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المجلد على شكل يوميات دونها ألكسندر دوجلاس، كبير الوكلاء في وكالة جمبرون [بندر عباس]. سجل الوكيل الرسائل المرسلة والمستلمة، النشاطات اليومية، القرارات الإدارية المتخذة، والعمليات السياسية والعسكرية الهامة في المنطقة.

تتضمن التفاصيل والموضوعات الرئيسية المسجلة في اليوميات ما يلي:

- سجلات بالأموال النقدية لشركة الهند الشرقية، ورواتب الموظفين والفواتير
- سجلات برسائل إلى قادة سفن شركة الهند الشرقية مع أوامر الإبحار

• سجل ورسائل متبادلة مع ويليام شو، المقيم البريطاني في البصرة، تخبر عن الوضع في البصرة وبغداد وحلب

• تقارير مستلمة من المبشرين الرومان الكاثوليك في أصفهان عن فرض محمد حسن خان قاجار الضريبة على السكان المسيحيين القاطنين هناك

• خبر تعيين حسن خان لناصر خان آل مذكور [حكم في الفترة ١١٦٢-١٢٠٣هـ/ حوالي ١٧٤٩-١٧٨٨م] في منصب بكلربك [حاكم عام] لفارس

• أخبار عن محاصرة شاهرخ ميرزا افشار [حوالي ١٧٣٤-١٧٩٦، حاكم كرمان] لحجي آباد، والزحف نحو أحمد آباد، وإرساله مسؤولين لتنظيم الشؤون المالية مع ملا علي شاه [عاش ١٧٤٠-١٧٦٠، حاكم جمبرون]

• أخبار عن تقدم قوات الشيخ رحمة بن مطر القاسمي [شيخ جلفار] إلى بندر طاهري لمهاجمة الشيخ حاتم بن جبارة النصوري

• تقارير عن تعيين أحمد شاه أفغان الدراني [المعروف أيضًا باسم أحمد شاه عبدلي، حكم في الفترة بين ١٧٤٧-١٧٧٢] لابنه حاكمًا لكشمير ولاهور وأماكن أخرى، ويطلب من إمبراطور المغول دفع ضريبة له

• تقارير عن الوضع في عدة مدن بما فيها شيراز وطهران وأسترآباد

• العداء بين حسن خان وآزاد خان غلزائي [توفي ١٧٨٢، بكلربك أذربيجان]

• وصول الصوف من كرمان

• سجلات للرسائل المستلمة من اللغوي (أي المترجم الفوري) في كرمان حول كمية الصوف المرسلة والفواتير

• سجلات للرسائل المتبادلة مع فرانسيس وود، المقيم البريطاني في بندر ريق، تخبر عن الوضع في بندر ريق وبندر جارك

• أخبار عن اعتقال ملا علي شاه لأحد سماسرة الوكالة وإرساله إلى جزيرة هرمز

• أخبار عن استعادة ناصر خان السيطرة على عدة مناطق التي استحوذ عليها العرب

• سجلات لأنشطة السفن الفرنسية والهولندية

• سجلات بالبضائع المتاجر بها كالقهوة والسكر والسكاكر والحديد والتوابل والرصاص والقصدير وأغطية الخيول والسجاد والوسادات

- أخبار عن زحف كريم خان زند [وكيل بلاد فارس] باتجاه بوشهر وبندر ريق والبصرة
- تقارير عن الوضع الراهن في البنغال
- العداء بين ناصر خان وكريم خان
- سرد عن فقدان السفينة الشراعية "فينيكس"
- تقارير عن استعادة البريطانيين كلكتا بالقوة
- أخبار عن زواج شاهرخ خان.

تتضمن اليوميات سجلات للرسائل المتبادلة بين وكيل الوكالة والرئيس والحاكم في المجلس في بومباي (ريتشارد بورشيير) وبقية أعضاء المجلس. وتتضمن هذه اليوميات نسخًا لعدة فقرات عن أوامر الشركة للسفينة "بورتفيلد" التابعة للوكالة (الأوراق ٣٩-٤٤)؛ إمكانية إنشاء مستوطنة إنجليزية في البحرين؛ قوانين التجارة والجمارك في الصين والمخا وجدة وباتافيا [جاكرتا] وملاكا وسيلان [سريلانكا] وساحل مالابار وسومطرة وأماكن أخرى؛ إمكانية تأسيس مدرسة خيرية في جمبرون؛ والوضع الراهن بين البحرين وفرنسا.

تتضمن اليوميات كذلك سجلات بوصول السفن ومغادرتها، بما في ذلك السفن التالية: "دراجون"، "وارين"، "ساكسيس"، "نبتون"، "سوالو"، "دريك"، "هوبويل"، "برينس جورج"، "فتح الدولة"، "فيض رباني"، "باستيرونيا"، "ألي روكا"، "بريدجووتر"، "فايبر".

أبحرت السفن بشكل رئيسي من وإلى جمبرون، بومباي [مومباي]، البصرة، بندر ريق، البنغال، سورات، مسقط، مدراس [تشيناي]، كوتشي، تالاسري، إنجلترا.

تتضمن اليوميات خلاصات من حساب المصروفات العادية عن كل شهر. وتتضمن هذه المصروفات: النفقات الغذائية، رسوم الحامية، حديقة أفسين، رسوم السلع، رسوم إضافية، الإنفاق على الخيل، رواتب الخدم، رسوم السفن، إصلاحات الوكالة.

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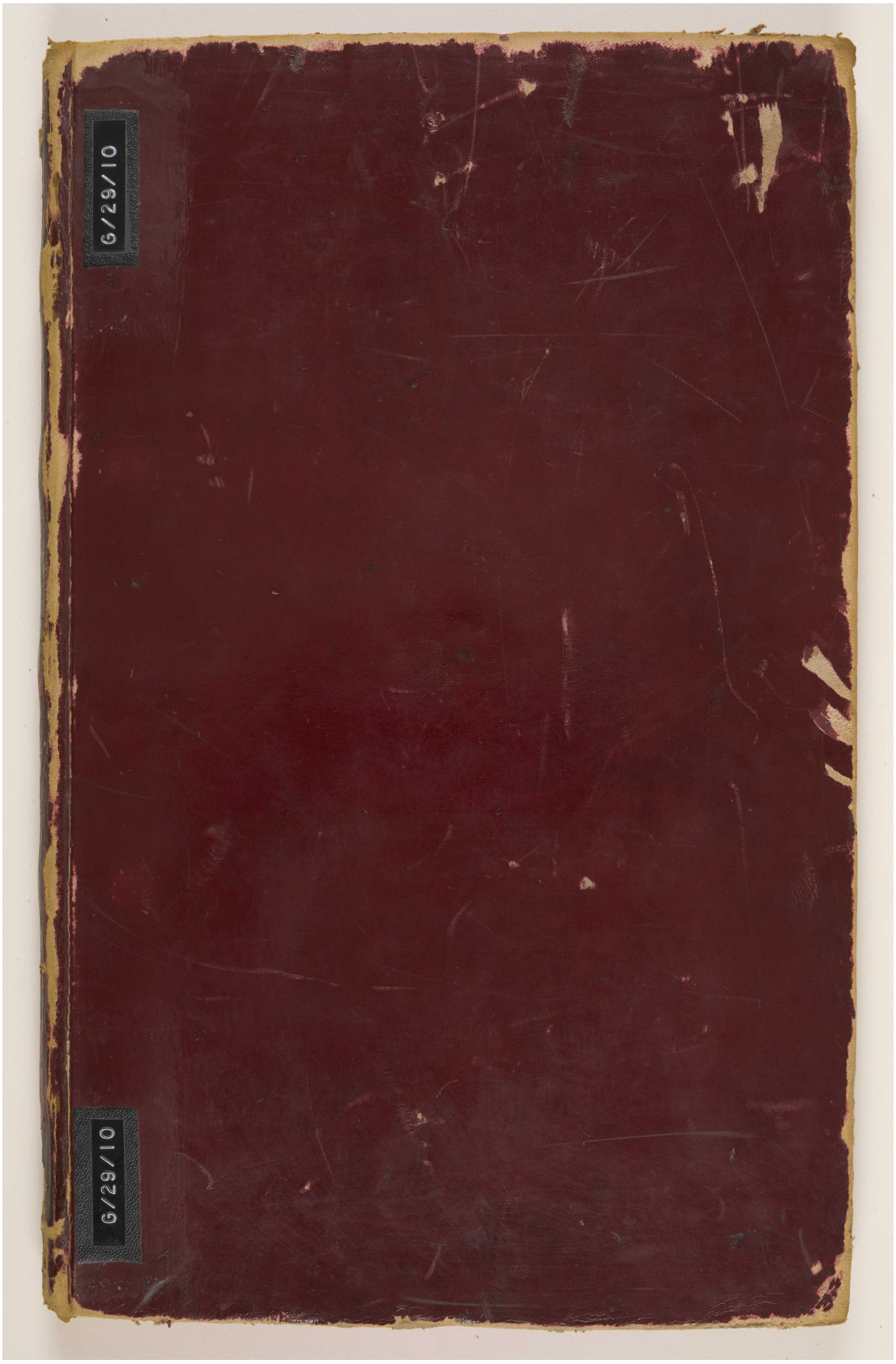

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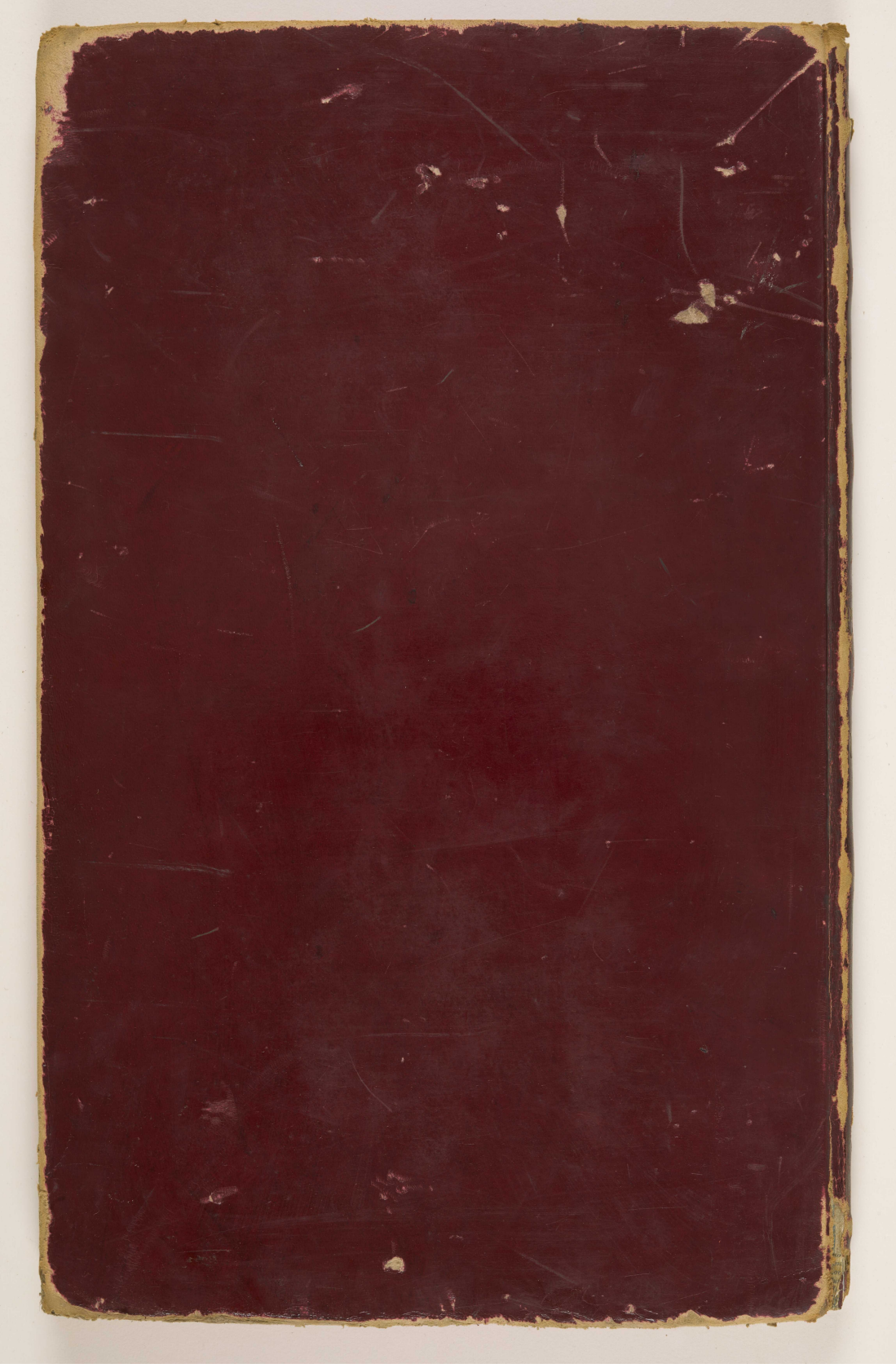

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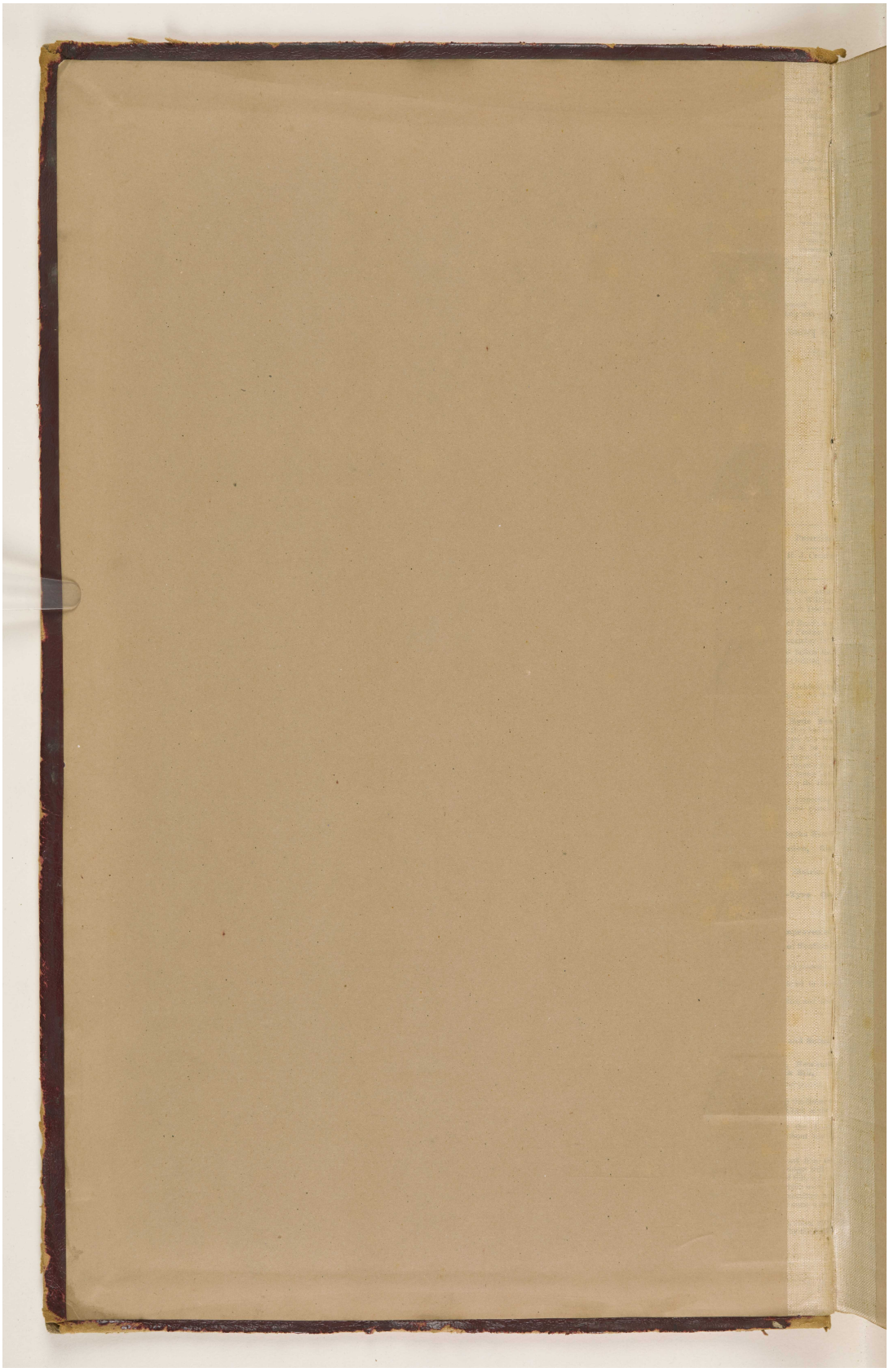

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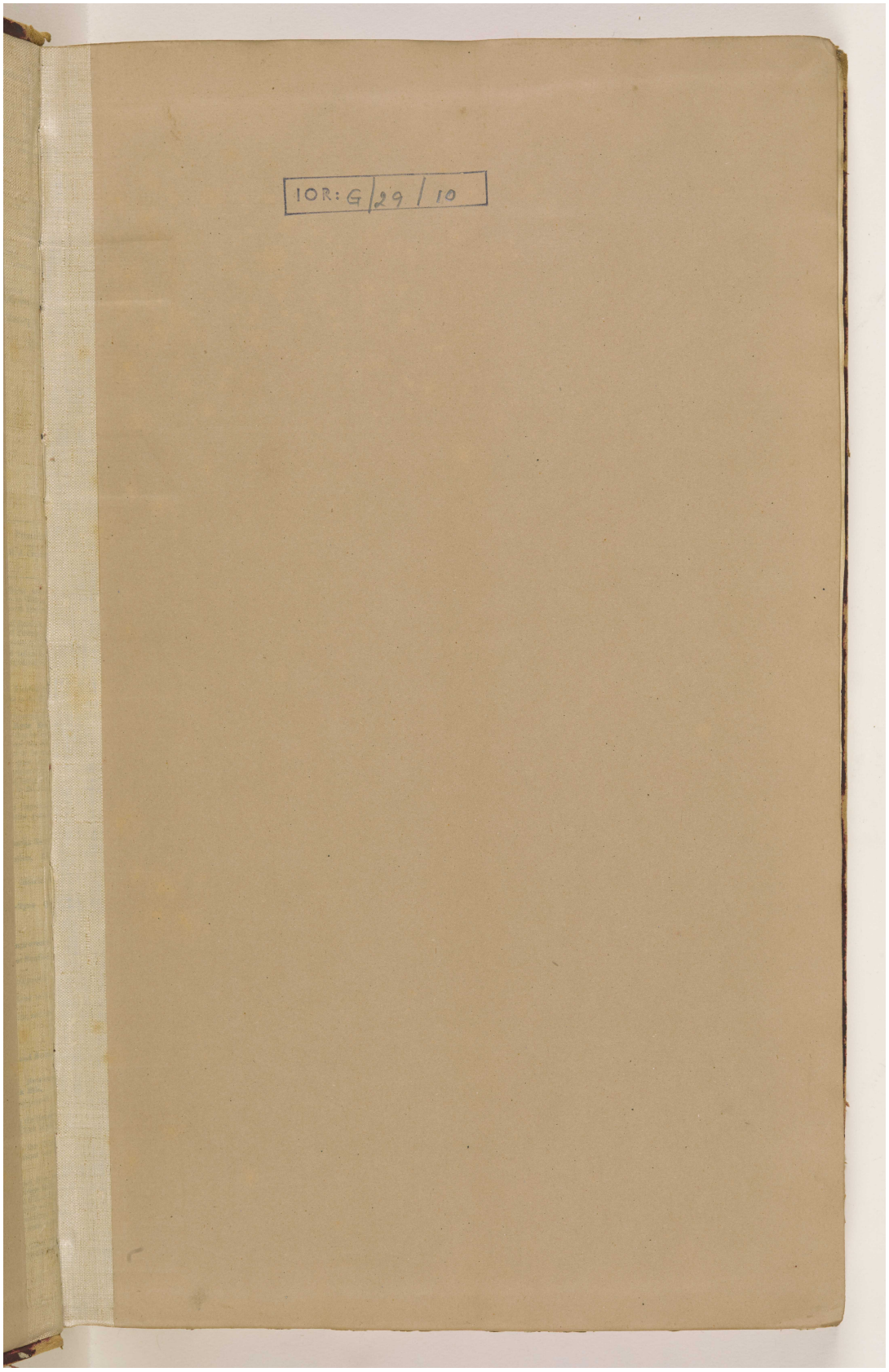

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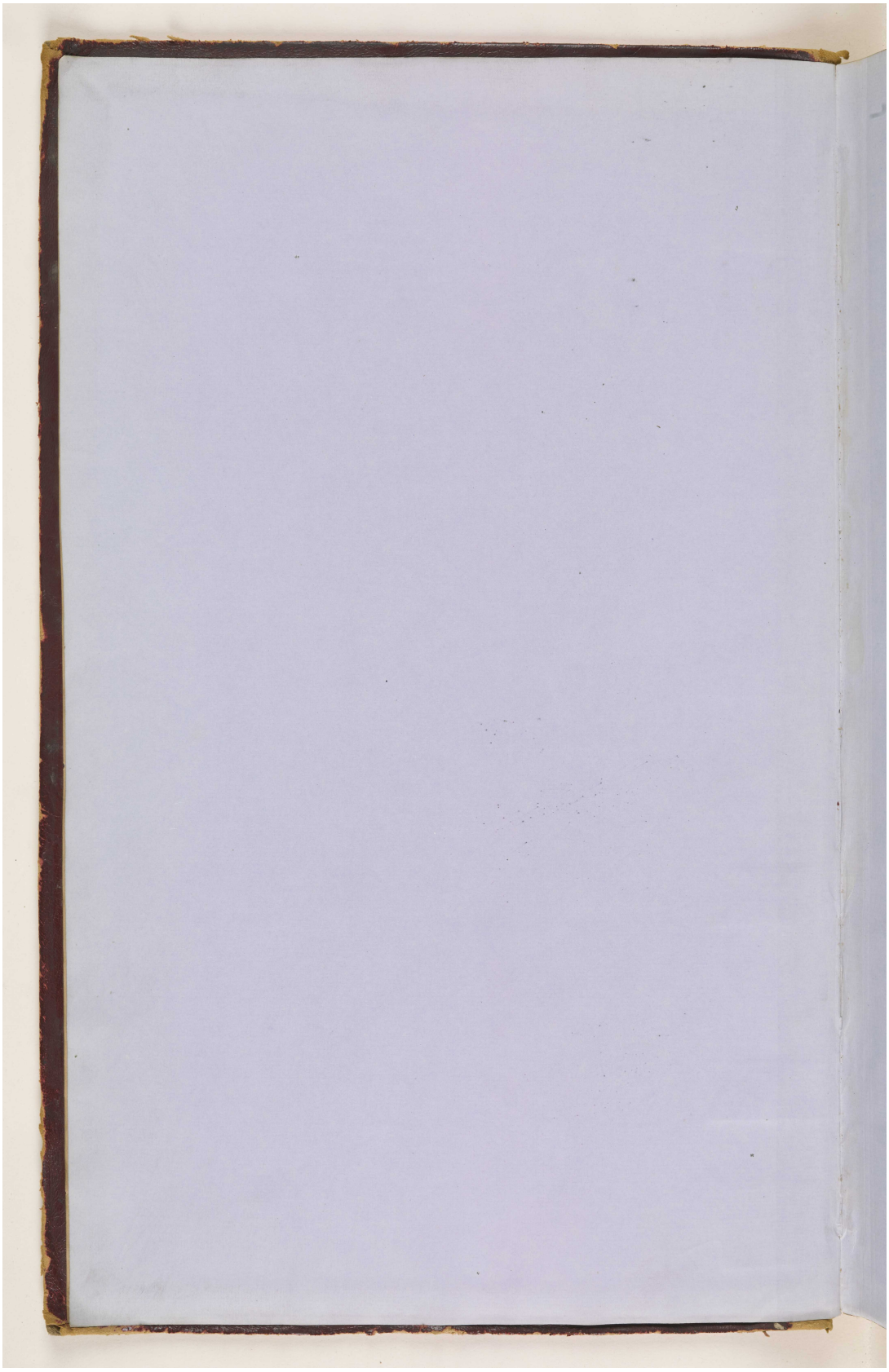

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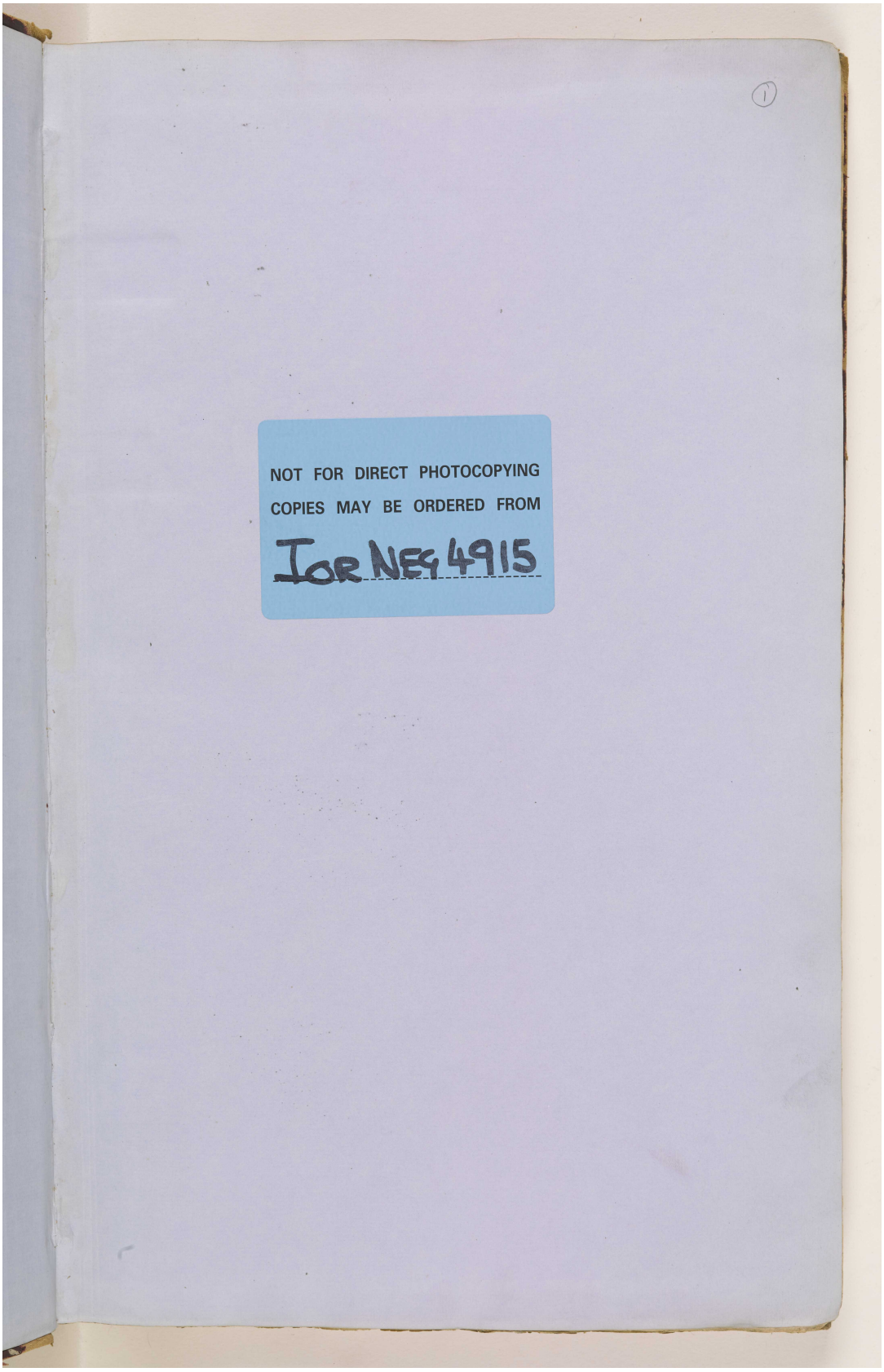

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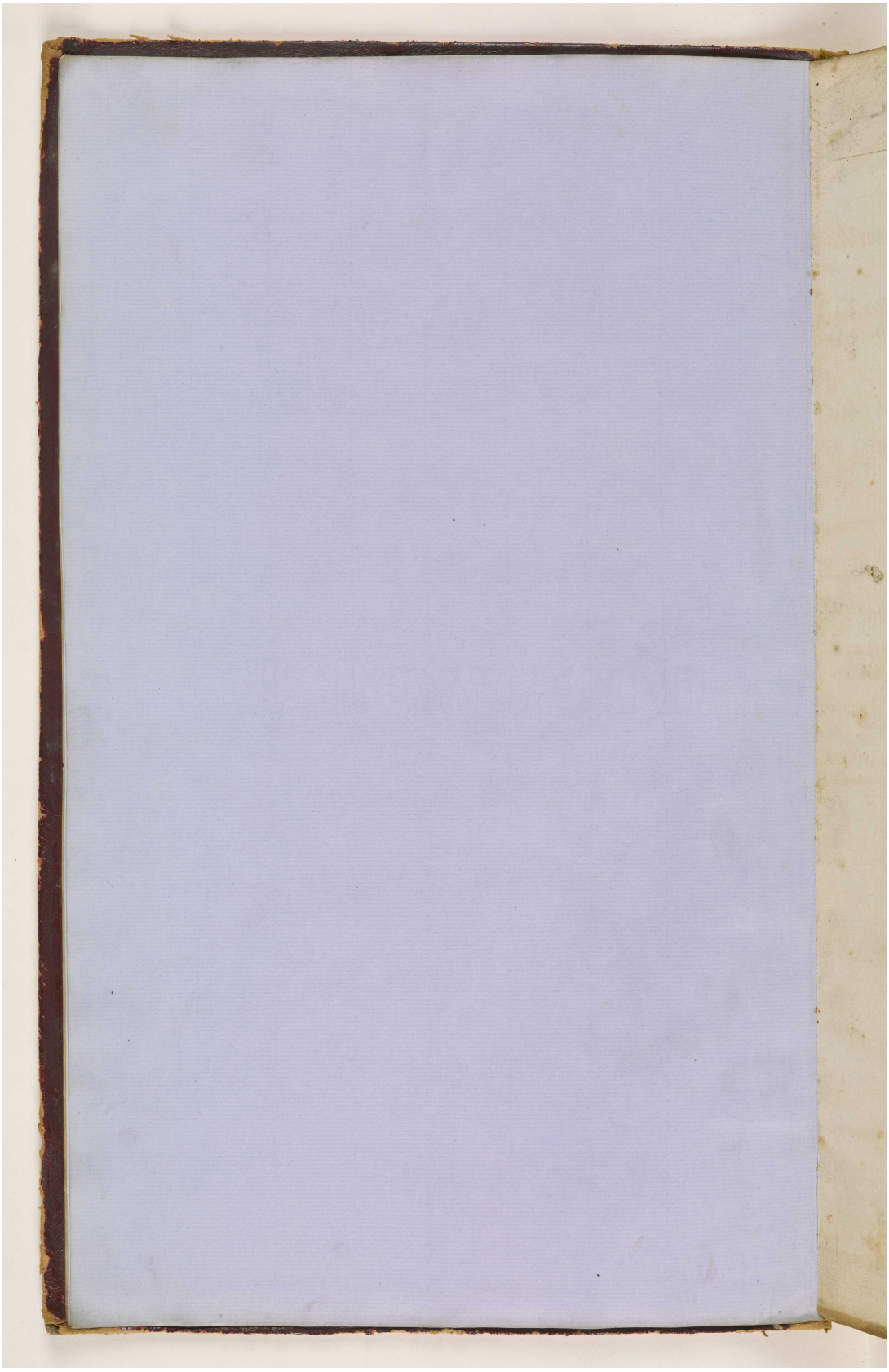

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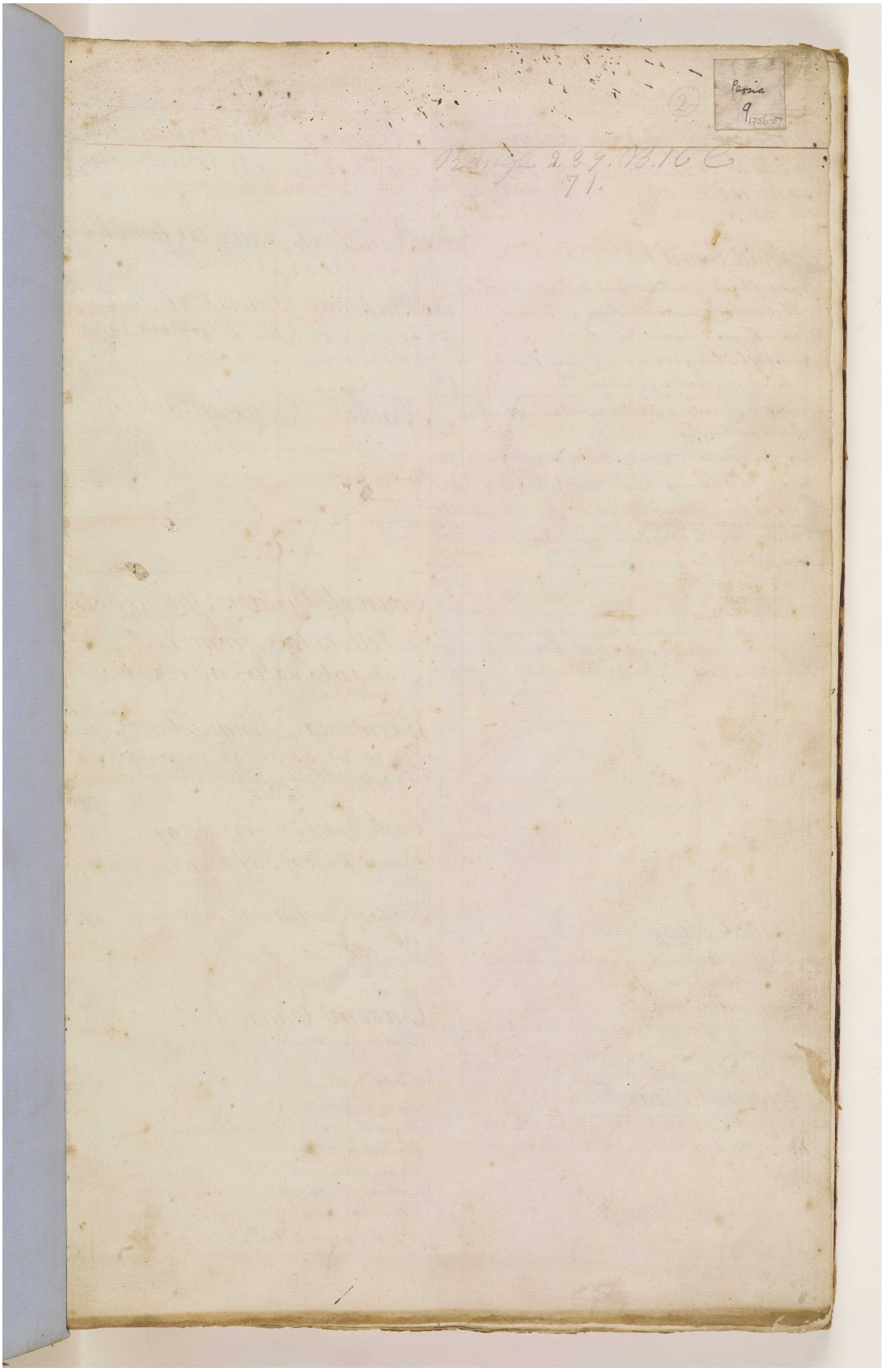

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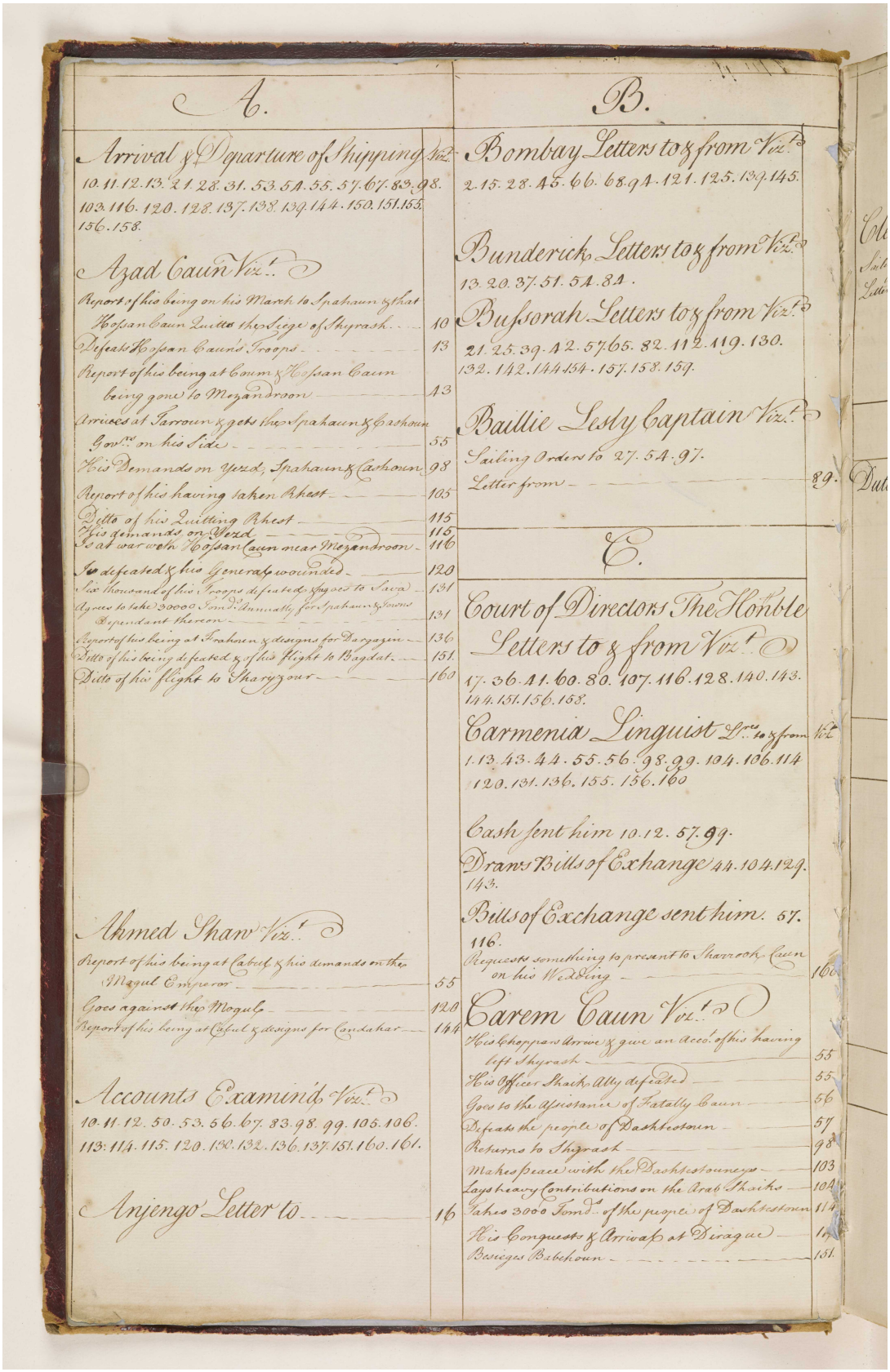

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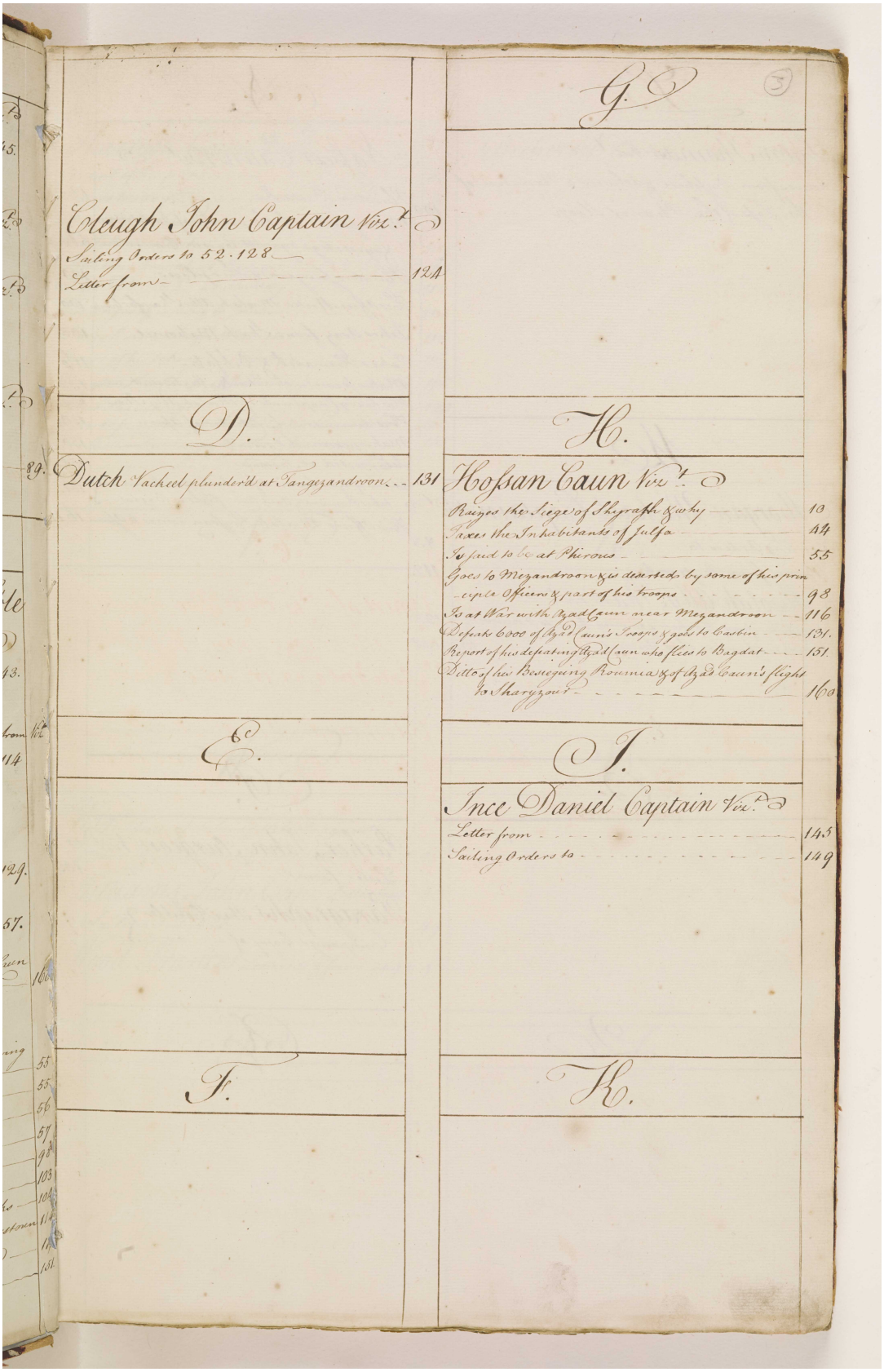

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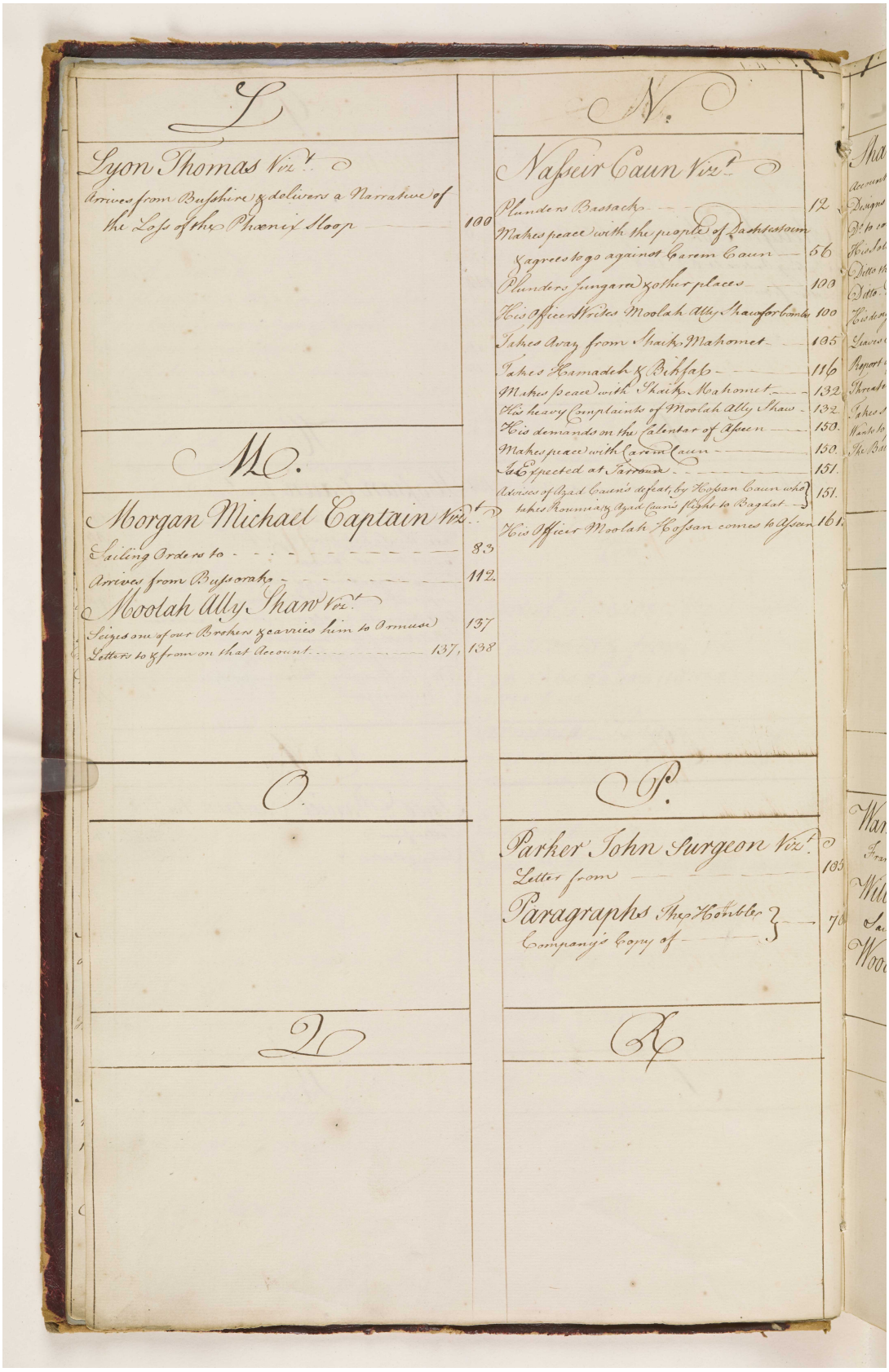

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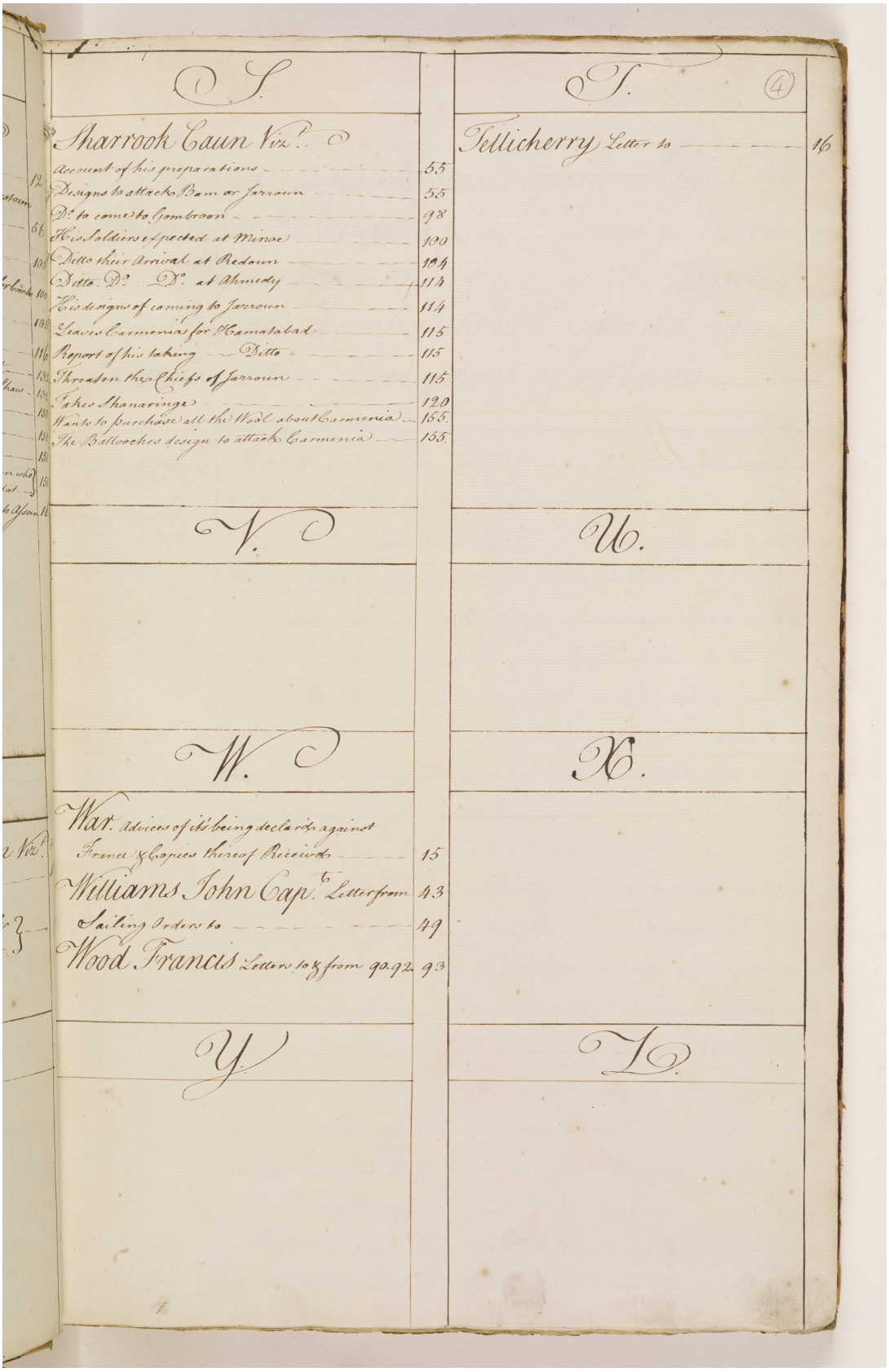

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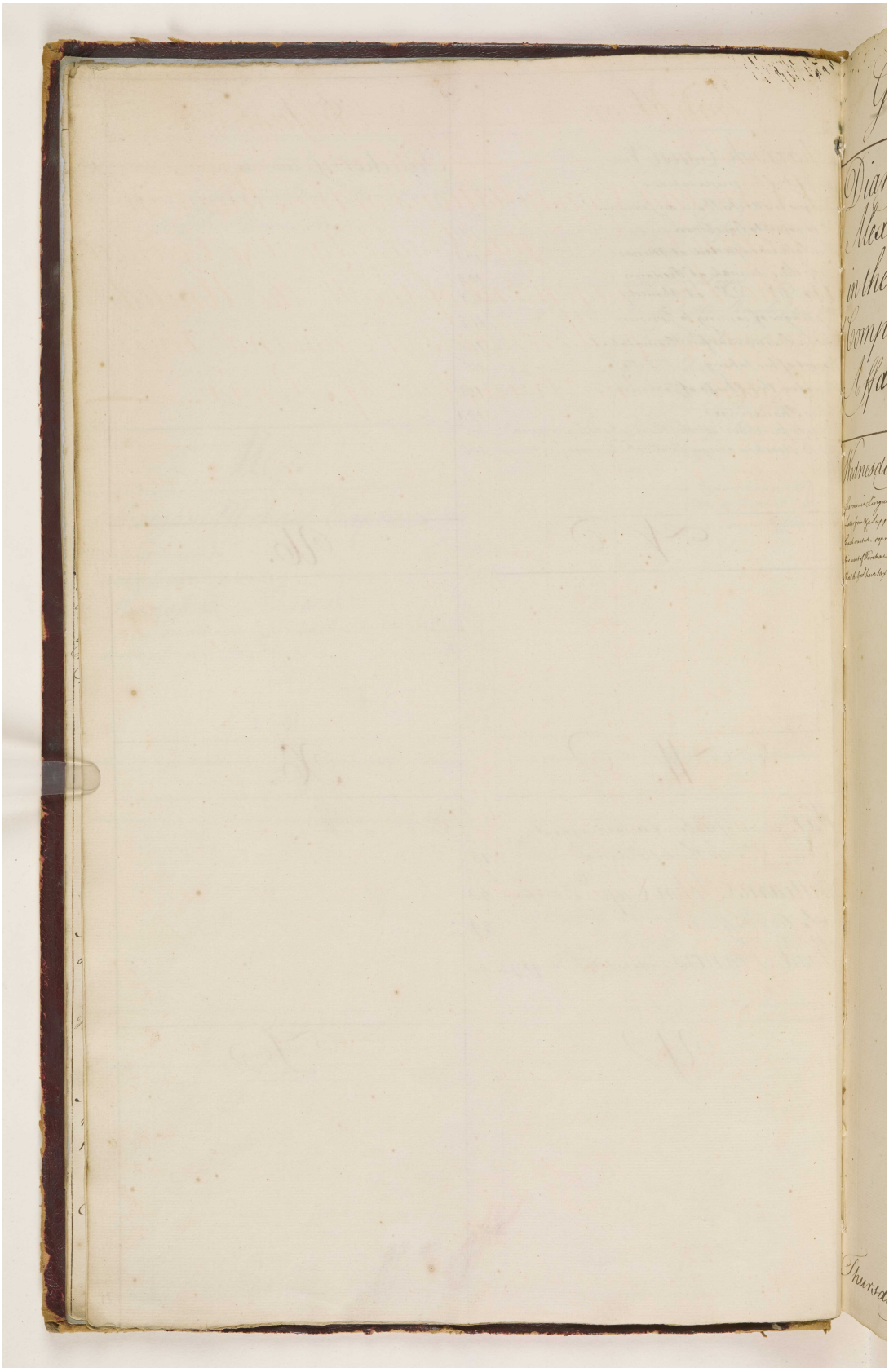

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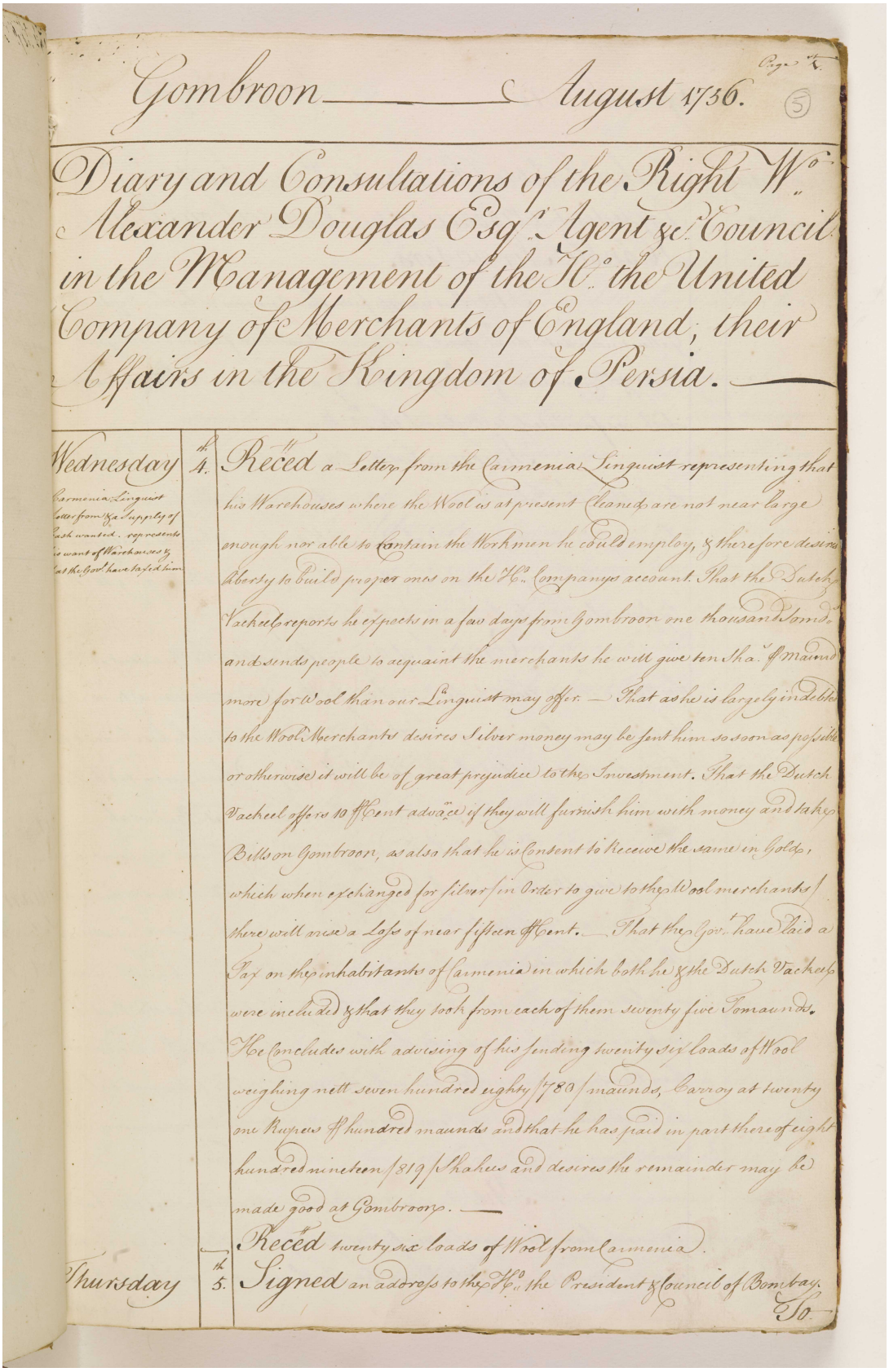

Gombroon ——— August 1756. (5)

Diary and Consultations of the Right Wo. Alexander Douglas Esqr. Agent &c. Council in the Management of the Ho. the United Company of Merchants of England; their Affairs in the Kingdom of Persia.

Wednesday 4th. Receed a Letter from the Carmenia Linguist representing that his Warehouses where the Wool is at present Cleaned are not near large enough nor able to Contain the Workmen he could employ, & therefore desires liberty to build proper ones on the Ho. Companys account. That the Dutch Vacheel reports he expects in a few days from Gombroon one thousand Somds. and sends people to acquaint the merchants he will give ten Shas. ℔ maund more for Wool than our Linguist may offer. — That as he is largely indebted to the Wool Merchants desires Silver money may be sent him so soon as possible or otherwise it will be of great prejudice to the Investment. That the Dutch Vacheel offers 10 ℔ Cent advance if they will furnish him with money and take Bills on Gombroon, as also that he is Consent to Receive the same in Gold, which when exchanged for silver (in Order to give to the Wool merchants) there will arise a Loss of near fifteen ℔ Cent. — That the Govt. have laid a Tax on the inhabitants of Carmenia in which both he & the Dutch Vacheel were included & that they took from each of them seventy five Tomaunds. He Concludes with advising of his sending twenty six loads of Wool weighing nett seven hundred eighty (780) maunds, Carroy at twenty one Rupees ℔ hundred maunds and that he has paid in part thereof eight hundred nineteen (819) Shahees and desires the remainder may be made good at Gombroon. —

Carmenia Linguist letter from & a supply of Cash wanted. represents his want of Warehouses & that the Govt. have taxed him.

Receed twenty six loads of Wool from Carmenia.

Thursday 5th. Signed an address to the Ho. the President & Council of Bombay.

To

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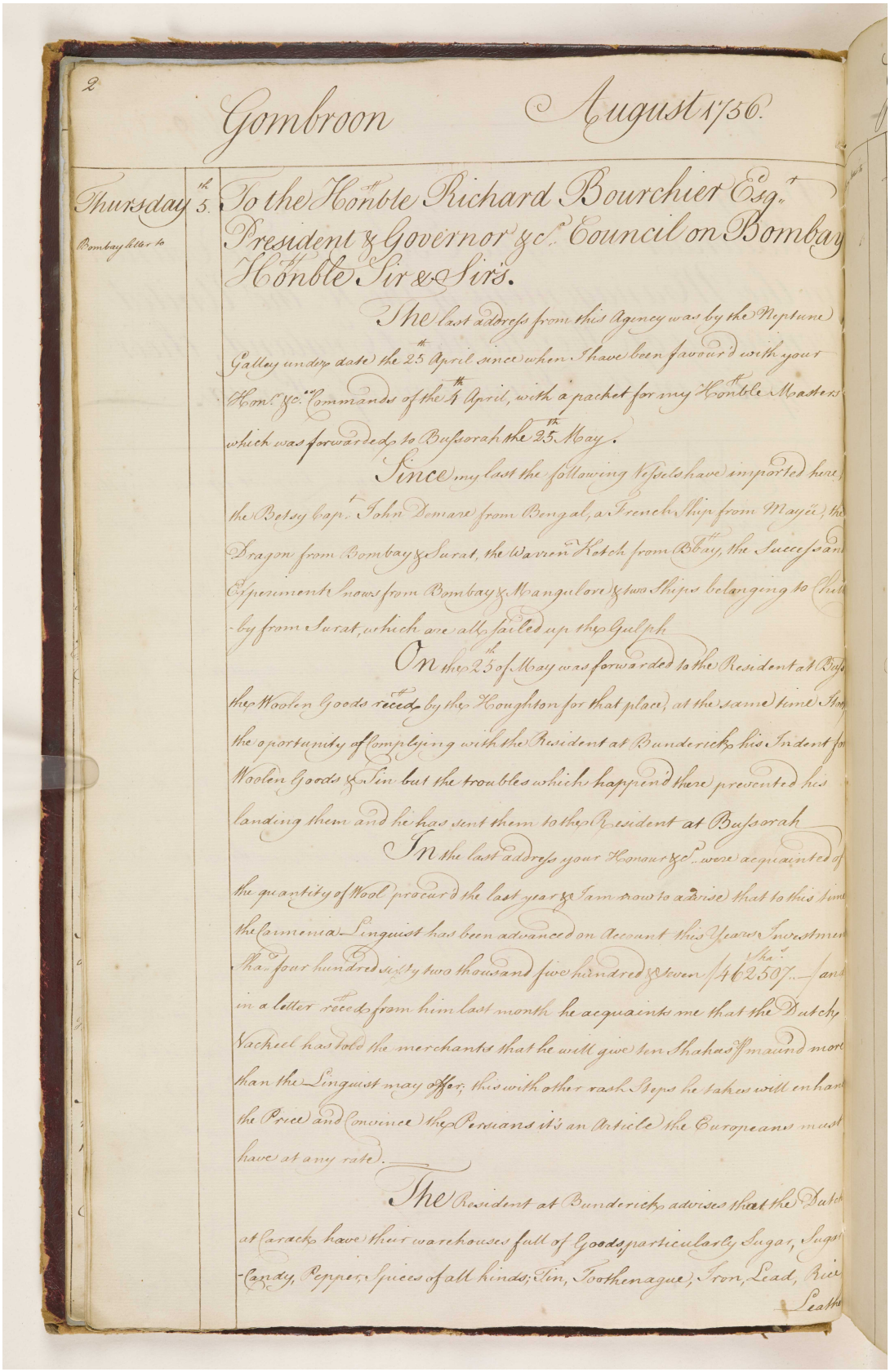

Gombroon August 1756.

Thursday 5th. To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr. President & Governor &c. Council on Bombay

Bombay letter to

Honble Sir & Sirs.

The last address from this Agency was by the Neptune Galley under date the 25th April since when I have been favour'd with your Honr. &c. Commands of the 4th April, with a packet for my Honble Masters which was forwarded to Bussorah the 25th May.

Since my last the following Vessels have imported here, the Betsy Capt. John Demare from Bengal, a French Ship from Mayée, the Dragon from Bombay & Surat, the Warren Ketch from Bbay, the Success and Experiment Snows from Bombay & Mangulore & two Ships belonging to Chilly from Surat, which are all sailed up the Gulph

On the 25th of May was forwarded to the Resident at Buss the Woolen Goods recd by the Houghton for that place, at the same time I took the oportunity of Complying with the Resident at Bunderick his Indent for Woolen Goods & Tin but the troubles which happen'd there prevented his landing them and he has sent them to the Resident at Bussorah

In the last address your Honour &c. were acquainted of the quantity of Wool procur'd the last year & I am now to advise that to this time the Carmenia Linguist has been advanced on Account this Years Investment Shas. four hundred sixty two thousand five hundred & seven /462507.— Shas. and in a letter recd from him last month he acquaints me that the Dutch Vackeel has told the merchants that he will give ten Shahas ff maund more than the Linguist may offer; this with other rash Steps he takes will enhance the Price and Convince the Persians it's an Article the Europeans must have at any rate.

The Resident at Bunderick advises that the Dutch at Carack have their warehouses full of Goods particularly Sugar, Sugar-Candy, Pepper, Spices of all kinds; Tin, Toothenague, Iron, Lead, Rice

Leather

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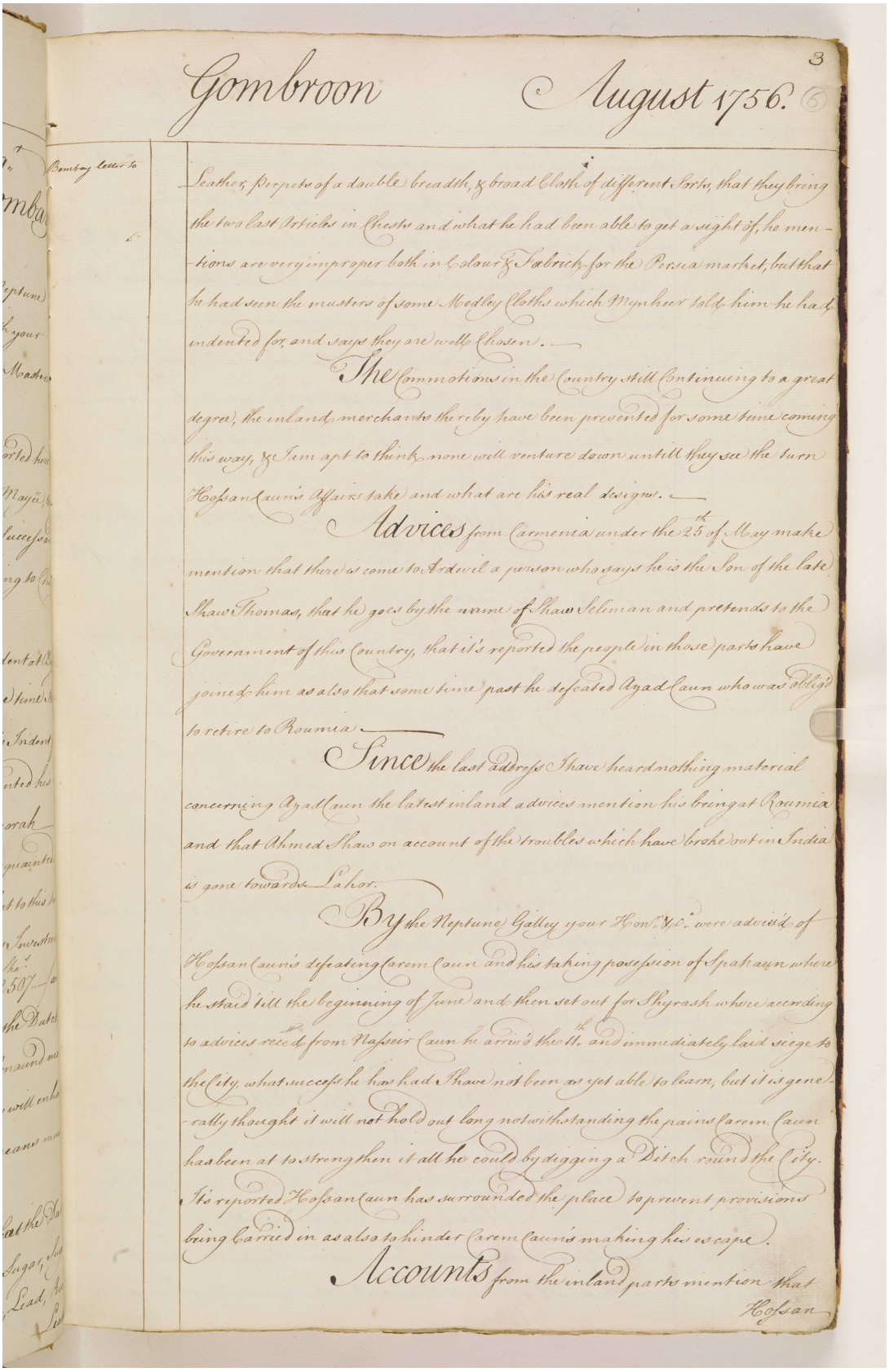

Gombroon August 1756.

Bombay Letter to

Leather, Carpets of a double breadth, & broad Cloth of different Sorts, that they bring the two last Articles in Chests and what he had been able to get a sight of, he mentions are very improper both in Colour & Fabrick for the Persia market, but that he had seen the musters of some Medley Cloths which Mynheer told him he had indented for, and says they are well Chosen.

The Commotions in the Country still Continuing to a great degree, the inland merchants thereby have been prevented for some time coming this way, & I am apt to think none will venture down untill they see the turn Hofsan Caun's Affairs take and what are his real designs.

Advices from Carmenia under the 25th of May make mention that there is come to Ardwil a person who says he is the Son of the late Shaw Thomas, that he goes by the name of Shaw Seliman and pretends to the Government of this Country, that it's reported the people in those parts have joined him as also that some time past he defeated Azad Caun who was obliged to retire to Roumia.

Since the last Advices I have heard nothing material concerning Azad Caun the latest inland advices mention his being at Roumia and that Ahmed Shaw on account of the troubles which have broke out in India is gone towards Lahor.

By the Neptune Galley your Hon.rs &c. were advised of Hofsan Caun's defeating Carem Caun and his taking possession of Spahaun where he staid till the beginning of June and then set out for Shyrash where according to advices receed from Nasseir Caun he arrived the 11th and immediately laid siege to the City, what success he has had I have not been as yet able to learn, but it is generally thought it will not hold out long notwithstanding the pains Carem Caun has been at to strengthen it all he could by digging a Ditch round the City. It's reported Hofsan Caun has surrounded the place to prevent provisions being Carried in as also to hinder Carem Caun's making his escape.

Accounts from the inland parts mention that Hofsan

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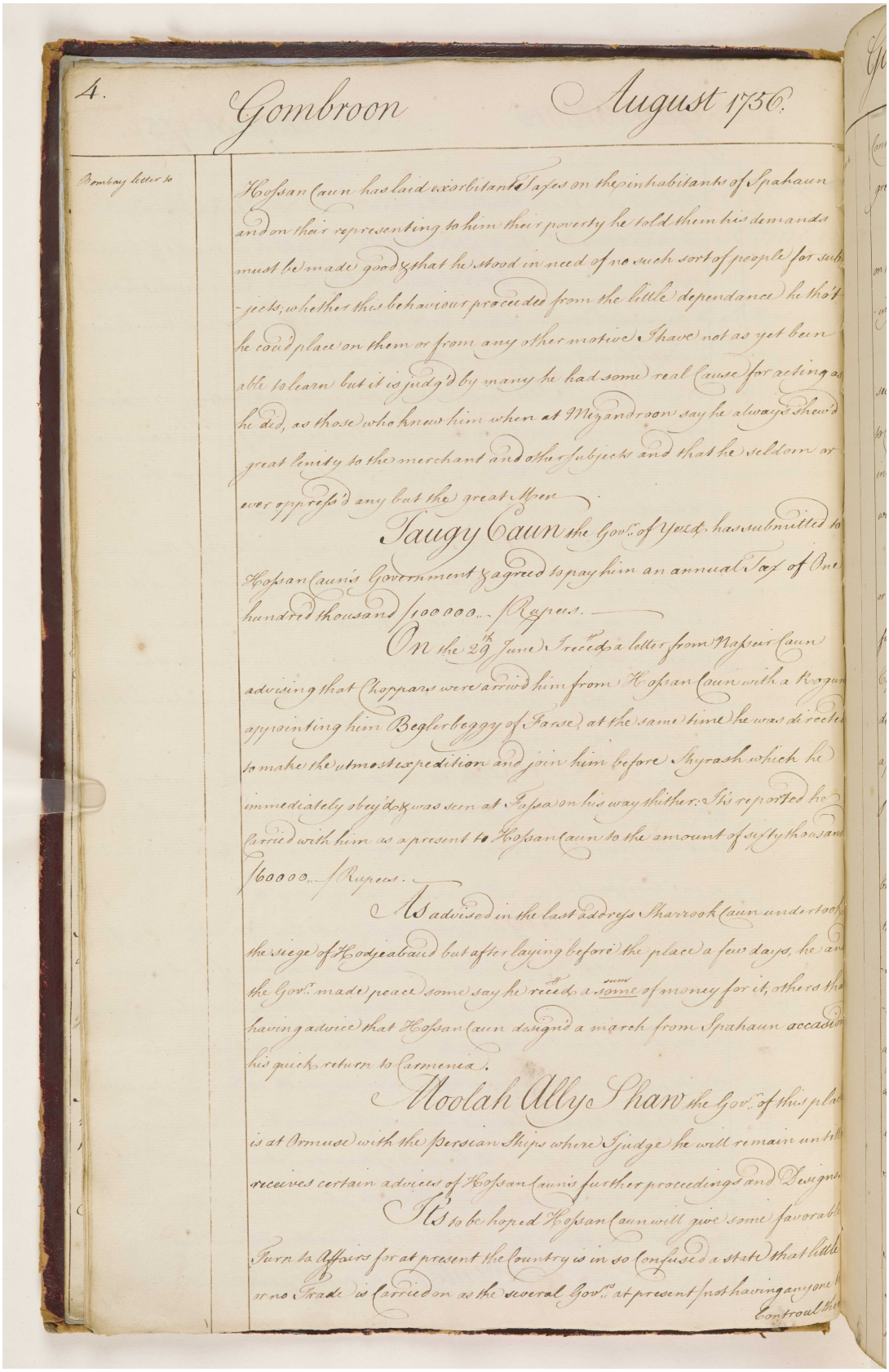

4. Gombroon August 1756.

Bombay letter to

Hossan Caun has laid exorbitant taxes on the inhabitants of Spahaun and on their representing to him their poverty he told them his demands must be made good, that he stood in need of no such sort of people for subjects; whether this behaviour proceeded from the little dependance he thot he could place on them or from any other motive I have not as yet been able to learn but it is judg'd by many he had some real cause for acting as he did, as those who know him when at Meyandroon say he always shew'd great lenity to the merchant and other subjects and that he seldom or ever oppress'd any but the great Men.

Taugy Caun the Gov.r of Yezd has submitted to Hossan Caun's Government & agreed to pay him an annual Tax of One hundred thousand /100000 Rupees.

On the 29th June I receiv'd a letter from Nasser Caun advising that Choppars were arriv'd him from Hossan Caun with a Krogun appointing him Beglerbeggy of Farse, at the same time he was directed to make the utmost expedition and join him before Shyrash which he immediately obey'd & was seen at Fasa on his way thither. It's reported he carried with him as a present to Hossan Caun to the amount of sixty thousand /60000 Rupees.

As advised in the last address Sharrook Caun undertook the siege of Hodjeabaud but after laying before the place a few days, he and the Gov.r made peace some say he receiv'd a some of money for it, others that having advice that Hossan Caun design'd a march from Spahaun occasion'd his quick return to Carmenia.

Moolah Ally Shaw the Gov.r of this place is at Ormuse with the Persian Ships where I judge he will remain until he receives certain advices of Hossan Caun's further proceedings and Designs.

'Tis to be hoped Hossan Caun will give some favorable Turn to Affairs for at present the Country is in so Confused a state that little or no Trade is carried on as the several Gov.rs at present not having any one to Controul the

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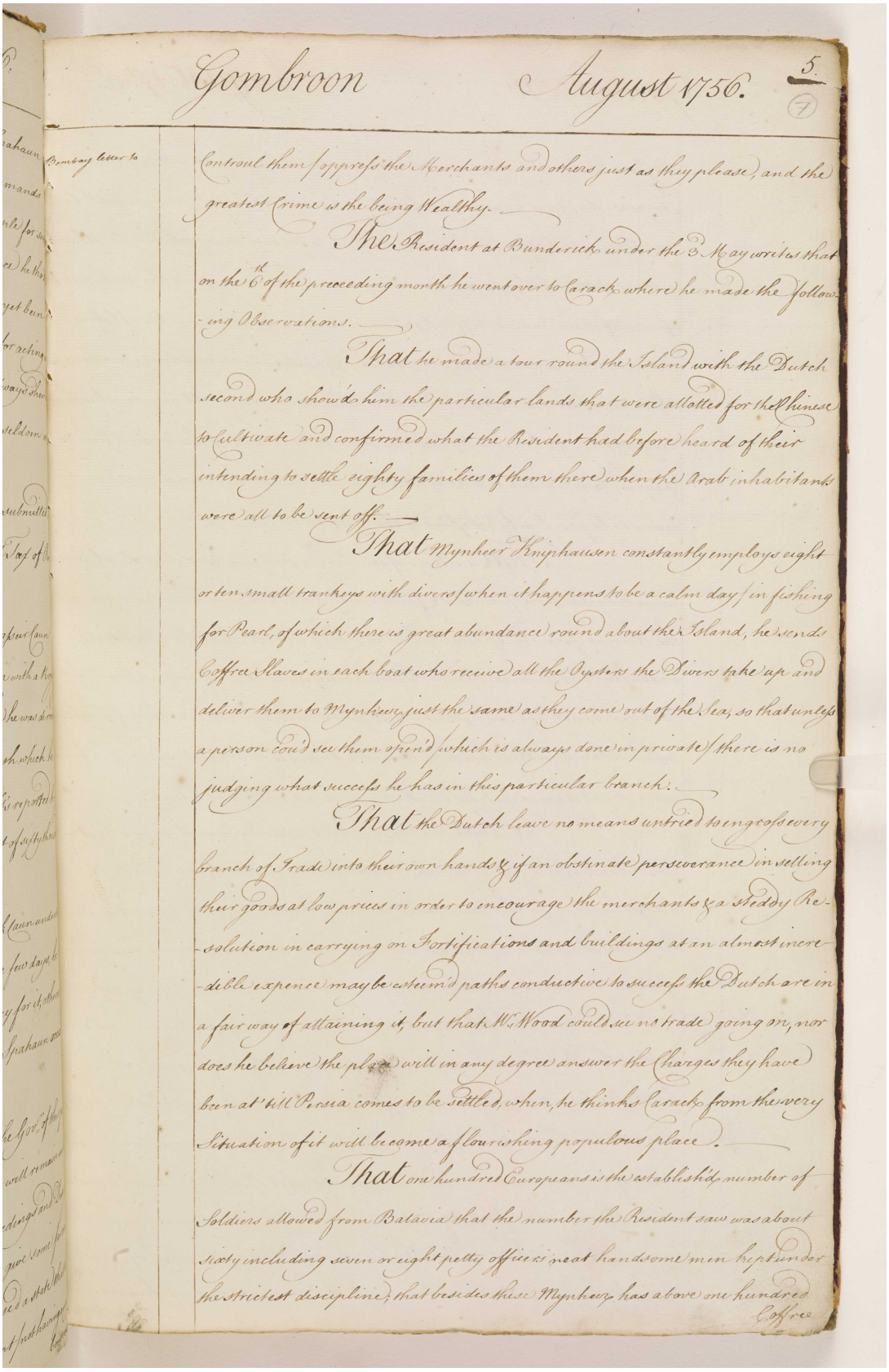

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Bombay Letter to

Controul them oppress the Merchants and others just as they please, and the greatest Crime is the being Wealthy.

The Resident at Bunderick under the 3 May writes that on the 6th of the preceeding month he went over to Carack where he made the following Observations.

That he made a tour round the Island with the Dutch second who shew'd him the particular lands that were allotted for the Chinese to cultivate and confirmed what the Resident had before heard of their intending to settle eighty families of them there when the Arab inhabitants were all to be sent off.

That Mynheer Knipshausen constantly employs eight or ten small trankeys with divers when it happens to be a calm day in fishing for Pearl, of which there is great abundance round about the Island, he sends Coffree Slaves in each boat who receive all the Oysters the Divers take up and deliver them to Mynheer just the same as they come out of the Sea, so that unless a person could see them opend which is always done in private there is no judging what success he has in this particular branch.

That the Dutch leave no means untried to engross every branch of Trade into their own hands & if an obstinate perseverance in selling their goods at low prices in order to encourage the merchants & a steddy Resolution in carrying on Fortifications and buildings at an almost incredible expence may be esteem'd paths conductive to success the Dutch are in a fair way of attaining it, but that Mr Wood could see no trade going on, nor does he believe the place will in any degree answer the Charges they have been at till Persia comes to be settled, when he thinks Carack from the very Situation of it will become a flourishing populous place.

That one hundred Europeans is the established number of Soldiers allowed from Batavia that the number the Resident saw was about sixty including seven or eight petty officers neat handsome men kept under the strictest discipline; that besides these Mynheer has above one hundred Coffree

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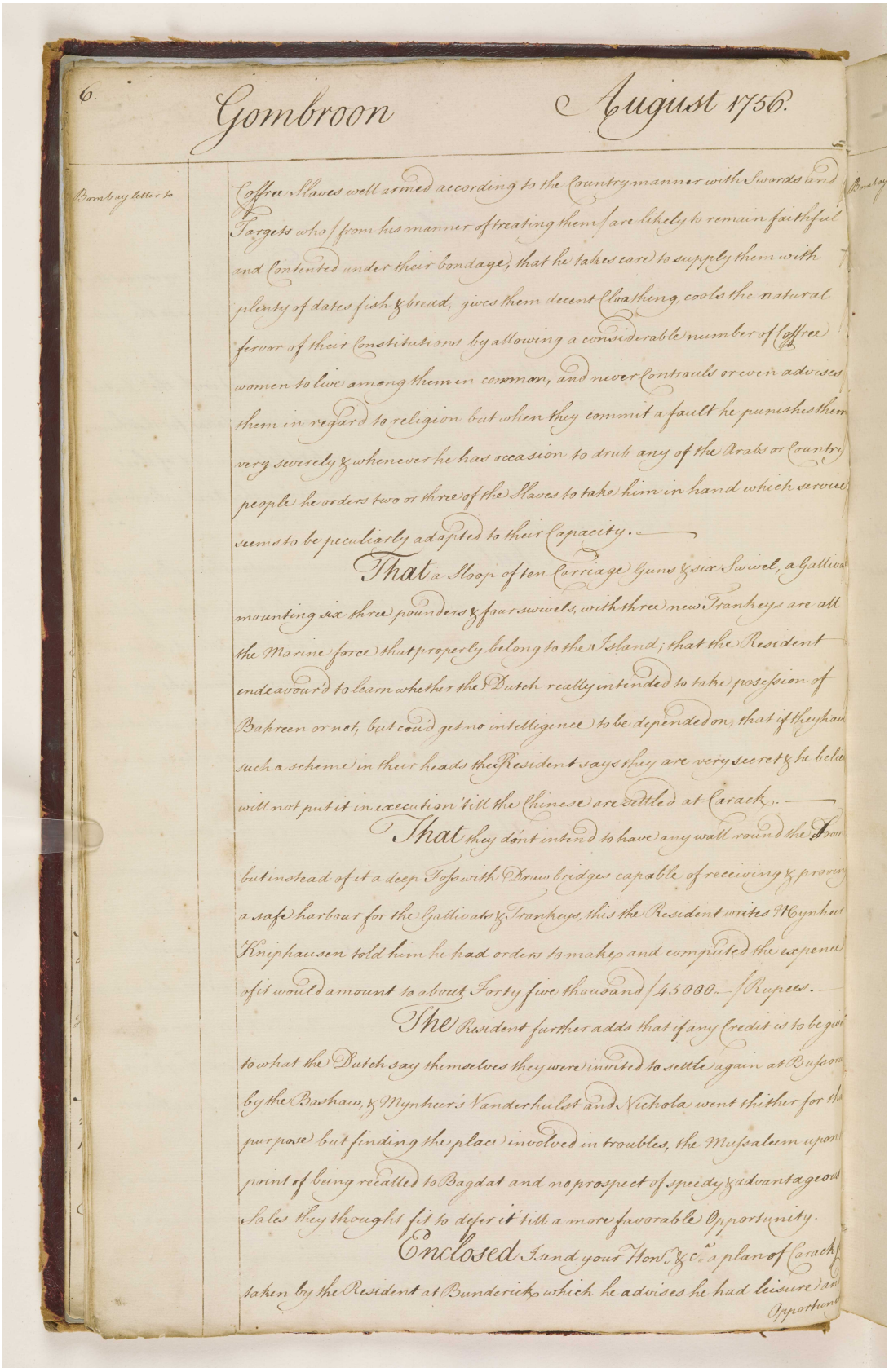

6. Gombroon August 1756.

Bombay letter to

Coffree Slaves well armed according to the Country manner with Swords and Targets who from his manner of treating them are likely to remain faithful and contented under their bondage, that he takes care to supply them with plenty of dates fish & bread, gives them decent Cloathing, cools the natural fervor of their Constitutions by allowing a considerable number of Coffree women to live among them in common, and never controuls or even advises them in regard to religion but when they commit a fault he punishes them very severely & whenever he has occasion to drub any of the Arabs or Country people he orders two or three of the Slaves to take him in hand which service seems to be peculiarly adapted to their Capacity.

That a Sloop of ten Carriage Guns & six Swivel, a Galliwat mounting six three pounders & four swivels, with three new Trankeys are all the Marine force that properly belong to the Island; that the Resident endeavourd to learn whether the Dutch really intended to take possession of Bahreen or not, but could get no intelligence to be depended on, that if they have such a scheme in their heads the Resident says they are very secret & he believes will not put it in execution 'till the Chinese are settled at Carack.

That they dont intend to have any wall round the Town but instead of it a deep Fosse with Draw bridges capable of receiving & proving a safe harbour for the Galliwats & Trankeys, this the Resident writes Mynheer Kniphausen told him he had orders to make and computed the expence of it would amount to about Forty five thousand £45000.— Rupees.

The Resident further adds that if any Credit is to be given to what the Dutch say themselves they were invited to settle again at Bussora by the Bashaw & Mynheer's Vanderhulst and Nichola went thither for that purpose but finding the place involved in troubles, the Musselim upon point of being recalled to Bagdat and no prospect of speedy & advantageous Sales they thought fit to defer it 'till a more favorable Opportunity.

Enclosed I send your Hon.r & c.a a plan of Carack taken by the Resident at Bunderick which he advises he had leisure and Opportunity

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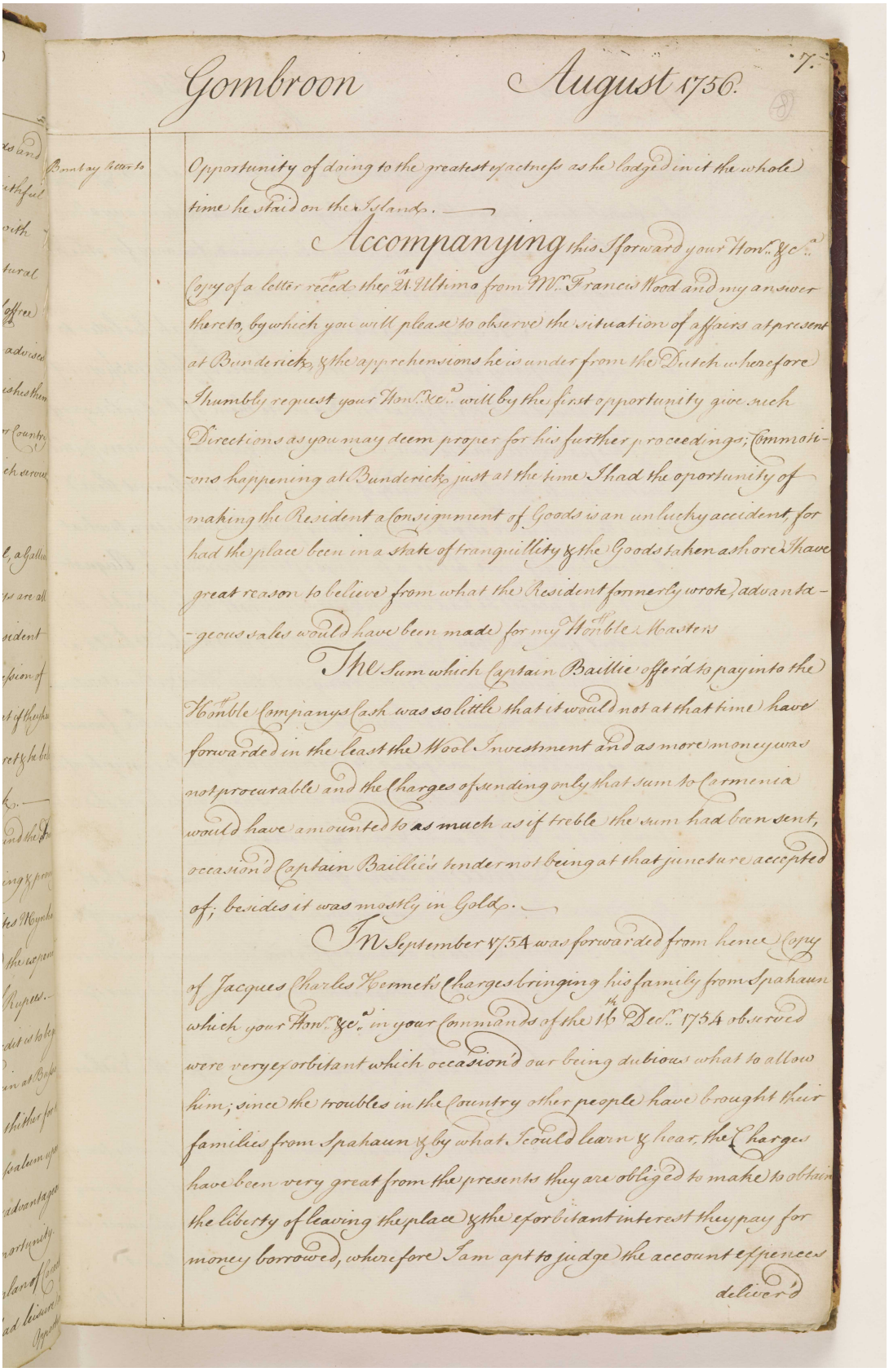

Gombroon August 1756. 7.

Bombay letter to

Opportunity of doing to the greatest exactness as he lodged in it the whole time he staid on the Island.

Accompanying this I forward your Hon.r &c.a Copy of a letter recd. the 21st Ultimo from Mr. Francis Wood and my answer thereto, by which you will please to observe the situation of affairs at present at Bunderick, & the apprehensions he is under from the Dutch wherefore I humbly request your Hon.r &c.a will by the first opportunity give such Directions as you may deem proper for his further proceedings; Commotions happening at Bunderick just at the time I had the oportunity of making the Resident a Consignment of Goods is an unlucky accident, for had the place been in a state of tranquillity & the Goods taken ashore I have great reason to believe from what the Resident formerly wrote, advantageous sales would have been made for my Hon.ble Masters

The Sum which Captain Baillie offer'd to pay into the Hon.ble Companys Cash was so little that it would not at that time have forwarded in the least the Wool Investment and as more money was not procurable and the Charges of sending only that sum to Carmenia would have amounted to as much as if treble the sum had been sent, occasion'd Captain Baillie's tender not being at that juncture accepted of; besides it was mostly in Gold.

In September 1754 was forwarded from hence Copy of Jacques Charles Hermet's Charges bringing his family from Spahaun which your Hon.r &c.a in your Commands of the 16th Dec.r 1754 observed were very exorbitant which occasion'd our being dubious what to allow him; since the troubles in the Country other people have brought their families from Spahaun & by what I could learn & hear, the Charges have been very great from the presents they are obliged to make to obtain the liberty of leaving the place & the exorbitant interest they pay for money borrowed, wherefore I am apt to judge the account expences

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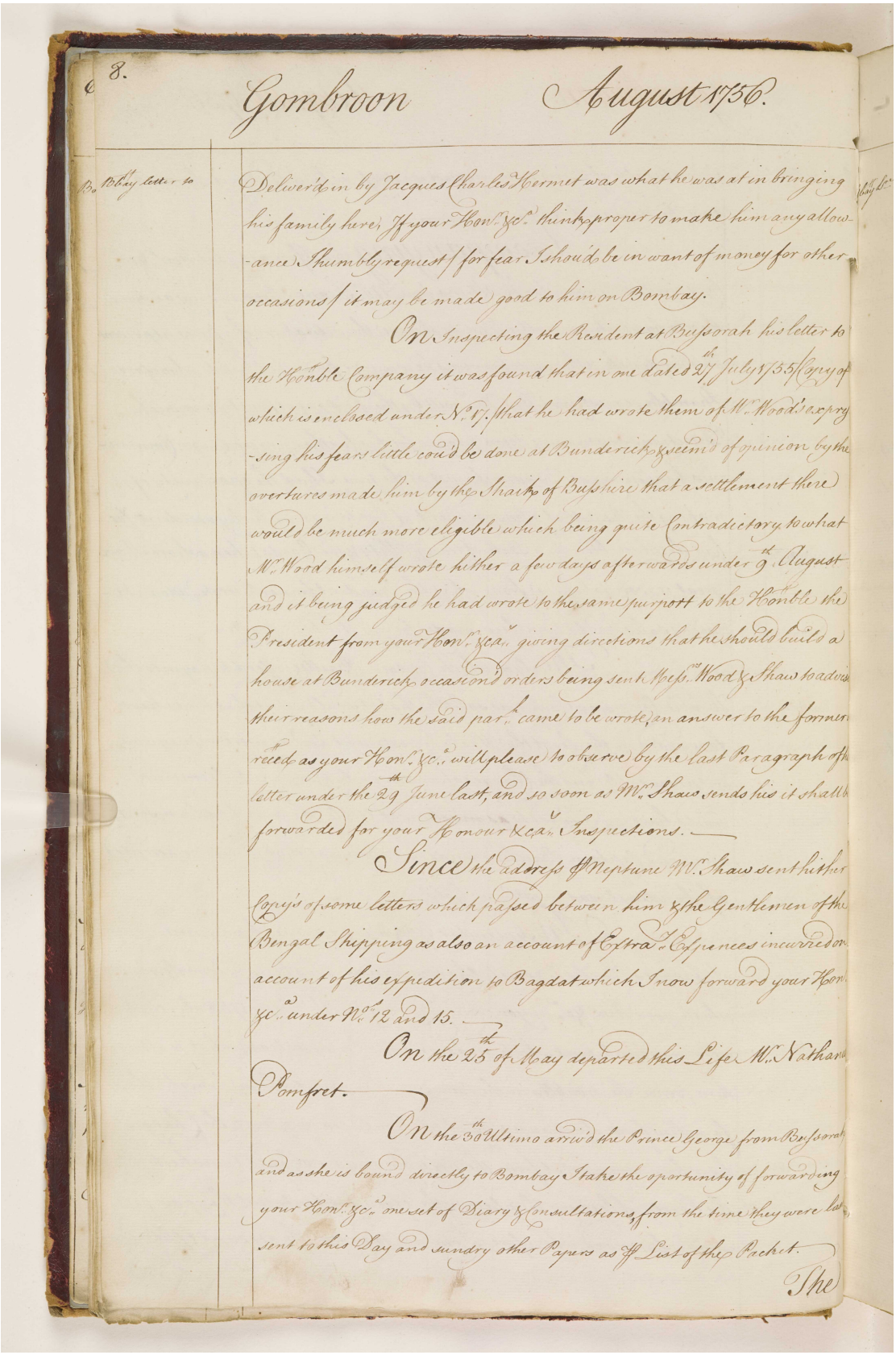

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Gombroon August 1756.

Bombay letter to

Deliver'd in by Jacques Charles Hermet was what he was at in bringing his family here, If your Hon.r &c.a think proper to make him any allowance I humbly request (for fear I shou'd be in want of money for other occasions) it may be made good to him on Bombay.

On Inspecting the Resident at Bussorah his letter to the Hon.ble Company it was found that in one dated 27th July 1755 (Copy of which is enclosed under No. 17) that he had wrote them of Mr. Wood's expressing his fears little cou'd be done at Bunderick & seem'd of opinion by the overtures made him by the Shaik of Busshire that a settlement there would be much more eligible which being quite Contradictory to what Mr. Wood himself wrote hither a few days afterwards under 9th August and it being judged he had wrote to the same purport to the Hon.ble the President from your Hon.r &c.a giving directions that he should build a house at Bunderick occasion'd orders being sent Mess.rs Wood & Shaw to advise their reasons how the said par.h came to be wrote, an answer to the former rec.d as your Hon.r &c.a will please to observe by the last Paragraph of his letter under the 29th June last, and so soon as Mr. Shaw sends his it shall be forwarded for your Honour &c.a Inspections.

Since the address of Neptune Mr. Shaw sent hither Copy's of some letters which passed between him & the Gentlemen of the Bengal Shipping as also an account of Extra.y Expences incurred on account of his expedition to Bagdat which I now forward your Hon.r &c.a under No.s 12 and 15.

On the 25th of May departed this Life Mr. Nathan Pomfret.

On the 30th Ultimo arriv'd the Prince George from Bussorah and as she is bound directly to Bombay I take the oportunity of forwarding your Hon.r &c.a one set of Diary & Consultations, from the time they were last sent to this Day and sundry other Papers as of List of the Packet.

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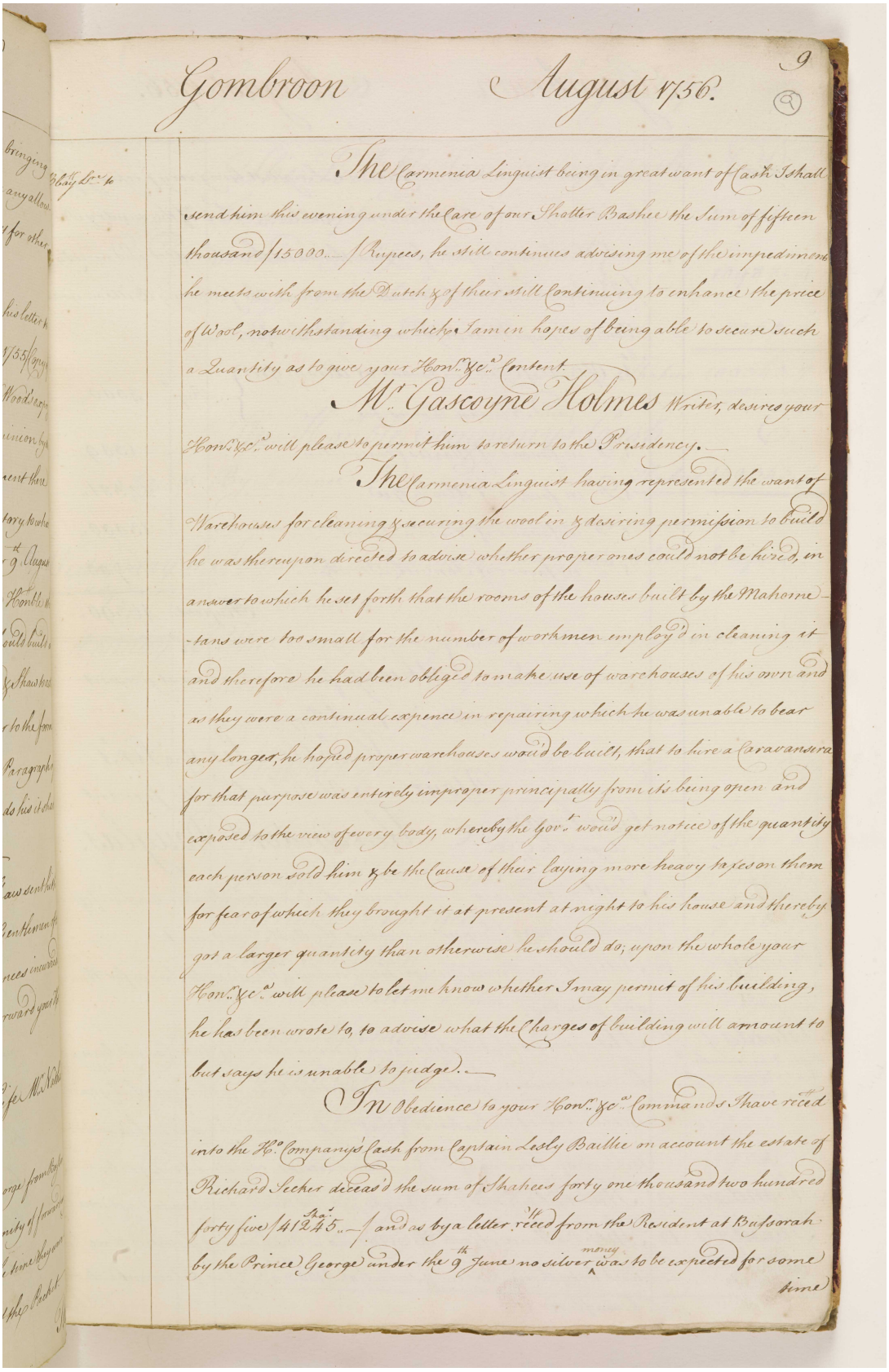

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The Armenia Linguist being in great want of Cash. I shall send him this evening under the Care of our Shotter Bashee the Sum of fifteen thousand /15000 Rupees, he still continues advising me of the impediments he meets with from the Dutch &c of their still Continuing to enhance the price of Wool, notwithstanding which I am in hopes of being able to secure such a Quantity as to give your Hon.ble &c.a Content.

Mr. Gascoyne Holmes Writer, desires your Hon.ble &c.a will please to permit him to return to the Presidency.

The Armenia Linguist having represented the want of Warehouses for cleaning &c securing the wool in &c desiring permission to build he was thereupon directed to advise whether proper ones could not be hired, in answer to which he set forth that the rooms of the houses built by the Mahometans were too small for the number of workmen employ'd in cleaning it and therefore he had been obliged to make use of warehouses of his own and as they were a continual expence in repairing which he was unable to bear any longer, he hoped proper warehouses would be built, that to hire a Caravansera for that purpose was entirely improper principally from it's being open and exposed to the view of every body, whereby the Gov.t would get notice of the quantity each person sold him &c be the Cause of their laying more heavy taxes on them for fear of which they brought it at present at night to his house and thereby got a larger quantity than otherwise he should do; upon the whole your Hon.ble &c.a will please to let me know whether I may permit of his building, he has been wrote to, to advise what the Charges of building will amount to but says he is unable to judge.

In Obedience to your Hon.ble &c.a Commands I have rec.d into the H.o Company's Cash from Captain Lesly Baillie on account the estate of Richard Secker deceas'd the Sum of Shahees forty one thousand two hundred forty five /41245 and as by a letter rec.d from the Resident at Bussorah by the Prince George under the 9th June no silver money was to be expected for some time

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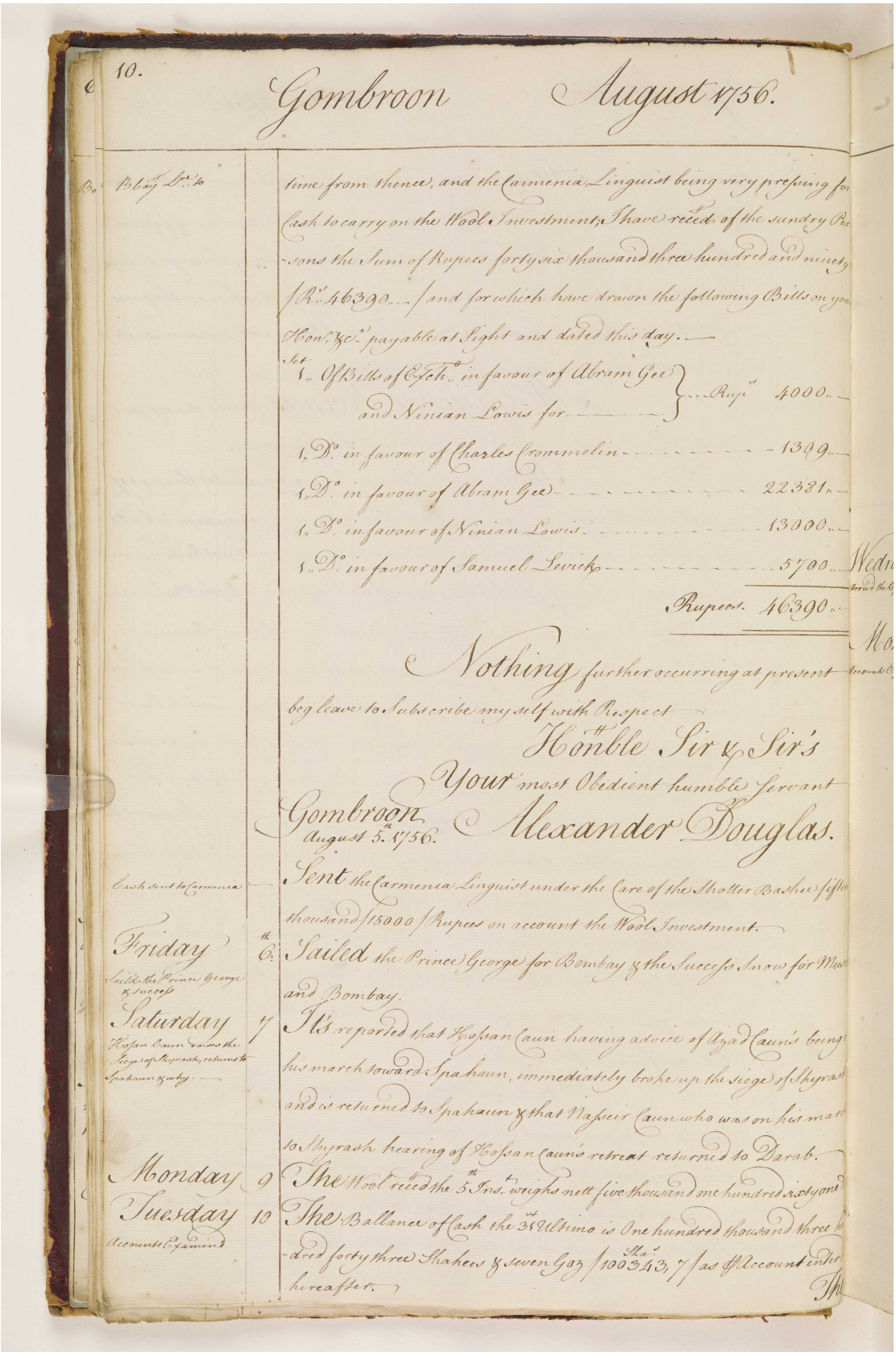

10.

Gombroon August 1756.

Bbay Dr. to

time from thence, and the Carmenia Linguist being very pressing for Cash to carry on the Wool Investment; I have recd. of the sundry Persons the Sum of Rupees forty six thousand three hundred and ninety (Rs. 46390..) and for which have drawn the following Bills on your Hon. &c. payable at Sight and dated this day.

Set
1 Of Bills of Exch. in favour of Abram Gee and Ninian Lowis for ... Rupees 4000..
1 Do. in favour of Charles Crommelin ... 1309..
1 Do. in favour of Abram Gee ... 22381..
1 Do. in favour of Ninian Lowis ... 13000..
1 Do. in favour of Samuel Levick ... 5700..

Rupees. 46390..

Nothing further occurring at present beg leave to Subscribe my self with Respect

Honble Sir & Sir's
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Alexander Douglas.

Gombroon August 5th 1756.

Cash sent to Carmenia — Sent the Carmenia Linguist under the Care of the Shotter Bashee fifteen thousand (15000) Rupees on account the Wool Investment.

Friday 6th — Sailed the Prince George for Bombay & the Success Snow for Muscat and Bombay.
Sailed the Prince George & Success

Saturday 7 — It's reported that Hossan Caun having advice of Azad Caun's being on his march toward Spahaun, immediately broke up the siege of Shyrash and is returned to Spahaun & that Nasseir Caun who was on his march to Shyrash hearing of Hossan Caun's retreat returned to Darab.
Hossan Caun raises the Siege of Shyrash, returns to Spahaun & why.

Monday 9 — The Wool recd. the 5th Inst. weighs nett five thousand one hundred sixty one

Tuesday 10 — The Ballance of Cash the 31st Ultimo is One hundred thousand three hundred forty three Shahees & seven Goz (100343, 7 Shas.) as ff Account enter hereafter.
Accounts Examined

The

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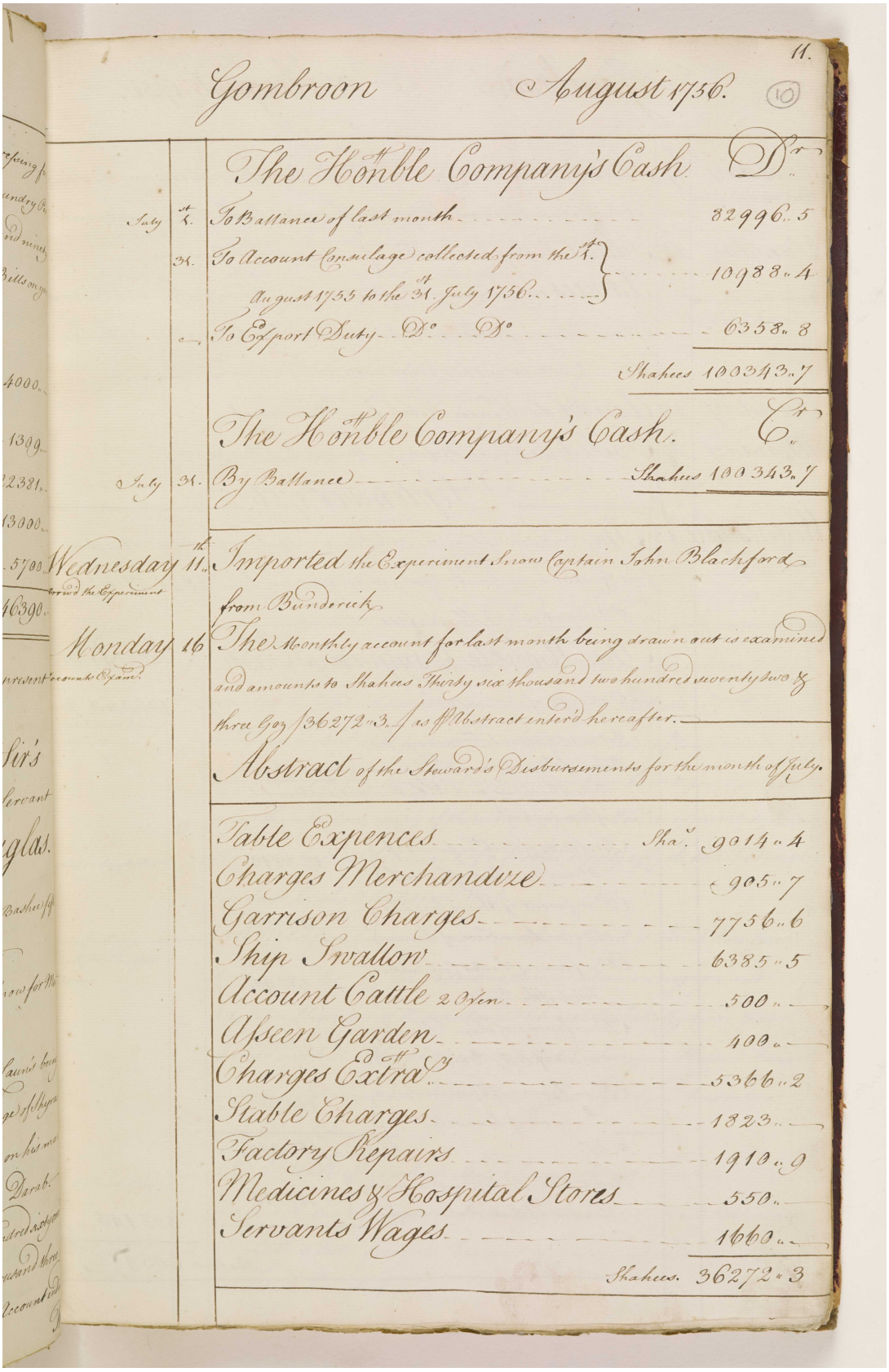

11.

Gombroon August 1756. (10)

The Honble Company's Cash Dr.

July	1st	To Ballance of last month	82996..5
	31.	To Account Consulage collected from the 1st August 1755 to the 31st July 1756	10988..4
	—	To Export Duty Do. Do.	6358..8
		Shahees	100343..7

The Honble Company's Cash. Cr.

July	31.	By Ballance Shahees	100343..7

Wednesday 11th. Imported the Experiment Snow Captain John Blackford from Bunderick

Arrived the Experiment

Monday 16 The Monthly account for last month being drawn out is examined and amounts to Shahees Thirty six thousand two hundred seventy two & three Goz /36272..3./ as ff Abstract enter'd hereafter.

Accounts Exam.

Abstract of the Steward's Disbursements for the month of July.

Table Expences	Sha^s.	9014..4
Charges Merchandize		905..7
Garrison Charges		7756..6
Ship Swallow		6385..5
Account Cattle 2 Oxen		500..
Asseen Garden		400..
Charges Extra^ly		5366..2
Stable Charges		1823..
Factory Repairs		1910..9
Medicines & Hospital Stores		550..
Servants Wages		1660..
	Shahees.	36272..3

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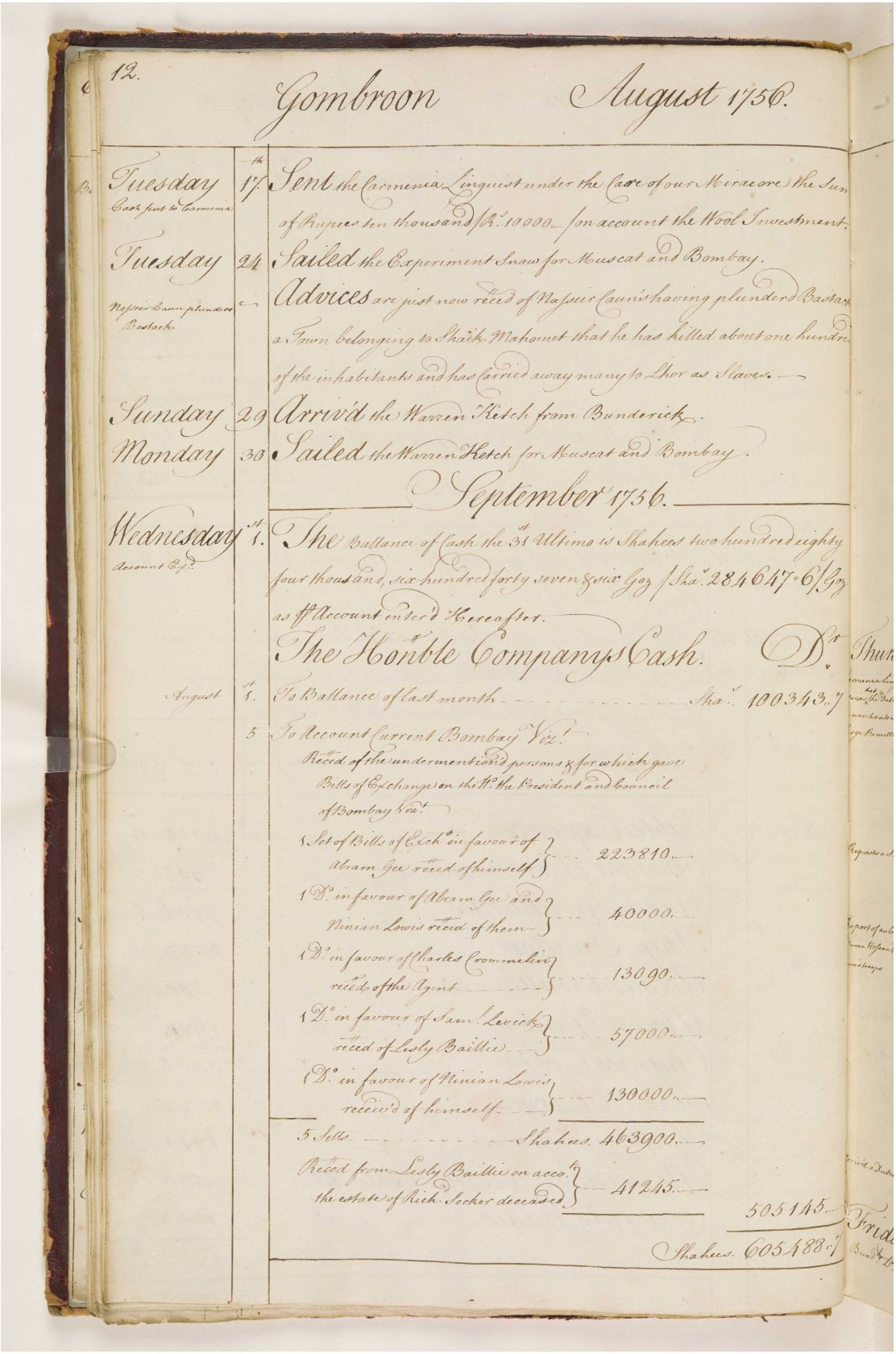

12.

Gombroon August 1756.

Tuesday Cash sent to Carmenia	17th	Sent the Carmenia Linguist under the Care of our Miracore the Sum of Rupees ten thousand /Rs. 10000.– / on account the Wool Investment.
Tuesday	24	Sailed the Experiment Snow for Muscat and Bombay.
Nasseir Caun plunders Bastack	–	Advices are just now recd of Nasseir Caun's having plunderd Bastack a Town belonging to Shaik Mahomet that he has killed about one hundred of the inhabitants and has carried away many to Lhor as Slaves.
Sunday	29	Arriv'd the Warren Ketch from Bunderick.
Monday	30	Sailed the Warren Ketch for Muscat and Bombay.

September 1756.

Wednesday Account Exd.	1st	The Ballance of Cash the 31st Ultimo is Shahees two hundred eighty four thousand, six hundred forty seven & six Goz /Shas. 284647.6/ Goz as ff Account enter'd Hereafter.

The Honble Companys Cash. Dr.

August	1st	To Ballance of last month	Shas.	100343.7
	5	To Account Current Bombay Vizt.		
		Recd of the undermentiond persons & for which gave Bills of Exchange on the Hd. the President and Council of Bombay Vizt.		
		1 Set of Bills of Exch. in favour of Abram Gee recd of himself	223810.–	
		1 Do. in favour of Abram Gee and Ninian Lowis recd of them	40000.–	
		1 Do. in favour of Charles Crommelin recd of the Agent	13090.–	
		1 Do. in favour of Saml. Levick recd of Lesly Baillie	57000.–	
		1 Do. in favour of Ninian Lowis receiv'd of himself	130000.–	
		5 Setts	Shahees. 463900.–	
		Recd from Lesly Baillie on acco. the estate of Richd. Secker deceased	41245.–	
				505145.–
			Shahees.	605488.7

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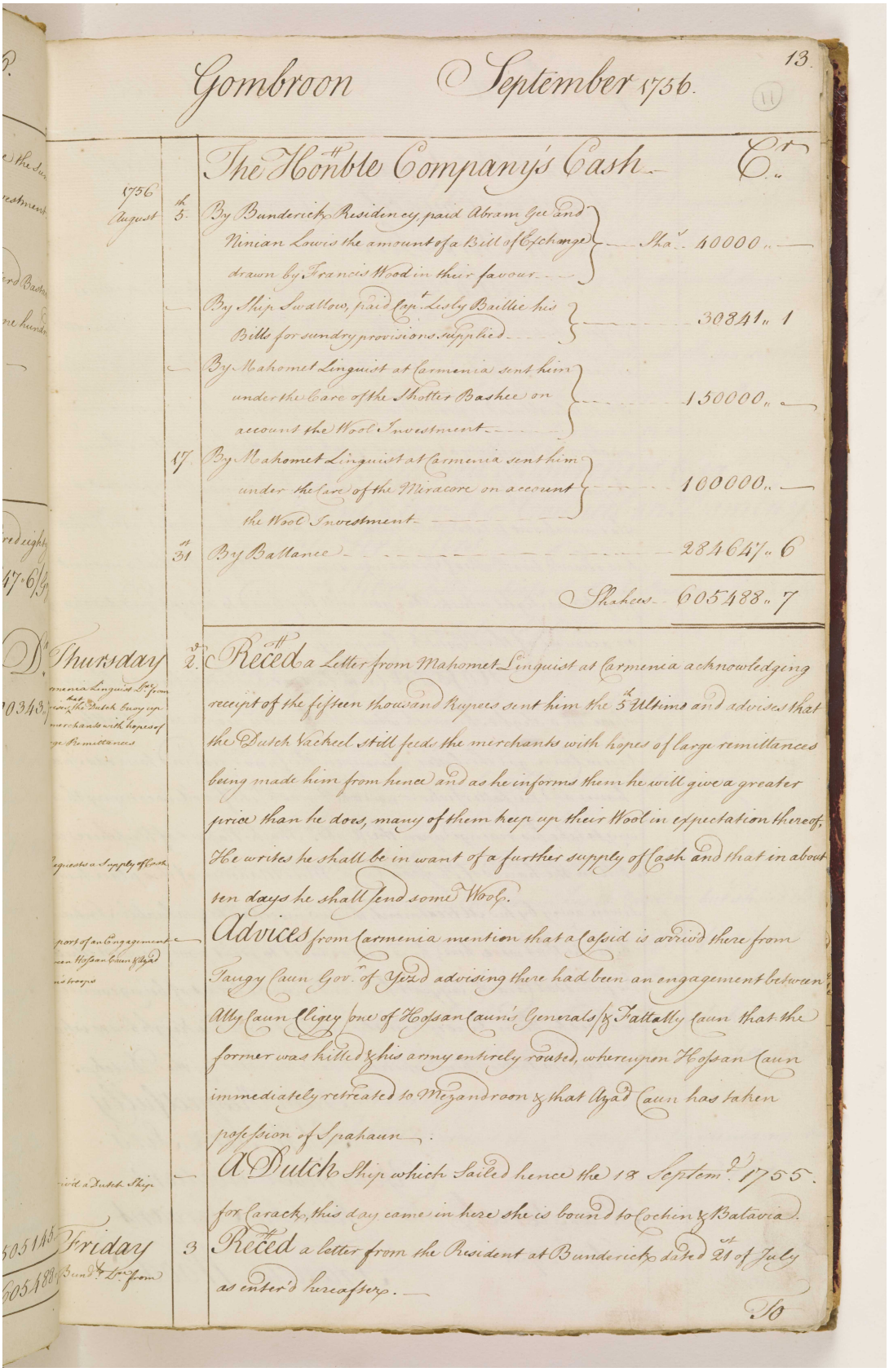

Gombroon September 1756. 13. (11)

The Honble Company's Cash — Cr.

1756 August	5th	By Bunderick Residency, paid Abram Gee and Ninian Lowis the amount of a Bill of Exchange drawn by Francis Wood in their favour	Shas. 40000 " —
	—	By Ship Swallow, paid Capt. Lesly Baillie his Bills for sundry provisions supplied	30841 " 1
	—	By Mahomet Linguist at Carmenia sent him under the Care of the Shotter Bashee on account the Wool Investment	150000 " —
	17	By Mahomet Linguist at Carmenia sent him under the Care of the Miracore on account the Wool Investment	100000 " —
	31st	By Ballance	284647 " 6
		Shahees	605488 " 7

Thursday 2d. Recd a Letter from Mahomet Linguist at Carmenia acknowledging receipt of the fifteen thousand Rupees sent him the 5th Ultimo and advises that the Dutch Vackeel still feeds the merchants with hopes of large remittances being made him from hence and as he informs them he will give a greater price than he does, many of them keep up their Wool in expectation thereof, He writes he shall be in want of a further supply of Cash and that in about ten days he shall send some Wool.

Advices from Carmenia mention that a Cassid is arriv'd there from Taugy Caun Govr. of Yezd advising there had been an engagement between Ally Caun Cligey (one of Hossan Caun's Generals) & Fattally Caun that the former was killed & his army entirely routed, whereupon Hossan Caun immediately retreated to Mezandroon & that Azad Caun has taken possession of Spahaun.

A Dutch Ship which Sailed hence the 18 Septemr. 1755. for Carack, this day came in here she is bound to Cochin & Batavia.

Friday 3 Recd a letter from the Resident at Bunderick dated 21st of July as enter'd hereafter.

To

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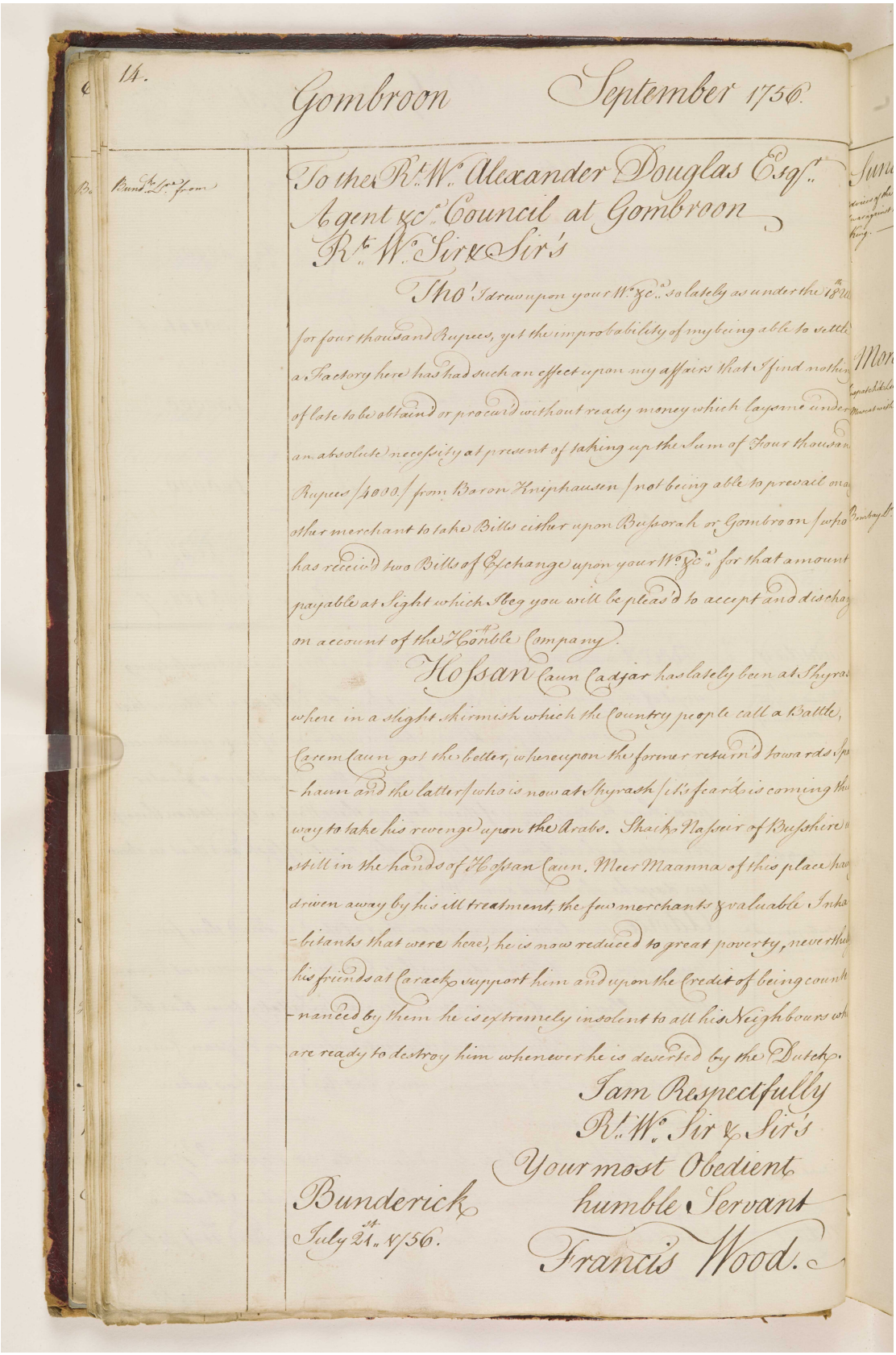

14.

Gombroon September 1756.

Bund.r Ld.r from

To the Rt. Wo. Alexander Douglas Esqr.
Agent &c.a Council at Gombroon
Rt. Wo. Sir & Sir's

Tho' I drew upon your Wo. &c.a so lately as under the 18th
for four thousand Rupees, yet the improbability of my being able to settle
a Factory here has had such an effect upon my affairs that I find nothing
of late to be obtain'd or procur'd without ready money which lays me under
an absolute necessity at present of taking up the Sum of Four thousand
Rupees (4000.) from Baron Kniphausen (not being able to prevail on any
other merchant to take Bills either upon Bussorah or Gombroon (who
has receiv'd two Bills of Exchange upon your Wo. &c.a for that amount
payable at Sight which I beg you will be pleas'd to accept and discharge
on account of the Honble Company.

Hossan Caun Cadjar has lately been at Shyrash
where in a slight skirmish which the Country people call a Battle,
Carem Caun got the better, whereupon the former return'd towards Spa-
-haun and the latter (who is now at Shyrash (it's fear'd is coming this
way to take his revenge upon the Arabs. Shaik Nasseir of Bussheir is
still in the hands of Hossan Caun. Meer Maanna of this place have
driven away by his ill treatment, the few merchants & valuable Inha-
-bitants that were here, he is now reduced to great poverty, nevertheless
his friends at Carack support him and upon the Credit of being counte-
-nanced by them he is extremely insolent to all his Neighbours who
are ready to destroy him whenever he is deserted by the Dutch.

I am Respectfully
Rt. Wo. Sir & Sir's
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Francis Wood.

Bunderick
July 21st 1756.

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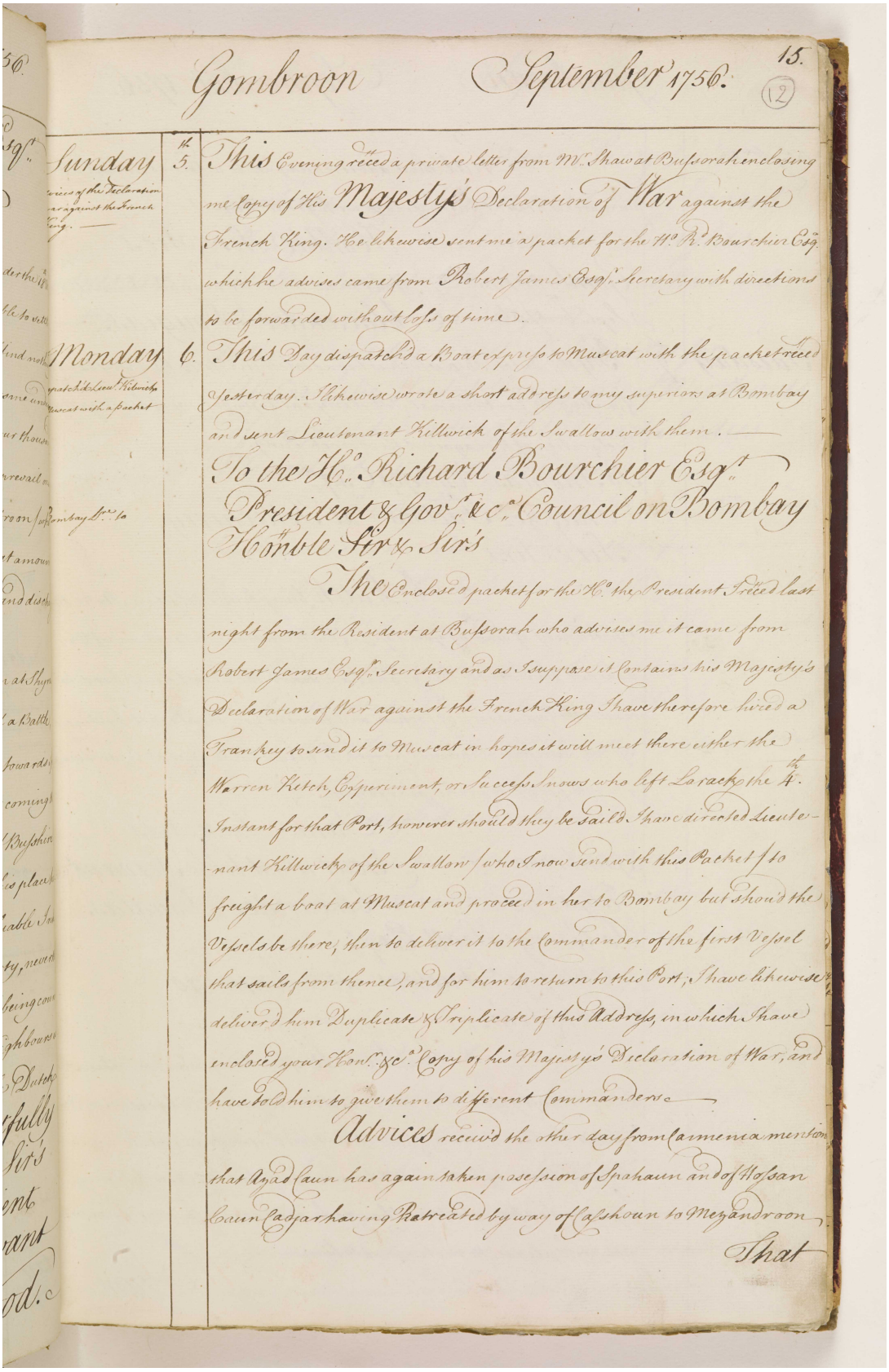

Gombroon September 1756. 15. (12)

Sunday 5. This Evening receed a private letter from Mr. Shaw at Bussorah enclosing me Copy of His Majesty's Declaration of War against the French King. He likewise sent me a packet for the Hon. R. Bourchier Esq. which he advises came from Robert James Esq. Secretary with directions to be forwarded without loss of time.

Monday 6. This Day dispatched a Boat express to Muscat with the packet receed Yesterday. I likewise wrote a short address to my superiors at Bombay and sent Lieutenant Killwich of the Swallow with them.

To the Hon. Richard Bourchier Esq. President & Gov. &c. Council on Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Enclosed packet for the Hon. the President receed last night from the Resident at Bussorah who advises me it came from Robert James Esq. Secretary and as I suppose it contains his Majesty's Declaration of War against the French King I have therefore hired a Frankey to send it to Muscat in hopes it will meet there either the Warren Ketch, Experiment, or Success Snows who left Larack the 4th Instant for that Port, however should they be Sailed I have directed Lieutenant Killwick of the Swallow (who I now send with this Packet) to freight a boat at Muscat and proceed in her to Bombay but should the Vessels be there, then to deliver it to the Commander of the first Vessel that sails from thence, and for him to return to this Port; I have likewise deliver'd him Duplicate & Triplicate of this Address, in which I have enclosed your Hon. &c. Copy of his Majesty's Declaration of War, and have told him to give them to different Commanders.

Advices receiv'd the other day from Carmenia mention that Ayas Caun has again taken possession of Spahaun and of Hossan Caun Cadjar having Retreated by way of Cashoun to Meyandroon

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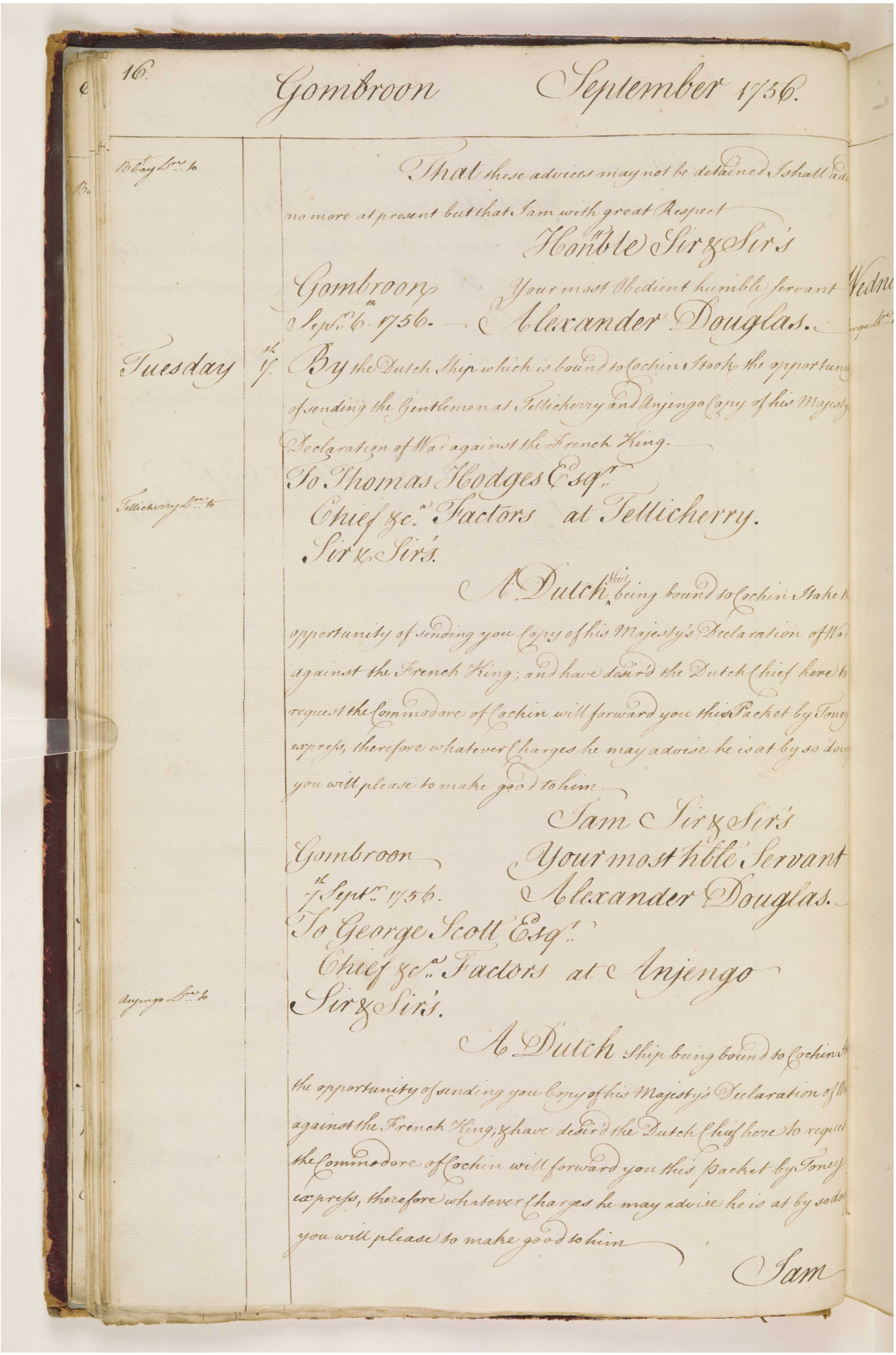

16. Gombroon September 1756.

Blay Ltr. to

That these advices may not be detained I shall add no more at present but that I am with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sir's

Gombroon Septr. 6th 1756.

Your most Obedient humble servant
Alexander Douglas.

Tuesday 7th

By the Dutch Ship which is bound to Cochin I took the opportunity of sending the Gentlemen at Tellicherry and Anjengo Copy of his Majesty's Declaration of War against the French King.

Tellicherry Ltr. to

To Thomas Hodges Esqr.
Chief &c^a. Factors at Tellicherry.
Sir & Sir's.

A Dutch Ship being bound to Cochin I take the opportunity of sending you Copy of his Majesty's Declaration of War against the French King; and have desir'd the Dutch Chief here to request the Commodore of Cochin will forward you this Packet by Toney express, therefore whatever Charges he may advise he is at by so doing you will please to make good to him

I am Sir & Sir's

Gombroon 7th Septr. 1756.

Your most h^ble Servant
Alexander Douglas.

To George Scott Esqr.
Chief &c^a. Factors at Anjengo

Anjengo Ltr. to

Sir & Sir's.

A Dutch Ship being bound to Cochin I take the opportunity of sending you Copy of his Majesty's Declaration of War against the French King; & have desir'd the Dutch Chief here to request the Commodore of Cochin will forward you this packet by Toney express, therefore whatever Charges he may advise he is at by so doing you will please to make good to him

I am

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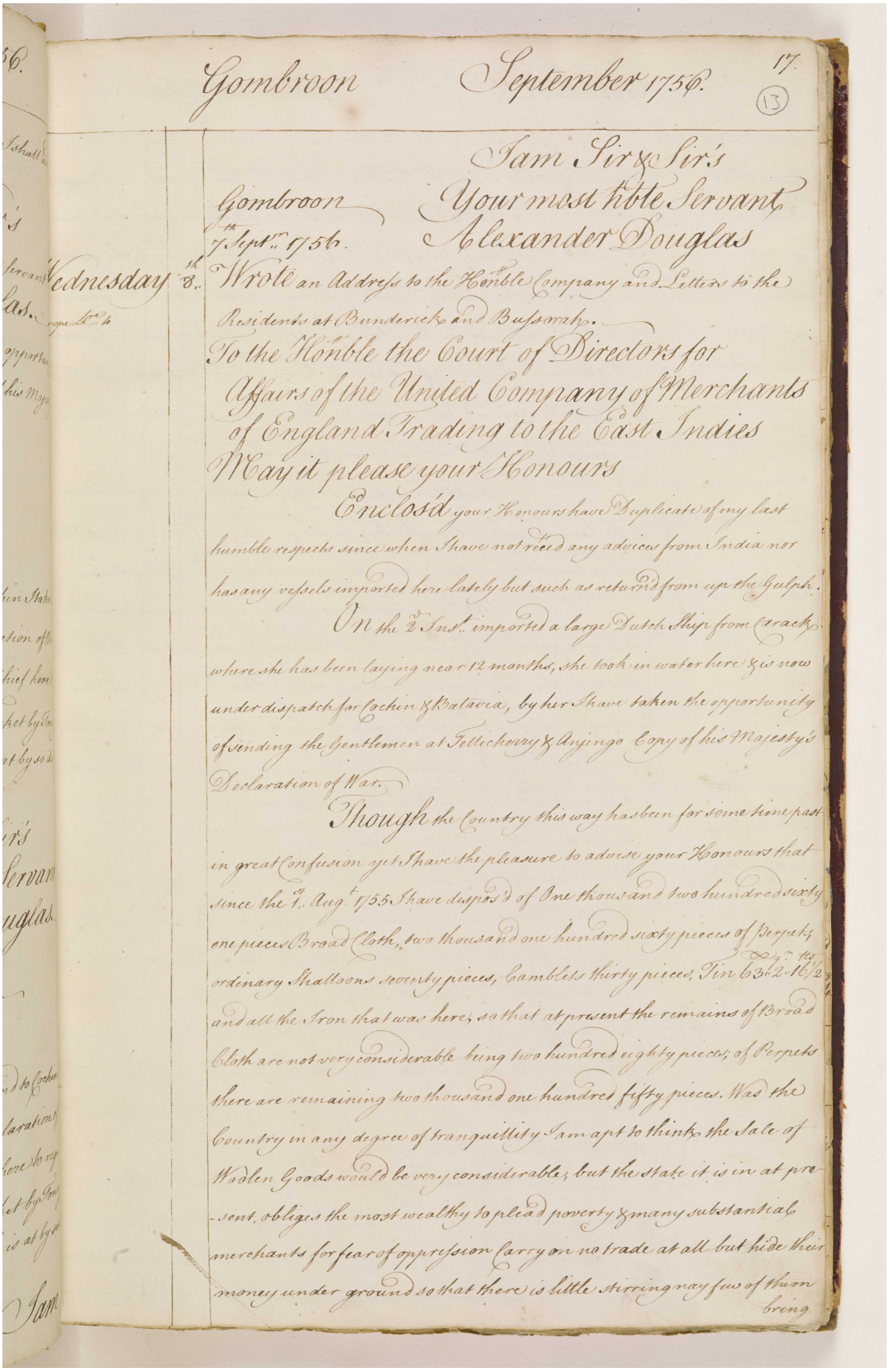

Gombroon September 1756. 17. (13)

Gombroon 7th Septr. 1756.

Jam Sir & Sir's
Your most hble Servant
Alexander Douglas

Wednesday 8th Wrote an Address to the Honble Company and Letters to the Residents at Bunderick and Bussorah.

To the Honble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies

May it please your Honours

Enclos'd your Honours have Duplicate of my last humble respects since when I have not receed any advices from India nor has any vessels imported here lately but such as return'd from up the Gulph.

On the 2d Inst. imported a large Dutch Ship from Carack where she has been laying near 12 months, she took in water here & is now under dispatch for Cochin & Batavia, by her I have taken the opportunity of sending the Gentlemen at Tellicherry & Anjengo Copy of his Majesty's Declaration of War.

Though the Country this way has been for some time past in great Confusion yet I have the pleasure to advise your Honours that since the 1st Augt. 1755 I have dispos'd of One thousand two hundred sixty one pieces Broad Cloth, two thousand one hundred sixty pieces of Perpets, ordinary Shalloons seventy pieces, Camblets thirty pieces, Tin 63 Qrs. 2 Qrs. 16 1/2 lbs and all the Iron that was here, so that at present the remains of Broad Cloth are not very considerable being two hundred eighty pieces; of Perpets there are remaining two thousand one hundred fifty pieces. Was the Country in any degree of tranquillity I am apt to think the Sale of Woolen Goods would be very considerable, but the state it is in at present, obliges the most wealthy to plead poverty & many substantial merchants for fear of oppression Carry on no trade at all but hide their money under ground so that there is little stirring nay few of them bring

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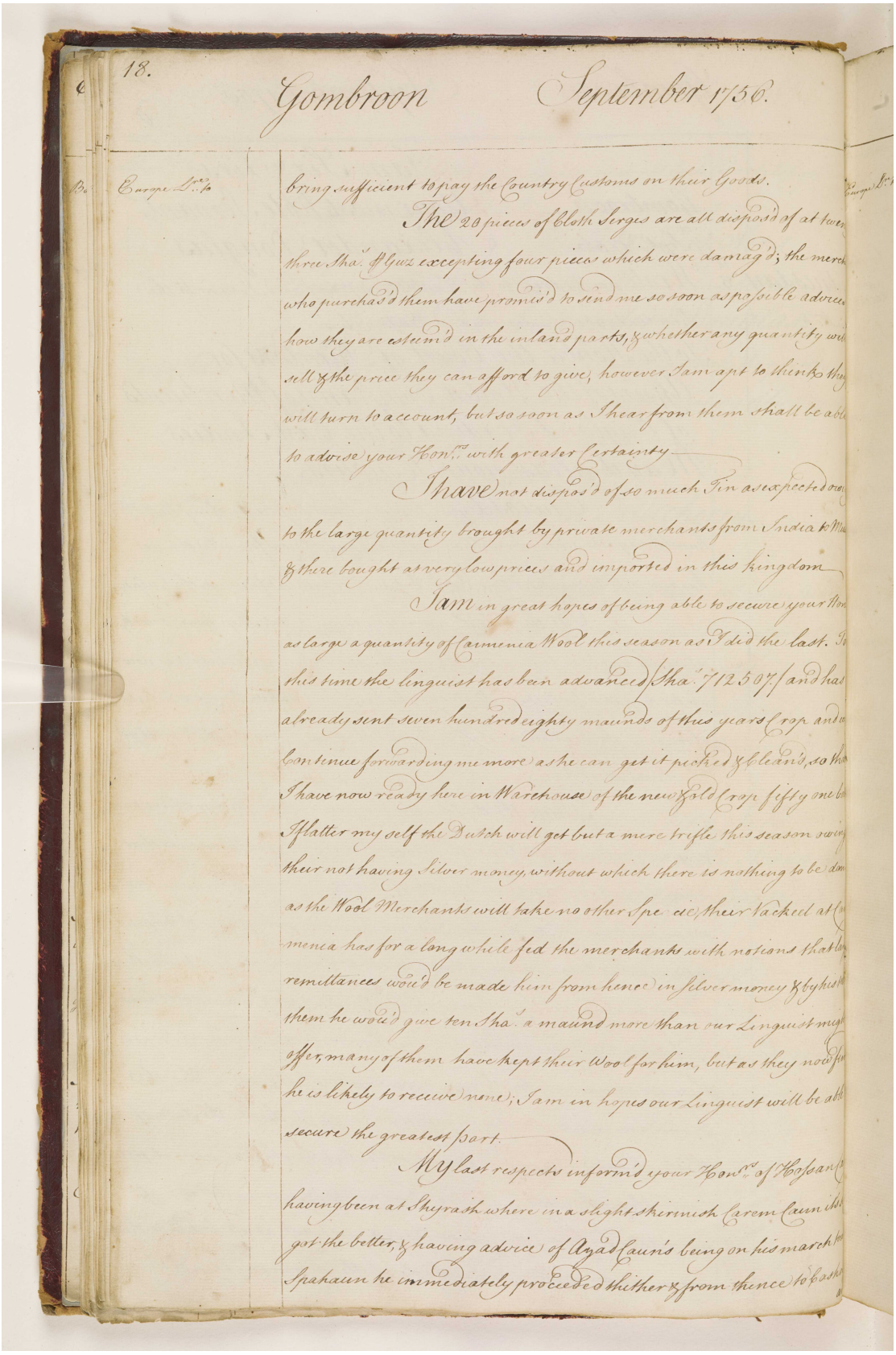

18. Gombroon September 1756.

Europe Dr. to

bring sufficient to pay the Country Customs on their Goods.

The 20 pieces of Cloth Serges are all disposd of at two three Shas. ℔ Guz excepting four pieces which were damagd; the merch who purchasd them have promisd to send me so soon as possible advices how they are esteemd in the inland parts, & whether any quantity will sell & the price they can afford to give, however I am apt to think they will turn to account, but so soon as I hear from them shall be able to advise your Hons. with greater certainty

I have not dispos'd of so much Tin as expected owing to the large quantity brought by private merchants from India & Mu & there bought at very low prices and imported in this kingdom

I am in great hopes of being able to secure your Hons as large a quantity of Caumenia Wool this season as I did the last. T this time the linguist has been advanced 7/12 Shas. 7/12 507 and has already sent seven hundred eighty maunds of this years Crop and continue forwarding me more as he can get it picked & cleand, so that I have now ready here in Warehouse of the new Zald Crop fifty me I flatter my self the Dutch will get but a mere trifle this season owing their not having Silver money, without which there is nothing to be don as the Wool Merchants will take no other Specie, their Packed at Caumenia has for a long while fed the merchants with notions that large remittances would be made him from hence in silver money & by this them he would give ten Shas. a maund more than our Linguist might offer, many of them have kept their Wool for him, but as they now fin he is likely to receive none; I am in hopes our Linguist will be able secure the greatest part.

My last respects informd your Hons. of Hossain having been at Shyrash where in a slight skirmish Carem Caun ha got the better, & having advice of Azad Caun's being on his march to Spahaun he immediately proceeded thither & from thence to Cash

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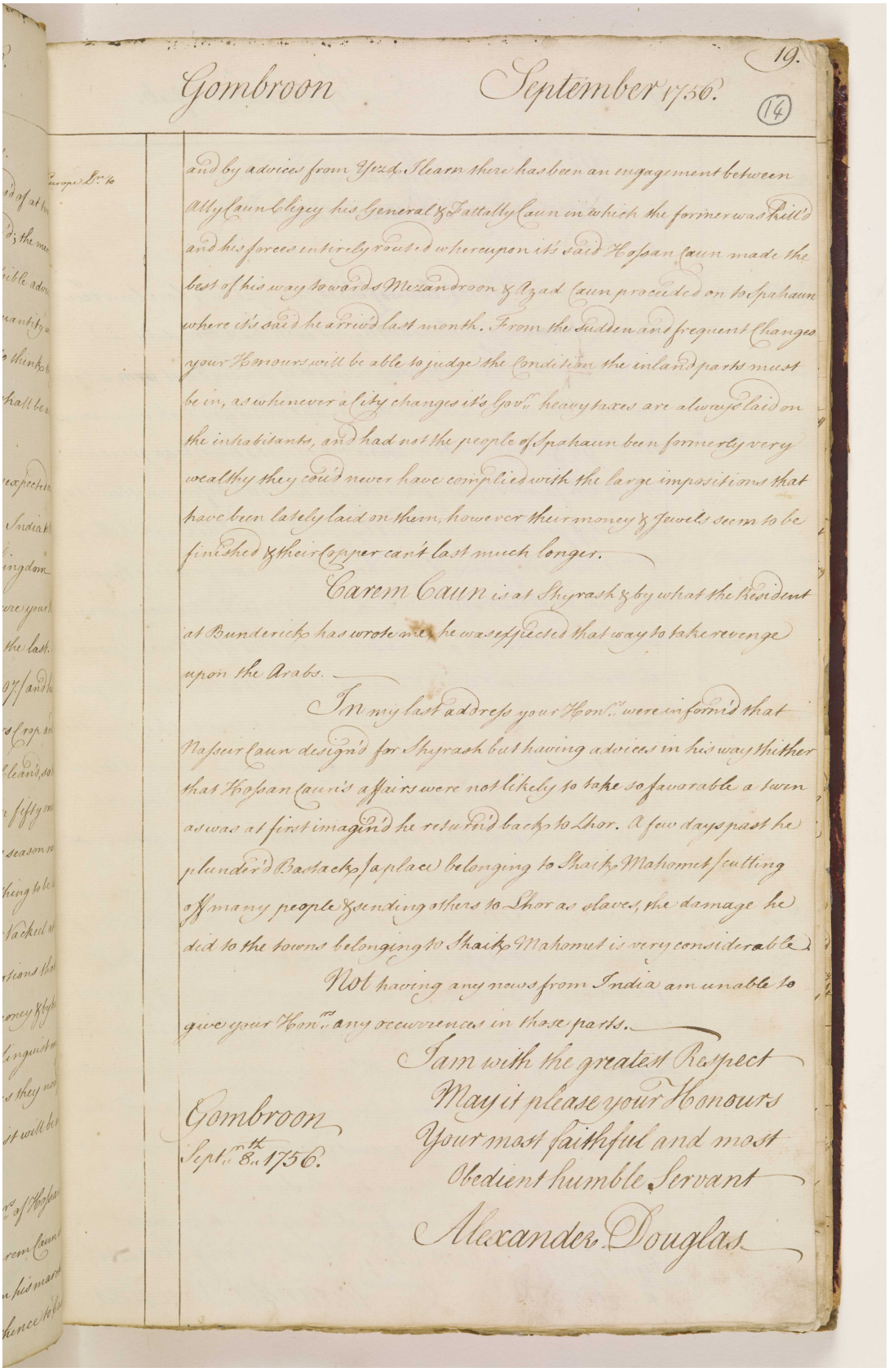

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and by advices from Yezd. I learn there has been an engagement between Ally Caun Belgey his General & Fattally Caun in which the former was Kill'd and his forces entirely routed whereupon it's said Hoosan Caun made the best of his way towards Mezandroon & Azad Caun proceeded on to Spahaun where it's said he arrived last month. From the sudden and frequent changes your Honours will be able to judge the condition the inland parts must be in, as whenever a City changes it's Gov.t heavy taxes are always laid on the inhabitants, and had not the people of Spahaun been formerly very wealthy they could never have complied with the large impositions that have been lately laid on them, however their money & jewels seem to be finished & their Copper can't last much longer.

Carem Caun is at Shyrash & by what the Resident at Bunderick has wrote me, he was displeased that way to take revenge upon the Arabs.

In my last address your Hon.rs were informd that Nassur Caun design'd for Shyrash but having advices in his way thither that Hoosan Caun's affairs were not likely to take so favorable a turn as was at first imagin'd he return'd back to Lhor. A few days past he plunder'd Bastack, a place belonging to Shaick Mahomet, cutting off many people & sending others to Lhor as slaves, the damage he did to the towns belonging to Shaick Mahomet is very considerable.

Not having any news from India am unable to give your Hon.rs any occurrences in those parts.

I am with the greatest Respect
May it please your Honours
Your most faithful and most
Obedient humble Servant
Alexander Douglas

Gombroon
Sept.r 8.th 1756.

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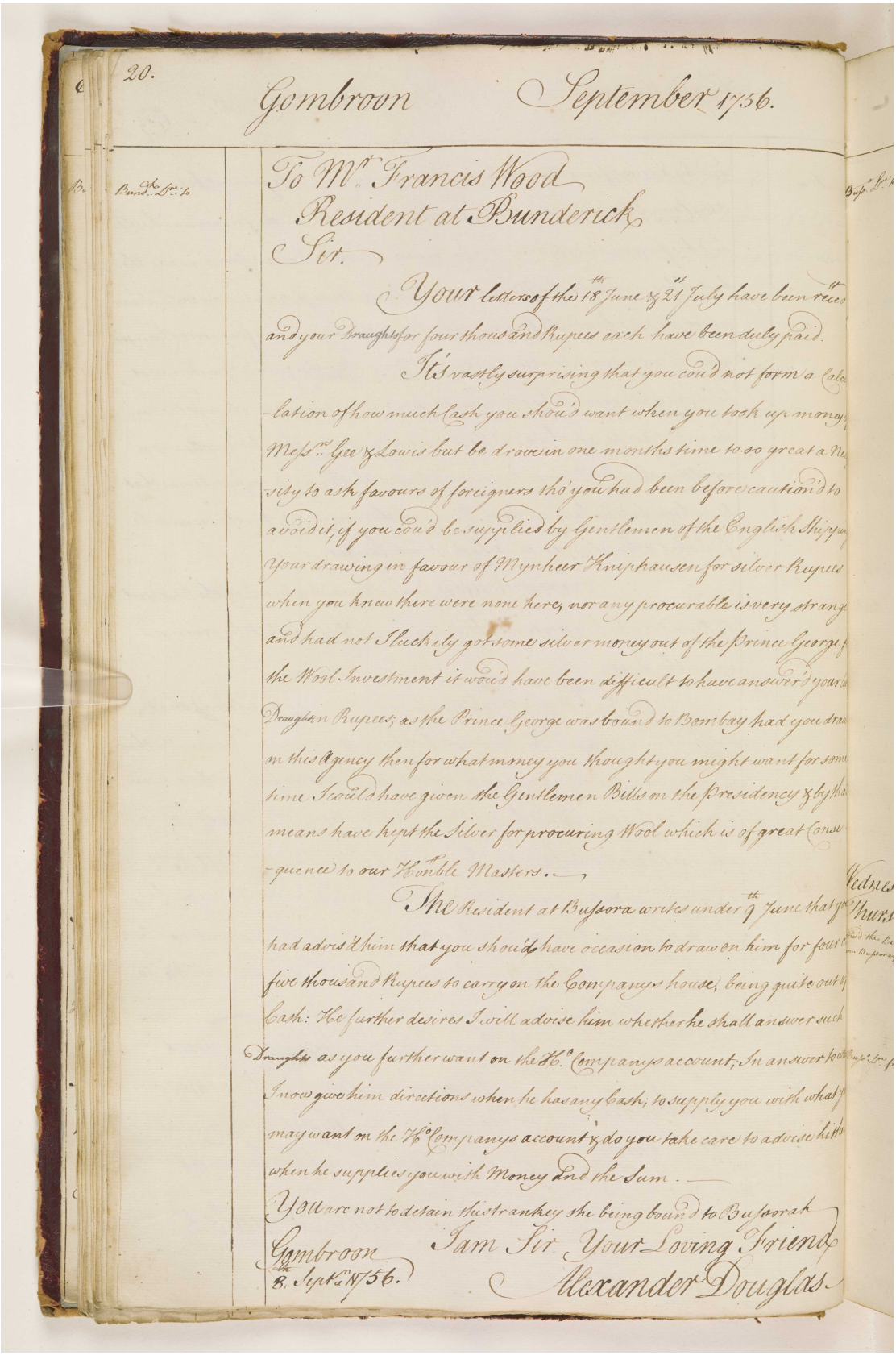

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Gombroon September 1756.

To Mr. Francis Wood
Resident at Bunderick
Sir.

Your Letters of the 18th June & 21st July have been rec.d and your Draughts for four thousand Rupees each have been duly paid.

It is vastly surprizing that you could not form a Calculation of how much Cash you should want when you took up money on Messrs. Gee & Lewis but be drove in one months time to so great a Necessity to ask favours of foreigners tho' you had been before cautioned to avoid it, if you could be supplied by Gentlemen of the English Ships your drawing in favour of Mynheer Knipphausen for silver Rupees when you knew there were none here, nor any procurable is very strange and had not Fluckily got some silver money out of the Prince George for the Wool Investment it would have been difficult to have answered your Draughts in Rupees, as the Prince George was bound to Bombay had you drawn on this Agency then for what money you thought you might want for some time I could have given the Gentlemen Bills on the Presidency & by that means have kept the Silver for procuring Wool which is of great Consequence to our Honble Masters.

The Resident at Bussora writes under 9th June that you had advised him that you should have occasion to draw on him for four or five thousand Rupees to carry on the Companys house, being quite out of Cash: He further desires I will advise him whether he shall answer such Draughts as you further want on the H.C. Companys account; In answer to which I now give him directions when he has any Cash, to supply you with what you may want on the H.C. Companys account & do you take care to advise him when he supplies you with Money and the Sum.

You are not to detain this Frankey she being bound to Bussora.

Gombroon 8th Sept.r 1756.

I am Sir Your Loving Friend
Alexander Douglas.

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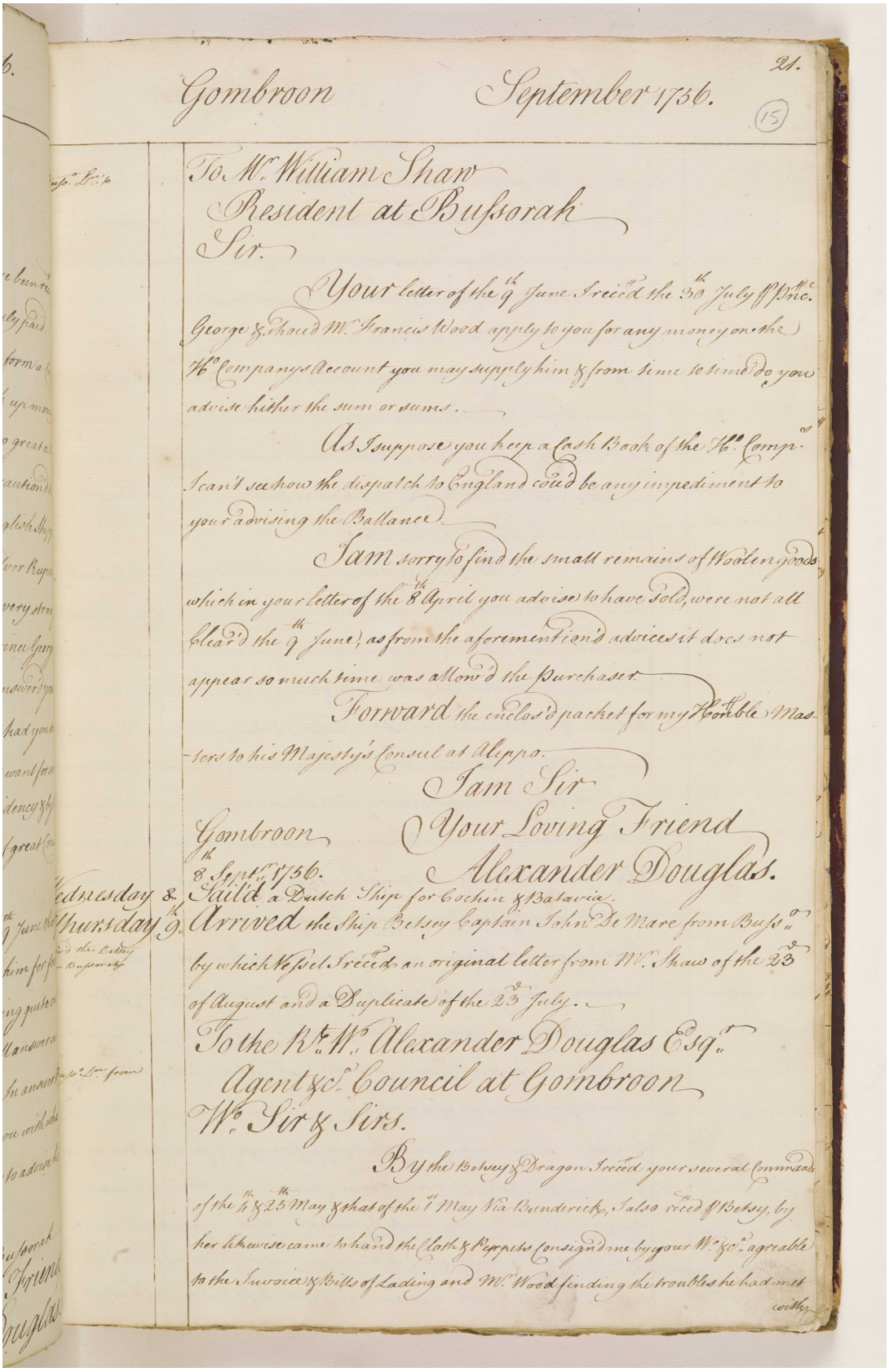

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To Mr. William Shaw
Resident at Bussorah
Sir.

Your letter of the 9th June I recd the 30th July pr Pnce George & should Mr. Francis Wood apply to you for any money on the Ho Companys Account you may supply him & from time to time do you advise hither the sum or sums.

As I suppose you keep a Cash Book of the Ho Comps I can't see how the dispatch to England coud be any impediment to your advising the Ballance.

I am sorry to find the small remains of Woolen goods which in your letter of the 8th April you advise to have sold, were not all clear'd the 9th June, as from the aforementioned advices it does not appear so much time was allow'd the purchaser.

Forward the enclos'd packet for my Honble Masters to his Majesty's Consul at Aleppo.

I am Sir
Your Loving Friend
Alexander Douglas.

Gombroon
8th Septr 1756.

Wednesday 8. Sail'd a Dutch Ship for Cochin & Batavia.
Thursday 9th Arrived the Ship Betsey Captain John De Mare from Bussa by which Vessel I recd an original letter from Mr. Shaw of the 23d of August and a Duplicate of the 23d July.

To the Rt. Wo. Alexander Douglas Esqr.
Agent &ca Council at Gombroon
Wo. Sir & Sirs.

By the Betsey & Dragon I recd your several Commands of the 4th & 25th May & that of the 1st May Via Bunderick, I also recd pr Betsy, by her likewise came to hand the Cloth & Perpets Consign'd me by your Wo &ca agreable to the Invoice & Bills of Lading and Mr. Wood finding the troubles he had met with

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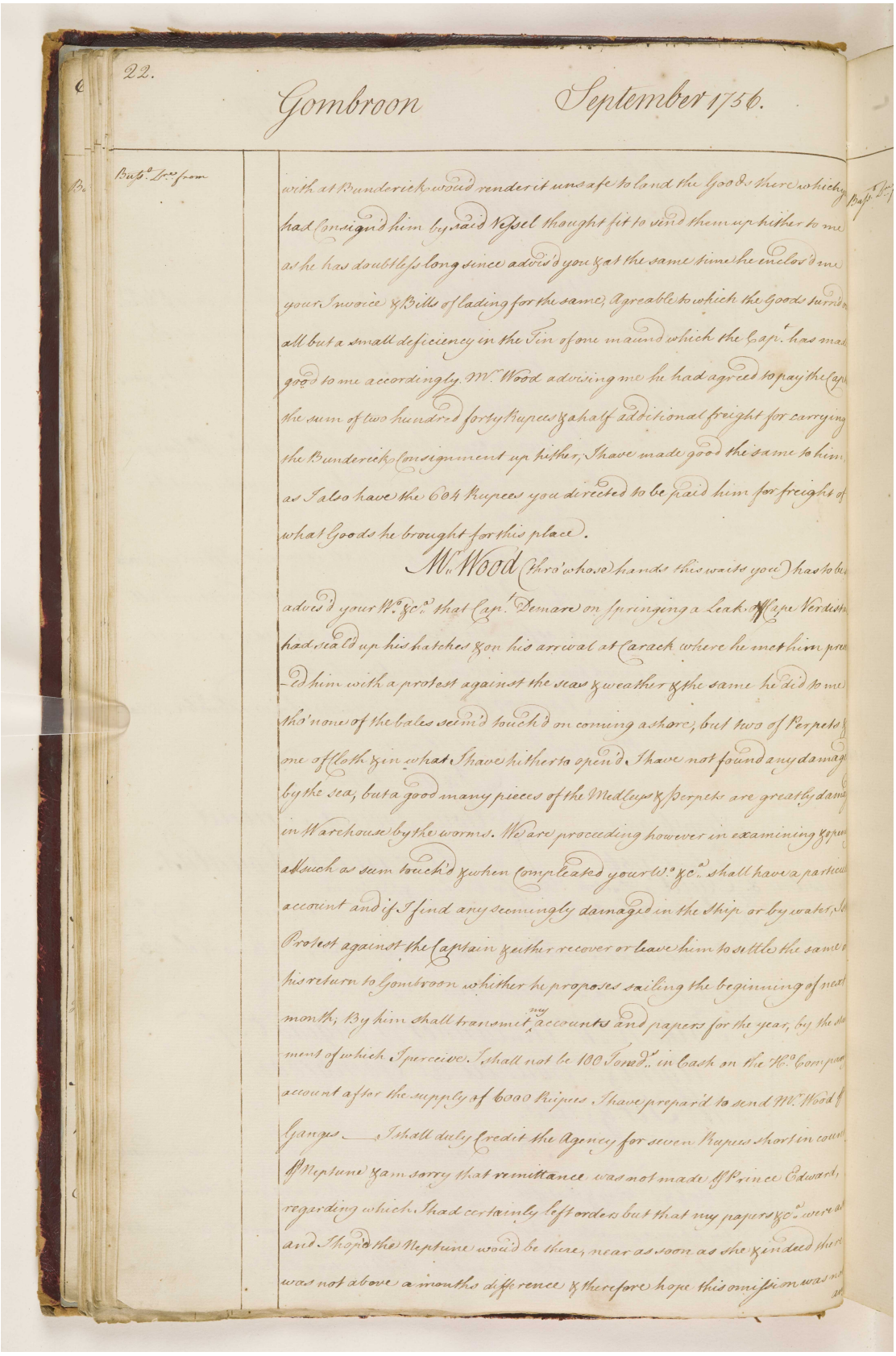

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Bunder. Ves.l from

with at Bunderick would render it unsafe to land the Goods there which
had Consigned him by said Vessel thought fit to send them up hither to me
as he has doubtless long since advis'd you & at the same time he enclos'd me
your Invoice & Bills of lading for the same, Agreable to which the Goods turn'd
all but a small deficiency in the Tin of one maund which the Capt. has mad
good to me accordingly. Mr. Wood advising me he had agreed to pay the Cap
the sum of two hundred forty Rupees & a half additional freight for carrying
the Bunderick Consignment up hither, I have made good the same to him
as I also have the 604 Rupees you directed to be paid him for freight of
what Goods he brought for this place.

Mr. Wood (thro' whose hands this waits you) has to
advis'd your W.m &c.a that Capt. Demare on Springing a Leak off Cape Verd
had seal'd up his hatches & on his arrival at Carack where he met him pro
-ed him with a protest against the seas & weather & the same he did to me
tho' none of the bales seem'd touch'd on coming ashore, but two of Perpets
me off cloth & in what I have hitherto open'd I have not found any damag
by the sea, but a good many pieces of the Medleys & Perpets are greatly dam
in Warehouse by the worms. We are proceeding however in examining you
as much as sum touch'd & when compleated your W.m &c.a shall have a partic
account and if I find any seemingly damaged in the Ship or by water, I
Protest against the Captain & either recover or leave him to settle the same
his return to Gombroon whither he proposes sailing the beginning of next
month, By him I shall transmit my accounts and papers for the year, by the
ment of which I perceive I shall not be 100 Tom.d.s in Cash on the Ho.e Comp
account after the supply of 6000 Rupees I have prepar'd to send Mr. Wood
Ganges — I shall duly Credit the Agency for seven Rupees short in cou
of Neptune & am sorry that remittance was not made of Prince Edward,
regarding which I had certainly left orders but that my papers &c.a were a
and I hop'd the Neptune would be there, near as soon as she & indeed there
was not above a months difference & therefore hope this omission was

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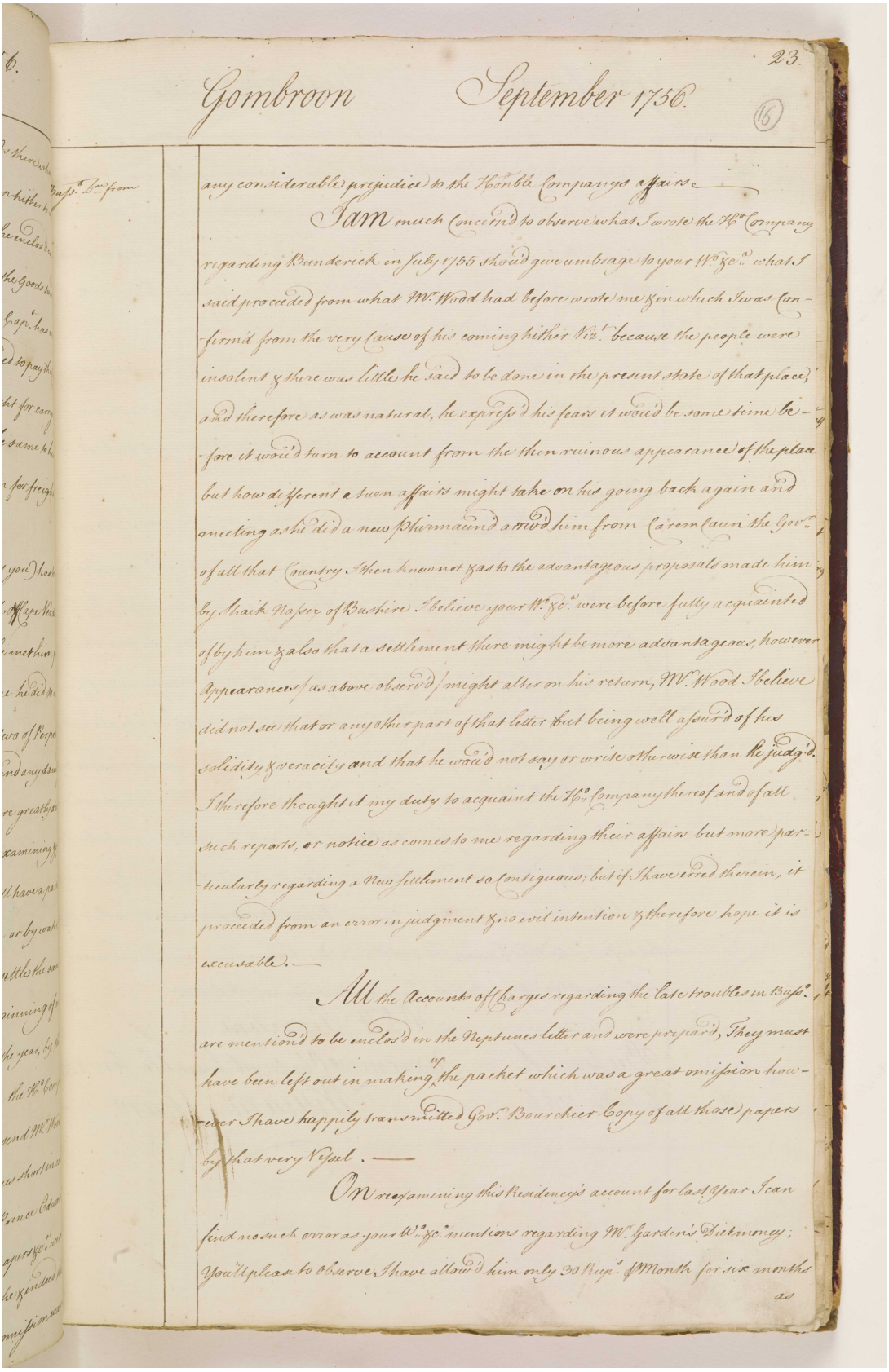

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any considerable prejudice to the Honble Companys affairs.

I am much concernd to observe what I wrote the Hon. Company regarding Bunderick in July 1755 should give umbrage to your Honrs. what I said proceeded from what Mr. Wood had before wrote me in which I was confirmd from the very cause of his coming hither viz. because the people were insolent & there was little he said to be done in the present state of that place, and therefore as was natural, he expressd his fears it would be some time before it would turn to account from the then ruinous appearance of the place but how different a scene affairs might take on his going back again and meeting as he did a new Phirmaund arrivd him from Caream Caun the Govr. of all that Country. When knew not yet as to the advantageous proposals made him by Shaik Nasser of Bushire. I believe your Honrs. were before fully acquainted of by him & also that a settlement there might be more advantageous, however appearances as above observd might alter on his return, Mr. Wood I believe did not see that or any other part of that letter but being well assurd of his solidity & veracity and that he would not say or write otherwise than he judgd. I therefore thought it my duty to acquaint the Hon. Company thereof and of all such reports, or notice as comes to me regarding their affairs but more particularly regarding a New Settlement so contiguous; but if I have erred therein, it proceeded from an error in judgment & no evil intention & therefore hope it is excusable.

All the Accounts of Charges regarding the late troubles in Bussr. are mentiond to be enclosd in the Neptunes letter and were prepard, They must have been left out in making up the packet which was a great omission however I have happily transmitted Govr. Bourchier Copy of all those papers by that very Vessel.

On reexamining this Residencys account for last Year I can find no such error as your Honrs. mentions regarding Mr. Gardens Dietmoney; You'll please to observe I have allowd him only 30 Rups. p Month for six months as

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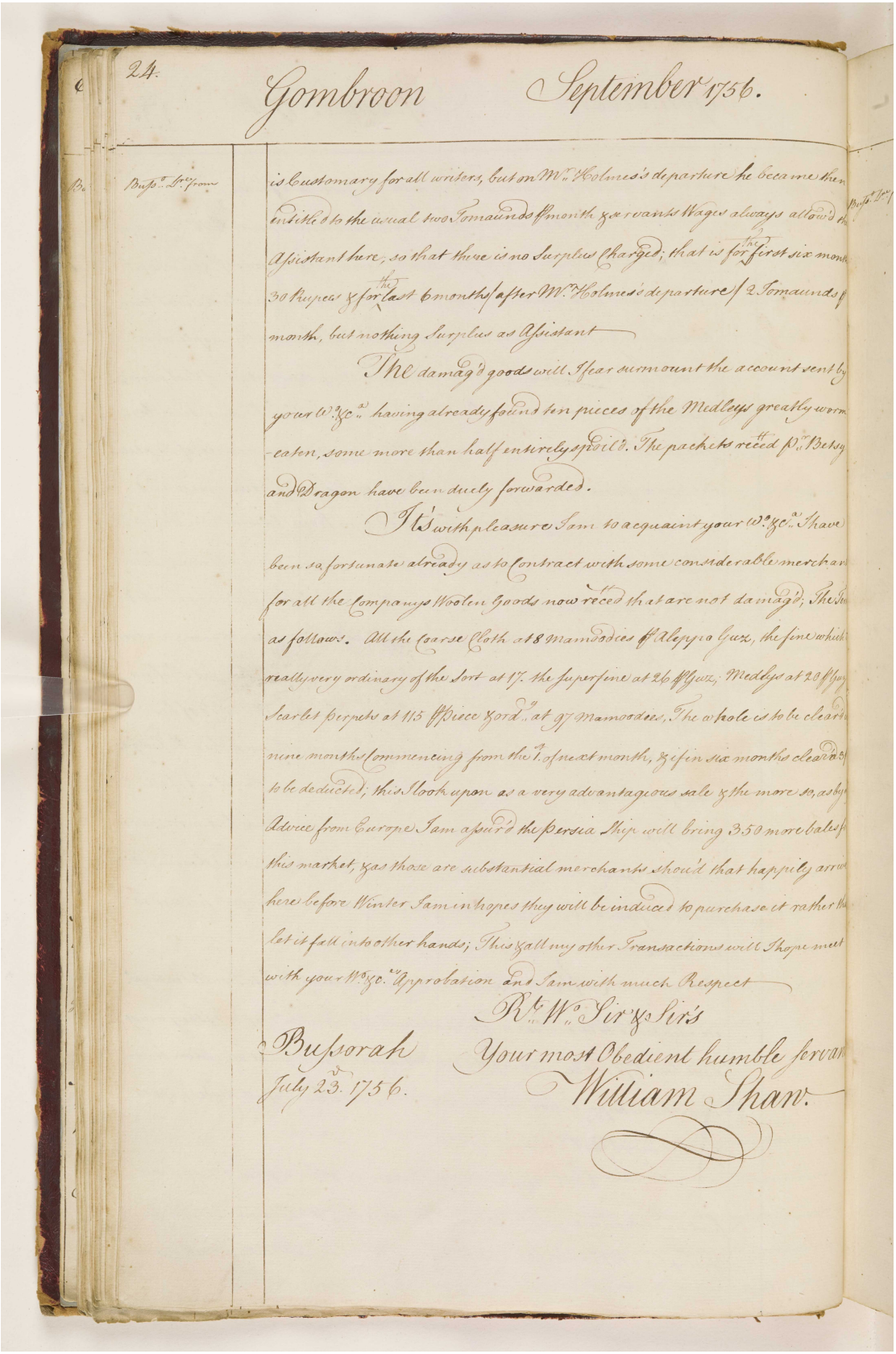

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Bus.o L.re from

is Customary for all writers, but on Mr. Holmes's departure he became then entitled to the usual two Tomaunds ℔ month & servants Wages always allow'd the Assistant here, so that there is no Surplus Charged; that is for the first six months 30 Rupees & for the last 6 months (after Mr. Holmes's departure) 2 Tomaunds ℔ month, but nothing Surplus as Assistant

The damag'd goods will I fear surmount the account sent by your W.o &c.a having already found ten pieces of the Medleys greatly worm-eaten, some more than half entirely spoil'd. The packets recd. p.r Betsy and Dragon have been duely forwarded.

It's with pleasure I am to acquaint your W.o &c.a I have been so fortunate already as to Contract with some considerable merchants for all the Companys Woolen Goods now recd. that are not damag'd; The Terms as follows. All the Coarse Cloth at 8 Mamoodies ℔ Aleppo Guz, the fine which really very ordinary of the Sort at 17. the superfine at 26 ℔ Guz; Medlys at 20 ℔ Guz; Scarlet perpets at 115 ℔ Piece & ord.y at 97 Mamoodies, The whole is to be clear'd in nine months Commencing from the 1.st of next month, & if in six months clear'd 3 ℔ to be deducted; this I look upon as a very advantageous sale & the more so, as by Advice from Europe I am assur'd the Persia Ship will bring 350 more bales for this market, & as those are substantial merchants shou'd that happily arrive here before Winter I am in hopes they will be induced to purchase it rather than let it fall into other hands; This & all my other Transactions will I hope meet with your W.o &c.a Approbation and I am with much Respect

R.t W.o Sir & Sir's
Your most Obedient humble servant
William Shaw.

Bussorah
July 23.d 1756.

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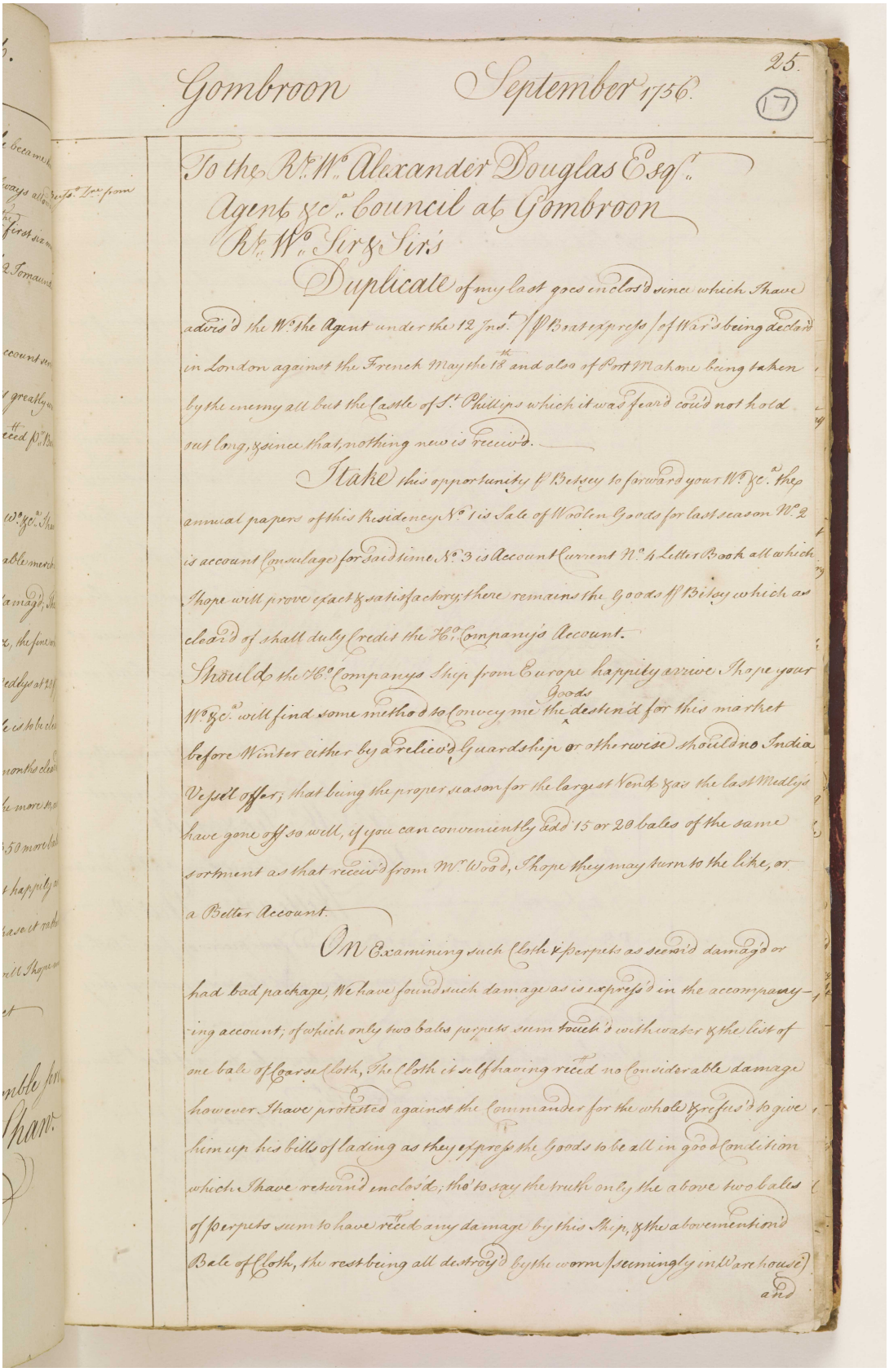

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To the Rt. Wo. Alexander Douglas Esqr.
Agent &c. Council at Gombroon
Rt. Wo. Sir & Sir's

Duplicate of my last goes enclos'd since which I have advis'd the Wo. the Agent under the 12 Jnst. (ff Boat express) of War's being declar'd in London against the French May the 18th and also of Port Mahone being taken by the enemy all but the Castle of St. Phillips which it was fear'd cou'd not hold out long, & since that, nothing new is receiv'd.

I take this opportunity ff Betsey to forward your Wo. &c. the annual papers of this Residency No. 1 is Sale of Woolen Goods for last season No. 2 is account Consulage for said time No. 3 is Account Current No. 4 Letter Book all which I hope will prove exact & satisfactory; there remains the Goods ff Betsy which as clear'd of shall duly Credit the Ho. Company's Account.

Should the Ho. Companys Ship from Europe happily arrive I hope your Wo. &c. will find some method to Convey me the Goods destin'd for this market before Winter either by a relieu'd Guardship or otherwise should no India Vessel offer; that being the proper season for the largest Vend & as the last Medly's have gone off so well, if you can conveniently add 15 or 20 bales of the same sortment as that receiv'd from Mr. Wood, I hope they may turn to the like, or a Better Account.

On Examining such Cloth & perpets as seem'd damag'd or had bad package, We have found such damage as is express'd in the accompany-ing account; of which only two bales perpets seem touch'd with water & the list of one bale of Coarse Cloth, The Cloth it self having recd no Considerable damage however I have protested against the Commander for the whole & refus'd to give him up his bills of lading as they express the Goods to be all in good Condition which I have return'd enclos'd; tho' to say the truth only the above two bales of perpets seem to have recd any damage by this Ship, & the abovemention'd Bale of Cloth, the rest being all destroy'd by the worm (seemingly in Warehouse) and

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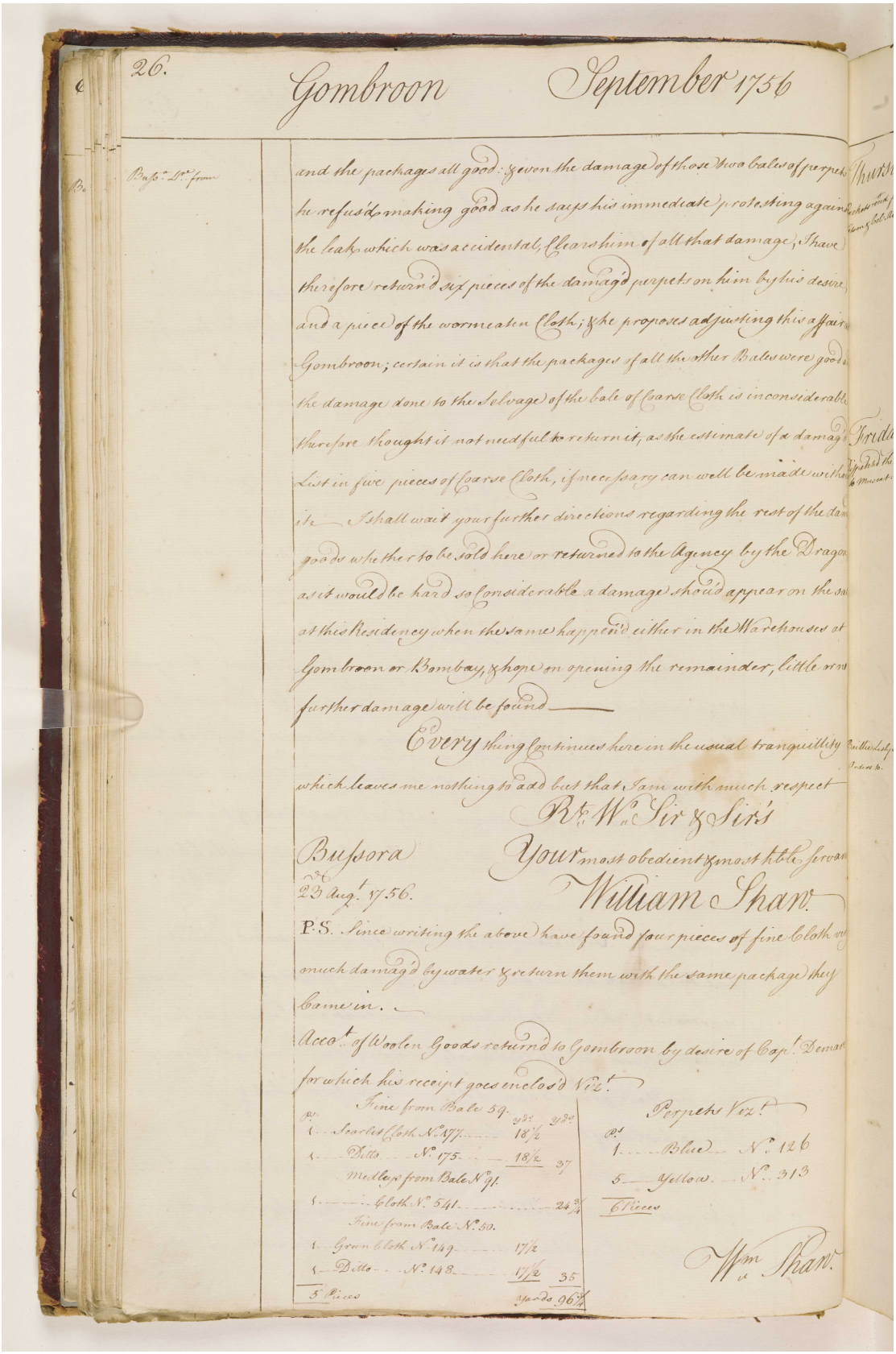

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Bussa. Lr. from

and the packages all good: & even the damage of those two bales of perpets he refus'd making good as he says his immediate protesting against the leak which was accidental, Clears him of all that damage, I have therefore return'd six pieces of the damag'd perpets on him by his desire, and a piece of the wormeaten Cloth; & he proposes adjusting this affair at Gombroon; certain it is that the packages of all the other Bales were good as the damage done to the Selvage of the bale of Coarse Cloth is inconsiderable therefore thought it not needful to return it, as the estimate of a damag'd List in five pieces of Coarse Cloth, if necessary can well be made without it — I shall wait your further directions regarding the rest of the damag'd goods whether to be sold here or returned to the Agency by the Dragon as it would be hard so Considerable a damage shou'd appear on the sale at this Residency when the same happen'd either in the Warehouses at Gombroon or Bombay, & hope on opening the remainder, little or no further damage will be found —

Every thing Continues here in the usual tranquillity which leaves me nothing to add but that I am with much respect

Rt. Wo. Sir & Sir's

Bussora
23 Augt. 1756.

Your most obedient & most hble servant
William Shaw.

P.S. Since writing the above have found four pieces of fine Cloth very much damag'd by water & return them with the same package they Came in. —

Accot. of Woolen Goods return'd to Gombroon by desire of Capt. Demar for which his receipt goes enclos'd Viz.t

Fine from Bale 59.

Ps.		Yds.	Yds.
1	Scarlet Cloth No. 177	18½	
1	Ditto No. 175	18½	37
	Medleys from Bale No. 91.		
1	Cloth No. 541		24¾
	Fine from Bale No. 50.		
1	Green Cloth No. 149	17½	
1	Ditto No. 148	17½	35
5 Pieces		Yards	96¾

Perpets Viz.t

Ps.		
1	Blue	No. 126
5	Yellow	No. 313
6 Pieces		

Wm. Shaw.

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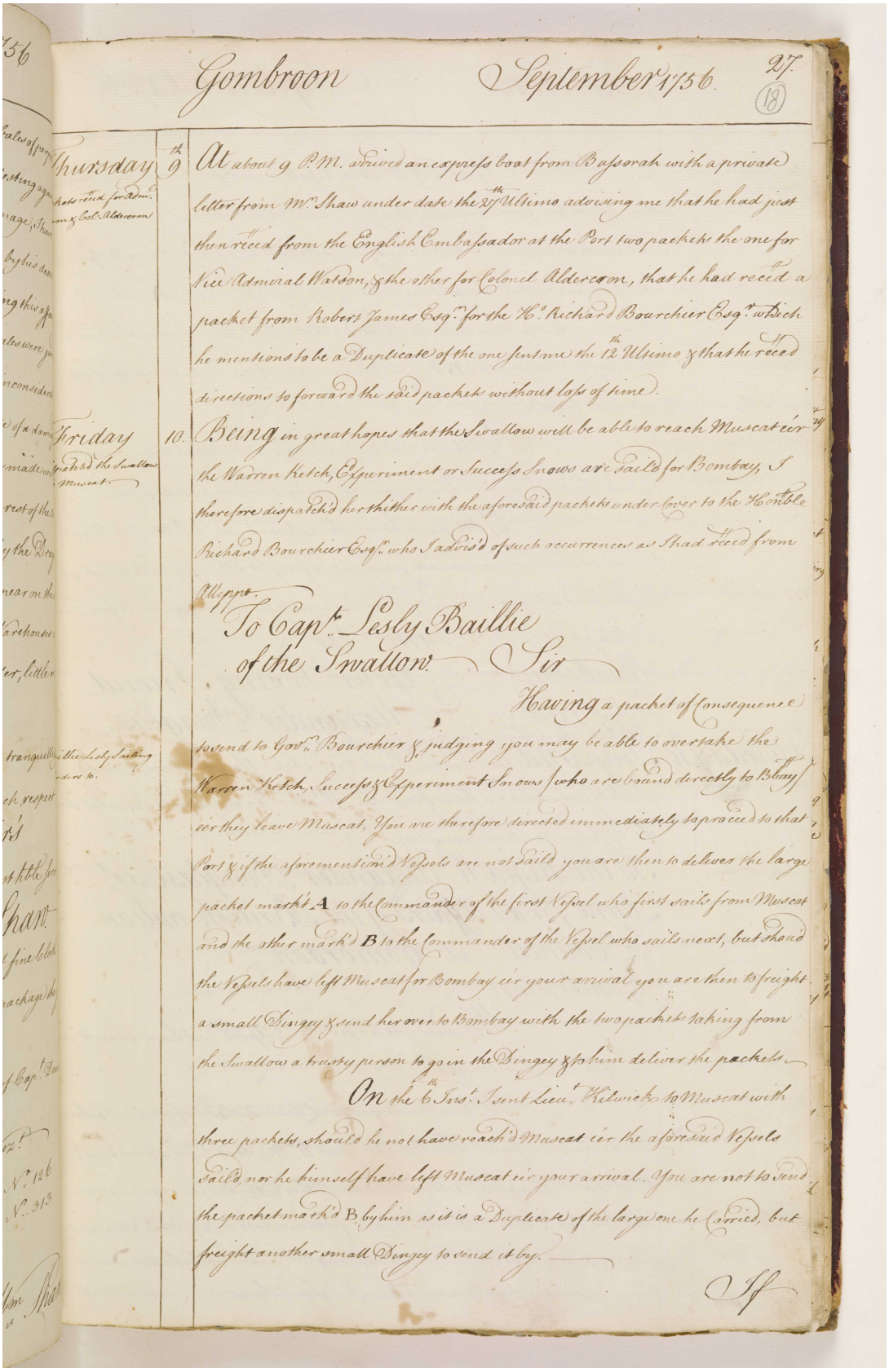

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Thursday th 9 At about 9 P.M. arrived an express boat from Bassorah with a private letter from Mr. Shaw under date the 27th Ultimo advising me that he had just then receed from the English Embassador at the Port two packets the one for Vice Admiral Watson, & the other for Colonel Aldercron, that he had receed a packet from Robert James Esq.r for the Hon.ble Richard Bourchier Esq.r which he mentions to be a Duplicate of the one sent me the 12th Ultimo & that he receed directions to forward the said packets without loss of time.

Friday 10. Being in great hopes that the Swallow will be able to reach Muscat ere the Warren Ketch, Experiment or Success Snows are sailed for Bombay, I therefore dispatch'd her thither with the aforesaid packets under cover to the Honble Richard Bourchier Esq.r who I advis'd of such occurrences as I had receed from Allppo.

To Capt.n Lesly Baillie
of the Swallow. Sir

Having a packet of Consequence to send to Gov.r Bourchier & judging you may be able to overtake the Warren Ketch, Success & Experiment Snows who are bound directly to Bbay ere they leave Muscat, You are therefore directed immediately to proceed to that Port & if the aforementioned Vessels are not sailed you are then to deliver the large packet mark'd A to the Commander of the first Vessel who first sails from Muscat and the other mark'd B to the Commander of the Vessel who sails next, but should the Vessels have left Muscat for Bombay ere your arrival you are then to freight a small Dingey & send her over to Bombay with the two packets taking from the Swallow a trusty person to go in the Dingey & him deliver the packets.

On the 6th Inst.t I sent Lieu.t Kelwick to Muscat with three packets, should he not have reach'd Muscat ere the aforesaid Vessels sailed, nor he himself have left Muscat ere your arrival. You are not to send the packet mark'd B by him as it is a Duplicate of the large one he carried, but freight another small Dingey to send it by.

If

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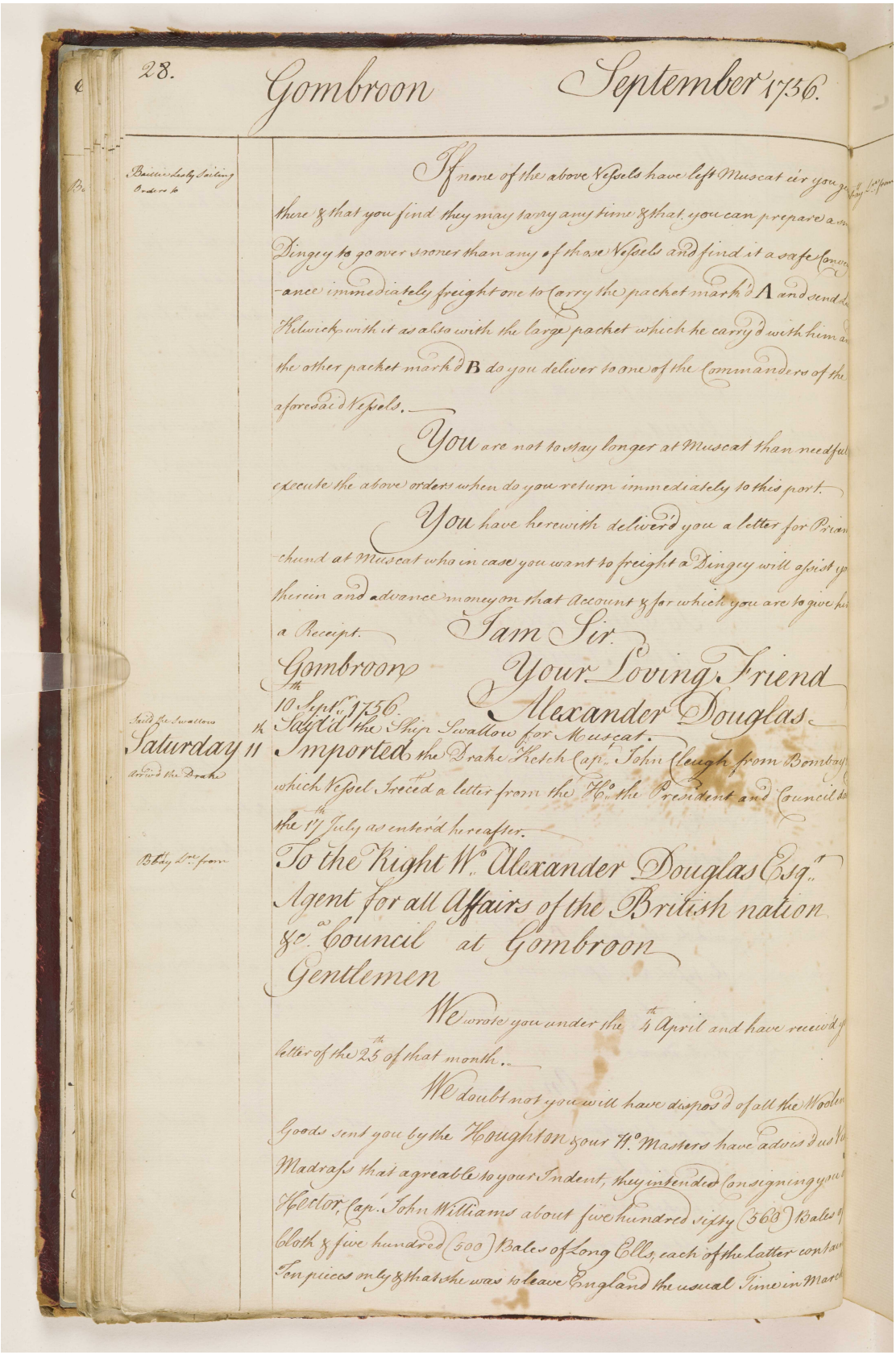

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Baillie Lesly Sailing Orders to

If none of the above Vessels have left Muscat e'er you ge[illegible] there & that you find they may tarry any time & that you can prepare a sm[illegible] Dingey to go over sooner than any of those Vessels and find it a safe Conve[illegible]-ance immediately freight one to Carry the packet mark'd A and send [illegible] Kilwick with it as also with the large packet which he carry'd with him a[illegible] the other packet mark'd B do you deliver to one of the Commanders of the aforesaid Vessels.

You are not to stay longer at Muscat than needful [illegible] execute the above orders when do you return immediately to this port.

You have herewith deliver'd you a letter for Prian[illegible]-chund at Muscat who in case you want to freight a Dingey will assist yo[illegible] therein and advance money on that Account & for which you are to give hi[illegible] a Receipt.

Gombroon
10th Sept.r 1756.

Sail'd the Swallow

Saturday 11th

Arriv'd the Drake

Bbay Lr. from

Sail'd the Ship Swallow for Muscat.

Imported the Drake Ketch Cap.t John Cleugh from Bombay [illegible] which Vessel Treced a letter from the H.o the President and Council da[illegible] the 17th July as enter'd hereafter.

Jam Sir.
Your Loving Friend
Alexander Douglas

To the Right W.o Alexander Douglas Esq.r
Agent for all Affairs of the British nation
&c.a Council at Gombroon

Gentlemen

We wrote you under the 4th April and have receiv'd y[illegible] letter of the 25th of that month.

We doubt not you will have dispos'd of all the Woolen Goods sent you by the Houghton & our H.o Masters have advis'd us V[illegible] Madrass that agreable to your Indent, they intended Consigning you [illegible] Hector, Cap.t John Williams about five hundred sixty (560) Bales of Cloth & five hundred (500) Bales of Long Ells, each of the latter contain[illegible] Ten pieces only & that she was to leave England the usual Time in March

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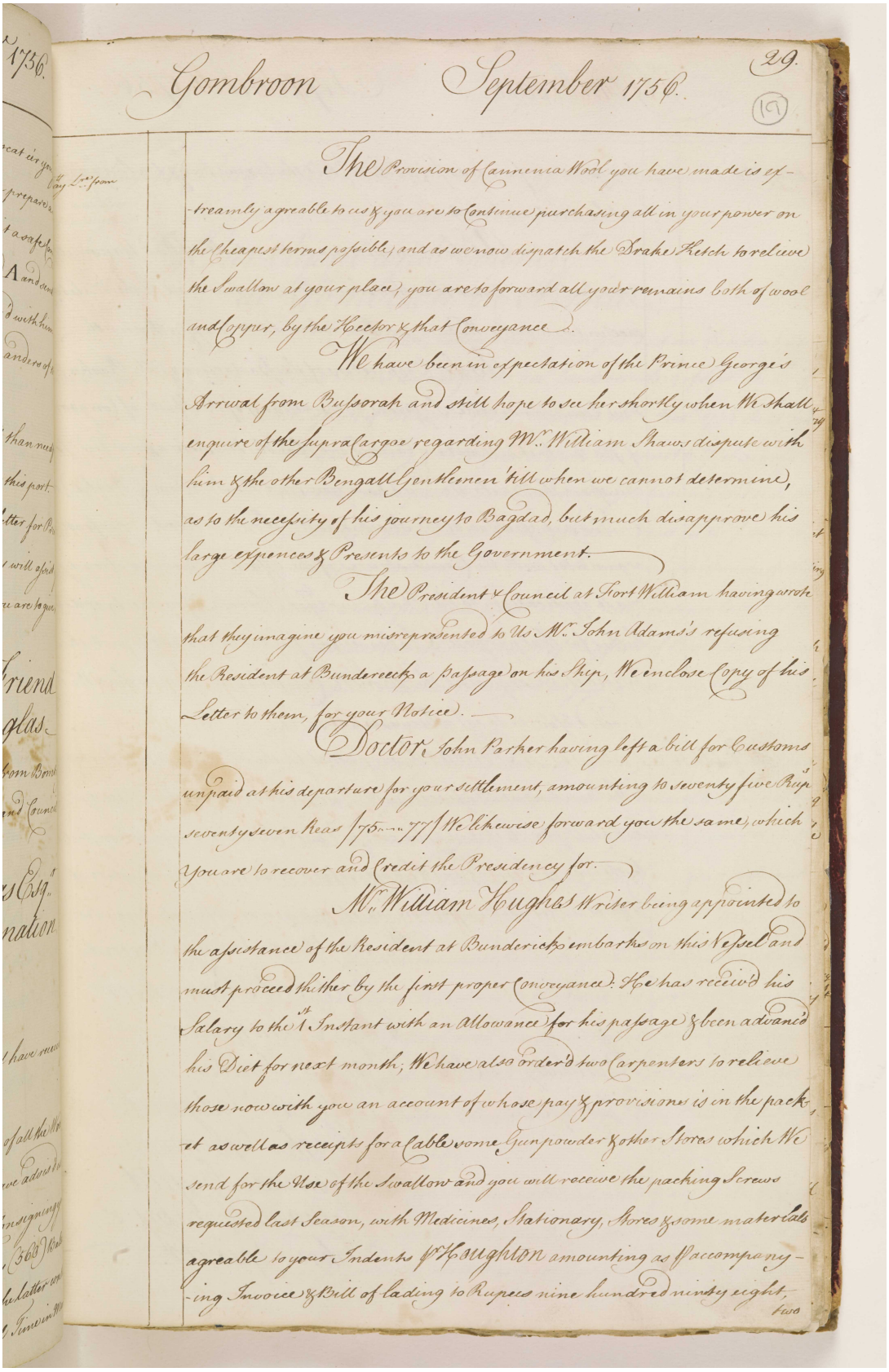

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The Provision of Cannonia Wool you have made is extreamly agreable to us & you are to continue purchasing all in your power on the cheapest terms possible, and as we now dispatch the Drake Ketch to relieve the Swallow at your place, you are to forward all your remains both of wool and cyprus, by the Hector & that Conveyance.

We have been in expectation of the Prince George's Arrival from Busorah and still hope to see her shortly when We shall enquire of the Supra Cargoe regarding Mr. William Shaw's dispute with him & the other Bengall Gentlemen 'till when we cannot determine, as to the necessity of his journey to Bagdad, but much disapprove his large expences & Presents to the Government.

The President & Council at Fort William having wrote that they imagine you misrepresented to Us Mr. John Adams's refusing the Resident at Bunderreeck a passage on his Ship, We inclose Copy of his Letter to them, for your Notice.

Doctor John Parker having left a bill for Customs unpaid at his departure for your settlement, amounting to seventy five Rup seventy seven Reas 75-- 77 We likewise forward you the same, which you are to recover and credit the Presidency for.

Mr. William Hughes Writer being appointed to the assistance of the Resident at Bunderreeck embarks on this Vessel and must proceed thither by the first proper conveyance. He has receiv'd his Salary to the 1st. Instant with an Allowance for his passage & been advanced his Diet for next month, We have also order'd two Carpenters to relieve those now with you an account of whose pay & provisions is in the packet as well as receipts for a Cable some Gunpowder & other Stores which We send for the Use of the Swallow and you will receive the packing Screws requested last Season, with Medicines, Stationary, Stores & some materials agreable to your Indents p. Houghton amounting as p. accompanying Invoice & Bill of lading to Rupees nine hundred ninety eight, two

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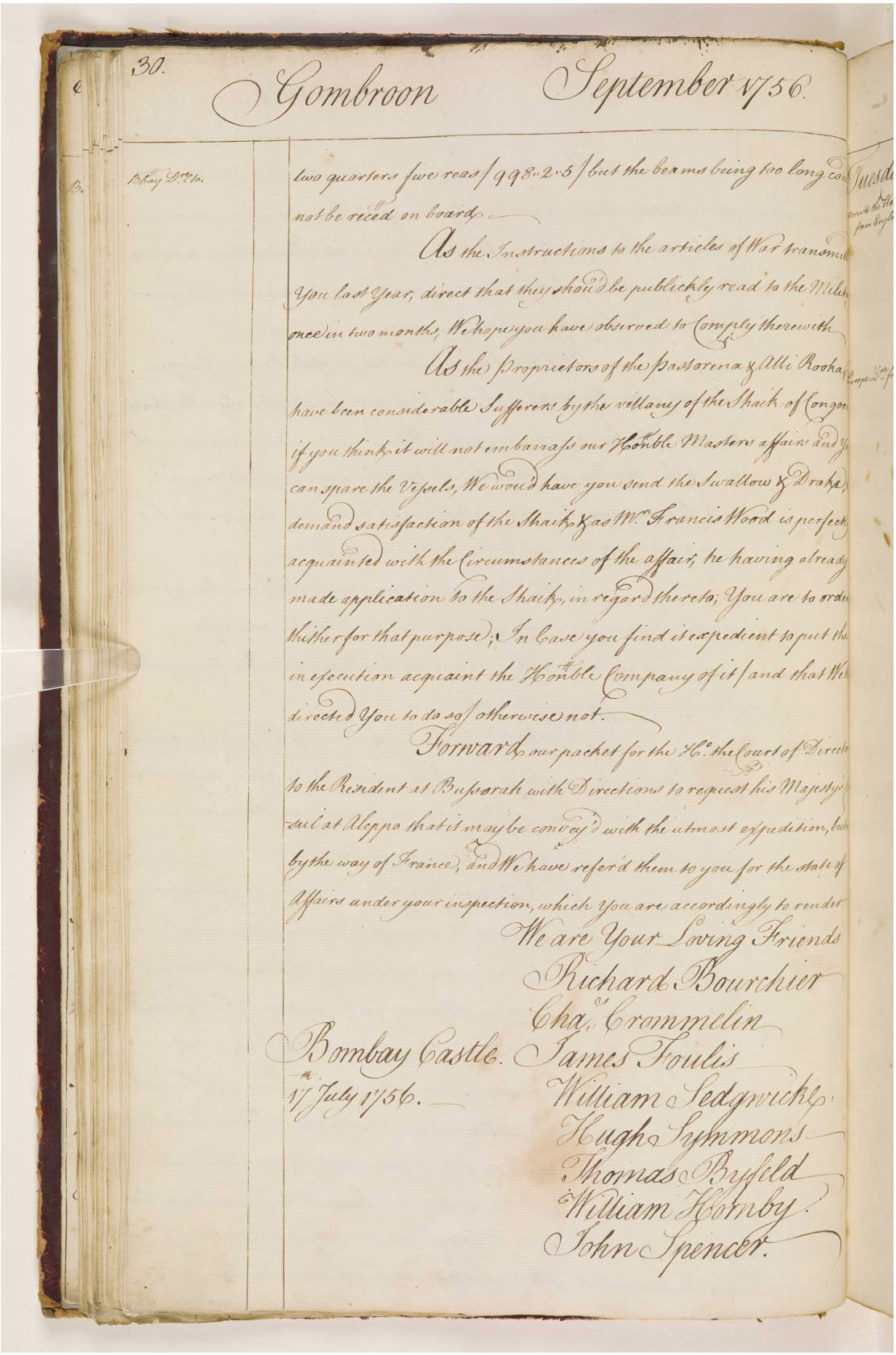

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Bbay Dr. to.

two quarters five reas (998.2.5) but the beams being too long cou[illegible] not be recd on board.

As the Instructions to the articles of War transmitt[illegible] You last Year, direct that they shou'd be publickly read to the Milit[illegible] once in two months, We hope you have observed to Comply therewith.

As the Proprietors of the Pastorena & Alli Rooka [illegible] have been considerable Sufferers by the villany of the Shaik of Congoo[illegible] if you think it will not embarrass our Hon'ble Masters affairs and Y[illegible] can spare the Vessels, We wou'd have you send the Swallow & Drake, [illegible] demand satisfaction of the Shaik & as Mr. Francis Wood is perfect[illegible] acquainted with the Circumstances of the affair, he having already made application to the Shaik, in regard thereto; You are to order thither for that purpose; In Case you find it expedient to put the[illegible] in execution acquaint the Hon'ble Company of it (and that We [illegible] directed You to do so) otherwise not.

Forward our packet for the Ho. the Court of Direct[illegible] to the Resident at Bussorah with Directions to request his Majesty's [illegible]sul at Aleppo that it may be convey'd with the utmost expedition, but by the way of France, and We have refer'd them to you for the state of Affairs under your inspection, which You are accordingly to render.

We are Your Loving Friends
Richard Bourchier
Chas. Crommelin
James Foulis
William Sedgwicke
Hugh Symmons
Thomas Byfeld
William Hornby
John Spencer.

Bombay Castle.
17th July 1756.

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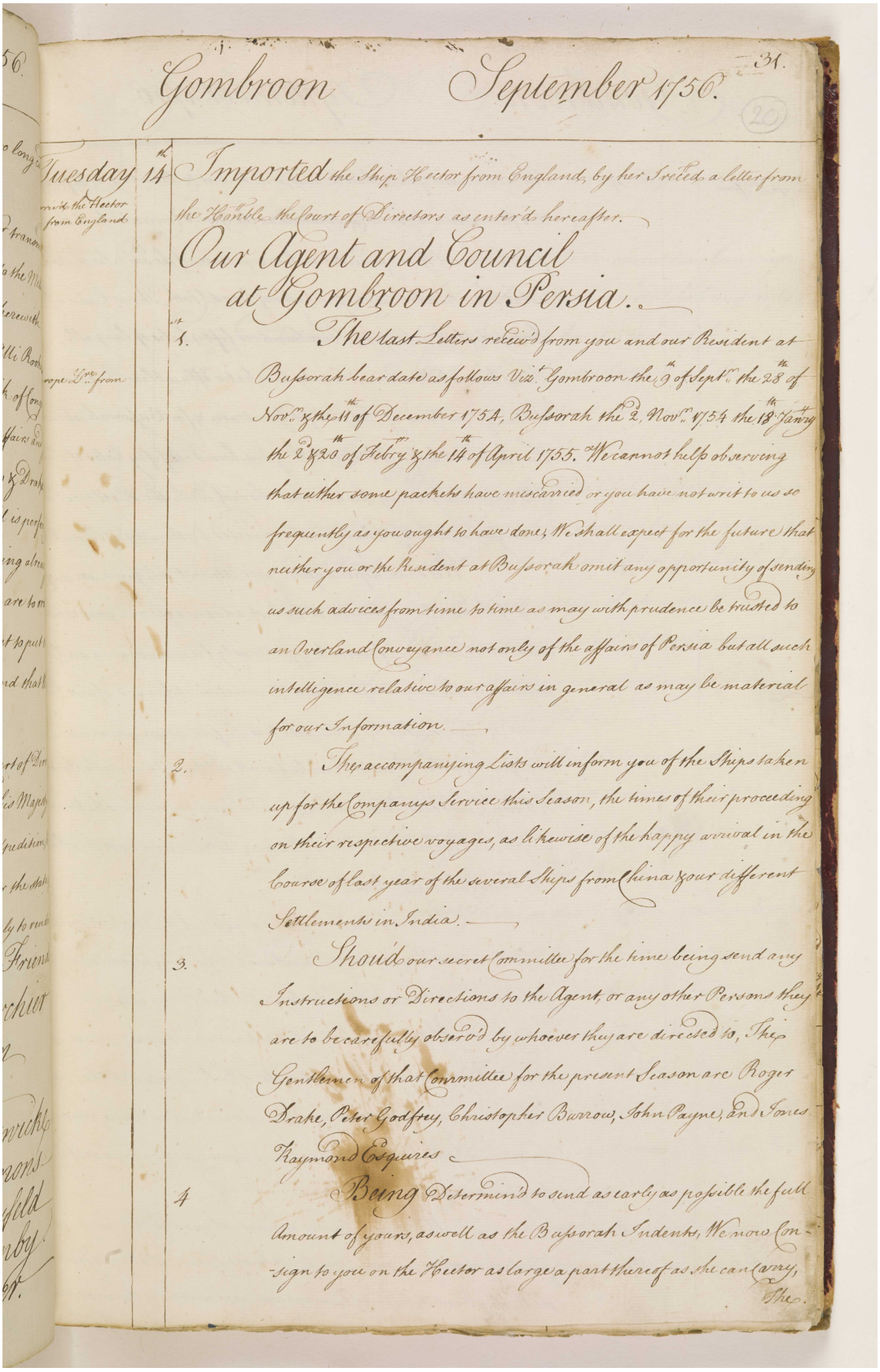

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Tuesday 14th Imported the Ship Hector from England, by her I received a letter from the Honble the Court of Directors as enter'd hereafter.

Arriv'd the Hector from England

Our Agent and Council at Gombroon in Persia.

1st The last Letters receiv'd from you and our Resident at Bussorah bear date as follows Viz^t Gombroon the 9th of Septr the 28th of Nov^r & the 11th of December 1754, Bussorah the 2d Novr 1754 the 18th Jany the 2d & 20th of Febry^r & the 14th of April 1755. We cannot help observing that either some packets have miscarried or you have not writ to us so frequently as you ought to have done, We shall expect for the future that neither you or the Resident at Bussorah omit any opportunity of sending us such advices from time to time as may with prudence be trusted to an Overland Conveyance not only of the affairs of Persia but all such intelligence relative to our affairs in general as may be material for our Information.

Europe Lr^s from

2. The accompanying Lists will inform you of the Ships taken up for the Companys Service this Season, the times of their proceeding on their respective voyages, as likewise of the happy arrival in the Course of last year of the several Ships from China & our different Settlements in India.

3. Shou'd our secret Committee for the time being send any Instructions or Directions to the Agent, or any other Persons they are to be carefully observ'd by whoever they are directed to, The Gentlemen of that Committee for the present Season are Roger Drake, Peter Godfrey, Christopher Burrow, John Payne, and Jones Raymond Esquires

4 Being Determin'd to send as early as possible the full Amount of yours, as well as the Bussorah Indents, We now Consign to you on the Hector as large a part thereof as she can carry,

The

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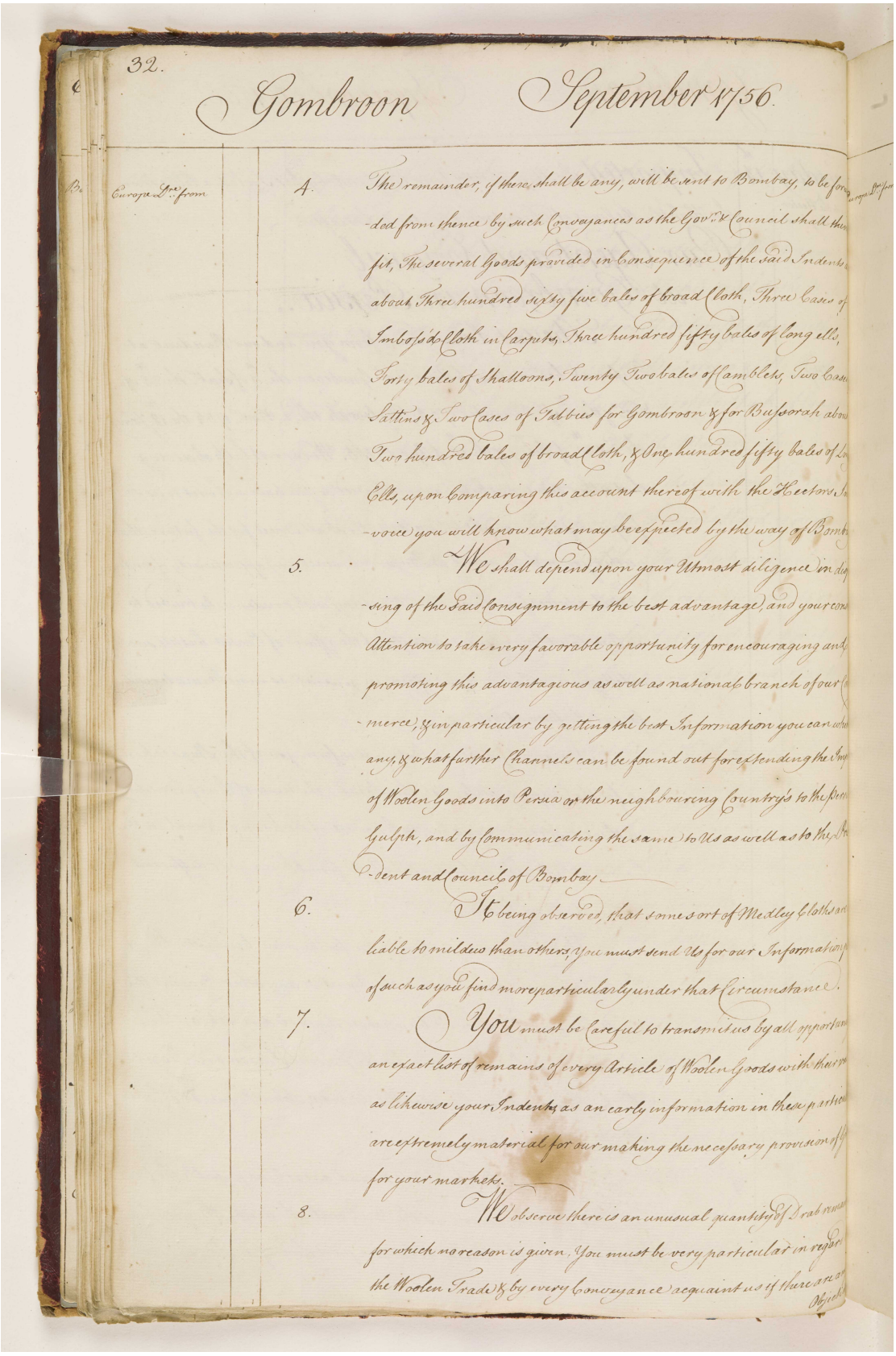

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4. The remainder, if there shall be any, will be sent to Bombay, to be for-
-ded from thence by such Conveyances as the Gov.r & Council shall th-
fit, The several Goods provided in Consequence of the said Indents
about Three hundred fifty five bales of broad Cloth, Three Cases of
Imbossd. Cloth in Carpets, Three hundred fifty bales of long ells,
Forty bales of Shalloons, Twenty Two bales of Lambletts, Two Cas-
Sattins & Two Cases of Tubbies for Gombroon & for Bussorah abou-
Two hundred bales of broad Cloth, & One hundred fifty bales of L-
Ells, upon Comparing this account thereof with the Hectors In-
-voice you will know what may be expected by the way of Bomb-

5. We shall depend upon your Utmost diligence in di-
-sing of the said Consignment to the best advantage and your com-
Attention to take every favorable opportunity for encouraging and
promoting this advantagious as well as national branch of your
-merce, & in particular by getting the best Information you can wh-
any, & what further Channels can be found out for extending the Im-
of Woolen Goods into Persia or the neighbouring Countrys to the Pers-
Gulph, and by Communicating the same to Us as well as to the P-
-dent and Council of Bombay

6. It being observed, that some sort of Medley Cloths ar-
liable to mildew than others, you must send Us for our Informatio-
of such as you find more particularly under that Circumstance.

7. You must be careful to transmit us by all opportun-
an exact list of remains of every Article of Woolen Goods with their v-
as likewise your Indents, as an early information in these partic-
are extremely material for our making the necessary provision of
for your markets.

8. We observe there is an unusual quantity of Drab rem-
for which no reason is given, You must be very particular in regar-
the Woolen Trade & by every Conveyance acquaint us if there are a-
Objec-

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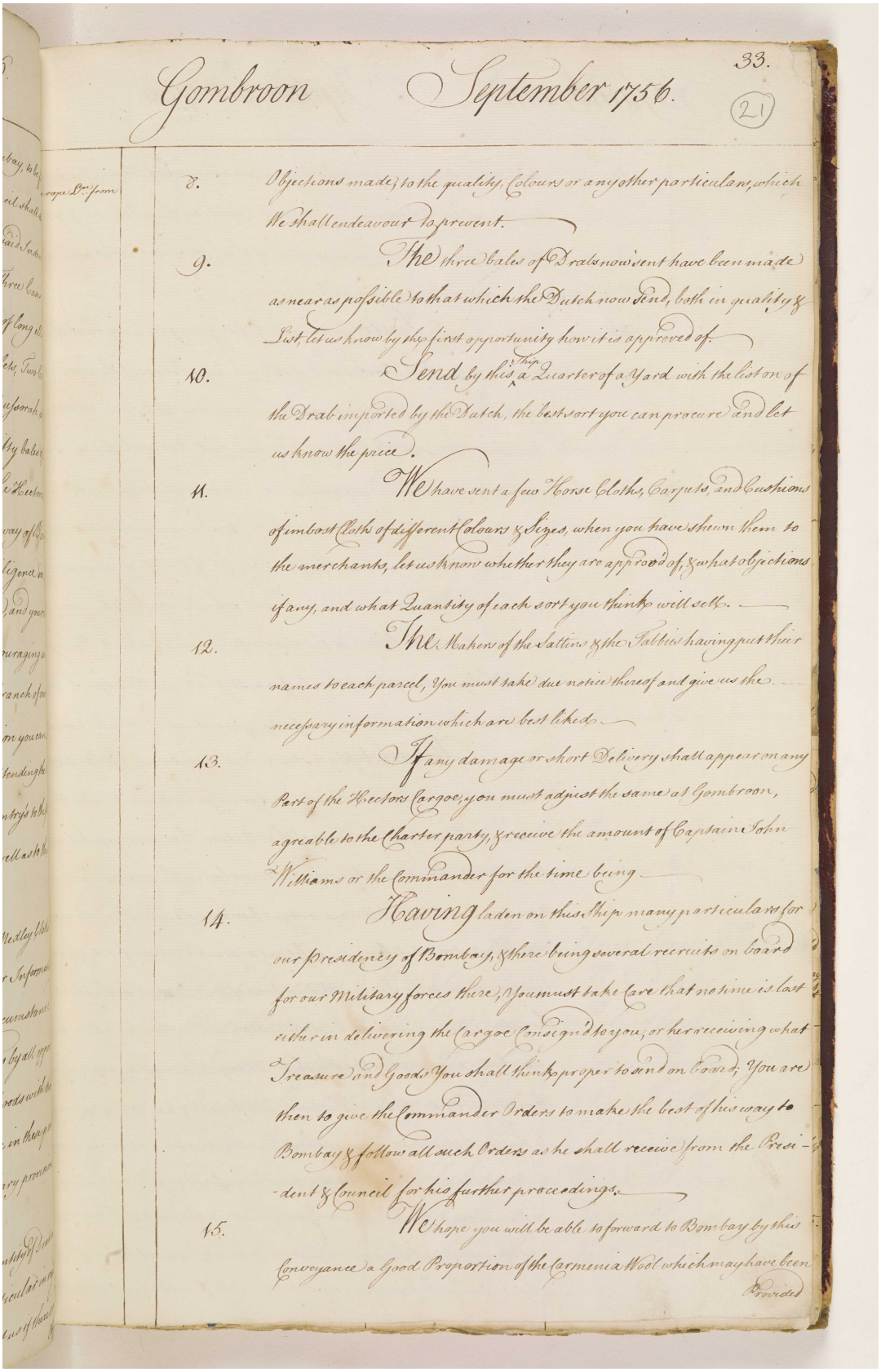

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8. Objections made to the quality, Colours or any other particulars, which We shall endeavour to prevent.

9. The three bales of Drabs now sent have been made as near as possible to that which the Dutch now send, both in quality & List, let us know by this first opportunity how it is approved of.

10. Send by this Ship a Quarter of a Yard with the list on of the Drab imported by the Dutch, the best sort you can procure and let us know the price.

11. We have sent a few Horse Cloths, Carpets, and Cushions of imbost Cloth of different Colours & Sizes, when you have shewn them to the merchants, let us know whether they are approved of, & what objections if any, and what Quantity of each sort you think will sell.

12. The Makers of the Sattins & the Tables having put their names to each parcel, You must take due notice thereof and give us the necessary information which are best liked.

13. If any damage or short Delivery shall appear on any Part of the Hectors Cargoe, you must adjust the same at Gombroon, agreable to the Charter party, & receive the amount of Captain John Williams or the Commander for the time being.

14. Having laden on this Ship many particulars for our Presidency of Bombay, & there being several recruits on board for our Military forces there, You must take care that no time is lost either in delivering the Cargoe Consigned to you, or her receiving what Treasure and Goods You shall think proper to send on board; You are then to give the Commander Orders to make the best of his way to Bombay & follow all such Orders as he shall receive from the Presi-dent & Council for his further proceedings.

15. We hope you will be able to forward to Bombay by this Conveyance a Good Proportion of the Carmenia Wool which may have been Provided

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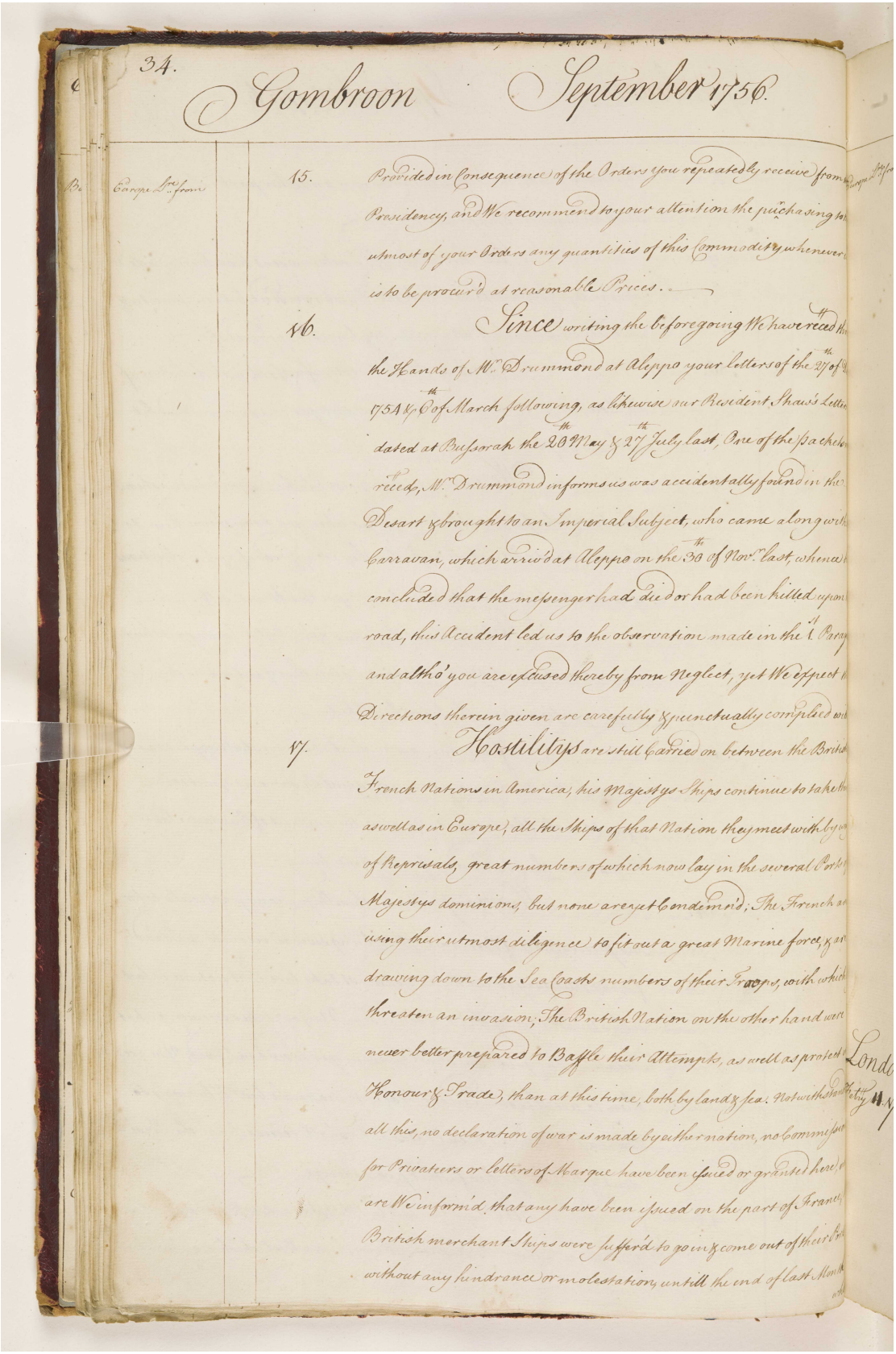

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15. Provided in Consequence of the Orders you repeatedly receive from Presidency, and We recommend to your attention the purchasing to utmost of your Orders any quantities of this Commodity whenever is to be procur'd at reasonable Prices.

16. Since writing the beforegoing We have receed the Hands of Mr. Drummond at Aleppo your letters of the 27th of 1754 & 9th of March following, as likewise our Resident Shaw's Letter dated at Bussorah the 20th May & 27th July last, One of the packets receed, Mr. Drummond informs us was accidentally found in the Desart & brought to an Imperial Subject, who came along with Carravan, which arriv'd at Aleppo on the 30th of Novr. last, whence concluded that the mespenger had died or had been killed upon road, this Accident led us to the observation made in the 1st Para and altho' you are excused thereby from Neglect, yet We expect Directions therein given are carefully & punctually complied with

17. Hostilitys are still Carried on between the British French Nations in America, his Majestys Ships continue to take the aswell as in Europe; all the Ships of that Nation they meet with by of Reprisals, great numbers of which now lay in the several Ports Majestys dominions, but none are yet Condemn'd; The French are using their utmost diligence to fit out a great Marine force, & drawing down to the Sea Coasts numbers of their Troops, with which threaten an invasion, The British Nation on the other hand were never better prepared to Baffle their Attempts, as well as protect Honour & Trade, than at this time, both by Land & Sea. Notwithstand all this, no declaration of war is made by either nation, no commissi for Privateers or letters of Marque have been issued or granted here, are We informd. that any have been issued on the part of France, British merchant Ships were suffer'd to go in & come out of their Ports without any hindrance or molestation, untill the end of last Month

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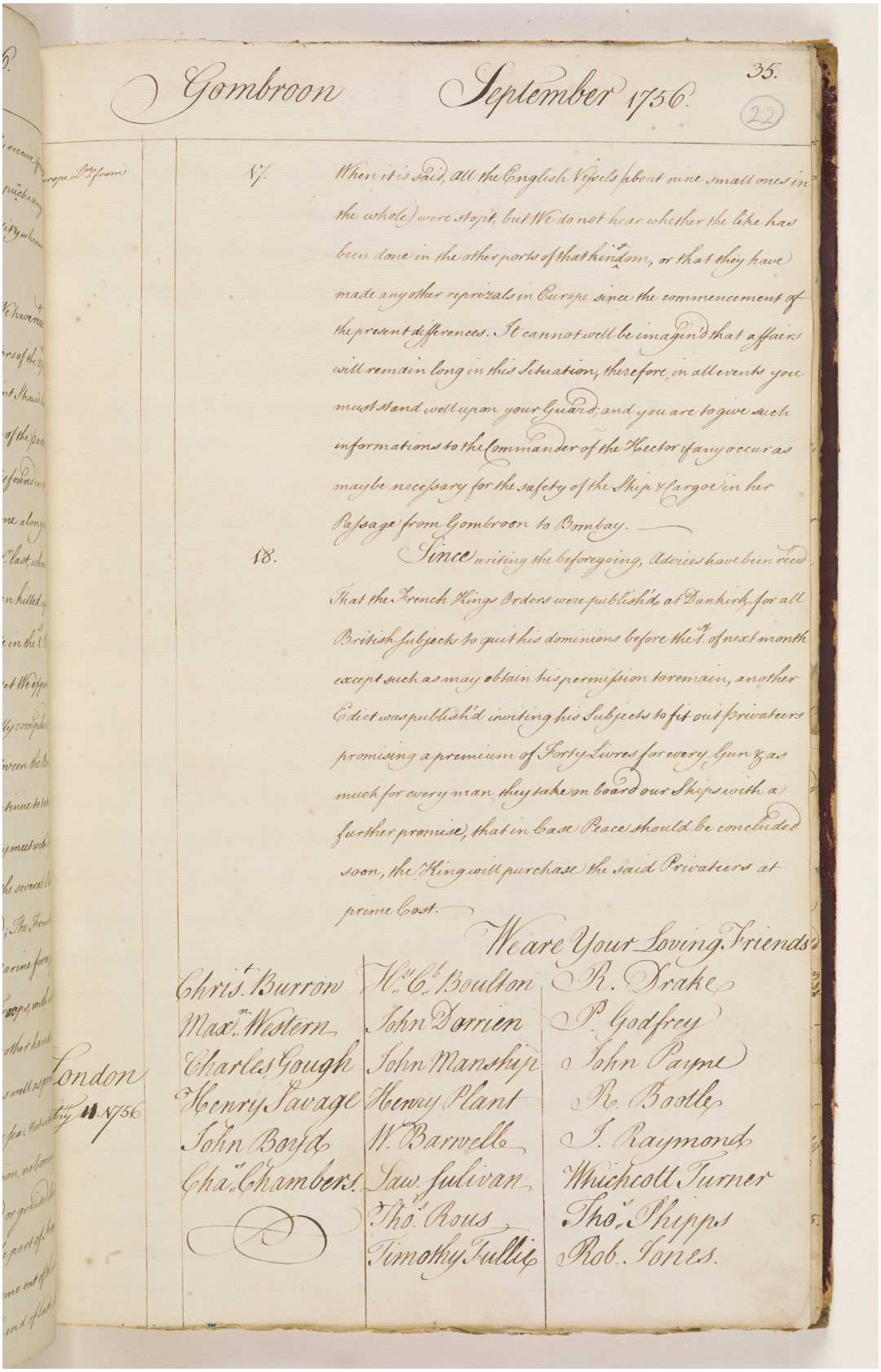

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17. When it is said, all the English Vessels (about nine small ones in the whole) were stopt, but We do not hear whether the like has been done in the other ports of that kingdom, or that they have made any other reprizals in Europe since the commencement of the present differences. It cannot well be imagin'd that affairs will remain long in this Situation, therefore, in all events you must stand well upon your Guard; and you are to give such informations to the Commander of the Hector if any occur as may be necessary for the safety of the Ship & Cargoe in her Passage from Gombroon to Bombay.

18. Since writing the beforegoing, Advices have been recd That the French Kings Orders were publish'd at Dunkirk for all British subjects to quit his dominions before the 1st of next month except such as may obtain his permission to remain, another Edict was publish'd inviting his Subjects to fit out privateers promising a premium of Forty Livres for every Gun & as much for every man they take on board our Ships with a further promise, that in Case Peace should be concluded soon, the King will purchase the said Privateers at prime Cost.

We are Your Loving Friends

Chris.t Burrow	Hy. Cb. Boulton	R. Drake
Max.n Western	John Dorrien	P. Godfrey
Charles Gough	John Manship	John Payne
Henry Savage	Henry Plant	R. Bootle
John Boyd	W. Barwell	J. Raymond
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	Tho.s Rous	Tho.s Phipps
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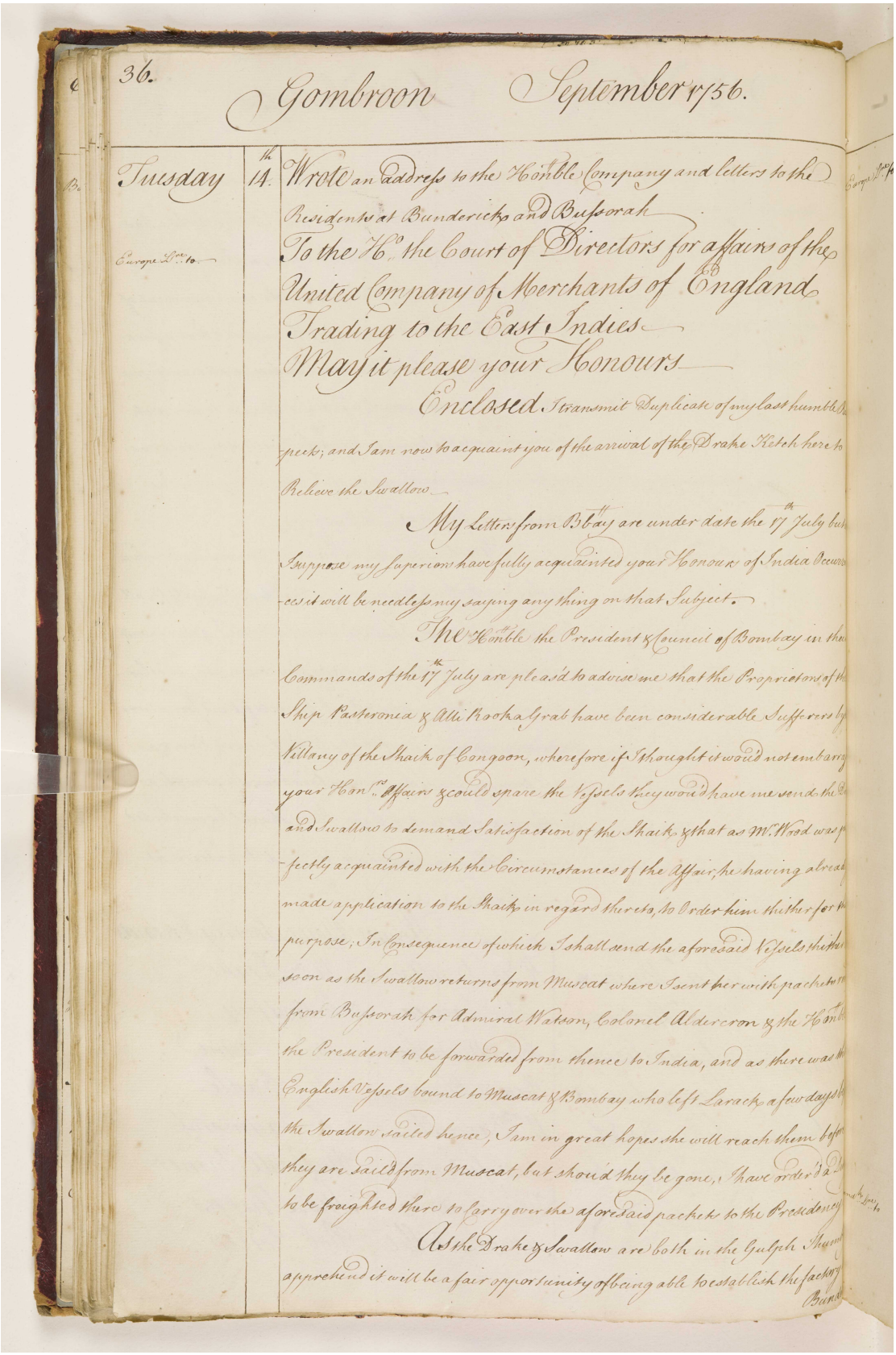

36. Gombroon September 1756.

Tuesday 14th Wrote an address to the Honble Company and letters to the Residents at Bunderick & and Busserah

To the Hble the Court of Directors for affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies

May it please your Honours

Enclosed I transmit Duplicate of my last humble Address; and I am now to acquaint you of the arrival of the Drake Ketch here to Relieve the Swallow

My Letters from Bbay are under date the 17th July but I suppose my Superiors have fully acquainted your Honours of India Occurrences it will be needless my saying any thing on that Subject.

The Honble the President & Council of Bombay in their Commands of the 17th July are pleas'd to advise me that the Proprietors of the Ship Pasteronia & Allikhooka Grab have been considerable Sufferers by Villany of the Shaik of Congoon, wherefore if I thought it would not embarrass your Hon.rs Affairs & could spare the Vessels they would have me send the Drake and Swallow to demand Satisfaction of the Shaik, & that as Mr. Wood was perfectly acquainted with the Circumstances of the Affair, he having already made application to the Shaik in regard thereto, to Order him thither for that purpose; In Consequence of which I shall send the aforesaid Vessels thither as soon as the Swallow returns from Muscat where I sent her with packets for Busserah for Admiral Watson, Colonel Aldercron & the Hon.ble the President to be forwarded from thence to India, and as there was two English Vessels bound to Muscat & Bombay who left Larack a few days before the Swallow sailed hence, I am in great hopes she will reach them before they are sailed from Muscat, but should they be gone, I have order'd a Dow to be freighted there to carry over the aforesaid packets to the Presidency

As the Drake & Swallow are both in the Gulph I am apprehend it will be a fair opportunity of being able to establish the factory at Bandar

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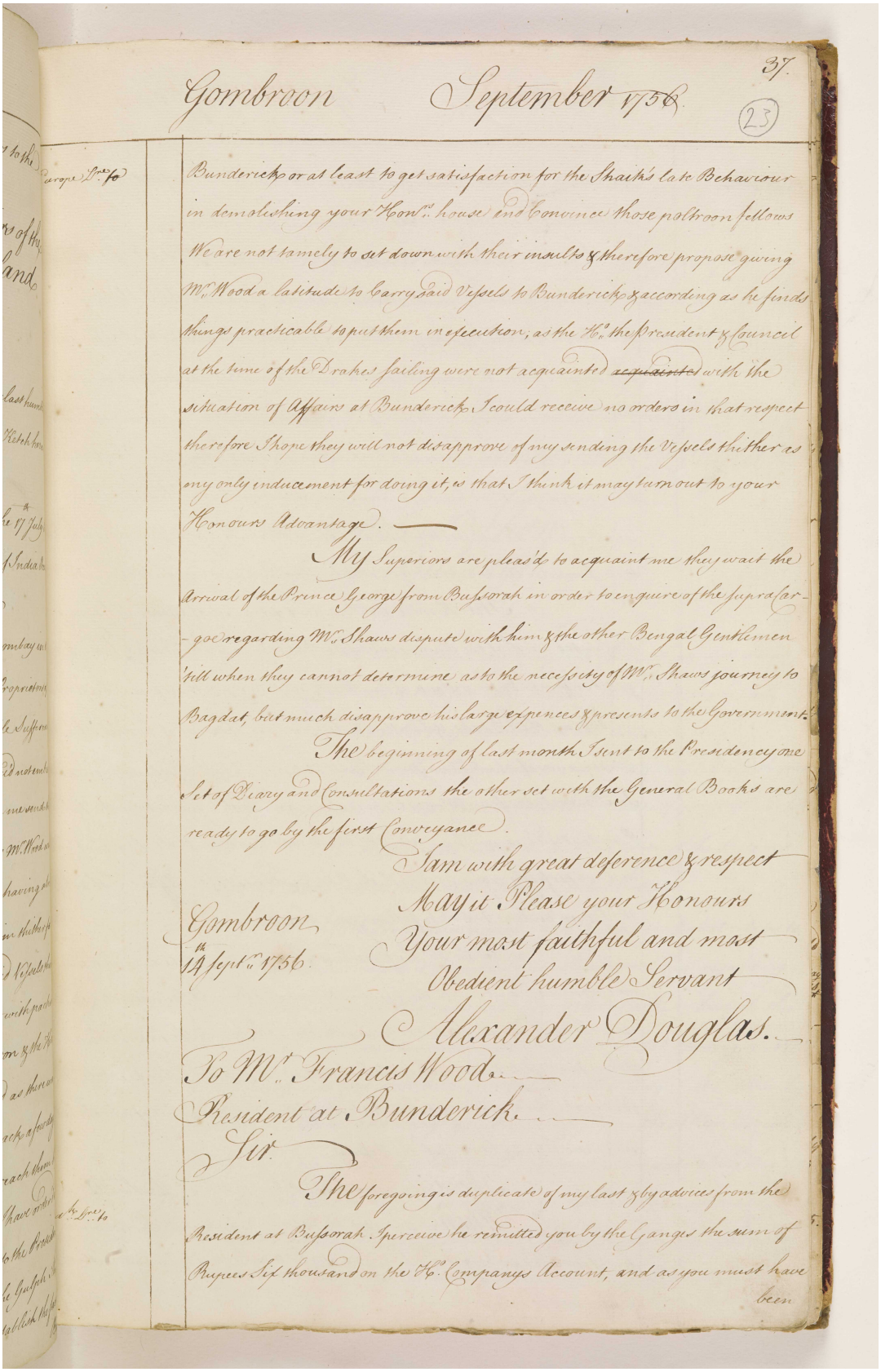

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Bunderick or at least to get satisfaction for the Shaikh's late Behaviour in demolishing your Hon^rs. house and Convince those poltroon fellows We are not tamely to sit down with their insults & therefore propose giving Mr. Wood a latitude to carry said Vessels to Bunderick & according as he finds things practicable to put them in execution; as the Honble the President & Council at the time of the Drakes sailing were not acquainted ~~acquainted~~ with the situation of Affairs at Bunderick, I could receive no orders in that respect therefore I hope they will not disapprove of my sending the Vessels thither as my only inducement for doing it, is that I think it may turn out to your Honours Advantage.

My Superiors are pleas'd to acquaint me they wait the Arrival of the Prince George from Busserah in order to enquire of the supracargoe regarding Mr. Shaws dispute with him & the other Bengal Gentlemen 'till when they cannot determine as to the necessity of Mr. Shaws journey to Bagdat, but much disapprove his large expences & presents to the Government.

The beginning of last month I sent to the Presidency one set of Diary and Consultations the other set with the General Books are ready to go by the first Conveyance.

I am with great deference & respect
May it Please your Honours
Your most faithful and most
Obedient humble Servant
Alexander Douglas.

Gombroon
the 14 Septr 1756.

To Mr. Francis Wood
President at Bunderick.

Sir

The foregoing is duplicate of my last & by advices from the President at Busserah I perceive he remitted you by the Ganges the sum of Rupees Six thousand on the Honble Companys Account, and as you must have been

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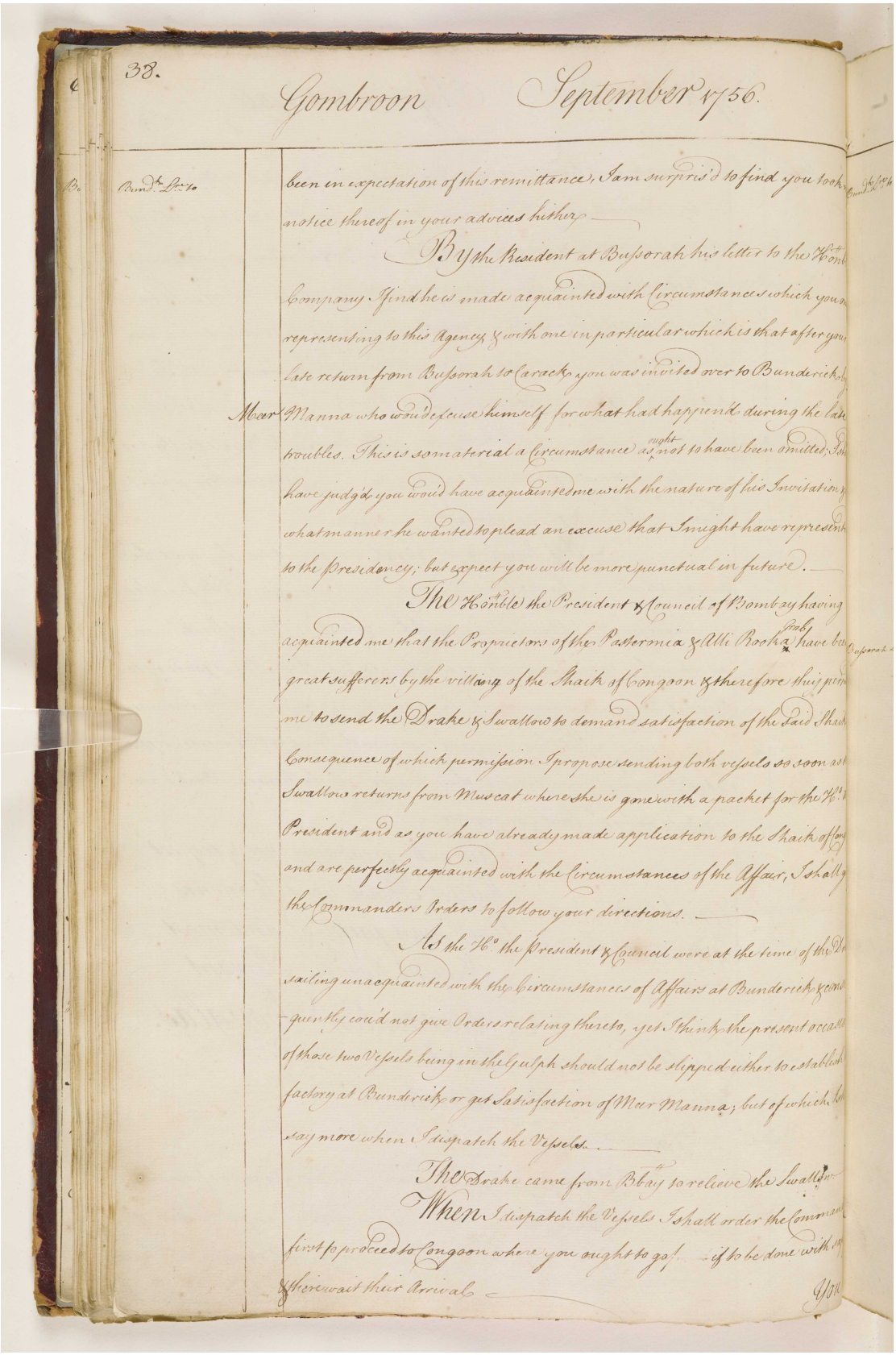

38.

Gombroon September 1756.

Bund.ᵗ Lᵉʳ to

been in expectation of this remittance, I am surpris'd to find you took notice thereof in your advices hither.

By the Resident at Bussorah his letter to the Hon.ᵗᵗ Company I find he is made acquainted with Circumstances which you on representing to this Agency & with one in particular which is that after your late return from Bussorah to Carack you was invited over to Bunderick by Meer Manna who wou'd excuse himself for what had happen'd during the late troubles. This is so material a Circumstance as ought not to have been omitted; I sh have judg'd you wou'd have acquainted me with the nature of his Invitation & what manner he wanted to plead an excuse that I might have represent to the Presidency; but expect you will be more punctual in future.

The Hon.ᵗᵇˡᵉ the President & Council of Bombay having acquainted me that the Proprietors of the Pastermia & Alli Rooka Grab have bee great sufferers by the villany of the Shaik of Congoon & therefore they perm me to send the Drake & Swallow to demand satisfaction of the said Shaik Consequence of which permission I propose sending both vessels so soon as Swallow returns from Muscat where she is gone with a packet for the H.ᵒ President and as you have already made application to the Shaik of Cong and are perfectly acquainted with the Circumstances of the Affair, I shall g the Commanders Orders to follow your directions.

As the H.ᵒ the President & Council were at the time of the D sailing unacquainted with the Circumstances of Affairs at Bunderick & cons quently cou'd not give Orders relating thereto, yet I think the present occas of those two Vessels being in the Gulph should not be slipped either to establish factory at Bunderick or get Satisfaction of Meer Manna; but of which I sh say more when I dispatch the Vessels.

The Drake came from Bbay to relieve the Swallow.

When I dispatch the Vessels I shall order the Comman first to proceed to Congoon where you ought to go [illegible] if to be done with sa & there wait their Arrival.

You

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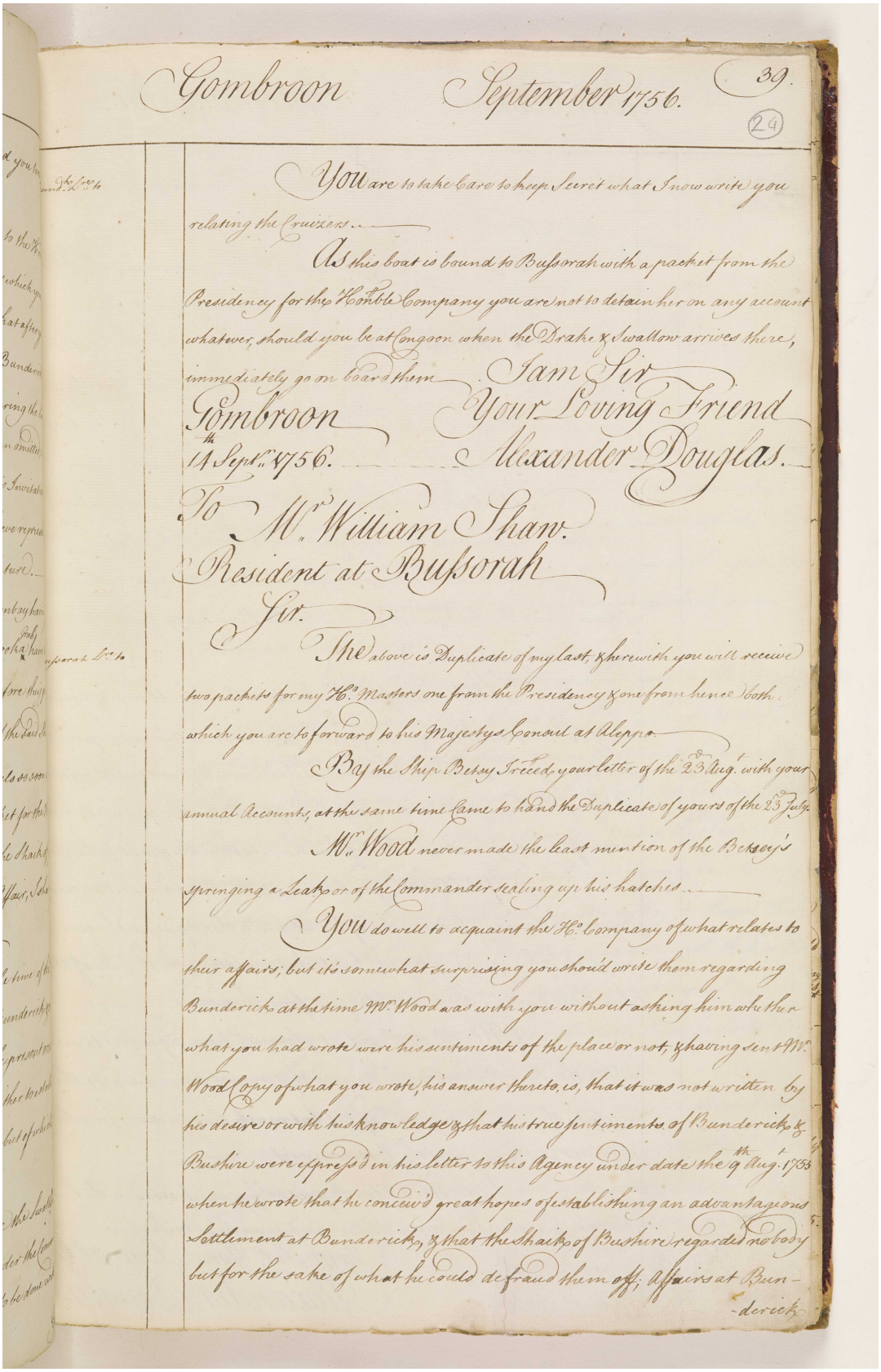

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You are to take care to keep Secret what I now write you relating the Cruizers.

As this boat is bound to Busorah with a packet from the Presidency for the Honble Company you are not to detain her on any account whatever, should you be at Congoon when the Drake & Swallow arrives there, immediately go on board them. I am Sir Your Loving Friend Alexander Douglas.

Gombroon 11th Sept.r 1756.

To Mr. William Shaw. Resident at Busorah

Sir.

The above is Duplicate of my last, herewith you will receive two packets for my Hon.e Masters one from the Presidency & one from hence both which you are to forward to his Majestys Consul at Aleppo.

By the Ship Betsy I recd. your letter of the 23d Aug.t with your annual Accounts, at the same time came to hand the Duplicate of yours of the 23d July.

Mr. Wood never made the least mention of the Betsey's springing a Leak or of the Commander sealing up his hatches.

You do well to acquaint the Hon.e Company of what relates to their affairs, but it's somewhat surprising you should write them regarding Bunderick at the time Mr. Wood was with you without asking him whether what you had wrote were his sentiments of the place or not, & having sent Mr. Wood Copy of what you wrote, his answer thereto, is, that it was not written by his desire or with his knowledge & that his true sentiments of Bunderick & Bushire were express'd in his letter to this Agency under date the 9th Aug.t 1755 when he wrote that he conceiv'd great hopes of establishing an advantagious Settlement at Bunderick, & that the Shaikh of Bushire regarded no body but for the sake of what he could defraud them off. Affairs at Bun-

-derick

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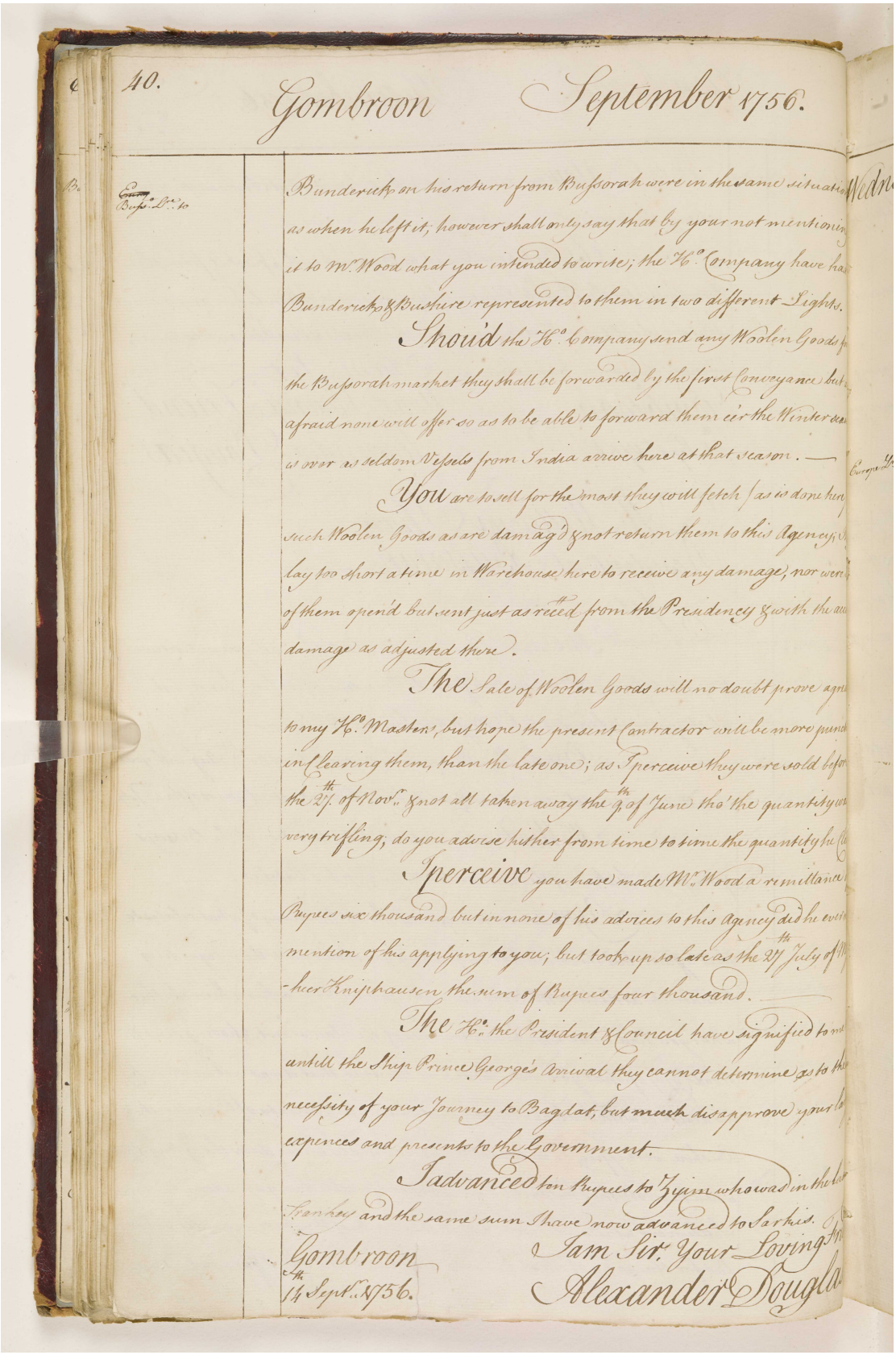

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Bunderick on his return from Bussorah were in the same situation as when he left it; however shall only say that by your not mentioning it to Mr. Wood what you intended to write; the Ho. Company have had Bunderick & Bushire represented to them in two different Lights.

Shou'd the Ho. Company send any Woolen Goods for the Bussorah market they shall be forwarded by the first Conveyance but afraid none will offer so as to be able to forward them e'er the Winter season is over as seldom Vessels from India arrive here at that season. —

You are to sell for the most they will fetch (as is done here) such Woolen Goods as are damag'd & not return them to this Agency; they lay too short a time in Warehouse here to receive any damage, nor were of them open'd but sent just as rec'd from the Presidency & with the ac damage as adjusted there.

The Sale of Woolen Goods will no doubt prove agre to my Ho. Masters, but hope the present Contractor will be more punct in clearing them, than the late one; as I perceive they were sold befor the 27th of Novr. & not all taken away the 9th of June tho' the quantity wa very trifling; do you advise hither from time to time the quantity he Cl

I perceive you have made Mr. Wood a remittance Rupees six thousand but in none of his advices to this Agency did he ever mention of his applying to you; but took up so late as the 27th July of M -heer Kniphausen the sum of Rupees four thousand.

The Ho. the President & Council have signified to me untill the Ship Prince George's Arrival they cannot determine as to the necessity of your Journey to Bagdat, but much disapprove your la expences and presents to the Government.

I advanced ten Rupees to Zyim who was in the la Tranhey and the same sum I have now advanced to Sarkis.

Gombroon
14th Sept. 1756.

I am Sir, Your Loving Fri
Alexander Dougla

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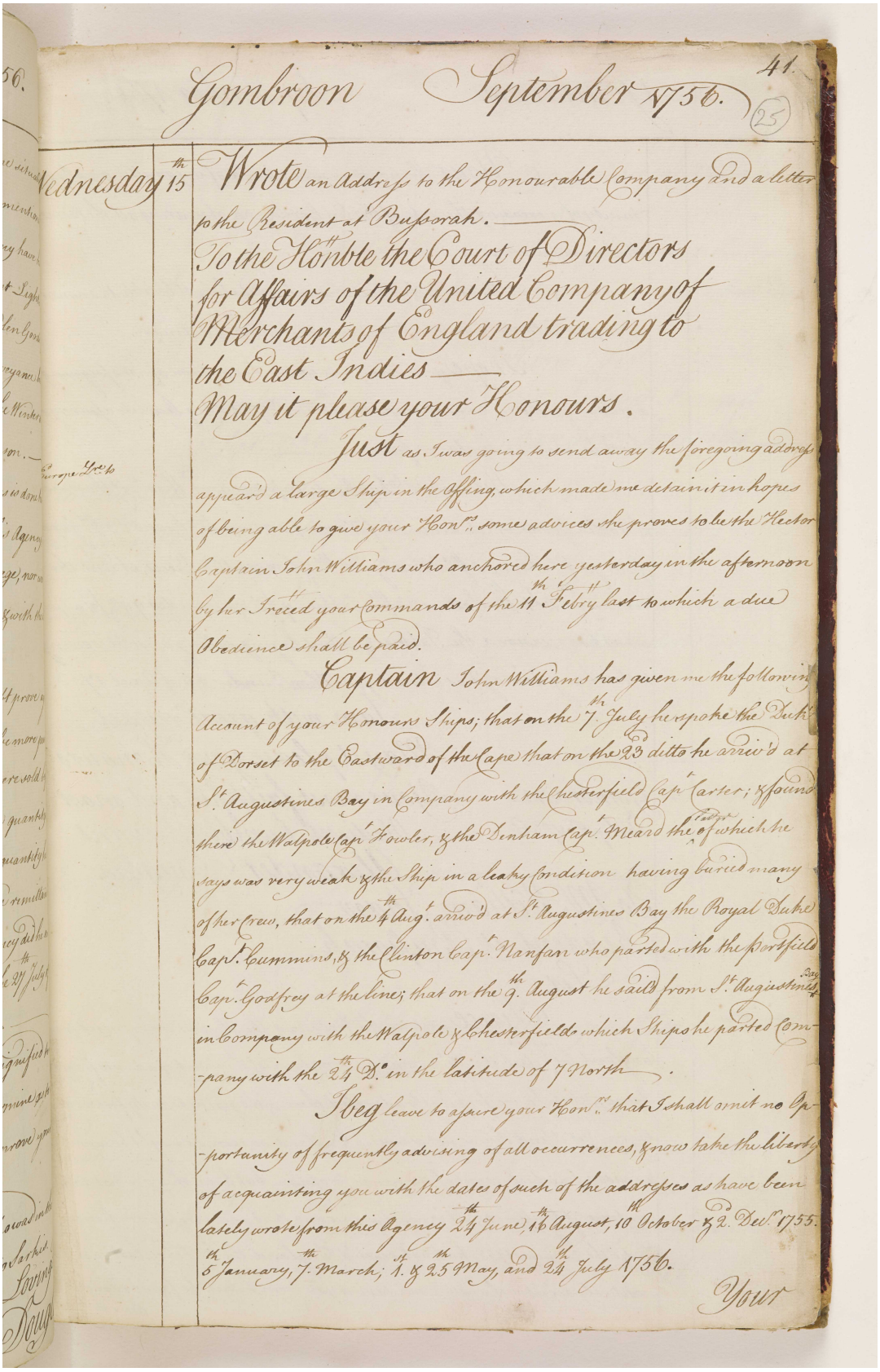

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Wednesday 15th Wrote an Address to the Honourable Company and a letter to the President at Buſsorah.

To the Honble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies

May it please your Honours.

Just as I was going to send away the foregoing address appeard a large Ship in the Offing, which made me detain it in hopes of being able to give your Honrs some advices she proves to be the Hector Captain John Williams who anchored here yesterday in the afternoon by her I receid your Commands of the 11th Febry last to which a due Obedience shall be paid.

Captain John Williams has given me the following Account of your Honours Ships; that on the 7th July he spoke the Duke of Dorset to the Eastward of the Cape that on the 23 ditto he arriv'd at St. Augustines Bay in Company with the Chesterfield Capt. Carter; & found there the Walpole Capt. Fowler, & the Denham Capt. Meard the last of which he says was very weak & the Ship in a leaky condition having buried many of her Crew, that on the 4th Augt. arriv'd at St. Augustines Bay the Royal Duke Capt. Cummins, & the Clinton Capt. Nanfan who parted with the Portsfield Capt. Godfrey at the line; that on the 9th August he sailed from St. Augustens Bay in Company with the Walpole & Chesterfield which Ships he parted Company with the 24th Dto in the latitude of 7 North.

I beg leave to assure your Honrs that I shall omit no Opportunity of frequently advising of all occurrences, & now take the liberty of acquainting you with the dates of such of the addresses as have been lately wrote from this Agency 24th June 16 August, 10 October & 2. Decr 1755. 5th January, 7. March; 1. & 25 May, and 24 July 1756.

Your

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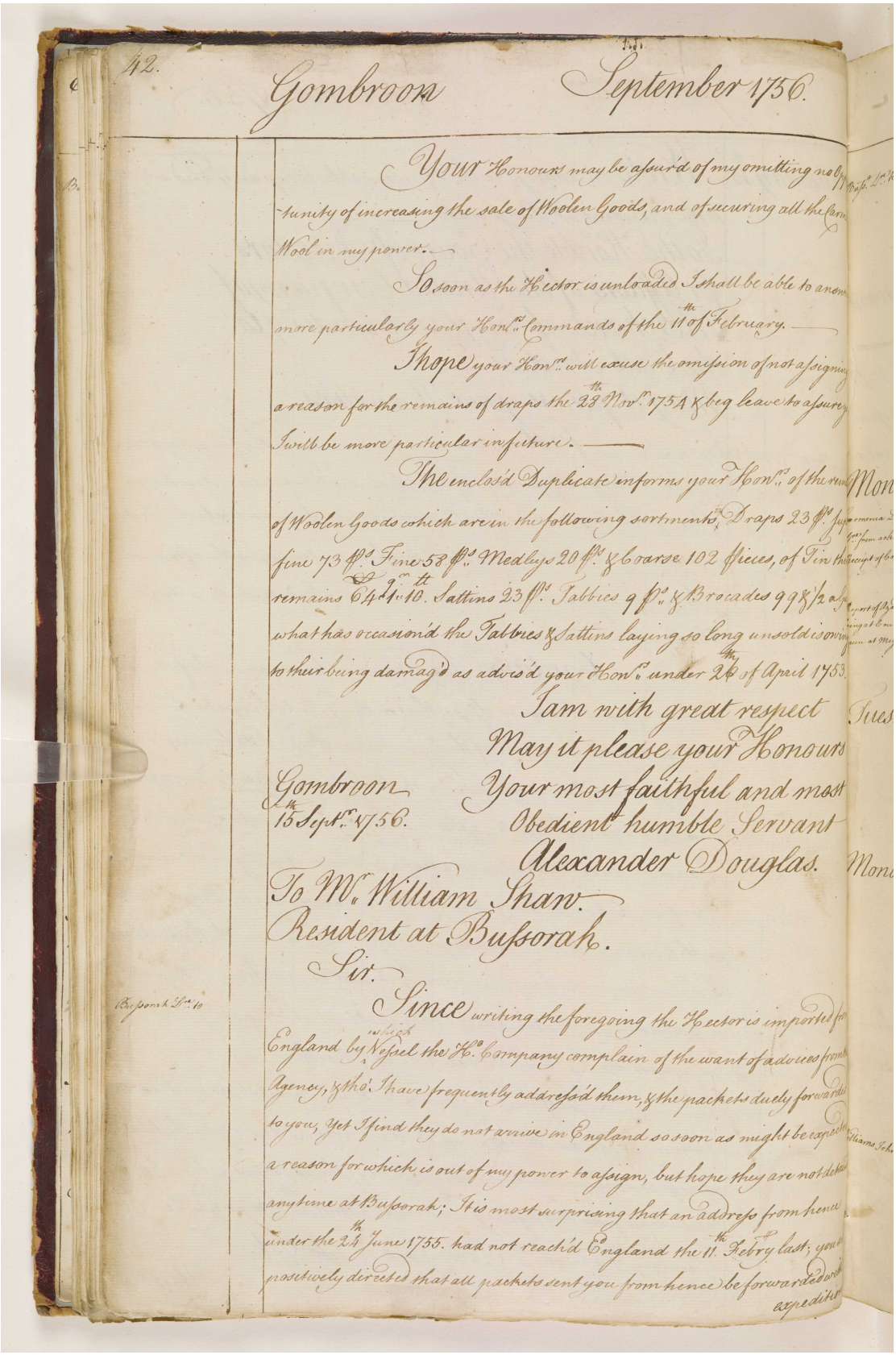

42.

Gombroon September 1756.

Your Honours may be assur'd of my omitting no Opportunity of increasing the sale of Woolen Goods, and of securing all the Carmen Wool in my power.

So soon as the Hector is unloaded I shall be able to answer more particularly your Hon.rs Commands of the 11th of February.

I hope your Hon.rs will excuse the omission of not assigning a reason for the remains of draps the 28th Nov.r 1754 & beg leave to assure you I will be more particular in future.

The enclos'd Duplicate informs your Hon.rs of the remains of Woolen Goods which are in the following sortments, Draps 23 ps. Superfine 73 ps. Fine 58 ps. Medleys 20 ps. & Coarse 102 pieces, of Tin the remains 64 q.r 1 lb 10 lt. Sattins 23 ps. Tabbies 9 ps. & Brocades 99 & 1/2 a lb. what has occasion'd the Tabbies & Sattins laying so long unsold is owing to their being damag'd as advis'd your Hon.rs under 26th of April 1753.

I am with great respect
May it please your Honours
Your most faithful and most
Obedient humble Servant
Alexander Douglas.

Gombroon
15th Sept.r 1756.

To Mr. William Shaw.
Resident at Bussorah.

Sir.

Bussorah Dec. 10

Since writing the foregoing the Hector is imported from England by which Vessel the H.o Company complain of the want of advices from the Agency, & tho' I have frequently address'd them, & the packets duely forwarded to you, Yet I find they do not arrive in England so soon as might be expected a reason for which is out of my power to assign, but hope they are not detained anytime at Bussorah; It is most surprising that an address from hence under the 24th June 1755. had not reach'd England the 11th Febry last; you are positively directed that all packets sent you from hence be forwarded with expedition

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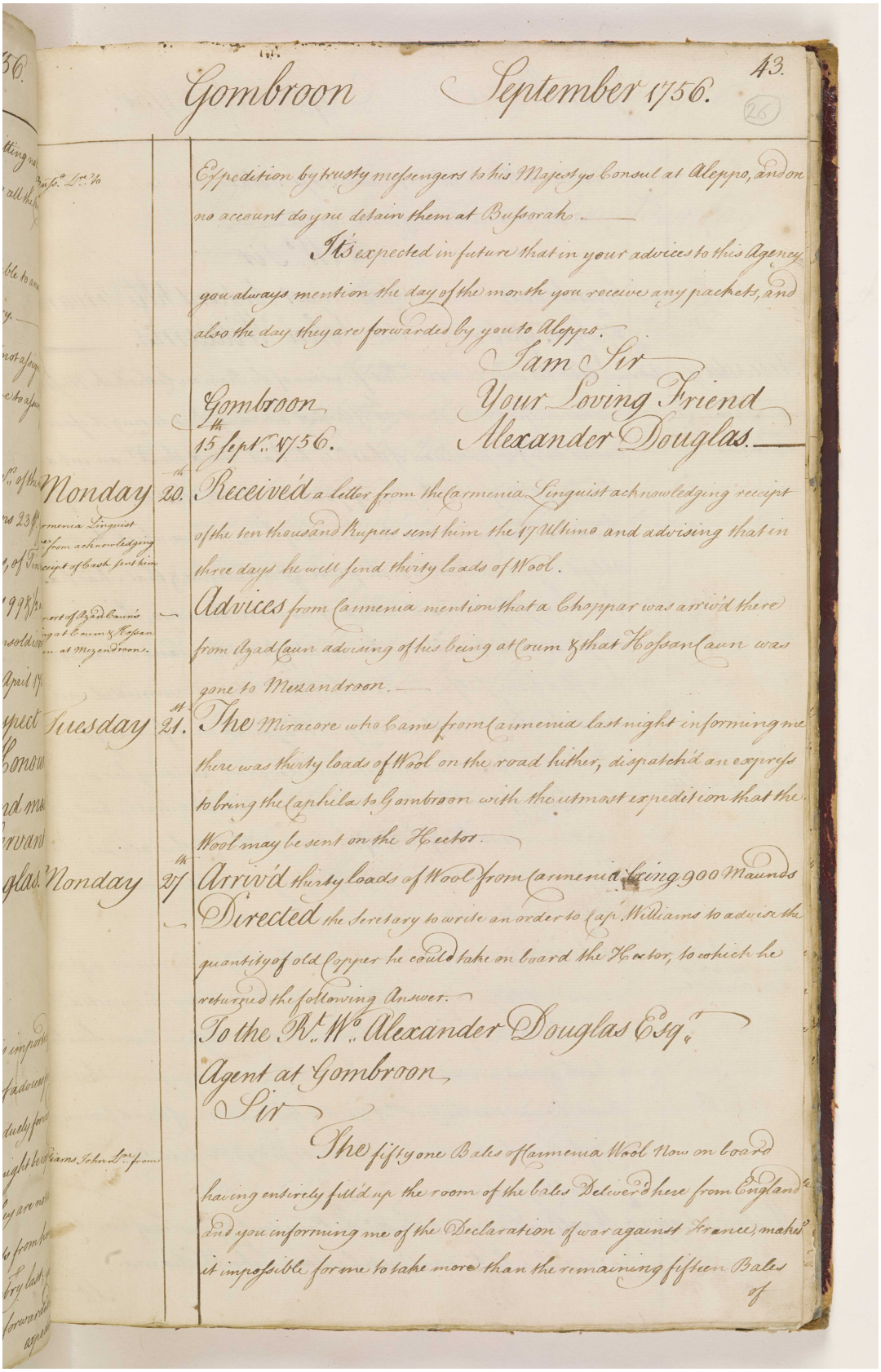

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Expedition by trusty messengers to his Majesty's Consul at Aleppo, and on no account do you detain them at Bussorah.

It's expected in future that in your advices to this Agency you always mention the day of the month you receive any packets, and also the day they are forwarded by you to Aleppo.

I am Sir
Your Loving Friend
Alexander Douglas.

Gombroon
15th Sept.r 1756.

Monday 20th. Received a letter from the Armenia Linguist acknowledging receipt of the ten thousand Rupees sent him the 17th Ultimo and advising that in three days he will send thirty loads of Wool.

Advices from Carmenia mention that a Chappar was arrivd there from Ayad Caun advising of his being at Coum & that Hossan Caun was gone to Mezandroon.

Tuesday 21st. The Miracore who came from Carmenia last night informing me there was thirty loads of Wool on the road hither, dispatchd an express to bring the Capitula to Gombroon with the utmost expedition that the Wool may be sent on the Hector.

Monday 27th Arrivd thirty loads of Wool from Carmenia being 900 Maunds

Directed the Secretary to write an order to Capt. Williams to advise the quantity of old Copper he could take on board the Hector, to which he returned the following Answer.

To the Rt. Wo. Alexander Douglas Esqr.
Agent at Gombroon

Sir

The fifty one Bales of Armenia Wool Now on board having entirely fillid up the room of the Bales Deliverd here from England and you informing me of the Declaration of war against France, makes it impossible for me to take more than the remaining fifteen Bales of

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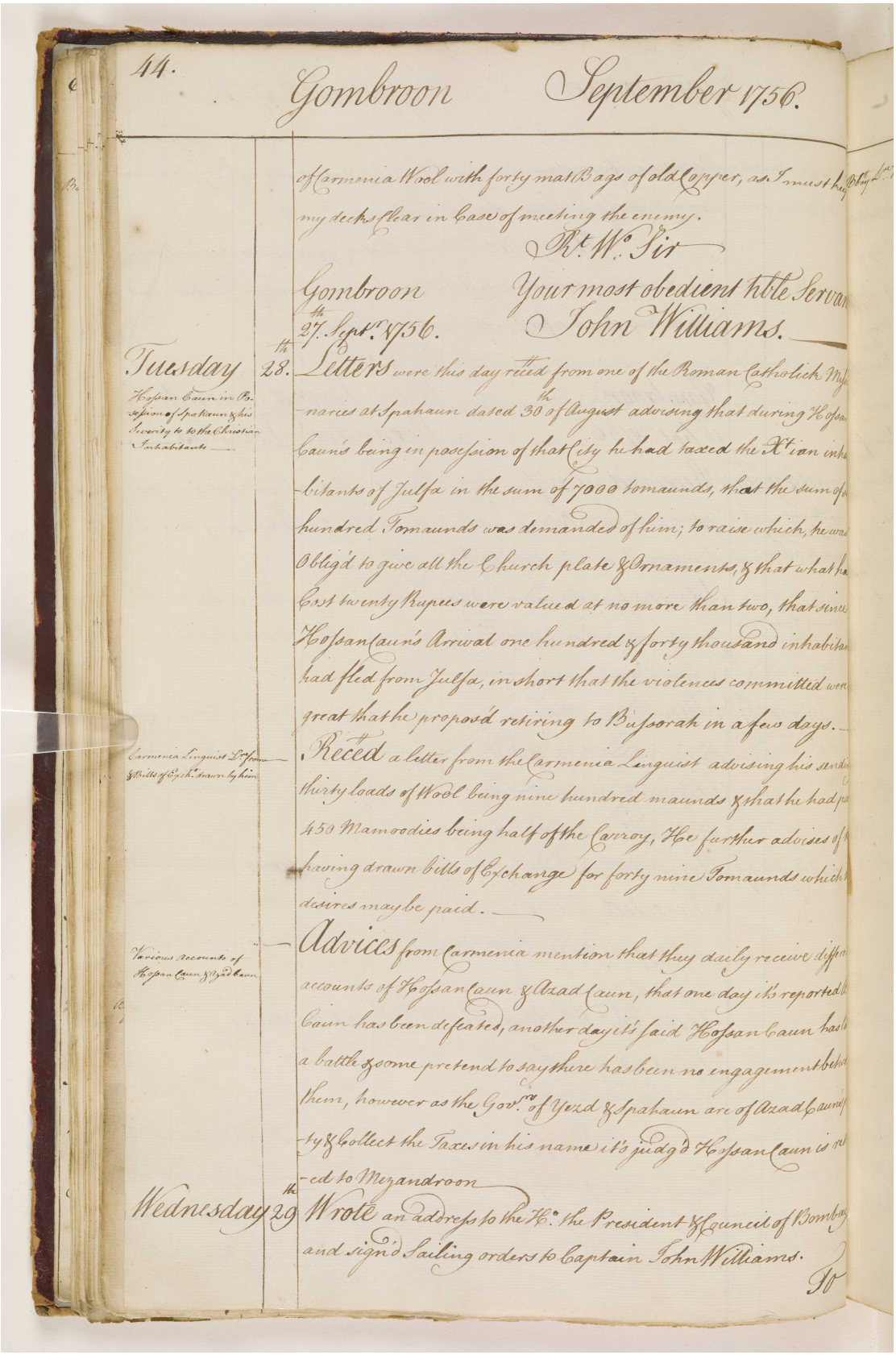

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of Armenia Wool with forty mat Bags of old Copper, as I must have my decks clear in case of meeting the enemy.

I am Sir
Your most obedient hble Servt
John Williams.

Gombroon
27th Sept. 1756.

Tuesday 28th. Letters were this day recd from one of the Roman Catholick Missionaries at Spahaun dated 30 of August advising that during Hossan Caun's being in possession of that City he had taxed the Xtian inhabitants of Julfa in the sum of 7000 tomaunds, that the sum of hundred Tomaunds was demanded of him; to raise which, he was Oblig'd to give all the Church plate & Ornaments, & that what had Cost twenty Rupees were valued at no more than two, that since Hossan Caun's Arrival one hundred & forty thousand inhabitants had fled from Julfa, in short that the violences committed were great that he proposd retiring to Busorah in a few days.

Hossan Caun in Possession of Spahaun & his Severity to the Christian Inhabitants

Recd a letter from the Armenia Linguist advising his sending thirty loads of Wool being nine hundred maunds & that he had purchased 450 Mamoodies being half of the Carroy, He further advises of having drawn bills of Exchange for forty nine Tomaunds which he desires may be paid.

Armenia Linguist Letter from & Bills of Exch. drawn by him

Advices from Armenia mention that they daily receive different accounts of Hossan Caun & Azad Caun, that one day it's reported Caun has been defeated, another day it's said Hossan Caun has had a battle & some pretend to say there has been no engagment between them, however as the Govrs. of Yezd & Spahaun are of Azad Caun's Party & Collect the Taxes in his name it's judg'd Hossan Caun is retired to Mezandroon

Various accounts of Hossan Caun & Azad Caun

Wednesday 29th Wrote an address to the Hble the President & Council of Bombay and sign'd Sailing orders to Captain John Williams.

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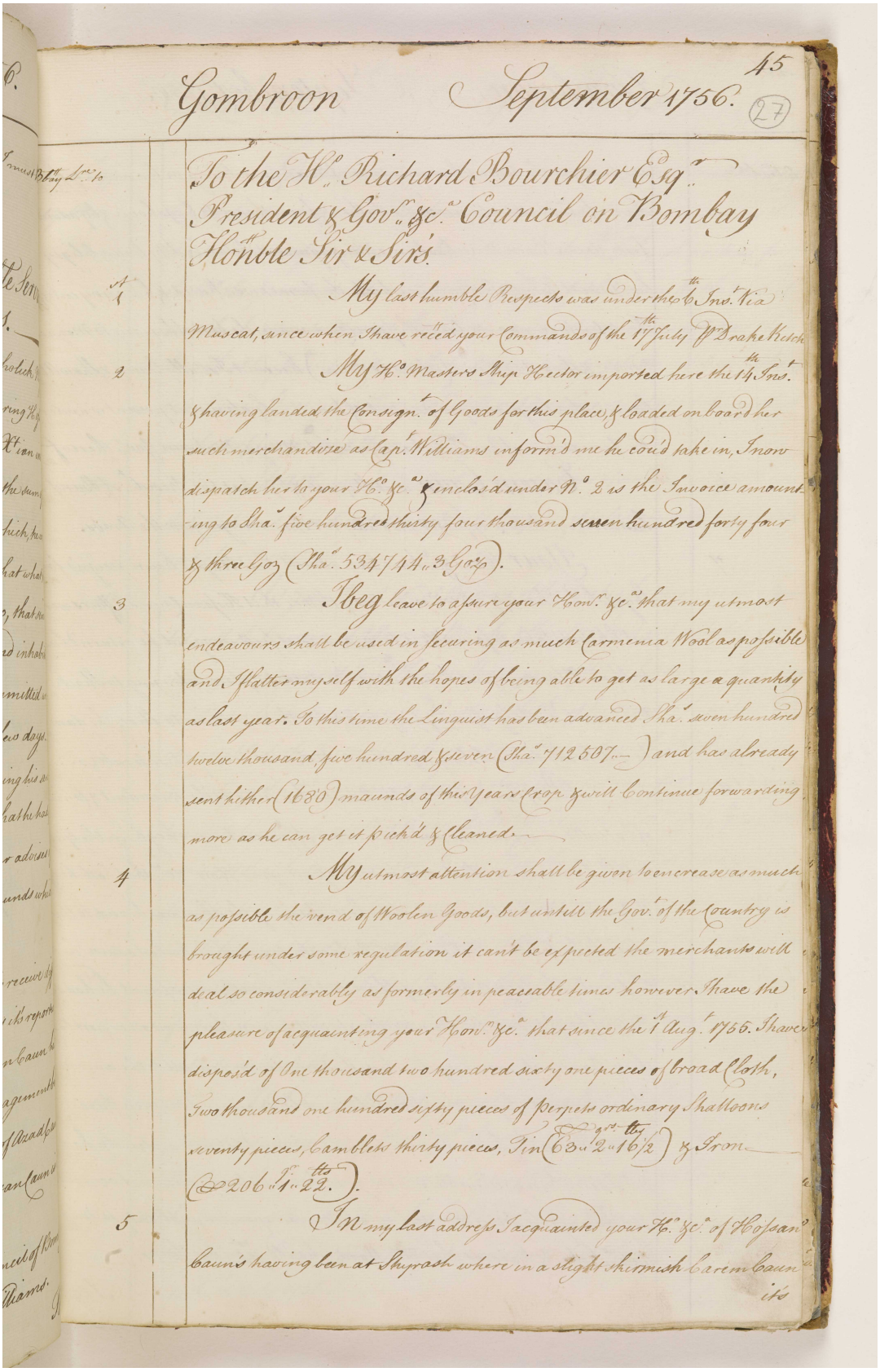

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To the Hon.ble Richard Bourchier Esq.r
President & Gov.r &c.a Council on Bombay
Hon.ble Sir & Sir's

1st My last humble Respects was under the 6th Ins.t Via Muscat, since when I have rec.ed your Commands of the 17th July Pr Drake Ketch

2 My Ho. Masters Ship Hector imported here the 14th Ins.t & having landed the Consign.t of Goods for this place, & loaded on board her such merchandize as Cap.t Williams inform'd me he cou'd take in, I now dispatch her to your Ho. &c.a & enclos'd under No. 2 is the Invoice amounting to Sha.s five hundred thirty four thousand seven hundred forty four & three Goz (Sha.s 534744..3 Goz).

3 I beg leave to assure your Hon.r &c.a that my utmost endeavours shall be used in securing as much Carmenia Wool as possible and I flatter myself with the hopes of being able to get as large a quantity as last year. To this time the Linguist has been advanced Sha.s seven hundred twelve thousand, five hundred & seven (Sha.s 712507..–) and has already sent hither (1680) maunds of this Years Crop & will Continue forwarding more as he can get it pick'd & Cleaned.

4 My utmost attention shall be given to encrease as much as possible the vend of Woolen Goods, but untill the Gov.t of the Country is brought under some regulation it can't be expected the merchants will deal so considerably as formerly in peaceable times however I have the pleasure of acquainting your Hon.r &c.a that since the 1st Aug.t 1755. I have dispos'd of One thousand two hundred sixty one pieces of broad Cloth, Two thousand one hundred sixty pieces of perpets ordinary Shalloons seventy pieces, Camblets thirty pieces, Tin (63..2..16½ grs. lbs) & Iron (206..1..22 gr. lbs).

5 In my last address I acquainted your Ho. &c.a of Hossan Caun's having been at Shyrash where in a slight skirmish Carem Caun it's

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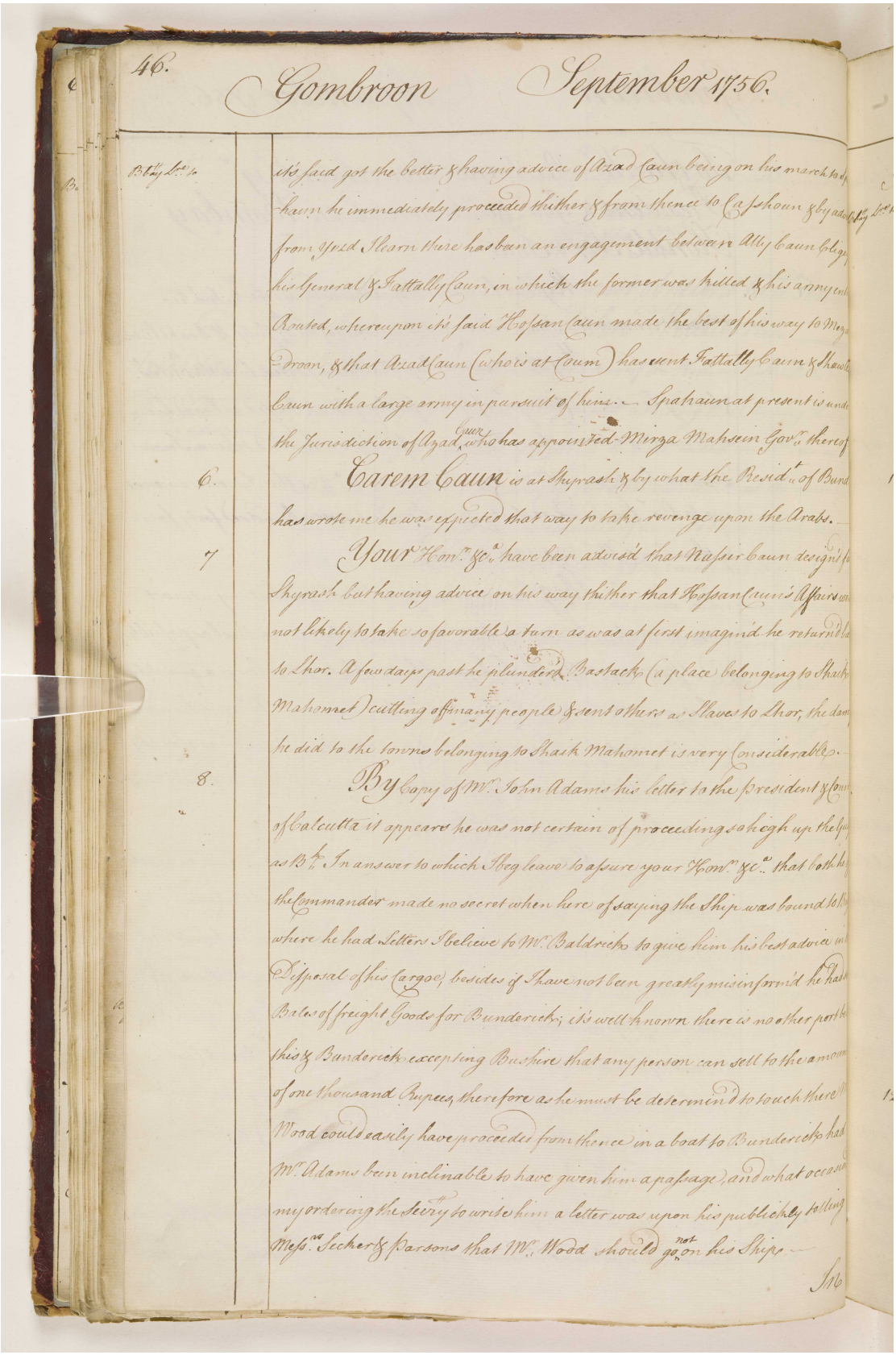

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it's said got the better & having advice of Azad Caun being on his march to
-haun he immediately proceeded thither & from thence to Cafshoun & by a
from Yezd I learn there has ban an engagement between Ally Caun Belg
his General & Fattally Caun, in which the former was killed & his army
Routed, whereupon it's said Hossan Caun made the best of his way to Meg
droon, & that Azad Caun (who is at Coum) has sent Fattally Caun & Shaw
Caun with a large army in pursuit of him. Spahaun at present is und
the Jurisdiction of Azad, Cour who has appointed Mirza Mahsein Gov. there

6. Carem Caun is at Shyrash & by what the Resid. of Bund
has wrote me he was expected that way to take revenge upon the Arabs.

7 Your Hon. &c. have been advis'd that Nasser Caun design'd
Shyrash but having advice on his way thither that Hossan Caun's Affairs
not likely to take so favorable a turn as was at first imagin'd he return'd
to Lhor. A few days past he plunder'd Bastack (a place belonging to Shaik
Mahomet) cutting off many people & sent others as Slaves to Lhor, the dam
he did to the towns belonging to Shaik Mahomet is very Considerable.

8. By Copy of Mr. John Adams his letter to the president & Co
of Calcutta it appears he was not certain of proceeding so high up the Gu
as B. In answer to which I beg leave to assure your Hon. &c. that both he
the Commander made no secret when here of saying the Ship was bound to B
where he had Letters I believe to Mr. Baldrick to give him his best advice in
Disposal of his Cargoe, besides if I have not been greatly misinform'd he has
Bales of freight Goods for Bunderick; it's well known there is no other port be
this & Bunderick excepting Bushire that any person can sell to the amou
of one thousand Rupees, therefore as he must be determin'd to touch there
Wood could easily have proceeded from thence in a boat to Bunderick had
Mr. Adams been inclinable to have given him a passage, and what occasio
my ordering the Secry to write him a letter was upon his publickly telling
Messrs. Secher & Parsons that Mr. Wood should not go on his Ships.

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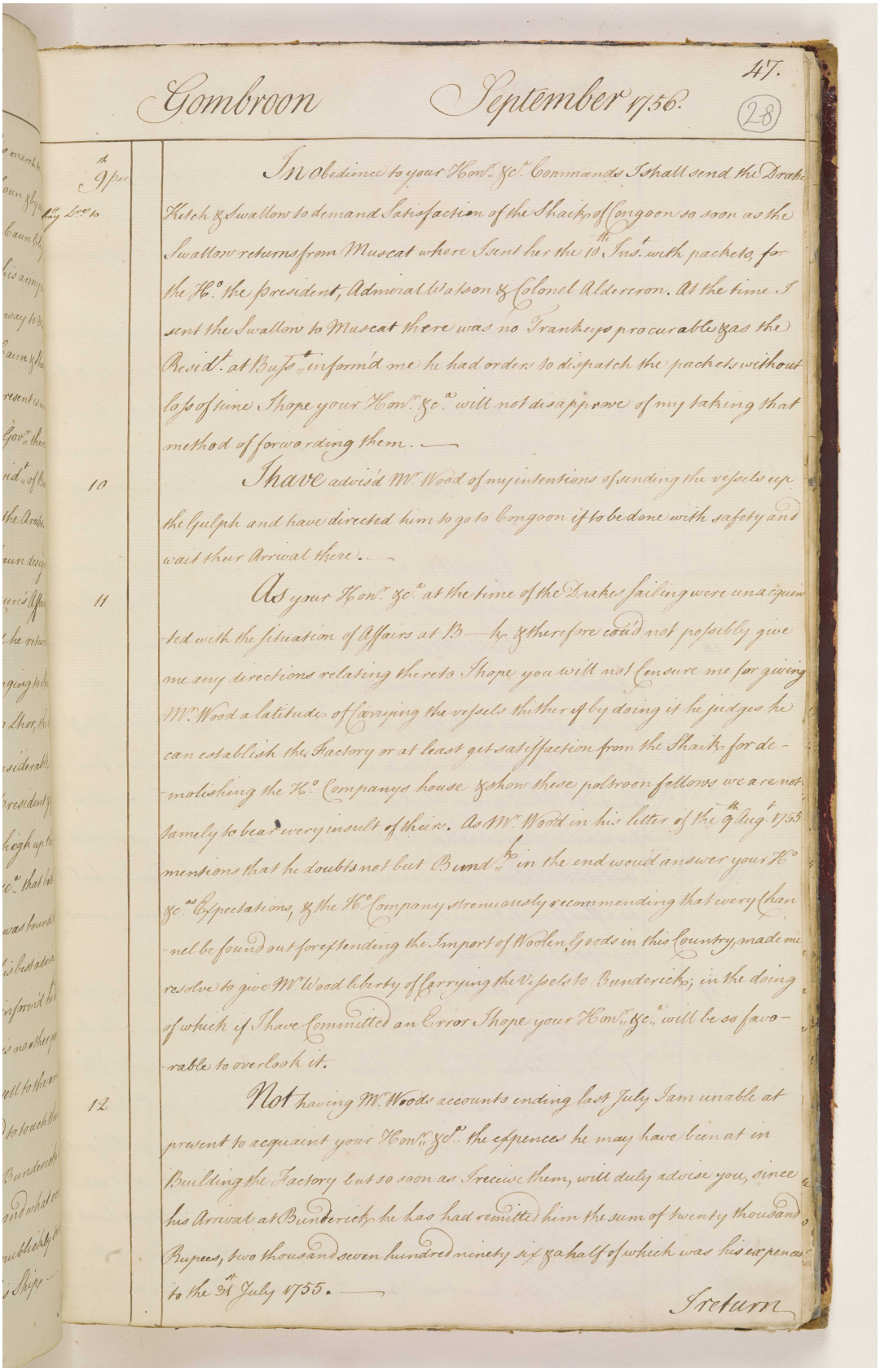

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In obedience to your Hon.rs &c.a Commands I shall send the Drake Ketch & Swallow to demand Satisfaction of the Shaikh of Congoon so soon as the Swallow returns from Muscat where I sent her the 10th Inst.t with packets for the H.o the president, Admiral Watson & Colonel Aldercron. At the time I sent the Swallow to Muscat there was no Trankeys procurable & as the Resid.t at Bus.a informd me he had orders to dispatch the packets without loss of time I hope your Hon.rs &c.a will not disapprove of my taking that method of forwarding them. —

10 I have advisd Mr. Wood of my intentions of sending the vessels up the Gulph and have directed him to go to Congoon if to be done with safety and wait their Arrival there. —

11 As your Hon.rs &c.a at the time of the Drakes sailing were unacquainted with the situation of Affairs at B—h & therefore could not possibly give me any directions relating thereto I hope you will not censure me for giving Mr. Wood a latitude of carrying the vessels thither if by doing it he judges he can establish the Factory or at least get satisfaction from the Shaikh for demolishing the H.o Companys house & shew these poltroon fellows we are not tamely to bear every insult of theirs. As Mr. Wood in his letter of the 9th Aug.t 1755 mentions that he doubts not but B.nd.s in the end would answer your H.o &c.as Expectations, & the H.o Company strenuously recommending that very thing be found out for extending the Import of Woolen Goods in this Country, made me resolve to give Mr. Wood liberty of carrying the Vessels to Bunderick; in the doing of which if I have committed an Error I hope your Hon.rs &c.a will be so favorable to overlook it.

12 Not having Mr. Woods accounts ending last July I am unable at present to acquaint your Hon.rs &c.a the expences he may have been at in Building the Factory but so soon as I receive them, will duly advise you, since his Arrival at Bunderick he has had remitted him the sum of twenty thousand Rupees, two thousand seven hundred ninety six & a half of which was his expences to the 31st July 1755. —

Return

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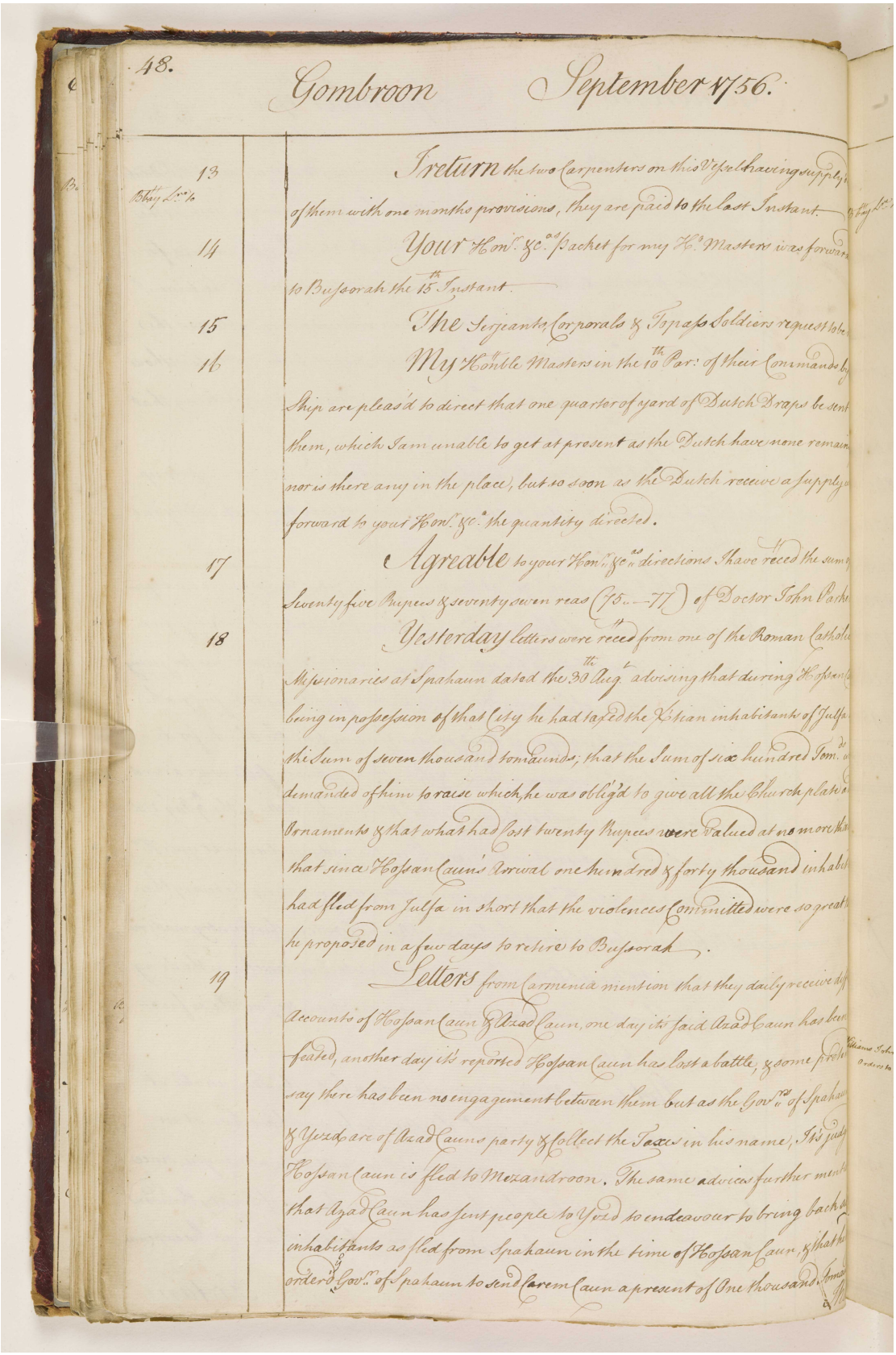

48.

Gombroon September 1756.

13 I return the two Carpenters on this Vessel having supply'd
Bbay Lrs to
of them with one months provisions, they are paid to the last Instant.

14 Your Honr. &c.as Packet for my Hs. Masters was forwar
to Bussorah the 15th Instant.

15 The Serjeants, Corporals & Topass Soldiers request to be

16 My Honble Masters in the 10th Par: of their Commands by
Ship are pleas'd to direct that one quarter of yard of Dutch Draps be sent
them, which I am unable to get at present as the Dutch have none remain
nor is there any in the place, but so soon as the Dutch receive a supply w
forward to your Honr. &c.a the quantity directed.

17 Agreable to your Honr. &c.as directions I have recd the sum o
Seventy five Rupees & seventy seven reas (75..—77) of Doctor John Parke

18 Yesterday letters were recd from one of the Roman Catholic
Missionaries at Spahaun dated the 30th Augt. advising that during Hossan C
being in possession of that City he had taxed the Xtian inhabitants of Julfa
the Sum of seven thousand tomaunds; that the Sum of six hundred Tomds. w
demanded of him to raise which, he was oblig'd to give all the Church plate a
Ornaments & that what had Cost twenty Rupees were valued at no more tha
that since Hossan Caun's Arrival one hundred & forty thousand inhabit
had fled from Julfa in short that the violences Committed were so great t
he proposed in a few days to retire to Bussorah.

19 Letters from Carmenia mention that they daily receive dif
Accounts of Hossan Caun & Azad Caun, one day it's said Azad Caun has been
feated, another day it's reported Hossan Caun has lost a battle, & some prete
say there has been no engagement between them but as the Govrs. of Spahau
& Yezd are of Azad Cauns party & Collect the Taxes in his name, It's judg
Hossan Caun is fled to Mezandroon. The same advices further ment
that Azad Caun has sent people to Yezd to endeavour to bring back s
inhabitants as fled from Spahaun in the time of Hossan Caun, & that he
order'd Govr. of Spahaun to send Carem Caun a present of One thousand Toma

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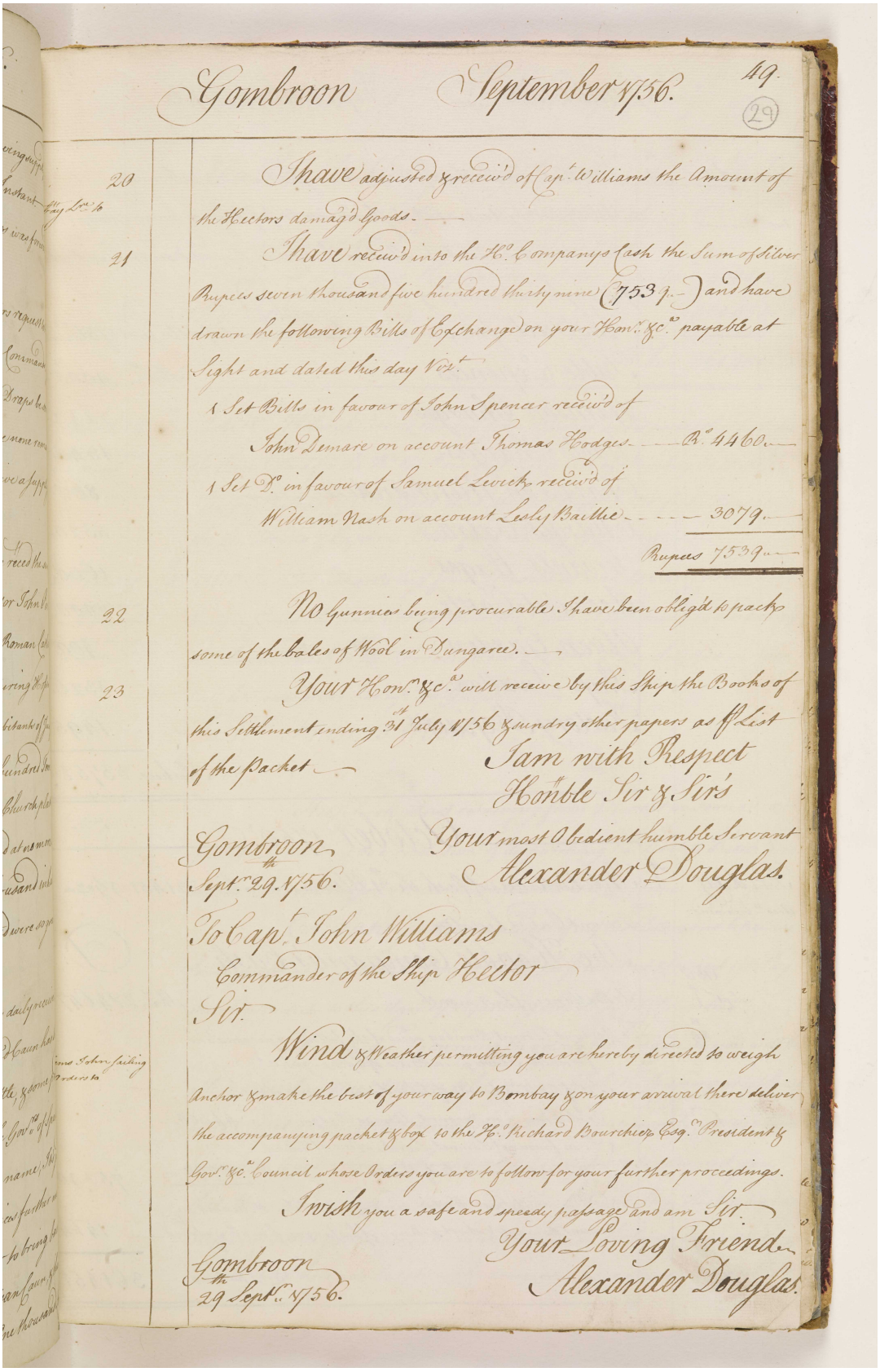

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20 I have adjusted & receiv'd of Capt. Williams the Amount of the Hectors damag'd Goods.

21 I have receiv'd into the Hon.ble Companys Cash the Sum of Silver Rupees seven thousand five hundred thirty nine (7539.) and have drawn the following Bills of Exchange on your Hon.rs &c.a payable at Sight and dated this day Viz.t

1 Set Bills in favour of John Spencer receiv'd of John Demare on account Thomas Hodges — R.s 4460.

1 Set D.o in favour of Samuel Lewick receiv'd of William Nash on account Lesly Baillie — 3079.

Rupees 7539.

22 No Gunnies being procurable I have been obligd to pack some of the bales of Wool in Dungaree.

23 Your Hon.rs &c.a will receive by this Ship the Books of this Settlement ending 31st July 1756 & sundry other papers as p List of the Packet.

I am with Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient humble Servant Alexander Douglas.

Gombroon 29th Sept.r 1756.

To Capt. John Williams Commander of the Ship Hector

Sir.

Wind & Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh Anchor & make the best of your way to Bombay & on your arrival there deliver the accompanying packet & box to the Hon.ble Richard Bourchier Esq.r President & Gov.r &c.a Council whose Orders you are to follow for your further proceedings.

I wish you a safe and speedy passage and am Sir. Your Loving Friend Alexander Douglas.

Gombroon 29th Sept.r 1756.

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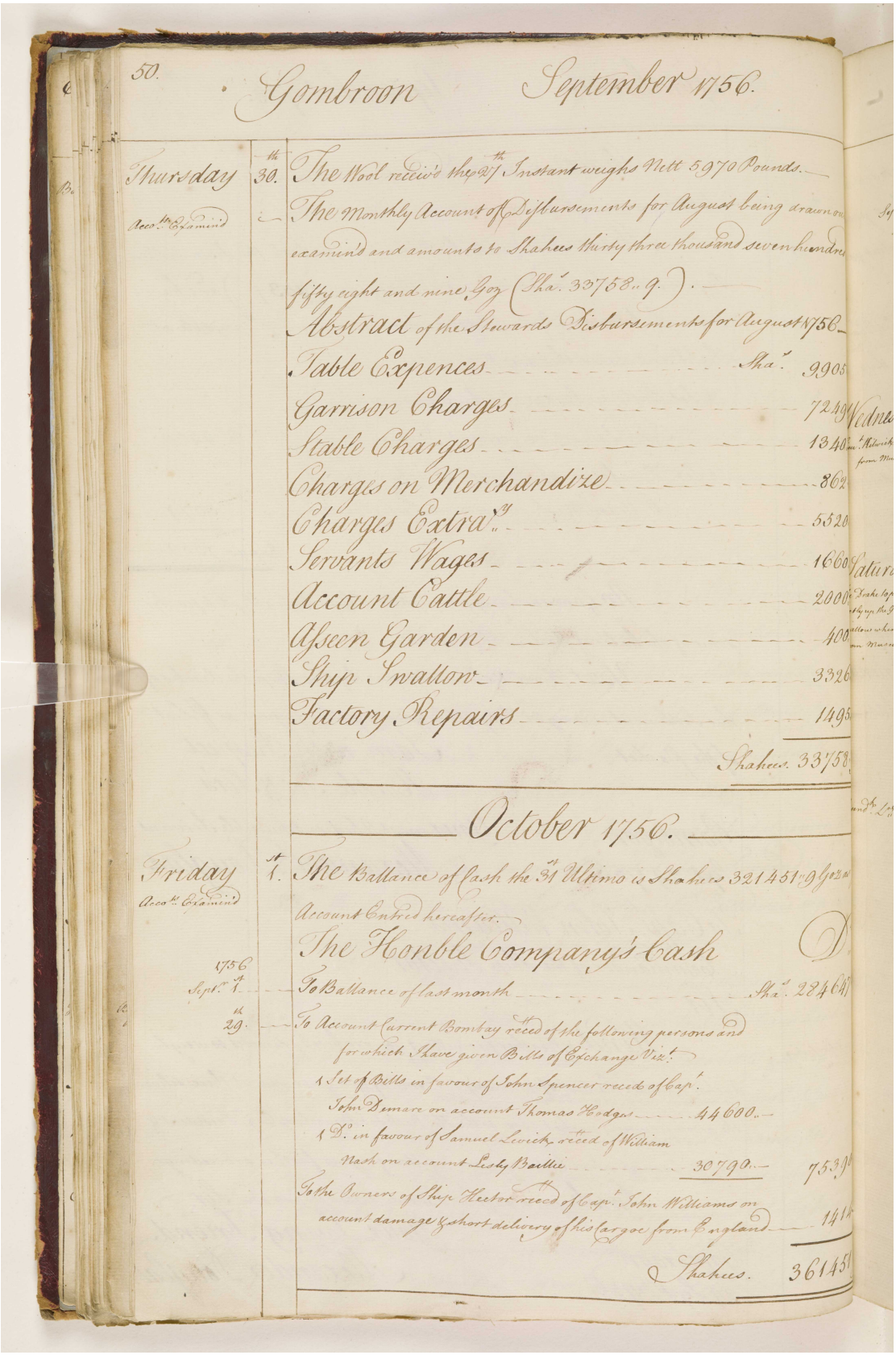

50.

Gombroon September 1756.

Thursday 30th — The Wool receiv'd the 27th Instant weighs Nett 5970 Pounds.

Acco.ts Examin'd — The Monthly Account of Disbursements for August being drawn out examin'd and amounts to Shahees thirty three thousand seven hundred fifty eight and nine Goz (Sha.s 33758..9.).

Abstract of the Stewards Disbursements for August 1756.

Table Expences	Sha.s	9905
Garrison Charges		7249
Stable Charges		1340
Charges on Merchandize		862
Charges Extra.y		5520
Servants Wages		1660
Account Cattle		2000
Asseen Garden		400
Ship Swallow		3326
Factory Repairs		1495
	Shahees.	33758

October 1756.

Friday 1st — The Ballance of Cash the 31st Ultimo is Shahees 321451..9 Gozas

Acco.ts Examin'd — Account Entred hereafter.

The Honble Company's Cash — D.

1756 Sept.r 1st — To Ballance of last month — Sha.s 284647

29th — To Account Current Bombay recd of the following persons and for which I have given Bills of Exchange Viz.t

1 Set of Bills in favour of John Spencer recd of Cap.t John Demare on account Thomas Hodges — 44600..

1 D.o in favour of Samuel Levick recd of William Nash on account Lesly Baillie — 30790.. — 75390

To the Owners of Ship Hector recd of Cap.t John Williams on account damage & short delivery of his Cargoe from England — 1414

Shahees. 361451

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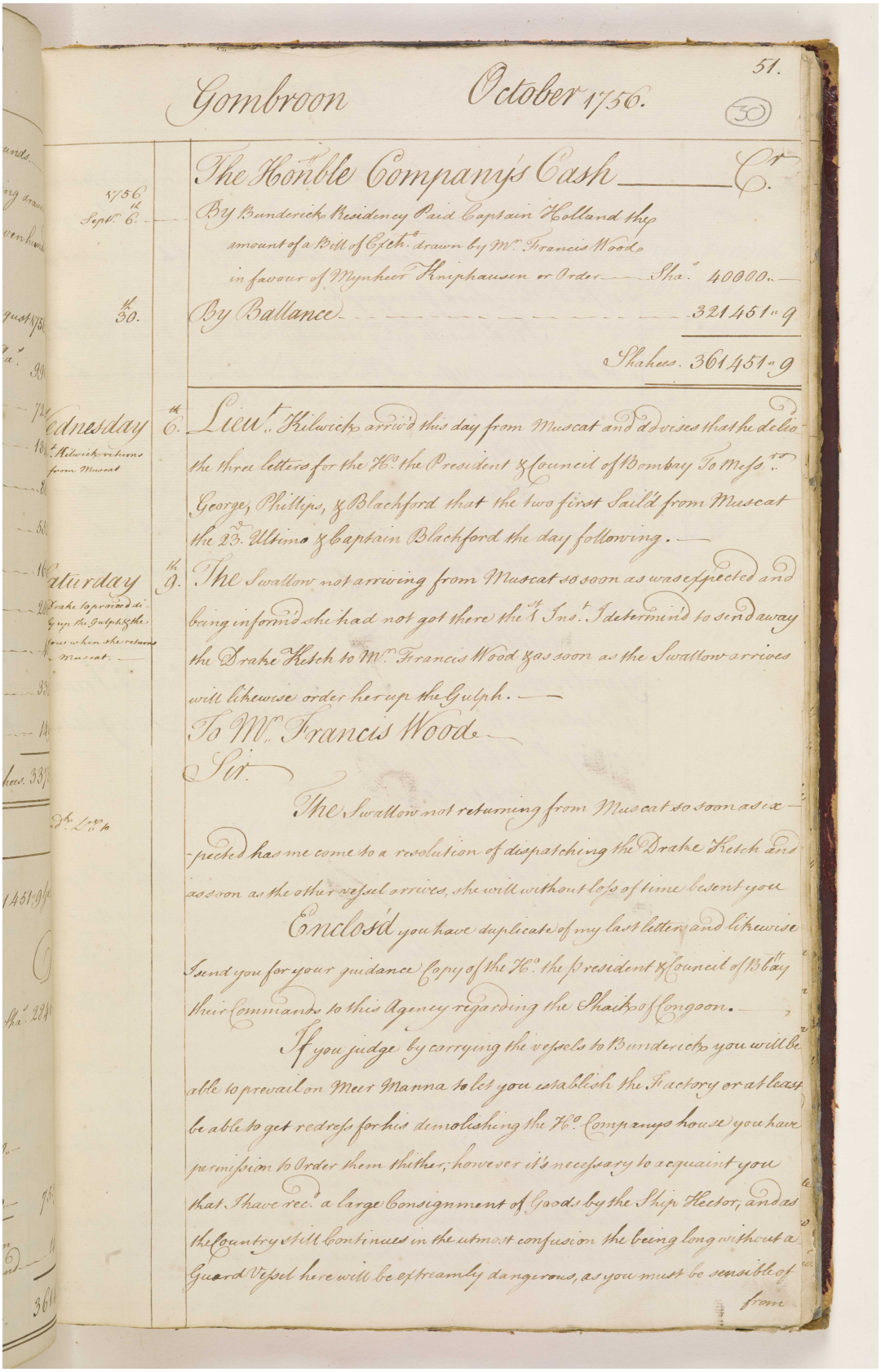

Gombroon October 1756. 51. (30)

The Honble Company's Cash ____ Cr.

1756 Sept. 6. By Bunderick Residency Paid Captain Holland the amount of a Bill of Exch. drawn by Mr. Francis Woode in favour of Mynheer Knipshausen or Order ____ Shs. 40000.

30. By Ballance ____ 321451.9

Shahees. 361451.9

Wednesday 6. Lieut. Kilwick arrivd this day from Muscat and advises that he deliv. the three letters for the Hon. the President & Council of Bombay To Messrs. George, Phillips, & Blackford that the two first Saild from Muscat the 23. Ultimo & Captain Blackford the day following.

Saturday 9. The Swallow not arriving from Muscat so soon as was expected and being informd she had not got there the 7th Inst. I determind to send away the Drake Ketch to Mr. Francis Wood as soon as the Swallow arrives will likewise order her up the Gulph.

To Mr. Francis Wood

Sir.

The Swallow not returning from Muscat so soon as ex-pected has me come to a resolution of dispatching the Drake Ketch and as soon as the other vessel arrives, she will without loss of time desent you

Enclosd you have duplicate of my last letters and likewise I send you for your guidance Copy of the Hon. the president & Council of Bbay their Commands to this Agency regarding the Shaikh of Congoon.

If you judge by carrying the vessels to Bunderick you will be able to prevail on Meer Manna to let you establish the Factory or at least be able to get redress for his demolishing the Hon. Company's house you have permission to Order them thither; however it's necessary to acquaint you that I have rec. a large Consignment of Goods by the Ship Hector, and as the Country still Continues in the utmost confusion the being long without a Guard Vessel here will be extreamly dangerous, as you must be sensible of from

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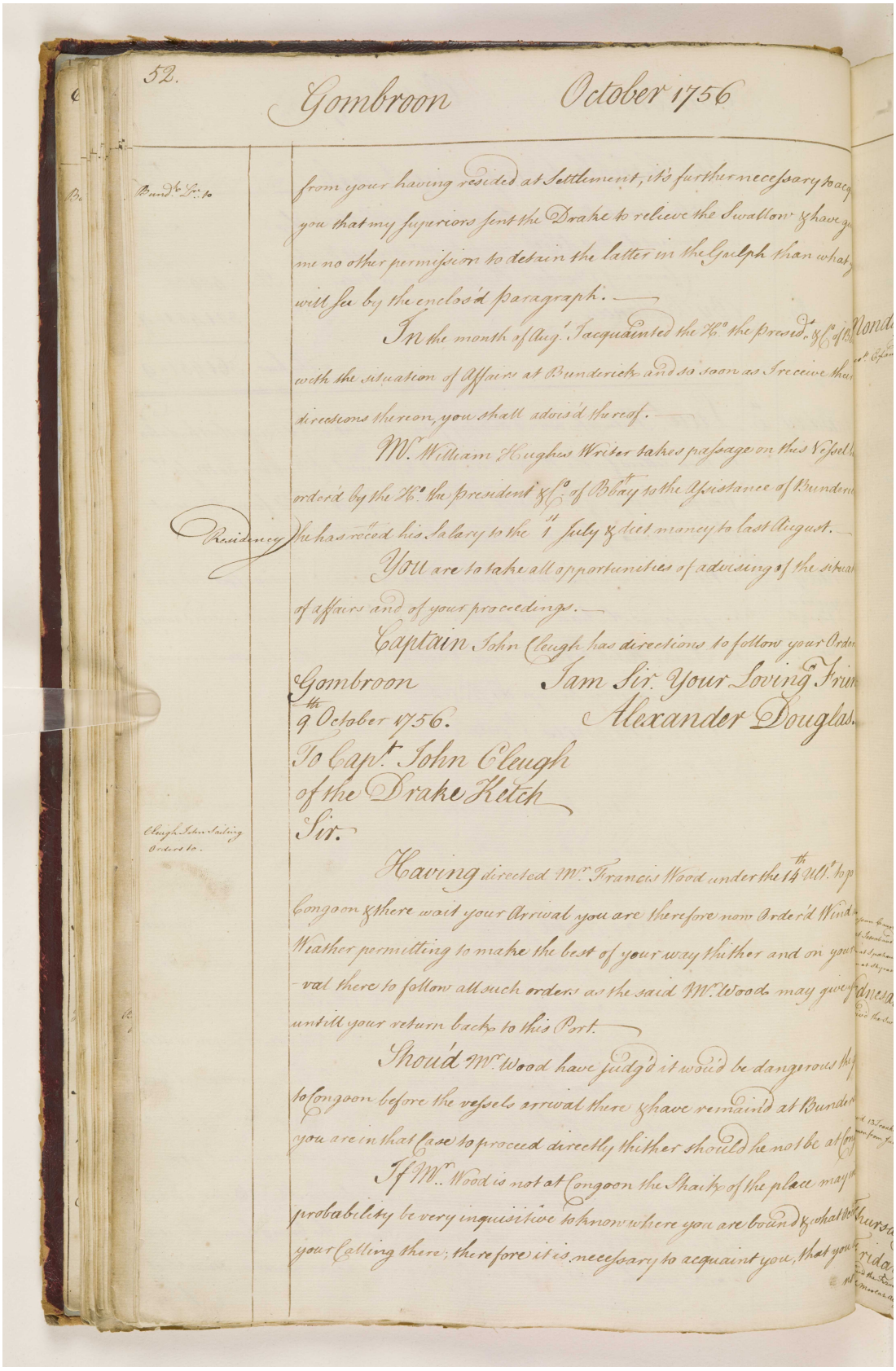

52.

Gombroon October 1756

Bund.k Lr. to

from your having resided at Settlement, it's further necessary to acq
you that my superiors sent the Drake to relieve the Swallow & have gi
me no other permission to detain the latter in the Gulph than what y
will see by the enclos'd paragraph.

In the month of Aug.t I acquainted the H.o the Presid.t & C.o of B
with the situation of Affairs at Bunderick and so soon as I receive their
directions thereon, you shall advis'd thereof.

Mr. William Hughes Writer takes passage on this Vessel
order'd by the H.o the President & C.o of Bbay to the Assistance of Bunderi
Residency he has rec.d his Salary to the 1st July & diet money to last August.

You are to take all opportunities of advising of the situat
of affairs and of your proceedings.

Captain John Cleugh has directions to follow your Order

Gombroon
9th October 1756.

Iam Sir. Your Loving Frien
Alexander Douglas.

To Capt. John Cleugh
of the Drake Ketch

Cleugh John Sailing Orders to.

Sir.

Having directed Mr. Francis Wood under the 14th Ult.o to go
Congoon & there wait your Arrival you are therefore now Order'd Wind
Weather permitting to make the best of your way thither and on your
-val there to follow all such orders as the said Mr. Wood may give
untill your return back to this Port.

Shou'd Mr. Wood have judg'd it wou'd be dangerous the
to Congoon before the vessels arrival there & have remain'd at Bunder
you are in that Case to proceed directly thither should he not be at Con

If Mr. Wood is not at Congoon the Shaik of the place may
probability be very inquisitive to know where you are bound & what
your Calling there; therefore it is necessary to acquaint you, that you

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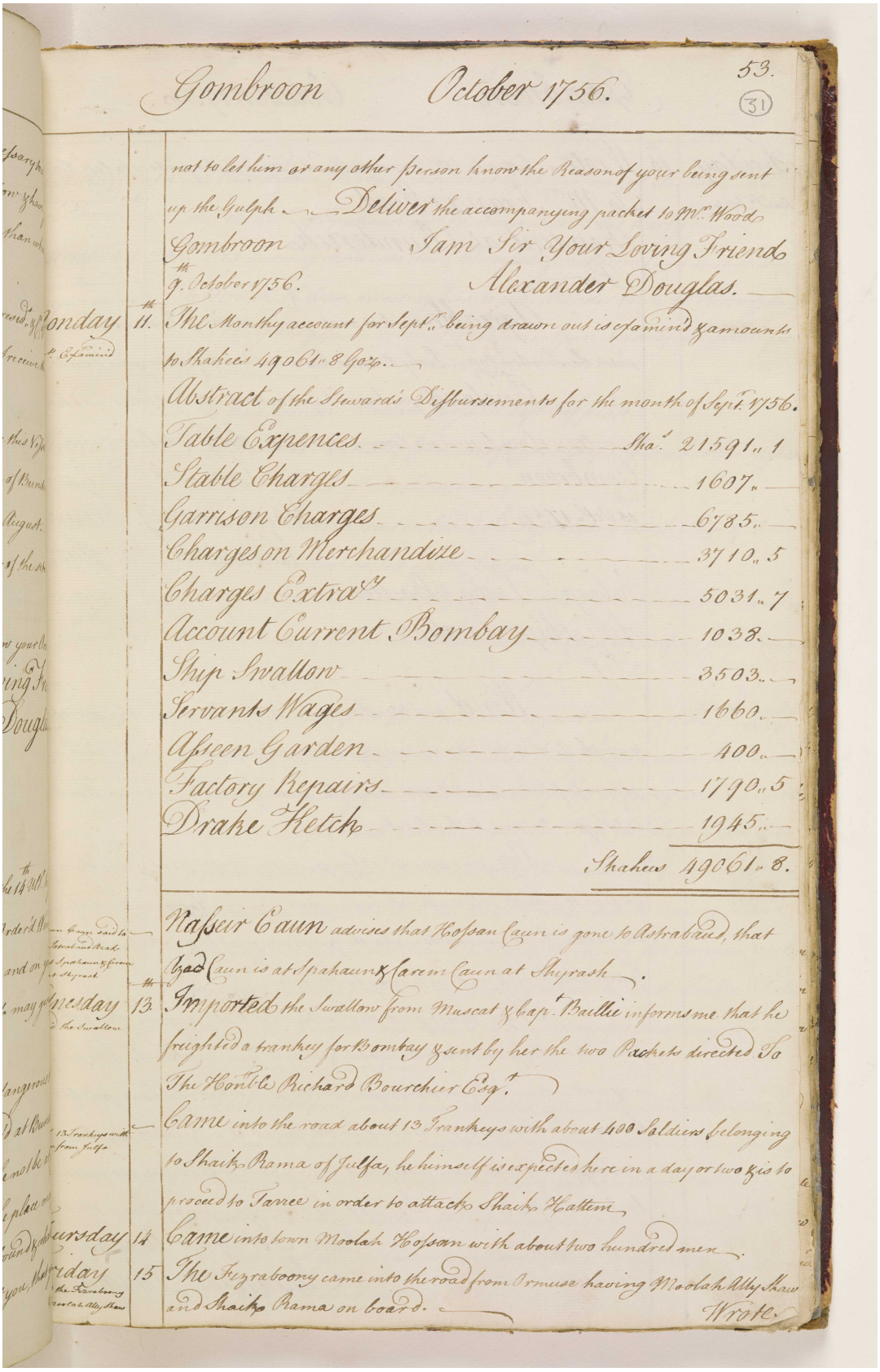

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not to let him or any other person know the Reason of your being sent up the Gulph — Deliver the accompanying packet to Mr. Wood

Gombroon 9th October 1756.

Iam Sir Your Loving Friend
Alexander Douglas.

Monday 11th — The Monthy account for Septr. being drawn out is examind & amounts to Shahees 49061.8 Goz.

Abstract of the Steward's Disbursements for the month of Sept. 1756.

Table Expences	Shas. 21591.1
Stable Charges	1607.
Garrison Charges	6785.
Charges on Merchandize	3710.5
Charges Extra^y	5031.7
Account Current Bombay	1038.
Ship Swallow	3503.
Servants Wages	1660.
Asseen Garden	400.
Factory Repairs	1790.5
Drake Ketch	1945.
	Shahees 49061.8.

Nasseir Caun advises that Hossan Caun is gone to Astrabaud, that Azad Caun is at Spahaun & Carem Caun at Shyrash.

Wednesday 13th — Imported the Swallow from Muscat & Capt. Baillie informs me that he freighted a trankey for Bombay & sent by her the two Packets directed To The Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.

Came into the road about 13 Trankeys with about 400 Soldiers belonging to Shaik Rama of Julfa, he himself is expected here in a day or two & is to proceed to Tarree in order to attack Shaik Hattem

Thursday 14 — Came into town Moolah Hossan with about two hundred men.

Friday 15 — The Fezraboony came into the road from Ormuse having Moolah Ally Shaw and Shaik Rama on board.

Wrote

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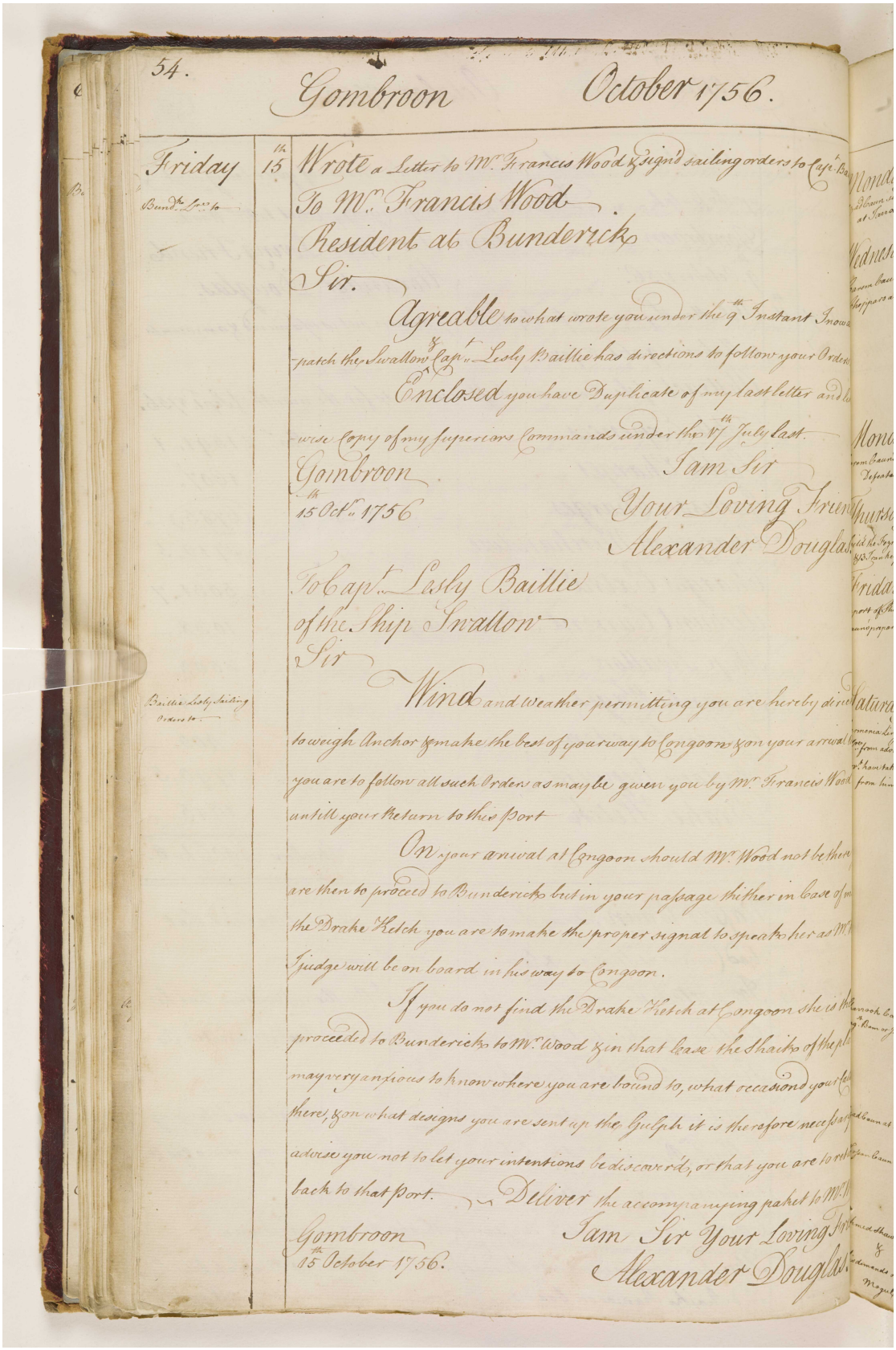

54.

Gombroon October 1756.

Friday 15th

Wrote a Letter to Mr. Francis Wood & signd sailing orders to Capt. Ba

Bund. Dr. to

To Mr. Francis Wood
Resident at Bunderick

Sir.

Agreable to what wrote you under the 9th Instant I now a
-patch the Swallow Capt. Lesly Baillie has directions to follow your Orders

Enclosed you have Duplicate of my last letter and
-wise Copy of my Superiors Commands under the 17th July last.

I am Sir
Your Loving Frien
Alexander Dougla

Gombroon
15th Oct. 1756

To Capt. Lesly Baillie
of the Ship Swallow

Sir

Baillie Lesly Sailing Orders to

Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby direc
to weigh Anchor & make the best of your way to Congoon & on your arrival
you are to follow all such Orders as may be given you by Mr. Francis Wood
until your return to this port

On your arrival at Congoon should Mr. Wood not be there
are then to proceed to Bunderick but in your passage thither in case of m
the Drake Ketch you are to make the proper signal to speak to her as Mr.
Judge will be on board in his way to Congoon.

If you do not find the Drake Ketch at Congoon she is the
proceeded to Bunderick to Mr. Wood & in that case the Shaikh of the pl
may very anxious to know where you are bound to, what occasion your
there, & on what designs you are sent up the Gulph it is therefore nece
advise you not to let your intentions be discovered, or that you are to
back to that port. Deliver the accompanying packet to Mr.

Gombroon
15th October 1756.

I am Sir Your Loving
Alexander Douglas

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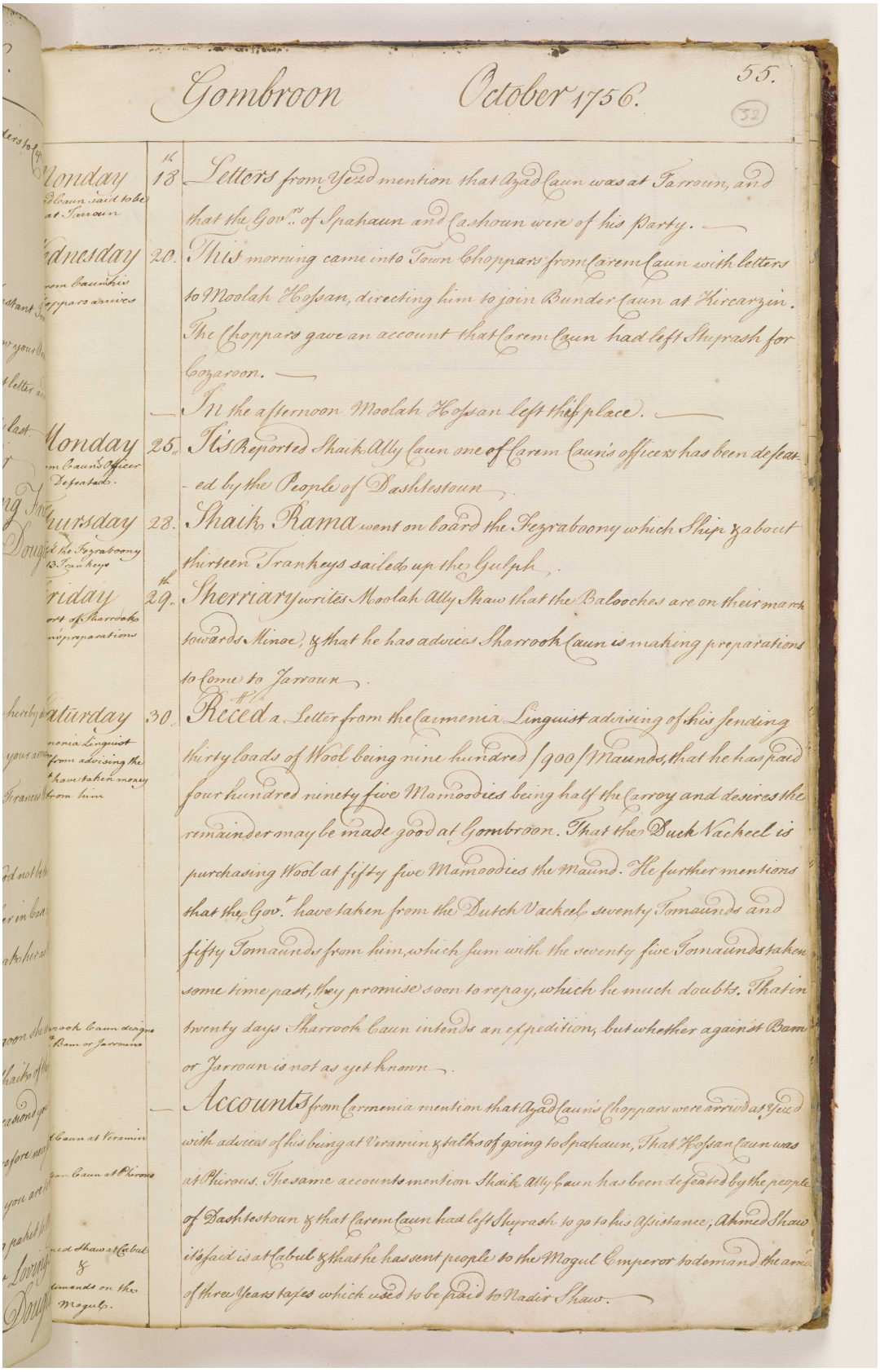

Gombroon October 1756. 55. (32)

Monday 18 Letters from Yezd mention that Azad Caun was at Farroun, and that the Govr. of Spahaun and Cashoun were of his Party.

Wednesday 20. This morning came into Town Choppars from Carem Caun with letters to Moolah Hosan, directing him to join Bunder Caun at Kircarzin. The Choppars gave an account that Carem Caun had left Shyrash for Cazaroon.

In the afternoon Moolah Hosan left this place.

Monday 25 It's Reported Shaik Ally Caun one of Carem Caun's officers has been defeated by the People of Dashtestoun.

Thursday 28. Shaik Rama went on board the Fezraboony which Ship is about thirteen Frankeys sailed up the Gulph.

Friday 29th Sherriary writes Moolah Ally Shaw that the Balooches are on their march towards Minoe, & that he has advices Sharrook Caun is making preparations to come to Farroun.

Saturday 30. Receed a Letter from the Carmenia Linguist advising of his sending thirty Loads of Wool being nine hundred 900 Maunds, that he has paid four hundred ninety five Mamoodies being half the Carroy and desires the remainder may be made good at Gombroon. That the Buck Vacheel is purchasing Wool at fifty five Mamoodies the Maund. He further mentions that the Govr. have taken from the Dutch Vacheel seventy Tomaunds and fifty Tomaunds from him, which sum with the seventy five Tomaunds taken some time past, they promise soon to repay, which he much doubts. That in twenty days Sharrook Caun intends an expedition, but whether against Bam or Farroun is not as yet known.

Accounts from Carmenia mention that Azad Caun's Choppars were arrived at Yezd with advices of his being at Veramin & talks of going to Spahaun, That Hosan Caun was at Shiraus. The same accounts mention Shaik Ally Caun has been defeated by the people of Dashtestoun & that Carem Caun had left Shyrash to go to his Assistance; Ahmed Shaw it's said is at Cabul & that he has sent people to the Mogul Emperor to demand the arrs of three Years taxes which used to be paid to Nadir Shaw.

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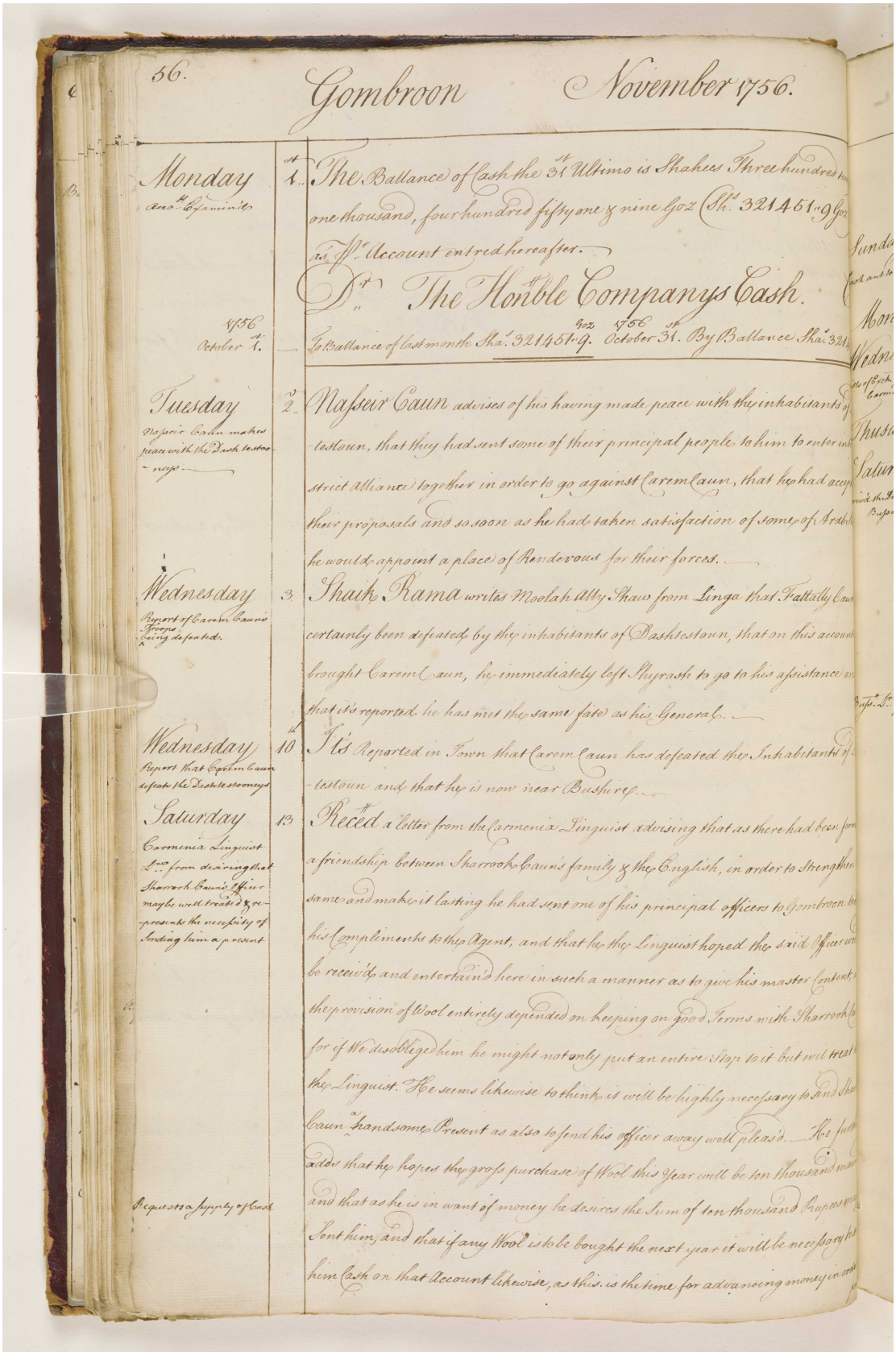

56. Gombroon November 1756.

Monday — Acco.ts Examin'd — 1st. The Ballance of Cash the 31st Ultimo is Shahees Three hundred ... one thousand, four hundred fifty one & nine Goz (Sh.s 321451..9 Goz) as P.r Account entred hereafter.

D.r The Hon.ble Companys Cash.

1756 October 1st. — To Ballance of last month Sha.s 321451..9 Goz. 1756 October 31st. By Ballance Sha.s 321...

Tuesday — Nasseir Caun makes peace with the Dash testooneys. — 2d. Nasseir Caun advises of his having made peace with the inhabitants of ...testoun, that they had sent some of their principal people to him to enter into strict alliance together in order to go against Carem Caun, that he had accep... their proposals and so soon as he had taken satisfaction of some of Arab... he would appoint a place of Rendevous for their forces.

Wednesday — Report of Carem Caun's Troops being defeated. — 3. Shaik Rama writes Moolah Ally Shaw from Linga that Fattally Caun ... certainly been defeated by the inhabitants of Dashtestoun, that on this account ... brought Carem Caun, he immediately left Shyrash to go to his assistance an... that it's reported he has met the same fate as his General.

Wednesday — Report that Carem Caun defeats the Dashtestooneys — 10th It's Reported in Town that Carem Caun has defeated the Inhabitants of ...testoun and that he is now near Bushire.

Saturday — Carmenia Linguist L.rs from desiring that Sharrook Caun's Officer may be well treated & represents the necessity of sending him a present — 13 Rec.d a letter from the Carmenia Linguist advising that as there had been form... a friendship between Sharrook Caun's family & the English, in order to strengthen ... same and make it lasting he had sent one of his principal officers to Gombroon to ... his Compliments to the Agent, and that he the Linguist hoped the said Officer wo... be receiv'd and entertain'd here in such a manner as to give his master Content, ... the provision of Wool entirely depended on keeping on good Terms with Sharrook Ca... for if We disobliged him he might not only put an entire Stop to it but evil treat ... the Linguist. He seems likewise to think it will be highly necessary to send Shar... Caun a handsome Present as also to send his officer away well pleas'd. He furth... adds that he hopes the gross purchase of Wool this Year will be ten thousand man... and that as he is in want of money he desires the Sum of ten thousand Rupees ma... Sent him, and that if any Wool is to be bought the next year it will be necessary to ... him Cash on that Account likewise, as this is the time for advancing money in ord...

Requests a supply of Cash

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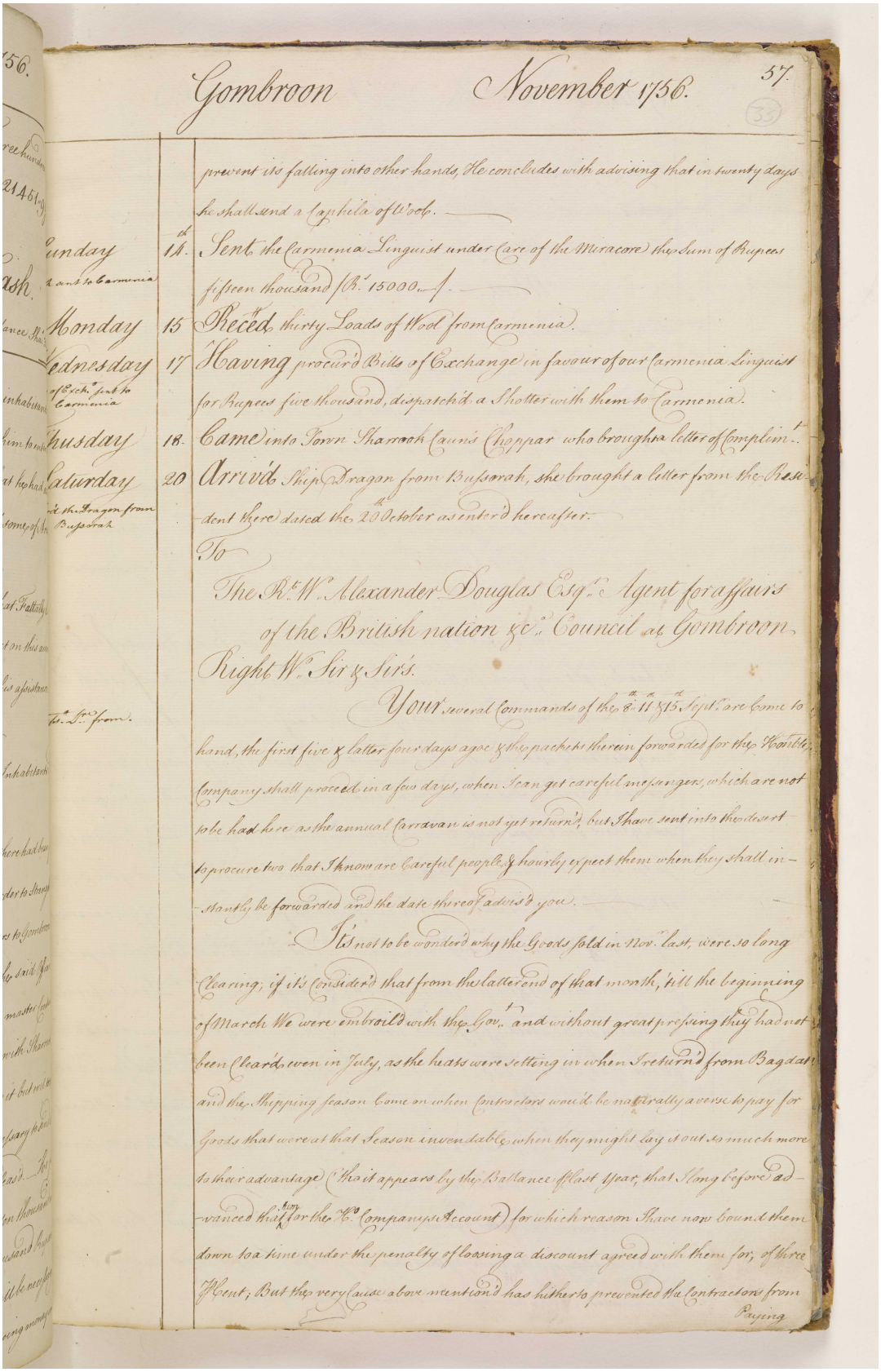

prevent its falling into other hands, He concludes with advising that in twenty days he shall send a Caphila of Wool.

Sunday 14th. Sent the Carmenia Linguist under Care of the Miracore the Sum of Rupees fifteen thousand (Rs. 15000.—).

Monday 15 Recd. thirty Loads of Wool from Carmenia.

Wednesday 17 Having procur'd Bills of Exchange in favour of our Carmenia Linguist for Rupees five thousand, dispatch'd a Shotter with them to Carmenia.

Thusday 18. Came into Town Sharrook Caun's Choppar who brought a letter of Complimt.

Saturday 20 Arriv'd Ship Dragon from Bussorah, she brought a letter from the Resident there dated the 20th October as enter'd hereafter.

To

The Rt. Wo. Alexander Douglas Esqr. Agent for affairs of the British nation &c. Council at Gombroon

Right Wo. Sir & Sir's.

Your several Commands of the 8th 11th & 15th Septr. are Come to hand, the first five & latter four days agoe & the packets therein forwarded for the Honble. Company shall proceed in a few days, when I can get careful messengers, which are not to be had here as the annual Carravan is not yet return'd, but I have sent into the desert to procure two that I know are Careful people, & hourly expect them when they shall instantly be forwarded and the date thereof advis'd you.

It's not to be wonder'd why the Goods sold in Novr. last, were so long Clearing; if it's Consider'd that from the latter end of that month, 'till the beginning of March We were embroil'd with the Govt. and without great pressing they had not been Clear'd even in July, as the heats were setting in when I return'd from Bagdat and the Shipping season Come on when Contractors wou'd be naturally averse to pay for Goods that were at that Season invendable when they might lay it out so much more to their advantage (tho it appears by the Ballance of last Year, that I long before advanced that Mon. for the Ho. Companys Account) for which reason I have now bound them down to a time under the penalty of loosing a discount agreed with them for, of three Hent; But the very Cause above mention'd has hitherto prevented the Contractors from Paying

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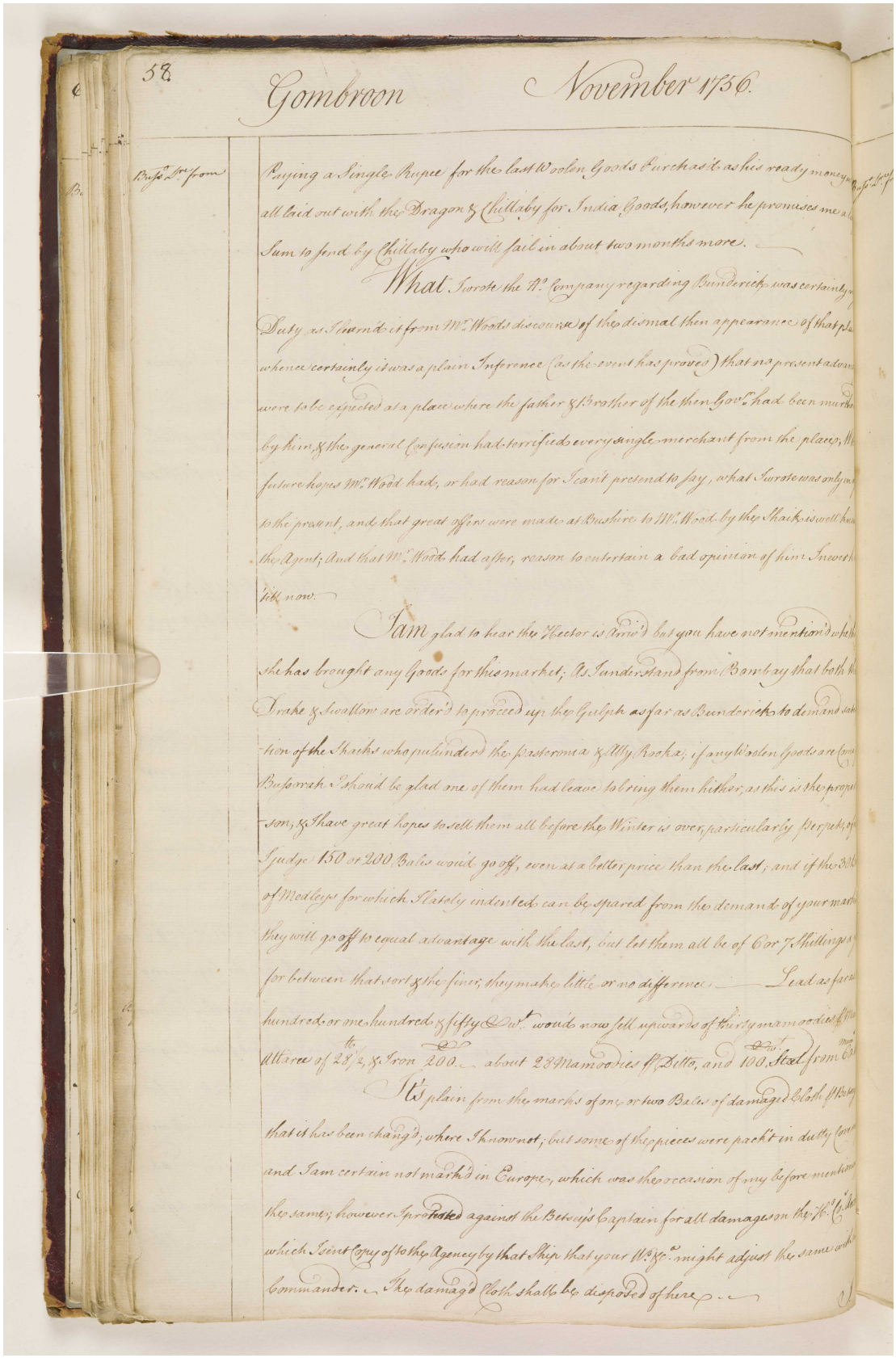

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Buss.r Lr. from

Paying a Single Rupee for the last Woolen Goods Purchas'd as his ready money w
all laid out with the Dragon & Chillaby for India Goods, however he promises me a l
Sum to send by Chillaby who will sail in about two months more.

What I wrote the H.o Company regarding Bunderick was certainly m
Duty as I learn'd it from Mr. Woods discourse of the dismal then appearance of that pla
whence certainly it was a plain Inference (as the event has proved) that no present advan
were to be expected at a place where the father & Brother of the then Gov.r had been murthe
by him, & the general Confusion had terrified every single merchant from the place; W
future hopes Mr. Wood had, or had reason for I can't pretend to say, what I wrote was only in
to the present, and that great offers were made at Bushire to Mr. Wood by the Shaik is well kno
the Agent; And that Mr. Wood had after, reason to entertain a bad opinion of him I never h
'till now.

I am glad to hear the Hector is Arriv'd but you have not mention'd whe th
she has brought any Goods for this market; As I understand from Bombay that both th
Drake & Swallow are order'd to proceed up the Gulph as far as Bunderick to demand sat
-tion of the Shaiks who pulunder'd the Pasteronia & Ally Rooka; if any Woolen Goods are Come
Bussorah I shou'd be glad one of them had leave to bring them hither, as this is the proper
-son, & I have great hopes to sell them all before the Winter is over, particularly Perpets, of
I judge 150 or 200 Bales wou'd go off, even at a better price than the last; and if the 30 B
of Medleys for which I lately indented can be spared from the demand of your mark
they will go off to equal advantage with the last, but let them all be of 6 or 7 Shillings a
for between that sort & the finer, they make little or no difference — Lead as far as
hundred or one hundred & fifty Cw.t wou'd now sell upwards of thirty mamoodies ℔ Ma
Attaree of 28 lb 1/2, & Iron 200 ℔ about 28 Mamoodies ℔ Ditto, and 100 Cw.t Steel from 60 Mam

It's plain from the marks of one or two Bales of damaged Cloth ℔ Betsey
that it has been chang'd; where I know not; but some of the pieces were pack't in dutty Cove
and I am certain not mark'd in Europe, which was the occasion of my before mention
the same; however I protested against the Betsey's Captain for all damages on the H.o C.s Ac
which I sent Copy of to the Agency by that Ship that your W.s &c.a might adjust the same with
Commander. — The damag'd Cloth shall be disposed of here.

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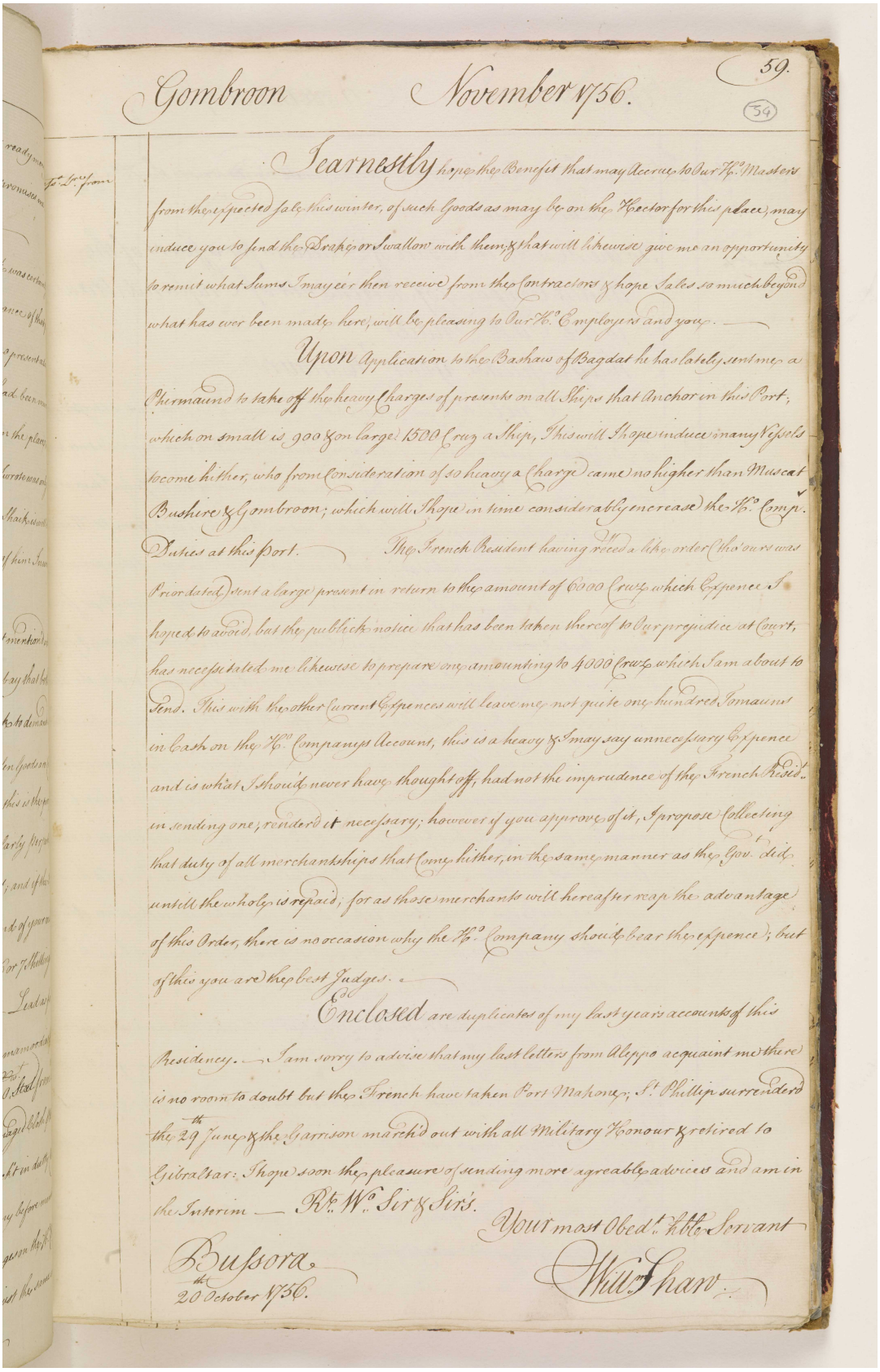

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Ts. Lr. from

Jearnestly hope the Benefit that may Accrue to Our Ho. Masters from the expected sale this winter, of such Goods as may be on the Hector for this place, may induce you to send the Drake or Swallow with them; & that will likewise give me an opportunity to remit what Sums I may eer then receive from the Contractors & hope Sales so much beyond what has ever been made here, will be pleasing to Our Ho. Employers and you.

Upon Application to the Bashaw of Bagdat he has lately sent me a Phirmaund to take off the heavy Charges of presents on all Ships that Anchor in this Port; which on small is 900 & on large 1500 Cruz a Ship, This will I hope induce many Vessels to come hither, who from Consideration of so heavy a Charge came no higher than Muscat Bushire & Gombroon; which will I hope in time considerably encrease the Ho. Comp. Duties at this Port. The French Resident having reced a like order (tho' ours was Prior dated) sent a large present in return to the amount of 6000 Cruz which Expence I hoped to avoid, but the publick notice that has been taken thereof to Our prejudice at Court, has necessitated me likewise to prepare one amounting to 4000 Cruz which I am about to send. This with the other Current Expences will leave me not quite one hundred Tomauns in Cash on the Ho. Companys Account, this is a heavy & I may say unnecessary Expence and is what I should never have thought off, had not the imprudence of the French Resid. in sending one, renderd it necessary; however if you approve of it, I propose Collecting that duty of all merchantships that Come hither, in the same manner as the Gov. did untill the whole is repaid; for as those merchants will hereafter reap the advantage of this Order, there is no occasion why the Ho. Company should bear the expence; but of this you are the best Judges.

Enclosed are duplicates of my last years accounts of this Residency. I am sorry to advise that my last letters from Aleppo acquaint me there is no room to doubt but the French have taken Port Mahone; St. Phillip surrenderd the 29th June & the Garrison march'd out with all Military Honour & retired to Gibraltar: I hope soon the pleasure of sending more agreable advices and am in the Interim — Rt. Wo. Sir & Sirs.

Your most Obedt. hble Servant

Bussora
20th October 1756.

Will. Shaw

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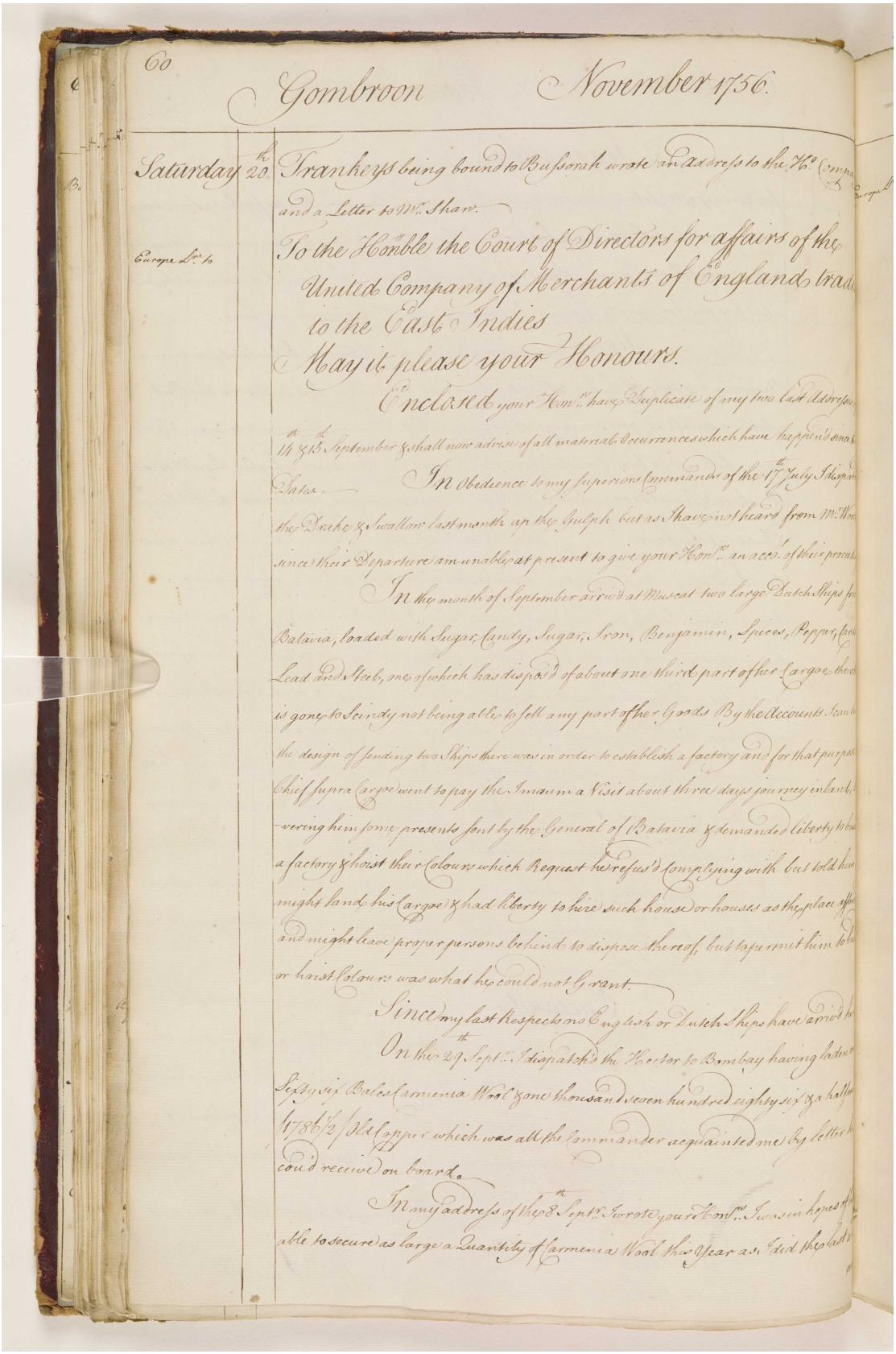

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Saturday 20th Tranheys being bound to Busorah wrote an Address to the Hon.ble Comp.a and a Letter to Mr. Shaw.

Europe Dr. to

To the Honble the Court of Directors for affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England trad.g to the East Indies

May it please your Honours.

Enclosed your Hon.rs have Duplicate of my two last Address.s Dates the 14th & 15th September & shall now advise of all material occurrences which have happen.d since.

In Obedience to my Superiors Commands of the 17th July I dispatch.d the Drake & Swallow last month up the Gulph but as I have not heard from Mr. Wood since their Departure am unable at present to give your Hon.rs an acco.t of their proceed.s

In the month of September arrived at Muscat two large Dutch Ships from Batavia, loaded with Sugar Candy, Sugar, Iron, Benjamin, Spices, Pepper, Tin, Lead and Steel, one of which has disposed of about one third part of her Cargoe the other is gone to Scindy not being able to sell any part of her Goods By the Accounts I can learn the design of sending two Ships there was in order to establish a factory and for that purpose the Chief Supra Cargoe went to pay the Imaum a Visit about three days journey inland, delivering him some presents sent by the General of Batavia & demanded Liberty to build a factory & hoist their Colours which Request he refused complying with but told him he might land his Cargoe & had Liberty to hire such house or houses as the place afforded and might leave proper persons behind to dispose thereof, but to permit him to build or hoist Colours was what he could not Grant.

Since my last Respects no English or Dutch Ships have arrived here

On the 29th Sept.r I dispatch.d the Hector to Bombay having laden on board Sixty six Bales Armenia Wool Nine thousand seven hundred eighty six & a half Rials 9786½ Old Copper which was all the Commander acquainted me by letter he could receive on board.

In my address of the 8th Sept.r I wrote your Hon.rs I was in hopes of being able to secure as large a Quantity of Armenia Wool this Year as I did the last

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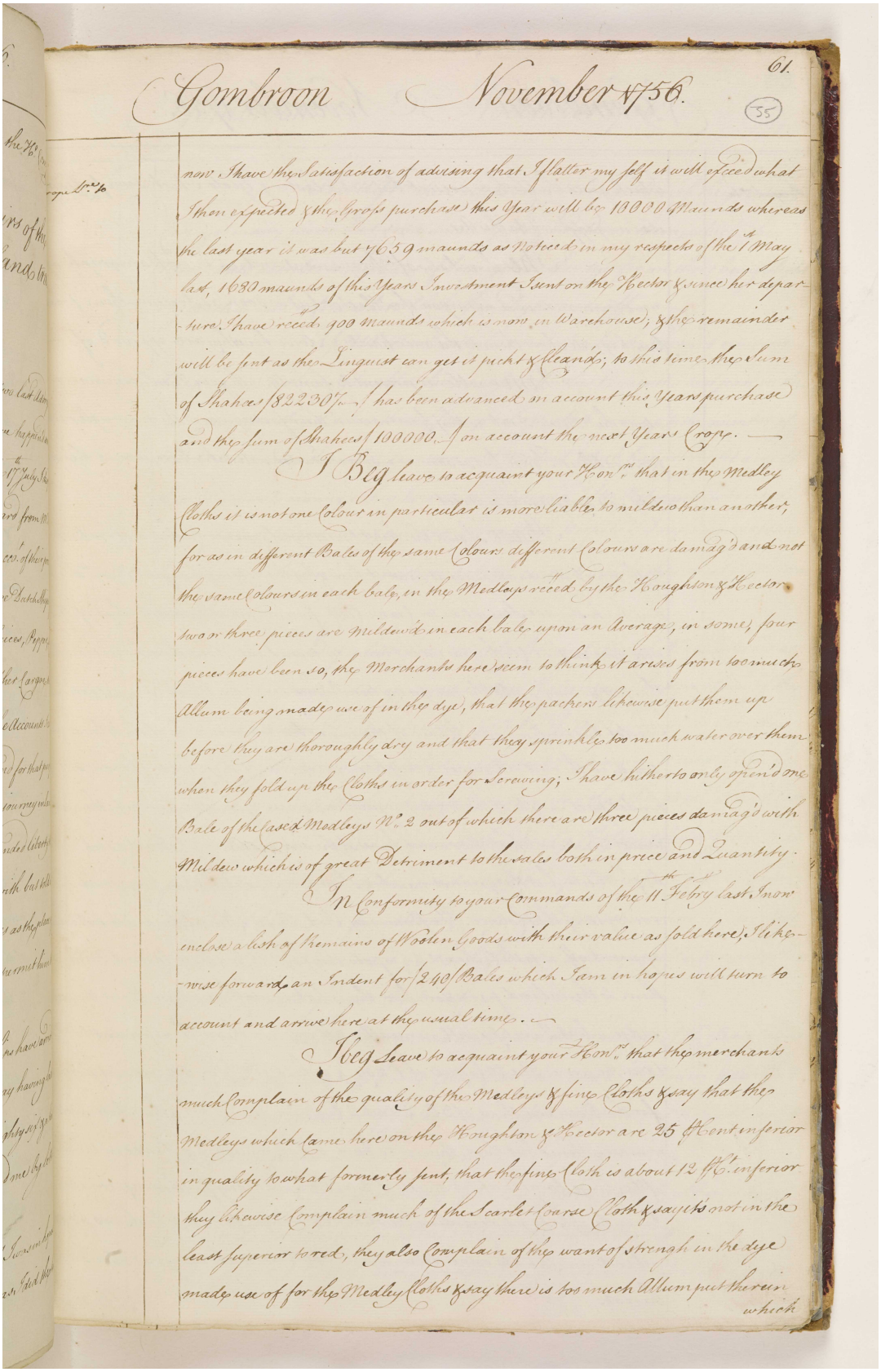

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now I have the Satisfaction of advising that I flatter my self it will exceed what I then expected & the Gross purchase this Year will be 10000 Maunds whereas the last year it was but 7639 maunds as Noticed in my respects of the 1st May last, 1630 maunds of this Years Investment Sent on the Hector & since her departure I have receivd 900 Maunds which is now in Warehouse; & the remainder will be sent as the Linguist can get it picht & cleand; to this time the Sum of Shahees 822307 I has been advanced on account this Years purchase and the Sum of Shahees 100000 on account the next Years Crop.

I Beg leave to acquaint your Honrs that in the Medley Cloths it is not one Colour in particular is more liable to mildue than another, for as in different Bales of the same Colours different Colours are damagd and not the same Colours in each bale, in the Medleys receivd by the Houghton & Hector two or three pieces are mildewd in each bale upon an Average, in some four pieces have been so, the Merchants here seem to think it arises from too much Allum being made use of in the dye, that the packers likewise put them up before they are thoroughly dry and that they sprinkle too much water over them when they fold up the Cloths in order for Screwing; I have hitherto only opend one Bale of the last Medleys N° 2 out of which there are three pieces damagd with Mildew which is of great Detriment to the sales both in price and Quantity.

In Conformity to your Commands of the 11th Febry last I now inclose a list of the remains of Woolen Goods with their value as sold here, I likewise forward an Indent for 240 Bales which I am in hopes will turn to account and arrive here at the usual time.

I beg Leave to acquaint your Honrs that the merchants much Complain of the quality of the Medleys & fine Cloths & say that the Medleys which came here on the Houghton & Hector are 25 P Cent inferior in quality to what formerly sent, that the fine Cloth is about 12 P Ct inferior they likewise Complain much of the Scarlet Coarse Cloth & say its not in the least superior to red, they also Complain of the want of strength in the dye made use of for the Medley Cloths & say there is too much Allum put therein which

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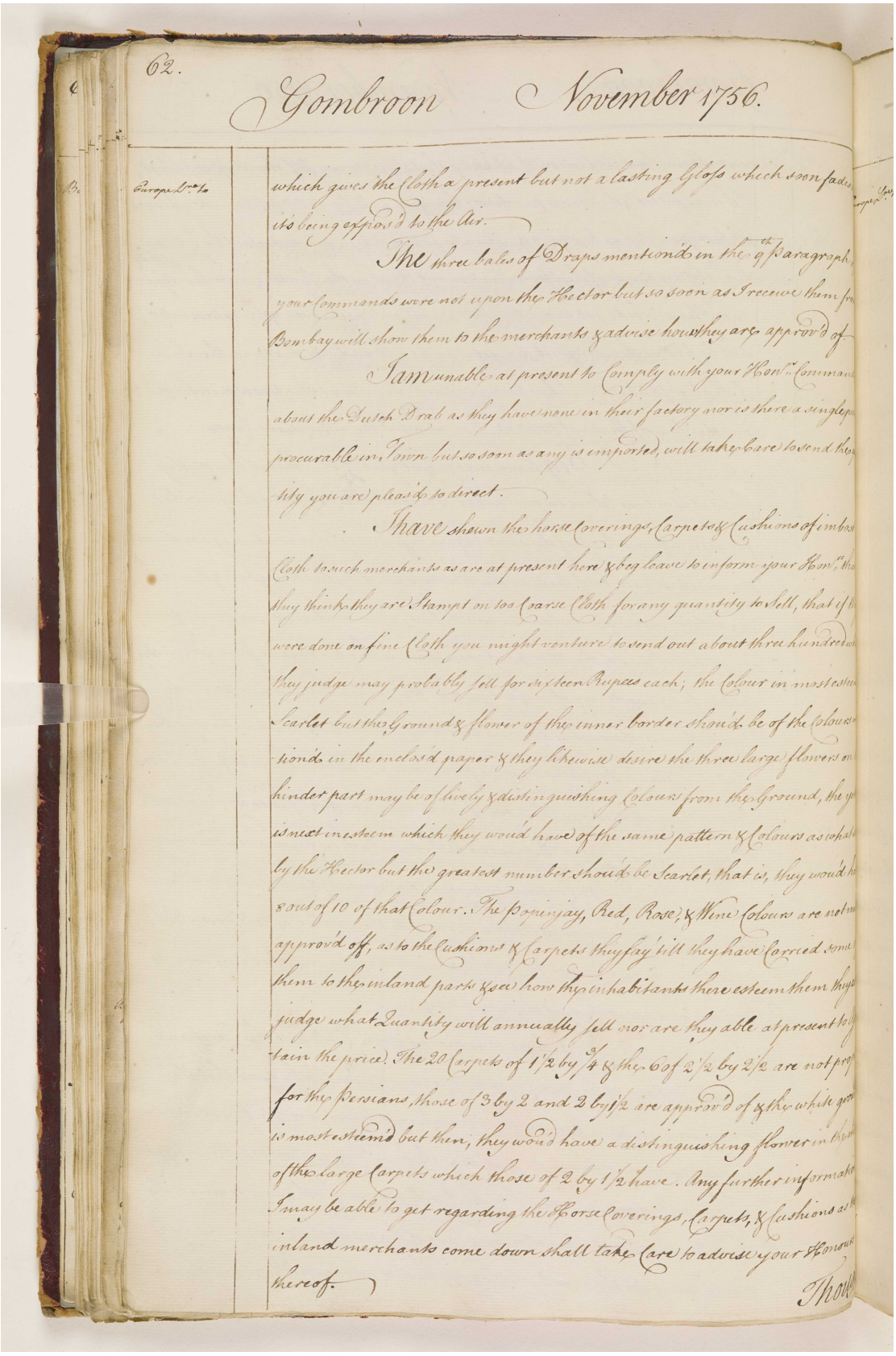

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Europe Lrs to

which gives the Cloth a present but not a lasting Gloss which soon fades it's being expos'd to the Air.

The three bales of Draps mention'd in the 9th Paragraph your Commands were not upon the Hector but so soon as I receive them fro Bombay will show them to the merchants & advise how they are approv'd of.

I am unable at present to Comply with your Hon.rs Command about the Dutch Drab as they have none in their factory nor is there a single pe procurable in Town but so soon as any is imported, will take Care to send the q tity you are pleas'd to direct.

I have shewn the horse Coverings, Carpets & Cushions of imbos Cloth to such merchants as are at present here & beg leave to inform your Hon.rs tha they think they are Stampt on too Coarse Cloth for any quantity to Sell, that if th were done on fine Cloth you might venture to send out about three hundred wh they judge may probably sell for sixteen Rupees each; the Colour in most estee Scarlet but the Ground & flower of the inner border shou'd be of the Colours m tion'd in the enclos'd paper & they likewise desire the three large flowers on hinder part may be of lively & distinguishing Colours from the Ground, the ye is next in esteem which they wou'd have of the same pattern & Colours as what by the Hector but the greatest number shou'd be Scarlet, that is, they wou'd ha 8 out of 10 of that Colour. The Popinjay, Red, Rose, & Wine Colours are not m approv'd off, as to the Cushions & Carpets they say 'till they have Carried some them to the inland parts & see how the inhabitants there esteem them they judge what Quantity will annually sell nor are they able at present to ob tain the price. The 20 Carpets of 1½ by ¾ & the 6 of 2½ by 2½ are not prop for the Persians, those of 3 by 2 and 2 by 1½ are approv'd of & the white goo is most esteem'd but then, they wou'd have a distinguishing flower in the m of the large Carpets which those of 2 by 1½ have. Any further informatio I may be able to get regarding the Horse Coverings, Carpets, & Cushions as th inland merchants come down shall take Care to advise your Honour thereof.

Thou

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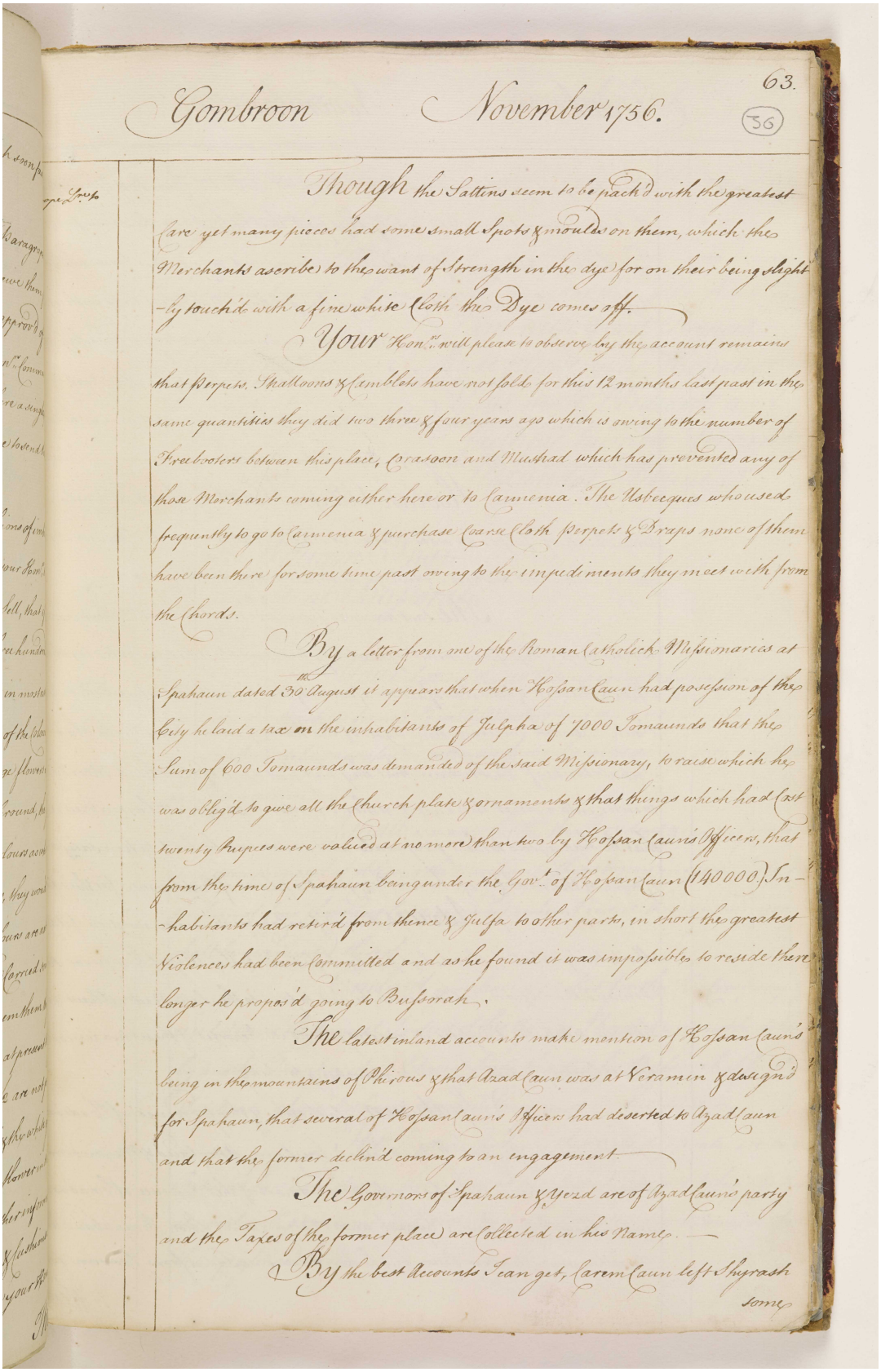

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Though the Sattins seem to be packd with the greatest care yet many pieces had some small Spots & moulds on them, which the Merchants ascribe to the want of Strength in the dye for on their being slightly touchd with a fine white Cloth the Dye comes off.

Your Hon.rs will please to observe by the account remains that Perpets. Shalloons & Lambletts have not sold for this 12 months last past in the same quantities they did two three & four years ago which is owing to the number of Freebooters between this place, Corassoon and Mushad which has prevented any of those Merchants coming either here or to Larmenia. The Usbeeques who used frequently to go to Larmenia & purchase Coarse Cloth Perpets & Drugs none of them have been there for some time past owing to the impediments they meet with from the Chords.

By a letter from one of the Roman Catholick Missionaries at Spahaun dated 30th August it appears that when Hossan Caun had possession of the City he laid a tax on the inhabitants of Julpha of 7000 Tomaunds that the Sum of 600 Tomaunds was demanded of the said Missionary, to raise which he was obligd to give all the Church plate & ornaments & that things which had cost twenty Rupees were valued at no more than two by Hossan Cauns Officers, that from the time of Spahaun being under the Govt. of Hossan Caun (140000) In-habitants had retird from thence & Julfa to other parts, in short the greatest Violences had been committed and as he found it was impossible to reside there longer he propos'd going to Bussorah.

The latest inland accounts make mention of Hossan Cauns being in the mountains of Pheroos & that Azad Caun was at Veramin & design'd for Spahaun, that several of Hossan Cauns Officers had deserted to Azad Caun and that the former declin'd coming to an engagement.

The Governors of Spahaun & Yezd are of Azad Cauns party and the Taxes of the former place are collected in his Name.

By the best Accounts I can get, Carem Caun left Shyrash some

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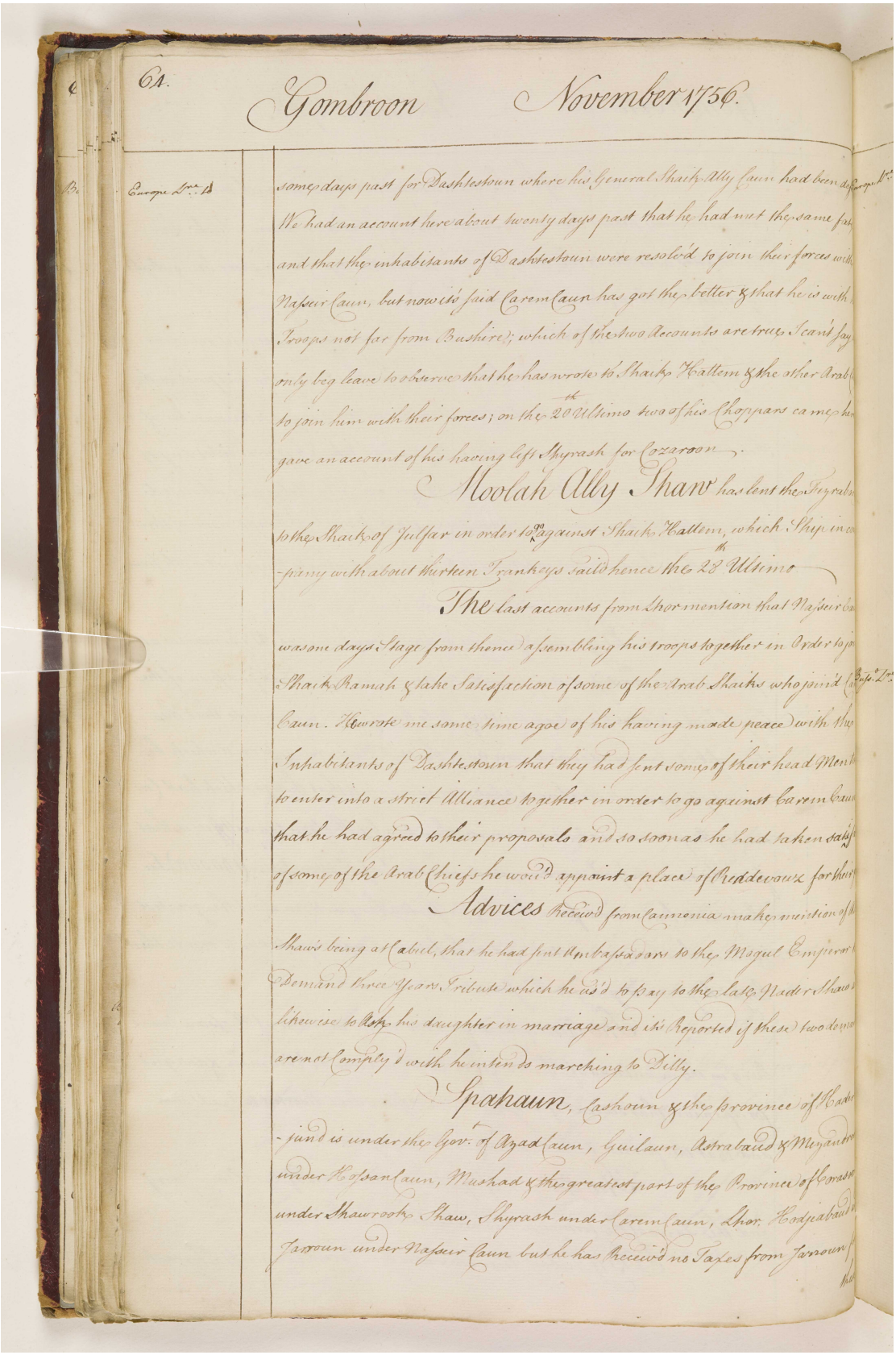

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Europe Lrs. 18

some days past for Dashtestoun where his General Shaik Ally Caun had been de[illegible]
We had an account here about twenty days past that he had met the same fat[illegible]
and that the inhabitants of Dashtestoun were resolv'd to join their forces with
Nasseir Caun, but now it's said Carem Caun has got the better & that he is with [illegible]
Troops not far from Bushire; which of the two Accounts are true I can't say
only beg leave to observe that he has wrote to Shaik Hattem & the other Arab C[illegible]
to join him with their forces; on the 20th Ultimo two of his Choppars came her[illegible]
gave an account of his having left Shyrash for Cozaroon.

Moolah Ally Shaw has lent the Fezrabo[illegible]
to the Shaik of Julfar in order to go against Shaik Hattem, which Ship in co[illegible]
-pany with about thirteen Trankeys sail'd hence the 28th Ultimo

The last accounts from Lhor mention that Nasseir Ca[illegible]
was one days Stage from thence assembling his troops together in Order to jo[illegible]
Shaik Ramah & take Satisfaction of some of the Arab Shaiks who join'd Ca[illegible]
Caun. He wrote me some time agoe of his having made peace with the
Inhabitants of Dashtestoun that they had sent some of their head Men t[illegible]
to enter into a strict Alliance together in order to go against Carem Caun
that he had agreed to their proposals and so soon as he had taken satisf[illegible]
of some of the Arab Chiefs he wou'd appoint a place of Reddevouz for their [illegible]

Advices Receiv'd from Cannonia make mention of [illegible]
Shaw's being at Cabul, that he had sent Ambassadors to the Mogul Emperor [illegible]
Demand three Years Tribute which he us'd to pay to the late Nader Shaw [illegible]
likewise to Ask his daughter in marriage and it's Reported if these two dema[illegible]
are not Comply'd with he intends marching to Dilly.

Spahaun, Cashoun & the province of Hader-
-jund is under the Govt. of Azad Caun, Guilaun, Astrabaud & Mezandro[illegible]
under Hossan Caun, Mushad & the greatest part of the Province of Corasa[illegible]
under Shawrook Shaw, Shyrash under Carem Caun, Lhor, Hodjiabaud [illegible]
Jarroun under Nasseir Caun but he has Receiv'd no Taxes from Jarroun [illegible]
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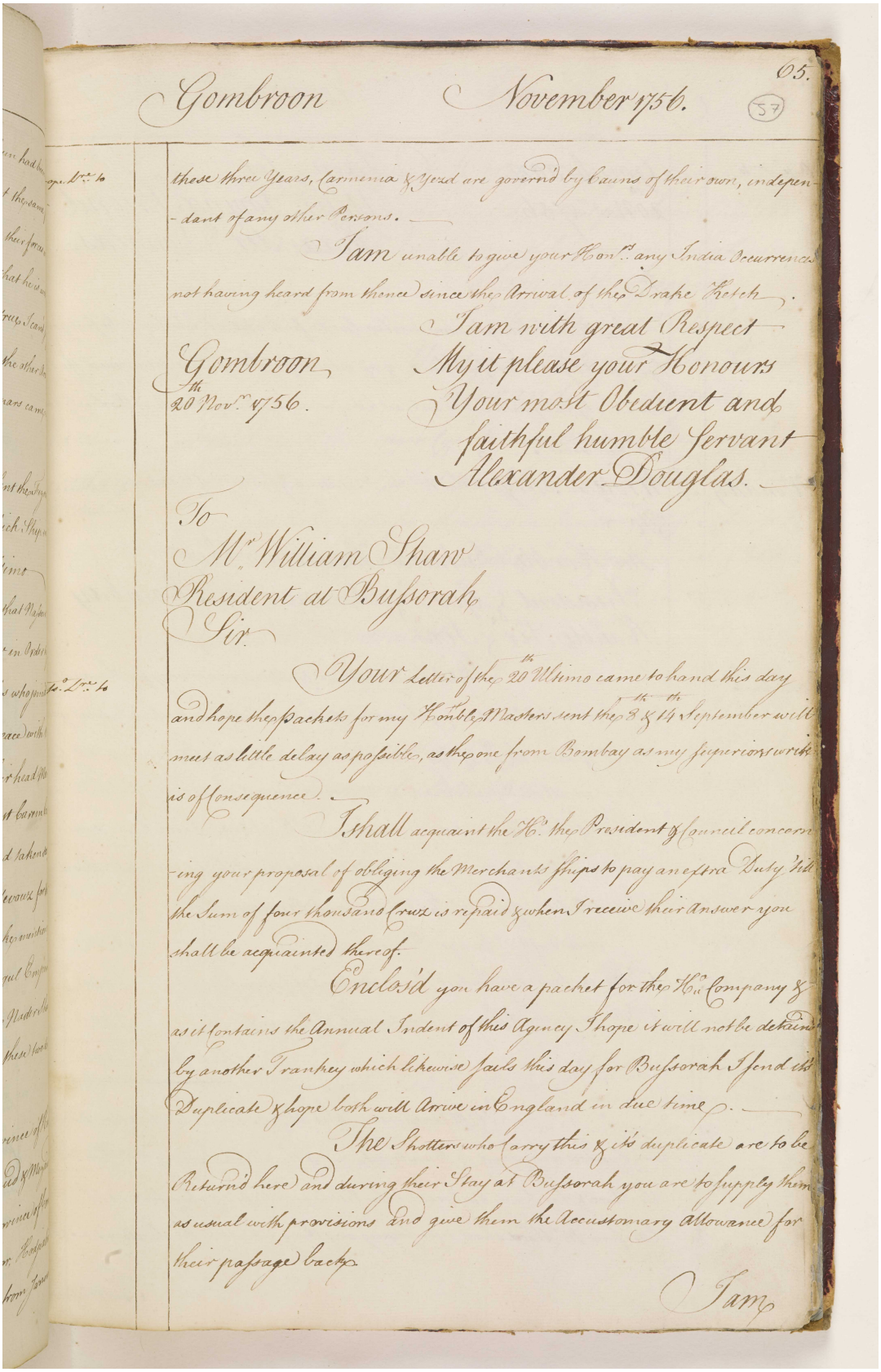

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these three Years, Carmenia & Yezd are govern'd by Cauns of their own, indepen-
-dant of any other Persons.

I am unable to give your Hon.r any India Occurrences not having heard from thence since the Arrival of the Drake Ketch.

I am with great Respect
My it please your Honours
Your most Obedient and
faithful humble Servant
Alexander Douglas.

Gombroon
the 20 Nov.r 1756.

To
M.r William Shaw
Resident at Bussorah
Sir

Your Letter of the 20th Ultimo came to hand this day and hope the packets for my Hon.ble Masters sent the 3d & 14th September will meet as little delay as possible, as the one from Bombay as my superiors write is of Consequence.

I shall acquaint the Hon.ble the President & Council concern-ing your proposal of obliging the Merchants ships to pay an extra Duty 'till the Sum of four thousand Crowz is repaid & when I receive their Answer you shall be acquainted thereof.

Enclos'd you have a packet for the Hon.ble Company & as it contains the Annual Indent of this Agency I hope it will not be detain'd by another Tranhey which likewise sails this day for Bussorah I send its Duplicate & hope both will Arrive in England in due time.

The Shotters who carry this & its duplicate are to be Return'd here and during their Stay at Bussorah you are to supply them as usual with provisions and give them the Accustomary Allowance for their passage back.

I am

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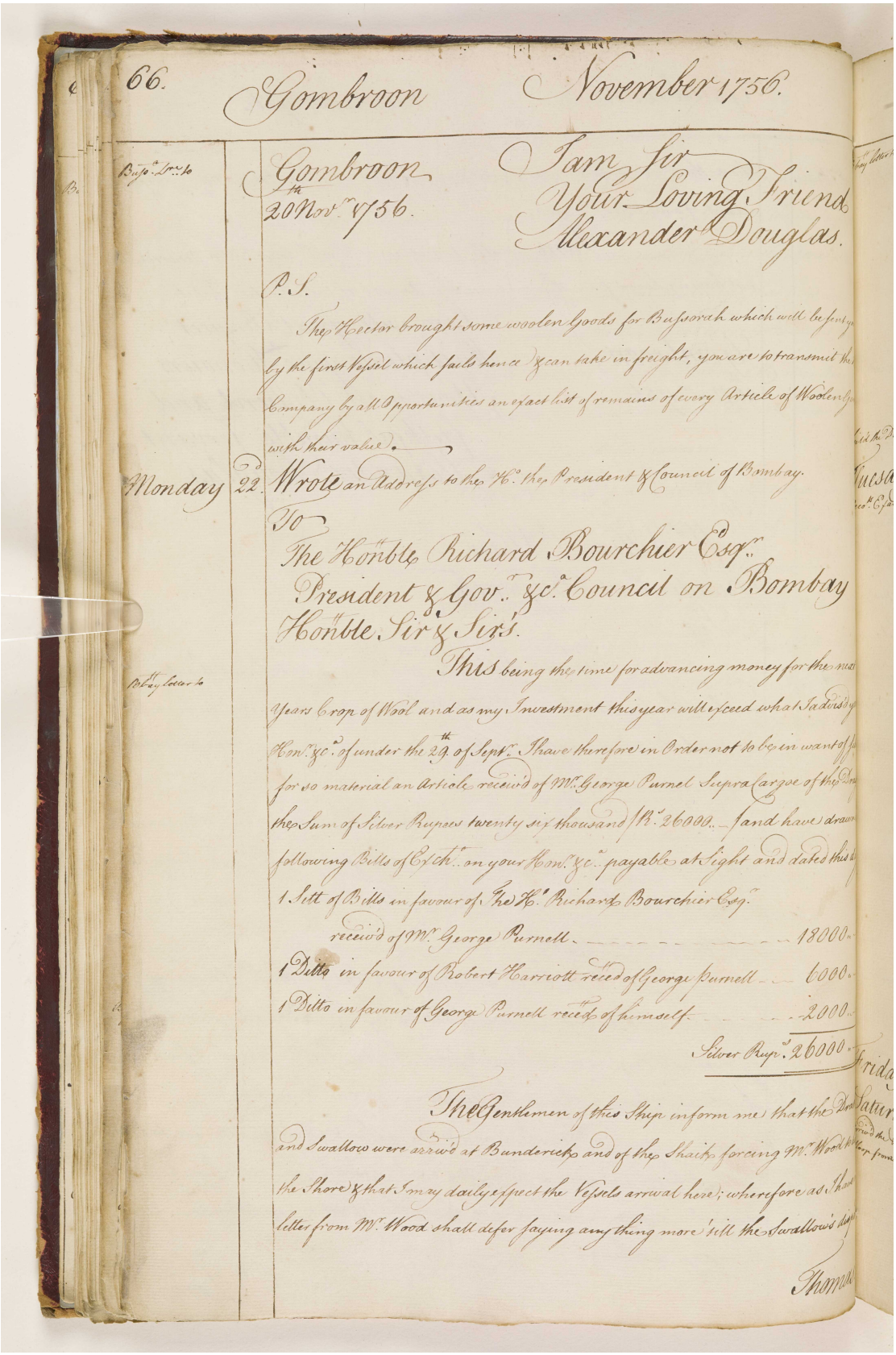
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Gombroon 20th Novr. 1756.

I am Sir Your Loving Friend Alexander Douglas.

P.S.

The Hector brought some woolen Goods for Busserah which will be sent by the first Vessel which sails hence & can take in freight, you are to transmit the Company by all Opportunities an exact list of remains of every Article of Woolen G... with their value.

Monday 22. Wrote an Address to the Ho. the President & Council of Bombay.

To The Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr. President & Govr. &c. Council on Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs.

This being the time for advancing money for the next Years Crop of Wool and as my Investment this year will exceed what I advised your Honr. &c. of under the 29th of Sept. I have therefore in Order not to be in want of ... for so material an Article received of Mr. George Purnel Supra Cargoe of the ... the Sum of Silver Rupees twenty six thousand Rs. 26000. & have drawn ... following Bills of Exch. on your Honr. &c. payable at Sight and dated this ...

1 Sett of Bills in favour of The Hble Richard Bourchier Esq. received of Mr. George Purnell ..... 18000.

1 Ditto in favour of Robert Harriott recd of George Purnell ..... 6000.

1 Ditto in favour of George Purnell recd of himself ..... 2000.

Silver Rupees 26000.

The Gentlemen of this Ship inform me that the ... and Swallow were arrived at Bunderick & of the Shaik forcing Mr. Wood ... the Shore & that I may daily expect the Vessels arrival here; wherefore as I ... letter from Mr. Wood shall defer saying any thing more 'till the Swallow's ...

Thomas ...

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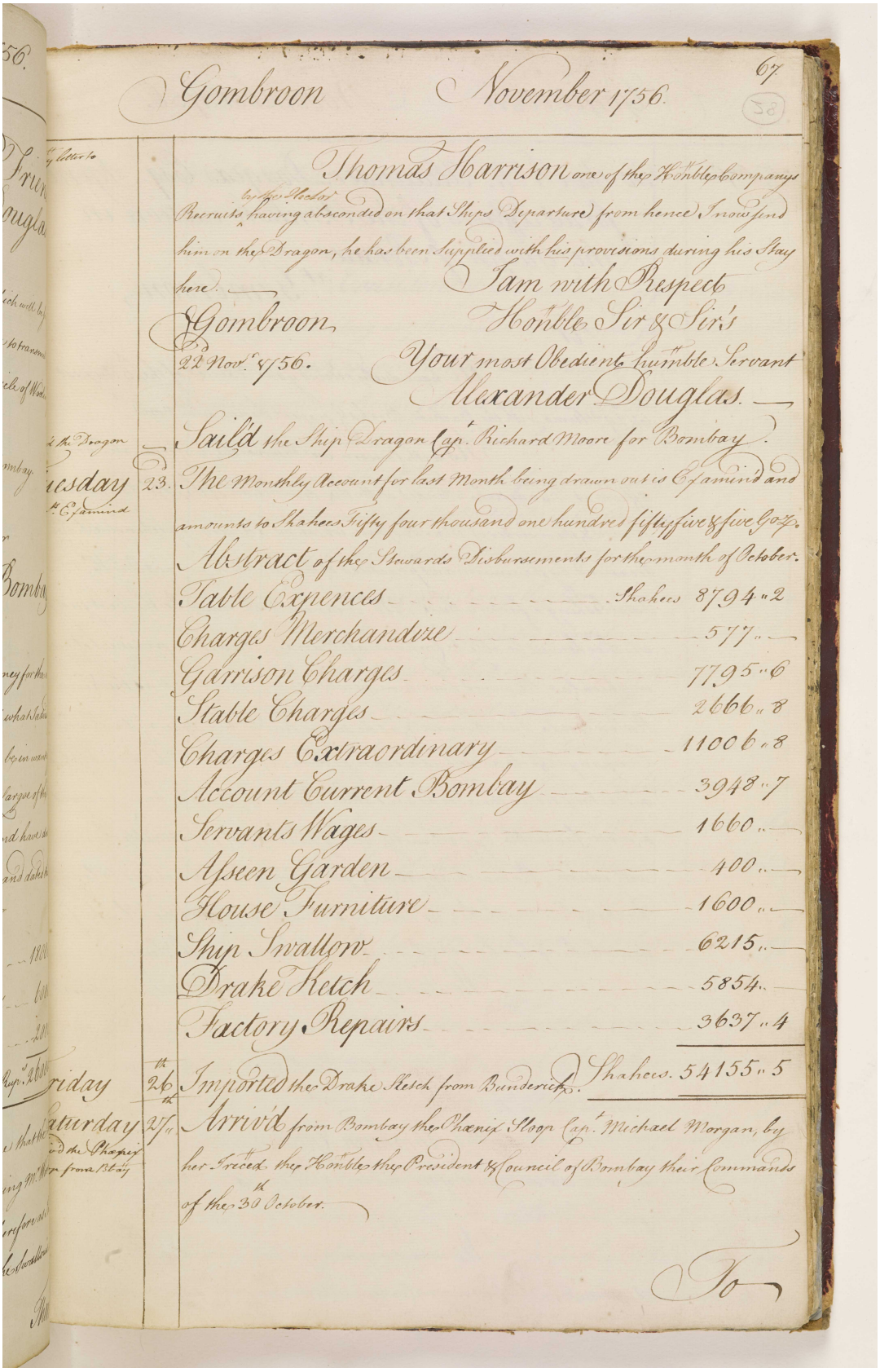

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Thomas Harrison one of the Honble Companys Recruits by the Hector having absconded on that Ships Departure from hence I now find him on the Dragon, he has been Supplied with his provisions during his Stay here.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Alexander Douglas.

Gombroon
22 Nov.r 1756.

Saild the Ship Dragon Capt. Richard Moore for Bombay.

Tuesday 23. The Monthly Account for last Month being drawn out is Examind and amounts to Shahees Fifty four thousand one hundred fiftyfive & five Gozy.

Abstract of the Stewards Disbursements for the month of October.

Table Expences	Shahees	8794 " 2
Charges Merchandize		577 " —
Garrison Charges		7795 " 6
Stable Charges		2666 " 8
Charges Extraordinary		11006 " 8
Account Current Bombay		3948 " 7
Servants Wages		1660 " —
Afseen Garden		400 " —
House Furniture		1600 " —
Ship Swallow		6215 " —
Drake Ketch		5854 " —
Factory Repairs		3637 " 4
	Shahees.	54155 " 5

Friday 26th Imported the Drake Ketch from Bunderick.

Saturday 27th Arrivd from Bombay the Phœnix Sloop Capt. Michael Morgan, by her Forced the Hon.ble the President & Council of Bombay their Commands of the 30 October.

To

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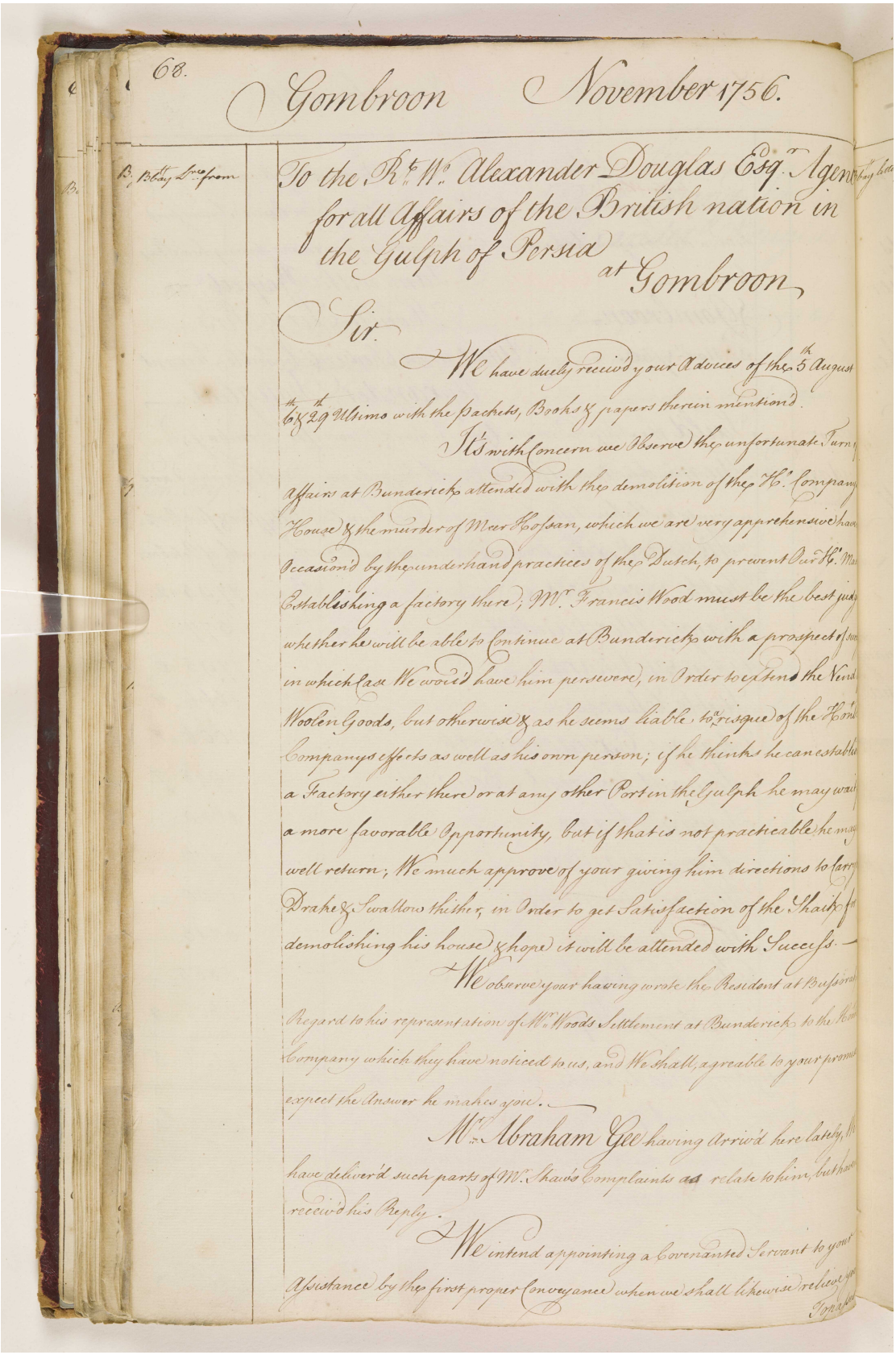

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B. Bbay Lrs from

To the Rt. Wo. Alexander Douglas Esqr. Agent for all Affairs of the British nation in the Gulph of Persia at Gombroon

Sir.

We have duely receivd your Advices of the 5th August 6th & 29th Ultimo with the packets, Books & papers therein mentiond.

It's with Concern we Observe the unfortunate Turn of Affairs at Bunderick attended with the demolition of the Ho. Company's House & the murder of Meer Hossan, which we are very apprehensive have Occasiond by the underhand practices of the Dutch, to prevent Our Ho. Mas Establishing a factory there; Mr. Francis Wood must be the best judge whether he will be able to Continue at Bunderick with a prospect of succ in which Case We would have him persevere, in Order to extend the Vend of Woolen Goods, but otherwise & as he seems liable to a risque of the Hon. Companys effects as well as his own person; if he thinks he can establish a Factory either there or at any other Port in the Gulph he may wait a more favorable Opportunity, but if that is not practicable he may well return; We much approve of your giving him directions to Carry Drake & Swallow thither, in Order to get Satisfaction of the Shaik for demolishing his house & hope it will be attended with Success.

We observe your having wrote the Resident at Bussorah Regard to his representation of Mr. Woods Settlement at Bunderick to the Hon. Company which they have noticed to us, and We shall, agreable to your promise expect the Answer he makes you.

Mr. Abraham Gee having Arriv'd here lately, We have deliver'd such parts of Mr. Shaw's Complaints as relate to him, but have receivd his Reply.

We intend appointing a Covenanted Servant to your Assistance by the first proper Conveyance when we shall likewise relieve you

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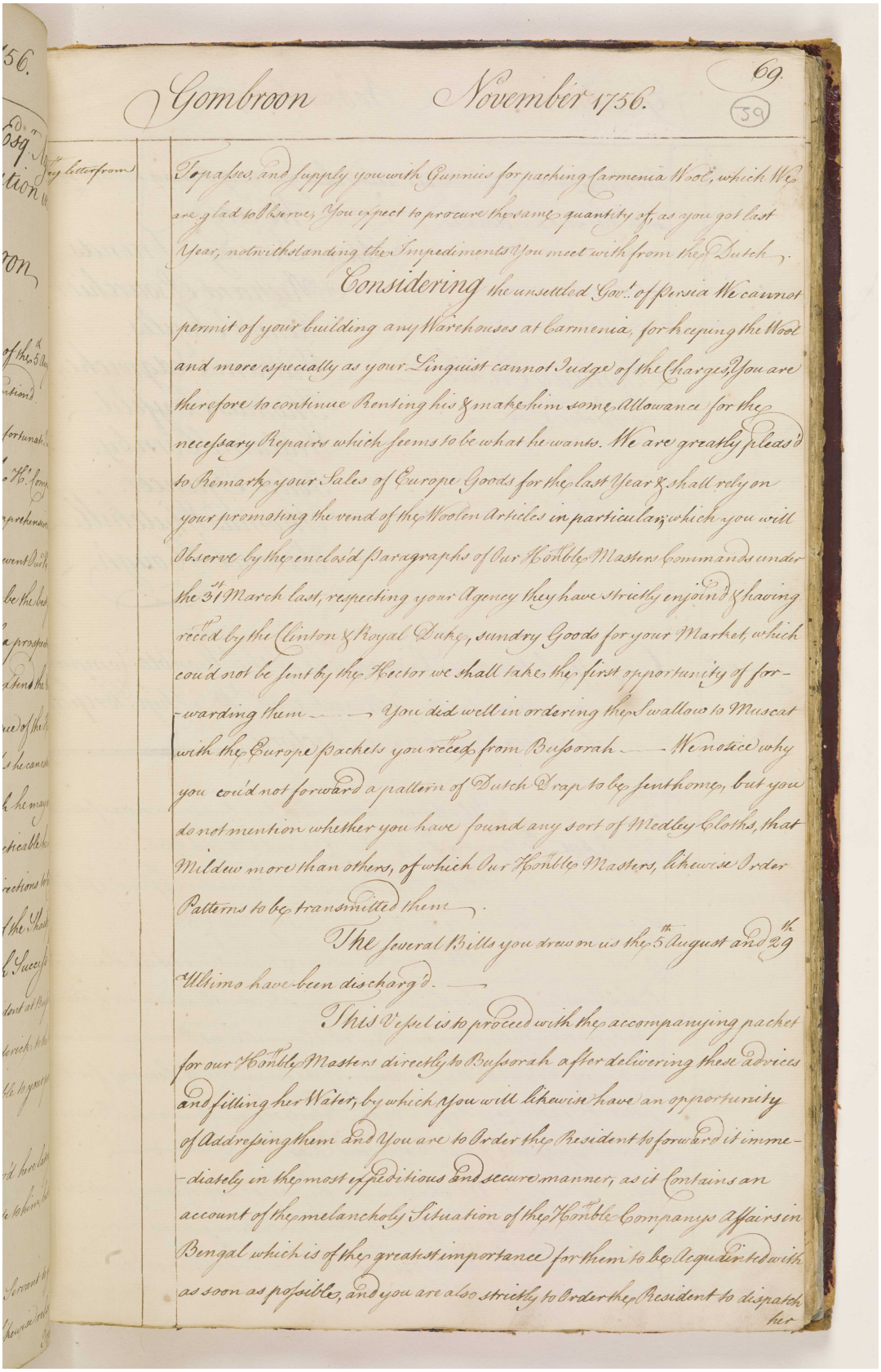

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To pass and supply you with Gunnies for packing Carmenia Wool, which We are glad to observe, You expect to procure the same quantity of, as you got last Year, notwithstanding the Impediments You meet with from the Dutch.

Considering the unsettled Gov.t of Persia We cannot permit of your building any Warehouses at Carmenia, for keeping the Wool and more especially as your Linguist cannot Judge of the Charges, You are therefore to continue Renting his & make him some Allowance for the necessary Repairs which seems to be what he wants. We are greatly pleas'd to Remark your Sales of Europe Goods for the last Year & shall rely on your promoting the vend of the Woolen Articles in particular, which you will Observe by the enclosd Paragraphs of Our Honble Masters Commands under the 31st March last, respecting your Agency they have strictly enjoind & having recd by the Clinton & Royal Duke, sundry Goods for your Market, which could not be sent by the Hector we shall take the first opportunity of forwarding them —— You did well in ordering the Swallow to Muscat with the Europe packets you recd from Busorah —— We notice why you could not forward a pattern of Dutch Drap to be sent home, but you do not mention whether you have found any sort of Medley Cloths, that Mildew more than others, of which Our Honble Masters, likewise Order Patterns to be transmitted them.

The several Bills you drew on us the 5th August and 29th Ultimo have been discharg'd.

This Vessel is to proceed with the accompanying packet for our Honble Masters directly to Busorah after delivering these advices and filling her Water, by which you will likewise have an opportunity of Addressing them and You are to Order the Resident to forward it immediately in the most expeditious and secure manner, as it contains an account of the melancholy Situation of the Honble Companys affairs in Bengal which is of the greatest importance for them to be acquainted with as soon as possible, and you are also strictly to Order the Resident to dispatch her

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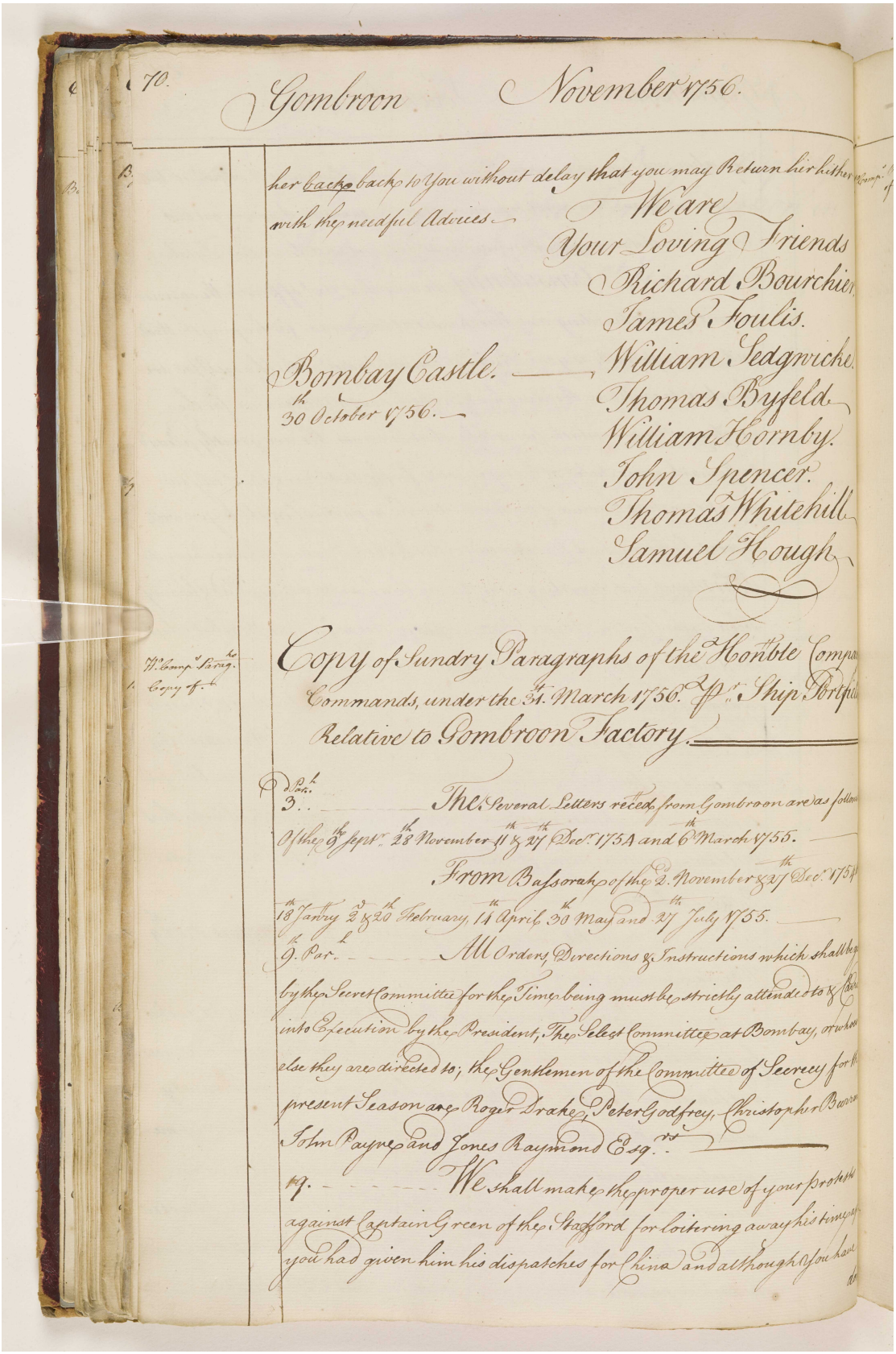

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her back back to You without delay that you may Return her hither with the needful Advices

We are
Your Loving Friends
Richard Bourchier
James Foulis.
William Sedgwicke.
Thomas Byfeld
William Hornby.
John Spencer.
Thomas Whitehill
Samuel Hough

Bombay Castle.
30th October 1756.

W. Comp.s Parag.hs Copy of.

Copy of Sundry Paragraphs of the Honble Compa Commands, under the 31st March 1756. Pr. Ship Portfield Relative to Gombroon Factory.

Dd Par.h 3. The Several Letters recd from Gombroon are as follows Of the 9th Sept.r 28th November 11th & 27th Dec.r 1754 and 6th March 1755.

From Bassorah of the 2d November & 27th Dec.r 1754 18th Janry 2d & 20th February, 14th April, 30th May and 27th July 1755.

9th Par.h All Orders, Directions & Instructions which shall be by the Secret Committee for the Time being must be strictly attended to & Carried into Execution by the President, The Select Committee at Bombay, or whoever else they are directed to; the Gentlemen of the Committee of Secrecy for the present Season are Roger Drake, Peter Godfrey, Christopher Burrow John Payne and Jones Raymond Esq.rs

19. We shall make the proper use of your protests against Captain Green of the Stafford for loitering away his time after you had given him his dispatches for China and although you have

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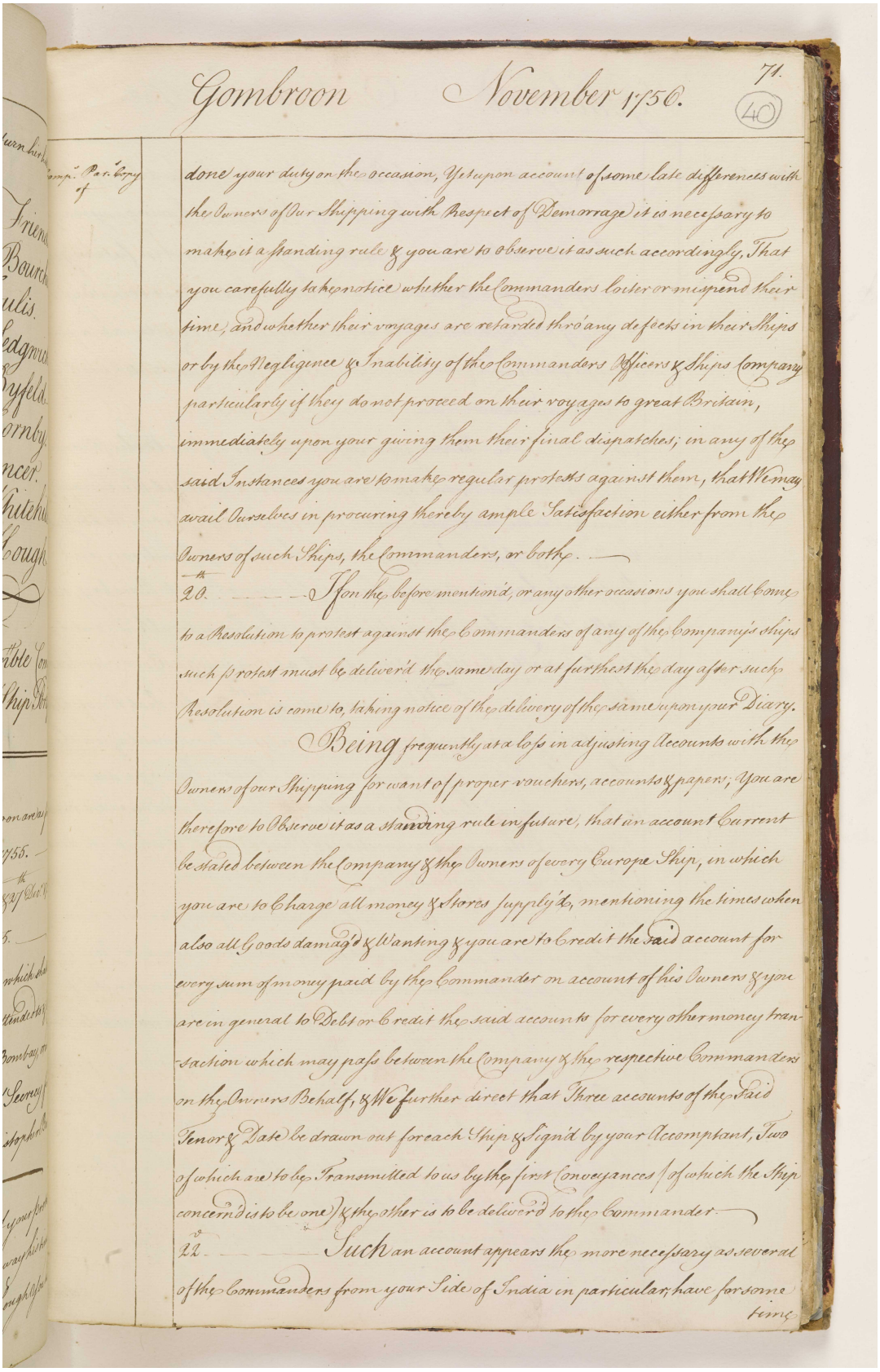

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done your duty on the occasion, Yet upon account of some late differences with the Owners of Our Shipping with Respect of Demorrage it is necessary to make it a standing rule & you are to observe it as such accordingly, That you carefully take notice whether the Commanders loiter or mispend their time, and whether their voyages are retarded thro' any defects in their Ships or by the Negligence & Inability of the Commanders Officers & Ships Company particularly if they do not proceed on their voyages to great Britain, immediately upon your giving them their final dispatches; in any of the said Instances you are to make regular protests against them, that We may avail Ourselves in procuring thereby ample Satisfaction either from the Owners of such Ships, the Commanders, or both.

20th ——— If on the before mention'd, or any other occasions you shall come to a Resolution to protest against the Commanders of any of the Company's Ships such protest must be deliver'd the same day or at furthest the day after such Resolution is come to, taking notice of the delivery of the same upon your Diary.

Being frequently at a loss in adjusting Accounts with the Owners of our Shipping for want of proper vouchers, accounts & papers; You are therefore to Observe it as a standing rule in future, that an account Current be stated between the Company & the Owners of every Europe Ship, in which you are to Charge all money & Stores supply'd, mentioning the times when also all Goods damag'd & Wanting & you are to Credit the said account for every sum of money paid by the Commander on account of his Owners & you are in general to Debit or Credit the said account for every other money transaction which may pass between the Company & the respective Commanders on the Owners Behalf, & We further direct that Three accounts of the said Tenor & Date be drawn out for each Ship & Signd by your Accomptant, Two of which are to be Transmitted to us by the first Conveyances of which the Ship concern'd is to be one & the other is to be deliver'd to the Commander.

22d ——— Such an account appears the more necessary as several of the Commanders from your Side of India in particular, have for some time

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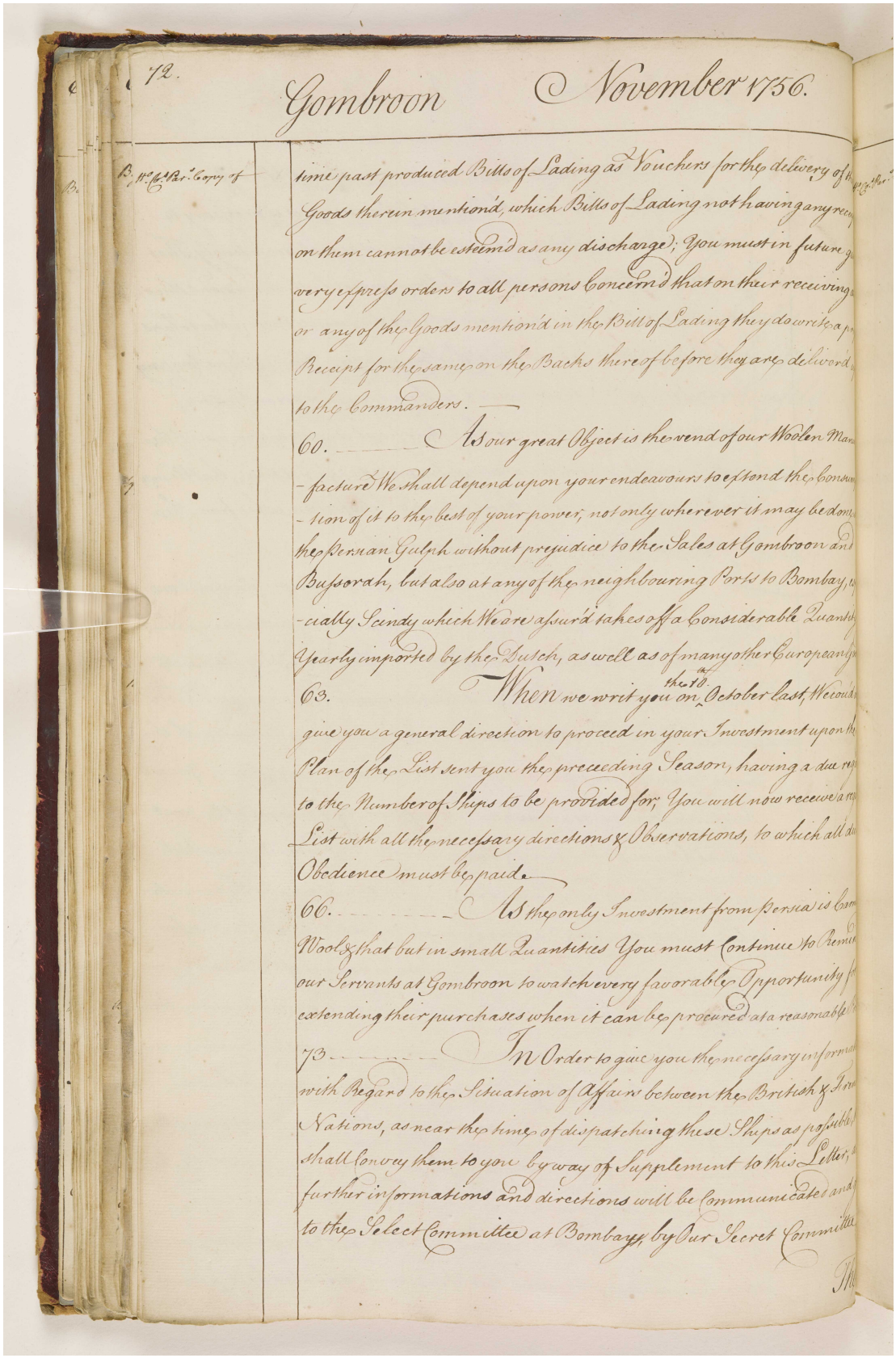

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time past produced Bills of Lading as Vouchers for the delivery of the Goods therein mentiond, which Bills of Lading not having any rec... on them cannot be esteemd as any discharge; You must in future g... very express orders to all persons Concernd that on their receiving ... or any of the Goods mentiond in the Bill of Lading they do write a p... Receipt for the same on the Backs there of before they are deliverd ... to the Commanders.

60. As our great Object is the vend of our Woolen Manu... facture We shall depend upon your endeavours to extend the Consum... tion of it to the best of your power, not only wherever it may be dem... the Persian Gulph without prejudice to the Sales at Gombroon and Bussorah, but also at any of the neighbouring Ports to Bombay, ... cially Scindy which We are assurd takes off a Considerable Quantity ... yearly imported by the Dutch, as well as of many other European ...

63. When we writ you on the 10th October last, We could ... give you a general direction to proceed in your Investment upon the Plan of the List sent you the preceeding Season, having a due re... to the Number of Ships to be provided for; You will now receive a re... List with all the necessary directions & Observations, to which all due Obedience must be paid.

66. As the only Investment from Persia is Com... Wool & that but in small Quantities You must Continue to Charge our Servants at Gombroon to watch every favorable Opportunity for extending their purchases when it can be procured at a reasonable ...

73. In Order to give you the necessary Information with Regard to the Situation of Affairs between the British & Fre... Nations, as near the time of dispatching these Ships as possible ... shall convey them to you by way of Supplement to this Letter, ... further informations and directions will be communicated and ... to the Select Committee at Bombay by Our Secret Committee ...

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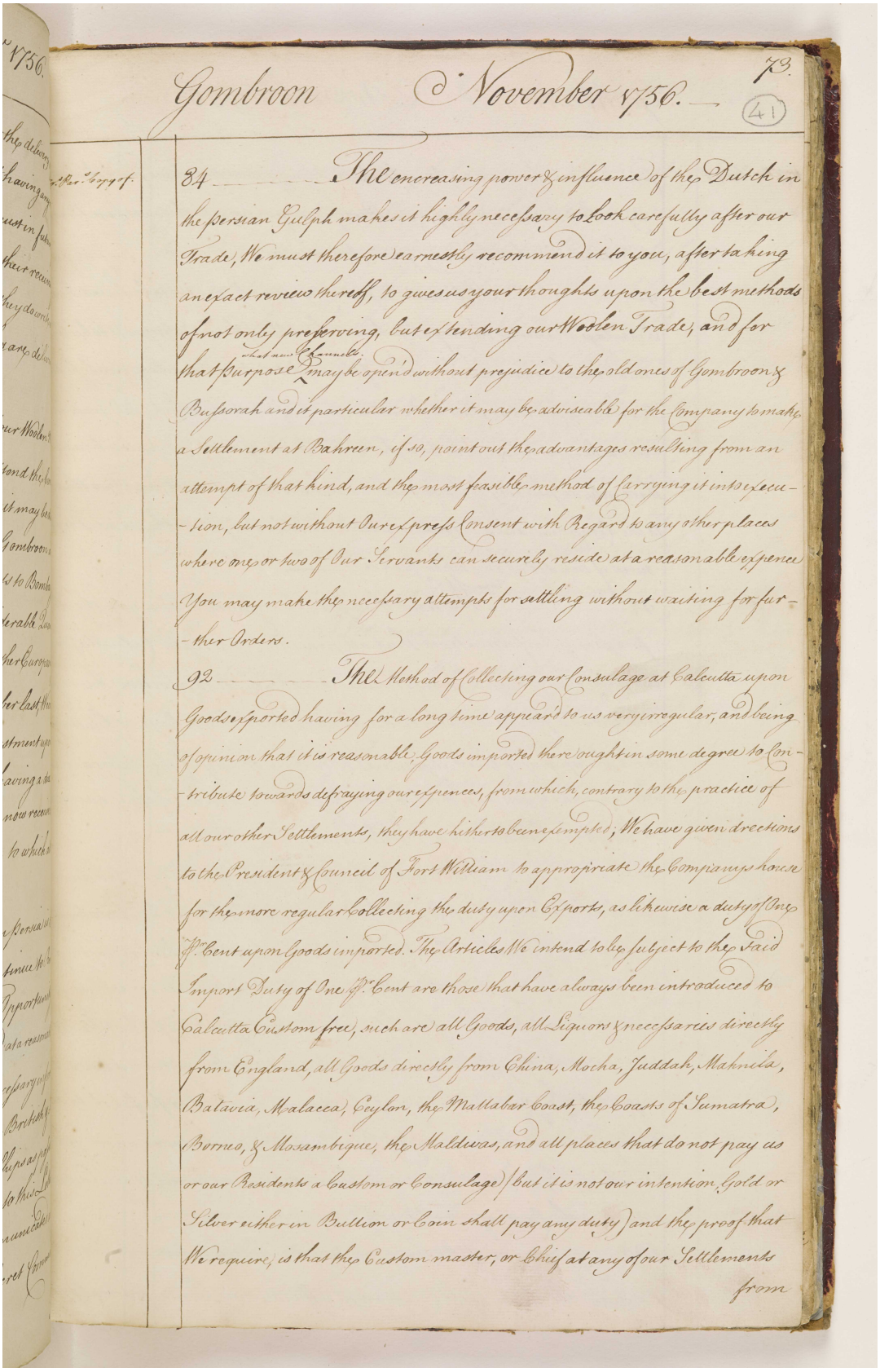

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84 ——— The encreasing power & influence of the Dutch in the persian Gulph makes it highly necessary to look carefully after our Trade, We must therefore earnestly recommend it to you, after taking an exact review thereoff, to give us your thoughts upon the best methods of not only preserving, but extending our Woolen Trade, and for that purpose may be spin'd without prejudice to the old ones of Gombroon & Bussorah and in particular whether it may be adviseable for the Company to make a Settlement at Bahreen, if so, point out the advantages resulting from an attempt of that kind, and the most feasible method of carrying it into execution, but not without Our express Consent with Regard to any other places where one or two of Our Servants can securely reside at a reasonable expence You may make the necessary attempts for settling without waiting for further Orders.

92 ——— The Method of collecting our Consulage at Calcutta upon Goods exported having for a long time appeard to us very irregular, and being of opinion that it is reasonable, Goods imported there ought in some degree to contribute towards defraying our expences, from which, contrary to the practice of all our other Settlements, they have hitherto been exempted, We have given directions to the President & Council of Fort William to appropriate the Companys house for the more regular collecting the duty upon Exports, as likewise a duty of One p.r Cent upon Goods imported. The Articles We intend to be subject to the said Import Duty of One p.r Cent are those that have always been introduced to Calcutta Custom free, such are all Goods, all Liquors & necessaries directly from England, all Goods directly from China, Mocha, Juddah, Mahnila, Batavia, Malacca, Ceylon, the Mallabar Coast, the Coasts of Sumatra, Borneo, & Mosambique, the Maldivas, and all places that do not pay us or our Residents a Custom or Consulage) but it is not our intention, Gold or Silver either in Buttion or Coin shall pay any duty) and the proof that We require, is that the Custom master, or Chief at any of our Settlements from

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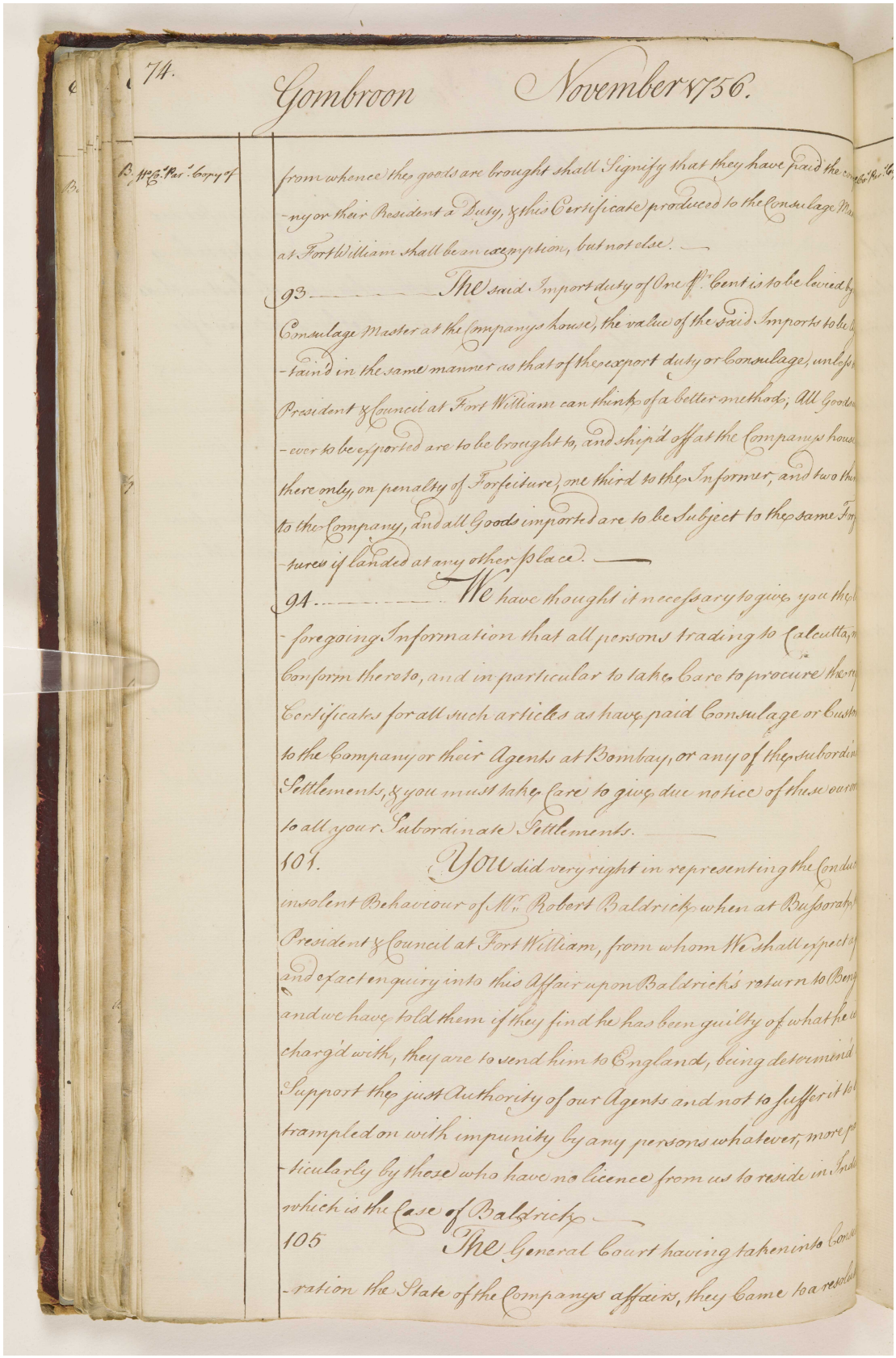

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from whence the goods are brought shall Signify that they have paid the
-ny or their Resident a Duty, & this Certificate produced to the Consulage Ma
at Fort William shall be an exception, but not else.

93 ——— The said Import duty of One p^r. Cent is to be levied by
Consulage Master at the Companys house, the value of the said Imports to be
-tain'd in the same manner as that of the export duty or Consulage, unless
President & Council at Fort William can think of a better method; All Goods
-ever to be exported are to be brought to, and ship'd off at the Companys house
there only on penalty of Forfeiture, one third to the Informer, and two thi
to the Company, and all Goods imported are to be Subject to the same For
-tures if landed at any other place.

94 ——— We have thought it necessary to give you the
-foregoing Information that all persons trading to Calcutta
Conform thereto, and in particular to take Care to procure there
Certificates for all such articles as have paid Consulage or Custo
to the Company or their Agents at Bombay, or any of the subordin
Settlements, & you must take Care to give due notice of these ord
to all your Subordinate Settlements.

101. You did very right in representing the Conduct
insolent Behaviour of Mr. Robert Baldrick when at Busorah
President & Council at Fort William, from whom We shall expect a
and exact enquiry into this Affair upon Baldrick's return to Beng
and we have told them if they find he has been guilty of what he
charg'd with, they are to send him to England, being determin'd
Support the just Authority of our Agents and not to suffer it to
trampled on with impunity by any persons whatever, more pa
-ticularly by those who have no Licence from us to reside in Ind
which is the Case of Baldrick.

105 The General Court having taken into Con
-ration the State of the Companys affairs, they Came to a resolut

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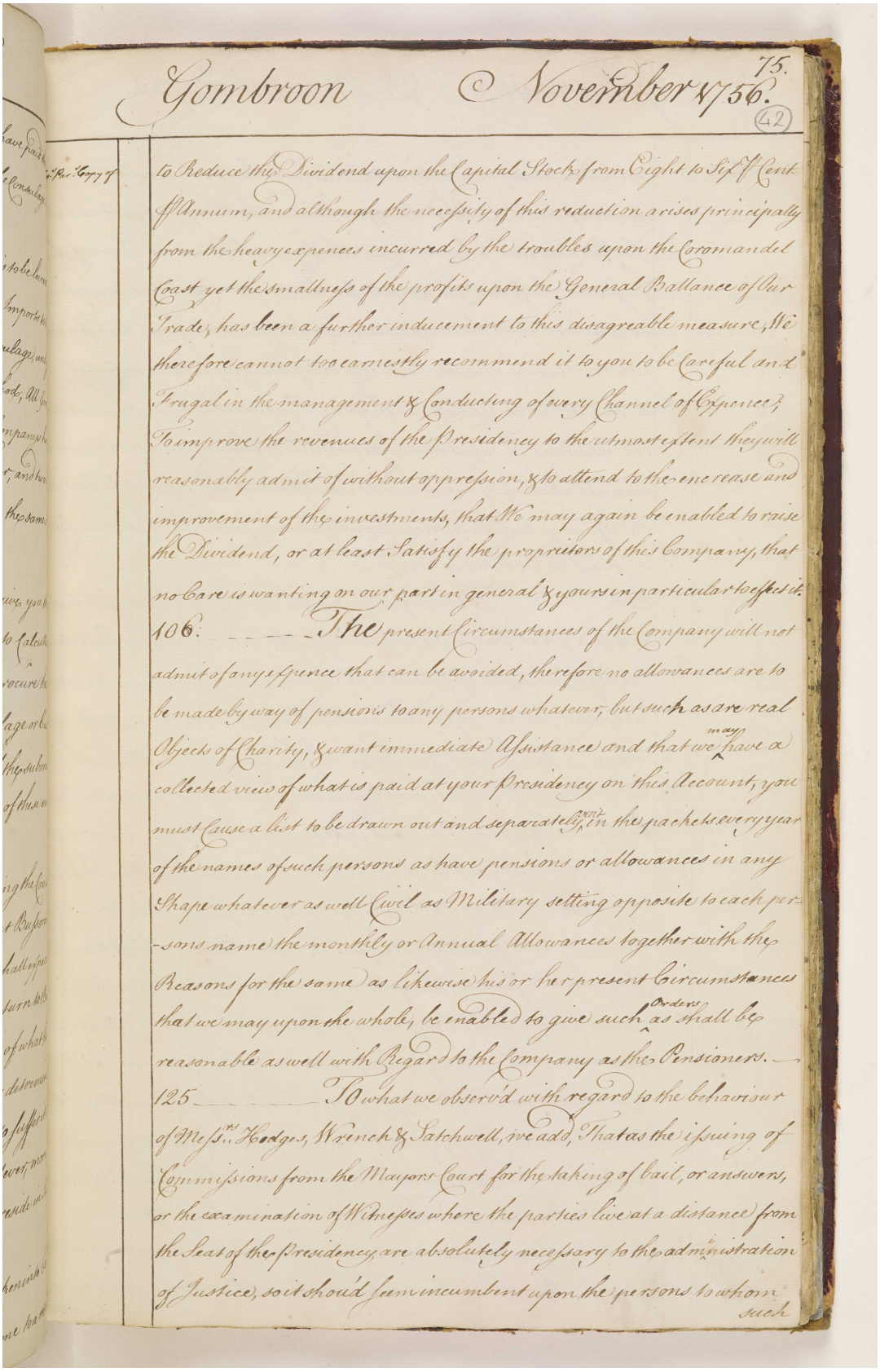

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to Reduce the Dividend upon the Capital Stock from Eight to Six ℔ Cent ℔ Annum, and although the necessity of this reduction arises principally from the heavy expences incurred by the troubles upon the Coromandel Coast yet the smallness of the profits upon the General Ballance of our Trade, has been a further inducement to this disagreable measure, We therefore cannot too earnestly recommend it to you to be careful and Frugal in the management & Conducting of every Channel of Expence; To improve the revenues of the Presidency to the utmost extent they will reasonably admit of without oppression, & to attend to the encrease and improvement of the investments, that We may again be enabled to raise the Dividend, or at least Satisfy the proprietors of this Company, that no Care is wanting on our part in general & yours in particular to effect it.

106. ——— The present Circumstances of the Company will not admit of any expence that can be avoided, therefore no allowances are to be made by way of pensions to any persons whatever, but such as are real Objects of Charity, & want immediate Assistance and that we may have a collected view of what is paid at your Presidency on this Account, you must cause a list to be drawn out and separately sent in the packets every year of the names of such persons as have pensions or allowances in any Shape whatever as well Civil as Military setting opposite to each person's name the monthly or Annual Allowances together with the Reasons for the same as likewise his or her present Circumstances that we may upon the whole, be enabled to give such Orders as shall be reasonable as well with Regard to the Company as the Pensioners.

125 ——— To what we observ'd with regard to the behaviour of Messrs. Hodges, Wrench & Satchwell, we add, That as the issuing of Commissions from the Mayors Court for the taking of bail, or answers, or the examination of Witnesses where the parties live at a distance from the Seat of the Presidency, are absolutely necessary to the administration of Justice, so it should seem incumbent upon the persons to whom such

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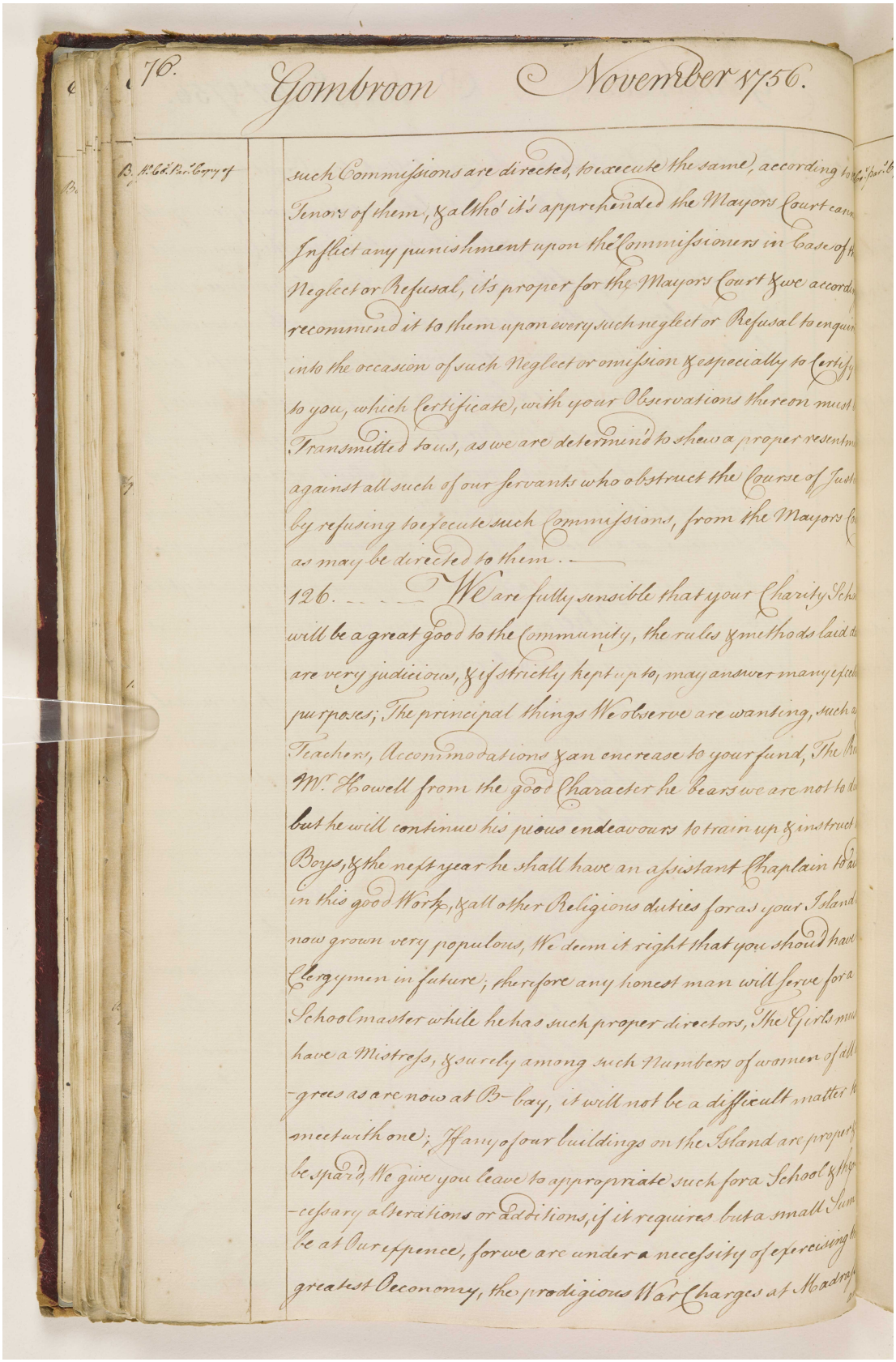

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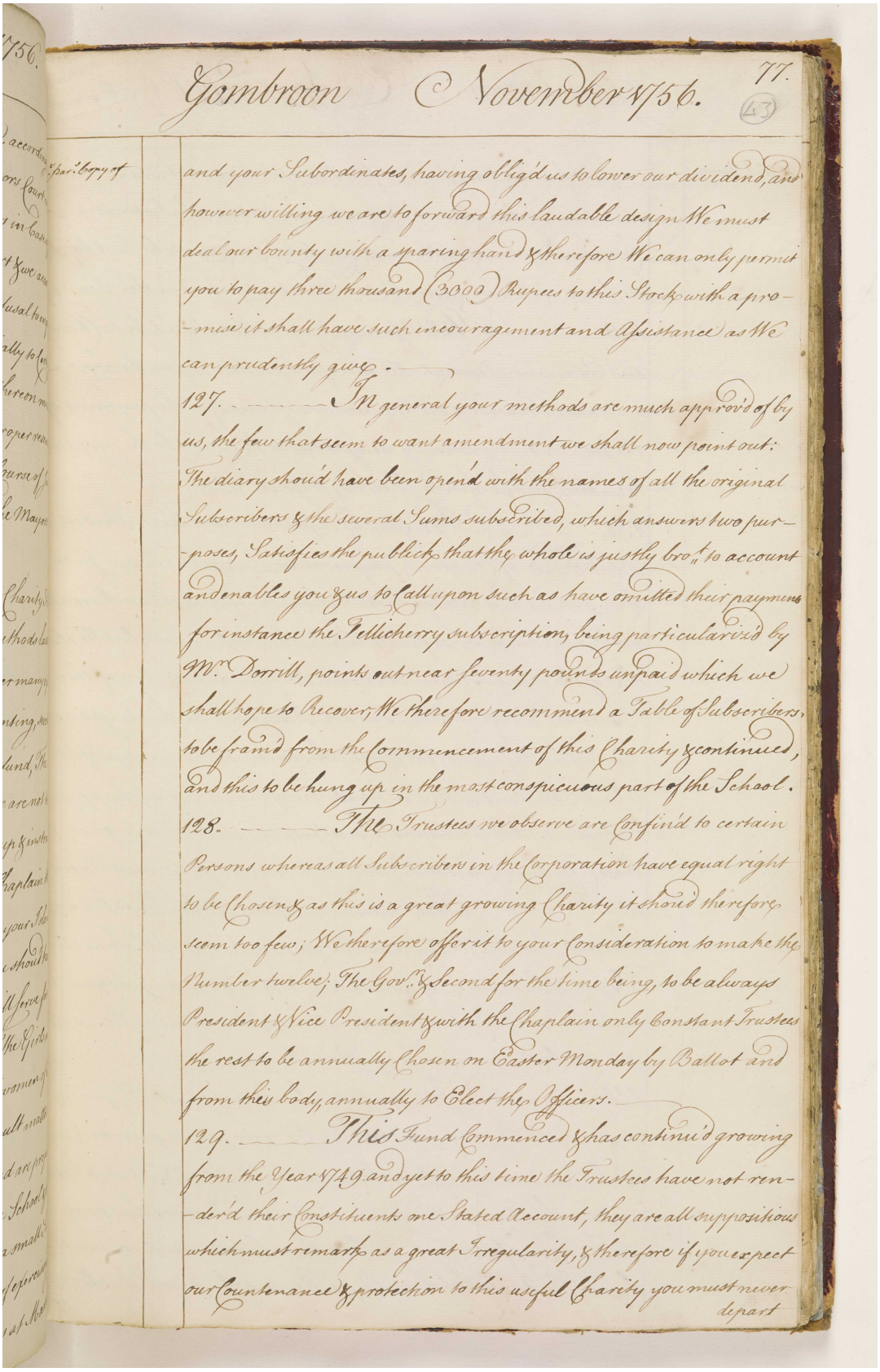

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and your Subordinates, having obligd us to lower our dividend, and however willing we are to forward this laudable design We must deal our bounty with a sparing hand & therefore We can only permit you to pay three thousand (3000) Rupees to this Stock with a promise it shall have such incouragment and Assistance as We can prudently give. ——

127. —— In general your methods are much approvd of by us, the few that seem to want amendment we shall now point out: The diary should have been opend with the names of all the original Subscribers & the several Sums subscribed, which answers two purposes, Satisfies the publick that the whole is justly brot to account and enables you & us to call upon such as have omitted their paymts for instance the Tellicherry subscription, being particularized by Mr Dorrill, points out near seventy pounds unpaid which we shall hope to Recover, We therefore recommend a Table of Subscribers, to be framd from the Commencement of this Charity & continued, and this to be hung up in the most conspicuous part of the School.

128. —— The Trustees we observe are confind to certain Persons whereas all Subscribers in the Corporation have equal right to be Chosen & as this is a great growing Charity it should therefore seem too few; We therefore offer it to your Consideration to make the Number twelve; The Gov.r & Second for the time being, to be always President & Vice President & with the Chaplain only Constant Trustees the rest to be annually Chosen on Easter Monday by Ballot and from this body, annually to Elect the Officers.

129. —— This Fund Commenced & has continud growing from the Year 1749 and yet to this time the Trustees have not rendr'd their Constituents one Stated Account, they are all suppositious which must remark as a great Irregularity, & therefore if you expect our Countenance & protection to this useful Charity you must never depart

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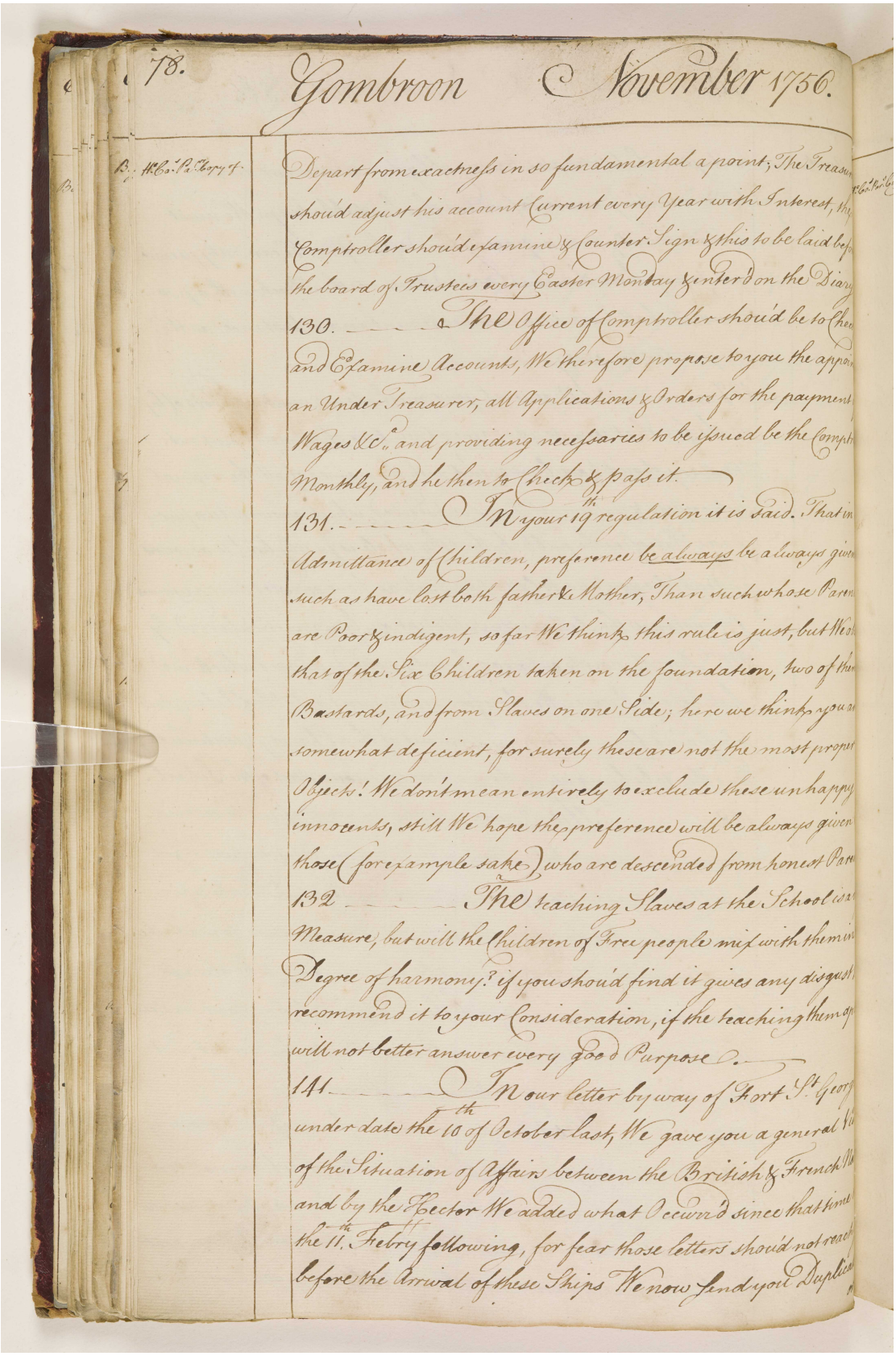

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Depart from exactness in so fundamental a point; The Treasu
should adjust his account Current every Year with Interest, th
Comptroller should examine & Counter Sign & this to be laid bef
the board of Trustees every Easter Monday & entered on the Diary
130. ——— The Office of Comptroller should be to che
and Examine Accounts, We therefore propose to you the appoi
an Under Treasurer, all Applications & Orders for the payment
Wages &c. and providing necessaries to be issued be the Compt
Monthly, and he then to Check & pass it.
131. ——— In your 19th regulation it is said. That in
Admittance of Children, preference be always be always give
such as have lost both father & Mother, Than such whose Paren
are Poor & indigent, so far We think this rule is just, but We o
thats of the Six Children taken on the foundation, two of the
Bastards, and from Slaves on one Side; here we think you a
somewhat deficient, for surely these are not the most proper
Objects! We don't mean entirely to exclude these unhappy
innocents, still We hope the preference will be always given
those (for example sake) who are descended from honest Pare
132 ——— The teaching Slaves at the School is a
Measure, but will the Children of Free people mix with them in
Degree of harmony? if you should find it gives any disgust
recommend it to your Consideration, if the teaching them ap
will not better answer every good Purpose.
141 ——— In our letter by way of Fort St. Geor
under date the 10th of October last, We gave you a general V
of the Situation of Affairs between the British & French N
and by the Hector We added what occurr'd since that time
the 11th Febry following, for fear those letters should not reach
before the Arrival of these Ships We now send you Duplica

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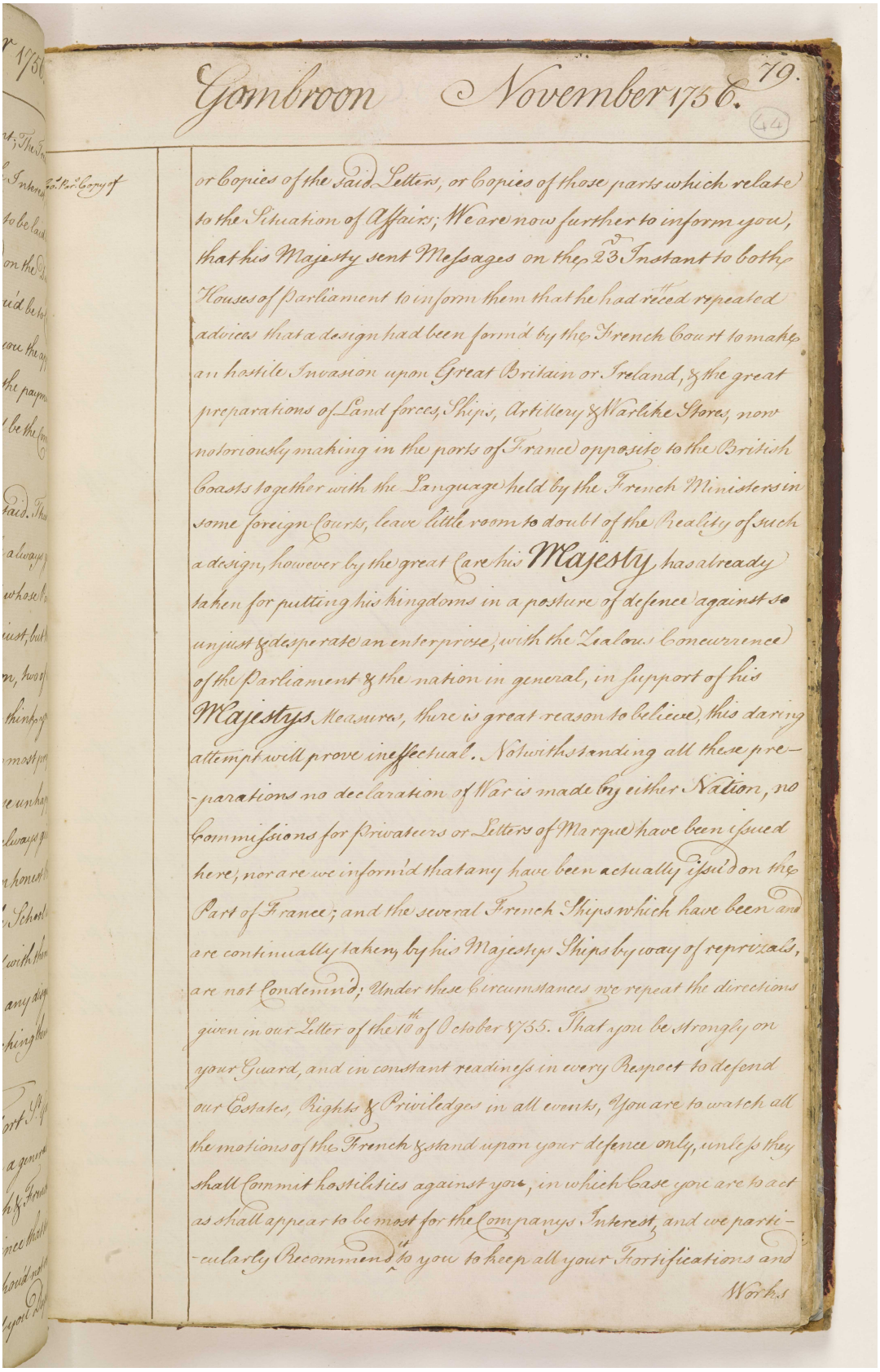

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or Copies of the said Letters, or Copies of those parts which relate to the Situation of Affairs; We are now further to inform you, that his Majesty sent Messages on the 23d Instant to both Houses of Parliament to inform them that he had rec'd repeated advices that a design had been form'd by the French Court to make an hostile Invasion upon Great Britain or Ireland, & the great preparations of Land forces, Ships, Artillery & Warlike Stores, now notoriously making in the ports of France opposite to the British Coasts together with the Language held by the French Ministers in some foreign Courts, leave little room to doubt of the Reality of such a design, however by the great care his Majesty has already taken for putting his kingdoms in a posture of defence against so unjust & desperate an enterprize, with the Zealous Concurrence of the Parliament & the nation in general, in support of his Majestys Measures, there is great reason to believe, this daring attempt will prove ineffectual. Notwithstanding all these preparations no declaration of War is made by either Nation, no Commissions for Privateers or Letters of Marque have been issued here, nor are we inform'd that any have been actually issued on the Part of France; and the several French Ships which have been and are continually taken by his Majestys Ships by way of reprizals, are not Condemn'd; Under these Circumstances we repeat the directions given in our Letter of the 10th of October 1755. That you be Strongly on your Guard, and in constant readiness in every Respect to defend our Estates, Rights & Priviledges in all events, You are to watch all the motions of the French & stand upon your defence only, unless they shall Commit hostilities against you, in which Case you are to act as shall appear to be most for the Companys Interest, and we particularly Recommend to you to keep all your Fortifications and

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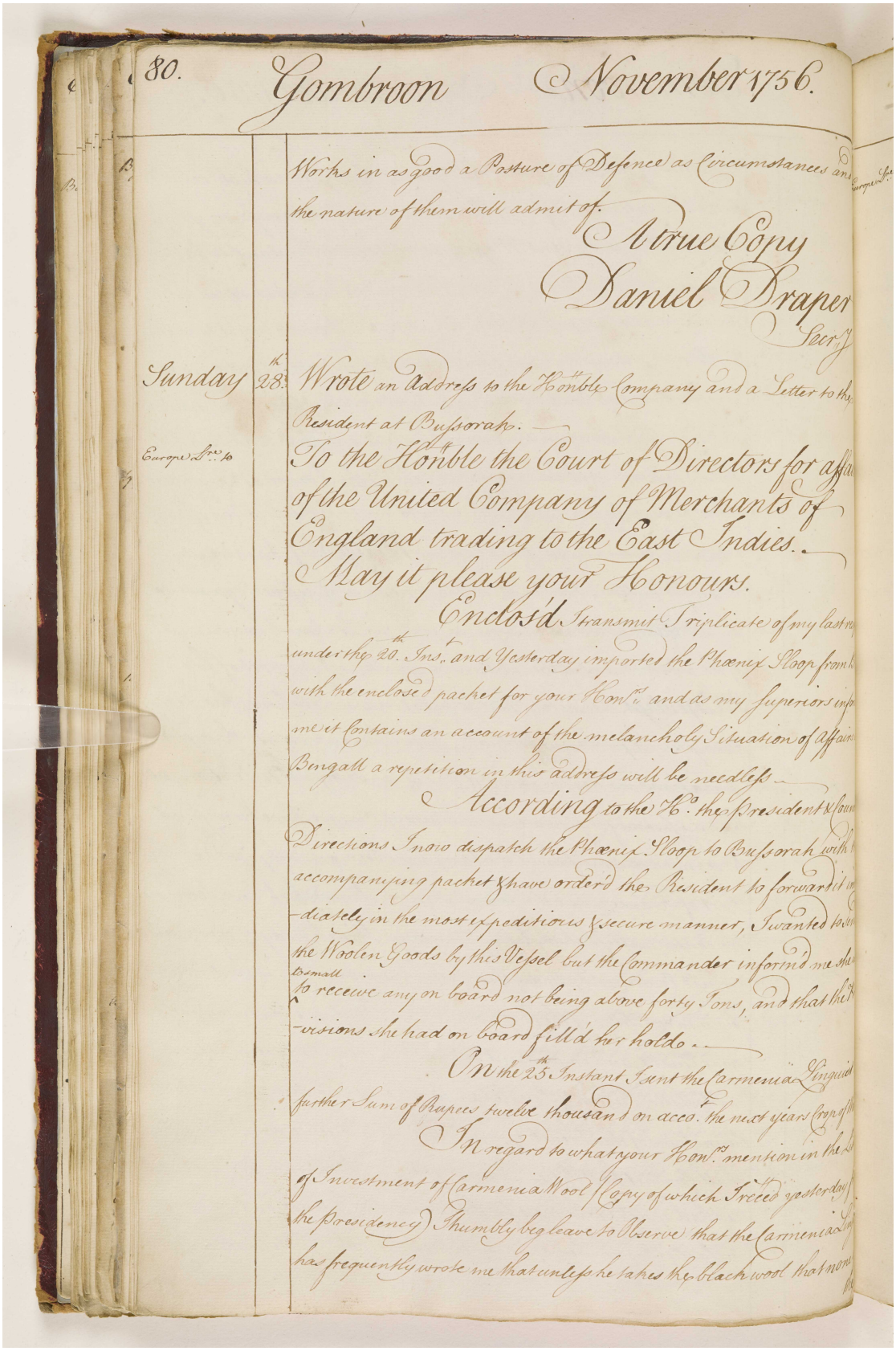

Works in as good a Posture of Defence as Circumstances and the nature of them will admit of.

A true Copy
Daniel Draper
Secr.y

Sunday 28th Wrote an Address to the Hon.ble Company and a Letter to the Resident at Bussorah.

Europe Lr.s to

To the Hon.ble the Court of Directors for affa[illegible] of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

May it please your Honours.

Enclos'd I transmit Triplicate of my last re[illegible] under the 20th Ins.t and Yesterday imported the Phœnix Sloop from [illegible] with the enclosed packet for your Hon.rs and as my superiors infor[illegible] me it Contains an account of the melancholy Situation of Affairs [illegible] Bengall a repetition in this address will be needless.

According to the H.o the President & Coun[illegible] Directions I now dispatch the Phœnix Sloop to Bussorah with [illegible] accompanying packet & have order'd the Resident to forward it im[illegible]-diately in the most expeditious & secure manner, I wanted to sen[illegible] the Woolen Goods by this Vessel but the Commander inform'd me she [illegible] to small to receive any on board not being above forty Tons, and that the Pro[illegible]-visions she had on board fill'd her holds.

On the 25th Instant I sent the Carmenia Linguist [illegible] further Sum of Rupees twelve thousand on acco.t the next years Crop of [illegible]

In regard to what your Hon.rs mention in the Li[illegible] of Investment of Carmenia Wool (Copy of which I rec'd yesterday [illegible] the Presidency) I humbly beg leave to Observe that the Carmenia Ling[illegible] has frequently wrote me that unless he takes the black wool that none [illegible]

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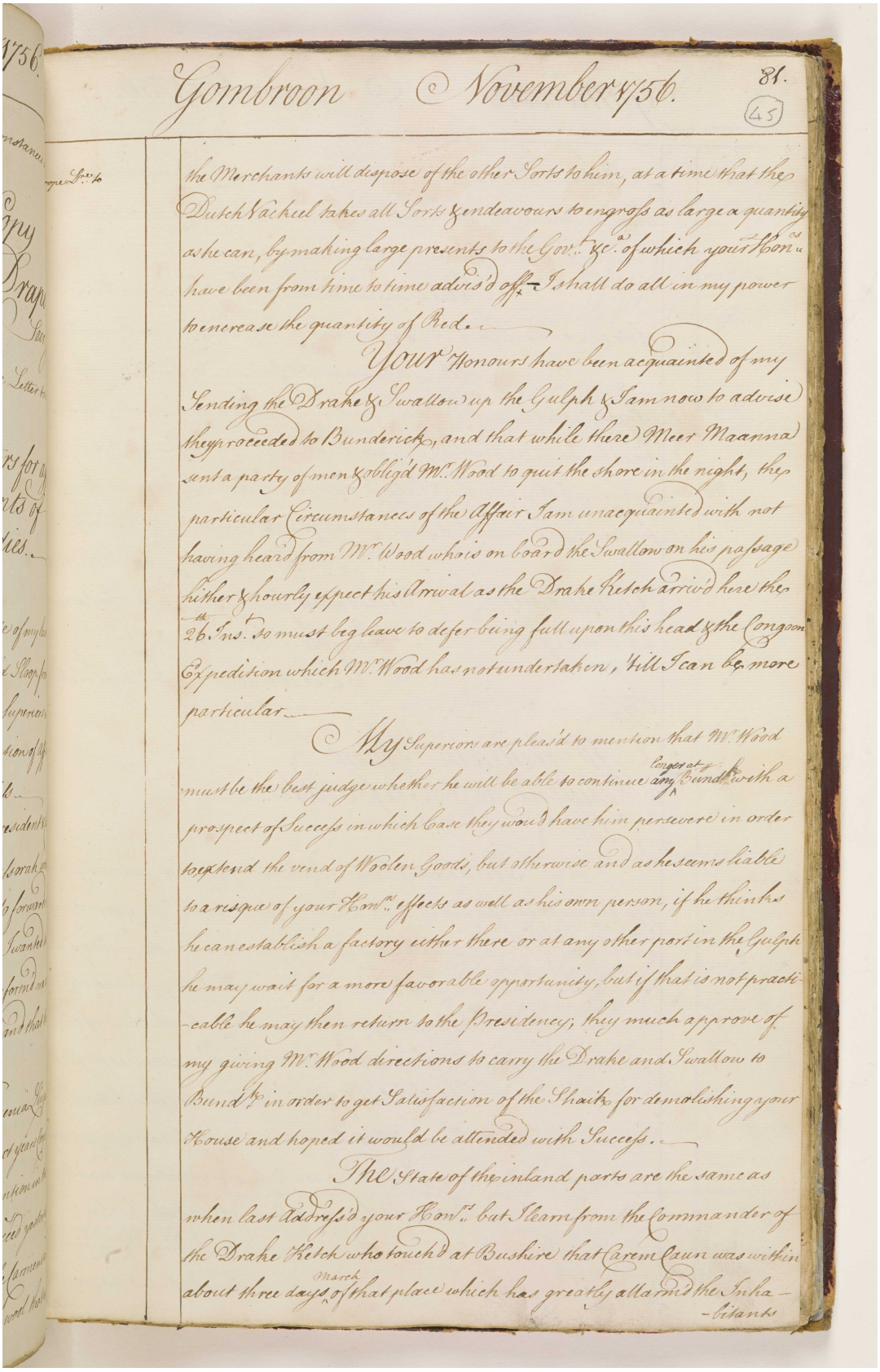

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the Merchants will dispose of the other Sorts to them, at a time that the Dutch Vackeel takes all Sorts & endeavours to engross as large a quantity as he can, by making large presents to the Govr. &c. of which your Hons have been from time to time advis'd off. I shall do all in my power to encrease the quantity of Red.

Your Honours have been acquainted of my Sending the Drake & Swallow up the Gulph & I am now to advise they proceeded to Bunderick, and that while there Meer Maanna sent a party of men & oblig'd Mr. Wood to quit the shore in the night, the particular Circumstances of the Affair I am unacquainted with not having heard from Mr. Wood who is on board the Swallow on his passage hither & hourly expect his Arrival as the Drake Ketch arrived here the 26th Ins. So must beg leave to defer being full upon this head & the Congoon Expedition which Mr. Wood has not undertaken, 'till I can be more particular.

My Superiors are pleas'd to mention that Mr. Wood must be the best judge whether he will be able to continue any longer at Bunder with a prospect of Success in which case they would have him persevere in order to extend the vend of Woolen Goods, but otherwise and as he seems liable to a risque of your Hons. effects as well as his own person, if he thinks he can establish a factory either there or at any other port in the Gulph he may wait for a more favorable opportunity, but if that is not practicable he may then return to the Presidency; they much approve of my giving Mr. Wood directions to carry the Drake and Swallow to Bunder in order to get Satisfaction of the Shaikh for demolishing your House and hoped it would be attended with Success.

The State of the inland parts are the same as when last Addressd your Hons. but I learn from the Commander of the Drake Ketch who touch'd at Bushire that Carem Caun was within about three days March of that place which has greatly allarm'd the Inhabitants

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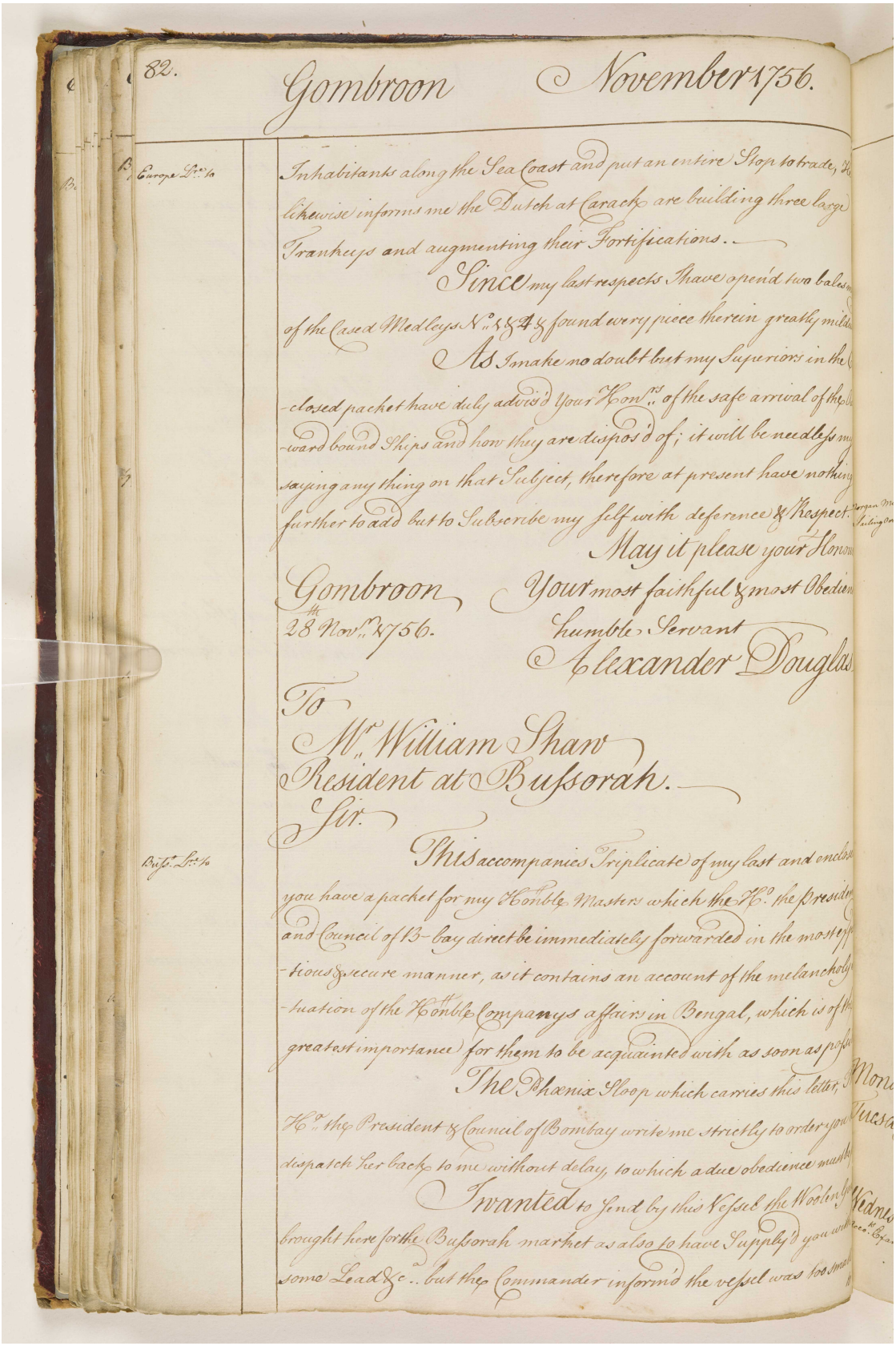

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Europe Lr. to

Inhabitants along the Sea Coast and put an entire Stop to trade, He likewise informs me the Dutch at Carack are building three large Trankeys and augmenting their Fortifications.

Since my last respects I have open'd two bales m of the Cased Medleys No. 1 & 4 & found every piece therein greatly mild

As I make no doubt but my Superiors in the C -closed packet have duly advis'd Your Hon.rs of the safe arrival of the Ou -ward bound Ships and how they are dispos'd of; it will be needless my saying any thing on that Subject, therefore at present have nothing further to add but to Subscribe my self with deference & Respect.

May it please your Honou

Gombroon
28th Nov.r 1756.

Your most faithful & most Obedien humble Servant
Alexander Douglas

To
Mr. William Shaw
Resident at Bussorah.

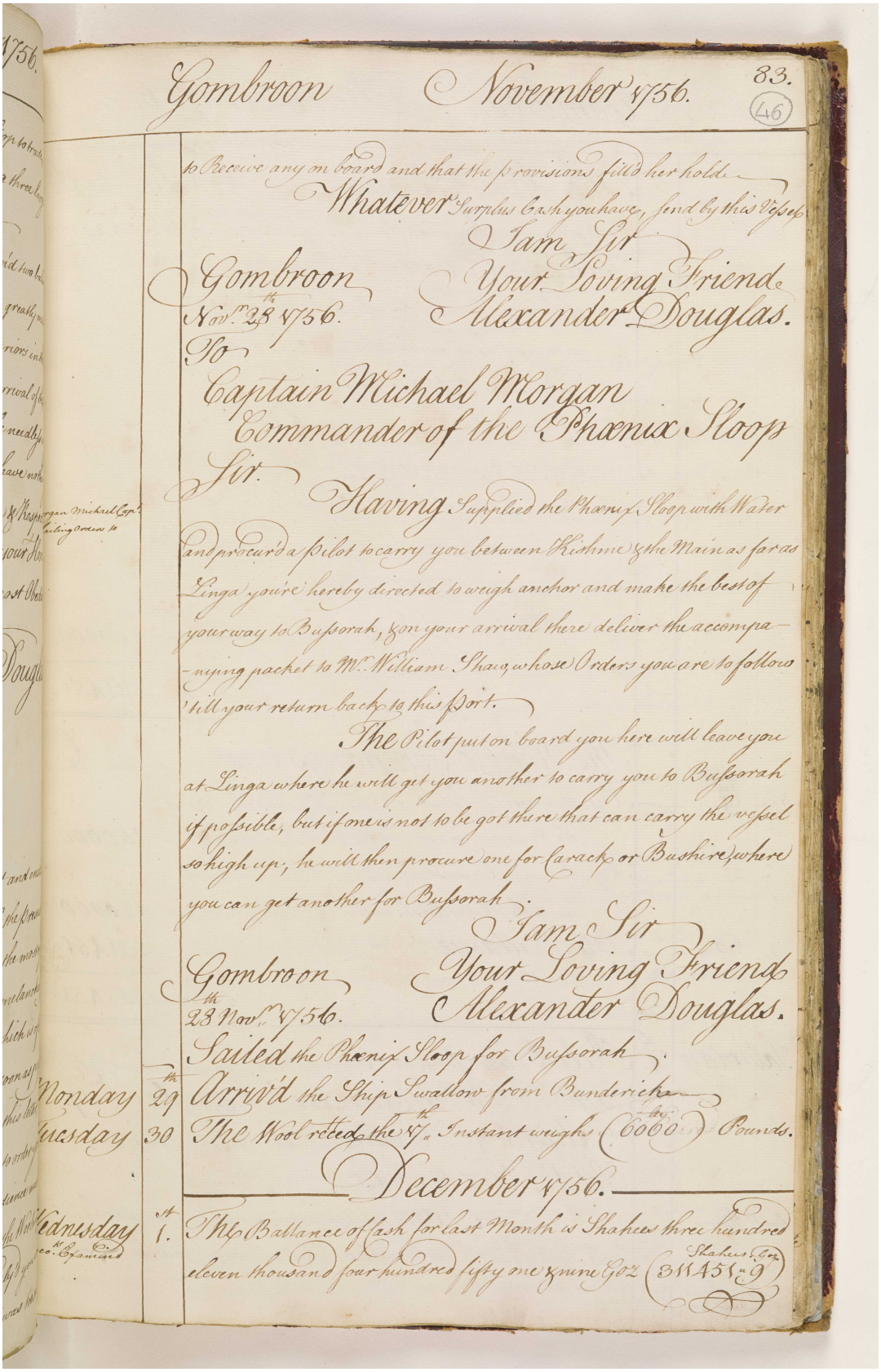
Sir.

Buss. Lr. to

This accompanies Triplicate of my last and enclos you have a packet for my Hon.ble Masters which the Ho. the Presiden and Council of B-bay direct be immediately forwarded in the most exp -tious & secure manner, as it contains an account of the melancholy -tuation of the Hon.ble Companys affairs in Bengal, which is of the greatest importance for them to be acquainted with as soon as possi

The Phœnix Sloop which carries this letter, Mon Ho. the President & Council of Bombay write me strictly to order you Tuesa dispatch her back to me without delay, to which a due obedience must be

I wanted to send by this Vessel the Woolen Go brought here for the Bussorah market as also to have Supply'd you with some Lead &c.. but the Commander inform'd the vessel was too small



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to Receive any on board and that the provisions fill'd her hold.

Whatever Surplus Cash you have, send by this Vessel

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Iam Sir
Your Loving Friend
Alexander Douglas.

To
Captain Michael Morgan
Commander of the Phœnix Sloop

Sir.

Having Supplied the Phœnix Sloop with Water and procur'd a Pilot to carry you between Kishme & the Main as far as Linga you're hereby directed to weigh anchor and make the best of your way to Bussorah, & on your arrival there deliver the accompanying packet to Mr. William Shaw, whose Orders you are to follow 'till your return back to this Port.

The Pilot put on board you here will leave you at Linga where he will get you another to carry you to Bussorah if possible, but if one is not to be got there that can carry the vessel so high up, he will then procure one for Carack or Bushire, where you can get another for Bussorah.

Gombroon 28th Nov.r 1756.

Iam Sir
Your Loving Friend
Alexander Douglas.

Sailed the Phœnix Sloop for Bussorah.

Monday 29th Arriv'd the Ship Swallow from Bunderick.

Tuesday 30 The Wool rec'd the 17th Instant weighs (6060 lbs) Pounds.

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Wednesday 1st The Ballance of Cash for last Month is Shahees three hundred eleven thousand four hundred fifty one & nine Goz (311451 Shahees 9 Goz)

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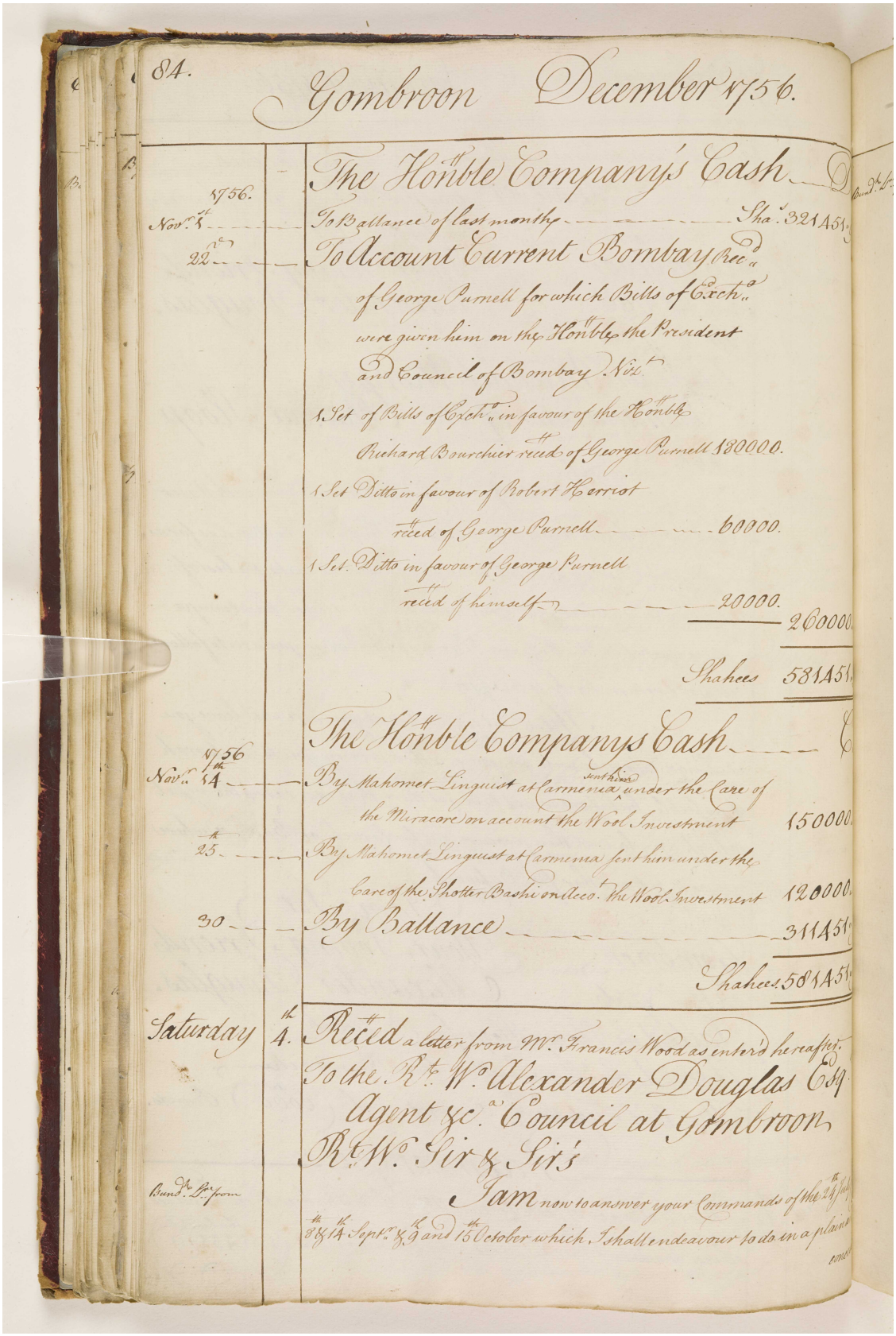
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The Honble Company's Cash

1756.
Nov.r 4th — To Ballance of last monthy — Sha.s 321A51

22nd — To Account Current Bombay Rec.d of George Purnell for which Bills of Exch.e were given him on the Honble the President and Council of Bombay Viz.t

1 Set of Bills of Exch.e in favour of the Honble Richard Bourchier rec.d of George Purnell 180000.

1 Set Ditto in favour of Robert Herriot rec.d of George Purnell — 60000.

1 Set Ditto in favour of George Purnell rec.d of himself — 20000.

260000.

Shahees 581A51

The Honble Company's Cash

1756
Nov.r 14th — By Mahomet Linguist at Carmenia sent him under the Care of the Miracore on account the Wool Investment 150000.

25th — By Mahomet Linguist at Carmenia sent him under the Care of the Shotter Bashi on Acco.t the Wool Investment 120000.

30 — By Ballance — 311A51

Shahees 581A51

Saturday 4th — Rec.d a letter from Mr. Francis Wood as entered hereafter.

To the R.t W.m Alexander Douglas Esq.r Agent &c.a Council at Gombroon

R.t W.m Sir & Sirs

Bund.r Pr. from — I am now to answer your Commands of the 24th July 8th & 14th Sept.r & 9th and 15th October which I shall endeavour to do in a plain

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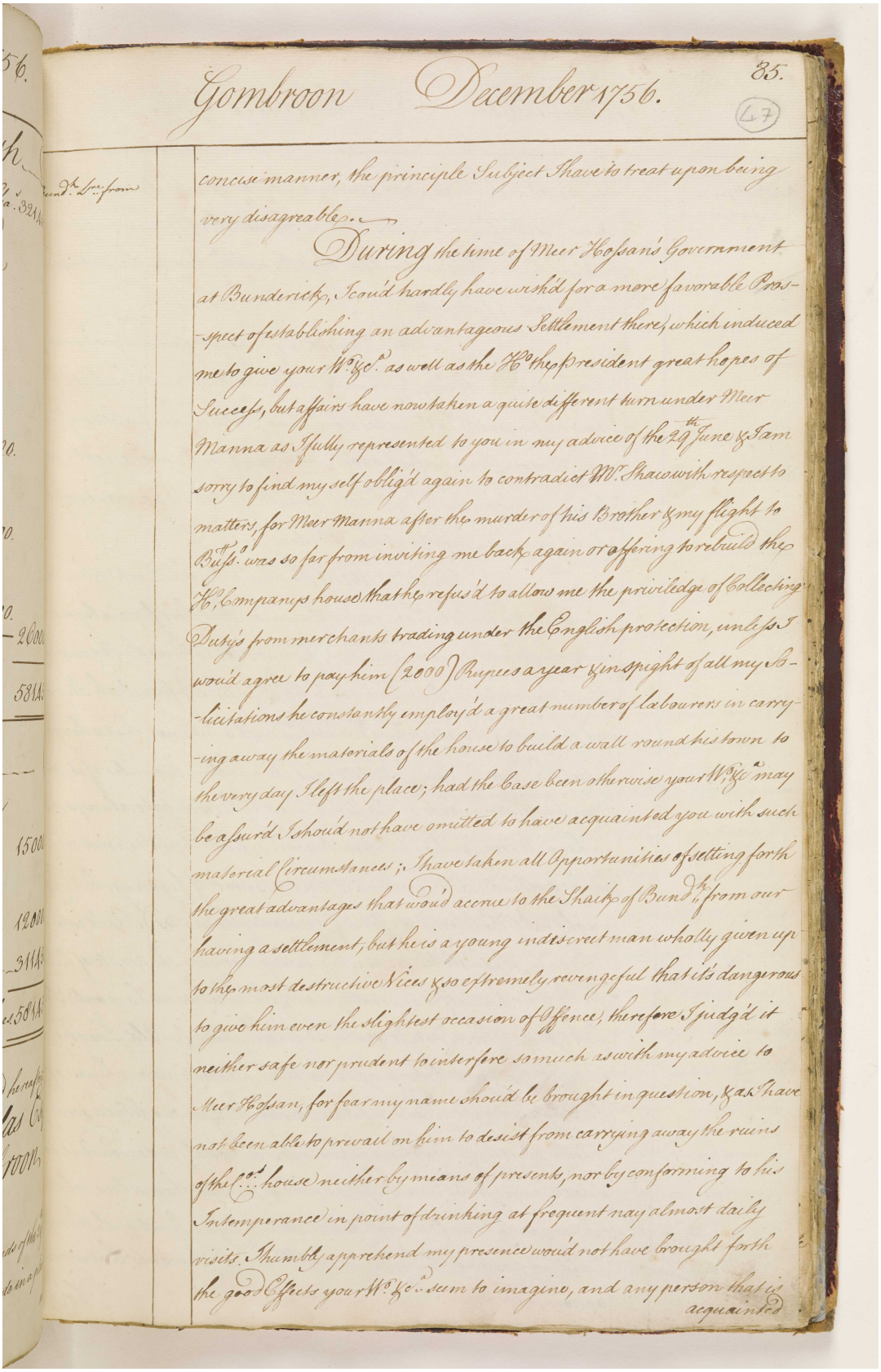

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Bund.h Lre. from

concise manner, the principle Subject I have to treat upon being very disagreable.

During the time of Meer Hossan's Government at Bunderick, I cou'd hardly have wish'd for a more favorable Prospect of establishing an advantageous Settlement there, which induced me to give your W.o &c.a as well as the H.o the President great hopes of Success, but affairs have now taken a quite different turn under Meer Manna as I fully represented to you in my advice of the 29th June & I am sorry to find my self oblig'd again to contradict Mr. Shaw with respect to matters, for Meer Manna after the murder of his Brother & my flight to Buss.o was so far from inviting me back again or offering to rebuild the H.o Companys house that he refus'd to allow me the priviledge of Collecting Duty's from merchants trading under the English protection, unless I wou'd agree to pay him (2000) Rupees a year & in spight of all my Solicitations he constantly employ'd a great number of labourers in carrying away the materials of the house to build a wall round his town to the very day I left the place; had the Case been otherwise your W.o &c.a may be assur'd I shou'd not have omitted to have acquainted you with such material Circumstances; I have taken all Opportunities of setting forth the great advantages that wou'd accrue to the Shaik of Bund.h from our having a settlement, but he is a young indiscreet man wholly given up to the most destructive Vices & so extremely revengeful that it's dangerous to give him even the slightest occasion of Offence, therefore I judg'd it neither safe nor prudent to interfere so much as with my advice to Meer Hossan, for fear my name shou'd be brought in question, & as I have not been able to prevail on him to desist from carrying away the ruins of the C.os house neither by means of presents, nor by conforming to his Intemperance in point of drinking at frequent nay almost daily visits. I humbly apprehend my presence wou'd not have brought forth the good Effects your W.o &c.a seem to imagine, and any person that is acquainted

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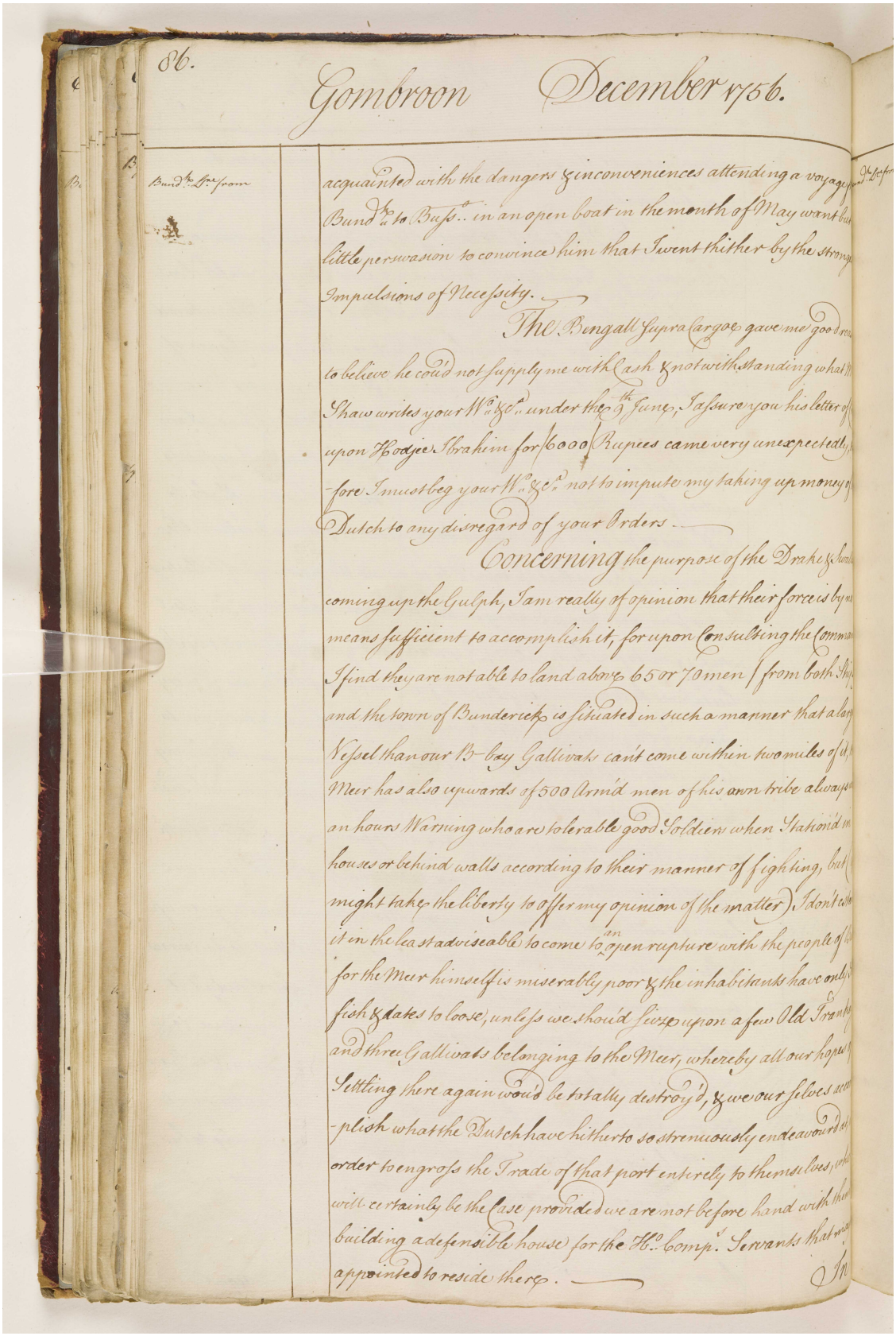

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Bund^r. L^re. from

acquainted with the dangers & inconveniences attending a voyage from Bund^r. to Buss^o. in an open boat in the month of May want but little perswasion to convince him that I went thither by the strong Impulsions of Necessity.

The Bengall Supra Cargoe gave me good reason to believe he cou'd not supply me with Cash & notwithstanding what Mr. Shaw writes your W^o. & C^a. under the 9th June, I assure you his letter of Cr. upon Hodjee Ibrahim for (6000) Rupees came very unexpectedly, before I must beg your W^o. & C^a. not to impute my taking up money of the Dutch to any disregard of your Orders.

Concerning the purpose of the Drake & Swallow coming up the Gulph, I am really of opinion that their force is by no means sufficient to accomplish it, for upon Consulting the Commanders I find they are not able to land above 65 or 70 men (from both Ships) and the town of Bunderick is situated in such a manner that a large Vessel than our B-bay Gallivats can't come within two miles of it, the Meer has also upwards of 500 Arm'd men of his own tribe always at an hours Warning who are tolerable good Soldiers when Station'd in houses or behind walls according to their manner of fighting, but (I might take the liberty to offer my opinion of the matter) I don't esteem it in the least adviseable to come to an open rupture with the people of Bunderick for the Meer himself is miserably poor & the inhabitants have only fish & dates to loose, unless we shou'd seize upon a few Old Trankies and three Gallivats belonging to the Meer, whereby all our hopes of Settling there again wou'd be totally destroy'd, & we our selves accomplish what the Dutch have hitherto so strenuously endeavour'd at, in order to engross the Trade of that port entirely to themselves, which will certainly be the Case provided we are not before hand with them in building a defensible house for the H^o. Comp^s. Servants that may be appointed to reside there.

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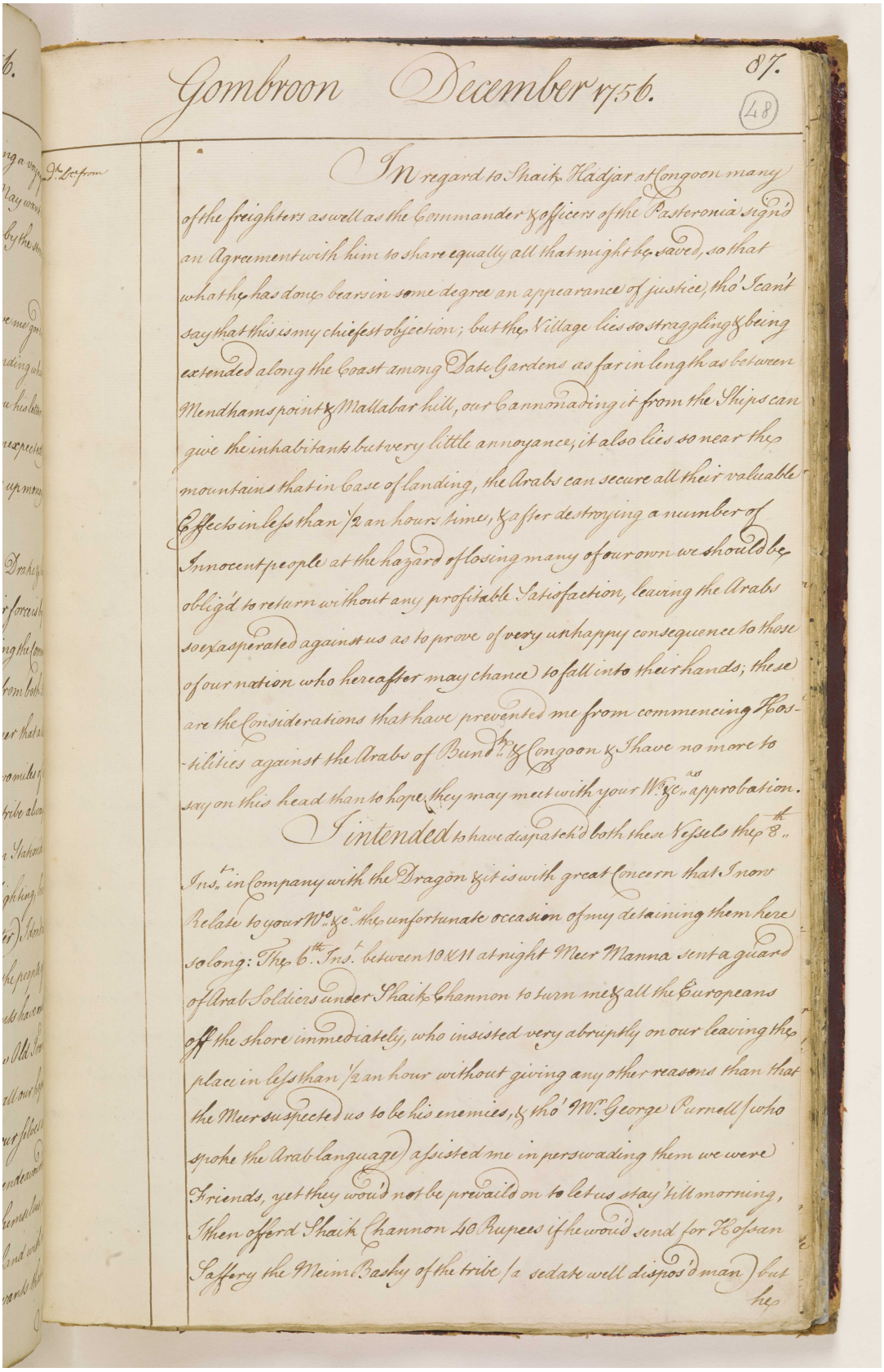

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In regard to Shaik Hadjar at Congoon many of the freighters as well as the Commander & officers of the Pasteronia sign'd an Agreament with him to share equally all that might be saved, so that what he has done bears in some degree an appearance of justice, tho' I can't say that this is my chiefest objection; but the Village lies so straggling & being extended along the Coast among Date Gardens as far in length as between Mendhams point & Mallabar hill, our Cannonading it from the Ships can give the inhabitants but very little annoyance; it also lies so near the mountains that in Case of landing, the Arabs can secure all their valuable Effects in less than ½ an hours time, & after destroying a number of Innocent people at the hazard of losing many of our own we should be oblig'd to return without any profitable Satisfaction, leaving the Arabs so exasperated against us as to prove of very unhappy consequence to those of our nation who hereafter may chance to fall into their hands; these are the Considerations that have prevented me from commencing Hostilities against the Arabs of Bund.r & Congoon & I have no more to say on this head than to hope they may meet with your W.ys approbation.

I intended to have dispatch'd both these Vessels the 8.th Ins.t in Company with the Dragon & it is with great Concern that I now Relate to your W.rs &c.a the unfortunate occasion of my detaining them here so long: The 6.th Ins.t between 10 & 11 at night Meer Manna sent a guard of Arab Soldiers under Shaik Channon to turn me & all the Europeans off the shore immediately, who insisted very abruptly on our leaving the place in less than ½ an hour without giving any other reasons than that the Mer suspected us to be his enemies, & tho' Mr. George Purnell (who spoke the Arab language) assisted me in perswading them we were Friends, yet they would not be prevaild on to let us stay 'till morning, When offer'd Shaik Channon 40 Rupees if he would send for Hossan Saffery the Meim Bashy of the tribe (a sedate well dispos'd man) but he

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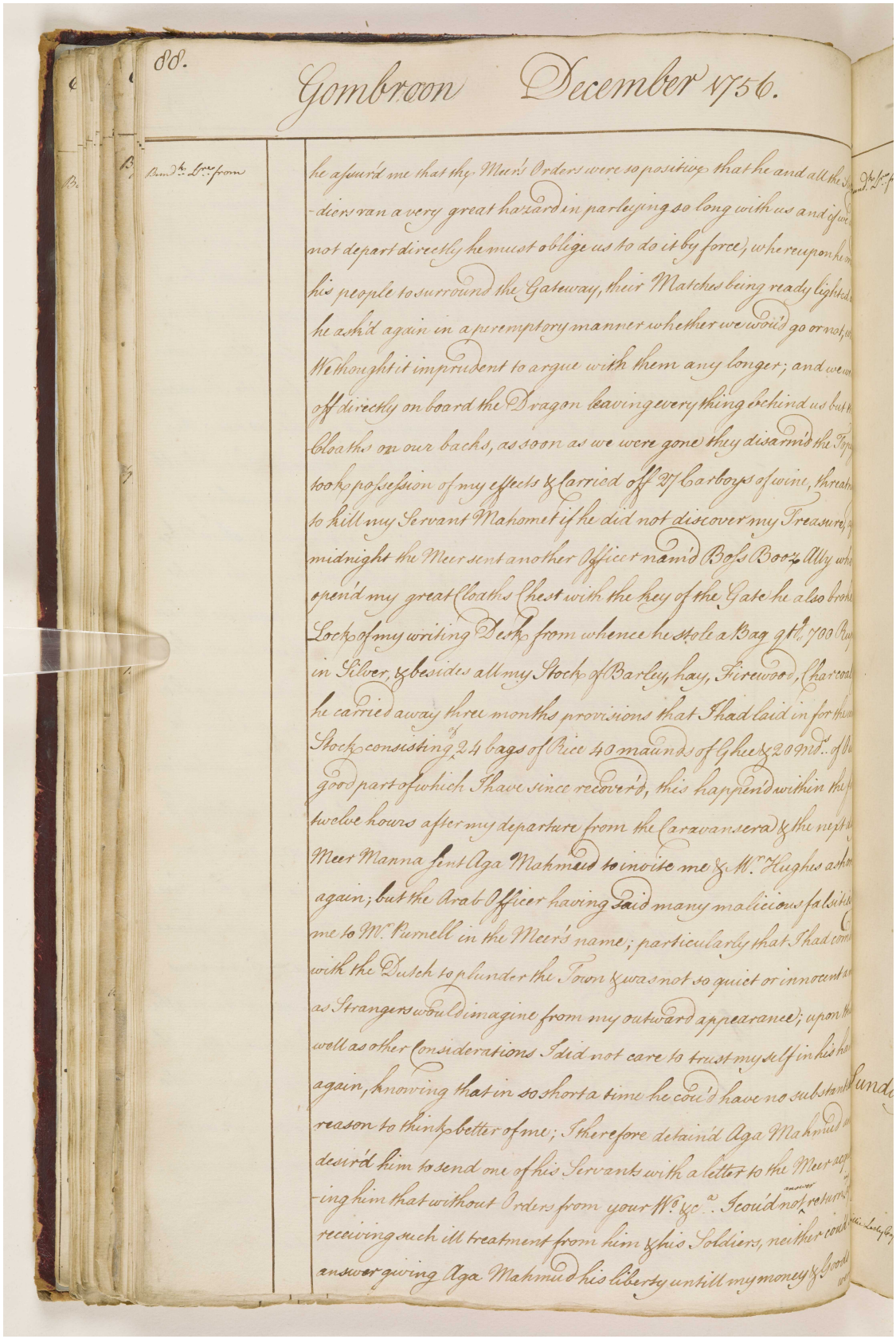

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Gombroon December 1756.

Bund.^{ts} L.^{res} from

he assur'd me that the Meer's Orders were so positive that he and all the Sol-
-diers ran a very great hazard in parleying so long with us and if we
not depart directly he must oblige us to do it by force, whereupon he or
his people to surround the Gateway, their Matches being ready lighted
he ask'd again in a peremptory manner whether we wou'd go or not, w
We thought it imprudent to argue with them any longer; and we w
off directly on board the Dragon leaving every thing behind us but th
Cloaths on our backs, as soon as we were gone they disarm'd the Top
took possession of my effects & carried off 27 Carboys of wine, threat
to kill my Servant Mahomet if he did not discover my Treasure, a
midnight the Meer sent another Officer nam'd Boss Booz Ally who
open'd my great Cloaths Chest with the key of the Gate he also broke
Lock of my writing Desk from whence he stole a Bag qt.^{d} 700 Rup
in Silver, & besides all my Stock of Barley, hay, Firewood, Charcoal
he carried away three months provisions that I had laid in for the w
Stock consisting of 24 bags of Rice 40 maunds of Ghee & 20 md.^{s} of Oi
good part of which I have since recover'd, this happen'd within the f
twelve hours after my departure from the Caravansera & the next d
Meer Manna sent Aga Mahmud to invite me & Mr Hughes ashor
again; but the Arab Officer having said many malicious falsities
me to Mr Purnell in the Meer's name; particularly that I had com
with the Dutch to plunder the Town & was not so quiet or innocent a
as Strangers would imagine from my outward appearance; upon th
well as other Considerations I did not care to trust myself in his ha
again, knowing that in so short a time he cou'd have no substant
reason to think better of me; I therefore detain'd Aga Mahmud a
desir'd him to send one of his Servants with a letter to the Meer acq
-ing him that without Orders from your W.^{o} &c.^{a} I cou'd not answer return
receiving such ill treatment from him & his Soldiers, neither cou'd
answer giving Aga Mahmud his liberty untill my money & Goods

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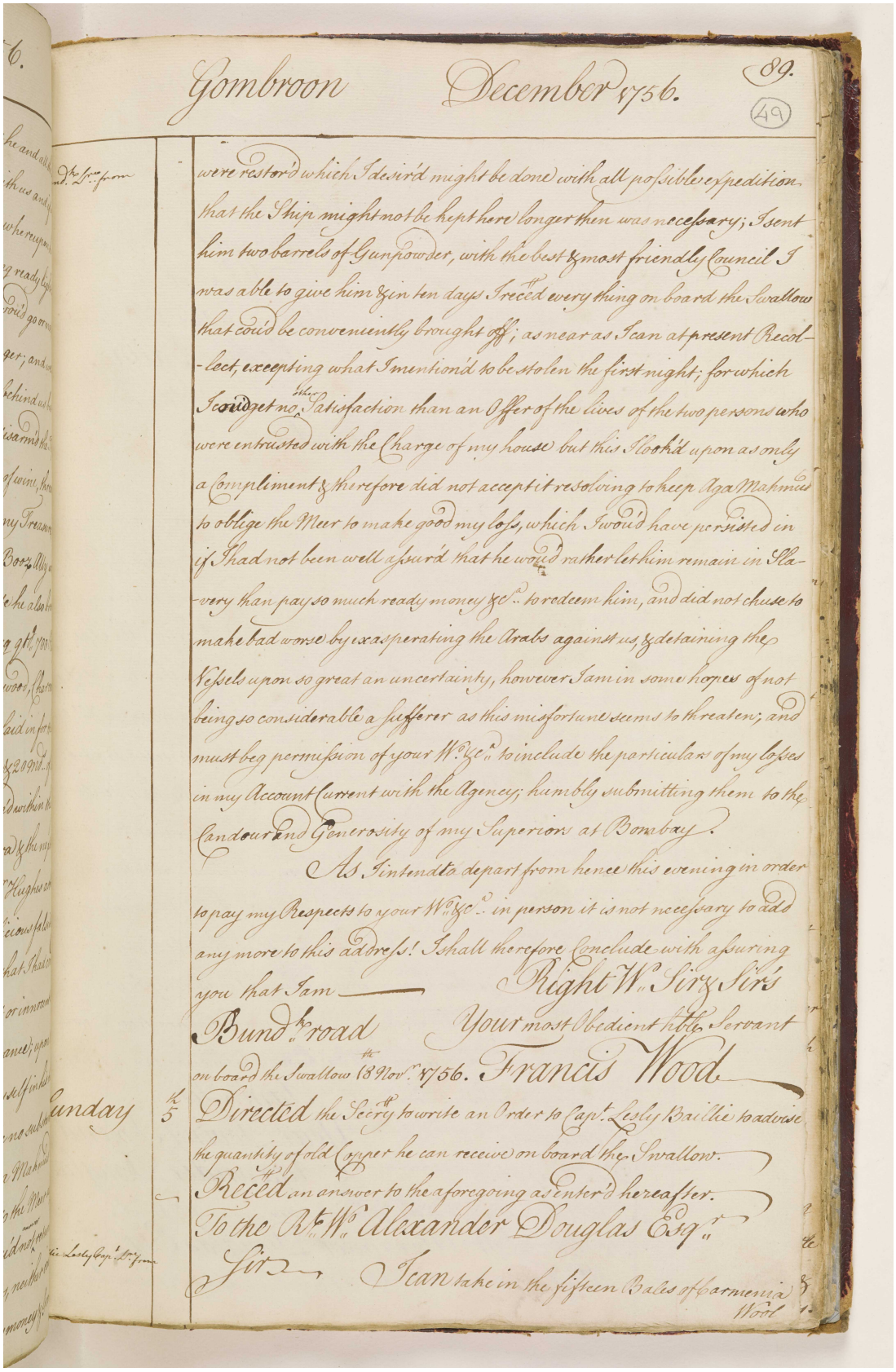

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were restor'd which I desir'd might be done with all possible expedition that the Ship might not be kept here longer then was necessary; I sent him two barrels of Gunpowder, with the best & most friendly Council I was able to give him & in ten days I recd every thing on board the Swallow that could be conveniently brought off; as near as I can at present Recollect, excepting what I mention'd to be stolen the first night; for which I could get no Satisfaction than an Offer of the lives of the two persons who were entrusted with the Charge of my house but this I look'd upon as only a Compliment & therefore did not accept it resolving to keep Aga Mahmud to oblige the Meer to make good my loss, which I would have persisted in if I had not been well assur'd that he would rather let them remain in Slavery than pay so much ready money &c.a to redeem him, and did not chuse to make bad worse by exasperating the Arabs against us & detaining the Vessels upon so great an uncertainty, however I am in some hopes of not being so considerable a Sufferer as this misfortune seems to threaten; and must beg permission of your W.r &c.a to include the particulars of my losses in my Account Current with the Agency; humbly submitting them to the candour and Generosity of my Superiors at Bombay.

As I intend to depart from hence this evening in order to pay my Respects to your W.r &c.a in person it is not necessary to add any more to this address! I shall therefore Conclude with assuring you that I am

Right W.r Sirs Sirs

Your most Obedient hble Servant

Bund.r road on board the Swallow 18th Nov.r 1756. Francis Wood

Sunday 5 Directed the Secry to write an Order to Capt.n Lesly Baillie to advise the quantity of old Copper he can receive on board the Swallow.

Recd an answer to the aforegoing as inter'd hereafter.

To the R.t W.m Alexander Douglas Esq.r

Sir

I can take in the fifteen Bales of Armenia Wood

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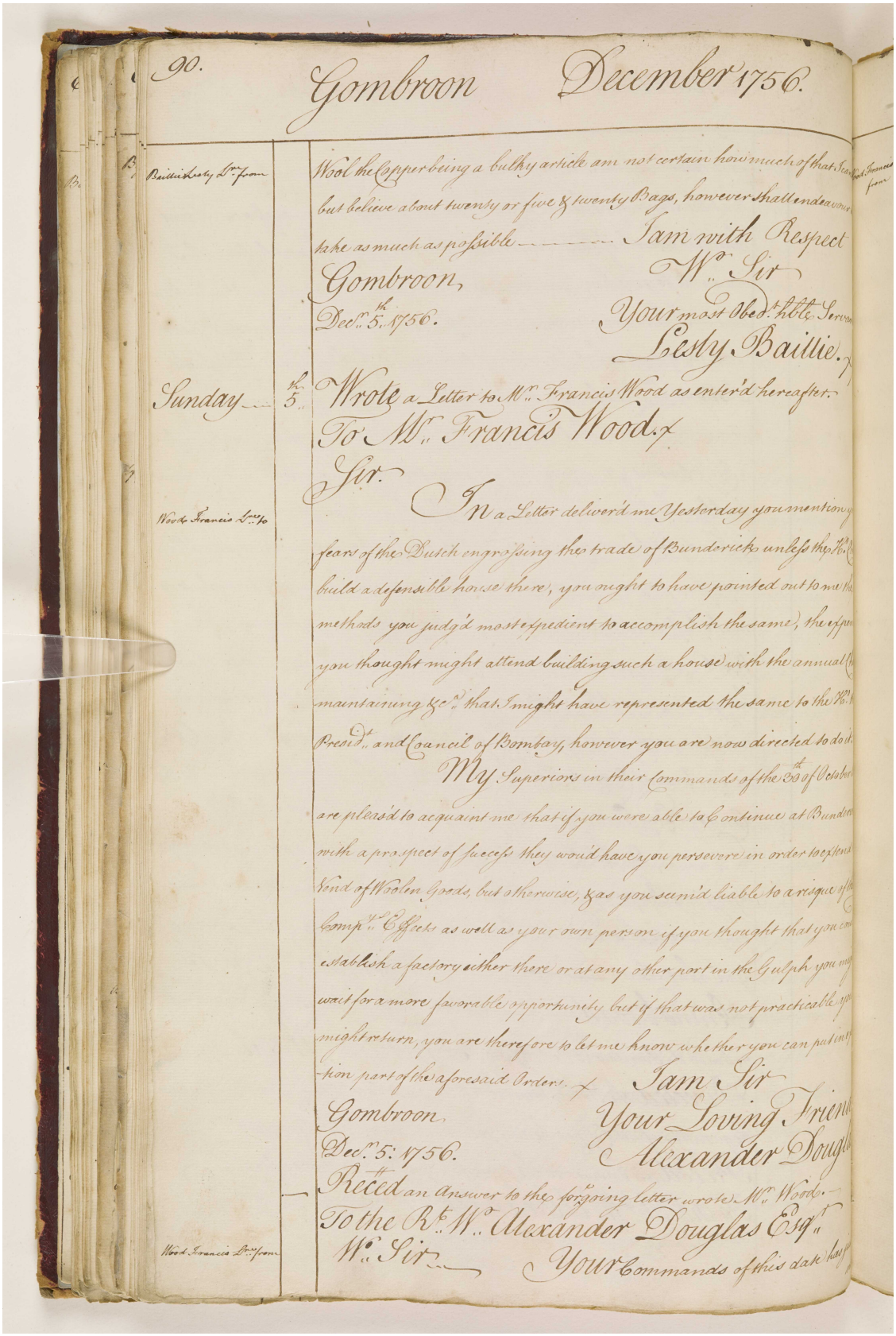

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Wool the Copper being a bulky article am not certain how much of that Sort but believe about twenty or five & twenty Bags, however shall endeavour take as much as possible ——— I am with Respect Gombroon, Dec.r 5.th 1756. W.m Sir Your most Obed.t Hble Serv.t Lesly Baillie.

Sunday 5.th Wrote a Letter to M.r Francis Wood as enter'd hereafter.

To M.r Francis Wood.

Sir.

In a Letter deliver'd me Yesterday you mention fears of the Dutch engrossing the trade of Bunderick unless the K. build a defensible house there, you might to have pointed out to me methods you judg'd most expedient to accomplish the same, the exp you thought might attend building such a house with the annual maintaining &c.a that I might have represented the same to the Pr. Presid.t and Council of Bombay, however you are now directed to do it.

My Superiors in their Commands of the 8.th of Octob are pleas'd to acquaint me that if you were able to Continue at Bunder with a prospect of Success they would have you persevere in order to extend Vend of Woolen Goods, but otherwise, & as you seem'd liable to a seizure of Comp.a Effects as well as your own person if you thought that you co establish a factory either there or at any other part in the Gulph you m wait for a more favorable opportunity but if that was not practicable you might return, you are therefore to let me know whether you can put in tion part of the aforesaid Orders. I am Sir Your Loving Friend Alexander Dougl

Gombroon Dec.r 5: 1756.

Receid an Answer to the forgoing letter wrote M.r Wood.

To the R.t W.m Alexander Douglas Esq.r

W.m Sir ——— Your Commands of this date hav

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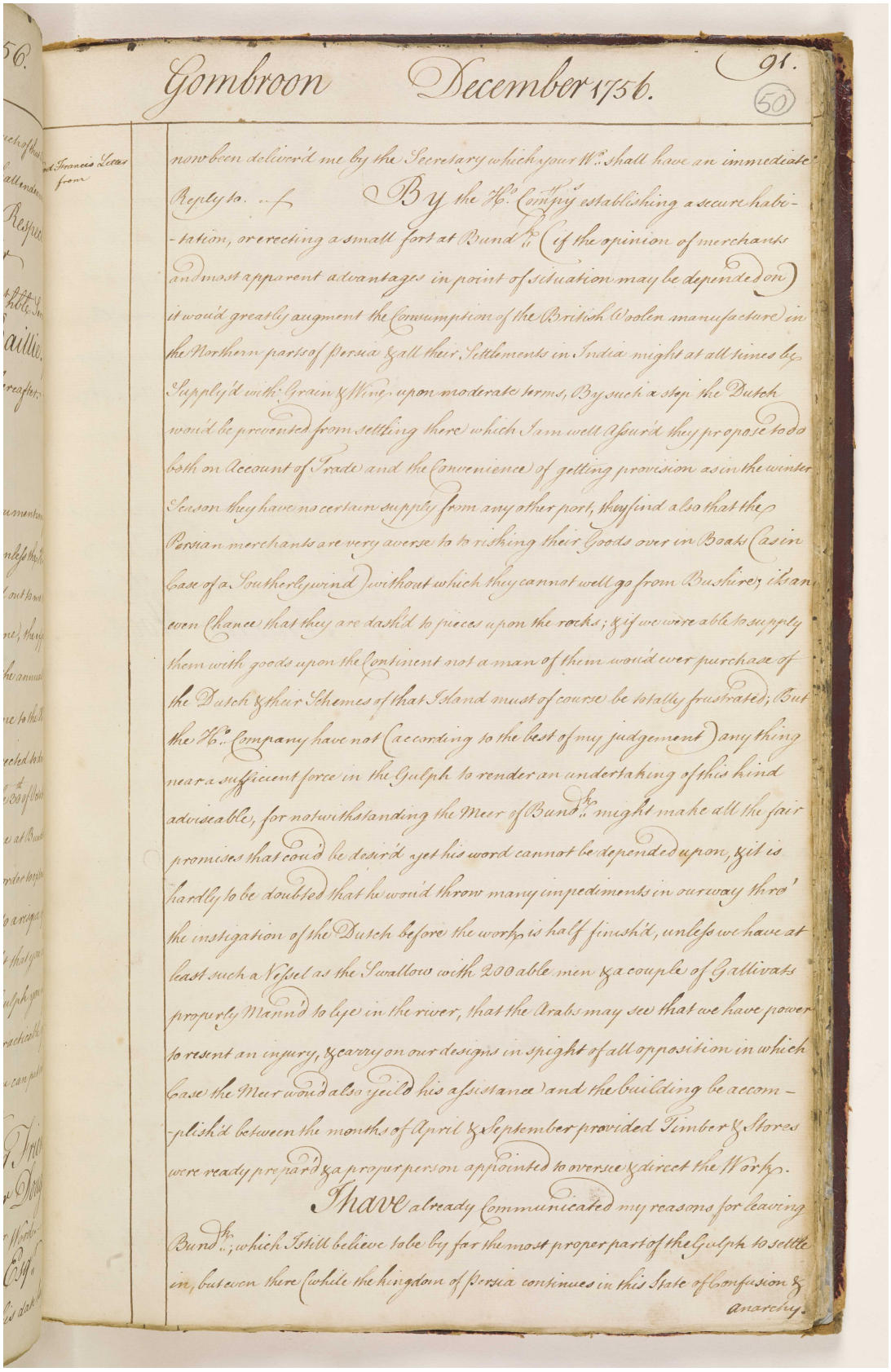

Lord Francis Letter from

now been deliver'd me by the Secretary which your Wo. shall have an immediate Reply to. —

By the Ho. Compy.s establishing a secure habitation, or erecting a small fort at Bund.k (if the opinion of merchants and most apparent advantages in point of situation may be depended on) it wou'd greatly augment the Consumption of the British Woolen manufacture in the Northern parts of Persia & all their Settlements in India might at all times be Supply'd with Grain & Wine upon moderate terms, By such a step the Dutch wou'd be prevented from settling there which I am well Assur'd they propose to do both on Account of Trade and the Convenience of getting provision as in the winter Season they have no certain supply from any other port, they find also that the Persian merchants are very averse to to risking their Goods over in Boats (as in Case of a Southerly wind) without which they cannot well go from Bushire; it's an even Chance that they are dash'd to pieces upon the rocks; & if we were able to supply them with goods upon the Continent not a man of them wou'd ever purchase of the Dutch & their Schemes of that Island must of course be totally frustrated; But the Ho. Company have not (according to the best of my judgement) any thing near a sufficient force in the Gulph to render an undertaking of this kind adviseable, for notwithstanding the Meer of Bund.k might make all the fair promises that cou'd be desir'd yet his word cannot be depended upon, & it is hardly to be doubted that he wou'd throw many impediments in our way thro' the instigation of the Dutch before the work is half finish'd, unless we have at least such a Vessel as the Swallow with 200 able men & a couple of Gallivats properly Mann'd to lye in the river, that the Arabs may see that we have power to resent an injury, & carry on our designs in spight of all opposition in which Case the Meer wou'd also yeild his assistance and the building be accomplish'd between the months of April & September provided Timber & Stores were ready prepar'd & a proper person appointed to oversee & direct the Work.

I have already Communicated my reasons for leaving Bund.k; which I still believe to be by far the most proper part of the Gulph to settle in, but even there (while the kingdom of Persia continues in this State of Confusion & anarchy.

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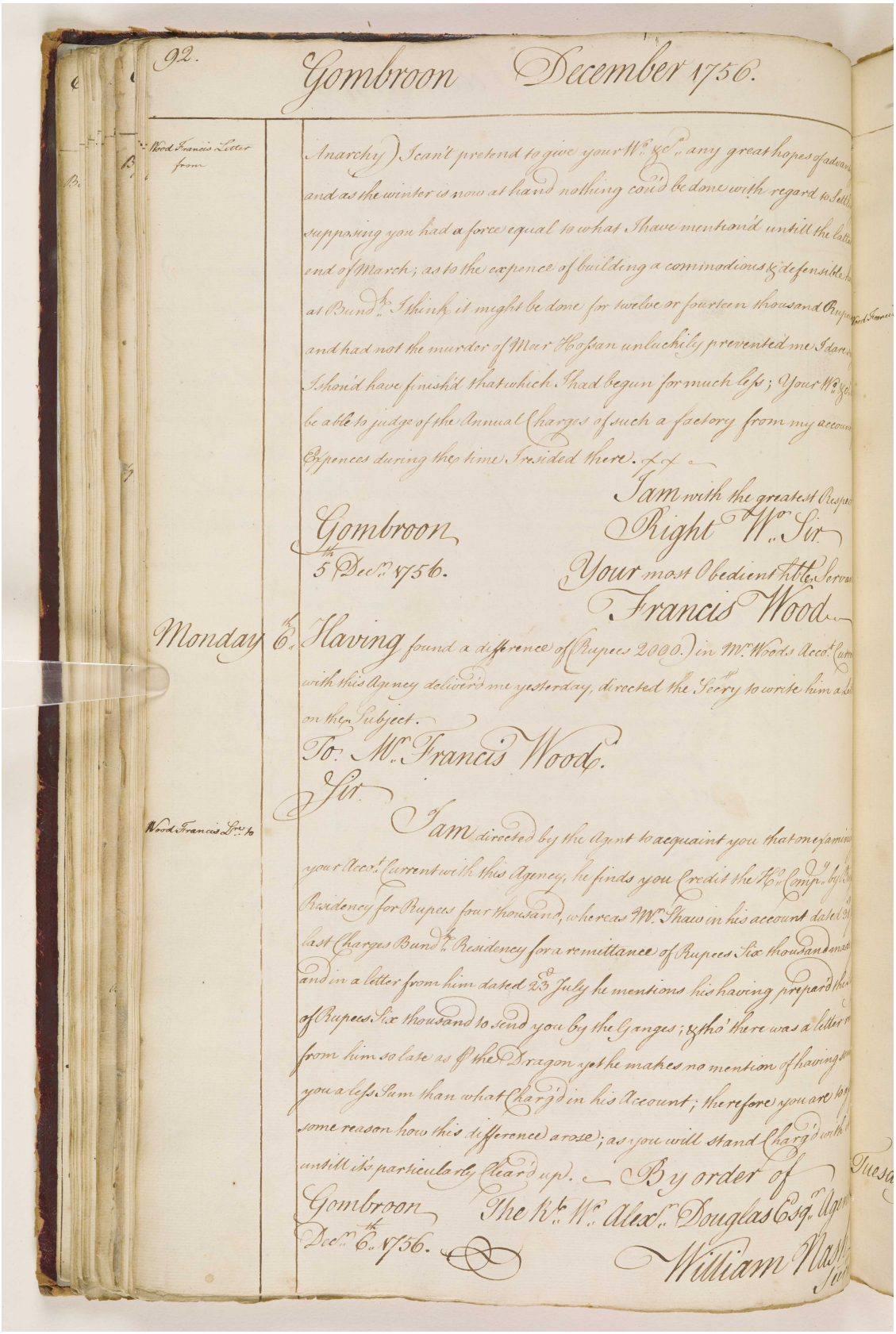

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Wood Francis Letter from

Anarchy) I can't pretend to give your Wo. &c. any great hopes of advan[illegible] and as the winter is now at hand nothing cou'd be done with regard to Settl[illegible] supposing you had a force equal to what I have mention'd untill the latter end of March; as to the expence of building a commodious & defensible h[illegible] at Bund.r I think it might be done for twelve or fourteen thousand Rupees and had not the murder of Meer Hossan unluckily prevented me I dare s[illegible] I shou'd have finish'd that which I had begun for much less; Your Wo. &c. [illegible] be able to judge of the Annual Charges of such a factory from my accoun[illegible] Expences during the time I resided there. &c.

I am with the greatest Respe[illegible]
Right Wo. Sir
Your most Obedient hble. Servan[illegible]
Francis Wood

Gombroon
5th Decr. 1756.

Monday 6th. Having found a difference of (Rupees 2000.) in Mr. Woods Acco.t Curr[illegible] with this Agency deliver'd me yesterday, directed the Secry to write him a Le[illegible] on the Subject.

To. Mr. Francis Wood.
Sir.

Wood Francis Ltr. to

I am directed by the Agent to acquaint you that on examin[illegible] your Acco.t Current with this Agency, he finds you Credit the Ho. Comp.y by [illegible] Residency for Rupees four thousand, whereas Mr. Shaw in his account dated 31 last Charges Bund.r Residency for a remittance of Rupees Six thousand ma[illegible] and in a letter from him dated 23d July he mentions his having prepar'd the [illegible] of Rupees Six thousand to send you by the Ganges; & tho' there was a letter r[illegible] from him so late as p the Dragon yet he makes no mention of having se[illegible] you a less Sum than what Charg'd in his Account; therefore you are to [illegible] some reason how this difference arose; as you will stand Charg'd with it untill it's particularly Clear'd up. By order of

Gombroon
Decr. 6th 1756.

The Rt. Wo. Alexr. Douglas Esqr. Agen[illegible]
William Nash
Secr.

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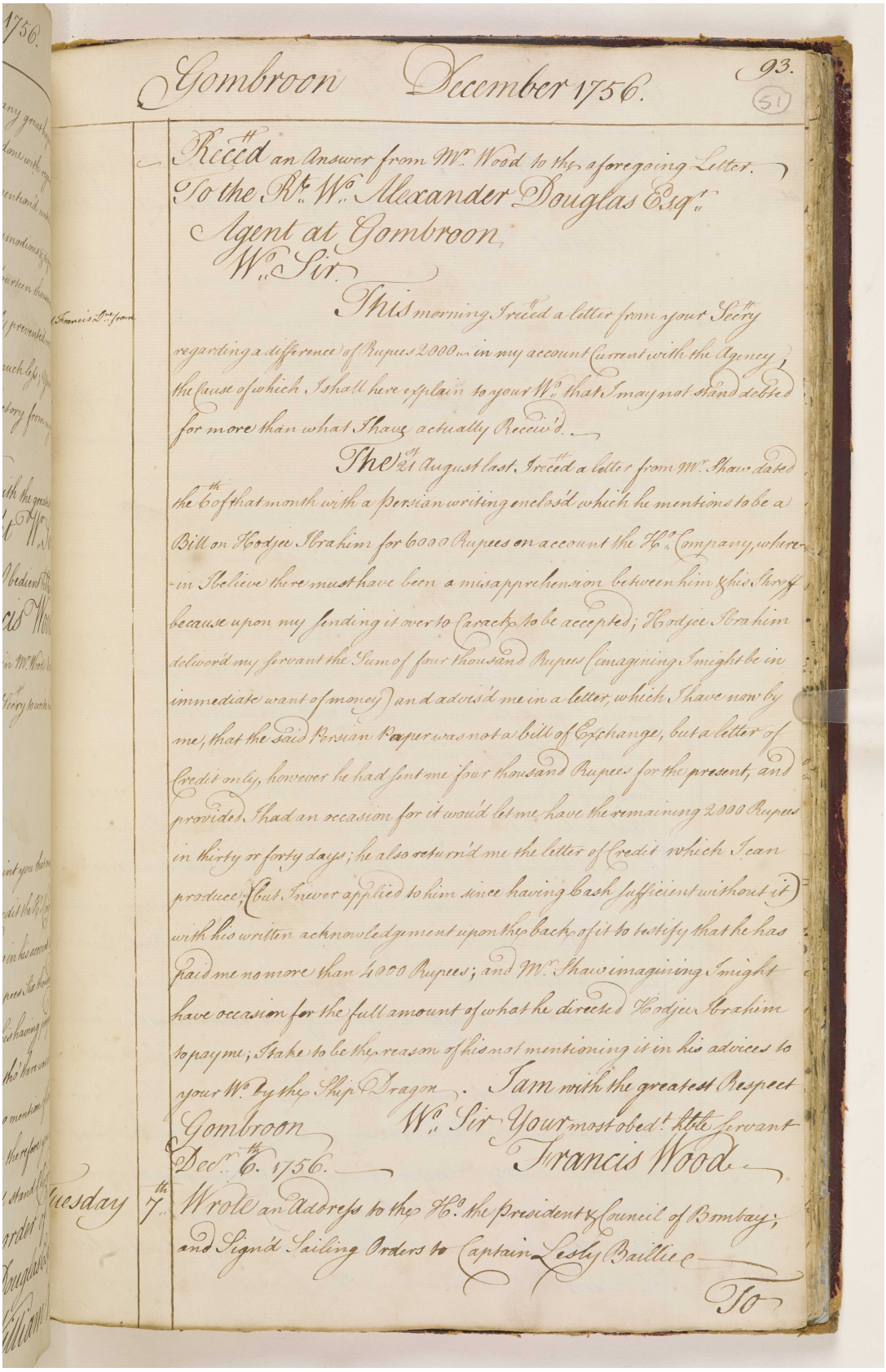

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Recd an Answer from Wm Wood to the aforegoing Letter.

To the Rt Wm Alexander Douglas Esqr
Agent at Gombroon
Wr Sir.

(Francis Wood from)

This morning I recd a letter from your Secry regarding a difference of Rupees 2000 in my account Current with the Agency the cause of which I shall here explain to your Wr that I may not stand debted for more than what I have actually Recd.

The 21st August last I recd a letter from Wm Shaw dated the 6th of that month with a Persian writing enclosd which he mentions to be a Bill on Hodjee Ibrahim for 6000 Rupees on account the Honble Company, wherein I believe there must have been a misapprehension between him & this Shroff because upon my sending it over to Carack to be accepted; Hodjee Ibrahim delivrd my Servant the Sum of four thousand Rupees (imagining I might be in immediate want of money) and advisd me in a letter, which I have now by me, that the said Persian Paper was not a bill of Exchange, but a letter of Credit only, however he had sent me four thousand Rupees for the present, and provided I had an occasion for it would let me have the remaining 2000 Rupees in thirty or forty days; he also returnd me the letter of Credit which I can produce; but I never applied to him since having Cash sufficient without it with his written acknowledgment upon the back of it to testify that he has paid me no more than 4000 Rupees; and Wm Shaw imagining I might have occasion for the full amount of what he directed Hodjee Ibrahim to pay me; I take to be the reason of his not mentioning it in his advices to your Wr by the Ship Dragon. I am with the greatest Respect

Gombroon Wr Sir Your most obedt hble Servant
Dec.r 6th 1756. Francis Wood

Tuesday 7th Wrote an Address to the Honble the President & Council of Bombay; and Signd Sailing Orders to Captain Lesly Baillie

To

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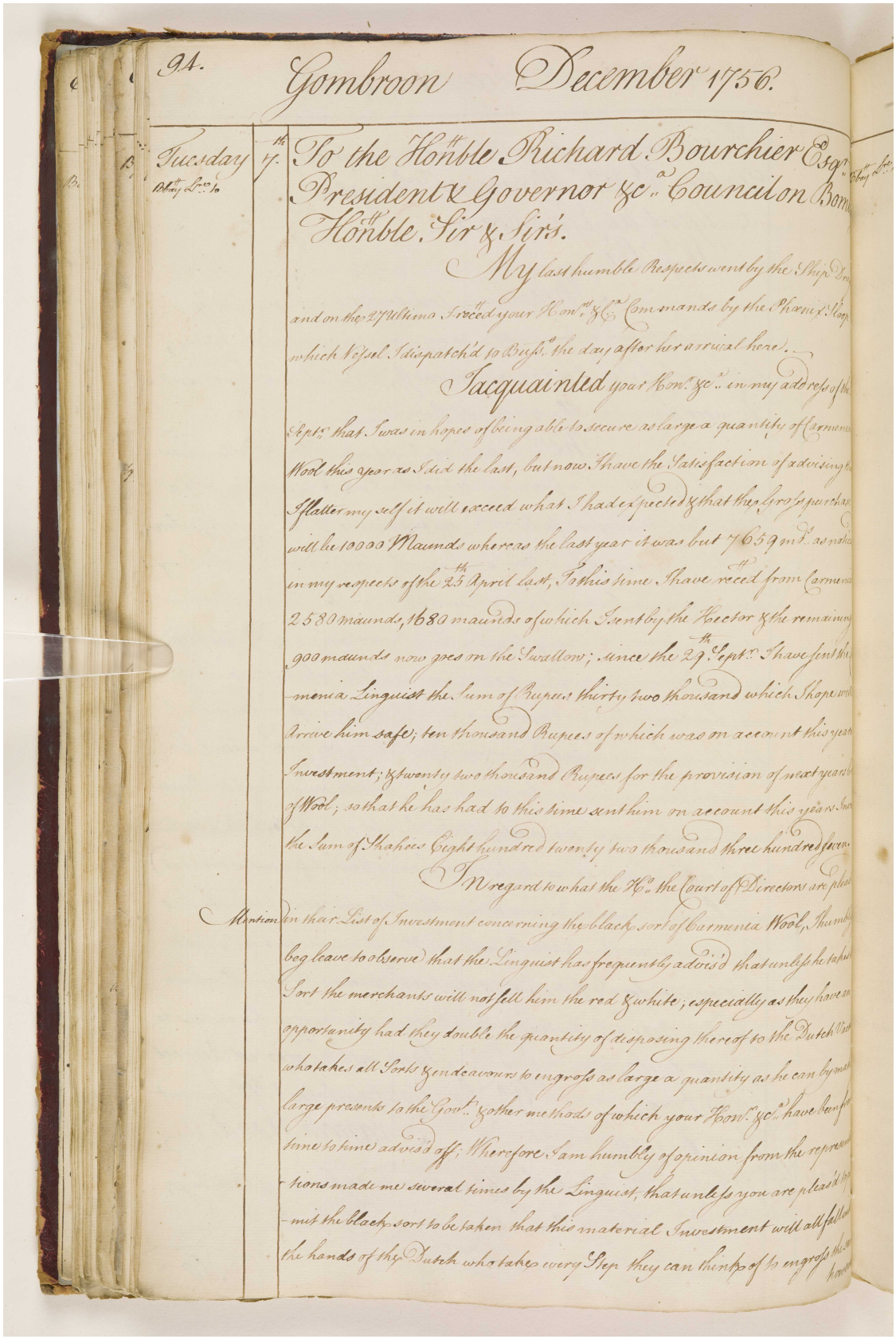

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Tuesday 7th To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr President & Governor &c^a Council on Bom^y Honble Sir & Sir's.

Bbay Lr^s to

My last humble Respects went by the Ship Dra[illegible] and on the 27 Ultimo I rec^ed your Hon^rs &c^a Commands by the Phœnix Sloop which Vessel I dispatch'd to Buss^o the day after her arrival here.

I acquainted your Hon^r &c^a in my address of the Septr that I was in hopes of being able to secure as large a quantity of Carmenia Wool this year as I did the last, but now I have the Satisfaction of advising th[illegible] I flatter my self it will exceed what I had expected & that the Gross purchase will be 10000 Maunds whereas the last year it was but 7659 m^ds as notice in my respects of the 25th April last, To this time I have rec^ed from Carmenia 2580 maunds, 1680 maunds of which I sent by the Hector & the remaining 900 maunds now goes on the Swallow; since the 29th Septr I have sent the Carmenia Linguist the Sum of Rupees thirty two thousand which I hope will Arrive him safe; ten thousand Rupees of which was on account this year's Investment; & twenty two thousand Rupees for the provision of next years [illegible] of Wool; so that he has had to this time sent him on account this years Inv[illegible] the Sum of Shahees Eight hundred twenty two thousand three hundred seven.

In regard to what the H^o the Court of Directors are pleas[illegible] Mention in their List of Investment concerning the black sort of Carmenia Wool, I humbly beg leave to observe that the Linguist has frequently advis'd that unless he takes [illegible] Sort the merchants will not sell him the red & white; especially as they have an opportunity had they double the quantity of disposing thereof to the Dutch Vac[illegible] who takes all Sorts & endeavours to engross as large a quantity as he can by mak[illegible] large presents to the Gov^t & other methods of which your Hon^r &c^a have been fr[illegible] time to time advis'd off; Wherefore I am humbly of opinion from the represen[illegible]tions made me several times by the Linguist, that unless you are pleas'd to [illegible]mit the black sort to be taken that this material Investment will all fall [illegible] the hands of the Dutch who take every Step they can think of to engross the [illegible] however

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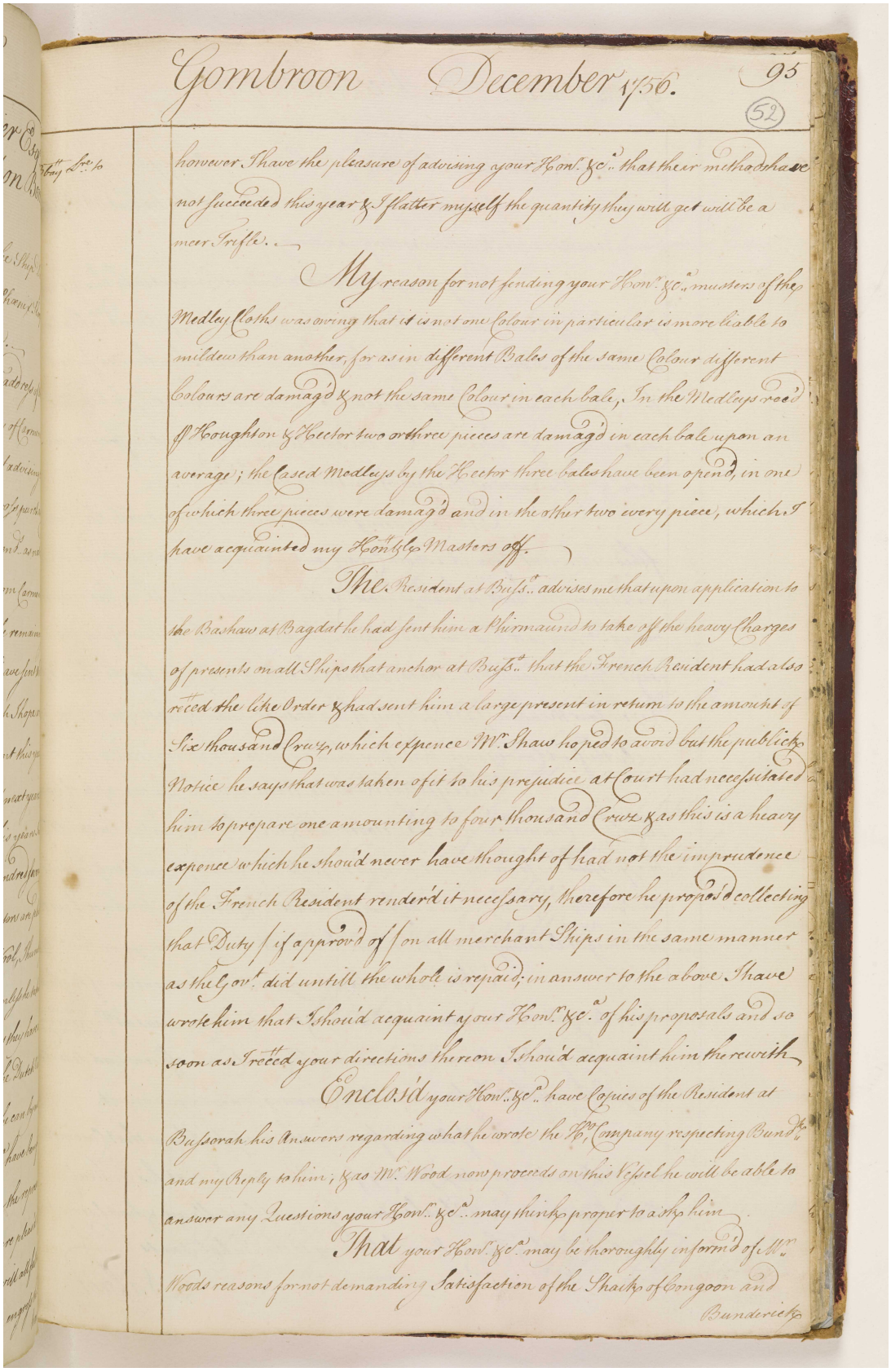

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however I have the pleasure of advising your Honl. &c.a that their methods have not succeeded this year & I flatter myself the quantity they will get will be a meer Trifle.

My reason for not sending your Hon.r &c.a musters of the Medley Cloths was owing that it is not one Colour in particular is more liable to mildew than another, for as in different Bales of the same Colour different Colours are damag'd & not the same Colour in each bale, In the Medleys rec'd p.r Houghton & Hector two or three pieces are damag'd in each bale upon an average; the Cased Medleys by the Hector three Bales have been open'd, in one of which three pieces were damag'd and in the other two every piece, which I have acquainted my Honble Masters off.

The Resident at Bufs.a advises me that upon application to the Bashaw at Bagdat he had sent him a Firmaund to take off the heavy Charges of presents on all Ships that anchor at Bufs.a that the French Resident had also rec.d the like Order & had sent him a large present in return to the amount of Six thousand Crw.s which expence M.r Shaw hoped to avoid but the publick Notice he says that was taken of it to his prejudice at Court had necessitated him to prepare one amounting to four thousand Crw.s as this is a heavy expence which he should never have thought of had not the imprudence of the French Resident render'd it necessary, therefore he propos'd collecting that Duty if approv'd of on all merchant Ships in the same manner as the Gov.t did untill the whole is repaid; in answer to the above I have wrote him that I should acquaint your Hon.l &c.a of his proposals and so soon as I rec.d your directions thereon I should acquaint him therewith.

Enclos'd your Hon.rs &c.a have Copies of the Resident at Busorah his Answers regarding what he wrote the Hon.ble Company respecting Bund.r and my Reply to him; & as M.r Wood now proceeds on this Vessel he will be able to answer any Questions your Hon.l &c.a may think proper to ask him.

That your Hon.l &c.a may be thoroughly inform'd of M.r Woods reasons for not demanding Satisfaction of the Shaikh of Congoon and Bunderick

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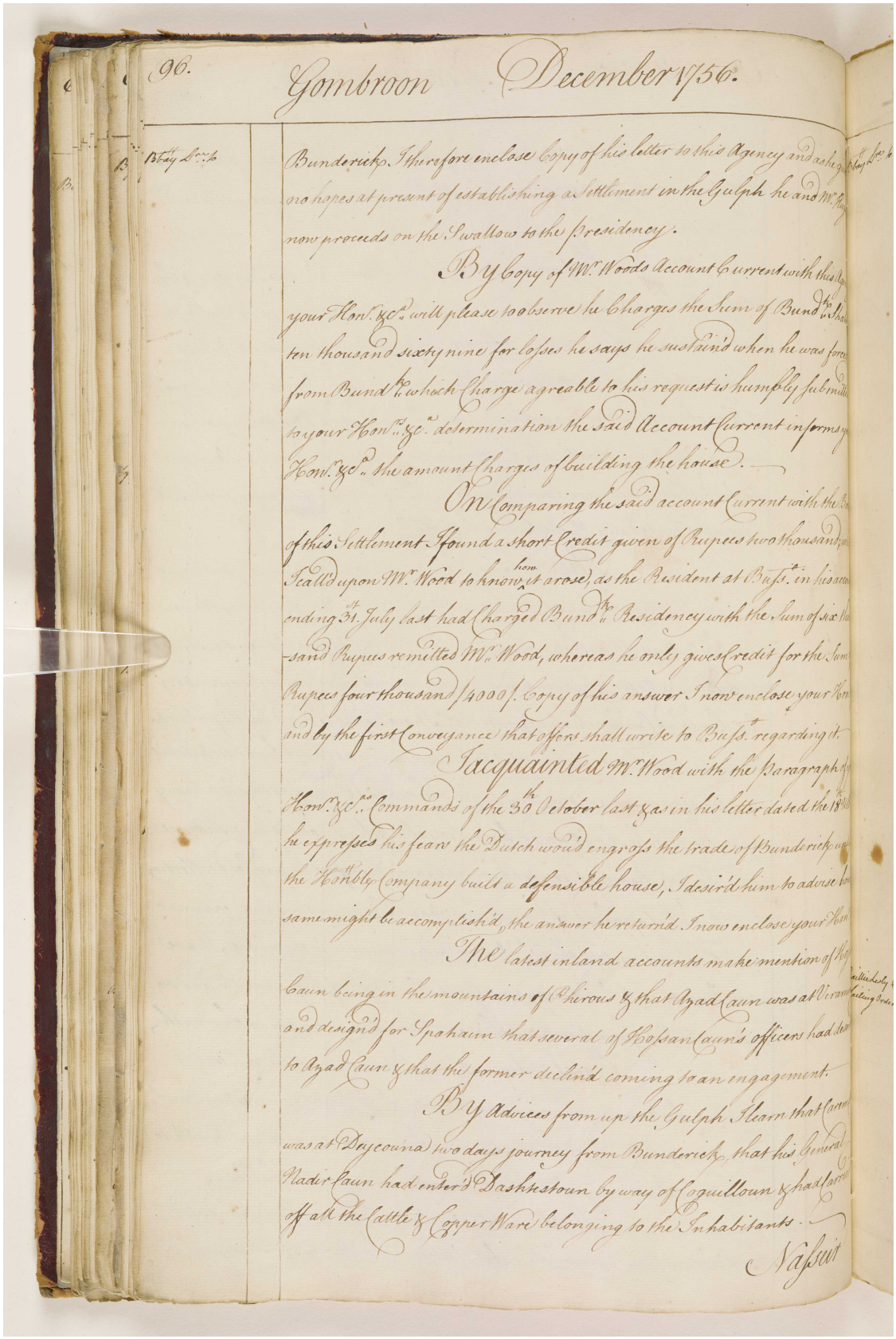

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Bbay Lr. to

Bunderick. I therefore enclose Copy of his letter to this Agency and as he gi[illegible] no hopes at present of establishing a Settlement in the Gulph he and Mr. Hu[illegible] now proceeds on the Swallow to the Presidency.

By Copy of Mr. Woods Account Current with this Age[illegible] your Honr. &ca. will please to observe he Charges the Sum of Bundk. Sha[illegible] ten thousand sixty nine for losses he says he sustain'd when he was force[illegible] from Bundk. which Charge agreable to his request is humbly submitt[illegible] to your Honrs. &ca. determination the said Account Current informs y[illegible] Honr. &ca. the amount Charges of building the house.

On Comparing the said account Current with the B[illegible] of this Settlement I found a short Credit given of Rupees two thousand; w[illegible] I call'd upon Mr. Wood to know how it arose, as the Resident at Buss.o in his acco[illegible] ending 31st. July last had Charged Bundk. Residency with the Sum of six tho[illegible]-sand Rupees remitted Mr. Wood, whereas he only gives Credit for the Sum [illegible] Rupees four thousand (4000). Copy of his answer I now enclose your Hon[illegible] and by the first Conveyance that offers shall write to Buss.o regarding it.

I acquainted Mr. Wood with the Paragraph of y[illegible] Honr. &ca. Commands of the 30th October last & as in his letter dated the 18th [illegible] he expresses his fears the Dutch wou'd engross the trade of Bunderick un[illegible] the Honble. Company built a defensible house, I desir'd him to advise how same might be accomplish'd, the answer he return'd I now enclose your Hon[illegible]

The latest inland accounts make mention of Hos[illegible] Caun being in the mountains of Phirous & that Azad Caun was at Veram[illegible] and design'd for Spahaun that several of Hossan Caun's officers had des[illegible] to Azad Caun & that the former declin'd coming to an engagement.

By Advices from up the Gulph I learn that Carem[illegible] was at Deycouna two days journey from Bunderick, that his General Nadir Caun had enter'd Dashtestoun by way of Coquilloun & had carried off all the Cattle & Copper Ware belonging to the Inhabitants.

Nasseir

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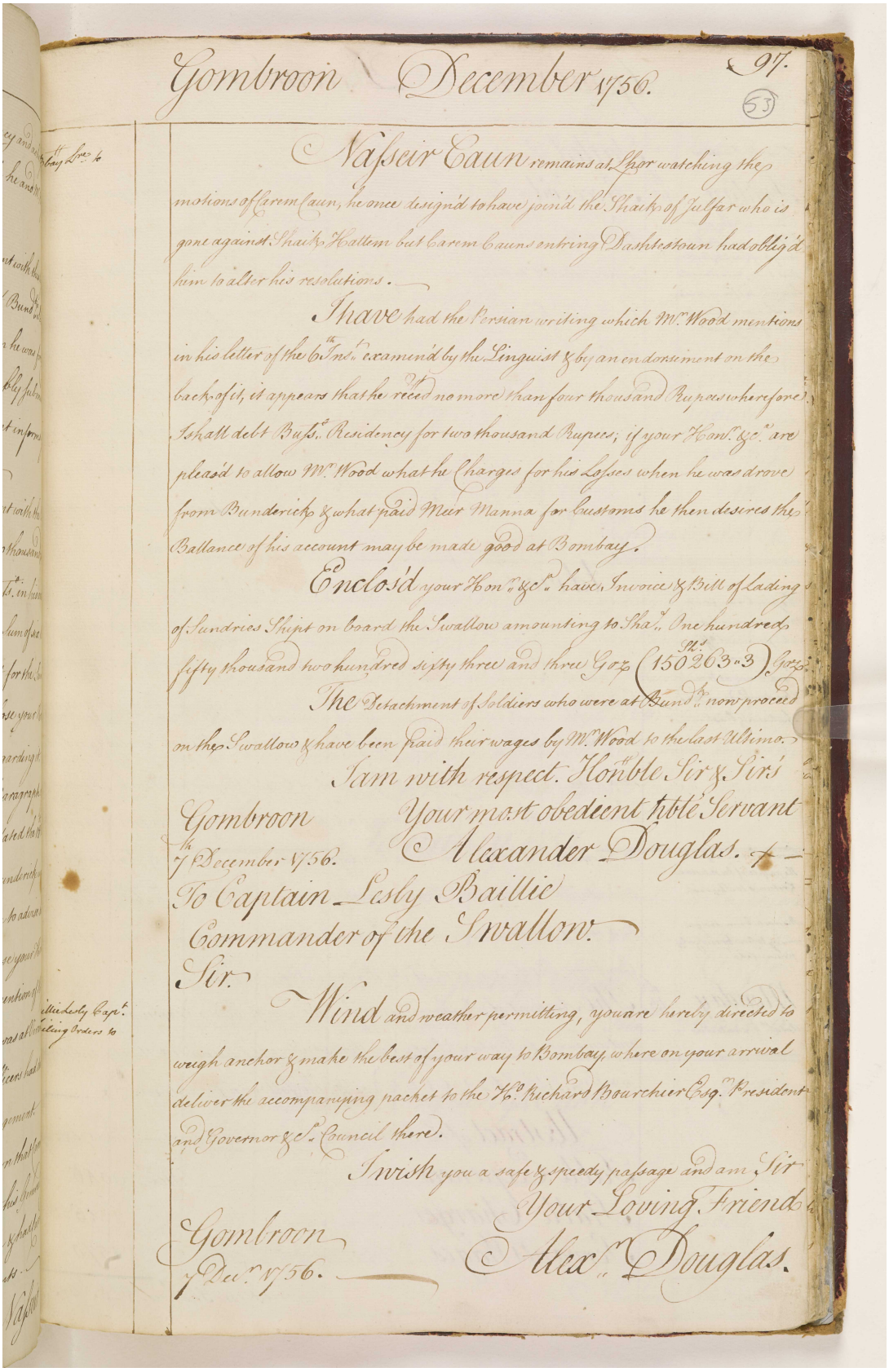

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Nasseir Caun remains at Lhor watching the motions of Carem Caun, he once design'd to have join'd the Shaik of Julfar who is gone against Shaik Hattem but Carem Cauns entring Dashtestoun had oblig'd him to alter his resolutions.

I have had the Persian writing which Mr. Wood mentions in his letter of the 6th Inst. examin'd by the Linguist & by an endorsement on the back of it, it appears that he rec'd no more than four thousand Rupees wherefore I shall debt Buss.e Residency for two thousand Rupees; if your Hon.r &c.a are pleas'd to allow Mr. Wood what he Charges for his Losses when he was drove from Bunderick & what paid Meer Manna for Customs he then desires the Ballance of his account may be made good at Bombay.

Enclos'd your Hon.r &c.a have Invoice & Bill of Lading of Sundries Shipt on board the Swallow amounting to Sha.s One hundred fifty thousand two hundred sixty three and three Goz (Shs. 150263.3) Goz.

The Detachment of Soldiers who were at Bund.r now proceed on the Swallow & have been paid their wages by Mr. Wood to the last Ultimo.

I am with respect. Hon.ble Sir & Sir's
Your most obedient h.ble Servant
Alexander Douglas.

Gombroon
7th December 1756.

To Captain Lesly Baillie
Commander of the Swallow.

Sir.

Wind and weather permitting, you are hereby directed to weigh anchor & make the best of your way to Bombay, where on your arrival deliver the accompanying packet to the Ho. Richard Bourchier Esq.r President and Governor &c.a Council there.

I wish you a safe & speedy passage and am Sir
Your Loving Friend
Alex.r Douglas.

Gombroon
7 Dec.r 1756.

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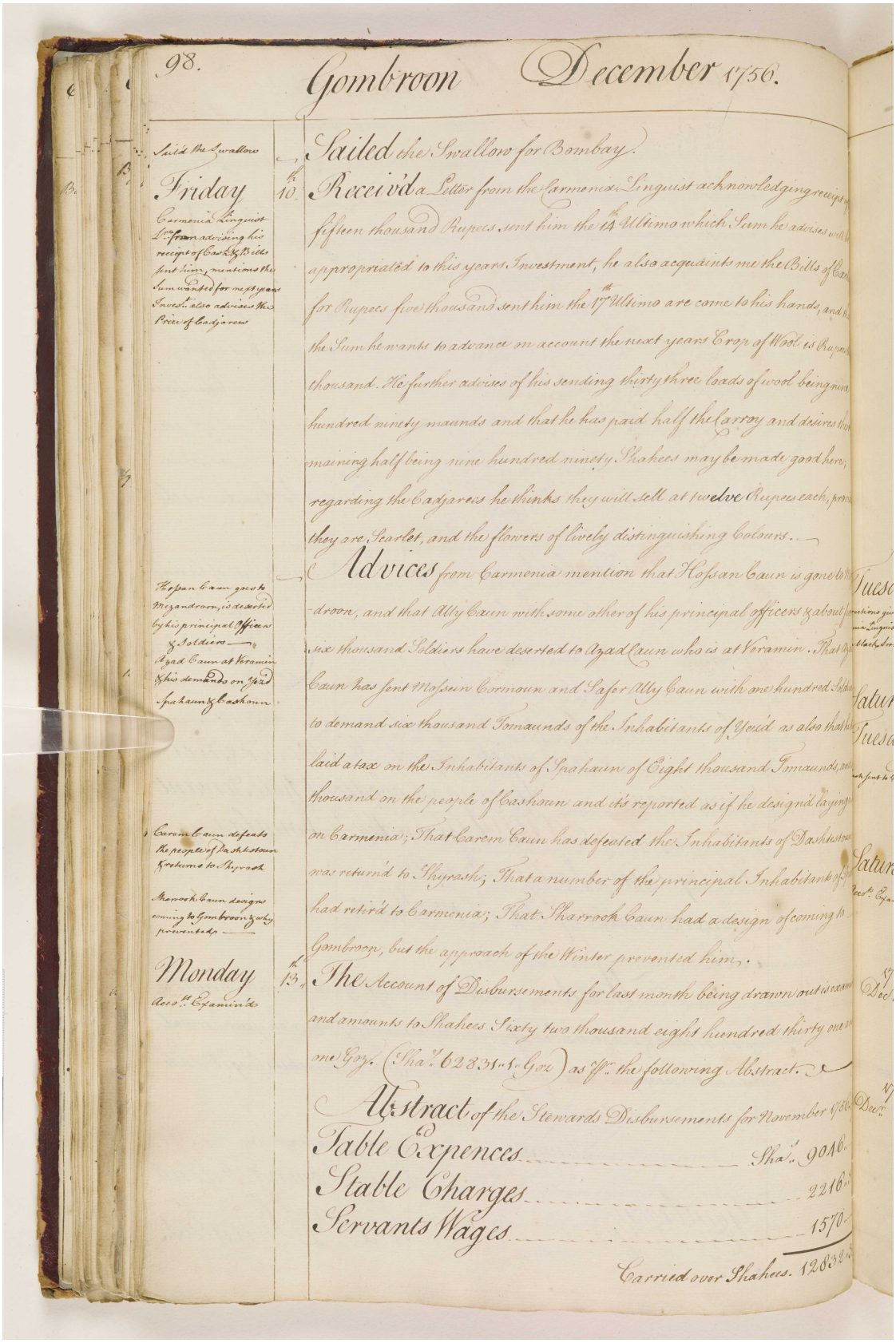

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Sailed the Swallow for Bombay.

Sail'd the Swallow

Friday 10th

Carmenia Linguist Lrs. from advising his receipt of Cash & Bills sent him, mentions the Sum wanted for next years Invest. also advises the Price of Cadjarees

Receiv'd a Letter from the Carmenia Linguist acknowledging receipt of fifteen thousand Rupees sent him the 14th Ultimo which Sum he advises will be appropriated to this years Investment, he also acquaints me the Bills of Exch. for Rupees five thousand sent him the 17th Ultimo are come to his hands, and that the Sum he wants to advance on account the next years Crop of Wool is Rupees [illegible] thousand. He further advises of his sending thirty three loads of wool being nine hundred ninety maunds and that he has paid half the Carroy and desires the remaining half being nine hundred ninety Shahees may be made good here; regarding the Cadjarees he thinks they will sell at twelve Rupees each, provided they are Scarlet, and the flowers of lively distinguishing Colours.

Hossan Caun goes to Mezandroon, is deserted by his principal Officers & Soldiers

Azad Caun at Veramin & his demands on Yezd Spahaun & Cashoun

Advices from Carmenia mention that Hossan Caun is gone to Mezandroon, and that Ally Caun with some other of his principal officers & about five six thousand Soldiers have deserted to Azad Caun who is at Veramin. That Azad Caun has sent Mossein Cormoun and Safer Ally Caun with one hundred Soldiers to demand six thousand Tomaunds of the Inhabitants of Yezd as also that he has laid a tax on the Inhabitants of Spahaun of Eight thousand Tomaunds, and [illegible] thousand on the people of Cashoun and it's reported as if he design'd laying [illegible] on Carmenia; That Carem Caun has defeated the Inhabitants of Dashtestoun [illegible] was return'd to Shyrash; That a number of the principal Inhabitants of Spahaun had retir'd to Carmenia; That Sharrook Caun had a design of coming to Gombroon, but the approach of the Winter prevented him.

Carem Caun defeats the people of Dashtestoun & returns to Shyrash

Sharrook Caun designs coming to Gombroon & why prevented

Monday 13th

Acco.ts Examin'd

The Account of Disbursements for last month being drawn out is examined and amounts to Shahees Sixty two thousand eight hundred thirty one and one Goz. (Sha.s 62831.1 Goz) as pr. the following Abstract.

Abstract of the Stewards Disbursements for November 1756.

Table Expences	Sha.s 9046.
Stable Charges	2216.
Servants Wages	1570.
Carried over Shahees.	12832.

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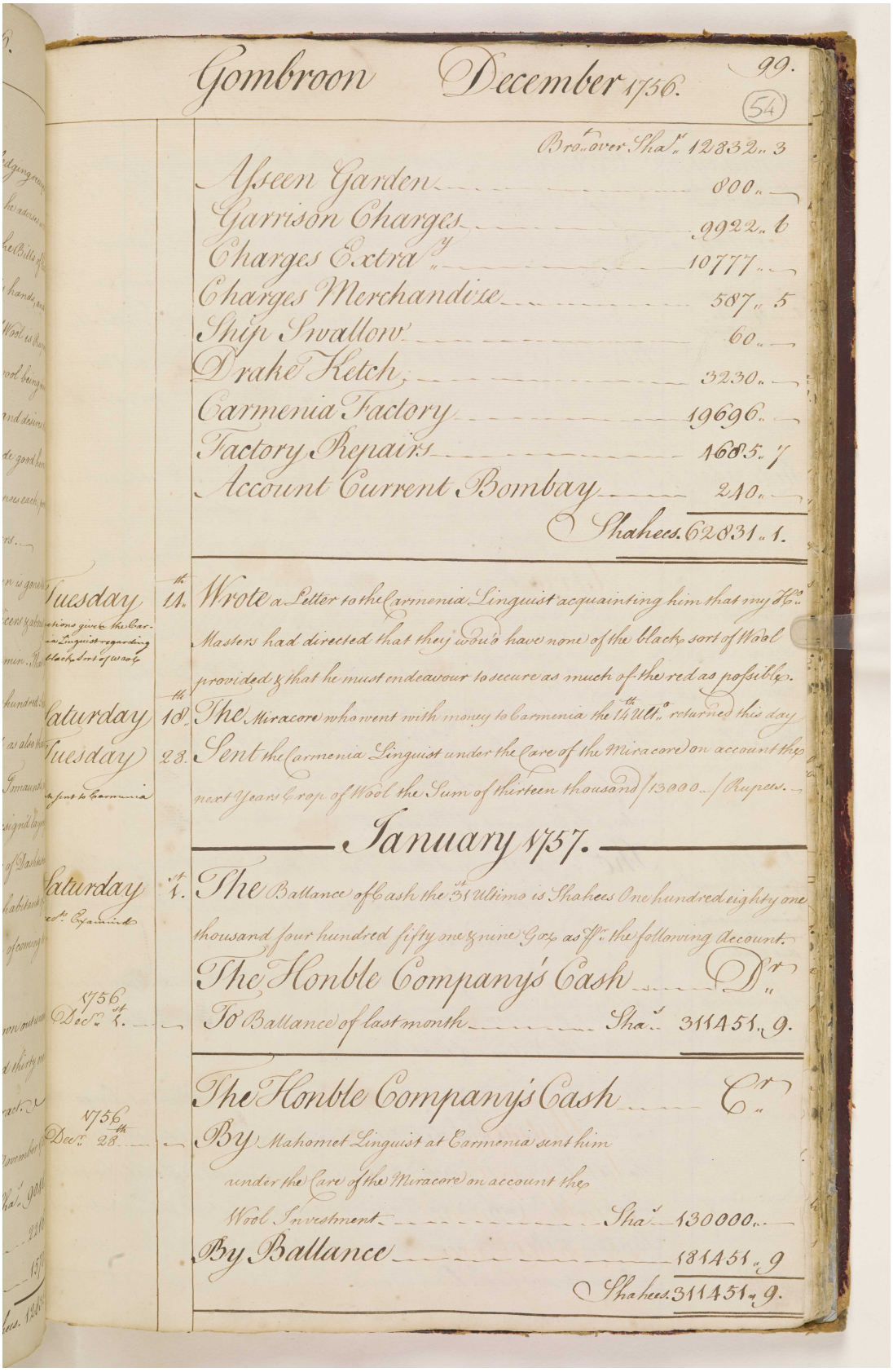

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		Asseen Garden ..... 800.. —
		Garrison Charges ..... 9922.. 6
		Charges Extra.y ..... 10777.. —
		Charges Merchandize ..... 587.. 5
		Ship Swallow ..... 60.. —
		Drake Ketch ..... 3230.. —
		Carmenia Factory ..... 19696.. —
		Factory Repairs ..... 1685.. 7
		Account Current Bombay ..... 240.. —
		Shahees. 62831.. 1.
Tuesday	14th	Wrote a Letter to the Carmenia Linguist acquainting him that my H.o Masters had directed that they wou'd have none of the black sort of Wool provided & that he must endeavour to secure as much of the red as possible.
Saturday	18th	The Miracore who went with money to Carmenia the 14th Ult.o returned this day
Tuesday	28.	Sent the Carmenia Linguist under the Care of the Miracore on account the next Years Crop of Wool the Sum of thirteen thousand /13000../ Rupees.
		January 1757.
Saturday	1st	The Ballance of Cash the 31st Ultimo is Shahees One hundred eighty one thousand four hundred fifty one & nine Goz as P.r the following Account.
		The Honble Company's Cash ..... D.r
1756 Dec.r 1st	—	To Ballance of last month ..... Sha.s 311451.. 9.
		The Honble Company's Cash ..... C.r
1756 Dec.r 28th	—	By Mahomet Linguist at Carmenia sent him under the Care of the Miracore on account the Wool Investment ..... Sha.s 130000.. —
		By Ballance ..... 181451.. 9
		Shahees. 311451.. 9.

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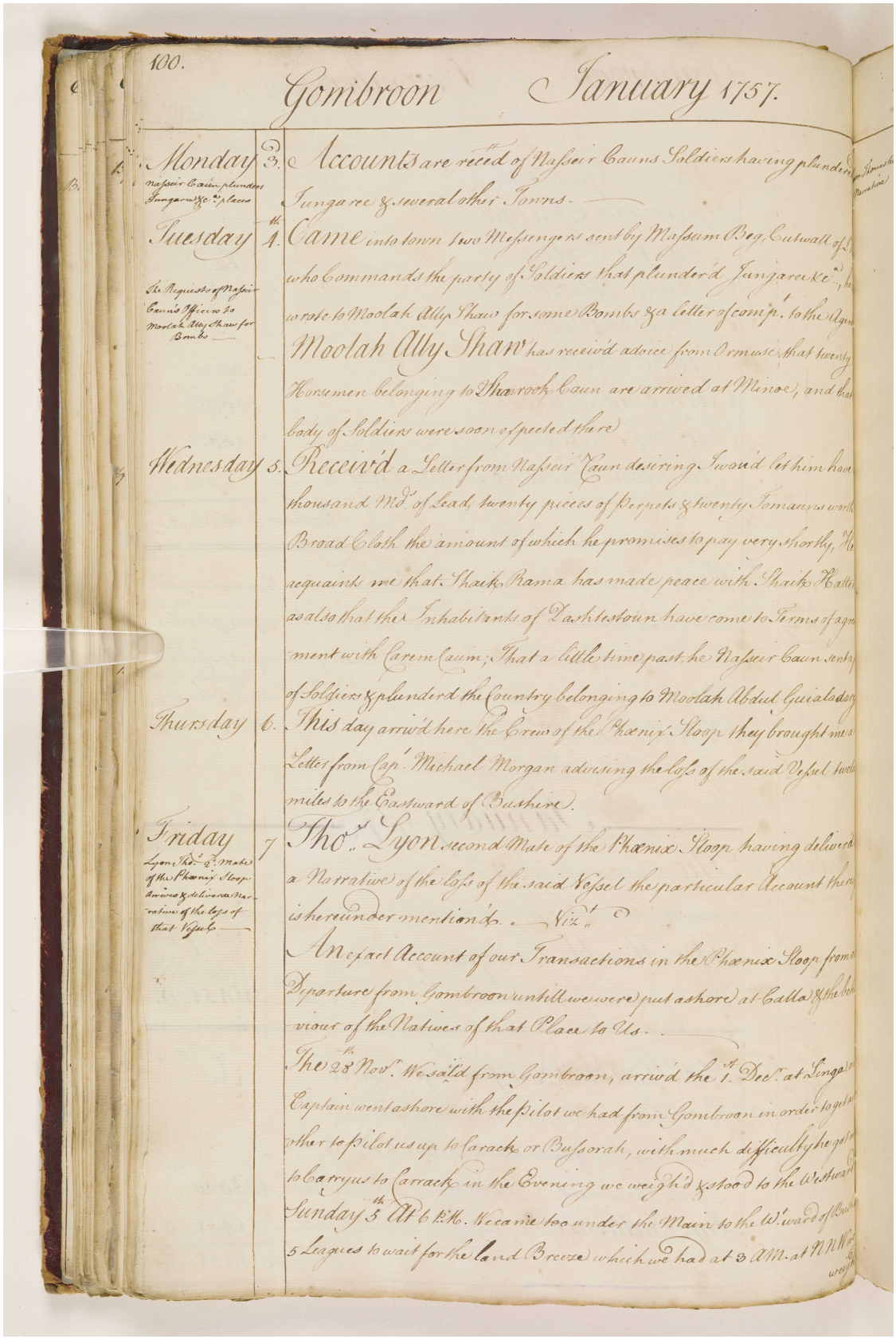

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Monday Nasseir Caun plunders Jungaree &c.a places	3.	Accounts are recd of Nasseir Cauns Soldiers having plunder'd Jungaree & several other Towns.
Tuesday The Requests of Nasseir Caun's Officers to Moolah Ally Shaw for Bombs	4th	Came into town two Messengers sent by Massum Beg, Cutwall of L[illegible] who Commands the party of Soldiers that plunder'd Jungaree &c.a, he wrote to Moolah Ally Shaw for some Bombs & a letter of comp.t to the Agent. Moolah Ally Shaw has receiv'd advice from Ormuse that twenty Horsemen belonging to Shanrook Caun are arrived at Minoe, and that body of Soldiers were soon expected there
Wednesday	5.	Receiv'd a Letter from Nasseir Caun desiring I wou'd let him have thousand Md.s of Lead, twenty pieces of Perpets & twenty Tomauns worth Broad Cloth the amount of which he promises to pay very shortly, He acquaints me that Shaik Rama has made peace with Shaik Hatter as also that the Inhabitants of Dashtestoun have come to Terms of agreement with Carem Caum; That a little time past, he Nasseir Caun sent a [illegible] of Soldiers & plunderd the Country belonging to Moolah Abdul Guialadary
Thursday	6.	This day arriv'd here the Crew of the Phœnix Sloop they brought me a Letter from Cap.t Michael Morgan advising the loss of the said Vessel twelve miles to the Eastward of Bushire.
Friday Lyon Tho.s 2.d Mate of the Phœnix Sloop arrives & delivers a Narrative of the loss of that Vessel	7	Tho.s Lyon second Mate of the Phœnix Sloop having deliver'd a Narrative of the loss of the said Vessel the particular Account thereof is hereunder mention'd. Viz.t An exact Account of our Transactions in the Phœnix Sloop from our Departure from Gombroon untill we were put ashore at Calla & the behaviour of the Natives of that Place to Us. The 28th Nov.r We sail'd from Gombroon, arriv'd the 1.st Dec.r at Linga [illegible] Captain went ashore with the pilot we had from Gombroon in order to get another to pilot us up to Carack or Bussorah, with much difficulty he got [illegible] to Carryus to Carrack in the Evening we weigh'd & stood to the Westward Sunday 5th At 6 P.M. We came too under the Main to the W.ward of Bushire 5 Leagues to wait for the land Breeze which we had at 3 A.M. at N.N.W. [illegible] weigh'd

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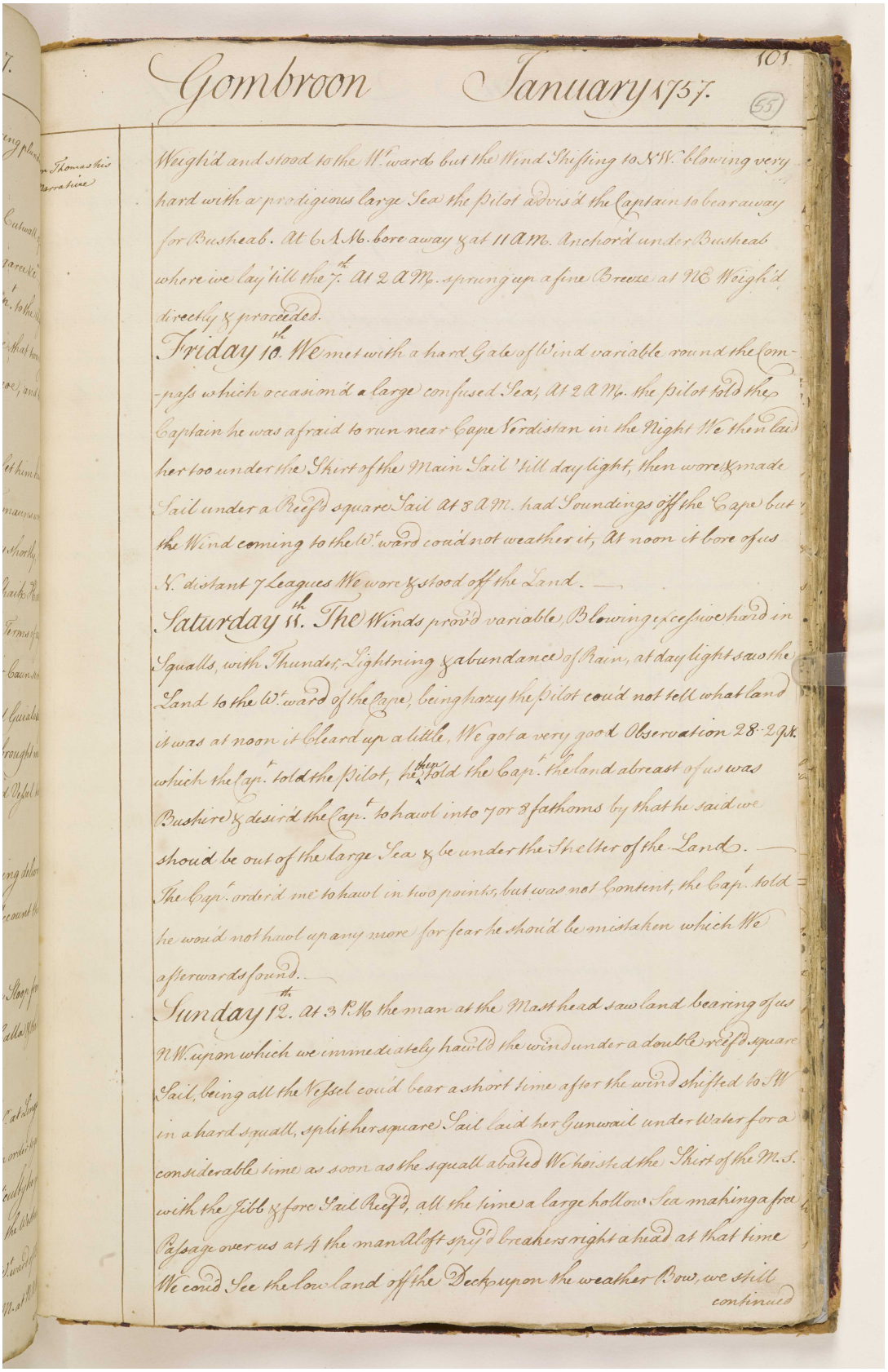

Weigh'd and stood to the W.ward but the Wind Shifting to N.W. blowing very hard with a prodigious large Sea the Pilot advis'd the Captain to bear away for Busheab. At 6 A.M. bore away & at 11 A.M. Anchor'd under Busheab where we lay 'till the 7th. At 2 A.M. sprung up a fine Breeze at NE Weigh'd directly & proceeded.

Friday 10th. We met with a hard Gale of Wind variable round the Compass which occasion'd a large confused Sea, At 2 A.M. the Pilot told the Captain he was afraid to run near Cape Verdistan in the Night We then laid her too under the Skirt of the Main Sail 'till day light, then wore & made Sail under a Reef'd square Sail At 8 A.M. had Soundings off the Cape but the Wind coming to the W.ward cou'd not weather it, At noon it bore of us N. distant 7 Leagues We wore & stood off the Land. —

Saturday 11th. The Winds prov'd variable, Blowing excessive hard in Squalls, with Thunder, Lightning & abundance of Rain, at day light saw the Land to the W.ward of the Cape, being hazy the Pilot cou'd not tell what land it was at noon it Cleard up a little, We got a very good Observation 28.29 N. which the Cap.t told the Pilot, he then told the Cap.t the land abreast of us was Bushire & desir'd the Cap.t to hawl into 7 or 8 fathoms by that he said we shou'd be out of the large Sea & be under the Shelter of the Land. — The Cap.t order'd me to hawl in two points, but was not Content, the Cap.t told he wou'd not hawl up any more for fear he shou'd be mistaken which We afterwards found. —

Sunday 12th. At 3 P.M the man at the Mast head saw land bearing of us N.W. upon which we immediately hawl'd the wind under a double reef'd square Sail, being all the Vessel cou'd bear a short time after the wind shifted to SW in a hard squall, split her square Sail laid her Gunwail under Water for a considerable time as soon as the squall abated We hoisted the Skirt of the M.S. with the Jibb & fore Sail Reef'd, all the time a large hollow Sea making a free Passage over us at 4 the man Aloft spy'd breakers right a head at that time We cou'd See the low land off the Deck upon the weather Bow, we still

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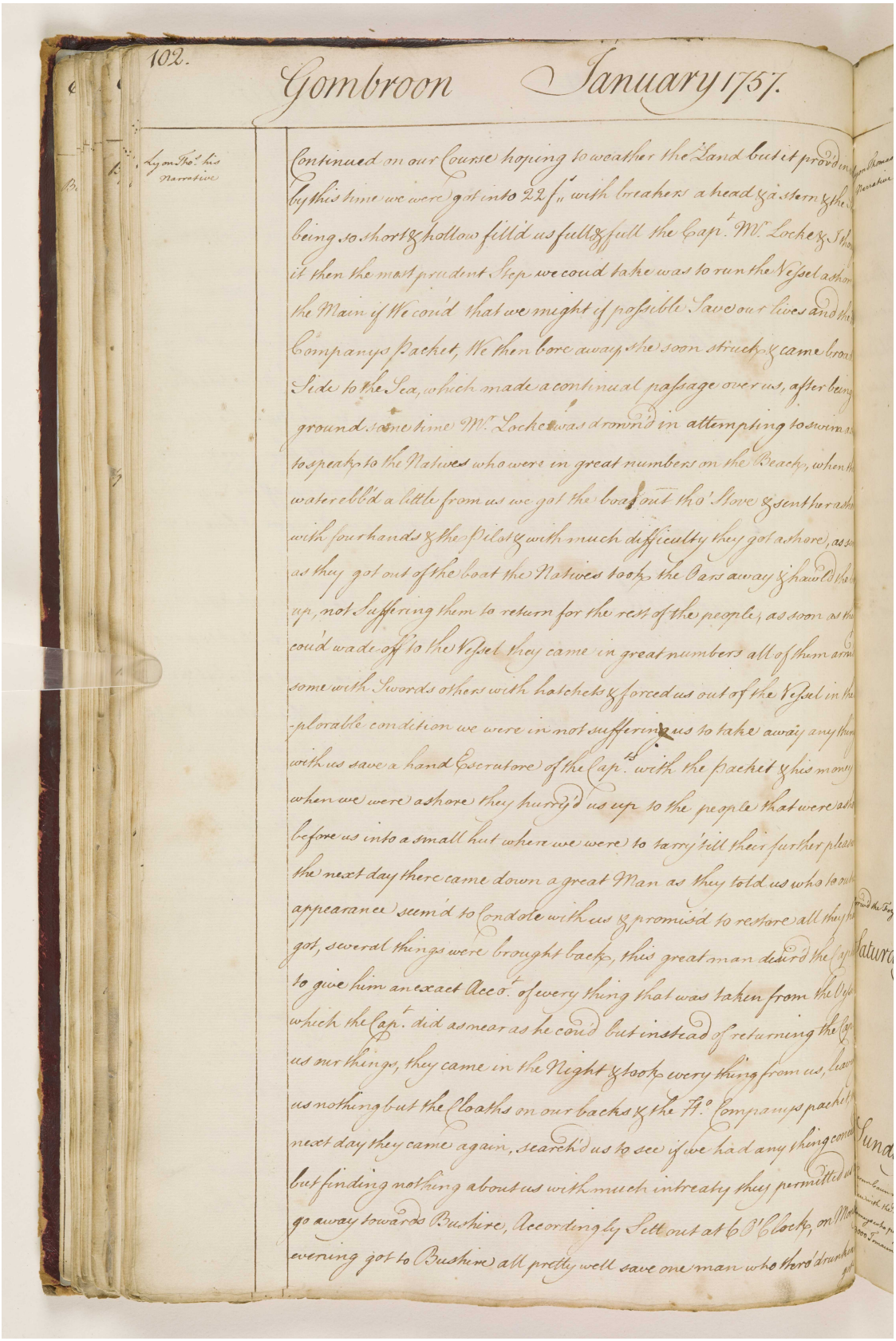

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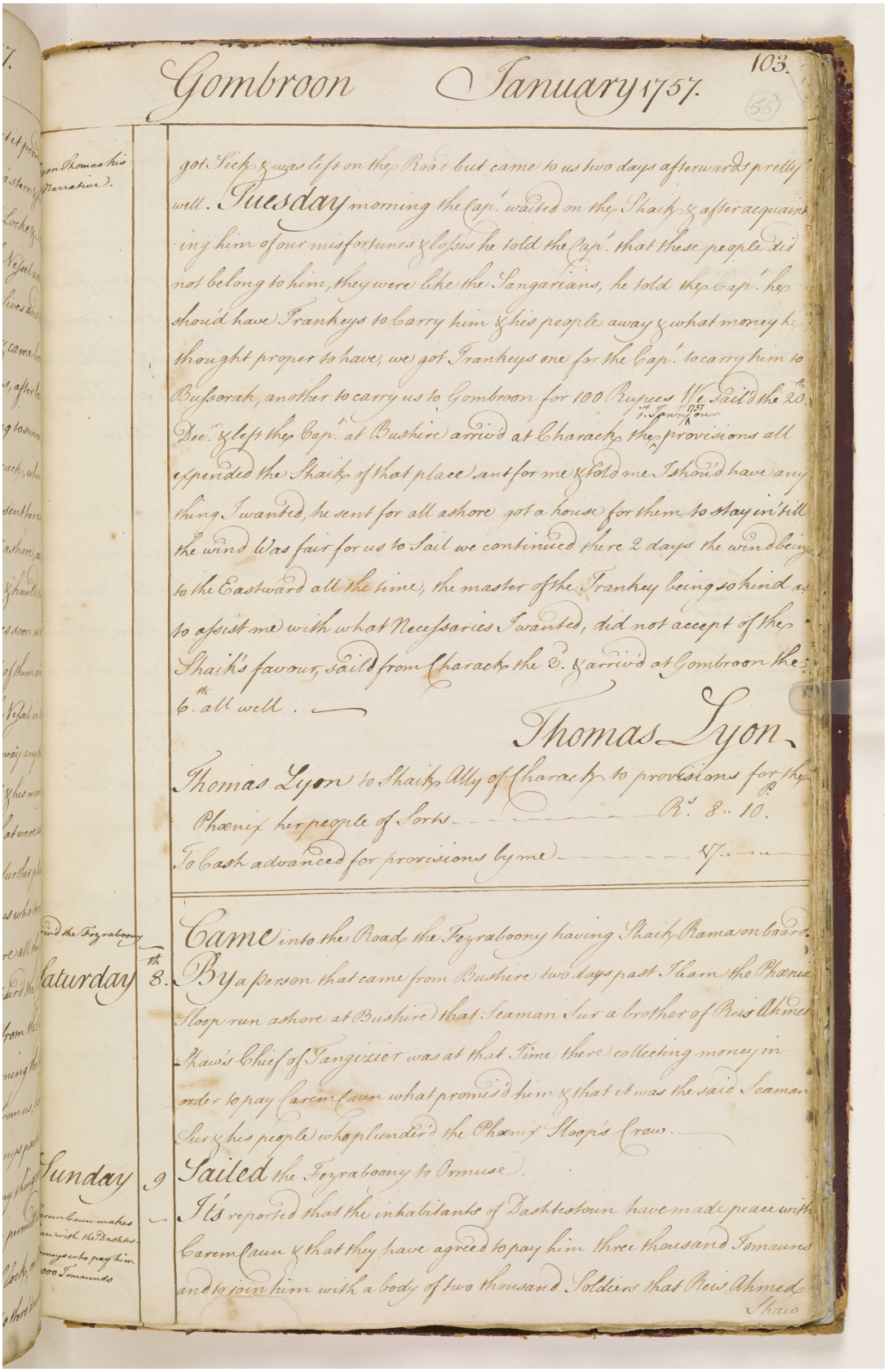

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got Sick & was left on the Road but came to us two days afterwards pretty well. Tuesday morning the Cap.t waited on the Shaikh & after acquainting him of our misfortunes & losses he told the Cap.t that these people did not belong to him, they were like the Sangarians, he told the Cap.t he should have Frankeys to carry him & his people away & what money he thought proper to have; we got Frankeys one for the Cap.t to carry him to Busserah, another to carry us to Gombroon for 100 Rupees We sail'd the 20.th Dec.r & left the Cap.t at Bushire arrived at Charack the provisions all expended the Shaikh of that place sent for me & told me I shou'd have anything I wanted, he sent for all ashore got a house for them to stay in till the wind was fair for us to Sail we continued there 2 days the wind being to the Eastward all the time, the master of the Frankey being so kind as to assist me with what Necessaries I wanted, did not accept of the Shaikh's favour, Sail'd from Charack the D.o & arrived at Gombroon the 6.th all well.

Thomas Lyon.

Thomas Lyon to Shaikh Ally of Charack to provisions for the Phœnix her people &c Sorts ——— R.s 8.. 10.

To Cash advanced for provisions by me ——— 47.——

Came into the Road the Fegraboony having Shaikh Rama on board.

Saturday 8.th By a person that came from Bushire two days past I learn the Phœnix Sloop run ashore at Bushire that Seaman Sur a brother of Reis Ahmet Shaw's Chief of Tangistier was at that Time there collecting money in order to pay Carem Caun what promis'd him & that it was the said Seaman Sur & his people who plunder'd the Phœnix Sloop's Crew.

Sunday 9 Sailed the Fegraboony to Ormuse.

It's reported that the inhabitants of Dashtestoun have made peace with Carem Caun & that they have agreed to pay him three thousand Tomaums and to join him with a body of two thousand Soldiers that Reis Ahmed

Shaik

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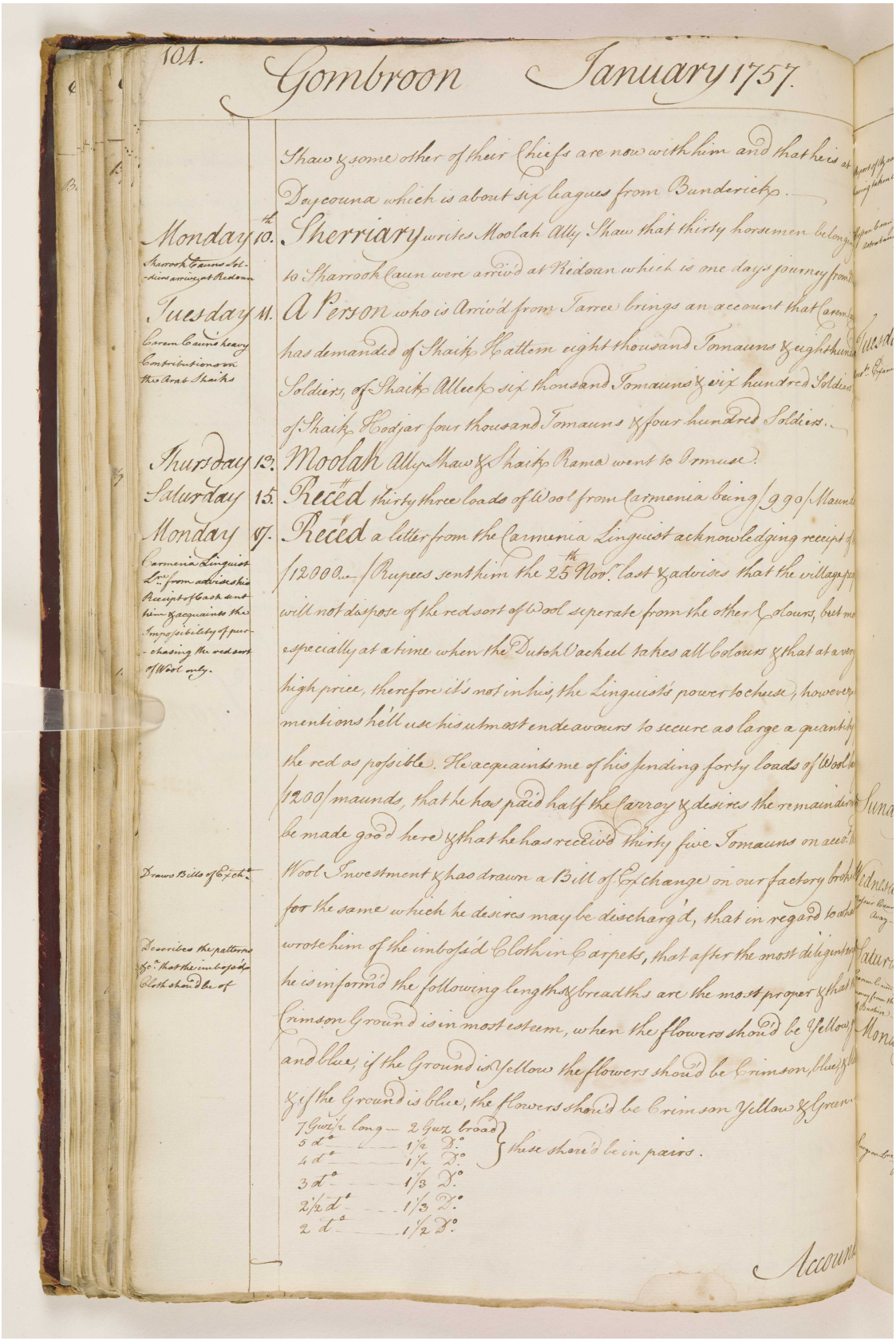

Shaw & some other of their Chiefs are now with him and that he is at Deycouna which is about six leagues from Bunderick.

Monday 10th. Sherriary writes Moolah Ally Shaw that thirty horsemen belonging to Sharrook Caun were arriv'd at Redoan which is one days journey from [illegible]

Sharrook Cauns Soldiers arrive at Redoan

Tuesday 11. A Person who is Arriv'd from Tarree brings an account that Carem Caun has demanded of Shaik Hattem eight thousand Tomauns & eight hundred Soldiers, of Shaik Alleek six thousand Tomauns & six hundred Soldiers of Shaik Hodjar four thousand Tomauns & four hundred Soldiers.

Carem Cauns heavy Contributions on the Arab Shaiks

Thursday 13. Moolah Ally Shaw & Shaik Rama went to Ormuse.

Saturday 15. Reced thirty three loads of Wool from Carmenia being /990/ Maunds

Monday 17. Reced a letter from the Carmenia Linguist acknowledging receipt of /12000/ Rupees sent him the 25th Novr. last & advises that the village pay will not dispose of the red sort of Wool seperate from the other Colours, but more especially at a time when the Dutch Vackeel takes all Colours & that at a very high price, therefore it's not in his, the Linguist's power to chuse, however mentions he'll use his utmost endeavours to secure as large a quantity of the red as possible. He acquaints me of his sending forty loads of Wool being /1200/ maunds, that he has paid half the Carroy & desires the remainder may be made good here & that he has receiv'd thirty five Tomauns on acco. the Wool Investment & has drawn a Bill of Exchange on our factory broker for the same which he desires may be discharg'd, that in regard to what wrote him of the imboss'd Cloth in Carpets, that after the most diligent [illegible] he is inform'd the following lengths & breadths are the most proper & that the Crimson Ground is in most esteem, when the flowers shou'd be Yellow, [illegible] and blue, if the Ground is Yellow the flowers shou'd be Crimson, blue, & [illegible] & if the Ground is blue, the flowers shou'd be Crimson Yellow & Green.

Carmenia Linguist Lr. from advises his Receipt of Cash sent him & acquaints the Impossibility of purchasing the red sort of Wool only.

Draws Bills of Exch.

Describes the patterns &c. that the imboss'd Cloth shou'd be of

7 Guz ½ long	2 Guz broad	these shou'd be in pairs.
5 d°	1½ D°	
4 d°	1½ D°	
3 d°	1/3 D°	
2½ d°	1/3 D°	
2 d°	1/2 D°	

Account

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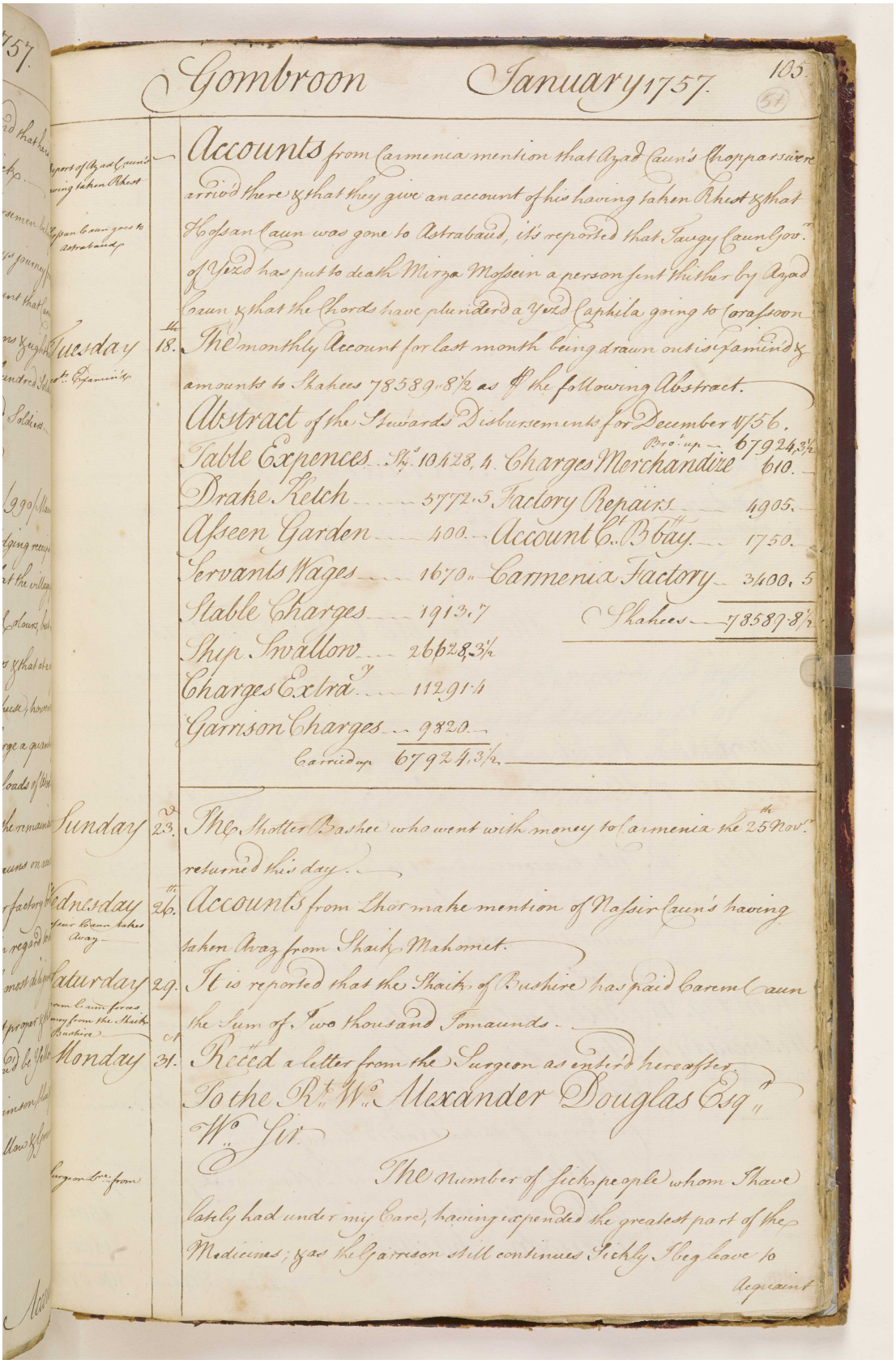

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Report of Azad Caun's having taken Rhest

Hossan Caun goes to Astrabaud

Accounts from Carmenia mention that Azad Caun's Choppars were arriv'd there & that they give an account of his having taken Rhest & that Hossan Caun was gone to Astrabaud, it's reported that Taugy Caun Gov.r of Yezd has put to death Mirza Mossein a person sent thither by Azad Caun & that the Chords have plunder'd a Yezd Caphila going to Corassoon

Tuesday 18th. The monthly Account for last month being drawn out is examin'd & amounts to Shahees 78589.8½ as ⅌ the following Abstract.

Abstract of the Stewards Disbursements for December 1756.

		Bro.t up	67924.3½
Table Expences	Sh.s 10428.4	Charges Merchandize	610.
Drake Ketch	5772.5	Factory Repairs	4905.
Asseen Garden	400.	Account C.t B.bay	1750.
Servants Wages	1670.	Carmenia Factory	3400.5
Stable Charges	1913.7	Shahees	78589.8½
Ship Swallow	26628.3½		
Charges Extra.y	11291.4		
Garrison Charges	9820.		
Carried up	67924.3½		

Sunday 23d. The Shotter Bashee who went with money to Carmenia the 25th Nov.r returned this day.

Wednesday 26th. Accounts from Lhor make mention of Nassir Caun's having taken Avaz from Shaik Mahomet.

Nassir Caun takes Avaz

Saturday 29. It is reported that the Shaik of Bushire has paid Carem Caun the Sum of Two thousand Tomaunds.

Carem Caun forces money from the Shaik Bushire

Monday 31st. Recd a letter from the Surgeon as enter'd hereafter.

To the R.t W.o Alexander Douglas Esq.r W.o Sir.

Surgeon Cre. from

The number of sick people whom I have lately had under my Care, having expended the greatest part of the Medicines; & as the Garrison still continues Sickly I beg leave to

Acquaint

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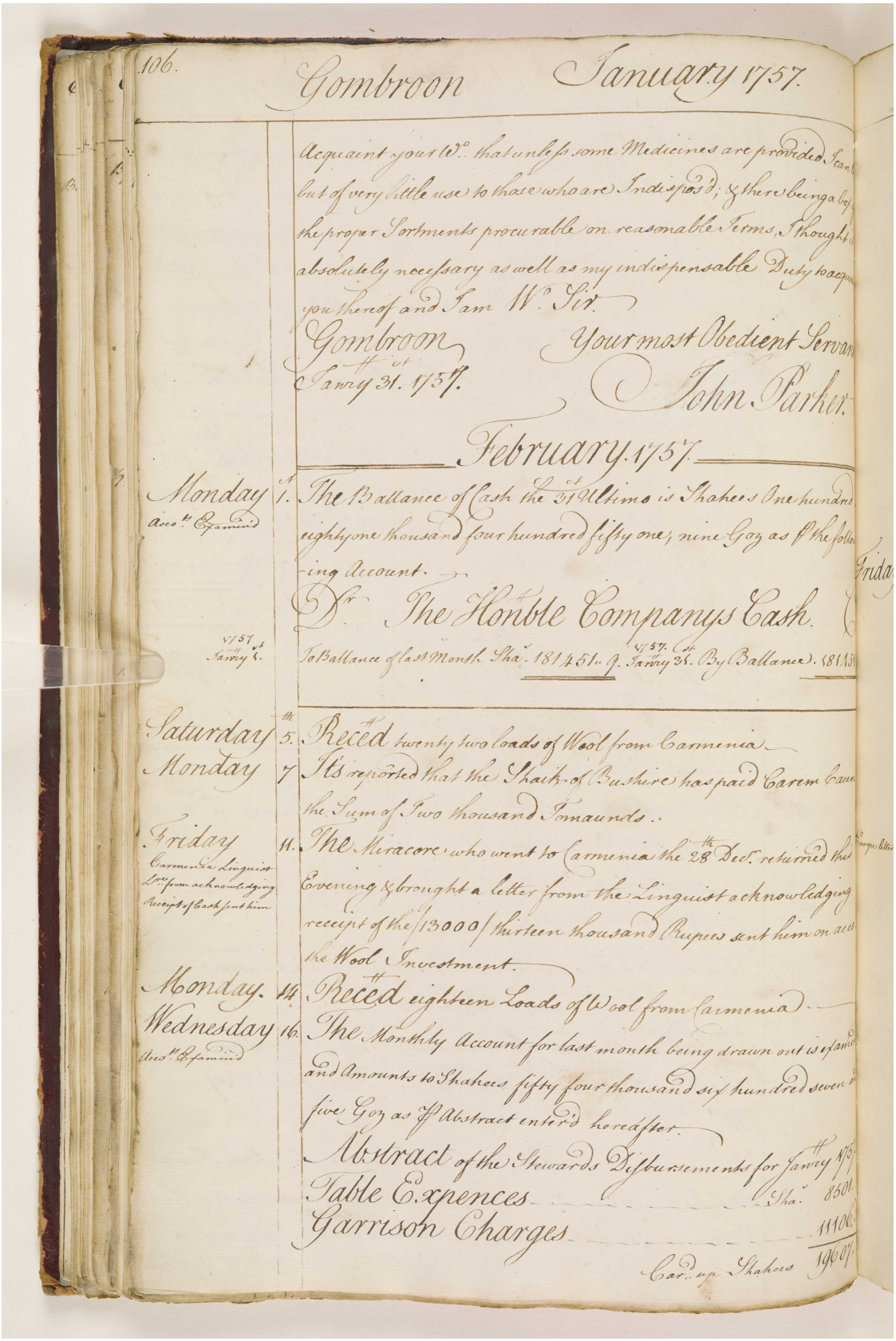

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Acquaint your Wo. that unless some Medicines are provided I can be but of very little use to those who are Indispos'd; & there being a box of the proper Sortments procurable on reasonable Terms, I thought it absolutely necessary as well as my indispensable Duty to acquaint you thereof and I am Wo. Sir.

Gombroon Janry 31st 1757.

Your most Obedient Servant
John Parker.

February 1757.

Monday Accos. Examin'd — 1st. The Ballance of Cash the 31st Ultimo is Shahees One hundred eightyone thousand four hundred fifty one, nine Goz as ℔ the following Account.

Dr. The Honble Companys Cash.

1757 Janry 1st. To Ballance of last Month Shas. 181451.. 9. 1757 Janry 31st. By Ballance. 181451

Saturday — 5th. Reced twenty two loads of Wool from Carmenia.

Monday — 7. It's reported that the Shaik of Bushire has paid Carem Caun the Sum of Two thousand Tomaunds.

Friday Carmenia Linguist Lre. from acknowledging Receipt of Cash sent him — 11. The Miracore who went to Carmenia the 28th Decr. returned this Evening & brought a letter from the Linguist acknowledging receipt of the (13000) thirteen thousand Rupees sent him on acco the Wool Investment.

Monday. — 14. Reced eighteen Loads of Wool from Carmenia.

Wednesday Accos. Examin'd — 16. The Monthly Account for last month being drawn out is examined and Amounts to Shahees fifty four thousand six hundred seven and five Goz as ℔ Abstract enter'd hereafter.

Abstract of the Stewards Disbursements for Janry 1757

Table Expences	Shas. 8501
Garrison Charges	11106
Car'd up Shahees	19607

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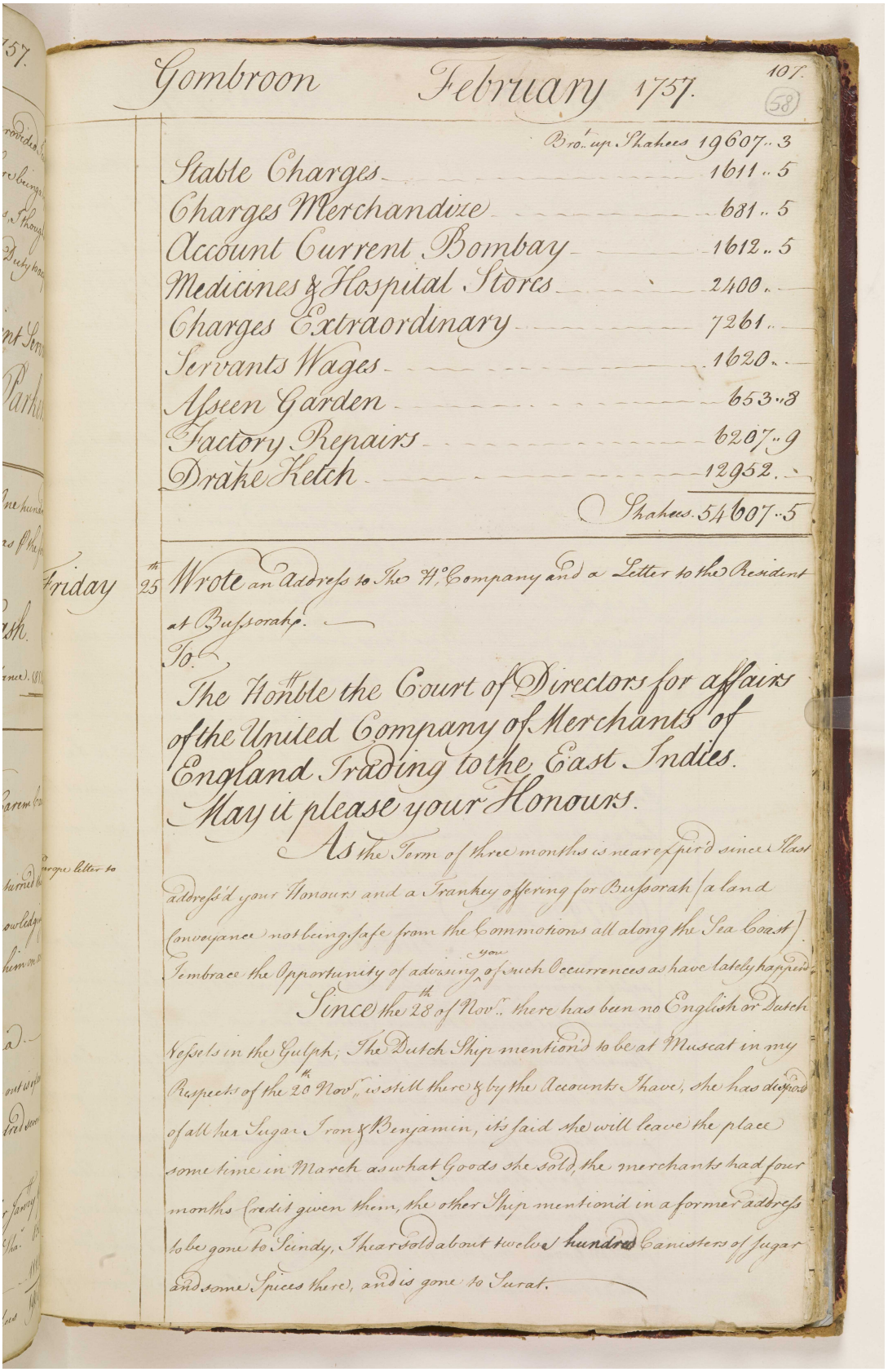

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Bro.t up Shahees	19607..3
Stable Charges	1611..5
Charges Merchandize	631..5
Account Current Bombay	1612..5
Medicines & Hospital Stores	2400..
Charges Extraordinary	7261..
Servants Wages	1620..
Ajseen Garden	653..8
Factory Repairs	6207..9
Drake Ketch	12952..
Shahees	54607..5

Friday 25th Wrote an address to the H.e Company and a Letter to the Resident at Busserah.

To.

The Honble the Court of Directors for affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies.

May it please your Honours.

As the Term of three months is near expird since I last addressd your Honours and a Frankey offering for Busserah [a land Conveyance not being safe from the Commotions all along the Sea Coast] I embrace the Opportunity of advising you of such Occurrences as have lately happend.

Since the 28th of Nov.r there has been no English or Dutch Vessels in the Gulph; The Dutch Ship mentiond to be at Muscat in my Respects of the 20th Nov.r is still there & by the Accounts I have, she has dispos'd of all her Sugar Iron & Benjamin, it's said she will leave the place some time in March as what Goods she sold, the merchants had four months Credit given them, the other Ship mentiond in a former address to be gone to Scindy, I hear sold about twelve hundred Canisters of Sugar and some Spices there, and is gone to Surat.

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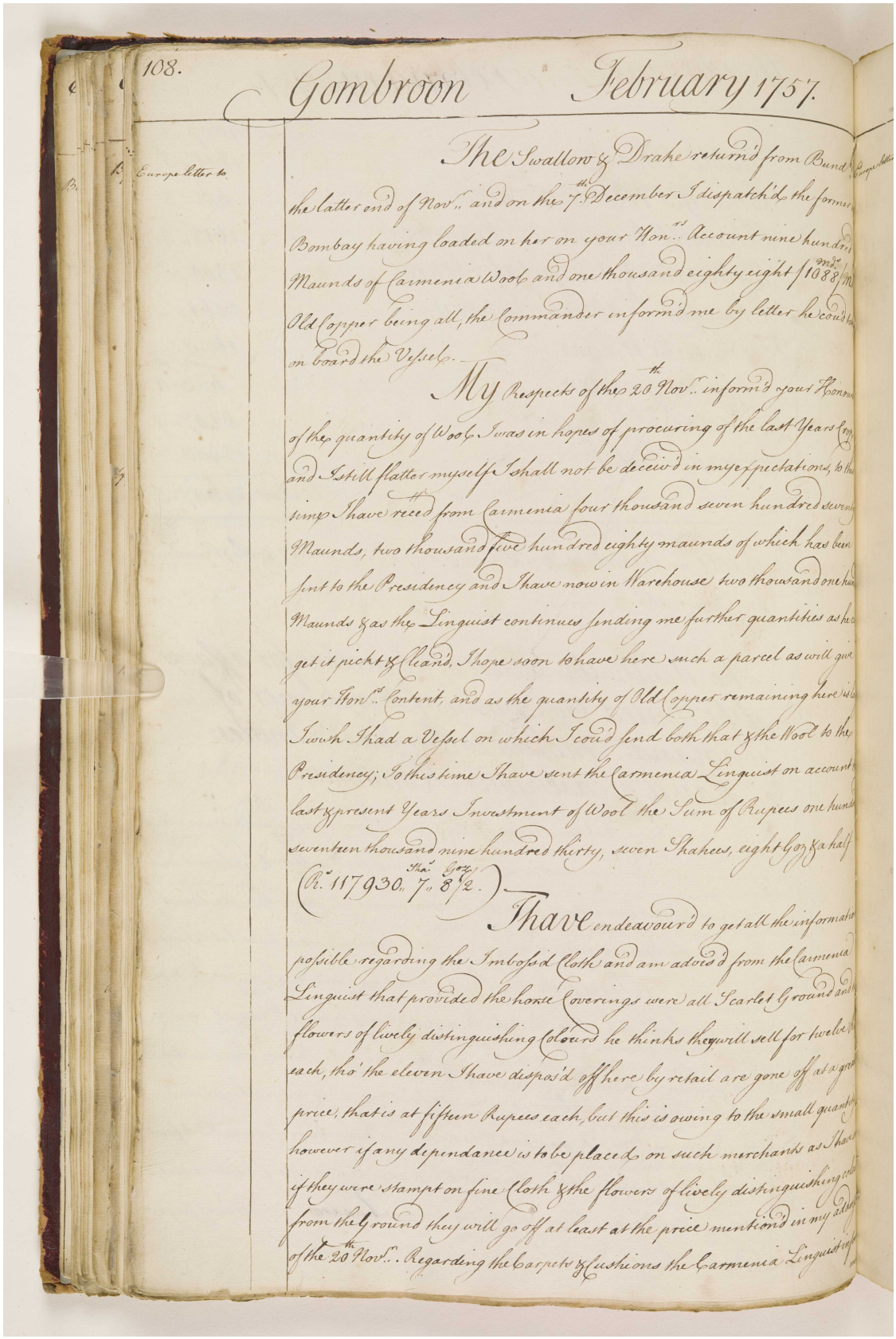

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The Swallow & Drake returnd from Bund[r] Europe letter to
the latter end of Nov[r] and on the 7th December I dispatchd the former
Bombay having loaded on her on your Hon[rs] Account nine hundred
Maunds of Carmenia Wool and one thousand eighty eight [1088] Mds.
Old Copper being all, the Commander informd me by letter he could
on board the Vessel.

My Respects of the 20th Nov[r] informd your Honours
of the quantity of Wool I was in hopes of procuring of the last Years
and I still flatter myself I shall not be deceivd in my expectations, to this
time I have recd from Carmenia four thousand seven hundred seventy
Maunds, two thousand five hundred eighty maunds of which has been
sent to the Presidency and I have now in Warehouse two thousand one hundred
Maunds as the Linguist continues sending me further quantities as he can
get it picht & cleand, I hope soon to have here such a parcel as will give
your Hon[rs] Content, and as the quantity of Old Copper remaining here is small
I wish I had a Vessel on which I could send both that & the Wool to the
Presidency; To this time I have sent the Carmenia Linguist on account
last & present Years Investment of Wool the Sum of Rupees one hundred
seventeen thousand nine hundred thirty, seven Shahees, eight Gos & a half
(R[s] 117930 7 Shah[s] 8½ Gos[s].)

I have endeavour'd to get all the information
possible regarding the Imbossd Cloth and am advisd from the Carmenia
Linguist that provided the horse Coverings were all Scarlet Ground and
flowers of lively distinguishing Colours he thinks they will sell for twelve
each, tho' the eleven I have dispos'd off here by retail are gone off at a great
price, that is at fifteen Rupees each, but this is owing to the small quantity
however if any dependance is to be placed on such merchants as I have
if they were stampt on fine Cloth & the flowers of lively distinguishing colours
from the Ground they will go off at least at the price mentiond in my advice
of the 20th Nov[r]. Regarding the Carpets & Cushions the Carmenia Linguist

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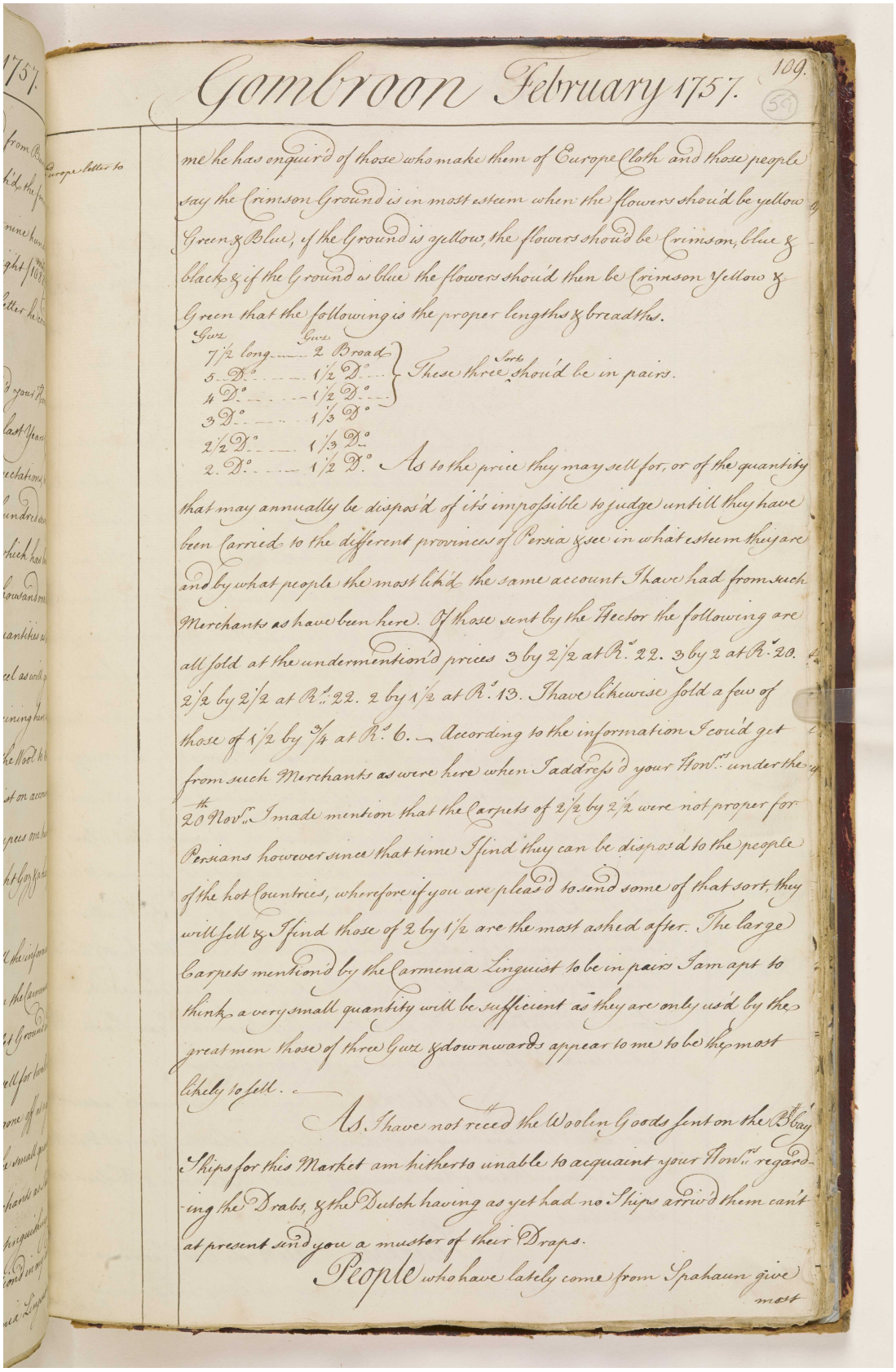

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me he has enquir'd of those who make them of Europe cloth and those people say the Crimson Ground is in most esteem when the flowers should be yellow Green & Blue, if the Ground is yellow, the flowers should be Crimson, blue & black & if the Ground is blue the flowers should then be Crimson Yellow & Green that the following is the proper lengths & breadths.

Guz long	Guz Broad	
7 1/2	2	Sorts These three should be in pairs.
5 D°	1/2 D°	
4 D°	1/2 D°	
3 D°	1/3 D°	
2 1/2 D°	1/3 D°	
2 D°	1/2 D°	

As to the price they may sell for, or of the quantity that may annually be dispos'd of it's impossible to judge untill they have been carried to the different provinces of Persia & see in what esteem they are and by what people the most liked the same account I have had from such Merchants as have been here. Of those sent by the Hector the following are all sold at the undermentioned prices 3 by 2 1/2 at R°. 22. 3 by 2 at R°. 20. 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 at R°. 22. 2 by 1 1/2 at R°. 13. I have likewise sold a few of those of 1 1/2 by 3/4 at R°. 6. — According to the information I could get from such Merchants as were here when I address'd your Hon^rs. under the 20th Novr. I made mention that the Carpets of 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 were not proper for Persians however since that time I find they can be dispos'd to the people of the hot Countries, wherefore if you are pleas'd to send some of that sort, they will sell & I find those of 2 by 1 1/2 are the most asked after. The large Carpets mentiond by the Armenian Linguist to be in pairs I am apt to think a very small quantity will be sufficient as they are only us'd by the great men those of three Guz & downwards appear to me to be the most likely to sell. —

As I have not receiv'd the Woolen Goods sent on the Bom^y Ships for this Market am hitherto unable to acquaint your Hon^rs. regarding the Drabs, & the Dutch having as yet had no Ships arriv'd them can't at present send you a muster of their Draps.

People who have lately come from Spahaun give most

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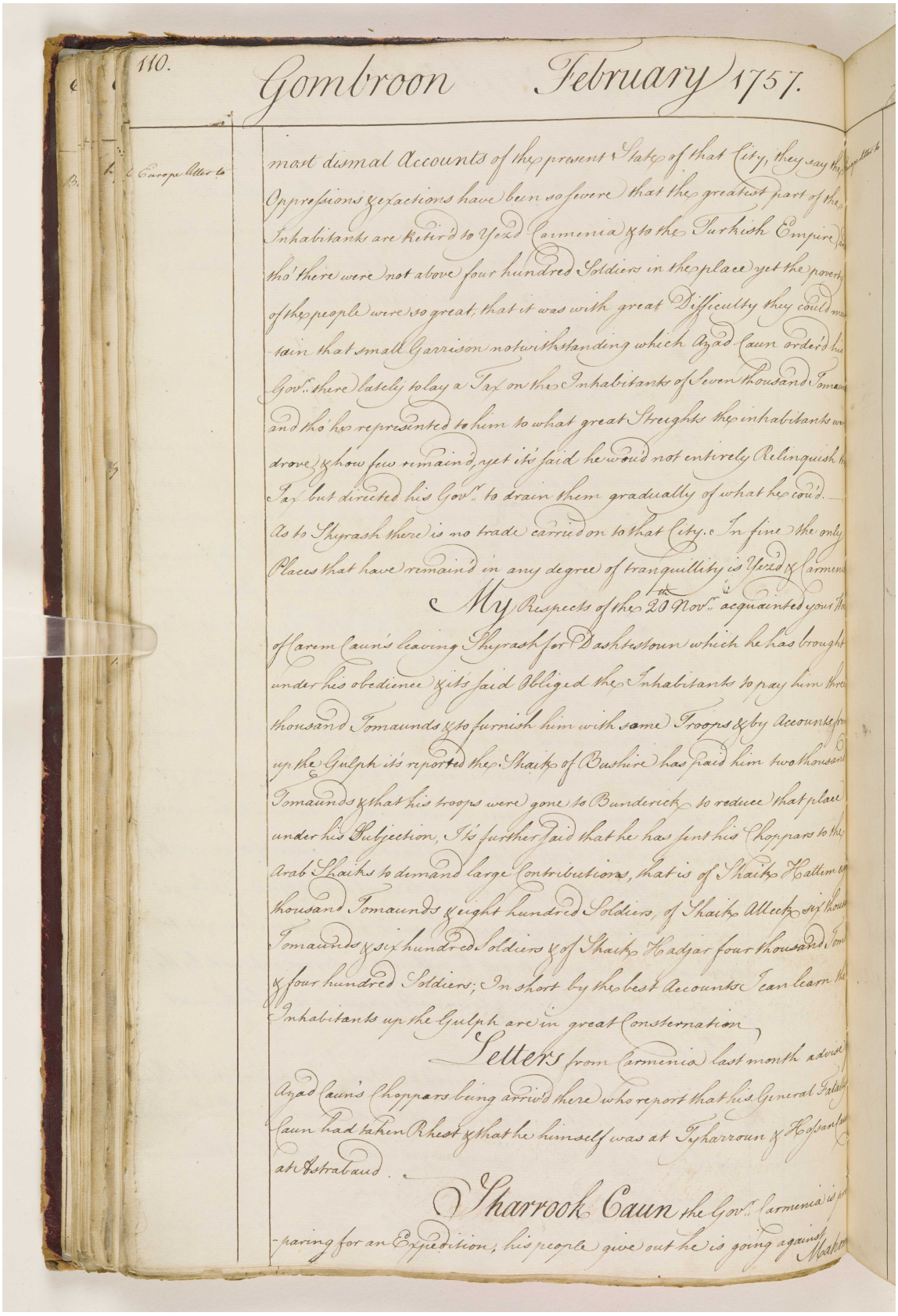

Europe letter to

most dismal Accounts of the present State of that City, they say the Oppressions & exactions have been so severe that the greatest part of the Inhabitants are Retir'd to Yezd Carmenia & to the Turkish Empire, and tho' there were not above four hundred Soldiers in the place yet the poverty of the people were so great, that it was with great Difficulty they could maintain that small Garrison notwithstanding which Azad Caun order'd his Gov.r there lately to lay a Tax on the Inhabitants of Seven thousand Tomaunds and tho' he represented to him to what great Streights the inhabitants were drove & how few remain'd, yet it's said he wou'd not entirely Relinquish the Tax but directed his Gov.r to drain them gradually of what he cou'd. As to Shyrash there is no trade carried on to that City. In fine the only Places that have remain'd in any degree of tranquillity is Yezd & Carmenia.

My Respects of the 20th Nov.r acquainted your Hon.r of Carem Caun's leaving Shyrash for Dashtestoun which he has brought under his obedience & it's said Obliged the Inhabitants to pay him three thousand Tomaunds & to furnish him with some Troops & by Accounts from up the Gulph it's reported the Shaik of Bushire has paid him two thousand Tomaunds & that his troops were gone to Bunderick to reduce that place under his Subjection, It's further said that he has sent his Choppars to the Arab Shaiks to demand large Contributions, that is of Shaik Hattem eight thousand Tomaunds & eight hundred Soldiers, of Shaik Alleck six thousand Tomaunds & six hundred Soldiers & of Shaik Hadjar four thousand Tomaunds & four hundred Soldiers; In short by the best Accounts I can learn the Inhabitants up the Gulph are in great Consternation.

Letters from Carmenia last month advise Azad Caun's Choppars being arriv'd there who report that his General Fatally Caun had taken Rhest & that he himself was at Tyharroun & Hossan Caun at Astrabaud.

Sharrook Caun the Gov.r Carmenia is preparing for an Expedition, his people give out he is going against Mahom

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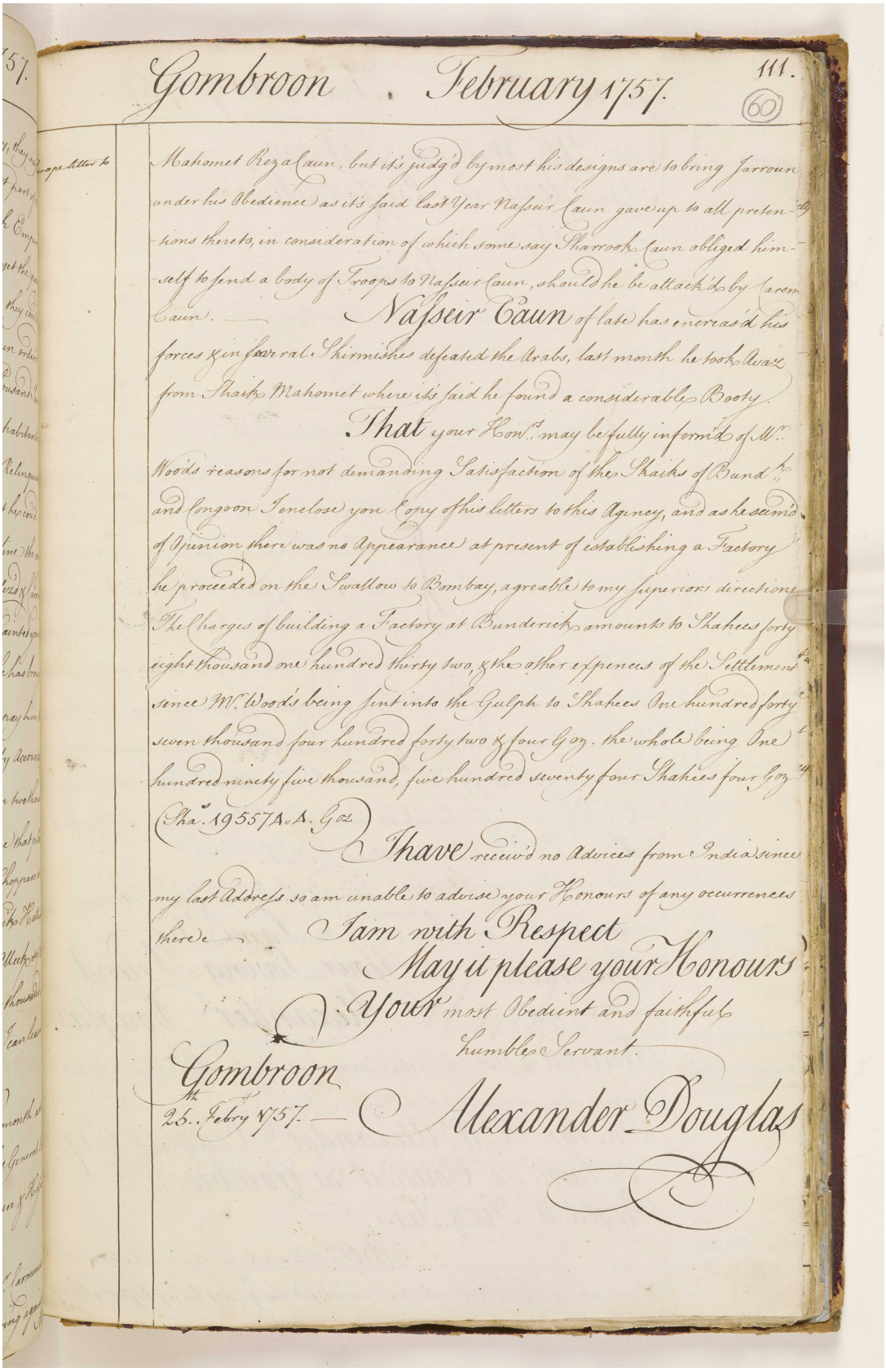

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Mahomet Reza Caun, but it's judg'd by most his designs are to bring Jarroun under his Obedience as it's said last Year Nasseir Caun gave up to all pretensions thereto, in consideration of which some say Sharrook Caun obliged himself to send a body of Troops to Nasseir Caun, should he be attack'd by Carem Caun. Nasseir Caun of late has encreas'd his forces & in several Skirmishes defeated the Arabs, last month he took Awaz from Shaikh Mahomet where it's said he found a considerable Booty.

That your Hon.rs may be fully inform'd of Mr. Woods reasons for not demanding Satisfaction of the Shaikhs of Bund.r & Longoon I enclose you Copy of his letters to this Agency, and as he seem'd of Opinion there was no Appearance at present of establishing a Factory he proceeded on the Swallow to Bombay, agreable to my Superiors directions. The charges of building a Factory at Bunderick amounts to Shahees forty eight thousand one hundred thirty two, & the other expences of the Settlement since Mr. Woods being sent into the Gulph to Shahees One hundred forty seven thousand four hundred forty two & four Goz. the whole being One hundred ninety five thousand, five hundred seventy four Shahees four Goz. (Sha.s 195574 4 Goz.)

I have received no Advices from India since my last Address so am unable to advise your Honours of any occurrences there.

I am with Respect
May it please your Honours
Your most Obedient and faithful
humble Servant.
Alexander Douglas

Gombroon
25.th Febry 1757.

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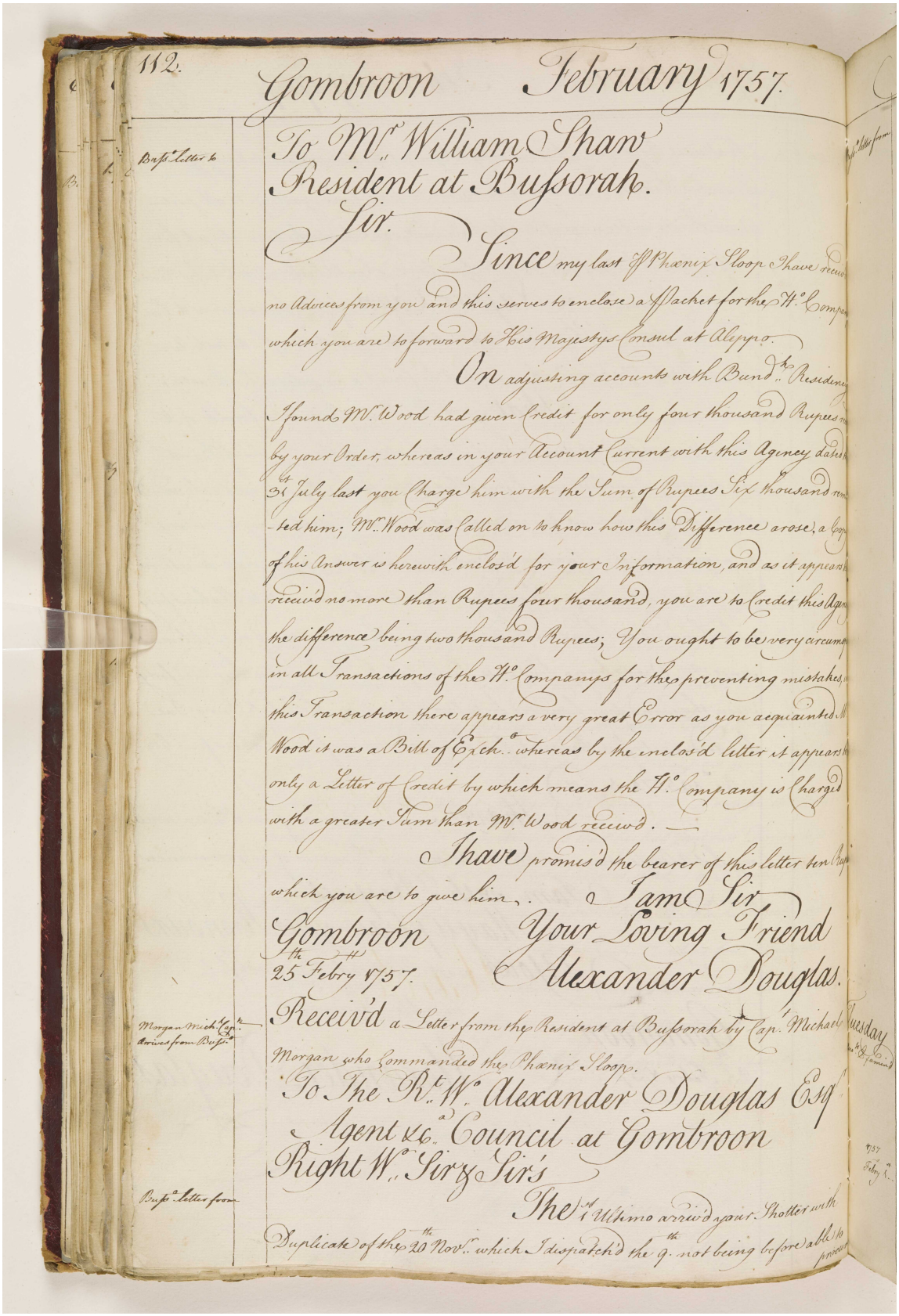

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Bussᵒ Letter to

To Mr. William Shaw
Resident at Bussorah.

Sir.

Since my last ye Phœnix Sloop I have receiv'd no Advices from you and this serves to enclose a Packet for the Hᵒ Company which you are to forward to His Majestys Consul at Aleppo.

On adjusting accounts with Bundᵗʰ Residency I found Mr. Wood had given Credit for only four thousand Rupees received by your Order, whereas in your Account Current with this Agency dated the 31st July last you Charge him with the Sum of Rupees Six thousand remitted him; Mr. Wood was Called on to know how this Difference arose, a Copy of his Answer is herewith enclos'd for your Information, and as it appears he receiv'd no more than Rupees four thousand, you are to Credit this Agency the difference being two thousand Rupees; You ought to be very circumspect in all Transactions of the Hᵒ Companys for the preventing mistakes, in this Transaction there appears a very great Error as you acquainted Mr. Wood it was a Bill of Exchᵒ whereas by the enclos'd letter it appears to be only a Letter of Credit by which means the Hᵒ Company is Charged with a greater Sum than Mr. Wood receiv'd. —

I have promis'd the bearer of this letter ten Rupees which you are to give him.

I am Sir
Your Loving Friend
Alexander Douglas.

Gombroon
25th Febry 1757.

Morgan Michᵗ Capᵗ arrives from Bussᵒ

Receiv'd a Letter from the Resident at Bussorah by Capᵗ Michael Morgan who Commanded the Phœnix Sloop.

To The Rᵗ Wᵒ Alexander Douglas Esqʳ
Agent &cᵃ Council at Gombroon

Bussᵒ letter from

Right Wᵒ Sir & Sir's

The 1st Ultimo arriv'd your Shotter with Duplicate of the 20th Novʳ which I dispatch'd the 9th not being before able to procure

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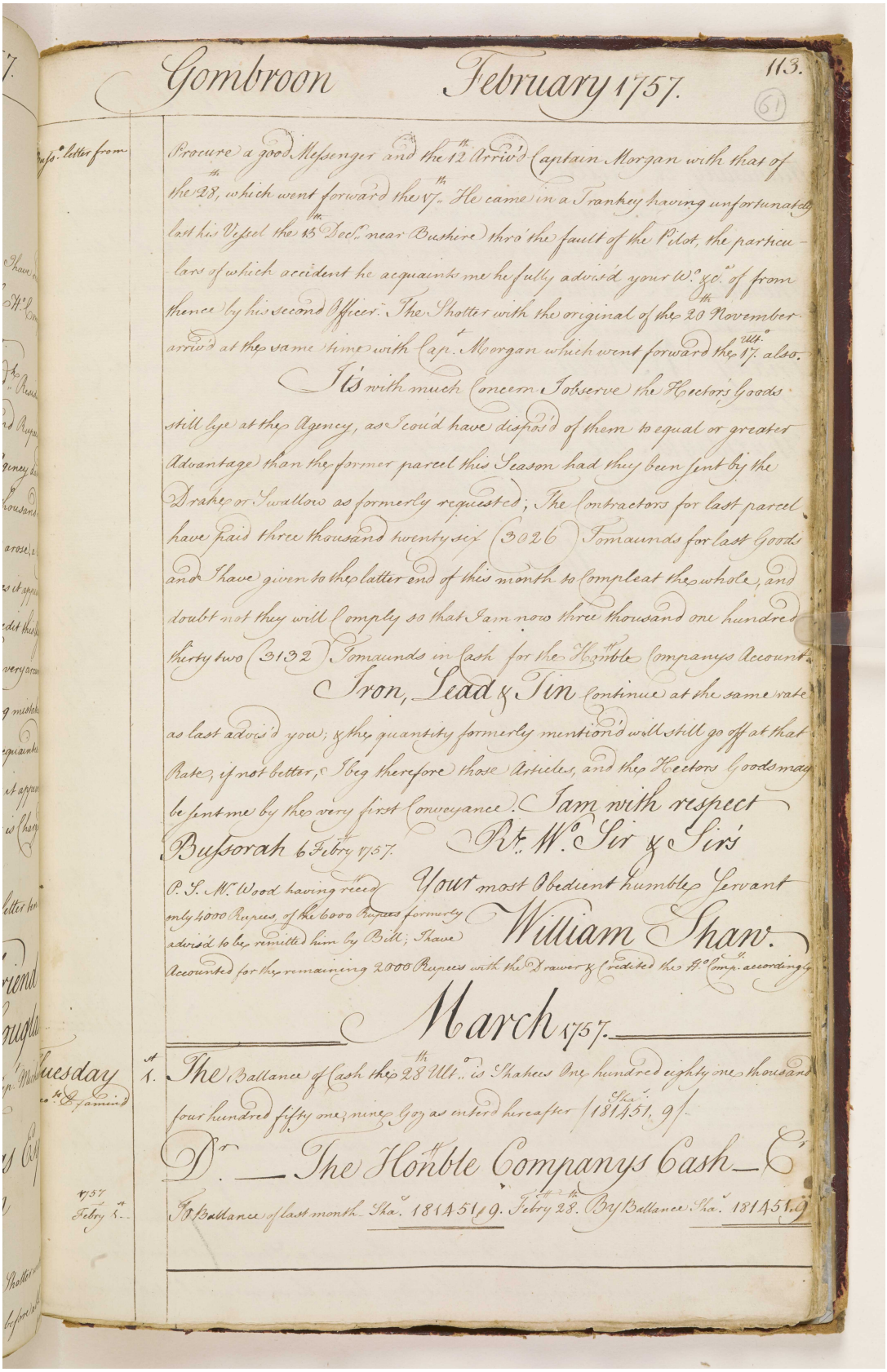

Bussᵒ letter from

Procure a good Messenger and the 12th Arriv'd Captain Morgan with that of the 28th, which went forward the 17th. He came in a Trankey having unfortunately lost his Vessel the 15th Decr. near Bushire thro' the fault of the Pilot, the particulars of which accident he acquaints me he fully advis'd your Wᵒ &c. of from thence by his second Officer. The Shotter with the original of the 20th November arriv'd at the same time with Capt. Morgan which went forward the 17th Ult. also.

It's with much Concern I observe the Hector's Goods still lye at the Agency, as I cou'd have dispos'd of them to equal or greater Advantage than the former parcel this Season had they been sent by the Drake or Swallow as formerly requested; The Contractors for last parcel have paid three thousand twenty six (3026) Tomaunds for last Goods and I have given to the latter end of this month to Compleat the whole, and doubt not they will Comply so that I am now three thousand one hundred thirty two (3132) Tomaunds in Cash for the Hon'ble Companys Account.

Iron, Lead & Tin Continue at the same rate as last advis'd you; & the quantity formerly mention'd will still go off at that Rate, if not better, I beg therefore those Articles, and the Hectors Goods may be sent me by the very first Conveyance. I am with respect

Bussorah 6 Febry 1757. Rt. Wᵒ. Sir & Sir's

Your most Obedient humble Servant

William Shaw.

P. S. Mr. Wood having receᵈ only 4000 Rupees, of the 6000 Rupees formerly advis'd to be remitted him by Bill; I have Accounted for the remaining 2000 Rupees with the Drawer & Credited the Hᵒ Compᵃ. accordingly

March 1757.

Tuesday 1st. 1. The Ballance of Cash the 28th Ultᵒ. is Shahees One hundred eighty one thousand four hundred fifty one, nine Goz as inter'd hereafter (Shaᵒ. 181451, 9)

Dr. — The Hon'ble Companys Cash — Cr.

1757 Febry 1st. To Ballance of last month Shaᵒ. 181451, 9. Febry 28th. By Ballance Shaᵒ. 181451, 9

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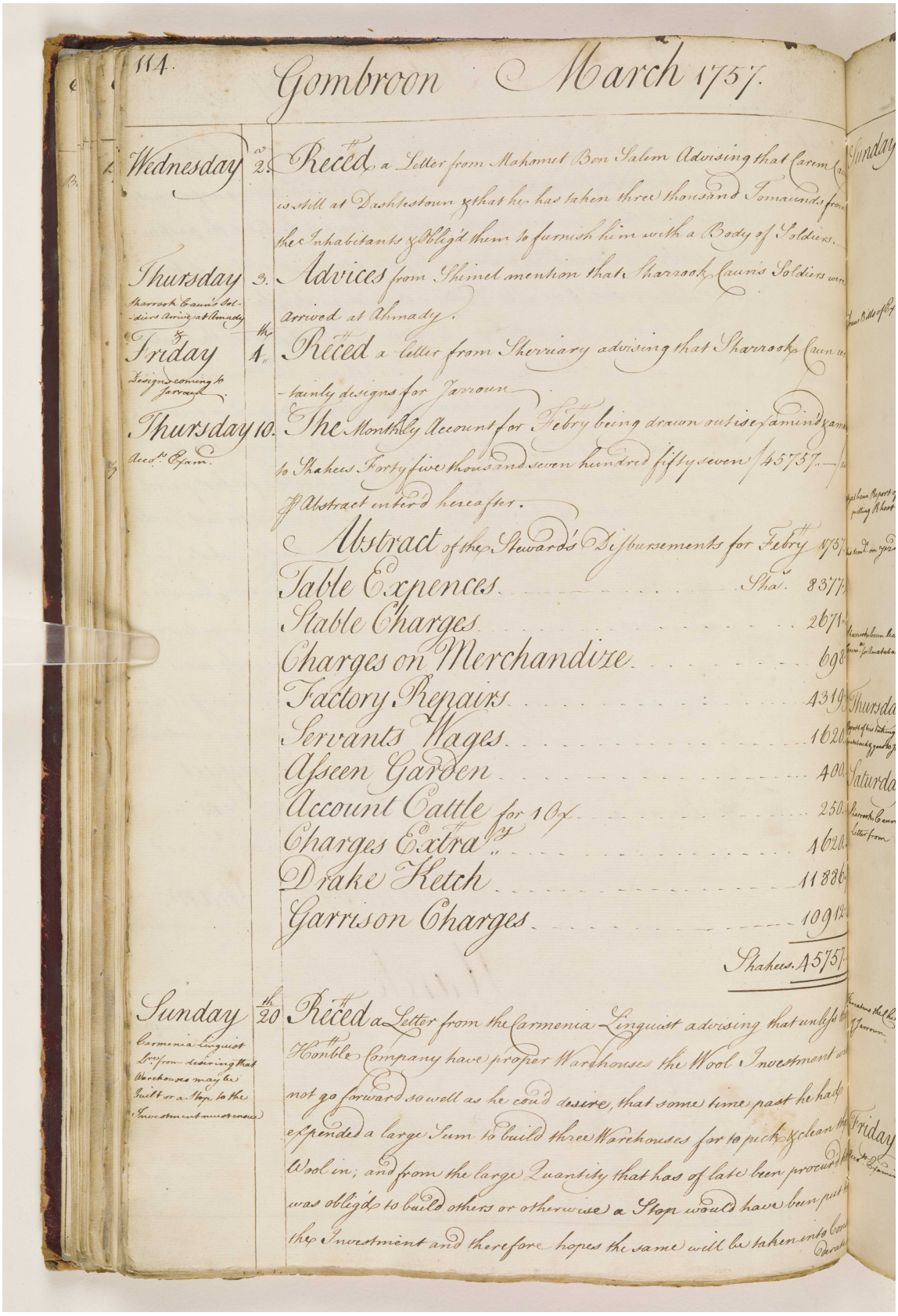

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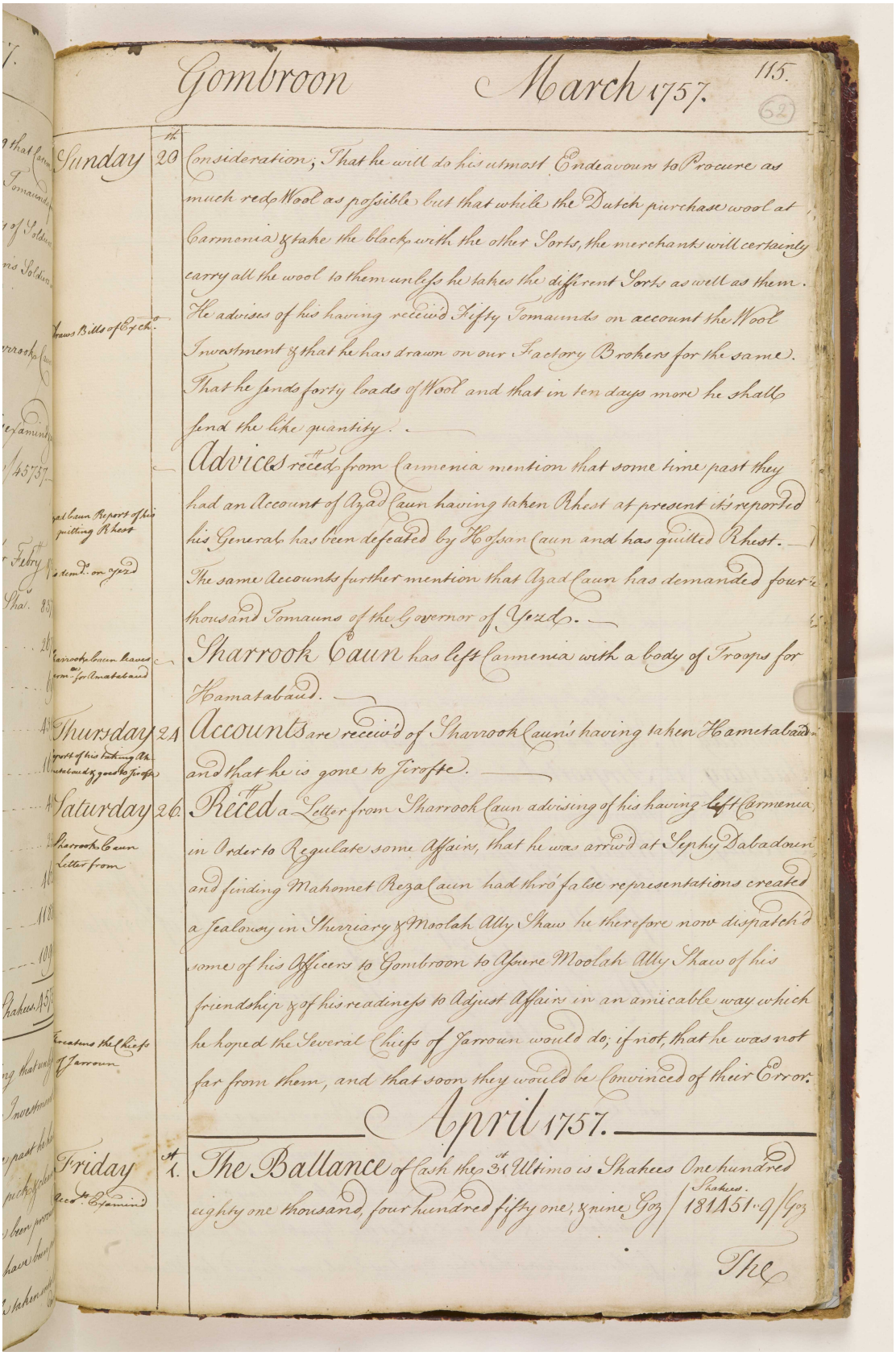

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Sunday 20th Consideration; That he will do his utmost Endeavours to Procure as much red Wool as possible but that while the Dutch purchase wool at Carmenia & take the black with the other Sorts, the merchants will certainly carry all the wool to them unless he takes the different Sorts as well as them. He advises of his having receiv'd Fifty Tomaunds on account the Wool Investment & that he has drawn on our Factory Brokers for the same. That he sends forty loads of Wool and that in ten days more he shall send the like quantity.

Draws Bills of Exch.

Advices recd. from Carmenia mention that some time past they had an Account of Azad Caun having taken Rhest at present it's reported his General has been defeated by Hossan Caun and has quitted Rhest. The same Accounts further mention that Azad Caun has demanded four thousand Tomauns of the Governor of Yezd.

Azad Caun Report of his quitting Rhest

Sharrook Caun leaves Carm.a for Amatabaud

Sharrook Caun has left Carmenia with a body of Troops for Hamatabaud.

Thursday 24 Accounts are receiv'd of Sharrook Caun's having taken Hametabaud and that he is gone to Jirofte.

Report of his taking Ahmetabaud & goes to Jirofte

Saturday 26. Recd. a Letter from Sharrook Caun advising of his having left Carmenia in Order to Regulate some Affairs, that he was arriv'd at Sephy Dabadoun and finding Mahomet Reza Caun had thro' false representations created a Jealousy in Sherriary & Moolah Ally Shaw he therefore now dispatch'd some of his Officers to Gombroon to Assure Moolah Ally Shaw of his friendship & of his readiness to Adjust Affairs in an amicable way which he hoped the Several Chiefs of Jarroun would do; if not, that he was not far from them, and that soon they would be Convinced of their Error.

Sharrook Caun Letter from

Threatens the Chiefs of Jarroun

April 1757.

Friday 1st The Ballance of Cash the 31st Ultimo is Shahees One hundred eighty one thousand, four hundred fifty one, & nine Goz / Shahees 181451.9 / Goz

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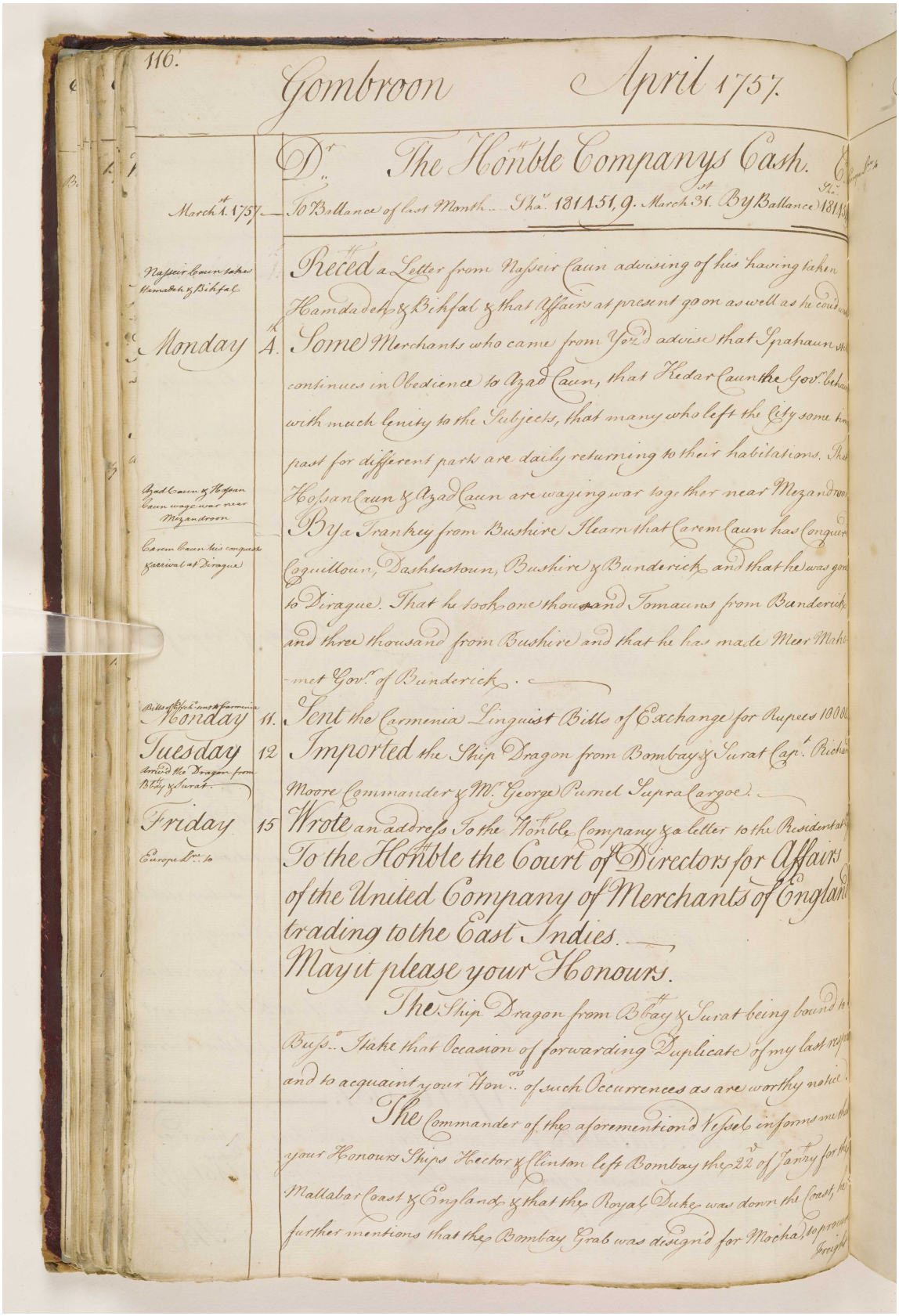

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Dr. The Honble Companys Cash.

March 1st 1757 — To Ballance of last Month — Shas. 181451,9. March 31st By Ballance 181451

Nasseir Caun takes Hamadeh & Bihfal

Monday 4th. Receed a Letter from Nasseir Caun advising of his having taken Hamdadeh & Bihfal & that Affairs at present go on as well as he could wish

Azad Caun & Hossan Caun wage war near Mezandroon

Carem Caun his conquests & arrival at Dirague

Some Merchants who came from Yoz'd advise that Spahaun still continues in Obedience to Azad Caun, that Kedar Caun the Govr. behaves with much lenity to the Subjects, that many who left the City some time past for different parts are daily returning to their habitations. That Hossan Caun & Azad Caun are waging war together near Mezandroon. By a Trankey from Bushire I learn that Carem Caun has Conquered Coquilloun, Dashtestoun, Bushire & Bunderick and that he was gone to Dirague. That he took one thousand Tomauns from Bunderick and three thousand from Bushire and that he has made Meer Mahomet Govr. of Bunderick.

Bills of Exch. sent to Carmenia

Monday 11. Sent the Carmenia Linguist Bills of Exchange for Rupees 10000

Tuesday 12 Imported the Ship Dragon from Bombay & Surat Capt. Richard Moore Commander & Mr. George Purnel Supra Cargoe.

Arriv'd the Dragon from Bbay & Surat.

Friday 15 Wrote an address To the Honble Company & a letter to the Resident at

Europe Lrs. to

To the Honble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

May it please your Honours.

The Ship Dragon from Bbay & Surat being bound to Buss. I take that Occasion of forwarding Duplicate of my last respects and to acquaint your Honrs. of such Occurrences as are worthy notice.

The Commander of the aforemention'd Vessel informs me that your Honours Ships Hector & Clinton left Bombay the 22d of Jany for the Mallabar Coast & England & that the Royal Duke was down the Coast, he further mentions that the Bombay Grab was design'd for Mocha, to procure Freight

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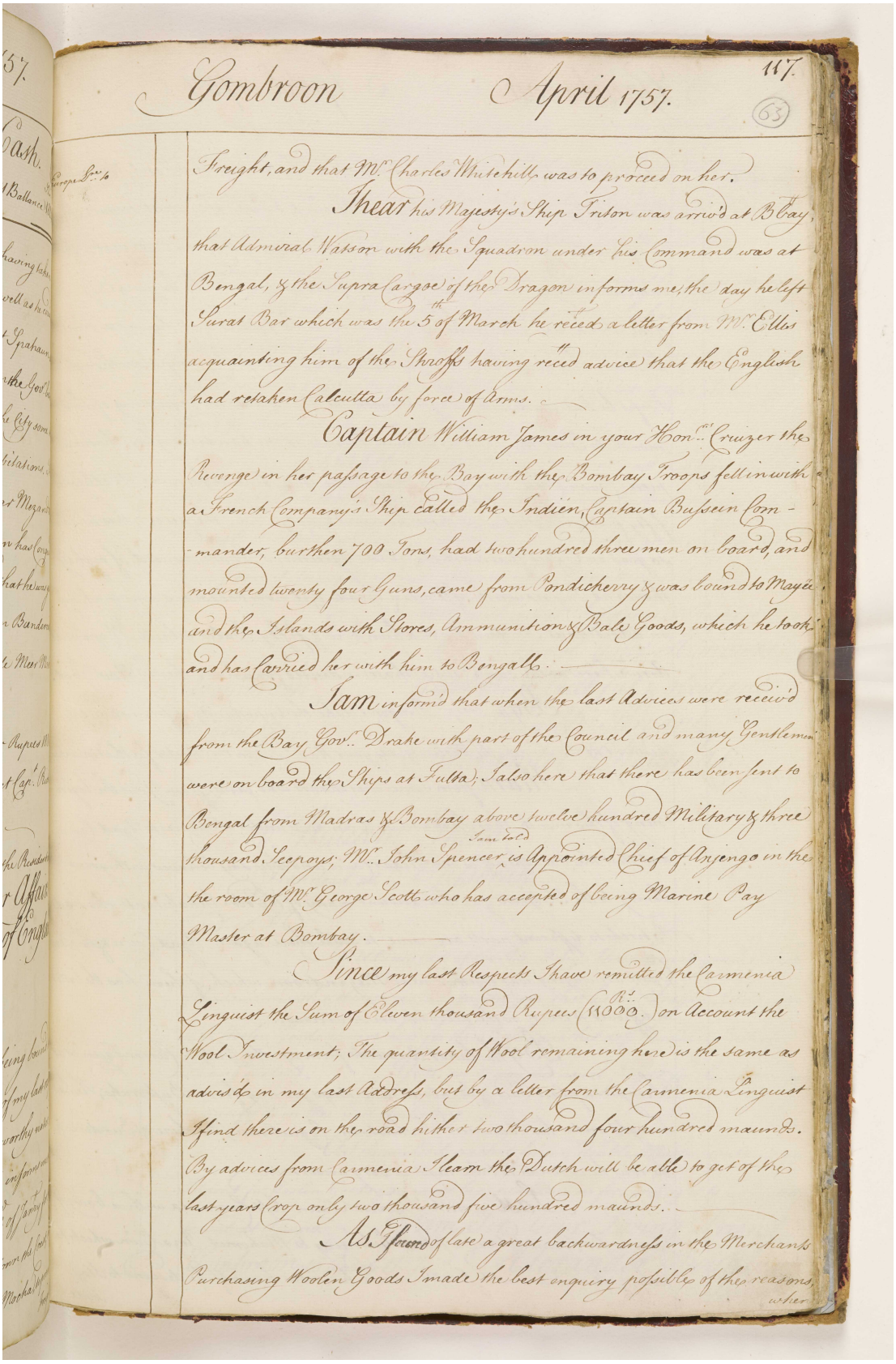

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Freight, and that Mr. Charles Whitehill was to proceed on her.

I hear his Majesty's Ship Triton was arrived at B Bay, that Admiral Watson with the Squadron under his Command was at Bengal, & the Supra Cargoe of the Dragon informs me the day he left Surat Bar which was the 5th of March he receid a letter from Mr. Ellis acquainting him of the Mogulls having receid advice that the English had retaken Calcutta by force of Arms.

Captain William James in your Hon.rs Cruizer the Revenge in her passage to the Bay with the Bombay Troops fell in with a French Company's Ship called the Indien, Captain Buissein Commander, burthen 700 Tons, had two hundred three men on board, and mounted twenty four Guns, came from Pondicherry & was bound to Mayee and the Islands with Stores, Ammunition & Bale Goods, which he took, and has carried her with him to Bengall.

I am informd that when the last Advices were receivd from the Bay Gov.r Drake with part of the Council and many Gentlemen were on board the Ships at Fulta; I also here that there has been sent to Bengal from Madras & Bombay above twelve hundred Military & three thousand Seapoys; Mr. John Spencer, I am told, is Appointed Chief of Anjengo in the the room of Mr. George Scott who has accepted of being Marine Pay Master at Bombay.

Since my last Respects I have remitted the Carmenia Linguist the Sum of Eleven thousand Rupees (11000.) on Account the Wool Investment; The quantity of Wool remaining here is the same as advis'd in my last Address, but by a letter from the Carmenia Linguist I find there is on the road hither two thousand four hundred maunds. By advices from Carmenia I learn the Dutch will be able to get of the last years Crop only two thousand five hundred maunds.

As I found of late a great backwardness in the Merchants Purchasing Woolen Goods I made the best enquiry possible of the reasons, wher

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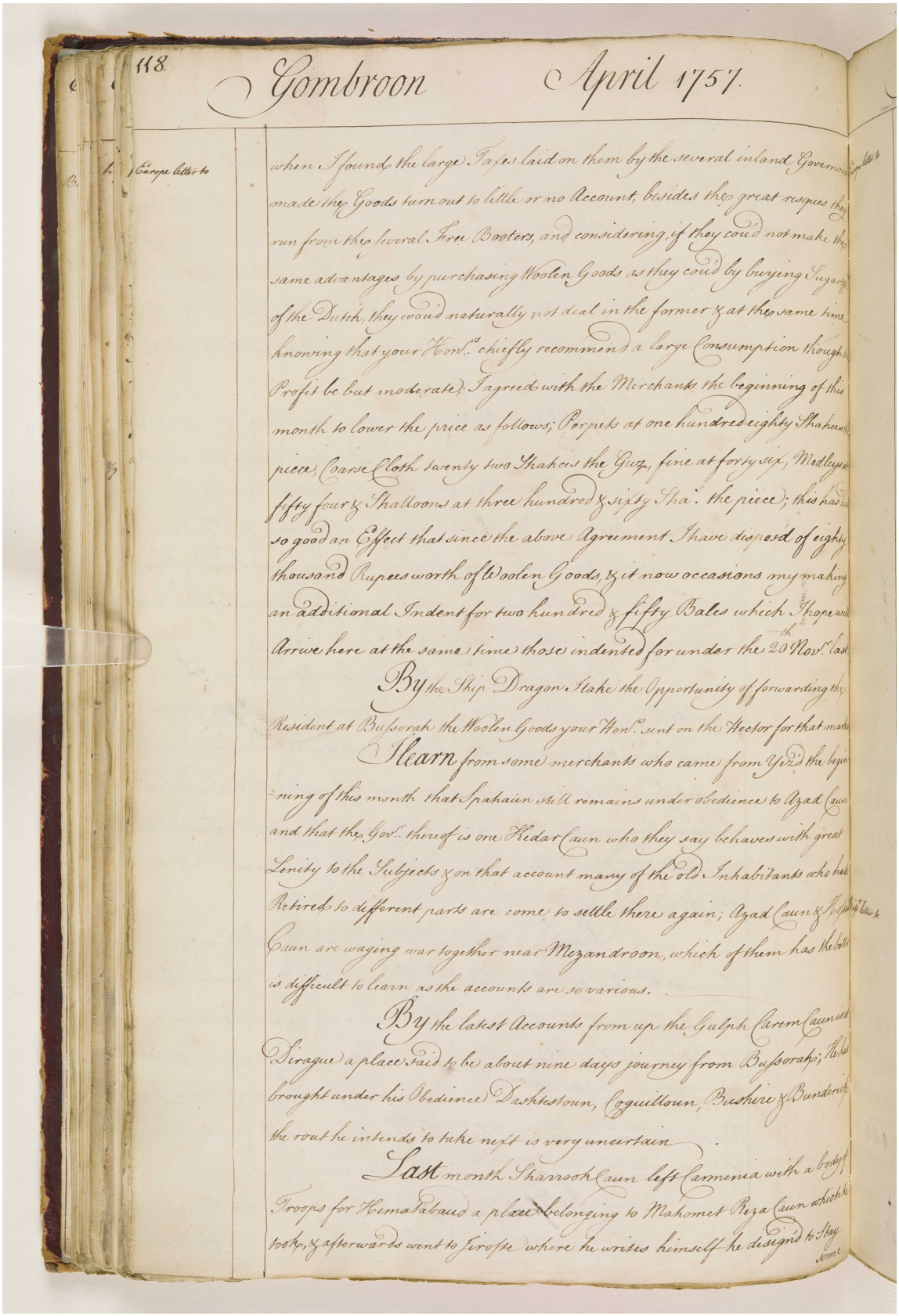

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Europe Letter to

when I found the large Taxes laid on them by the several inland Governors made the Goods turn out to little or no Account, besides they great risques they run from the several Free Booters, and considering, if they could not make the same advantages by purchasing Woolen Goods as they could by buying Sugars of the Dutch, they would naturally not deal in the former & at the same time knowing that your Hon^rs. chiefly recommend a large Consumption though Profit be but moderate) I agreed with the Merchants the beginning of this month to lower the price as follows; Perpets at one hundred eighty Shahees a piece, Coarse Cloth twenty two Shahees the Guz, fine at forty six, Medleys at fifty four & Shalloons at three hundred & sixty Sha^i. the piece; this has had so good an Effect that since the above Agreement I have dispos'd of eighty thousand Rupees worth of Woolen Goods, & it now occasions my making an additional Indent for two hundred & fifty Bales which I hope will Arrive here at the same time those indented for under the 20 Novr. last.

By the Ship Dragon I take the Opportunity of forwarding the Resident at Busserah the Woolen Goods your Hon^rs. sent on the Hector for that market.

I learn from some merchants who came from Yezd the beginning of this month that Spahaun still remains under obedience to Azad Caun and that the Govr. thereof is one Kedar Caun who they say behaves with great Lenity to the Subjects & on that account many of the old Inhabitants who had Retired to different parts are come to settle there again; Azad Caun & Fateh Caun are waging war together near Mezandroon, which of them has the better is difficult to learn as the accounts are so various.

By the latest Accounts from up the Gulph Carem Caun is at Diragu a place said to be about nine days journey from Bussorah; He has brought under his Obedience Dashtestoun, Coguiltoun, Bushire & Bunderick the rout he intends to take next is very uncertain.

Last month Shahrook Caun left Carmenia with a body of Troops for Hemadabaud a place belonging to Mahomet Reza Caun which he took, & afterwards went to Jirofte where he writes himself he designs to stay some

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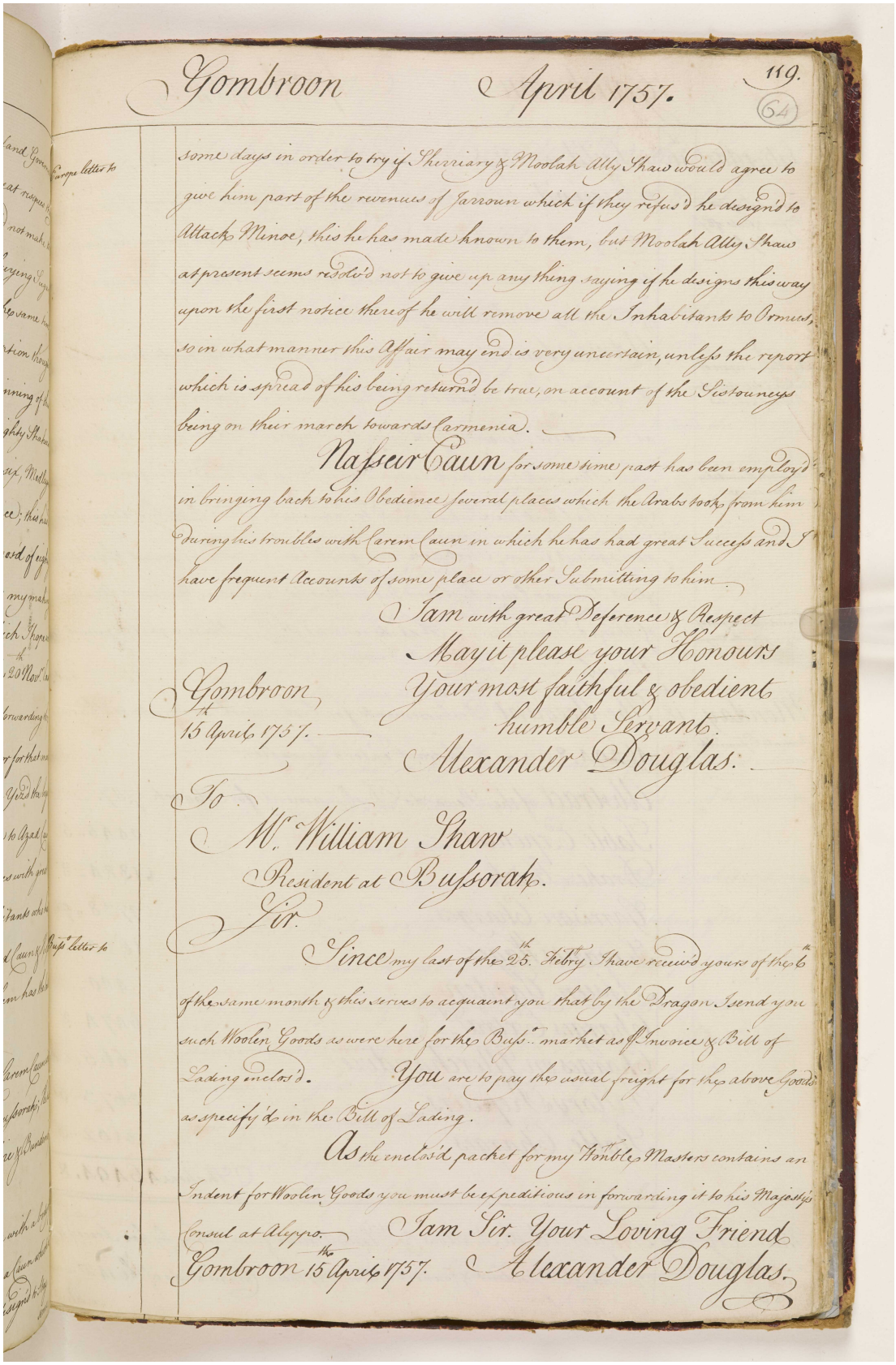

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Europe letter to

some days in order to try if Sherriary & Moolah Ally Shaw would agree to give him part of the revenues of Jarroun which if they refus'd he design'd to Attack Minoe, this he has made known to them, but Moolah Ally Shaw at present seems resolv'd not to give up any thing saying if he designs this way upon the first notice thereof he will remove all the Inhabitants to Ormus, so in what manner this Affair may end is very uncertain, unless the report which is spread of his being return'd be true, on account of the Sistouneys being on their march towards Carmenia.

Nasseir Caun for some time past has been employ'd in bringing back to his Obedience several places which the Arabs took from him during his troubles with Carem Caun in which he has had great Success and I have frequent Accounts of some place or other Submitting to him.

I am with great Deference & Respect
May it please your Honours
Your most faithful & obedient
humble Servant.
Alexander Douglas.

Gombroon
15th April 1757.

To
Mr. William Shaw
Resident at Bussorah.

Sir.

Buss.o letter to

Since my last of the 25th Febry I have receiv'd yours of the 6th of the same month & this serves to acquaint you that by the Dragon I send you such Woolen Goods as were here for the Buss.o market as ff Invoice & Bill of Lading enclos'd. You are to pay the usual freight for the above Goods as specify'd in the Bill of Lading.

As the enclos'd packet for my Honble Masters contains an Indent for Woolen Goods you must be expeditious in forwarding it to his Majesty's Consul at Aleppo.

I am Sir. Your Loving Friend
Alexander Douglas.

Gombroon 15th April 1757.

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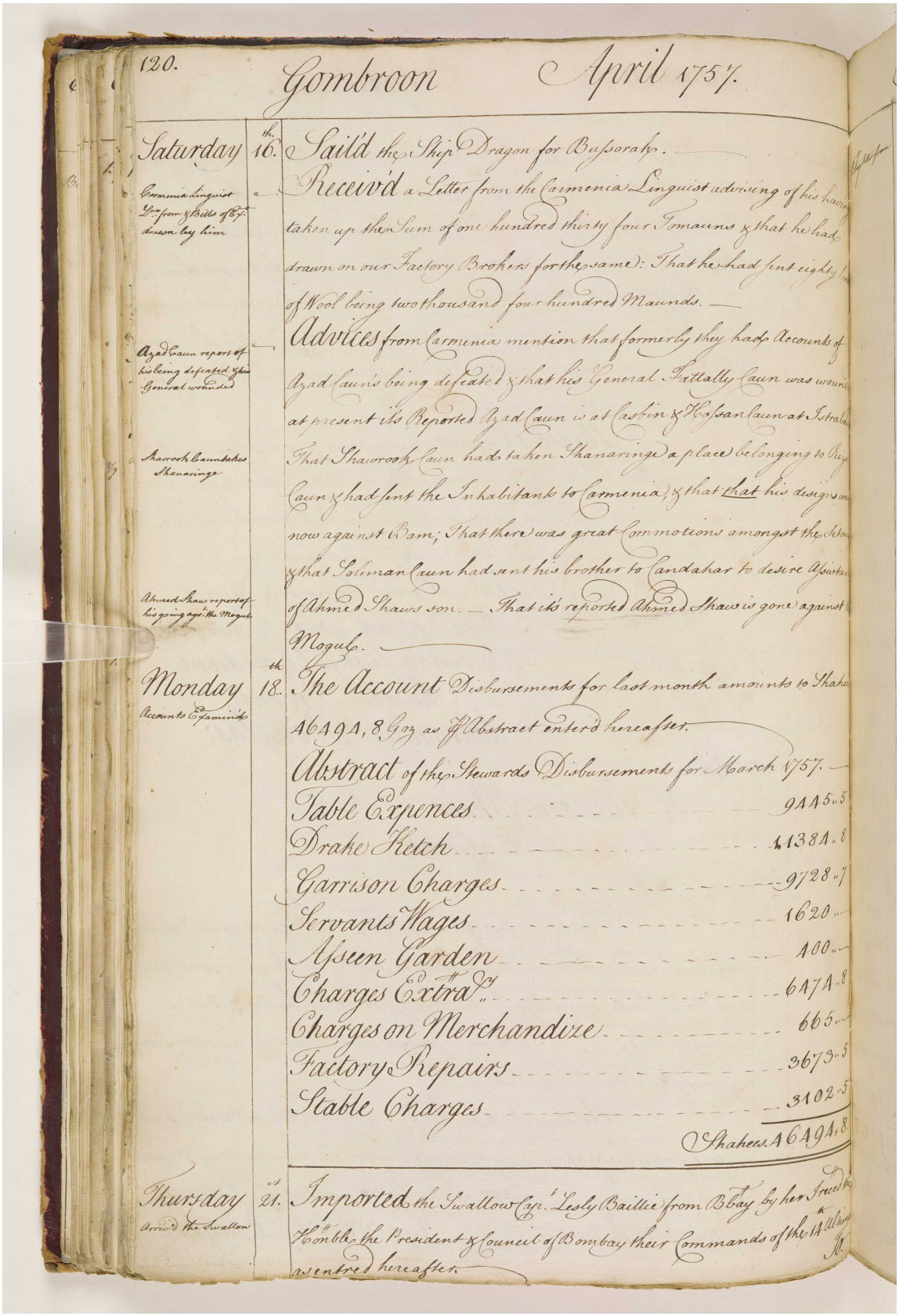

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Saturday 16th. Sail'd the Ship Dragon for Bussorah.

Carmenia Linguist Dr. from & Bills of Ex. drawn by him

Receiv'd a Letter from the Carmenia Linguist advising of his having taken up the Sum of one hundred thirty four Tomauns & that he had drawn on our Factory Brokers for the same: That he had sent eighty [illegible] of Wool being two thousand four hundred Maunds.

Azad Caun report of his being defeated & his General wounded

Advices from Carmenia mention that formerly they had Accounts of Azad Caun's being defeated & that his General Fattally Caun was wounded at present it's Reported Azad Caun is at Casbin & Hossan Caun at Istrabad.

Shawrook Caun takes Shanaringe

That Shawrook Caun had taken Shanaringe a place belonging to Reza Caun & had sent the Inhabitants to Carmenia, & that that his designs were now against Bam; That there was great Commotions amongst the Sitoun & that Soliman Caun had sent his brother to Candahar to desire Assistance of Ahmed Shaws son. That it's reported Ahmed Shaw is gone against the Mogul.

Ahmed Shaw report of his going agt. the Mogul

Monday 18th. The Account Disbursements for last month amounts to Shahees 46494,8 Goz as ℔ Abstract enter'd hereafter.

Accounts Examin'd

Abstract of the Stewards Disbursements for March 1757.

Table Expences	9445..5
Drake Ketch	11384..8
Garrison Charges	9728..7
Servants Wages	1620..
Asseen Garden	400..
Charges Extra ℔	6474..8
Charges on Merchandize	665..
Factory Repairs	3673..5
Stable Charges	3102..5
Shahees	46494,8

Thursday 21st. Imported the Swallow Capt. Lesly Baillie from Bbay by her Ireced the Honble the President & Council of Bombay their Commands of the 14th Altimo as entred hereafter.

Arriv'd the Swallow

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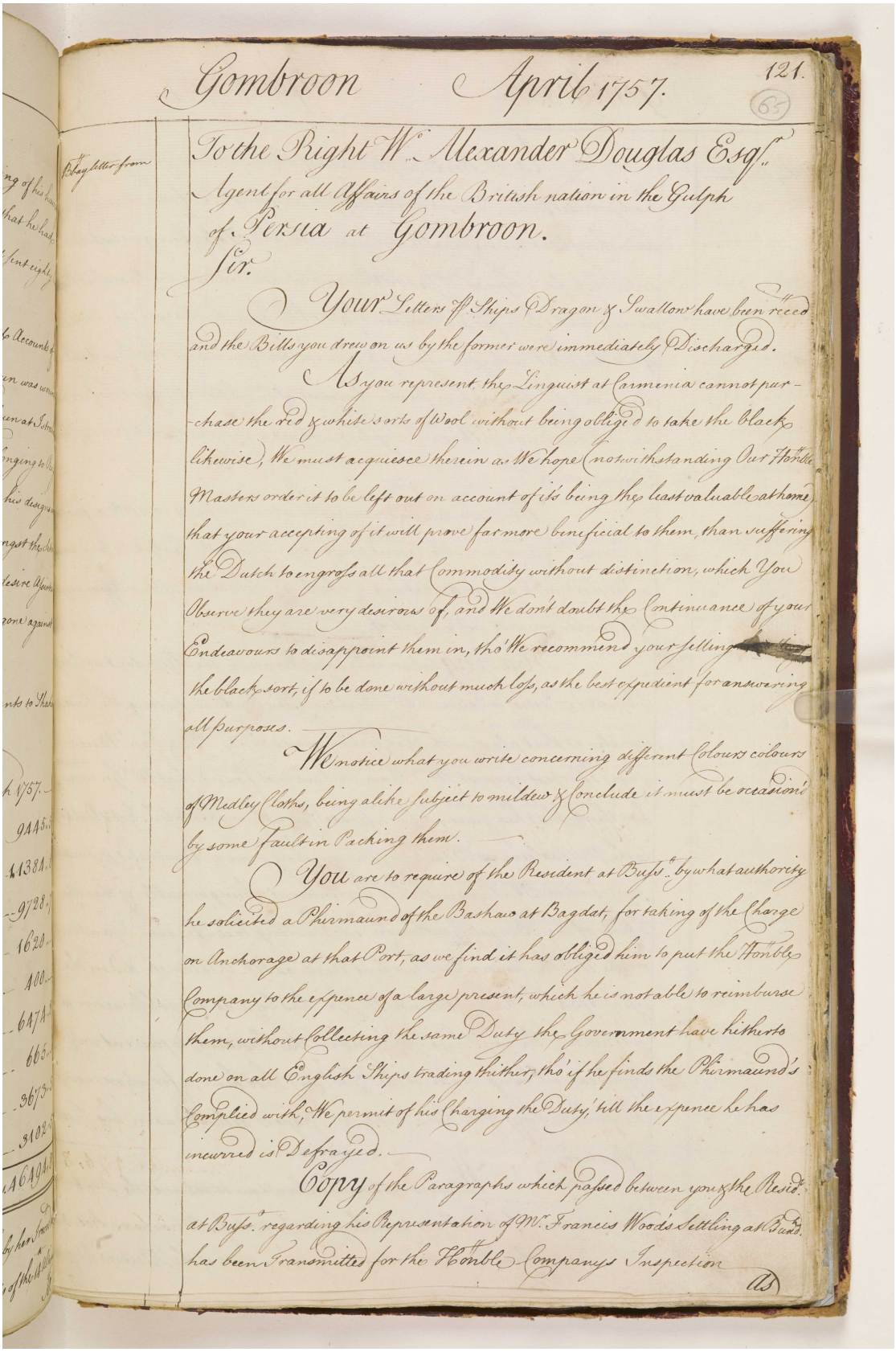

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To the Right Wm. Alexander Douglas Esqr.
Agent for all Affairs of the British nation in the Gulph of Persia at Gombroon.

Sir.

Your Letters p. Ships Dragon & Swallow have been receed and the Bills you drew on us by the former were immediately Discharged.

As you represent the Linguist at Carmenia cannot purchase the red & white sorts of Wool without being obliged to take the black likewise, We must acquiesce therein as We hope (notwithstanding Our Honble Masters order it to be left out on account of it's being the least valuable at home) that your accepting of it will prove far more beneficial to them, than suffering the Dutch to engross all that Commodity without distinction, which You Observe they are very desirous of, and We dont doubt the Continuance of your Endeavours to disappoint them in, tho' We recommend your selling the black sort, if to be done without much loss, as the best expedient for answering all purposes.

We notice what you write concerning different Colours colours of Medley Cloths, being alike subject to mildew & conclude it must be occasioned by some fault in Packing them.

You are to require of the Resident at Bussr. by what authority he solicited a Phirmaund of the Bashaw at Bagdat, for taking of the Charge on Anchorage at that Port, as we find it has obliged him to put the Honble Company to the expence of a large present, which he is not able to reimburse them, without collecting the same Duty the Government have hitherto done on all English Ships trading thither, tho' if he finds the Phirmaund's complied with, We permit of his charging the Duty, till the expence he has incurred is Defrayed.

Copy of the Paragraphs which passed between you & the Resid. at Bussr. regarding his Representation of Mr. Francis Woods Settling at Bass. has been Transmitted for the Honble Companys Inspection

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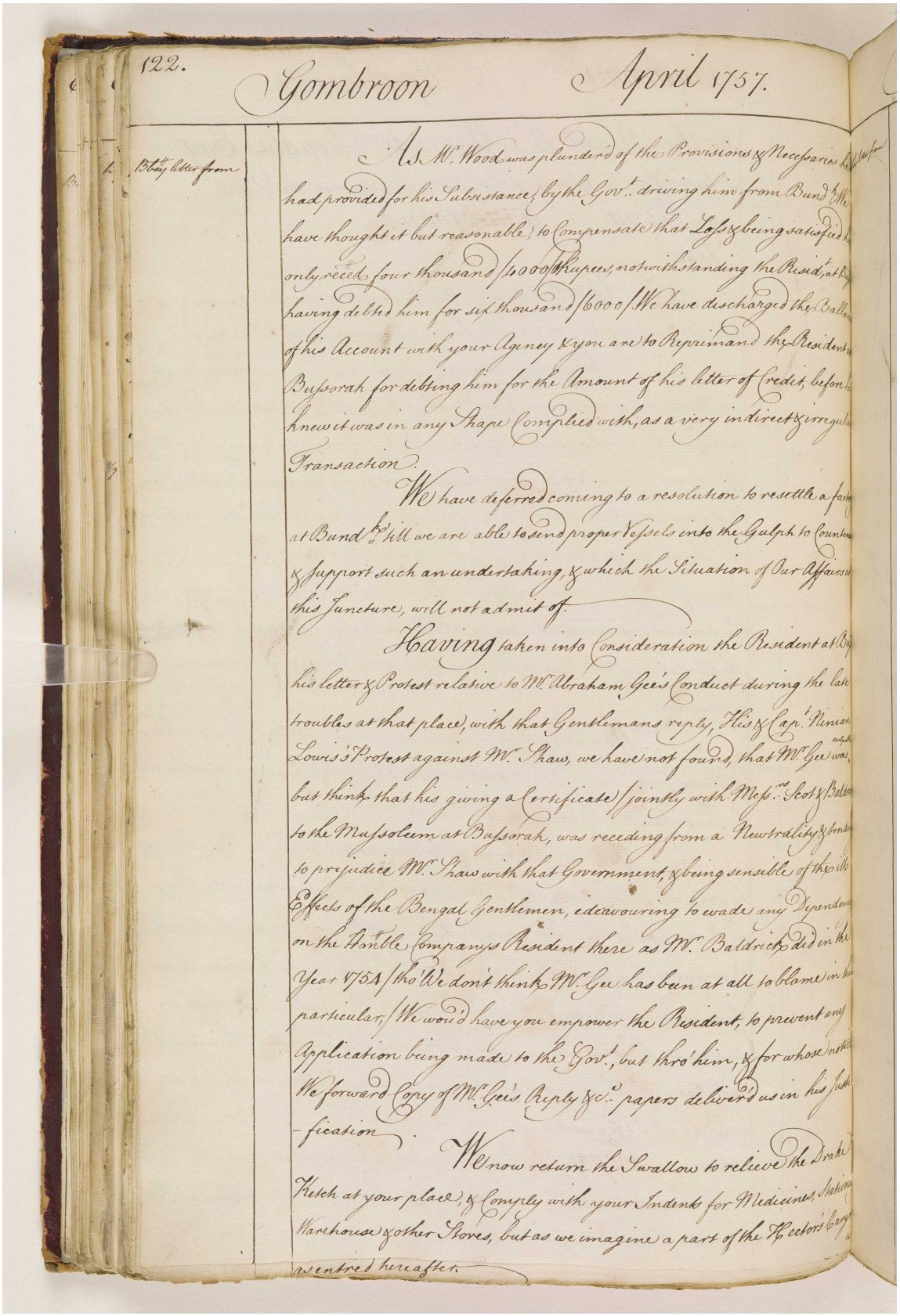

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Bbay Letter from

As Mr. Wood was plundered of the Provisions & Necessaries he had provided for his Subsistance, by the Govt. driving him from Bund. We have thought it but reasonable to Compensate that Loss & being satisfied he only receed four thousand /4000 Rupees, notwithstanding the Resid.t at B. having debted him for six thousand /6000/ We have discharged the Balance of his Account with your Agency & you are to Reprimand the Resident at Busorah for debting him for the Amount of his letter of Credit, before he knew it was in any Shape Complied with, as a very indirect & irregular Transaction.

We have deferred coming to a resolution to resettle a factory at Bund.r 'till we are able to send proper Vessels into the Gulph to Countenance & support such an undertaking, & which the Situation of Our Affairs in this Juncture, will not admit of.

Having taken into Consideration the Resident at B.s letter & Protest relative to Mr. Abraham Gee's Conduct during the late troubles at that place, with that Gentlemans reply, His & Capt.n Ninian Lowis's Protest against Mr. Shaw, we have not found, that Mr. Gee was culpable but think that his giving a Certificate /jointly with Messrs. Scot & Baldrick/ to the Mussoleem at Busorah, was receding from a Neutrality & tending to prejudice Mr. Shaw with that Government, & being sensible of the ill Effects of the Bengal Gentlemen, endeavouring to wade any Dependence on the Honble Companys Resident there as Mr. Baldrick did in the Year 1754 /tho' We don't think Mr. Gee has been at all to blame in this particular/ We would have you empower the Resident, to prevent any Application being made to the Govt., but thro' him, & for whose instruction We forward Copy of Mr. Gee's Reply &c.a papers delivered us in his Justification.

We now return the Swallow to relieve the Drake Ketch at your place, & Comply with your Indents for Medicines, Stationary Warehouse & other Stores, but as we imagine a part of the Hector's Cargo is as entred hereafter.

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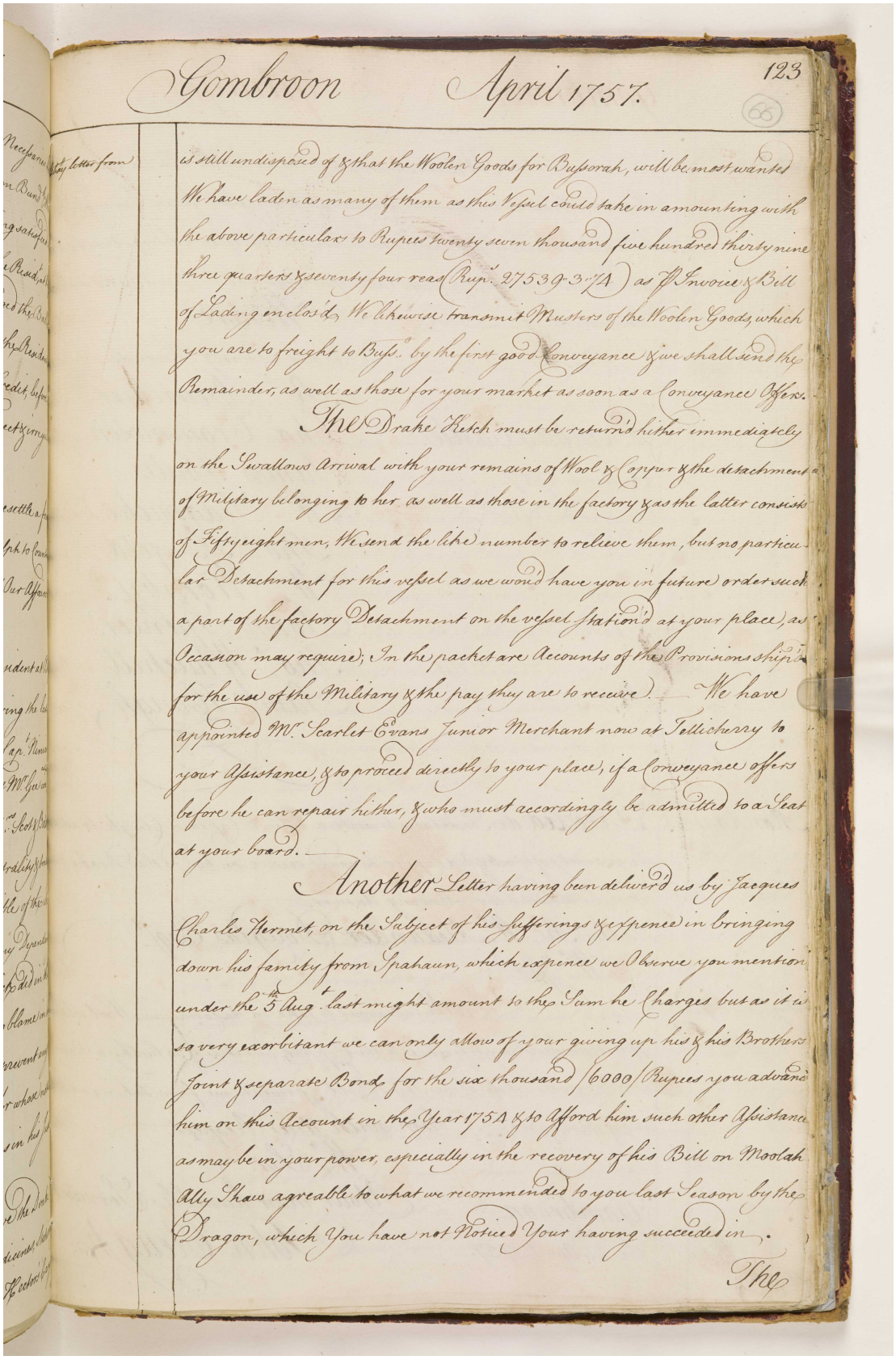

is still undisposed of & that the Woolen Goods for Bussorah, will be most wanted We have laden as many of them as this Vessel could take in amounting with the above particulars to Rupees twenty seven thousand five hundred thirty nine three quarters & seventy four reas (Rup.s 27539.3.74) as ℘ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclos'd, We likewise transmit Musters of the Woolen Goods, which you are to freight to Buss.o by the first good Conveyance & we shall send the Remainder, as well as those for your market as soon as a Conveyance Offers.

The Drake Ketch must be return'd hither immediately on the Swallows Arrival with your remains of Wool & Copper & the detachment of Military belonging to her as well as those in the factory & as the latter consists of Fifty eight men, We send the like number to relieve them, but no particular Detachment for this vessel as we wou'd have you in future order such a part of the factory Detachment on the vessel station'd at your place, as Occasion may require; In the packet are Accounts of the Provisions ship'd for the use of the Military & the pay they are to receive. — We have appointed Mr. Scarlet Evans Junior Merchant now at Tellicherry to your Assistance, & to proceed directly to your place, if a Conveyance offers before he can repair hither, & who must accordingly be admitted to a Seat at your board. —

Another Letter having been deliver'd us by Jacques Charles Hermet, on the Subject of his Sufferings & expence in bringing down his family from Spahaun, which expence we Observe you mention under the 5th Aug.t last might amount to the Sum he Charges but as it is so very exorbitant we can only allow of your giving up his & his Brothers Joint & separate Bond for the six thousand (6000) Rupees you advanc'd him on this Account in the Year 1754 & to Afford him such other Assistance as may be in your power, especially in the recovery of his Bill on Moolah Ally Shaw agreable to what we recommended to you last Season by the Dragon, which You have not Noticed Your having succeeded in.

The

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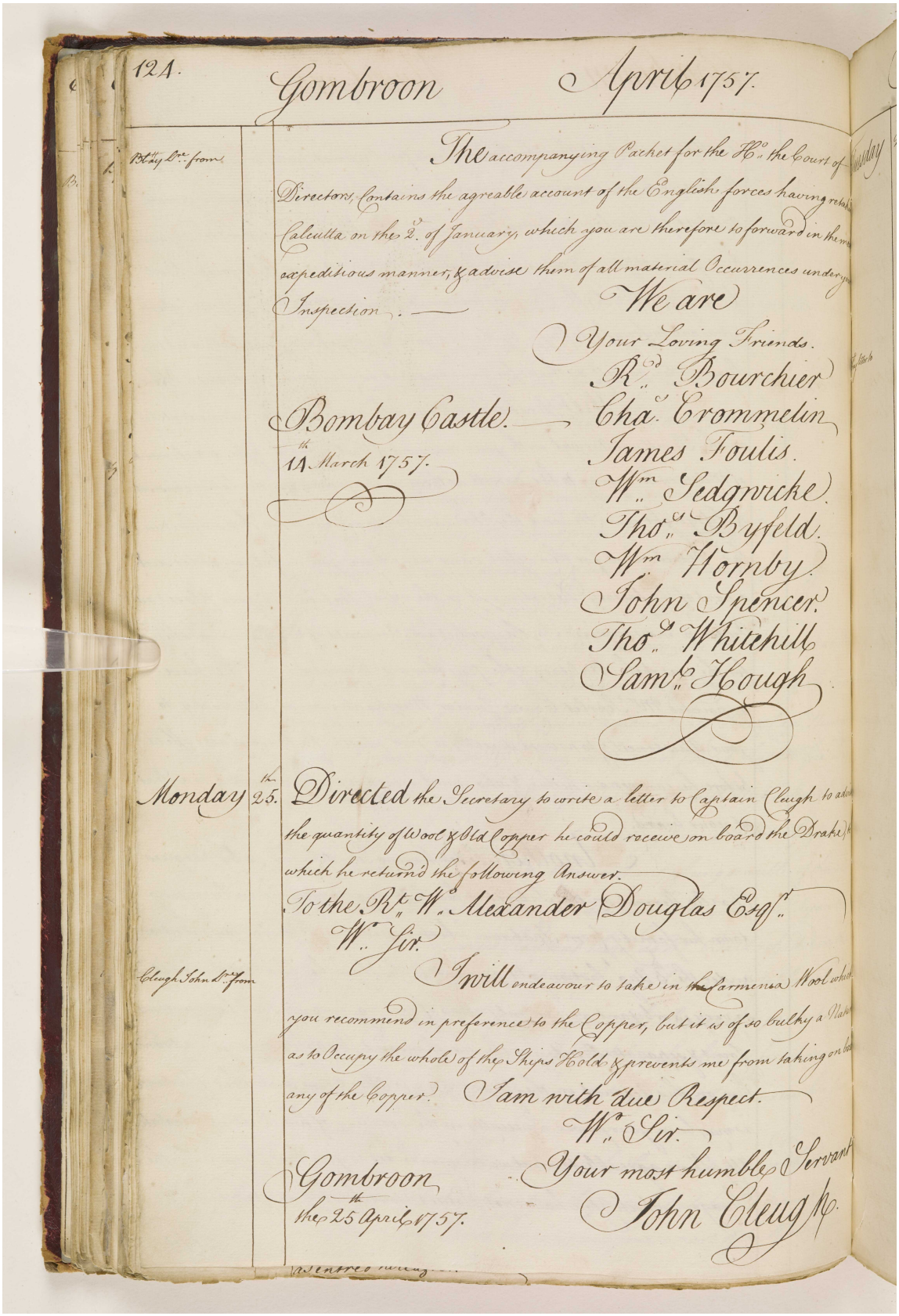
Bl.ty Dr. from



The accompanying Packet for the Ho. the Court of Directors, Contains the agreable account of the English forces having retak[illegible] Calcutta on the 2d. of January, which you are therefore to forward in the m[illegible] expeditious manner, & advise them of all material Occurrences under yo[illegible] Inspection. —

We are
Your Loving Friends.
Rd. Bourchier
Chas. Crommelin
James Foulis.
Wm. Sedgwicke.
Thos. Byfeld.
Wm. Hornby.
John Spencer.
Thos. Whitehill
Saml. Hough

Bombay Castle.
14th March 1757.

Monday 25th. Directed the Secretary to write a letter to Captain Cleugh to adv[illegible] the quantity of Wool & Old Copper he could receive on board the Drake, [illegible] which he returnd the following Answer.

To the Rt. Wo. Alexander Douglas Esqr.
Wo. Sir.

Cleugh John Dr. from

I will endeavour to take in the Carmenia Wool which you recommend in preference to the Copper, but it is of so bulky a Nat[illegible] as to Occupy the whole of the Ships Hold & prevents me from taking on bo[illegible] any of the Copper. I am with due Respect.
Wo. Sir.
Your most humble Servant
John Cleugh.

Gombroon
the 25th April 1757.

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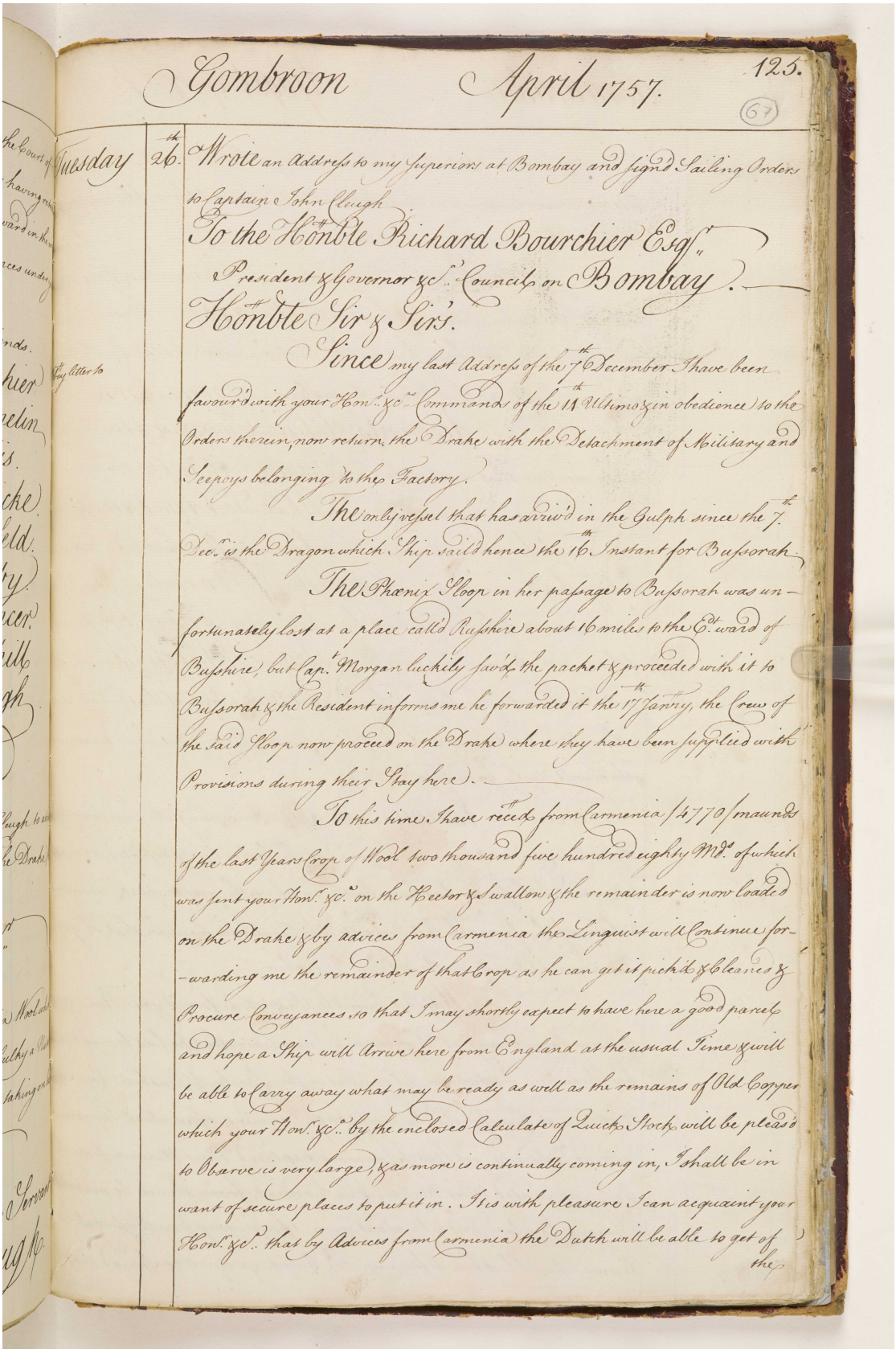

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Tuesday 26th. Wrote an Address to my Superiors at Bombay and sign'd Sailing Orders to Captain John Clough

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor &c^a. Council on Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sir's.

Since my last Address of the 7th December I have been favour'd with your Hon^r. &c^a. Commands of the 14th Ultimo & in obedience to the Orders therein, now return the Drake with the Detachment of Military and Seepoys belonging to the Factory.

The only vessel that has arriv'd in the Gulph since the 7th Decr. is the Dragon which Ship sail'd hence the 16th Instant for Bussorah.

The Phœnix Sloop in her passage to Bussorah was unfortunately lost at a place call'd Russhire about 16 miles to the E^d. ward of Busshire, but Capt. Morgan luckily sav'd the packet & proceeded with it to Bussorah & the Resident informs me he forwarded it the 17th Jan^ry, the Crew of the said Sloop now proceed on the Drake where they have been supplied with Provisions during their Stay here.

To this time I have rec^d from Carmenia (4770) maunds of the last Years Crop of Wool two thousand five hundred eighty M^ds. of which was sent your Hon^r. &c^a. on the Hector & Swallow & the remainder is now loaded on the Drake & by advices from Carmenia the Linguist will Continue forwarding me the remainder of that Crop as he can get it pick'd & Cleaned & Procure Conveyances so that I may shortly expect to have here a good parcel and hope a Ship will Arrive here from England at the usual Time & will be able to Carry away what may be ready as well as the remains of Old Copper which your Hon^r. &c^a. by the enclosed Calculate of Quick Stock will be pleas'd to Observe is very large, & as more is continually coming in, I shall be in want of secure places to put it in. It is with pleasure I can acquaint your Hon^r. &c^a. that by Advices from Carmenia the Dutch will be able to get of the

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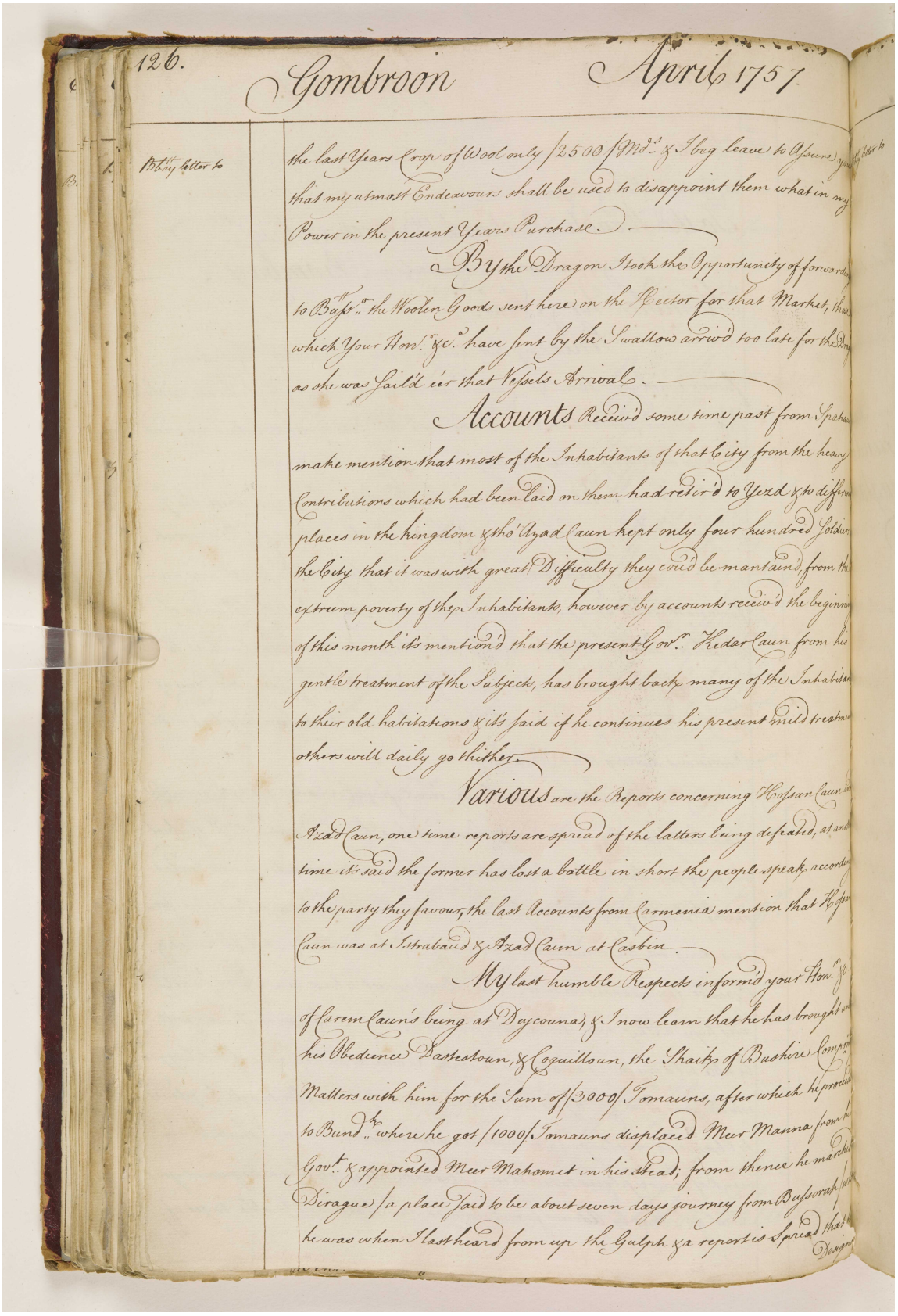

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Bbay letter to

the last Years Crop of Wool only /2500/ Mds. & I beg leave to Assure you that my utmost Endeavours shall be used to disappoint them what in my Power in the present Years Purchase.

By the Dragon I took the Opportunity of forwarding to Bussrah the Woolen Goods sent here on the Hector for that Market, those which Your Honr. &c. have sent by the Swallow arriv'd too late for the Dragon as she was Sail'd e'er that Vessels Arrival.

Accounts Receiv'd some time past from Spahan make mention that most of the Inhabitants of that City from the heavy Contributions which had been laid on them had retir'd to Yezd & to different places in the kingdom & tho' Azad Caun kept only four hundred Soldiers the City that it was with great Difficulty they cou'd be mantain'd, from the extreem poverty of the Inhabitants, however by accounts receiv'd the beginning of this month it's mention'd that the present Govr. Kedar Caun from his gentle treatment of the Subjects, has brought back many of the Inhabitants to their old habitations & it's said if he continues his present mild treatment others will daily go thither.

Various are the Reports concerning Hossan Caun and Azad Caun, one time reports are spread of the latters being defeated, at another time it's said the former has lost a battle in short the people speak according to the party they favour, the last Accounts from Carmenia mention that Hossan Caun was at Istrabaud & Azad Caun at Casbin.

My last humble Respects inform'd your Honr. &c. of Carem Caun's being at Deycouna, & I now learn that he has brought with his Obedience Dastestoun, & Coquilloun, the Shaik of Bushire Compromise Matters with him for the Sum of /3000/ Tomauns, after which he proceeded to Bundk. where he got /1000/ Tomauns displaced Meer Manna from his Govt. & appointed Meer Mahomet in his stead; from thence he marched Dirague /a place said to be about seven days journey from Bussorah/ where he was when I last heard from up the Gulph & a report is Spread that he

Designs

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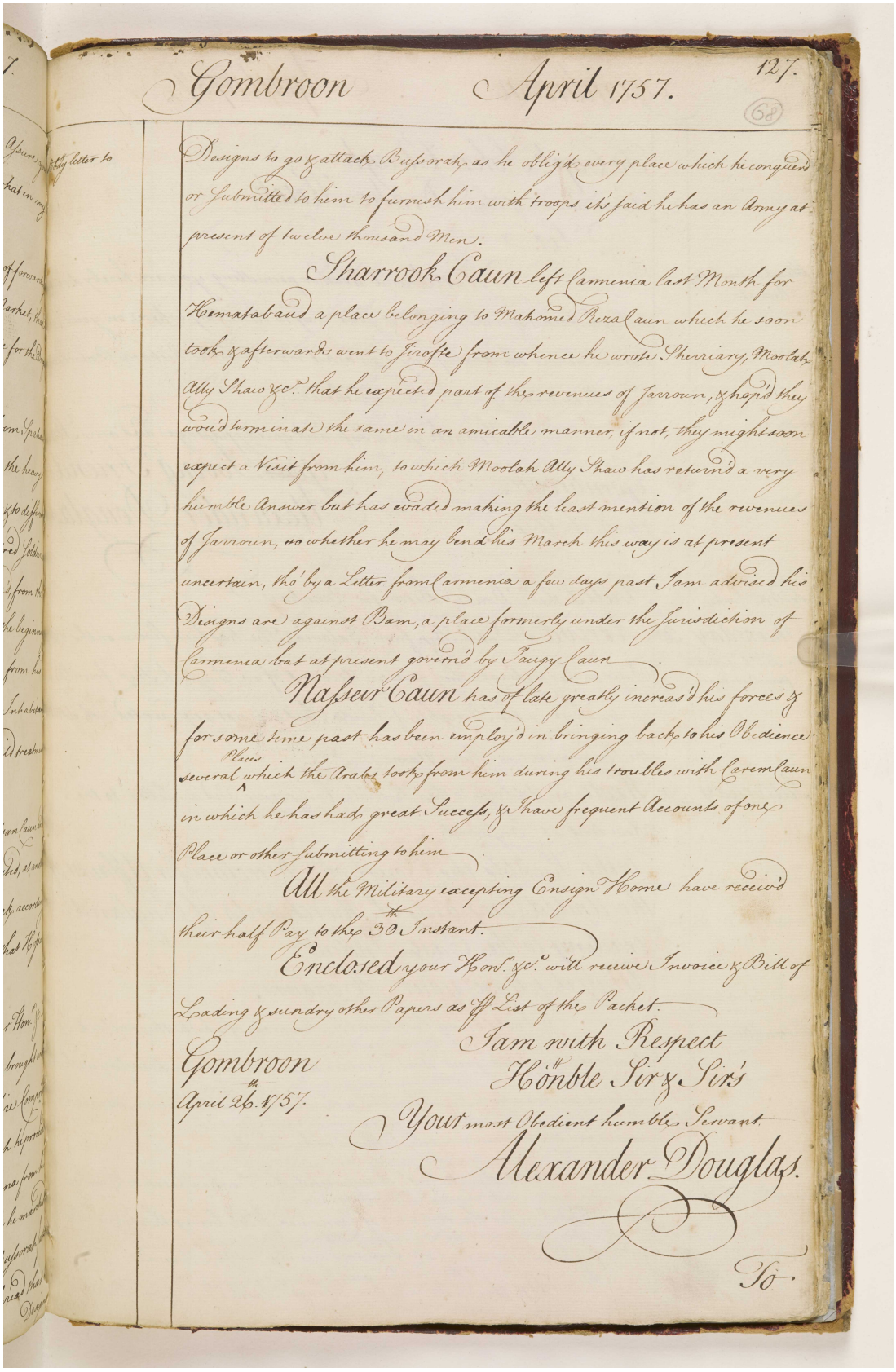

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Designs to go & attack Bussorah as he oblig'd every place which he conquer'd or Submitted to him to furnish him with troops it's said he has an Army at present of twelve thousand Men.

Sharrook Caun left Carmenia last Month for Hematabaud a place belonging to Mahomed Reza Caun which he soon took & afterwards went to Jirofte from whence he wrote Sherriary, Moolah Ally Shaw &c. that he expected part of the revenues of Jarroun, & hop'd they wou'd terminate the same in an amicable manner, if not, they might soon expect a Visit from him, to which Moolah Ally Shaw has return'd a very humble Answer but has evaded making the least mention of the revenues of Jarroun, so whether he may bend his March this way is at present uncertain, tho' by a Letter from Carmenia a few days past I am advised his Designs are against Bam, a place formerly under the Jurisdiction of Carmenia but at present govern'd by Taugy Caun.

Nasseir Caun has of late greatly increas'd his forces & for some time past has been employ'd in bringing back to his Obedience several Places which the Arabs took from him during his troubles with Carem Caun in which he has had great Success, & I have frequent Accounts of one Place or other Submitting to him.

All the Military excepting Ensign Home have receiv'd their half Pay to the 30th Instant.

Enclosed your Hon.r &c. will receive Invoice & Bill of Lading & sundry other Papers as ff List of the Packet.

I am with Respect
Hon.ble Sir & Sir's
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Alexander Douglas.

Gombroon
April 26th 1757.

To

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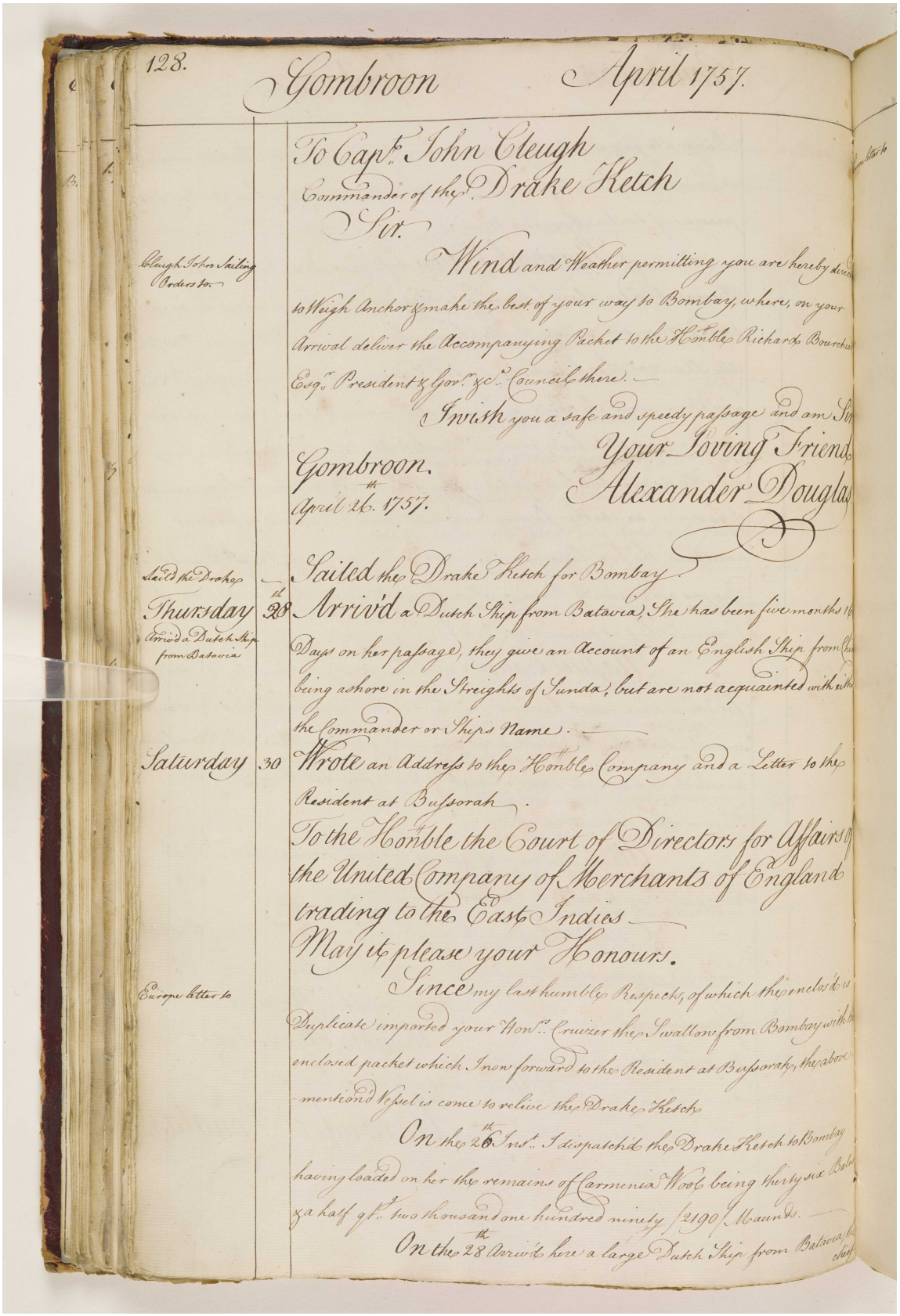

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To Capt. John Cleugh
Commander of the Drake Ketch
Sir.

Cleugh John Sailing Orders to.

Wind and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to Weigh Anchor & make the best of your way to Bombay, where, on your Arrival deliver the Accompanying Packet to the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr President & Govr &c^a Council there.

I wish you a safe and speedy passage and am Sir
Your Loving Friend
Alexander Douglas

Gombroon.
April 26th 1757.

Sailed the Drake

Sailed the Drake Ketch for Bombay.

Thursday 28th Arriv'd a Dutch Ship from Batavia, She has been five months 16 Days on her passage, they give an Account of an English Ship from Chi[illegible] being ashore in the Streights of Sunda, but are not acquainted with either the Commander or Ships Name.

Arriv'd a Dutch Ship from Batavia

Saturday 30 Wrote an Address to the Honble Company and a Letter to the Resident at Bussorah.

To the Honble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies
May it please your Honours.

Europe letter to

Since my last humble Respects, of which the enclos'd is Duplicate imported your Hon^rs Cruizer the Swallow from Bombay with the enclosed packet which I now forward to the Resident at Bussorah, the above-mention'd Vessel is come to relive the Drake Ketch.

On the 26th Inst. I dispatch'd the Drake Ketch to Bombay having loaded on her the remains of Carmenia Wool being thirty six Bales & a half qt^y two thousand one hundred ninety (2190) Maunds.

On the 28th Arriv'd here a large Dutch Ship from Batavia, the chief

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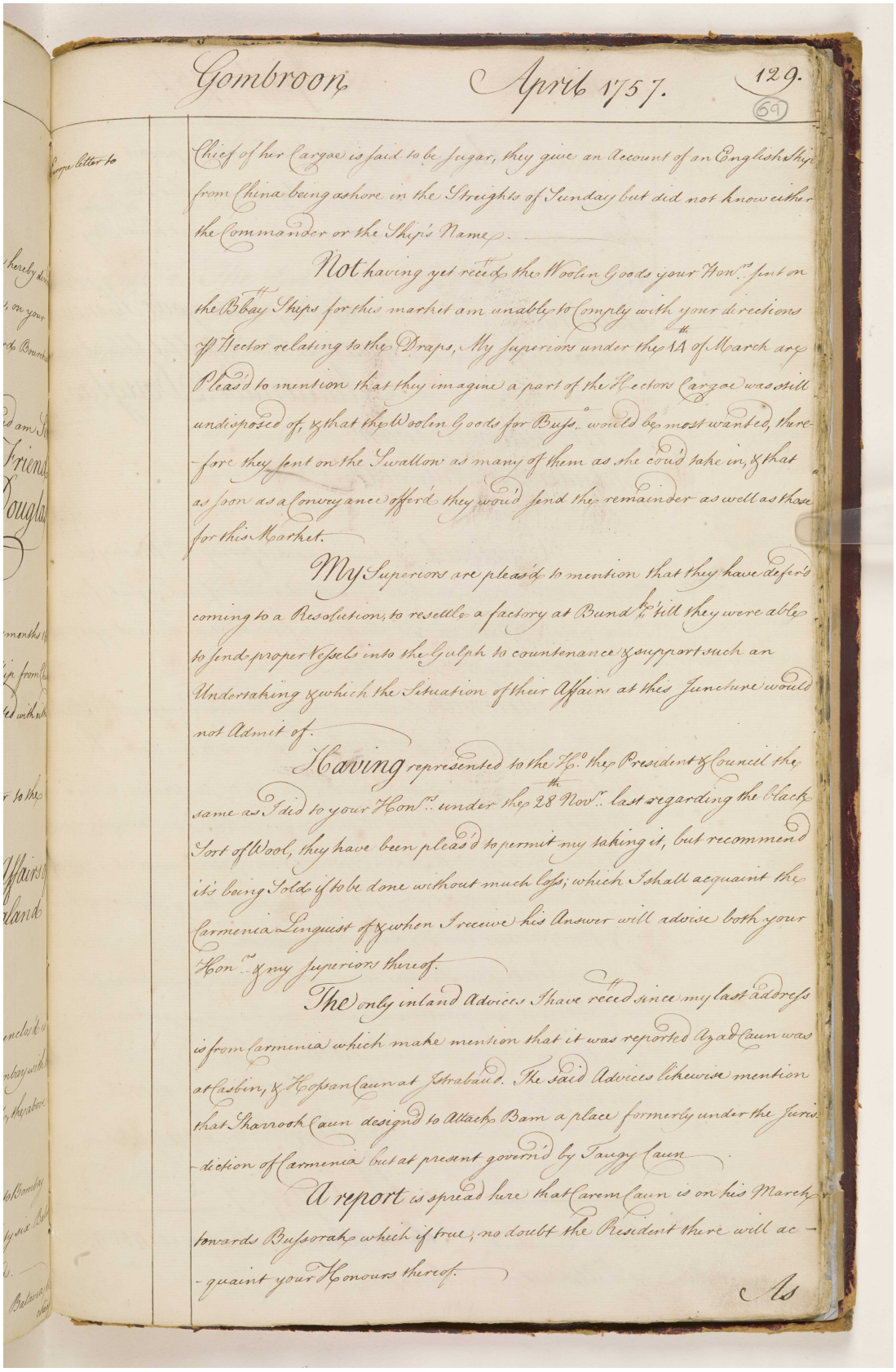

Europe letter to

Chief of her Cargoe is said to be sugar, they give an Account of an English Ship from China being ashore in the Streights of Sunday but did not know either the Commander or the Ship's Name.

Not having yet recd the Woolen Goods your Hon.rs sent on the Bbay Ships for this market am unable to Comply with your directions ff Hector relating to the Draps, My superiors under the 14th of March are Pleas'd to mention that they imagine a part of the Hectors Cargoe was still undisposed of, & that the Woolen Goods for Buss.o would be most wanted, therefore they sent on the Swallow as many of them as she cou'd take in, & that as soon as a Conveyance offer'd they wou'd send the remainder as well as those for this Market.

My Superiors are pleas'd to mention that they have defer'd coming to a Resolution, to resettle a factory at Bund.r till they were able to send proper Vessels into the Gulph to countenance & support such an Undertaking & which the Situation of their Affairs at this Juncture would not Admit of.

Having represented to the H.o the President & Council the same as I did to your Hon.rs under the 28th Nov.r last regarding the black Sort of Wool, they have been pleas'd to permit my taking it, but recommend it's being Sold if to be done without much loss; which I shall acquaint the Carmenia Linguist of & when I receive his Answer will advise both your Hon.rs & my superiors thereof.

The only inland Advices I have recd since my last address is from Carmenia which make mention that it was reported Azad Caun was at Casbin, & Hossan Caun at Jstrabaud. The said Advices likewise mention that Sharrook Caun designd to Attack Bam a place formerly under the Jurisdiction of Carmenia but at present govern'd by Taugy Caun.

A report is spread here that Carem Caun is on his March towards Bussorah which if true, no doubt the Resident there will acquaint your Honours thereof.

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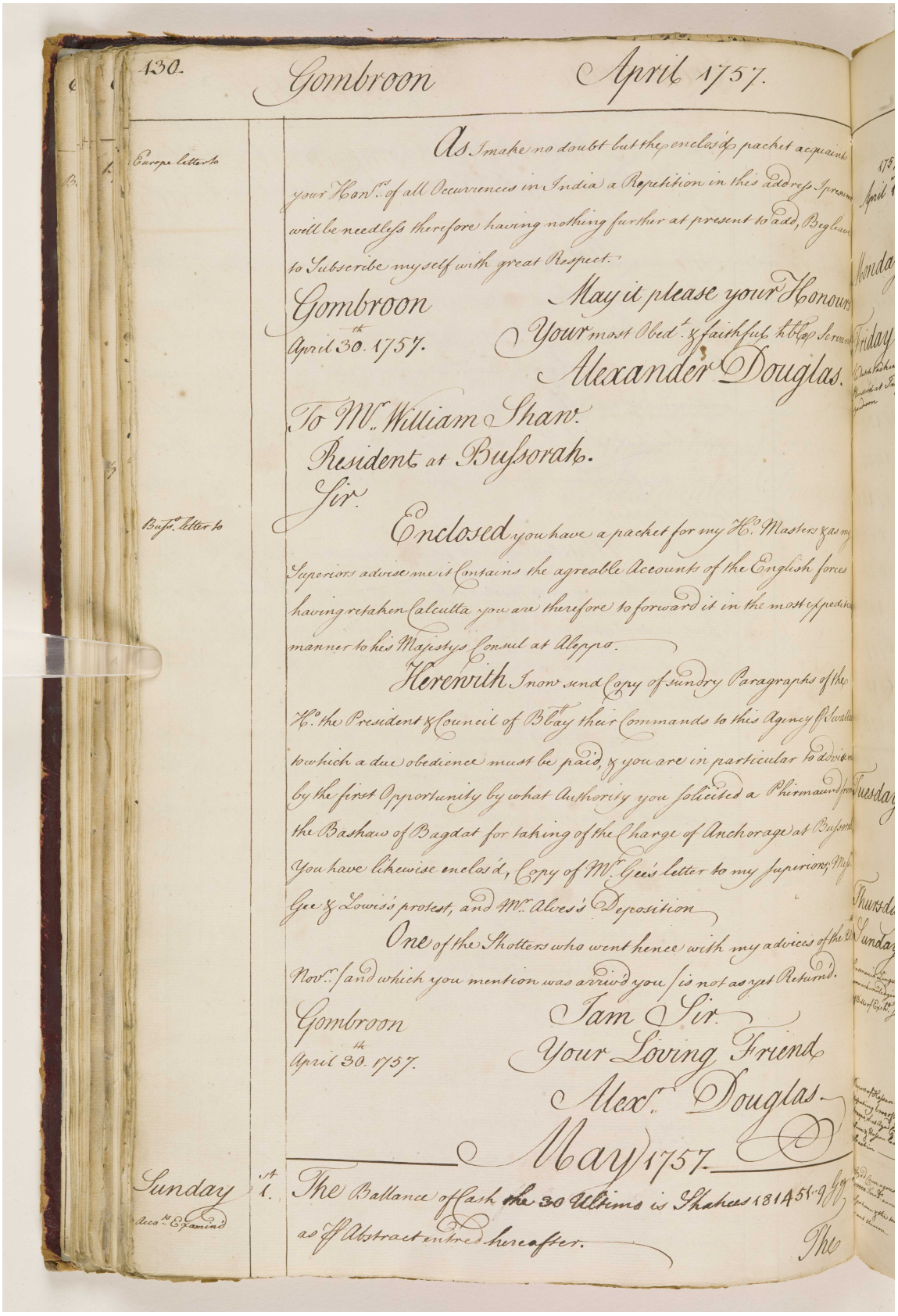

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Europe letter to

As I make no doubt but the enclos'd packet acquaints your Hon^rs. of all Occurrences in India a Repetition in this address I presume will be needless therefore having nothing further at present to add, Beg leave to Subscribe myself with great Respect.

Gombroon
April 30th. 1757.

May it please your Honours
Your most Obed^t. & faithful h^ble Servant
Alexander Douglas.

To Mr. William Shaw.
Resident at Bussorah.
Sir.

Buss^o. letter to

Enclosed you have a packet for my H^o. Masters & as my Superiors advise me it Contains the agreable Accounts of the English forces having retaken Calcutta you are therefore to forward it in the most expeditious manner to his Majestys Consul at Aleppo.

Herewith I now send Copy of sundry Paragraphs of the H^o. the President & Council of B^bay their Commands to this Agency & Swallow to which a due obedience must be paid, & you are in particular to advise me by the first Opportunity by what Authority you solicited a Phirmaund from the Bashaw of Bagdat for taking of the Charge of Anchorage at Bussorah. You have likewise enclos'd, Copy of Mr. Gee's letter to my Superiors; Messrs. Gee & Lowis's protest, and Mr. Alves's Deposition

One of the Shotters who went hence with my advices of the 20th Nov^r. (and which you mention was arriv'd you) is not as yet Returnd.

Gombroon
April 30th. 1757.

I am Sir
Your Loving Friend
Alex^r. Douglas.

May 1757.

Sunday
Acco^ts. Examin'd

1st. The Ballance of Cash the 30 Ultimo is Shahees 181451..9 Gr as ℔ Abstract entred hereafter.

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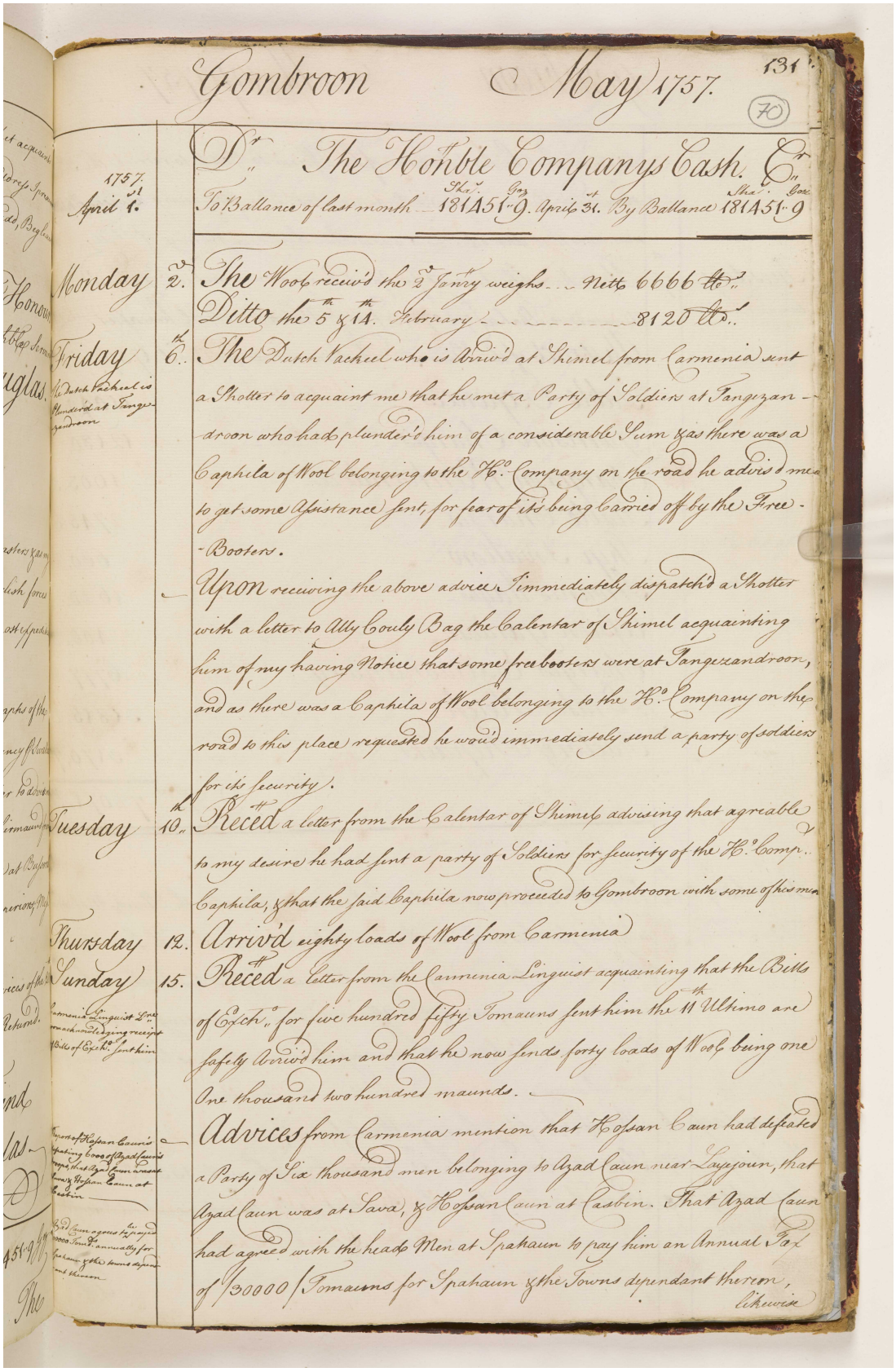

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Dr. The Honble Companys Cash. Cr.

1757. April 1st. To Ballance of last month — Shas. 181451 Gaz. 9. April 31st. By Ballance Shas. 181451 Gaz. 9

Monday 2d. The Wool receiv'd the 2d Jany weighs ... Nett 6666 lbs.
Ditto the 5th & 14th. February ..... 8120 lbs.

Friday 6th. The Dutch Vacheel who is Arriv'd at Shimel from Carmenia sent a Shotter to acquaint me that he met a Party of Soldiers at Tangezandroon who had plunder'd him of a considerable Sum & as there was a Caphila of Wool belonging to the Ho. Company on the road he advis'd me to get some Assistance sent, for fear of it's being Carried off by the Free-Booters.

The Dutch Vacheel is Plunder'd at Tangezandroon

Upon receiving the above advice I immediately dispatch'd a Shotter with a letter to Ally Couly Bag the Calentar of Shimel acquainting him of my having Notice that some freebooters were at Tangezandroon, and as there was a Caphila of Wool belonging to the Ho. Company on the road to this place requested he wou'd immediately send a party of soldiers for it's security.

Tuesday 10th. Recd a letter from the Calentar of Shimel advising that agreable to my desire he had sent a party of Soldiers for security of the Ho. Comp. Caphila, & that the said Caphila now proceeded to Gombroon with some of his men.

Thursday 12. Arriv'd eighty loads of Wool from Carmenia

Sunday 15. Recd a letter from the Carmenia Linguist acquainting that the Bills of Exch. for five hundred fifty Tomauns sent him the 11th Ultimo are safely Arriv'd him and that he now sends forty loads of Wool being one One thousand two hundred maunds.

Carmenia Linguist Lre. from acknowledging receipt of Bills of Exch. sent him

Advices from Carmenia mention that Hossan Caun had defeated a Party of Six thousand men belonging to Azad Caun near Layejoun, that Azad Caun was at Sava, & Hossan Caun at Casbin. That Azad Caun had agreed with the head Men at Spahaun to pay him an Annual Tax of /30000/ Tomauns for Spahaun & the Towns dependant thereon, likewise

Report of Hossan Caun's defeating 6000 of Azad Caun's troops, that Azad Caun was at Sava & Hossan Caun at Casbin

Azad Caun agrees to be payed 30000 Tomds. annually for Spahaun & the towns dependant thereon

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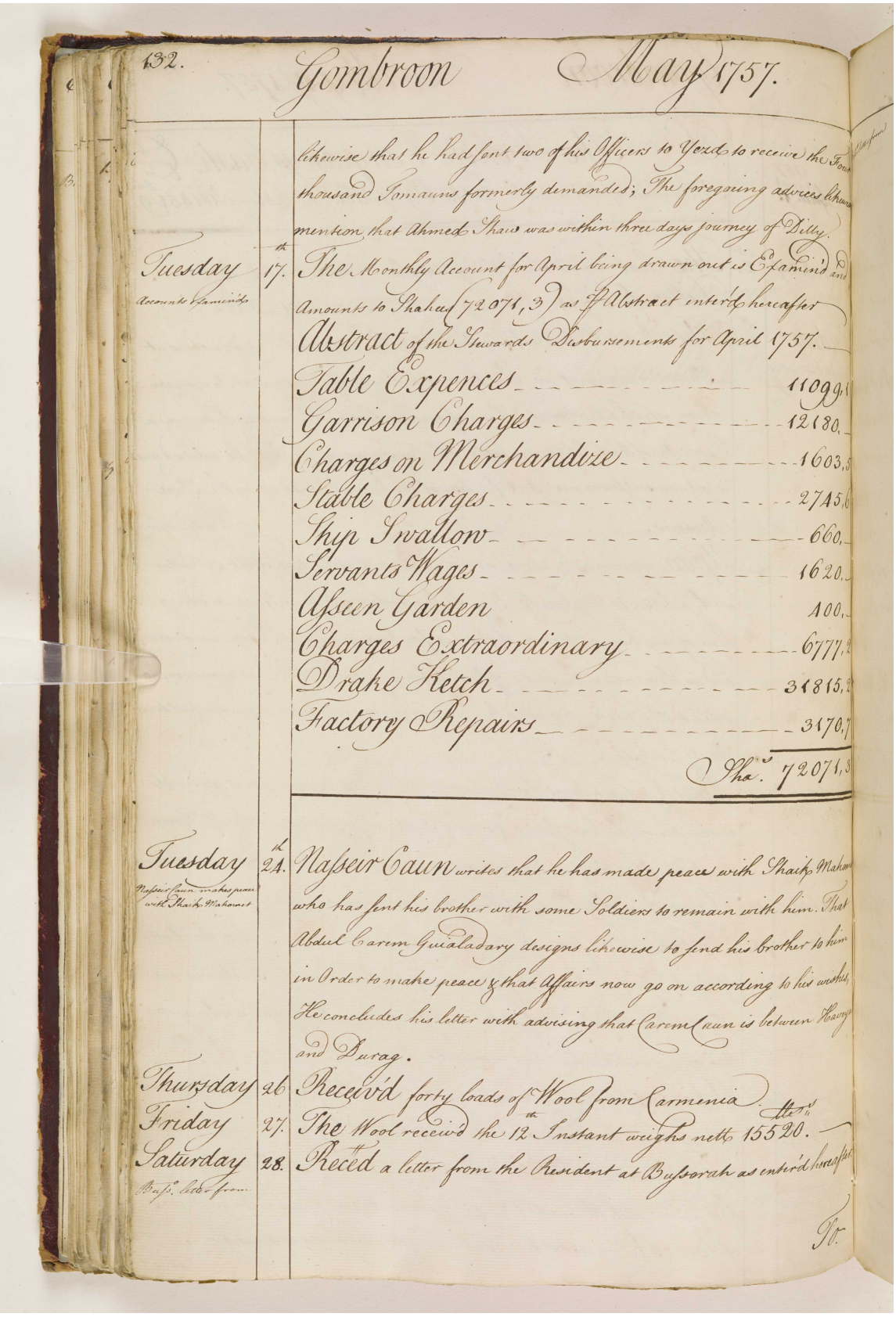

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likewise that he had sent two of his Officers to Yezd to receive the Four thousand Tomauns formerly demanded; The foregoing advices likewise mention that Ahmed Shaw was within three days journey of Dilly.

Tuesday 17th. The Monthly Account for April being drawn out is Examin'd and Amounts to Shahees (72071,3) as ff Abstract enter'd hereafter

Accounts Examin'd

Abstract of the Stewards Disbursements for April 1757.

Table Expences	11099,1
Garrison Charges	12180,–
Charges on Merchandize	1603,5
Stable Charges	2745,6
Ship Swallow	660,–
Servants Wages	1620,–
Asseen Garden	400,–
Charges Extraordinary	6777,2
Drake Ketch	31815,2
Factory Repairs	3170,7
Sha.s	72071,3

Tuesday 24th. Nasseir Caun writes that he has made peace with Shaik Mahomet who has sent his brother with some Soldiers to remain with him. That Abdul Carem Guialadary designs likewise to send his brother to him in Order to make peace & that Affairs now go on according to his wishes, He concludes his letter with advising that Carem Caun is between Haveyza and Durag.

Nasseir Caun makes peace with Shaik Mahomet

Thursday 26 Receiv'd forty loads of Wool from Carmenia.

Friday 27. The Wool receiv'd the 12th Instant weighs nett 15520 lbs.

Saturday 28. Rec'd a letter from the Resident at Bussorah as enter'd hereafter.

Buss.o letter from

To.

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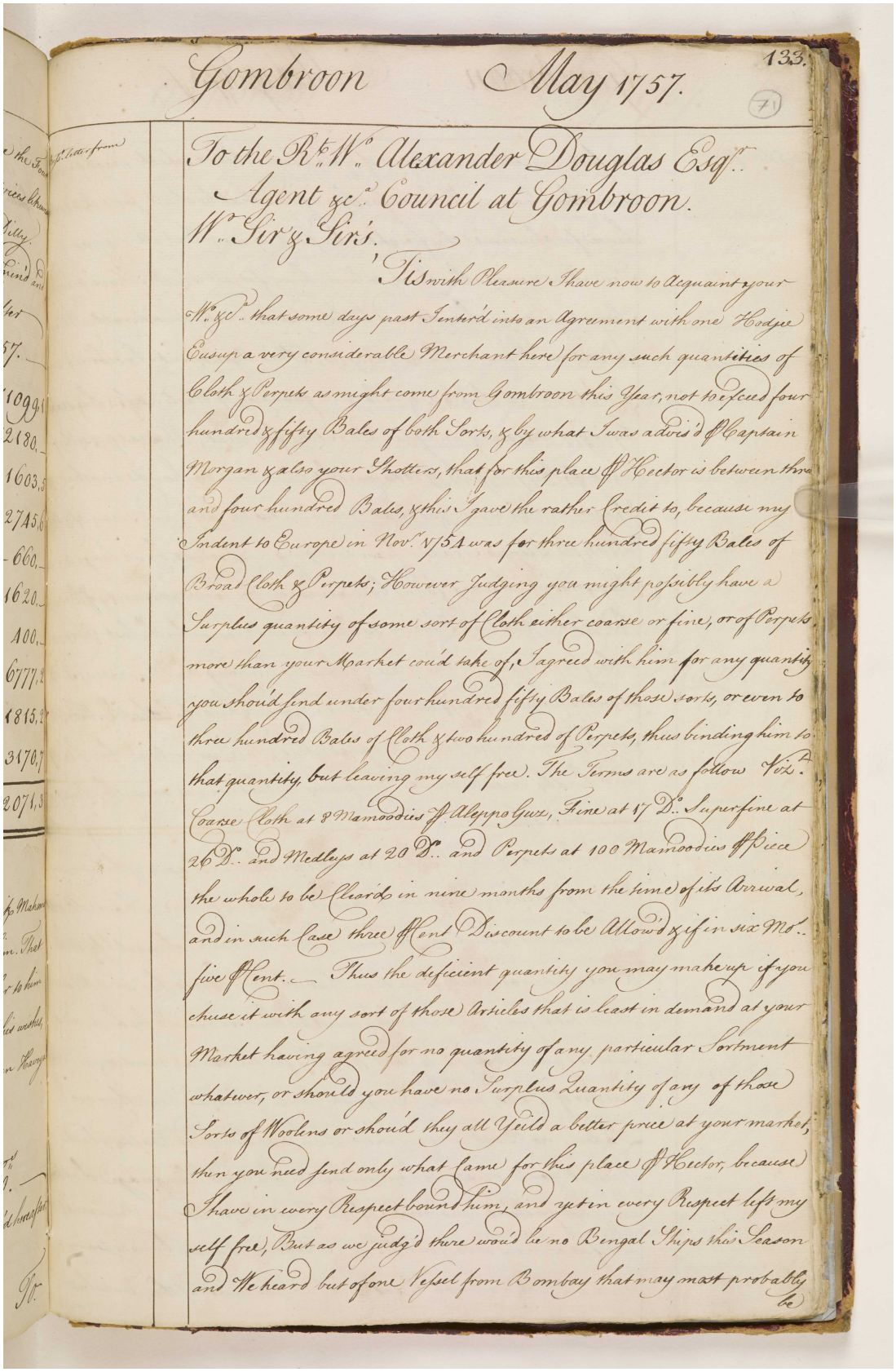

Gombroon May 1757. 133.

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To the Rt. Wo. Alexander Douglas Esqr.
Agent &c. Council at Gombroon.

Wo. Sir & Sir's,

'Tis with Pleasure I have now to Acquaint your Wo. &c. that some days past I enter'd into an Agreement with one Hodjee Eusup a very considerable Merchant here for any such quantities of Cloth & Perpets as might come from Gombroon this Year, not to exceed four hundred & fifty Bales of both Sorts, & by what I was advis'd ⅌ Captain Morgan & also your Shotters, that for this place ⅌ Hector is between three and four hundred Bales, & this I gave the rather Credit to, because my Indent to Europe in Novr. 1754 was for three hundred fifty Bales of Broad Cloth & Perpets; However Judging you might possibly have a Surplus quantity of some sort of Cloth either coarse or fine, or of Perpets more than your Market cou'd take of, I agreed with him for any quantity you shou'd send under four hundred fifty Bales of those sorts, or even to three hundred Bales of Cloth & two hundred of Perpets, thus binding him to that quantity, but leaving my self free. The Terms are as follow Vizt. Coarse Cloth at 8 Mamoodies ⅌ Aleppo Guz, Fine at 17 Do. Superfine at 26 Do. and Medleys at 20 Do. and Perpets at 100 Mamoodies ⅌ Piece the whole to be Clear'd in nine months from the time of it's Arrival, and in such Case three ⅌ Cent Discount to be Allow'd & if in six Mos. five ⅌ Cent. — Thus the deficient quantity you may make up if you chuse it with any sort of those Articles that is least in demand at your Market having agreed for no quantity of any particular Sortment whatever, or should you have no Surplus Quantity of any of those Sorts of Woolens or shou'd they all Yeild a better price at your market, then you need send only what Came for this place ⅌ Hector, because I have in every Respect bound him, and yet in every Respect left my self free, But as we judg'd there wou'd be no Bengal Ships this Season and We heard but of one Vessel from Bombay that may most probably be

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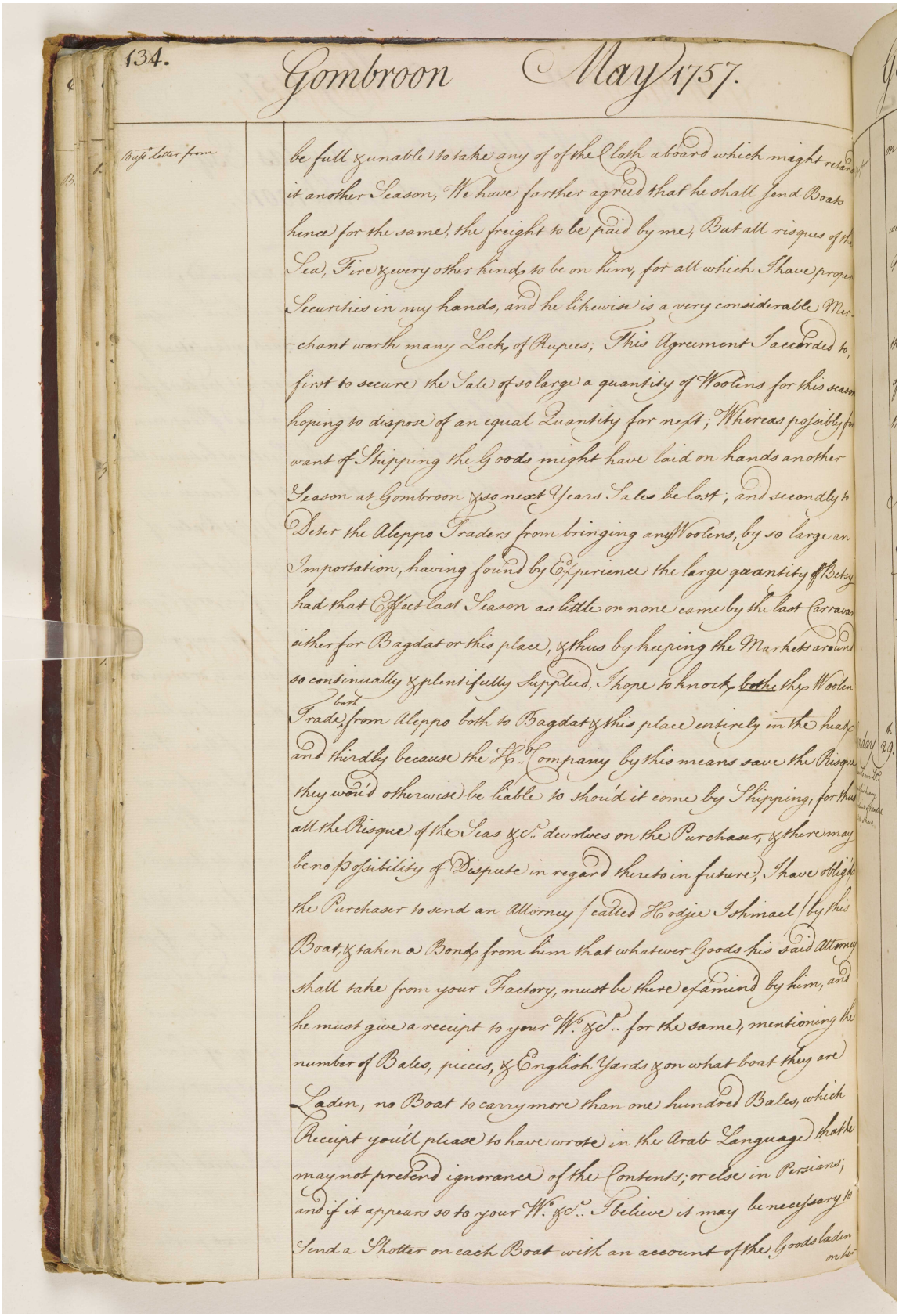

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Bujt Letter from

be full & unable to take any of the Cloth aboard which might return it another Season, We have farther agreed that he shall send Boats hence for the same, the freight to be paid by me, But all risques of the Sea, Fire & every other kinds to be on him, for all which I have proper Securities in my hands, and he likewise is a very considerable Merchant worth many Lacks of Rupees; This Agreement I accorded to, first to secure the Sale of so large a quantity of Woolens for this season hoping to dispose of an equal Quantity for next; Whereas possibly for want of Shipping the Goods might have laid on hands another Season at Gombroon & so next Years Sales be lost; and secondly to Deter the Aleppo Traders from bringing any Woolens, by so large an Importation, having found by Experience the large quantity of Betsy had that Effect last Season as little or none came by the last Carravan either for Bagdat or this place, & thus by keeping the Markets around so continually & plentifully Supplied, I hope to knock on the head the Woolen Trade from Aleppo both to Bagdat & this place entirely in the hands and thirdly because the Hble Company by this means save the Risque they would otherwise be liable to should it come by Shipping, for thus all the Risque of the Seas &c.a devolves on the Purchaser, & there may be no possibility of Dispute in regard thereto in future; I have obliged the Purchaser to send an Attorney called Hodjee Ishmael by this Boat, & taken a Bond from him that whatever Goods this said Attorney shall take from your Factory, must be there examined by him, and he must give a receipt to your Wr. &c.a for the same, mentioning the number of Bales, pieces, & English Yards & on what boat they are Laden, no Boat to carry more than one hundred Bales, which Receipt you'll please to have wrote in the Arab Language that he may not pretend ignorance of the Contents; or else in Persians; and if it appears so to your Wr. &c.a I believe it may be necessary to Send a Shotter on each Boat with an account of the Goods laden on her

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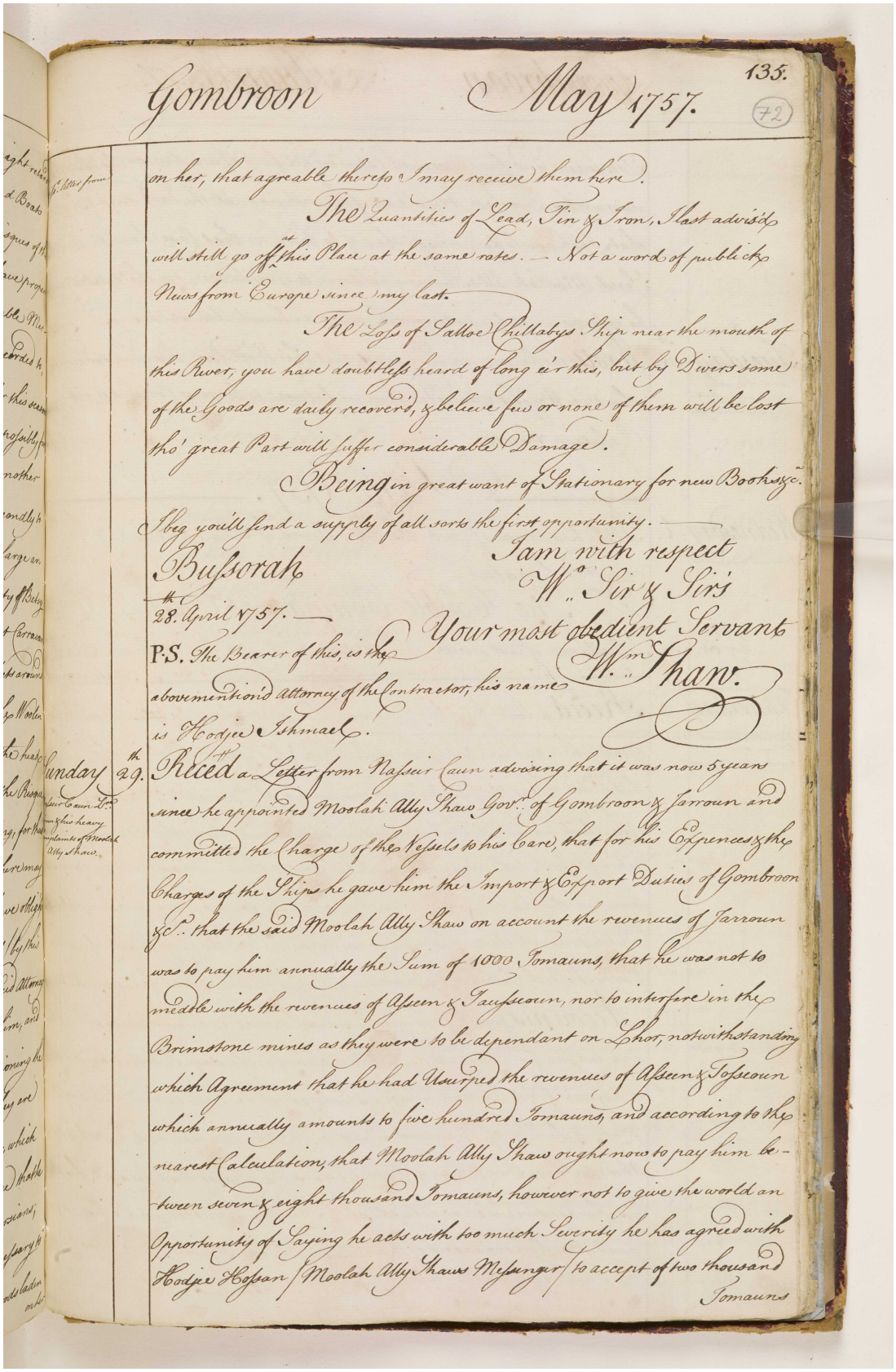

on her, that agreable thereto I may receive them here.

The Quantities of Lead, Tin & Iron, I last advis'd will still go off at this Place at the same rates. — Not a word of publick News from Europe since my last.

The Loss of Salloe Chillabys Ship near the mouth of this River, you have doubtless heard of long e'r this, but by Divers some of the Goods are daily recover'd, & believe few or none of them will be lost tho' great Part will suffer considerable Damage.

Being in great want of Stationary for new Books &c. I beg you'll send a supply of all sorts the first opportunity. —

Bussorah
28th April 1757. —

I am with respect
Wo. Sir & Sir's
Your most obedient Servant
Wm. Shaw.

P.S. The Bearer of this, is the abovemention'd Attorney of the Contractor, his name is Hodjee Ishmael.

Sunday 29th Receed a Letter from Nasseir Caun advising that it was now 5 years since he appointed Moolah Ally Shaw Govr. of Gombroon & Jarroun and committed the Charge of the Vessels to his Care, that for his Expences & the Charges of the Ships he gave him the Import & Export Duties of Gombroon &c. that the said Moolah Ally Shaw on account the revenues of Jarroun was to pay him annually the Sum of 1000 Tomauns, that he was not to meddle with the revenues of Asseen & Tausseoun, nor to interfere in the Brimstone mines as they were to be dependant on Lhor, notwithstanding which Agreement that he had Usurped the revenues of Asseen & Tosseoun which annually amounts to five hundred Tomauns, and according to the nearest Calculation, that Moolah Ally Shaw ought now to pay him between seven & eight thousand Tomauns, however not to give the world an Opportunity of Saying he acts with too much Severity he has agreed with Hodjee Hossan (Moolah Ally Shaws Messenger) to accept of two thousand Tomauns

Nasseir Caun Lr. from & his heavy complaints of Moolah Ally Shaw.

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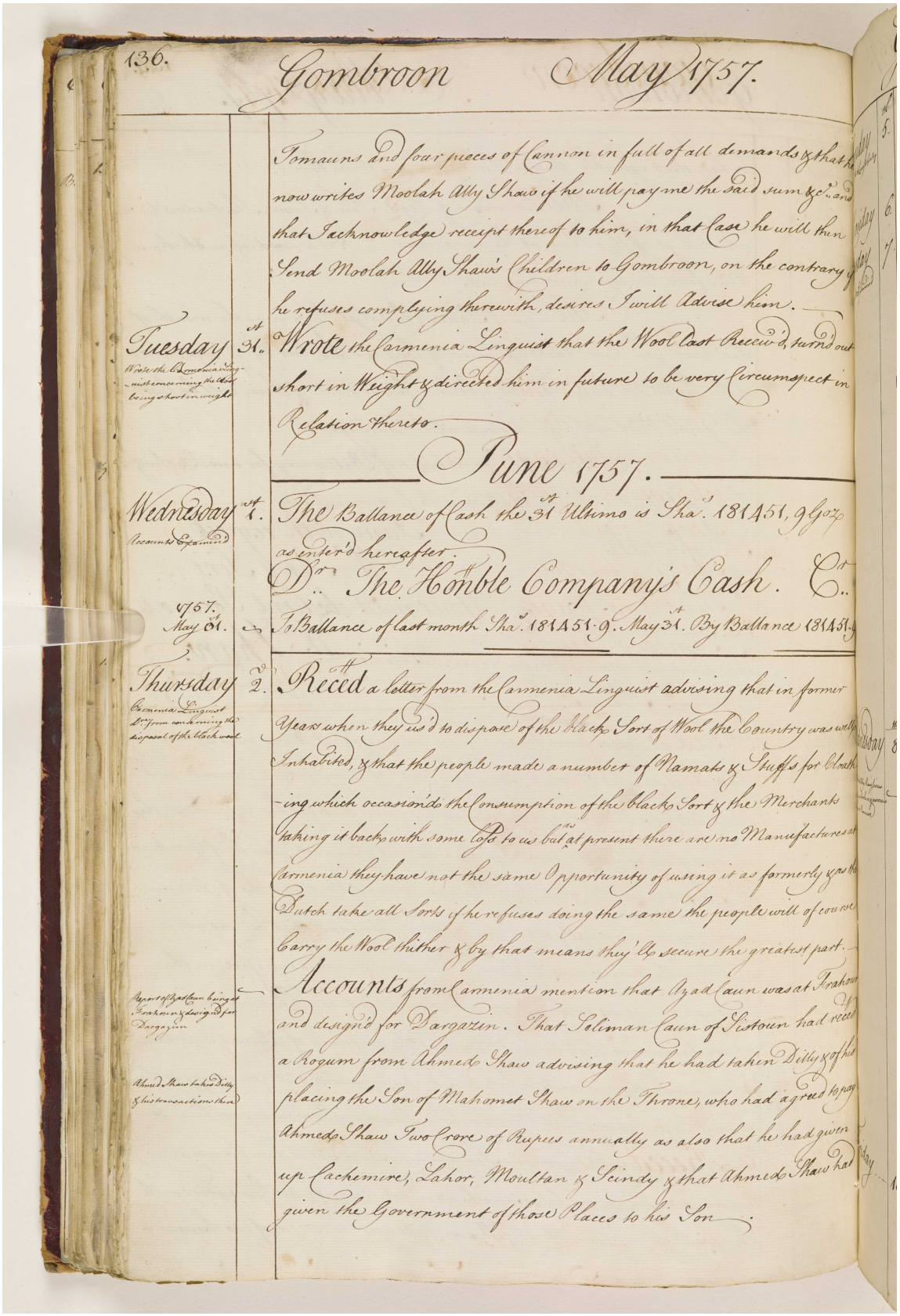

Tomauns and four pieces of Cannon in full of all demands & that he now writes Moolah Ally Shaw if he will pay me the said sum &c. and that I acknowledge receipt thereof to him, in that Case he will then Send Moolah Ally Shaw's Children to Gombroon, on the contrary if he refuses complying therewith, desires I will Advise him.

Tuesday 31st. Wrote the Carmenia Linguist that the Wool last Receiv'd, turn'd out short in Weight & directed him in future to be very Circumspect in Relation thereto.

Wrote the Carmenia Linguist concerning the Wool being short in weight

June 1757.

Wednesday 1st. The Ballance of Cash the 31st Ultimo is Shas. 181451, 9 Goz as enter'd hereafter.

Accounts Examin'd

Dr. The Hon'ble Company's Cash. Cr.

1757. May 31st. To Ballance of last month Shas. 181451.9. May 31st. By Ballance 181451.9

Thursday 2d. Receed a letter from the Carmenia Linguist advising that in former Years when they us'd to dispose of the black Sort of Wool the Country was well Inhabited, & that the people made a number of Namats & Stuffs for Cloathing which occasion'd the Consumption of the black Sort & the Merchants taking it back with some loss to us but as at present there are no Manufactures at Carmenia they have not the same Opportunity of using it as formerly & as the Dutch take all Sorts if he refuses doing the same the people will of course Carry the Wool thither & by that means they'll secure the greatest part.

Carmenia Linguist Dr. from concerning the disposal of the black wool

Accounts from Carmenia mention that Azad Caun was at Frahoun and design'd for Dargazin. That Soliman Caun of Sistoun had receed a Rogum from Ahmed Shaw advising that he had taken Dilly & of his placing the Son of Mahomet Shaw on the Throne, who had agreed to pay Ahmed Shaw Two Crore of Rupees annually as also that he had given up Cachemire, Lahor, Moultan & Scindy & that Ahmed Shaw had given the Government of those Places to his Son.

Report of Azad Caun being at Frahoun & design'd for Dargazin

Ahmed Shaw takes Dilly & his transactions there

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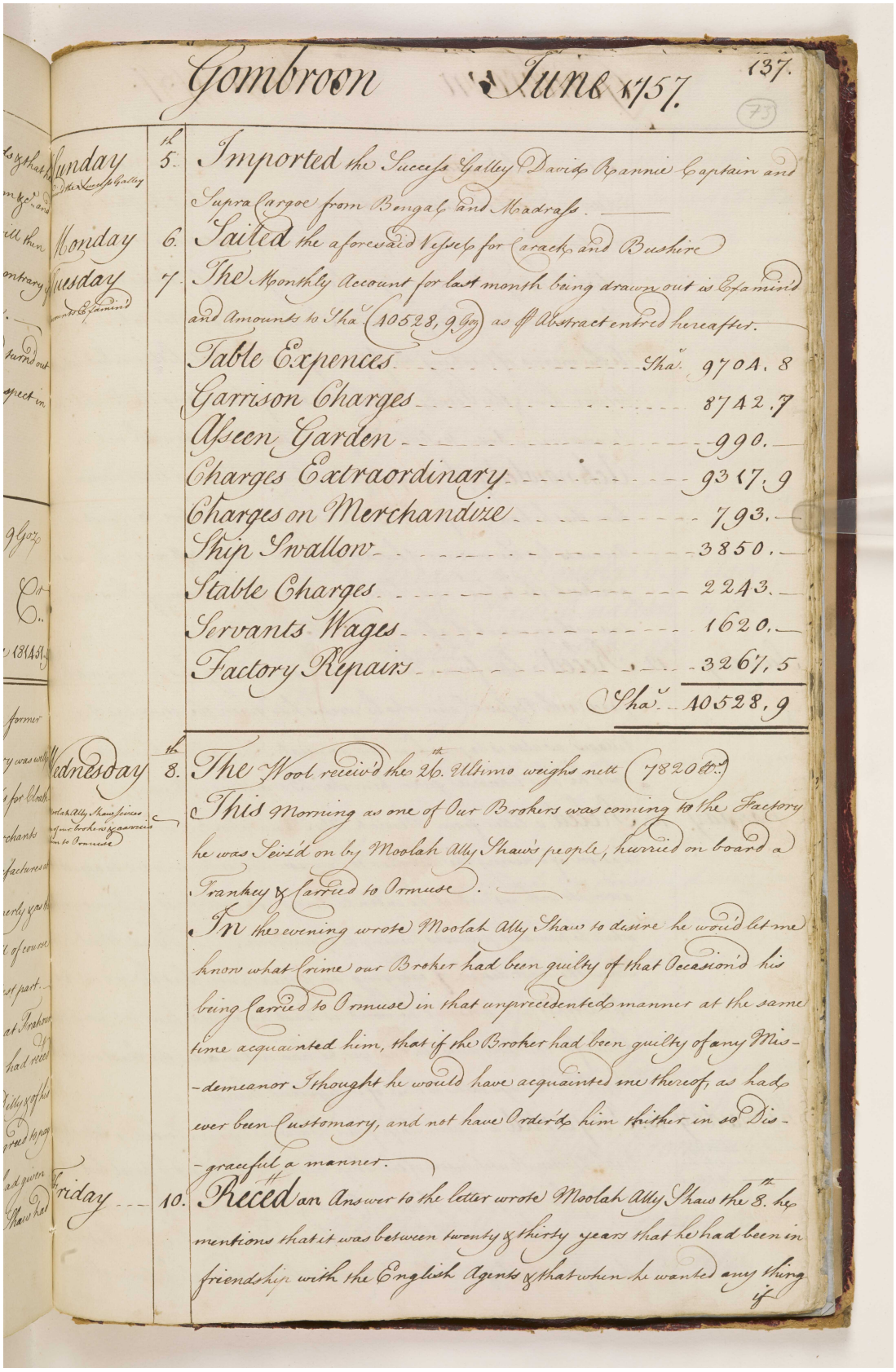

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Sunday 5th — Imported the Success Galley David Rannie Captain and Supra Cargoe from Bengal and Madrass.

Monday 6. — Sailed the aforesaid Vessels for Carack and Bushire

Tuesday 7. — The Monthly Account for last month being drawn out is Examined and Amounts to Shaʳ 10528, 9 Gᵒᶻ as p Abstract entred hereafter.

Table Expences	Shaʳ	970A. 8
Garrison Charges		8742, 7
Afseen Garden		990. —
Charges Extraordinary		9317, 9
Charges on Merchandize		793. —
Ship Swallow		3850. —
Stable Charges		2243. —
Servants Wages		1620. —
Factory Repairs		3267, 5
	Shaʳ	10528, 9

Wednesday 8th — The Wool receiv'd the 26th Ultimo weighs nett (7820lbs.)

This Morning as one of Our Brokers was coming to the Factory he was Seiz'd on by Moolah Ally Shaws people, hurried on board a Frankey & Carried to Ormuse.

In the evening wrote Moolah Ally Shaw to desire he would let me know what Crime our Broker had been guilty of that Occasion'd his being Carried to Ormuse in that unprecedented manner at the same time acquainted him, that if the Broker had been guilty of any Mis-demeanor I thought he would have acquainted me thereof, as had ever been Customary, and not have Order'd him thither in so Dis-graceful a manner.

Friday 10. — Receid an Answer to the letter wrote Moolah Ally Shaw the 8th he mentions that it was between twenty & thirty years that he had been in friendship with the English Agents & that when he wanted any thing if

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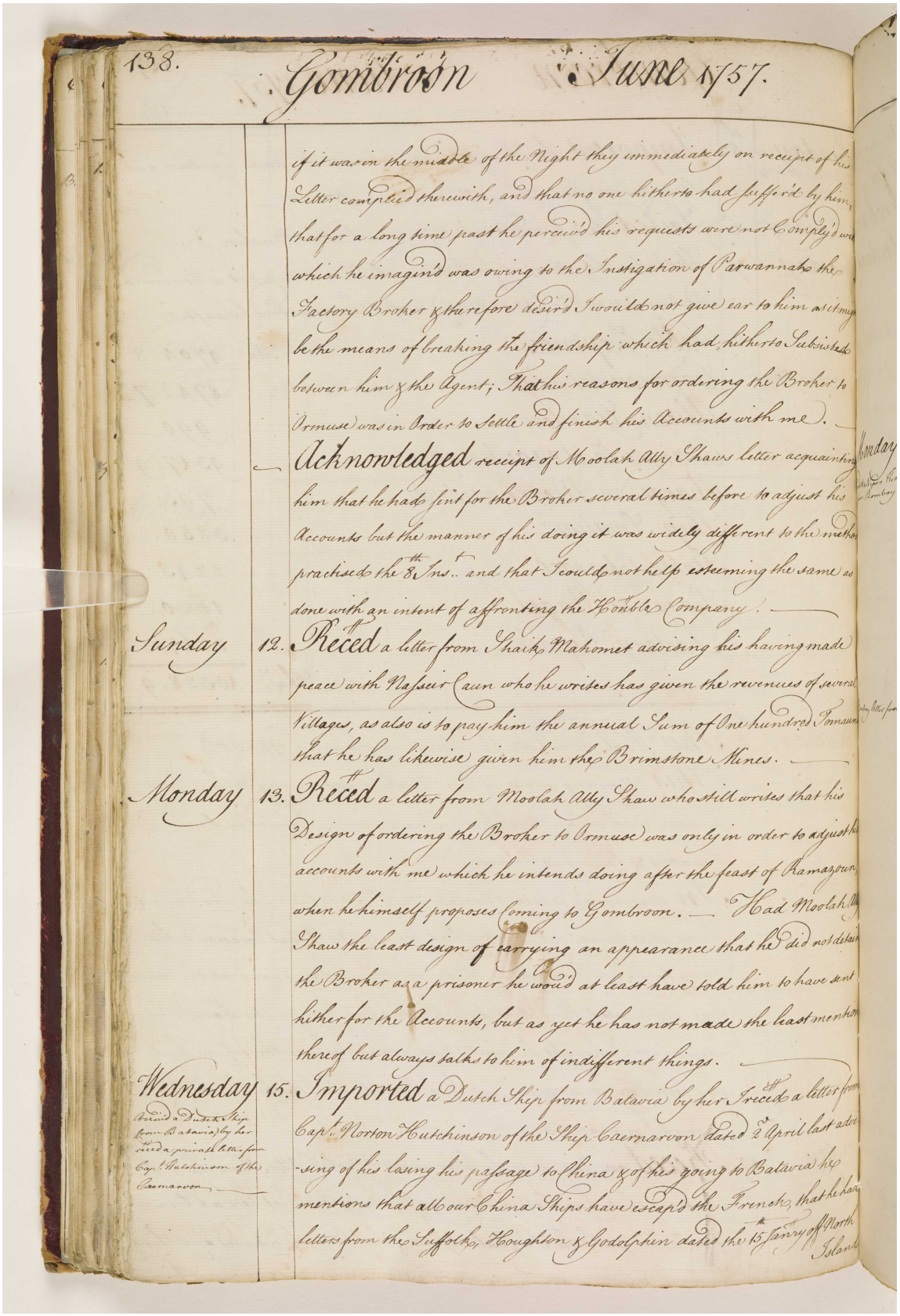

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if it was in the middle of the Night they immediately on receipt of his Letter complied therewith, and that no one hitherto had suffer'd by him, that for a long time past he perceiv'd his requests were not Comply'd with which he imagin'd was owing to the Instigation of Parwannah the Factory Broker & therefore desir'd I would not give ear to him as it might be the means of breaking the friendship which had hitherto Subsisted between him & the Agent; That his reasons for ordering the Broker to Ormuse was in Order to Settle and finish his Accounts with me.

Acknowledged receipt of Moolah Ally Shaws Letter acquainting him that he had sent for the Broker several times before to adjust his Accounts but the manner of his doing it was widely different to the method practised the 8th Inst. and that I could not help esteeming the same as done with an intent of affronting the Honble Company.

Sunday 12. Receed a letter from Shaik Mahomet advising his having made peace with Nasseir Caun who he writes has given the revenues of several Villages, as also is to pay him the annual Sum of One hundred Tomaun that he has likewise given him the Brimstone Mines.

Monday 13. Receed a letter from Moolah Ally Shaw who still writes that his Design of ordering the Broker to Ormuse was only in order to adjust his accounts with me which he intends doing after the feast of Ramazoun when he himself proposes coming to Gombroon. Had Moolah Ally Shaw the least design of carrying an appearance that he did not detain the Broker as a prisoner he would at least have told him to have sent hither for the Accounts, but as yet he has not made the least mention thereof but always talks to him of indifferent things.

Wednesday 15. Imported a Dutch Ship from Batavia by her Receed a letter from Capt. Norton Hutchinson of the Ship Caernarvon dated 2d April last advising of his losing his passage to China & of his going to Batavia he mentions that all our China Ships have escaped the French, that he has letters from the Suffolk, Houghton & Godolphin dated the 15th Jany off North Island

Arrived a Dutch Ship from Batavia by her Receed a private Letter from Capt. Hutchinson of the Caernarvon

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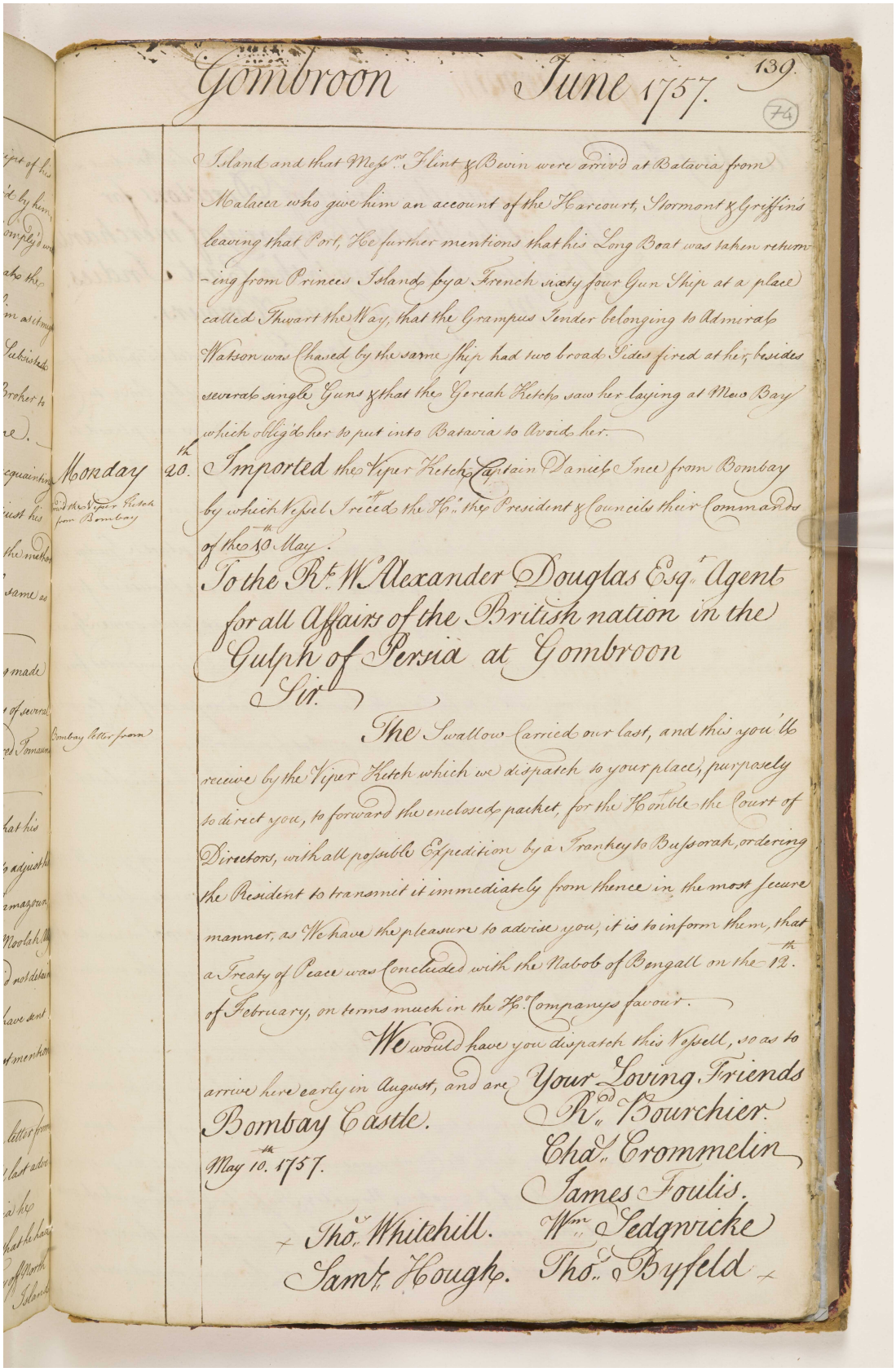

Island and that Messrs. Flint & Bevin were arriv'd at Batavia from Malacca who give him an account of the Harcourt, Stormont & Griffin's leaving that Port, He further mentions that his Long Boat was taken returning from Princes Island by a French sixty four Gun Ship at a place called Thwart the Way, that the Grampus Tender belonging to Admiral Watson was Chased by the same Ship had two broad Sides fired at her, besides several single Guns & that the Gereah Ketch saw her laying at Mew Bay which oblig'd her to put into Batavia to Avoid her.

Monday 20th. Imported the Viper Ketch Captain Daniel Ince from Bombay by which Vessel I receed the Hon. the President & Councils their Commands of the 10th May.

Arrived the Viper Ketch from Bombay

To the Rt. Wo. Alexander Douglas Esqr. Agent for all Affairs of the British nation in the Gulph of Persia at Gombroon

Sir.

Bombay letter from

The Swallow Carried our last, and this you'll receive by the Viper Ketch which we dispatch to your place, purposely to direct you, to forward the enclosed packet, for the Honble the Court of Directors, with all possible Expedition by a Trankey to Bussorah, ordering the Resident to transmit it immediately from thence in the most secure manner, as We have the pleasure to advise you, it is to inform them, that a Treaty of Peace was Concluded with the Nabob of Bengall on the 12th. of February, on terms much in the Ho. Companys favour.

We would have you dispatch this Vessell, so as to arrive here early in August, and are

Your Loving Friends
Rd. Bourchier.
Chas. Crommelin
James Foulis.
Wm. Sedgwicke
Thos. Byfeld

Bombay Castle.
May 10th. 1757.

Thos. Whitehill.
Saml. Hough.

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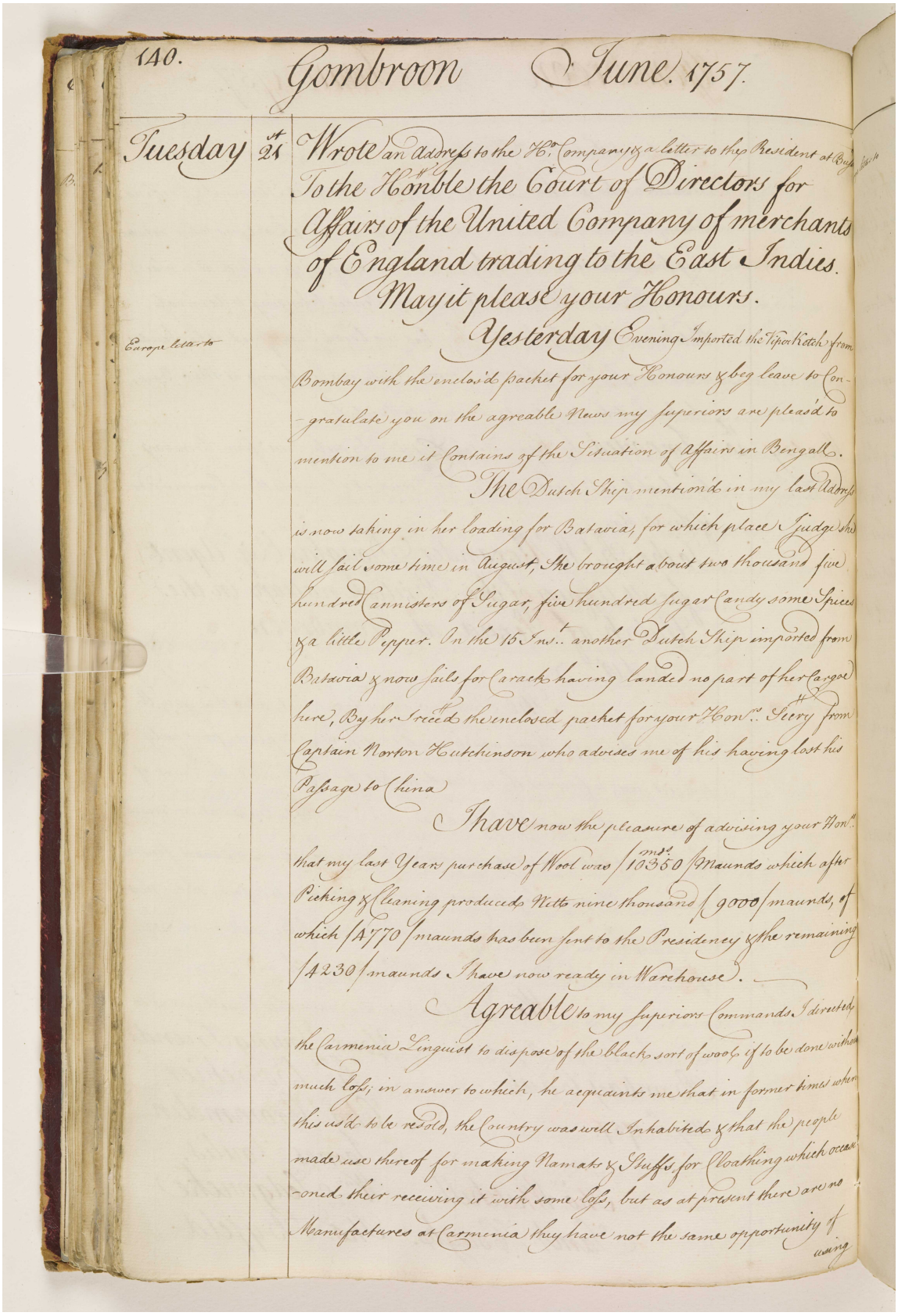

Tuesday 21st Wrote an Address to the Hon. Company & a letter to the Resident at Bus[illegible]

To the Honble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the United Company of merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

May it please your Honours.

Europe letter to

Yesterday Evening Imported the Viper Ketch from Bombay with the enclos'd packet for your Honours & beg leave to Congratulate you on the agreable News my superiors are pleas'd to mention to me it Contains of the Situation of Affairs in Bengall.

The Dutch Ship mention'd in my last Address is now taking in her loading for Batavia, for which place I judge she will sail some time in August, She brought about two thousand five hundred Cannisters of Sugar, five hundred sugar Candy some Spices & a little Pepper. On the 15 Inst. another Dutch Ship imported from Batavia & now sails for Carack having landed no part of her Cargoe here, By her I recd the enclosed packet for your Hon.rs Secry from Captain Norton Hutchinson who advises me of his having lost his Passage to China

I have now the pleasure of advising your Hon.rs that my last Years purchase of Wool was (10350 mds) Maunds which after Picking & Cleaning produced Nett nine thousand (9000) maunds, of which (4770) maunds has been sent to the Presidency & the remaining (4230) maunds I have now ready in Warehouse.

Agreable to my superiors Commands I directed the Carmenia Linguist to dispose of the black sort of wool if to be done without much loss; in answer to which, he acquaints me that in former times when this us'd to be resold, the Country was well Inhabited & that the people made use thereof for making Namats & Stuffs for Cloathing which occasioned their receiving it with some loss, but as at present there are no Manufactures at Carmenia they have not the same opportunity of using

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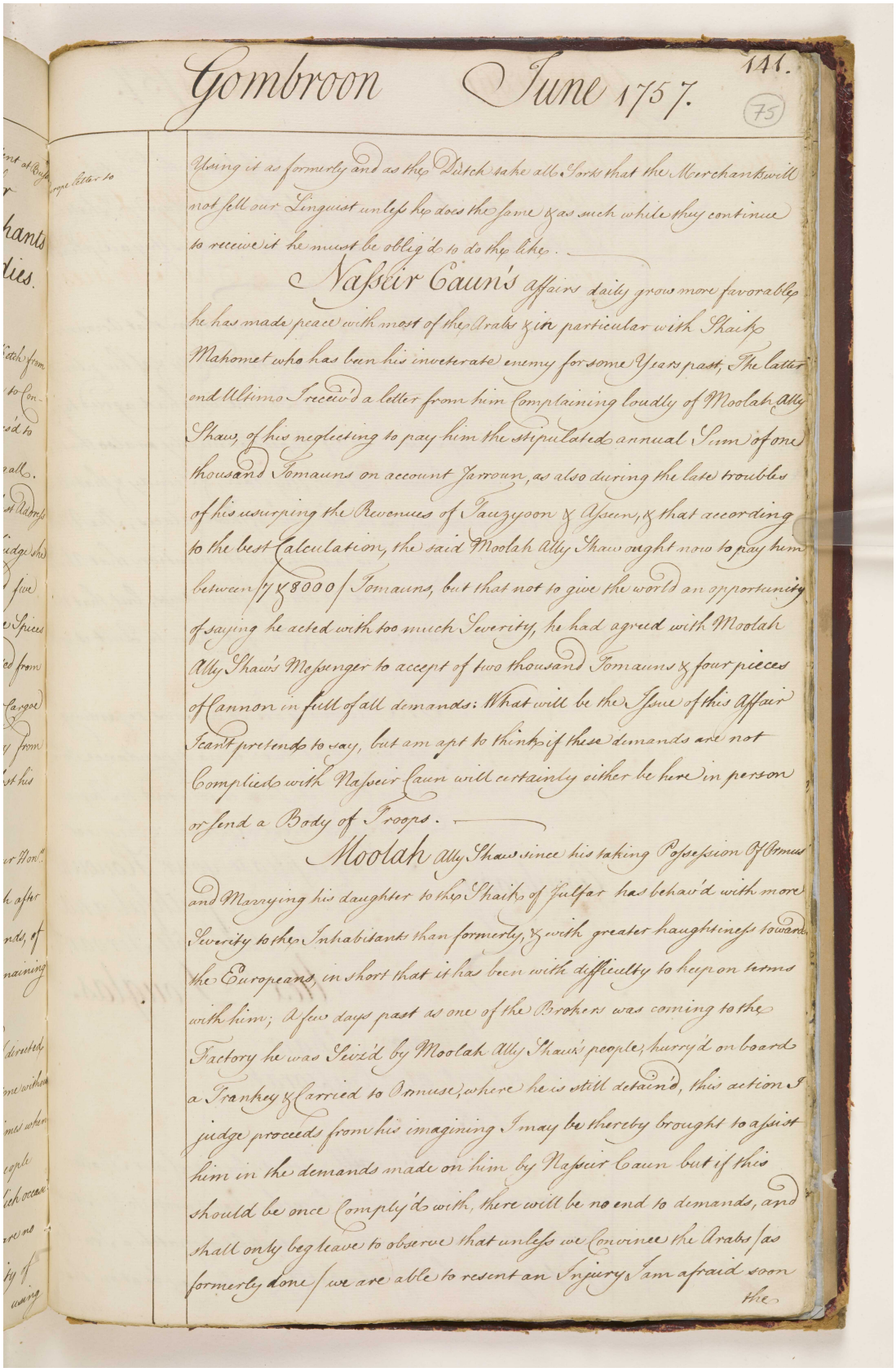

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Using it as formerly and as the Dutch take all Sorts that the Merchants will not sell our Linguist unless he does the same & as such while they continue to receive it he must be oblig'd to do the like.

Nasseir Caun's affairs daily grow more favorable he has made peace with most of the Arabs & in particular with Shaikh Mahomet who has ban his inveterate enemy for some Years past, The latter end Ultimo I receiv'd a letter from him Complaining loudly of Moolah Ally Shaw, of his neglecting to pay him the stipulated annual Sum of one thousand Tomauns on account Jarroun, as also during the late troubles of his usurping the Revenues of Tauzyoon & Ajeun, & that according to the best Calculation, the said Moolah Ally Shaw ought now to pay him between 7 & 8000 Tomauns, but that not to give the world an opportunity of saying he acted with too much Severity, he had agreed with Moolah Ally Shaw's Messenger to accept of two thousand Tomauns & four pieces of Cannon in full of all demands: What will be the Issue of this Affair I cant pretend to say, but am apt to think if these demands are not Complied with Nasseir Caun will certainly either be here in person or send a Body of Troops.

Moolah Ally Shaw since his taking Possession of Ormus and Marrying his daughter to the Shaikh of Julfar has behav'd with more Severity to the Inhabitants than formerly, & with greater haughtiness towards the Europeans, in short that it has been with difficulty to keep on terms with him; A few days past as one of the Brokers was coming to the Factory he was Seiz'd by Moolah Ally Shaw's people, hurry'd on board a Trankey & Carried to Ormuse, where he is still detain'd, this action I judge proceeds from his imagining I may be thereby brought to assist him in the demands made on him by Nasseir Caun but if this should be once Comply'd with, there will be no end to demands, and shall only beg leave to observe that unless we Convince the Arabs as formerly done, we are able to resent an Injury, I am afraid soon the

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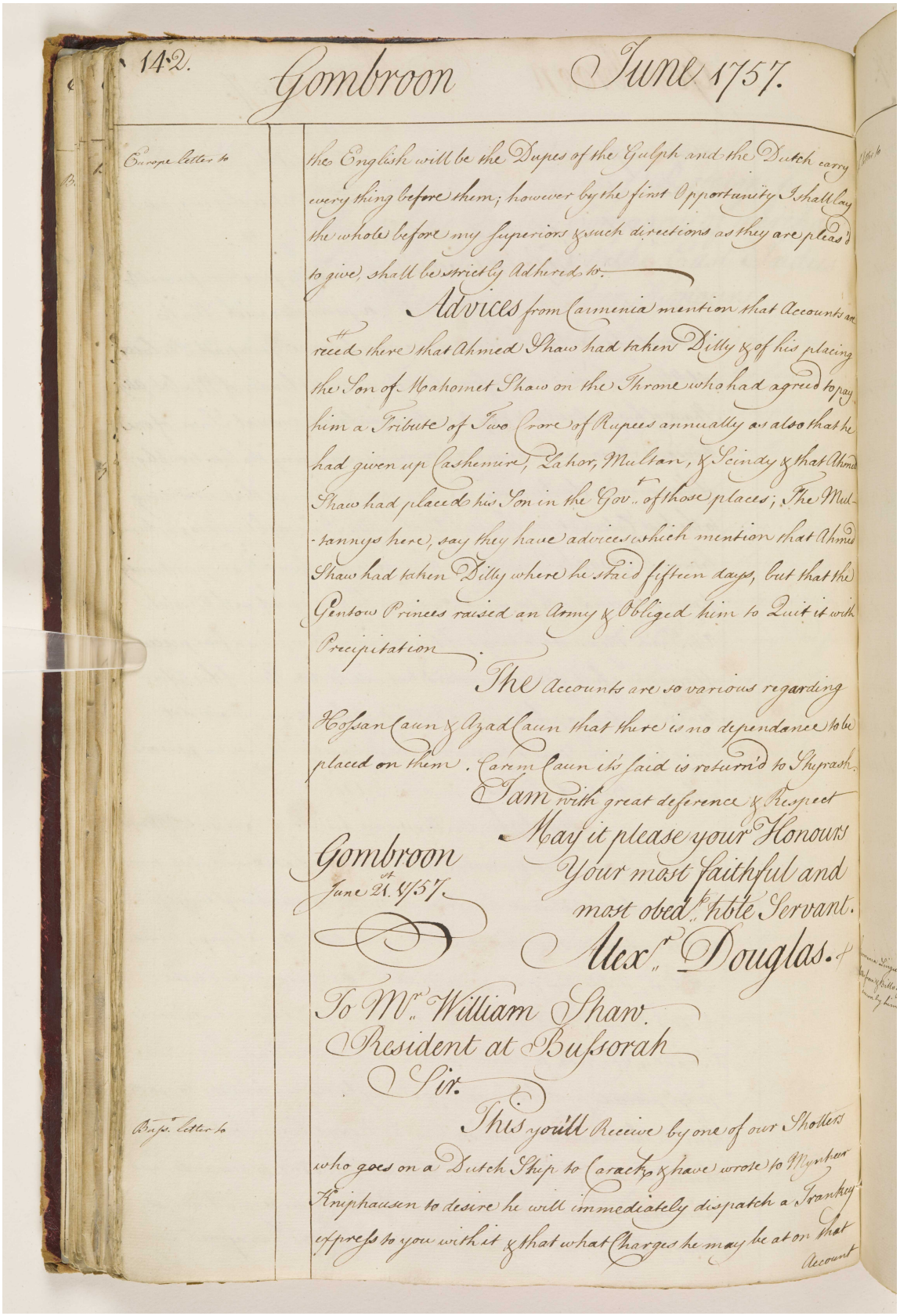

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Europe letter to

the English will be the Dupes of the Gulph and the Dutch carry every thing before them; however by the first Opportunity I shall lay the whole before my Superiors & such directions as they are pleas'd to give, shall be strictly Adhered to.

Advices from Carmenia mention that Accounts are reced there that Ahmed Shaw had taken Dilly & of his placing the Son of Mahomet Shaw on the Throne who had agreed to pay him a Tribute of Two Crore of Rupees annually as also that he had given up Cashemire, Lahor, Multan, & Scindy & that Ahmed Shaw had placed his Son in the Govt. of those places; The Multannys here, say they have advices which mention that Ahmed Shaw had taken Dilly where he staid fifteen days, but that the Gentow Princes raised an Army & Obliged him to Quit it with Precipitation.

The Accounts are so various regarding Hossan Caun & Azad Caun that there is no dependance to be placed on them. Carem Caun it's said is return'd to Shyrash.

I am with great deference & Respect
May it please your Honours
Your most faithful and
most obedt. hble Servant.
Alexr. Douglas.

Gombroon
June 21st. 1757.

To Mr. William Shaw.
Resident at Bussorah
Sir.

Buss. letter to

This you'll Receive by one of our Shotters who goes on a Dutch Ship to Carack & have wrote to Mynheer Kniphausen to desire he will immediately dispatch a Trankey express to you with it & that what Charges he may be at on that Account

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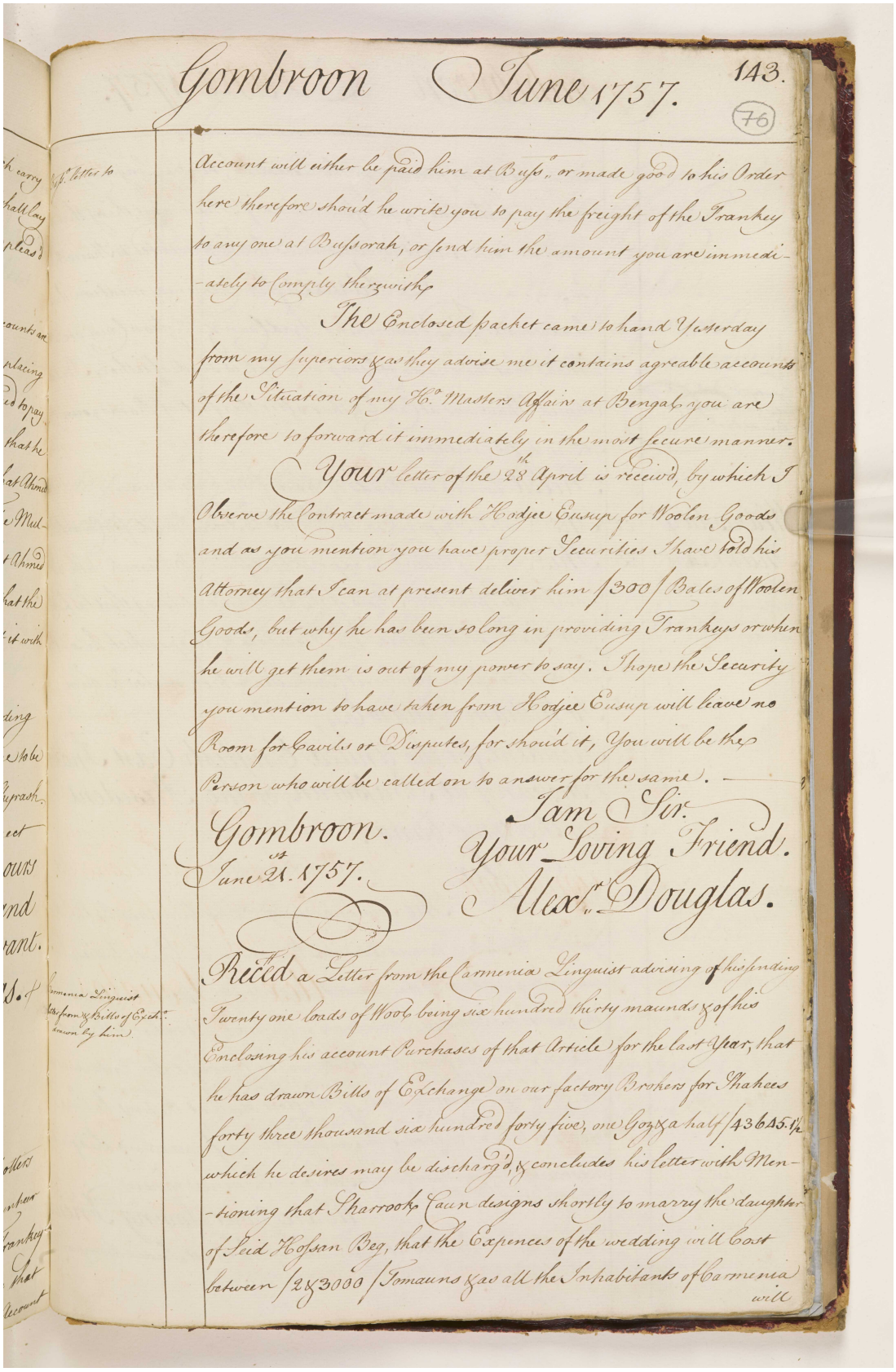

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Buss.r letter to

Account will either be paid him at Buss.r or made good to his Order here therefore shou'd he write you to pay the freight of the Trankey to any one at Bussorah, or send him the amount you are immediately to Comply therewith.

The Enclosed packet came to hand Yesterday from my superiors & as they advise me it contains agreable accounts of the Situation of my H.o Masters Affairs at Bengal you are therefore to forward it immediately in the most secure manner.

Your letter of the 28th April is receiv'd, by which I Observe the Contract made with Hodjee Eusup for Woolen Goods and as you mention you have proper Securities I have told his Attorney that I can at present deliver him /300/ Bales of Woolen Goods, but why he has been so long in providing Trankeys or when he will get them is out of my power to say. I hope the Security you mention to have taken from Hodjee Eusup will leave no Room for Cavils or Disputes, for shou'd it, You will be the Person who will be called on to answer for the same.

Gombroon.
June 21st 1757.

Iam Sir.
Your Loving Friend.
Alex.r Douglas.

Carmenia Linguist letter from & Bills of Exch.e drawn by him.

Recd a Letter from the Carmenia Linguist advising of his sending Twenty one loads of Wool being six hundred thirty maunds & of his Enclosing his account Purchases of that Article for the last Year, that he has drawn Bills of Exchange on our factory Brokers for Shahees forty three thousand six hundred forty five, one Goz & a half /43645.1½ which he desires may be discharg'd, & concludes his letter with Mentioning that Sharrook Caun designs shortly to marry the daughter of Seid Hossan Beg, that the Expences of the wedding will Cost between /2 & 3000/ Tomauns & as all the Inhabitants of Carmenia will

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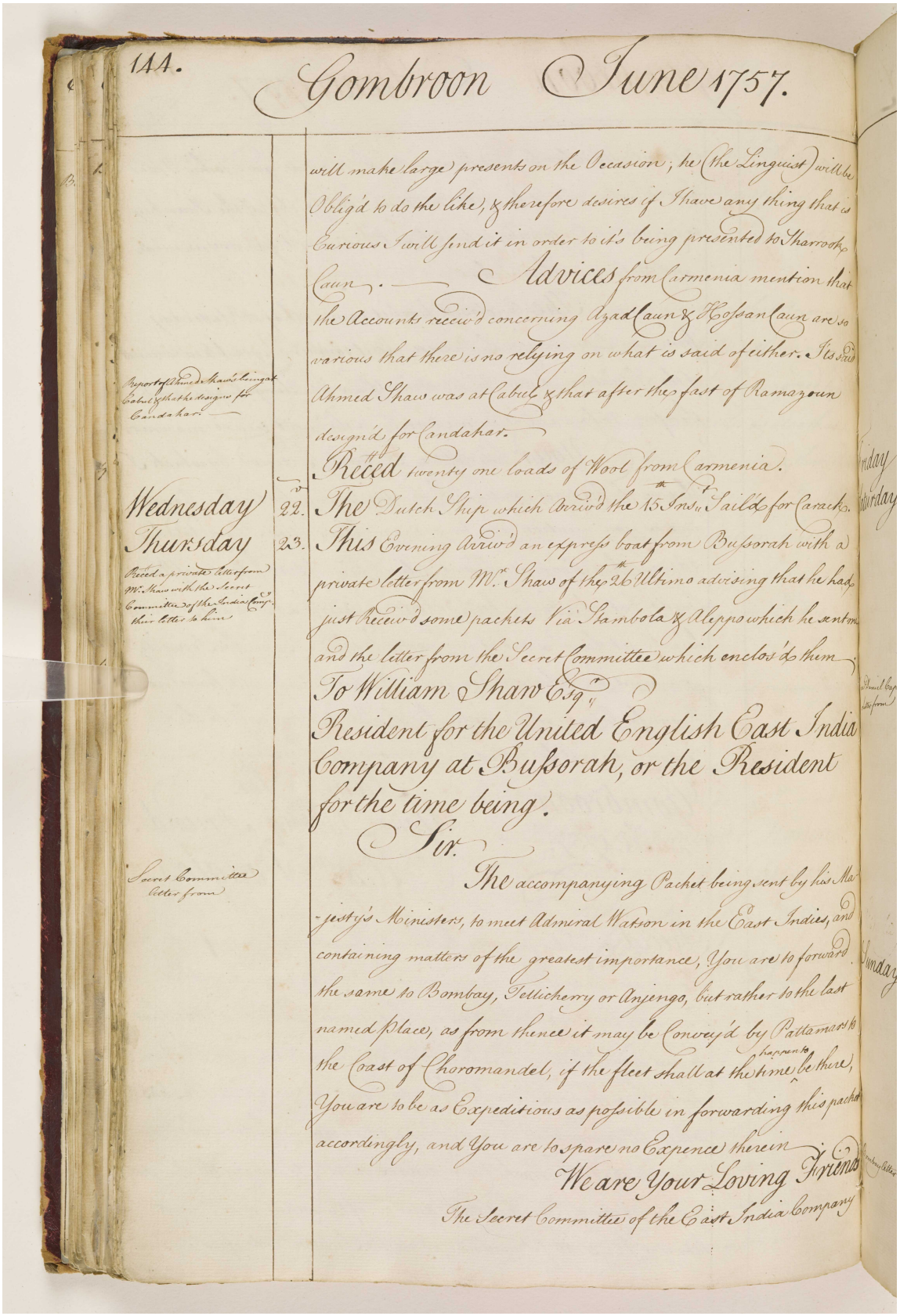

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will make large presents on the Occasion; he (the Linguist) will be Oblig'd to do the like, & therefore desires if I have any thing that is Curious I will find it in order to it's being presented to Sharrook Caun. — Advices from Carmenia mention that the Accounts receiv'd concerning Azad Caun & Hossan Caun are so various that there is no relying on what is said of either. Its said Ahmed Shaw was at Cabul & that after the fast of Ramazoun designd for Candahar.

Reports of Ahmed Shaw's being at Cabul & that he designs for Candahar.

Rec'd twenty one loads of Wool from Carmenia.

Friday

Wednesday 22. The Dutch Ship which Arriv'd the 15th Inst. Sail'd for Carack.

Thursday 23. This Evening Arriv'd an express boat from Bussorah with a private letter from Mr. Shaw of the 26th Ultimo advising that he had just Receiv'd some packets Via Stambola & Aleppo which he sent me and the letter from the Secret Committee which enclos'd them.

Saturday

Rec'd a private letter from Mr. Shaw with the Secret Committee of the United Comp.ys their Letter to him.

To William Shaw Esq.r
Resident for the United English East India Company at Bussorah, or the Resident for the time being.

Sir.

Secret Committee Letter from

The accompanying Packet being sent by his Majesty's Ministers, to meet Admiral Watson in the East Indies, and containing matters of the greatest importance, You are to forward the same to Bombay, Tellicherry or Anjenga, but rather to the last named place, as from thence it may be Convey'd by Pattamars to the Coast of Choromandel, if the fleet shall at the time happens to be there, You are to be as Expeditious as possible in forwarding this packet accordingly, and You are to spare no Expence therein.

Sunday

We are, Your Loving Friends
The Secret Committee of the East India Company

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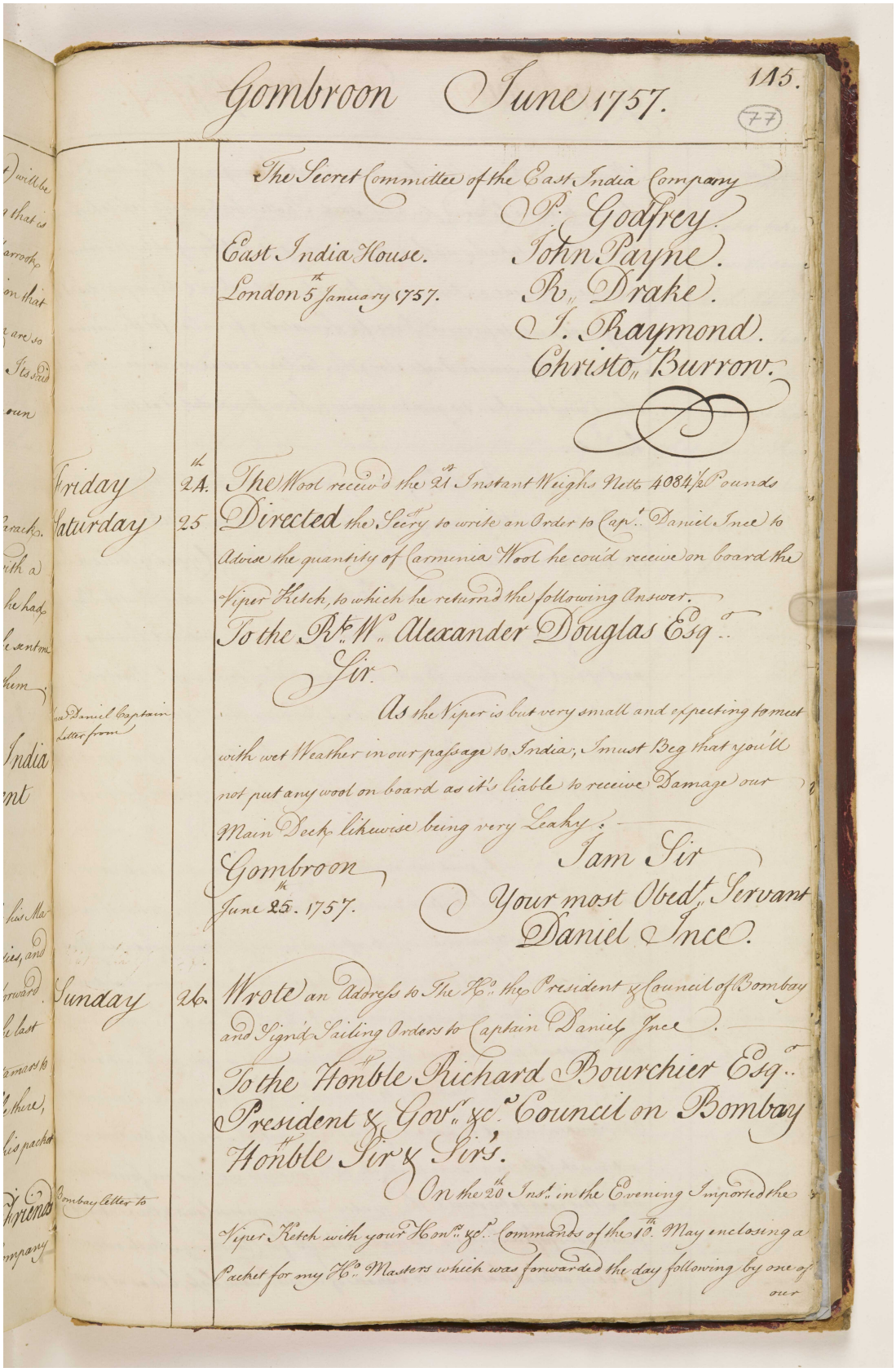

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The Secret Committee of the East India Company
P. Godfrey.
John Payne.
R.d Drake.
I. Raymond.
Christo.r Burrow.

East India House.
London 5th January 1757.

Friday 24th. The Wool receiv'd the 21st Instant Weighs Nett 4084 lb Pounds

Saturday 25 Directed the Secry to write an Order to Capt.n Daniel Ince to Advise the quantity of Armenia Wool he could receive on board the Viper Ketch, to which he returns the following Answer.

To the Rt. W.m Alexander Douglas Esq.r

Sir.

Capt.n Daniel Captain Ince's Letter from

As the Viper is but very small and expecting to meet with wet Weather in our passage to India, I must Beg that you'll not put any wool on board as it's liable to receive Damage our Main Deck likewise being very Leaky.

I am Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
Daniel Ince.

Gombroon
June 25th. 1757.

Sunday 26. Wrote an Address to The Hon.ble the President & Council of Bombay and Signd Sailing Orders to Captain Daniel Ince.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esq.r
President &c.a &c.a Council on Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Bombay Letter to

On the 20th Inst.t in the Evening Imported the Viper Ketch with your Hon.ble &c.a Commands of the 10th May enclosing a Packet for my Hon.ble Masters which was forwarded the day following by one of our

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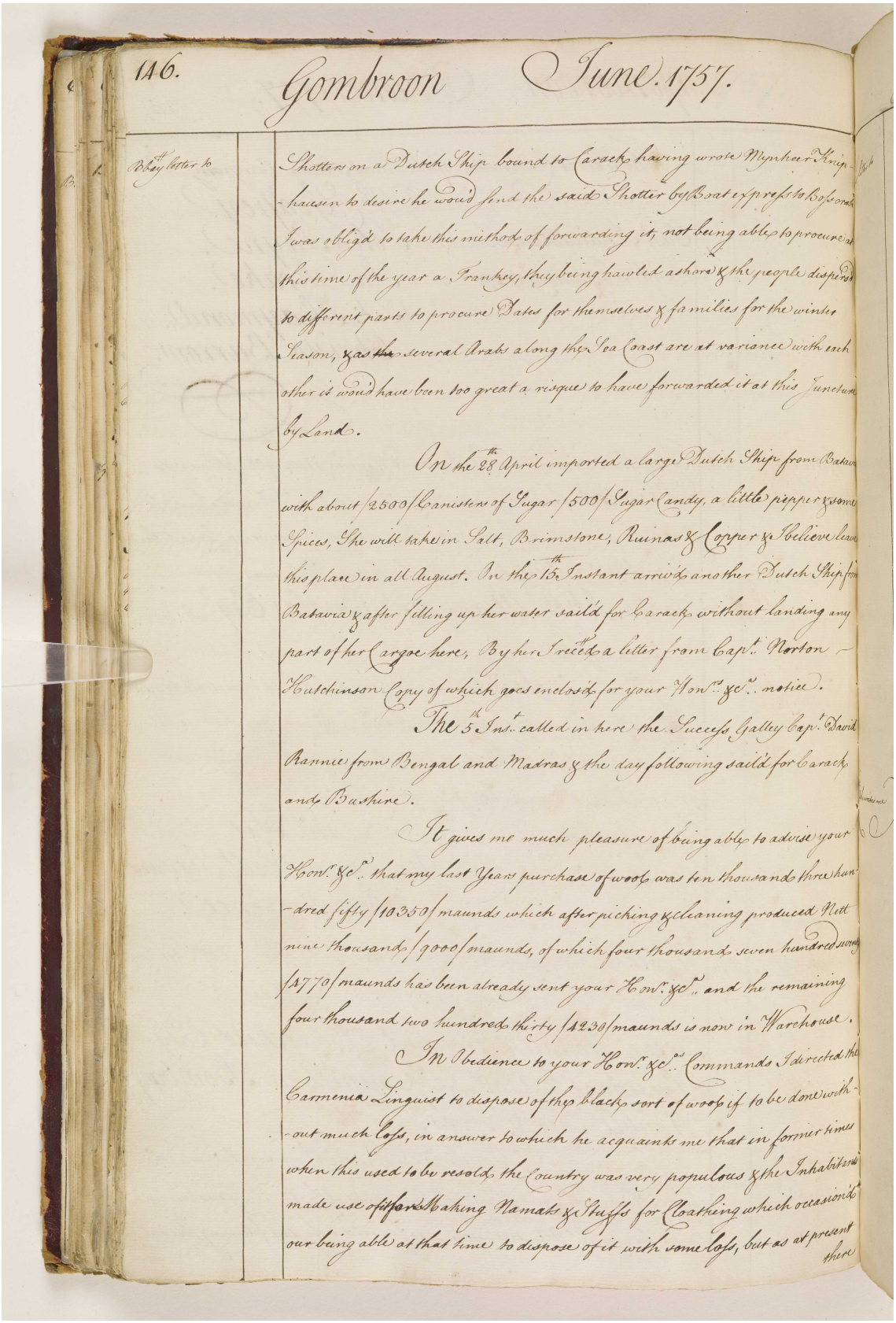

Bbay letter to

Shotters on a Dutch Ship bound to Carack having wrote Mynheer Knip-hausen to desire he wou'd send the said Shotter by Boat express to Bossorah I was oblig'd to take this method of forwarding it, not being able to procure at this time of the year a Trankey, they being hawled ashore & the people dispers'd to different parts to procure Dates for themselves & families for the winter Season, & as ~~the~~ several Arabs along the Sea Coast are at variance with each other it wou'd have been too great a risque to have forwarded it at this Juncture by Land.

On the 28th April imported a large Dutch Ship from Batavia with about /2500/ Canisters of Sugar /500/ Sugar Candy, a little pepper & some Spices, She will take in Salt, Brimstone, Ruinas & Copper & I believe leave this place in all August. On the 15th Instant arriv'd another Dutch Ship from Batavia & after filling up her water sail'd for Carack without landing any part of her Cargoe here, By her I rec'd a letter from Capt. Norton Hutchinson Copy of which goes enclos'd for your Hon.rs &c.a notice.

The 5th Inst. called in here the Success Galley Capt. David Rannie from Bengal and Madras & the day following sail'd for Carack and Bushire.

It gives me much pleasure of being able to advise your Hon.r &c.a that my last Years purchase of wool was ten thousand three hun-dred fifty /10350/ maunds which after picking & cleaning produced Nett nine thousand /9000/ maunds, of which four thousand seven hundred seventy /4770/ maunds has been already sent your Hon.r &c.a and the remaining four thousand two hundred thirty /4230/ maunds is now in Warehouse.

In Obedience to your Hon.r &c.as Commands I directed the Carmenia Linguist to dispose of the black sort of wool if to be done with-out much loss, in answer to which he acquaints me that in former times when this used to be resold the Country was very populous & the Inhabitants made use of it for Making Namats & Stuffs for Cloathing which occasion'd our being able at that time to dispose of it with some loss, but as at present there

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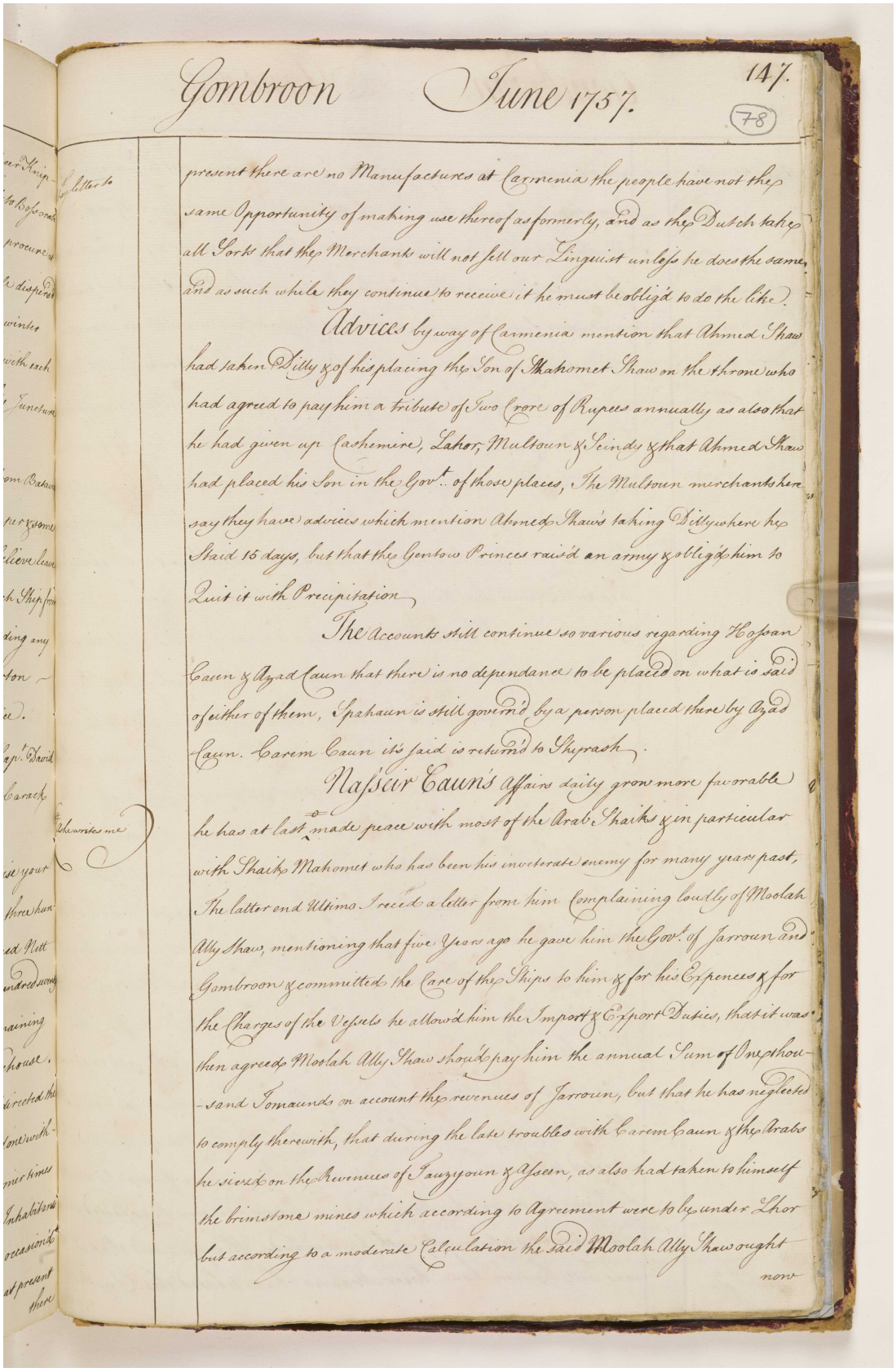

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present there are no Manufactures at Carmenia the people have not the same Opportunity of making use thereof as formerly, and as the Dutch take all Sorts that the Merchants will not sell our Linguist unless he does the same, and as such while they continue to receive it he must be oblig'd to do the like.

Advices by way of Carmenia mention that Ahmed Shaw had taken Dilly & of his placing the Son of Shahomet Shaw on the throne who had agreed to pay him a tribute of Two Crore of Rupees annually as also that he had given up Cashemire, Lahor, Multoun & Scinds & that Ahmed Shaw had placed his Son in the Govt. of those places, The Multoun merchants here say they have advices which mention Ahmed Shaw's taking Dilly where he Staid 15 days, but that the Gentoo Princes raisd an army & oblig'd him to Quit it with Precipitation.

The Accounts still continue so various regarding Hossan Caun & Azad Caun that there is no dependance to be placed on what is said of either of them, Spahaun is still govern'd by a person placed there by Azad Caun. Carem Caun its said is return'd to Shyrash.

Nasseir Caun's affairs daily grow more favorable he has at last made peace with most of the Arab Shaiks & in particular with Shaikh Mahomet who has been his inveterate enemy for many years past, The latter end Ultimo I recd a letter from him Complaining loudly of Moolah Ally Shaw, mentioning that five Years ago he gave him the Govt. of Jarroun and Gombroon & committed the Care of the Ships to him & for his Expences & for the Charges of the Vessels he allow'd him the Import & Export Duties, that it was then agreed Moolah Ally Shaw should pay him the annual Sum of One thou-sand Tomaunds on account the revenues of Jarroun, but that he has neglected to comply therewith, that during the late troubles with Carem Caun & the Arabs he seized on the Revenues of Tauzzoun & Asseen, as also had taken to himself the brimstone mines which according to Agreement were to be under Lhor but according to a moderate Calculation the said Moolah Ally Shaw ought now

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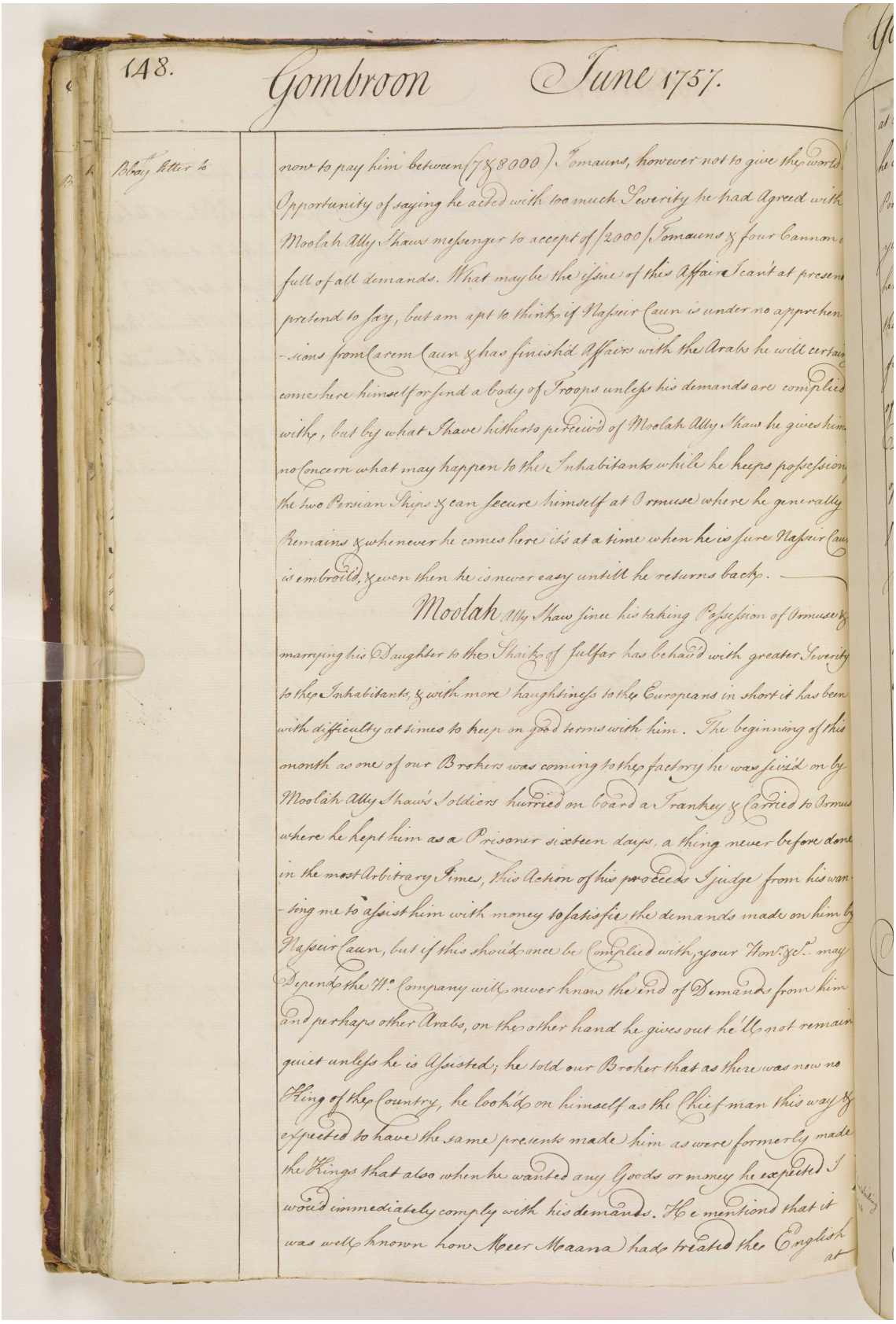

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Bbay letter to

now to pay him between (7 & 8000) Tomauns, however not to give the world Opportunity of saying he acted with too much Severity he had Agreed with Moolah Ally Shaws messenger to accept of (2000) Tomauns & four Cannon full of all demands. What may be the issue of this Affair I can't at present pretend to say, but am apt to think if Nasseir Caun is under no apprehen-sions from Carem Caun & has finish'd Affairs with the Arabs he will certain come here himself or send a body of Troops unless his demands are complied with, but by what I have hitherto perceiv'd of Moolah Ally Shaw he gives him no Concern what may happen to the Inhabitants while he keeps possession of the two Persian Ships & can secure himself at Ormuse where he generally Remains & whenever he comes here it's at a time when he is sure Nasseir Caun is embroil'd, & even then he is never easy untill he returns back.

Moolah Ally Shaw since his taking Possession of Ormuse & marrying his Daughter to the Shaik of Julfar has behav'd with greater Severity to the Inhabitants, & with more haughtiness to the Europeans in short it has been with difficulty at times to keep on good terms with him. The beginning of this month as one of our Brokers was coming to the factory he was seiz'd on by Moolah Ally Shaw's Soldiers hurried on board a Trankey & Carried to Ormus where he kept him as a Prisoner sixteen days, a thing never before done in the most Arbitrary Times, this Action of his proceeds I judge from his wan-ting me to assist him with money to satisfie the demands made on him by Nasseir Caun, but if this shou'd once be Complied with, your Hon.r &c.r may Depend the W.o Company will never know the end of Demands from him and perhaps other Arabs, on the other hand he gives out he'll not remain quiet unless he is Assisted; he told our Broker that as there was now no King of the Country, he look'd on himself as the Chief man this way & expected to have the same presents made him as were formerly made the Kings that also when he wanted any Goods or money he expected I wou'd immediately comply with his demands. He mentiond that it was well known how Meer Maana had treated the English at

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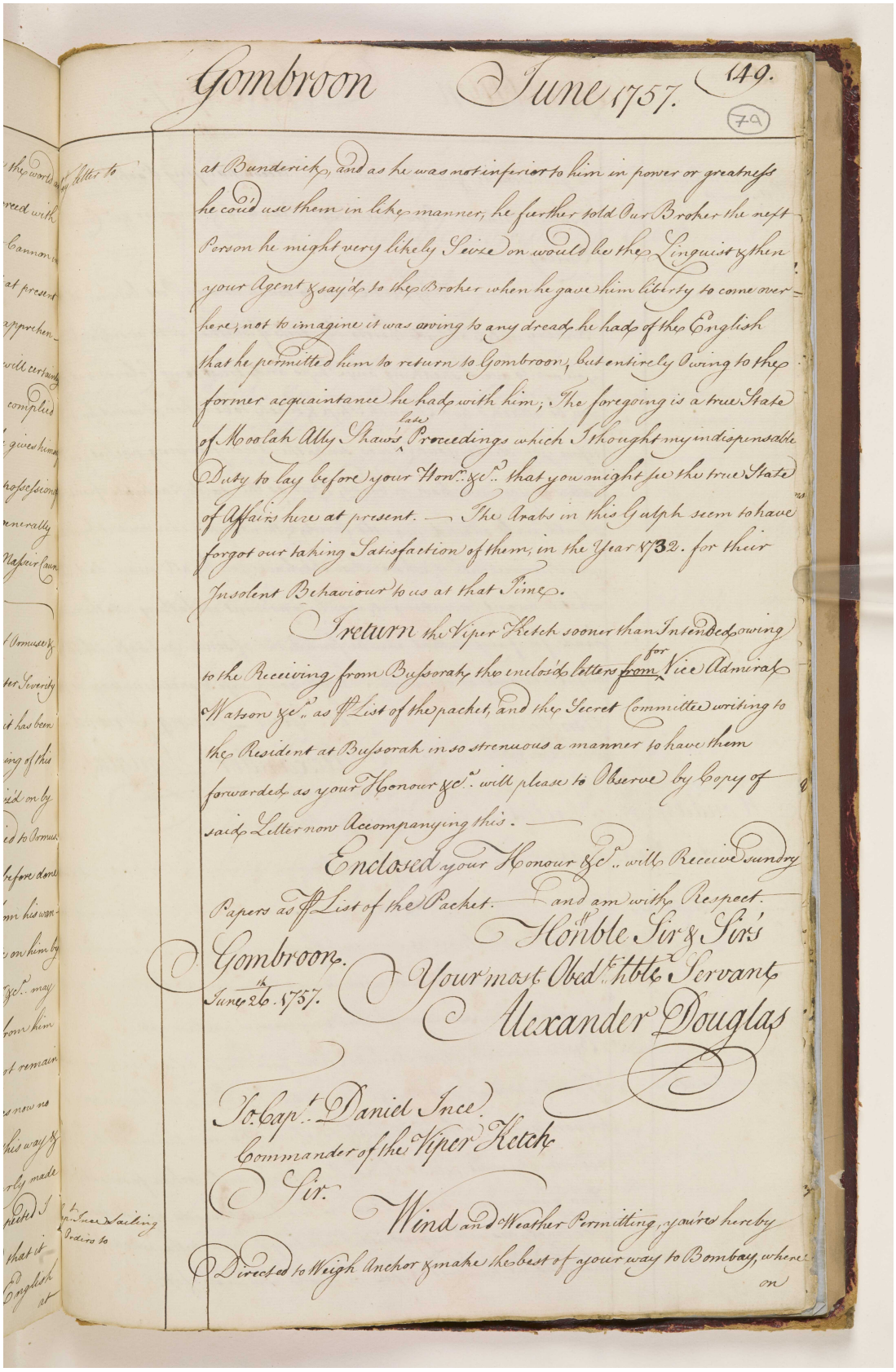

at Bunderick, and as he was not inferior to him in power or greatness he cou'd use them in like manner, he further told Our Broker the next Person he might very likely Seize on would be the Linguist & then your Agent & say'd to the Broker when he gave him liberty to come over here, not to imagine it was owing to any dread he had of the English that he permitted him to return to Gombroon, but entirely Owing to the former acquaintance he had with him; The foregoing is a true State of Moolah Ally Shaw's late Proceedings which I thought my indispensable Duty to lay before your Hon.r &c.a that you might see the true State of Affairs here at present. — The Arabs in this Gulph seem to have forgot our taking Satisfaction of them, in the Year 1732. for their Insolent Behaviour to us at that Time.

I return the Viper Ketch sooner than Intended owing to the Receiving from Bussorah the enclos'd letters from for Vice Admiral Watson &c.a as ¶ List of the packet, and the Secret Committee writing to the Resident at Bussorah in so strenuous a manner to have them forwarded as your Honour &c.a will please to Observe by Copy of said Letter now Accompanying this. —

Enclosed your Honour &c.a will Receive sundry Papers as ¶ List of the Packet. — and am with Respect.

Hon.ble Sir & Sir's
Your most Obed.t hble Servant
Alexander Douglas

Gombroon.
June 26th 1757.

To Cap.t Daniel Ince
Commander of the Viper Ketch
Sir.

Wind and Weather Permitting, you're hereby Directed to Weigh Anchor & make the best of your way to Bombay, where on

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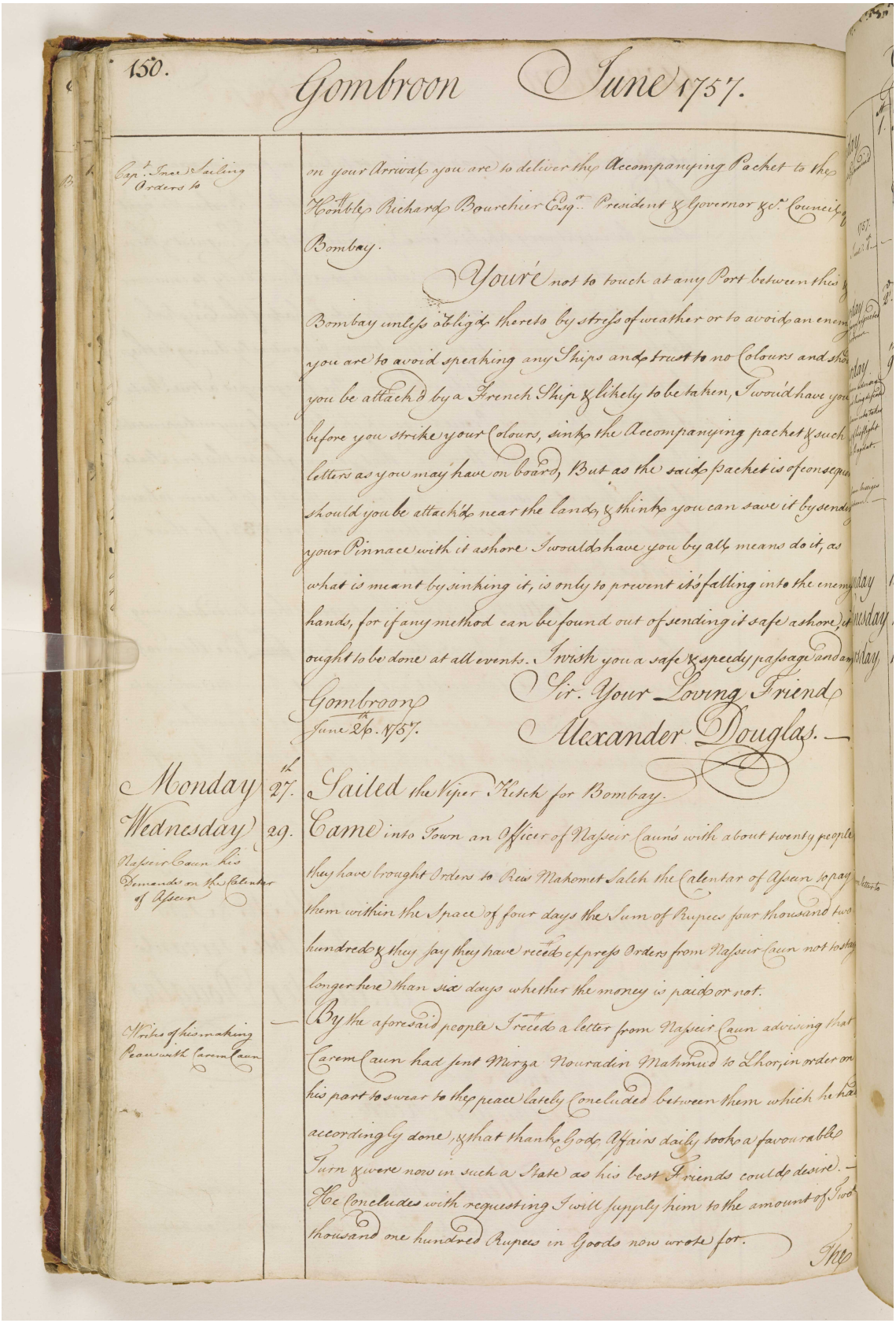

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Capt. Inne Sailing Orders to

on your Arrival you are to deliver the Accompanying Packet to the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr. President & Governor &c. Council at Bombay.

You're not to touch at any Port between this & Bombay unless oblig'd thereto by stress of weather or to avoid an enemy you are to avoid speaking any Ships and trust to no Colours and should you be attack'd by a French Ship & likely to be taken, I would have you before you strike your Colours, sink the Accompanying packet & such letters as you may have on board, But as the said packet is of consequence should you be attack'd near the land & think you can save it by sending your Pinnace with it ashore I would have you by all means do it, as what is meant by sinking it, is only to prevent it's falling into the enemy's hands, for if any method can be found out of sending it safe ashore it ought to be done at all events. I wish you a safe & speedy passage and am

Gombroon June 26th. 1757.

Sir. Your Loving Friend Alexander Douglas.

Monday 27th. Sailed the Viper Ketch for Bombay.

Wednesday 29. Came into Town an Officer of Nasseir Caun's with about twenty people they have brought Orders to Reis Mahomet Saleh the Calentar of Apsun to pay them within the Space of four days the Sum of Rupees four thousand two hundred & they say they have receiv'd express Orders from Nasseir Caun not to stay longer here than six days whether the money is paid or not.

Nasseir Caun his Demands on the Calentar of Apsun

Wishes of his making Peace with Carem Caun

By the aforesaid people I receiv'd a letter from Nasseir Caun advising that Carem Caun had sent Mirza Nouradin Mahmud to Lhorjin in order on his part to swear to the peace lately Concluded between them which he had accordingly done & that thanks to God Affairs daily took a favourable Turn & were now in such a State as his best Friends could desire. He Concludes with requesting I will supply him to the amount of two thousand one hundred Rupees in Goods now wrote for.

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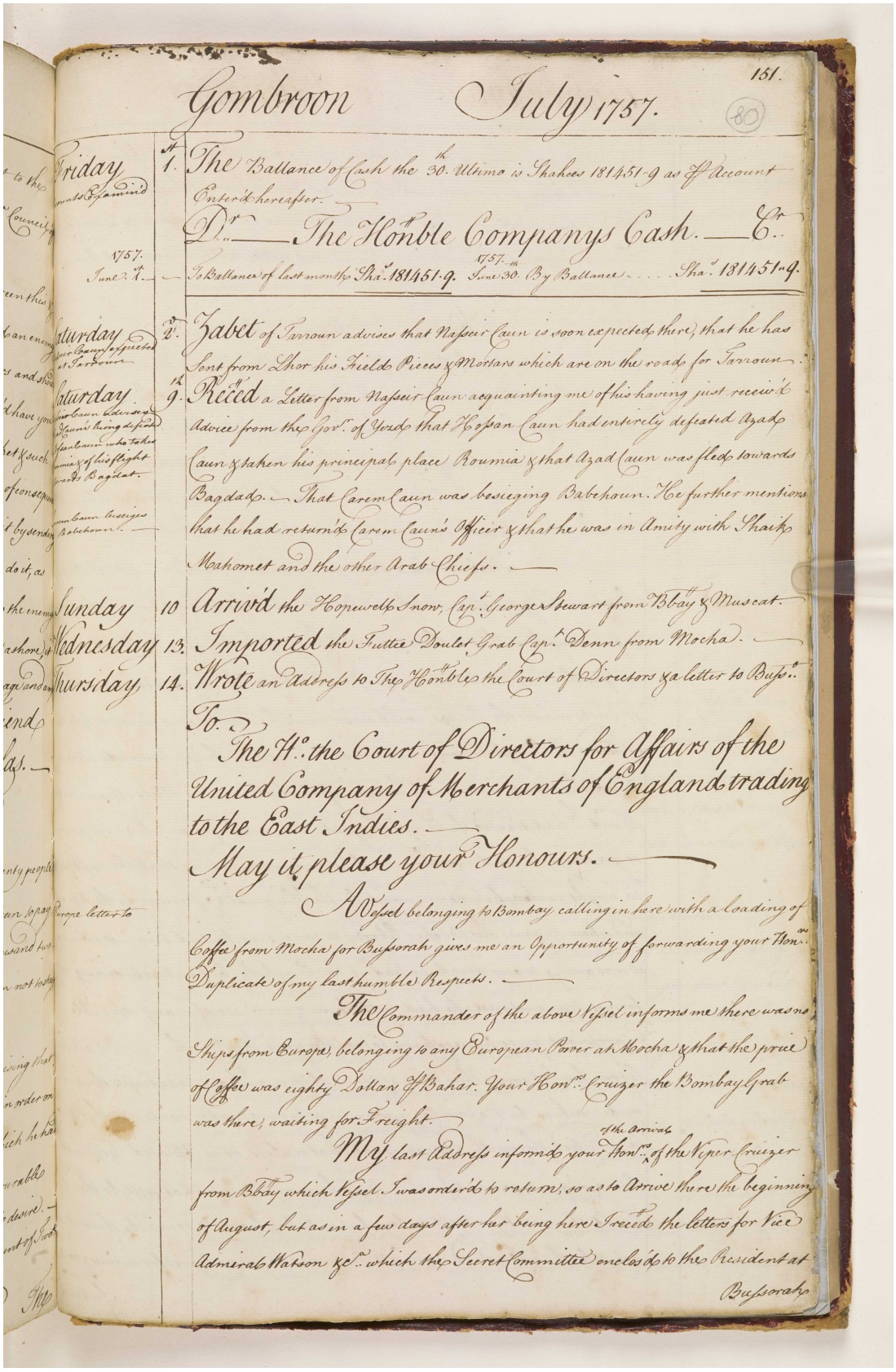

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Friday 1. The Ballance of Cash the 30th Ultimo is Shahees 181451-9 as p Account Entered hereafter.

Dr. The Honble Companys Cash. Cr.

1757. June 1st To Ballance of last month Sha.s 181451-9. 1757. June 30th By Ballance ... Sha.s 181451-9.

Saturday 5th 2. Zabet of Tarroun advises that Nasseir Caun is soon expected there, that he has Sent from Lhor his Field Pieces & Mortars which are on the road for Tarroun.

Saturday 12th 9. Receid a Letter from Nasseir Caun acquainting me of his having just receiv'd Advice from the Govr. of Yezd that Hossan Caun had entirely defeated Azad Caun & taken his principal place Roumia & that Azad Caun was fled towards Bagdad. That Carem Caun was besieging Babehaun. He further mentions that he had return'd Carem Caun's Officer & that he was in Amity with Shaikh Mahomet and the other Arab Chiefs.

Sunday 10 Arrivd the Hopewell Snow. Capt. George Stewart from Bbay & Muscat.

Wednesday 13. Imported the Futtee Doulet Grab Capt. Denn from Mocha.

Thursday 14. Wrote an Address to The Honble the Court of Directors & a letter to Busr.

To.

The Hble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

May it please your Honours.

A Vessel belonging to Bombay calling in here with a loading of Coffee from Mocha for Busorah gives me an Opportunity of forwarding your Hons. Duplicate of my last humble Respects.

The Commander of the above Vessel informs me there was no Ships from Europe, belonging to any European Power at Mocha & that the price of Coffee was eighty Dollars p Bahar. Your Hons. Cruizer the Bombay Grab was there, waiting for Freight.

My last Address informd your Hons. of the Arrival of the Viper Cruizer from Bbay which Vessel I was order'd to return, so as to Arrive there the beginning of August, but as in a few days after her being here I receid the letters for Vice Admiral Watson &c. which the Secret Committee encloses do to the President at Busorah

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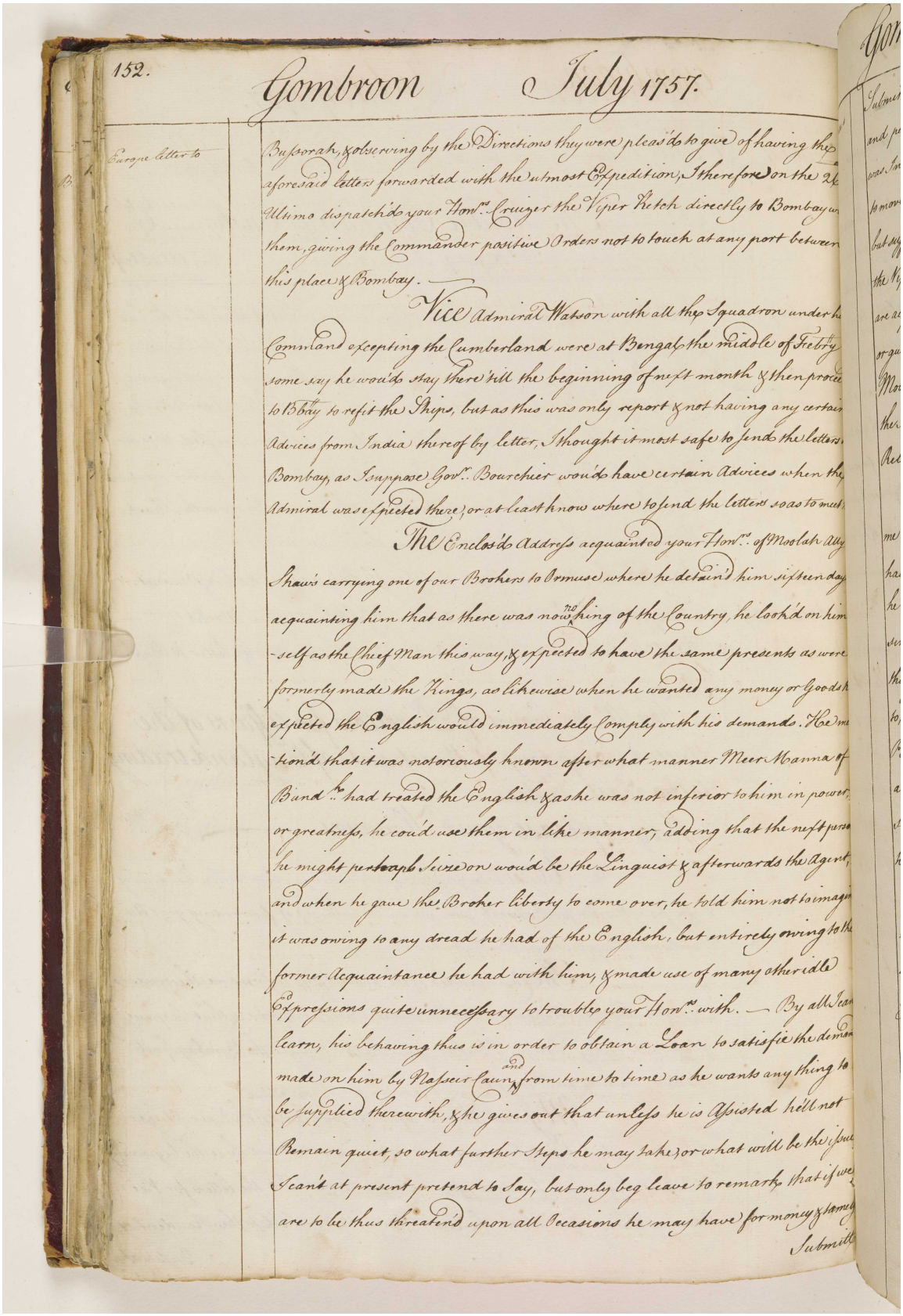

152. Gombroon July 1757.

Europe letter to

Buſsorah, & observing by the Directions they were pleas'd to give of having the aforesaid letters forwarded with the utmost Expedition, I therefore on the 2[illegible] Ultimo dispatch'd your Hon[rs]. Cruizer the Viper Ketch directly to Bombay with them, giving the Commander positive Orders not to touch at any port between this place & Bombay.

Vice Admiral Watson with all the Squadron under his Command excepting the Cumberland were at Bengal the middle of Febry. some say he would stay there 'till the beginning of next month & then proceed to Bombay to refit the Ships, but as this was only report & not having any certain Advices from India thereof by letter, I thought it most safe to send the letters to Bombay, as I suppose Gov[r]. Bourchier would have certain Advices when the Admiral was expected there, or at least know where to send the letters so as to meet

The Enclos'd Address acquainted your Hon[rs]. of Moolah Ally Shaw's carrying one of our Brokers to Ormuse where he detain'd him sixteen days acquainting him that as there was now no King of the Country, he look'd on himself as the Chief Man this way, & expected to have the same presents as were formerly made the Kings, as likewise when he wanted any money or Goods he expected the English would immediately comply with his demands. He mention'd that it was notoriously known after what manner Meer Mamma of Bund[r]. had treated the English & as he was not inferior to him in power or greatness, he could use them in like manner, adding that the next person he might perhaps Seize on would be the Linguist & afterwards the Agent, and when he gave the Broker liberty to come over, he told him not to imagine it was owing to any dread he had of the English, but entirely owing to the former Acquaintance he had with him, & made use of many other idle Expressions quite unnecessary to trouble your Hon[rs]. with. — By all I can learn, his behaving thus is in order to obtain a Loan to satisfie the demands made on him by Nasseir Caun and from time to time as he wants any thing to be supplied therewith, & he gives out that unless he is Assisted he'll not Remain quiet, so what further Steps he may take or what will be the issue I can't at present pretend to Say, but only beg leave to remark, that if we are to be thus threaten'd upon all Occasions he may have for money & [illegible]

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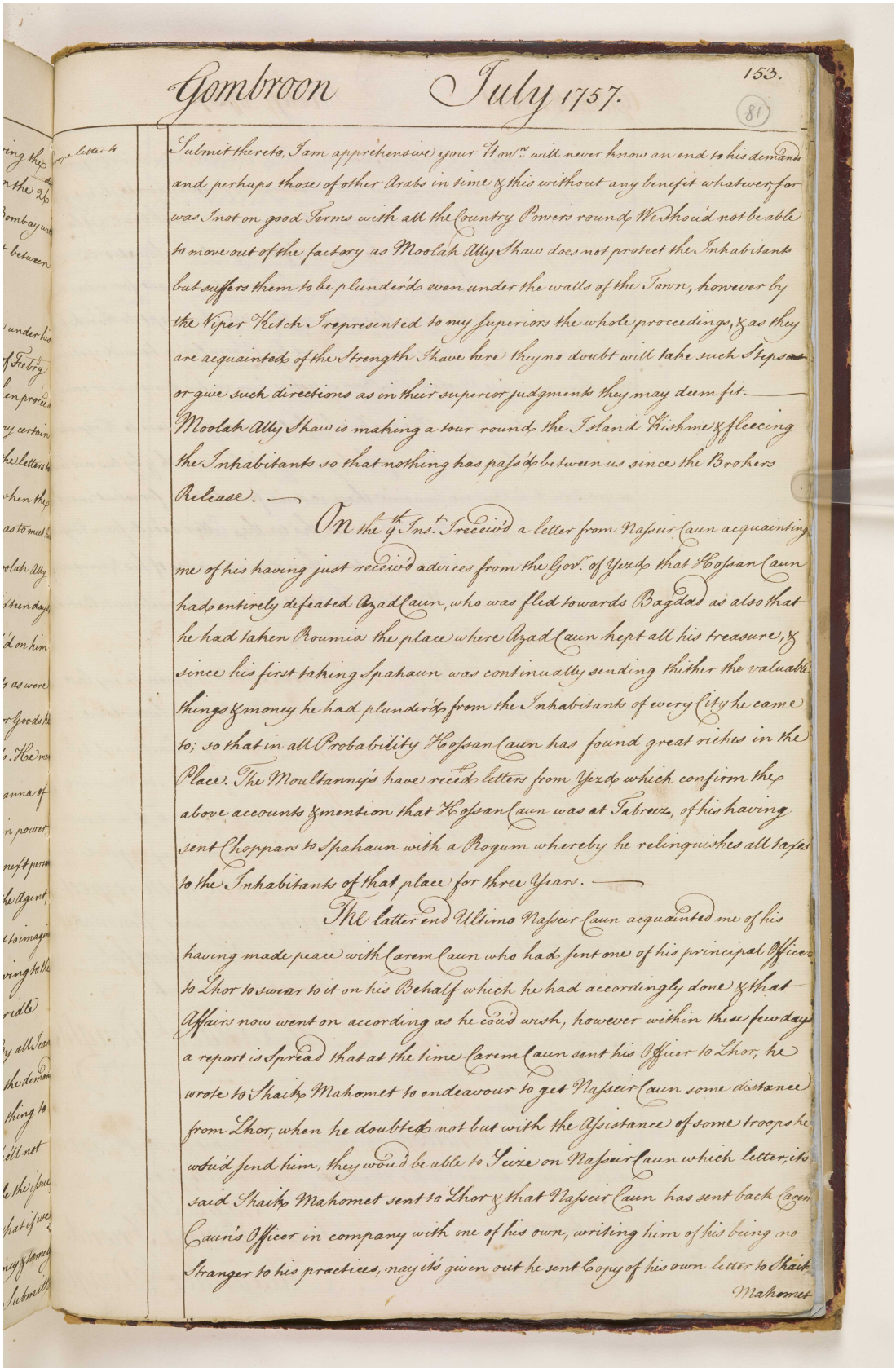

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Submit thereto, I am apprehensive your Honr. will never know an end to his demands and perhaps those of other Arabs in time & this without any benefit whatever, for was I not on good Terms with all the Country Powers round, We should not be able to move out of the factory as Moolah Ally Shaw does not protect the Inhabitants but suffers them to be plunder'd even under the walls of the Town, however by the Viper Ketch I represented to my Superiors the whole proceedings, & as they are acquainted of the Strength I have here they no doubt will take such Steps as or give such directions as in their superior judgments they may deem fit. Moolah Ally Shaw is making a tour round the Island Rishme & fleecing the Inhabitants so that nothing has pass'd between us since the Brokers Release.

On the 9th Inst. I receiv'd a letter from Nasseir Caun acquainting me of his having just receiv'd advices from the Gov. of Yezd that Hossan Caun had entirely defeated Azad Caun, who was fled towards Bagdad as also that he had taken Roumia the place where Azad Caun kept all his treasure, & since his first taking Spahaun was continually sending thither the valuable things & money he had plunder'd from the Inhabitants of every City he came to; so that in all Probability Hossan Caun has found great riches in the Place. The Moultanny's have receiv'd letters from Yezd which confirm the above accounts & mention that Hossan Caun was at Tabreez, of his having sent Choppars to Spahaun with a Rogum whereby he relinquishes all taxes to the Inhabitants of that place for three Years.

The latter end Ultimo Nasseir Caun acquainted me of his having made peace with Carem Caun who had sent one of his principal Officers to Lhor to swear to it on his Behalf which he had accordingly done & that Affairs now went on according as he could wish, however within these few days a report is Spread that at the time Carem Caun sent his Officer to Lhor, he wrote to Shaikh Mahomet to endeavour to get Nasseir Caun some distance from Lhor, when he doubted not but with the Assistance of some troops he would send him, they would be able to Seize on Nasseir Caun which letter, it's said Shaikh Mahomet sent to Lhor & that Nasseir Caun has sent back Carem Caun's Officer in company with one of his own, writing him of his being no Stranger to his practices, nay it's given out he sent Copy of his own letter to Shaikh Mahomet

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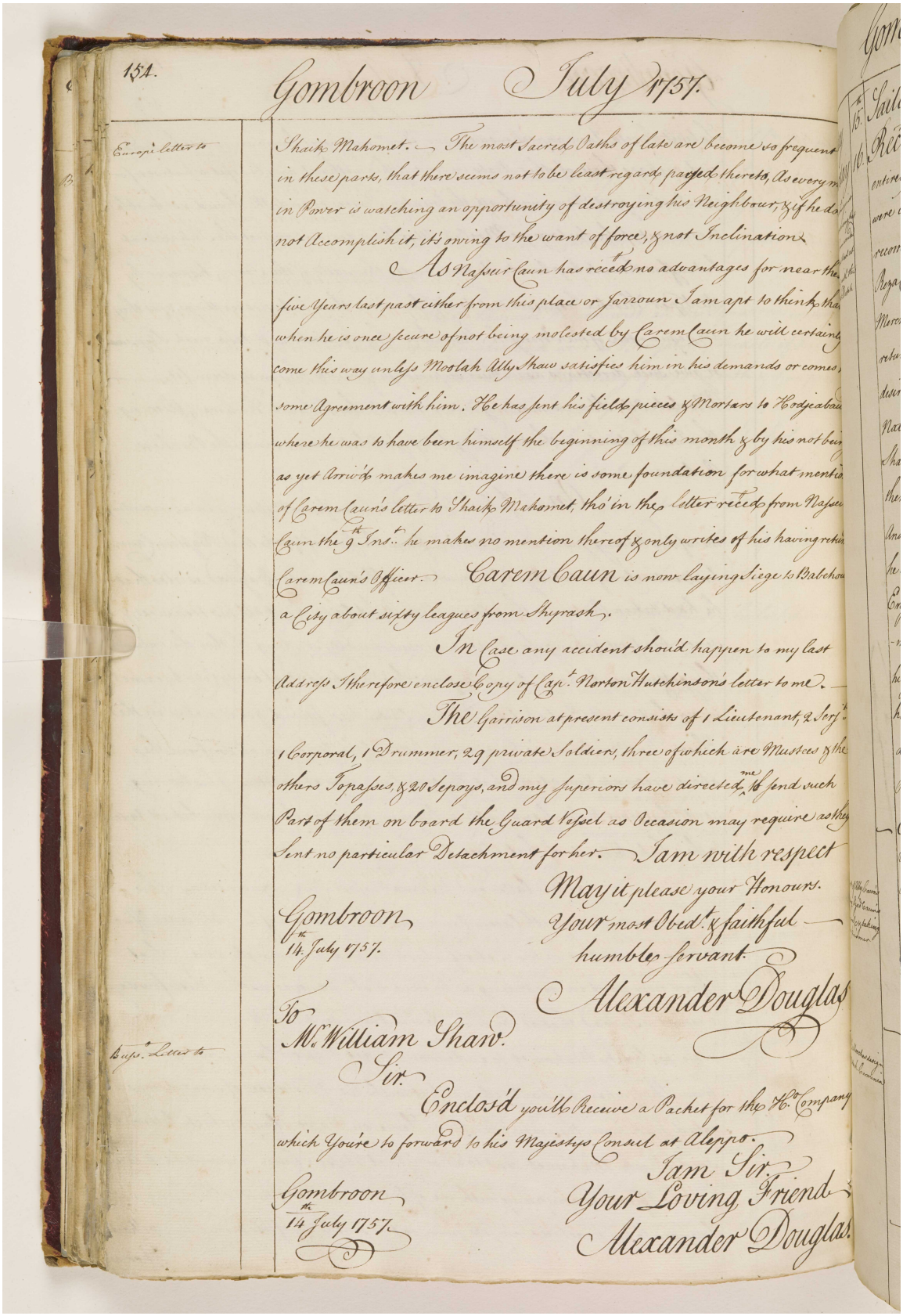

154.

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Europ. Letter to

Shaik Mahomet. — The most Sacred Oaths of late are become so frequent in these parts, that there seems not to be least regard paid thereto, As every man in Power is watching an opportunity of destroying his Neighbour, & if he does not Accomplish it, it's owing to the want of force, & not Inclination.

As Nasseir Caun has receed no advantages for near the five Years last past either from this place or Jarroun I am apt to think, that when he is once secure of not being molested by Carem Caun he will certainly come this way unless Mostah Ally Shaw satisfies him in his demands or comes to some Agreement with him. He has sent his fields pieces & Mortars to Hodjeabad where he was to have been himself the beginning of this month & by his not being as yet Arrived makes me imagine there is some foundation for what mention of Carem Caun's letter to Shaik Mahomet, tho' in the letter receed from Nasseir Caun the 9th Inst. he makes no mention thereof & only writes of his having rethi Carem Caun's Officer. Carem Caun is now laying Siege to Babehou a City about sixty leagues from Shyrash.

In Case any accident should happen to my last Address I therefore enclose Copy of Capt. Norton Hutchinson's letter to me.

The Garrison at present consists of 1 Lieutenant, 2 Serj 1 Corporal, 1 Drummer, 29 private Soldiers, three of which are Musters & the others Topasses, & 20 Sepoys, and my Superiors have directed me to send such Part of them on board the Guard Vessel as Occasion may require as they Sent no particular Detachment for her. I am with respect

May it please your Honours.
Your most Obed.t & faithful
humble Servant.
Alexander Douglas

Gombroon
the 14 July 1757.

Bups. Letter to

To
Mr. William Shaw.

Sir.

Enclos'd you'll Receive a Packet for the Hon.ble Company which Youre to forward to his Majestys Consul at Aleppo.

I am Sir.
Your Loving Friend
Alexander Douglas

Gombroon
the 14 July 1757.

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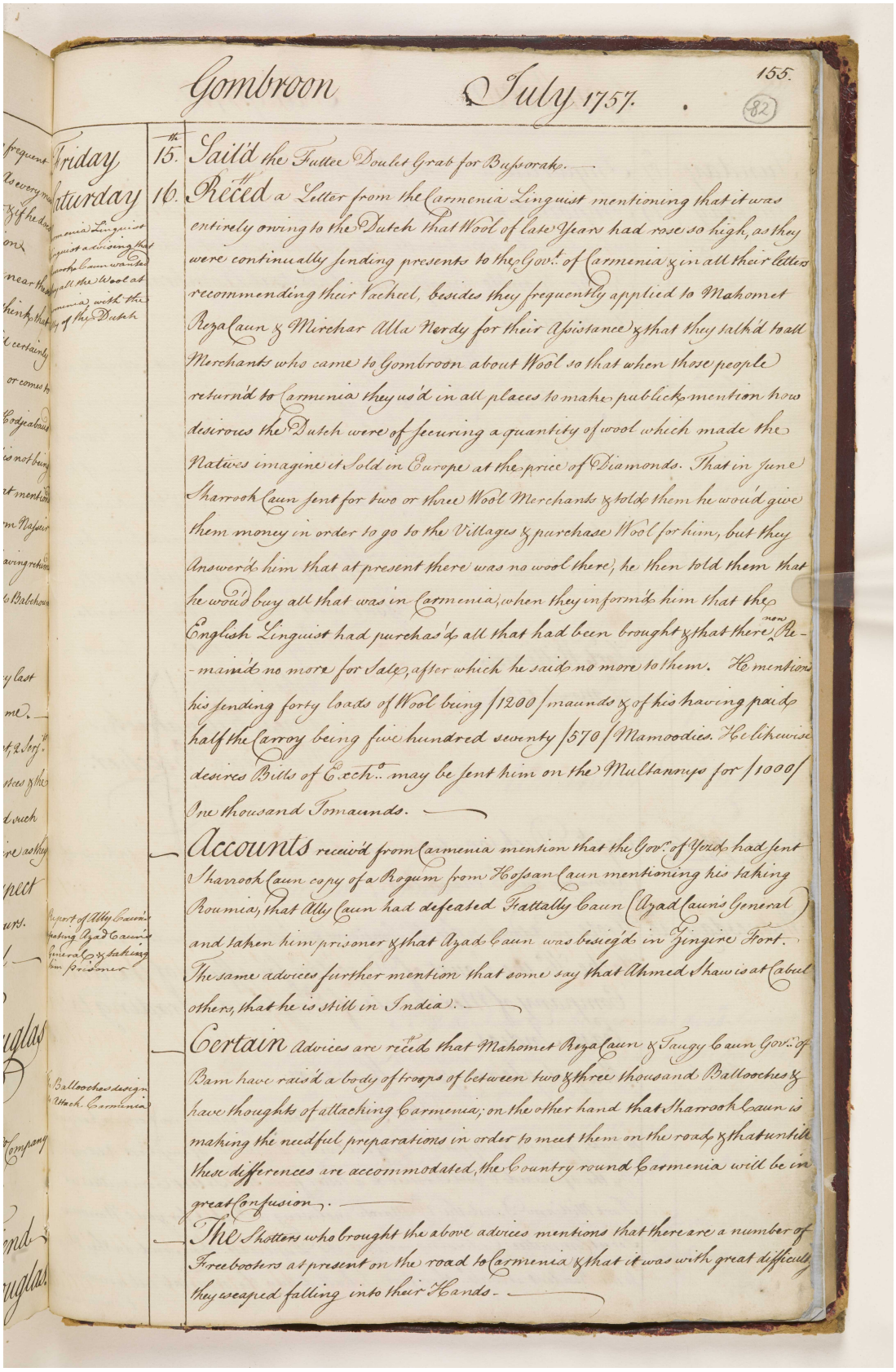

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Friday 15th Said the Fullee Doulet Grab for Buſsorah.

Saturday 16th Recd a Letter from the Carmenia Linguist mentioning that it was entirely owing to the Dutch that Wool of late Years had rose so high, as they were continually sending presents to the Govt. of Carmenia & in all their letters recommending their Vacheel, besides they frequently applied to Mahomet Reza Caun & Mirchar Alla Nerdy for their Assistance & that they told all Merchants who came to Gombroon about Wool so that when those people returnd to Carmenia they usd in all places to make publick mention how desirous the Dutch were of securing a quantity of wool which made the Natives imagine it Sold in Europe at the price of Diamonds. That in June Sharrook Caun sent for two or three Wool Merchants & told them he would give them money in order to go to the Villages & purchase Wool for him, but they Answerd him that at present there was no wool there; he then told them that he would buy all that was in Carmenia; when they informd him that the English Linguist had purchasd all that had been brought & that there now Remaind no more for Sale; after which he said no more to them. He mentions his sending forty loads of Wool being 1200 maunds & of his having paid half the Carroy being five hundred seventy 570 Mamoodies. He likewise desires Bills of Exchr. may be sent him on the Multanneys for 1000 One thousand Tomaunds.

Accounts recivd from Carmenia mention that the Govr. of Yezd had sent Sharrook Caun copy of a Rogum from Hoſsan Caun mentioning his taking Roumia, that Ally Caun had defeated Fattally Caun (Azad Caun's General) and taken him prisoner & that Azad Caun was besiegd in Jingire Fort. The same advices further mention that some say that Ahmed Shaw is at Cabul others, that he is still in India.

Certain Advices are recivd that Mahomet Reza Caun & Taugy Caun Govrs. of Bam have raisd a body of troops of between two & three thousand Balloochees & have thoughts of attacking Carmenia; on the other hand that Sharrook Caun is making the needful preparations in order to meet them on the road & that untill these differences are accommodated, the Country round Carmenia will be in great Confusion.

The Shotters who brought the above advices mentions that there are a number of Freebooters at present on the road to Carmenia & that it was with great difficulty they escaped falling into their Hands.

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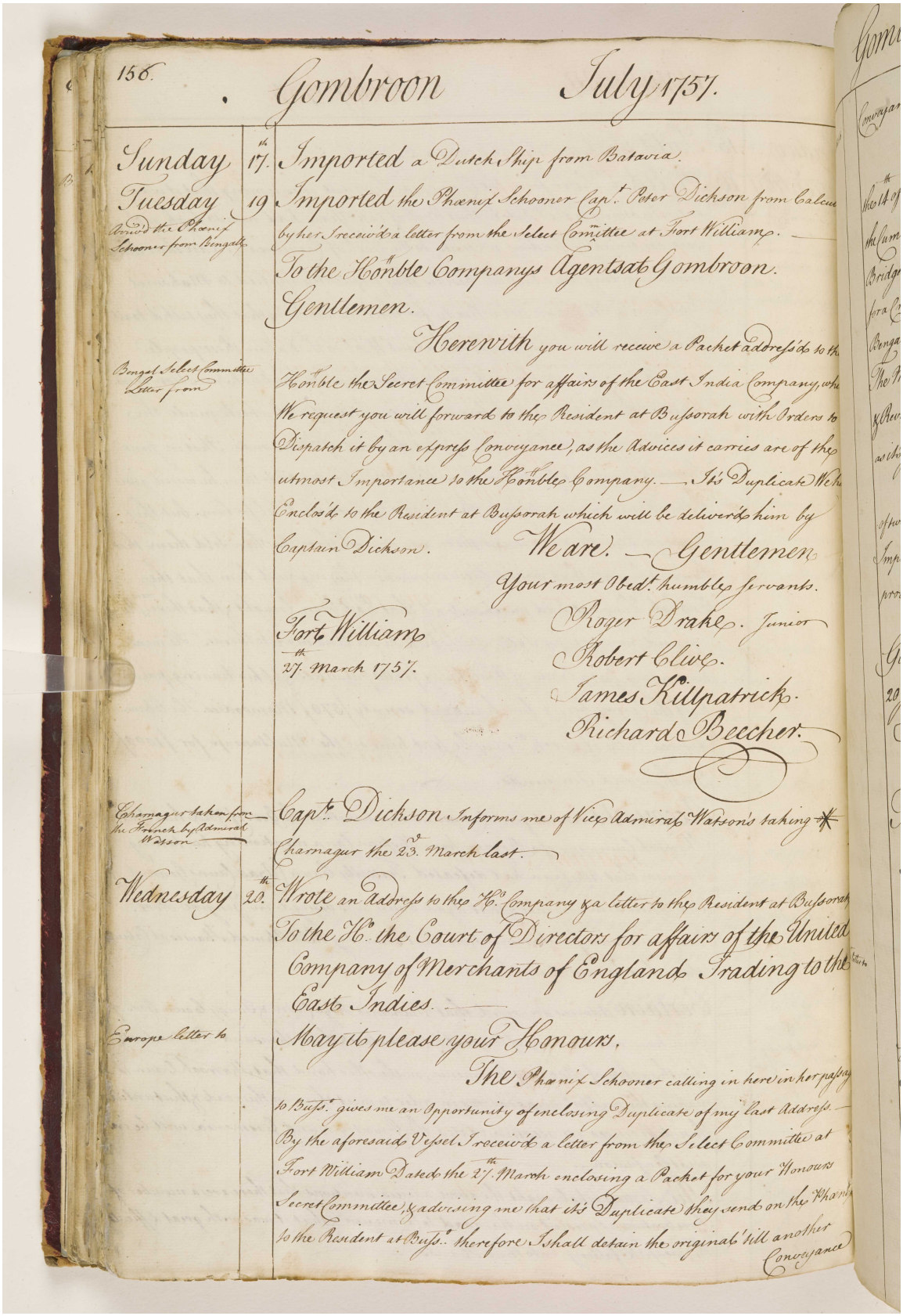

156. Gombroon July 1757.

Sunday 17th. Imported a Dutch Ship from Batavia.

Tuesday 19 Imported the Phœnix Schooner Capt. Peter Dickson from Calcutta by her I receivd a letter from the Select Committee at Fort William.

Arrived the Phœnix Schooner from Bengall

To the Honble Companys Agents at Gombroon.

Gentlemen.

Herewith you will receive a Packet addressd to the Honble the Secret Committee for affairs of the East India Company, which We request you will forward to the Resident at Busorah with Orders to Dispatch it by an express Conveyance, as the Advices it carries are of the utmost Importance to the Honble Company. — It's Duplicate We have Enclosd to the Resident at Busorah which will be delivered him by Captain Dickson.

Bengal Select Committee Letter from

We are. — Gentlemen

Your most Obedt. humble servants.

Roger Drake. Junior

Robert Clive.

James Killpatrick.

Richard Beecher.

Fort William
27th. March 1757.

Capt. Dickson Informs me of Vice Admiral Watson's taking Charnagur the 23d. March last.

Charnagur taken from the French by Admiral Watson

Wednesday 20th. Wrote an Address to the Hon. Company & a letter to the Resident at Busorah

To the Hon. the Court of Directors for affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies.

May it please your Honours.

Europe letter to

The Phœnix Schooner calling in here in her passage to Busr. gives me an Opportunity of enclosing Duplicate of my last Address. By the aforesaid Vessel I receivd a letter from the Select Committee at Fort William Dated the 27th. March enclosing a Packet for your Honours Secret Committee, & advising me that it's Duplicate they send on the Phœnix to the Resident at Busr. Therefore I shall detain the original 'till another Conveyance

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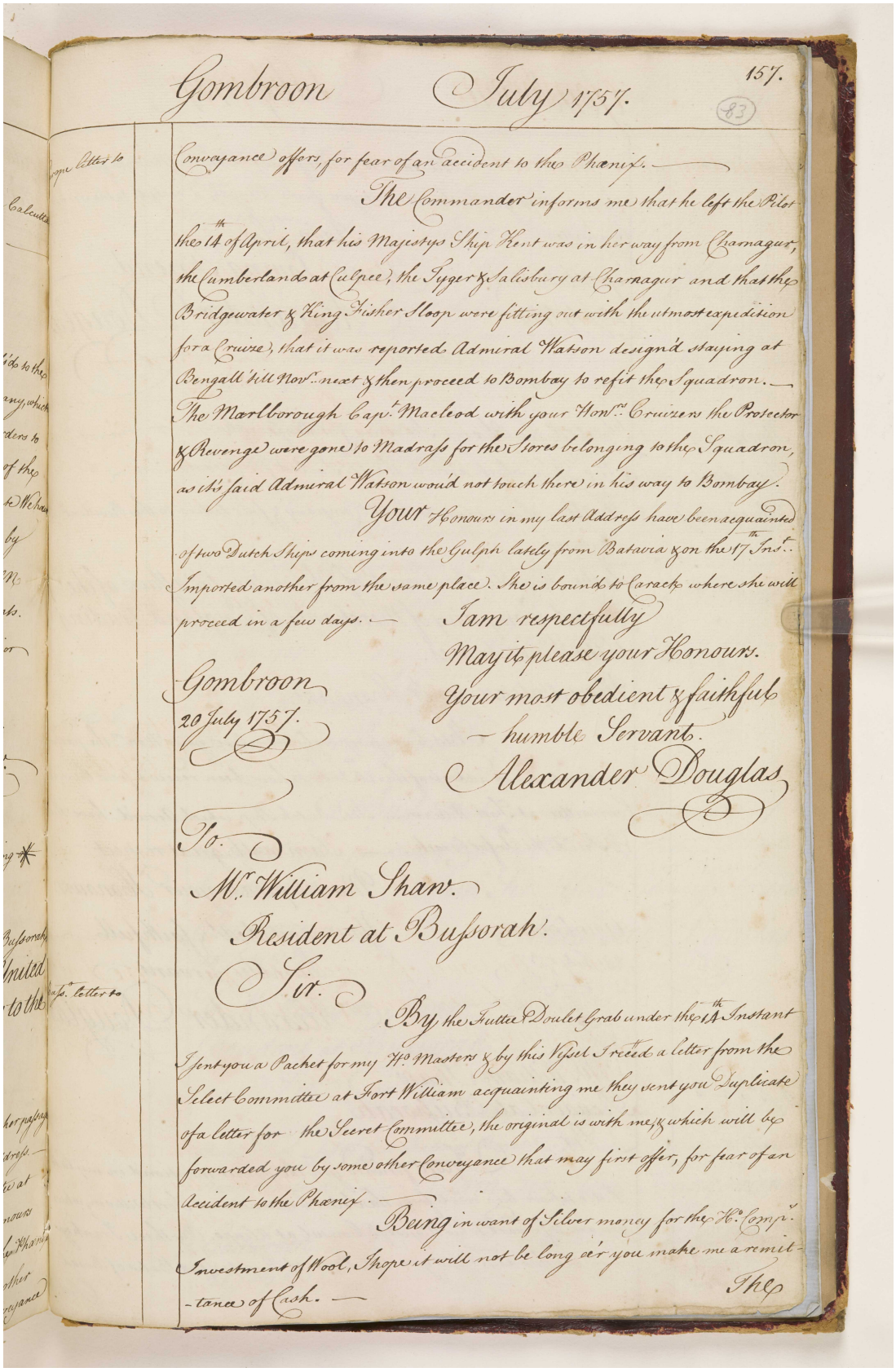

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Conveyance offers, for fear of an accident to the Phenix.

The Commander informs me that he left the Pilot the 14th of April, that his Majestys Ship Kent was in her way from Charnagur, the Cumberland at Culpee, the Syger & Salisbury at Charnagur and that the Bridgewater & King Fisher Sloop were fitting out with the utmost expedition for a Cruize, that it was reported Admiral Watson design'd staying at Bengall till Novr. next & then proceed to Bombay to refit the Squadron. The Marlborough Capt. Macleod with your Hons. Cruizers the Protector & Revenge were gone to Madrass for the Stores belonging to the Squadron, as this said Admiral Watson would not touch there in his way to Bombay.

Your Honours in my last Address have been acquainted of two Dutch Ships coming into the Gulph lately from Batavia & on the 17th Inst. Imported another from the same place. She is bound to Caracka where she will proceed in a few days.

I am respectfully
May it please your Honours.
Your most obedient & faithful
humble Servant.
Alexander Douglas

Gombroon
20 July 1757.

To.
Mr. William Shaw.
Resident at Busorah.

Sir.

By the Suttee Doulet Grab under the 14th Instant I sent you a Packet for my Hon. Masters & by this Vessel I rect. a letter from the Select Committee at Fort William acquainting me they sent you Duplicate of a letter for the Secret Committee, the original is with me, & which will be forwarded you by some other Conveyance that may first offer, for fear of an accident to the Phenix.

Being in want of Silver money for the Hon. Comp. Investment of Wool, I hope it will not be long e'r you make me a remittance of Cash.

The

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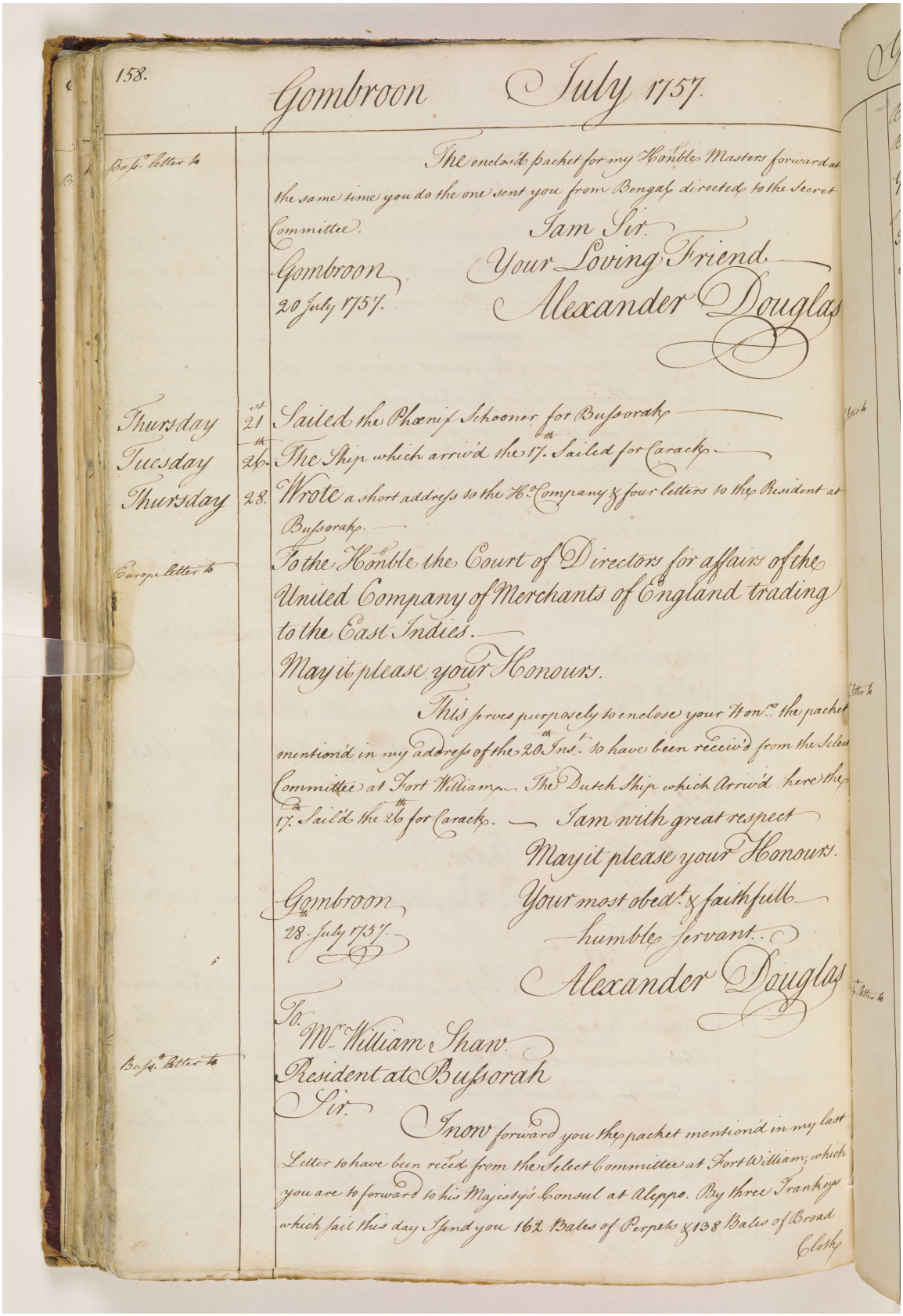

158.

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Bas.r Letter to

The enclos'd packet for my Honble Masters forward at the same time you do the one sent you from Bengal, directed to the Secret Committee.

I am Sir.
Your Loving Friend
Alexander Douglas

Gombroon
20 July 1757.

Thursday 21st Sailed the Phœnix Schooner for Busporah

Tuesday 26th The Ship which arriv'd the 17. Sailed for Carack

Thursday 28. Wrote a short addreſs to the Hon.ble Company & four Letters to the Resident at Busporah.

Europe Letter to

To the Honble the Court of Directors for affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

May it please your Honours.

This serves purposely to enclose your Hon.rs the packet mention'd in my addreſs of the 20th Inst.t to have been receiv'd from the Select Committee at Fort William. The Dutch Ship which Arriv'd here the 17th Sail'd the 26th for Carack. I am with great respect

May it please your Honours.

Your most obed.t & faithfull humble Servant.

Alexander Douglas

Gombroon
28th July 1757.

To.
Mr. William Shaw.
Resident at Busporah

Bas.r Letter to

Sir.

I now forward you the packet mention'd in my last Letter to have been recd from the Select Committee at Fort William, which you are to forward to his Majesty's Consul at Aleppo. By three Frankeys which sail this day I send you 162 Bales of Perpets & 138 Bales of Broad Cloth

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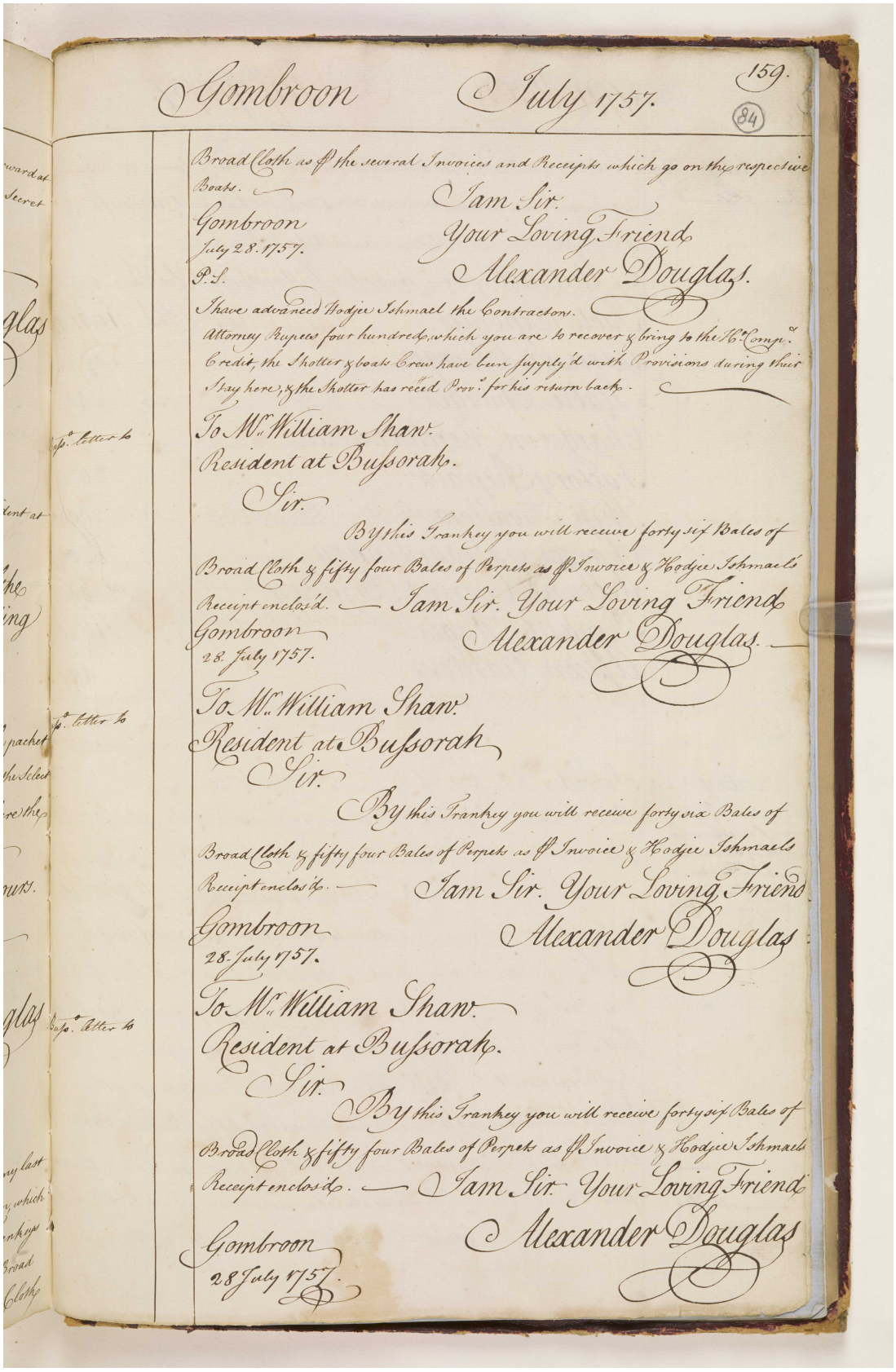

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Broad Cloth as p the several Invoices and Receipts which go on the respective Boats.

I am Sir.
Your Loving Friend
Alexander Douglas.

Gombroon
July 28. 1757.

P.S.

I have advanced Hodjie Ishmael the Contractors Attorney Rupees four hundred, which you are to recover & bring to the Hon.ble Comp.a Credit, the Shotter & Boats Crew have been supply'd with Provisions during their Stay here, & the Shotter has recd. Prov.s for his return back.

To Mr. William Shaw.
Resident at Busorah.

Sir.

By this Frankey you will receive forty six Bales of Broad Cloth & fifty four Bales of Perpets as p Invoice & Hodjie Ishmaels Receipt enclos'd.

I am Sir. Your Loving Friend
Alexander Douglas.

Gombroon
28 July 1757.

To Mr. William Shaw.
Resident at Busorah.

Sir.

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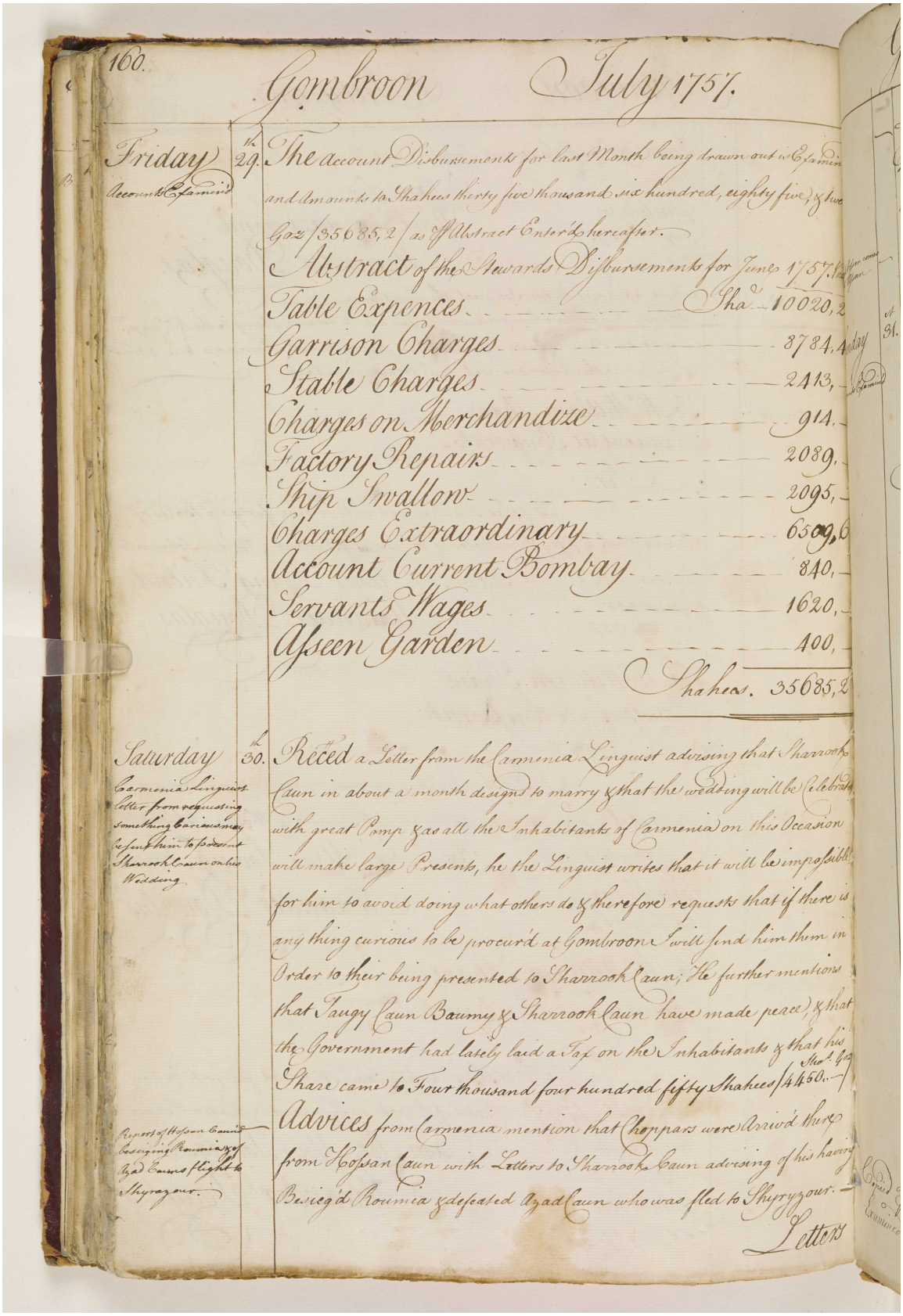

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Friday 29th — Accounts Examin'd

The account Disbursements for last Month being drawn out is Examin'd and Amounts to Shahees thirty five thousand six hundred, eighty five, & two Goz /35685,2/ as ff Abstract Enter'd hereafter.

Abstract of the Stewards Disbursements for June 1757. Vo[illegible]

Table Expences	Sha.	10020,2
Garrison Charges		8784,4
Stable Charges		2413,
Charges on Merchandize		914,
Factory Repairs		2089,
Ship Swallow		2095,
Charges Extraordinary		6509,6
Account Current Bombay		840,
Servants Wages		1620,
Asseen Garden		400,
	Shahees.	35685,2

Saturday 30th — Carmenia Linguist letter from requesting something Curious may be sent him to present Sharrook Caun on his Wedding

Reced a Letter from the Carmenia Linguist advising that Sharrook Caun in about a month designs to marry & that the wedding will be Celebrated with great Pomp & as all the Inhabitants of Carmenia on this Occasion will make large Presents, he the Linguist writes that it will be impossible for him to avoid doing what others do & therefore requests that if there is any thing curious to be procur'd at Gombroon I will send him them in Order to their being presented to Sharrook Caun; He further mentions that Taugy Caun Baumy & Sharrook Caun have made peace, & that the Government had lately laid a Tax on the Inhabitants & that his Share came to Four thousand four hundred fifty Shahees /4450.– Sha. Goz/

Report of Hossan Caun's besieging Roumia & of Azad Caun's flight to Shyrazour.

Advices from Carmenia mention that Choppars were Arriv'd there from Hossan Caun with Letters to Sharrook Caun advising of his having Besieg'd Roumia & defeated Azad Caun who was fled to Shyryzour.

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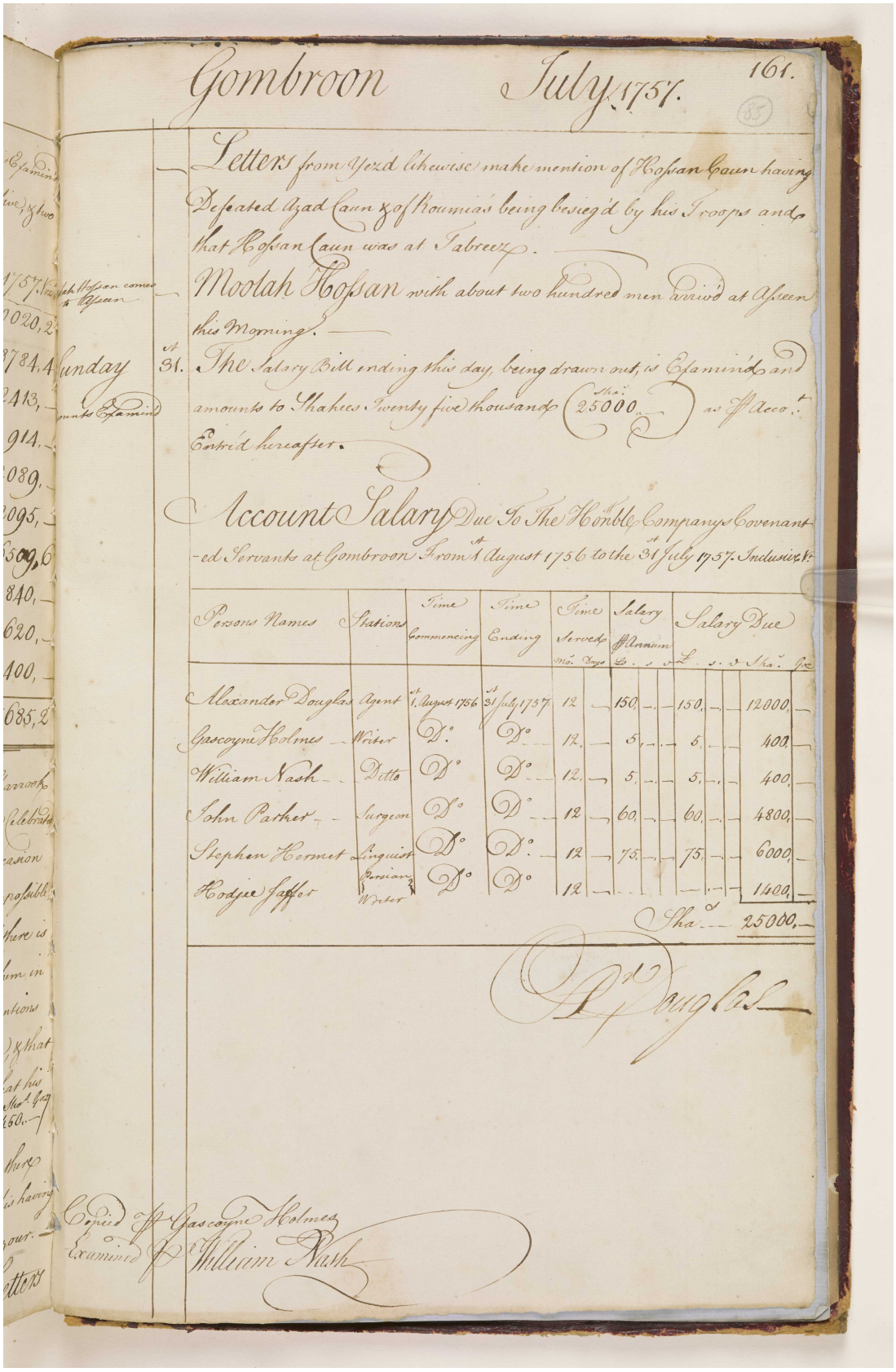

Gombroon July 1757.

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Letters from Yezd likewise make mention of Hossan Caun having Defeated Azad Caun & of Roumia's being besieg'd by his Troops and that Hossan Caun was at Tabreez.

Moolah Hossan comes to Asseen — Moolah Hossan with about two hundred men arriv'd at Asseen this Morning.

Sunday — 31st — The Salary Bill ending this day, being drawn out, is Examin'd and amounts to Shahees Twenty five thousand (Sha. 25000.) as pr Acco.t Entr'd hereafter.

Amounts Examin'd

Account Salary Due To The Hon.ble Companys Covenant-ed Servants at Gombroon From 1st August 1756 to the 31st July 1757. Inclusive.

Persons Names	Stations	Time Commencing	Time Ending	Time Served Mo.	Days	Salary pr Annum Lb.	s.	d.	Salary Due Lb.	s.	d.	Sha.	Gr.
Alexander Douglas	Agent	1st August 1756	31st July 1757	12	—	150	—	—	150	—	—	12000	—
Gascoyne Holmes	Writer	D.o	D.o	12	—	5	—	—	5	—	—	400	—
William Nash	Ditto	D.o	D.o	12	—	5	—	—	5	—	—	400	—
John Parker	Surgeon	D.o	D.o	12	—	60	—	—	60	—	—	4800	—
Stephen Hermet	Linguist	D.o	D.o	12	—	75	—	—	75	—	—	6000	—
Hodjee Jaffer	Persian Writer	D.o	D.o	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1400	—
											Sha.s	25000	—

Alex.r Douglas

Copied pr Gascoyne Holmes
Examined pr William Nash

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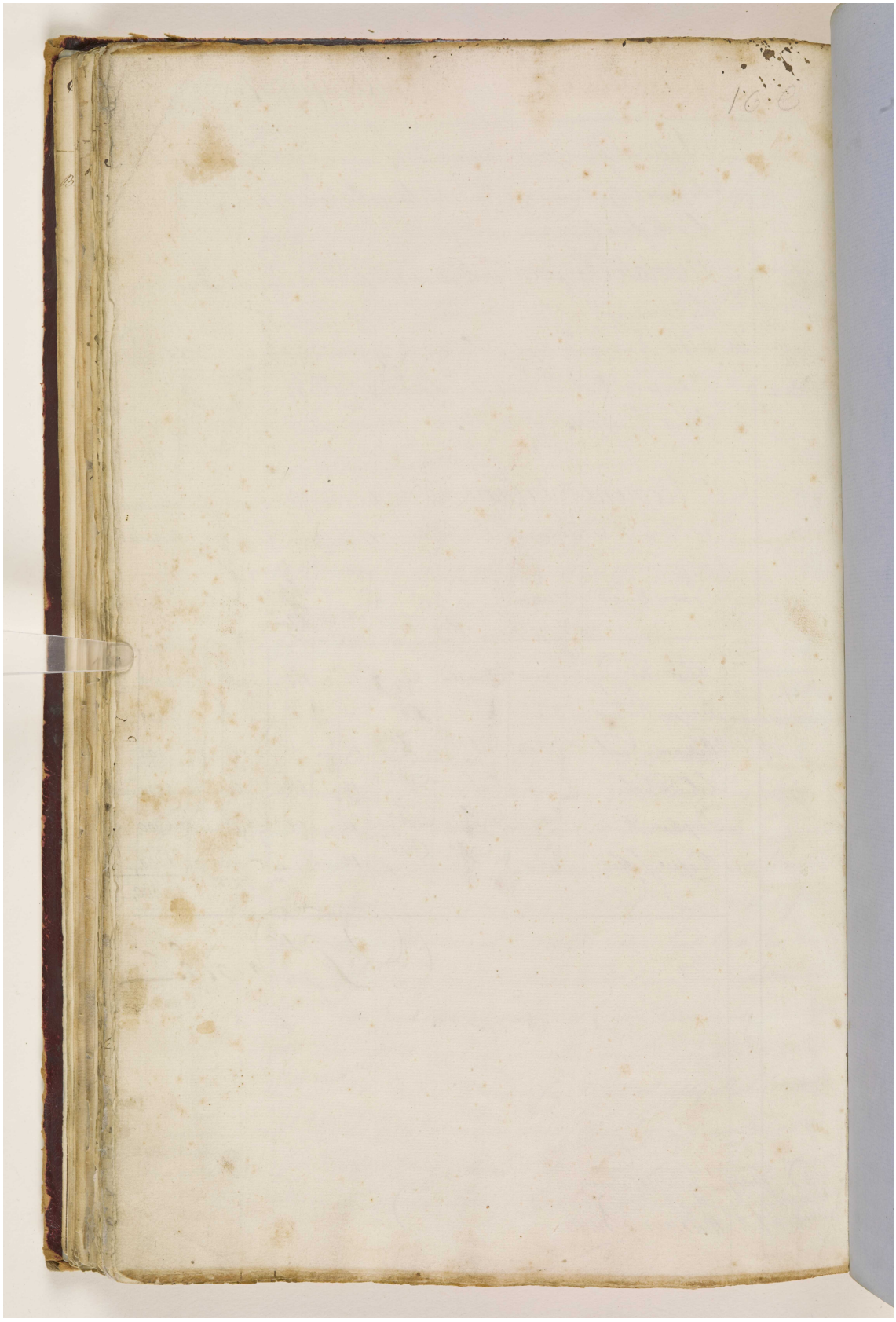

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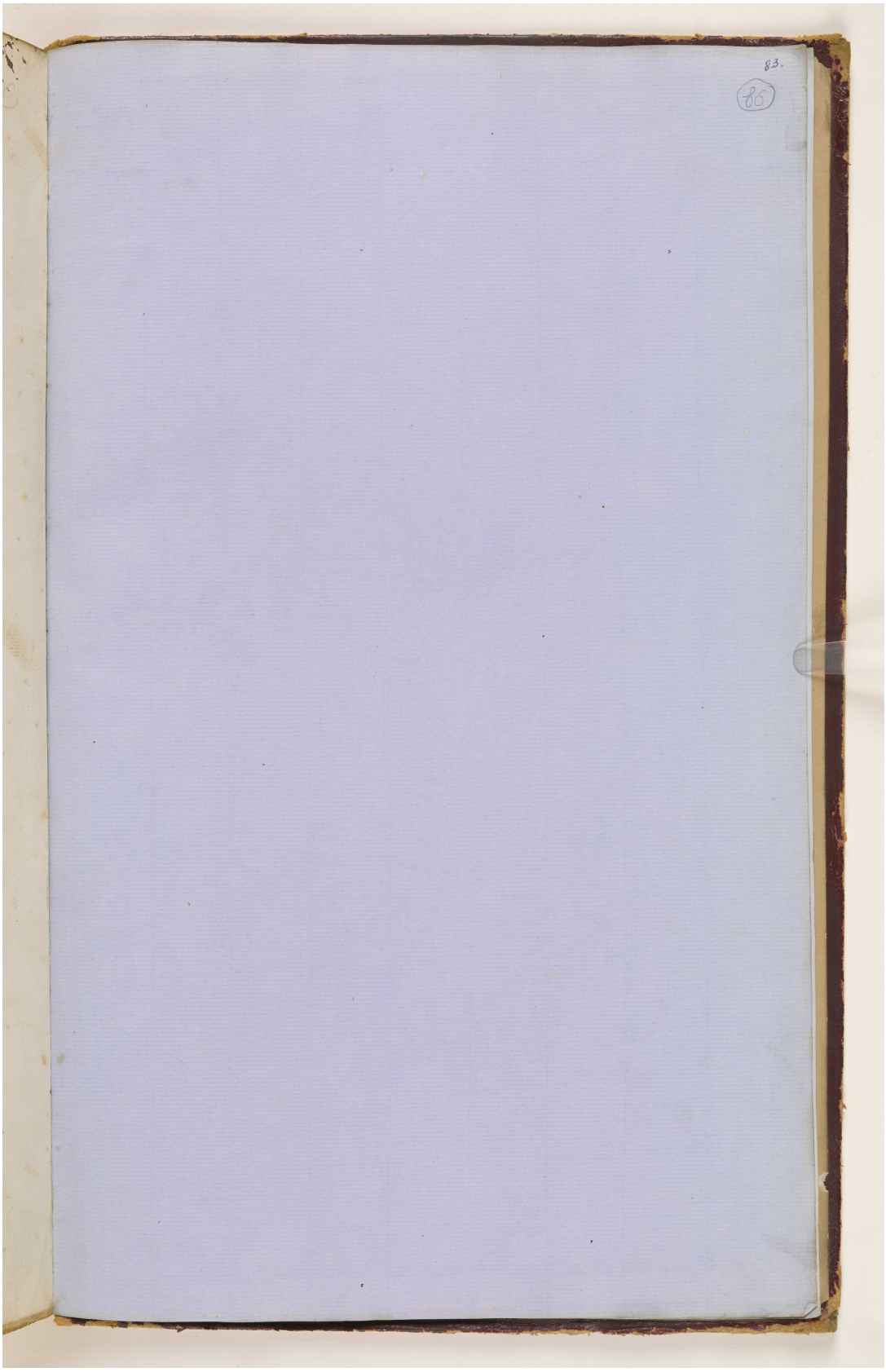

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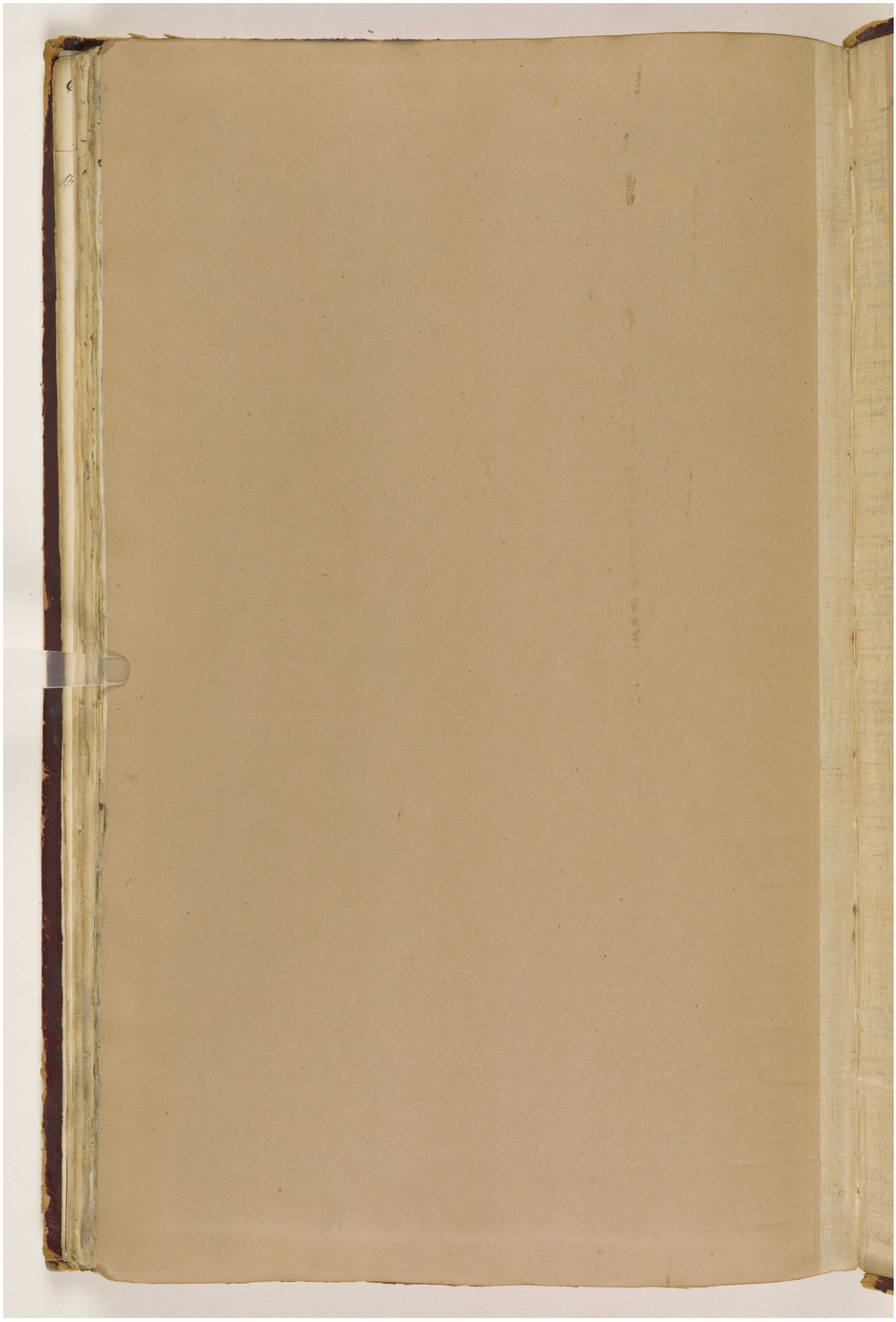

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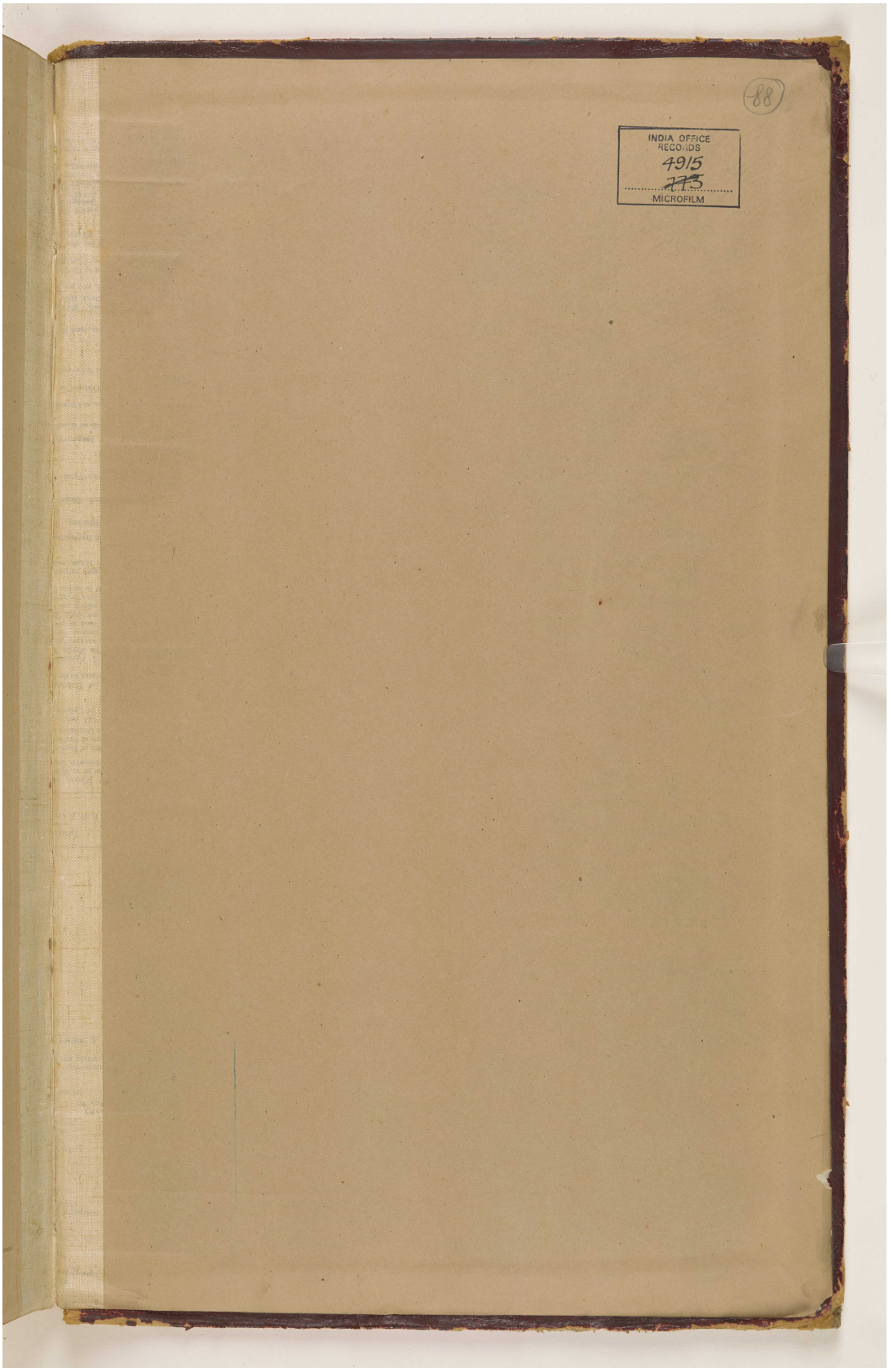

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