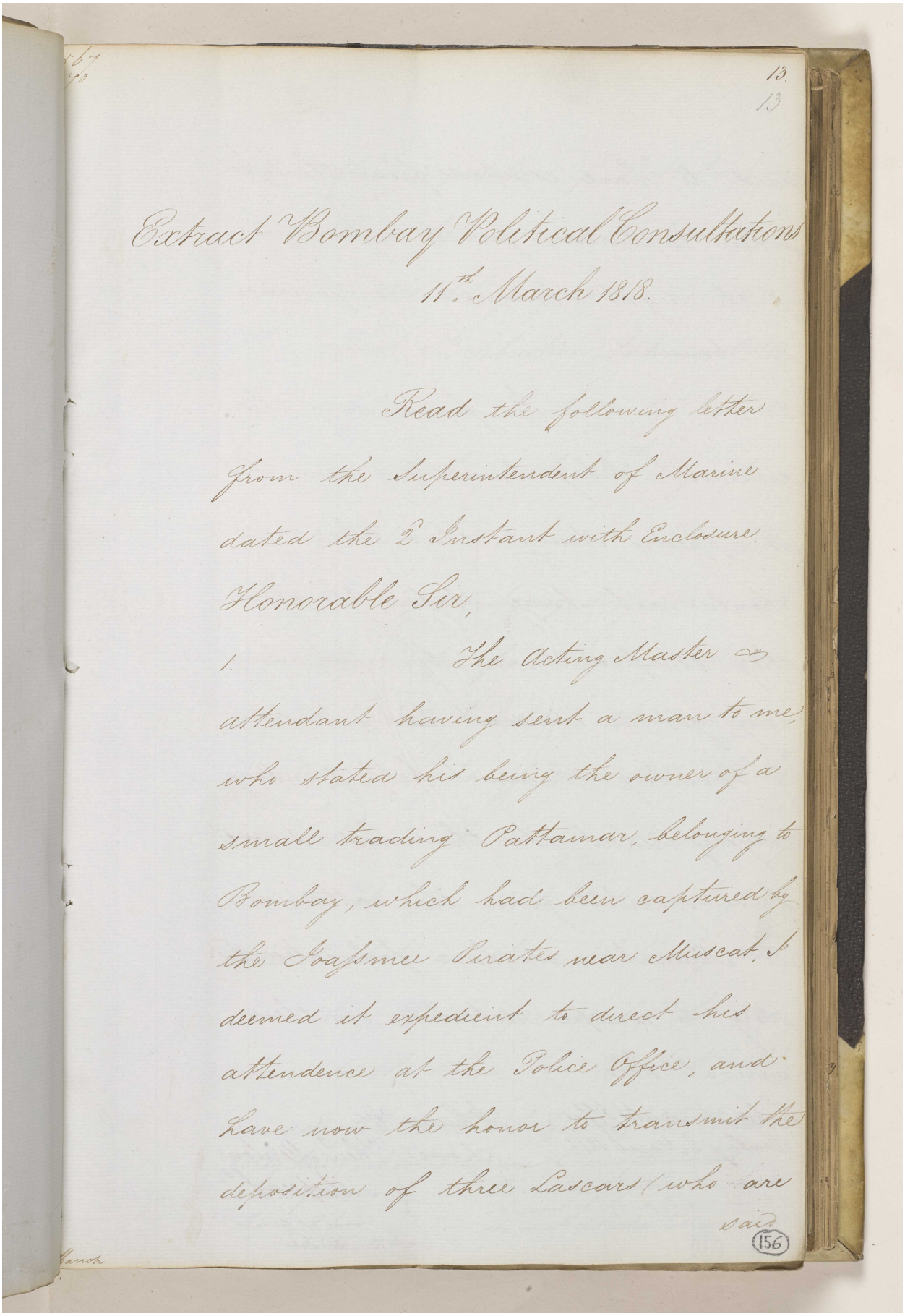
Trencomale
6th Jany. 1818

I have &c
(Signed) C. L. Johnson

Minutes
21st Feby

In reply to the above letter the acknowledgments of the Governor in Council are to be expressed to His Excellency for the constant attention of His Excellency to the wishes of this Government, for the aid of the force under His Excellency's Command, in furtherance of the public service.



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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
11th March 1818.

Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Marine dated the 2 Instant with Enclosure

Honorable Sir,

1. The acting Master & attendant having sent a man to me, who stated his being the owner of a small trading Pattamar, belonging to Bombay, which had been captured by the Joasmee Pirates near Muscat, I deemed it expedient to direct his attendence at the Police Office, and have now the honor to transmit the deposition of three Lascars (who are said

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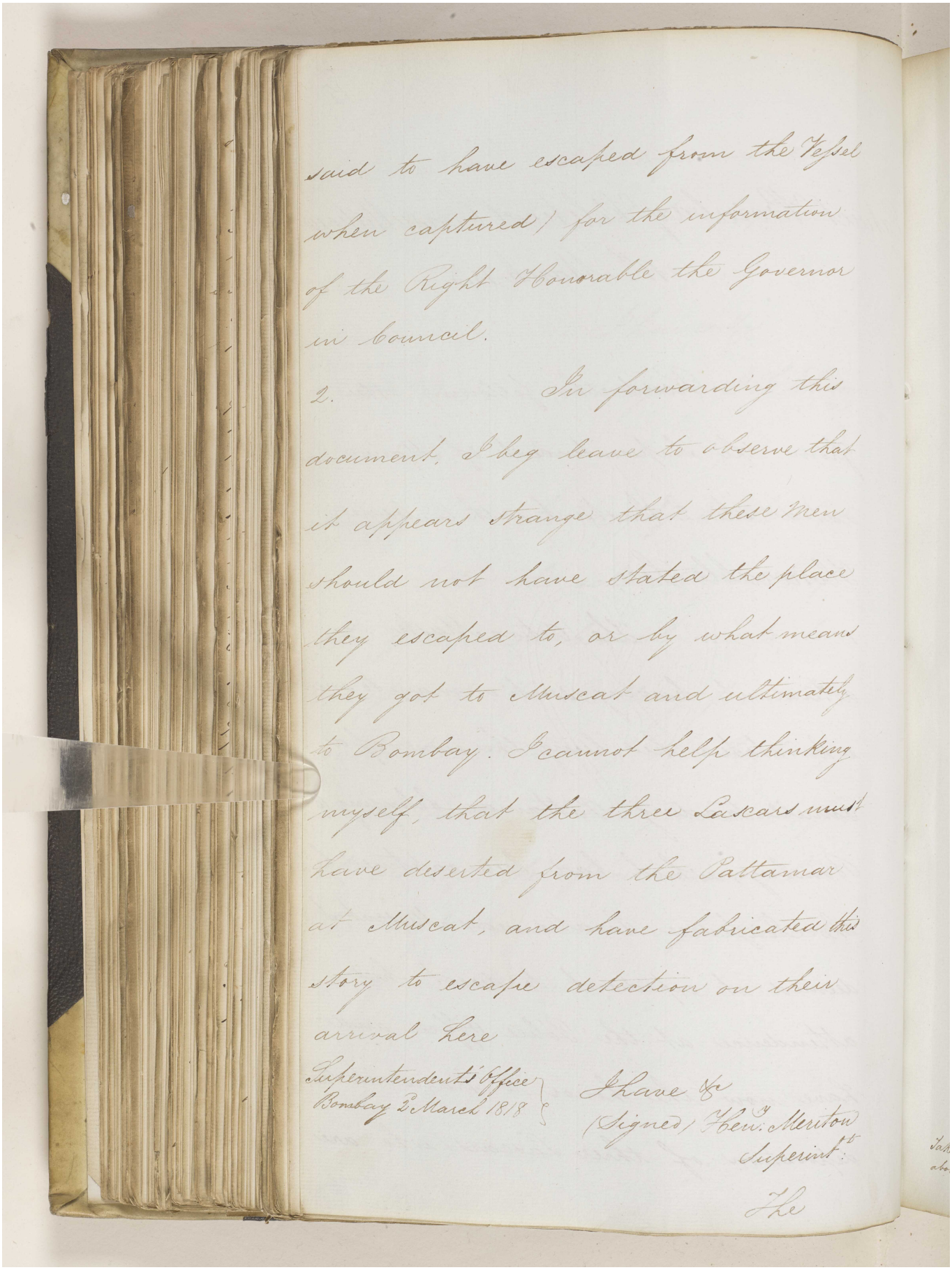

said to have escaped from the Vessel when captured / for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. In forwarding this document, I beg leave to observe that it appears strange that these Men should not have stated the place they escaped to, or by what means they got to Muscat and ultimately to Bombay. I cannot help thinking myself, that the three Lascars must have deserted from the Pattamar at Muscat, and have fabricated this story to escape detection on their arrival here

Superintendent's Office
Bombay 2d March 1818

I have &c
(Signed) Henr: Meriton
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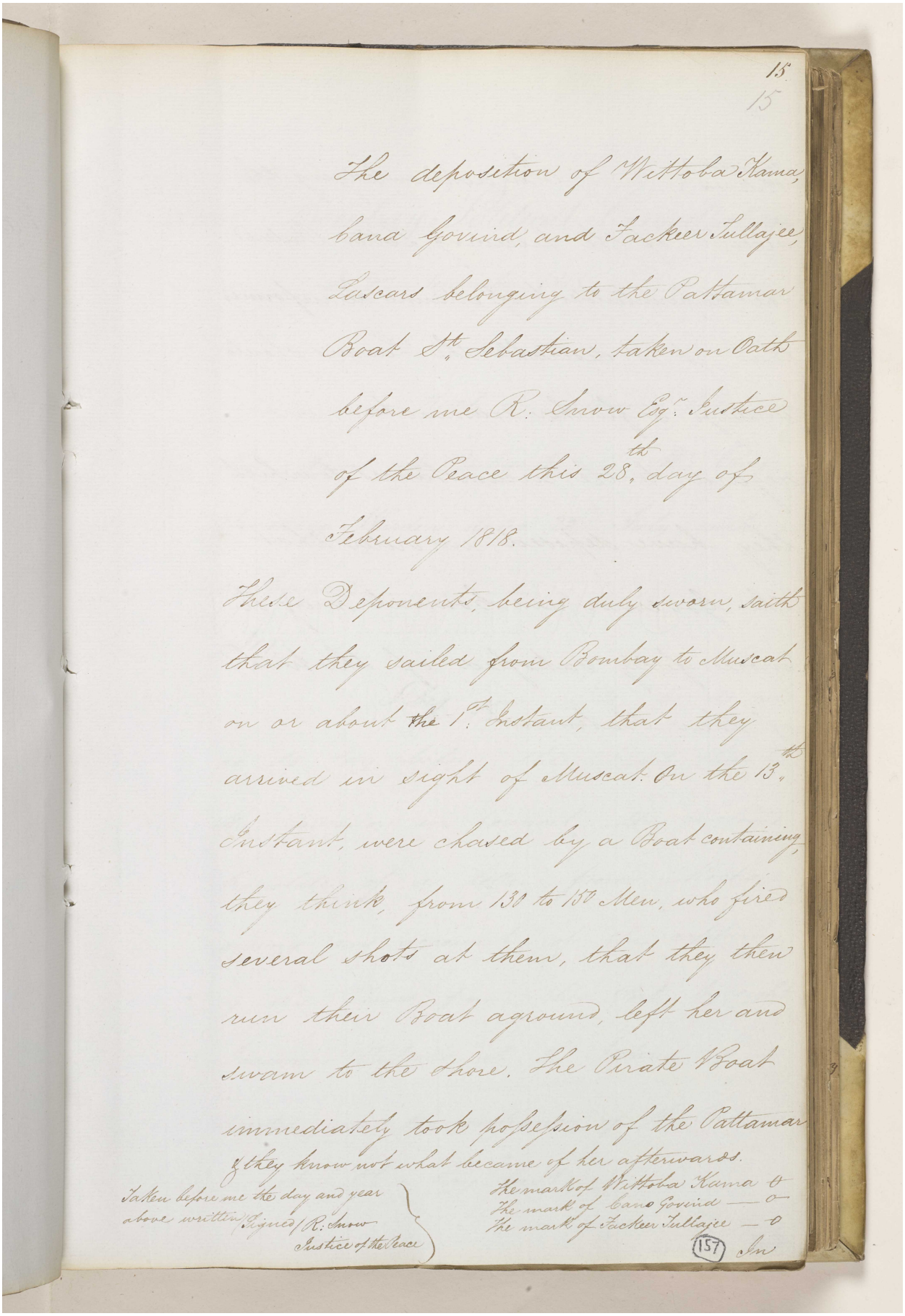

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The deposition of Wittoba Kama, Cana Govind, and Fackeer Tullajee, Lascars belonging to the Pattamar Boat St. Sebastian, taken on Oath before me R. Snow Esq.r Justice of the Peace this 28th day of February 1818.

These Deponents, being duly sworn, saith that they sailed from Bombay to Muscat on or about the 1st. Instant, that they arrived in sight of Muscat On the 13th Instant, were chased by a Boat containing, they think, from 130 to 150 Men, who fired several shots at them, that they then run their Boat aground, left her and swam to the shore. The Pirate Boat immediately took possession of the Pattamar & they know not what became of her afterwards.

Taken before me the day and year above written. Signed R. Snow Justice of the Peace

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The mark of Cana Govind — o —
The mark of Fackeer Tullajee — o

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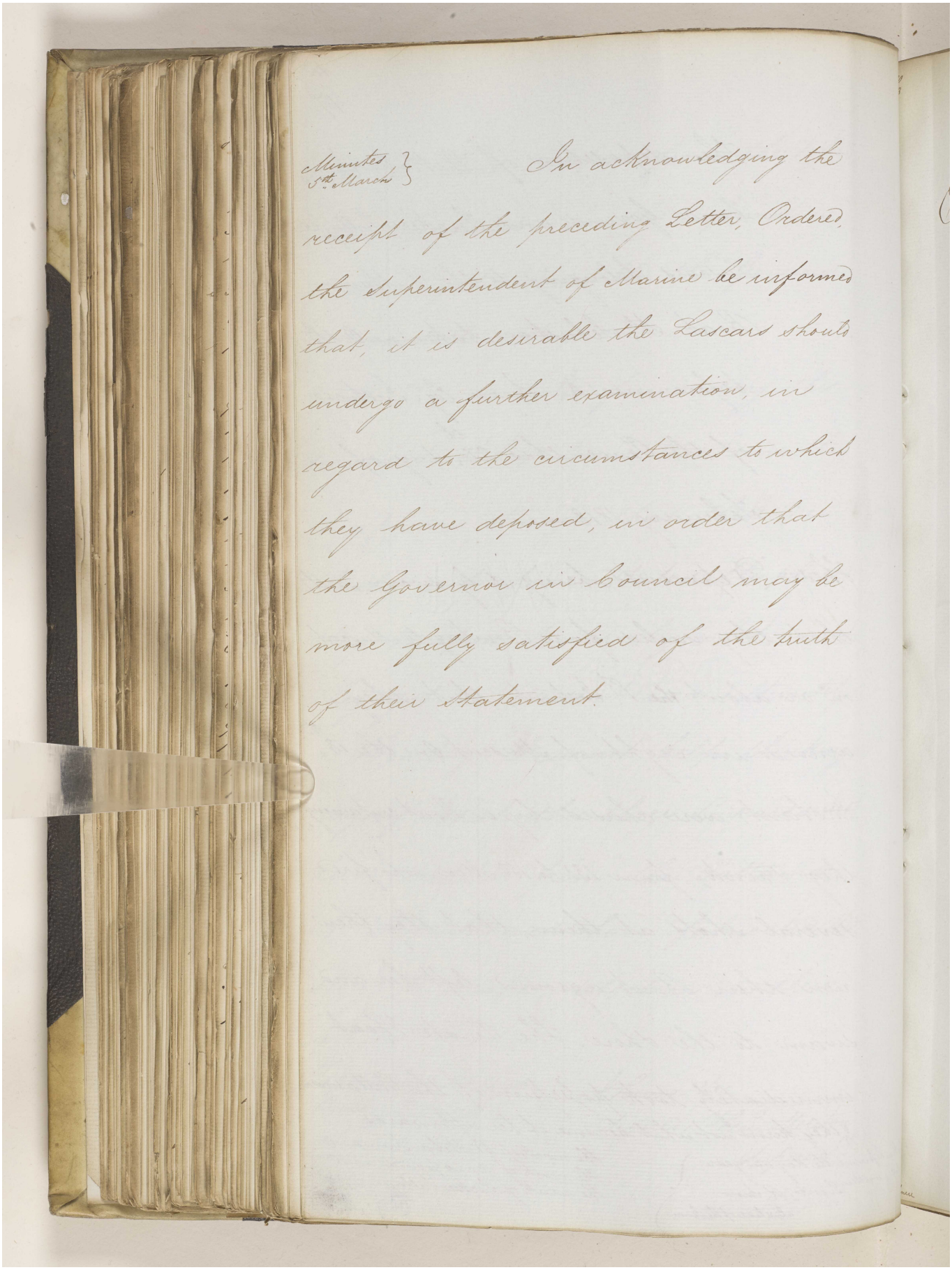
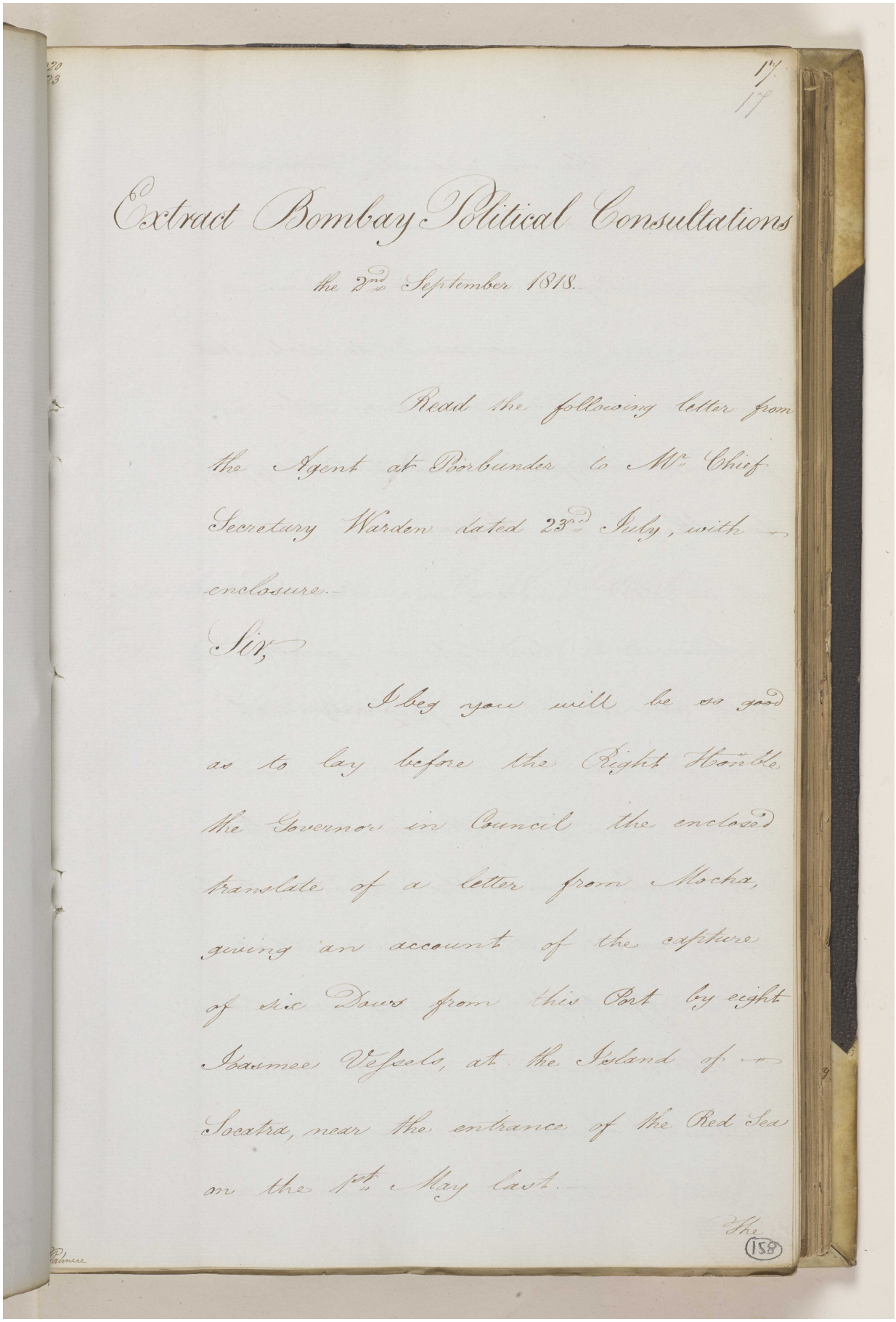


Minutes 5th March

In acknowledging the receipt of the preceding Letter, Ordered, the Superintendent of Marine be informed that, it is desirable the Lascars should undergo a further examination, in regard to the circumstances to which they have deposed, in order that the Governor in Council may be more fully satisfied of the truth of their Statement.



Extract Bombay Political Consultations

the 2nd September 1818.

Read the following letter from the Agent at Barbunder to Mr. Chief Secretary Warden dated 23rd July, with enclosure.

Sir,

I beg you will be so good as to lay before the Right Honble the Governor in Council the enclosed translate of a letter from Mocha, giving an account of the capture of six Dows from this Port by eight Joasmee Vessels, at the Island of Socatra, near the entrance of the Red Sea on the 1st May last.

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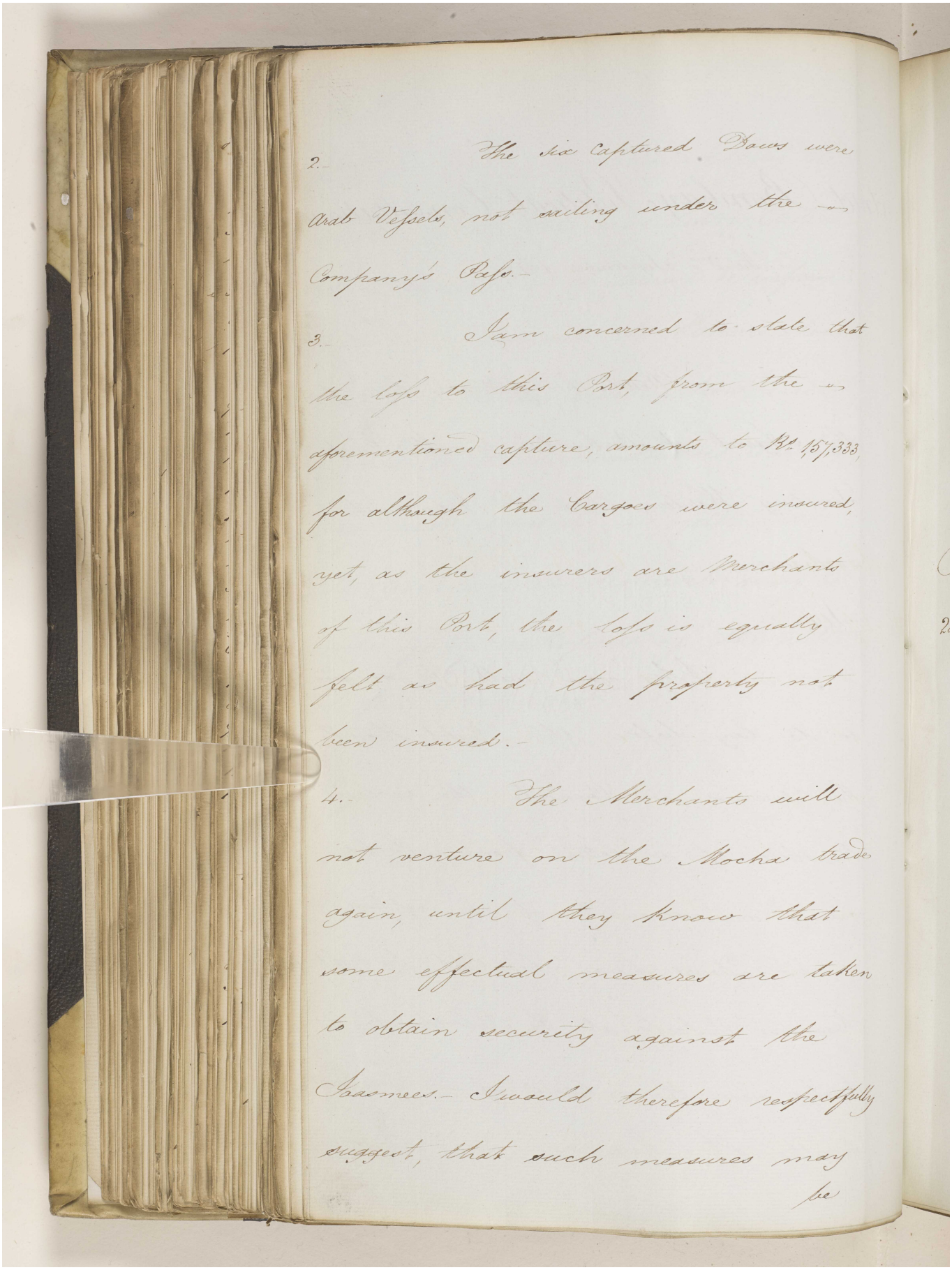
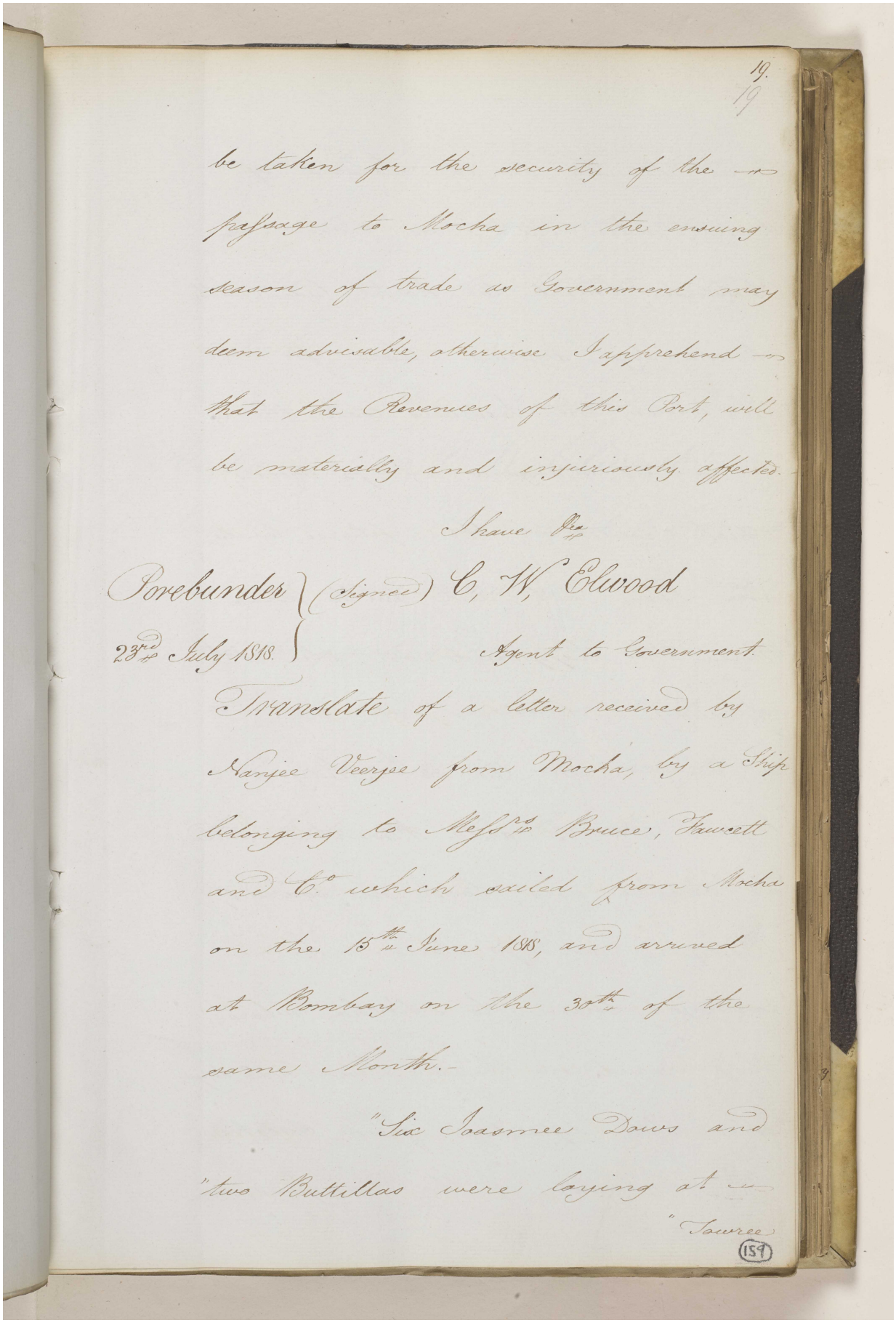


2. The six captured Dows were Arab Vessels, not sailing under the Company's Pass.

3. I am concerned to state that the loss to this Port, from the aforementioned capture, amounts to Rs. 1,57,333 for although the Cargoes were insured, yet, as the insurers are Merchants of this Port, the loss is equally felt as had the property not been insured.

4. The Merchants will not venture on the Mocha trade again, until they know that some effectual measures are taken to obtain security against the Joasmees. I would therefore respectfully suggest, that such measures may be



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be taken for the security of the
passage to Mocha in the ensuing
season of trade as Government may
deem advisable, otherwise I apprehend
that the Revenues of this Port, will
be materially and injuriously affected.

I have &c.

Porebunder } (Signed) C. W. Elwood
23rd July 1818. } Agent to Government.

Translate of a letter received by
Nanjee Veerjee from Mocha, by a Ship
belonging to Messrs. Bruce, Fawcett
and Co. which sailed from Mocha
on the 15th June 18[illegible], and arrived
at Bombay on the 31st of the
same Month.-

"Six Joasmee Dows and
"two Buttillas were laying at
"Soueee

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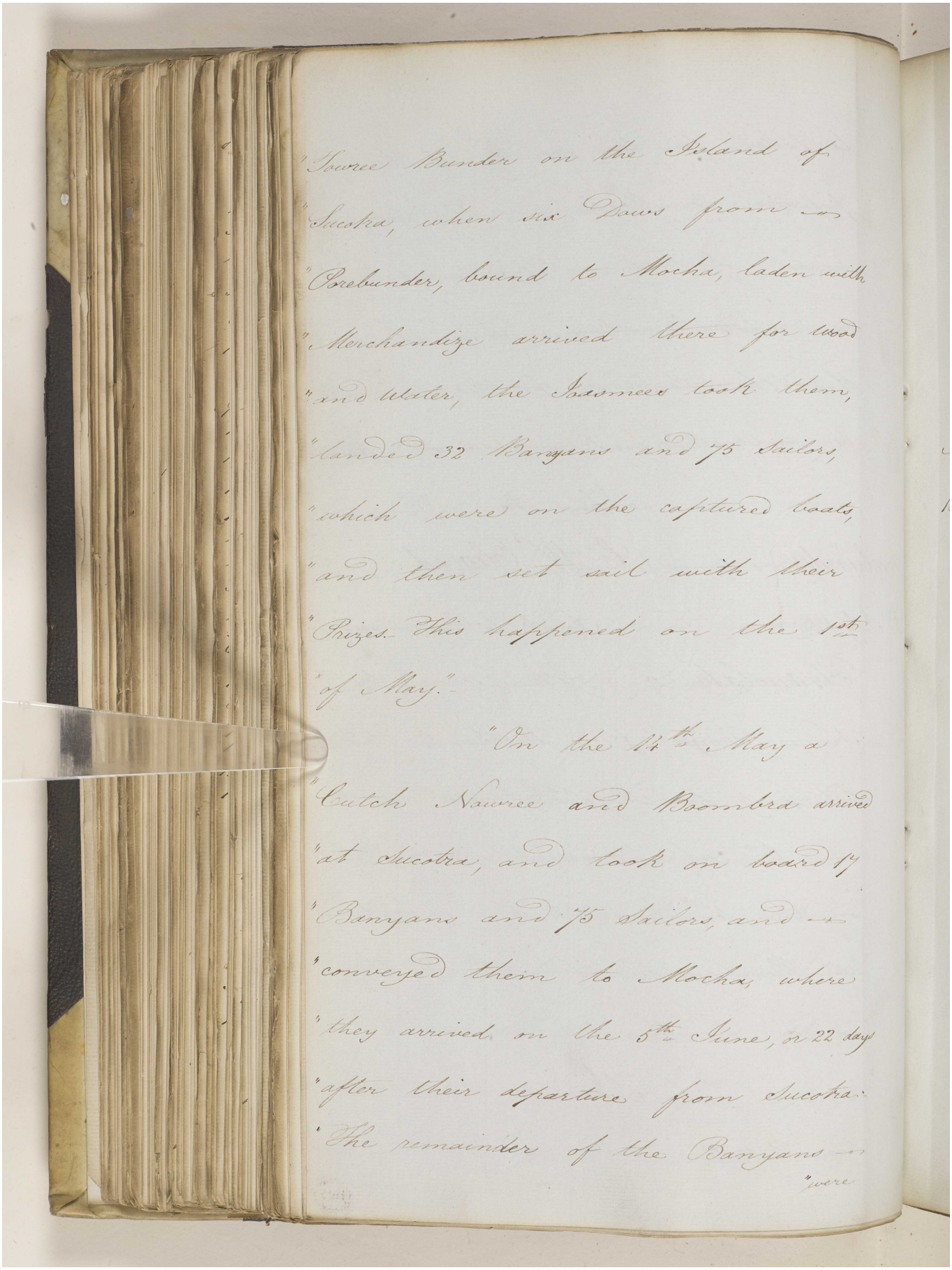
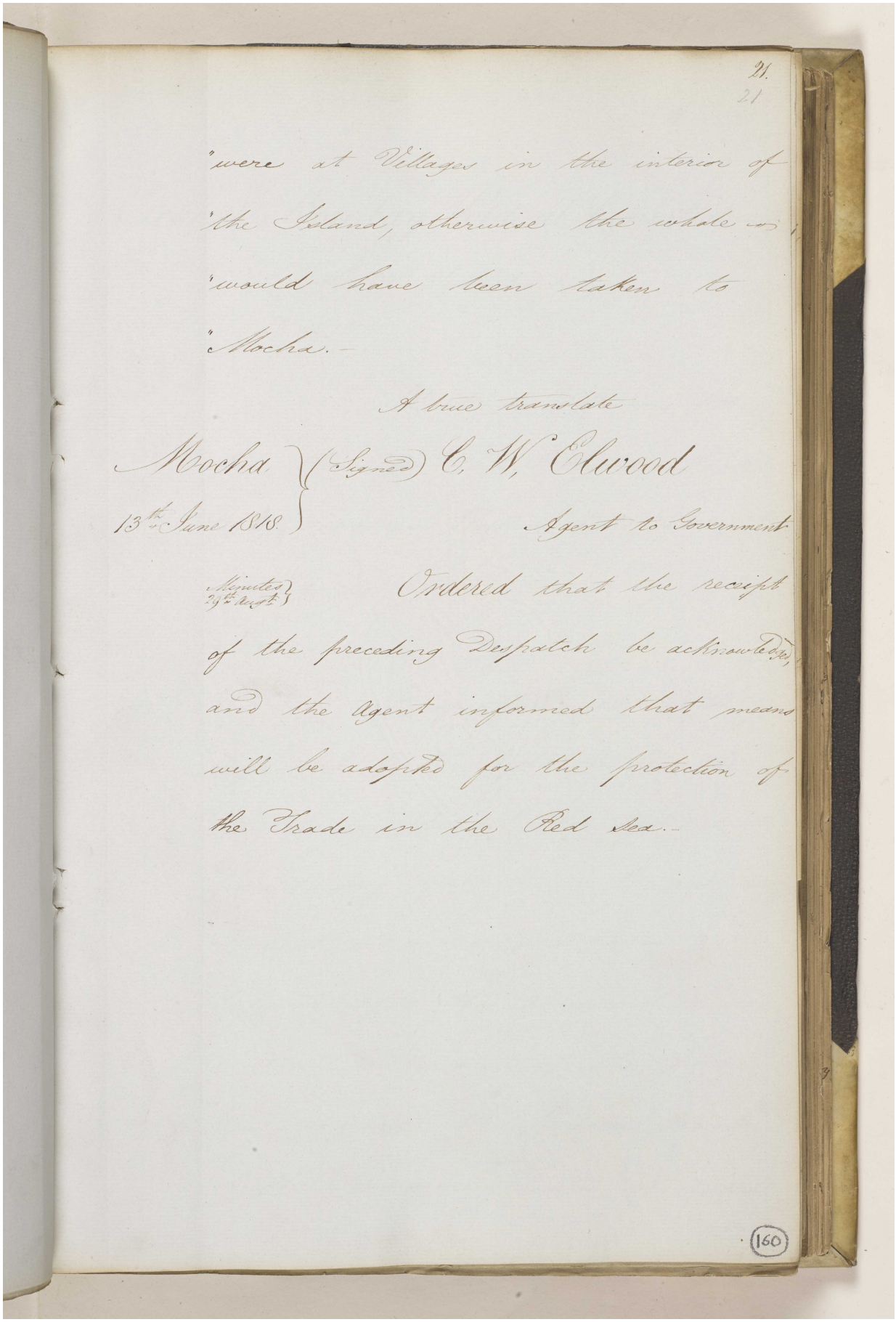


"Sowree Bunder on the Island of
"Socotra, when six Dows from
"Berbunder, bound to Mocha, laden with
"Merchandize arrived there for Wood
"and Water, the Joasmees took them,
"landed 32 Banyans and 75 Sailors,
"which were on the captured boats,
"and then set sail with their
"Prizes. This happened on the 1st
"of May."

"On the 12th May a
"Cutch Nauree and Boombra arrived
"at Socotra, and took on board 17
"Banyans and 75 Sailors, and
"conveyed them to Mocha, where
"they arrived on the 5th June, in 22 days
"after their departure from Socotra.
"The remainder of the Banyans
"were



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"were at Villages in the interior of
"the Island, otherwise the whole
"would have been taken to
"Mocha.-

A true translate

Mocha
13th June 1818
(Signed) C. W. Elwood
Agent to Government

Minutes 29th Augt
Ordered that the receipt of the preceding Despatch be acknowledged, and the Agent informed that means will be adopted for the protection of the Trade in the Red Sea.-

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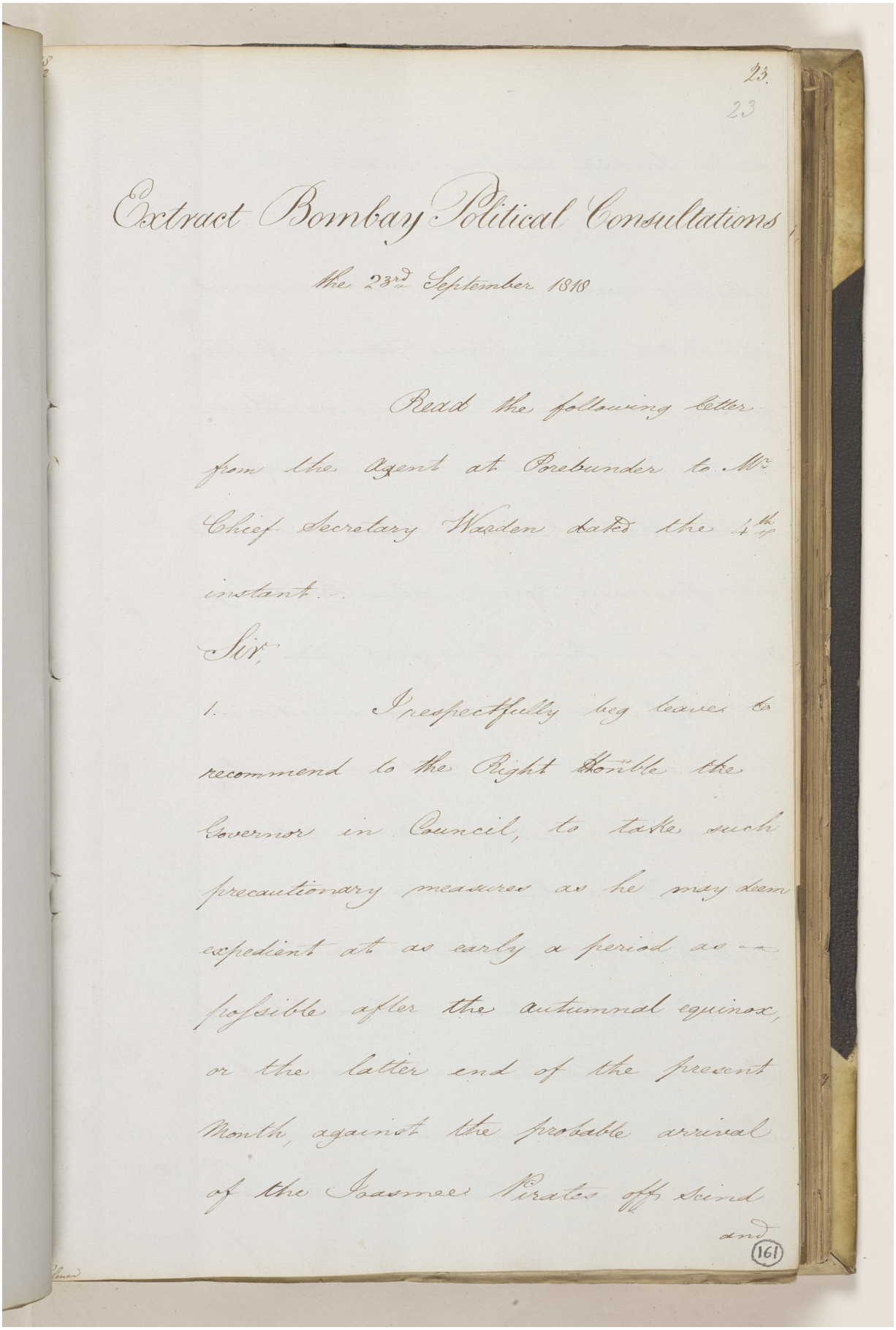

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

the 23rd September 1818

Read the following letter from the Agent at Porebunder to Mr. Chief Secretary Warden dated the 4th inst.

Sir,

1. I respectfully beg leave to recommend to the Right Honble the Governor in Council, to take such precautionary measures as he may deem expedient at as early a period as possible after the autumnal equinox, or the latter end of the present Month, against the probable arrival of the Joasmee Pirates off Scind and

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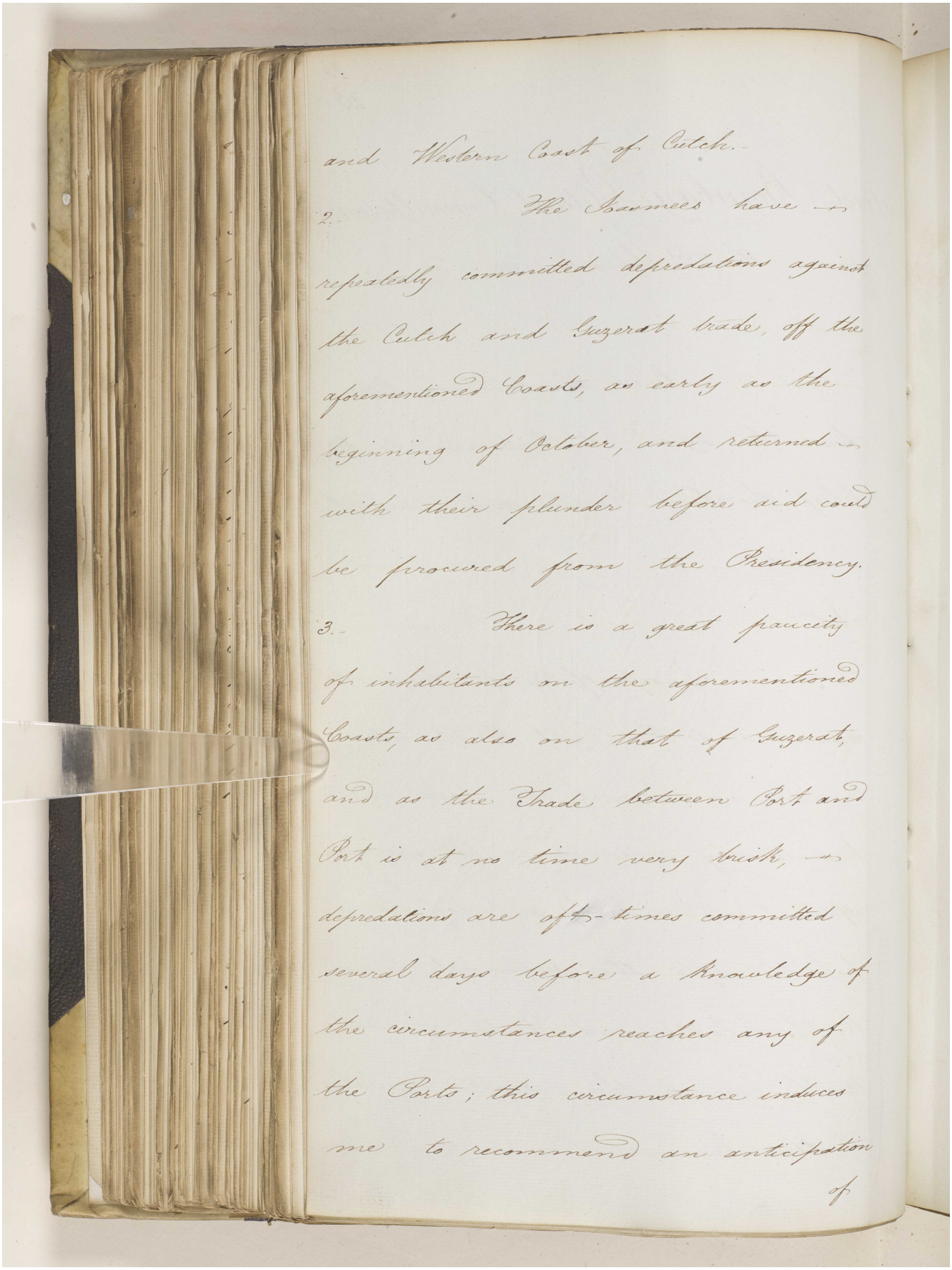
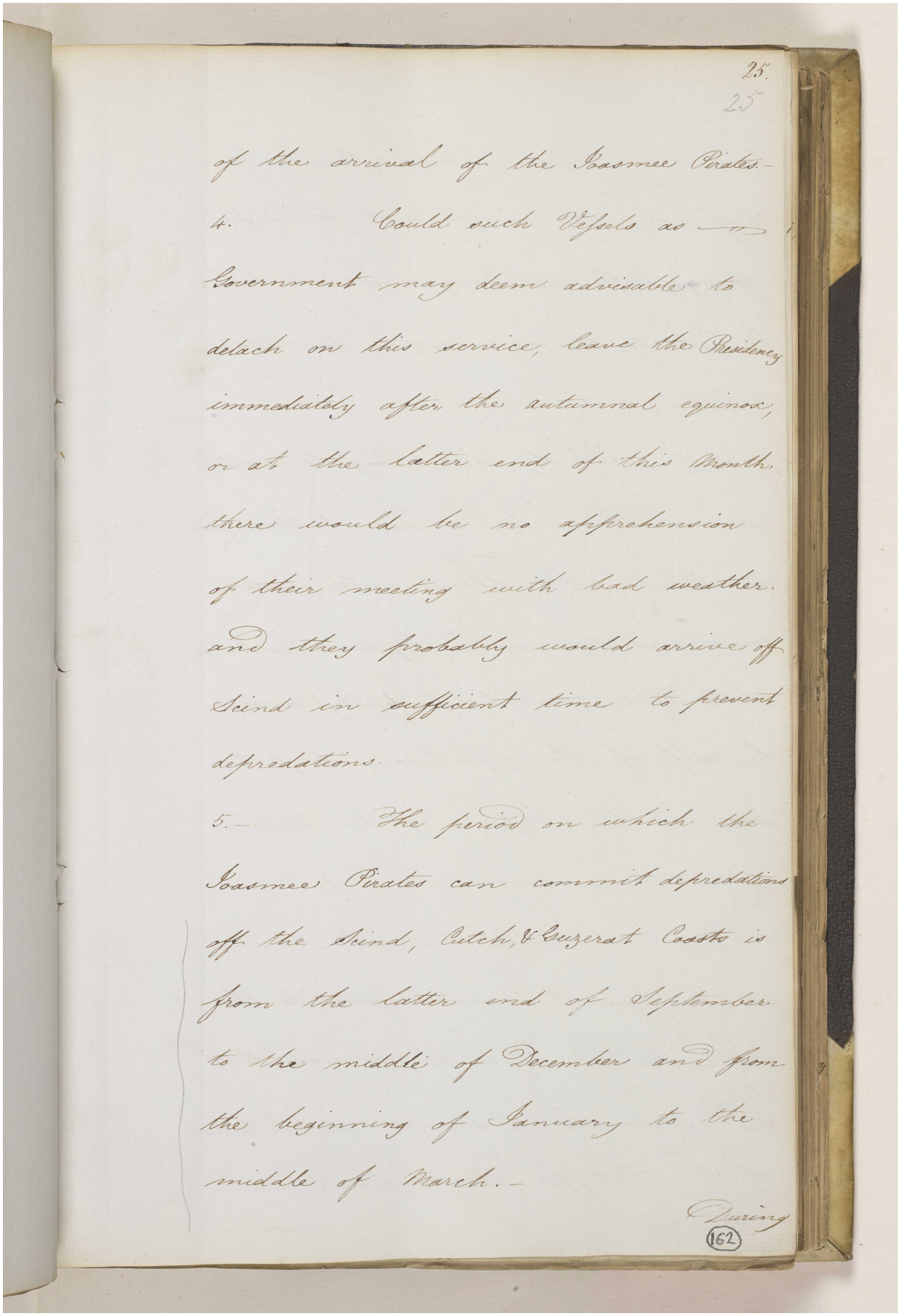


and Western Coast of Cutch.

2. The Joasmees have — repeatedly committed depredations against the Cutch and Guzerat trade, off the aforementioned Coasts, as early as the beginning of October, and returned — with their plunder before aid could be procured from the Presidency.

3. There is a great paucity of inhabitants on the aforementioned Coasts, as also on that of Guzerat, and as the Trade between Port and Port is at no time very brisk, — depredations are oft-times committed several days before a knowledge of the circumstances reaches any of the Ports; this circumstance induces me to recommend an anticipation of



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of the arrival of the Joasmee Pirates.-

4. Could such Vessels as the Government may deem advisable to detach on this service, leave the Presidency immediately after the autumnal equinox, or at the latter end of this Month, there would be no apprehension of their meeting with bad weather, and they probably would arrive off Scind in sufficient time to prevent depredations.-

5.- The period on which the Joasmee Pirates can commit depredations off the Scind, Cutch, & Guzerat Coasts is from the latter end of September to the middle of December and from the beginning of January to the middle of March.-

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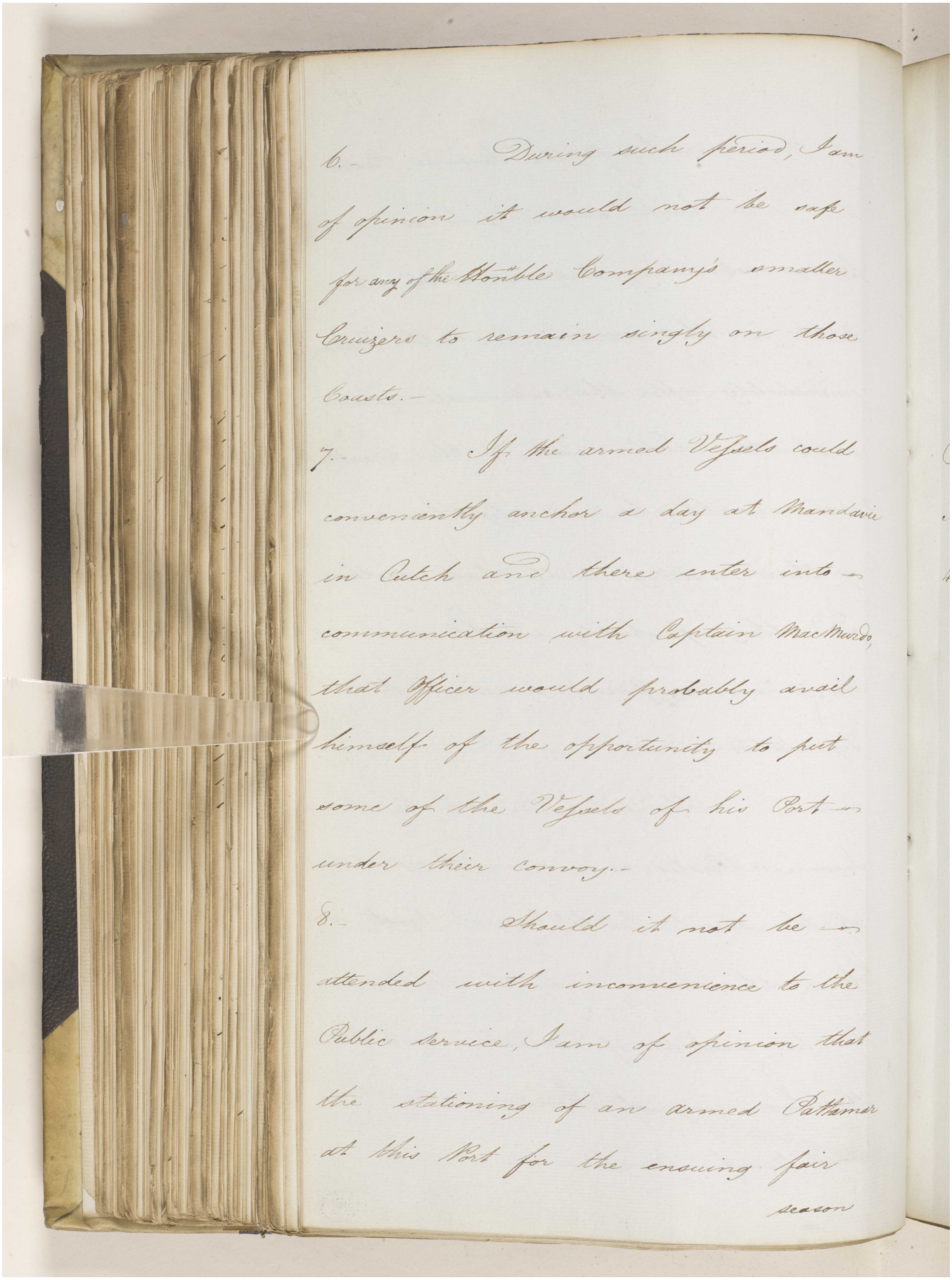
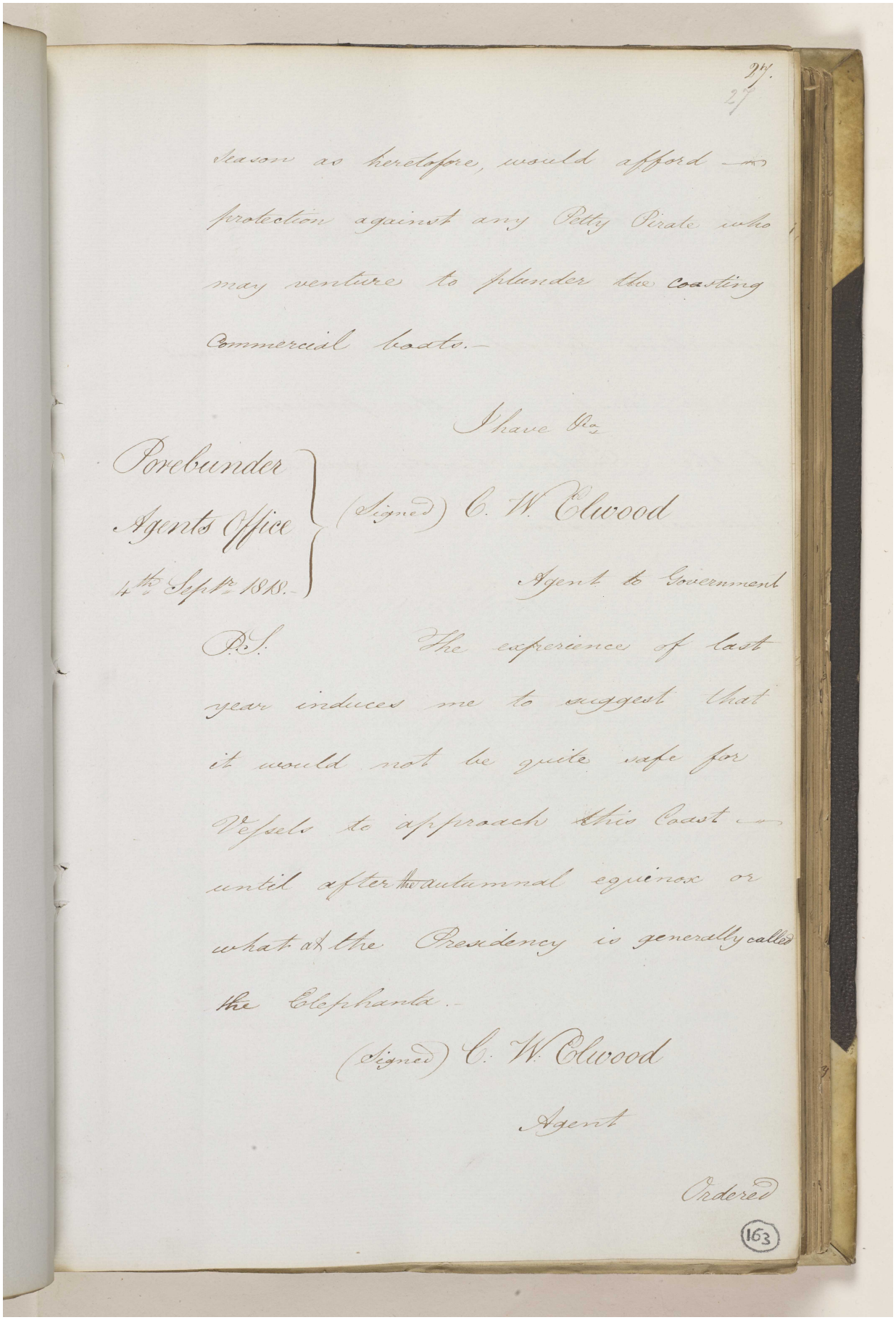


6.— During such period, I am of opinion it would not be safe for any of the Honble Company's smaller Cruizers to remain singly on those Coasts.—

7.— If the armed Vessels could conveniently anchor a day at Mandavie in Cutch and there enter into communication with Captain MacMurdo, that Officer would probably avail himself of the opportunity to put some of the Vessels of his Port under their convoy.—

8.— Should it not be attended with inconvenience to the Public service, I am of opinion that the stationing of an armed Pattamar at this Port for the ensuing fair season



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season as heretofore, would afford —
protection against any Petty Pirate who
may venture to plunder the coasting
Commercial boats.—

I have &c.

Porebunder
Agents Office
4th Sept. 1818.

(signed) C. W. Elwood
Agent to Government

P.S. The experience of last
year induces me to suggest that
it would not be quite safe for
Vessels to approach this Coast —
until after the autumnal equinox or
what at the Presidency is generally called
the Elephanta.—

(signed) C. W. Elwood
Agent

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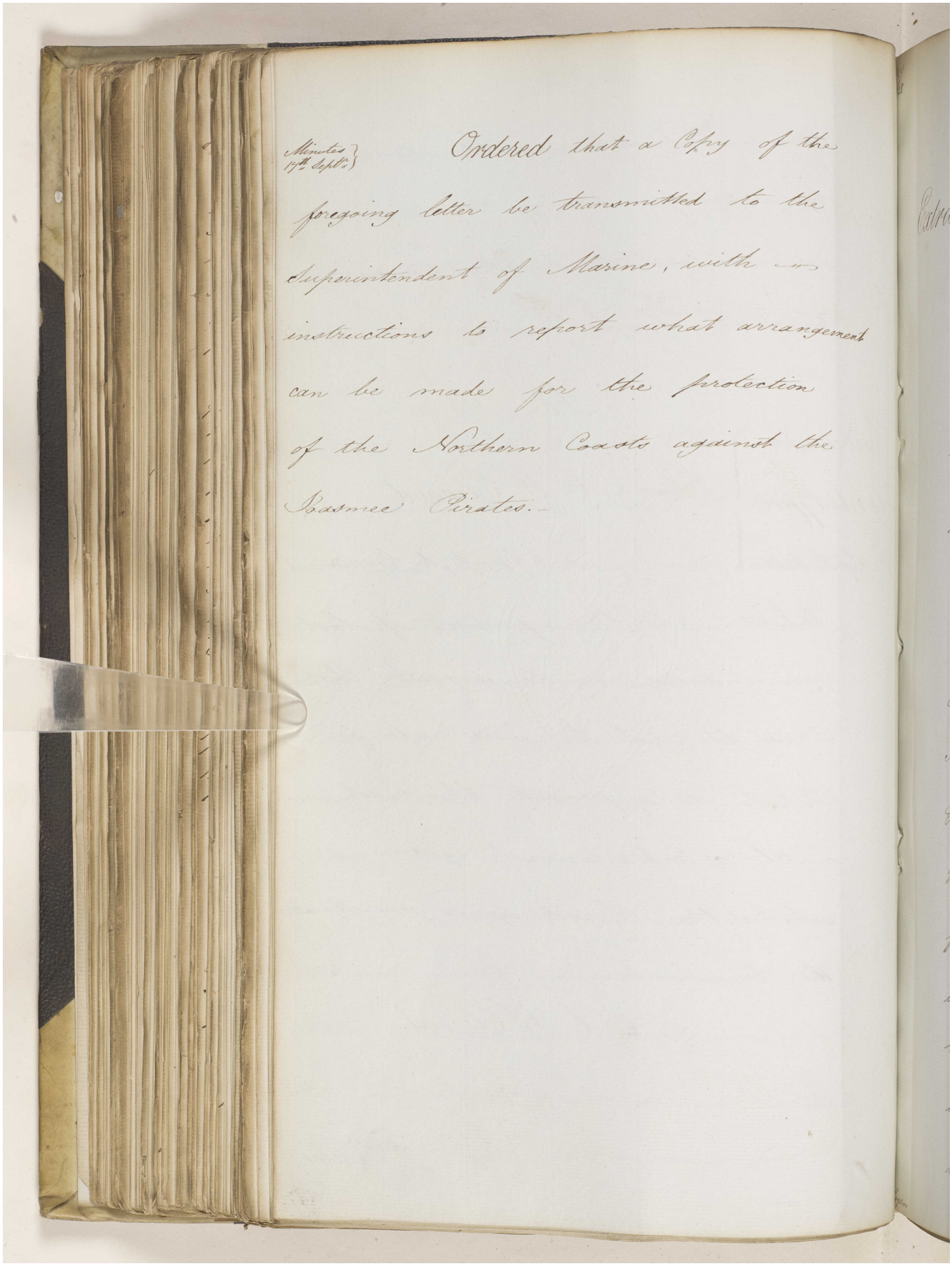

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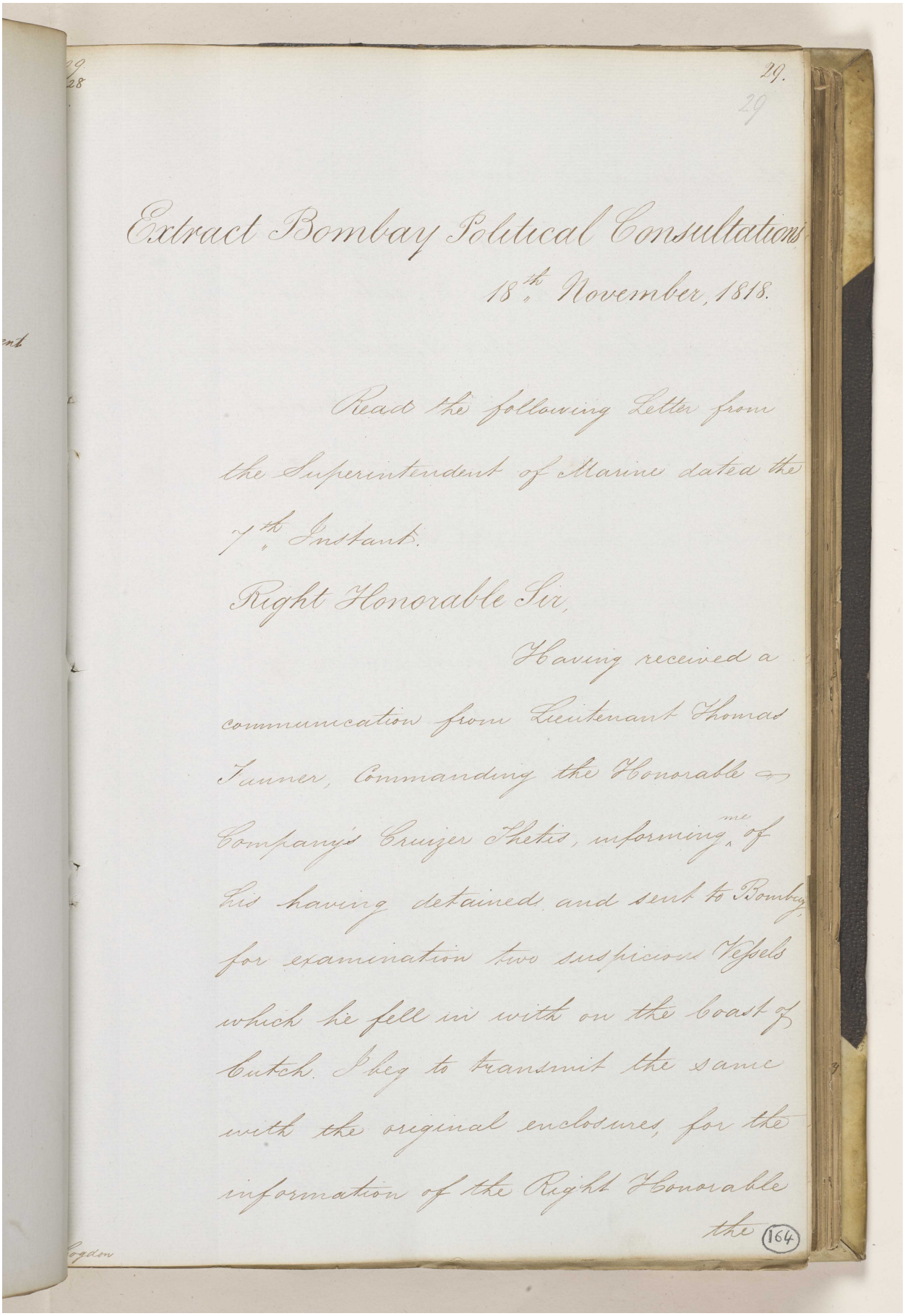
Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to the Superintendent of Marine, with instructions to report what arrangement can be made for the protection of the Northern Coasts against the Joasmee Pirates.—



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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
18th November, 1818.

Read the following Letter from the Superintendent of Marine dated the 7th Instant.

Right Honorable Sir,

Having received a communication from Lieutenant Thomas Tanner, Commanding the Honorable Company's Cruizer Thetis, informing me of his having detained and sent to Bombay for examination two suspicious Vessels which he fell in with on the coast of Cutch. I beg to transmit the same with the original enclosures, for the information of the Right Honorable the

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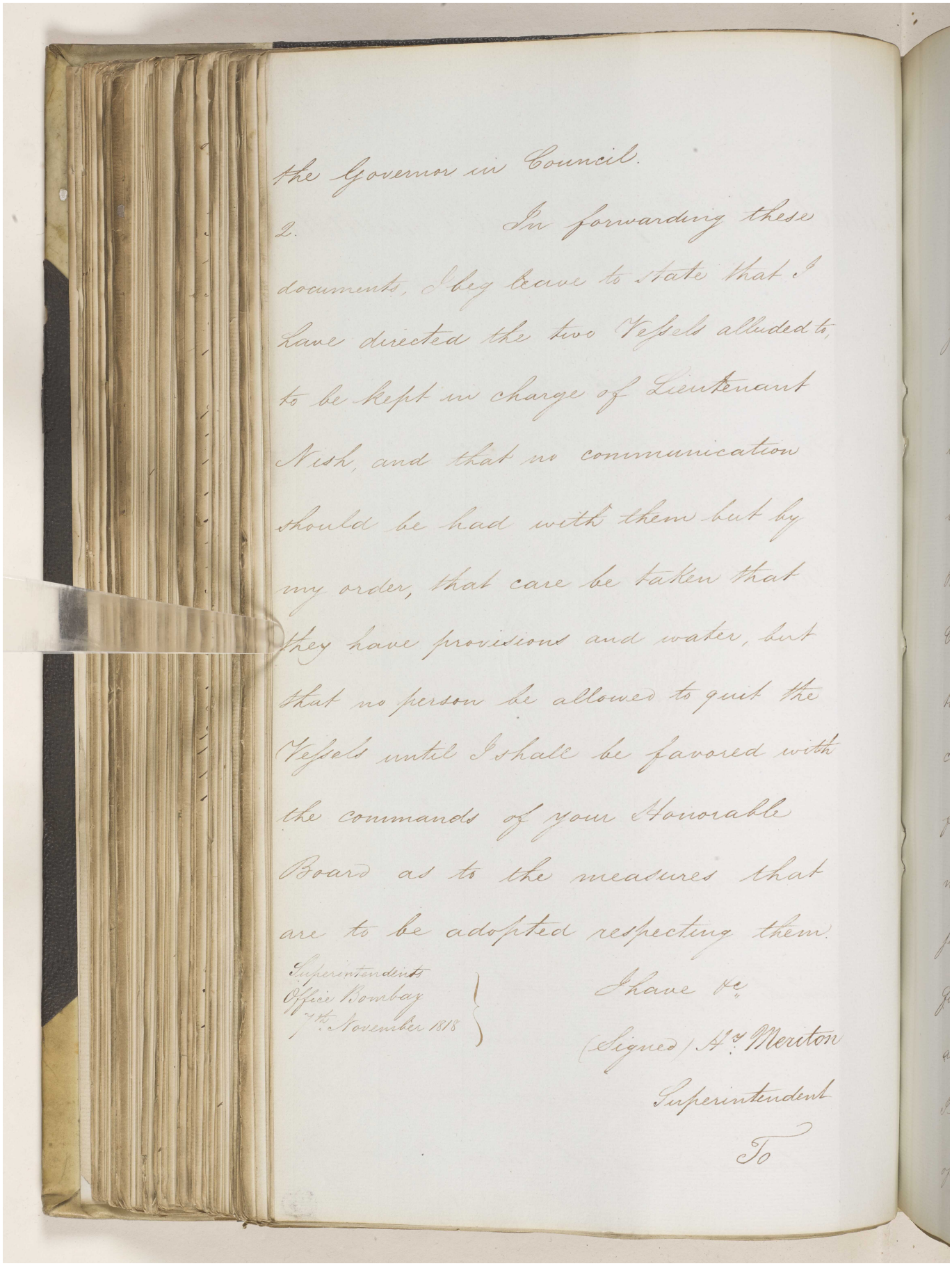


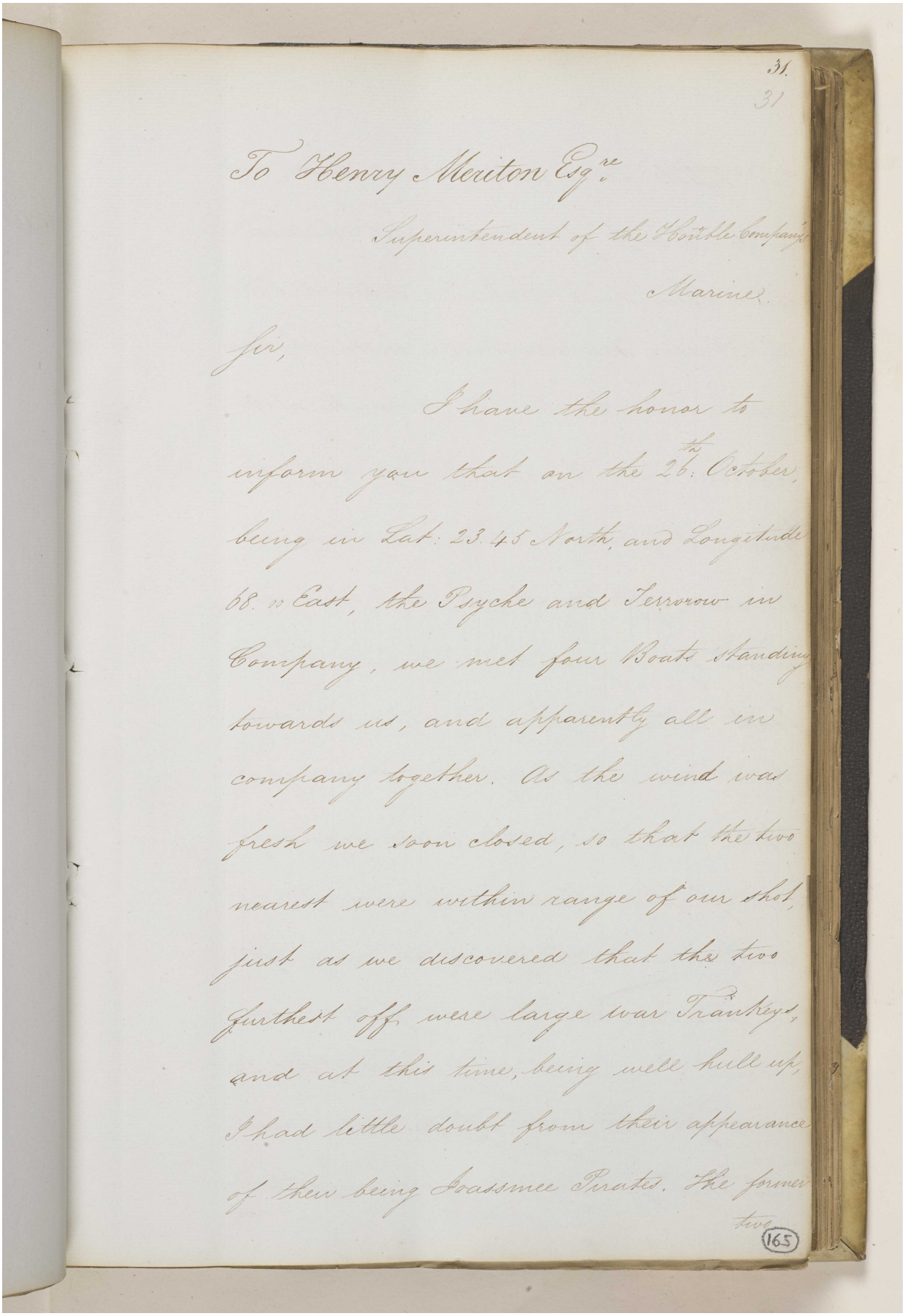
the Governor in Council.

2. In forwarding these documents, I beg leave to state that I have directed the two Vessels alluded to, to be kept in charge of Lieutenant Nish, and that no communication should be had with them but by my order, that care be taken that they have provisions and water, but that no person be allowed to quit the Vessels until I shall be favored with the commands of your Honorable Board as to the measures that are to be adopted respecting them.

Superintendents Office Bombay 7th November 1818

I have &c
(Signed) H. Meriton
Superintendent

To



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To Henry Meriton Esq.re

Superintendent of the Honble Company's

Marine.

Sir,

I have the honor to

inform you that on the 26th October,

being in Lat: 23.45 North, and Longitude

68. 0 East, the Psyche and Terrorow in

Company, we met four Boats standing

towards us, and apparently all in

company together. As the wind was

fresh we soon closed, so that the two

nearest were within range of our shot,

just as we discovered that the two

furthest off were large war Trankeys,

and at this time, being well hull up,

I had little doubt from their appearance

of their being Joassmee Pirates. The former

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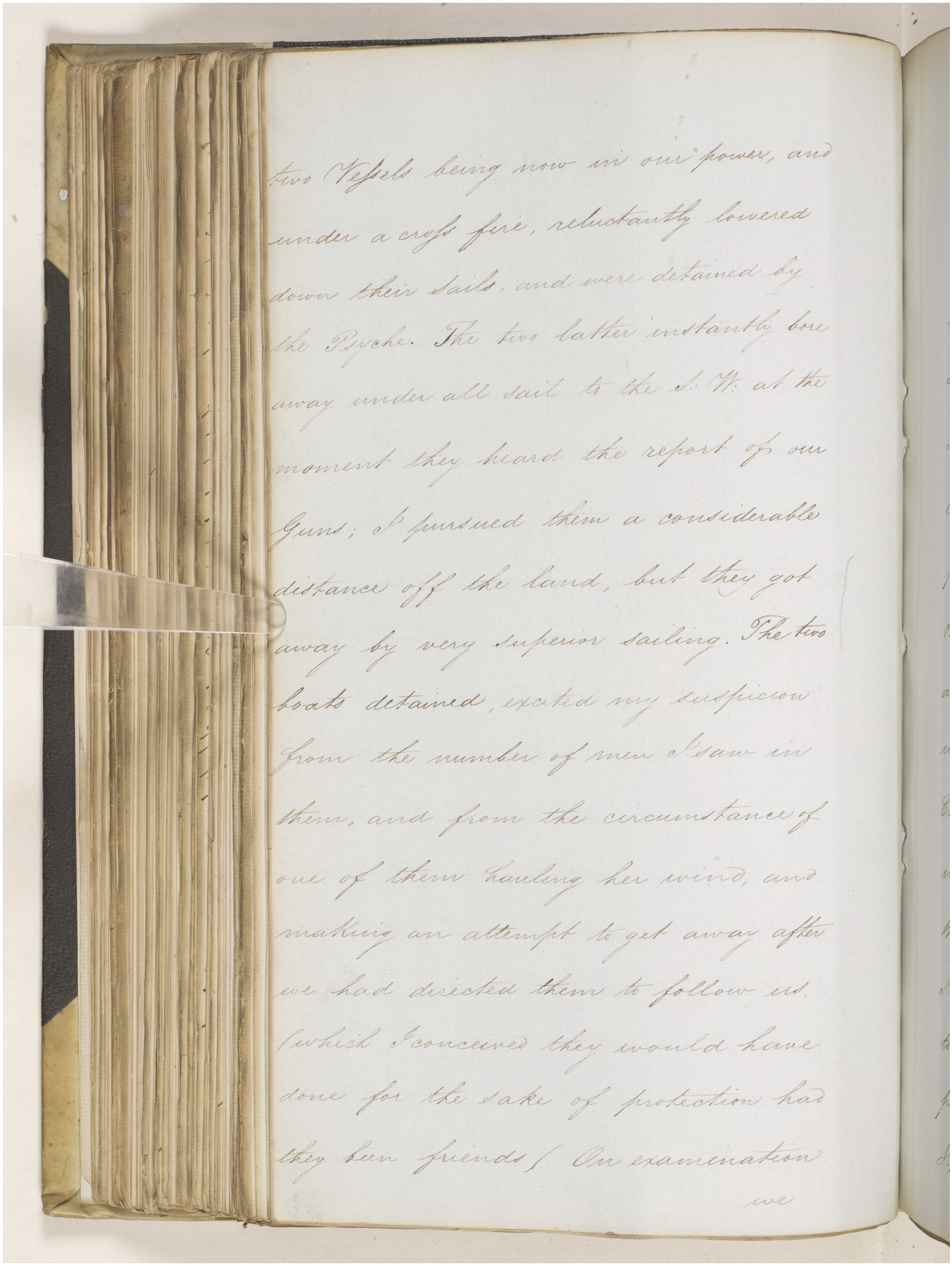

two Vessels being now in our power, and
under a cross fire, reluctantly lowered
down their Sails, and were detained by
the Psyche. The two latter instantly bore
away under all sail to the S. W. at the
moment they heard the report of our
Guns; I pursued them a considerable
distance off the land, but they got
away by very superior sailing. The two
boats detained, excited my suspicion
from the number of men I saw in
them, and from the circumstance of
one of them hauling her wind, and
making an attempt to get away after
we had directed them to follow us.
(which I conceived they would have
done for the sake of protection had
they been friends) On examination
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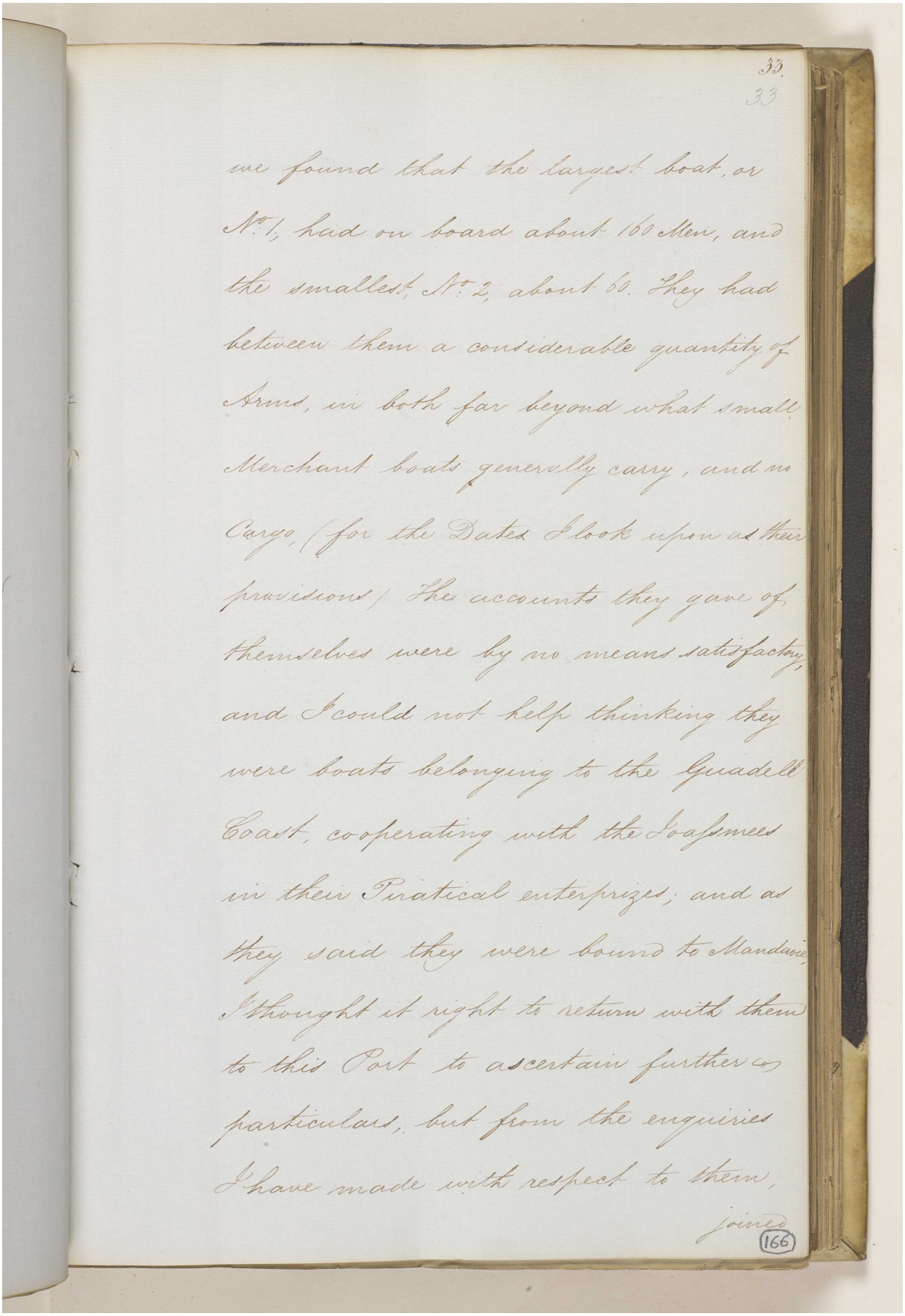

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we found that the largest boat, or
No. 1, had on board about 100 Men, and
the smallest, No. 2, about 60. They had
between them a considerable quantity of
Arms, in both far beyond what small
Merchant boats generally carry, and no
Cargo, (for the Dates I look upon as their
provisions) The accounts they gave of
themselves were by no means satisfactory,
and I could not help thinking they
were boats belonging to the Guadell
Coast, co-operating with the Joasmees
in their Piratical enterprizes; and as
they said they were bound to Mandavie
I thought it right to return with them
to this Port to ascertain further
particulars, but from the enquiries
I have made with respect to them,
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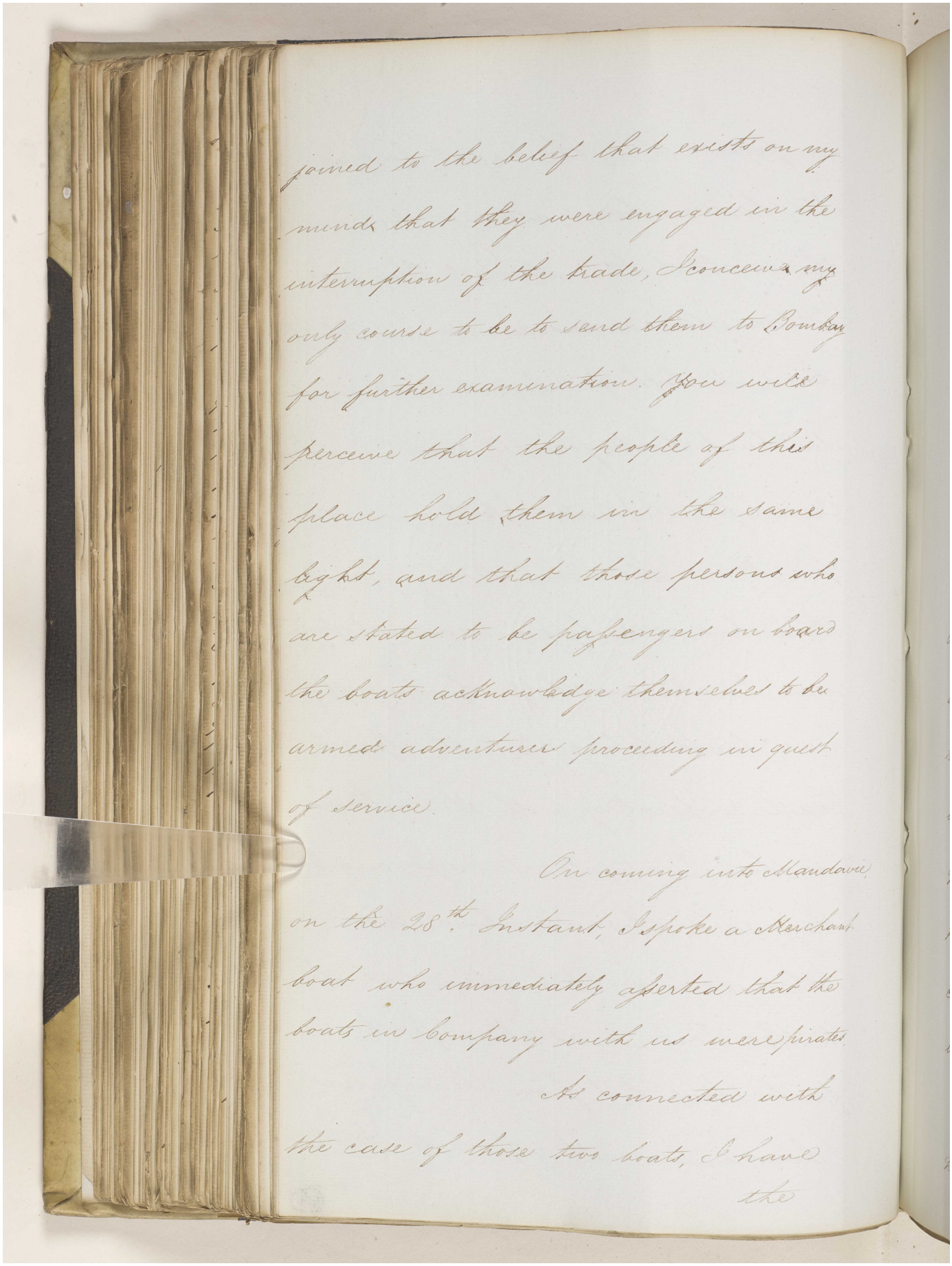
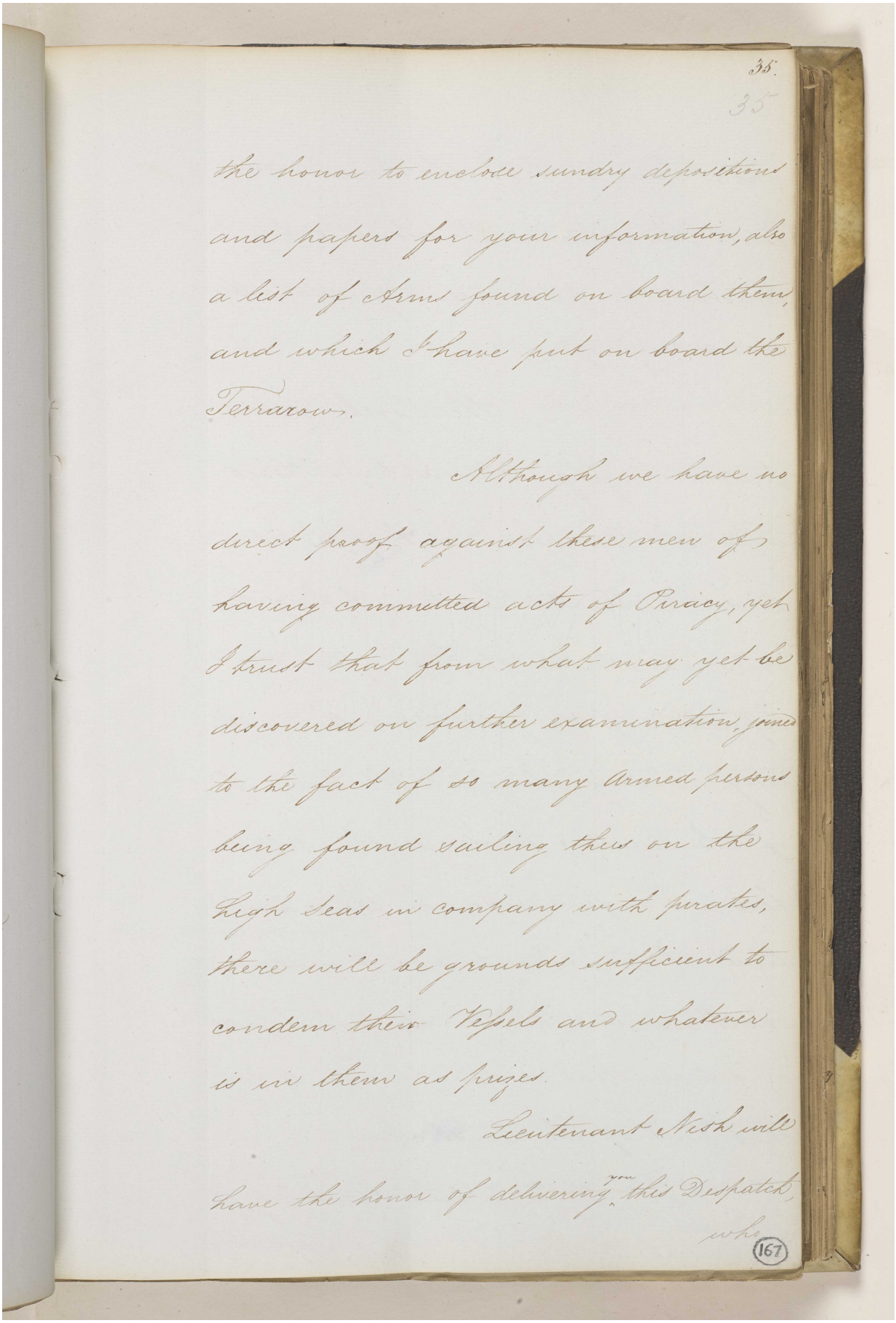


joined to the belief that exists on my
minds that they were engaged in the
interruption of the trade, I conceive my
only course to be to send them to Bombay
for further examination. You will
perceive that the people of this
place hold them in the same
light, and that those persons who
are stated to be passengers on board
the boats acknowledge themselves to be
armed adventurers proceeding in quest
of service.

On coming into Mandavie
on the 28th. Instant, I spoke a Merchant
boat who immediately asserted that the
boats in company with us were pirates.

As connected with
the case of those two boats, I have
the



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the honor to enclose sundry depositions and papers for your information, also a list of Arms found on board them, and which I have put on board the Terrarow.

Although we have no direct proof against these men of having committed acts of Piracy, yet I trust that from what may yet be discovered on further examination, joined to the fact of so many Armed persons being found sailing thus on the high Seas in company with pirates, there will be grounds sufficient to condem their Vessels and whatever is in them as prizes.

Lieutenant Nash will have the honor of delivering you this Despatch, who

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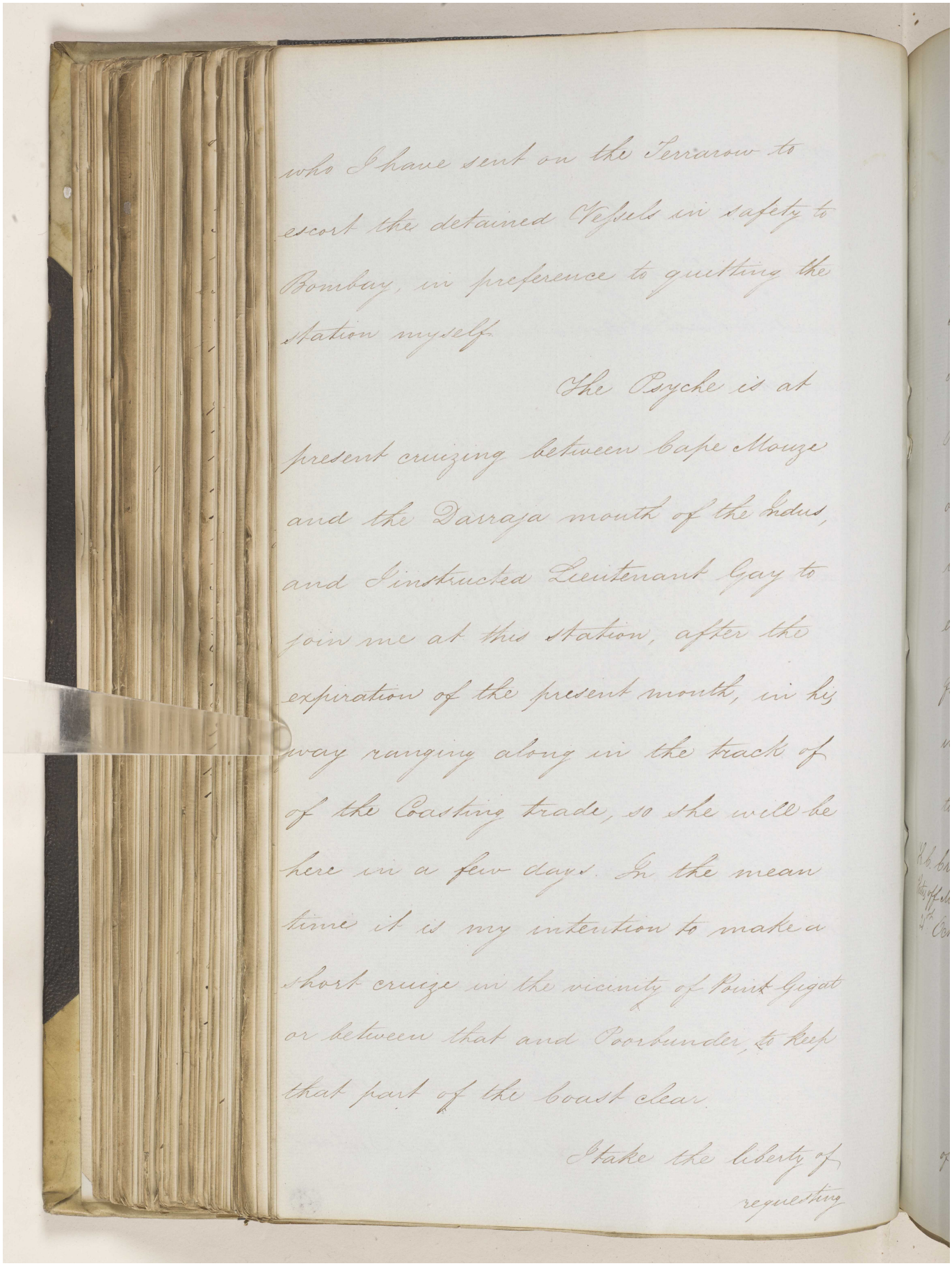
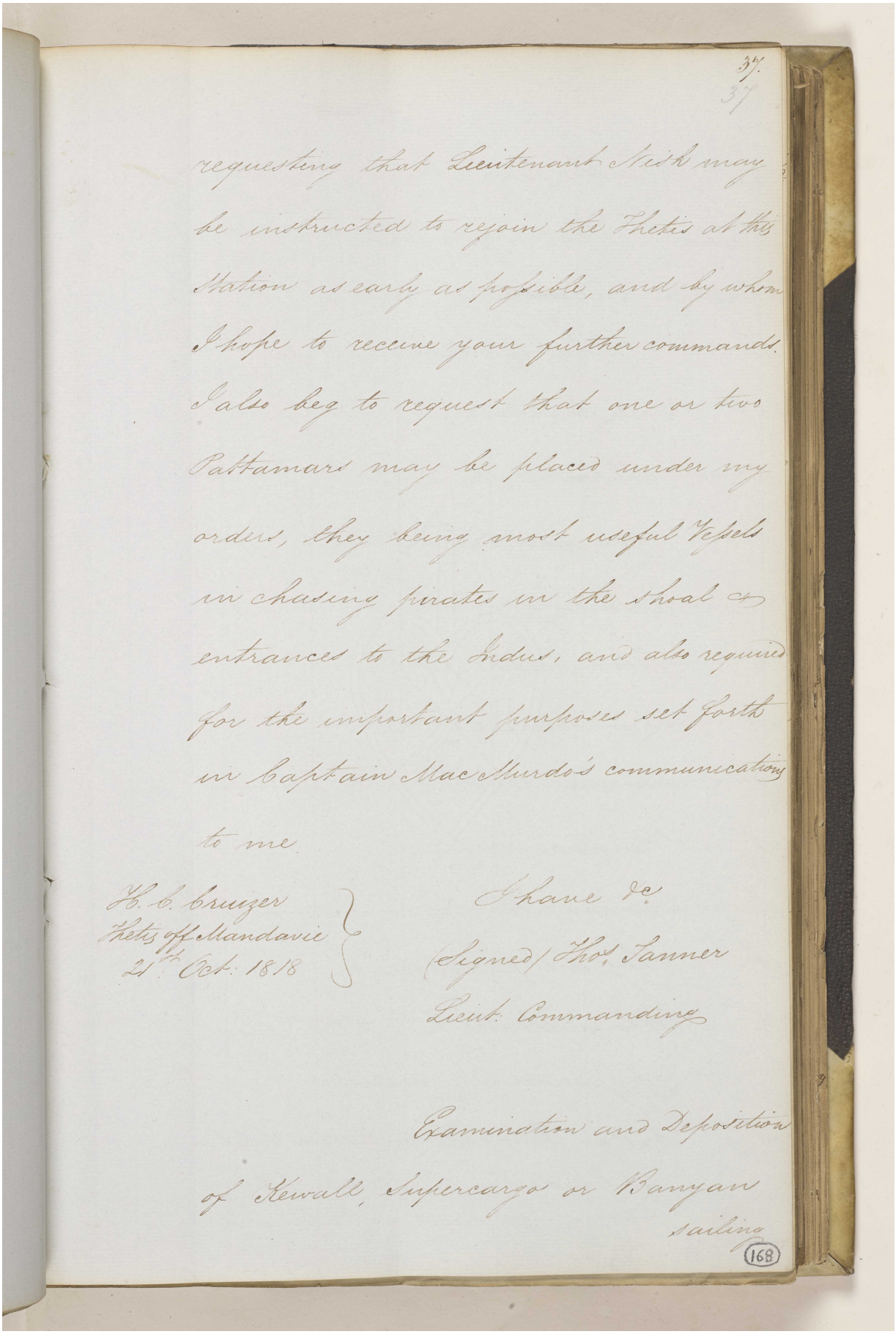


who I have sent on the Terrarow to escort the detained Vessels in safety to Bombay, in preference to quitting the Station myself.

The Psyche is at present cruizing between Cape Mouze and the Darraja mouth of the Indus, and I instructed Lieutenant Gay to join me at this Station, after the expiration of the present month, in his way ranging along in the track of of the Coasting trade, so she will be here in a few days. In the mean time it is my intention to make a short cruize in the vicinity of Point Gygat or between that and Poorbunder, to keep that part of the Coast clear.

I take the liberty of requesting



requesting that Lieutenant Nish may be instructed to rejoin the Thetis at this Station as early as possible, and by whom I hope to receive your further commands. I also beg to request that one or two Pattamars may be placed under my orders, they being most useful Vessels in chasing pirates in the shoal & entrances to the Indus, and also required for the important purposes set forth in Captain MacMurdo's communications to me

H. C. Cruizer
Thetis off Mandavie
21st Oct: 1818

I have &c.
(Signed) Thos. Tanner
Lieut: Commanding

Examination and Deposition of Kewall, Supercargo or Banyan sailing

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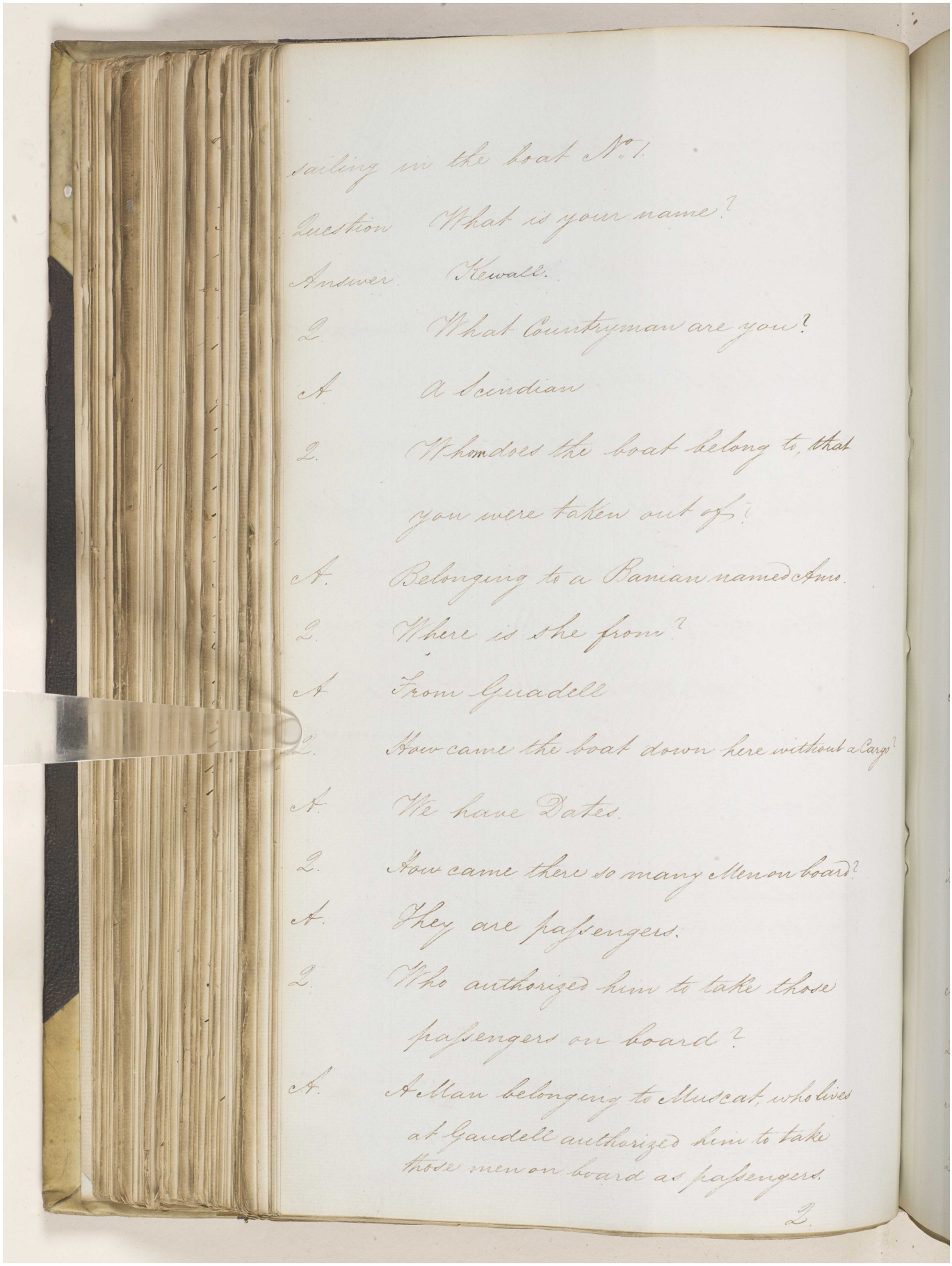

sailing in the boat No. 1

Question What is your name?

Answer. Kewall.

2. What Countryman are you?

A. a Scindian

2. Whom does the boat belong to, that you were taken out of?

A. Belonging to a Banian named Amo.

2. Where is she from?

A. From Guadell

2. How came the boat down here without a Cargo?

A. We have Dates.

2. How came there so many Men on board?

A. They are passengers.

2. Who authorized him to take those passengers on board?

A. A Man belonging to Muscat, who lives at Gaudell authorized him to take those men on board as passengers.

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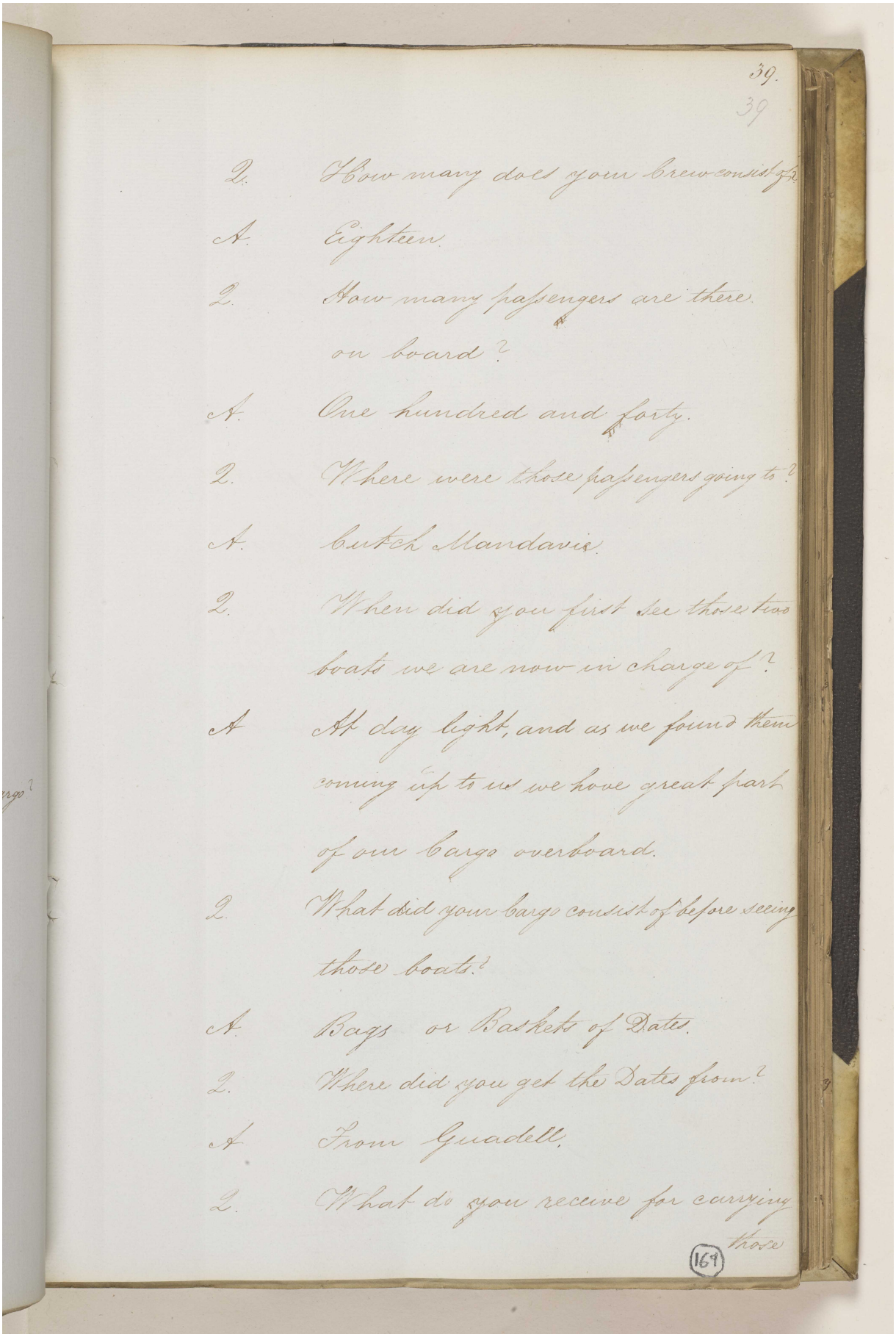

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Q. How many does your Crew consist of?

A. Eighteen.

Q. How many passengers are there on board?

A. One hundred and forty.

Q. Where were those passengers going to?

A. Cutch Mandavie.

Q. When did you first see those two boats we are now in charge of?

A. At day light, and as we found them coming up to us we hove great part of our Cargo overboard.

Q. What did your Cargo consist of before seeing those boats?

A. Bags or Baskets of Dates.

Q. Where did you get the Dates from?

A. From Guadell.

Q. What do you receive for carrying those

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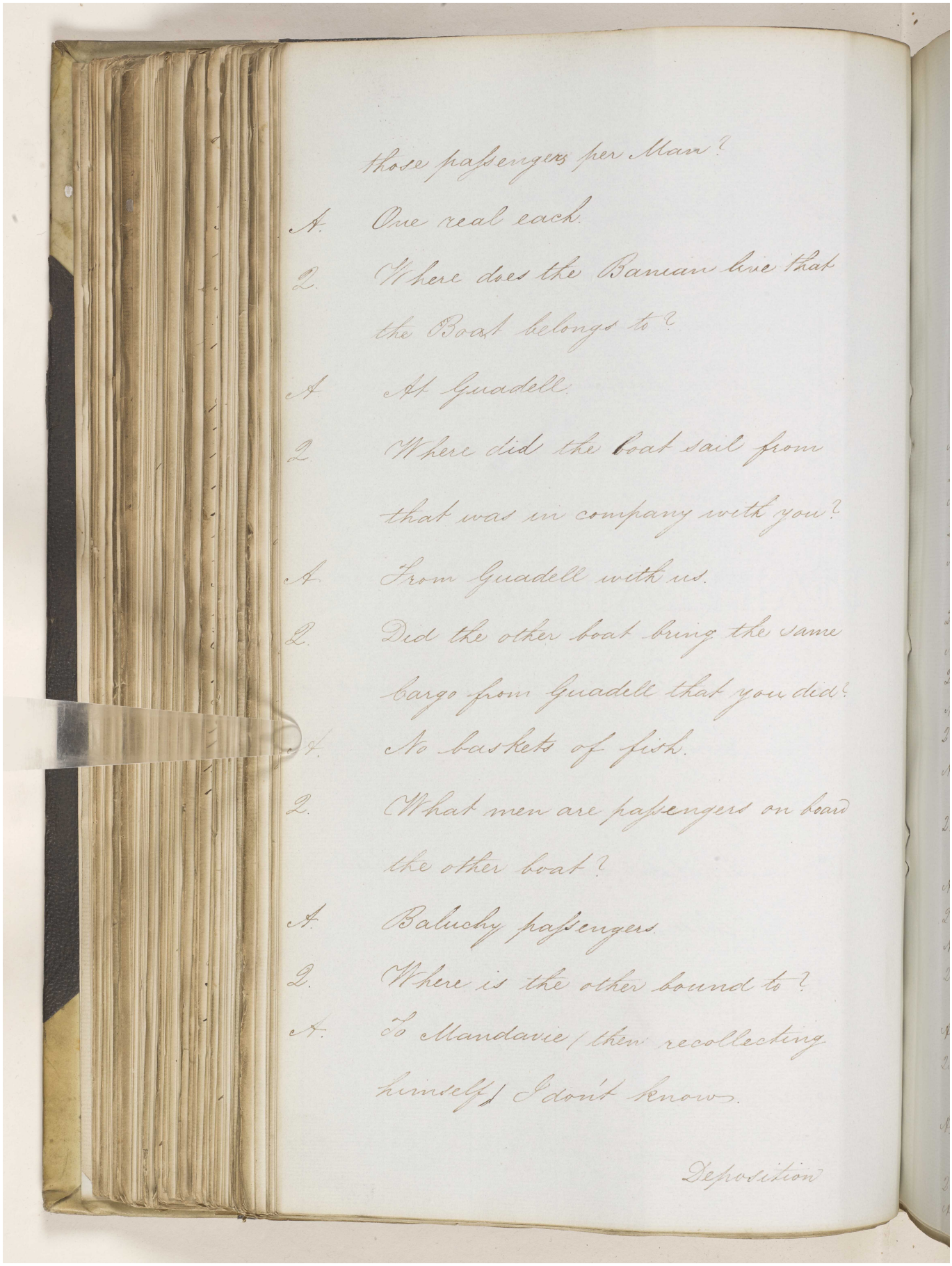


those passengers per Man?

A. One real each.

2. Where does the Banian live that the Boat belongs to?

A. At Guadell.

2. Where did the boat sail from that was in company with you?

A. From Guadell with us.

2. Did the other boat bring the same Cargo from Guadell that you did?

A. No baskets of fish.

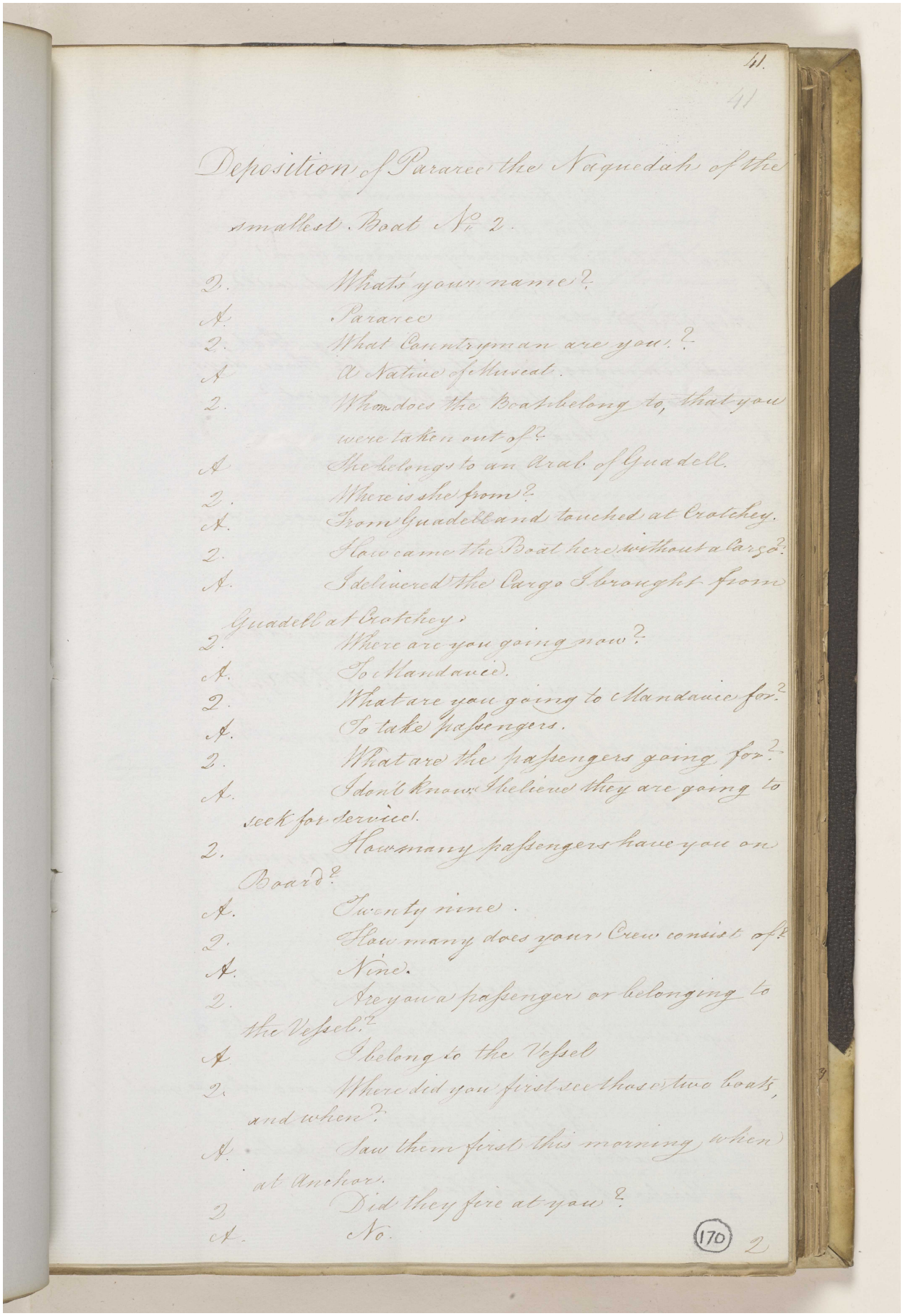
2. What men are passengers on board the other boat?

A. Baluchy passengers.

2. Where is the other bound to?

A. To Mandavie / then recollecting himself / I don't know.

Deposition



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Deposition of Pararee the Nagueda of the smallest Boat No. 2.

Q. What's your name?
A. Pararee
Q. What Countryman are you?
A. A Native of Muscat.
Q. Whom does the Boat belong to, that you were taken out of?
A. She belongs to an Arab of Guadell.
Q. Where is she from?
A. From Guadell and touched at Gratchey.
Q. How came the Boat here without a Cargo?
A. I deliver'd the Cargo I brought from Guadell at Gratchey.
Q. Where are you going now?
A. To Mandavie.
Q. What are you going to Mandavie for?
A. To take passengers.
Q. What are the passengers going for?
A. I don't know I believe they are going to seek for service.
Q. How many passengers have you on Board?
A. Twenty nine.
Q. How many does your Crew consist of?
A. Nine.
Q. Are you a passenger or belonging to the Vessel?
A. I belong to the Vessel
Q. Where did you first see those two boats, and where?
A. Saw them first this morning when at Anchor.
Q. Did they fire at you?
A. No.

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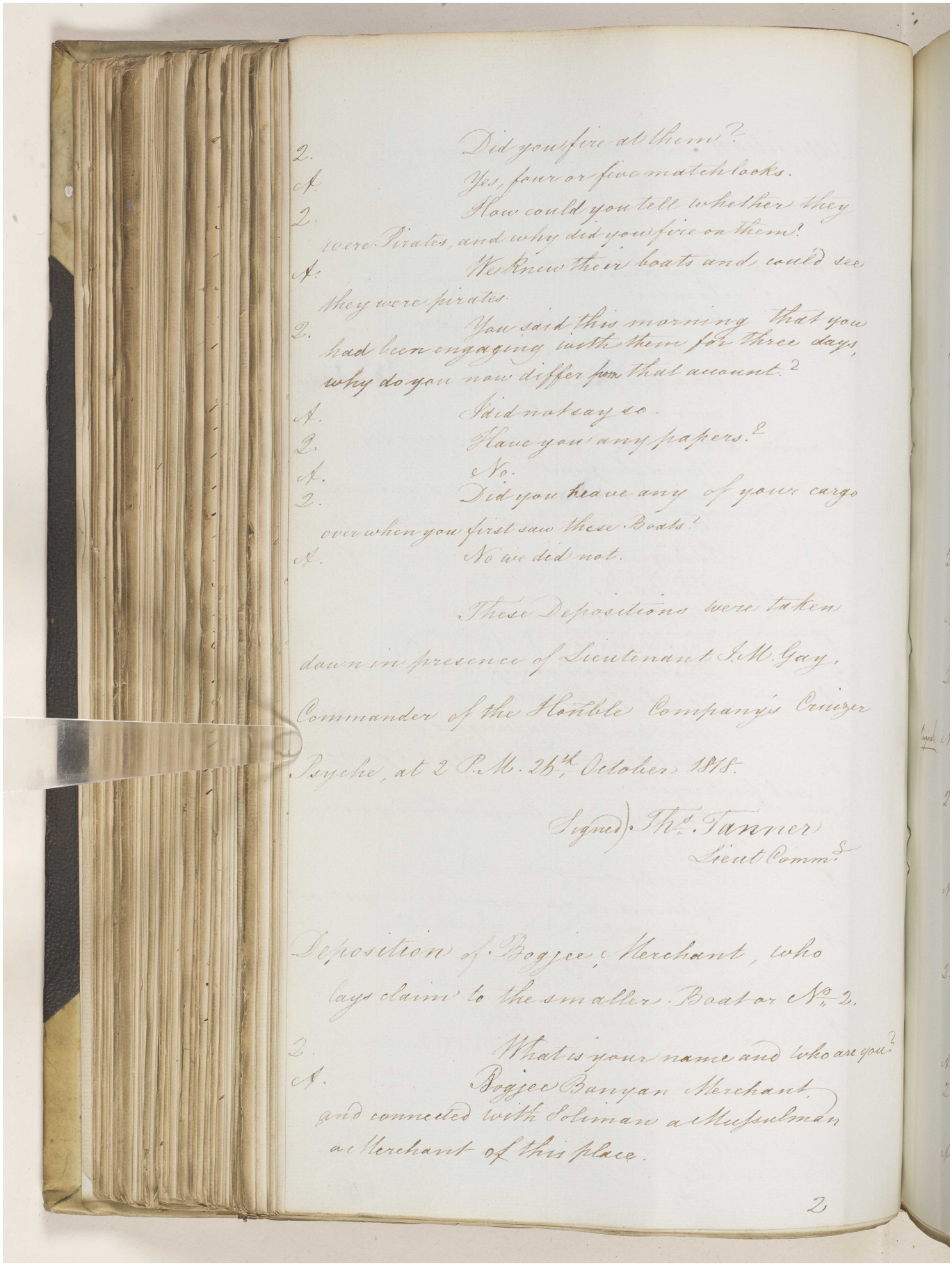

Q. Did you fire at them?
A. Yes, four or five matchlocks.
Q. How could you tell whether they were Pirates, and why did you fire on them?
A. We knew their boats and could see they were pirates.
Q. You said this morning that you had been engaging with them for three days, why do you now differ from that account?
A. Said not say so.
Q. Have you any papers?
A. No.
Q. Did you have any of your cargo over when you first saw these Boats?
A. No we did not.

These Depositions were taken down in presence of Lieutenant J.M. Gay, Commander of the Honble Company's Cruizer Psyche, at 2 P.M. 26th October 1818.

Signed) Thos. Tanner
Lieut Commg

Deposition of Bogjee, Merchant, who lays claim to the smaller Boat or No. 2.

Q. What is your name and who are you?
A. Bogjee Banyan Merchant, and connected with Soliman a Mussulman a Merchant of this place.

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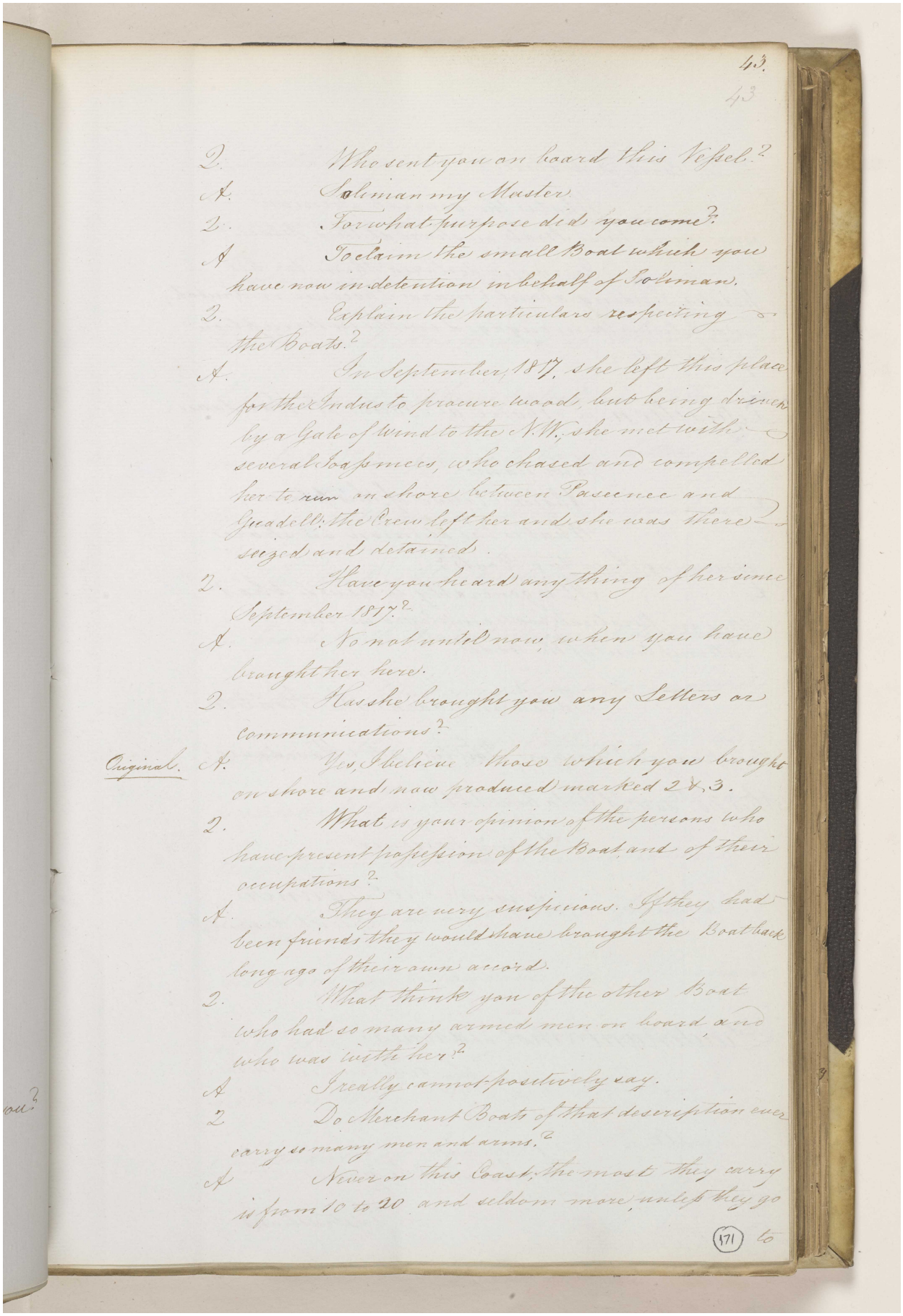

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Q. Who sent you on board this Vessel?

A. Soliman my Master.

Q. For what purpose did you come?

A. To claim the small Boat which you have now in detention in behalf of Soliman.

Q. Explain the particulars respecting the Boats?

A. In September 1817, she left this place for the Indus to procure wood, but being driven by a Gale of wind to the N.W. she met with several Joasmees, who chased and compelled her to run on shore between Passence and Guadel: the Crew left her and she was there seized and detained.

Q. Have you heard any thing of her since September 1817?

A. No not until now, when you have brought her here.

Q. Has she brought you any Letters or communications?

Original. A. Yes I believe those which you brought on shore and now produced marked 2 & 3.

Q. What is your opinion of the persons who have present profession of the Boat and of their occupations?

A. They are very suspicious. If they had been friends they would have brought the Boat back long ago of their own accord.

Q. What think you of the other Boat who had so many armed men on board, and who was with her?

A. I really cannot positively say.

Q. Do Merchant Boats of that description ever carry so many men and arms?

A. Never on this Coast, the most they carry is from 10 to 20 and seldom more, unless they go

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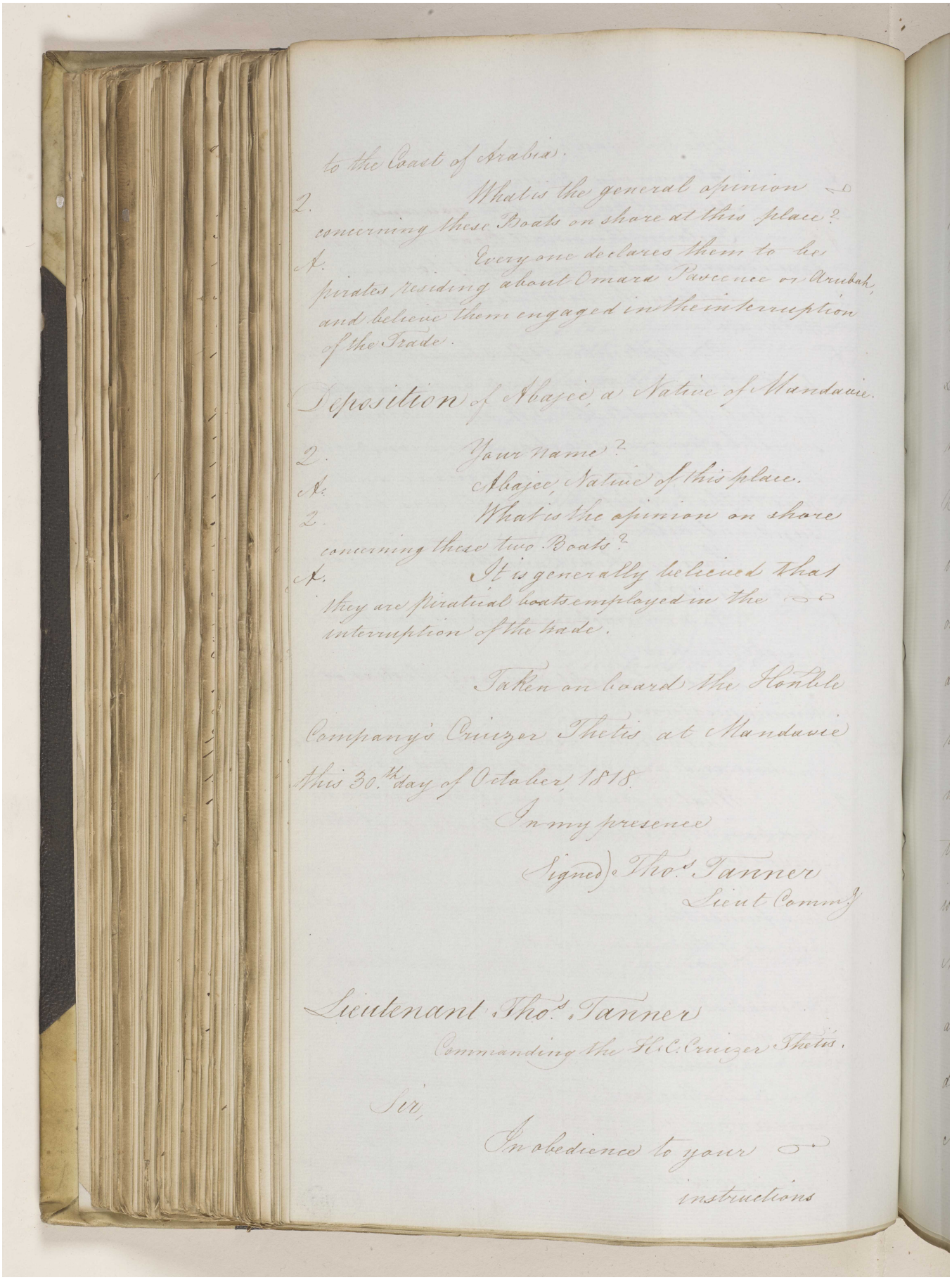


to the Coast of Arabia.

2. What is the general opinion concerning these Boats on shore at this place?

A. Every one declares them to be pirates residing about Omara Passence or Arubah, and believe them engaged in the interruption of the Trade.

Deposition of Abajee a Native of Mandavie.

2. Your name?

A. Abajee, Native of this place.

2. What is the opinion on shore concerning these two Boats?

A. It is generally believed that they are piratical boats employed in the interruption of the trade.

Taken on board the Honble Company's Cruizer Thetis at Mandavie this 30th day of October 1818.

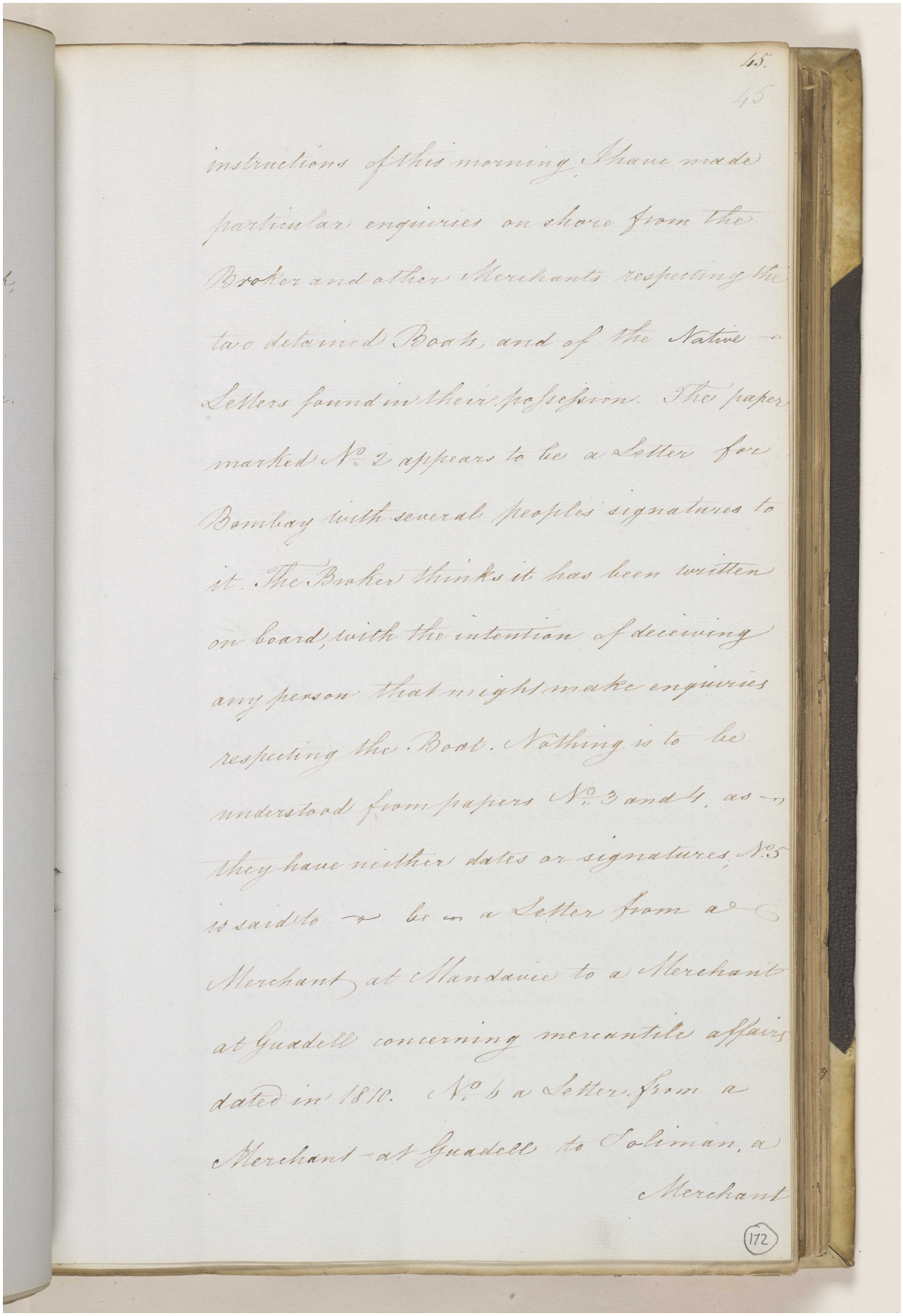
In my presence

(Signed) Thos. Tanner
Lieut Commg

Lieutenant Thos. Tanner
Commanding the H.C. Cruizer Thetis.

Sir,

In obedience to your instructions



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instructions of this morning, I have made particular enquiries on shore from the Broker and other Merchants respecting the two detained Boats, and of the Native Letters found in their possession. The paper marked No. 2 appears to be a Letter for Bombay with several peoples' signatures to it. The Broker thinks it has been written on board, with the intention of deceiving any person that might make enquiries respecting the Boat. Nothing is to be understood from papers No. 3 and 4, as they have neither dates or signatures. No. 5 is said to be a Letter from a Merchant at Mandavie to a Merchant at Guadell concerning mercantile affairs dated in 1810. No. 6 a Letter from a Merchant at Guadell to Soliman, a Merchant

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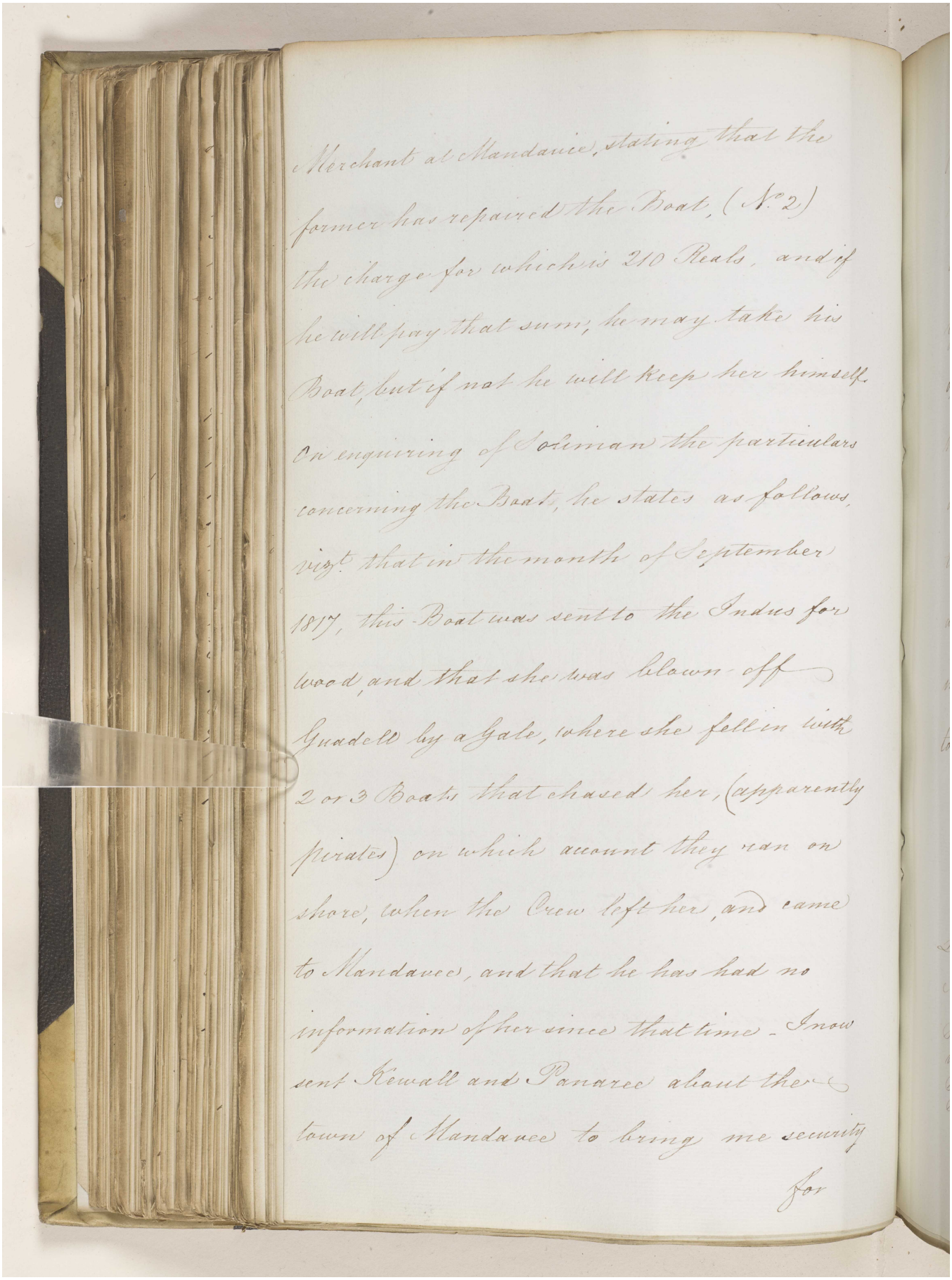

Merchant at Mandavee, stating that the former has repaired the Boat, (No. 2) the charge for which is 210 Reals, and if he will pay that sum, he may take his Boat, but if not he will keep her himself. On enquiring of Soliman the particulars concerning the Boat, he states as follows, vizt. that in the month of September 1817, this Boat was sent to the Indus for wood, and that she was blown off Guadell by a Gale, where she fell in with 2 or 3 Boats that chased her, (apparently pirates) on which account they ran on shore, when the Crew left her, and came to Mandavee, and that he has had no information of her since that time - I now sent Kewall and Panaree about the town of Mandavee to bring me security

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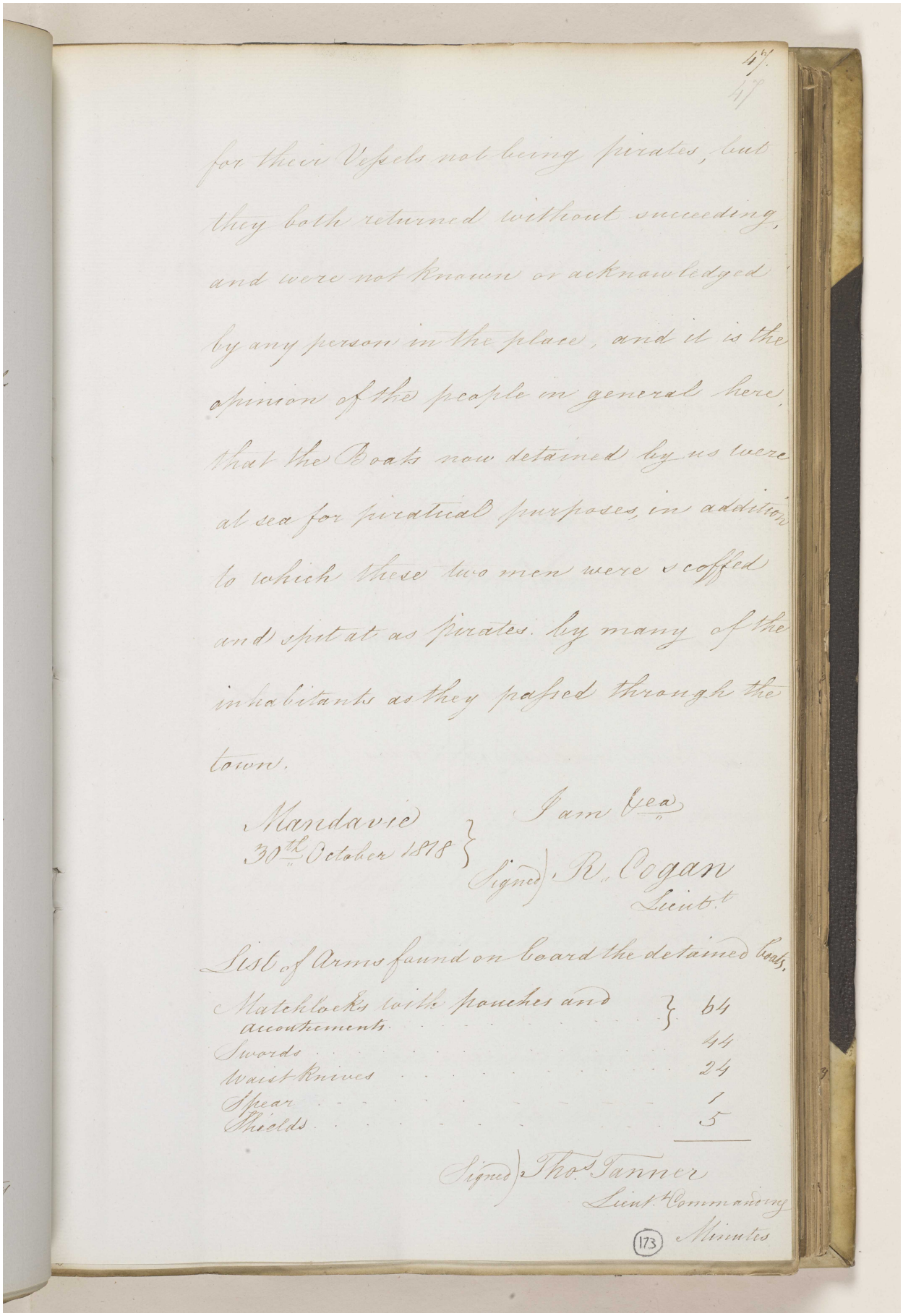

for their Vessels not being pirates, but they both returned without succeeding, and were not known or acknowledged by any person in the place, and it is the opinion of the people in general here, that the Boats now detained by us were at sea for piratical purposes, in addition to which these two men were scoffed and spit at as pirates by many of the inhabitants as they passed through the town.

Mandavie
30th October 1818

I am &ca

Signed) R. Cogan
Lieut.t

List of Arms found on board the detained boats.

Matchlocks with pouches and accoutrements	64
Swords	44
Waist Knives	24
Spear	1
Shields	5

Signed) Thos. Tanner
Lieut.t Commanding

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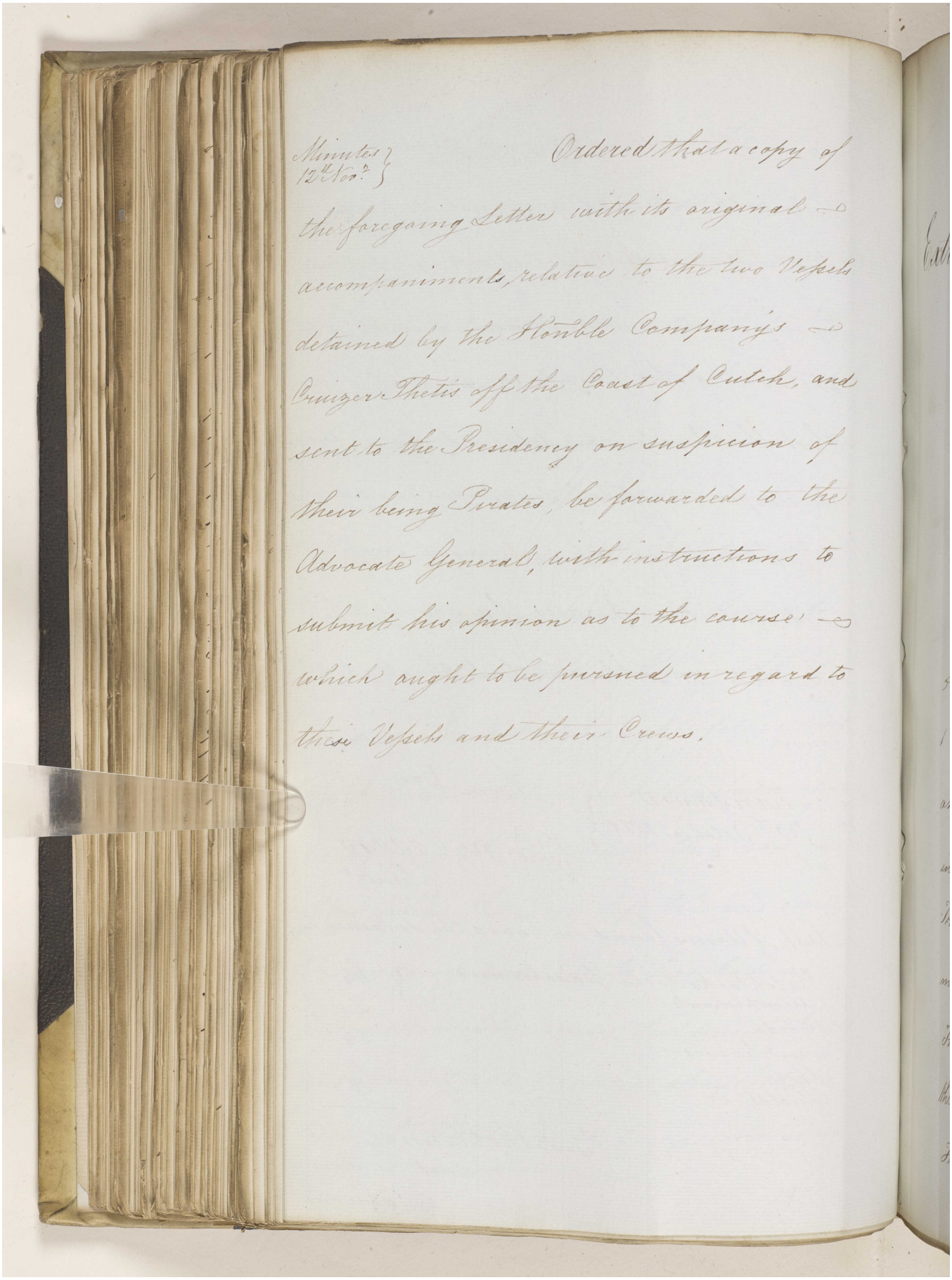
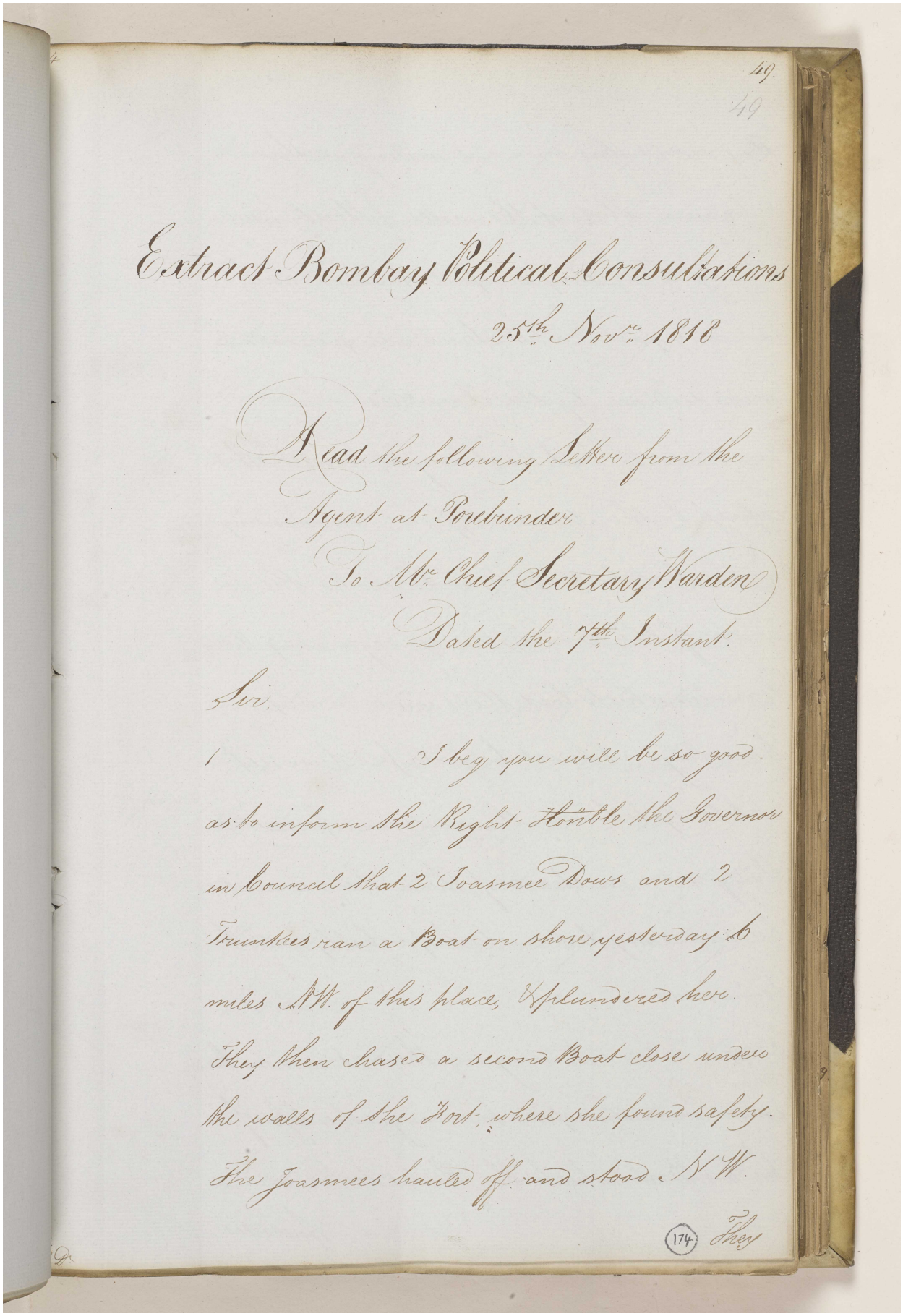


Minutes 12th Nov.r

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Letter with its original & accompaniments, relative to the two Vessels detained by the Honble Company's Cruizer Thetis off the Coast of Cutch, and sent to the Presidency on suspicion of their being Pirates, be forwarded to the Advocate General, with instructions to submit his opinion as to the course which ought to be pursued in regard to these Vessels and their Crews.



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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
25th Novr. 1818

Read the following Letter from the
Agent at Poebunder
To Mr. Chief Secretary Warden
Dated the 7th Instant.

Sir,

I beg you will be so good
as to inform the Right Honble the Governor
in Council that 2 Joasmee Dows and 2
Trunkies ran a Boat on shore yesterday 6
miles NW. of this place, & plundered her.
They then chased a second Boat close under
the walls of the Fort, where she found safety.
The Joasmees hauled off and stood N W.

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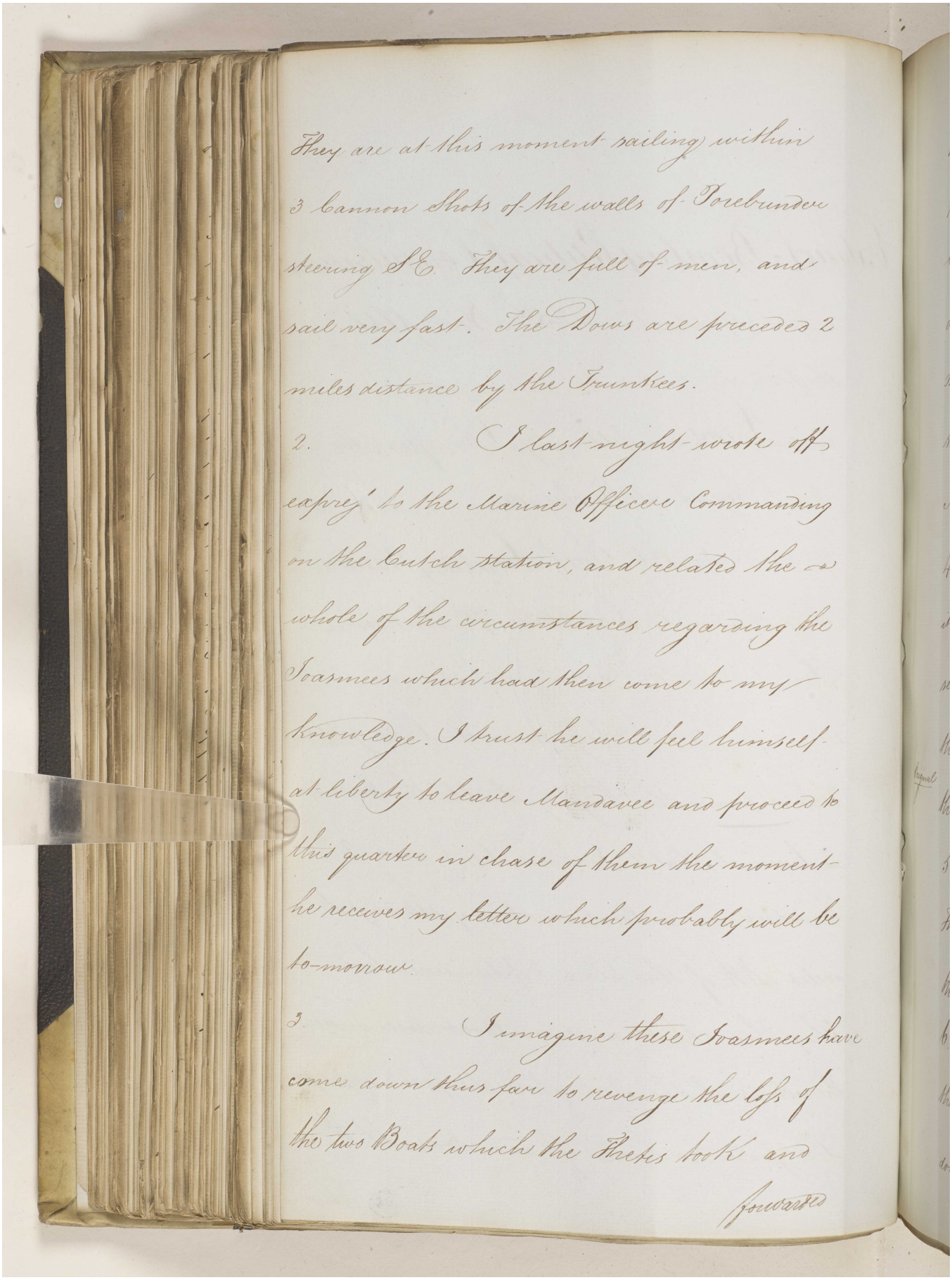
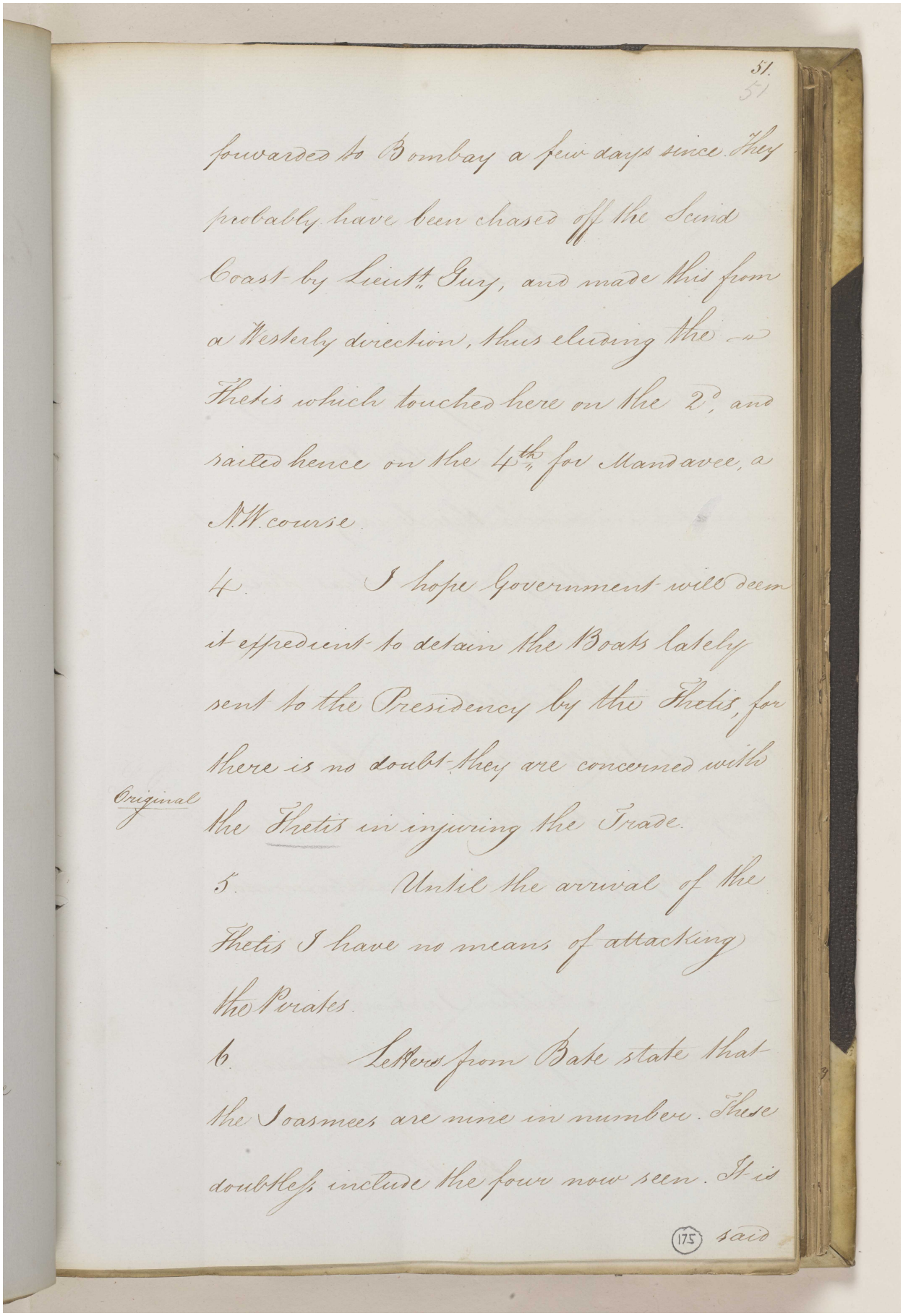


They are at this moment sailing within 3 Cannon Shots of the walls of Porebunder steering S.E. They are full of men, and sail very fast. The Dows are preceded 2 miles distance by the Trunkees.

2. I last night wrote off express to the Marine Officer Commanding on the Cutch station, and related the whole of the circumstances regarding the Joasmees which had then come to my knowledge. I trust he will feel himself at liberty to leave Mandavee and proceed to this quarter in chase of them the moment he receives my letter which probably will be to-morrow.

3. I imagine these Joasmees have come down thus far to revenge the loss of the two Boats which the Thetis took and

forwarded



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forwarded to Bombay a few days since. They probably have been chased off the Scind Coast by Lieut.t Guy, and made this from a Westerly direction, thus eluding the Thetis which touched here on the 2d, and sailed hence on the 4th for Mandavee, a N.W. course.

4. I hope Government will deem it expedient to detain the Boats lately sent to the Presidency by the Thetis, for there is no doubt they are concerned with the Thetis in injuring the Trade.

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5. Until the arrival of the Thetis I have no means of attacking the Pirates.

6. Letters from Bate state that the Joasmees are nine in number. These doubtless include the four now seen. It is

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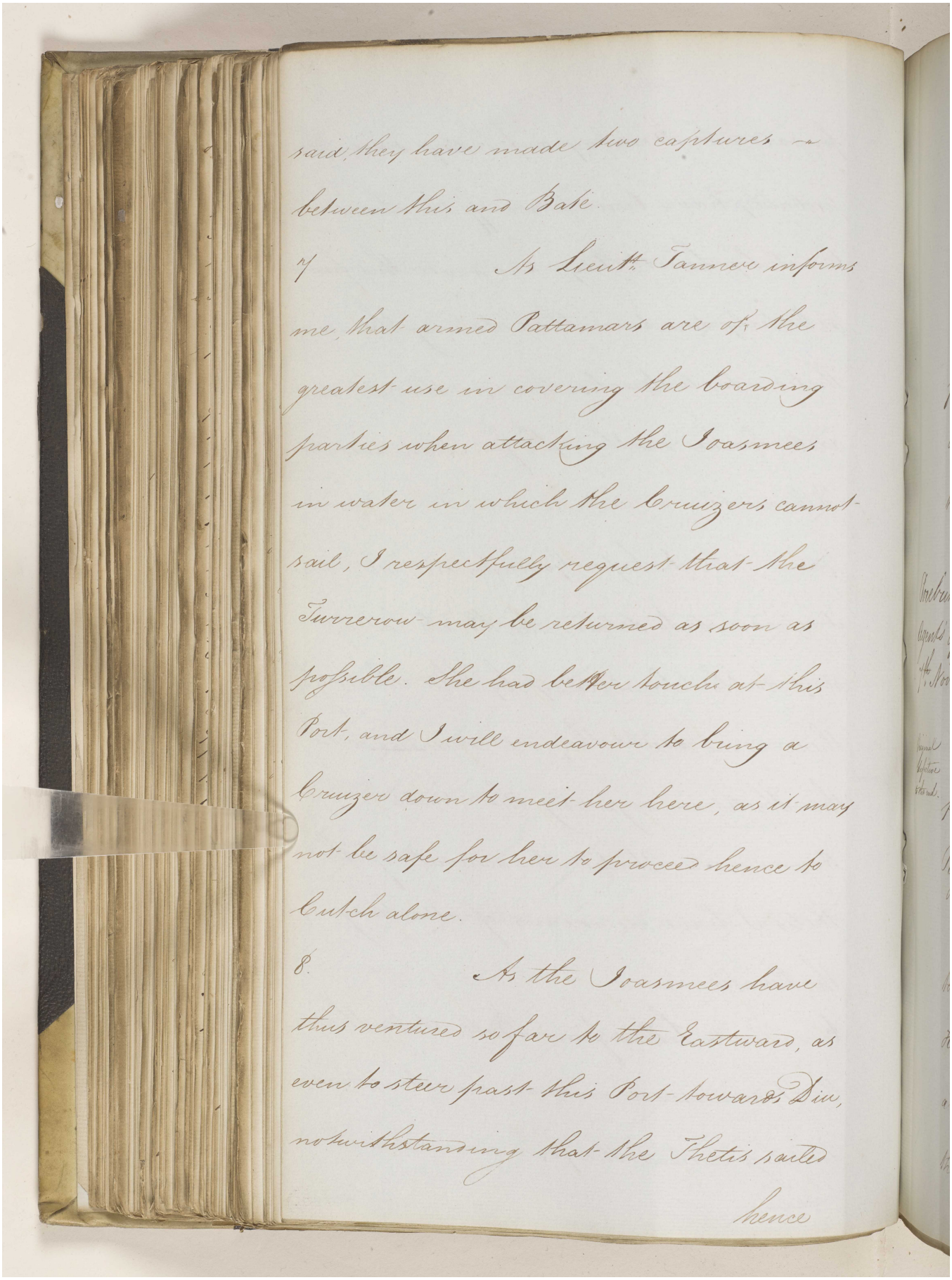

said, they have made two captures between this and Bate.

7 As Lieut.t Tanner informs me, that armed Pattamars are of the greatest use in covering the boarding parties when attacking the Joasmees in water in which the Cruizers cannot sail, I respectfully request that the Turrerow may be returned as soon as possible. She had better touch at this Port, and I will endeavour to bring a Cruizer down to meet her here, as it may not be safe for her to proceed hence to Cutch alone.

8. As the Joasmees have thus ventured so far to the Eastward, as even to steer past this Port towards Diu, notwithstanding that the Thetis sailed

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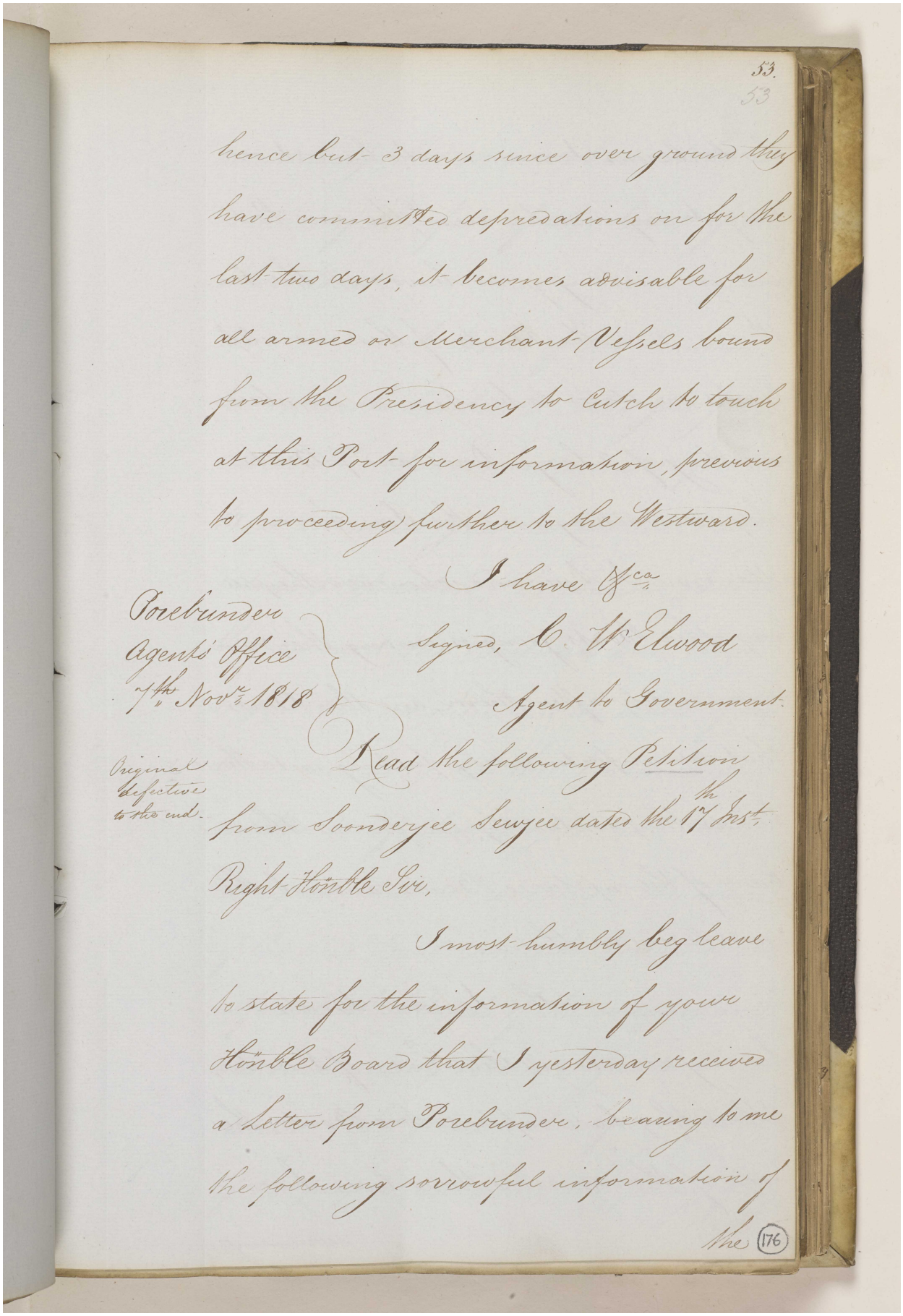

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hence but 3 days since over ground they have committed depredations on for the last two days, it becomes advisable for all armed or Merchant Vessels bound from the Presidency to Catch to touch at this Port for information, previous to proceeding further to the Westward.

I have &c.

Signed, C. W. Elwood

Agent to Government.

Bushire Agent's Office 7th Novr 1818

Original defective to the end.

Read the following Petition from Soondeyee Sewjee dated the 17th Inst.

Right Honble Sir,

I most humbly beg leave to state for the information of your Honble Board that I yesterday received a Letter from Porebunder, bearing to me the following sorrowful information of the

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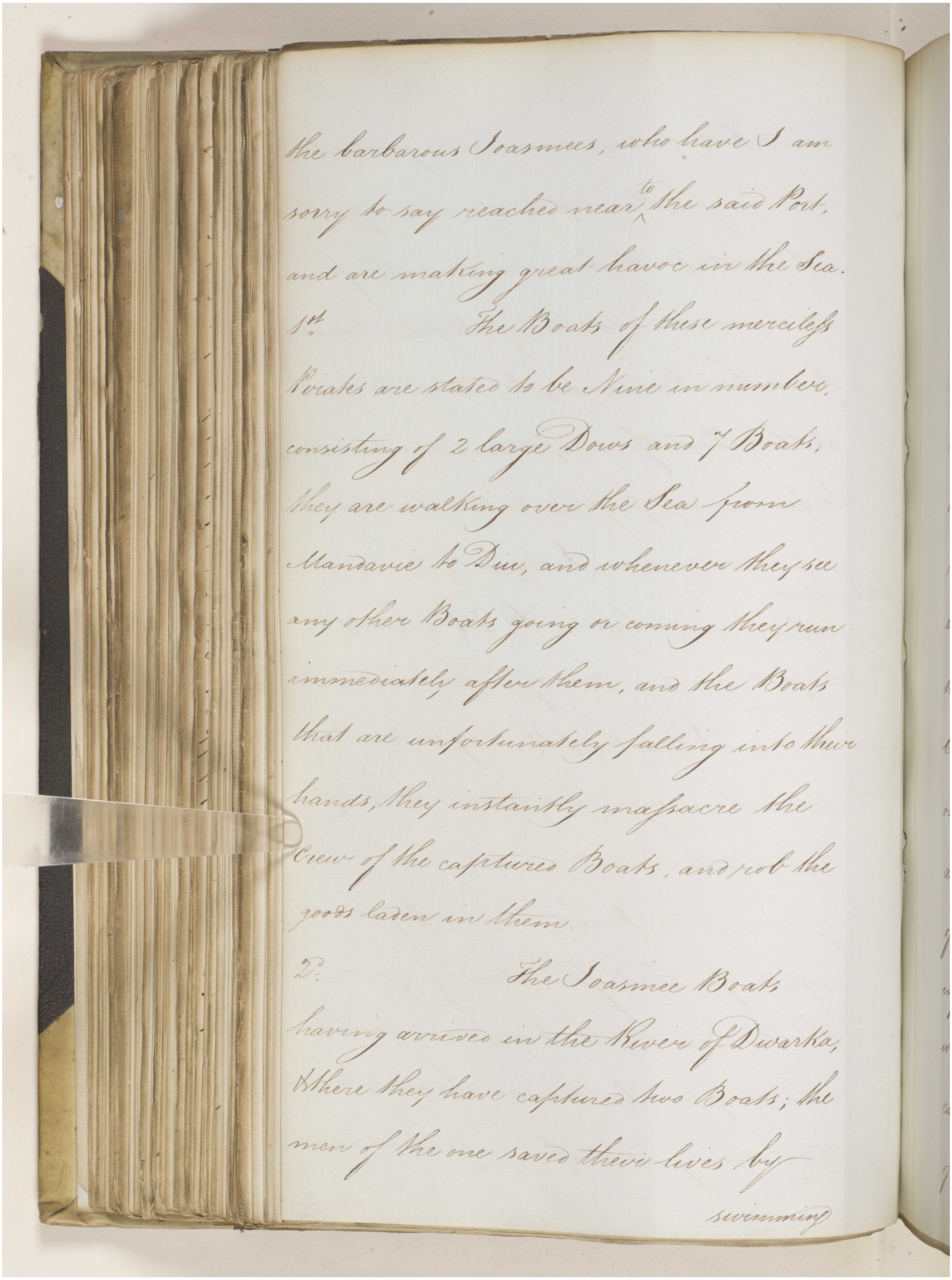

the barbarous Joasmees, who have I am
sorry to say reached near to the said Port,
and are making great havoc in the Sea.
1st The Boats of these merciless
Pirates are stated to be Nine in number,
consisting of 2 large Dows and 7 Boats.
they are walking over the Sea from
Mandavie to Diu, and whenever they see
any other Boats going or coming they run
immediately after them, and the Boats
that are unfortunately falling into their
hands, they instantly massacre the
Crew of the captured Boats, and not the
goods laden in them.
2: The Joasmee Boats
having arrived in the River of Dwarka,
where they have captured two Boats; the
men of the one saved their lives by
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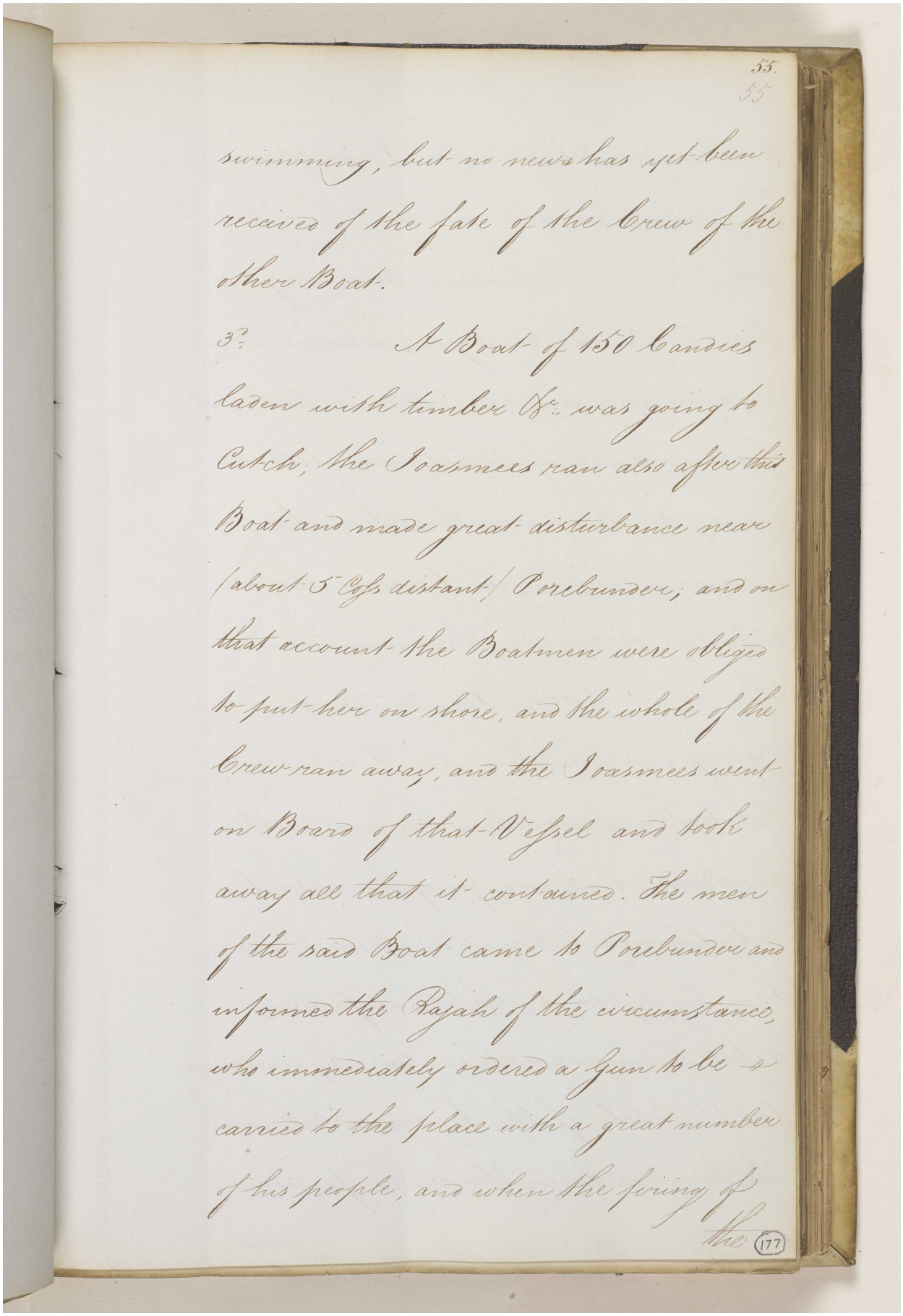

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swimming, but no news has yet been
received of the fate of the Crew of the
other Boat.

3d. A Boat of 150 Candies
laden with timber &c. was going to
Cutch; the Joasmees ran also after this
Boat and made great disturbance near
/about 5 Cos distant/ Porebunder; and on
that account the Boatmen were obliged
to put her on shore, and the whole of the
Crew ran away, and the Joasmees went
on Board of that Vessel and took
away all that it contained. The men
of the said Boat came to Porebunder and
informed the Rajah of the circumstance,
who immediately ordered a Gun to be
carried to the place with a great number
of his people, and when the firing of
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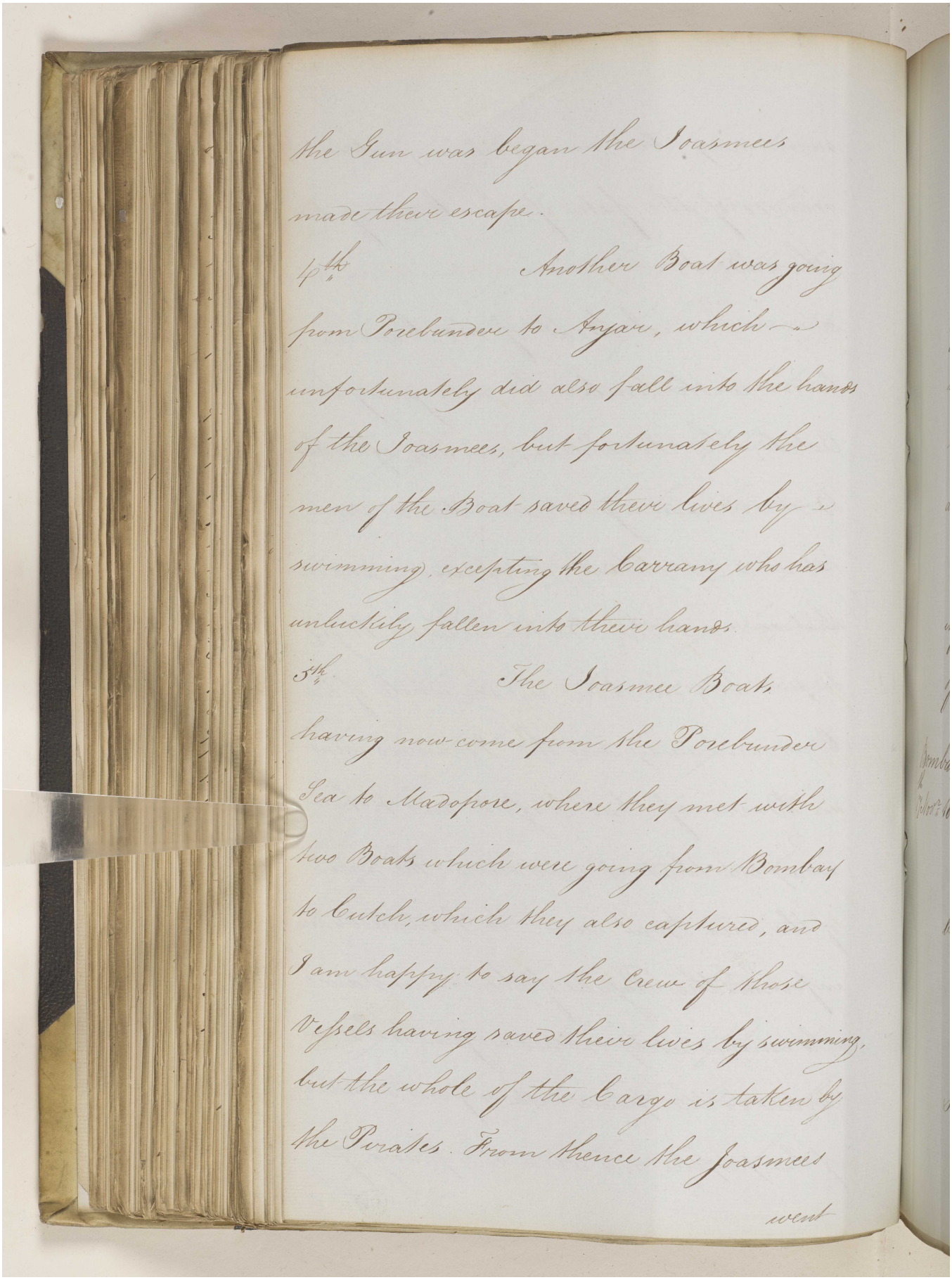

the Gun was began the Joasmees made there escape.

4th Another Boat was going from Porebunder to Anjar, which unfortunately did also fall into the hands of the Joasmees, but fortunately the men of the Boat saved there lives by swimming, excepting the Carreany who has unluckily fallen into there hands.

5th The Joasmee Boats having now come from the Porebunder Sea to Madopore, where they met with two Boats which were going from Bombay to Cutch, which they also captured, and I am happy to say the Crew of those Vessels having saved there lives by swimming, but the whole of the Cargo is taken by the Pirates. From thence the Joasmees

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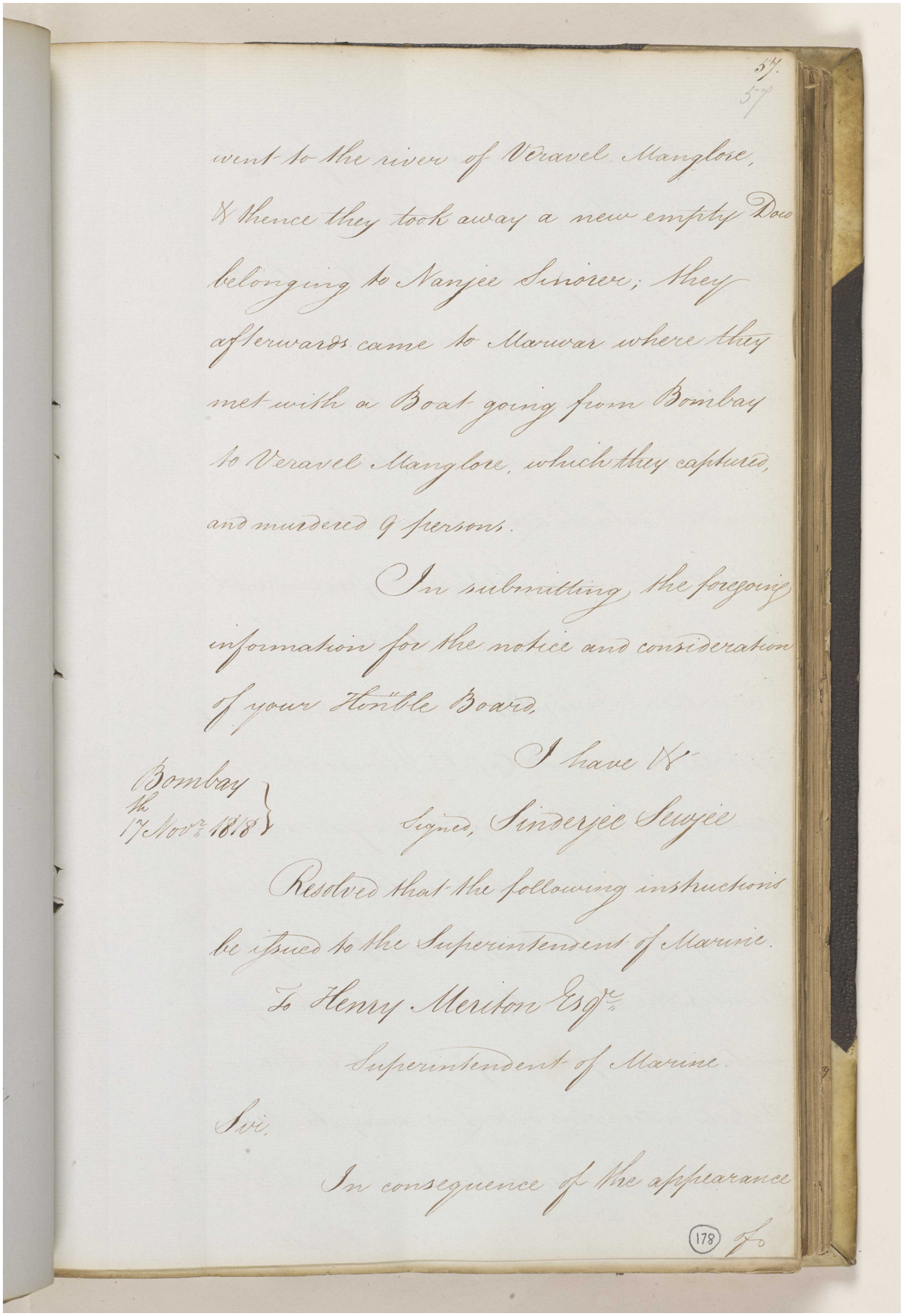

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went to the river of Veravel Manglore,
& thence they took away a new empty Dow
belonging to Nanjee Sinoree; they
afterwards came to Marwar where they
met with a Boat going from Bombay
to Veravel Manglore, which they captured,
and murdered 9 persons.

In submitting the foregoing
information for the notice and consideration
of your Honble Board,

I have &c

Bombay
the
17 Novr 1818

Signed, Sinderjee Seyjee

Resolved that the following instructions
be issued to the Superintendent of Marine.

To Henry Meriton Esqr.
Superintendent of Marine.

Sir,

In consequence of the appearance

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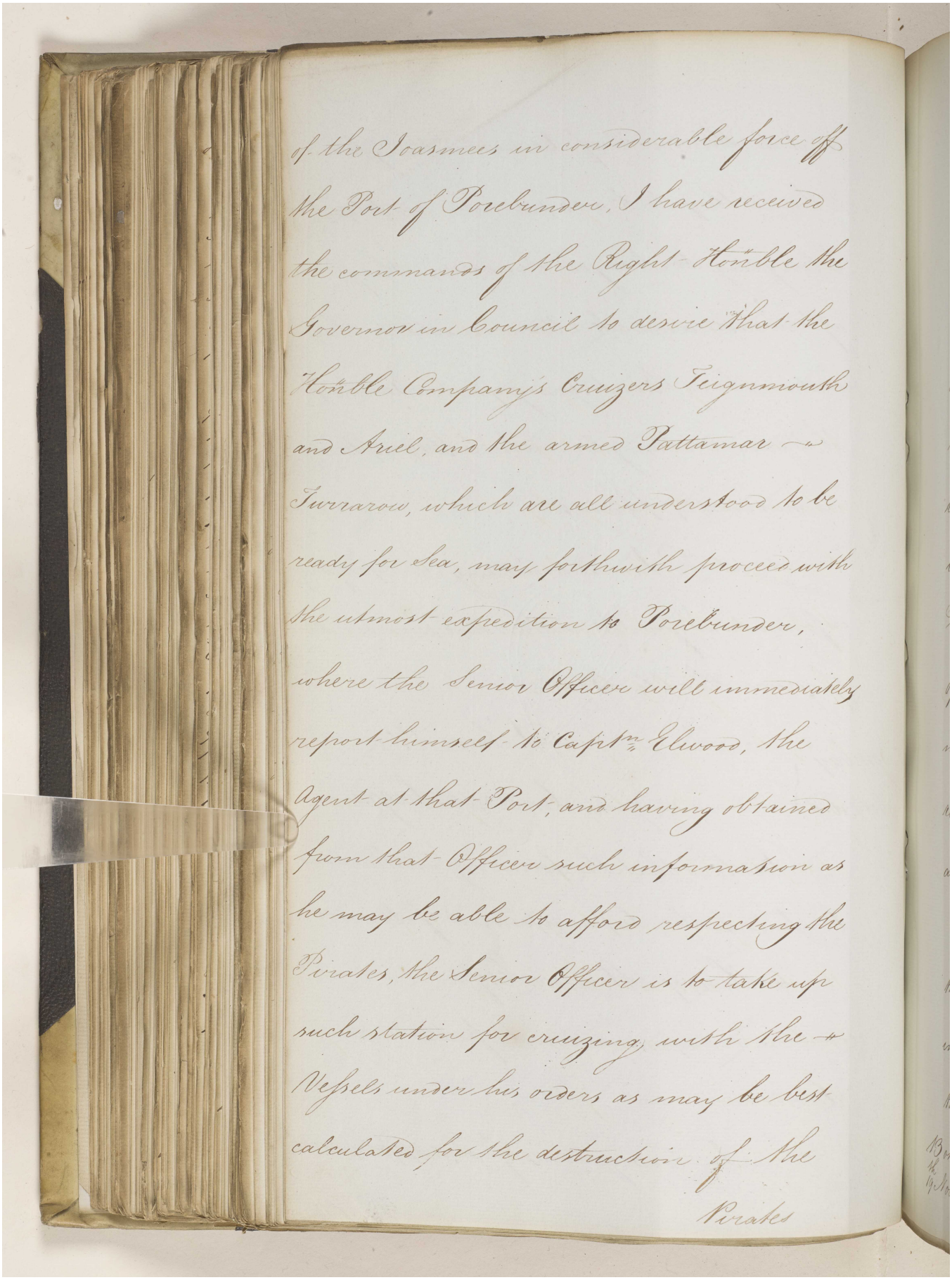
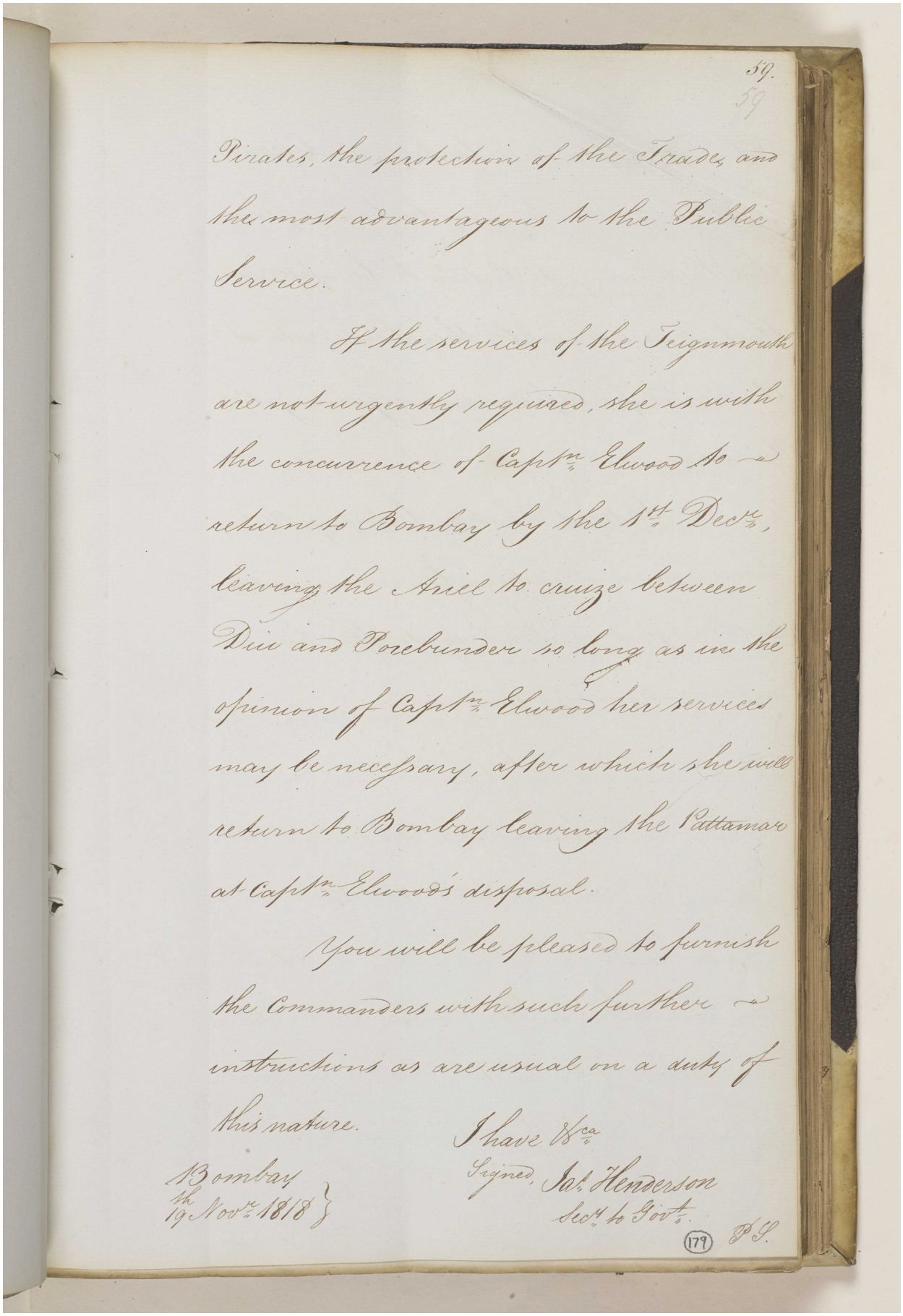


of the Joasmees in considerable force off the Port of Porebunder, I have received the commands of the Right Honble the Governor in Council to desire that the Honble Company's Cruizers Teignmouth and Ariel, and the armed Pattamar Swarrow, which are all understood to be ready for Sea, may forthwith proceed with the utmost expedition to Porebunder, where the Senior Officer will immediately report himself to Captn Elwood, the Agent at that Port, and having obtained from that Officer such information as he may be able to afford respecting the Pirates, the Senior Officer is to take up such station for cruizing with the Vessels under his orders as may be best calculated for the destruction of the

Pirates



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Pirates, the protection of the Trade, and the most advantageous to the Public Service.

If the services of the Teignmouth are not urgently required, she is with the concurrence of Captn Elwood to return to Bombay by the 1st Decr, leaving the Ariel to cruize between Diu and Porebunder so long as in the opinion of Captn Elwood her services may be necessary, after which she will return to Bombay leaving the Pattamar at Captn Elwood's disposal.

You will be pleased to furnish the Commanders with such further instructions as are usual on a duty of this nature.

I have &c.
Signed, Jas. Henderson
Secy to Govt.

Bombay
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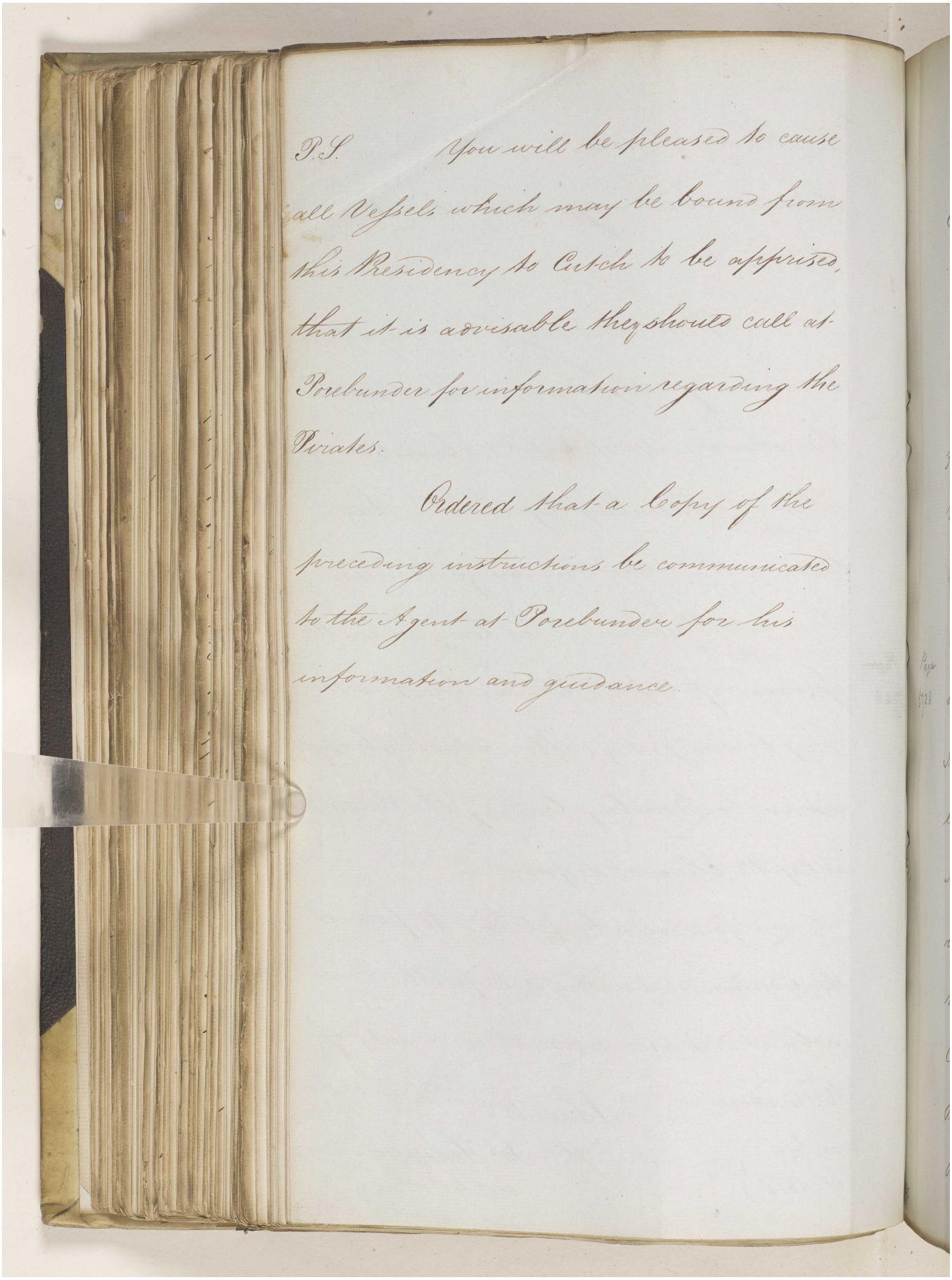
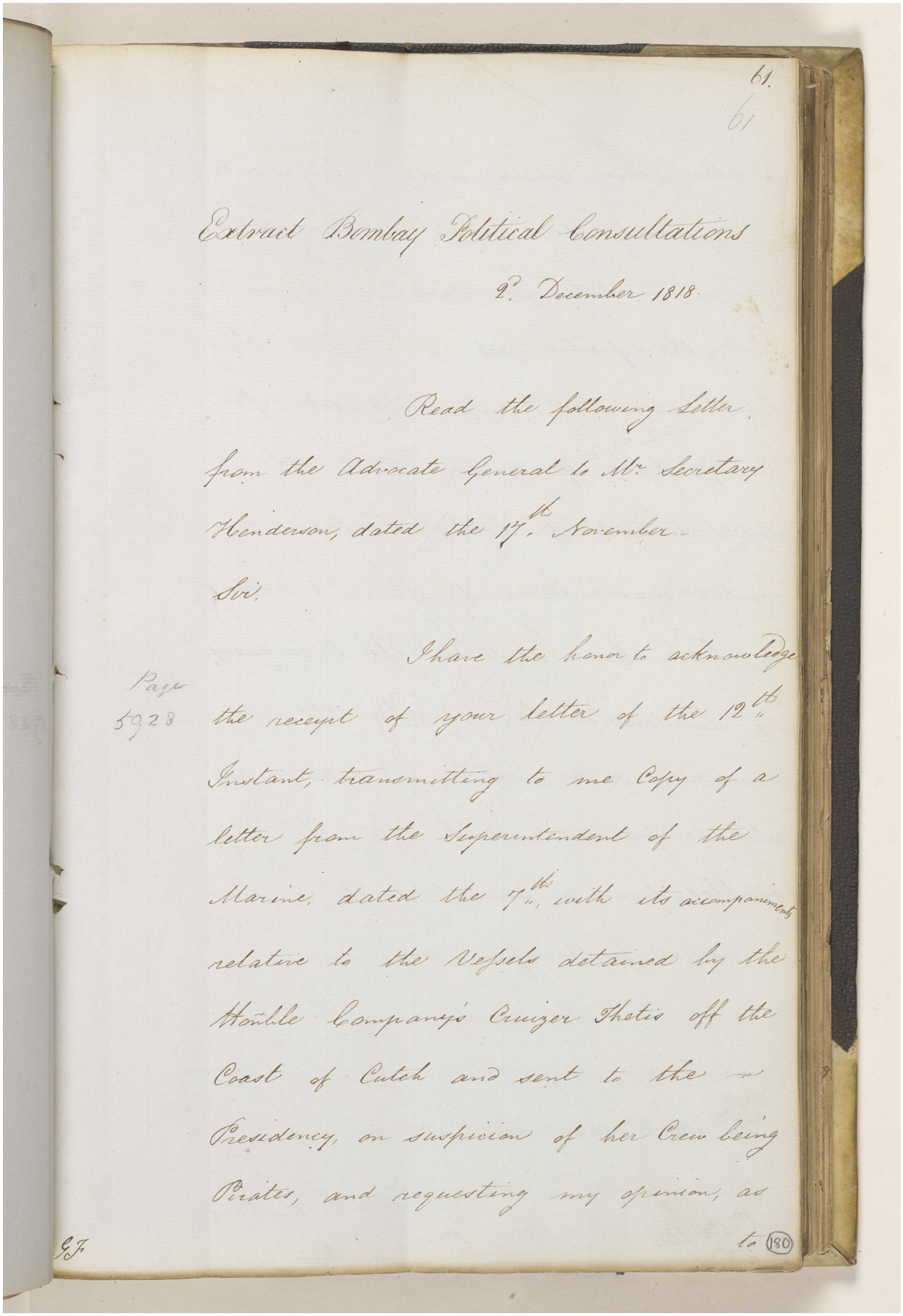


P.S. You will be pleased to cause all Vessels which may be bound from this Residency to Cutch to be appprised, that it is advisable they should call at Porebunder for information regarding the Pirates.

Ordered that a Copy of the preceding instructions be communicated to the Agent at Porebunder for his information and guidance.



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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

2d. December 1818

Read the following Letter from the Advocate General to Mr. Secretary Henderson, dated the 17th. November.

Sir,

I have the hono to acknowledge Page 5928 the receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant, transmitting to me Copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Marine, dated the 7th, with its accompaniments relative to the Vessels detained by the Honble Company's Cruizer Thetis off the Coast of Cutch and sent to the Presidency, on suspicion of her Crew being Pirates, and requesting my opinion, as

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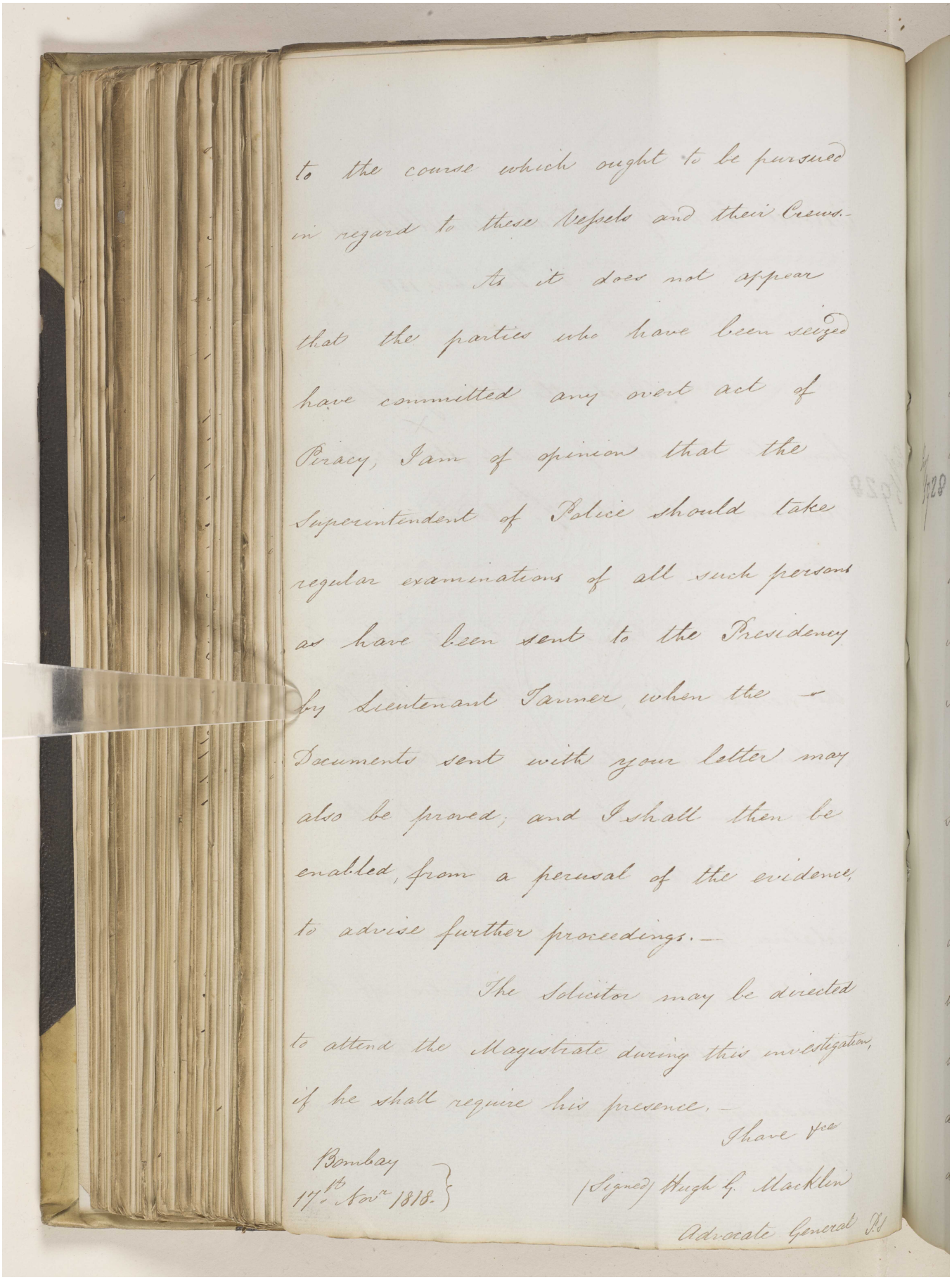


to the course which ought to be pursued in regard to these Vessels and their Crews.—

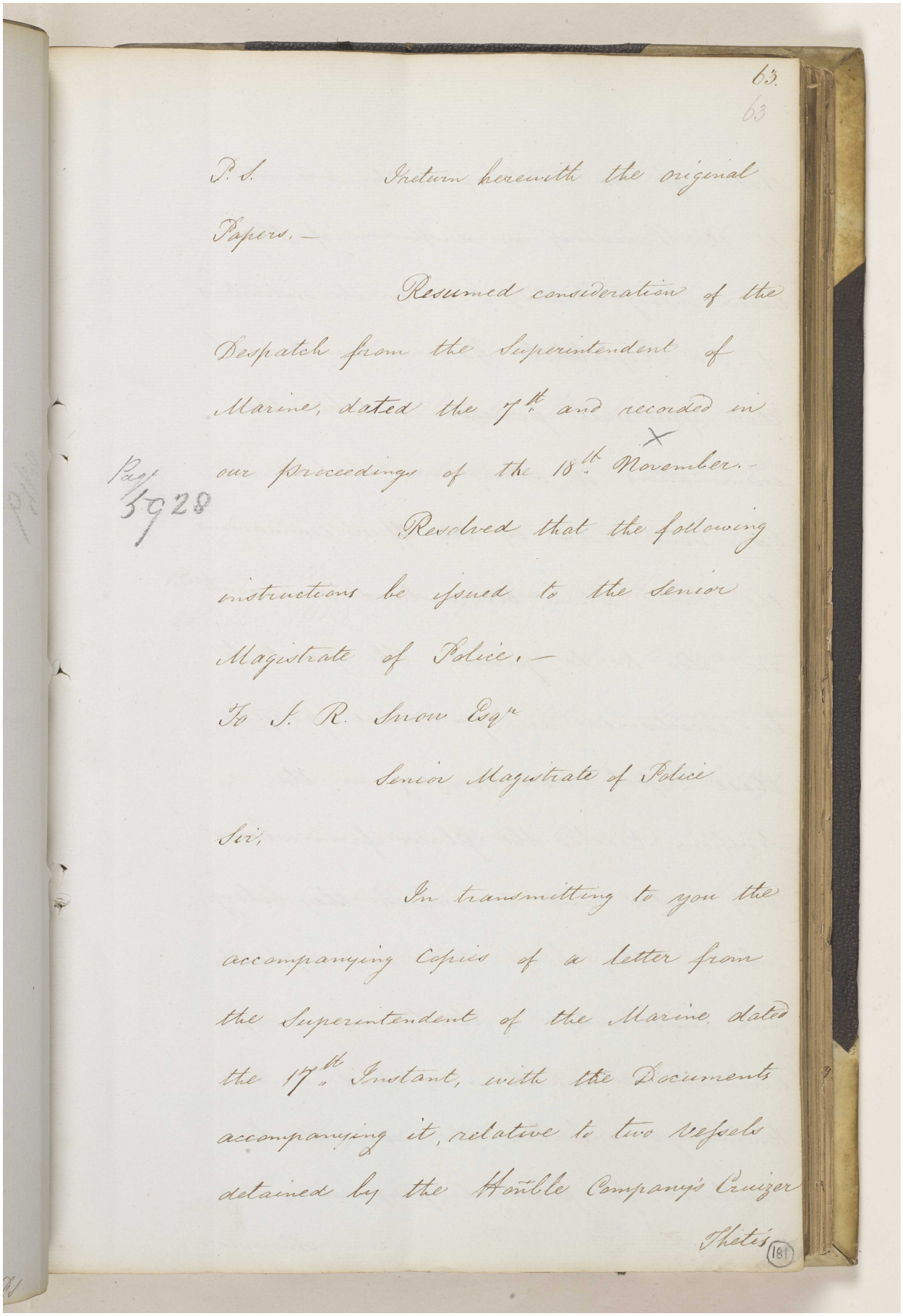
As it does not appear that the parties who have been seized have committed any overt act of Piracy, I am of opinion that the Superintendent of Police should take regular examinations of all such persons as have been sent to the Presidency by Lieutenant Tanner, when the Documents sent with your letter may also be proved; and I shall then be enabled, from a perusal of the evidence, to advise further proceedings.—

The Solicitor may be directed to attend the Magistrate during this investigation, if he shall require his presence.—

I have &c

Bombay
17th Novr 1818.

(Signed) Hugh G. Macklen
Advocate General



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P. S. Return herewith the original Papers. —

Resumed consideration of the Despatch from the Superintendent of Marine, dated the 7th and recorded in our proceedings of the 18th November.

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Resolved that the following instructions be issued to the Senior Magistrate of Police. —

To J. R. Snow Esqr
Senior Magistrate of Police

Sir,

In transmitting to you the accompanying Copies of a Letter from the Superintendent of the Marine, dated the 17th Instant, with the Documents accompanying it, relative to two Vessels detained by the Honble Company's Cruizer Thetis

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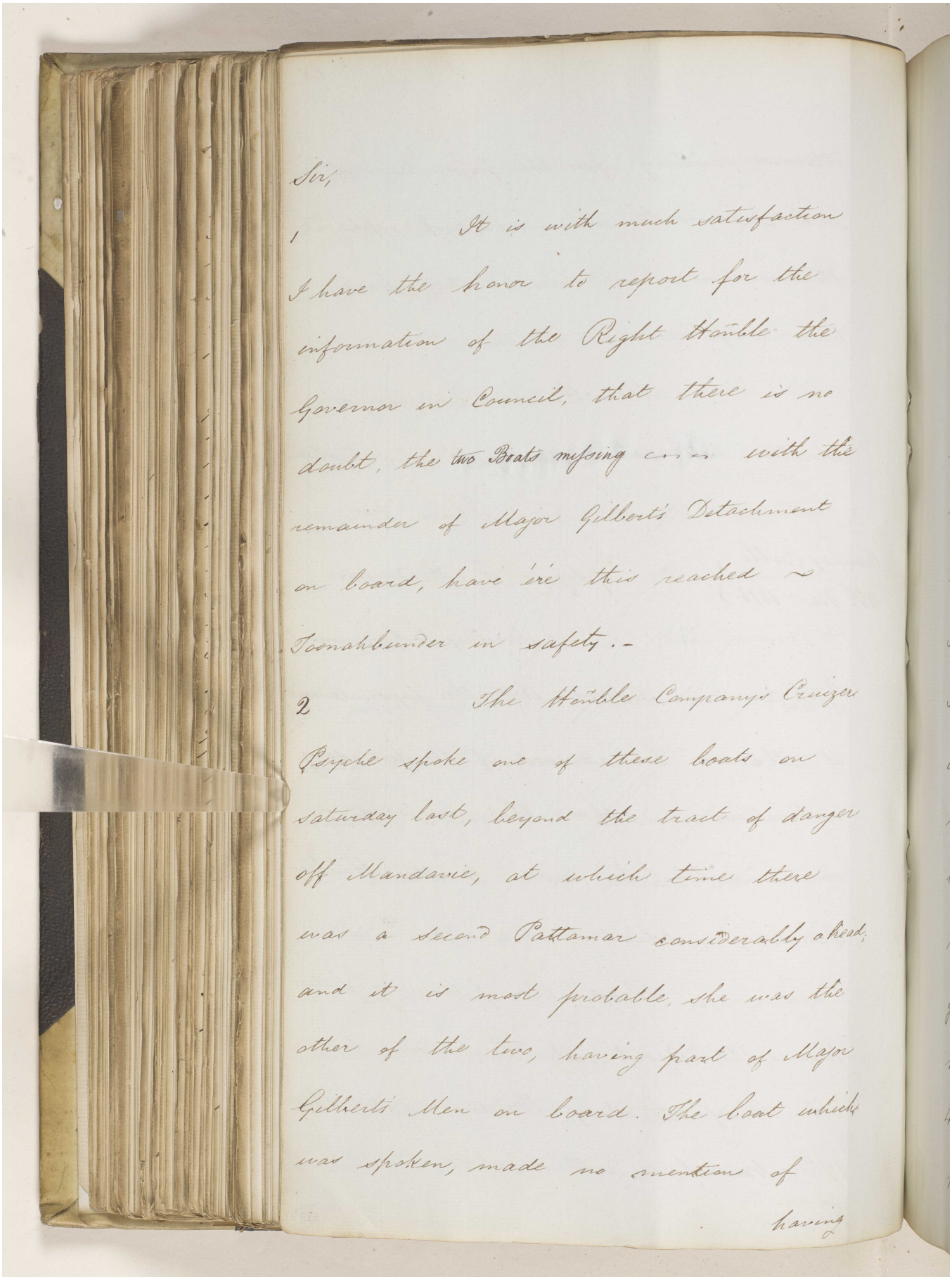
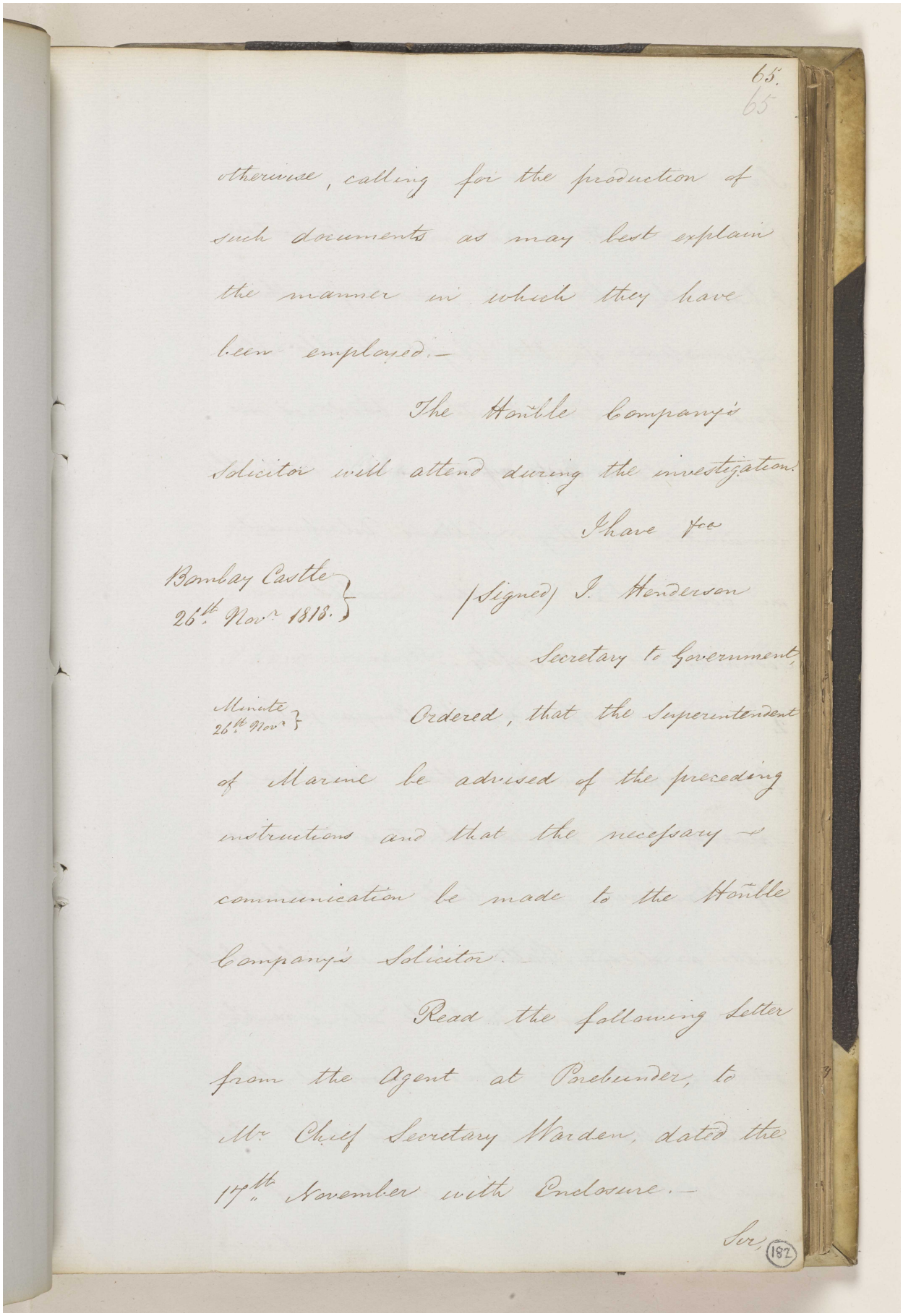


Sir,

1 It is with much satisfaction I have the honor to report for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that there is no doubt, the two Boats missing ~~~ with the remainder of Major Gilbert's Detachment on board, have ere this reached ~ Toonahbunder in safety.-

2 The Honble Company's Cruizer Psyche spoke one of these boats on saturday last, beyond the tract of danger off Mandavie, at which time there was a second Pattamar considerably ahead, and it is most probable, she was the other of the two, having part of Major Gilberts Men on board. The boat which was spoken, made no mention of having



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otherwise, calling for the production of such documents as may best explain the manner in which they have been employed.—

The Honble Company's Solicitor will attend during the investigation.

I have &c

Bombay Castle 26th Novr 1818.

(Signed) J. Henderson
Secretary to Government.

Minute 26th Novr

Ordered, that the Superintendent of Marine be advised of the preceding instructions and that the necessary communication be made to the Honble Company's Solicitor.

Read the following Letter from the Agent at Bushire, to Mr Chief Secretary Warden, dated the 17th November with Enclosure.—

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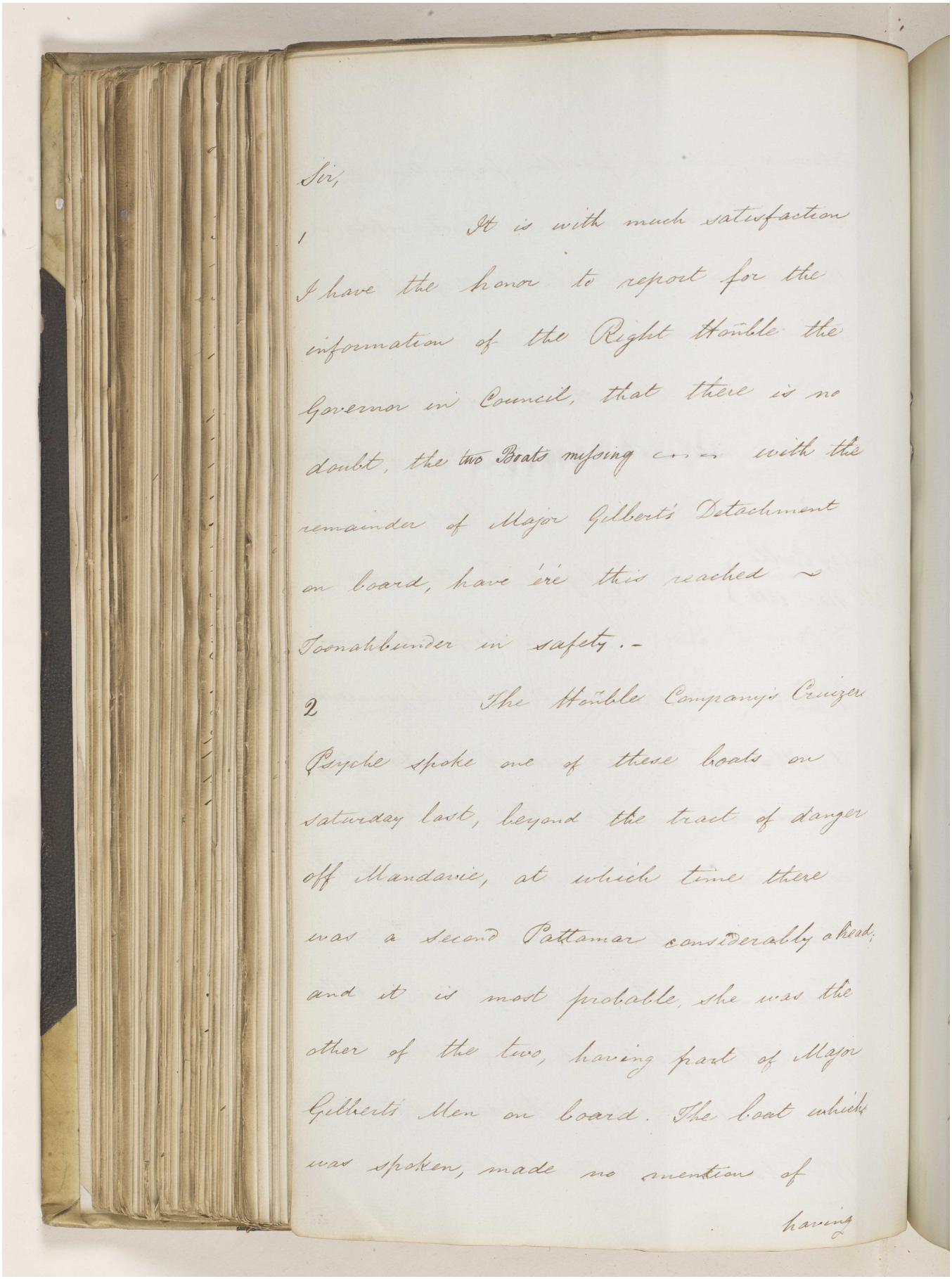

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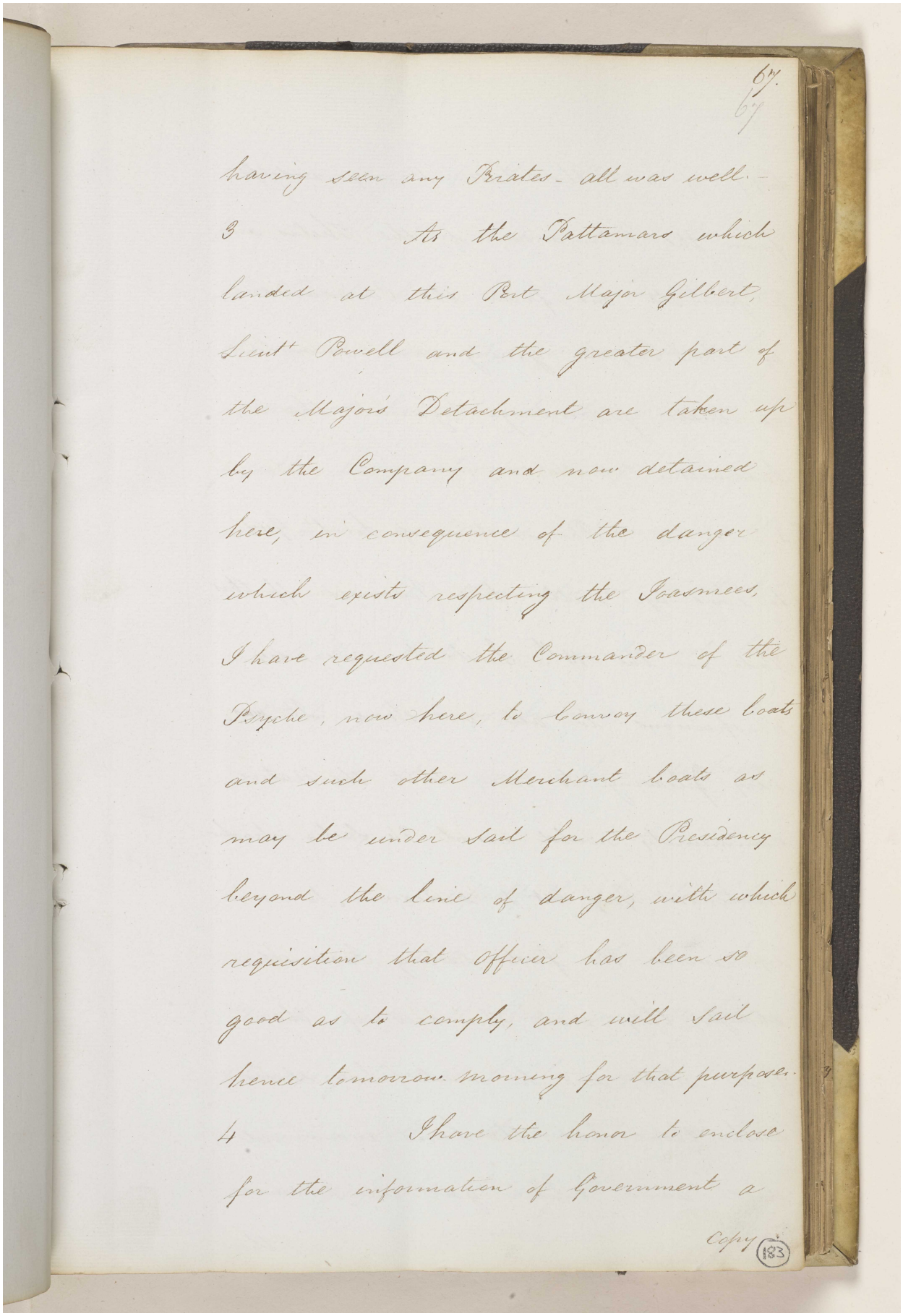

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having seen any Pirates - all was well -

3 As the Pattamars which landed at this Pt Major Gilbert, Lieut Powell and the greater part of the Major's Detachment are taken up by the Company and now detained here, in consequence of the danger which exists respecting the Joasmees, I have requested the Commander of the Psyche, now here, to convoy these boats and such other Merchant boats as may be under sail for the Presidency beyond the line of danger, with which requisition that Officer has been so good as to comply, and will sail hence tomorrow morning for that purpose.

4 I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government a

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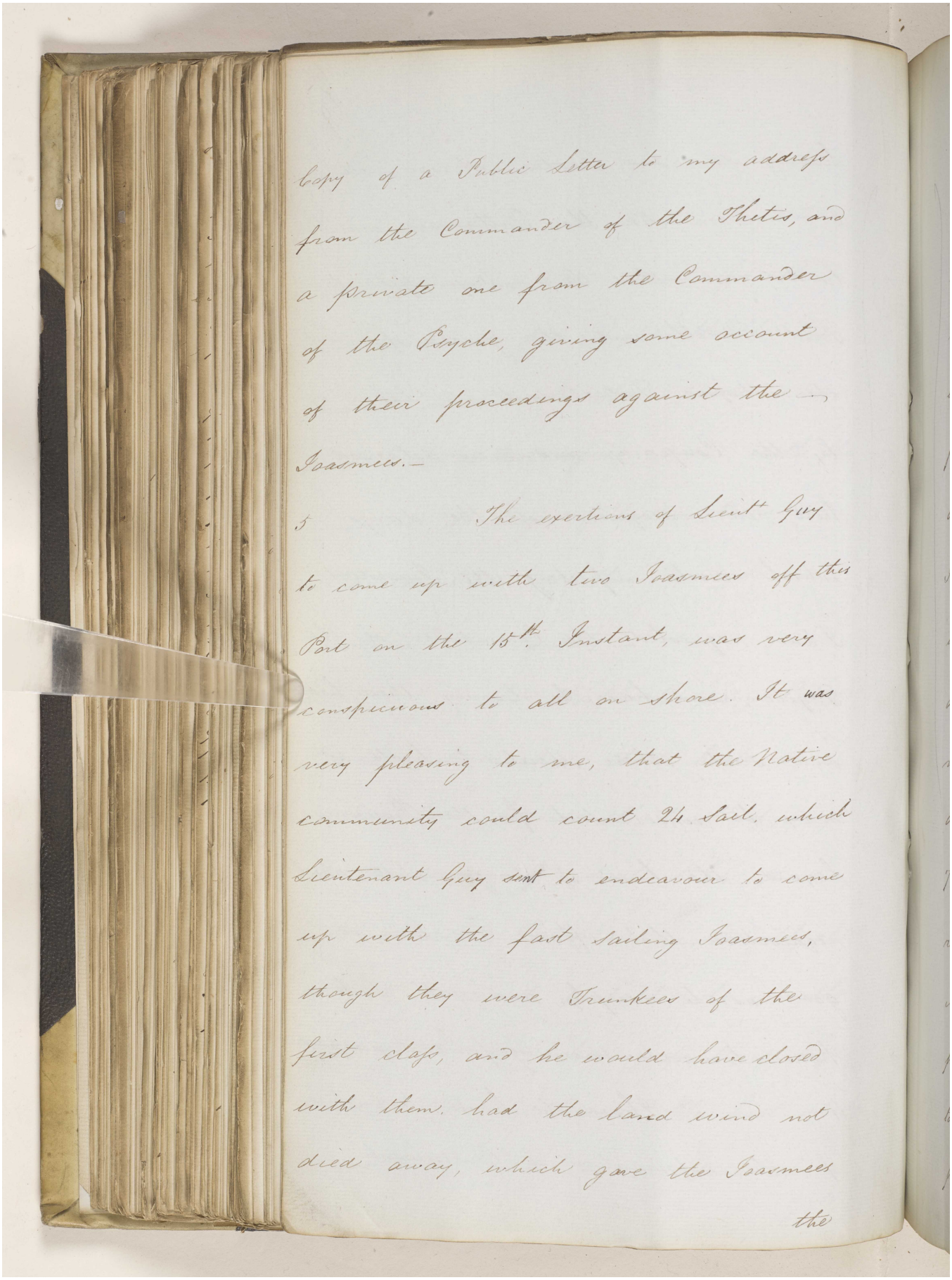
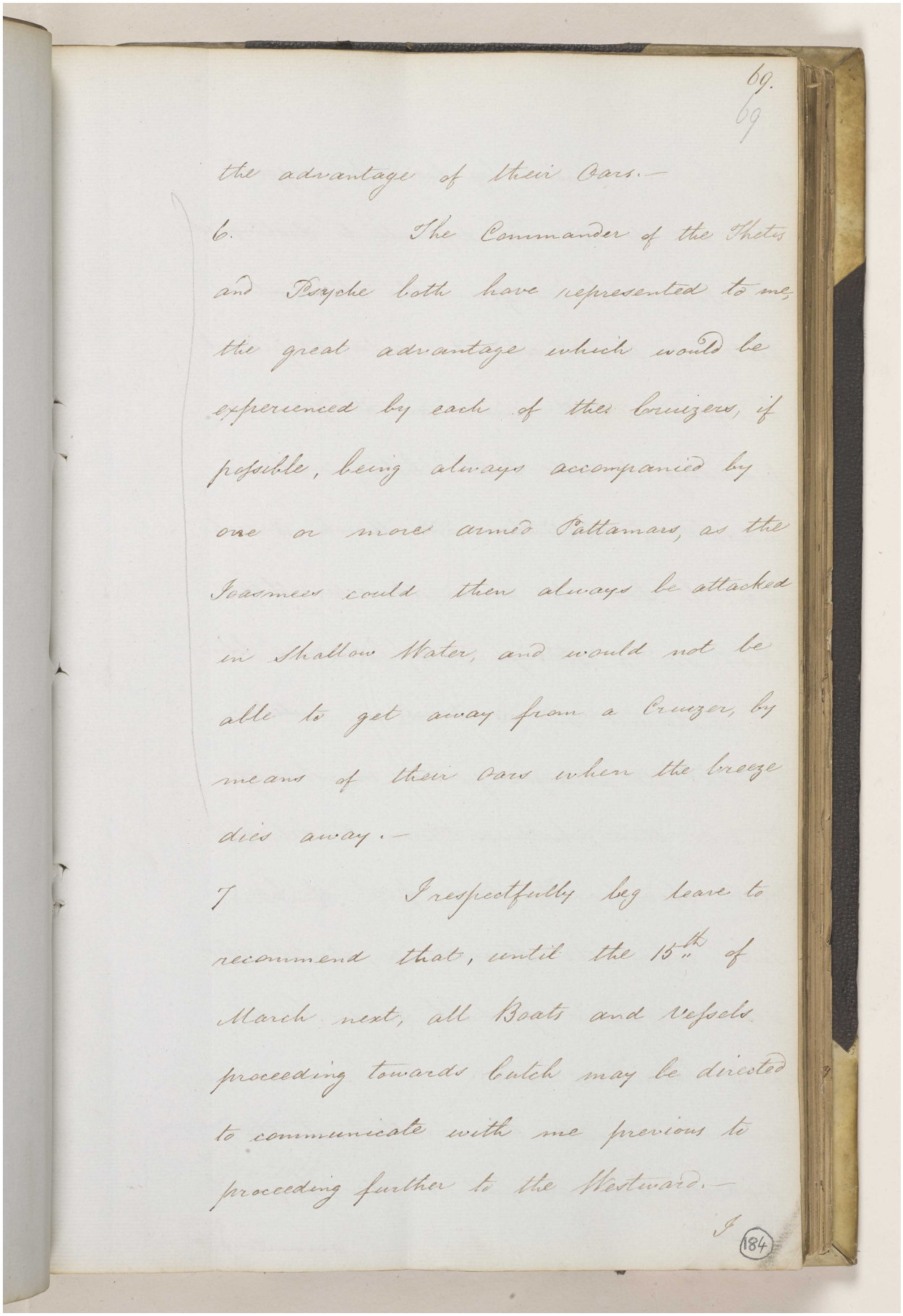


copy of a Public Letter to my address from the Commander of the Thetis, and a private one from the Commander of the Psyche, giving some account of their proceedings against the Joasmees.—

5 The exertions of Lieut[t] Guy to come up with two Joasmees off this Port on the 15th Instant, was very conspicuous to all on Shore. It was very pleasing to me, that the Native community could count 24 Sail, which Lieutenant Guy sent to endeavour to come up with the fast sailing Joasmees, though they were Trunkees of the first class, and he would have closed with them, had the land wind not died away, which gave the Joasmees the



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the advantage of their Oars.—

6. The Commander of the Thetis and Psyche both have represented to me, the great advantage which would be experienced by each of the Cruizers, if possible, being always accompanied by one or more armed Pattamars, as the Joasmees could then always be attacked in Shallow Water, and would not be able to get away from a Cruizer, by means of their Oars when the breeze dies away.—

7 I respectfully beg leave to recommend that, until the 15th of March next, all Boats and Vessels proceeding towards Cutch may be directed to communicate with me previous to proceeding further to the Westward.—

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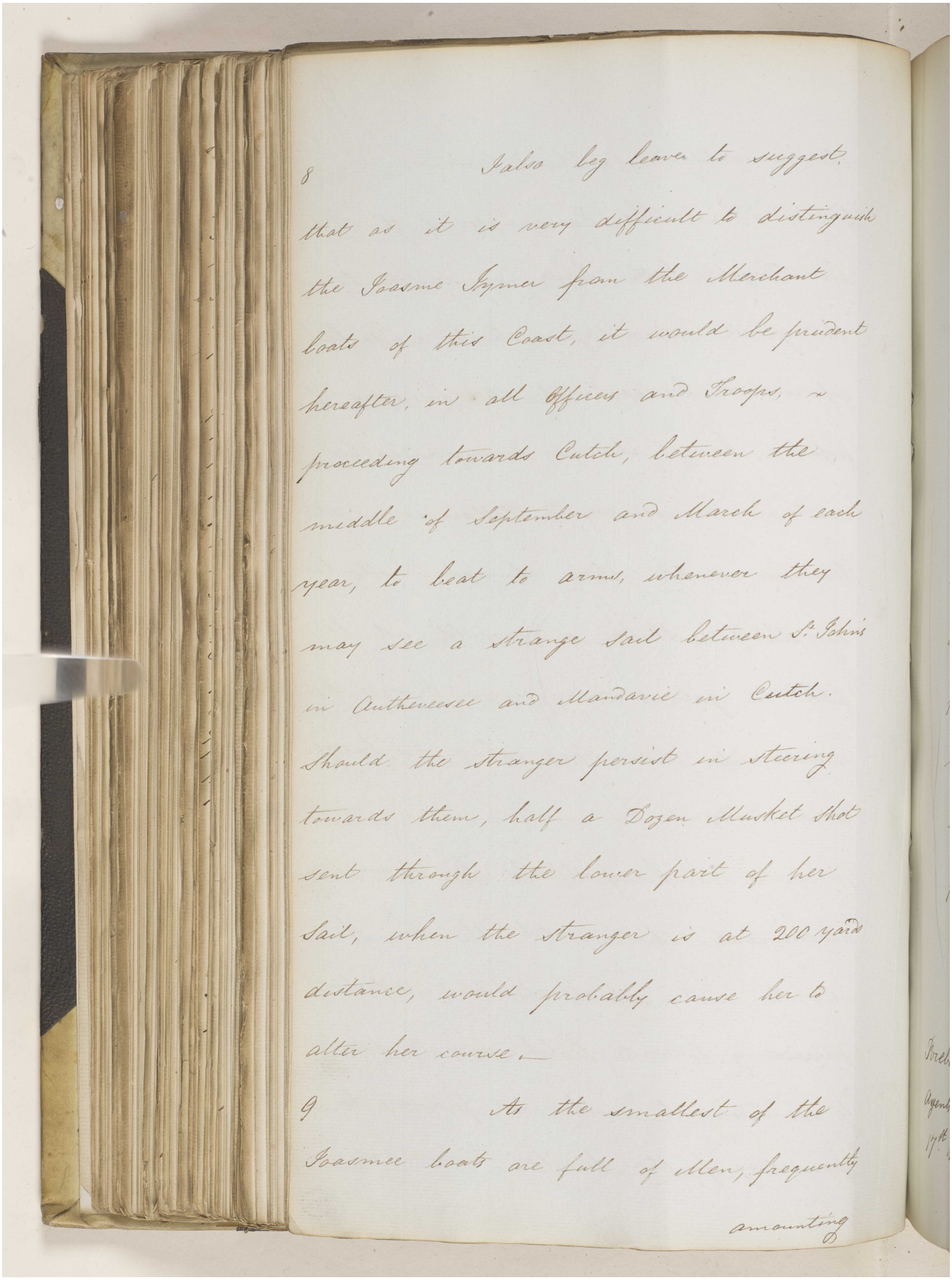
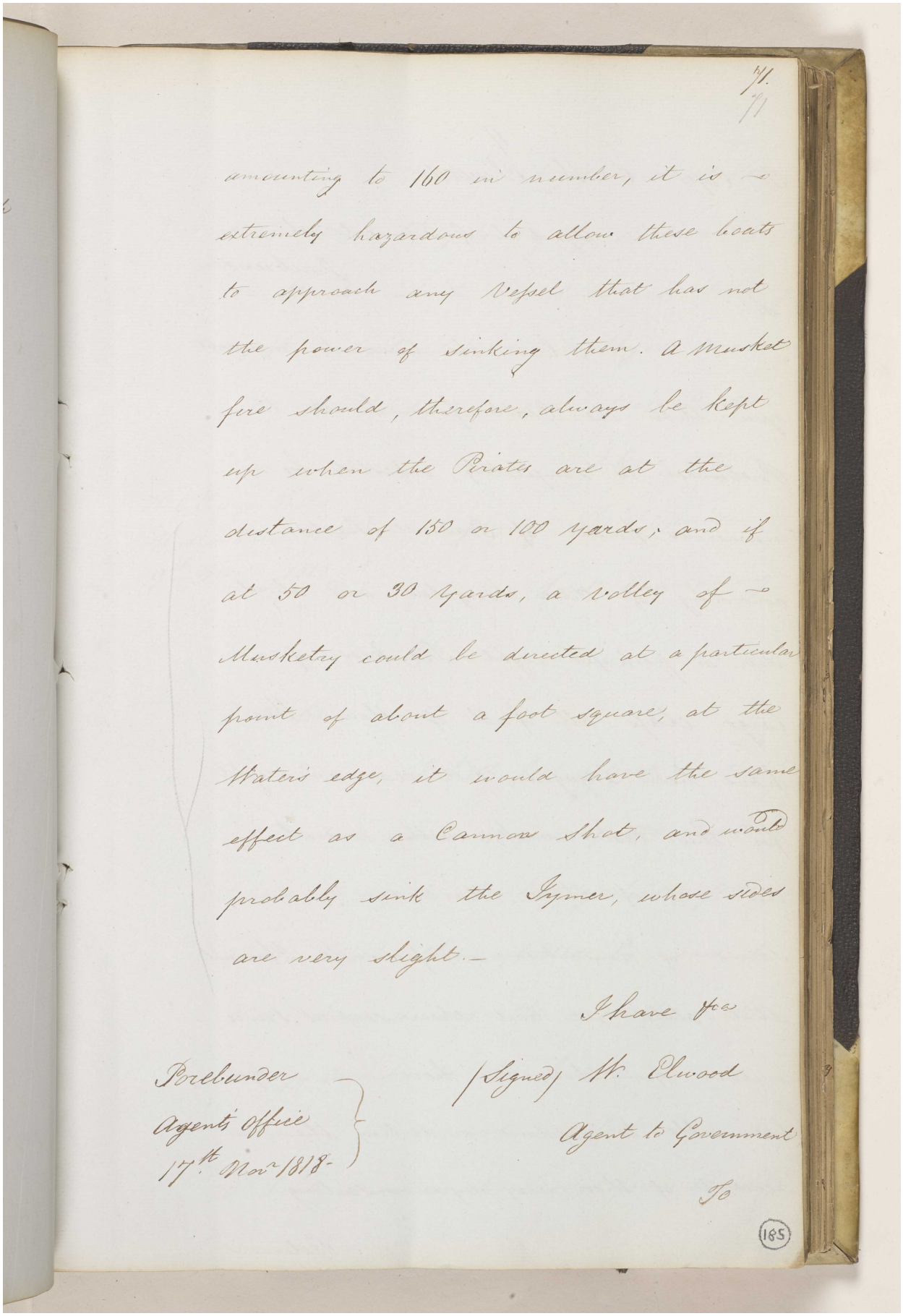


8 I also beg leave to suggest, that as it is very difficult to distinguish the Joasme Symer from the Merchant boats of this Coast, it would be prudent hereafter, in all Officers and Troops, proceeding towards Cutch, between the middle of September and March of each year, to beat to arms, whenever they may see a strange Sail between S. Johns in Authevessee and Mandavie in Cutch. Should the Stranger persist in steering towards them, half a Dozen Musket Shot sent through the lower part of her Sail, when the Stranger is at 200 yards distance, would probably cause her to alter her course.—

9 As the smallest of the Joasmee boats are full of Men, frequently amounting



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amounting to 160 in number, it is extremely hazardous to allow these boats to approach any Vessel that has not the power of sinking them. A musket fire should, therefore, always be kept up when the Pirates are at the distance of 150 or 100 yards; and if at 50 or 30 Yards, a volley of Musketry could be directed at a particular point of about a foot square, at the Waters edge, it would have the same effect as a Cannon Shot, and would probably sink the Zymer, whose sides are very slight.—

I have &c.

[Signed] W. Elwood
Agent to Government

To

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Agents Office
17th Novr 1818.

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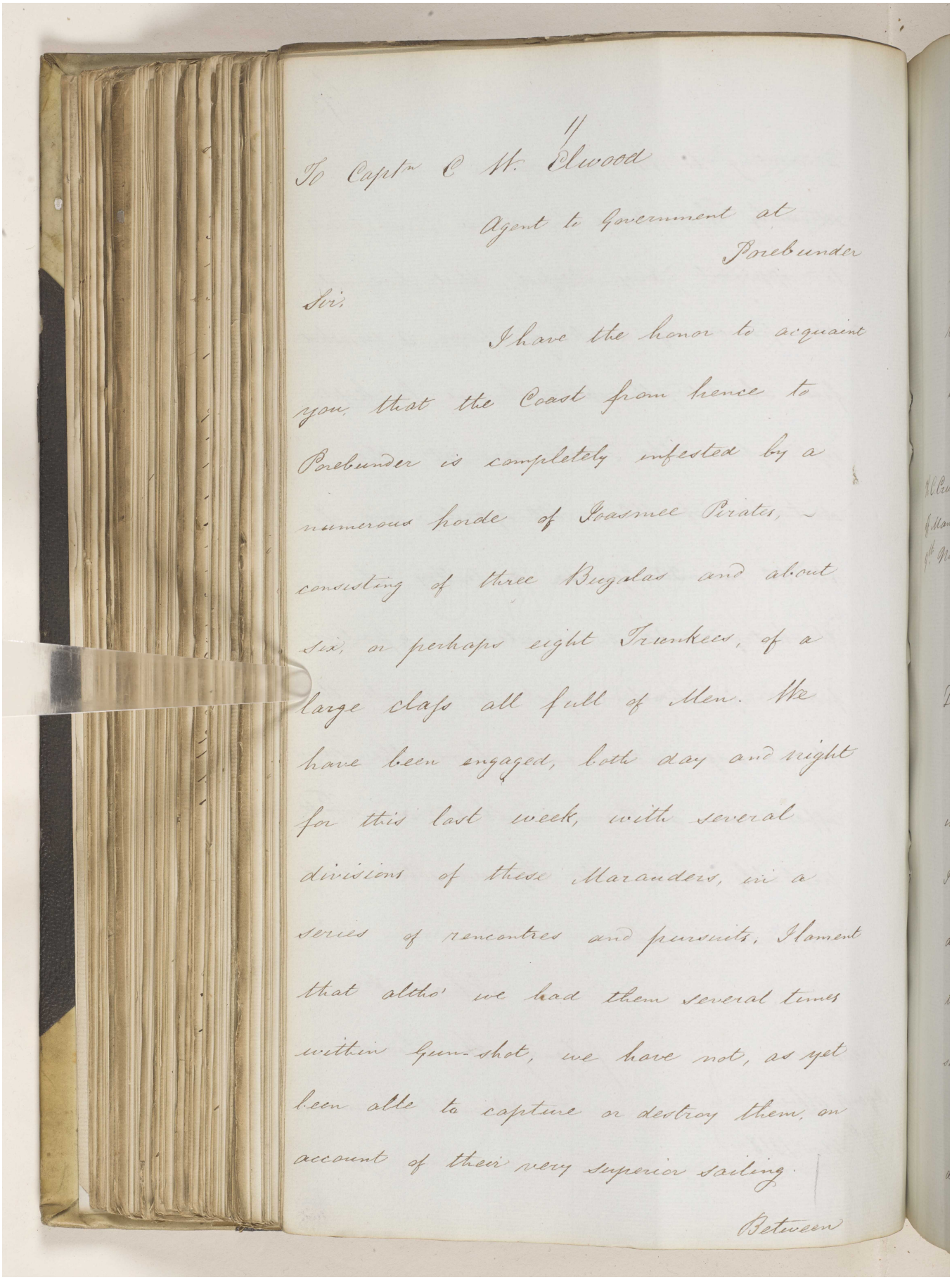

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To Captn C. W. Elwood

Agent to Government at Porebunder

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you, that the Coast from hence to Porebunder is completely infested by a numerous horde of Joasmee Pirates, consisting of three Bugalas and about six, or perhaps eight Trunkees, of a large class all full of Men. We have been engaged, both day and night for this last week, with several divisions of these Marauders, in a series of rencontres and pursuits, I lament that altho' we had them several times within Gun-shot, we have not, as yet been able to capture or destroy them, on account of their very superior sailing.

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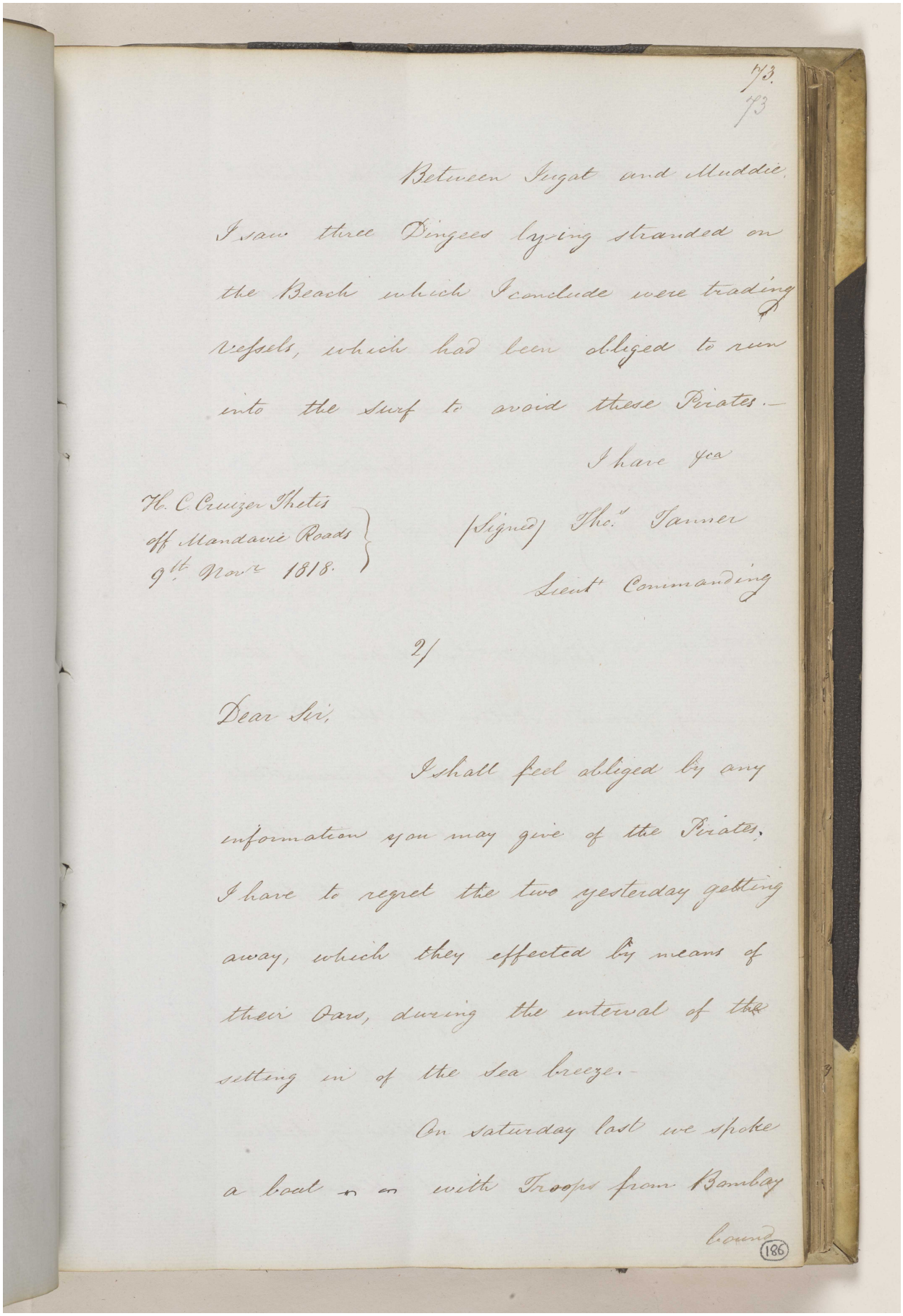

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Between Sugat and Muddie
I saw three Dingees lying stranded on
the Beach which I conclude were trading
Vessels, which had been obliged to run
into the Surf to avoid these Pirates.—

I have &c.

H. C. Cruizer Thetis
off Mandavie Roads
9th Novr 1818.

(Signed) Thos. Tanner
Lieut Commanding

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Dear Sir,

I shall feel obliged by any
information you may give of the Pirates.
I have to regret the two yesterday getting
away, which they effected by means of
their Oars, during the interval of the
setting in of the Sea breeze.—

On Saturday last we spoke
a boat &c with Troops from Bombay
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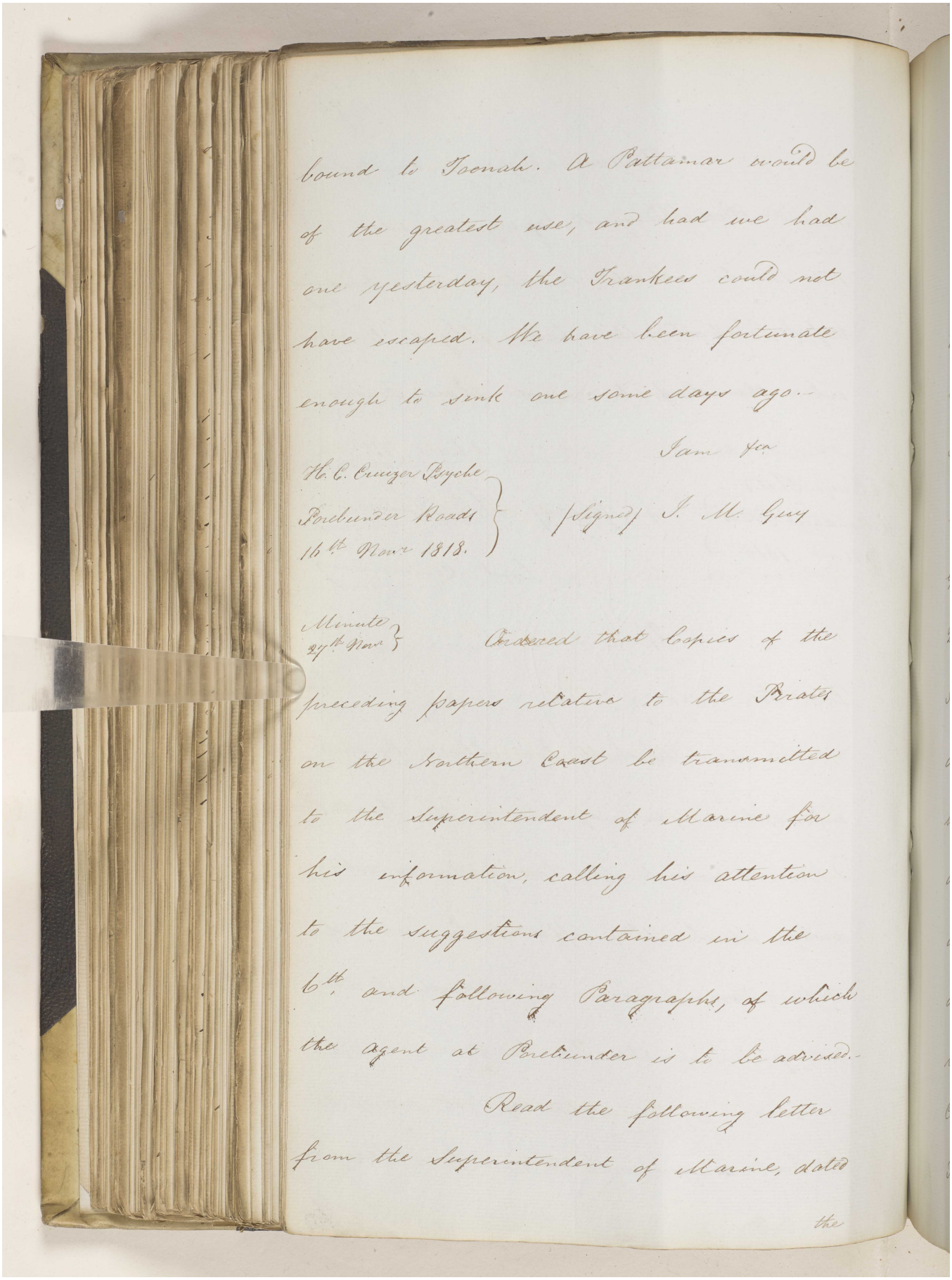


bound to Teenah. A Pattamar would be of the greatest use, and had we had one yesterday, the Frankees could not have escaped. We have been fortunate enough to sink one some days ago.

I am &c.

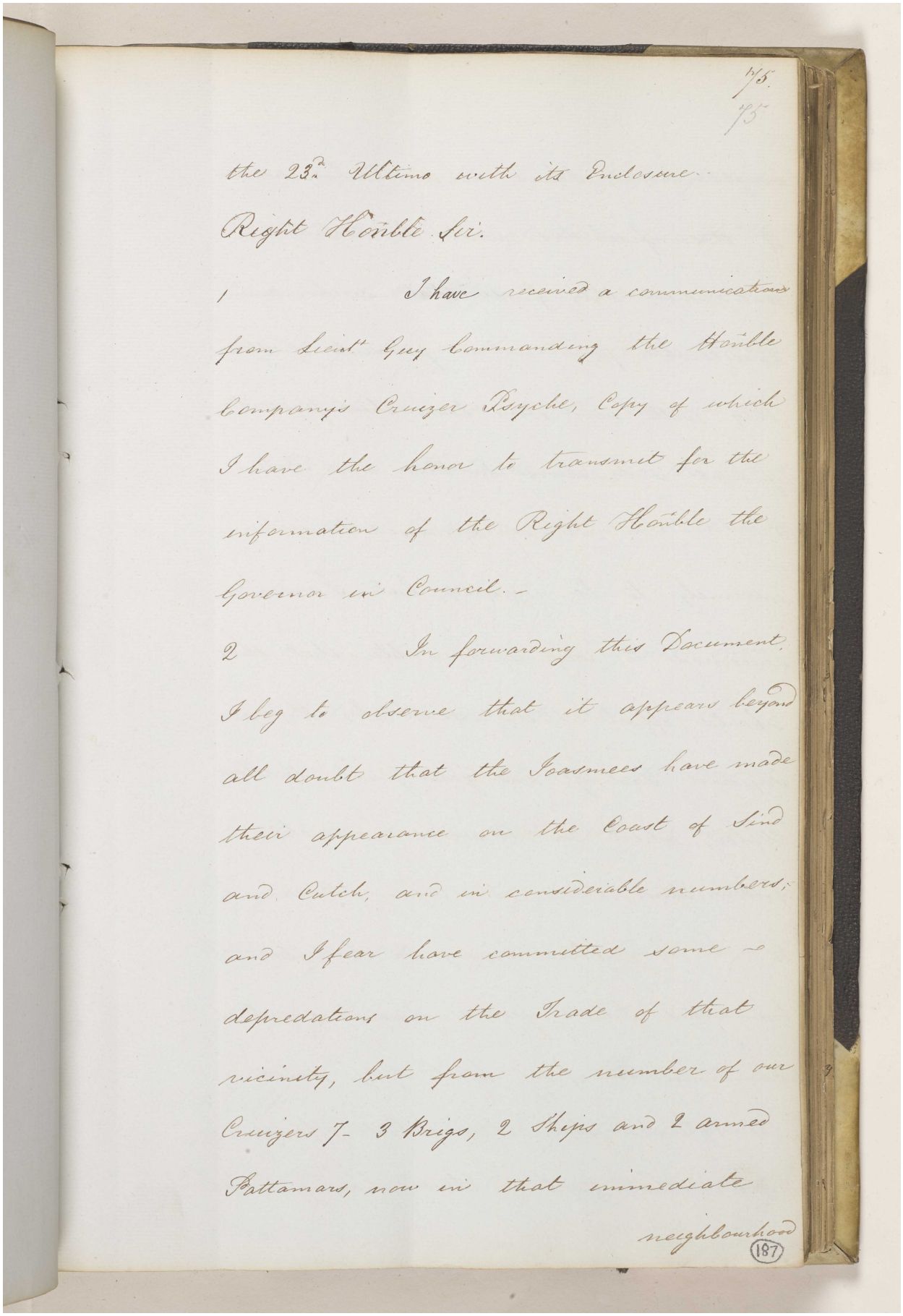
H.C. Cruizer Psyche
Bushire Roads
16th Novr 1818.

(Signed) J. M. Guy

Minute 27th Nov

Ordered that Copies of the preceding papers relative to the Pirates on the Northern Coast be transmitted to the Superintendent of Marine for his information, calling his attention to the suggestions contained in the 6th and following Paragraphs, of which the Agent at Bushire is to be advised.

Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Marine, dated the



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the 23d Ultimo with its Enclosure.

Right Honble Sir.

1 I have received a communication from Lieut Guy Commanding the Honble Company's Cruizer Psyche, Copy of which I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.-

2 In forwarding this Document, I beg to observe that it appears beyond all doubt that the Joasmees have made their appearance on the Coast of Sind and Cutch, and in considerable numbers; and I fear have committed some depredations on the Trade of that vicinity, but from the number of our Cruizers 7- 3 Brigs, 2 Ships and 2 armed Pattamars, now in that immediate neighbourhood

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neighbourhoods, I have no doubt but some of those freebooters must be destroyed; and when they find that such a considerable force is in pursuits of them, they will very soon leave their present ground and returns to their own Ports.-

3 It is a circumstance extremely to be regretted; but I am concerned to say unavoidable, that they should effect their escape, by their superior sailing, and getting into shallow Water, where our Cruizers cannot follow them.-

4 Since receiving the Letter herewith transmitted, I have received a subsequent communication from Lieut. Guy, dated the 19th. November, wherein that officer reports that Captain Elwood having made

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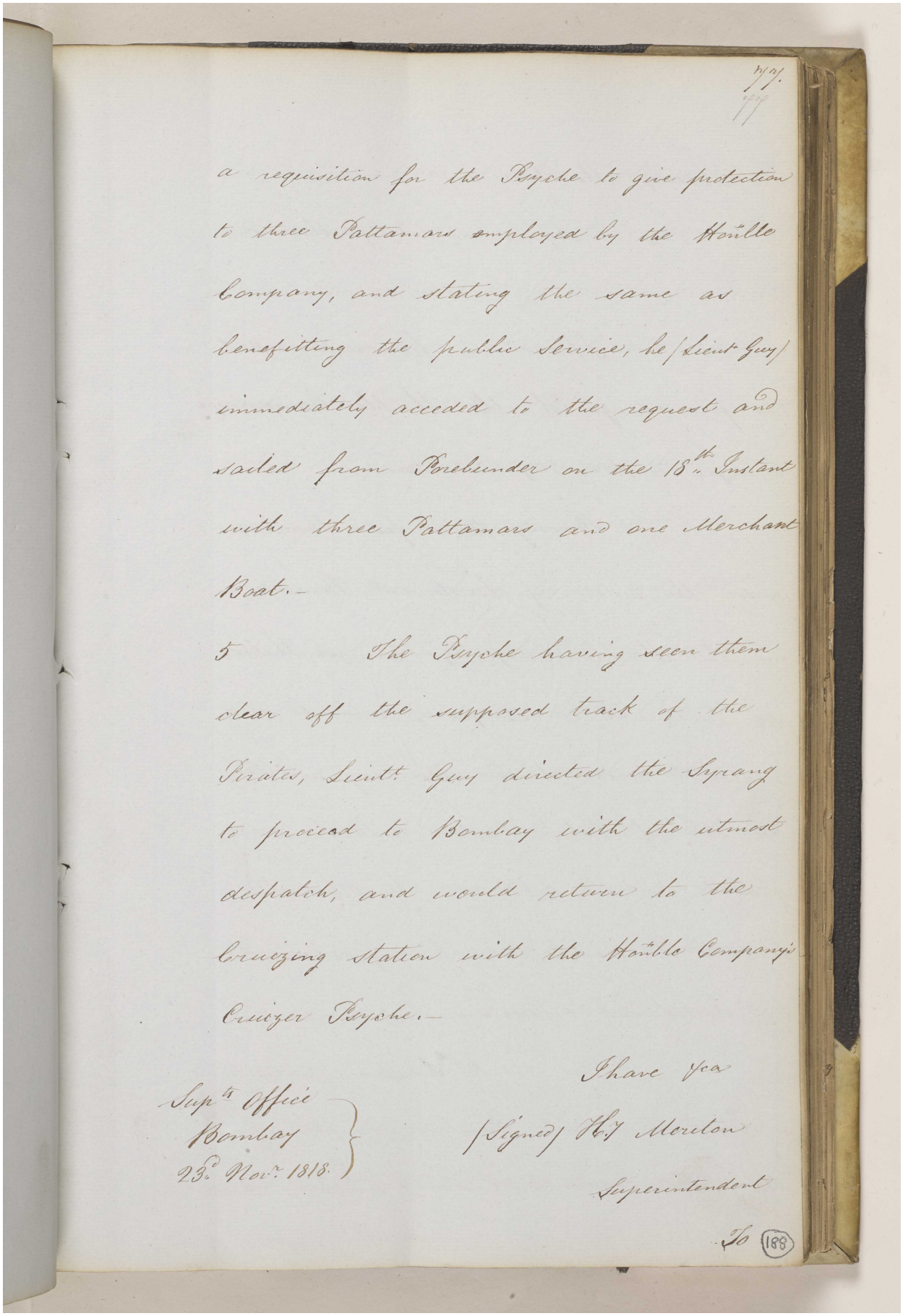

a requisition for the Psyche to give protection to three Pattamars employed by the Honble Company, and stating the same as benefitting the public Service, he /Lieut Guy/ immediately acceded to the request and sailed from Porbunder on the 18th. Instant with three Pattamars and one Merchant Boat.–

5 The Psyche having seen them clear off the supposed track of the Pirates, Lieut. Guy directed the Sypang to proceed to Bombay with the utmost despatch, and would return to the Cruizing Station with the Honble Company's Cruizer Psyche.–

I have &c.a

/Signed/ Wm Morton

Superintendent

Sup.t Office
Bombay
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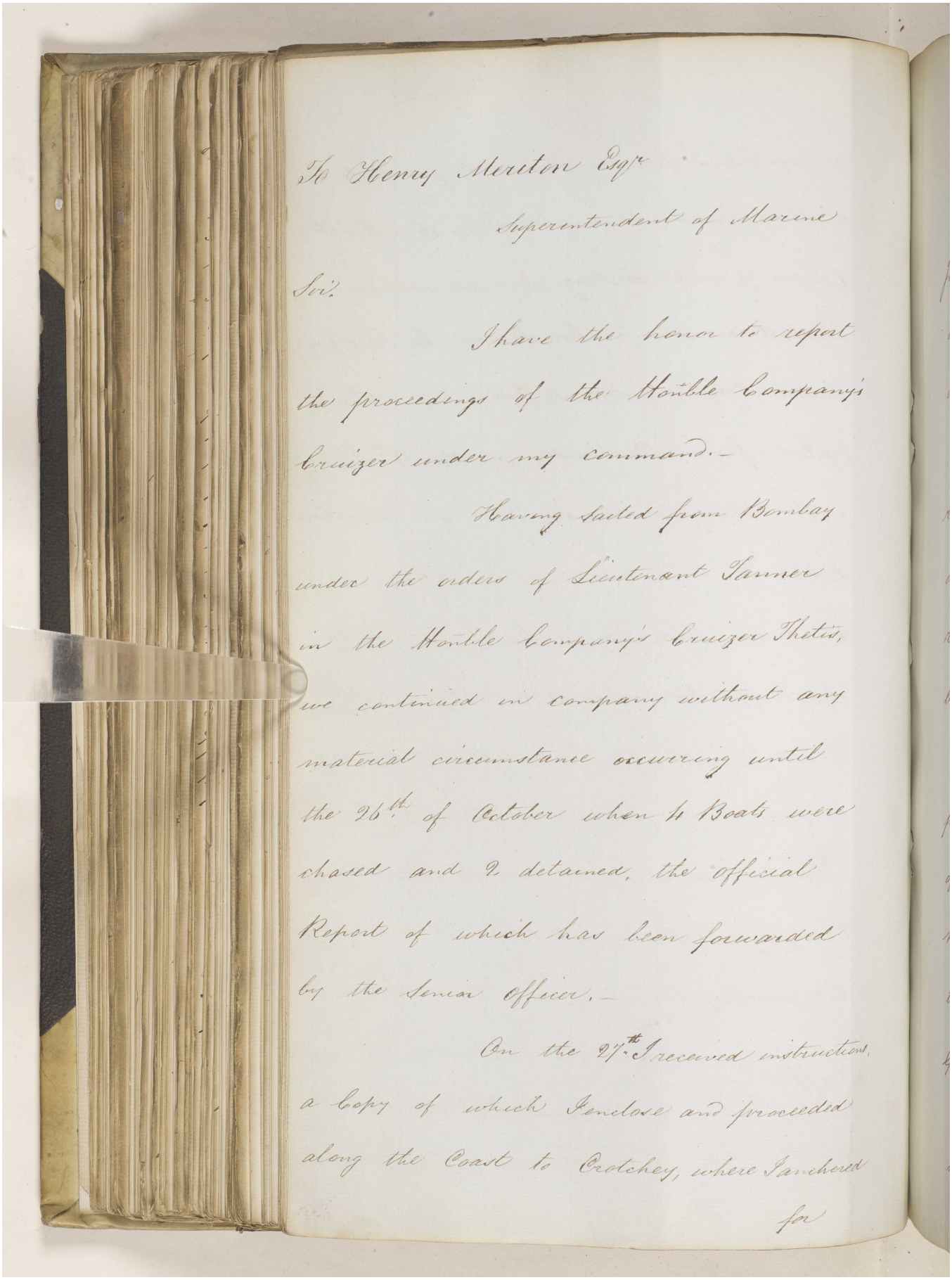


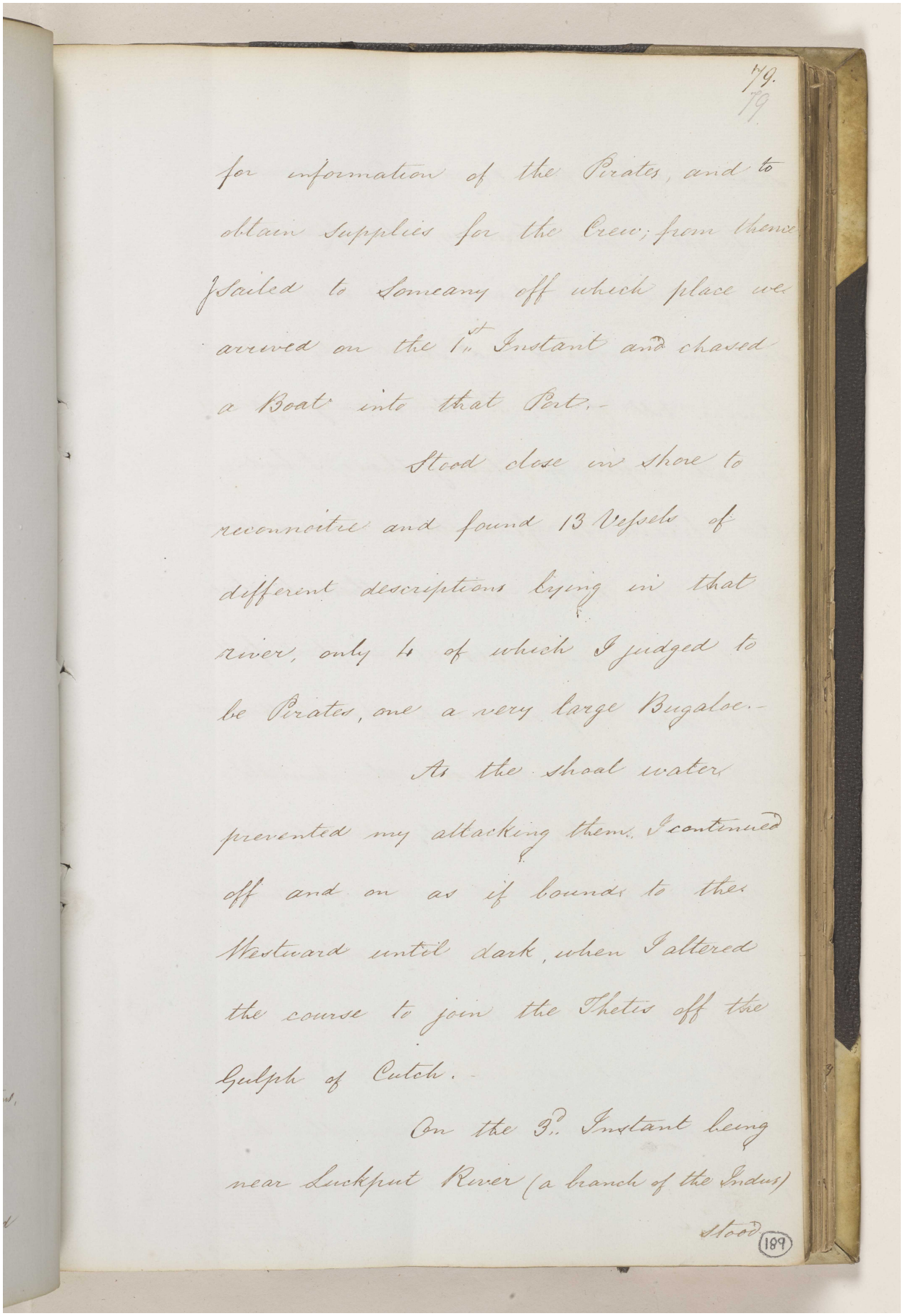
To Henry Meriton Esqr
Superintendent of Marine

Sir.

I have the honor to report the proceedings of the Honble Company's Cruizer under my command.-

Having sailed from Bombay under the orders of Lieutenant Sanner in the Honble Company's Cruizer Thetis, we continued in company without any material circumstance occurring until the 26th of October when 4 Boats were chased and 2 detained, the official Report of which has been forwarded by the Senior Officer.-

On the 27th I received instructions, a copy of which I enclose and proceeded along the Coast to Crotchey, where I anchored for



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for information of the Pirates, and to obtain Supplies for the Crew; from thence I sailed to Someany off which place we arrived on the 1st Instant and chased a Boat into that Port.-

Stood close in Shore to reconnoitre and found 13 Vessels of different descriptions lying in that river, only 4 of which I judged to be Pirates, one a very large Bugalow.-

As the shoal water prevented my attacking them, I continued off and on as if bound to the Westward until dark, when I altered the course to join the Fleet off the Gulph of Cutch.-

On the 3d Instant being near Luckput River (a branch of the Indus) Stood

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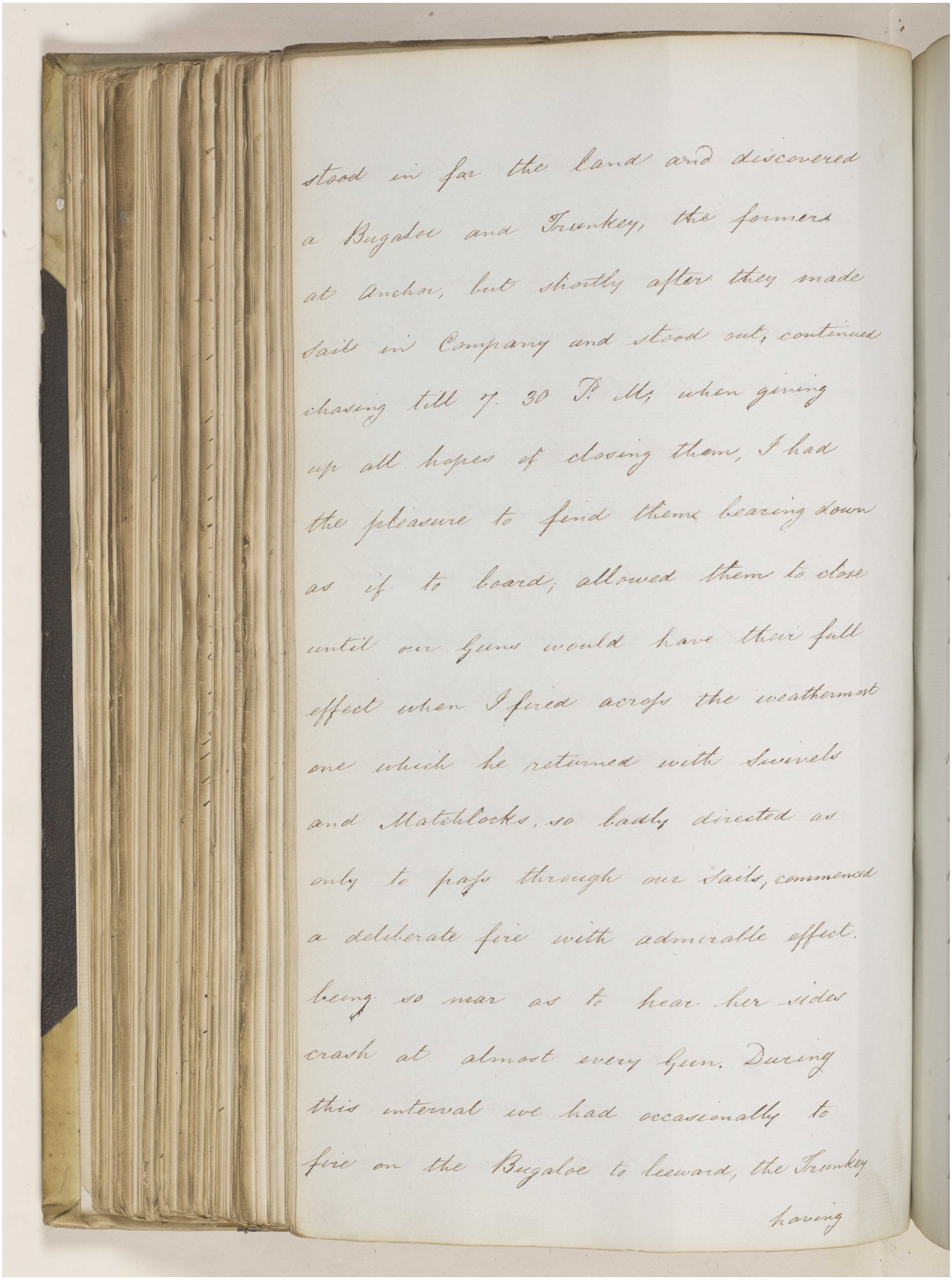

stood in for the land and discovered
a Bugaloe and Trunkey, the formers
at Anchor, but shortly after they made
Sail in Company and stood out, continued
chasing till 7. 30 P. M, when giving
up all hopes of closing them, I had
the pleasure to find them bearing down
as if to board, allowed them to close
until our Guns would have their full
effect when I fired across the weathermost
one which he returned with Swivels
and Matchlocks, so badly directed as
only to pass through our Sails, commenced
a deliberate fire with admirable effect.
being so near as to hear her sides
crash at almost every Gun. During
this interval we had occasionally to
fire on the Bugaloe to leeward, the Trunkey
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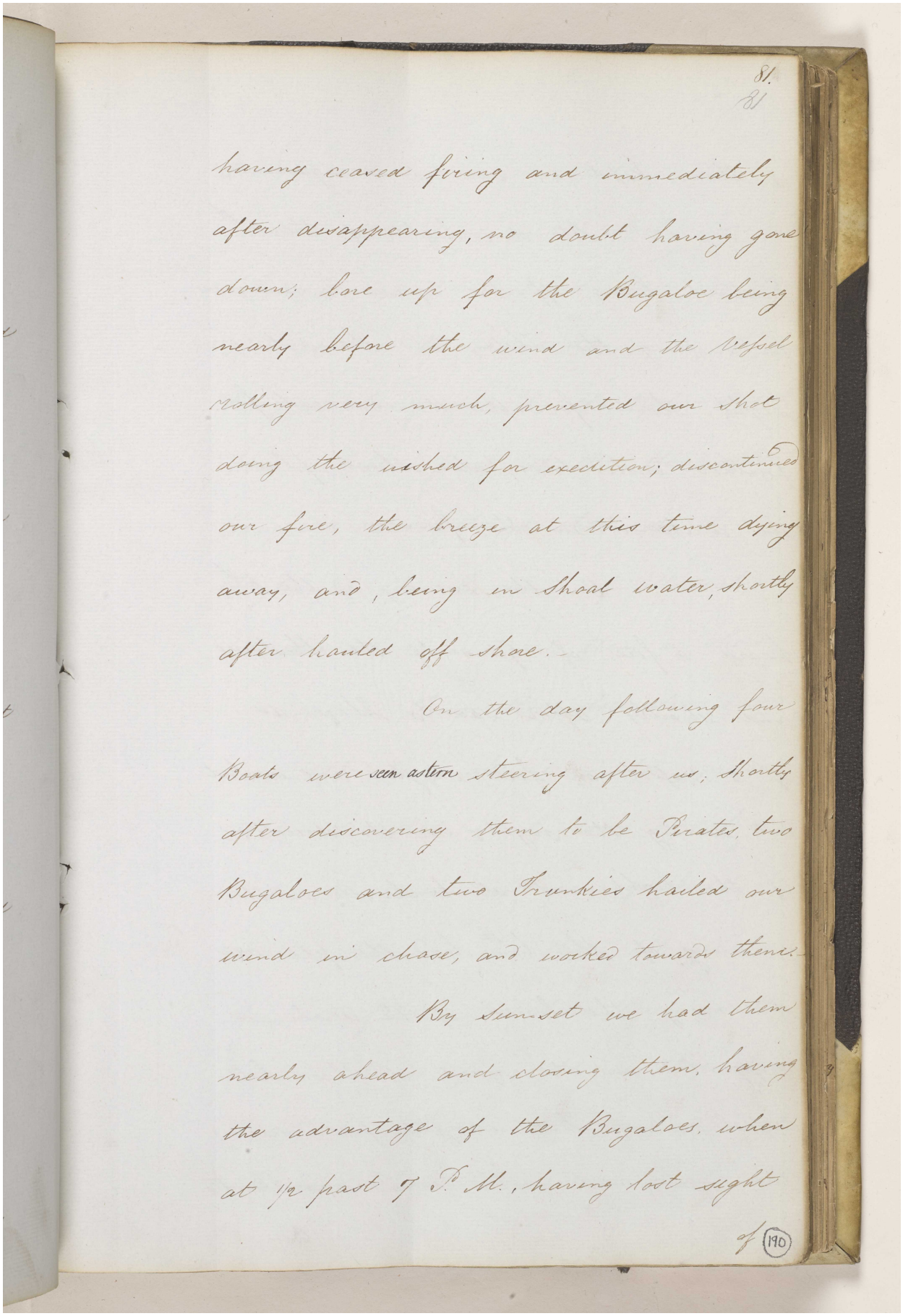

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having ceased firing and immediately after disappearing, no doubt having gone down; bore up for the Bugaloe being nearly before the wind and the Vessel rolling very much, prevented our shot doing the wished for execution; discontinued our fire, the breeze at this time dying away, and, being in Shoal water, shortly after hauled off shore.

On the day following four Boats were seen astern steering after us; Shortly after discovering them to be Pirates, two Bugaloes and two Trunkies hauled our wind in chase, and worked towards them.

By Sunset we had them nearly ahead and closing them, having the advantage of the Bugaloes, when at ½ past 7 P. M., having lost sight

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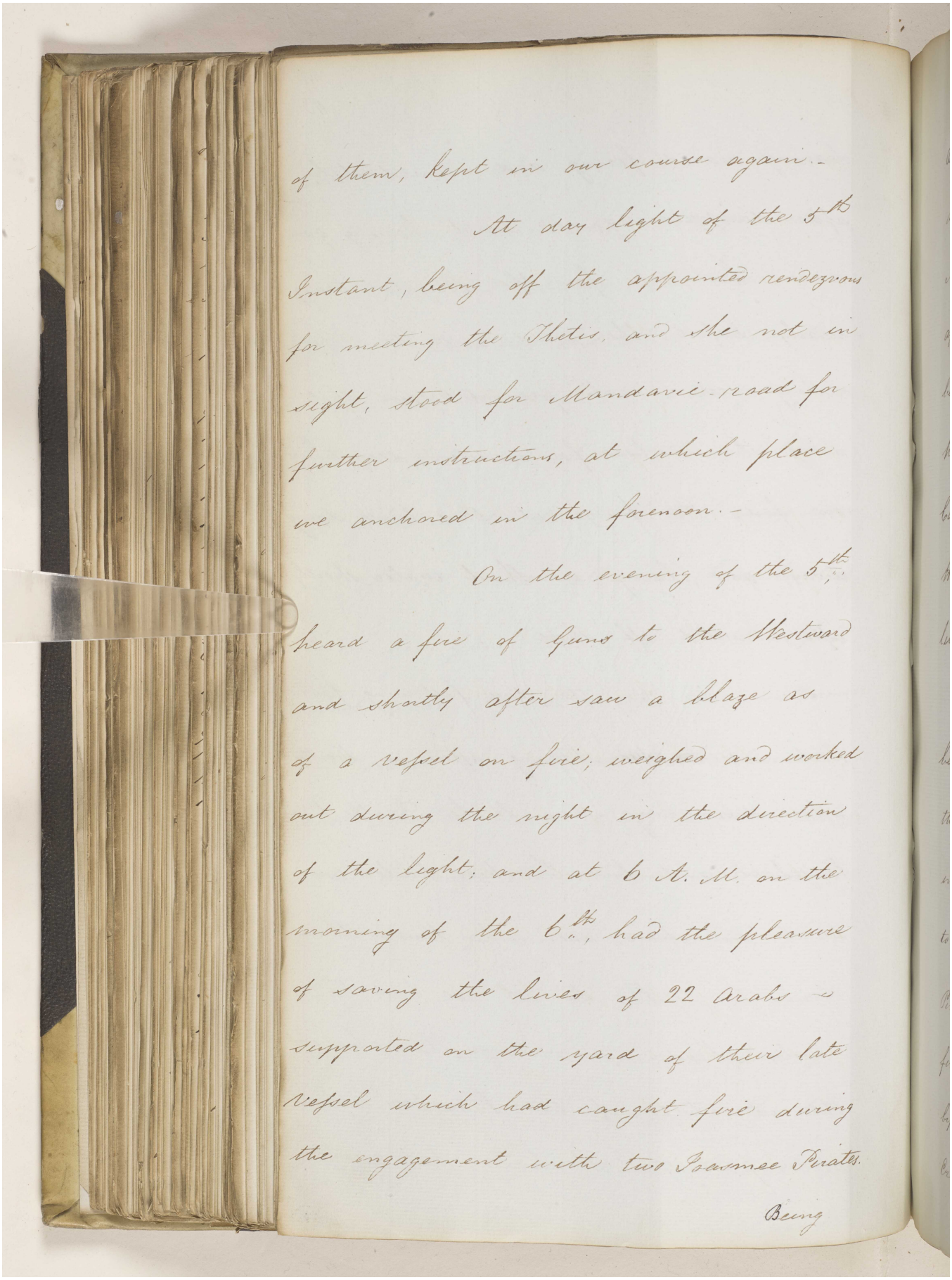

of them, kept in our course again.-

At day light of the 5th Instant, being off the appointed rendezvous for meeting the Thetis, and she not in sight, stood for Mandavie road for further instructions, at which place we anchored in the forenoon.-

On the evening of the 5th, heard a fire of Guns to the Westward and shortly after saw a blaze as of a Vessel on fire, weighed and worked out during the night in the direction of the light; and at 6 A. M. on the morning of the 6th, had the pleasure of saving the lives of 22 Arabs supported on the yard of their late Vessel which had caught fire during the engagement with two Joasmee Pirates.

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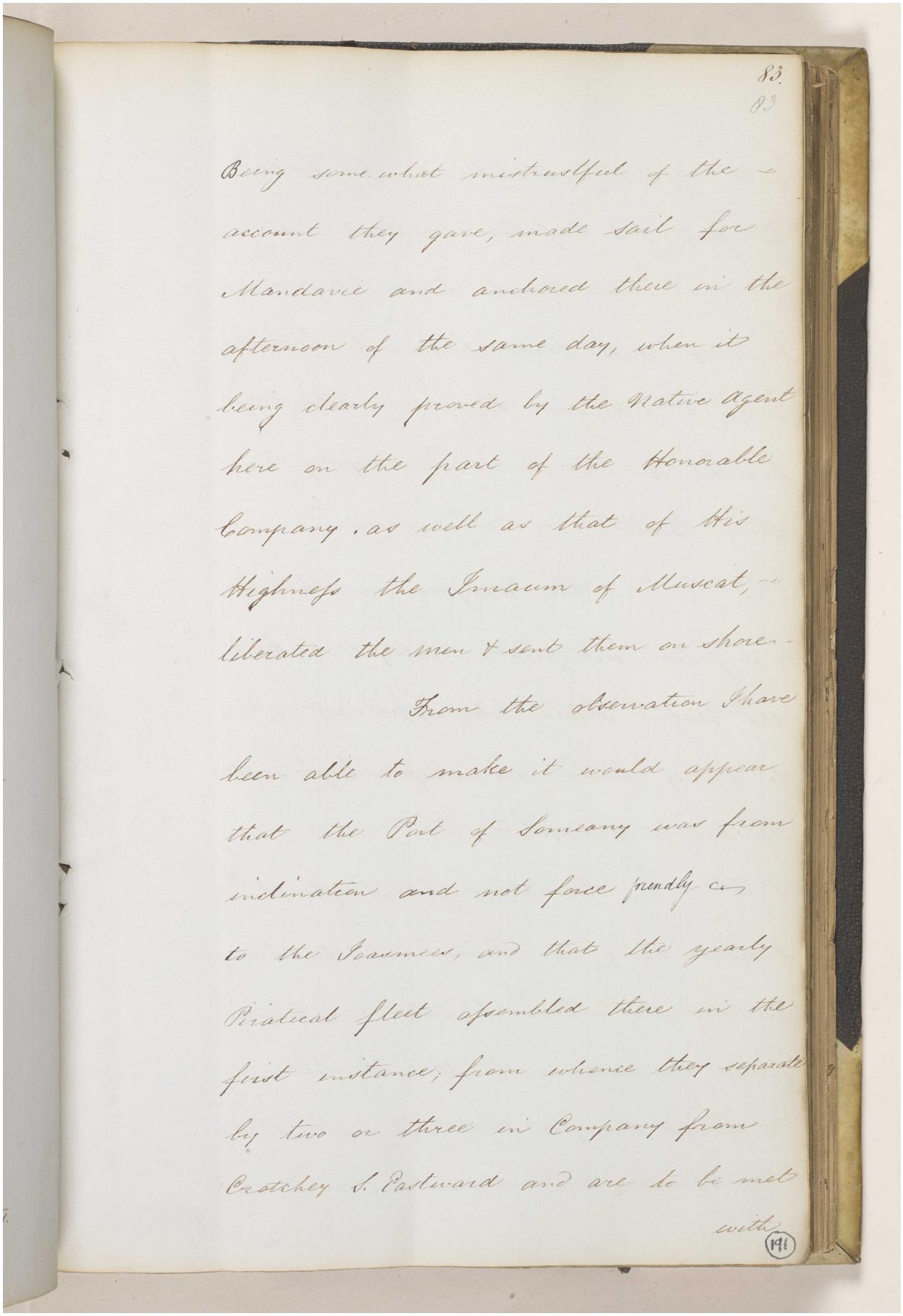

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Being somewhat mistrustful of the account they gave, made sail for Mandavie and anchored there in the afternoon of the same day, when it being clearly proved by the Native Agent here on the part of the Honorable Company, as well as that of His Highness the Imaum of Muscat, liberated the men & sent them on shore.

From the observation I have been able to make it would appear that the Port of Someany was from inclination and not force friendly to the Joasmees, and that the yearly Piratical fleet assembled there in the first instance; from whence they separate by two or three in Company from Crotchey S. Eastward and are to be met with

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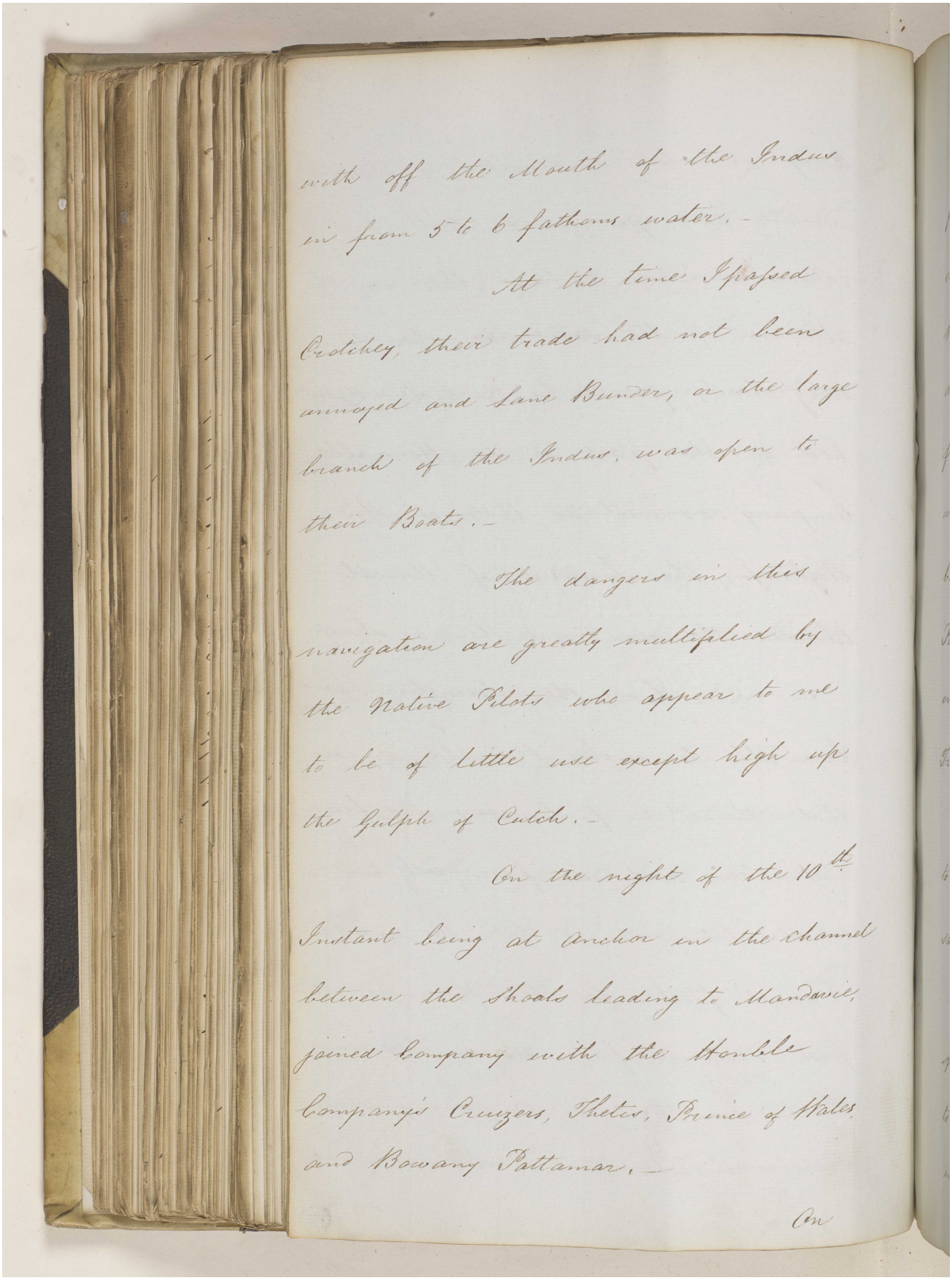

with off the Mouth of the Indus
in from 5 to 6 fathoms water. -

At the time I passed
Crotchey, their trade had not been
annoyed and Lane Bunder, or the large
branch of the Indus, was open to
their Boats. -

The dangers in this
navigation are greatly multiplied by
the Native Pilots who appear to me
to be of little use except high up
the Gulph of Cutch. -

On the night of the 10th
Instant being at Anchor in the Channel
between the Shoals leading to Mandavie,
joined Company with the Honble
Company's Cruizers, Thetis, Prince of Wales
and Bowany Pattamar. -

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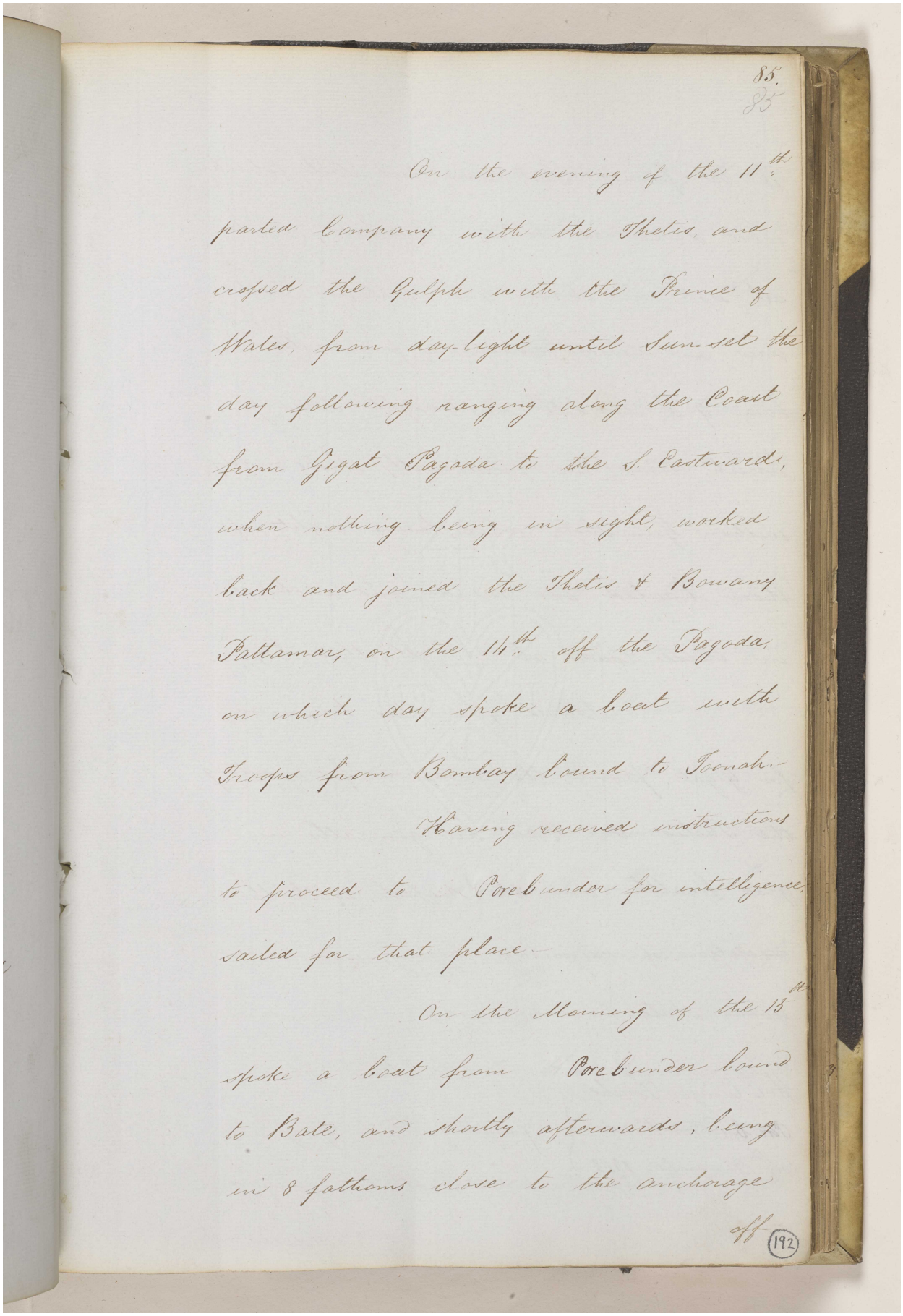

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On the evening of the 11th parted Company with the Thetis, and crossed the Gulph with the Prince of Wales, from day-light until Sun-set the day following ranging along the Coast from Gogat Pagoda to the S. Eastwards, when nothing being in sight, worked back and joined the Thetis & Bowany Pattamar, on the 14th off the Pagoda, on which day spoke a boat with Troops from Bombay bound to Joonah-

Having received instructions to proceed to Porebunder for intelligence, sailed for that place

On the Morning of the 15th spoke a boat from Porebunder bound to Bate, and shortly afterwards, being in 8 fathoms close to the anchorage off

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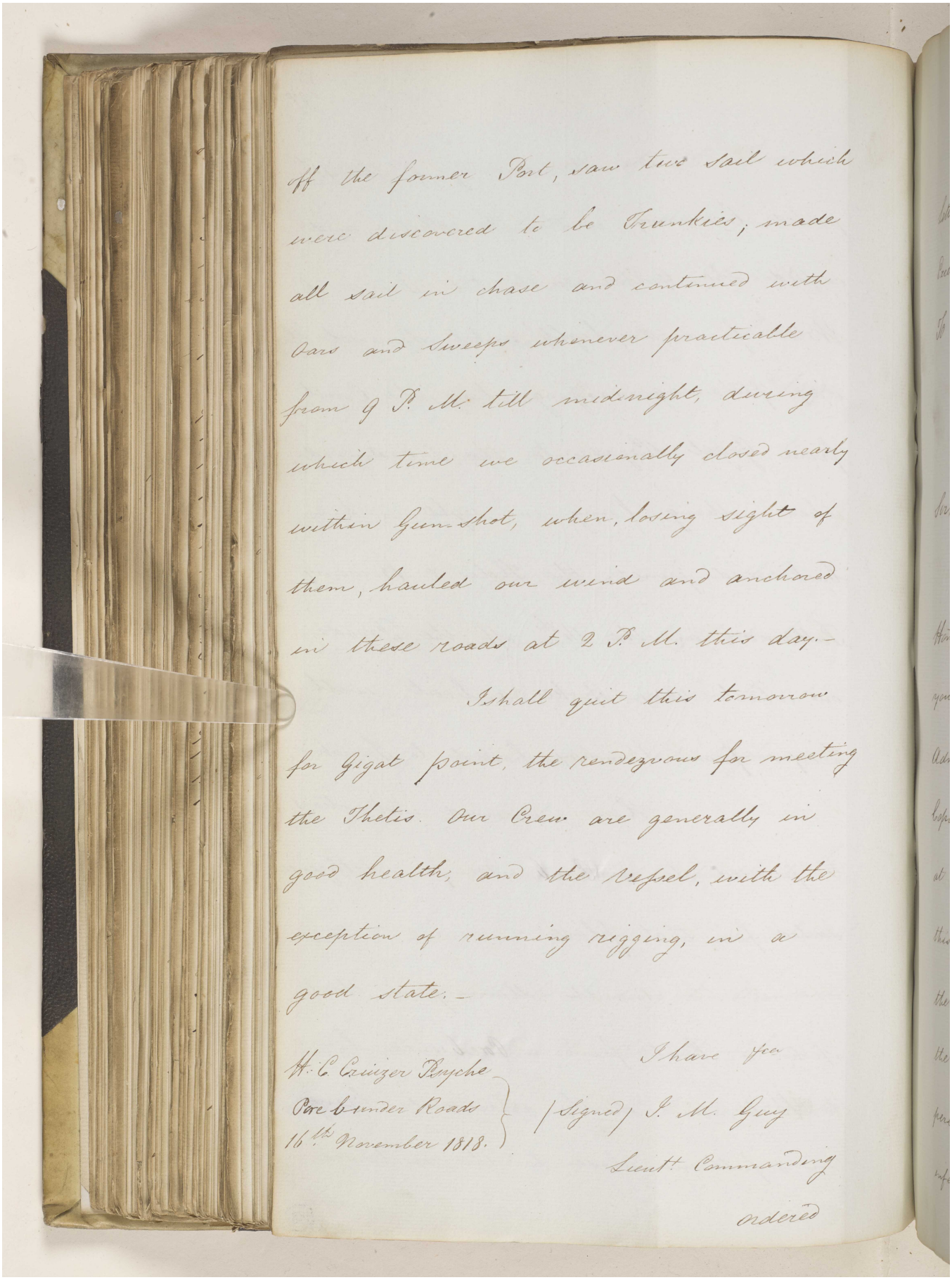

off the former Port, saw two Sail which were discovered to be Trunkies; made all Sail in chase and continued with Oars and Sweeps whenever practicable from 9 P. M. till midnight, during which time we occasionally closed nearly within Gun-shot, when, losing sight of them, hauled our wind and anchored in these roads at 2 P. M. this day.-

I shall quit this tomorrow for Gigat point, the rendezvous for meeting the Thetis. Our Crew are generally in good health, and the Vessel, with the exception of running rigging, in a good state.-

I have &c

H. C. Cruizer Psyche
Bore bunder Roads
16th November 1818.

/Signed/ I. M. Guy
Lieut. Commanding

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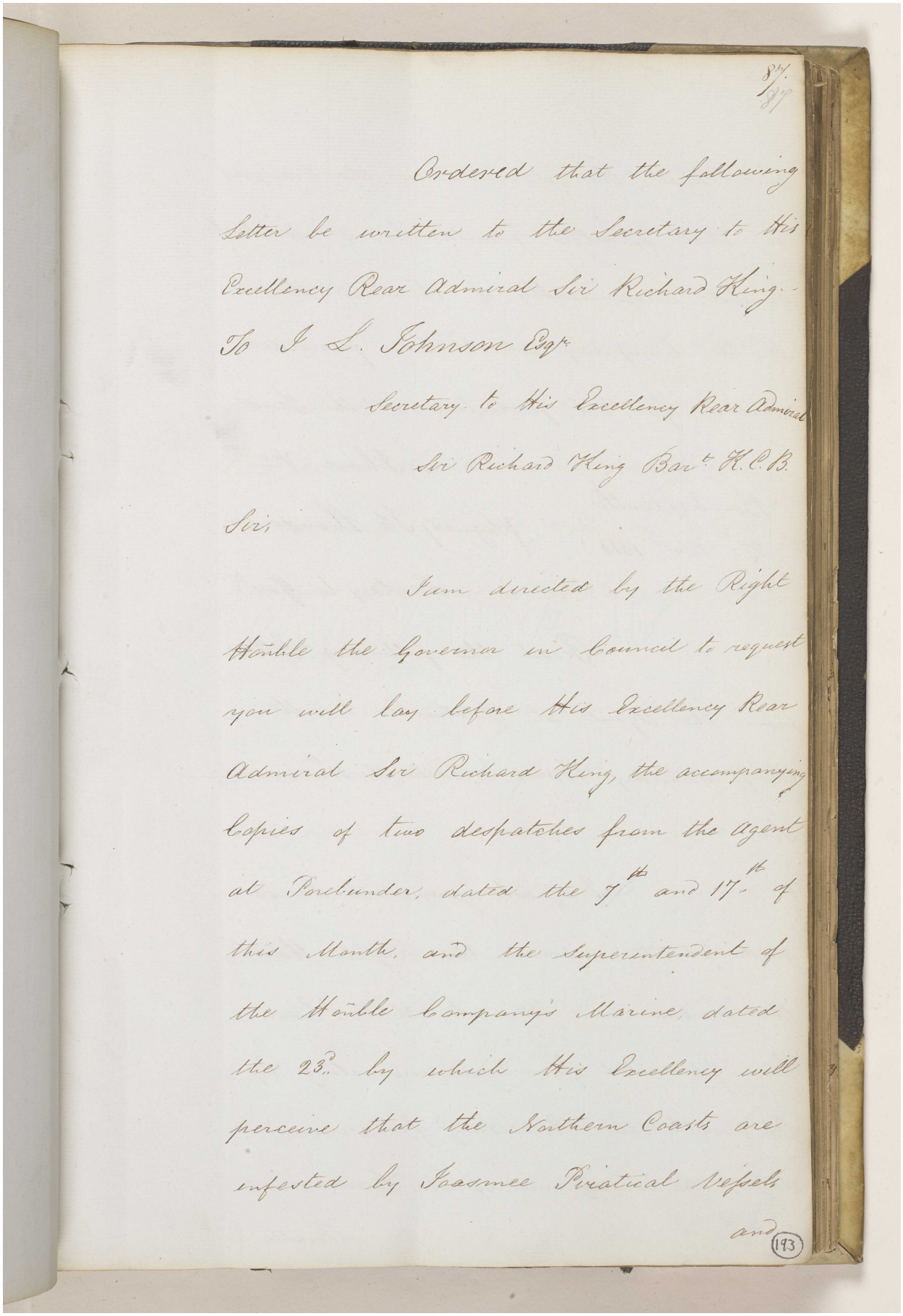

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Ordered that the following Letter be written to the Secretary to His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Richard King.

To J. L. Johnson Esqr.

Secretary to His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Richard King Bart. K.C.B.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to request you will lay before His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Richard King, the accompanying Copies of two despatches from the Agent at Porebunder, dated the 7th and 17th of this Month, and the Superintendent of the Honble Company's Marine, dated the 23d. by which His Excellency will perceive that the Northern Coasts are infested by Joasmee Piratical Vessels and

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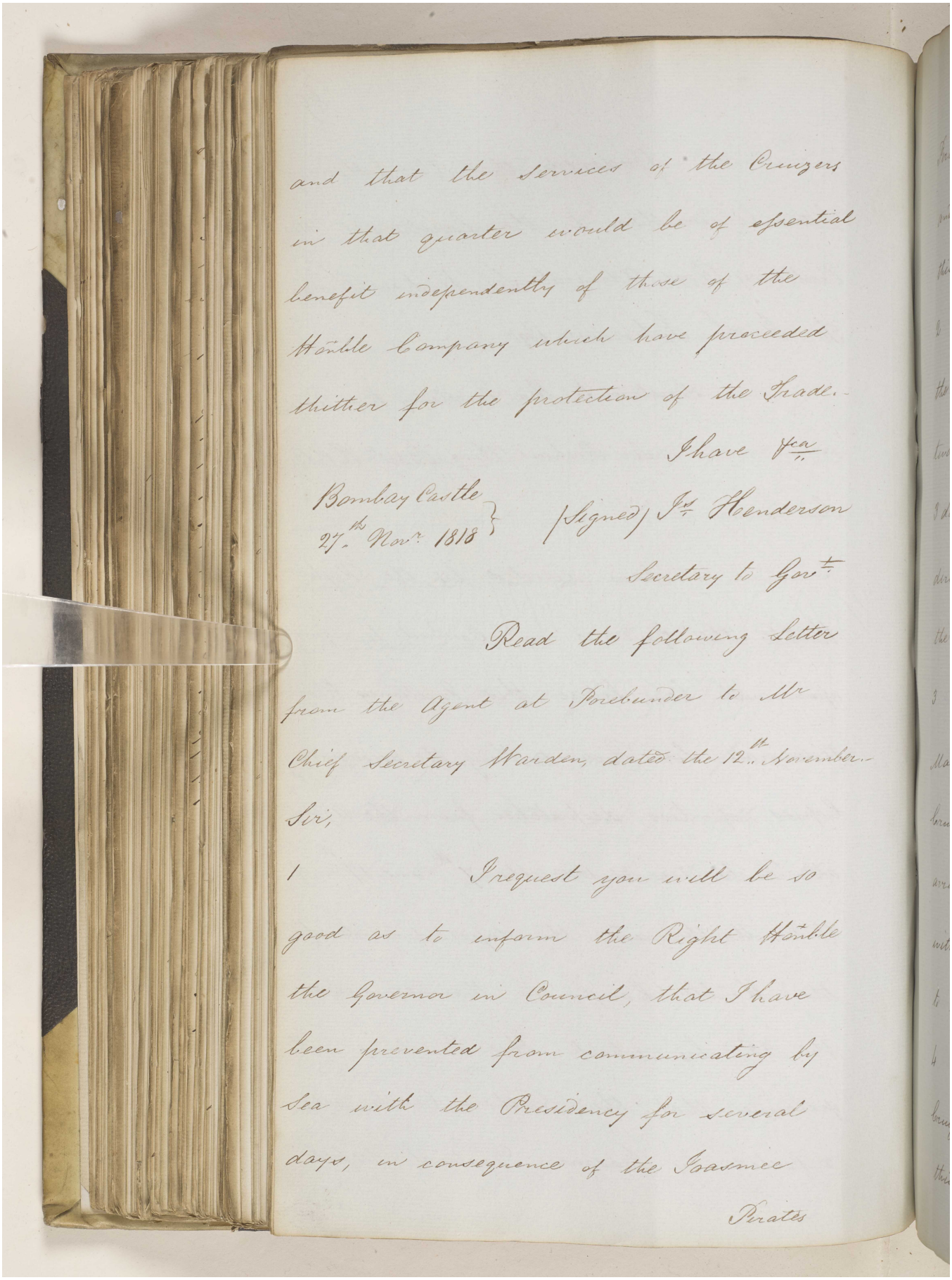

and that the services of the Cruizers in that quarter would be of essential benefit independently of those of the Honble Company which have proceeded thither for the protection of the Trade.

I have &c^a

Bombay Castle
27th Novr 1818

(Signed) J^s Henderson
Secretary to Gov^t

Read the following Letter from the Agent at Forebunder to Mr Chief Secretary Warden, dated the 12th November.

Sir,

1 I request you will be so good as to inform the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that I have been prevented from communicating by Sea with the Presidency for several days, in consequence of the Joasmee

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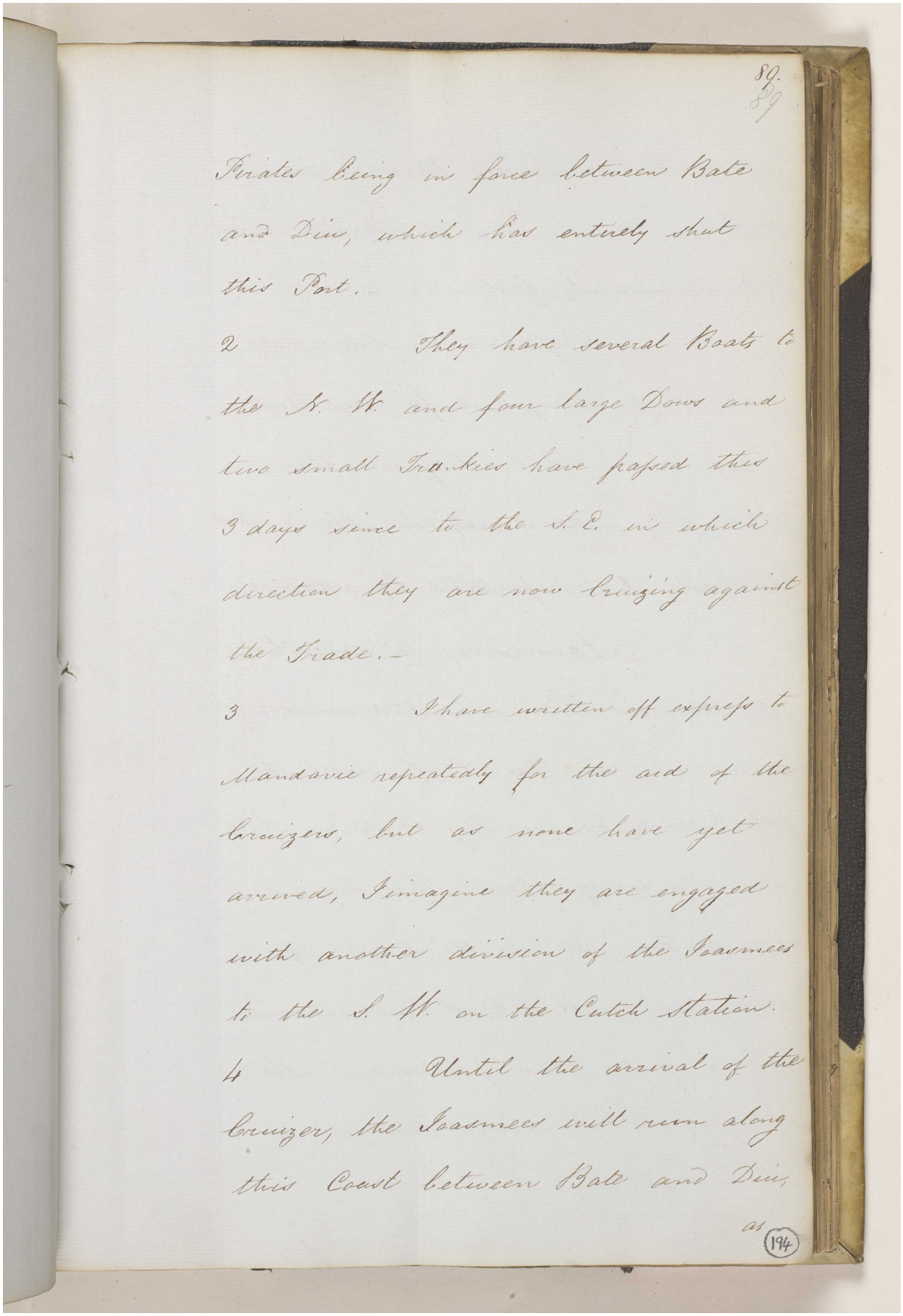

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Pirates being in force between Bate and Diu, which has entirely shut this Port.-

2 They have several Boats to the N. W. and four large Dows and two small Trankies have passed this 3 days since to the S. E. in which direction they are now cruizing against the Trade.-

3 I have written off expreſs to Mandavie repeatedly for the aid of the Cruizers, but as none have yet arrived, I imagine they are engaged with another division of the Joasmees to the S. W. on the Cutch Station.

4 Until the arrival of the Cruizer, the Joasmees will run along this Coast between Bate and Diu,

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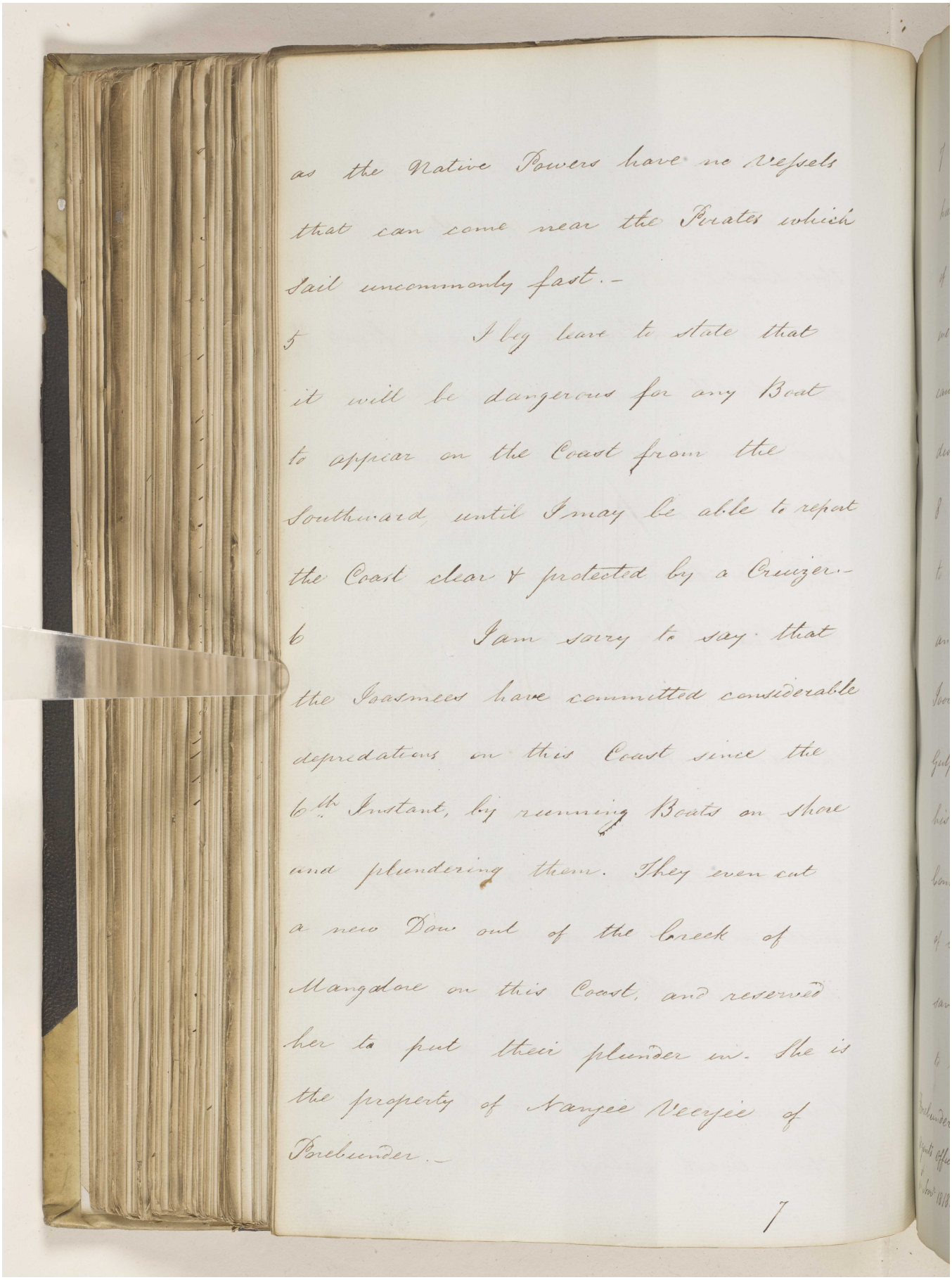

as the Native Powers have no Vessels that can come near the Pirates which Sail uncommonly fast.-

5 I beg leave to state that it will be dangerous for any Boat to appear on the Coast from the Southward until I may be able to repat the Coast clear & protected by a Cruizer.-

6 I am sorry to say that the Joasmees have committed considerable depredations on this Coast since the 6th Instant, by running Boats on Shore and plundering them. They even cut a new Dow out of the Creek of Mangdore on this Coast, and reserved her to put their plunder in. She is the property of Nanjee Veerjee of Porbunder.-

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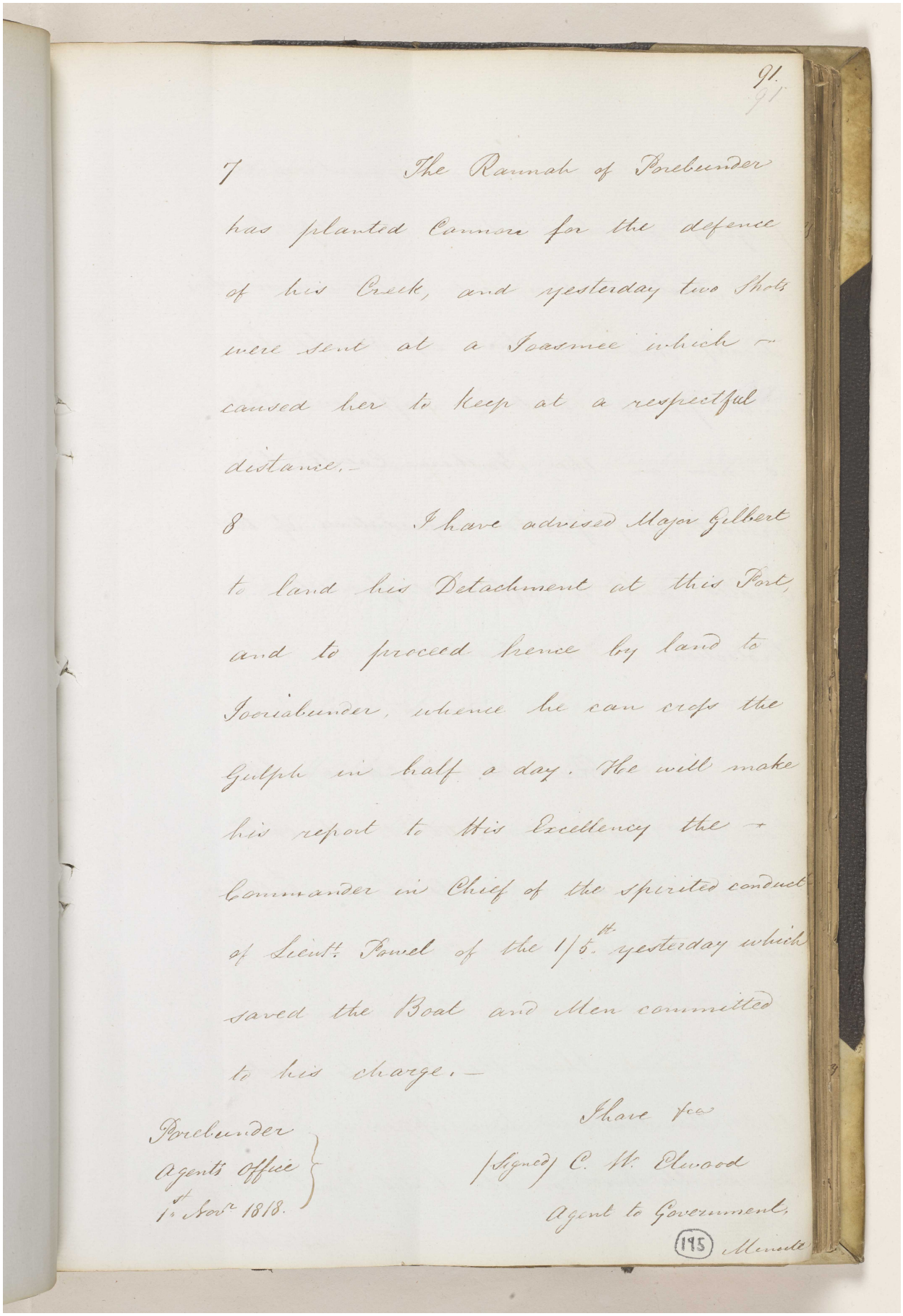

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7 The Ramah of Bushire has planted Cannon for the defence of his Creek, and yesterday two Shots were sent at a Joasmee which caused her to keep at a respectful distance.—

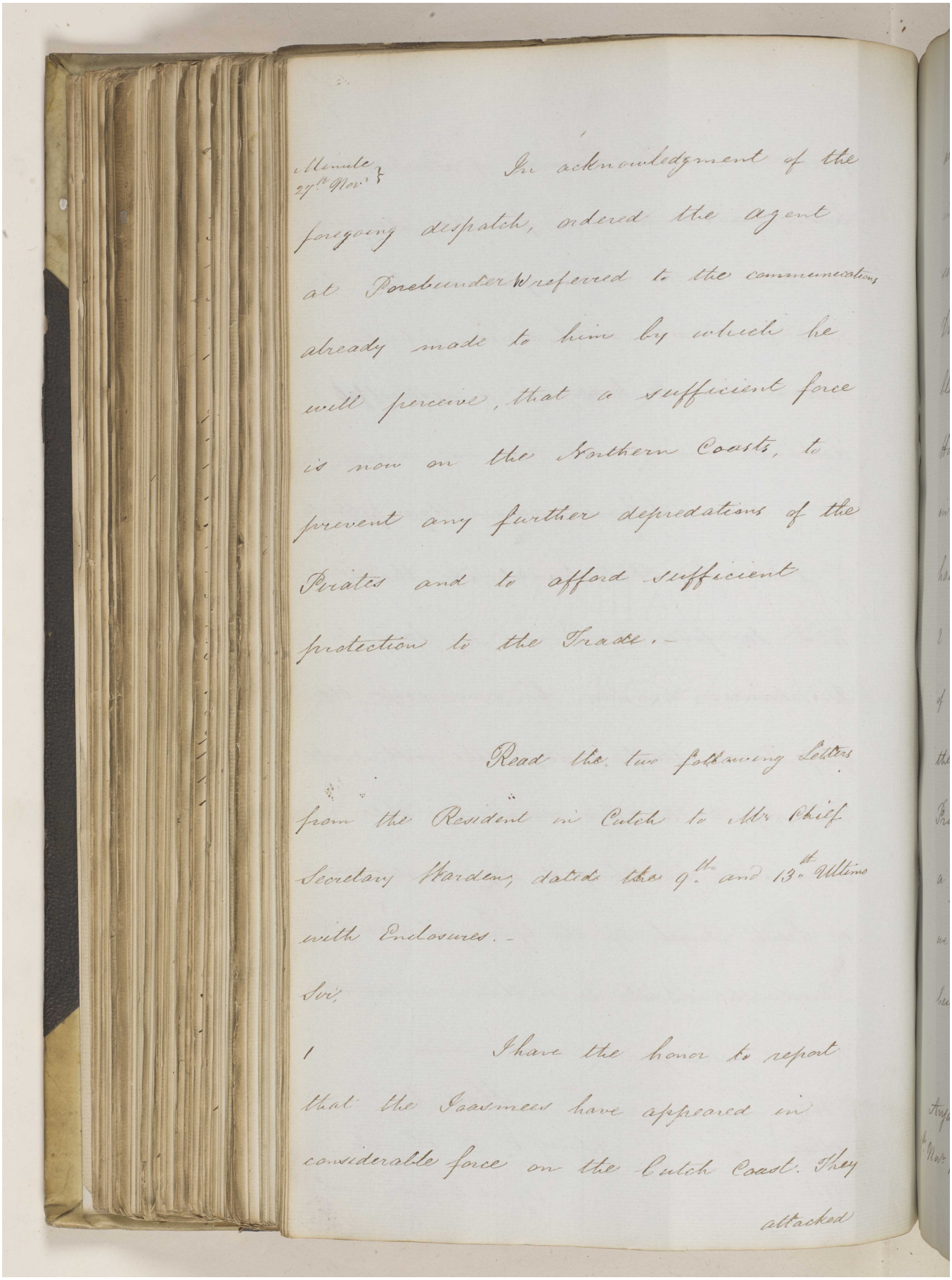
8 I have advised Major Gilbert to land his Detachment at this Port, and to proceed hence by land to Jooriabunder, whence he can cross the Gulph in half a day. He will make his report to His Excellency the Commander in Chief of the spirited conduct of Lieut. Powel of the 1/5th. yesterday which saved the Boat and Men committed to his charge.—

I have &c

Bushire
Agents Office
1st Nov. 1818.

(Signed) C. M. Elwood
Agent to Government.

(195) Mem.



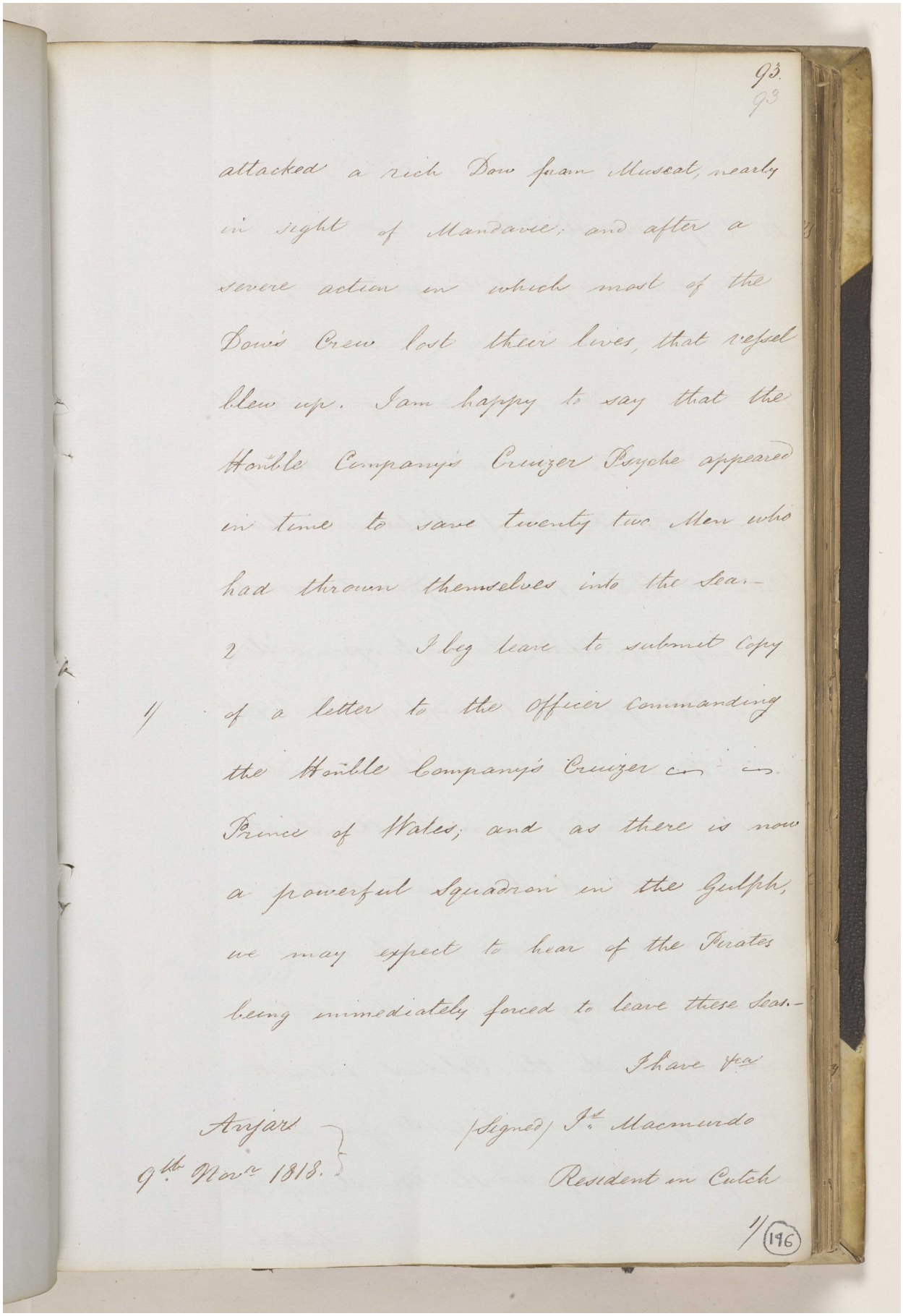
Minute
27th Nov.

In acknowledgment of the foregoing despatch, ordered the agent at Porebunder referred to the communications already made to him by which he will perceive, that a sufficient force is now on the Northern Coasts, to prevent any further depredations of the Pirates and to afford sufficient protection to the Trade.-

Read the two following Letters from the Resident in Cutch to Mr Chief Secretary Warden, dated the 9th and 13th Ultimo with Enclosures.-

Sir,

I have the honor to report that the Joasmees have appeared in considerable force on the Cutch Coast. They attacked



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attacked a rich Dow from Muscat, nearly
in sight of Mandavie; and after a
severe action in which most of the
Dow's Crew lost their lives, that vessel
blew up. I am happy to say that the
Honble Company's Cruizer Psyche appeared
in time to save twenty two Men who
had thrown themselves into the Sea.—
2 I beg leave to submit Copy
1/ of a letter to the Officer Commanding
the Honble Company's Cruizer
Prince of Wales; and as there is now
a powerful Squadron in the Gulph,
we may expect to hear of the Pirates
being immediately forced to leave these Seas.—

I have &c.

Anjar
9th Novr 1818.

(Signed) Jn. Macmurdo
Resident in Cutch

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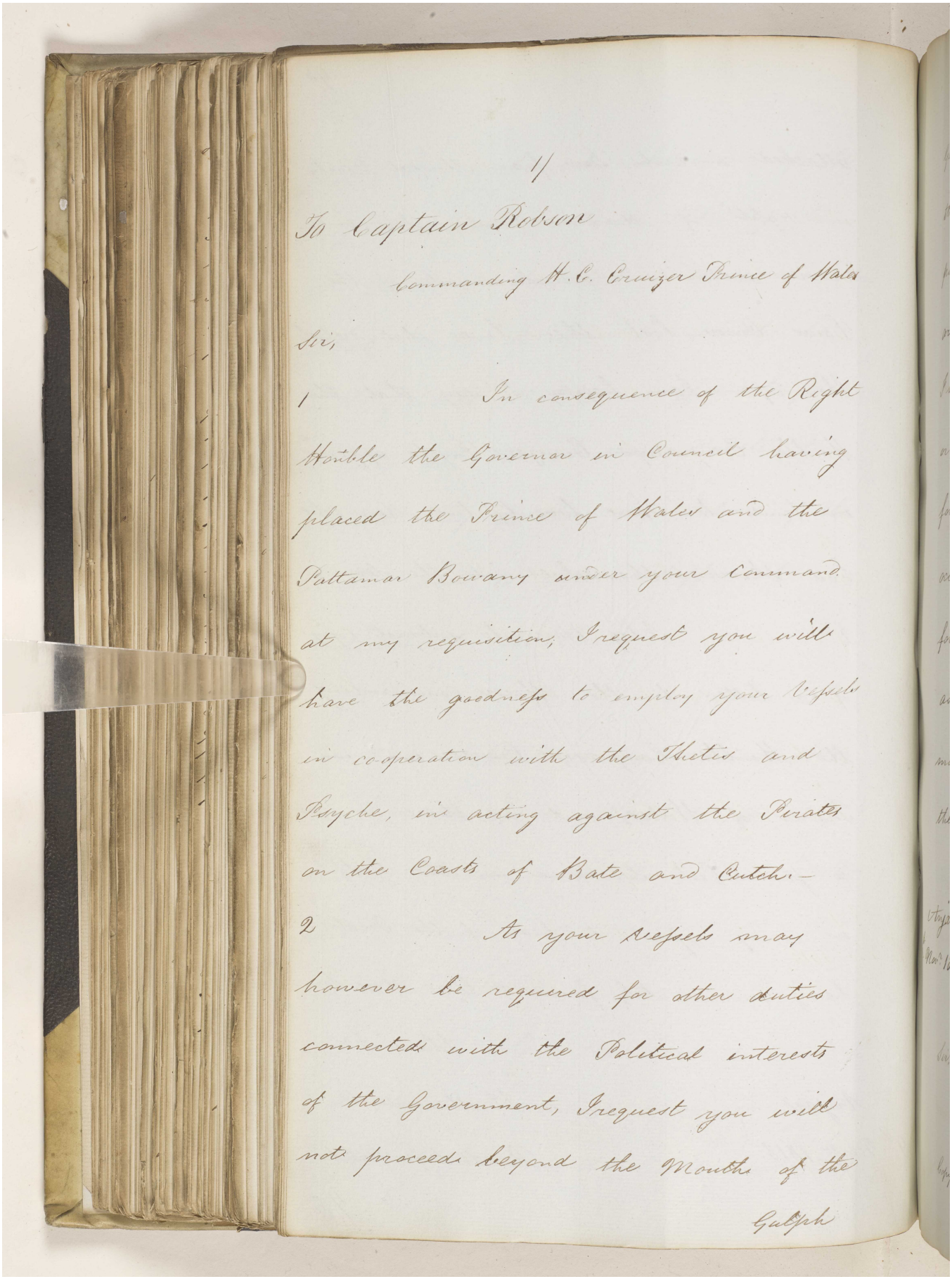

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To Captain Robson

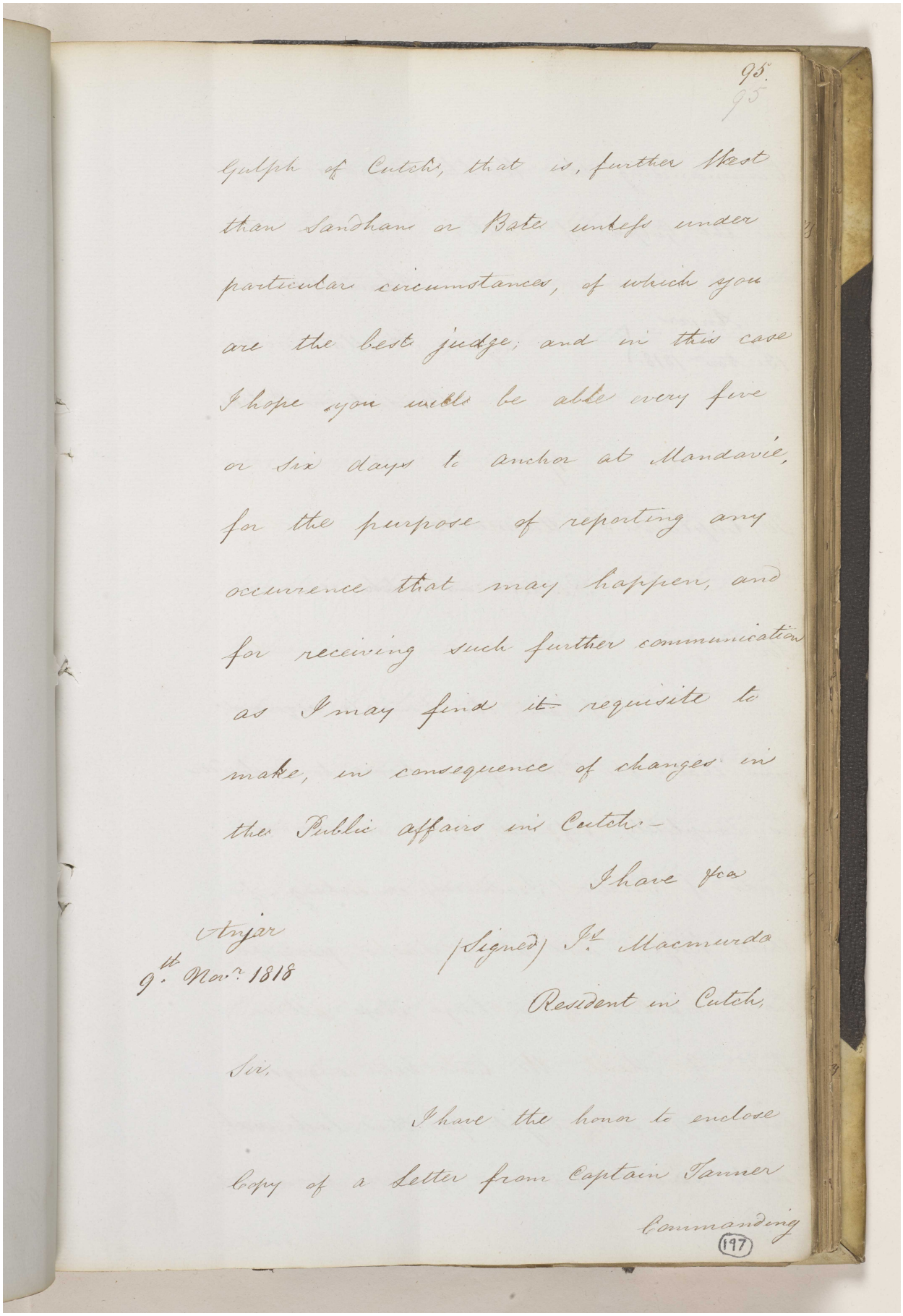
commanding H.C. Cruizer Prince of Wales

Sir,

1 In consequence of the Right Honble the Governor in Council having placed the Prince of Wales and the Pattamar Bowary under your Command at my requisition, I request you will have the goodness to employ your Vessels in co-operation with the Thetis and Psyche, in acting against the Pirates on the Coasts of Bate and Cutch.—

2 As your Vessels may however be required for other duties connected with the Political interests of the Government, I request you will not proceed beyond the Mouths of the

Gulph



Gulph of Cutch, that is, further West than Sandhan or Bate unless under particular circumstances, of which you are the best judge; and in this case I hope you will be able every five or six days to anchor at Mandavie, for the purpose of reporting any occurrence that may happen, and for receiving such further communication as I may find it requisite to make, in consequence of changes in the Public affairs in Cutch.—

I have &ca

Anjar
9th Novr 1818

(Signed) Js Macmurdo
Resident in Cutch,

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter from Captain Tanner Commanding

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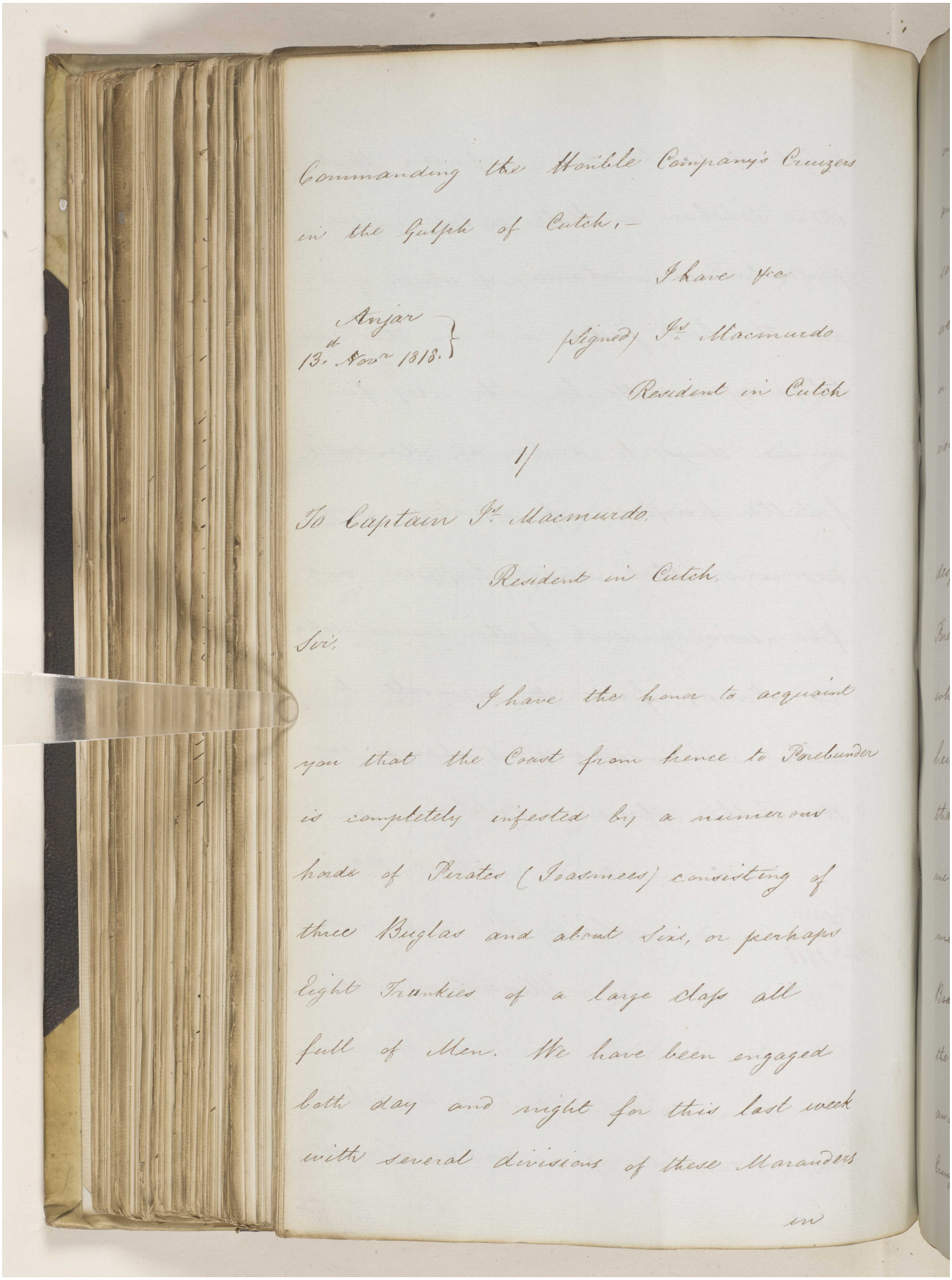

Commanding the Honble Company's Cruizers
in the Gulph of Cutch.—

I have &c.

Anjar
13th Novr 1818.

(Signed) Jn. Macmurdo
Resident in Cutch

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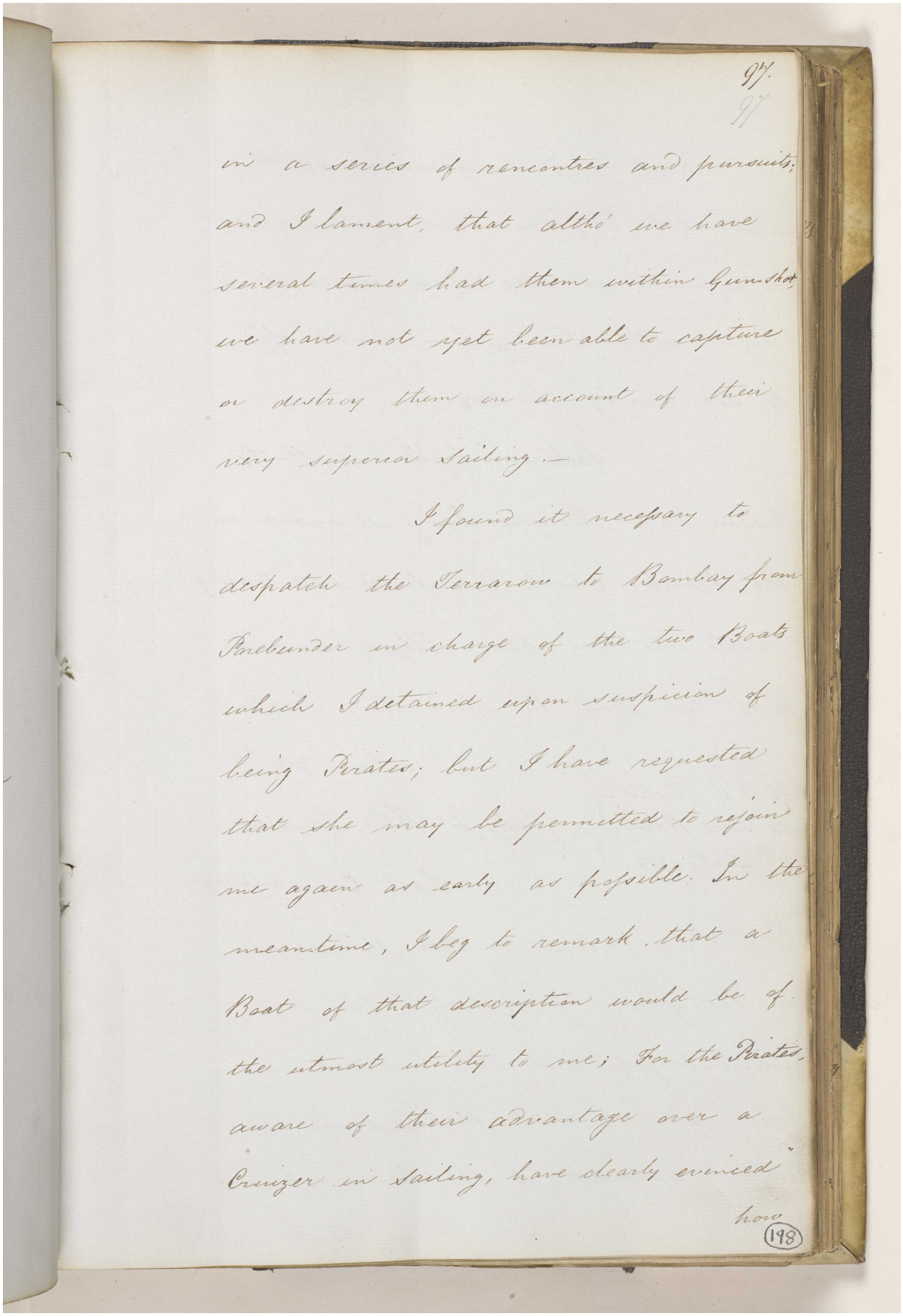
To Captain Jn. Macmurdo.
Resident in Cutch.

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint
you that the Coast from hence to Porebunder
is completely infested by a numerous
hoads of Pirates (Joasmees) consisting of
three Buglas and about Six, or perhaps
Eight Trunkies of a large class all
full of Men. We have been engaged
both day and night for this last week
with several divisions of these Marauders
in



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in a series of rencontres and pursuits;
and I lament, that altho' we have
several times had them within Gunshot,
we have not yet been able to capture
or destroy them on account of their
very superior Sailing —

I found it necessary to
despatch the Terrarow to Bombay from
Porbunder in charge of the two Boats
which I detained upon suspicion of
being Pirates; but I have requested
that she may be permitted to rejoin
me again as early as possible. In the
meantime, I beg to remark, that a
Boat of that description would be of
the utmost utility to me; For the Pirates,
aware of their advantage over a
Cruizer in Sailing, have clearly evinced
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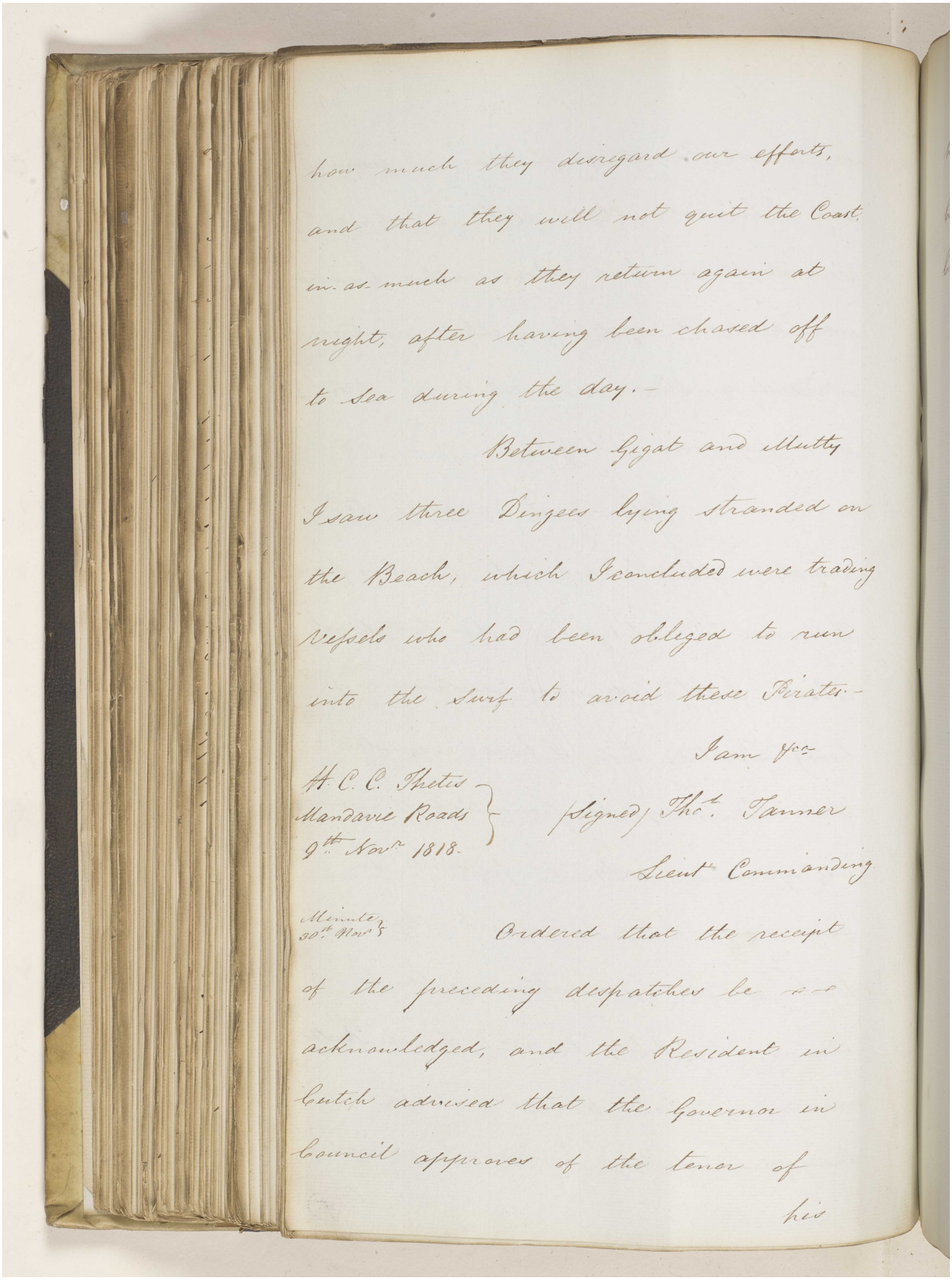


how much they disregard our efforts, and that they will not quit the Coast, in as much as they return again at night, after having been chased off to Sea during the day.-

Between Gigat and Muttry I saw three Dingees lying stranded on the Beach, which I concluded were trading Vessels who had been obliged to run into the Surf to avoid these Pirates.-

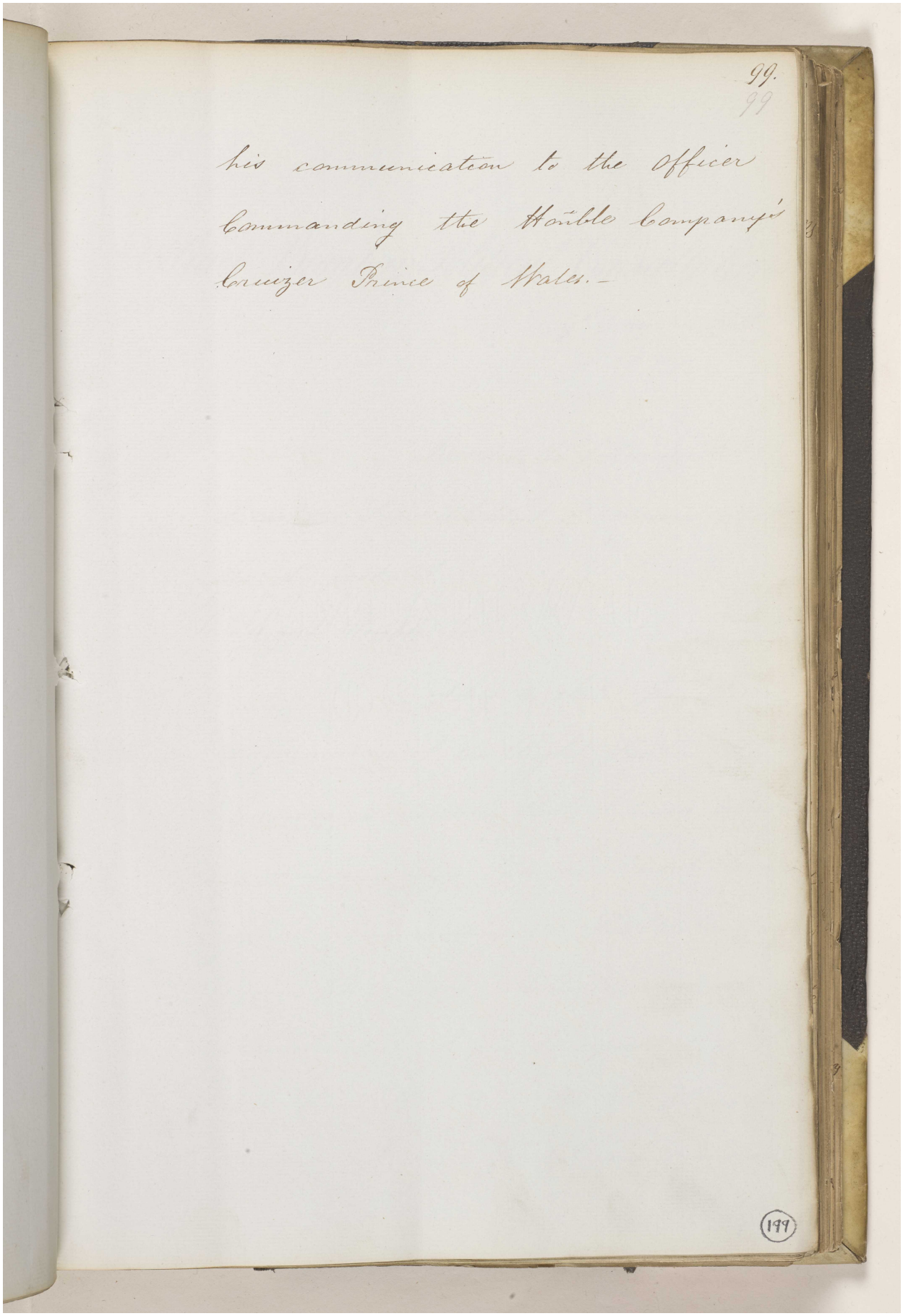
I am &c.

H. C. C. Thetis
Mandavie Roads
9th Novr 1818.

(Signed) Thos. Tanner
Lieut Commanding

Minutes
30th Novr

Ordered that the receipt of the preceding despatches be acknowledged, and the Resident in Cutch advised that the Governor in Council approves of the tenor of his



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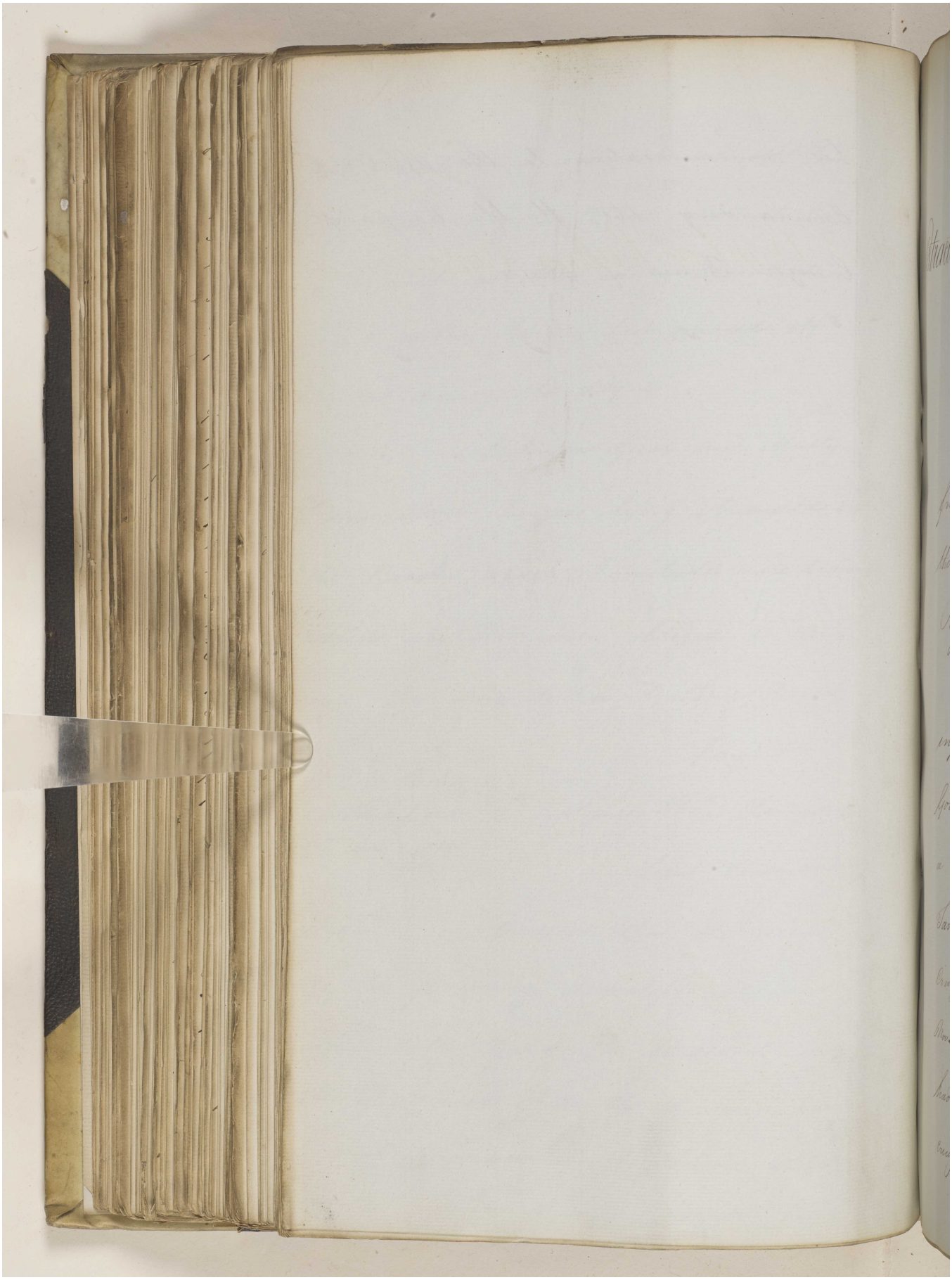

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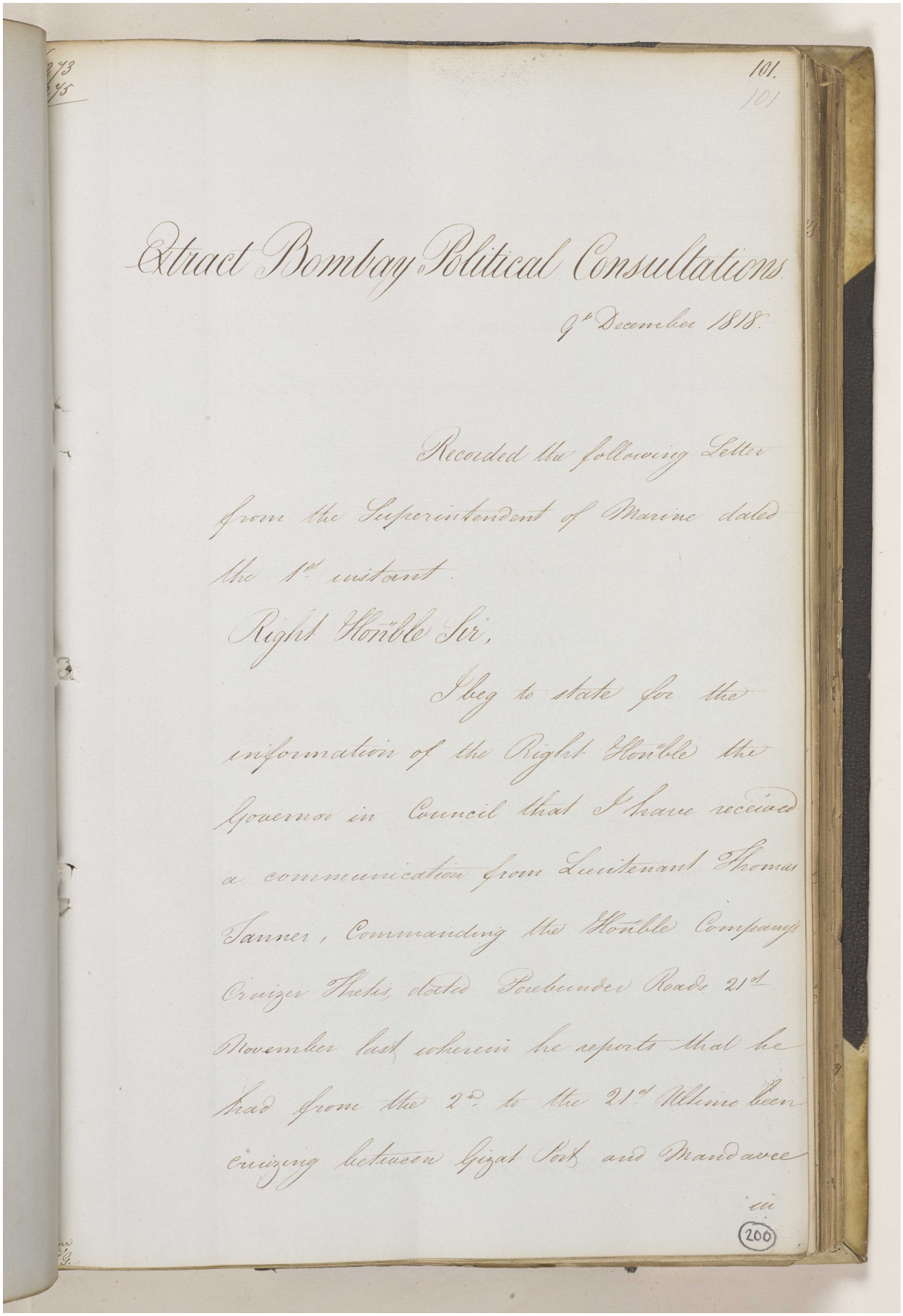

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
9th December 1818.

Recorded the following Letter
from the Superintendent of Marine dated
the 1st instant.

Right Honble Sir,

I beg to state for the
information of the Right Honble the
Governor in Council that I have received
a communication from Lieutenant Thomas
Sanner, Commanding the Honble Company's
Cruizer Chetah, dated Porebunder Roads 21st
November last wherein he reports that he
had from the 2d to the 21st Ultimo been
cruizing between Gizat Point and Mandavee
in

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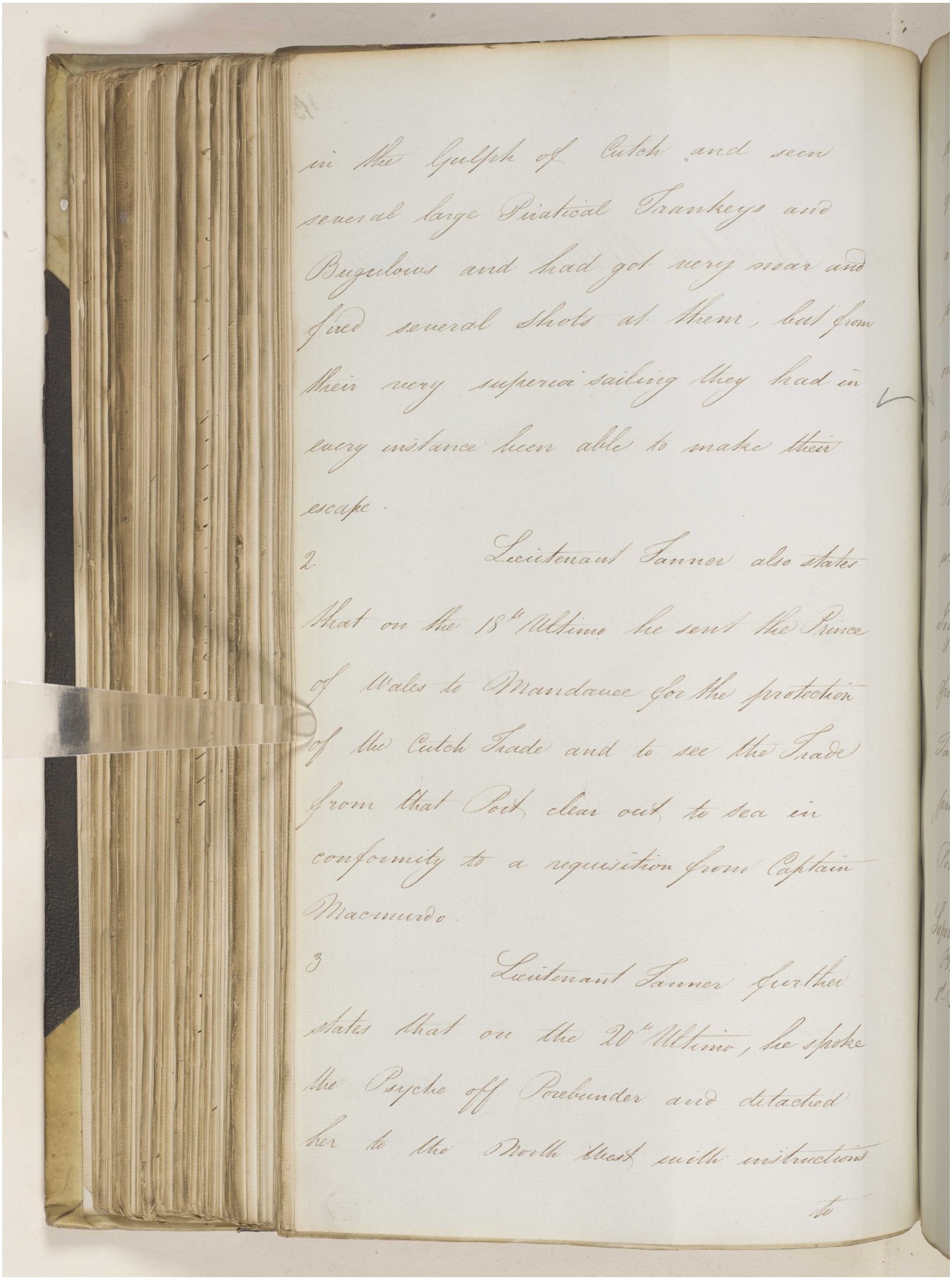
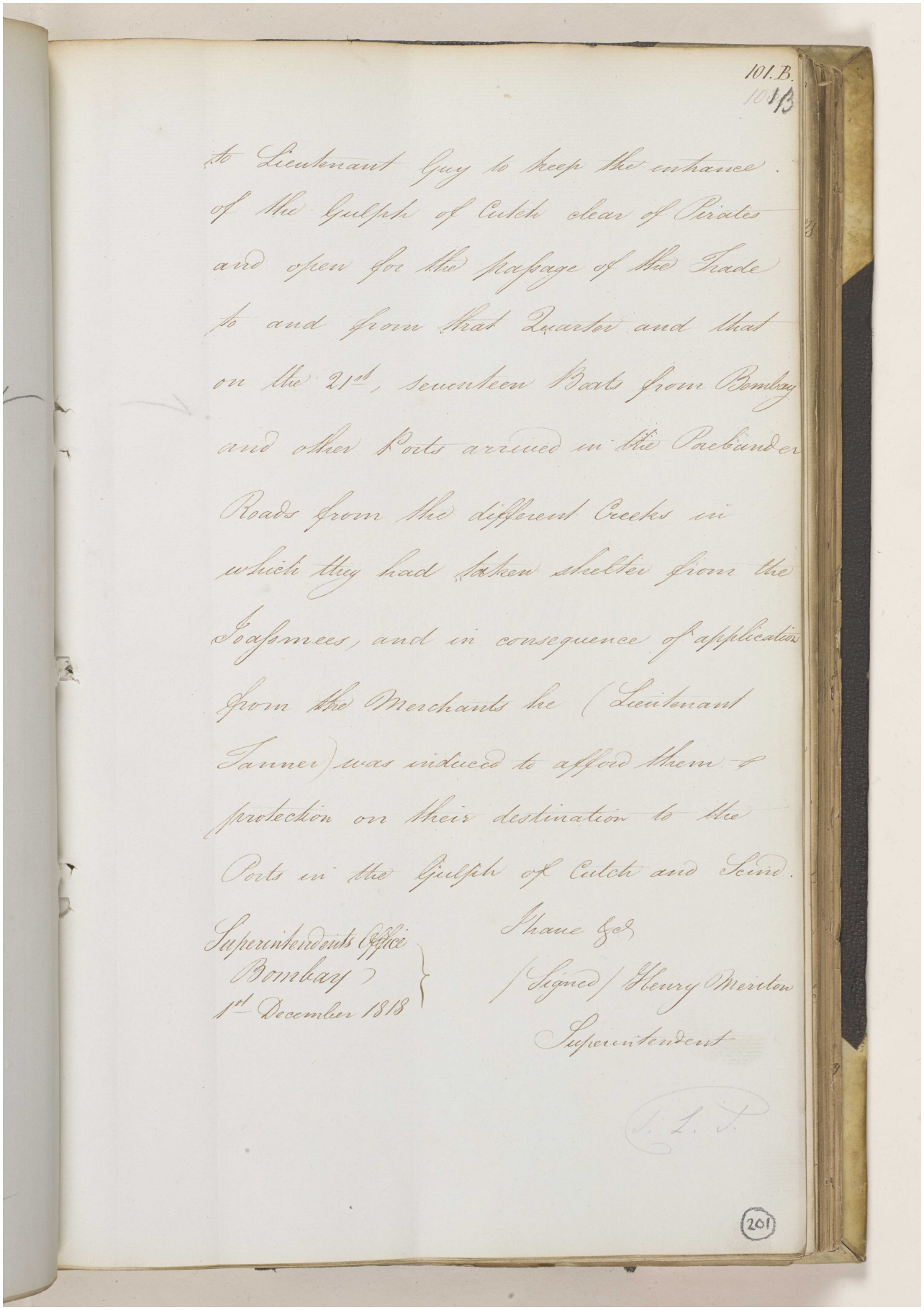


in the Gulph of Cutch and seen several large Piratical Trankeys and Bugalows and had got very near and fired several shots at them, but from their very superior sailing they had in every instance been able to make their escape.

2. Lieutenant Sanner also states that on the 18th Ultimo he sent the Prince of Wales to Mandavee for the protection of the Cutch Trade and to see the Trade from that Port clear out to sea in conformity to a requisition from Captain Macmurdo.

3 Lieutenant Sanner further states that on the 20th Ultimo, he spoke the Psyche off Porebunder and detached her to the North West with instructions to



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to Lieutenant Guy to keep the entrance of the Gulph of Cutch clear of Pirates and open for the Passage of the Trade to and from that Quarter and that on the 21st, Seventeen Boats from Bombay and other Ports arrived in the Baebiander Roads from the different Creeks in which they had taken shelter from the Joasmees, and in consequence of application from the Merchants he (Lieutenant Tanner) was induced to afford them protection on their destination to the Ports in the Gulph of Cutch and Scind.

Superintendents Office
Bombay
1st December 1818

I have &c
(Signed) Henry Meriton
Superintendent

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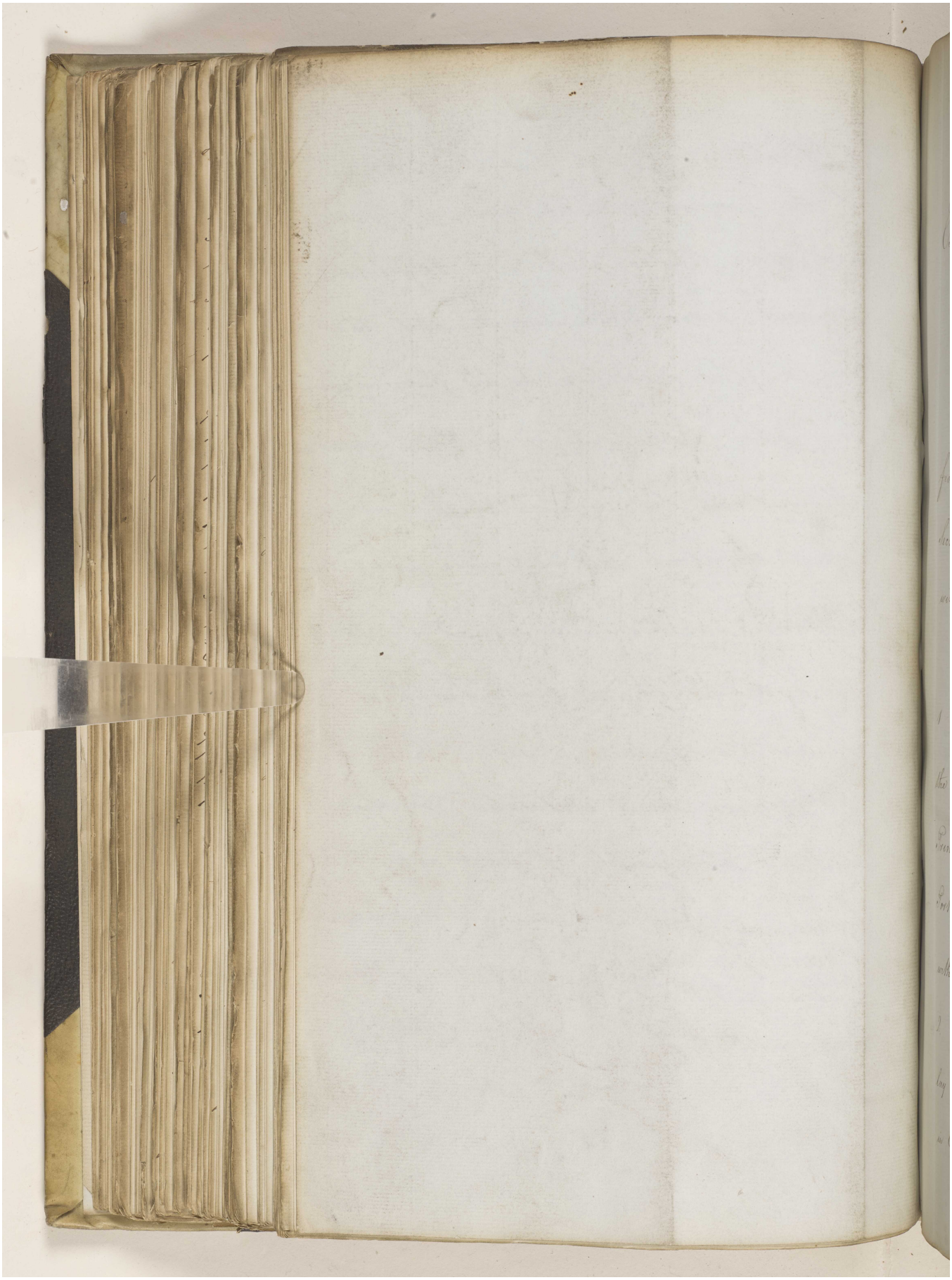

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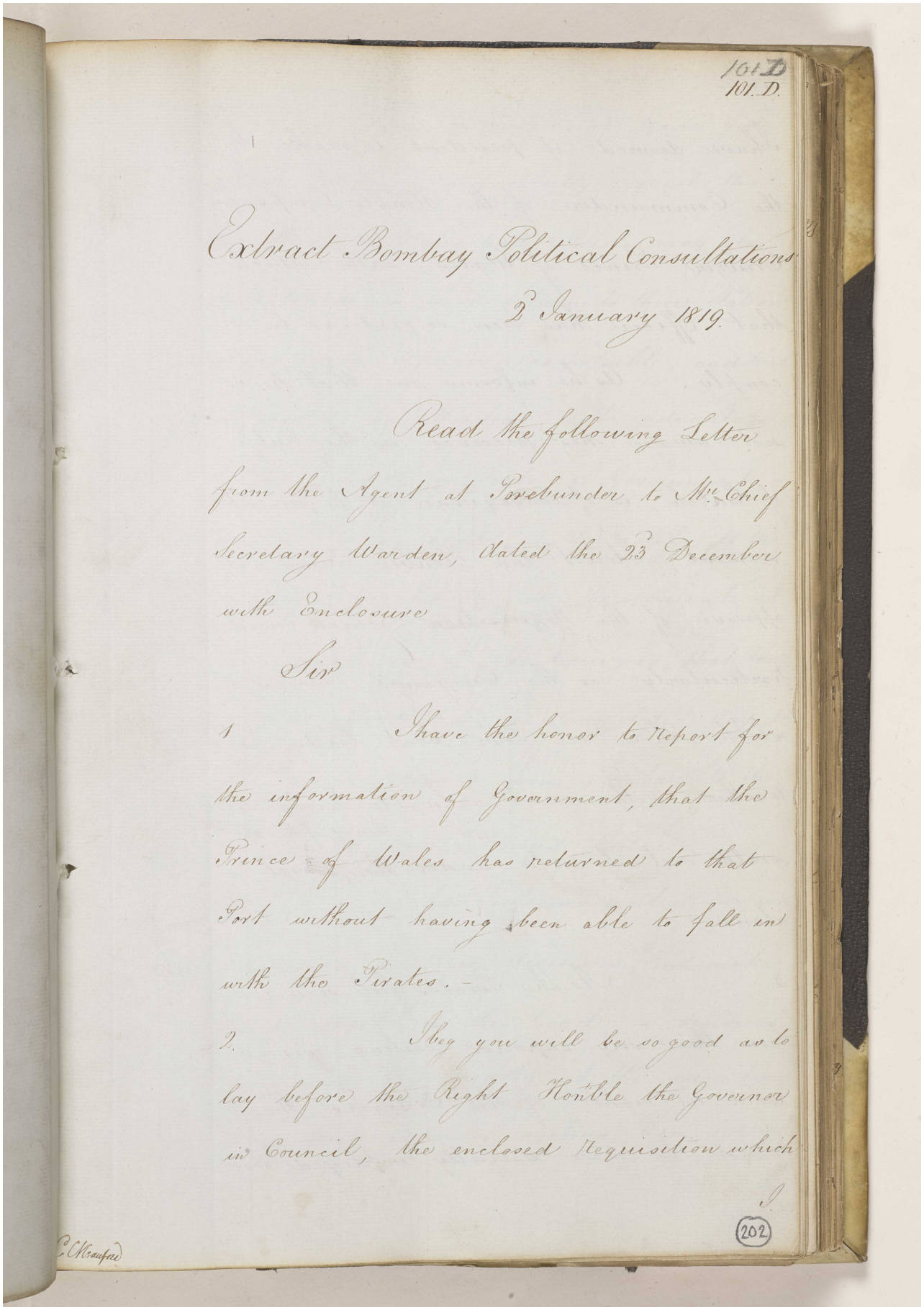

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
2 January 1819

Read the following Letter from the Agent at Prebunder to Mr Chief Secretary Warden, dated the 23 December with Enclosure

Sir

1 I have the honor to Report for the information of Government, that the Prince of Wales has returned to that Port without having been able to fall in with the Pirates. -

2. I beg you will be so good as to lay before the Right Honble the Governor in Council, the enclosed Requisition which I

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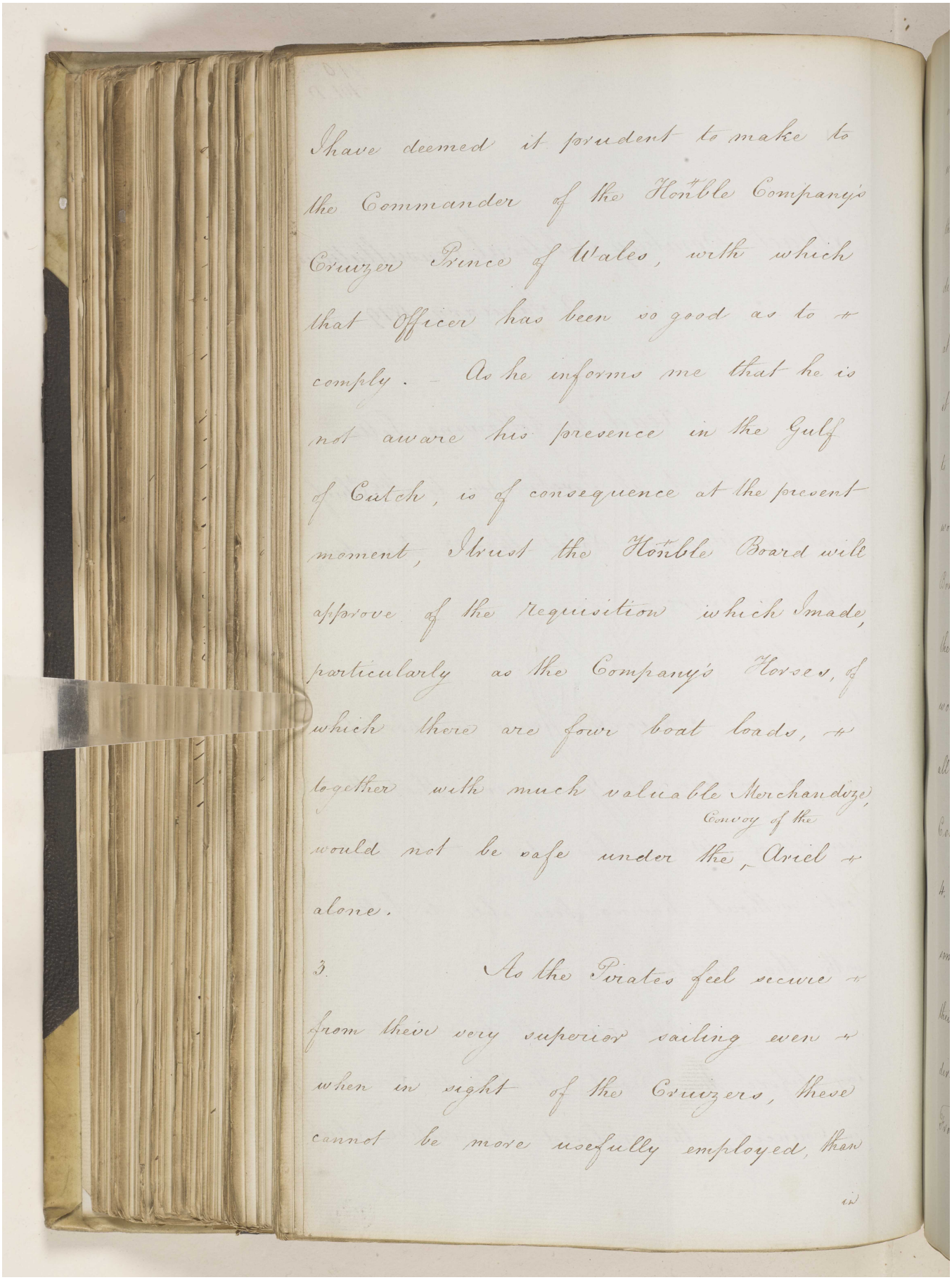

I have deemed it prudent to make to the Commander of the Honble Company's Cruizer Prince of Wales, with which that Officer has been so good as to & comply. As he informs me that he is not aware his presence in the Gulf of Catch, is of consequence at the present moment, I trust the Honble Board will approve of the requisition which I made, particularly as the Company's Horses, of which there are four boat loads, & together with much valuable Merchandize, would not be safe under the Convoy of the Ariel & alone.

3. As the Pirates feel secure & from their very superior sailing even & when in sight of the Cruizers, these cannot be more usefully employed, than

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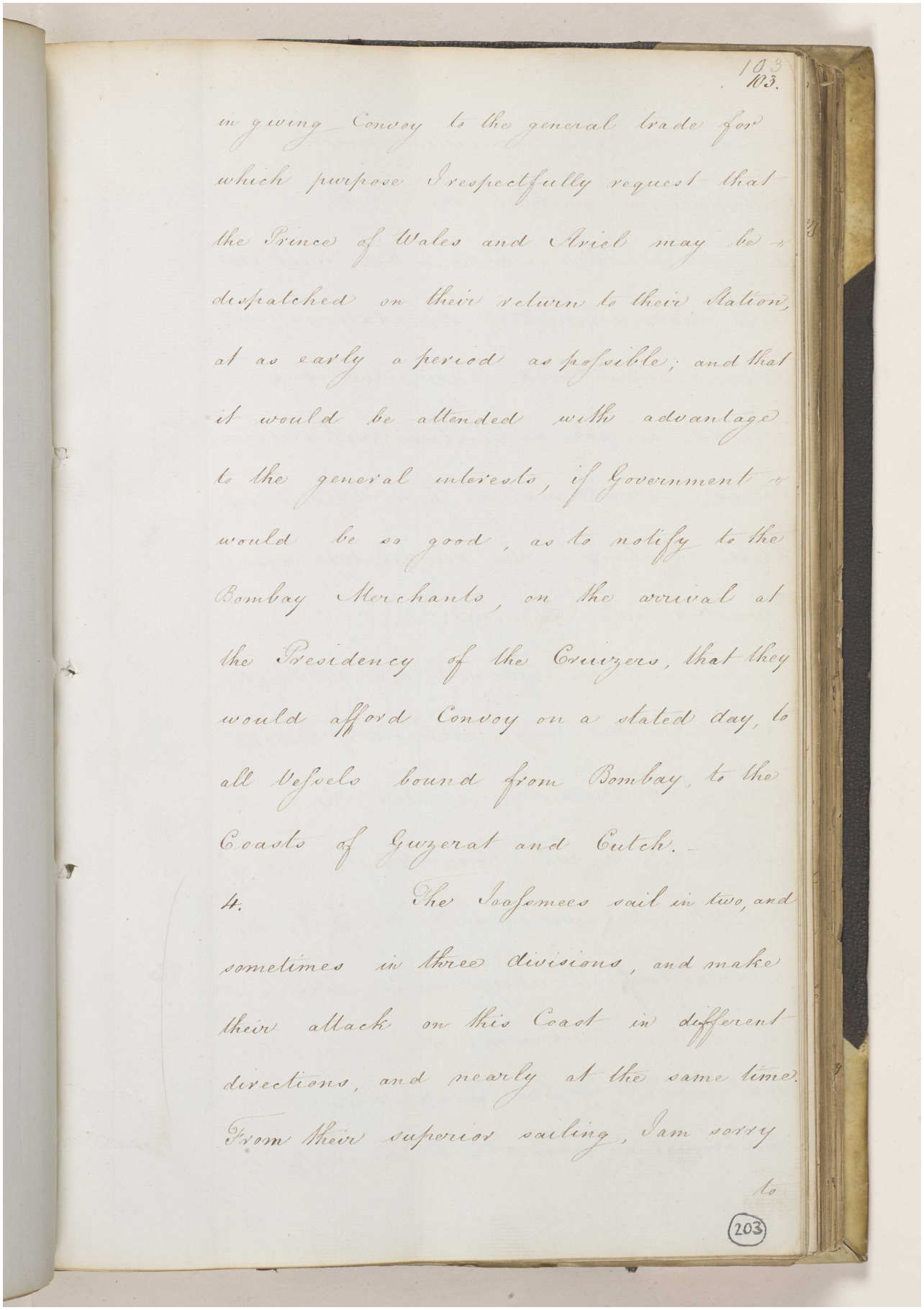

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in giving Convoy to the general trade for which purpose I respectfully request that the Prince of Wales and Ariel may be dispatched on their return to their Station, at as early a period as possible; and that it would be attended with advantage to the general interests, if Government would be so good, as to notify to the Bombay Merchants, on the arrival at the Presidency of the Cruizers, that they would afford Convoy on a stated day, to all Vessels bound from Bombay, to the Coasts of Gwzerat and Cutch.

4. The Joasmees sail in two, and sometimes in three divisions, and make their attack on this Coast in different directions, and nearly at the same time. From their superior sailing, I am sorry to

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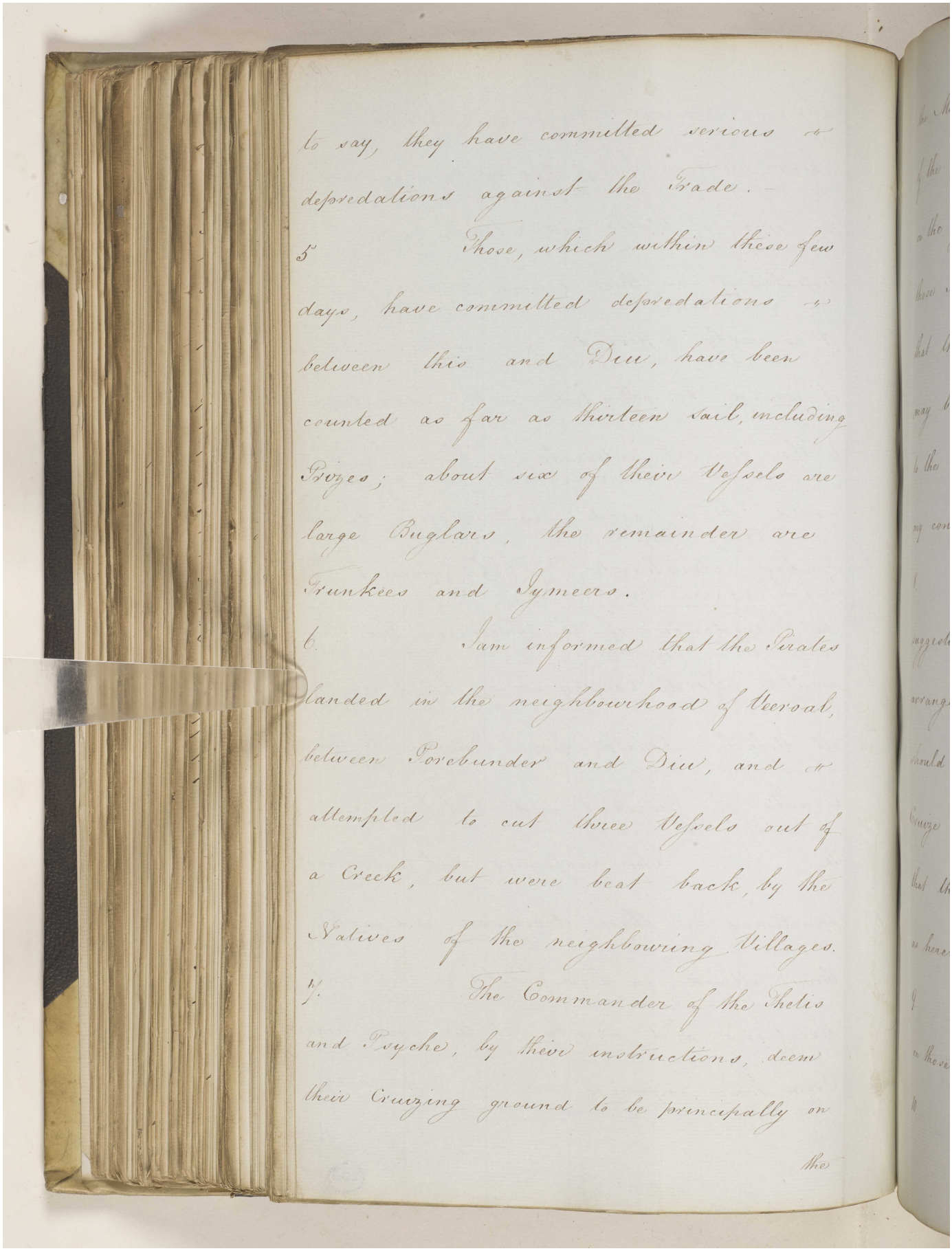
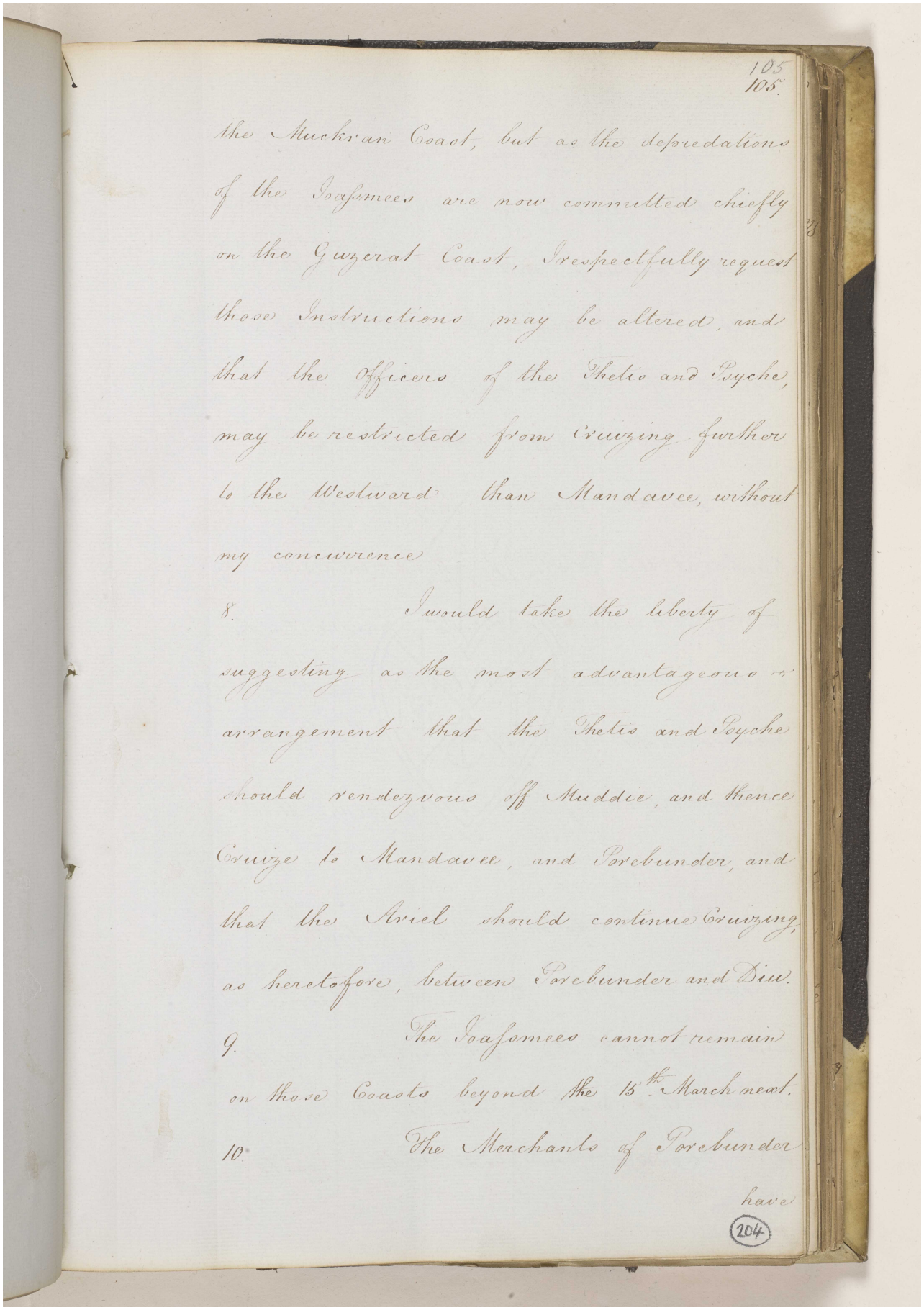


to say, they have committed serious
depredations against the Trade.

5 Those, which within these few
days, have committed depredations
between this and Diu, have been
counted as far as thirteen sail, including
Prizes; about six of their Vessels are
large Buglars, the remainder are
Trunkees and Jymeers.

6 I am informed that the Pirates
landed in the neighbourhood of Veroal,
between Porebunder and Diu, and
attempted to cut three Vessels out of
a Creek, but were beat back, by the
Natives of the neighbouring Villages.

7 The Commander of the Thetis
and Psyche, by their instructions, deem
their Cruizing ground to be principally on
the



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the Muckran Coast, but as the depredations of the Joasmees are now committed chiefly on the Guzerat Coast, I respectfully request those Instructions may be altered, and that the Officers of the Thetis and Psyche, may be restricted from Cruizing further to the Westward than Mandavee, without my concurrence

8. I would take the liberty of suggesting as the most advantageous arrangement that the Thetis and Psyche should rendezvous off Muddie, and thence Cruize to Mandavee, and Porebunder, and that the Ariel should continue Cruizing, as heretofore, between Porebunder and Diu.

9. The Joasmees cannot remain on those Coasts beyond the 15th March next.

10. The Merchants of Porebunder have

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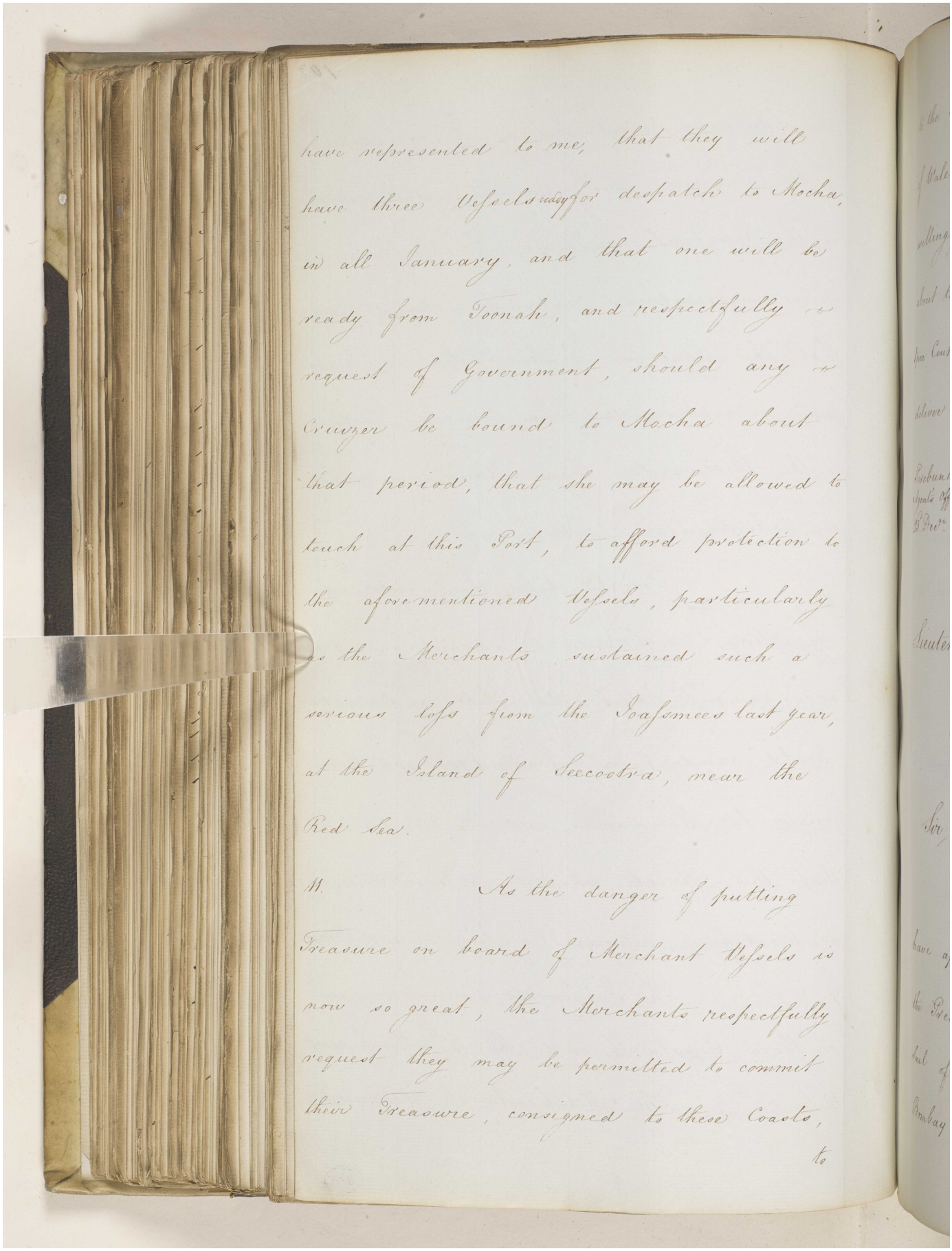
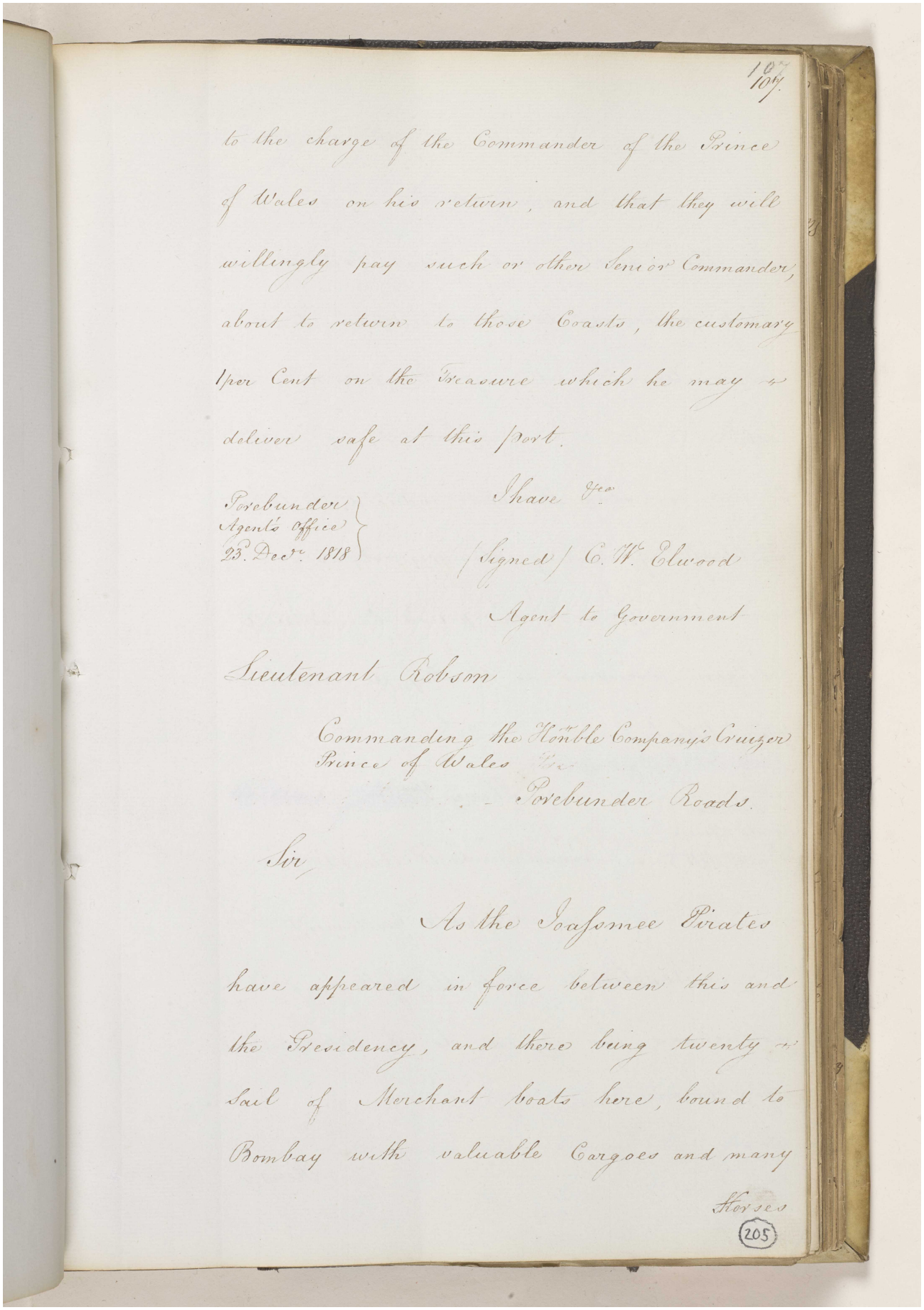


have represented to me, that they will
have three Vessels ready for despatch to Mocha,
in all January, and that one will be
ready from Toonah, and respectfully
request of Government, should any
Cruizer be bound to Mocha about
that period, that she may be allowed to
touch at this Port, to afford protection to
the aforementioned Vessels, particularly
as the Merchants sustained such a
serious loss from the Joasmees last year,
at the Island of Seecootra, near the
Red Sea.

11. As the danger of putting
Treasure on board of Merchant Vessels is
now so great, the Merchants respectfully
request they may be permitted to commit
their Treasure, consigned to these Coasts,

to



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to the charge of the Commander of the Prince of Wales on his return, and that they will willingly pay such or other Senior Commander, about to return to those Coasts, the customary 1per Cent on the Treasure which he may deliver safe at this port.

I have &c.

Forebunder Agent's Office 23d Decr 1818

(Signed) C. W. Elwood
Agent to Government

Lieutenant Robson

Commanding the Honble Company's Cruizer Prince of Wales &c
Forebunder Roads.

Sir

As the Joasmee Pirates have appeared in force between this and the Presidency, and there being twenty sail of Merchant boats here, bound to Bombay with valuable Cargoes and many

Horses

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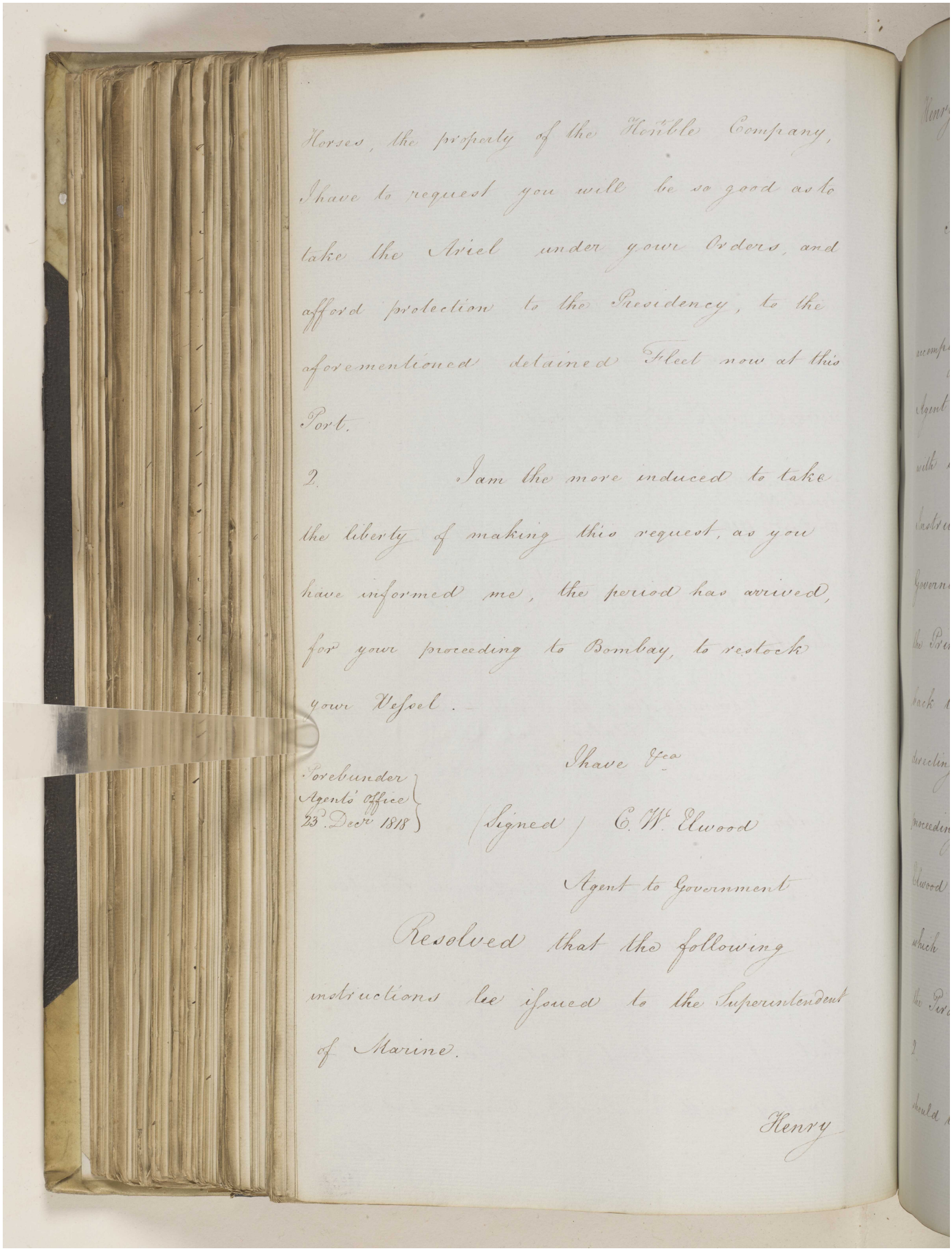

Horses, the property of the Honble Company, I have to request you will be so good as to take the Ariel under your Orders, and afford protection to the Presidency, to the aforementioned detained Fleet now at this Port.

2 I am the more induced to take the liberty of making this request, as you have informed me, the period has arrived, for your proceeding to Bombay, to restock your Vessel.

I have &c.

Forebunder Agents' Office 23 Decr 1818

(Signed) C. W. Elwood

Agent to Government

Resolved that the following instructions be issued to the Superintendent of Marine.

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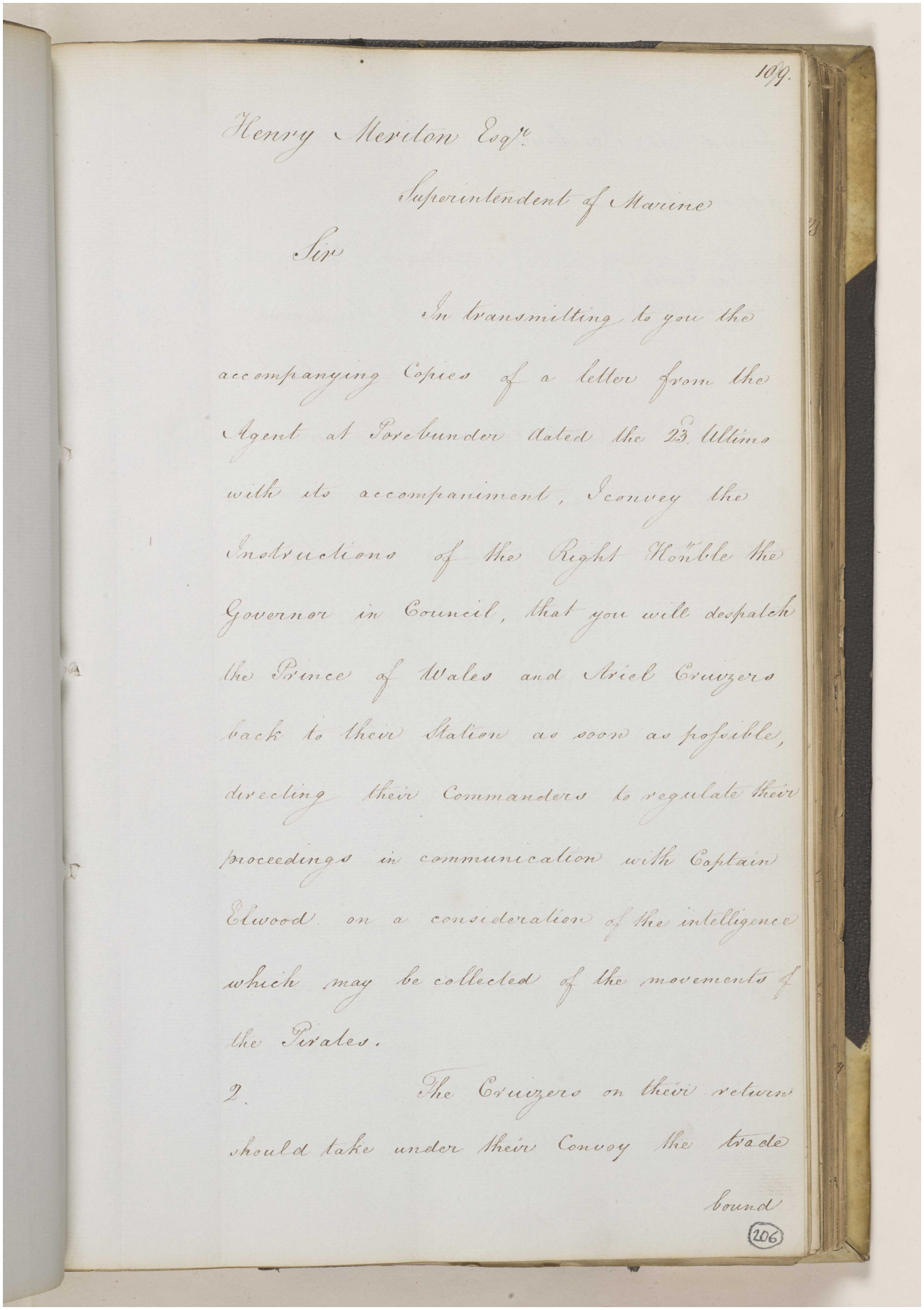

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Henry Meriton Esqr.

Superintendent of Marine

Sir

In transmitting to you the accompanying Copies of a letter from the Agent at Sorebunder dated the 23. Ultimo with its accompaniment, I convey the Instructions of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that you will despatch the Prince of Wales and Ariel Cruizers back to their Station as soon as possible, directing their Commanders to regulate their proceedings in communication with Captain Elwood on a consideration of the intelligence which may be collected of the movements of the Pirates.

2. The Cruizers on their return should take under their Convoy the trade bound

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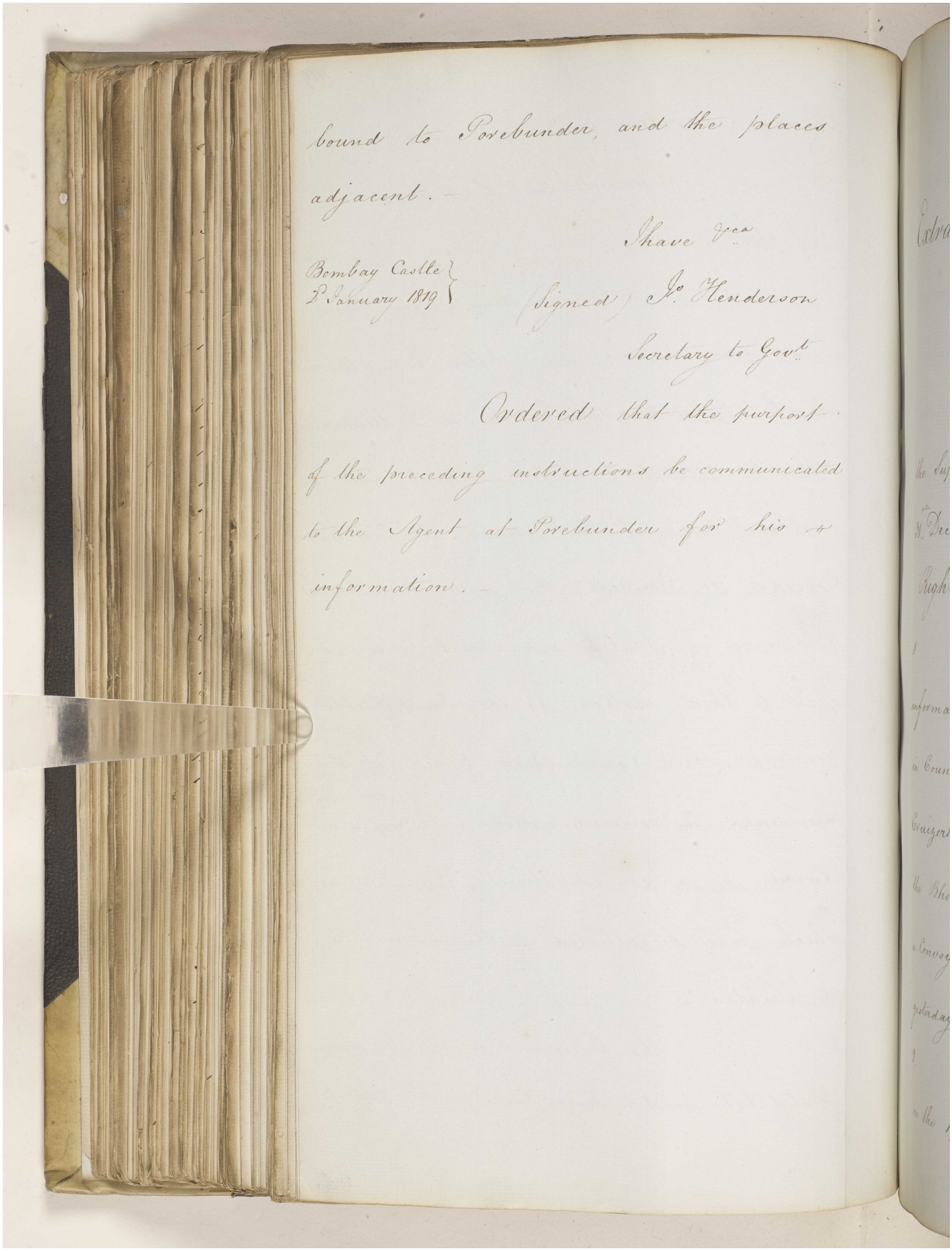

bound to Porebunder, and the places adjacent. —

I have &ca

Bombay Castle
2d January 1819

(Signed) Jo. Henderson
Secretary to Govt.

Ordered that the purport of the preceding instructions be communicated to the Agent at Porebunder for his information. —

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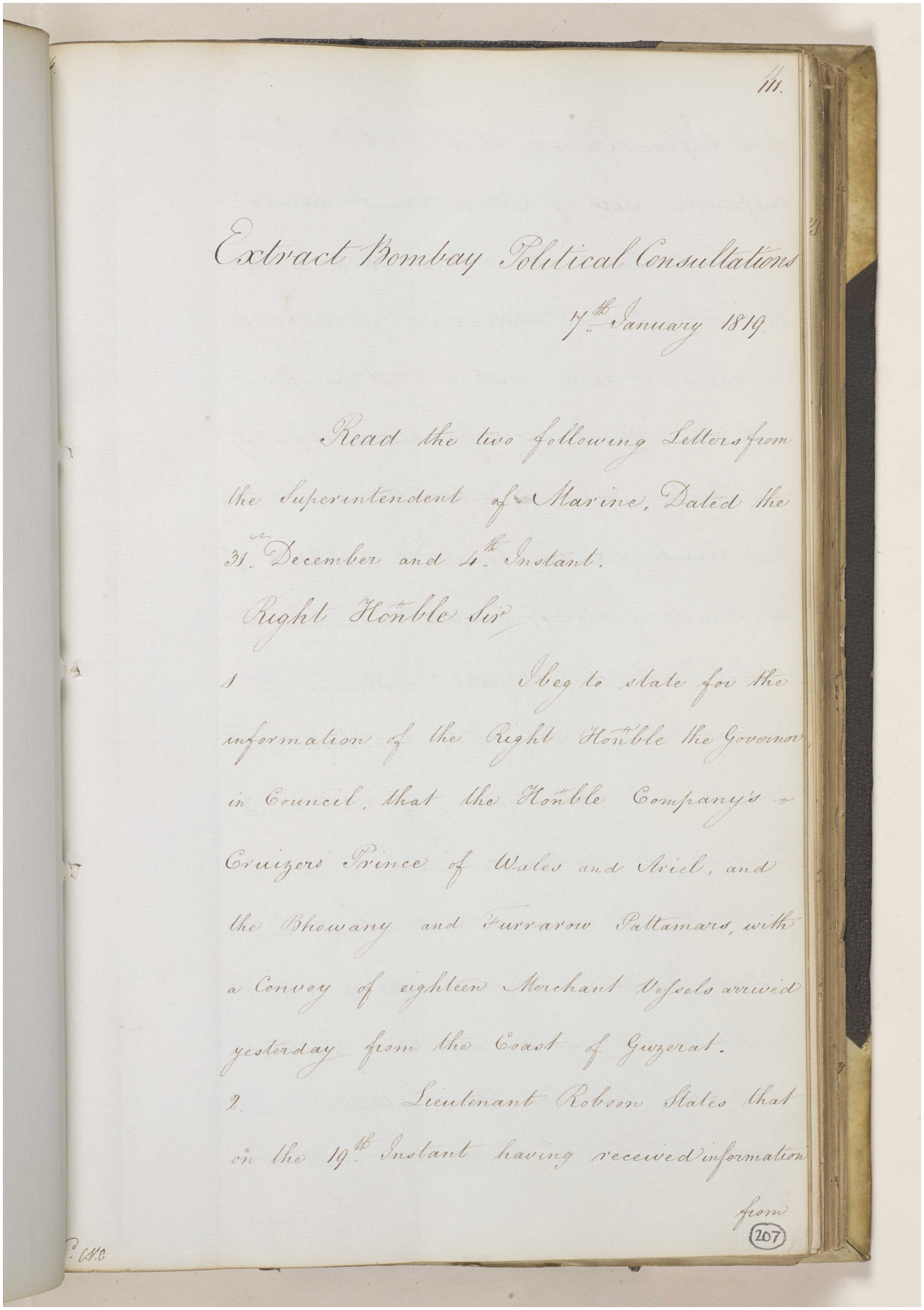

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

17th January 1819

Read the two following Letters from the Superintendent of Marine, Dated the 31st December and 4th Instant.

Right Honble Sir

1 I beg to state for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, that the Honble Company's Cruizers Prince of Wales and Ariel, and the Bhowany and Furrarow Pattamars, with a Convoy of eighteen Merchant Vessels arrived yesterday from the Coast of Guzerat.

2 Lieutenant Robson States that on the 19th Instant having received information from

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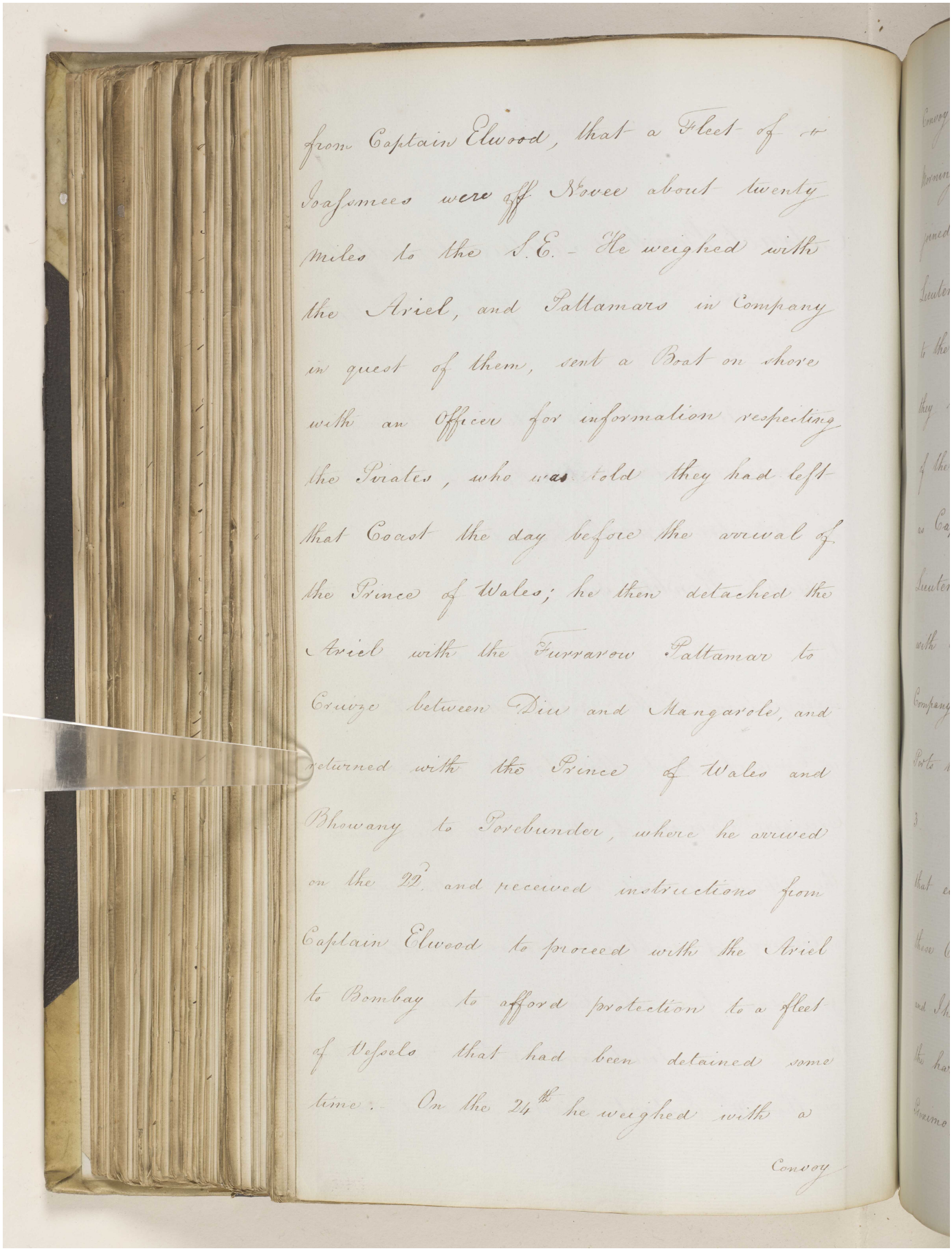
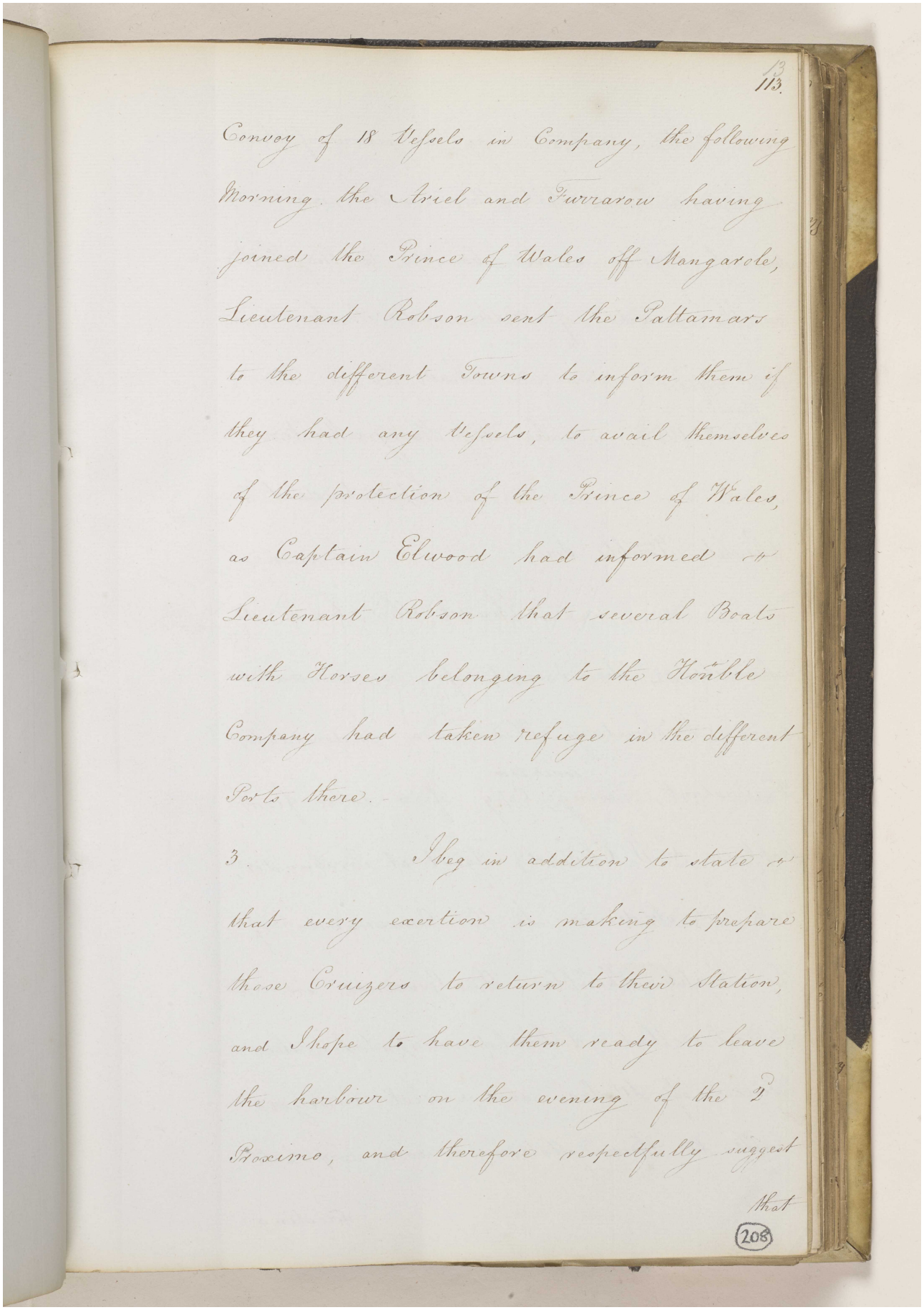


from Captain Elwood, that a Fleet of the Joasmees were off Rovee about twenty miles to the S.E. - He weighed with the Ariel, and Pattamars in Company in quest of them, sent a Boat on shore with an Officer for information respecting the Pirates, who was told they had left that Coast the day before the arrival of the Prince of Wales; he then detached the Ariel with the Furrarow Pattamar to Cruize between Diu and Mangarole, and returned with the Prince of Wales and Bhowany to Porebunder, where he arrived on the 22d and received instructions from Captain Elwood to proceed with the Ariel to Bombay to afford protection to a fleet of Vessels that had been detained some time: - On the 24th he weighed with a

Convoy



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Convoy of 18 Vessels in Company, the following Morning the Ariel and Furrarow having joined the Prince of Wales off Mangarole, Lieutenant Robson sent the Pattamars to the different Towns to inform them if they had any Vessels, to avail themselves of the protection of the Prince of Wales, as Captain Elwood had informed Lieutenant Robson that several Boats with Horses belonging to the Honble Company had taken refuge in the different Ports there.

3 I beg in addition to state that every exertion is making to prepare those Cruizers to return to their Station, and I hope to have them ready to leave the harbour on the evening of the 2d Proxime, and therefore respectfully suggest

That

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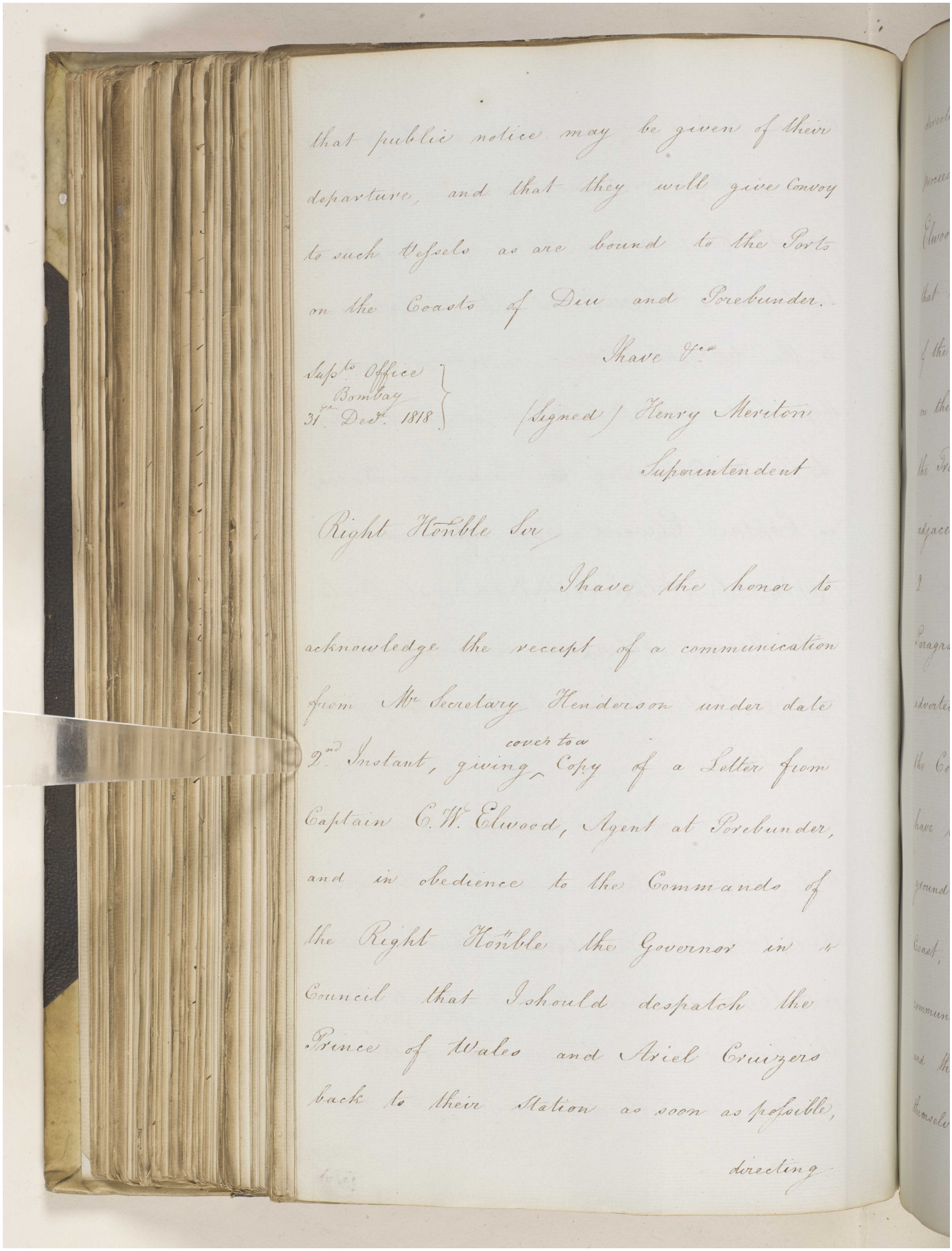


that public notice may be given of their departure, and that they will give Convoy to such Vessels as are bound to the Ports on the Coasts of Diu and Porebunder.

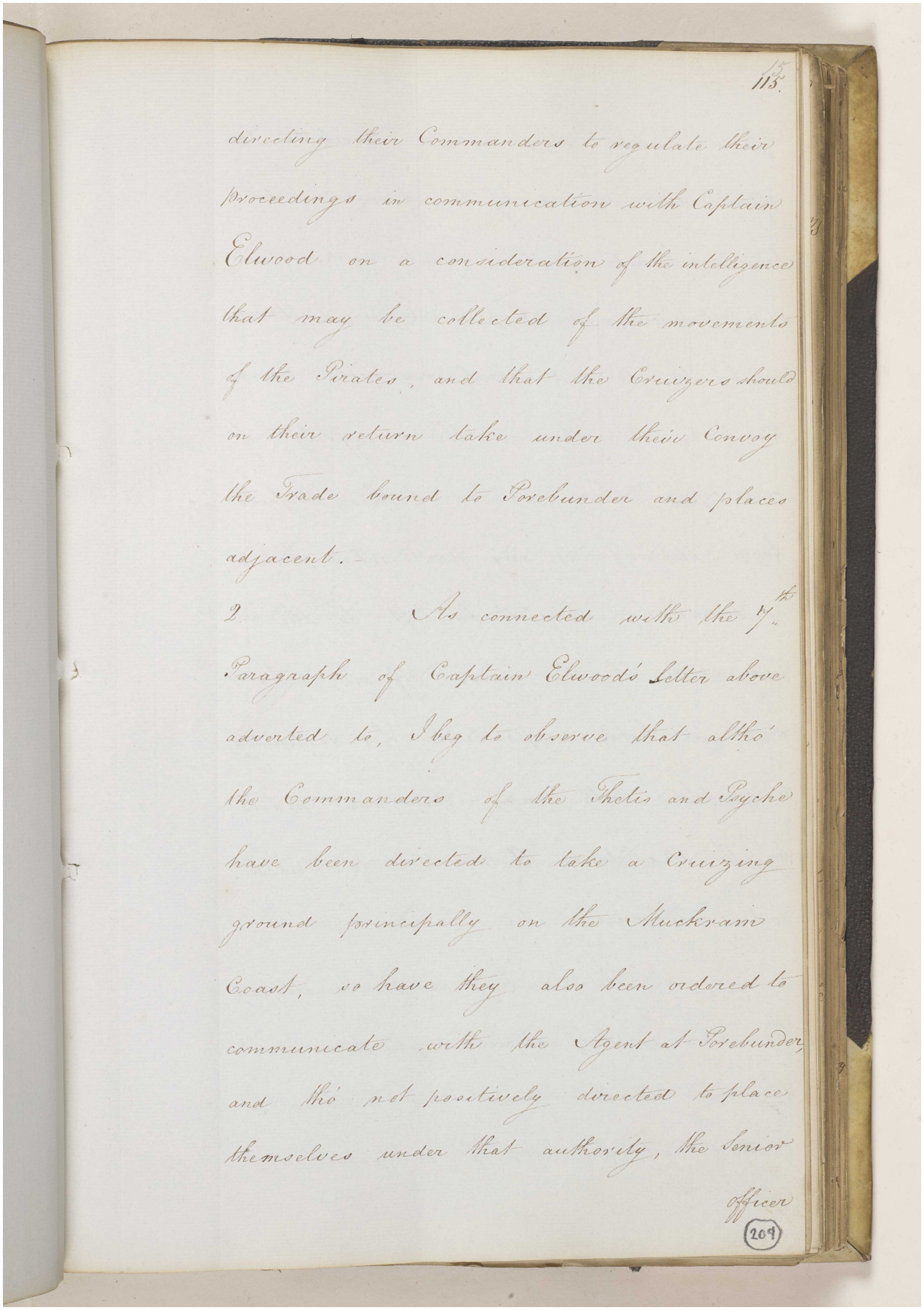
I have &c.

Sup.te Office Bombay 31st Dec.r 1818

(Signed) Henry Meriton
Superintendent

Right Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from Mr. Secretary Henderson under date 2nd Instant, giving cover to a Copy of a Letter from Captain C. W. Elwood, Agent at Porebunder, and in obedience to the Commands of the Right Honble the Governor in Council that I should despatch the Prince of Wales and Ariel Cruizers back to their Station as soon as possible, directing



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directing their Commanders to regulate their proceedings in communication with Captain Elwood on a consideration of the intelligence that may be collected of the movements of the Pirates, and that the Cruizers should on their return take under their Convoy the Trade bound to Porebunder and places adjacent.

2 As connected with the 4th Paragraph of Captain Elwood's Letter above adverted to, I beg to observe that altho' the Commanders of the Thetis and Psyche have been directed to take a Cruizing ground principally on the Muckram Coast, so have they also been ordered to communicate with the Agent at Porebunder, and tho' not positively directed to place themselves under that authority, the Senior

officer

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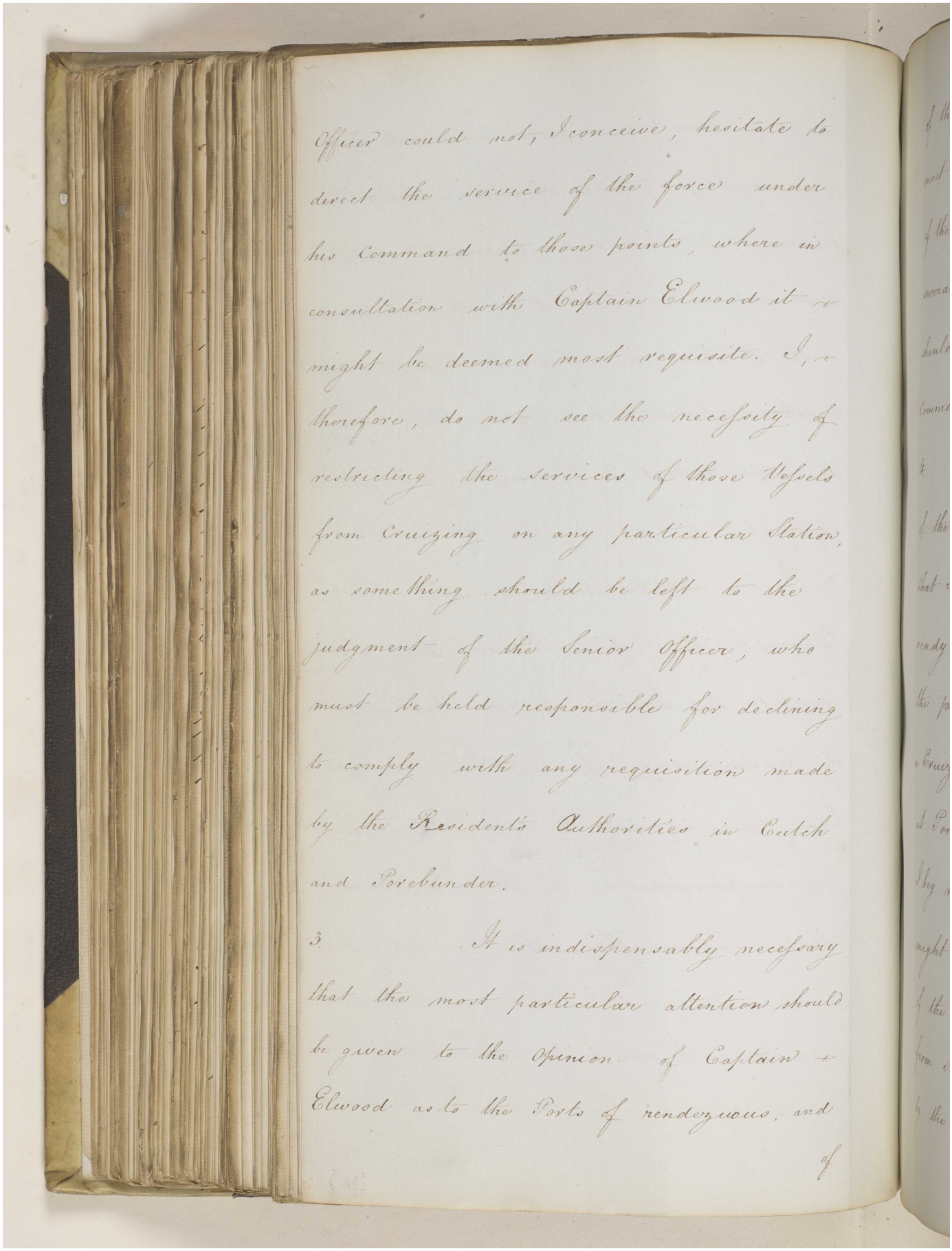

Officer could not, I conceive, hesitate to direct the service of the force under his Command to those points, where in consultation with Captain Elwood it might be deemed most requisite. I, therefore, do not see the necessity of restricting the services of those Vessels from Cruizing on any particular Station, as something should be left to the judgment of the Senior Officer, who must be held responsible for declining to comply with any requisition made by the Resident's Authorities in Cutch and Porebunder.

3. It is indispensably necessary that the most particular attention should be given to the Opinion of Captain Elwood as to the Ports of rendezvous, and of

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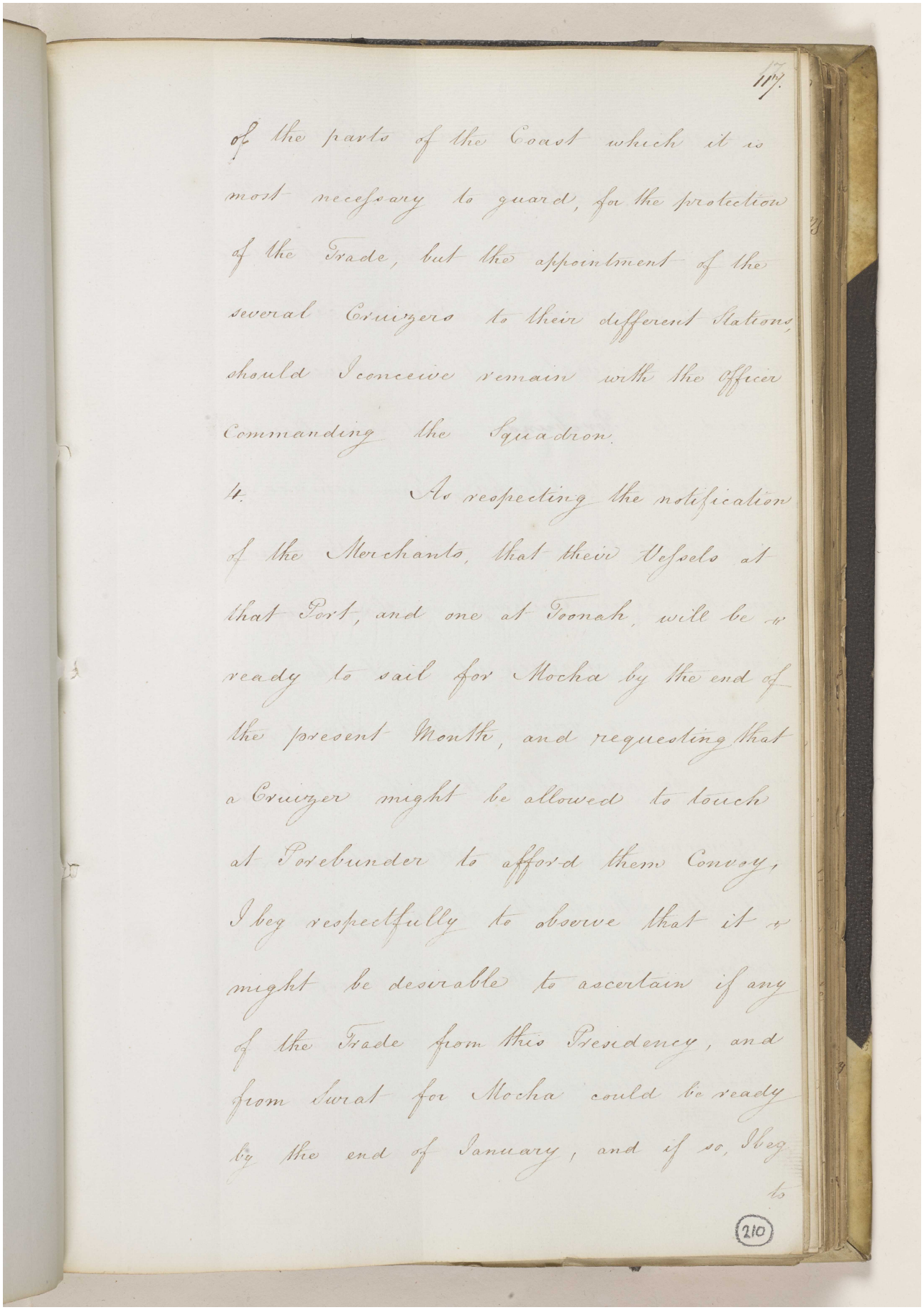

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of the parts of the Coast which it is most necessary to guard, for the protection of the Trade, but the appointment of the several Cruizers to their different Stations, should I conceive remain with the Officer Commanding the Squadron.

4. As respecting the notification of the Merchants, that their Vessels at that Port, and one at Soonah, will be ready to sail for Mocha by the end of the present Month, and requesting that a Cruizer might be allowed to touch at Porebunder to afford them Convoy, I beg respectfully to observe that it might be desirable to ascertain if any of the Trade from this Presidency, and from Surat for Mocha could be ready by the end of January, and if so, I beg to

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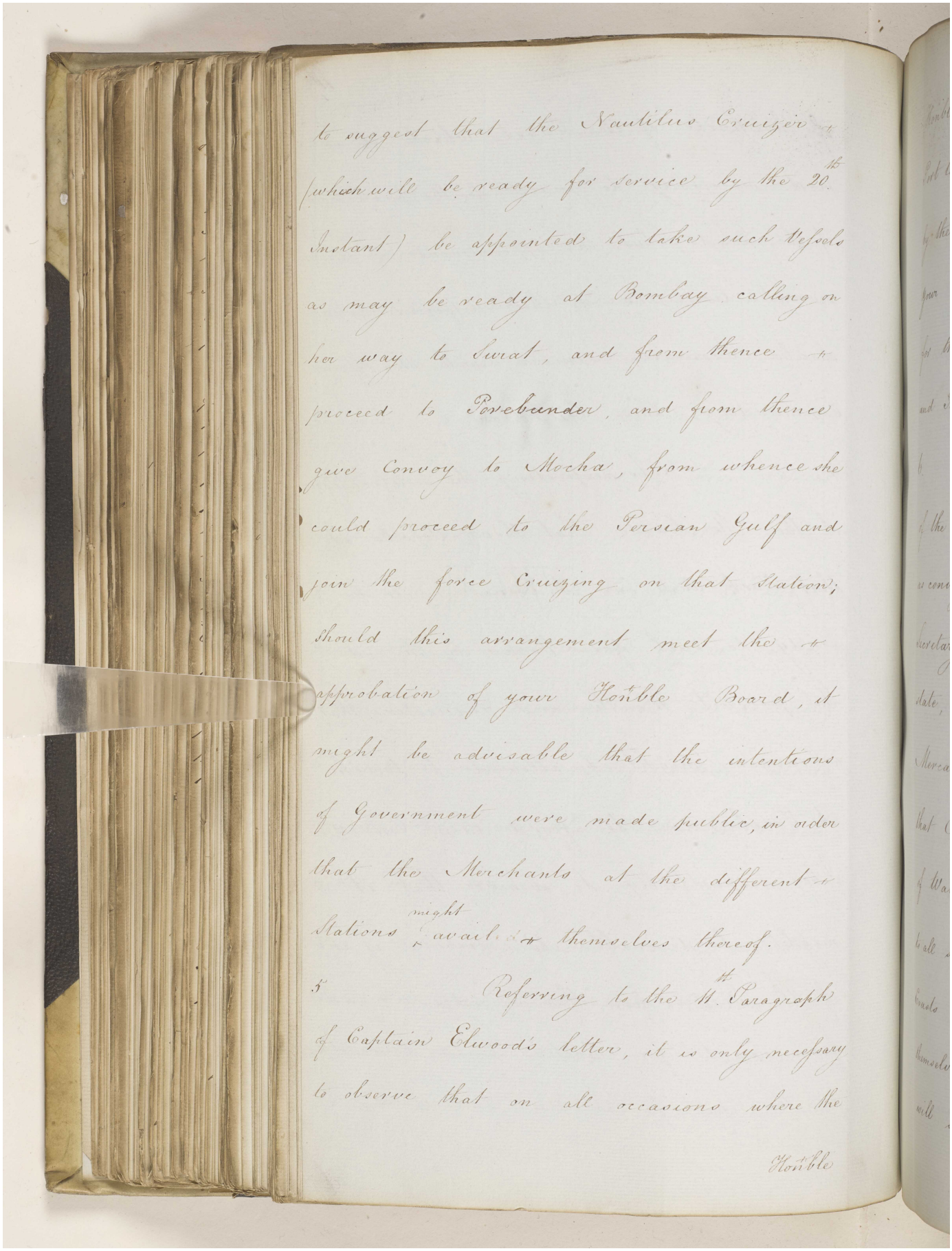

to suggest that the Nautilus Cruizer
(which will be ready for service by the 20th
Instant) be appointed to take such Vessels
as may be ready at Bombay calling on
her way to Surat, and from thence
proceed to Porebunder, and from thence
give Convoy to Mocha, from whence she
could proceed to the Persian Gulf and
join the force Cruizing on that Station;
Should this arrangement meet the
approbation of your Honble Board, it
might be advisable that the intentions
of Government were made public, in order
that the Merchants at the different
Stations might avail themselves thereof.

5th Referring to the 11. Paragraph
of Captain Elwood's letter, it is only necessary
to observe that on all occasions where the

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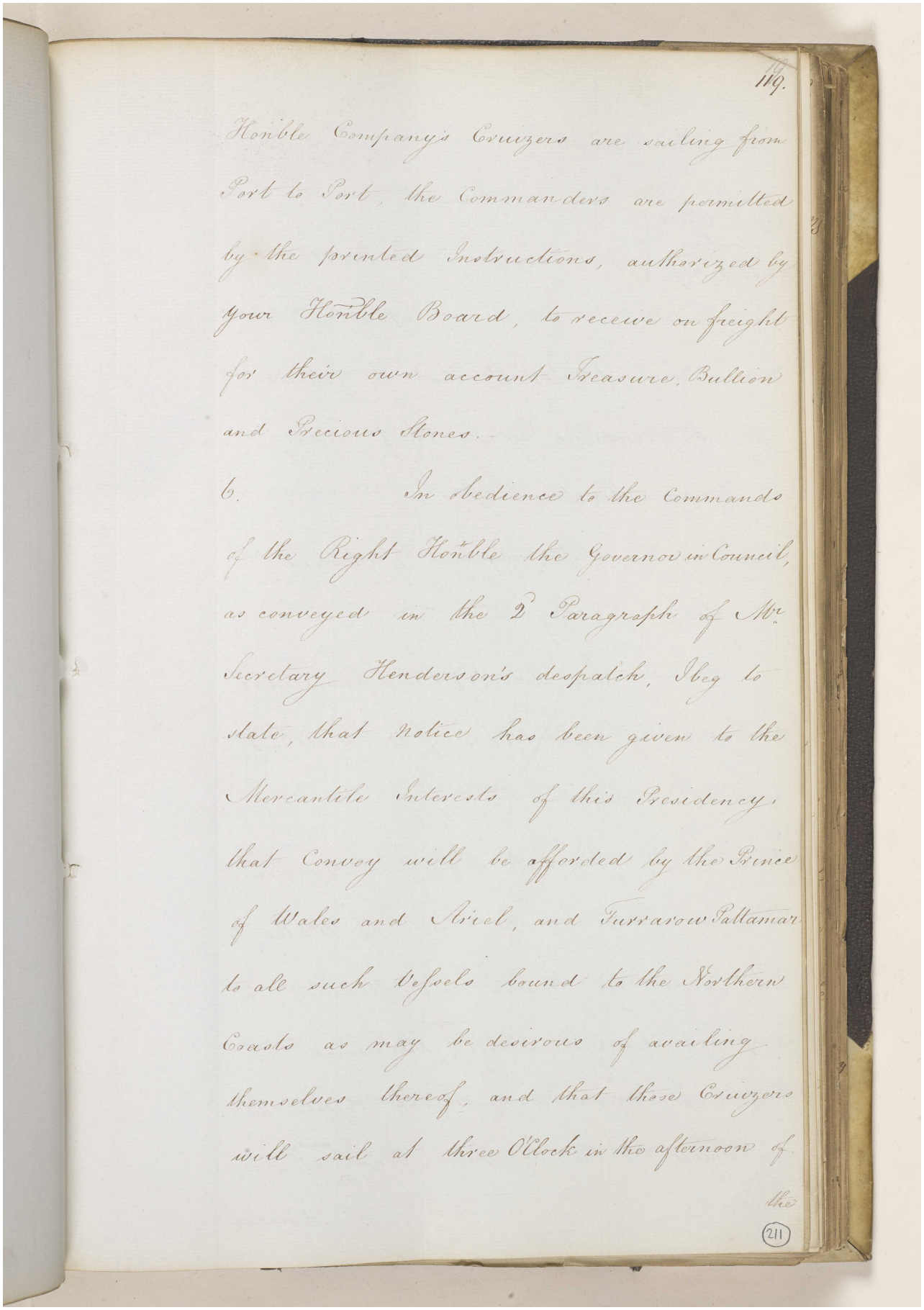

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Honble Company's Cruizers are sailing from Port to Port, the Commanders are permitted by the printed Instructions, authorized by your Honble Board, to receive on freight for their own account Treasure, Bullion and Precious Stones.

6. In obedience to the Commands of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, as conveyed in the 2 Paragraph of Mr. Secretary Henderson's despatch, I beg to state, that notice has been given to the Mercantile Interests of this Presidency, that Convoy will be afforded by the Prince of Wales and Ariel, and Furrarow Pattamar to all such Vessels bound to the Northern Coasts as may be desirous of availing themselves thereof, and that these Cruizers will sail at three O'clock in the afternoon of the

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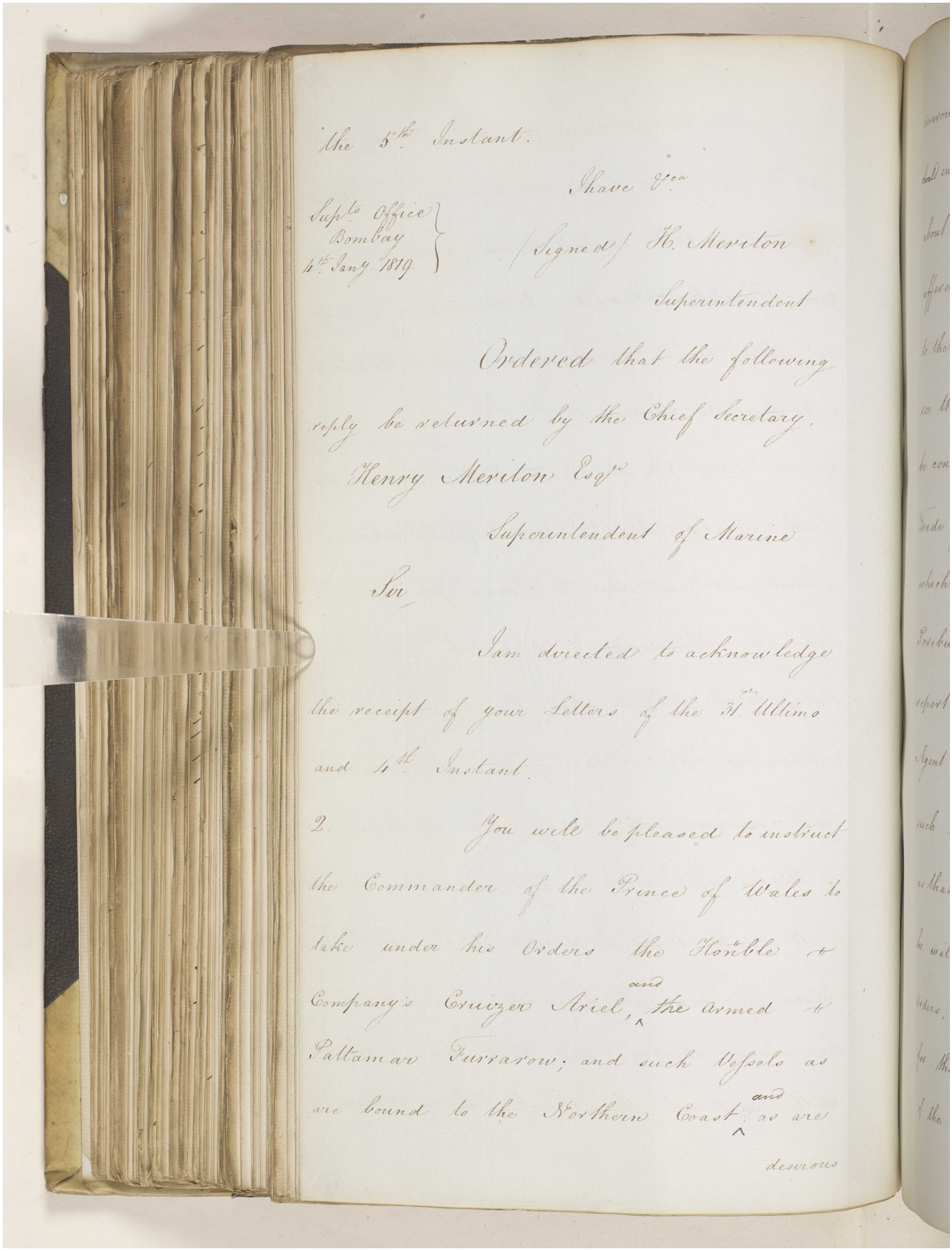

the 5th Instant.

I have &ca

Supto Office
Bombay
4th Jany. 1819

(Signed) H. Meriton
Superintendent

Ordered that the following reply be returned by the Chief Secretary.

Henry Meriton Esqr
Superintendent of Marine

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 31st Ultimo and 4th Instant.

2. You will be pleased to instruct the Commander of the Prince of Wales to take under his Orders the Honble Company's Cruizer Ariel, and the armed Pattamar Furrarow; and such Vessels as are bound to the Northern Coast and as are

desirous

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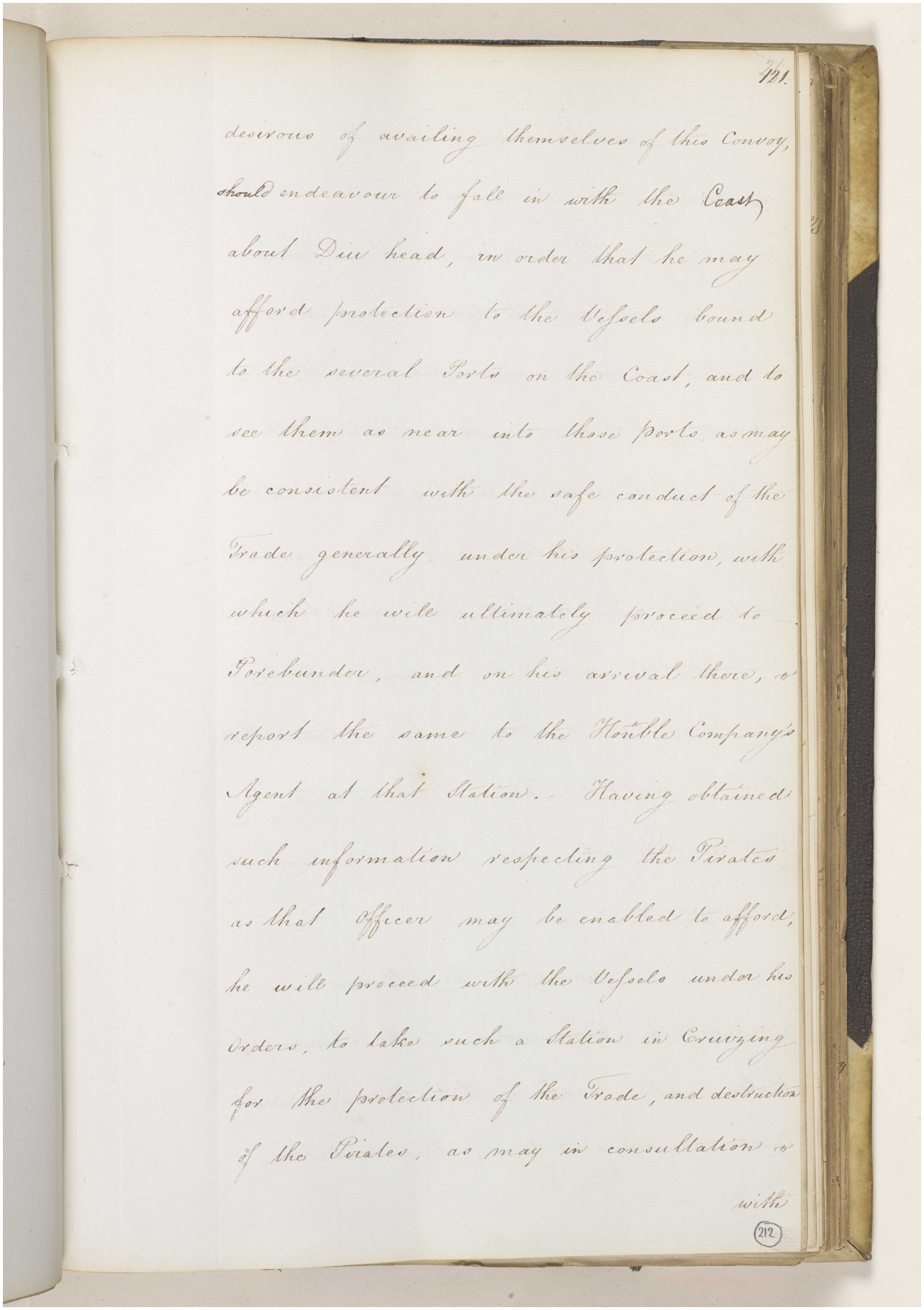

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desirous of availing themselves of this Convoy, should endeavour to fall in with the Coast about Diu head, in order that he may afford protection to the Vessels bound to the several Ports on the Coast, and to see them as near into those ports as may be consistent with the safe conduct of the Trade generally under his protection, with which he will ultimately proceed to Porebunder, and on his arrival there, to report the same to the Honble Company's Agent at that Station. - Having obtained such information respecting the Pirates as that Officer may be enabled to afford, he will proceed with the Vessels under his orders, to take such a Station in Cruizing for the protection of the Trade, and destruction of the Pirates, as may in consultation with

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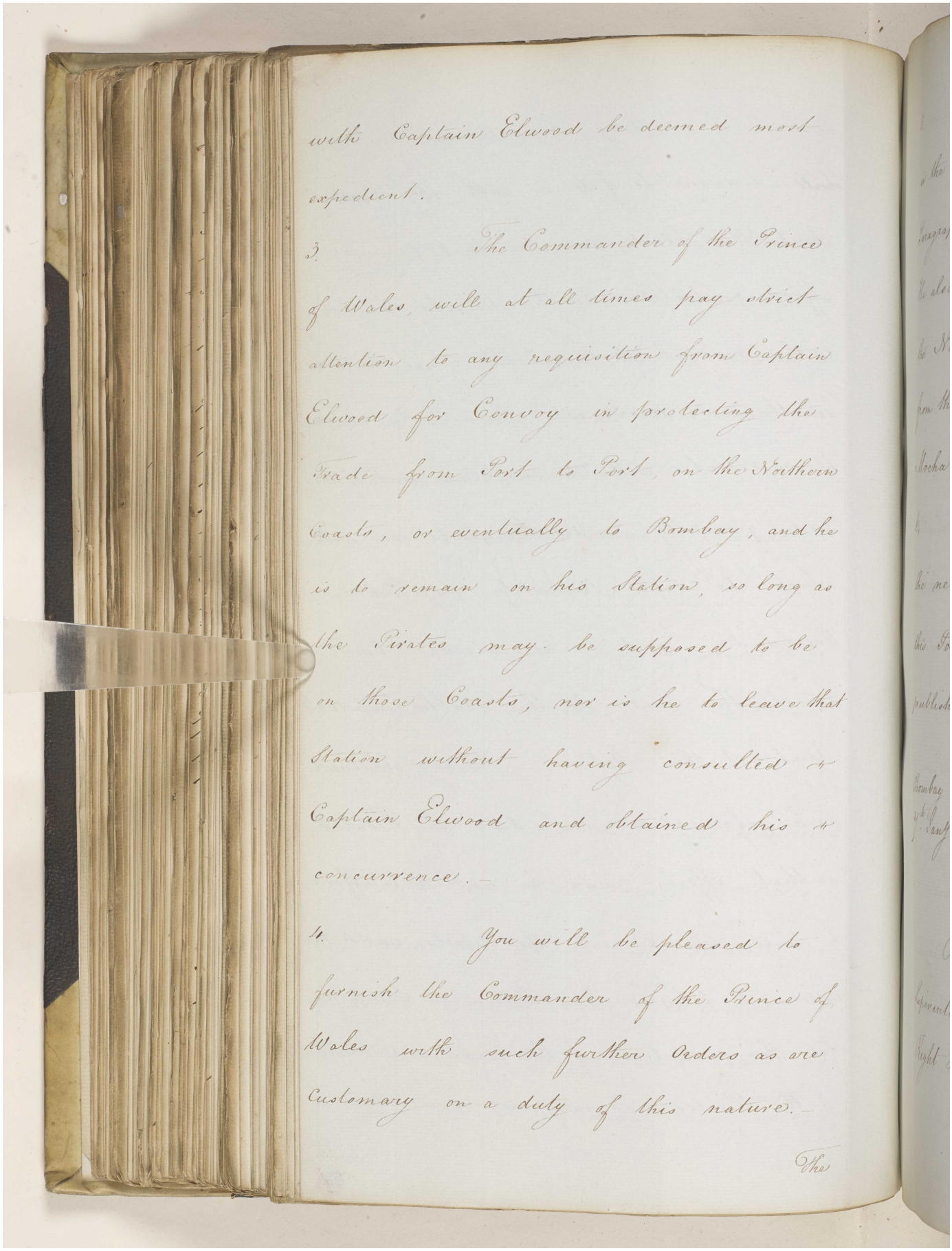

with Captain Elwood be deemed most expedient.

3. The Commander of the Prince of Wales, will at all times pay strict attention to any requisition from Captain Elwood for Convoy in protecting the Trade from Port to Port, on the Northern Coasts, or eventually to Bombay, and he is to remain on his Station, so long as the Pirates may be supposed to be on those Coasts, nor is he to leave that Station without having consulted & Captain Elwood and obtained his & concurrence.—

4. You will be pleased to furnish the Commander of the Prince of Wales with such further Orders as are Customary on a duty of this nature.—

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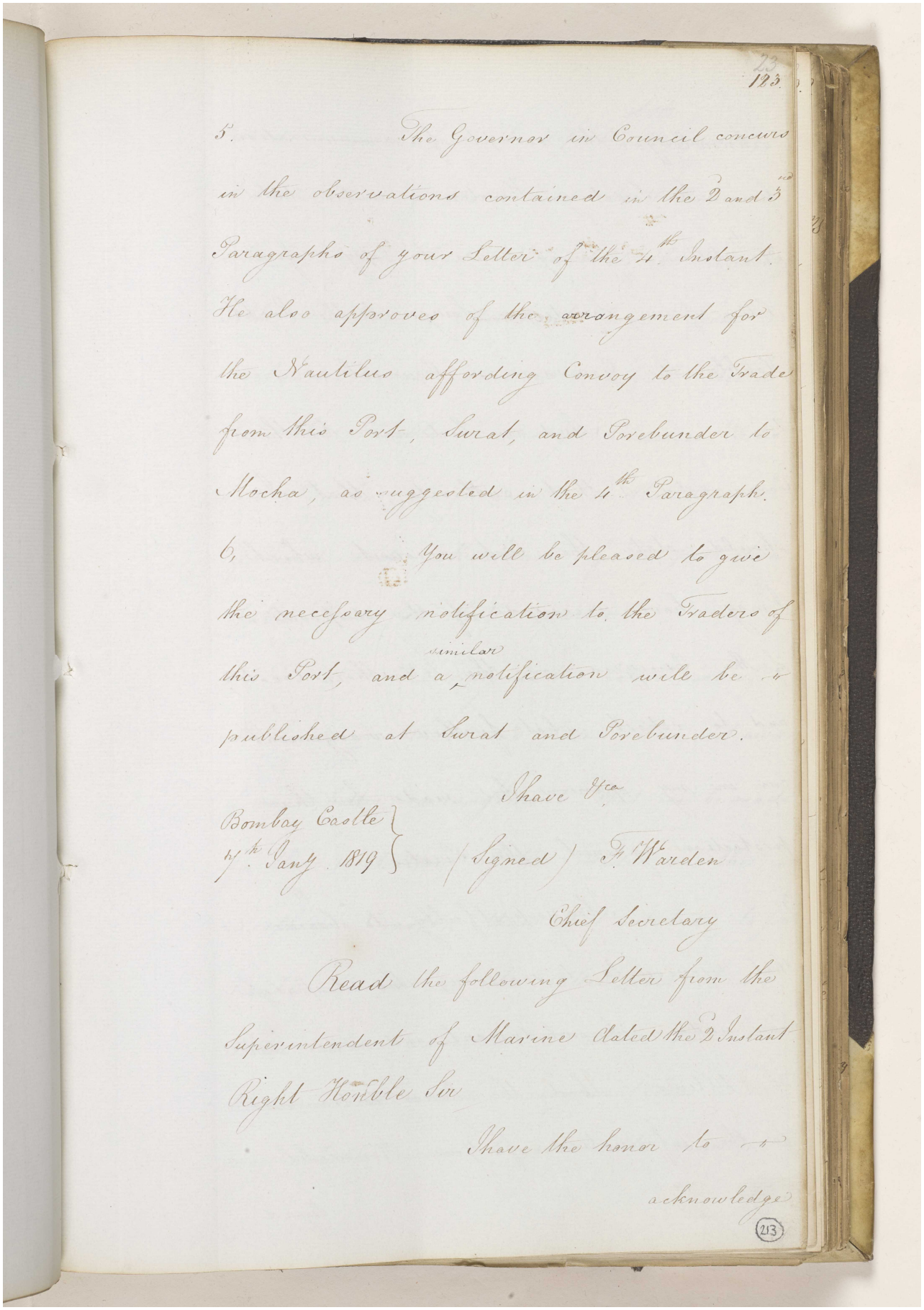

5. The Governor in Council concurs in the observations contained in the 2d and 3rd Paragraphs of your Letter of the 4th Instant. He also approves of the arrangement for the Nautilus affording Convoy to the Trade from this Port, Surat, and Porebunder to Mocha, as suggested in the 4th Paragraph.

6, You will be pleased to give the necessary notification to the Traders of this Port, and a similar notification will be published at Surat and Porebunder.

I have &ca

Bombay Castle
7th Jany 1819

(Signed) F. Warden
Chief Secretary

Read the following Letter from the Superintendent of Marine dated the 2d Instant

Right Honble Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge

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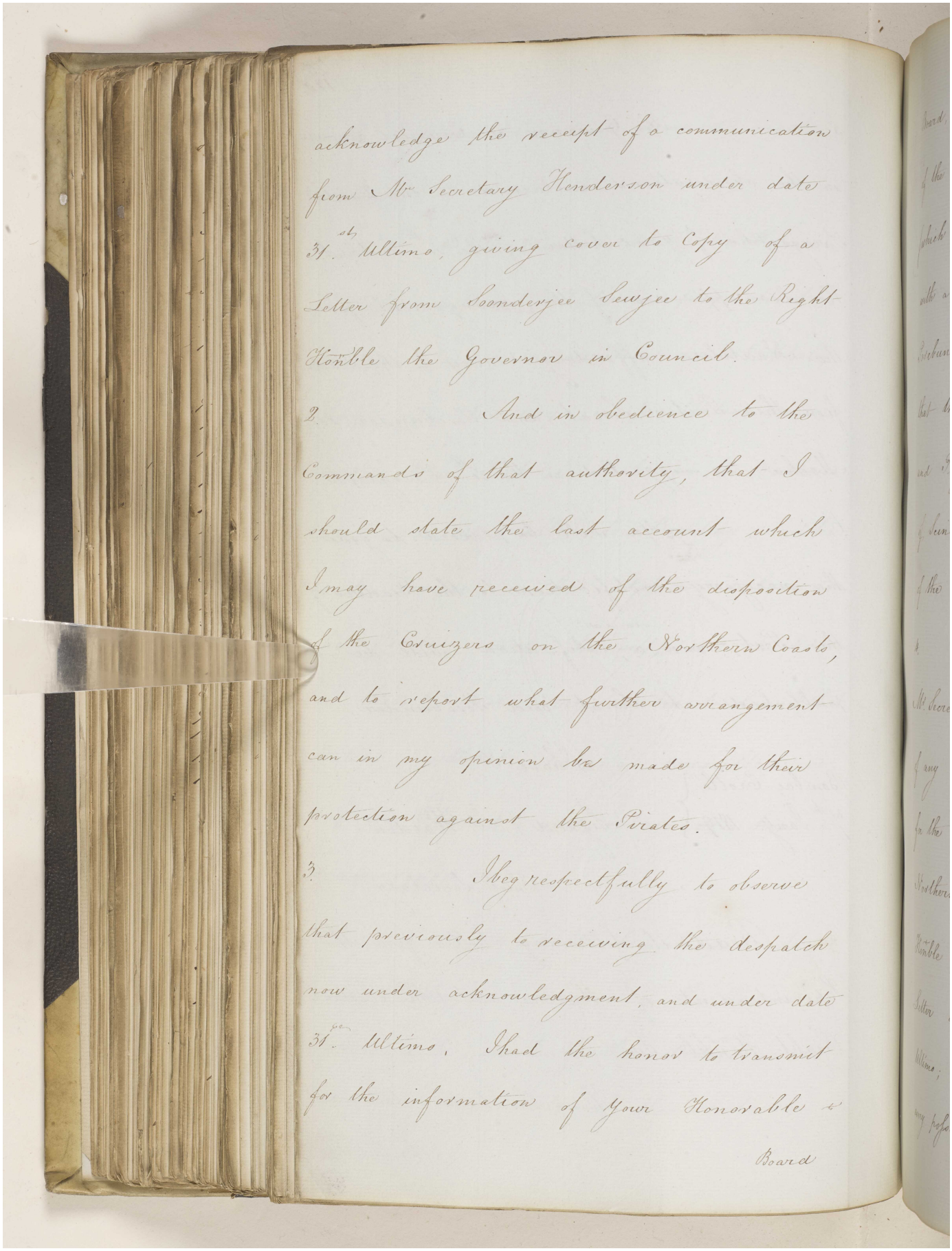
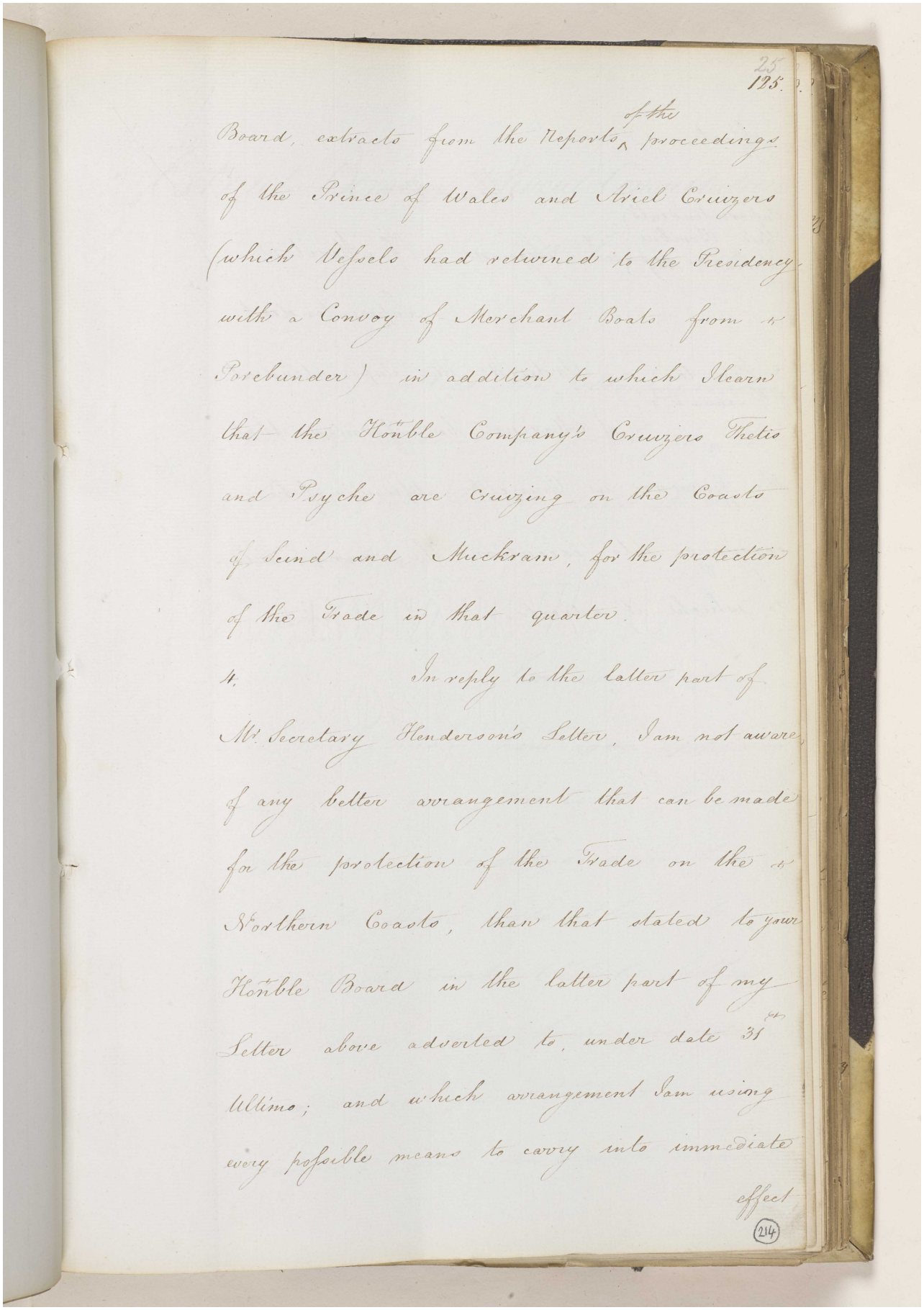


acknowledge the receipt of a communication
from Mr Secretary Henderson under date
31st Ultimo, giving cover to Copy of a
Letter from Soonderjee Sewjee to the Right
Honble the Governor in Council.

2. And in obedience to the
Commands of that authority, that I
should state the last account which
I may have received of the disposition
of the Cruizers on the Northern Coasts,
and to report what further arrangement
can in my opinion be made for their
protection against the Pirates.

3. I beg respectfully to observe
that previously to receiving the despatch
now under acknowledgment, and under date
31st Ultimo, I had the honor to transmit
for the information of your Honorable

Board



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Board, extracts from the Reports of the proceedings of the Prince of Wales and Ariel Cruizers (which Vessels had returned to the Presidency with a Convoy of Merchant Boats from Porebunder) in addition to which I learn that the Honble Company's Cruizers Thetis and Psyche are Cruizing on the Coasts of Scind and Muckram, for the protection of the Trade in that quarter.

4. In reply to the latter part of Mr. Secretary Henderson's Letter, I am not aware of any better arrangement that can be made for the protection of the Trade on the Northern Coasts, than that stated to your Honble Board in the latter part of my Letter above adverted to, under date 31st Ultimo; and which arrangement I am using every possible means to carry into immediate effect

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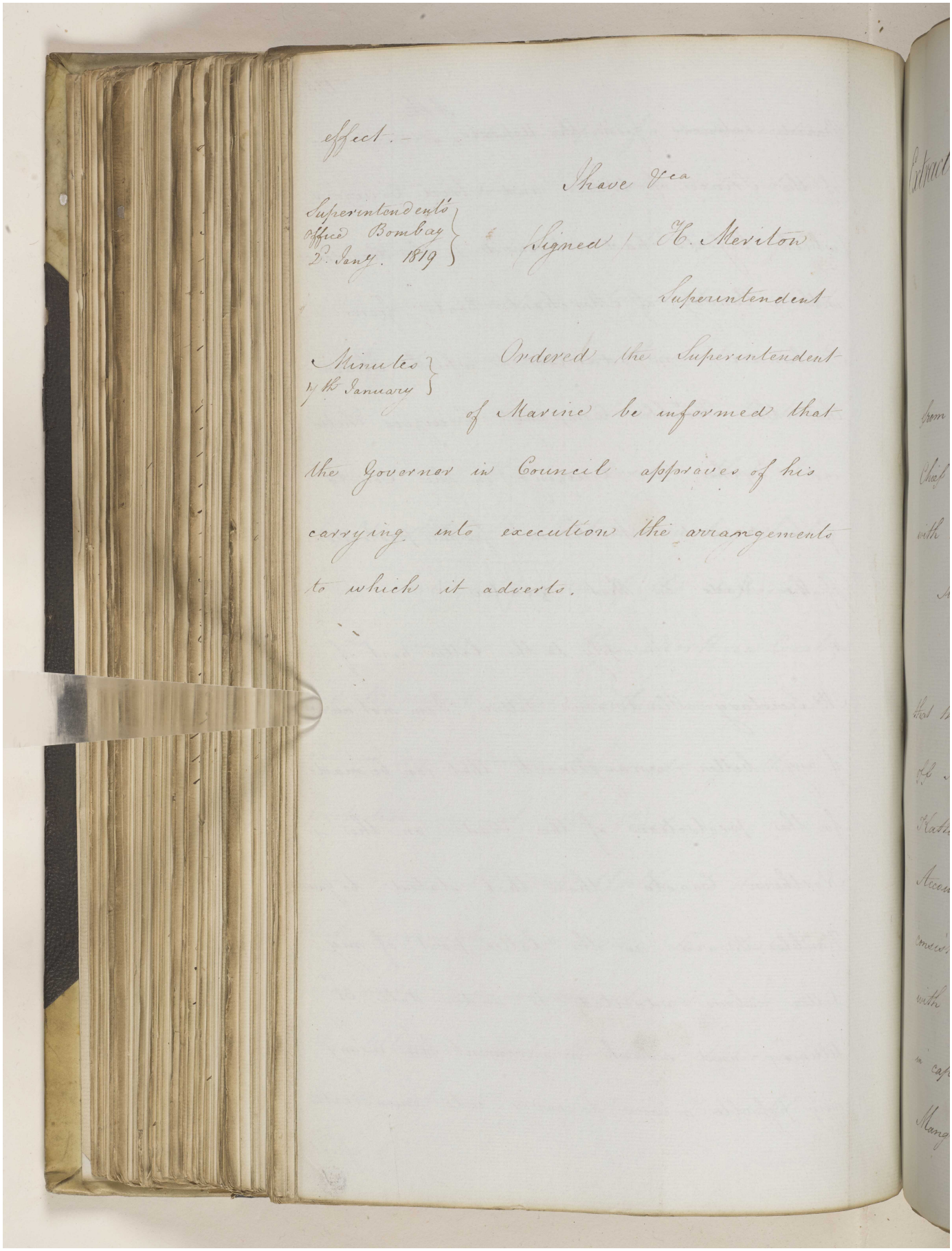


effect.—

I have &ca

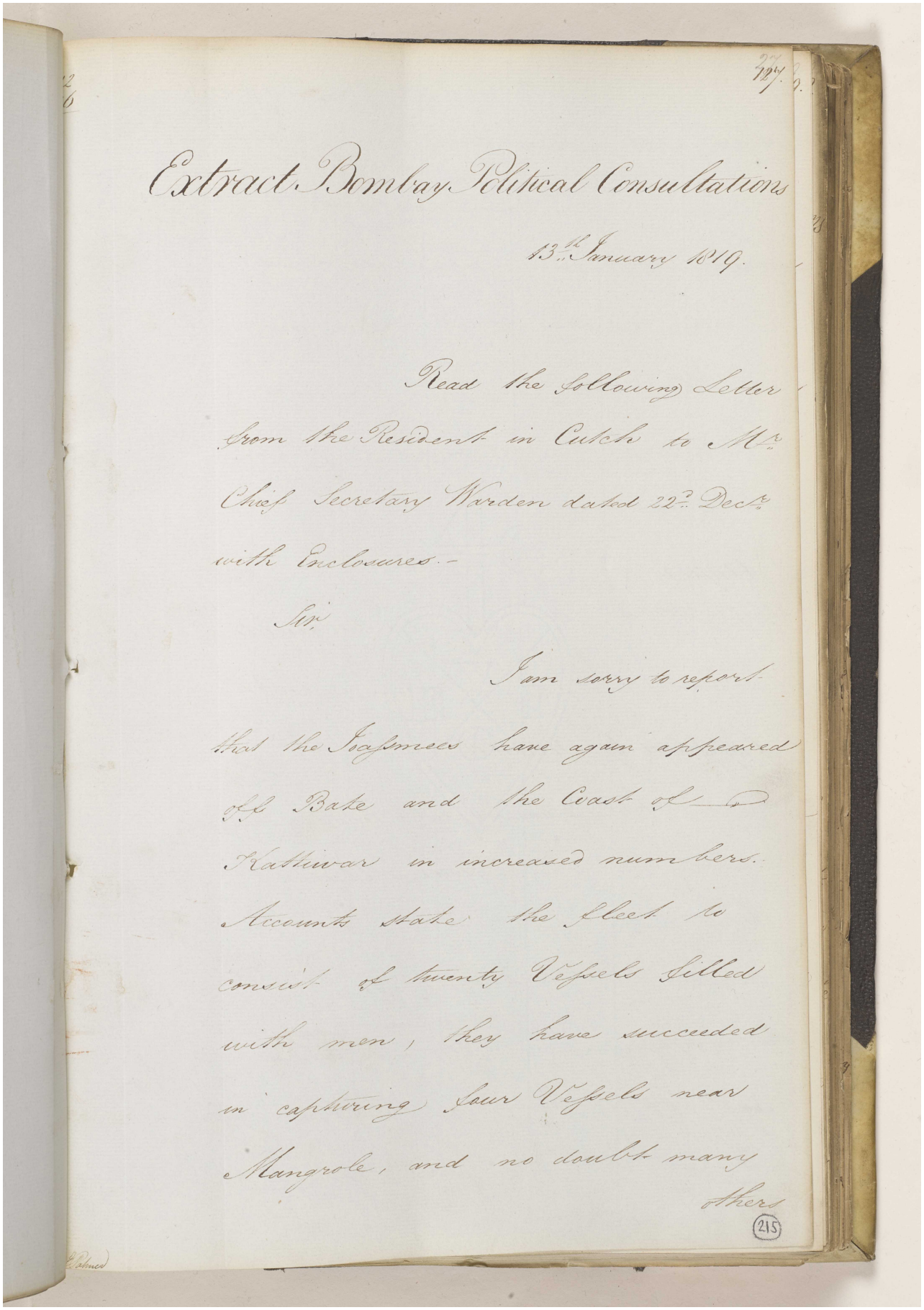
Superintendent's Office Bombay 2d. Jany. 1819

(Signed) H. Meriton

Superintendent

Minutes 17th January

Ordered the Superintendent of Marine be informed that the Governor in Council approves of his carrying into execution the arrangements to which it adverts.



Extract Bombay Political Consultations

13th January 1819.

Read the following Letter from the Resident in Cutch to Mr. Chief Secretary Warden dated 22d. Dect. with Enclosures.-

Sir,

I am sorry to report that the Joasmees have again appeared off Bate and the Coast of Kattiwar in increased numbers. Accounts state the fleet to consist of twenty Vessels filled with men, they have succeeded in capturing four Vessels near Mangrole, and no doubt many others

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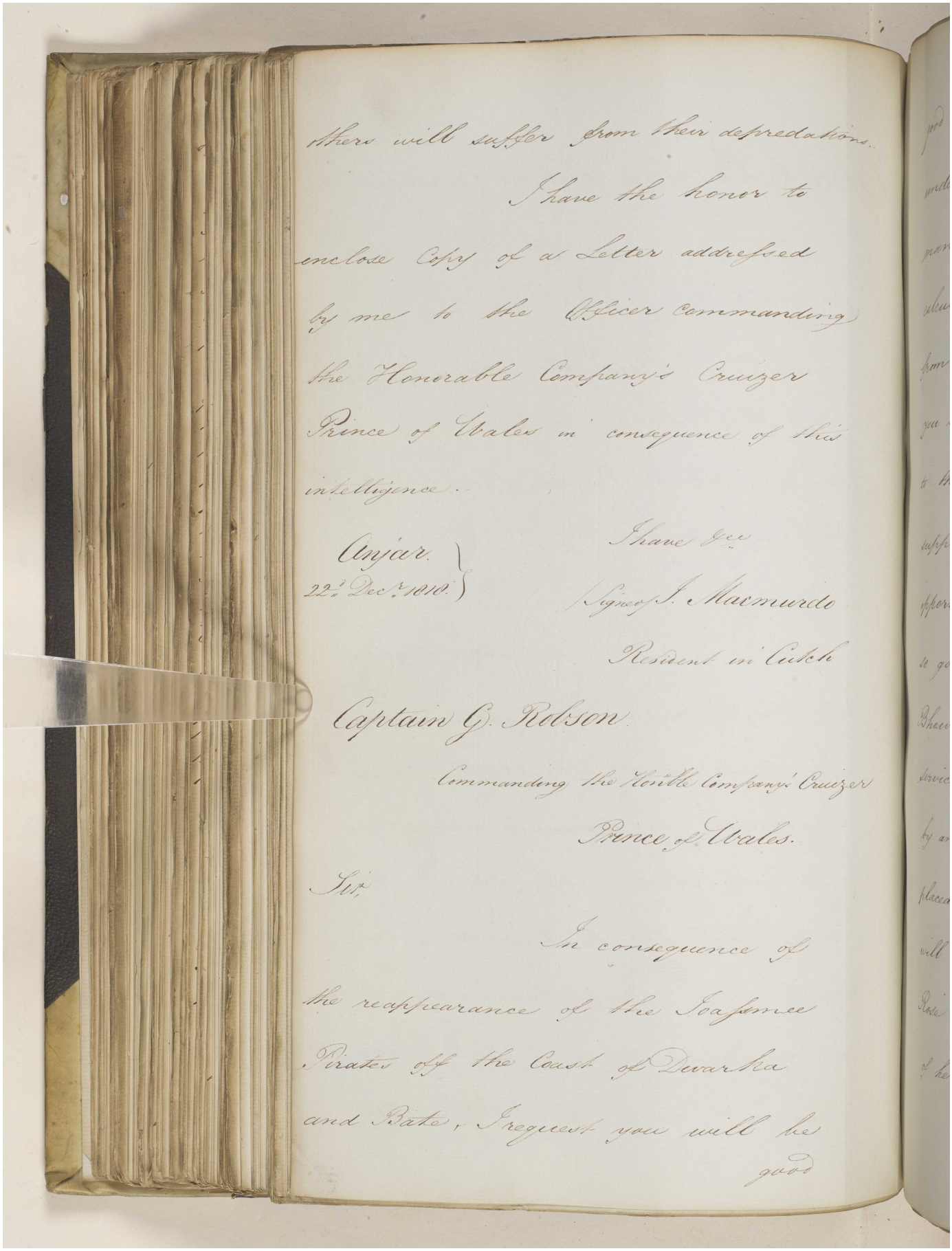

others will suffer from their depredations.

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter addressed by me to the Officer commanding the Honorable Company's Cruizer Prince of Wales in consequence of this intelligence.

Anjar.
22d Decr 1818.

I have &c.
(Signed) J. Macmurdo
Resident in Cutch

Captain G. Robson
Commanding the Honble Company's Cruizer
Prince of Wales.

Sir,

In consequence of the reappearance of the Joasmee Pirates off the Coast of Dwarka and Bate, I request you will be good

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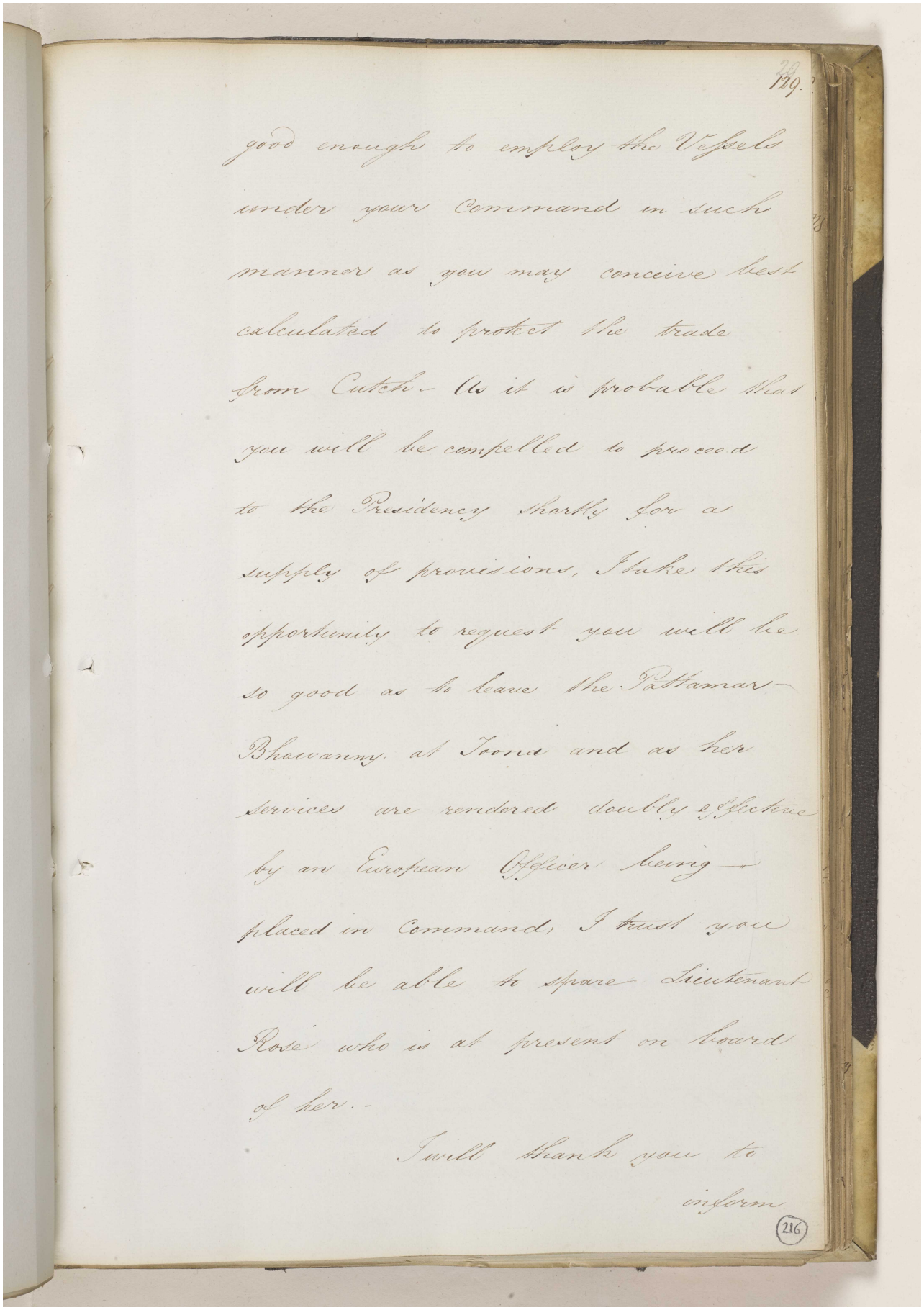

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good enough to employ the Vessels
under your Command in such
manner as you may conceive best
calculated to protect the trade
from Cutch – As it is probable that
you will be compelled to proceed
to the Presidency shortly for a
supply of provisions, I take this
opportunity to request you will be
so good as to leave the Pattamar
Bhawanny at Joona and as her
services are rendered doubly effective
by an European Officer being
placed in Command, I trust you
will be able to spare Lieutenant
Rose who is at present on board
of her.

I will thank you to
inform

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inform me of the time you will probably be obliged to proceed to Bombay.

Anjar. 21st Decr 1818.

I am &c
Signed J. Macmurdo
Resident in Cutch

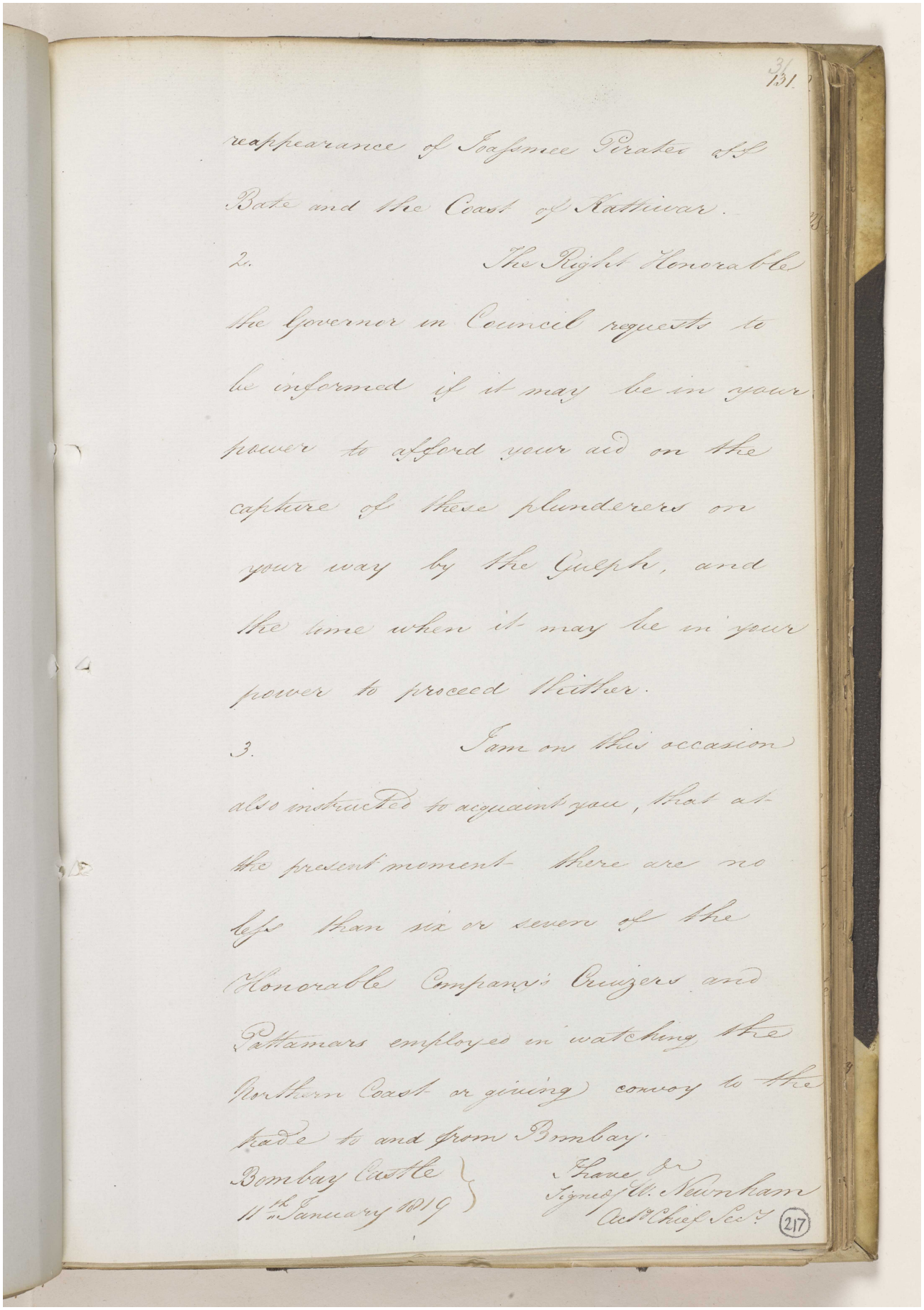
Minutes 11th Jany

Ordered that the following Letter be written to —
Captain Barnard of His Majesty's Ship Conway. —

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit for your information the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Resident in Cutch dated 22d December with its accompaniment, reporting the

reappearance



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reappearance of Joasmee Pirates at Bate and the Coast of Kattiwar.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council requests to be informed if it may be in your power to afford your aid on the capture of these plunderers on your way by the Gulph, and the time when it may be in your power to proceed thither.

3. I am on this occasion also instructed to acquaint you, that at the present moment there are no less than six or seven of the Honorable Company's Cruizers and Pattamars employed in watching the Northern Coast or giving convoy to the trade to and from Bombay.

Bombay Castle
11th January 1819

I have &c
Signed W. Newnham
Act. Chief Secy

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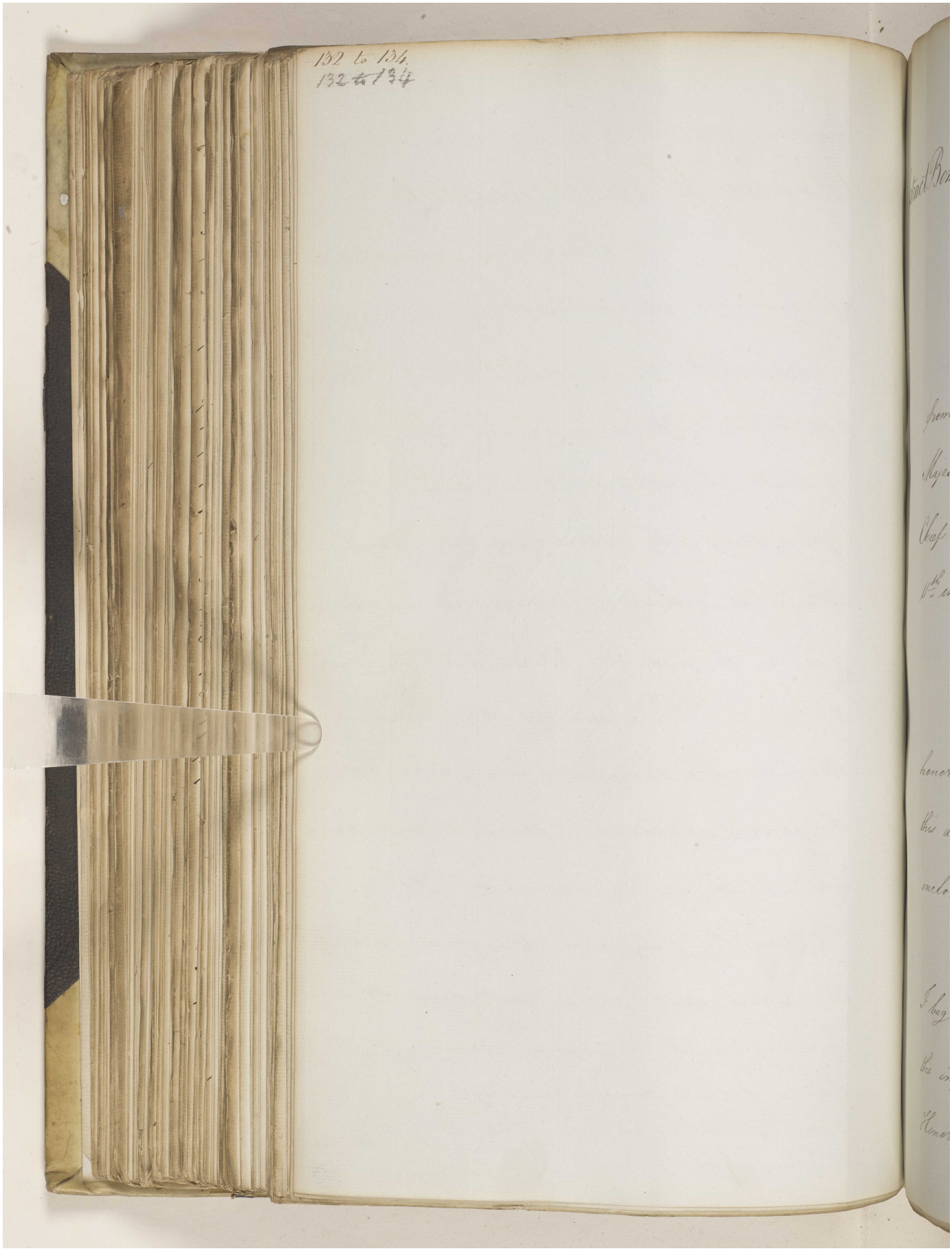

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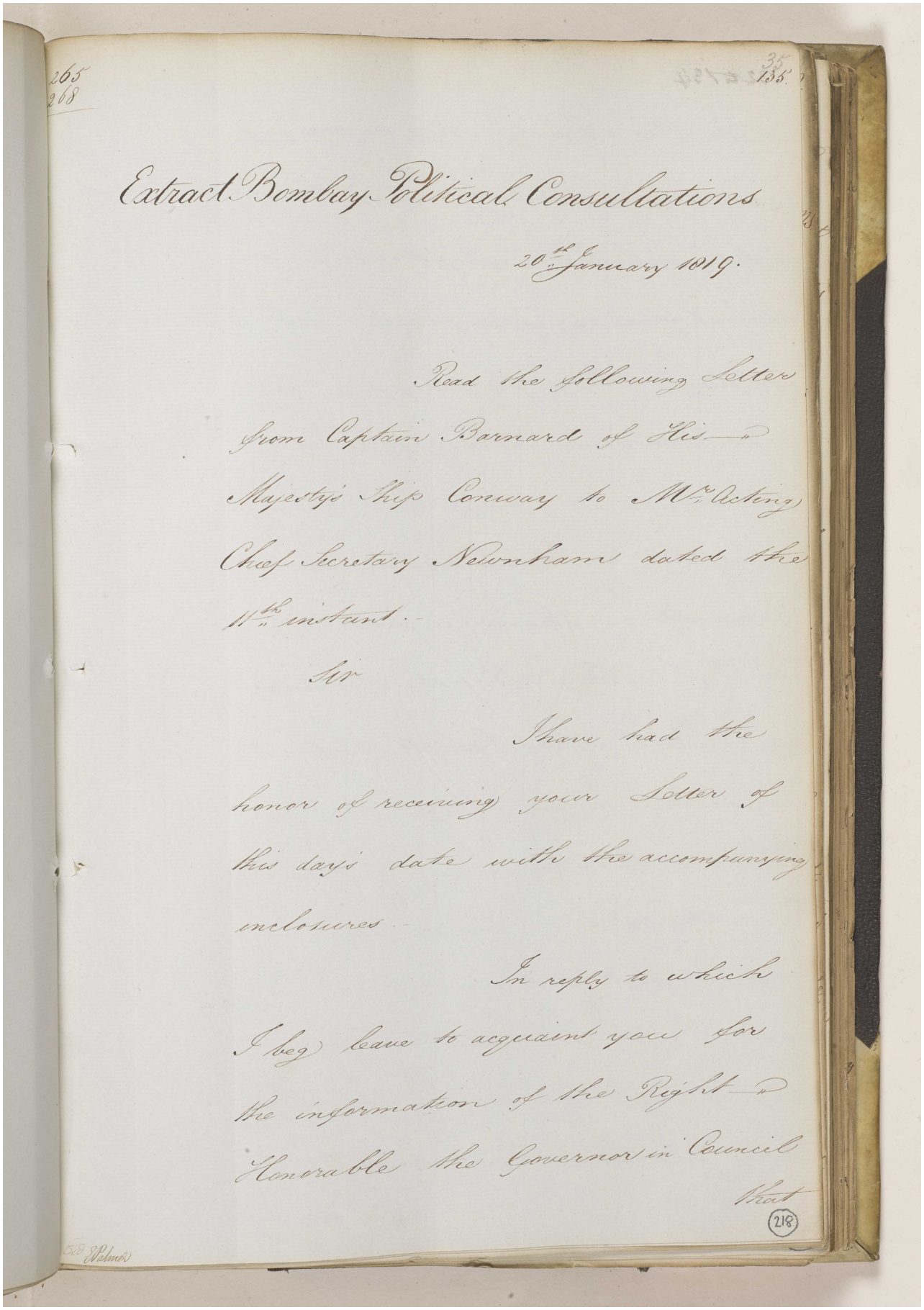

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

20th January 1819.

Read the following Letter from Captain Barnard of His Majesty's Ship Conway to Mr. Acting Chief Secretary Newnham dated the 11th instant.-

Sir

I have had the honor of receiving your Letter of this days date with the accompanying enclosures.-

In reply to which I beg leave to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that

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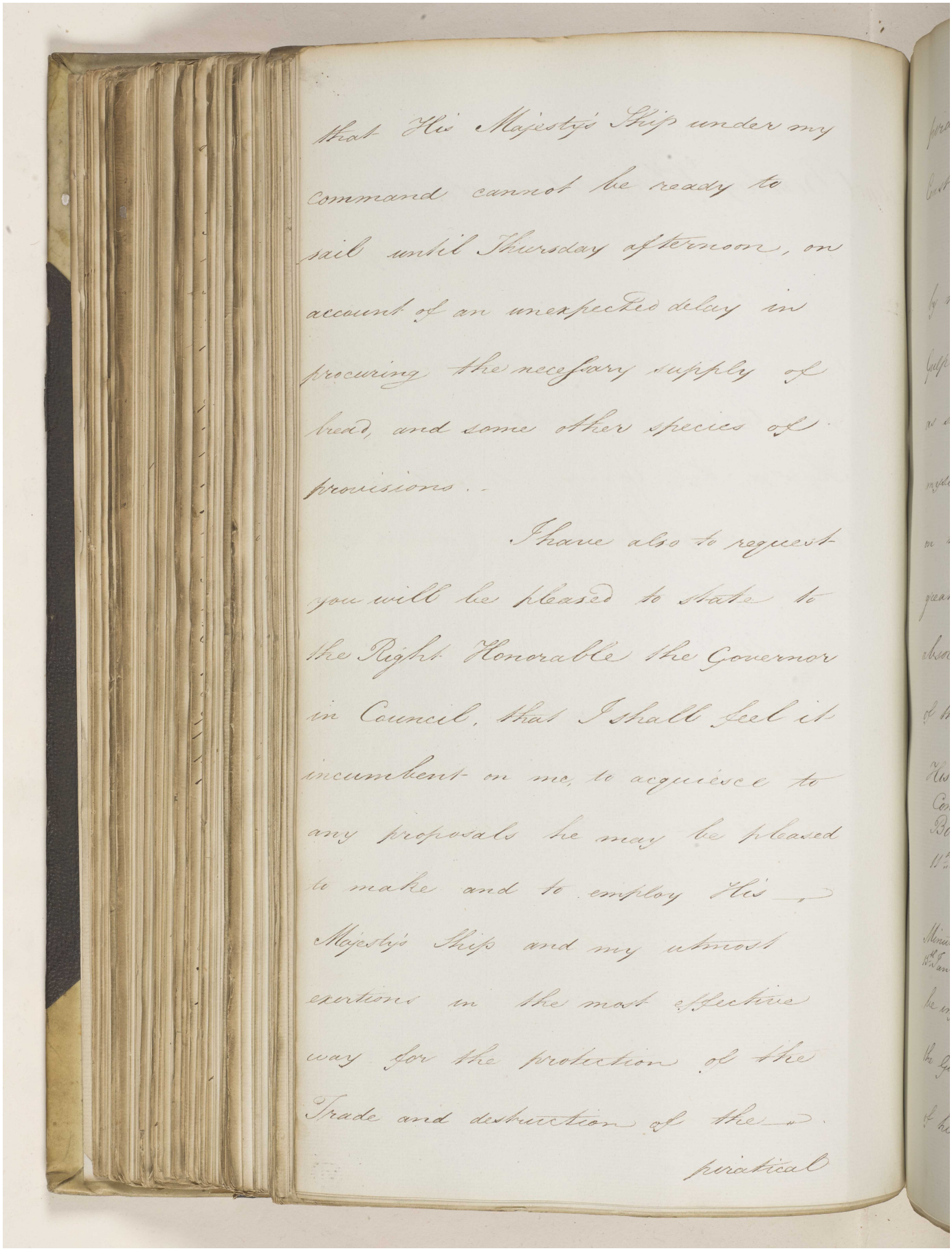
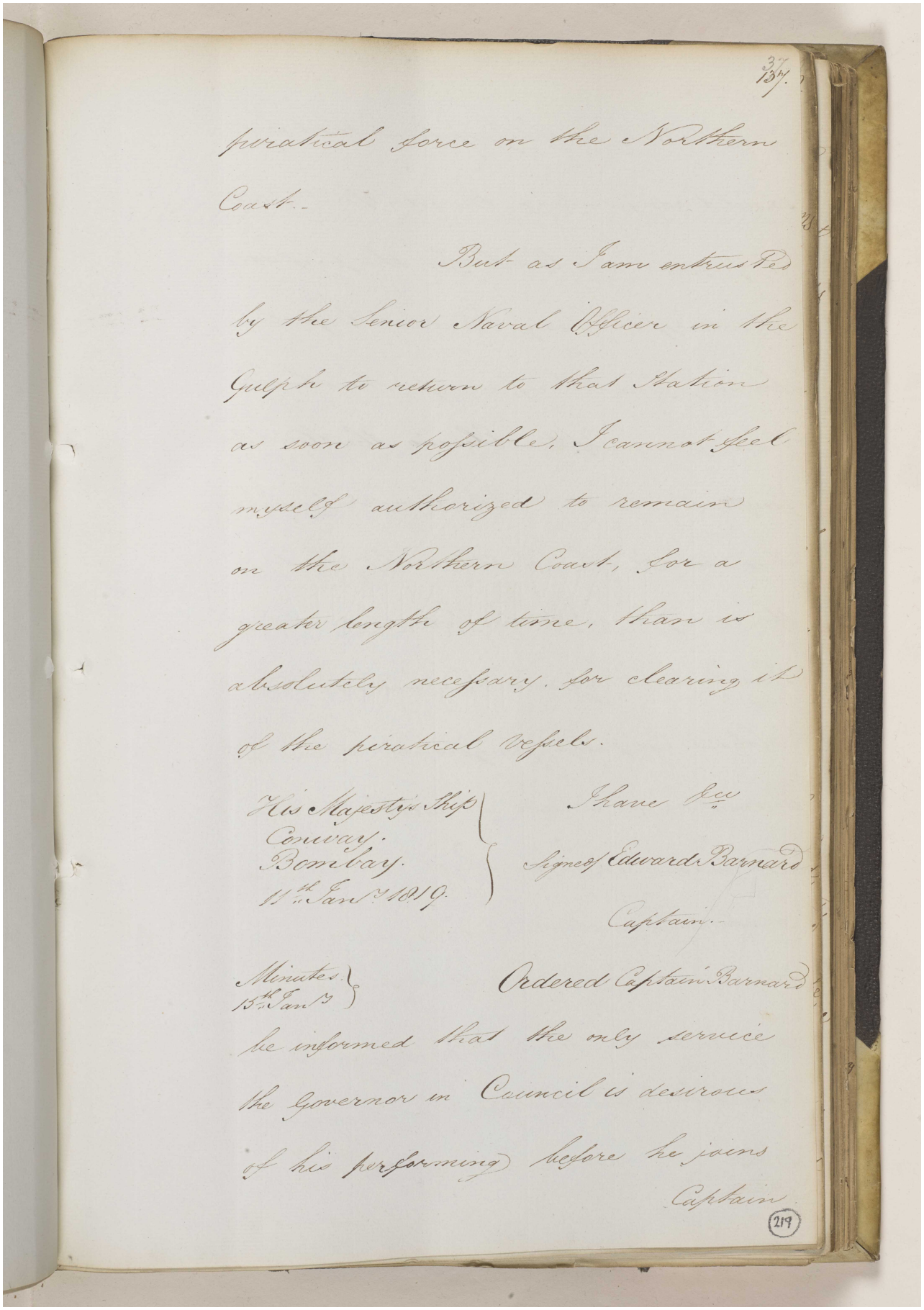


that His Majesty's Ship under my
command cannot be ready to
sail until Thursday afternoon, on
account of an unexpected delay in
procuring the necessary supply of
bread, and some other species of
provisions.

I have also to request
you will be pleased to state to
the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council, that I shall feel it
incumbent on me, to acquiesce to
any proposals he may be pleased
to make and to employ His
Majesty's Ships and my utmost
exertions in the most effective
way for the protection of the
Trade and destruction of the
piratical



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piratical force on the Northern Coast.

But as I am entrusted by the Senior Naval Officer in the Gulph to return to that Station as soon as possible, I cannot feel myself authorized to remain on the Northern Coast, for a greater length of time, than is absolutely necessary, for clearing it of the piratical Vessels.

His Majesty's Ship Conway. Bombay. 15th Jan.y 1819.

I have &c.
Signed Edward Barnard
Captain.

Minutes. 15th Jan.y

Ordered Captain Barnard be informed that the only service the Governor in Council is desirous of his performing before he joins

Captain

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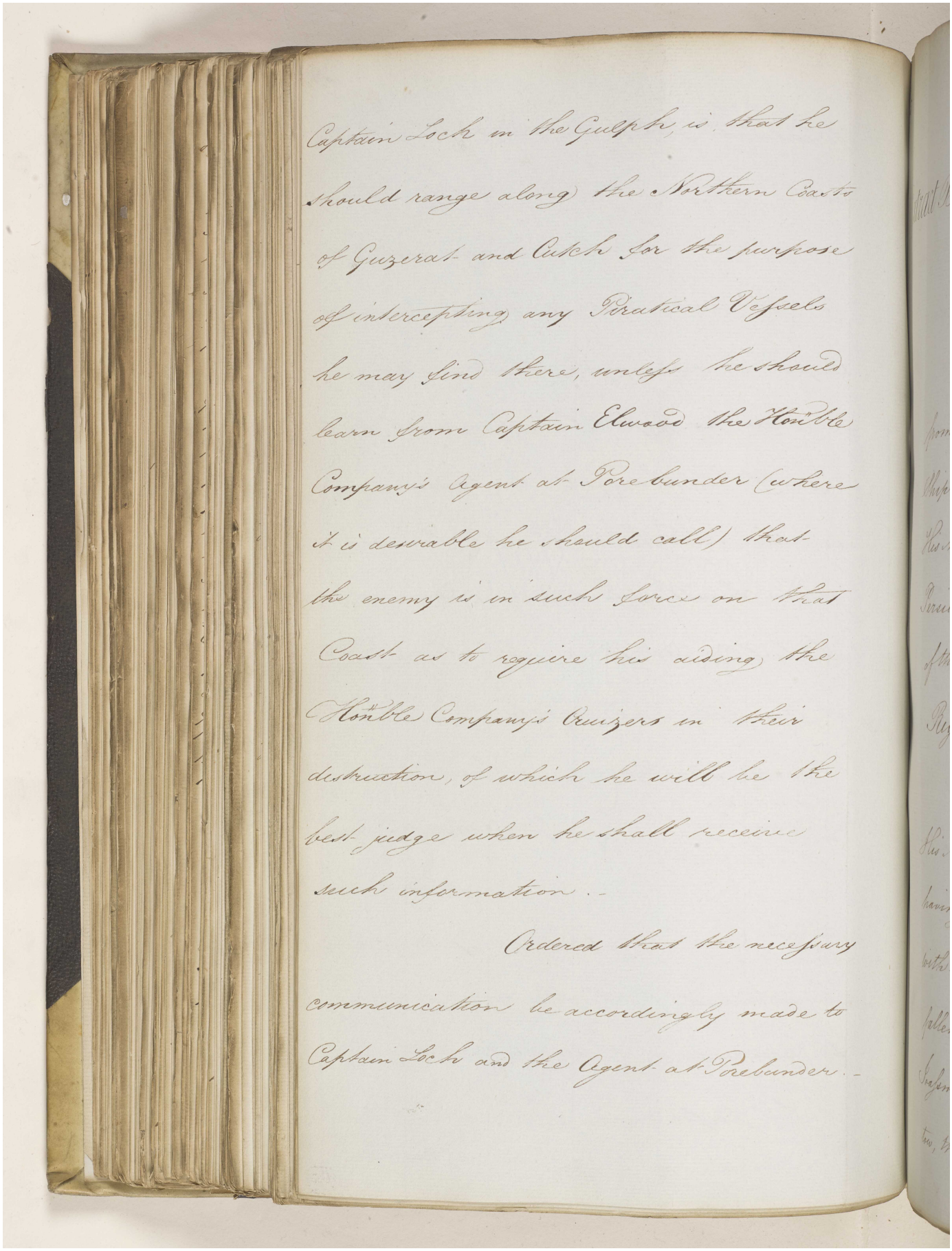
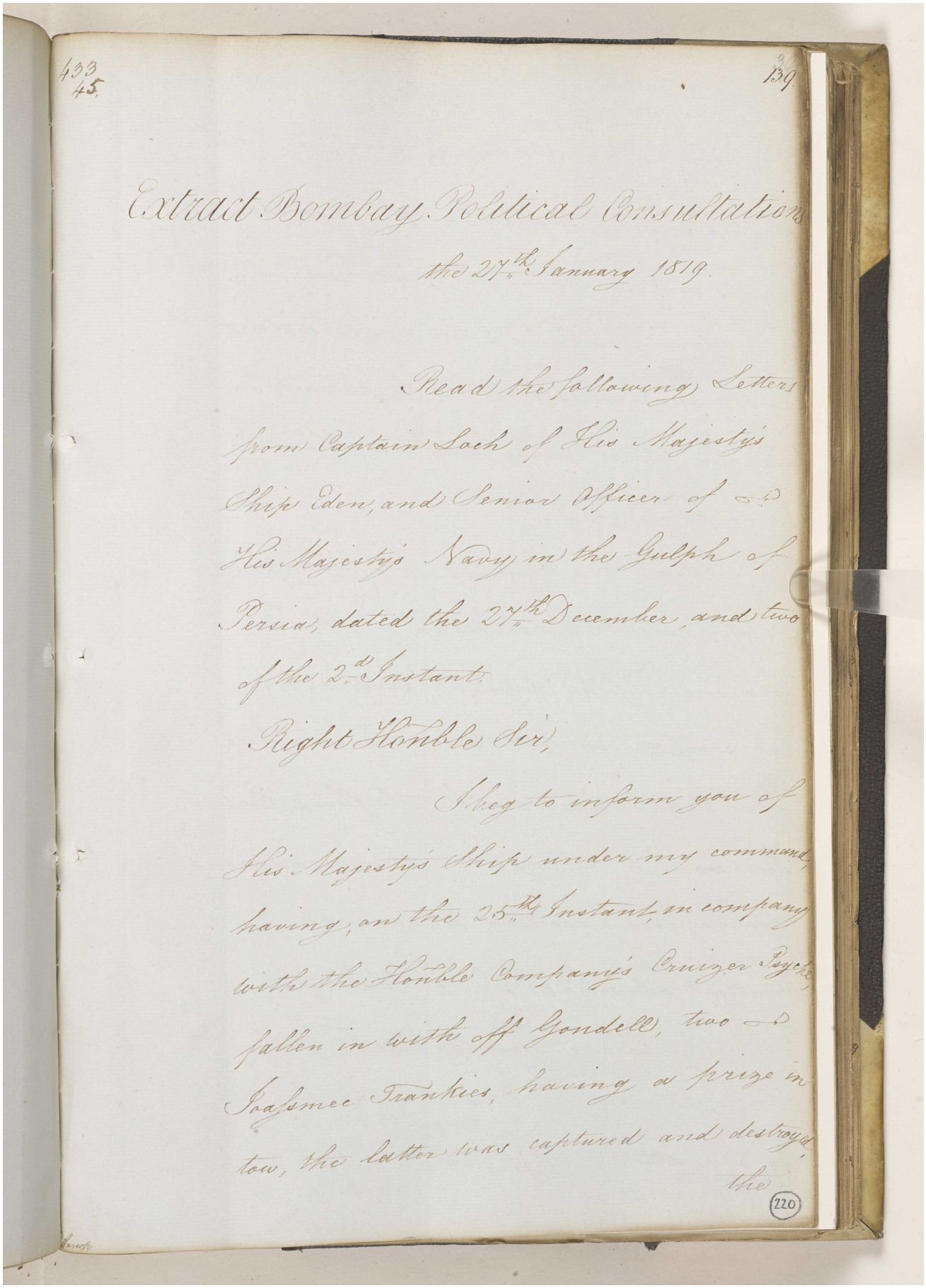


Captain Lock in the Gulph, is that he should range along the Northern Coast of Guzerat and Cutch for the purpose of intercepting any Piratical Vessels he may find there, unless he should learn from Captain Elwood the Honble Company's Agent at Porebunder (where it is desirable he should call) that the enemy is in such Force on that Coast as to require his aiding the Honble Company's Cruizers in their destruction, of which he will be the best judge when he shall receive such information.

Ordered that the necessary communication be accordingly made to Captain Lock and the Agent at Porebunder.



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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
the 27th January 1819.

Read the following Letters
from Captain Loch of His Majesty's
Ship Eden, and Senior Officer of &c
His Majesty's Navy in the Gulph of
Persia, dated the 27th December, and two
of the 2d Instant.

Right Honble Sir,

I beg to inform you of
His Majesty's Ship under my command,
having, on the 25th Instant, in company
with the Honble Company's Cruizer Psyche,
fallen in with off Gondell, two
Joasmee Trankies, having a prize in
tow, the latter was captured and destroyed,
the

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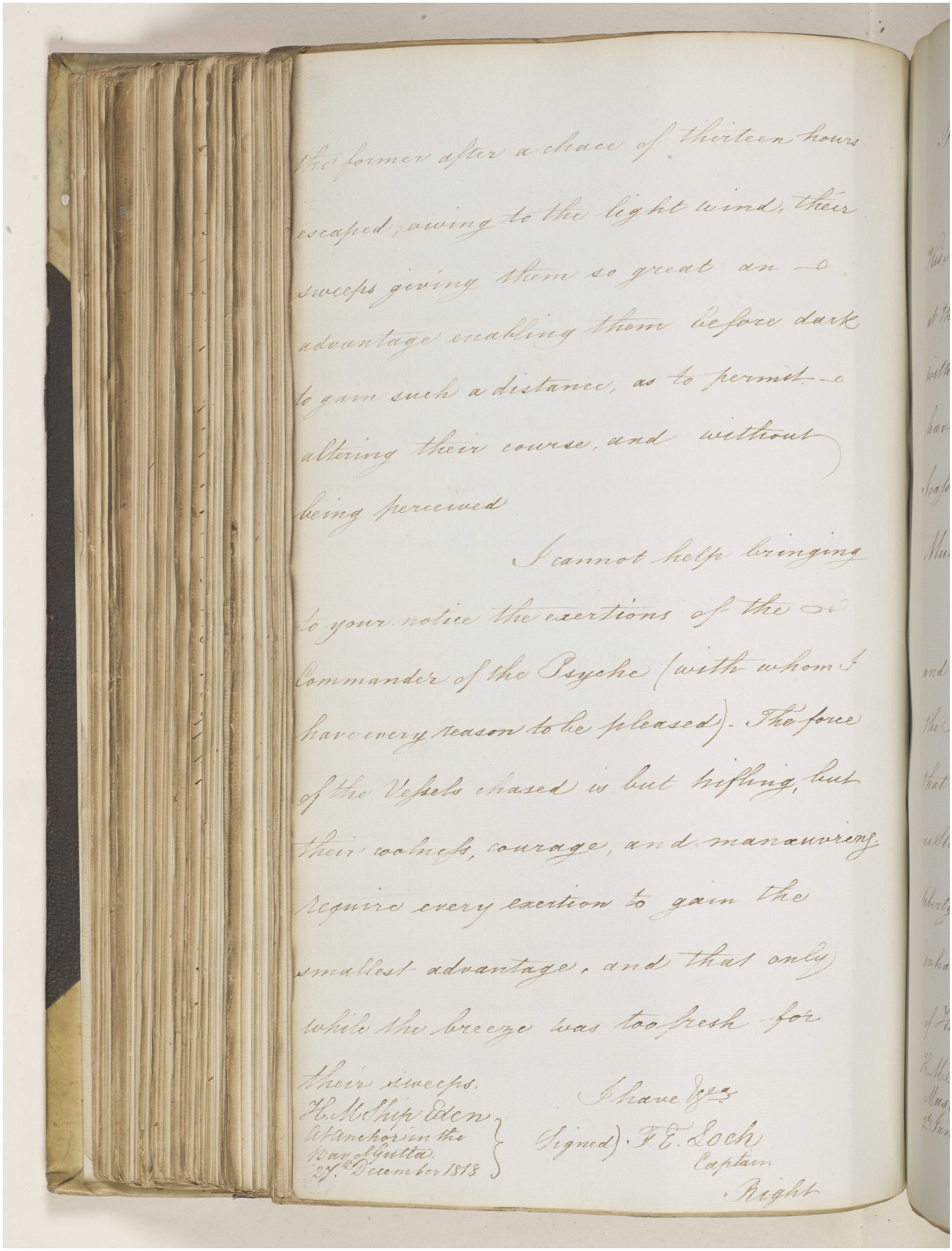

the former after a chace of thirteen hours escaped, owing to the light wind, their sweeps giving them so great an advantage enabling them before dark to gain such a distance, as to permit altering their course, and without being perceived.

I cannot help bringing to your notice the exertions of the Commander of the Psyche (with whom I have every reason to be pleased). The force of the Vessels chased is but trifling, but their coolness, courage, and manœuvring require every exertion to gain the smallest advantage, and that only while the breeze was too fresh for their sweeps.

I have &c.

H.M. Ship Eden
At Anchor in the Bay of Gutta
27th December 1818

Signed) F. E. Loch
Captain

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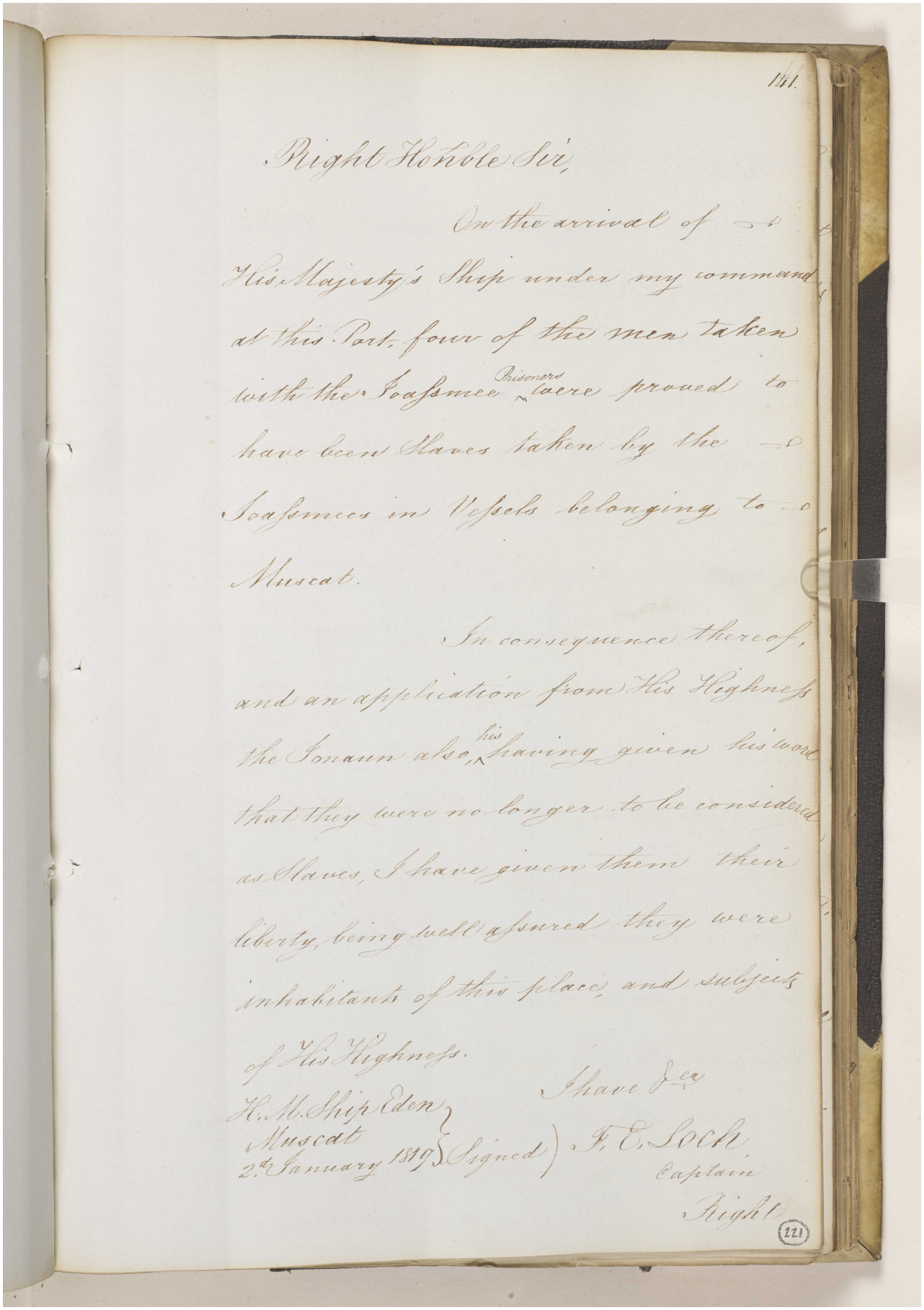

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Right Honble Sir,

On the arrival of
His Majesty's Ship under my command
at this Port, four of the men taken
with the Joasmee Prisoners were proved to
have been Slaves taken by the
Joasmees in Vessels belonging to
Muscat.

In consequence thereof,
and an application from His Highness
the Imaun also, his having given his word
that they were no longer to be considered
as Slaves, I have given them their
liberty, being well assured they were
inhabitants of this place, and subjects
of His Highness.

I have &c.

H.M. Ship Eden
Muscat
2d January 1819

(Signed) F. E. Loch
Captain

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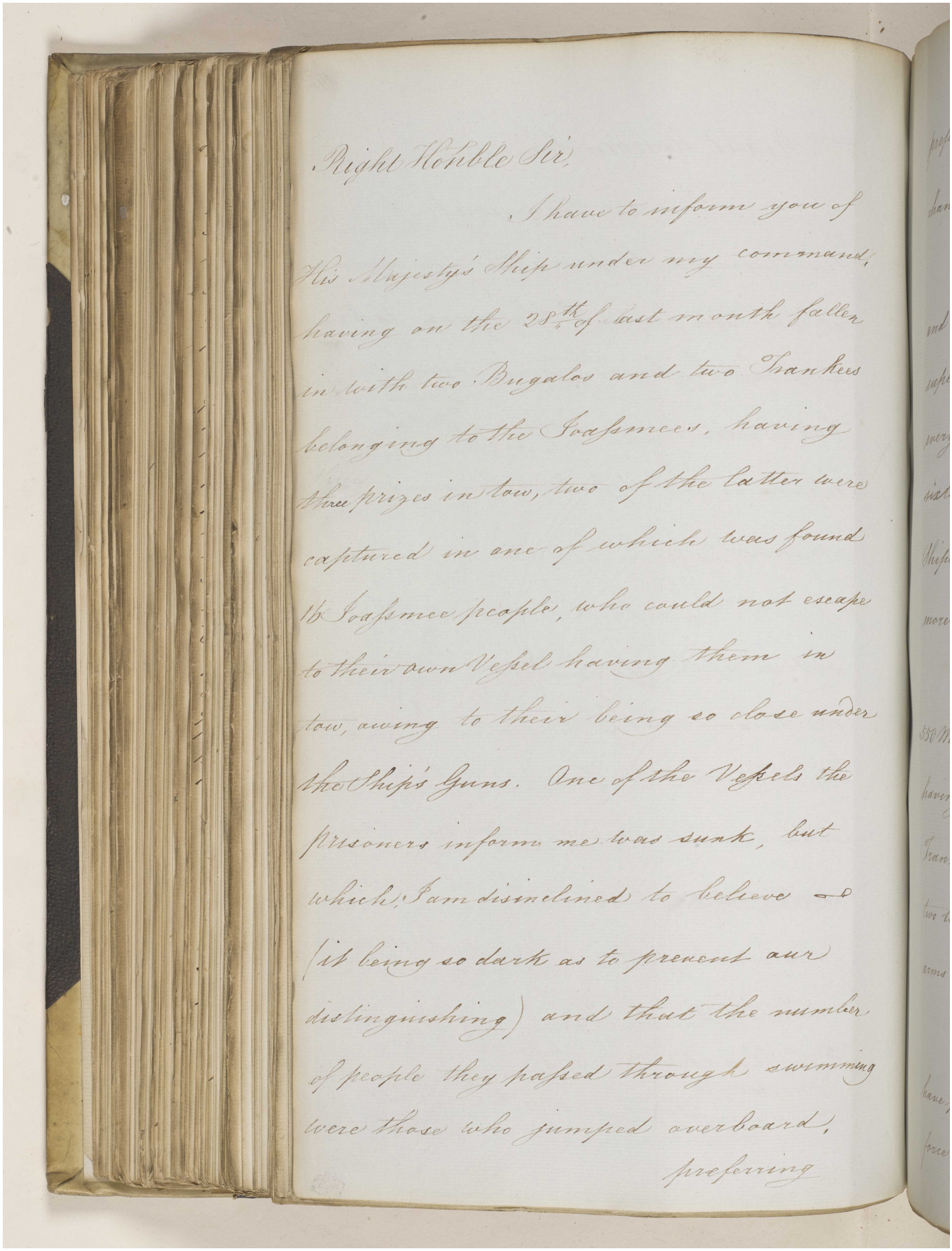
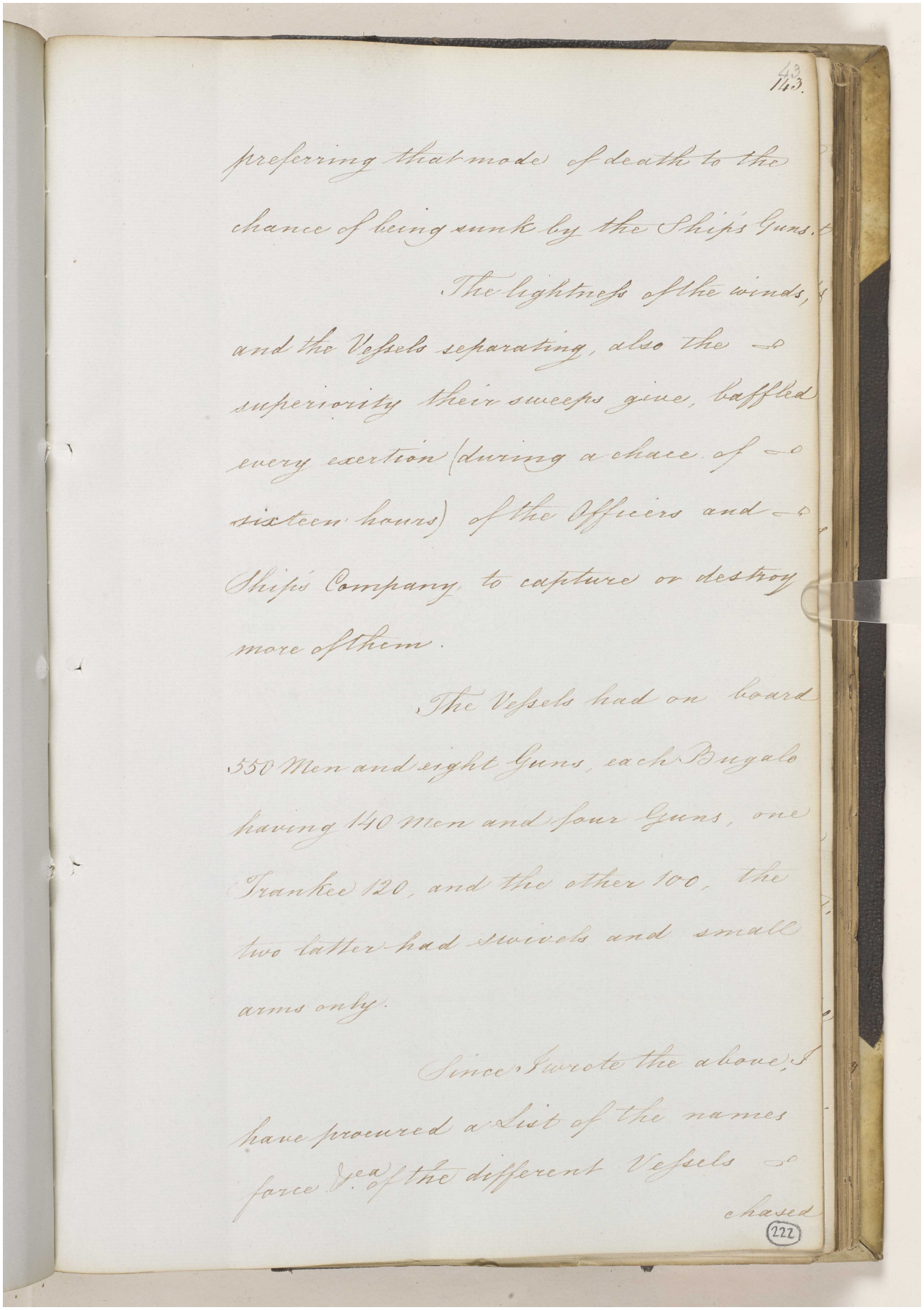


Right Honble Sir

I have to inform you of His Majesty's Ship under my command having on the 28th of last month fallen in with two Bugalos and two Shankes belonging to the Joasmees, having three prizes in tow, two of the latter were captured in one of which was found 16 Joasmee people, who could not escape to their own Vessel having them in tow, owing to their being so close under the Ship's Guns. One of the Vessels the prisoners inform me was sunk, but which I am disinclined to believe — (it being so dark as to prevent our distinguishing) and that the number of people they passed through swimming were those who jumped overboard, preferring



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preferring that mode of death to the chance of being sunk by the Ship's Guns.

The lightness of the winds, and the Vessels separating, also the superiority their sweeps give, baffled every exertion (during a chace of sixteen hours) of the Officers and Ship's Company, to capture or destroy more of them.

The Vessels had on board 350 Men and eight Guns, each Bugalo having 140 Men and four Guns, one Frankee 120, and the other 100, the two latter had Swivels and small arms only.

Since I wrote the above, I have procured a List of the names force &c. of the different Vessels chased

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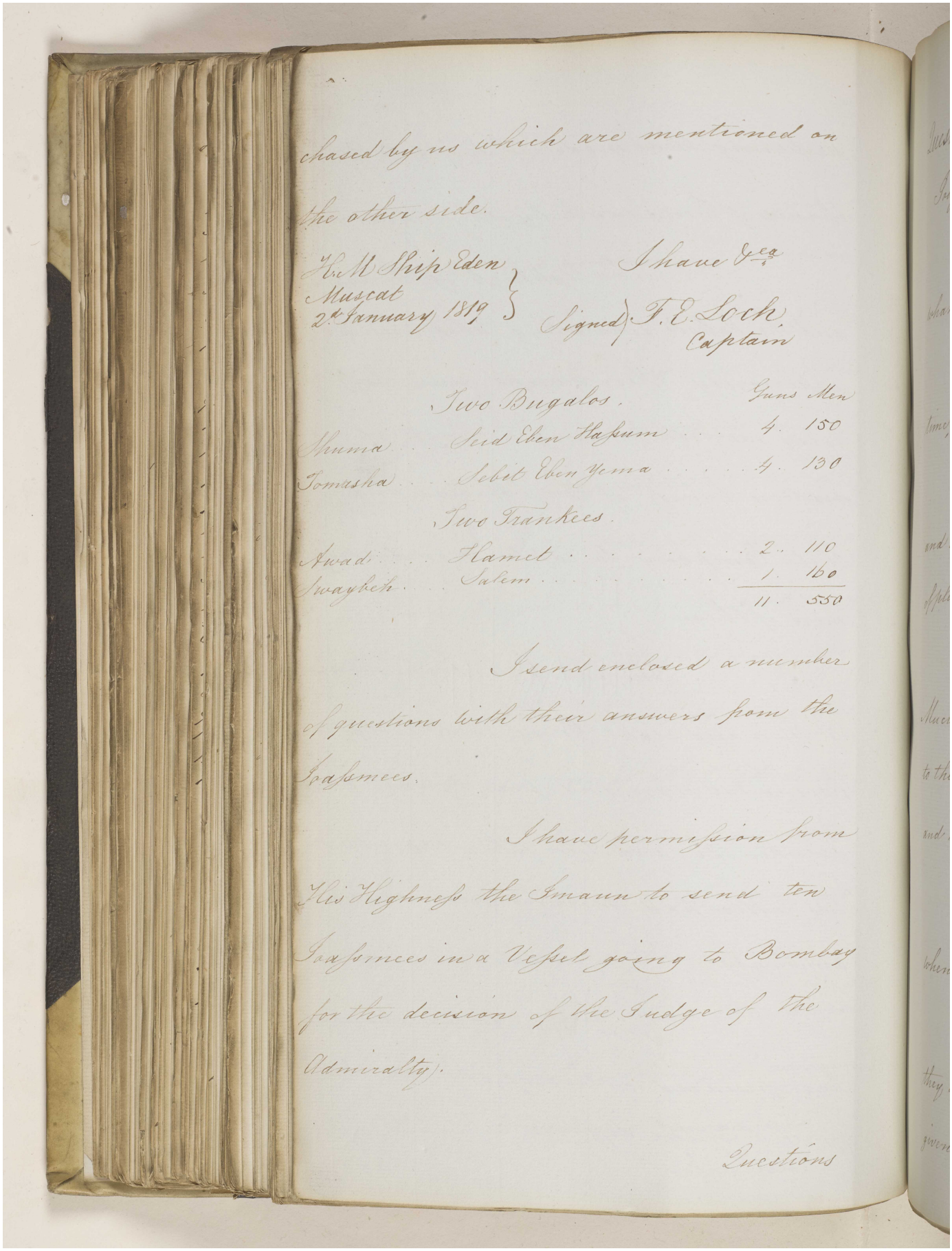


chased by us which are mentioned on the other side.

H.M Ship Eden
Muscat
2d January 1819

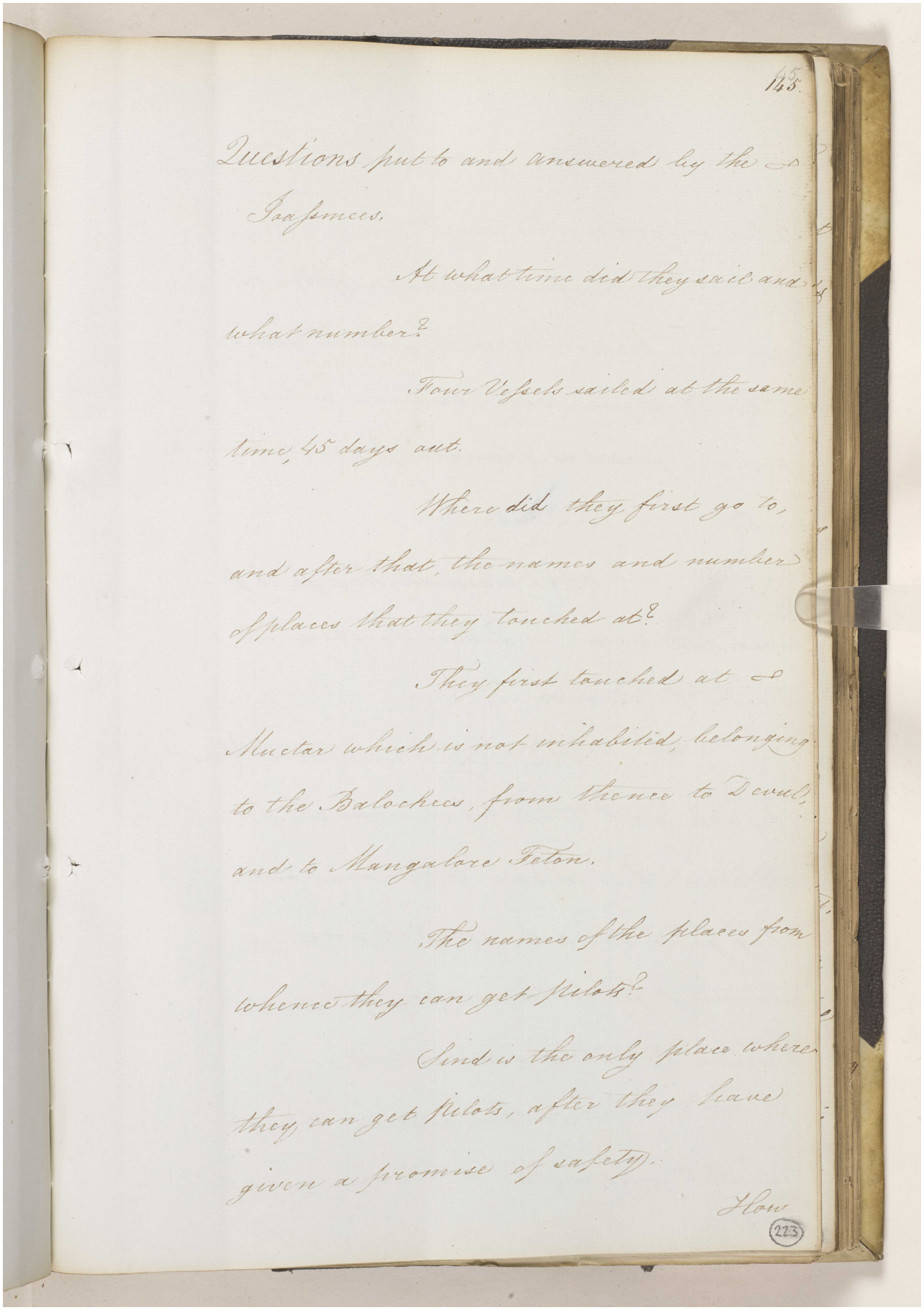
I have &ca
Signed) F. E. Loch
Captain

		Guns	Men
	Two Bugalos.		
Shuma	Seid Eben Hassum	4.	150
Tomasha	Sebit Eben Yema	4.	130
	Two Trankees.		
Awad	Hamet	2.	110
Swaybeh	Salem	1.	160
		11.	550

I send enclosed a number of questions with their answers from the Joassmees.

I have permission from His Highness the Imaun to send ten Joassmees in a Vessel going to Bombay for the decision of the Judge of the Admiralty.

Questions



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Questions put to and answered by the Joasmees.

At what time did they sail and what number?

Four Vessels sailed at the same time, 45 days ant.

Where did they first go to, and after that, the names and number of places that they touched at?

They first touched at Muctar which is not inhabited, belonging to the Balochees, from thence to Dewul, and to Mangalore Peton.

The names of the places from whence they can get Pilots?

Sind is the only place where they can get Pilots, after they have given a promise of safety.

How

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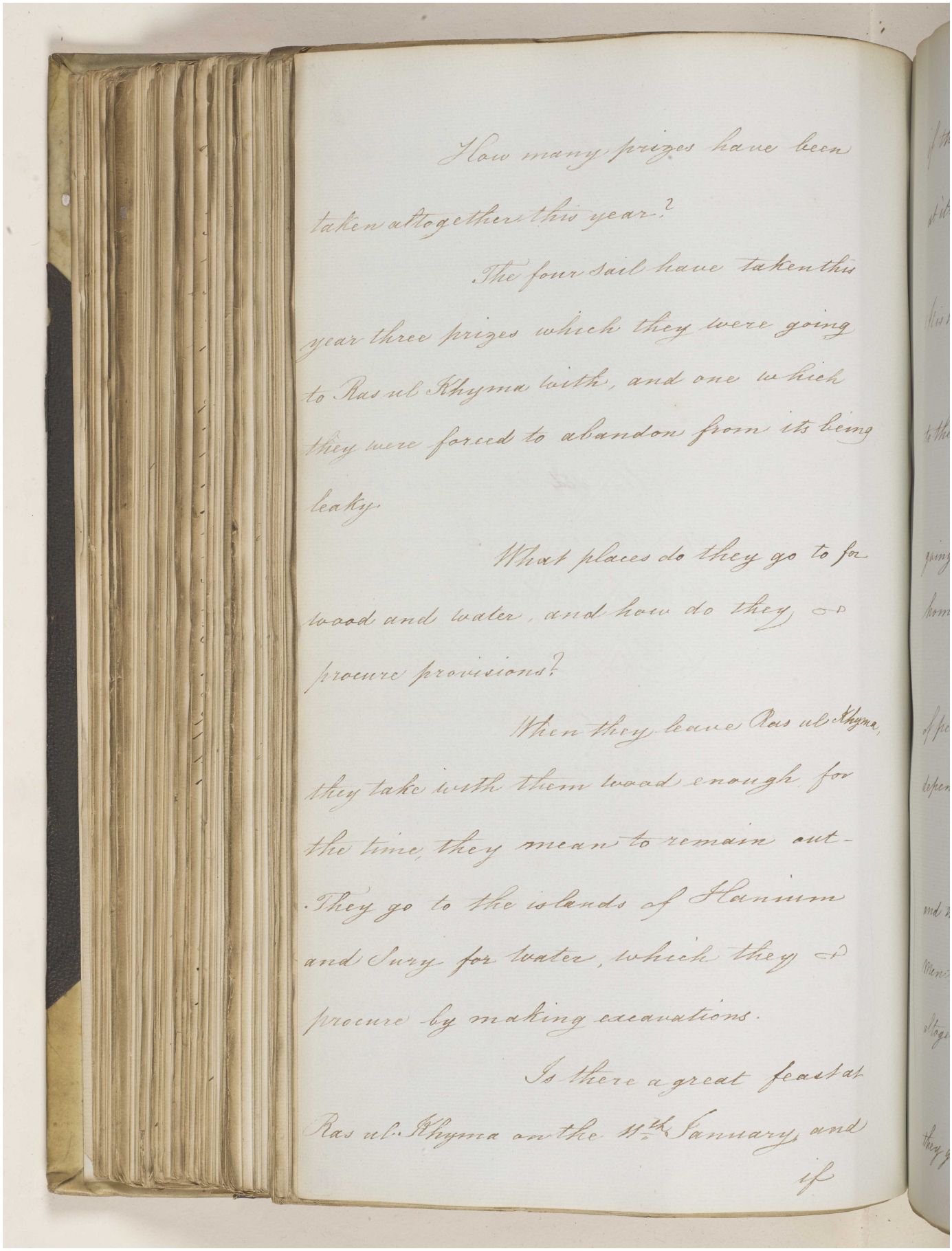


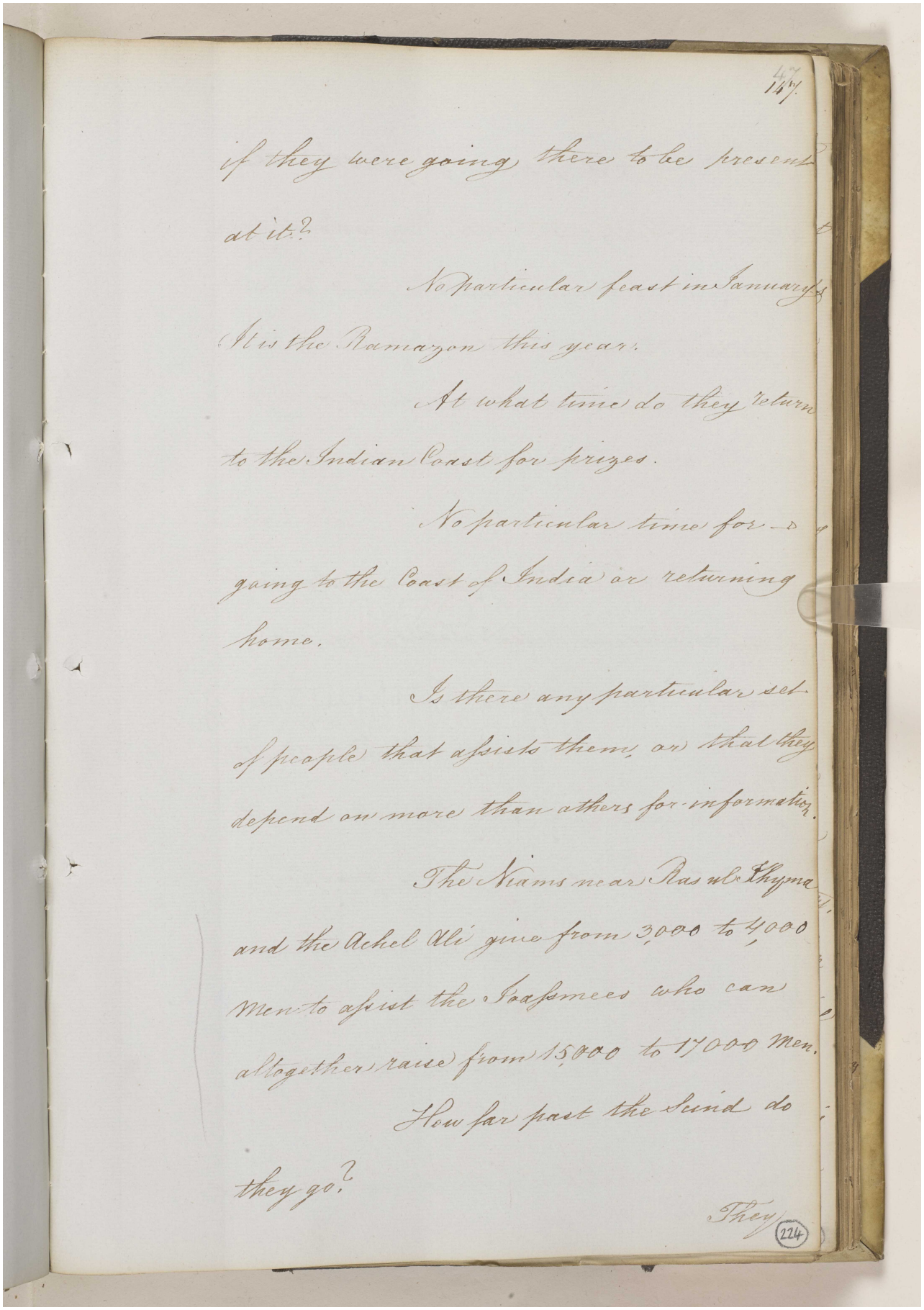
How many prizes have been taken altogether this year?

The four sail have taken this year three prizes which they were going to Ras ul Khyma with, and one which they were forced to abandon from its being leaky.

What places do they go to for wood and water, and how do they procure provisions?

When they leave Ras ul Khyma, they take with them wood enough for the time they mean to remain out. They go to the islands of Hanimm and Sury for water, which they procure by making excavations.

Is there a great feast at Ras ul Khyma on the 11th January, and if



if they were going there to be present at it?

No particular feast in January. It is the Ramazan this year.

At what time do they return to the Indian Coast for prizes.

No particular time for going to the Coast of India or returning home.

Is there any particular set of people that assists them, or that they depend on more than others for information.

The Nuams near Ras ul Khyma and the Achel Ali give from 3,000 to 4,000 Men to assist the Joasmees who can altogether raise from 15,000 to 17,000 Men.

How far past the Sind do they go?

They

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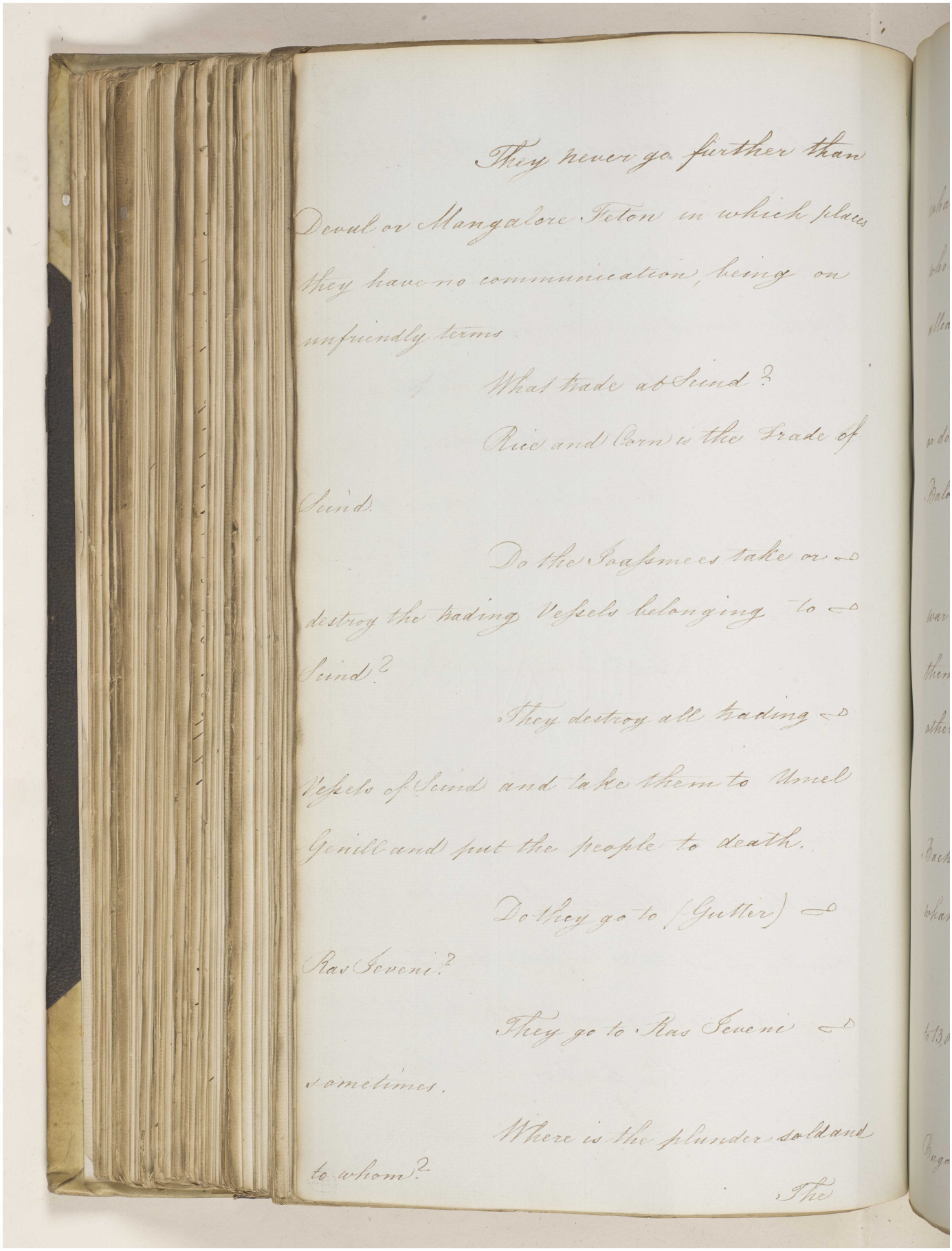

They never go further than
Deval or Mangalore Teton in which places
they have no communication, being on
unfriendly terms.

What trade at Scind?

Rice and Corn is the Trade of
Scind.

Do the Joasmees take or
destroy the trading Vessels belonging to
Scind?

They destroy all trading
Vessels of Scind and take them to Umel
Genill and put the people to death.

Do they go to (Gutter)
Ras Sevene?

They go to Ras Sevene
sometimes.

Where is the plunder sold and
to whom?

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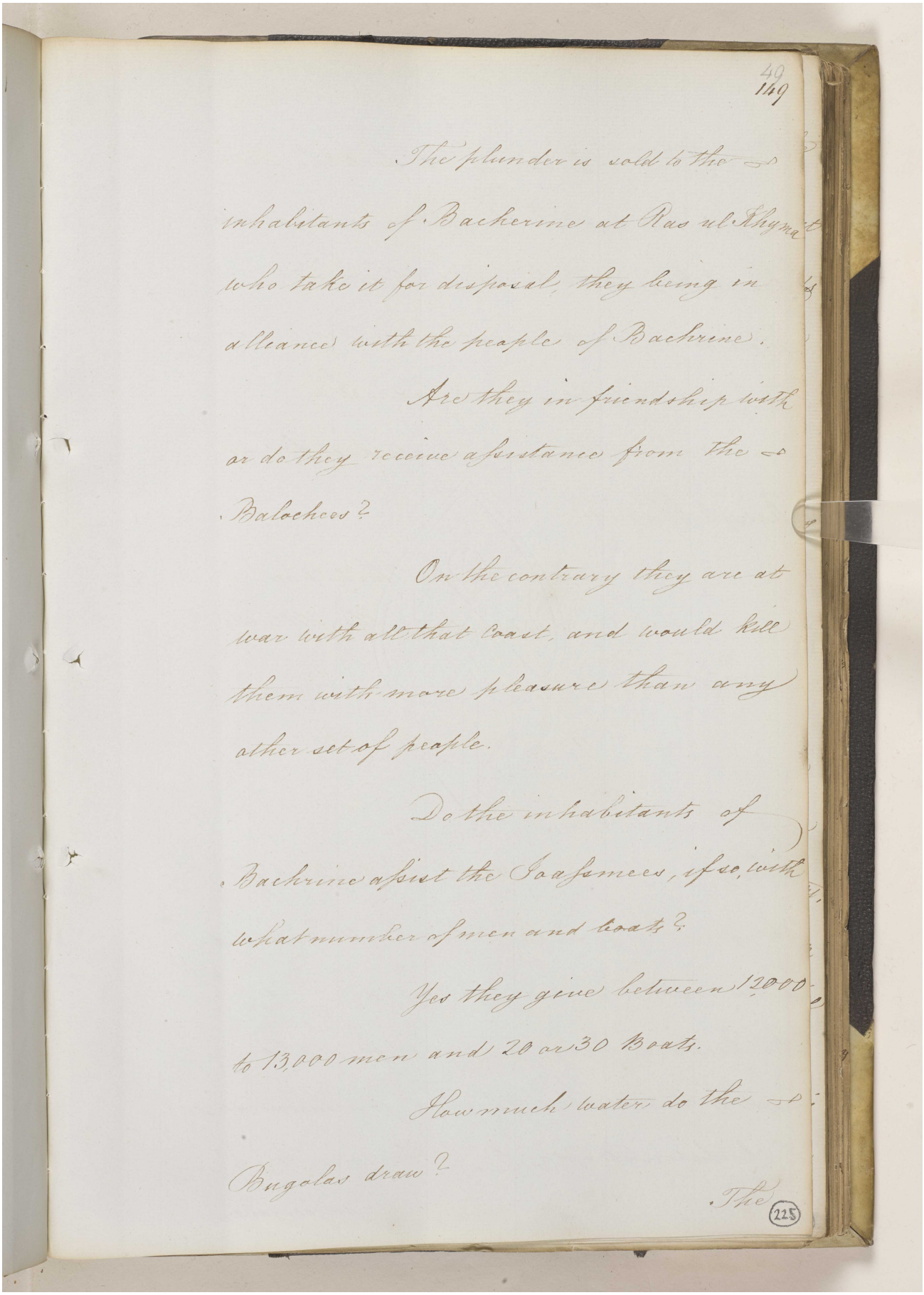

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The plunder is sold to the
inhabitants of Bachirine at Ras ul Khyma
who take it for disposal, they being in
alliance with the people of Bachirine.

Are they in friendship with
or do they receive assistance from the
Balochees?

On the contrary they are at
war with all that Coast, and would kill
them with more pleasure than any
other set of people.

Do the inhabitants of
Bachirine assist the Joasmees, if so, with
what number of men and boats?

Yes they give between 12000
to 13,000 men and 20 or 30 Boats.

How much water do the
Bugalas draw?

The

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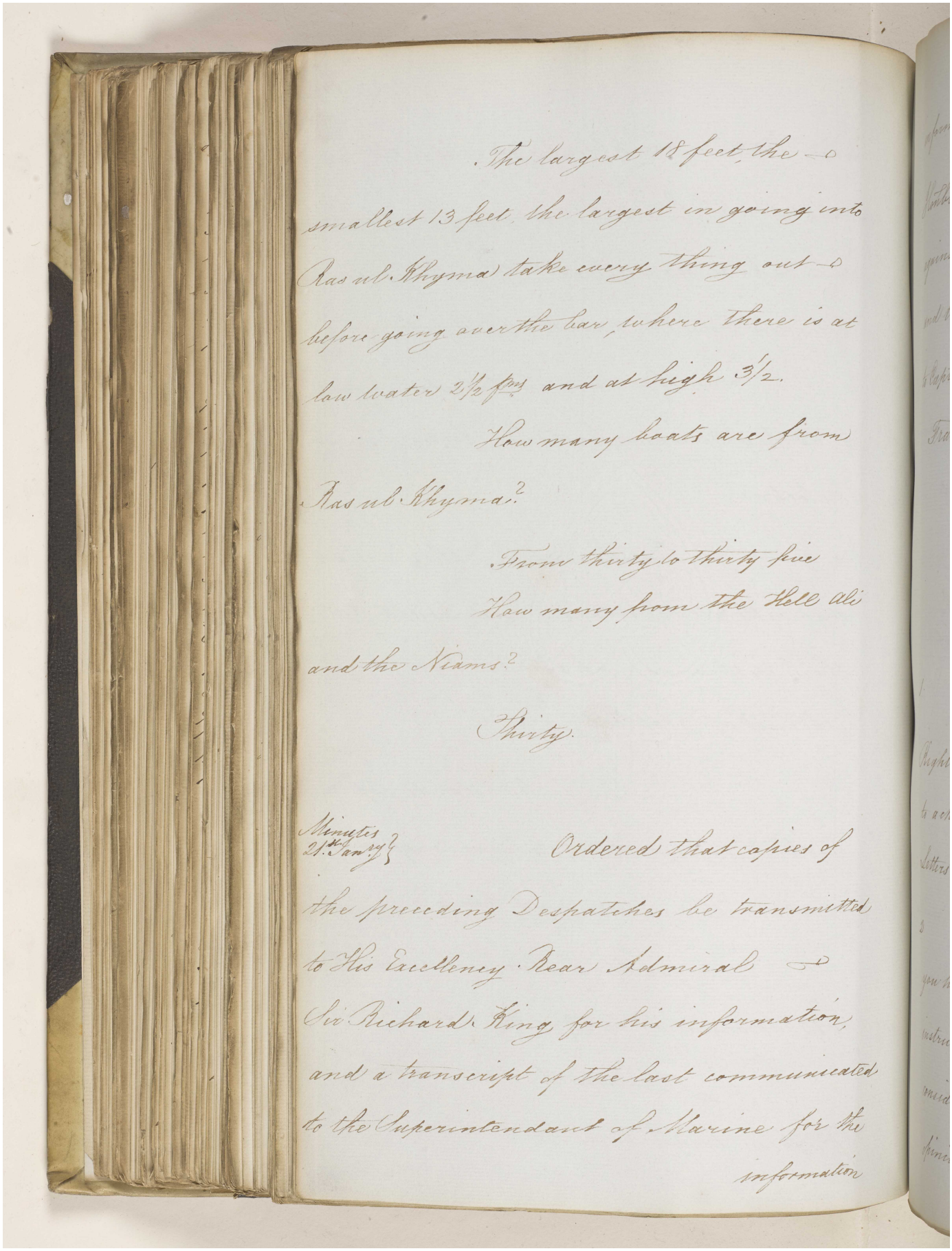

The largest 18 feet, the smallest 13 feet, the largest in going into Ras ul Khyma take every thing out before going over the bar, where there is at low water 2½ fms and at high 3½.

How many boats are from Ras ul Khyma?

From thirty to thirty five

How many from the Hell Ali and the Niams?

Thirty.

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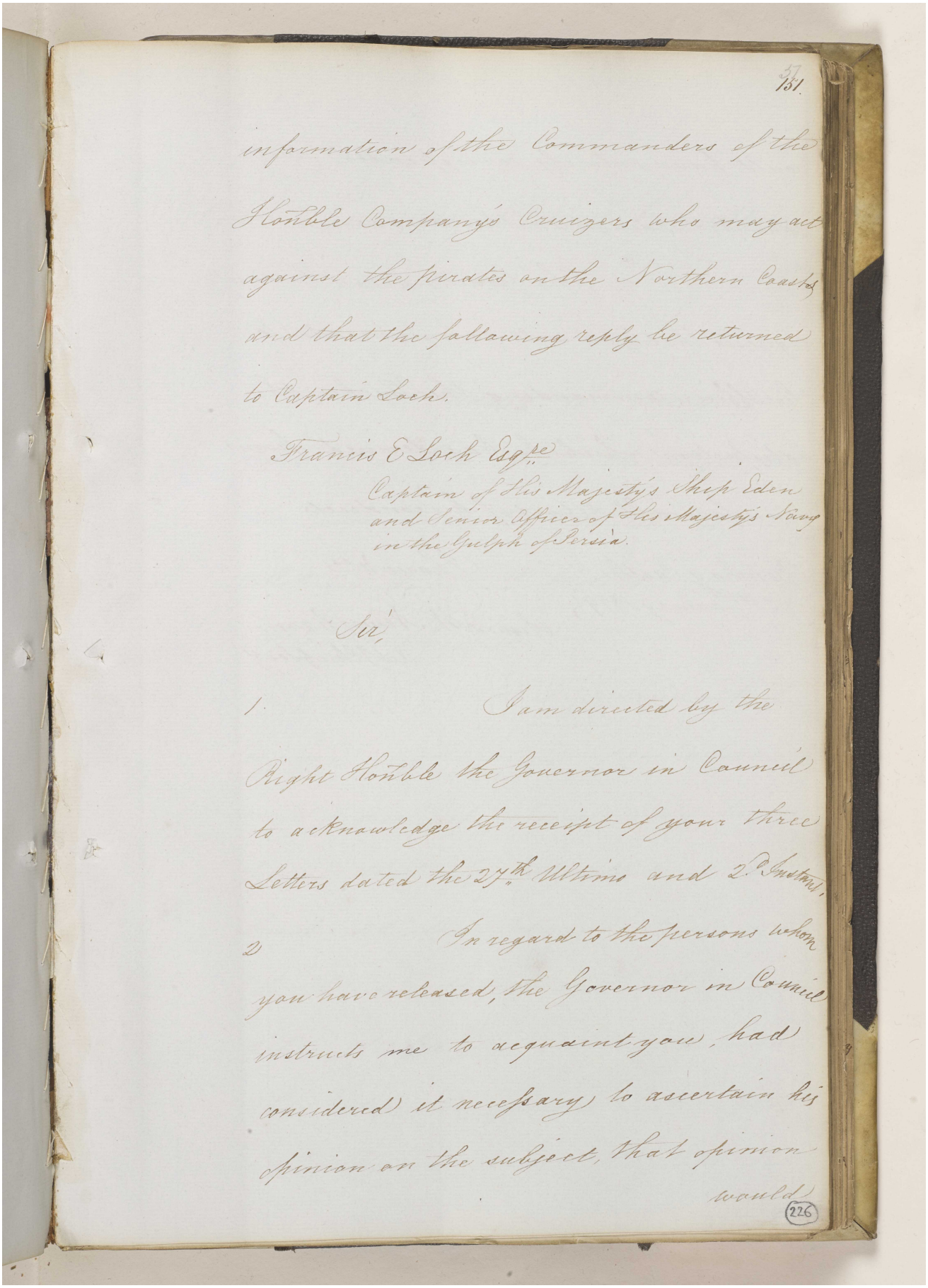

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information of the Commanders of the Honble Company's Cruizers who may act against the pirates on the Northern Coasts and that the following reply be returned to Captain Loch.

Francis E Loch Esqre
Captain of His Majesty's Ship Eden and Senior Officer of His Majesty's Navy in the Gulph of Persia.

Sir,

1. I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your three Letters dated the 27th Ultimo and 2d Instant,

2 In regard to the persons whom you have released, the Governor in Council instructs me to acquaint you, had considered it necessary to ascertain his opinion on the subject, that opinion would

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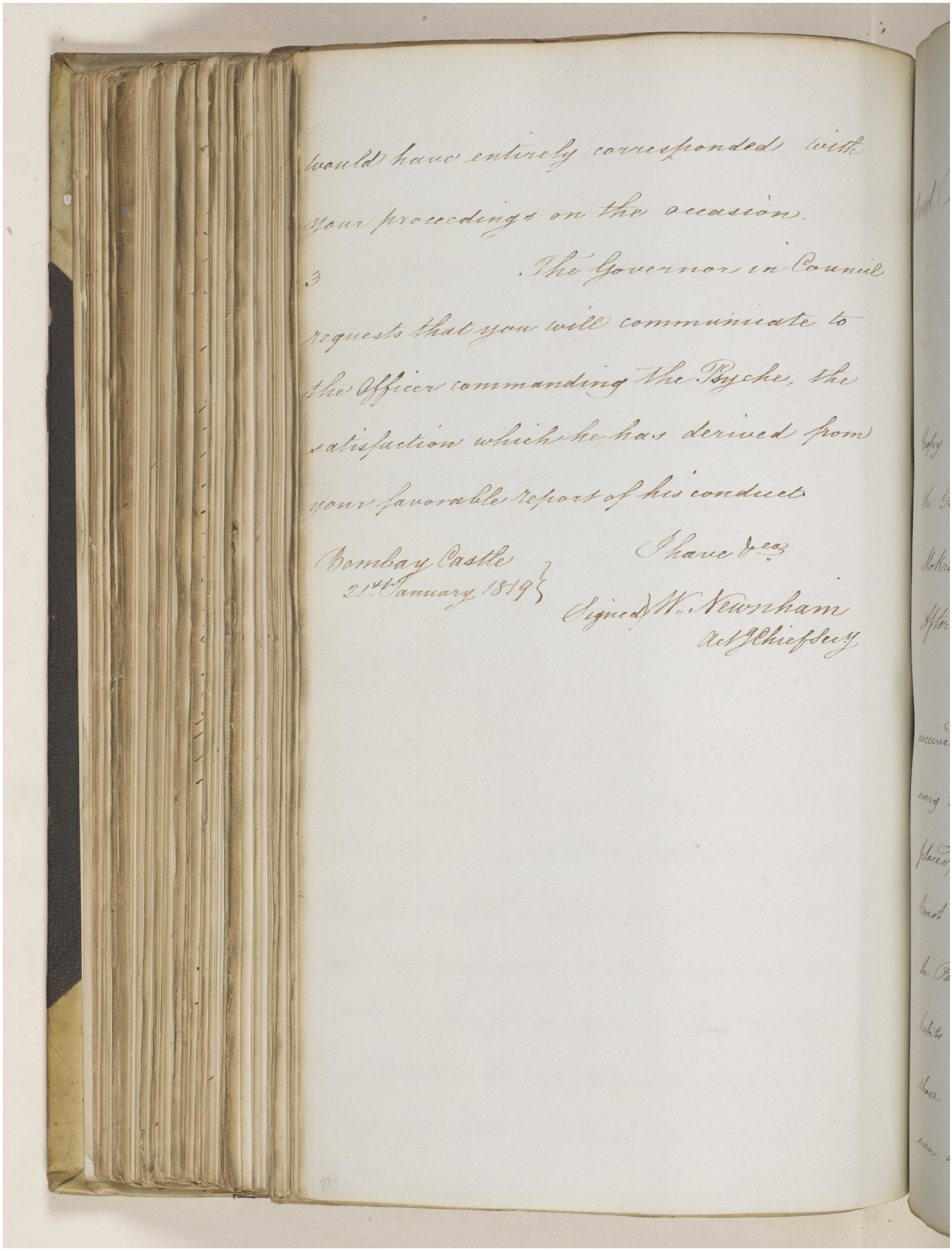


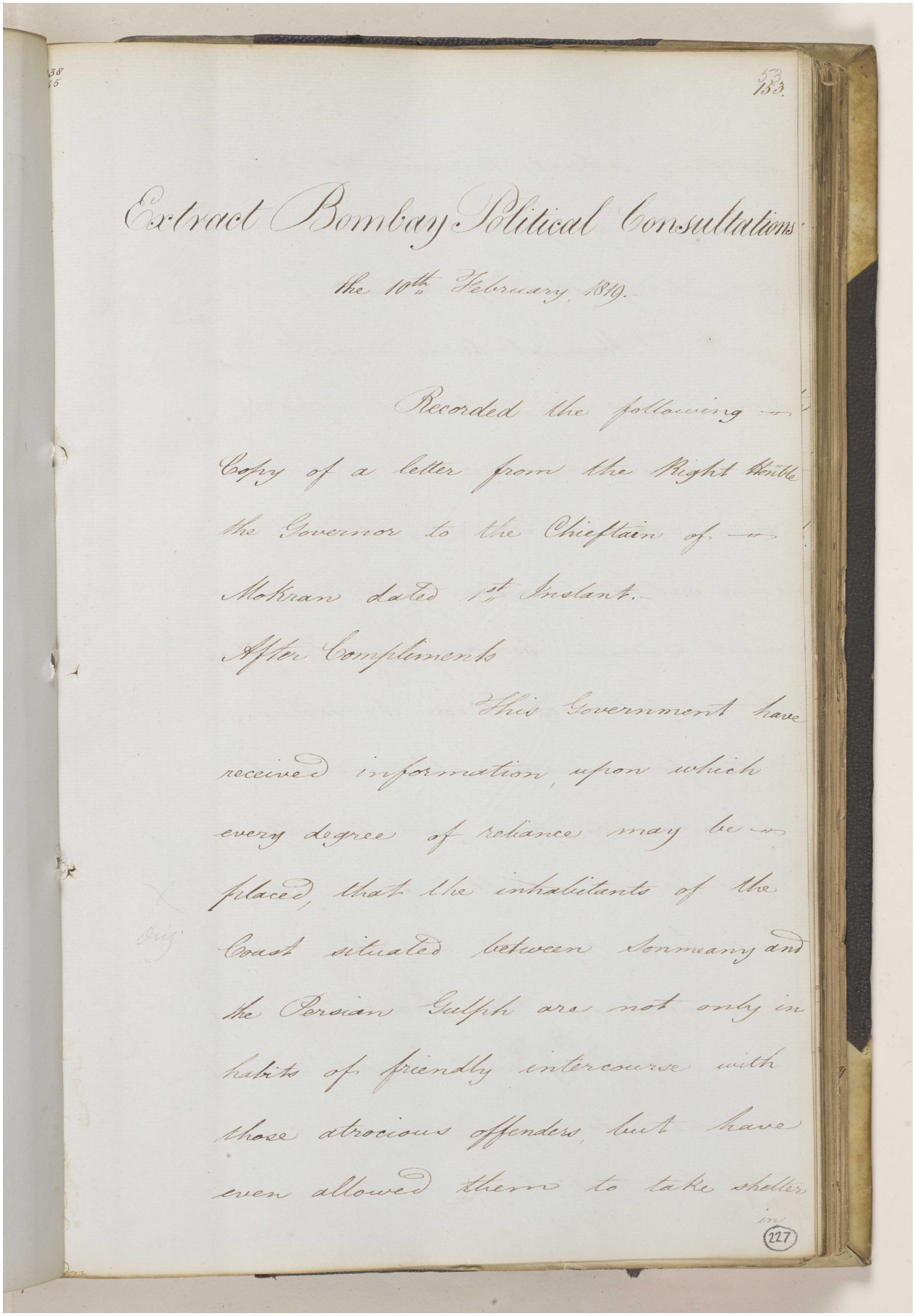
would have entirely corresponded with your proceedings on the occasion.

3. The Governor in Council requests that you will communicate to the Officer commanding the Psyche, the satisfaction which he has derived from your favorable report of his conduct.

I have &c.

Bombay Castle
21st January 1819

Signed W. Newnham
Act Chief Secy



Extract Bombay Political Consultations

the 10th February 1819.

Recorded the following —

Copy of a letter from the Right Honble the Governor to the Chieftain of — Mokran dated 1st Instant.

After Compliments

This Government have received information, upon which every degree of reliance may be — placed, that the inhabitants of the Coast situated between Sonmeany and the Persian Gulph are not only in habits of friendly intercourse with those atrocious offenders, but have even allowed them to take shelter in

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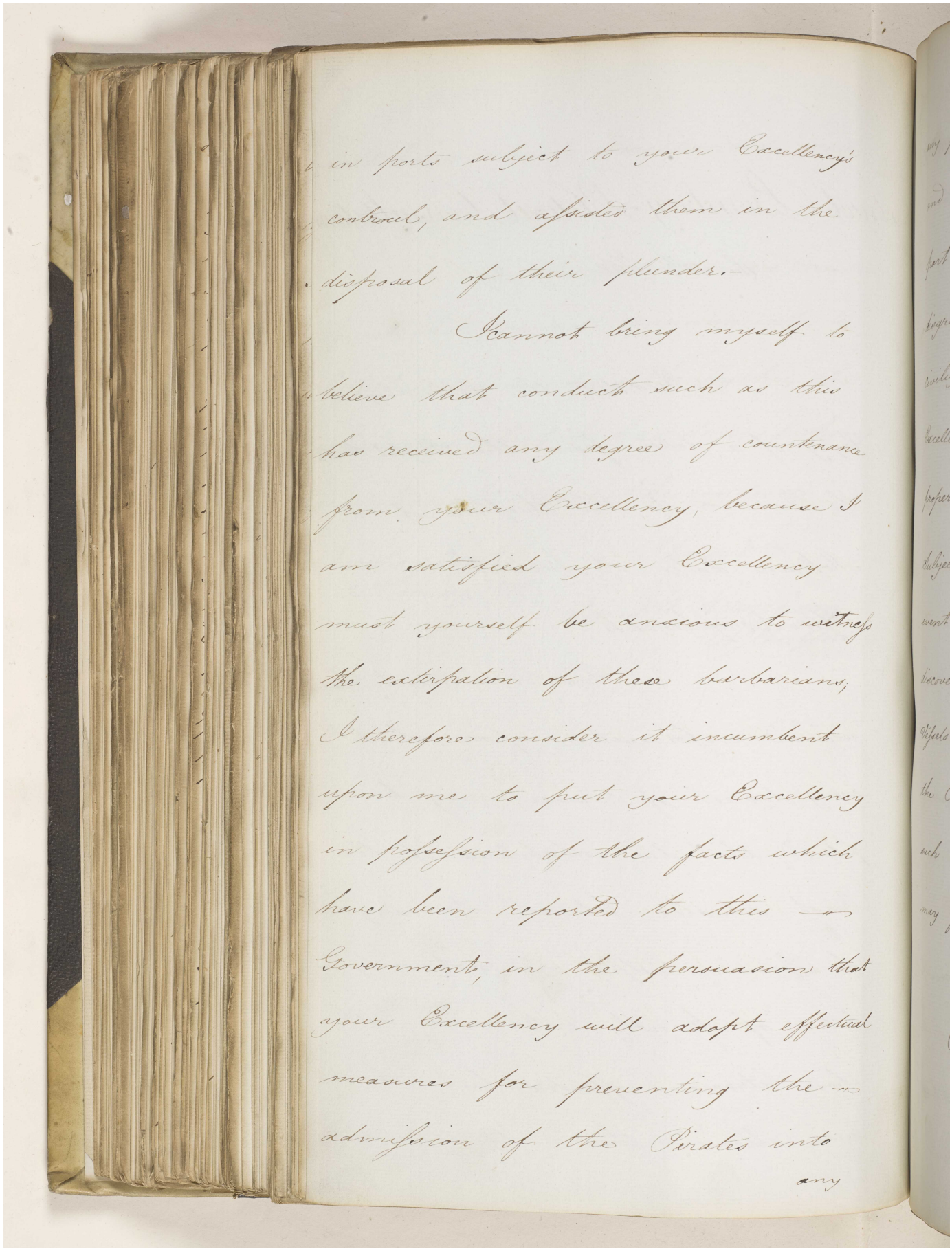

in ports subject to your Excellency's
convoul, and assisted them in the
disposal of their plunder.

I cannot bring myself to
believe that conduct such as this
has received any degree of countenance
from your Excellency, because I
am satisfied your Excellency
must yourself be anxious to witness
the extirpation of these barbarians,
I therefore consider it incumbent
upon me to put your Excellency
in possession of the facts which
have been reported to this
Government, in the persuasion that
your Excellency will adopt effectual
measures for preventing the
admission of the Pirates into
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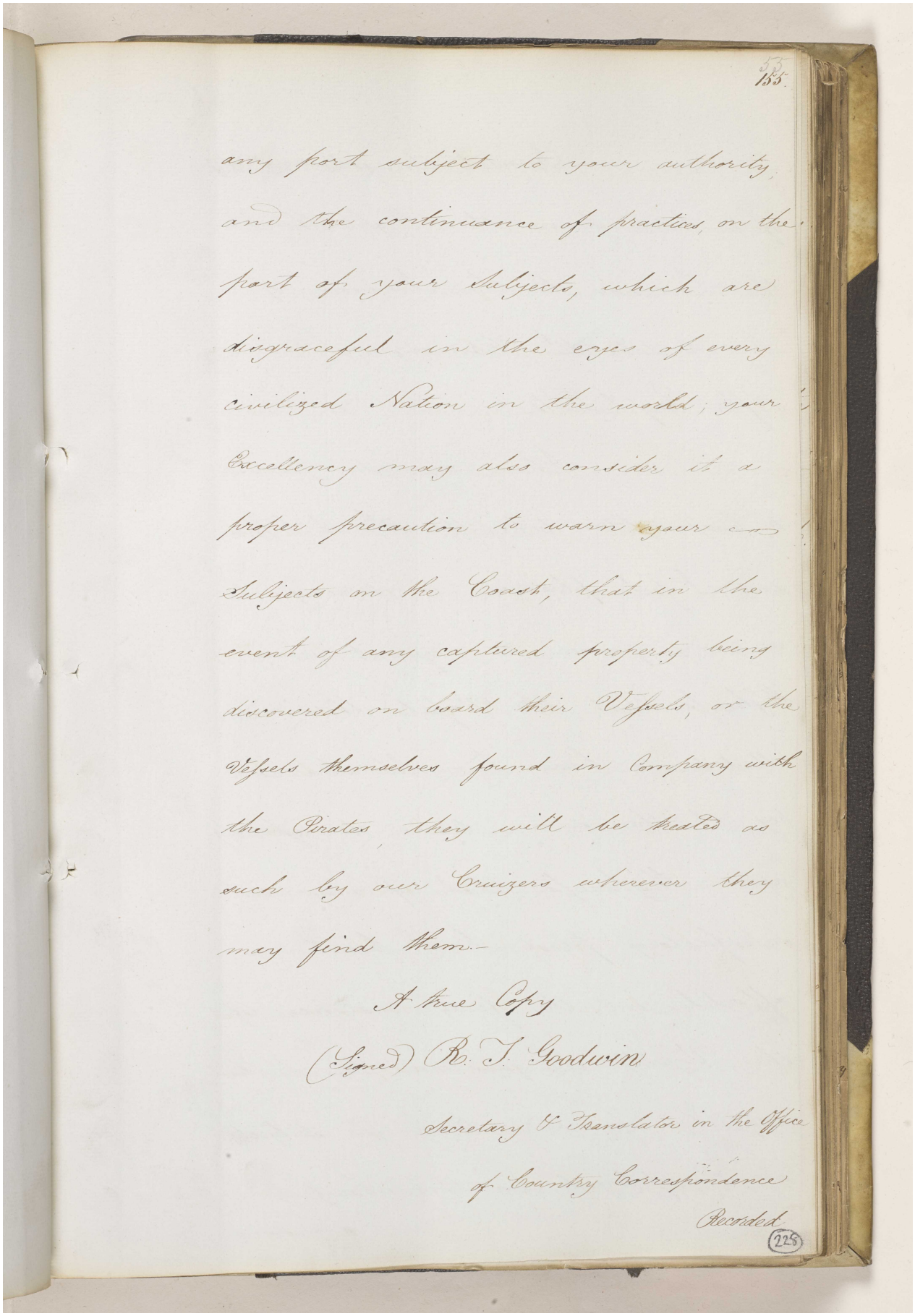

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any port subject to your authority, and the continuance of practices on the part of your Subjects, which are disgraceful in the eyes of every civilized Nation in the world; your Excellency may also consider it a proper precaution to warn your Subjects on the Coast, that in the event of any captured property being discovered on board their Vessels, or the Vessels themselves found in Company with the Pirates, they will be treated as such by our Cruizers wherever they may find them.

A true Copy

(Signed) R. T. Goodwin

Secretary & Translator in the Office of Country Correspondence

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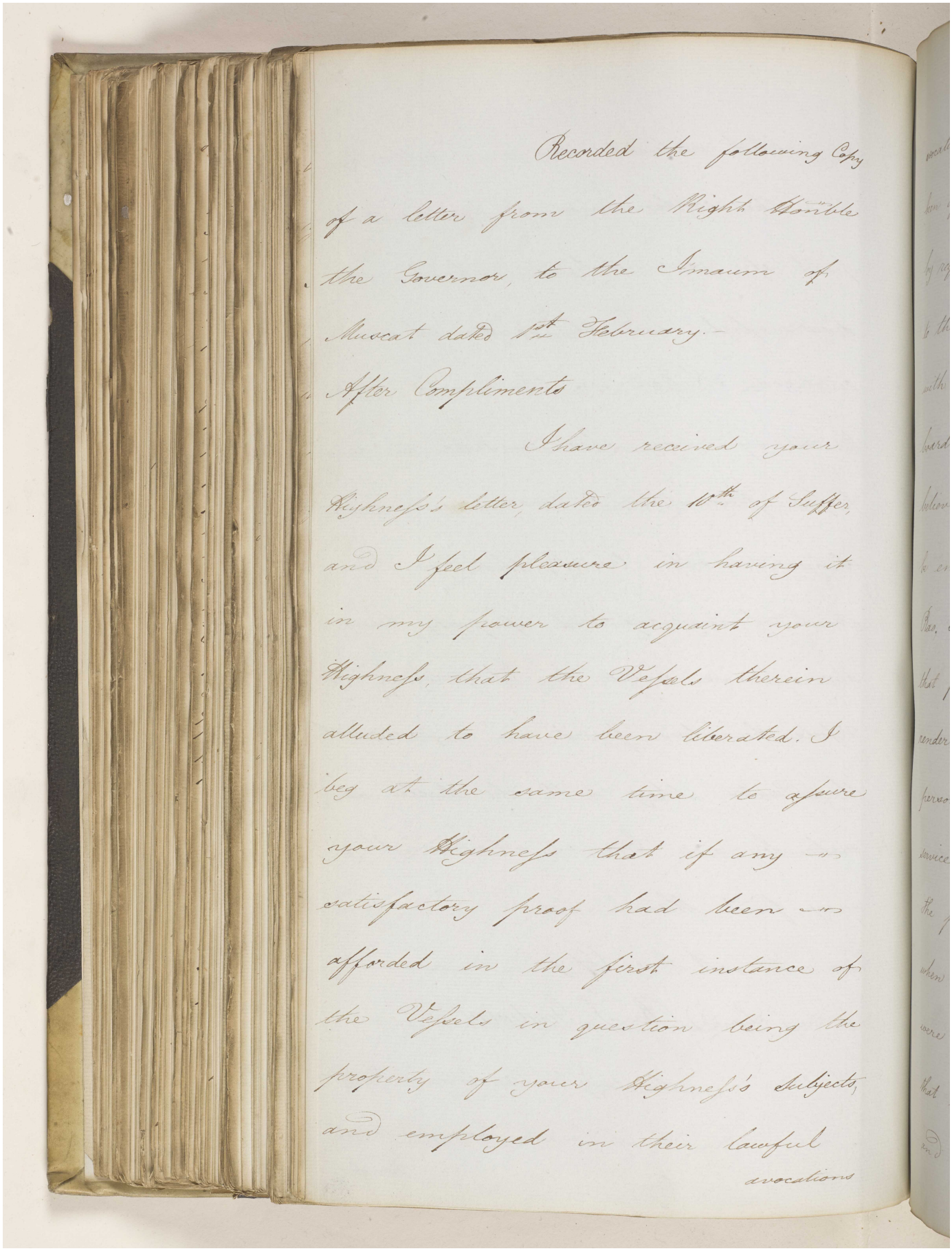
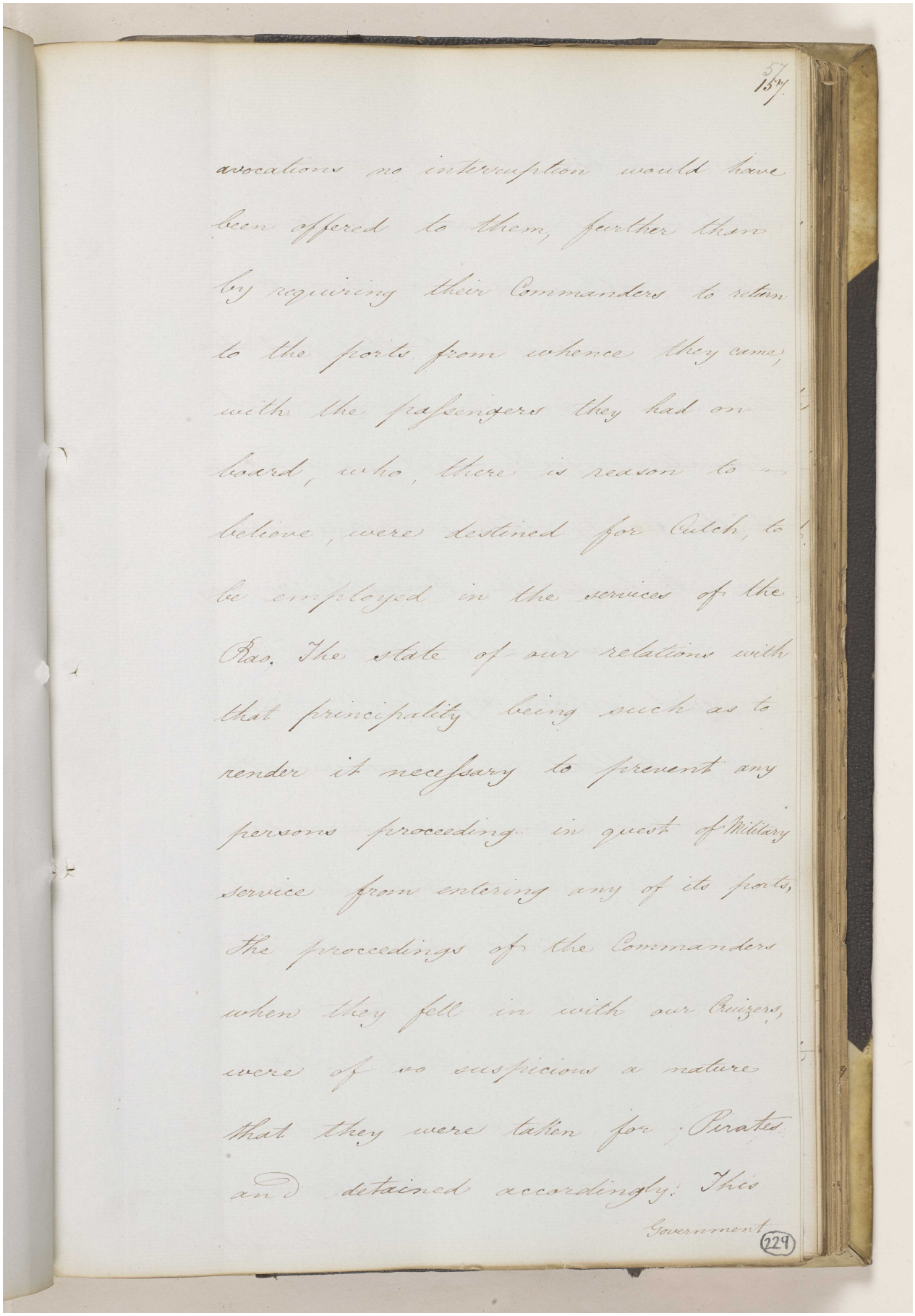


Recorded the following Copy of a letter from the Right Honble the Governor, to the Imaum of Muscat dated 1st February.-

After Compliments

I have received your Highness's letter, dated the 10th of Suffer, and I feel pleasure in having it in my power to acquaint your Highness, that the Vessels therein alluded to have been liberated. I beg at the same time to assure your Highness that if any satisfactory proof had been afforded in the first instance of the Vessels in question being the property of your Highness's Subjects, and employed in their lawful

avocations



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avocations no interruption would have
been offered to them, further than
by requiring their Commanders to return
to the ports from whence they came,
with the passengers they had on
board, who, there is reason to
believe, were destined for Calch, to
be employed in the services of the
Ras. The state of our relations with
that principality being such as to
render it necessary to prevent any
persons proceeding in quest of Military
service from entering any of its ports,
the proceedings of the Commanders
when they fell in with our Buzzers,
were of no suspicious a nature
that they were taken for Pirates
and detained accordingly. This

Government

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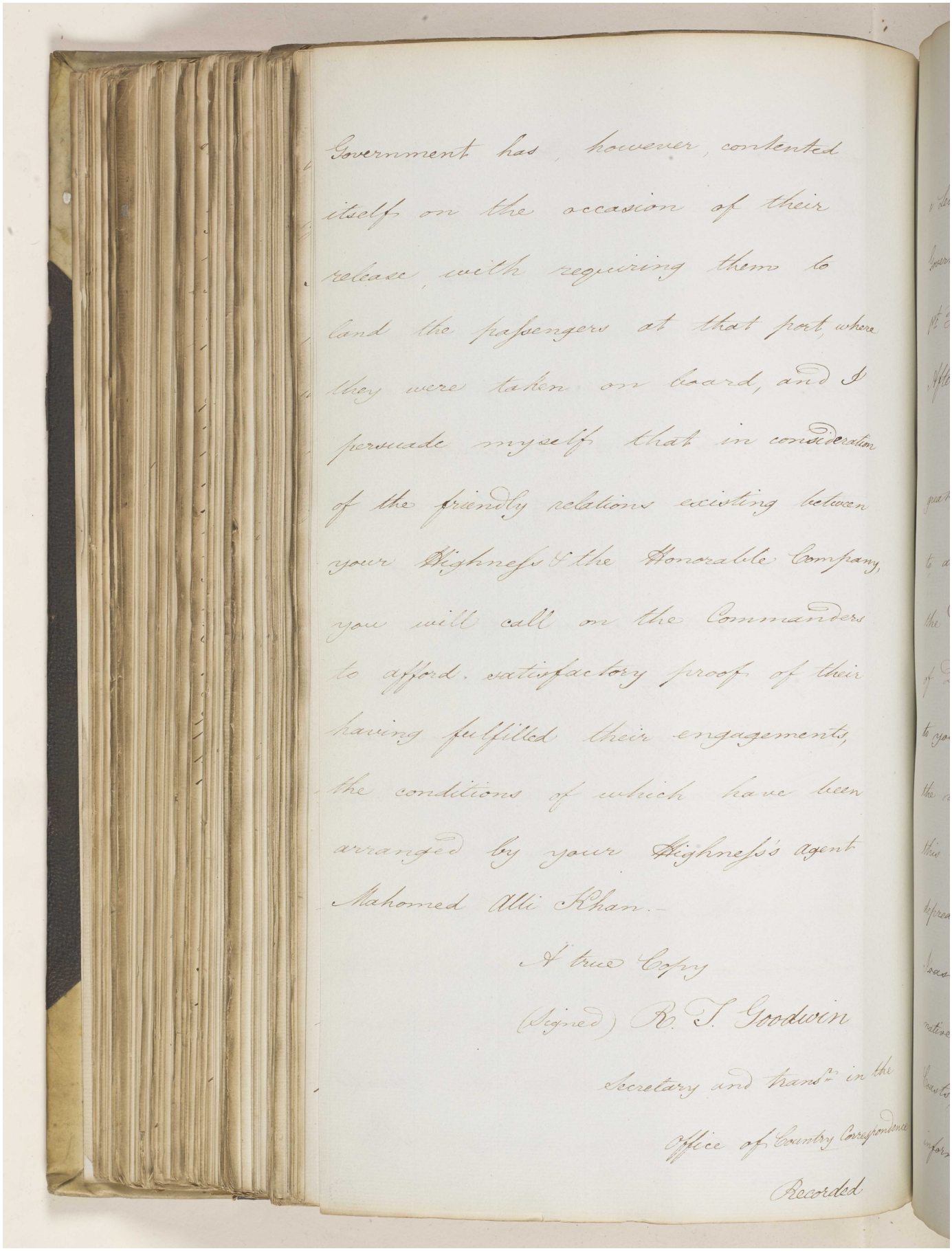

Government has, however, contented itself on the occasion of their release, with requiring them to land the passengers at that port where they were taken on board, and I persuade myself that in consideration of the friendly relations existing between your Highness & the Honorable Company, you will call on the Commanders to afford satisfactory proof of their having fulfilled their engagements, the conditions of which have been arranged by your Highness's agent Mahomed Alli Khan.

A true Copy

(Signed) R. T. Goodwin

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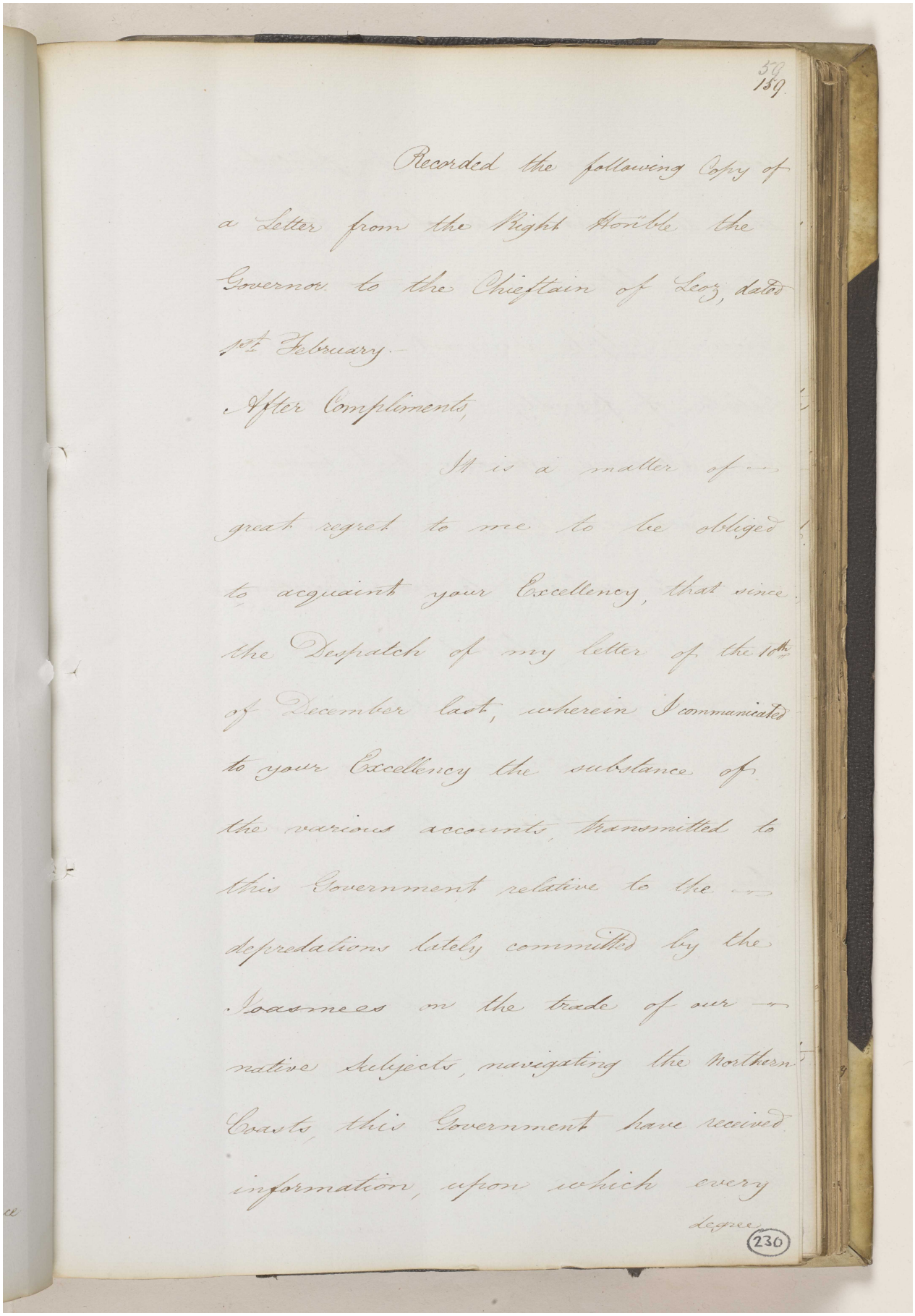

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Recorded the following Copy of a Letter from the Right Honble the Governor to the Chieftain of Leoz, dated 9th February.

After Compliments,

It is a matter of great regret to me to be obliged to acquaint your Excellency, that since the Despatch of my letter of the 10th of December last, wherein I communicated to your Excellency the substance of the various accounts, transmitted to this Government relative to the depredations lately committed by the Joasmees on the trade of our native Subjects, navigating the Northern Coasts, this Government have received information, upon which every

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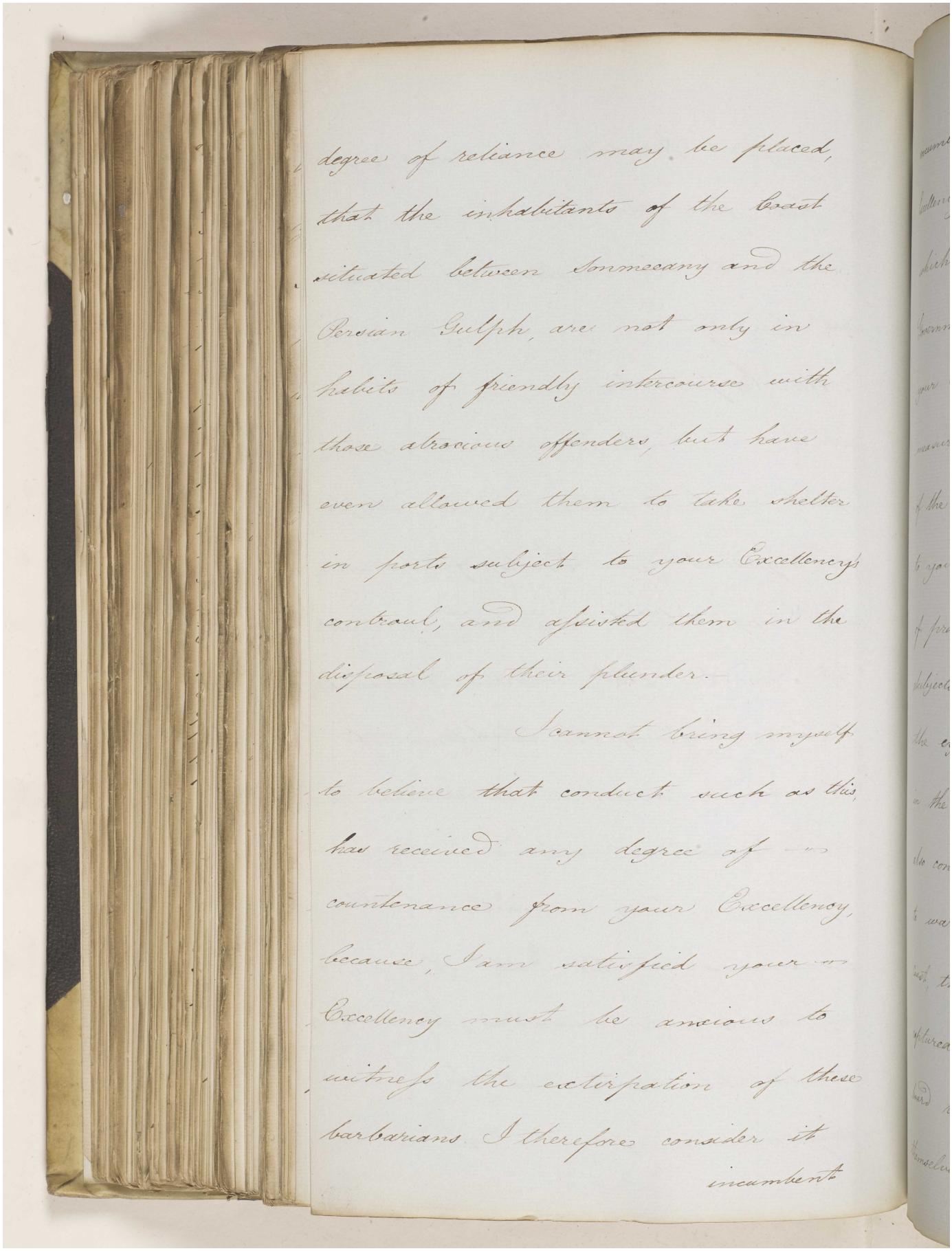
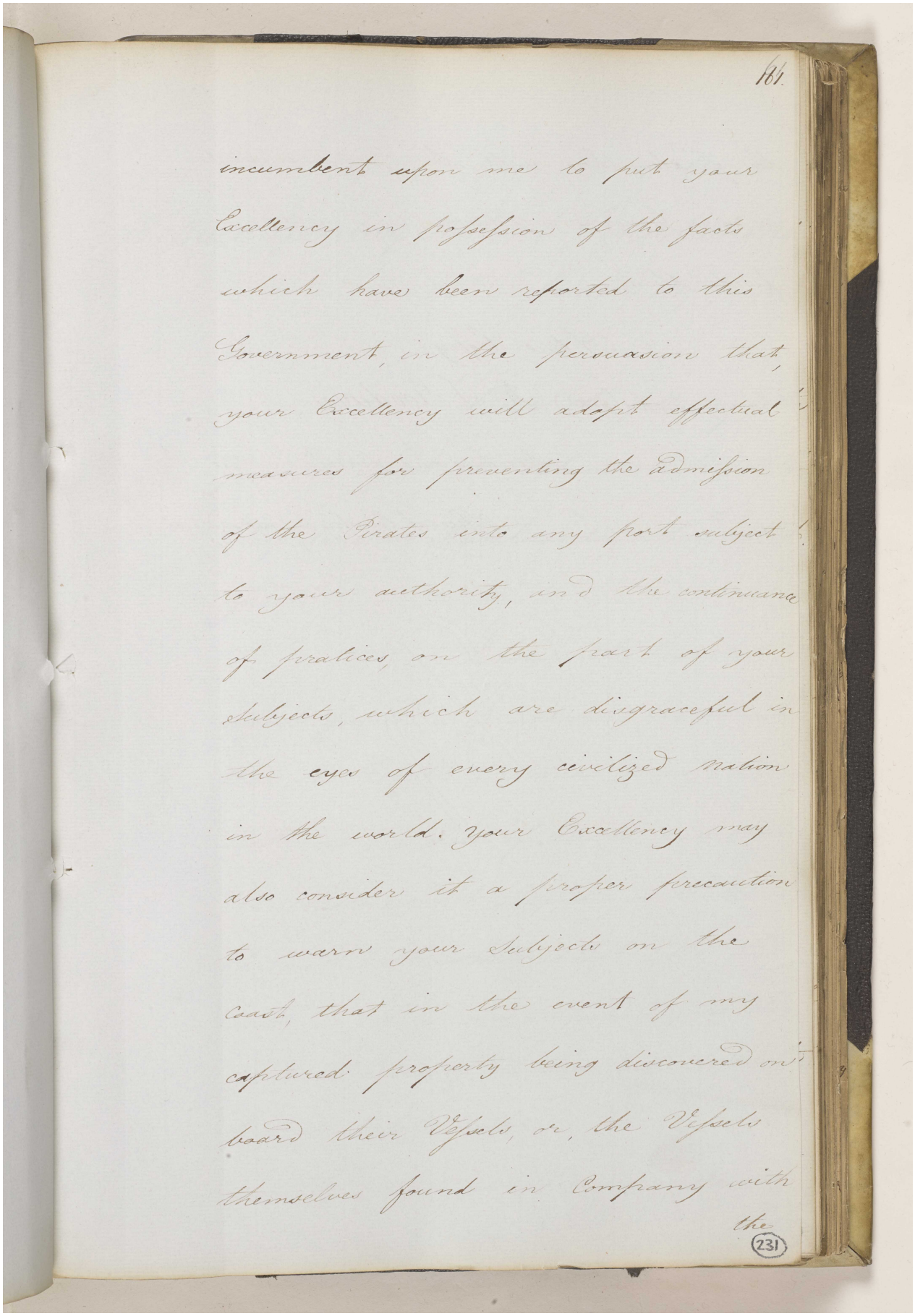


degree of reliance may be placed, that the inhabitants of the Coast situated between Sonmeeany and the Persian Gulph, are not only in habits of friendly intercourse with those atrocious offenders, but have even allowed them to take shelter in ports subject to your Excellency's controul, and assisted them in the disposal of their plunder.

I cannot bring myself to believe that conduct such as this, has received any degree of countenance from your Excellency, because, I am satisfied your Excellency must be anxious to witness the extirpation of these barbarians. I therefore consider it incumbent



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incumbent upon me to put your
Excellency in possession of the facts
which have been reported to this
Government, in the persuasion that
your Excellency will adopt effectual
measures for preventing the admission
of the Pirates into any port subject
to your authority, and the continuance
of practices on the part of your
subjects, which are disgraceful in
the eyes of every civilized nation
in the world. Your Excellency may
also consider it a proper precaution
to warn your subjects on the
coast, that in the event of any
captured property being discovered on
board their Vessels, or, the Vessels
themselves found in Company with
the

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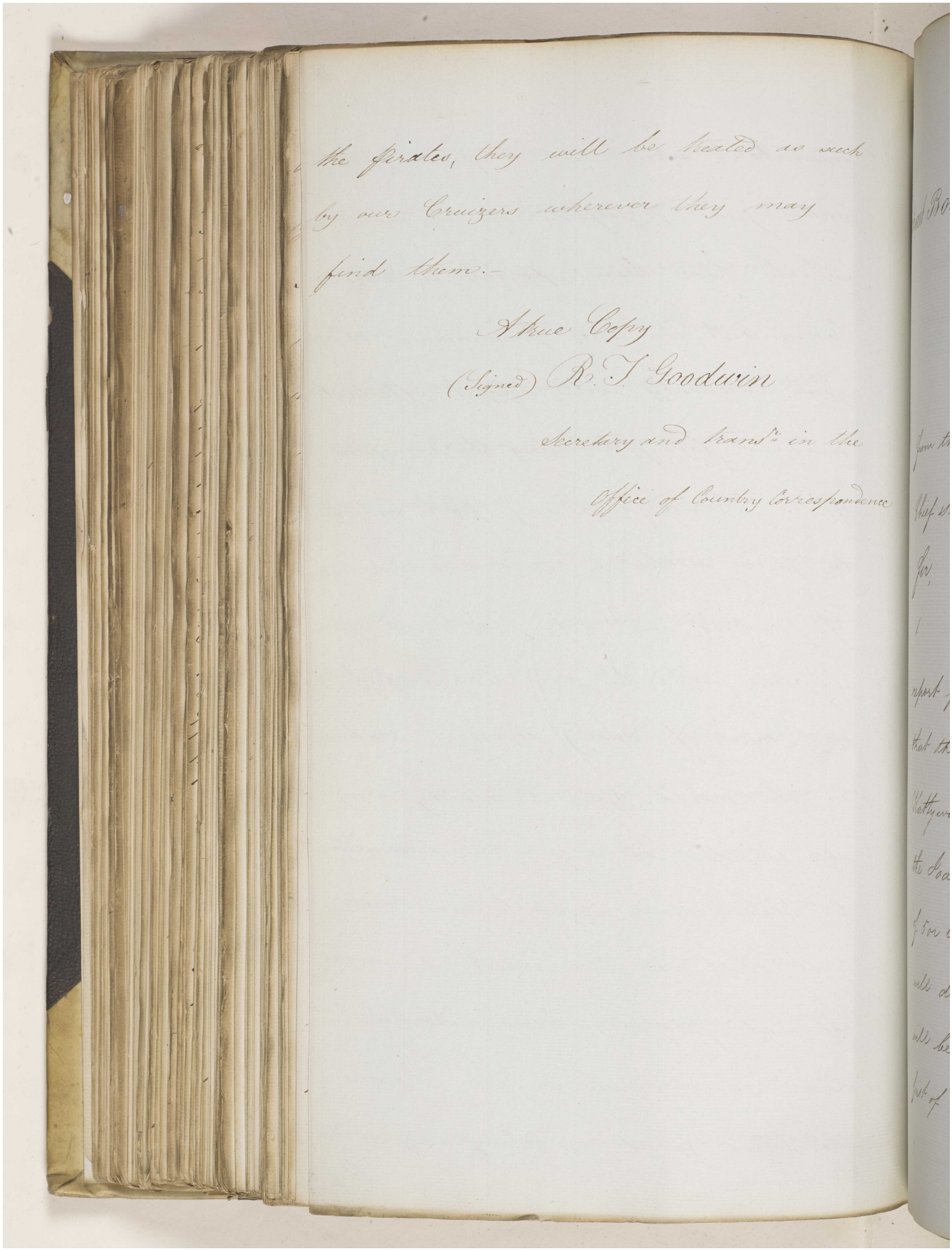

the pirates, they will be treated as such by our Cruizers wherever they may find them.-

A true Copy

(Signed) R. T. Goodwin

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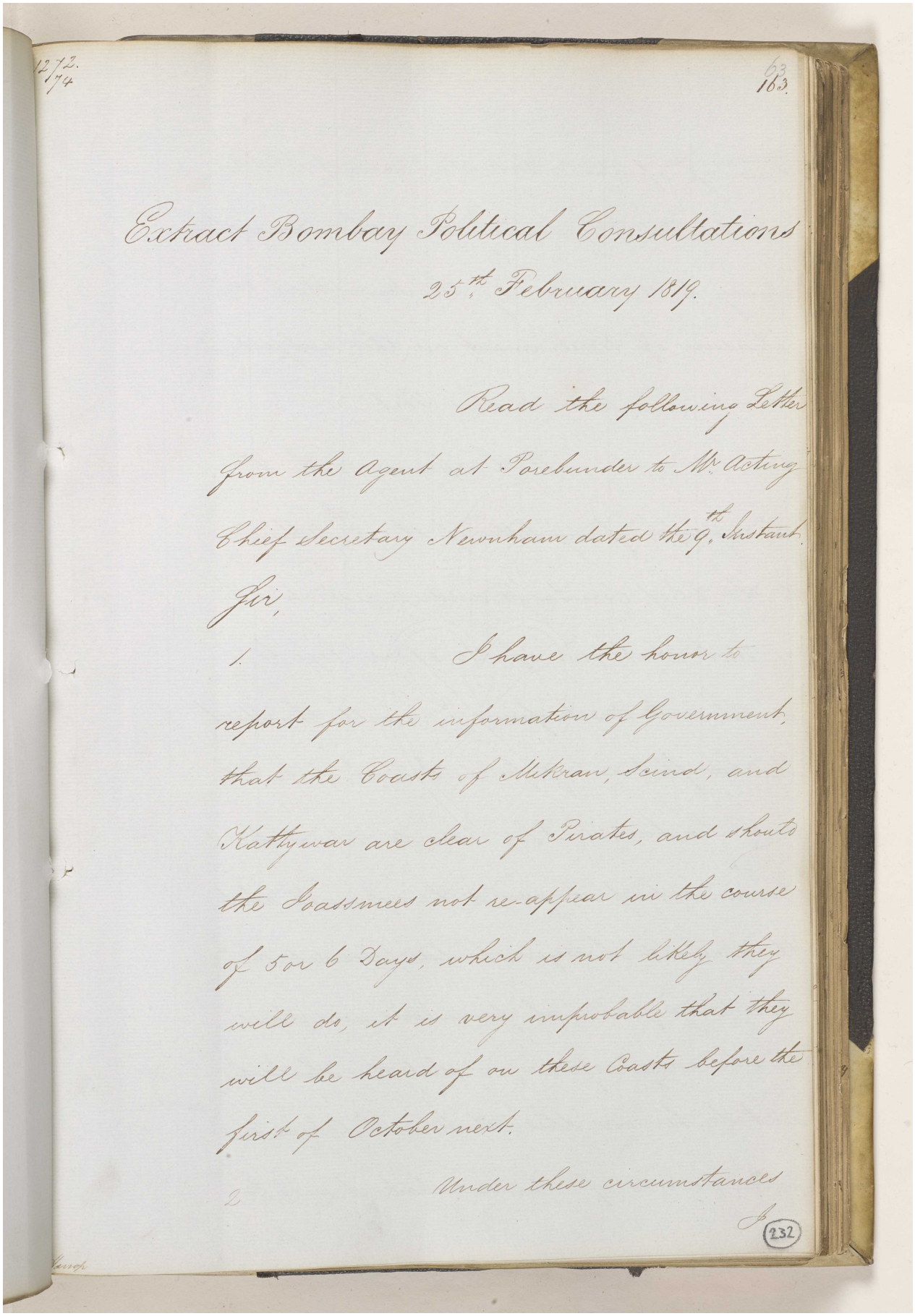

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25th. February 1819.

Read the following Letter from the Agent at Porebunder to Mr. Acting Chief Secretary Newnham dated the 9th. Instant.

Sir,

1 I have the honor to report for the information of Government, that the Coasts of Mukran, Scind, and Kattywar are clear of Pirates, and should the Joassmees not re-appear in the course of 5 or 6 Days, which is not likely they will do, it is very improbable that they will be heard of on these Coasts before the first of October next.

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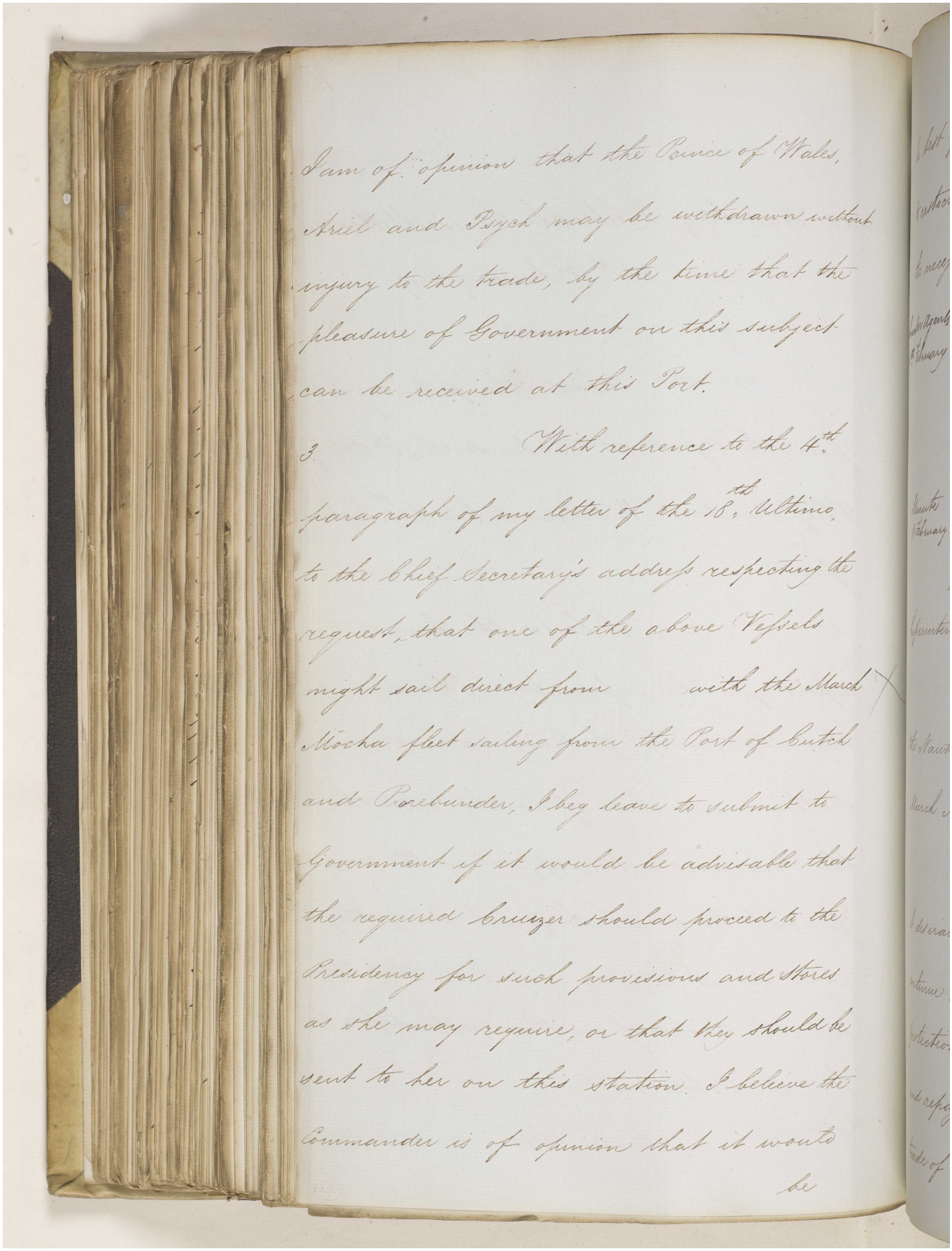
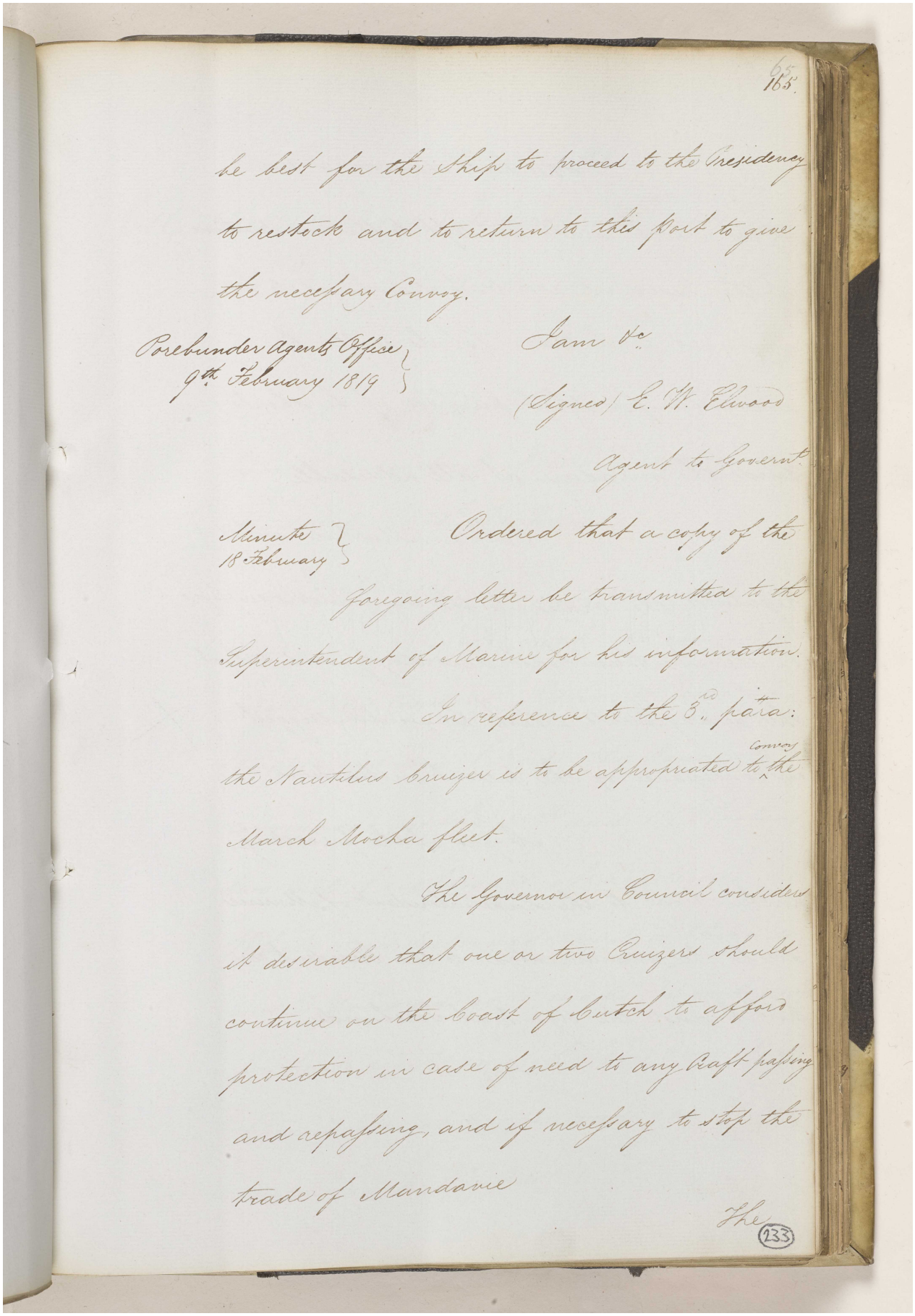


I am of opinion that the Prince of Wales, Ariel and Psyche may be withdrawn without injury to the trade, by the time that the pleasure of Government on this subject can be received at this Port.

3. With reference to the 4th. paragraph of my letter of the 18th. Ultimo, to the Chief Secretary's address respecting the request, that one of the above Vessels might sail direct from with the March Mocha fleet sailing from the Port of Cutch and Porebunder, I beg leave to submit to Government if it would be advisable that the required Cruizer should proceed to the Presidency for such provisions and Stores as she may require, or that they should be sent to her on this station. I believe the Commander is of opinion that it would be



be best for the Ship to proceed to the Presidency to restock and to return to this Port to give the necessary Convoy.

Porebunder Agents Office
9th February 1819

I am &c.

(Signed) E. W. Elwood

Agent to Govern^t.

Minute
18 February

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter be transmitted to the Superintendent of Marine for his information.

In reference to the 3rd para: the Nautilus Cruizer is to be appropriated to convoy the March Mocha fleet.

The Governor in Council considers it desirable that one or two Cruizers should continue on the Coast of Cutch to afford protection in case of need to any Craft passing and repassing, and if necessary to stop the trade of Mandavie

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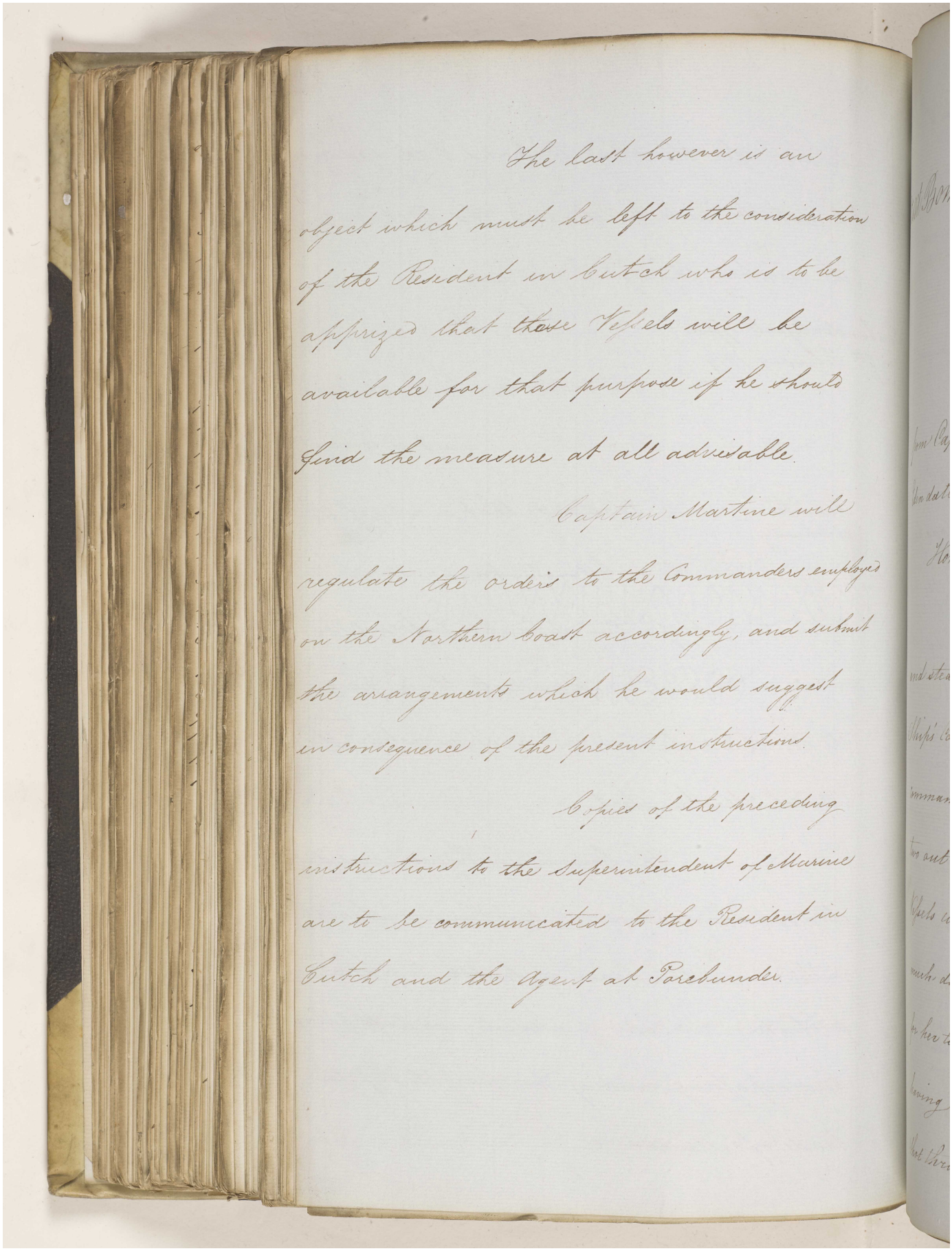
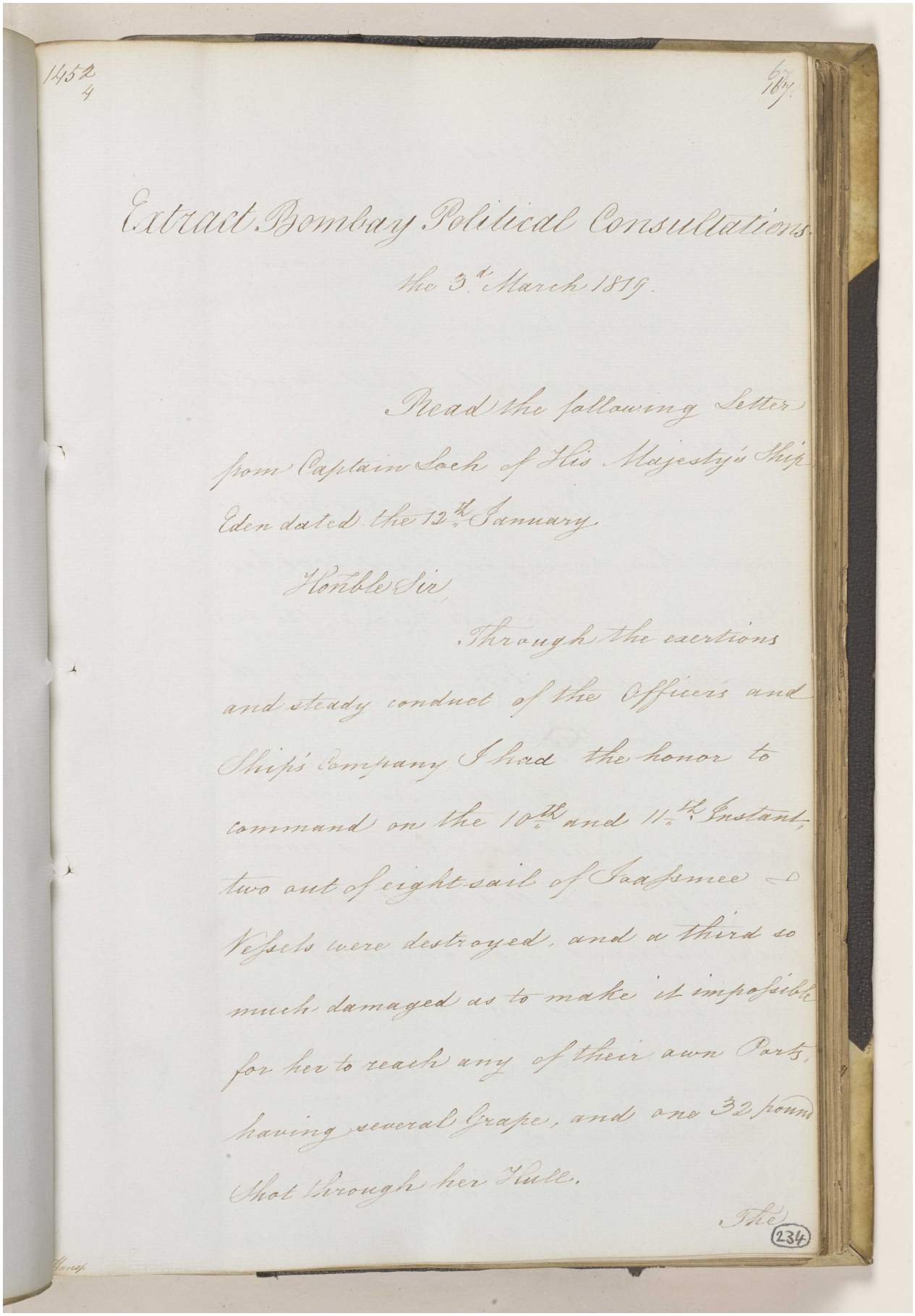


The last however is an object which must be left to the consideration of the Resident in Cutch who is to be apprized that those Vessels will be available for that purpose if he should find the measure at all advisable.

Captain Martine will regulate the orders to the Commanders employed on the Northern Coast accordingly, and submit the arrangements which he would suggest in consequence of the present instructions.

Copies of the preceding instructions to the Superintendent of Marine are to be communicated to the Resident in Cutch and the Agent at Tatchunder.



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Extract Bombay Political Consultations.
the 3d March 1819.

Read the following Letter from Captain Loch of His Majesty's Ship Eden dated the 13th January.

Honble Sir,

Through the exertions and steady conduct of the Officers and Ships Company I had the honor to command on the 10th and 11th Instant, two out of eight sail of Joasmee Vessels were destroyed, and a third so much damaged as to make it impossible for her to reach any of their own Ports, having several Grape, and one 32 pound Shot through her Hull.

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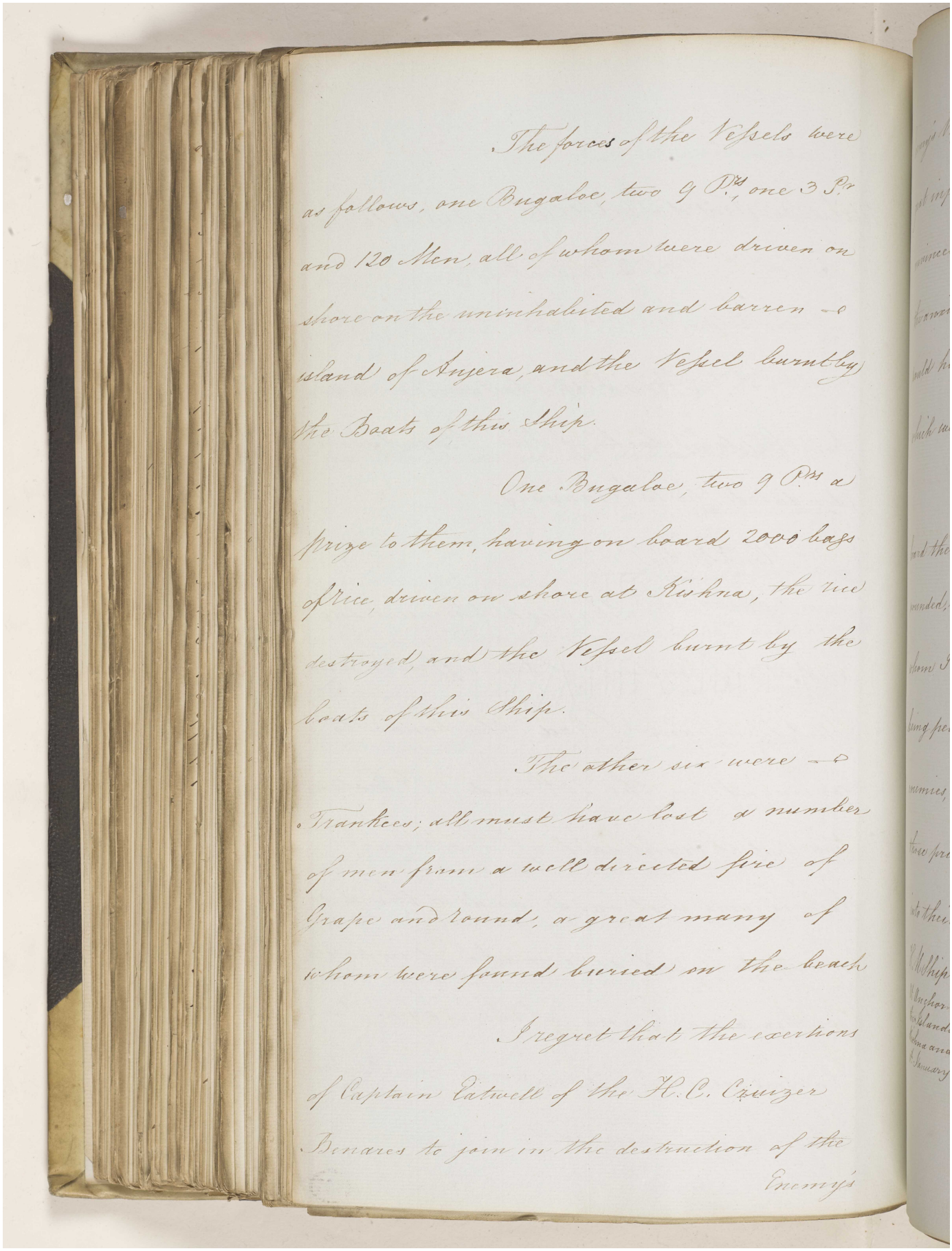
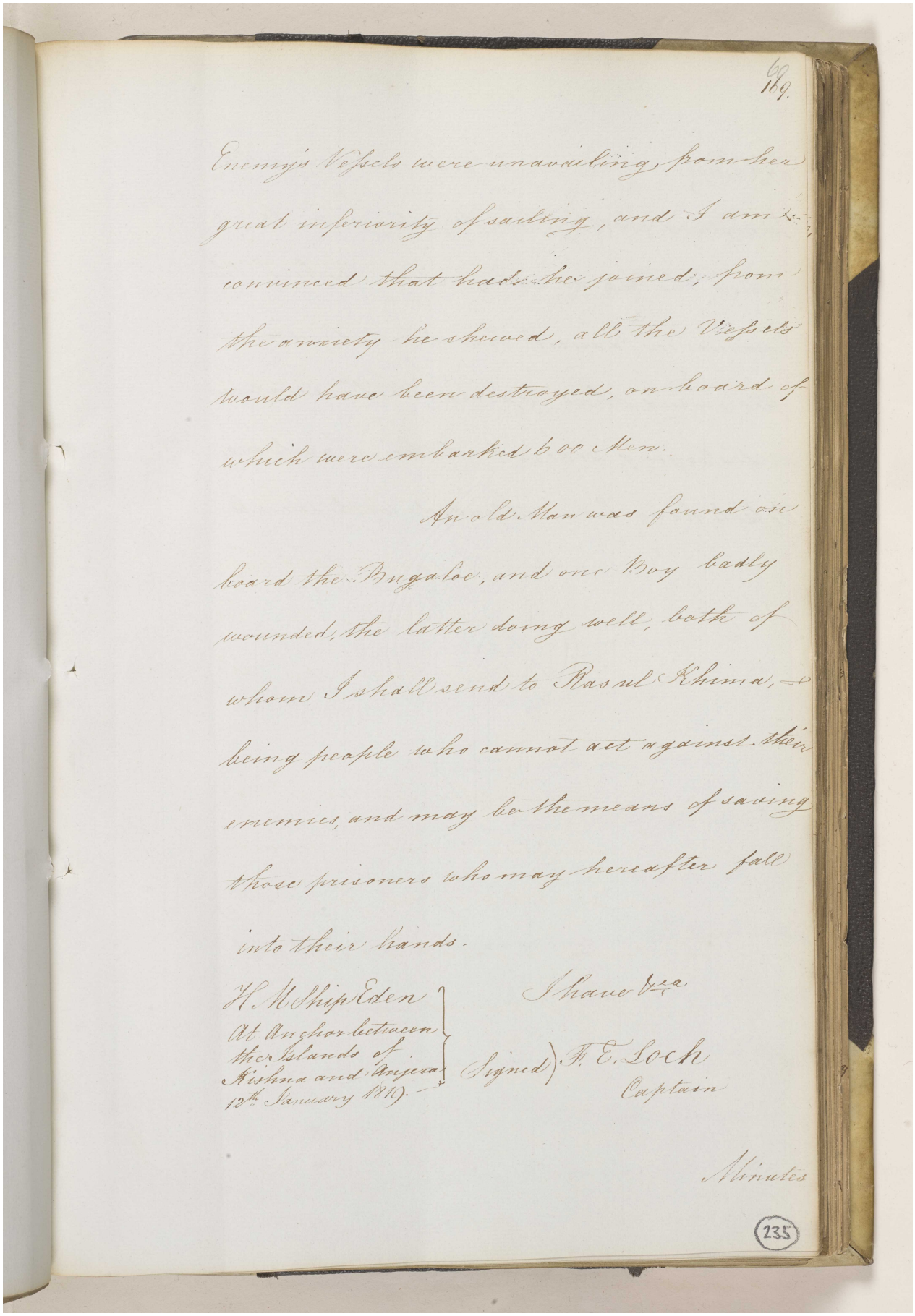


The forces of the Vessels were as follows, one Bugalow, two 9 Pds, one 3 Pr and 120 Men, all of whom were driven on shore on the uninhabited and barren — island of Anjera, and the Vessel burnt by the Boats of this Ship.

One Bugalow, two 9 Pds a prize to them, having on board 2000 bags of Rice, driven on shore at Kishna, the rice destroyed, and the Vessel burnt by the boats of this Ship.

The other six were — Trankeys, all must have lost a number of men from a well directed fire of Grape and round, a great many of whom were found buried on the beach

I regret that the exertions of Captain Eatwell of the H.C. Cruizer Benares to join in the destruction of the Enemy's



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Enemy's Vessels were unavailing, from her great inferiority of sailing, and I am convinced that had she joined, from the anxiety she shewed, all the Vessels would have been destroyed, on board of which were embarked 600 Men.

An old Man was found on board the Bugalow, and one Boy badly wounded, the latter doing well, both of whom I shall send to Rasul Khima, being people who cannot act against their enemies, and may be the means of saving those prisoners who may hereafter fall into their hands.

H. M. Ship Eden
At Anchor between the Islands of Kishma and Angera
12th January 1819.

I have &c.
(Signed) W. E. Loch
Captain

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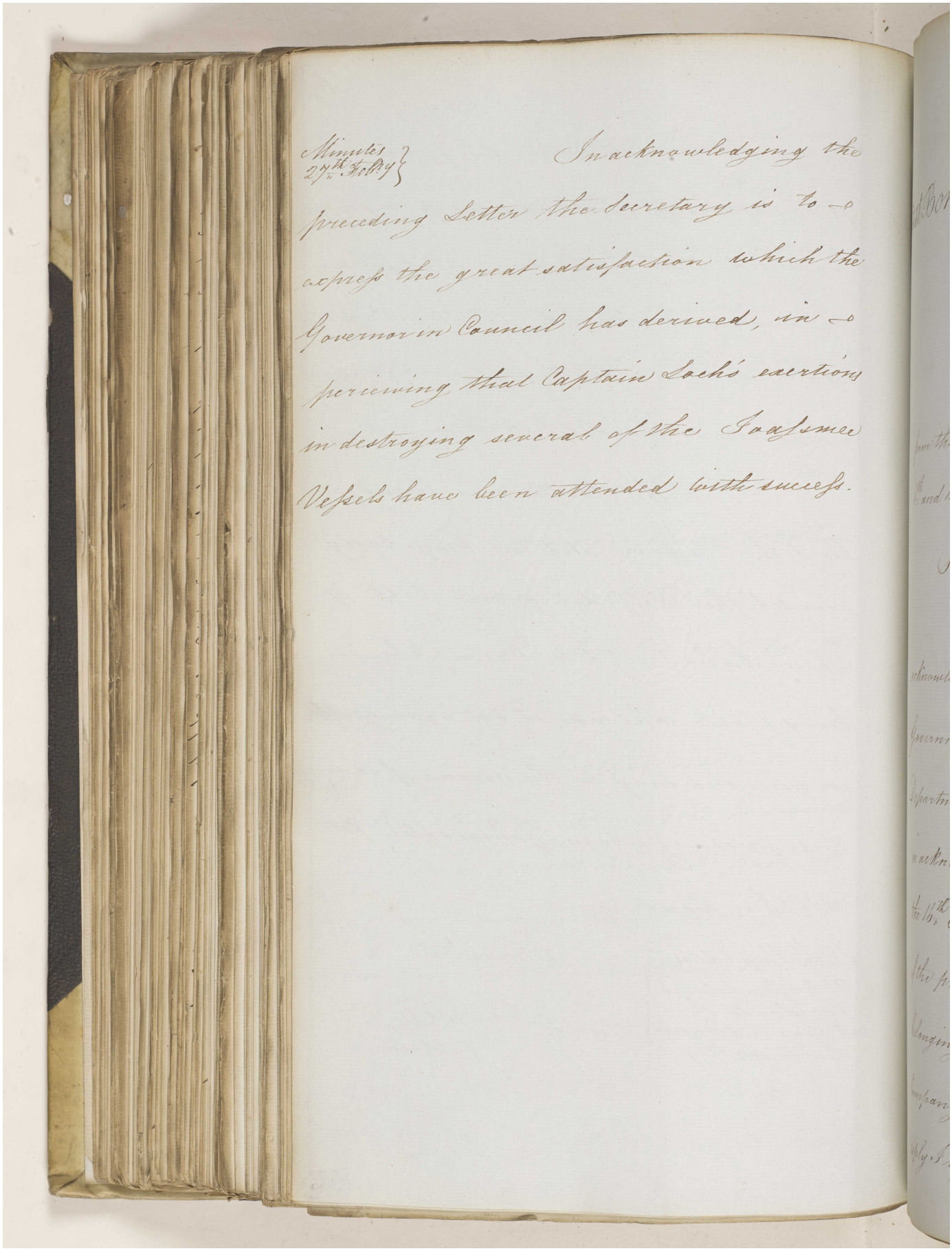

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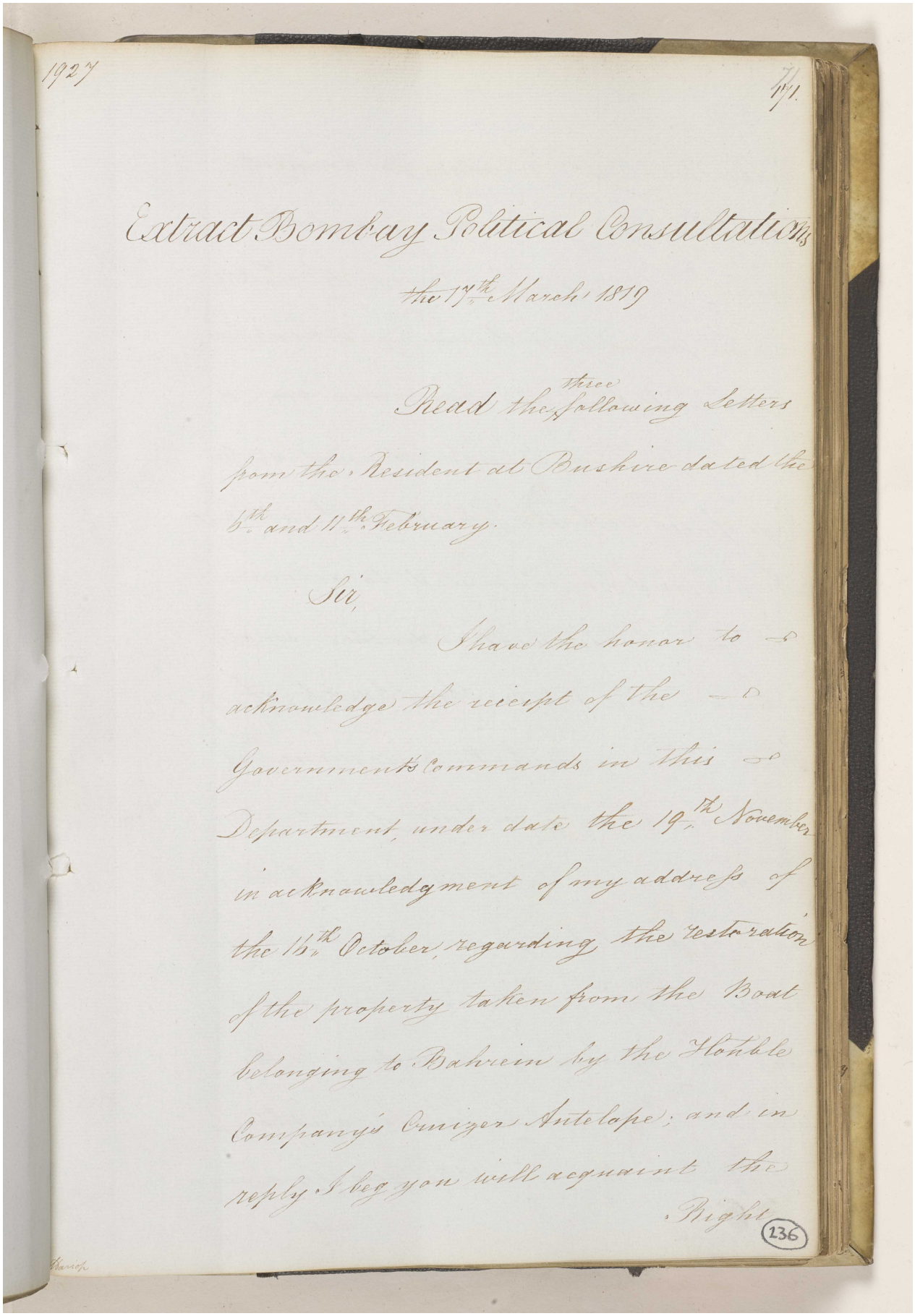
In acknowledging the preceding Letter the Secretary is to express the great satisfaction which the Governor in Council has derived, in perceiving that Captain Lochs exertions in destroying several of the Joasmee Vessels have been attended with success.



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the 17th March 1819

Read the three following Letters from the Resident at Bushire dated the 5th and 11th February.

Sir,

I have the honor to — acknowledge the receipt of the — Governments Commands in this — Department, under date the 19th November in acknowledgment of my address of the 15th October, regarding the restoration of the property taken from the Boat belonging to Bahrein by the Honble Company's Cruizer Antelope; and in reply I beg you will acquaint the Right

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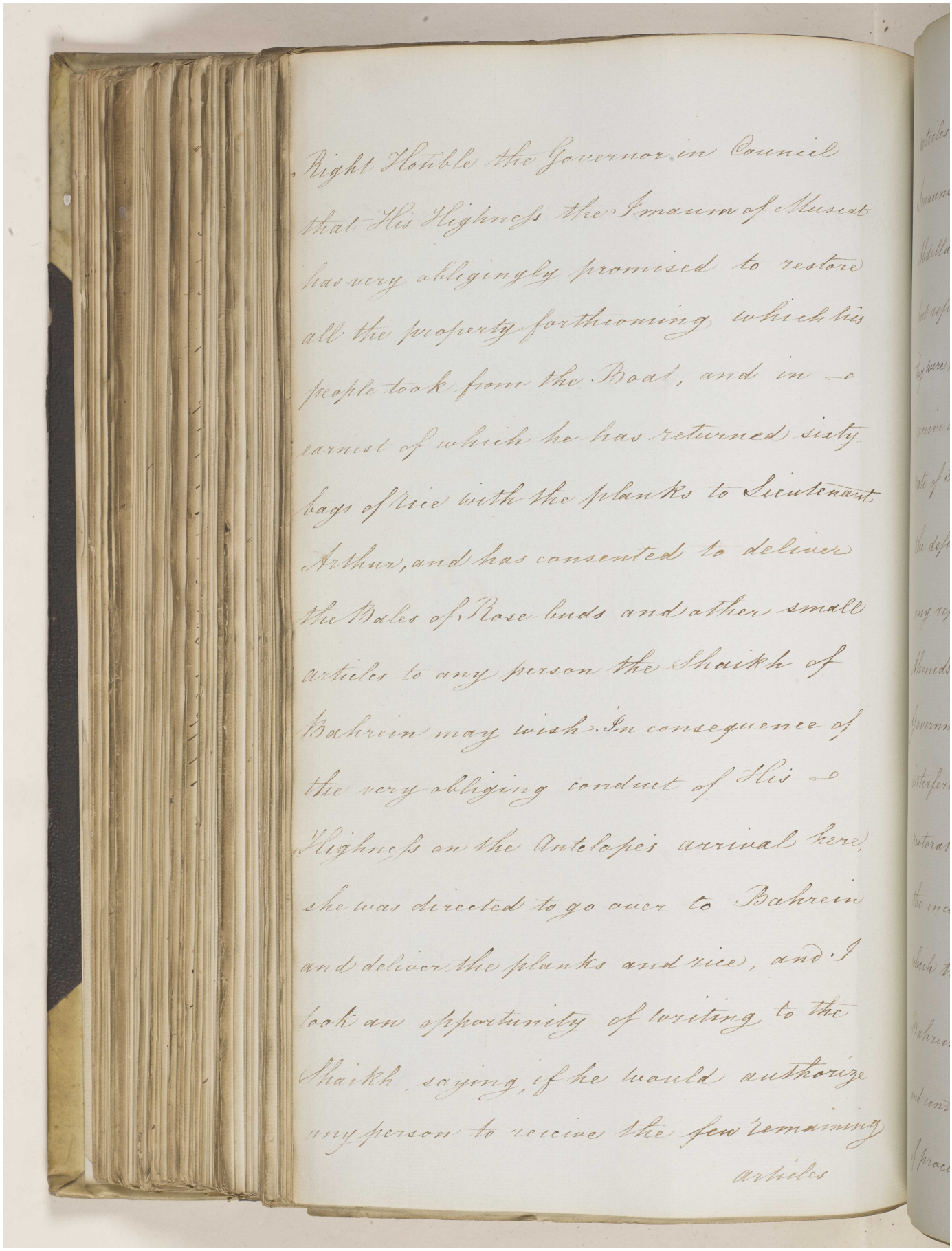
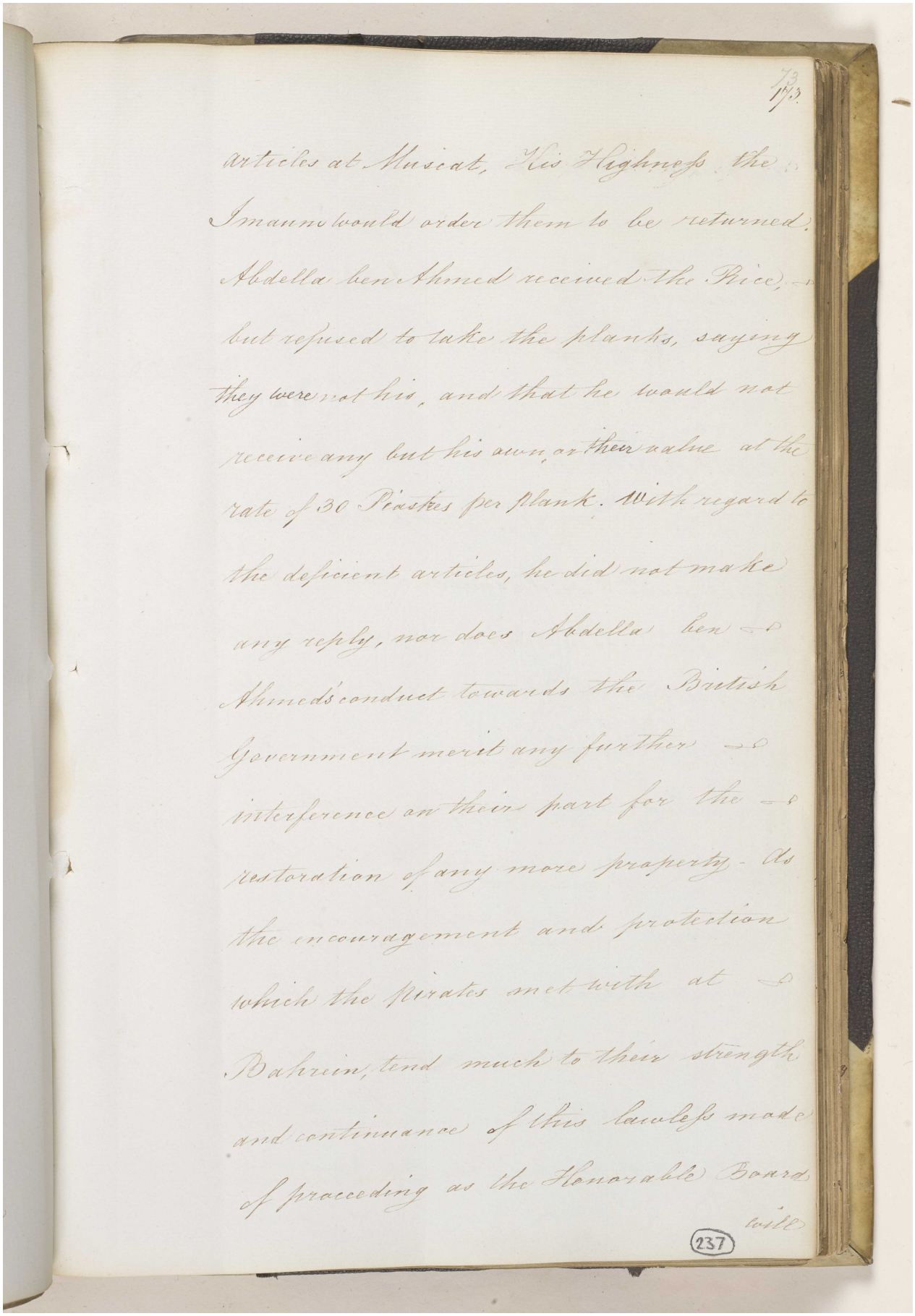


Right Honble the Governor in Council
that His Highness the Imaum of Muscat
has very obligingly promised to restore
all the property forthcoming which his
people took from the Boat, and in —
earnest of which he has returned sixty
bags of Rice with the planks to Lieutenant
Arthur, and has consented to deliver
the Bales of Rose buds and other small
articles to any person the Shaikh of
Bahrein may wish. In consequence of
the very obliging conduct of His —
Highness on the Antelope's arrival here,
she was directed to go over to Bahrein
and deliver the planks and rice, and I
took an opportunity of writing to the
Shaikh, saying, if he would authorize
any person to receive the few remaining
articles



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articles at Muscat, His Highness the
Imaum would order them to be returned.
Abdella ben Ahmed received the Rice, &
but refused to take the planks, saying
they were not his, and that he would not
receive any but his own, at their value at the
rate of 30 Piastres per plank. With regard to
the deficient articles, he did not make
any reply, nor does Abdella ben &
Ahmed's conduct towards the British
Government merit any further &
interference on their part for the &
restoration of any more property. As
the encouragement and protection
which the Pirates met with at &
Bahrein, tend much to their strength
and continuance of this lawless mode
of proceeding as the Honorable Board
will

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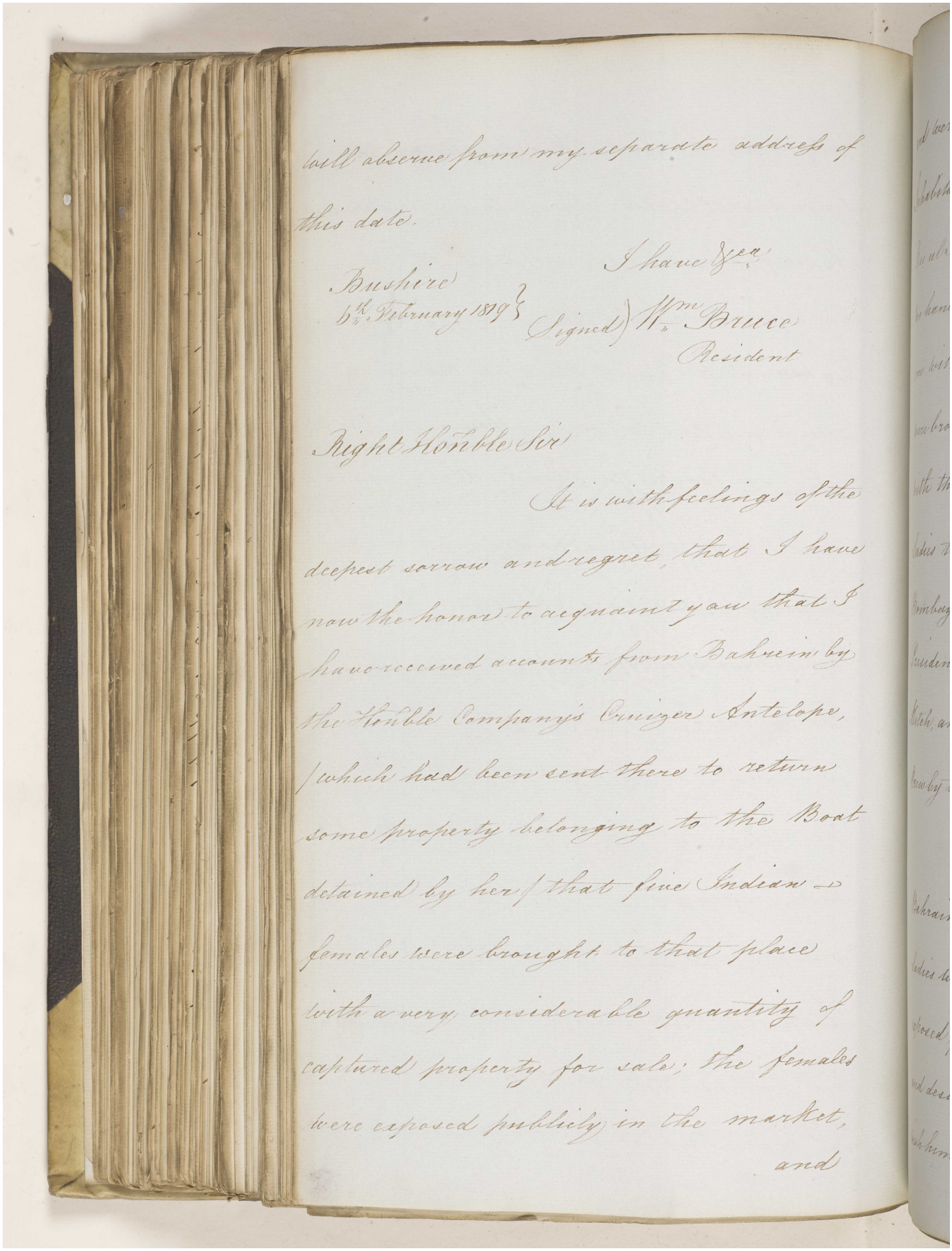


will absence from my separate address of this date.

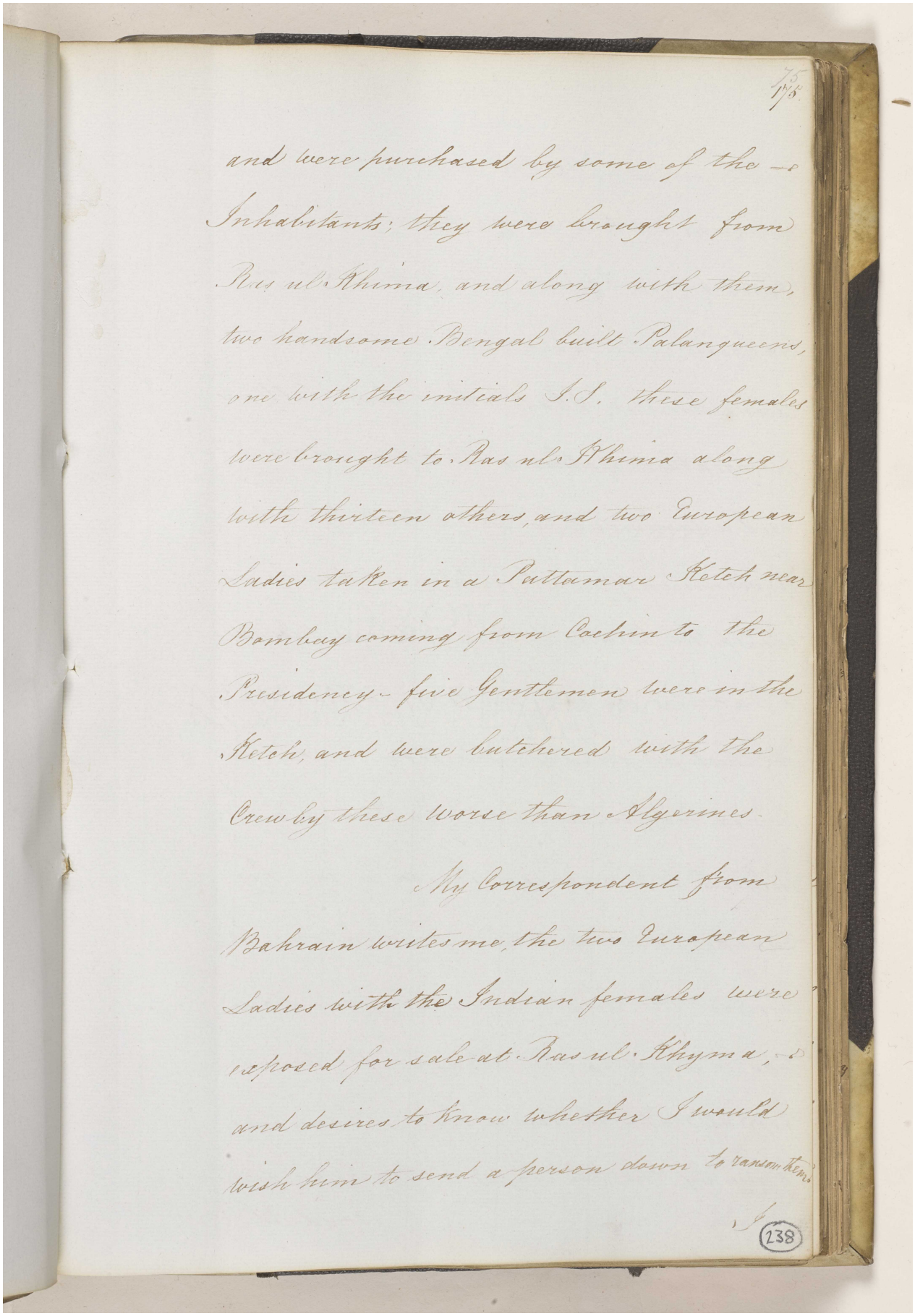
I have &c.

Bushire
6th February 1819

(Signed) Wm Bruce
Resident

Right Honble Sir

It is with feelings of the deepest sorrow and regret, that I have now the honor to acquaint you that I have received accounts from Bahrein by the Honble Company's Cruizer Antelope, which had been sent there to return some property belonging to the Boat detained by her, that five Indian females were brought to that place with a very considerable quantity of captured property for sale; the females were exposed publicly in the market, and



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and were purchased by some of the
Inhabitants; they were brought from
Ras ul Khima, and along with them,
two handsome Bengal built Palanqueens,
one with the initials S.S. these females
were brought to Ras ul Khima along
with thirteen others, and two European
Ladies taken in a Pattamar Ketch near
Bombay coming from Cochin to the
Presidency - five Gentlemen were in the
Ketch, and were butchered with the
Crew by these worse than Algerines.

My Correspondent from
Bahrain writes me, the two European
Ladies with the Indian females were
exposed for sale at Ras ul Khyma,
and desires to know whether I would
wish him to send a person down to ransom them

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I have deemed it incumbent
on me to write a strong Letter to Shaikh
Abdella ben Ahmed, the Governor of
Bahrein, expreping my surprize and
astonishment, that while his Letter to
me breathed nothing but friendship
and attachment to the British —
Government, he should so openly —
admit the Pirates to bring their plunder
to Bahrein for sale, and more particularly
so, that he should sanction such a
horrid traffic as that of allowing our
subjects to be exposed for sale in his
market, that had his profesions been
sincere, the least he could have done
was to insist on the release of the —
females, and to have sent them over
to me by the Antelope Cruizer, as our
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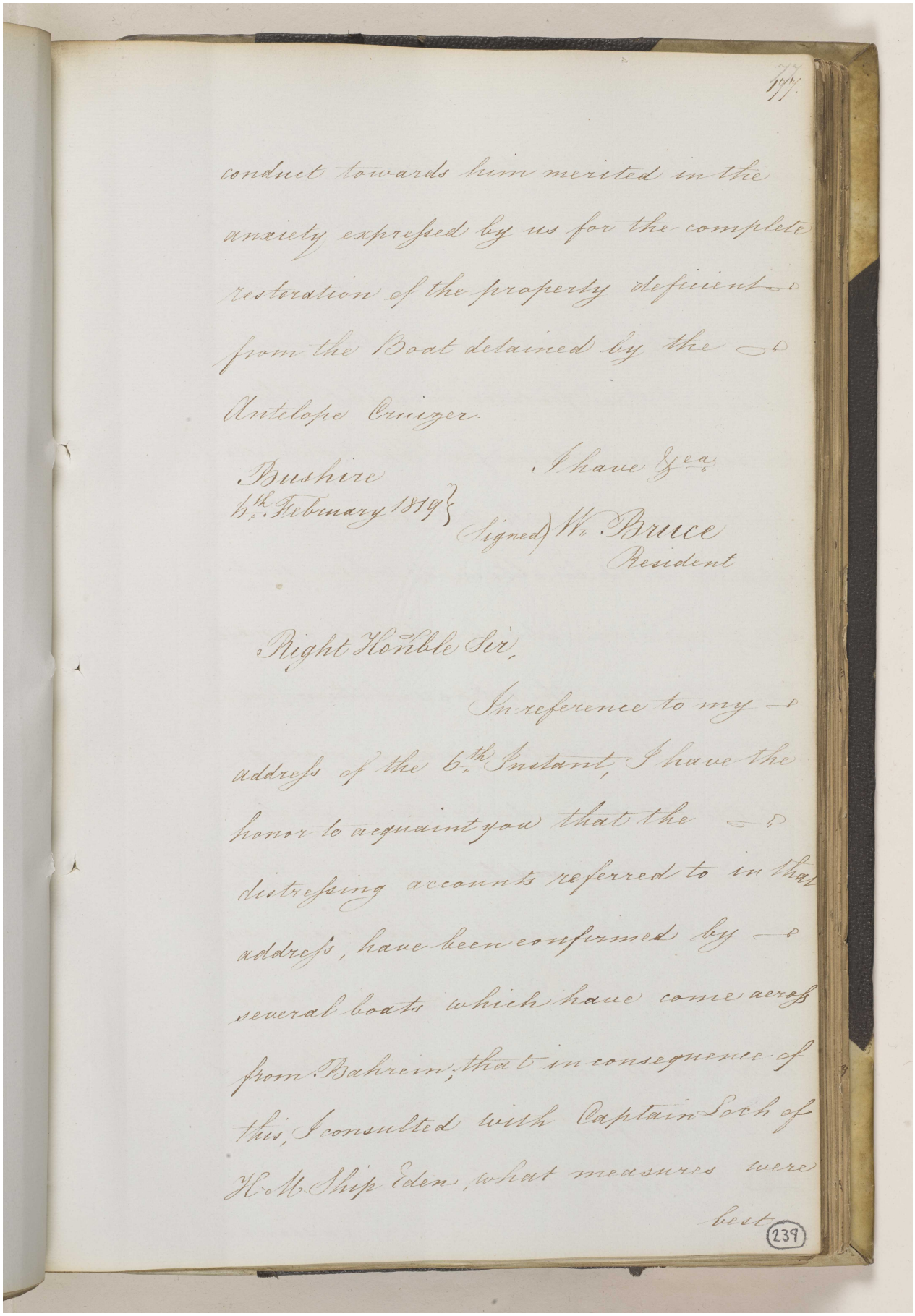

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conduct towards him merited in the anxiety expressed by us for the complete restoration of the property deficient from the Boat detained by the Antelope Cruizer.

Bushire
6th. February 1819.

I have &c.a.
(Signed) W. Bruce
Resident

Right Honble Sir,

In reference to my address of the 6th. Instant, I have the honor to acquaint you that the distressing accounts referred to in that address, have been confirmed by several boats which have come across from Bahrein; that in consequence of this, I consulted with Captain Lach of H.M. Ship Eden, what measures were best

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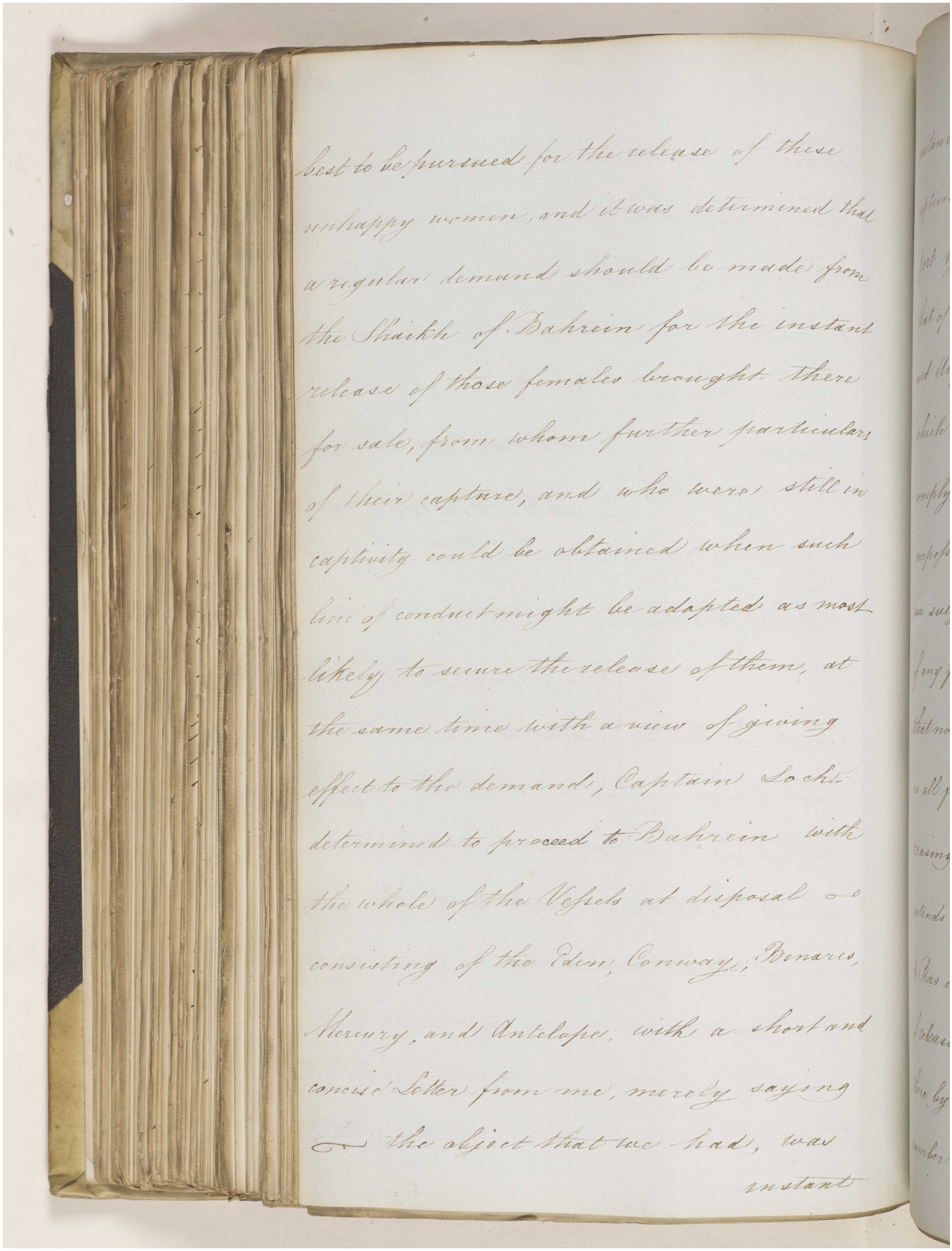
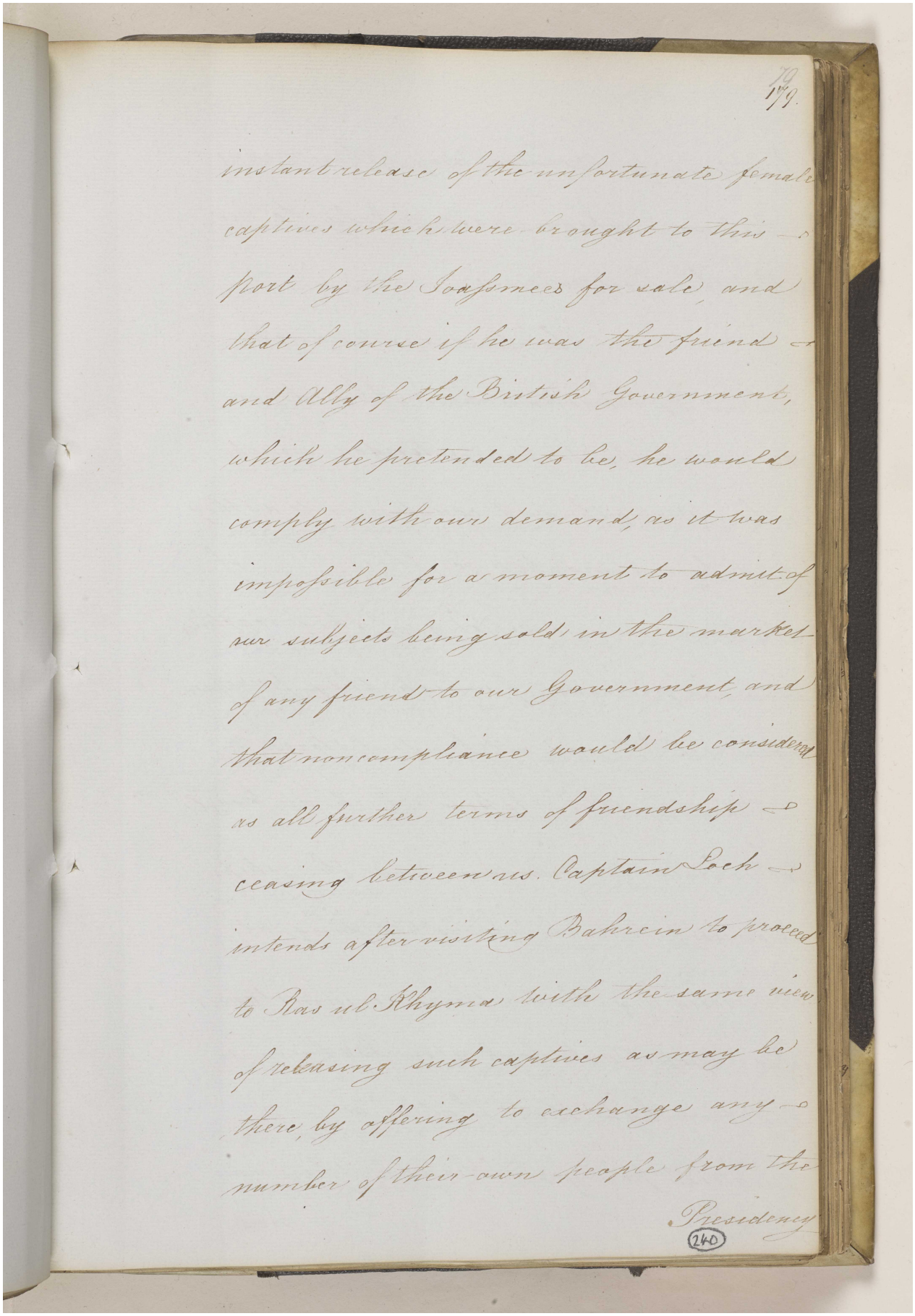


best to be pursued for the release of these unhappy women, and it was determined that a regular demand should be made from the Shaikh of Bahrein for the instant release of those females brought there for sale, from whom further particulars of their capture, and who were still in captivity could be obtained when such line of conduct might be adapted as most likely to secure the release of them, at the same time with a view of giving effect to the demand, Captain Lochs determined to proceed to Bahrein with the whole of the Vessels at disposal consisting of the Eden, Conway, Benares, Mercury, and Antelope, with a short and concise Letter from me, merely saying that the object that we had, was instant



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instant release of the unfortunate female
captives which were brought to this
port by the Joasmees for sale, and
that of course if he was the friend
and Ally of the British Government,
which he pretended to be, he would
comply with our demand, as it was
impossible for a moment to admit of
our subjects being sold in the markets
of any friend to our Government, and
that non compliance would be considered
as all further terms of friendship
ceasing between us. Captain Lock
intends after visiting Bahrein to proceed
to Ras ul Khyma with the same view
of releasing such captives as may be
there, by offering to exchange any
number of their own people from the
Presidency

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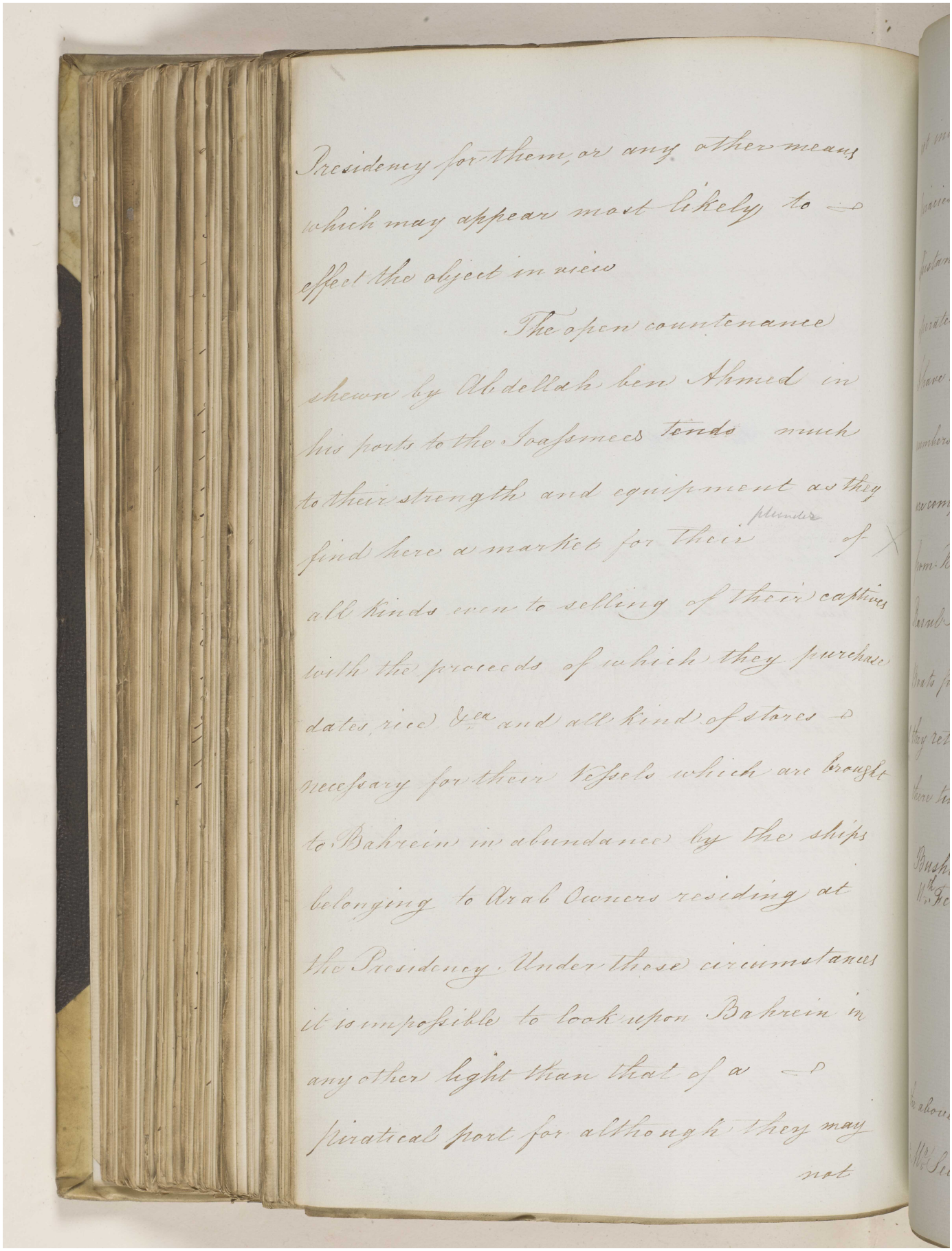
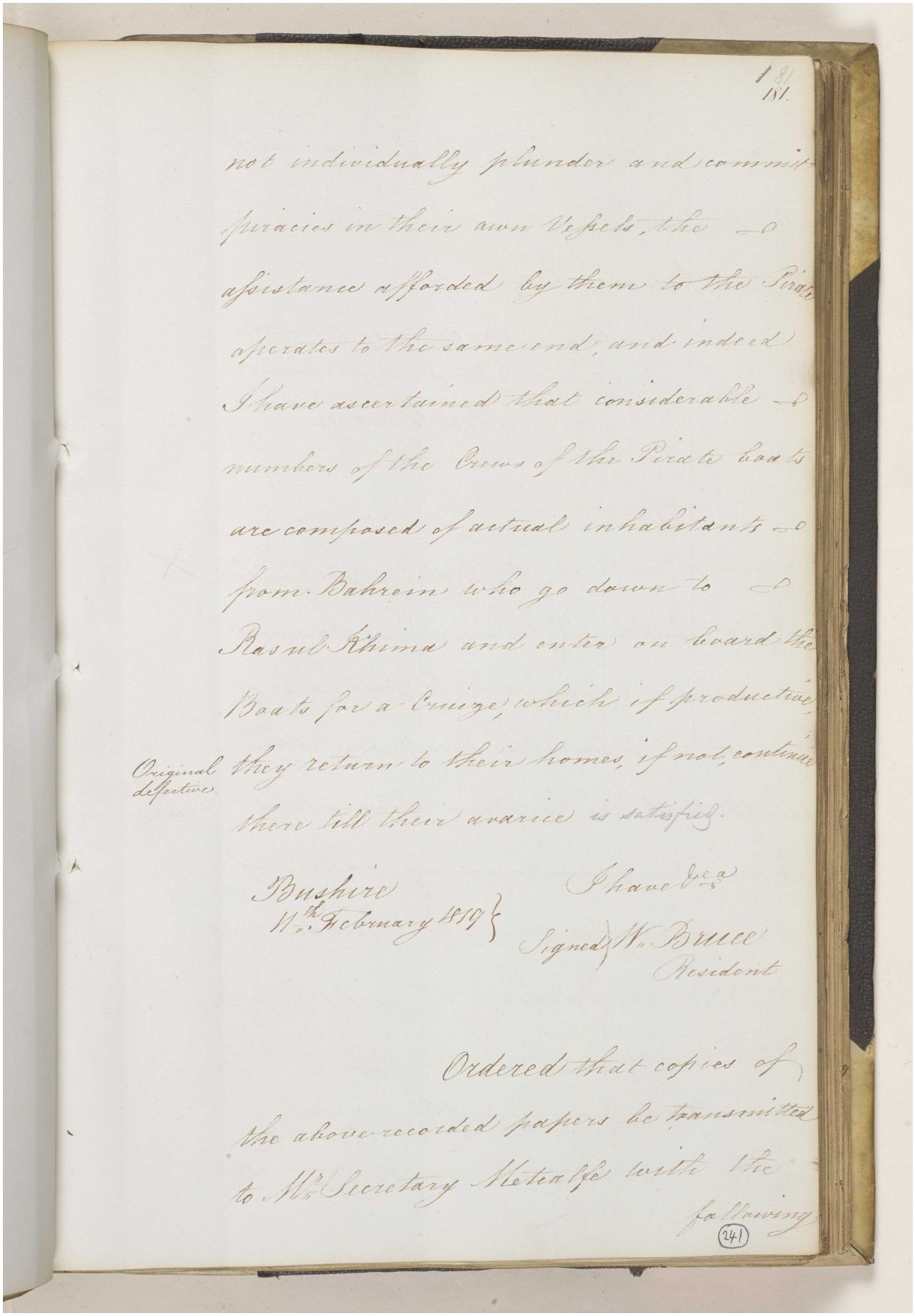


Presidency for them, or any other means which may appear most likely to effect the object in view

The open countenance shewn by Abdellah bin Ahmed in his ports to the Joasmees tends much to their strength and equipment as they find here a market for their plunder of all kinds even to selling of their captives with the proceeds of which they purchase dates, rice &c. and all kind of stores necessary for their vessels which are brought to Bahrein in abundance by the ships belonging to Arab Owners residing at the Presidency. Under these circumstances it is impossible to look upon Bahrein in any other light than that of a piratical port for although they may not



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not individually plunder and commit piracies on their own Vessels, the assistance afforded by them to the Pirate operates to the same end, and indeed I have ascertained that considerable numbers of the Crews of the Pirate boats are composed of actual inhabitants from Bahrein who go down to Rasul Khima and enter on board the Boats for a Cruize, which if productive they return to their homes, if not, continue there till their avarice is satisfied.

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Bushire
11th February 1819

I have &c.
Signed) W. Bruce
Resident

Ordered that copies of the above recorded papers be transmitted to Mr Secretary Metcalfe with the following

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following Letter from the Acting Chief Secretary.

C. T. Metcalfe Esqre
Secretary to Government in the
Secret and Political Department.
Fort William

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you for the purpose of being laid before His Excellency the Most Noble the Governor General in Council the accompanying copies of three despatches from the Resident at Bushire under date the 6th and 11th Feby communicating the intelligence which has reached him that the several females among whom are represented

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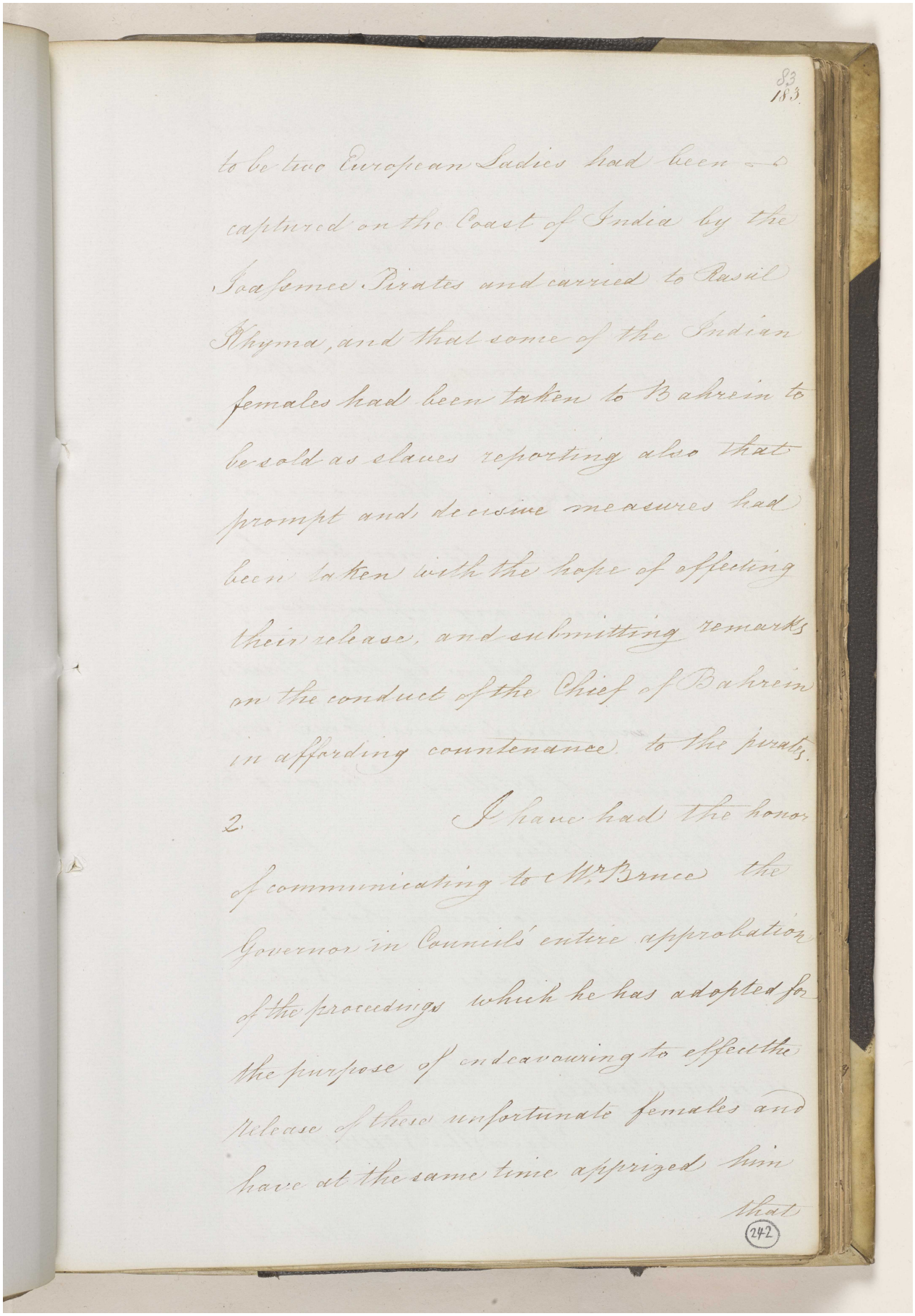

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to be two European Ladies had been
captured on the Coast of India by the
Joasmee Pirates and carried to Rasul
Khyma, and that some of the Indian
females had been taken to Bahrein to
be sold as slaves reporting also that
prompt and decisive measures had
been taken with the hope of effecting
their release, and submitting remarks
on the conduct of the Chief of Bahrein
in affording countenance to the pirats.

2. I have had the honor
of communicating to Mr Bruce the
Governor in Council's entire approbation
of the proceedings which he has adopted for
the purpose of endeavouring to effect the
release of these unfortunate females and
have at the same time apprized him
that

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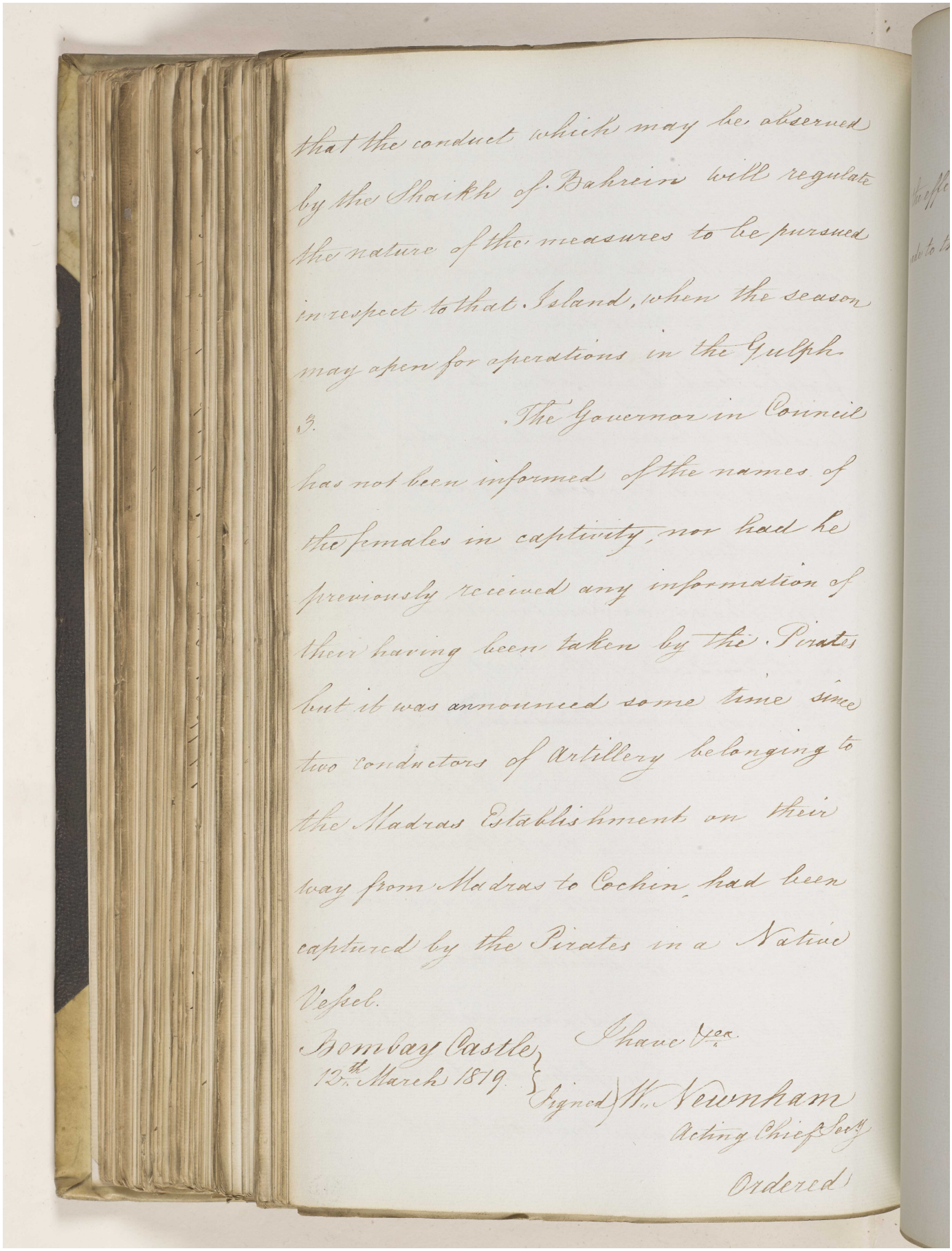

that the conduct which may be observed by the Shaikh of Bahrein will regulate the nature of the measures to be pursued in respect to that Island, when the season may open for operations in the Gulph.

3. The Governor in Council has not been informed of the names of the females in captivity, nor had he previously received any information of their having been taken by the Pirates but it was announced some time since two conductors of Artillery belonging to the Madras Establishment on their way from Madras to Cochin had been captured by the Pirates in a Native Vessel.

Bombay Castle
12th March 1819.

I have &c.
(Signed) W. Newnham
Acting Chief Secy

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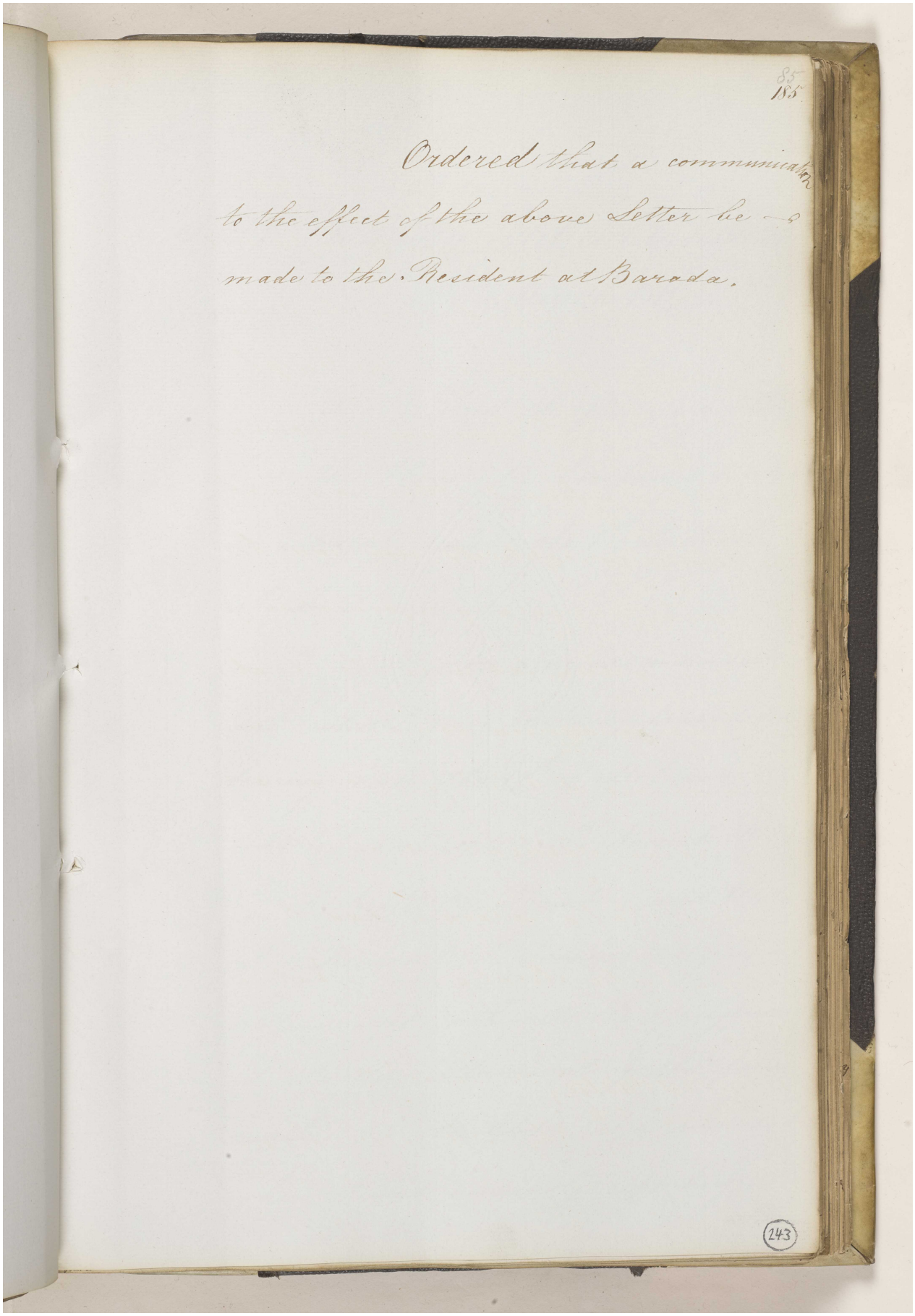
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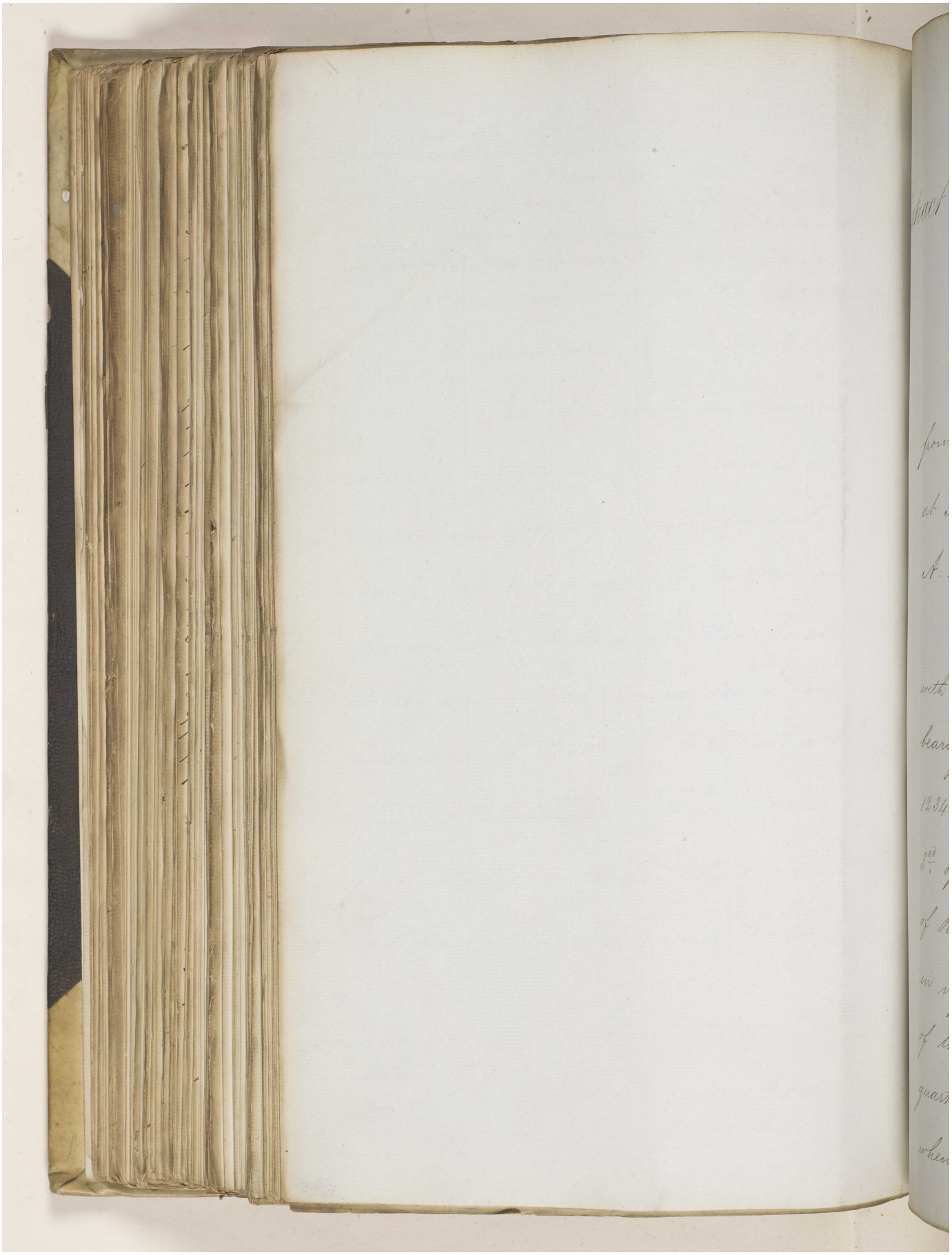

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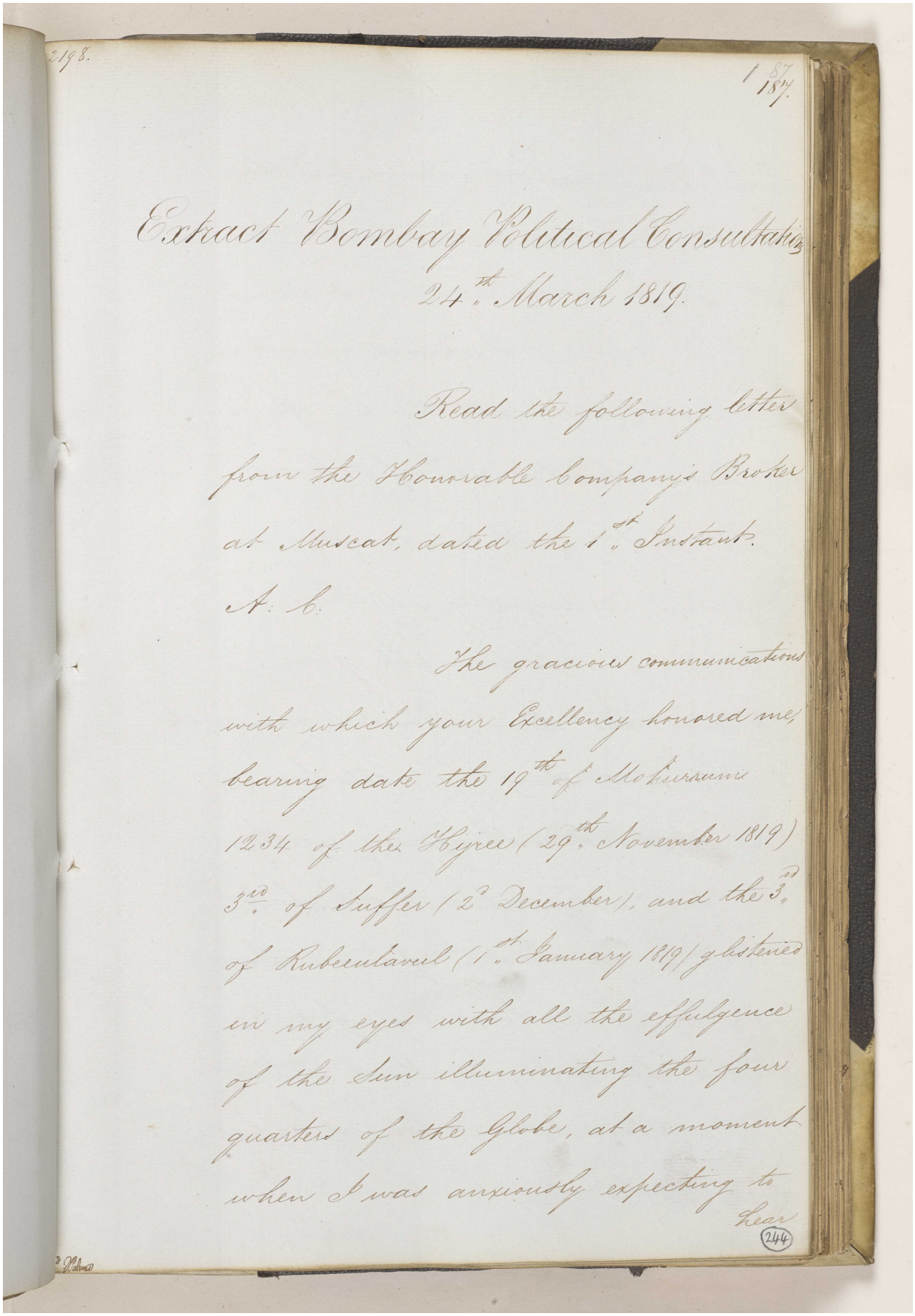

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24th. March 1819.

Read the following letter from the Honorable Company's Broker at Muscat, dated the 1st. Instant.

A. L.

The gracious communications with which your Excellency honored me, bearing date the 19th of Mohurrum 1234 of the Hijree (29th. November 1819) 3rd. of Suffer (2d December), and the 3rd. of Rubeeulawul (1st. January 1819) glistened in my eyes with all the effulgence of the Sun illuminating the four quarters of the Globe, at a moment when I was anxiously expecting to hear

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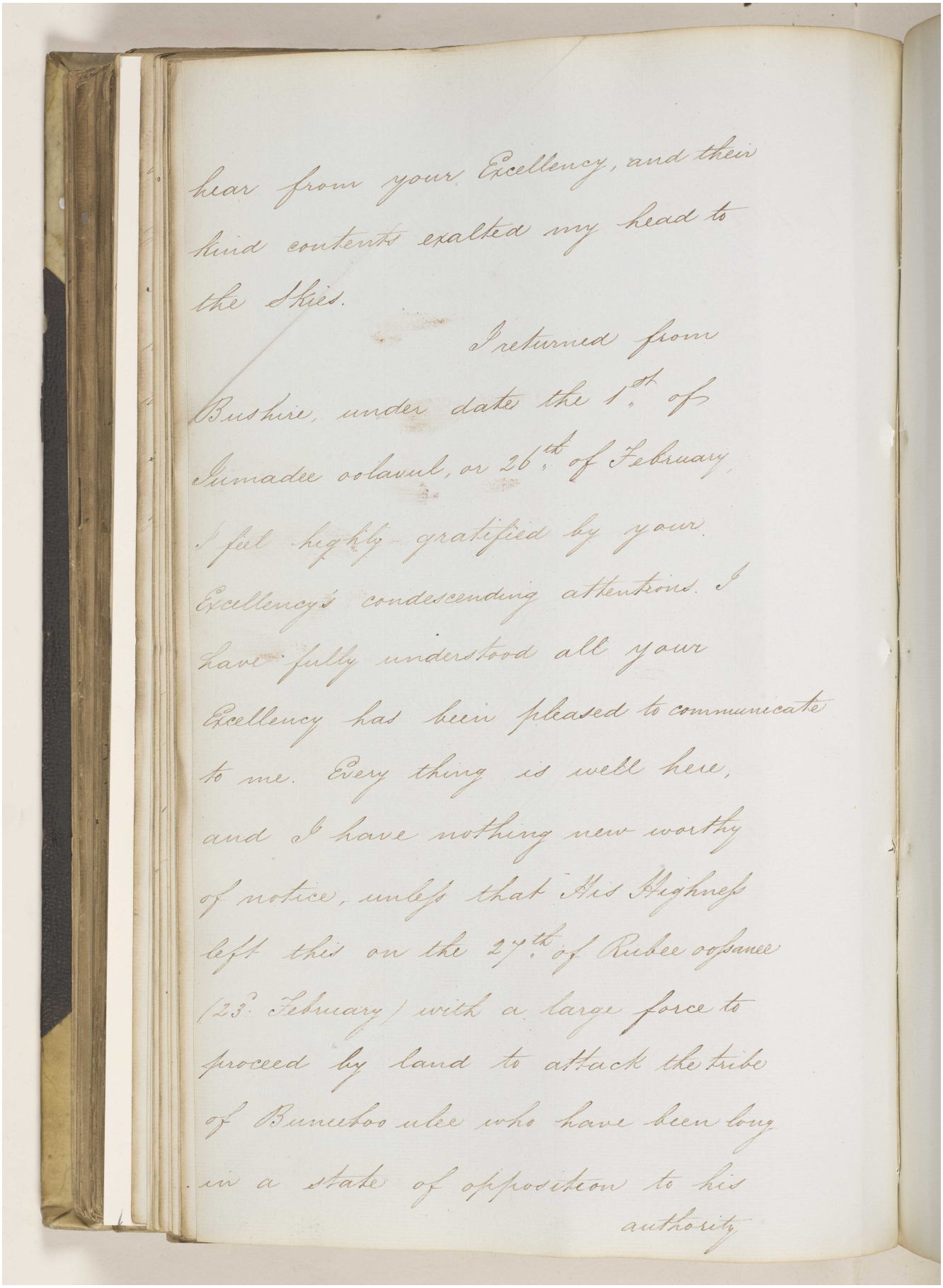
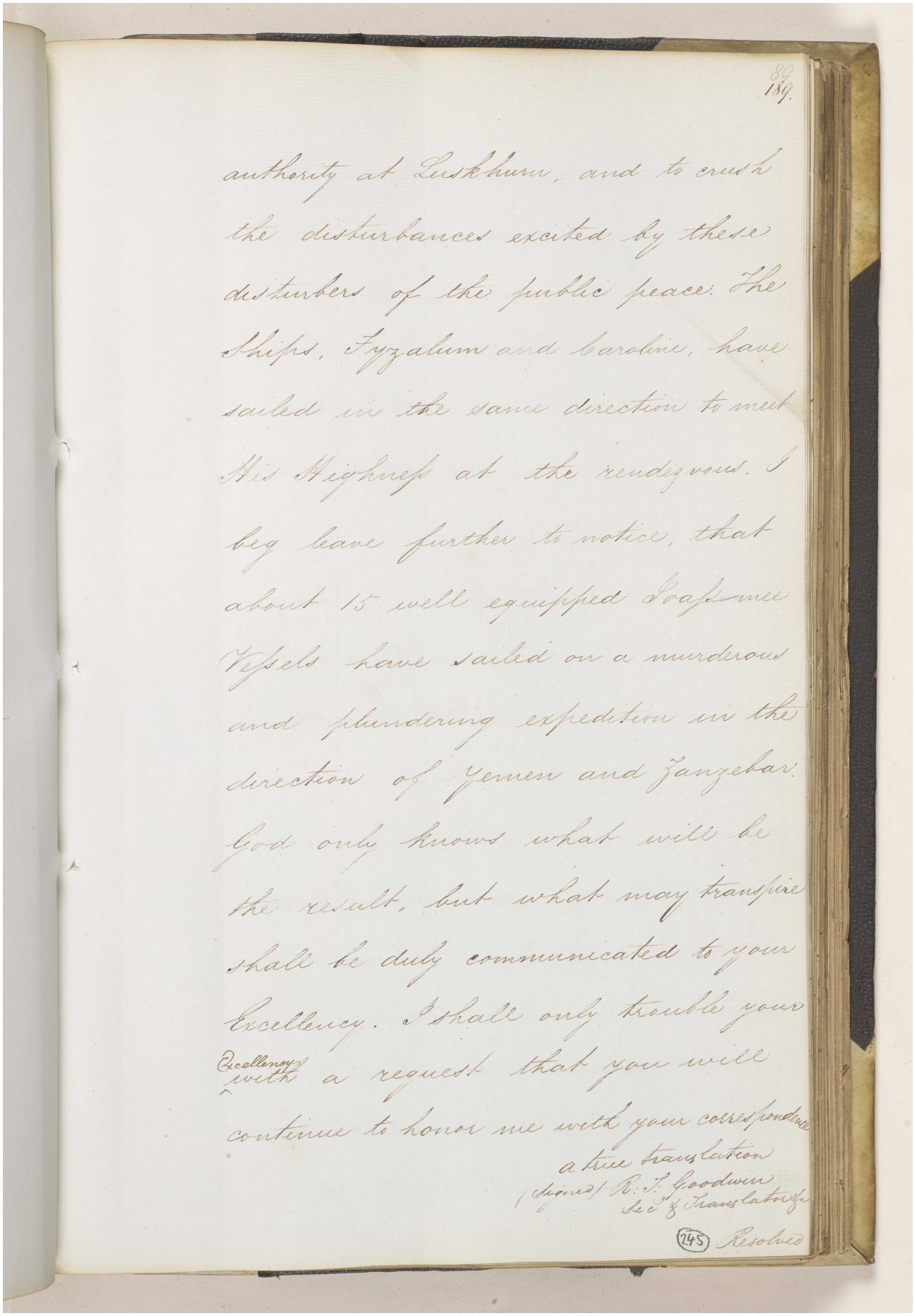


hear from your Excellency, and their kind contents exalted my head to the Skies.

I returned from Bushire, under date the 1st. of Jumadee oolawul, or 26th. of February. I feel highly gratified by your Excellency's condescending attentions. I have fully understood all your Excellency has been pleased to communicate to me. Every thing is well here, and I have nothing new worthy of notice, unless that His Highness left this on the 27th. of Rubee oosanee (23d. February) with a large force to proceed by land to attack the tribe of Bunneboo ulee who have been long in a state of opposition to his authority



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authority at Luskhurn, and to crush
the disturbances excited by these
disturbers of the public peace. The
Ships, Fyzalum and Caroline, have
sailed in the same direction to meet
His Highness at the rendezvous. I
beg leave further to notice, that
about 15 well equipped Joasmee
Vessels have sailed on a murderous
and plundering expedition in the
direction of Yemen and Zanzebar.
God only knows what will be
the result, but what may transpire
shall be duly communicated to your
Excellency. I shall only trouble your
Excellency with a request that you will
continue to honor me with your correspondence

a true translation
(Signed) R. T. Goodwin
Sec'y & Translator

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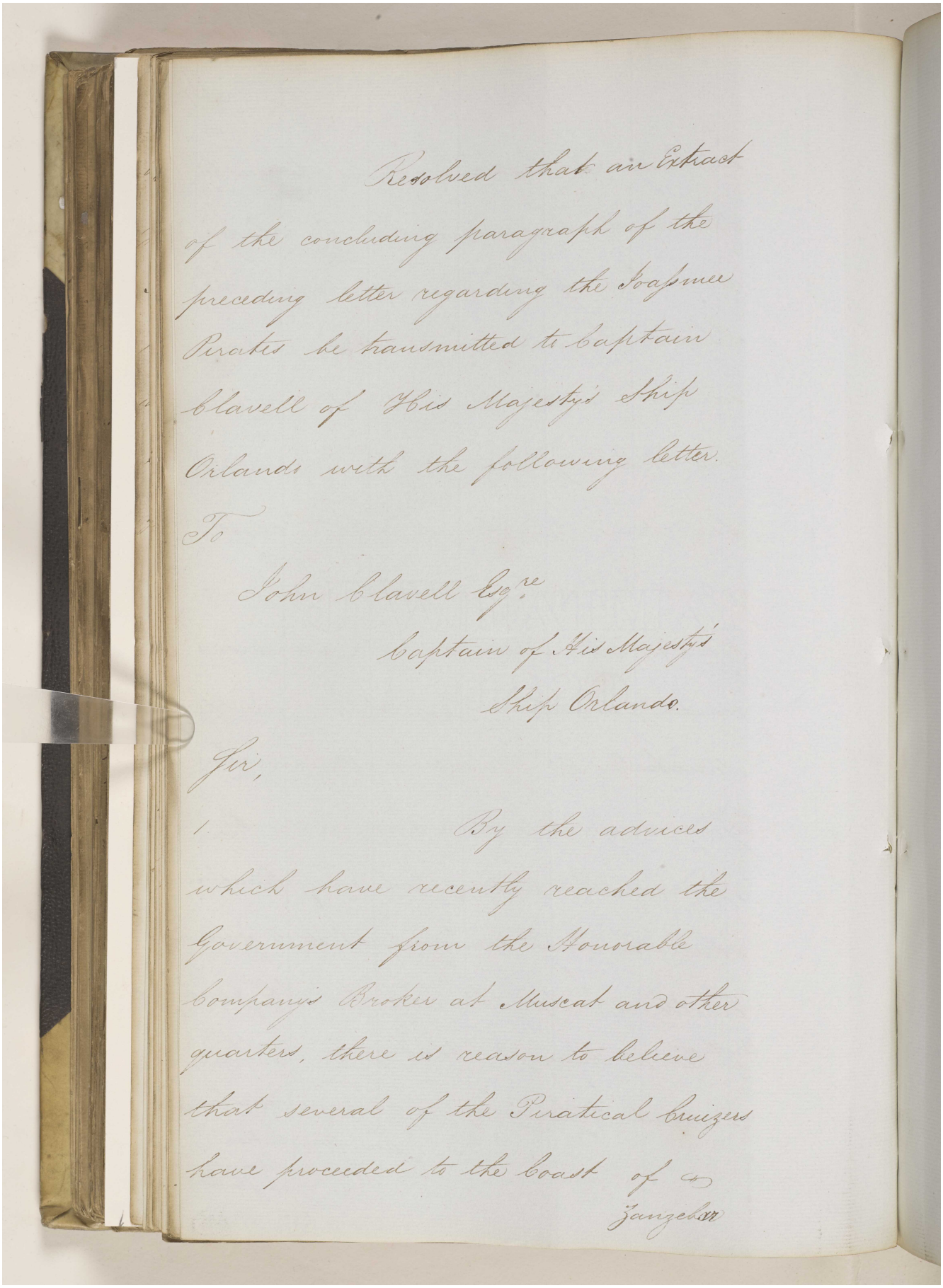


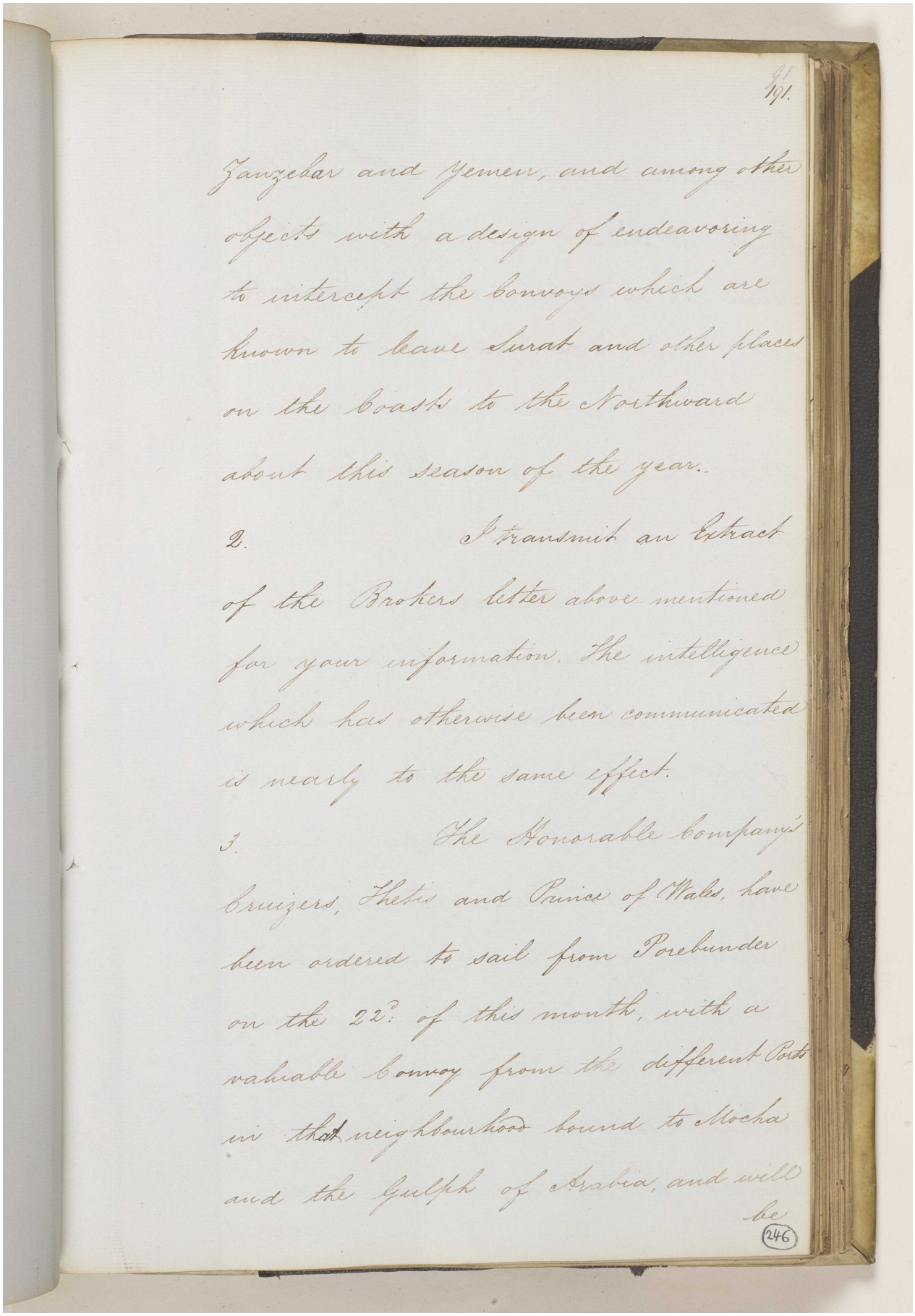
Resolved that an Extract of the concluding paragraph of the preceding letter regarding the Joasmee Pirates be transmitted to Captain Clavell of His Majesty's Ship Orlando with the following letter.

To

John Clavell Esq.re
Captain of His Majesty's
Ship Orlando.

Sir,

By the advices which have recently reached the Government from the Honorable Company's Broker at Muscat and other quarters, there is reason to believe that several of the Piratical buizers have proceeded to the coast of Zanzebar



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Zanzebar and Yemen, and among other objects with a design of endeavoring to intercept the convoys which are known to leave Surat and other places on the Coast to the Northward about this season of the year.

2. I transmit an Extract of the Brokers letter above mentioned for your information. The intelligence which has otherwise been communicated is nearly to the same effect.

3. The Honorable Company's Cruizers, Thetis and Prince of Wales, have been ordered to sail from Porebunder on the 22d: of this month, with a valuable Convoy from the different Ports in that neighbourhood bound to Mocha and the Gulph of Arabia, and will be

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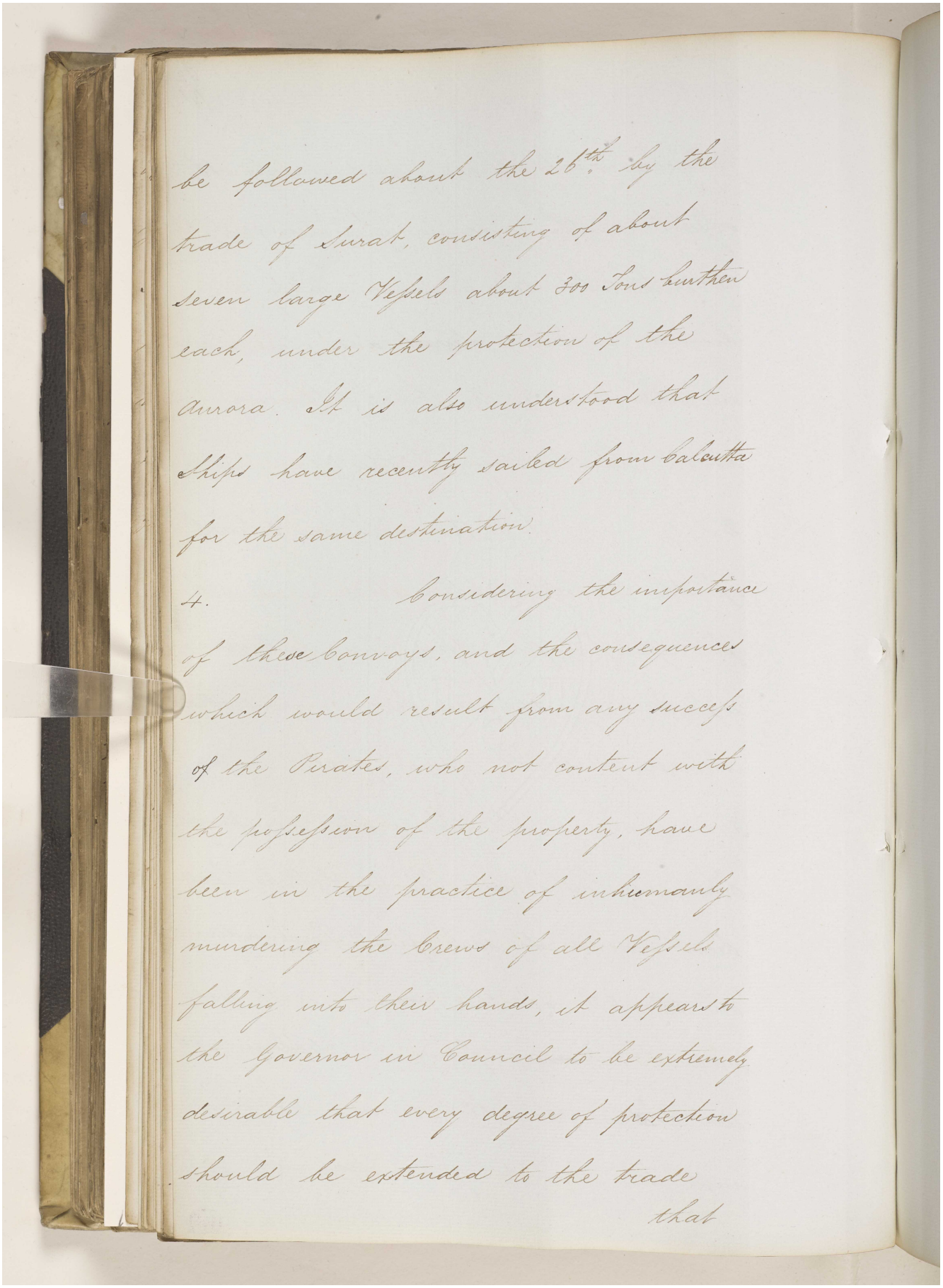
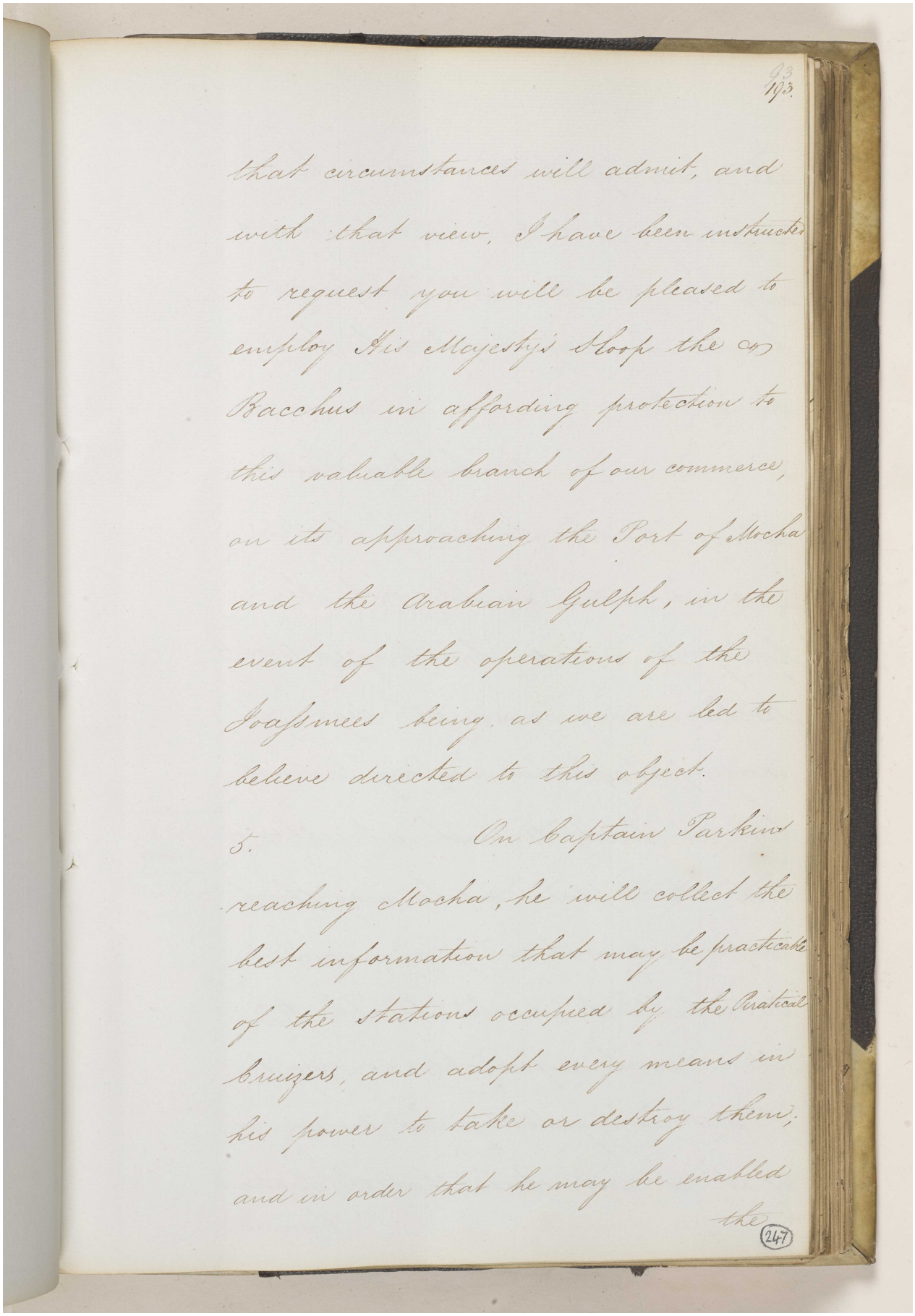


be followed about the 26th. by the trade of Surat, consisting of about seven large Vessels about 300 Tons burthen each, under the protection of the Aurora. It is also understood that Ships have recently sailed from Calcutta for the same destination.

4. Considering the importance of these Convoys, and the consequences which would result from any success of the Pirates, who not content with the possession of the property, have been in the practice of inhumanly murdering the Crews of all Vessels falling into their hands, it appears to the Governor in Council to be extremely desirable that every degree of protection should be extended to the trade that



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that circumstances will admit, and with that view, I have been instructed to request you will be pleased to employ His Majesty's Sloop the Bacchus in affording protection to this valuable branch of our commerce, on its approaching the Port of Mocha and the Arabian Gulph, in the event of the operations of the Joasmees being, as we are led to believe directed to this object.

5. On Captain Parkins reaching Mocha, he will collect the best information that may be practicable of the stations occupied by the Piratical Cruizers, and adopt every means in his power to take or destroy them; and in order that he may be enabled the

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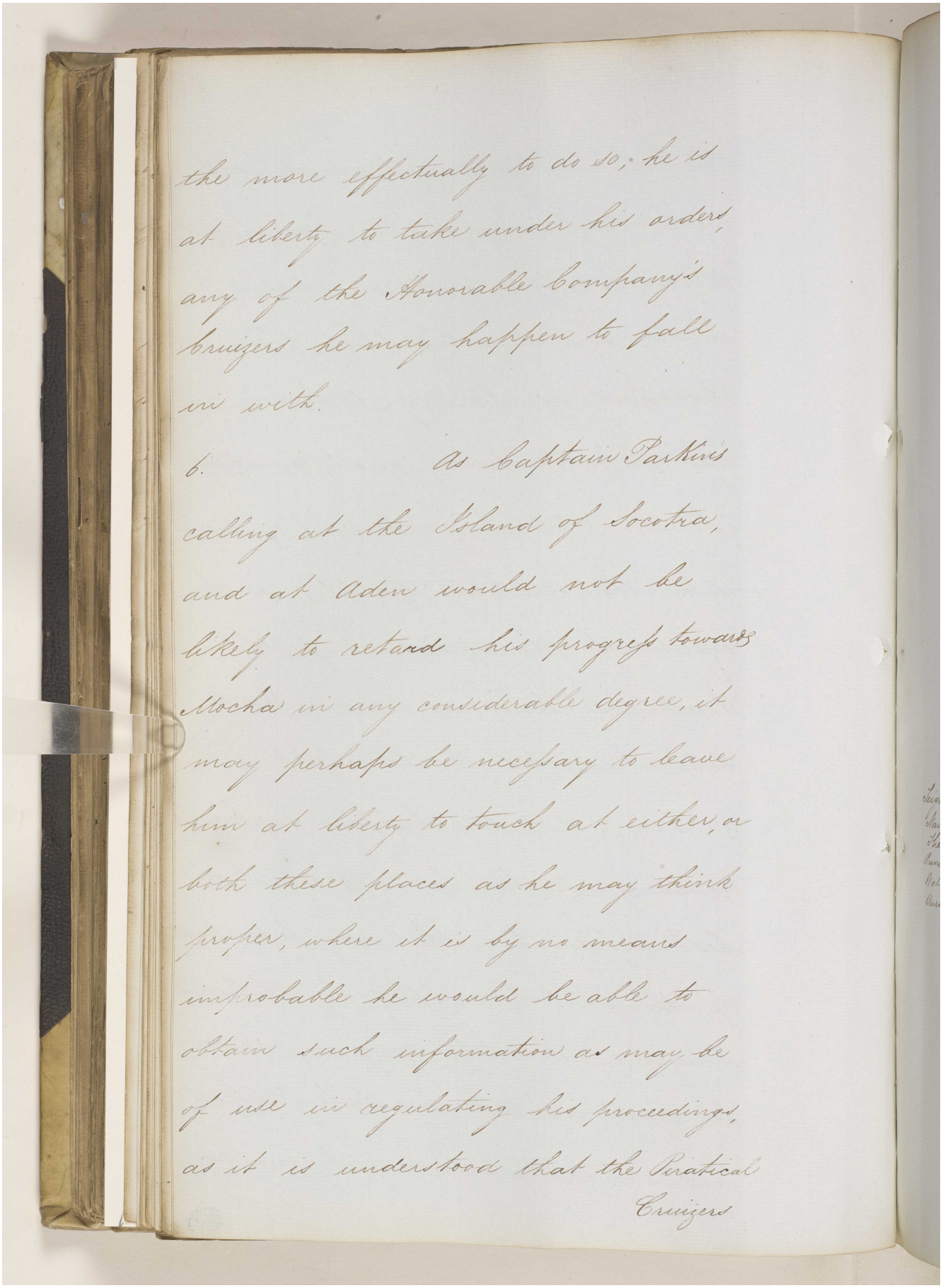
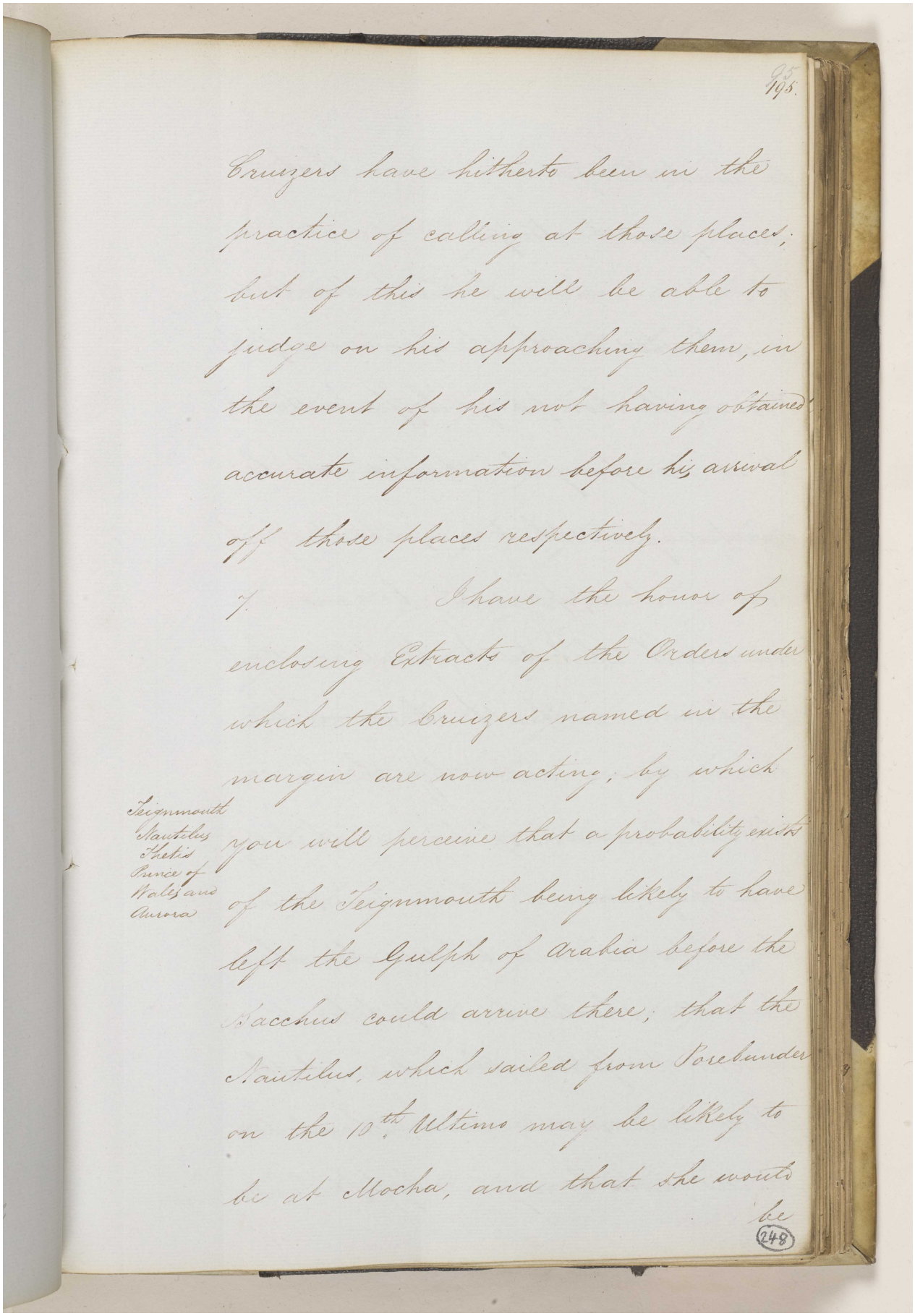


the more effectually to do so, he is at liberty to take under his orders any of the Honorable Company's Cruizers he may happen to fall in with.

6. As Captain Perkins calling at the Island of Socotra, and at Aden would not be likely to retard his progress towards Mocha in any considerable degree, it may perhaps be necessary to leave him at liberty to touch at either, or both these places as he may think proper, where it is by no means improbable he would be able to obtain such information as may be of use in regulating his proceedings, as it is understood that the Piratical Cruizers



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Cruizers have hitherto been in the practice of calling at those places; but of this he will be able to judge on his approaching them, in the event of his not having obtained accurate information before his arrival off those places respectively.

I have the honor of enclosing Extracts of the Orders under which the Cruizers named in the margin are now acting, by which you will perceive that a probability exists of the Teignmouth being likely to have left the Gulph of Arabia before the Bacchus could arrive there; that the Nautilus, which sailed from Sorebunder on the 10th. Ultimo may be likely to be at Mocha, and that she would be

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Thetis
Prince of Wales and
Aurora

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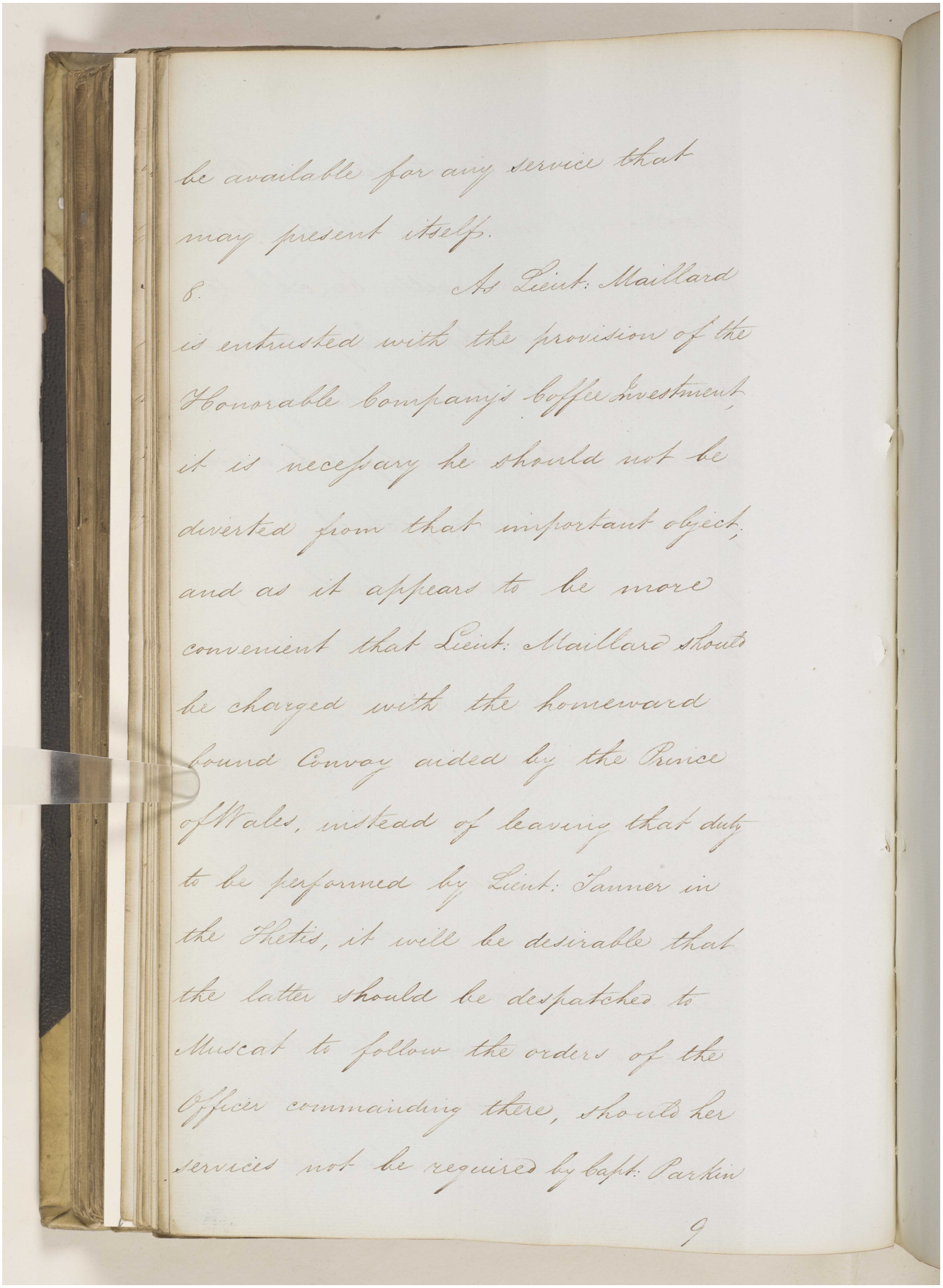

be available for any service that
may present itself.

8. As Lieut: Maillard
is entrusted with the provision of the
Honorable Company's boffee investment,
it is necessary he should not be
diverted from that important object,
and as it appears to be more
convenient that Lieut: Maillard should
be charged with the homeward
bound Convoy aided by the Prince
of Wales, instead of leaving that duty
to be performed by Lieut: Sumner in
the Thetis, it will be desirable that
the latter should be despatched to
Muscat to follow the orders of the
Officer commanding there, should her
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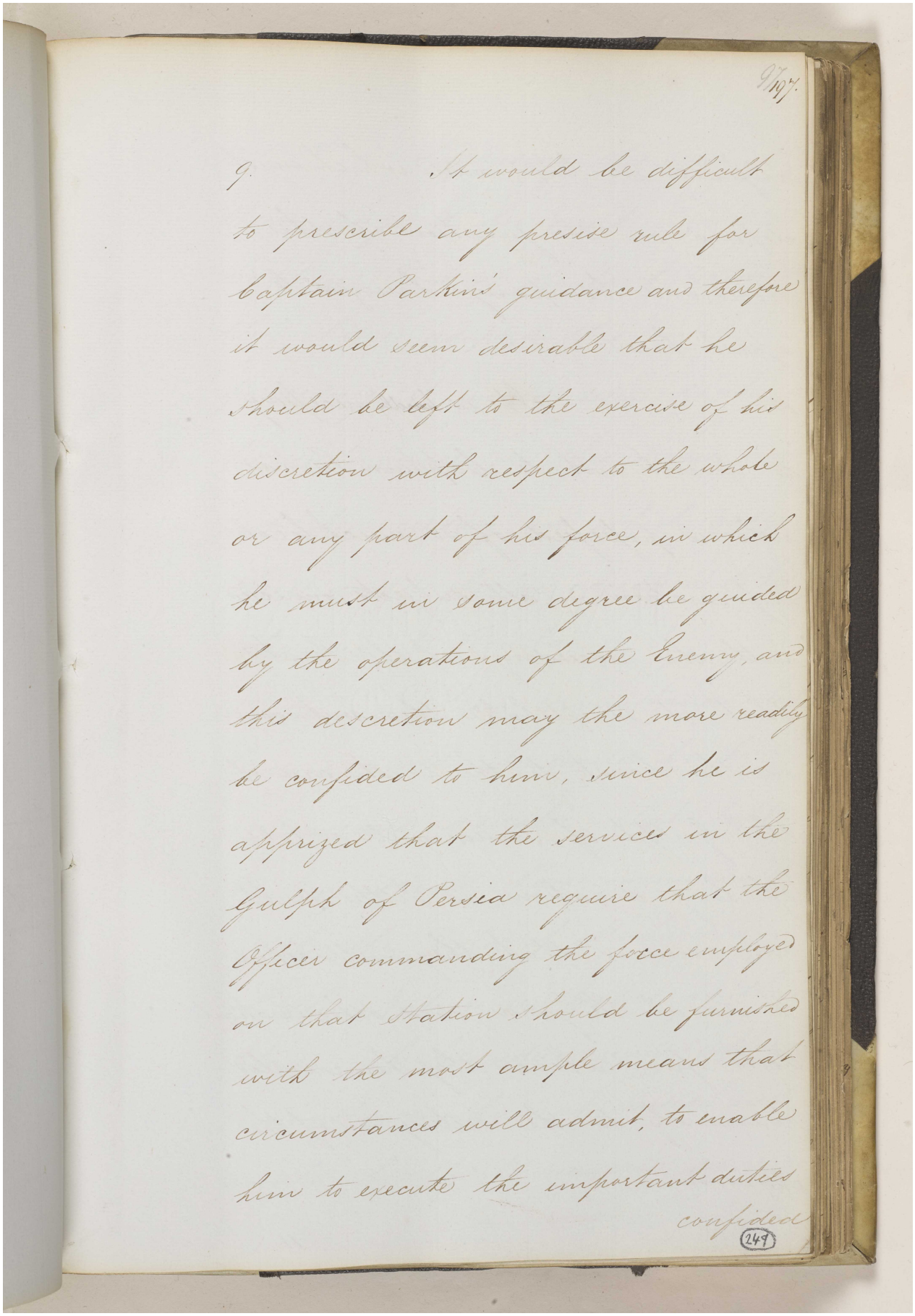

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9. It would be difficult to prescribe any precise rule for Captain Parkin's guidance and therefore it would seem desirable that he should be left to the exercise of his discretion with respect to the whole or any part of his force, in which he must in some degree be guided by the operations of the Enemy, and this discretion may the more readily be confided to him, since he is apprized that the services in the Gulph of Persia require that the Officer commanding the force employed on that Station should be furnished with the most ample means that circumstances will admit, to enable him to execute the important duties confided

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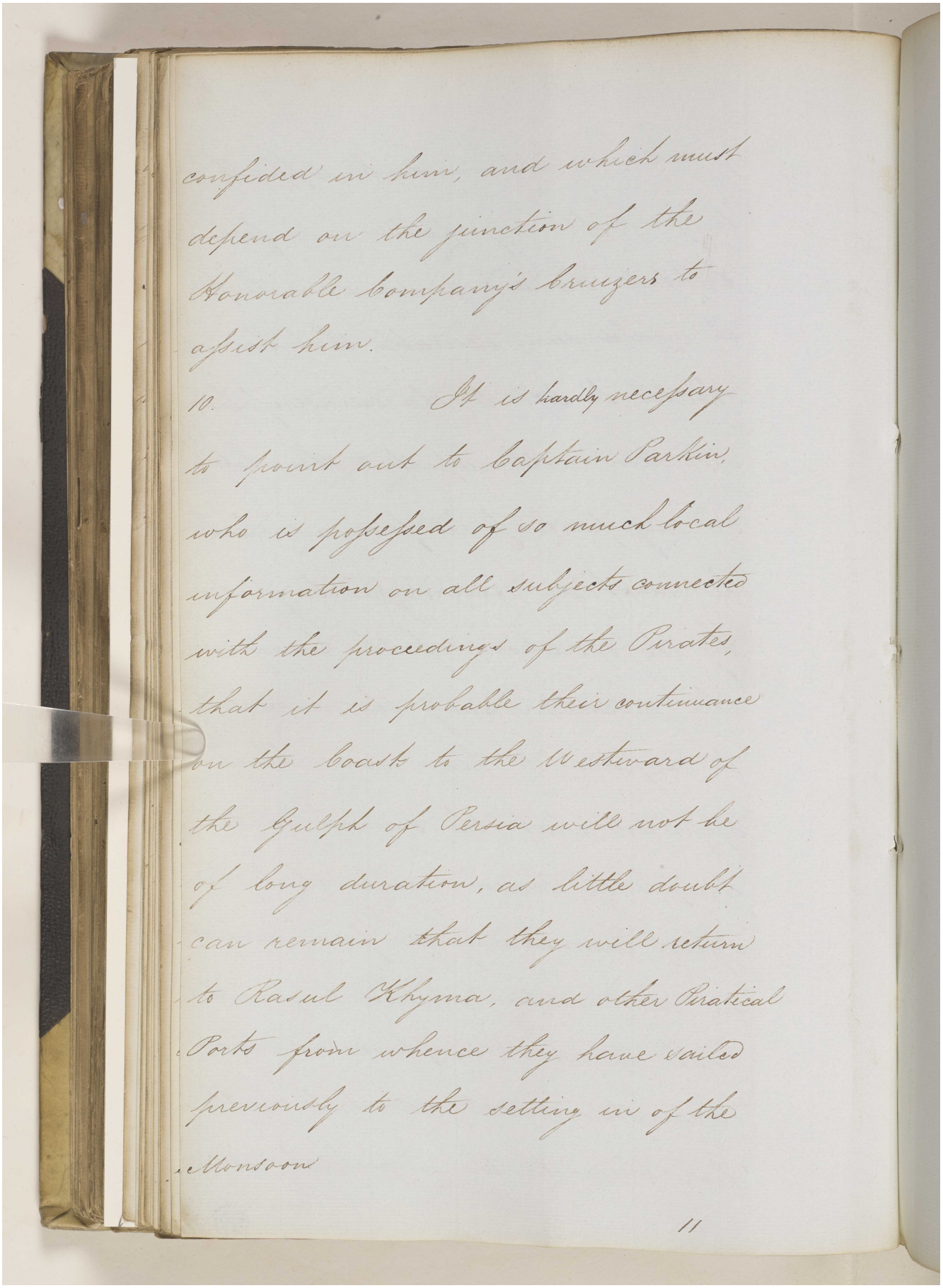

confided in him, and which must depend on the junction of the Honorable Company's Cruizers to assist him.

10. It is hardly necessary to point out to Captain Parkin, who is possessed of so much local information on all subjects connected with the proceedings of the Pirates, that it is probable their continuance on the Coasts to the Westward of the Gulph of Persia will not be of long duration, as little doubt can remain that they will return to Rasul Khyma, and other Piratical Ports from whence they have sailed previously to the setting in of the Monsoon

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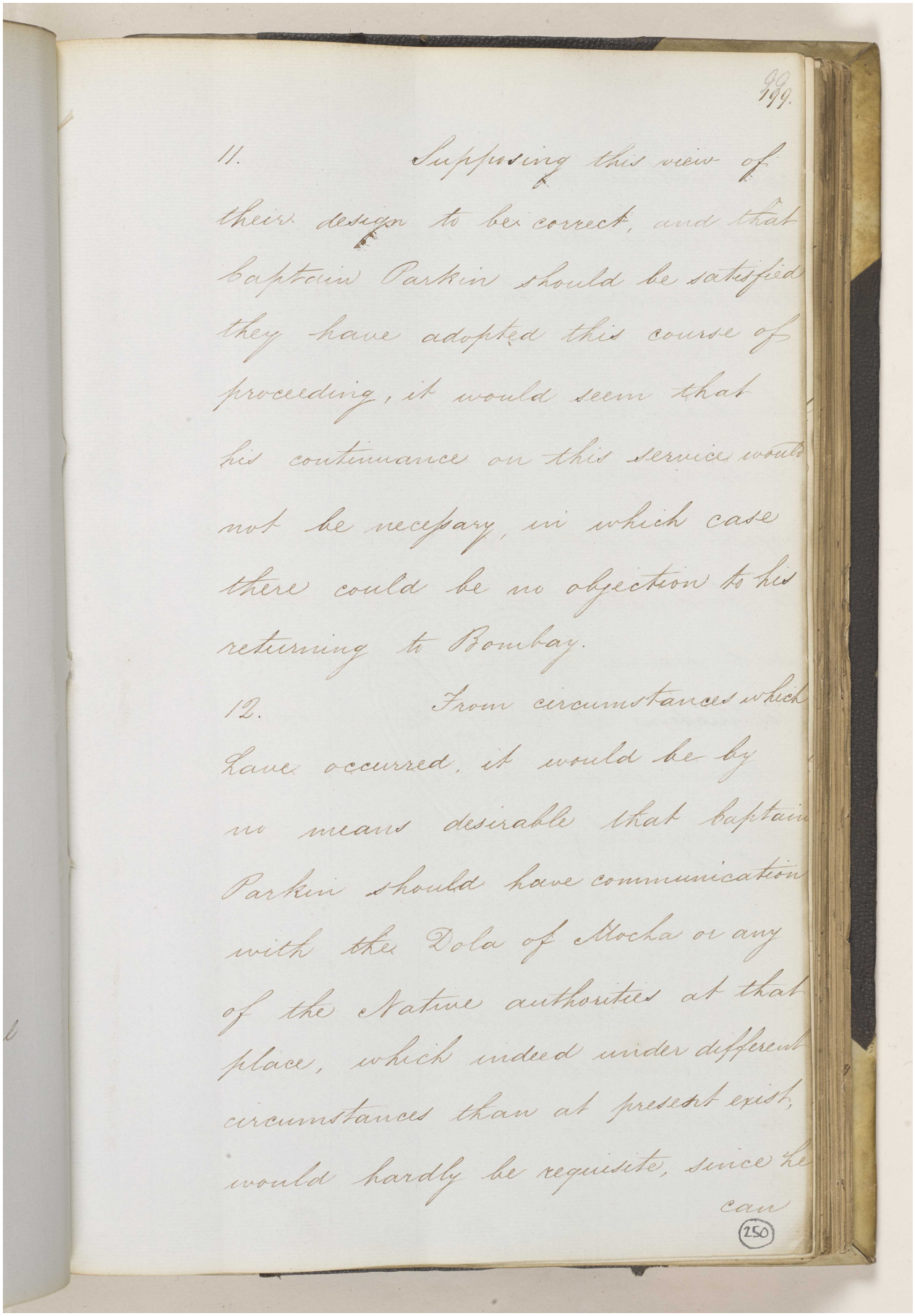

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11. Supposing this view of their design to be correct, and that Captain Parkin should be satisfied they have adopted this course of proceeding, it would seem that his continuance on this service would not be necessary, in which case there could be no objection to his returning to Bombay.

12. From circumstances which have occurred, it would be by no means desirable that Captain Parkin should have communication with the Dola of Mocha or any of the Native authorities at that place, which indeed under different circumstances than at present exist, would hardly be requisite, since he can

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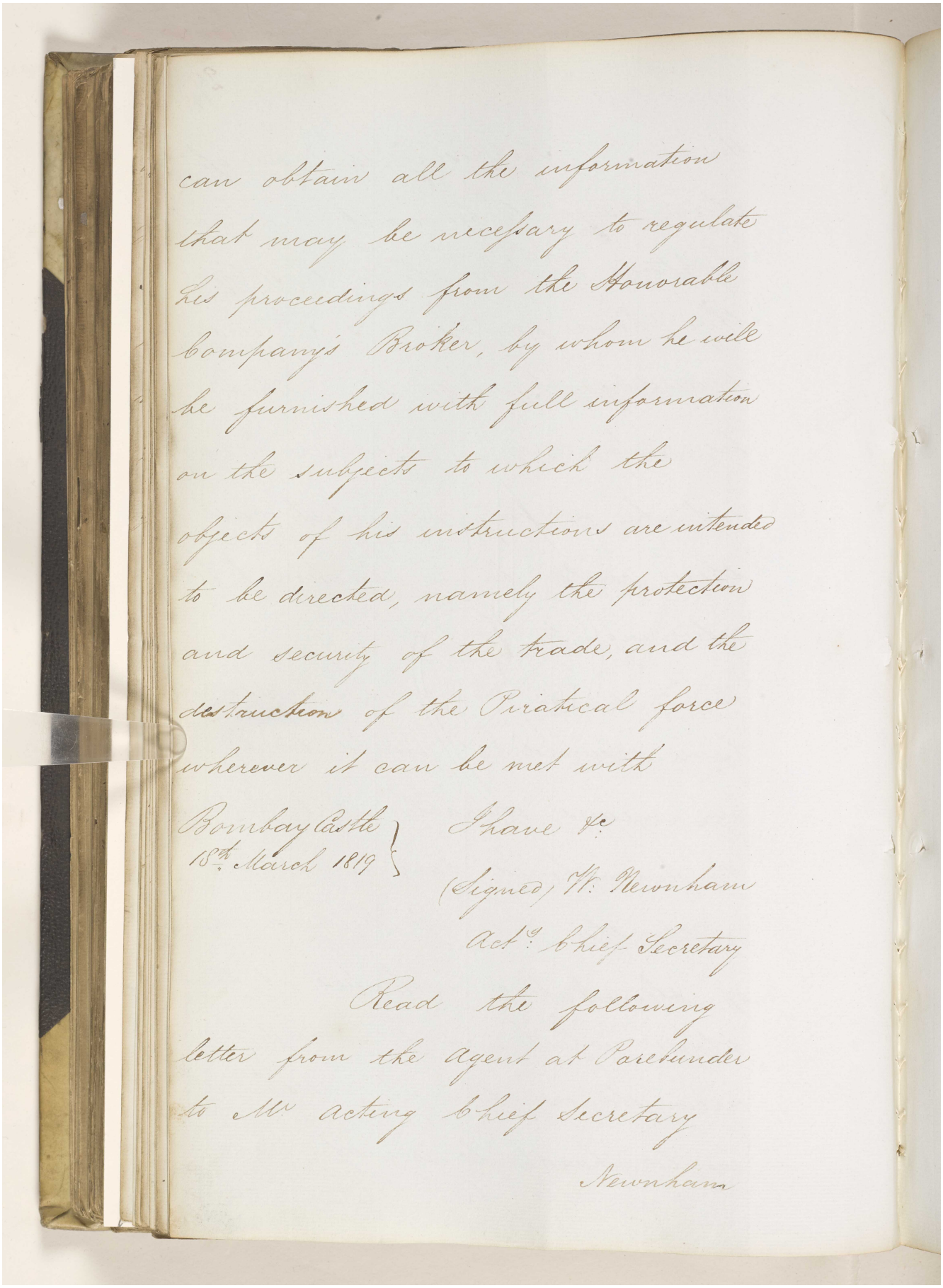
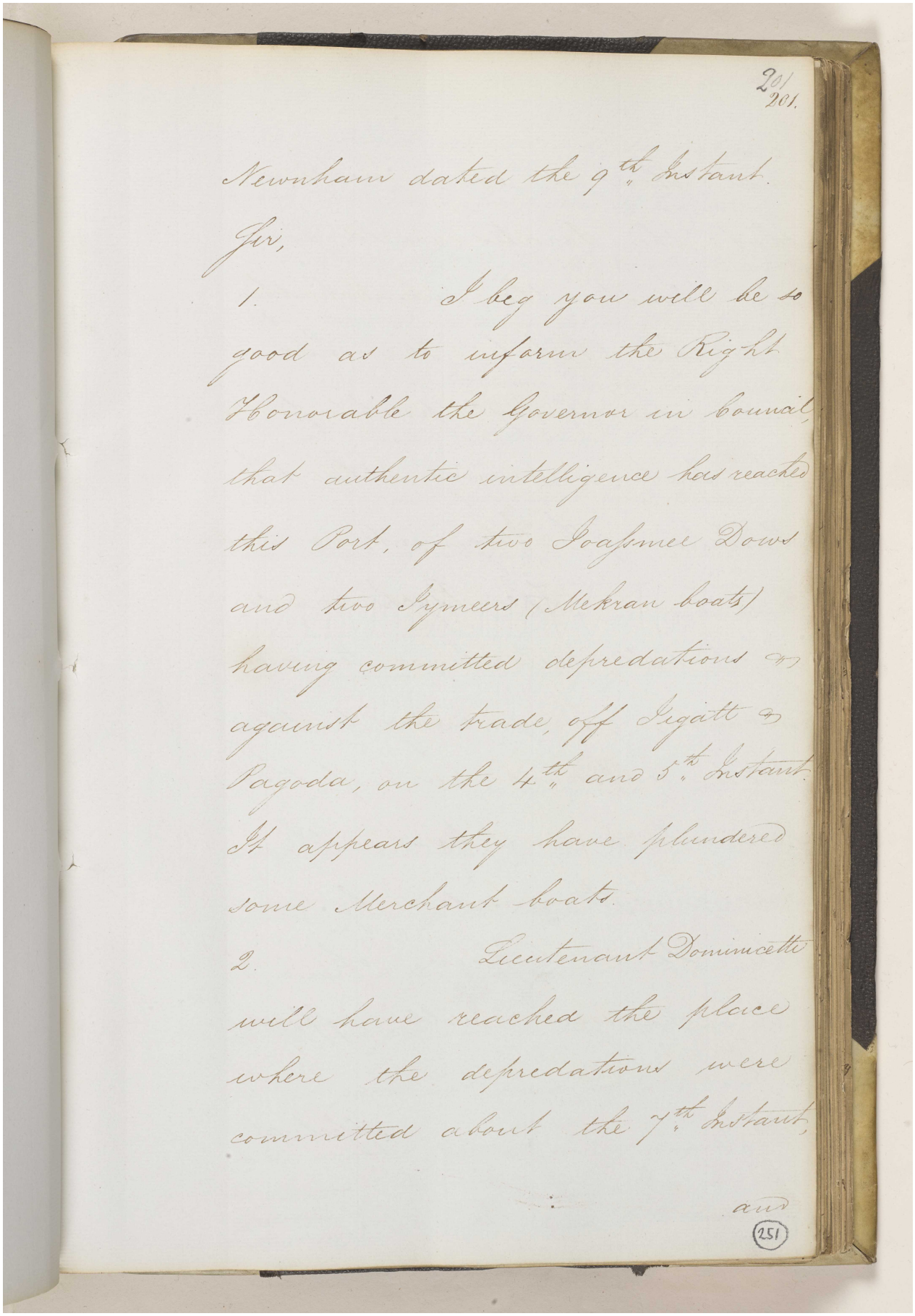


can obtain all the information
that may be necessary to regulate
his proceedings from the Honorable
Company's Broker, by whom he will
be furnished with full information
on the subjects to which the
objects of his instructions are intended
to be directed, namely the protection
and security of the trade, and the
destruction of the Piratical force
wherever it can be met with

Bombay Castle
18th. March 1819

I have &c
(Signed) W. Newnham
Actg. Chief Secretary

Read the following
letter from the Agent at Parkunder
to Mr acting Chief Secretary
Newnham



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Newnham dated the 9th Instant.

Sir,

1. I beg you will be so good as to inform the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that authentic intelligence has reached this Port, of two Joasmee Dows and two Symeers (Mekran boats) having committed depredations against the trade off Sugatt & Pagoda, on the 4th and 5th Instant. It appears they have plundered some Merchant boats.

2. Lieutenant Dominicetti will have reached the place where the depredations were committed about the 7th Instant,

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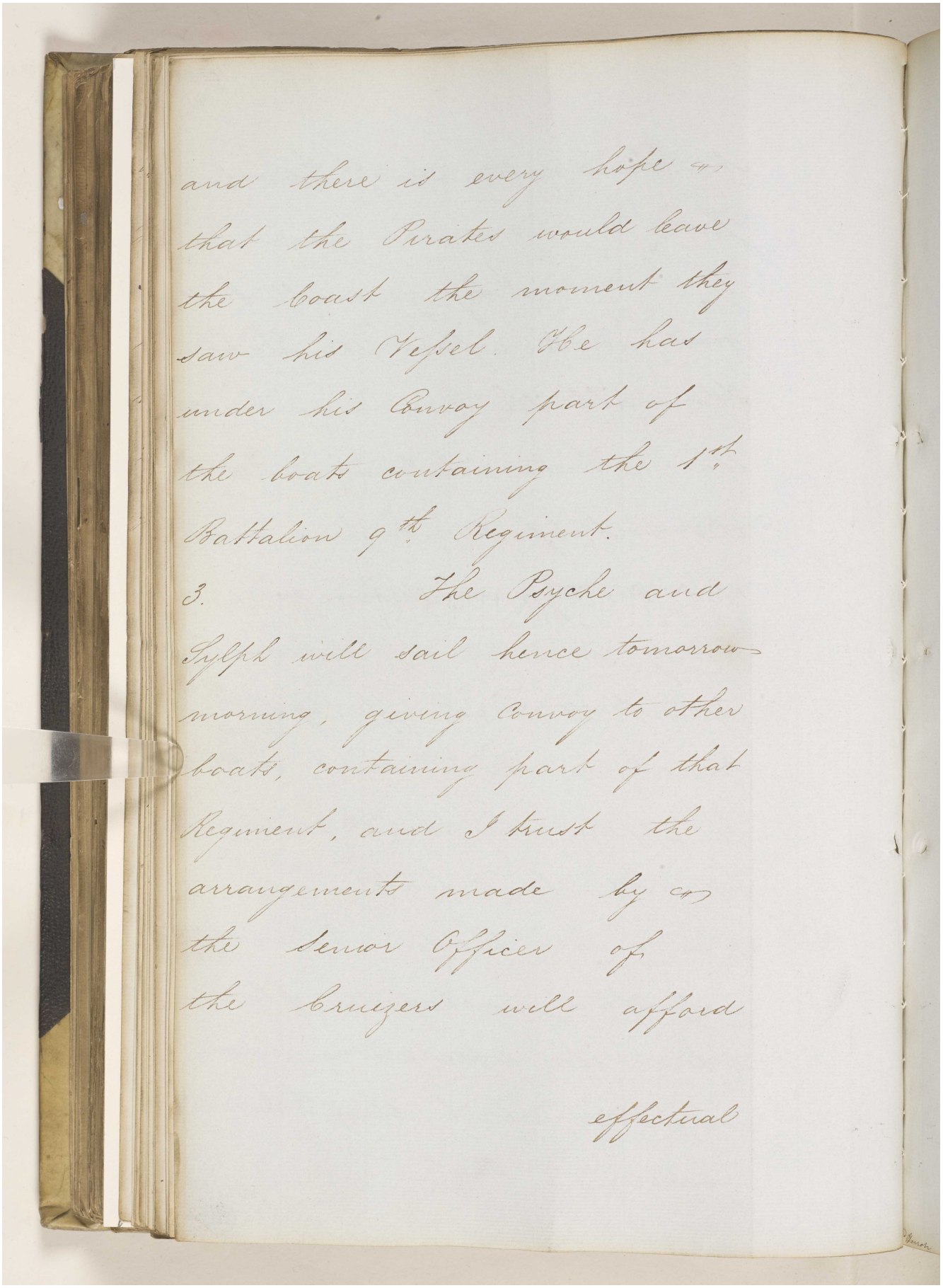

and there is every hope
that the Pirates would leave
the coast the moment they
saw his Vessel. She has
under his Convoy part of
the boats containing the 1st.
Battalion 9th Regiment.

3. The Psyche and
Sylph will sail hence tomorrow
morning, giving Convoy to other
boats, containing part of that
Regiment, and I trust the
arrangements made by
the Senior Officer of
the Cruizers will afford

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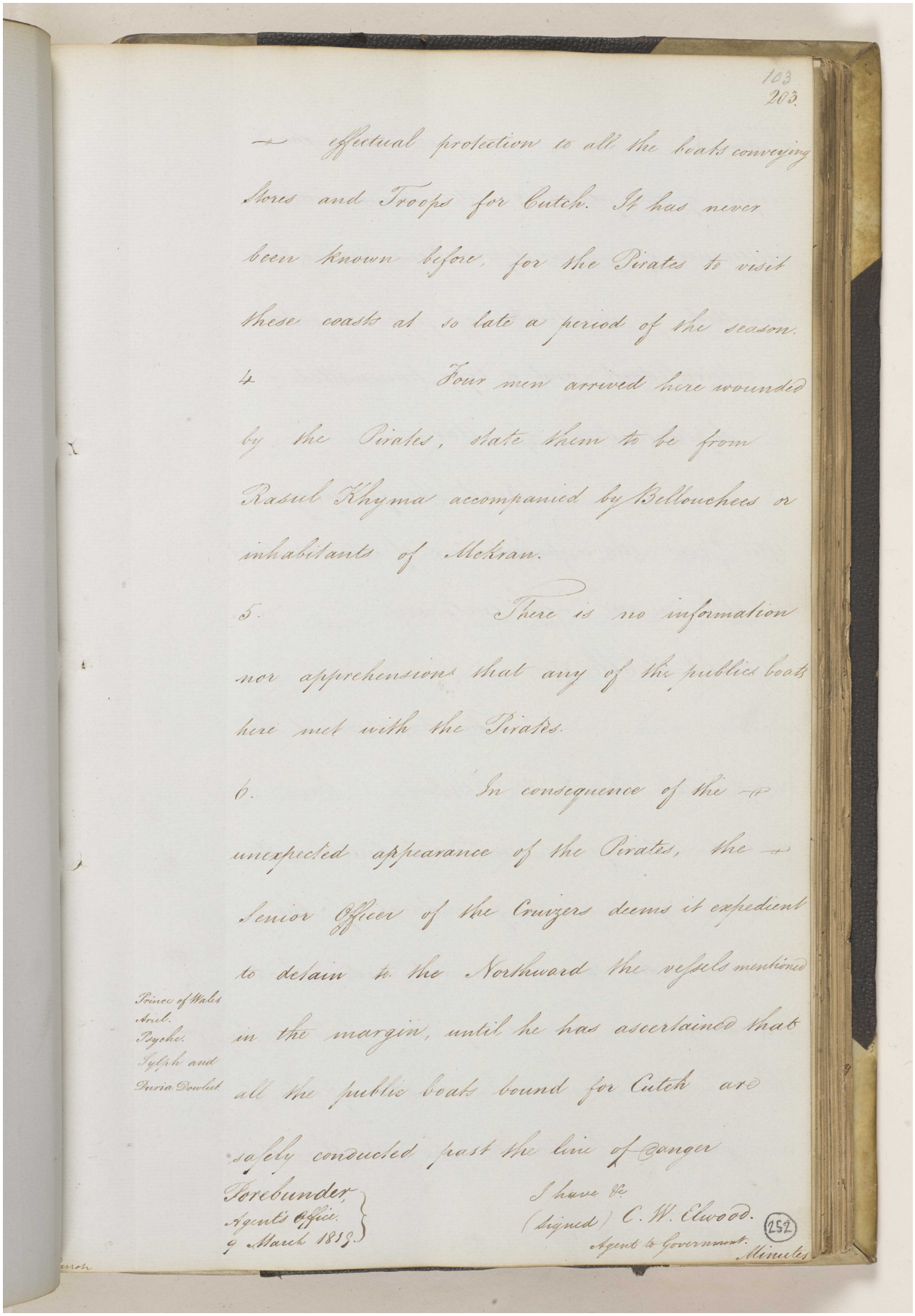

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— effectual protection to all the boats conveying Stores and Troops for Cutch. It has never been known before, for the Pirates to visit these coasts at so late a period of the season.

4 Four men arrived here wounded by the Pirates, state them to be from Rasul Khyma accompanied by Bellouchees or inhabitants of Mekran.

5. There is no information nor apprehensions that any of the publics boats here met with the Pirates.

6. In consequence of the — unexpected appearance of the Pirates, the — Senior Officer of the Cruizers deems it expedient to detain to the Northward the vessels mentioned in the margin, until he has ascertained that all the public boats bound for Cutch are safely conducted past the line of danger

Prince of Wales
Ariel.
Psyche.
Sylph and
Daria Doulut

Forebunder,
Agents office.
9 March 1819.

I have &c
(signed) C. W. Elwood.
Agent to Government.

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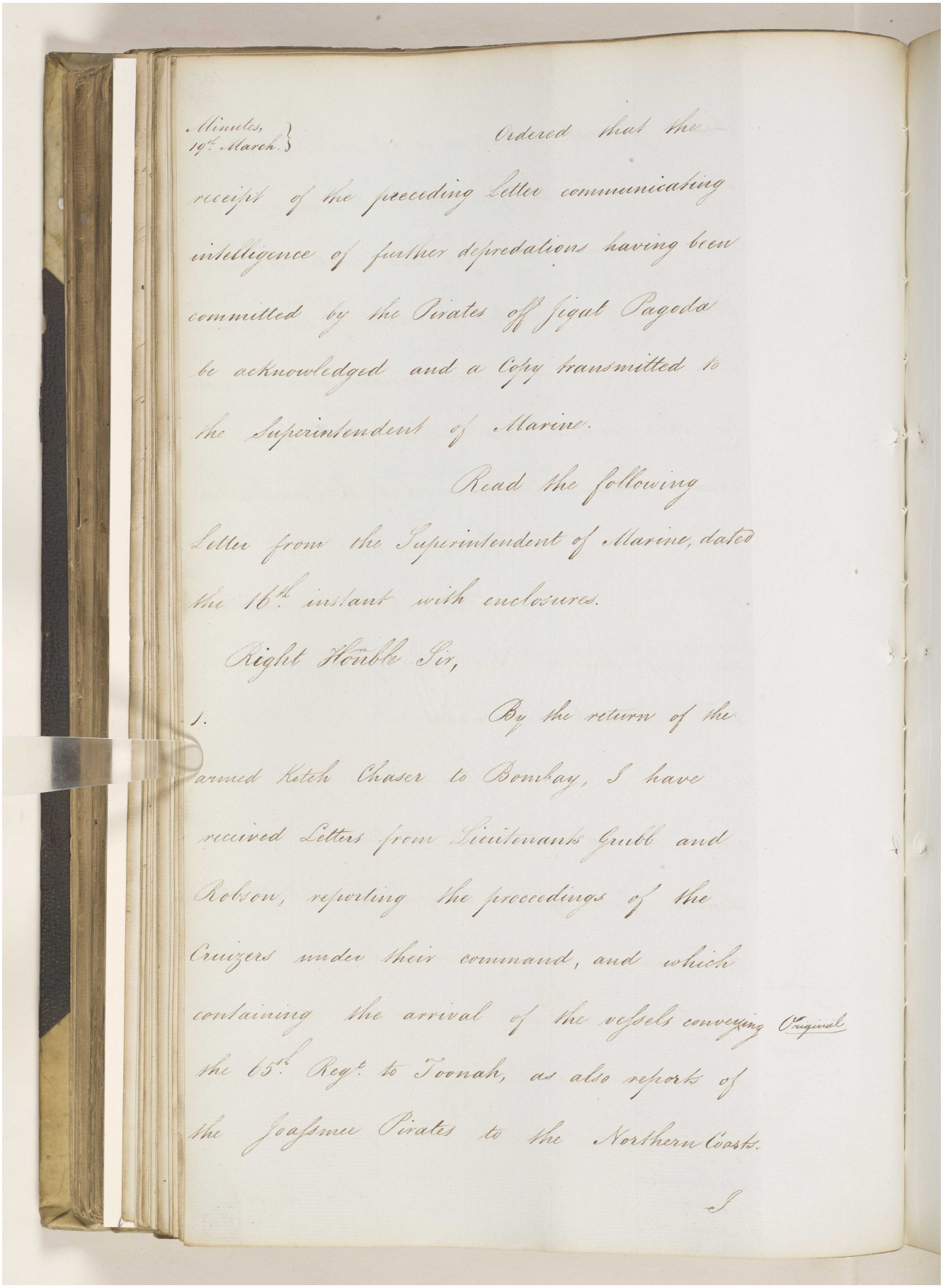

Minutes, 19th March.

Ordered that the receipt of the preceding Letter communicating intelligence of further depredations having been committed by the Pirates off Jigat Pagoda be acknowledged and a Copy transmitted to the Superintendent of Marine.

Read the following Letter from the Superintendent of Marine, dated the 16th instant with enclosures.

Right Honble Sir,

1. By the return of the armed Ketch Chaser to Bombay, I have received Letters from Lieutenants Guibb and Robson, reporting the proceedings of the Cruizers under their command, and which containing the arrival of the vessels conveying the 65th Regt to Toonah, as also reports of the Joasmee Pirates to the Northern Coasts.

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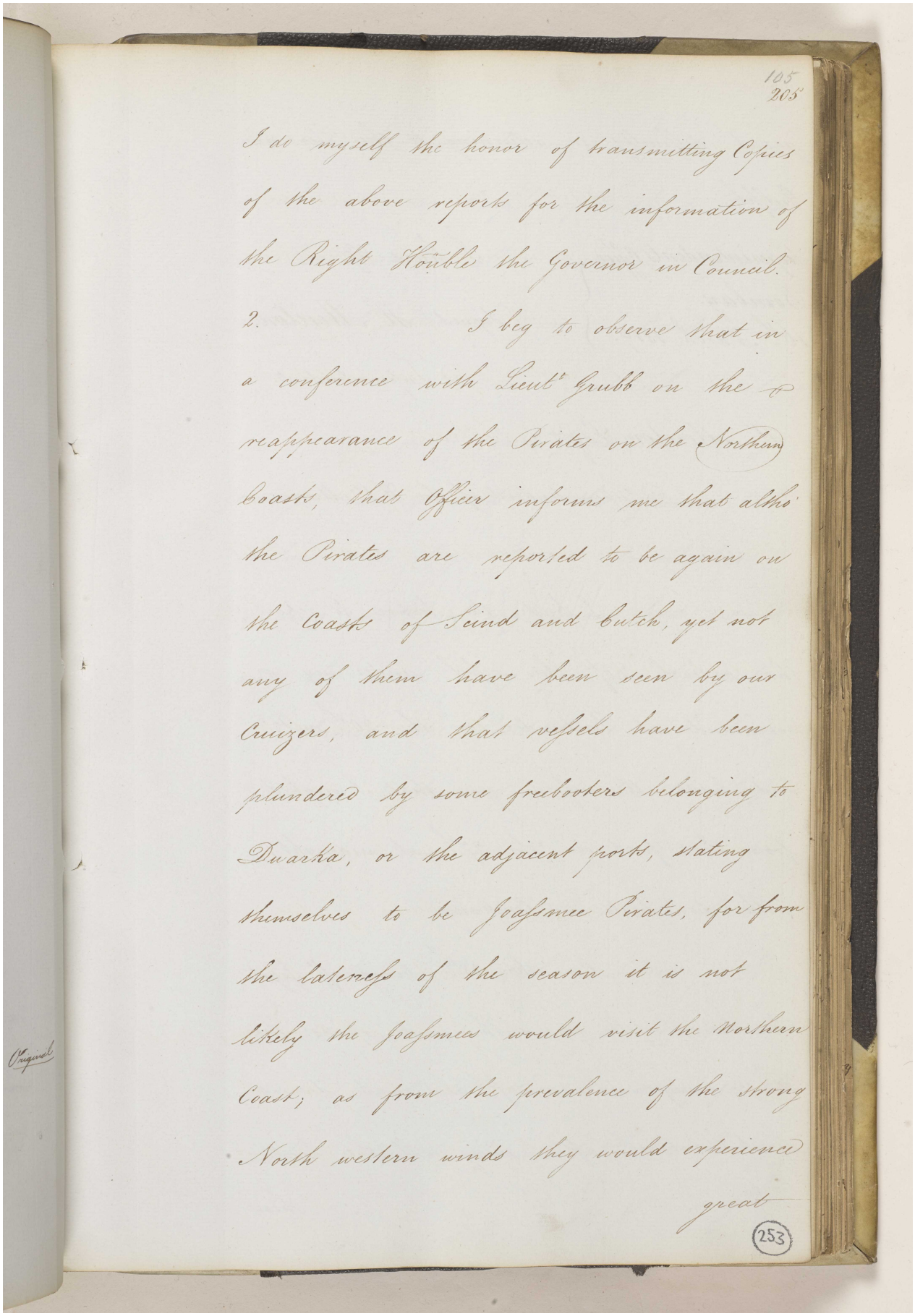

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I do myself the honor of transmitting Copies of the above reports for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

2. I beg to observe that in a conference with Lieut[t] Grubb on the reappearance of the Pirates on the Northern Coasts, that Officer informs me that altho' the Pirates are reported to be again on the Coasts of Scind and Cutch, yet not any of them have been seen by our Cruizers, and that vessels have been plundered by some freebooters belonging to Dwarka, or the adjacent ports, stating themselves to be Joasmee Pirates, for from the lateness of the season it is not likely the Joasmees would visit the Northern Coast; as from the prevalence of the strong North western winds they would experience great

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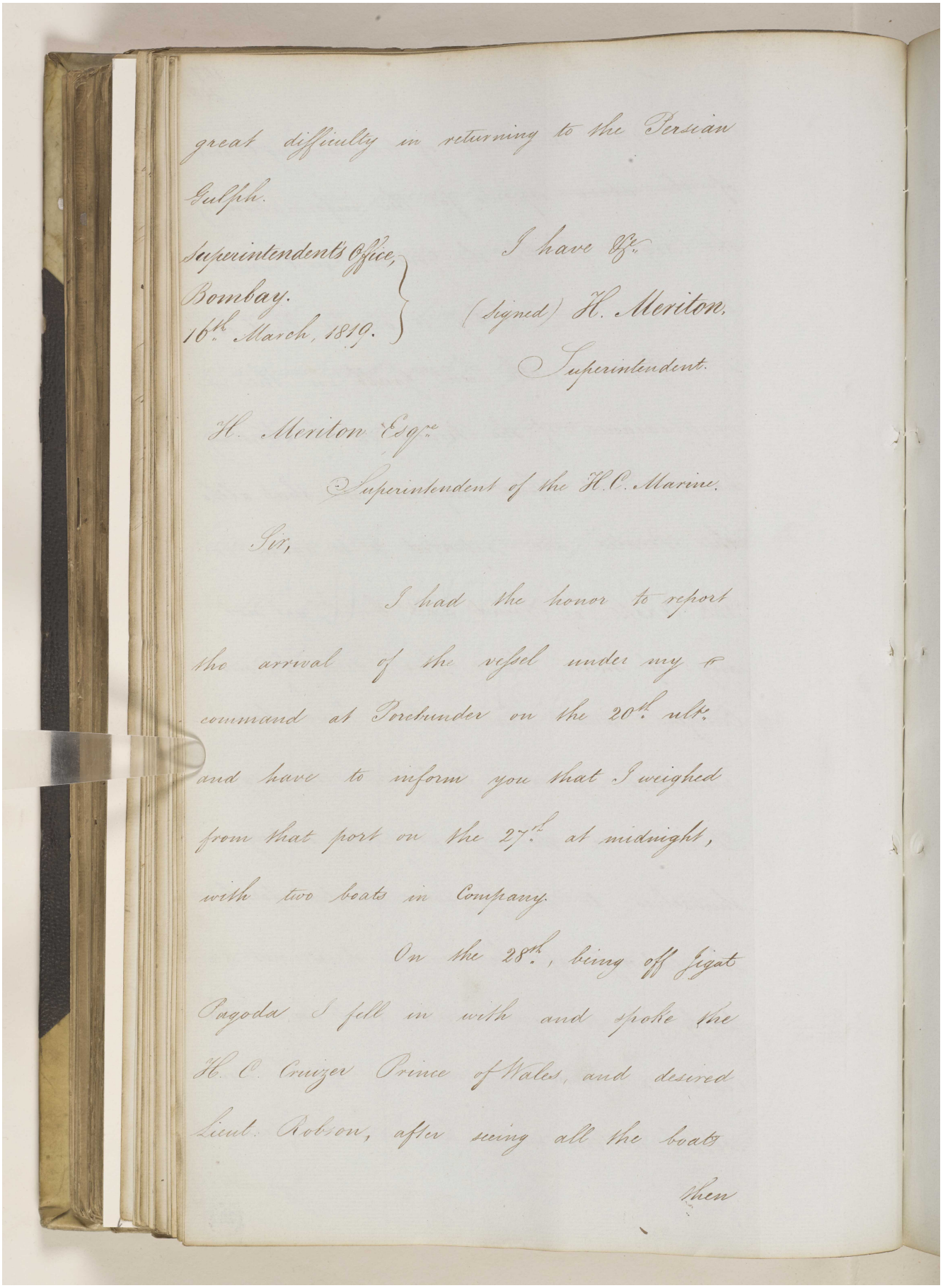

great difficulty in returning to the Persian Gulph.

I have &c.

Superintendents Office,
Bombay.
16th. March, 1819.

(Signed) H. Meriton.
Superintendent.

H. Meriton Esqre.
Superintendent of the H.C. Marine.

Sir,

I had the honor to report the arrival of the vessel under my command at Porebunder on the 20th. ult. and have to inform you that I weighed from that port on the 27th. at midnight, with two boats in Company.

On the 28th., being off Jigat Pagoda I fell in with and spoke the H. C. Cruizer Prince of Wales, and desired Lieut. Robson, after seeing all the boats

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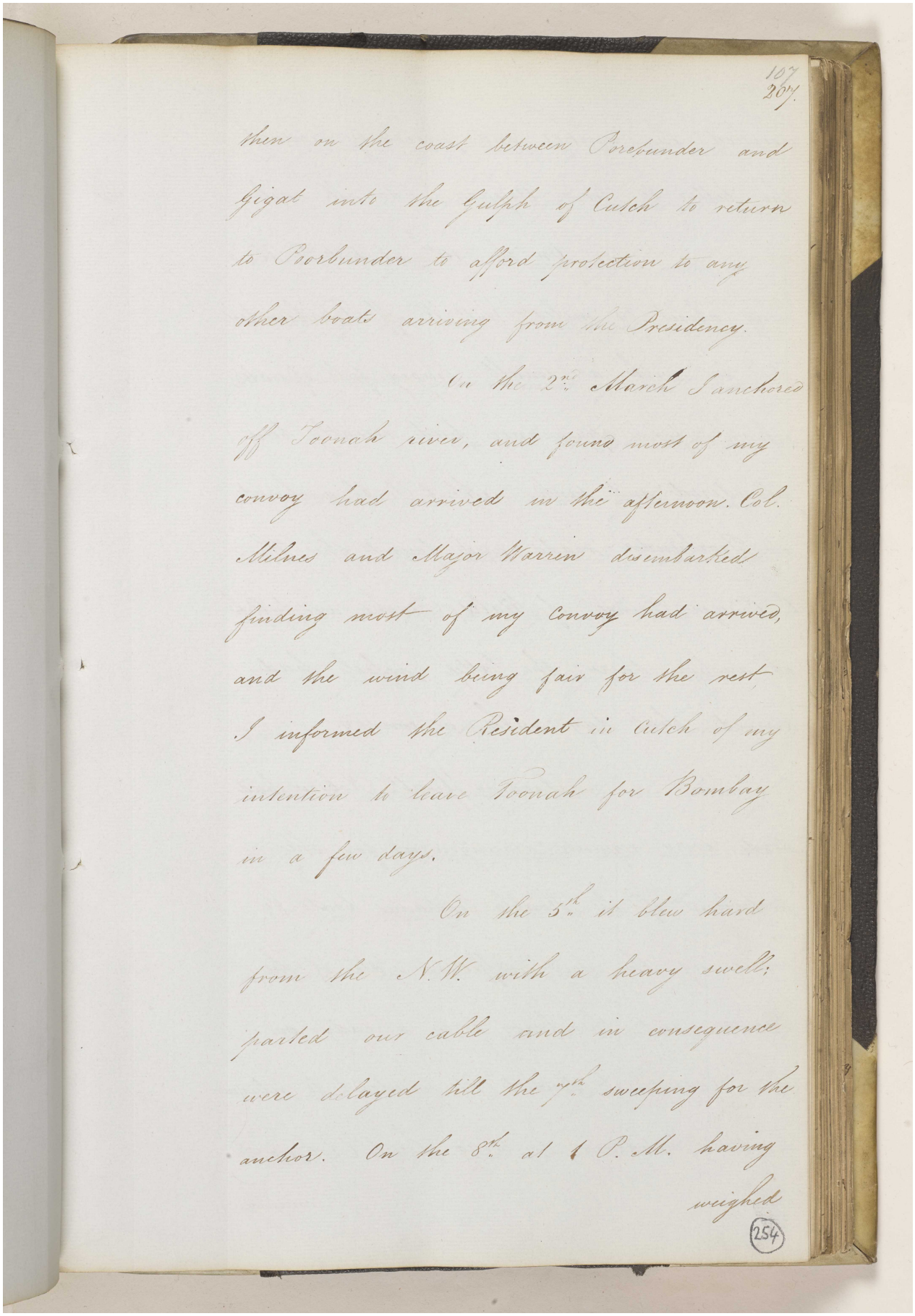

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then on the coast between Porebunder and Gigat into the Gulph of Cutch to return to Poorbunder to afford protection to any other boats arriving from the Presidency.

On the 2d March I anchored off Joonah river, and found most of my convoy had arrived in the afternoon. Col. Milnes and Major Warren disembarked finding most of my Convoy had arrived, and the wind being fair for the rest I informed the Resident in Cutch of my intention to leave Joonah for Bombay in a few days.

On the 5th it blew hard from the N.W. with a heavy swell; parted our cable and in consequence were delayed till the 7th sweeping for the anchor. On the 8th at 1 P.M. having weighed

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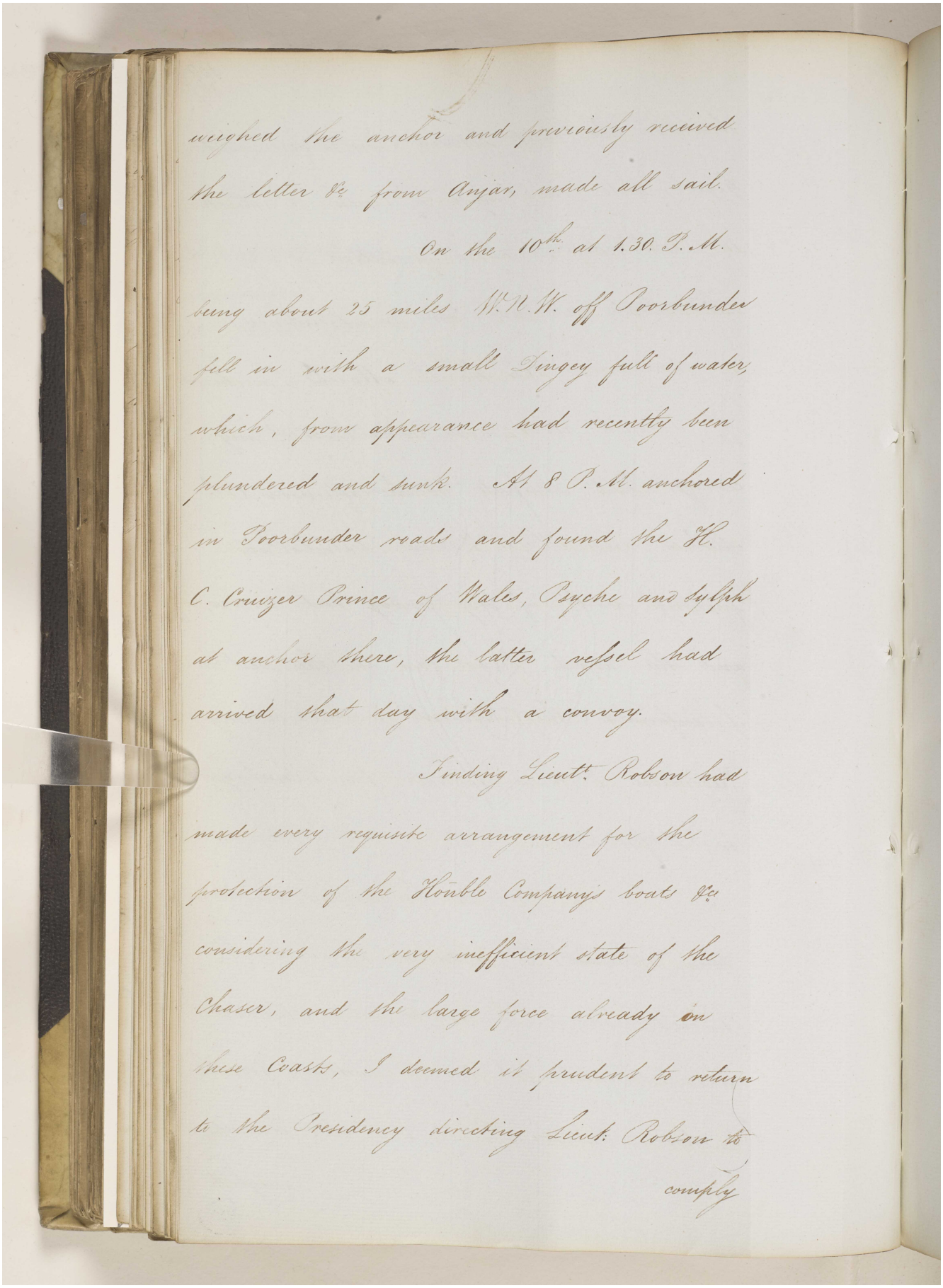

weighed the anchor and previously received the letter &c from Anjar, made all sail.

On the 10th at 1.30 P.M. being about 25 miles W.N.W. off Poorbunder fell in with a small Dingey full of water, which, from appearance had recently been plundered and sunk. At 8 P.M. anchored in Poorbunder roads and found the H. C. Cruizer Prince of Wales, Psyche and Sylph at anchor there, the latter vessel had arrived that day with a convoy.

Finding Lieut. Robson had made every requisite arrangement for the protection of the Honble Company's boats &c considering the very inefficient state of the Chaser, and the large force already on these Coasts, I deemed it prudent to return to the Presidency directing Lieut. Robson to comply

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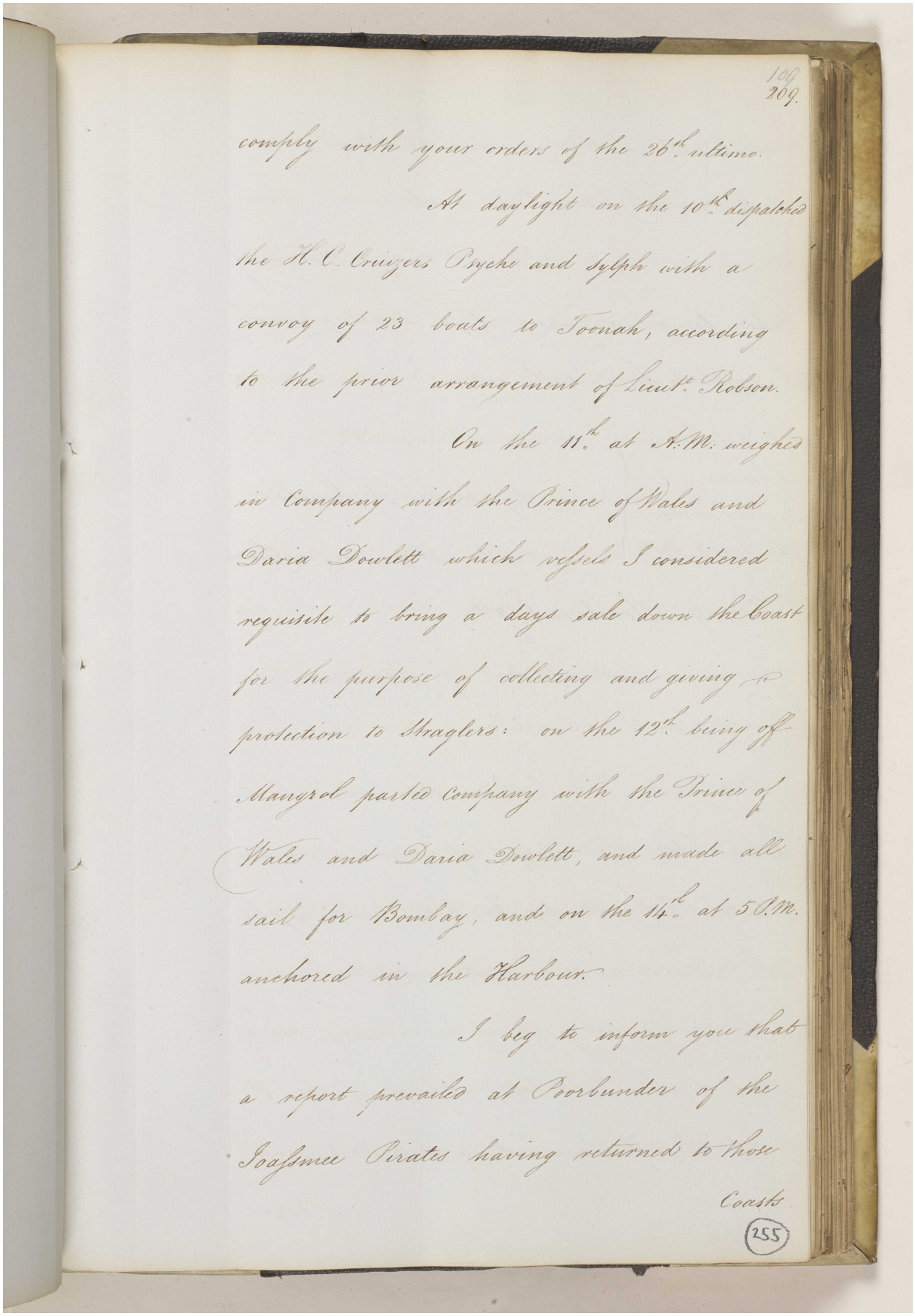

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comply with your orders of the 26th. ultimo.

At daylight on the 10th. dispatched the H. C. Cruizers Psyche and Sylph with a convoy of 23 boats to Joonah, according to the prior arrangement of Lieut. Robson.

On the 11th. at A. M. weighed in Company with the Prince of Wales and Daria Dowlett which vessels I considered requisite to bring a days sale down the Coast for the purpose of collecting and giving protection to Straglers: on the 12th. being off Mangrol parted Company with the Prince of Wales and Daria Dowlett, and made all sail for Bombay, and on the 14th. at 5 P.M. anchored in the Harbour.

I beg to inform you that a report prevailed at Poorbunder of the Joasmee Pirates having returned to those Coasts

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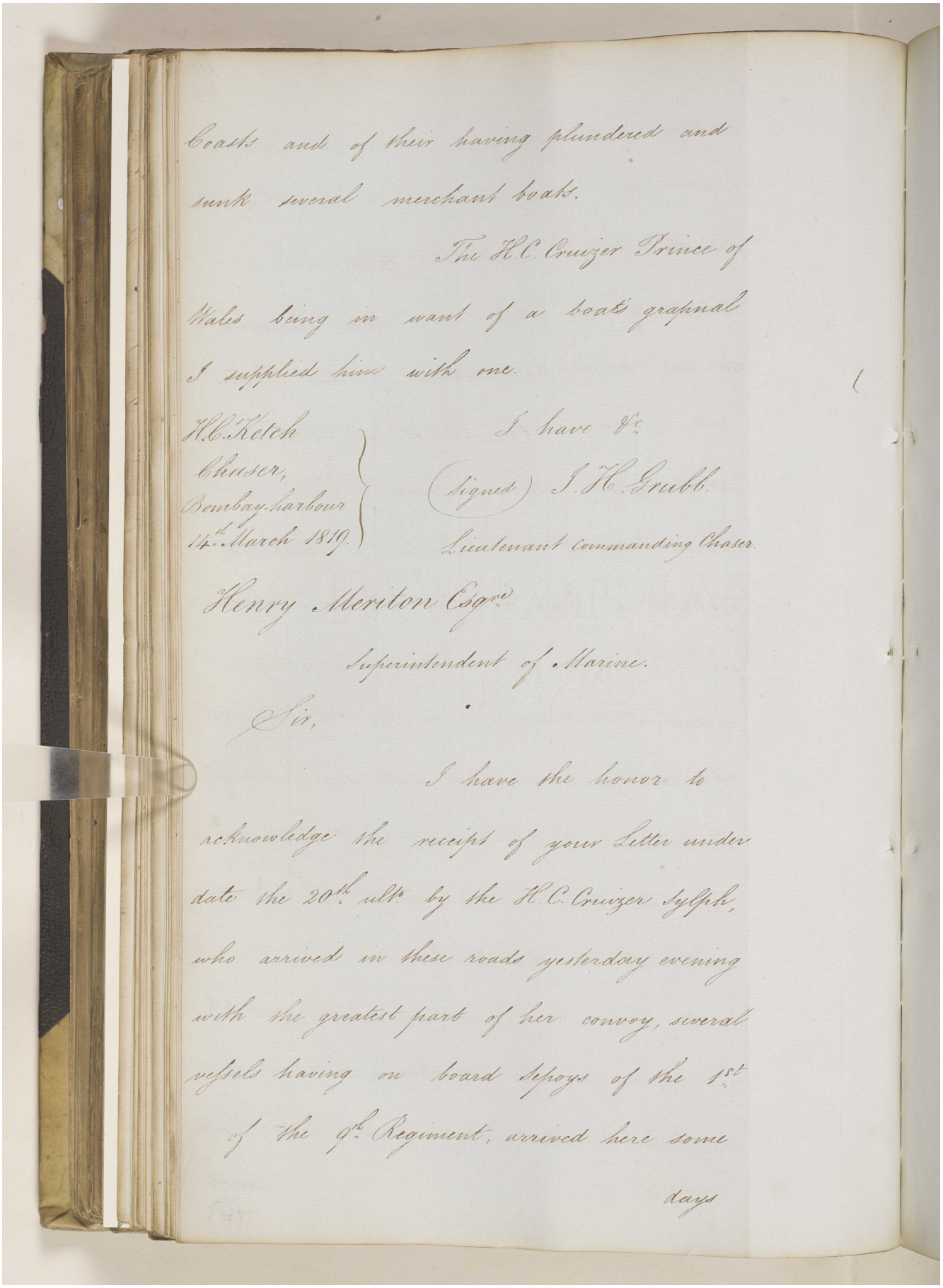


Coasts and of their having plundered and
sunk several merchant boats.

The H.C. Cruizer Prince of
Wales being in want of a boats grapnal
I supplied him with one.

I have &c.

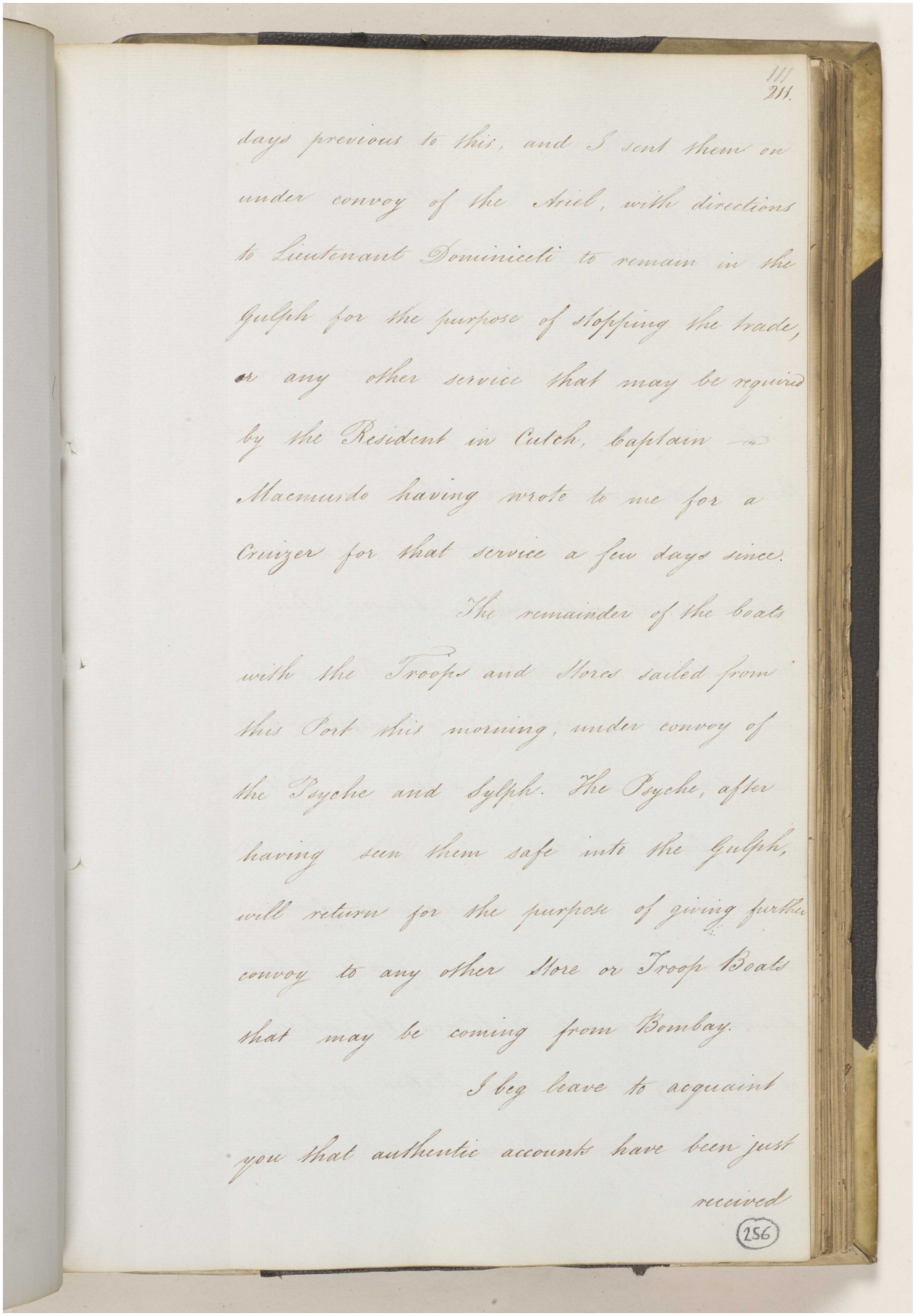
H.C. Ketch
Chaser,
Bombay harbour
14th March 1819.

(Signed) I. H. Grubb.
Lieutenant commanding Chaser.

Henry Meriton Esqre
Superintendent of Marine.

Sir,

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your Letter under
date the 20th ult. by the H.C. Cruizer Sylph,
who arrived in these roads yesterday evening
with the greatest part of her convoy, several
vessels having on board Sepoys of the 1st
of the 9th Regiment, arrived here some
days



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days previous to this, and I sent them on under convoy of the Ariel, with directions to Lieutenant Dominicetti to remain in the Gulph for the purpose of stopping the trade, or any other service that may be required by the Resident in Cutch, Captain Macmurdo having wrote to me for a Cruizer for that service a few days since.

The remainder of the boats with the Troops and Stores sailed from this Port this morning, under convoy of the Psyche and Sylph. The Psyche, after having seen them safe into the Gulph, will return for the purpose of giving further convoy to any other Store or Troop Boats that may be coming from Bombay.

I beg leave to acquaint you that authentic accounts have been just received

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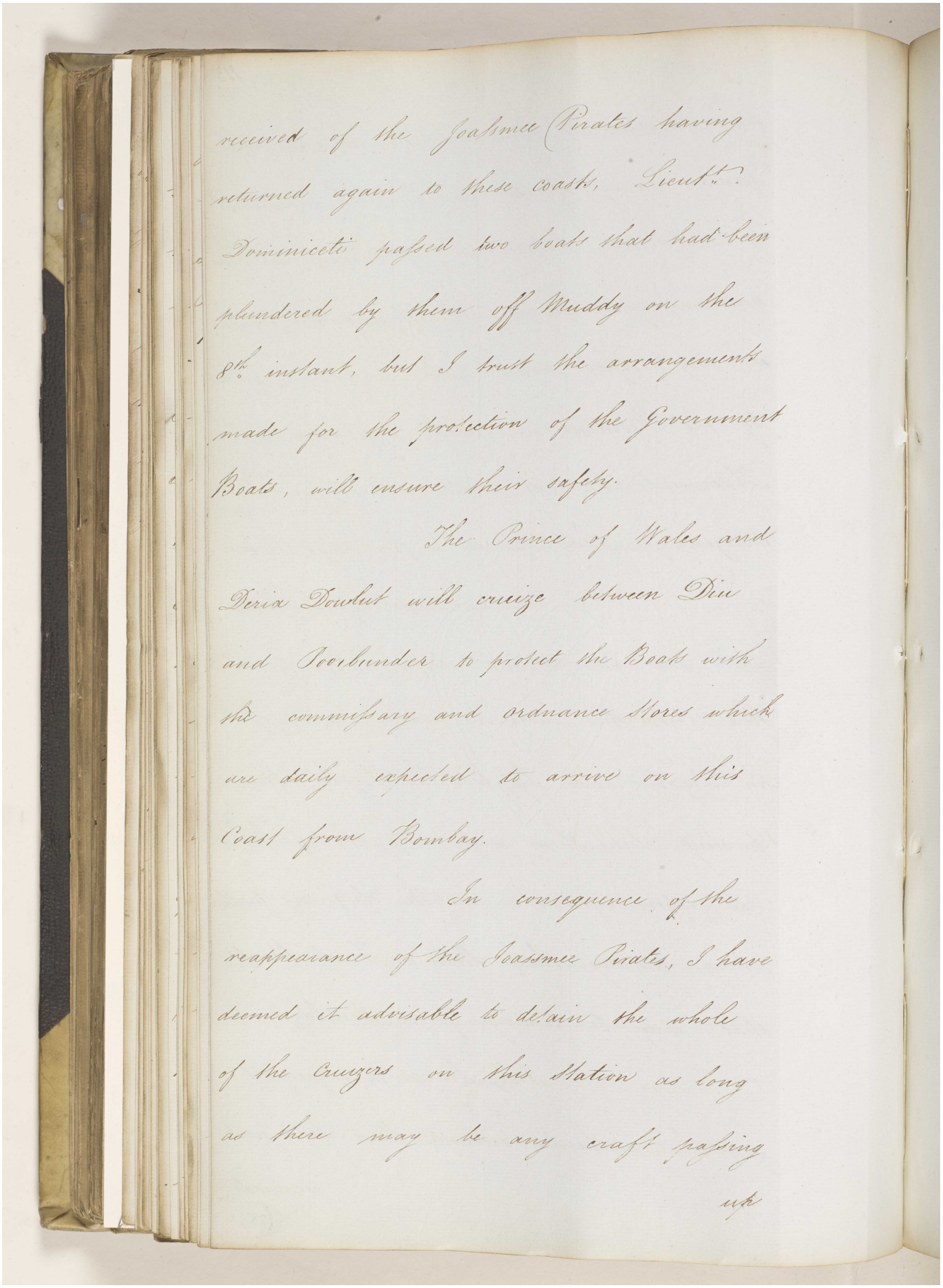
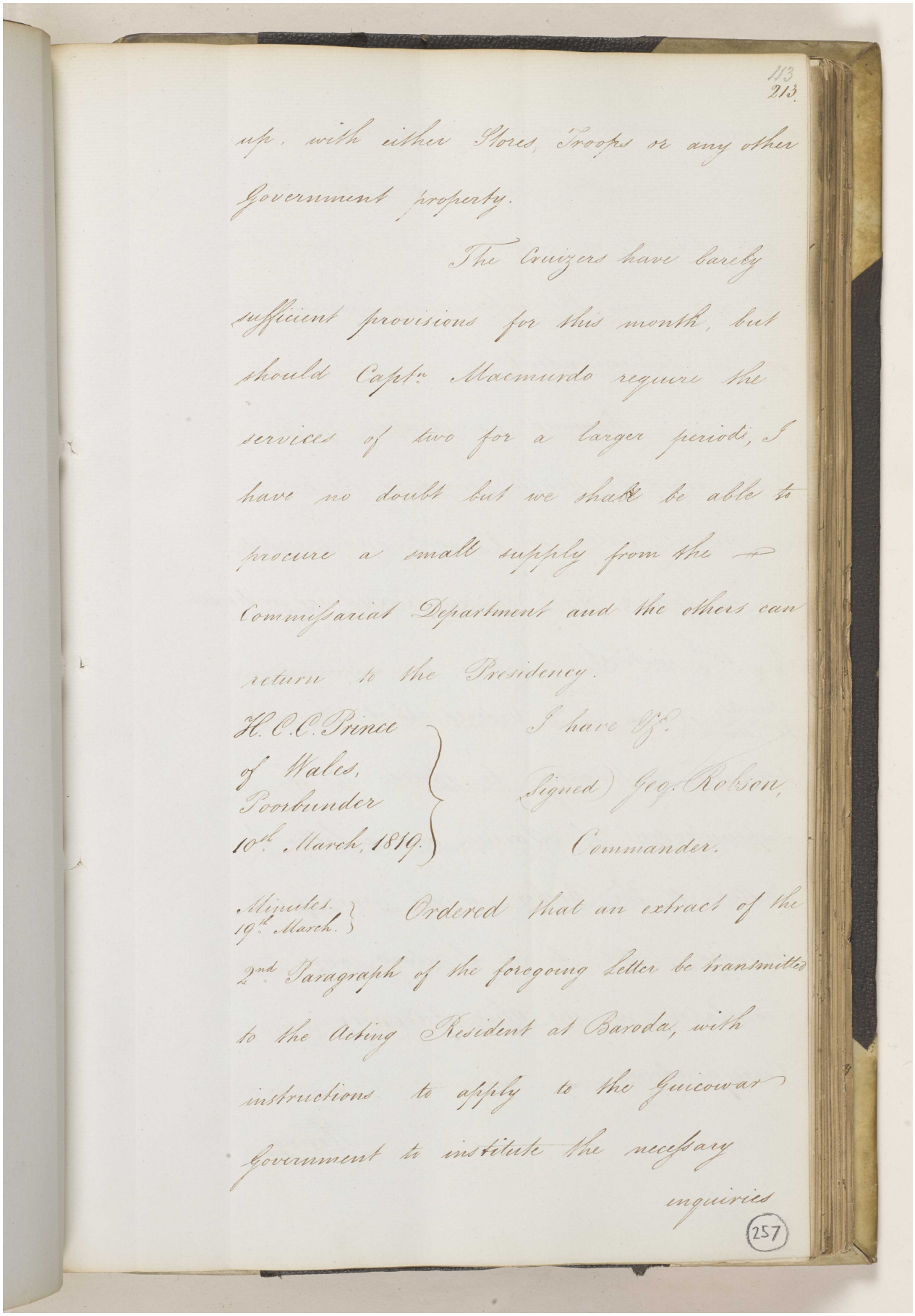


received of the Joasmee Pirates having returned again to these coasts, Lieut.t Dominicetti passed two boats that had been plundered by them off Muddy on the 8th instant, but I trust the arrangements made for the protection of the Government Boats, will ensure their safety.

The Prince of Wales and Deria Dowlut will cruize between Diu and Poorbunder to protect the Boats with the commissary and ordnance Stores which are daily expected to arrive on this Coast from Bombay.

In consequence of the reappearance of the Joassmee Pirates, I have deemed it advisable to detain the whole of the Cruizers on this Station as long as there may be any craft passing up



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up, with either Stores, Troops or any other Government property.

The Cruizers have barely sufficient provisions for this month, but should Capt.n Macmurdo require the services of two for a larger period, I have no doubt but we shall be able to procure a small supply from the Commissariat Department and the others can return to the Presidency.

H.C.C. Prince of Wales, Poorbunder 10th. March, 1819.

I have &c.
(Signed) Jog.h Robson,
Commander.

Minutes. 19th. March. Ordered that an extract of the 2nd. Paragraph of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to the Acting Resident at Baroda, with instructions to apply to the Guicowar Government to institute the necessary enquiries

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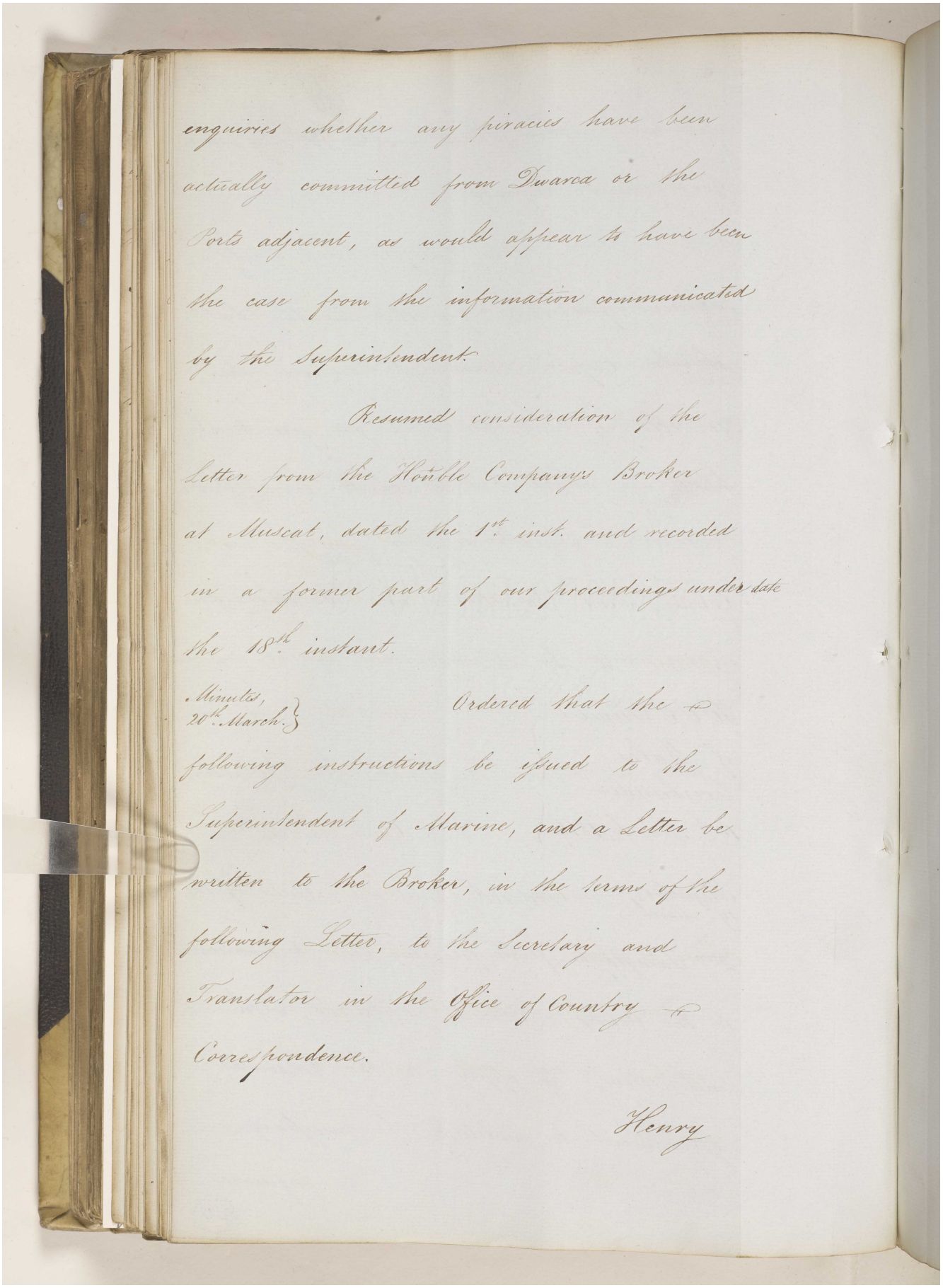

enquiries whether any piracies have been actually committed from Dwarca or the Ports adjacent, as would appear to have been the case from the information communicated by the Superintendent.

Resumed consideration of the Letter from the Honble Company's Broker at Muscat, dated the 1st. inst. and recorded in a former part of our proceedings under date the 18th. instant.

Minutes, 20th. March. } Ordered that the following instructions be issued to the Superintendent of Marine, and a Letter be written to the Broker, in the terms of the following Letter, to the Secretary and Translator in the Office of Country Correspondence.

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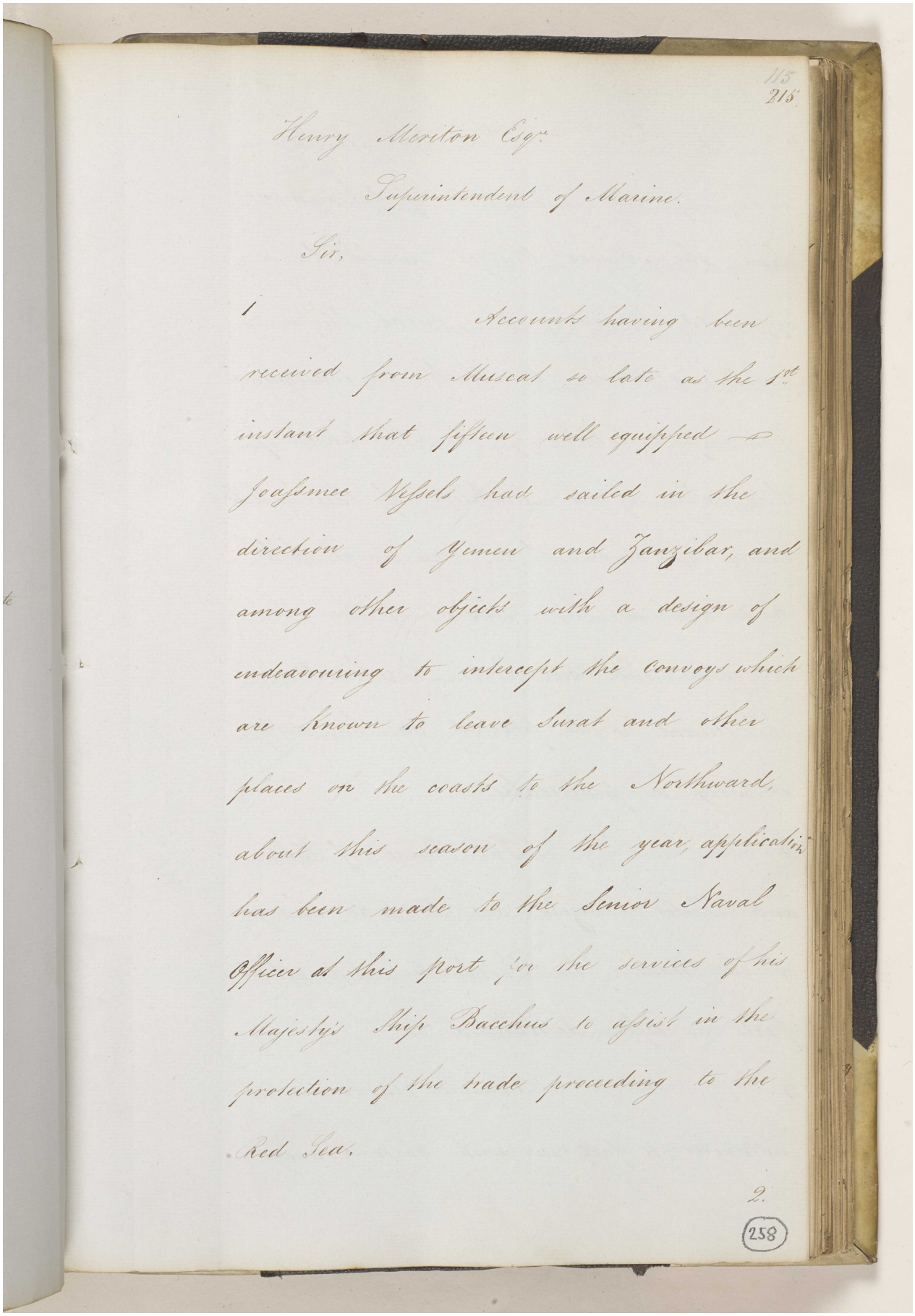

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Henry Meriton Esqr.

Superintendent of Marine.

Sir,

I Accounts having been received from Muscat so late as the 1st. instant that fifteen well equipped Joasmee Vessels had sailed in the direction of Yemen and Zanzibar, and among other objects with a design of endeavouring to intercept the Convoys which are known to leave Surat and other places on the coasts to the Northward, about this season of the year, applicatn has been made to the Senior Naval Officer at this port for the services of his Majesty's Ship Bacchus to assist in the protection of the trade proceeding to the Red Sea.

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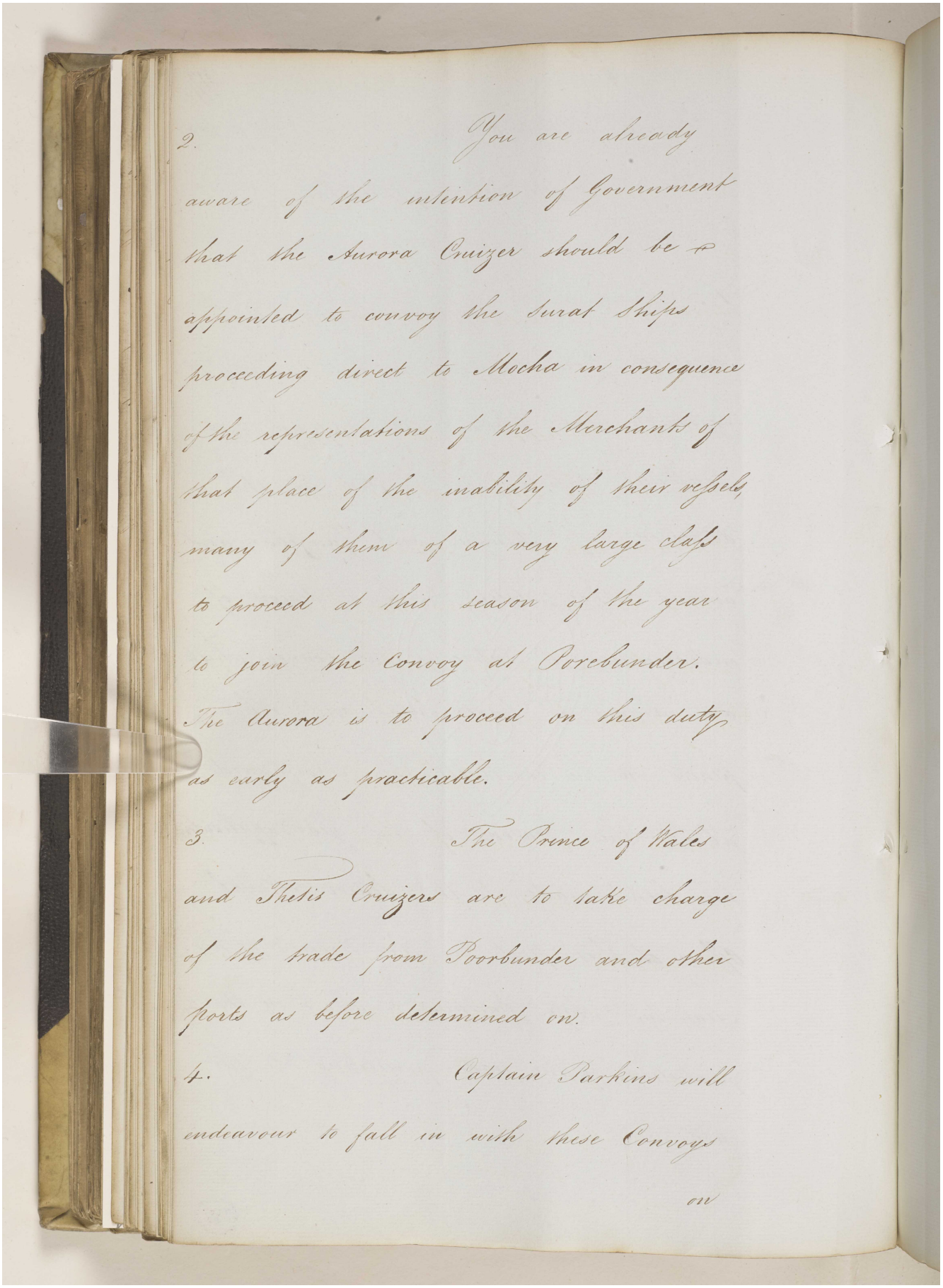

2. You are already aware of the intention of Government that the Aurora Cruizer should be appointed to convoy the Surat Ships proceeding direct to Mocha in consequence of the representations of the Merchants of that place of the inability of their vessels many of them of a very large class to proceed at this season of the year to join the Convoy at Porebunder. The Aurora is to proceed on this duty as early as practicable.

3. The Prince of Wales and Thetis Cruizers are to take charge of the trade from Poorbunder and other ports as before determined on.

4. Captain Parkins will endeavour to fall in with these Convoys

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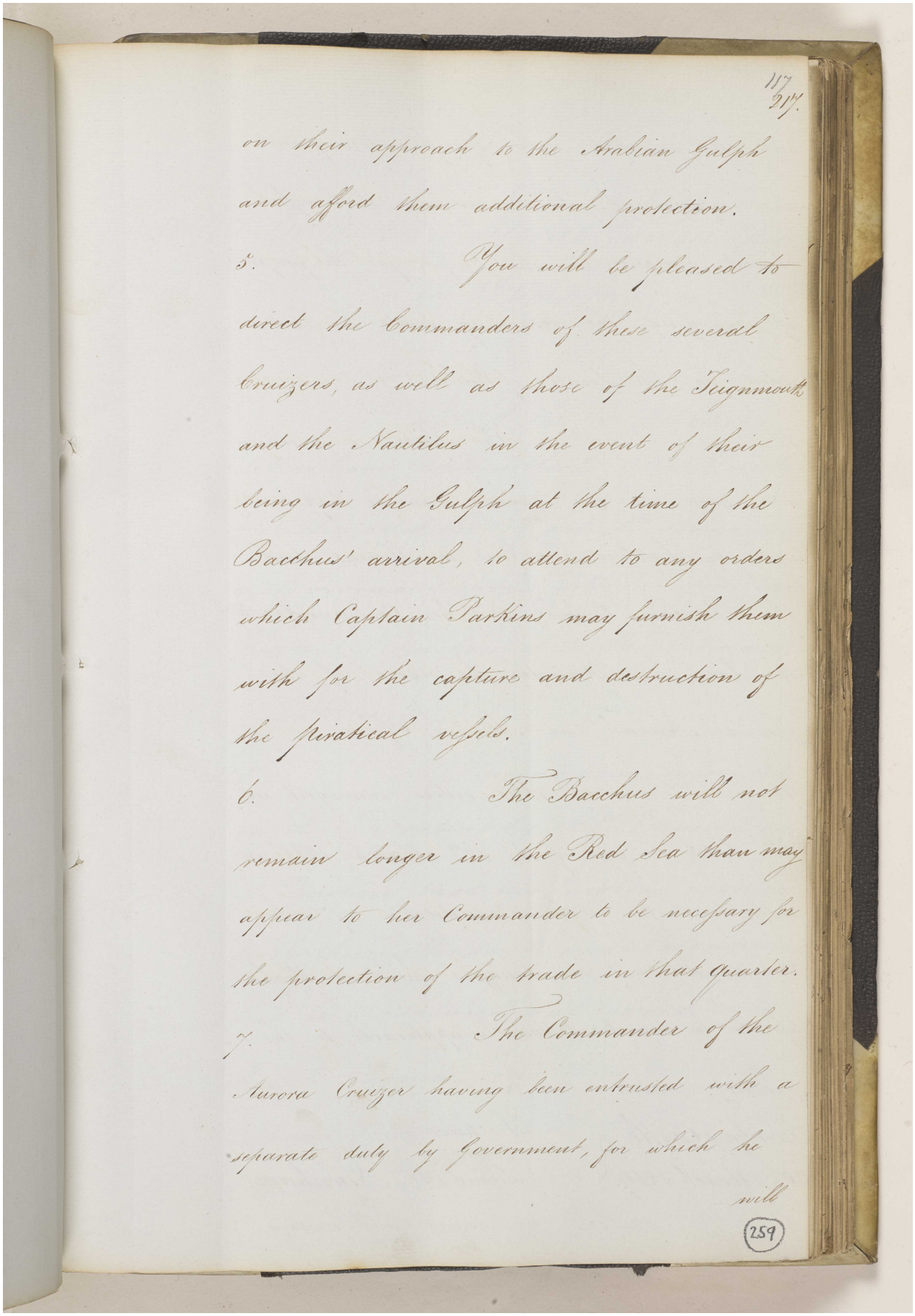

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on their approach to the Arabian Gulph and afford them additional protection.

5. You will be pleased to direct the Commanders of these several Cruizers, as well as those of the Teignmouth and the Nautilus in the event of their being in the Gulph at the time of the Bacchus' arrival, to attend to any orders which Captain Perkins may furnish them with for the capture and destruction of the piratical vessels.

6. The Bacchus will not remain longer in the Red Sea than may appear to her Commander to be necessary for the protection of the trade in that quarter.

7. The Commander of the Aurora Cruizer having been entrusted with a separate duty by Government, for which he will

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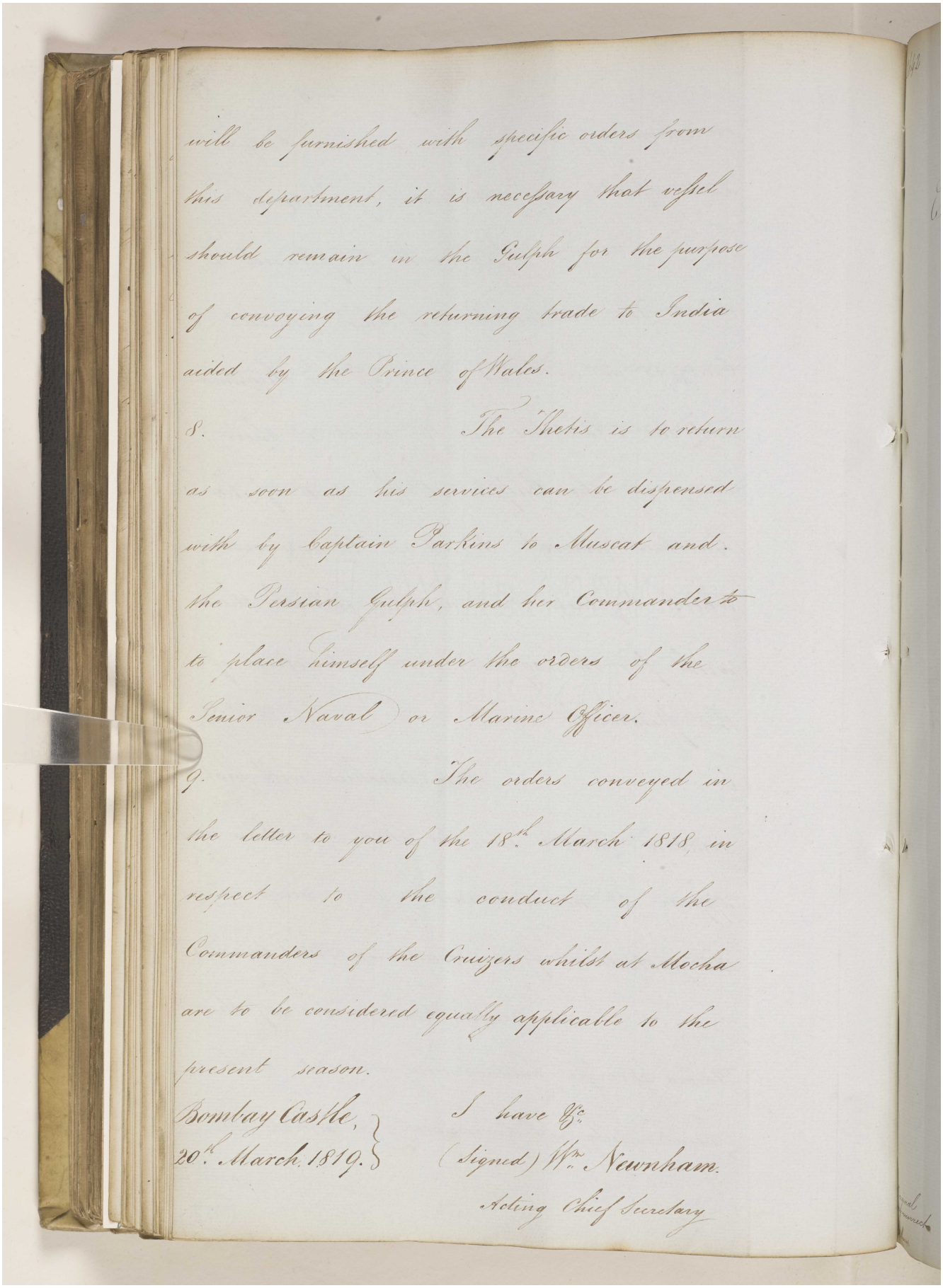


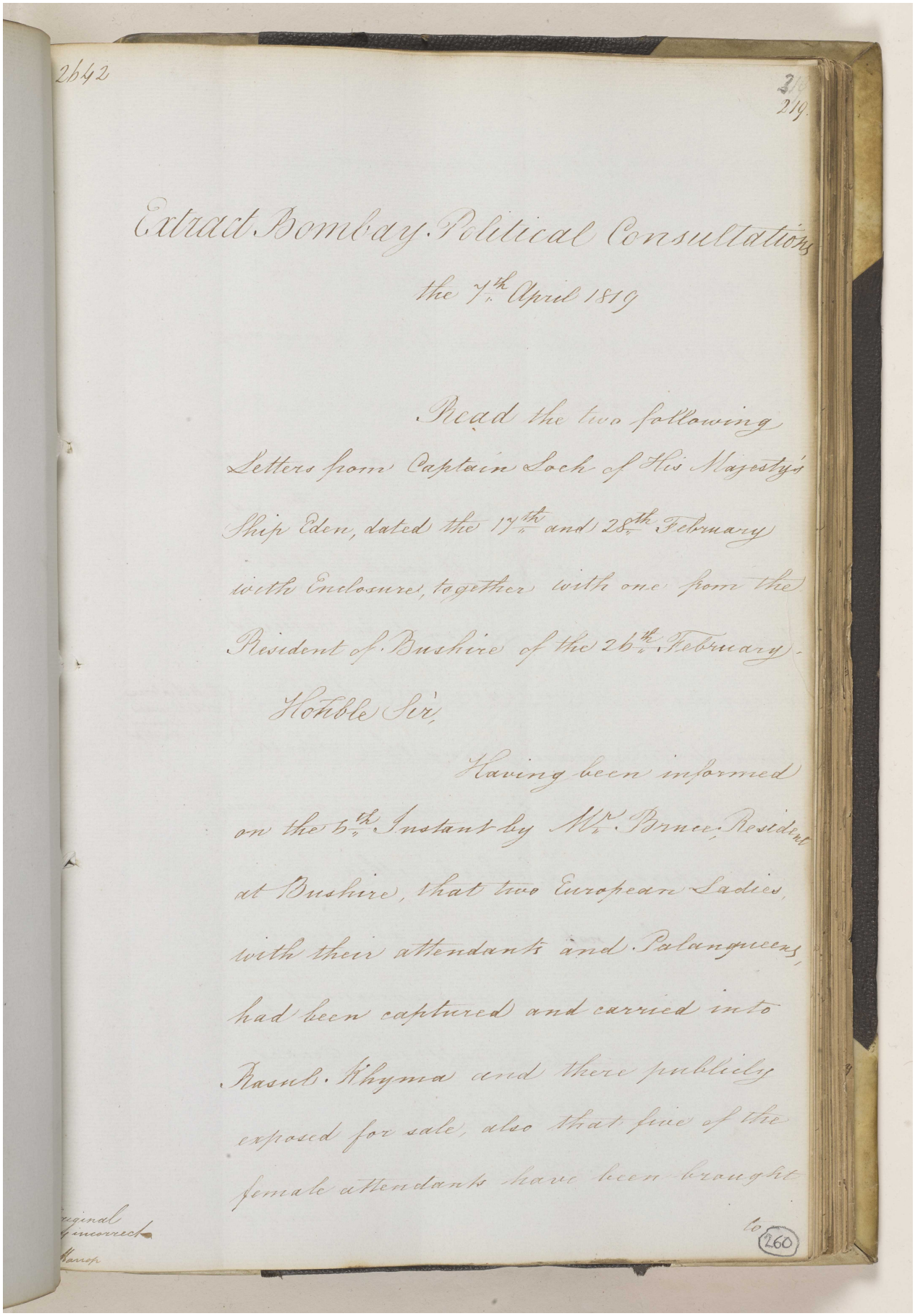
will be furnished with specific orders from this department, it is necessary that vessel should remain in the Gulph for the purpose of convoying the returning trade to India aided by the Prince of Wales.

8. The Thetis is to return as soon as his services can be dispensed with by Captain Perkins to Muscat and the Persian Gulph, and her Commander to to place himself under the orders of the Senior Naval or Marine Officer.

9. The orders conveyed in the letter to you of the 18th. March 1818, in respect to the conduct of the Commanders of the Cruizers whilst at Mocha are to be considered equally applicable to the present season.

Bombay Castle,
20th. March 1819.

I have &c.
(Signed) Wm. Newnham.
Acting Chief Secretary



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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

the 7th April 1819

Read the two following Letters from Captain Loch of His Majesty's Ship Eden, dated the 17th and 28th February with Enclosure, together with one from the Resident of Bushire of the 26th February.

Hon'ble Sir,

Having been informed on the 6th Instant by Mr. Bruce, Resident at Bushire, that two European Ladies, with their attendants and Palanqueens, had been captured and carried into Rasul Khyma and there publicly exposed for sale, also that five of the female attendants have been brought

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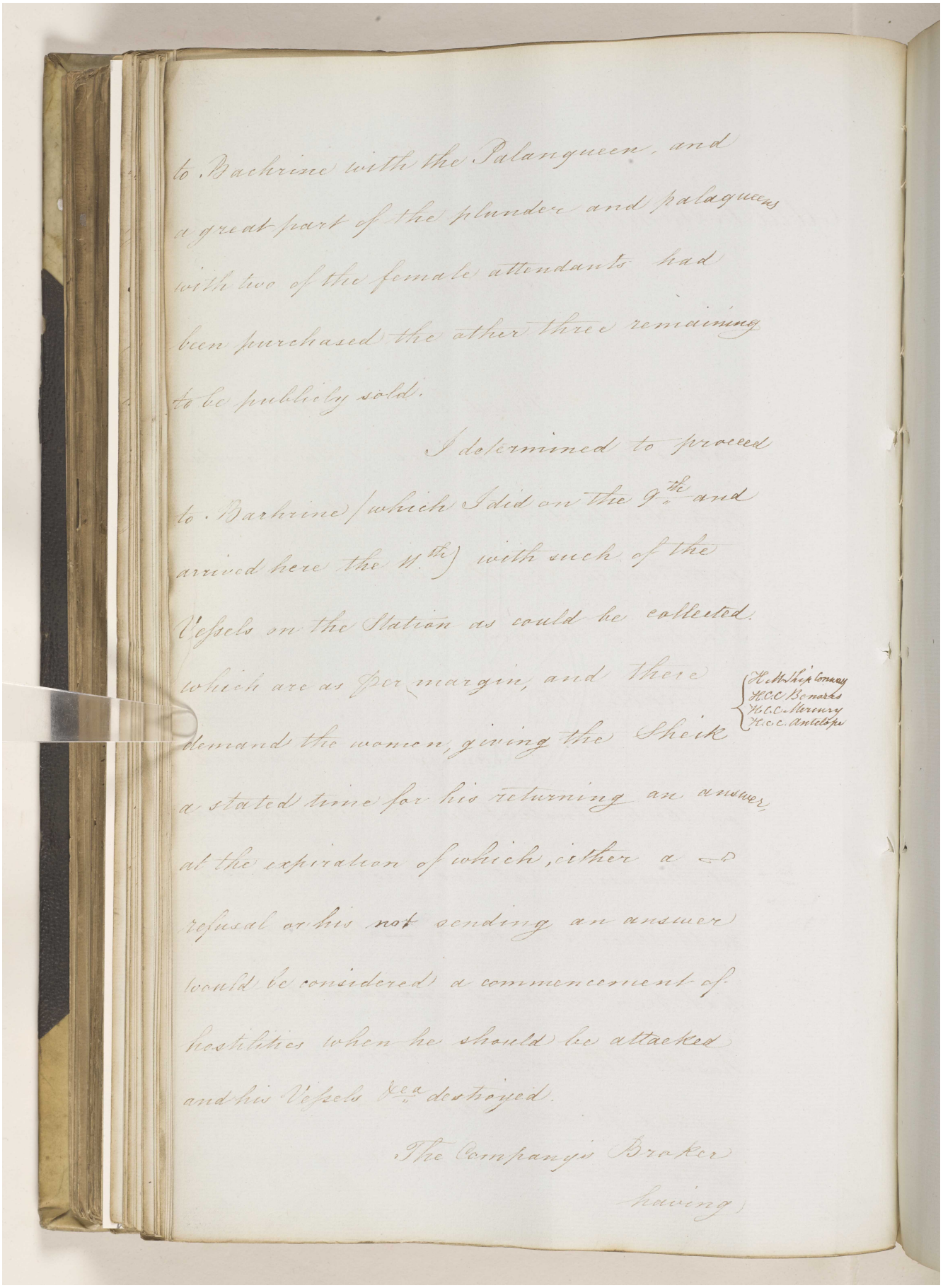
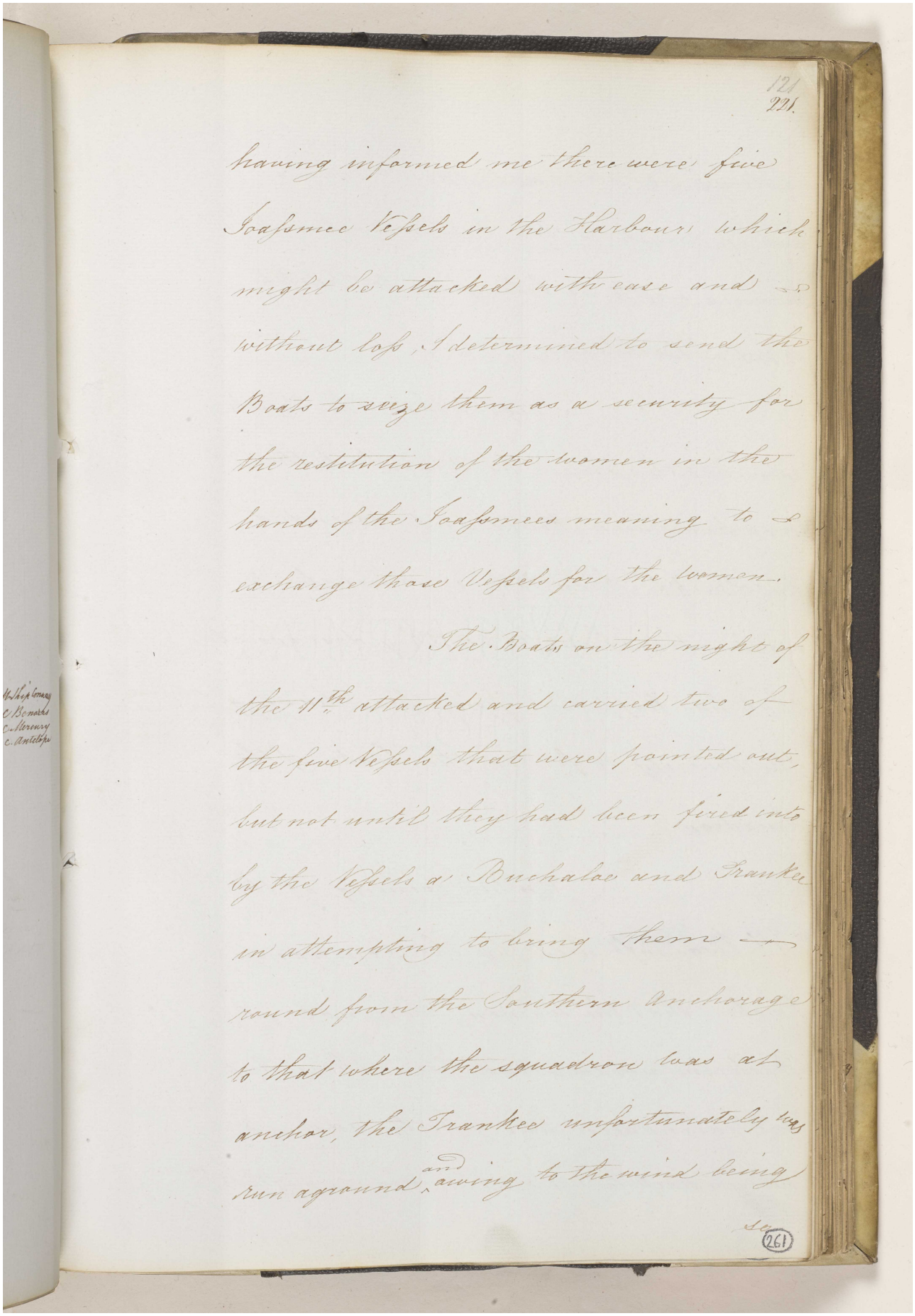


to Bachrine with the Palanqueen, and a great part of the plunder and palaqueens with two of the female attendants had been purchased the other three remaining to be publicly sold.

I determined to proceed to Barhrine (which I did on the 9th and arrived here the 11th) with such of the Vessels on the Station as could be collected which are as per margin, and there demand the women, giving the Sheik a stated time for his returning an answer, at the expiration of which, either a refusal or his not sending an answer would be considered a commencement of hostilities when he should be attacked and his Vessels &ca destroyed.

H.M. Ship Conway
H.C.C. Benares
H.C.C. Mercury
H.C.C. Antelope

The Company's Broker having



having informed me there were five Joassmee Vessels in the Harbour which might be attacked with ease and without loss, I determined to send the Boats to seize them as a security for the restitution of the women in the hands of the Joassmees meaning to exchange those Vessels for the women.

The Boats on the night of the 11th attacked and carried two of the five Vessels that were pointed out, but not until they had been fired into by the Vessels a Buchaloe and Trankee in attempting to bring them round from the Southern Anchorage to that where the squadron was at anchor, the Trankee unfortunately was run aground and owing to the wind being

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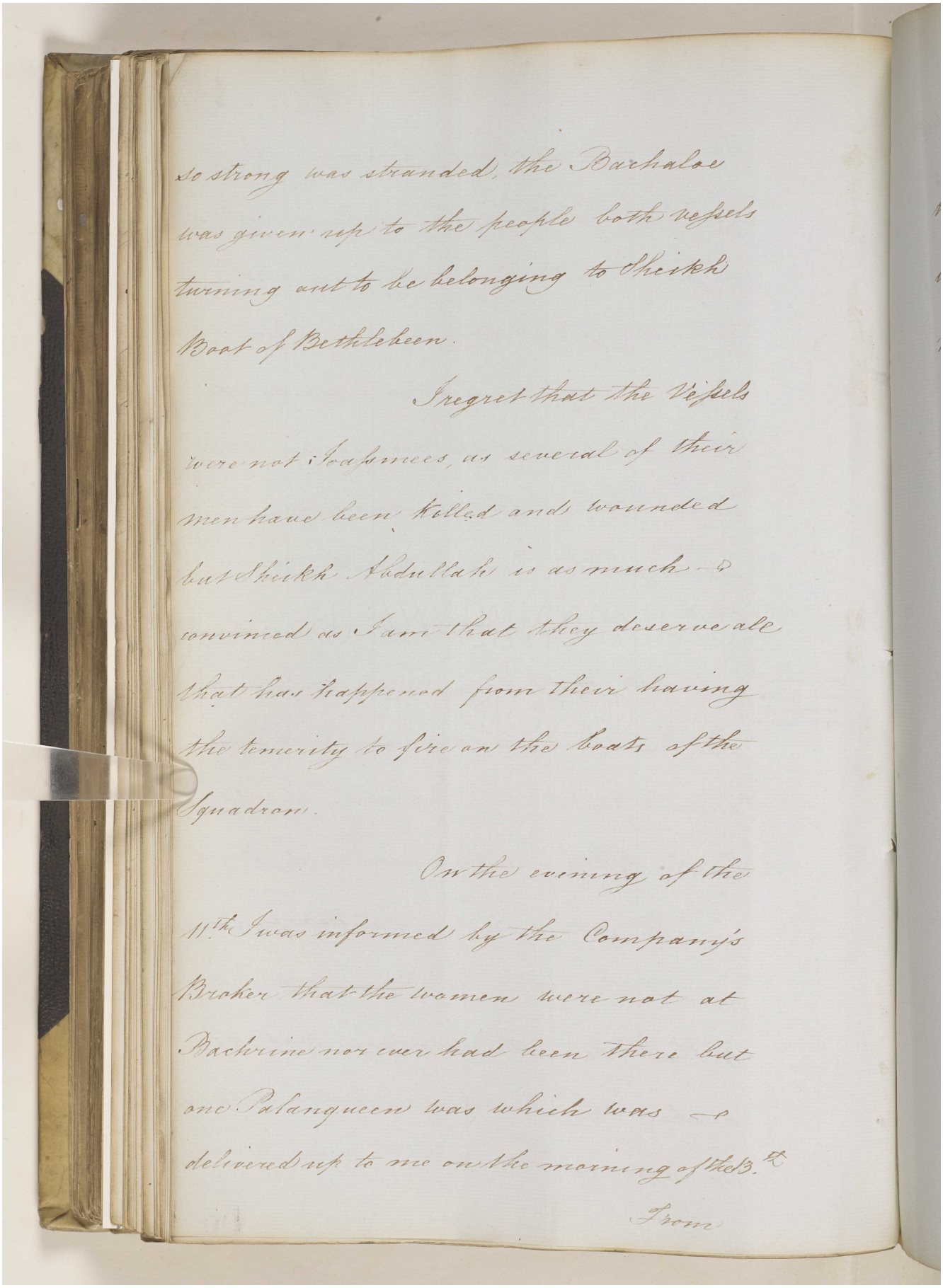

so strong was stranded, the Bachalae was given up to the people both vessels turning out to be belonging to Sheikh Boat of Bethileheen.

I regret that the Vessels were not Joasmees, as several of their men have been killed and wounded but Sheikh Abdullah is as much convinced as I am that they deserve all that has happened from their having the temerity to fire on the boats of the Squadron.

On the evening of the 11th I was informed by the Company's Broker that the women were not at Bachrine nor ever had been there but one Palanqueen was which was delivered up to me on the morning of the 13th

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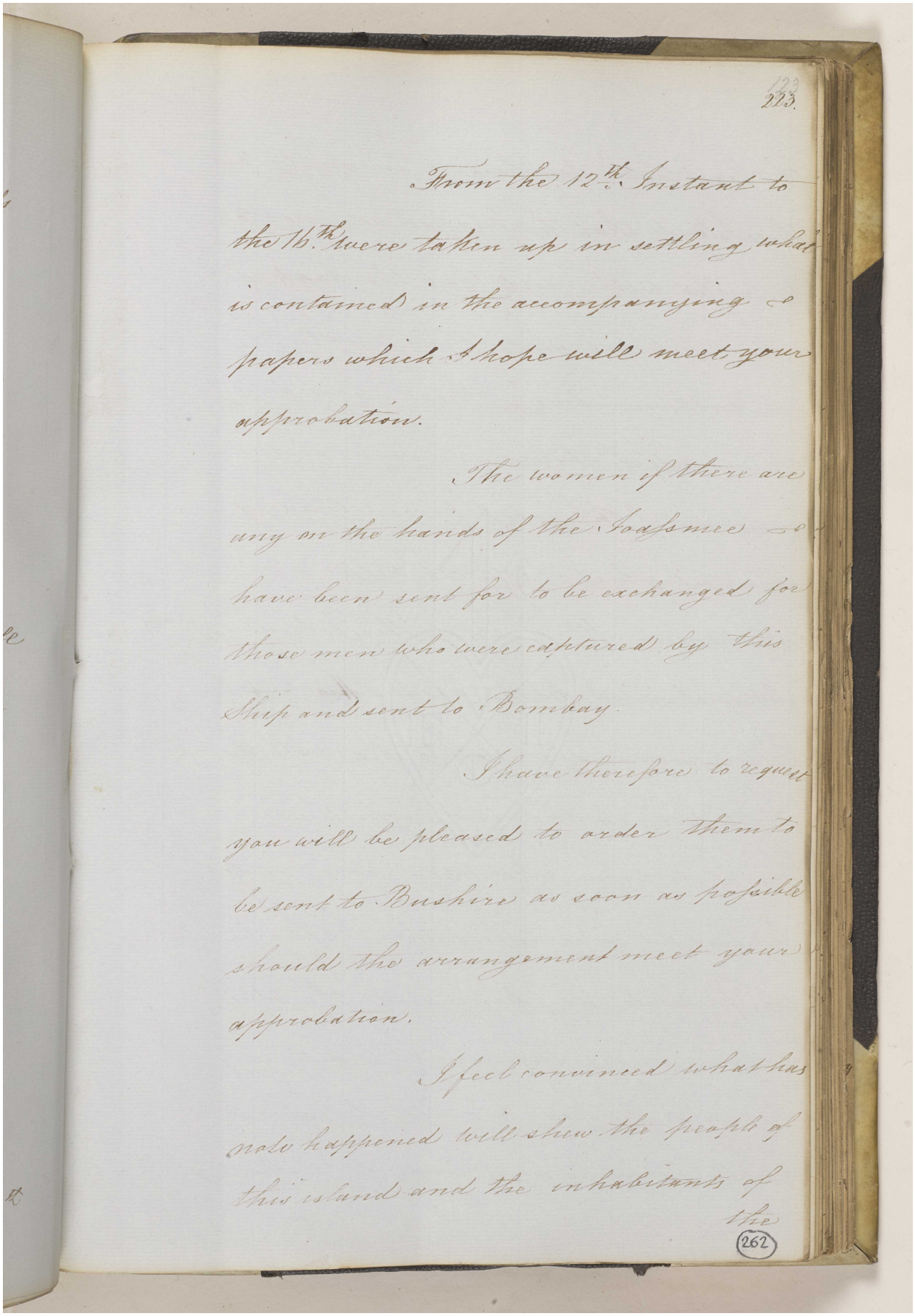

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From the 12th. Instant to the 16th. were taken up in settling what is contained in the accompanying papers which I hope will meet your approbation.

The women if there are any on the hands of the Joasmee have been sent for to be exchanged for those men who were captured by this Ship and sent to Bombay.

I have therefore to request you will be pleased to order them to be sent to Bushire as soon as possible should the arrangement meet your approbation.

I feel convinced what has now happened will shew the people of this island and the inhabitants of the

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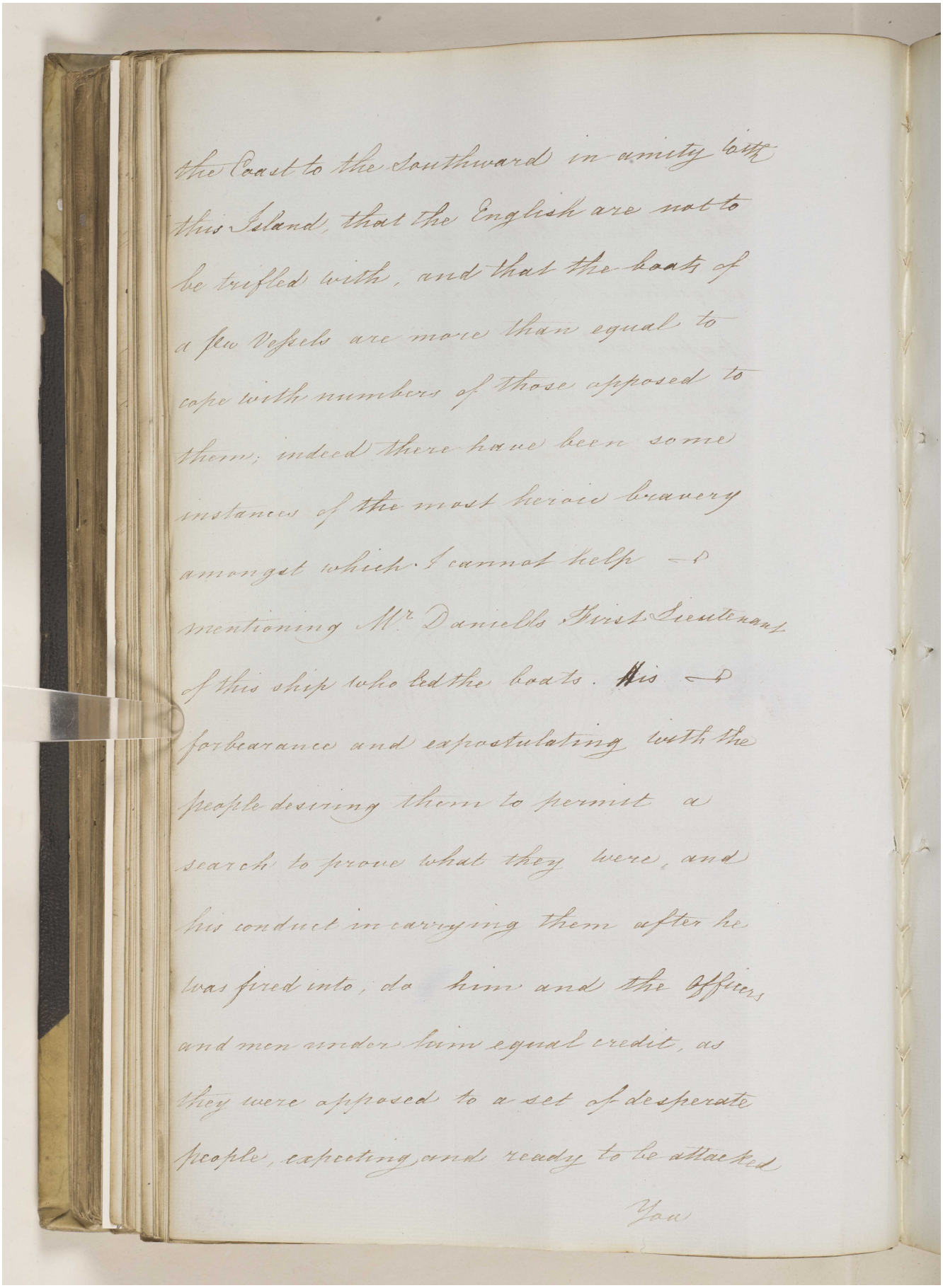

the Coast to the Southward in amity with this Island, that the English are not to be trifled with, and that the boats of a few Vessels are more than equal to cope with numbers of those opposed to them; indeed there have been some instances of the most heroic bravery amongst which I cannot help — mentioning Mr Daniells First Lieutenant of this ship who led the boats. His — forbearance and expostulating with the people desiring them to permit a search to prove what they were, and his conduct in carrying them after he was fired into, do him and the Officers and men under him equal credit, as they were opposed to a set of desperate people, expecting and ready to be attacked

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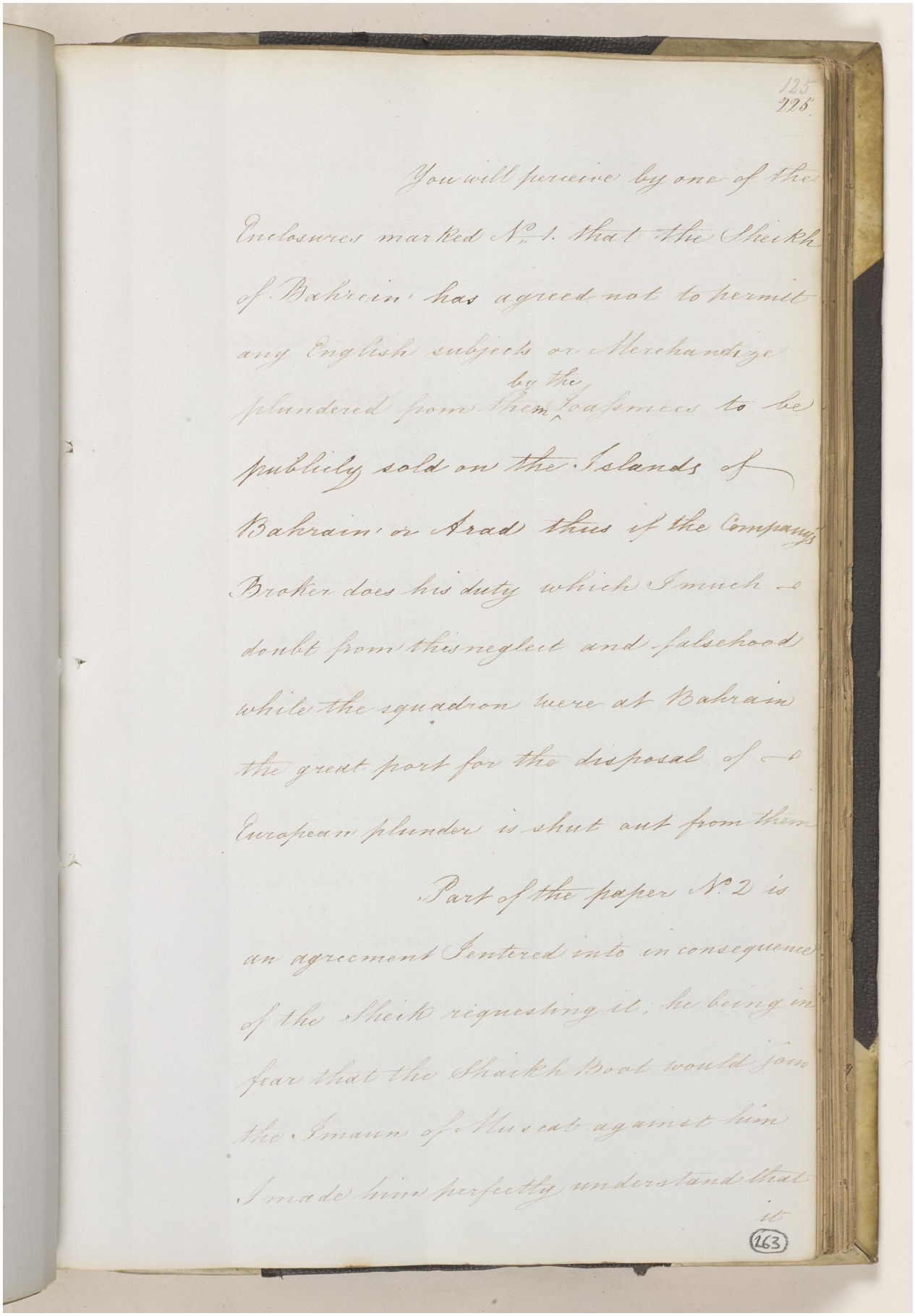

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You will perceive by one of the Enclosures marked No. 1. that the Sheikh of Bahrein has agreed not to permit any English subjects or Merchandize plundered from them by the Joasmees to be publicly sold on the Islands of Bahrain or Arad thus if the Company's Broker does his duty which I much doubt from this neglect and falsehood while the squadron were at Bahrain the great port for the disposal of European plunder is shut out from them

Part of the paper No 2 is an agreement Entered into in consequence of the Sheik requesting it, he being in fear that the Shaikh Boot would join the Imaum of Muscat against him I made him perfectly understand that it

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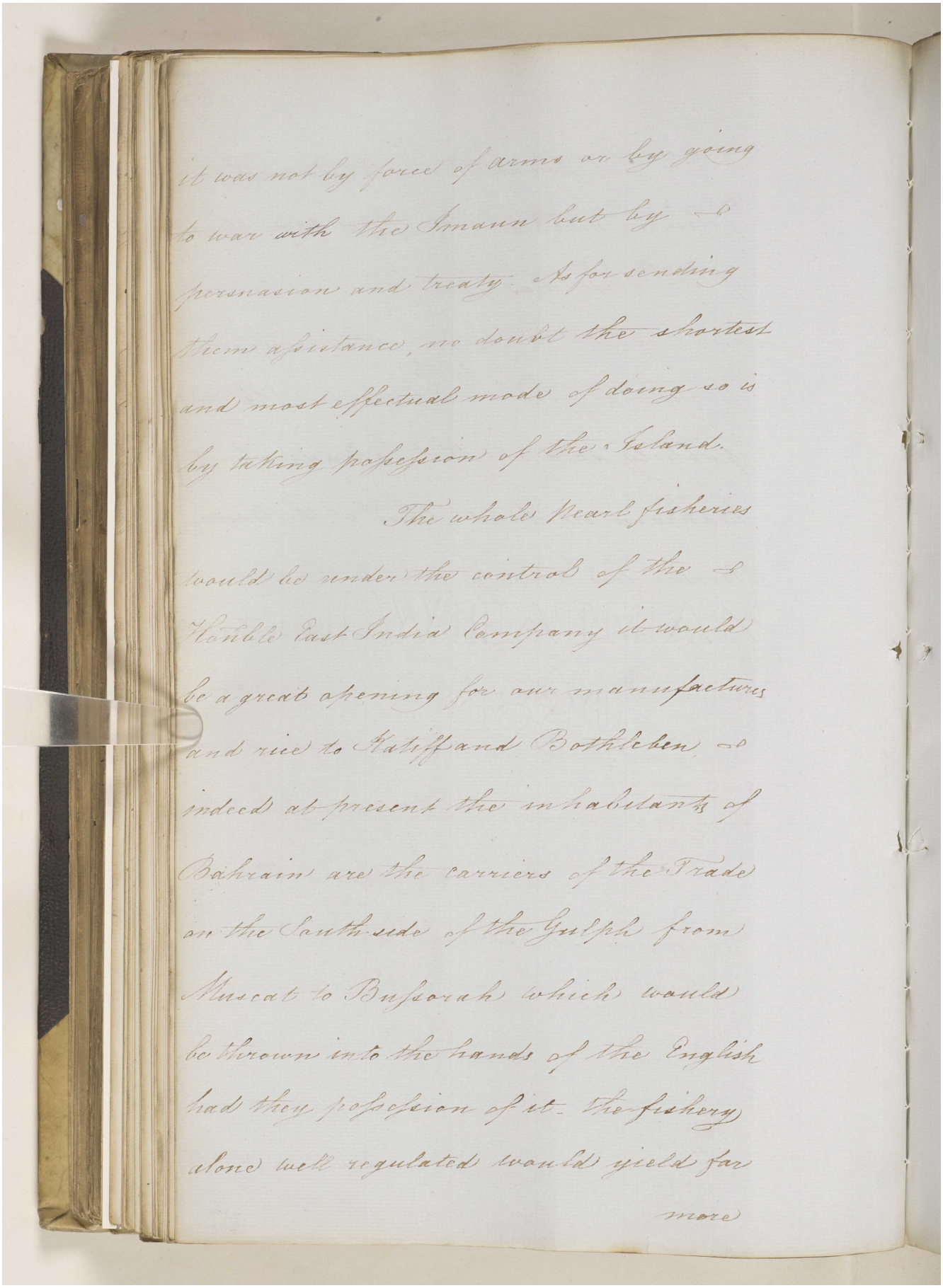

it was not by force of arms or by going
to war with the Imaum but by &c
persuasion and treaty. As for sending
them assistance, no doubt the shortest
and most effectual mode of doing so is
by taking possession of the Island.

The whole Pearl fisheries
would be under the control of the &
Honble East India Company it would
be a great opening for our manufactures
and rice to Katiff and Bothleben &c
indeed at present the inhabitants of
Bahrain are the carriers of the Trade
on the South side of the Gulph from
Muscat to Bussorah which would
be thrown into the hands of the English
had they possession of it. the fishery
alone well regulated would yield far

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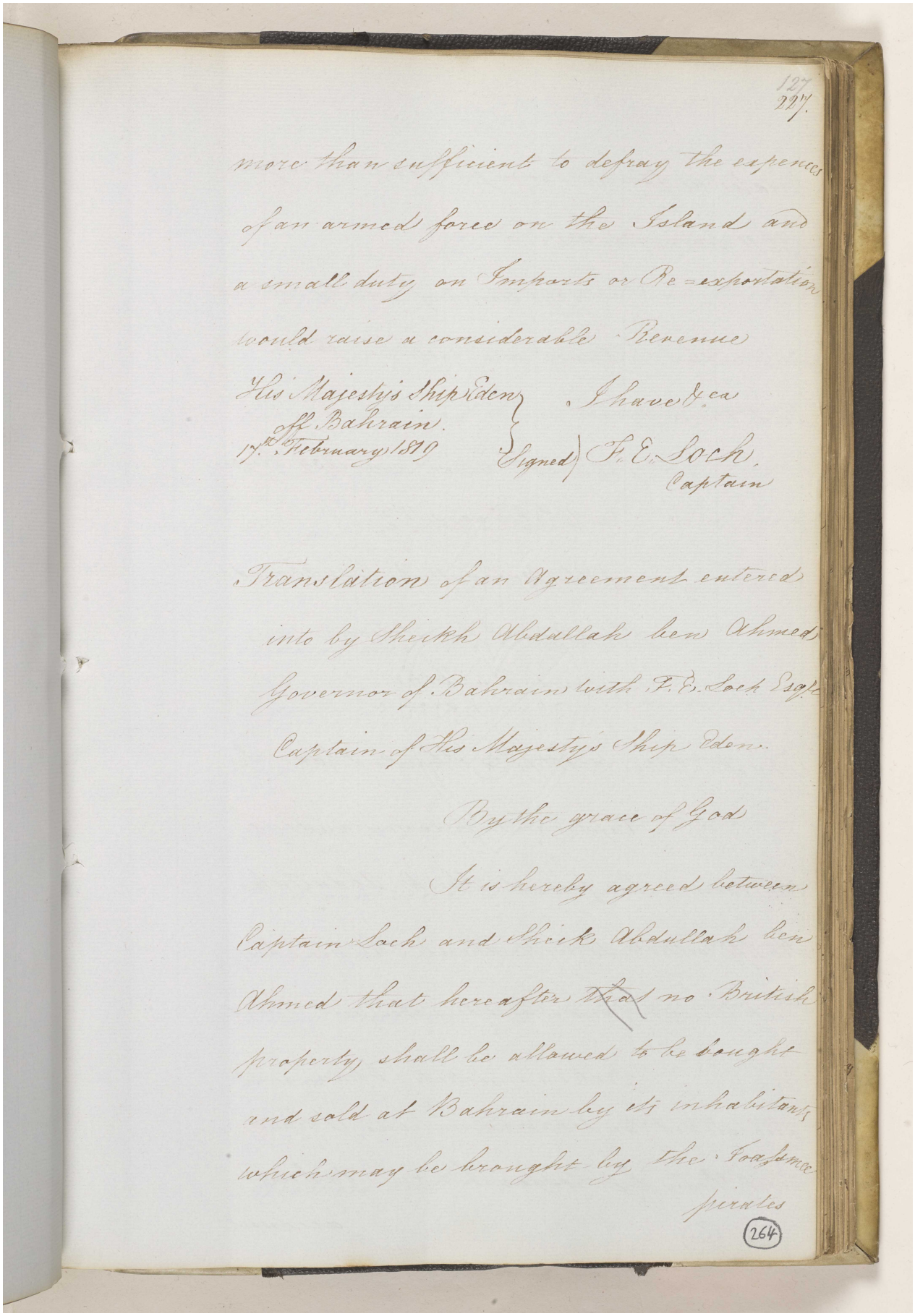

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more than sufficient to defray the expences
of an armed force on the Island and
a small duty on Imports or Re-exportation
would raise a considerable Revenue

His Majesty's Ship Eden
off Bahrain.
17th February 1819

I have &c.a
(Signed) F. E. Loch.
Captain

Translation of an Agreement entered
into by Sheikh Abdallah ben Ahmed
Governor of Bahrain with F. E. Loch Esqr
Captain of His Majesty's Ship Eden.

By the grace of God

It is hereby agreed between
Captain Loch and Sheik Abdullah ben
Ahmed that hereafter ~~that~~ no British
property shall be allowed to be bought
and sold at Bahrain by its inhabitants
which may be brought by the Joasmee
pirates

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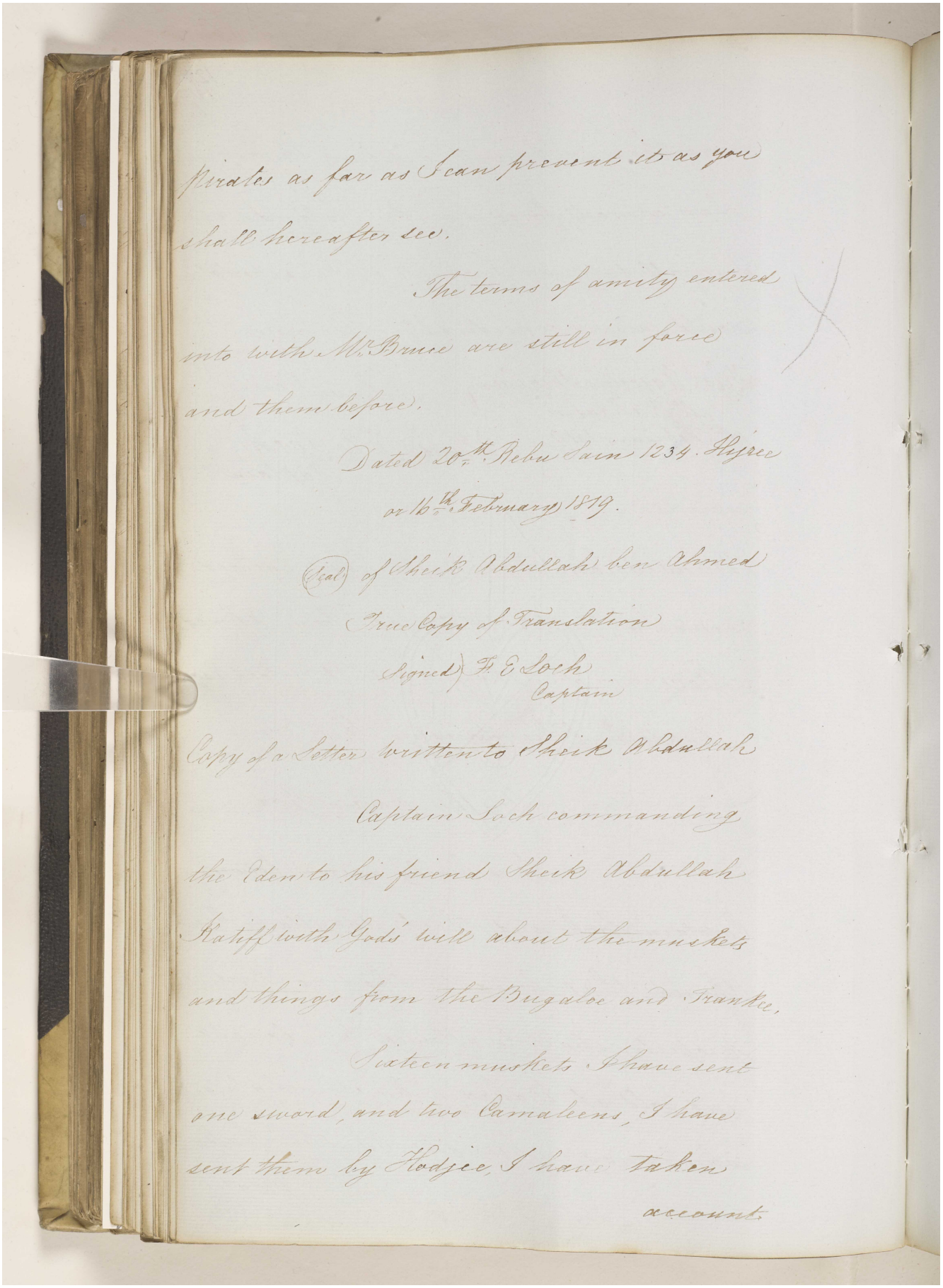


pirates as far as I can prevent it as you
shall hereafter see.

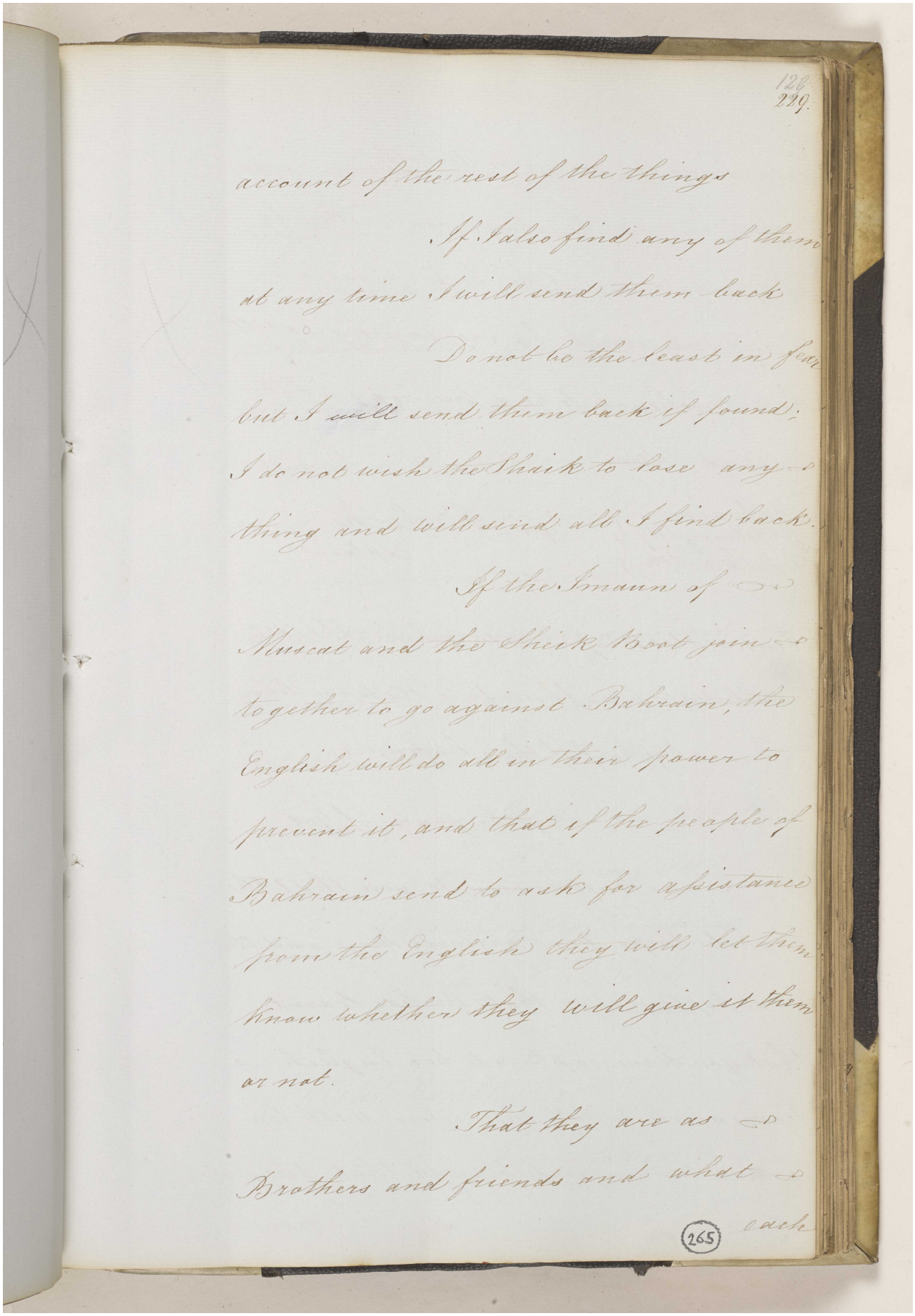
The terms of amity entered
into with Mr. Bruce are still in force
and them before.

Dated 20th Rebu Sain 1234. Hijree
or 16th February 1819.

(Seal) of Sheik Abdullah ben Ahmed

True Copy of Translation
Signed) F. E. Loch
Captain

Copy of a Letter written to Sheik Abdullah
Captain Loch commanding
the Eden to his friend Sheik Abdullah
Ratiff with God's will about the muskets
and things from the Bugaloe and Frankie,
Sixteen muskets I have sent
one sword, and two Carnaleens, I have
sent them by Hodjee, I have taken
account



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account of the rest of the things

If I also find any of them
at any time I will send them back

Do not be the least in fear
but I will send them back if found.
I do not wish the Shaik to lose any
thing and will send all I find back.

If the Imaum of
Muscat and the Shiek Boat join
together to go against Bahrain, the
English will do all in their power to
prevent it, and that if the people of
Bahrain send to ask for assistance
from the English they will let them
know whether they will give it them
or not.

That they are as
Brothers and friends and what
each

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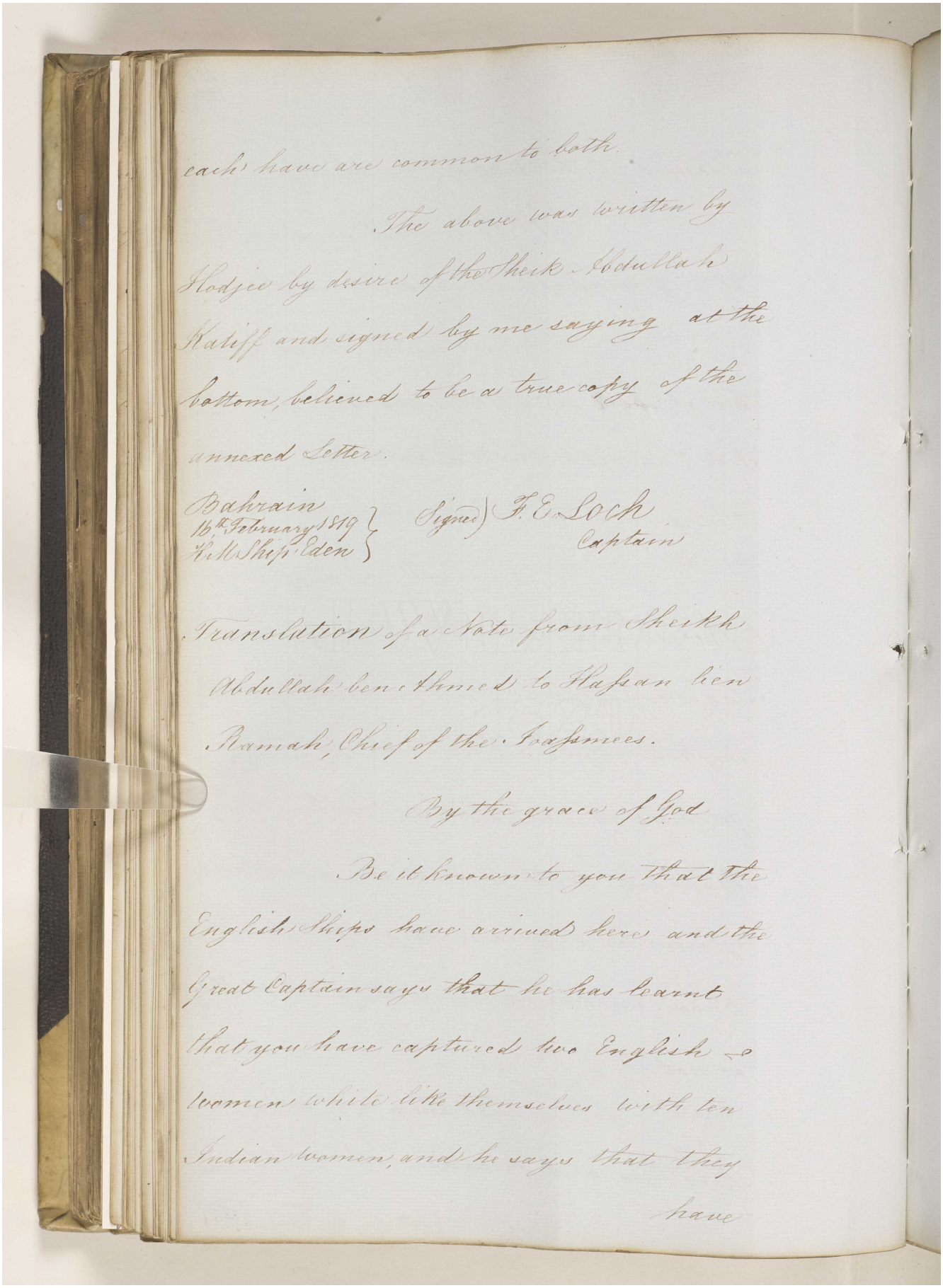


each have are common to both.

The above was written by Hodjee by desire of the Sheik Abdullah Katiff and signed by me saying at the bottom, believed to be a true copy of the annexed Letter.

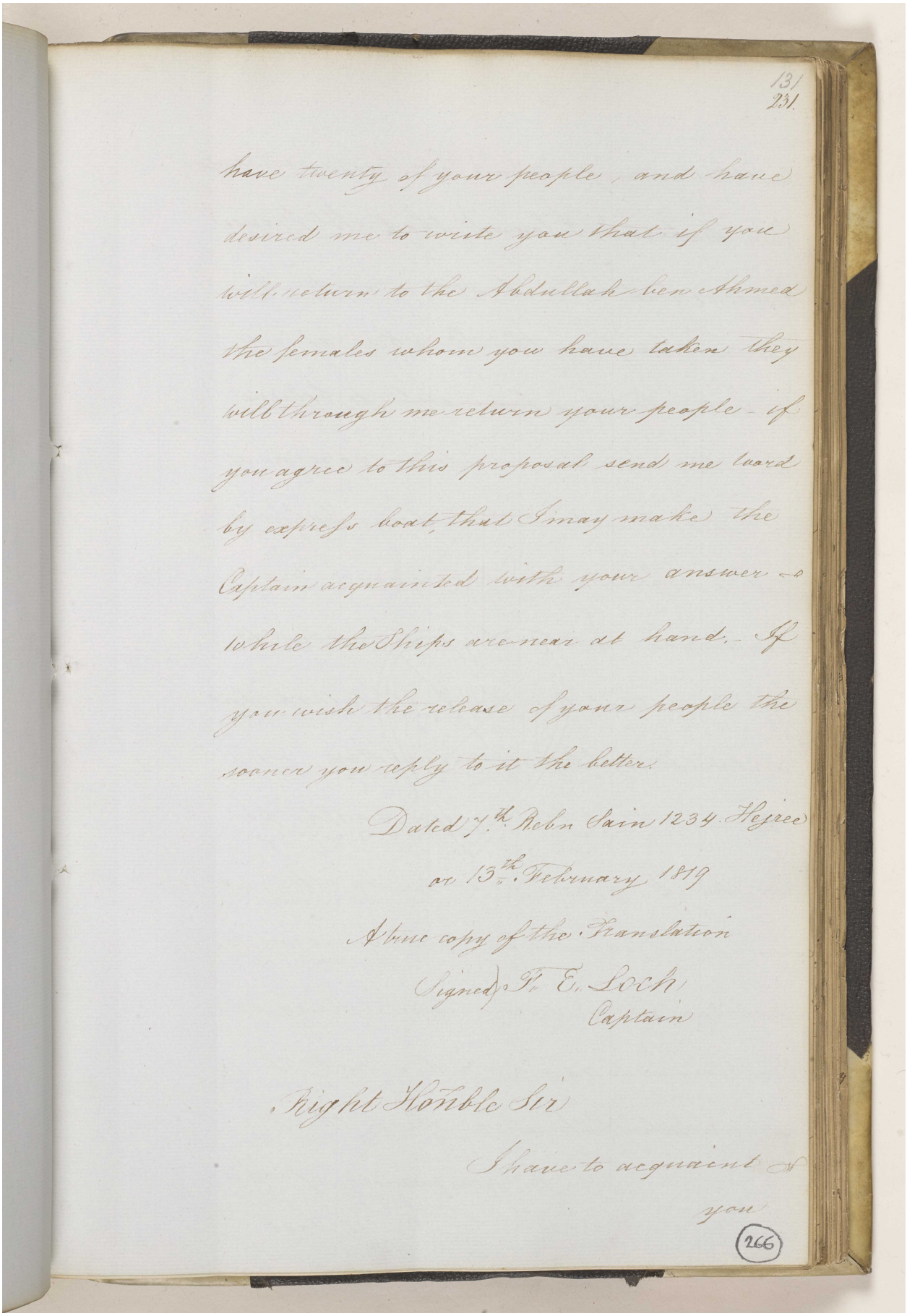
Bahrain
16th February 1819
H.M. Ship Eden

Signed) F. E. Loch
Captain

Translation of a Note from Sheikh Abdullah ben Ahmed to Hassan ben Ramah, Chief of the Joassmees.

By the grace of God

Be it known to you that the English Ships have arrived here and the Great Captain says that he has learnt that you have captured two English women white like themselves with ten Indian women, and he says that they have



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have twenty of your people, and have
desired me to write you that if you
will return to the Abdullah ben Ahmed
the females whom you have taken they
will through me return your people - if
you agree to this proposal send me word
by express boat, that I may make the
Captain acquainted with your answer -
while the Ships are near at hand. - If
you wish the release of your people the
soonest you reply to it the better.

Dated 7th Rebn Sain 1234 Hegree
or 13th February 1819

A true copy of the Translation
(Signed) F. E. Loch
Captain

Right Honble Sir

I have to acquaint
you

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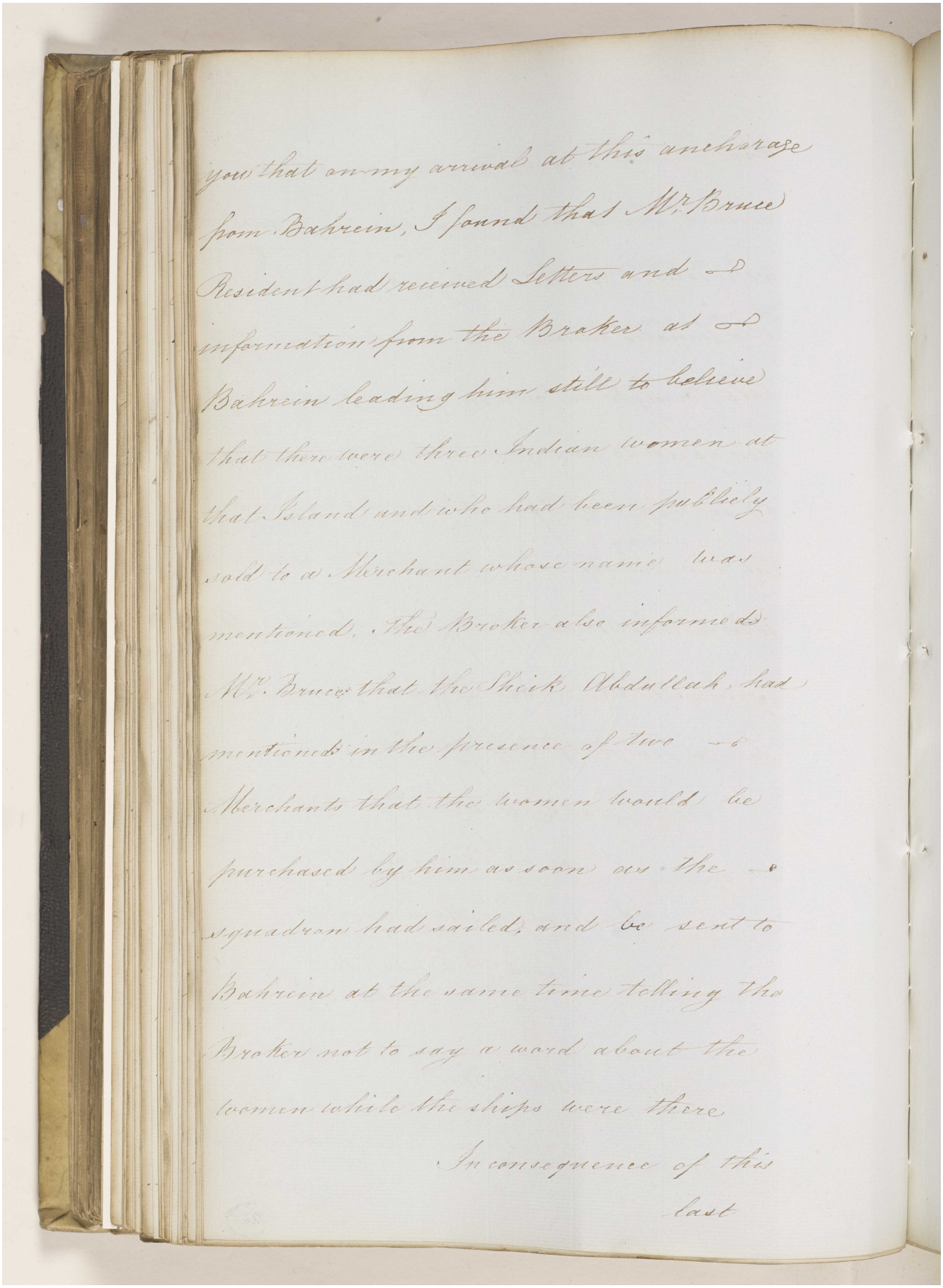
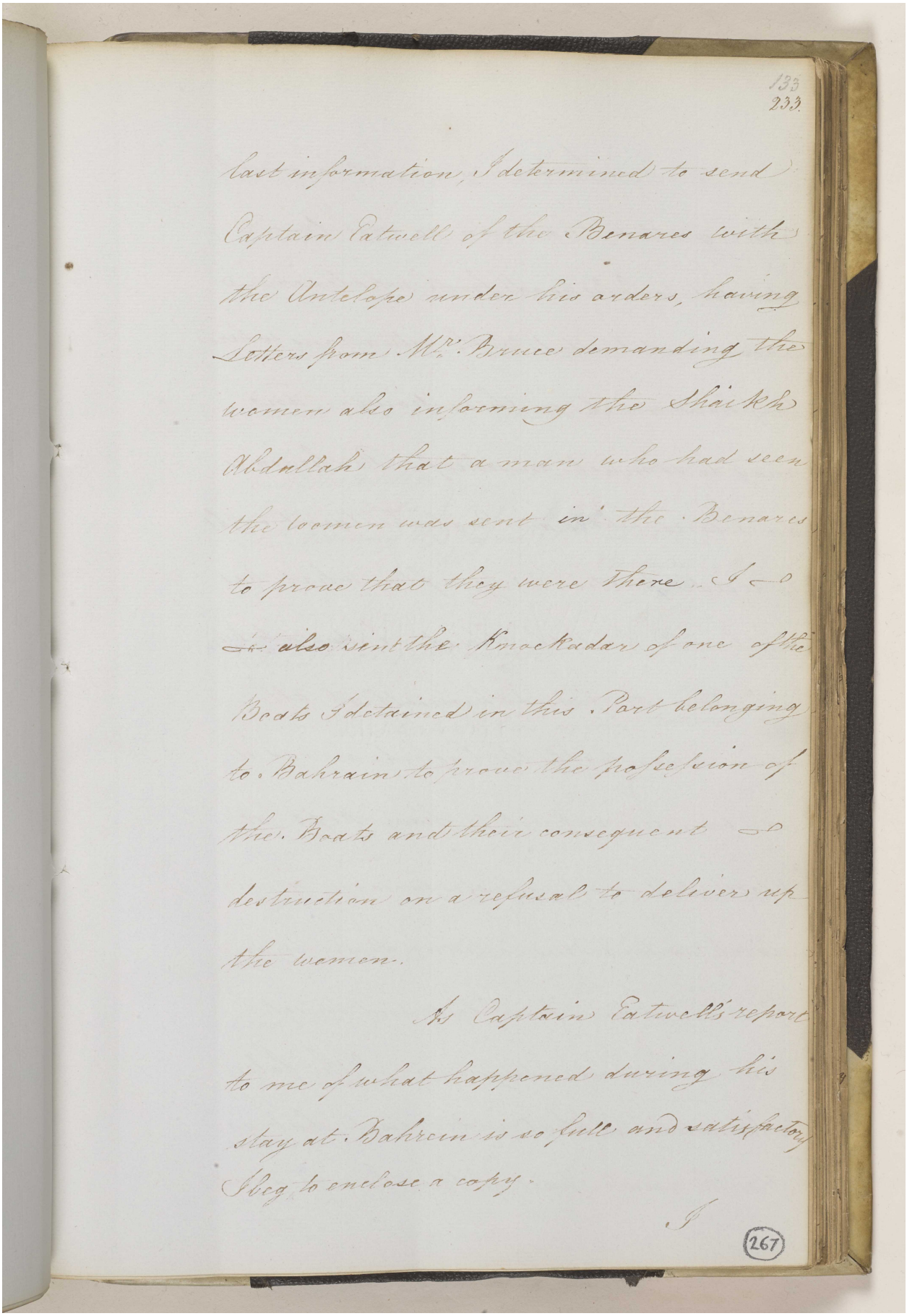


you that on my arrival at this anchorage from Bahrein, I found that Mr. Bruce Resident had received Letters and information from the Braker at Bahrein leading him still to believe that there were three Indian women at that Island and who had been publicly sold to a Merchant whose name was mentioned. The Broker also informed Mr. Bruce that the Sheik Abdallah, had mentioned in the presence of two Merchants that the women would be purchased by him as soon as the squadron had sailed, and be sent to Bahrein at the same time telling the Braker not to say a word about the women while the ships were there.

In consequence of this last



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last information, I determined to send Captain Eatwell of the Benares with the Antelope under his orders, having Letters from Mr. Bruce demanding the women also informing the Shaikh Abdallah that a man who had seen the women was sent in the Benares to prove that they were there. I also sent the Knackadar of one of the Boats I detained in this Port belonging to Bahrain to prove the profession of the Boats and their consequent destruction on a refusal to deliver up the women.

As Captain Eatwell's report to me of what happened during his stay at Bahrein is so full and satisfactory I beg to enclose a copy.

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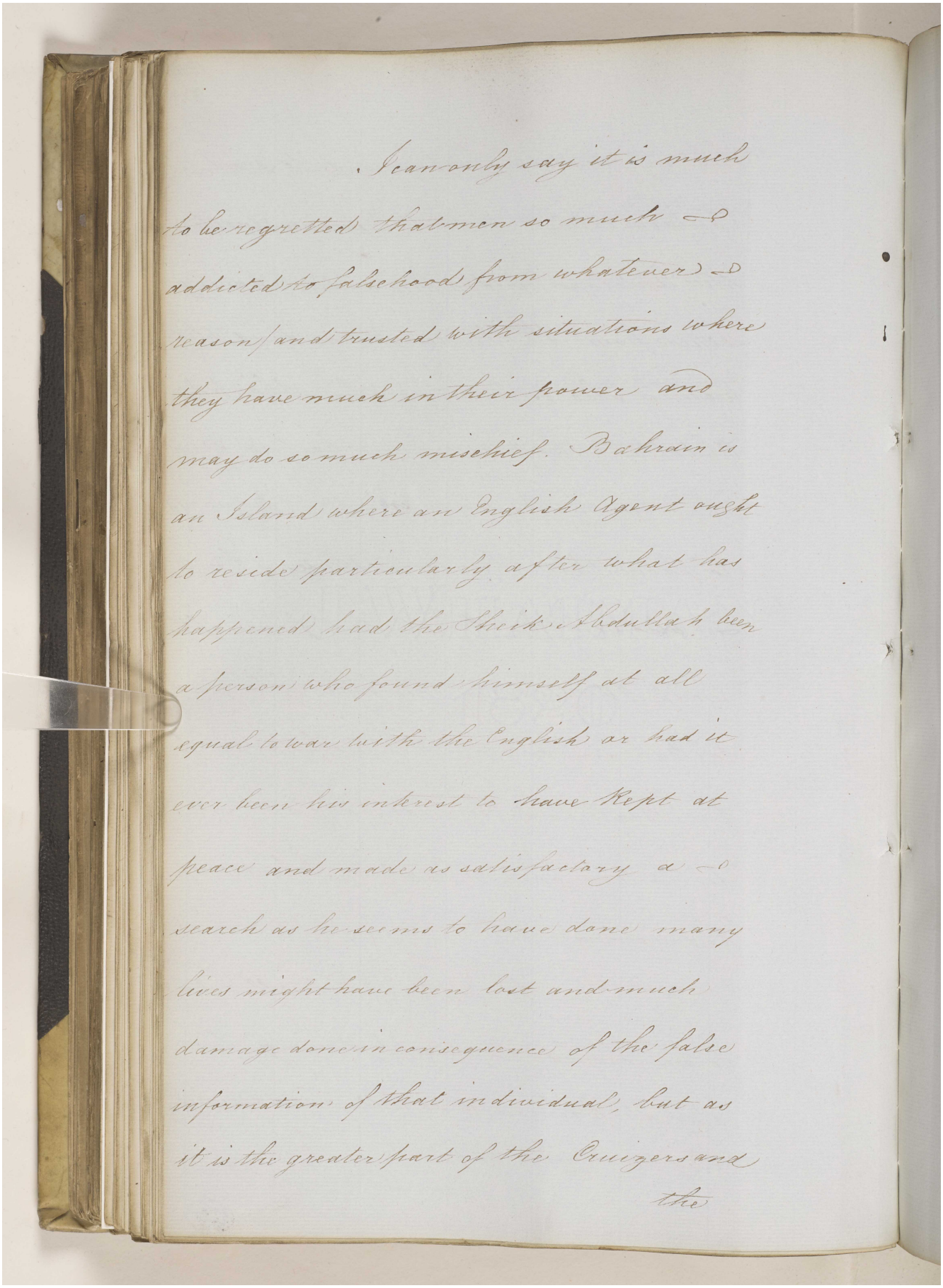

I can only say it is much to be regretted that men so much addicted to falsehood from whatever reason, and trusted with situations where they have much in their power and may do so much mischief. Bahrain is an Island where an English Agent ought to reside particularly after what has happened had the Sheik Abdullah been a person who found himself at all equal to war with the English or had it ever been his interest to have Kept at peace and made as satisfactory a search as he seems to have done many lives might have been lost and much damage done in consequence of the false information of that individual, but as it is the greater part of the Cruizers and

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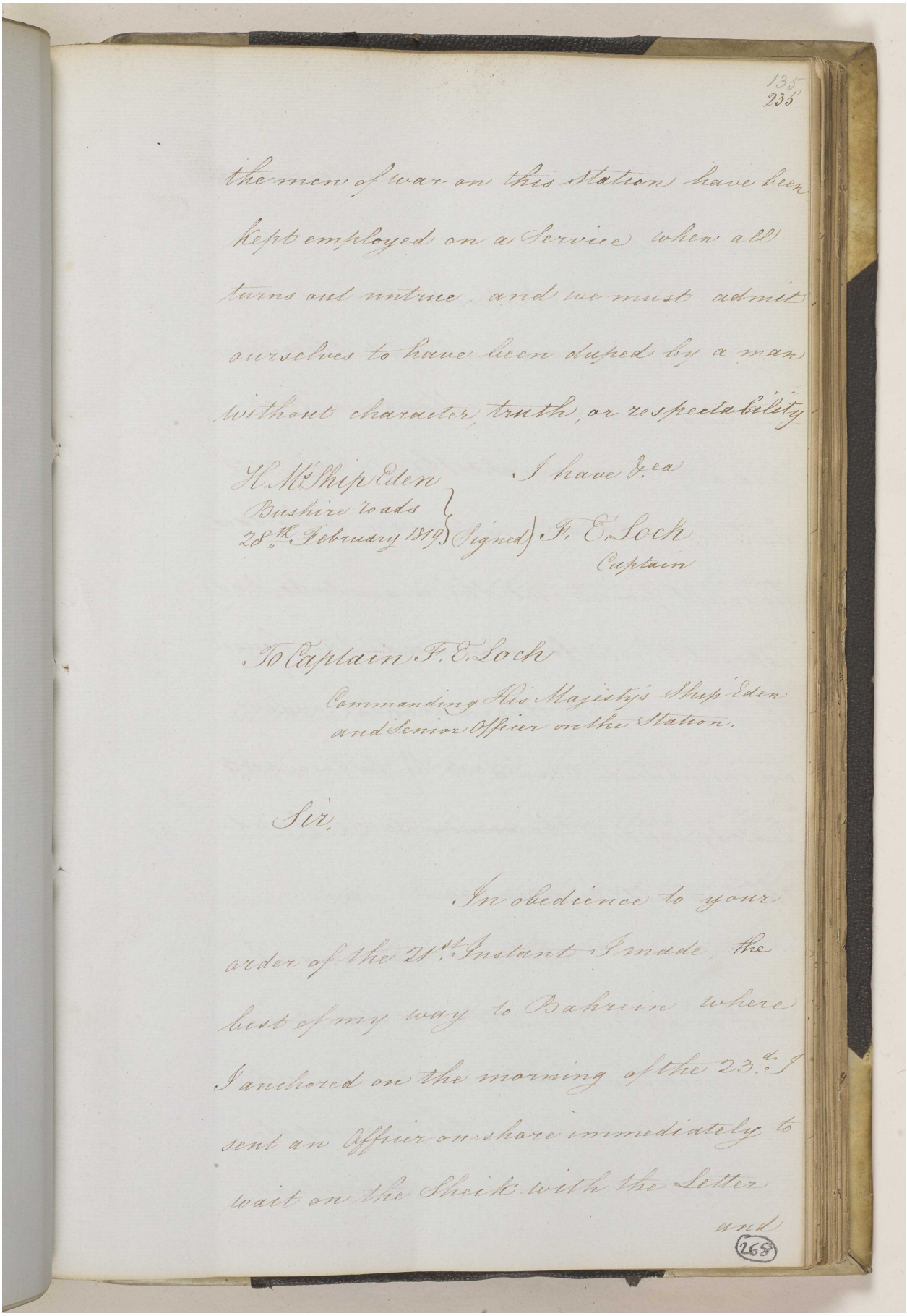

the men of war on this Station have been kept employed on a Service when all turns out untrue, and we must admit ourselves to have been duped by a man without character, truth, or respectability

H. M's Ship Eden
Bushire roads
28th February 1819

I have &ca
Signed) F. E. Loch
Captain

To Captain F. E. Loch
Commanding His Majesty's Ship Eden and Senior Officer on the Station.

Sir,

In obedience to your order of the 21st Instant I made, the best of my way to Bahrein where I anchored on the morning of the 23d I sent an Officer on shore immediately to wait on the Sheik with the Letter and

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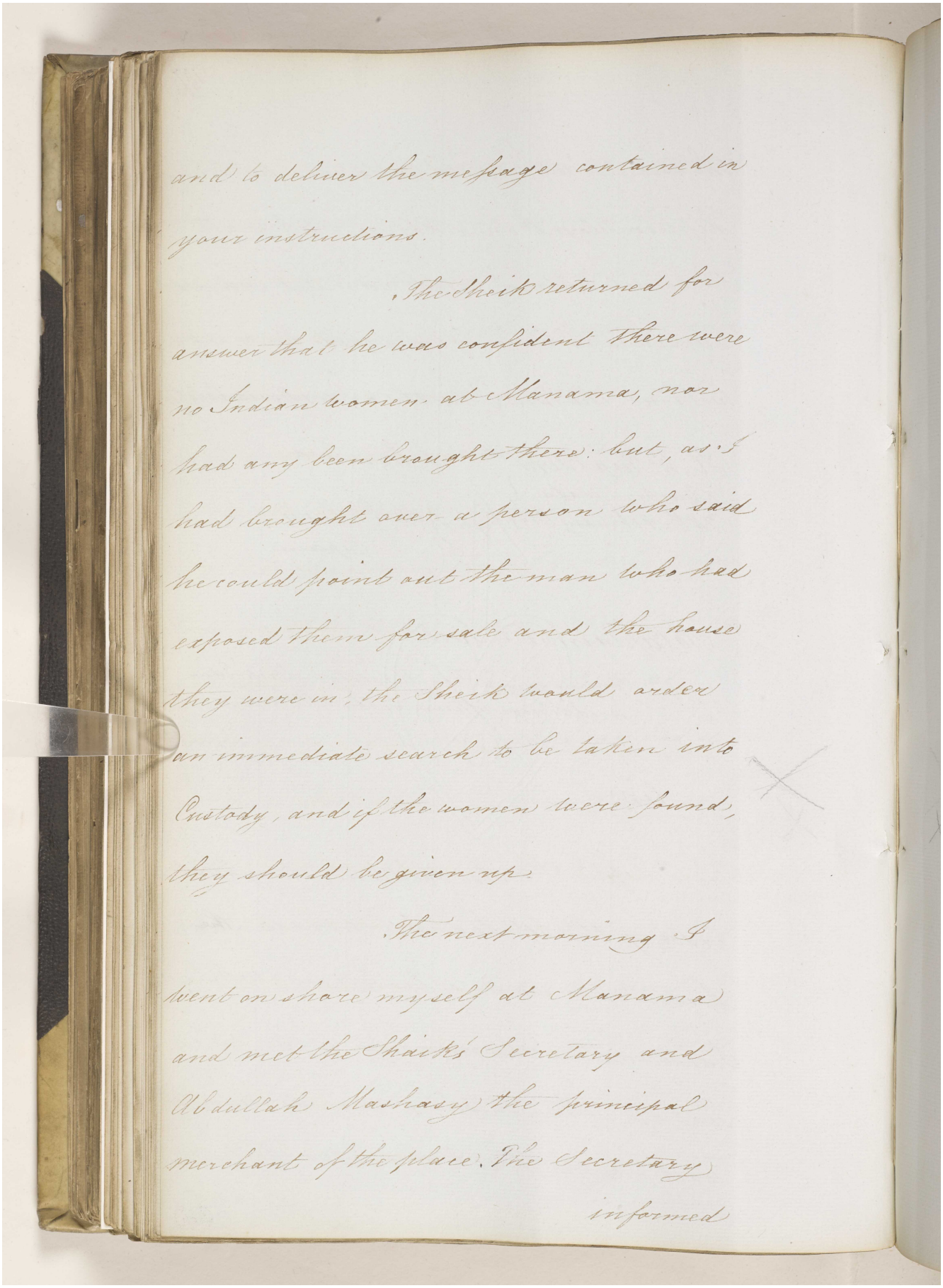
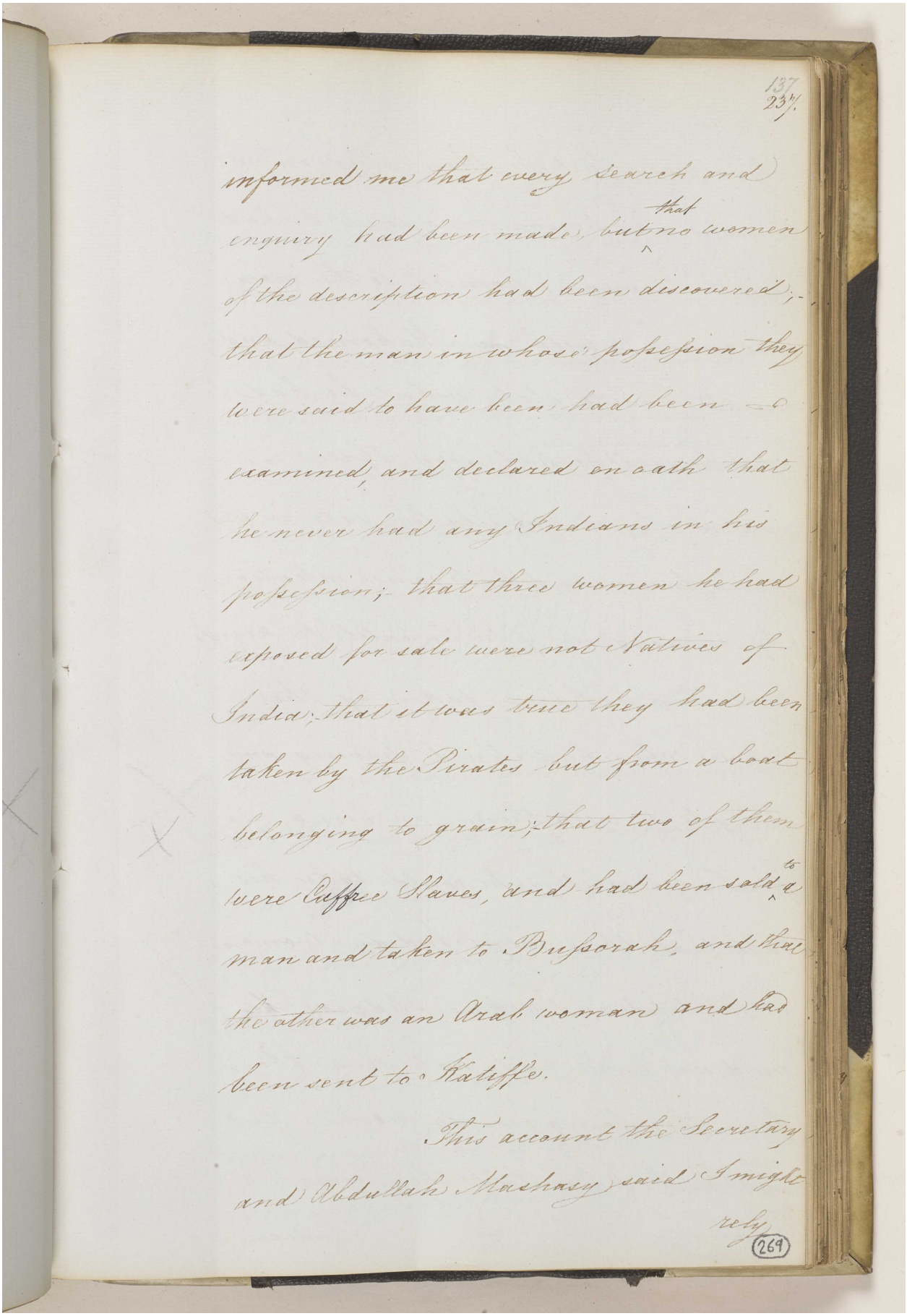


and to deliver the message contained in your instructions.

The Sheik returned for answer that he was confident there were no Indian women at Manama, nor had any been brought there: but, as I had brought over a person who said he could point out the man who had exposed them for sale and the house they were in, the Sheik would order an immediate search to be taken into Custody, and if the women were found, they should be given up.

The next morning I went on shore myself at Manama and met the Shaik's Secretary and Abdullah Mashasy the principal merchant of the place. The Secretary informed



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informed me that every Search and
enquiry had been made, but that no women
of the description had been discovered;-
that the man in whose posession they
were said to have been had been
examined, and declared on oath that
he never had any Indians in his
posession; that three women he had
exposed for sale were not Natives of
India; that it was true they had been
taken by the Pirates but from a boat
belonging to grain; that two of them
were Caffree Slaves, and had been sold to a
man and taken to Busserah, and that
the other was an Arab woman and had
been sent to Katiffe.

This account the Secretary
and Abdullah Mashasy said I might
rely

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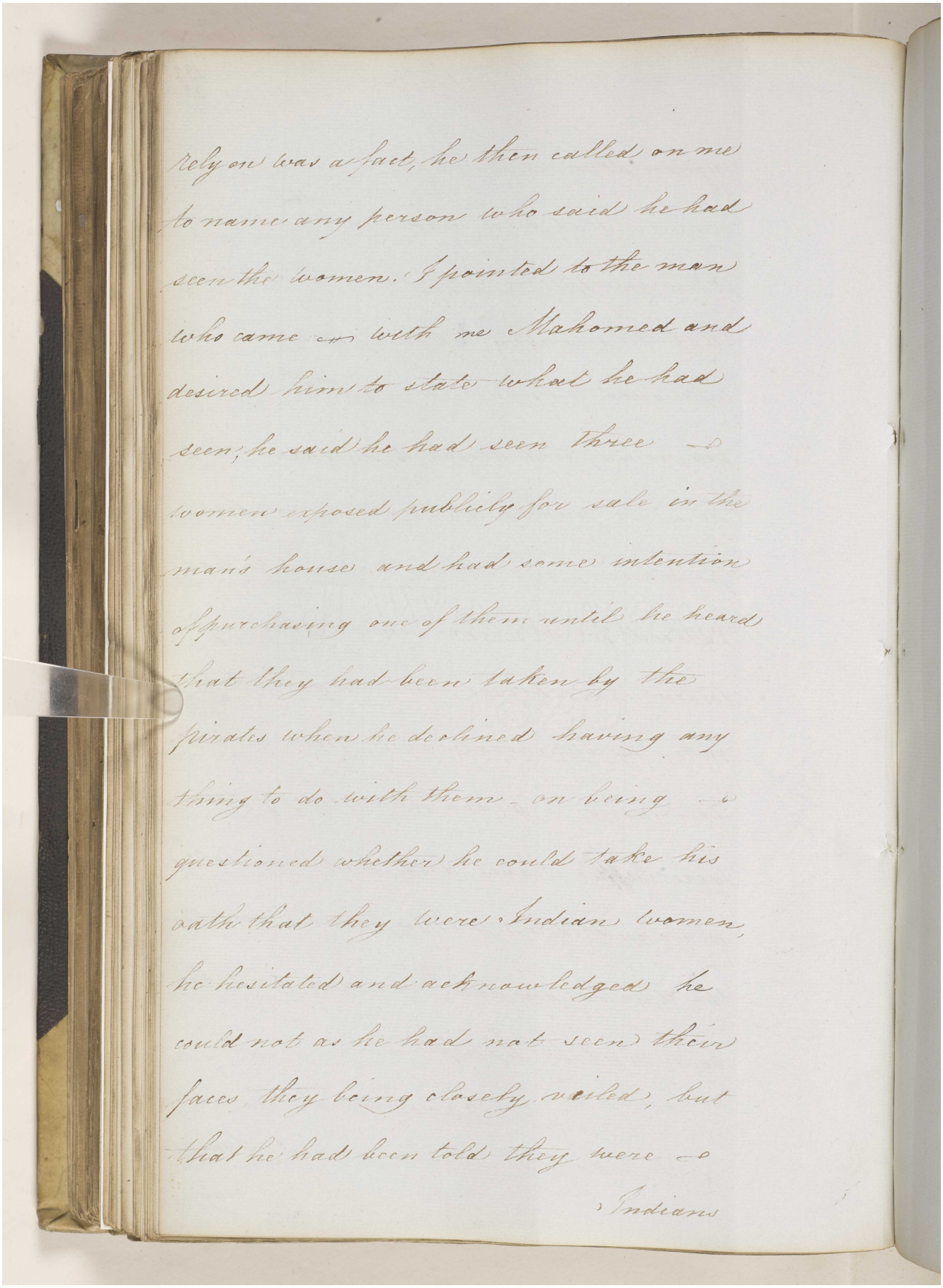
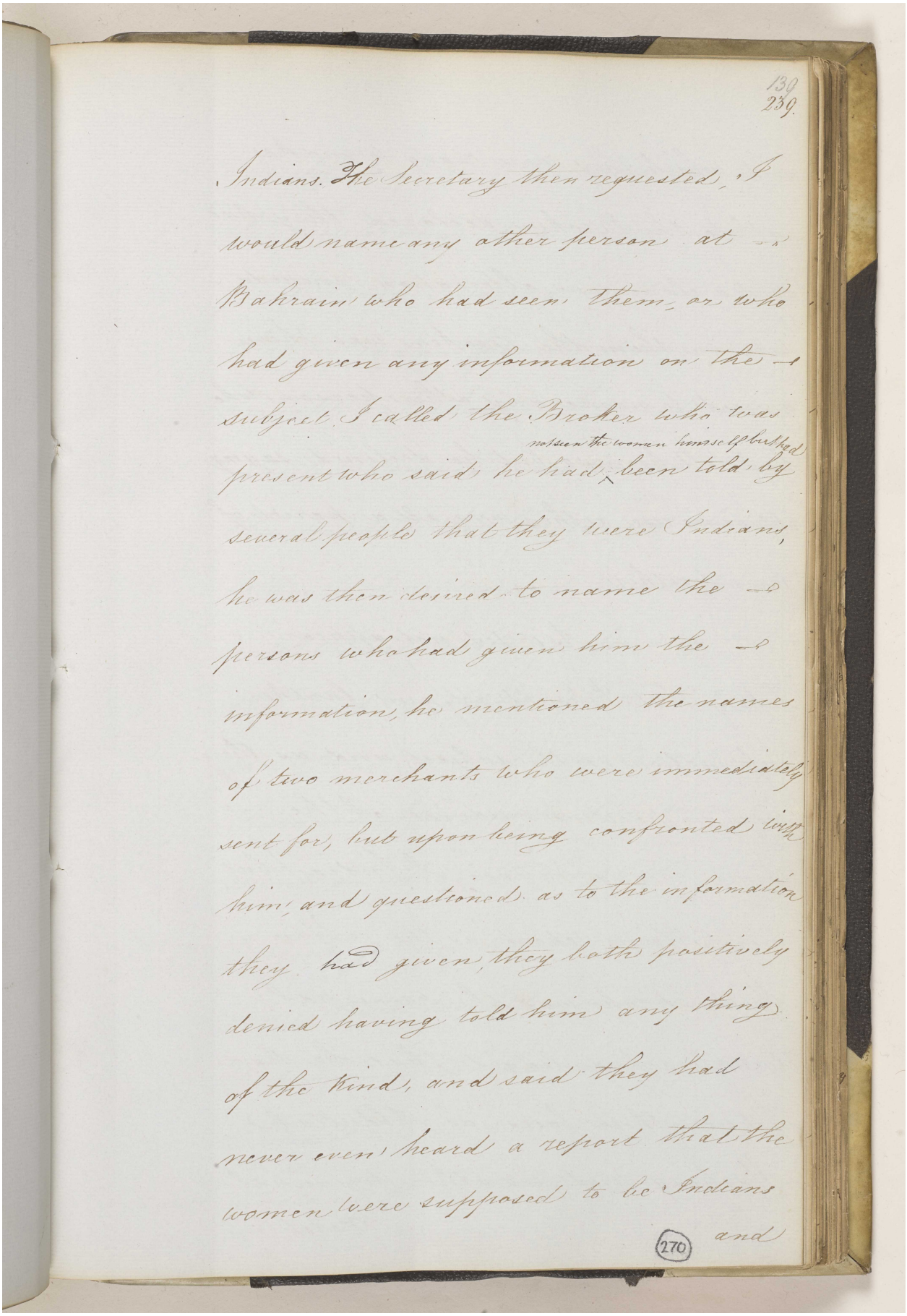


rely on was a fact, he then called on me to name any person who said he had seen the women. I pointed to the man who came with me Mahomed and desired him to state what he had seen; he said he had seen three women exposed publicly for sale in the man's house and had some intention of purchasing one of them until he heard that they had been taken by the pirates when he declined having any thing to do with them. on being questioned whether he could take his oath that they were Indian women, he hesitated and acknowledged he could not as he had not seen their faces they being closely veiled, but that he had been told they were Indians



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Indians. The Secretary then requested, if
would name any other person at —
Bahrain who had seen them, or who
had given any information on the —
subject. I called the Broker who was
present who said he had been told by
not seen the women himself but had
several people that they were Indians,
he was then desired to name the —
persons who had given him the —
information, he mentioned the names
of two merchants who were immediately
sent for, but upon being confronted with
him, and questioned as to the information
they had given, they both positively
denied having told him any thing
of the kind, and said they had
never even heard a report that the
women were supposed to be Indians
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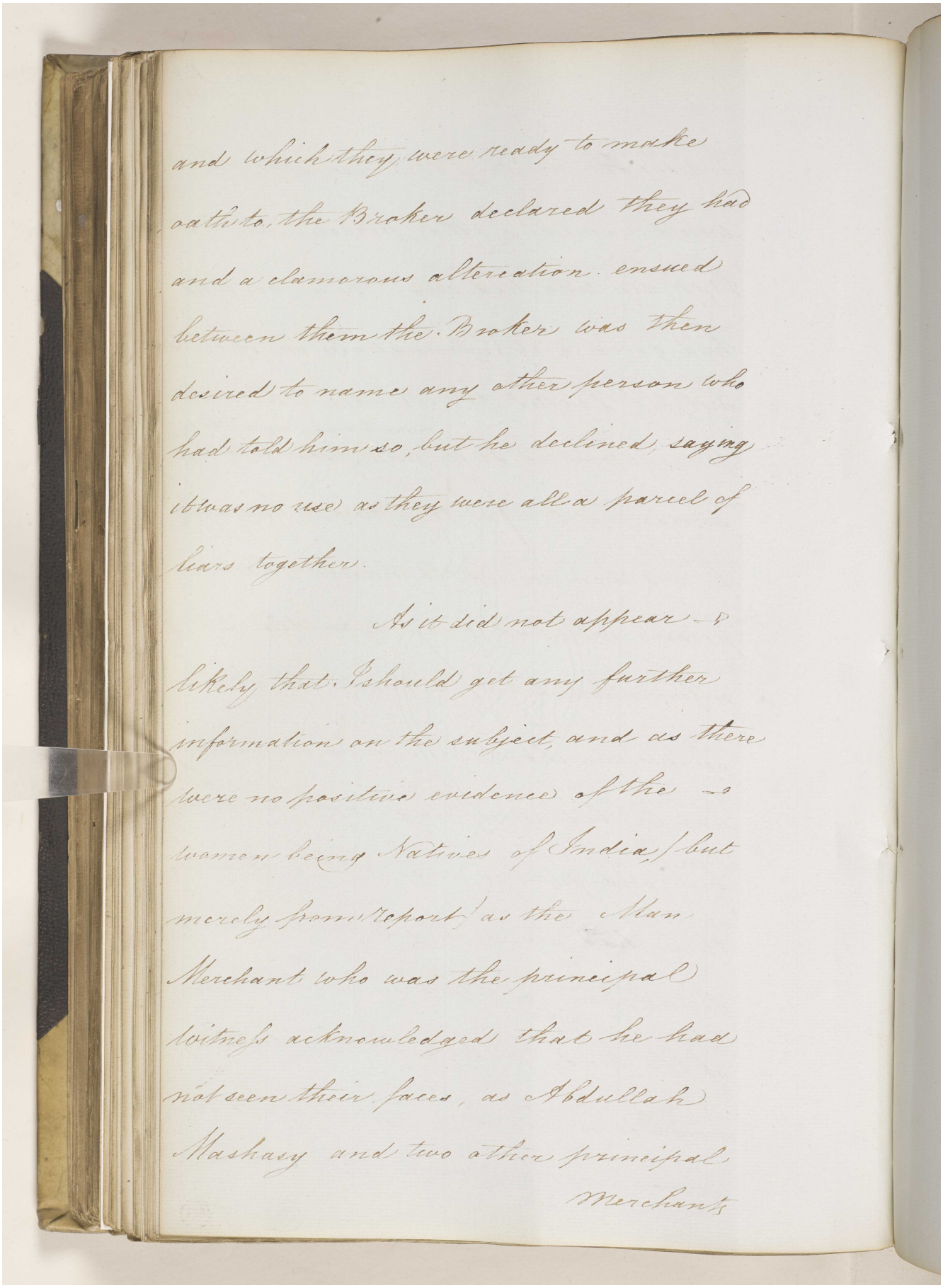
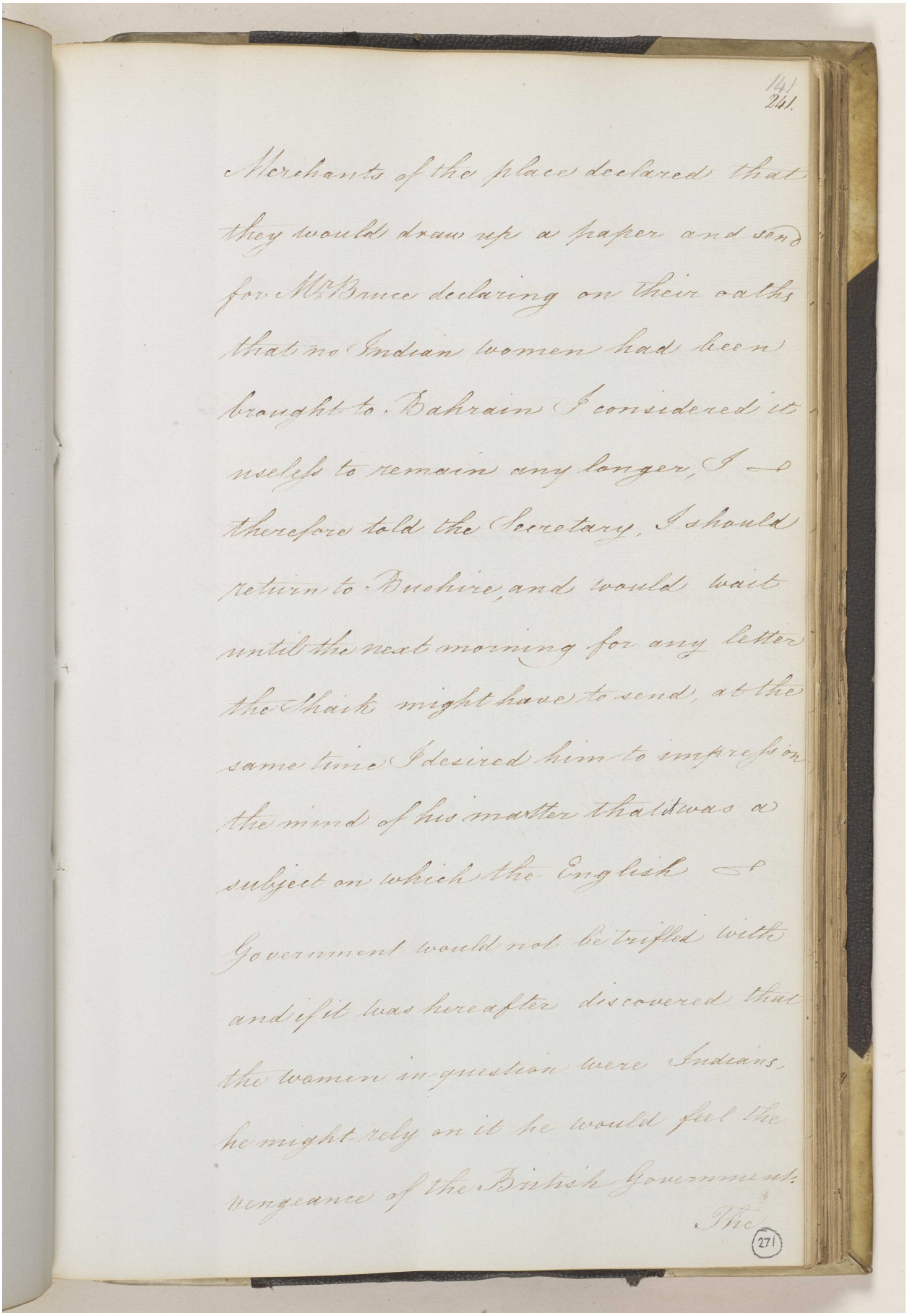


and which they were ready to make oath to. the Broker declared they had and a clamorous altercation ensued between them the Broker was then desired to name any other person who had told him so, but he declined, saying it was no use as they were all a parcel of liars together.

As it did not appear — likely that I should get any further information on the subject, and as there were no positive evidence of the — women being Natives of India, but merely from report as the Man Merchant who was the principal witness acknowledged that he had not seen their faces, as Abdullah Mashasy and two other principal Merchants



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Merchants of the place declared that they would draw up a paper and send for Mr. Bruce declaring on their oaths that no Indian women had been brought to Bahrain I considered it useless to remain any longer, I therefore told the Secretary, I should return to Bushire, and would wait until the next morning for any letter the Shaik might have to send, at the same time I desired him to impress on the mind of his master that it was a subject on which the English Government would not be trifled with and if it was hereafter discovered that the women in question were Indians he might rely on it he would feel the vengeance of the British Government.

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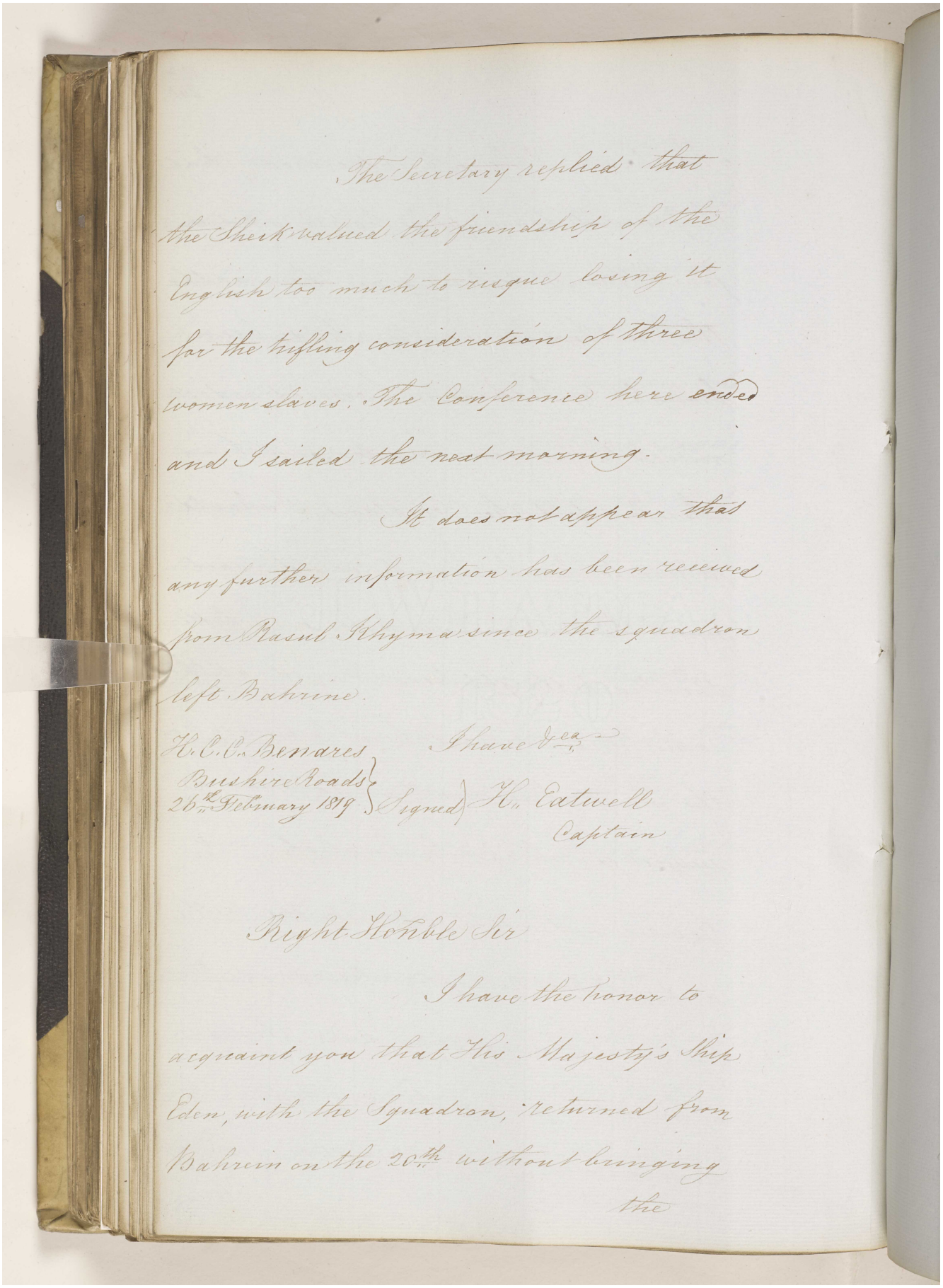


The Secretary replied that the Sheik valued the friendship of the English too much to risque losing it for the trifling consideration of three women slaves. The Conference here ended and I sailed the next morning.

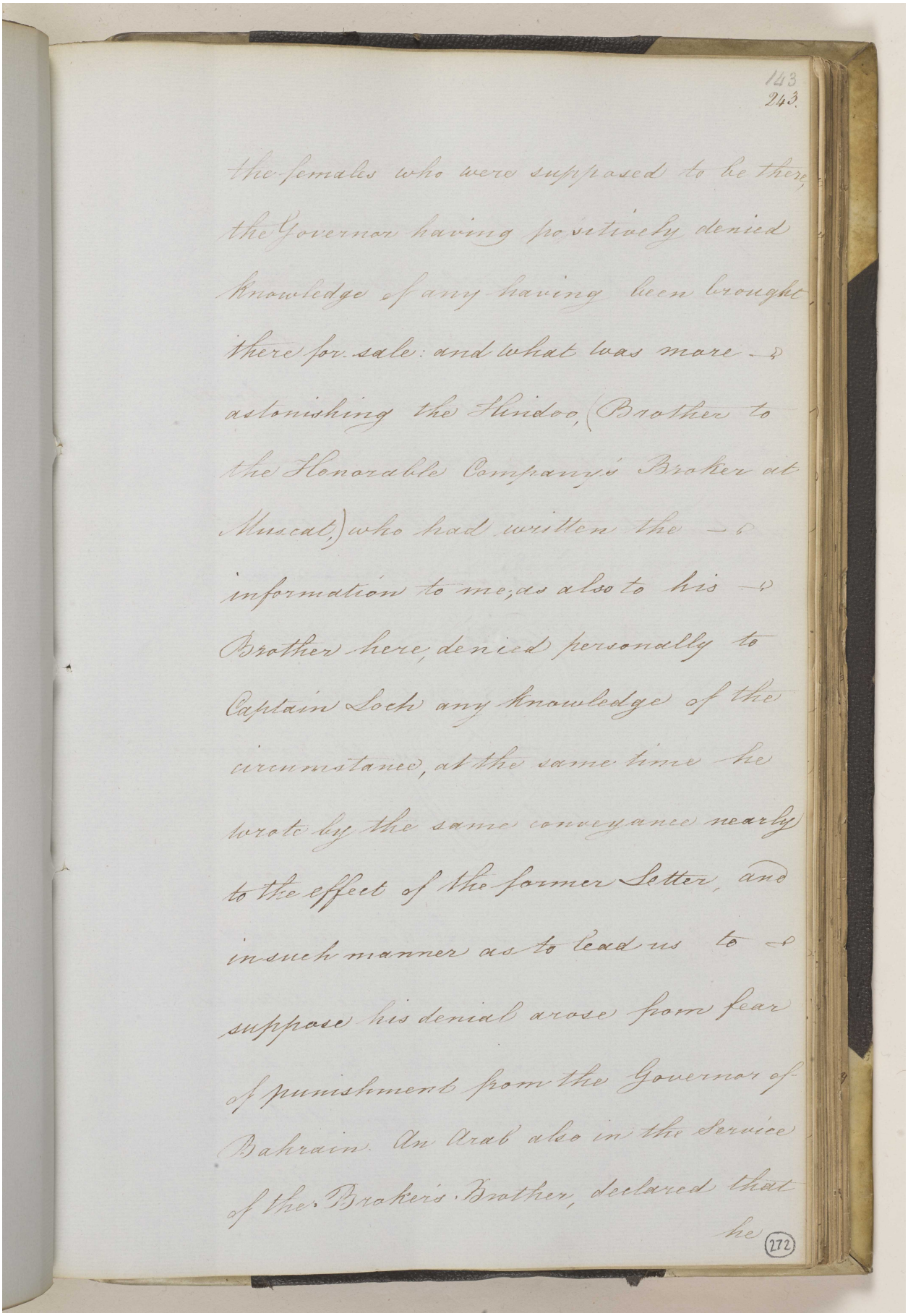
It does not appear that any further information has been received from Rasul Khyma since the squadron left Bahrine.

H.C.C. Benares
Bushire Roads
26th February 1819

I have &ca.
Signed H. Eatwell
Captain

Right Honble Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that His Majesty's Ship Eden, with the Squadron, returned from Bahrein on the 20th without bringing the



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the females who were supposed to be there, the Governor having positively denied knowledge of any having been brought there for sale: and what was more — astonishing the Hindoo, (Brother to the Honorable Company's Broker at Muscat,) who had written the — information to me; as also to his — Brother here, denied personally to Captain Loch any knowledge of the circumstance, at the same time he wrote by the same conveyance nearly to the effect of the former Letter, and in such manner as to lead us to — suppose his denial arose from fear of punishment from the Governor of Bahrain. An Arab also in the service of the Brokers Brother, declared that he

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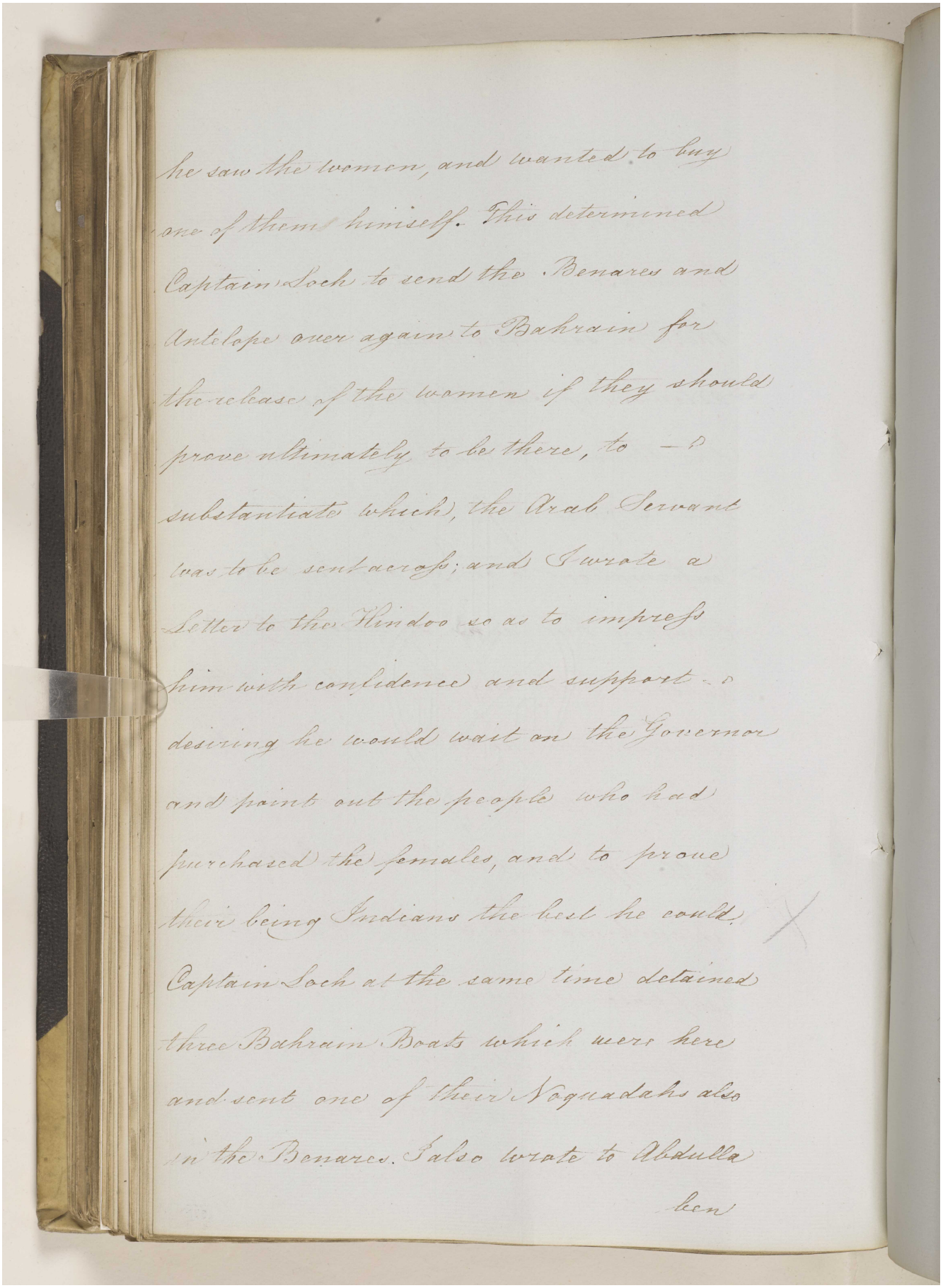

he saw the women, and wanted to buy
one of them himself. This determined
Captain Loch to send the Benares and
Antelope over again to Bahrain for
the release of the women if they should
prove ultimately to be there, to —
substantiate which, the Arab Servant
was to be sent across; and I wrote a
Letter to the Hindoo so as to impress
him with confidence and support —
desiring he would wait on the Governor
and point out the people who had
purchased the females, and to prove
their being Indians the best he could.
Captain Loch at the same time detained
three Bahrain Boats which were here
and sent one of their Nogueadahs also
in the Benares. I also wrote to Abdulla
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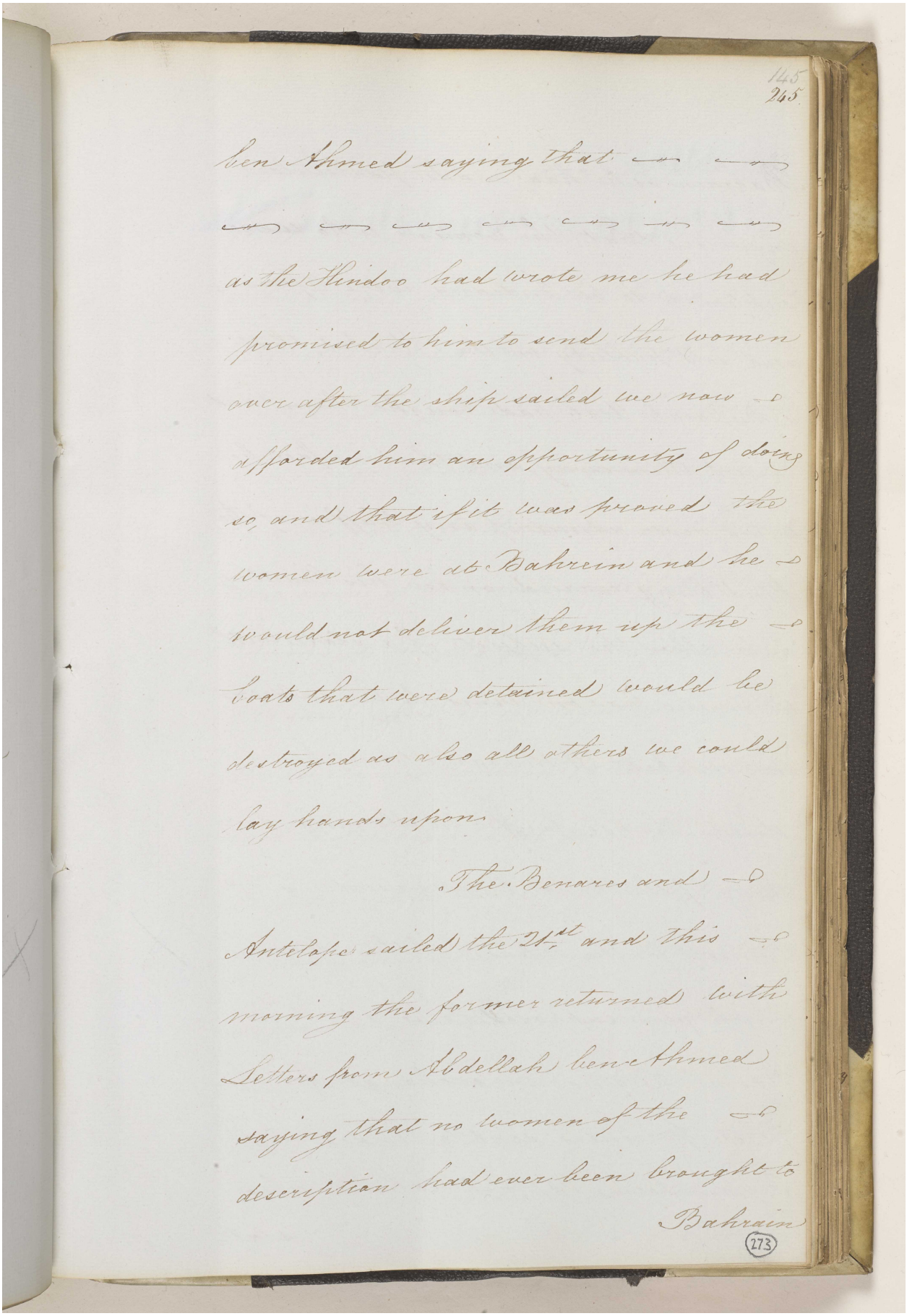

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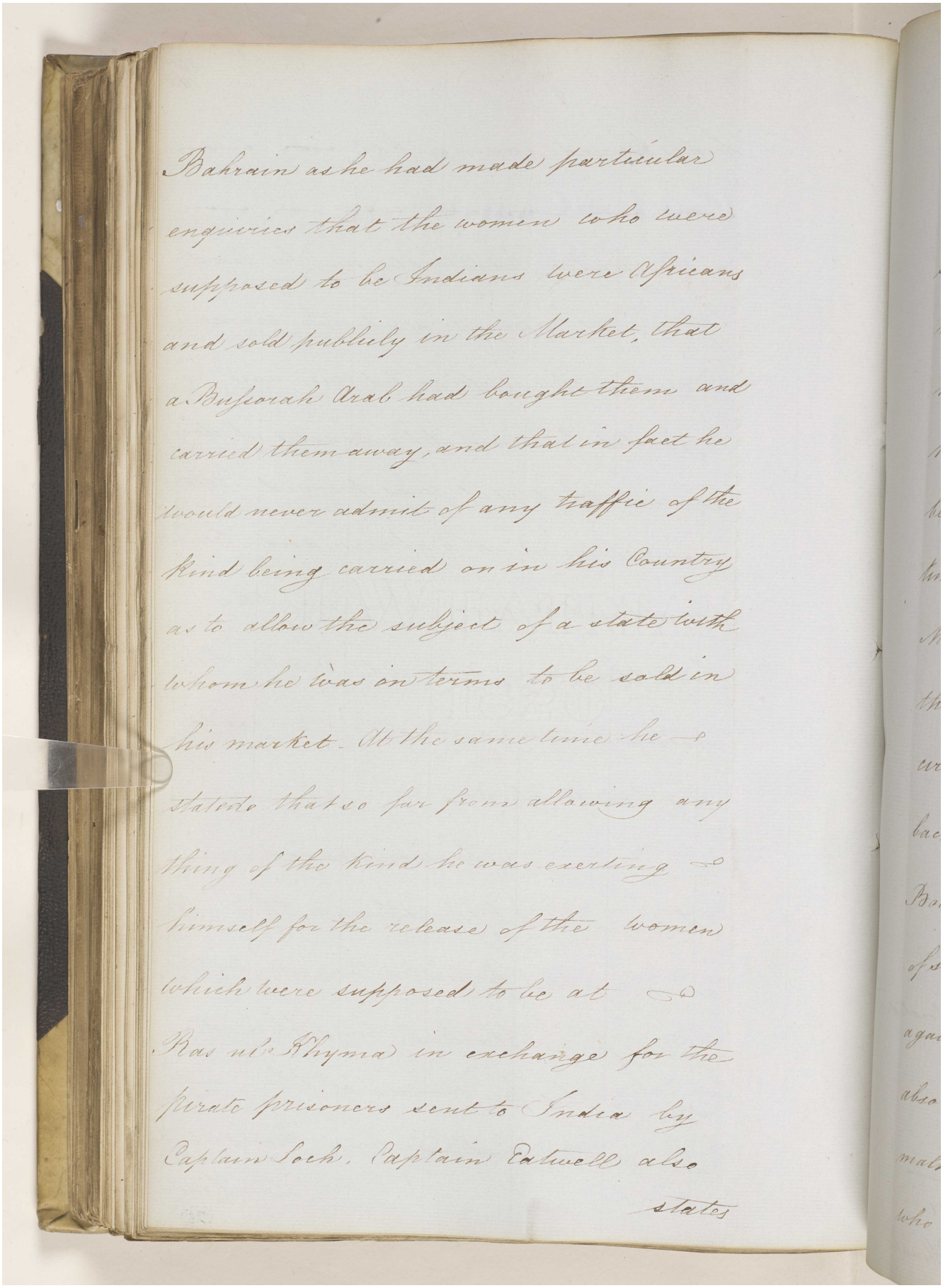
ben Ahmed saying that — — —



Bahrain as he had made particular
enquiries that the women who were
supposed to be Indians were Africans
and sold publicly in the Market, that
a Bussorah Arab had bought them and
carried them away, and that in fact he
would never admit of any traffic of the
kind being carried on in his Country
as to allow the subject of a state with
whom he was on terms to be sold in
his market. At the same time he
states that so far from allowing any
thing of the kind he was exerting
himself for the release of the women
which were supposed to be at
Ras ul Khyma in exchange for the
pirate prisoners sent to India by
Captain Loch. Captain Eatwell also
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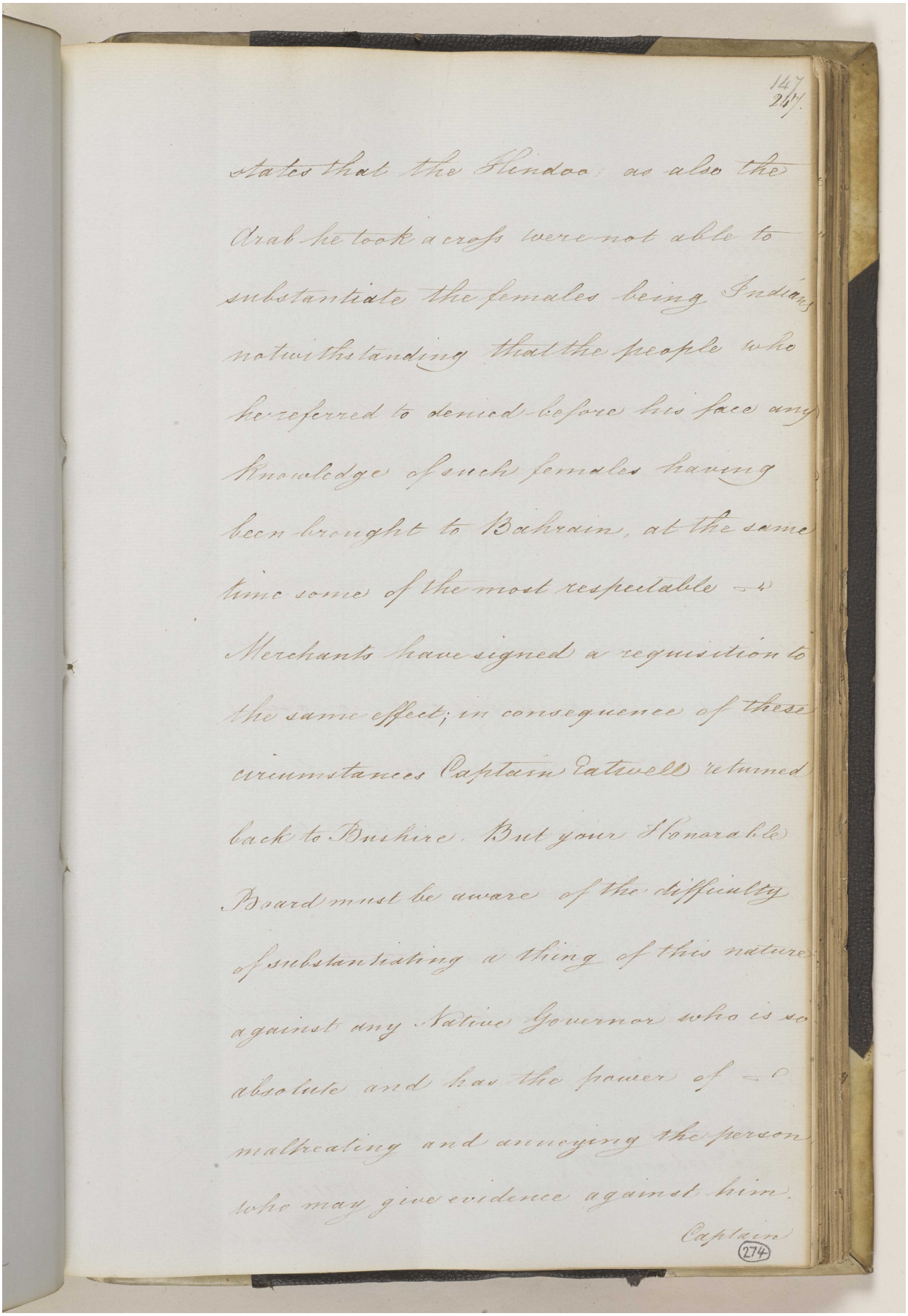

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states that the Hindoo as also the
Arab he took across were not able to
substantiate the females being Indian
notwithstanding that the people who
he referred to denied before his face any
knowledge of such females having
been brought to Bahrain, at the same
time some of the most respectable
Merchants have signed a requisition to
the same effect; in consequence of these
circumstances Captain Eatwell returned
back to Bushire. But your Honorable
Board must be aware of the difficulty
of substantiating a thing of this nature
against any Native Governor who is so
absolute and has the power of
maltreating and annoying the person
who may give evidence against him.

Captain

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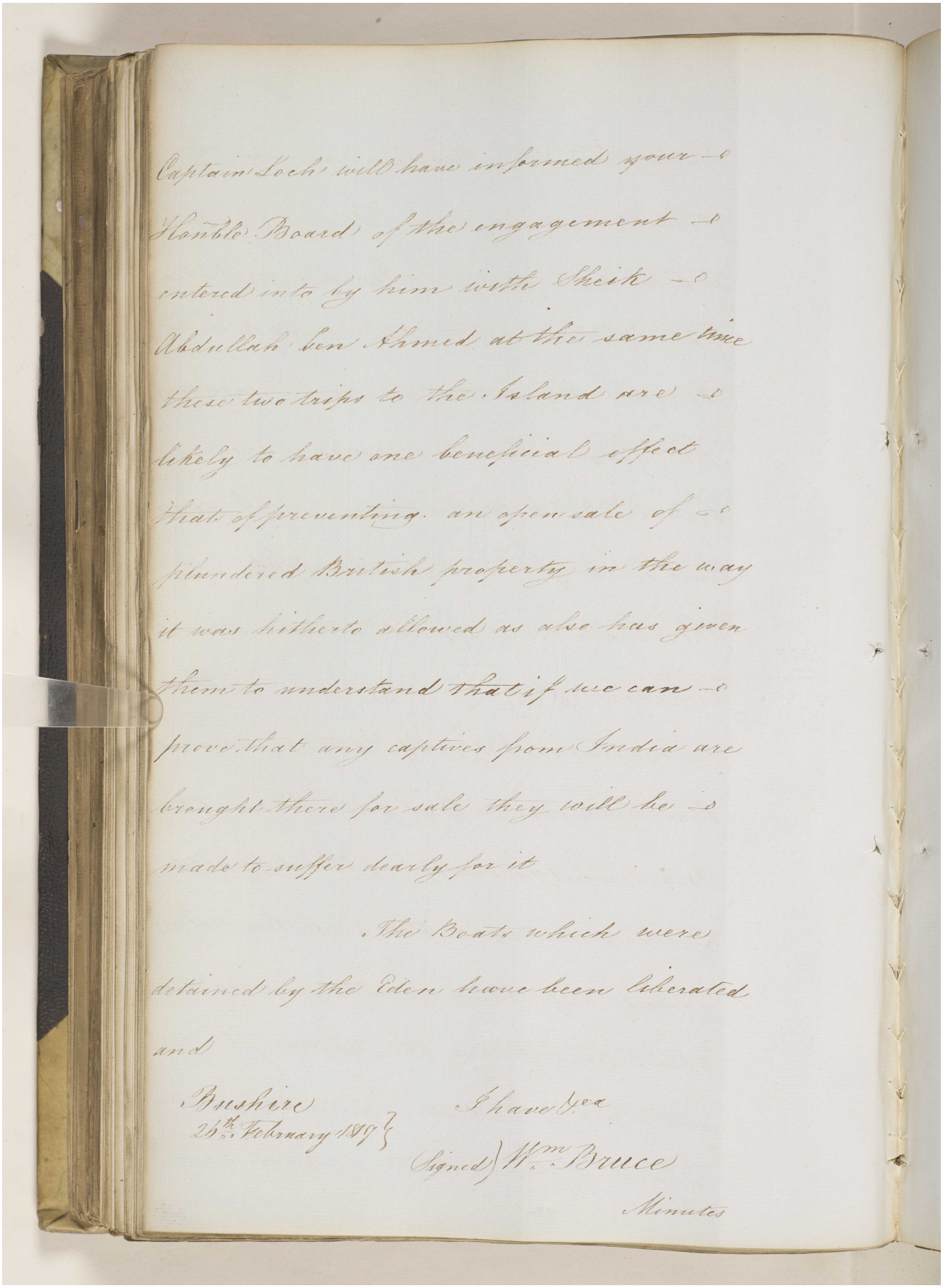

Captain Loch will have informed your —
Honble Board of the engagement —
entered into by him with Sheik —
Abdullah ben Ahmed at the same time
these two trips to the Island are —
likely to have one beneficial effect
that of preventing an open sale of —
plundered British property in the way
it was hitherto allowed as also has given
them to understand ~~that~~ if we can —
prove that any captives from India are
brought there for sale they will be —
made to suffer dearly for it

The Boats which were
detained by the Eden have been liberated
and

Bushire
25th February 1799

I have &c
(Signed) Wm. Bruce

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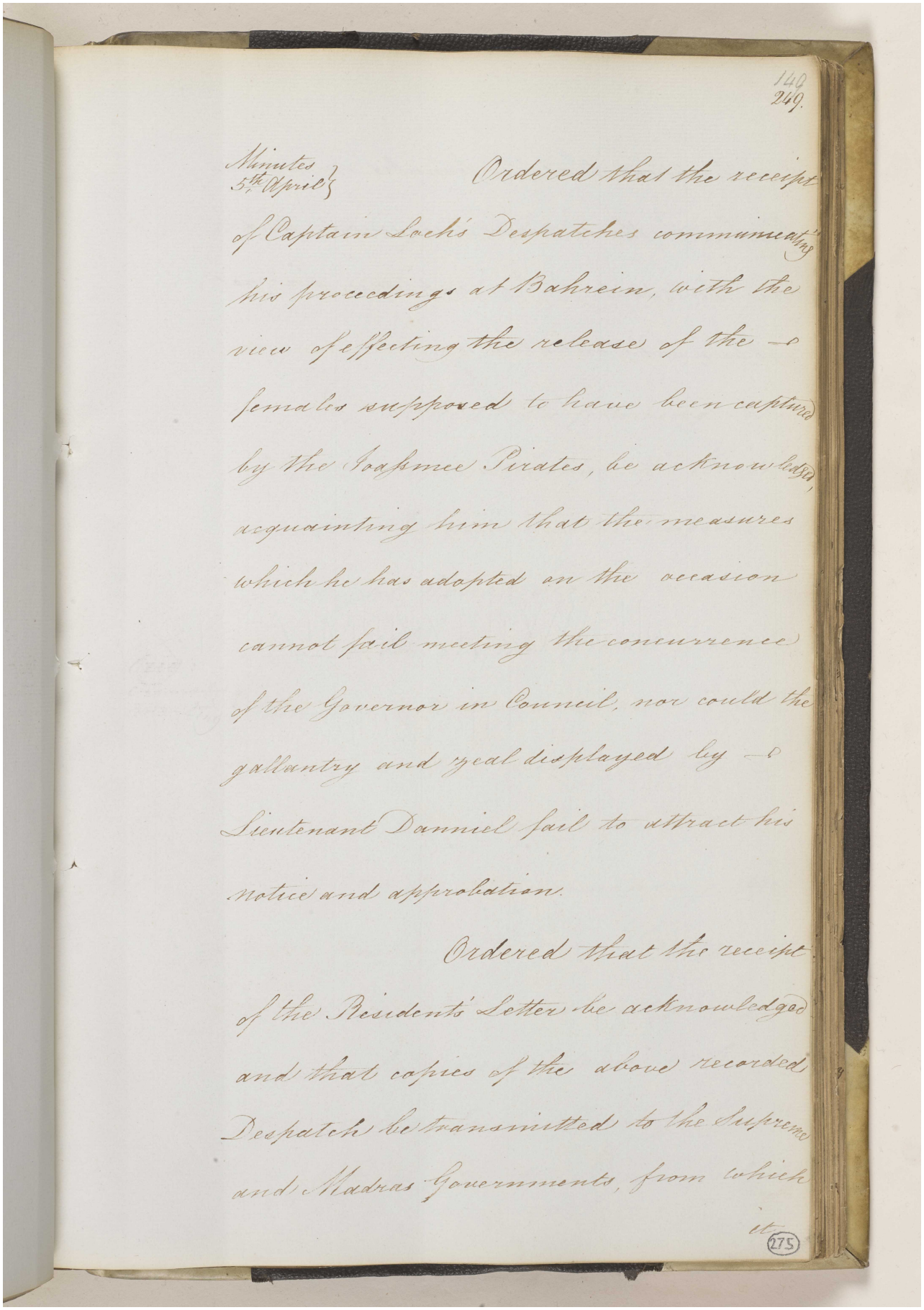

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Ordered that the receipt of Captain Loch's Despatches communicating his proceedings at Bahrein, with the view of effecting the release of the females supposed to have been captured by the Joasmee Pirates, be acknowledged, acquainting him that the measures which he has adopted on the occasion cannot fail meeting the concurrence of the Governor in Council, nor could the gallantry and zeal displayed by Lieutenant Damniel fail to attract his notice and approbation.

Ordered that the receipt of the Resident's Letter be acknowledged and that copies of the above recorded Despatch be transmitted to the Supreme and Madras Governments, from which it

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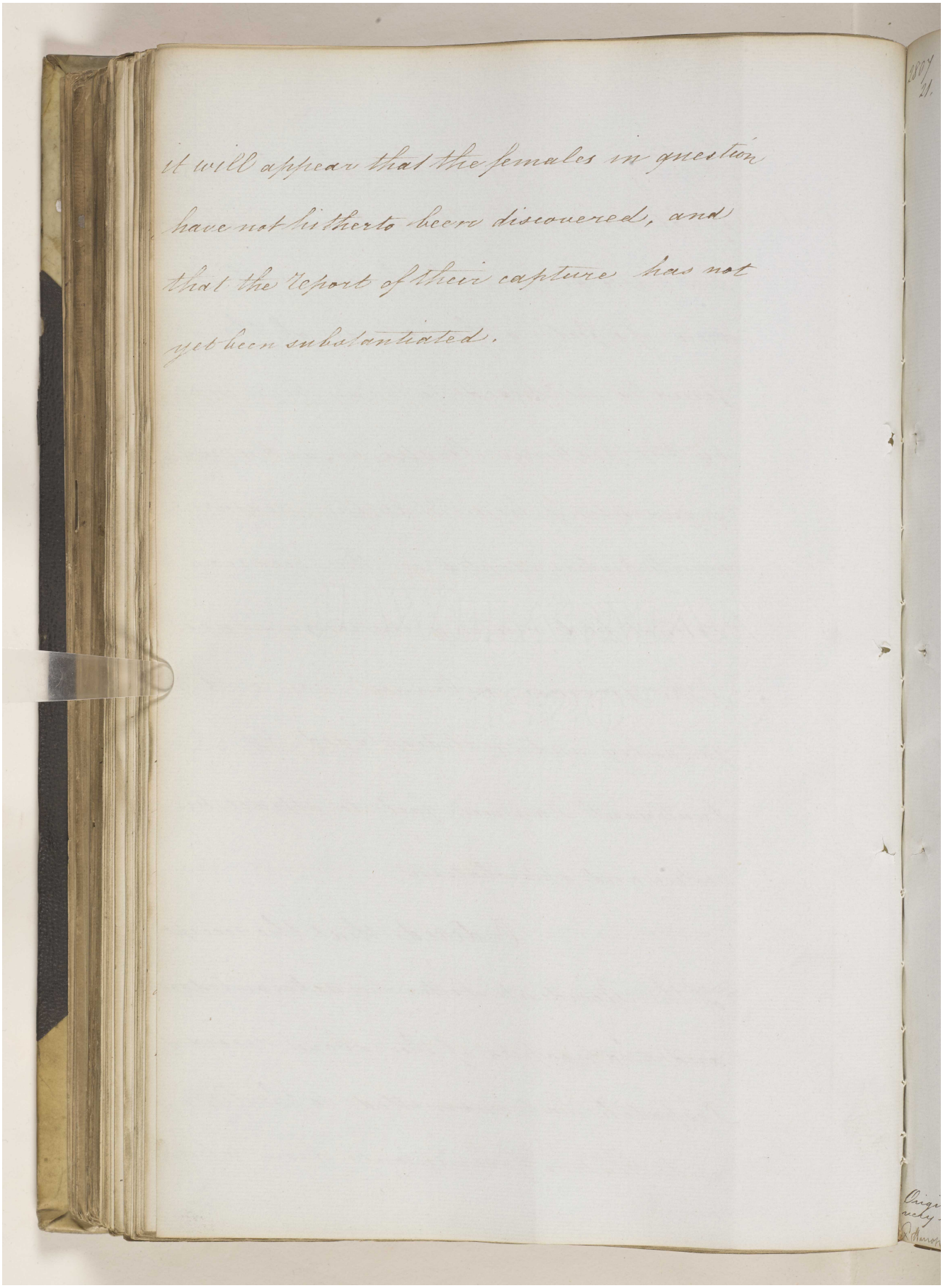
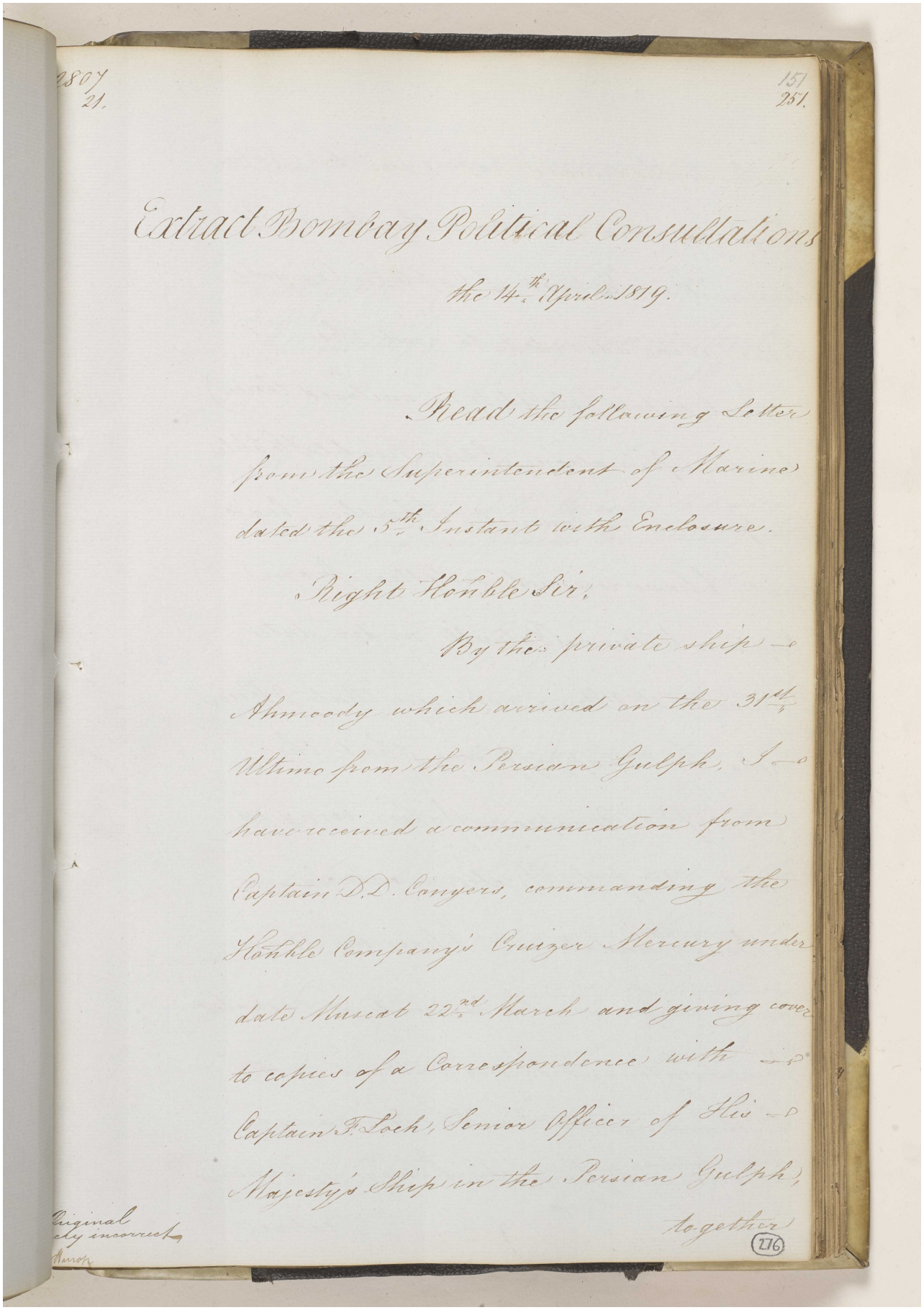


it will appear that the females in question have not hitherto been discovered, and that the Report of their capture has not yet been substantiated.



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the 14th April 1819.

Read the following Letter from the Superintendent of Marine dated the 5th Instant with Enclosure.

Right Honble Sir,

By the private ship Ahmoody which arrived on the 31st Ultimo from the Persian Gulph, I have received a communication from Captain D.D. Conyers, commanding the Honble Company's Cruizer Mercury under date Muscat 22nd March and giving cover to copies of a Correspondence with Captain F. Loch, Senior Officer of His Majesty's Ship in the Persian Gulph, together

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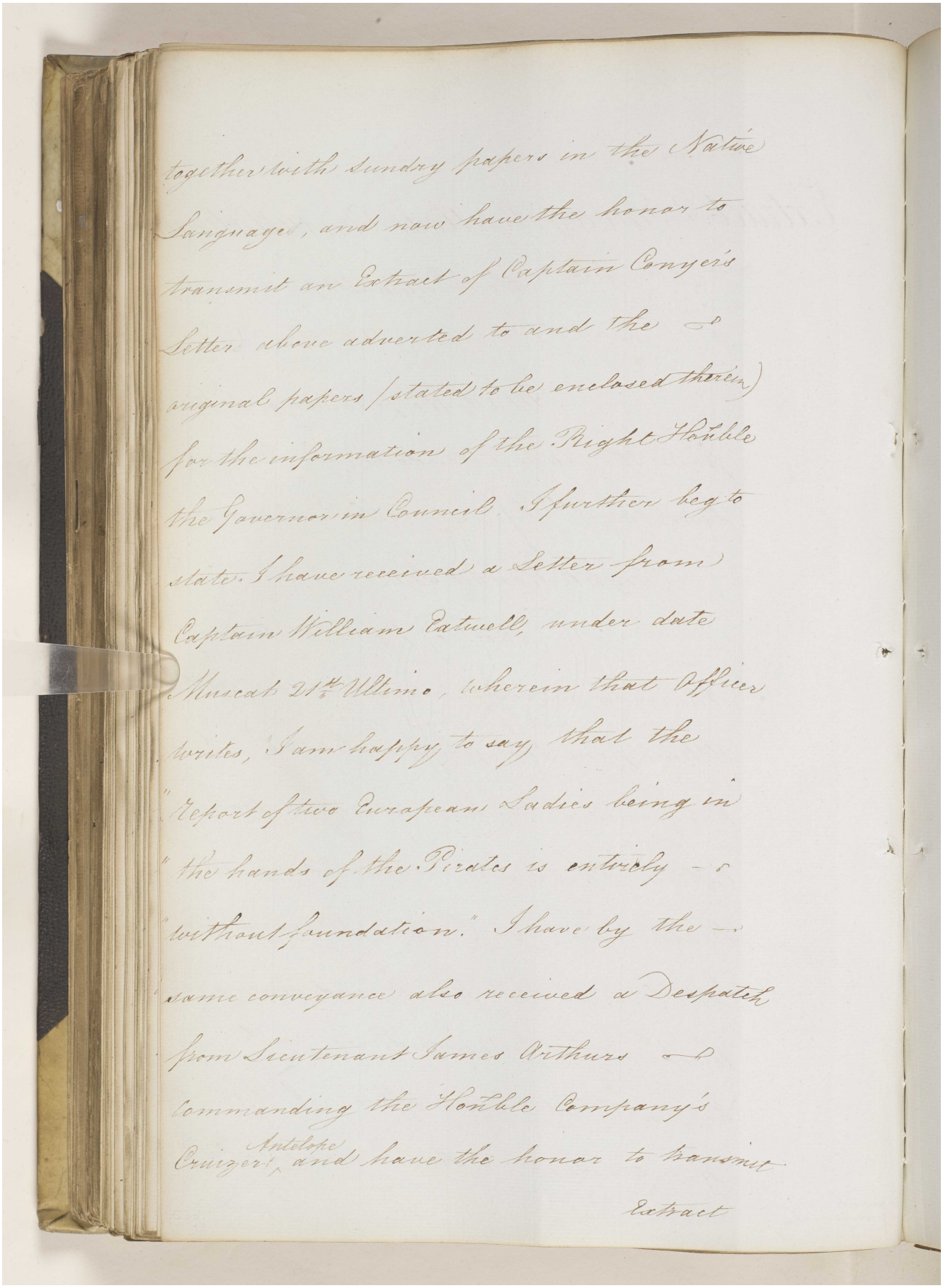

together with Sundry papers in the Native Languages, and now have the honor to transmit an Extract of Captain Conyer's Letter above adverted to and the original papers (stated to be enclosed therein) for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council. I further beg to state. I have received a Letter from Captain William Eatwell, under date Muscat 21st Ultimo, wherein that Officer writes, "I am happy to say that the "Report of two European Ladies being in "the hands of the Pirates is entirely "without foundation." I have by the same conveyance also received a Despatch from Lieutenant James Arthurs commanding the Honble Company's Cruizer, Antelope, and have the honor to transmit

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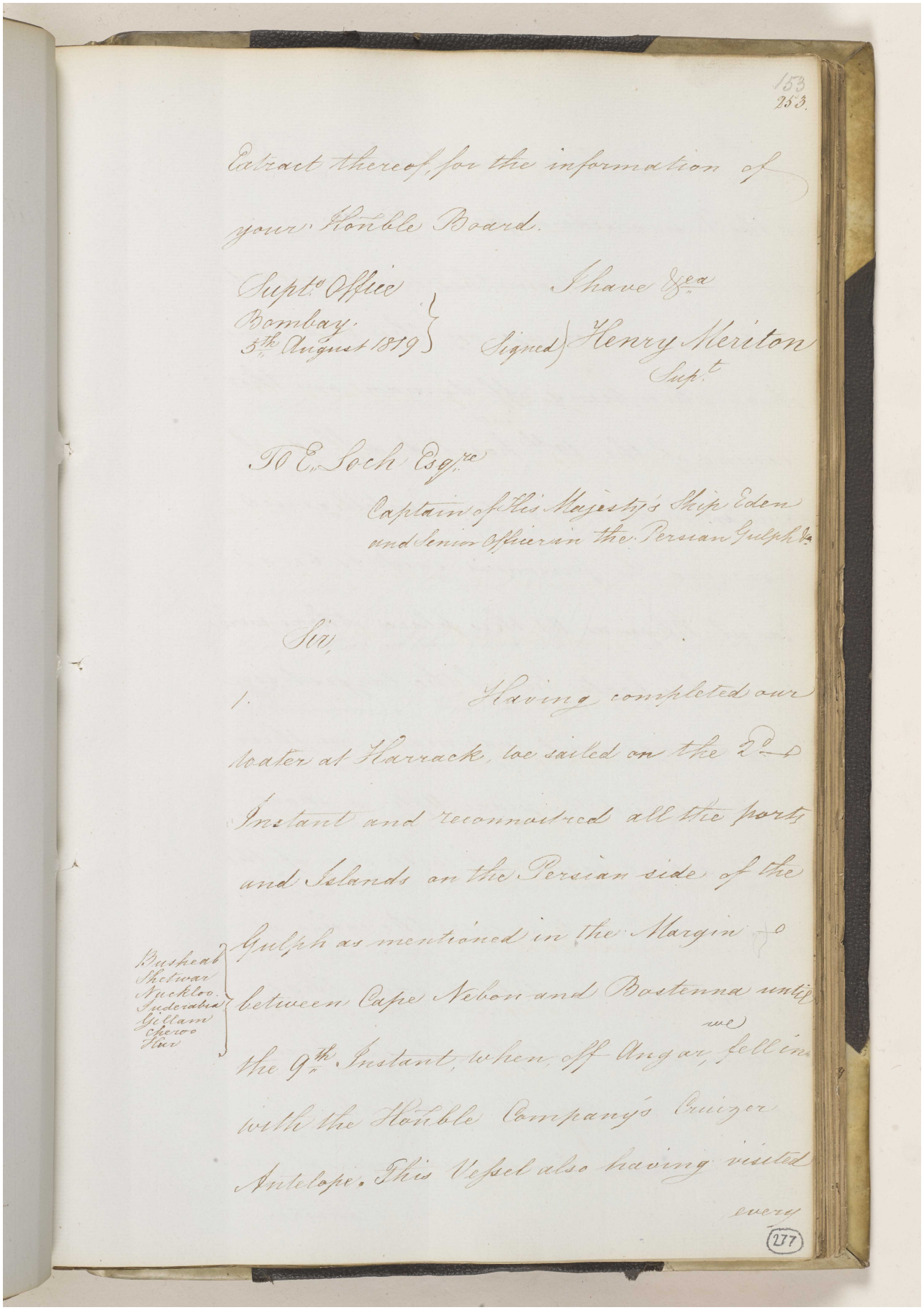

Extract thereof, for the information of your Honble Board.

Supt.o Office
Bombay.
5th August 1819

I have &ca
Signed) Henry Meriton
Supt.

To E. Loch Esqre
Captain of His Majesty's Ship Eden and Senior Officer in the Persian Gulph &a

Sir,

1. Having completed our water at Harrack, we sailed on the 2d Instant and reconnoitred all the ports and Islands on the Persian side of the Gulph as mentioned in the Margin between Cape Nebon and Bostenna until the 9th Instant, when, off Angar, we fell in with the Honble Company's Cruizer Antelope. This Vessel also having visited every

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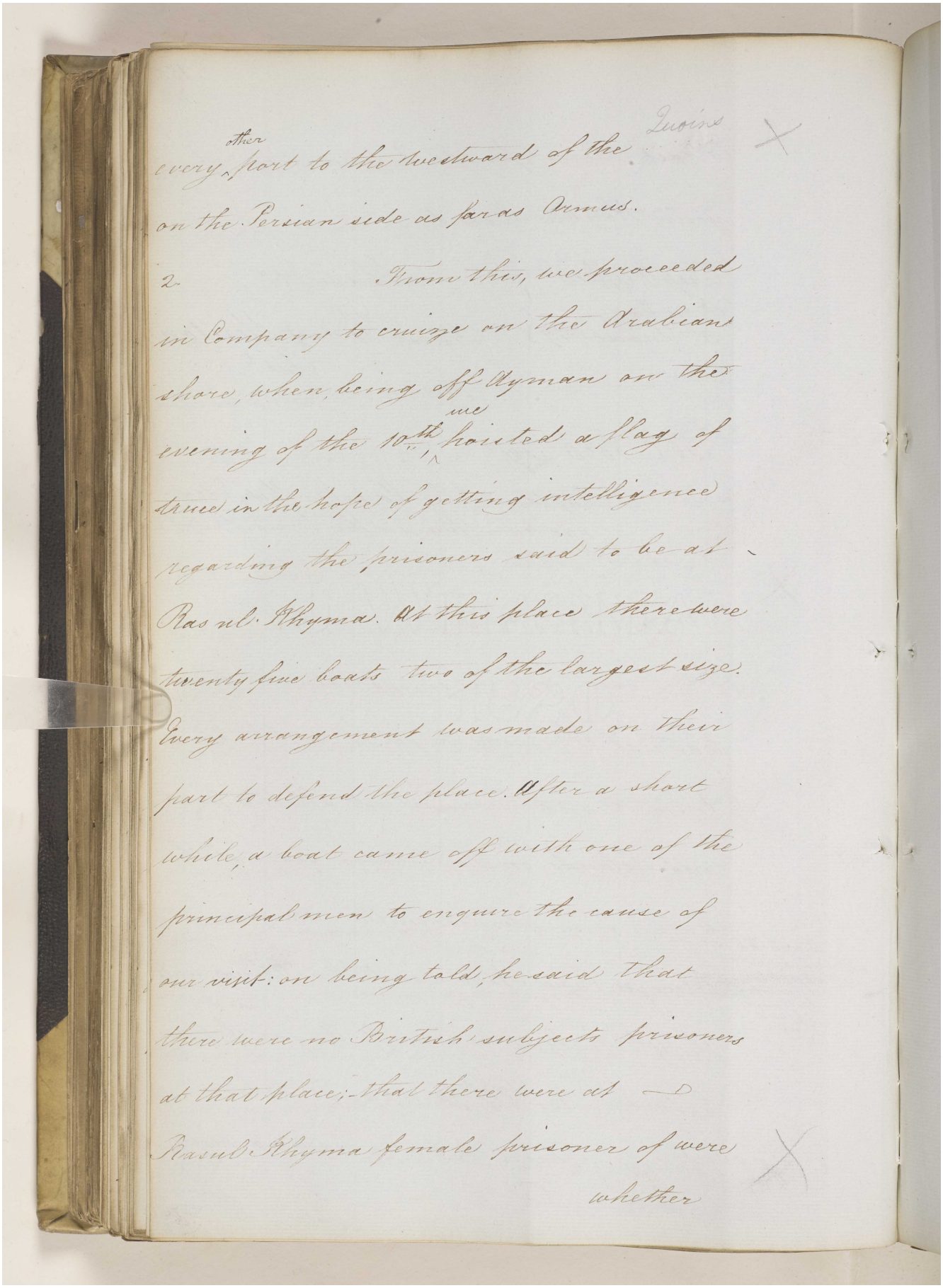
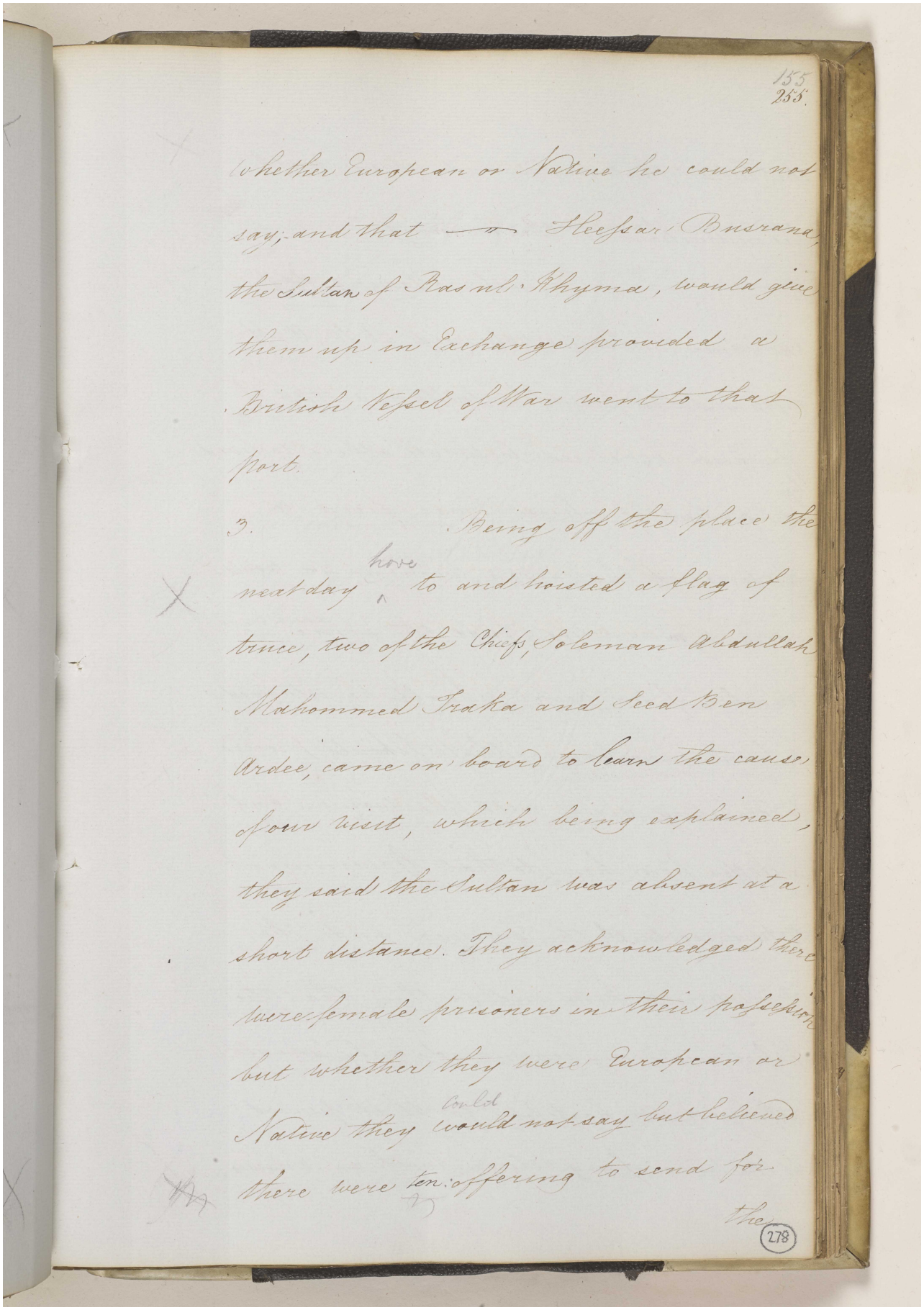


every other port to the Westward of the Quoins on the Persian side as far as Ormus.

2 From this, we proceeded in Company to cruize on the Arabian shore, when, being off Ryman on the evening of the 10th inst. hoisted a flag of truce in the hope of getting intelligence regarding the prisoners said to be at Ras ul Khyma. At this place there were twenty five boats two of the largest size. Every arrangement was made on their part to defend the place. After a short while, a boat came off with one of the principal men to enquire the cause of our visit: on being told, he said that there were no British subjects prisoners at that place;- that there were at Rasul Khyma female prisoner of were whether



whether European or Native he could not say; and that — Sheessar Busrana, the Sultan of Ras ul Khyma, would give them up in Exchange provided a British Vessel of War went to that port.

3. Being off the place the next day hove to and hoisted a flag of truce, two of the Chiefs, Soleman Abdullah Mahommed Traka and Seed Ben Ardee, came on board to learn the cause of our visit, which being explained, they said the Sultan was absent at a short distance. They acknowledged there were female prisoners in their possession but whether they were European or Native they could not say but believed there were ten: offering to send for the

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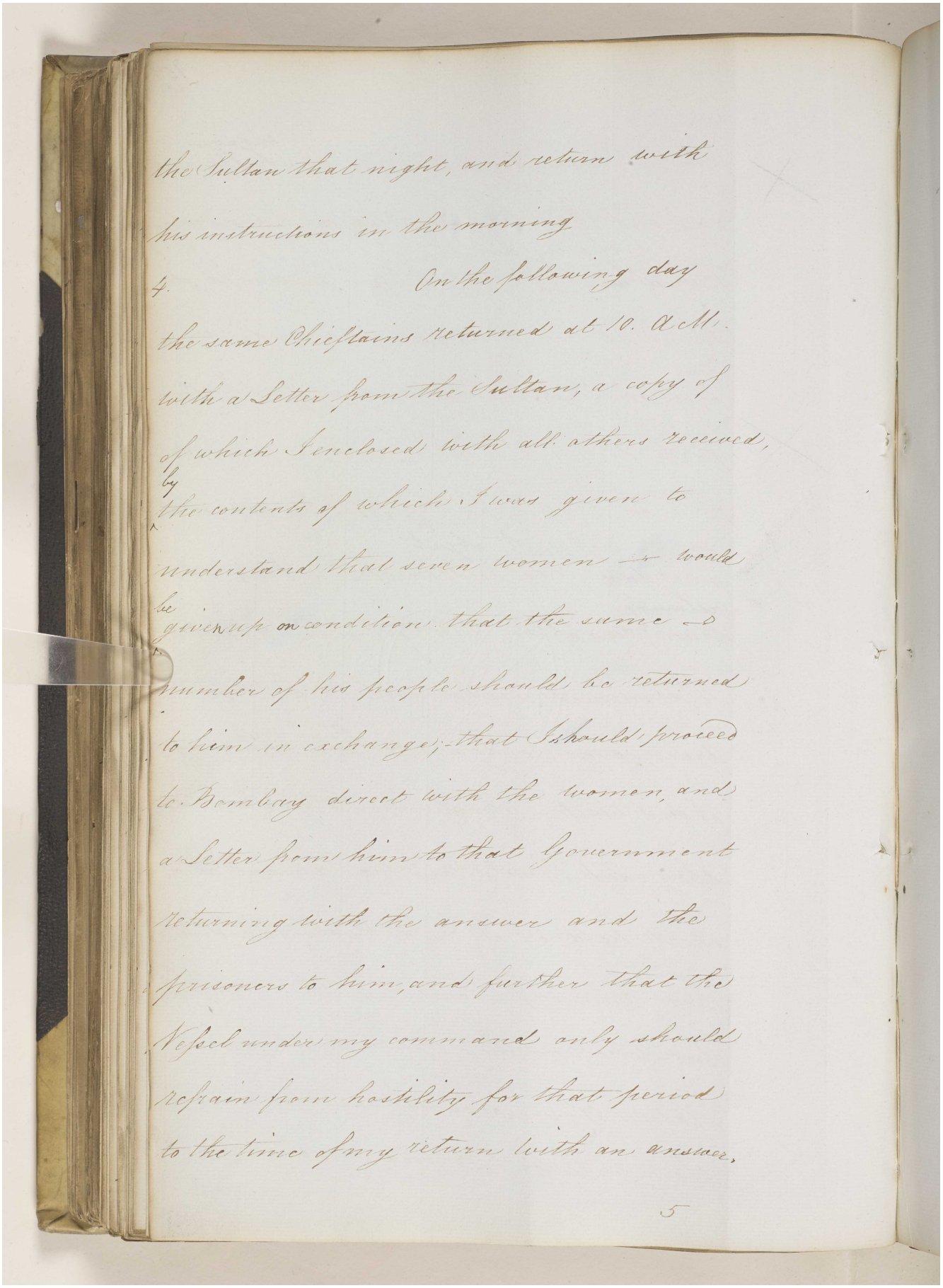

the Sultan that night, and return with
his instructions in the morning
4. On the following day
the same Chieftains returned at 10. A.M.
with a Letter from the Sultan, a copy of
of which I enclosed with all others received,
by
the contents of which I was given to
understand that seven women & would
be
given up on condition that the same
number of his people should be returned
to him in exchange; that I should proceed
to Bombay direct with the women, and
a Letter from him to that Government
returning with the answer and the
prisoners to him, and further that the
Vessel under my command only should
refrain from hostility for that period
to the time of my return with an answer,

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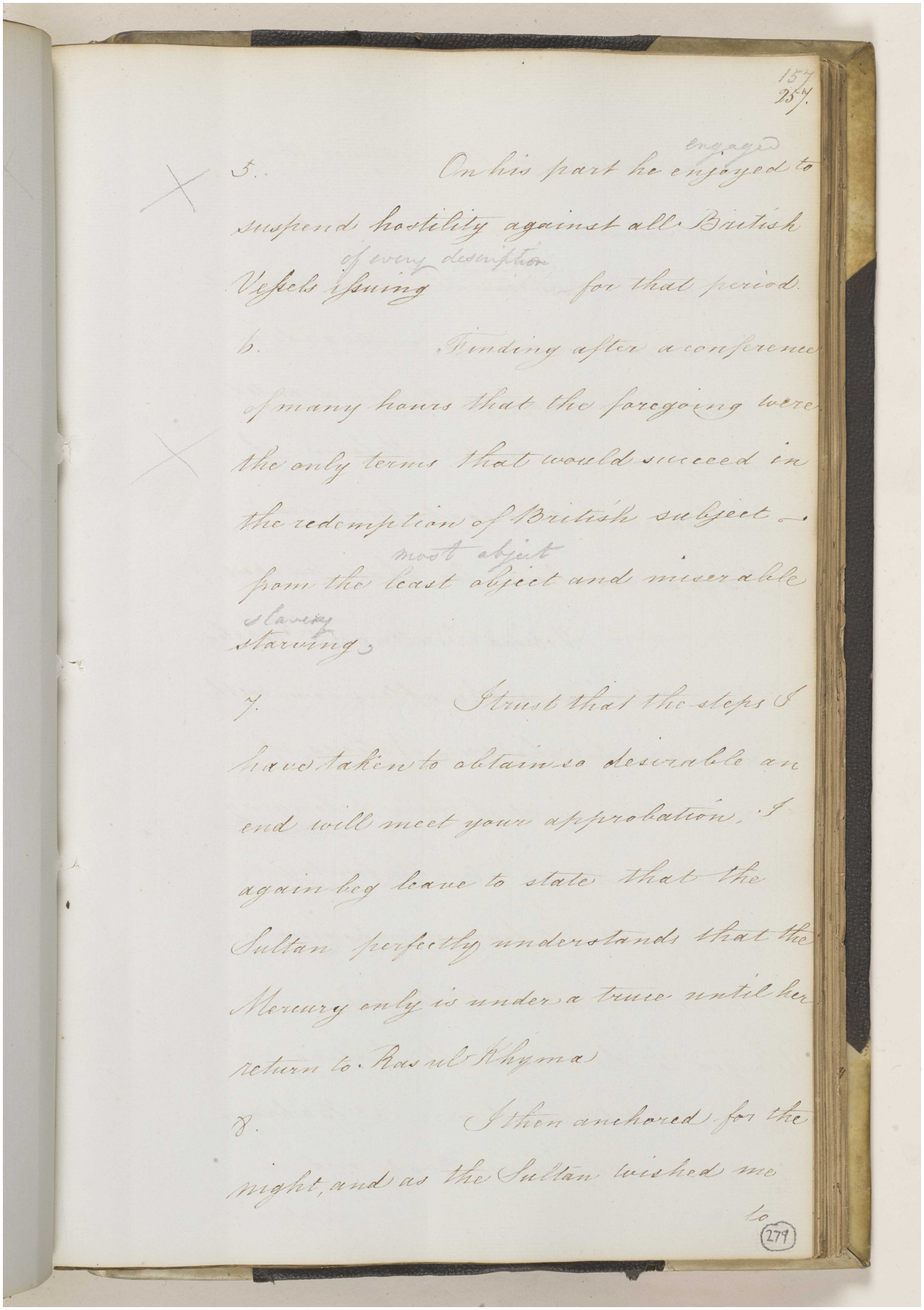

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5. On his part he engaged to suspend hostility against all British Vessels of every description ~~passing~~ for that period.

6. Finding after a conference of many hours that the foregoing were the only terms that would succeed in the redemption of British subjects from the most abject least abject and miserable slavery starving,

7. I trust that the steps I have taken to obtain so desirable an end will meet your approbation. I again beg leave to state that the Sultan perfectly understands that the Mercury only is under a truce until her return to Ras ul Khyma

8. I then anchored for the night, and as the Sultan wished me to

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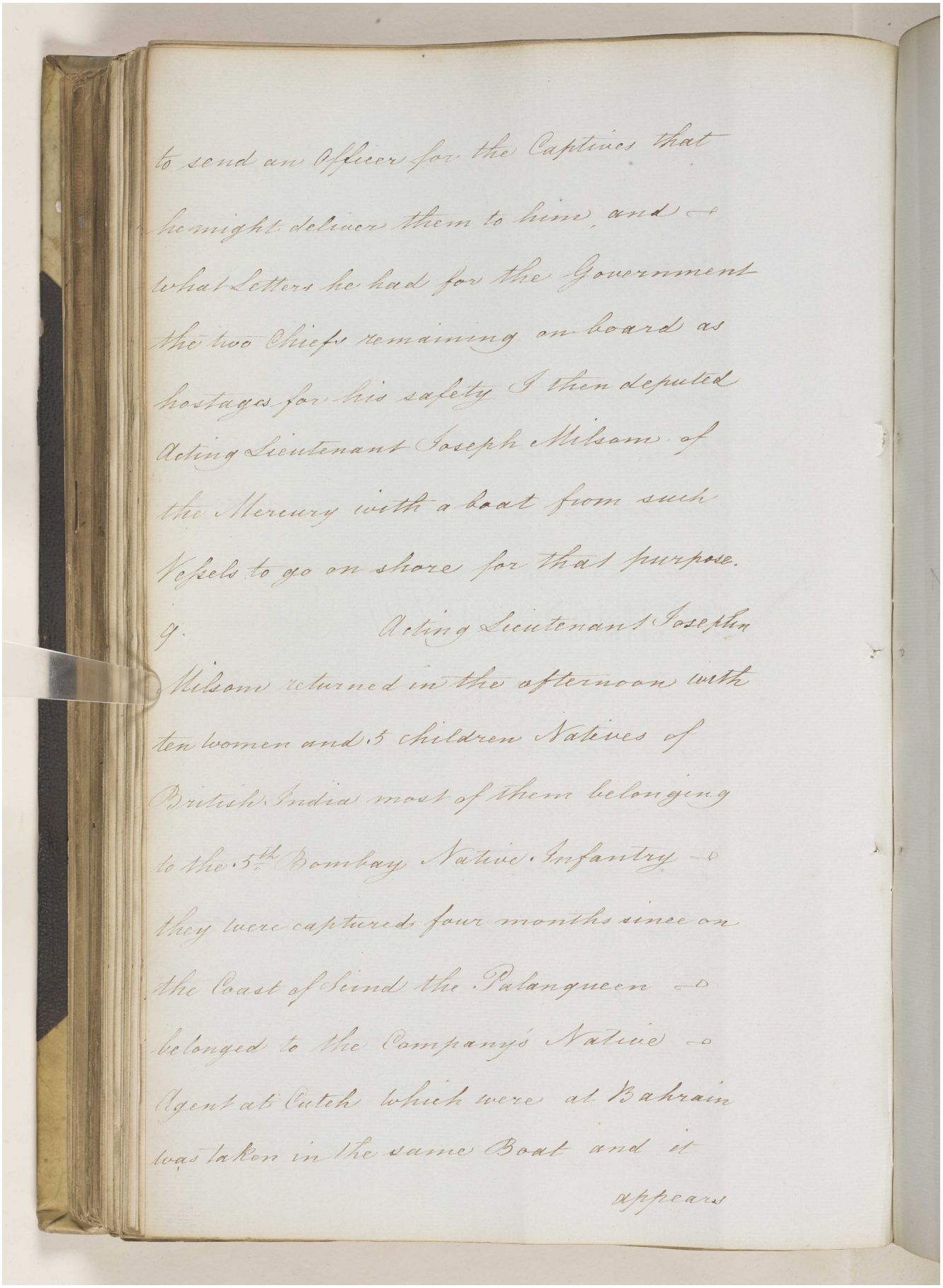
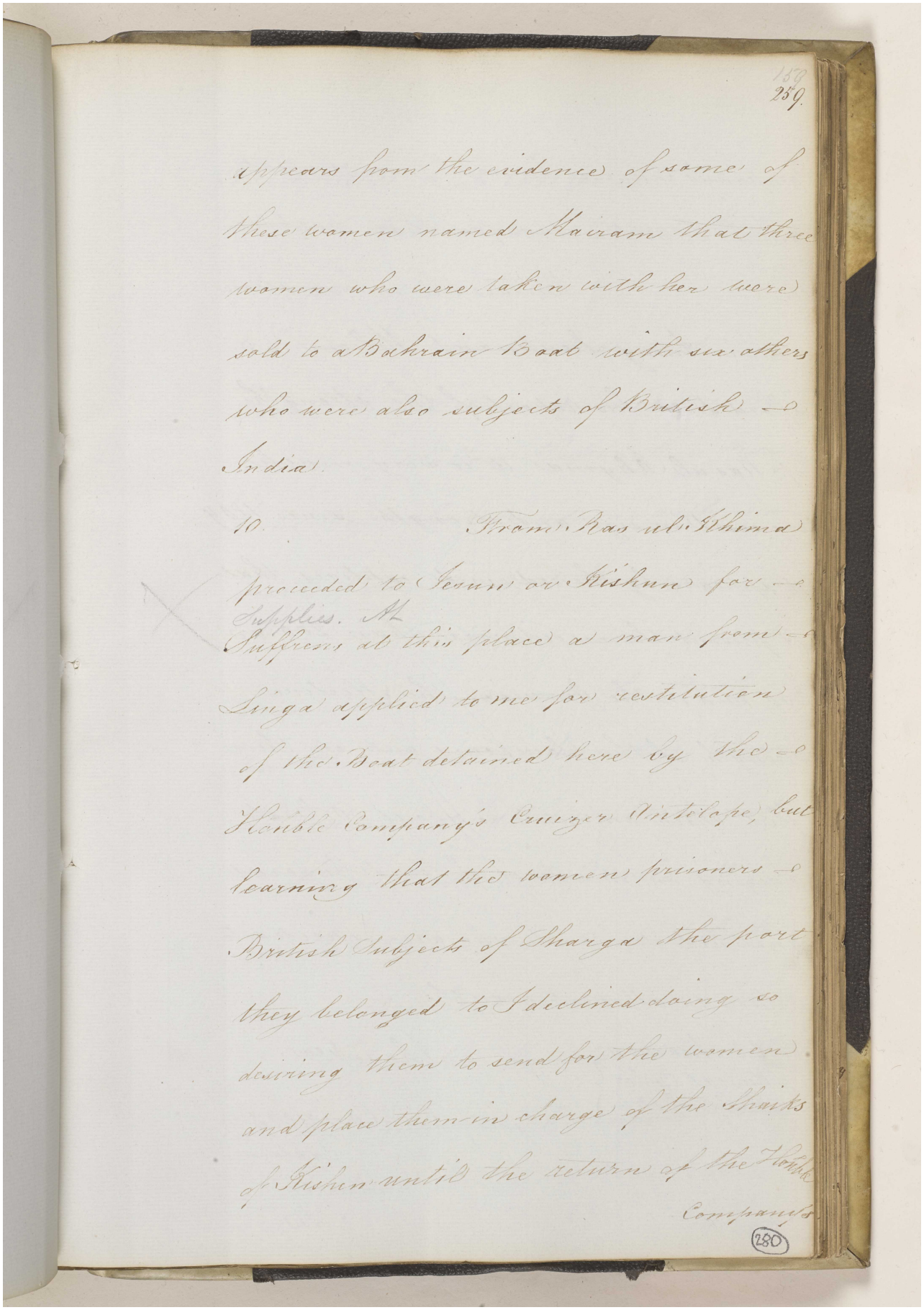


to send an Officer for the Captives that he might deliver them to him, and what Letters he had for the Government the two Chiefs remaining on board as hostages for his safety I then deputed Acting Lieutenant Joseph Nilsom of the Mercury with a boat from such Vessels to go on shore for that purpose.

9. Acting Lieutenant Joseph Nilsom returned in the afternoon with ten women and 3 children Natives of British India most of them belonging to the 5th Bombay Native Infantry — they were captured four months since on the Coast of Sind the Palanqueen — belonged to the Company's Native Agent at Cutch which were at Bahrain was taken in the same Boat and it appears



appears from the evidence of some of these women named Mairam that three women who were taken with her were sold to a Bahrain Boat with six others who were also subjects of British India.

10. From Ras ul Khima proceeded to Jesun or Kishun for Supplies. At Suffrens at this place a man from Linga applied to me for restitution of the Boat detained here by the Honble Company's Cruizer Antelope, but learning that the women prisoners British Subjects of Sharga the port they belonged to I declined doing so desiring them to send for the women and place them in charge of the Shaiks of Kishen until the return of the Honble Company's

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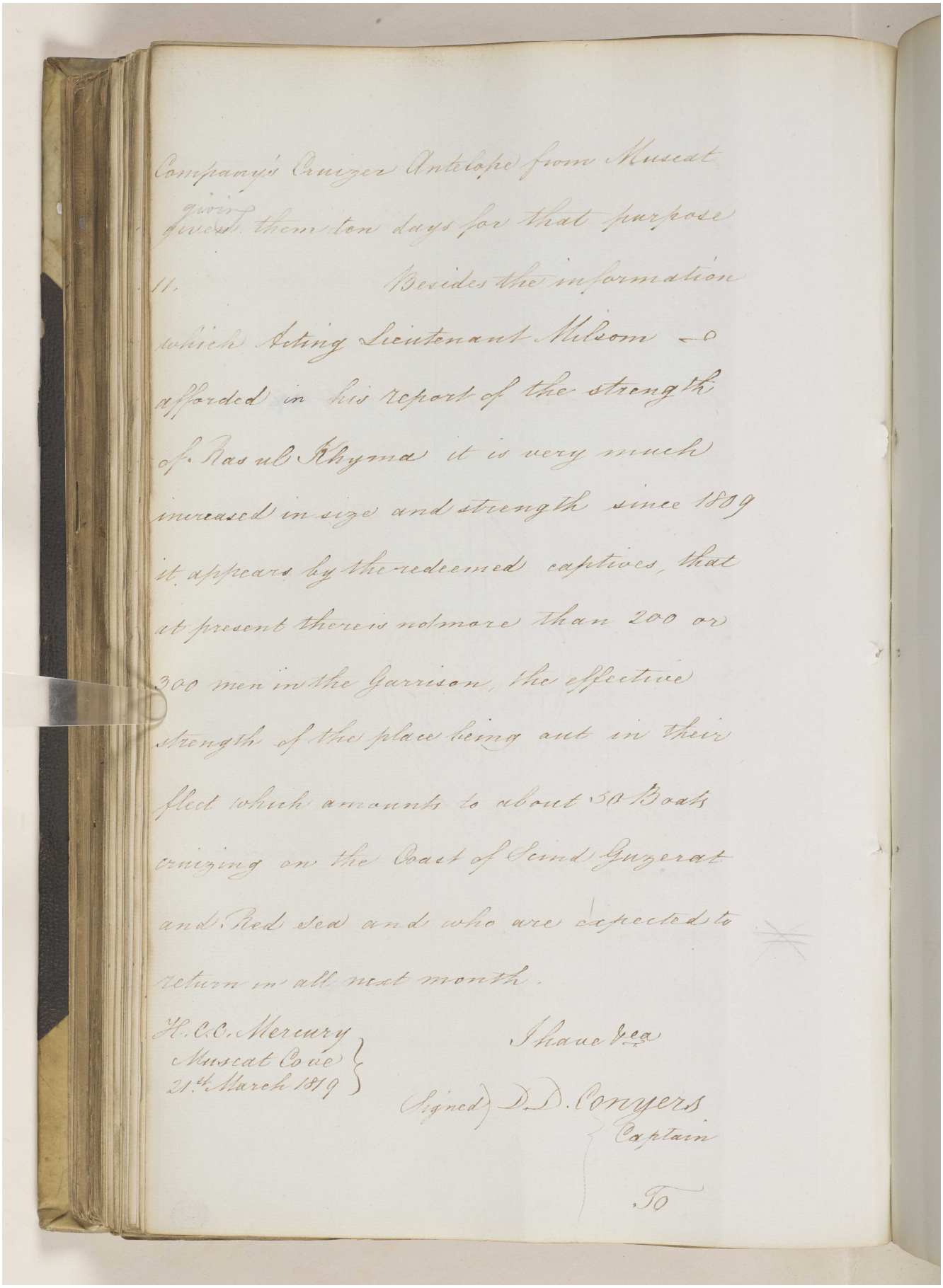

Company's Cruizer Antelope from Muscat
giving them ten days for that purpose
11. Besides the information
which Acting Lieutenant Nilson
afforded in his report of the strength
of Ras ul Khyma it is very much
increased in size and strength since 1819
it appears by the redeemed captives, that
at present there is no more than 200 or
300 men in the Garrison, the effective
strength of the place being out in their
fleet which amounts to about 50 Boats
cruizing on the Coast of Scind Guzerat
and Red Sea and who are expected to
return in all next month.

H.C.C. Mercury
Muscat Cove
21st March 1819

I have &c.
(Signed) D. D. Conyers
Captain

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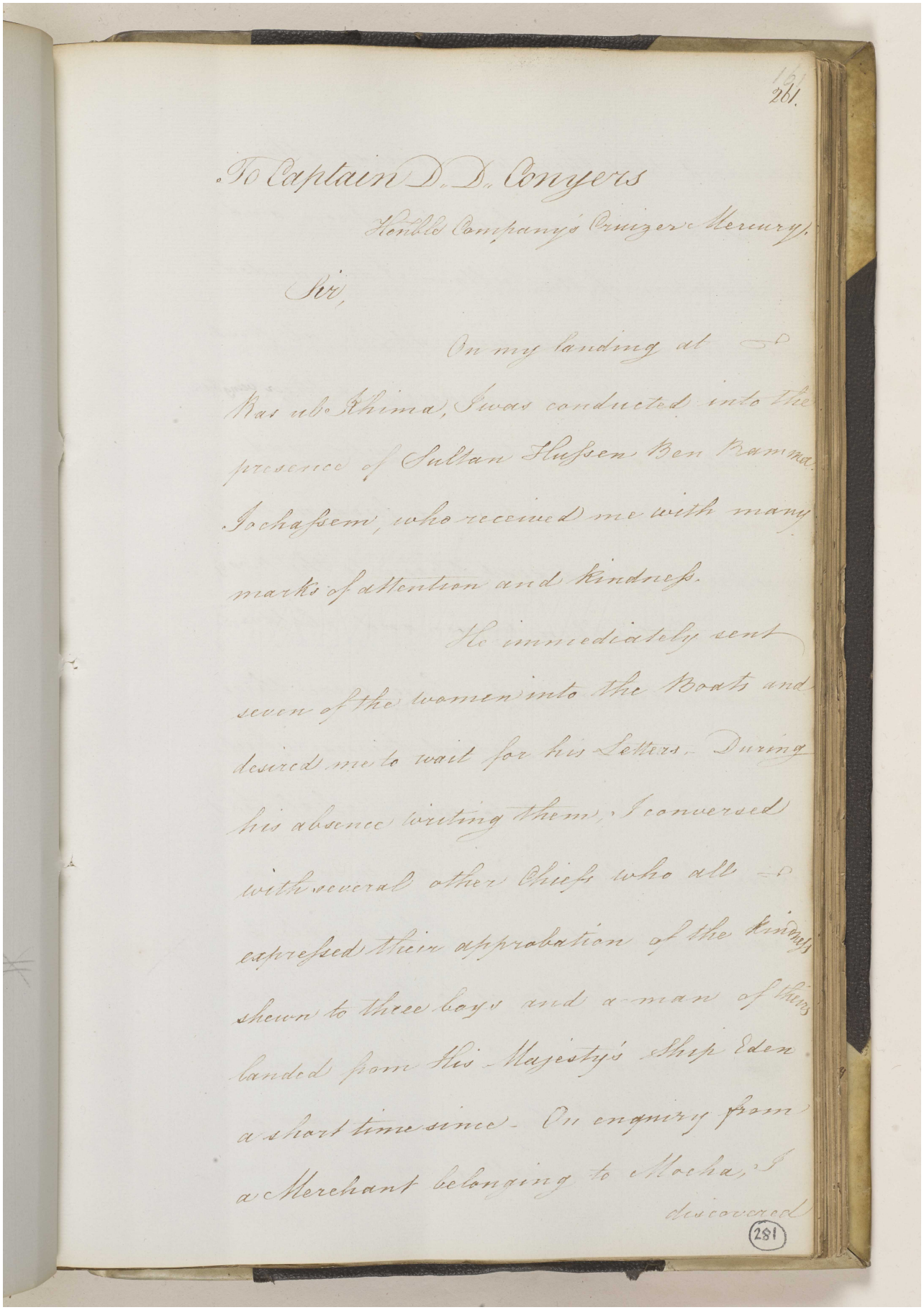

To Captain D. D. Conyers

Honble Company's Cruizer Mercury.

Sir,

On my landing at Ras ul Khima, I was conducted into the presence of Sultan Hussen Ben Ramma Jochassem, who received me with many marks of attention and kindness.

He immediately sent seven of the women into the Boats and desired me to wait for his Letters. During his absence writing them, I conversed with several other Chiefs who all expressed their approbation of the kindness shewn to three boys and a man of theirs landed from His Majesty's Ship Eden a short time since. On enquiry from a Merchant belonging to Mocha, I discovered

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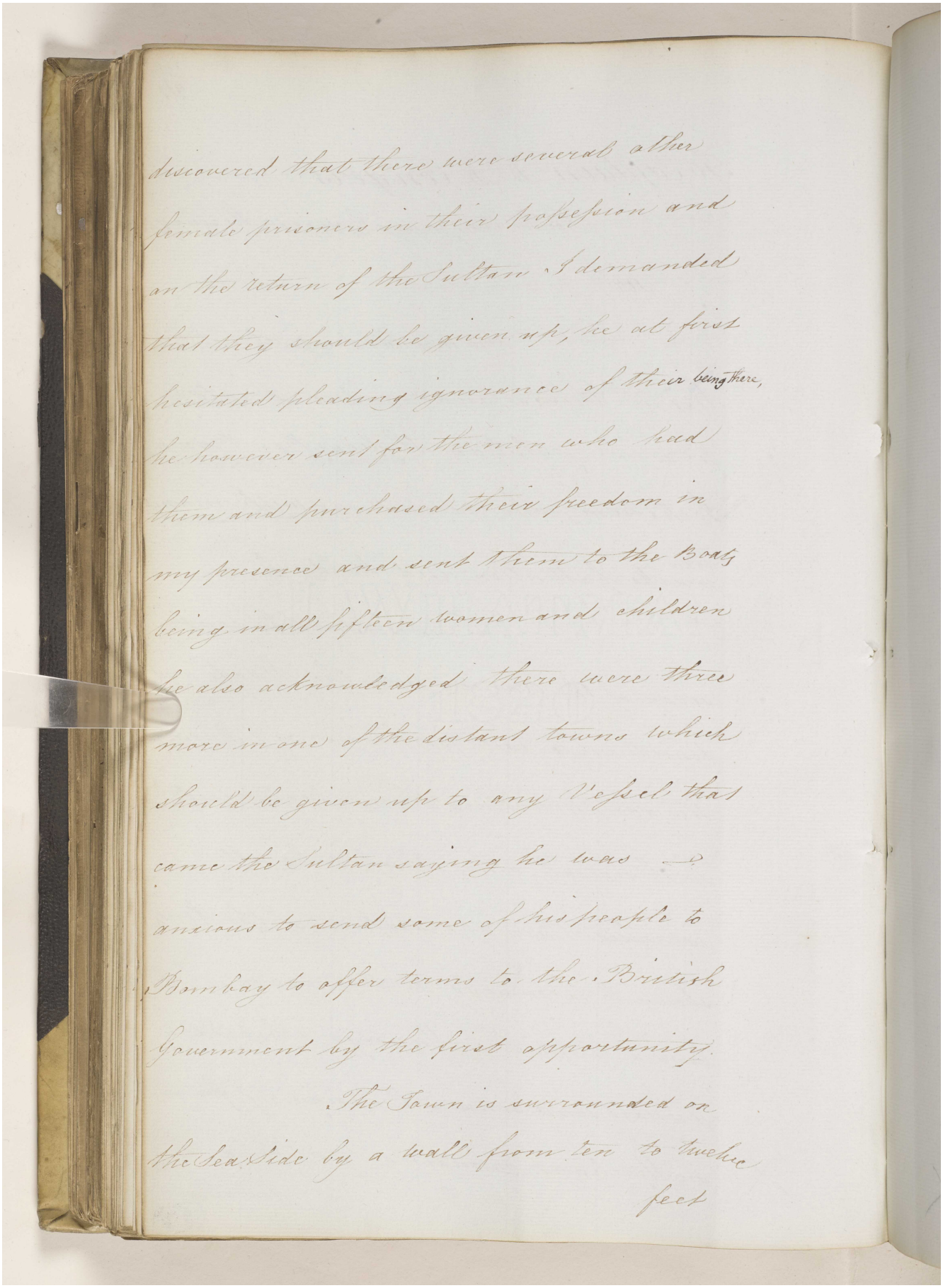

discovered that there were several other
female prisoners in their possession and
on the return of the Sultan I demanded
that they should be given up, he at first
hesitated pleading ignorance of their being there,
he however sent for the men who had
them and purchased their freedom in
my presence and sent them to the Boats
being in all fifteen women and children
he also acknowledged there were three
more in one of the distant towns which
should be given up to any Vessel that
came the Sultan saying he was
anxious to send some of his people to
Bombay to offer terms to the British
Government by the first opportunity.
The Town is surrounded on
the Sea Side by a wall from ten to twelve
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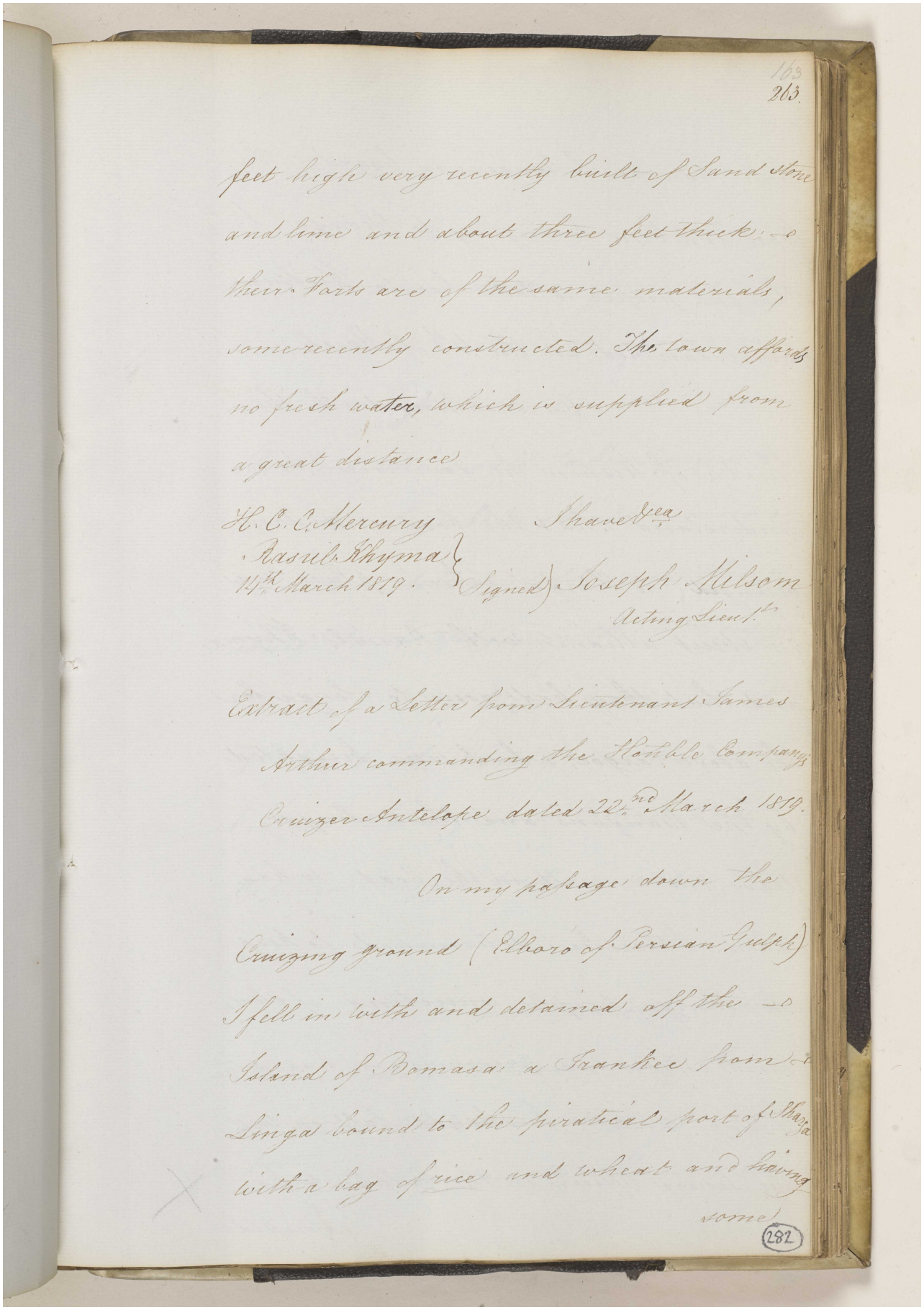

feet high very recently built of Sand stone and lime and about three feet thick; — their Forts are of the same materials, some recently constructed. The town affords no fresh water, which is supplied from a great distance

H. C. C. Mercury
Rasul Khyma
14th March 1819.

I have &ca
Signed) Joseph Milsom
Acting Lieut.

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant James Arthur commanding the Honble Company's Cruizer Antelope dated 22nd March 1819.

On my passage down the Cruizing ground (Elboro of Persian Gulph) I fell in with and detained off the — Island of Bomasa a Trankee from — Linga bound to the piratical port of Sharja with a bag of rice and wheat and having some

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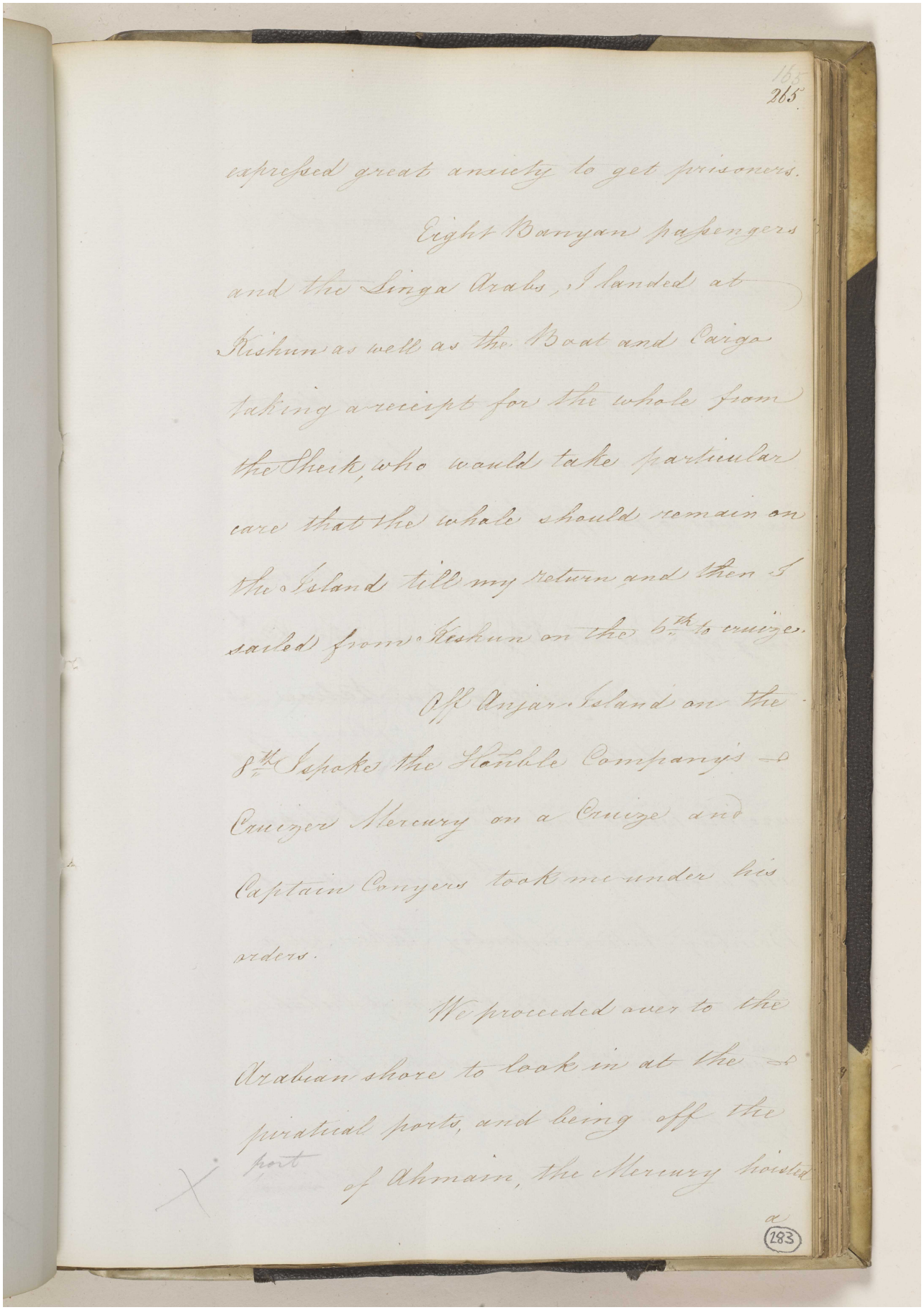
some Banyans Passengers on board the
Boat and Crew belonging to Sharga. I
thought proper to take her to Kishum
where I arrived on the 4th. of March.

On consulting with the
Sheikh of Kishen he gave me to
understand that the boat and Crew
belonged to Sharga which place was
in strict alliance with Ras-ul-Khyma
and that they had gone to Linga for
the above Cargoe, which was freighted
by the Banyans and three Linga
Arabs who were all in the boat when
taken. I therefore determined to keep
the Sharga people, consisting of eleven
men and a boy, prisoners on board the
Antelope until I should fall in with
the Senior Officer in the Gulph who
expressed



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expressed great anxiety to get prisoners.

Eight Banyan passengers and the Singa Arabs, I landed at Kishum as well as the Boat and Cargo taking a receipt for the whole from the Sheik, who would take particular care that the whole should remain on the Island till my return and then I sailed from Kishum on the 6th to cruize.

Off Anjar Island on the 8th I spoke the Honble Company's Cruizer Mercury on a Cruize and Captain Conyers took me under his orders.

We proceeded over to the Arabian shore to look in at the piratical ports, and being off the port of Ahmain, the Mercury hoisted

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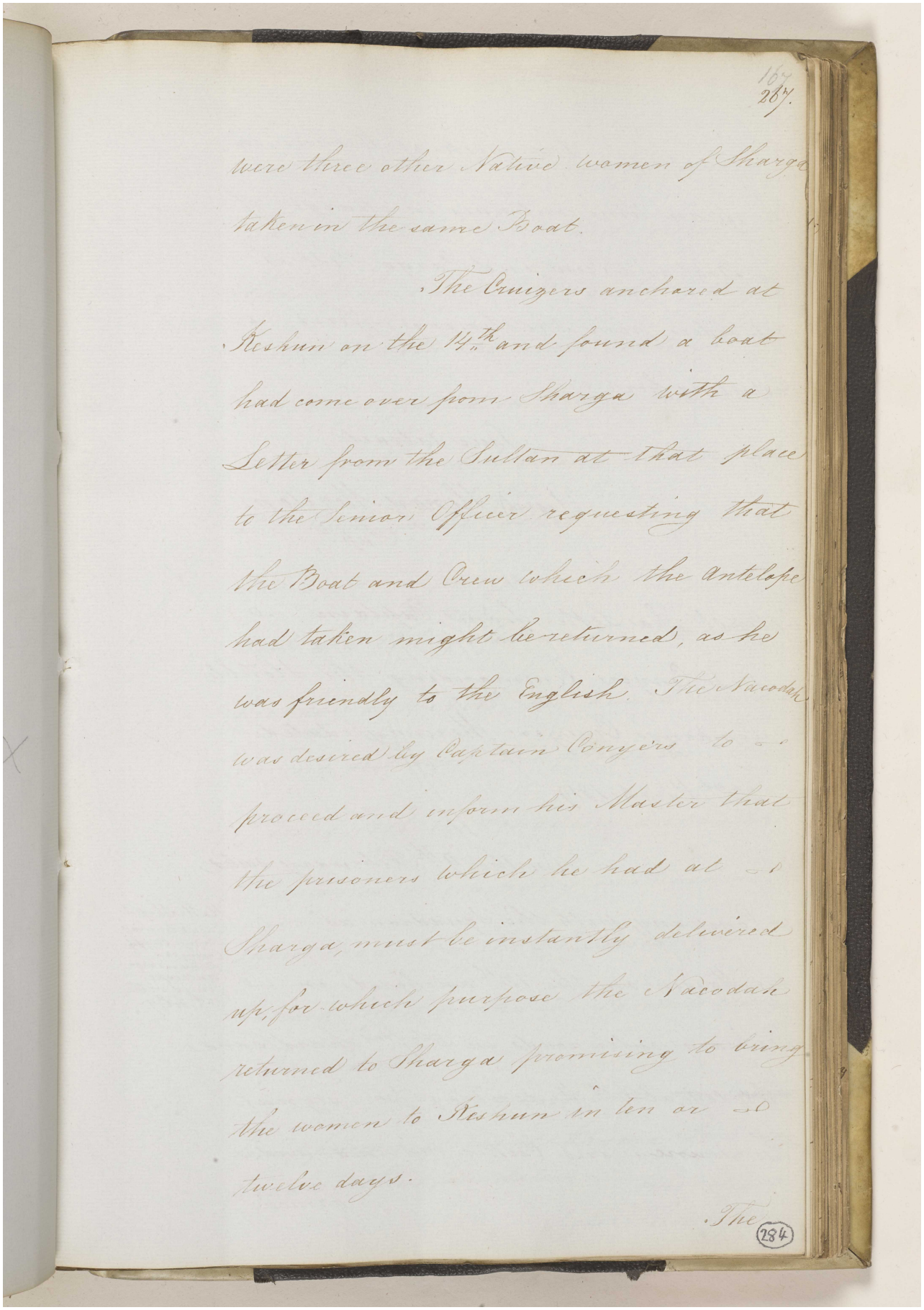
a flag of truce when a Boat came on
board with a Chief who informed
Captain Conyers that a number of
Native women were prisoners at
Ras ul Khyma, and he has no doubt
they would be given up, if a man of
war was to go off that place.

Accordingly the Cruizer
being off Ras ul Khyma on the 13th
we succeeded in getting ten Native
women and five children released. They
were the wives and children of Sepoys
who belonged to the 5th Regiment of
Bombay Native Infantry taken in a
Boat at Anjar in the Gulph of Cutch
about 4 months ago, and the poor
Sepoys were
Sepoy was cut off entirely.

We learnt also that there
were



were three other Native women of Sharga taken in the same Boat.

The Cruizers anchored at Keshun on the 14th and found a boat had come over from Sharga with a Letter from the Sultan at that place to the Senior Officer requesting that the Boat and Crew which the Antelope had taken might be returned, as he was friendly to the English. The Nacodah was desired by Captain Conyers to proceed and inform his Master that the prisoners which he had at Sharga, must be instantly delivered up, for which purpose the Nacodah returned to Sharga promising to bring the women to Keshun in ten or twelve days.

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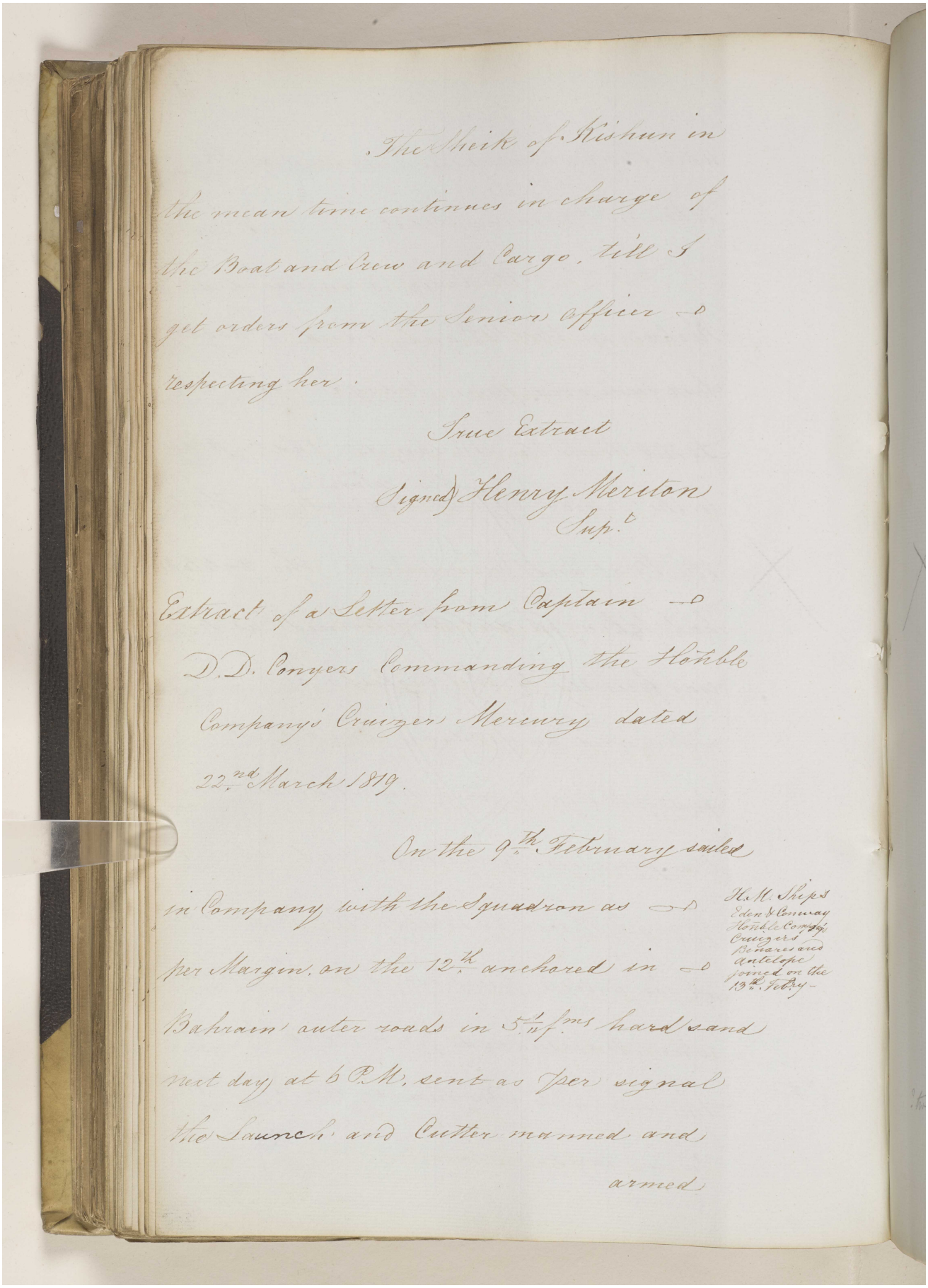

The Sheik of Kishun in
the mean time continues in charge of
the Boat and Crew and Cargo, till I
get orders from the Senior Officer —
respecting her.

True Extract
Signed) Henry Meriton
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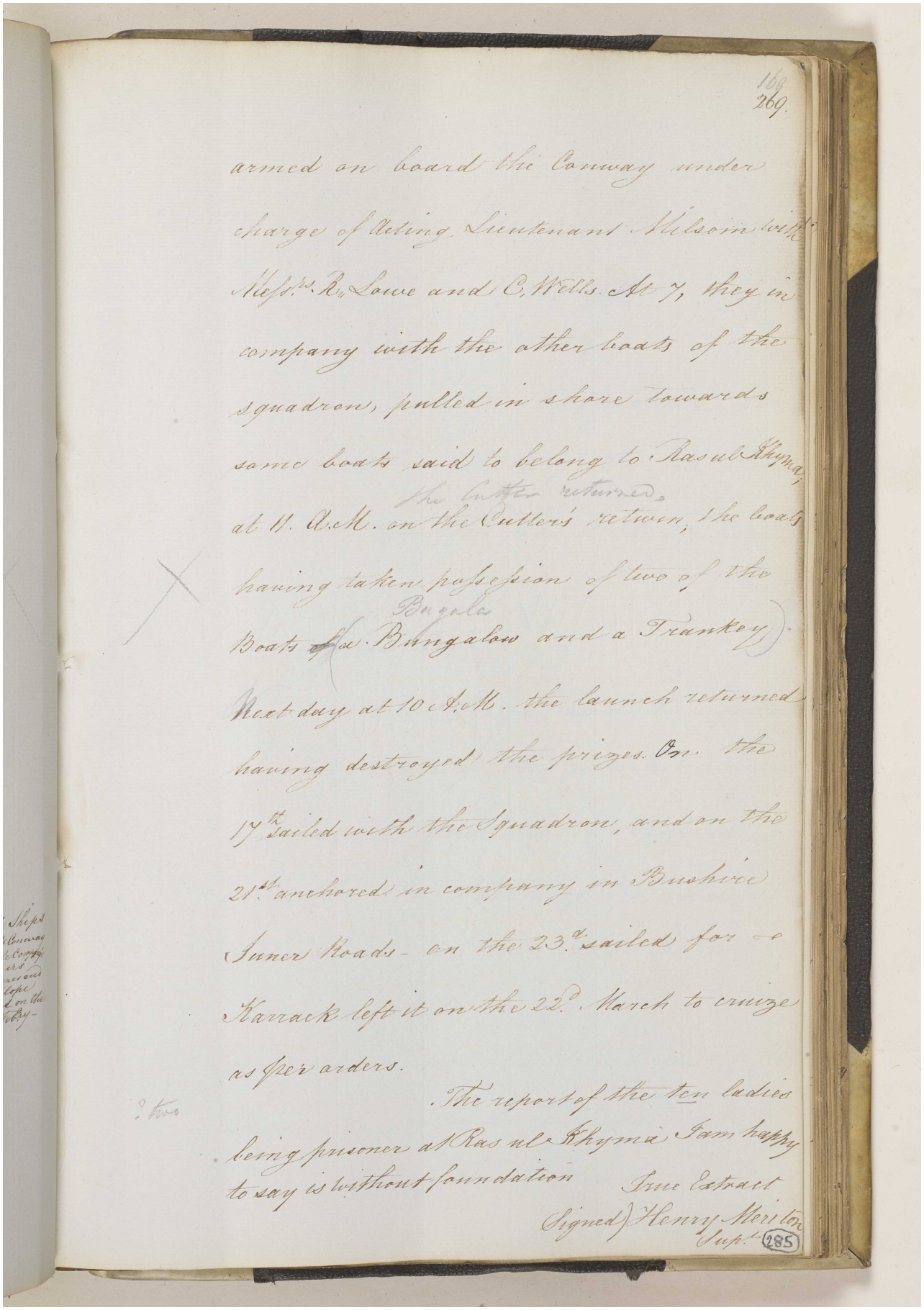
Extract of a Letter from Captain —
D. D. Conyers Commanding the Honble
Company's Cruizer Mercury dated
22.nd March 1819.

On the 9.th February sailed
in Company with the Squadron as —
per Margin, on the 12.th anchored in —
Bahrain outer roads in 5 1/2 fms hard sand
next day at 6 P.M. sent as per signal
the Launch and Cutter manned and
armed

H.M. Ships
Eden & Conway
Honble Company's
Cruizers
Benares and
Antelope
joined on the
13.th Febry —



armed on board the Conway under charge of Acting Lieutenant Milsom with Messrs. R. Lowe and C. Wells. At 7, they in company with the other boats of the squadron, pulled in shore towards some boats said to belong to Rasul Khyma; at 11. A.M. on the Cutter's retwin, the Cutter returned, the boats having taken possession of two of the Boats ~~of~~ (a Bungalow and a Trankey) Bugala

Next day at 10 A.M. the launch returned having destroyed the prizes. On the 17th sailed with the Squadron, and on the 21st anchored in company in Bushire Juner Roads - on the 23d sailed for Karrack left it on the 22d March to cruize as per orders.

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The report of the ten ladies being prisoner at Ras ul Khyma I am happy to say is without foundation

True Extract
(Signed) Henry Meriton
Supt.

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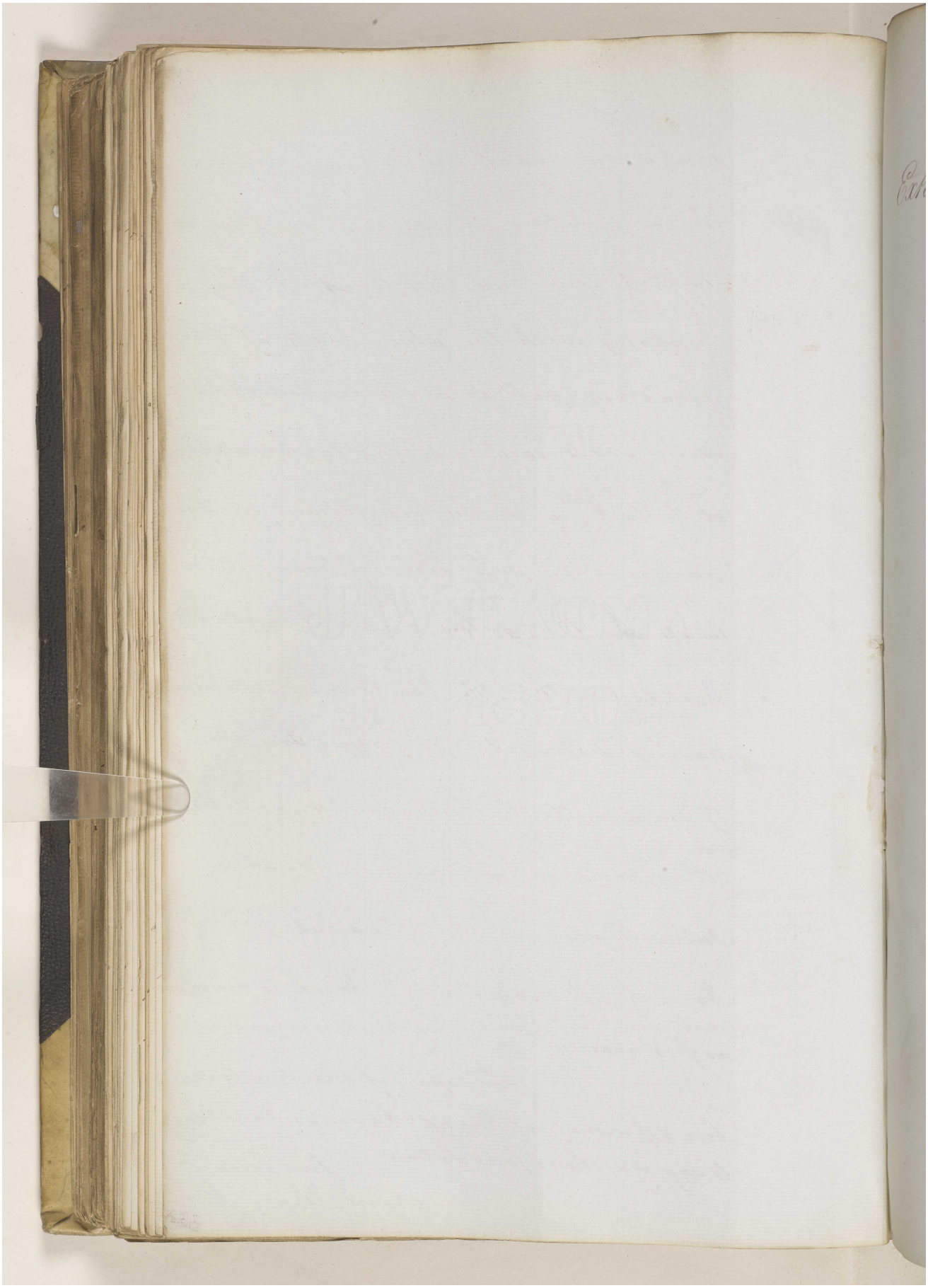

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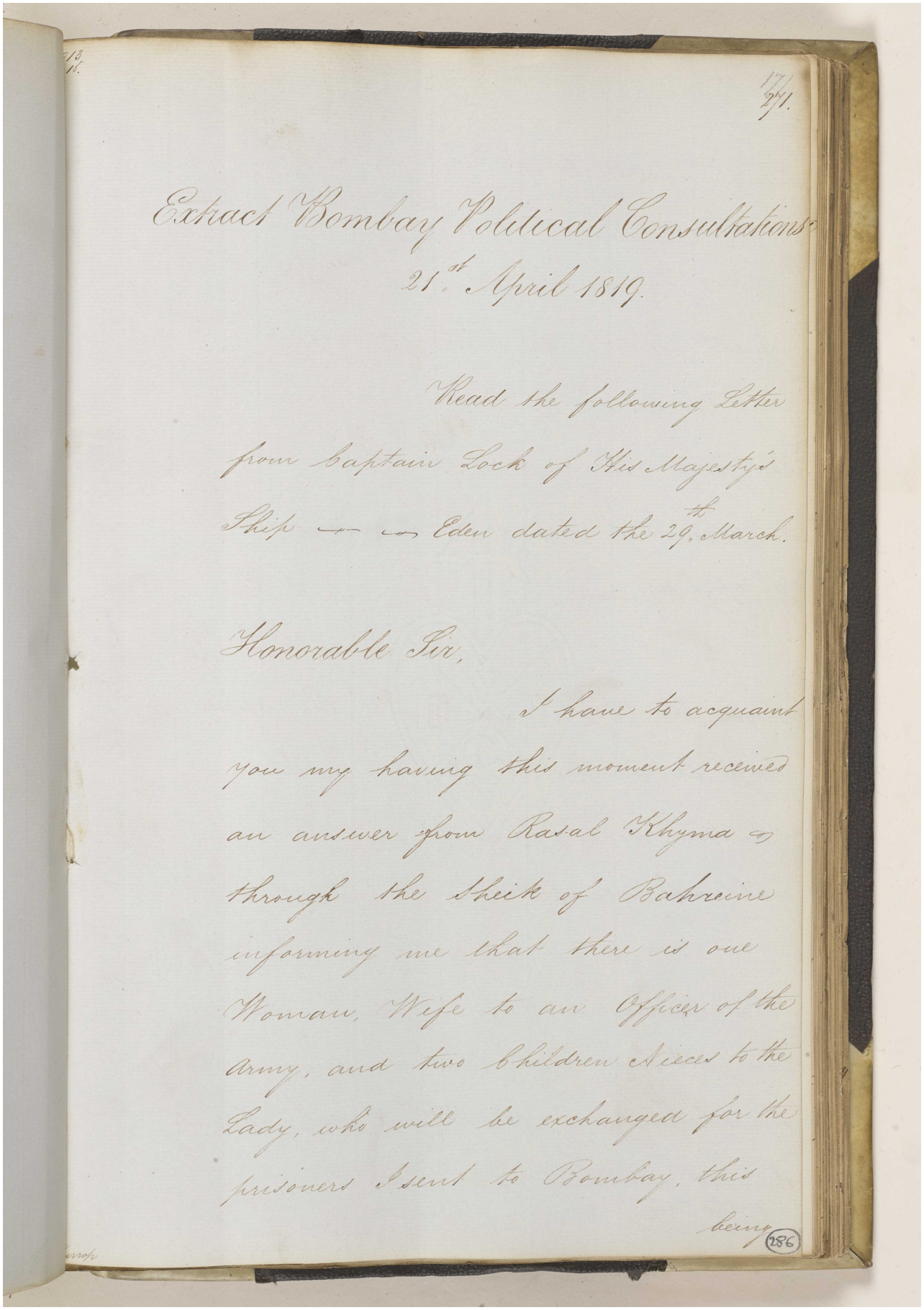

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
21st April 1819.

Read the following Letter from Captain Lock of His Majesty's Ship — — Eden dated the 29th March.

Honorable Sir,

I have to acquaint you my having this moment received an answer from Rasal Khyma through the Sheik of Bahreine informing me that there is one Woman, Wife to an Officer of the army, and two Children Nieces to the Lady, who will be exchanged for the prisoners I sent to Bombay, this being

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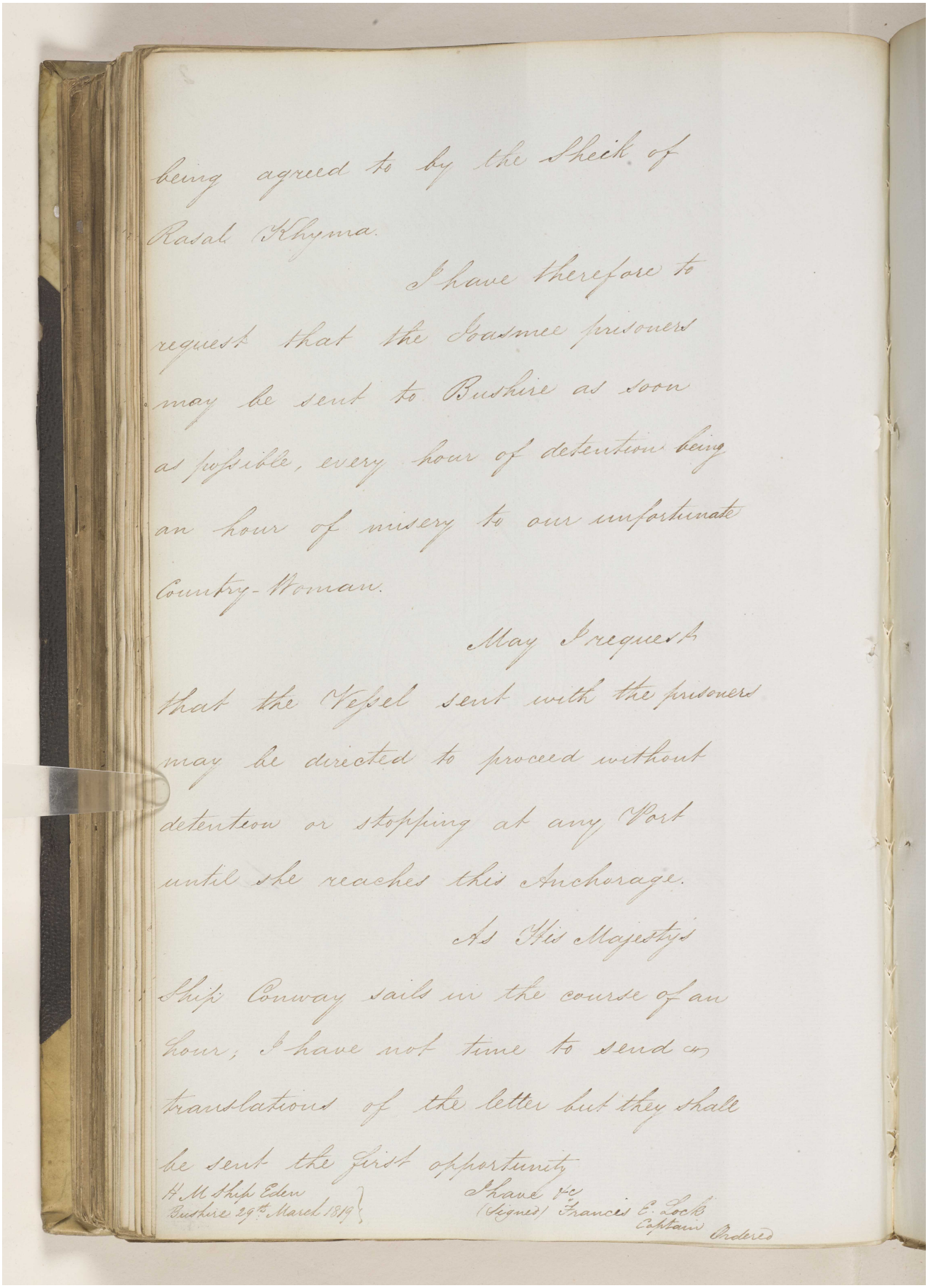

being agreed to by the Sheik of
Rasal Khyma.

I have therefore to
request that the Joasmee prisoners
may be sent to Bushire as soon
as possible, every hour of detention being
an hour of misery to our unfortunate
Country-Woman.

May I request
that the Vessel sent with the prisoners
may be directed to proceed without
detention or stopping at any Port
until she reaches this Anchorage.

As His Majesty's
Ship Conway sails in the course of an
hour, I have not time to send a
translation of the letter but they shall
be sent the first opportunity

I have &c
(Signed) Francis E. Locke
Captain

H.M. Ship Eden
Bushire 29th March 1819

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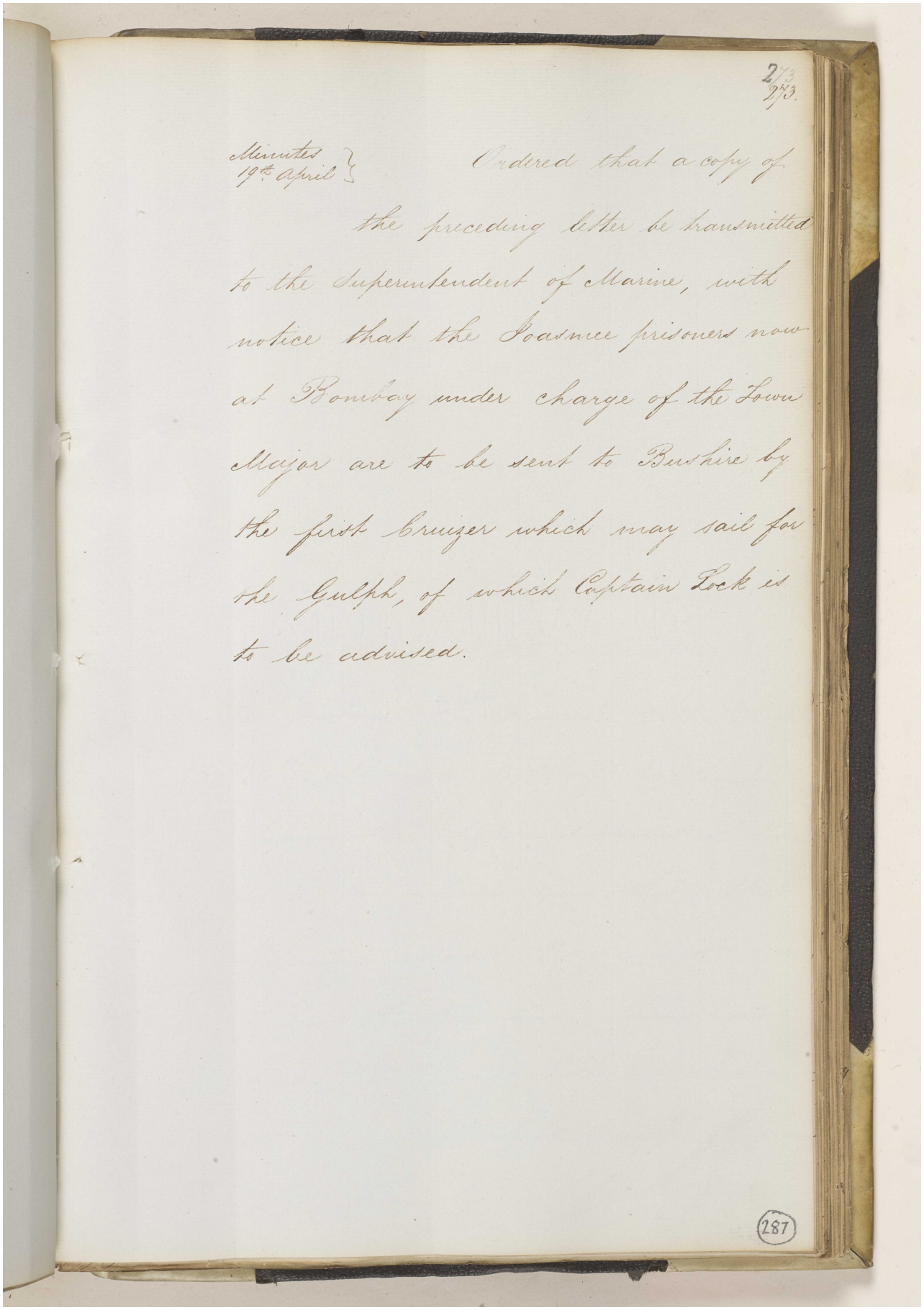

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Minutes 19th April } Ordered that a copy of the preceding letter be transmitted to the Superintendent of Marine, with notice that the Joasmee prisoners now at Bombay under charge of the Town Major are to be sent to Bushire by the first Cruizer which may sail for the Gulph, of which Captain Lock is to be advised.

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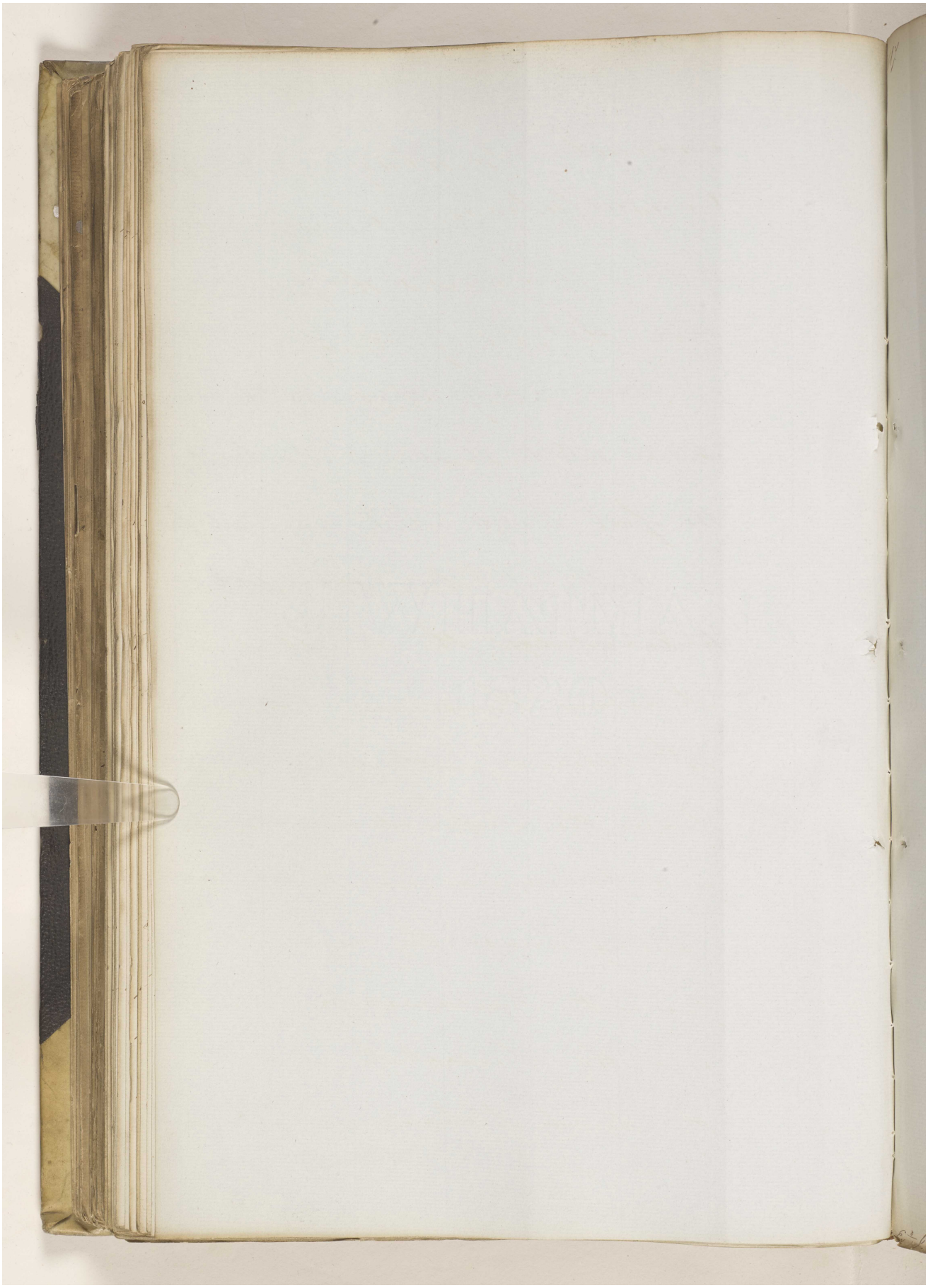

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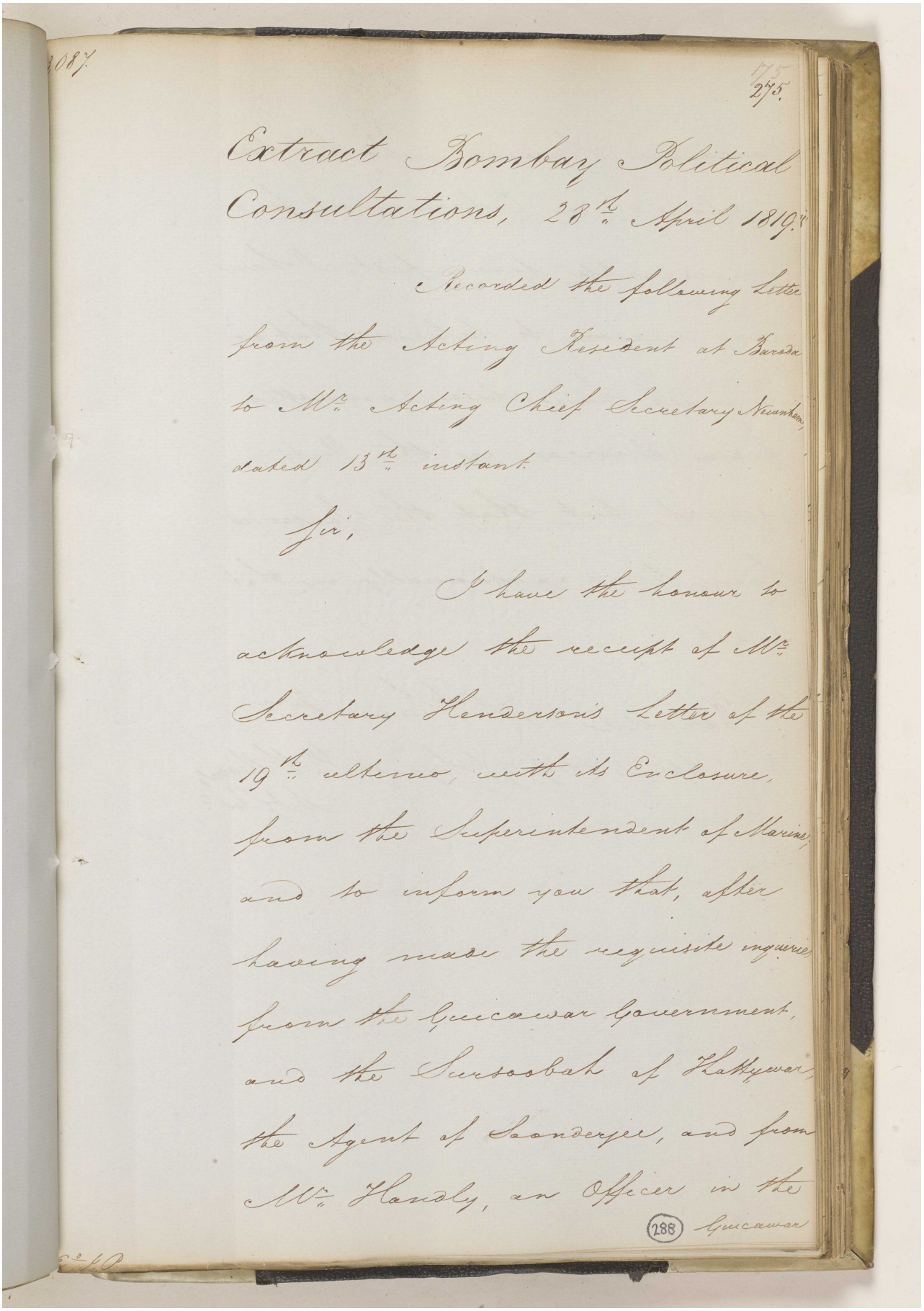

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations, 28th April 1819.

Recorded the following Letter from the Acting Resident at Baroda to Mr. Acting Chief Secretary Newnham, dated 13th instant.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Henderson's Letter of the 19th ultimo, with its Enclosure, from the Superintendent of Marine, and to inform you that, after having made the requisite enquiries from the Guicawar Government, and the Soobah of Kattywar, the Agent at Soonderjee, and from Mr. Handy, an Officer in the

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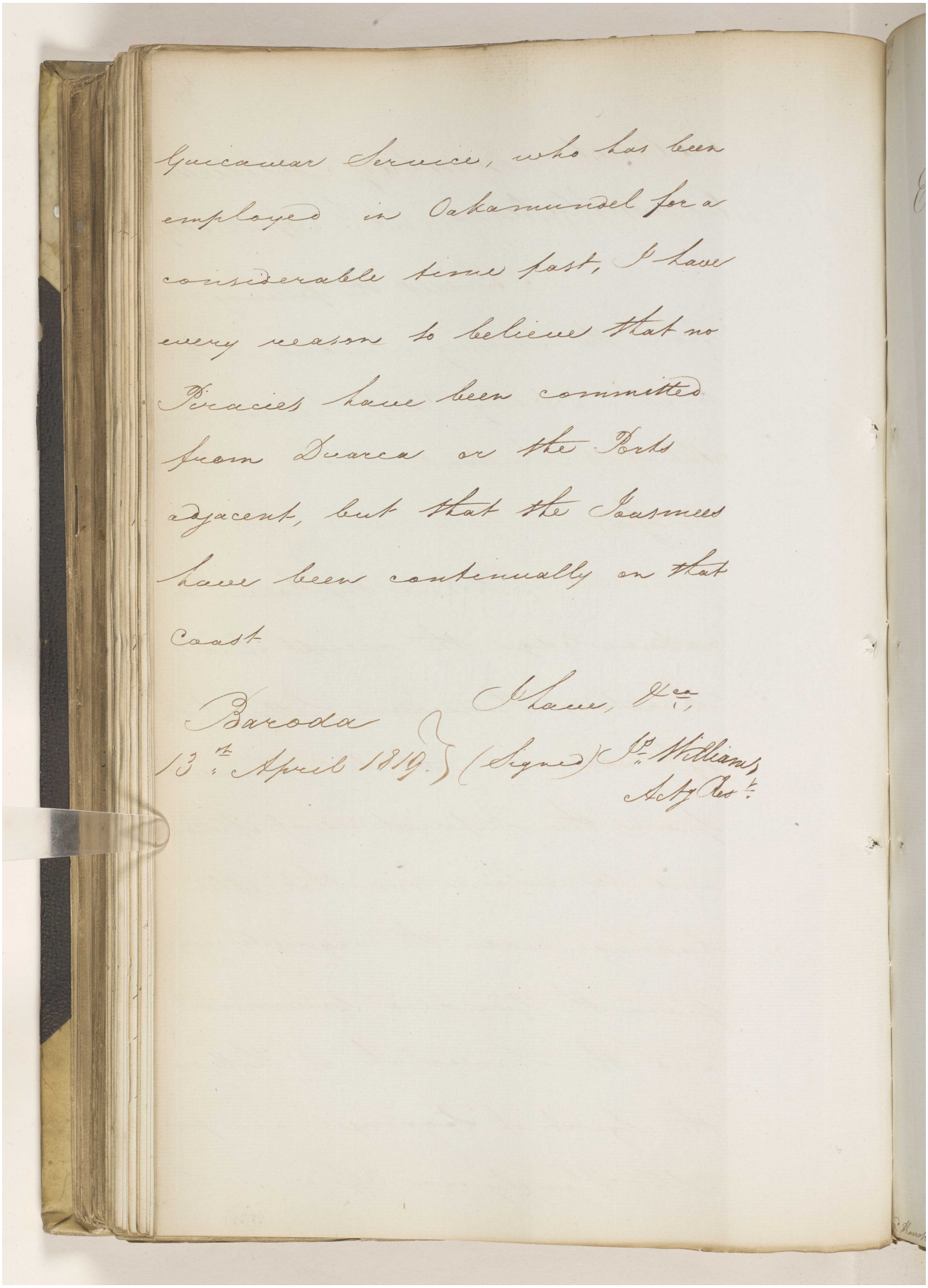

Guicawar Service, who has been employed in Oakamundel for a considerable time past, I have every reason to believe that no Piracies have been committed from Duarca or the Ports adjacent, but that the Joasmees have been continually on that Coast.

Baroda
13th April 1819.

I have, &ca,
(Signed) Js. Williams,
Actg Resr.

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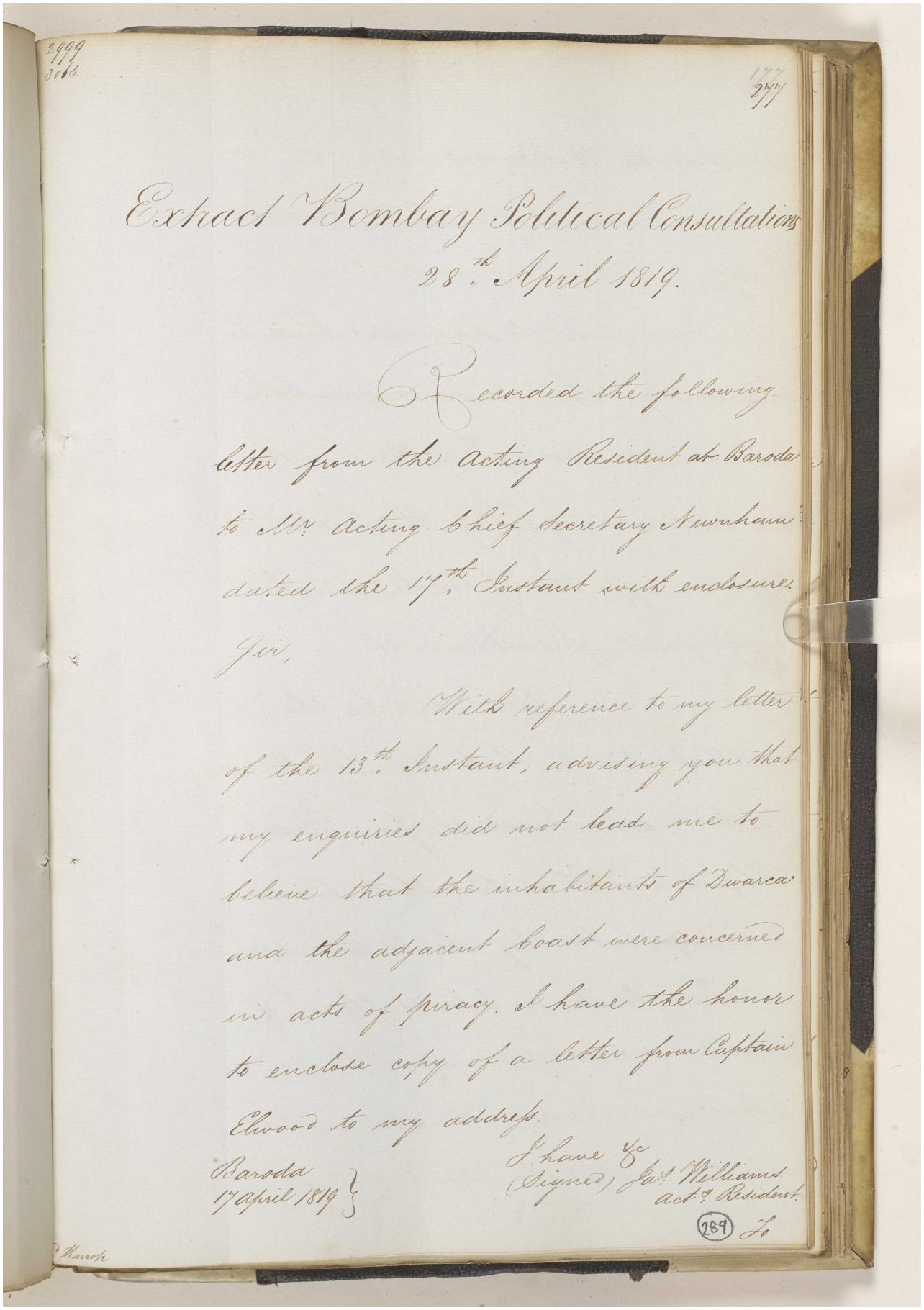

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
28th April 1819.

Recorded the following letter from the Acting Resident at Baroda to Mr. Acting Chief Secretary Newnham dated the 17th Instant with enclosure.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 13th Instant, advising you that my enquiries did not lead me to believe that the inhabitants of Dwarca and the adjacent Coast were concerned in acts of piracy. I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from Captain Elwood to my address.

Baroda
17 April 1819

I have &c
(Signed) Jas. Williams
Actg. Resident.

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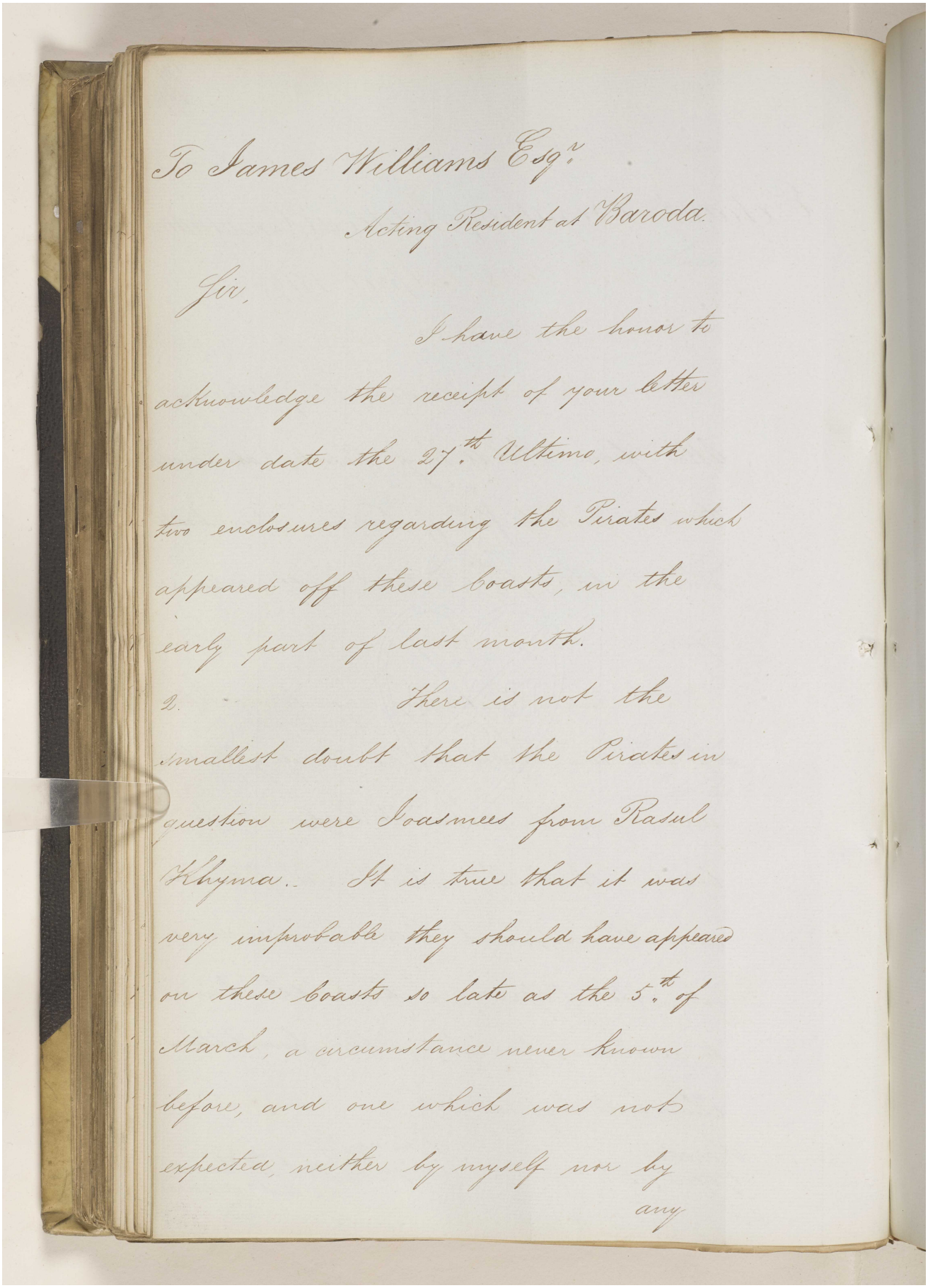
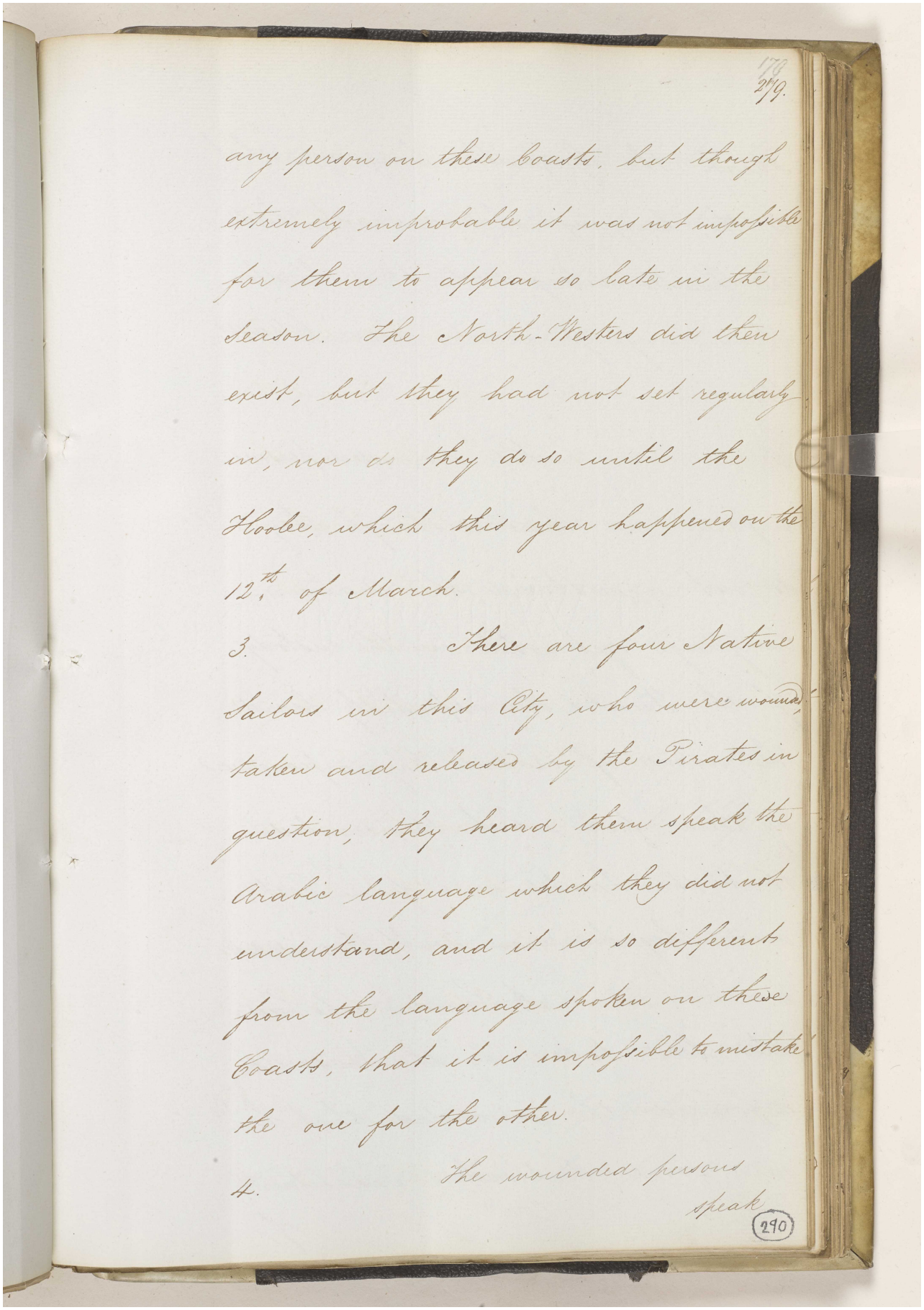


To James Williams Esq.r
Acting Resident at Baroda.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 27.th Ultimo, with two enclosures regarding the Pirates which appeared off these Coasts, in the early part of last month.

2. There is not the smallest doubt that the Pirates in question were Joasmees from Rasul Khyma. It is true that it was very improbable they should have appeared on these Coasts so late as the 5.th of March, a circumstance never known before, and one which was not expected, neither by myself nor by any



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any person on these Coasts, but though extremely improbable it was not impossible for them to appear so late in the Season. The North-Westers did then exist, but they had not set regularly in, nor do they do so until the Hoolee, which this year happened on the 12th. of March.

3. There are four Native Sailors in this City, who were wounded, taken and released by the Pirates in question, they heard them speak the Arabic language which they did not understand, and it is so different from the language spoken on these Coasts, that it is impossible to mistake the one for the other.

4. The wounded persons speak

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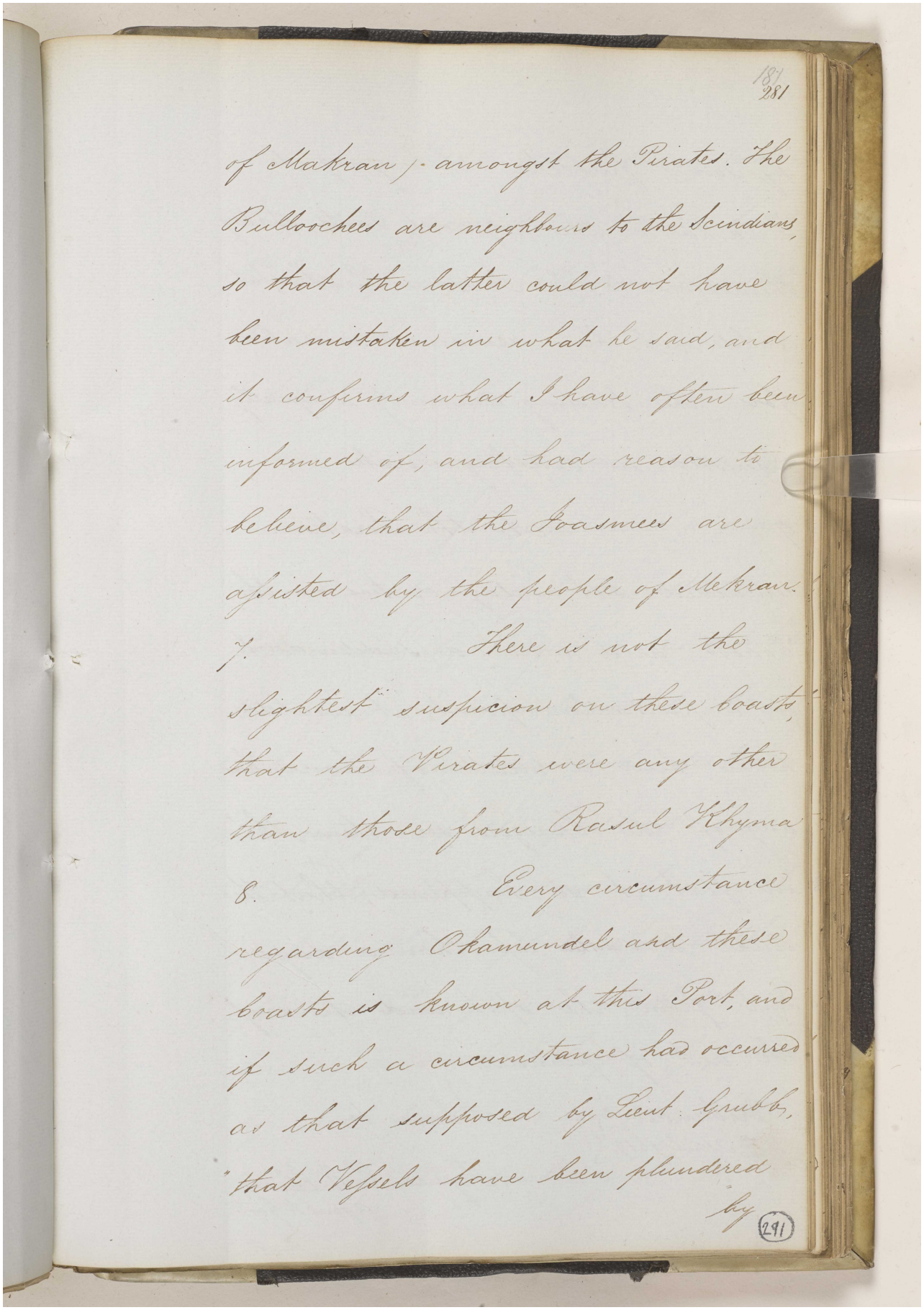
speak the Guzeratee language, which is the language of these Coasts, had the Pirates belonged to these coasts their language would have betrayed them.

5. The wounded persons inform me, that although they do not understand the Arabic language, yet while in the custody of the Pirates, they repeatedly heard the name of Rasul Khyma pronounced by them, from which they conclude that the Pirates were from that Port, and they have no doubt they were so.

6. A Scindee who had also been taken by the Joasmees informed the wounded that he saw some Bullochees (inhabitants



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of Makran / amongst the Pirates. The Bullooches are neighbours to the Scindians, so that the latter could not have been mistaken in what he said, and it confirms what I have often been informed of, and had reason to believe, that the Joasmees are assisted by the people of Mekran.

7. There is not the slightest suspicion on these coasts, that the Pirates were any other than those from Rasul Khyma

8. Every circumstance regarding Okamundel and these coasts is known at this Port, and if such a circumstance has occurred as that supposed by Lieut Grubb, "that Vessels have been plundered by

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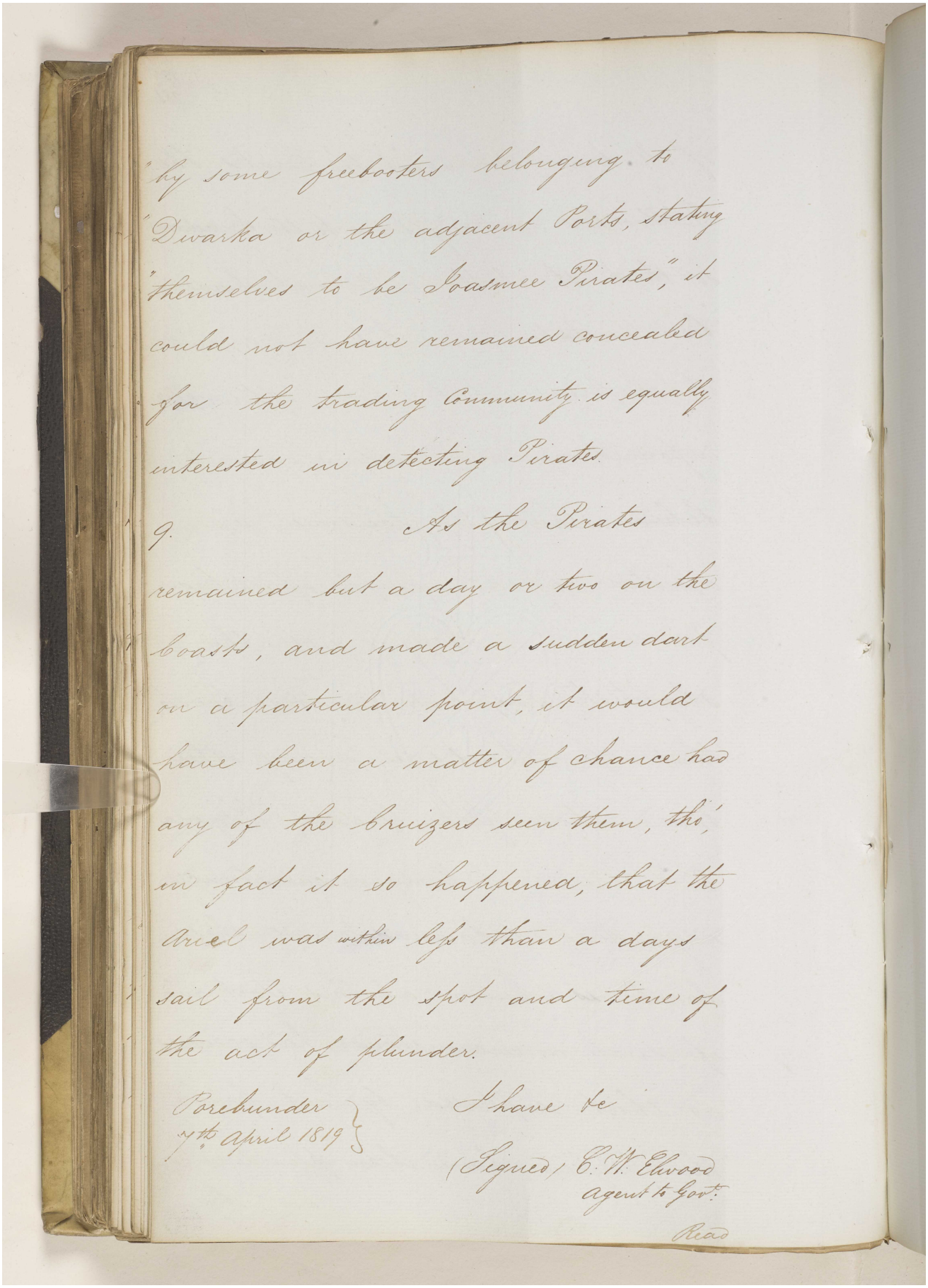

by some freebooters belonging to
Dwarka or the adjacent Ports, stating
themselves to be Joasmee Pirates," it
could not have remained concealed
for the trading Community is equally
interested in detecting Pirates.

9. As the Pirates
remained but a day or two on the
coasts, and made a sudden dart
on a particular point, it would
have been a matter of chance had
any of the Cruizers seen them, tho'
in fact it so happened, that the
Ariel was within less than a days
sail from the spot and time of
the act of plunder.

Porebunder
7th April 1819

I have &c
(Signed) C. W. Elwood
Agent to Govt.

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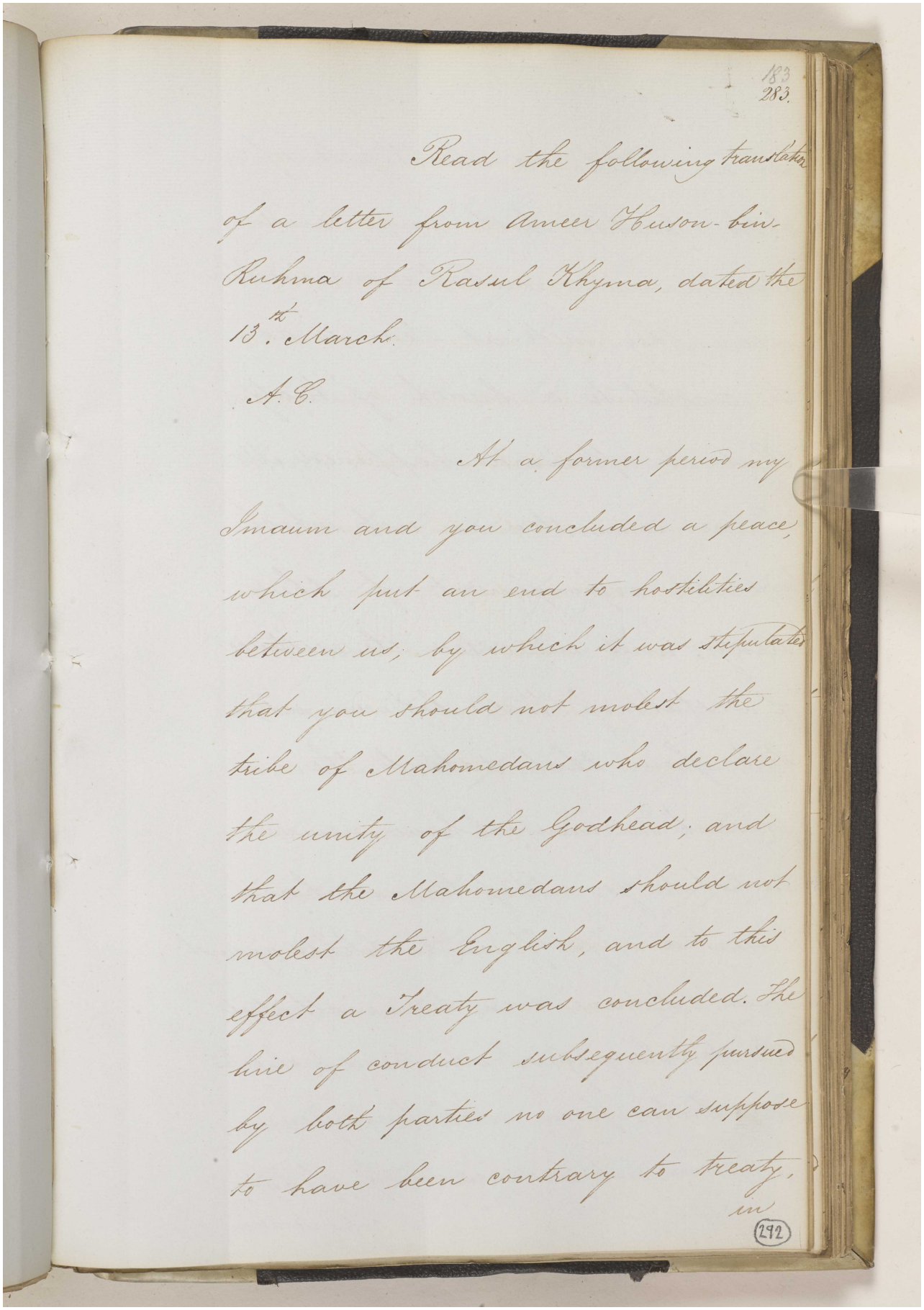

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Read the following translation
of a letter from Ameer Hoosun-bin-
Ruhma of Rasul Khyma, dated the
13th. March.
A. C.

At a former period my
Imaum and you concluded a peace,
which put an end to hostilities
between us, by which it was stipulated
that you should not molest the
tribe of Mahomedans who declare
the unity of the Godhead; and
that the Mahomedans should not
molest the English, and to this
effect a Treaty was concluded. The
line of conduct subsequently pursued
by both parties no one can suppose
to have been contrary to treaty,
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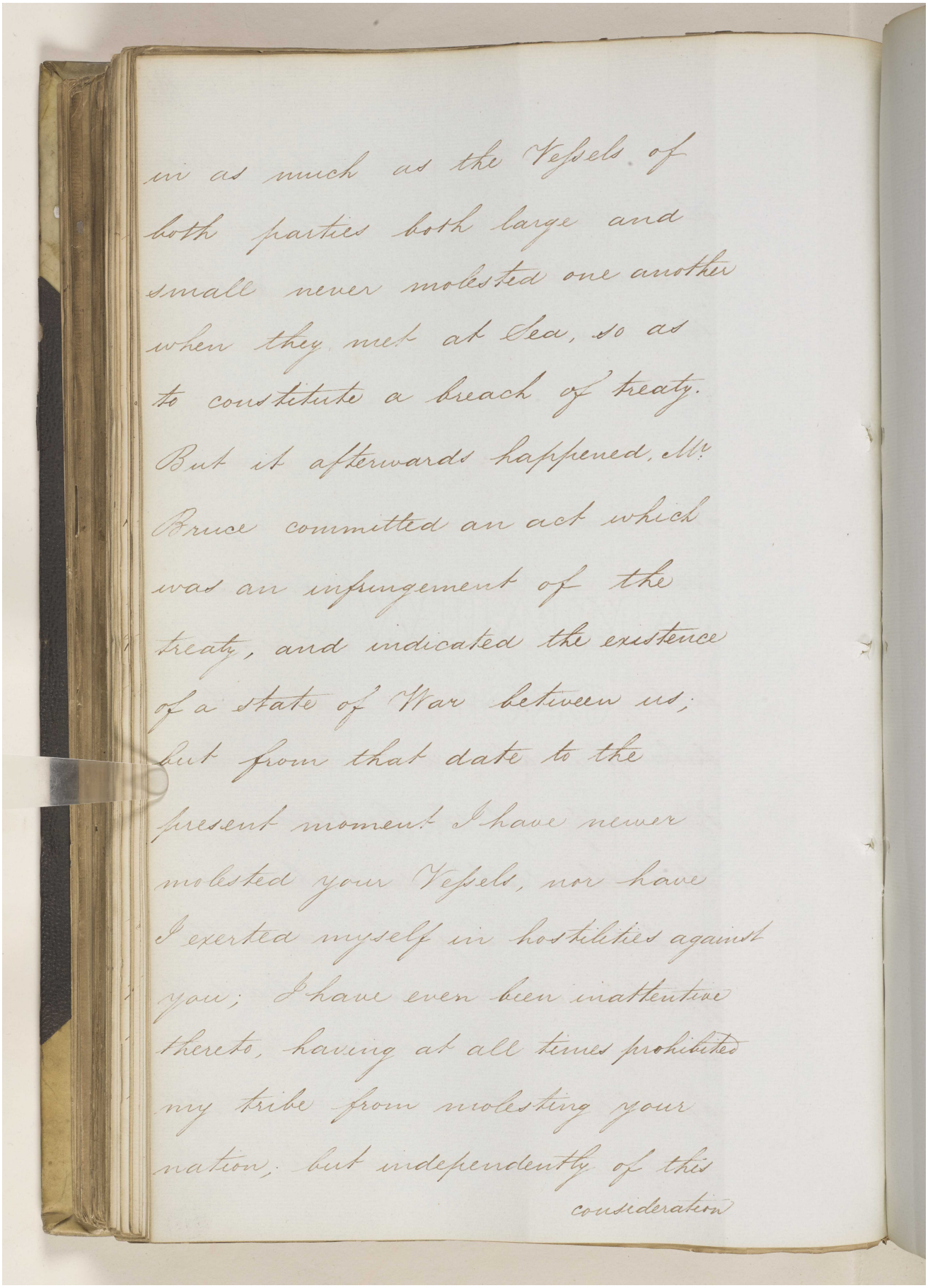
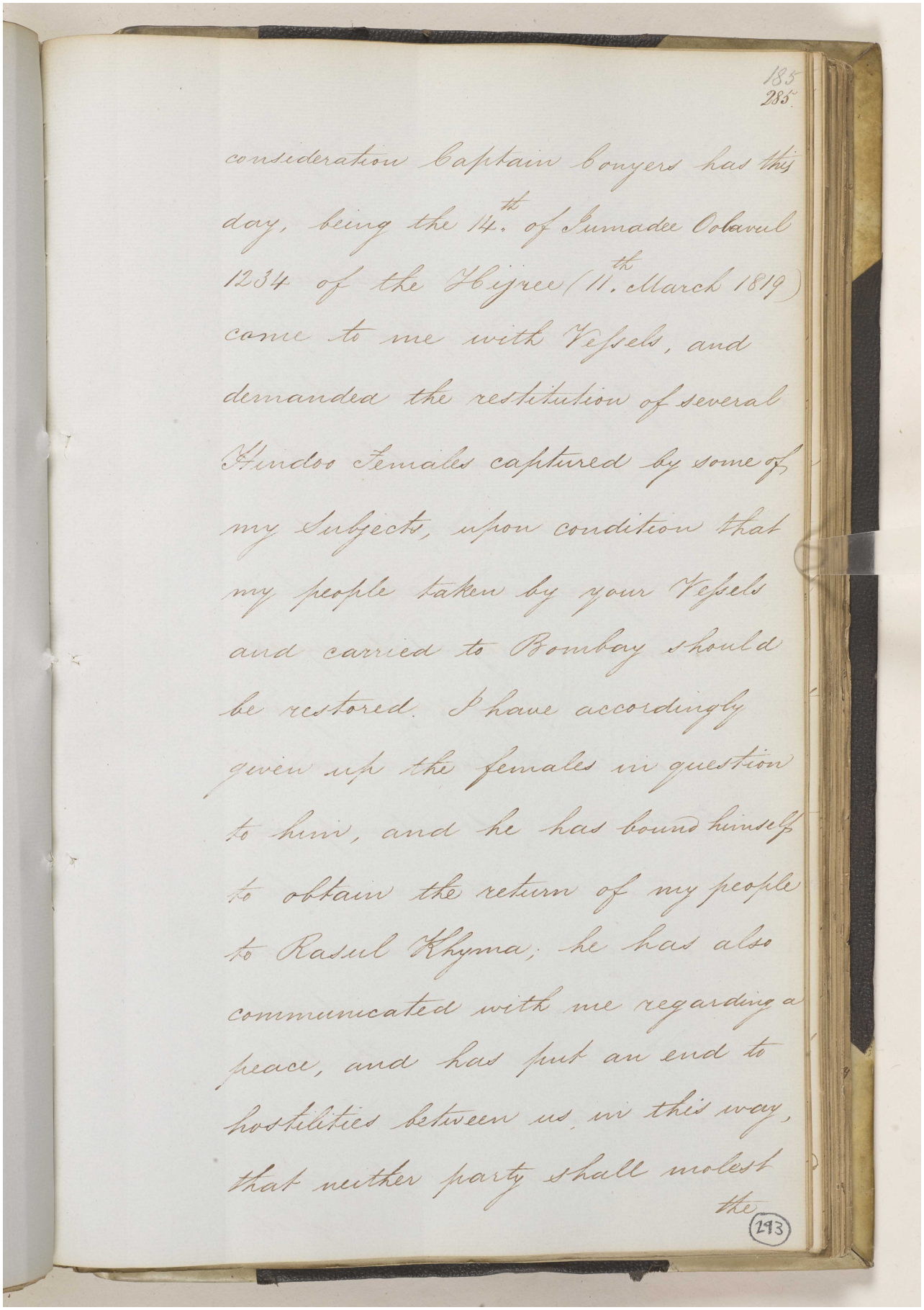


in as much as the Vessels of
both parties both large and
small never molested one another
when they met at Sea, so as
to constitute a breach of treaty.
But it afterwards happened, Mr.
Bruce committed an act which
was an infringement of the
treaty, and indicated the existence
of a state of War between us;
but from that date to the
present moment I have never
molested your Vessels, nor have
I exerted myself in hostilities against
you; I have even been inattentive
thereto, having at all times prohibited
my tribe from molesting your
nation; but independently of this
consideration



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consideration Captain Bonyers has this day, being the 14th. of Jumadee Oolawul 1234 of the Hijree (11th. March 1819) come to me with Vessels, and demanded the restitution of several Hindoo Females captured by some of my Subjects, upon condition that my people taken by your Vessels and carried to Bombay should be restored. I have accordingly given up the females in question to him, and he has bound himself to obtain the return of my people to Rasul Khyma; he has also communicated with me regarding a peace, and has put an end to hostilities between us in this way, that neither party shall molest the

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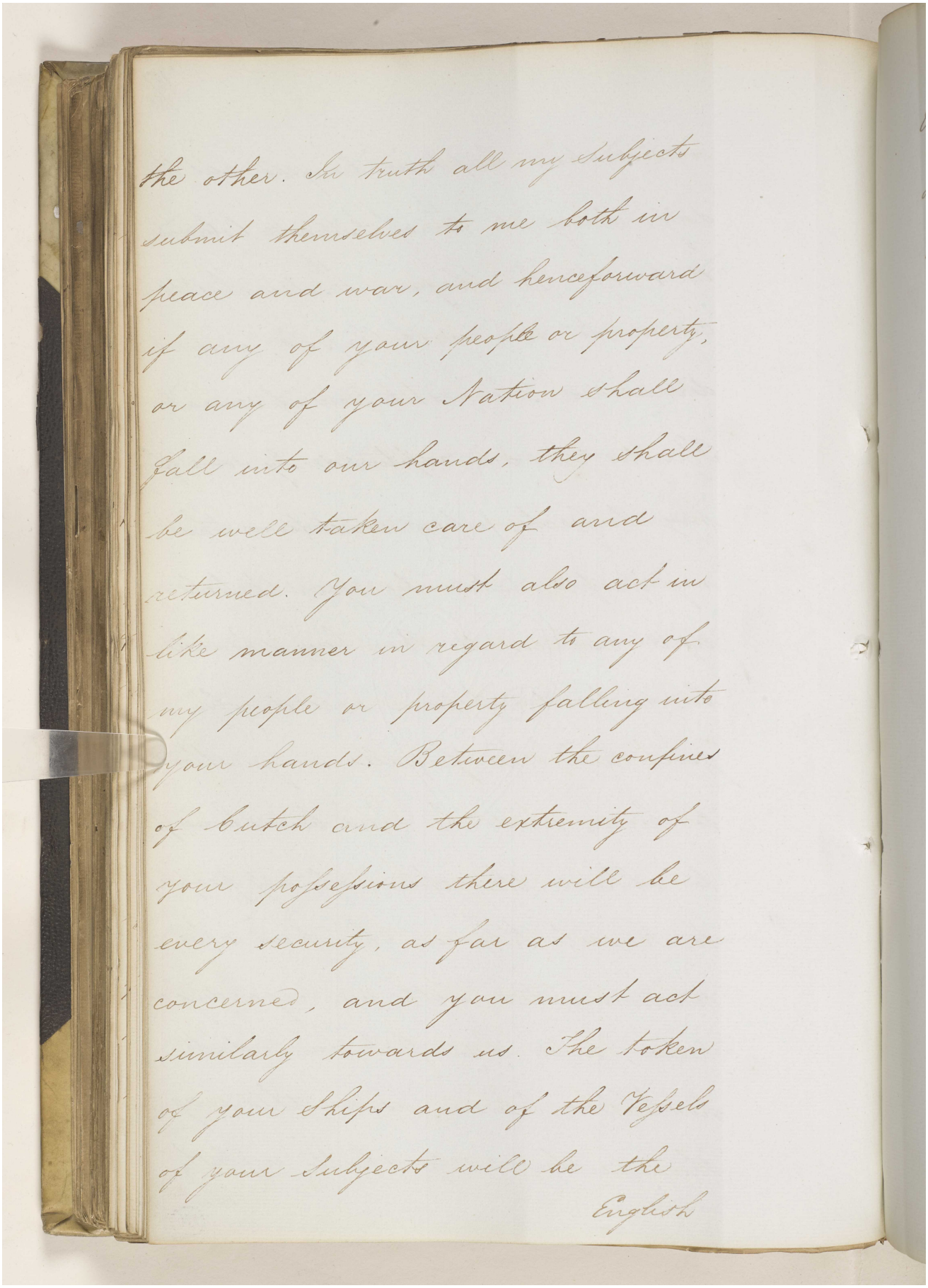
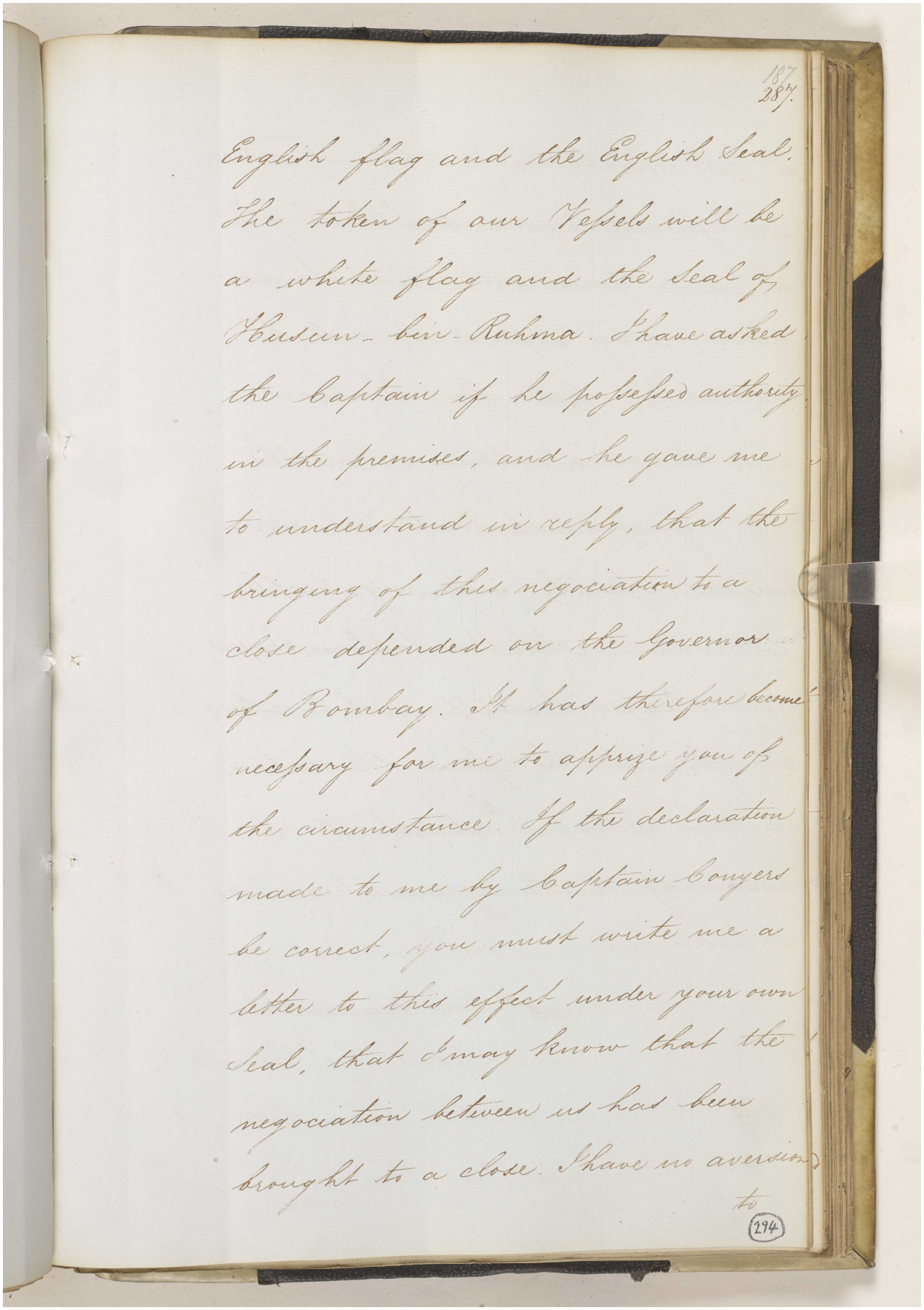


the other. In truth all my Subjects
submit themselves to me both in
peace and war, and henceforward
if any of your people or property,
or any of your Nation shall
fall into our hands, they shall
be well taken care of and
returned. You must also act in
like manner in regard to any of
my people or property falling into
your hands. Between the confines
of Cutch and the extremity of
your possessions there will be
every security, as far as we are
concerned, and you must act
similarly towards us. The token
of your Ships and of the Vessels
of your Subjects will be the
English



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English flag and the English Seal.
The token of our Vessels will be
a white flag and the Seal of
Hussun-bin-Ruhma. I have asked
the Captain if he possessed authority
in the premises, and he gave me
to understand in reply, that the
bringing of this negociation to a
close depended on the Governor
of Bombay. It has therefore become
necessary for me to apprize you of
the circumstance. If the declaration
made to me by Captain Conyers
be correct, you must write me a
letter to this effect under your own
Seal, that I may know that the
negociation between us has been
brought to a close. I have no aversion
to

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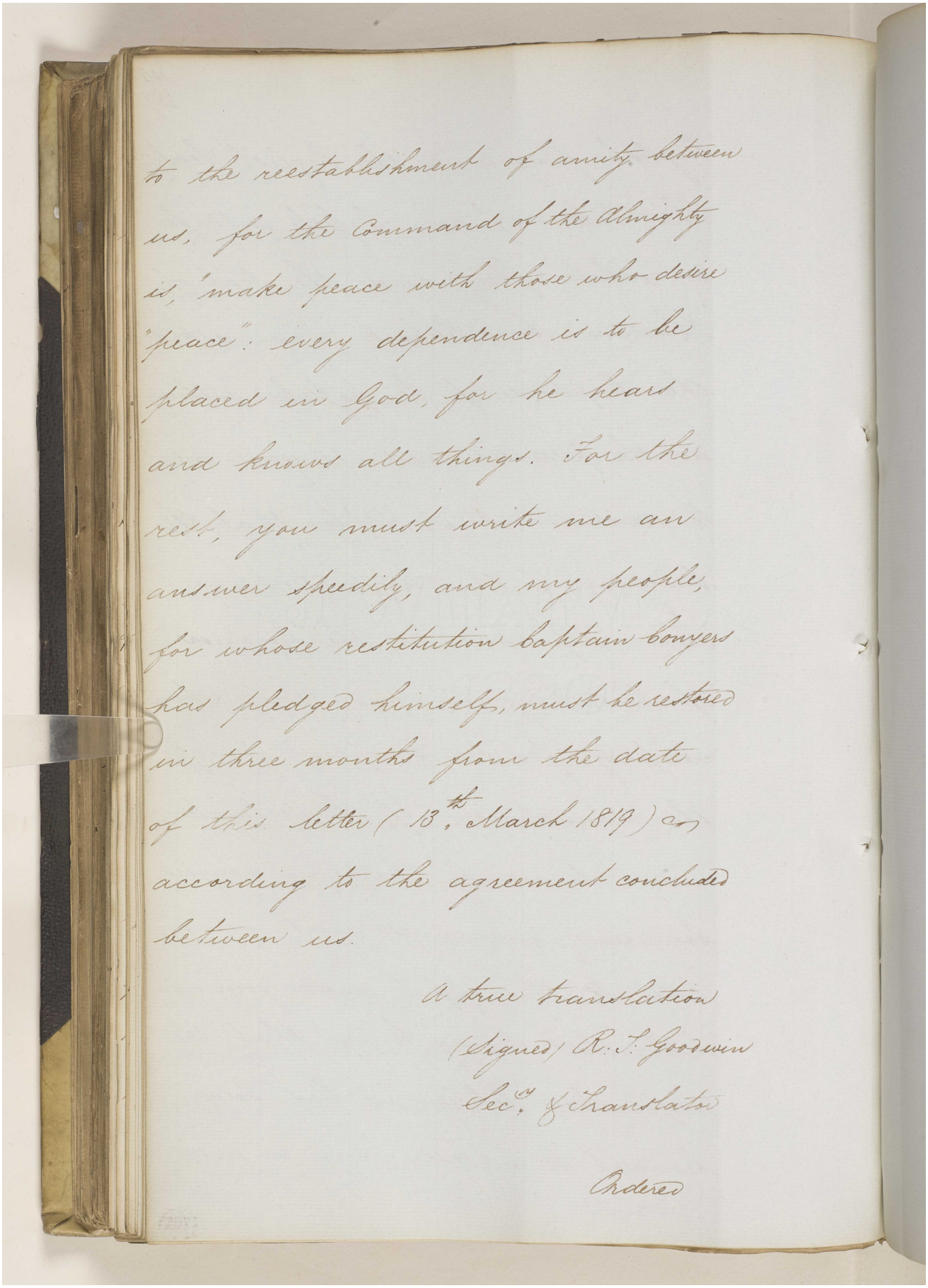

to the reestablishment of amity between us, for the Command of the Almighty is, 'make peace with those who desire "peace": every dependence is to be placed in God, for he hears and knows all things. For the rest, you must write me an answer speedily, and my people, for whose restitution Captain Bowyers has pledged himself, must be restored in three months from the date of this letter (13th. March 1819) or according to the agreement concluded between us.

A true translation
(Signed) R. T. Goodwin
Secy. & Translator

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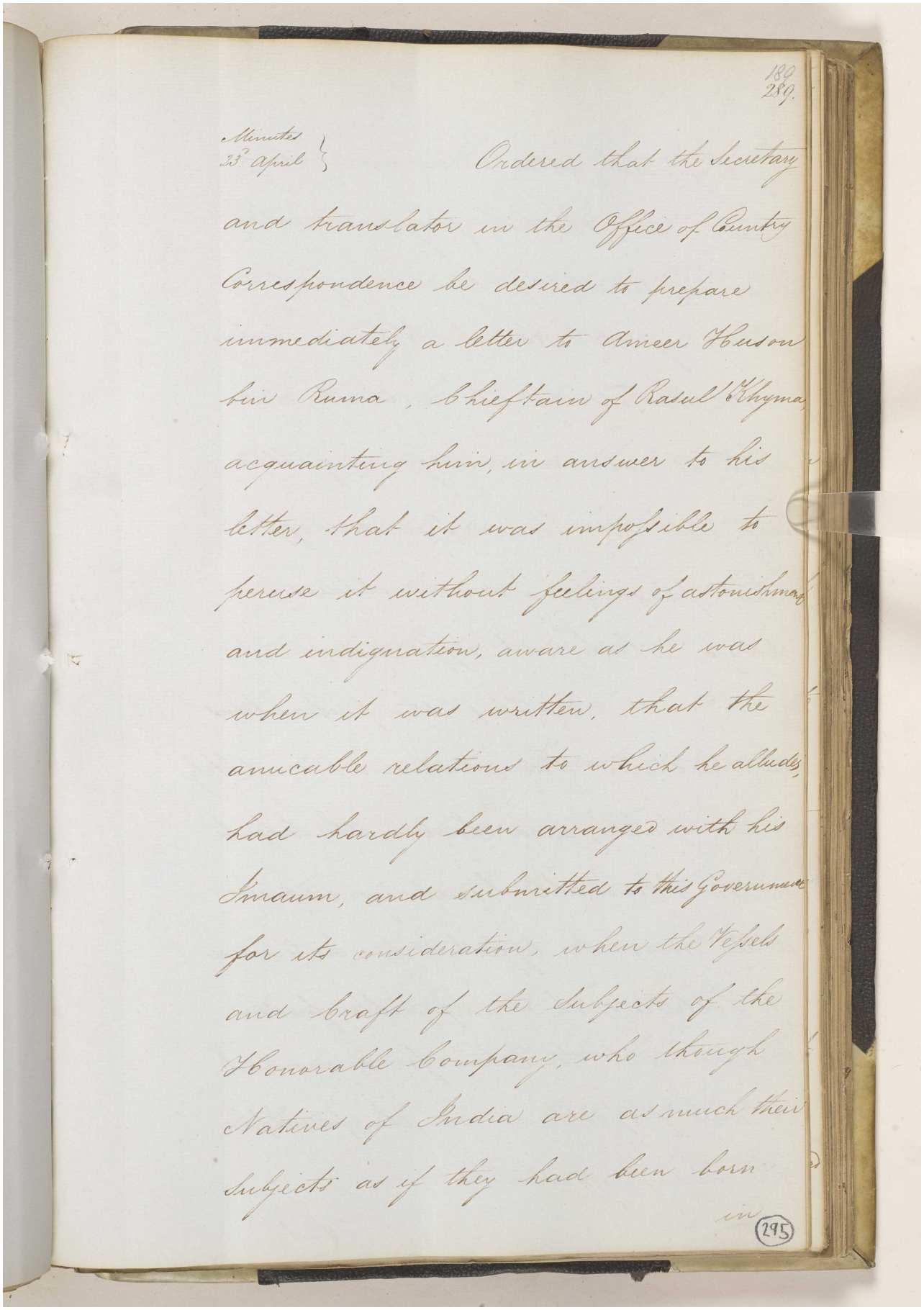

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Minutes
23d April

Ordered that the Secretary and translator in the Office of Country Correspondence be desired to prepare immediately a letter to Ameer Hoosun bin Runna, Chieftain of Rasul Khyma, acquainting him, in answer to his letter, that it was impossible to peruse it without feelings of astonishment and indignation, aware as he was when it was written, that the amicable relations to which he alludes, had hardly been arranged with his Imaum, and submitted to this Government for its consideration, when the Vessels and Craft of the Subjects of the Honorable Company, who though Natives of India are as much their Subjects as if they had been born in

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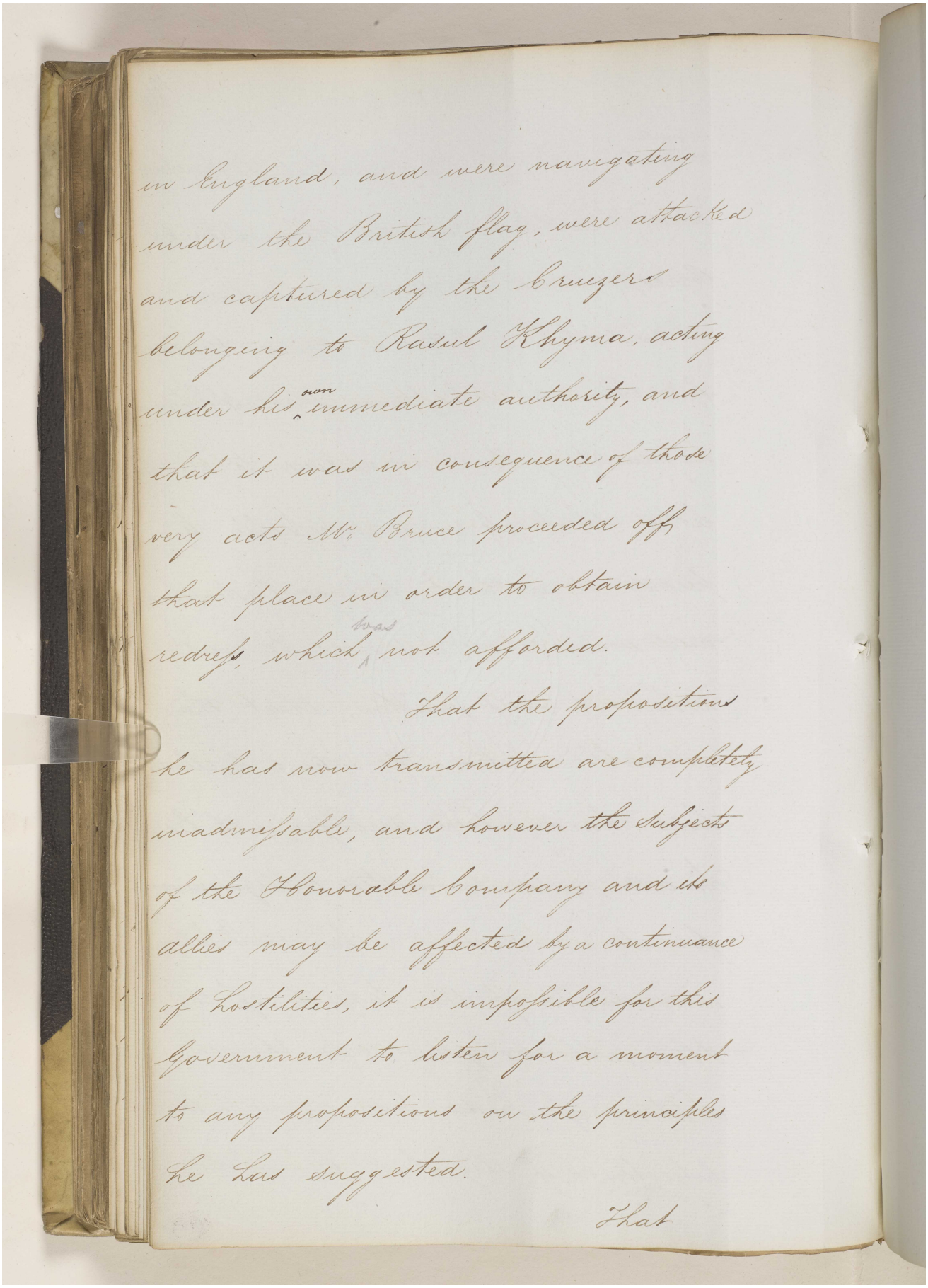
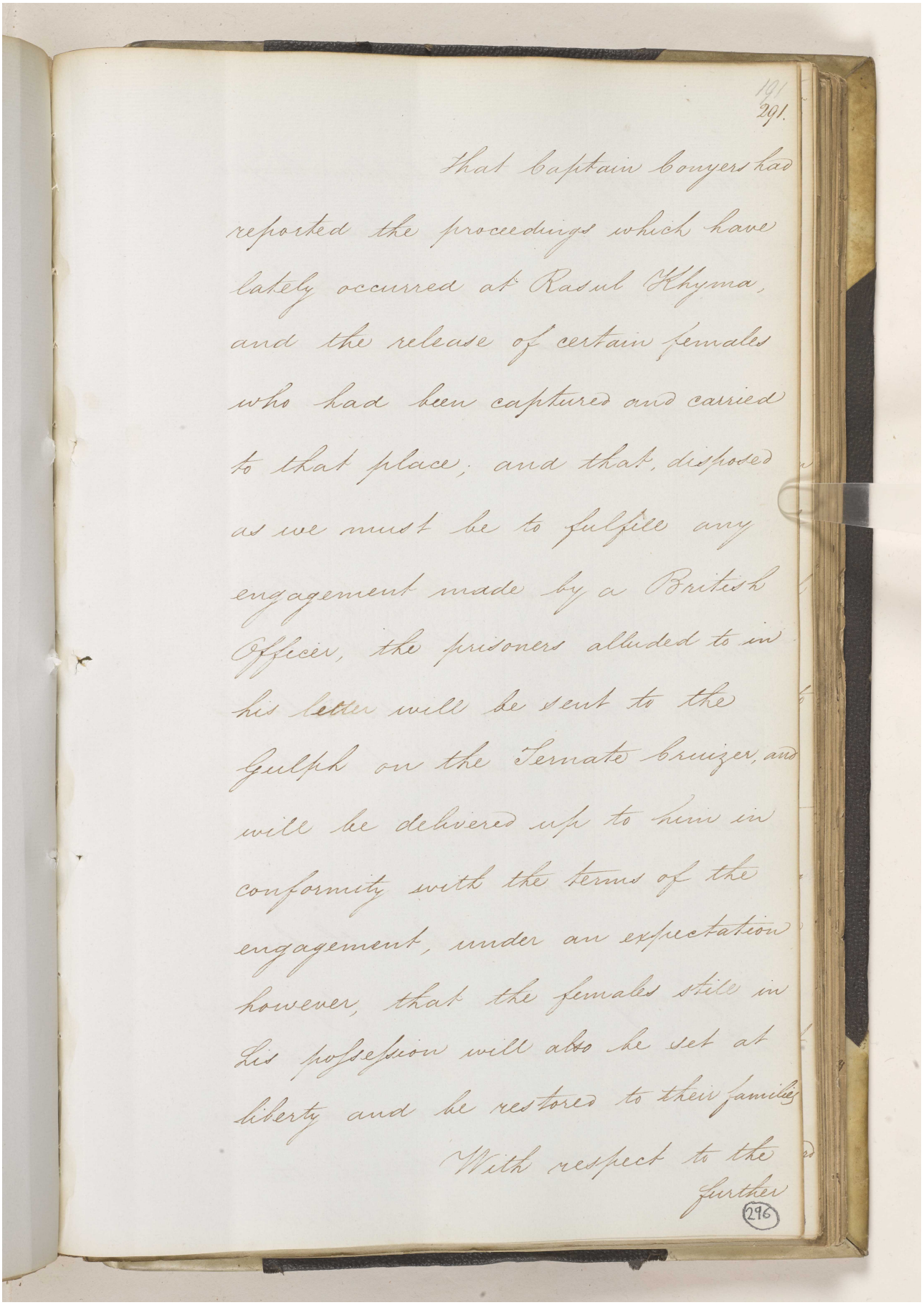


in England, and were navigating
under the British flag, were attacked
and captured by the Cruizers
belonging to Rasul Khyma, acting
under his own immediate authority, and
that it was in consequence of those
very acts Mr Bruce proceeded off
that place in order to obtain
redress, which was not afforded.

That the propositions
he has now transmitted are completely
inadmissable, and however the subjects
of the Honorable Company and its
allies may be affected by a continuance
of hostilities, it is impossible for this
Government to listen for a moment
to any propositions on the principles
he has suggested.

That



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that Captain Conyers had
reported the proceedings which have
lately occurred at Rasul Khyma,
and the release of certain females
who had been captured and carried
to that place; and that, disposed
as we must be to fulfill any
engagement made by a British
Officer, the prisoners alluded to in
his letter will be sent to the
Gulph on the Fernate bruizer, and
will be delivered up to him in
conformity with the terms of the
engagement, under an expectation
however, that the females still in
his possession will also be set at
liberty and be restored to their families

With respect to the
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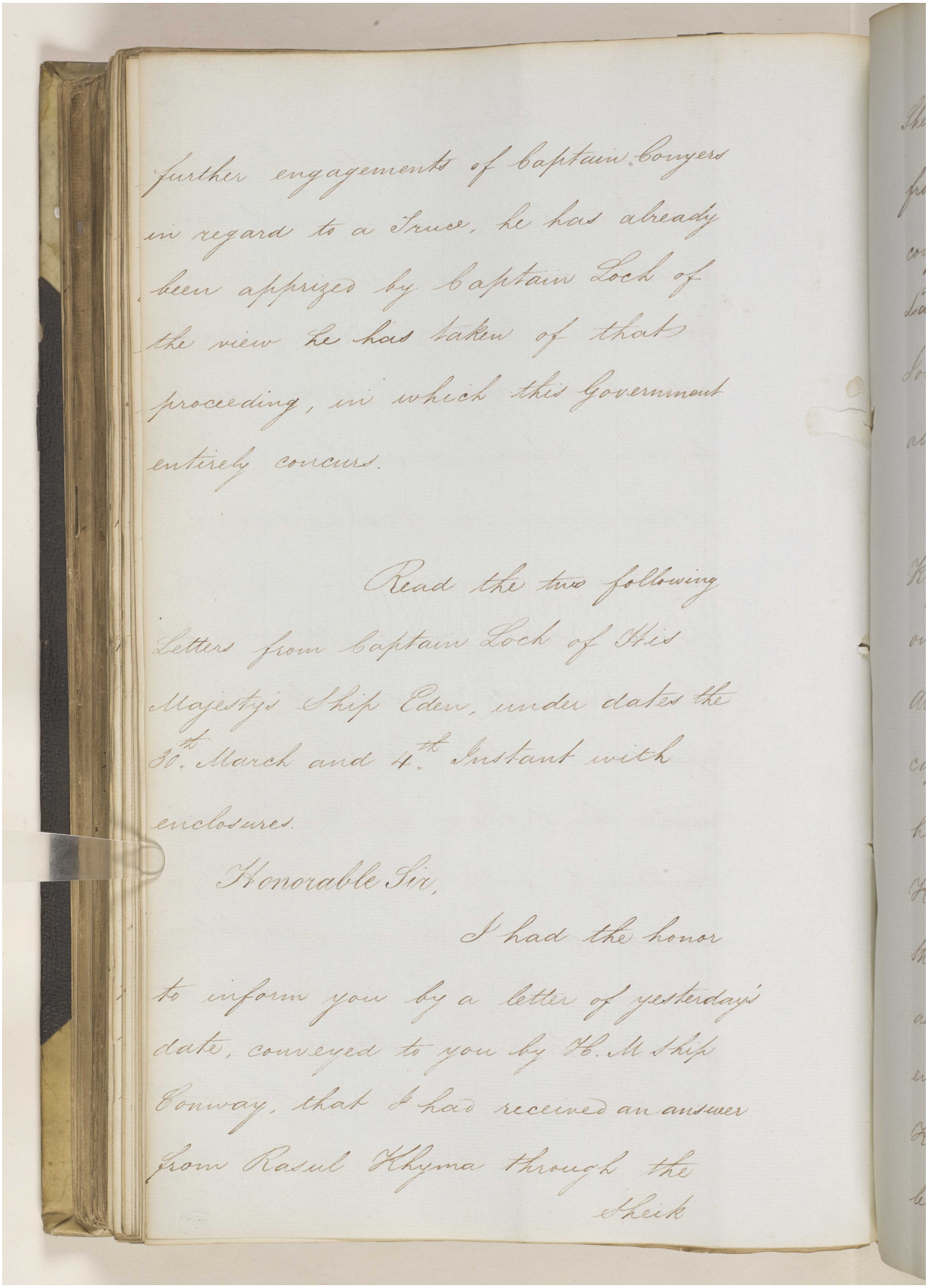
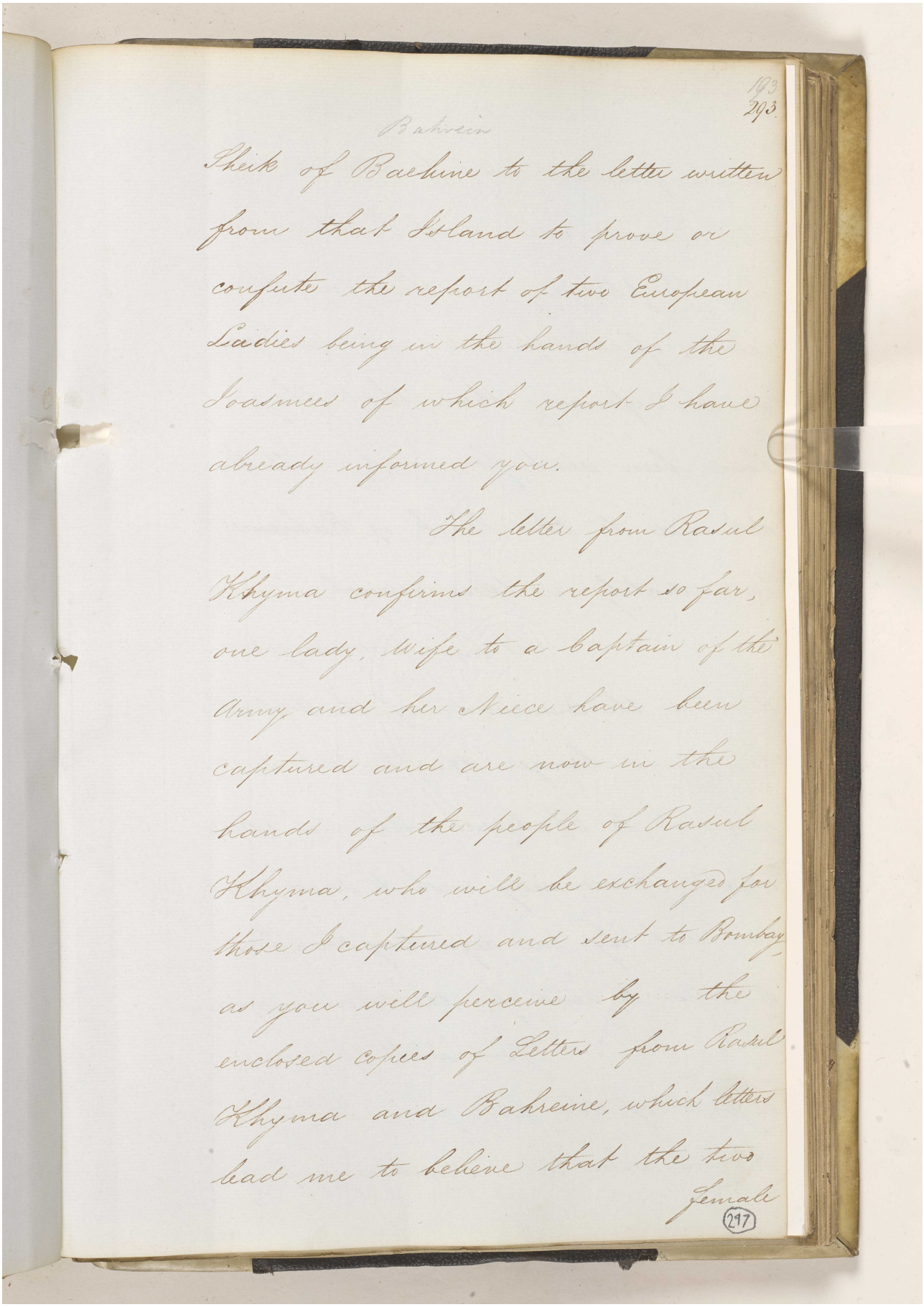


further engagements of Captain Conyers in regard to a Truce, he has already been apprized by Captain Lock of the view he has taken of that proceeding, in which this Government entirely concurs.

Read the two following Letters from Captain Lock of His Majesty's Ship Eden, under dates the 30th. March and 4th. Instant with enclosures.

Honorable Sir,

I had the honor to inform you by a letter of yesterday's date, conveyed to you by H.M. Ship Conway, that I had received an answer from Rasul Khyma through the Sheik



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Sheik of Bachine to the letter written from that Island to prove or confute the report of two European Ladies being in the hands of the Joasmees of which report I have already informed you.

The letter from Rasul Khyma confirms the report so far, one lady, wife to a Captain of the Army and her Niece have been captured and are now in the hands of the people of Rasul Khyma, who will be exchanged for those I captured and sent to Bombay, as you will perceive by the enclosed copies of Letters from Rasul Khyma and Bahreine, which letters lead me to believe that the two female

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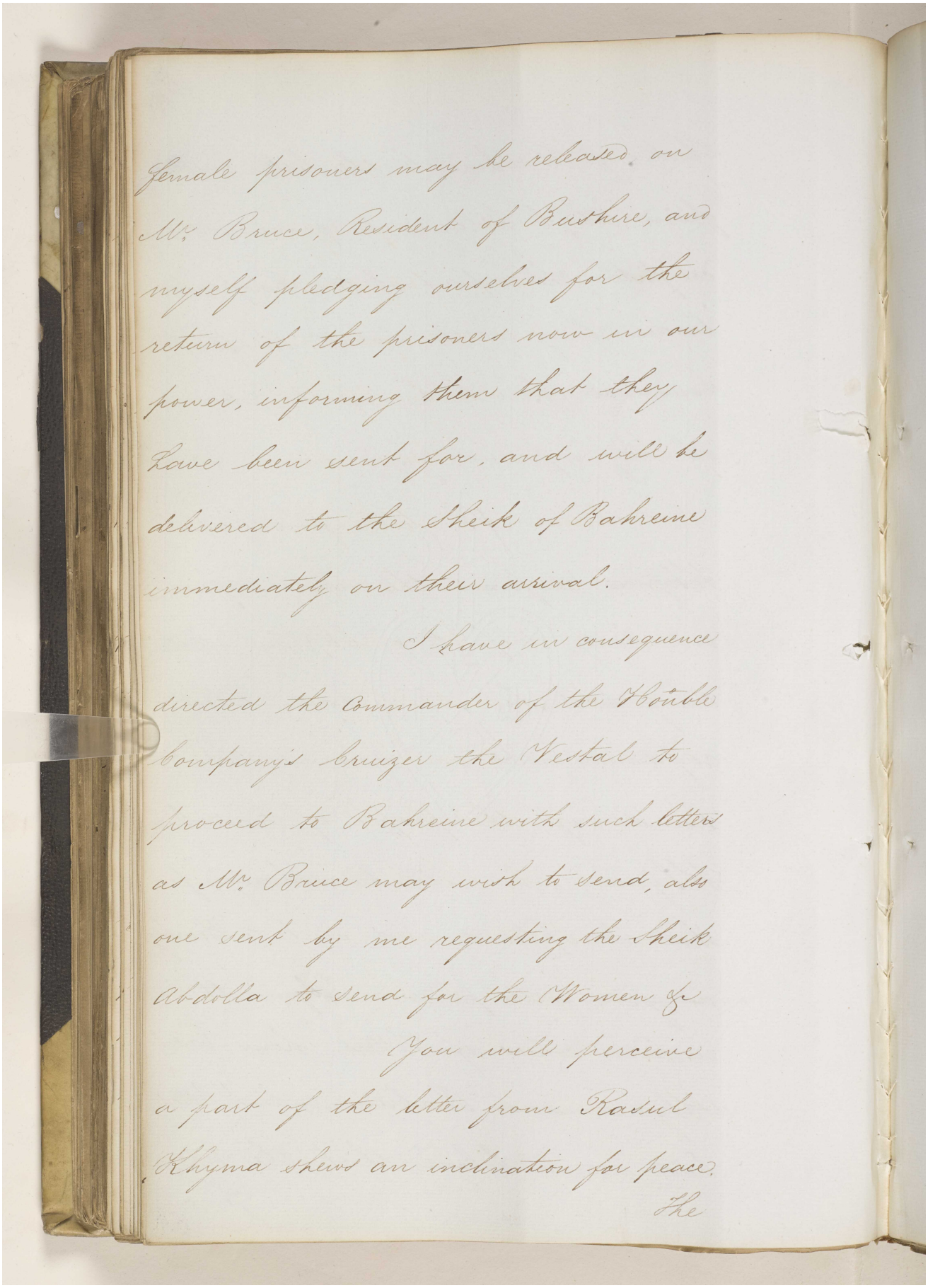

Female prisoners may be released on Mr. Bruce, Resident of Bushire, and myself pledging ourselves for the return of the prisoners now in our power, informing them that they have been sent for, and will be delivered to the Sheik of Bahreine immediately on their arrival.

I have in consequence directed the Commander of the Honble Company's Cruizer the Vestal to proceed to Bahreine with such letters as Mr. Bruce may wish to send, also one sent by me requesting the Sheik Abdolla to send for the Women &c

You will perceive a part of the letter from Rassul Khyma shews an inclination for peace.

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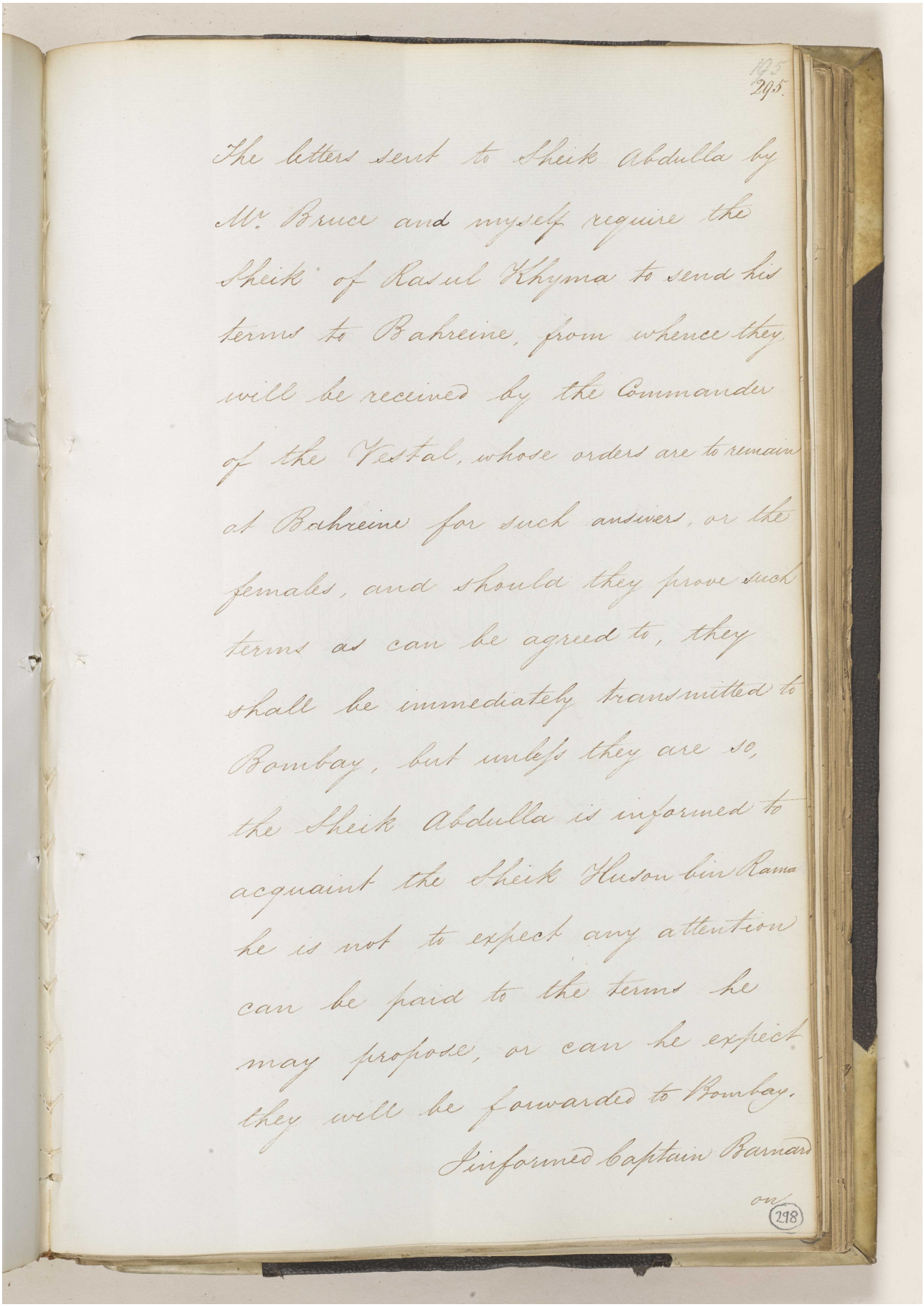

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The letters sent to Sheik Abdulla by Mr. Bruce and myself require the Sheik of Rasul Khyma to send his terms to Bahreine, from whence they will be received by the Commander of the Vestal, whose orders are to remain at Bahreine for such answers, or the females, and should they prove such terms as can be agreed to, they shall be immediately transmitted to Bombay, but unless they are so, the Sheik Abdulla is informed to acquaint the Sheik Huson bin Rama he is not to expect any attention can be paid to the terms he may propose, or can he expect they will be forwarded to Bombay.

I informed Captain Barnard

on

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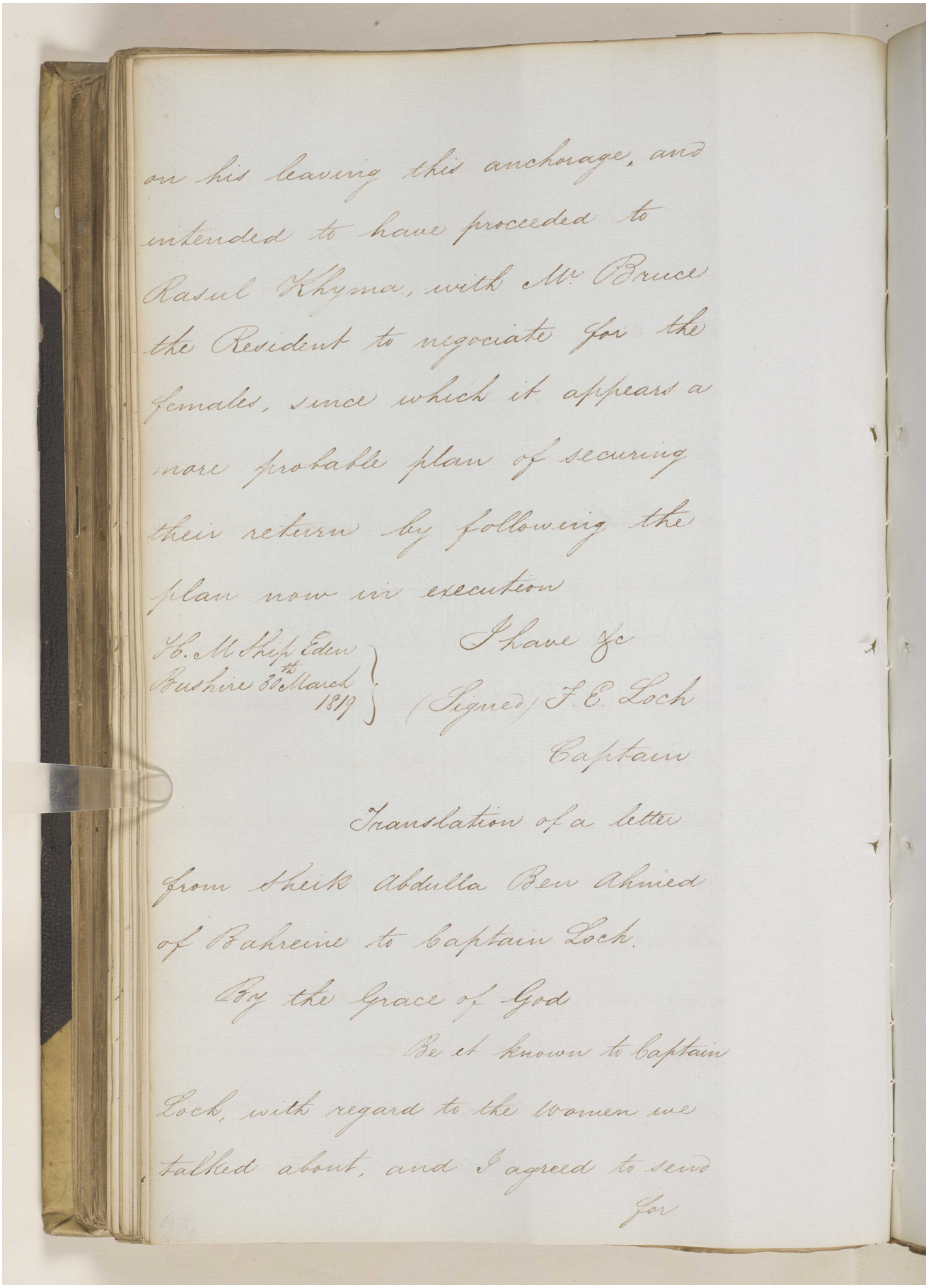

on his leaving this anchorage, and intended to have proceeded to Rasul Khyma, with Mr. Bruce the Resident to negociate for the females, since which it appears a more probable plan of securing their return by following the plan now in execution

I have &c

H. M. Ship Eden Bushire 6th March 1819

(Signed) F. E. Loch

Captain

Translation of a letter from Sheik Abdulla Ben Ahmed of Bahreine to Captain Loch.

By the Grace of God

Be it known to Captain Loch, with regard to the Women we talked about, and I agreed to send

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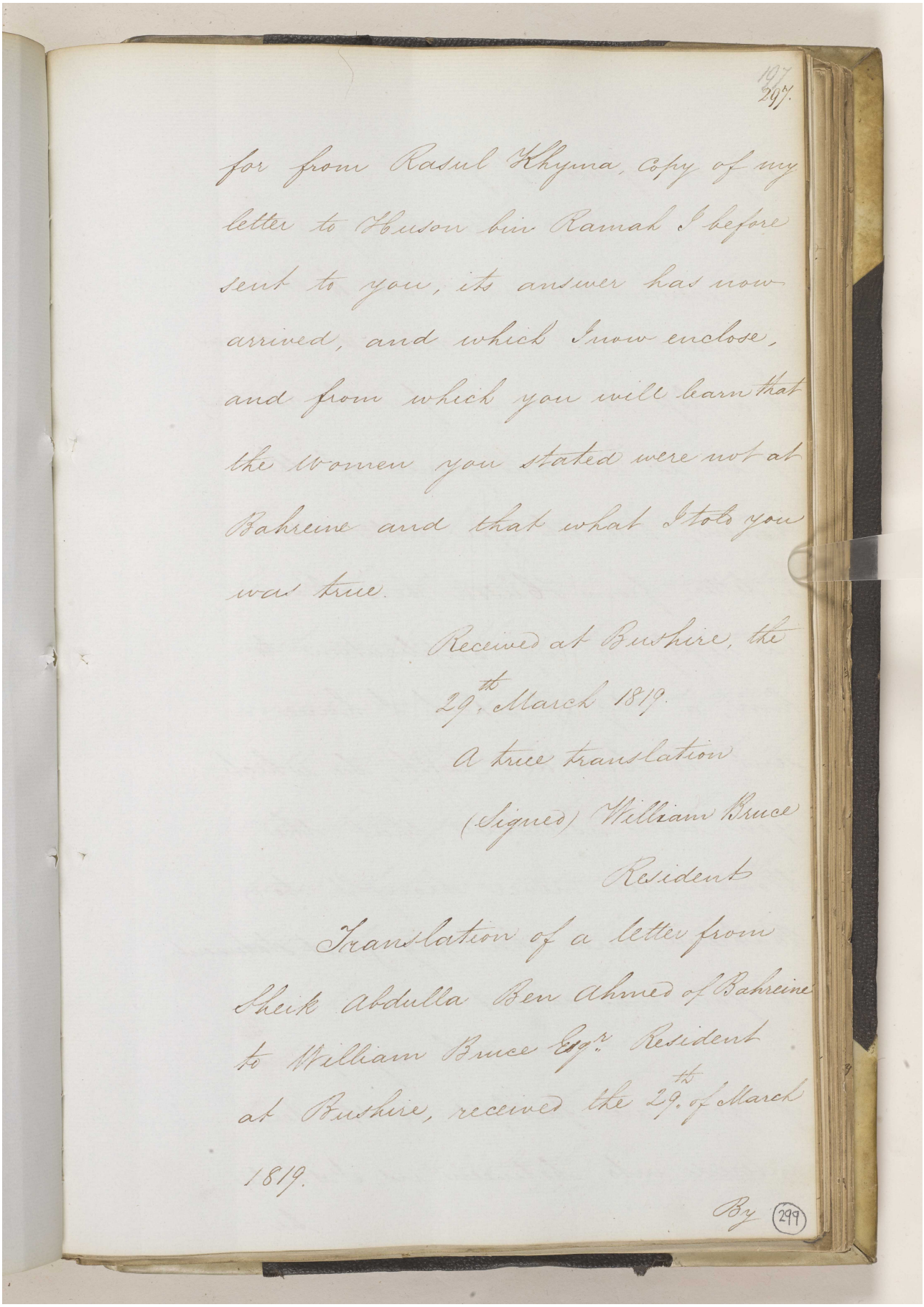

for from Rasul Khyma, copy of my letter to Huson bin Ramah I before sent to you, its answer has now arrived, and which I now enclose, and from which you will learn that the Women you stated were not at Bahreine and that what I told you was true.

Received at Bushire, the 29th March 1819.

A true translation

(Signed) William Bruce

Resident

Translation of a letter from Sheik Abdulla Ben Ahmed of Bahreine to William Bruce Esqr. Resident at Bushire, received the 29th of March 1819.

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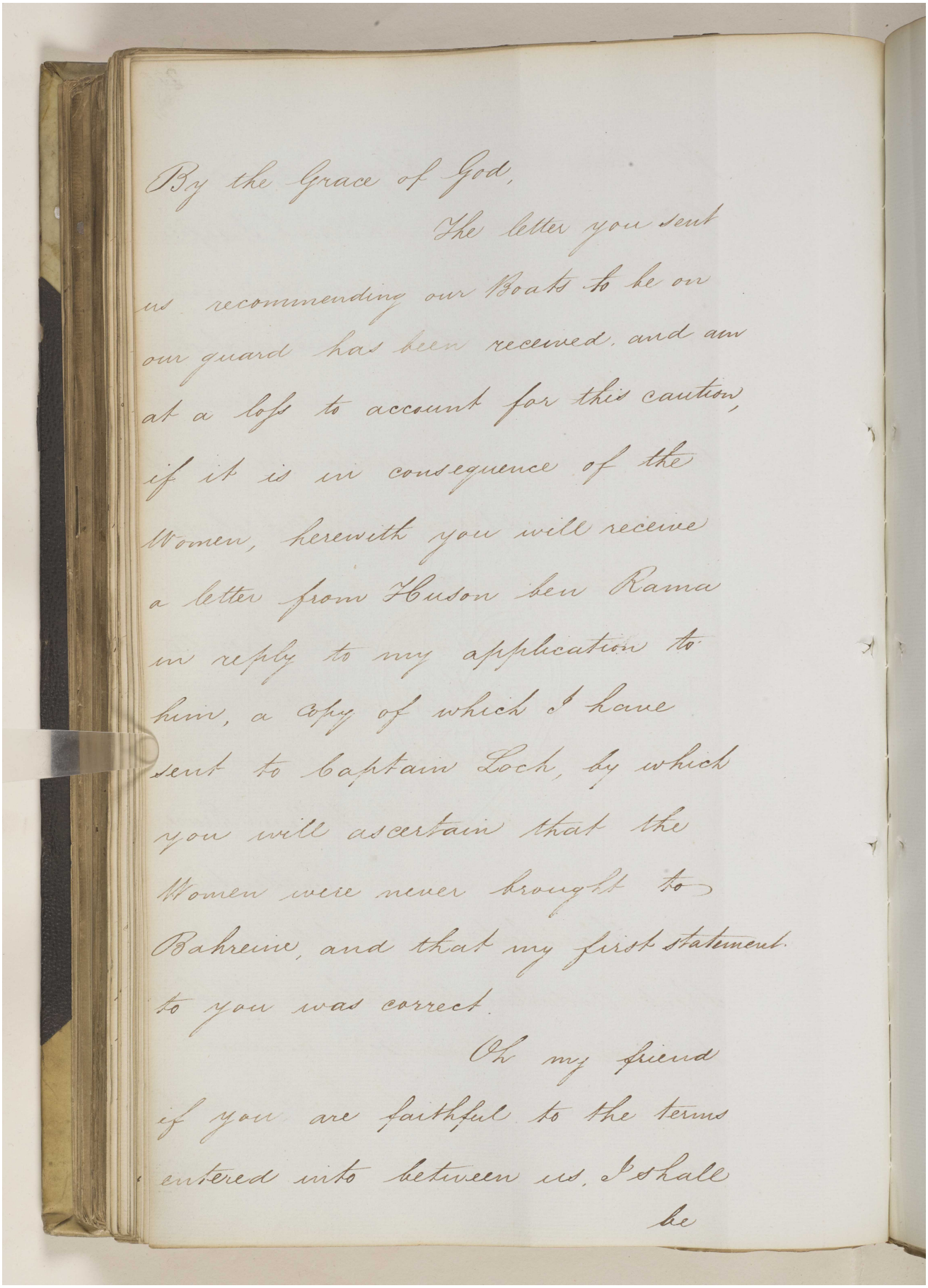
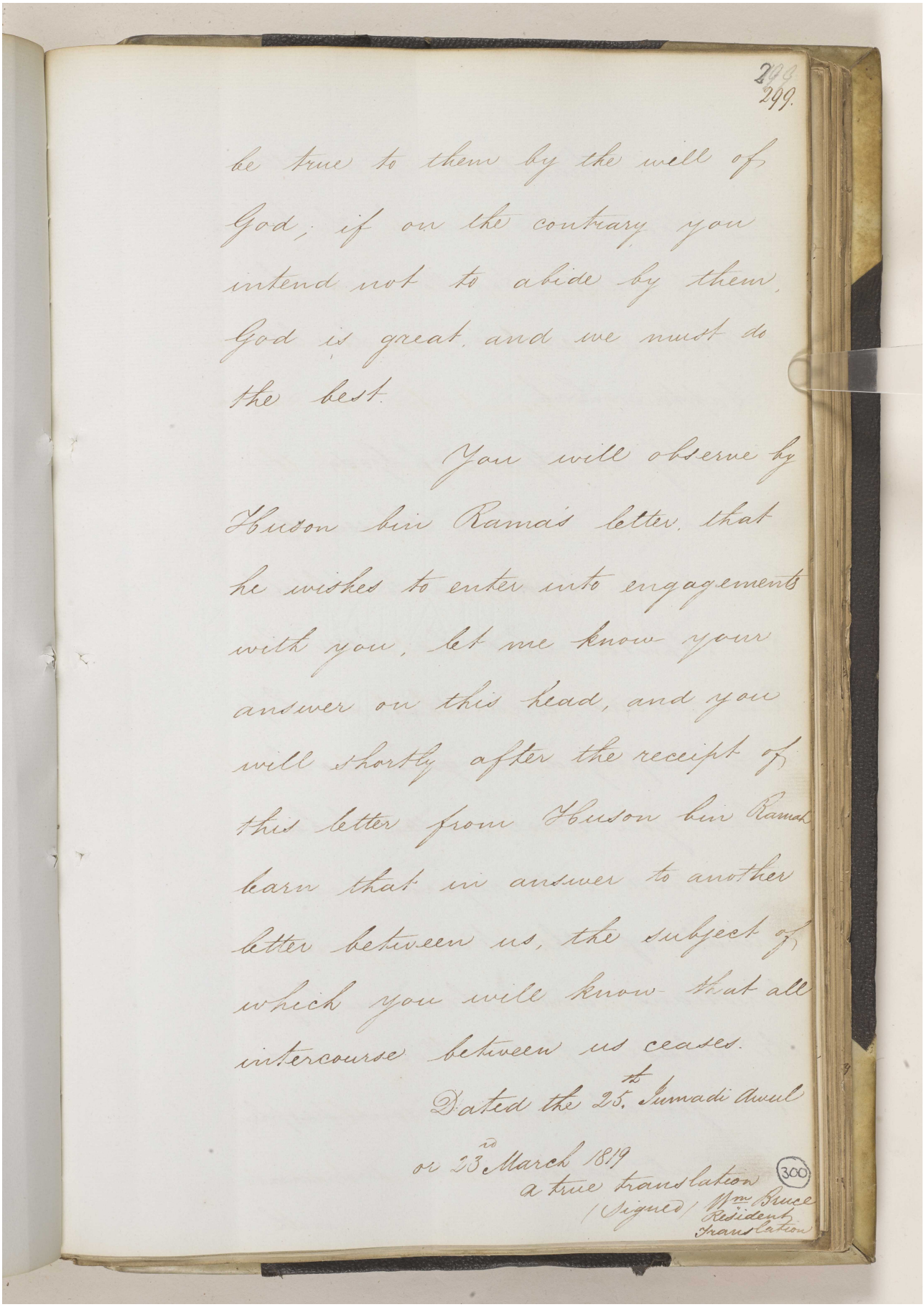


By the Grace of God,

The letter you sent us recommending our Boats to be on our guard has been received, and am at a loss to account for this caution, if it is in consequence of the Women, herewith you will receive a letter from Hudson ben Rama in reply to my application to him, a Copy of which I have sent to Captain Loch, by which you will ascertain that the Women were never brought to Bahreine, and that my first statement to you was correct.

Oh my friend if you are faithful to the terms entered into between us, I shall be



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be true to them by the will of God; if on the contrary you intend not to abide by them, God is great, and we must do the best.

You will observe by Hudson bin Ramah's letter, that he wishes to enter into engagements with you, let me know your answer on this head, and you will shortly after the receipt of this letter from Hudson bin Ramah learn that in answer to another letter between us, the subject of which you will know that all intercourse between us ceases.

Dated the 25th Jumadi Awul

or 23d March 1819

a true translation
(Signed) Wm Bruce
Resident
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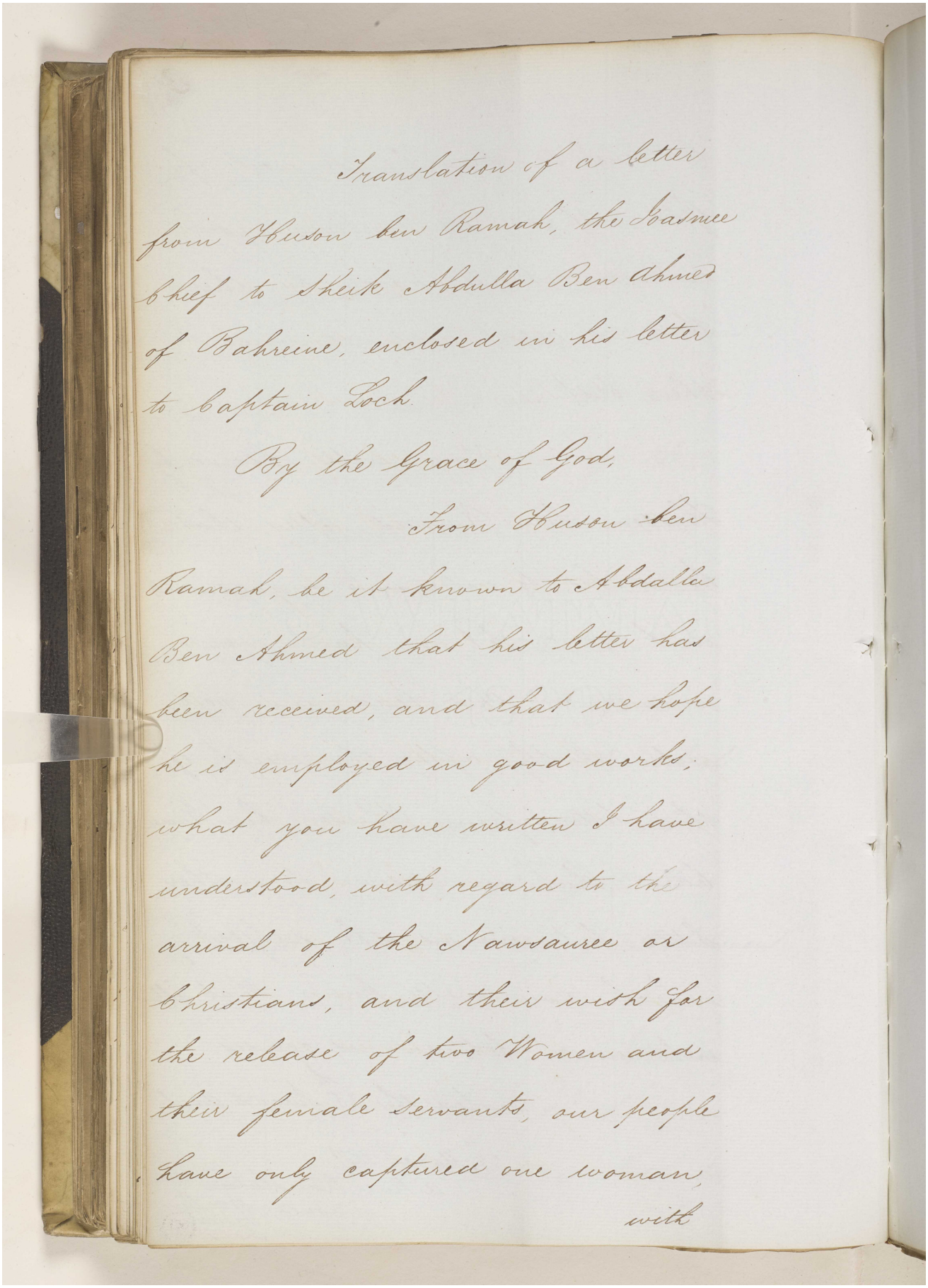
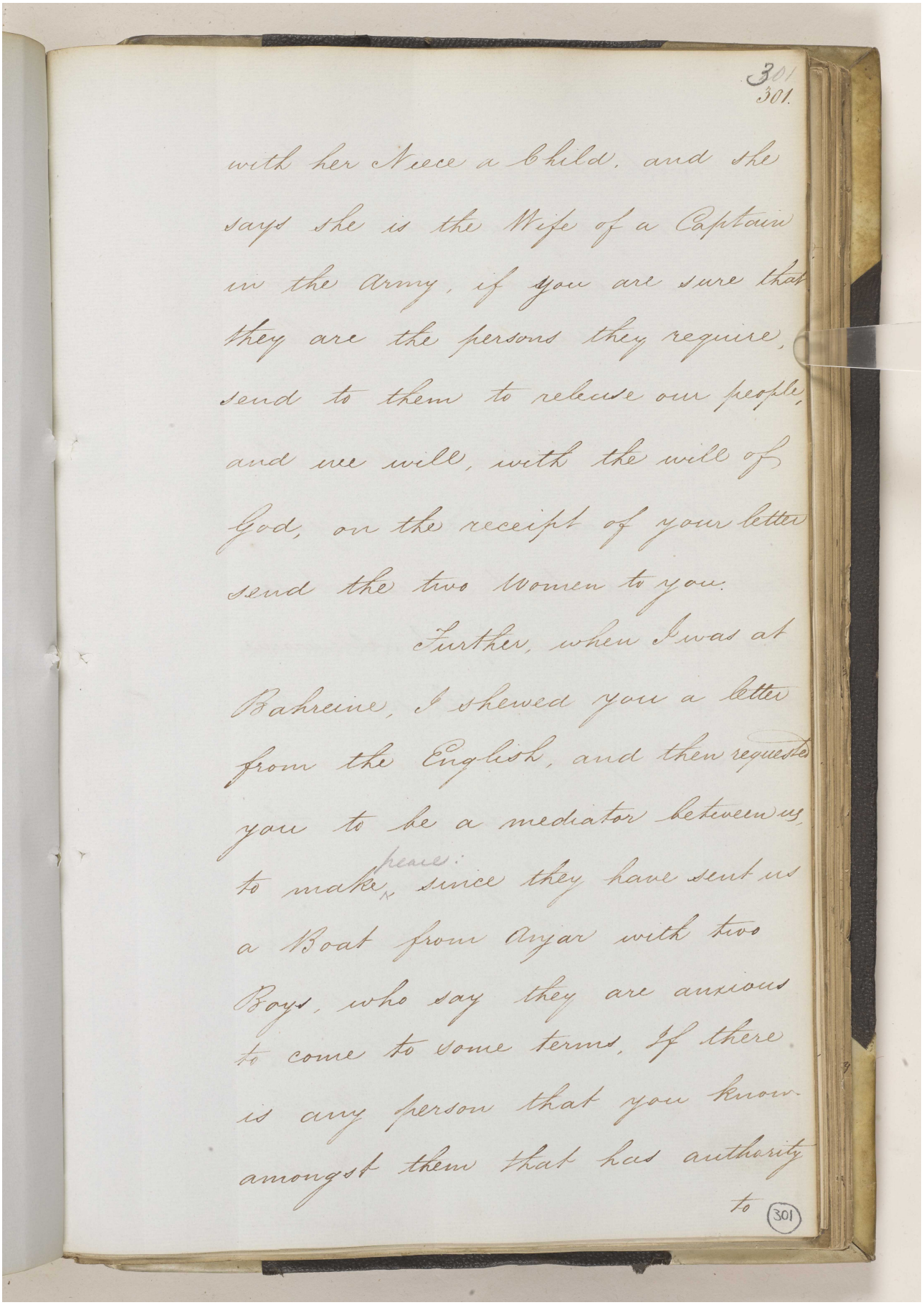


Translation of a letter from Hussun ben Ramah, the Joasmee chief to Sheik Abdulla Ben Ahmed of Bahreine, enclosed in his letter to Captain Loch.

By the Grace of God,

From Hussun ben Ramah, be it known to Abdalla Ben Ahmed that his letter has been received, and that we hope he is employed in good works. what you have written I have understood, with regard to the arrival of the Nawsauree or Christians, and their wish for the release of two Women and their female servants, our people have only captured one woman, with



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with her Neece a Child, and she
says she is the Wife of a Captain
in the Army, if you are sure that
they are the persons they require,
send to them to release our people,
and we will, with the will of
God, on the receipt of your letter
send the two Women to you.

Further, when I was at
Bahreine, I shewed you a letter
from the English, and then requested
you to be a mediator between us,
to make peace; since they have sent us
a Boat from Anjar with two
Boys, who say they are anxious
to come to some terms. If there
is any person that you know
amongst them that has authority
to

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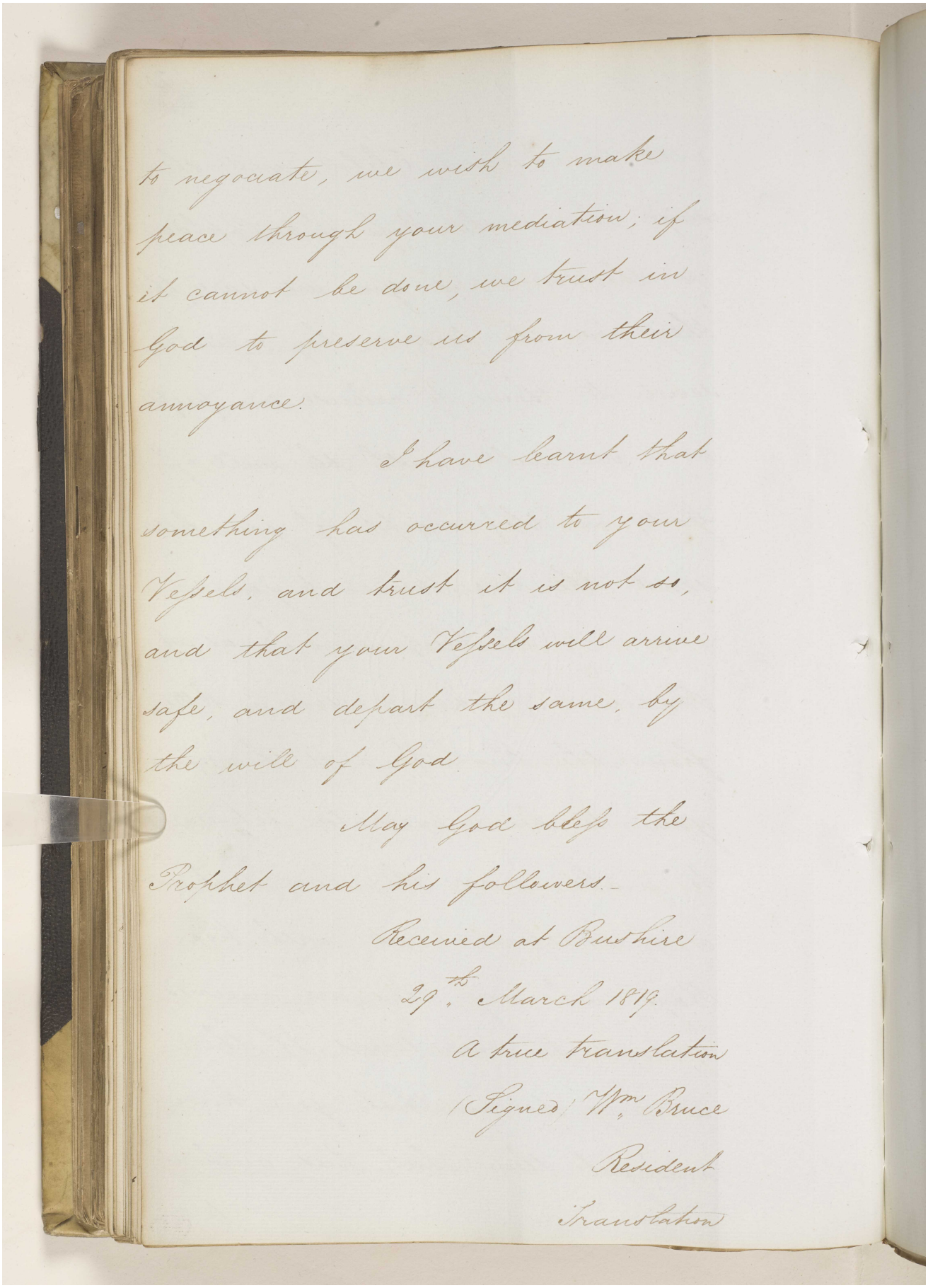

to negociate, we wish to make peace through your mediation; if it cannot be done, we trust in God to preserve us from their annoyance.

I have learnt that something has occurred to your Vessels, and trust it is not so, and that your Vessels will arrive safe, and depart the same, by the will of God.

May God bless the Prophet and his followers.

Received at Bushire
29th March 1819.

a true translation
(Signed) Wm. Bruce
Resident

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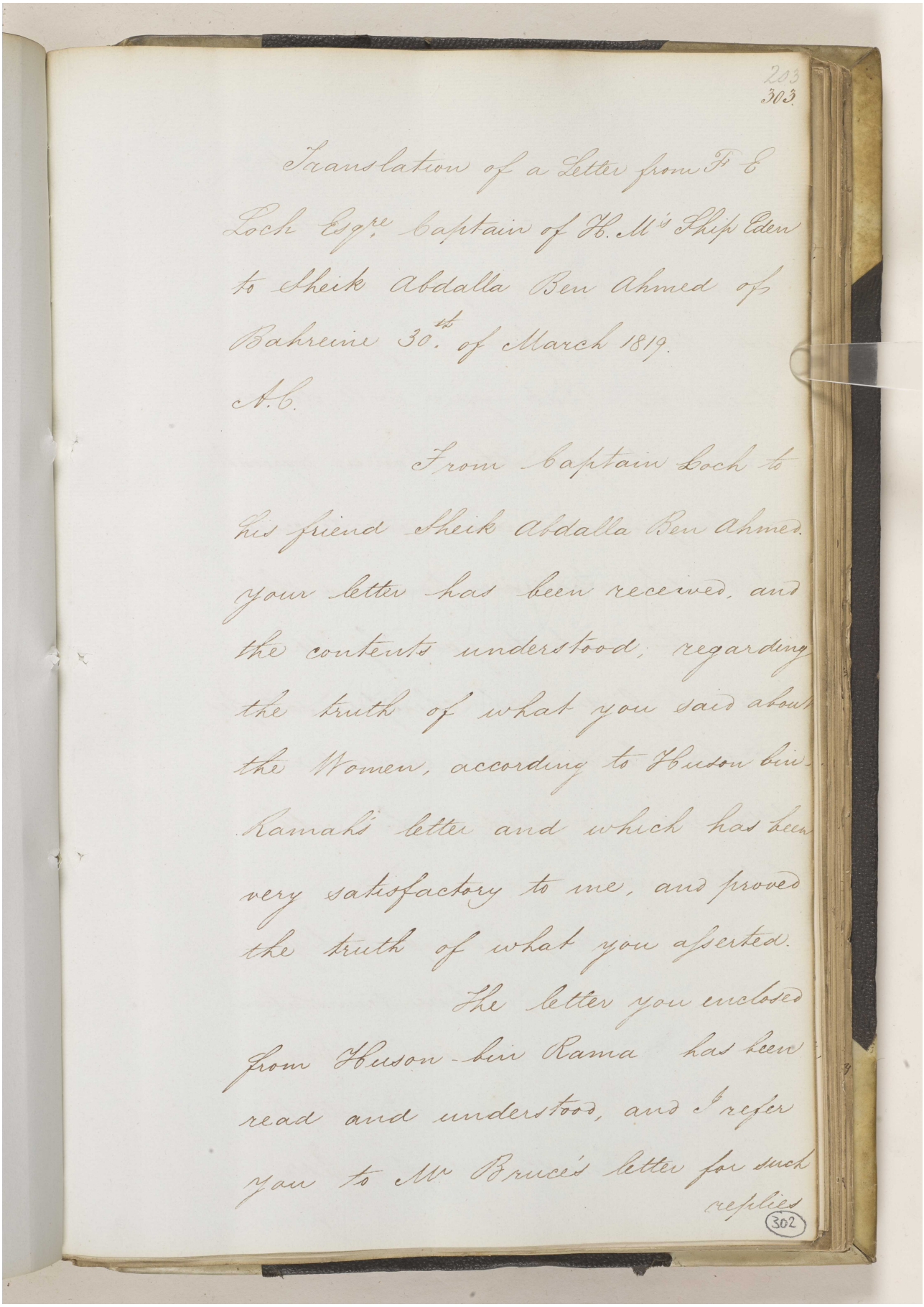

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Translation of a Letter from F. E Loch Esqr. Captain of H. M.s Ship Eden to Sheik Abdalla Ben Ahmed of Bahreine 30.th of March 1819.

A.L.

From Captain Loch to his friend Sheik Abdalla Ben Ahmed.

your letter has been received, and the contents understood; regarding the truth of what you said about the Women, according to Houson bin Ramah's letter and which has been very satisfactory to me, and proved the truth of what you asserted.

The letter you enclosed from Houson-bin Rama has been read and understood, and I refer you to Mr Bruce's letter for such replies

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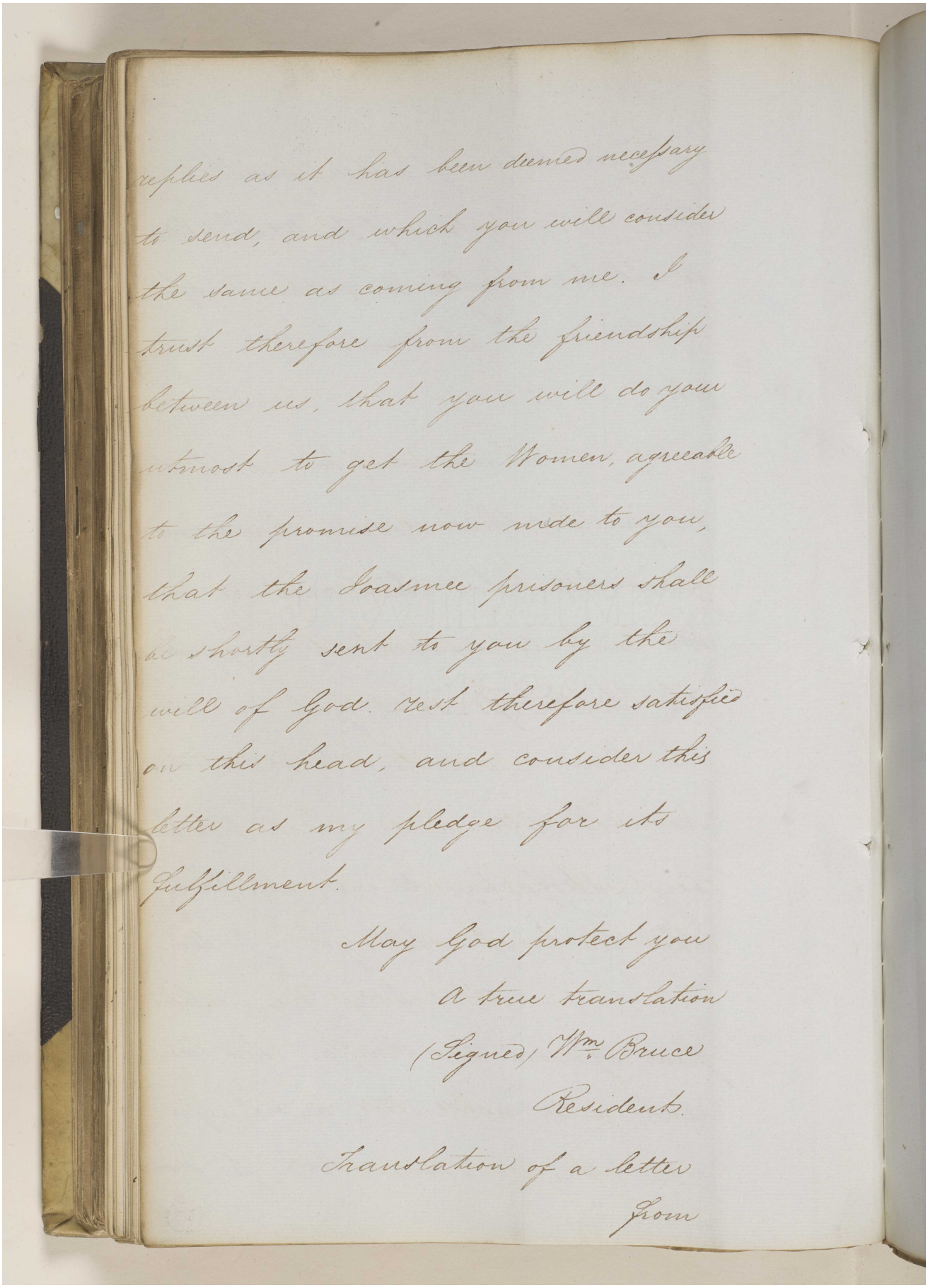

replies as it has been deemed necessary
to send, and which you will consider
the same as coming from me. I
trust therefore from the friendship
between us, that you will do your
utmost to get the Women, agreeable
to the promise now made to you,
that the Joasmee prisoners shall
be shortly sent to you by the
will of God. rest therefore satisfied
on this head, and consider this
letter as my pledge for its
fulfillment.

May God protect you

A true translation

(Signed) Wm. Bruce

Resident.

Translation of a letter

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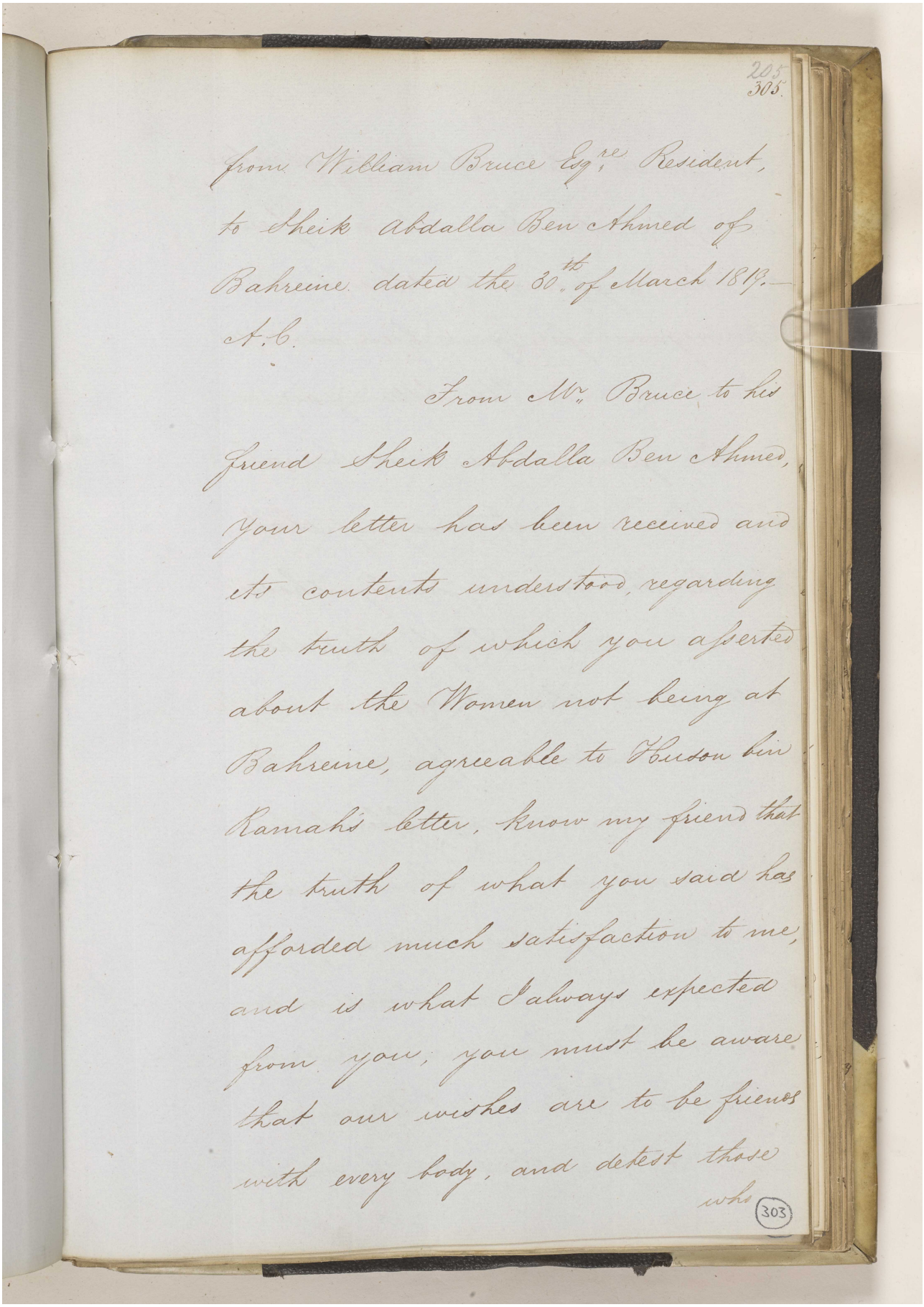

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from William Bruce Esq.re Resident,
to Sheik abdalla Ben Ahmed of
Bahreine dated the 20.th of March 1819.—
A.C.

From Mr. Bruce to his
friend Sheik Abdalla Ben Ahmed,
your letter has been received and
its contents understood, regarding
the truth of which you asserted
about the Women not being at
Bahreine, agreeable to Poudon bin
Ramah's letter, know my friend that
the truth of what you said has
afforded much satisfaction to me,
and is what I always expected
from you; you must be aware
that our wishes are to be friends
with every body, and detest those
who

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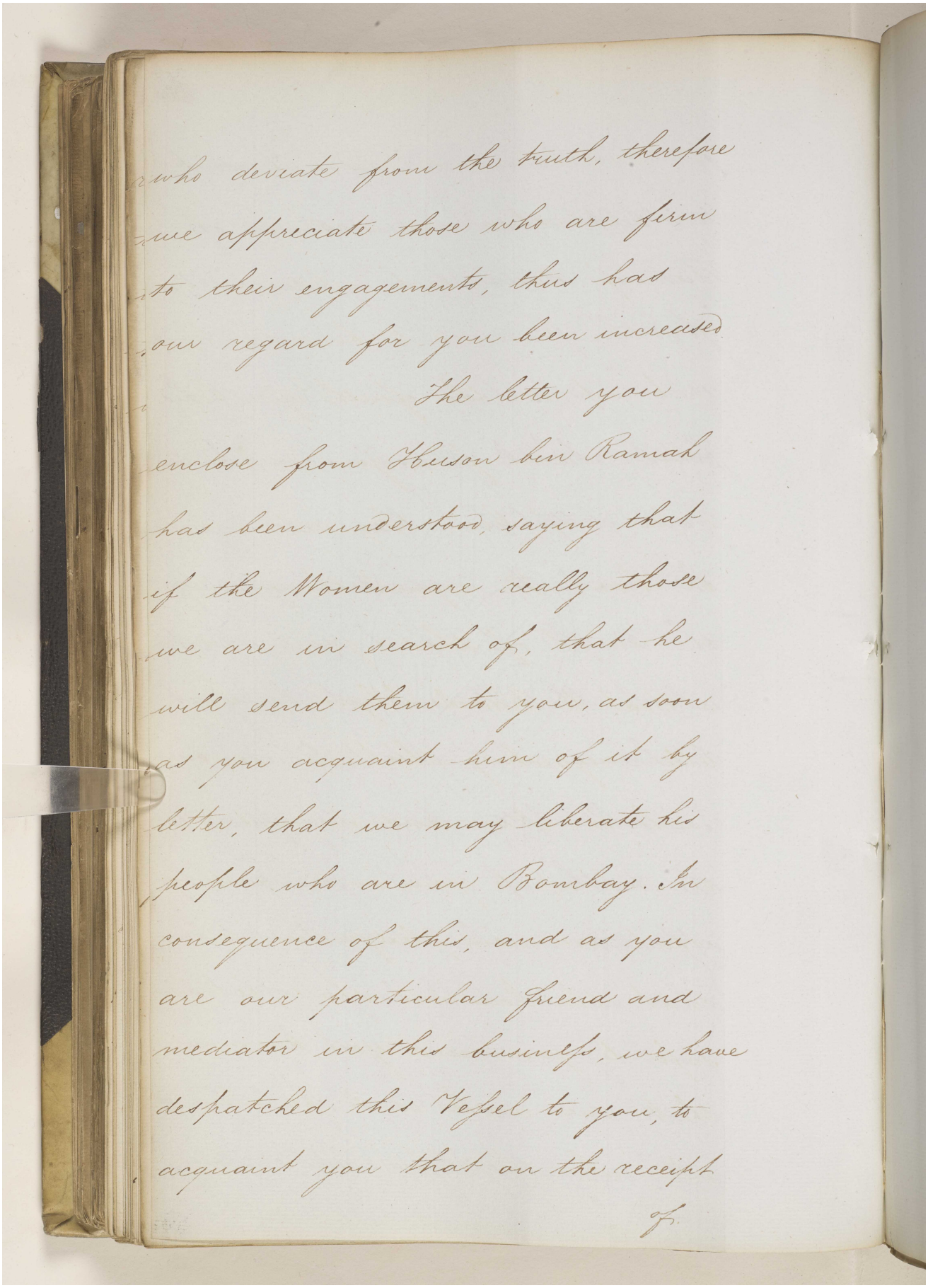
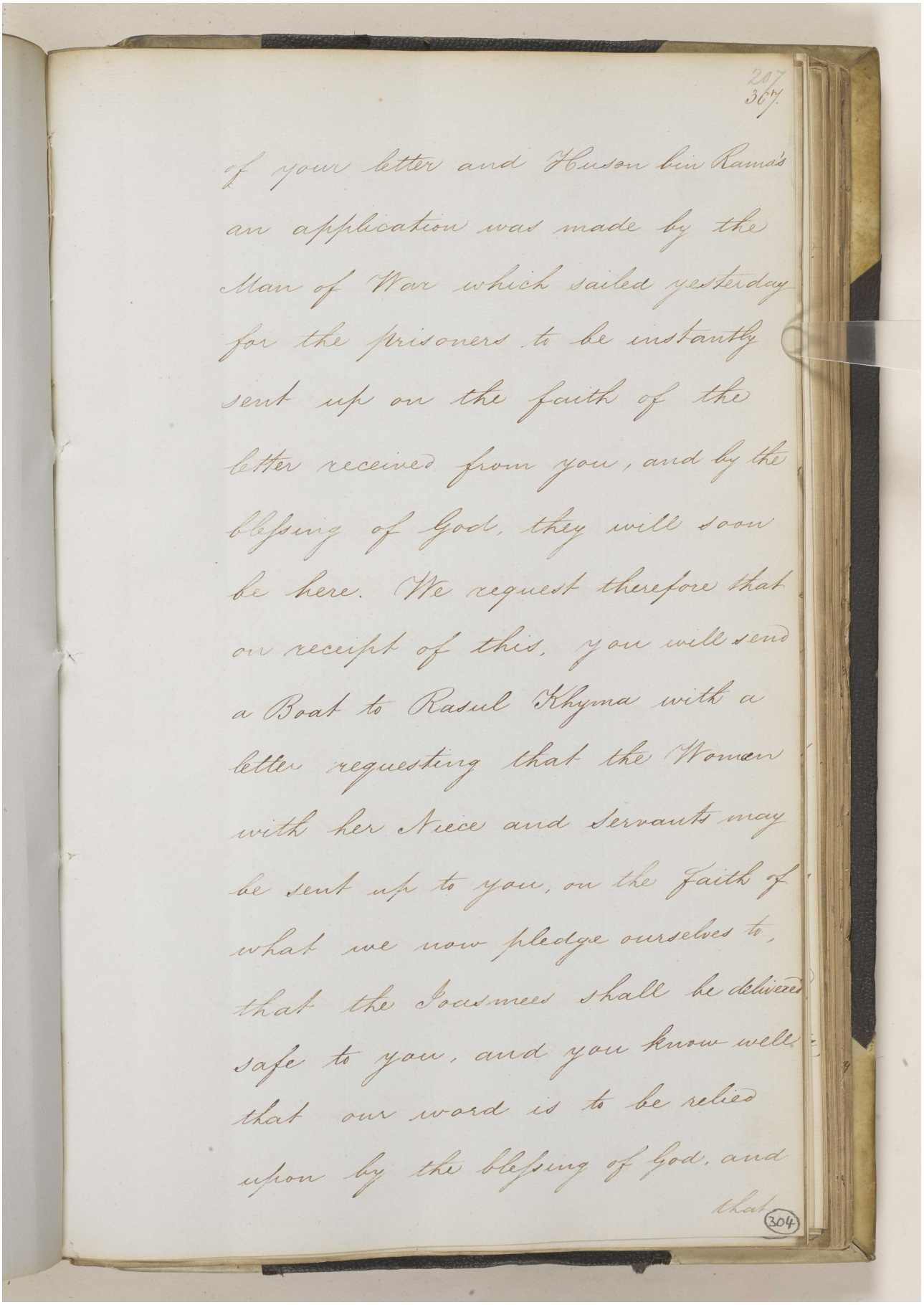


who deviate from the truth, therefore
we appreciate those who are firm
to their engagements, thus has
our regard for you been increased
The letter you
enclose from Hussun bin Ramah
has been understood, saying that
if the Women are really those
we are in search of, that he
will send them to you, as soon
as you acquaint him of it by
letter, that we may liberate his
people who are in Bombay. In
consequence of this, and as you
are our particular friend and
mediator in this busineſs, we have
despatched this Vessel to you, to
acquaint you that on the receipt
of



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of your letter and Hussun bin Rama's
an application was made by the
Man of War which sailed yesterday
for the prisoners to be instantly
sent up on the faith of the
letter received from you, and by the
blessing of God, they will soon
be here. We request therefore that
on receipt of this, you will send
a Boat to Rasul Khyma with a
letter requesting that the Women
with her Niece and Servants may
be sent up to you, on the faith of
what we now pledge ourselves to,
that the Joasmees shall be delivered
safe to you, and you know well
that our word is to be relied
upon by the blessing of God, and
that

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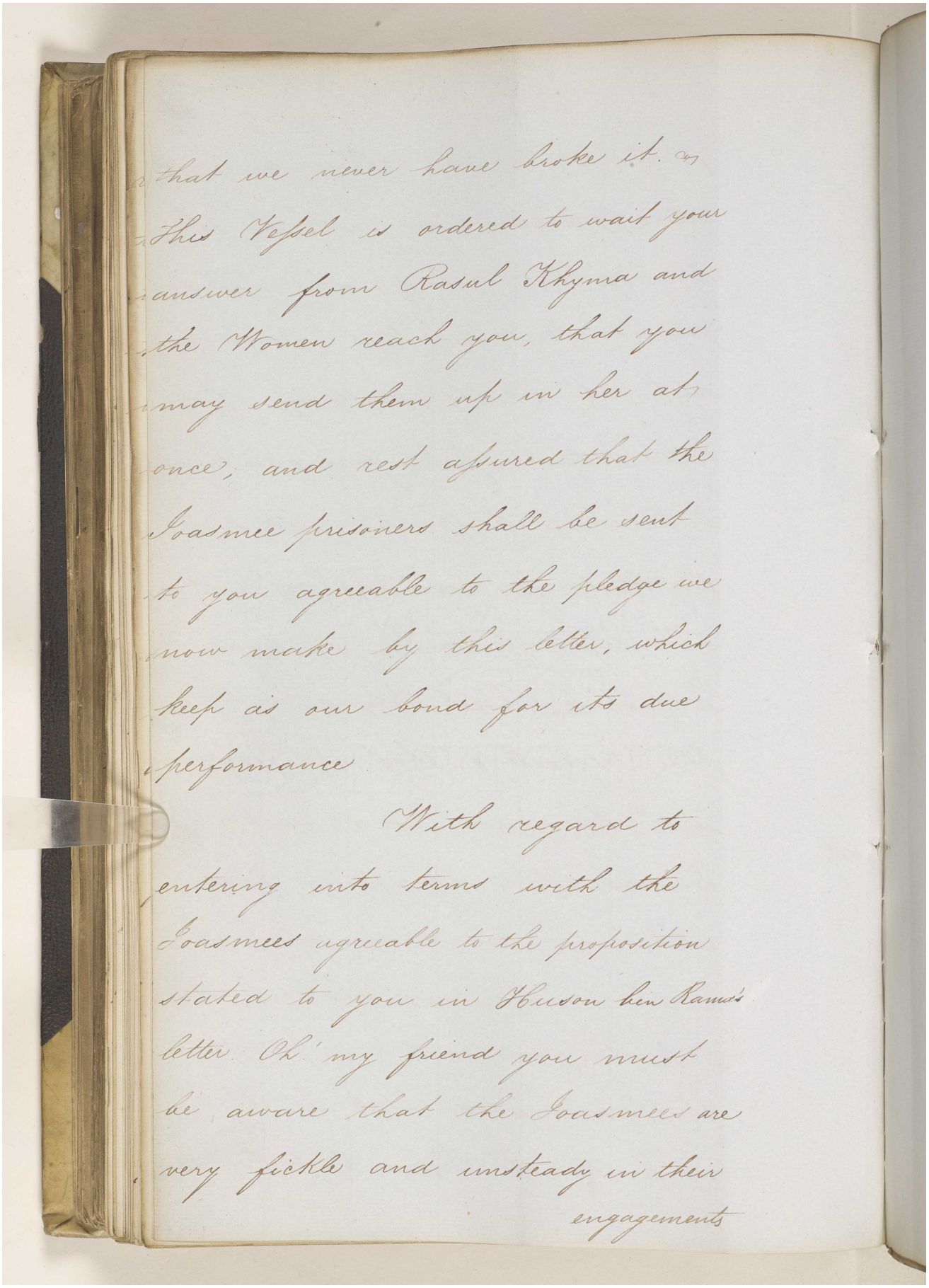
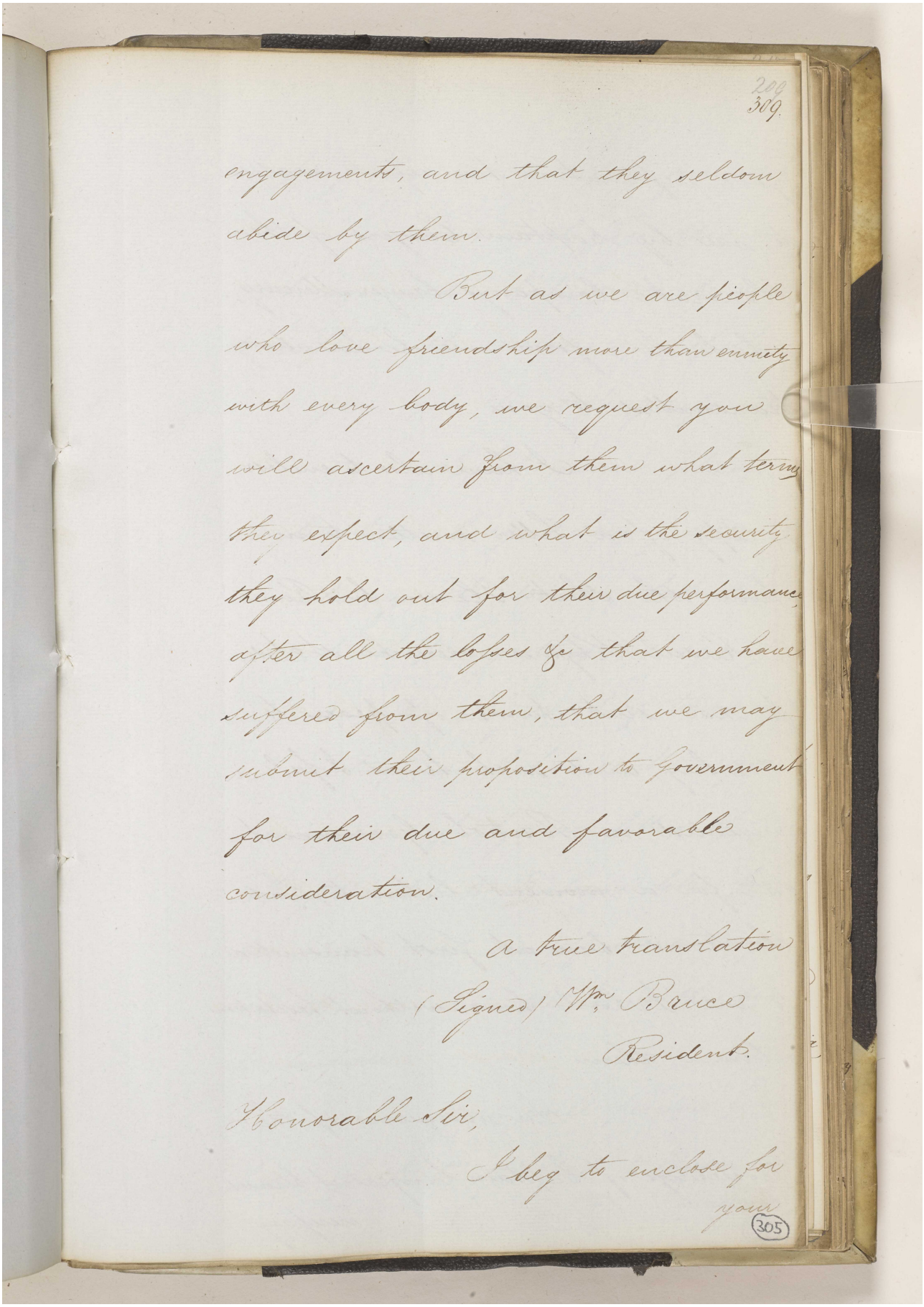


that we never have broke it. As
this Vessel is ordered to wait your
answer from Rasul Khyma and
the Women reach you, that you
may send them up in her at
once; and rest assured that the
Joasmee prisoners shall be sent
to you agreeable to the pledge we
now make by this letter, which
keep as our bond for its due
performance

With regard to
entering into terms with the
Joasmees agreeable to the proposition
stated to you in Hassan bin Rama's
letter. Oh! my friend you must
be aware that the Joasmees are
very fickle and unsteady in their
engagements



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engagements, and that they seldom abide by them.

But as we are people who love friendship more than enmity with every body, we request you will ascertain from them what terms they expect, and what is the security they hold out for their due performance after all the losses & that we have suffered from them, that we may submit their proposition to Government for their due and favorable consideration.

a true translation
(Signed) Wm. Bruce
Resident.

Honorable Sir,

I beg to enclose for your

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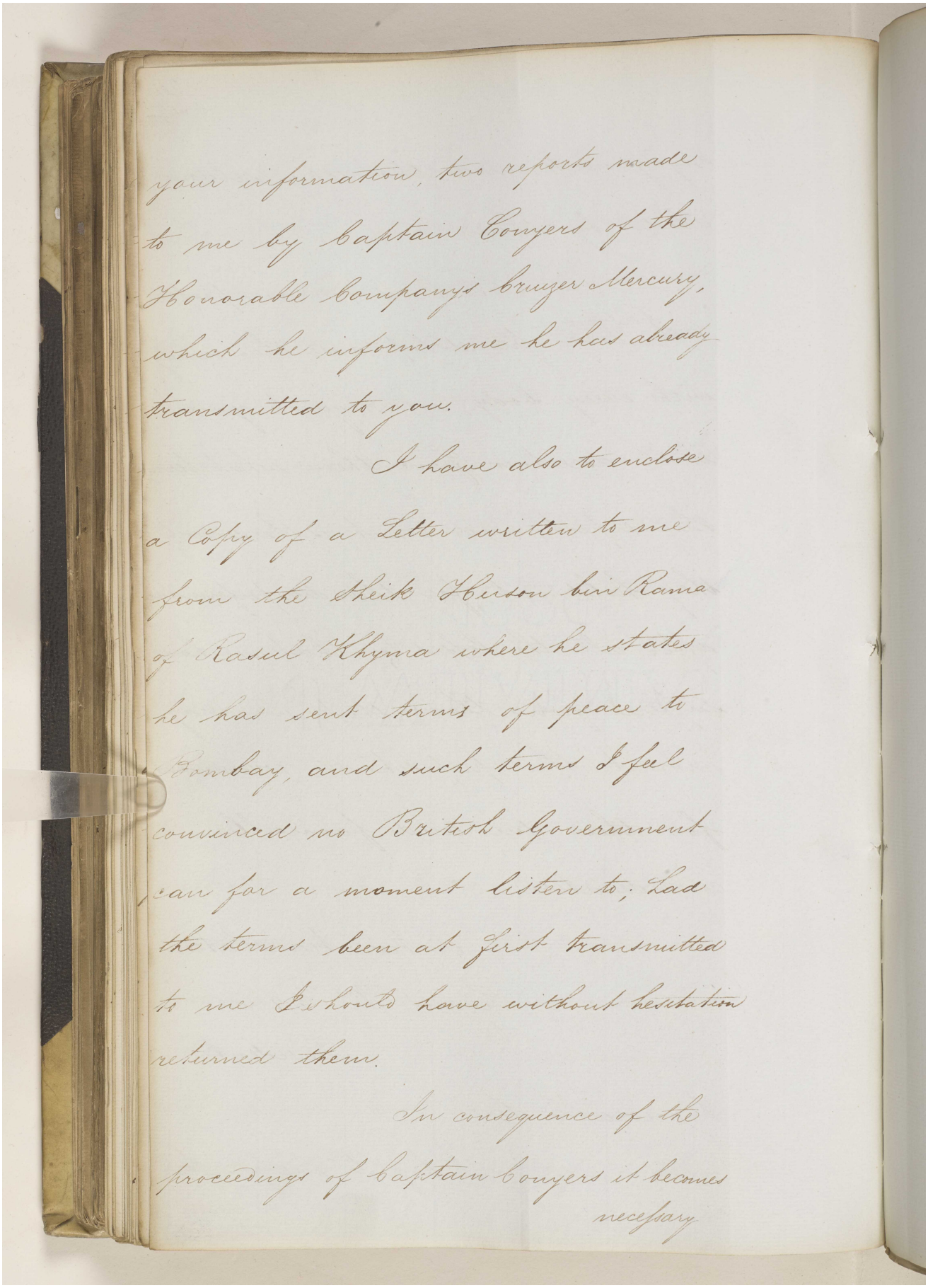
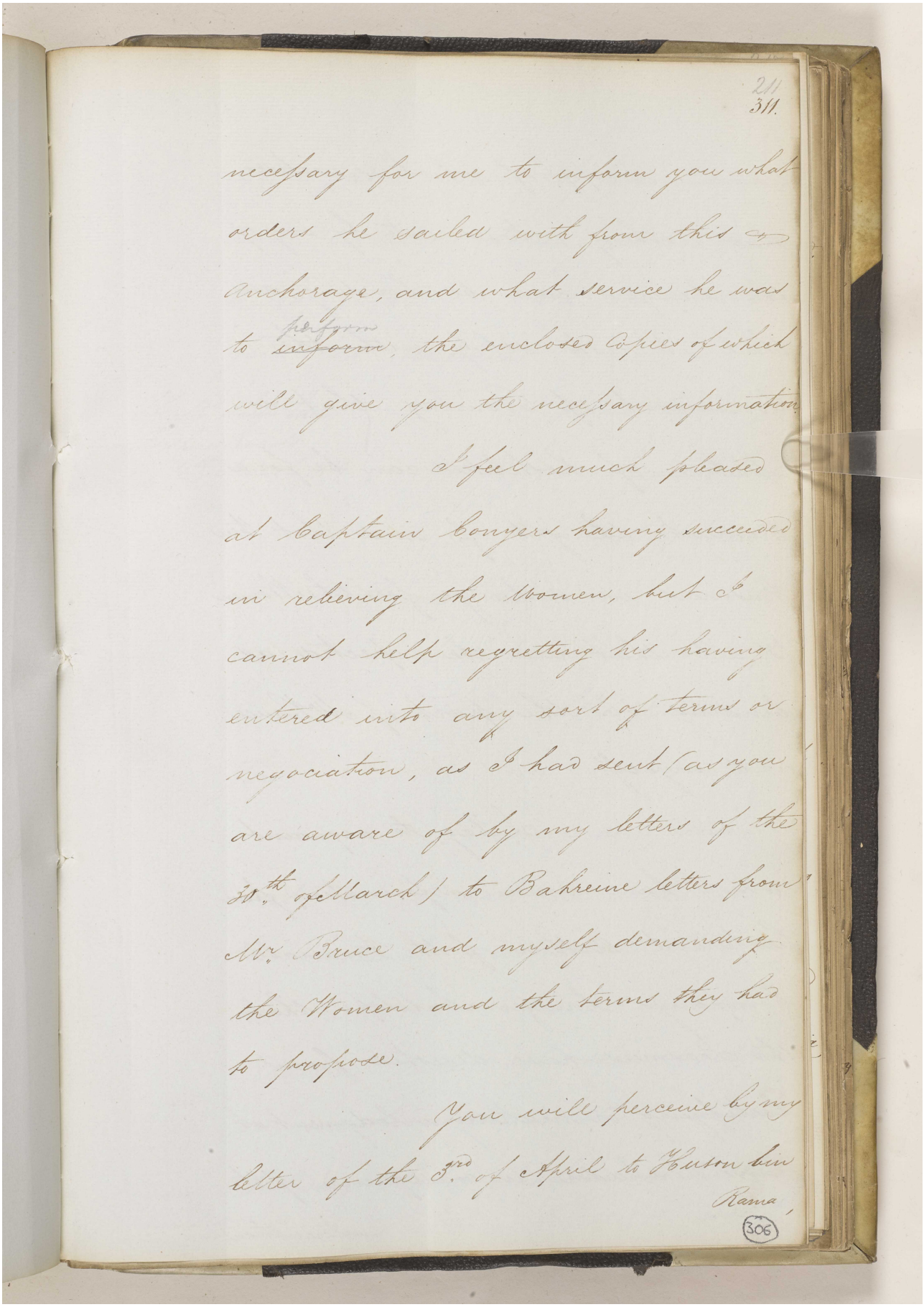


your information, two reports made to me by Captain Conyers of the Honorable Company's Cruizer Mercury, which he informs me he has already transmitted to you.

I have also to enclose a Copy of a Letter written to me from the Sheik Hurson bin Rama of Rasul Khyma where he states he has sent terms of peace to Bombay, and such terms I feel convinced no British Government can for a moment listen to; had the terms been at first transmitted to me I should have without hesitation returned them.

In consequence of the proceedings of Captain Conyers it becomes necessary



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necessary for me to inform you what orders he sailed with from this Anchorage, and what service he was to perform, the enclosed Copies of which will give you the necessary information.

I feel much pleased at Captain Bowyers having succeeded in relieving the Women, but I cannot help regretting his having entered into any sort of terms or negociation, as I had sent (as you are aware of by my letters of the 30.th of March) to Bahreine letters from Mr. Bruce and myself demanding the Women and the terms they had to propose.

You will perceive by my letter of the 3.rd of April to Houton bin Rama,

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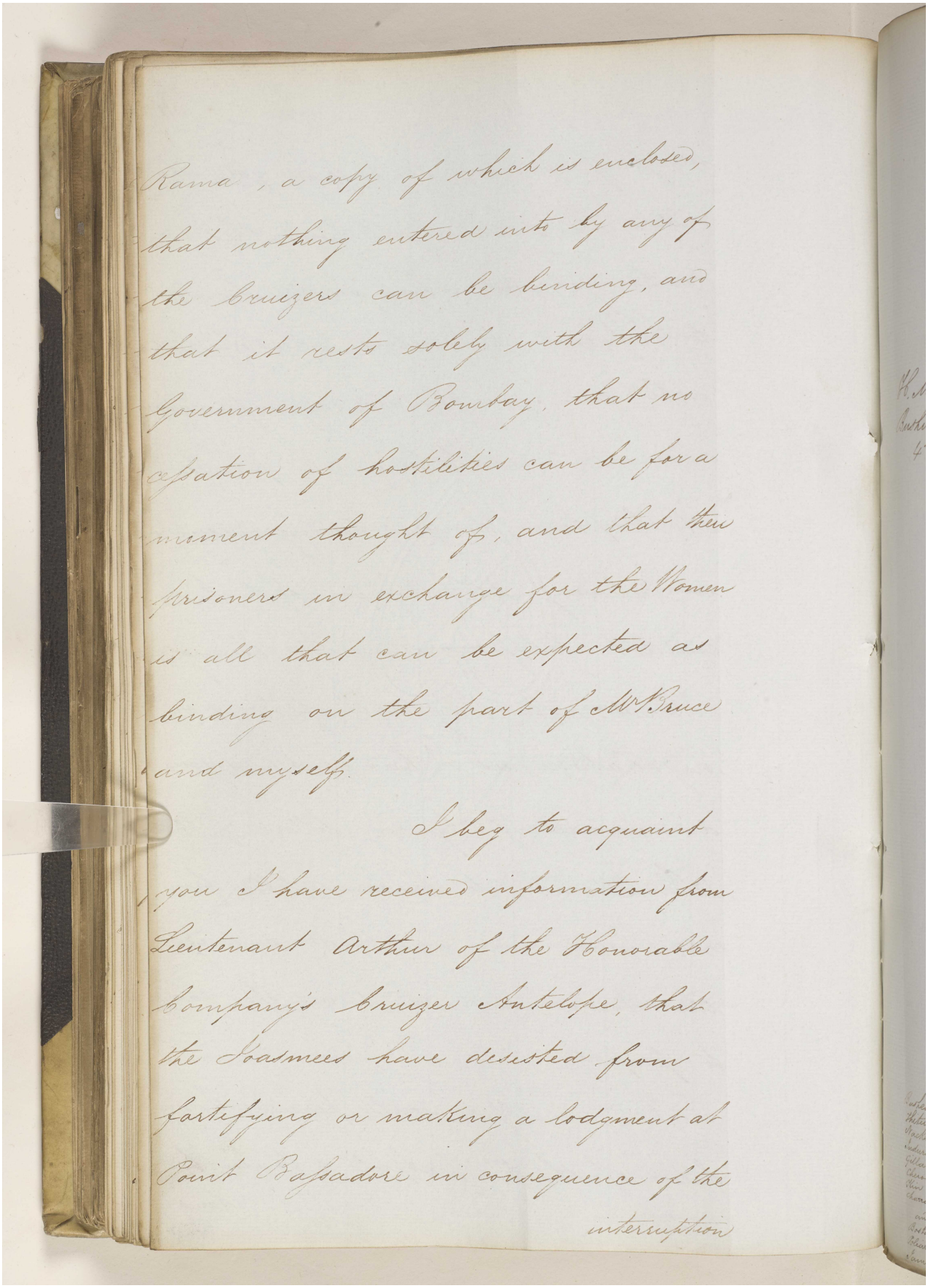
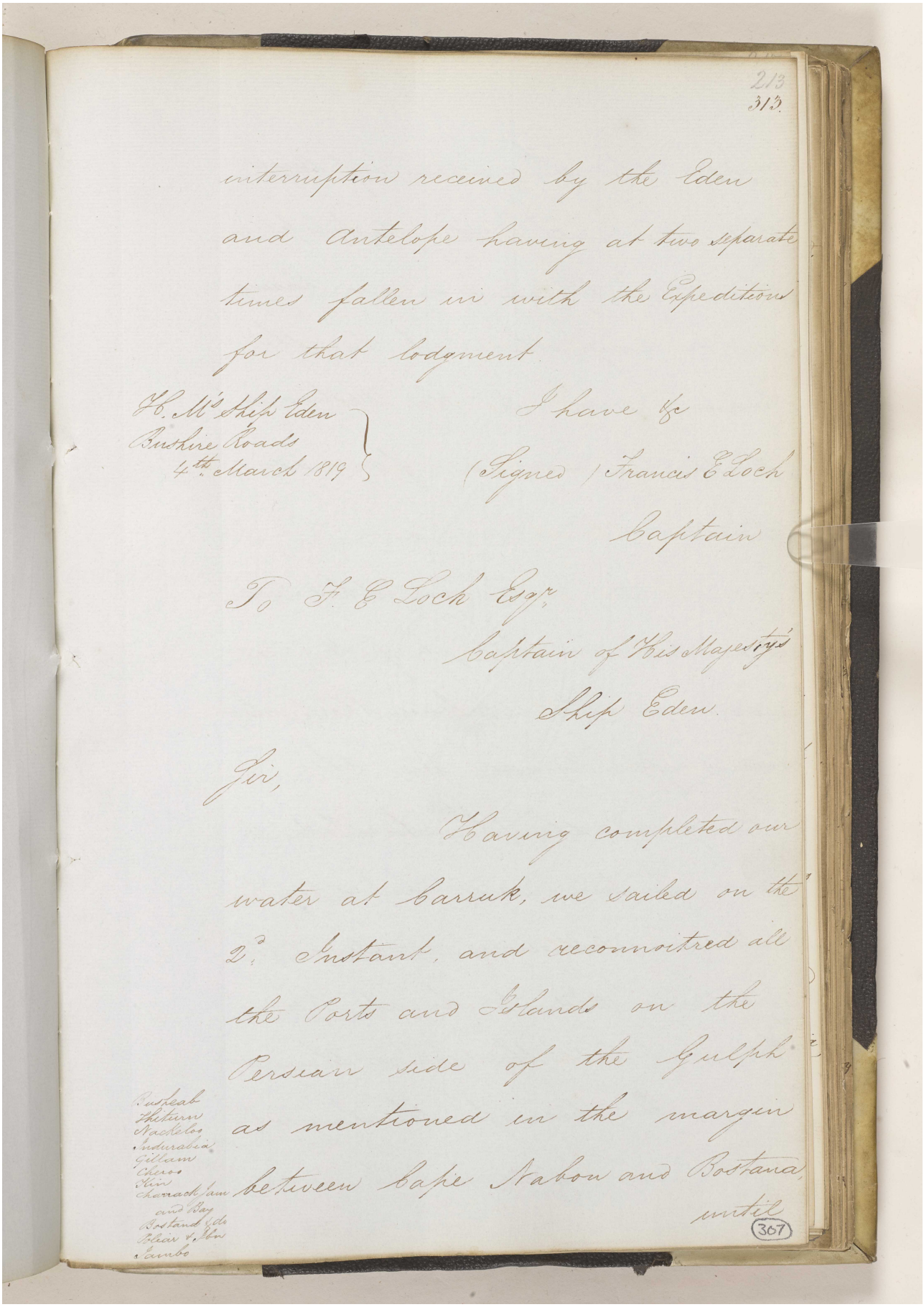


Rama, a copy of which is enclosed, that nothing entered into by any of the Cruizers can be binding, and that it rests solely with the Government of Bombay, that no cessation of hostilities can be for a moment thought of, and that the prisoners in exchange for the Women is all that can be expected as binding on the part of Mr. Bruce and myself.

I beg to acquaint you I have received information from Lieutenant Arthur of the Honorable Company's Cruizer Antelope, that the Joasmees have desisted from fortifying or making a lodgment at Point Bafsadore in consequence of the interruption



interruption received by the Eden and Antelope having at two separate times fallen in with the Expeditions for that lodgment.

H. M's Ship Eden
Bushire Roads
4th March 1819

I have &c
(Signed) Francis E Loch
Captain

To F. E Loch Esqr.
Captain of His Majesty's
Ship Eden.

Sir,

Having completed our water at Carruk, we sailed on the 2d Instant, and reconnoitred all the Ports and Islands on the Persian side of the Gulph as mentioned in the margin between Cape Nabon and Bostana, until

Busheab
Thiturn
Nackeloo
Indurabia
Gillam
Cheroo
Kin
Charrack Jam
and Bay
Bostana & do
Poliar & Ibn
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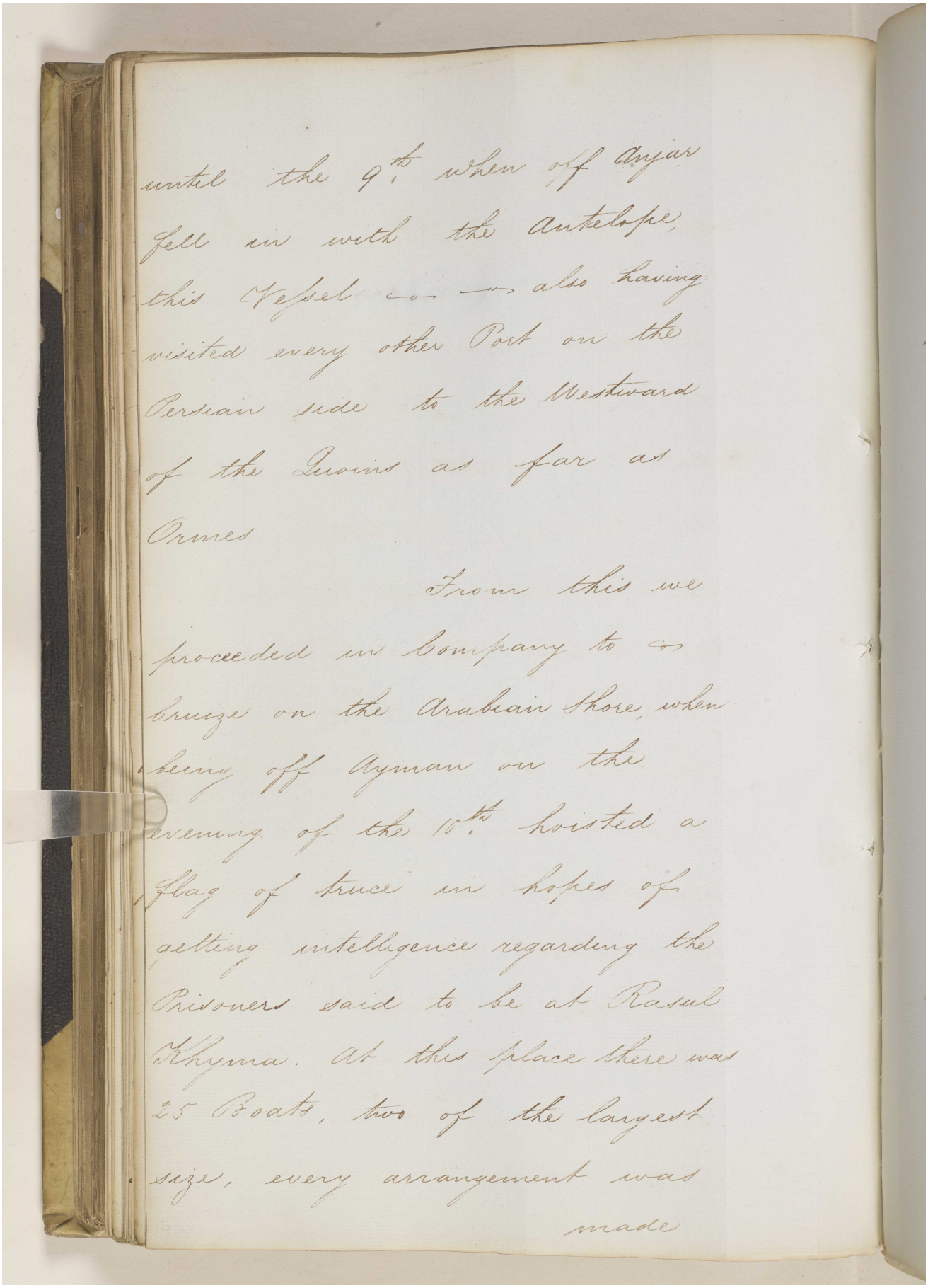
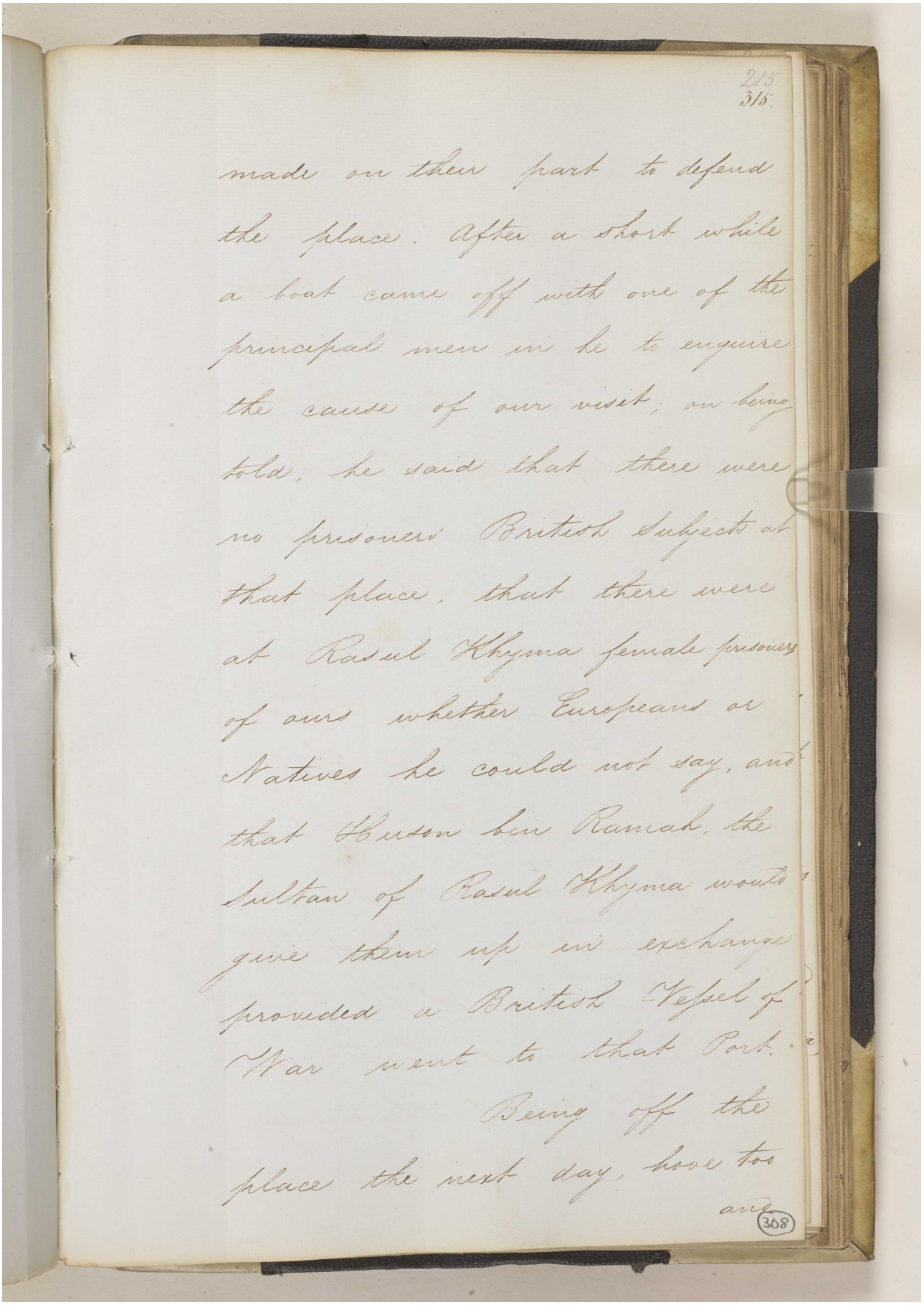


until the 9th. when off Anjar fell in with the Antelope, this Vessel — — also having visited every other Port on the Persian side to the Westward of the Quoins as far as Ormes.

From this we proceeded in Company to — Linga on the Arabian Shore, when being off Ayman on the evening of the 15th. hoisted a flag of truce in hopes of getting intelligence regarding the Prisoners said to be at Rasul Khyma. At this place there was 25 Boats, two of the largest size, every arrangement was made



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made on their part to defend
the place. After a short while
a boat came off with one of the
principal men in he to enquire
the cause of our visit; on being
told, he said that there were
no prisoners British Subjects at
that place, that there were
at Rasul Khyma female prisoners
of ours whether Europeans or
Natives he could not say, and
that Hudon bin Ramah, the
Sultan of Rasul Khyma would
give them up in exchange
provided a British Vessel of
War went to that Port.

Being off the
place the next day, hove too
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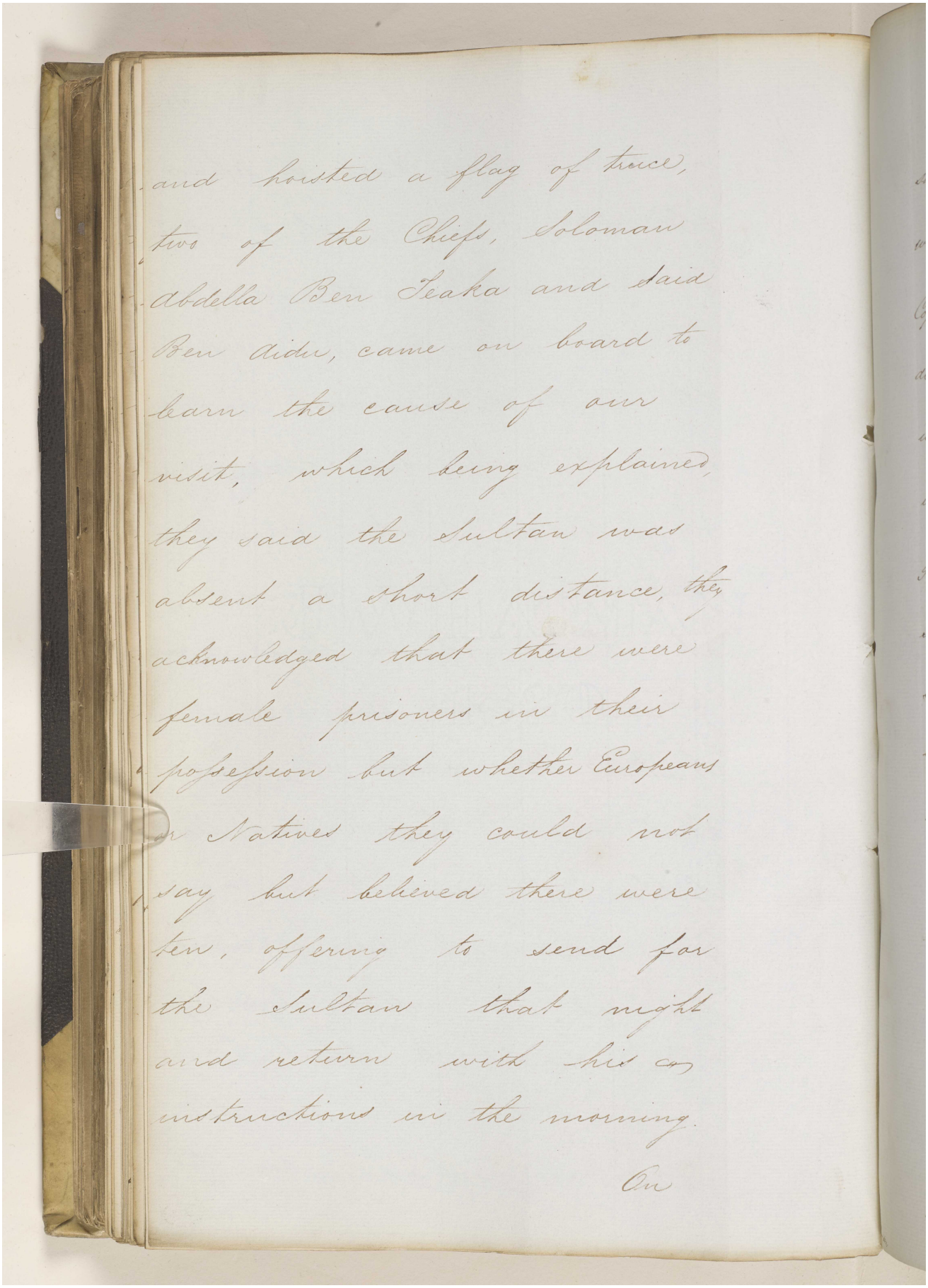

and hoisted a flag of truce,
two of the Chiefs, Soloman
Abdella Ben Seaka and Said
Ben Aidu, came on board to
learn the cause of our
visit, which being explained,
they said the Sultan was
absent a short distance, they
acknowledged that there were
female prisoners in their
possession but whether Europeans
or Natives they could not
say but believed there were
ten, offering to send for
the Sultan that night
and return with his
instructions in the morning.

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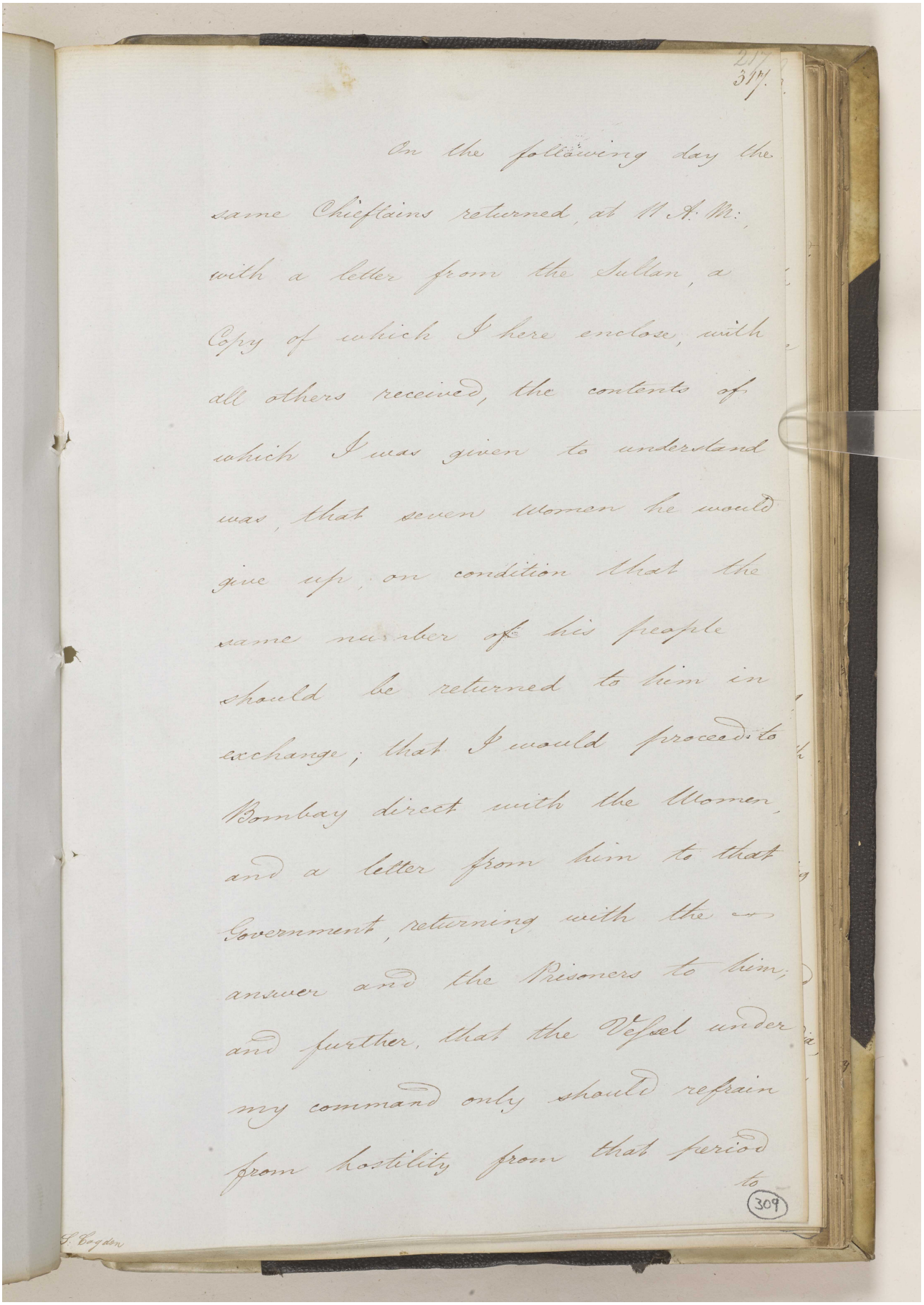

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On the following day the same Chieftains returned at 11 A. M. with a letter from the Sultan, a Copy of which I here enclose, with all others received, the contents of which I was given to understand was, that seven Women he would give up, on condition that the same number of his people should be returned to him in exchange; that I would proceed to Bombay direct with the Women, and a letter from him to that Government, returning with the answer and the Prisoners to him; and further, that the Vessel under my command only should refrain from hostility from that period to

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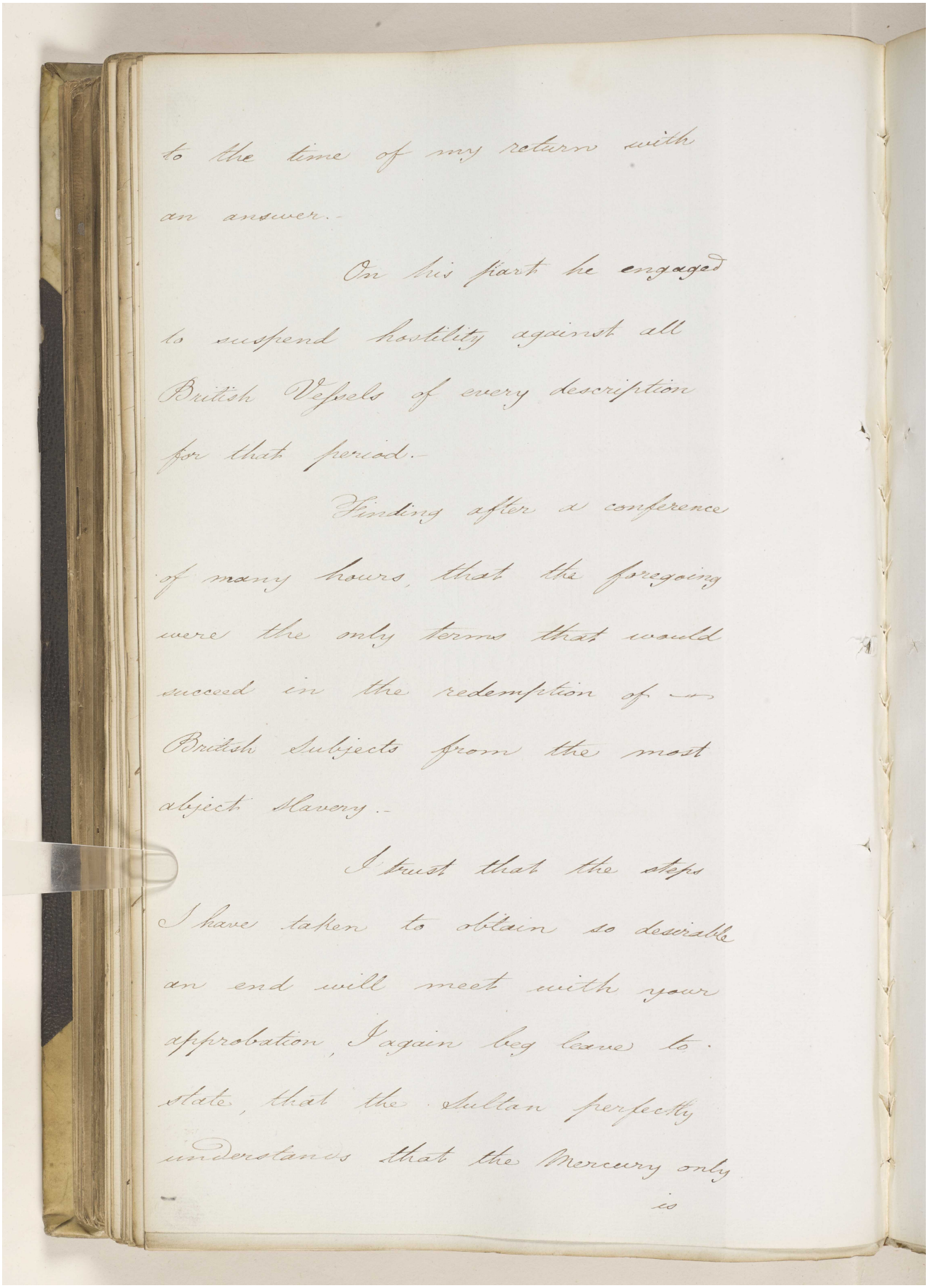
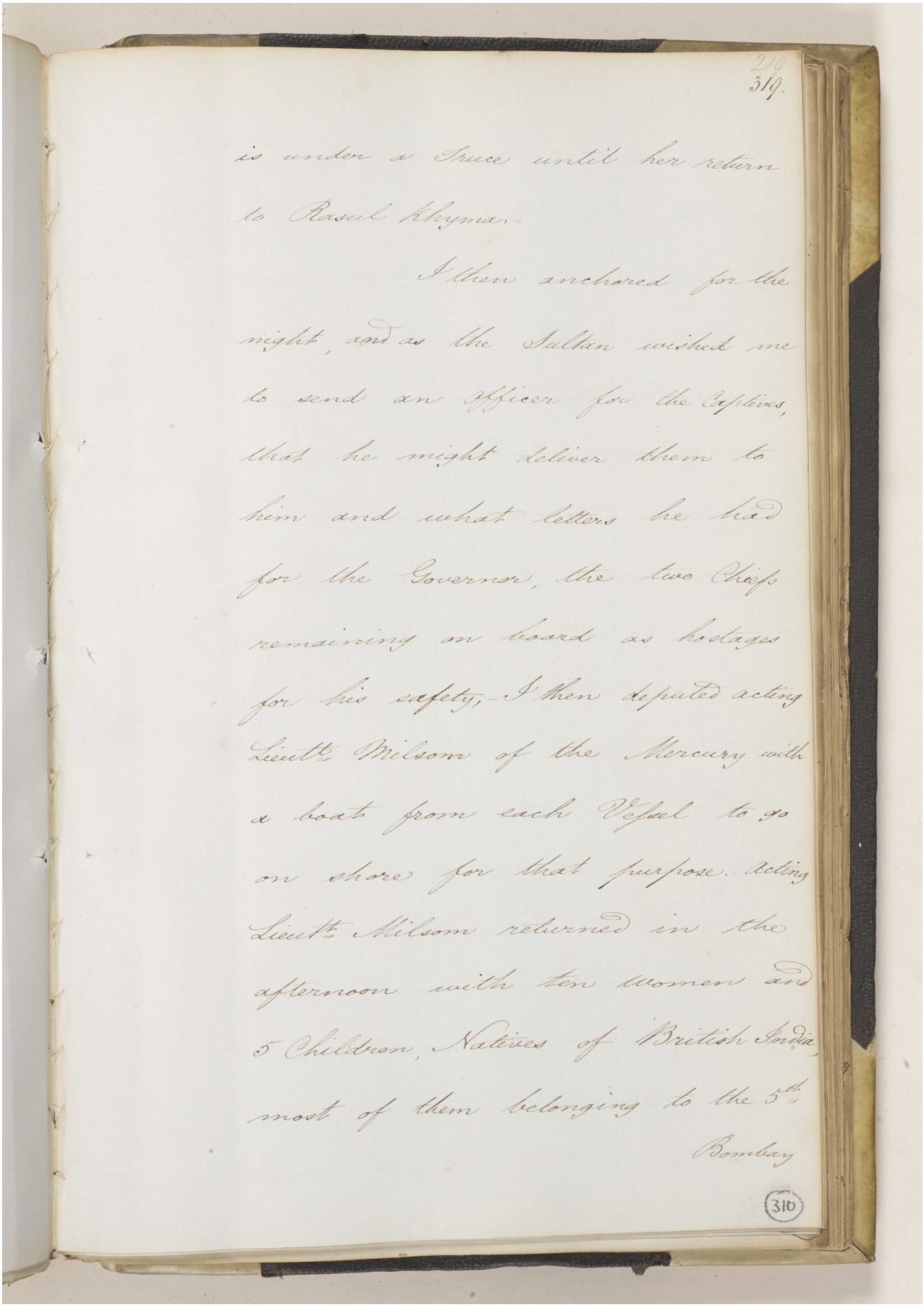


to the time of my return with an answer.-

On his part he engaged to suspend hostility against all British Vessels of every description for that period.-

Finding after a conference of many hours, that the foregoing were the only terms that would succeed in the redemption of our British Subjects from the most abject Slavery.-

I trust that the steps I have taken to obtain so desirable an end will meet with your approbation, I again beg leave to state, that the Sultan perfectly understands that the Mercury only is



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is under a Truce until her return
to Rasul Khyma.-

I then anchored for the
night, and as the Sultan wished me
to send an Officer for the Captives,
that he might deliver them to
him and what letters he had
for the Governor, the two Chiefs
remaining on board as hostages
for his safety,- I then deputed acting
Lieut.ts Milsom of the Mercury with
a boat from each Vessel to go
on shore for that purpose. Acting
Lieut.ts Milsom returned in the
afternoon with ten Women and
5 Children, Natives of British India,
most of them belonging to the 5th.
Bombay

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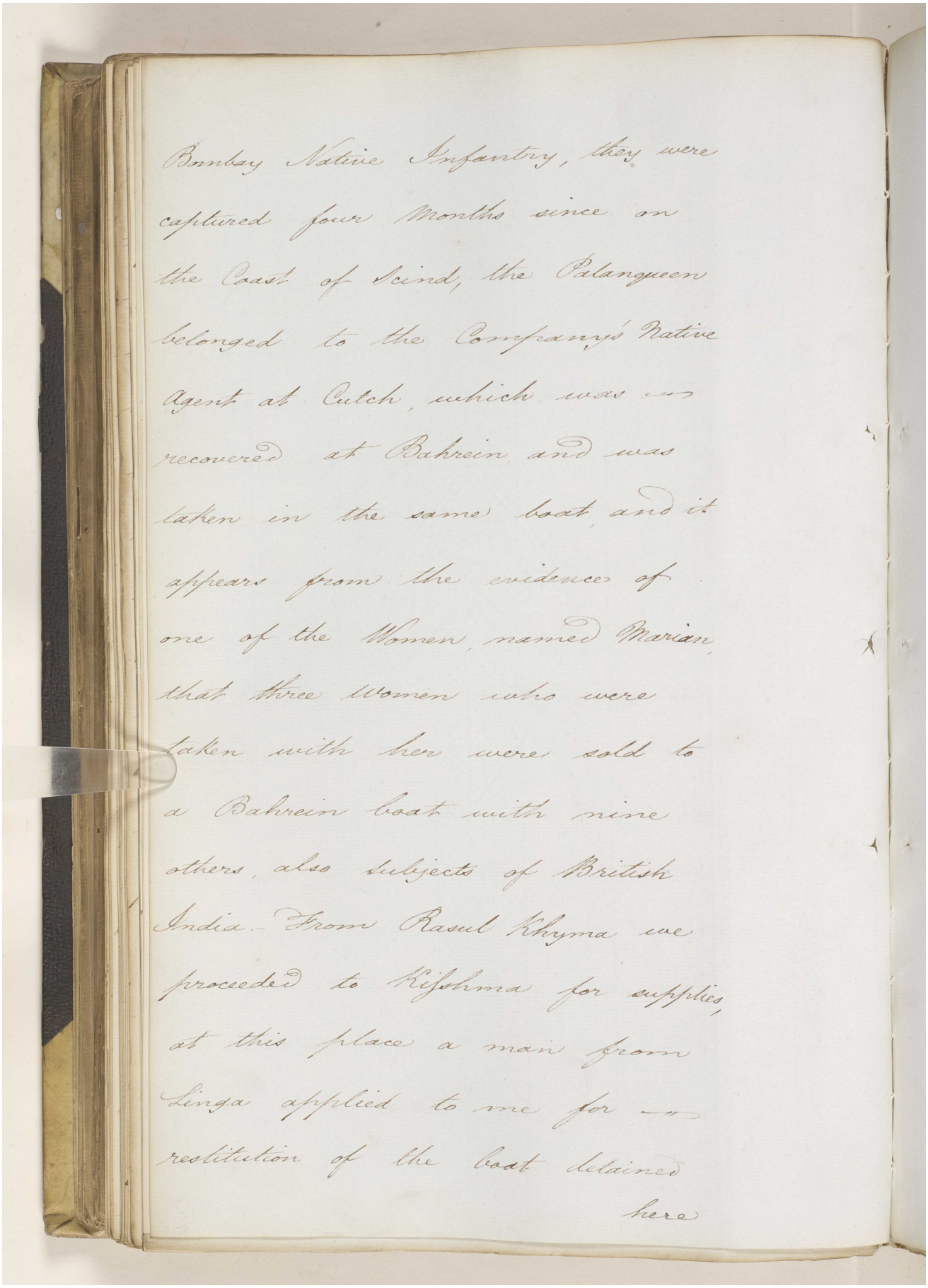
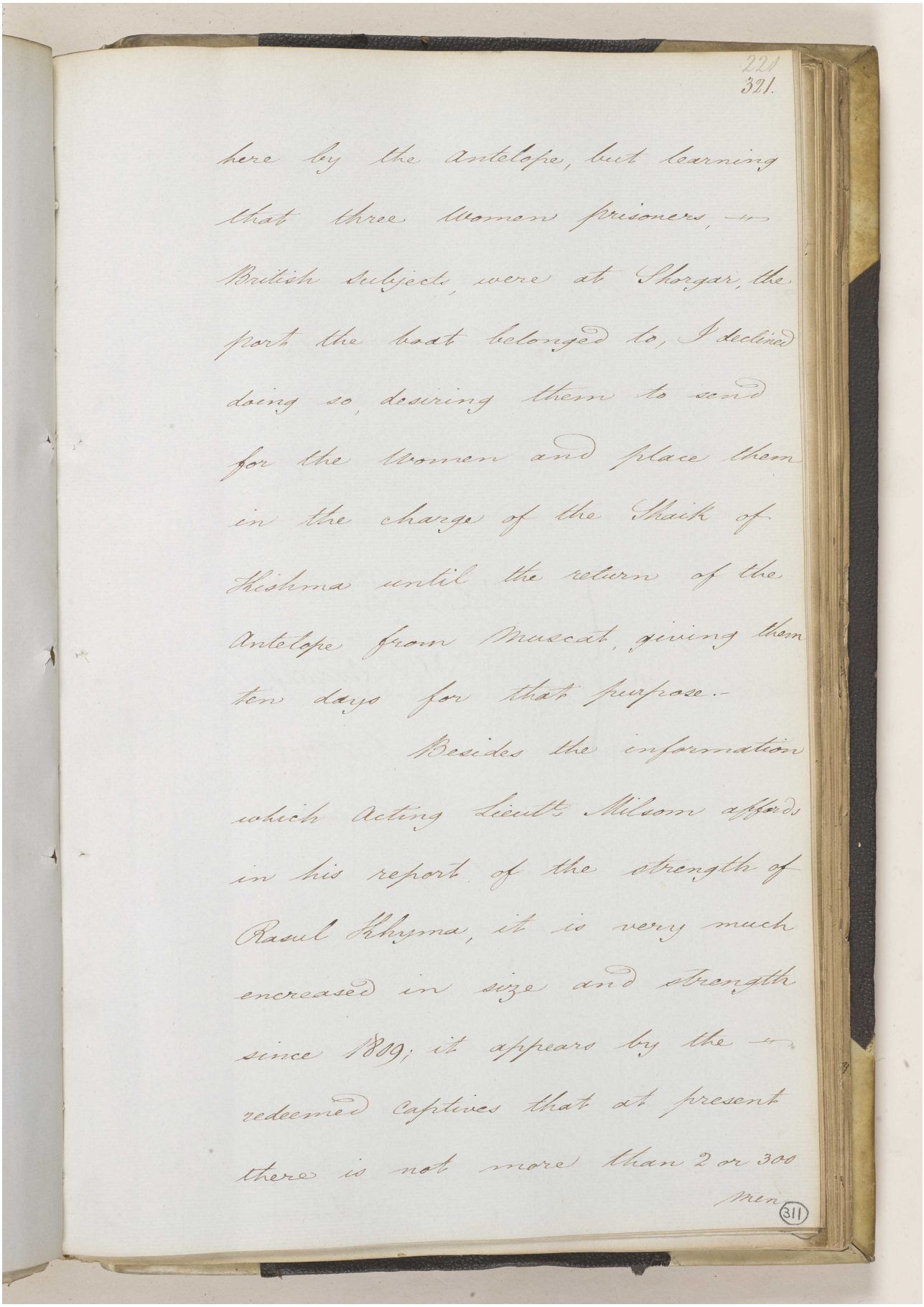


Bombay Native Infantry, they were
captured four Months since on
the Coast of Scind, the Palanqueen
belonged to the Company's Native
Agent at Cutch, which was re-
recovered at Bahrein and was
taken in the same boat, and it
appears from the evidence of
one of the Women, named Marian,
that three Women who were
taken with her were sold to
a Bahrein boat with nine
others, also subjects of British
India. From Rasul Khyma we
proceeded to Kishma for supplies,
at this place a man from
Linga applied to me for re-
restitution of the boat detained
here



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here by the Antelope, but learning that three Women prisoners, — British subjects, were at Shargar, the port the boat belonged to, I declined doing so, desiring them to send for the Women and place them in the charge of the Shaik of Khishma until the return of the Antelope from Muscat, giving them ten days for that purpose.-

Besides the information which acting Lieut.t Milsom affords in his report of the strength of Rasul Khyma, it is very much encreased in size and strength since 1819; it appears by the — redeemed Captives that at present there is not more than 2 or 300 Men

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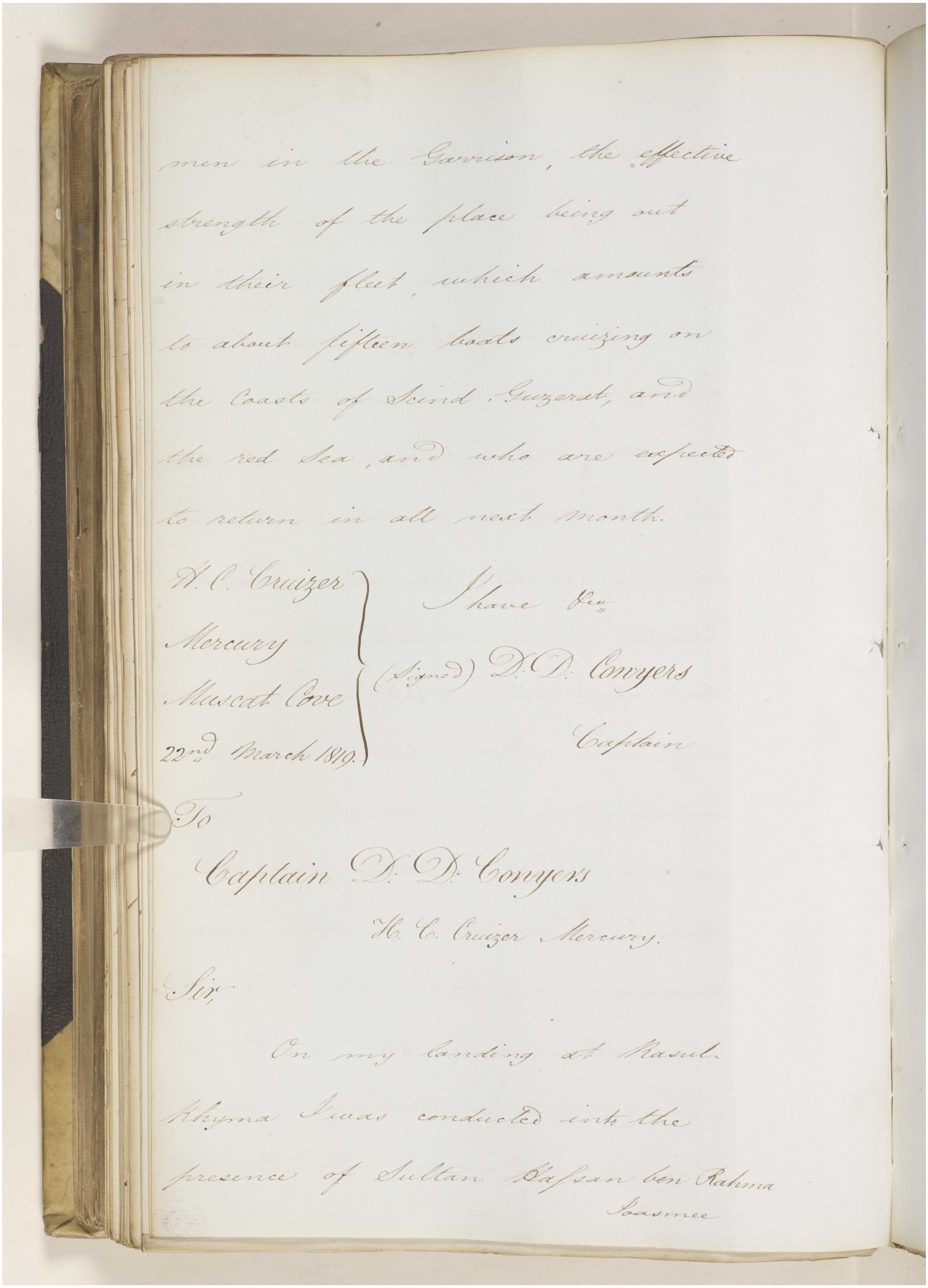


men in the Garrison, the effective strength of the place being out in their fleet, which amounts to about fifteen boats cruizing on the Coasts of Scind, Guzerat, and the red Sea, and who are expected to return in all next month.

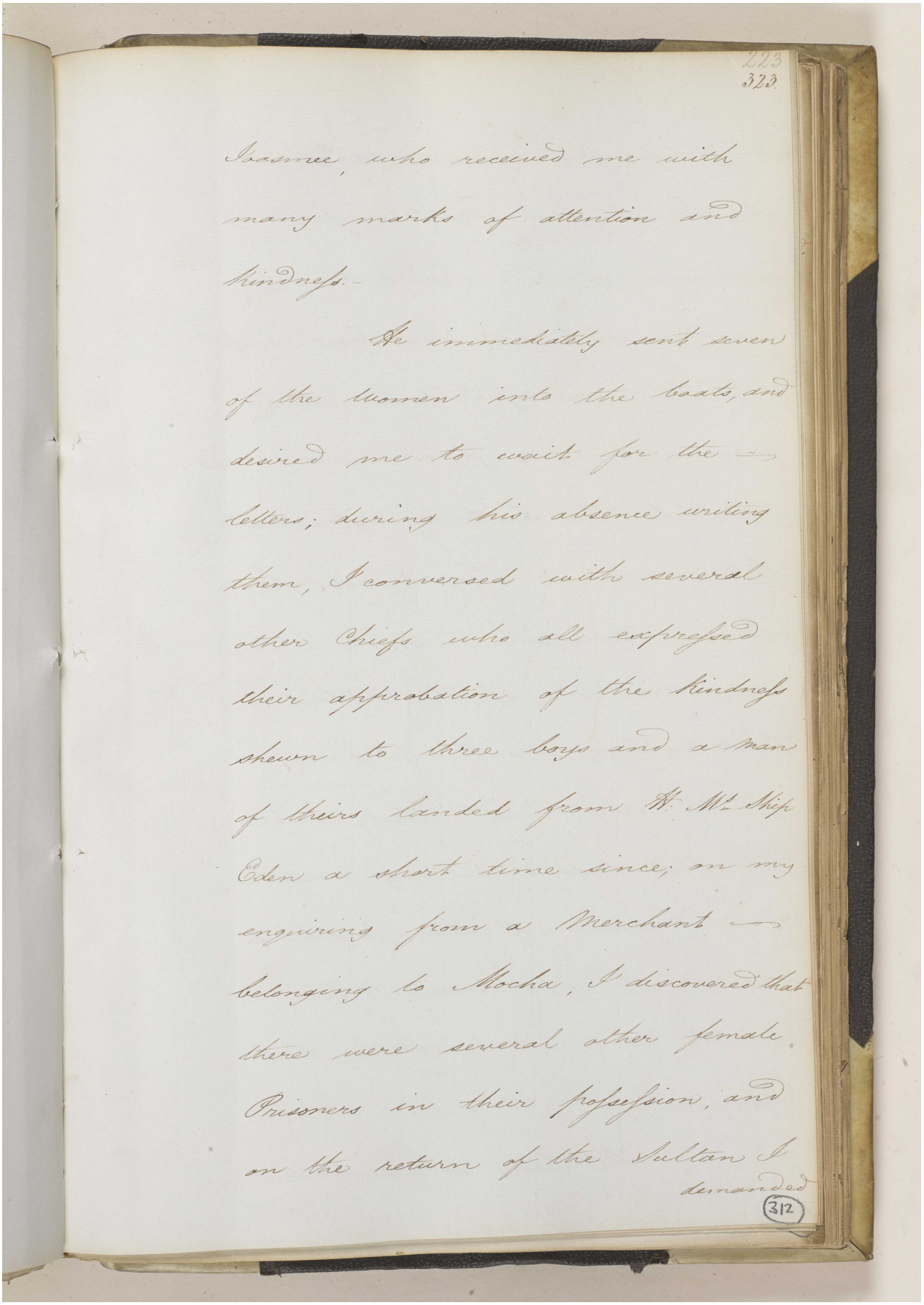
H. C. Cruizer
Mercury
Muscat Cove
22nd March 1819.

I have &c.
(Signed) D. D. Conyers
Captain

To
Captain D. D. Conyers
H. C. Cruizer Mercury.

Sir,

On my landing at Rasul Khyma I was conducted into the presence of Sultan Saysan ben Rahma
Joasmee



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Joasmee, who received me with
many marks of attention and
kindness.-

He immediately sent seven
of the women into the boats, and
desired me to wait for the —
letters; during his absence writing
them, I conversed with several
other Chiefs who all expressed
their approbation of the kindness
shewn to three boys and a man
of theirs landed from H. M.s Ship
Eden a short time since; on my
enquiring from a Merchant —
belonging to Mocha, I discovered that
there were several other female
Prisoners in their possession, and
on the return of the Sultan I
demanded

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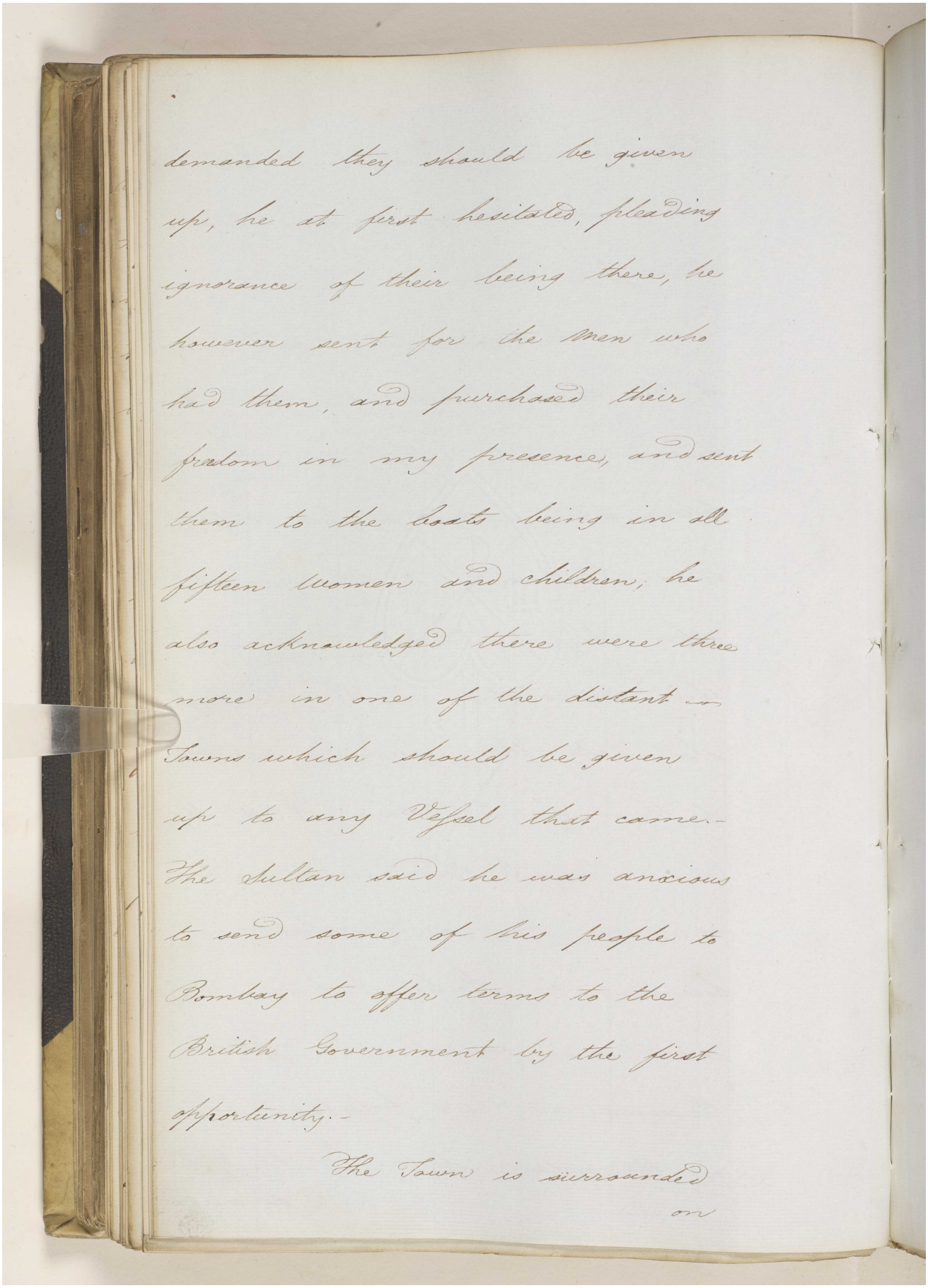
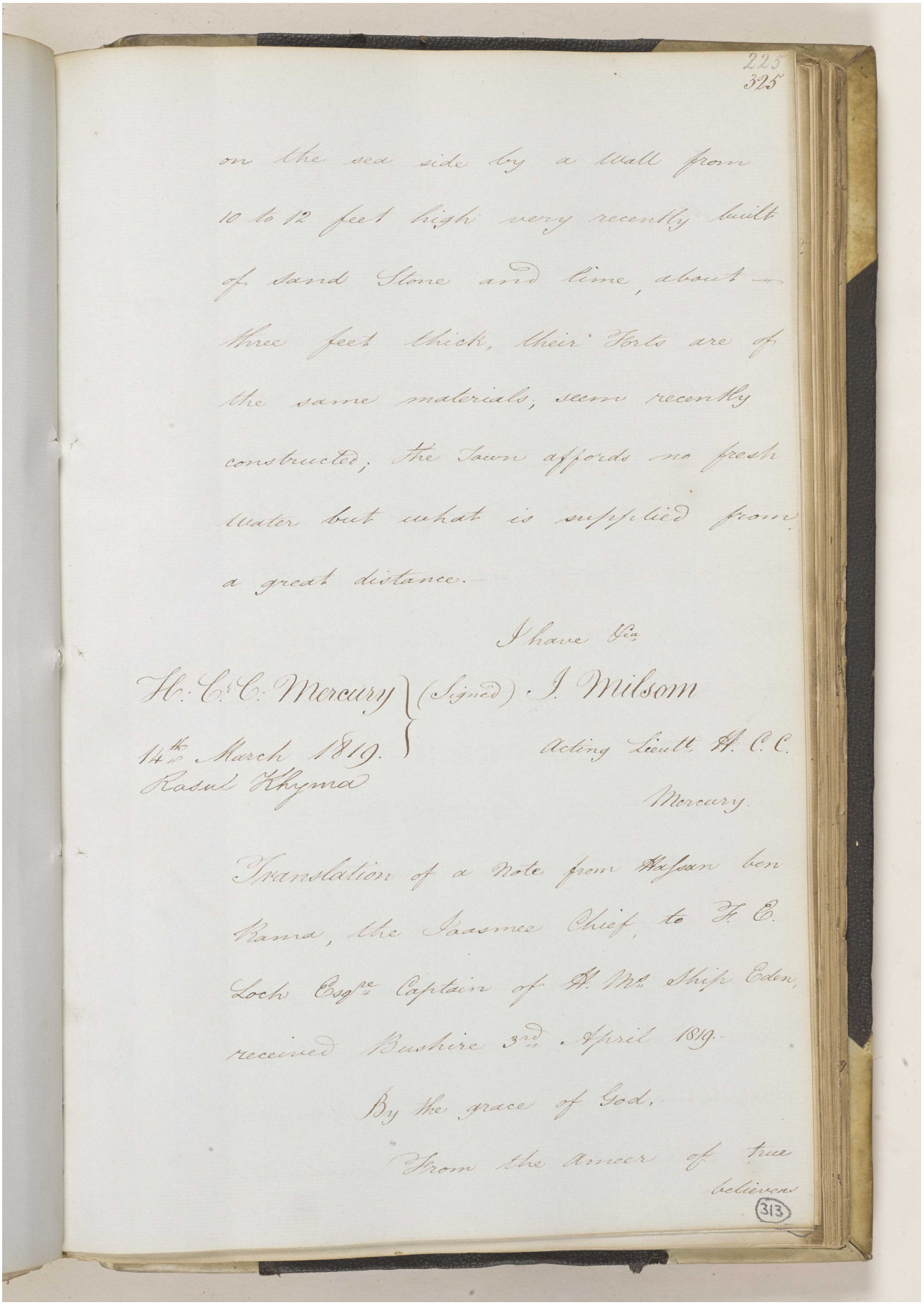


demanded they should be given
up, he at first hesitated, pleading
ignorance of their being there, he
however sent for the Men who
had them, and purchased their
freedom in my presence, and sent
them to the boats being in all
fifteen Women and children, he
also acknowledged there were three
more in one of the distant -
Towns which should be given
up to any Vessel that came.-
The Sultan said he was anxious
to send some of his people to
Bombay to offer terms to the
British Government by the first
opportunity.-

The Town is surrounded
on



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on the sea side by a Wall from 10 to 12 feet high very recently built of Sand Stone and lime, about three feet thick, their Forts are of the same materials, seem recently constructed; the Town affords no fresh water but what is supplied from a great distance.—

I have &c.

H. C. C. Mercury
14th March 1819.
Rasul Khyma

(Signed) I. Milsom
Acting Lieut H. C. C.
Mercury.

Translation of a Note from Hassan ben Rama, the Joasmee Chief, to F. C. Loch Esqre Captain of H. Ms Ship Eden, received Bushire 3rd April 1819.

By the grace of God.

From the Ameer of true believers

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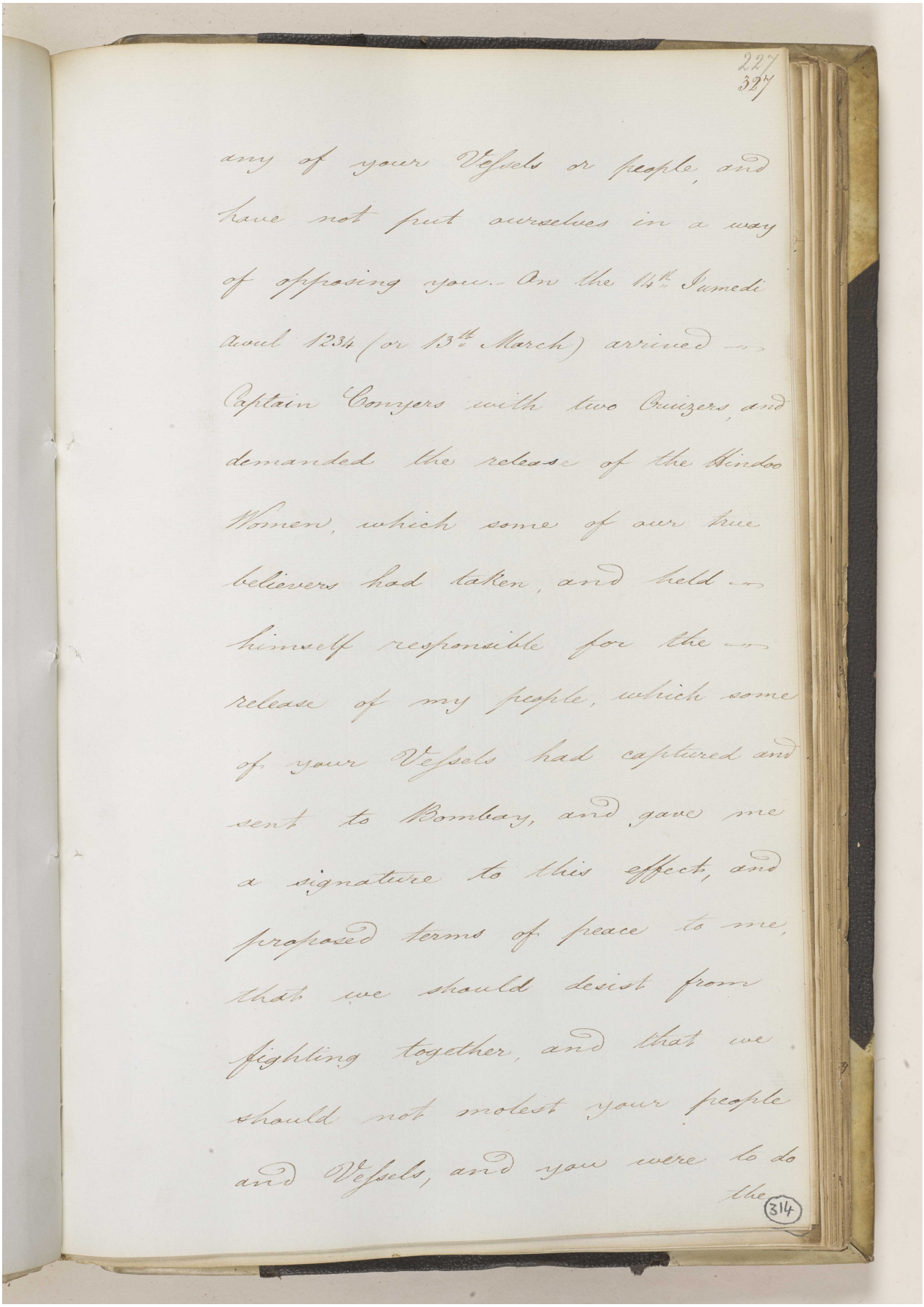
believes, Hassan ben Rama to Captain
Loch. May God put you in the right
road, and employ you on good
works, and protect you from
evil. Be it known to you that
between our Imaum (alluding to the
late Abdella ben Saood, Wahabee Chief)
and the English a Treaty existed,
that we were not to molest
each other, and which we both
abided by, as our conduct has shewn.
after which it pleased God that
Bruce should arrive here with
some Ships, and make certain
demands which he had no ground
for, and this broke the Treaty,
and commenced hostilities. Up to
this date we have not molested
any



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any of your Vessels or people, and
have not put ourselves in a way
of opposing you.- On the 14th Jumedi
ool 1234 (or 13th March) arrived —
Captain Conyers with two Cruizers, and
demanded the release of the Hindoo
Women, which some of our true
believers had taken, and held —
himself responsible for the —
release of my people, which some
of your Vessels had captured and
sent to Bombay, and gave me
a signature to this effect, and
proposed terms of peace to me,
that we should desist from
fighting together, and that we
should not molest your people
and Vessels, and you were to do
the

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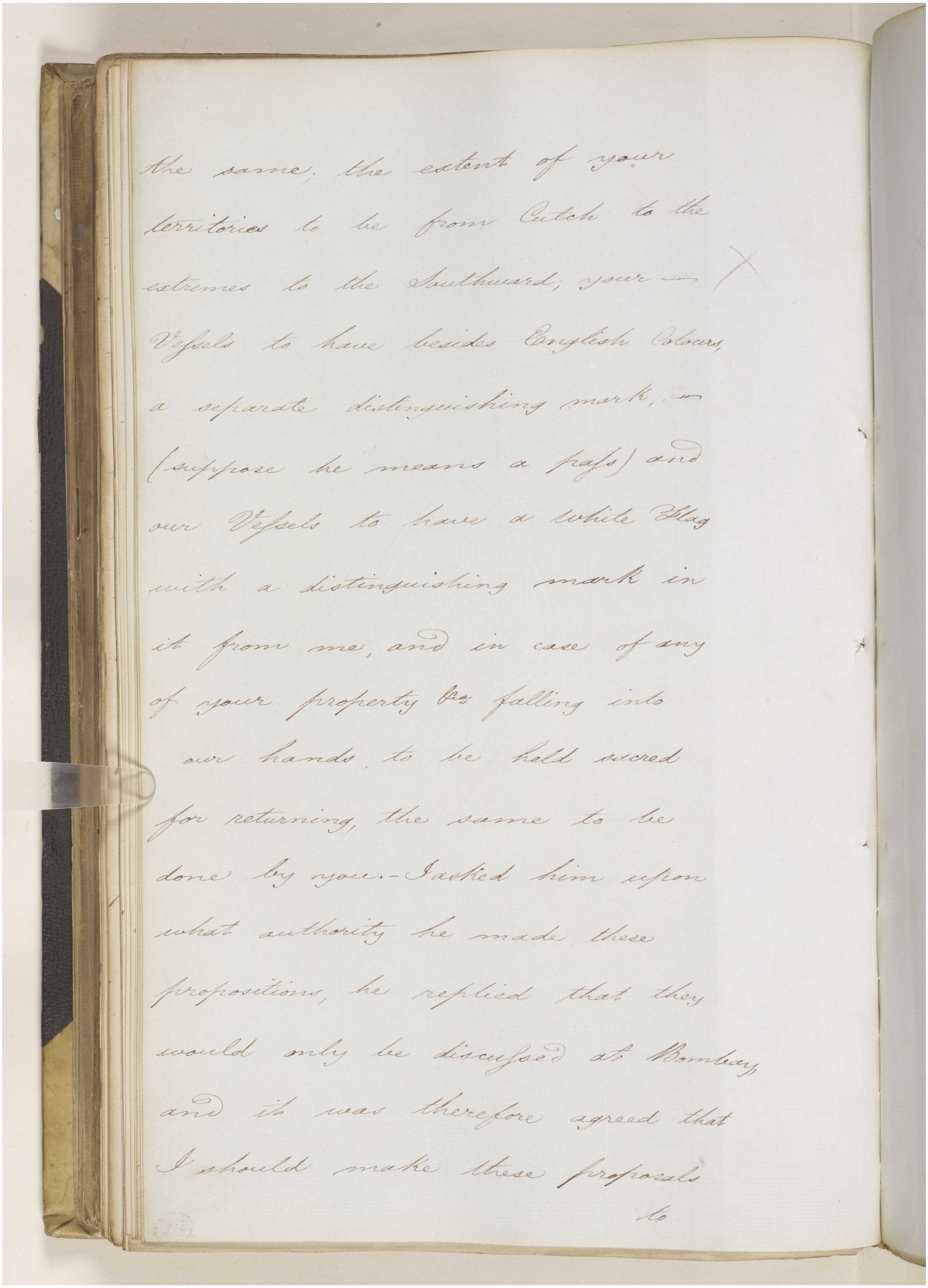
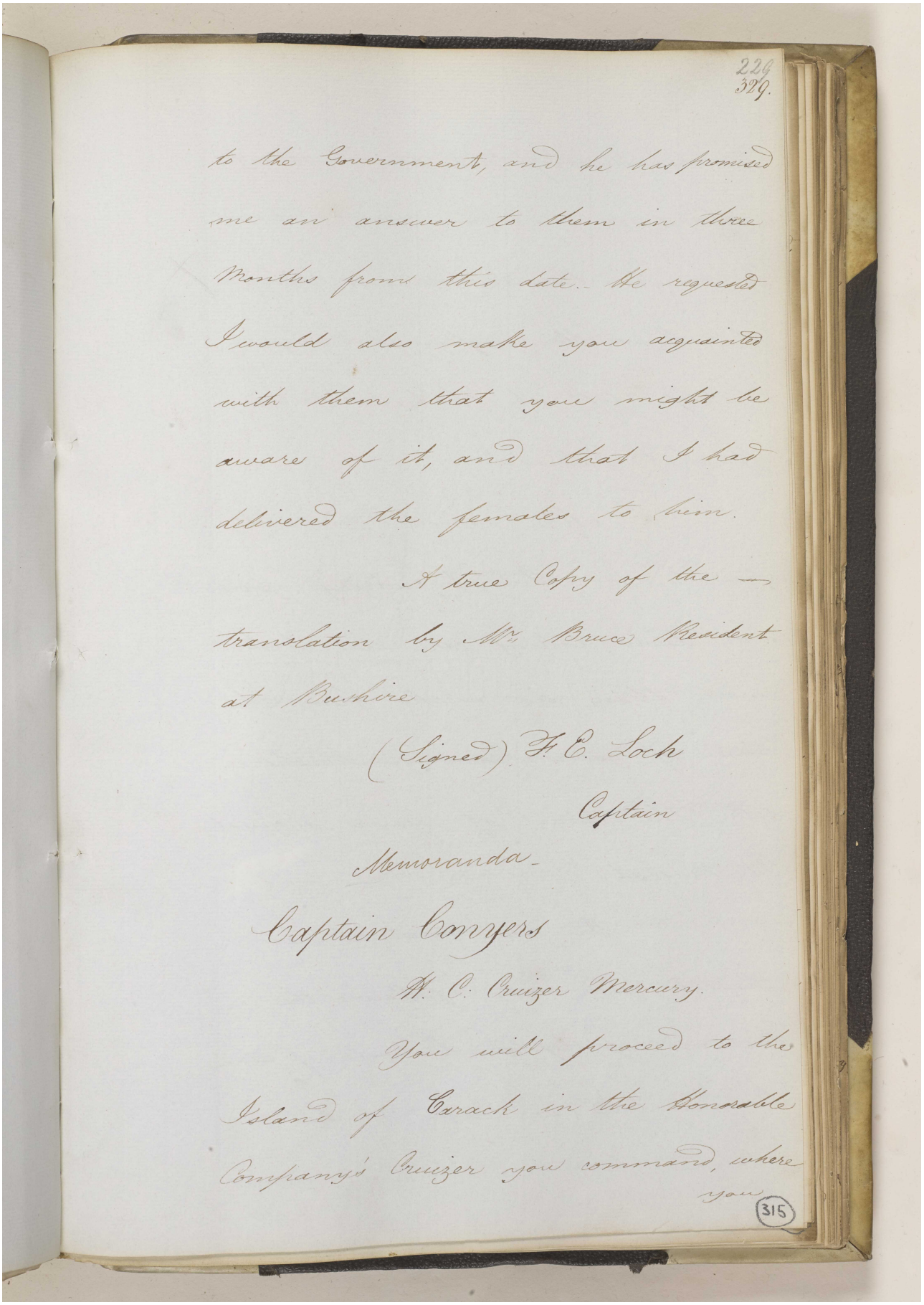


the same, the extent of your
territories to be from Cutch to the
extremes to the Southward, your —
Vessels to have besides English Colours,
a separate distinguishing mark, —
(suppose he means a pass) and
our Vessels to have a white Flag
with a distinguishing mark in
it from me, and in case of any
of your property &c falling into
our hands, to be held sacred
for returning, the same to be
done by you. - I asked him upon
what authority he made these
propositions, he replied that they
would only be discussed at Bombay,
and it was therefore agreed that
I should make these proposals
to



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to the Government, and he has promised me an answer to them in three Months from this date. He requested I would also make you acquainted with them that you might be aware of it, and that I had delivered the females to him.

A true Copy of the — translation by Mr. Bruce Resident at Bushire

(Signed) F. C. Loch
Captain

Memoranda.

Captain Conyers

H. C. Cruizer Mercury.

You will proceed to the Island of Carack in the Honorable Company's Cruizer you command, where you

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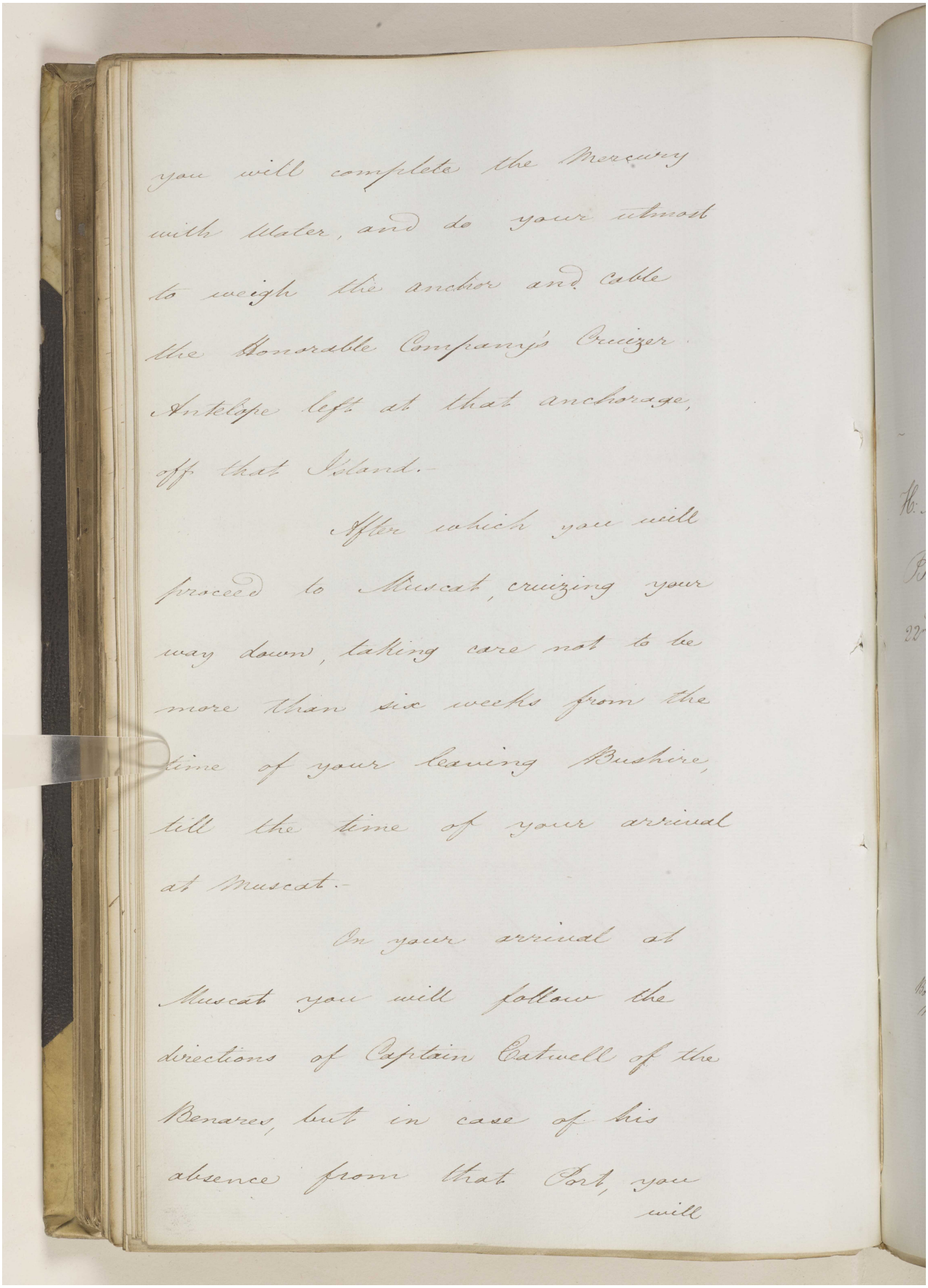
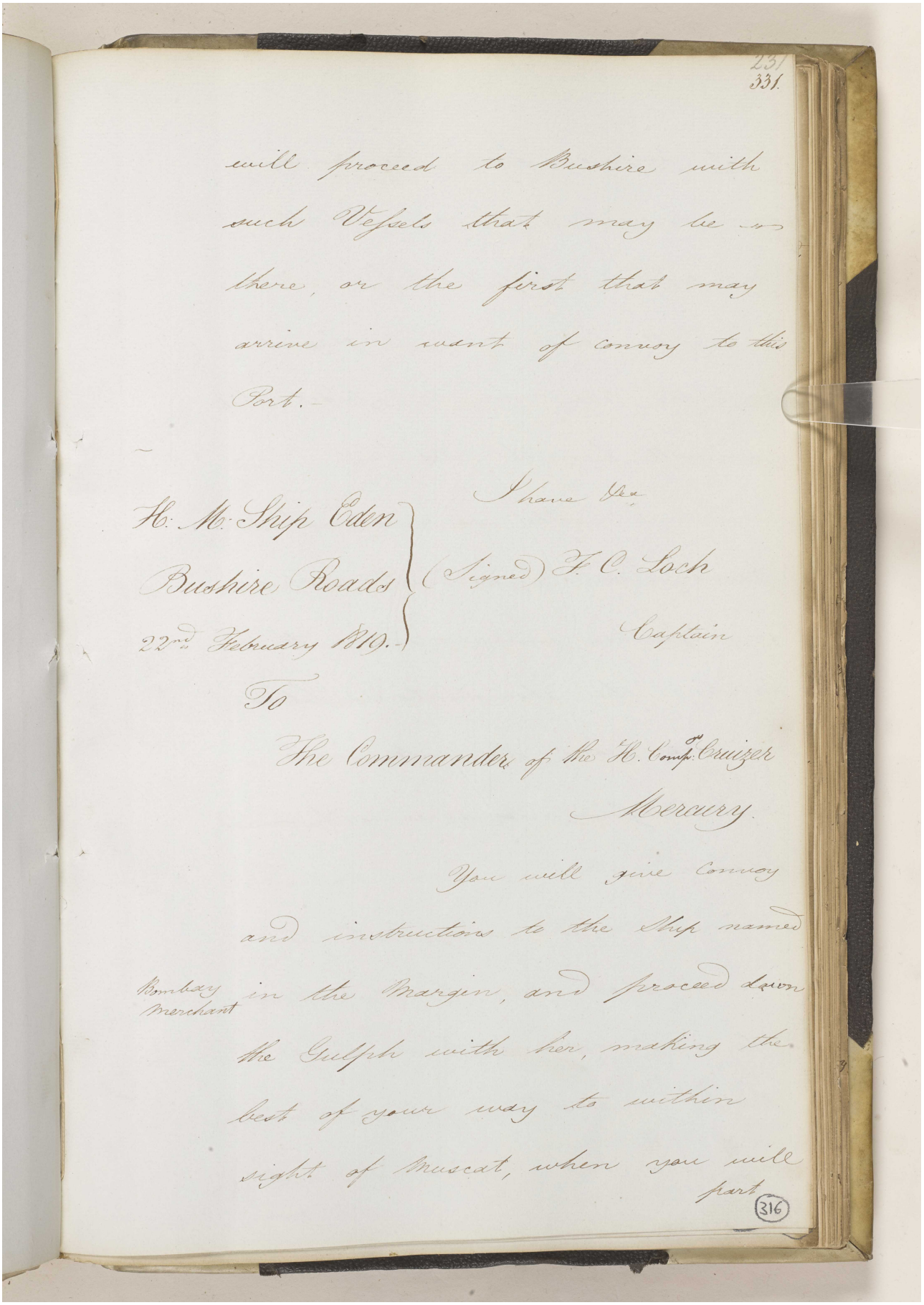


you will complete the Mercury with Water, and do your utmost to weigh the anchor and cable the Honorable Company's Cruizer Antelope left at that anchorage, off that Island.-

After which you will proceed to Muscat, cruizing your way down, taking care not to be more than six weeks from the time of your leaving Bushire, till the time of your arrival at Muscat.-

On your arrival at Muscat you will follow the directions of Captain Cotwell of the Benares, but in case of his absence from that Port, you will



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will proceed to Bushire with such Vessels that may be there, or the first that may arrive in want of convoy to this Port.-

I have &c.
(Signed) F. C. Loch
Captain

H. M. Ship Eden
Bushire Roads
22nd February 1819.-

To
The Commander of the H. Comp.y Cruizer
Mercury.

You will give Convoy and instructions to the Ship named Bombay Merchant in the Margin, and proceed down the Gulph with her, making the best of your way to within sight of Muscat, when you will part

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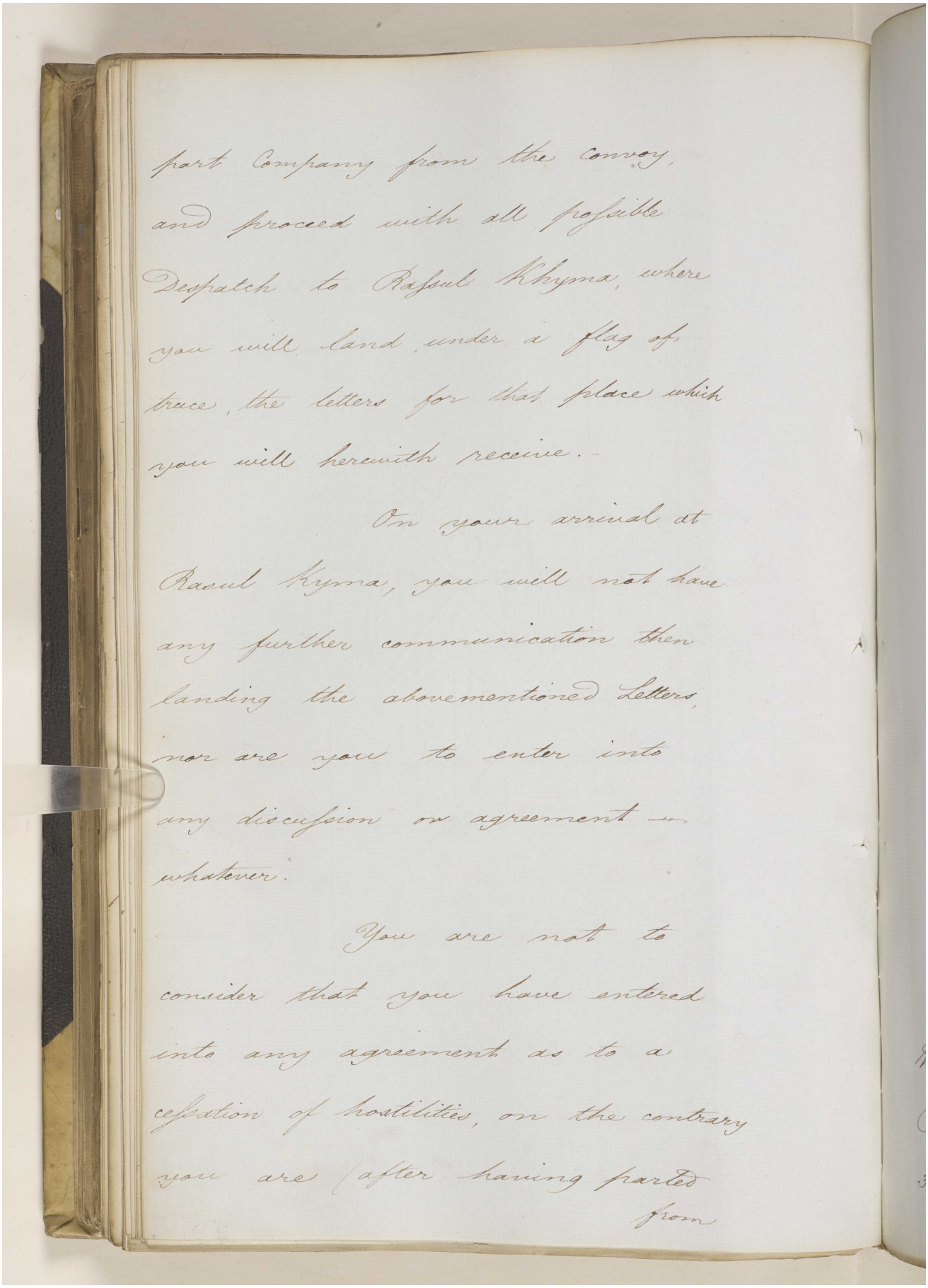
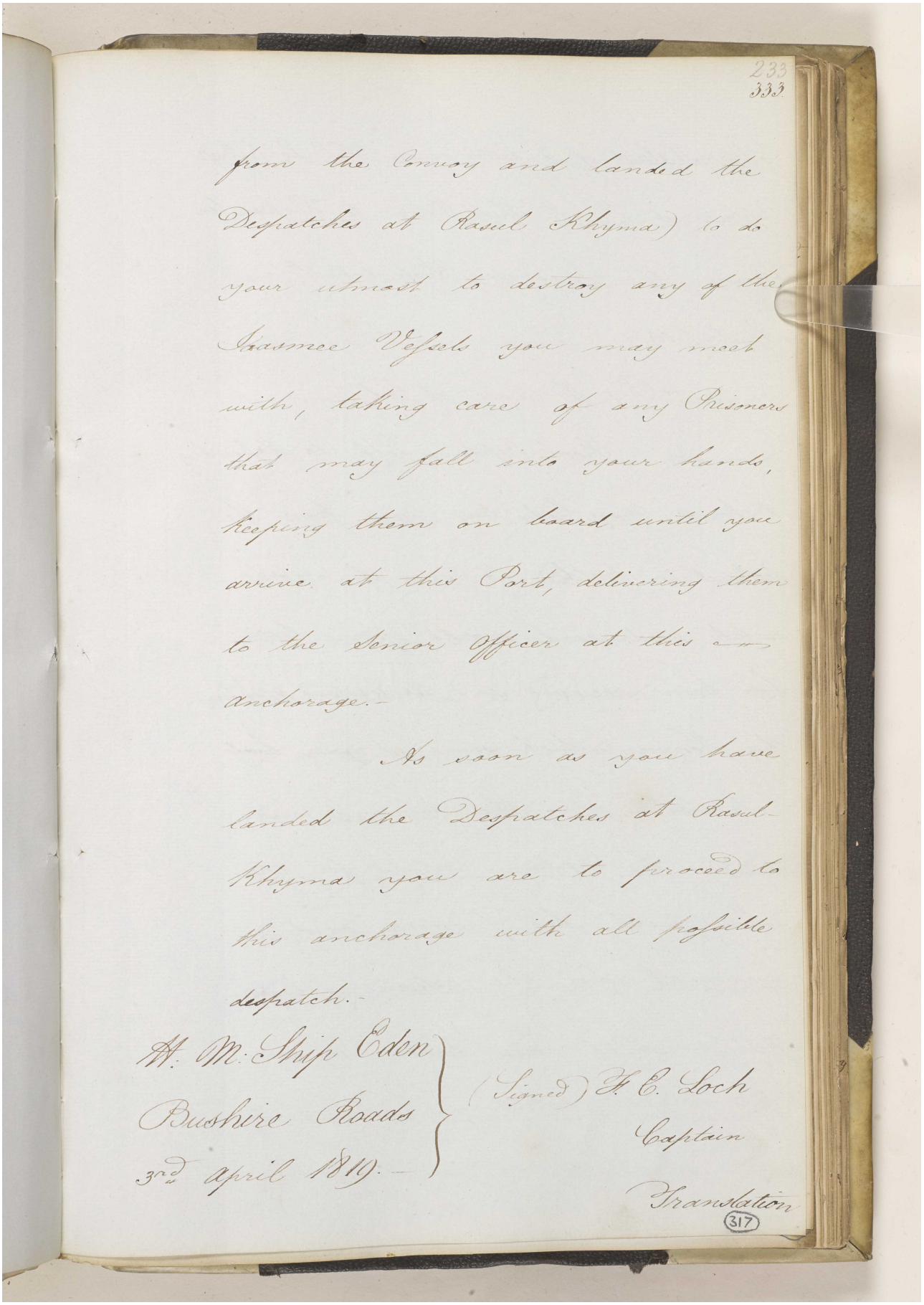


part Company from the Convoy,
and proceed with all possible
Despatch to Rasul Khyma, where
you will land, under a flag of
truce, the letters for that place which
you will herewith receive.-

On your arrival at
Rasul Kyma, you will not have
any further communication then
landing the abovementioned Letters,
nor are you to enter into
any discussion or agreement —
whatever.

You are not to
consider that you have entered
into any agreement as to a
cessation of hostilities, on the contrary
you are (after having parted
from



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from the Convoy and landed the Despatches at Rasul Khyma) to do your utmost to destroy any of the Joasmee Vessels you may meet with, taking care of any Prisoners that may fall into your hands, keeping them on board until you arrive at this Port, delivering them to the Senior Officer at this anchorage.-

As soon as you have landed the Despatches at Rasul-Khyma you are to proceed to this anchorage with all possible despatch.-

H. M. Ship Eden
Bushire Roads
3rd April 1819.-

(Signed) H. C. Loch
Captain

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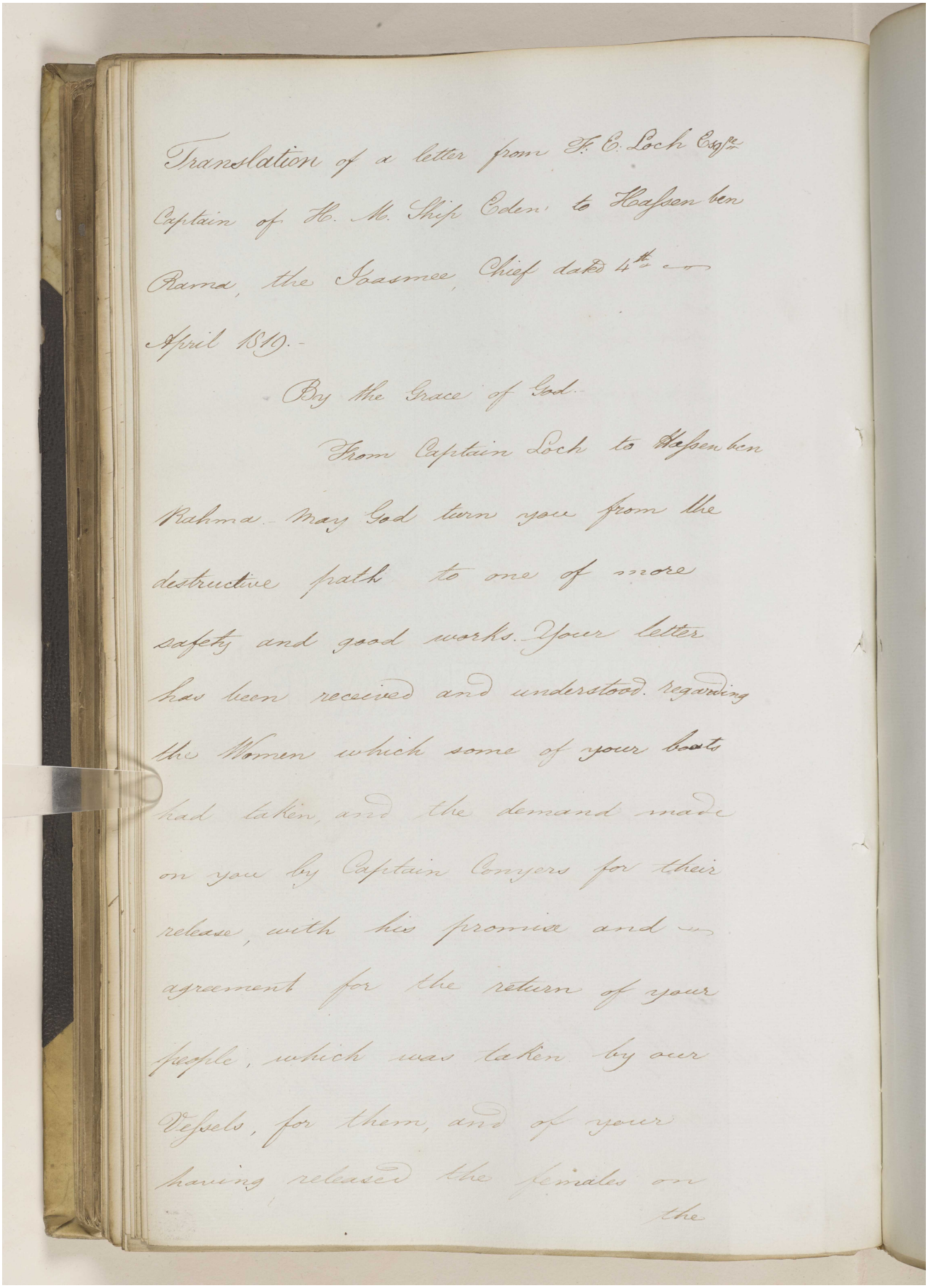
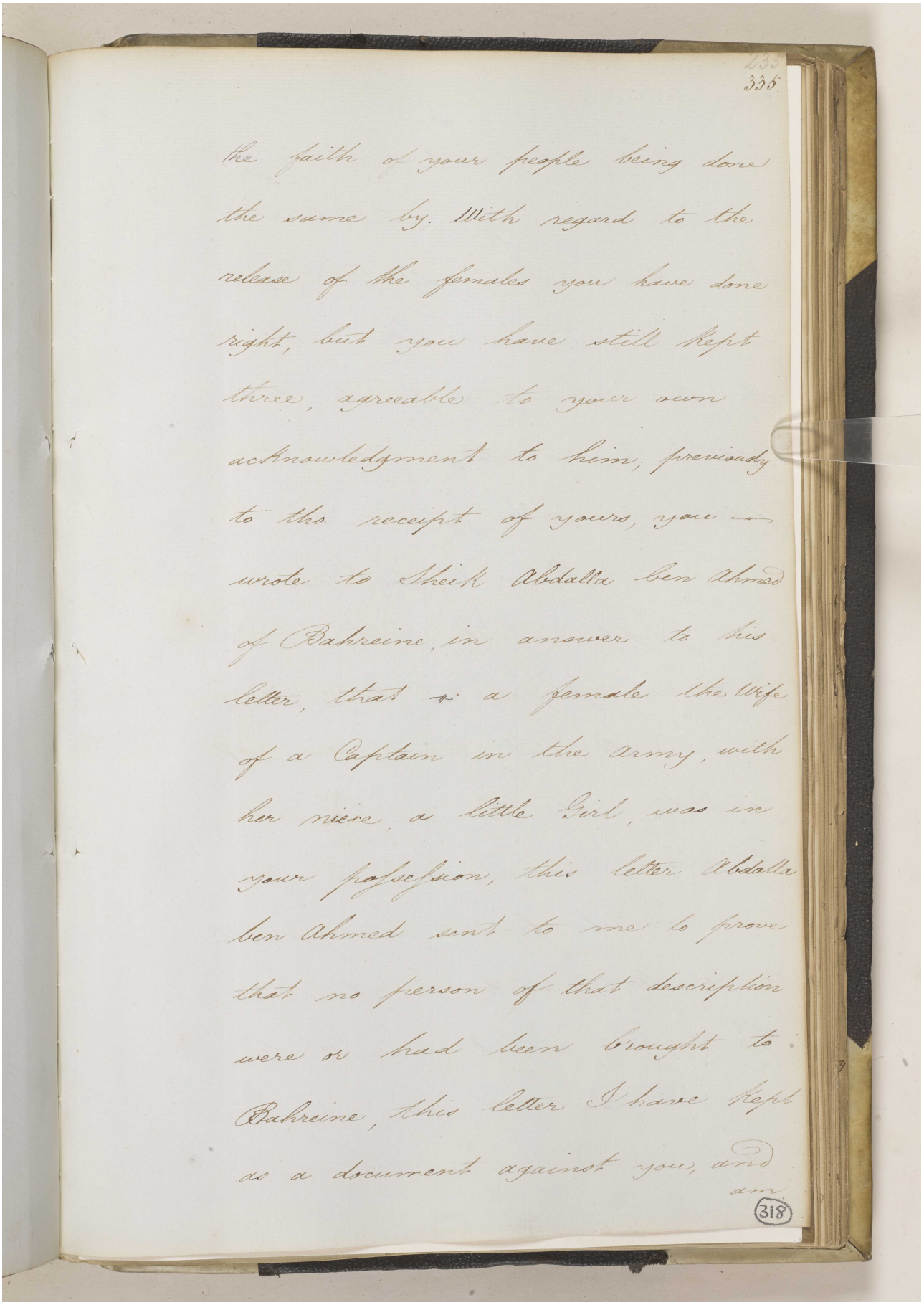


Translation of a letter from F. C. Loch Esqre
Captain of H. M. Ship Eden to Hafsen ben
Rama, the Joasmee Chief dated 4th
April 1819.-

By the Grace of God.

From Captain Loch to Hafsen ben
Rahma. May God turn you from the
destructive path to one of more
safety and good works. Your letter
has been received and understood. regarding
the Women which some of your boats
had taken, and the demand made
on you by Captain Conyers for their
release, with his promise and
agreement for the return of your
people, which was taken by our
Vessels, for them, and of your
having released the females on
the



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the faith of your people being done
the same by. With regard to the
release of the females you have done
right, but you have still kept
three, agreeable to your own
acknowledgment to him; previously
to the receipt of yours, you
wrote to Sheik Abdalla ben Ahmed
of Bahreine, in answer to his
letter, that a female the Wife
of a Captain in the army, with
her niece, a little Girl, was in
your possession; this letter Abdalla
ben Ahmed sent to me to prove
that no person of that description
were or had been brought to
Bahreine, this letter I have kept
as a document against you, and
am

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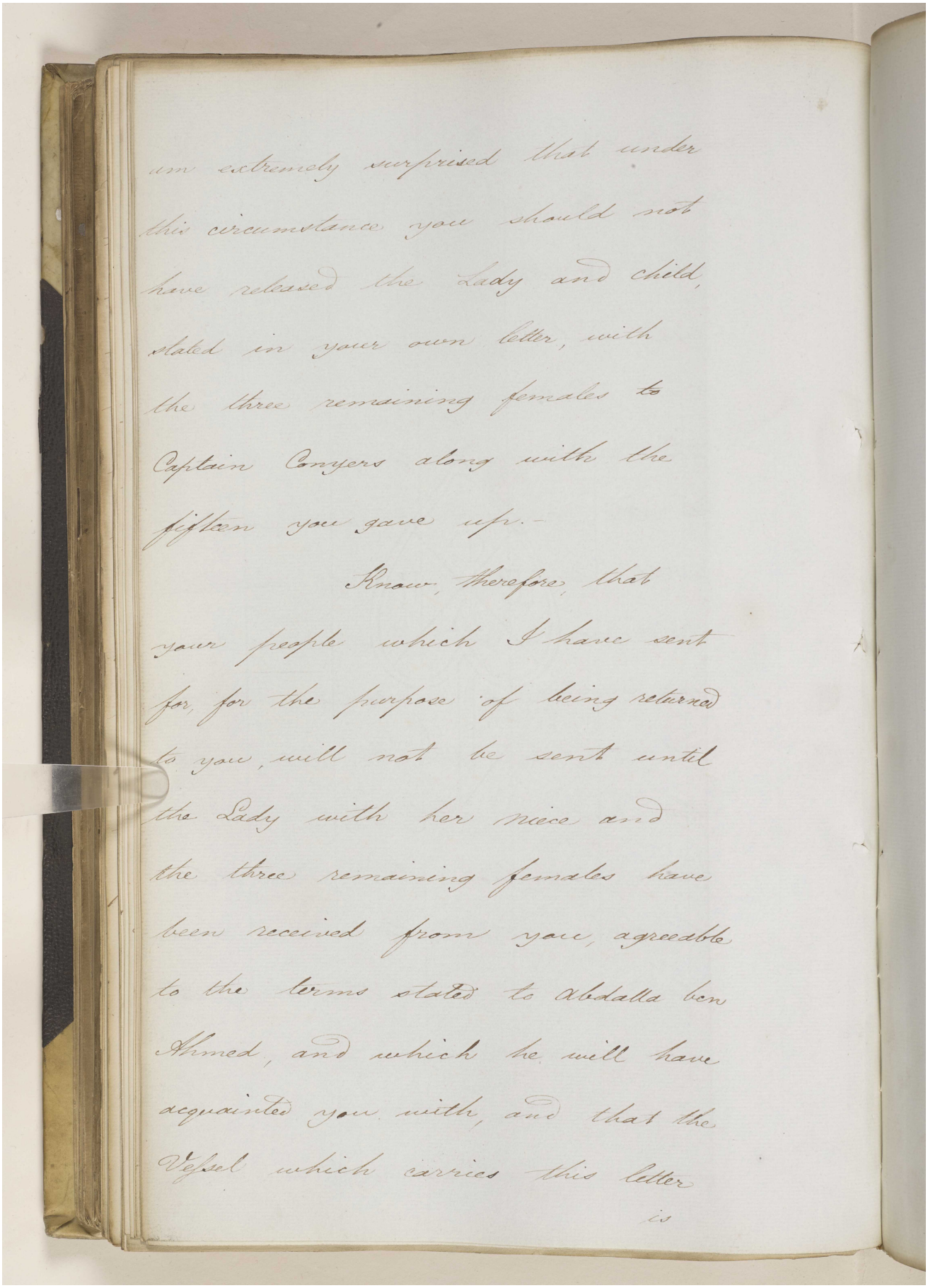
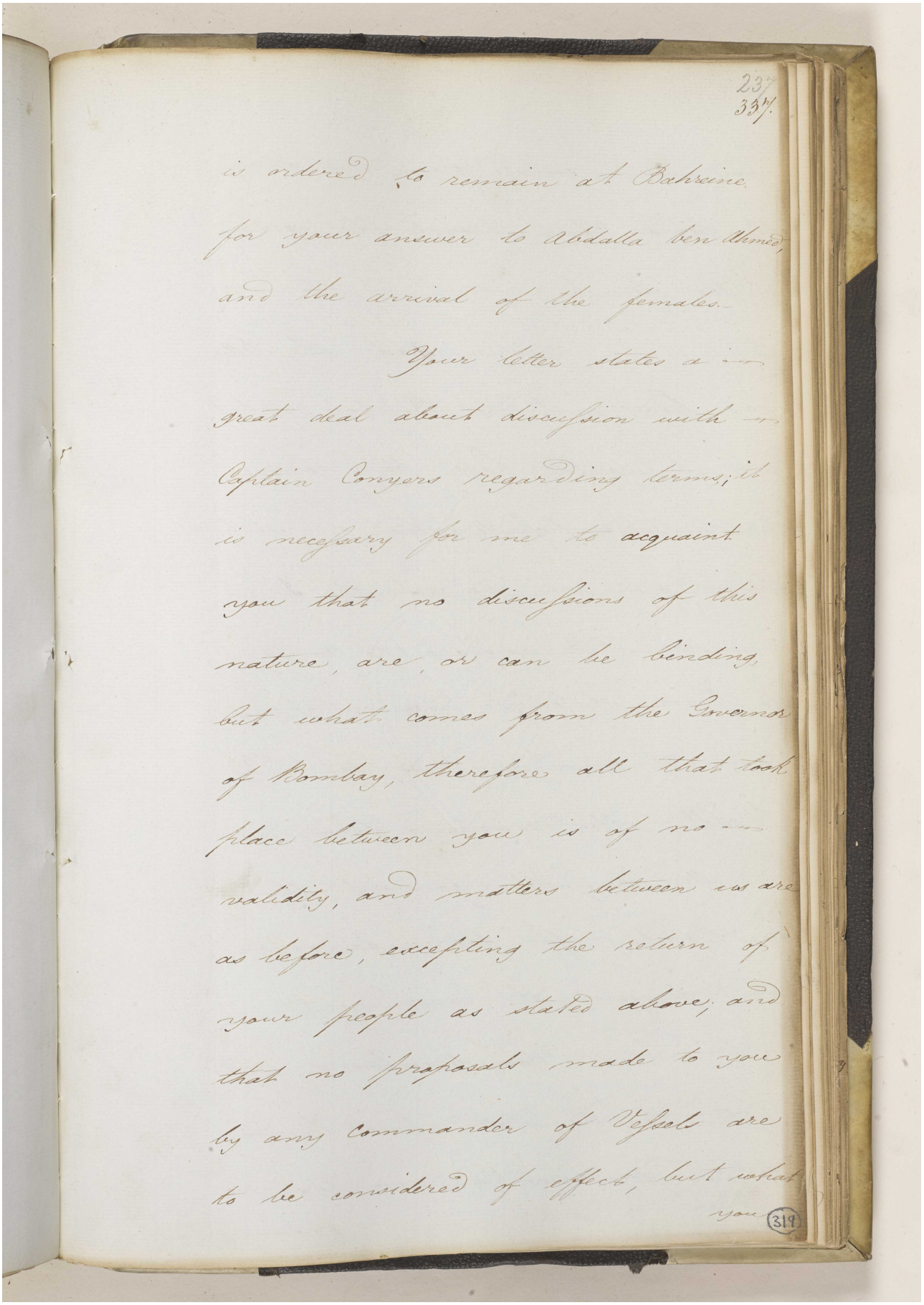


I am extremely surprised that under this circumstance you should not have released the Lady and child, stated in your own letter, with the three remaining females to Captain Conyers along with the fifteen you gave up.

Know, therefore, that your people which I have sent for, for the purpose of being returned to you, will not be sent until the Lady with her niece and the three remaining females have been received from you, agreeable to the terms stated to Abdalla bin Ahmed, and which he will have acquainted you with, and that the Vessel which carries this letter is



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is ordered to remain at Bahreine
for your answer to Abdalla ben Ahmed,
and the arrival of the females.

Your letter states a —
great deal about discussion with —
Captain Conyers regarding terms; it
is necessary for me to acquaint
you that no discussions of this
nature, are, or can be binding,
but what comes from the Governor
of Bombay, therefore all that took
place between you is of no —
validity, and matters between us are
as before, excepting the return of
your people as stated above; and
that no proposals made to you
by any Commander of Vessels are
to be considered of effect, but what
you

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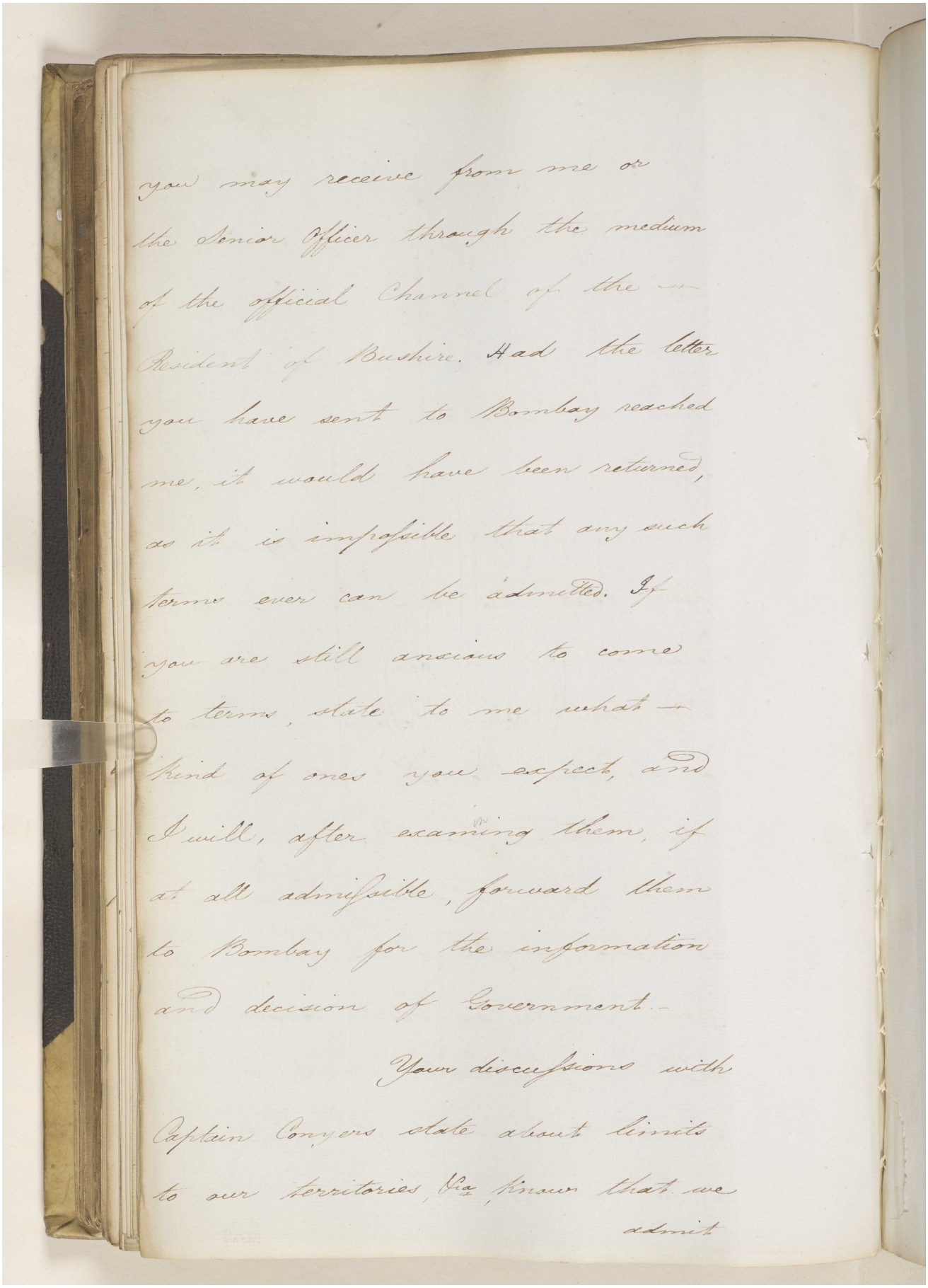
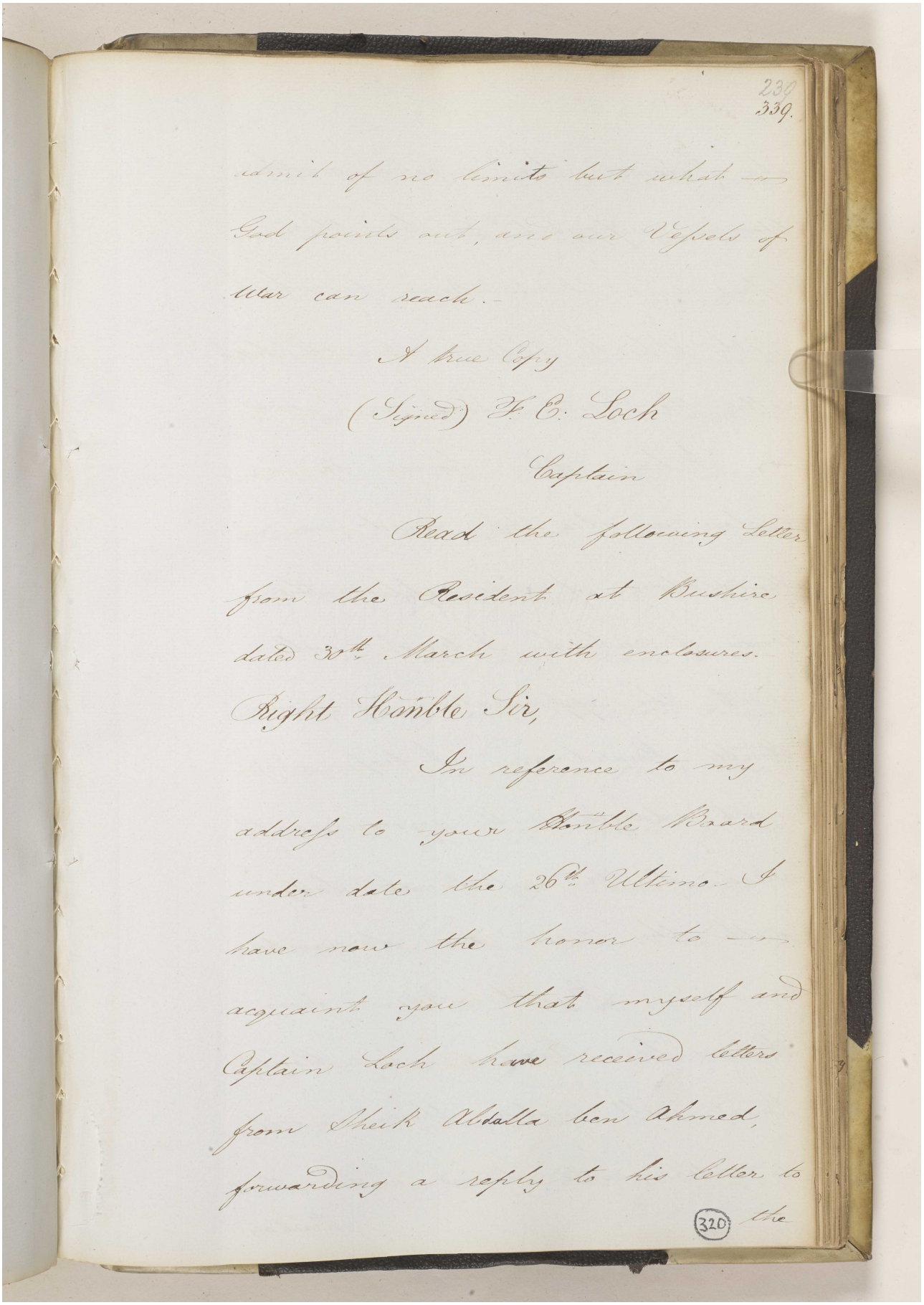


you may receive from me or
the Senior Officer through the medium
of the official Channel of the —
Resident of Bushire. Had the letter
you have sent to Bombay reached
me, it would have been returned,
as it is impossible that any such
terms ever can be admitted. If
you are still anxious to come
to terms, state to me what —
kind of ones you expect, and
I will, after examining them, if
at all admissible, forward them
to Bombay for the information
and decision of Government.—

Your discussions with
Captain Conyers state about limits
to our territories, Viz, know that we
admit



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admit of no limits but what
God points out, and our Vessels of
War can reach.-

A true Copy
(Signed) F. C. Loch
Captain

Read the following Letter
from the Resident at Bushire
dated 30th. March with enclosures.

Right Honble Sir,

In reference to my
address to your Honble Board
under date the 26th Ultimo I
have now the honor to
acquaint you that myself and
Captain Loch have received letters
from Sheik Abdalla bon Ahmed,
forwarding a reply to his letter to

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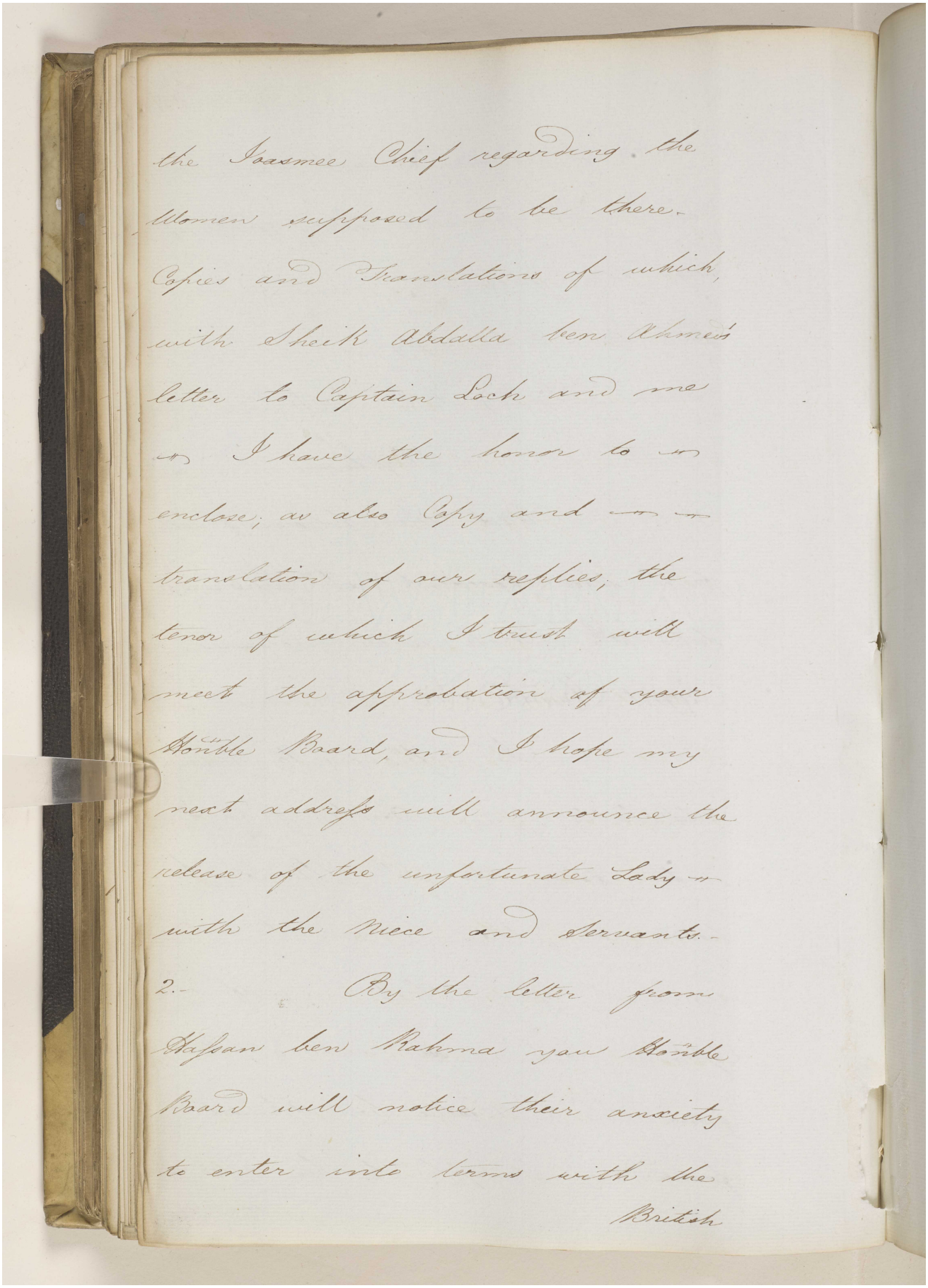
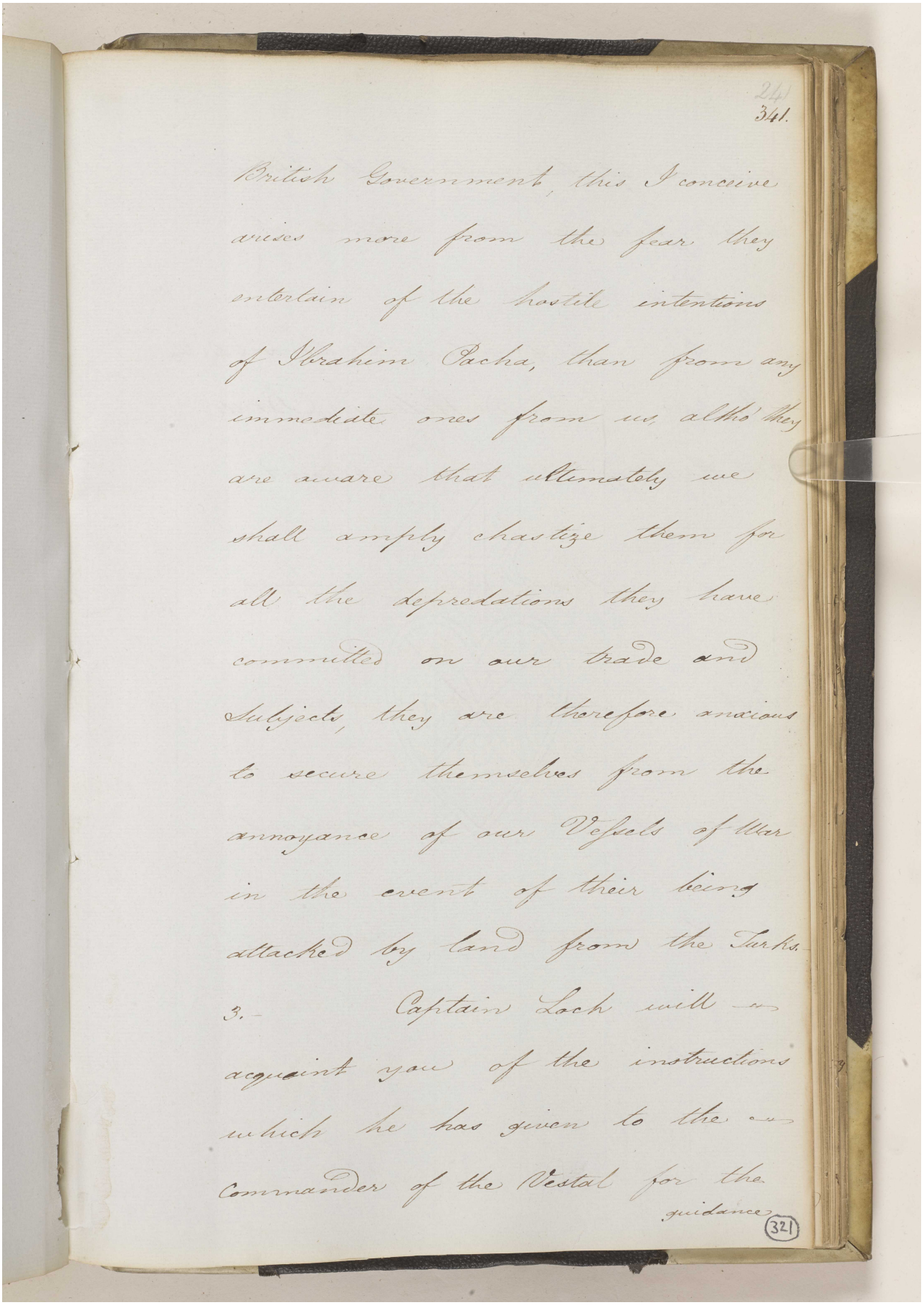


the Joasmee Chief regarding the Women supposed to be there. Copies and Translations of which, with Sheik Abdalla ben Ahmed's letter to Captain Lock and me — I have the honor to — enclose, as also Copy and — — translation of our replies, the tenor of which I trust will meet the approbation of your Honble Board, and I hope my next address will announce the release of the unfortunate Lady — with the Niece and Servants.

2.- By the letter from Hassan ben Rahma you Honble Board will notice their anxiety to enter into terms with the British



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British Government, this I conceive arises more from the fear they entertain of the hostile intentions of Ibrahim Pacha, than from any immediate ones from us, altho' they are aware that ultimately we shall amply chastize them for all the depredations they have committed on our trade and Subjects, they are therefore anxious to secure themselves from the annoyance of our Vessels of War in the event of their being attacked by land from the Turks.

3.— Captain Lach will — acquaint you of the instructions which he has given to the — Commander of the Vestal for the guidance

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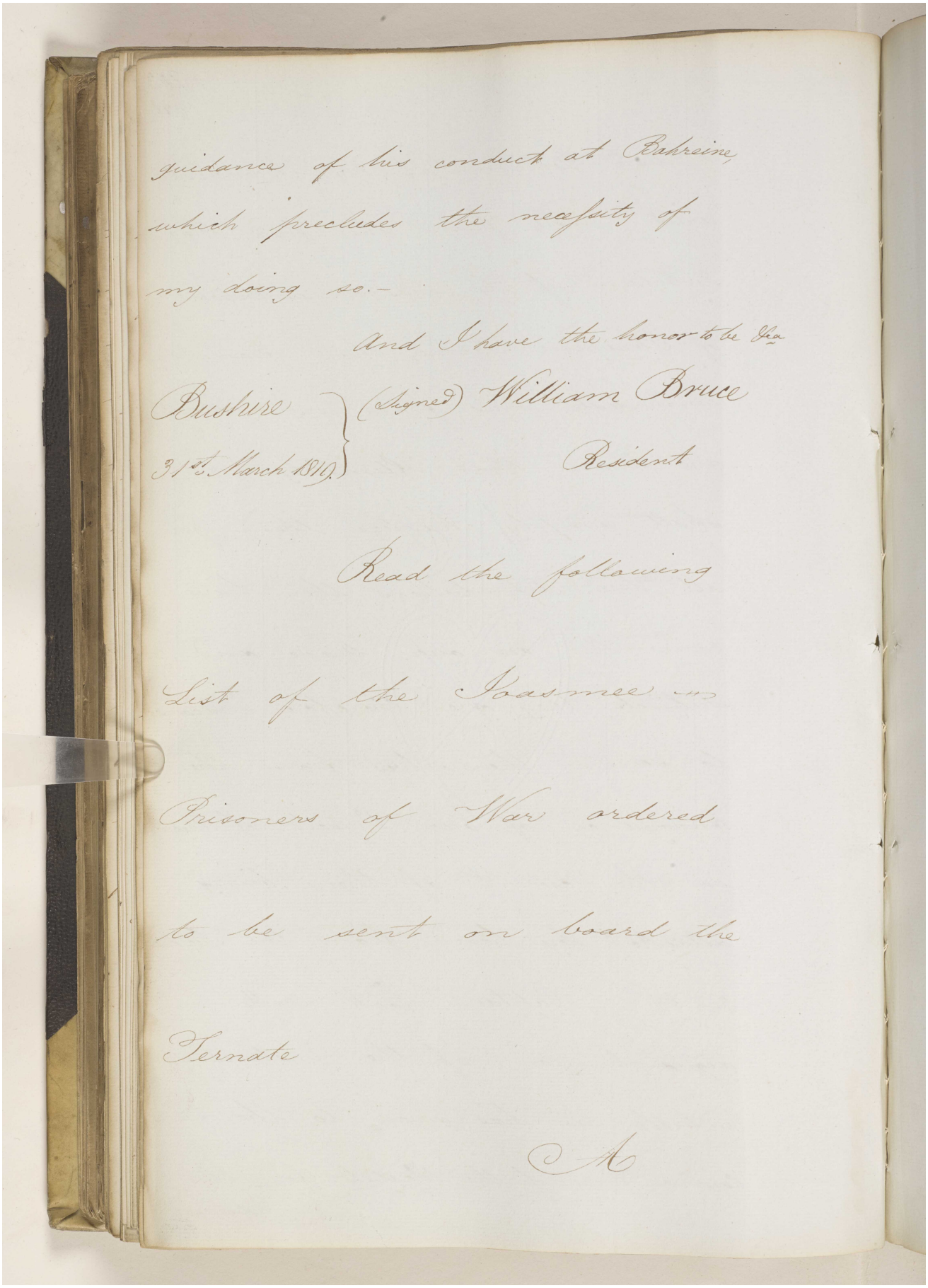

guidance of his conduct at Bahreine
which precludes the necessity of
my doing so.-

And I have the honor to be &c.

Bushire
31st March 1819
(Signed) William Bruce
Resident

Read the following

List of the Joasmee
Prisoners of War ordered
to be sent on board the
Ternate

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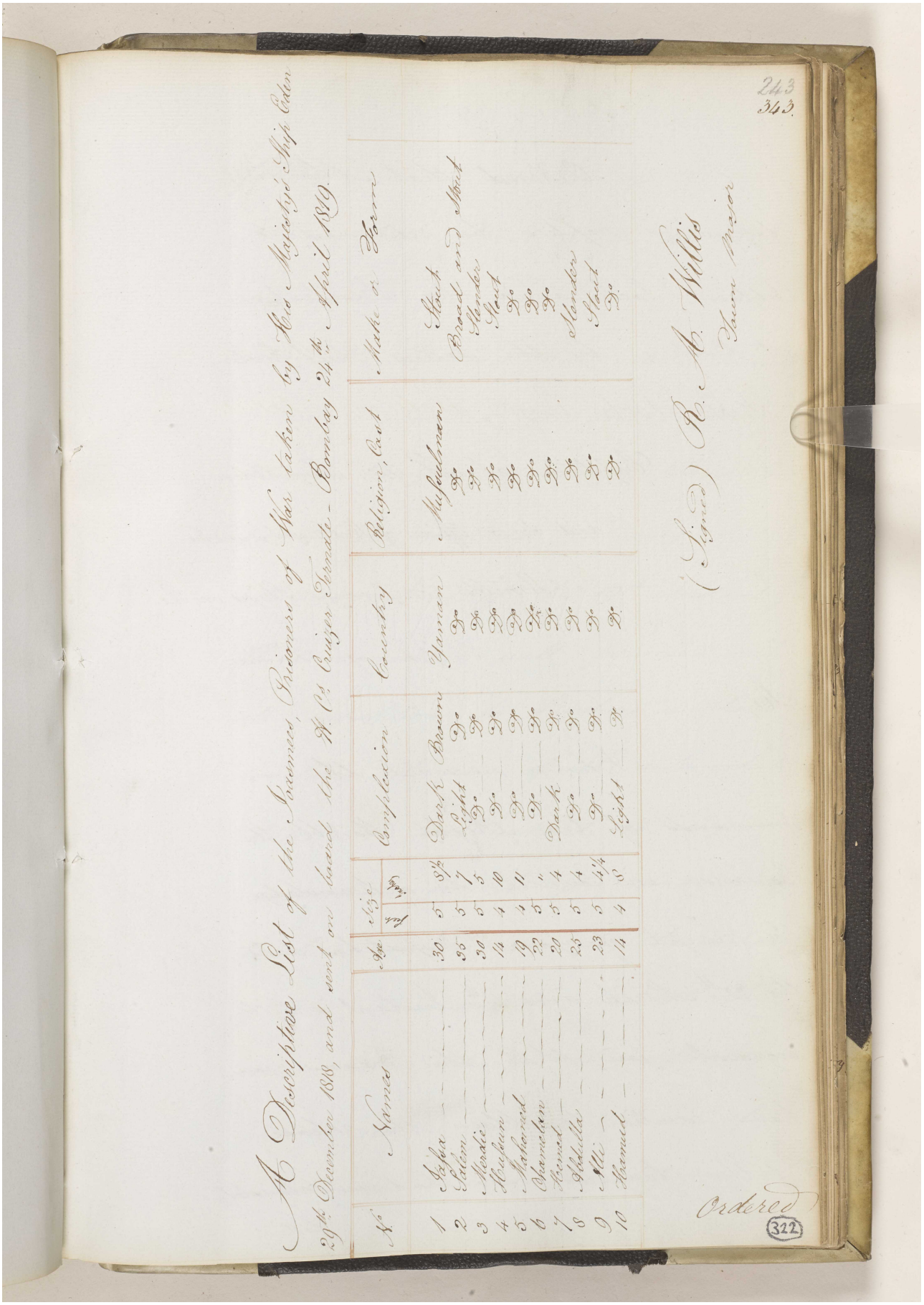

A Descriptive List of the Joasmees, Prisoners of War taken by His Majesty's Ship Eden 29th December 1818, and sent on board the H. Cs. Cruizer Ternate - Bombay 24th April 1819.

No.	Names	Age	Size feet	Size inches	Complexion	Country	Religion, Cast	Make or Form
1	Jassa	30	5	8½	Dark Brown	Yaman	Mussulman	Stout
2	Salem	35	5	7	Light Do	Do	Do	Broad and Stout
3	Merdie	30	5	5	Do Do	Do	Do	Slender
4	Hussun	14	4	10	Do Do	Do	Do	Stout
5	Mahomed	19	4	11	Do Do	Do	Do	Do
6	Chamelan	22	5	"	Do Do	Do	Do	Do
7	Hemed	20	5	4	Dark Do	Do	Do	Do
8	Abdulla	25	5	4	Do Do	Do	Do	Slender
9	Alli	23	5	4¼	Do Do	Do	Do	Stout
10	Hamud	14	4	8	Light Do	Do	Do	Do

(Signed) R. A. Willis
Town Major

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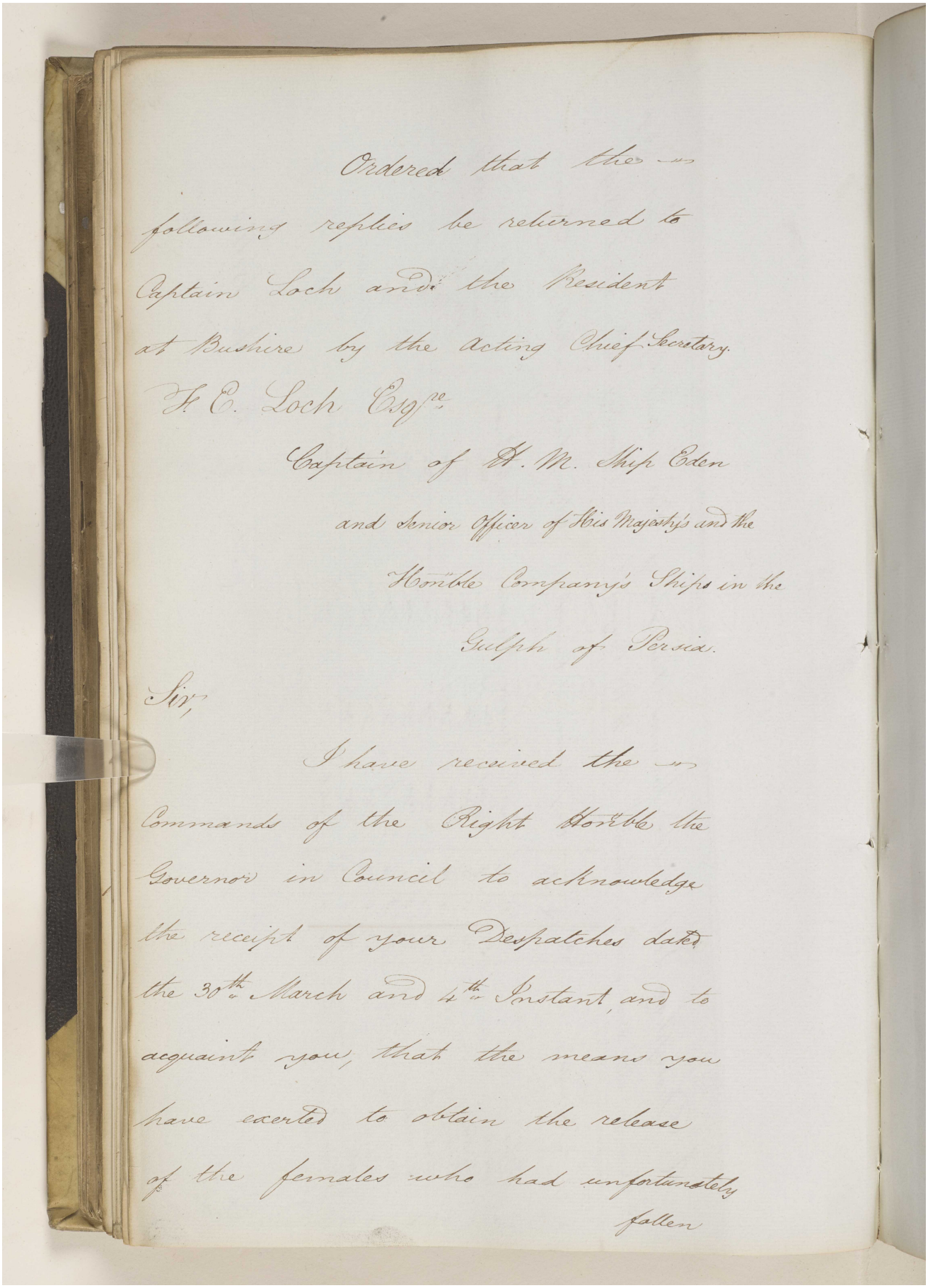
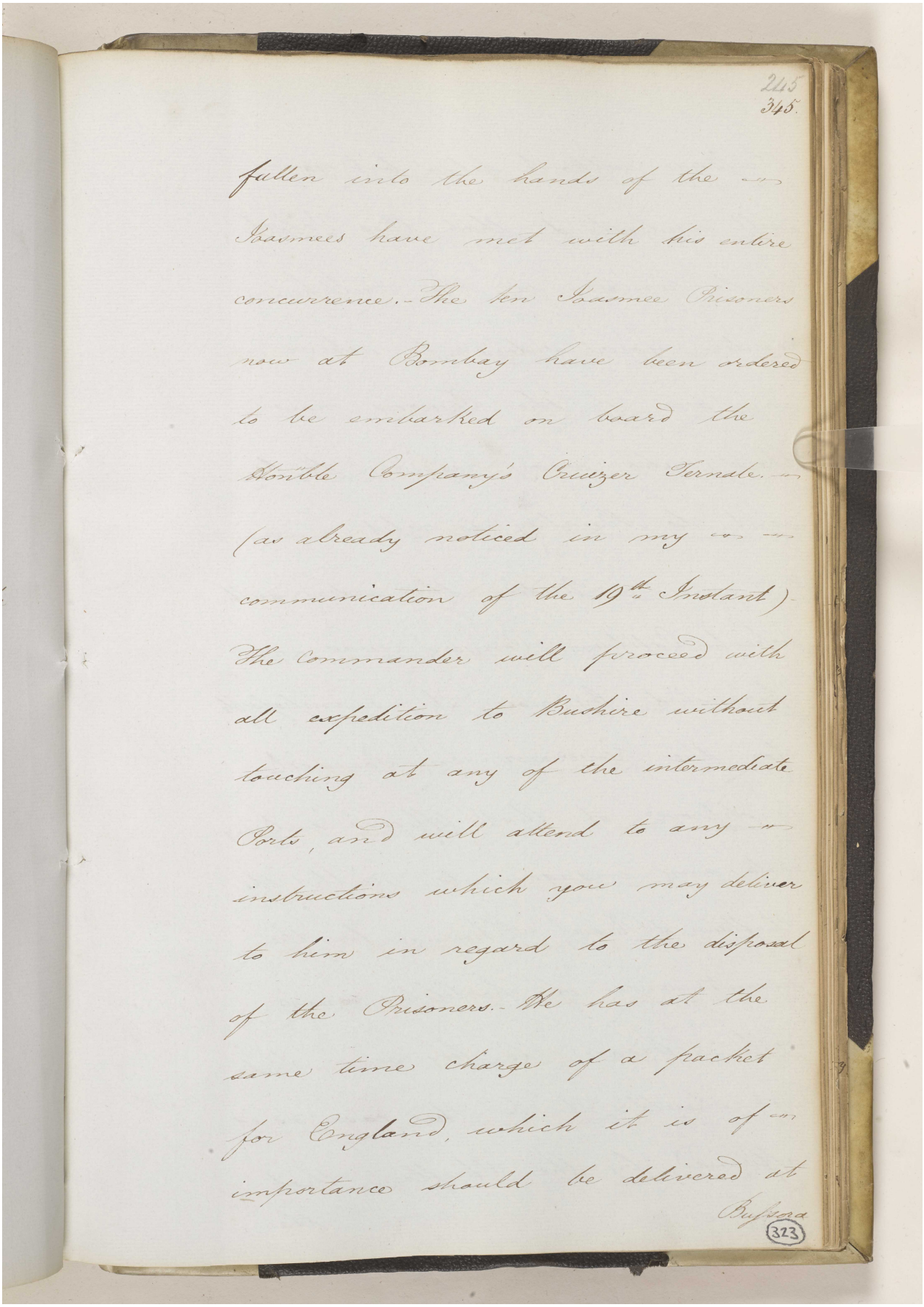


Ordered that the
following replies be returned to
Captain Loch and the Resident
at Bushire by the acting Chief Secretary.

F. E. Loch Esqre
Captain of H. M. Ship Eden
and Senior Officer of His Majesty's and the
Honble Company's Ships in the
Gulph of Persia.

Sir,

I have received the
Commands of the Right Honble the
Governor in Council to acknowledge
the receipt of your Despatches dated
the 30th March and 4th Instant, and to
acquaint you, that the means you
have exerted to obtain the release
of the females who had unfortunately
fallen



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fallen into the hands of the
Joasmees have met with his entire
concurrence.- The ten Joasmee Prisoners
now at Bombay have been ordered
to be embarked on board the
Honble Company's Cruizer Fernale
(as already noticed in my
communication of the 19th Instant)
The Commander will proceed with
all expedition to Bushire without
touching at any of the intermediate
Ports, and will attend to any
instructions which you may deliver
to him in regard to the disposal
of the Prisoners.- He has at the
same time charge of a packet
for England, which it is of
importance should be delivered at
Bussora

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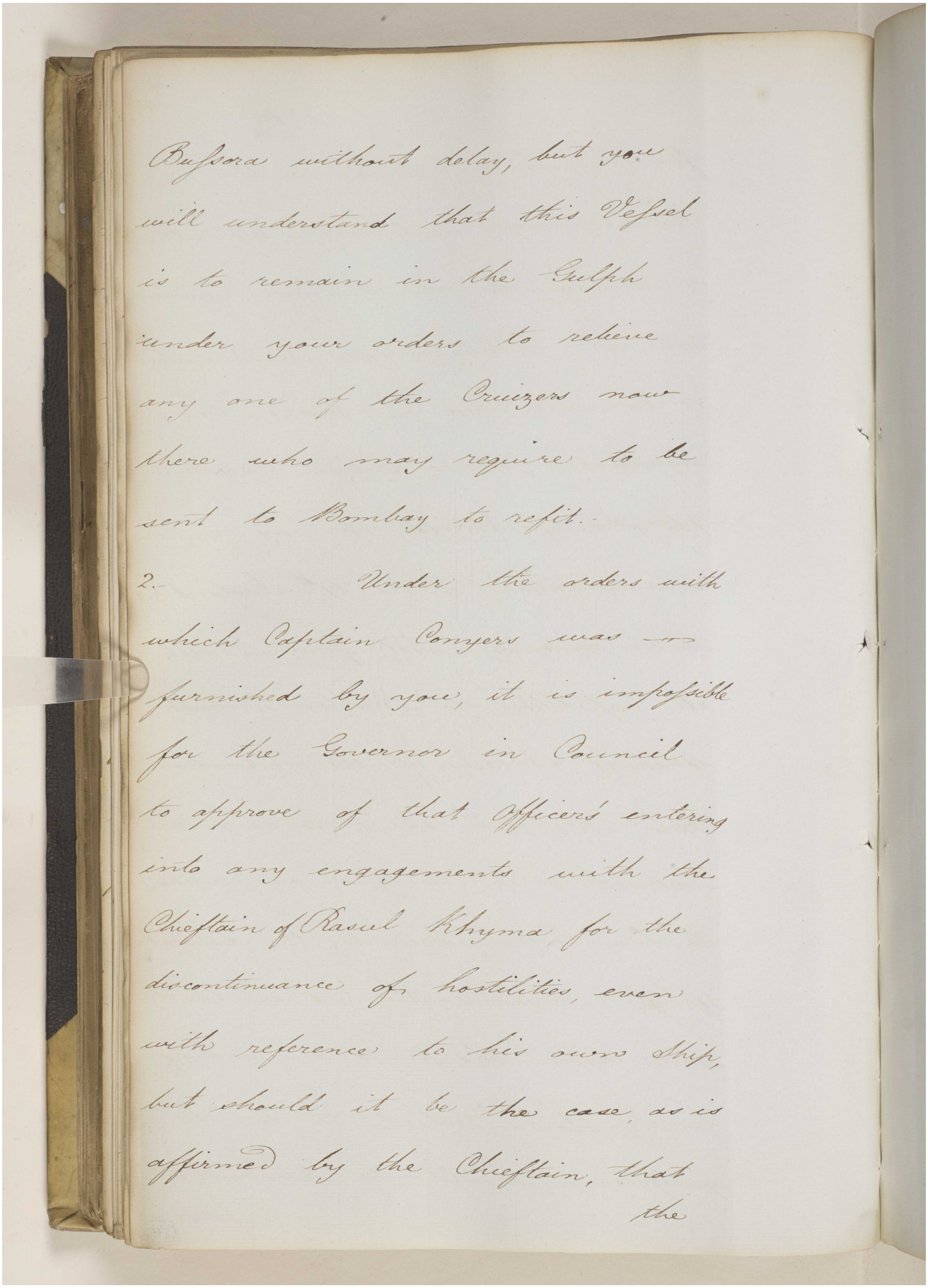
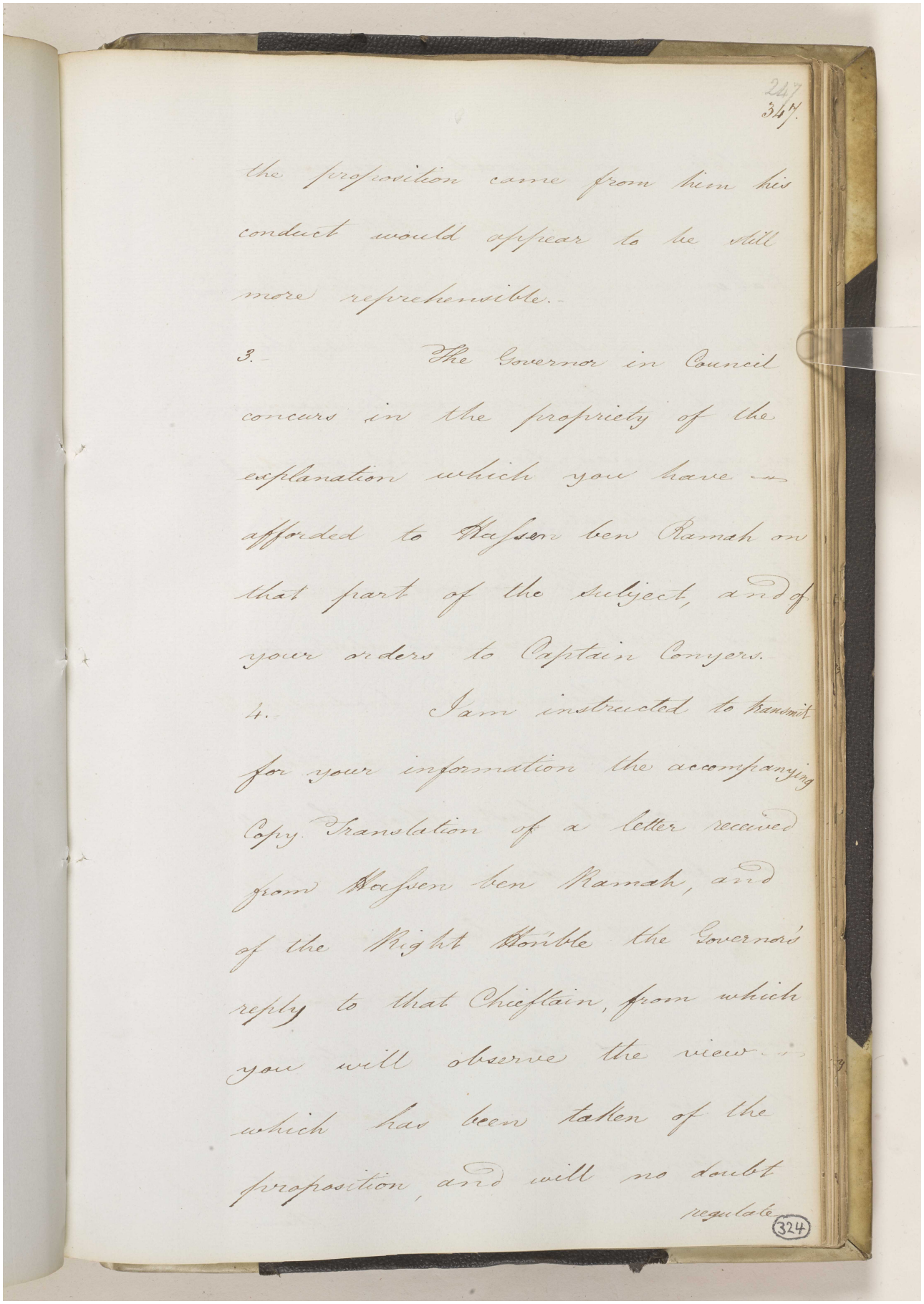


Bussora without delay, but you will understand that this Vessel is to remain in the Gulph under your orders to relieve any one of the Cruizers now there, who may require to be sent to Bombay to refit.-

2.- Under the orders with which Captain Conyers was furnished by you, it is impossible for the Governor in Council to approve of that Officer's entering into any engagements with the Chieftain of Rasul Khyma for the discontinuance of hostilities, even with reference to his own Ship, but should it be the case, as is affirmed by the Chieftain, that the



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the proposition came from him his conduct would appear to be still more reprehensible.

3. The Governor in Council concurs in the propriety of the explanation which you have afforded to Hajeen ben Ramah on that part of the subject, and of your orders to Captain Conyers.

4. I am instructed to transmit for your information the accompanying Copy Translation of a letter received from Hajeen ben Ramah, and of the Right Honble the Governor's reply to that Chieftain, from which you will observe the view which has been taken of the proposition, and will no doubt regulate

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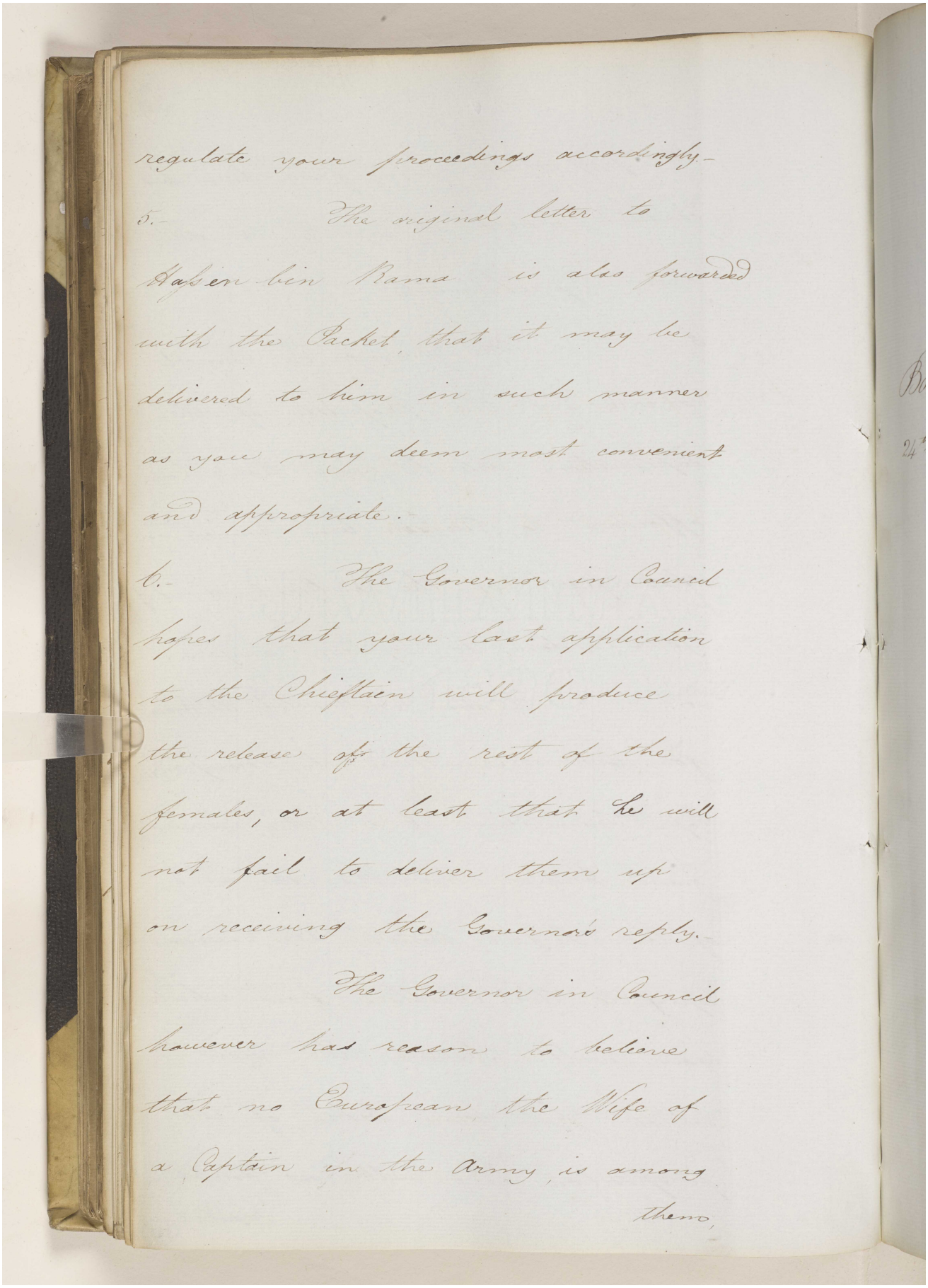
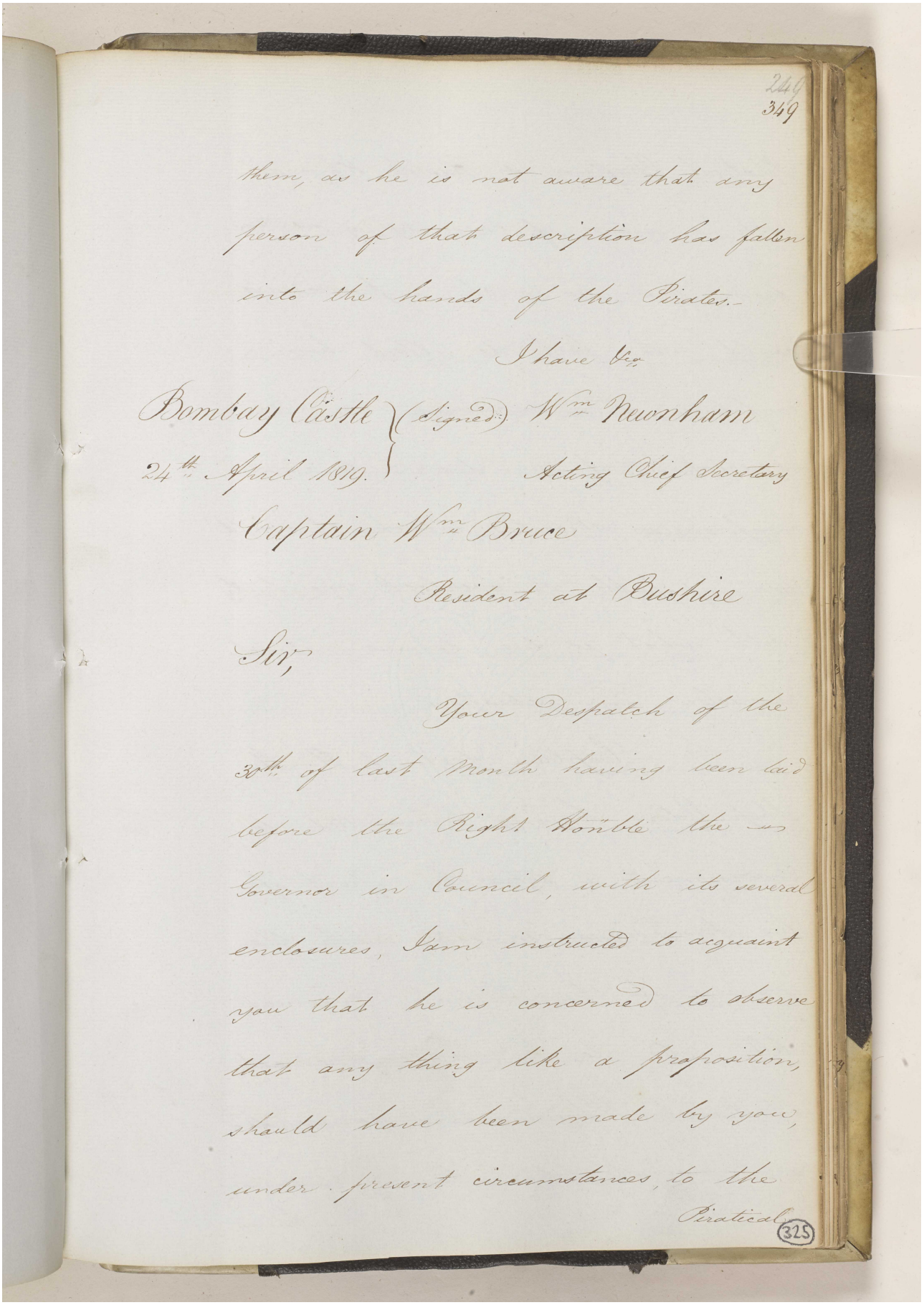


regulate your proceedings accordingly.-

5.- The original letter to Hajeen bin Rama is also forwarded with the Packet, that it may be delivered to him in such manner as you may deem most convenient and appropriate.-

6.- The Governor in Council hopes that your last application to the Chieftain will produce the release of the rest of the females, or at least that he will not fail to deliver them up on receiving the Governor's reply.-

The Governor in Council however has reason to believe that no European, the Wife of a Captain in the Army, is among them,



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them, as he is not aware that any person of that description has fallen into the hands of the Pirates.

I have &c.

Bombay Castle 24th April 1819. (Signed) Wm Newnham
Acting Chief Secretary

Captain Wm Bruce
Resident at Bushire

Sir,

Your Despatch of the 30th of last Month having been laid before the Right Honble the Governor in Council, with its several enclosures, I am instructed to acquaint you that he is concerned to observe that any thing like a proposition, should have been made by you, under present circumstances, to the Piratical

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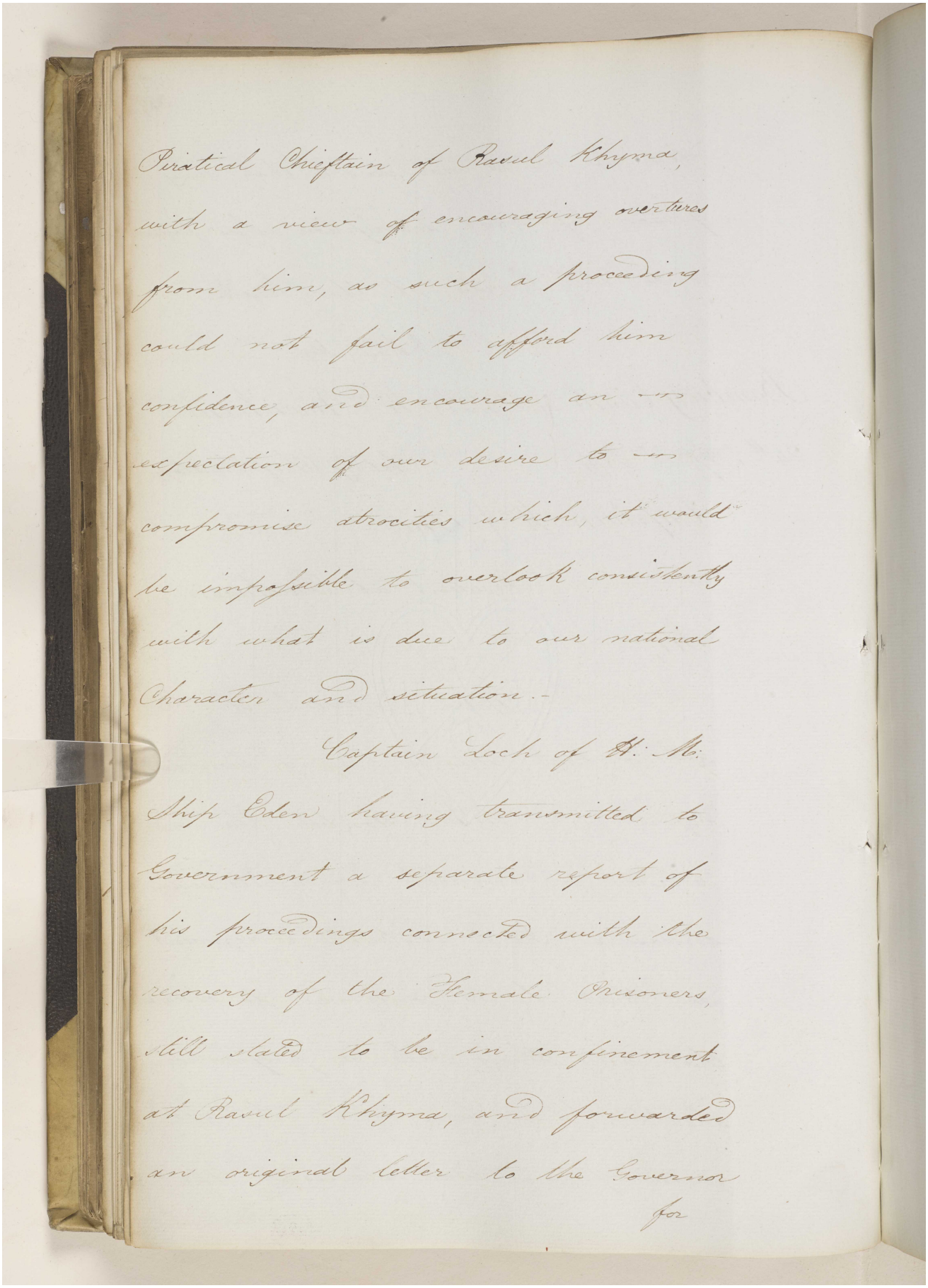
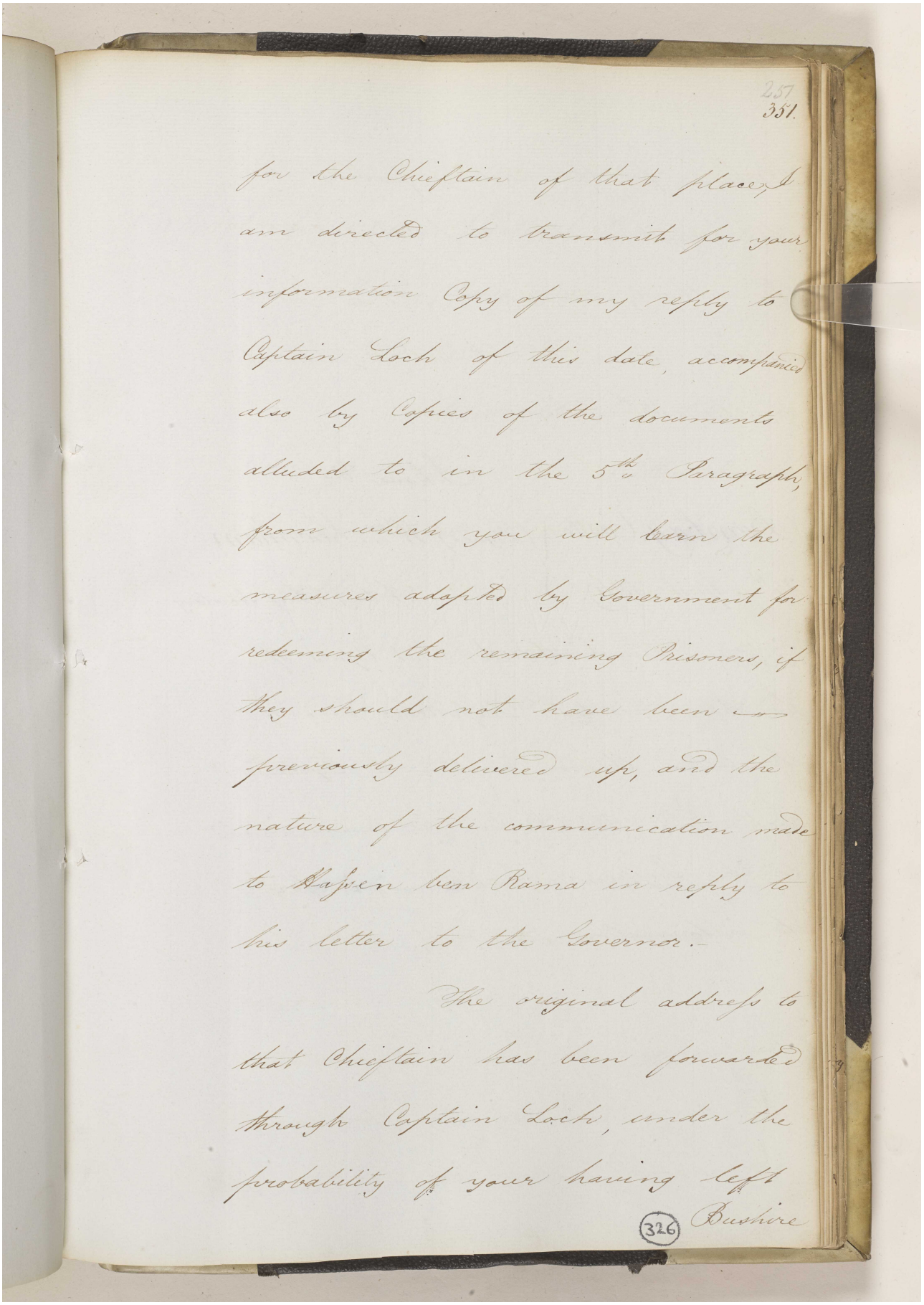


Piratical Chieftain of Rasul Khyma,
with a view of encouraging overtures
from him, as such a proceeding
could not fail to afford him
confidence, and encourage an —
expectation of our desire to —
compromise atrocities which, it would
be impossible to overlook consistently
with what is due to our national
Character and situation.—

Captain Loch of H. M.
Ship Eden having transmitted to
Government a separate report of
his proceedings connected with the
recovery of the Female Prisoners,
still stated to be in confinement
at Rasul Khyma, and forwarded
an original letter to the Governor
for



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for the Chieftain of that place, I am directed to transmit for your information Copy of my reply to Captain Lock of this date, accompanied also by Copies of the documents alluded to in the 5th Paragraph, from which you will learn the measures adopted by Government for redeeming the remaining Prisoners, if they should not have been previously delivered up, and the nature of the communication made to Hajeen bem Rama in reply to his letter to the Governor.-

The original address to that Chieftain has been forwarded through Captain Lock, under the probability of your having left

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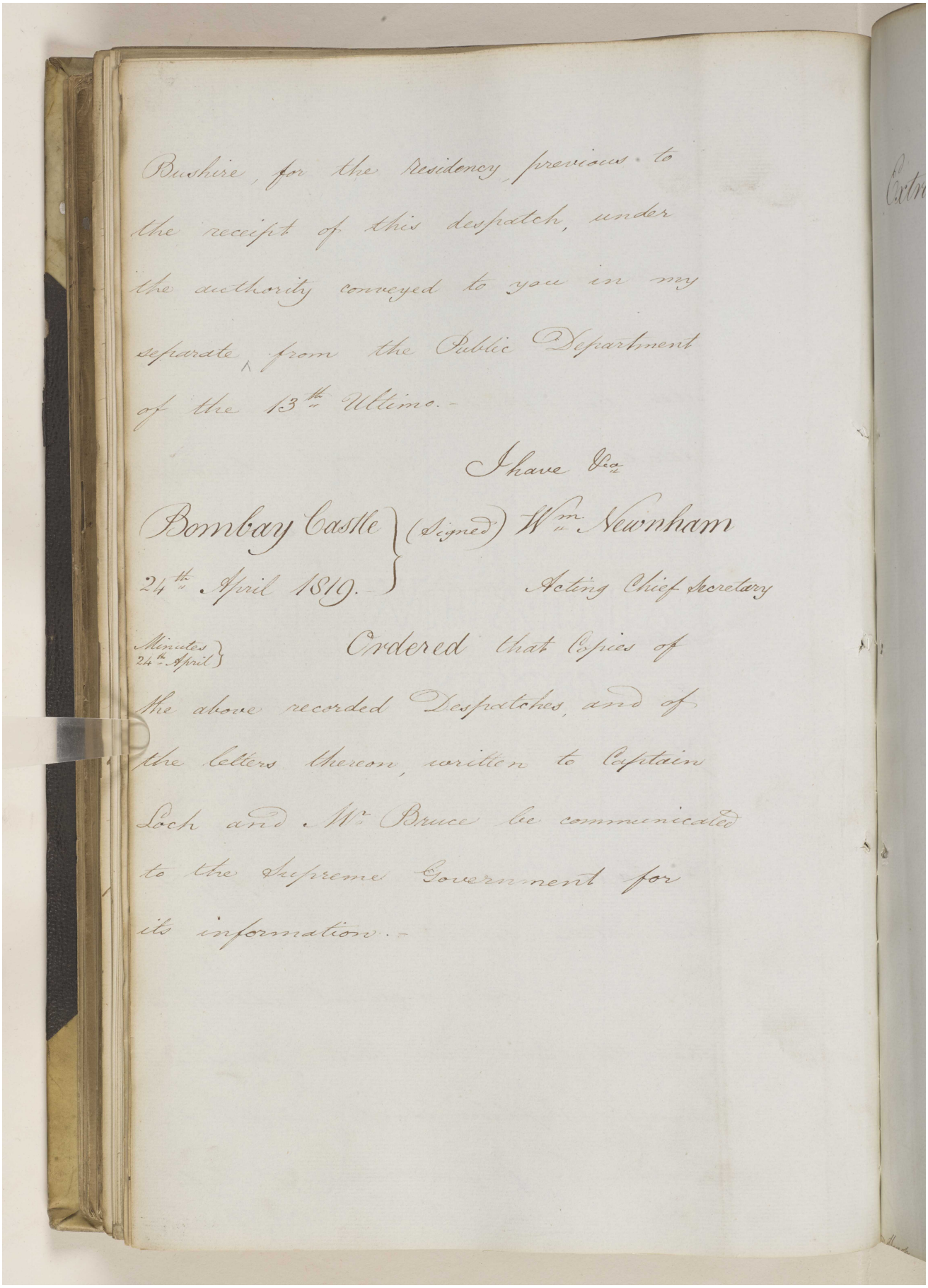


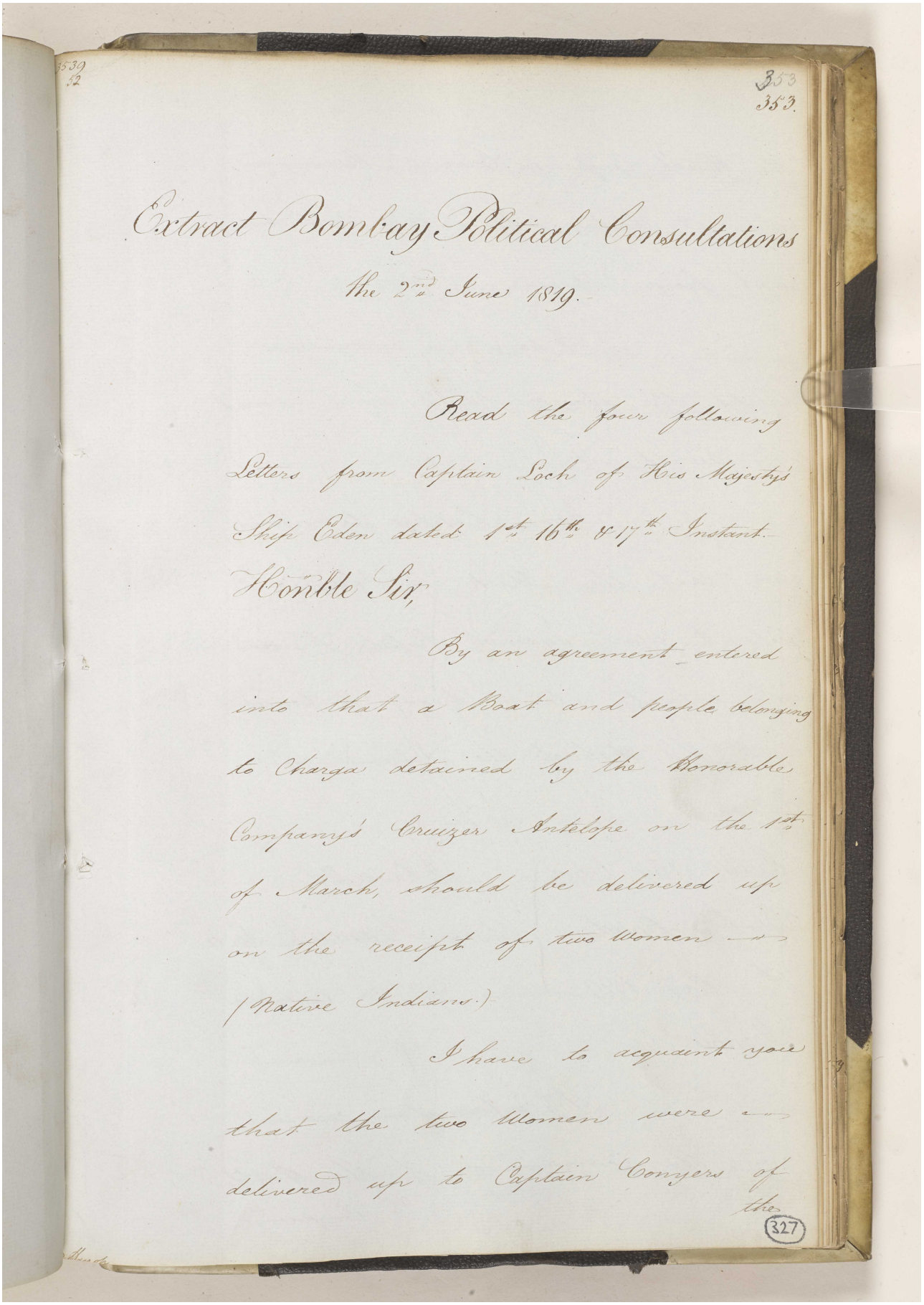
Bushire, for the Residency previous to the receipt of this despatch, under the authority conveyed to you in my separate from the Public Department of the 13th Ultimo.-

I have &c.

Bombay Castle 24th. April 1819.- (Signed) Wm. Newnham Acting Chief Secretary

Minutes 24th. April

Ordered that Copies of the above recorded Despatches, and of the letters thereon, written to Captain Loch and Mr. Bruce be communicated to the Supreme Government for its information.-



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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

the 2nd June 1819.

Read the four following Letters from Captain Loch of His Majesty's Ship Eden dated 1st 16th & 17th Instant.

Honble Sir,

By an agreement entered into that a Boat and people belonging to Charga detained by the Honorable Company's Cruizer Antelope on the 1st of March, should be delivered up on the receipt of two Women — (Native Indians.)

I have to acquaint you that the two Women were — delivered up to Captain Conyers of the

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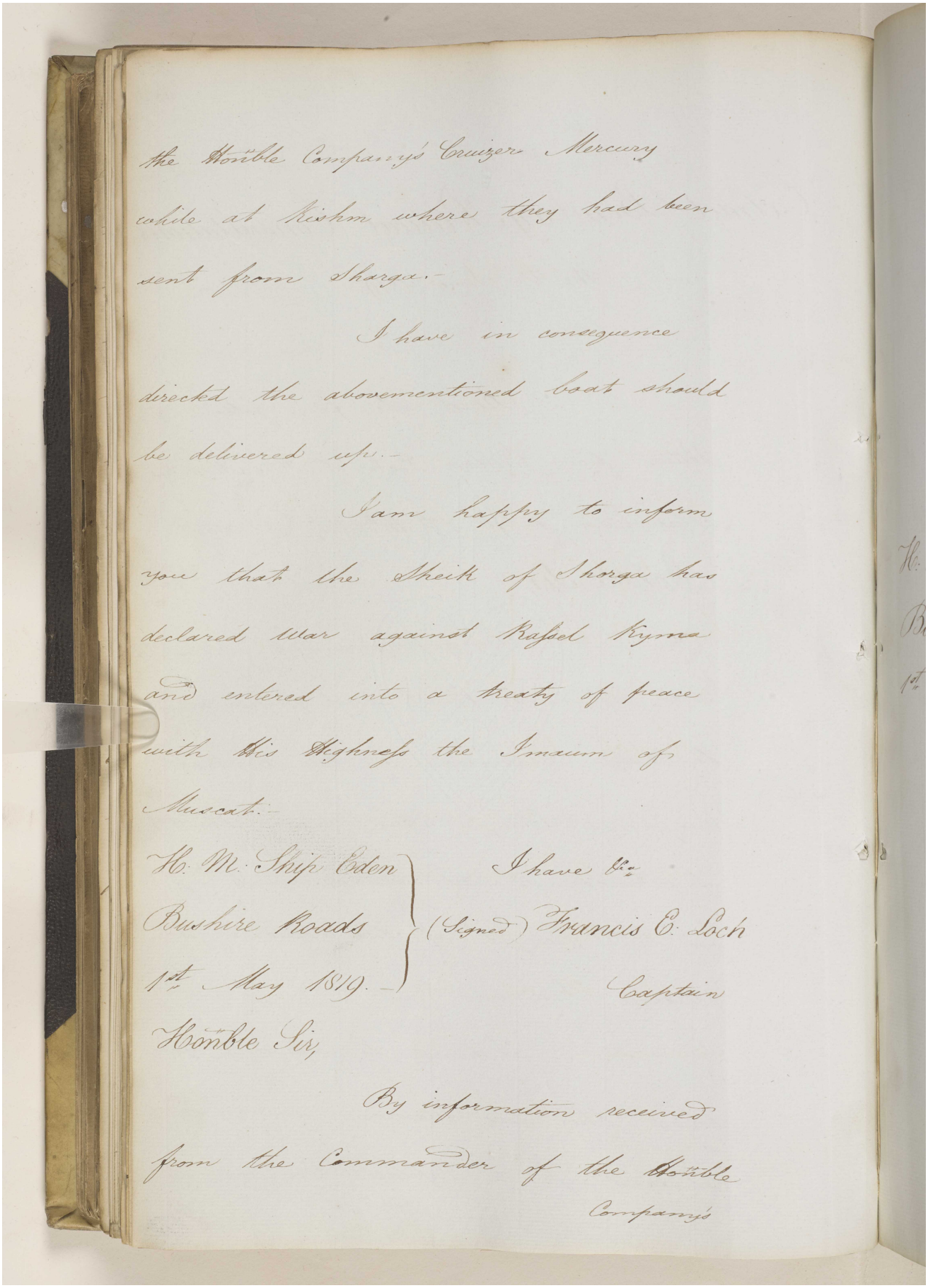


the Honble Company's Cruizer Mercury
while at Kishm where they had been
sent from Shurga.-

I have in consequence
directed the abovementioned boat should
be delivered up.-

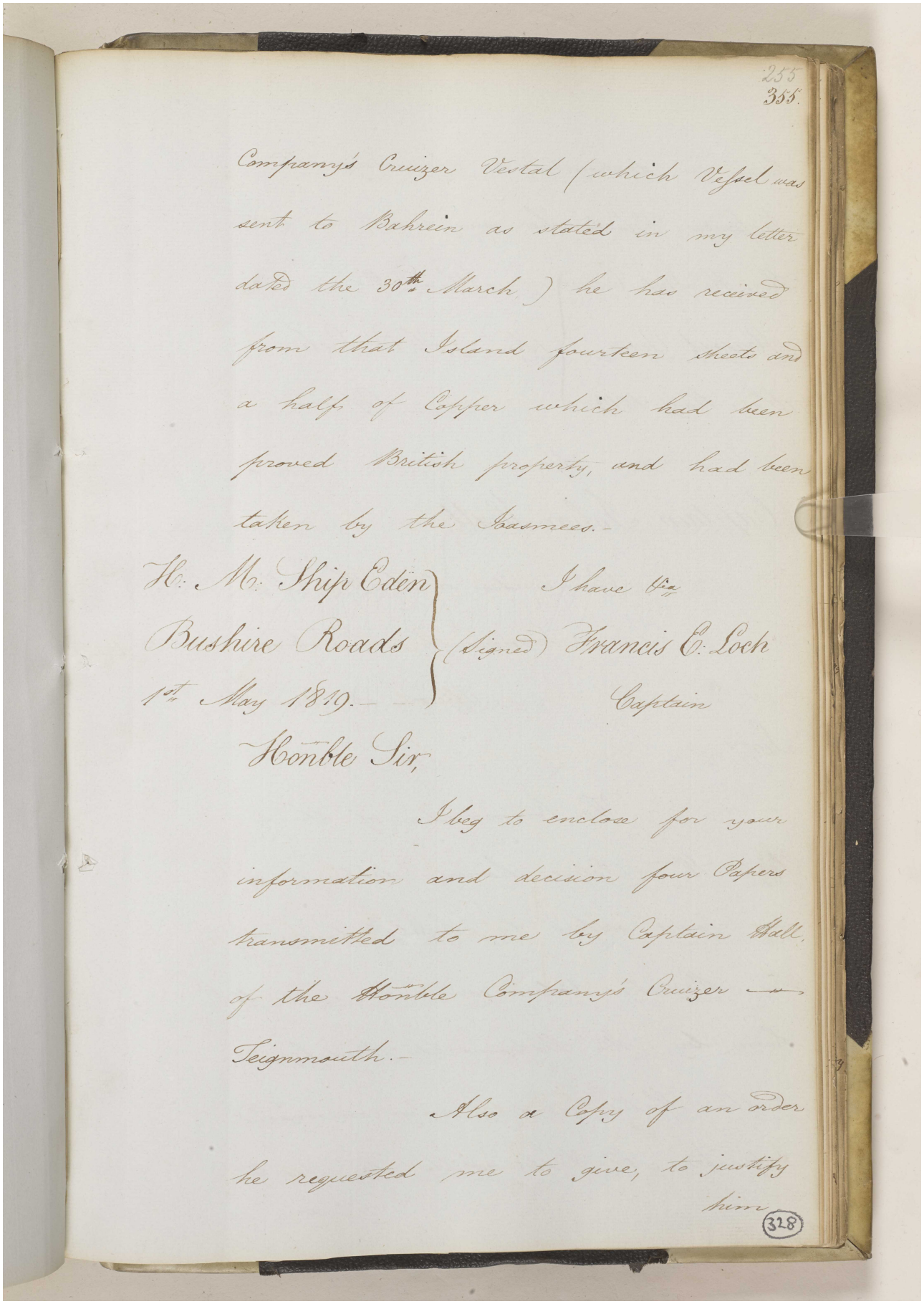
I am happy to inform
you that the Sheik of Shurga has
declared War against Rajeel Kyma
and entered into a treaty of peace
with His Highness the Imaum of
Muscat.-

H. M. Ship Eden
Bushire Roads
1st May 1819.-

I have &c.
(Signed) Francis C. Loch
Captain

Honble Sir,

By information received
from the Commander of the Honble
Company's



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Company's Cruizer Vestal (which Vessel was sent to Bahrein as stated in my letter dated the 30th March) he has received from that Island fourteen sheets and a half of Copper which had been proved British property, and had been taken by the Joasmees.-

H. M. Ship Eden
Bushire Roads
1st May 1819.-

I have &c
(Signed) Francis C. Loch
Captain

Honble Sir,

I beg to enclose for your information and decision four Papers transmitted to me by Captain Hall, of the Honble Company's Cruizer — Teignmouth.-

Also a Copy of an order he requested me to give, to justify him

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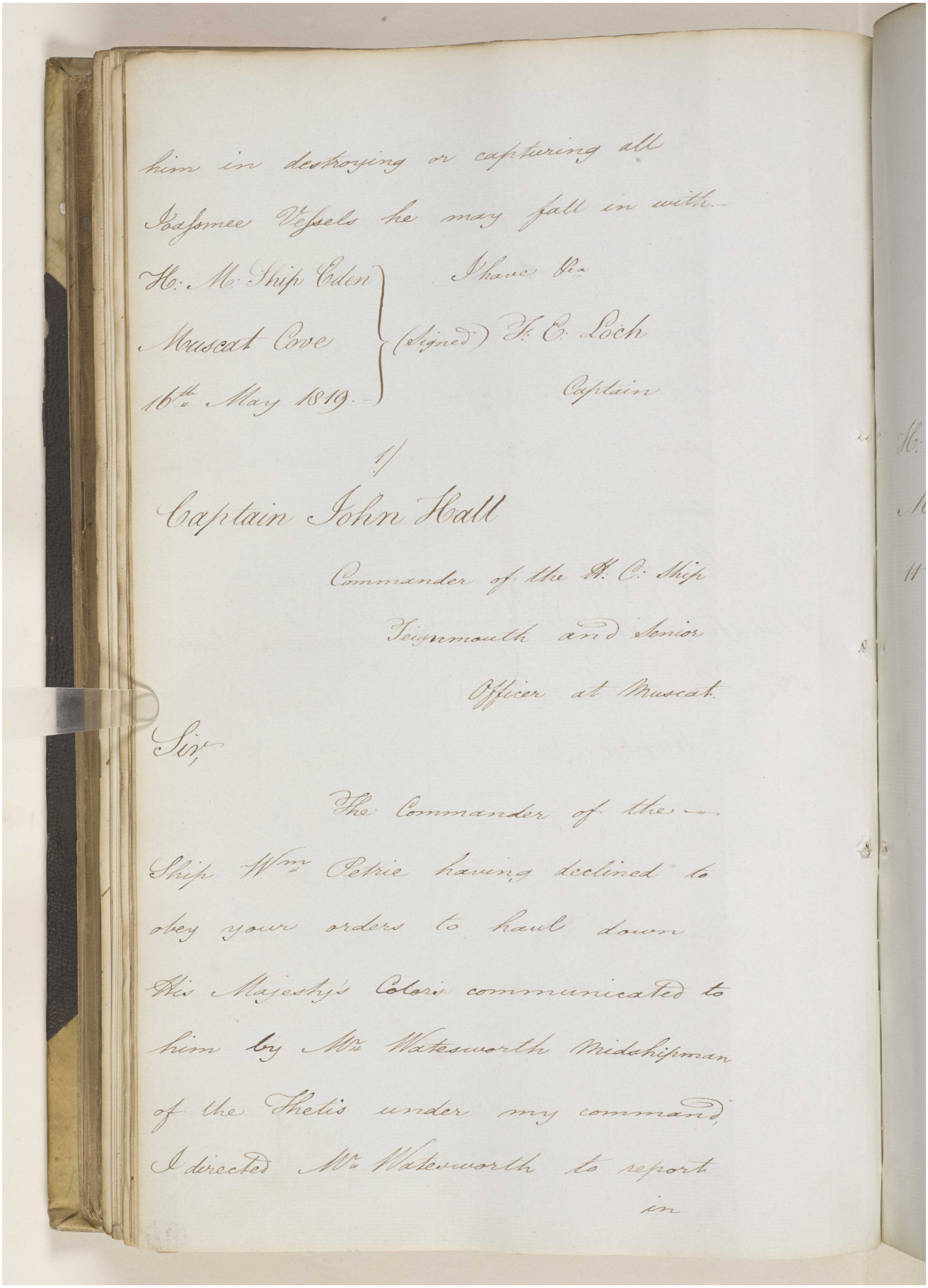

him in destroying or capturing all
Joasmee Vessels he may fall in with.—

H. M. Ship Eden
Muscat Cove
16th May 1819.

I have &c
(Signed) F. C. Loch
Captain

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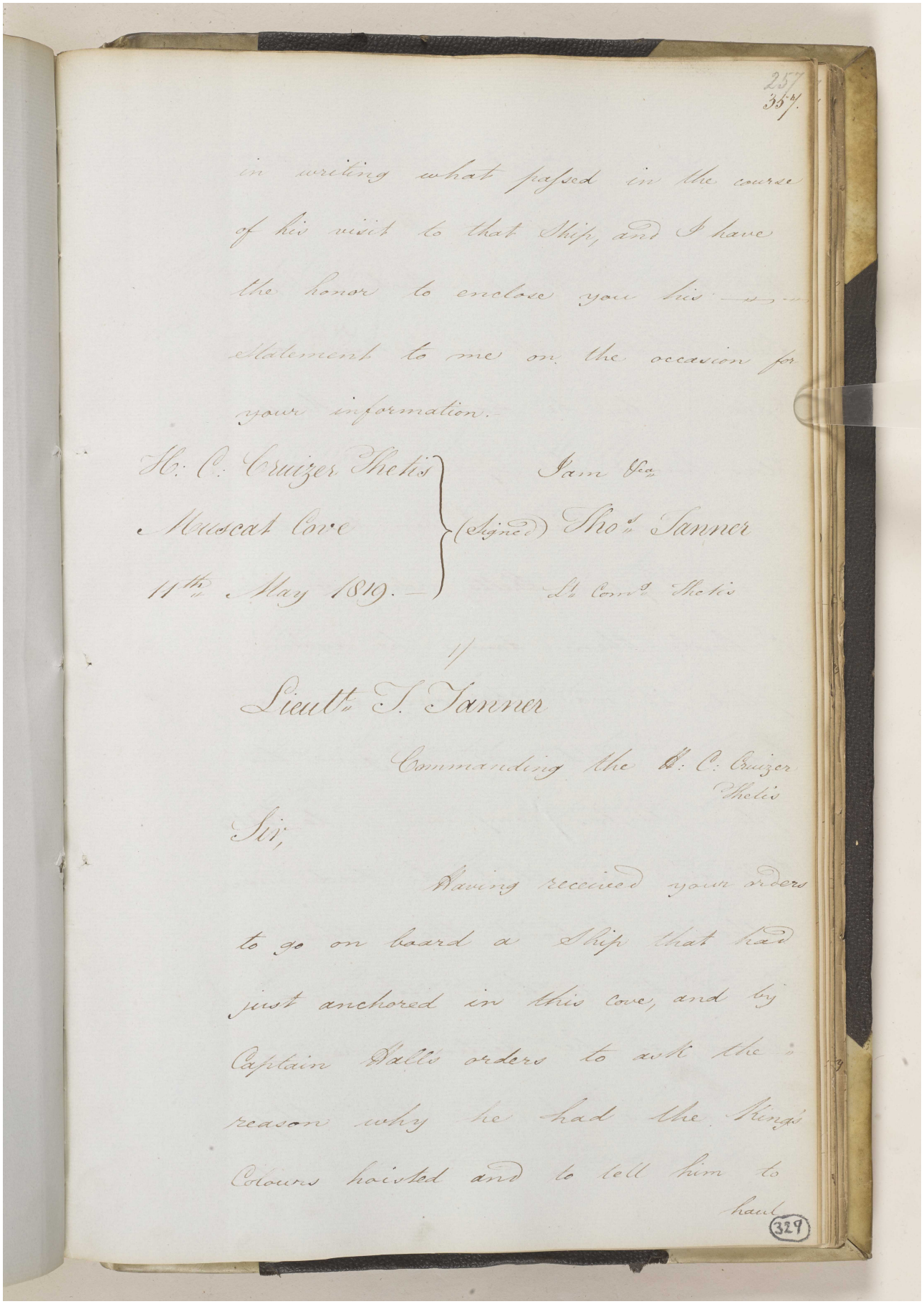
Captain John Hall
Commander of the H. C. Ship
Seignmouth and Senior
Officer at Muscat.

Sir,

The Commander of the —
Ship Wm Petrie having declined to
obey your orders to haul down
His Majesty's Colors communicated to
him by Mr Watesworth Midshipman
of the Thetis under my command,
I directed Mr Watesworth to report
in



in writing what passed in the course of his visit to that Ship, and I have the honor to enclose you his Statement to me on the occasion for your information.

H: C: Cruizer Thetis
Muscat Cove
11th May 1819.

I am &c.
(Signed) Thos. Tanner
Lt. Comg. Thetis

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Lieutt. T. Tanner

Commanding the H: C: Cruizer Thetis

Sir,

Having received your orders to go on board a Ship that had just anchored in this cove, and by Captain Hall's orders to ask the reason why he had the King's Colours hoisted and to tell him to haul

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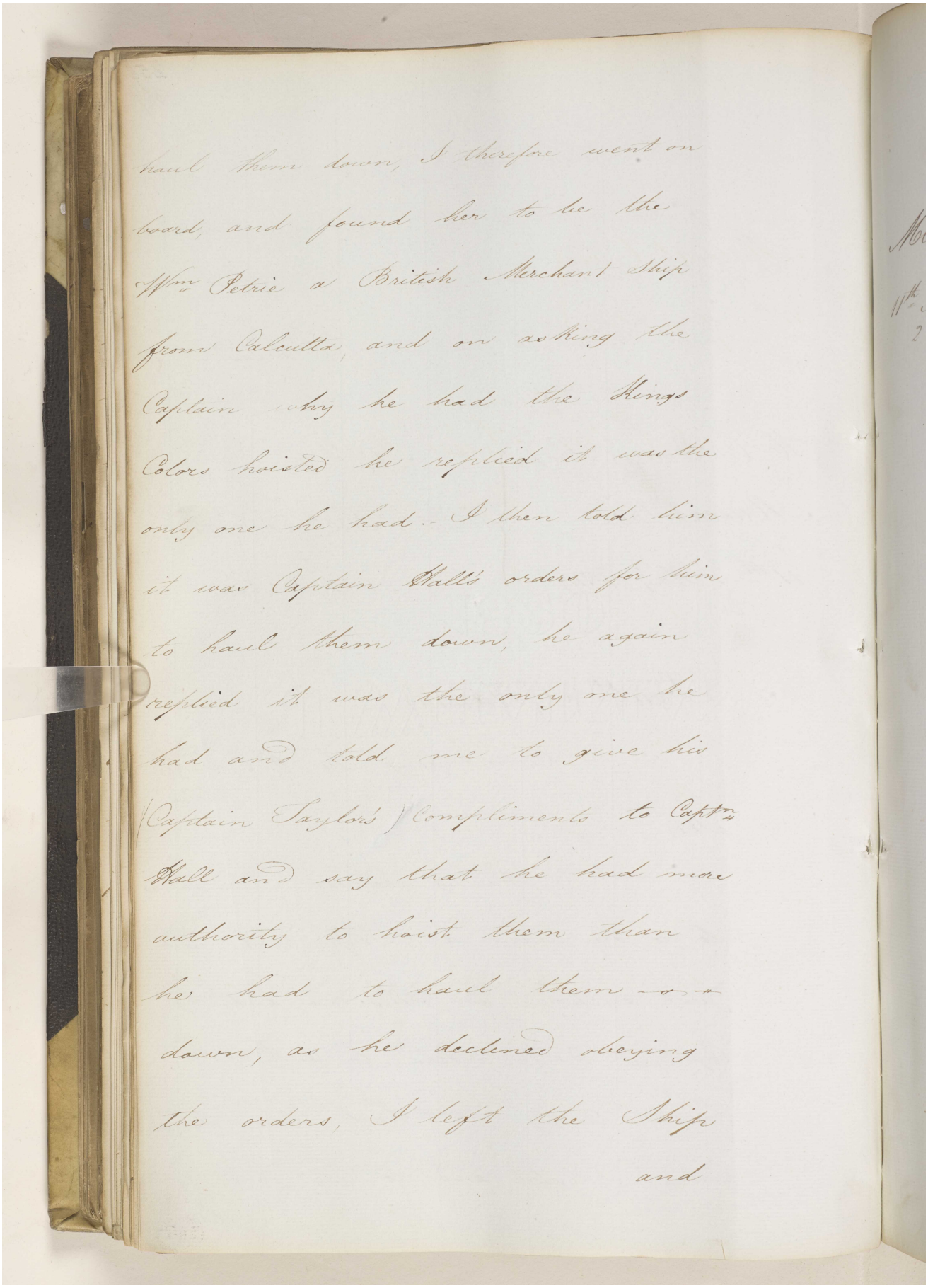
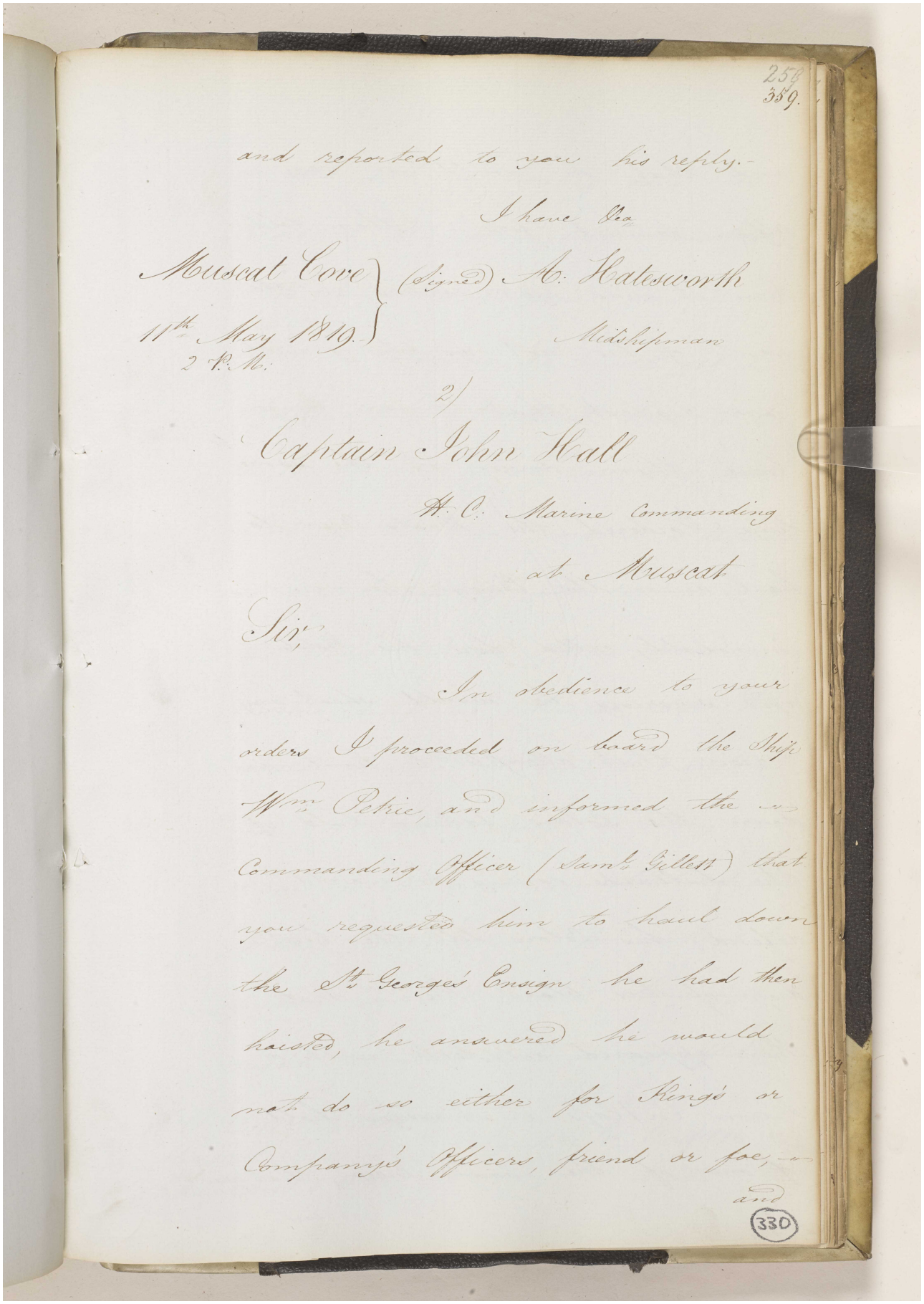


haul them down, I therefore went on
board, and found her to be the
Wm Petrie a British Merchant Ship
from Calcutta, and on asking the
Captain why he had the Kings
Colors hoisted he replied it was the
only one he had - I then told him
it was Captain Hall's orders for him
to haul them down, he again
replied it was the only one he
had and told me to give his
Captain Taylor's Compliments to Captn
Hall and say that he had more
authority to hoist them than
he had to haul them down
down, as he declined obeying
the orders, I left the Ship
and



and reported to you his reply.-

I have &ca

Muscat Cove } (Signed) A. Hatesworth
11th May 1819. } Midshipman
2 P.M.

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Captain John Hall

H. C. Marine Commanding
at Muscat

Sir,

In obedience to your orders I proceeded on board the Ship Wm Petrie, and informed the Commanding Officer (Saml Gillett) that you requested him to haul down the St George's Ensign he had then hoisted, he answered he would not do so either for King's or Company's Officers, friend or foe, and

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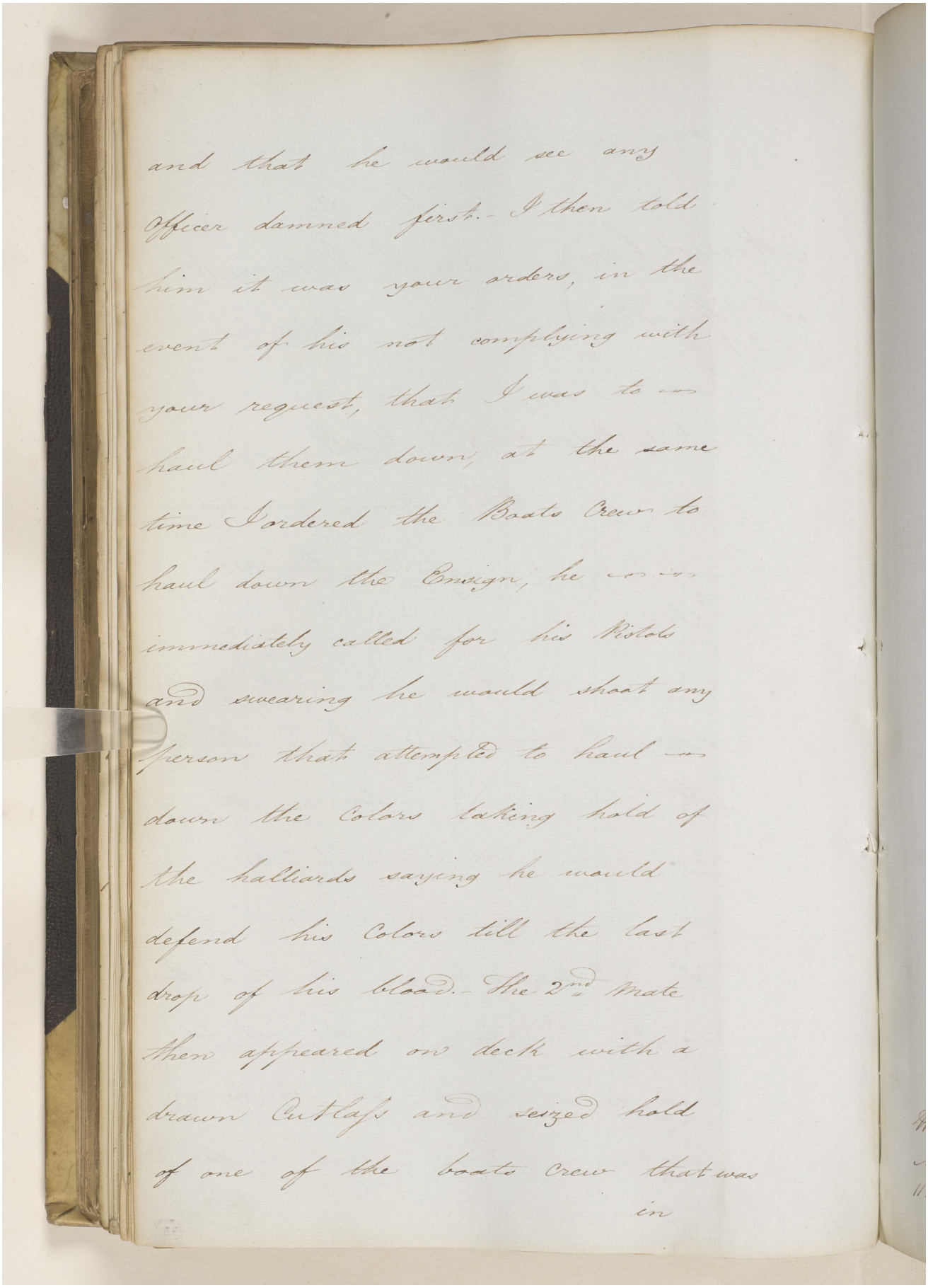
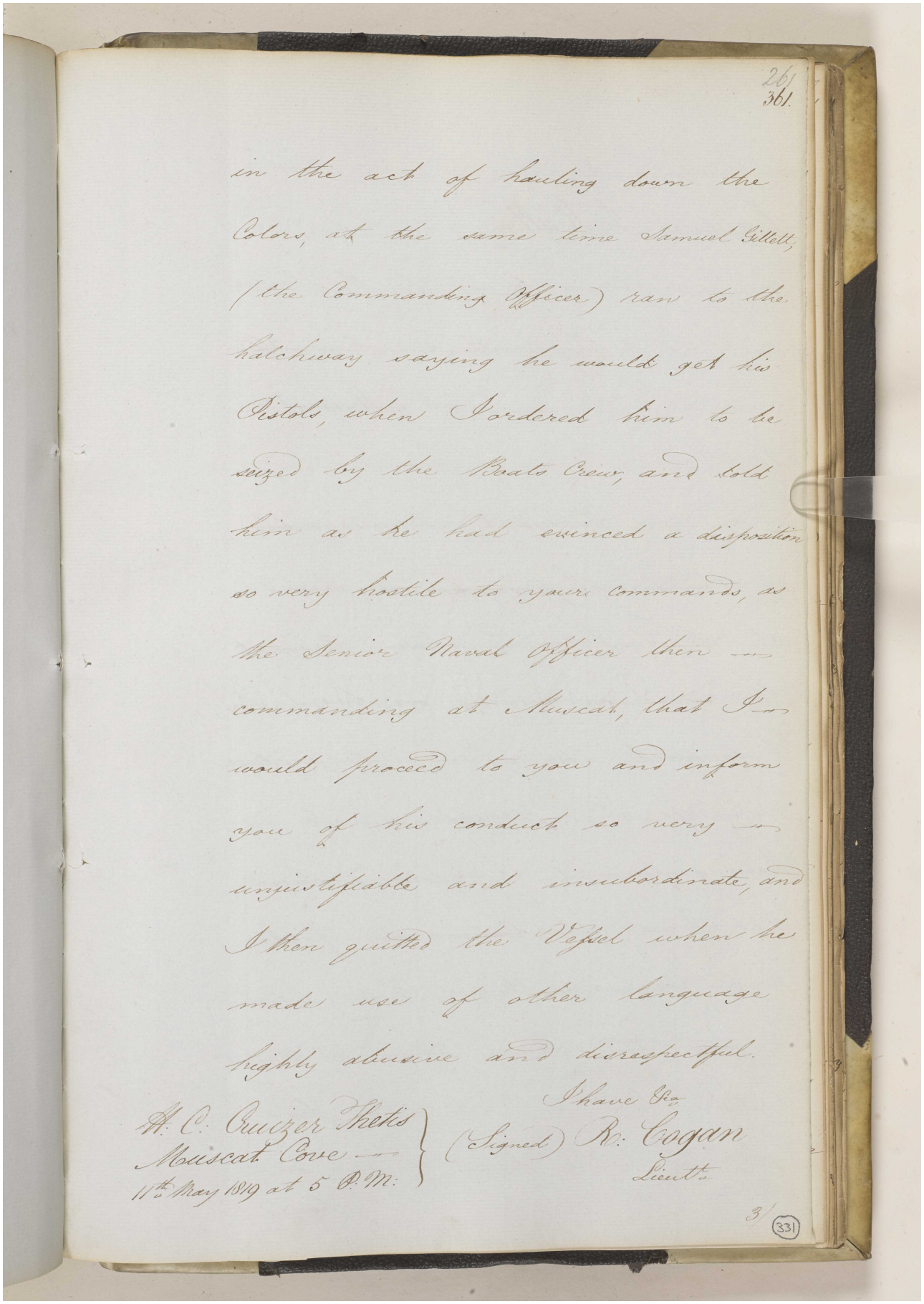


and that he would see any
Officer damned first.- I then told
him it was your orders, in the
event of his not complying with
your request, that I was to —
haul them down, at the same
time I ordered the Boats Crew to
haul down the Ensign, he — —
immediately called for his Pistols
and swearing he would shoot any
person that attempted to haul —
down the Colors taking hold of
the halliards saying he would
defend his Colors till the last
drop of his blood.- The 2nd Mate
then appeared on deck with a
drawn Cutlass and seized hold
of one of the boats Crew that was
in



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in the act of hauling down the Colors, at the same time Samuel Gillett, (the Commanding Officer) ran to the hatchway saying he would get his Pistols, when I ordered him to be seized by the Boats Crew, and told him as he had evinced a disposition so very hostile to your commands, as the Senior Naval Officer then commanding at Muscat, that I would proceed to you and inform you of his conduct so very unjustifiable and insubordinate, and I then quitted the Vessel when he made use of other language highly abusive and disrespectful.

I have &c.
(Signed) R. Cogan
Lieut.

H. C. Cruizer Thetis
Muscat Cove
11th May 1819 at 5 P. M.

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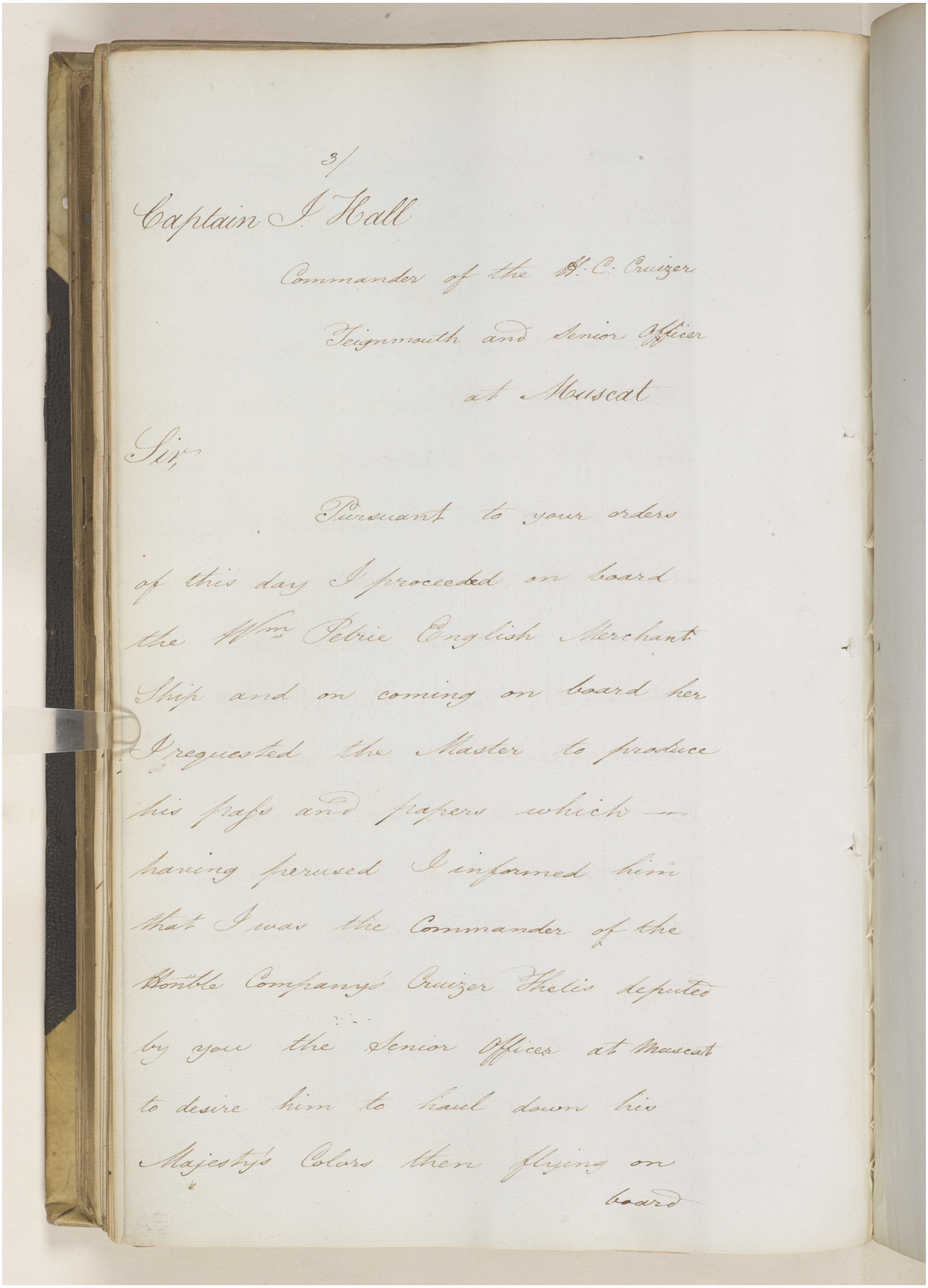

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Captain J. Hall

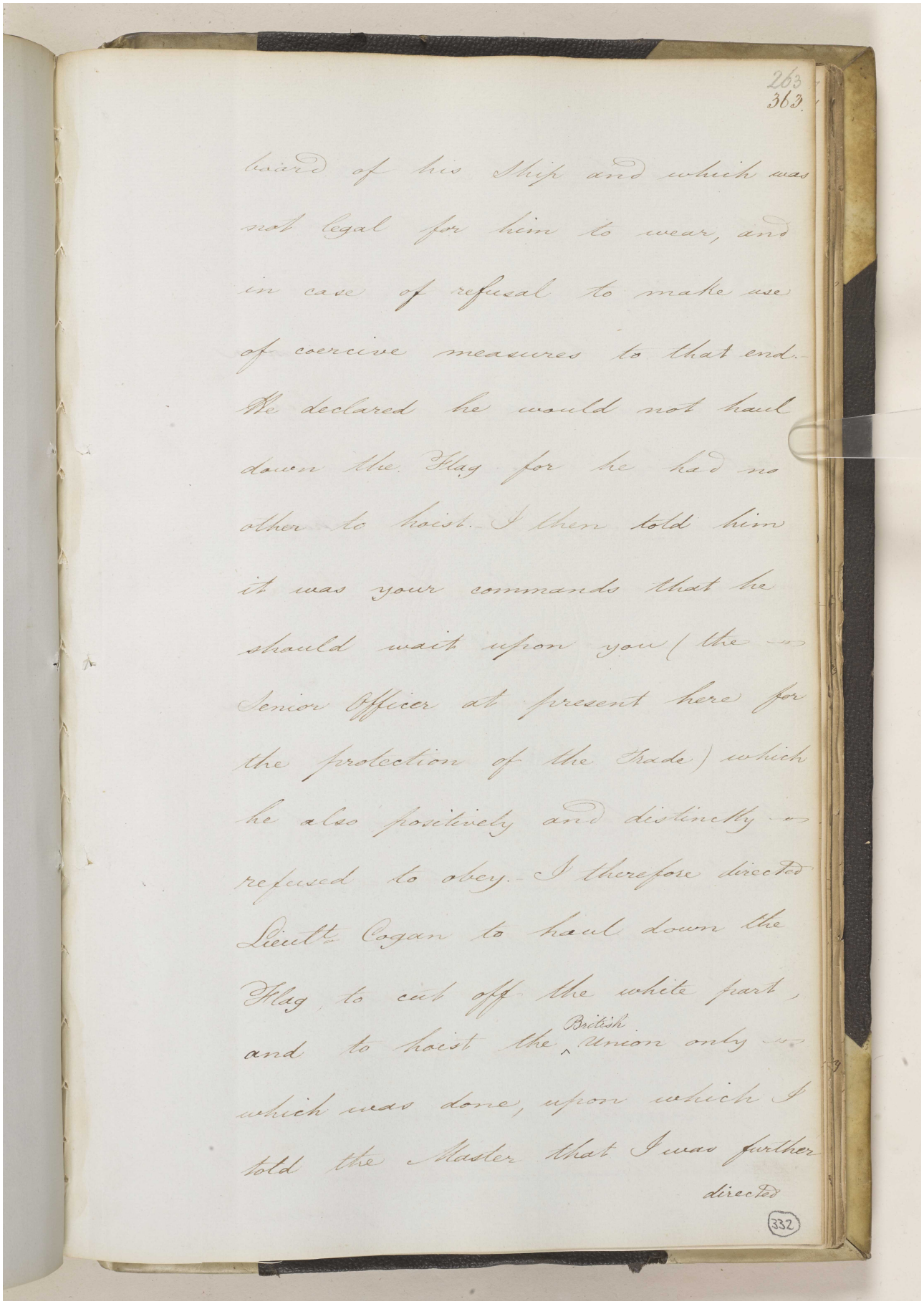
Commander of the H. C. Cruizer

Teignmouth and Senior Officer

at Muscat

Sir,

Pursuant to your orders
of this day I proceeded on board
the Wm. Petrie English Merchant
Ship and on coming on board her
I requested the Master to produce
his pass and papers which —
having perused I informed him
that I was the Commander of the
Honble Company's Cruizer Thetis deputed
by you the Senior Officer at Muscat
to desire him to haul down his
Majesty's Colors then flying on
board



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hand of his Ship and which was
not legal for him to wear, and
in case of refusal to make use
of coercive measures to that end.
He declared he would not haul
down the Flag for he had no
other to hoist. I then told him
it was your commands that he
should wait upon you (the
Senior Officer at present here for
the protection of the Trade) which
he also positively and distinctly
refused to obey. I therefore directed
Lieut^t Cogan to haul down the
Flag, to cut off the white part,
and to hoist the British Union only
which was done, upon which I
told the Master that I was further
directed

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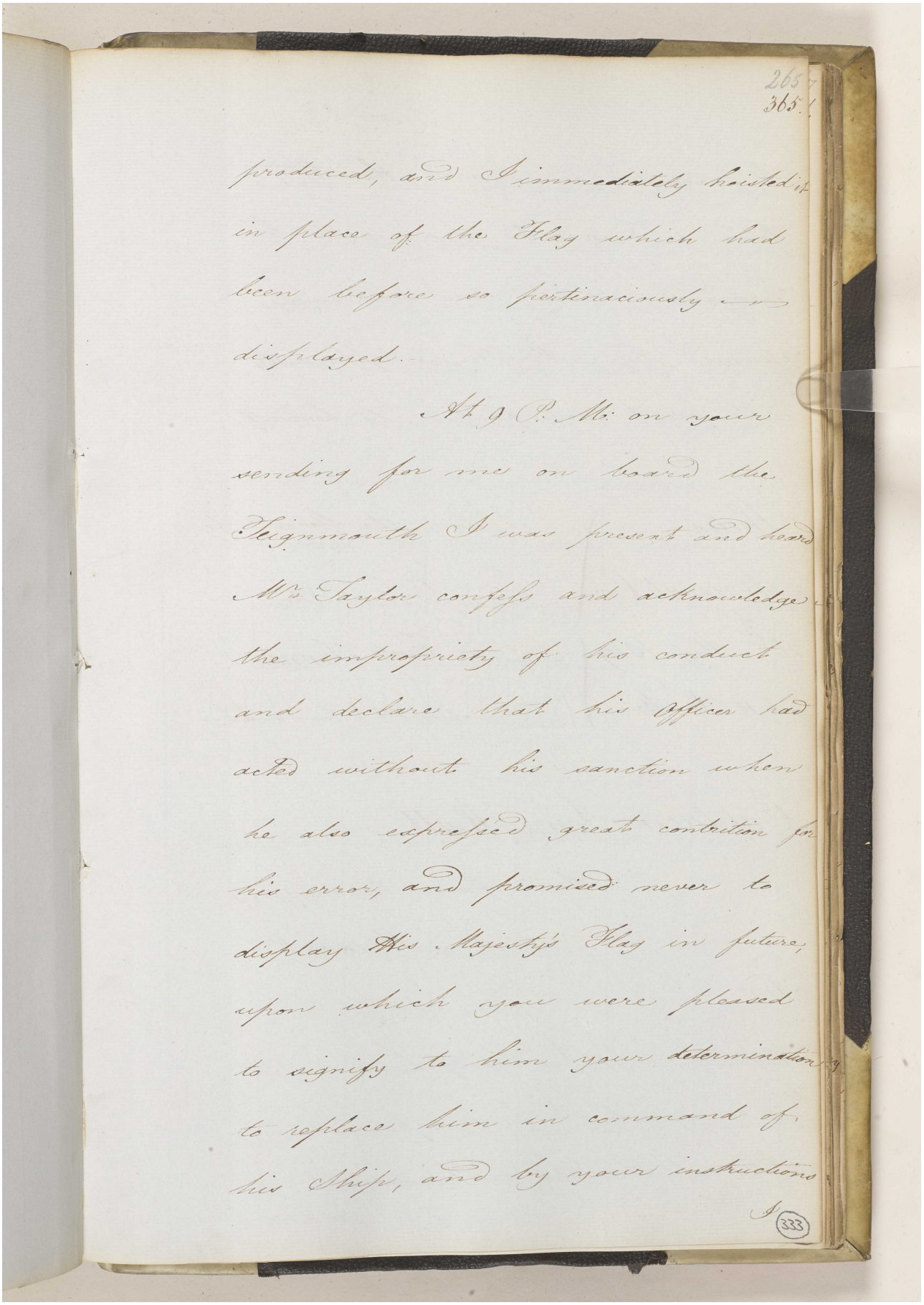
directed to bring him to Captain
Hall and take him out of his
Ship, in case of a determined
obstinacy on his part. - In the mean
time, Samuel Gillett, the Chief
Mate, had behaved himself in
a most disrespectful and obtrusive
manner, insomuch that I was
constrained to direct him to be
sent to you with his Commander.
I then ordered the 2nd
Officer to hold the charge of the
Vessel during the absence of
his Commander and Chief Officer,
which charge he immediately
assumed, and begged leave to
be permitted to hoist a proper
British Union, which was
produced



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produced, and I immediately hoisted it
in place of the Flag which had
been before so pertinaciously —
displayed.

At 9 P. M. on your
sending for me on board the
Teignmouth I was present and heard
Mr Taylor confess and acknowledge
the impropriety of his conduct
and declare that his officer had
acted without his sanction when
he also expressed great contrition for
his error, and promised never to
display His Majesty's Flag in future,
upon which you were pleased
to signify to him your determination
to replace him in command of
his Ship, and by your instructions

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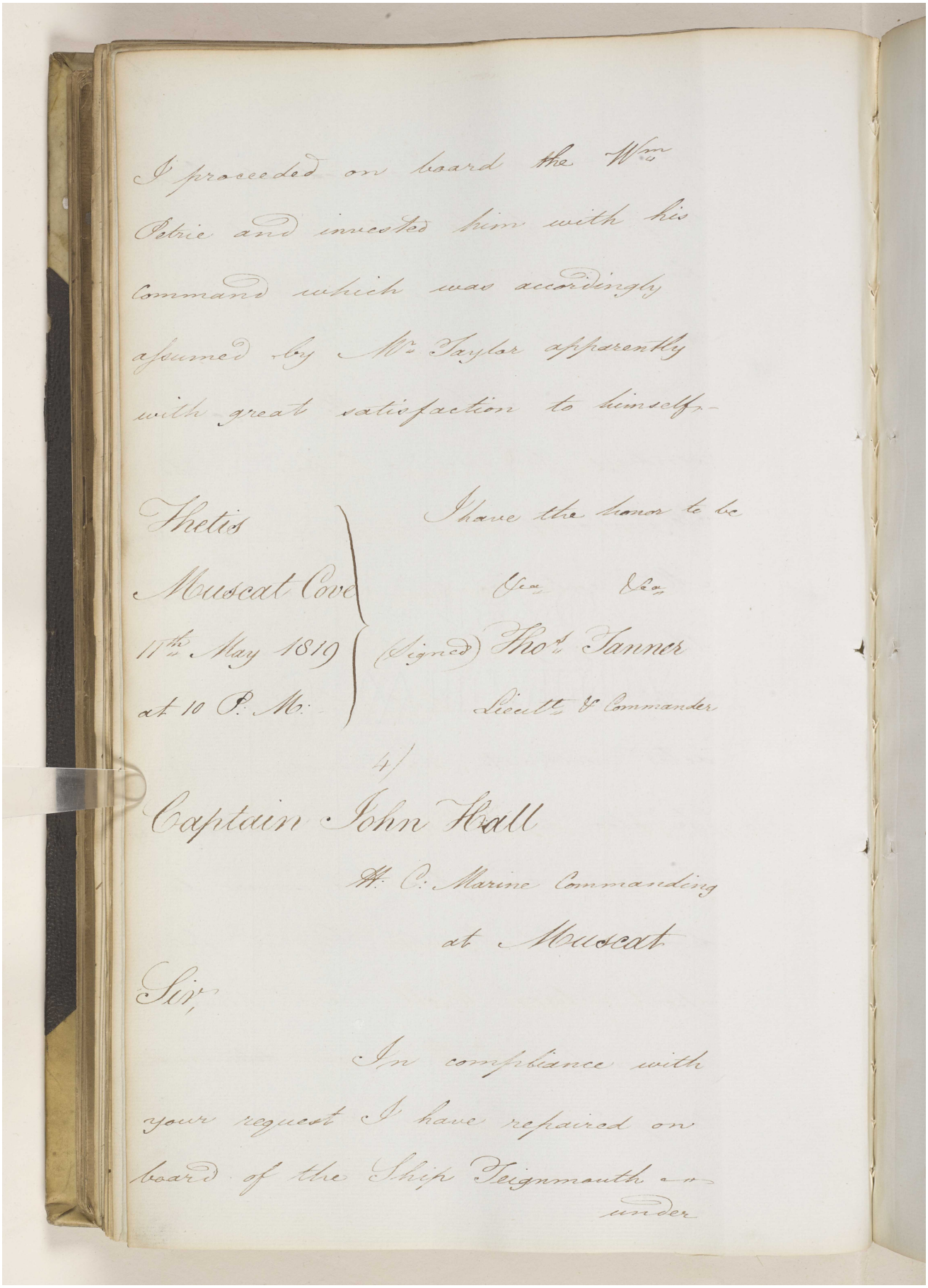

I proceeded on board the Wm Petrie and invested him with his command which was accordingly assumed by Mr Taylor apparently with great satisfaction to himself.

Thetis
Muscat Cove
11th May 1819
at 10 P. M.

I have the honor to be
&ca &ca
(Signed) Thos Tanner
Lieutt & Commander

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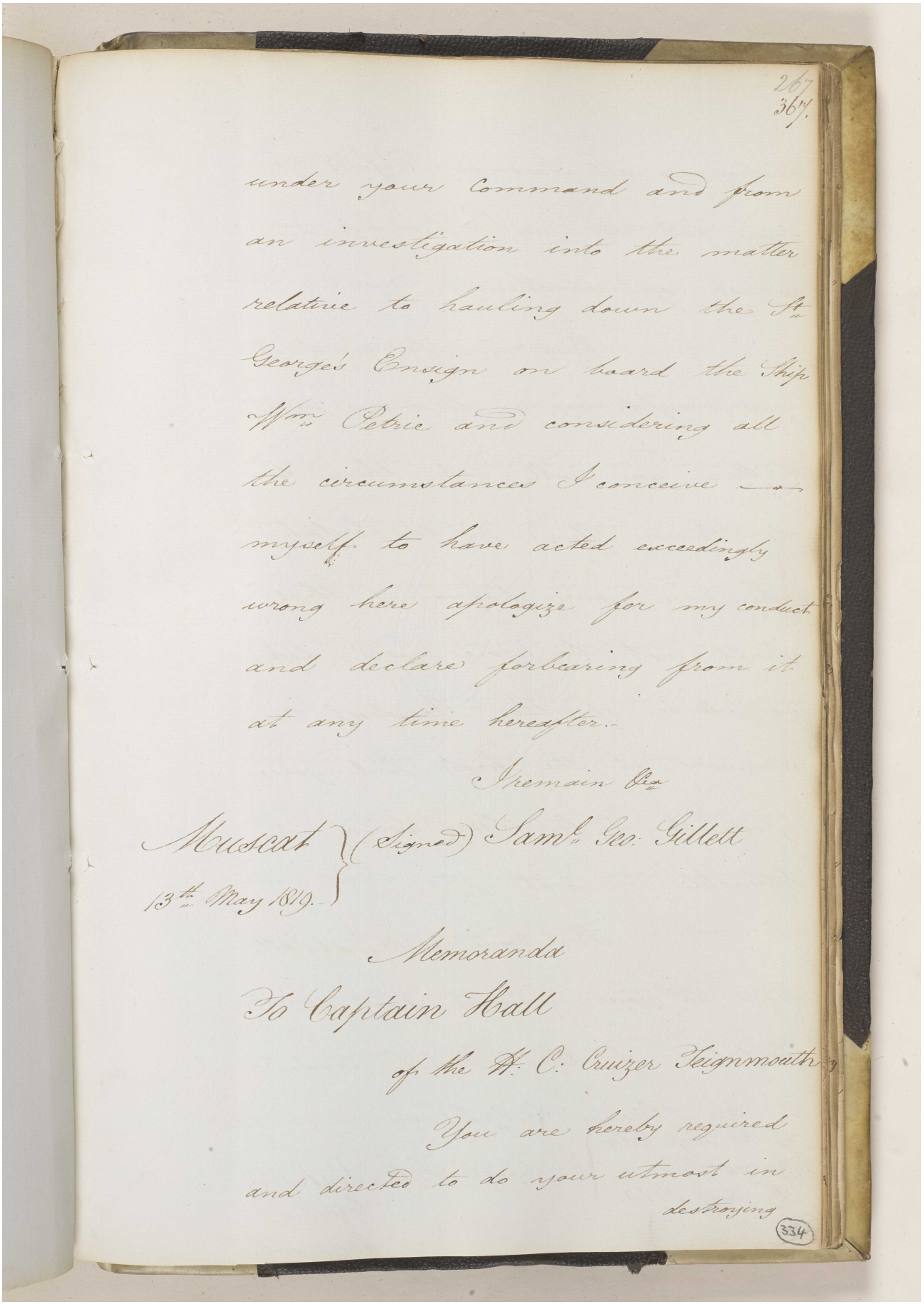
Captain John Hall
H. C. Marine Commanding
at Muscat

Sir,

In compliance with your request I have repaired on board of the Ship Teignmouth under



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under your Command and from an investigation into the matter relative to hauling down the St. George's Ensign on board the Ship Wm. Petrie and considering all the circumstances I conceive myself to have acted exceedingly wrong here apologize for my conduct and declare forbearing from it at any time hereafter.

I remain &c.

Muscat 13th May 1819. } (Signed) Saml. Geo. Gillett

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To Captain Hall

of the H. C. Cruizer Teignmouth

You are hereby required and directed to do your utmost in destroying

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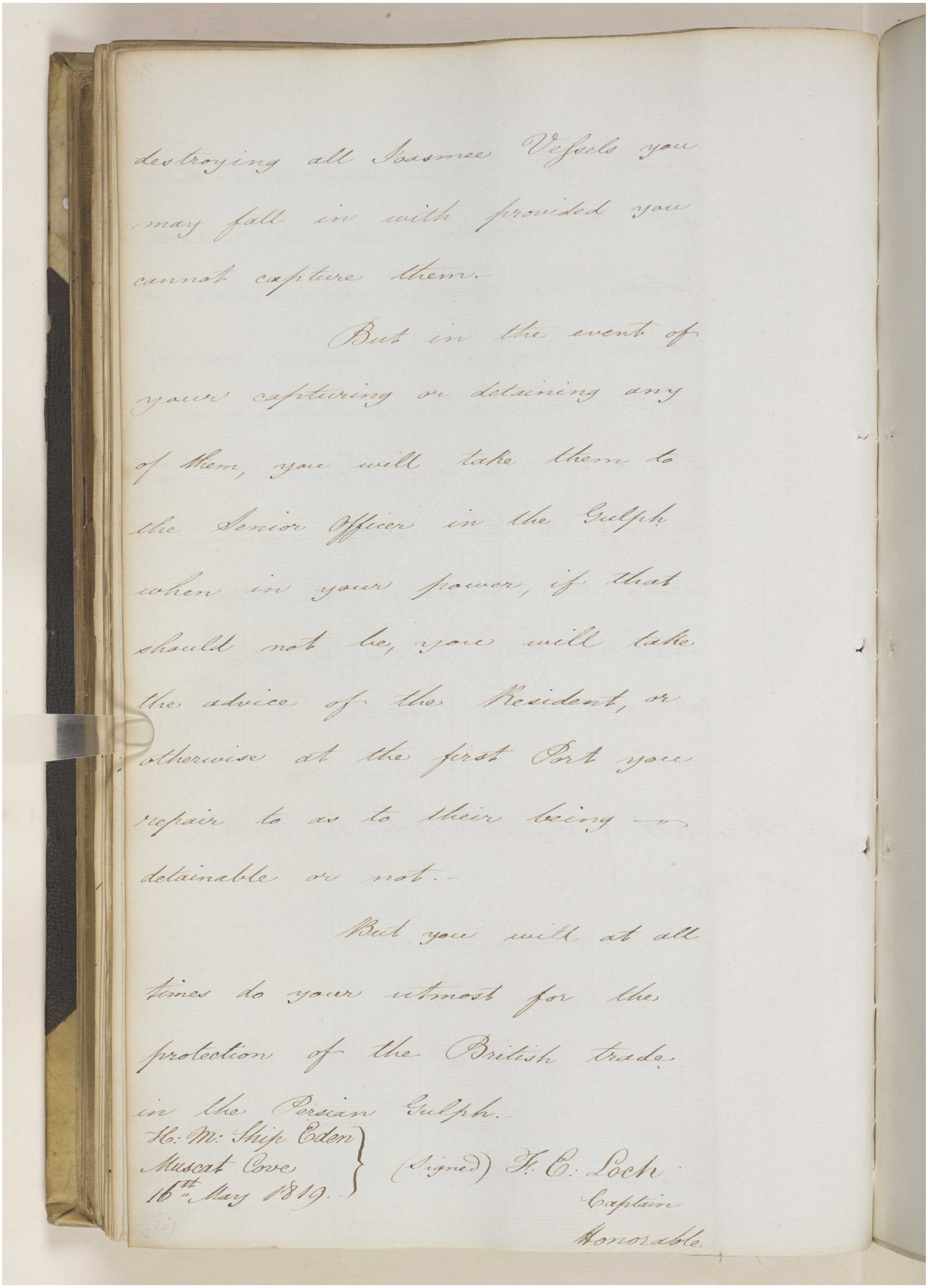


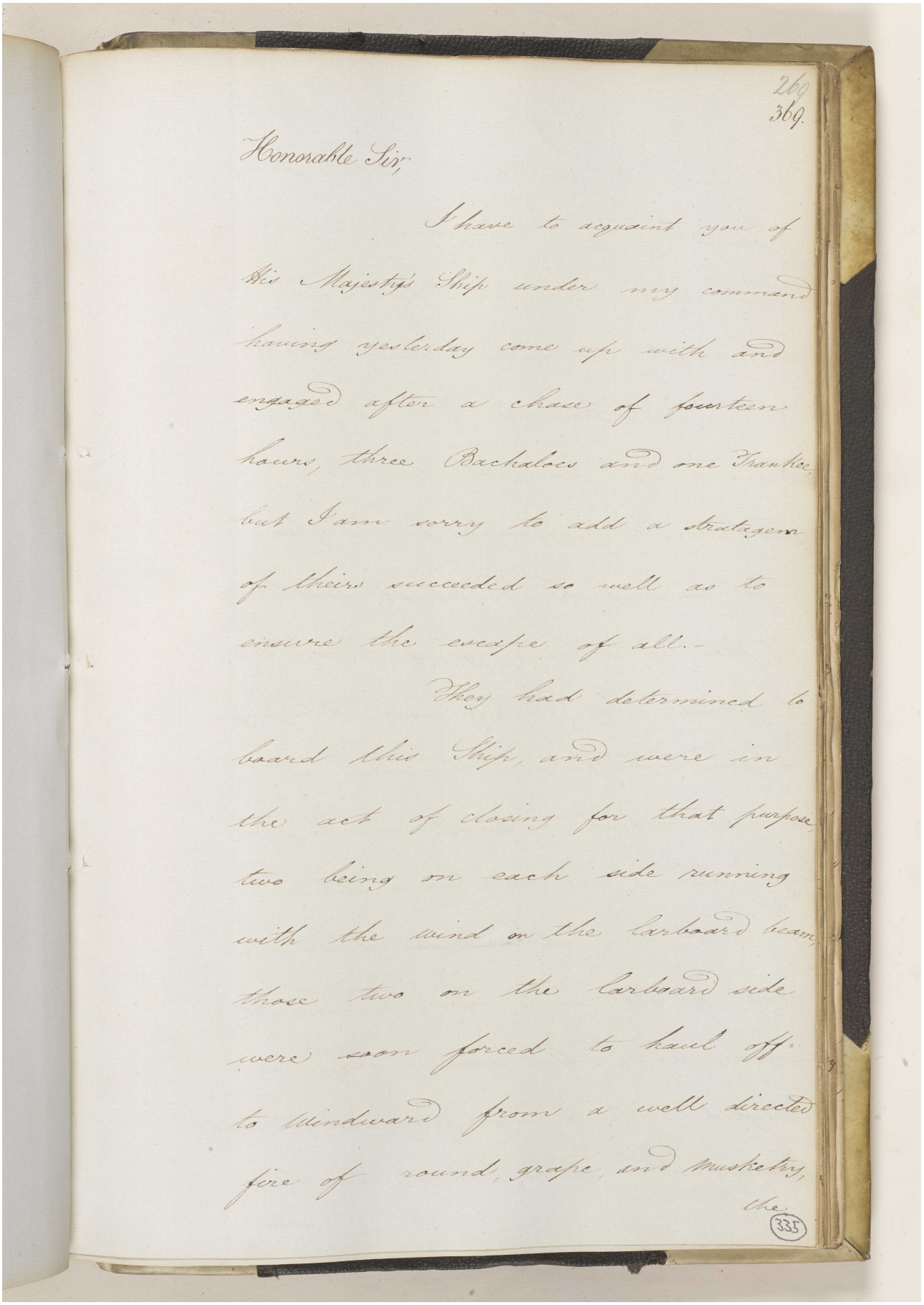
destroying all Joasmee Vessels you may fall in with provided you cannot capture them.

But in the event of your capturing or detaining any of them, you will take them to the Senior Officer in the Gulph when in your power, if that should not be, you will take the advice of the Resident, or otherwise at the first Port you repair to as to their being — detainable or not.

But you will at all times do your utmost for the protection of the British trade in the Persian Gulph.

H: M: Ship Eden
Muscat Cove
16th May 1819.

(Signed) F. C. Loch
Captain
Honorable



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Honorable Sir,

I have to acquaint you of His Majesty's Ship under my command having yesterday come up with and engaged after a chase of fourteen hours, three Bachalors and one Thanhee, but I am sorry to add a stratagem of theirs succeeded so well as to ensure the escape of all.-

They had determined to board this Ship, and were in the act of closing for that purpose, two being on each side running with the wind on the larboard beam, those two on the larboard side were soon forced to haul off to windward from a well directed fire of round, grape, and musketry, the

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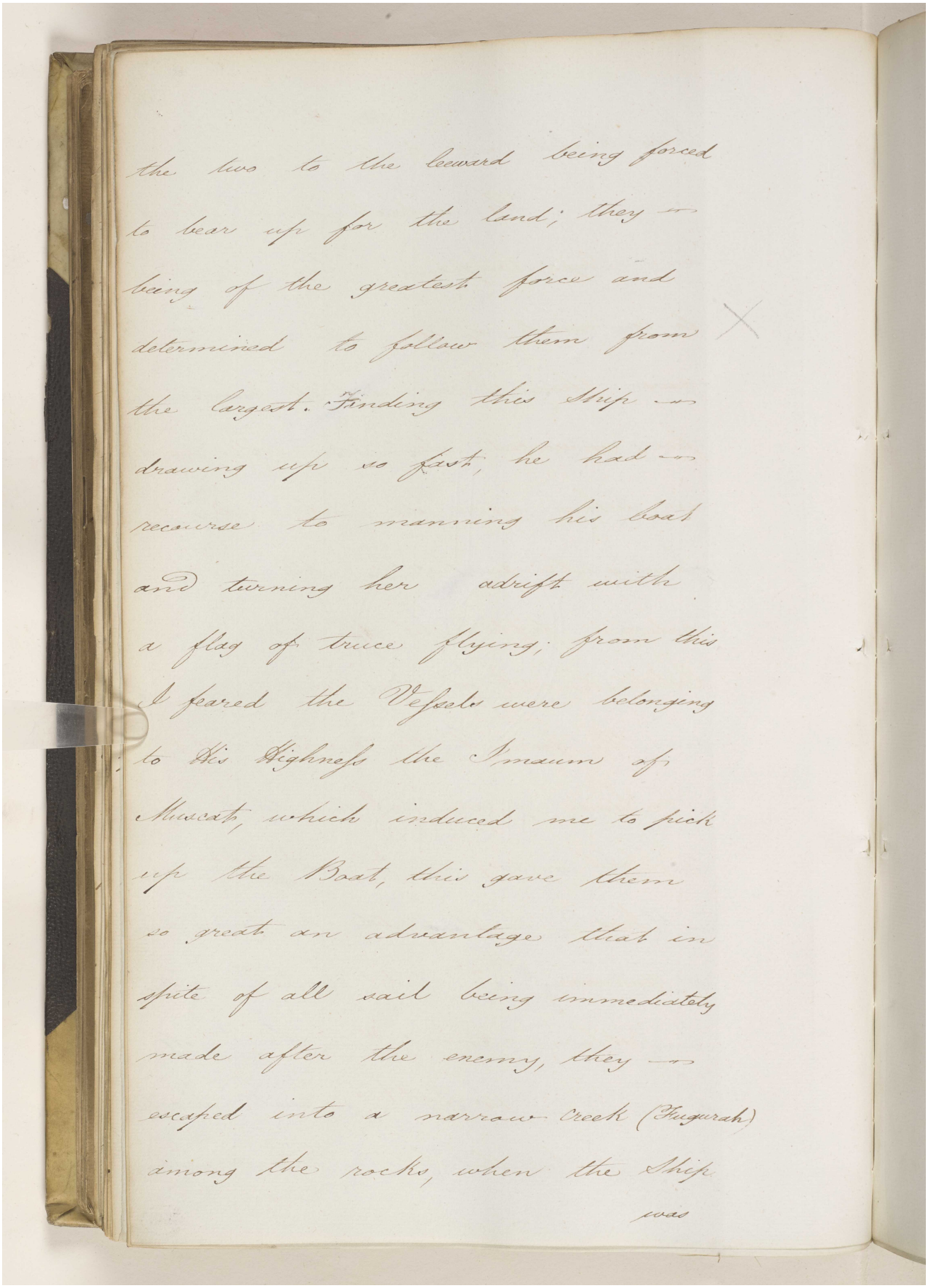
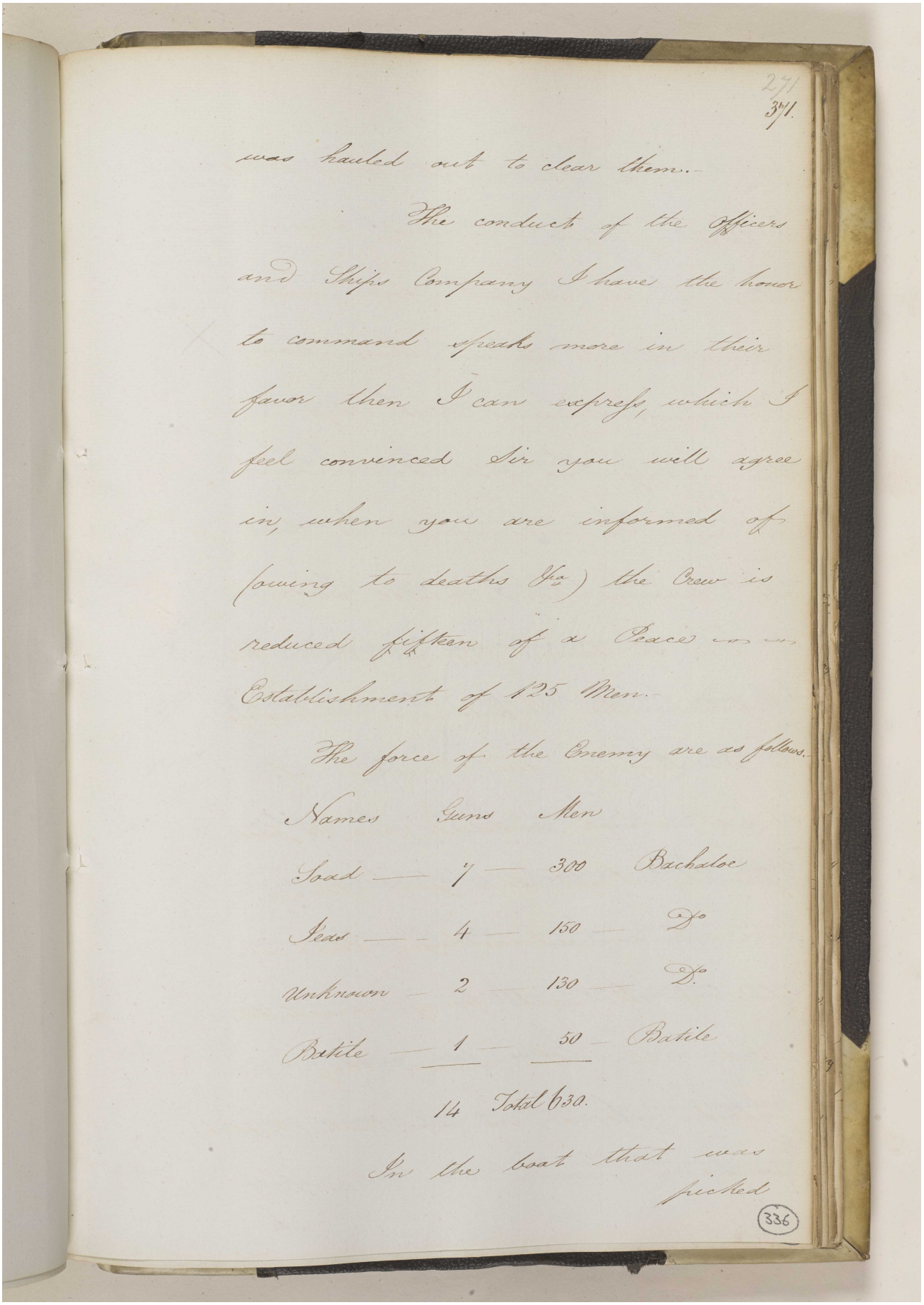


the two to the leeward being forced
to bear up for the land; they —
being of the greatest force and
determined to follow them from
the largest. Finding this Ship —
drawing up so fast, he had —
recourse to manning his boat
and turning her adrift with
a flag of truce flying; from this
I feared the Vessels were belonging
to His Highness the Imaum of
Muscat, which induced me to pick
up the Boat, this gave them
so great an advantage that in
spite of all said being immediately
made after the enemy, they —
escaped into a narrow Creek (Fugurah)
among the rocks, when the Ship
was



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was hauled out to clear them.

The conduct of the Officers and Ships Company I have the honor to command speaks more in their favor then I can express, which I feel convinced Sir you will agree in, when you are informed of (owing to deaths &c.) the Crew is reduced fifteen of a Peace on an Establishment of 125 Men.

The force of the Enemy are as follows.

Names	Guns	Men	
Joad	7	300	Bachaloe
Seas	4	150	Do
Unknown	2	130	Do.
Batile	1	50	Batile
	14	Total 630.	

In the boat that was picked

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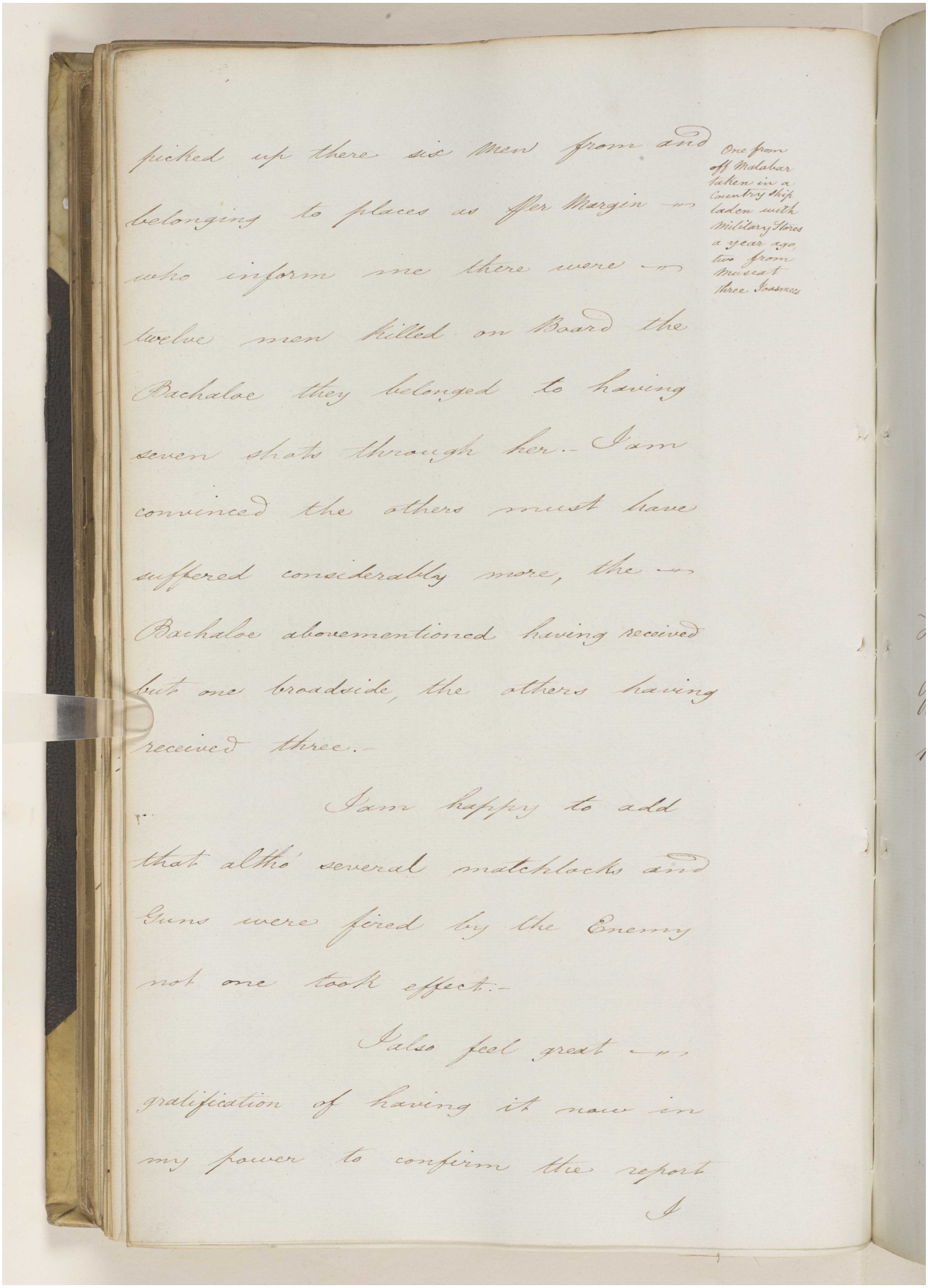

picked up there six Men from and belonging to places as per Margin — who inform me there were — twelve men killed on Board the Buchaloe they belonged to having seven shots through her.- I am convinced the others must have suffered considerably more, the — Buchaloe abovementioned having received but one broadside, the others having received three.-

One from off Malabar taken in a Country Ship laden with Military Stores a year ago two from Muscat three Joasmees

I am happy to add that altho' several matchlocks and Guns were fired by the Enemy not one took effect.-

I also feel great — gratification of having it now in my power to confirm the report

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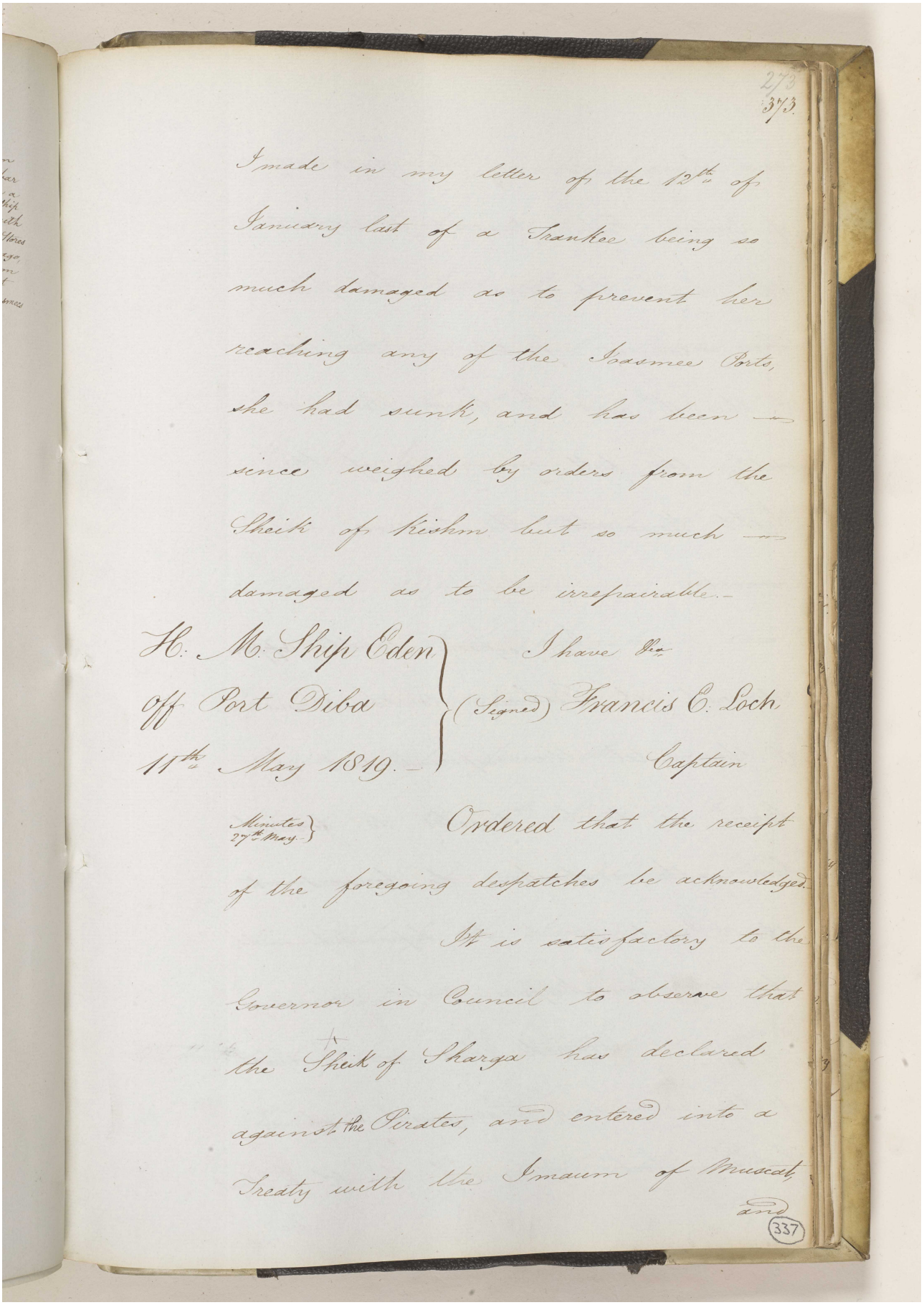

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I made in my letter of the 12th of January last of a Trankee being so much damaged as to prevent her reaching any of the Joasmee Ports, she had sunk, and has been since weighed by orders from the Sheik of Keishm but so much damaged as to be irreparable.—

H. M. Ship Eden
off Port Diba
11th May 1819.—

I have &c.
(Signed) Francis C. Loch
Captain

Minutes 27th May.

Ordered that the receipt of the foregoing despatches be acknowledged.

It is satisfactory to the Governor in Council to observe that the Sheik of Sharga has declared against the Pirates, and entered into a Treaty with the Imaum of Muscat,

and

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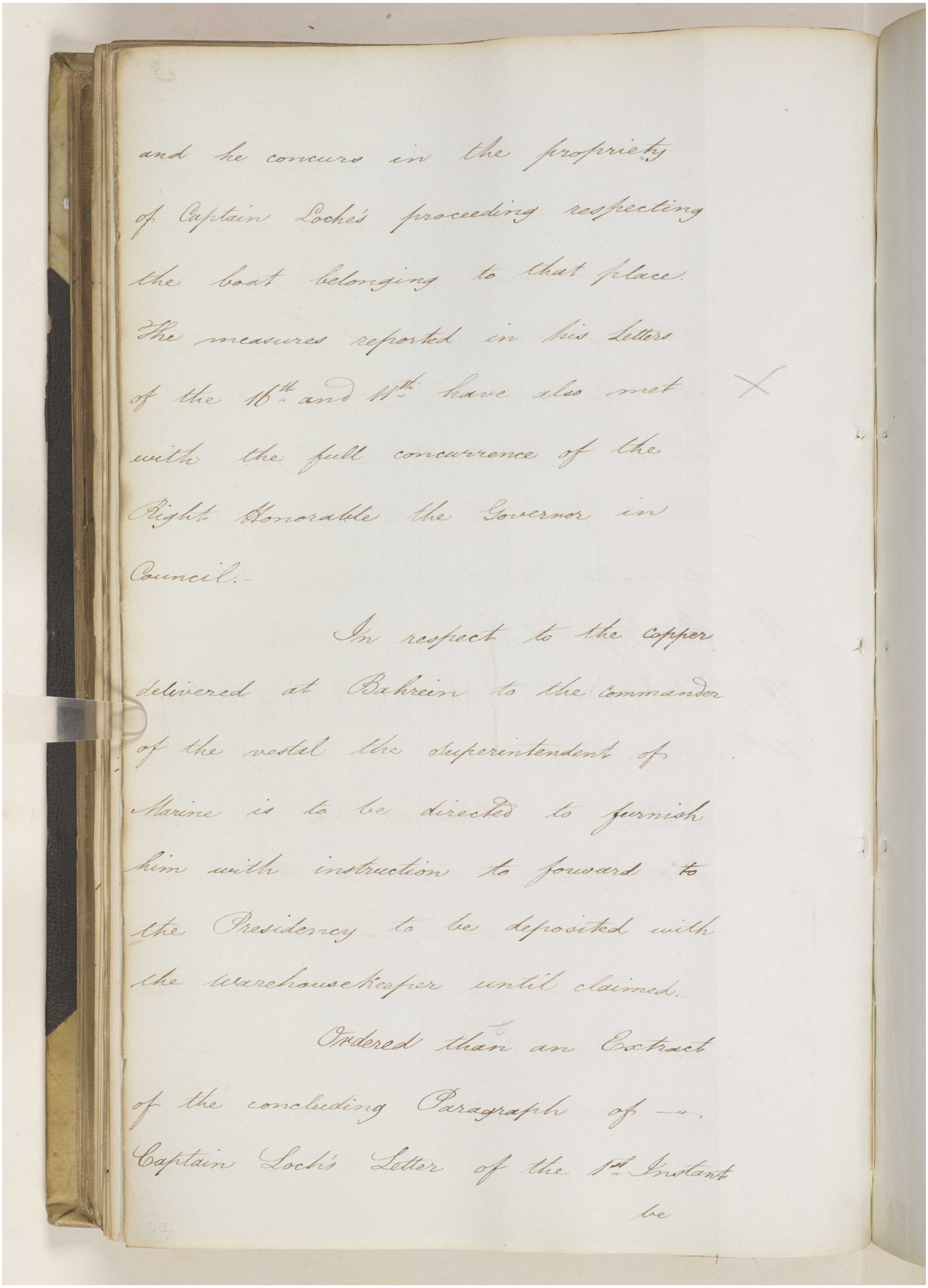
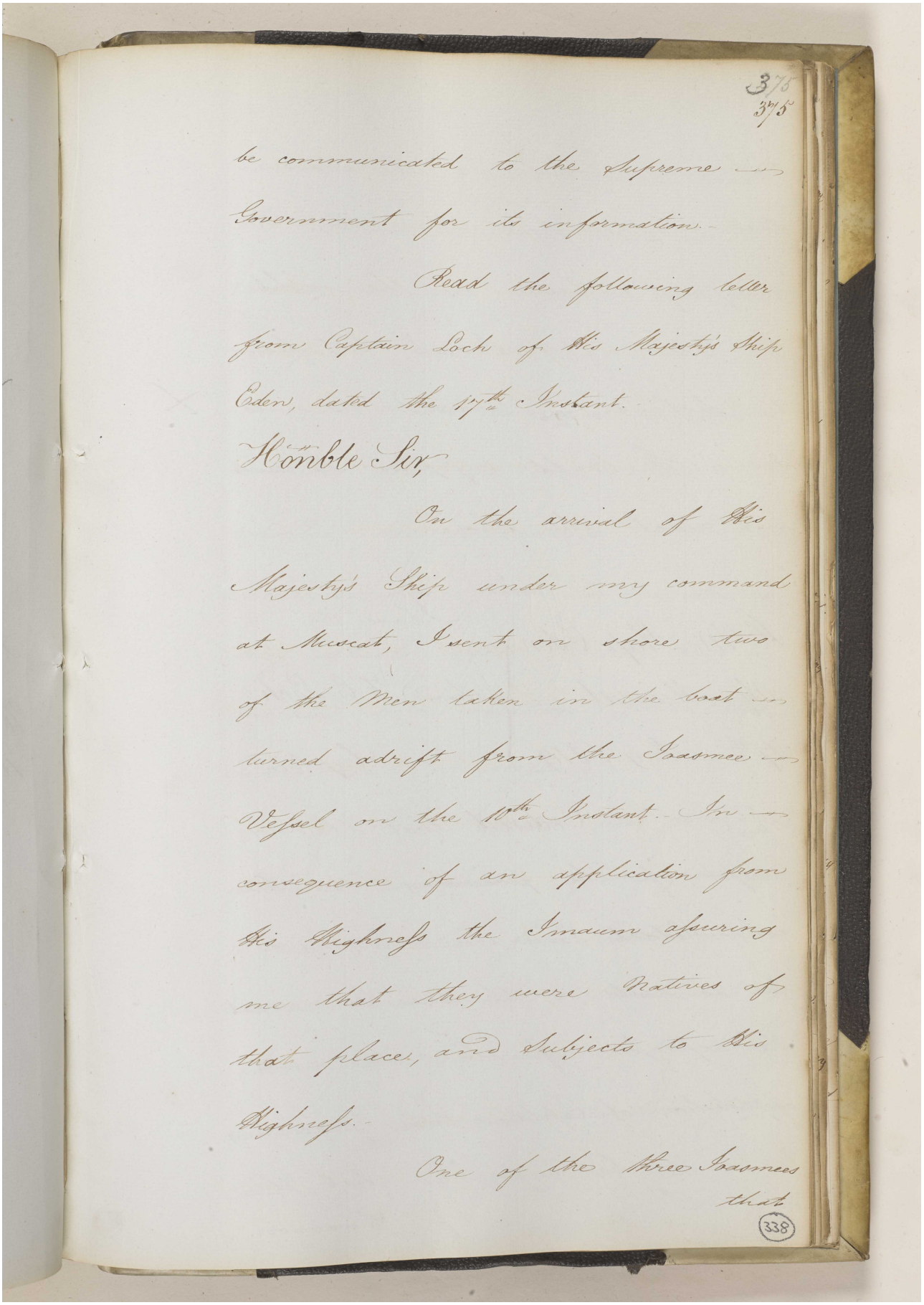


and he concurs in the propriety of Captain Loche's proceeding respecting the boat belonging to that place. The measures reported in his letters of the 16th and 17th have also met with the full concurrence of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

In respect to the copper delivered at Bahrein to the Commander of the vessel the Superintendent of Marine is to be directed to furnish him with instruction to forward to the Presidency to be deposited with the Warehousekeeper until claimed.

Ordered that an Extract of the concluding Paragraph of — Captain Loch's Letter of the 1st Instant be



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be communicated to the Supreme Government for its information.

Read the following letter from Captain Loch of His Majesty's Ship Eden, dated the 17th Instant.

Honble Sir,

On the arrival of His Majesty's Ship under my command at Muscat, I sent on shore two of the Men taken in the boat turned adrift from the Joasmee Vessel on the 10th Instant. In consequence of an application from His Highness the Imaum assuring me that they were Natives of that place, and Subjects to His Highness.

One of the three Joasmees that

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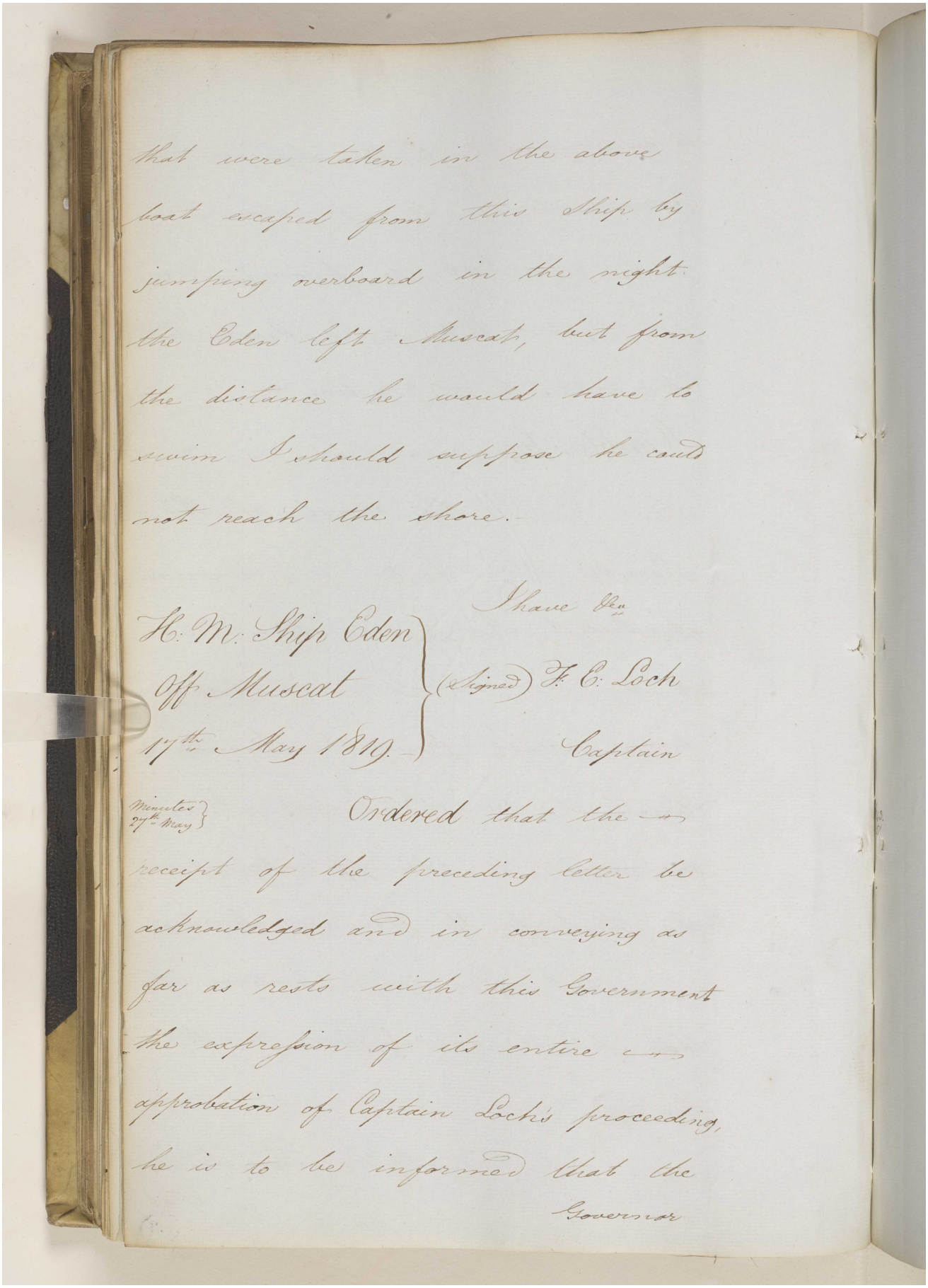


that were taken in the above boat escaped from this Ship by jumping overboard in the night the Eden left Muscat, but from the distance he would have to swim I should suppose he could not reach the shore.

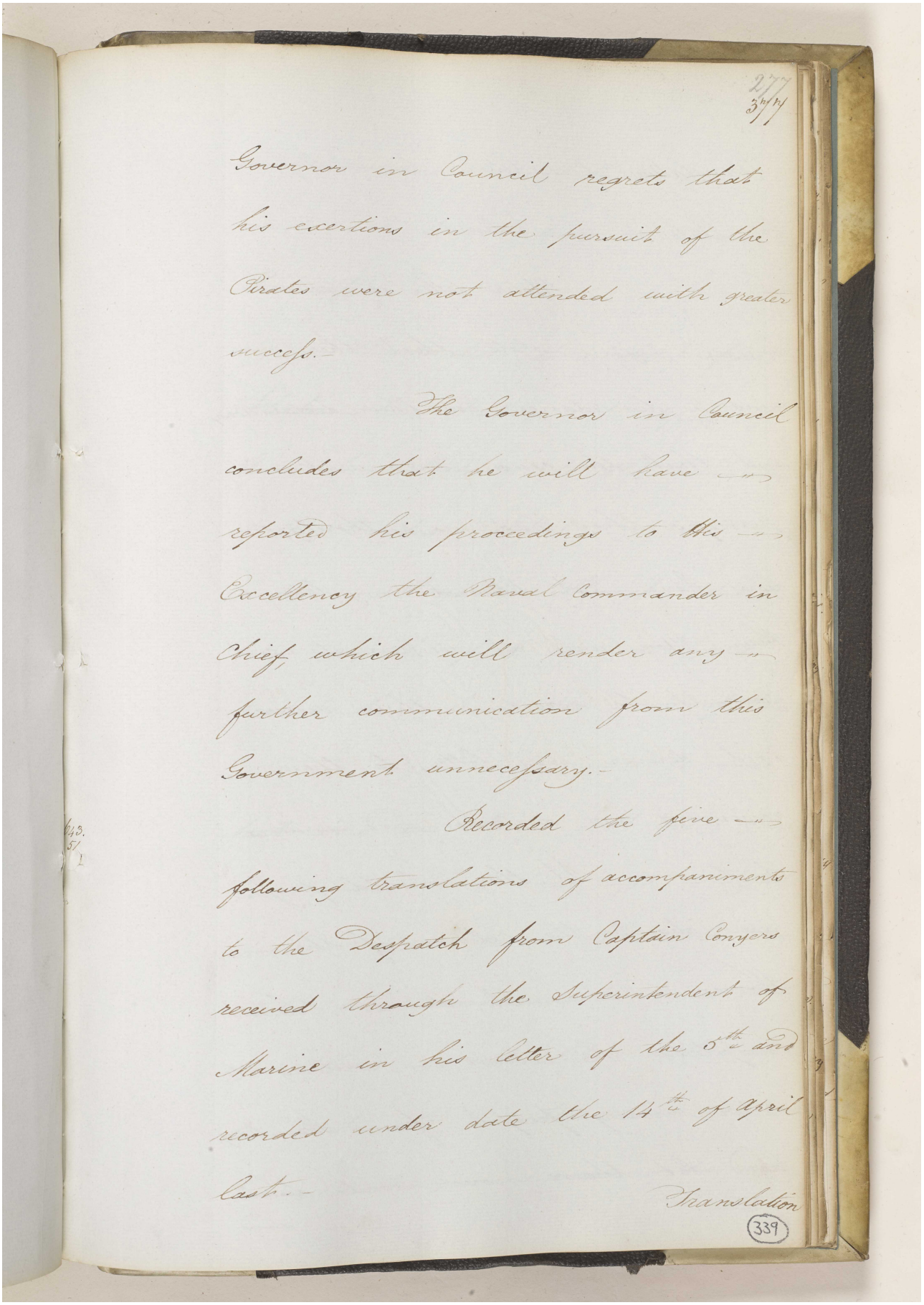
I have &c.

H. M. Ship Eden
Off Muscat
17th May 1819.

(Signed) F. C. Loch
Captain

Minutes 27th May

Ordered that the receipt of the preceding letter be acknowledged and in conveying as far as rests with this Government the expression of its entire approbation of Captain Loch's proceeding, he is to be informed that the Governor



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Governor in Council regrets that his exertions in the pursuit of the Pirates were not attended with greater success.—

The Governor in Council concludes that he will have reported his proceedings to His Excellency the Naval Commander in Chief, which will render any further communication from this Government unnecessary.—

Recorded the five following translations of accompaniments to the Despatch from Captain Conyers received through the Superintendent of Marine in his letter of the 5th and recorded under date the 14th of April last.—

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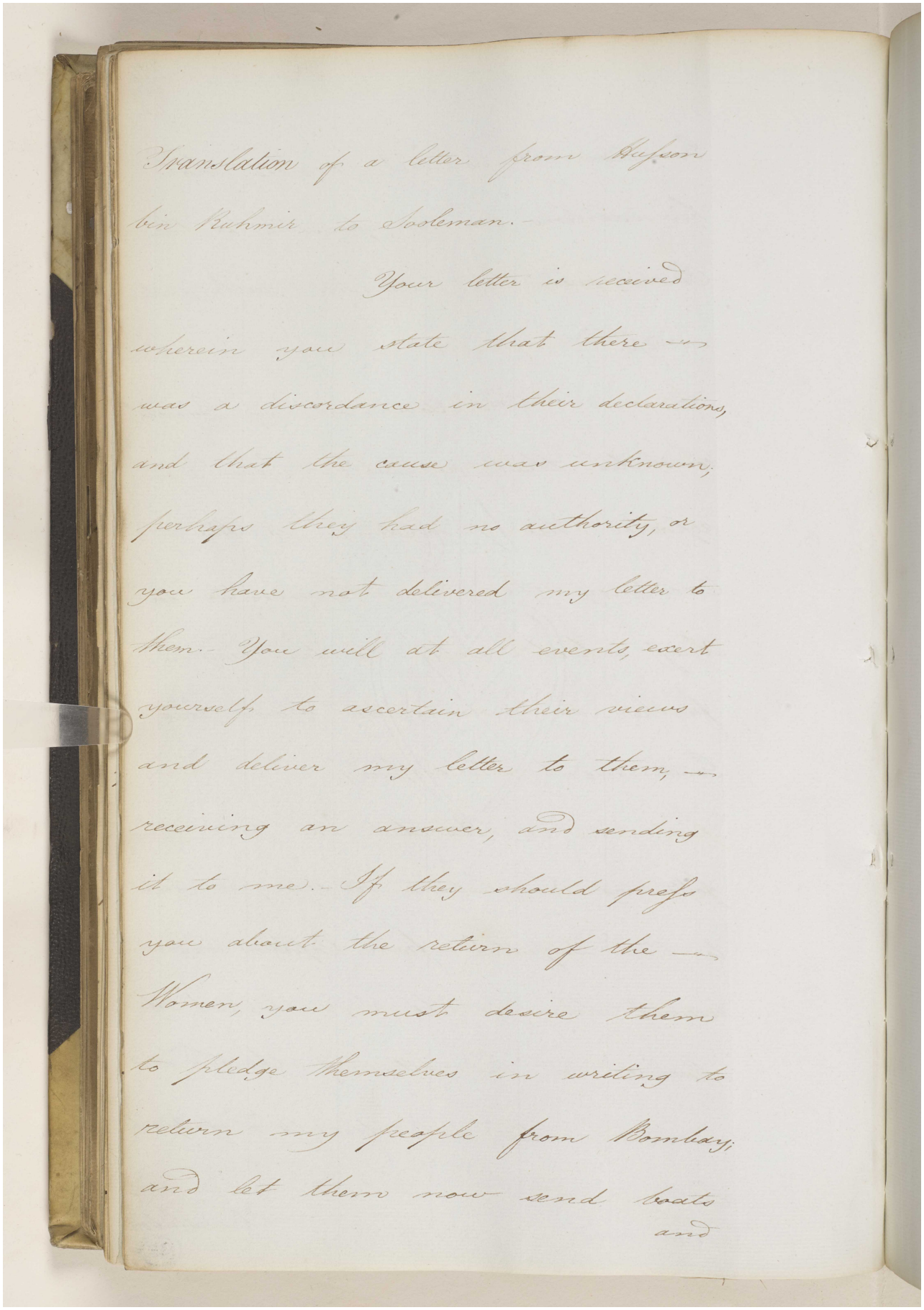
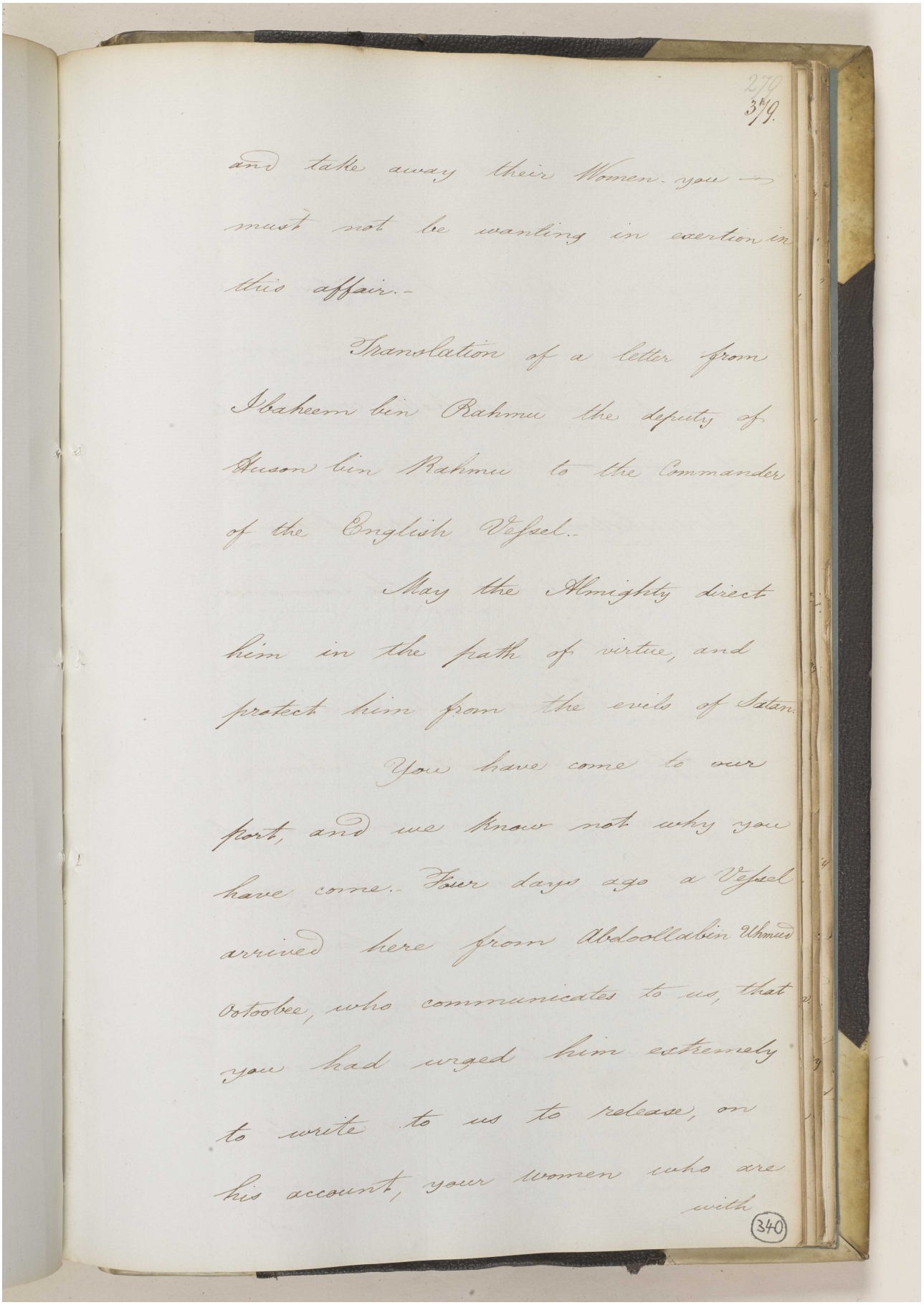


Translation of a letter from Rufoon bin Ruhmir to Sooleman.

Your letter is received wherein you state that there was a discordance in their declarations, and that the cause was unknown, perhaps they had no authority, or you have not delivered my letter to them. You will at all events, exert yourself to ascertain their views and deliver my letter to them, receiving an answer, and sending it to me. If they should press you about the return of the Women, you must desire them to pledge themselves in writing to return my people from Bombay; and let them now send boats and



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and take away their Women. you
must not be wanting in exertion in
this affair.-

Translation of a letter from
Ibaheem bin Rahmu the deputy of
Hussun bin Rahmu to the Commander
of the English Vessel.-

May the Almighty direct
him in the path of virtue, and
protect him from the evils of Satan.

You have come to our
port, and we know not why you
have come. Four days ago a Vessel
arrived here from Abdoollabin Uhmud
Ostoobee, who communicates to us, that
you had urged him extremely
to write to us to release, on
his account, your women who are
with

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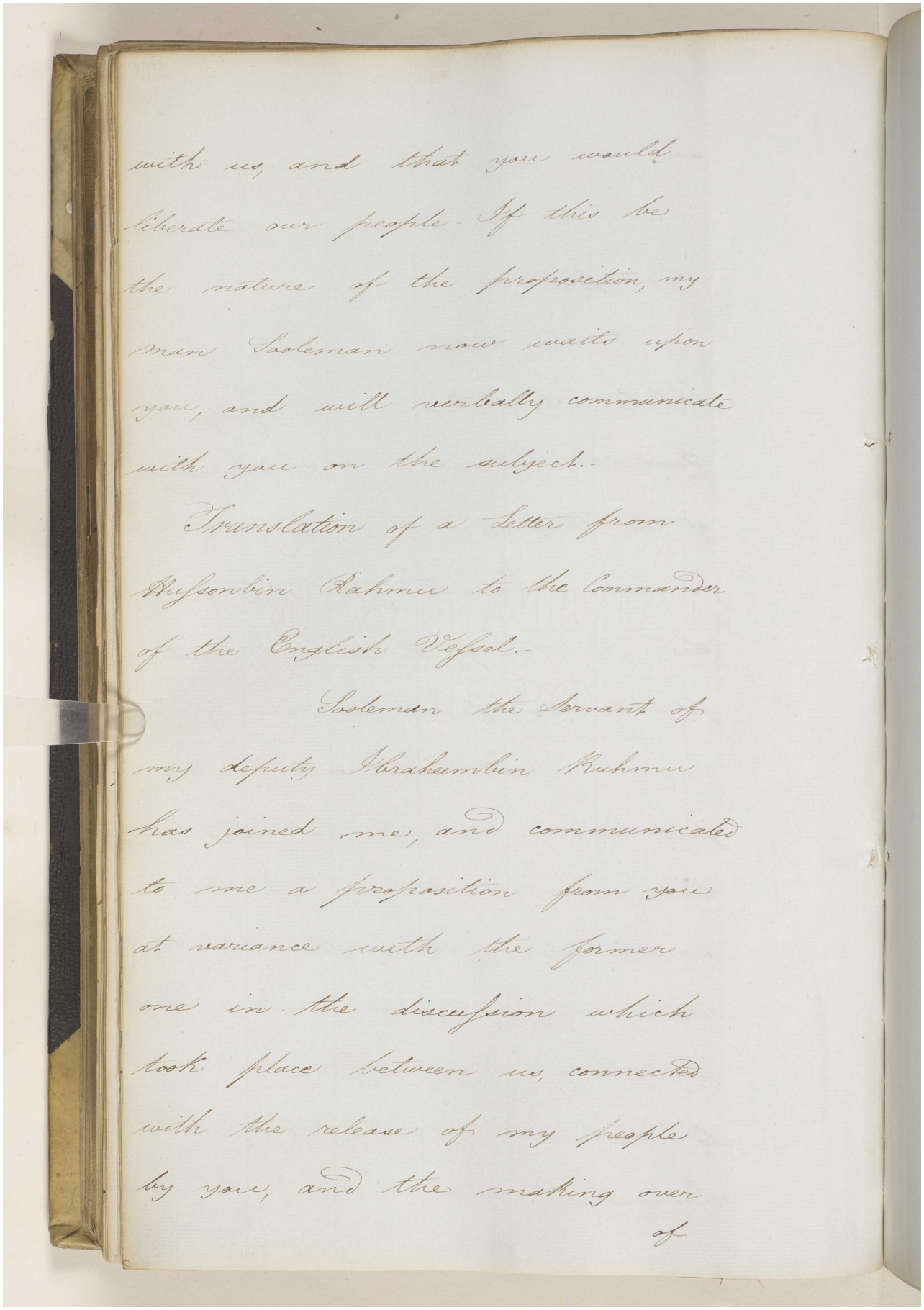
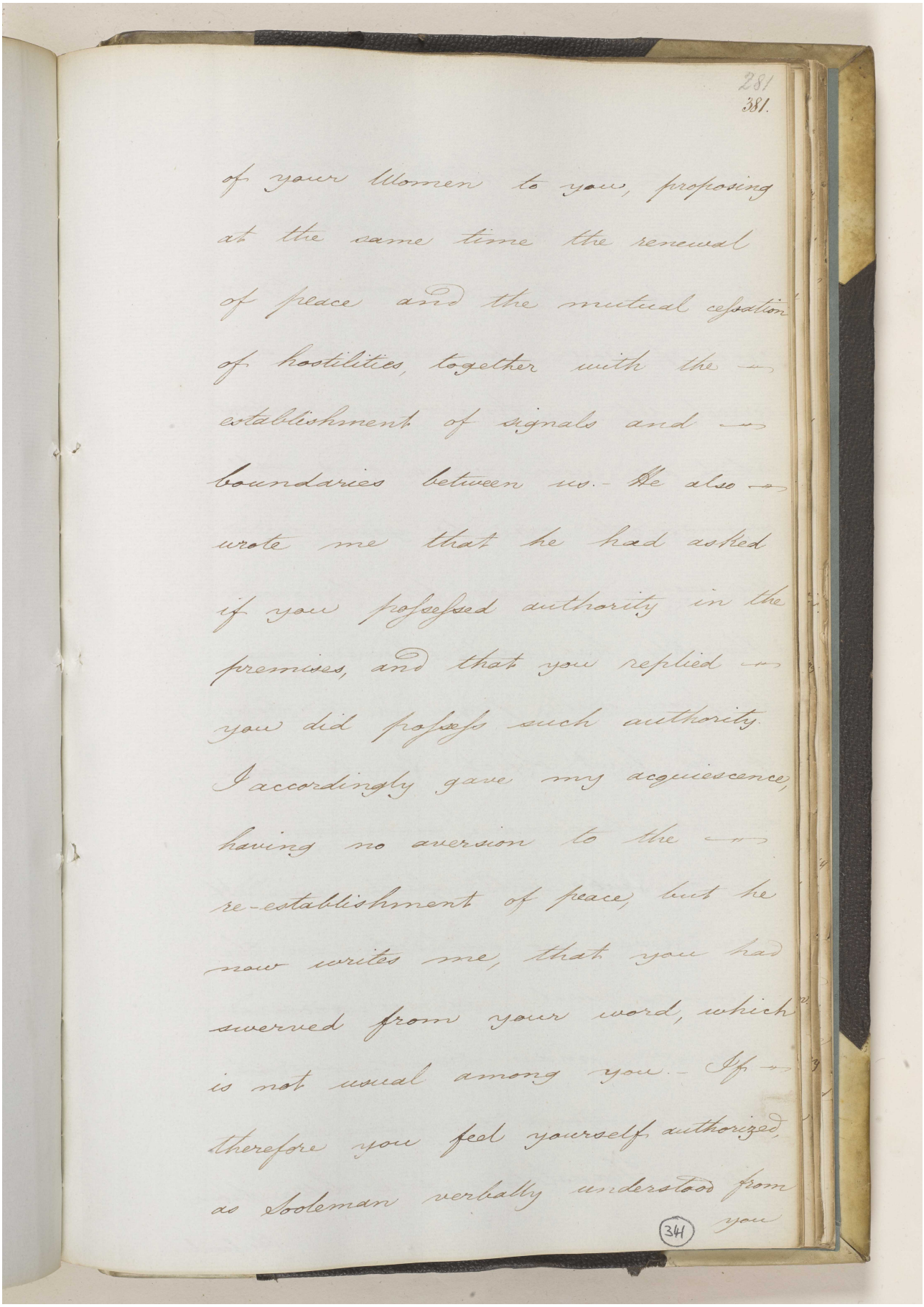


with us, and that you would liberate our people.- If this be the nature of the proposition, my man Soaleman now waits upon you, and will verbally communicate with you on the subject.-

Translation of a Letter from Hufsonbin Rahmu to the Commander of the English Vessel.-

Soleman the Servant of my deputy Ibraheembin Ruhmu has joined me, and communicated to me a proposition from you at variance with the former one in the discussion which took place between us, connected with the release of my people by you, and the making over of



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of your Women to you, proposing
at the same time the renewal
of peace and the mutual cessation
of hostilities, together with the —
establishment of signals and —
boundaries between us.- He also —
wrote me that he had asked
if you possessed authority in the
premises, and that you replied —
you did possess such authority.
I accordingly gave my acquiescence,
having no aversion to the —
re-establishment of peace, but he
now writes me, that you had
swerved from your word, which
is not usual among you.- If —
therefore you feel yourself authorized,
as Sooleman verbally understood from
you

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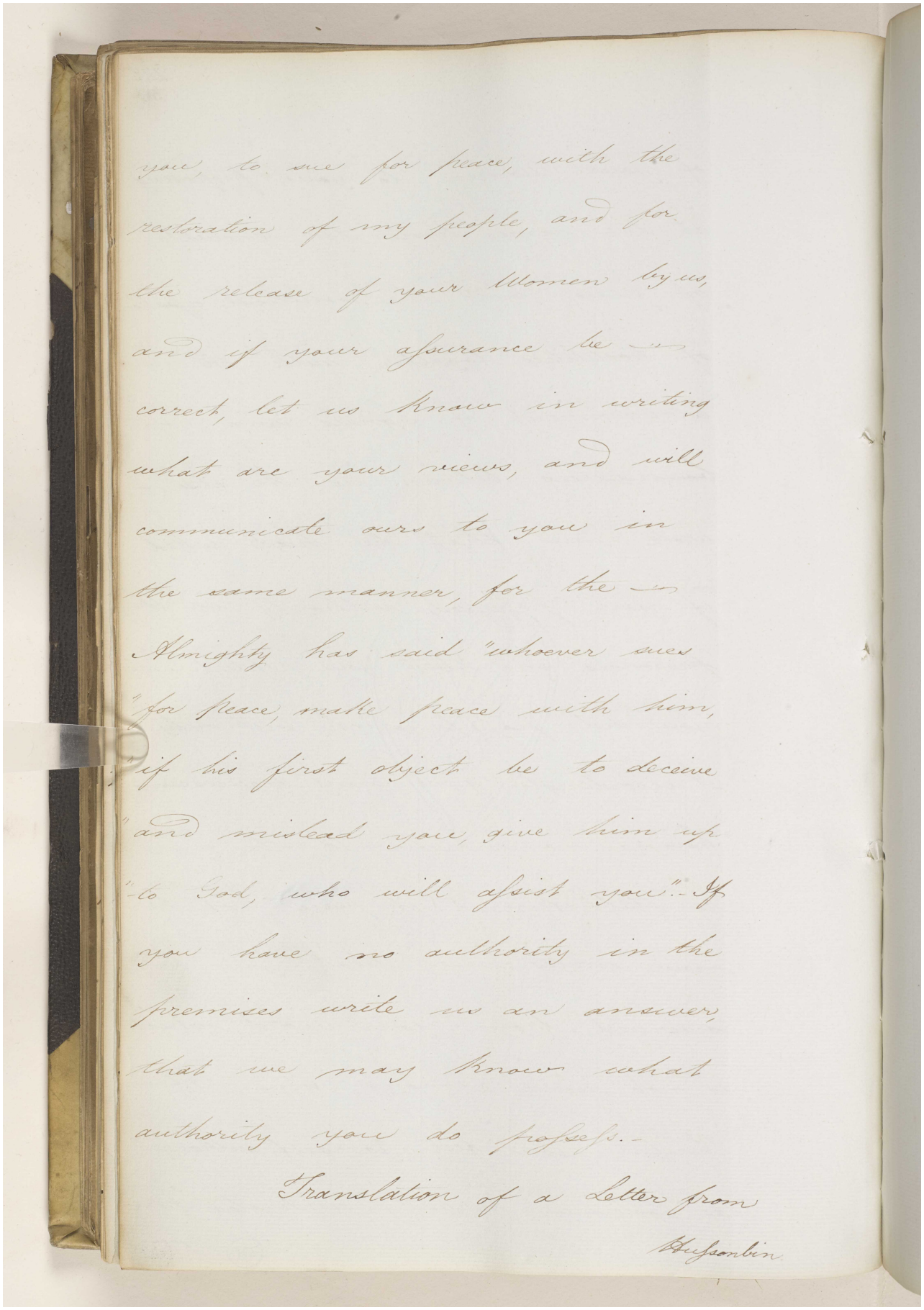
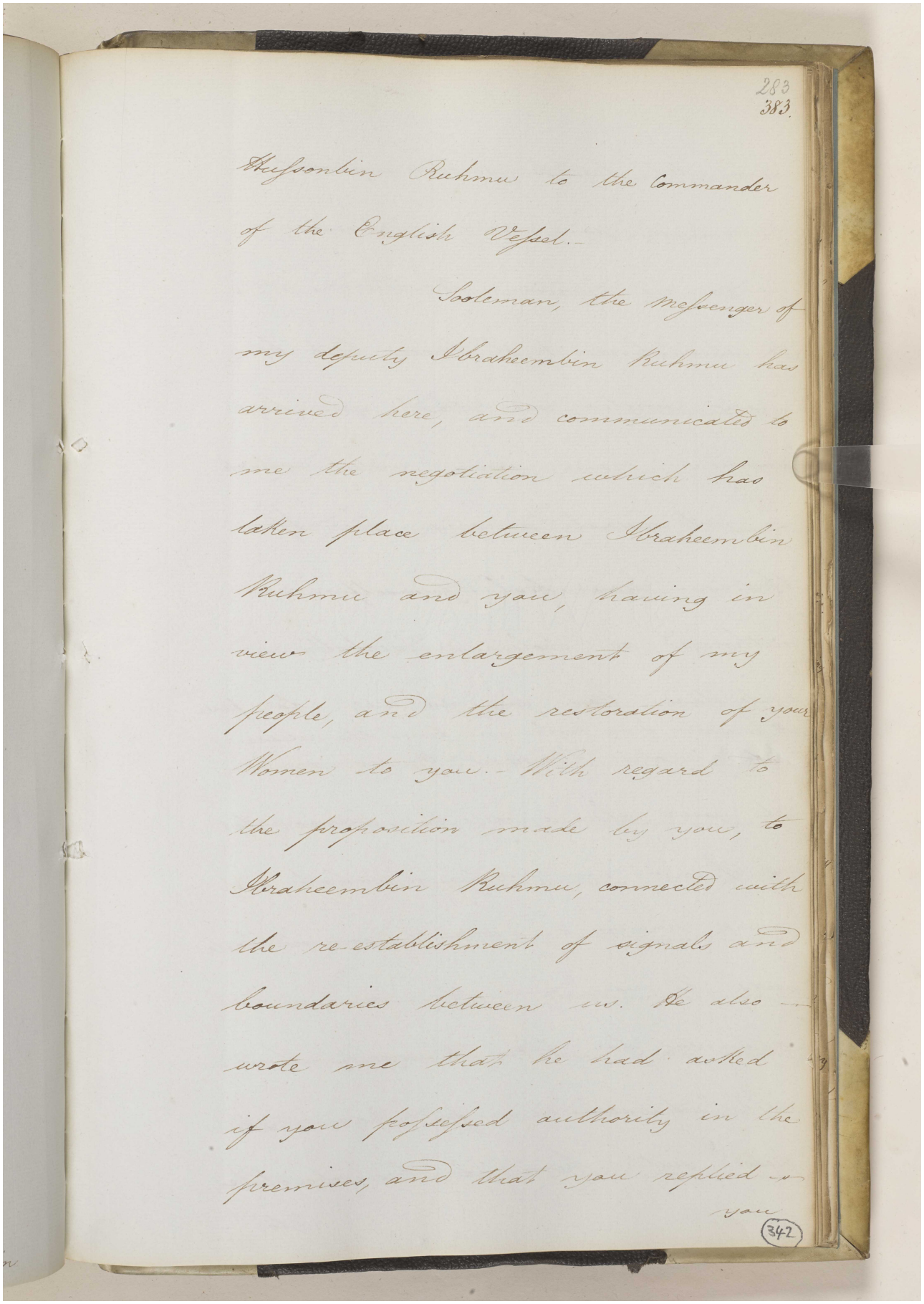


you, to sue for peace, with the
restoration of my people, and for
the release of your Women by us,
and if your assurance be —
correct, let us know in writing
what are your views, and will
communicate ours to you in
the same manner, for the —
Almighty has said "whoever sues
"for peace, make peace with him,
"if his first object be to deceive
"and mislead you, give him up
"to God, who will assist you".- If
you have no authority in the
premises write us an answer,
that we may know what
authority you do possess.-

Translation of a Letter from

Hussonbin



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Hussonbin Ruhmu to the Commander of the English Vessel.-

Sooleman, the Messenger of my deputy Ibraheembin Ruhmu has arrived here, and communicated to me the negotiation which has taken place between Ibraheembin Ruhmu and you, having in view the enlargement of my people, and the restoration of your Women to you.- With regard to the proposition made by you, to Ibraheembin Ruhmu, connected with the re-establishment of signals and boundaries between us. He also wrote me that he had asked if you possessed authority in the premises, and that you replied - you

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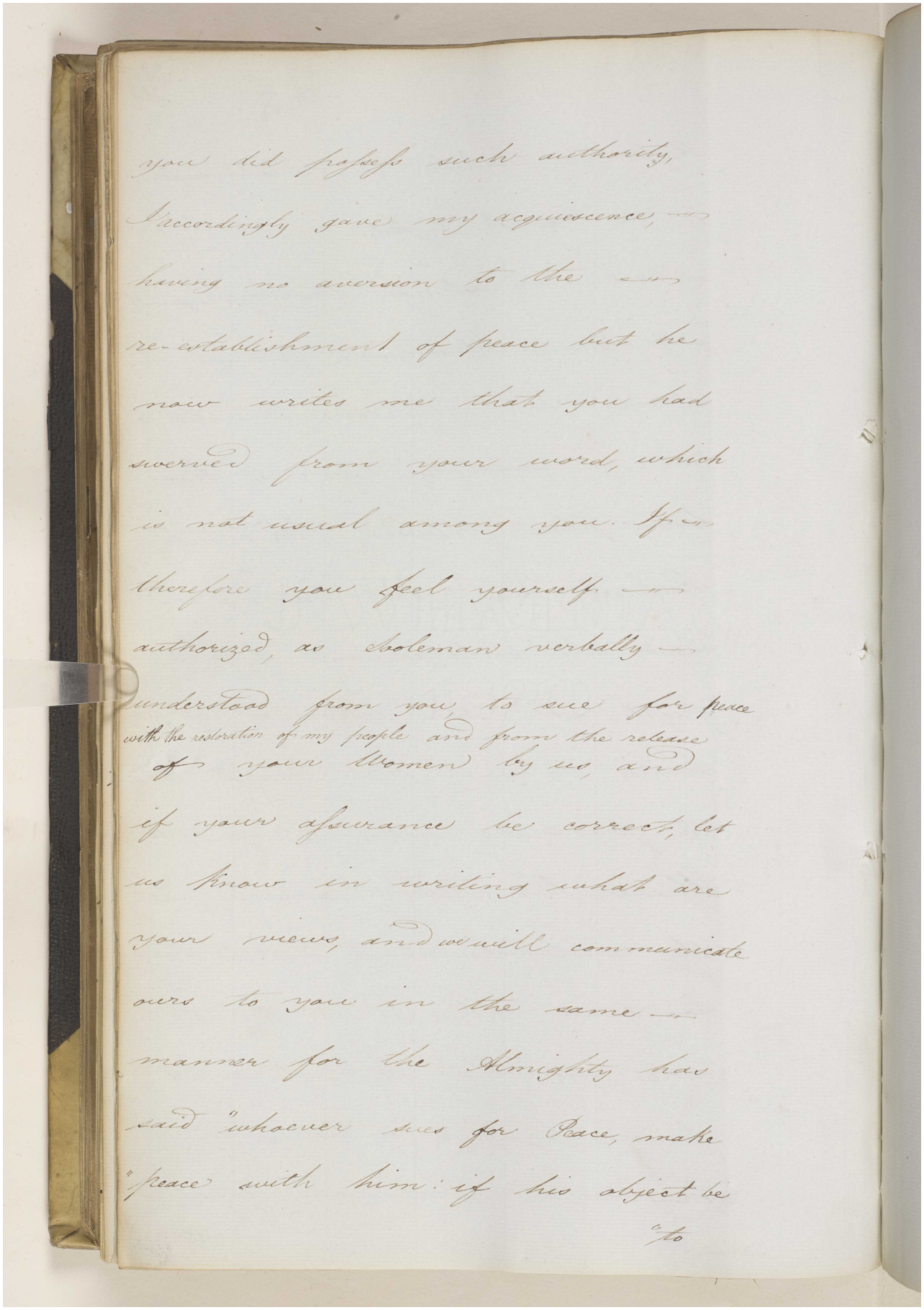
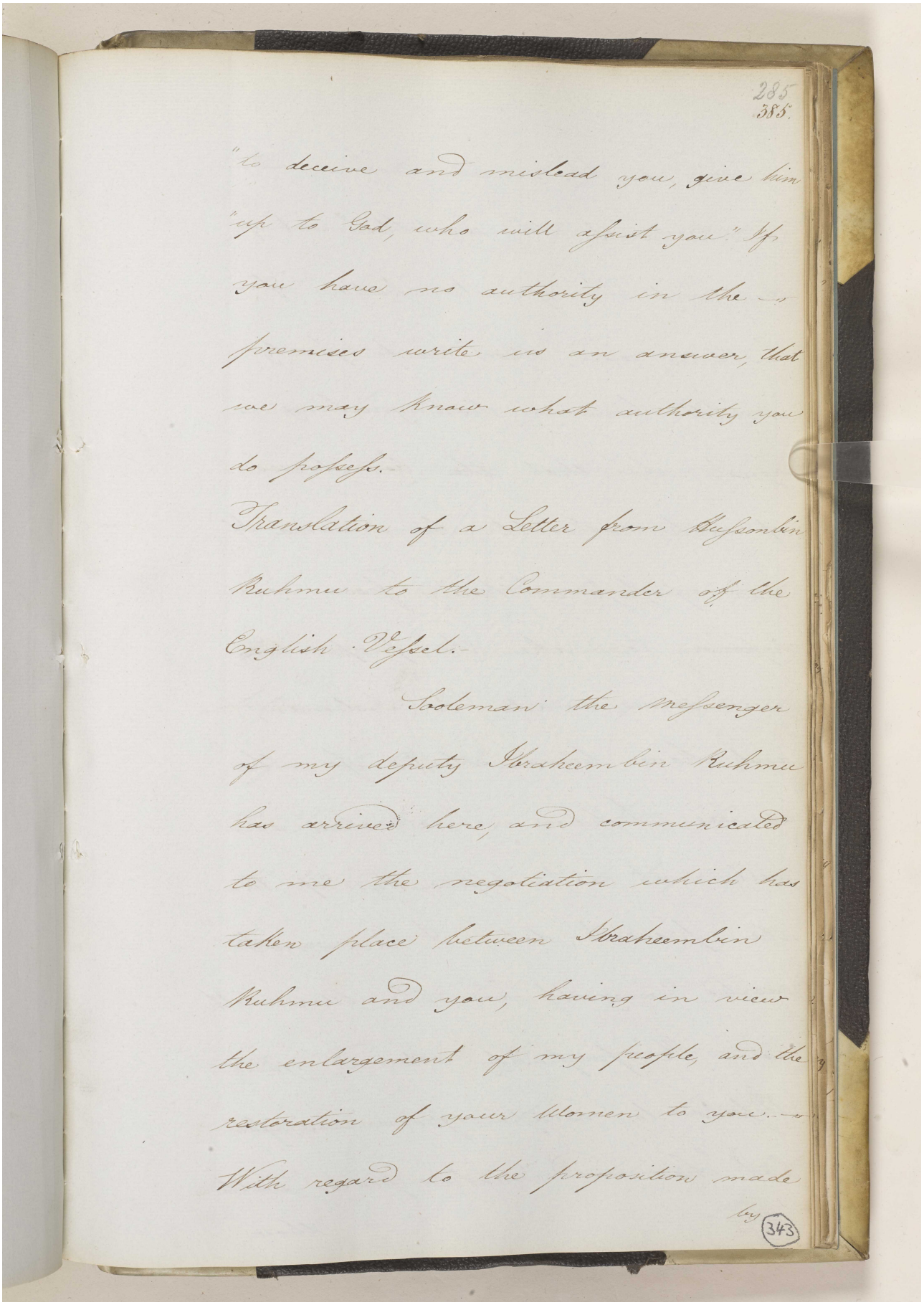


you did possess such authority,
I accordingly gave my acquiescence,
having no aversion to the
re-establishment of peace but he
now writes me that you had
swerved from your word, which
is not usual among you. If
therefore you feel yourself
authorized, as Sooleman verbally
understood from you, to sue for peace
with the restoration of my people and from the release
of your Women by us, and
if your assurance be correct, let
us know in writing what are
your views, and we will communicate
ours to you in the same
manner for the Almighty has
said "whoever sues for Peace, make
"peace with him: if his object be
"to



"to deceive and mislead you, give him "up to God, who will assist you." If you have no authority in the premises write us an answer, that we may know what authority you do possess.

Translation of a Letter from Hussonbin Ruhmu to the Commander of the English Vessel.

Sooleman the messenger of my deputy Ibraheembin Ruhmu has arrived here, and communicated to me the negotiation which has taken place between Ibraheembin Ruhmu and you, having in view the enlargement of my people, and the restoration of your Women to you. With regard to the proposition made

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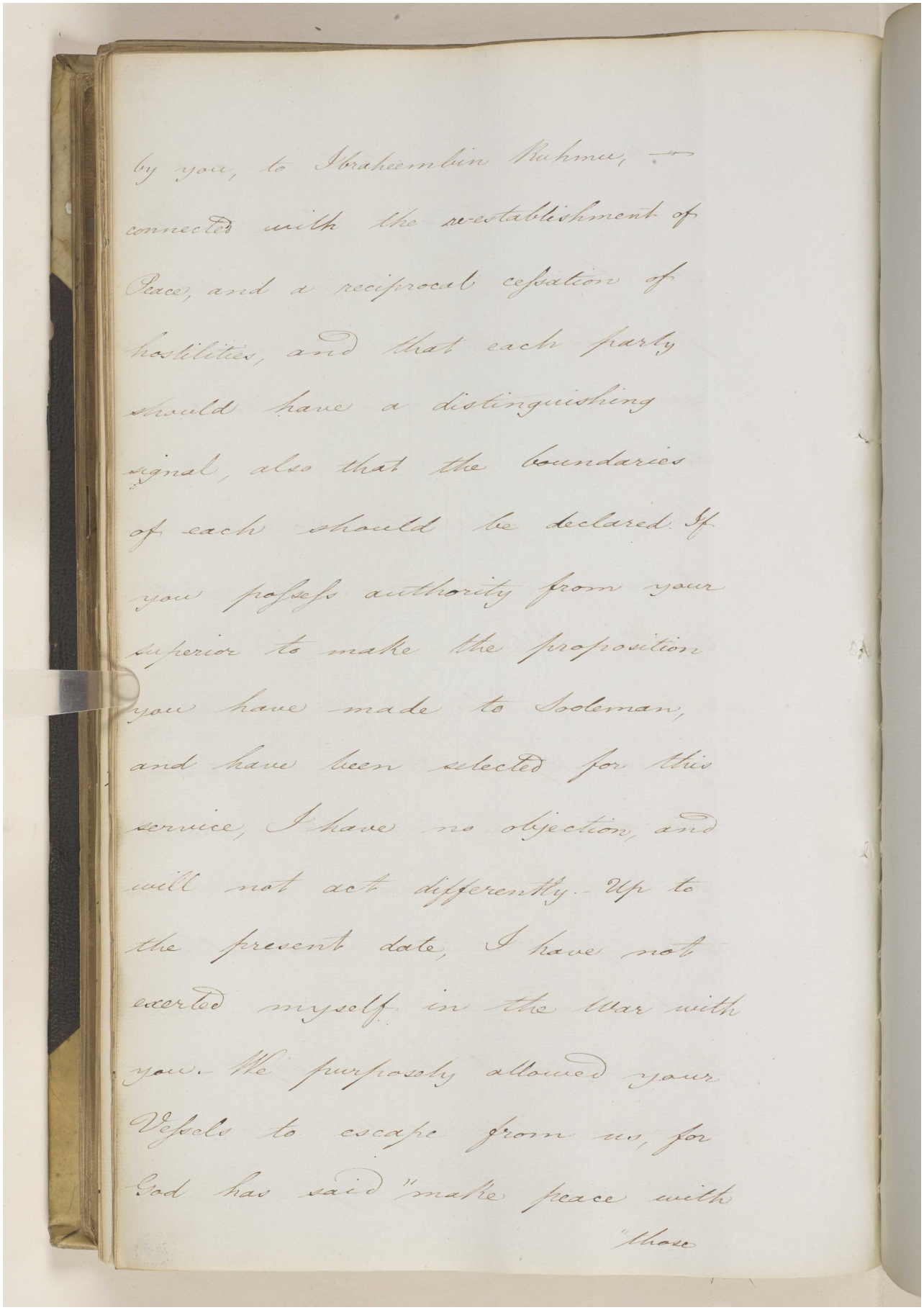
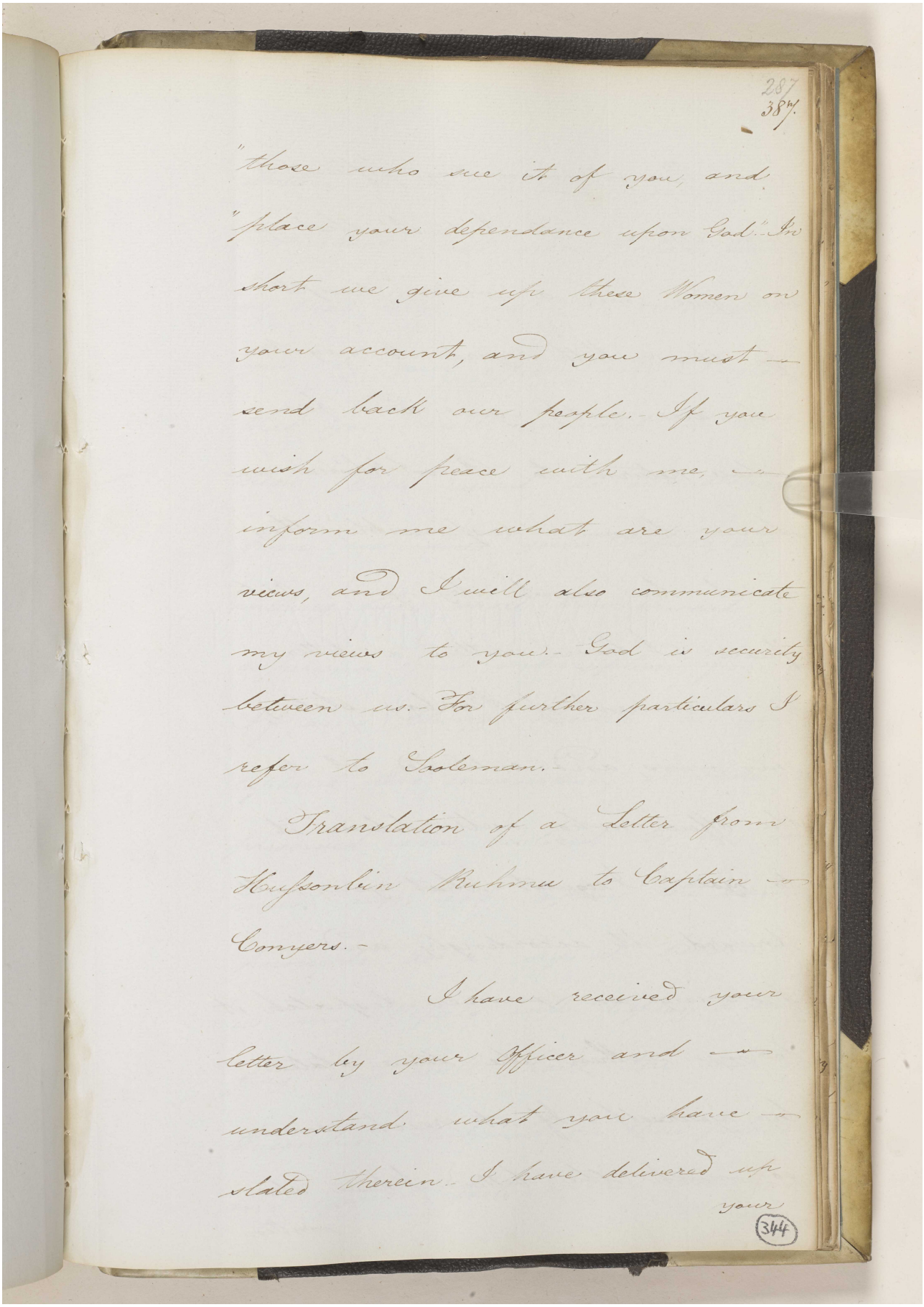


by you, to Ibraheem bin Rahmee, —
connected with the re-establishment of
Peace, and a reciprocal cessation of
hostilities, and that each party
should have a distinguishing
signal, also that the boundaries
of each should be declared. If
you possess authority from your
superior to make the proposition
you have made to Sooleman,
and have been selected for this
service, I have no objection, and
will not act differently. Up to
the present date, I have not
exerted myself in the War with
you. We purposely allowed your
Vessels to escape from us, for
God has said "make peace with
"those



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"those who sue it of you, and
"place your dependance upon God." In
short we give up these Women on
your account, and you must —
send back our people. If you
wish for peace with me, —
inform me what are your
views, and I will also communicate
my views to you. God is security
between us. For further particulars I
refer to Soolemun.

Translation of a Letter from
Hujsonbin Ruhmu to Captain —
Conyers.

I have received your
letter by your Officer and —
understand what you have —
stated therein. I have delivered up
your

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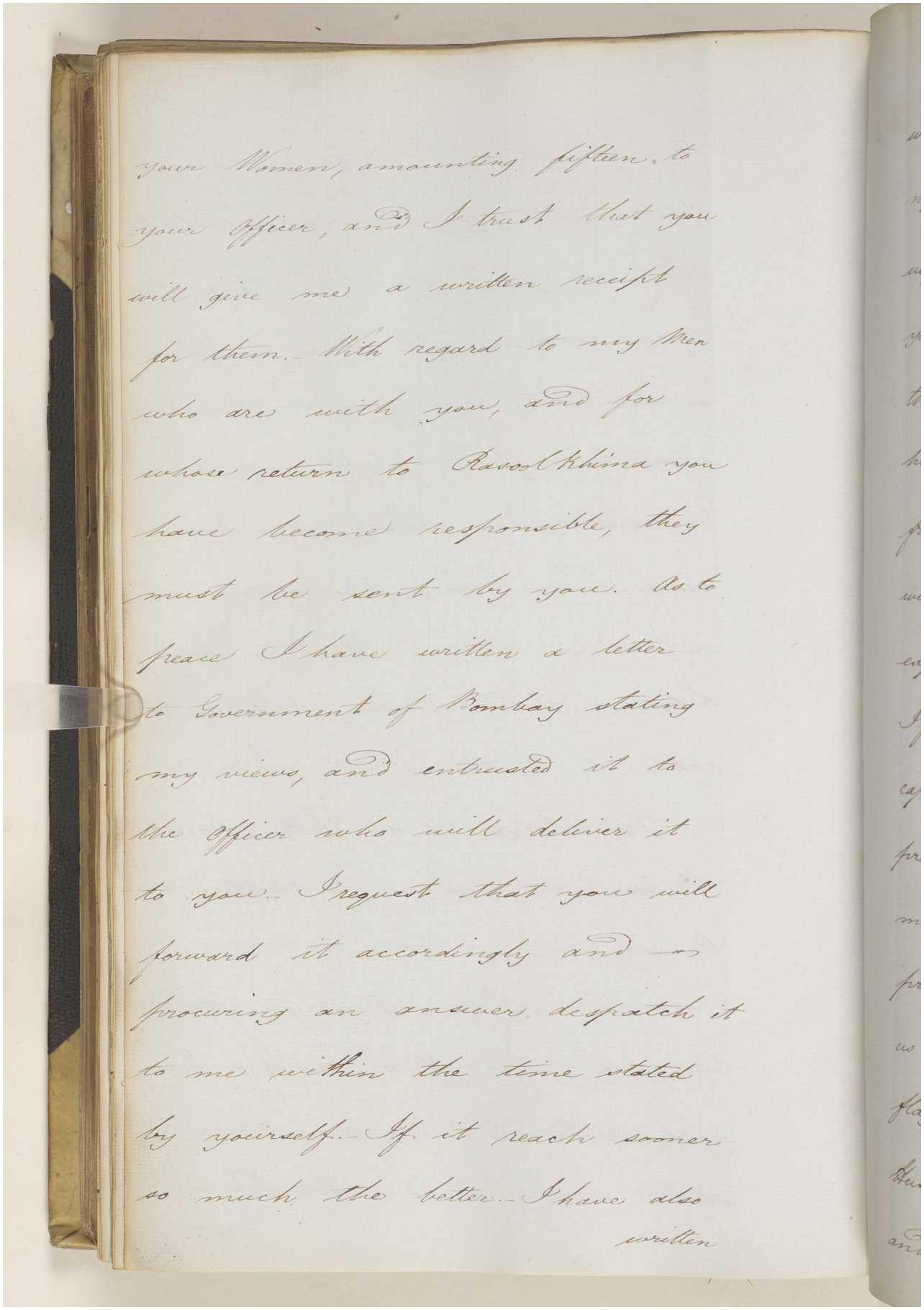
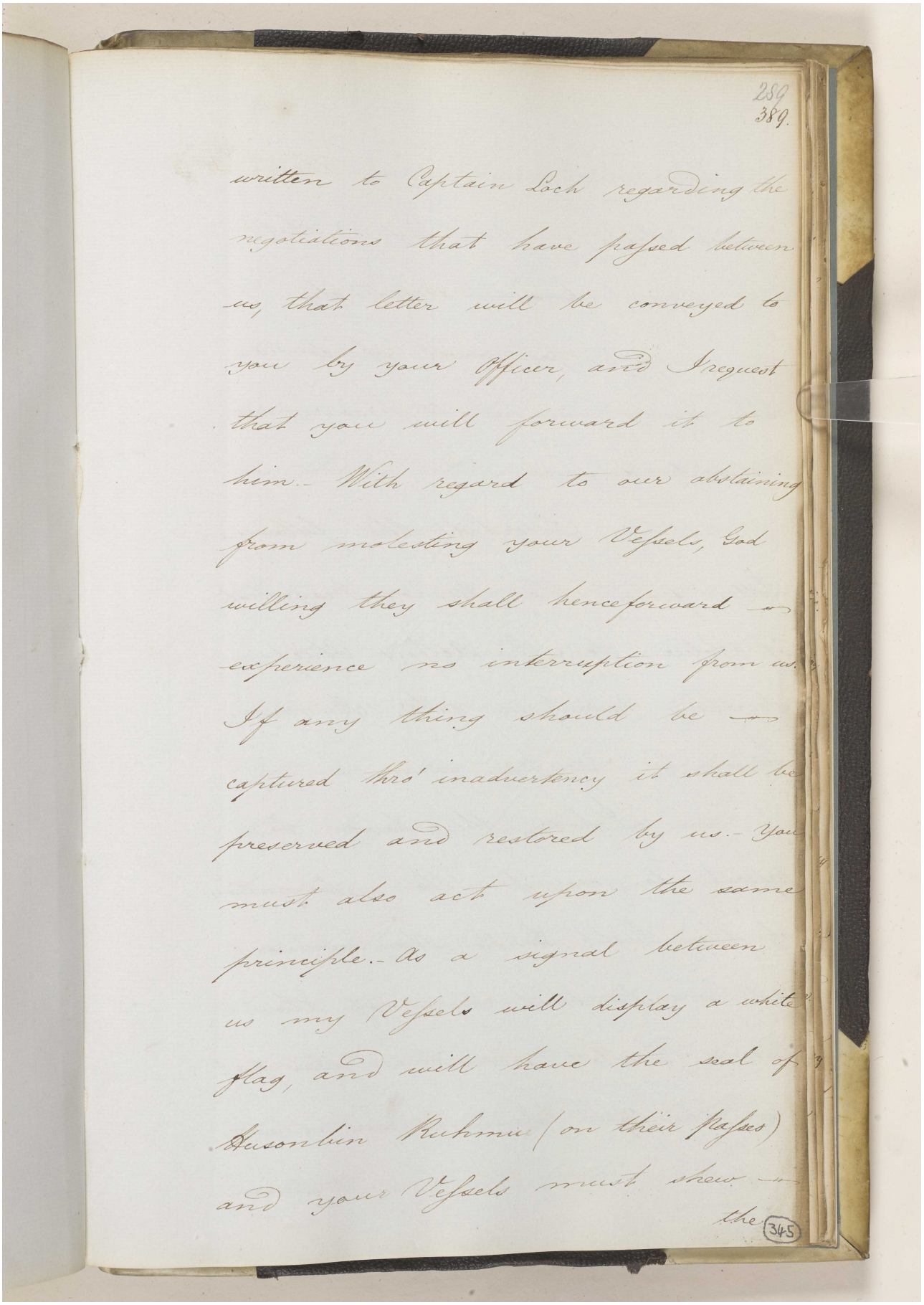


your Women, amounting fifteen to
your Officer, and I trust that you
will give me a written receipt
for them. With regard to my Men
who are with you, and for
whose return to Rasool Khima you
have become responsible, they
must be sent by you. As to
peace I have written a letter
to Government of Bombay stating
my views, and entrusted it to
the Officer who will deliver it
to you. I request that you will
forward it accordingly and on
procuring an answer despatch it
to me within the time stated
by yourself. If it reach sooner
so much the better. I have also
written



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written to Captain Lock regarding the negotiations that have passed between us, that letter will be conveyed to you by your Officer, and I request that you will forward it to him.- With regard to our abstaining from molesting your Vessels, God willing they shall henceforward — experience no interruption from us. If any thing should be — captured thro' inadvertency it shall be preserved and restored by us.- You must also act upon the same principle.- As a signal between us my Vessels will display a white flag, and will have the seal of Hussun bin Rahma (on their passes) and your Vessels must shew — the

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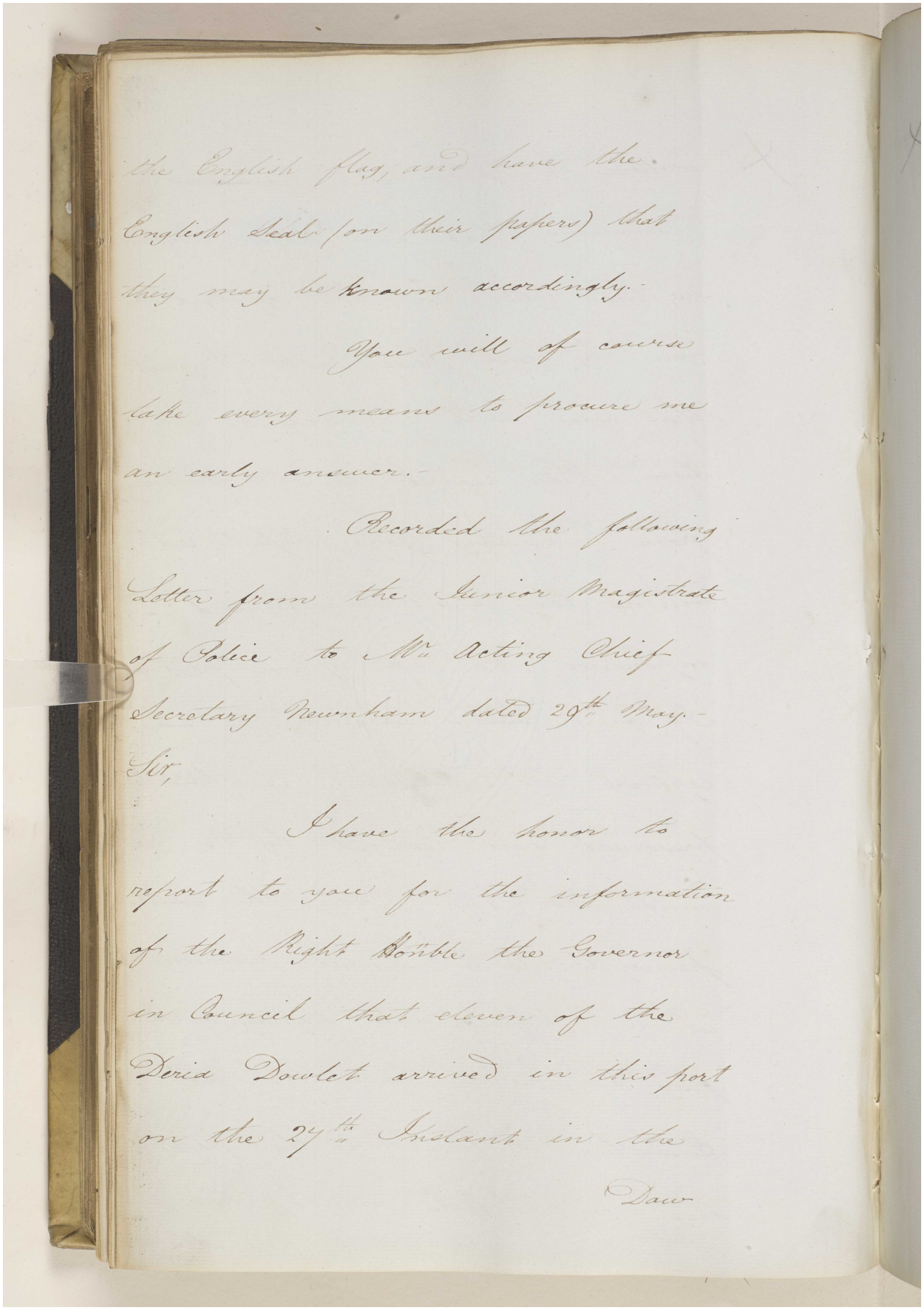

the English flag, and have the
English Seal (on their papers) that
they may be known accordingly.

You will of course
take every means to procure me
an early answer.

Recorded the following
Letter from the Senior Magistrate
of Police to Mr Acting Chief
Secretary Newnham dated 29th May.

Sir,

I have the honor to
report to you for the information
of the Right Honble the Governor
in Council that eleven of the
Deria Dowlet arrived in this port
on the 24th Instant in the

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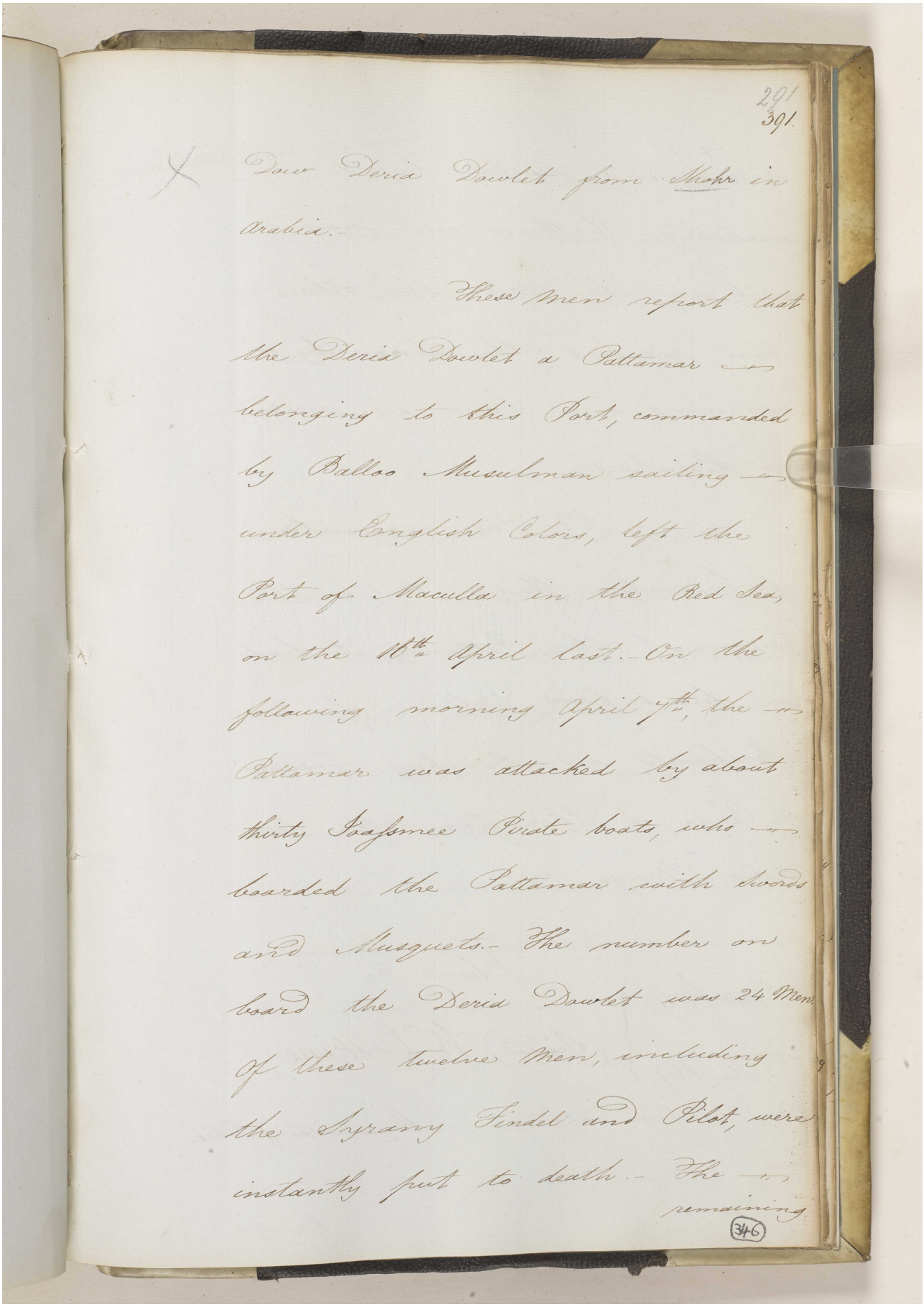

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Dow Deria Dawlet from Mohr in Arabia.-

These Men report that the Deria Dawlet a Pattamar belonging to this Port, commanded by Balloo Musulman sailing under English Colors, left the Port of Maculla in the Red Sea, on the 10th April last.- On the following morning April 7th, the Pattamar was attacked by about thirty Joasmee Pirate boats, who boarded the Pattamar with Swords and Musquets.- The number on board the Deria Dawlet was 24 Men. of these twelve Men, including the Syrang Sindel and Pilot, were instantly put to death.- The remaining

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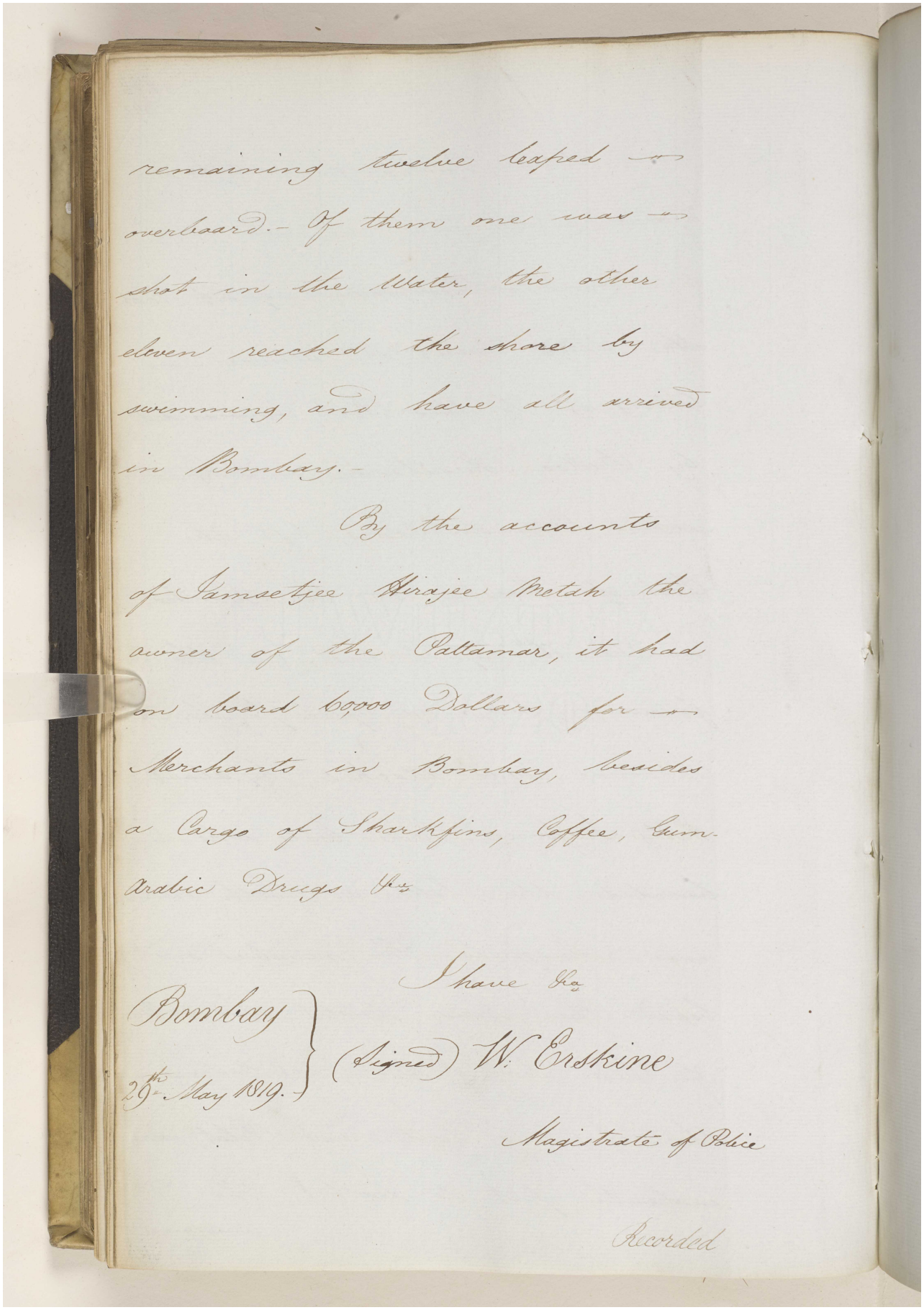

remaining twelve leaped
overboard.- Of them one was
shot in the Water, the other
eleven reached the shore by
swimming, and have all arrived
in Bombay.-

By the accounts
of Jamsetjee Hirajee Metah the
owner of the Pattamar, it had
on board 60,000 Dollars for
Merchants in Bombay, besides
a Cargo of Sharkfins, Coffee, Gum
Arabic Drugs &c.

I have &c.

Bombay
29th May 1819.

(Signed) W. Erskine

Magistrate of Police

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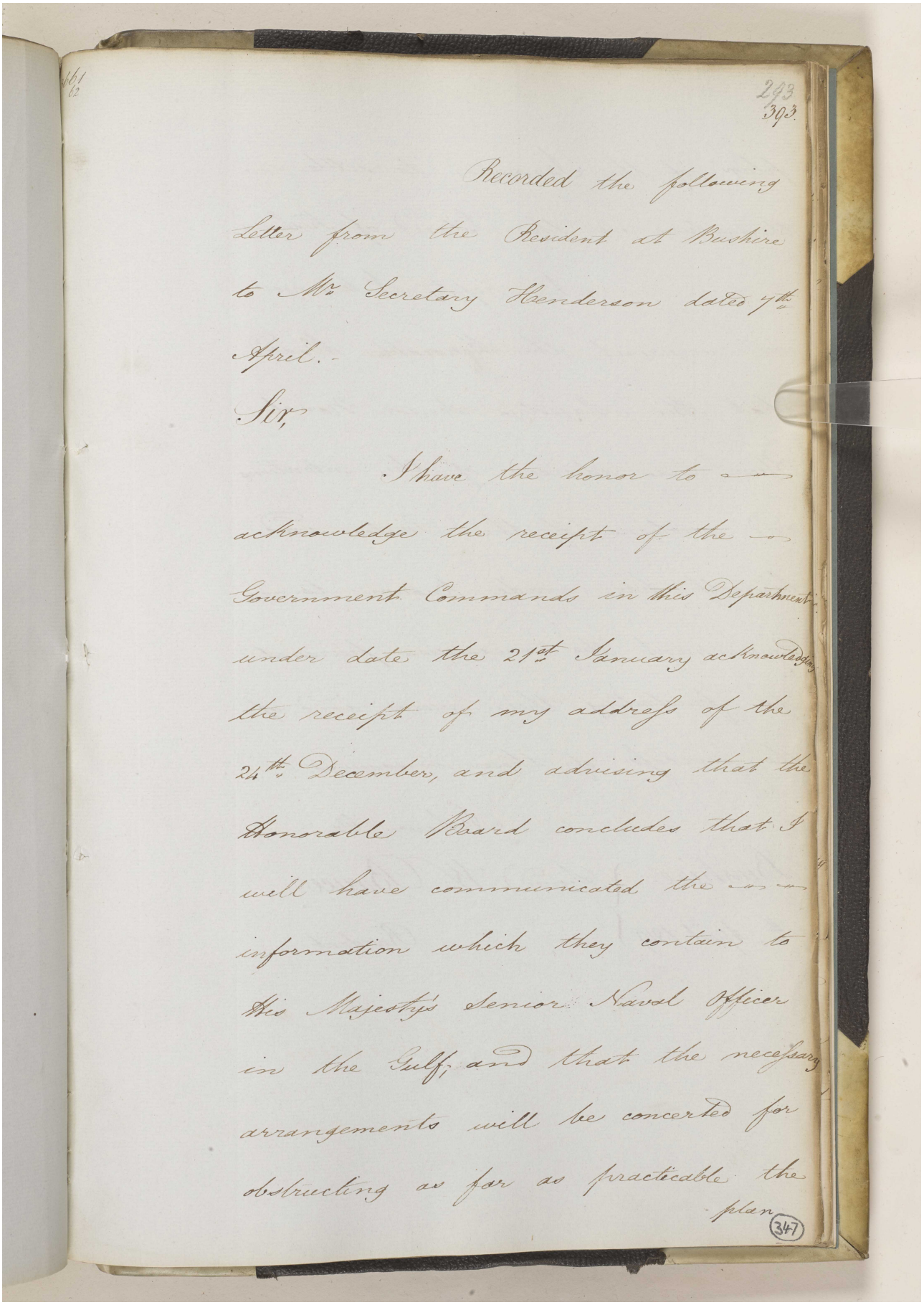

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Recorded the following
Letter from the Resident at Bushire
to Mr Secretary Henderson dated 7th
April. -

Sir,

I have the honor to —
acknowledge the receipt of the —
Government Commands in this Department
under date the 21st January acknowledging
the receipt of my address of the
24th December, and advising that the
Honorable Board concludes that I
will have communicated the — —
information which they contain to
His Majesty's Senior Naval Officer
in the Gulf, and that the necessary
arrangements will be concerted for
obstructing as far as practicable the
plan

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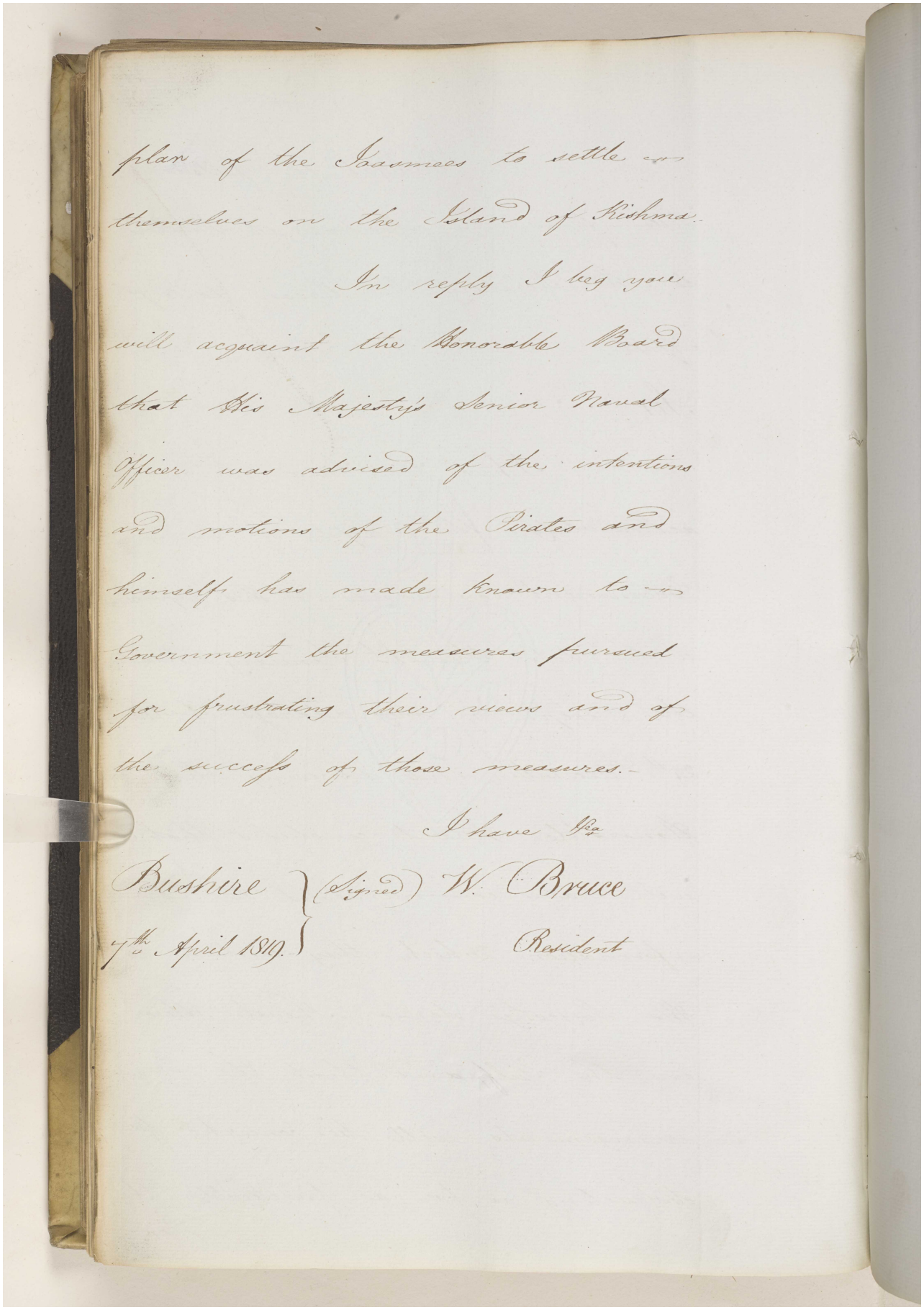
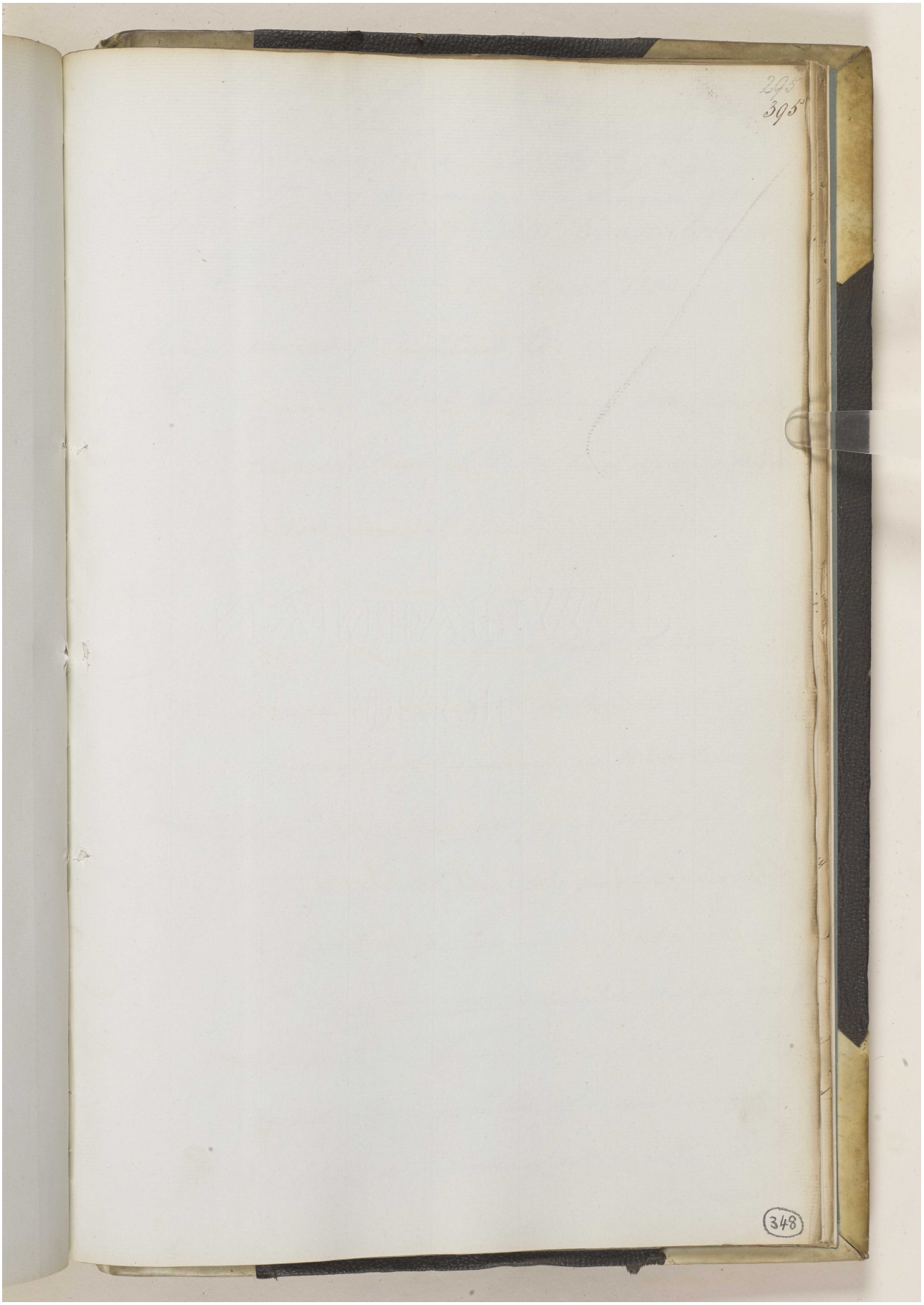


plan of the Joasmees to settle themselves on the Island of Kishma.

In reply I beg you will acquaint the Honorable Board that His Majesty's Senior Naval Officer was advised of the intentions and motions of the Pirates and himself has made known to Government the measures pursued for frustrating their views and of the success of those measures.

I have &c.

Bushire 7th April 1819. (Signed) W. Bruce Resident



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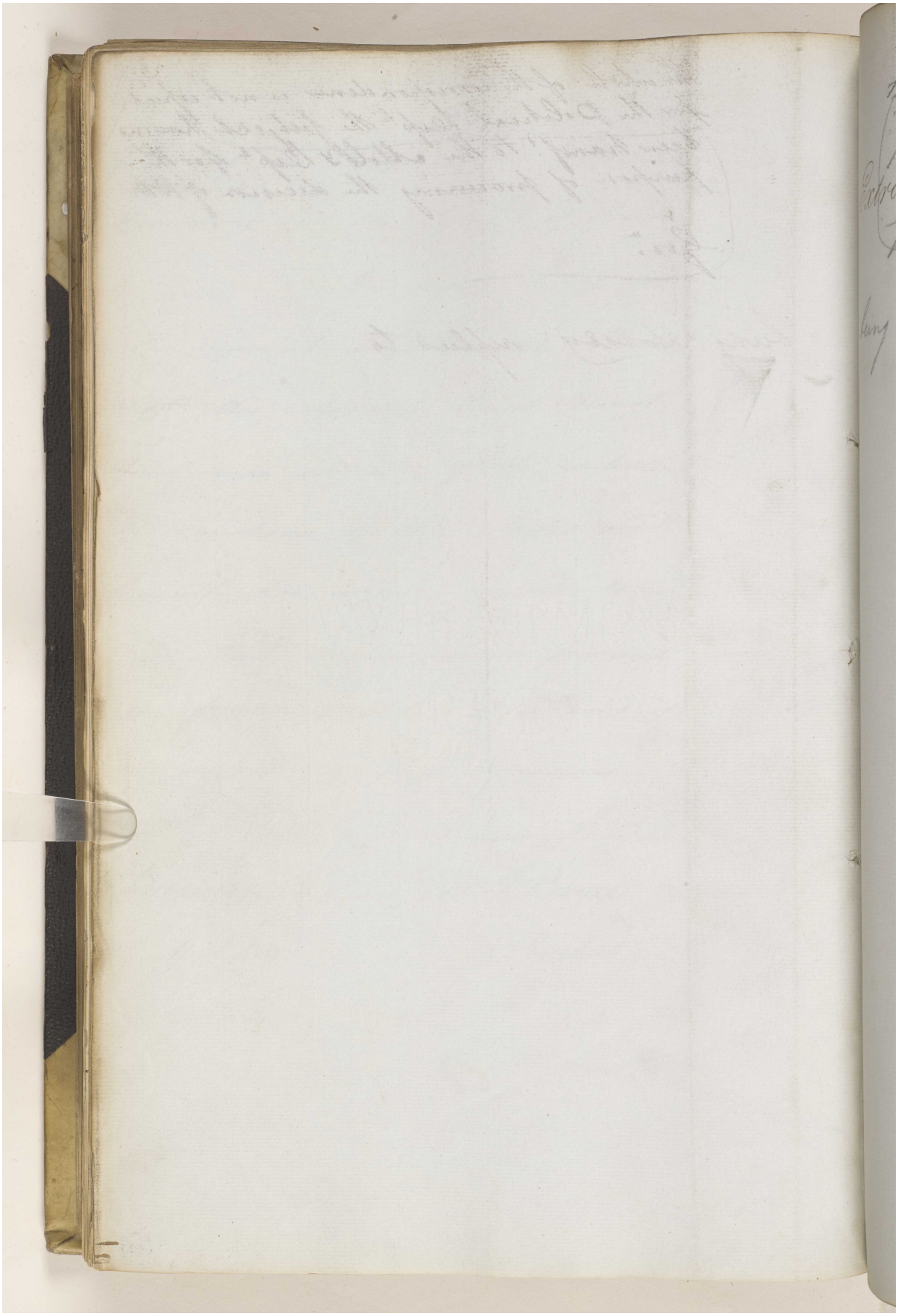

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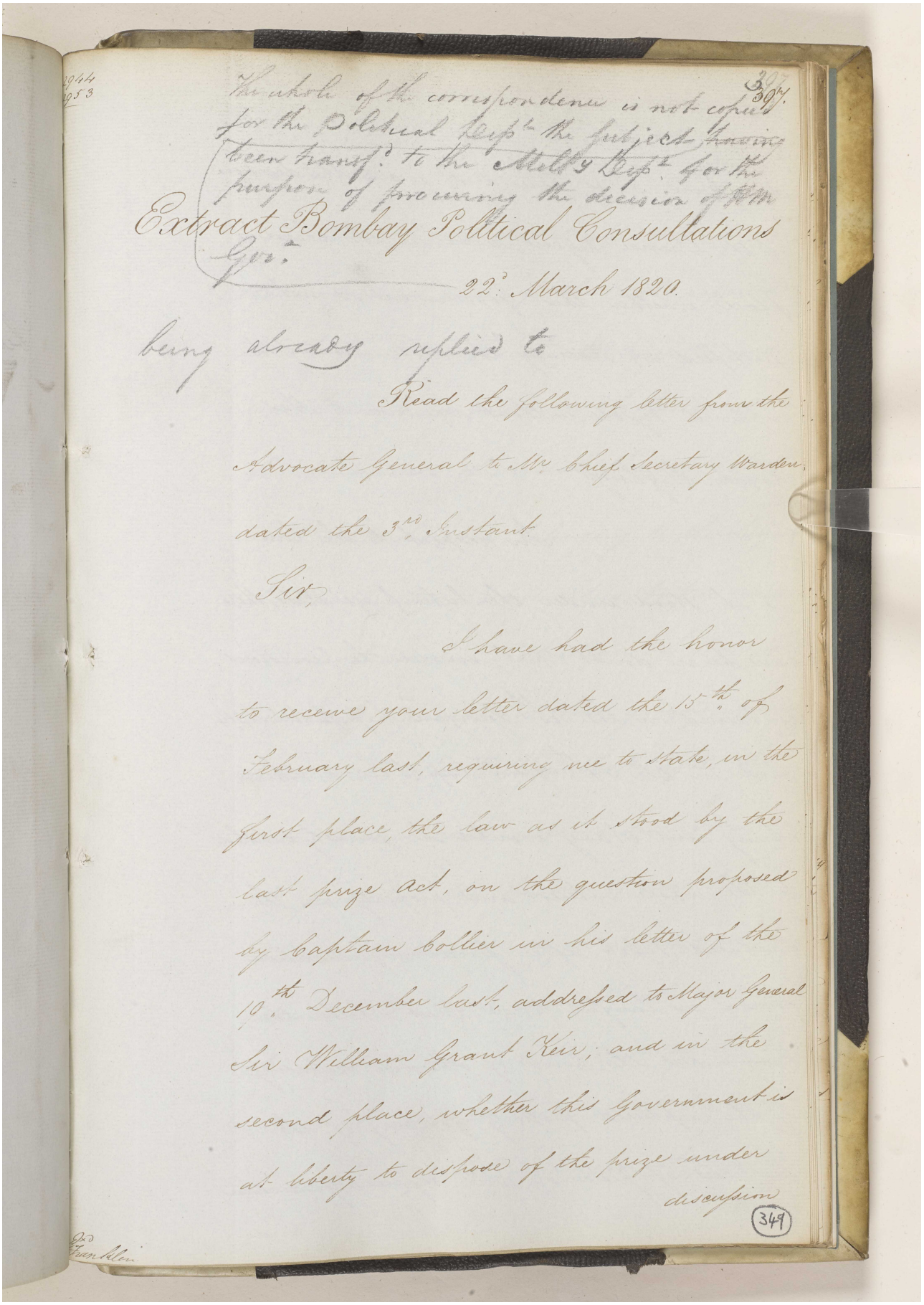

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations

22.d March 1820.

being already replied to

Read the following letter from the Advocate General to Mr. Chief Secretary Warden, dated the 3.d Instant.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter dated the 15.th of February last, requiring me to state, in the first place, the law as it stood by the last prize act, on the question proposed by Captain Collier in his letter of the 10.th December last, addressed to Major General Sir William Grant Keir; and in the second place, whether this Government is at liberty to dispose of the prize under discussion

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discussion, or is bound to wait the decision of the Prince Regent; and in the third place, whether this Government is not justified in ordering the destruction of the captured Vessels without reference to His Royal Highness.

In respect to the law as it stood under the late prize Acts, there can be no doubt that, under the provisions contained in the 45th George 3rd Cap: 72 Sect.s 2, 3 & 4, and in the 54th Geo: 3 Cap 86 Sec: 2, the Army and Navy would be jointly entitled to the whole interest and property in the captured Vessels, after final adjudication thereof as lawful prize. But whether the Crown has the power of otherwise disposing of the captured property for any of the purposes of peace or war before adjudication,

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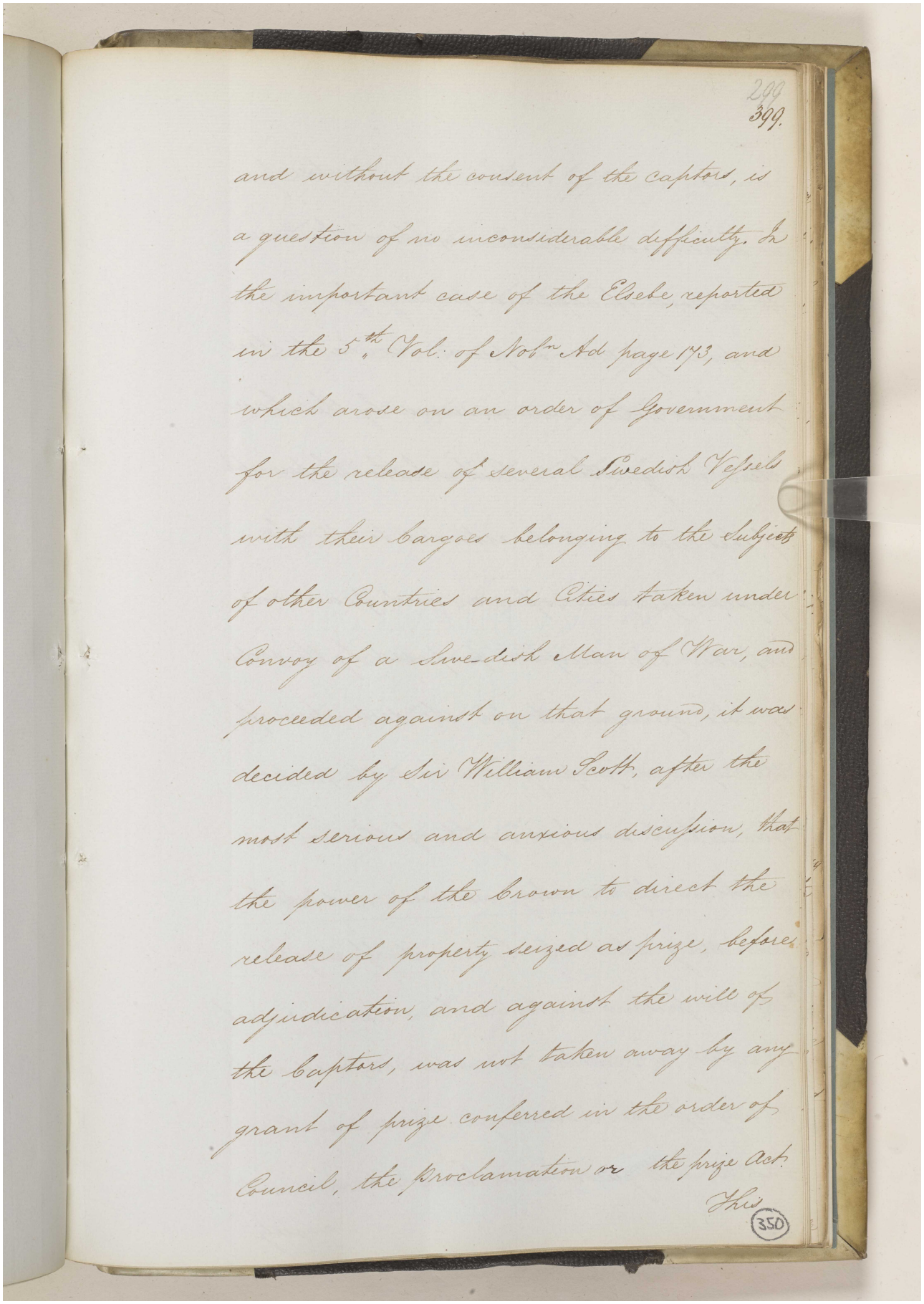

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and without the consent of the captors, is a question of no inconsiderable difficulty. In the important case of the Elsebe, reported in the 5th Vol: of Robr Ad page 173, and which arose on an order of Government for the release of several Swedish Vessels with their Cargoes belonging to the subjects of other Countries and Cities taken under Convoy of a Swedish Man of War, and proceeded against on that ground, it was decided by Sir William Scott, after the most serious and anxious discussion, that the power of the Crown to direct the release of property seized as prize, before adjudication, and against the will of the Captors, was not taken away by any grant of prize conferred in the order of Council, the Proclamation or the prize Act. This

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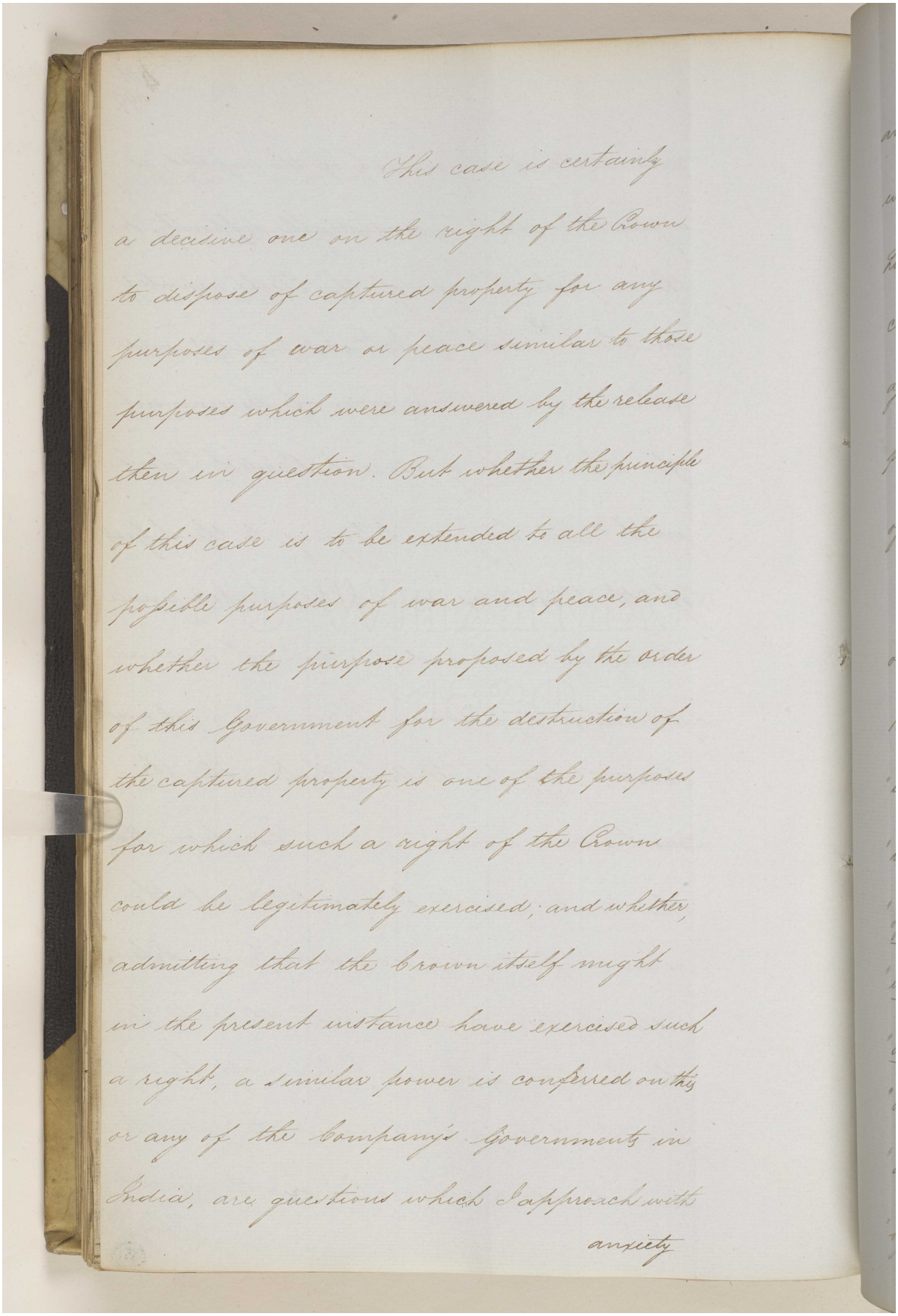
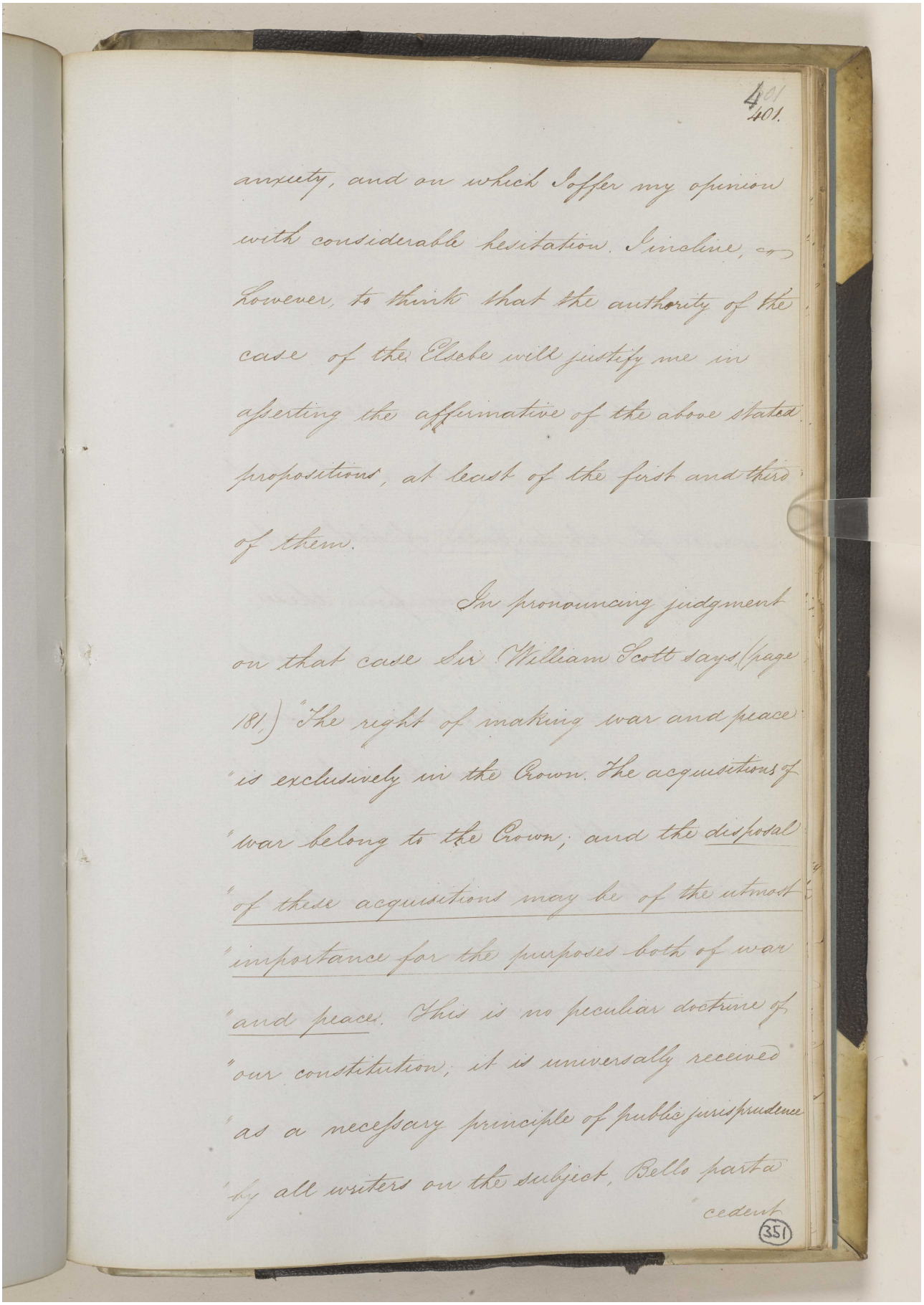


This case is certainly a decisive one on the right of the Crown to dispose of captured property for any purposes of war or peace similar to those purposes which were answered by the release then in question. But whether the principle of this case is to be extended to all the popible purposes of war and peace, and whether the purpose proposed by the order of this Government for the destruction of the captured property is one of the purposes for which such a right of the Crown could be legitimately exercised; and whether, admitting that the Crown itself might in the present instance have exercised such a right, a similar power is conferred on this or any of the Company's Governments in India, are questions which I approach with anxiety



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anxiety, and on which I offer my opinion
with considerable hesitation. I incline, ~~so~~
however, to think that the authority of the
case of the Elsebe will justify me in
asserting the affirmative of the above stated
propositions, at least of the first and third
of them.

In pronouncing judgment
on that case Sir William Scott says (page
181) "The right of making war and peace
"is exclusively in the Crown. The acquisitions of
"war belong to the Crown, and the disposal
"of these acquisitions may be of the utmost
"importance for the purposes both of war
"and peace. This is no peculiar doctrine of
"our constitution, it is universally received
"as a necessary principle of public jurisprudence
"by all writers on the subject. Bello parta
"cedent

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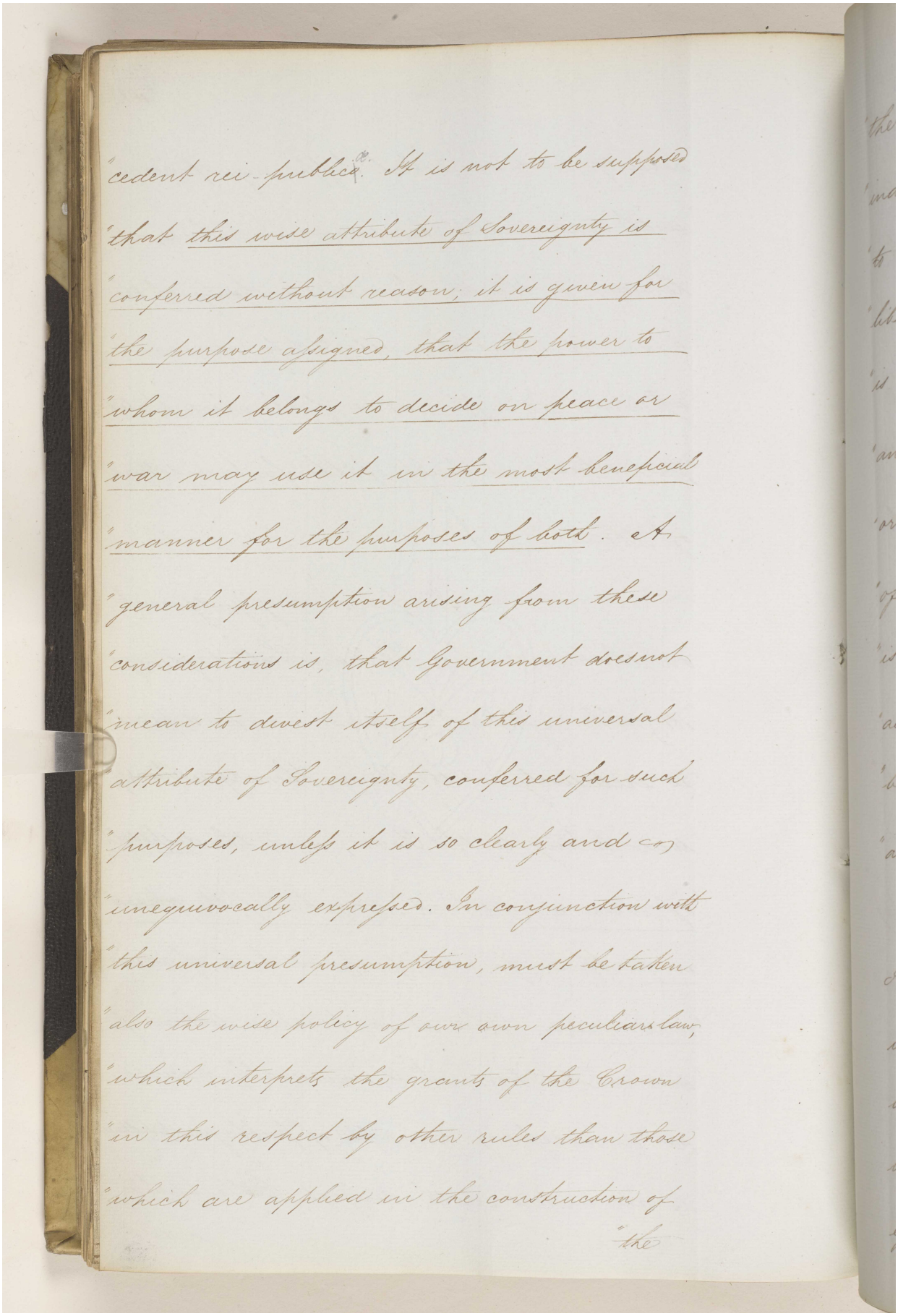
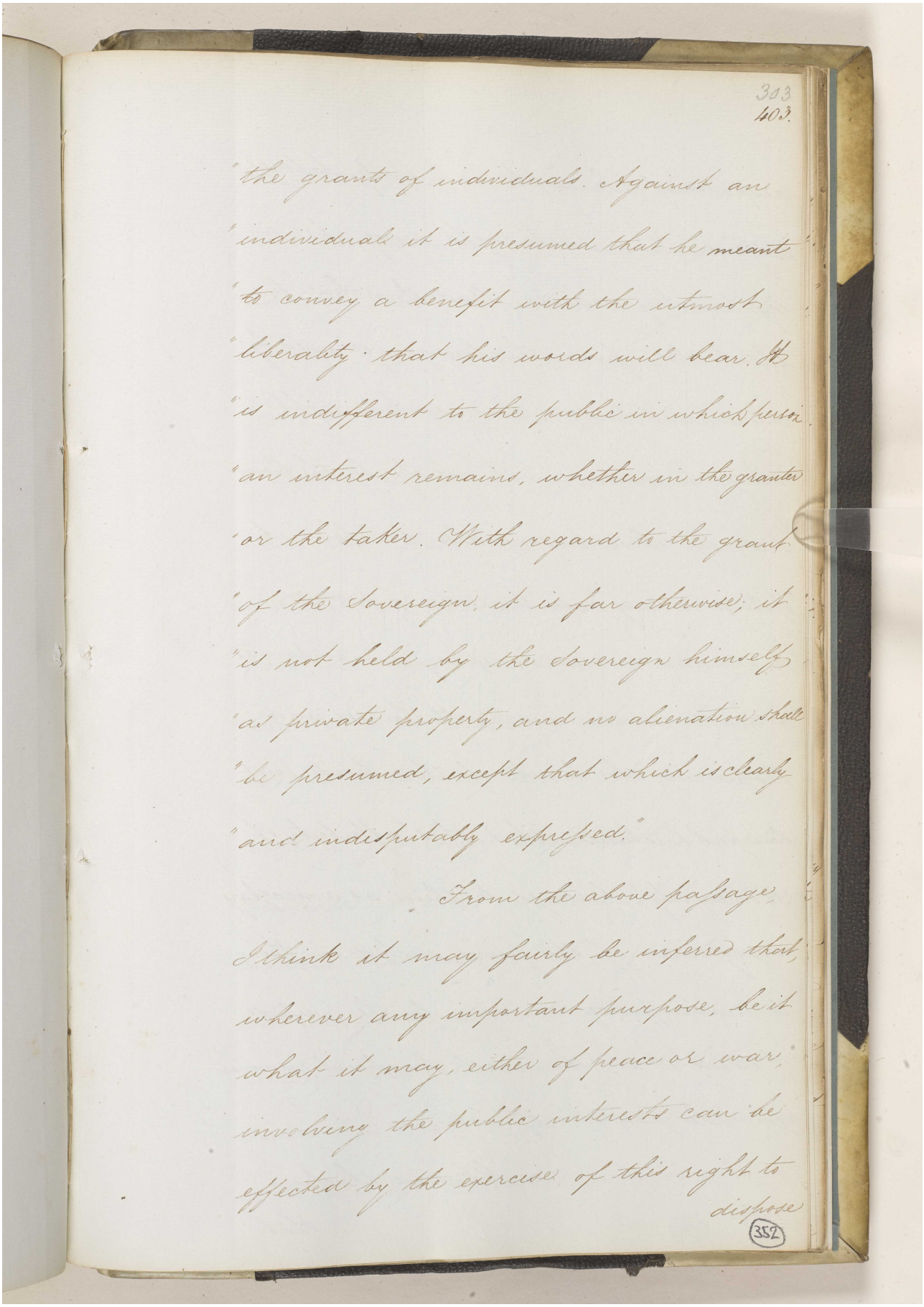


"cedent rei-publicæ. It is not to be supposed
"that this wise attribute of Sovereignty is
"conferred without reason; it is given for
"the purpose assigned, that the power to
"whom it belongs to decide on peace or
"war may use it in the most beneficial
"manner for the purposes of both. A
"general presumption arising from these
"considerations is, that Government does not
"mean to divest itself of this universal
attribute of Sovereignty, conferred for such
"purposes, unless it is so clearly and
"unequivocally expressed. In conjunction with
"this universal presumption, must be taken
"also the wise policy of our own peculiar law,
"which interprets the grants of the Crown
"in this respect by other rules than those
"which are applied in the construction of
"the



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"the grants of individuals. Against an
"individual it is presumed that he meant
"to convey a benefit with the utmost
"liberality · that his words will bear. It
"is indifferent to the public in which person
"an interest remains, whether in the grantor
"or the taker. With regard to the grant
"of the Sovereign, it is far otherwise; it
"is not held by the Sovereign himself
"as private property, and no alienation shall
"be presumed, except that which is clearly
"and indisputably expressed."

From the above passage
I think it may fairly be inferred that,
wherever any important purpose, be it
what it may, either of peace or war,
involving the public interests can be
effected by the exercise of this right to
dispose

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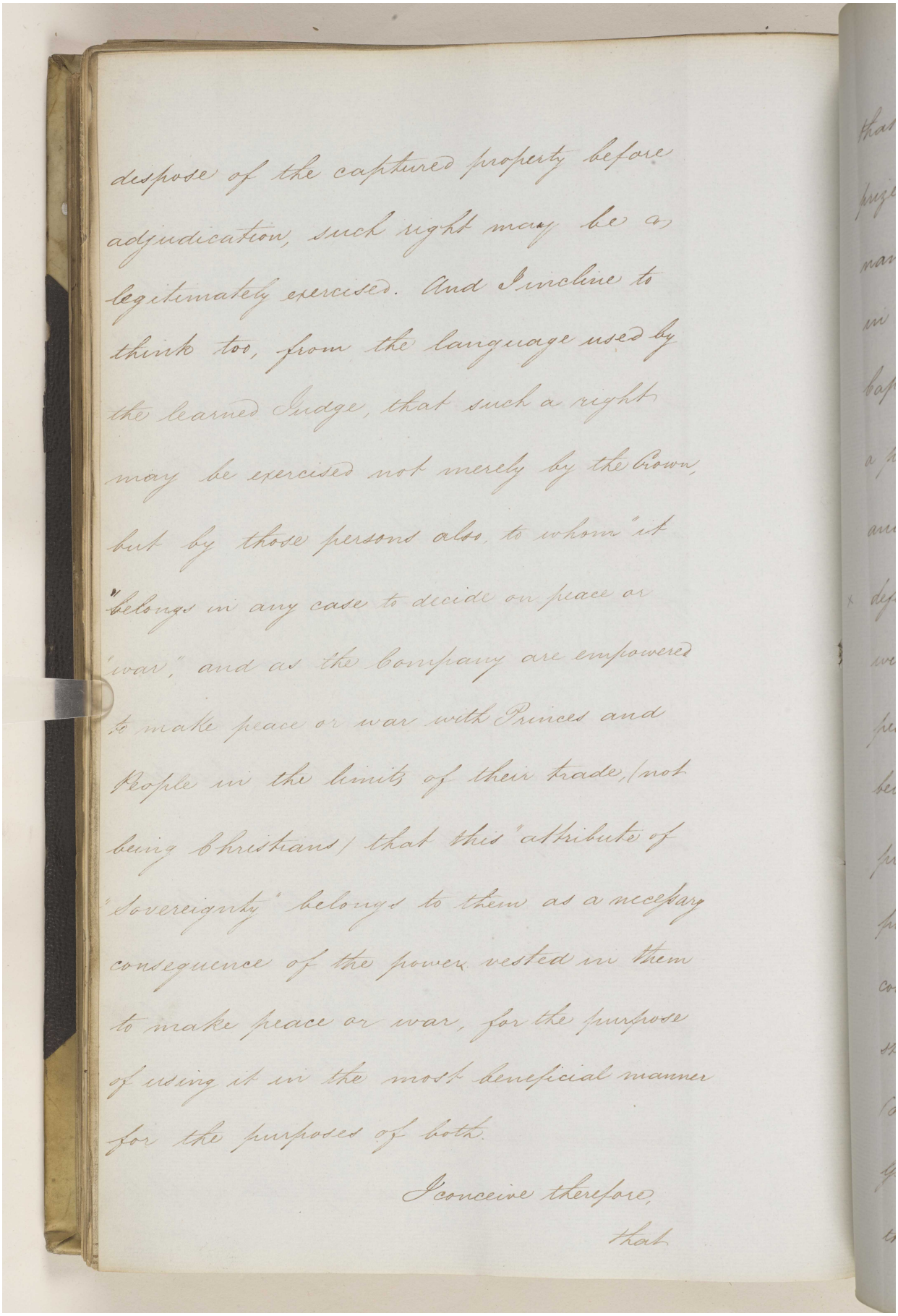

dispose of the captured property before adjudication, such right may be as legitimately exercised. And I incline to think too, from the language used by the learned Judge, that such a right may be exercised not merely by the Crown, but by those persons also, to whom "it "belongs in any case to decide on peace or "war", and as the Company are empowered to make peace or war with Princes and People in the limits of their trade, (not being Christians) that this "attribute of "Sovereignty" belongs to them as a necessary consequence of the power vested in them to make peace or war, for the purpose of using it in the most beneficial manner for the purposes of both.

I conceive therefore,

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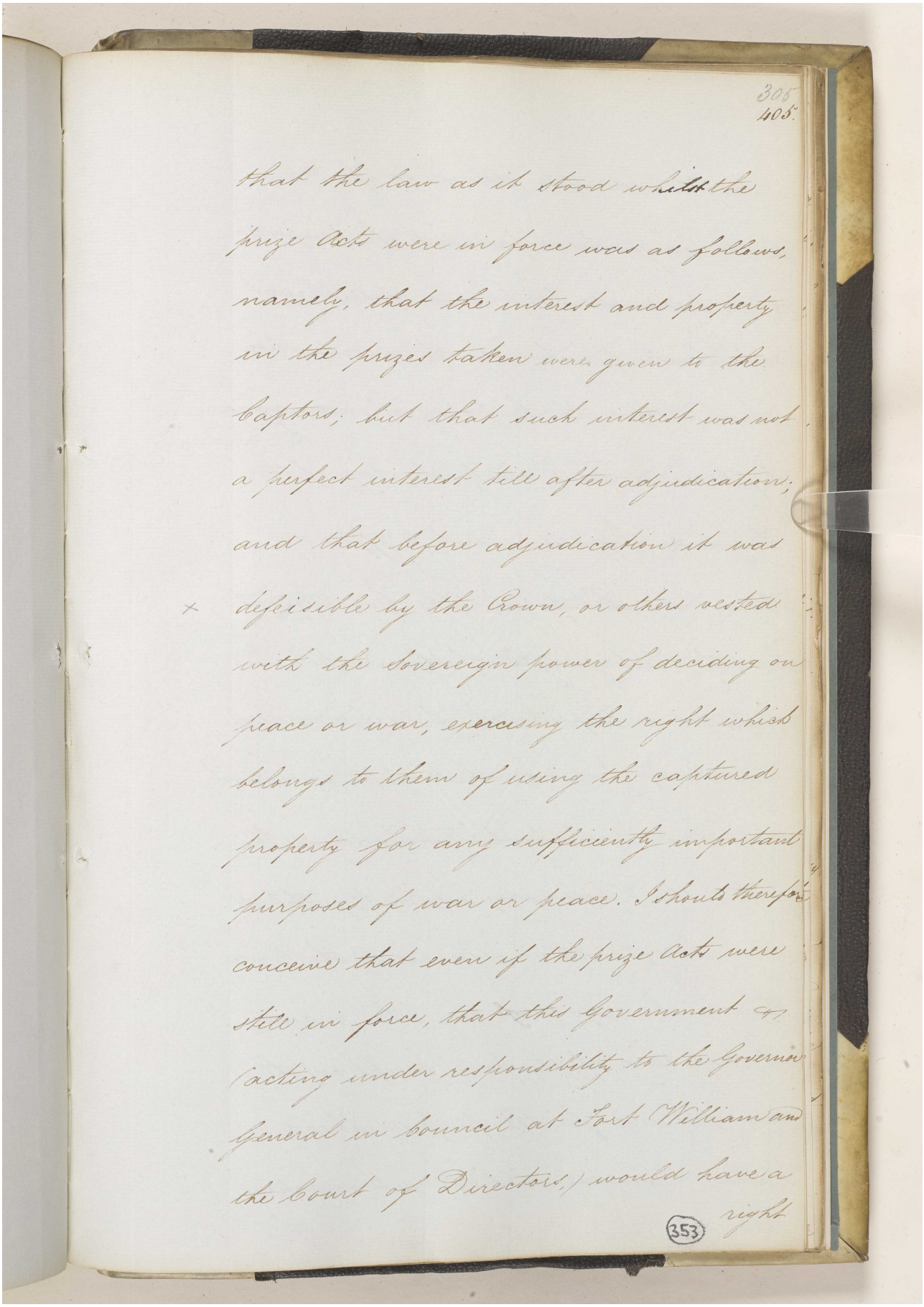

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that the law as it stood whilst the
prize Acts were in force was as follows,
namely, that the interest and property
in the prizes taken were given to the
captors; but that such interest was not
a perfect interest till after adjudication;
and that before adjudication it was
defeasible by the Crown, or others vested
with the Sovereign power of deciding on
peace or war, exercising the right which
belongs to them of using the captured
property for any sufficiently important
purposes of war or peace. I should therefore
conceive that even if the prize Acts were
still in force, that this Government
(acting under responsibility to the Governor
General in Council at Fort William and
the Court of Directors,) would have a
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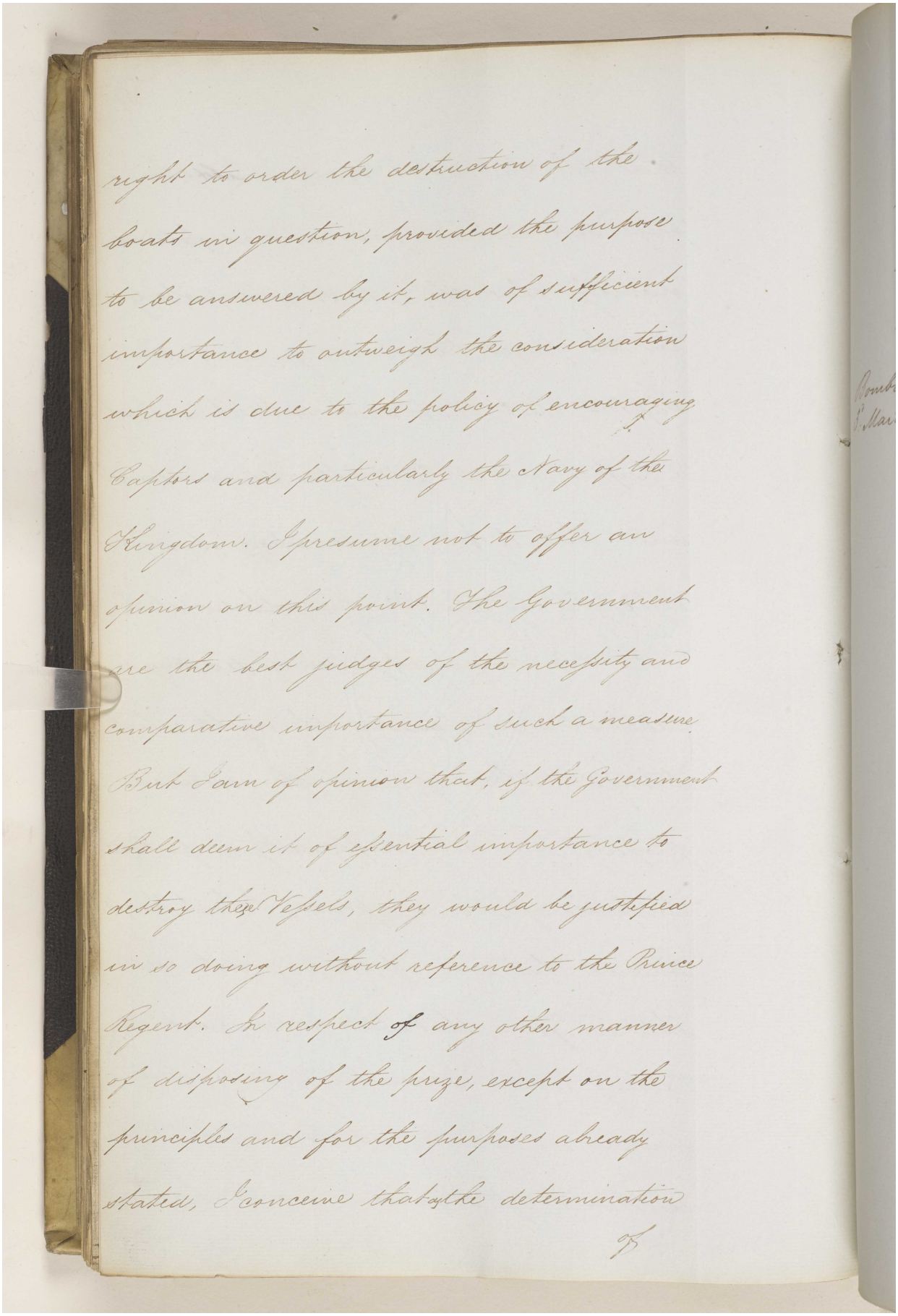

right to order the destruction of the
boats in question, provided the purpose
to be answered by it, was of sufficient
importance to outweigh the consideration
which is due to the policy of encouraging
Captors and particularly the Navy of the
Kingdom. I presume not to offer an
opinion on this point. The Government
are the best judges of the necessity and
comparative importance of such a measure.
But I am of opinion that, if the Government
shall deem it of essential importance to
destroy these Vessels, they would be justified
in so doing without reference to the Prince
Regent. In respect of any other manner
of disposing of the prize, except on the
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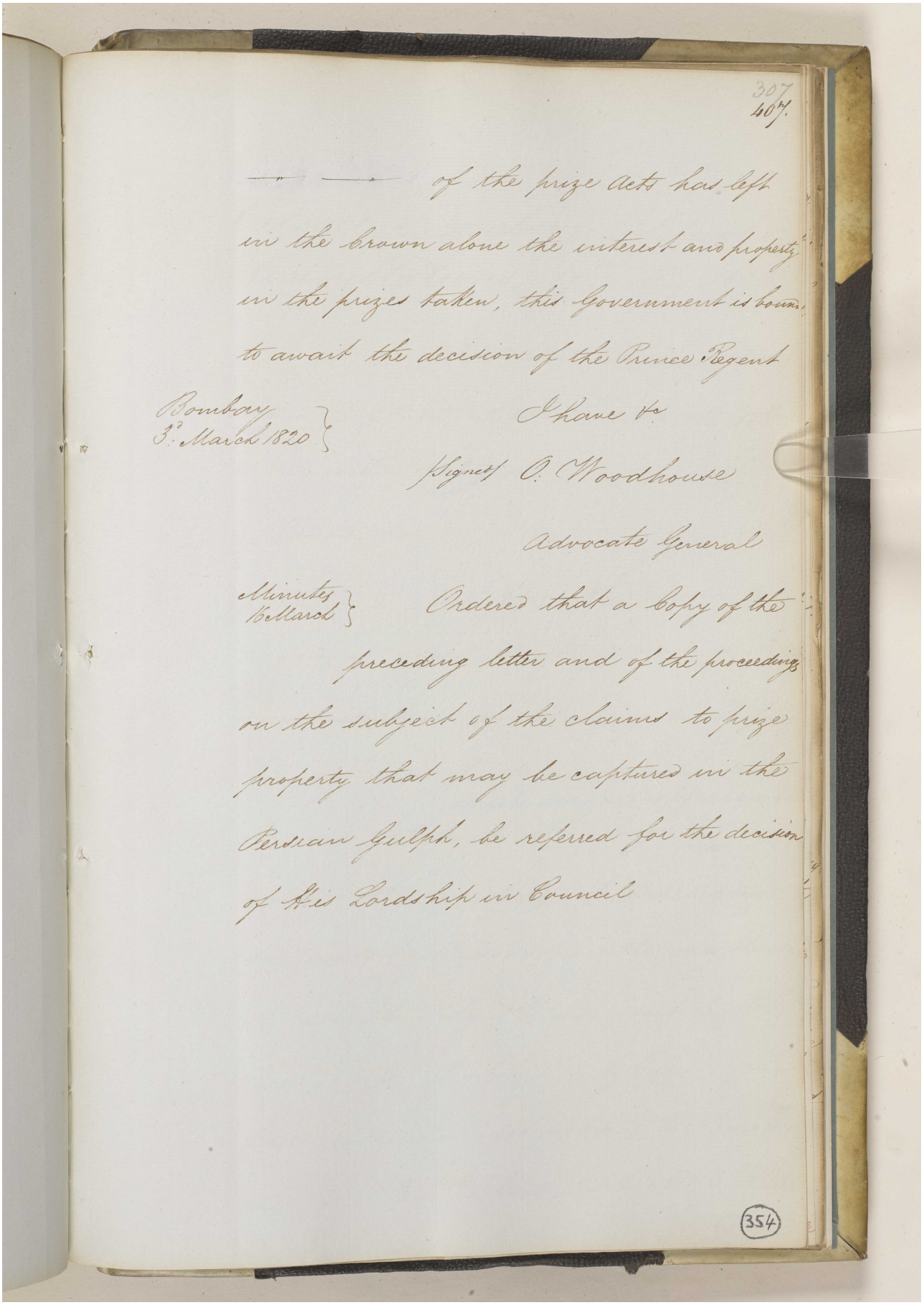
stated, I conceive that the determination



— — of the prize Acts has left in the Crown alone the interest and property in the prizes taken, this Government is bound to await the decision of the Prince Regent

Bombay 3d March 1820

I have &c

(Signed) O. Woodhouse

Advocate General

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Ordered that a Copy of the preceding letter and of the proceedings on the subject of the claims to prize property that may be captured in the Persian Gulph, be referred for the decision of His Lordship in Council

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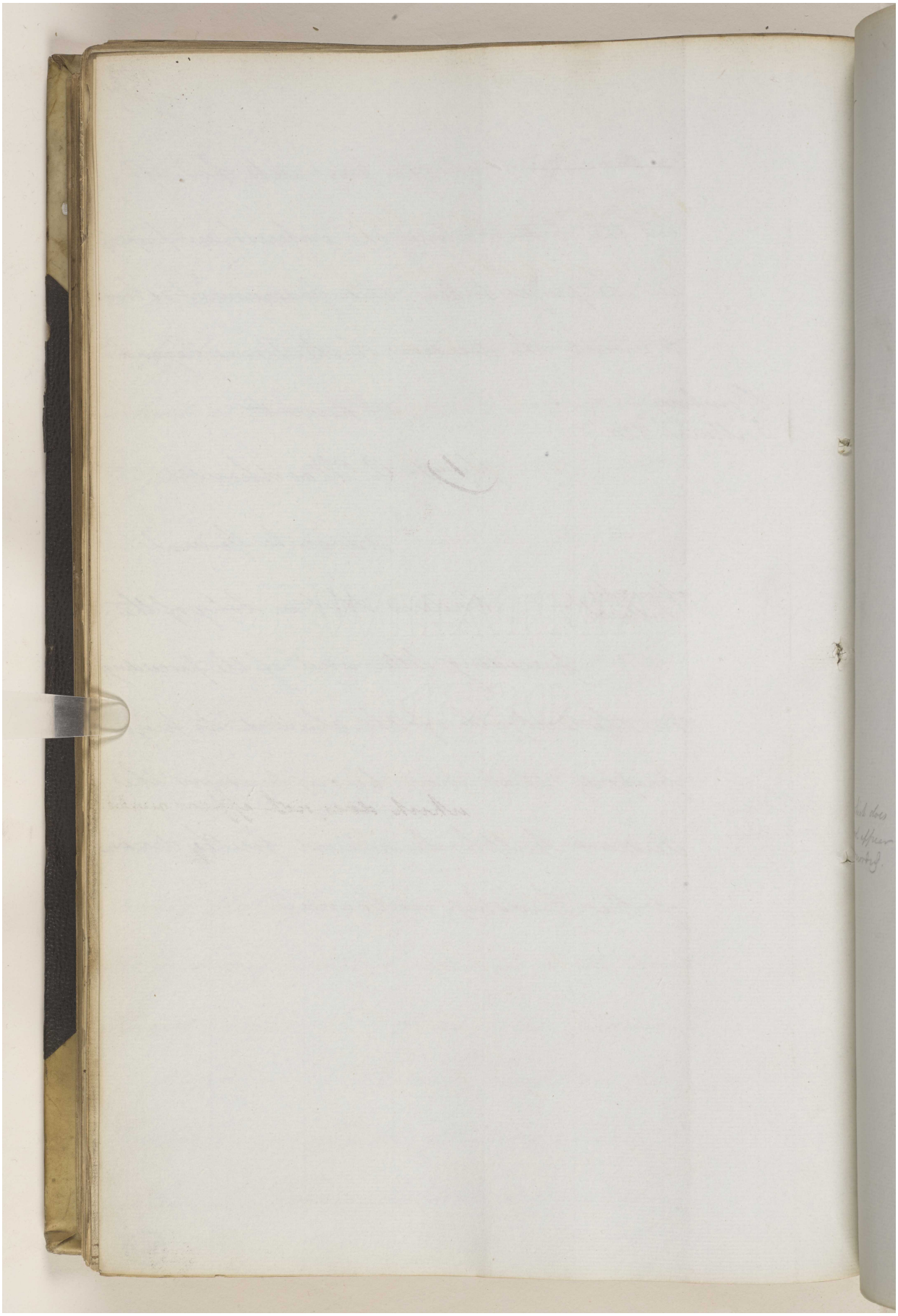

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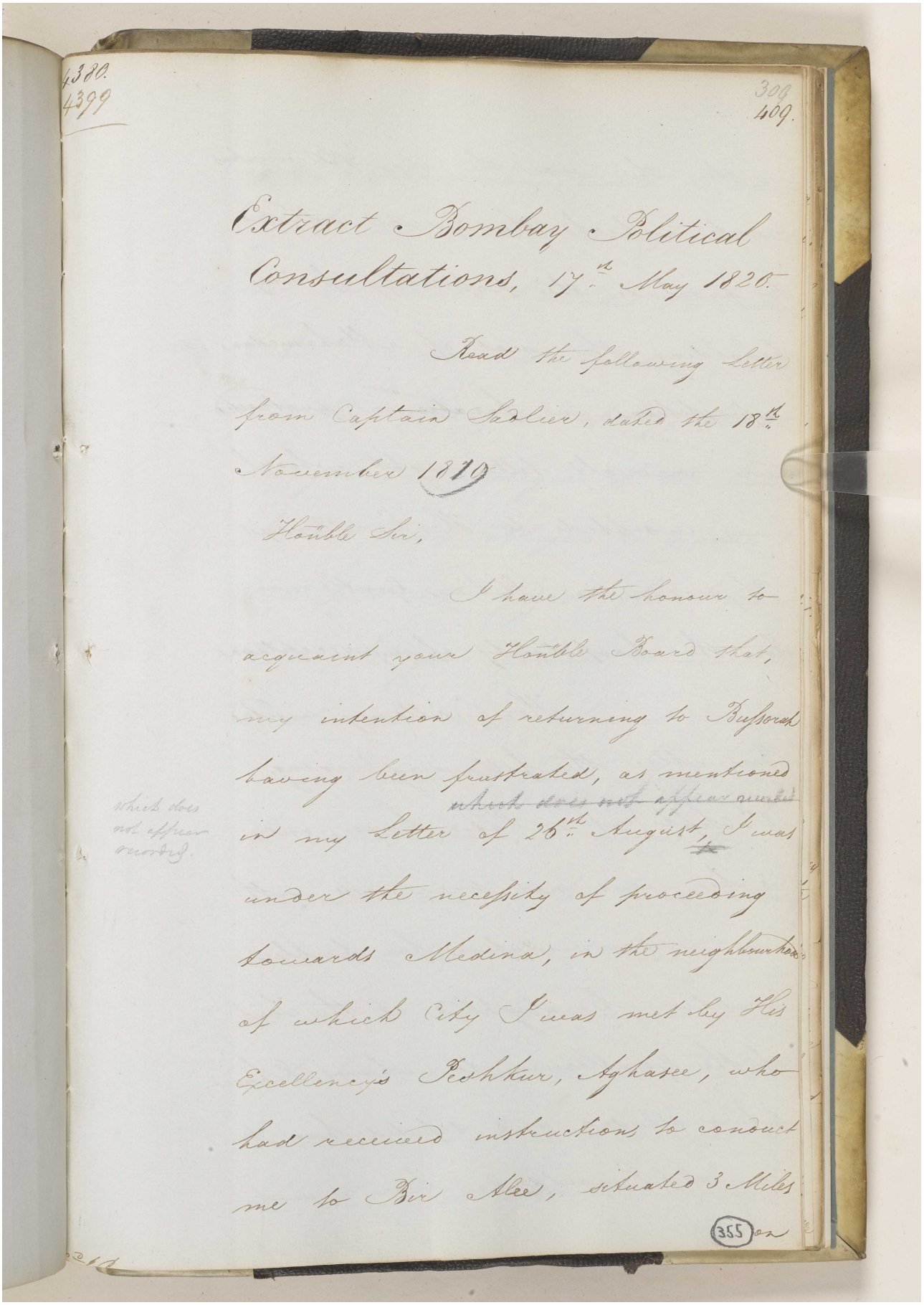

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Extract Bombay Political Consultations, 17th May 1820.

Read the following Letter from Captain Sadlier, dated the 18th November 1819

Honble Sir,

I have the honour to acquaint your Honble Board that, my intention of returning to Bussorah having been frustrated, as mentioned ~~which does not appear recorded~~ in my Letter of 26th August, I was under the necessity of proceeding towards Medina, in the neighbourhood of which City I was met by His Excellency's Peshkur, Aghasee, who had received instructions to conduct me to Bir Alee, situated 3 Miles

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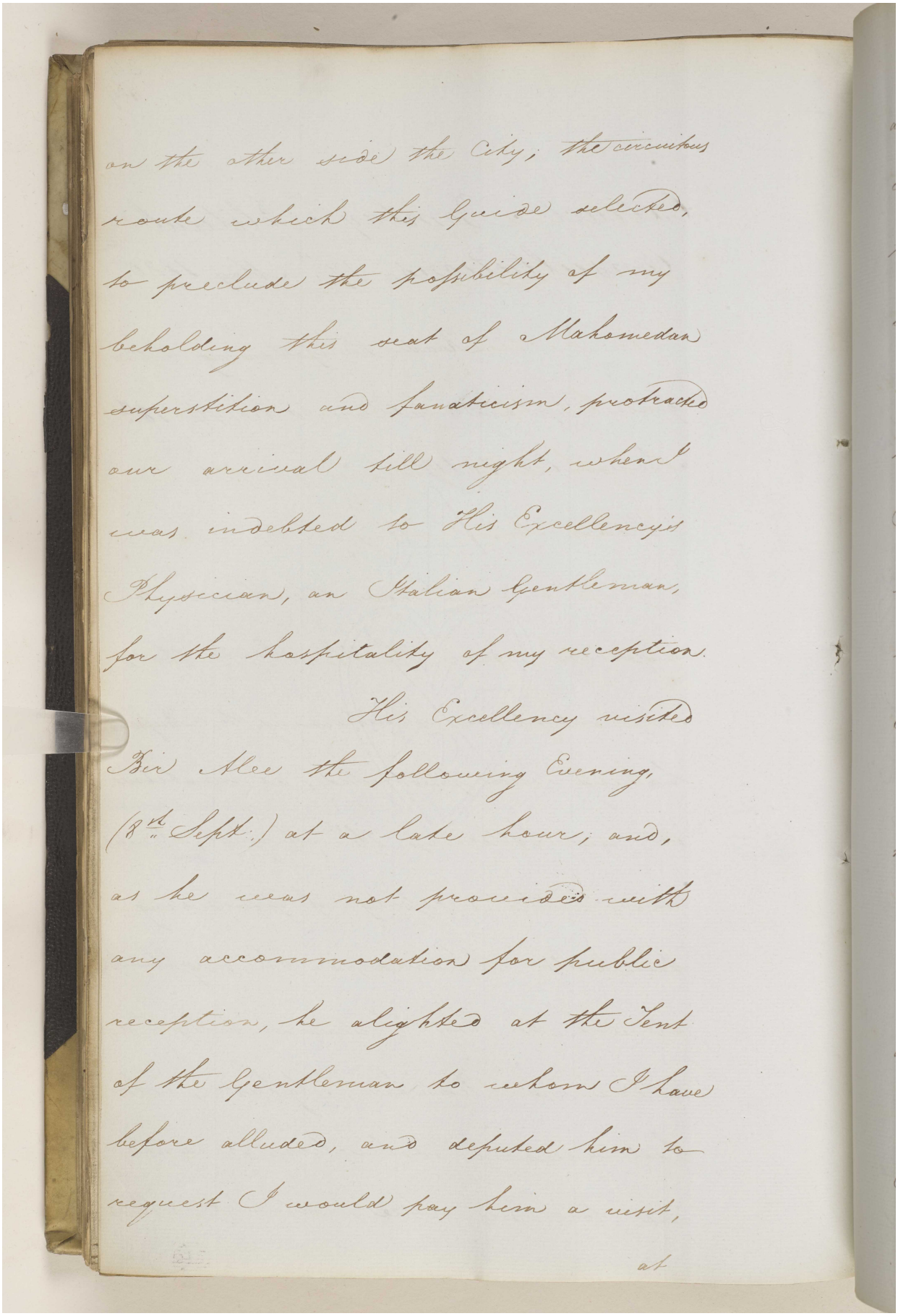

on the other side the City; the circuitous
route which this Guide selected,
to preclude the possibility of my
beholding this seat of Mahomedan
superstition and fanaticism, protracted
our arrival till night, when I
was indebted to His Excellency's
Physician, an Italian Gentleman,
for the hospitality of my reception.

His Excellency visited
Bir Mee the following Evening,
(8th Sept.) at a late hour; and,
as he was not provided with
any accommodation for public
reception, he alighted at the Tent
of the Gentleman to whom I have
before alluded, and deputed him to
request I would pay him a visit,

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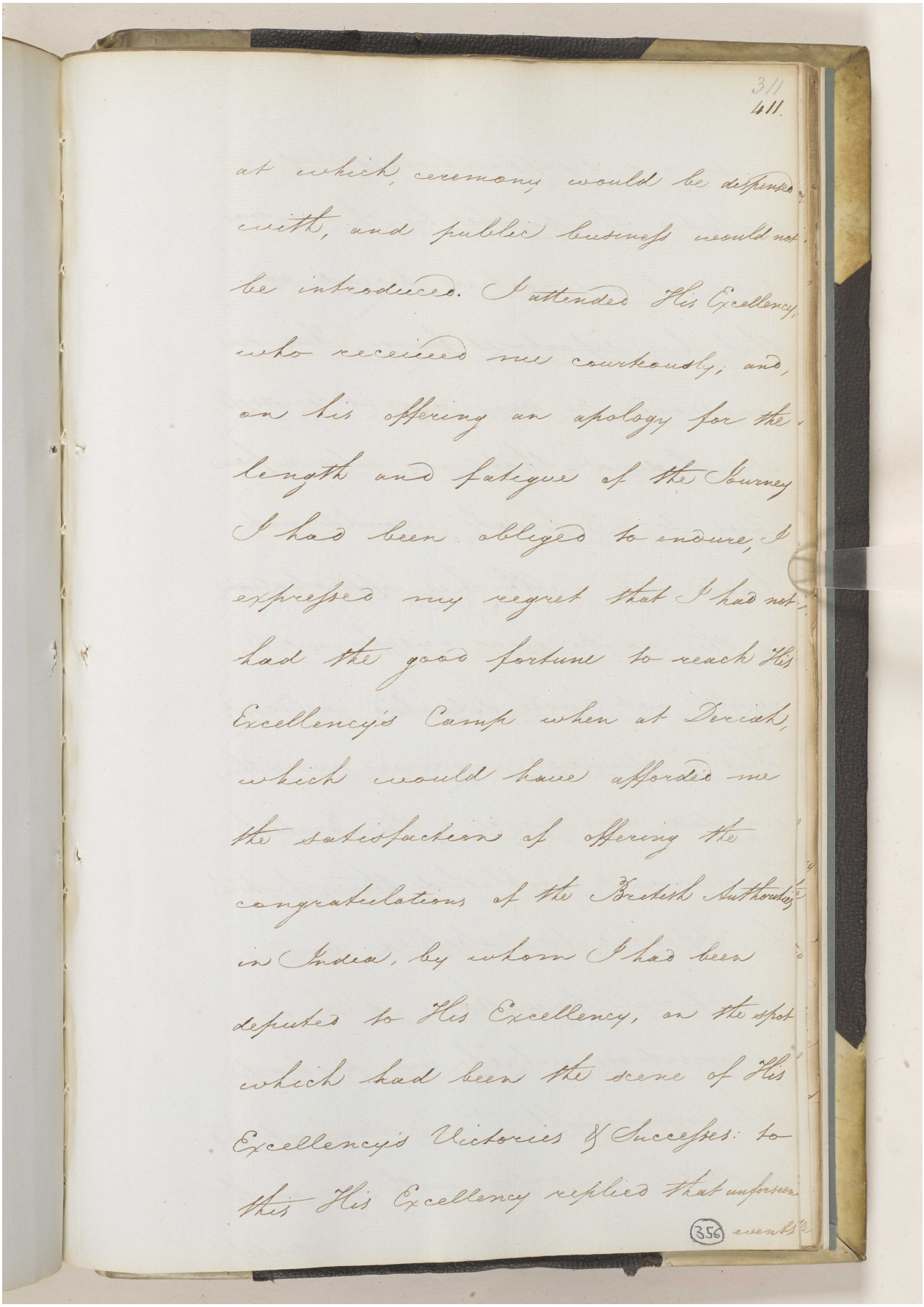

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at which ceremony would be dispensed with, and public business would not be introduced. I attended His Excellency, who received me courteously, and, on his offering an apology for the length and fatigue of the Journey I had been obliged to endure, I expressed my regret that I had not had the good fortune to reach His Excellency's Camp when at Deriah, which would have afforded me the satisfaction of offering the congratulations of the British Authorities in India, by whom I had been deputed to His Excellency, on the spot which had been the scene of His Excellency's Victories & Successes: to this His Excellency replied that unforeseen

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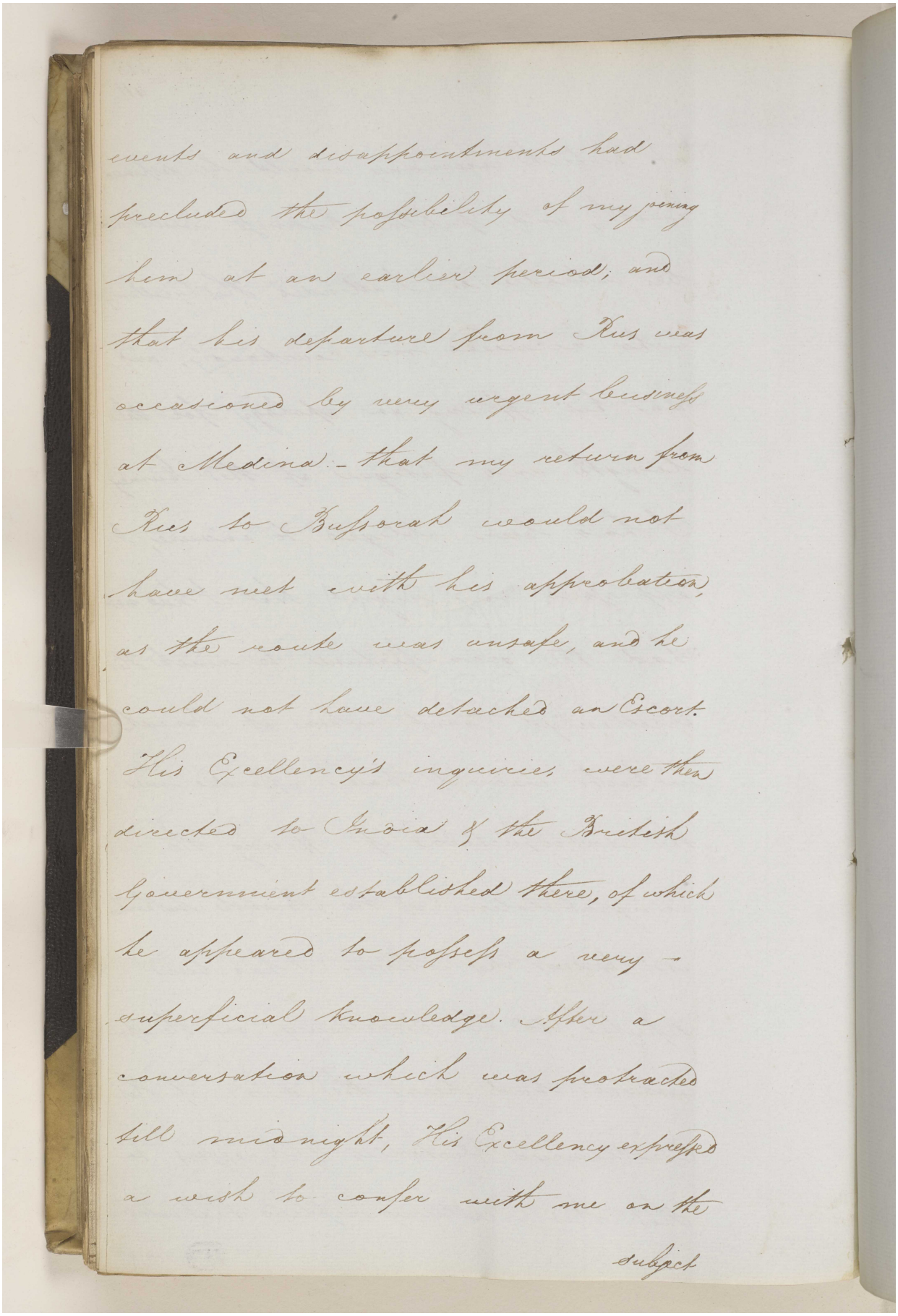
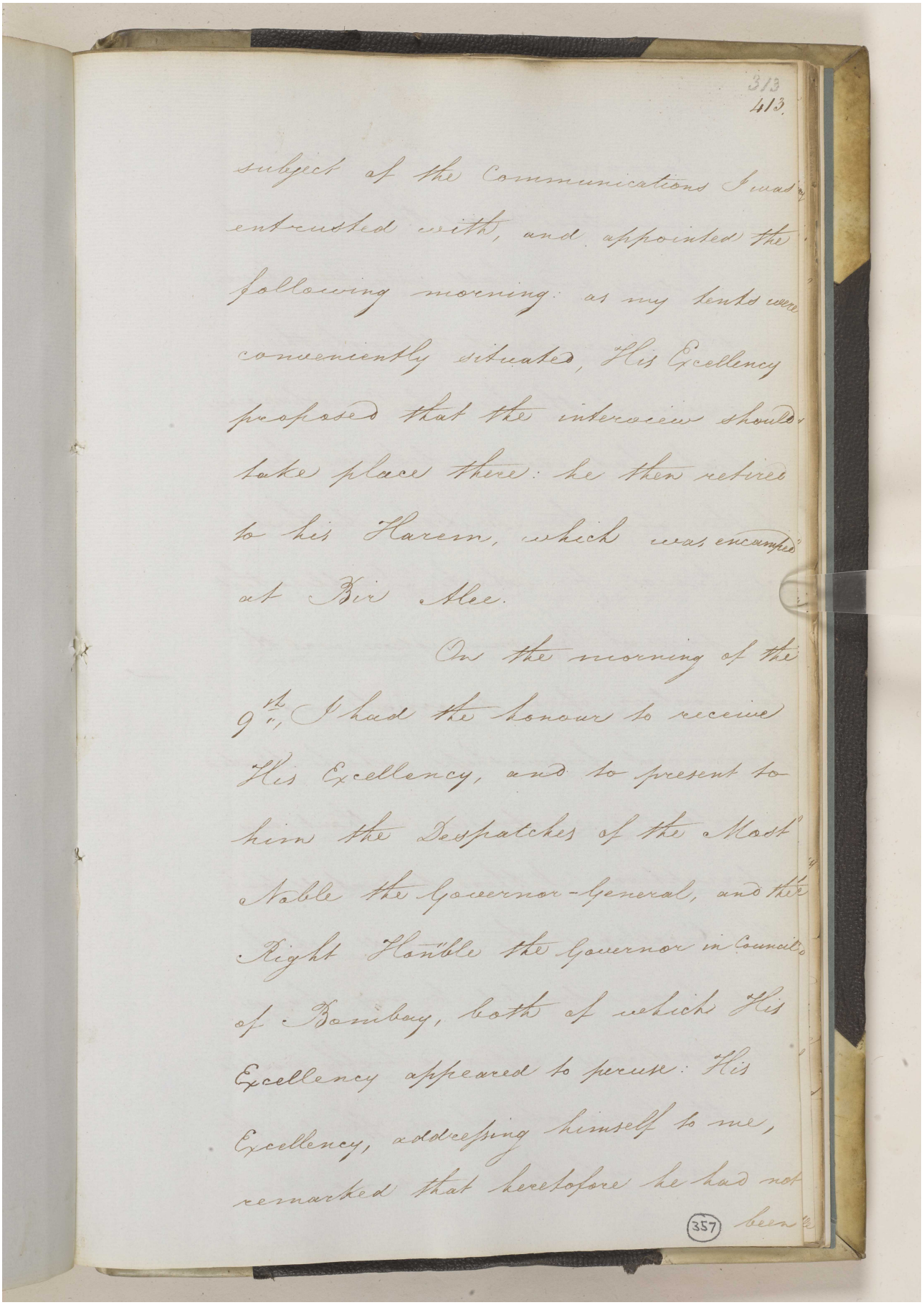


events and disappointments had precluded the possibility of my joining him at an earlier period; and that his departure from Ras was occasioned by very urgent business at Medina:- that my return from Ras to Busorah would not have met with his approbation, as the route was unsafe, and he could not have detached an Escort. His Excellency's inquiries were then directed to India & the British Government established there, of which he appeared to possess a very superficial knowledge. After a conversation which was protracted till midnight, His Excellency expressed a wish to confer with me on the subject



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subject of the Communications I was entrusted with, and appointed the following morning: as my tents were conveniently situated, His Excellency proposed that the interview should take place there: he then retired to his Harem, which was encamped at Bir Alee.

On the morning of the 9th, I had the honour to receive His Excellency, and to present to him the Despatches of the Most Noble the Governor-General, and the Right Honble the Governor in Council of Bombay, both of which His Excellency appeared to peruse: His Excellency, addressing himself to me, remarked that heretofore he had not been

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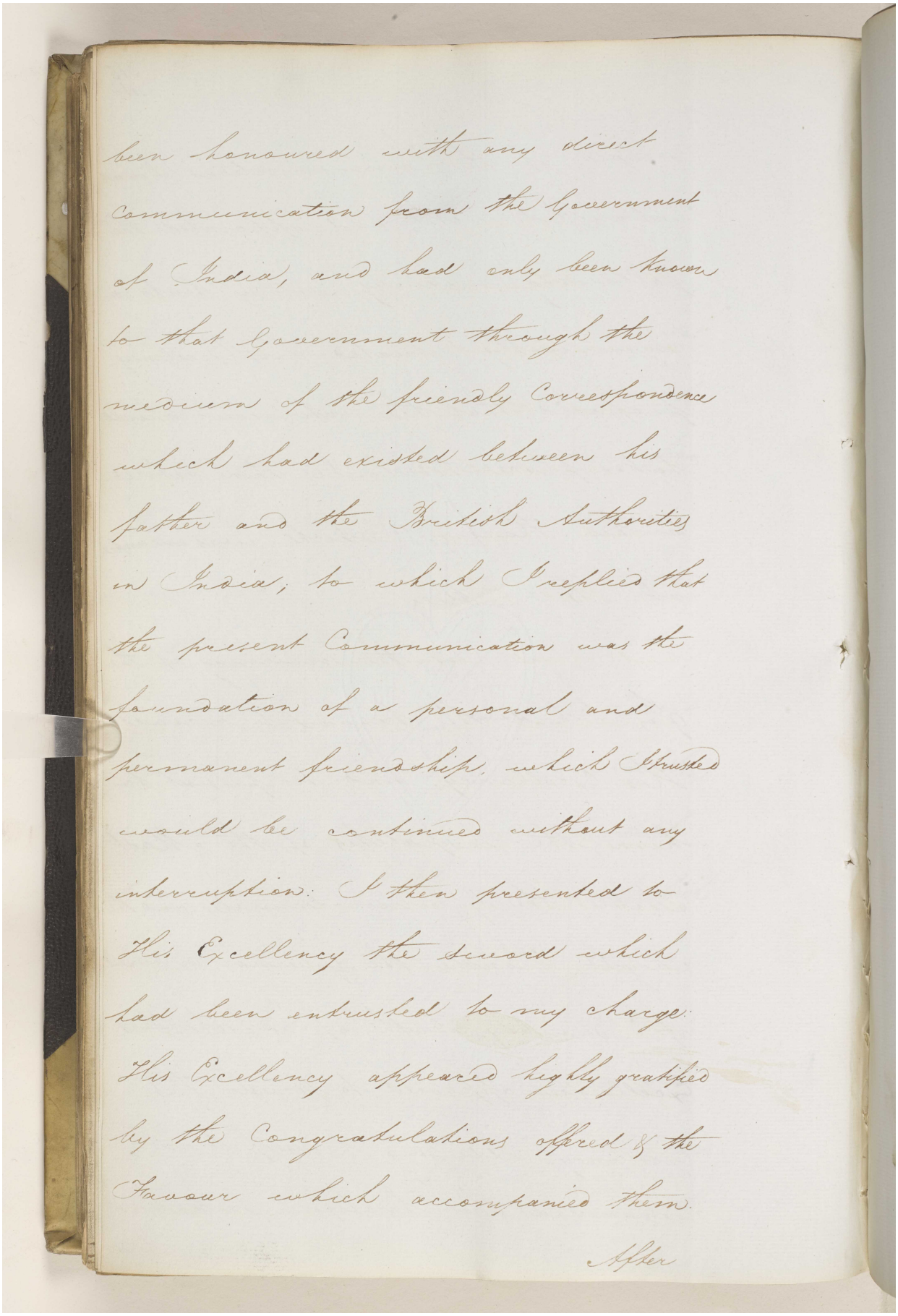

been honoured with any direct
communication from the Government
of India, and had only been known
to that Government through the
medium of the friendly Correspondence
which had existed between his
father and the British Authorities
in India; to which I replied that
the present Communication was the
foundation of a personal and
permanent friendship, which I trusted
would be continued without any
interruption. I then presented to
His Excellency the Sword which
had been entrusted to my charge.
His Excellency appeared highly gratified
by the Congratulations offered & the
Favour which accompanied them.

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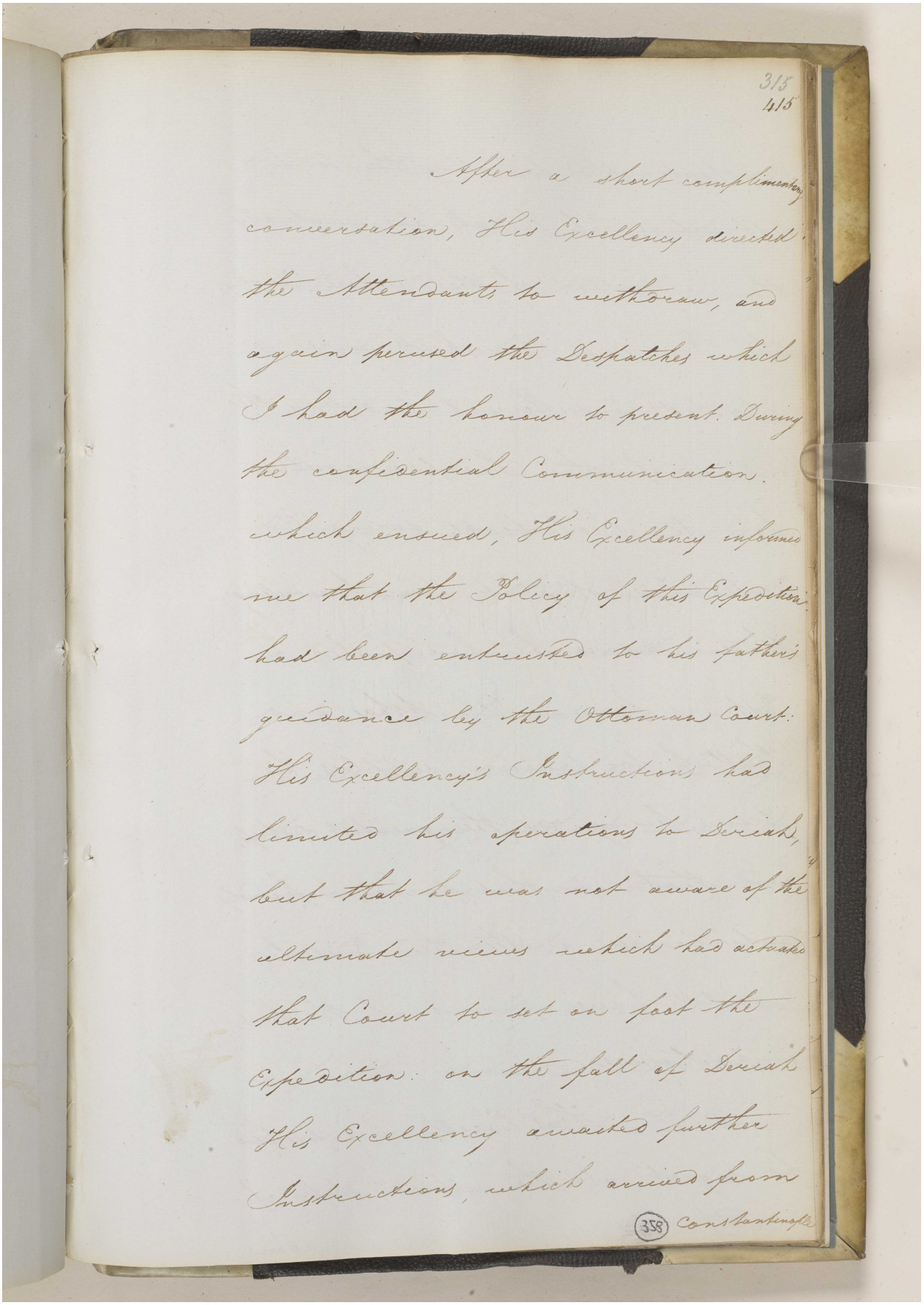

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After a short complimentary
conversation, His Excellency directed
the Attendants to withdraw, and
again perused the Despatches which
I had the honour to present. During
the confidential Communication
which ensued, His Excellency informed
me that the Policy of this Expedition
had been entrusted to his father's
guidance by the Ottoman Court.
His Excellency's Instructions had
limited his operations to Seriah,
but that he was not aware of the
ultimate views which had actuated
that Court to set on foot the
Expedition: on the fall of Seriah
His Excellency awaited further
Instructions, which arrived from

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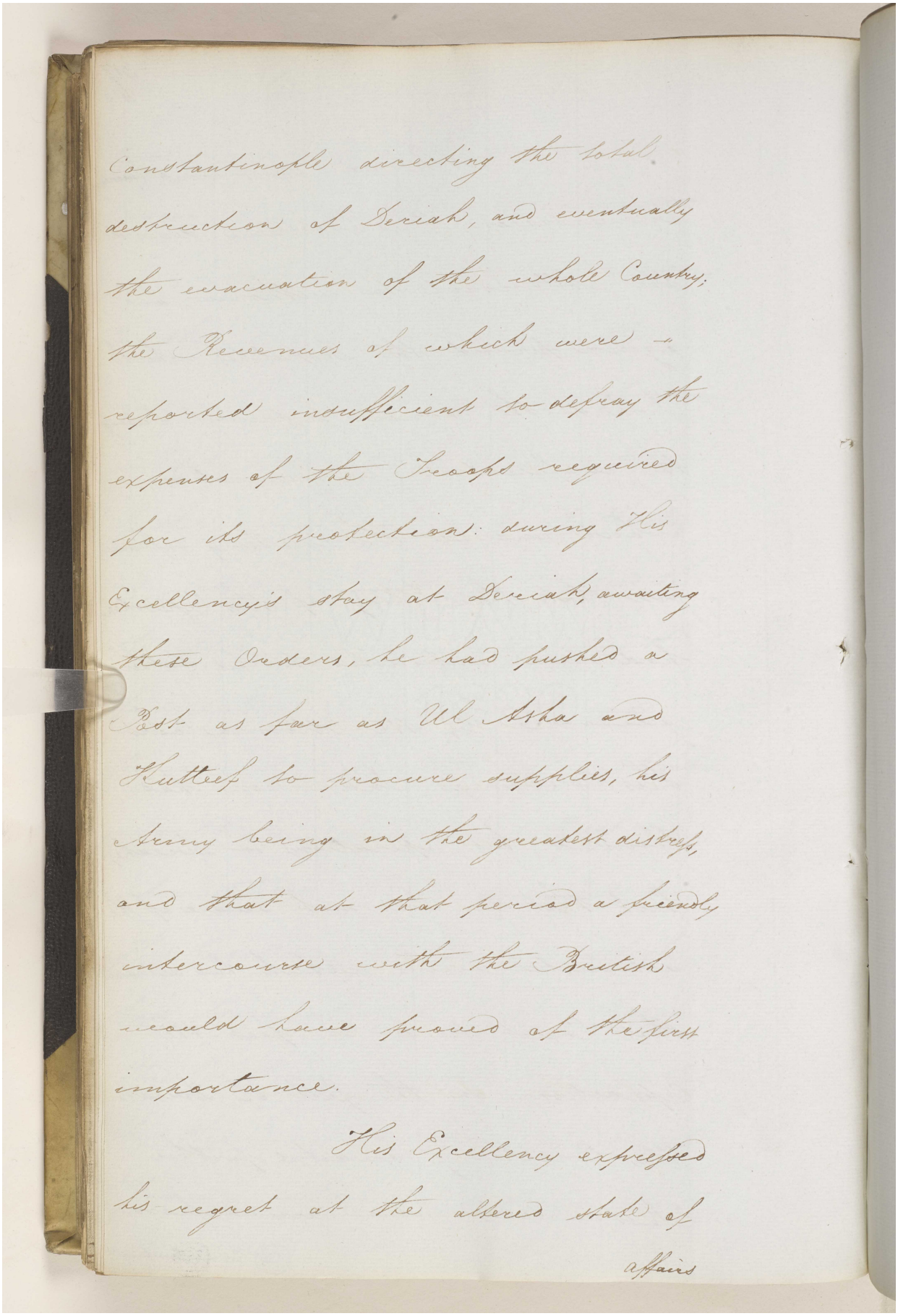
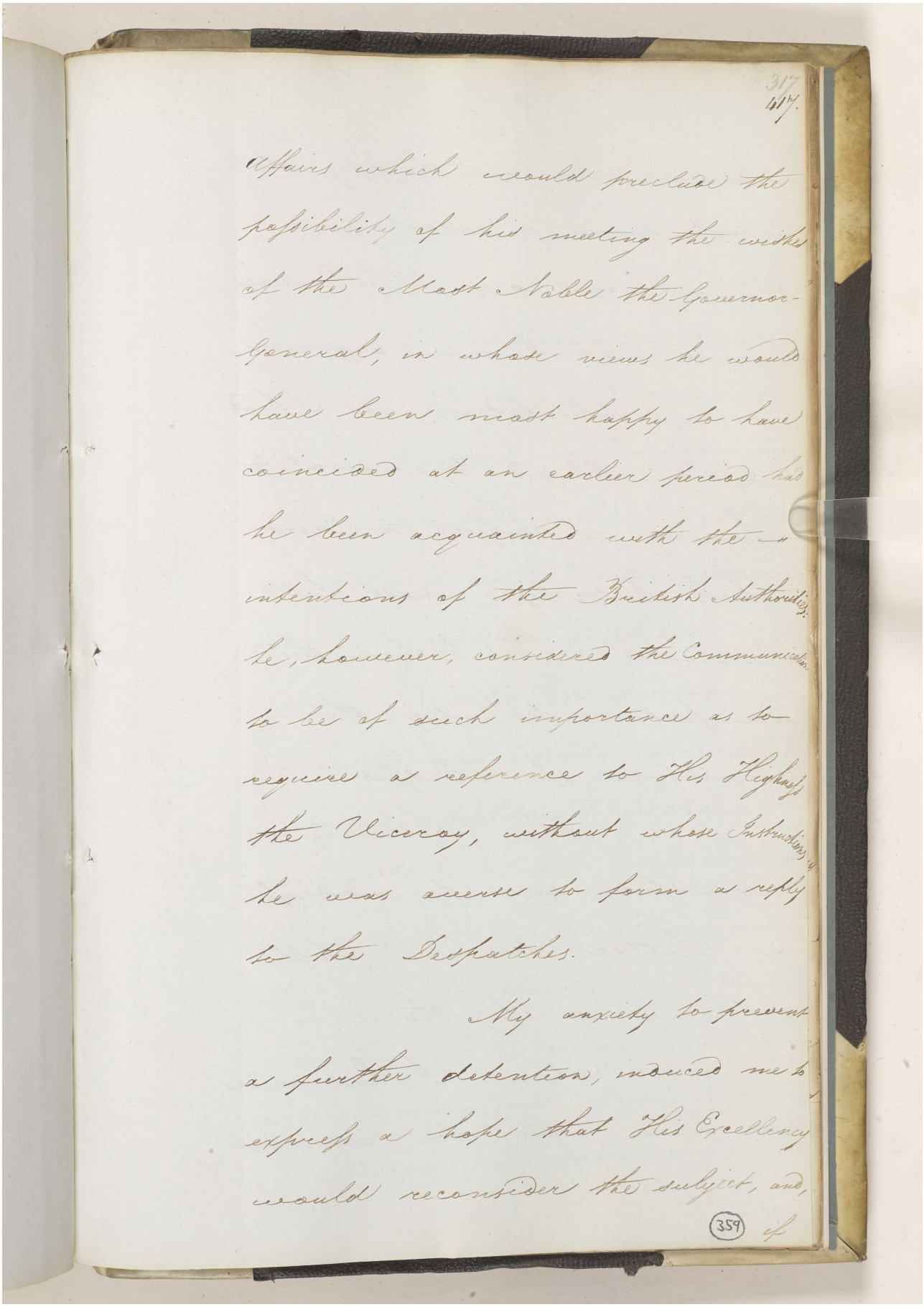


Constantinople directing the total destruction of Deriah, and eventually the evacuation of the whole Country, the Revenues of which were reported insufficient to defray the expenses of the Troops required for its protection: during His Excellency's stay at Deriah, awaiting these Orders, he had pushed a Post as far as Ul Asha and Kuttef to procure supplies, his Army being in the greatest distress, and that at that period a friendly intercourse with the British would have proved of the first importance.

His Excellency expressed his regret at the altered state of affairs



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Affairs which would preclude the possibility of his meeting the wishes of the Most Noble the Governor-General, in whose views he would have been most happy to have coincided at an earlier period had he been acquainted with the intentions of the British Authorities. He, however, considered the Communication to be of such importance as to require a reference to His Highness the Viceroy, without whose Instructions he was averse to form a reply to the Despatches.

My anxiety to prevent a further detention, induced me to express a hope that His Excellency would reconsider the subject, and,

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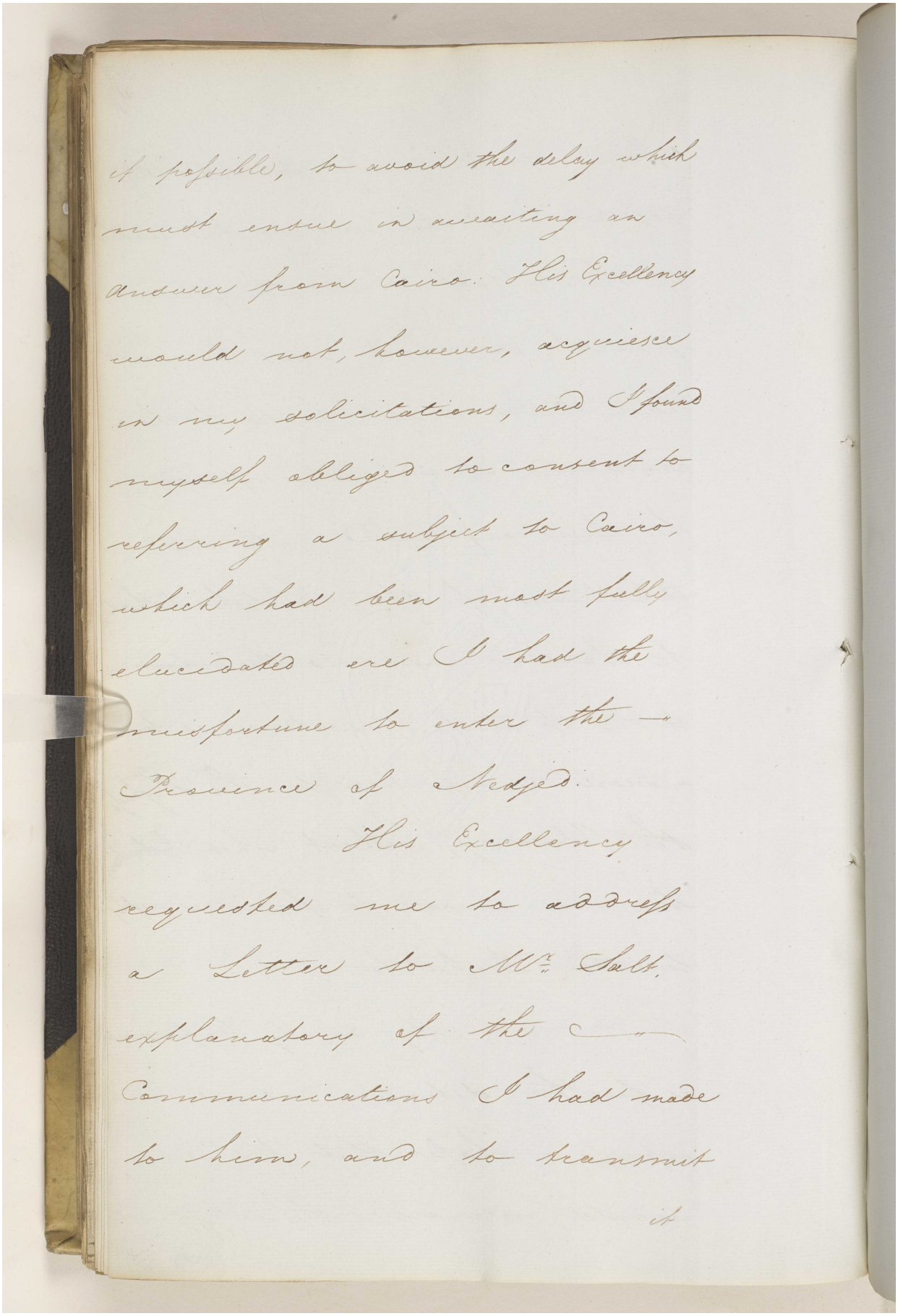
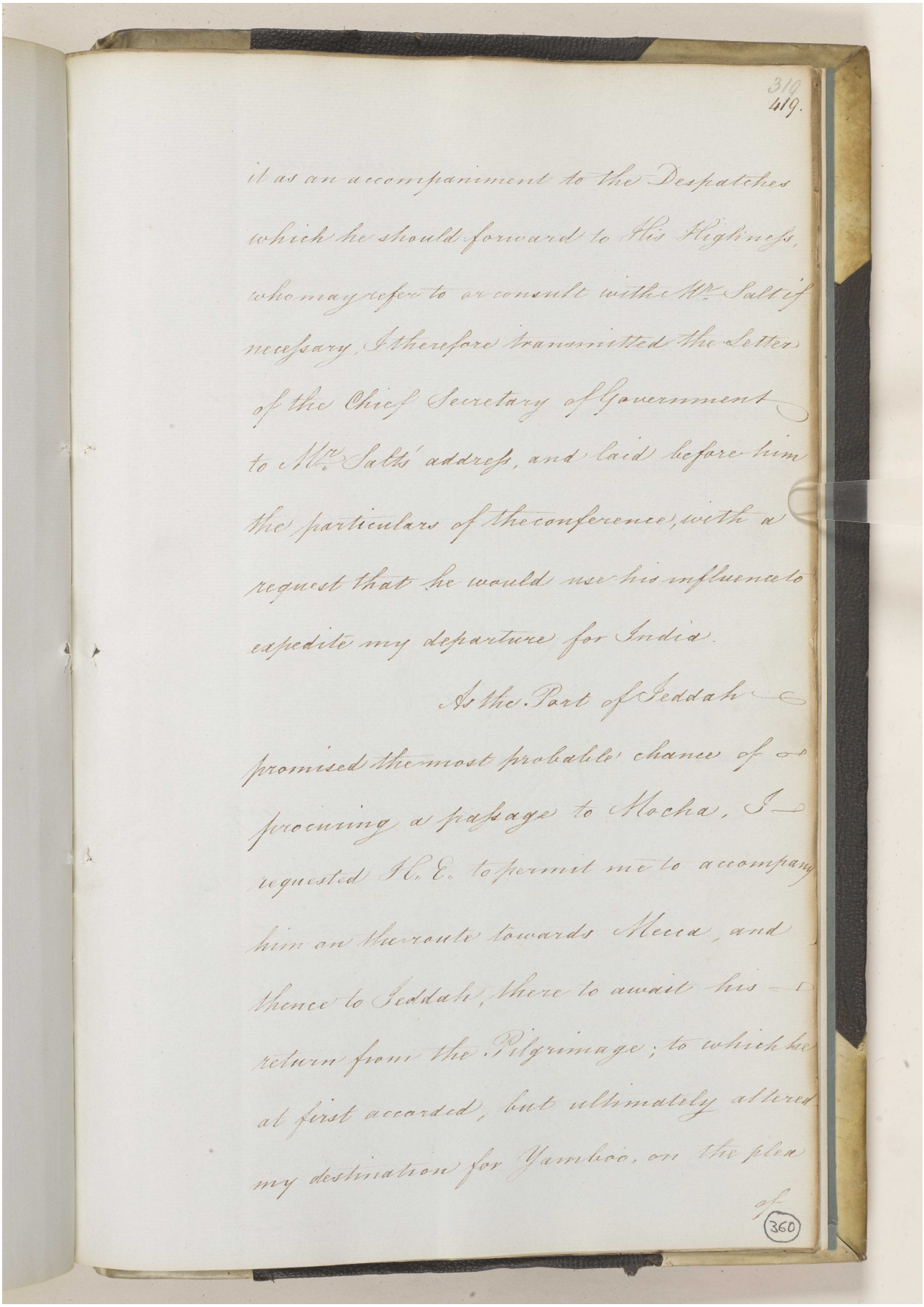


if possible, to avoid the delay which must ensue in awaiting an answer from Cairo. His Excellency would not, however, acquiesce in my solicitations, and I found myself obliged to consent to referring a subject to Cairo, which had been most fully elucidated ere I had the misfortune to enter the — Presence of Nedjeb.

His Excellency requested me to address a Letter to Mr. Salt, explanatory of the — Communications I had made to him, and to transmit it



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it as an accompaniment to the Despatches which he should forward to His Highness, who may refer to or consult with Mr. Salt if necessary. I therefore transmitted the Letter of the Chief Secretary of Government to Mr. Salts' address, and laid before him the particulars of the conference, with a request that he would use his influence to expedite my departure for India.

As the Port of Jeddah promised the most probable chance of procuring a passage to Mocha, I requested H. E. to permit me to accompany him on the route towards Mecca, and thence to Jeddah, there to await his return from the Pilgrimage; to which he at first accorded, but ultimately altered my destination for Yambo, on the plea of

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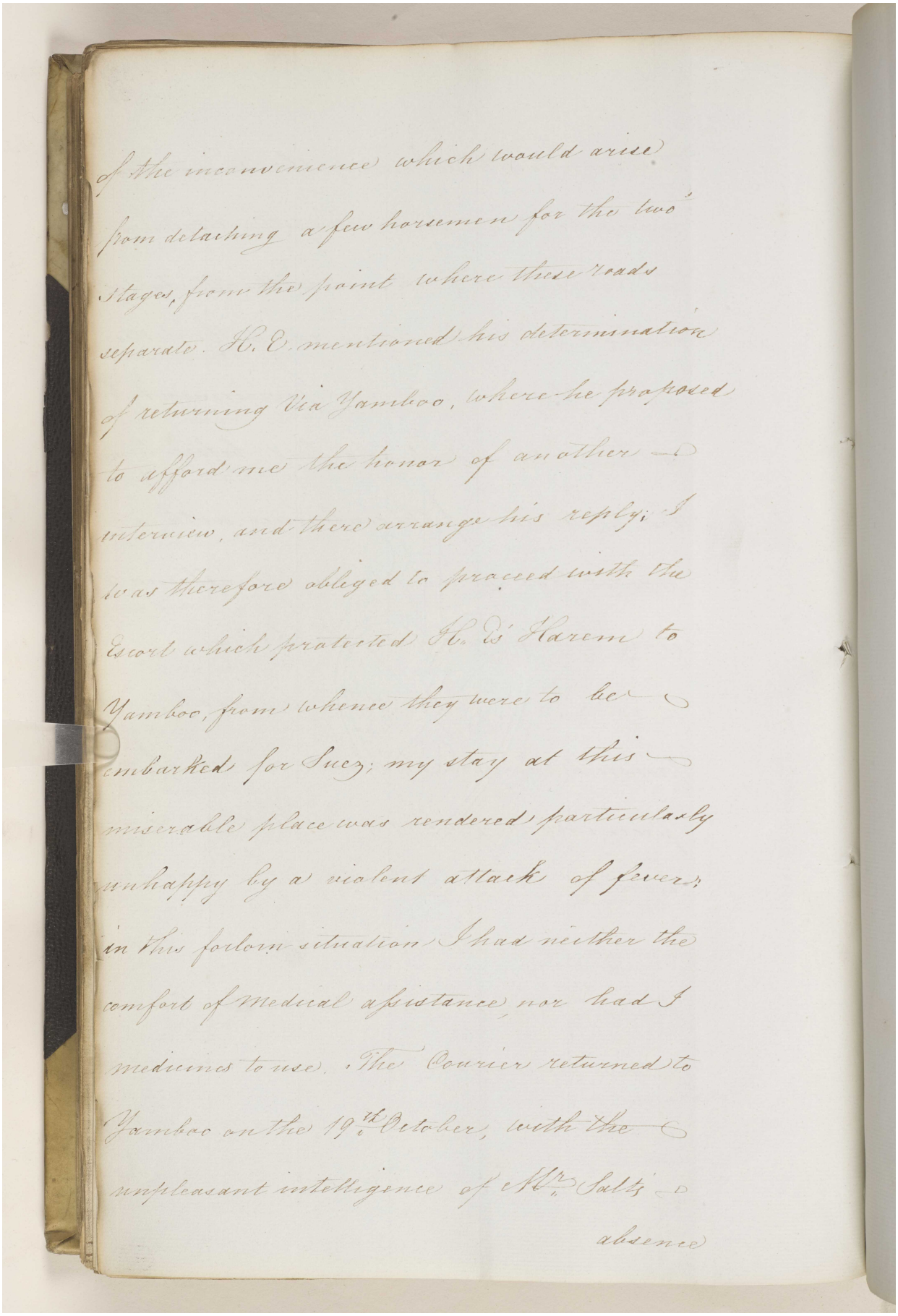
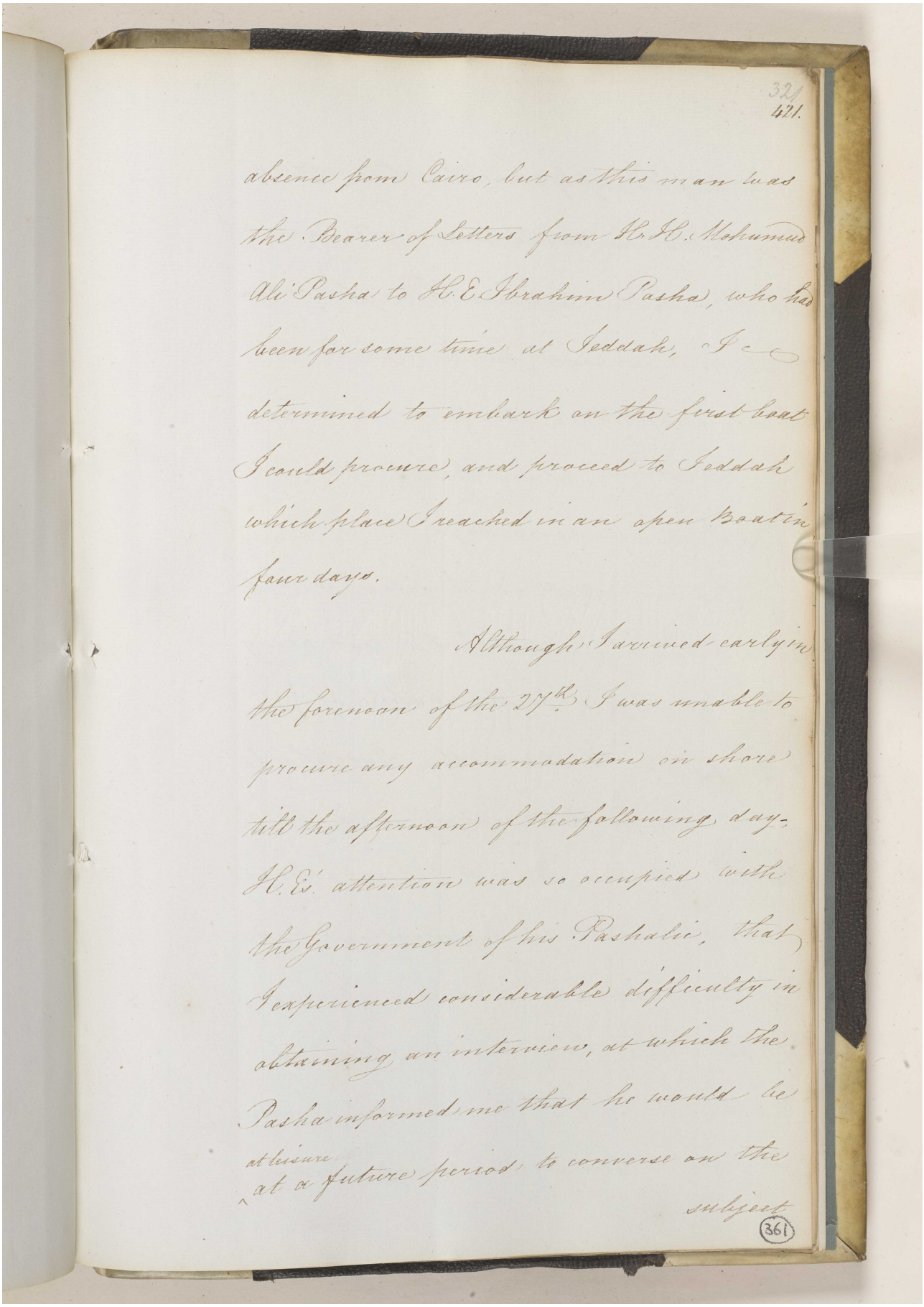


of the inconvenience which would arise from detaching a few horsemen for the two stages, from the point where these roads separate. H. E. mentioned his determination of returning Via Yamboo, where he proposed to afford me the honor of another interview, and there arrange his reply; I was therefore obliged to proceed with the Escort which protected H. H. Harem to Yamboo, from whence they were to be embarked for Suez; my stay at this miserable place was rendered particularly unhappy by a violent attack of fever; in this forlorn situation I had neither the comfort of medical assistance, nor had I medicines to use. The Courier returned to Yamboo on the 19th October, with the unpleasant intelligence of Mr. Salt's absence



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absence from Cairo, but as this man was the Bearer of Letters from H.H. Mohummud Ali Pasha to H.E. Ibrahim Pasha, who had been for some time at Jeddah, I determined to embark on the first boat I could procure, and proceed to Jeddah which place I reached in an open Boat in four days.

Although I arrived early in the forenoon of the 27th I was unable to procure any accommodation on shore till the afternoon of the following day. H.Es. attention was so occupied with the Government of his Pashalic, that I experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining an interview, at which the Pasha informed me that he would be at leisure at a future period, to converse on the subject

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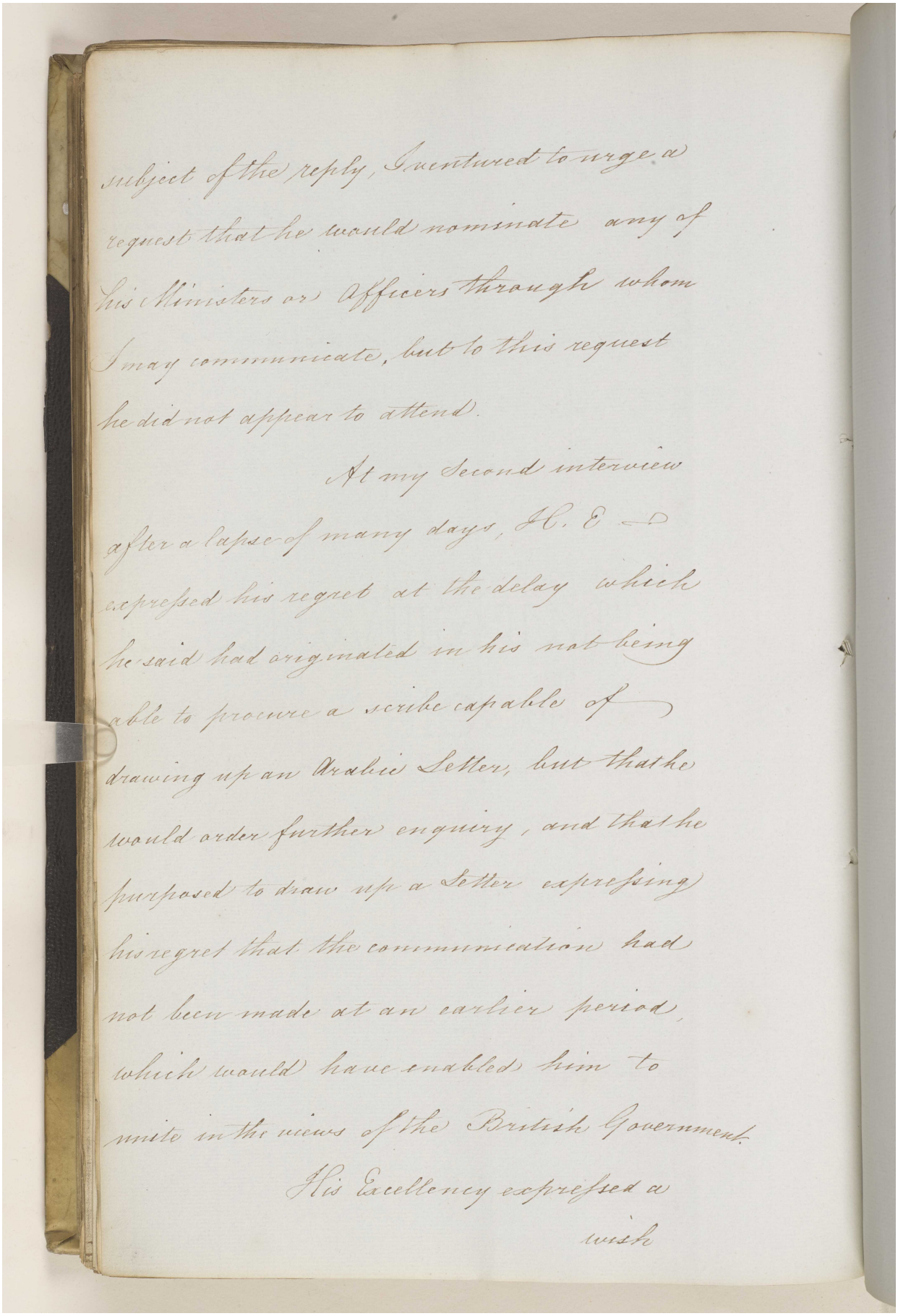
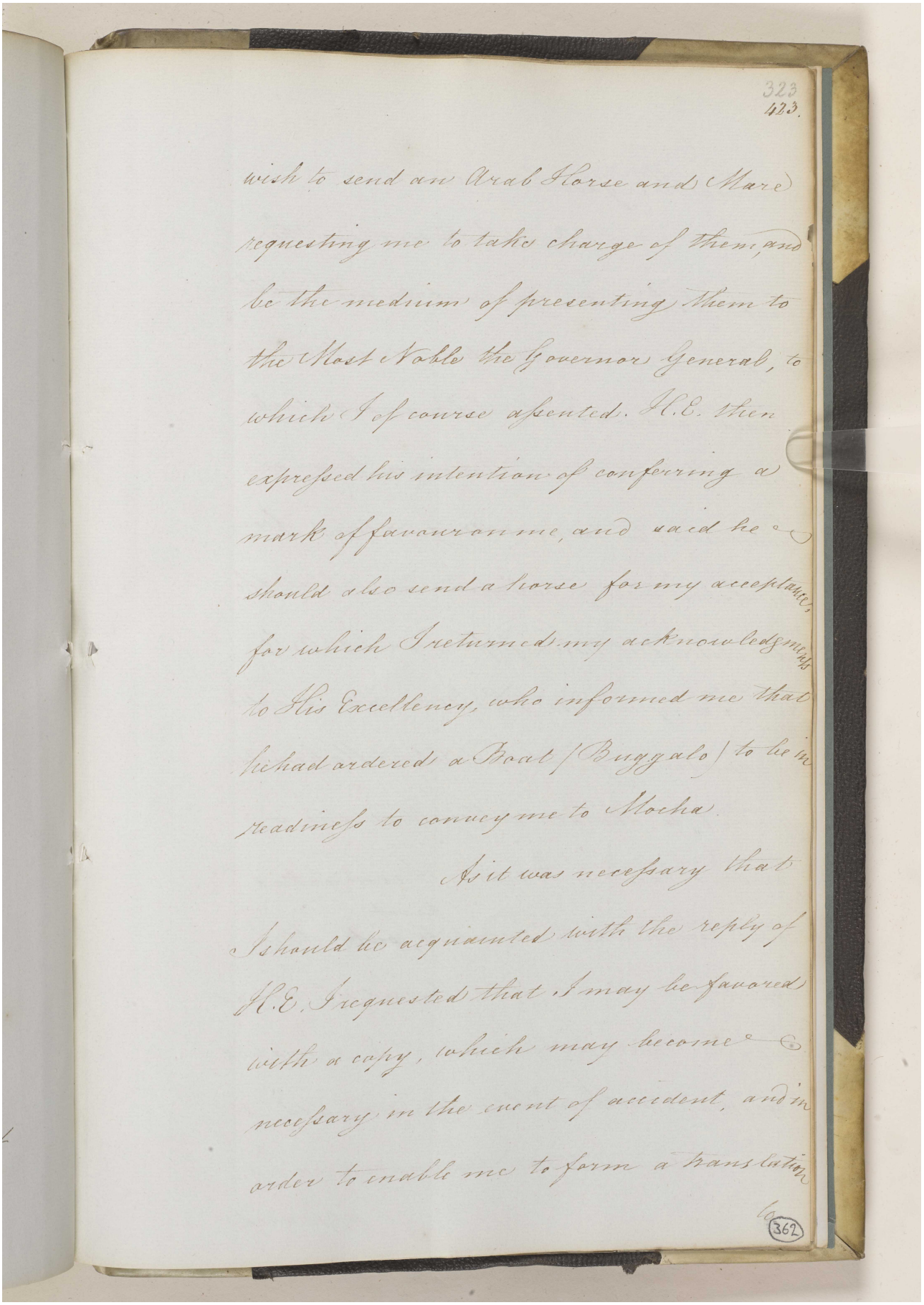


subject of the reply, I ventured to urge a request that he would nominate any of his Ministers or Officers through whom I may communicate, but to this request he did not appear to attend.

At my second interview after a lapse of many days, H. E. expressed his regret at the delay which he said had originated in his not being able to procure a scribe capable of drawing up an Arabic Letter, but that he would order further enquiry, and that he purposed to draw up a Letter expressing his regret that the communication had not been made at an earlier period, which would have enabled him to unite in the views of the British Government.

His Excellency expressed a wish



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wish to send an Arab Horse and Mare
requesting me to take charge of them, and
be the medium of presenting them to
the Most Noble the Governor General, to
which I of course assented. H.E. then
expressed his intention of conferring a
mark of favour on me, and said he
should also send a horse for my acceptance,
for which I returned my acknowledgments
to His Excellency, who informed me that
he had ordered a Boat (Buggalo) to be in
readiness to convey me to Mocha.

As it was necessary that
I should be acquainted with the reply of
H.E. I requested that I may be favored
with a copy, which may become
necessary in the event of accident, and in
order to enable me to form a translation
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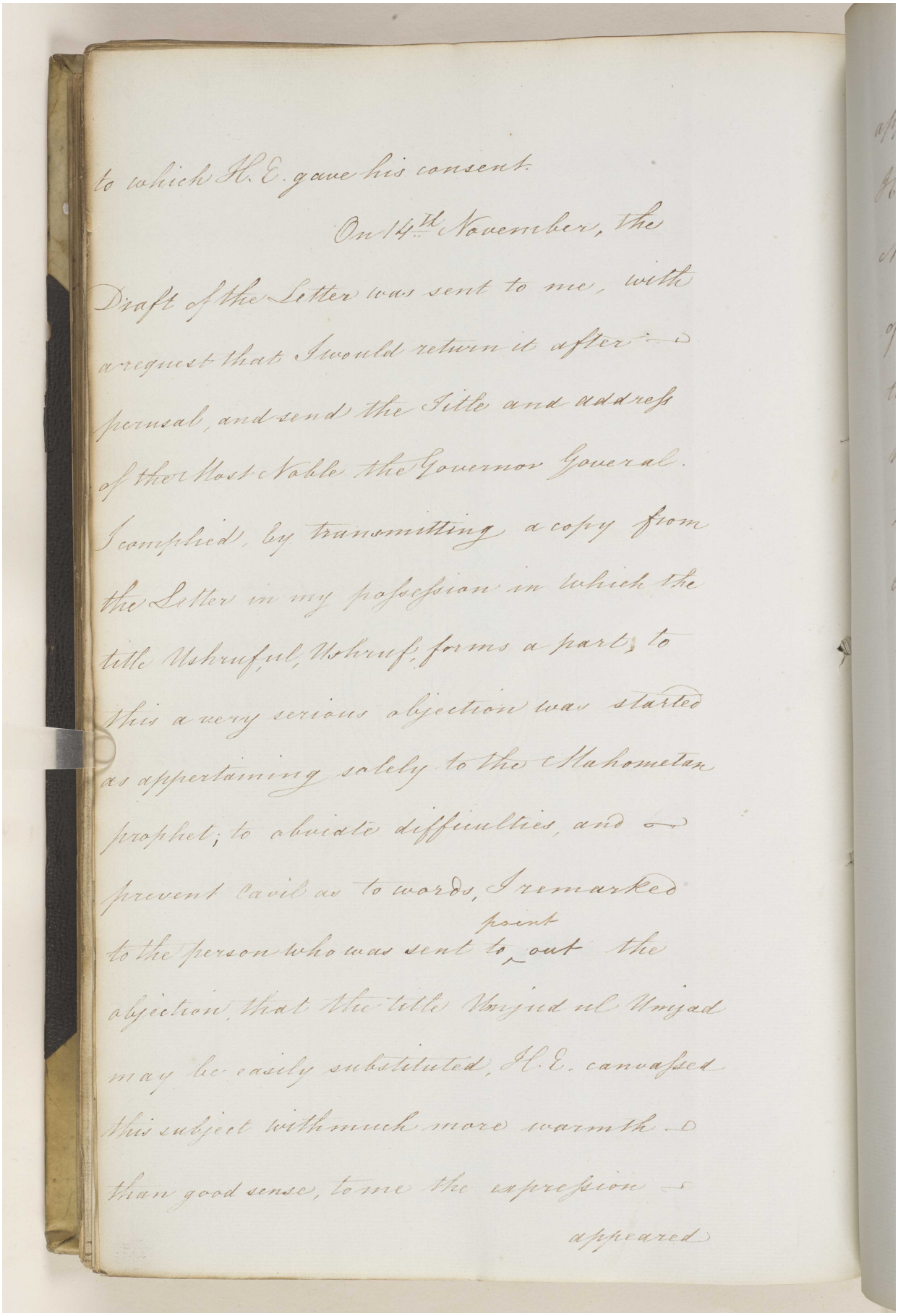
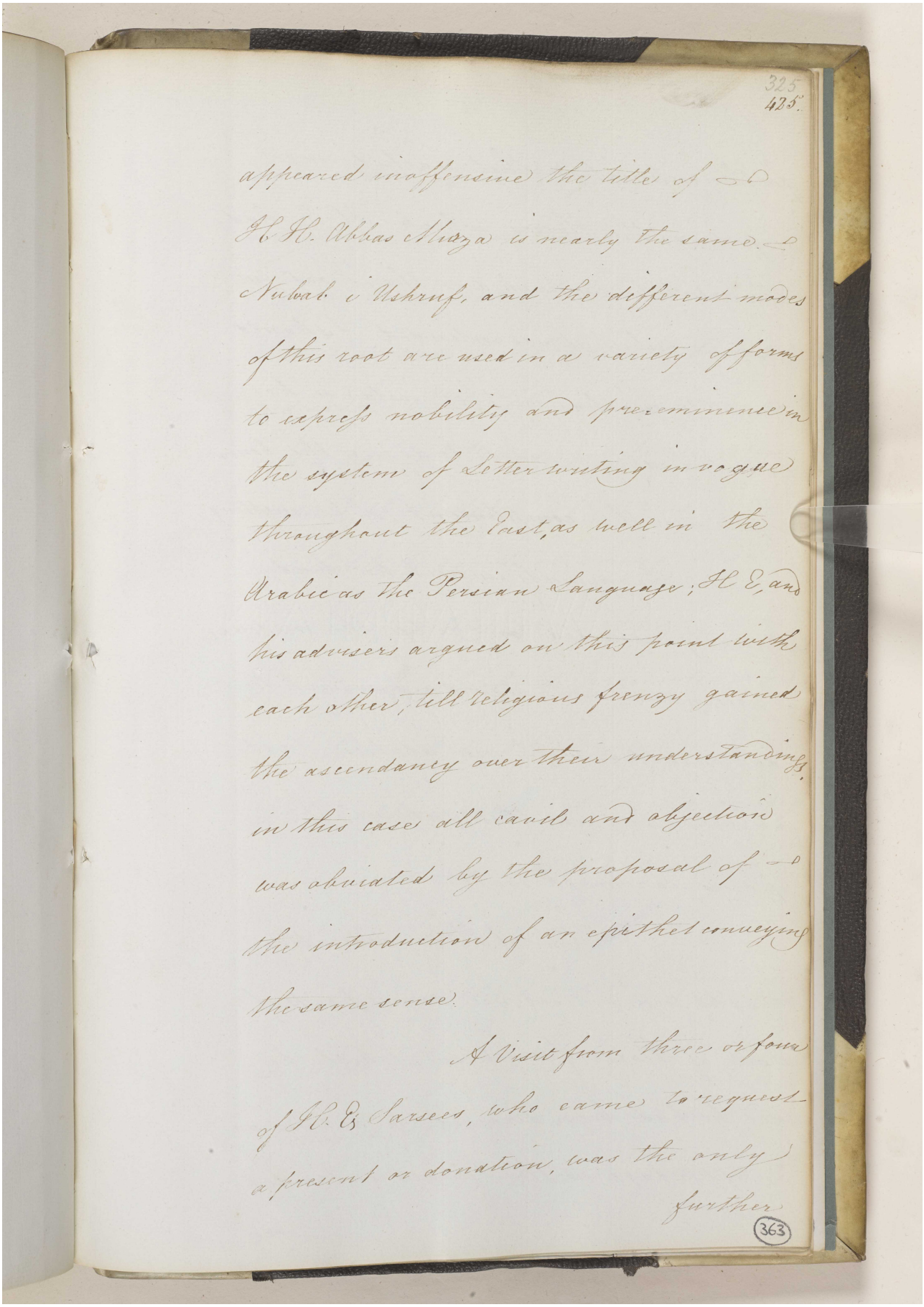


to which H. E. gave his consent.

On 14th November, the Draft of the Letter was sent to me, with a request that I would return it after perusal, and send the Title and address of the Most Noble the Governor General. I complied, by transmitting a copy from the Letter in my possession in which the title Ushruful, Vohruf, forms a part; to this a very serious objection was started as appertaining solely to the Mahometan prophet; to obviate difficulties, and prevent cavil as to words, I remarked to the person who was sent to point out the objection that the title Umjid ul Umjad may be easily substituted, H. E. canvassed this subject with much more warmth than good sense, to me the expression appeared



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appeared inoffensive the title of —
H. H. Abbas Mirza is nearly the same —
Nabab i Ushruf, and the different modes
of this root are used in a variety of forms
to express nobility and pre-eminence in
the system of Letter writing in vogue
throughout the East, as well in the
Arabic as the Persian Language; H E and
his advisers argued on this point with
each other, till religious frenzy gained
the ascendancy over their understandings,
in this case all cavil and objection
was obviated by the proposal of —
the introduction of an epithet conveying
the same sense.

A visit from three or four
of H E Sarsees, who came to request
a present or donation, was the only
further

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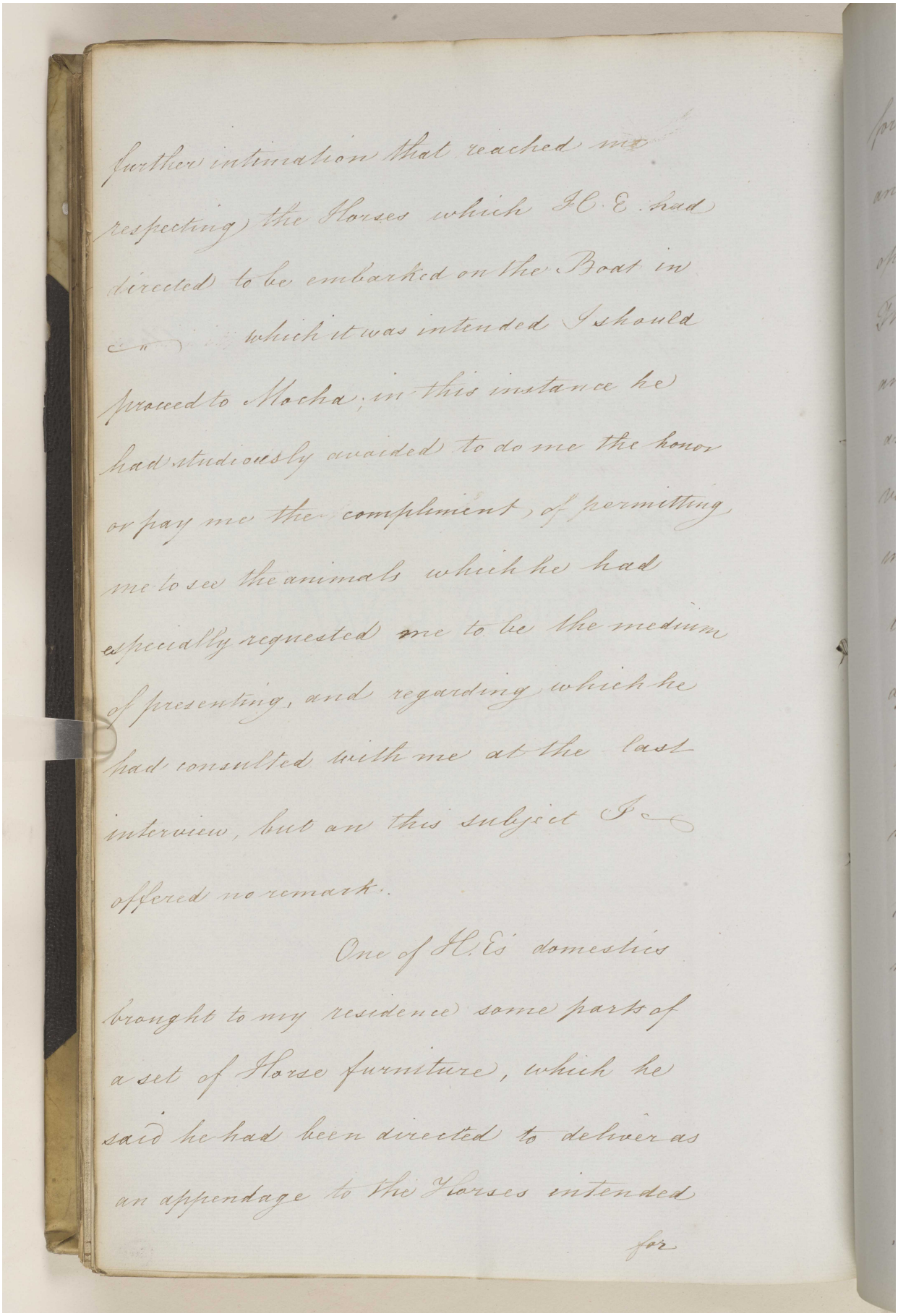
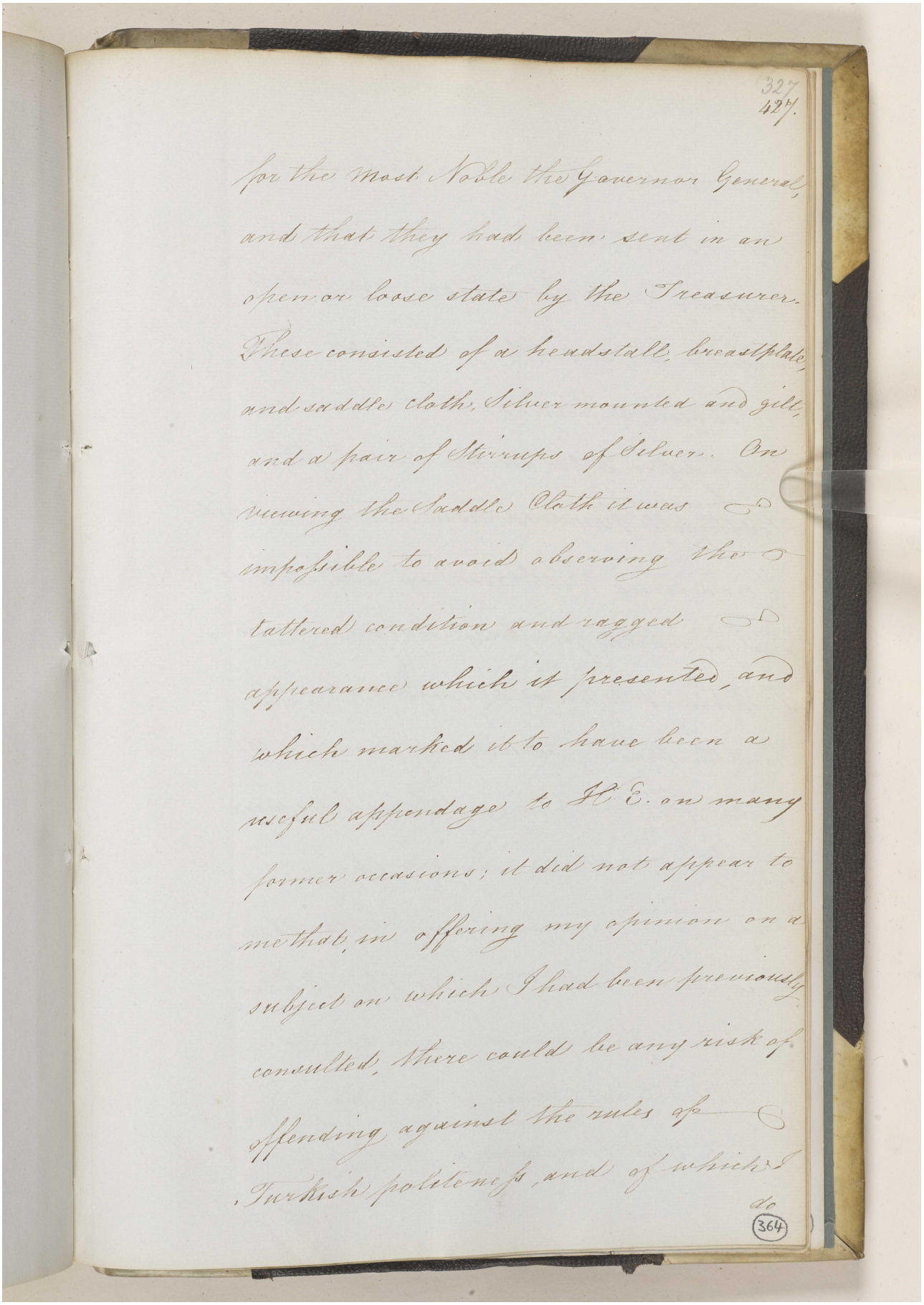


further intimation that reached me respecting the Horses which H.E. had directed to be embarked on the Boat in which it was intended I should proceed to Mocha; in this instance he had studiously avoided to do me the honor or pay me the compliment of permitting me to see the animals which he had especially requested me to be the medium of presenting, and regarding which he had consulted with me at the last interview, but on this subject I offered no remark.

One of H.E's domestics brought to my residence some parts of a set of Horse furniture, which he said he had been directed to deliver as an appendage to the Horses intended for



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for the most Noble the Governor General,
and that they had been sent in an
open or loose state by the Treasurer.
These consisted of a headstall, breastplate,
and saddle cloth, Silver mounted and gilt,
and a pair of Stirrups of Silver. On
viewing the Saddle Cloth it was
impossible to avoid observing the
tattered condition and ragged
appearance which it presented, and
which marked it to have been a
useful appendage to H. E. on many
former occasions; it did not appear to
me that, in offering my opinion on a
subject on which I had been previously
consulted, there could be any risk of
offending against the rules of
Turkish politeness, and of which I
do

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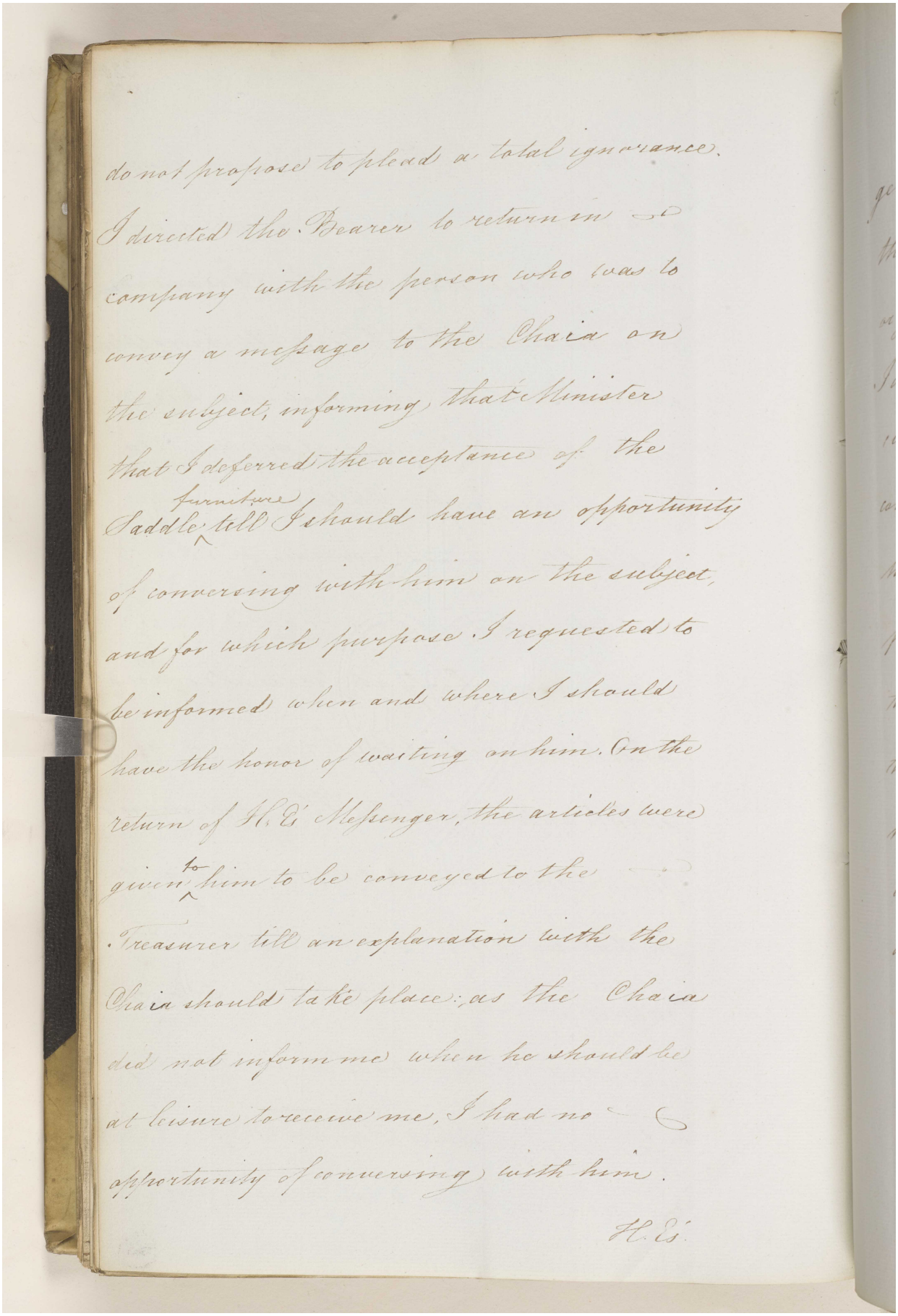
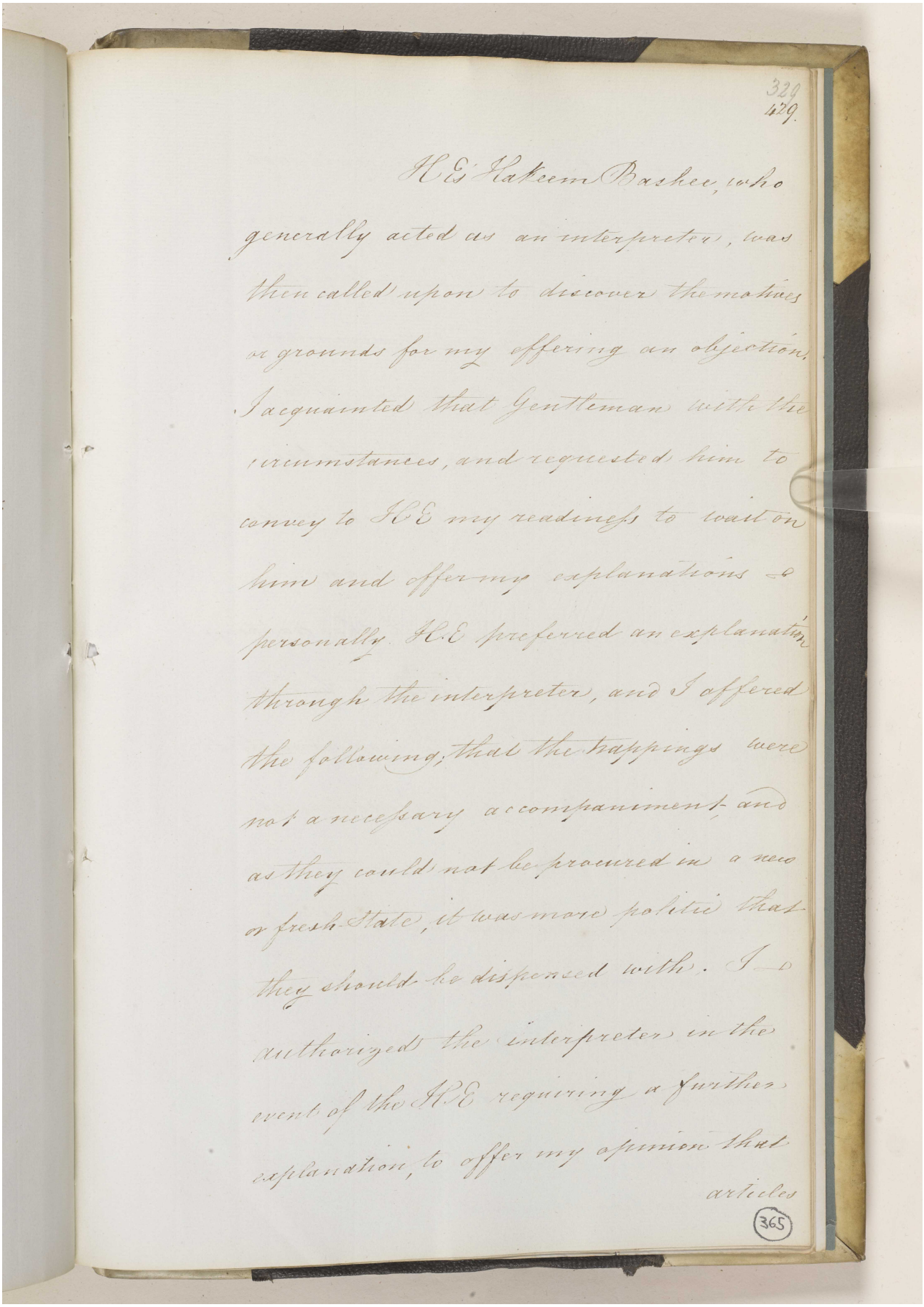


do not propose to plead a total ignorance.
I directed the Bearer to return in
company with the person who was to
convey a message to the Chaia on
the subject, informing that Minister
that I deferred the acceptance of the
Saddle furniture till I should have an opportunity
of conversing with him on the subject,
and for which purpose I requested to
be informed when and where I should
have the honor of waiting on him. On the
return of H. E's Messenger, the articles were
given to him to be conveyed to the
Treasurer till an explanation with the
Chaia should take place; as the Chaia
did not inform me when he should be
at leisure to receive me, I had no
opportunity of conversing with him.

H. E.



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H.E. Hakeem Bashee, who generally acted as an interpreter, was then called upon to discover the motives or grounds for my offering an objection, I acquainted that Gentleman with the circumstances, and requested him to convey to H.E my readiness to wait on him and offer my explanations personally. H.E preferred an explanation through the interpreter, and I offered the following, that the happings were not a necessary accompaniment, and as they could not be procured in a new or fresh state, it was more politic that they should be dispensed with. I authorized the interpreter in the event of the H.E requiring a further explanation, to offer my opinion that articles

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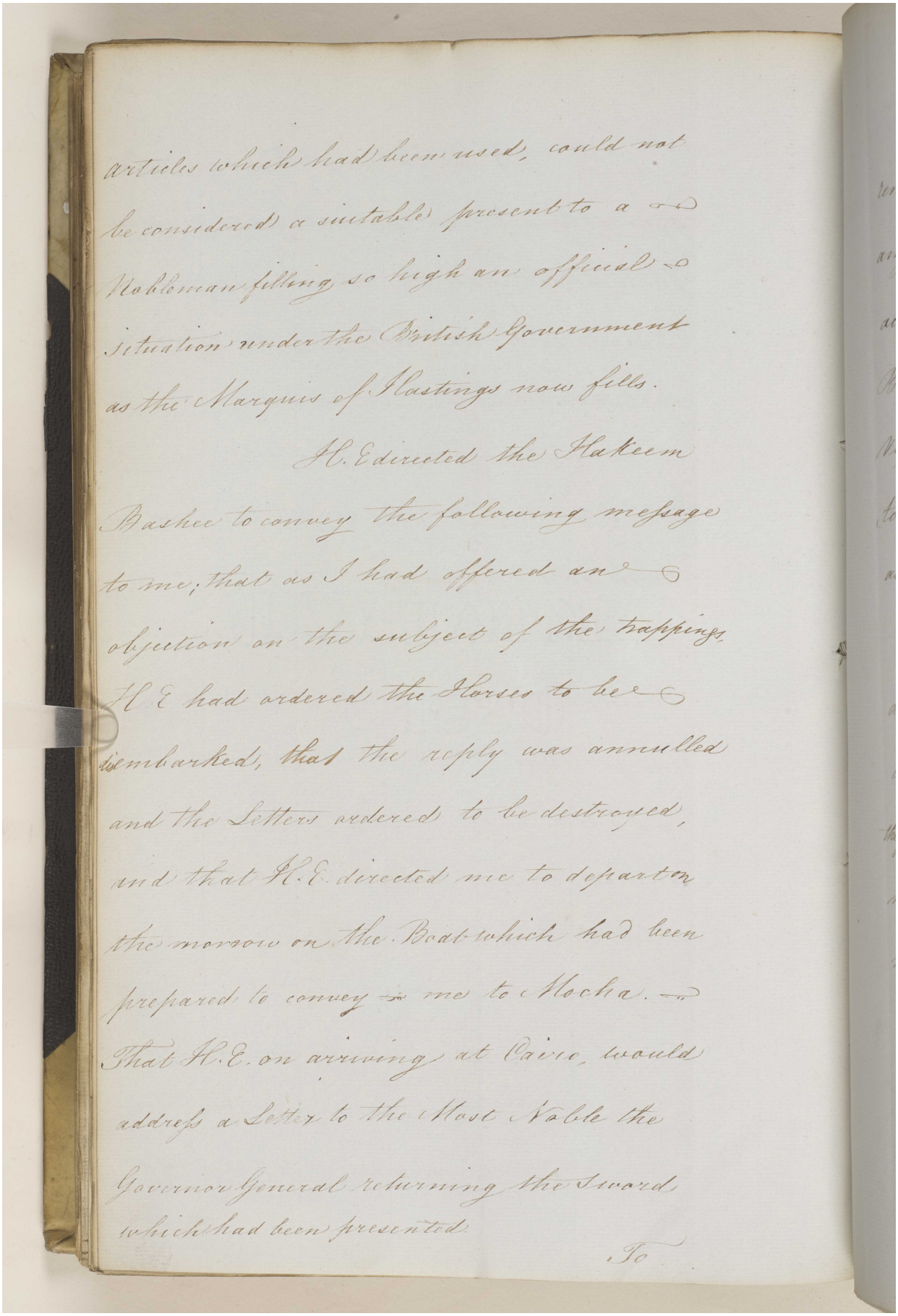

articles which had been used, could not
be considered a suitable present to a
Nobleman filling so high an official
situation under the British Government
as the Marquis of Hastings now fills.

H.E directed the Hakeem
Bashee to convey the following message
to me; that as I had offered an
objection on the subject of the trappings
H.E had ordered the Horses to be
disembarked, that the reply was annulled
and the Letters ordered to be destroyed,
and that H.E. directed me to depart on
the morrow on the Boat which had been
prepared to convey me to Mocha.
That H.E. on arriving at Cairo, would
address a Letter to the Most Noble the
Governor General returning the Sword
which had been presented

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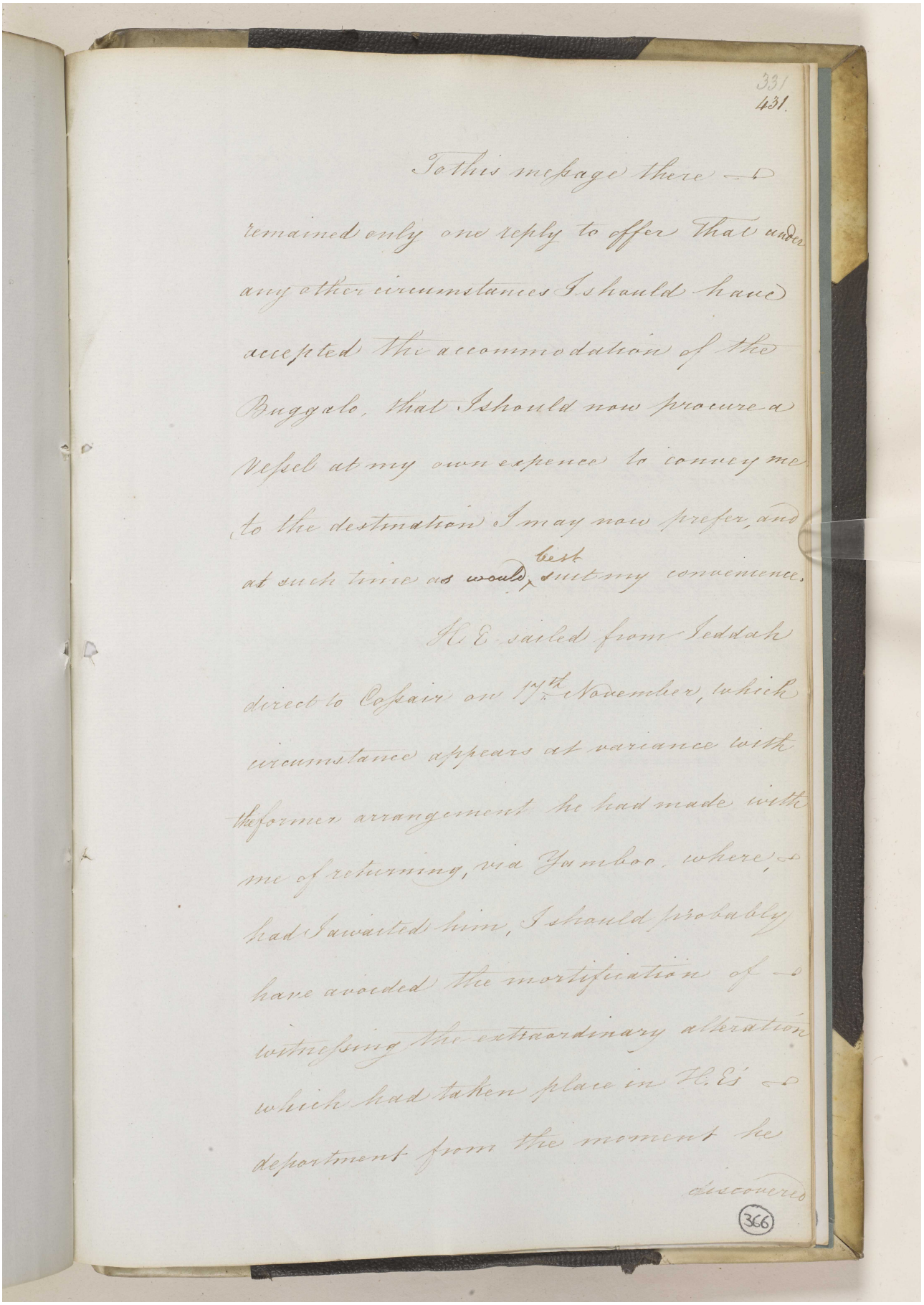

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To this message there
remained only one reply to offer That under
any other circumstances I should have
accepted the accommodation of the
Buggalo, that I should now procure a
Vessel at my own expence to convey me
to the destination I may now prefer, and
at such time as would best suit my convenience.

H. E. sailed from Jeddah
direct to Cosair on 17th November, which
circumstance appears at variance with
the former arrangement he had made with
me of returning, via Yambo, where,
had I awaited him, I should probably
have avoided the mortification of
witnessing the extraordinary alteration
which had taken place in H. E's
department from the moment he
discovered

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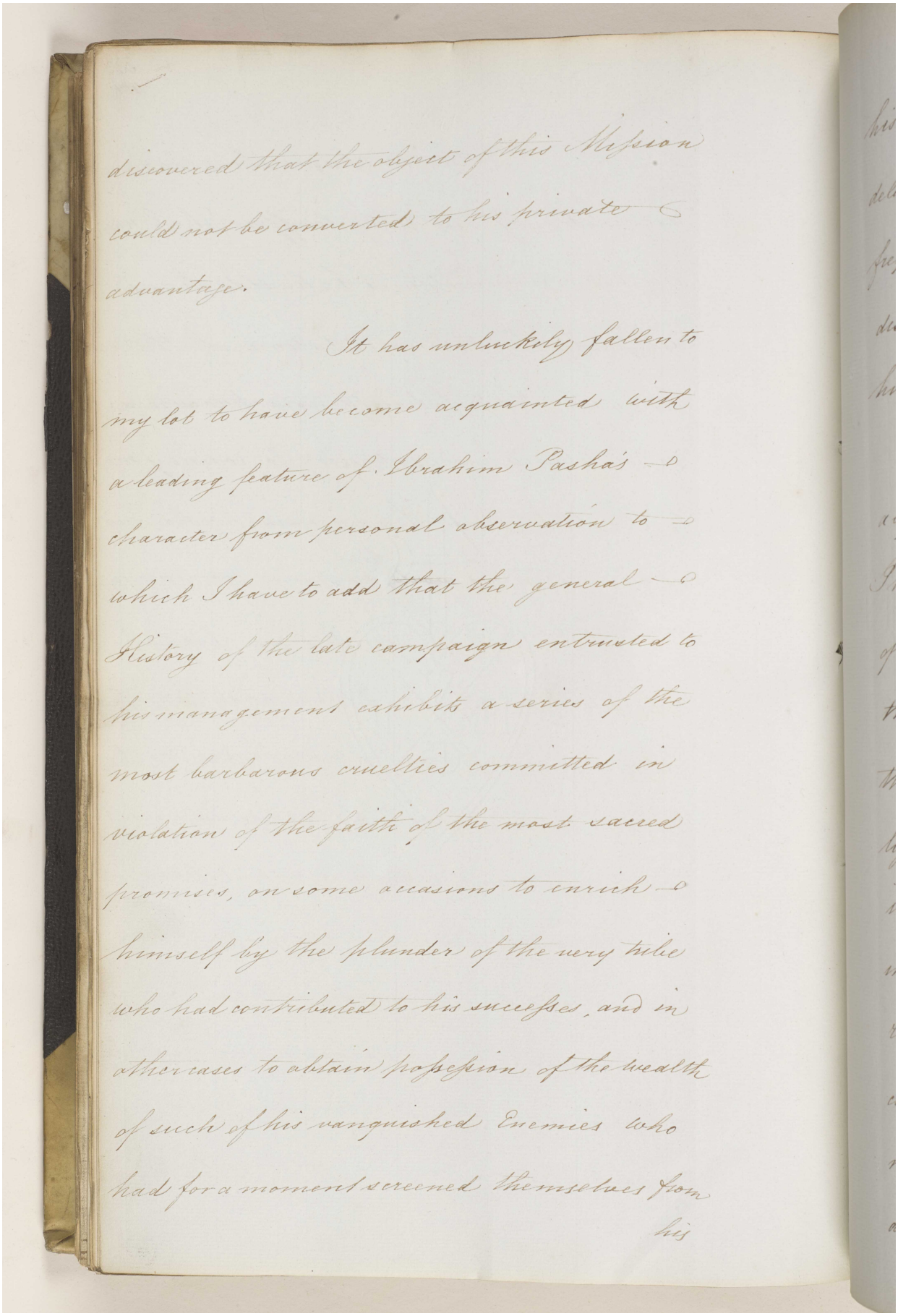

discovered that the object of this Mission could not be converted to his private advantage.

It has unluckily fallen to my lot to have become acquainted with a leading feature of Ibrahim Pasha's character from personal observation to which I have to add that the general History of the late campaign entrusted to his management exhibits a series of the most barbarous cruelties committed in violation of the faith of the most sacred promises, on some occasions to enrich himself by the plunder of the very tribe who had contributed to his success, and in other cases to obtain possession of the wealth of such of his vanquished Enemies who had for a moment screened themselves from his

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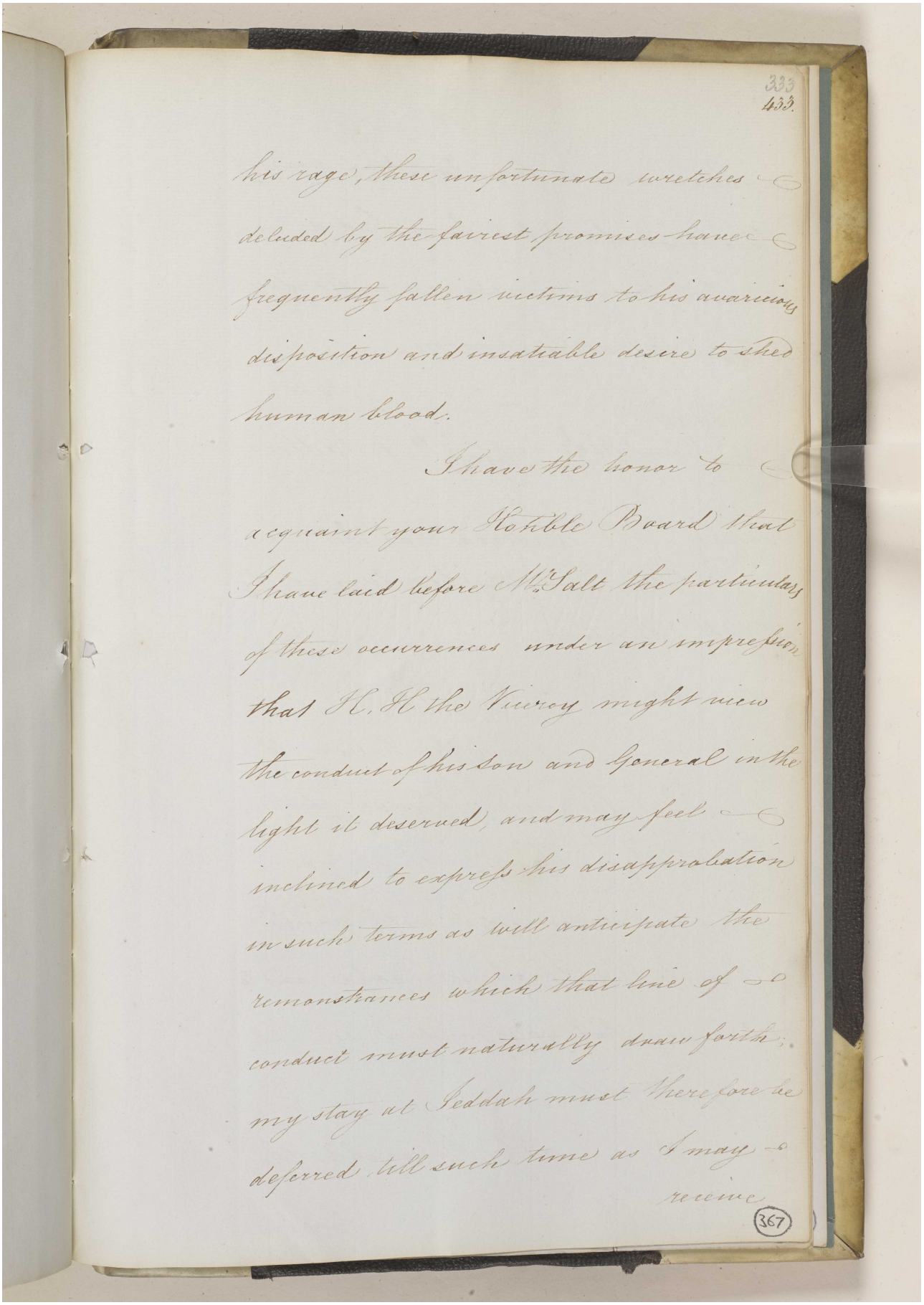

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his rage, these unfortunate wretches
deluded by the fairest promises have
frequently fallen victims to his avaricious
disposition and insatiable desire to shed
human blood.

I have the honor to
acquaint your Honble Board that
I have laid before Mr Salt the particulars
of these occurrences under an impression
that H. H. the Viceroy might view
the conduct of his Son and General in the
light it deserved, and may feel
inclined to express his disapprobation
in such terms as will anticipate the
remonstrances which that line of
conduct must naturally draw forth;
my stay at Jeddah must therefore be
deferred till such time as I may
receive

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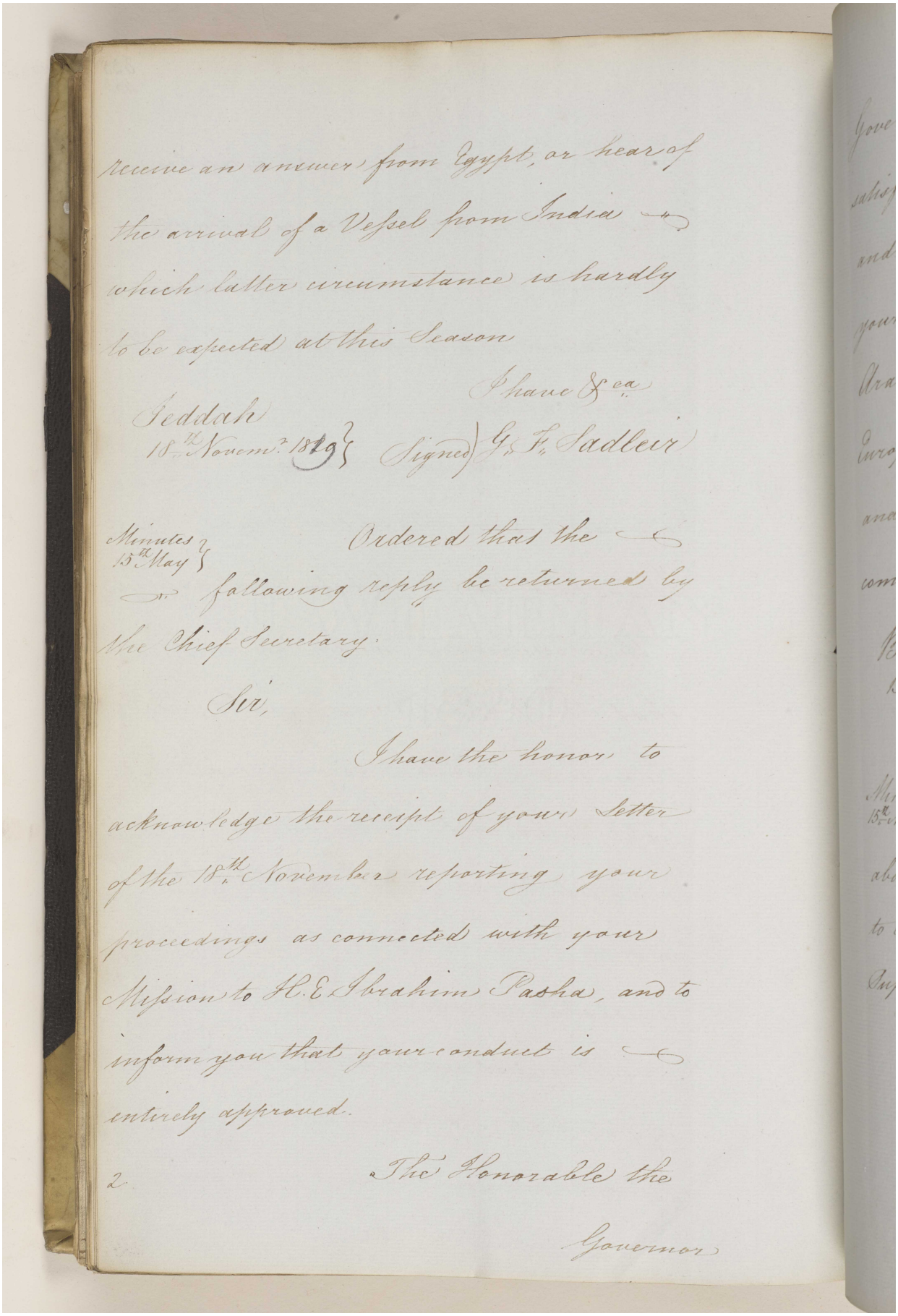


receive an answer from Egypt, or hear of the arrival of a Vessel from India which latter circumstance is hardly to be expected at this Season

I have &ca.

Jeddah
18th Novemr. 1819 } Signed) G. F. Sadleir

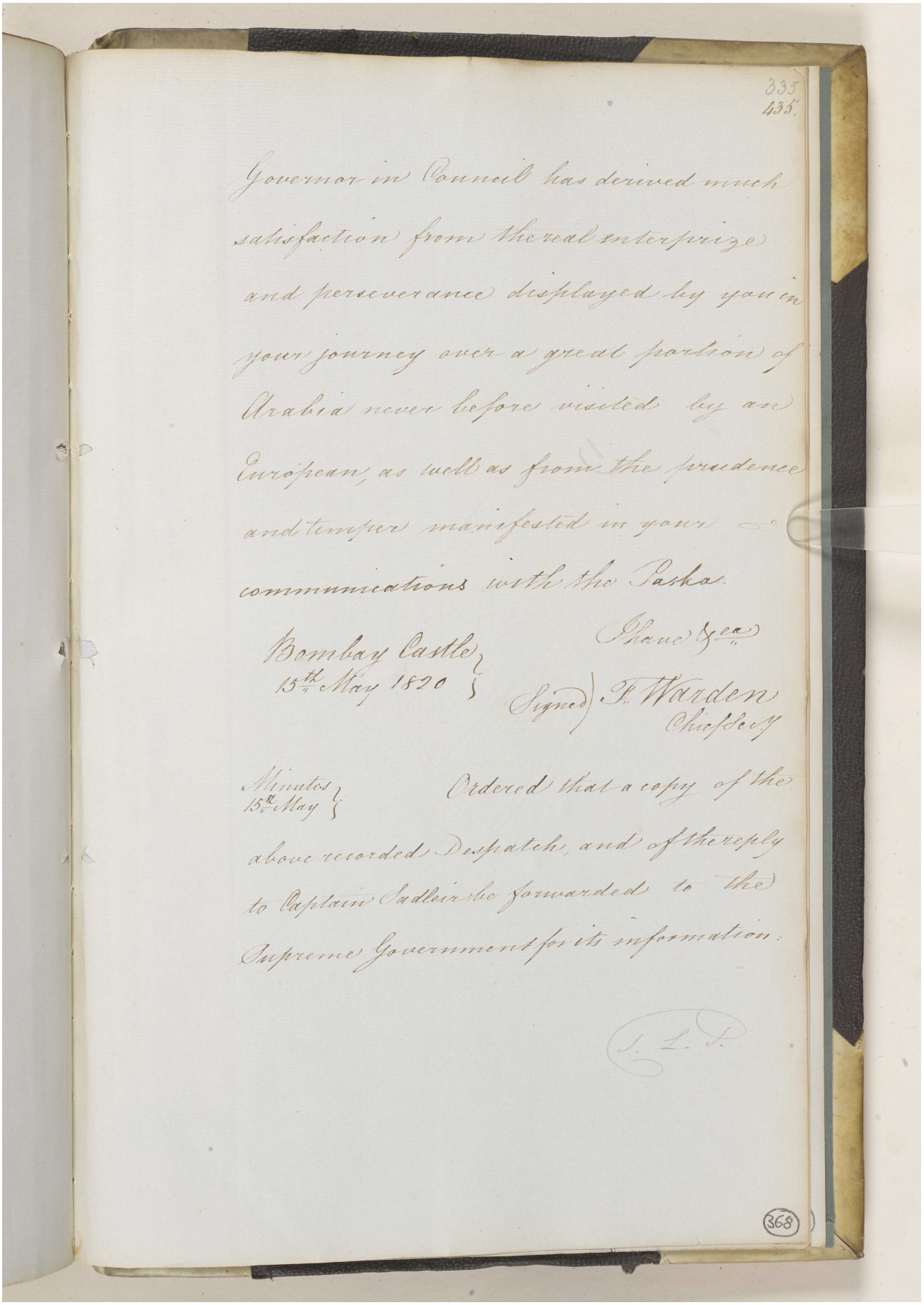
Minutes 15th May } Ordered that the following reply be returned by the Chief Secretary.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 18th November reporting your proceedings as connected with your Mission to H. E. Ibrahim Pasha, and to inform you that your conduct is entirely approved.

2 The Honorable the

Governor



Governor in Council has derived much satisfaction from the real enterprize and perseverance displayed by you in your journey over a great portion of Arabia never before visited by an European, as well as from the prudence and temper manifested in your communications with the Pasha.

Bombay Castle
15th May 1820

I have &ca.

Signed) F. Warden
Chief Secy

Minutes
15th May

Ordered that a copy of the above recorded Despatch, and of the reply to Captain Sadleir be forwarded to the Supreme Government for its information.

S. L. P.

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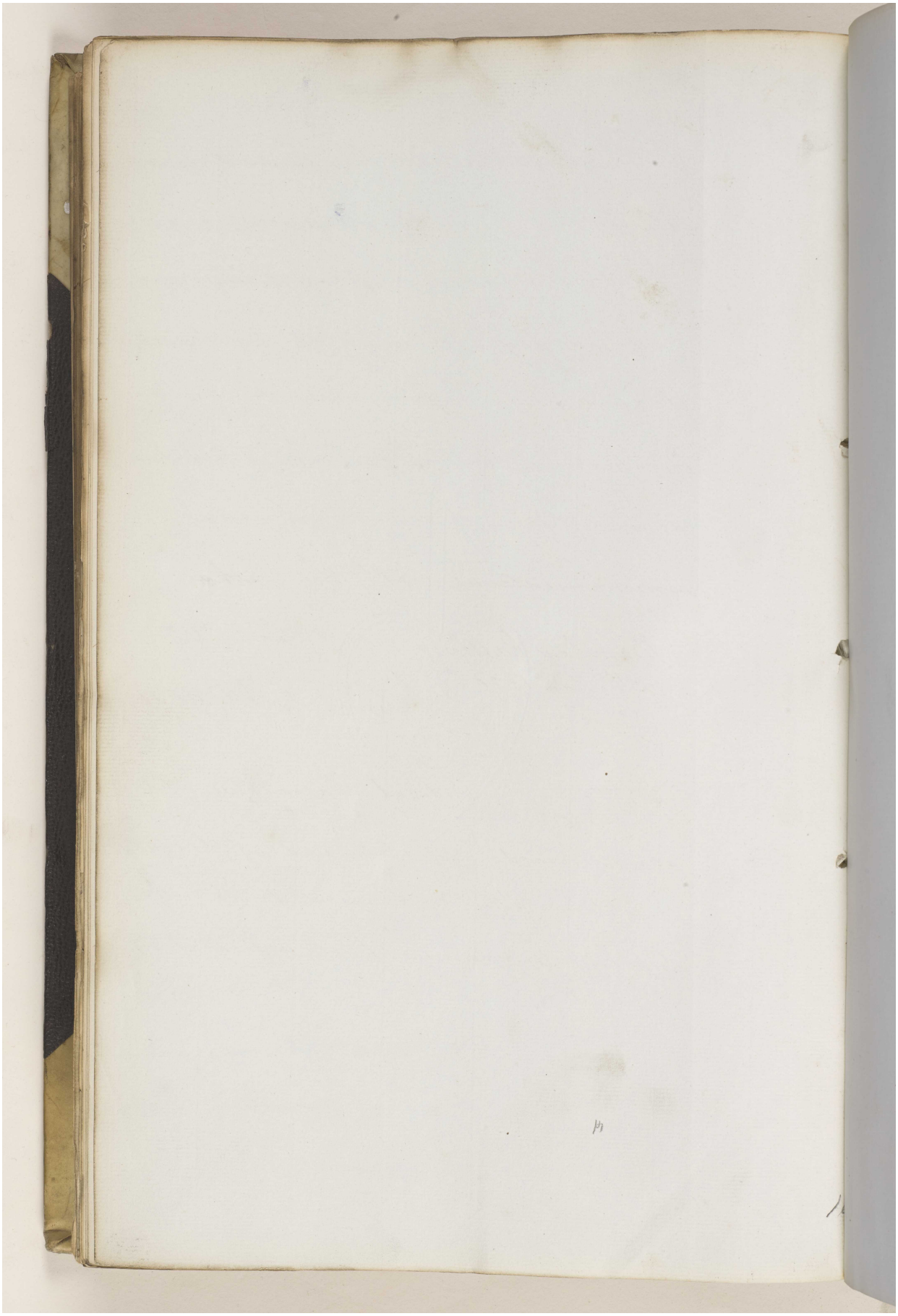

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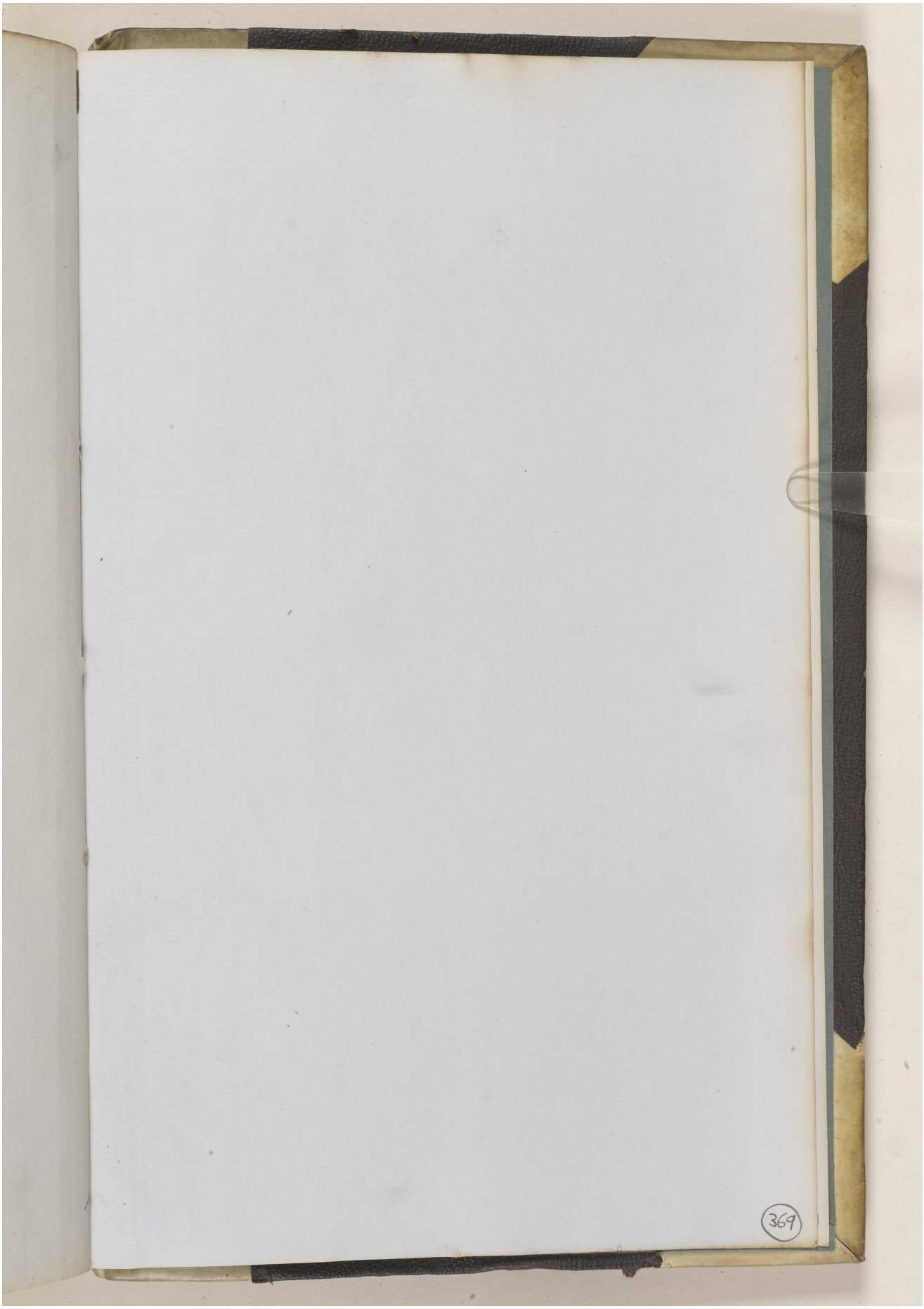

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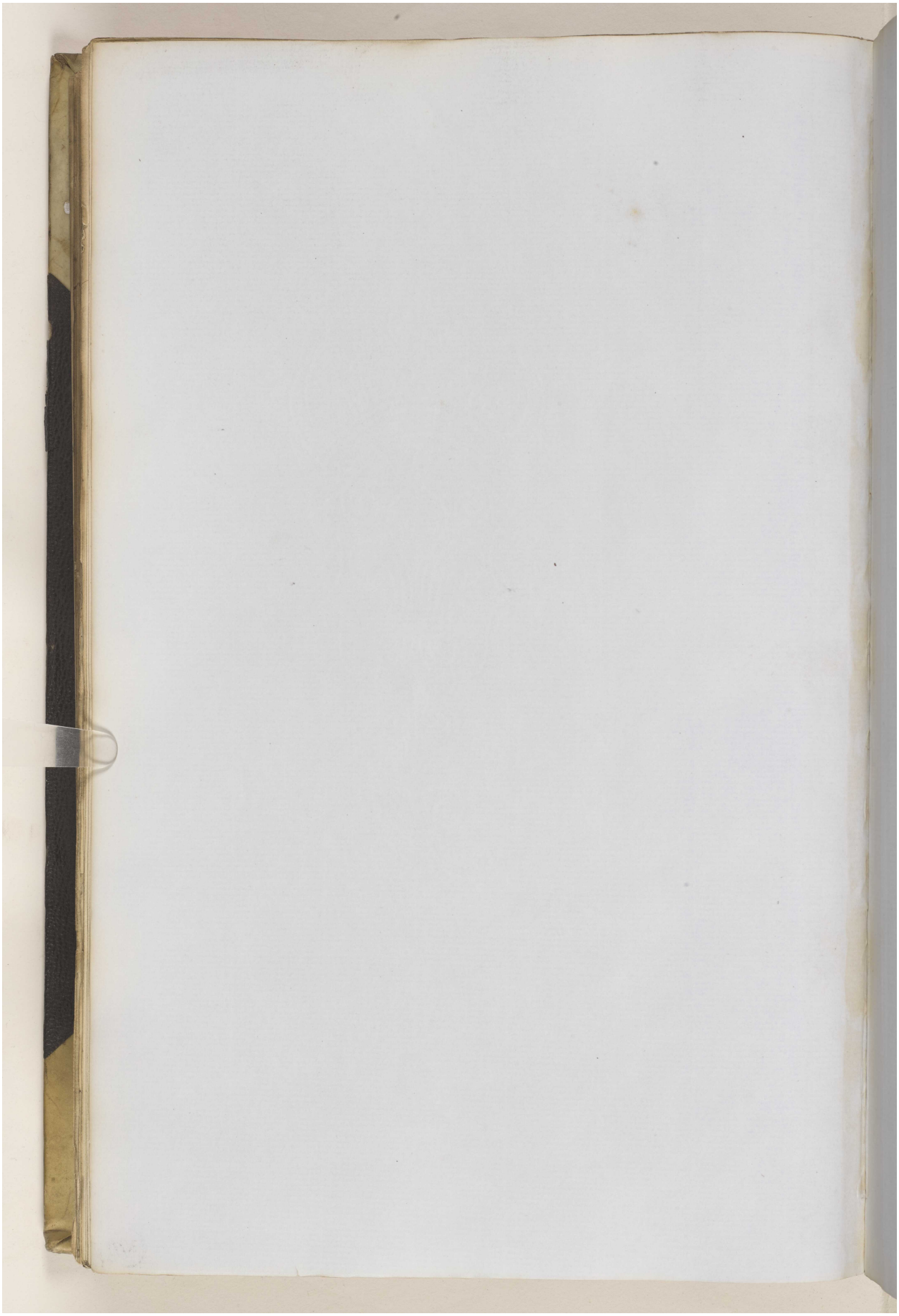

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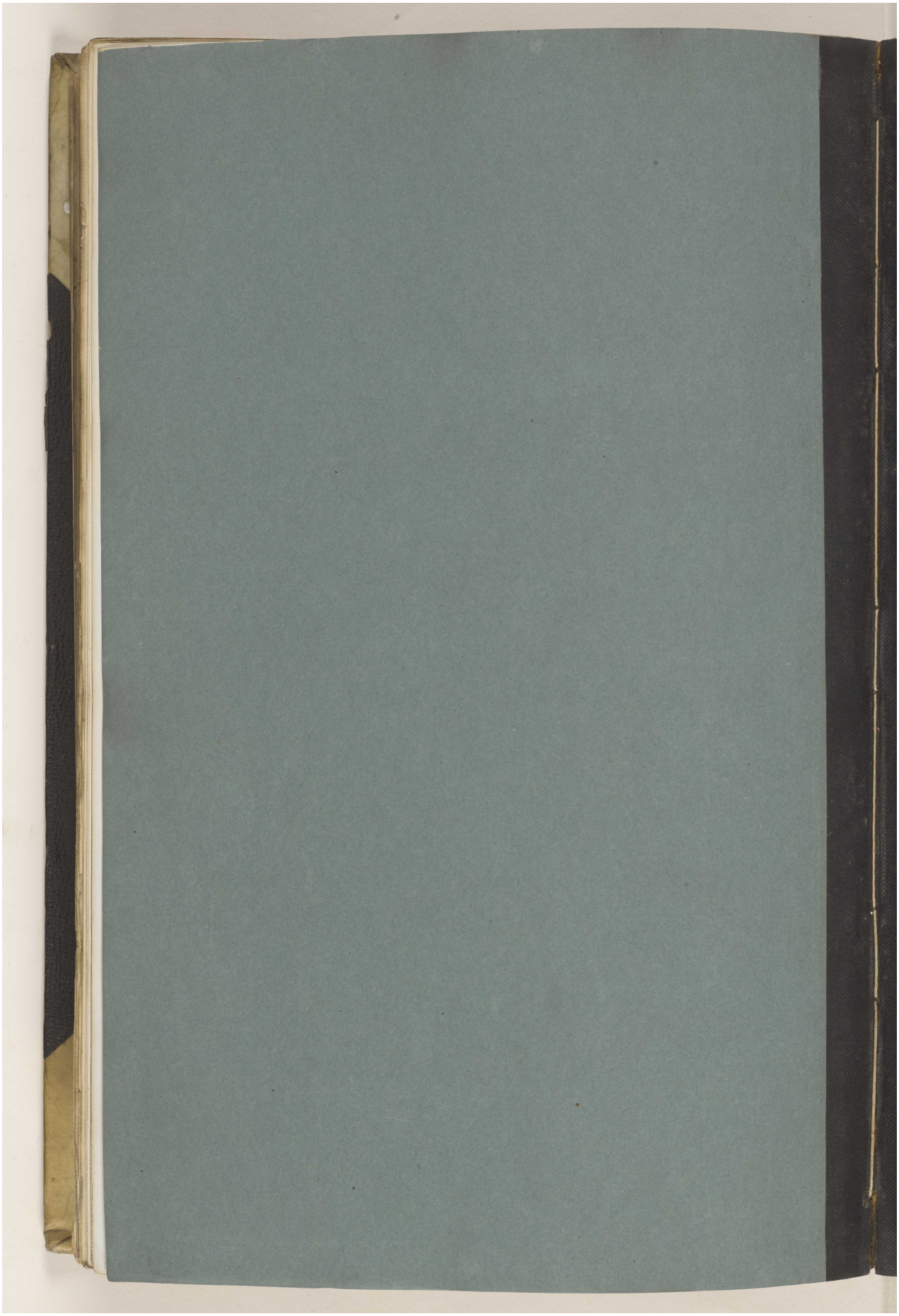

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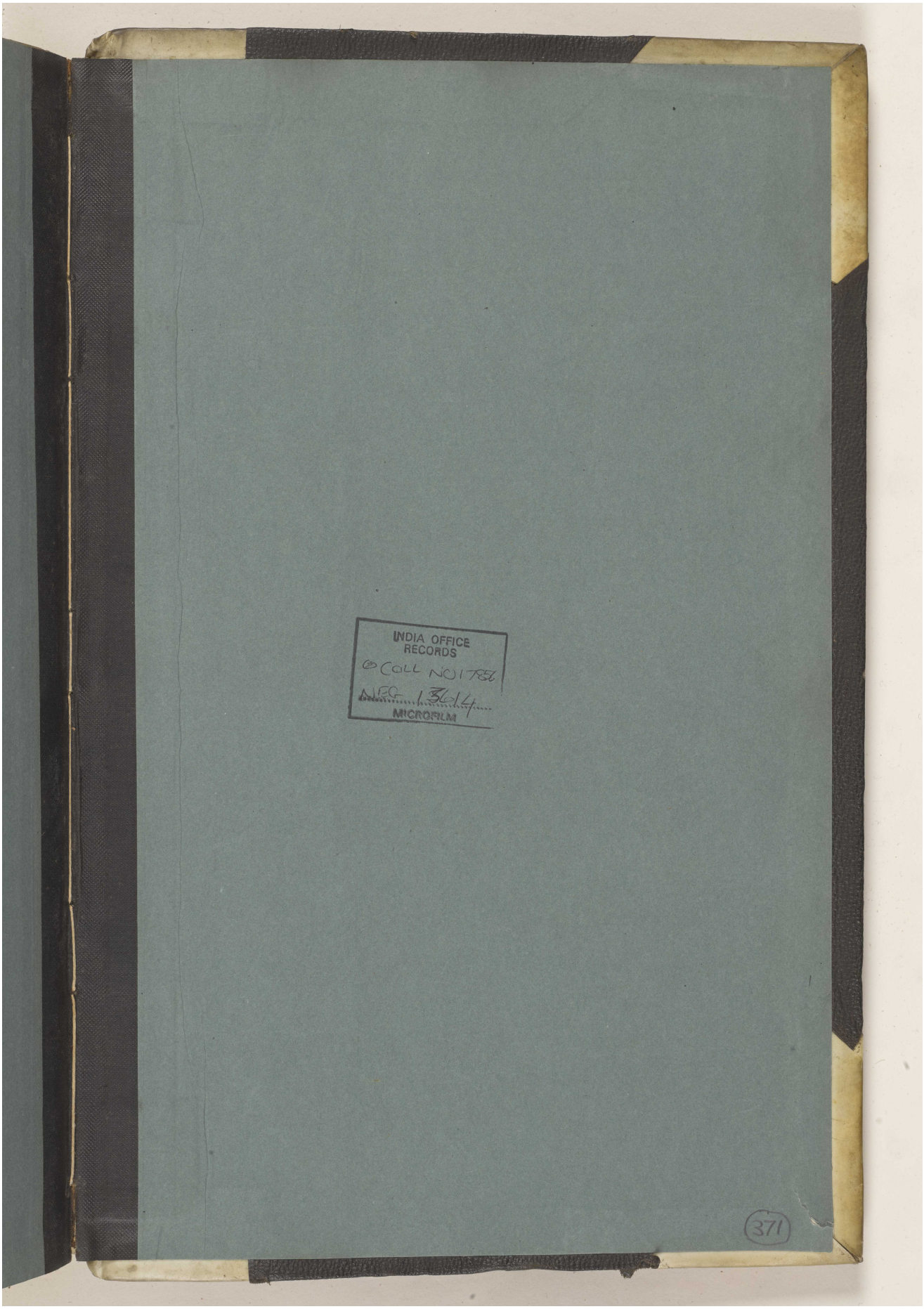

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