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لغة الكتابة	الإنجليزية و الفرنسية في اللاتينية
الحجم والشكل	مجلد واحد (٢٠٥ ورقات)
حق النشر	غير معروف

حول هذا السجلّ

يتناول المجلد الشؤون في بلاد فارس [إيران]، ويحتوي على نسخ لرسائل ومقتطفات وترجمات للرسائل وتقارير استخباراتية ومحاضر اجتماعات الحاكم العام في المجلس في فورت ويليام، كلكتا، إذ تشكل مرفقات بالعديد من الإرساليات المرسلة أثناء النصف الأول من سنة ١٨٠٨ (٠٩ فبراير، ٣١ مارس، ٣٠ مايو، ٦ يونيو) من الإدارة السرية لرئاسة البنغال في فورت ويليام إلى اللجنة السرية في لندن.

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• الشؤون الداخلية لبلاد فارس

• خطط فرنسية لتسوية تجارية في الخليج العربي

• خطط بريطانية لتمركز قوة بحرية في الخليج

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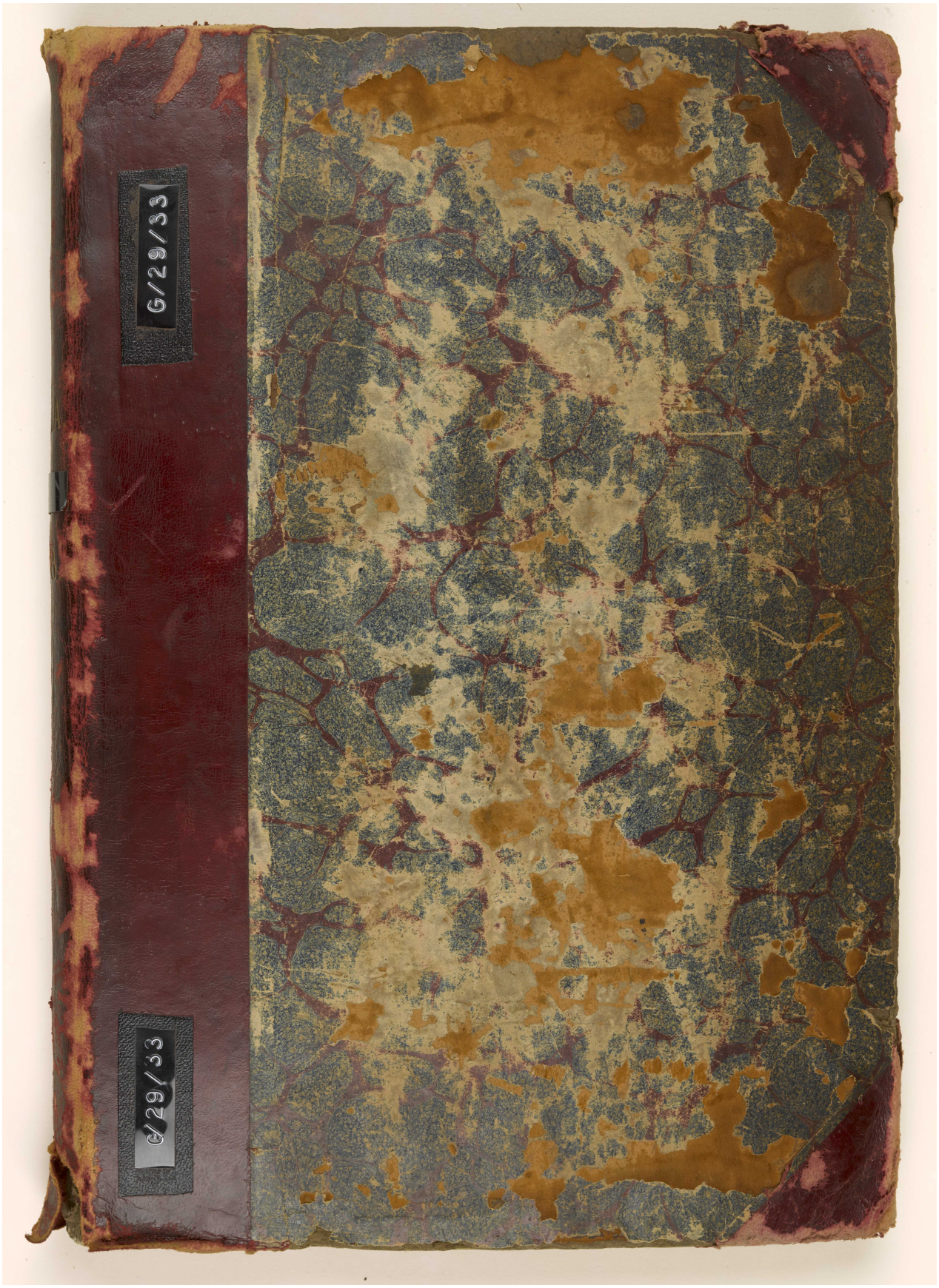

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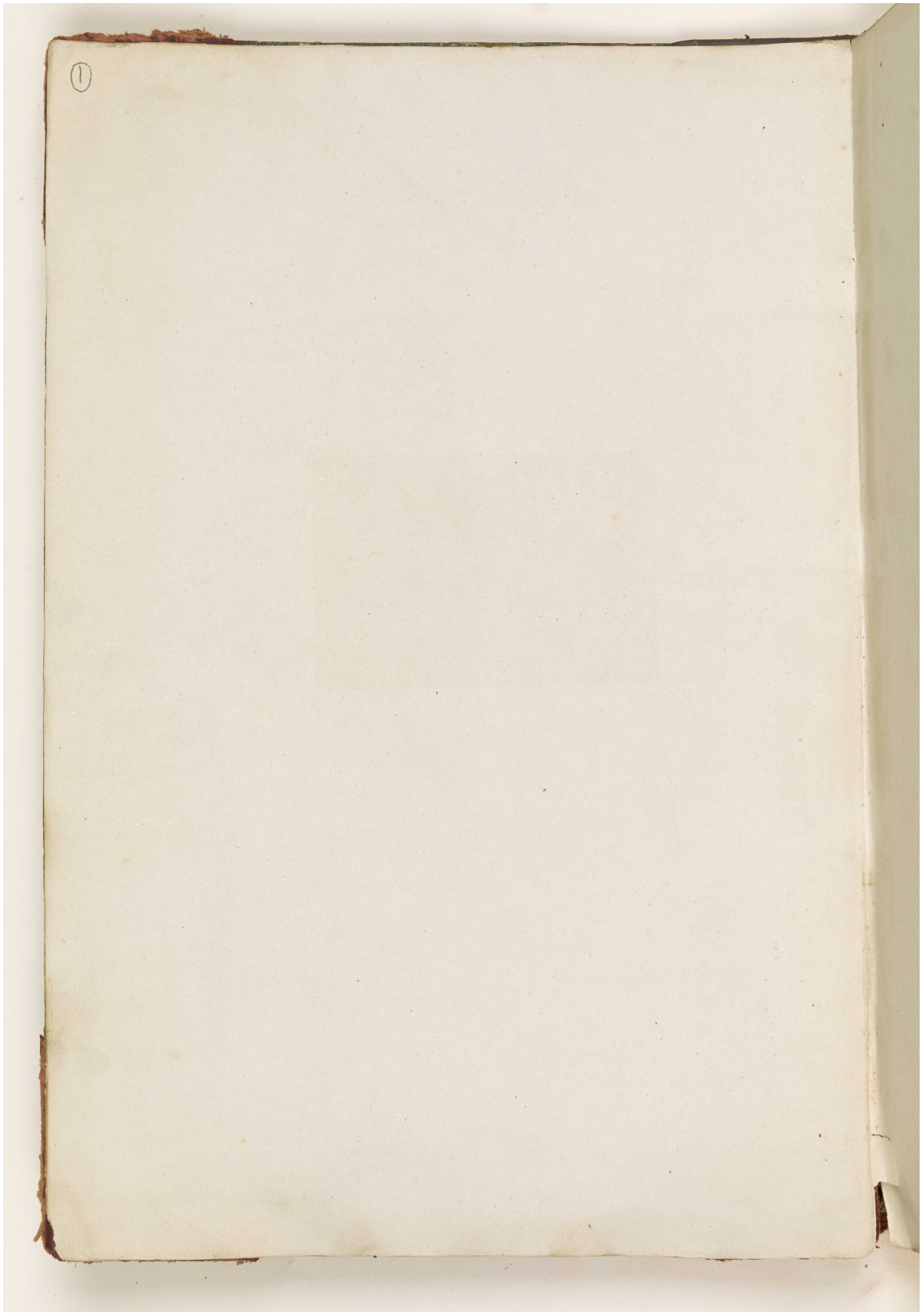

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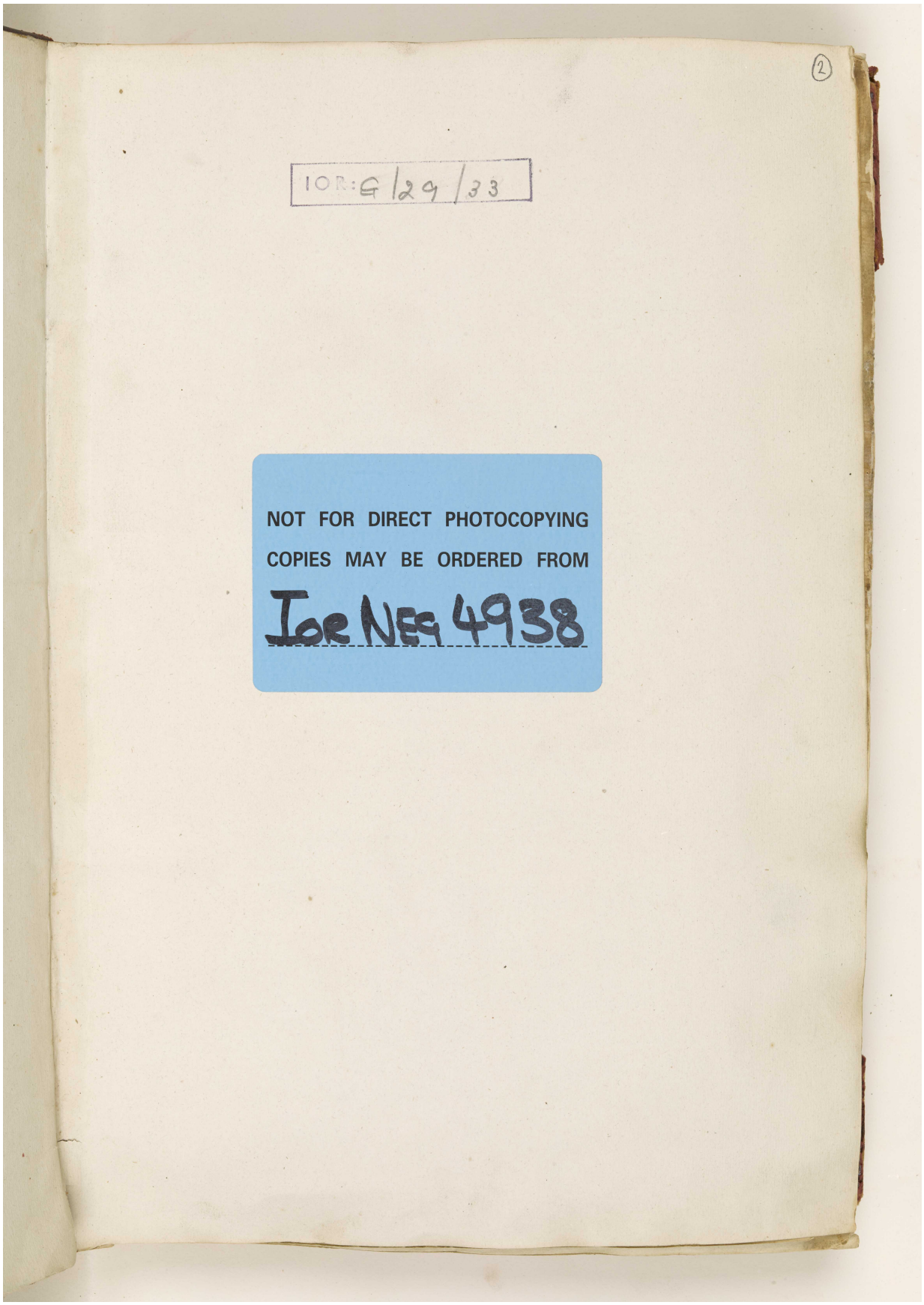
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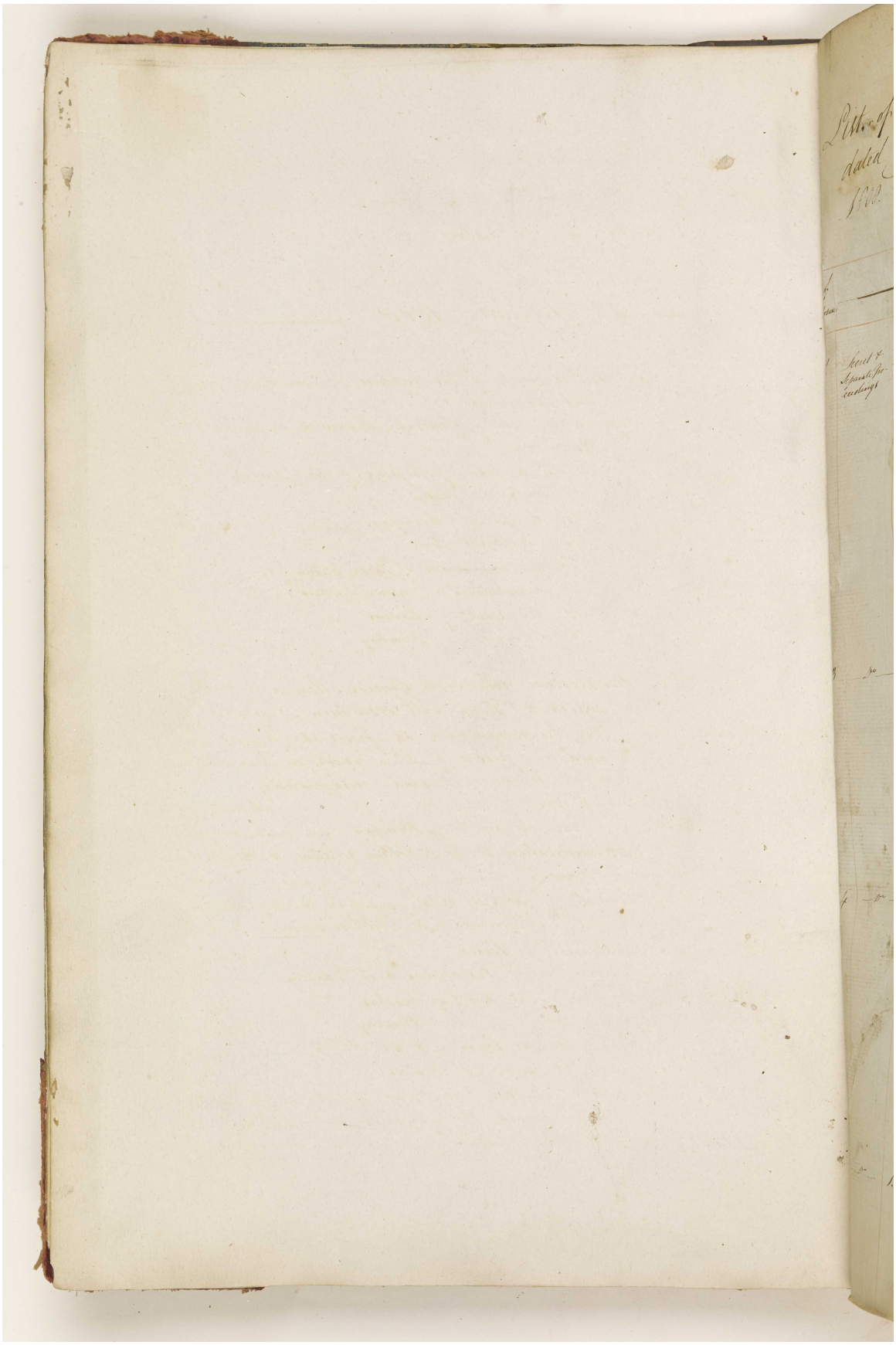

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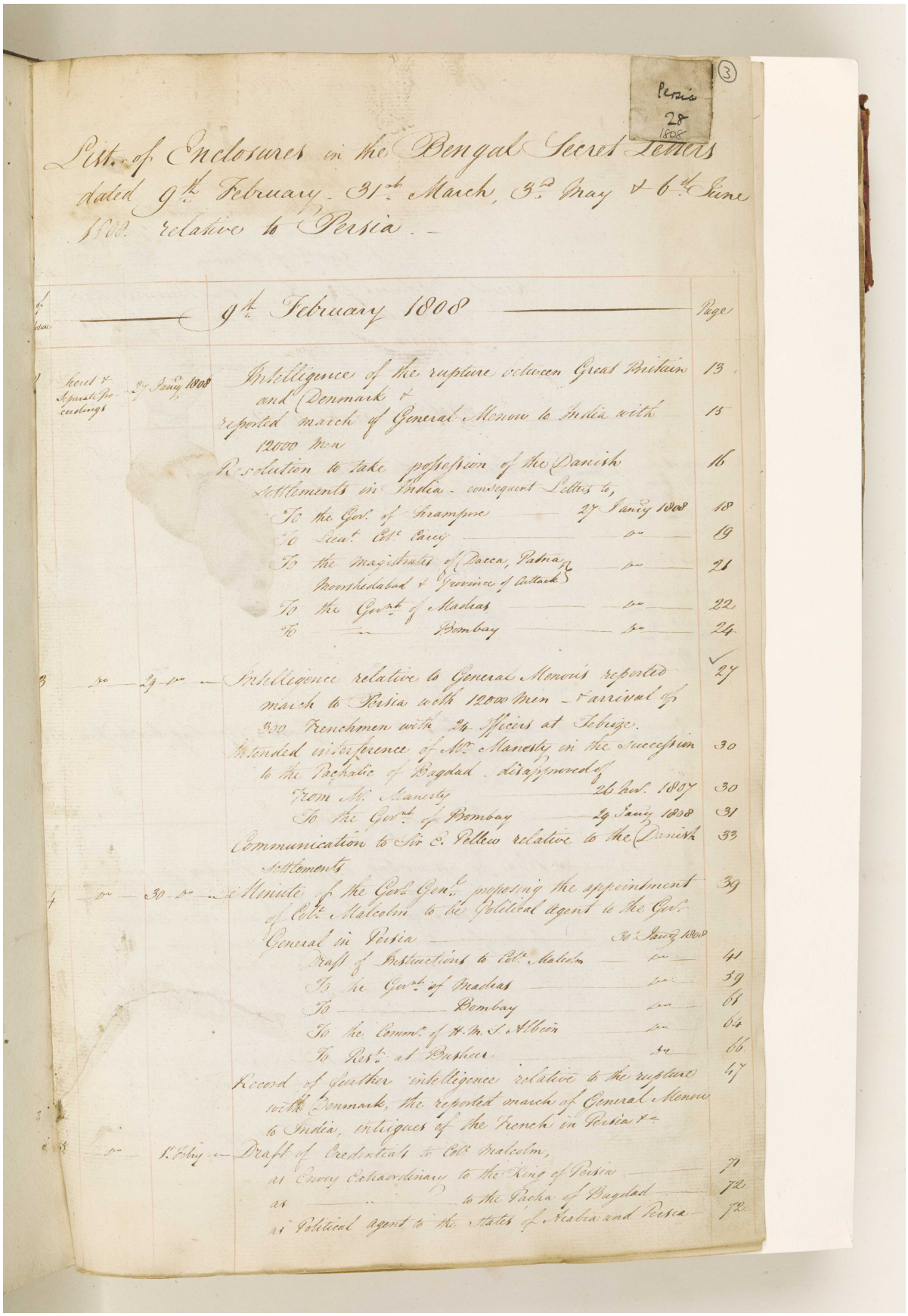

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			To the magistrates of Dacca, Patna, Moorshedabad & Province of Cuttack — do	21
			To the Govrt. of Madras — do	22
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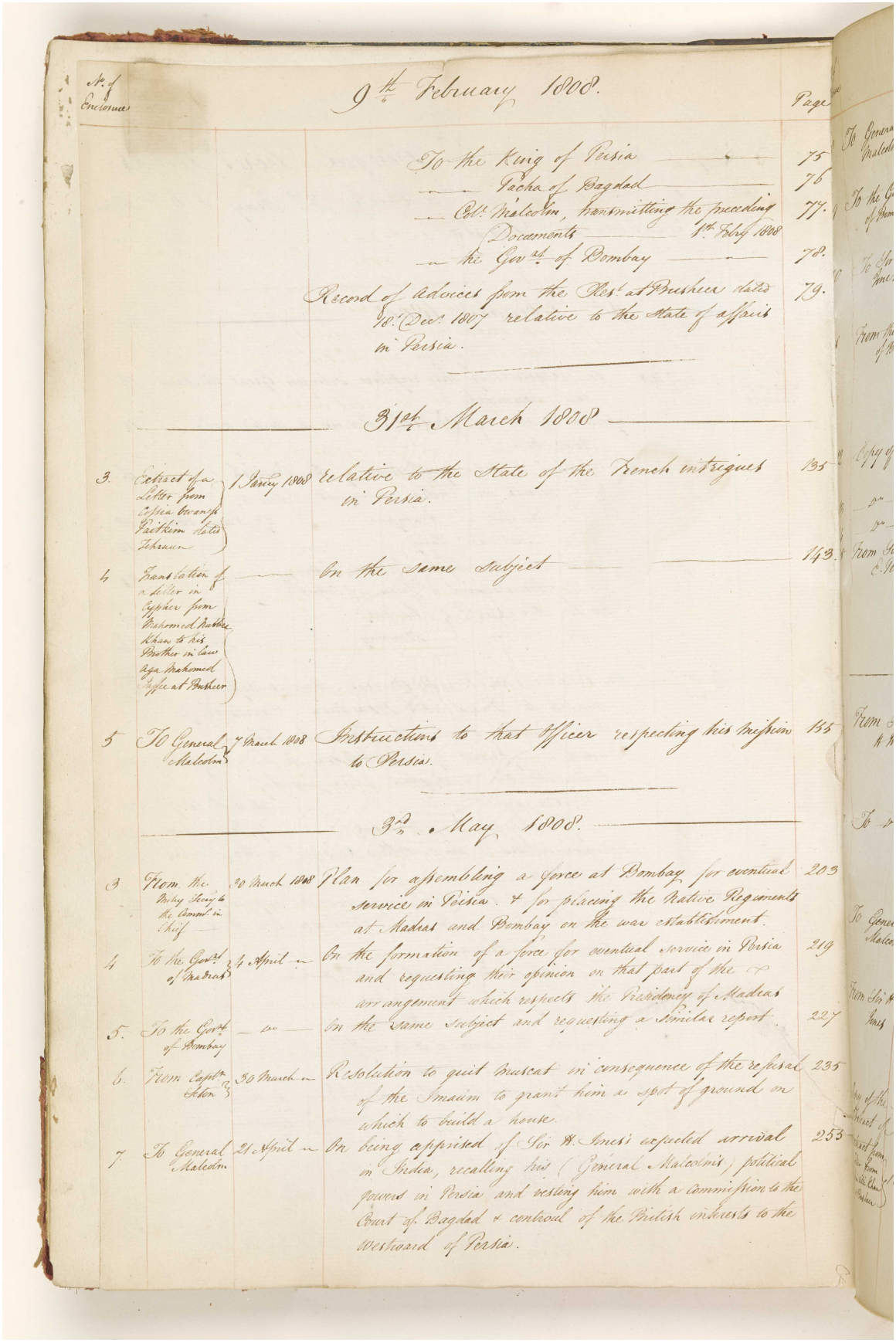

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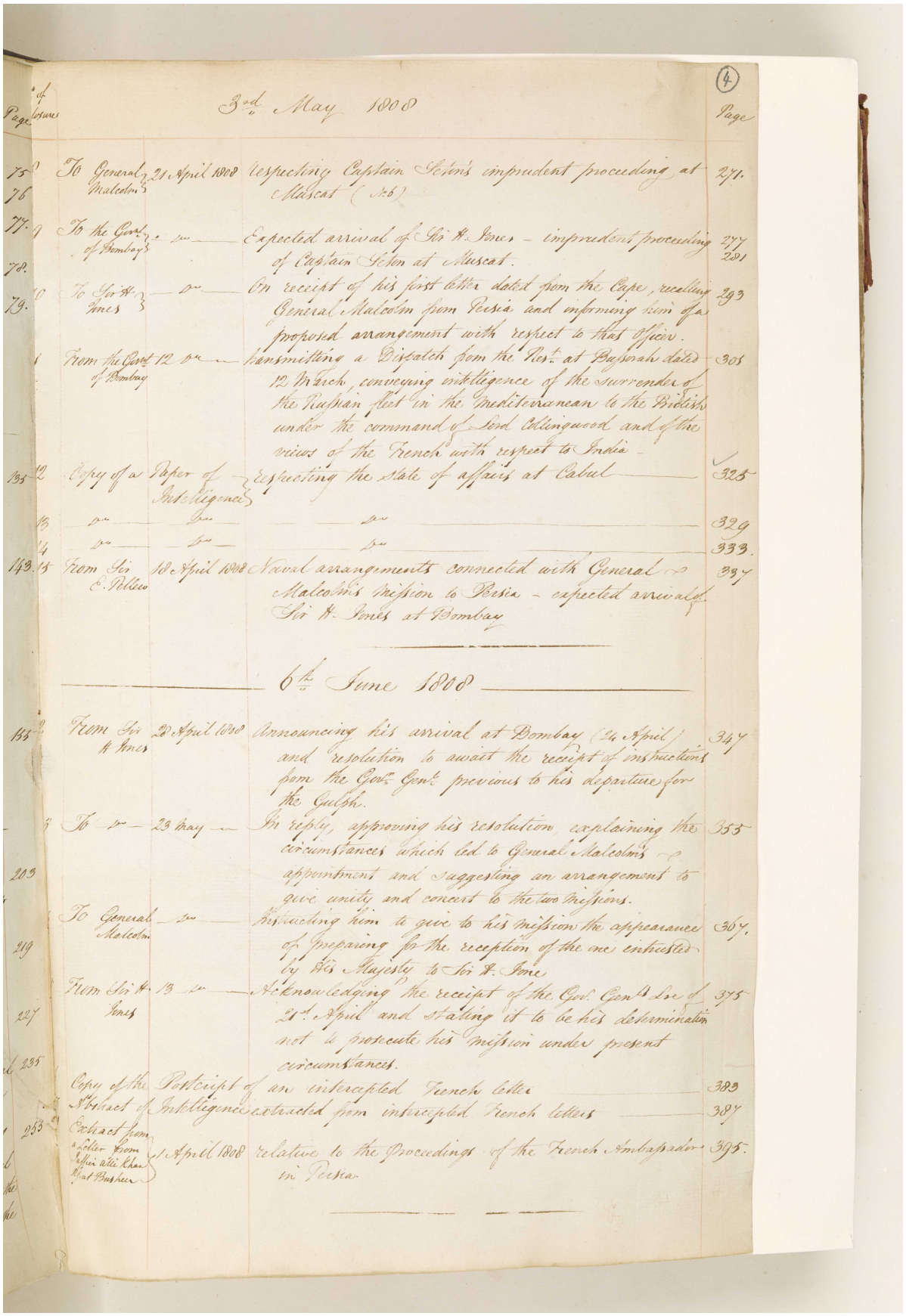

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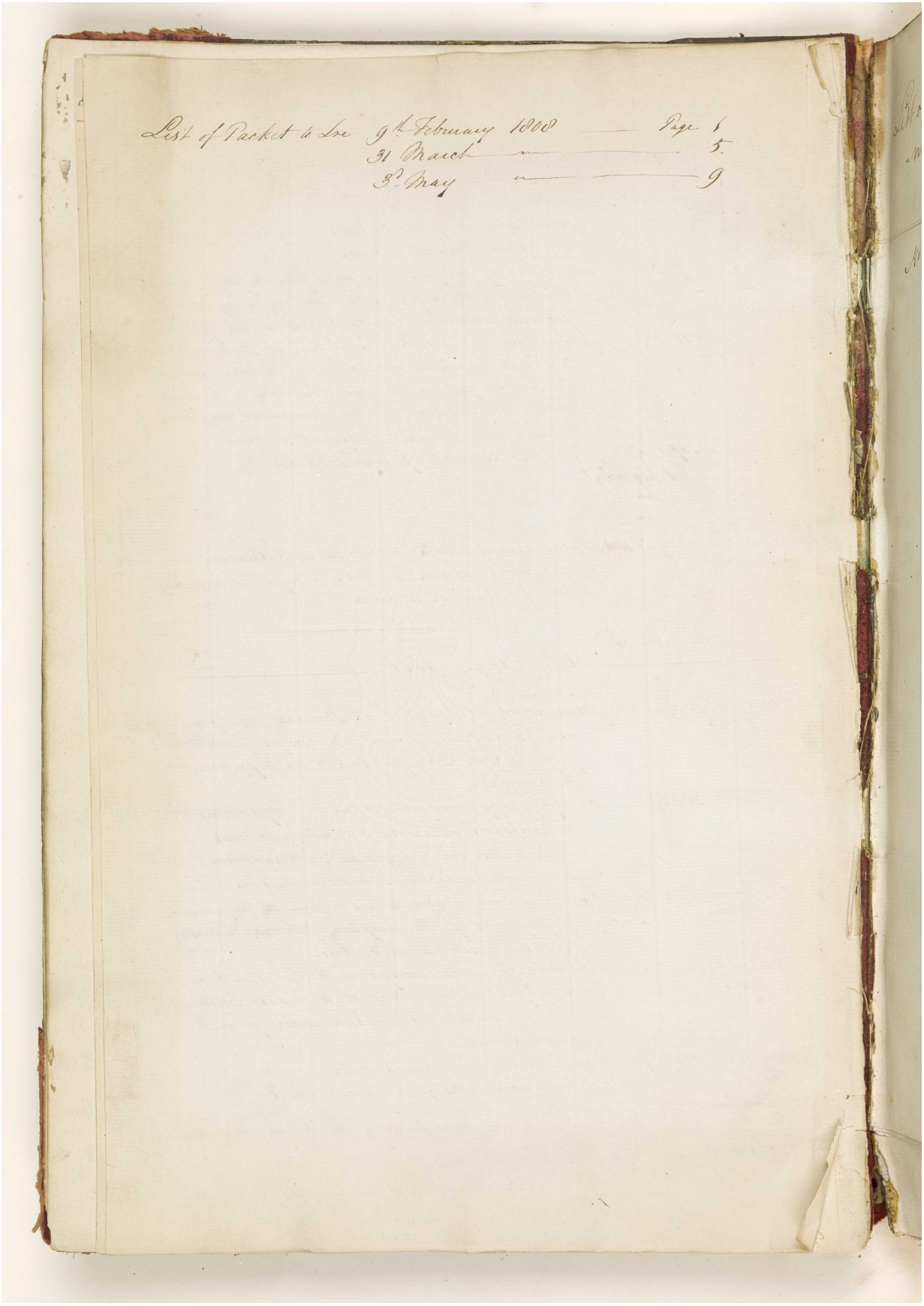

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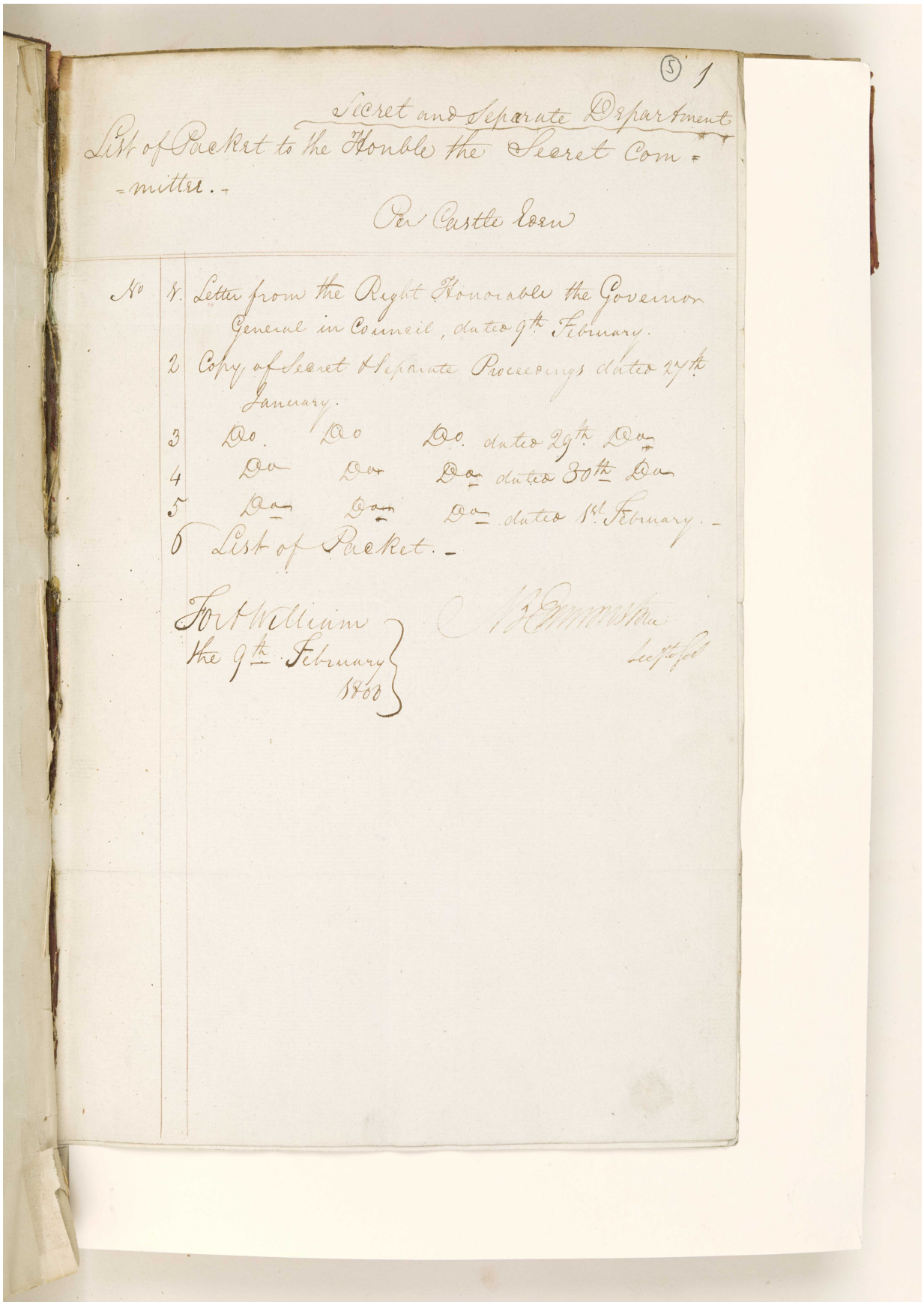

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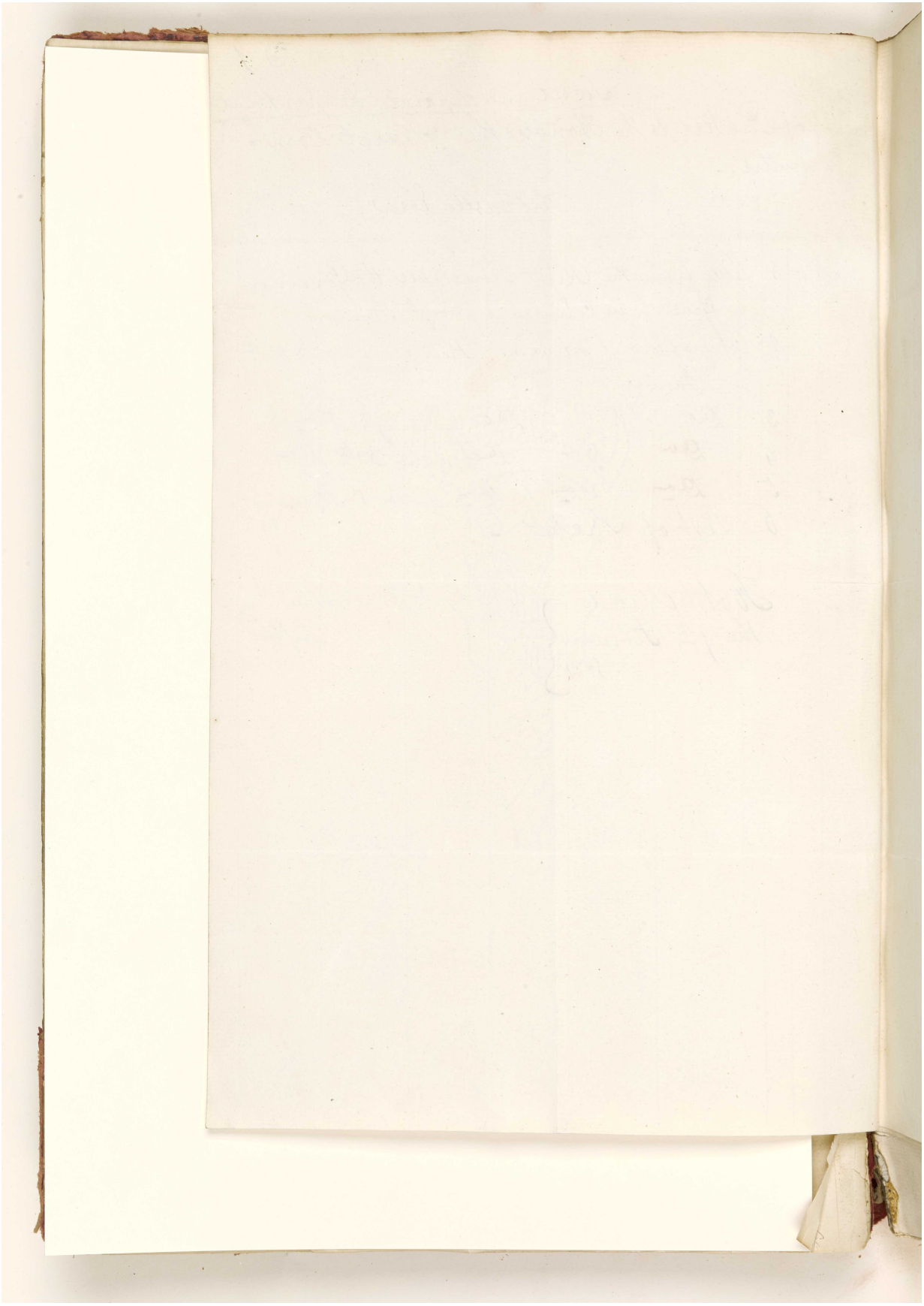

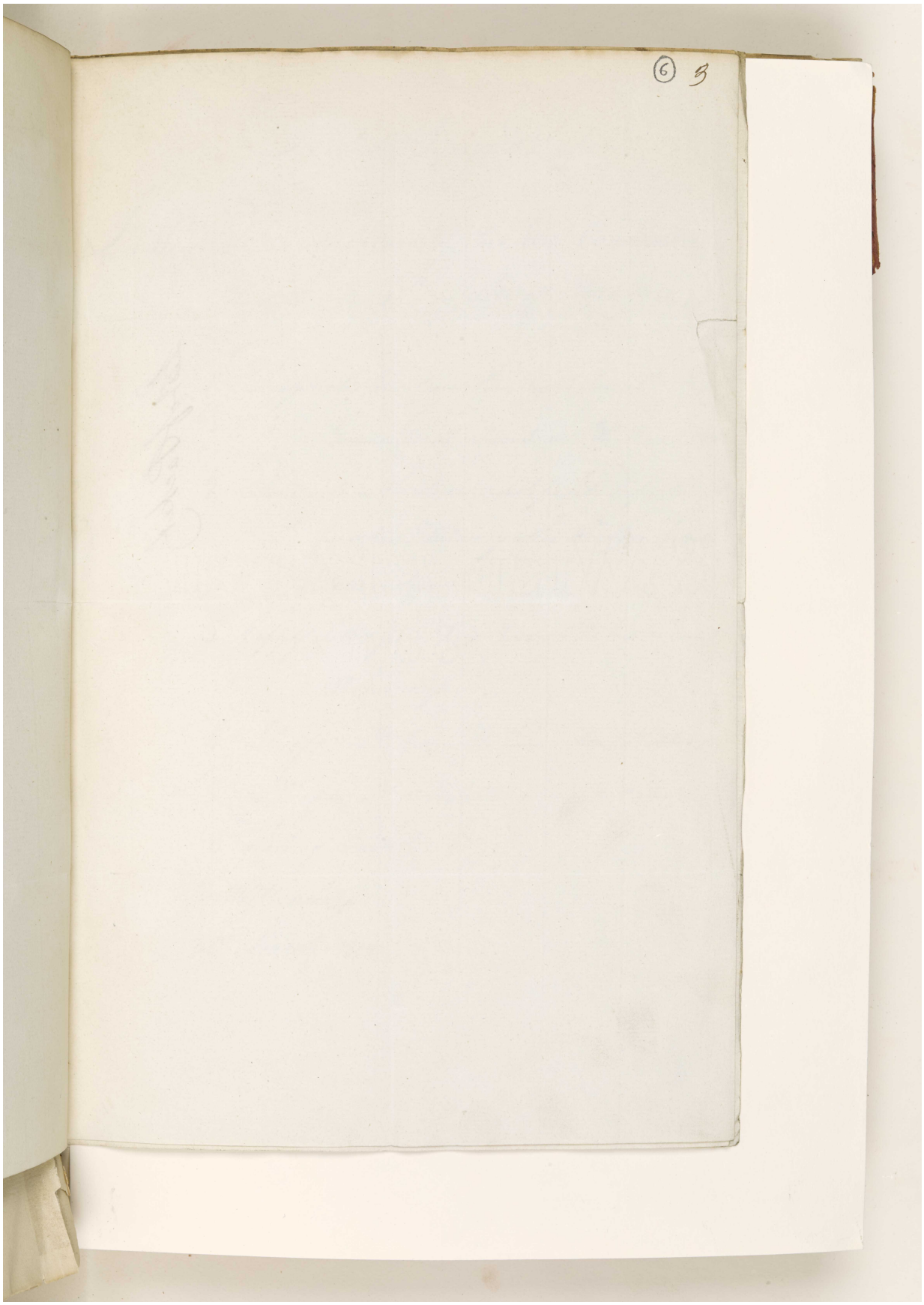

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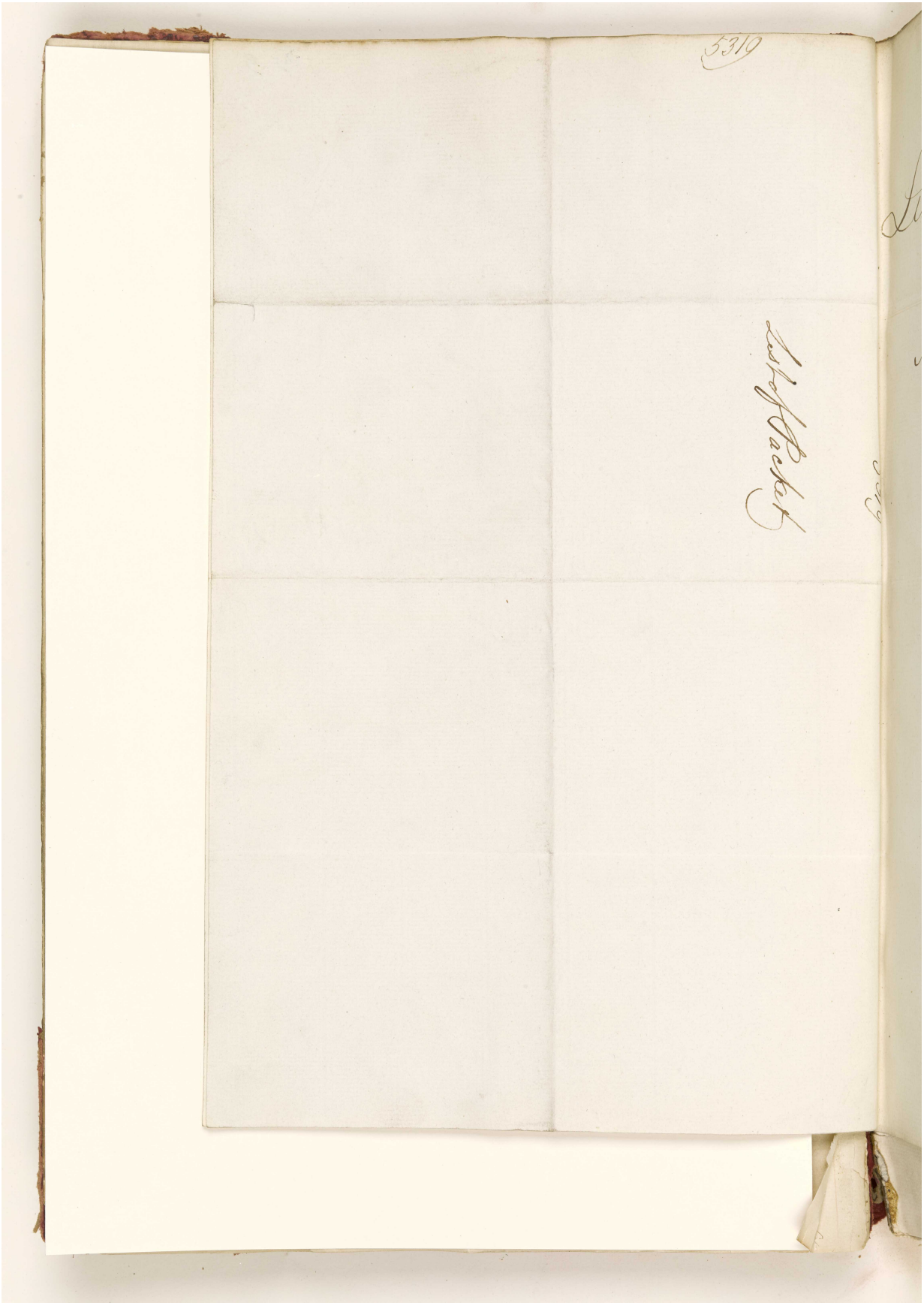

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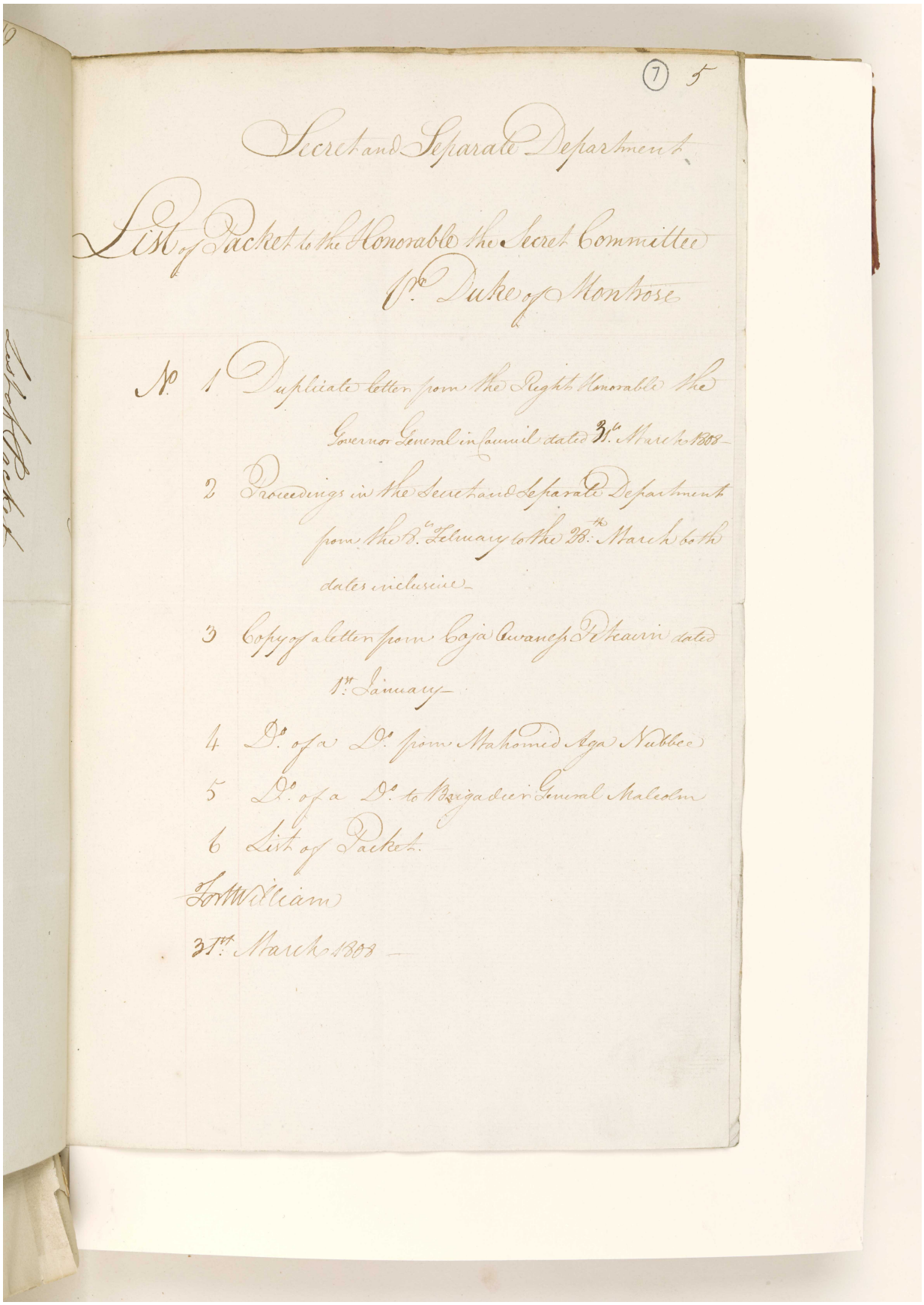

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5 Do. of a Do. to Brigadier General Malcolm

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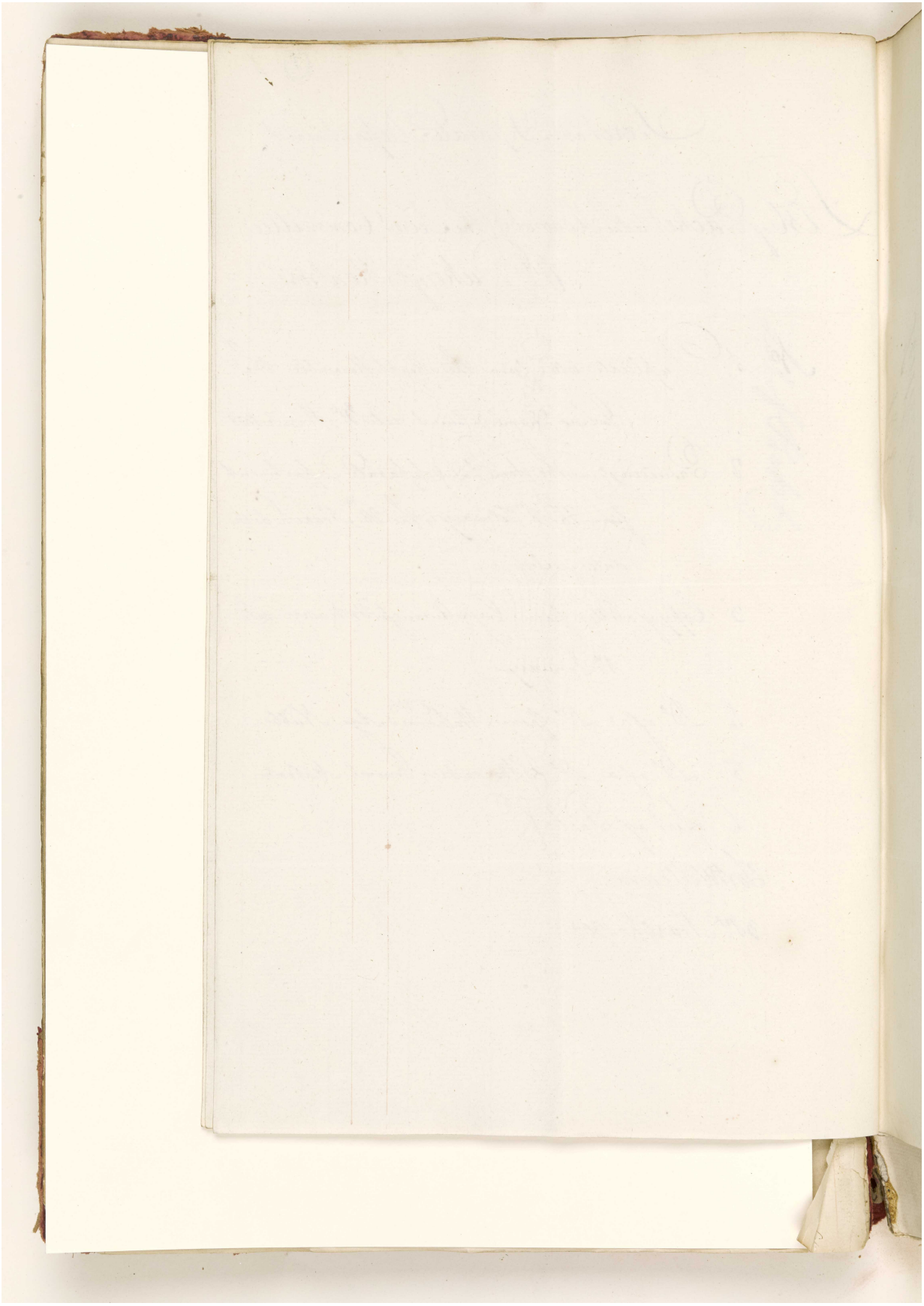

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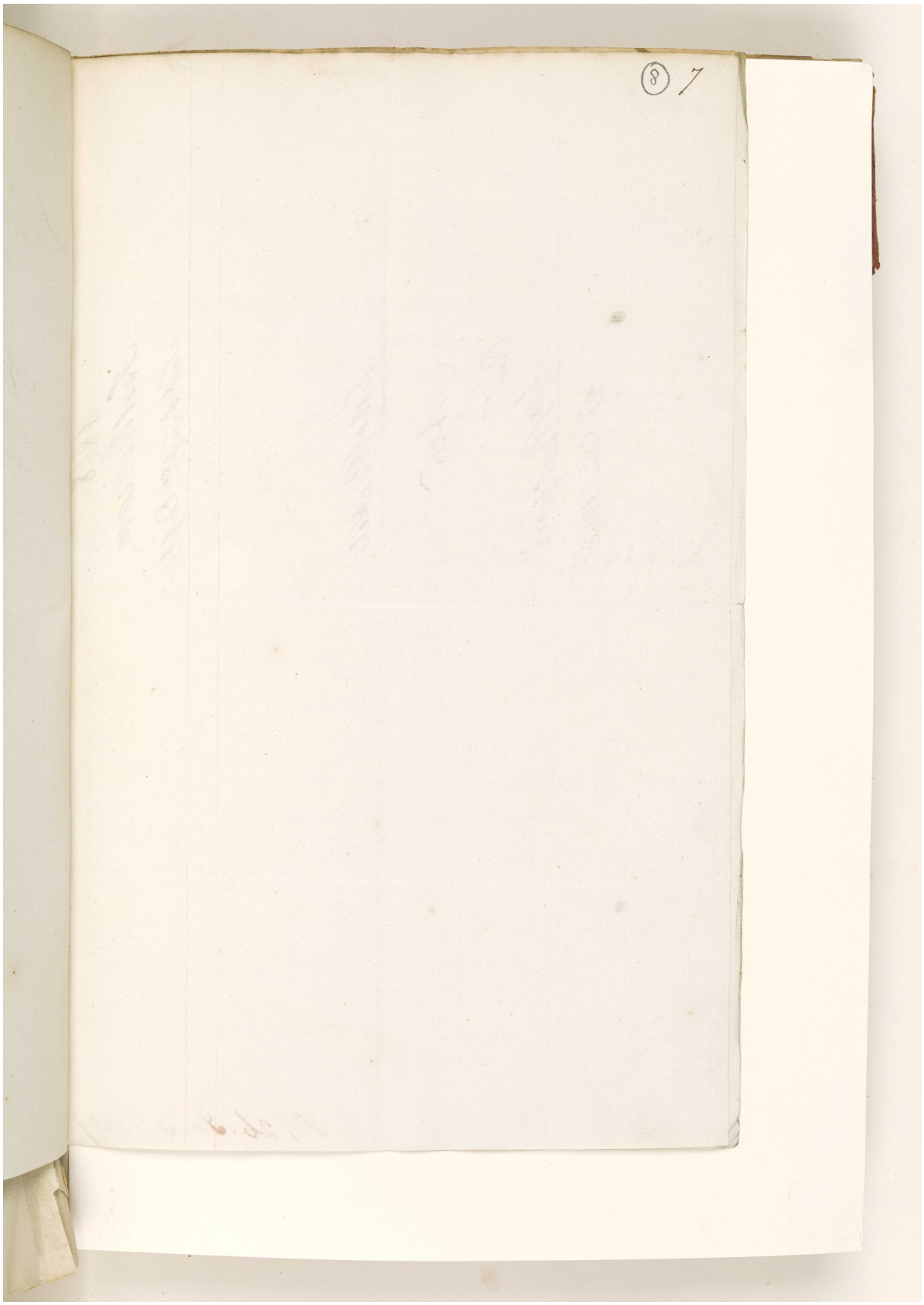

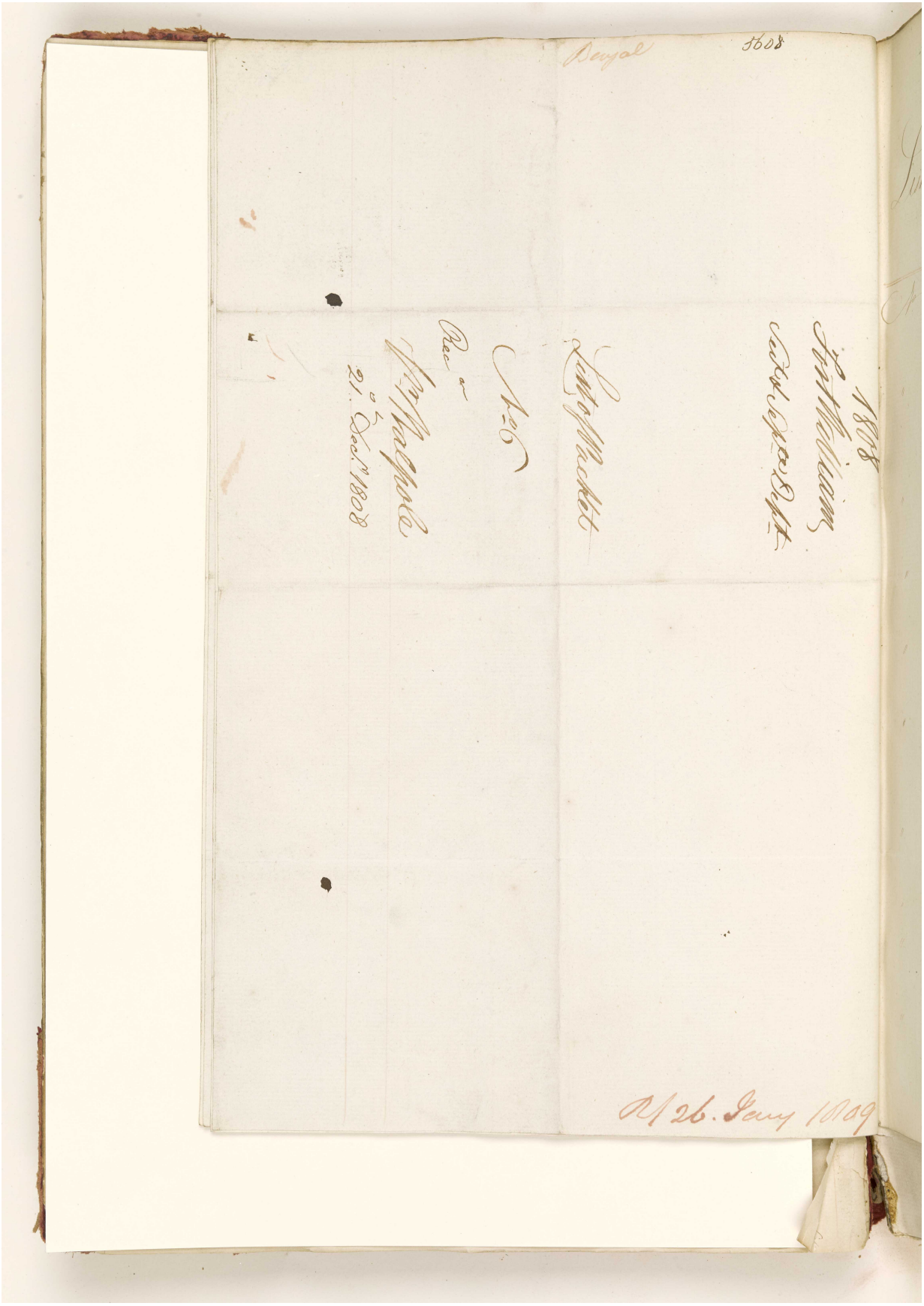

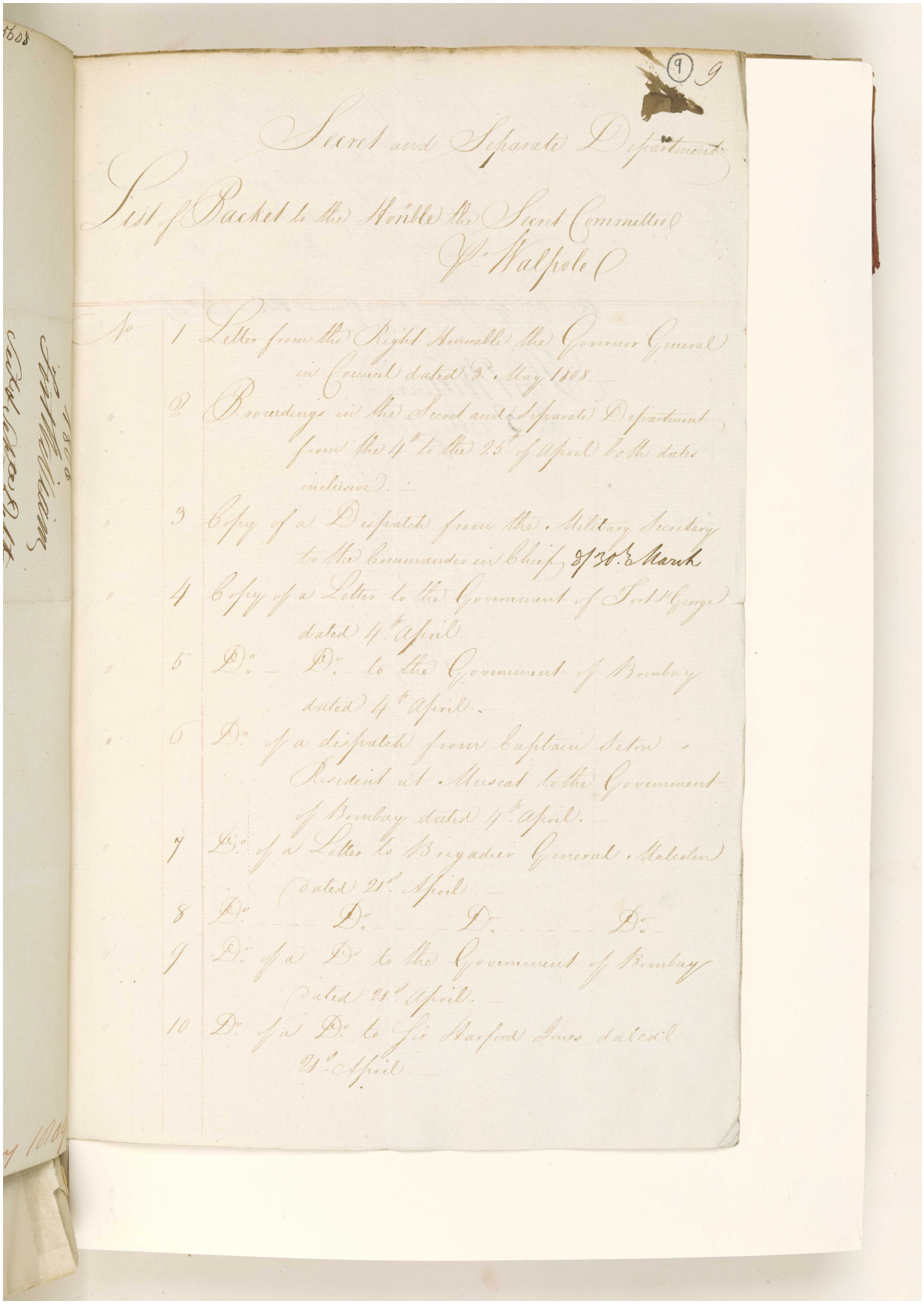

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"	5	Do Do to the Government of Bombay dated 4th April
"	6	Do of a dispatch from Captain Seton Resident at Muscat to the Government of Bombay dated 4th April
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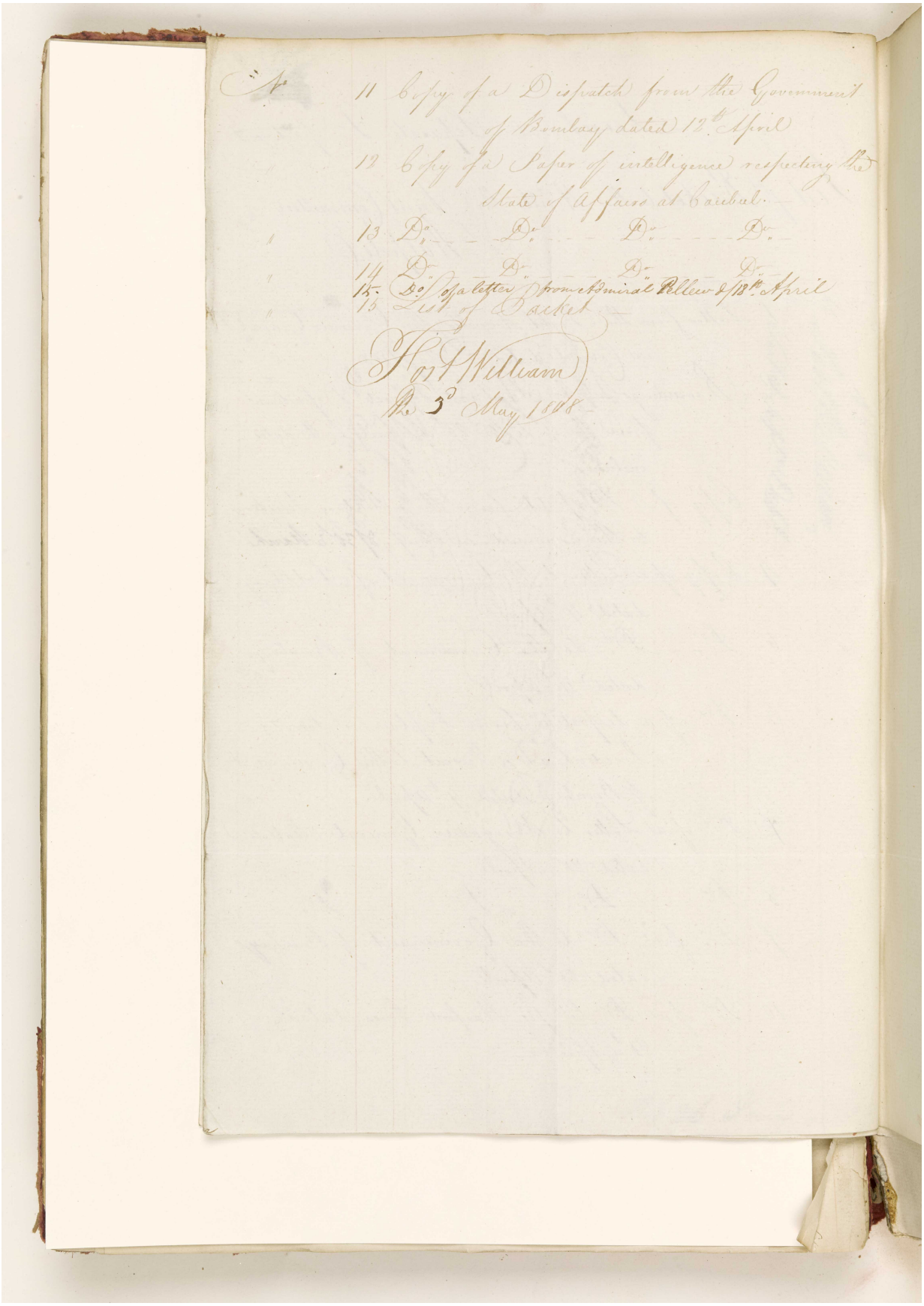



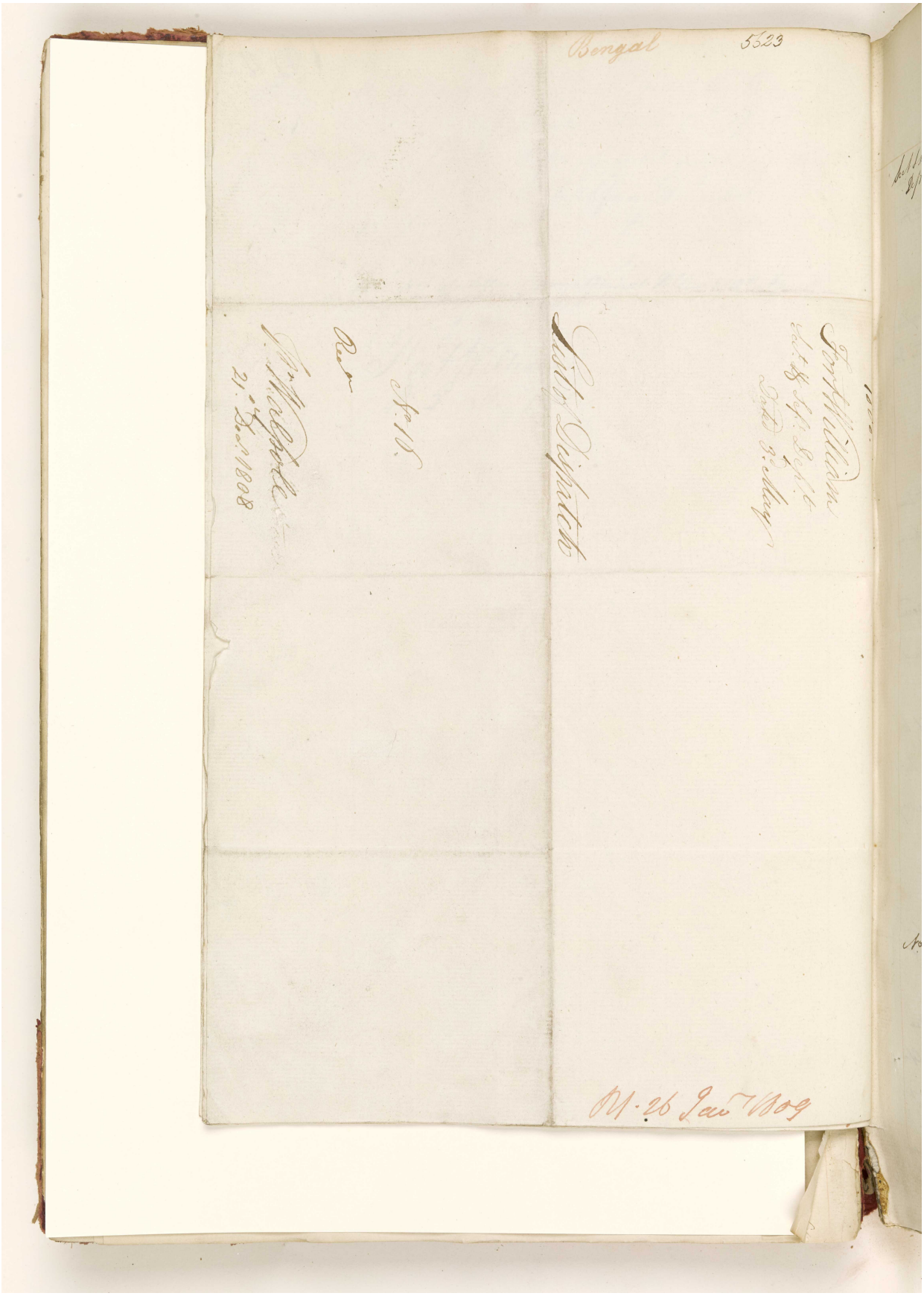

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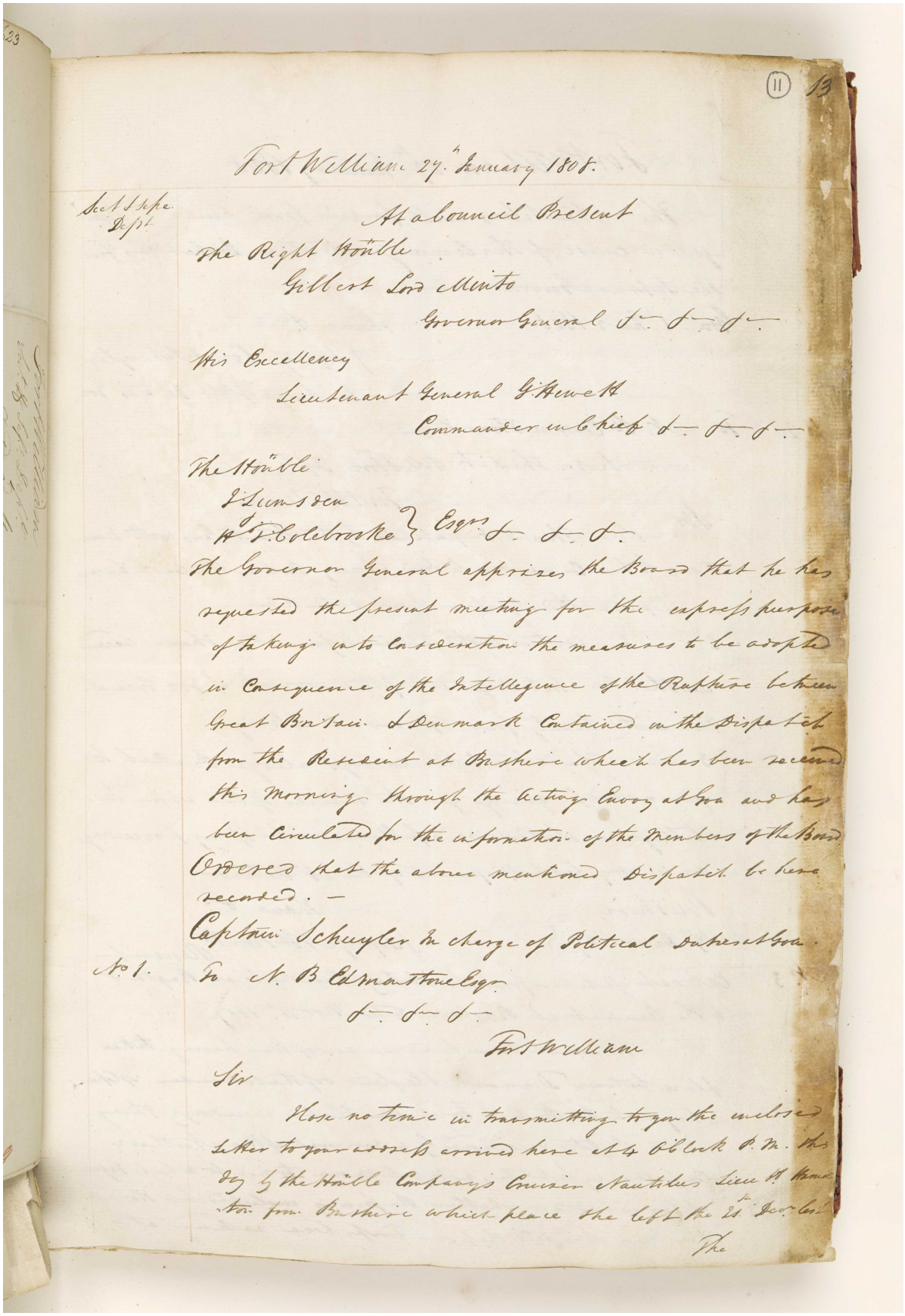

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At a Council Present

The Right Honble
Gilbert Lord Minto
Governor General &c. &c. &c.

His Excellency
Lieutenant General G. Hewett
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

The Hon.ble
I. Lumsden
H.T. Colebrooke } Esqrs. &c. &c. &c.

The Governor General apprizes the Board that he has requested the present meeting for the express purpose of taking into consideration the measures to be adopted in consequence of the Intelligence of the Rupture between Great Britain & Denmark contained in the Dispatch from the Resident at Bushire which has been received this Morning through the Acting Envoy at Goa and has been circulated for the information of the Members of the Board

Ordered that the above mentioned Dispatch be here recorded. —

Captain Schuyler in charge of Political duties at Goa.

No. 1. To N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.
&c. &c. &c.
Fort William

Sir

Hope no time in transmitting to you the enclosed Letter to your address arrived here at 4 o'Clock P.M. this day by the Hon.ble Company's Cruizer Nautilus Lieut.t Hamilton from Bushire which place she left the 21st Inst.t

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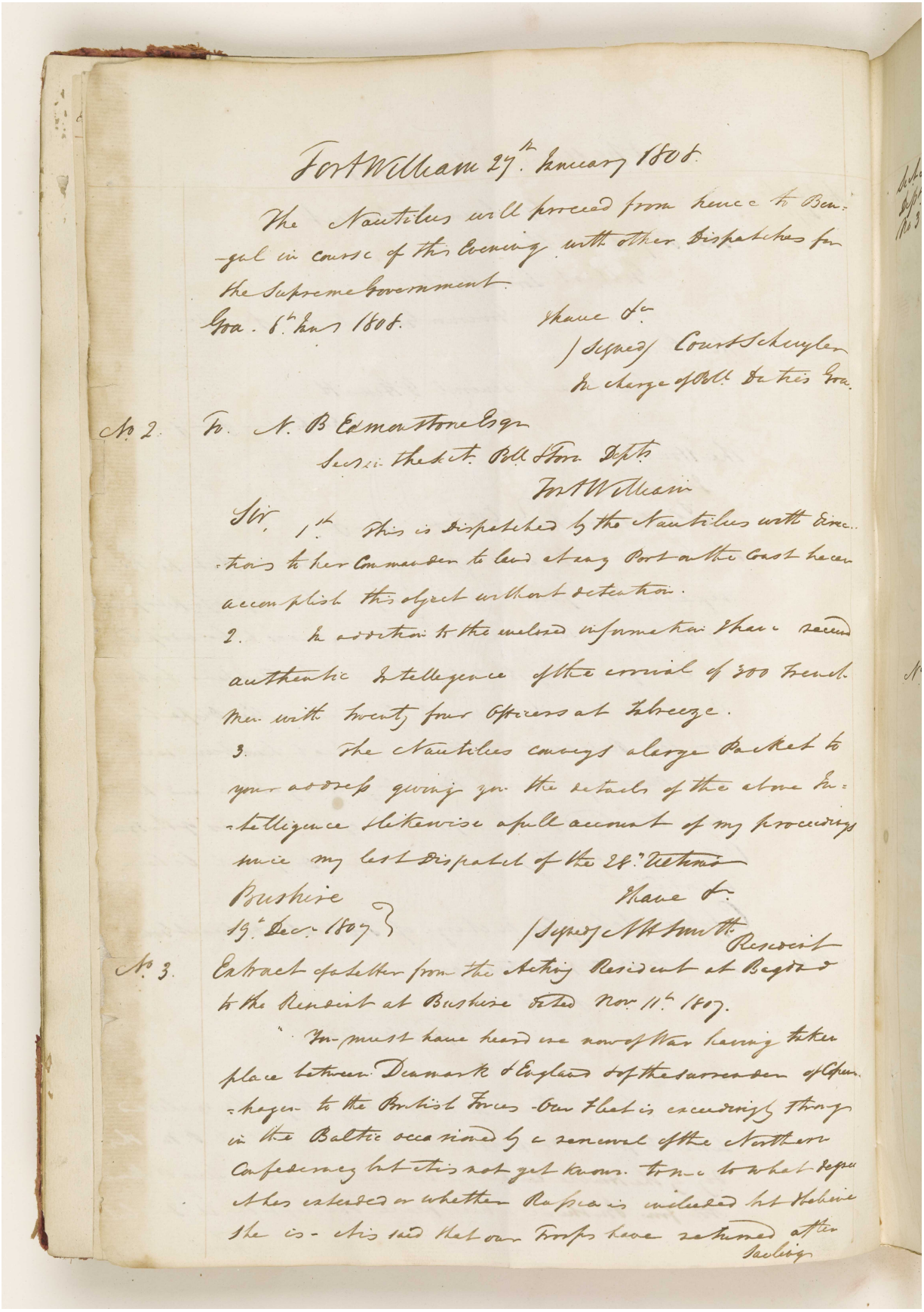

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The Nautilus will proceed from hence to Bengal in course of this Evening with other Dispatches for the Supreme Government.

Goa. 8th Jany 1808.

I have &c.
(Signed) Court Schuyler
In charge of Poll. Duties Goa.

No. 2. To. N. B. Edmonstone Esqr
Secy in the Sect. Poll. & Forn. Depts
Fort William

Sir, 1st This is dispatched by the Nautilus with directions to her Commander to land at any Port on the Coast he can accomplish this object without detention.

2. In addition to the enclosed information I have received authentic Intelligence of the arrival of 300 French men with twenty four Officers at Tabreeze.

3. The Nautilus conveys a large Packet to your address giving you the details of the above Intelligence & likewise a full account of my proceedings since my last Dispatch of the 28th Ultimo

Bushire
19th Decr 1807

I have &c.
(Signed) N H Smith
Resident

No. 3. Extract of a Letter from the Acting Resident at Bagdad to the Resident at Bushire dated Nov. 11th 1807.

"You must have heard ere now of War having taken place between Denmark & England & of the surrender of Copenhagen to the British Forces - Our Fleet is exceedingly strong in the Baltic occasioned by a renewal of the Northern Confederacy but it is not yet known to me to what degree it has extended or whether Russia is included but I believe she is - it is said that our Troops have returned after Sailing

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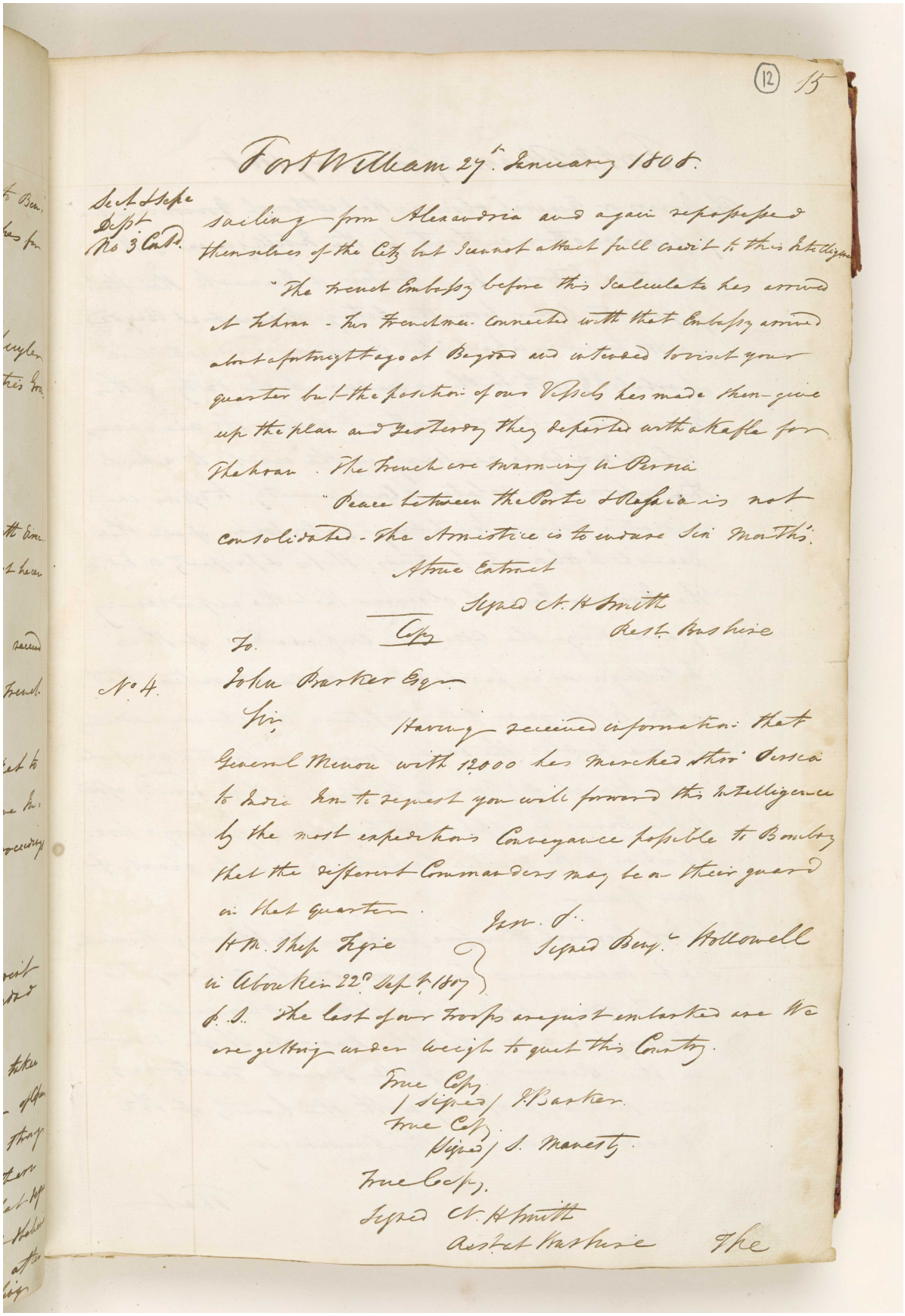

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sailing from Alexandria and again repossessed themselves of the City but I cannot attach full credit to this Intelligence

"The French Embassy before this I calculate has arrived at Tehran - Two Frenchmen connected with that Embassy arrived about a fortnight ago at Bagdad and intended to visit your quarter but the position of our Vessels has made them give up the plan and yesterday they departed with a Kafla for Thehran. The French are swarming in Persia

"Peace between the Porte & Russia is not consolidated - The Armistice is to endure Six Months".

A true Extract

Signed N. H. Smith
Rest. Bushire

Copy

To.

No 4.

John Barker Esqr.

Sir,

Having received information that General Menou with 12000 has marched thro' Persia to India I am to request you will forward this Intelligence by the most expeditious Conveyance possible to Bombay that the different Commanders may be on their guard in that quarter.

Jas. S.
Signed Benj.n Hollowell

H.M. Ship Tigre
in Aboukir 22d Sept. 1807

P.S. The last of our troops are just embarked are We are getting under weigh to quit this Country.

True Copy
(Signed) J. Barker.
True Copy
(Signed) S. Manesty.
True Copy.
Signed N. H. Smith
Rest. at Bushire

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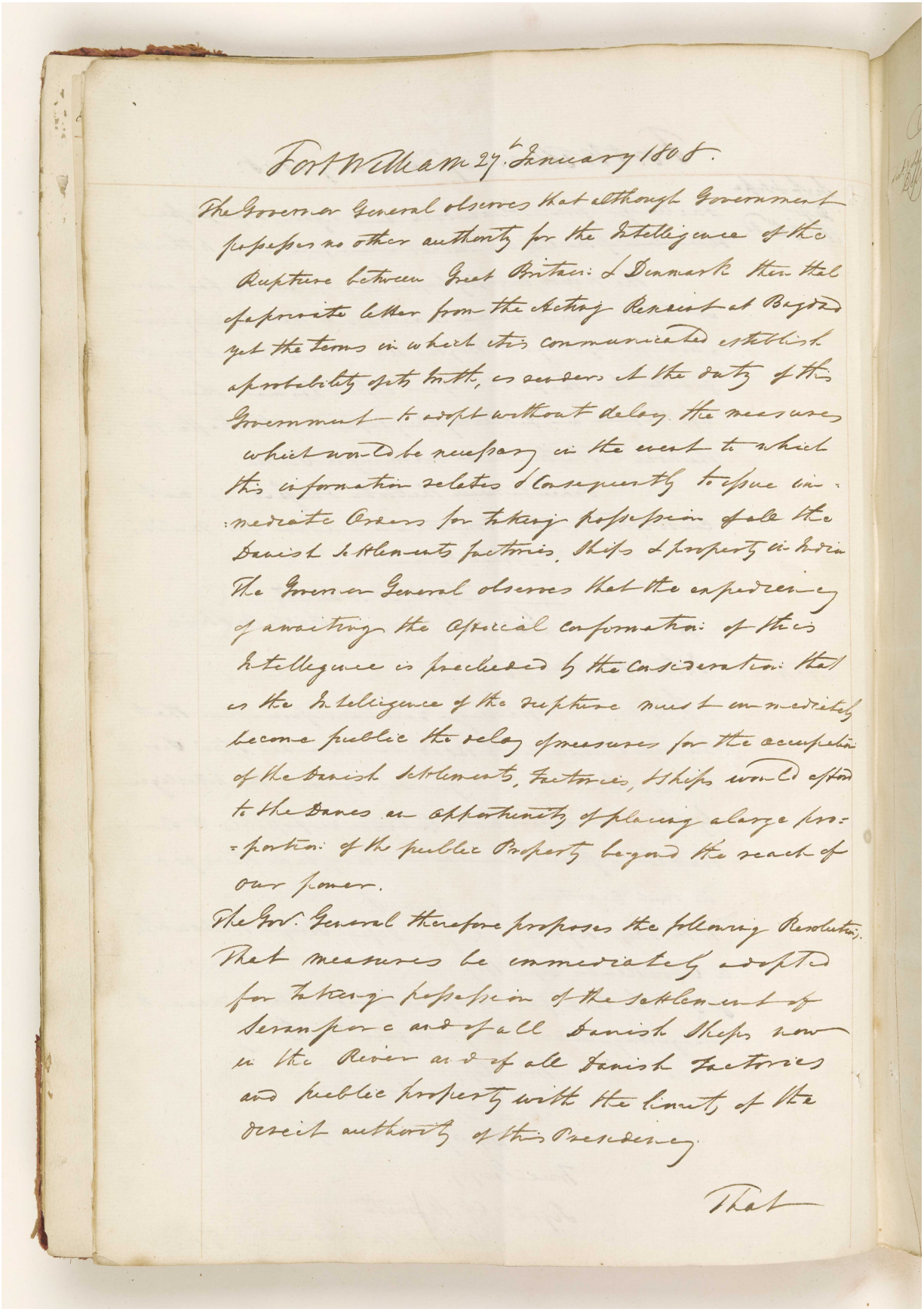

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The Governor General observes that although Government possesses no other authority for the Intelligence of the Rupture between Great Britain & Denmark than that of private letter from the Acting Resident at Bagdad yet the terms in which this communication establish a probability of its truth, & renders it the duty of this Government to adopt without delay the measures which would be necessary in the event to which this information relates & Consequently to issue immediate Orders for taking possession of all the Danish Settlements factories, Ships & property in India

The Governor General observes that the expediency of awaiting the official confirmation of this Intelligence is precluded by the consideration that as the Intelligence of the Rupture must immediately become public the delay of measures for the occupation of the Danish Settlements, Factories, & Ships would afford to the Danes an opportunity of placing a large proportion of the public Property beyond the reach of our power.

The Gov. General therefore proposes the following Resolution.

That measures be immediately adopted for taking possession of the settlement of Serampore and of all Danish Ships now in the River and of all Danish Factories and public property within the limits of the direct authority of this Presidency.

That

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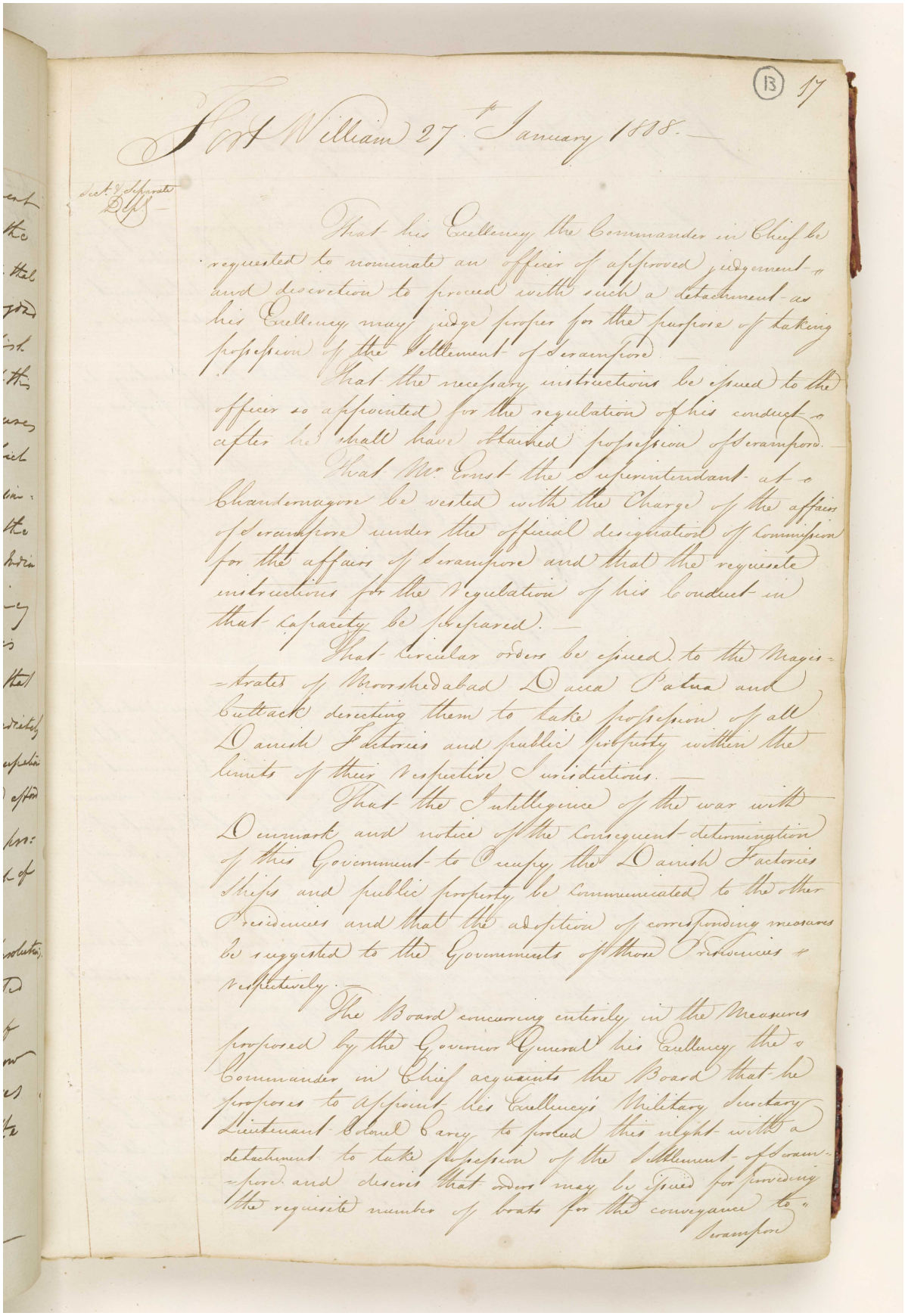

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That his Excellency the Commander in Chief be requested to nominate an officer of approved judgement and discretion to proceed with such a detachment as his Excellency may judge proper for the purpose of taking possession of the Settlement of Serampore.

That the necessary instructions be issued to the officer so appointed for the regulation of his conduct after he shall have obtained possession of Serampore.

That Mr. Ernst the Superintendant at Chandernagore be vested with the Charge of the affairs of Serampore under the official designation of Commission for the affairs of Serampore and that the requisite instructions for the regulation of his Conduct in that capacity be prepared.

That circular orders be issued to the Magistrates of Moorshedabad Dacca Patna and Cuttack directing them to take possession of all Danish Factories and public property within the limits of their respective Jurisdictions.

That the Intelligence of the war with Denmark and notice of the consequent determination of this Government to Occupy the Danish Factories Ships and public property be communicated to the other Presidencies and that the adoption of corresponding measures be suggested to the Governments of those Presidencies respectively.

The Board concurring entirely in the Measures proposed by the Governor General his Excellency the Commander in Chief acquaints the Board that he proposes to appoint his Excellency's Military Secretary Lieutenant Colonel Carey to proceed this night with a detachment to take possession of the Settlement of Serampore and desires that orders may be issued for providing the requisite number of boats for the conveyance to Serampore

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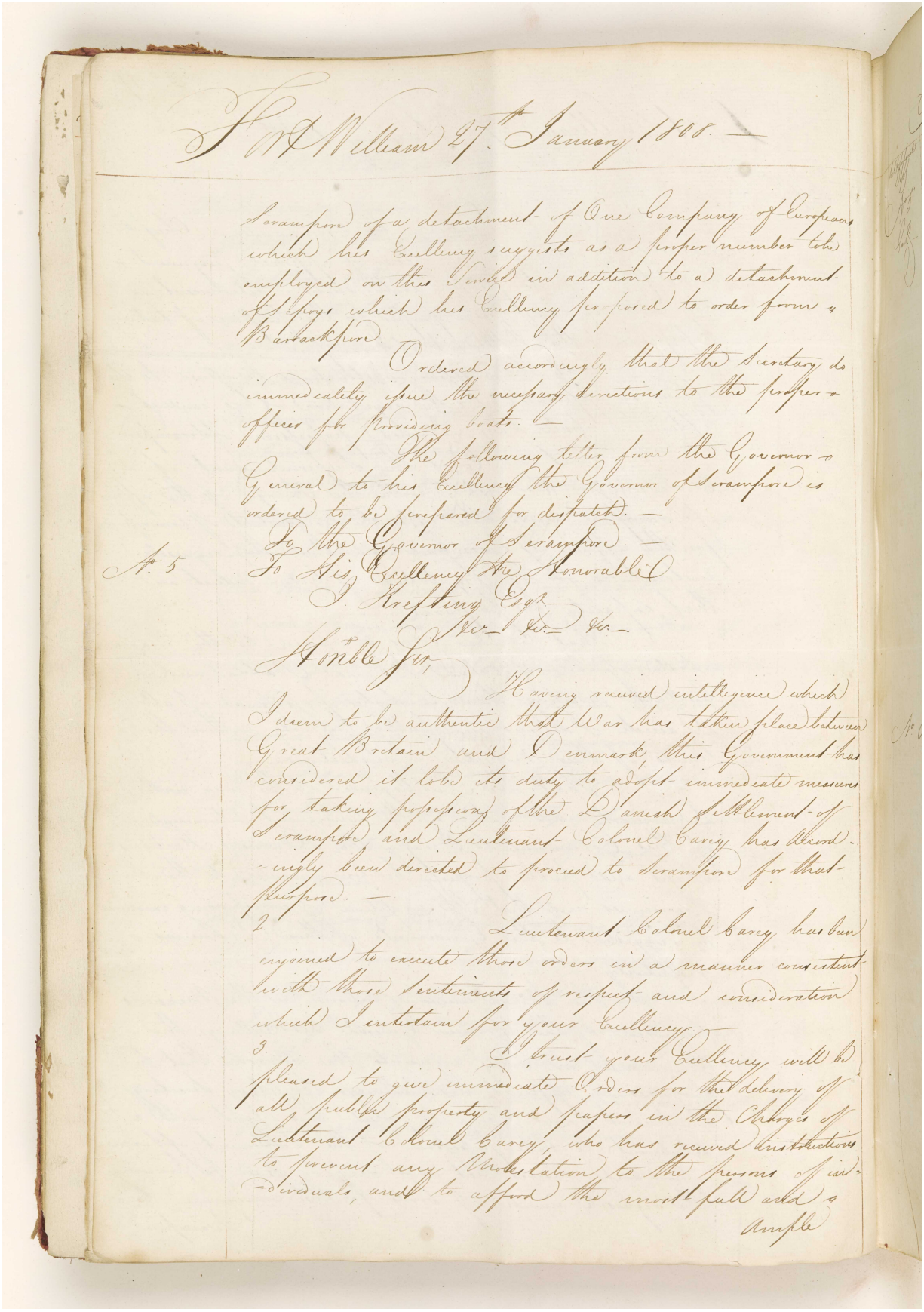

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Serampore of a detachment of One Company of Europeans which his Excellency suggests as a proper number to be employed on this Service in addition to a detachment of Sepoys which his Excellency proposed to order from Barrackpore.

Ordered accordingly that the Secretary do immediately issue the necessary directions to the proper officer for providing boats. —

The following letter from the Governor General to his Excellency the Governor of Serampore is ordered to be prepared for dispatch. —

To the Governor of Serampore. —

No. 5 To His Excellency the Honorable
J. Krefting Esqr
&c. &c. &c. —

Honble Sir,

Having received intelligence which I deem to be authentic that War has taken place between Great Britain and Denmark, this Government has considered it to be its duty to adopt immediate measures for taking possession of the Danish Settlement of Serampore and Lieutenant Colonel Carey has accordingly been directed to proceed to Serampore for that purpose. —

2. Lieutenant Colonel Carey has been enjoined to execute those orders in a manner consistent with those sentiments of respect and consideration which I entertain for your Excellency. —

3. I trust your Excellency will be pleased to give immediate Orders for the delivery of all public property and papers in the Charges of Lieutenant Colonel Carey, who has received instructions to prevent any Molestation to the persons of individuals, and to afford the most full and ample

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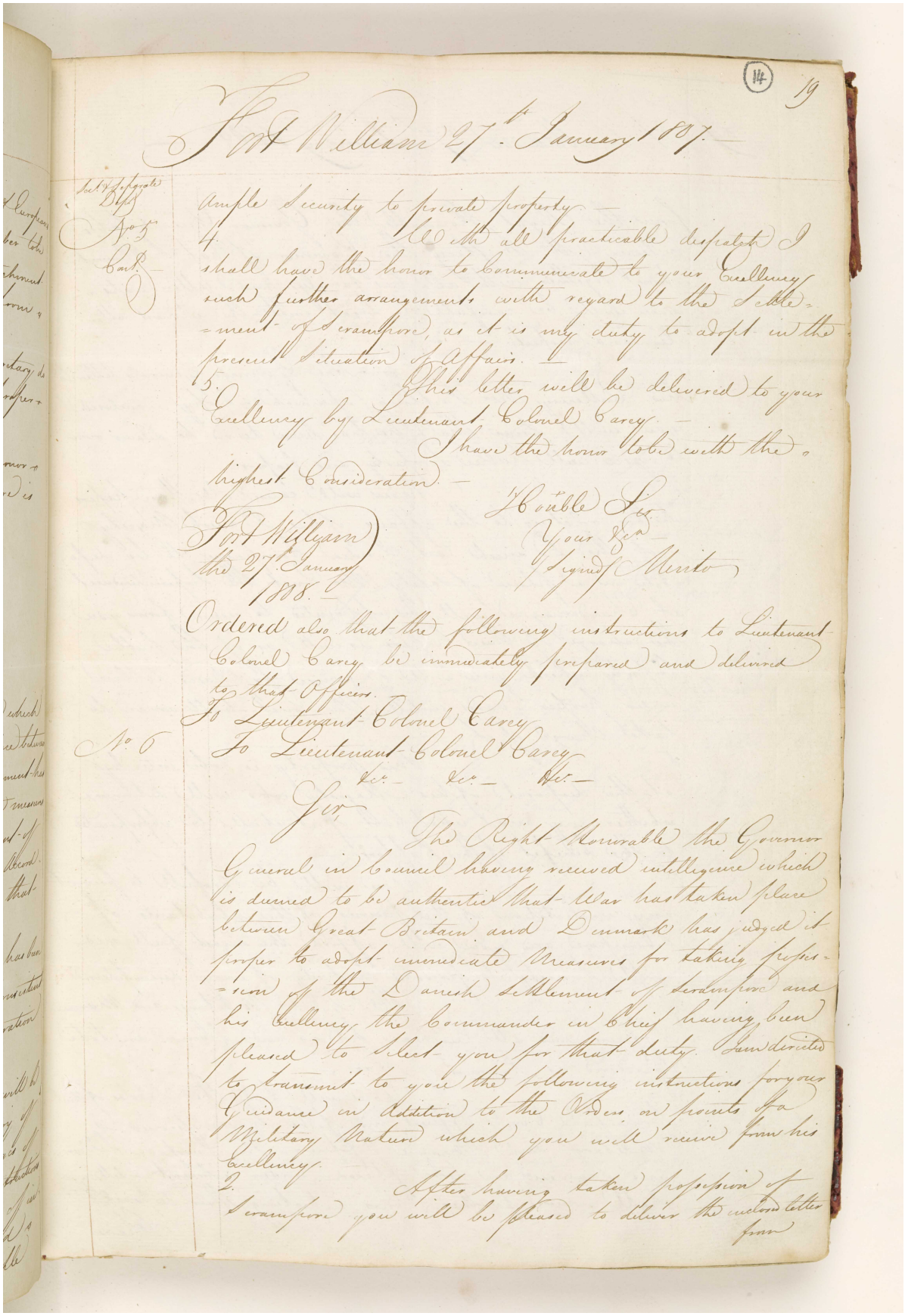

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ample Security to private property.

4. With all practicable despatch I shall have the honor to communicate to your Excellency such further arrangements with regard to the Settlement of Serampore, as it is my duty to adopt in the present Situation of Affairs.

5. This letter will be delivered to your Excellency by Lieutenant Colonel Carey.

I have the honor to be with the highest Consideration.

Hon'ble Sir
Your &c.
(Signed) Minto

Fort William
the 27th January
1808.

Ordered also that the following instructions to Lieutenant Colonel Carey be immediately prepared and delivered to that Officers.

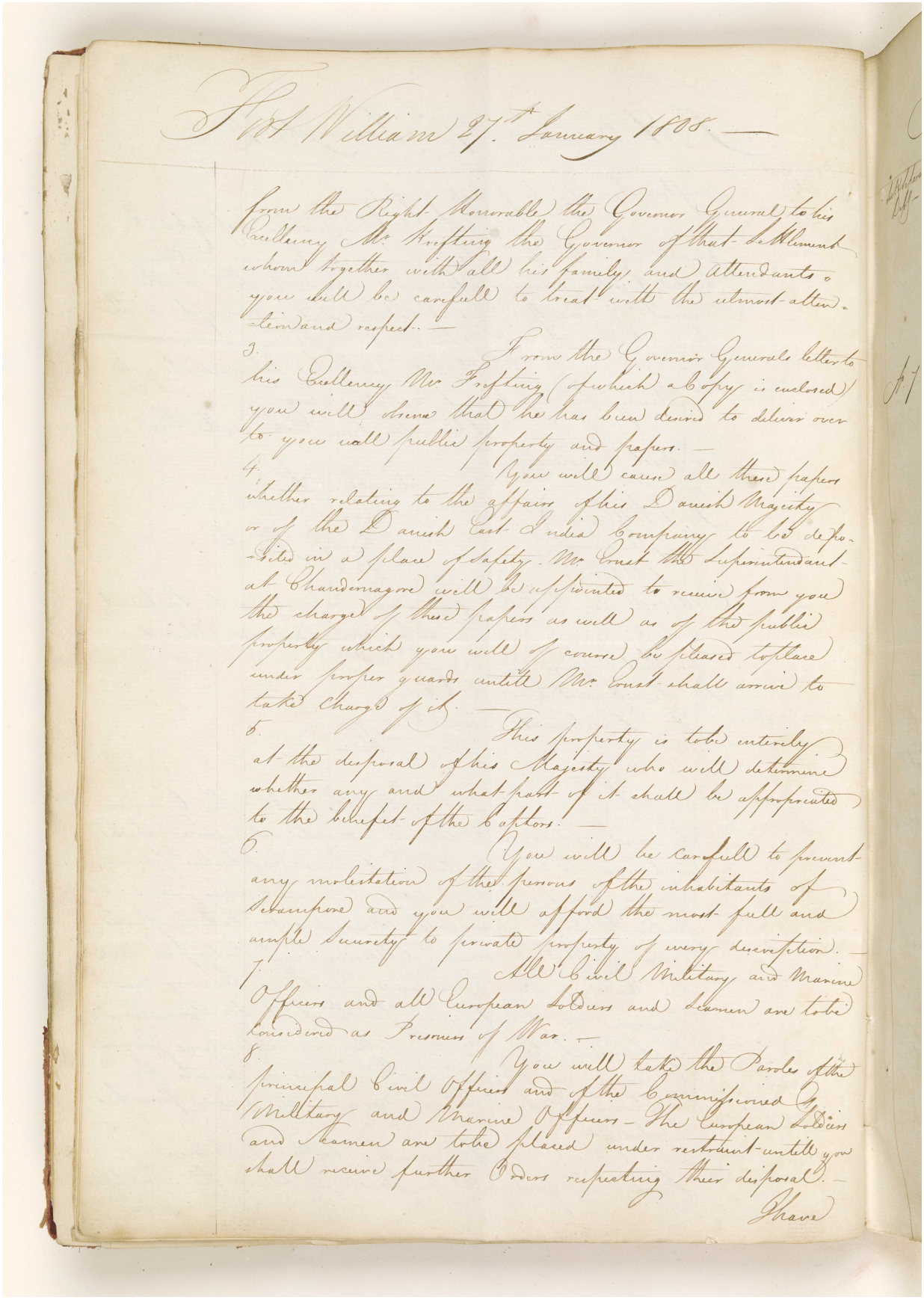
To Lieutenant Colonel Carey

No. 6 To Lieutenant Colonel Carey
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council having received intelligence which is deemed to be authentic that War has taken place between Great Britain and Denmark has judged it proper to adopt immediate Measures for taking possession of the Danish Settlement of Serampore and his Excellency the Commander in Chief having been pleased to Select you for that duty. I am directed to transmit to you the following instructions for your Guidance in Addition to the Orders on points of a Military Nature which you will receive from his Excellency.

2. After having taken possession of Serampore you will be pleased to deliver the enclosed letter from



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From the Right Honorable the Governor General to his Excellency Mr Frefting the Governor of that Settlement whom together with all his family and attendants you will be careful to treat with the utmost attention and respect. —

3. From the Governor Generals letter to his Excellency Mr Frefting (of which a Copy is enclosed) you will observe that he has been desired to deliver over to you all public property and papers. —

4. You will cause all those papers whether relating to the affairs of his Danish Majesty or of the Danish East India Company to be deposited in a place of safety. So soon the Superintendant at Chandernagore will be appointed to receive from you the charge of those papers as well as of the public property which you will of course be pleased to place under proper guards until he shall arrive to take charge of it. —

5. This property is to be entirely at the disposal of his Majesty who will determine whether any and what part of it shall be appropriated to the benefit of the Captors. —

6. You will be careful to prevent any molestation of the persons of the inhabitants of Serampore and you will afford the most full and ample security to private property of every description. —

7. All Civil Military and Marine Officers and all European Soldiers and Seamen are to be considered as Prisoners of War. —

8. You will take the Parole of the principal Civil Officers and of the Commissioned Military and Marine Officers. The European Soldiers and Seamen are to be placed under restraint until you shall receive further Orders respecting their disposal. —

I have

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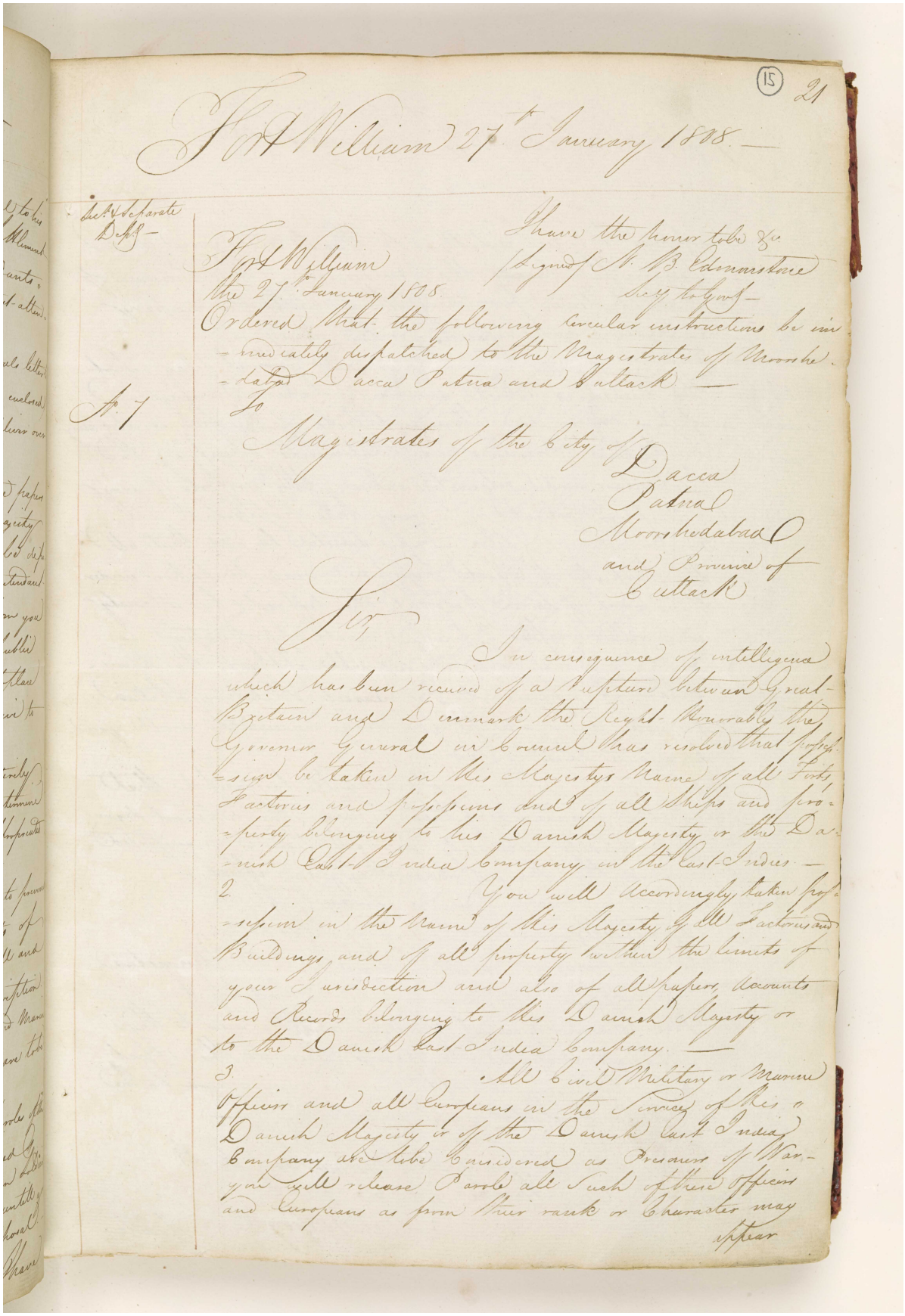

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I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) N. B. Edmonstone
Secy. to Govt.

Fort William
the 27th January 1808.

Ordered that the following circular instructions be immediately dispatched to the Magistrates of Moorshedabad Dacca Patna and Cuttack —

No. 7

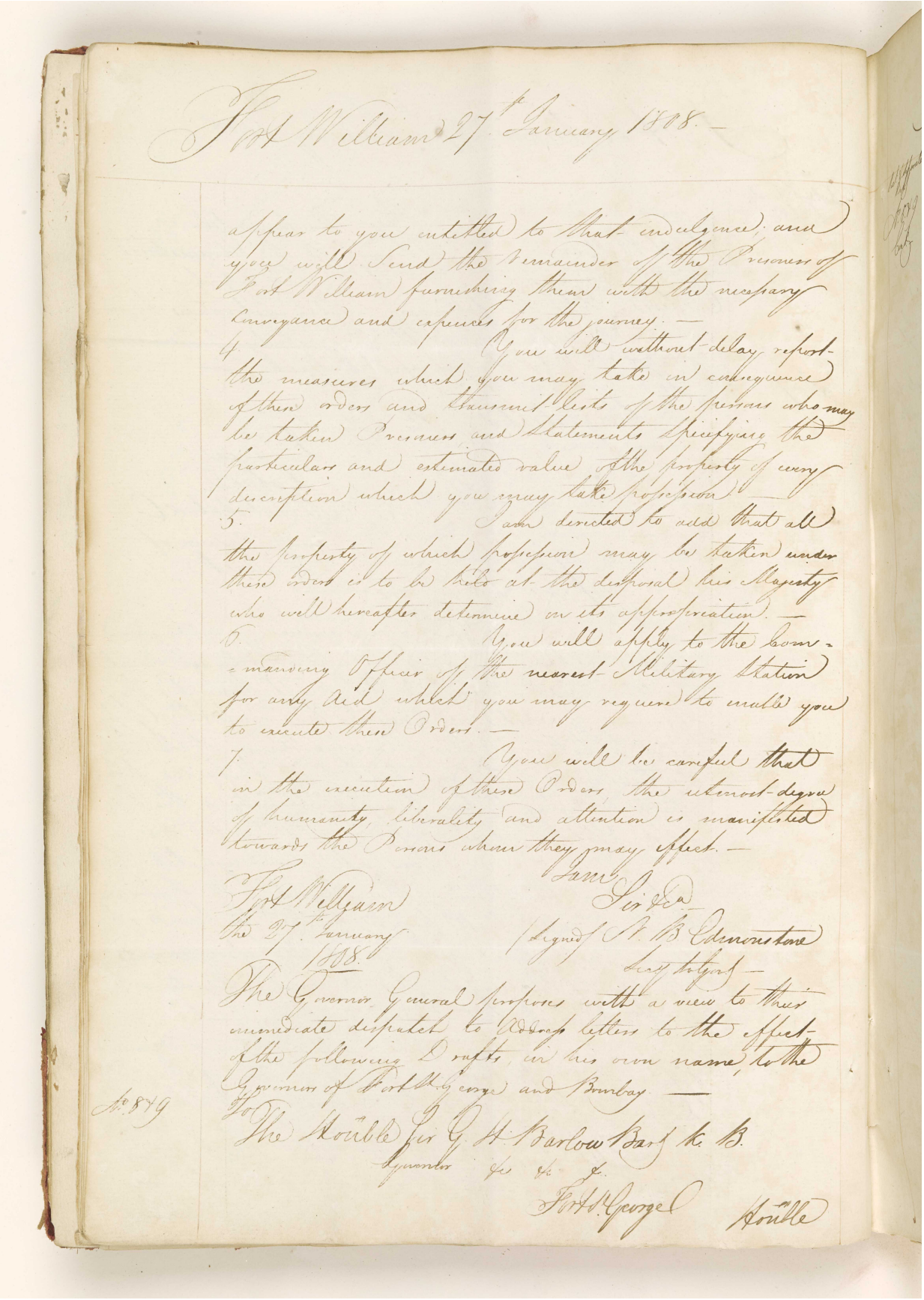
To
Magistrates of the City of
Dacca
Patna
Moorshedabad
and Province of
Cuttack

Sir,

In consequence of intelligence which has been received of a rupture between Great Britain and Denmark the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council has resolved that possession be taken in His Majestys Name of all Forts, Factories and possessions and of all Ships and property belonging to his Danish Majesty or the Danish East India Company in the East Indies —

2. You will accordingly taken possession in the Name of His Majesty of all Factories and Buildings and of all property within the limits of your Jurisdiction and also of all papers, Accounts and Records belonging to His Danish Majesty or to the Danish East India Company. —

3. All Civil Military or Marine Officers and all Europeans in the Service of His Danish Majesty or of the Danish East India Company are to be considered as Prisoners of War you will release Parole all such of these Officers and Europeans as from their rank or Character may appear



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appear to you entitled to that indulgence: and you will send the Remainder of the Prisoners to Fort William furnishing them with the necessary Conveyance and expences for the journey.—

4. You will without delay report the measures which you may take in consequence of these orders and transmit Lists of the persons who may be taken Prisoners and Statements specifying the particulars and estimated value of the property of every description which you may take possession.—

5. You are directed to add that all the property of which possession may be taken under these orders is to be held at the disposal his Majesty who will hereafter determine on its appropriation.—

6. You will apply to the Commanding Officer of the nearest Military Station for any Aid which you may require to enable you to execute these Orders.—

7. You will be careful that in the execution of these Orders the utmost degree of humanity, liberality and attention is manifested towards the Persons whom they may affect.—

I am Sir &c.
(Signed) R. B. Edmonstone
Secy to Govt.—

Fort William
the 27th January
1808.

The Governor General proposes with a view to their immediate dispatch to address letters to the effect of the following Drafts, in his own name, to the Governors of Fort St. George and Bombay.—

No. 879

To
The Honble Sir G. H. Barlow Bart K. B.
Governor &c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George

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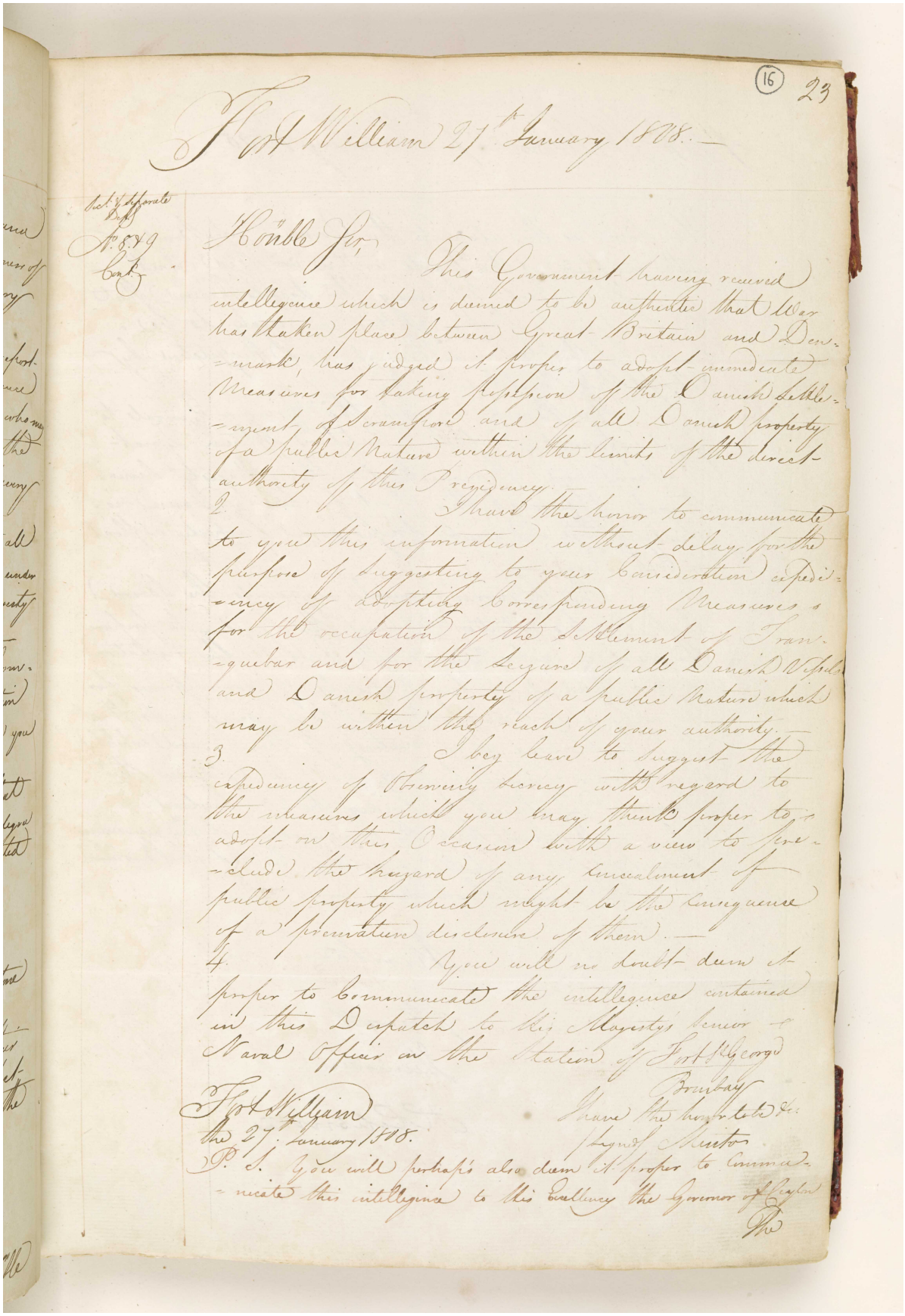

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Hon'ble Sir,

This Government having received intelligence which is deemed to be authentic that War has taken place between Great Britain and Denmark, has judged it proper to adopt immediate Measures for taking possession of the Danish Settlement of Serampore and of all Danish property of a public Nature within the limits of the direct authority of this Presidency.

2. I have the honor to communicate to you this information without delay for the purpose of suggesting to your Consideration expediency of adopting Corresponding Measures for the occupation of the Settlement of Tranquebar and for the Seizure of all Danish Vessels and Danish property of a public Nature which may be within the reach of your authority.

3. I beg leave to suggest the expediency of Observing Secrecy with regard to the measures which you may think proper to adopt on this Occasion with a view to preclude the hazard of any concealment of public property which might be the consequence of a premature disclosure of them.

4. You will no doubt deem it proper to Communicate the intelligence contained in this Dispatch to His Majesty's Senior Naval Officer on the Station of Fort St. George Bombay

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) Minto

Fort William
the 27th January 1808.

P. S. You will perhaps also deem it proper to Communicate this intelligence to His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon

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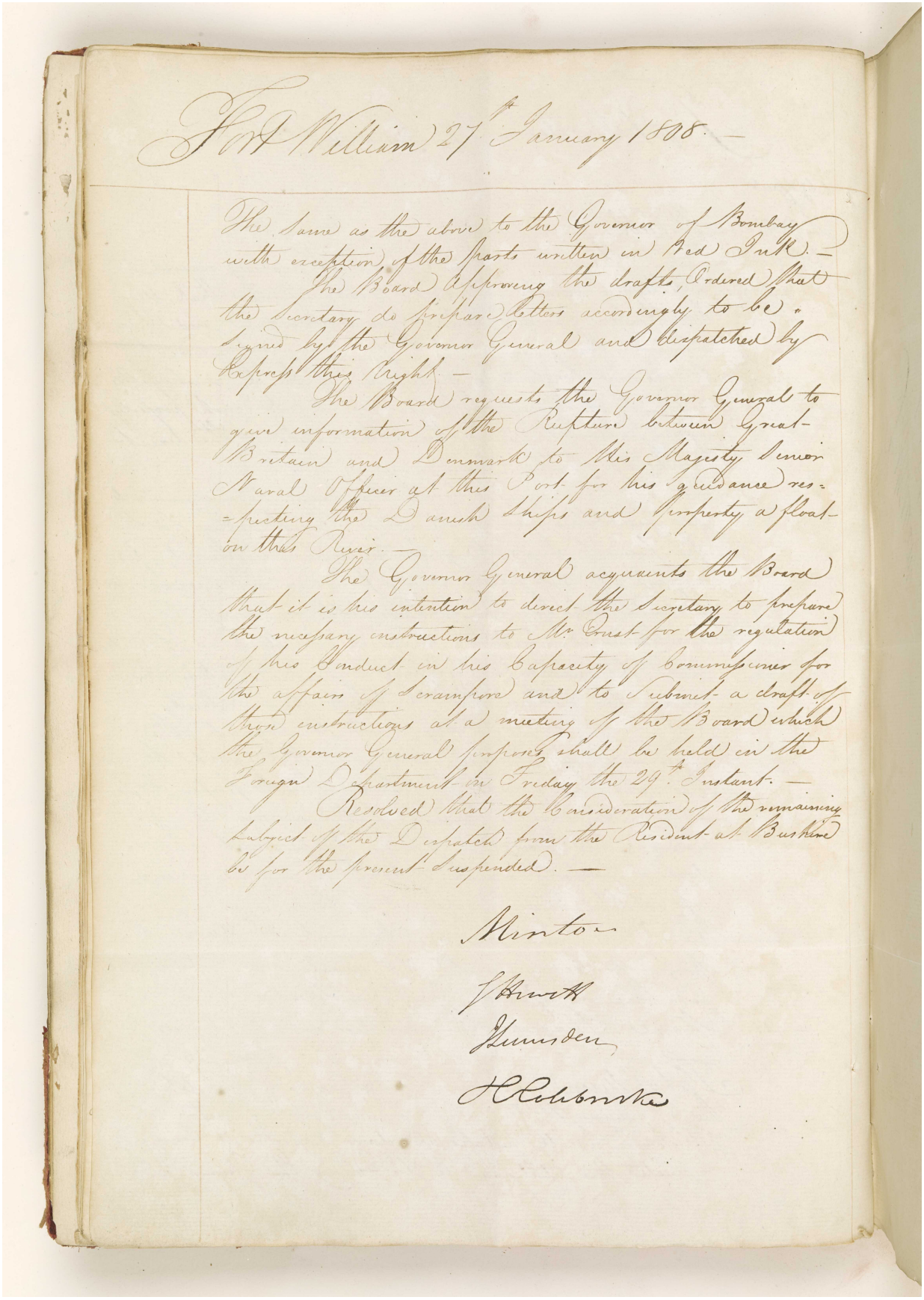

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The same as the above to the Governor of Bombay with exception of the parts written in Red Ink.—

The Board approving the drafts, Ordered that the Secretary do prepare Letters accordingly to be signed by the Governor General and dispatched by Express this night.—

The Board requests the Governor General to give information of the Rupture between Great-Britain and Denmark to His Majesty's Senior Naval Officer at this Port for his guidance respecting the Danish Ships and property afloat on this River.—

The Governor General acquaints the Board that it is his intention to direct the Secretary to prepare the necessary instructions to Mr. Crust for the regulation of his Conduct in his Capacity of Commissioner for the affairs of Serampore and to submit a draft of those instructions at a meeting of the Board which the Governor General proposes shall be held in the Foreign Department on Friday the 29th Instant.—

Resolved that the consideration of the remaining Subject of the Dispatch from the Resident at Bushire be for the present suspended.—

Minto

J Smith

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H Colebrooke

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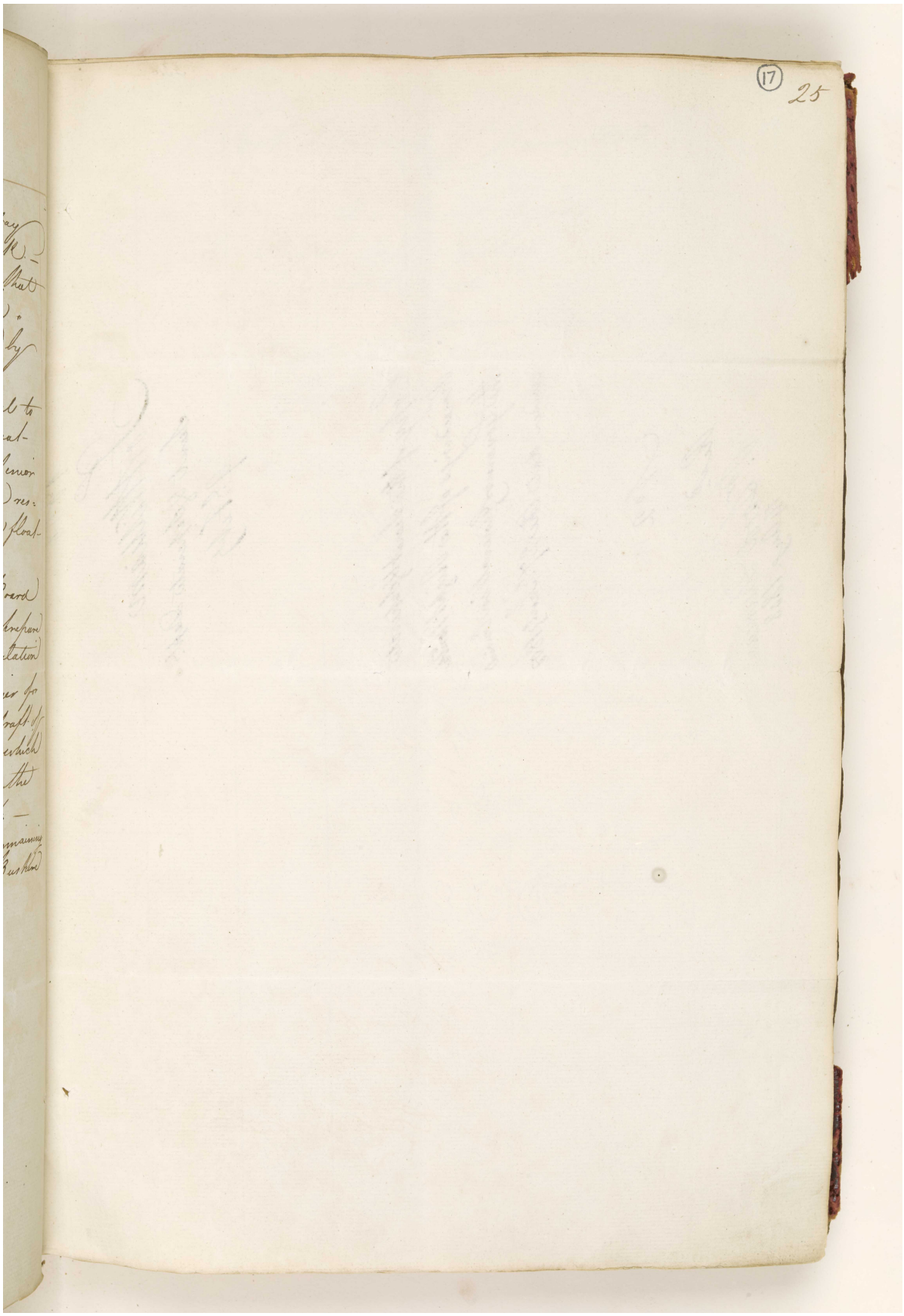

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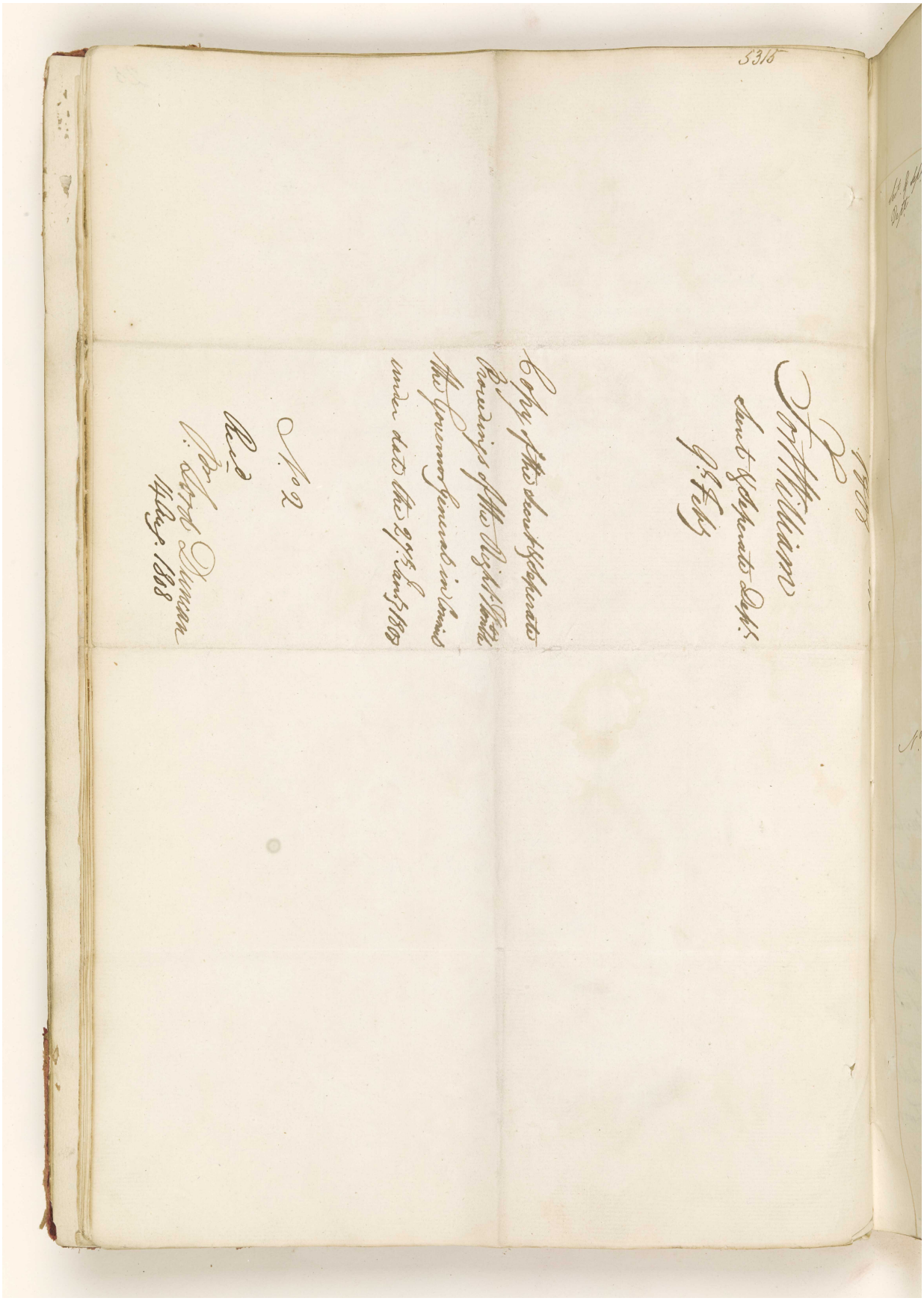

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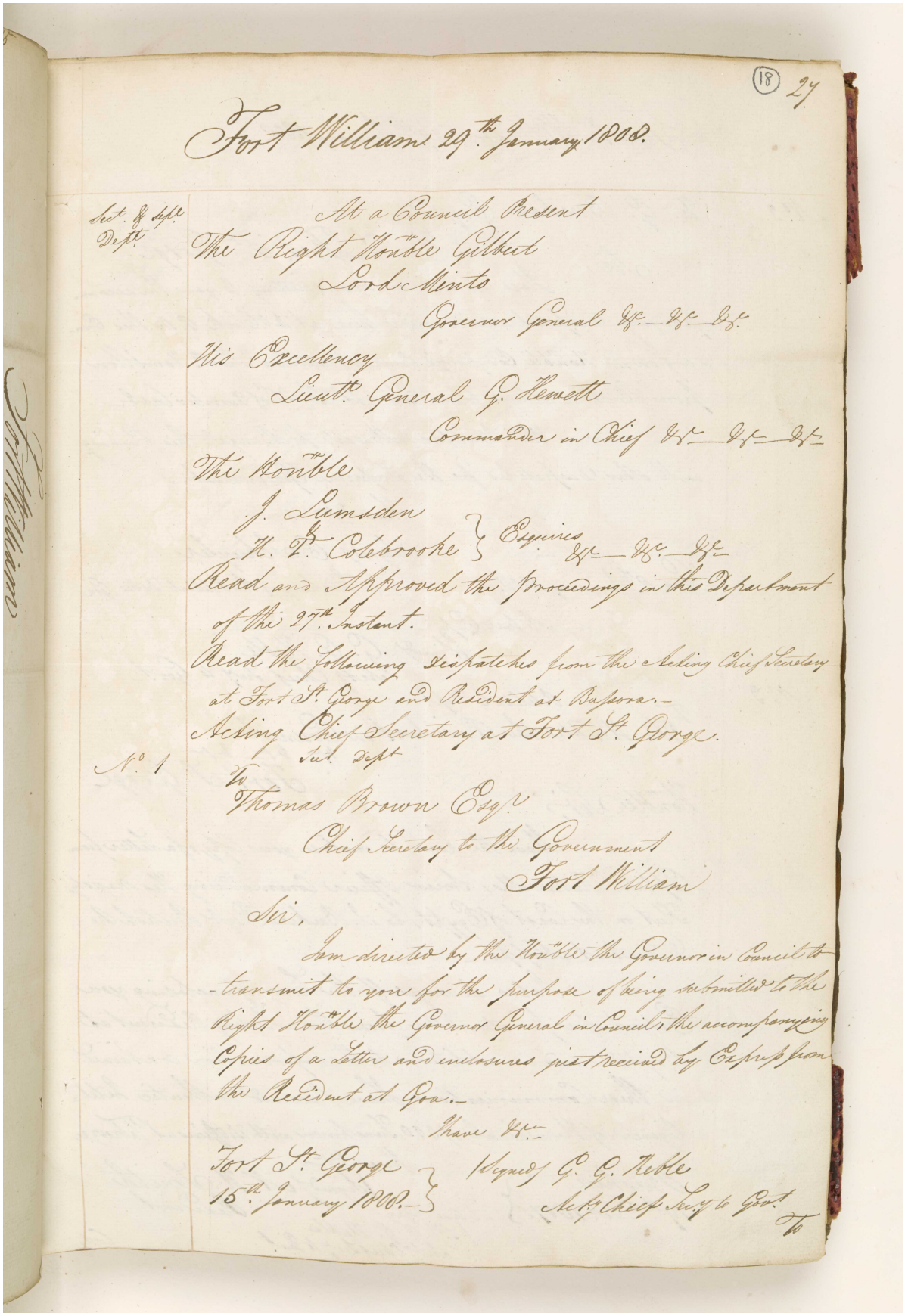

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At a Council Present

The Right Honble Gilbert
Lord Minto
Governor General &c. &c. &c.

His Excellency
Lieut. General G. Hewett
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

The Honble
J. Lumsden
& H. T. Colebrooke } Esquires &c. &c. &c.

Read and Approved the proceedings in this Department of the 27th Instant.

Read the following dispatches from the Acting Chief Secretary at Fort St. George and Resident at Bussora.—

Acting Chief Secretary at Fort St. George.
Sect. Dept

No. 1

To
Thomas Brown Esqr.
Chief Secretary to the Government
Fort William

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you for the purpose of being submitted to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, the accompanying Copies of a Letter and enclosures just received by Express from the Resident at Goa.—

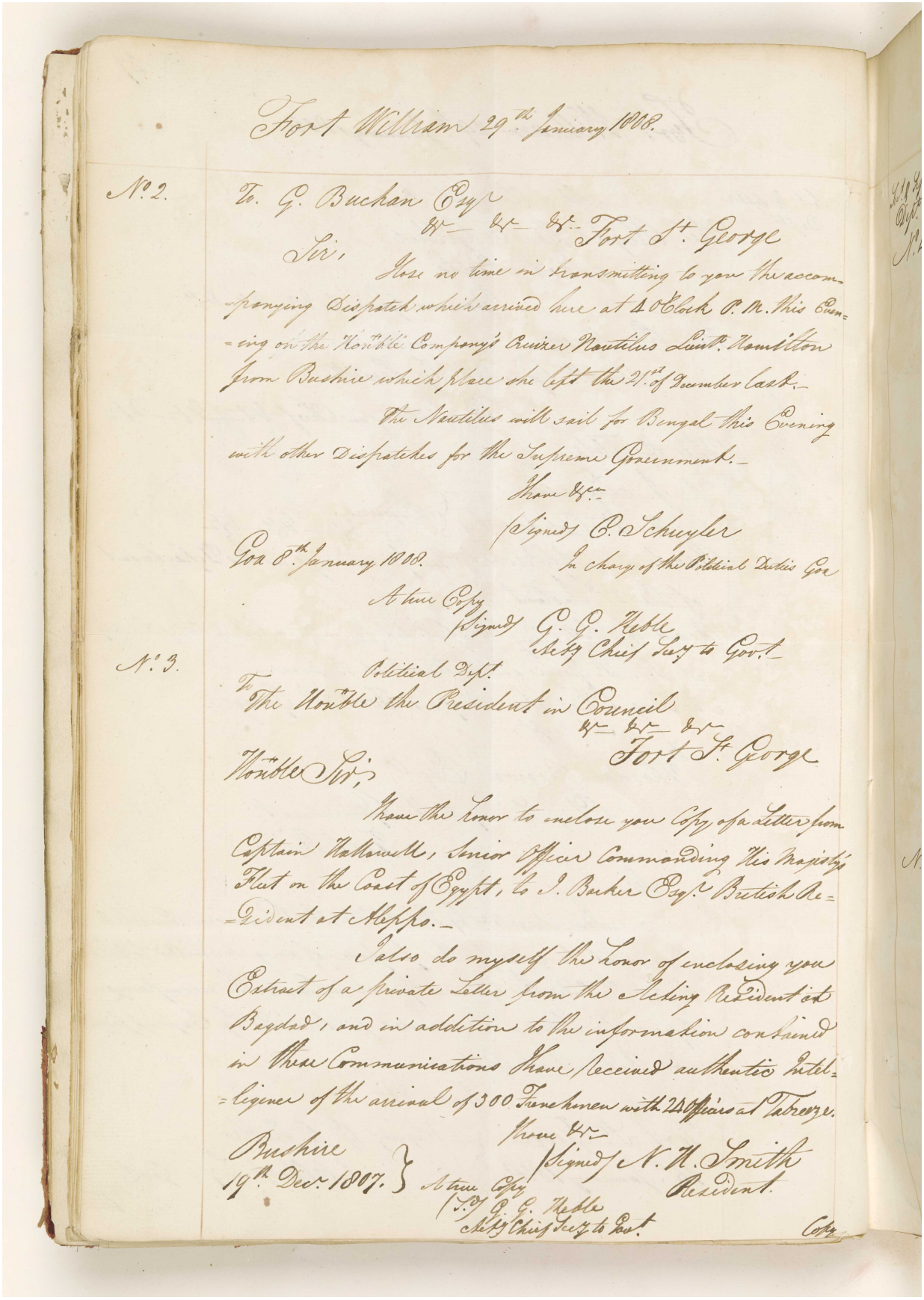
I have &c.

Fort St. George
15th January 1808.

(Signed) G. G. Keble
Acty Chief Secy to Govt.

To

Fort William



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No. 2.

To G. Buchan Esqr
&c &c &c Fort St. George

Sir,

Hose no time in transmitting to you the accompanying Dispatch which arrived here at 4 O'Clock P.M. this Evening on the Hon'ble Company's Cruizer Nautilus Lieut. Hamilton from Bushire which place she left the 21st of December last.

The Nautilus will sail for Bengal this Evening with other Dispatches for the Supreme Government.

I have &c.

(Signed) C. Schuyler
In charge of the Political Duties Goa

Goa 8th January 1808.

A true Copy
(Signed) G. G. Heble
Actg Chief Secy to Govt.

No. 3.

Political Dept.

To The Hon'ble the President in Council
&c &c &c
Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a Letter from Captain Hallowell, Senior Officer Commanding His Majesty's Fleet on the Coast of Egypt, to J. Barker Esqr. British Resident at Aleppo.

I also do myself the honor of enclosing you Extract of a private Letter from the Acting Resident at Bagdad, and in addition to the information contained in these Communications I have received authentic Intelligence of the arrival of 300 Frenchmen with 24 Officers at Tabreeze.

I have &c.

(Signed) N. H. Smith
Resident.

Bushire
19th Decr. 1807.

A true Copy
(Sd) G. G. Heble
Actg Chief Secy to Govt.

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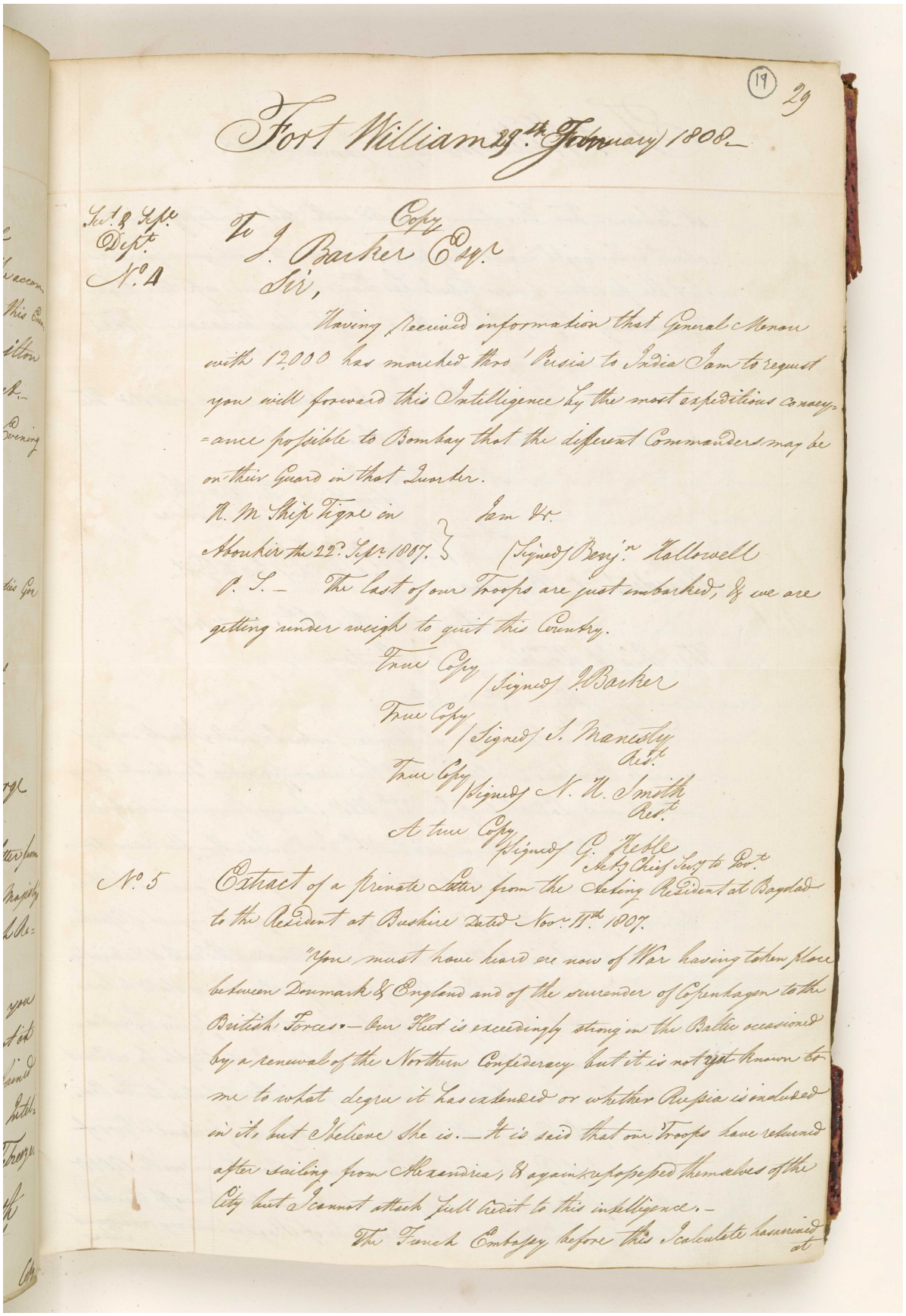

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Copy

To J. Barker Esqr.

Sir,

Having received information that General Menou with 12,000 has marched thro' Persia to India I am to request you will forward this Intelligence by the most expeditious conveyance possible to Bombay that the different Commanders may be on their Guard in that Quarter.

H. M. Ship Tigre in Aboukir the 22d Sept. 1807. } I am &c. (Signed) Benj.n Hallowell

P. S. — The last of our Troops are just embarked, & we are getting under weigh to quit this Country.

True Copy (Signed) J. Barker

True Copy (Signed) J. Manesty Asst.

True Copy (Signed) N. N. Smith Asst.

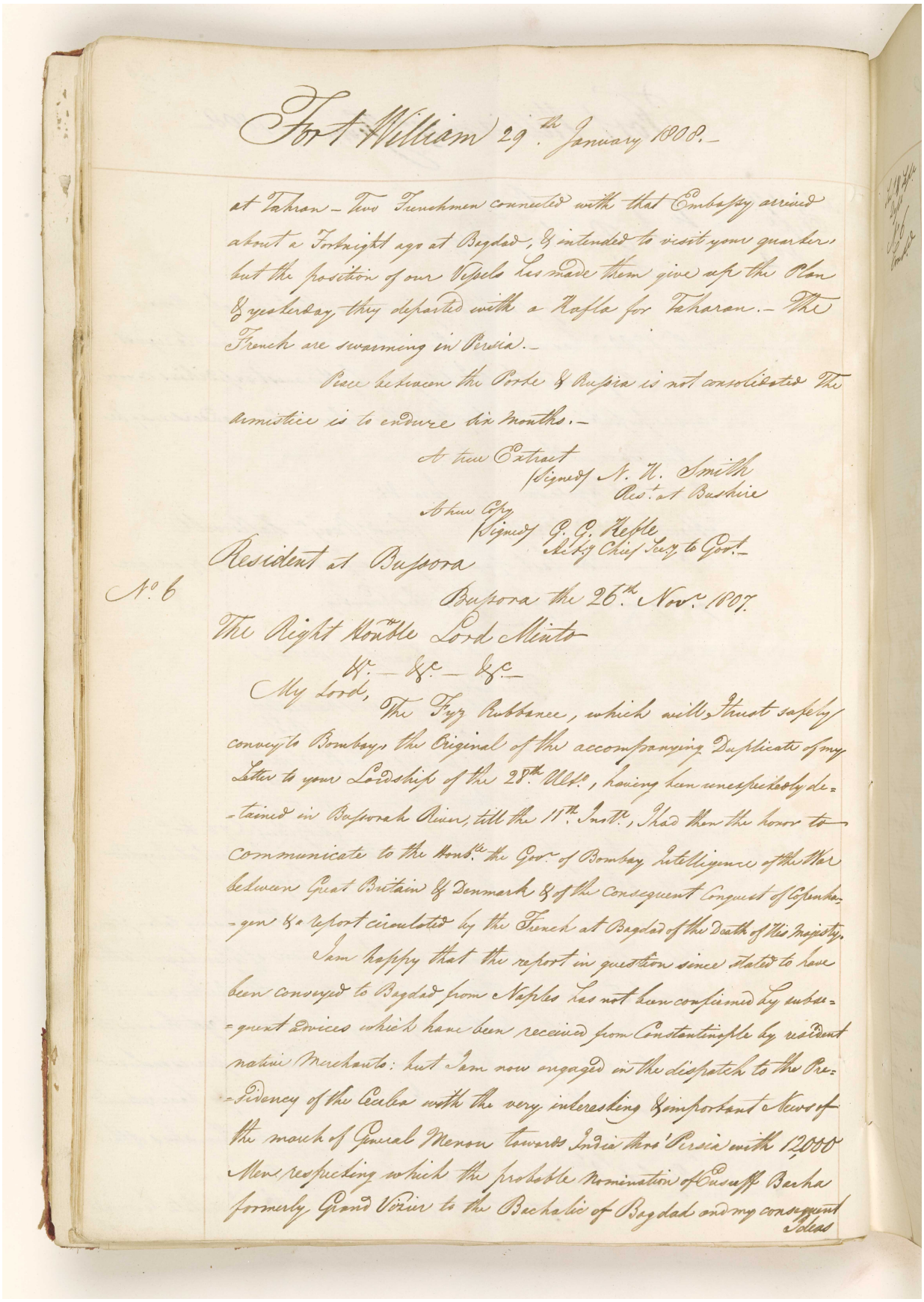
A true Copy (Signed) G. Hebble Actg Chief Secy to Govt.

No. 5

Extract of a Private Letter from the Acting Resident at Bagdad to the Resident at Bushire Dated Nov.r 17th 1807.

"You must have heard ere now of War having taken place between Denmark & England and of the surrender of Copenhagen to the British Forces. — Our Fleet is exceedingly strong in the Baltic occasioned by a renewal of the Northern Confederacy but it is not yet known to me to what degree it has extended or whether Russia is included in it, but I believe she is. — It is said that our Troops have returned after sailing from Alexandria, & again re-possessed themselves of the City but I cannot attach full credit to this intelligence. —

The French Embassy before this I calculate have arrived at



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at Tahran – Two Frenchmen connected with that Embassy arrived about a Fortnight ago at Bagdad, & intended to visit your quarter, but the position of our Vessels has made them give up the Plan & yesterday they departed with a Kafla for Taharan.– The French are swarming in Persia.–

Peace between the Porte & Russia is not consolidated The armistice is to endure six months.–

A true Extract
(Signed) N. H. Smith
Resᵗ at Bushire

A true Copy
(Signed) G. G. Keble
Actg Chief Secy to Govt.–

Resident at Bussora

No. 6

Bussora the 26th Novr. 1807.

The Right Honble Lord Minto
&c.– &c.– &c.–

My Lord,

The Fyz Rubbanee, which will I trust safely convey to Bombay, the Original of the accompanying Duplicate of my Letter to your Lordship of the 28th Ulto., having been unexpectedly detained in Bussorah River, till the 11th Instt., I had then the honor to communicate to the Honble the Govr. of Bombay Intelligence of the War between Great Britain & Denmark & of the consequent Conquest of Copenhagen & a report circulated by the French at Bagdad of the Death of His Majesty.

I am happy that the report in question since stated to have been conveyed to Bagdad from Naples has not been confirmed by subsequent advices which have been received from Constantinople by resident native Merchants: but I am now engaged in the dispatch to the Presidency of the Ceculea with the very interesting & important News of the march of General Menou towards India thro' Persia with 12,000 Men respecting which the probable nomination of Eusuff Bacha formerly Grand Vizier to the Bachalic of Bagdad and my consequent Ideas

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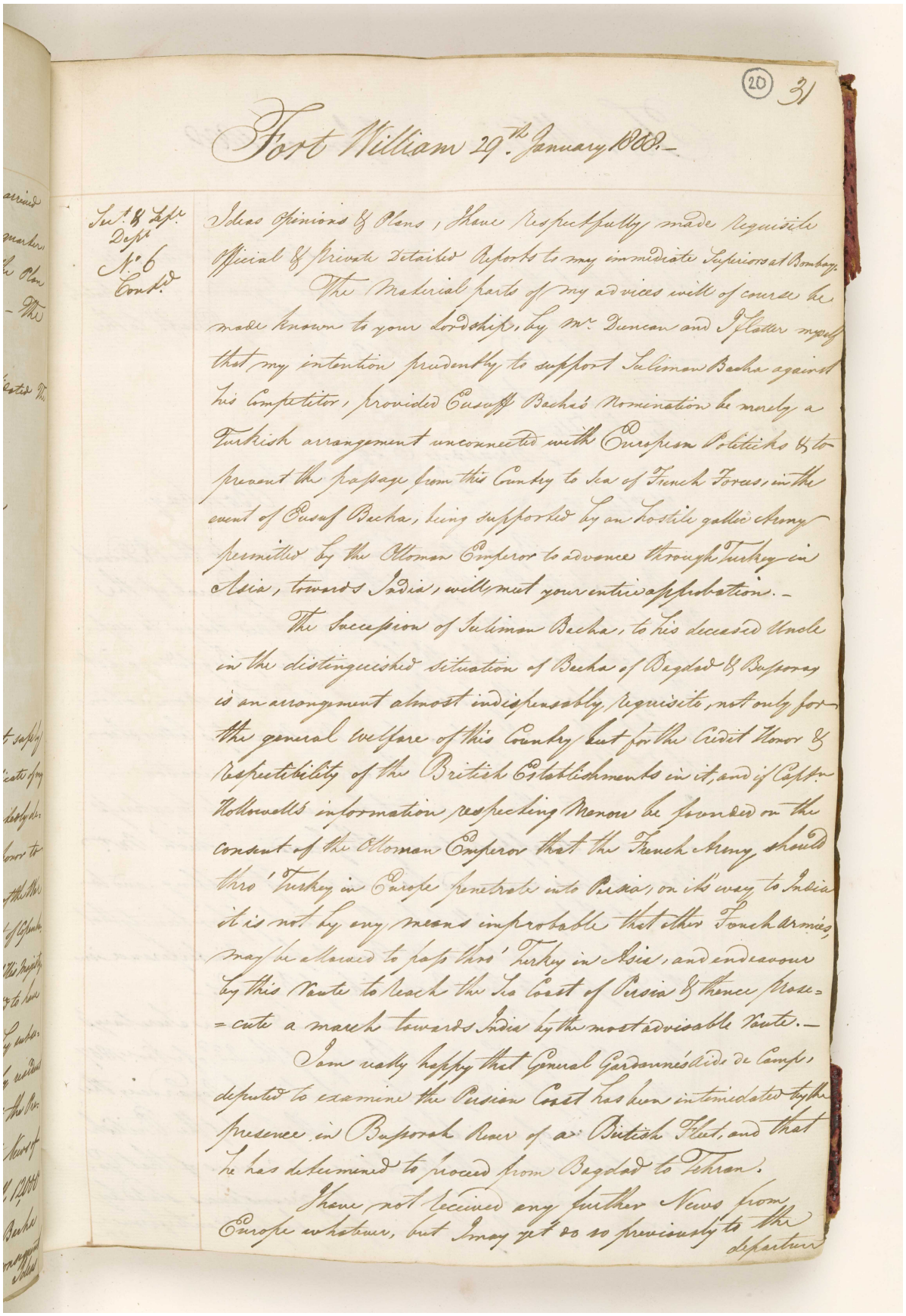

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Ideas Opinions & Plans, I have respectfully made requisite Official & Private Detailed Reports to my immediate Superiors at Bombay.

The Material parts of my advices will of course be made known to your Lordship, by Mr. Duncan and I flatter myself that my intention prudently to support Suliman Bacha against his Competitor, provided Eusuff Bacha's Nomination be merely a Turkish arrangement unconnected with European Politicks & to prevent the passage from this Country to Sea of French Forces, in the event of Eusuf Bacha, being supported by an hostile gallic Army permitted by the Ottoman Emperor to advance through Turkey in Asia, towards India, will meet your entire approbation.—

The Succession of Suliman Bacha, to his deceased Uncle in the distinguished situation of Bacha of Bagdad & Bussorah is an arrangement almost indispensably requisite, not only for the general welfare of this Country but for the Credit Honor & respectibility of the British Establishments in it, and if Captn. Hollowells information respecting Menou be founded on the consent of the Ottoman Emperor that the French Army should thro' Turkey in Europe penetrate into Persia, on its way to India it is not by any means improbable that other French Armies may be allowed to pass thro' Turkey in Asia, and endeavour by this Route to reach the Sea Coast of Persia & thence prose=cute a march towards India by the most advisable Route.—

I am really happy that General Gardanne's Aide de Camp, deputed to examine the Persian Coast has been intimidated by the presence in Bussorah River of a British Fleet, and that he has determined to proceed from Bagdad to Tehran.

I have not received any further News from Europe whatever, but I may yet do so previously to the departure

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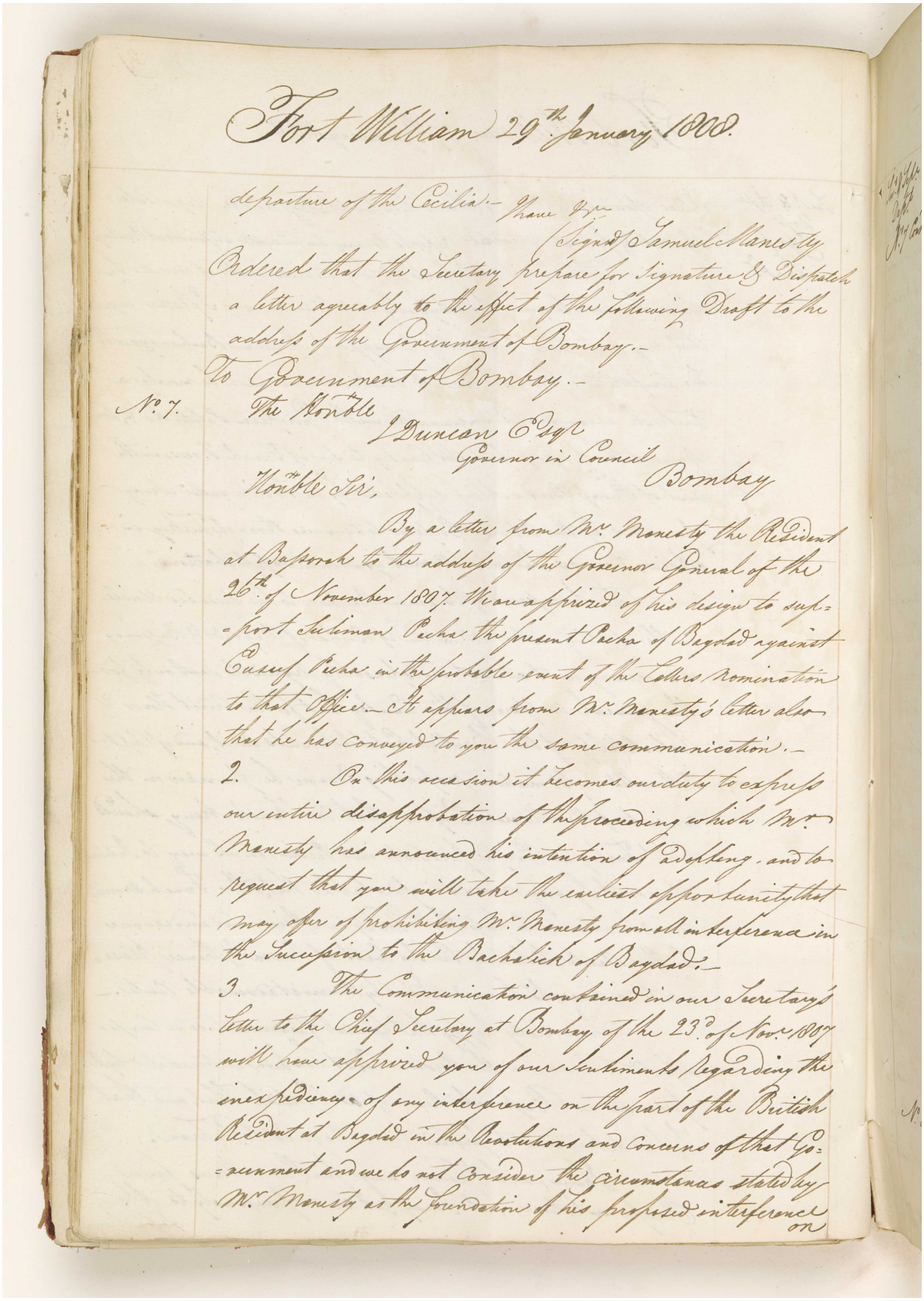

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departure of the Cecilia.— I have &c.

(Signed) Samuel Manesty

Ordered that the Secretary prepare for Signature & Dispatch a letter agreeably to the effect of the following Draft to the address of the Government of Bombay.—

To Government of Bombay.—

No. 7. The Honble

J Duncan Esqr

Governor in Council

Bombay

Honble Sir,

By a letter from Mr. Manesty the Resident at Bussorah to the address of the Governor General of the 26th of November 1807. We are apprized of his design to support Suliman Pacha the present Pacha of Bagdad against Eusuf Pacha in the probable event of the Letters nomination to that Office.— It appears from Mr. Manesty's letter also that he has conveyed to you the same communication.—

2. On this occasion it becomes our duty to express our entire disapprobation of the proceeding which Mr. Manesty has announced his intention of adopting, and to request that you will take the earliest opportunity that may offer of prohibiting Mr. Manesty from all interference in the Succession to the Bachalick of Bagdad.—

3. The Communication contained in our Secretary's letter to the Chief Secretary at Bombay of the 23d of Novr. 1807 will have apprized you of our Sentiments regarding the inexpediency of any interference on the part of the British Resident at Bagdad in the Revolutions and Concerns of that Government and we do not consider the circumstances stated by Mr. Manesty as the foundation of his proposed interference on

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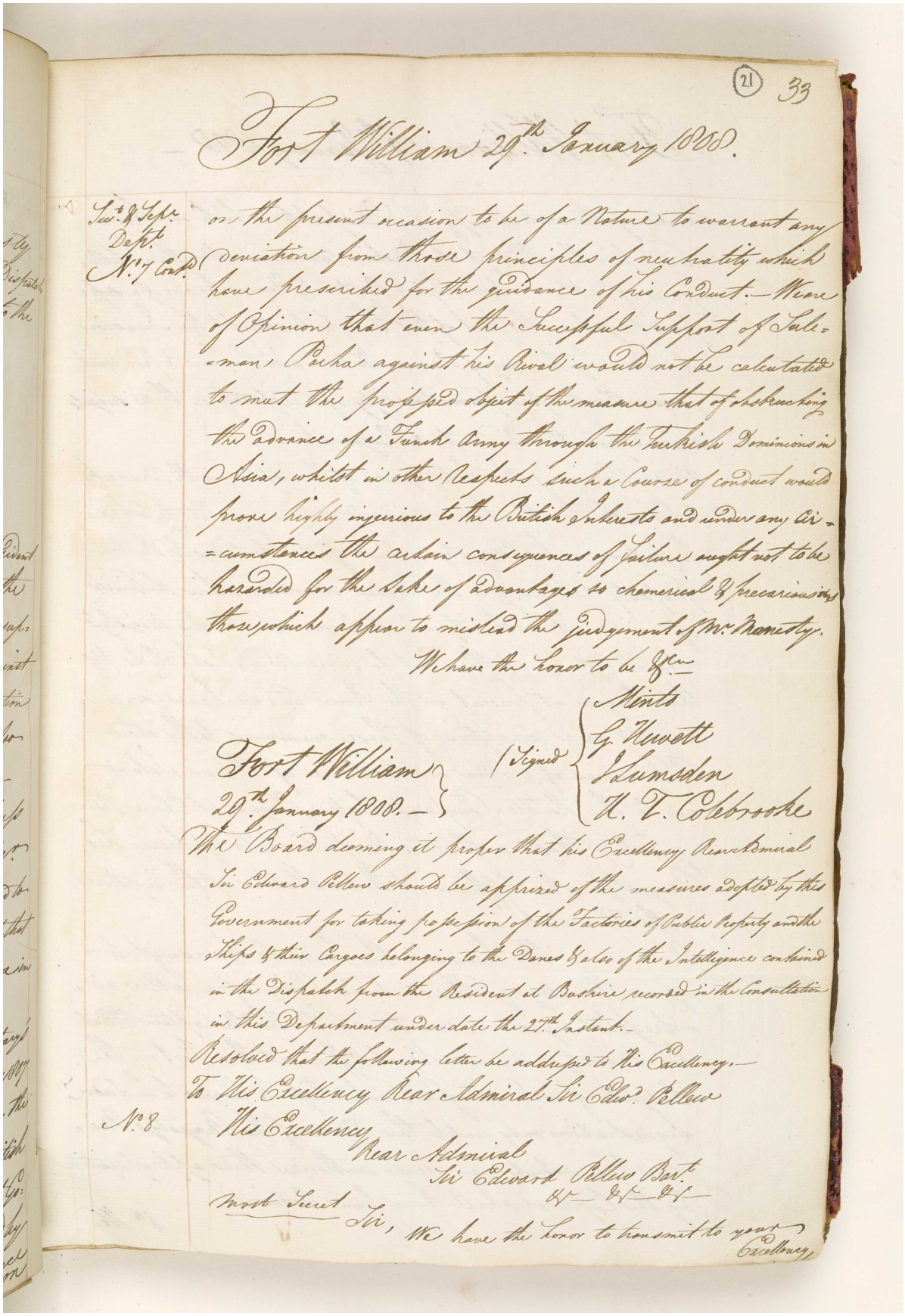

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on the present occasion to be of a Nature to warrant any deviation from those principles of neutrality which have prescribed for the guidance of his Conduct.— We are of Opinion that even the Successful Support of Sule=man Pacha against his Rival would not be calculated to meet the professed object of the measure that of obstructing the advance of a French Army through the Turkish Dominions in Asia, whilst in other respects such a Course of conduct would prove highly injurious to the British Interests and under any Cir=cumstances the certain consequences of failure ought not to be hazarded for the sake of advantages so chemerical & precarious as those which appear to mislead the judgement of Mr. Manesty.

We have the honor to be &c.

Fort William
29th January 1808.—

(Signed) Minto
G. Hewett
J. Lumsden
H. T. Colebrooke

The Board deeming it proper that his Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Edward Pellew should be apprized of the measures adopted by this Government for taking possession of the Factories of Public Property and the Ships & their Cargoes belonging to the Danes & also of the Intelligence contained in the Dispatch from the Resident at Bushire recorded in the Consultation in this Department under date the 27th Instant.—

Resolved that the following letter be addressed to His Excellency.—

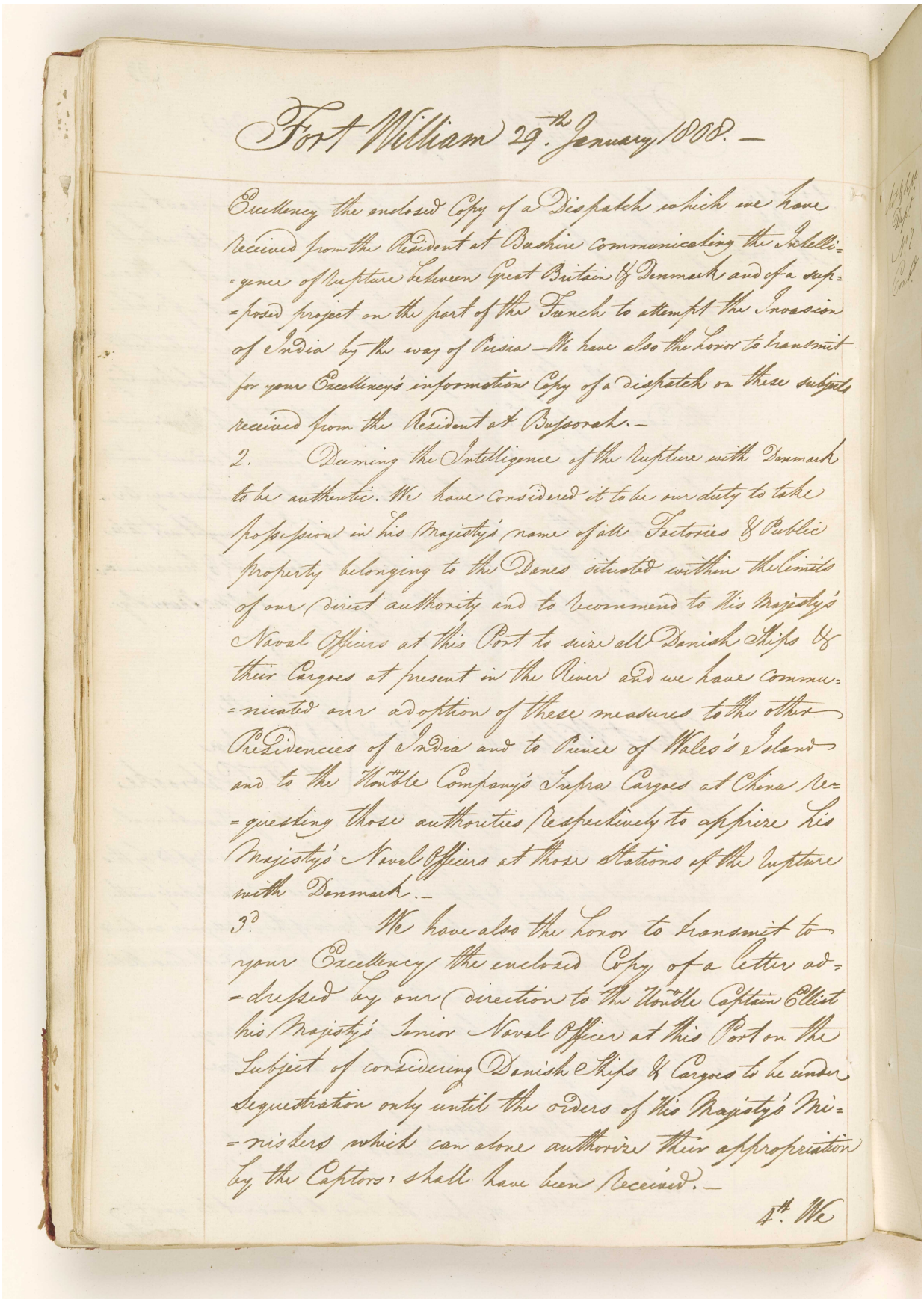
To His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Edw.d Pellew

No. 8

His Excellency
Rear Admiral
Sir Edward Pellew Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

Most Secret

Sir, We have the honor to transmit to your Excellency,



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Excellency the enclosed Copy of a Dispatch which we have received from the Resident at Bushire communicating the Intelligence of Rupture between Great Britain & Denmark and of a supposed project on the part of the French to attempt the Invasion of India by the way of Persia—We have also the Honor to transmit for your Excellency's information Copy of a dispatch on these subjects received from the Resident at Bussorah.—

2. Deeming the Intelligence of the Rupture with Denmark to be authentic. We have considered it to be our duty to take possession in his Majesty's name of all Factories & Public property belonging to the Danes situated within the Limits of our direct authority and to recommend to his Majesty's Naval Officers at this Port to seize all Danish Ships & their Cargoes at present in the River and we have communicated our adoption of these measures to the other Presidencies of India and to Prince of Wales's Island and to the Honble Company's Supra Cargoes at China requesting those authorities respectively to apprize his Majesty's Naval Officers at those Stations of the Rupture with Denmark.—

3d We have also the Honor to transmit to your Excellency the enclosed Copy of a letter addressed by our direction to the Honble Captain Elliot his Majesty's Senior Naval Officer at this Port on the Subject of considering Danish Ships & Cargoes to be under Sequestration only until the orders of his Majesty's Ministers which can alone authorize their appropriation by the Captors, shall have been received.—

4th We

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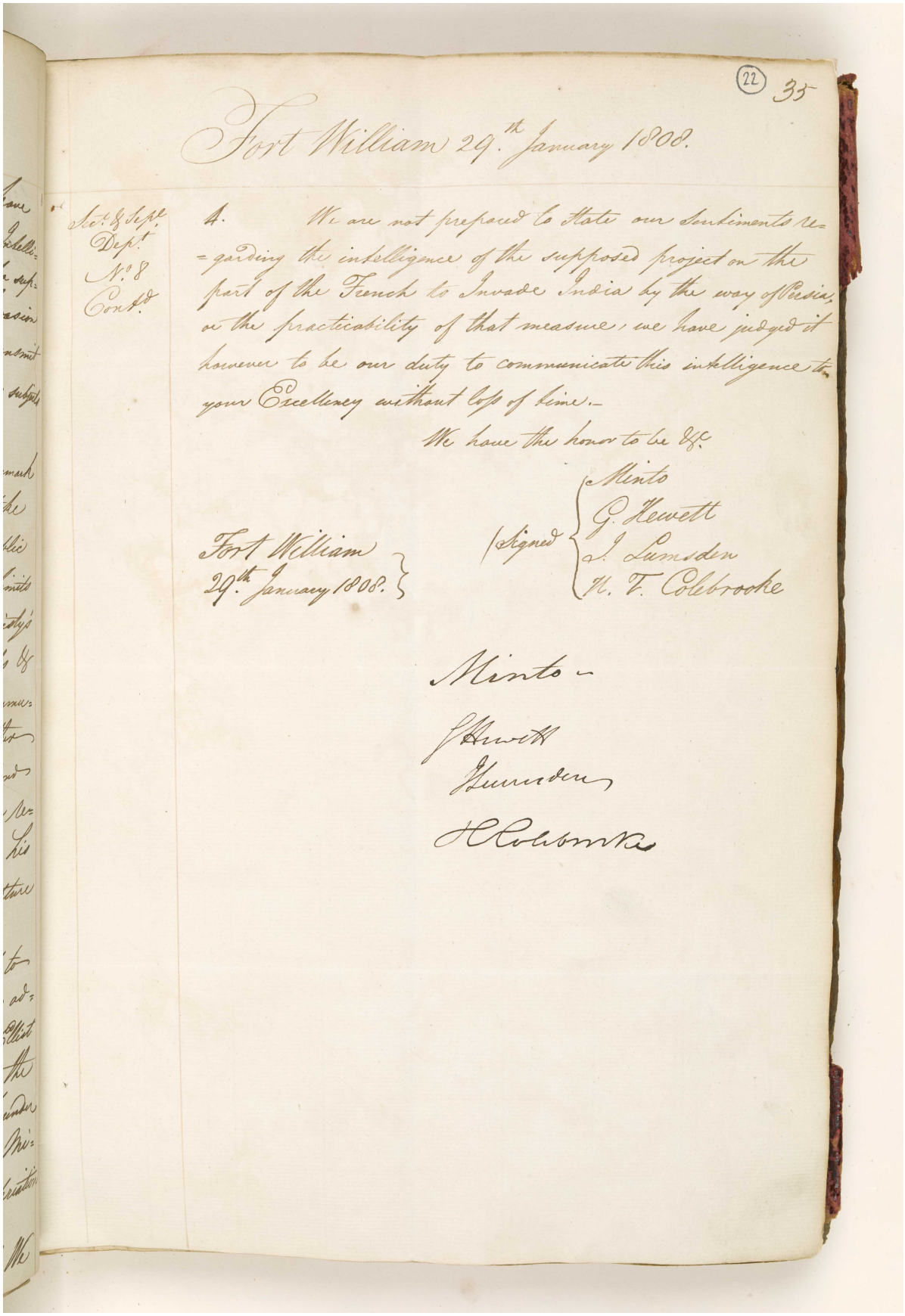

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4. We are not prepared to state our sentiments regarding the intelligence of the supposed project on the part of the French to Invade India by the way of Persia, or the practicability of that measure, we have judged it however to be our duty to communicate this intelligence to your Excellency without loss of time.—

We have the honor to be &c.

Signed { Minto, G. Hewett, J. Lumsden, H. T. Colebrooke }

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Minto —

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J Lumsden

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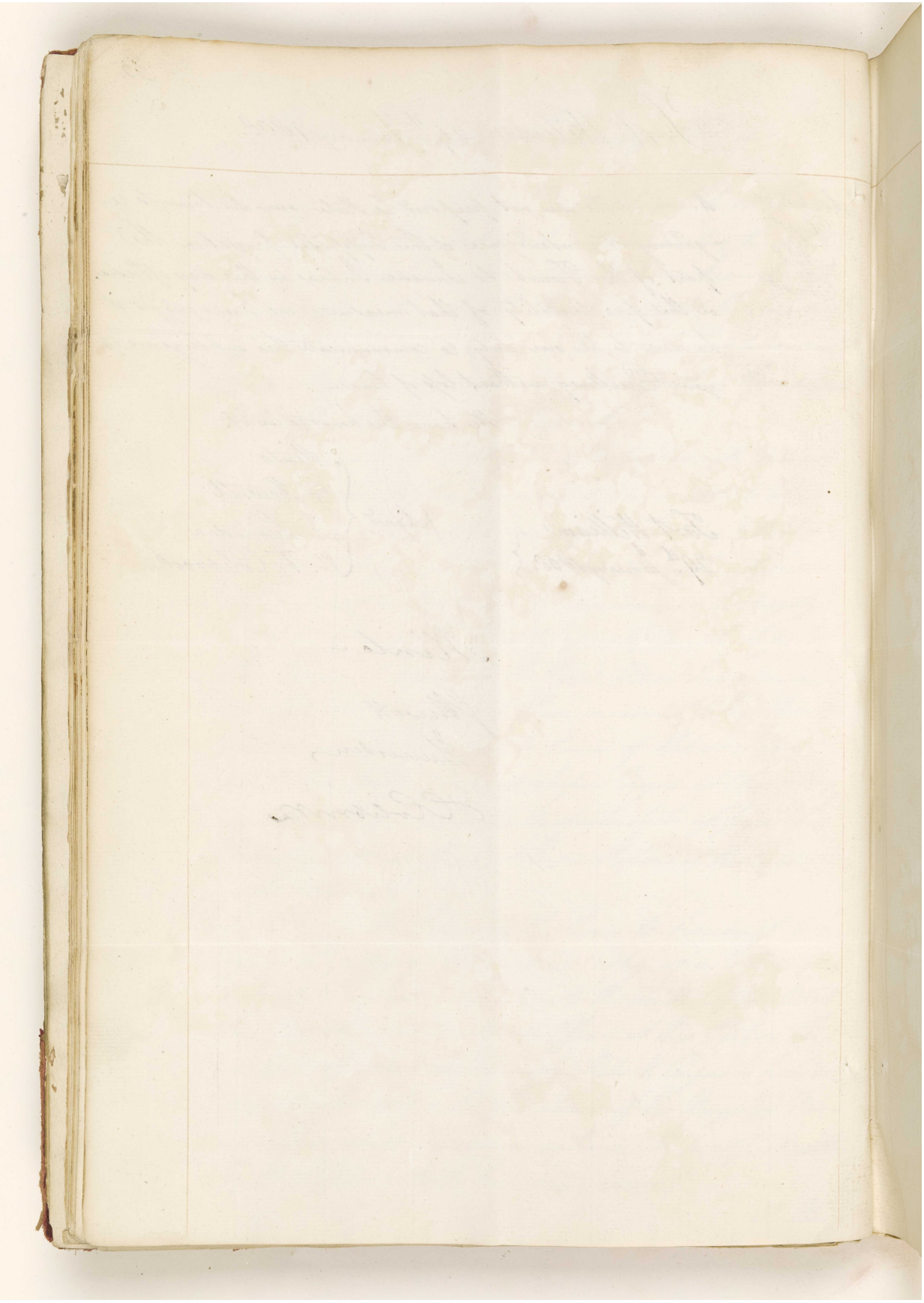

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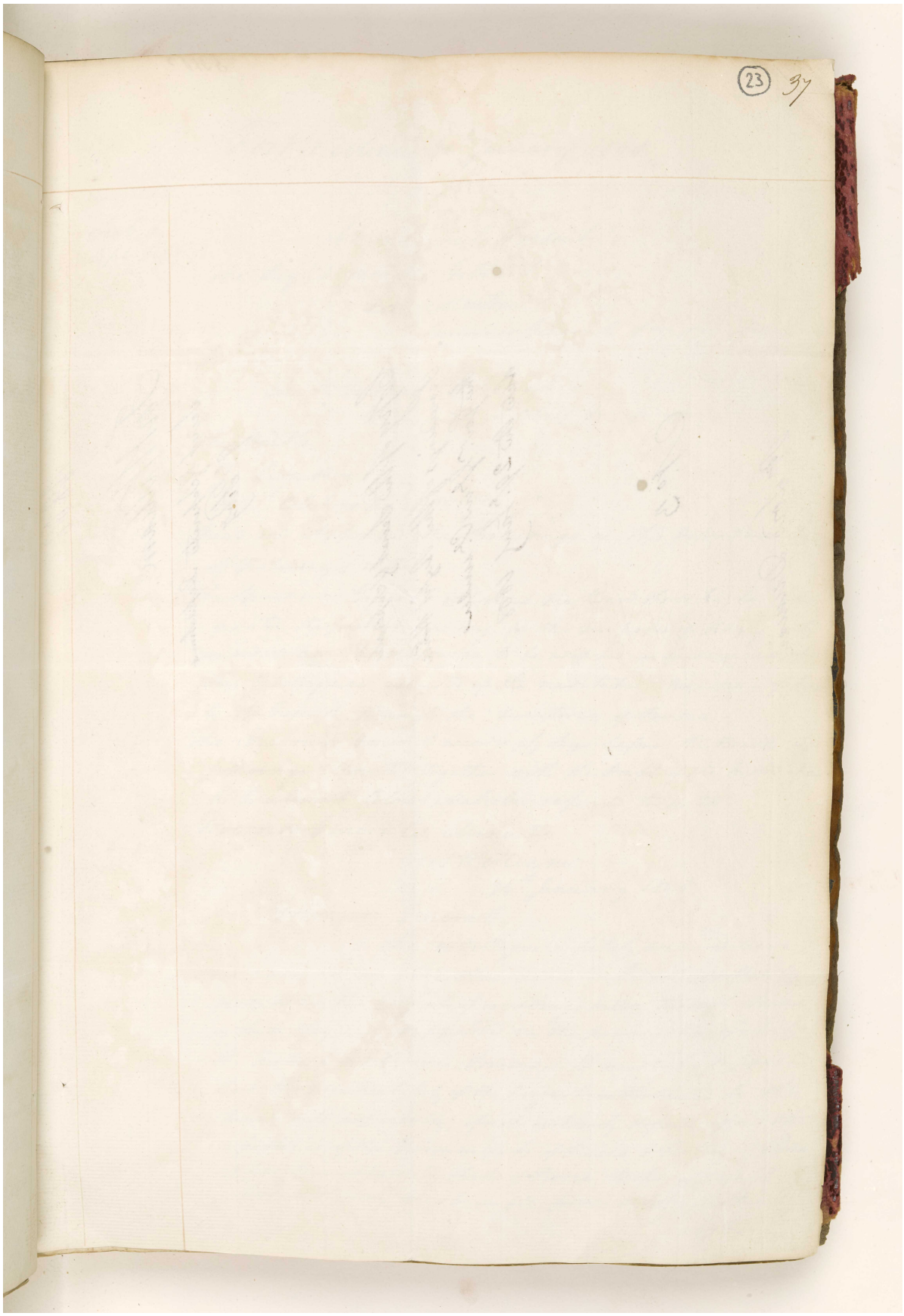

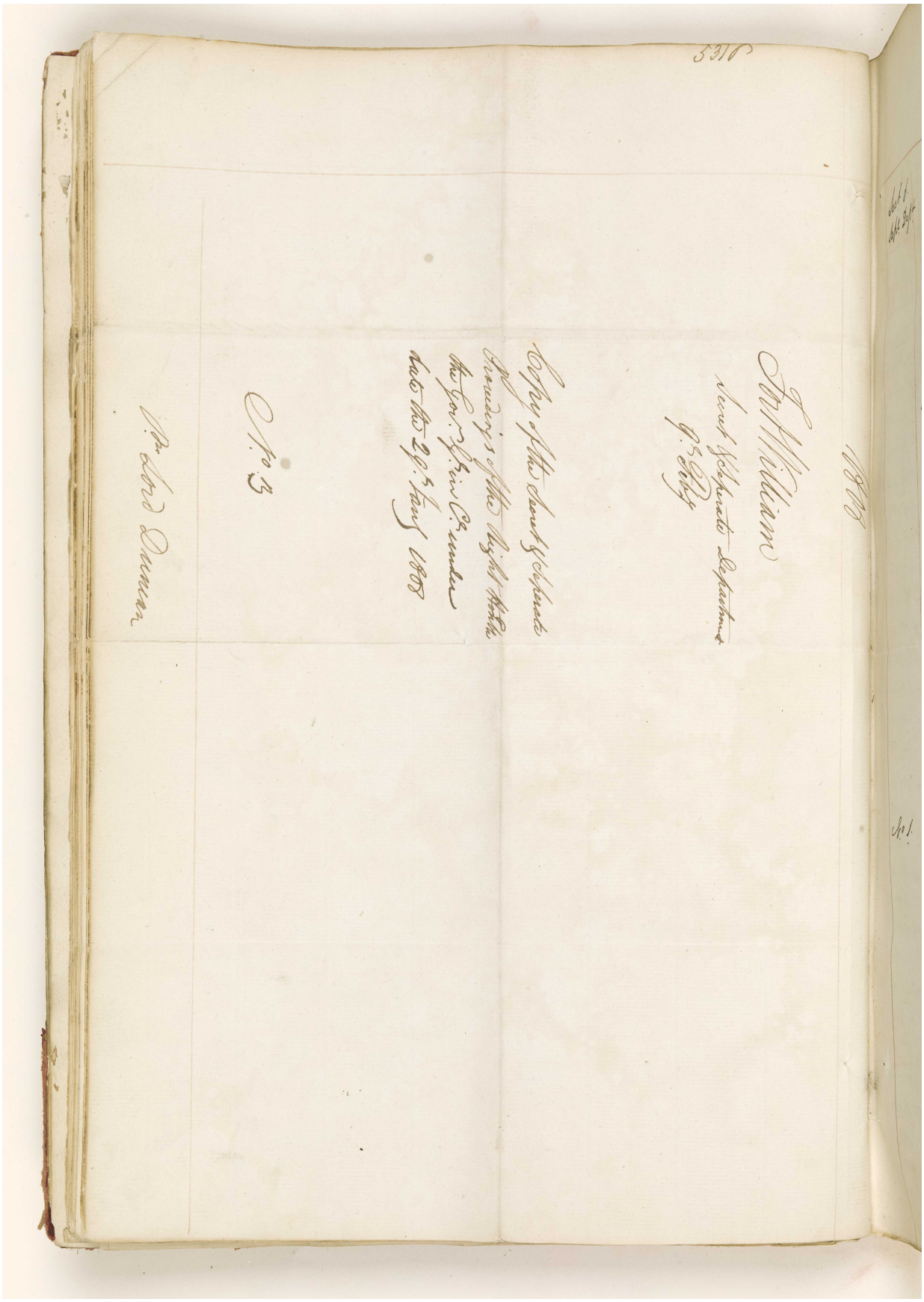

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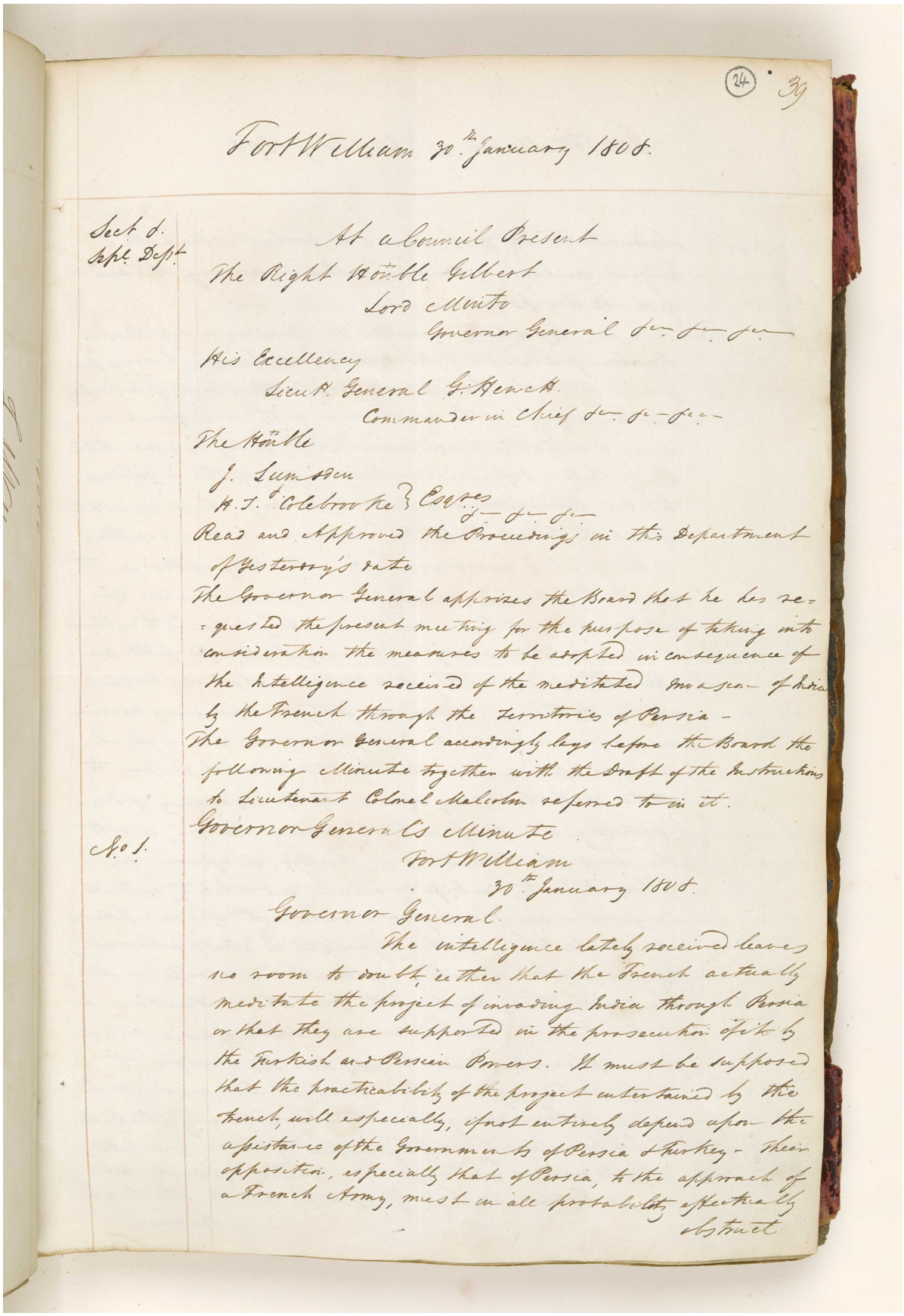

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At a Council Present
The Right Honble Gilbert
Lord Minto
Governor General &c. &c. &c.
His Excellency
Lieut. General G. Hewett
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.
The Honble
J. Lumsden
H. T. Colebrooke } Esqrs
&c. &c. &c.

Read and Approved the Proceedings in this Department of Yesterday's date

The Governor General apprizes the Board that he has requested the present meeting for the purpose of taking into consideration the measures to be adopted in consequence of the Intelligence received of the meditated Invasion of India by the French through the Territories of Persia -

The Governor General accordingly lays before the Board the following Minute together with the Draft of the Instructions to Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm referred to in it.

No. 1.

Governor General's Minute
Fort William
30th January 1808.

Governor General.

The intelligence lately received leaves no room to doubt, either that the French actually meditate the project of invading India through Persia or that they are supported in the prosecution of it by the Turkish and Persian Powers. It must be supposed that the practicability of the project entertained by the French, will especially, if not entirely depend upon the assistance of the Governments of Persia & Turkey - their opposition, especially that of Persia, to the approach of a French Army, must in all probability effectually obstruct

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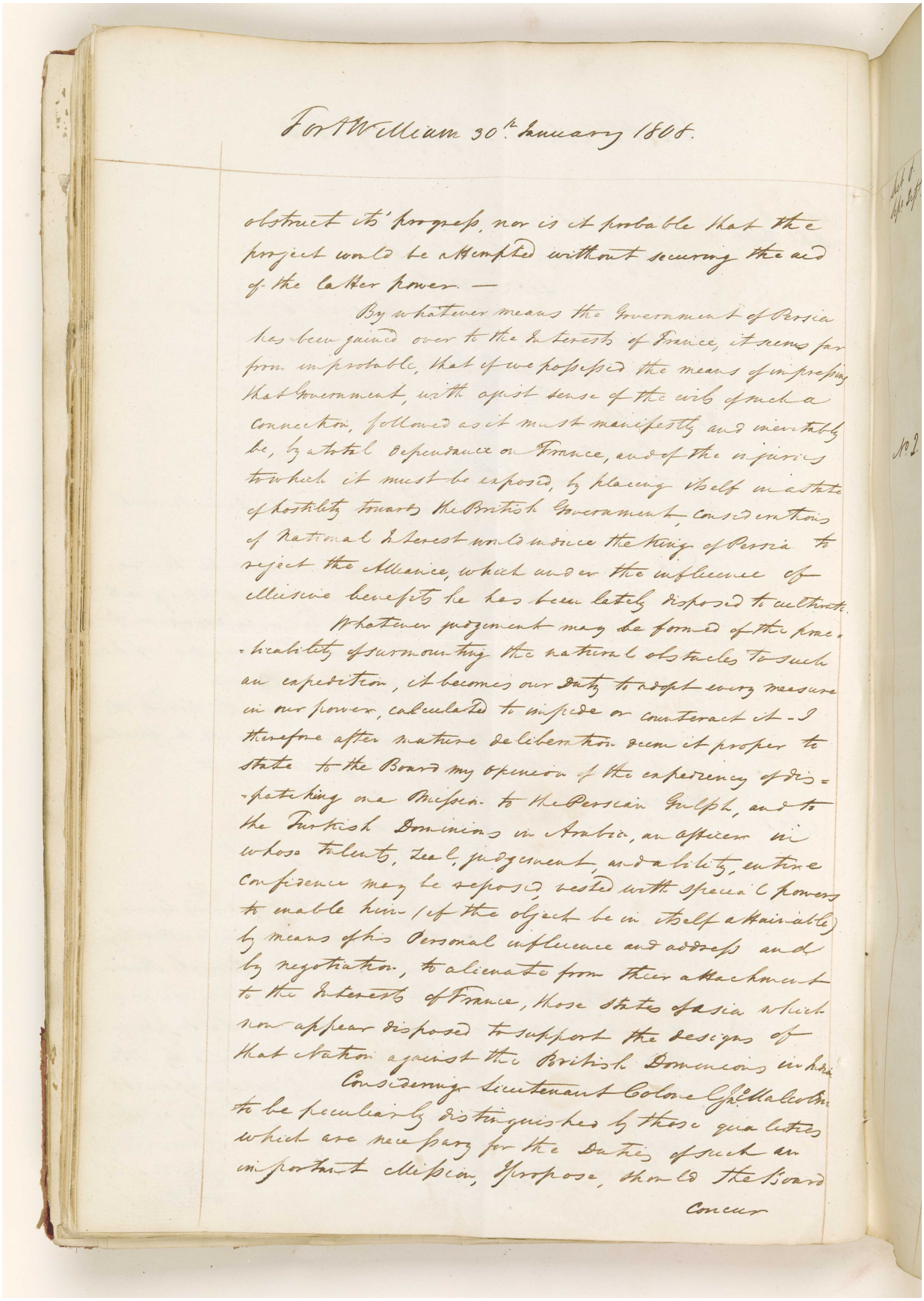

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obstruct its progress, nor is it probable that the project would be attempted without securing the aid of the latter power. —

By whatever means the Government of Persia has been gained over to the interests of France, it seems far from improbable, that if we possessed the means of impressing that Government, with a just sense of the evils of such a connection, followed as it must manifestly and inevitably be, by a total dependance on France, and of the injuries to which it must be exposed, by placing itself in a state of hostility towards the British Government, considerations of National Interest would induce the King of Persia to reject the Alliance, which under the influence of illusive benefits he has been lately disposed to cultivate.

Whatever judgement may be formed of the practicability of surmounting the natural obstacles to such an expedition, it becomes our duty to adopt every measure in our power, calculated to impede or counteract it. I therefore after mature deliberation deem it proper to state to the Board my opinion of the expediency of dispatching one Mission to the Persian Gulph, and to the Turkish Dominions in Arabia, an officer in whose talents, zeal, judgement, and ability, entire confidence may be reposed, vested with special powers to enable him (if the object be in itself attainable) by means of his personal influence and address and by negotiation, to alienate from their attachment to the Interests of France, those states of Asia which now appear disposed to support the designs of that Nation against the British Dominions in India.

Considering Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm to be peculiarly distinguished by those qualities which are necessary for the duties of such an important Mission, I propose, should the Board concur

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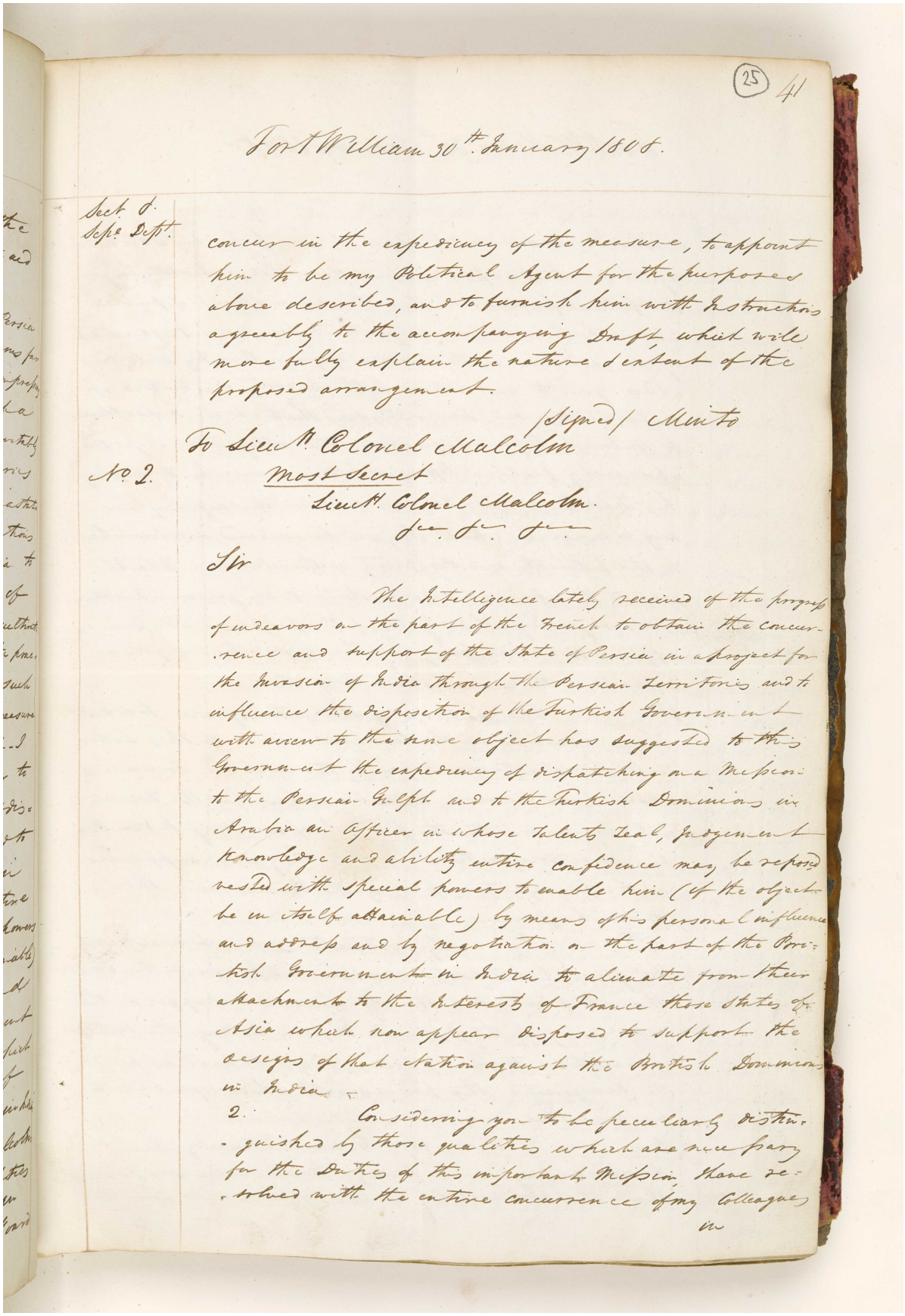

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concur in the expediency of the measure, to appoint him to be my Political Agent for the purposes above described, and to furnish him with Instructions agreeably to the accompanying Draft, which will more fully explain the nature & extent of the proposed arrangement.

(Signed) Minto

To Lieut. Colonel Malcolm

No. 2.

Most Secret

Lieut. Colonel Malcolm.
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

The Intelligence lately received of the progress of endeavors on the part of the French to obtain the concurrence and support of the State of Persia in a project for the Invasion of India through the Persian Territories and to influence the disposition of the Turkish Government with a view to the same object has suggested to this Government the expediency of dispatching on a Mission to the Persian Gulph and to the Turkish Dominions in Arabia an Officer in whose talents Zeal, Judgement knowledge and ability entire confidence may be reposed vested with special powers to enable him (if the object be in itself attainable) by means of his personal influence and address and by negotiation on the part of the British Government in India to alienate from their attachment to the Interests of France those States of Asia which now appear disposed to support the designs of that Nation against the British Dominions in India.

2. Considering you to be peculiarly distinguished by those qualities which are necessary for the Duties of this important Mission, I have resolved with the entire concurrence of my Colleagues in

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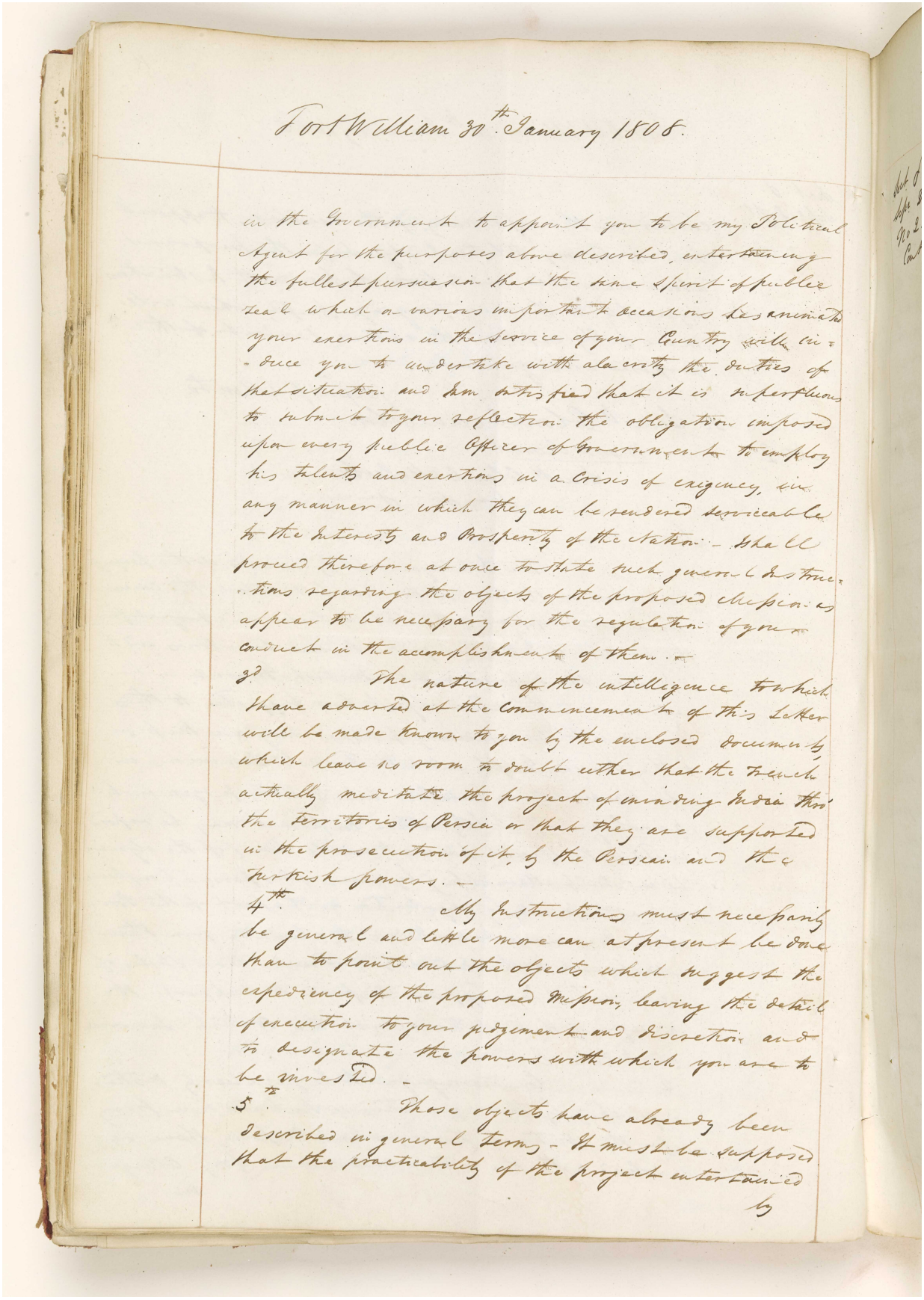

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in the Government to appoint you to be my Political Agent for the purposes above described, entertaining the fullest persuasion that the same Spirit of public zeal which on various important occasions has animated your exertions in the service of your Country will induce you to undertake with alacrity the duties of that situation: and am satisfied that it is superfluous to submit to your reflection the obligation imposed upon every public Officer of Government to employ his talents and exertions in a Crisis of exigency, in any manner in which they can be rendered serviceable to the Interests and Prosperity of the Nation. - Shall proceed therefore at once to state such general Instructions regarding the objects of the proposed Mission as appear to be necessary for the regulation of your conduct in the accomplishment of them. -

2d The nature of the intelligence from which I have asserted at the commencement of this Letter will be made known to you by the enclosed documents which leave no room to doubt either that the French actually meditate the project of invading India through the territories of Persia or that they are supported in the prosecution of it by the Persian and the Turkish powers. -

4th My Instructions must necessarily be general and little more can at present be done than to point out the objects which suggest the expediency of the proposed Mission, leaving the details of execution to your judgement and discretion and to designate the powers with which you are to be invested. -

5th Those objects have already been described in general terms - It must be supposed that the practicability of the Projects entertained by

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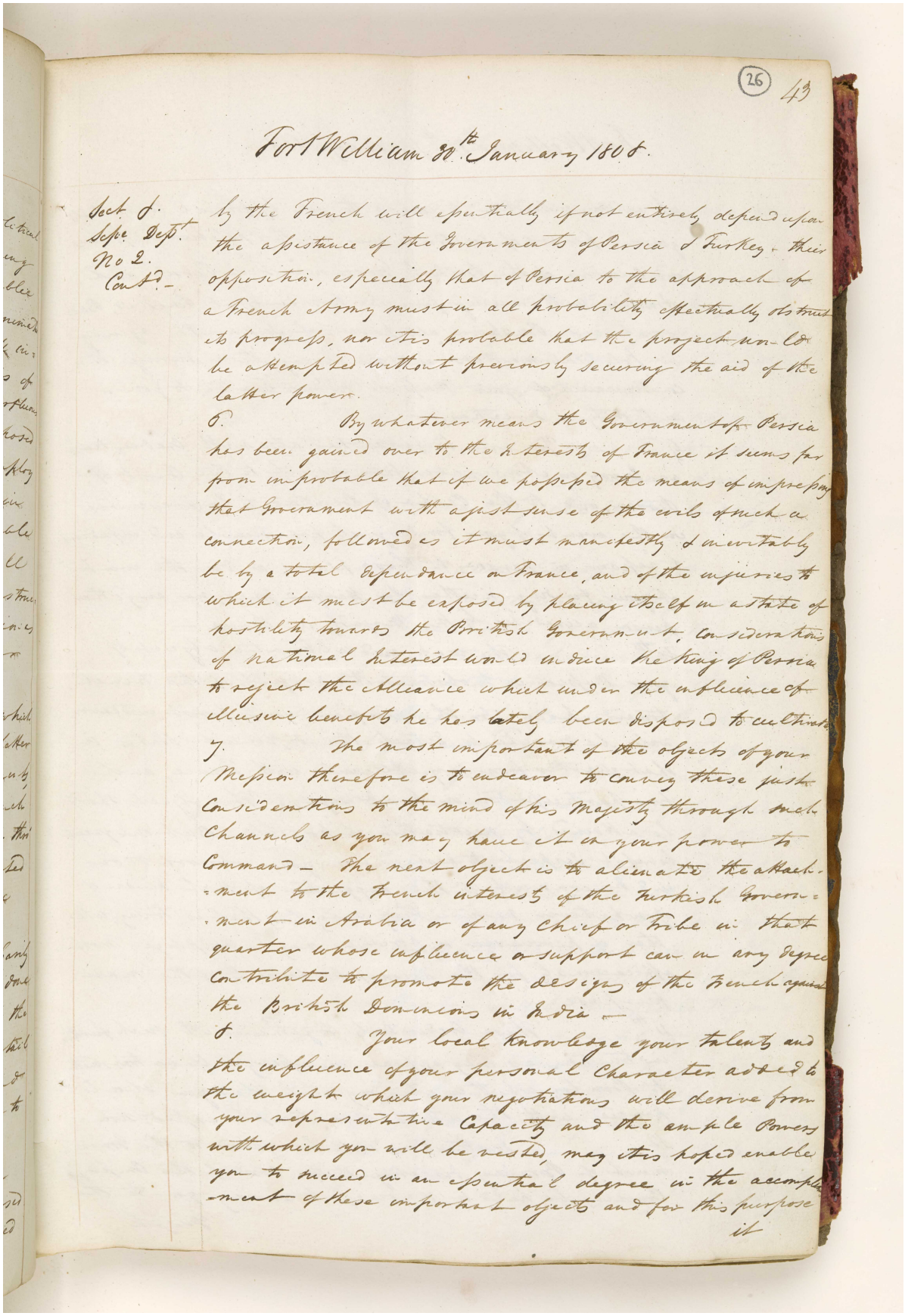

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by the French will essentially if not entirely depend upon the assistance of the Governments of Persia & Turkey - their opposition, especially that of Persia to the approach of a French Army must in all probability effectually obstruct its progress, nor it is probable that the project would be attempted without previously securing the aid of the latter power.

6. By whatever means the Government of Persia has been gained over to the Interests of France it seems far from improbable that if we possessed the means of impressing that Government with a just sense of the evils of such a connection, followed as it must manifestly & inevitably be by a total dependance on France, and of the injuries to which it must be exposed by placing itself in a state of hostility towards the British Government, considerations of national Interest would induce the King of Persia to reject the Alliance which under the influence of illusive benefits he has lately been disposed to cultivate.

7. The most important of the objects of your Mission therefore is to endeavor to convey these just considerations to the mind of his Majesty through such Channels as you may have it in your power to Command - The next object is to alienate the attachment to the French interests of the Turkish Government in Arabia or of any Chief or Tribe in that quarter whose influence or support can in any degree contribute to promote the designs of the French against the British Dominions in India -

8. Your local knowledge your talents and the influence of your personal Character added to the weight which your negotiations will derive from your representative Capacity and the ample Powers with which you will be vested, may it is hoped enable you to succeed in an essential degree in the accomplishment of these important objects and for this purpose it

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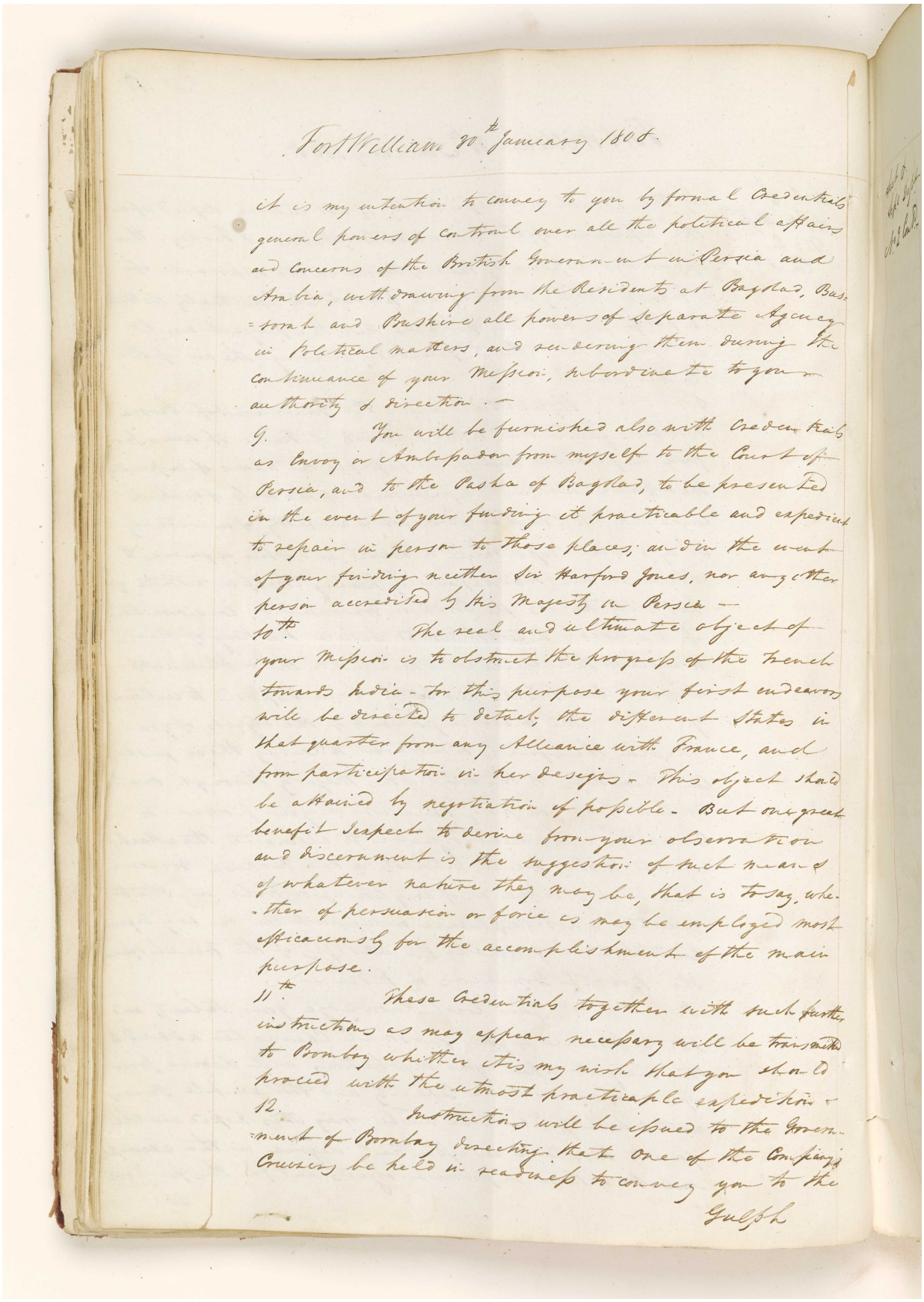

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It is my intention to convey to you by formal Credentials general powers of control over all the political affairs and concerns of the British Government in Persia and Arabia, withdrawing from the Residents at Bagdad, Bus-=sorah and Bushire all powers of separate Agency in political matters, and rendering them during the continuance of your Mission, subordinate to your authority & direction.—

9. You will be furnished also with Credentials as Envoy or Ambassador from myself to the Court of Persia, and to the Pasha of Bagdad, to be presented in the event of your finding it practicable and expedient to repair in person to those places; and in the event of your finding neither Sir Harford Jones, nor any other person accredited by his Majesty in Persia—

10th. The real and ultimate object of your Mission is to obstruct the progress of the French towards India - for this purpose your first endeavors will be directed to detach the different States in that quarter from any Alliance with France, and from participation in her designs - This object should be attained by negotiation if possible - But one great benefit I expect to derive from your observation and discernment is the suggestion of such means of whatever nature they may be, that is to say, whe-=ther of persuasion or force as may be employed most efficaciously for the accomplishment of the main purpose.

11th. These Credentials together with such further instructions as may appear necessary will be transmitted to Bombay whither it is my wish that you should proceed with the utmost practicable expedition -

12. Instructions will be issued to the Govern-=ment of Bombay directing that one of the Company's Cruizers be held in readiness to convey you to the Gulph

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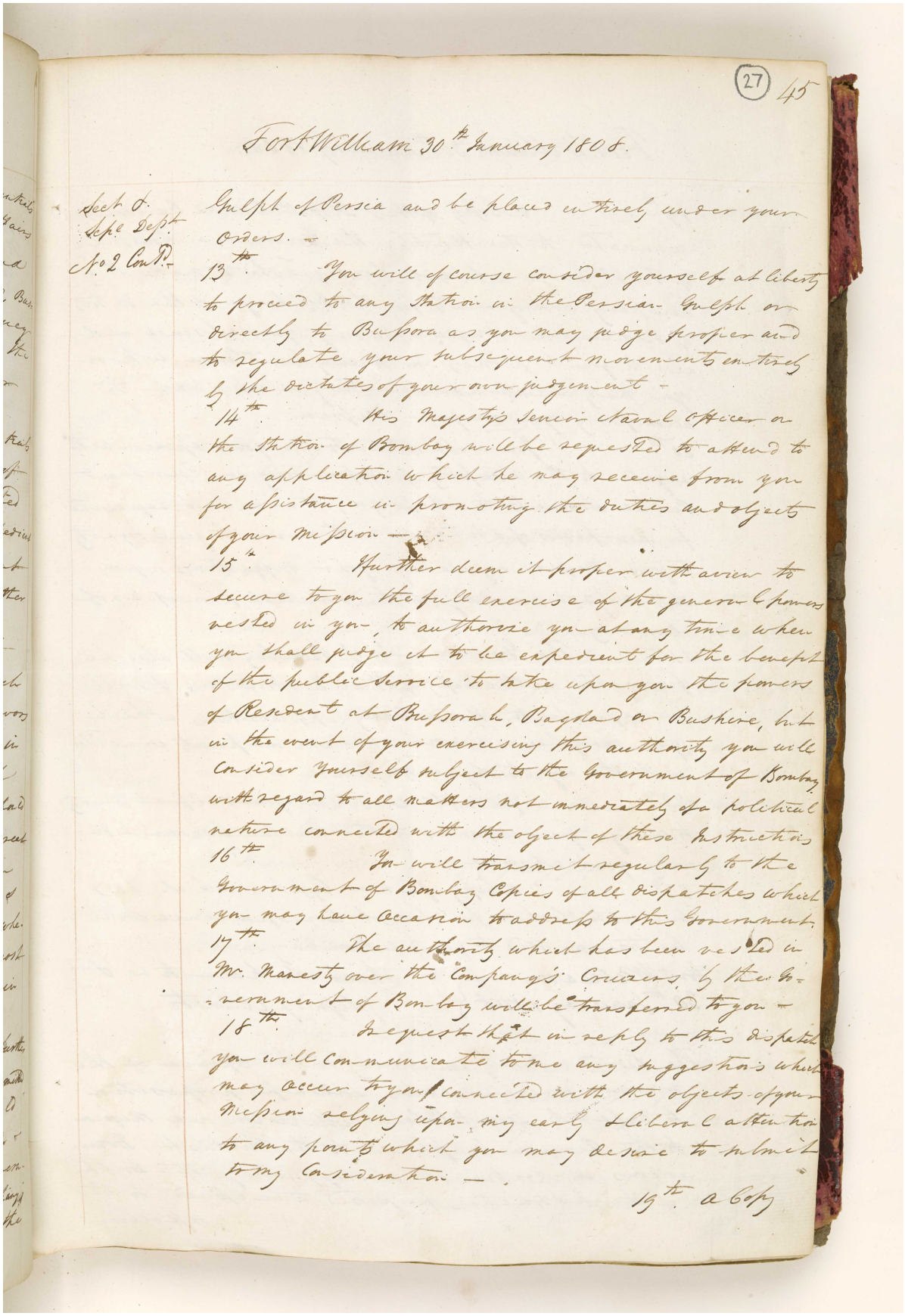

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Gulph of Persia and be placed entirely under your Orders.

13th. You will of course consider yourself at liberty to proceed to any Station in the Persian Gulph or directly to Bussora as you may judge proper and to regulate your subsequent movements entirely by the dictates of your own judgement.

14th. His Majesty's Senior Naval Officer on the Station of Bombay will be requested to attend to any application which he may receive from you for assistance in promoting the duties and objects of your Mission.

15th. I further deem it proper with a view to secure to you the full exercise of the general powers vested in you, to authorize you at any time when you shall judge it to be expedient for the benefit of the public Service to take upon you the powers of Resident at Bussorah, Bagdad or Bushire, but in the event of your exercising this authority you will consider yourself subject to the Government of Bombay with regard to all matters not immediately of a political nature connected with the object of these Instructions.

16th. You will transmit regularly to the Government of Bombay Copies of all dispatches which you may have occasion to address to this Government.

17th. The authority which has been vested in Mr. Manesty over the Company's Cruizers, by the Government of Bombay will be transferred to you.

18th. I request that in reply to this dispatch you will communicate to me any suggestions which may occur to you, connected with the objects of your Mission relying upon my early & liberal attention to any points which you may desire to submit to my consideration.

19th. A Copy

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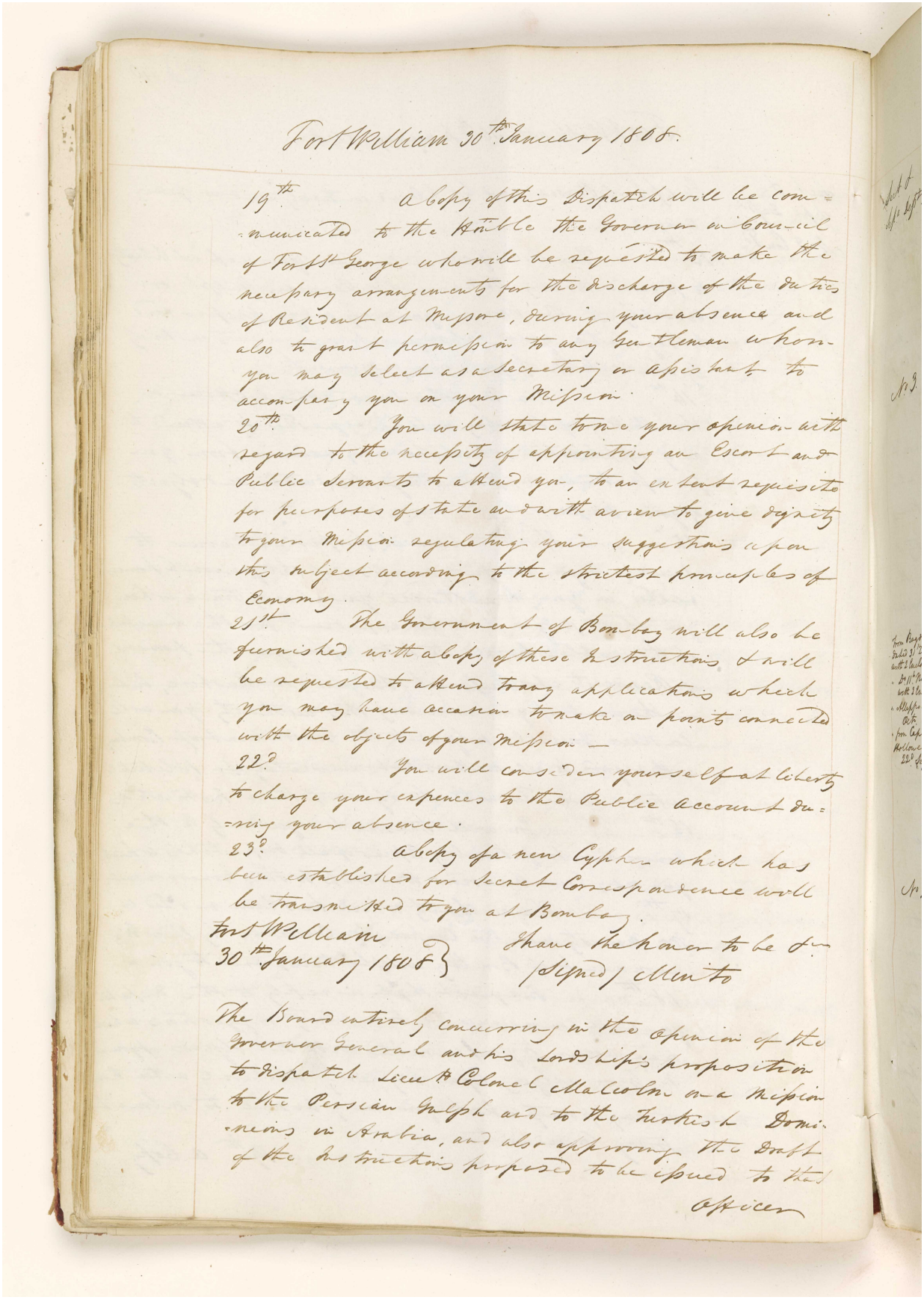

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19th A copy of this Dispatch will be communicated to the Right Honble the Governor in Council of Fort St George who will be requested to make the necessary arrangements for the discharge of the duties of Resident at Mysore, during your absence and also to grant permission to any Gentleman whom you may select as a Secretary or Assistant to accompany you on your Mission.

20th You will state to me your opinion with regard to the necessity of appointing an Escort and Public Servants to attend you, to an extent requisite for purposes of state and with a view to give dignity to your Mission regulating your suggestions upon this subject according to the strictest principles of Economy.

21st The Government of Bombay will also be furnished with a copy of these Instructions & will be requested to attend to any applications which you may have occasion to make on points connected with the objects of your Mission —

22d You will consider yourself at liberty to charge your expences to the Public account during your absence.

23d A copy of a new Cypher which has been established for Secret Correspondence will be transmitted to you at Bombay.

Fort William
30th January 1808 } I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Minto

The Board entirely concurring in the opinion of the Governor General and his Lordships proposition to dispatch Lieut Colonel Malcolm on a Mission to the Persian Gulph and to the Turkish Dominions in Arabia, and also approving the Draft of the Instructions proposed to be issued to that Officer

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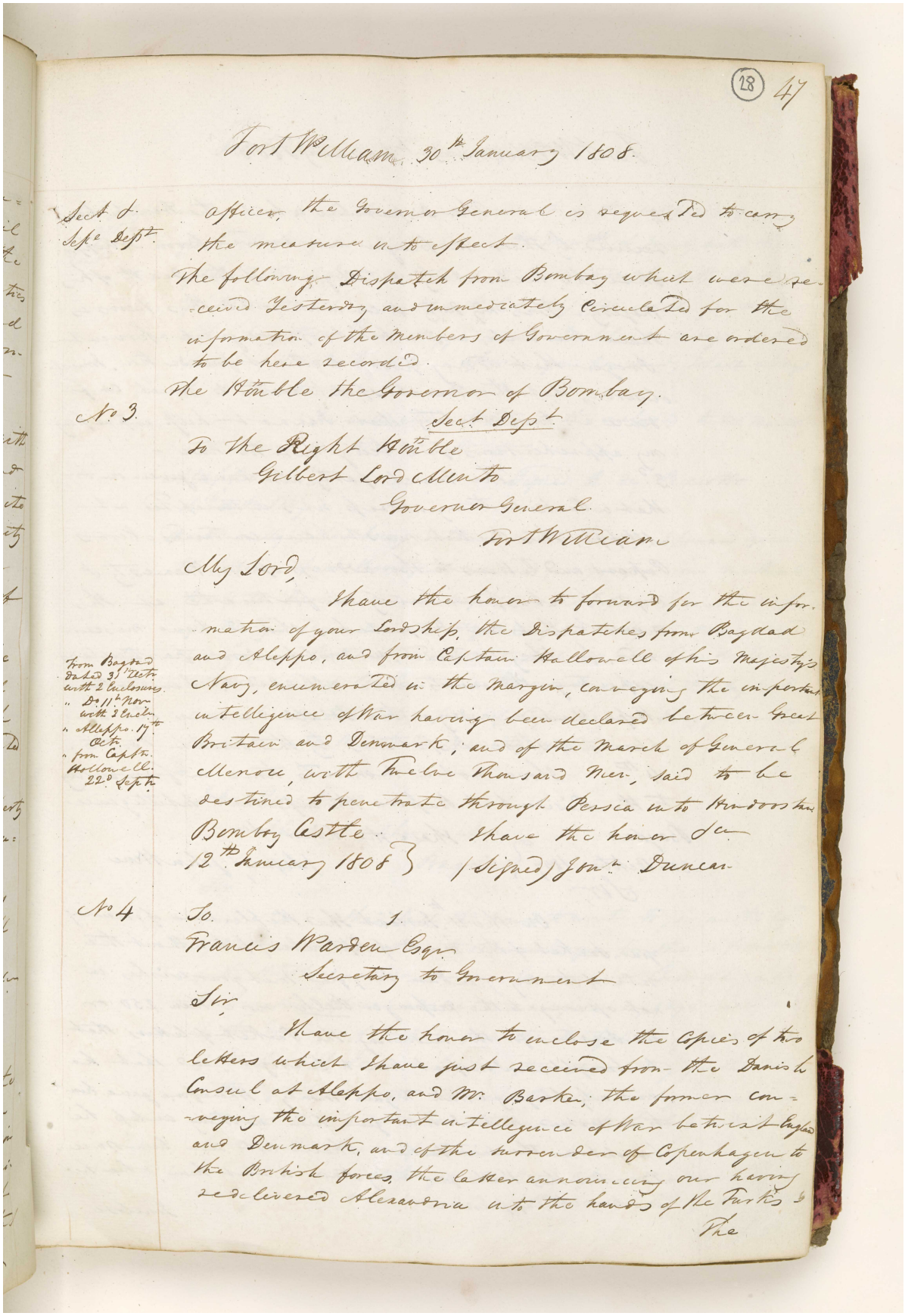

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officer, the Governor General is requested to carry the measure into effect.

The following Dispatch from Bombay which were received Yesterday and immediately Circulated for the information of the members of Government are ordered to be here recorded.

The Honble the Governor of Bombay.

No 3.

Sect. Dept.

To the Right Honble
Gilbert Lord Minto
Governor General
Fort William

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward for the information of your Lordship, the Dispatches from Bagdad and Aleppo, and from Captain Hallowell of his Majesty's Navy, enumerated in the margin, conveying the important intelligence of War having been declared between Great Britain and Denmark; and of the March of General Menou, with Twelve Thousand Men, said to be destined to penetrate through Persia into Hindoostan.

from Bagdad dated 31st Octr. with 2 Enclosures.
" Do 11th Nov. with 2 Encls.
" Alleppo. 17th Octr.
" from Captn. Hollowell. 22d Septr.

Bombay Castle. I have the honor &c.
12th January 1808 } (Signed) Jon^n Duncan

No 4

To.
Francis Warden Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the Copies of two letters which I have just received from the Danish Consul at Aleppo, and Mr. Barker, the former conveying the important intelligence of War betwixt England and Denmark, and of the surrender of Copenhagen to the British forces, the latter announcing our having redelivered Alexandria into the hands of the Turks &

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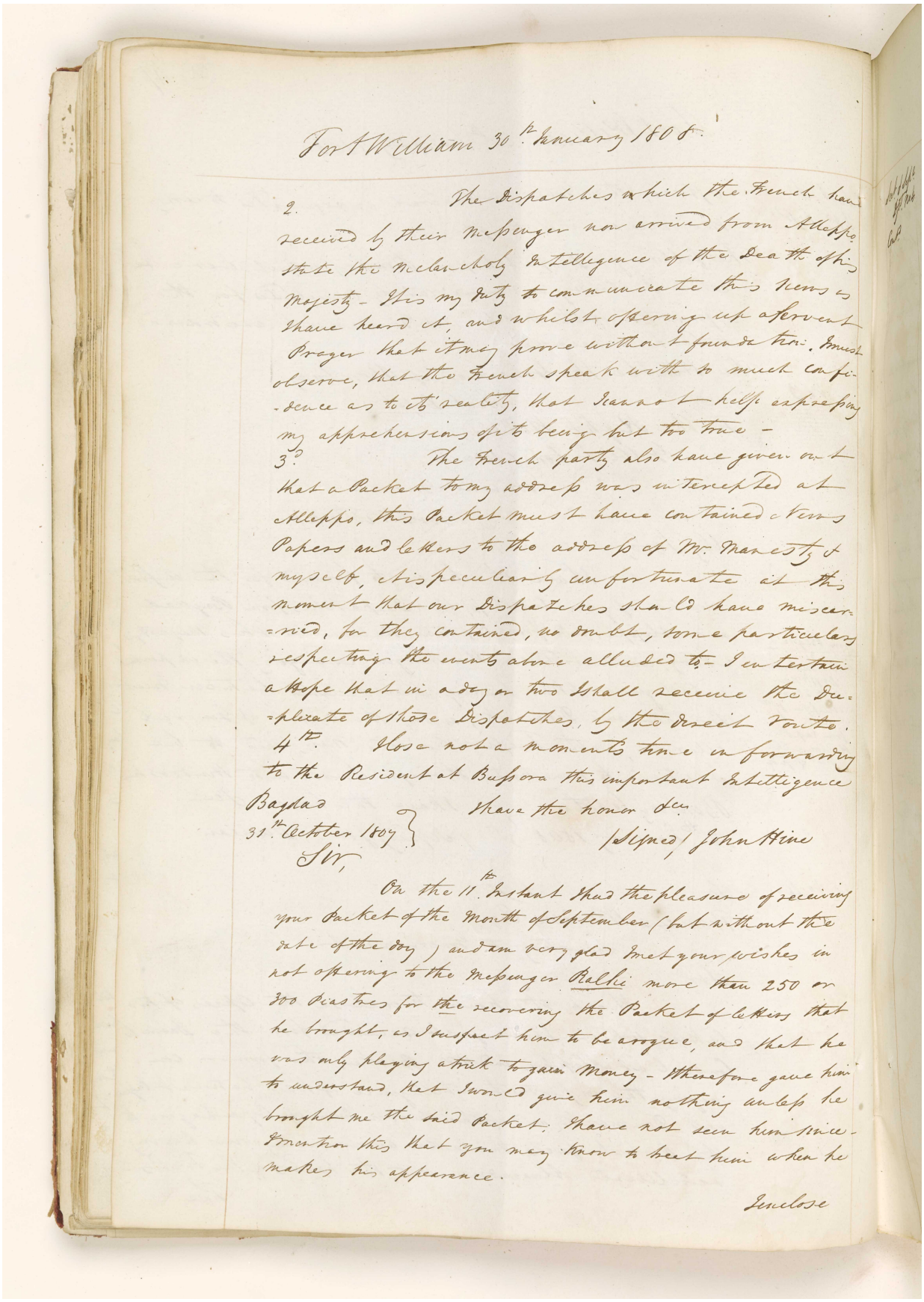

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2. The Dispatches which the French have received by their Messenger now arrived from Aleppo state the melancholy Intelligence of the Death of his Majesty - It is my duty to communicate this News as I have heard it, and whilst opening up a fervent Prayer that it may prove without foundation. I must observe, that the French speak with so much confidence as to its reality, that I cannot help expressing my apprehensions of it being but too true -

3? The French party also have given out that a Packet to my address was intercepted at Aleppo, this Packet must have contained News Papers and Letters to the address of His Majesty & myself, it is peculiarly unfortunate at this moment that our Dispatches should have miscarried, for they contained, no doubt, some particulars respecting the events above alluded to - I entertain a Hope that in a day or two I shall receive the Duplicate of those Dispatches, by the direct Route.

4th. I lose not a moments time in forwarding to the Resident at Bussora this important Intelligence

Baghdad 31st October 1809

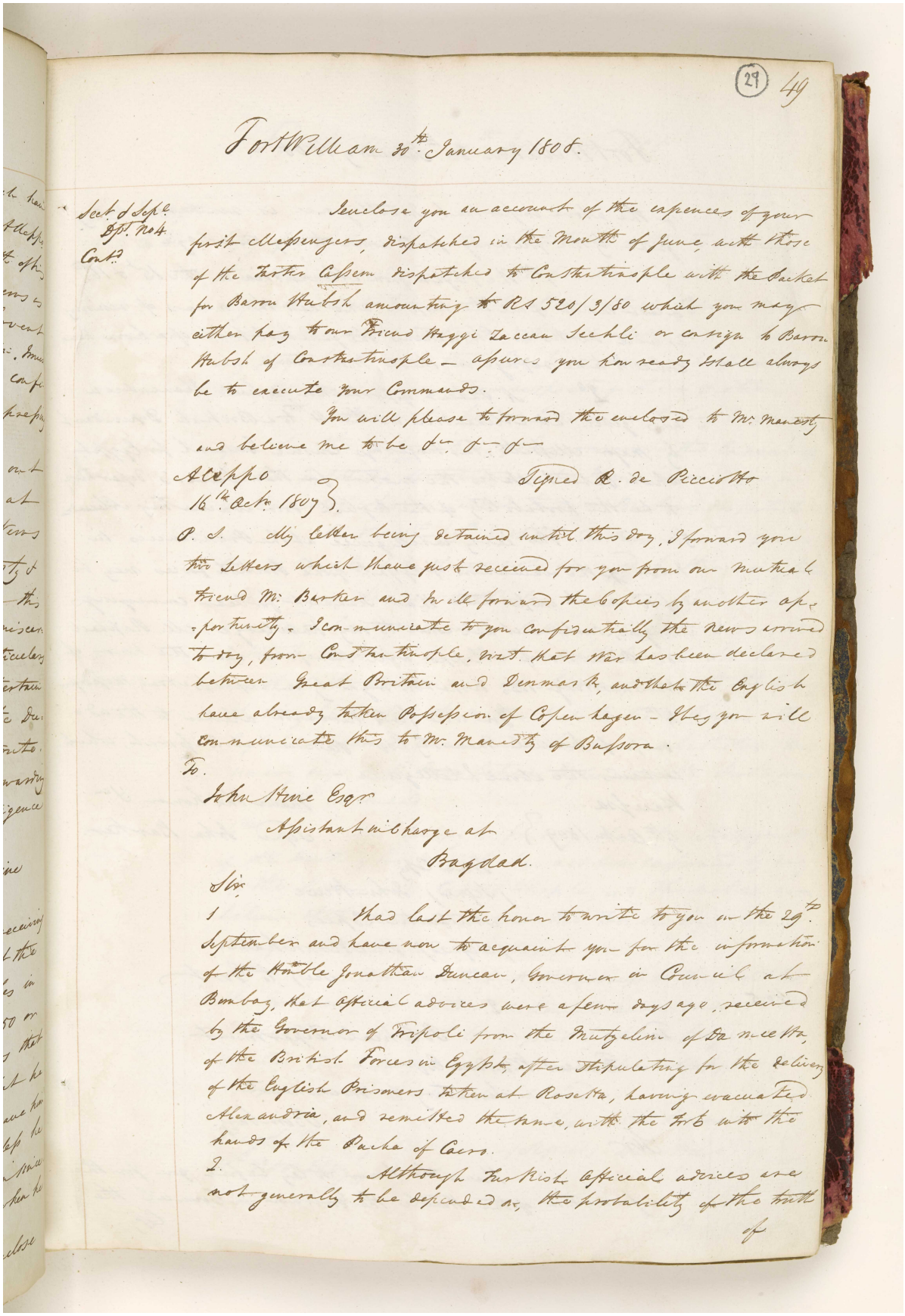
I have the honor &c

(Signed) John Kinneir

Sir,

On the 11th Instant I had the pleasure of receiving your Packet of the Month of September (but without the date of the day) and am very glad I met your wishes in not opening to the Messenger Balki more than 250 or 300 Piastres for the recovering the Packet of Letters that he brought, as I suspect him to be a rogue, and that he was only playing a trick to gain Money - Wherefore gave him to understand, that I would give him nothing unless he brought me the said Packet. I have not seen him since - I mention this that you may know to beat him when he makes his appearance.

Enclose



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I enclose you an account of the expences of your first Messengers, dispatched in the Month of June, with those of the Tartar Cassem dispatched to Constantinople with the Packet for Baron Hubsh amounting to Rs 520/3/80 which you may either pay to our Friend Haggi Zaccan Sechli or consign to Baron Hubsh of Constantinople — assures you how ready I shall always be to execute your Commands.

You will please to forward the enclosed to Mr. Manesty and believe me to be &c. &c. &c.

Aleppo
16th Octr. 1807

Signed R. de Picciotto

P. S. My letter being detained until this day, I forward you two Letters which I have just received for you from our mutual friend Mr. Barker and I will forward the Copies by another opportunity. I communicate to you confidentially the news arrived today, from Constantinople, viz. that War has been declared between Great Britain and Denmark, and that the English have already taken Possession of Copenhagen — I beg you will communicate this to Mr. Manesty of Bussora.

To.

John Hine Esqr.

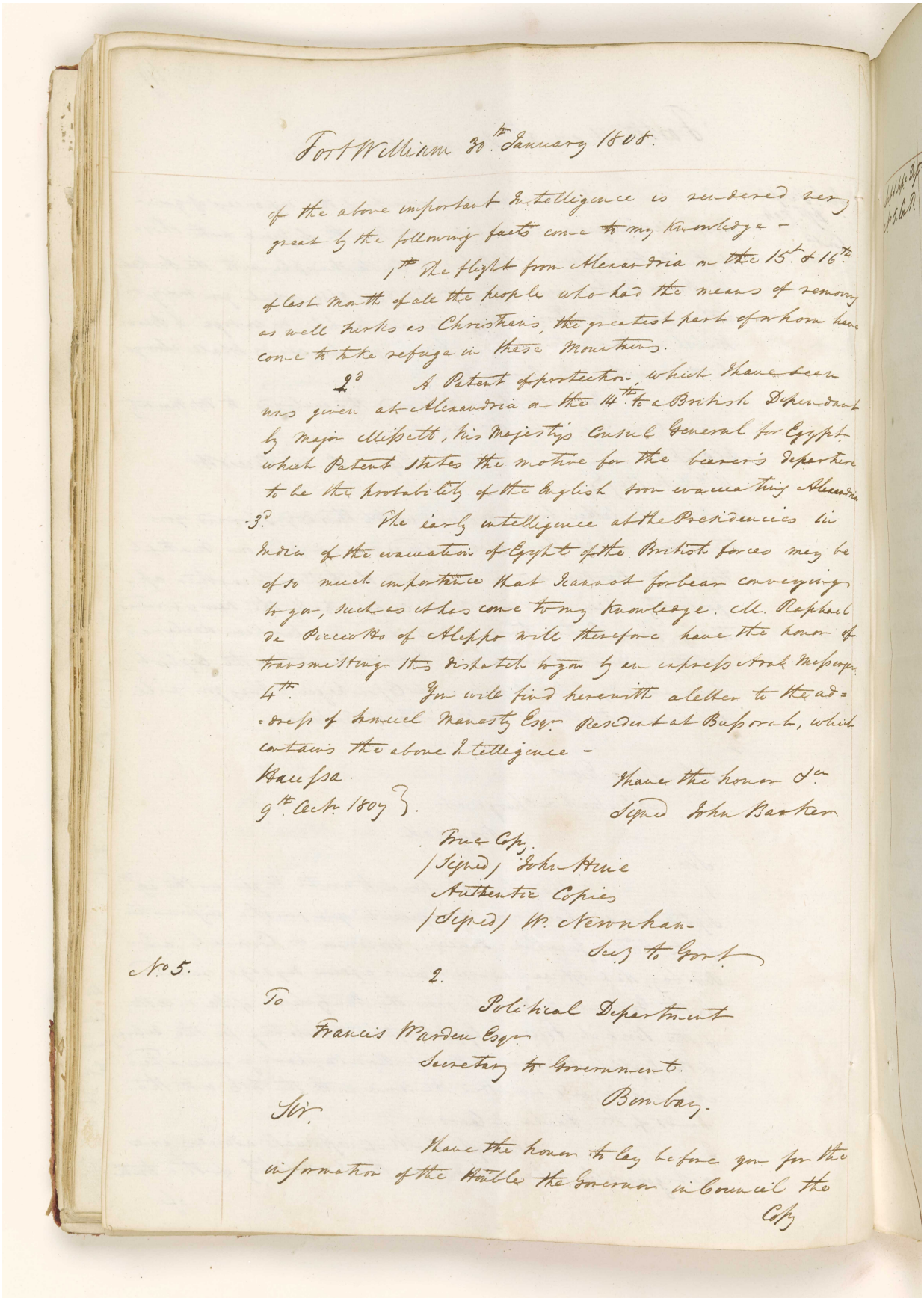
Assistant in charge at

Bagdad.

Sir,

1 I had last the honor to write to you on the 29th September and have now to acquaint you for the information of the Hon'ble Jonathan Duncan, Governor in Council at Bombay, that official advices were a few days ago, received by the Governor of Tripoli from the Mutzelim of Damietta, of the British Forces in Egypt, after stipulating for the delivery of the English Prisoners taken at Rosetta, having evacuated Alexandria, and remitted the same, with the Forts into the hands of the Pacha of Cairo.

2. Although Turkish official advices are not generally to be depended on, the probability of the truth of



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of the above important Intelligence is rendered very great by the following facts come to my knowledge –

1st The flight from Alexandria on the 15th & 16th of last month of all the people who had the means of removing as well Turks as Christians, the greatest part of whom have come to take refuge in these Mountains.

2d A Patent of protection, which I have seen was given at Alexandria on the 14th to a British Dependant by Major Missett, his Majesty's Consul General for Egypt, which Patent states the motive for the bearer's departure to be the probability of the English soon evacuating Alexandria

3d The early intelligence at the Presidencies in India of the evacuation of Egypt of the British forces may be of so much importance that I cannot forbear conveying to you, such as it has come to my knowledge. M. Raphael de Picciotto of Aleppo will therefore have the honor of transmitting this dispatch to you by an express Arab Messenger.

4th You will find herewith a letter to the address of Samuel Manesty Esqr. Resident at Bussorah, which contains the above Intelligence –

Haussa.
9th Octr. 1807 }

I have the honor &c.
Signed John Barker

True Copy.
(Signed) John Hine
Authentic Copies
(Signed) W. Newnham
Secy to Govt.

No. 5.

2.

To
Political Department
Francis Warden Esqr.
Secretary to Government.
Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you for the information of the Hon'ble the Governor in Council the

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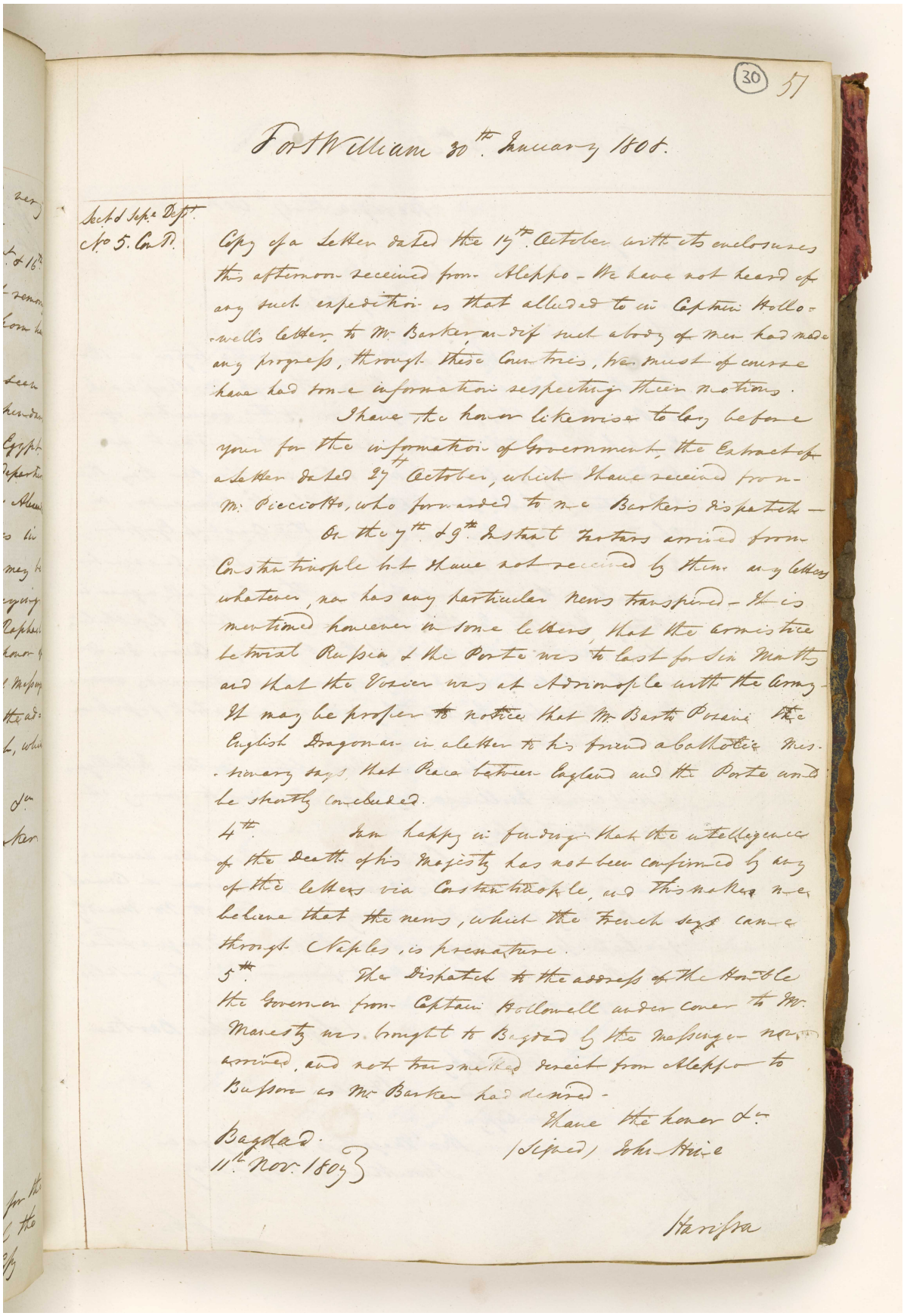

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Copy of a Letter dated the 17th October with its enclosures this afternoon received from Aleppo - We have not heard of any such expedition as that alluded to in Captain Hollowell's letter, to Mr Barker, and if such a body of men had made any progress, through these Countries, we must of course have had some information respecting their motions.

I have the honor likewise to lay before your for the information of Government, the Extract of a Letter dated 27th October, which I have received from Mr Picciotto, who forwarded to me Barker's dispatch -

On the 7th & 9th Instant Tartars arrived from Constantinople but I have not received by them any letters whatever, nor has any particular news transpired - It is mentioned however in some letters, that the armistice betwixt Russia & the Porte was to last for Six Months and that the Vozier was at Adrianople with the Army - It may be proper to notice that Mr Barth Pozani the English Dragoman in a letter to his friend a Catholic Missionary says, that Peace between England and the Porte would be shortly concluded.

4th. I am happy in finding that the intelligence of the Death of his Majesty has not been confirmed by any of the letters via Constantinople, and this makes me believe that the news, which the French says came through Naples, is premature.

5th. The Dispatch to the address of the Honble the Governor from Captain Hollowell under cover to Mr Manesty was brought to Bagdad by the Messenger now arrived, and not transmitted direct from Aleppo to Bussora as Mr Barker had desired -

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) John Hine

Bagdad.
11th Nov. 1807

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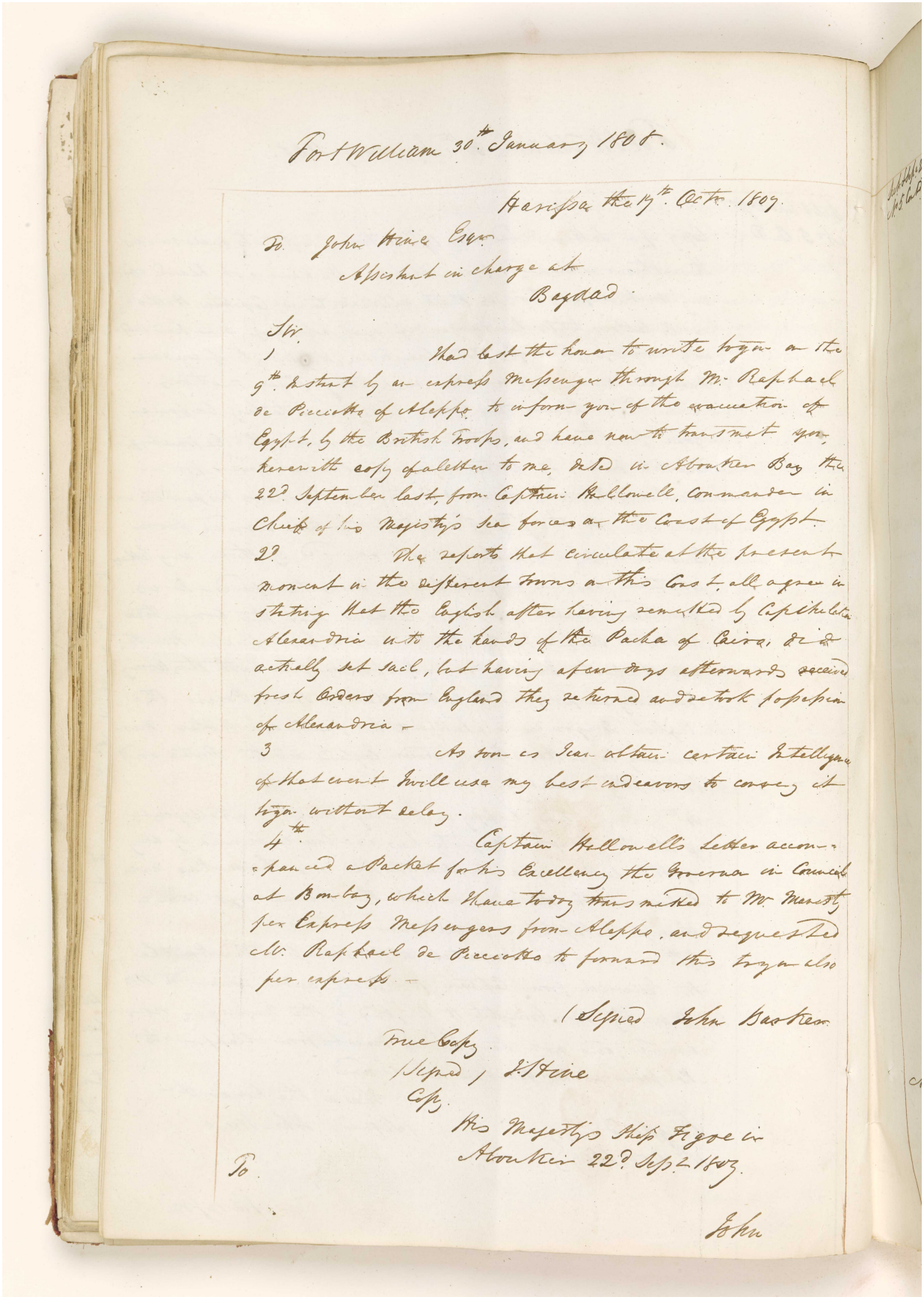

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Harissa the 17th Octr. 1807.

To John Hine Esqr.
Assistant in charge at
Bagdad.

Sir,

1 I had last the honor to write to you on the 9th Instant by an express Messenger through Mr. Raphael de Picciotto of Aleppo to inform you of the evacuation of Egypt, by the British Troops, and have now to transmit you herewith copy of a letter to me, dated in Abouker Bay the 22d September last, from Captain Hallowell, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's sea forces on the Coast of Egypt.

2d The reports that circulate at the present moment in the different towns on this Coast, all agree in stating that the English after having remitted by Capitulation Alexandria into the hands of the Pacha of Cairo, did actually set sail, but having a few days afterwards received fresh Orders from England they returned and retook possession of Alexandria.

3 As soon as I can obtain certain Intelligence of that event I will use my best endeavors to convey it to you without delay.

4th Captain Hallowell's Letter accompanied a Packet for his Excellency the Governor in Council at Bombay, which I have today transmitted to Mr. Manesty per Express Messengers from Aleppo, and requested Mr. Raphael de Picciotto to forward this to you also per express.

(Signed John Barker

True Copy
(Signed) J. Hine
Copy.

His Majesty's Ship Figoe in
Abouker 22d Sept. 1807.

To

John

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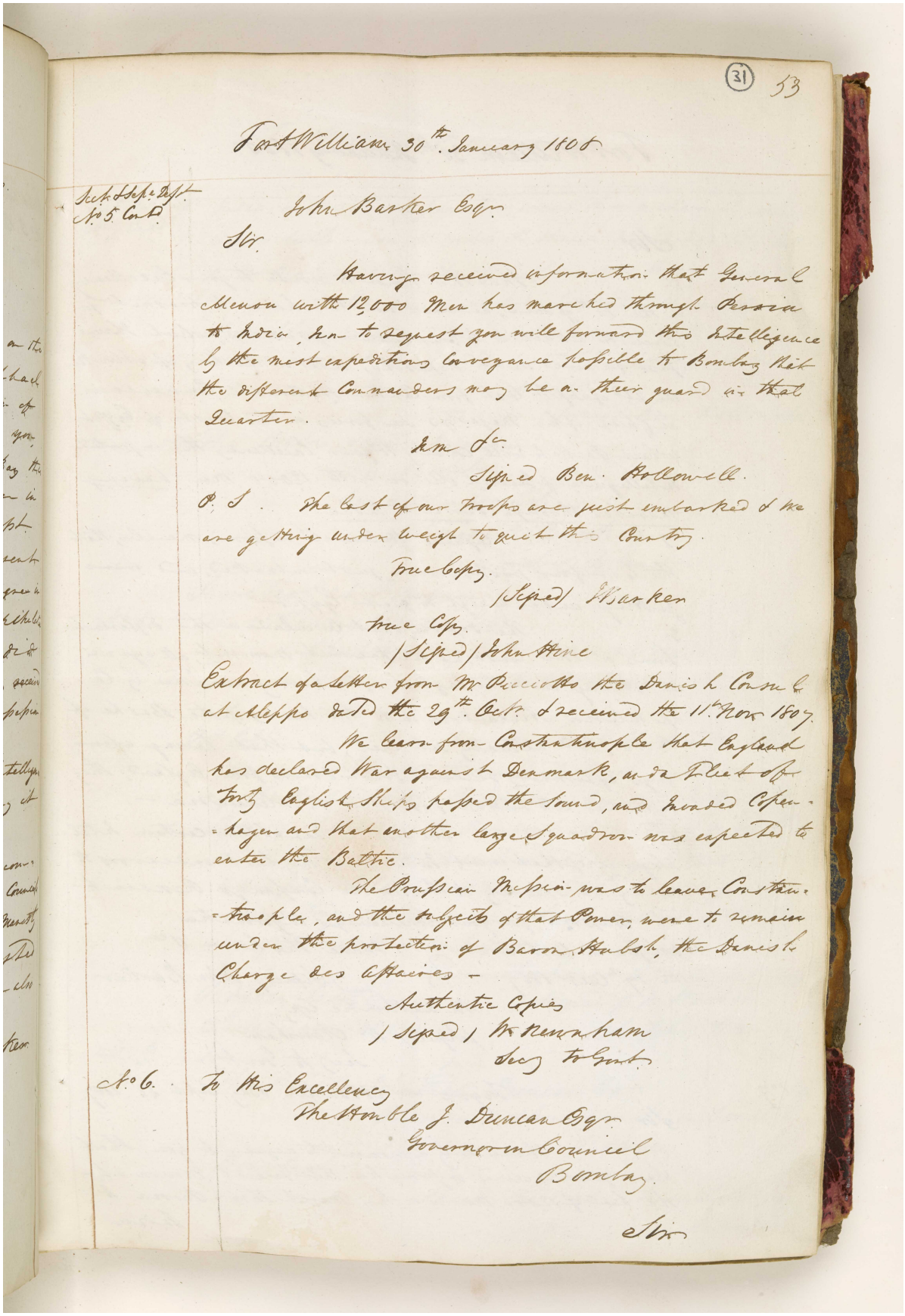

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John Barker Esqr.

Sir.

Having received information that General Menou with 12,000 Men has marched through Persia to India, I am to request you will forward this Intelligence by the most expeditious Conveyance possible to Bombay that the different Commanders may be on their guard in that Quarter.

I am &c.

Signed Ben. Hollowell.

P. S. The last of our troops are just embarked & we are getting under weigh to quit this Country.

True Copy.

(Signed) J Barker

True Copy.

(Signed) John Hine

Extract of a Letter from Mr Picciotto the Danish Consul at Aleppo dated the 29th. Octr. & received the 11th Nov. 1807.

We learn from Constantinople that England has declared War against Denmark, and a Fleet of forty English Ships passed the Sound, and Invaded Copenhagen and that another large Squadron was expected to enter the Baltic.

The Prussian Mission was to leave Constantinople, and the subjects of that Power were to remain under the protection of Baron Hubsh, the Danish Charge des Affaires –

Authentic Copies

(Signed) W. Newnham

Secy to Govt.

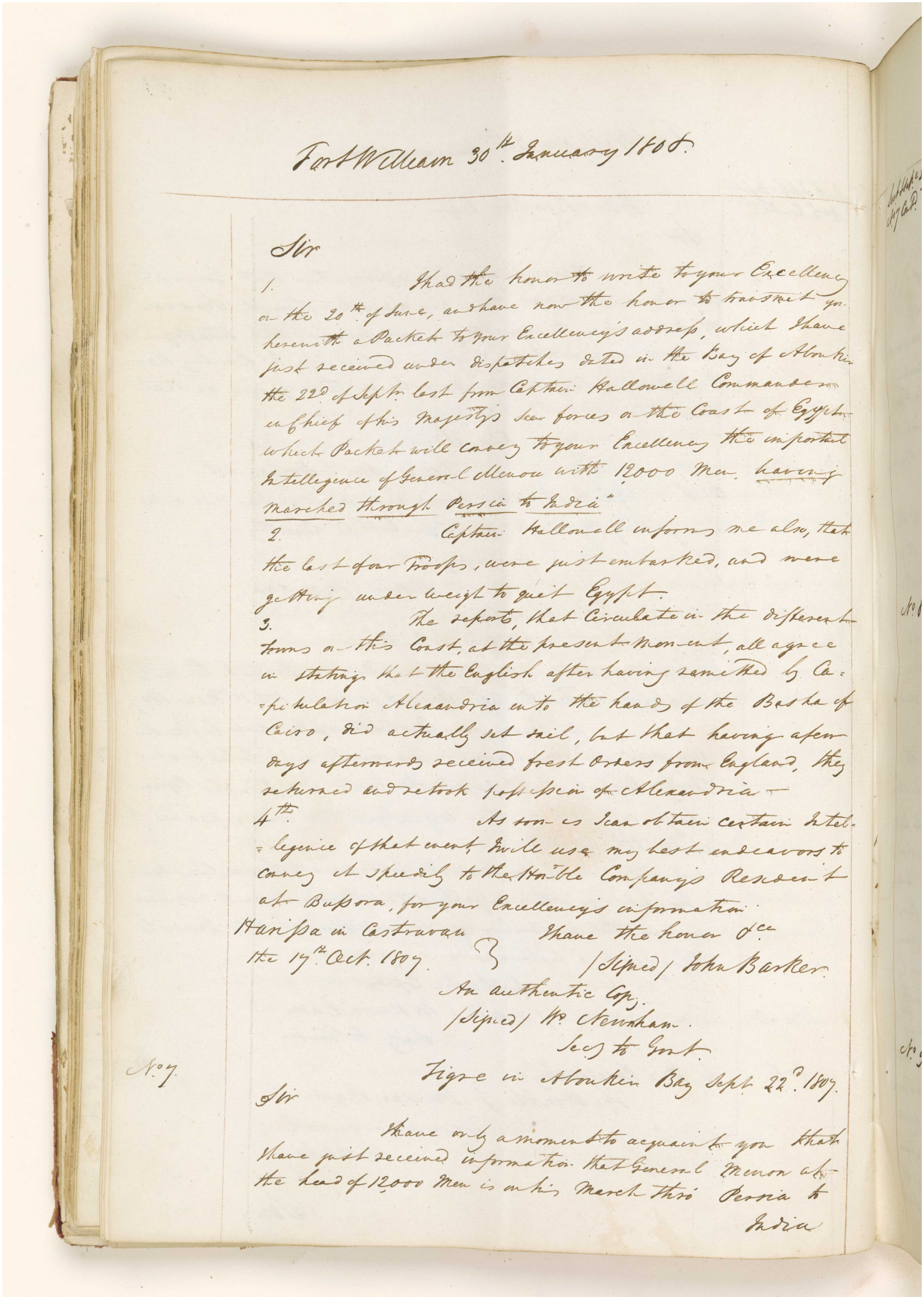
No. 6. To His Excellency

The Honble J. Duncan Esqr.

Governor in Council

Bombay.

Sir



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Sir

1. I had the honor to write to your Excellency on the 20th. of June, and have now the honor to transmit you herewith a Packet to your Excellency's address, which I have just received under dispatches dated in the Bay of Aboukir the 22d. of Septr. last from Captain Hallowell Commander in Chief of his Majesty's sea forces on the Coast of Egypt which Packet will convey to your Excellency the important Intelligence of General Menou with 12,000 Men, having marched through Persia to India"

2. Captain Hallowell informs me also, that the last of our Troops, were just embarked, and were getting under weigh to quit Egypt.

3. The reports, that Circulate in the different towns on this Coast, at the present moment, all agree in stating that the English after having remitted by Capitulation Alexandria into the hands of the Basha of Cairo, did actually set sail, but that having a few days afterwards received fresh Orders from England, they returned and retook possession of Alexandria —

4th. As soon as I can obtain certain Intelligence of that event, I will use my best endeavors to convey it speedily to the Honble Company's Resident at Bussora, for your Excellency's information.

Harissa in Castravan
the 17th. Oct. 1807.

I have the honor &ca
(Signed) John Barker.

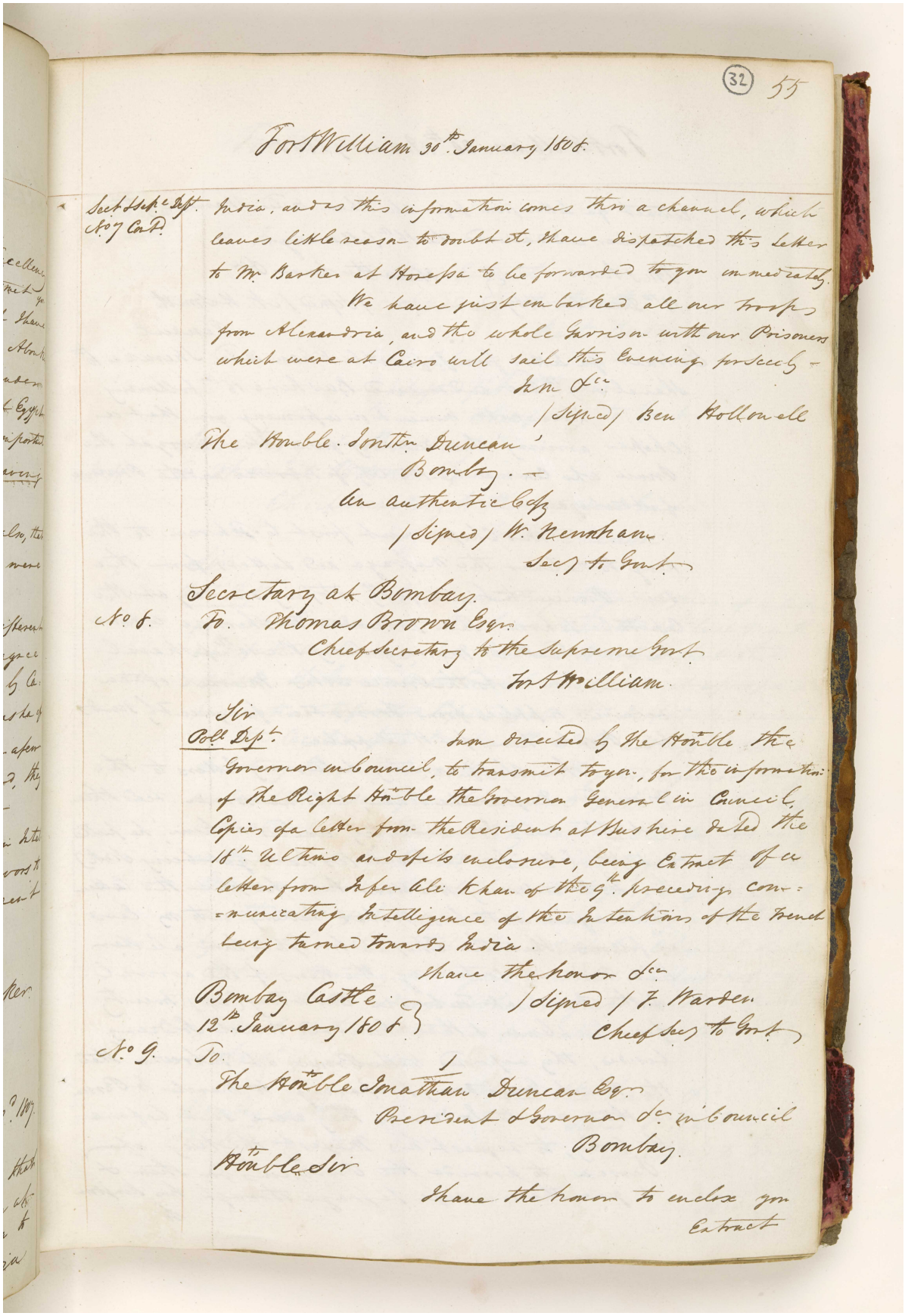
An authentic Copy.
(Signed) Wm. Newnham.
Secy to Govt.

No. 7

Tigre in Aboukir Bay Sept. 22d. 1807.

Sir

I have only a moment to acquaint you that I have just received information that General Menou at the head of 12,000 Men is on his March thro' Persia to India



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India, and as this information comes thro a channel, which leaves little reason to doubt it, I have dispatched this letter to Mr. Barker at Horessa to be forwarded to you immediately.

We have just embarked all our troops from Alexandria, and the whole Garrison with our Prisoners which were at Cairo will sail this Evening for Sicily —

I am &c.

(Signed) Ben Hollowell

The Honble. Jonathn. Duncan
Bombay. —

An authentic Copy

(Signed) W. Newnham
Secy to Govt.

Secretary at Bombay.

No. 8. To. Thomas Brown Esqr.
Chief Secretary to the Supreme Govt.
Fort William.

Sir

Poll. Dept. I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council, to transmit to you, for the information of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, Copies of a letter from the Resident at Bushire dated the 18th Ultimo and of its enclosure, being Extract of a letter from Infer Ali Khan of the 9th preceding communicating Intelligence of the Intentions of the French being turned towards India.

I have the honor &c.

Bombay Castle
12th January 1808

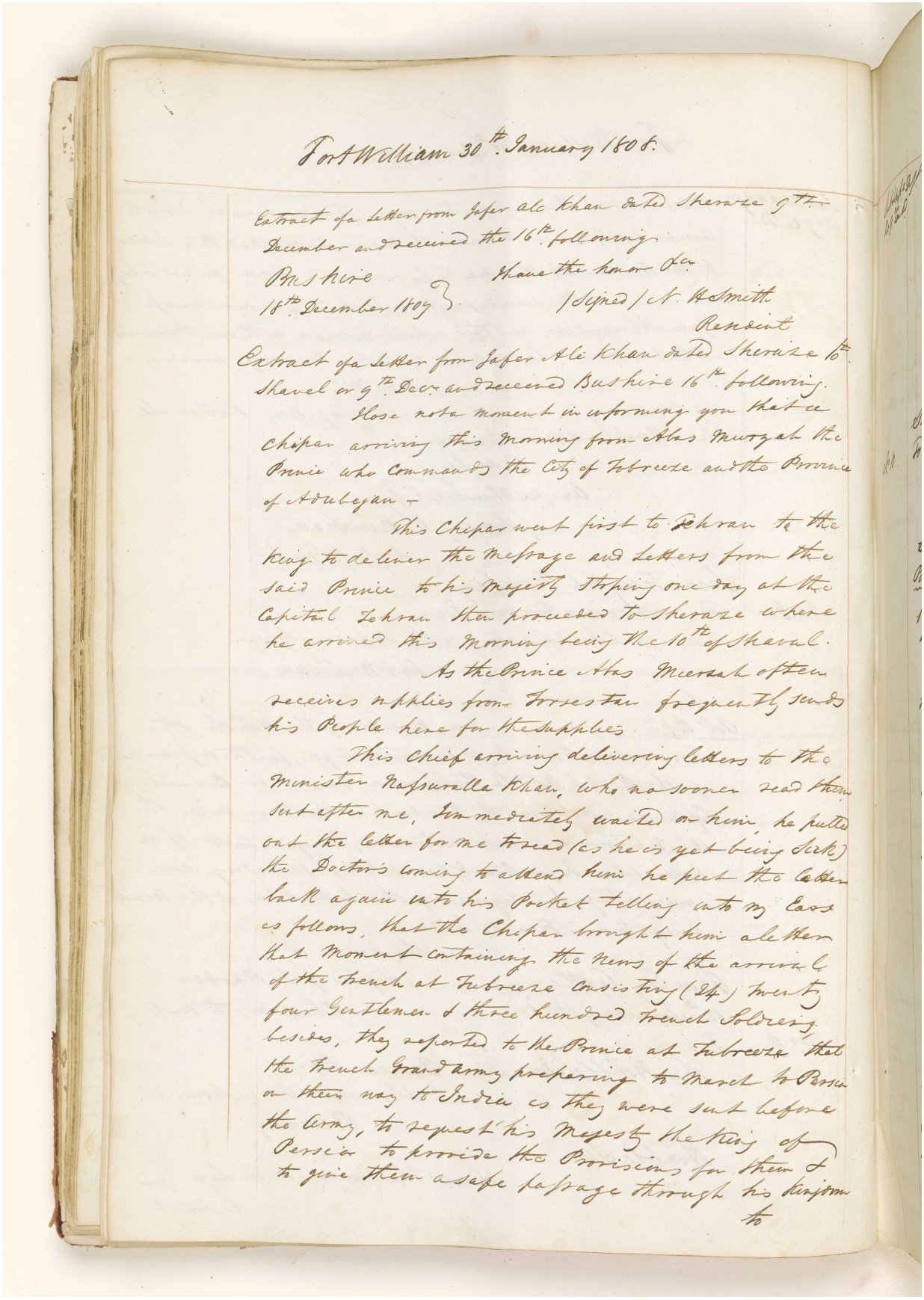
(Signed) F. Warden
Chief Secy to Govt.

No. 9. To.

The Honble Jonathan Duncan Esqr.
President & Governor &c. in Council
Bombay.

Honble Sir

I have the honor to enclose you Extract



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Extract of a Letter from Jafer Ali Khan dated Sheraze 9th. December and received the 16th. following.

Bushire
18th. December 1807

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) N. H. Smith
Resident

Extract of a Letter from Jafer Ali Khan dated Sheraze 10th. Shavel or 9th. Decr. and received Bushire 16th. following.

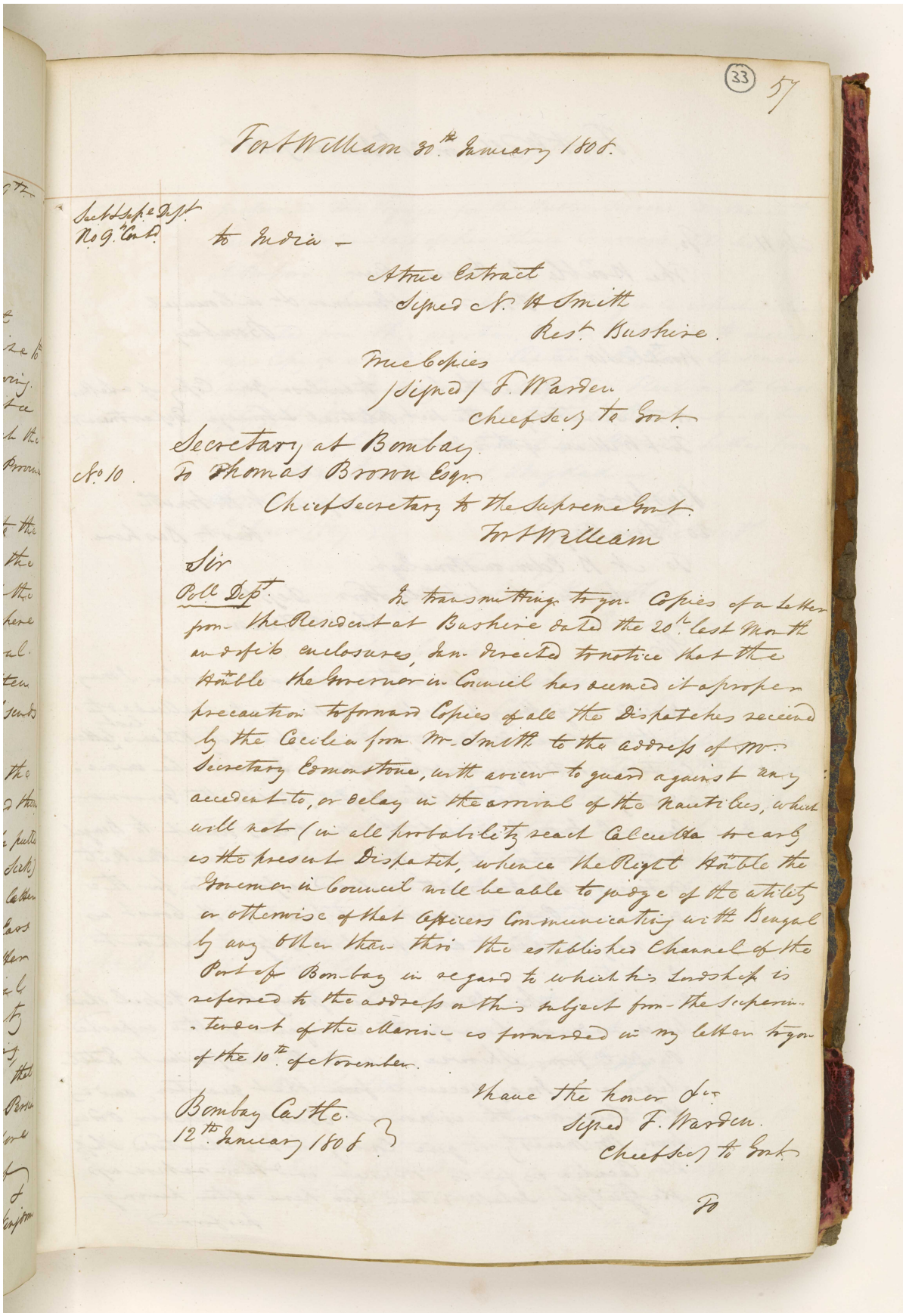
I lose not a moment in informing you that a Chipar arriving this morning from Abas Murzah the Prince who commands the City of Tobreeze and the Province of Adubejan —

This Chipar went first to Tehran to the King to deliver the message and Letters from the said Prince to his majesty stoping one day at the Capital Tehran then proceeded to Sheraze where he arrived this morning being the 10th of Shaval.

As the Prince Abas Mierzah often receives supplies from Torrestan frequently sends his People here for the supplies.

This Chief arriving delivering letters to the Minister Nassuralla Khan, who no sooner read them sent after me, Immediately waited on him, he pulled out the letter for me to read (as he is yet being sick) the Doctor's coming to attend him he put the letter back again into his Pocket telling into my Ears as follows, that the Chipar brought him a letter that moment containing the news of the arrival of the French at Tubreeze consisting (24) twenty four Gentlemen & three hundred French Soldiers, besides, they reported to the Prince at Tubreeze that the French Grand army preparing to March to Persia on their way to India as they were sent before the Army, to request his Majesty the King of Persia to provide the Provisions for them & to give them a safe passage through his Kingdom

to



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to India –

A true Extract
Signed N. H. Smith
Rest. Bushire.

True Copies
(Signed) F. Warden
Chief Secy to Govt.

Secretary at Bombay.

No. 10. To Thomas Brown Esqr.
Chief Secretary to the Supreme Govt.
Fort William

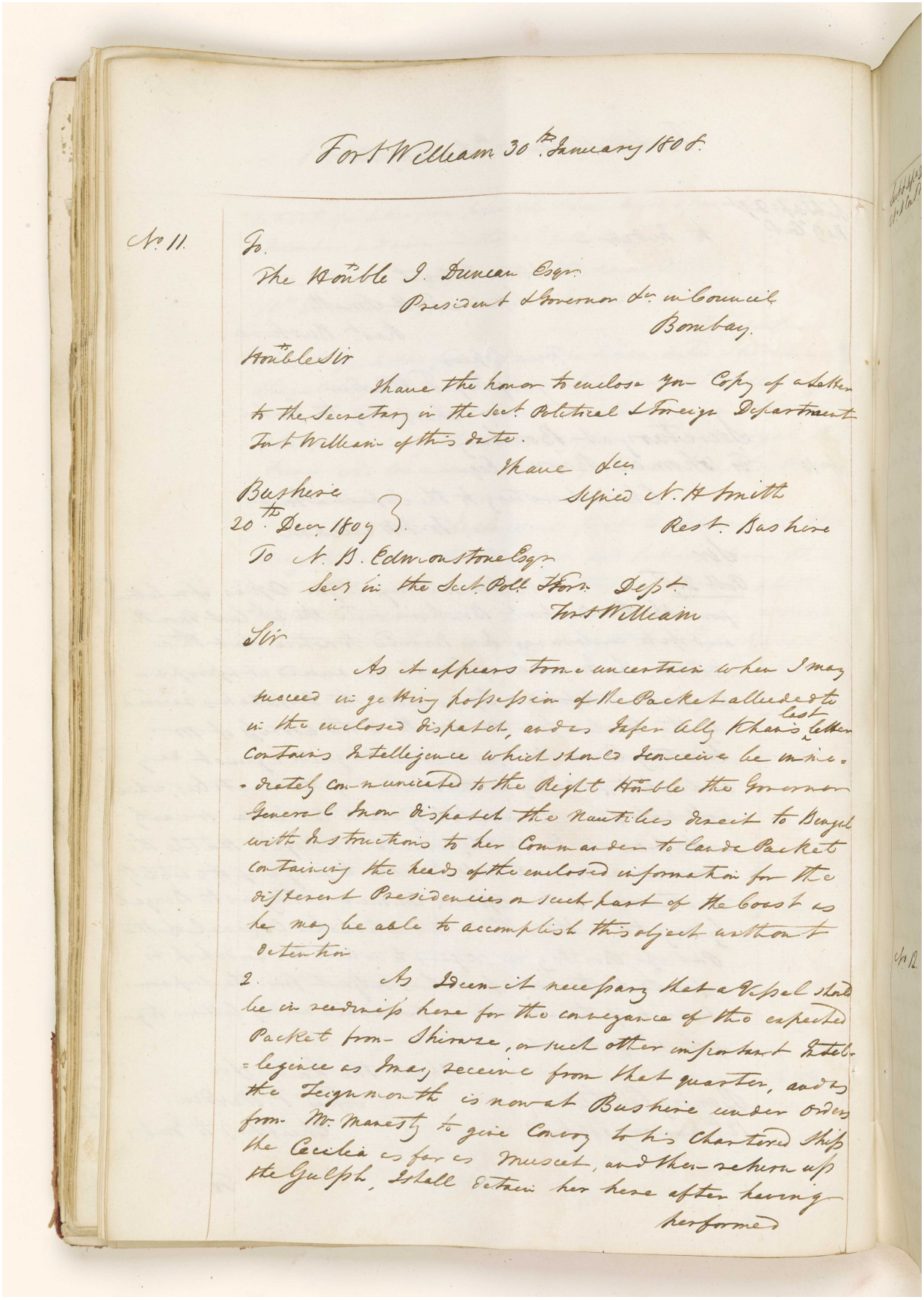
Sir

Poll. Dept. In transmitting to you Copies of a Letter from the Resident at Bushire dated the 20th last Month and of its enclosures, I am directed to notice that the Honble the Governor in Council has deemed it a proper precaution to forward Copies of all the Dispatches received by the Cecilia from Mr. Smith to the address of Mr. Secretary Edmonstone, with a view to guard against any accident to, or delay in the arrival of the Nautilus, which will not (in all probability reach Calcutta so early as the present Dispatch, whence the Right Honble the Governor in Council will be able to judge of the utility or otherwise of that Officers Communicating with Bengal by any other than thro' the established Channel of the Port of Bombay in regard to which his Lordship is referred to the address on this subject from the Superintendent of the Marine as forwarded in my letter to you of the 10th of November.

I have the honor &c.
Signed F. Warden.
Chief Secy to Govt.

Bombay Castle.
12th January 1808

To



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No 11.

To
The Honble I. Duncan Esqr
President & Governor &c in Council
Bombay.

Honble Sir

I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a Letter to the Secretary in the Sect Political & Foreign Department Fort William of this date.

I have &c
Signed N. B. Smith
Resr Bushire

Bushire
20th Decr 1807.

To N. B. Edmonstone Esqr
Secy in the Sect Pol. Forn Dept
Fort William

Sir

As it appears to me uncertain when I may succeed in getting possession of the Packet alluded to in the enclosed Dispatch, and as Jafer Ally Khan's last Letter contains Intelligence which should I conceive be immediately communicated to the Right Honble the Governor General I now dispatch the Nautilus Brig to Bengal with Instructions to her Commander to land the Packet containing the heads of the enclosed information for the different Presidencies on such part of the Coast as he may be able to accomplish this object without detention

2. As I deem it necessary that a Vessel should be in readiness here for the conveyance of the expected Packet from Shiraze, or such other important Intelligence as may receive from that quarter, and as the Teignmouth is now at Bushire under orders from His Majesty to give Convoy to his Chartered Ship the Cecilia as far as Muscat, and then return up the Gulph, I shall detain her here after having performed

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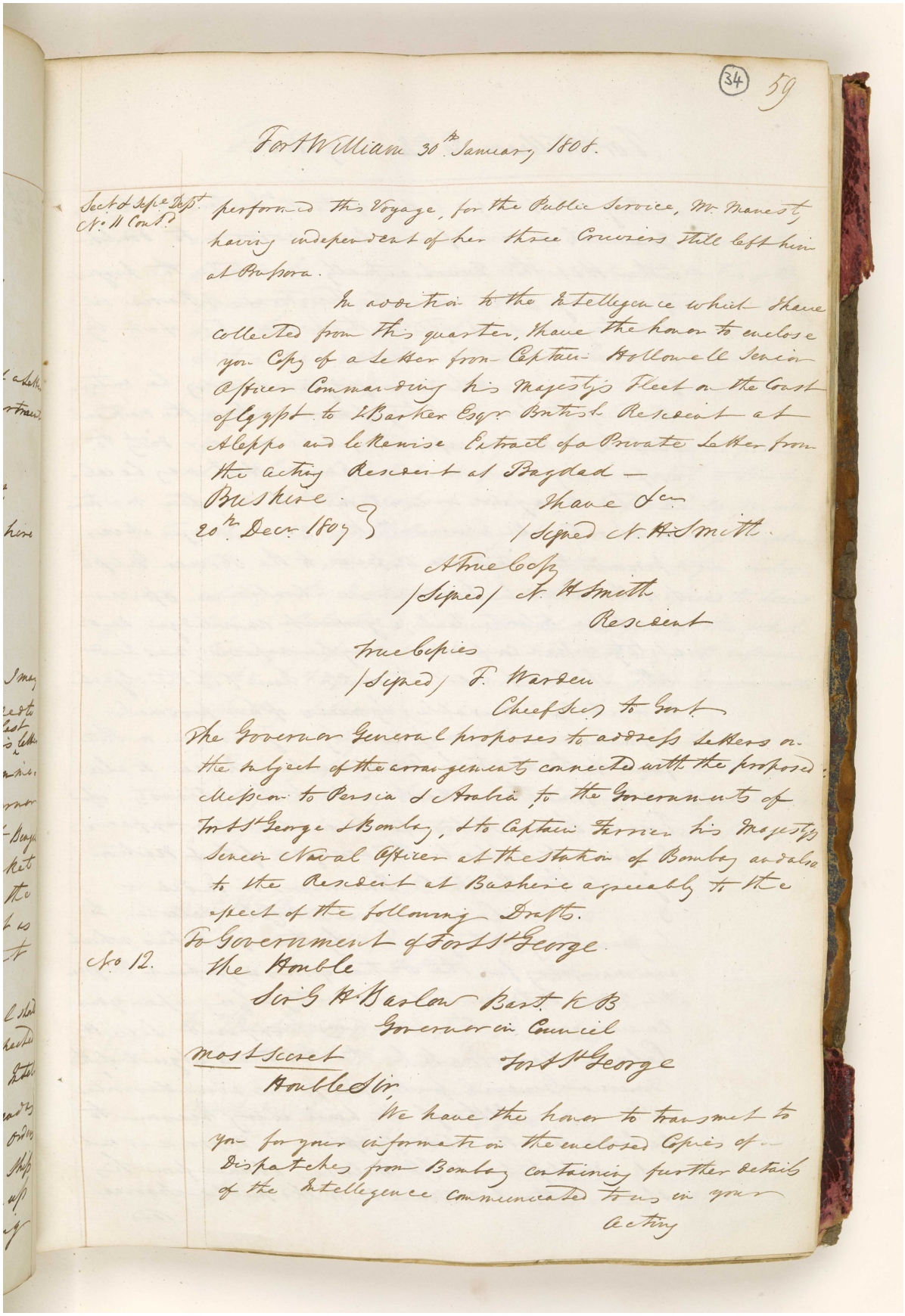

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performed this Voyage, for the Public Service, Mr. Manesty having independent of her three Cruisers still left him at Bussora.

In addition to the Intelligence which I have collected from this quarter, I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a Letter from Captain Hollowell Senior Officer Commanding his Majesty's Fleet on the Coast of Egypt to J. Barker Esqr. British Resident at Aleppo and likewise Extract of a Private Letter from the acting Resident at Bagdad —

Bushire
20th Decr. 1807

I have &c.
(Signed) N. H. Smith

A True Copy
(Signed) N. H. Smith
Resident

True Copies
(Signed) F. Warden
Chief Secy. to Govt.

The Governor General proposes to address Letters on the subject of the arrangements connected with the proposed Mission to Persia & Arabia, to the Governments of Fort St. George & Bombay, & to Captain Farrier his Majesty's Senior Naval Officer at the station of Bombay and also to the Resident at Bushire agreeably to the effect of the following Drafts.

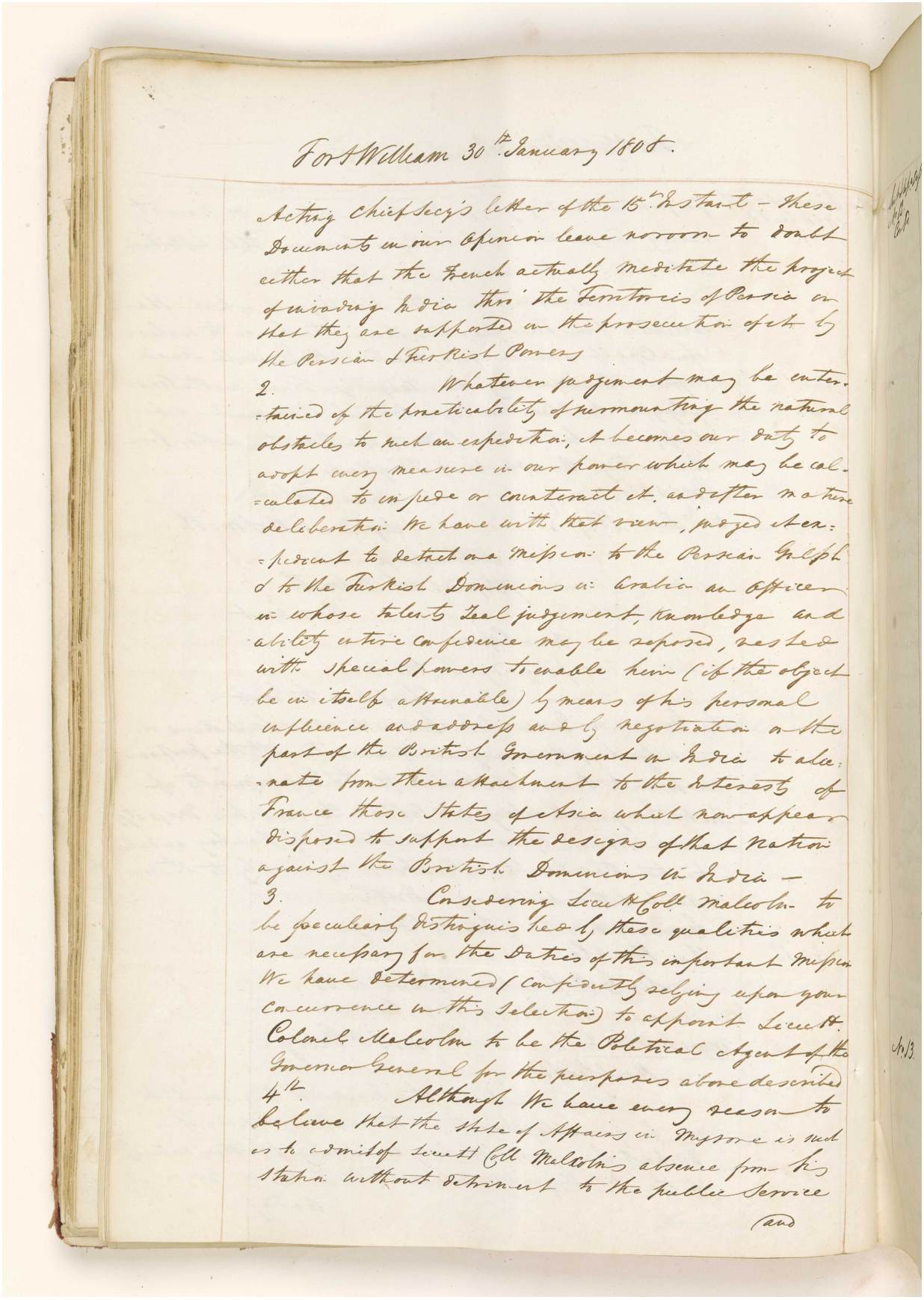
To Government of Fort St. George

No. 12.

The Honble
Sir G. H. Barlow Bart. K.B.
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Most Secret
Honble Sir,

We have the honor to transmit to you for your information the enclosed Copies of Dispatches from Bombay containing further details of the Intelligence communicated to us in your Acting



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Acting Chief Secy's letter of the 15th Instant – these Documents in our Opinion leave no room to doubt either that the French actually meditate the project of invading India thro' the Territories of Persia or that they are supported in the prosecution of it by the Persian & Turkish Powers

2. Whatever judgement may be entertained of the practicability of surmounting the natural obstacles to such an expedition, it becomes our duty to adopt every measure in our power which may be calculated to impede or counteract it, and after mature deliberation We have with that view, judged it expedient to detach on a Mission to the Persian Gulph & to the Turkish Dominions in Arabia an Officer in whose talents Zeal judgement, knowledge and ability entire confidence may be reposed, vested with special powers to enable him (if the object be in itself attainable) by means of his personal influence and address and by negotiation on the part of the British Government in India to alienate from their attachment to the Interests of France those States of Asia which now appear disposed to support the designs of that Nation against the British Dominions in India –

3. Considering Lieut Coll Malcolm to be peculiarly distinguished by these qualities which are necessary for the Duties of this important Mission We have determined (confidently relying upon your concurrence in this Selection) to appoint Lieut. Colonel Malcolm to be the Political Agent of the Governor General for the purposes above described

4th. Although We have every reason to believe that the State of Affairs in Mysore is such as to admit of Lieut Coll Malcolm's absence from his station without detriment to the public Service

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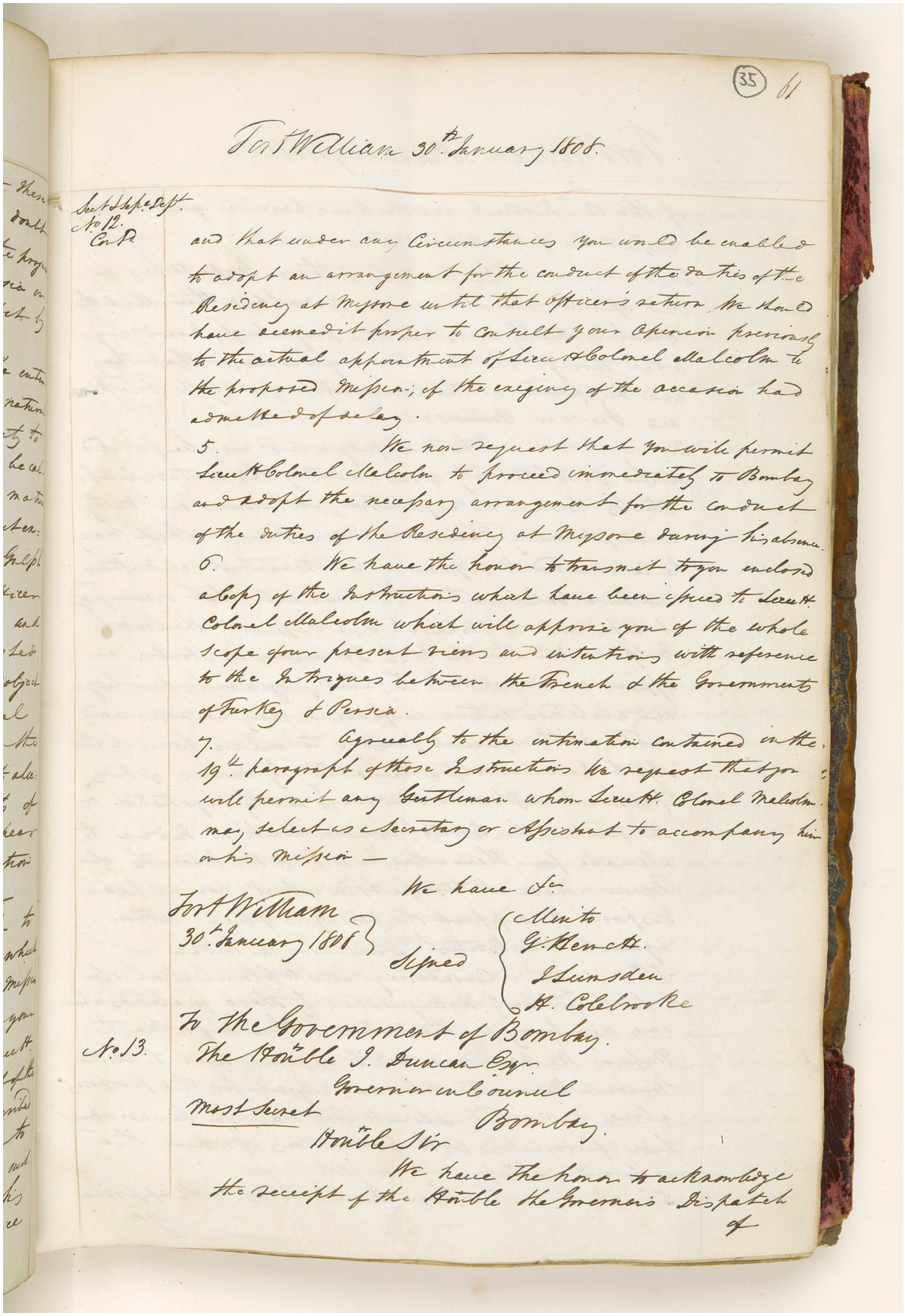

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and that under any Circumstances you would be enabled to adopt an arrangement for the conduct of the duties of the Residency at Mysore until that Officer's return, We should have deemed it proper to consult your Opinion previously to the actual appointment of Lieut Colonel Malcolm to the proposed Mission; if the exigency of the occasion had admitted of delay.

5. We now request that you will permit Lieut Colonel Malcolm to proceed immediately to Bombay and adopt the necessary arrangement for the conduct of the duties of the Residency at Mysore during his absence.

6. We have the honor to transmit to you enclosed a Copy of the Instructions which have been issued to Lieut Colonel Malcolm which will apprise you of the whole scope of our present views and intentions with reference to the Intrigues between the French & the Governments of Turkey & Persia.

7. Agreeably to the intimation contained in the 19th paragraph of those Instructions We request that you will permit any Gentleman whom Lieut Colonel Malcolm may select as a Secretary or Assistant to accompany him on his Mission —

We have &c.

Fort William
30th January 1808

Signed
Minto
G. Henckel
J. Lumsden
H. Colebrooke

To the Government of Bombay.

No. 13.

The Honble J. Duncan Esqr
Governor in Council
Bombay.

Most Secret

Honble Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Honble the Governor's Dispatch of

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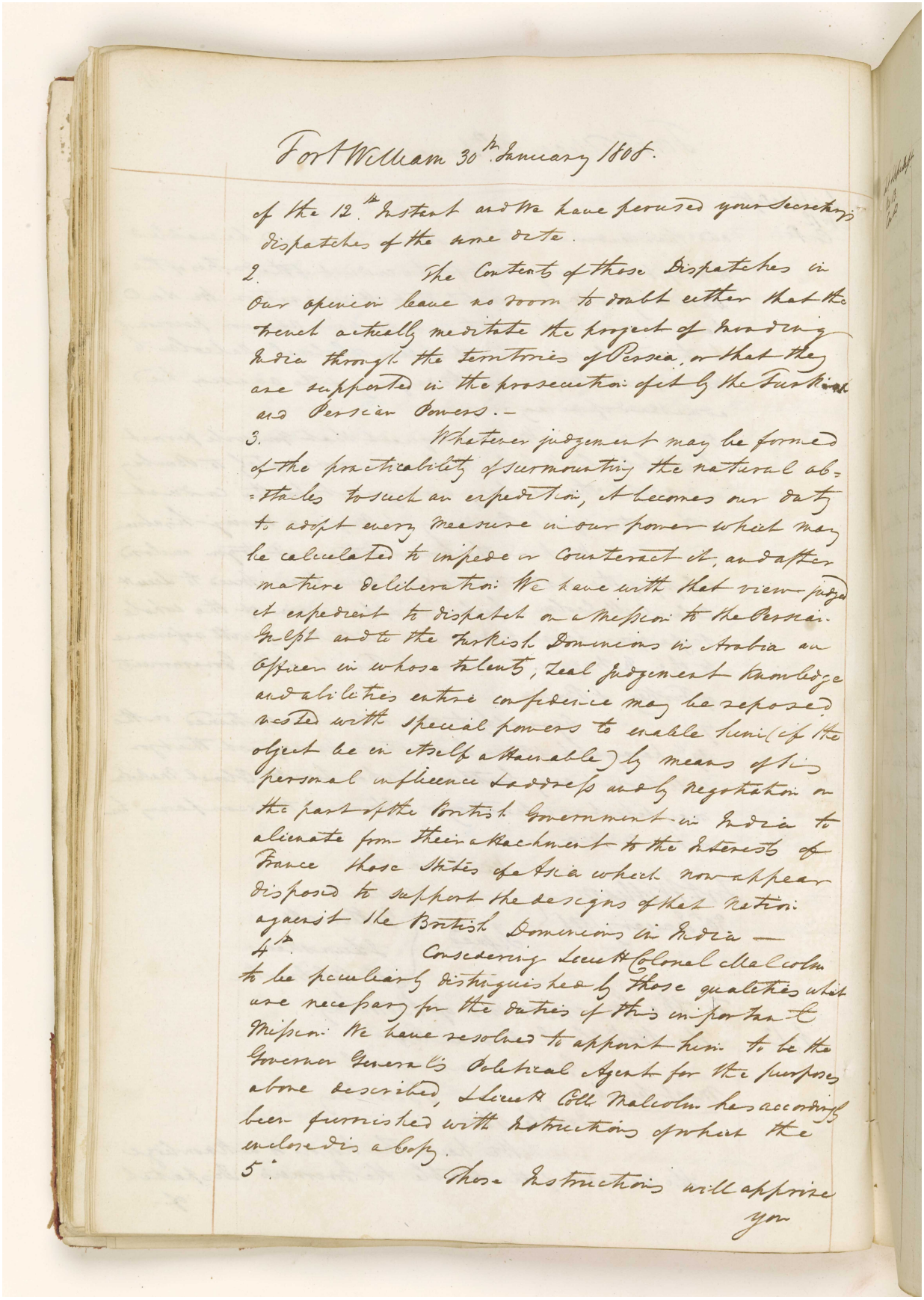

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of the 12th Instant and We have perused your Secretary's
Dispatches of the same date.

2. The Contents of those Dispatches in
Our opinion leave no room to doubt either that the
French actually meditate the project of invading
India through the territories of Persia, or that they
are supported in the prosecution of it by the Turkish
and Persian Powers.—

3. Whatever judgement may be formed
of the practicability of surmounting the natural ob-
=stacles to such an expedition, it becomes our duty
to adopt every measure in our power which may
be calculated to impede or counteract it, and after
mature deliberation We have with that view judg-
ed expedient to dispatch on a Mission to the Persian
Gulph and to the Turkish Dominions in Arabia an
Officer in whose talents, Zeal judgement knowledge
and abilities entire confidence may be reposed
vested with special powers to enable him (if the
object be in itself attainable) by means of his
personal influence address and by negotiation on
the part of the British Government in India to
alienate from their attachment to the Interests of
France those States of Asia which now appear
disposed to support the designs of that Nation
against the British Dominions in India —

4th Considering Lieut.t Colonel Malcolm
to be peculiarly distinguished by those qualities which
are necessary for the duties of this important
Mission We have resolved to appoint him to be the
Governor General's Political Agent for the purposes
above described, Lieut.t Coll. Malcolm has accordingly
been furnished with Instructions of which the
enclosed is a Copy.

5th Those Instructions will apprize
you

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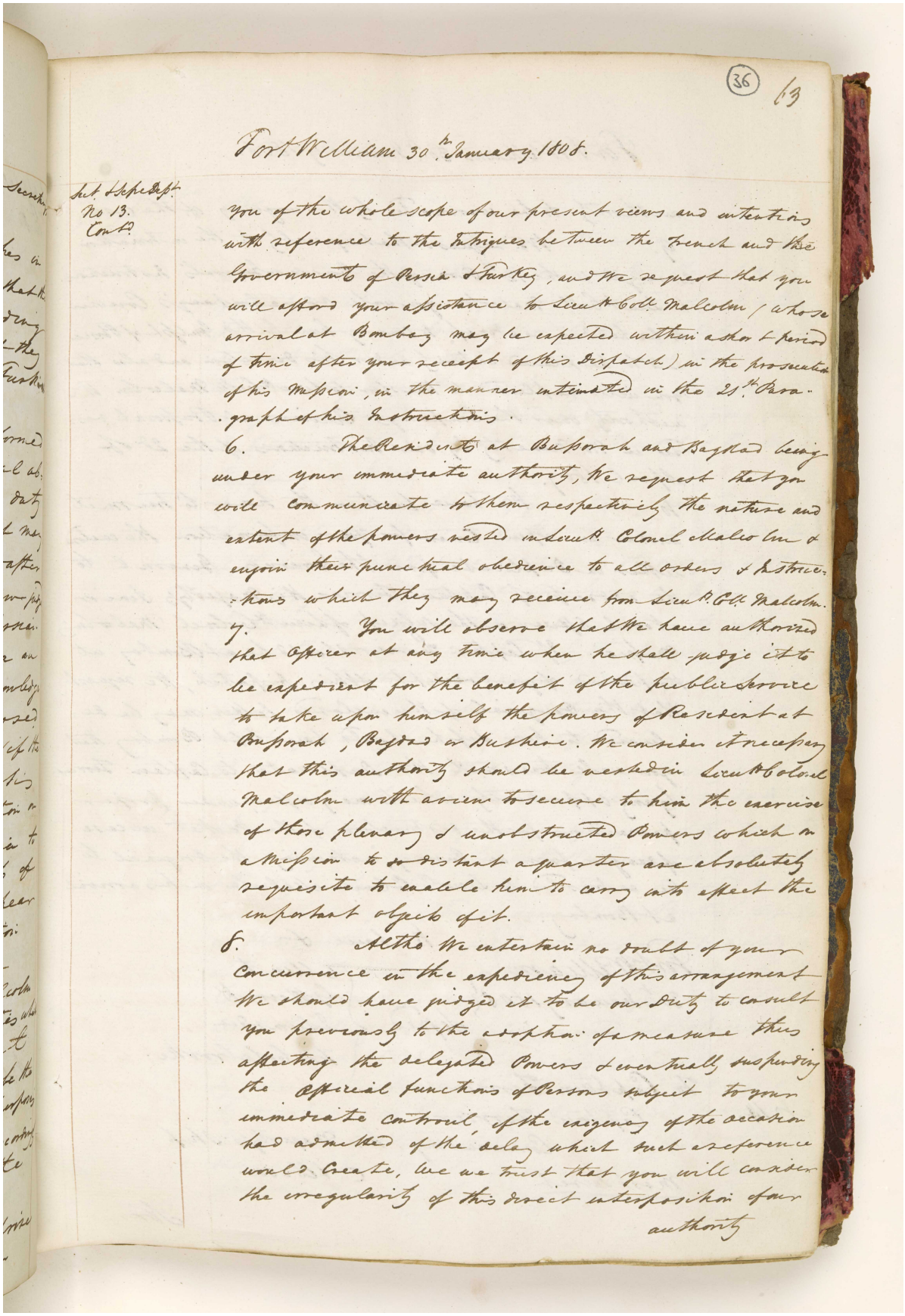

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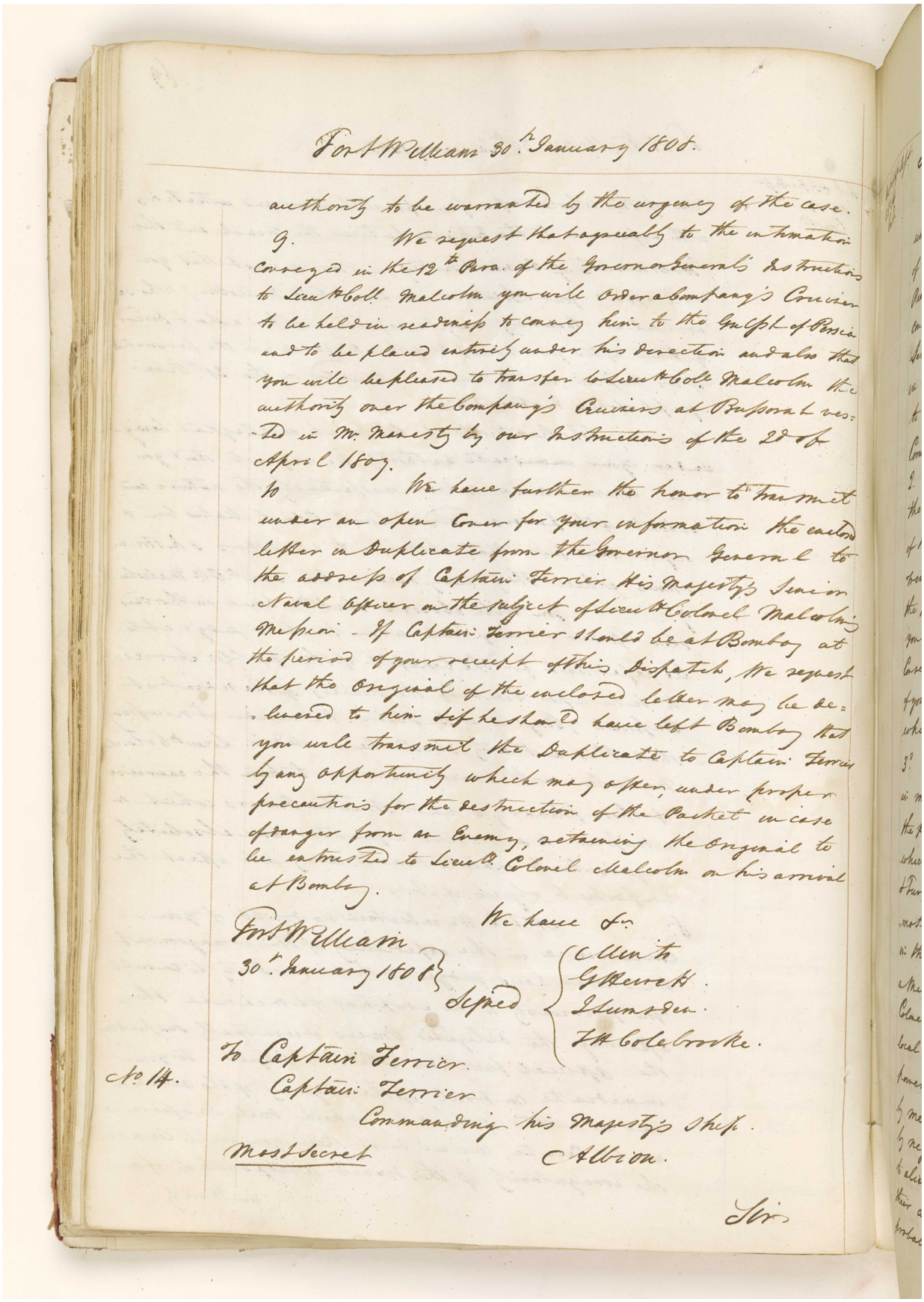
you of the whole scope of our present views and intentions with reference to the Intrigues between the French and the Government of Persia & Turkey, and We request that you will afford your assistance to Lieut.t Colo. Malcolm / whose arrival at Bombay may be expected within a short period of time after your receipt of this Dispatch) in the prosecution of his Mission, in the manner intimated in the 21st Paragraph of his Instructions.

6. The Residents at Bussorah and Bagdad being under your immediate authority, We request that you will communicate to them respectively the nature and extent of the powers vested in Lieut.t Colonel Malcolm & enjoin their punctual obedience to all orders & Instructions which they may receive from Lieut.t Colo. Malcolm.

7. You will observe that We have authorized that Officer at any time when he shall judge it to be expedient for the benefit of the public service to take upon himself the powers of Resident at Bussorah, Bagdad or Bushire. We consider it necessary that this authority should be vested in Lieut.t Colonel Malcolm with a view to secure to him the exercise of those plenary & unobstructed Powers which on a Mission to so distant a quarter are absolutely requisite to enable him to carry with effect the important objects of it.

8. Altho We entertain no doubt of your concurrence in the expediency of this arrangement We should have judged it to be our Duty to consult you previously to the adoption of a measure thus affecting the delegated Powers & eventually suspending the Official functions of Persons subject to your immediate Controul, if the exigency of the occasion had admitted of the delay which such a reference would create, but we trust that you will consider the irregularity of this direct interposition of our

authority



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authority to be warranted by the urgency of the case.

9. We request that agreeably to the intimation conveyed in the 12th Para. of the Governor General's Instructions to Lieut. Coll. Malcolm you will order a Company's Cruiser to be held in readiness to convey him to the Gulph of Persia and to be placed entirely under his direction and also that you will be pleased to transfer to Lieut. Coll. Malcolm the authority over the Company's Cruisers at Bussorah vested in Mr. Manesty by our Instructions of the 2d of April 1807.

10 We have further the honor to transmit under an open Cover for your information the enclosed letter in Duplicate from the Governor General to the address of Captain Ferrier His Majesty's Senior Naval Officer on the subject of Lieut. Colonel Malcolm's Mission - If Captain Ferrier should be at Bombay at the period of your receipt of this Dispatch, We request that the Original of the enclosed letter may be delivered to him if he should have left Bombay that you will transmit the Duplicate to Captain Ferrier by any opportunity which may offer, under proper precautions for the destruction of the Packet in case of danger from an Enemy, retaining the Original to be entrusted to Lieut. Colonel Malcolm on his arrival at Bombay.

We have &c.

Fort William
30th January 1808

Signed
Minto
G Hewett
J Sumsden
T H Colebrooke

To Captain Ferrier.

No. 14.

Captain Ferrier
Commanding his Majesty's Ship.
Albion.

Most Secret

Sir

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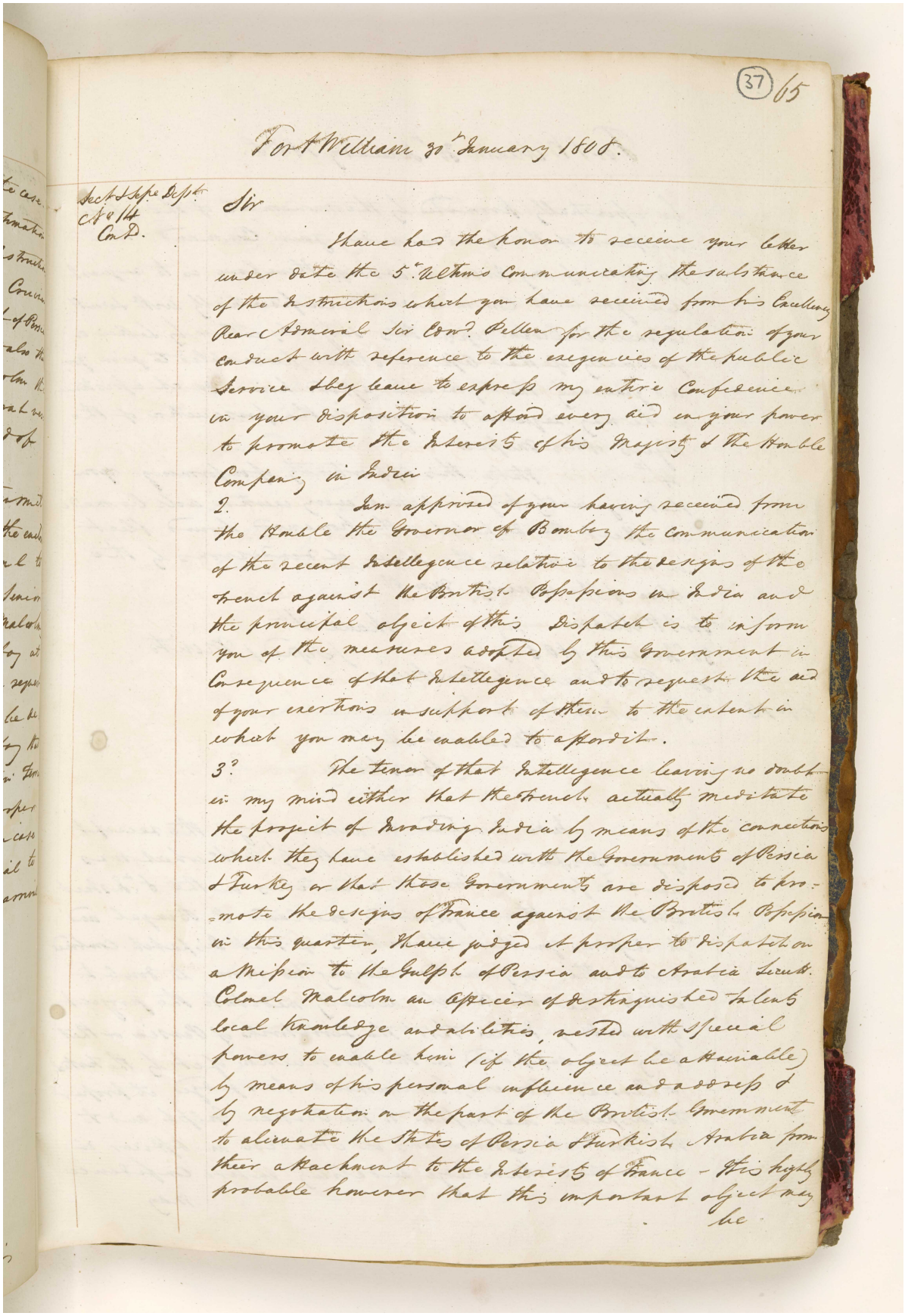

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Sec.t & Supe. Dep.t
No 14
Con.D.

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter under date the 5th Inst. communicating the substance of the Instructions which you have received from his Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Com.d Pellew for the regulation of your conduct with reference to the exigencies of the Public Service they leave to express my entire Confidence in your disposition to afford every aid in your power to promote the Interests of his Majesty & the Honble Company in India

2. I am apprized of your having received from the Honble the Governor of Bombay the Communication of the recent Intelligence relative to the designs of the French against the British Possessions in India and the principal object of this Dispatch is to inform you of the measures adopted by this Government in Consequence of that Intelligence and to request the aid of your exertions in support of them to the extent in which you may be enabled to afford it.

3. The tenor of that Intelligence leaving no doubt in my mind either that the French actually meditate the project of invading India by means of the connections which they have established with the Governments of Persia & Turkey or that those Governments are disposed to promote the designs of France against the British Possessions in this quarter, I have judged it proper to dispatch on a Mission to the Gulph of Persia and to Arabia Lieut.t Colonel Malcolm an Officer of distinguished talents local knowledge and abilities, vested with Special powers to enable him (if the object be attainable) by means of his personal influence and address & by negotiation on the part of the British Government to alienate the States of Persia Turkish Arabia from their attachment to the Interests of France - It is highly probable however that this important object may be

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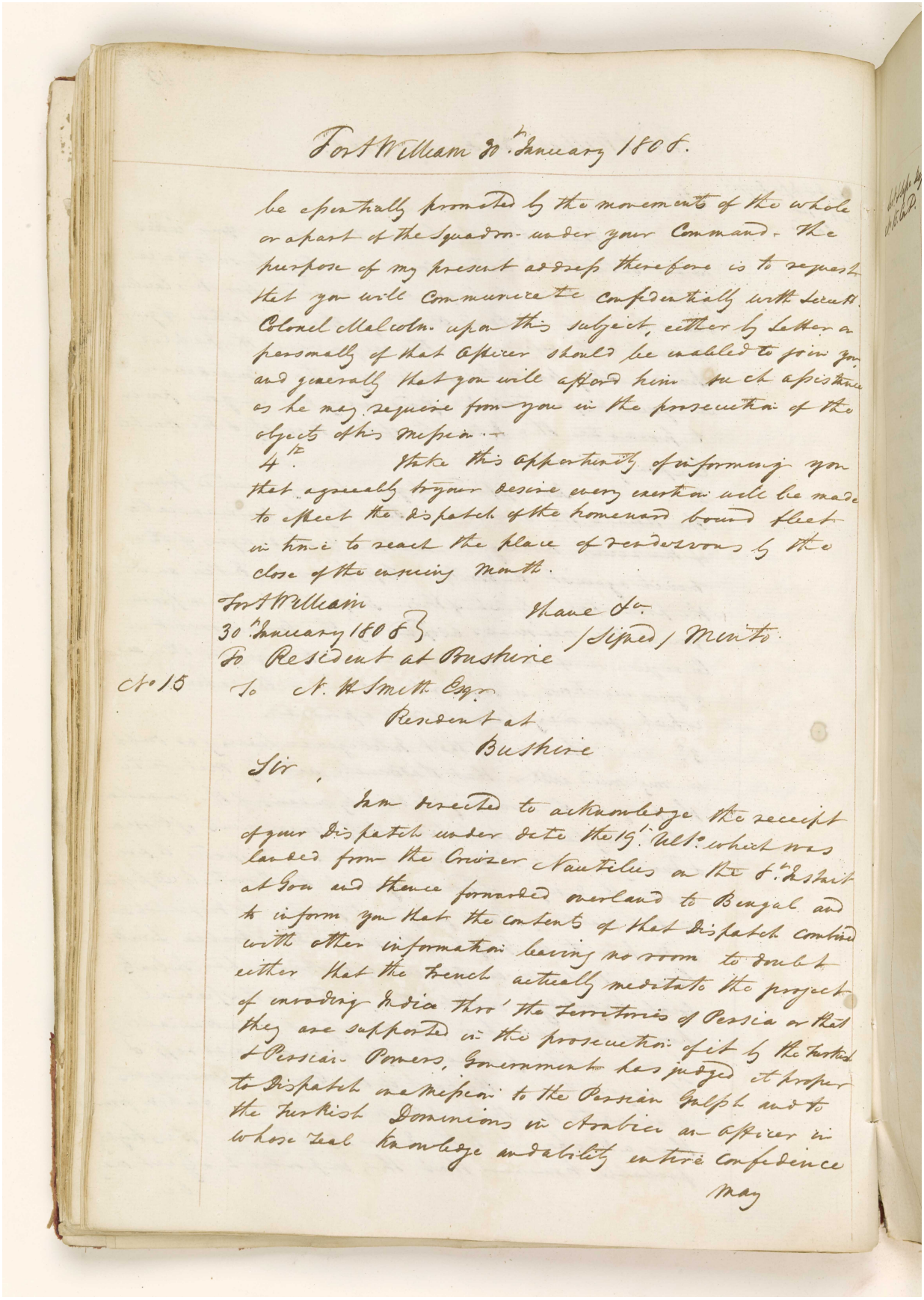

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be essentially promoted by the movements of the whole or a part of the Squadron under your Command. The purpose of my present address therefore is to request that you will communicate confidentially with Lieut. Colonel Malcolm upon this subject, either by Letter or personally if that Officer should be enabled to join you, and generally that you will afford him such assistance as he may require from you in the prosecution of the objects of this mission.

4th. I take this opportunity of informing you that agreeably to your desire every exertion will be made to effect the dispatch of the homeward bound fleet in time to reach the place of rendezvous by the close of the ensuing month.

I have &c.
(Signed) Minto.

Fort William
30th January 1808.
To Resident at Bushire

No 15

To N. B. Smith Esqr.
Resident at
Bushire

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Dispatch under date the 15th Inst. which was landed from the Cruizer Nautilus on the 5th Inst at Goa and thence forwarded overland to Bengal and to inform you that the contents of that Dispatch combined with other information leaving no room to doubt either that the French actually meditate the project of invading India thro' the Territories of Persia or that they are supported in the prosecution of it by the Turkish & Persian Powers, Government has judged it proper to Dispatch a Mission to the Persian Gulph and to the Turkish Dominions in Arabia an Officer in whose Zeal Knowledge and Ability entire Confidence

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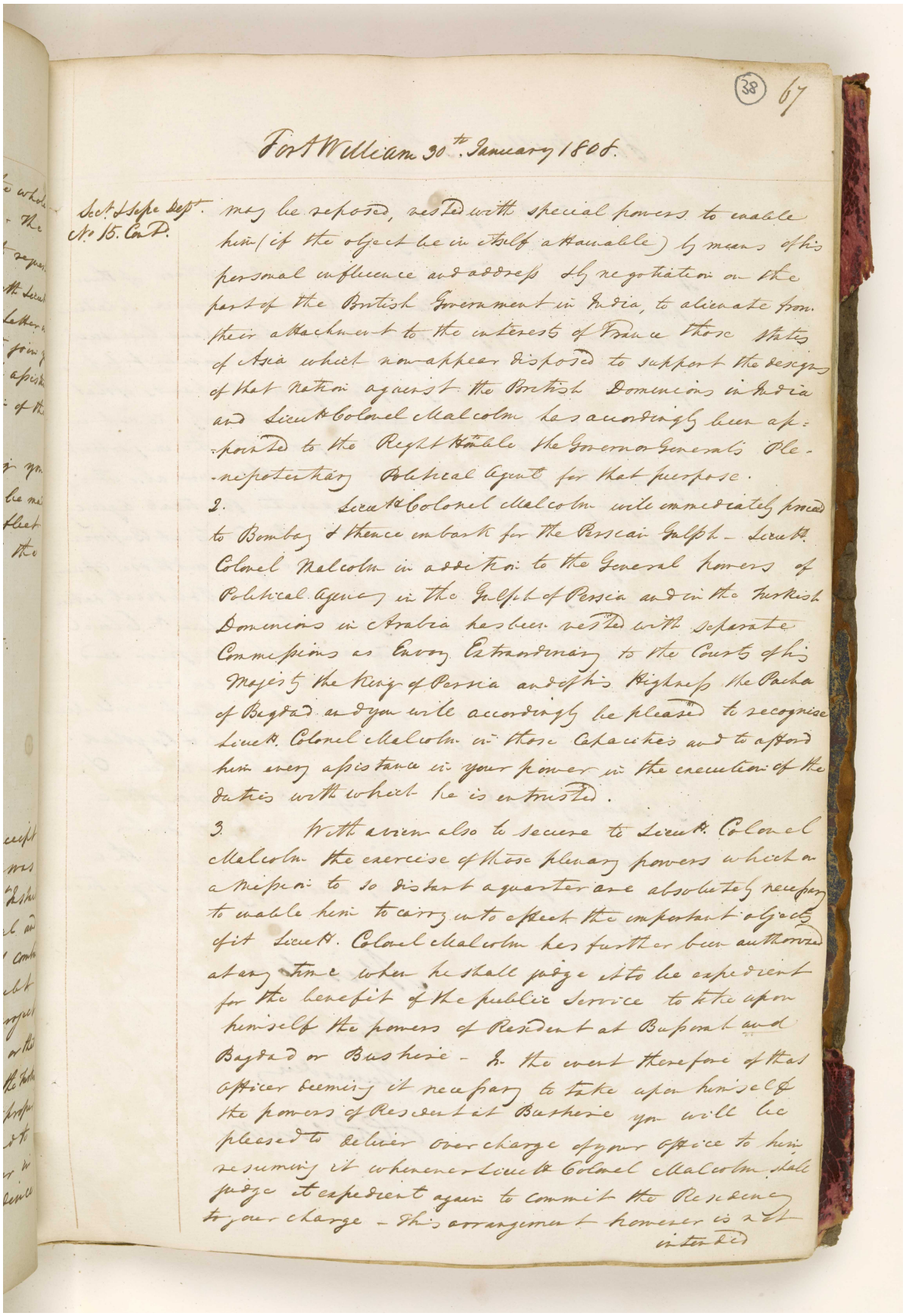

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may be reposed, vested with special powers to enable him (if the object be in itself attainable) by means of his personal influence and address & by negotiation on the part of the British Government in India, to alienate from their attachment to the interests of France those States of Asia which now appear disposed to support the designs of that Nation against the British Dominions in India and Lieut. Colonel Malcolm has accordingly been appointed to the Right Hon.ble the Governor General's Plenipotentiary Political Agent for that purpose.

2. Lieut. Colonel Malcolm will immediately proceed to Bombay & thence embark for the Persian Gulph - Lieut. Colonel Malcolm in addition to the General powers of Political Agency in the Gulph of Persia and in the Turkish Dominions in Arabia has been vested with separate Commissions as Envoy Extraordinary to the Courts of his Majesty the King of Persia and of his Highness the Pacha of Bagdad and you will accordingly be pleased to recognise Lieut. Colonel Malcolm in those Capacities and to afford him every assistance in your power in the execution of the duties with which he is entrusted.

3. With a view also to secure to Lieut. Colonel Malcolm the exercise of those plenary powers which on a mission to so distant a quarter are absolutely necessary to enable him to carry into effect the important objects of it Lieut. Colonel Malcolm has further been authorized at any time when he shall judge it to be expedient for the benefit of the public Service to take upon himself the powers of Resident at Bussorah and Bagdad or Bushire - In the event therefore of that Officer deeming it necessary to take upon himself the powers of Resident at Bushire you will be pleased to deliver over charge of your Office to him resuming it whenever Lieut. Colonel Malcolm shall judge it expedient again to commit the Residency to your charge - This arrangement however is not intended

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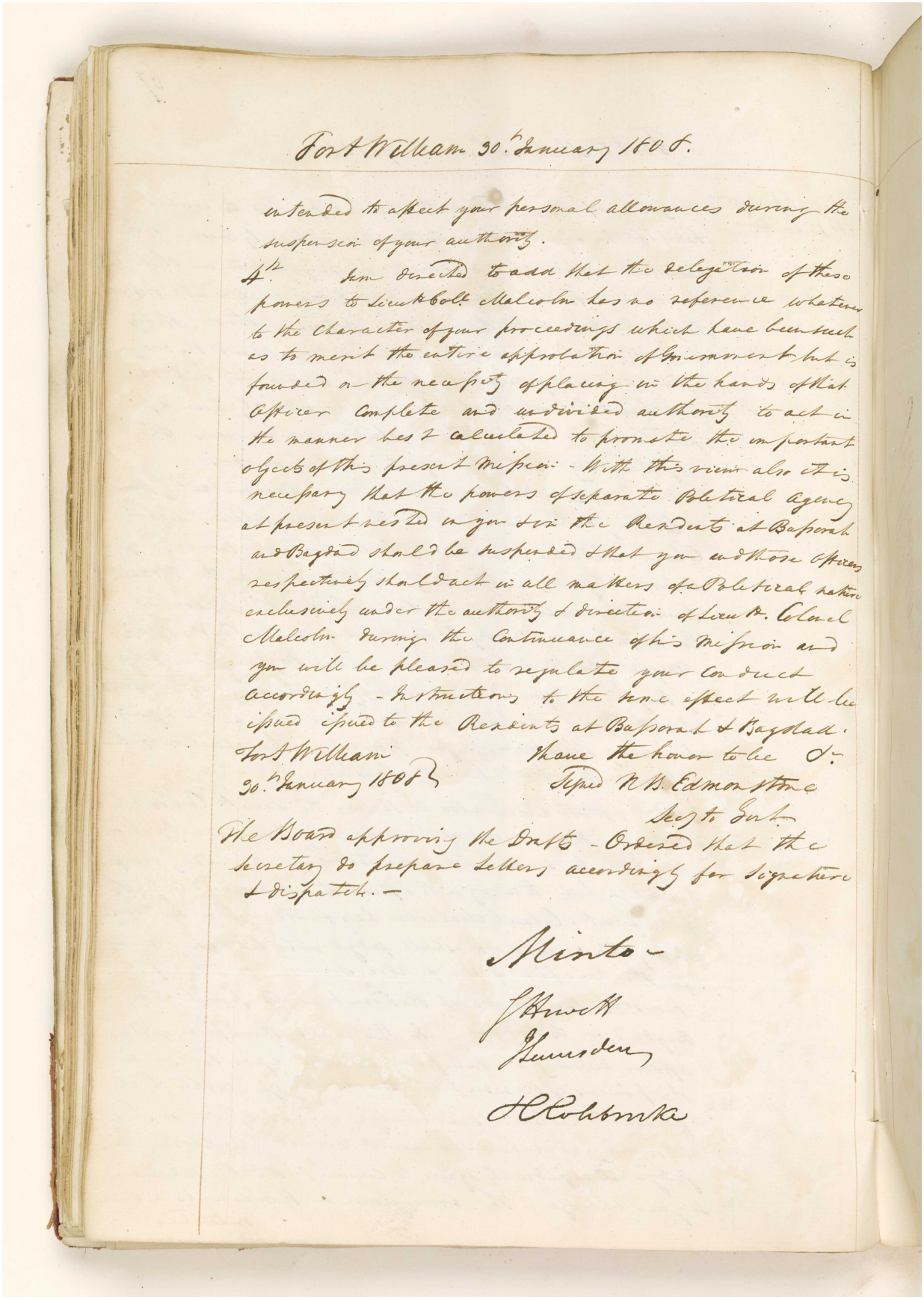

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intended to affect your personal allowances during the suspension of your authority.

4th I am directed to add that the delegation of these powers to Lieut. Coll. Malcolm has no reference whatever to the character of your proceedings which have been such as to merit the entire approbation of Government but is founded on the necessity of placing in the hands of that Officer complete and undivided authority to act in the manner best calculated to promote the important objects of this present Mission - With this view also it is necessary that the powers of separate Political agency at present vested in you & in the Residents at Bussorah and Bagdad should be suspended & that you and those Officers respectively should act in all matters of a Political nature exclusively under the authority & direction of Lieut. Colonel Malcolm during the continuance of his Mission and you will be pleased to regulate your conduct accordingly - Instructions to the same effect will be issued issued to the Residents at Bussorah & Bagdad.

Fort William
30th January 1808

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed N. B. Edmonstone
Secy to Govt.

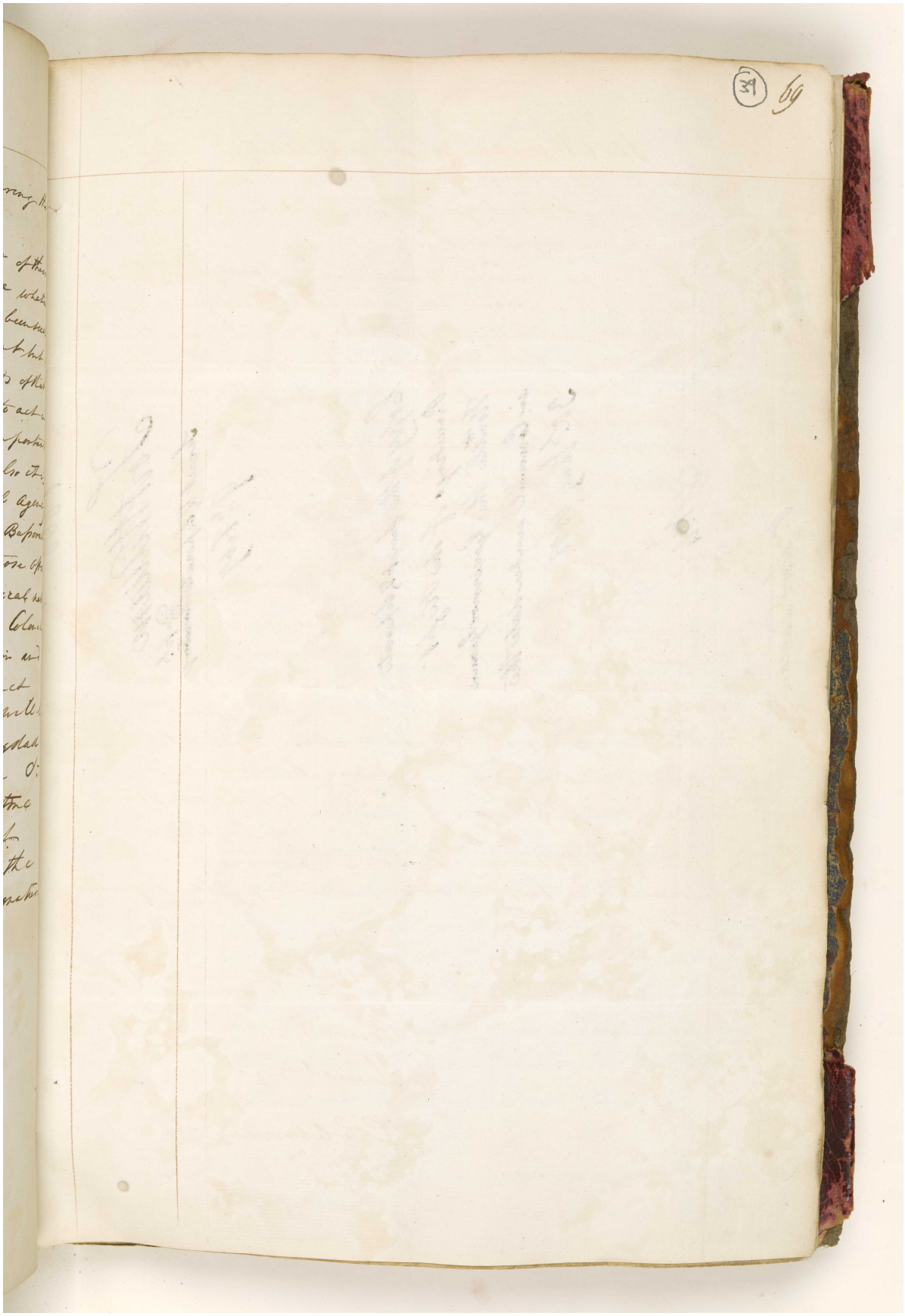
The Board approving the Drafts - Ordered that the Secretary do prepare Letters accordingly for signature & dispatch. -

Minto -

J Hewett

J Lumsden

H Colebrooke



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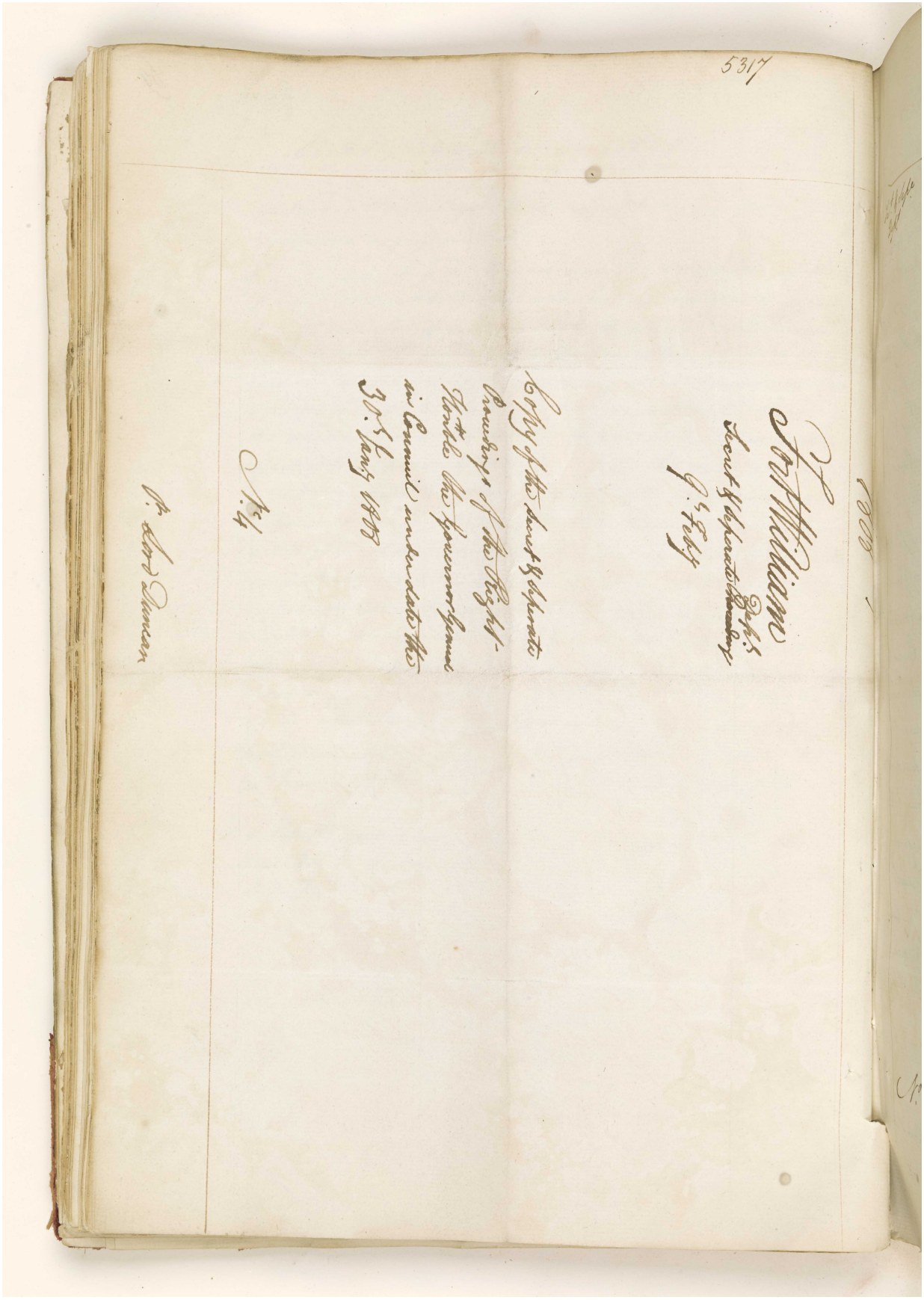

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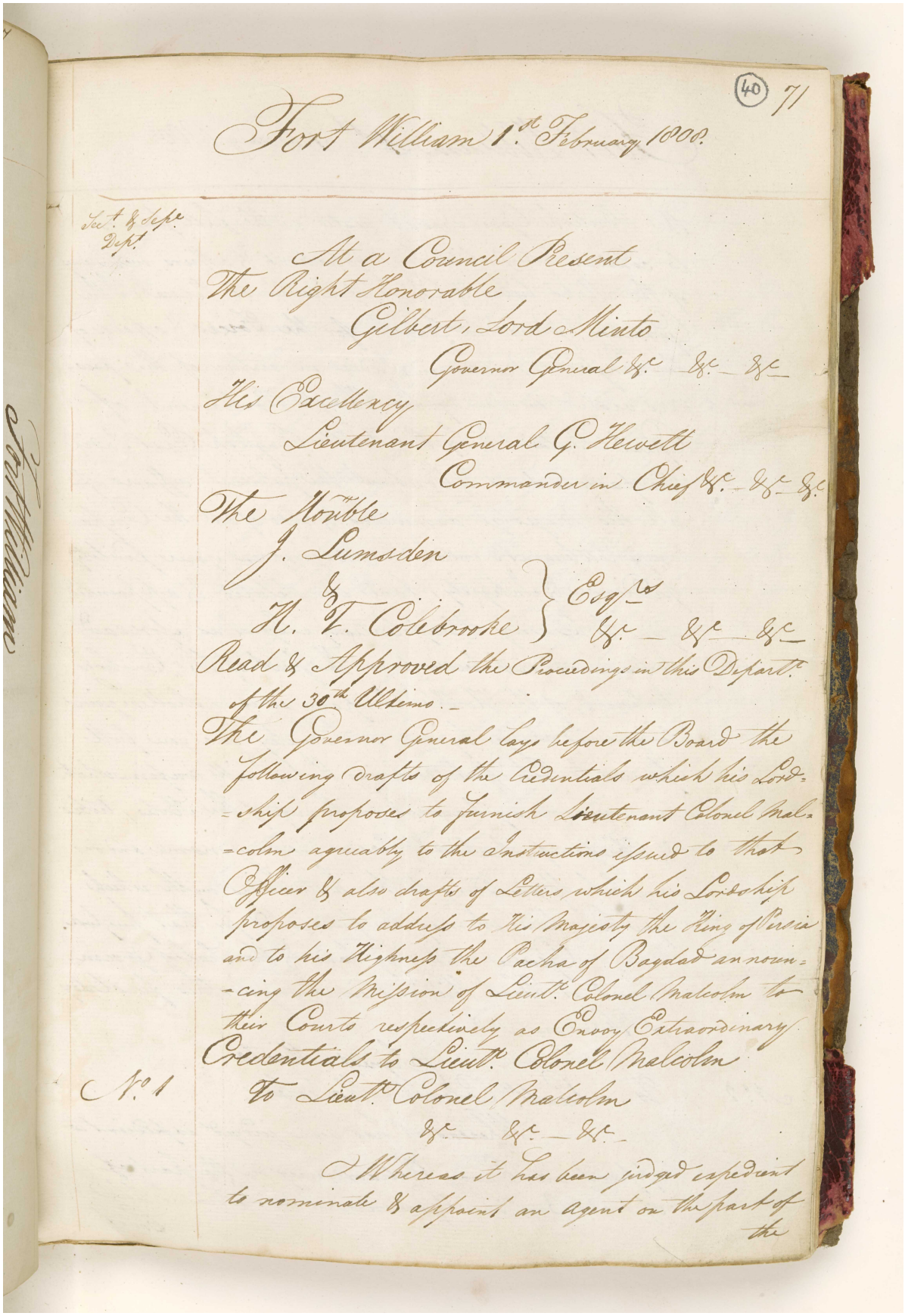

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Sec.t & Secr.e Dep.t

At a Council Present
The Right Honorable
Gilbert, Lord Minto
Governor General &c. &c. &c.
His Excellency
Lieutenant General G. Hewett
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.
The Honble
J. Lumsden
&
H. T. Colebrooke } Esq.rs
&c. &c. &c.

Read & Approved the Proceedings in this Depart.t of the 30th Ultimo.

The Governor General lays before the Board the following drafts of the Credentials which his Lordship proposes to furnish Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm agreeably to the Instructions issued to that Officer & also drafts of Letters which his Lordship proposes to address to His Majesty the King of Persia and to his Highness the Pacha of Bagdad announcing the Mission of Lieut.t Colonel Malcolm to their Courts respectively as Envoy Extraordinary

Credentials to Lieut.t Colonel Malcolm

No. 1

To Lieut.t Colonel Malcolm
&c. &c. &c.

Whereas it has been judged expedient to nominate & appoint an agent on the part of the

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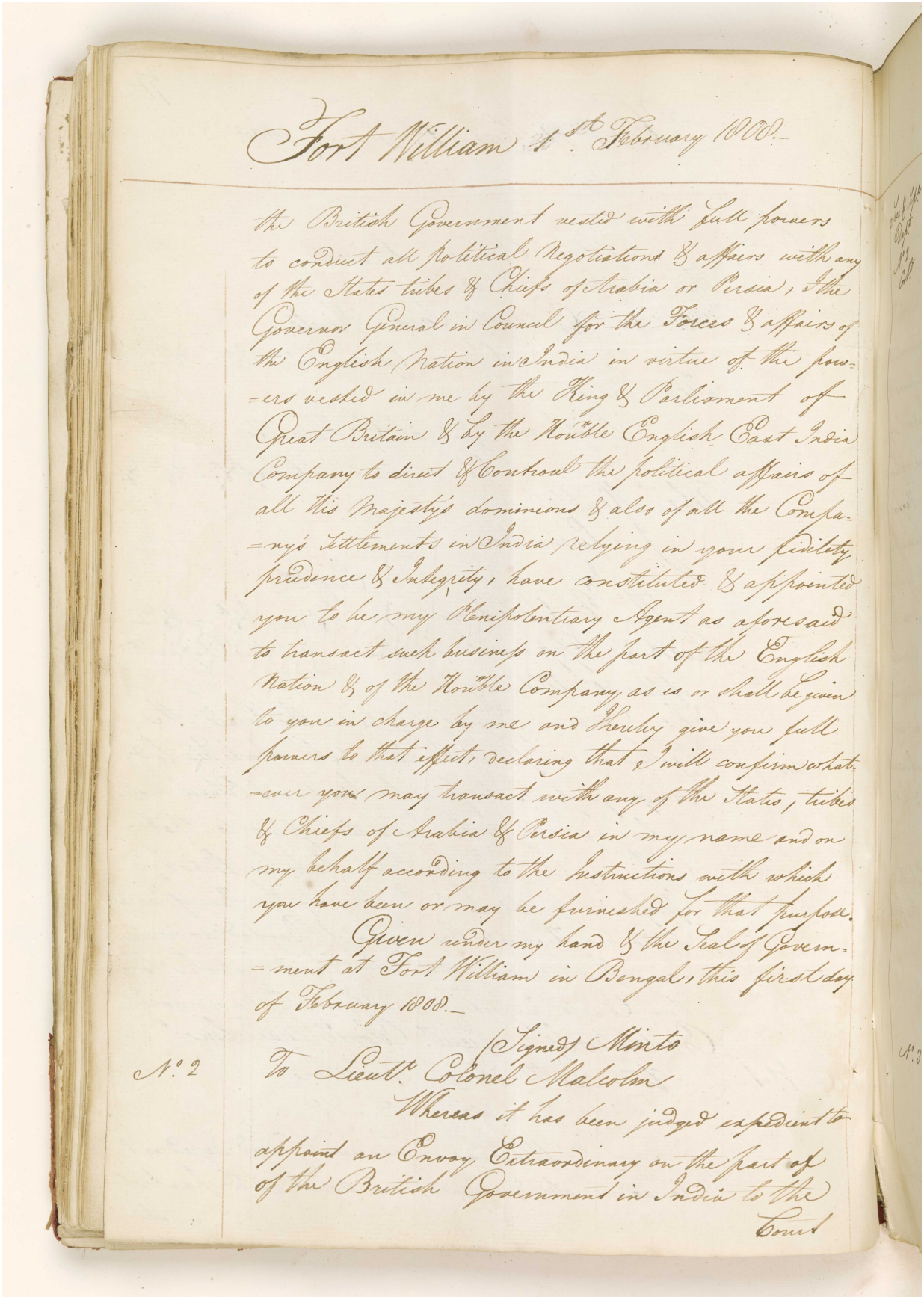

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The British Government vested with full powers to conduct all political Negotiations & affairs with any of the States tribes & Chiefs of Arabia or Persia, & the Governor General in Council for the Forces & affairs of the English Nation in India in virtue of the powers vested in me by the King & Parliament of Great Britain & by the Honble English East India Company to direct & Controul the political affairs of all his Majesty's dominions & also of all the Company's Settlements in India relying in your fidelity prudence & Integrity, have constituted & appointed you to be my Plenipotentiary Agent as aforesaid to transact such business on the part of the English Nation & of the Honble Company as is or shall be given to you in charge by me and hereby give you full powers to that effect, declaring that I will confirm whatever you may transact with any of the States, tribes & Chiefs of Arabia & Persia in my name and on my behalf according to the instructions with which you have been or may be furnished for that purpose.

Given under my hand & the Seal of Government at Fort William in Bengal, this first day of February 1808.

(Signed) Minto

N.° 2

To Lieut.t Colonel Malcolm

Whereas it has been judged expedient to appoint an Envoy Extraordinary on the part of the British Government in India to the Court

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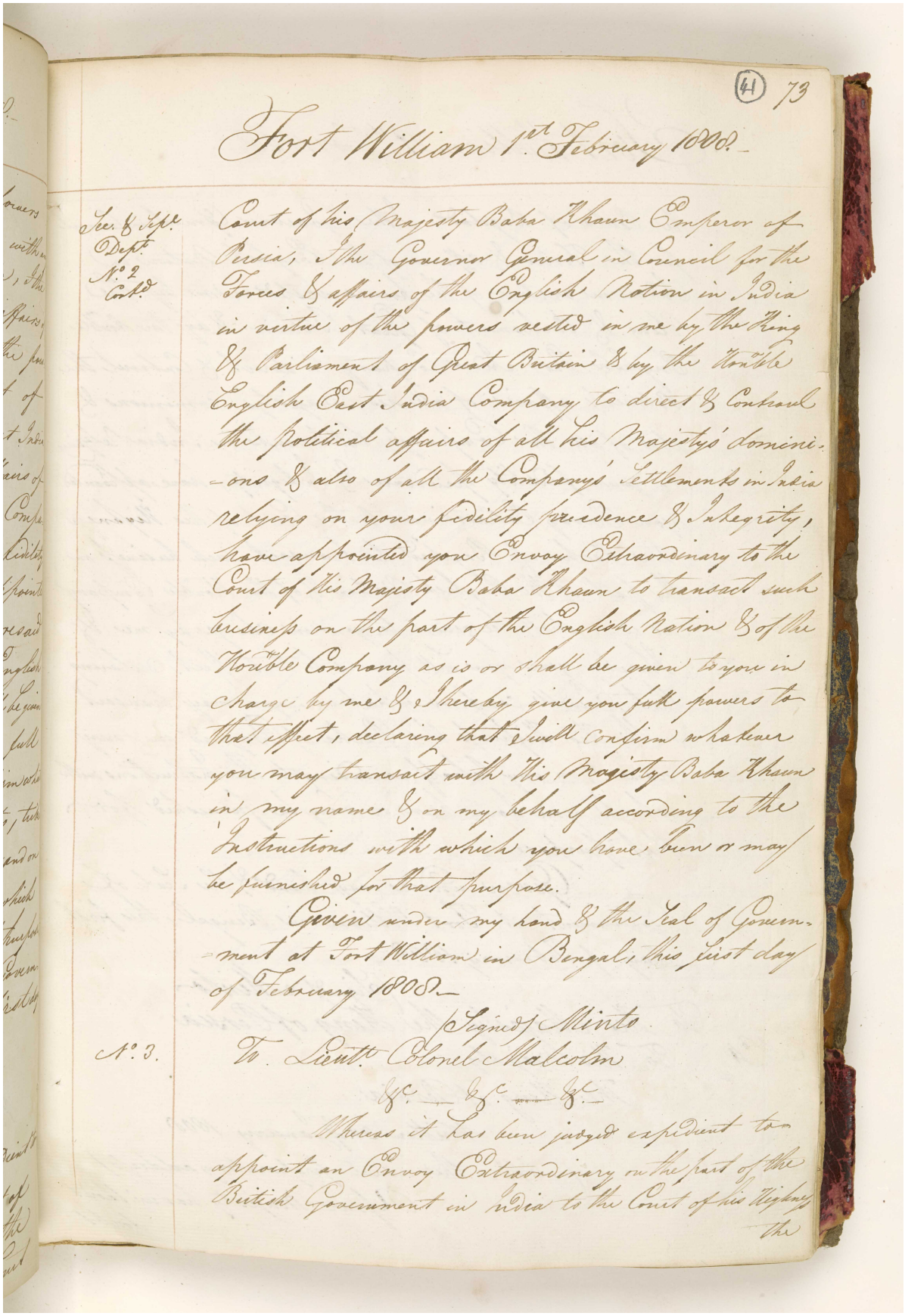

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Court of his Majesty Baba Khaun Emperor of Persia, The Governor General in Council for the Forces & affairs of the English Nation in India in virtue of the powers vested in me by the King & Parliament of Great Britain & by the Honble English East India Company to direct & Controul the political affairs of all his Majesty's dominions & also of all the Company's Settlements in India relying on your fidelity prudence & Integrity, have appointed you Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of his Majesty Baba Khaun to transact such business on the part of the English Nation & of the Honble Company as is or shall be given to you in charge by me & I hereby give you full powers to that effect, declaring that I will Confirm whatever you may transact with His Majesty Baba Khaun in my name & on my behalf according to the Instructions with which you have been or may be furnished for that purpose.

Given under my hand & the Seal of Government at Fort William in Bengal, this first day of February 1808.

Signed Minto

No. 3. To. Lieut.t Colonel Malcolm

&c. — &c. — &c.

Whereas it has been judged expedient to appoint an Envoy Extraordinary on the part of the British Government in India to the Court of his Highness the

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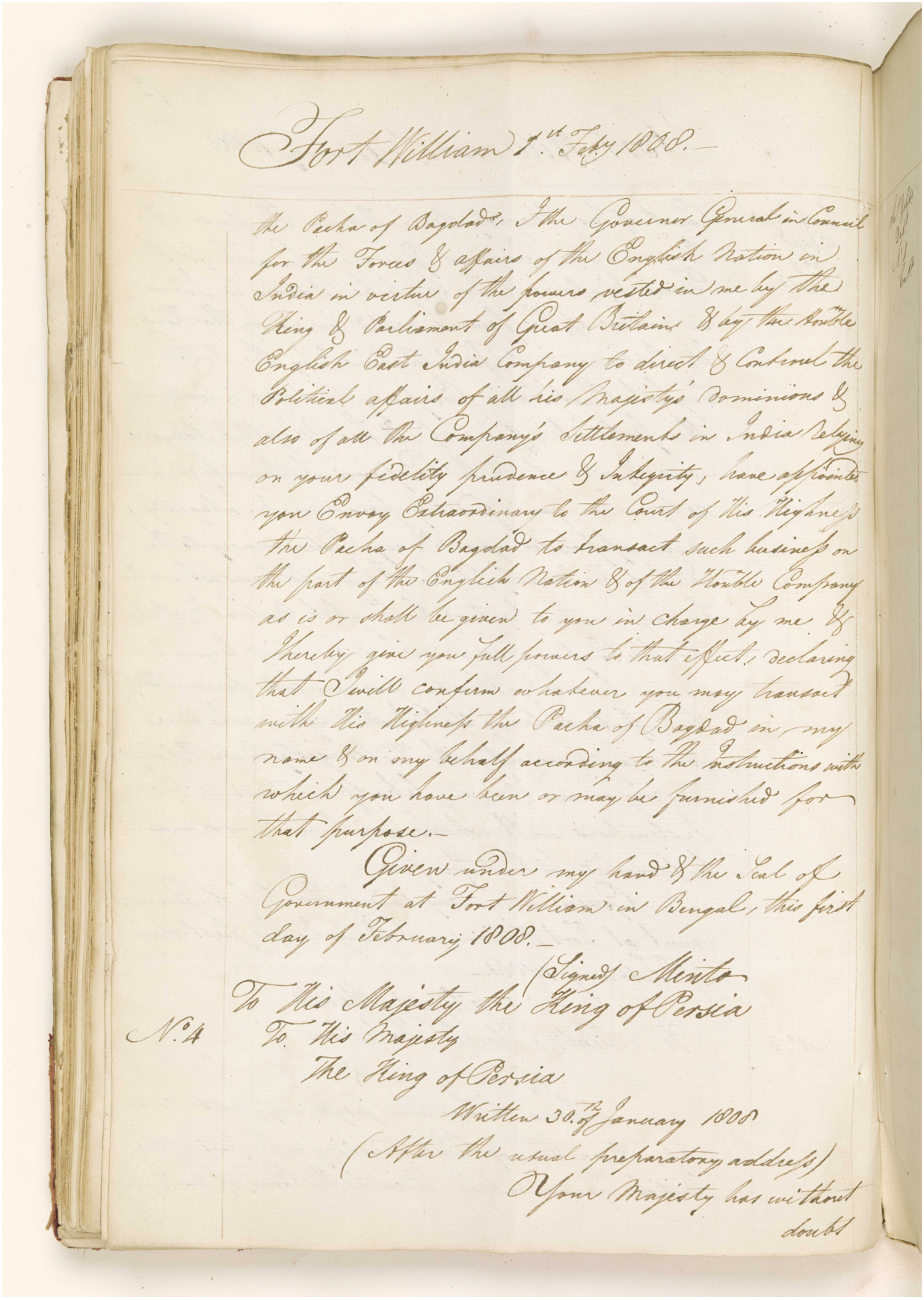

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The Pacha of Bagdad, I the Governor General in Council for the Forces & affairs of the English Nation in India in virtue of the powers vested in me by the King & Parliament of Great Britain & by the Honble English East India Company to direct & Control the Political affairs of all his Majesty's Dominions & also of all the Company's Settlements in India Relying on your fidelity prudence & Integrity, have appointed you Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of His Highness the Pacha of Bagdad to transact such business on the part of the English Nation & of the Honble Company as is or shall be given to you in charge by me. & I hereby give you full powers to that effect, declaring that I will confirm whatever you may transact with His Highness the Pacha of Bagdad in my name & on my behalf according to the instructions with which you have been or may be furnished for that purpose.—

Given under my hand & the Seal of Government at Fort William in Bengal, this first day of February 1808.—

(Signed) Minto

To His Majesty the King of Persia

N.o 4

To His Majesty
The King of Persia

Written 30.th January 1808

(After the usual preparatory address)

Your Majesty has without doubt

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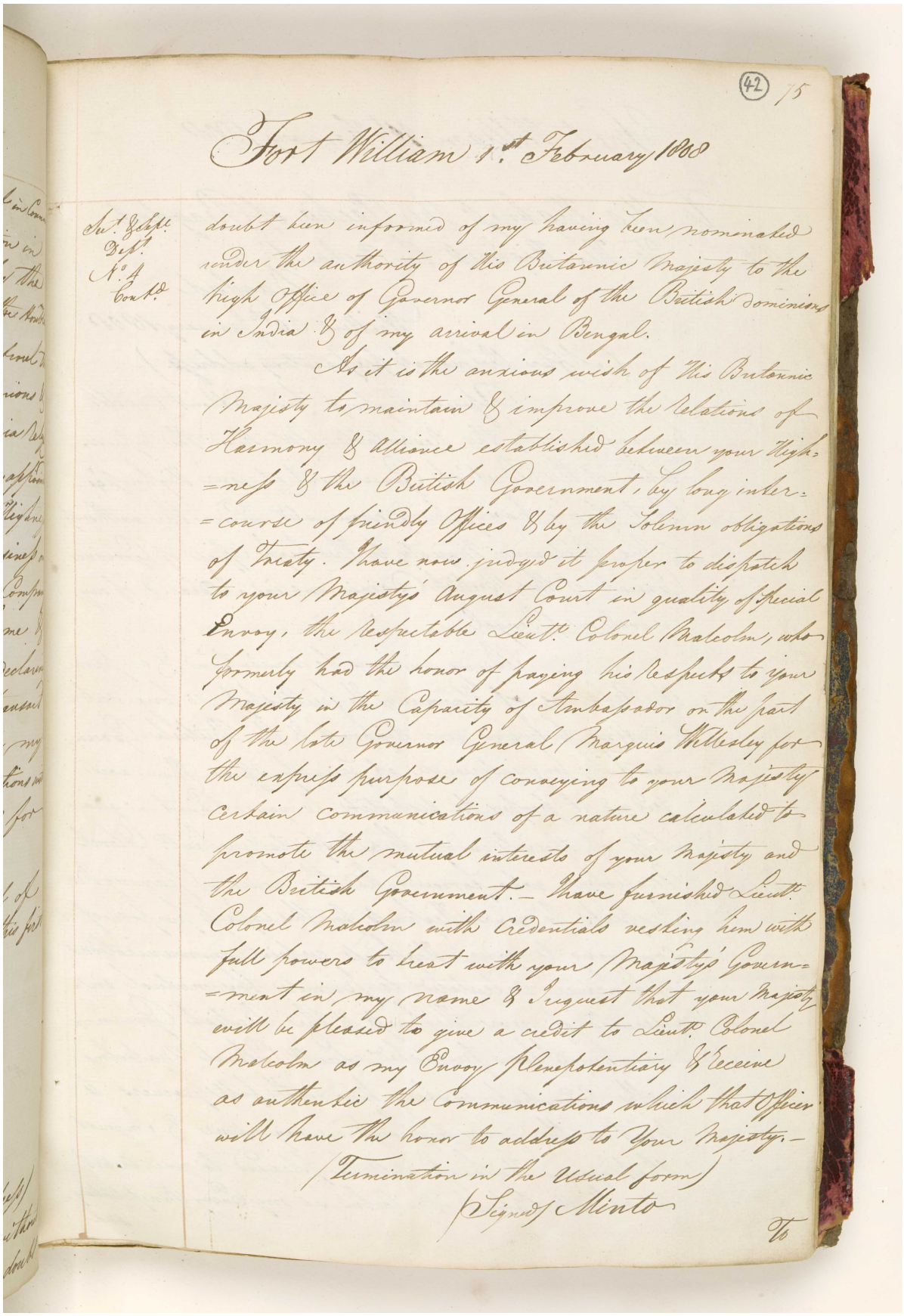

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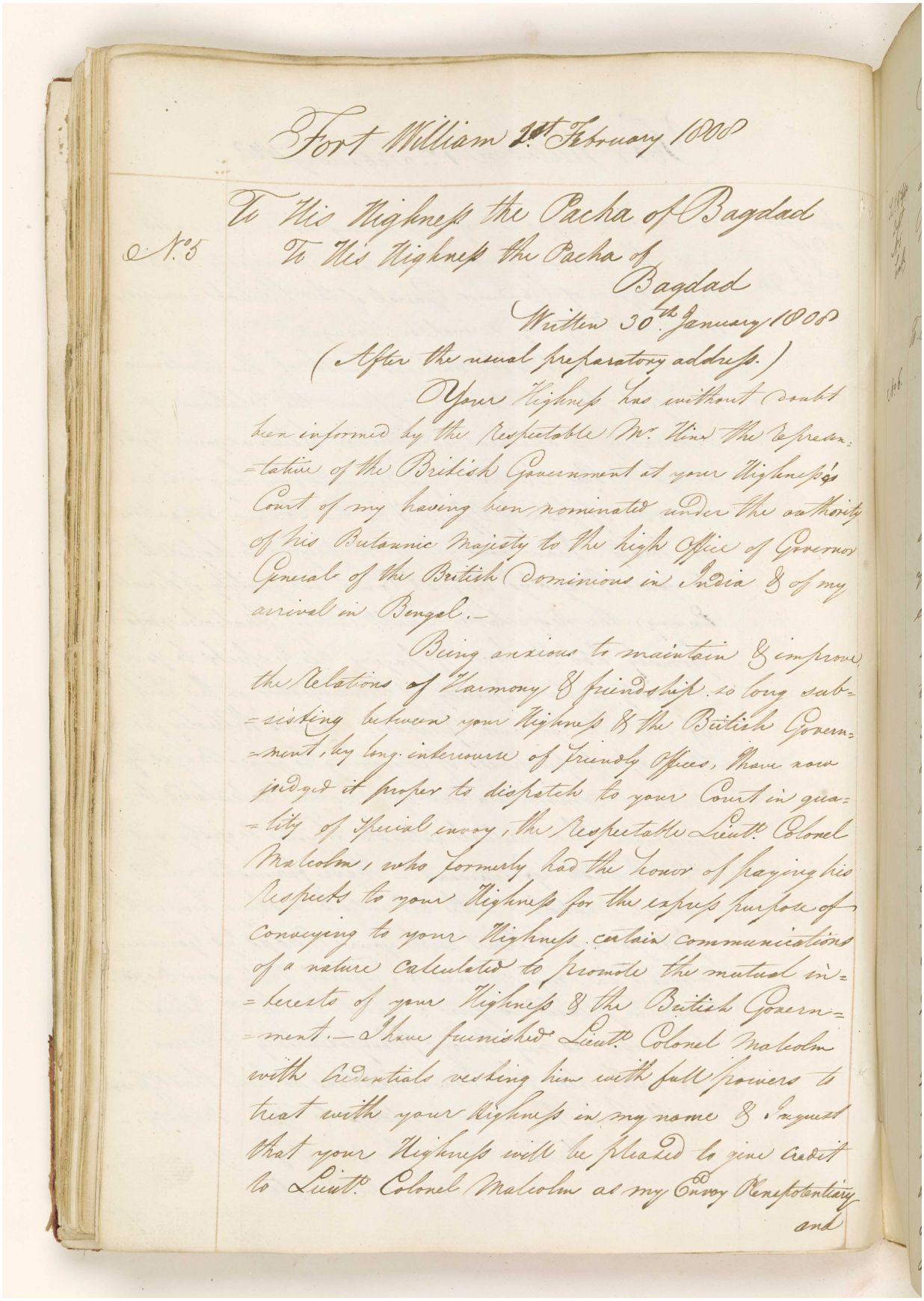
doubt been informed of my having been nominated under the authority of His Britannic Majesty to the high Office of Governor General of the British dominions in India & of my arrival in Bengal.

As it is the anxious wish of His Britannic Majesty to maintain & improve the relations of Harmony & Alliance established between your Highness & the British Government, by long intercourse of friendly Offices & by the Solemn obligations of Treaty. I have now judged it proper to dispatch to your Majesty's August Court in quality of Special Envoy, the respectable Lieut. Colonel Malcolm, who formerly had the honor of paying his respects to your Majesty in the Capacity of Ambassador on the part of the late Governor General Marquis Wellesley for the express purpose of conveying to your Majesty certain communications of a nature calculated to promote the mutual interests of your Majesty and the British Government. — I have furnished Lieut. Colonel Malcolm with Credentials vesting him with full powers to treat with your Majesty's Government in my name & I request that your Majesty will be pleased to give a credit to Lieut. Colonel Malcolm as my Envoy Plenipotentiary & receive as authentic the Communications which that Officer will have the honor to address to Your Majesty. —

(Termination in the Usual form)

(Signed) Minto

To



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To His Highness the Pacha of Bagdad

No 5

To His Highness the Pacha of
Bagdad

Written 30th January 1808

(After the usual preparatory address.)

Your Highness has without doubt been informed by the respectable Mr. Kinneir the Representative of the British Government at your Highness's Court of my having been nominated under the authority of his Britannic Majesty to the high Office of Governor General of the British Dominions in India & of my arrival in Bengal.—

Being anxious to maintain & improve the Relations of Harmony & friendship so long subsisting between your Highness & the British Government, by long intercourse of friendly Offices, I have now judged it proper to dispatch to your Court in quality of Special envoy, the Respectable Lieut.t Colonel Malcolm, who formerly had the honor of paying his respects to your Highness for the express purpose of conveying to your Highness certain communications of a nature calculated to promote the mutual interests of your Highness & the British Government.— I have furnished Lieut.t Colonel Malcolm with Credentials vesting him with full powers to treat with your Highness in my name & I request that your Highness will be pleased to give credit to Lieut.t Colonel Malcolm as my Envoy Plenipotentiary and

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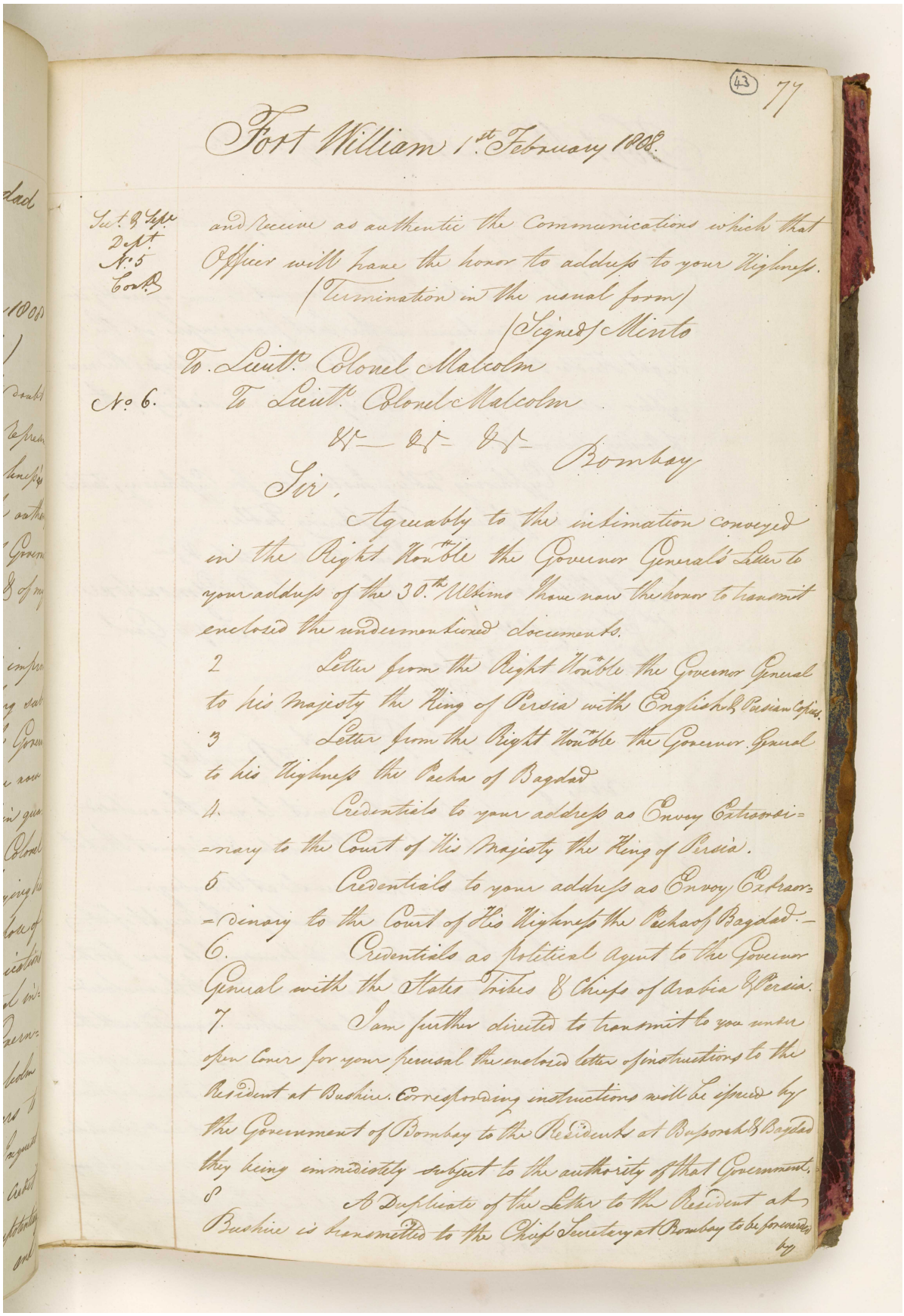

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and receive as authentic the Communications which that Officer will have the honor to address to your Highness.

(Termination in the usual form)

(Signed) Minto

To Lieut. Colonel Malcolm

No. 6. To Lieut. Colonel Malcolm

&c &c &c

Bombay

Sir,

Agreeably to the intimation conveyed in the Right Honble the Governor General's Letter to your address of the 30th Ultimo I have now the honor to transmit enclosed the undermentioned documents.

2 Letter from the Right Honble the Governor General to his Majesty the King of Persia with English & Persian Copies.

3 Letter from the Right Honble the Governor General to his Highness the Pacha of Bagdad

4. Credentials to your address as Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of His Majesty the King of Persia.

5 Credentials to your address as Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of His Highness the Pacha of Bagdad.—

6. Credentials as Political Agent to the Governor General with the States Tribes & Chiefs of Arabia & Persia.

7. I am further directed to transmit to you under open Cover for your perusal the enclosed letter of instructions to the Resident at Bushire. Corresponding instructions will be issued by the Government of Bombay to the Residents at Bussorah & Bagdad they being immediately subject to the authority of that Government.

8 A Duplicate of the Letter to the Resident at Bushire is transmitted to the Chief Secretary at Bombay to be forwarded by

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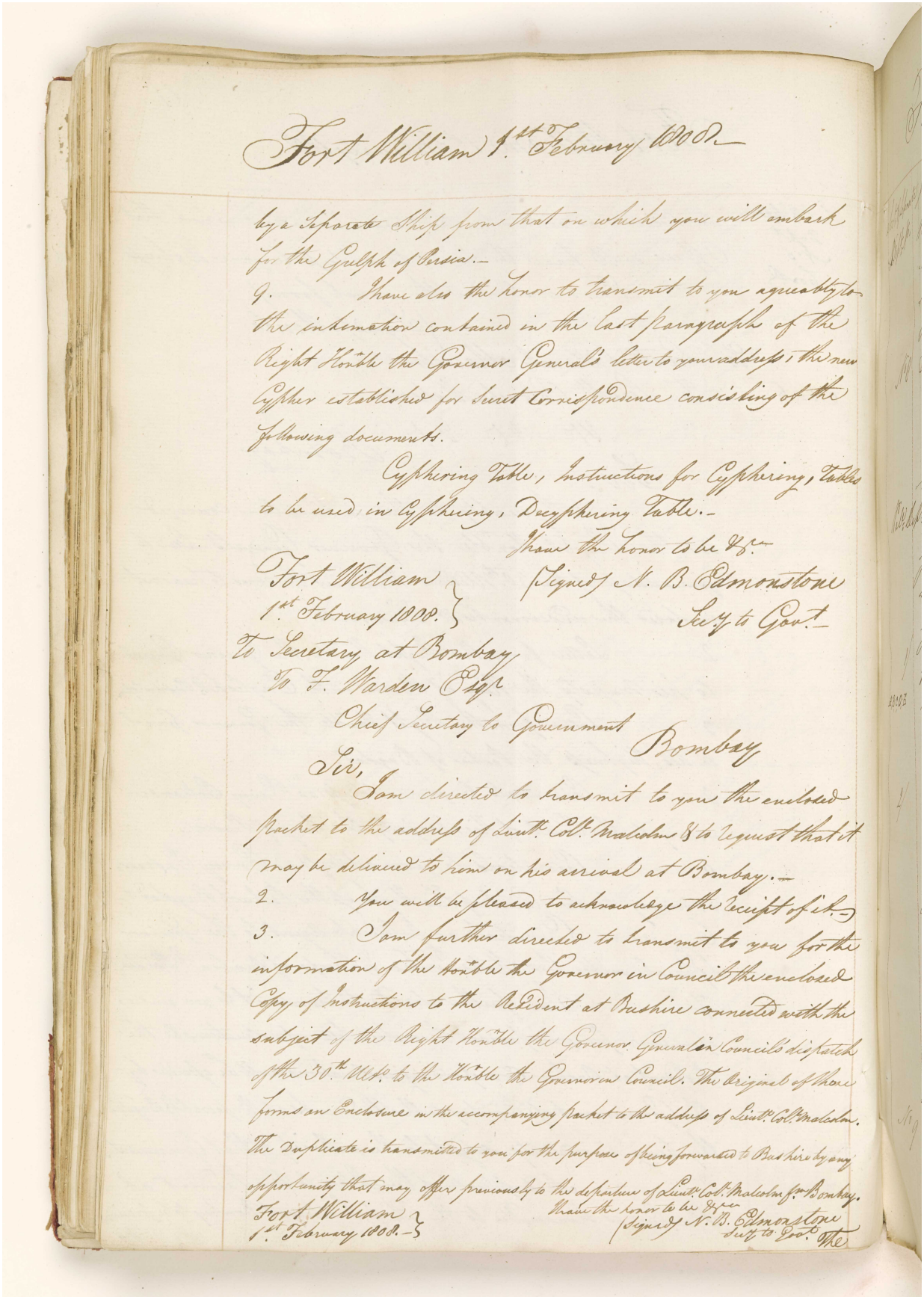

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by a Separate Ship from that on which you will embark for the Gulph of Persia.—

9. I have also the honor to transmit to you agreeably to the intimation contained in the last paragraph of the Right Honble the Governor Generals letter to your address, the new Cypher established for Secret Correspondence consisting of the following documents.

Cyphering Table, Instructions for Cyphering, Tables to be used in Cyphering, Decyphering Table.—

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed N. B. Edmonstone
Secy to Govt

Fort William
1st February 1808.

To Secretary at Bombay
To F. Warden Esqr
Chief Secretary to Government
Bombay

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed Packet to the address of Lieut. Col. Malcolm & to request that it may be delivered to him on his arrival at Bombay.—

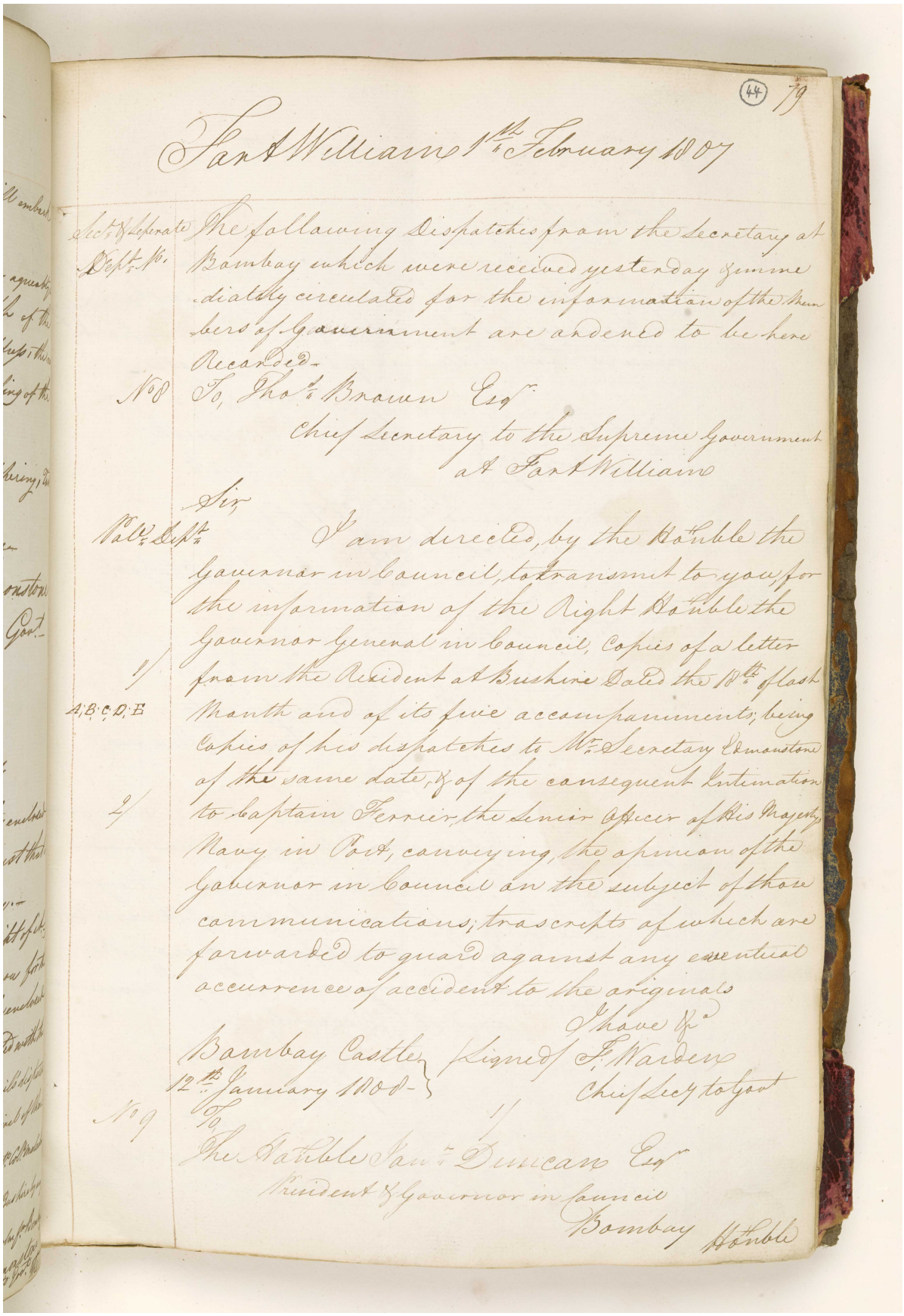
2. You will be pleased to acknowledge the receipt of it.—

3. I am further directed to transmit to you for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council the enclosed Copy of Instructions to the Resident at Bushire connected with the subject of the Right Honble the Governor Generals in Councils dispatch of the 30th Ult: to the Honble the Governor in Council. The Original of these forms an Enclosure in the accompanying Packet to the address of Lieut. Col. Malcolm. The Duplicate is transmitted to you for the purpose of being forwarded to Bushire by any opportunity that may offer previously to the departure of Lieut. Col. Malcolm for Bombay.

I have the honor to be &c
Signed N. B. Edmonstone
Secy to Govt

Fort William
1st February 1808.—

"قائمة بمرفقات الرسائل السرية البنغالية المؤرخة في ٠٩ فبراير، ٣١ مارس، ٠ ٣ مايو ٠ و٦ يونيو ١٨٠٨، المتعلقة ببلاد فارس" [٤٤و] (٤١٨/٩٢)



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The following Dispatches from the Secretary at Bombay which were received yesterday & immediately circulated for the information of the Members of Government are ordered to be here Recorded.

No 8

To, Thos. Brown Esqr.
Chief Secretary to the Supreme Government
at Fort William

Sir,

Pol. Dept.

I am directed, by the Honble the Governor in Council, to transmit to you, for the information of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, Copies of a letter from the Resident at Bushire Dated the 18th of last Month and of its five accompaniments; being Copies of his dispatches to Mr. Secretary Edmonstone of the same date, & of the consequent Intimation to Captain Ferrier, the Senior Officer of His Majesty's Navy in Port, conveying the opinion of the Governor in Council on the subject of those communications; trascripts of which are forwarded to guard against any eventual occurrence of accident to the originals

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I have &c.

Bombay Castle
12th January 1808

(Signed) F. Warden
Chief Secy to Govt

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To,
The Honble Jonn. Duncan Esqr.
President & Governor in Council
Bombay

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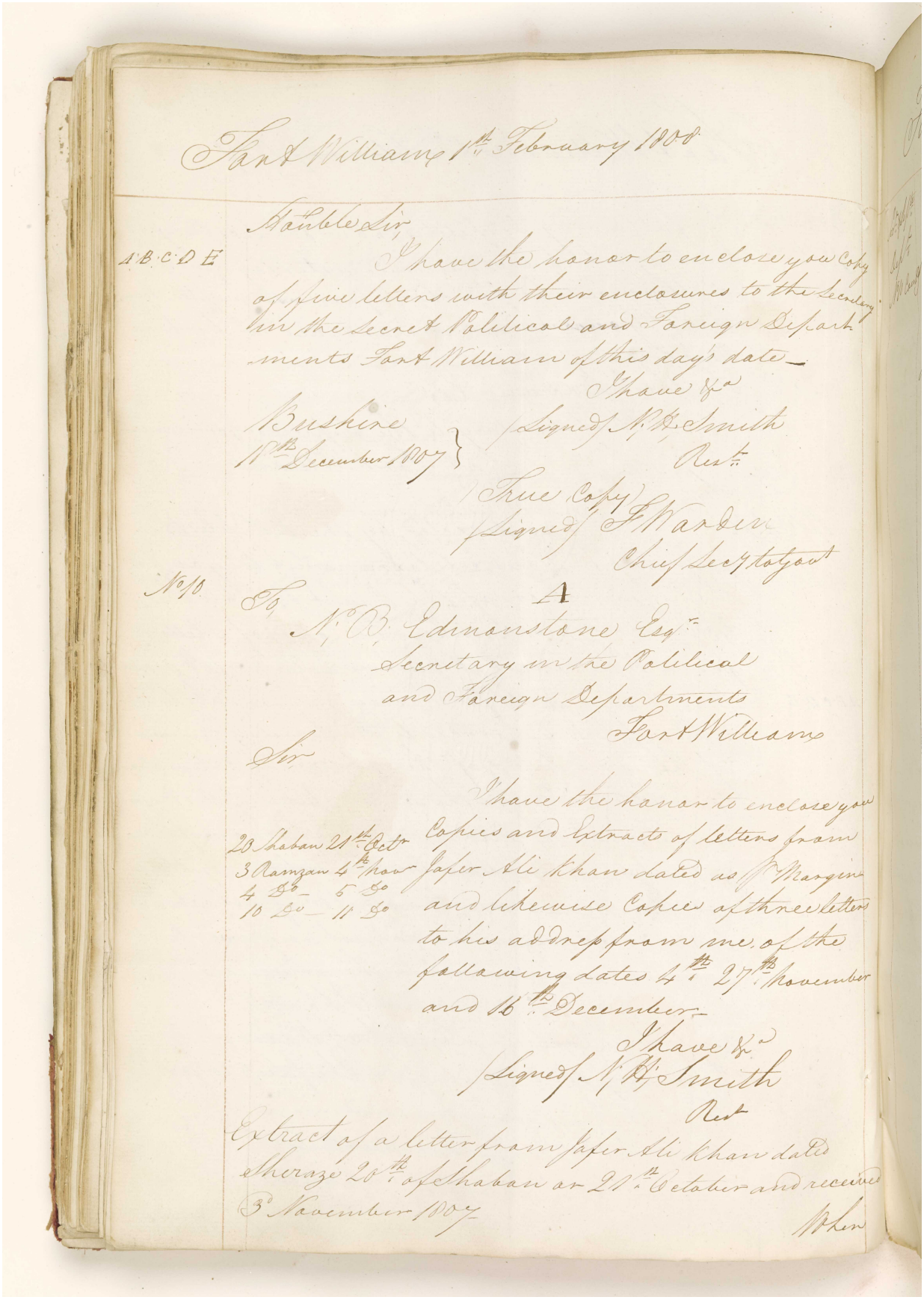

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Sir,

A B C D E

I have the honor to enclose you Copy of five letters with their enclosures to the Secretary in the Secret Political and Foreign Departments Fort William of this day's date—

I have &c
Signed N. B. Smith
Asst

Bushire
11th December 1807

True Copy
Signed J. Warden
Chief Secy to Govt

No 10

A

To
N. B. Edmonstone Esq.
Secretary in the Political
and Foreign Departments
Fort William

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you Copies and Extracts of letters from Jafer Ali Khan dated as per Margin and likewise Copies of three letters to his address from me of the following dates 4th 27th November and 16th December—

29 Shaban 21st Octr
3 Ramzan 4th Novr
4 Do— 5 Do
10 Do— 11 Do

I have &c
Signed N. B. Smith
Asst

Extract of a letter from Jafer Ali Khan dated Aherazo 20th of Shaban or 21st October and received 3 November 1807

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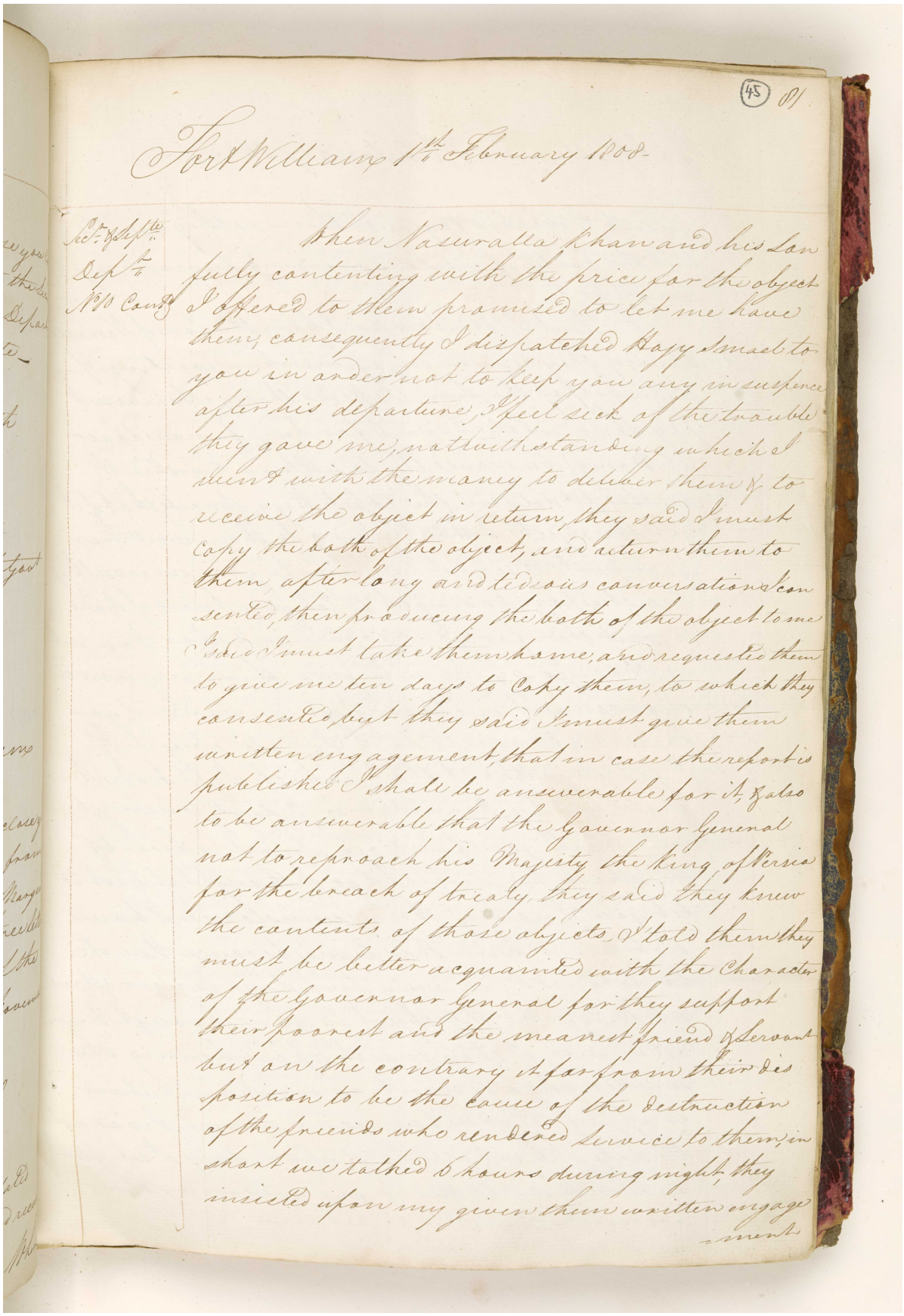

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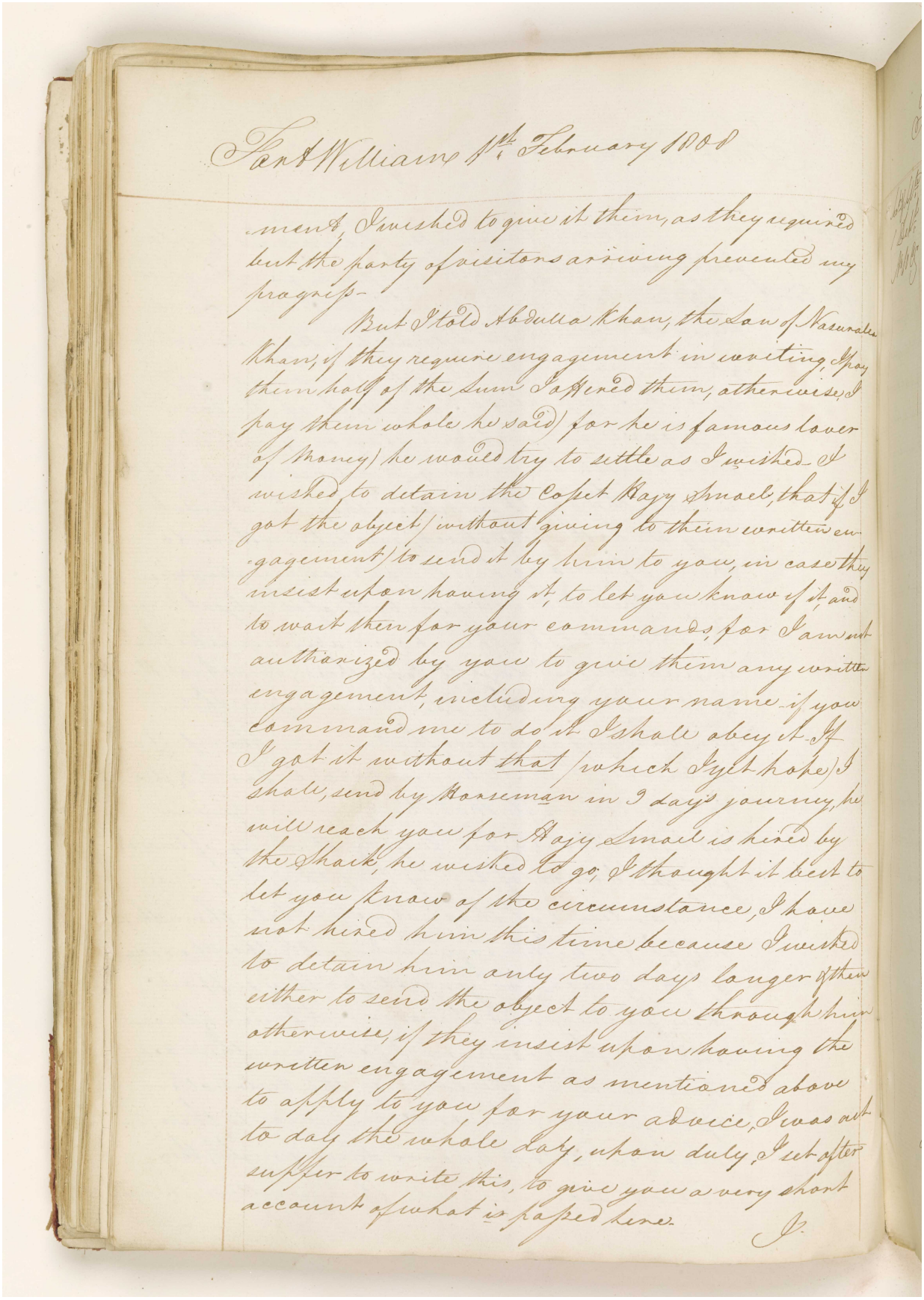
When Nasuralla Khan and his Son fully contenting with the price for the object I offered to them promised to let me have them, consequently I dispatched Hajy Smael to you in order not to keep you any in suspence after his departure, I feel sick of the trouble they gave me, notwithstanding which I went with the money to deliver them & to receive the object in return, they said I must copy the both of the object, and return them to them after long and tedious conversation I consented, then producing the both of the object to me I said I must take them home, and requested them to give me ten days to copy them, to which they consented, but they said I must give them written engagement, that in case the report is published I shall be answerable for it, & also to be answerable that the Governor General not to reproach his Majesty the King of Persia for the breach of treaty, they said they knew the contents of those objects, I told them they must be better acquainted with the Character of the Governor General for they support their poorest and the meanest friend & Servant but on the contrary it far from their disposition to be the cause of the destruction of the friends who rendered Service to them, in short we talked 6 hours during night, they insisted upon my given them written engage-ment



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ment, I wished to give it them, as they required but the party of visitors arriving prevented my progress.

But I told Abdulla Khan, the Son of Nasurulla Khan, if they require engagement in writing, I pay them half of the Sum I offered them, otherwise, I pay them whole he said, for he is famous lover of Money) he would try to settle as I wished. I wished to detain the Coyet Rajy Ismael, that if I got the object, without giving to them written engagement, to send it by him to you, in case they insist upon having it, to let you know of it, and to wait them for your commands; for I am not authorized by you to give them any written engagement, including your name, if you command me to do it, I shall obey it. If I got it without that (which I yet hope) I shall send by Horseman in 9 days journey, he will reach you for Rajy Ismael is hired by the Shaik, he wished to go, I thought it best to let you know of the circumstance, I have not hired him this time because I wished to detain him only two days longer of them either to send the object to you through him otherwise, if they insist upon having the written engagement as mentioned above to apply to you for your advice, I was not to day the whole day, upon duly, I set after supper to write this, to give you a very short account of what is passed here.

J.

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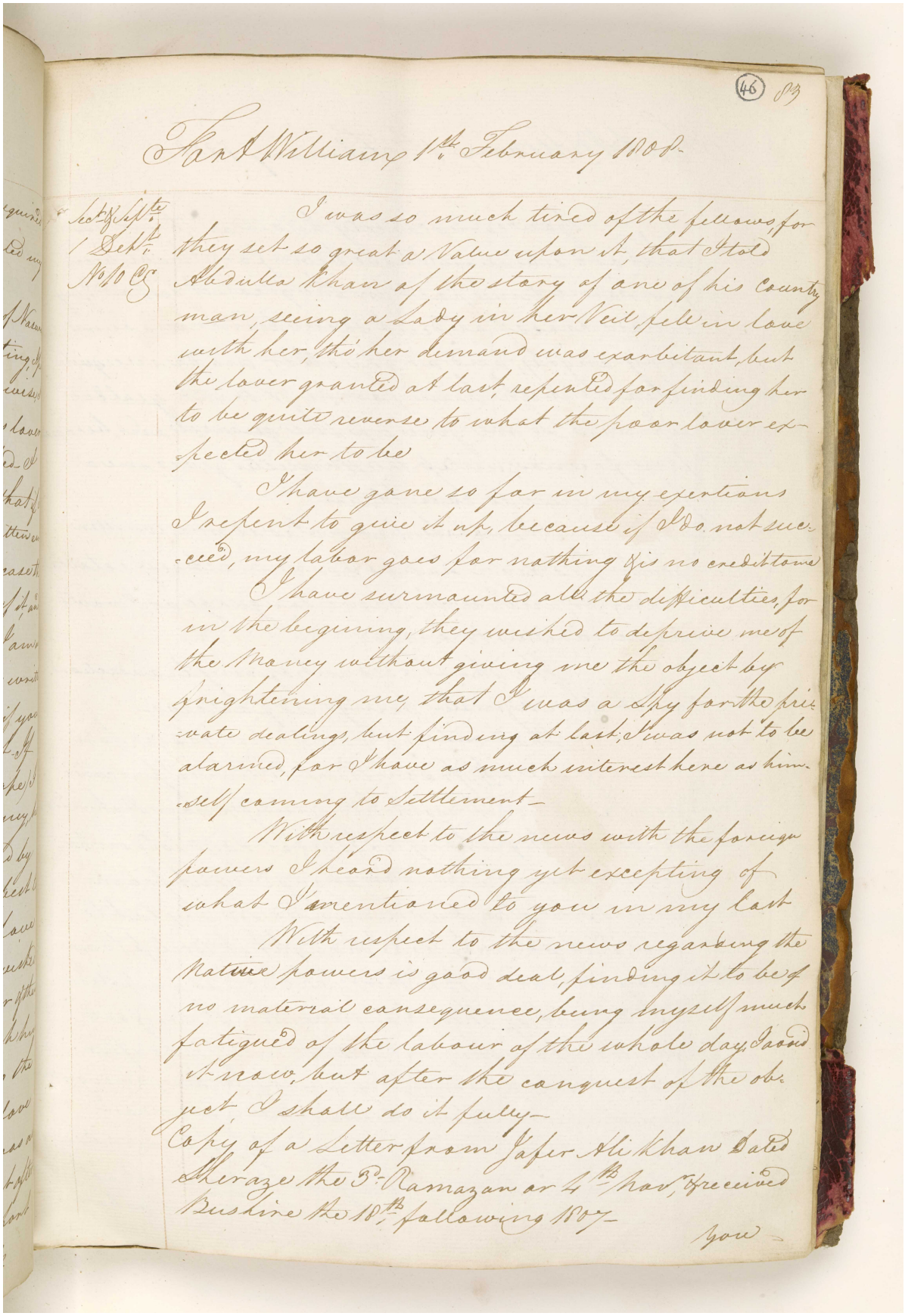

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I was so much tired of the fellows, for they set so great a Value upon it, that I told Abdulla Khan of the story of one of his Country man, seeing a Lady in her Veil, fell in love with her, tho' her demand was exorbitant, but the lover granted at last, repented for finding her to be quite reverse to what the poor lover expected her to be

I have gone so far in my exertions I repent to give it up, because if I do not succeed, my labor goes for nothing & is no credit to me

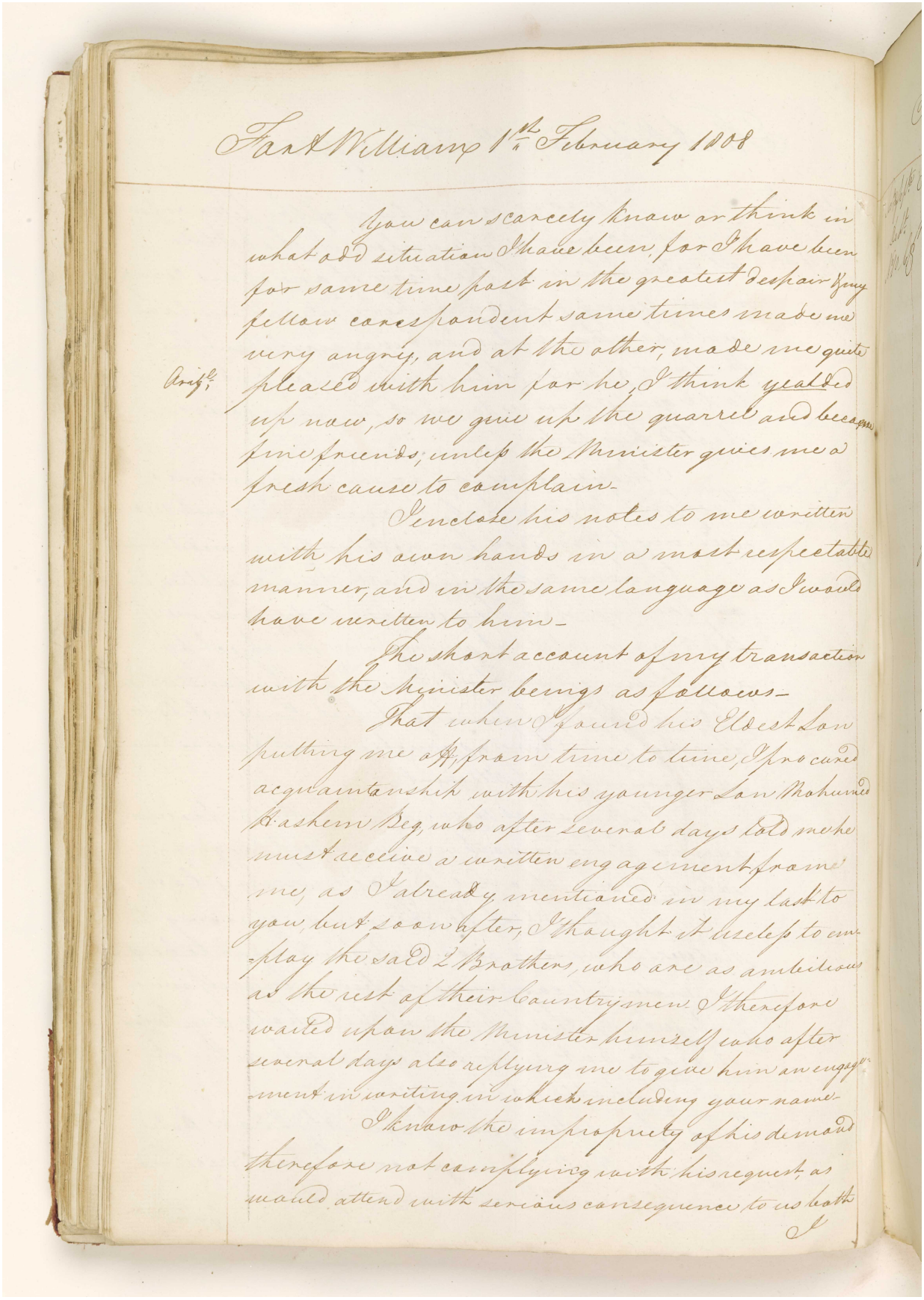
I have surmounted all the difficulties, for in the begining, they wished to deprive me of the Money without giving me the object by frightening me, that I was a Spy for the private dealings, but finding at last, I was not to be alarmed, for I have as much interest here as himself coming to Settlement—

With respect to the news with the foreign powers I heard nothing yet excepting of what I mentioned to you in my last

With respect to the news regarding the Native powers is good deal, finding it to be of no material consequence, being myself much fatigued of the labour of the whole day, I avoid it now, but after the conquest of the object I shall do it fully—

Copy of a Letter from Jafer Ali Khan Dated Sheraze the 3d Ramazan or 4th Nov. & received Bushire the 18th following 1807—

You



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You can scarcely know or think in what odd situation I have been, for I have been for some time past in the greatest despair, my fellow correspondent sometimes made me very angry, and at the other, made me quite pleased with him for he, I think yeilded up now, so we give up the quarrel and became fine friends, unless the Minister gives me a fresh cause to complain.

Orig.

I enclose his notes to me written with his own hands in a most respectable manner, and in the same language as I would have written to him.

The short account of my transaction with the Minister beings as follows.

That when I gained his Eldest Son putting me off, from time to time, I procured acquaintanship with his younger Son Mohumed Hashem Beg, who after several days told me he must receive a written engagement from me, as I already mentioned in my last to you, but soon after, I thought it useless to employ the said 2 Brothers, who are as ambitious as the rest of their countrymen, I therefore waited upon the Minister himself who after several days also replying me to give him an engagement in writing in which including your name.

I know the impropriety of his demand therefore not complying with his request, as would attend with serious consequence to us both

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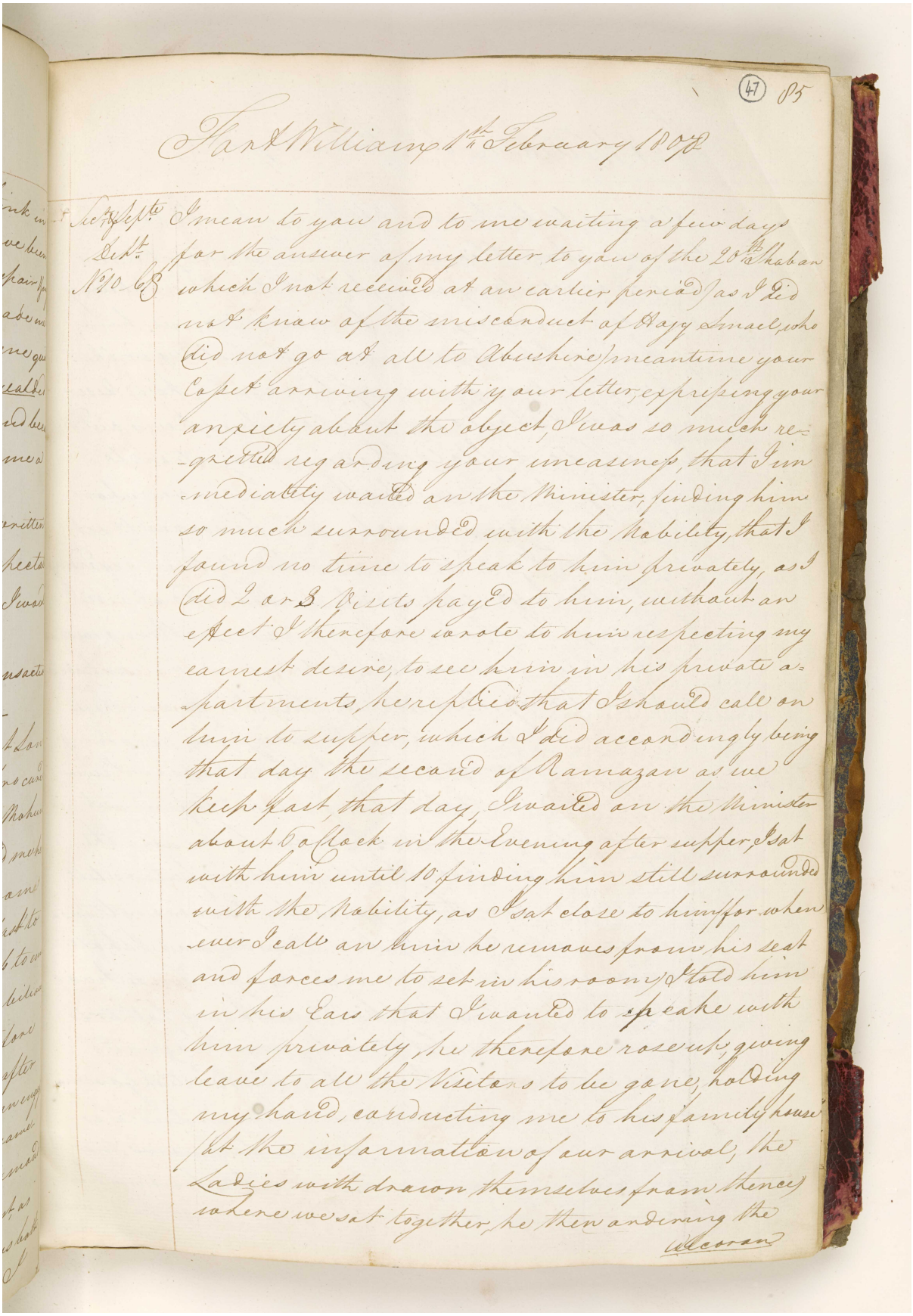

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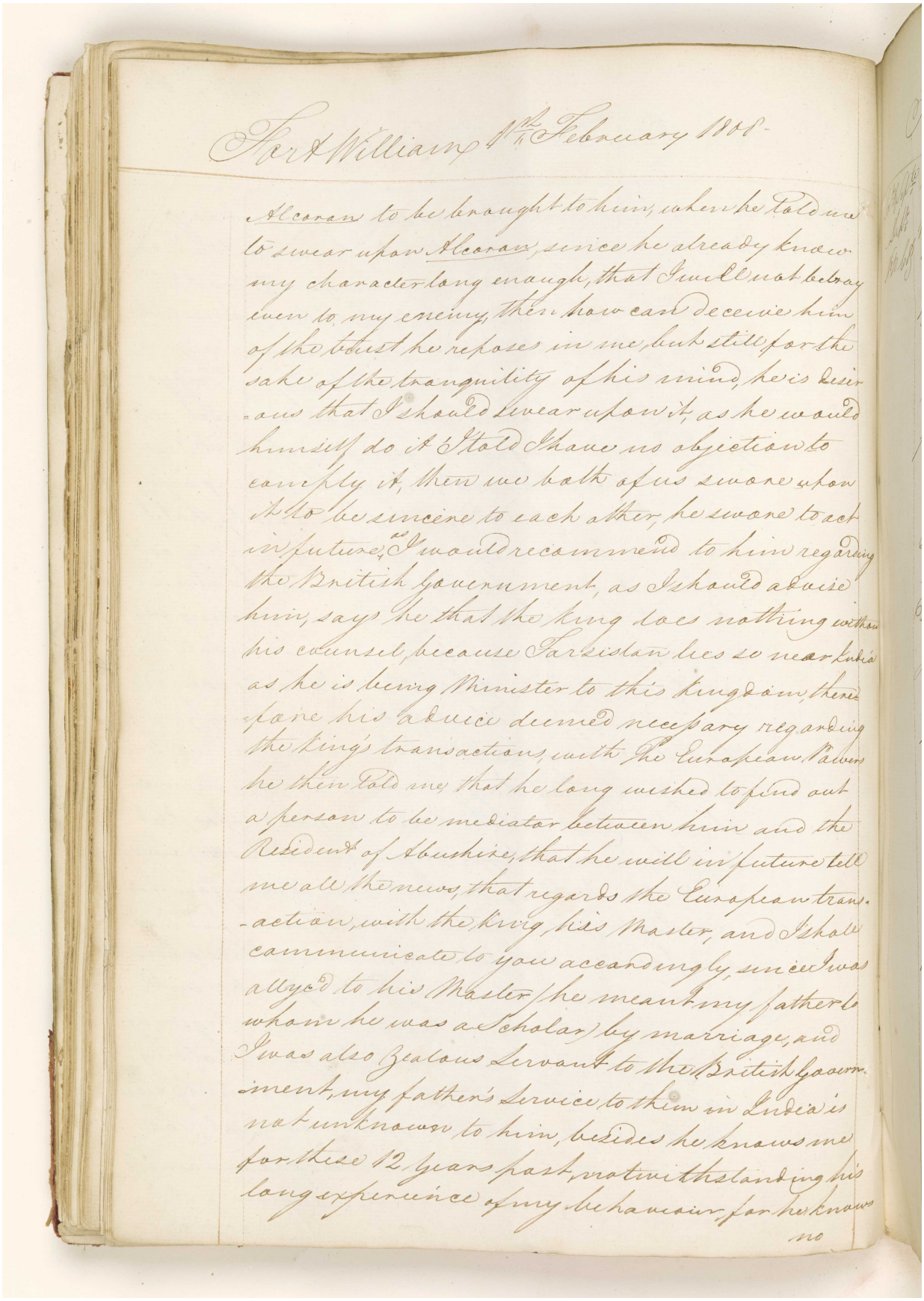
I mean to you and to me waiting a few days for the answer of my letter to you of the 20th Shaban which I not received at an earlier period (as I did not know of the misconduct of Hajy Smael, who did not go at all to Abushire) meantime your Cosset arriving with your letter, expressing your anxiety about the object, I was so much regretted regarding your uneasiness, that I immediately waited on the Minister, finding him so much surrounded with the Nobility, that I found no time to speak to him privately, as I did 2 or 3 Visits payed to him, without an effect I therefore wrote to him respecting my earnest desire, to see him in his private apartments, he replied that I should call on him to supper, which I did accordingly being that day the second of Ramazan as we keep fast, that day, I waited on the Minister about 6 o'clock in the Evening after supper, I sat with him until 10 finding him still surrounded with the Nobility, as I sat close to him (for whenever I call on him he removes from his seat and forces me to set in his room) I told him in his Ears that I wanted to speake with him privately, he therefore rose up, giving leave to all the Visitors to be gone, holding my hand, conducting me to his family house (at the information of our arrival, the Ladies withdrawn themselves from thence) where we sat together, he then ordering the

Alcoran



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Alcoran to be brought to him, when he told me to swear upon Alcoran, since he already knew my character long enough, that I would not betray even to my enemy, then how can deceive him of the trust he reposes in me, but still for the sake of the tranquility of his mind, he is desirous that I should swear upon it, as he would himself do it. Told I have no objection to comply it, then we both of us swore upon it to be sincere to each other, he swore to act in future, I would recommend to him regarding the British Government, as I should advise him, says he that the king does nothing without his counsel, because Farkistan lies so near India as he is being Minister to this kingdom, therefore his advice deemed necessary regarding the king's transactions with the European Powers he then told me, that he long wished to find out a person to be mediator between him and the Resident of Abushire, that he will in future tell me all the news, that regards the European transaction with the king, his Master, and I shall communicate to you accordingly, since I was allyed to his Master, he meant my father to whom he was a Scholar, by marriage, and I was also Zealous Servant to the British Government, my father's Service to them in India is not unknown to him, besides he knows me for these 12 years past, notwithstanding his long experience of my behaviour, for he knows no

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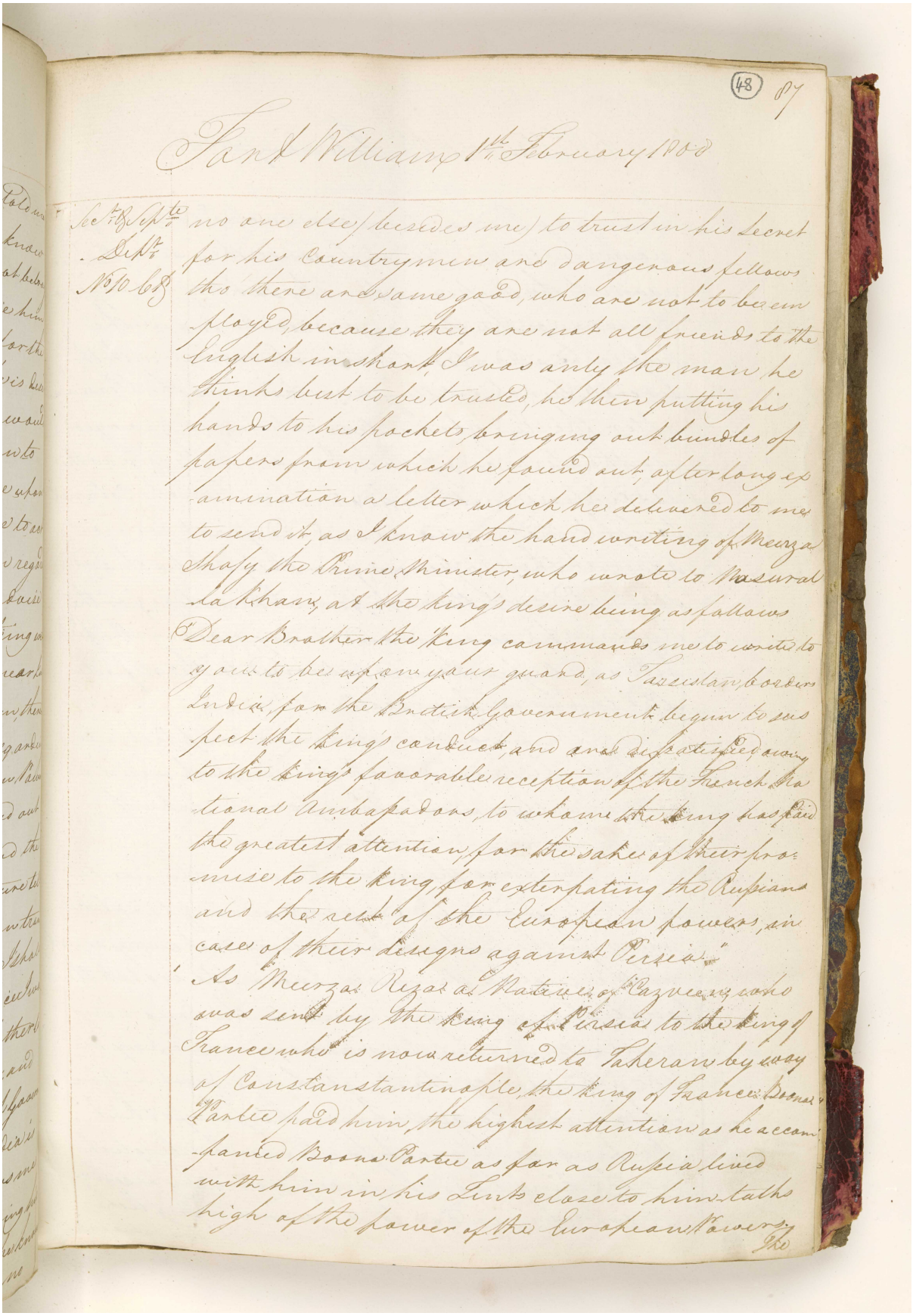

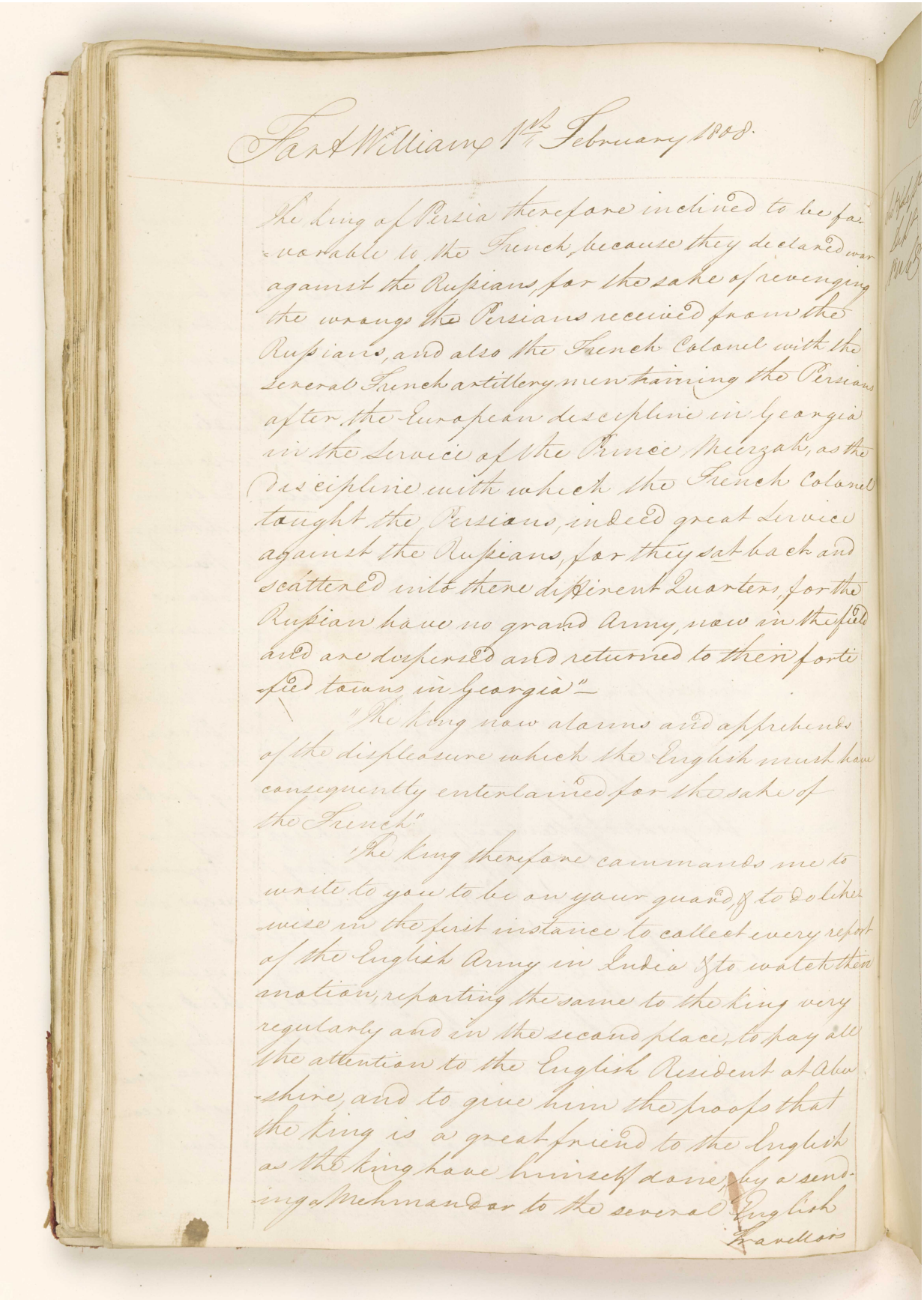

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The King of Persia therefore inclined to be favourable to the French, because they declared war against the Rupians, for the sake of revenging the wrongs the Persians received from the Rupians, and also the French Colonel with the several French artillery men training the Persians after the European discipline in Georgia in the Service of the Prince Meirzah, as the discipline with which the French Colonel taught the Persians, indeed great Service against the Rupians, for they sat back and scattered into there different Quarters, for the Rupian have no grand Army, now in the field and are dispersed and returned to their fortified towns in Georgia"—

"The king now alarms and apprehends of the displeasure which the English must have consequently entertained for the sake of the French"

The king therefore cammands me to write to you to be on your guard, & to do likewise in the first instance to collect every report of the English Army in India & to watch their motion, reporting the same to the king very regularly and in the second place, to pay all the attention to the English Resident at Abushire, and to give him the proofs that the king is a great friend to the English as the king have himself done, by sending a Mehmandar to the several English travellers

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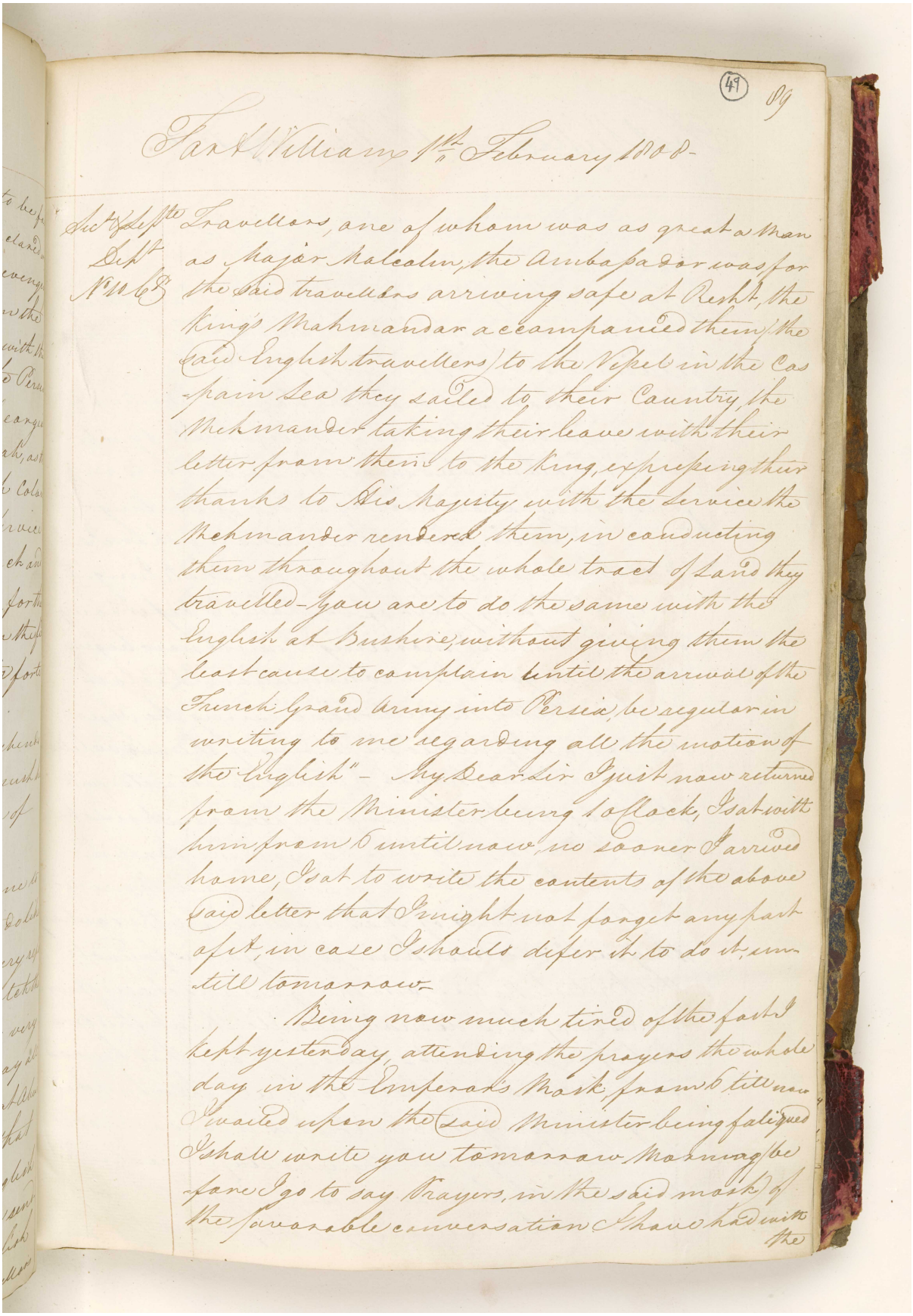

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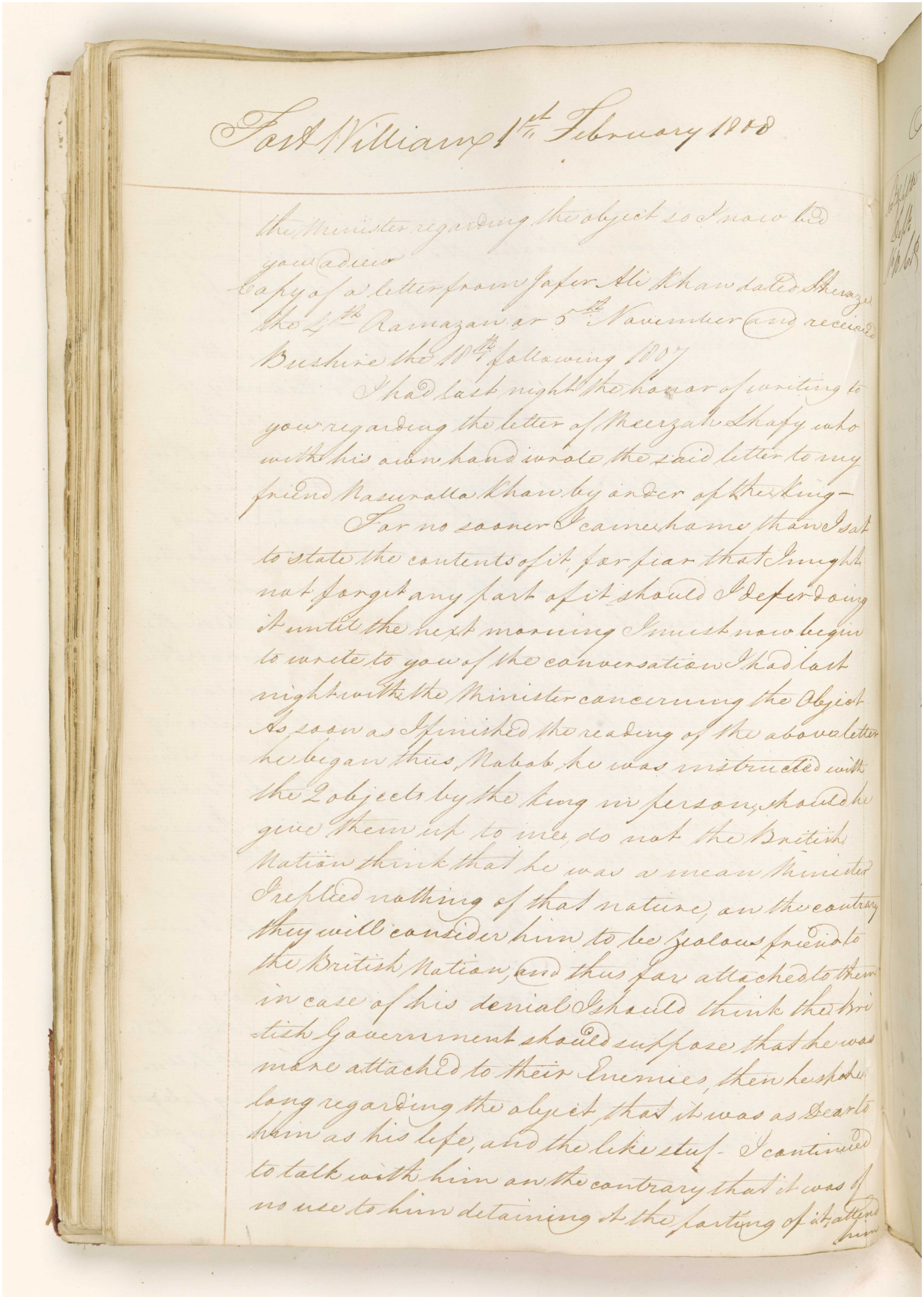
Travellers, one of whom was as great a Man as Major Malcolm, the Ambassador was for the said travellers arriving safe at Resht, the King's Mahmandar accompanied them (the said English travellers) to the Vessel in the Caspain Sea they sailed to their Country, the Mehmander taking their leave with their letter from them to the King, expressing their thanks to His Majesty with the Service the Mehmander rendered them, in conducting them throughout the whole tract of Land they travelled - You are to do the same with the English at Bushire, without giving them the least cause to complain until the arrival of the French Grand Army into Persia, be regular in writing to me regarding all the motion of the English" - My Dear Sir I just now returned from the Minister being 10 Clock, I sat with him from 6 until now, no sooner I arrived home, I sat to write the contents of the above said letter that I might not forget any part of it, in case I should defer it to do it, untill tomorrow -

Being now much tired of the fast I kept yesterday, attending the prayers the whole day in the Emperor's Mosk, from 6 till now I waited upon the said Minister being faliqued I shall write you tomorrow Morning (before I go to say Prayers, in the said mosk) of the favorable conversation I have had with the



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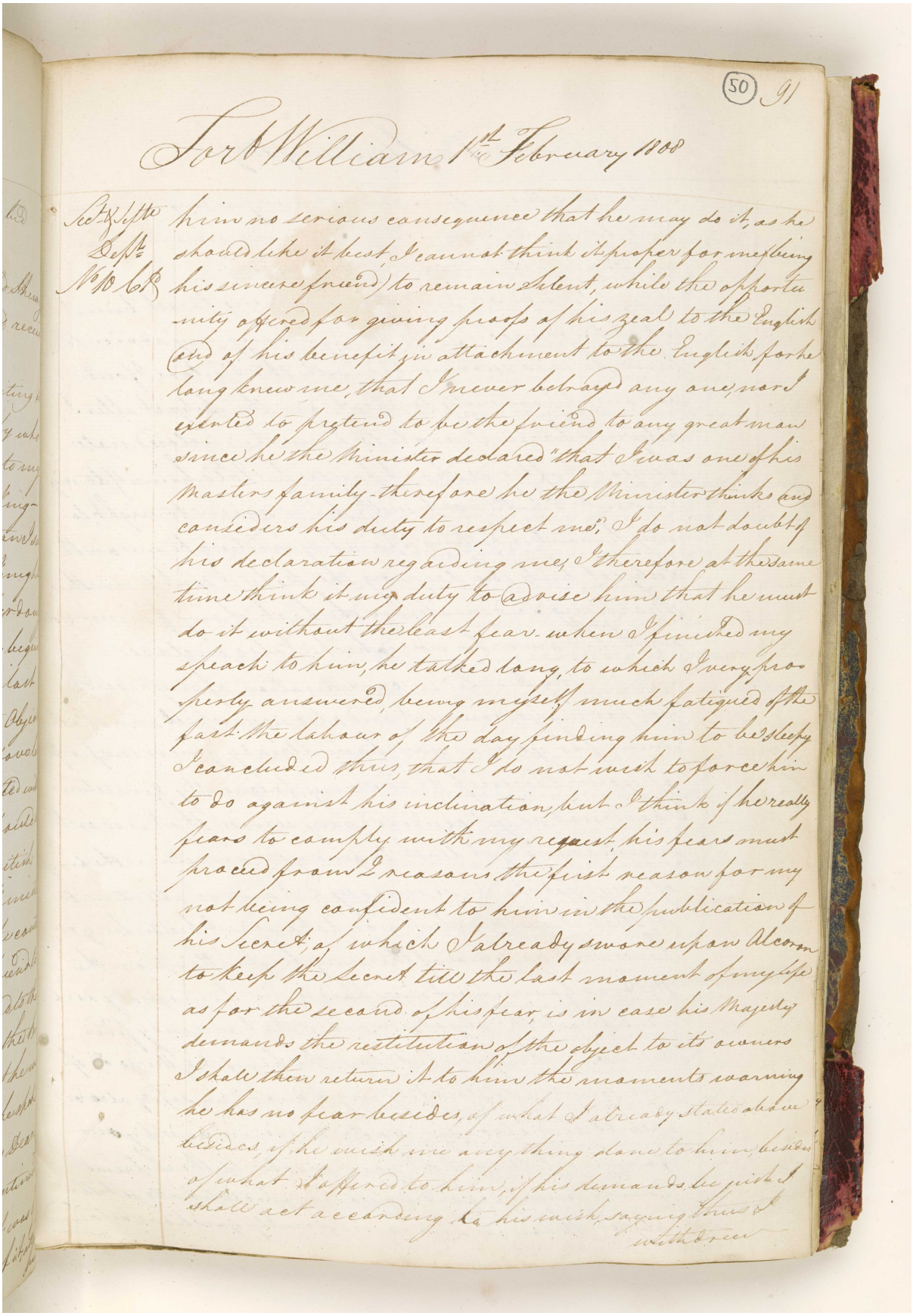
the Minister regarding the object so I now bid you adieu

Copy of a letter from Jafer Ali Khan dated Sheraze the 4th Ramazan or 5th November and received Bushire the 18th following 1807

I had last night the honor of writing to you regarding the letter of Meerzah Shafy who with his own hand wrote the said letter to my friend Nasuralla Khan by order of the King—

For no sooner I came home than I sat to state the contents of it, for fear that I might not forget any part of it should I defer doing it until the next morning I must now begin to write to you of the conversation I had last night with the Minister concerning the Object As soon as I finished the reading of the above letter he began thus, Nabob, he was instructed with the 2 objects by the King in person, should he give them up to me, do not the British Nation think that he was a mean Minister I replied nothing of that nature, on the contrary they will consider him to be zealous friend to the British Nation, and thus far attached to them in case of his denial I should think the British Government should suppose that he was more attached to their Enemies, then he spoke long regarding the object that it was as Dear to him as his life, and the like stuf- I continued to talk with him on the contrary that it was of no use to him detaining it the parting of it, attend him



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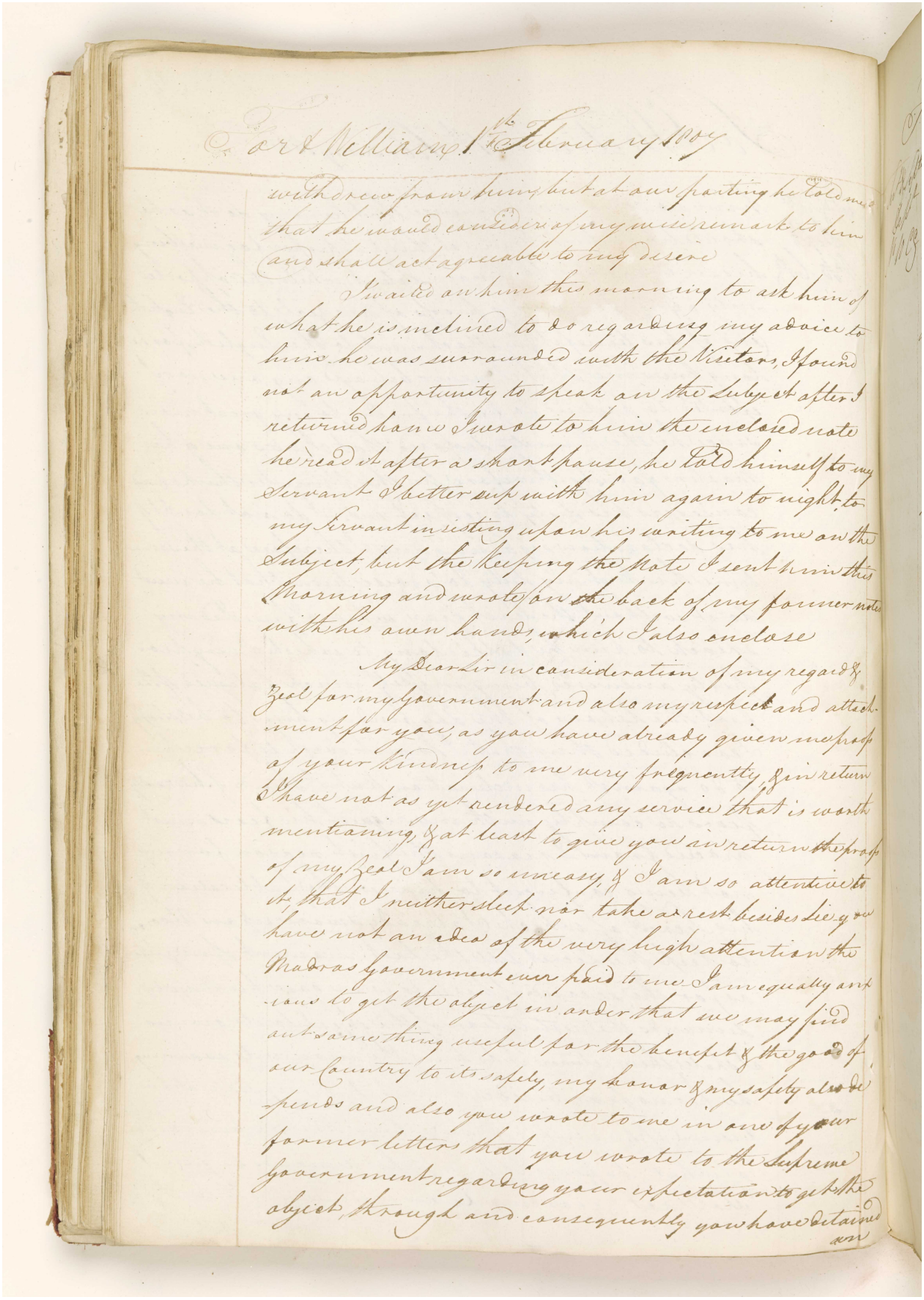
him no serious consequence that he may do it, as he should like it best, I cannot think it proper for me (being his sincere friend) to remain silent, while the opportunity offered for giving proofs of his zeal to the English and of his benefit in attachment to the English, for he long knew me, that I never betrayed any one, nor I exerted to pretend to be the friend to any great man since he the Minister declared "that I was one of his masters family - therefore he the Minister thinks and considers his duty to respect me". I do not doubt of his declaration regarding me, I therefore at the same time think it my duty to advise him that he must do it without the least fear - when I finished my speach to him, he talked long, to which I very properly answered, being myself much fatigued of the fast the labour of the day finding him to be sleepy I concluded thus, that I do not wish to force him to do against his inclination, but I think if he really fears to comply with my request, his fears must proceed from 2 reasons the first reason for my not being confident to him in the publication of his Secret, of which I already swore upon Alcoran to keep the Secret till the last moment of my life as for the second of his fear, is in case his Majesty demands the restitution of the object to its owners I shall then return it to him the moments warning he has no fear besides, of what I already stated above besides, if he wish me any thing done to him, besides of what I offered to him, if his demands be just I shall act according to his wish, saying thus I withdrew



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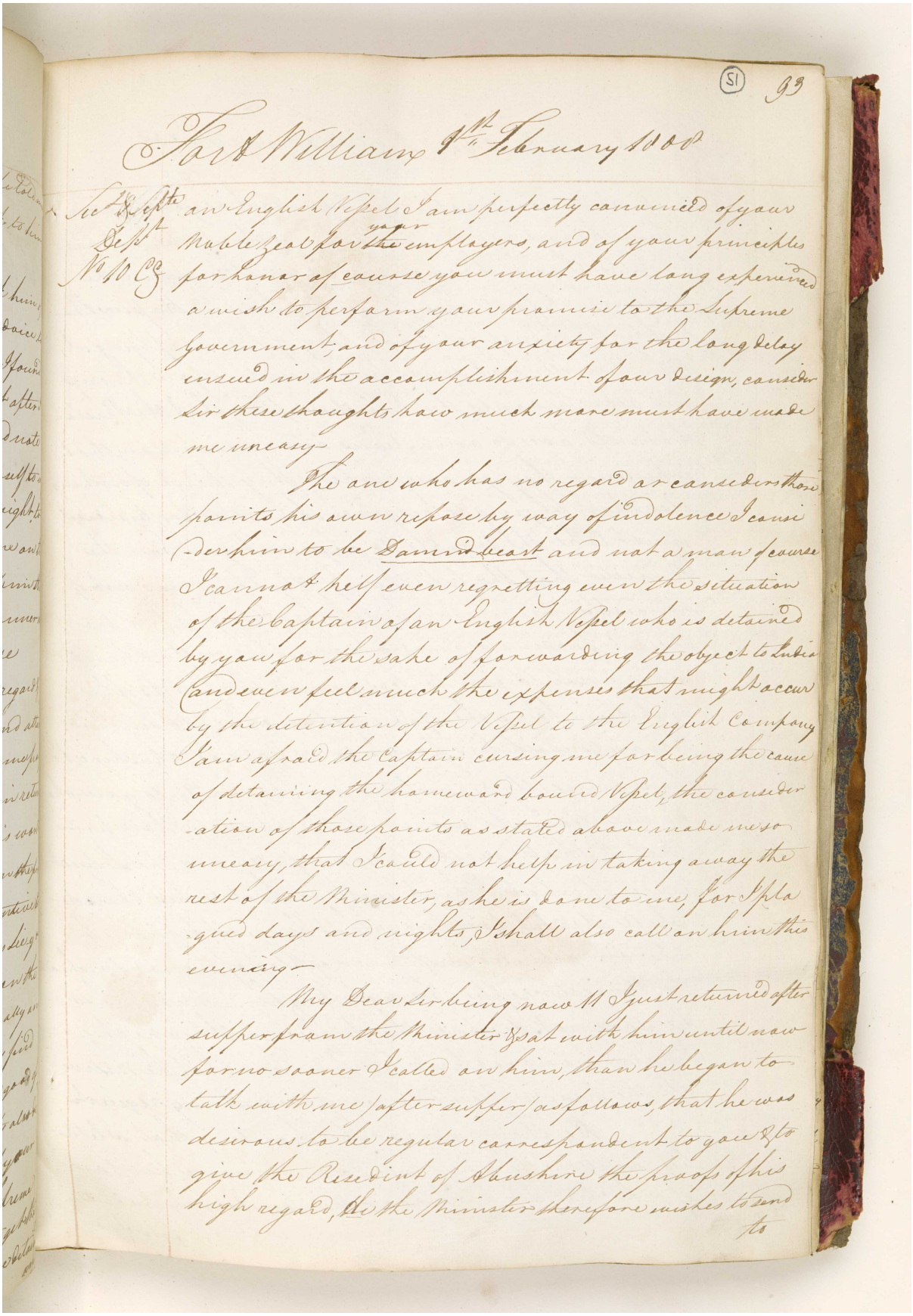
withdrew from him, but at our parting he told me that he would consider of my wise remark to him and shall act agreeable to my desire

I waited on him this morning to ask him of what he is inclined to do regarding my advice to him he was surrounded with the Visitors, I found not an opportunity to speak on the Subject after I returned home I wrote to him the enclosed note he read it after a short pause, he told himself to my Servant I better sup with him again to night, to my Servant insisting upon his writing to me on the Subject, but the keeping the Note I sent him this Morning and wrote on the back of my former notes with his own hands, which I also enclose

My Dear Sir in consideration of my regard & Zeal for my Government and also my respect and attachment for you, as you have already given me proofs of your kindness to me very frequently, & in return I have not as yet rendered any service that is worth mentioning, & at least to give you in return the proofs of my Zeal I am so uneasy, & I am so attentive to it, that I neither sleep nor take a rest besides Sir you have not an idea of the very high attention the Madras Government ever paid to me I am equally anxious to get the object in order that we may find out some thing useful for the benefit & the good of our Country to its safety, my honor & my safety also depends and also you wrote to me in one of your former letters that you wrote to the Supreme Government regarding your expectation to get the object, through and consequently you have detained



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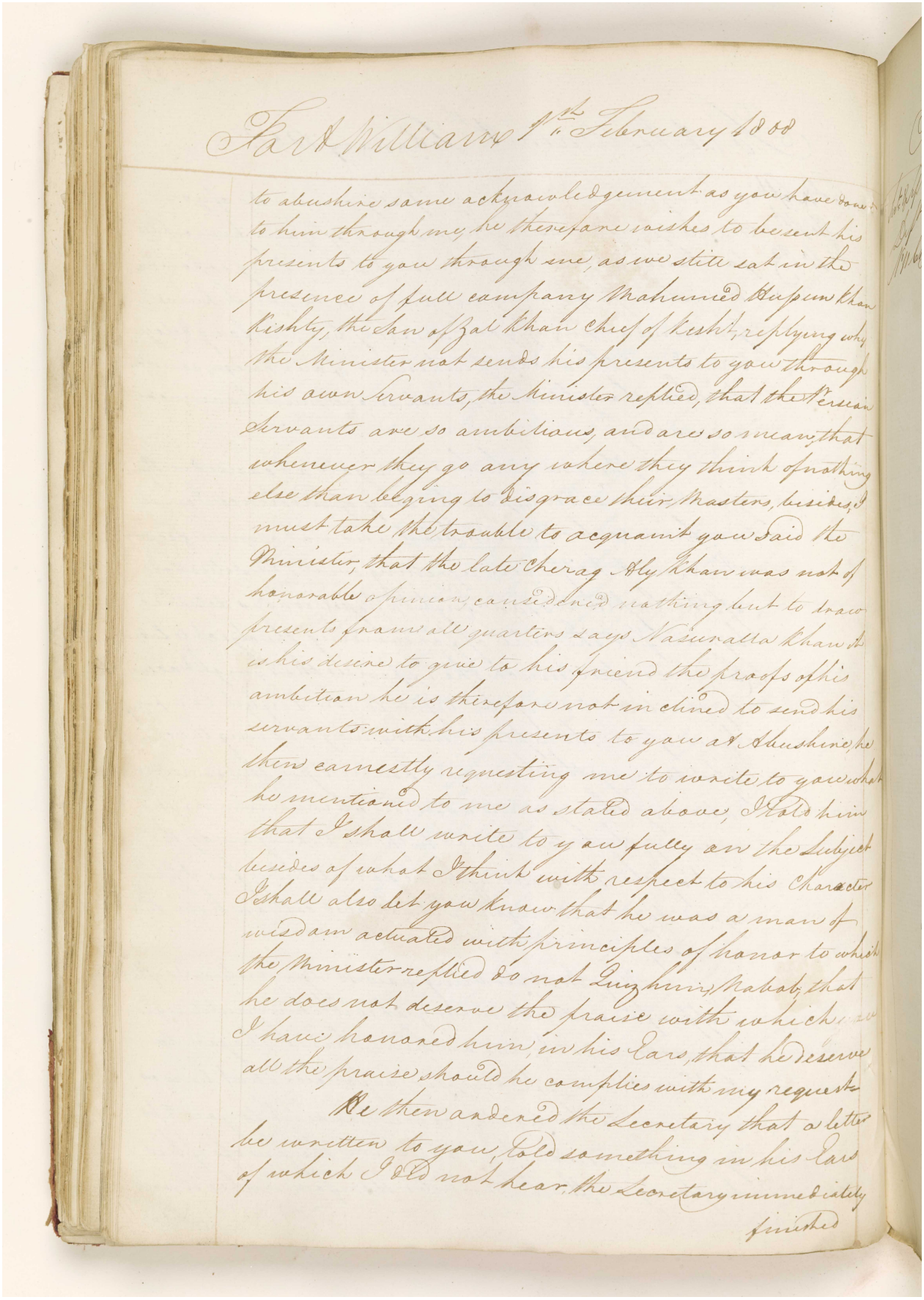
an English Vessel I am perfectly convinced of your Noble zeal for ~~the~~ your employers, and of your principles for honor of course you must have long experienced a wish to perform your promise to the Supreme Government, and of your anxiety for the long delay ensued in the accomplishment of our design, consider Sir these thoughts how much more must have made me uneasy—

The one who has no regard or considers those points his own repose by way of indolence I consider him to be Damn'd beast and not a man of course I cannot help even regretting even the situation of the Captain of an English Vessel who is detained by you for the sake of forwarding the object to India and even feel much the expenses that might occur by the detention of the Vessel to the English Company I am afraid the Captain cursing me for being the cause of detaining the homeward bound Vessel, the consideration of those points as stated above made me so uneasy, that I could not help in taking away the rest of the Minister, as he is done to me, for I plagued days and nights, I shall also call on him this evening—

My Dear Sir being now 11 I just returned after supper from the Minister & sat with him until now for no sooner I called on him, than he began to talk with me (after supper) as follows, that he was desirous to be regular correspondent to you & to give the Resedint of Abushire the proofs of his high regard, He the Minister therefore wishes to send to



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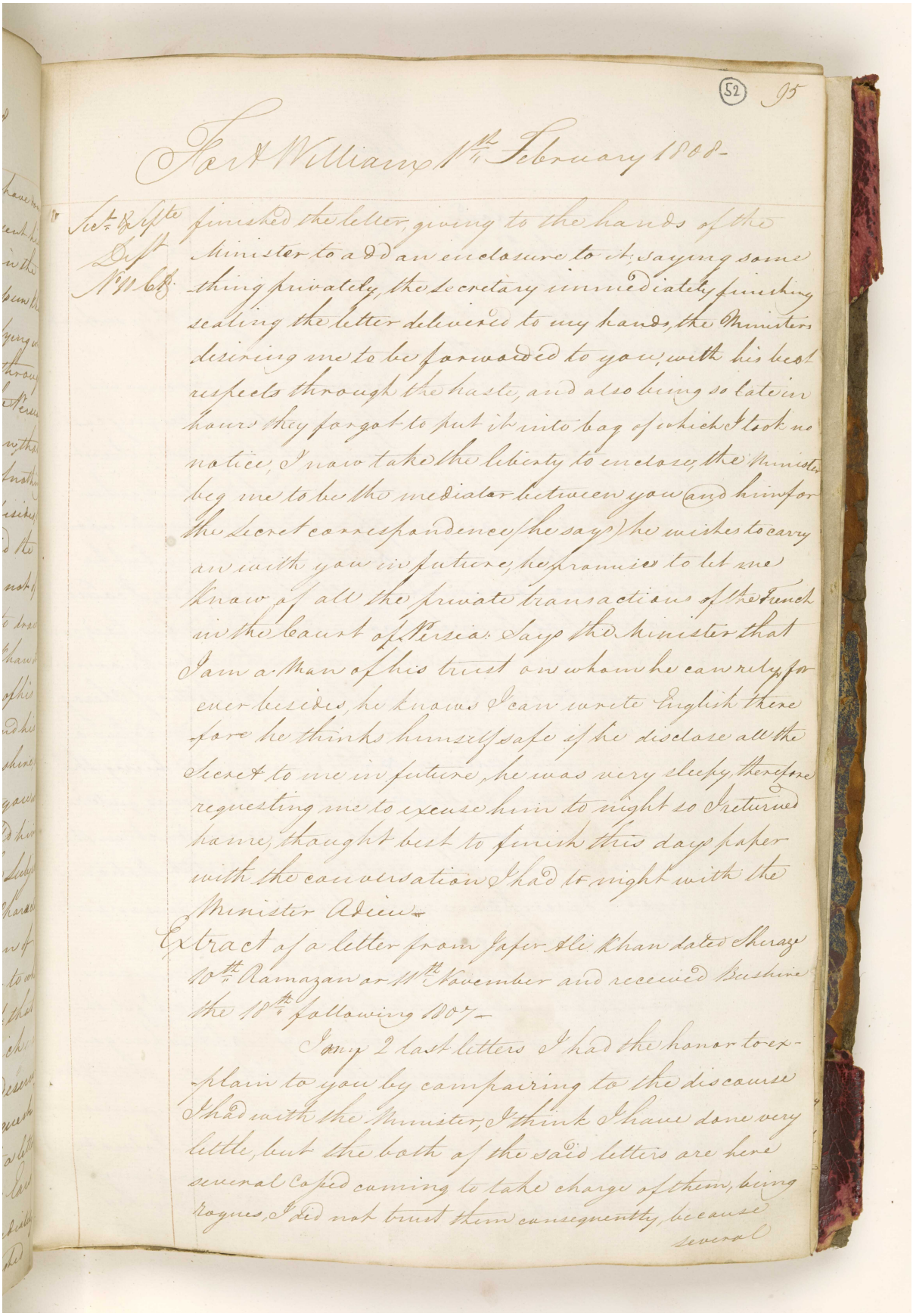
to abushire same acknowledgement as you have done to him through me, he therefore wishes to be sent his presents to you through me, as we still sat in the presence of full company Mahumed Hussun Khan Kishty, the Son of Zal Khan Chief of Kesht, replying why the Minister not sends his presents to you through his own Servants, the Minister replied, that the Persian Servants are so ambitious, and are so mean, that whenever they go any where they think of nothing else than beging to disgrace their Masters, besides, I must take the trouble to acquaint you said the Minister, that the late Cherag Aly Khan was not of honorable opinion, considered nothing but to draw presents from all quarters says Nasuralla Khan it is his desire to give to his friend the proofs of his ambition he is therefore not inclined to send his servants with his presents to you at Abushire, he then earnestly requesting me to write to you what he mentioned to me as stated above, I told him that I shall write to you fully on the Subject besides of what I think with respect to his Character I shall also let you know that he was a man of wisdom actuated with principles of honor to which the Minister replied do not Quiz him, Nabob, that he does not deserve the praise with which you I have honored him, in his Ears, that he deserve all the praise should he complies with my request.

He then ordered the Secretary that a letter be written to you, told something in his Ears of which I did not hear, the Secretary immediately finished



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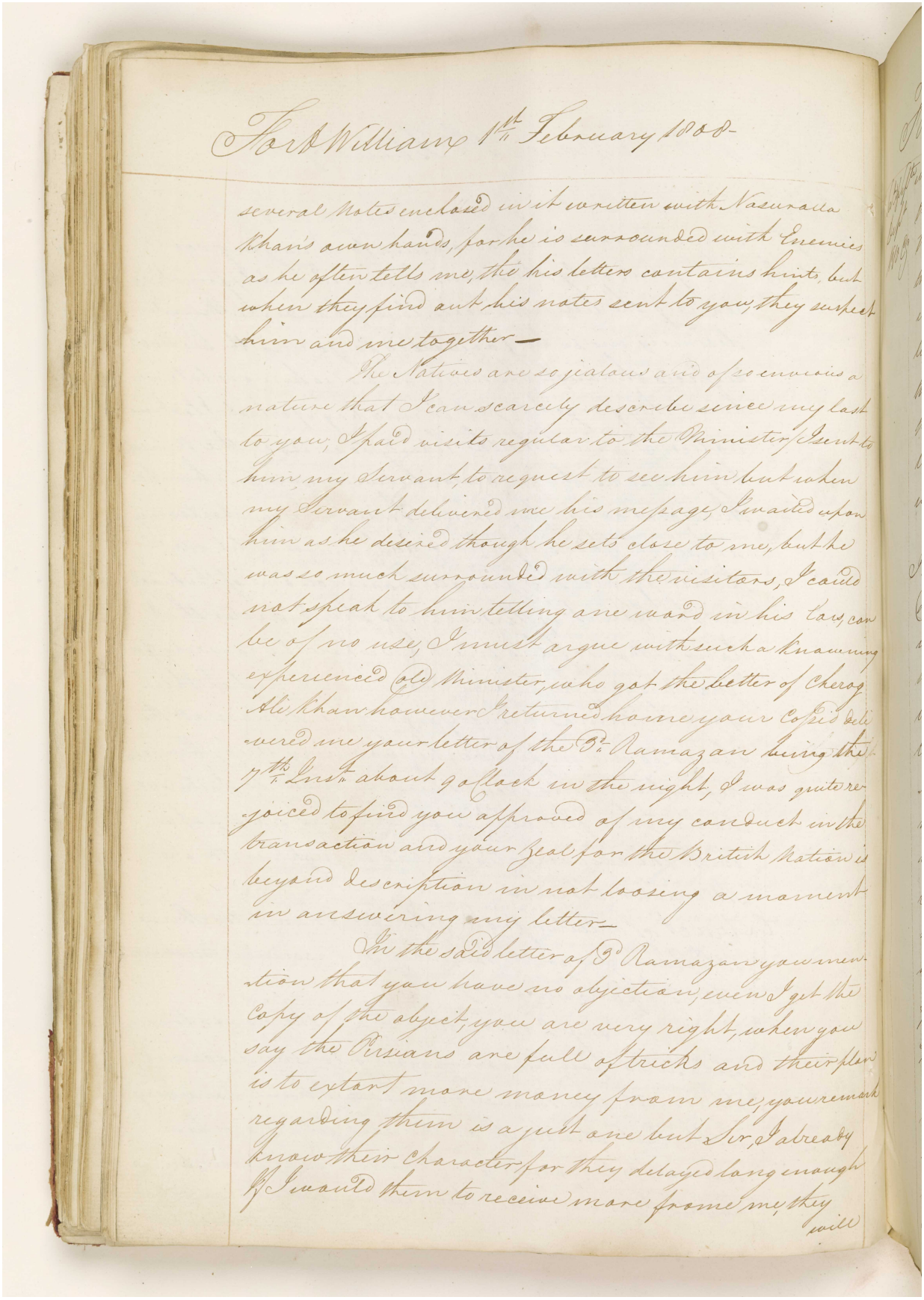
finished the letter, giving to the hands of the Minister to add an enclosure to it, saying some thing privately, the Secretary immediately finishing sealing the letter delivered to my hands, the Ministers desiring me to be forwarded to you, with his best respects through the haste, and also being so late in hours they forgot to put it into bag of which I took no notice, I now take the liberty to enclose, the Minister beg me to be the mediator between you (and him for the Secret correspondence (he says) he wishes to carry on with you in future, he promises to let me know of all the private transactions of the French in the Court of Persia. Says the Minister that I am a Man of his trust on whom he can rely for ever besides, he knows I can write English there fore he thinks himself safe if he disclose all the Secret to me in future, he was very sleepy, therefore requesting me to excuse him to night so I returned home, thought best to finish this days paper with the conversation I had to night with the Minister Adieu-

Extract of a letter from Jafer Ali Khan dated Sheraze 10th Ramazan or 11th November and received Bushire the 18th following 1807-

I my 2 last letters I had the honor to explain to you by campairing to the discourse I had with the Minister, I think I have done very little, but the both of the said letters are here several Cossed coming to take charge of them, being rogues, I did not trust them consequently, because several



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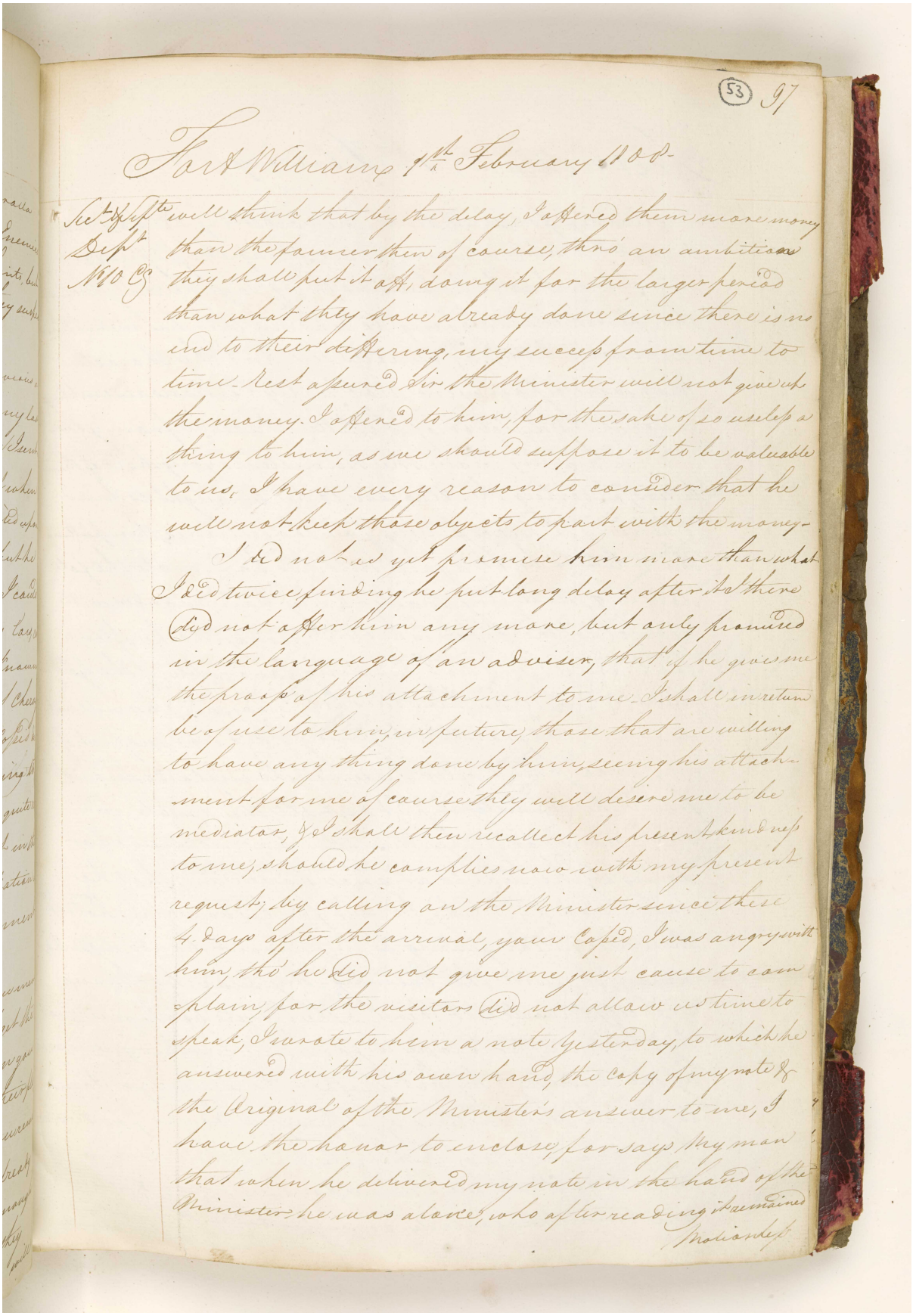
several Notes enclosed in it written with Nasurulla Khan's own hands, for he is surrounded with Enemies as he often tells me, tho his letters contains hints, but when they find out his notes sent to you, they suspect him and me together—

The Natives are so jealous and of so envious a nature that I can scarcely describe since my last to you, I paid visits regular to the Minister, sent to him my Servant, to request to see him but when my Servant delivered me his message, I waited upon him as he desired though he sets close to me, but he was so much surrounded with the visitors, I could not speak to him telling one word in his ear, can be of no use, I must argue with such a knowing experienced old Minister, who got the better of Cherag Ali Khan however I returned home your Copies delivered me your letter of the 8th Ramazan being the 7th Inst. about 9 o'clock in the night, I was quite rejoiced to find you approves of my conduct in the transaction and your zeal for the British Nation is beyond description in not loosing a moment in answering my letter—

In the said letter of 8th Ramazan you mention that you have no objection, even I get the Copy of the abject, you are very right, when you say the Persians are full of tricks and their plea is to extort more money from me, your remark regarding them is a just one but Sir, I already know their character for they delayed long enough if I wanted them to receive more from me, they will



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will think that by the delay, I offered them more money than the former then of course, thro' an ambition they shall put it off, doing it for the larger period than what they have already done since there is no end to their differing, my success from time to time - rest assured Sir the Minister will not give up the money. I offered to him, for the sake of so useless a thing to him, as we should suppose it to be valuable to us, I have every reason to consider that he will not keep those objects to part with the money -

I did not as yet promise him more than what I did twice finding he put long delay after it I there did not offer him any more, but only promised in the language of an adviser, that if he gives me the proofs of his attachment to me - I shall in return be of use to him, in future, those that are willing to have any thing done by him, seeing his attachment for me of course they will desire me to be mediator, & I shall then recollect his present kindness to me, should he complies now with my present request; by calling on the Minister since these 4 days after the arrival, your Cossed, I was angry with him, tho' he did not give me just cause to complain, for the visitors did not allow us time to speak, I wrote to him a note yesterday, to which he answered with his own hand, the copy of my note & the Original of the Minister's answer to me, I have the honor to enclose, for says my man that when he delivered my note in the hand of the Minister he was alone, who after reading it remained

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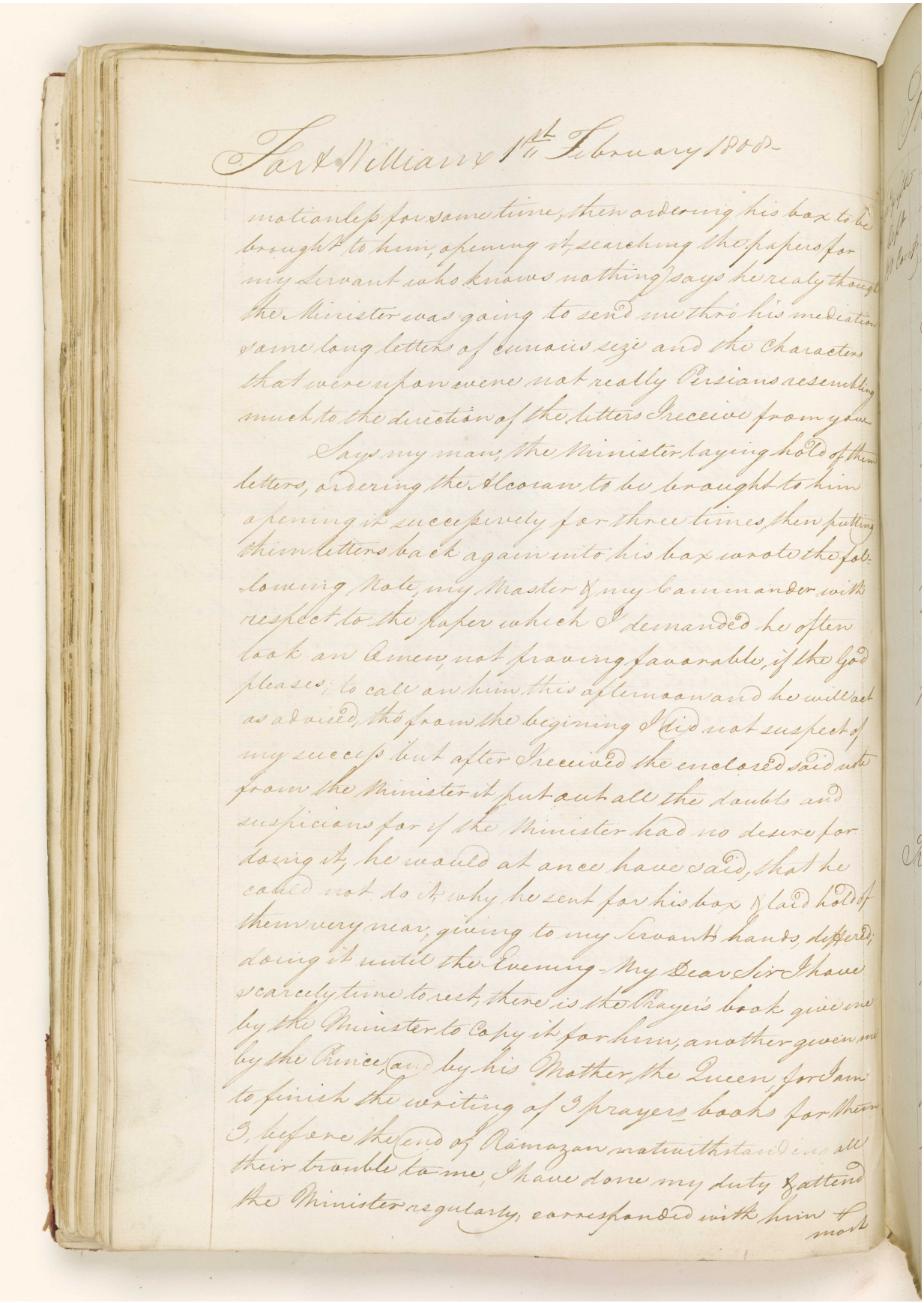

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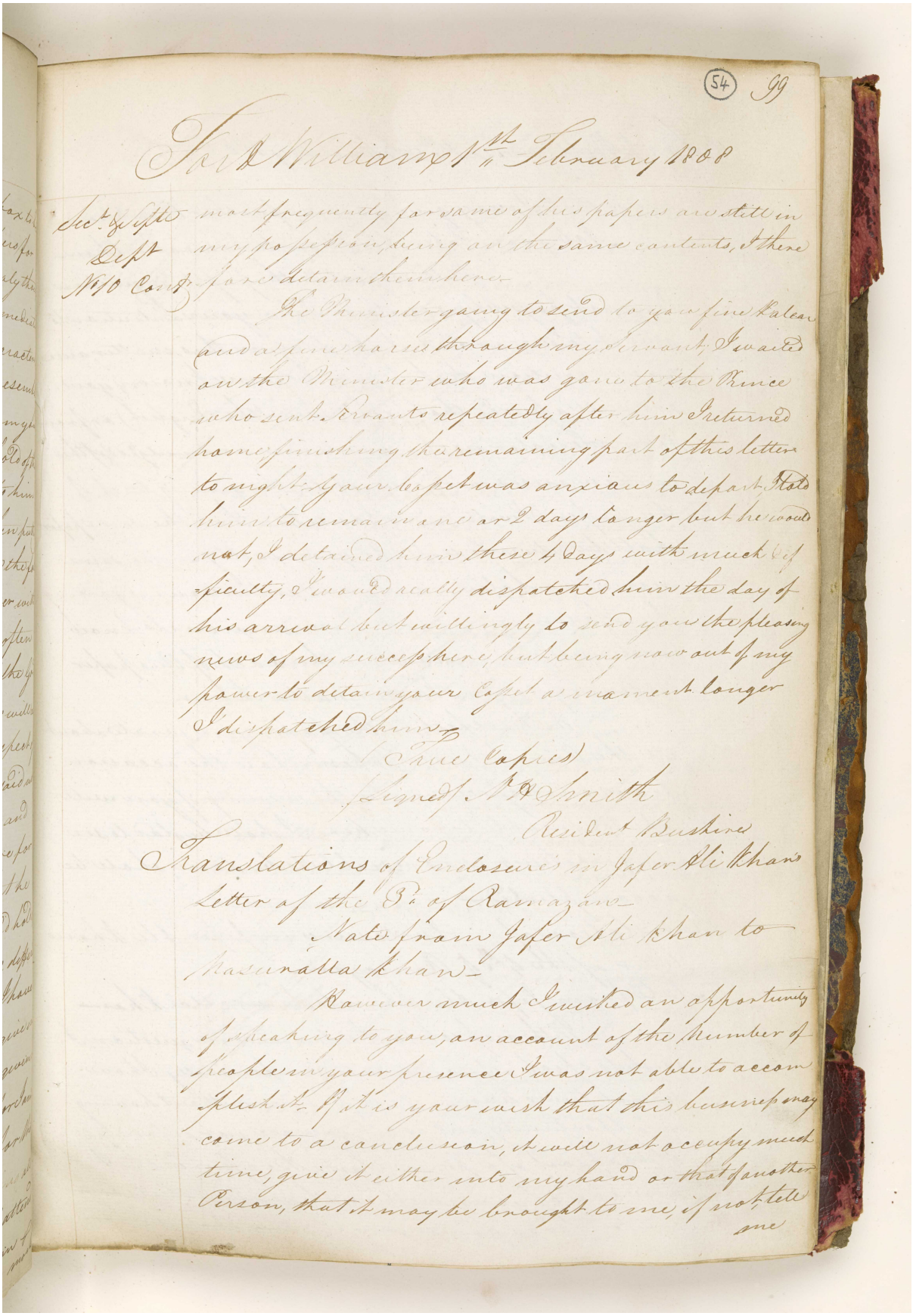
motionless for some time, then ordering his box to be brought to him, opening it, searching the papers for my Servant who knows nothing) says he realy thought the Minister was going to send me thro' his mediation some long letters of curious size and the Characters that were upon were not really Persians resembling much to the direction of the letters I receive from you.

Says my man, the Minister laying hold of them letters, ordering the Alcoran to be brought to him opening it successively for three times, then putting them letters back again into his box wrote the following Note, my Master & my Commander with respect to the paper which I demanded he often took an Omen, not proving favorable, if the God pleases; to call on him this afternoon and he will act as advised, tho' from the begining I did not suspect of my success but after I received the enclosed said note from the Minister it put out all the doubts and suspicions for if the Minister had no desire for doing it, he would at once have said, that he could not do it, why he sent for his box & laid hold of them very near, giving to my Servant's hands, differed; doing it until the Evening - My Dear Sir I have scarcely time to rest, there is the Prayer's book give me by the Minister to Copy it for him, another given me by the Prince, and by his Mother, the Queen, for I am to finish the writing of 3 prayers books for them 3, before the end of Ramazan notwithstanding all their trouble to me, I have done my duty & attend the Minister regularly, corresponded with him & most



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most frequently for some of his papers are still in my possession, being on the same contents, I therefore detain them here.

The Minister going to send to you fine Kalear and a fine horse through my Servant, I waited on the Minister who was gone to the Prince who sent Servants repeatedly after him I returned home, finishing the remaining part of this letter to night. Your Cosset was anxious to depart, I told him to remain one or 2 days longer but he would not, I detained him these 4 days with much difficulty, I would really dispatched him the day of his arrival but willingly to send you the pleasing news of my success here, but being now out of my power to detain your Cosset a moment longer I dispatched him.

(True Copies)

(Signed) N. H. Smith

Resident Bushire

Translations of Enclosures in Jafer Ali Khan's Letter of the 3d of Ramazan.

Note from Jafer Ali Khan to Nasuralla Khan.

However much I wished an opportunity of speaking to you, on account of the number of people in your presence I was not able to accomplish it. If it is your wish that this business may come to a conclusion, it will not occupy much time, give it either into my hand or that of another Person, that it may be brought to me, if not, tell me

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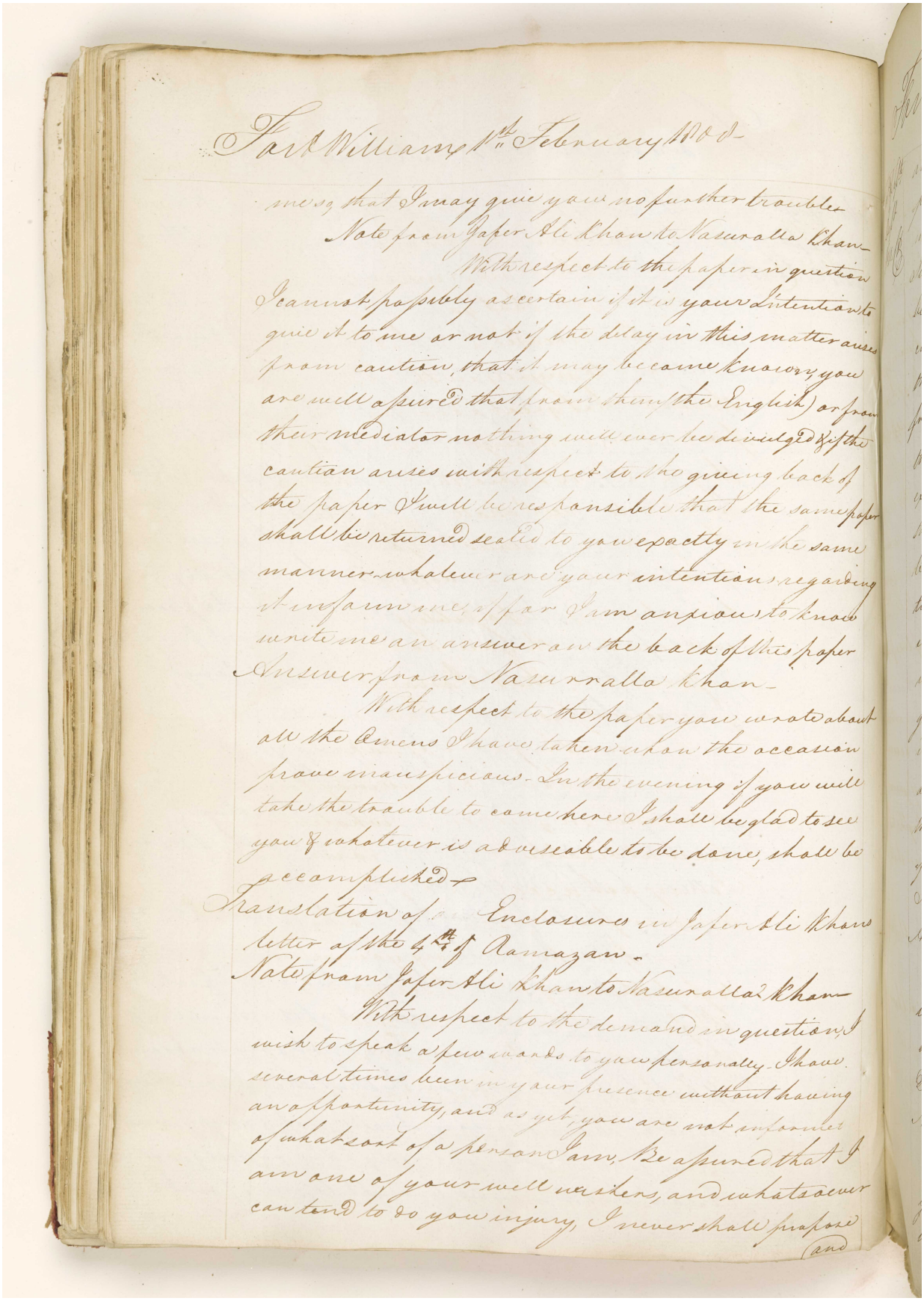

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me so, that I may give you no further trouble.

Note from Jafer Ali Khan to Nasuralla Khan.

With respect to the paper in question I cannot possibly ascertain if it is your Intention to give it to me or not if the delay in this matter arises from caution, that it may become known, you are well assured that from them (the English) or from their mediator nothing will ever be divulged & if the caution arises with respect to the giving back of the paper I will be responsible that the same paper shall be returned sealed to you exactly in the same manner whatever are your intentions regarding it inform me, if for I am anxious to know write me an answer on the back of this paper

Answer from Nasurralla Khan.

With respect to the paper you wrote about all the Omens I have taken upon the occasion prove inauspicious. In the evening if you will take the trouble to come here I shall be glad to see you & whatever is adviseable to be done, shall be accomplished.

Translation of Enclosures in Jafer Ali Khans letter of the 4th of Ramazan.

Note from Jafer Ali Khan to Nasuralla Khan.

With respect to the demand in question, I wish to speak a few words to you personally. I have several times been in your presence without having an opportunity, and as yet, you are not informed of what sort of a person I am, Be assured that I am one of your well wishers, and whatsoever can tend to do you injury, I never shall propose

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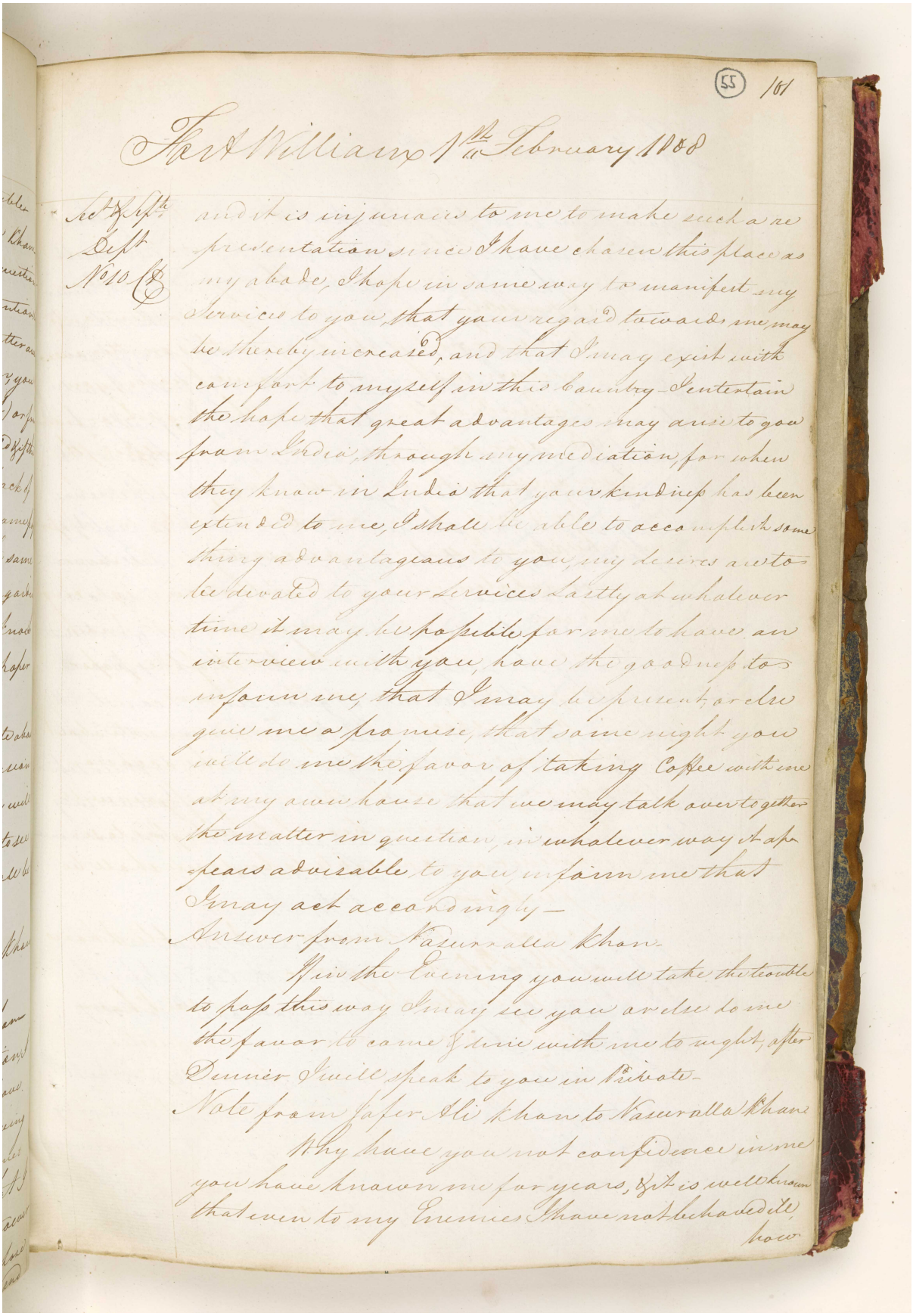

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and it is injurious to me to make such a representation since I have chosen this place as my abode, I hope in some way to manifest my Services to you, that your regard towards me, may be thereby increased, and that I may exist with comfort to myself in this Country - I entertain the hope that great advantages may arise to you from India, through my mediation, for when they know in India that your kindness has been extended to me, I shall be able to accomplish something advantageous to you, my desires are to be devoted to your Services Lastly at whatever time it may be possible for me to have an interview with you, have the goodness to inform me, that I may be present, or else give me a promise, that some night you will do me the favor of taking Coffee with me at my own house that we may talk over together the matter in question, in whatever way it appears advisable to you, inform me that I may act accordingly -

Answer from Nasurralla Khan -

If in the Evening you will take the trouble to pass this way I may see you or else do me the favor to come & dine with me to night, after Dinner I will speak to you in Private -

Note from Jafer Ali Khan to Nasurralla Khan

Why have you not confidence in me you have known me for years, & it is well known that even to my Enemies I have not behaved ill, how

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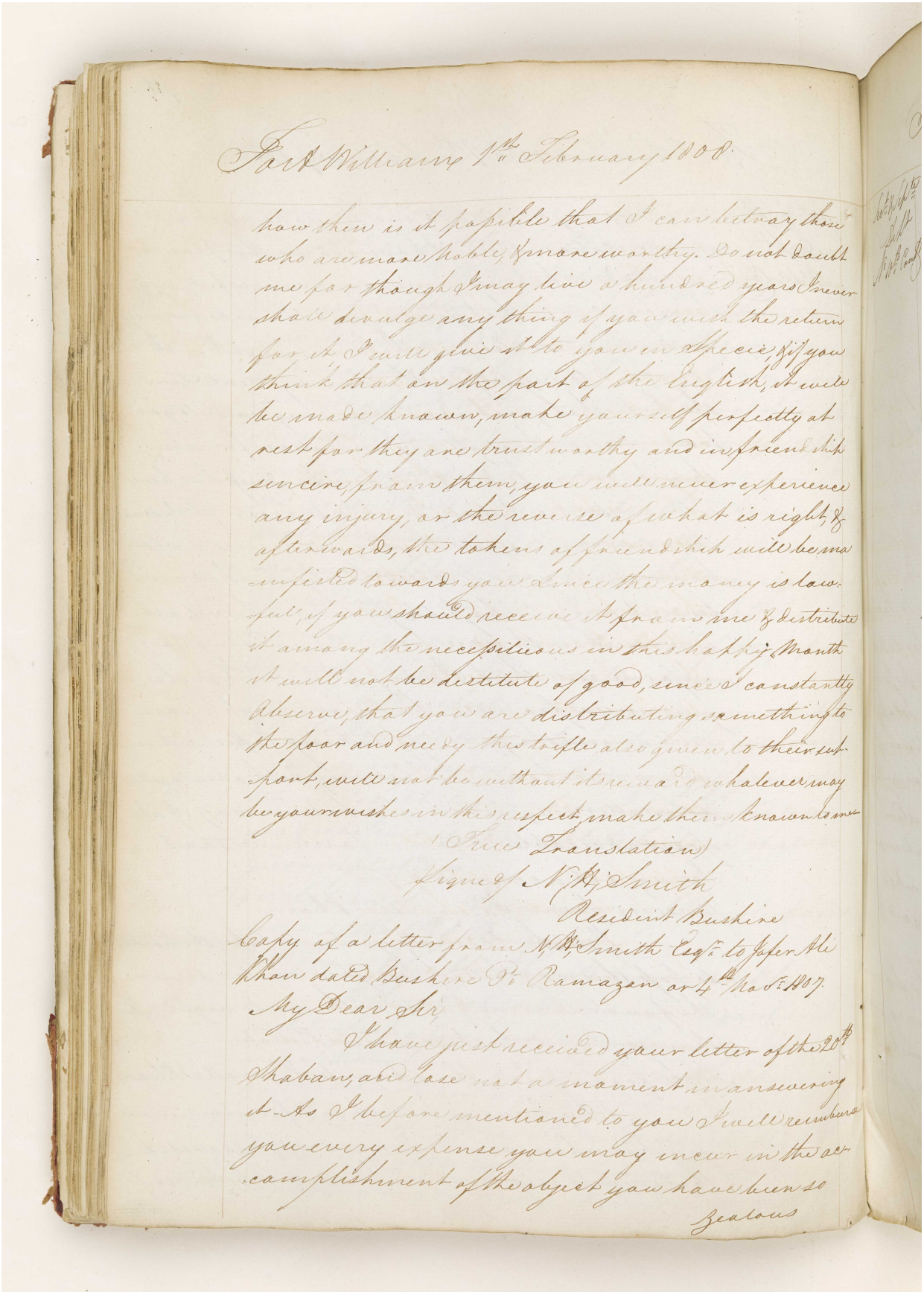

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how then is it possible that I can betray those who are more noble & more worthy. Do not doubt me for though I may live a hundred years I never shall divulge any thing if you want the return for it I will give it to you in specie, if you think that on the part of the English, it will be made known, make yourself perfectly at rest for they are trustworthy and in friendship sincere, & in them, you will never experience any injury, or the reverse of what is right, & afterwards, the tokens of friendship will be manifested towards you. Since the money is lawful, if you should receive it from me & distribute it among the necessitious in this holy month it will not be destitute of good, since I constantly observe, that you are distributing something to the poor and needy this trifle also given to their support, will not be without it's reward whatever may be your wishes in this respect, make them known to me

True Translation
Signed/ N.B. Smith
Resident Bushire

Copy of a letter from N.B. Smith Esq.r to Jaffer Ali Khan dated Bushire 2d Ramazan or 4th March 1807

My Dear Sir

I have just received your letter of the 20th Shaban, and lose not a moment in answering it. As I before mentioned to you I will reimburse you every expense you may incur in the accomplishment of the object you have in so zealous

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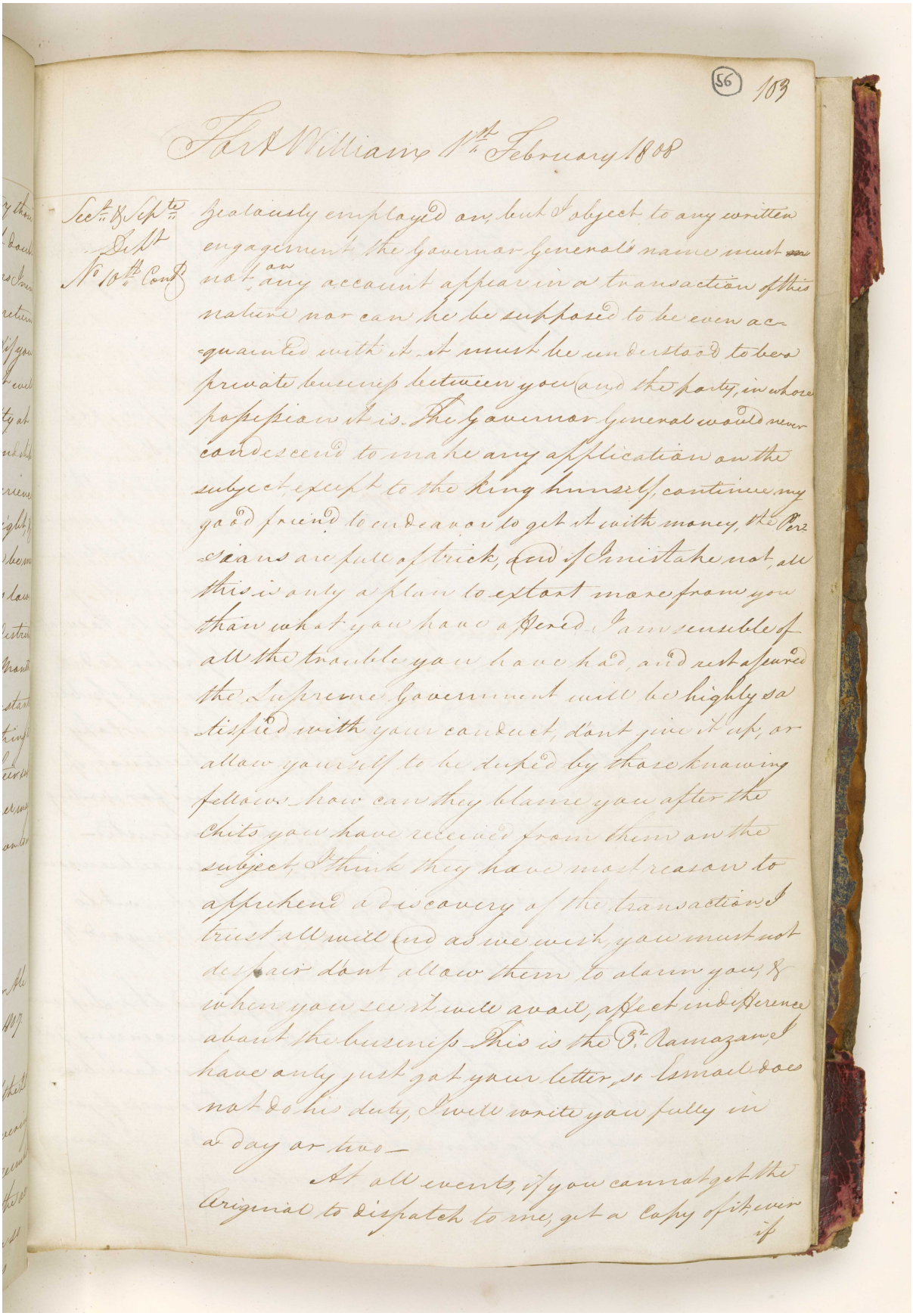

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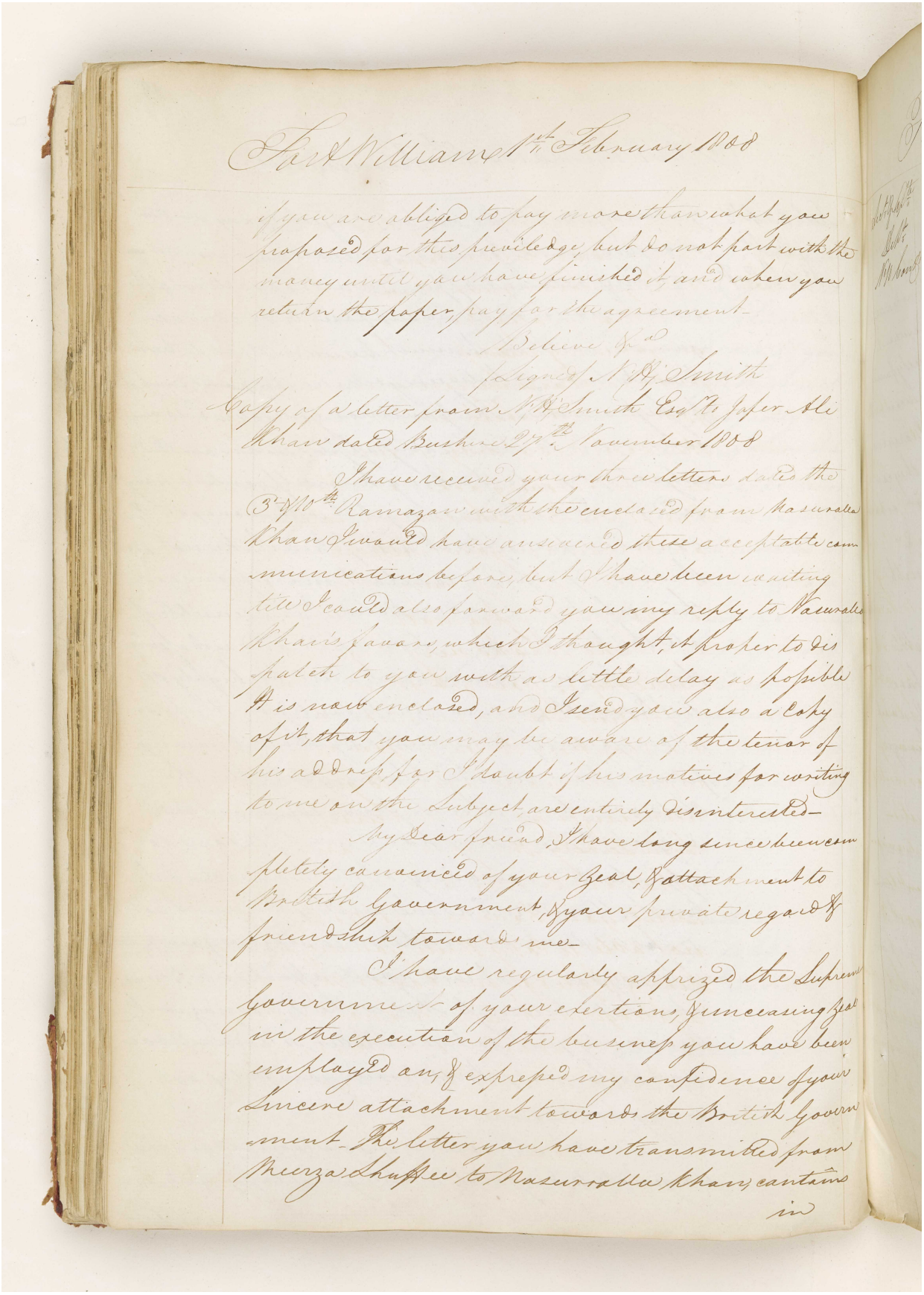
Zealously employed on, but I object to any written engagement the Governor General's name must not on any account appear in a transaction of this nature nor can he be supposed to be even acquainted with it. it must be understood to be a private business between you and the party, in whose possession it is. The Governor General would never condescend to make any application on the subject, except to the King himself, continue my good friend to endeavor to get it with money, the Persians are full of trick, and if I mistake not, all this is only a plan to extort more from you than what you have offered. I am sensible of all the trouble you have had, and rest assured the Supreme Government will be highly satisfied with your conduct, dont give it up, or allow yourself to be duped by those knowing fellows how can they blame you after the Chits you have received from them on the subject, I think they have most reason to apprehend a discovery of the transaction. I trust all will end as we wish, you must not despair dont allow them to alarm you, & when you see it will avail, affect indifference about the business. This is the 3d Ramazan, I have only just got your letter, so Esmael does not do his duty, I will write you fully in a day or two—

At all events, if you cannot get the Original to dispatch to me, get a Copy of it, wer if



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if you are obliged to pay more than what you proposed for this previledge, but do not part with the money until you have finished it, and when you return the paper, pay for the agreement—

Believe &c.

(Signed) N. H. Smith

Copy of a letter from N. H. Smith Esqr to Jafer Ali Khan dated Bushire 27th November 1808

I have received your three letters dated the 3rd & 10th Ramazan with the enclosed from Nasurolla Khan I would have answered these acceptable communications before, but I have been waiting till I could also forward you my reply to Nasurolla Khan's favors, which I thought it proper to dispatch to you with as little delay as possible It is now enclosed, and I send you also a copy of it, that you may be aware of the tenor of his address, for I doubt if his motives for writing to me on the Subject, are entirely disinterested—

My Dear friend, I have long since been completely convinced of your Zeal, & attachment to British Government, & your private regard & friendship towards me—

I have regularly apprized the Supreme Government of your exertions, & unceasing Zeal in the execution of the business you have been employed on, & expressed my confidence of your Sincere attachment towards the British Government— The letter you have transmitted from Meerza Shuffee to Nasurrolla Khan, contains in

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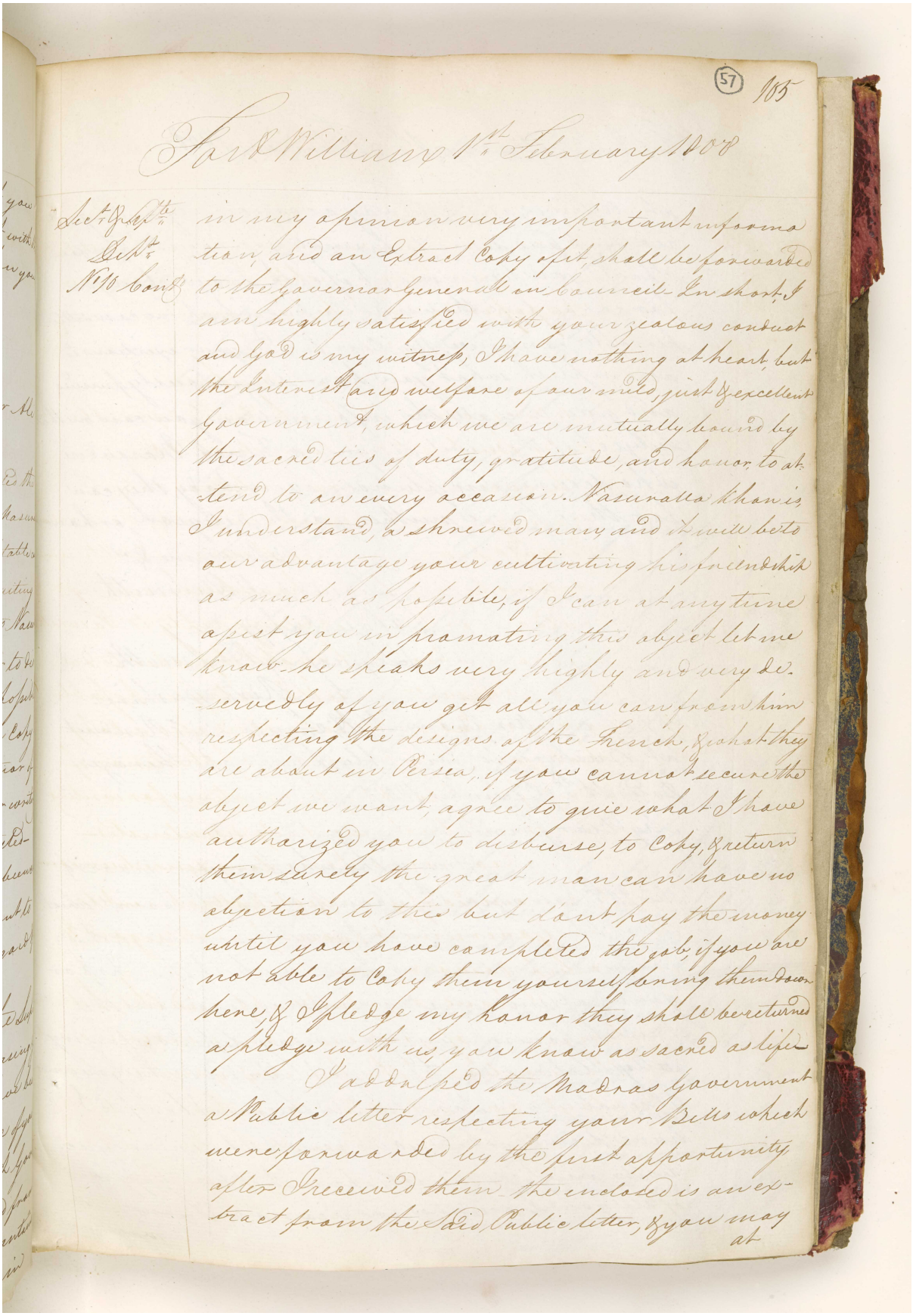

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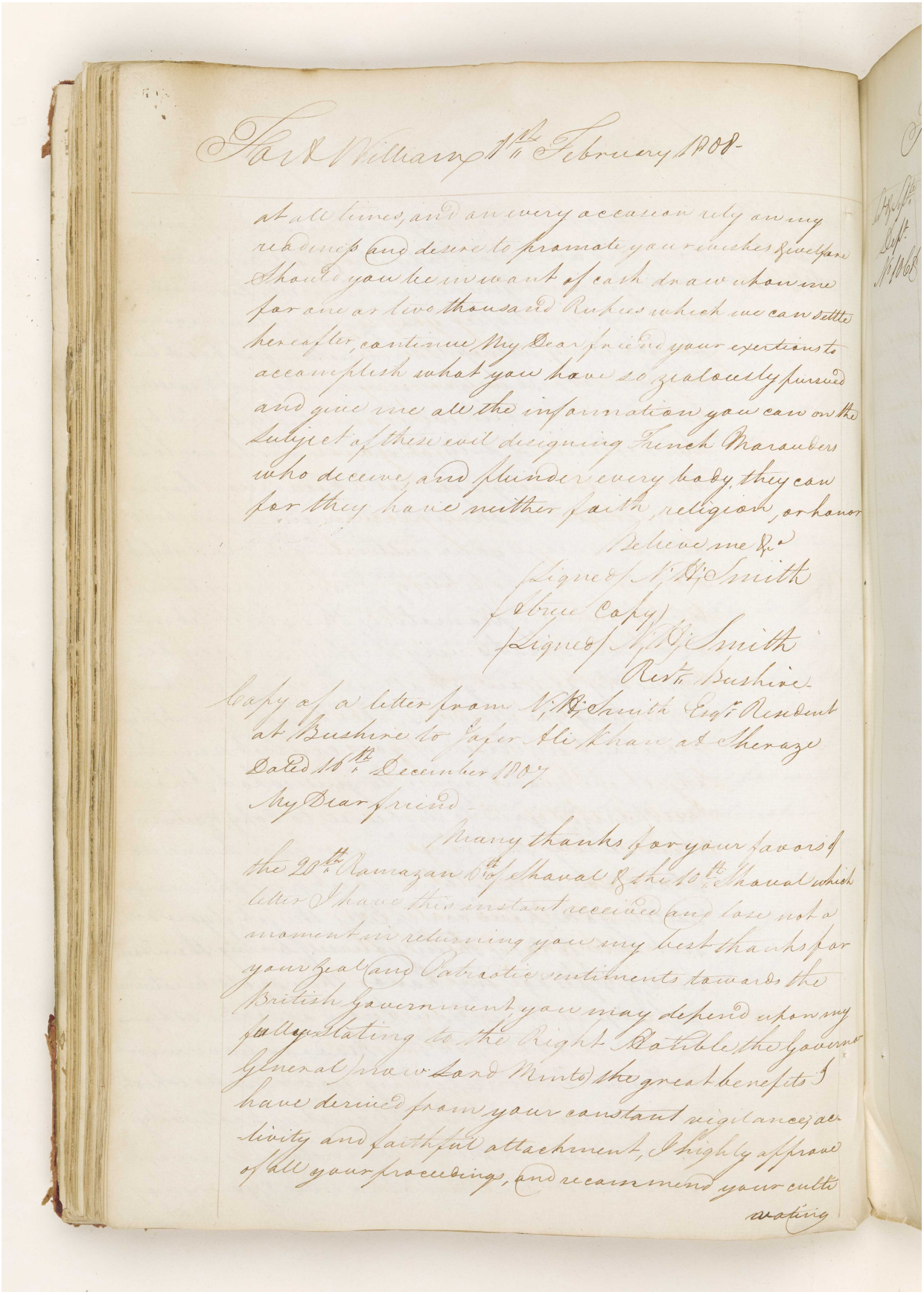
in my opinion very important information, and an Extract Copy of it, shall be forwarded to the Governor General in Council. In short, I am highly satisfied with your zealous conduct and God is my witness, I have nothing at heart, but the Interest and welfare of our mild, just & excellent Government, which we are mutually bound by the sacred ties of duty, gratitude, and honor, to attend to on every occasion. Nasuralla Khan is, I understand, a shrewed man, and it will be to our advantage your cultivating his friendship as much as possible, if I can at any time assist you in promoting this object let me know. he speaks very highly and very deservedly of you get all you can from him respecting the designs of the French, & what they are about in Persia, if you cannot secure the object we want, agree to give what I have authorized you to disburse, to Copy, & return them surely the great man can have no objection to this but dont pay the money until you have completed the job, if you are not able to Copy them yourself bring them down here, & I pledge my honor they shall be returned a pledge with us, you know as sacred as life.

I addressed the Madras Government a Public letter respecting your Bills which were forwarded by the first opportunity after I received them. the enclosed is an extract from the said Public letter, & you may at



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at all times, and on every occasion rely on my readiness and desire to promote your wishes & welfare Should you be in want of cash draw upon me for one or two thousand Rupees which we can settle hereafter, continue My Dear friend your exertions to accomplish what you have so zealously pursued and give me all the information you can on the Subject of these evil designing French Marauders who deceive, and plunder every body they can for they have neither faith, religion, or honor

Believe me &c.

(Signed) N. H. Smith

(A true Copy)

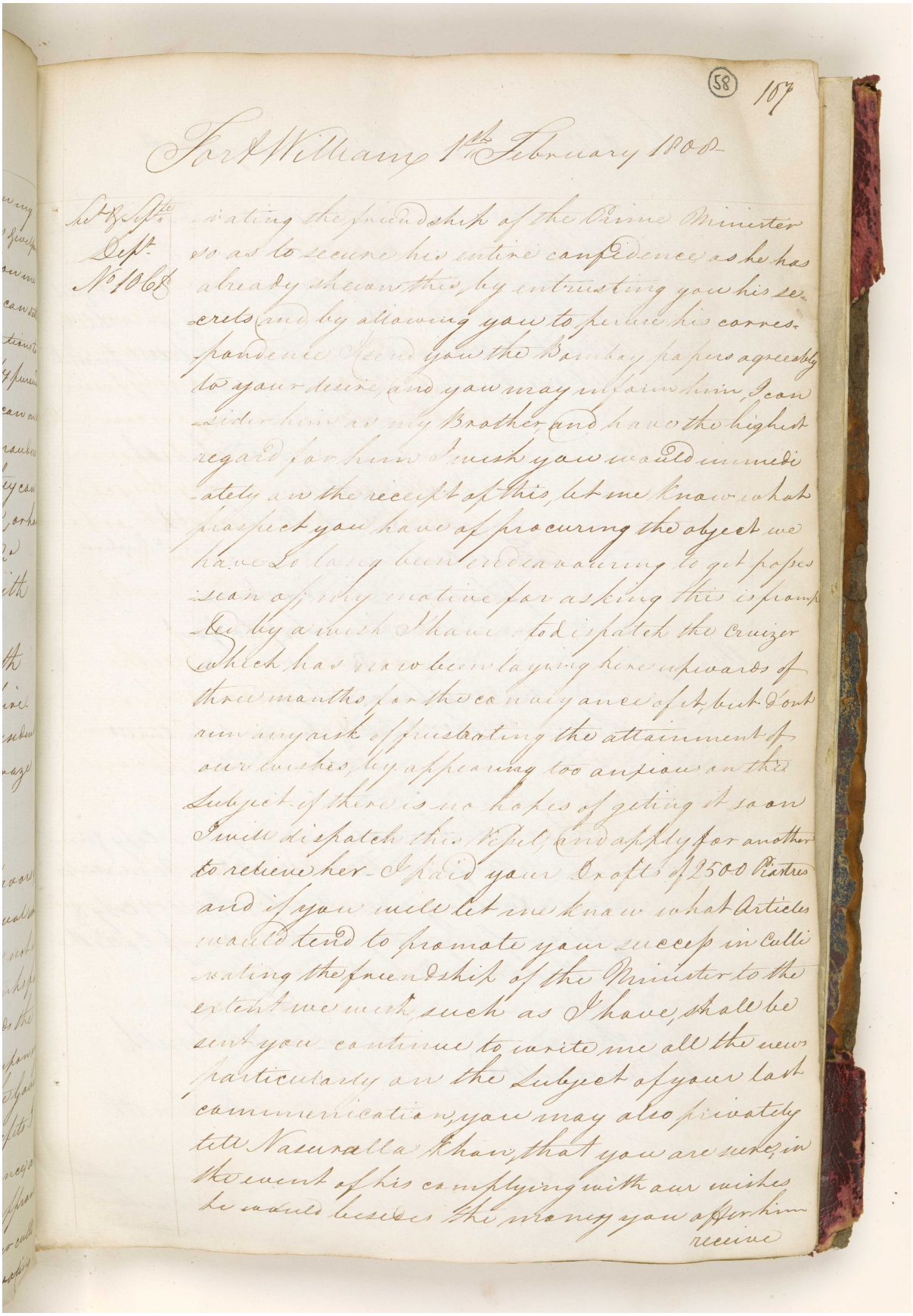
(Signed) N. H. Smith

Rest. Bushire-

Copy of a letter from N. H. Smith Esqr. Resident at Bushire to Jafer Ali Khan at Sheraze Dated 16th December 1807

My Dear friend

Many thanks for your favors of the 20th Ramazan 6th of Shaval & the 10th Shaval which letter I have this instant received and lose not a moment in returning you my best thanks for your Zeal and Patriotic sentiments towards the British Government you may depend upon my fully stating to the Right Honble the Governor General (now Lord Minto) the great benefits I have derived from your constant vigilance, activity and faithful attachment, I highly approve of all your proceedings, and recommend your cultivating



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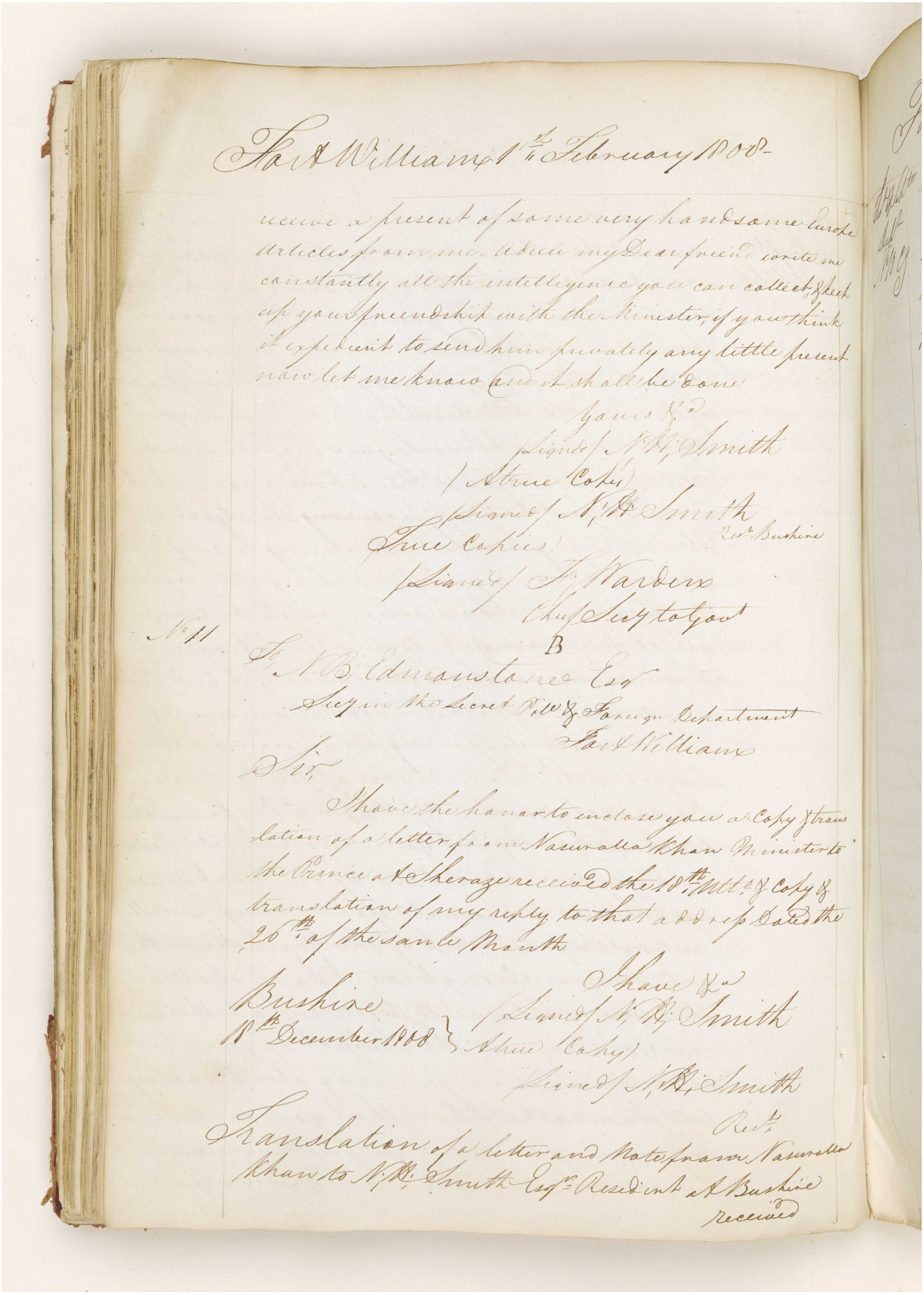
-vating the friendship of the Prime Minister so as to secure his entire confidence as he has already shewn this, by entrusting you his secrets and by allowing you to peruse his correspondence I send you the Bombay papers agreeably to your desire, and you may inform him, I consider him as my Brother, and have the highest regard for him I wish you would immediately on the receipt of this, let me know what prospect you have of procuring the object we have so long been endeavouring to get possession of, my motive for asking this is prompted by a wish I have to dispatch the Cruizer which has now been laying here upwards of three months for the conveyance of it, but dont run any risk of frustrating the attainment of our wishes, by appearing too anxious on the Subject if there is no hopes of geting it soon I will dispatch this Vessel, and apply for another to relieve her - I paid your Drafts of 2500 Piastres and if you will let me know what Articles would tend to promote your success in Cultivating the friendship of the Minister to the extent we wish, such as I have, shall be sent you - continue to write me all the news particularly on the Subject of your last communication, you may also privately tell Nasuralla Khan, that you are sure, in the event of his complying with our wishes he would besides the money you offer him receive



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receive a present of some very handsome Europe Articles from me. Adieu my Dear friend write me constantly all the intelligence you can collect, & keep up your friendship with the Minister, if you think it expedient to send him privately any little present now let me know and it shall be done

Yours &c

(Signed) N. B. Smith

(A true Copy)

(Signed) N. B. Smith

Resr. Bushire

True Copies

(Signed) F. Warden

Chief Secy to Govt

No 11

B

To N. B. Edmonstone Esqr

Secy in the Secret Pol & Foreign Department

Fort William

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a Copy & translation of a letter from Nasuralla Khan Minister to the Prince at Sheraze received the 18th Ult. & Copy & translation of my reply to that address Dated the 26th of the same Month

I have &c

Bushire
18th December 1808

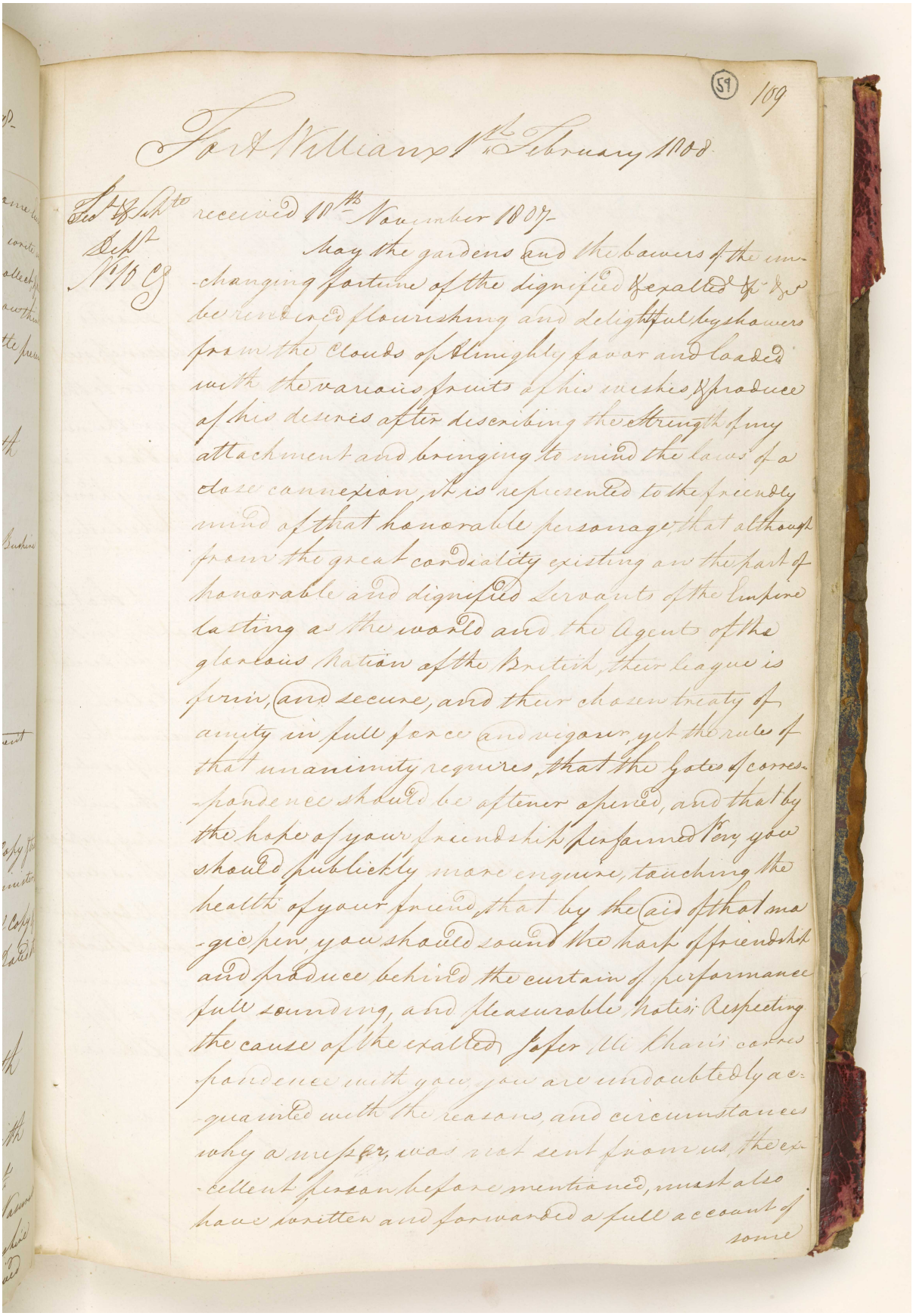
(Signed) N. B. Smith

(A true Copy)

(Signed) N. B. Smith

Resr.

Translation of a letter and Note from Nasuralla Khan to N. B. Smith Esqr. Resident at Bushire received



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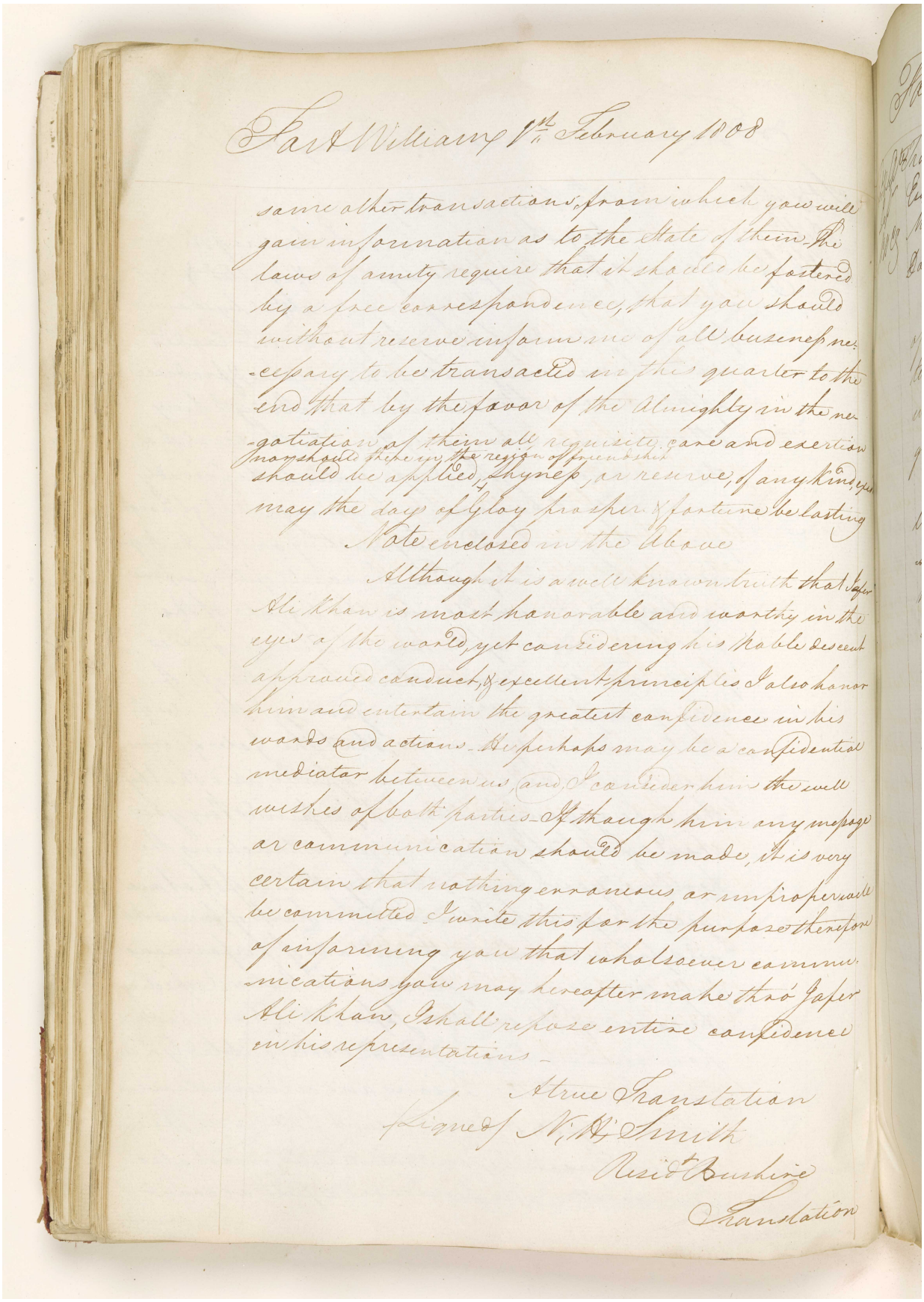
received 18th November 1807

May the gardens and the bowers of the unchanging fortune of the dignified & exalted &c &c be rendered flourishing and delightful by showers from the Clouds of Almighty favor and loaded with the various fruits of his wishes, & produce of his desires after describing the strength of my attachment and bringing to mind the laws of a close connexion, it is represented to the friendly mind of that honorable personage, that although from the great cordiality existing on the part of honorable and dignified Servants of the Empire lasting as the world and the Agents of the glorious Nation of the British, their league is firm, and secure, and their chosen treaty of amity in full force and vigour, yet the rules of that unanimity requires, that the Gates of correspondence should be oftener opened, and that by the hope of your friendship performed Pen, you should publickly more enquire, touching the health of your friend, that by the aid of that magic pen, you should sound the harp of friendship and produce behind the curtain of performance full sounding, and pleasurable Notes: Respecting the cause of the exalted Jafer Ali Khan's correspondence with you, you are undoubtedly acquainted with the reasons, and circumstances why a messer, was not sent from us, the excellent person before mentioned, must also have written and forwarded a full account of some



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same other transactions, from which you will gain information as to the State of them. The laws of amity require that it should be fostered by a free correspondence, that you should without reserve inform me of all business necessary to be transacted in this quarter to the end that by the favor of the Almighty in the negotiation of them all requisite care and exertion should be applied, nor should there in the region of friendship Shyness, or reserve, of any kind, exist may the days of Gloy prosper & fortune be lasting

Note enclosed in the Above

Although it is a well known truth that Jafer Ali Khan is most honorable and worthy in the eyes of the world, yet considering his Noble descent approved conduct, & excellent principles I also honor him and entertain the greatest confidence in his words and actions. He perhaps may be a confidential mediator between us, and I consider him the well wishes of both parties. If though him any message or communication should be made, it is very certain that nothing erroneous or improper will be committed. I write this for the purpose therefore of informing you that whatsoever communications you may hereafter make thro' Jafer Ali Khan, I shall repose entire confidence in his representations.

A true Translation

(Signed) N. H. Smith

Resid^t Bushire

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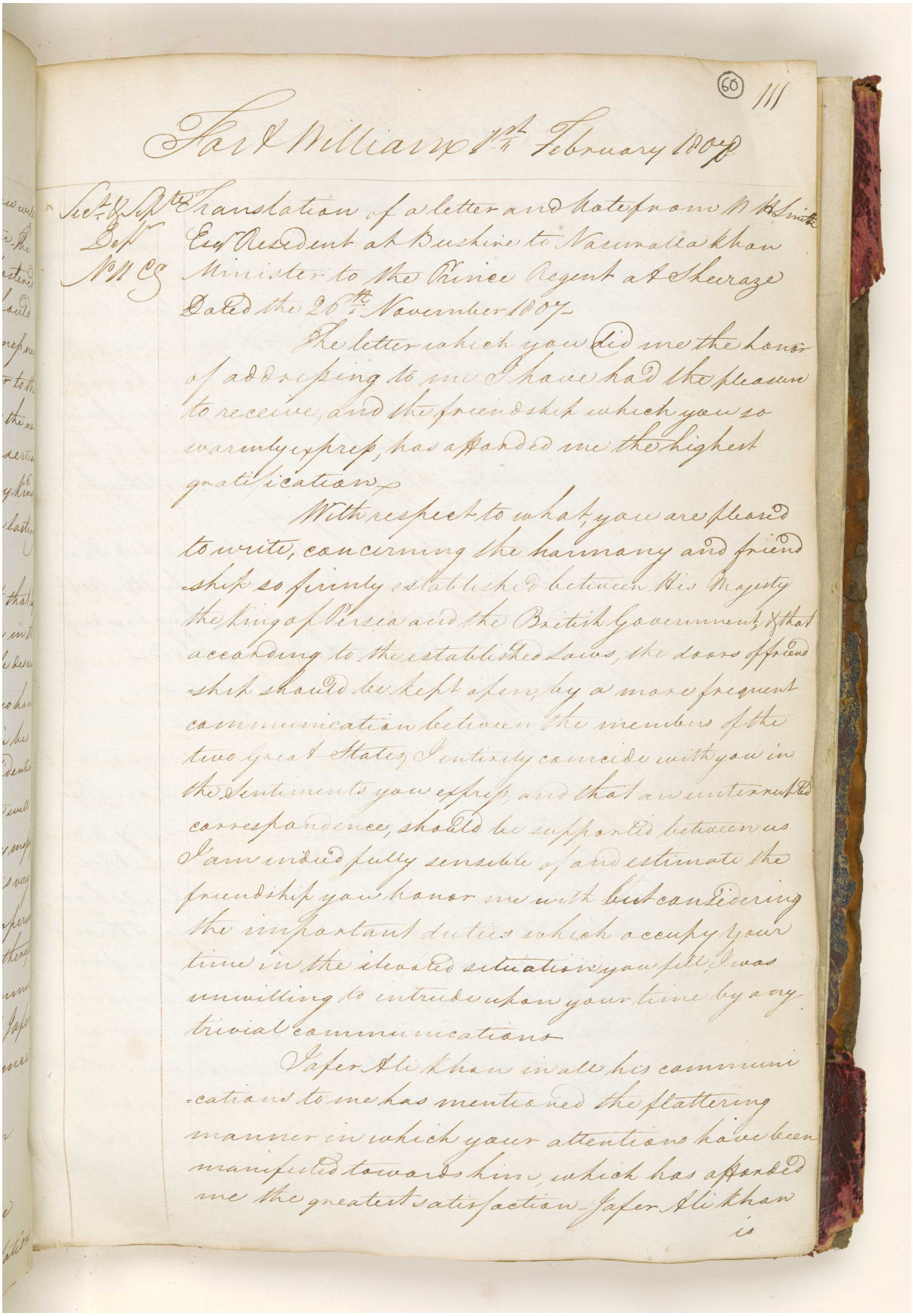

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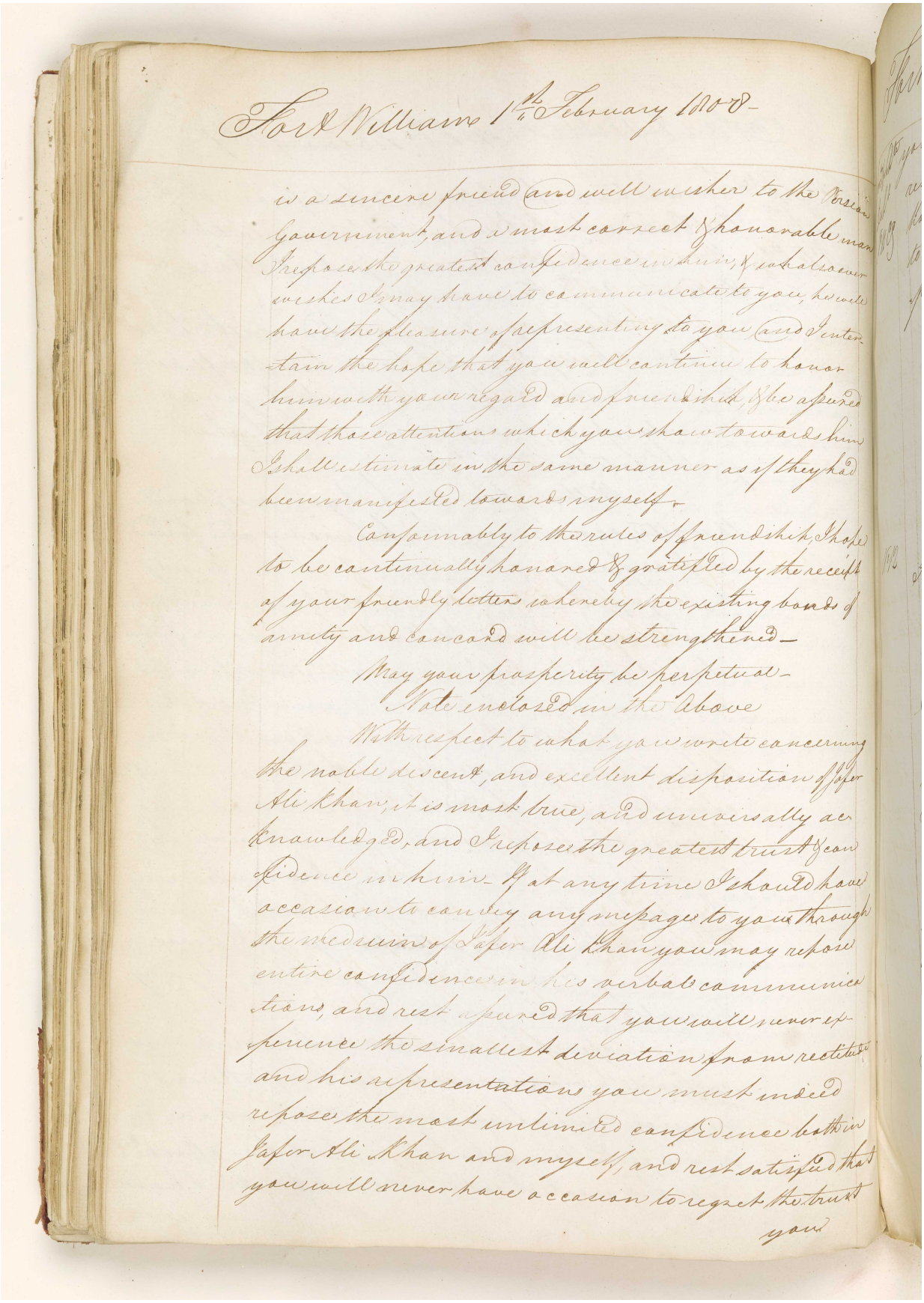
Translation of a letter and Note from W H Smith Esqr Resident at Bushire to Nasuralla Khan Minister to the Prince Regent at Sheeraze Dated the 26th November 1807.

The letter which you did me the honor of addressing to me I have had the pleasure to receive, and the friendship which you so warmly express, has afforded me the highest gratification.

With respect to what you are pleased to write, concerning the harmony and friendship so firmly established between His Majesty the King of Persia and the British Government, & that according to the established Laws, the doors of friendship should be kept open, by a more frequent communication between the members of the two Great States, I entirely coincide with you in the Sentiments you express, and that an unterrupted correspondence, should be supported between us I am indeed fully sensible of and estimate the friendship you honor me with but considering the important duties which occupy your time in the elevated situation you fill, I was unwilling to intrude upon your time by any trivial communications.

Jafer Ali Khan in all his communications to me has mentioned the flattering manner in which your attentions have been manifested towards him, which has afforded me the greatest satisfaction. Jafer Ali Khan is



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is a sincere friend and well wisher to the Persian Government, and a most correct & honorable man. I repose the greatest confidence in him, & whatsoever wishes I may have to communicate to you, he will have the pleasure of representing to you; and I entertain the hope that you will continue to honor him with the regard and friendship, & be assured that those attentions which you shall towards him I shall estimate in the same manner as if they had been manifested towards myself.

Conformably to the rules of friendship I hope to be continually honored & gratified by the receipt of your friendly letters whereby the existing bonds of amity and concord will be strengthened.

May your prosperity be perpetual.

Note enclosed in the above

With respect to what you wrote concerning the noble descent, and excellent disposition of Jafar Ali Khan, it is most true, and universally acknowledged, and I repose the greatest trust & confidence in him. If at any time I should have occasion to convey any message to you through the medium of Jafar Ali Khan you may repose entire confidence in his verbal communications, and rest assured that you will never experience the smallest deviation from rectitude and his representations you must indeed repose the most unlimited confidence both in Jafar Ali Khan and myself, and rest satisfied that you will never have occasion to regret the trust

you

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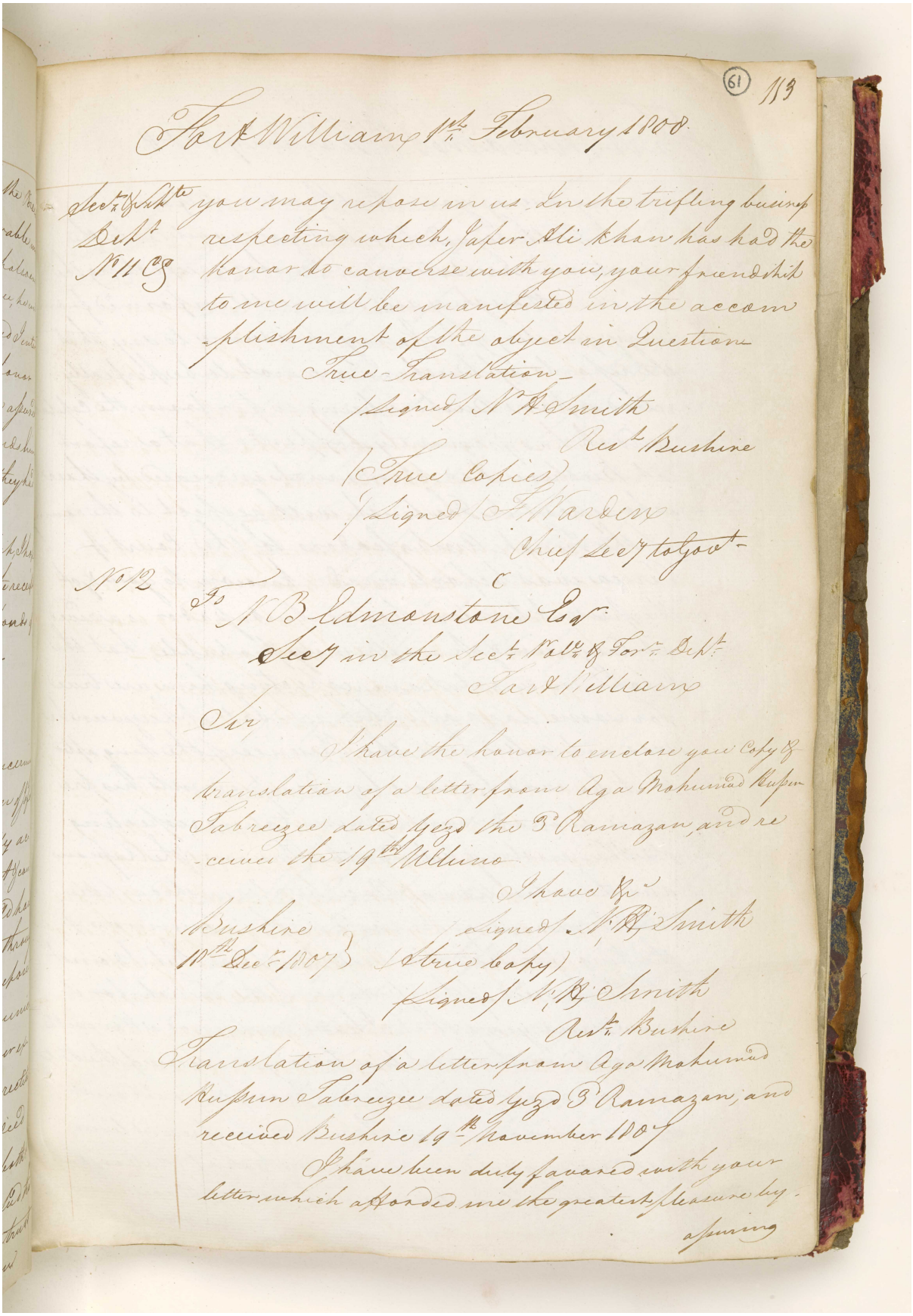

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you may repose in us. In the trifling business respecting which, Jafer Ali Khan has had the honor to converse with you, your friendship to me will be manifested in the accomplishment of the object in Question

True Translation

(Signed) N H Smith
Resr Bushire

(True Copies)
(Signed) F Warden
Chief Secy to Govt

No 12

To N B Edmonstone Esqr
Secy in the Secr Polr & Forr Dept
Fort William

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you Copy & translation of a letter from Aga Mohumad Hussun Tabreezee dated Yezd the 3d Ramazan, and received the 19th Ultimo

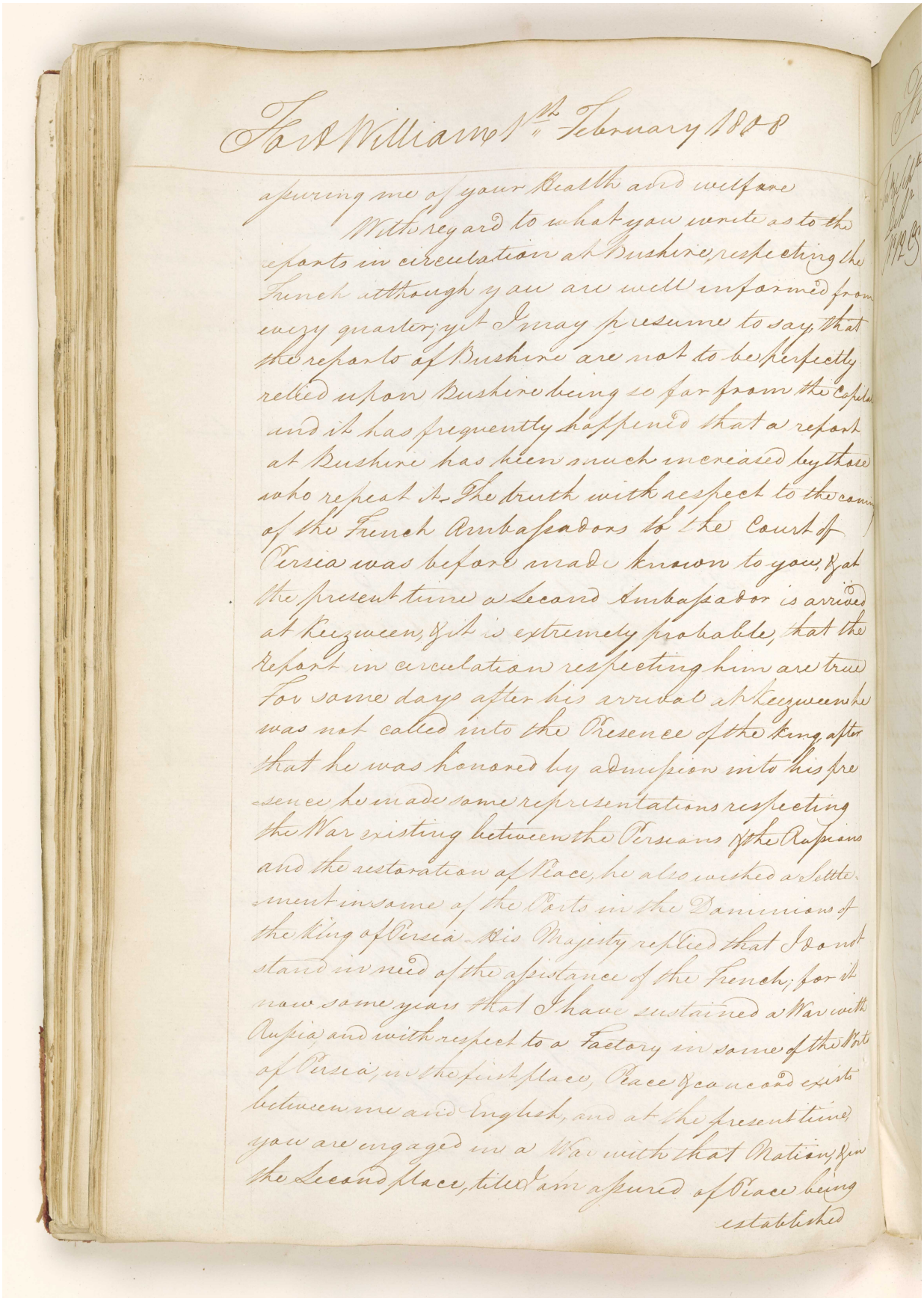
I have &c
(Signed) N H Smith

Bushire
18th Decr 1807

(A true copy)
(Signed) N H Smith
Resr Bushire

Translation of a letter from Aga Mohumad Hussun Tabreezee dated Yezd 3d Ramazan, and received Bushire 19th November 1807

I have been duly favored with your letter which afforded me the greatest pleasure by assuring



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assuring me of your Health and welfare

With regard to what you write as to the reports in circulation at Bushire respecting the French although you are well informed from every quarter; yet I may presume to say, that the reports of Bushire are not to be perfectly relied upon Bushire being so far from the Capital and it has frequently happened that a report at Bushire has been much increased by those who repeat it. The truth with respect to the coming of the French Ambassadors to the Court of Persia was before made known to you, that the present time a Second Ambassador is arrived at Kerguween, & it is extremely probable, that the report in circulation respecting him are true for some days after his arrival at Kerguween he was not called into the Presence of the King after that he was honored by admission into his presence he made some representations respecting the War existing between the Persians & the Russians and the restoration of Peace, he also wished a settlement in some of the Ports in the Dominions of the King of Persia. His Majesty replied that I do not stand in need of the assistance of the French, for it is now some years that I have sustained a War with Russia and with respect to a Factory in some of the Ports of Persia, in the first place, Peace & Concord exists between me and English, and at the present time you are engaged in a War with that Nation, for the Second place, tho I am assured of Peace being established

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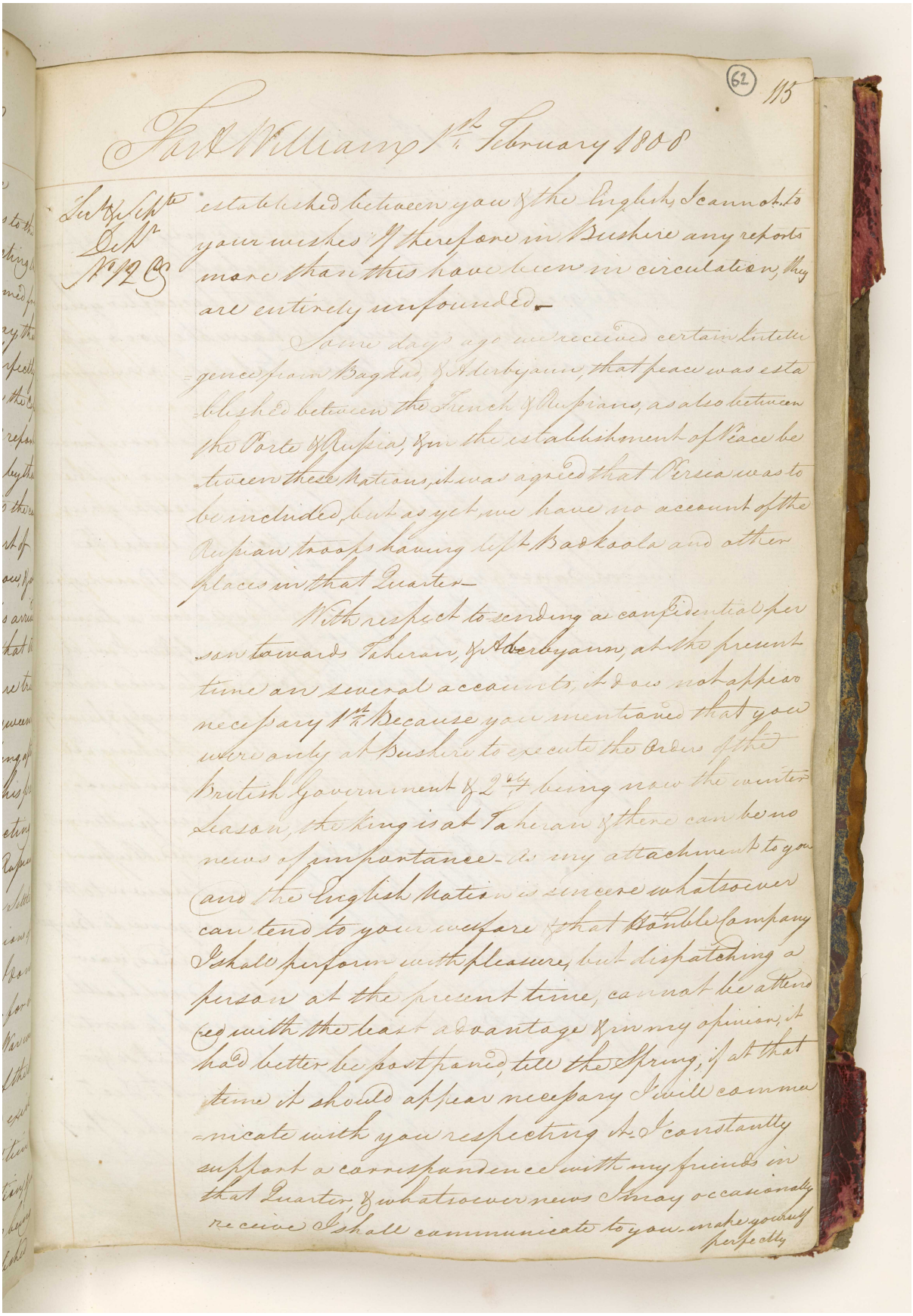

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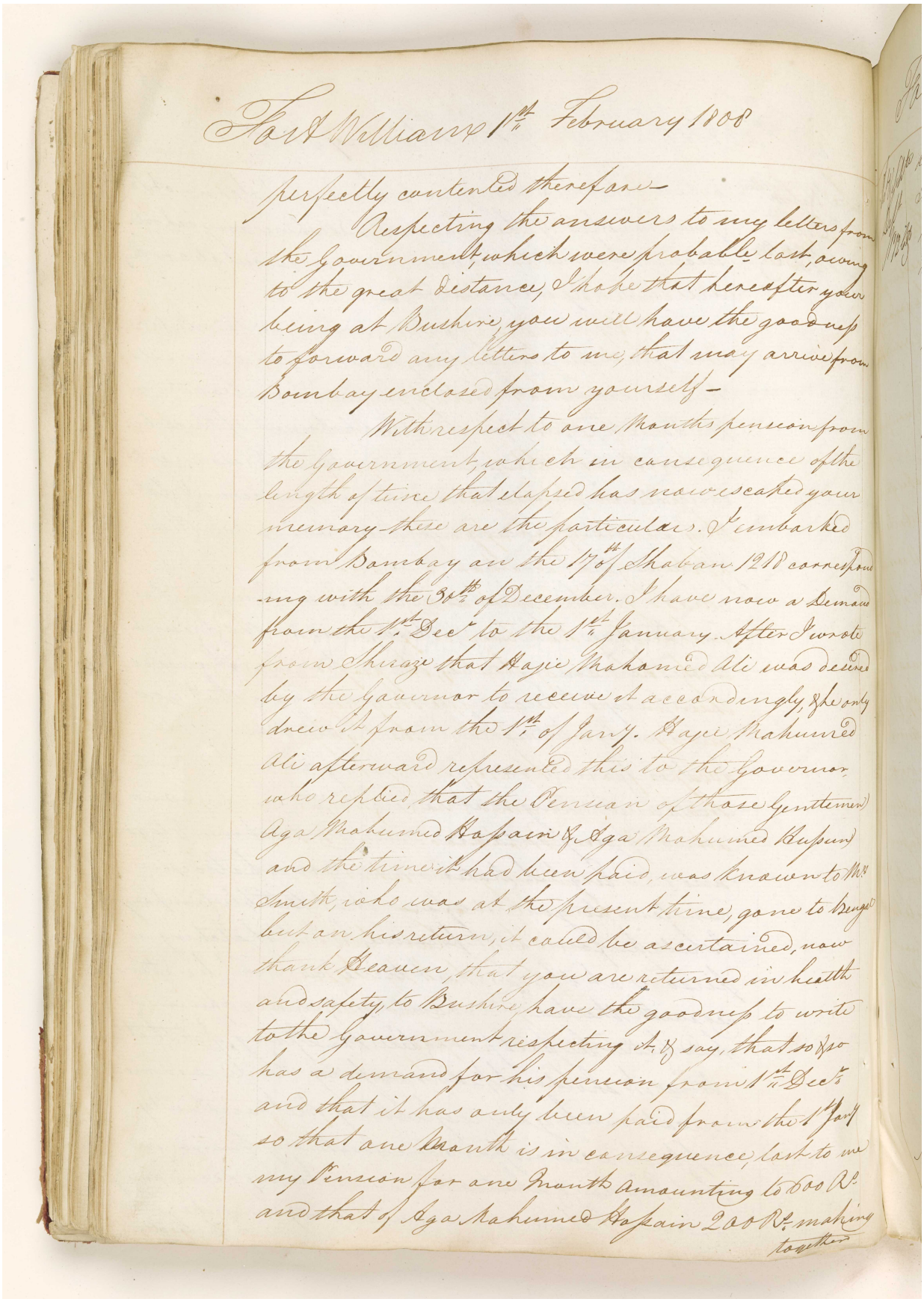
established between you & the English, I cannot to your wishes. If therefore in Bushire any reports more than this have been in circulation, they are entirely unfounded—

Some days ago we received certain Intelligence from Bagdad, & Aderbyaun, that peace was established between the French & Russians, as also between the Porte & Russia, & in the establishment of Peace between these Nations, it was agreed that Persia was to be included, but as yet, we have no account of the Russian troops having left Badkoola and other places in that Quarter—

With respect to sending a confidential person towards Taheran, & Aderbyaun, at the present time on several accounts, it does not appear necessary 1st Because you mentioned that you were only at Bushire to execute the Orders of the British Government & 2dly being now the winter Season, the King is at Taheran & there can be no news of importance— As my attachment to you and the English Nation is sincere whatsoever can tend to your welfare & that Honble Company I shall perform with pleasure, but dispatching a person at the present time, cannot be attended with the least advantage & in my opinion, it had better be postponed, till the Spring, if at that time it should appear necessary I will communicate with you respecting it— I constantly support a correspondence with my friends in that Quarter, & whatsoever news I may occasionally receive I shall communicate to you— make yourself perfectly



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perfectly contented therefore—

Respecting the answers to my letters from the Government, which were probable lost, owing to the great distance, I hope that hereafter your being at Bushire, you will have the goodness to forward any letters to me, that may arrive from Bombay enclosed from yourself—

With respect to one Months pension from the Government, which in consequence of the length of time that elapsed has now escaped your memory—these are the particulars. I embarked from Bombay on the 17th of Shaban 1218 corresponding with the 30th of December. I have now a Demand from the 1st Decr to the 1st January. After I wrote from Shiraze that Hajee Mahomed Ali was desired by the Governor to receive it accordingly, & he only drew it from the 1st of Jany. Hajee Mahomed Ali afterward represented this to the Governor, who replied, that the Pension of those Gentlemen Aga Mahomed Hossain & Aga Mahomed Hussein and the time it had been paid, was known to Mr Smith, who was at the present time, gone to Bengal but on his return, it could be ascertained, now thank Heaven, that you are returned in health and safety, to Bushire have the goodness to write to the Government respecting it, & say, that so & so has a demand for his pension from 1st Decr and that it has only been paid from the 1st Jany so that one Month is in consequence, lost to me my Pension for one Month amounting to 600 Rs and that of Aga Mahomed Hossain 200 Rs making together

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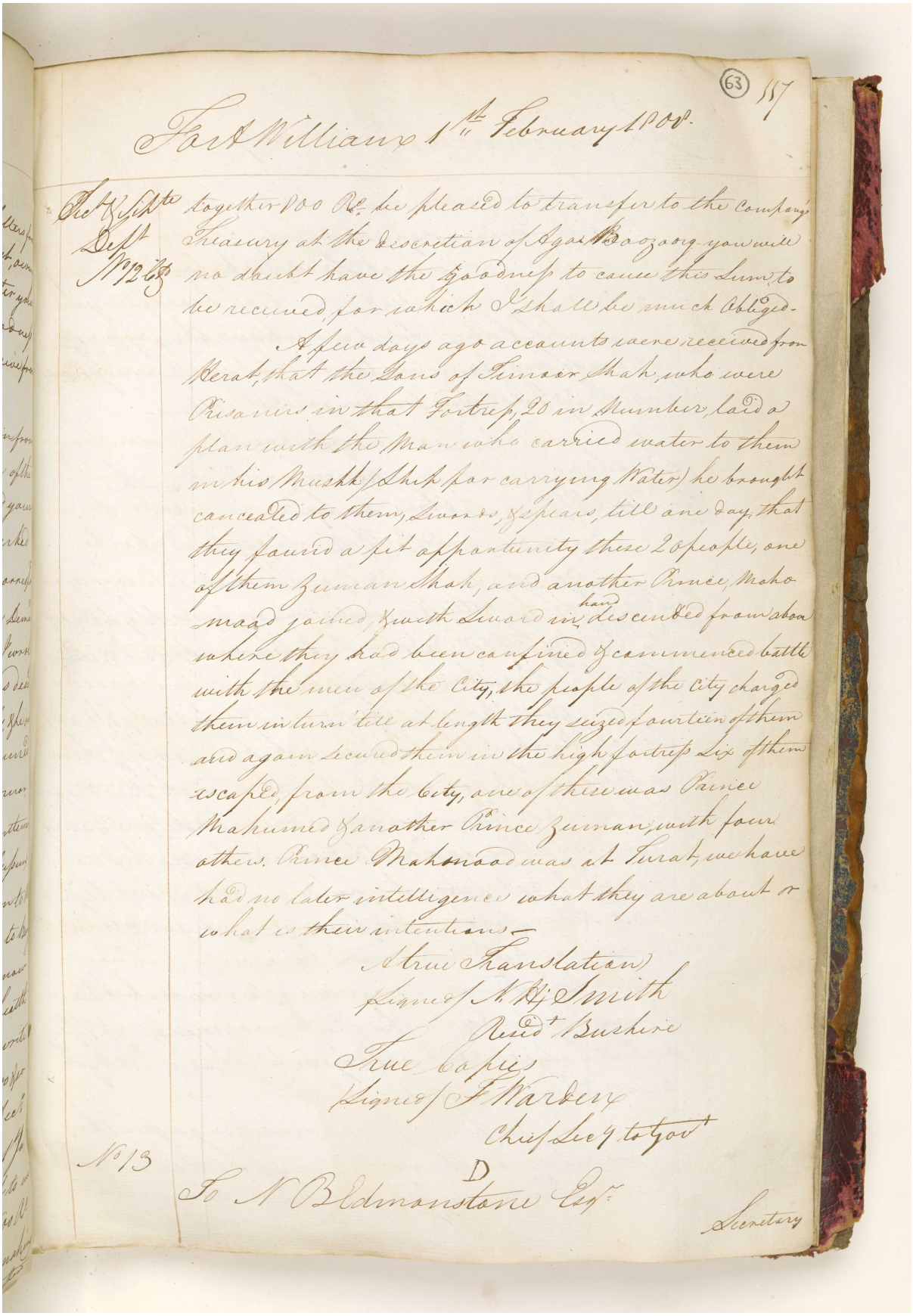

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together 800 Rs. be pleased to transfer to the Company's Treasury at the discretion of Agar Boozoorg you will no doubt have the goodness to cause this Sum to be received, for which I shall be much Obliged.

A few days ago accounts were received from Herat, that the Sons of Timoor Shah, who were Prisoners in that Fortress, 20 in Number, laid a plan with the Man who carried water to them in his Mushk (Ship for carrying Water) he brought concealed to them, Swords, & spears, till one day, that they found a fit opportunity these 20 people, one of them Zuman Shah, and another Prince, Mahomaad joined, & with Sword in hand descended from above where they had been confined & commenced battle with the men of the City, the people of the City charged them in turn till at length they seized fourteen of them and again secured them in the high fortress Six of them escaped, from the City, one of these was Prince Mahumed & another Prince Zuman, with four others. Prince Mahomood was at Turat, we have had no later intelligence what they are about or what is their intentions.

A true Translation
(Signed) N. H. Smith
Resd.t Bushire

True Copies
(Signed) F. Warden
Chief Secy. to Govt.

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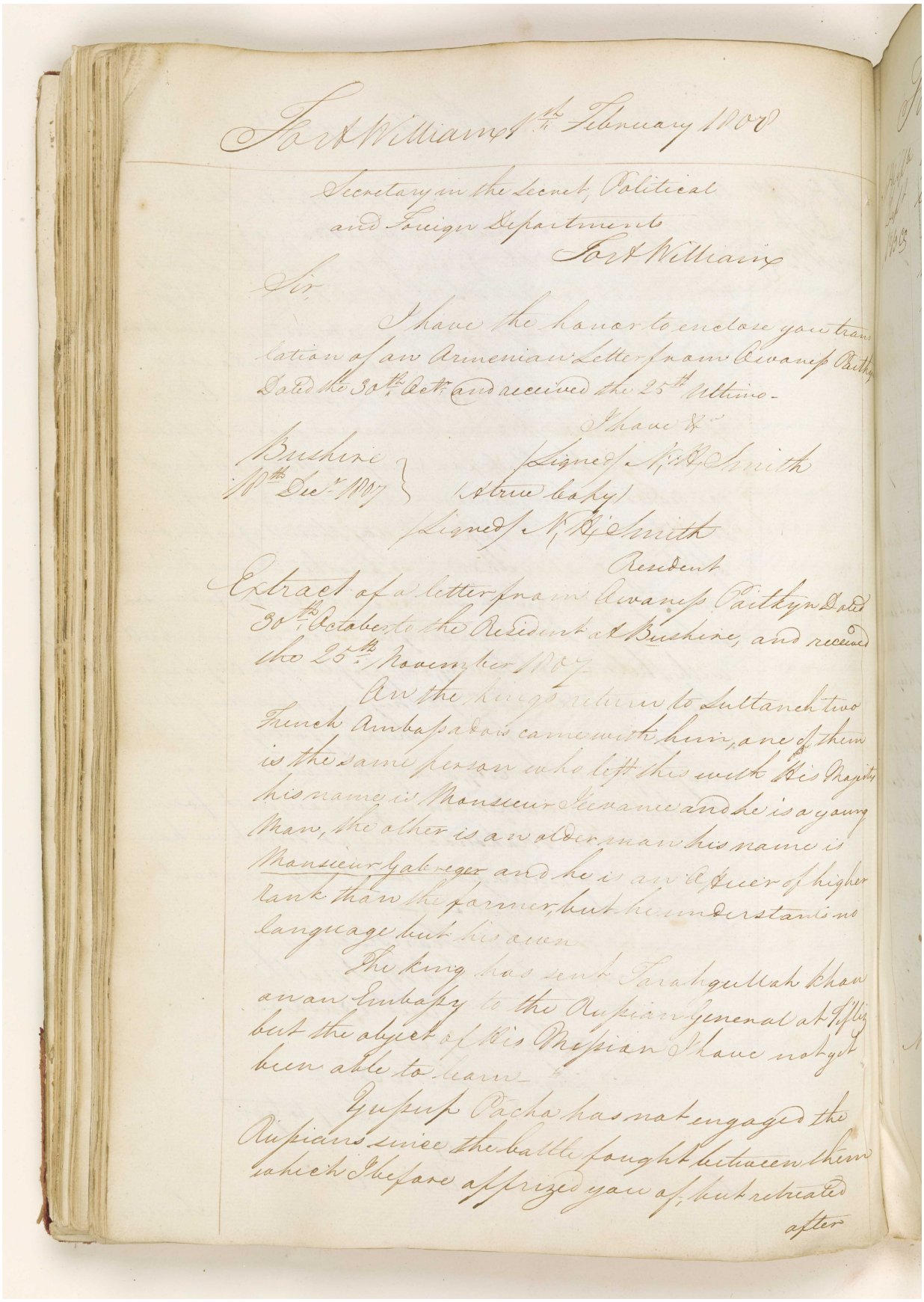
To N. B. Edmonstone Esqr.

Secretary



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Secretary in the Secret, Political and Foreign Departments
Fort William

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you translation of an Armenian Letter from Owanes Paithyn Dated the 30th Octr and received the 25th Ultimo.

I have &c

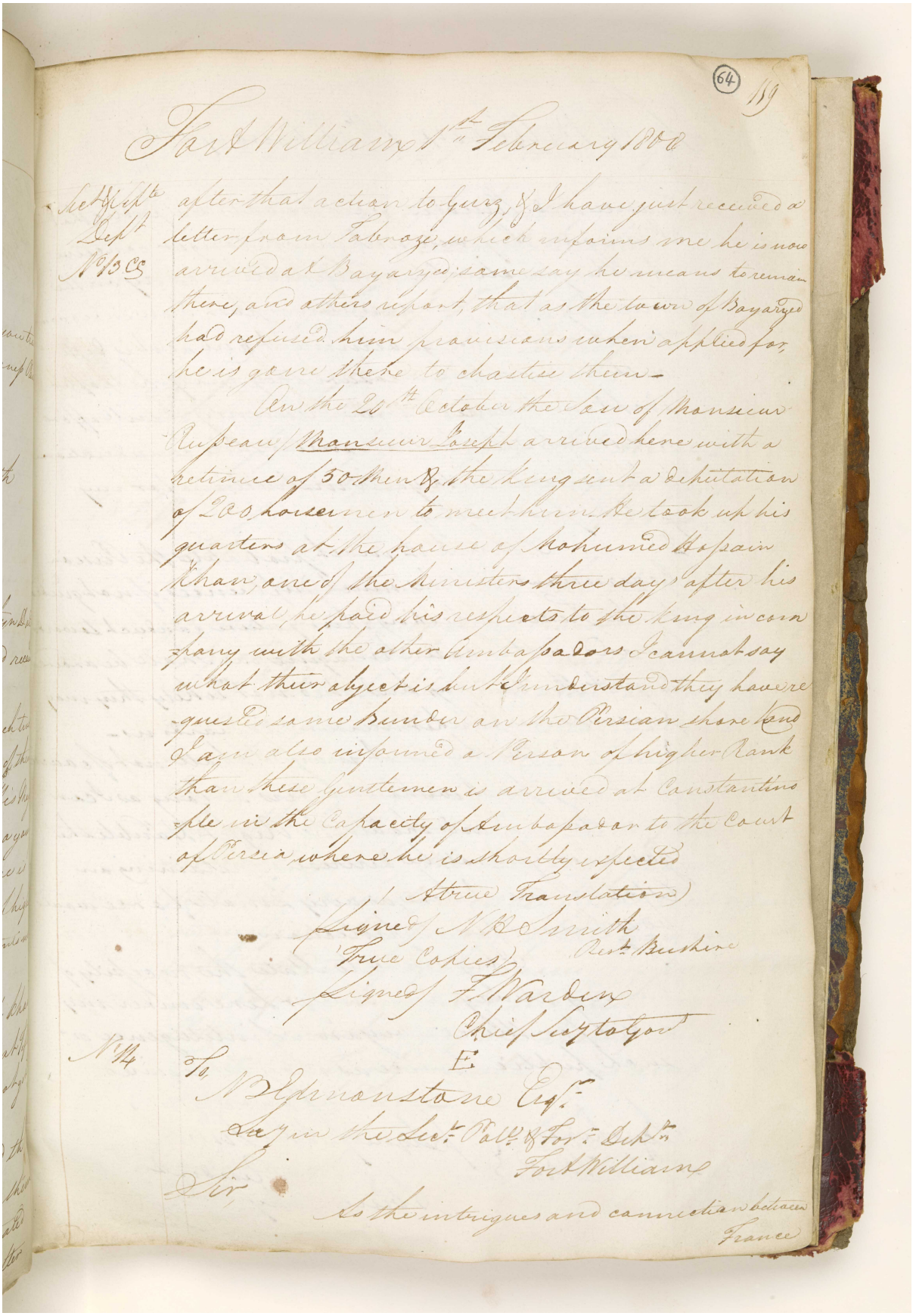
Bushire 18th Decr 1807 } (Signed) N. H. Smith
(A true copy)
(Signed) N. H. Smith
Resident

Extract of a letter from Owanes Paithyn Dated 30th October to the Resident at Bushire, and received the 25th November 1807.

On the kings return to Sultaneh two French Ambassadors came with him, one of them is the same person who left this with His Majesty his name is Monsieur Jeevance and he is a young Man, the other is an older man his name is Monsieur Gabreger and he is an Officer of higher rank than the former, but he understands no language but his own.

The king has sent Tarahgullah Khan on an Embassy to the Russian General at Tiflis but the object of His Mission I have not yet been able to learn.

Yussuf Pacha has not engaged the Russians since the battle fought between them which I before apprized you of, but retreated after



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after that action to Gurz, & I have just received a letter from Tabroze, which informs me he is now arrived at Bayarzed; some say he means to remain there, and others report, that as the town of Bayarzed had refused him provisions when applied for, he is gone there to chastise them—

On the 20th October the Son of Monsieur Russeau (Monsieur Joseph arrived here with a retinue of 50 Men & the King sent a deputation of 200 horsemen to meet him. He took up his quarters at the house of Mohumed Hossain Khan, one of the Ministers three days after his arrival, he paid his respects to the King in company with the other Ambassadors I cannot say what their object is but I understand they have requested some Bunder on the Persian shore land I am also informed a Person of higher Rank than these Gentlemen is arrived at Constantinople in the Capacity of Ambassador to the Court of Persia, where he is shortly expected

(A true Translation)

(Signed) N B Smith
Resr Bushire

(True Copies)

(Signed) F. Warden
Chief Secy to Govt

No 14

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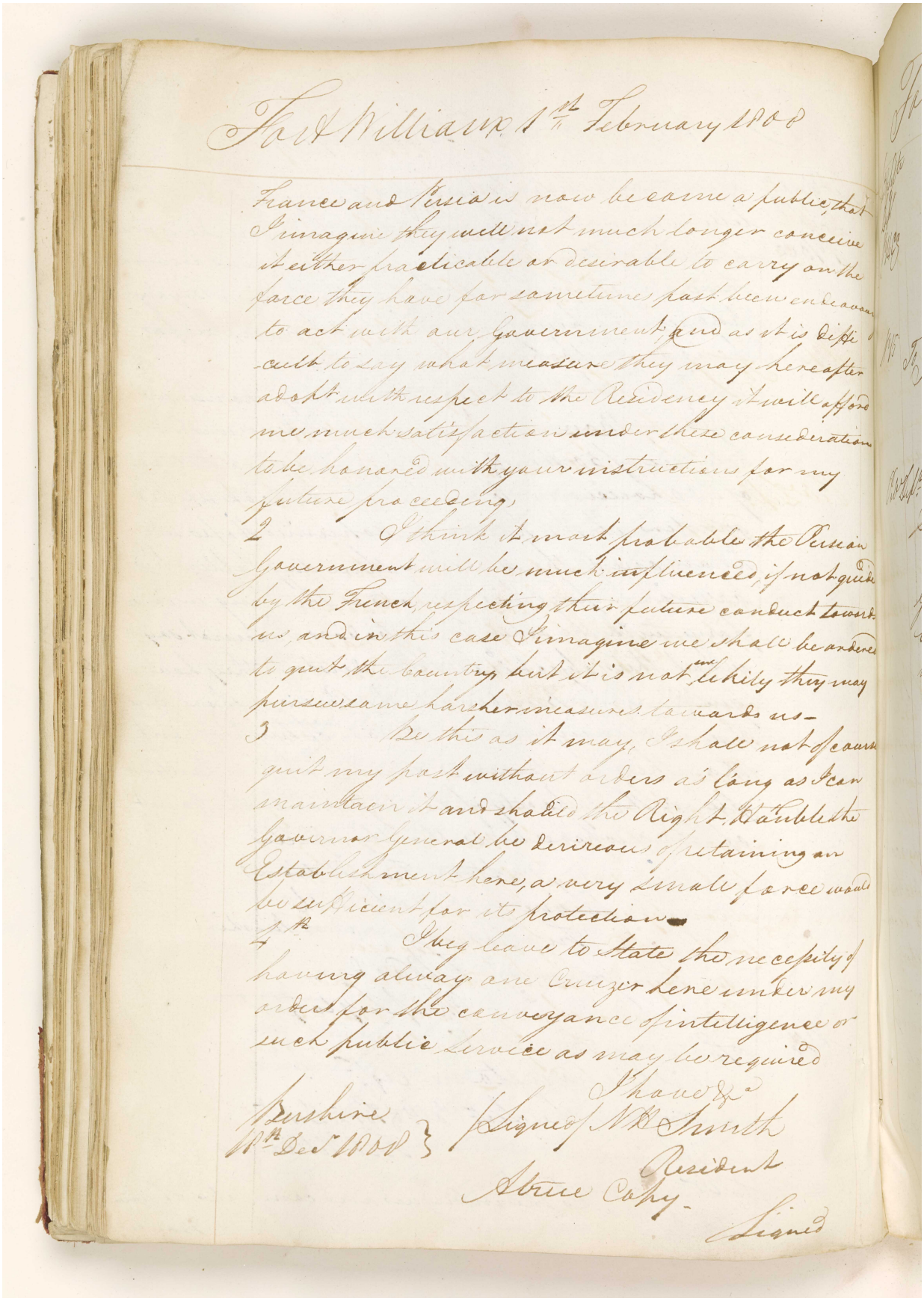
To
N B Edmonstone Esqr
Secy in the Secy Poll & Forn Dept
Fort William

Sir,

As the intrigues and connection between France



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France and Russia is now become a public, that I imagine they will not much longer conceive it either practicable or desirable to carry on the farce they have for sometime past been endeavouring to act with our Government, and as it is difficult to say what measure they may hereafter adopt with respect to the Residency it will afford me much satisfaction under these considerations to be honored with your instructions for my future proceeding.

2 I think it most probable the Persian Government will be much influenced, if not guided by the French, respecting their future conduct towards us, and in this case I imagine we shall be ordered to quit the country but it is not unlikely they may pursue some harsher measures towards us—

3 Be this as it may, I shall not fear quitting my post without orders as long as I can maintain it and should the Right Honble the Governor General be desirous of retaining an Establishment here, a very small force would be sufficient for its protection—

4th They leave to state the necessity of having always one Cruizer here under my orders for the conveyance of intelligence or such public service as may be required

I have &c
Signed N B Smith
Resident

Bushire
10th Dec 1807

A true Copy
Signed

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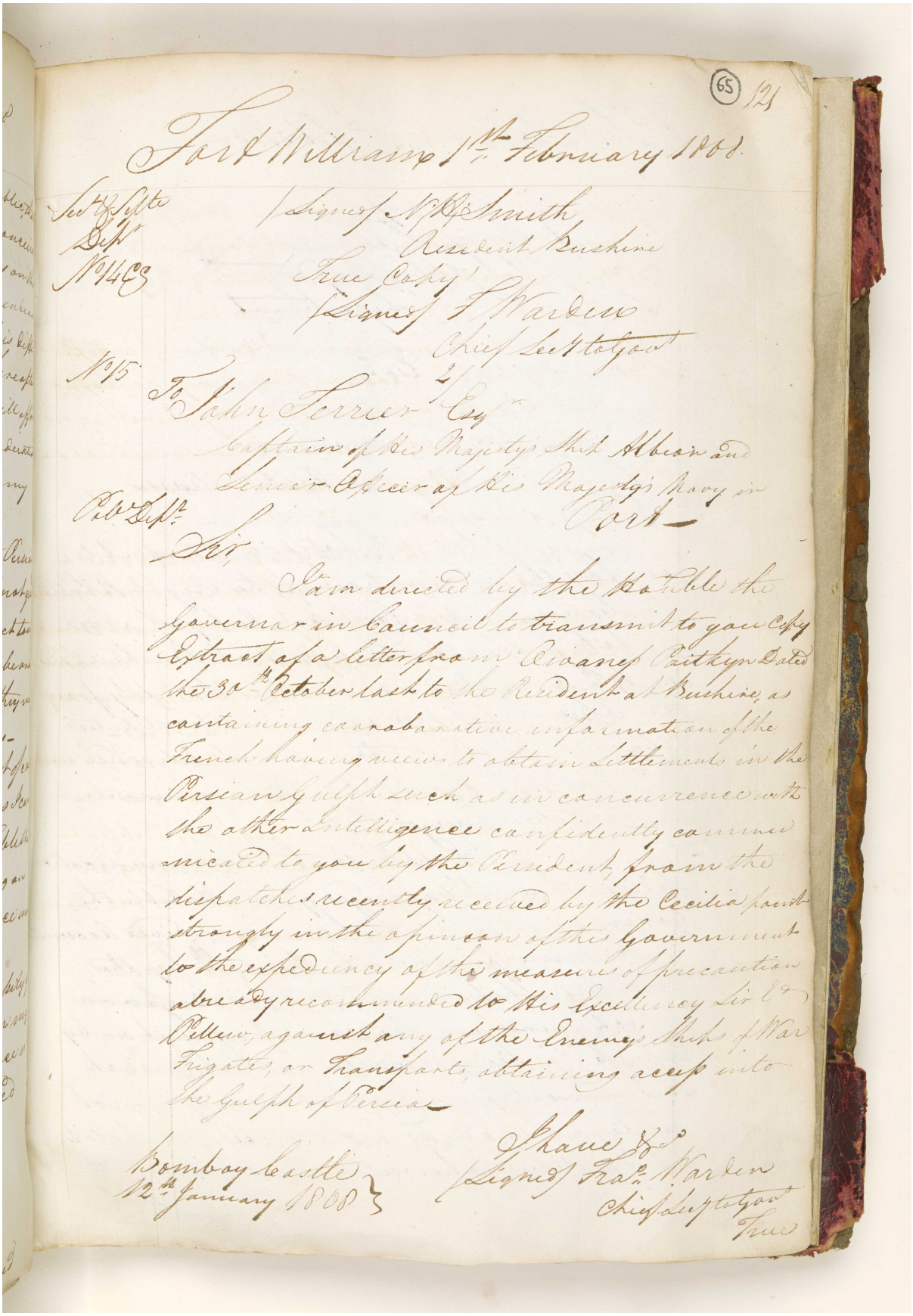

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(Signed) N. H. Smith
Resident Bushire
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(Signed) F. Warden
Chief Sect to Govt

No 15

To John Ferrier Esqr
Captain of His Majesty's Ship Albion and
Senior Officer of His Majesty's Navy in
Port —

Pol Dept

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you Copy Extract of a letter from Owanes Paitkyn Dated the 30th October last to the Resident at Bushire, as containing corroborative information of the French having views to obtain Settlements in the Persian Gulph such as in concurrence with the other Intelligence confidently communicated to you by the Persident, from the dispatches recently received by the Cecilia point strongly in the opinion of this Government to the expediency of the measures of precaution already recommended to His Excellency Sir Ed Pellew, against any of the Enemy's Ships of War Frigates, or Transports, obtaining access into the Gulph of Persia —

I have &c
(Signed) Fra. Warden
Chief Sect to Govt
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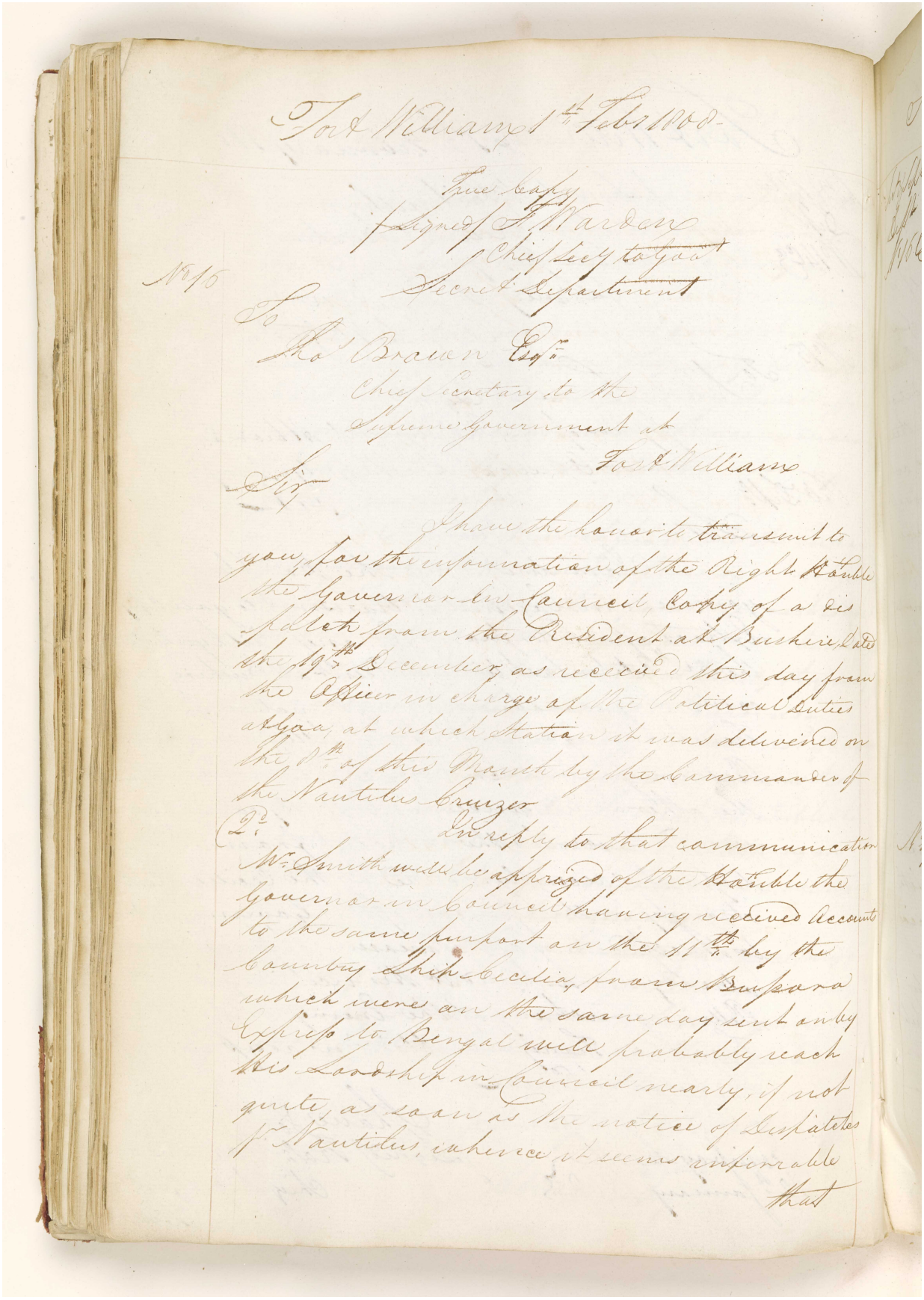
Bombay Castle
12th January 1808



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(Signed) F. Warden
Chief Secy to Govt
Secret Department

No 16

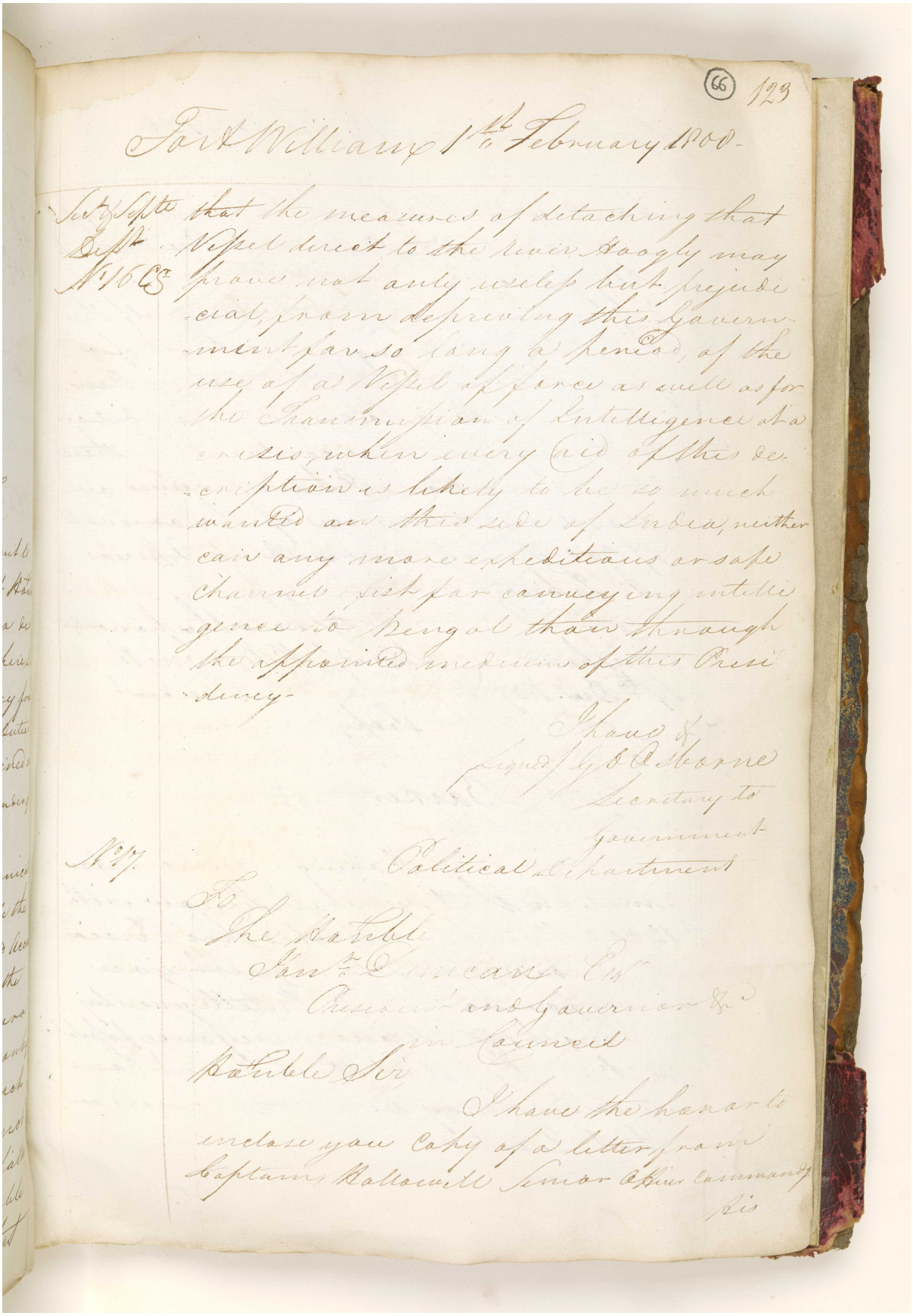
To
Thos Brown Esqr
Chief Secretary to the
Supreme Government at
Fort William

Sir

I have the honor to transmit to you, for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council, Copy of a dispatch from the Resident at Bushire, Dated the 19th December, as received this day from the Officer in charge of the Political Duties at Goa, at which Station it was delivered on the 8th of this Month by the Commander of the Nautilus Cruizer

2d In reply to that communication Mr Smith will be apprized of the Honble the Governor in Council having received Accounts to the same purport on the 11th by the Country Ship Cecilia, from Bussora which were on the same day sent on by Express to Bengal will probably reach His Lordship in Council nearly, if not quite, as soon as the notice of Dispatches pr Nautilus, whence it seems inferrable

that



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that the measures of detaching that Vessel direct to the river Hoogly may prove not only useless but prejudicial, from depriving this Government for so long a period, of the use of a Vessel of force as well as for the Transmission of Intelligence at a crisis, when every aid of this description is likely to be so much wanted on this side of India, neither can any more expeditious or safe channel exist for conveying intelligence to Bengal than through the appointed medium of this Presidency.

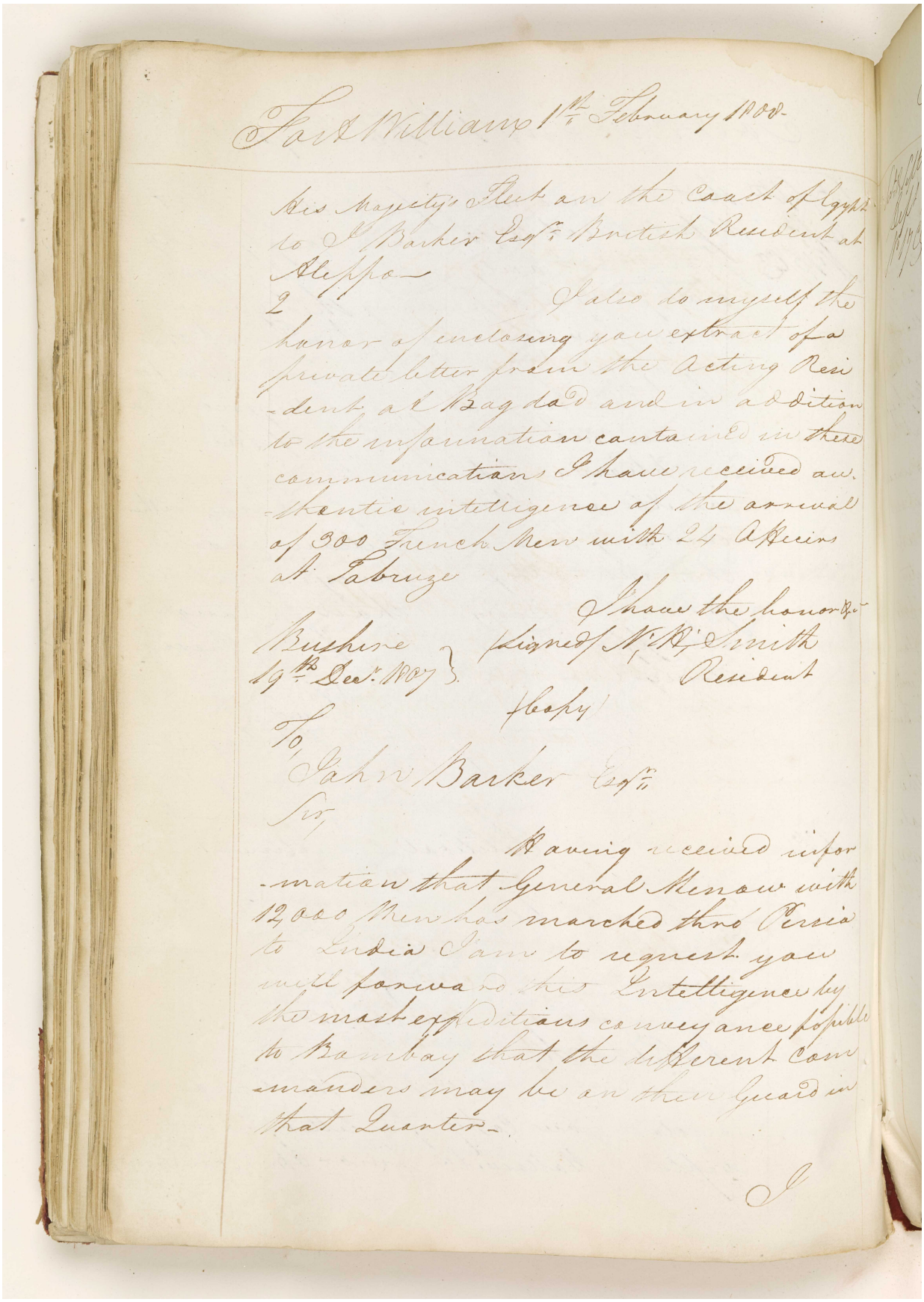
I have &c.
Signed J. G. Osborne
Secretary to Government
Political Department

No. 17

To
The Honble
Jonn. Duncan Esqr.
President and Governor &c.
in Council

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a letter from Captain Hallowell Senior Officer Commandg. his



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His Majesty's Fleet on the Coast of Egypt to J. Barker Esqr. British Resident at Aleppo—

2 I also do myself the honor of enclosing you extract of a private letter from the Acting Resident at Bagdad and in addition to the information contained in these communications I have received authentic intelligence of the arrival of 300 French Men with 24 Officers at Tabruze

I have the honor &c.

Bushire 19th Decr. 1807 } (Signed) N. H. Smith Resident

(Copy)

To,
John Barker Esqr.

Sir,

Having received information that General Menow with 12,000 Men has marched thro' Persia to India I am to request you will forward this Intelligence by the most expeditious conveyance possible to Bombay that the different Commanders may be on their Guard in that Quarter—

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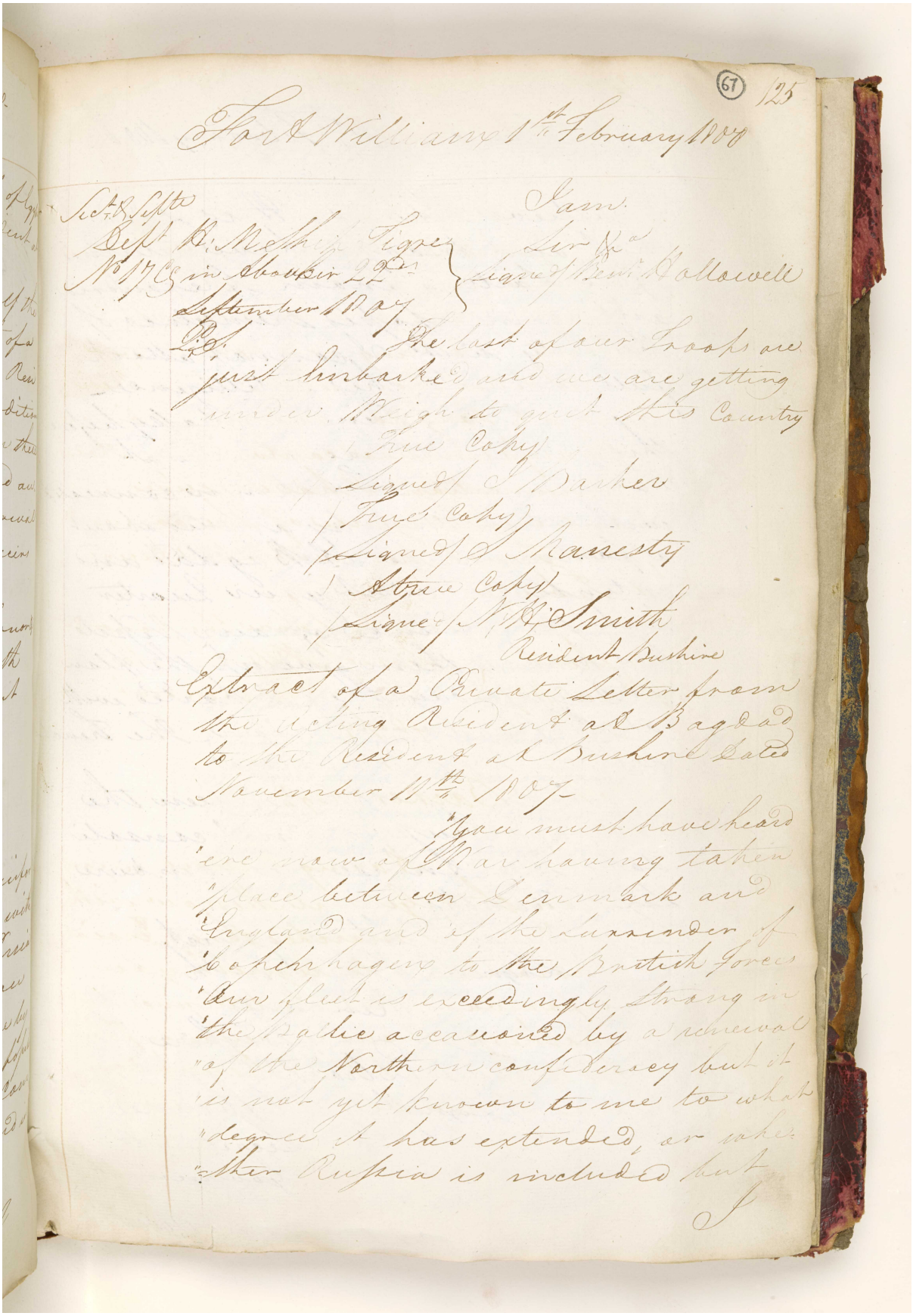

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H. M. Ship Tigre
in Aboukir 22d
September 1807

I am
Sir &c
Signed Bent Hollowell

P.S.

The last of our Troops are just Embarked and we are getting under Weigh to quit this Country

(True Copy)
(Signed) J Barker
(True Copy)
(Signed) S Manesty
(A true Copy)
(Signed) N. H. Smith
Resident Bushire

Extract of a Private Letter from the Acting Resident at Bagdad to the Resident at Bushire Dated November 11th 1807

"You must have heard "ere now of War having taken "place between Denmark and "England and of the Surrender of "Copenhagen to the British Forces "Our fleet is exceedingly Strong in "the Baltic accasioned by a renewal "of the Northern confederacy but it "is not yet known to me to what "degree it has extended, or whe-"ther Russia is included but

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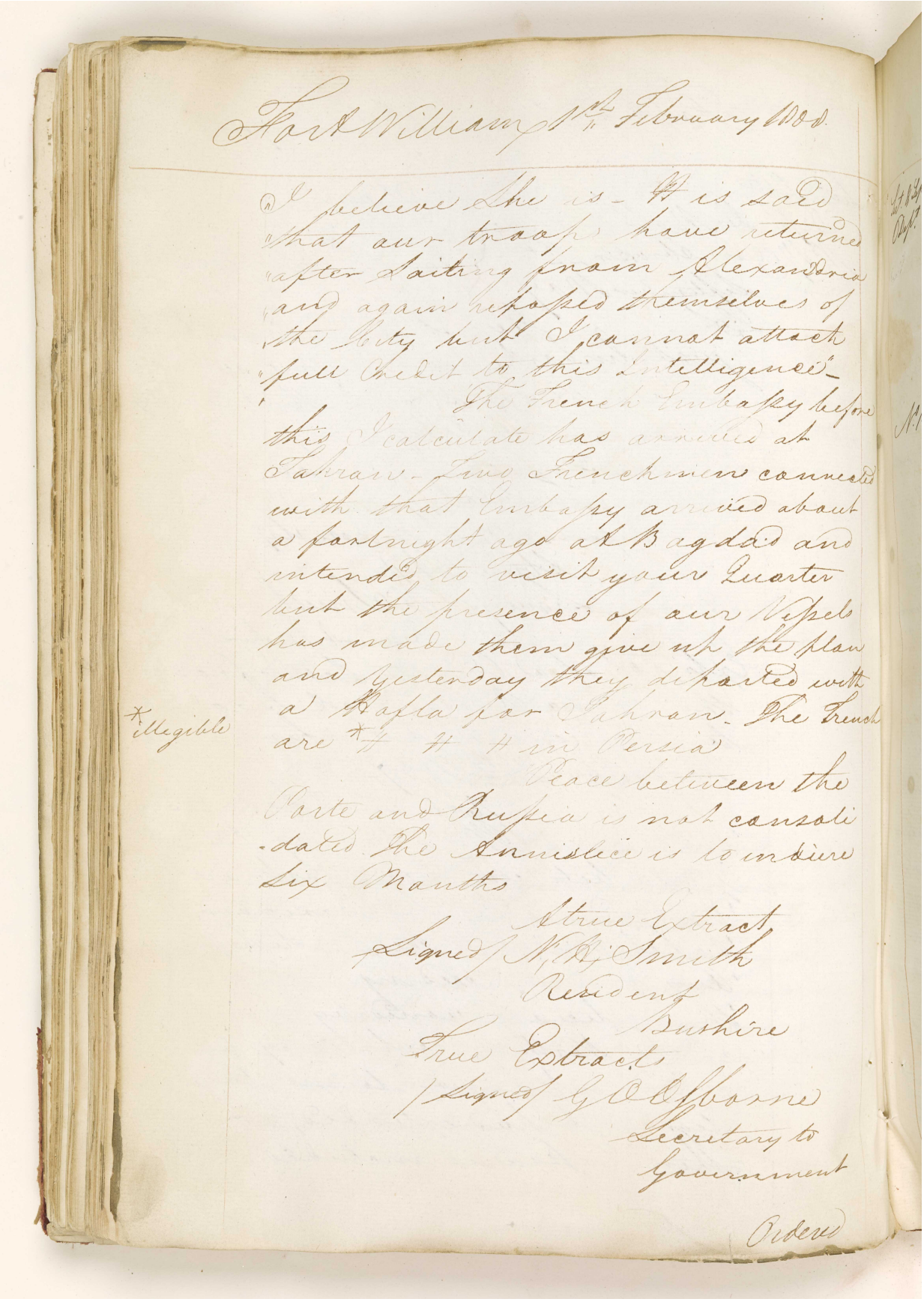

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I believe the is - It is said that our troops have returned after Sailing from Alexandria and again hoisted themselves of the City but I cannot attach full Credit to this Intelligence

The French Embassy before this I calculate has arrived at Tahran - Two Frenchmen connected with that Embassy arrived about a fortnight ago at Bagdad and intended to visit your Quarter but the presence of our Vessels has made them give up the plan and Yesterday they departed with a Kafila for Tahran. The French are x x x in Persia

Peace between the Porte and Russia is not consolidated. The Armistice is to endure Six Months

A true Extract
Signed/ N. B. Smith
Resident
Bushire

True Extract
/Signed/ G. Dowdeswell
Secretary to
Government

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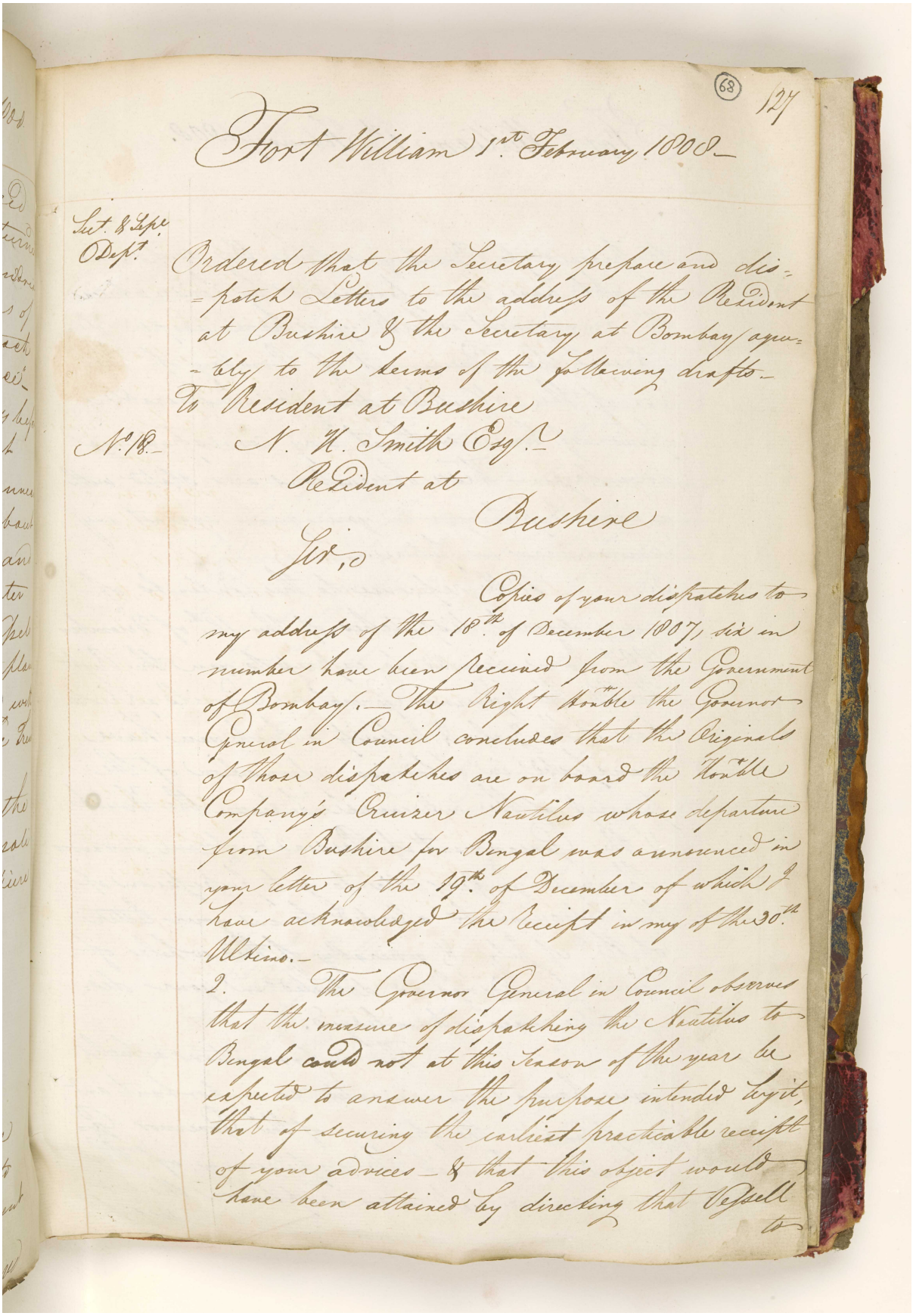

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Sec. & Spe. Dept.

Ordered that the Secretary prepare and dispatch Letters to the address of the Resident at Bushire & the Secretary at Bombay agreeably to the terms of the following drafts.

To Resident at Bushire

No. 18.

N. B. Smith Esq.

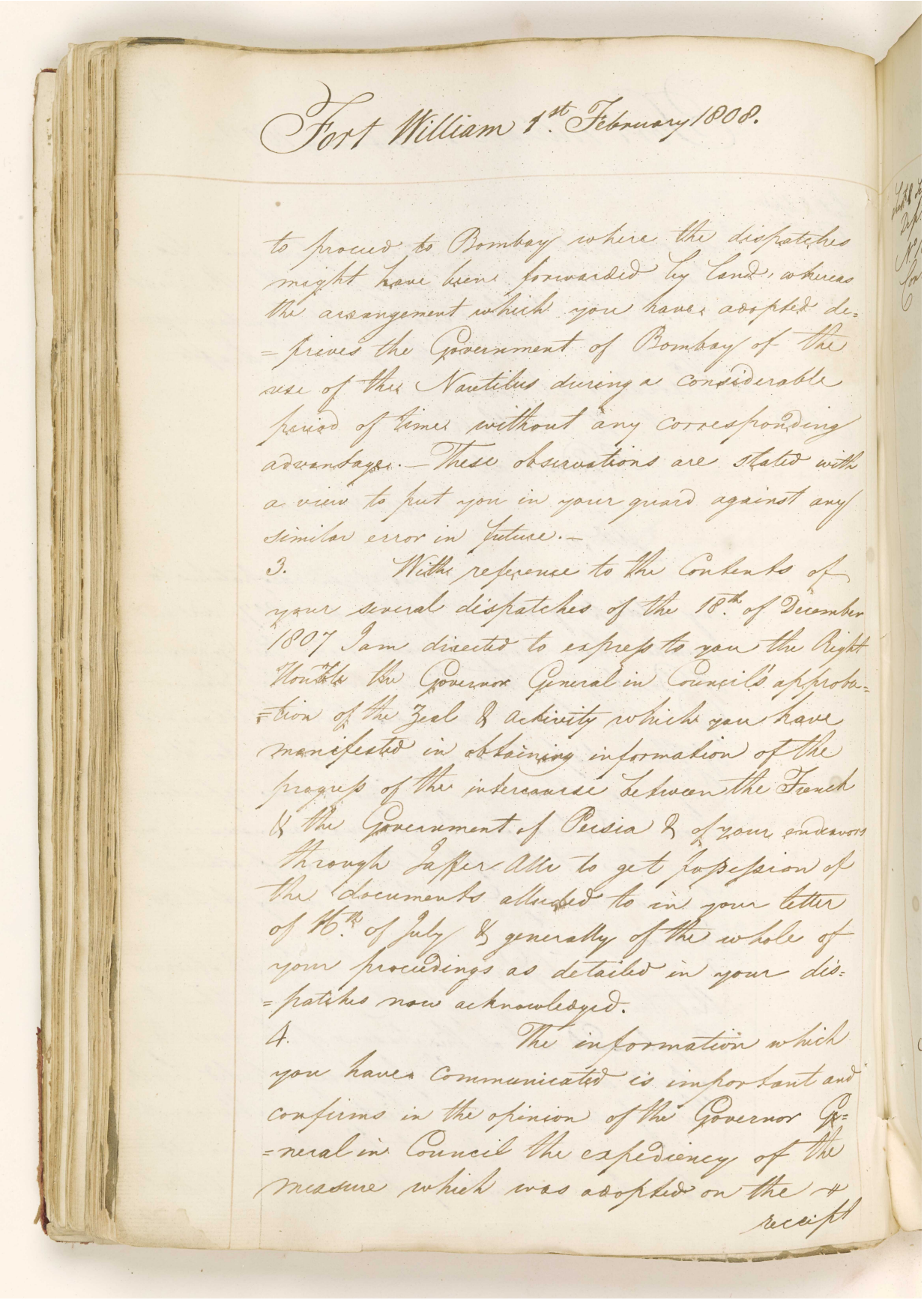
Resident at

Bushire

Sir,

Copies of your dispatches to my address of the 18th of December 1807, six in number have been received from the Government of Bombay. The Right Honble the Governor General in Council concludes that the Originals of those dispatches are on board the Honble Company's Cruizer Nautilus whose departure from Bushire for Bengal was announced in your letter of the 19th of December of which I have acknowledged the Receipt in my of the 30th Ultimo.

2. The Governor General in Council observes that the measure of dispatching the Nautilus to Bengal could not at this season of the year be expected to answer the purpose intended by it, that of securing the earliest practicable receipt of your advices & that this object would have been attained by directing that Vessell to



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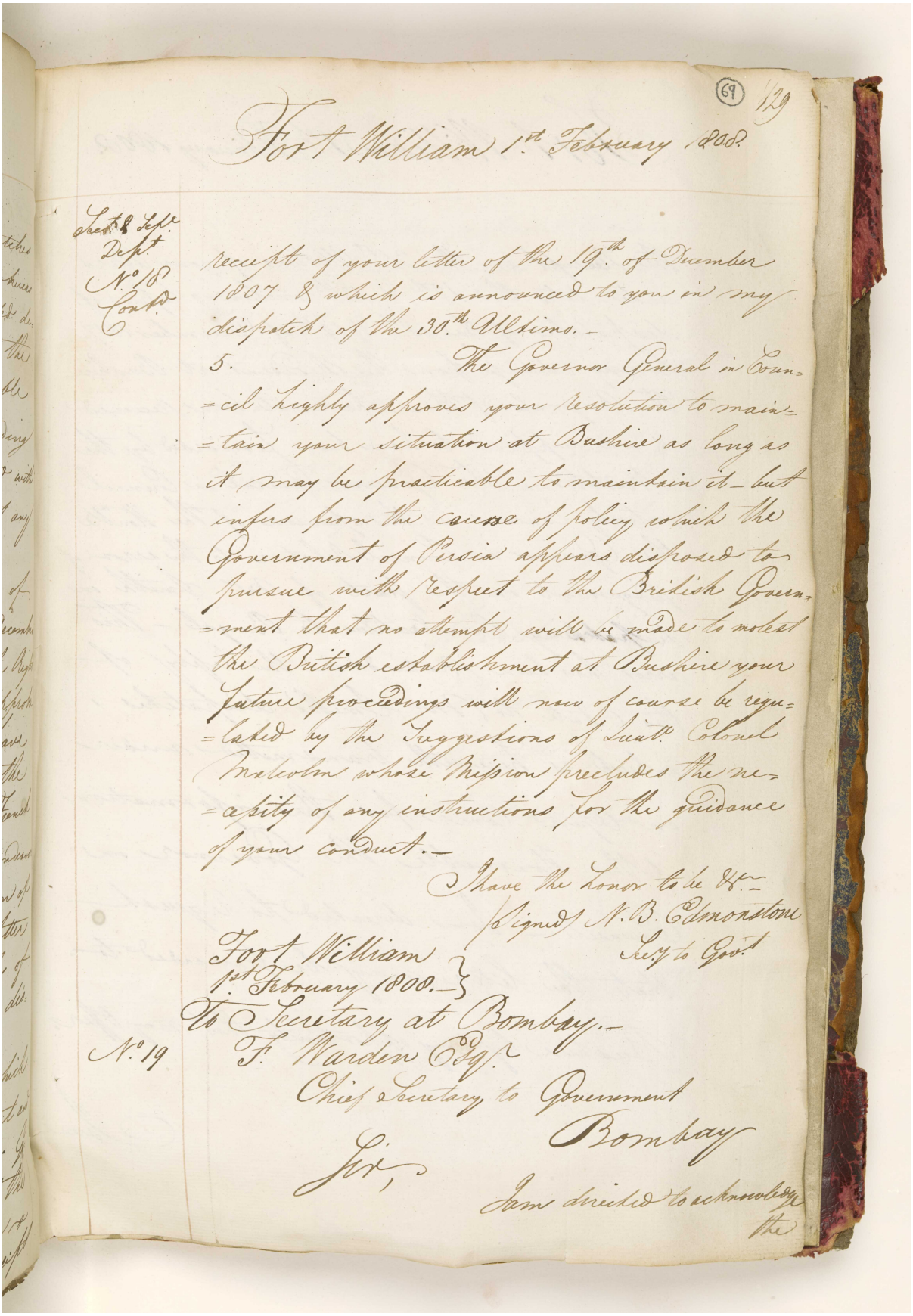
to proceed to Bombay where the dispatches might have been forwarded by land, whereas the arrangement which you have adopted de=prives the Government of Bombay of the use of the Nautilus during a considerable period of time without any corresponding advantage.— These observations are stated with a view to put you in your guard against any similar error in future.—

3. With reference to the Contents of your several dispatches of the 18th of December 1807 I am directed to express to you the Right Honble the Governor General in Council's approba=tion of the Zeal & activity which you have manifested in obtaining information of the progress of the intercourse between the French & the Government of Persia & of your endeavors through Jaffer Alli to get possession of the documents alluded to in your letter of 16th of July & generally of the whole of your proceedings as detailed in your dis=patches now acknowledged.

4. The information which you have communicated is important and confirms in the opinion of the Governor Ge=neral in Council the expediency of the measure which was adopted on the receipt



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receipt of your letter of the 19th of December 1807 & which is announced to you in my dispatch of the 30th Ultimo.—

5. The Governor General in Council highly approves your resolution to maintain your situation at Bushire as long as it may be practicable to maintain it—but infers from the course of policy which the Government of Persia appears disposed to pursue with respect to the British Government that no attempt will be made to molest the British establishment at Bushire your future proceedings will now of course be regulated by the Suggestions of Lieut. Colonel Malcolm whose Mission precludes the necessity of any instructions for the guidance of your conduct.—

I have the honor to be &c.—

(Signed) N. B. Edmonstone
Secy. to Govt.

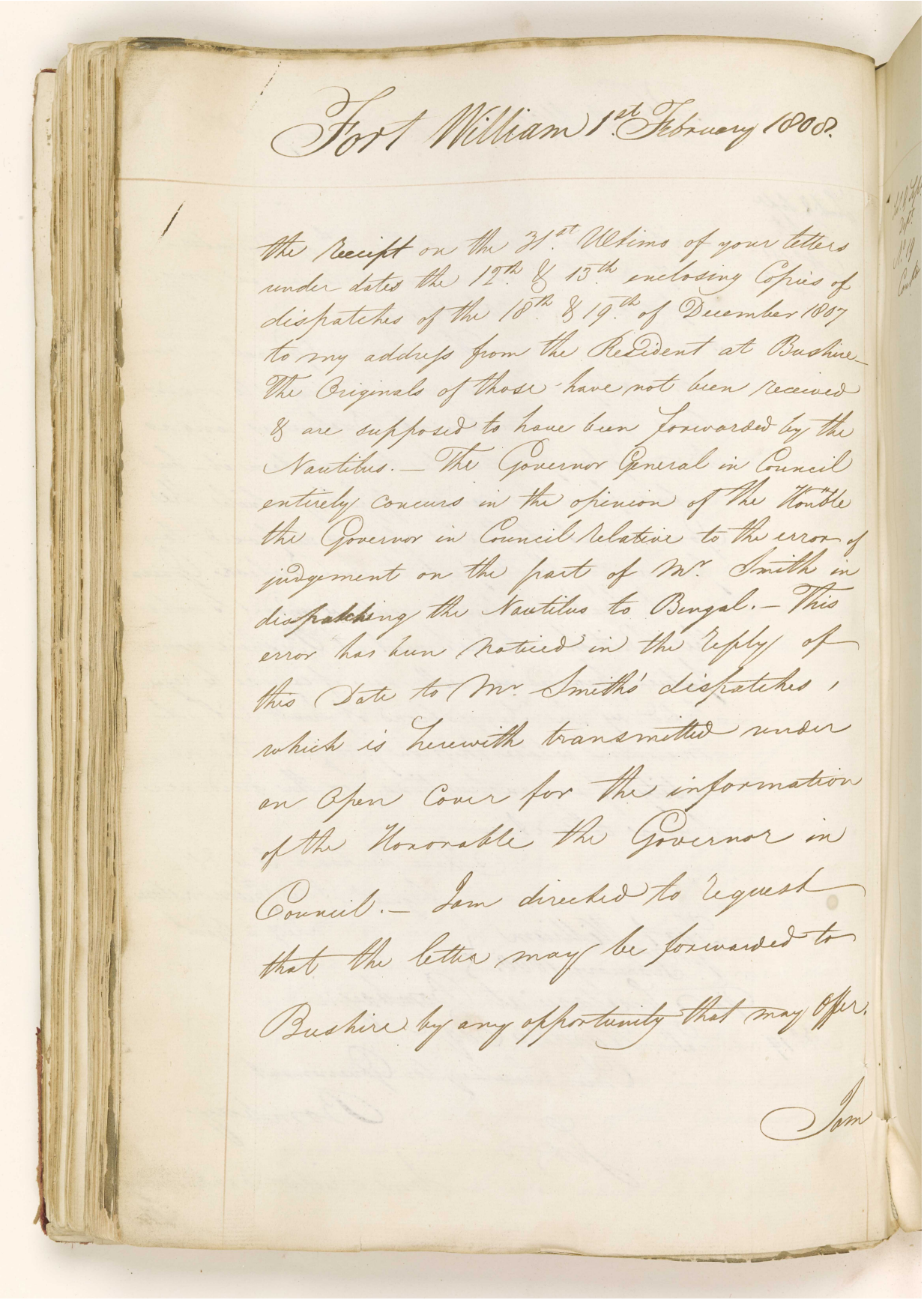
Fort William
1st February 1808.—

To Secretary at Bombay.—

No. 19 F. Warden Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government
Bombay

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the



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the Receipt on the 31st Ultimo of your letters under dates the 12th & 15th enclosing Copies of dispatches of the 18th & 19th of December 1807 to my address from the Resident at Bushire. The Originals of those have not been received & are supposed to have been forwarded by the Nautilus. — The Governor General in Council entirely concurs in the opinion of the Honble the Governor in Council Relative to the error of judgement on the part of Mr. Smith in dispatching the Nautilus to Bengal. — This error has been noticed in the Reply of this Date to Mr. Smith's dispatches, which is herewith transmitted under an Open Cover for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council. — I am directed to request that the letter may be forwarded to Bushire by any opportunity that may offer.

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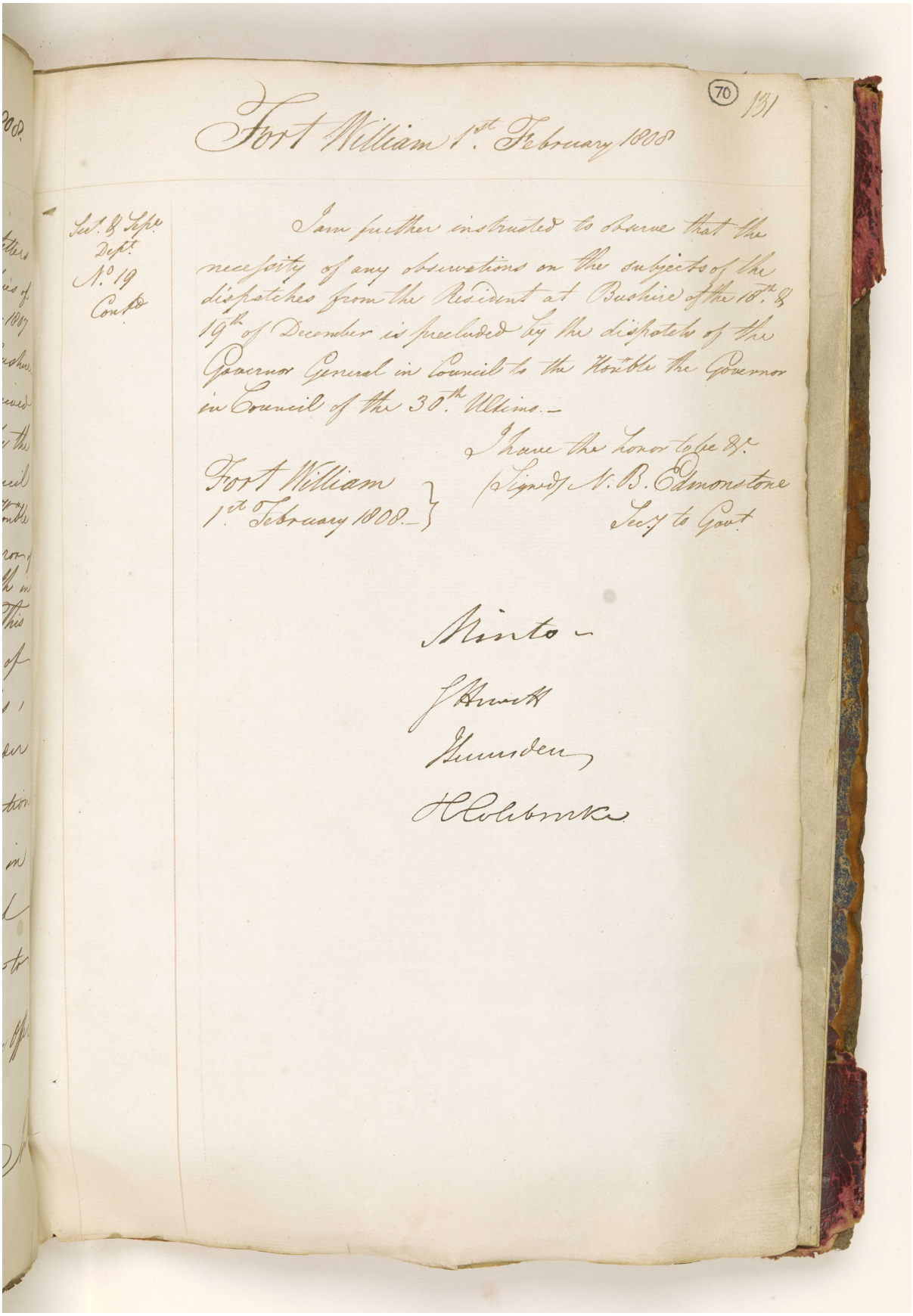

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I am further instructed to observe that the necessity of any observations on the subjects of the dispatches from the Resident at Bushire of the 18th. & 19th of December is precluded by the dispatch of the Governor General in Council to the Honble the Governor in Council of the 30th. Ultimo.—

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) N. B. Edmonstone
Secy to Govt.

Fort William
1st. February 1808.—

Minto—
J Hewett
Thursden
H Colebrooke

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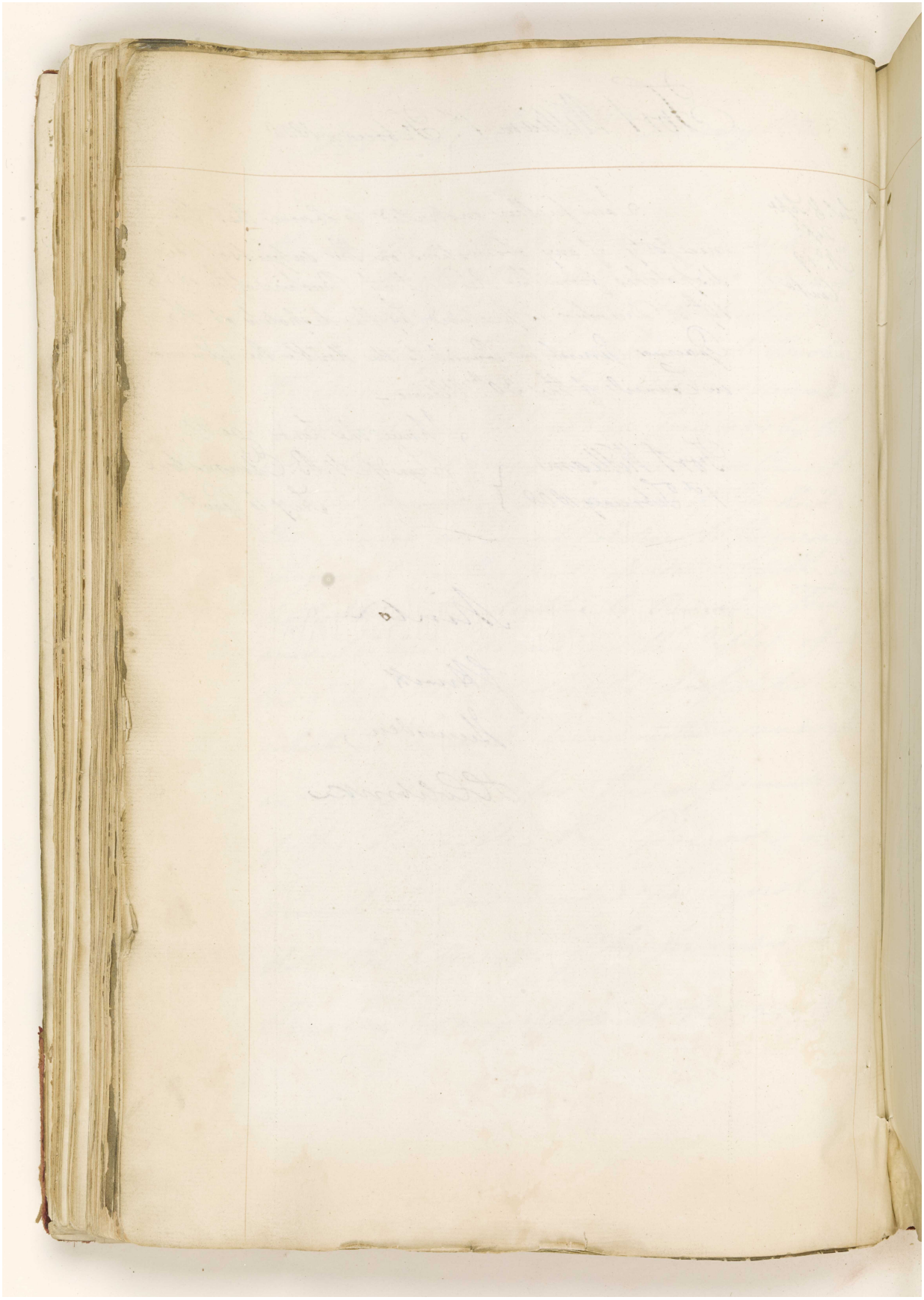

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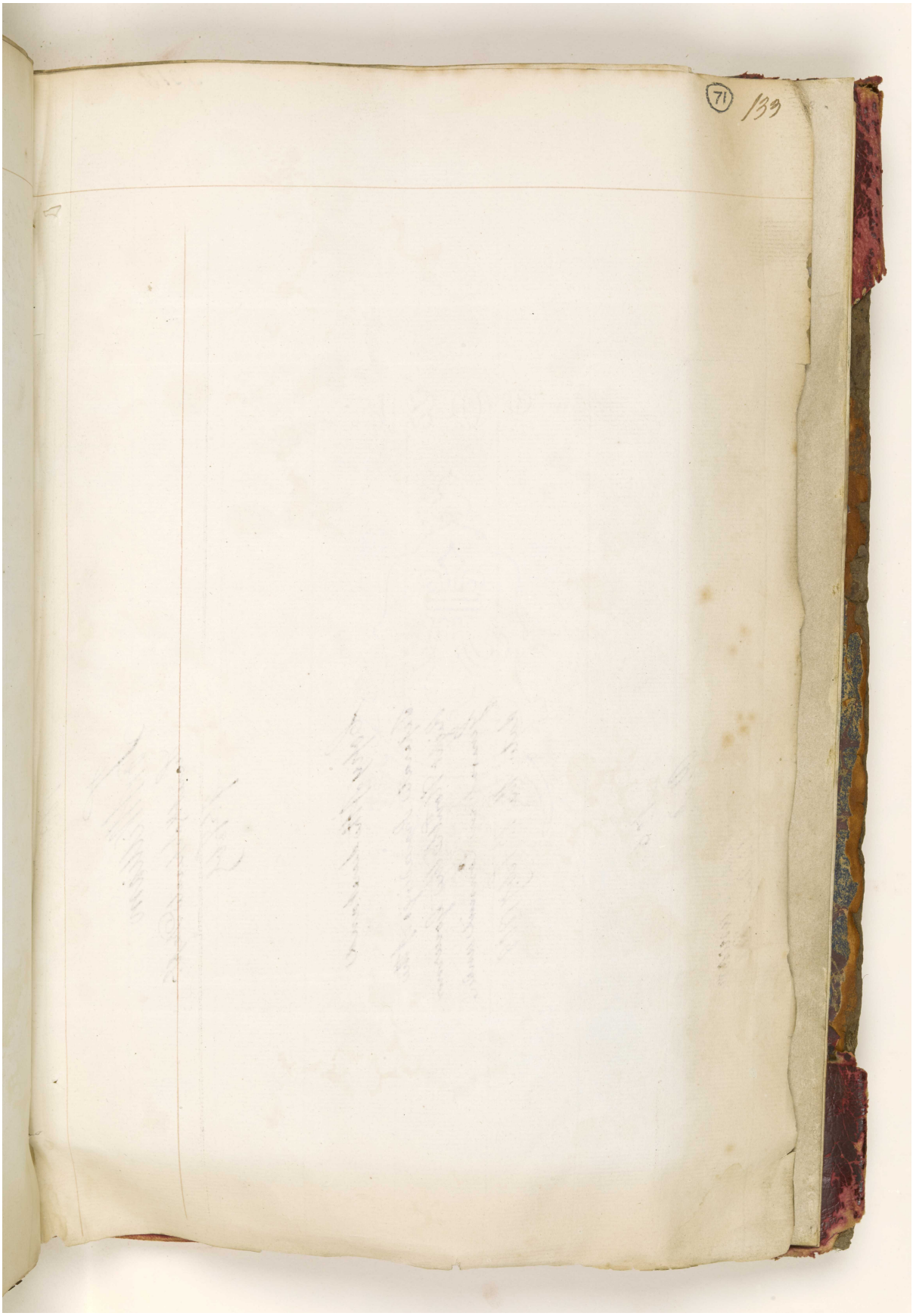

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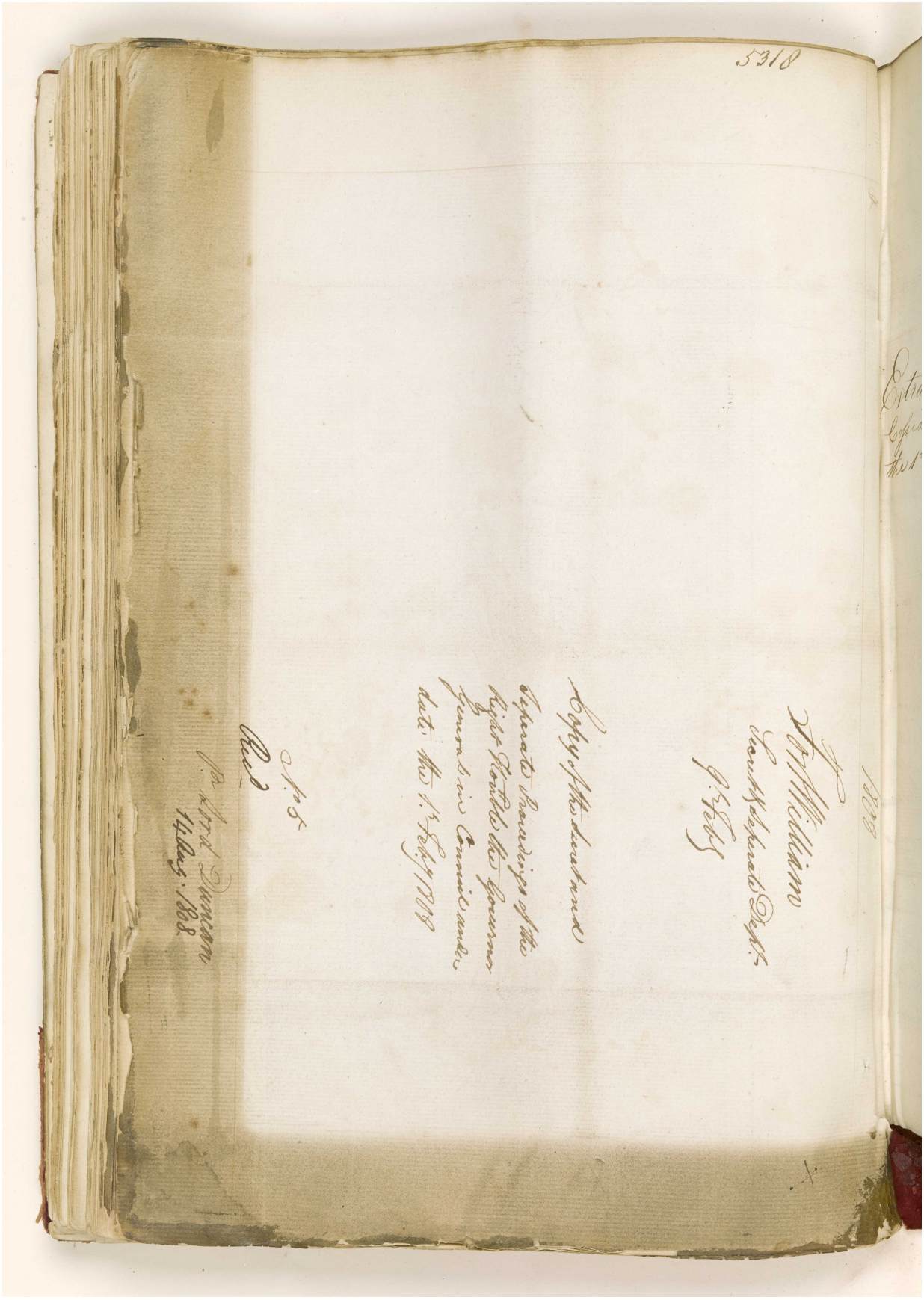

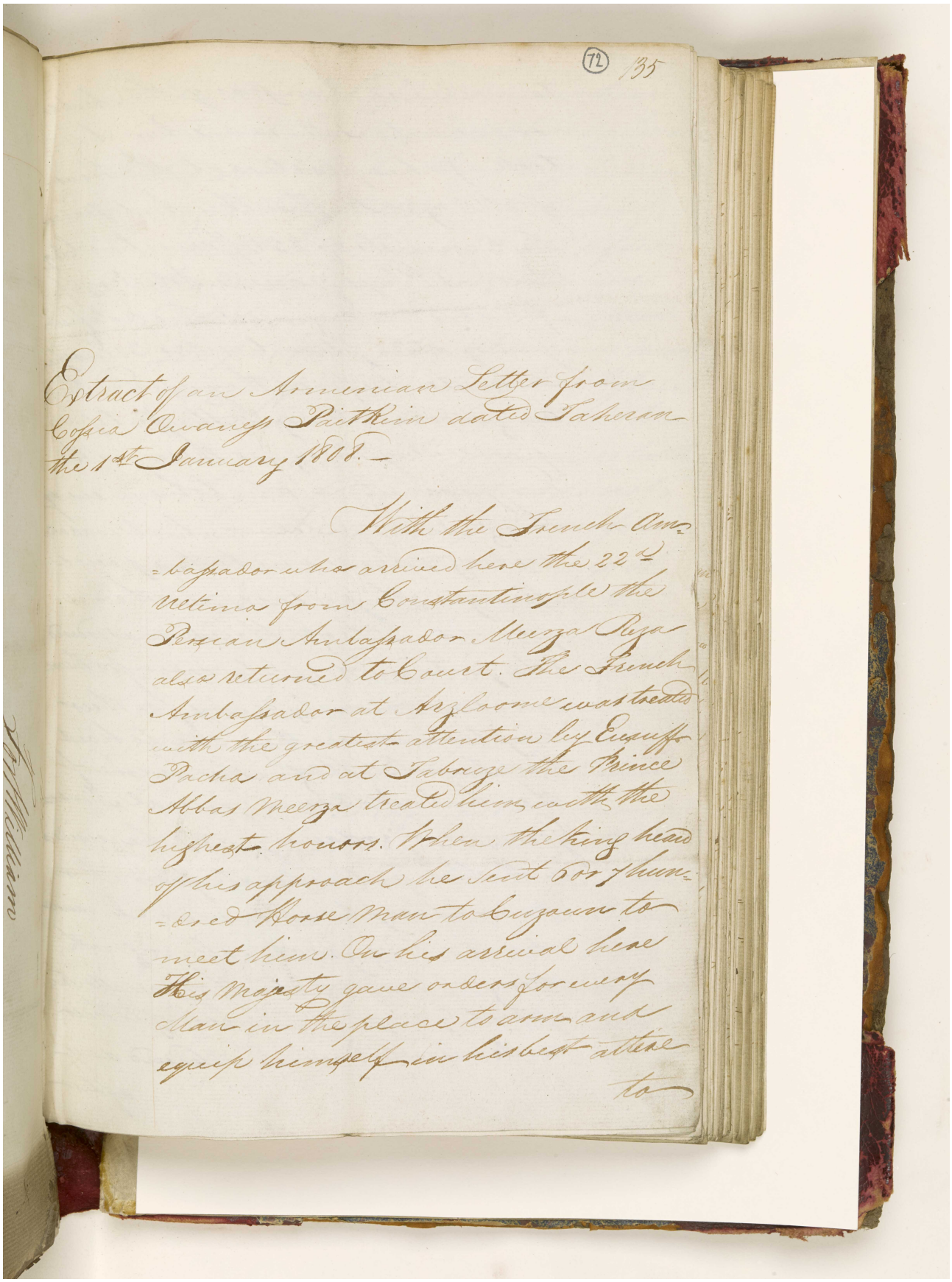

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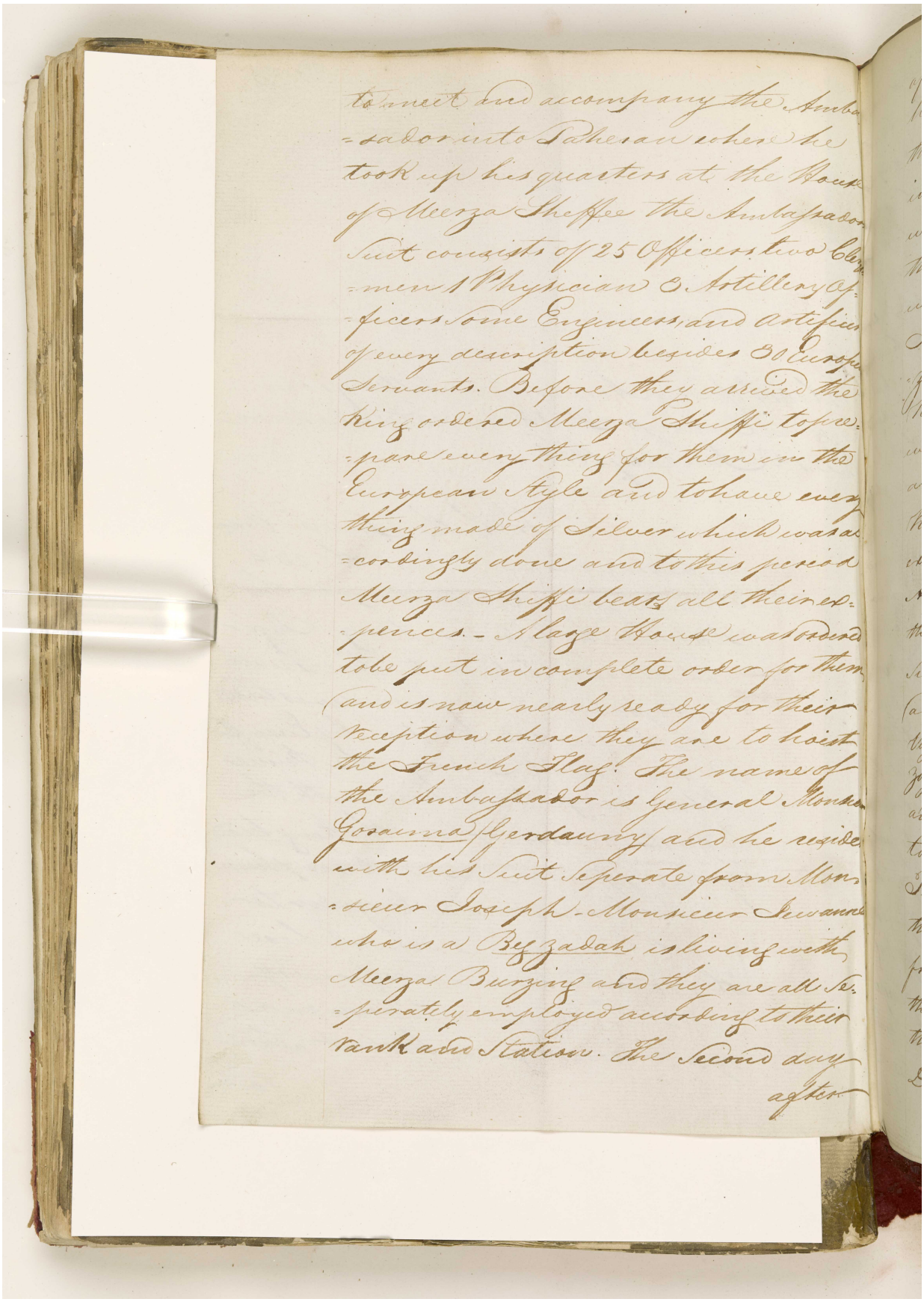
Extract of an Armenian Letter from Cossia Owaness Paitkim dated Taheran the 1st January 1808.—

With the French Ambassador who arrived here the 22d ultimo from Constantinople the Persian Ambassador Meerza Reza also returned to Court. The French Ambassador at Arzloome was treated with the greatest attention by Eusuff Pacha and at Tabruze the Prince Abbas Meerza treated him with the highest honors. When the king heard of his approach he sent 6 or 7 hundred Horse Man to Cuzoun to meet him. On his arrival here His Majesty gave orders for every Man in the place to arm and equip himself in his best attire

to

For William



to meet and accompany the Ambas-sador into Teheran where he took up his quarters at the House of Meerza Sheffee the Ambassadors Suit consists of 25 Officers two Clergymen 1 Physician 8 Artillery Officers some Engineers and artificers of every description besides 80 European Servants. Before they arrived the King ordered Meerza Shiffi to prepare every thing for them in the European Style and to have every thing made of Silver which was accordingly done and to this period Meerza Shiffi bears all their expences. - A large House was ordered to be put in complete order for them and is now nearly ready for their reception where they are to hoist the French Flag. The name of the Ambassador is General Monda Gossaina Gerdauny and he resides with his Suit Seperate from Monsieur Joseph - Monsieur Jouanne who is a Beggadah is living with Meerza Burzing and they are all Seperately employed according to their rank and Station. The Second day after

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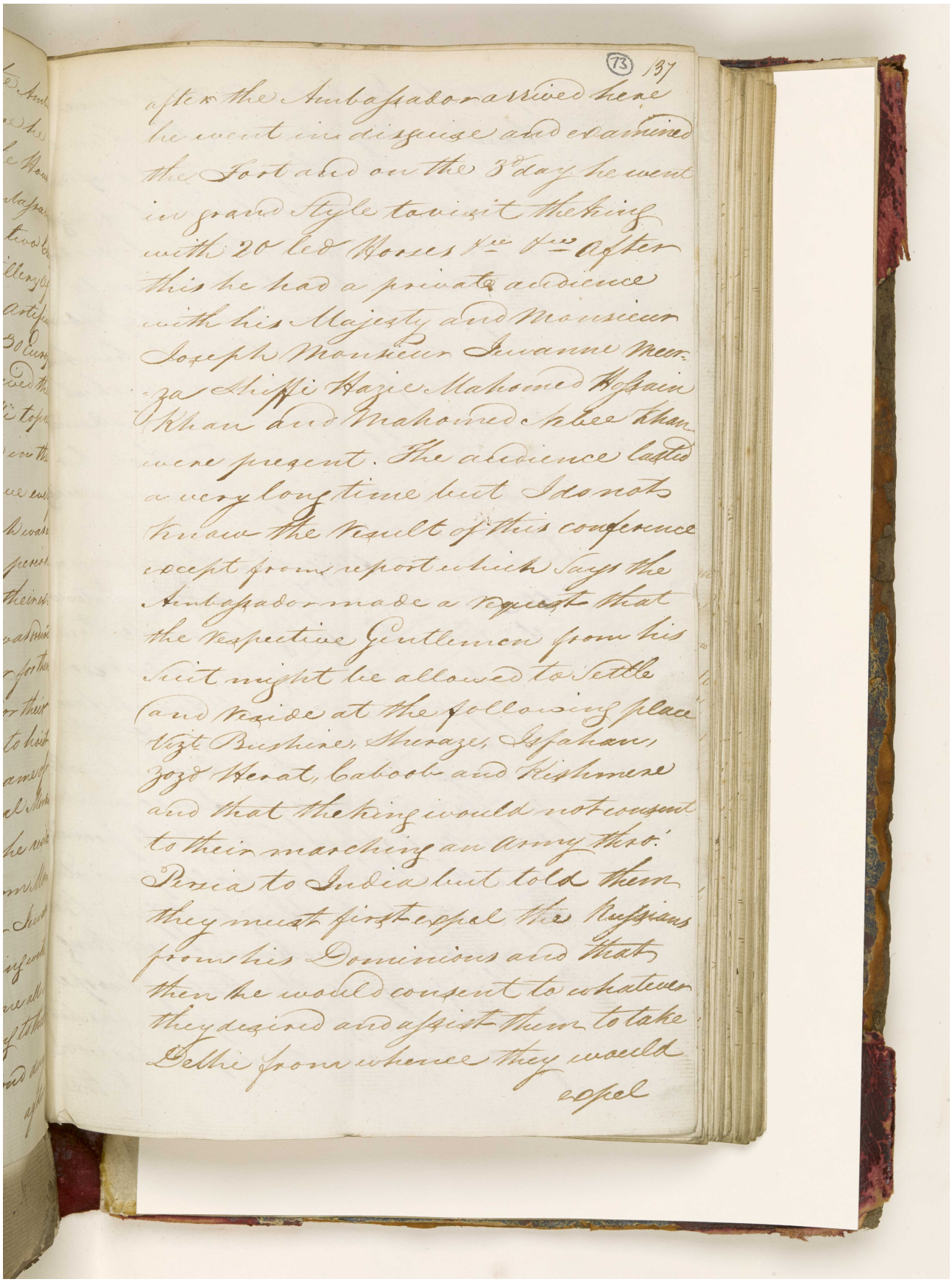

after the Ambassador arrived here
he went in disguise and examined
the Fort and on the 3d day he went
in grand Style to visit the king
with 20 led Horses &c &c After
this he had a private audience
with his Majesty and Monsieur
Joseph Monsieur Jewanne Meer-
za Shiffi Hazie Mahomed Hossain
Khan and Mahomed Nebee Khan
were present. The audience lasted
a very long time but I do not
know the result of this conference
except from report which says the
Ambassador made a request that
the respective Gentlemen from his
Suit might be allowed to settle
and reside at the following place
Vizt Bushire, Sheraze, Isfahan,
Zozd Herat, Caboob and Kishmere
and that the king would not consent
to their marching an Army thro'
Persia to India but told them
they must first expel the Russians
from his Dominions and that
then he would consent to whatever
they desired and assist them to take
Delhi from whence they would
expel

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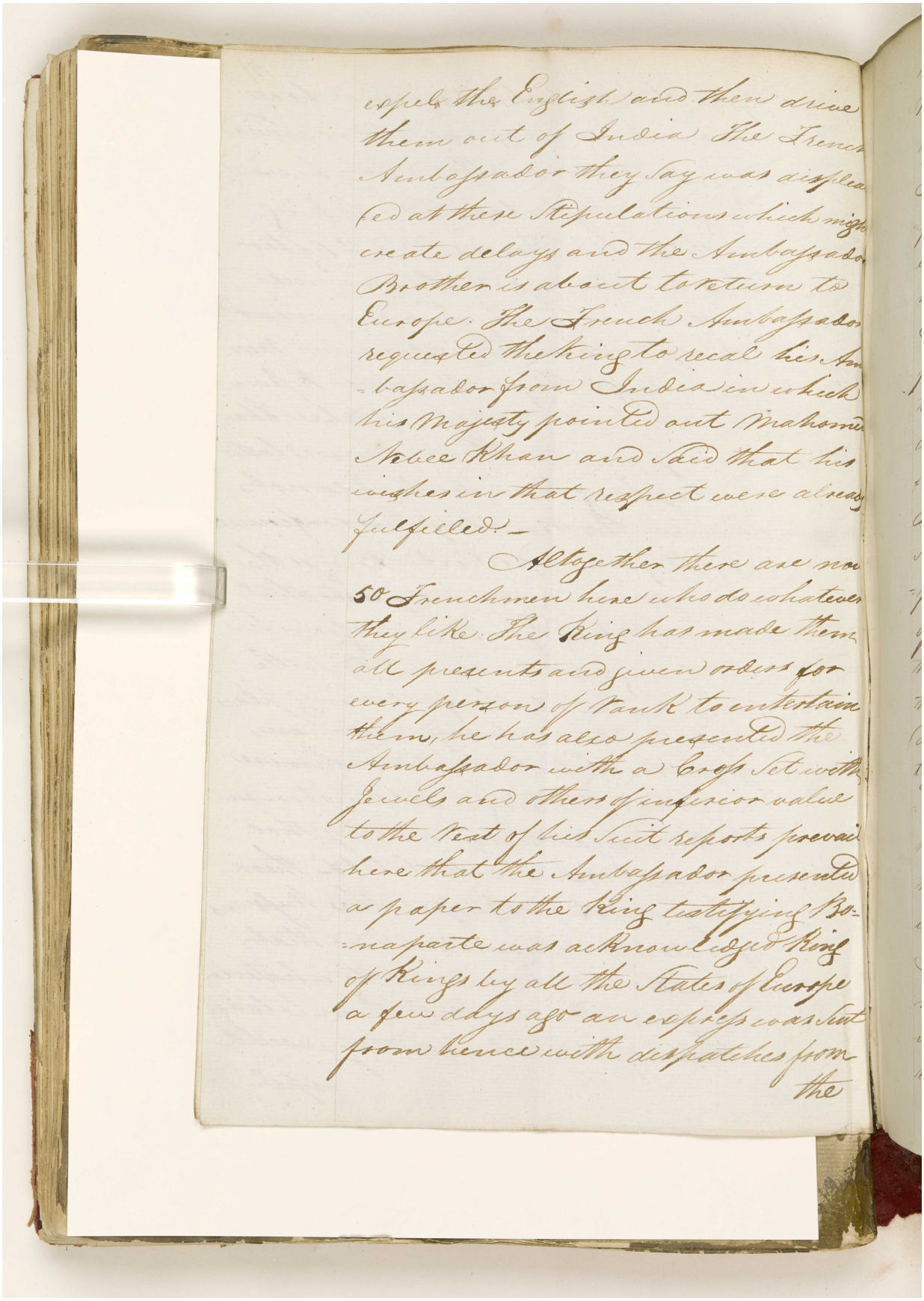

expel the English and then drive them out of India The French Ambassador they say was displeased at these Stipulations which might create delays and the Ambassadors Brother is about to return to Europe. The French Ambassador requested the King to recal his Ambassador from India in which his Majesty pointed out Mahomed Nobee Khan and said that his wishes in that respect were always fulfilled.—

Altogether there are now 50 Frenchmen here who do whatever they like. The King has made them all presents and given orders for every person of rank to entertain them, he has also presented the Ambassador with a Crop Set with Jewels and others of inferior value to the rest of his Suit reports prevail here that the Ambassador presented a paper to the King testifying Bonaparte was acknowledged King of Kings by all the States of Europe a few days ago an express was sent from hence with dispatches from the

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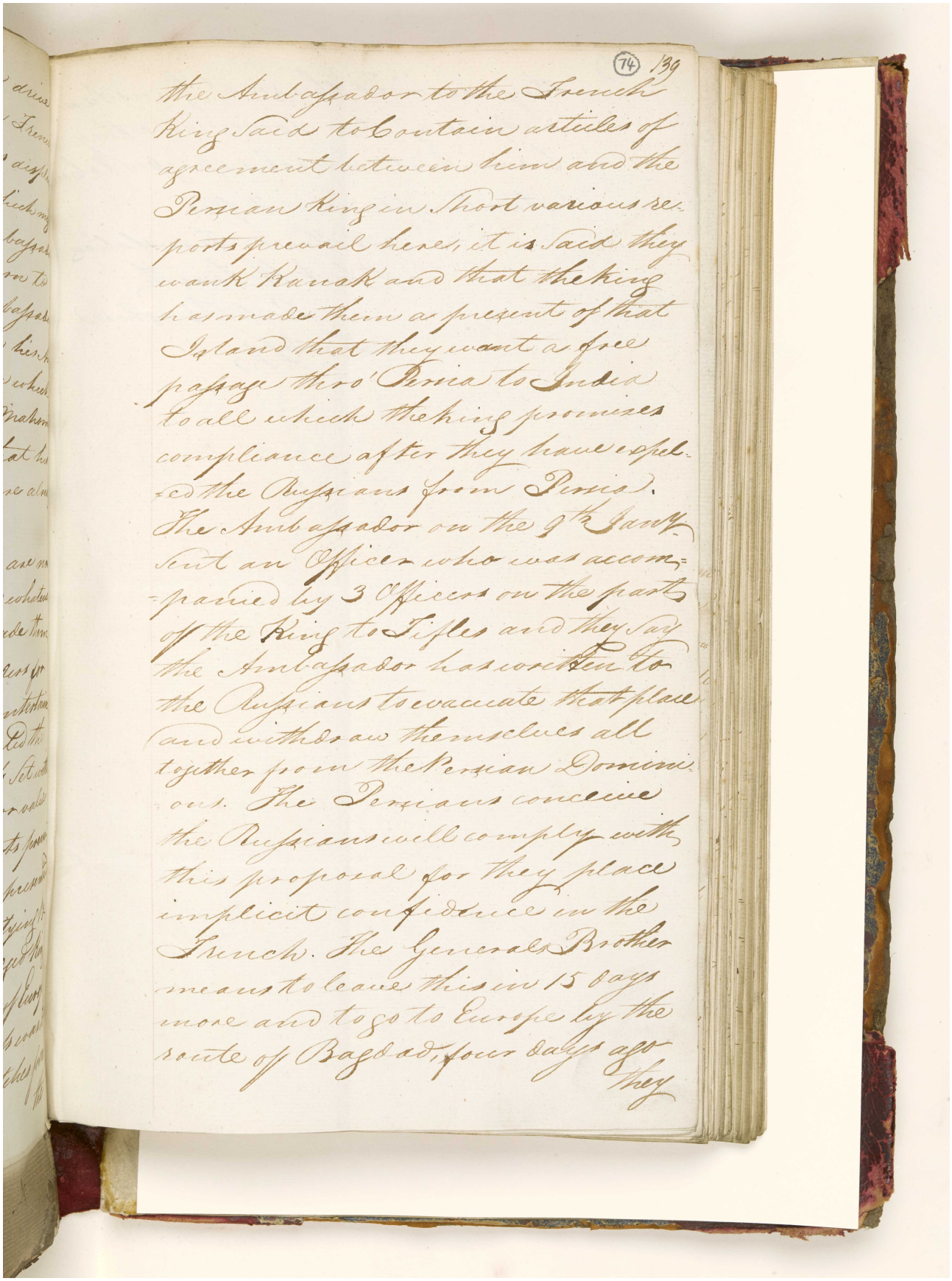

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the Ambassador to the French
King said to contain articles of
agreement between him and the
Persian King in short various re-
ports prevail here, it is said they
want Karak and that the king
has made them a present of that
Island that they want a free
passage thro' Persia to India
to all which the king promises
compliance after they have expel-
-led the Russians from Persia.
The Ambassador on the 9th Inst.
sent an Officer who was accom-
-panied by 3 Officers on the part
of the King to Tiflis and they say
the Ambassador has written to
the Russians to evacuate that place
and withdraw themselves all
together from the Persian Domini-
-ons. The Persians conceive
the Russians will comply with
this proposal for they place
implicit confidence in the
French. The General Brother
means to leave this in 15 days
more and to go to Europe by the
route of Bagdad, four days ago
they

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they exercised the great Guns here outside of the Town and they have sent several expresses to Constantinople and Tifles.—

A True Translation
Sd/ N. H. Smith
Resr. Bushire
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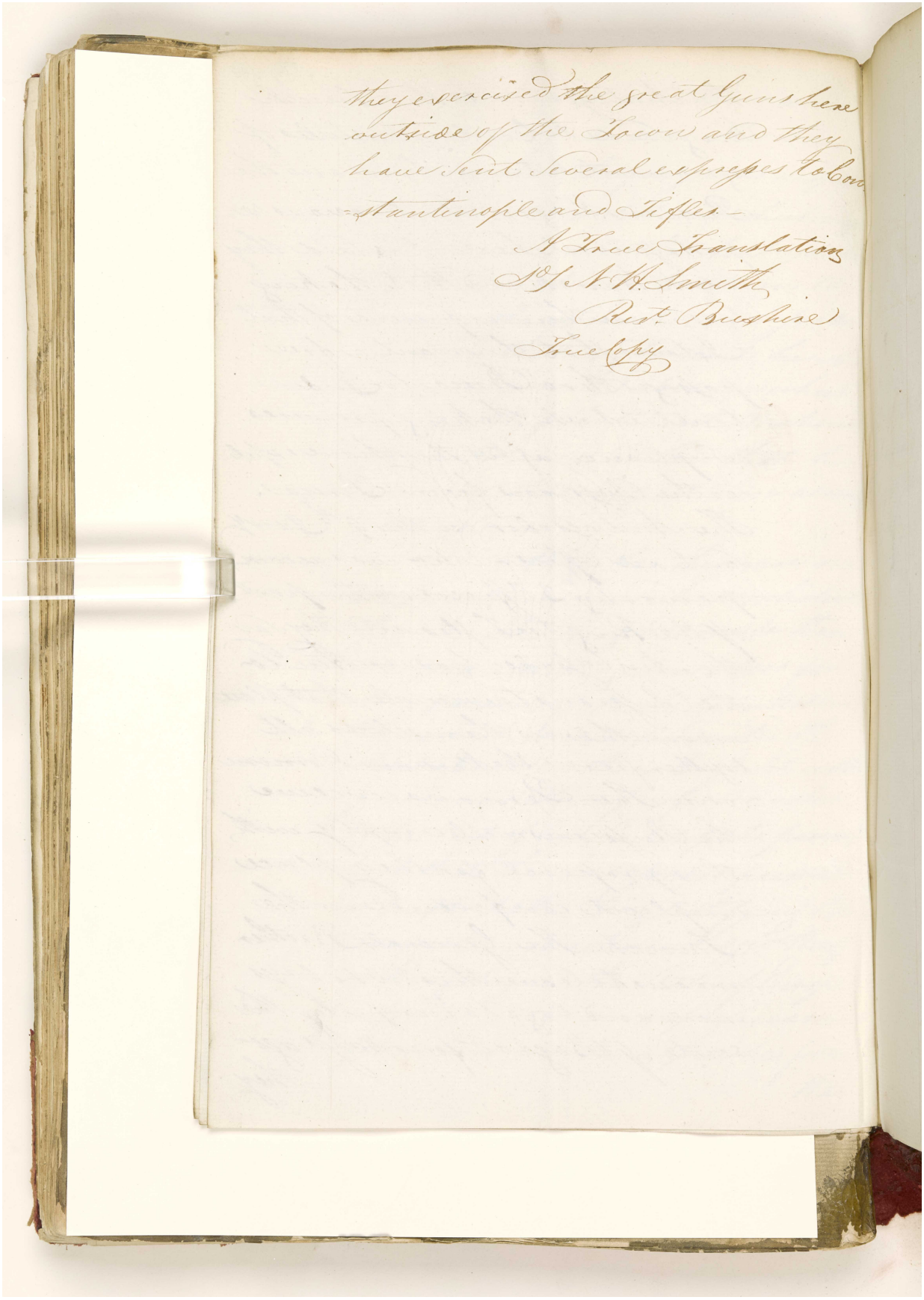

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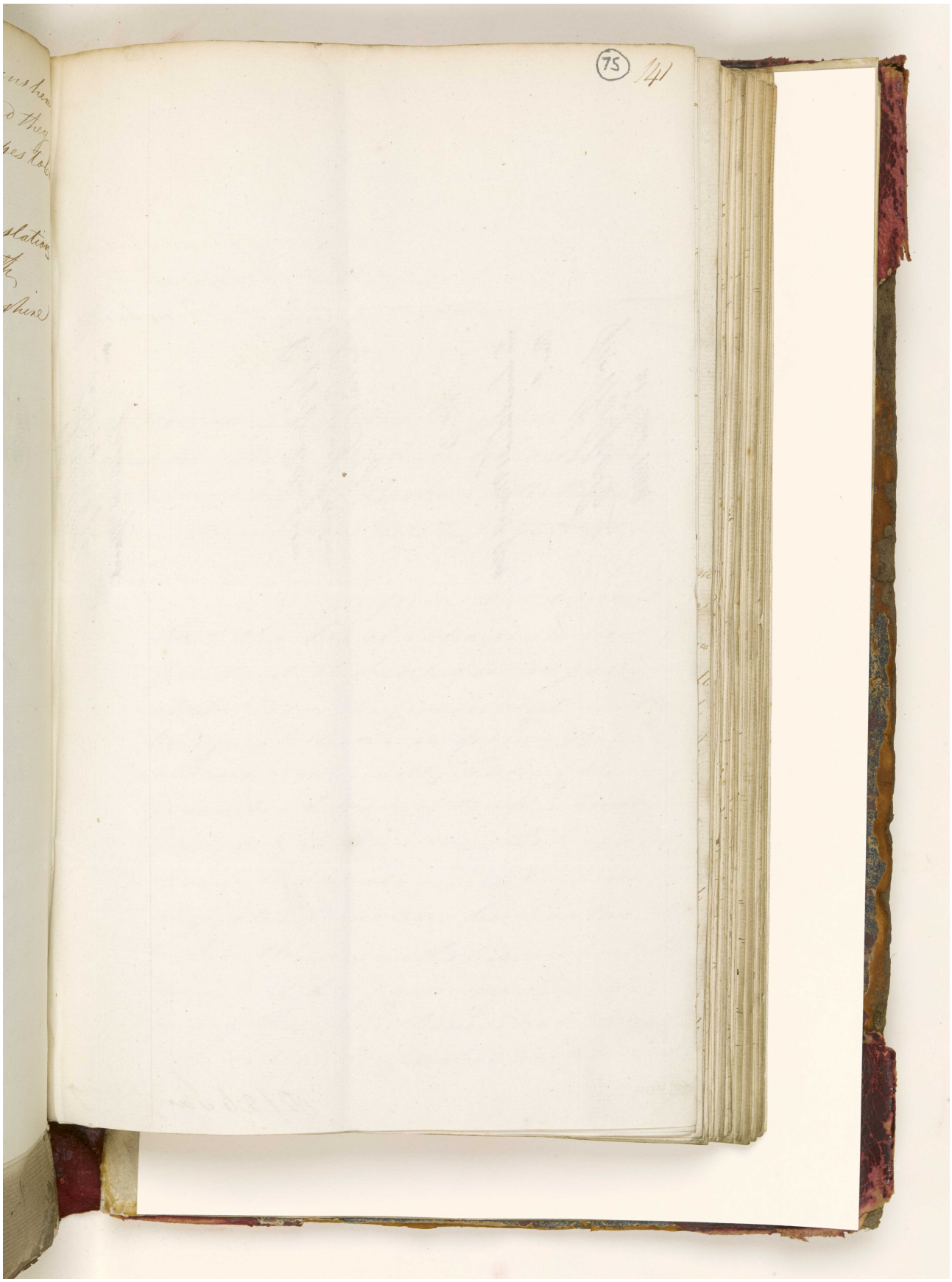

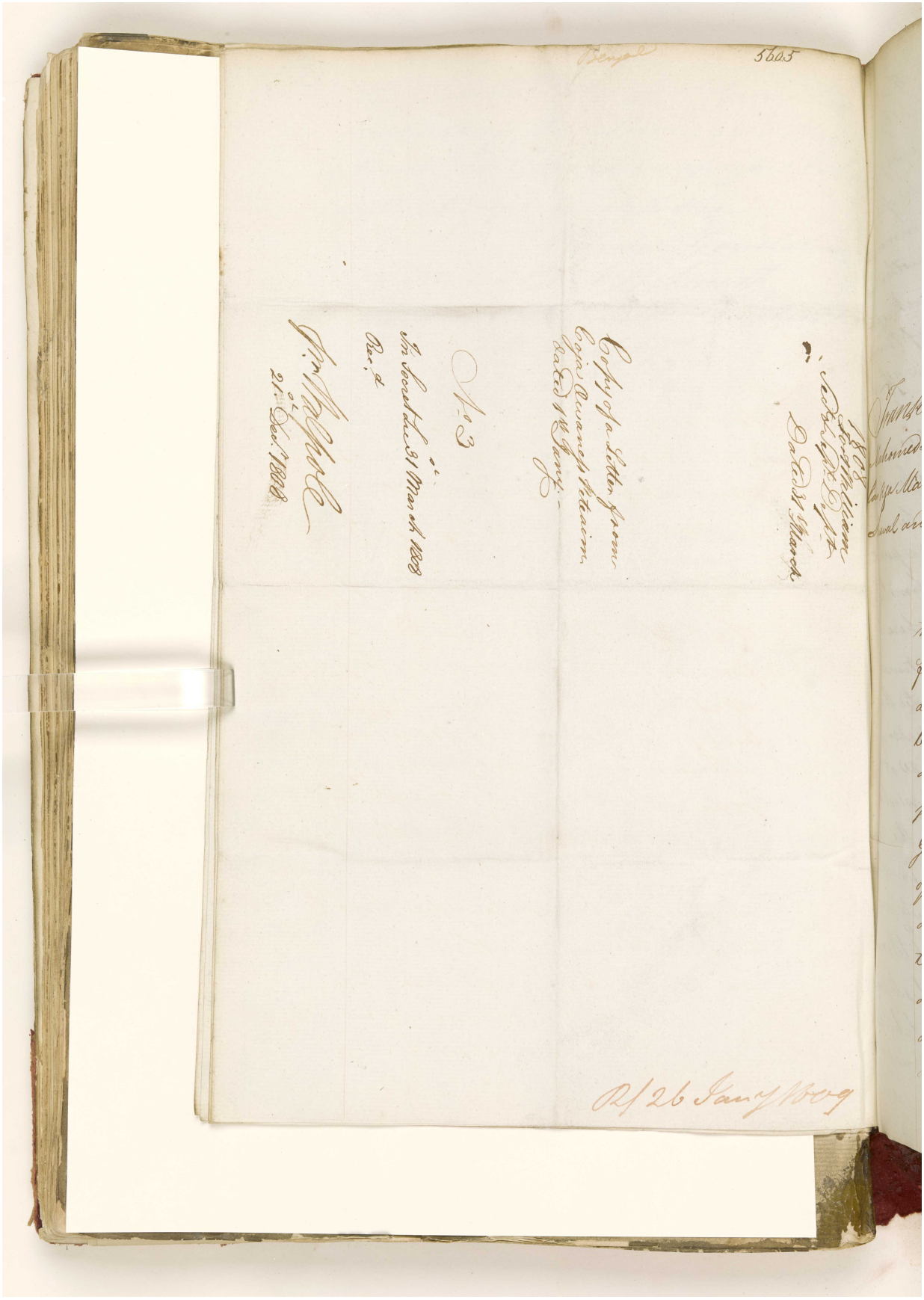

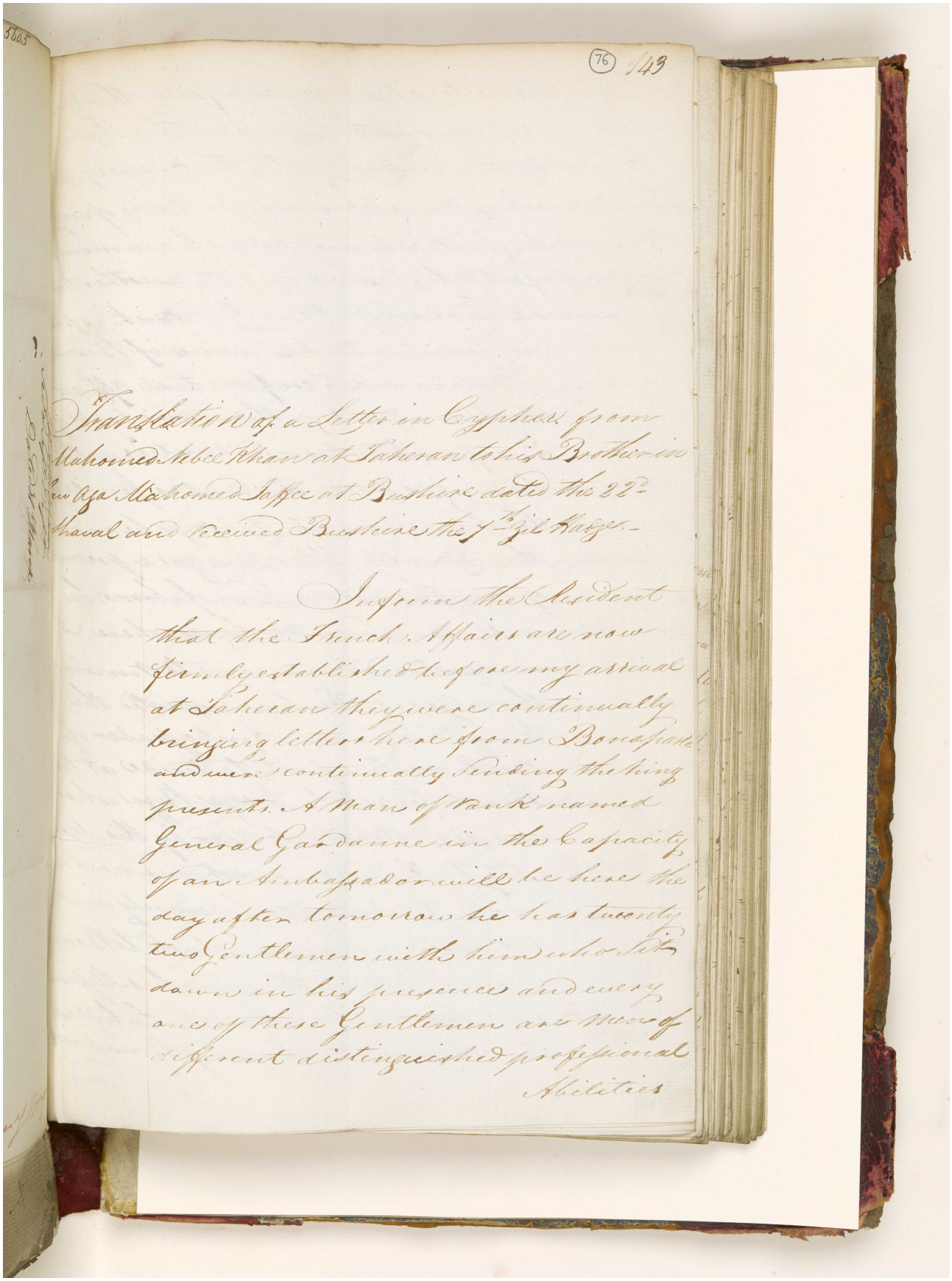

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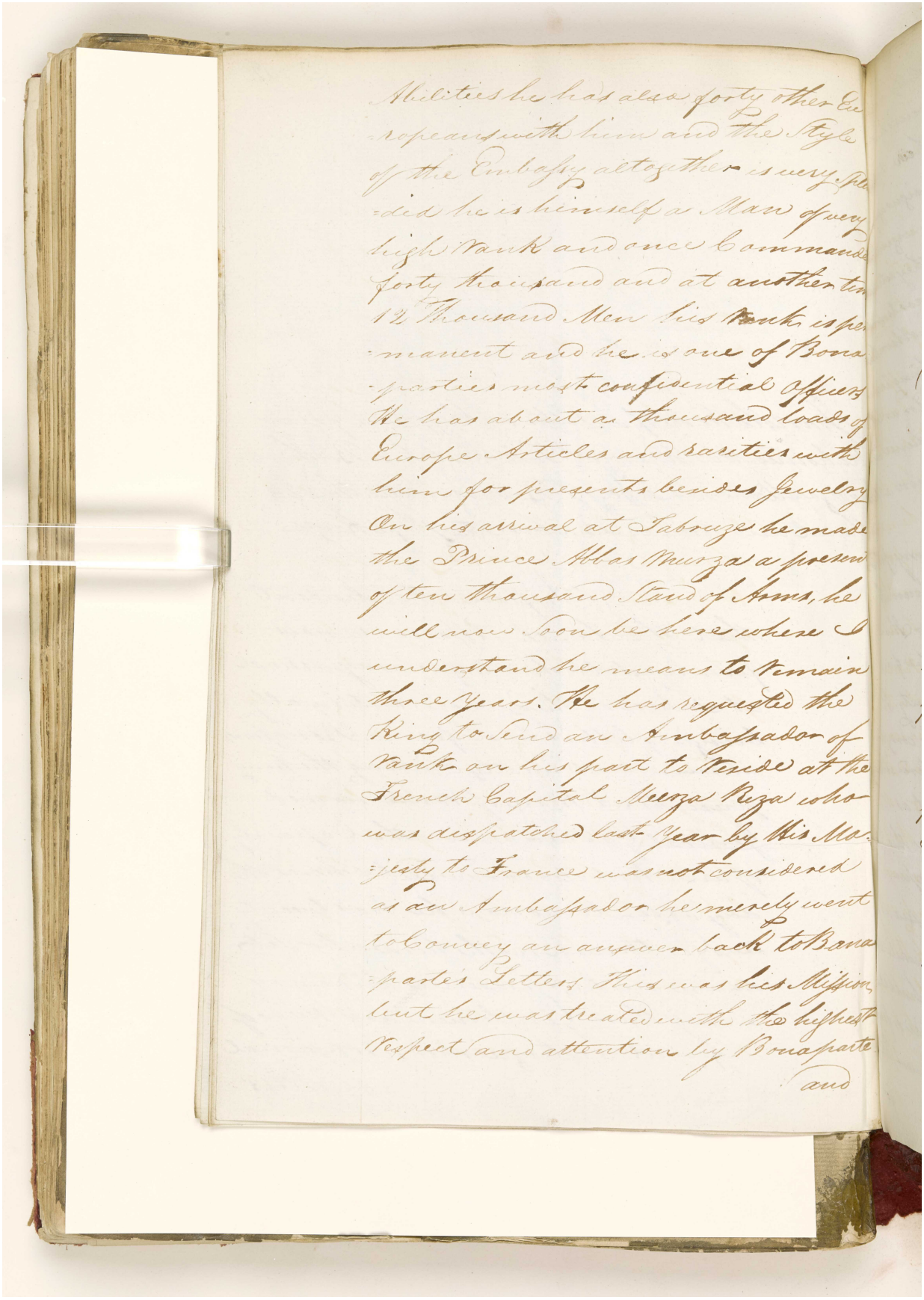
Translation of a Letter in Cypher from Mahomed Nebee Khan at Taheran to his Brother in Law Aga Mahomed Jaffee at Bushire dated the 22d Shaval and received Bushire the 7th Zil Hadze.-

Inform the Resident that the French Affairs are now firmly established before my arrival at Taheran they were continually bringing letters here from Bonaparte and were continually sending the king presents. A Man of rank named General Gardanne in the Capacity of an Ambassador will be here the day after tomorrow he has twenty two Gentlemen with him who sit down in his presence and every one of these Gentlemen are men of different distinguished professional Abilities



Abilities he has also forty other Eu-
-ropeans with him and the Style
of the Embassy altogether is very Spl-
-did he is himself a Man of very
high rank and once Commanded
forty thousand and at another time
12 Thousand Men his rank is per-
-manent and he is one of Bona-
-parties most confidential Officers
He has about a thousand loads of
Europe Articles and rarities with
him for presents besides Jewelry
On his arrival at Tabruze he made
the Prince Abbas Murza a present
of ten thousand Stand of Arms, he
will now soon be here where I
understand he means to remain
three years. He has requested the
King to Send an Ambassador of
rank on his part to reside at the
French Capital Meerza Reza who
was dispatched last year by His Ma-
-jesty to France was not considered
as an Ambassador he merely went
to Convey an answer back to Bona-
-parte's Letters This was his Mission
but he was treated with the highest
respect and attention by Bonaparte
and

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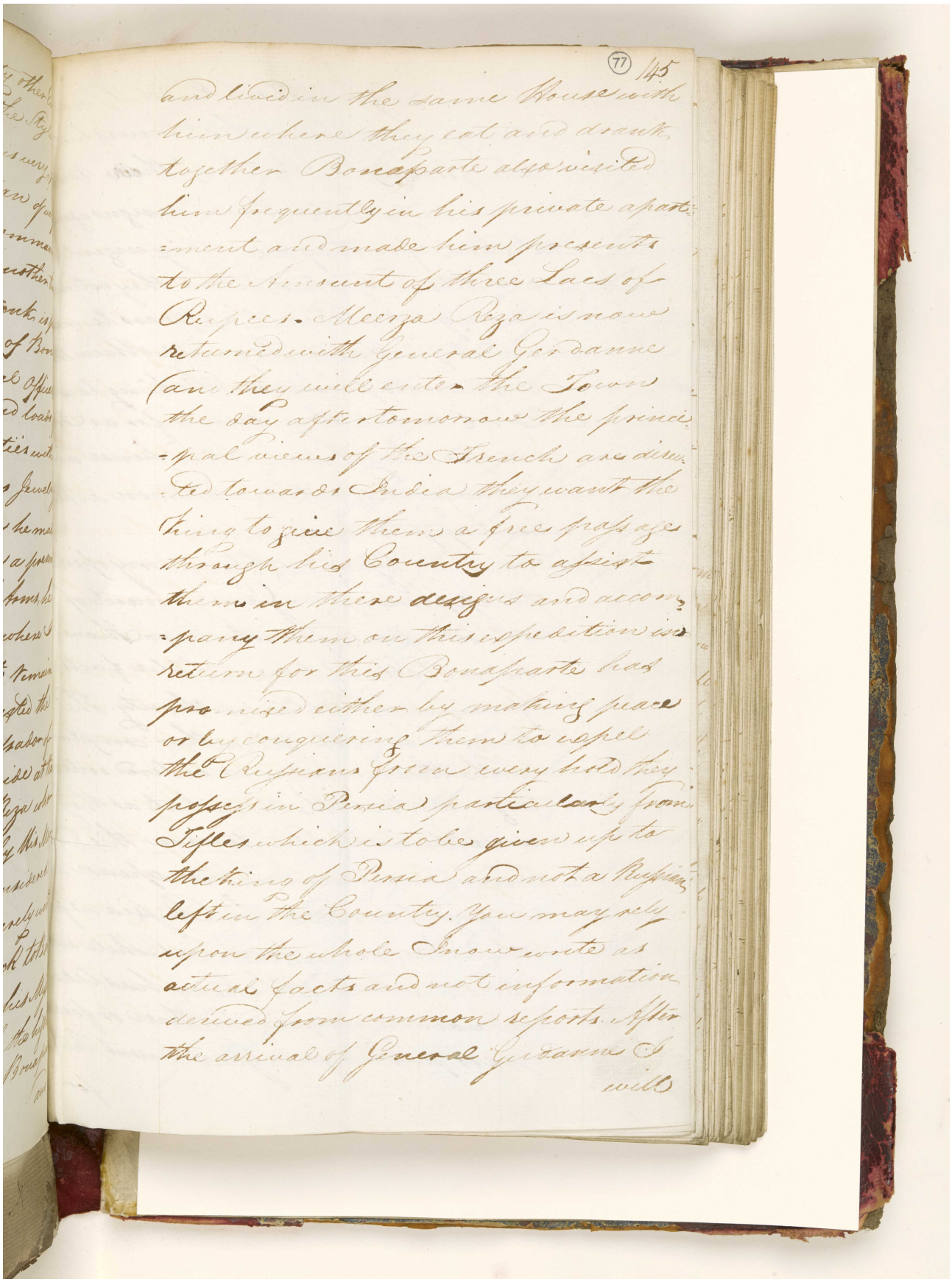

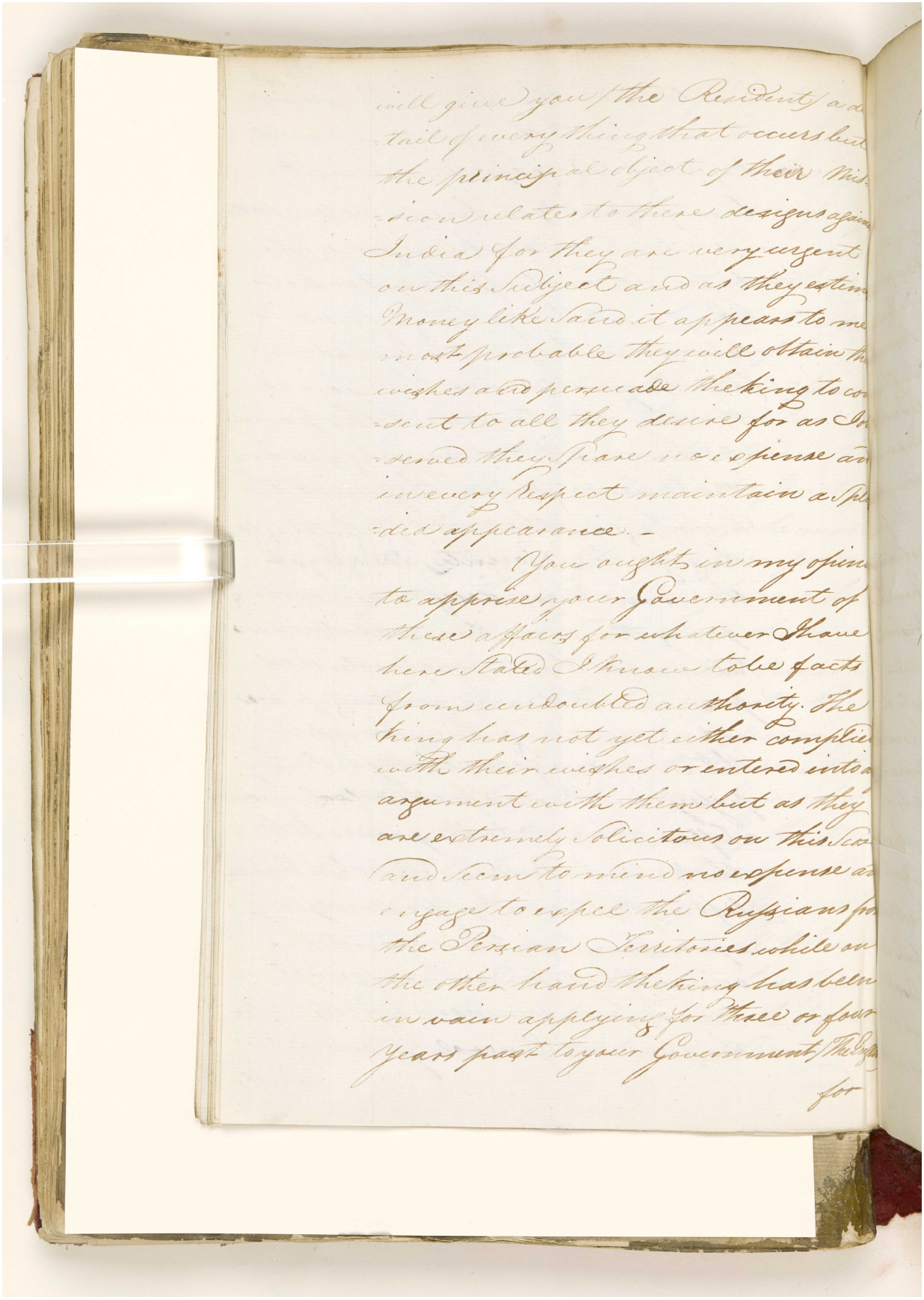

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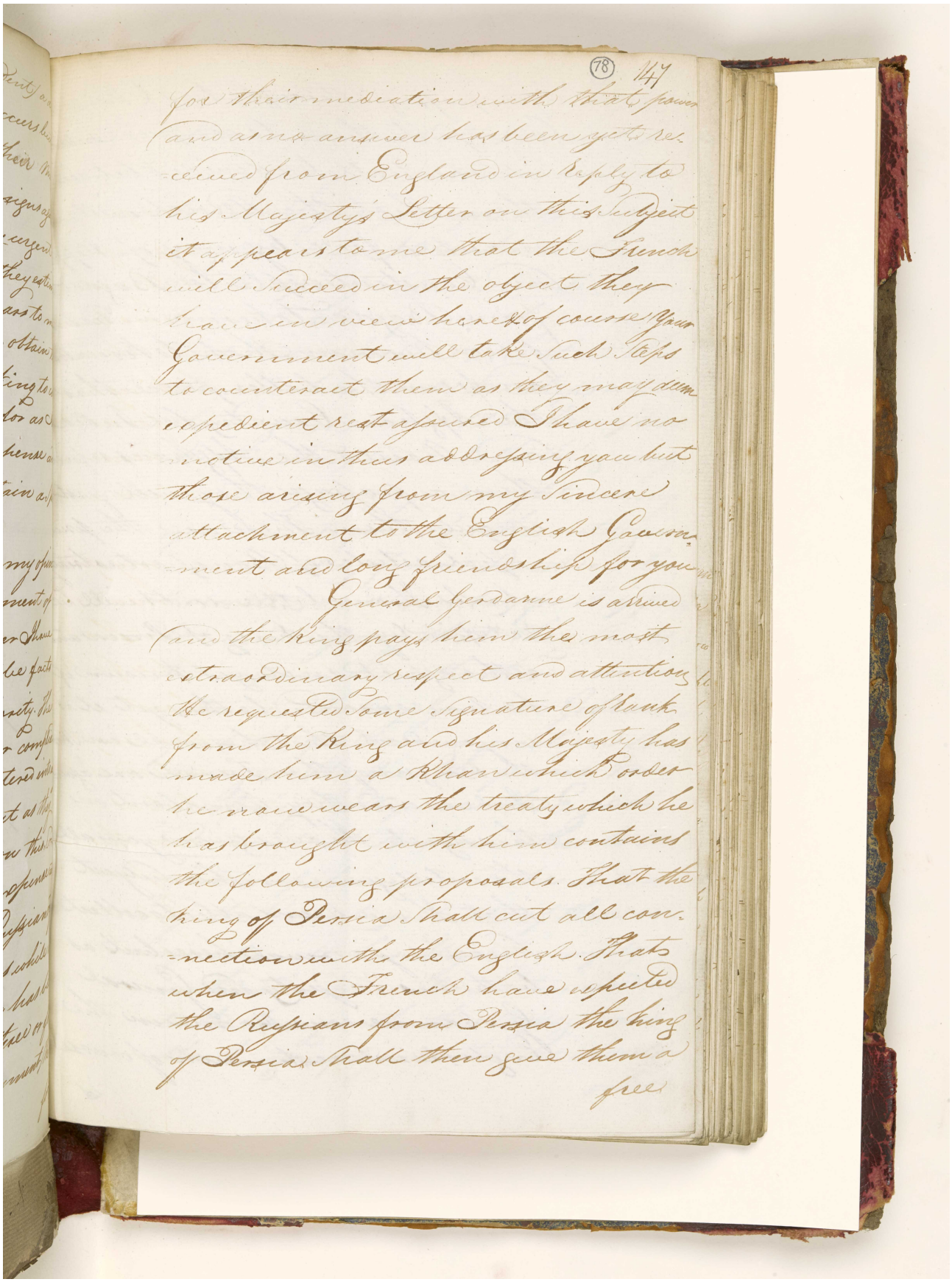

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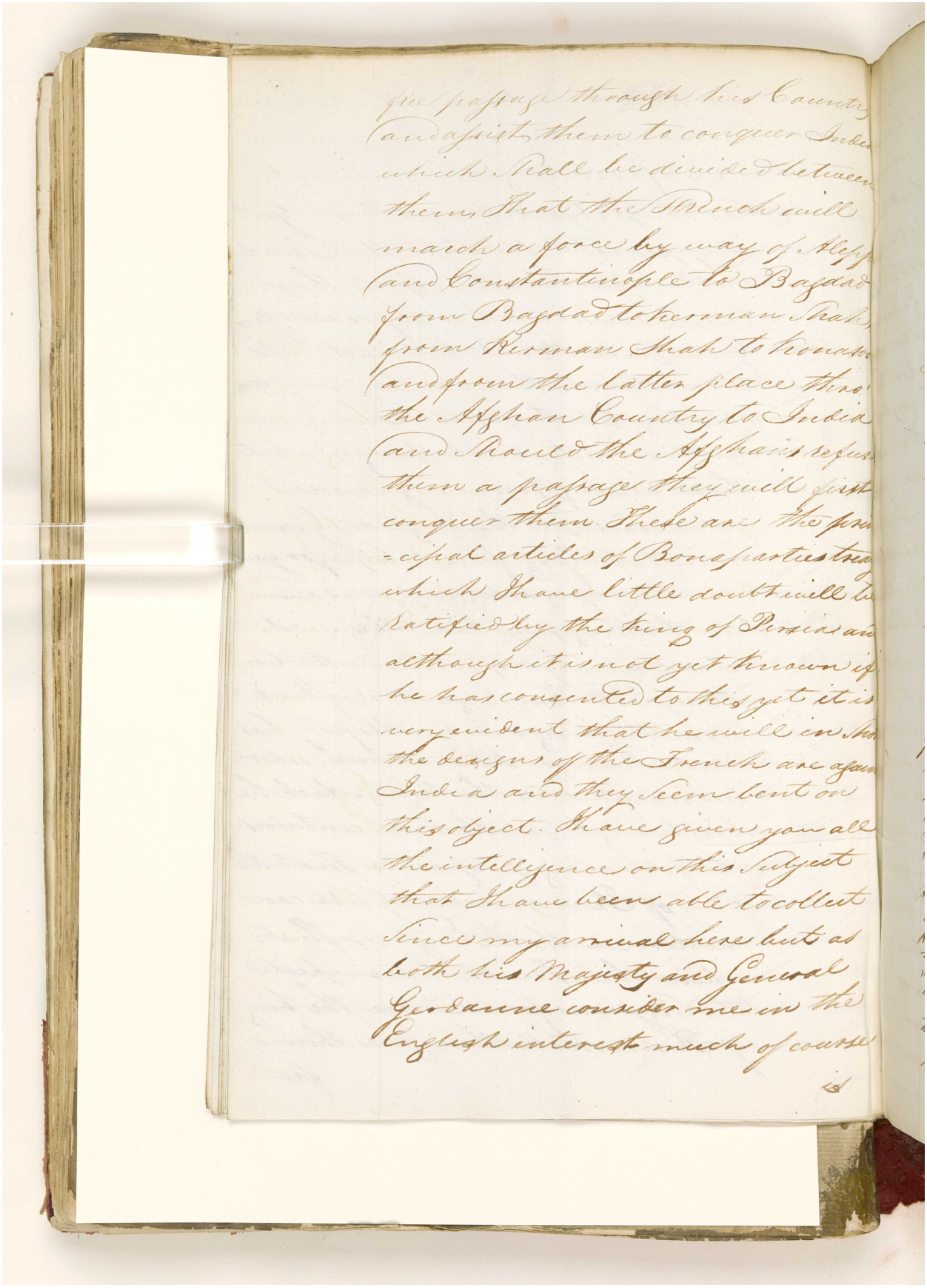
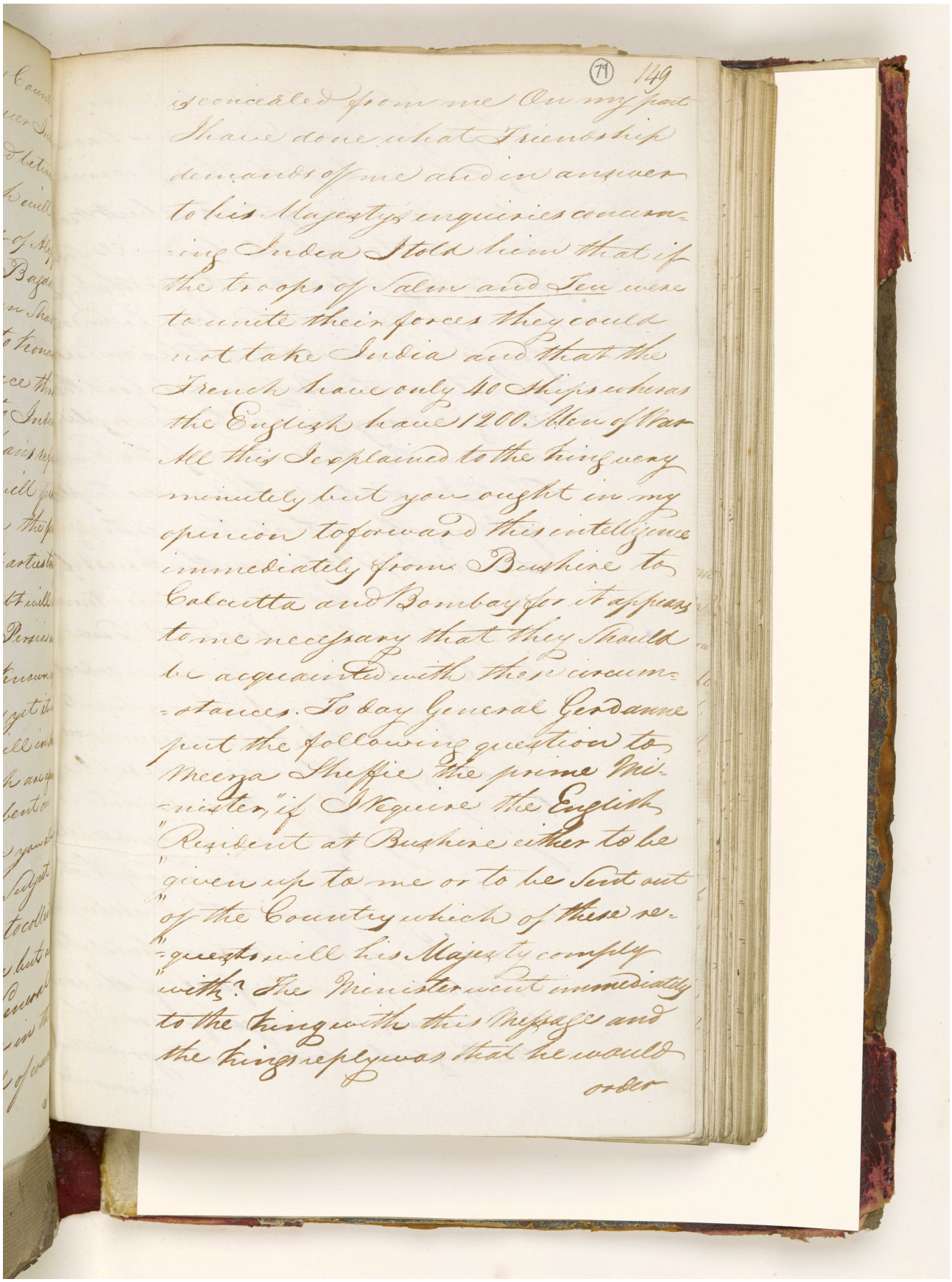
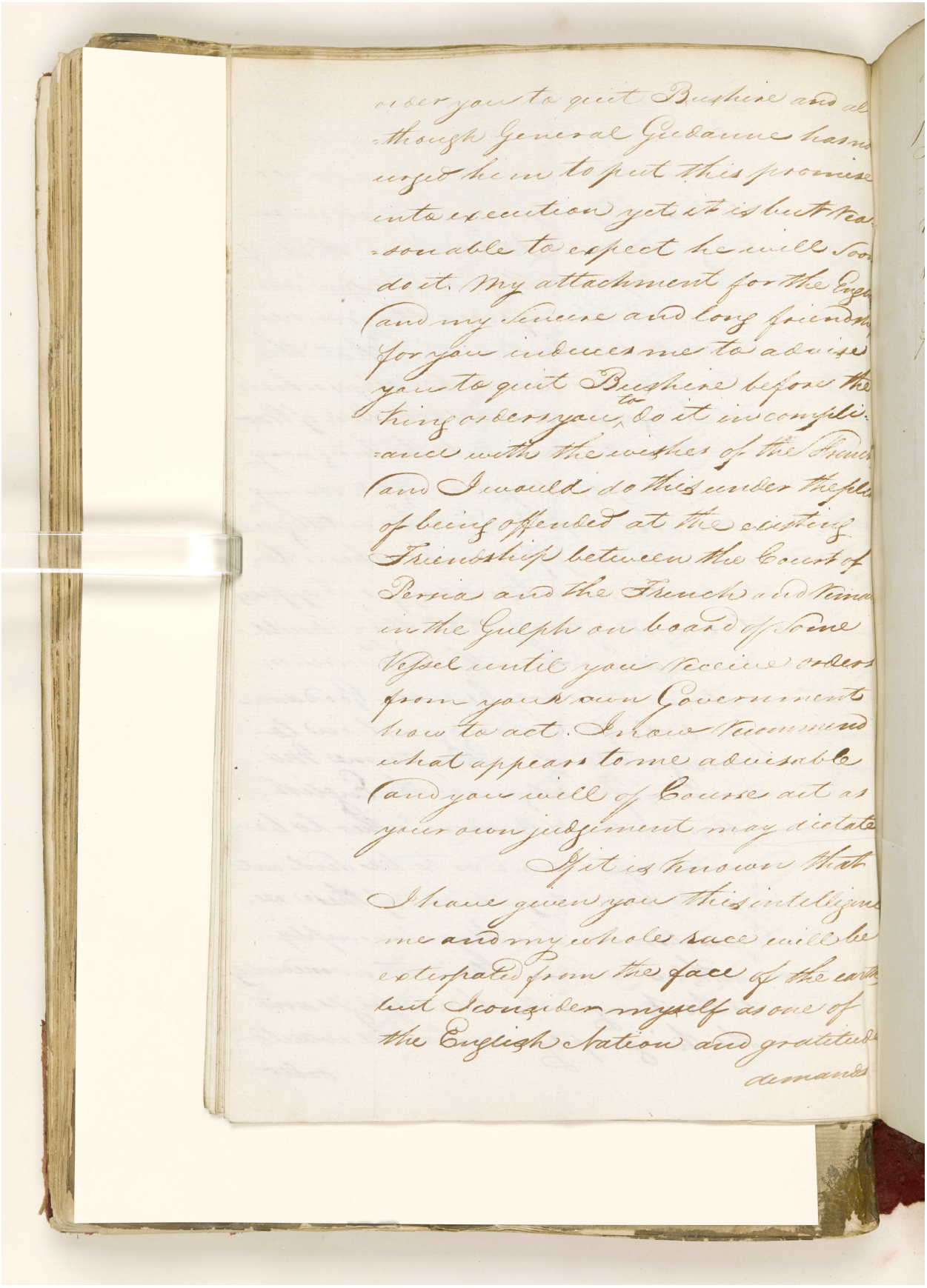
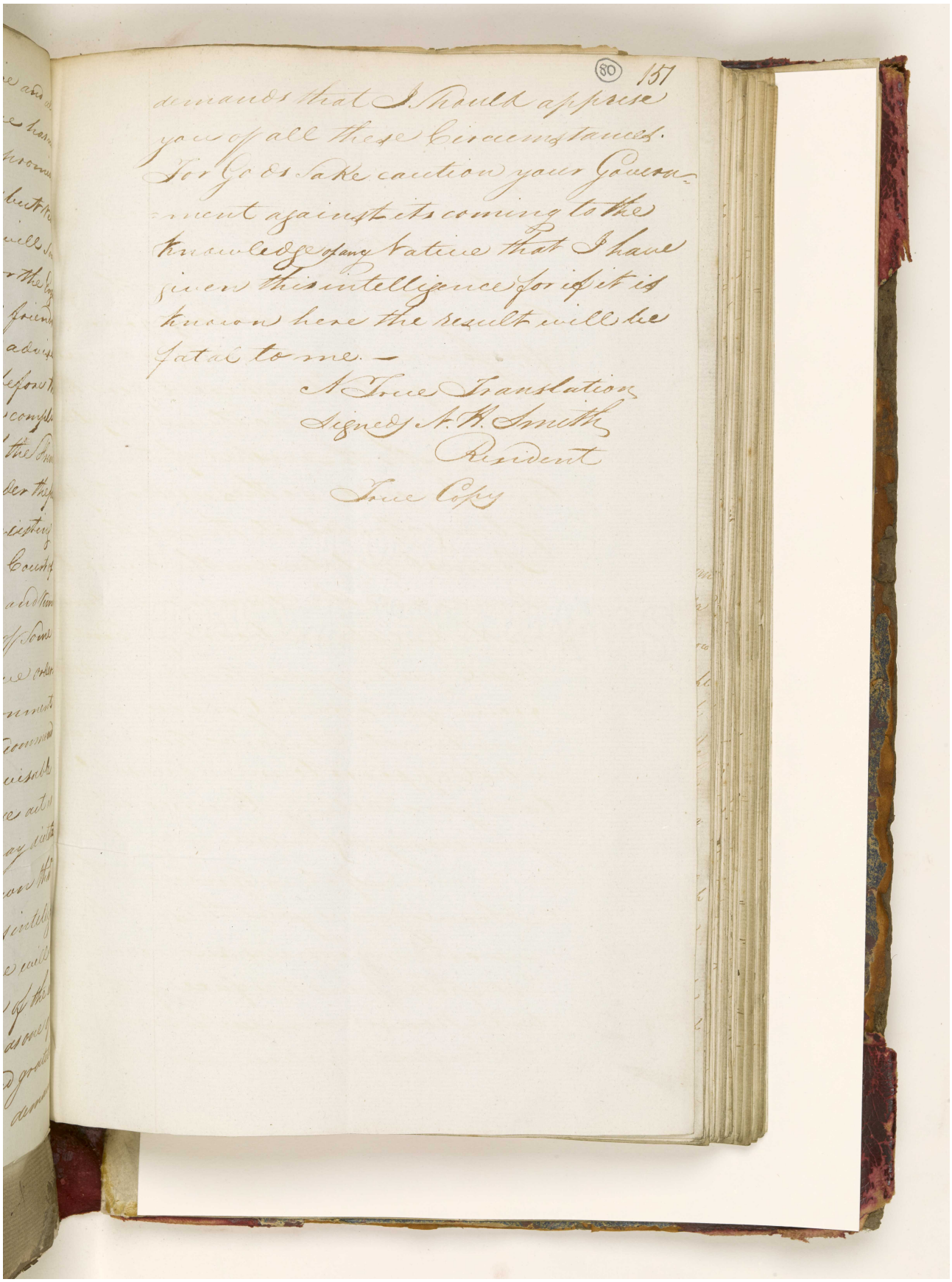
for their mediation with that power and as no answer has been yet received from England in reply to his Majesty's Letter on this subject it appears to me that the French will succeed in the object they have in view here & of course Your Government will take such steps to counteract them as they may deem expedient rest assured I have no motive in thus addressing you but those arising from my sincere attachment to the English Government and long friendship for you

General Gardanne is arrived and the King pays him the most extraordinary respect and attention He requested some Signature of Mark from the King and his Majesty has made him a Khan which Order he now wears the treaty which he has brought with him contains the following proposals. That the King of Persia shall cut all connection with the English. That when the French have expelled the Russians from Persia the King of Persia shall then give them a free





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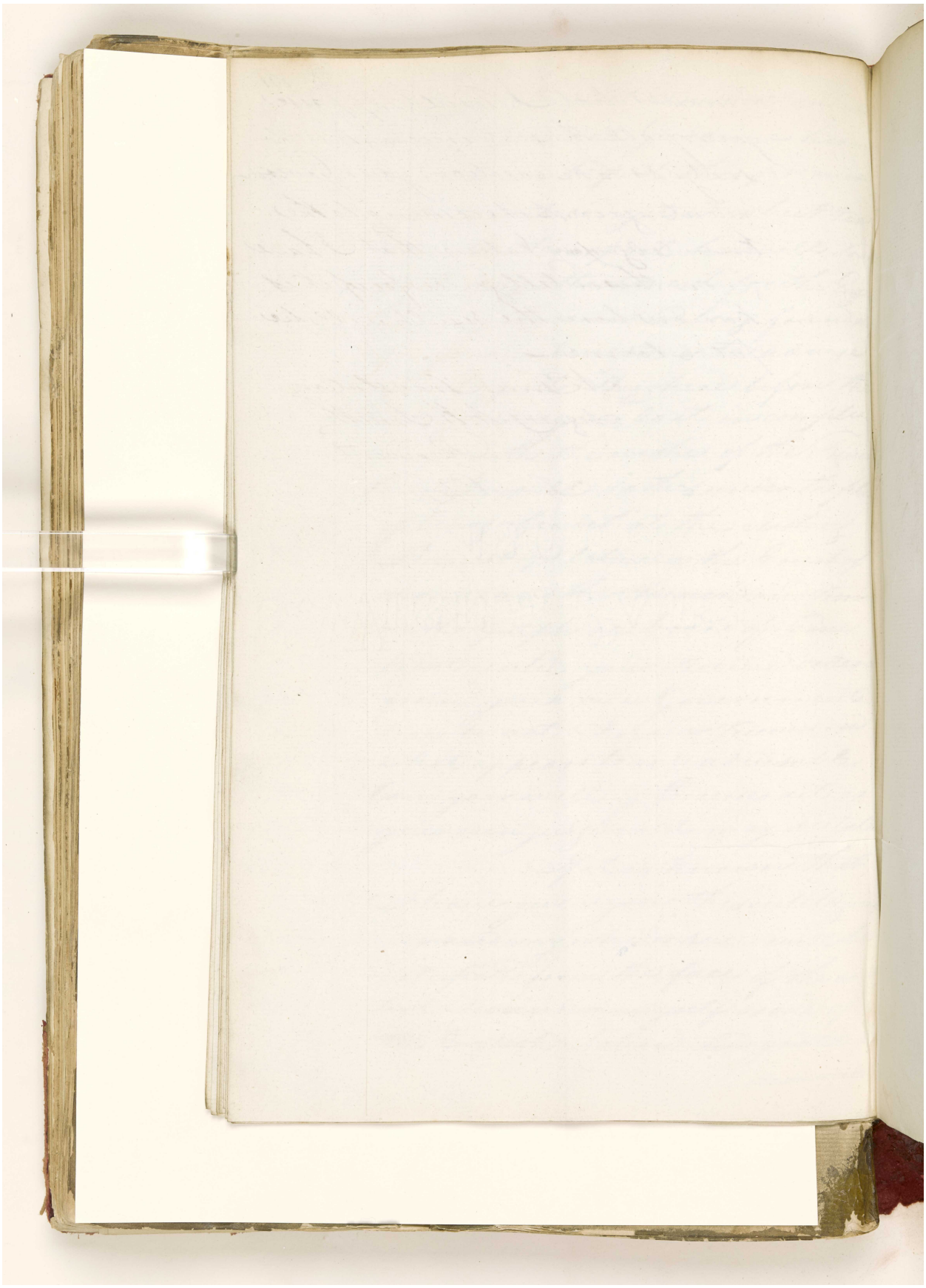
demands that I should apprise
you of all these circumstances.
For Gods Sake caution your Govern-
ment against its coming to the
knowledge of any Native that I have
given this intelligence for if it is
known here the result will be
fatal to me. —
A True Translation
Signed A. B. Smith
Resident
True Copy



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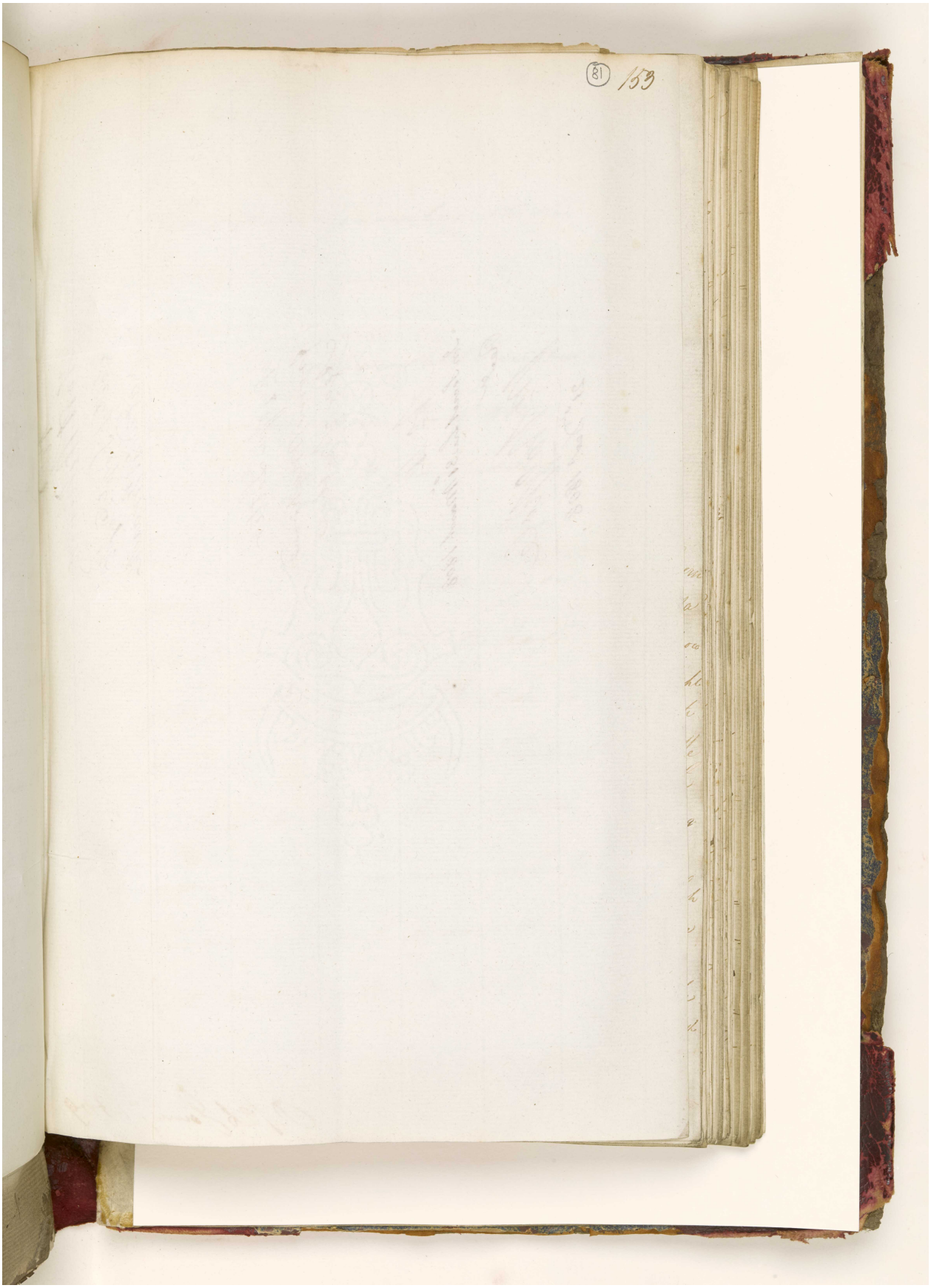

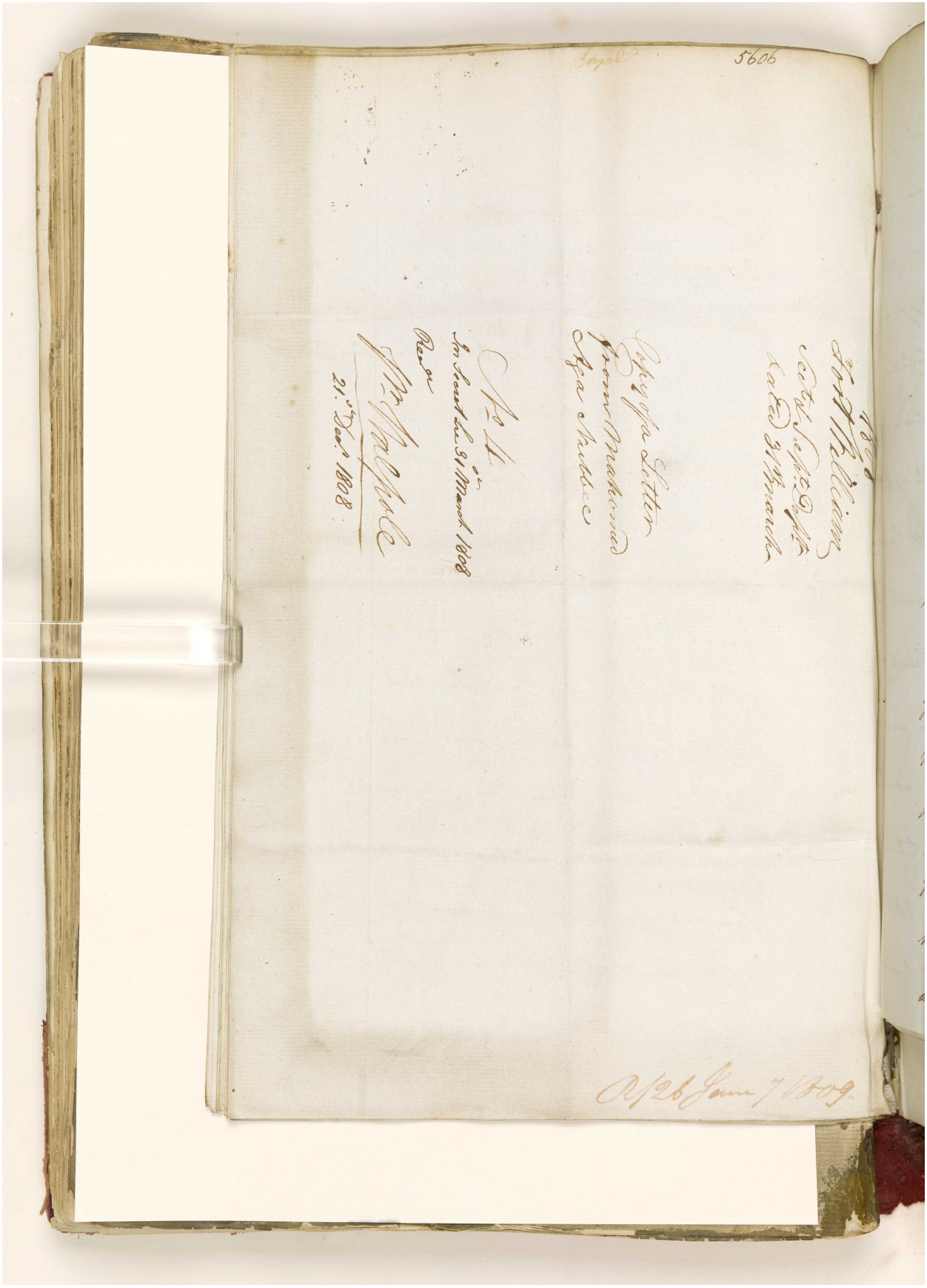

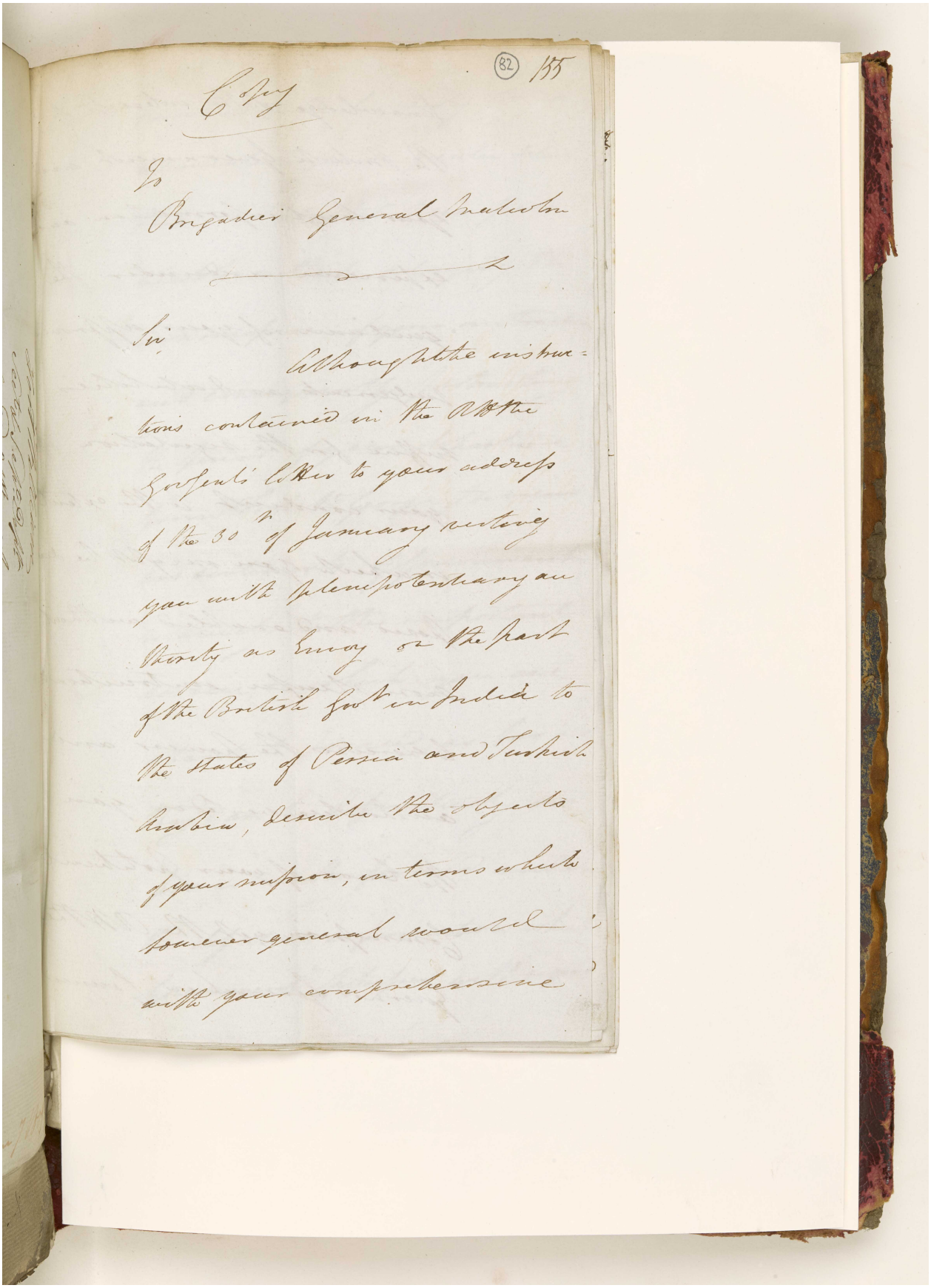



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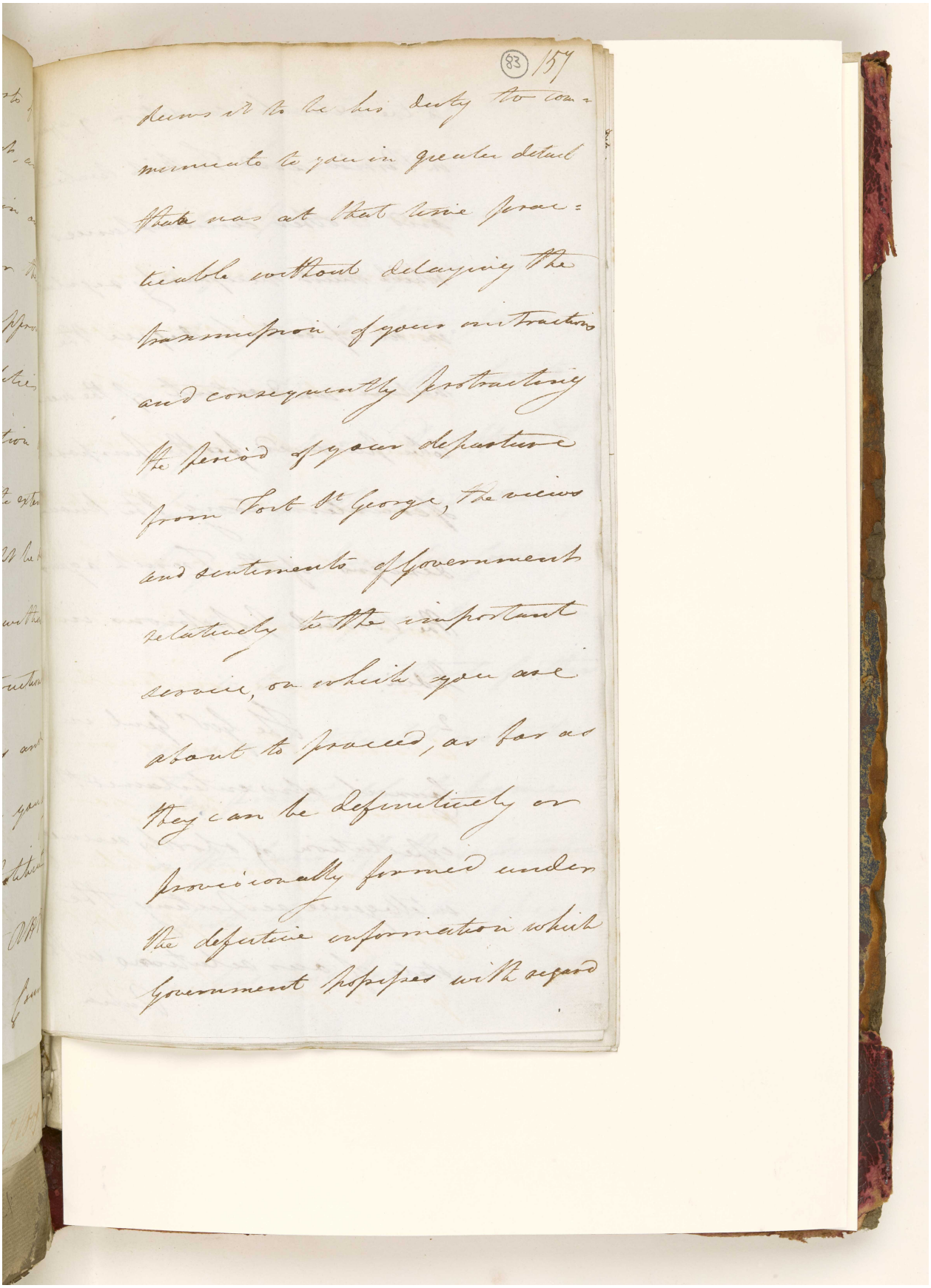
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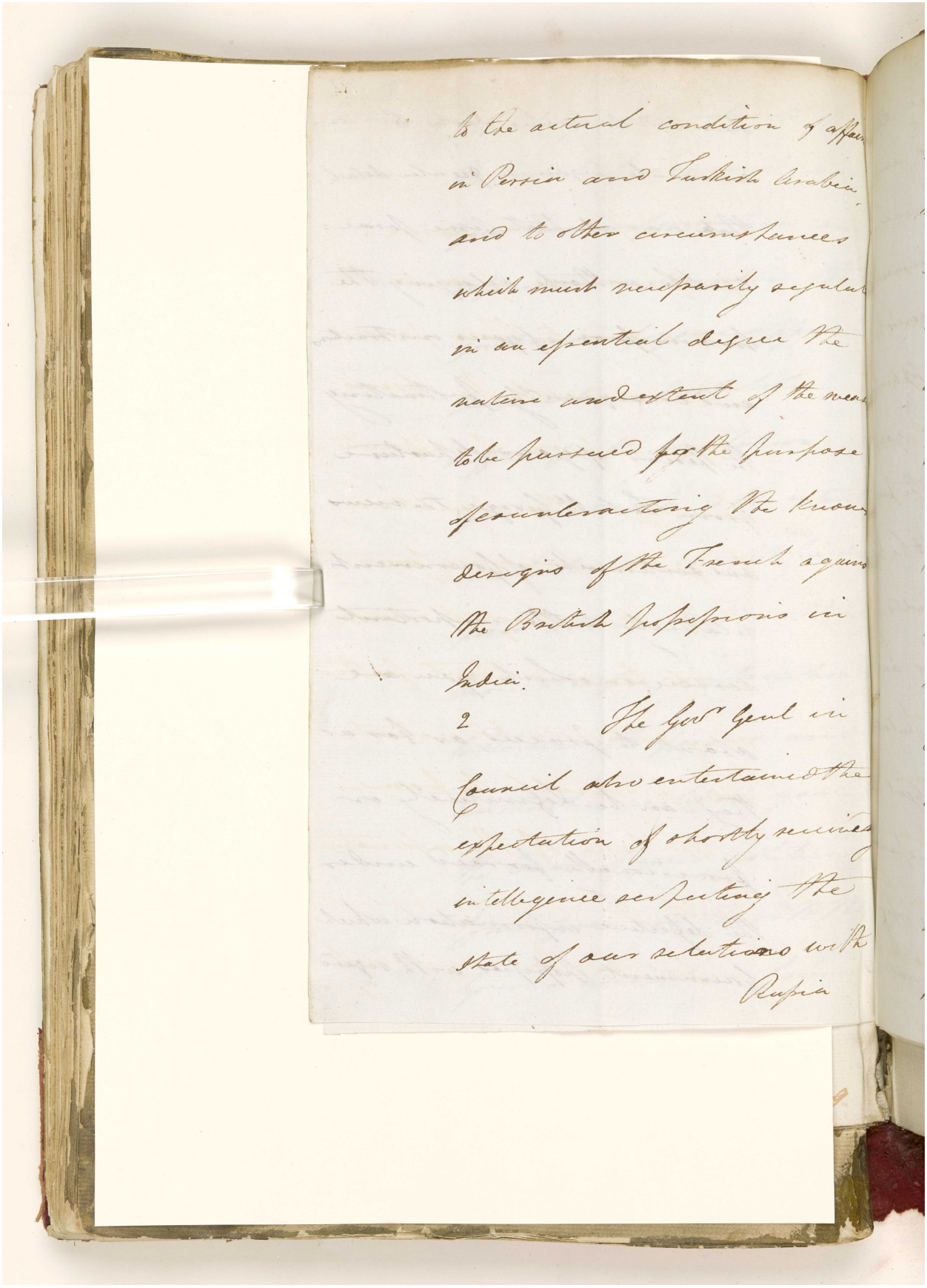
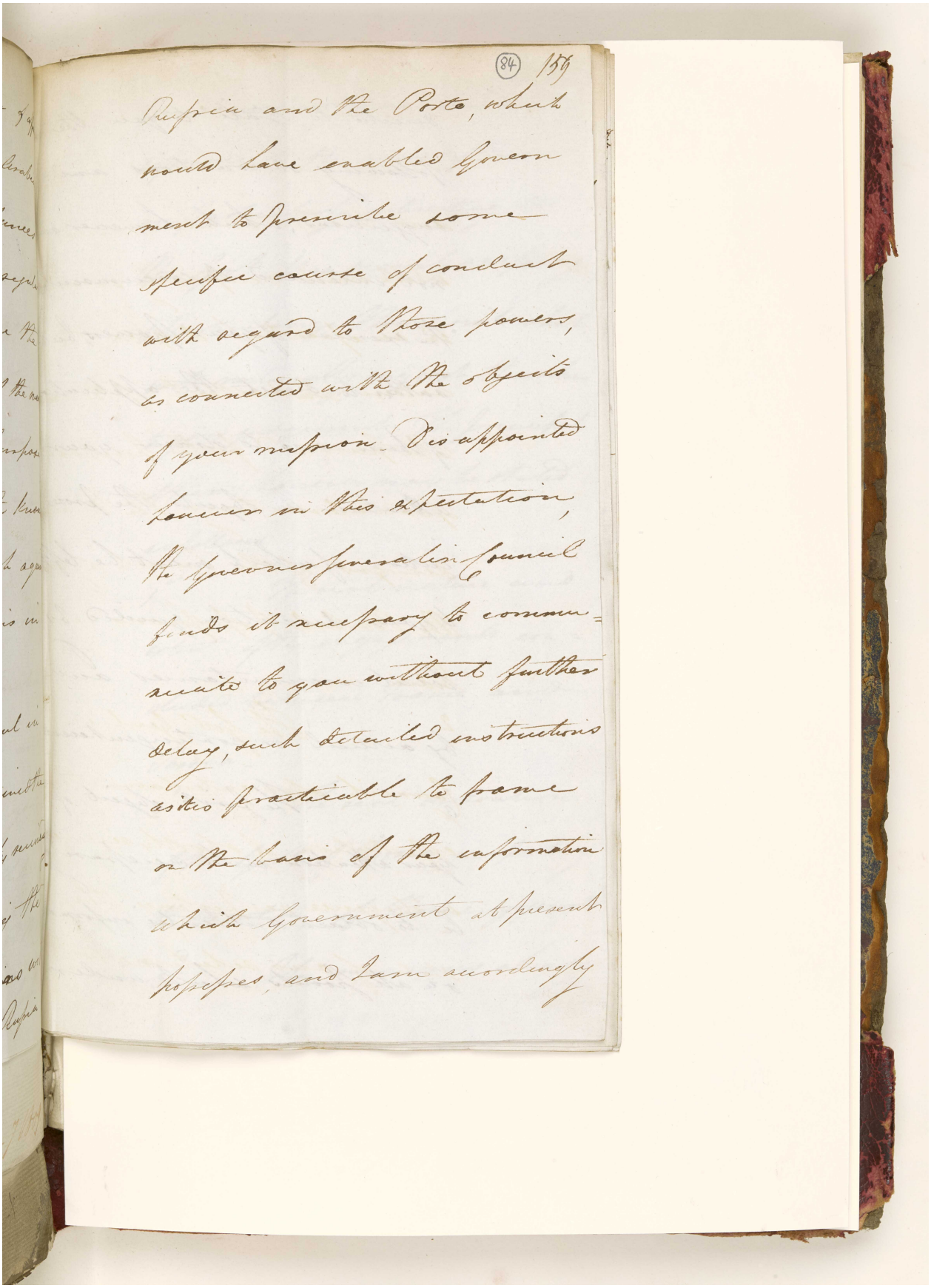
deems it to be his duty to com-
municate to you in greater detail
than was at that time practi-
cable without delaying the
transmission of your instructions
and consequently protracting
the period of your departure
from Fort St George, the views
and sentiments of Government
relatively to the important
service, on which you are
about to proceed, as far as
they can be definitively or
provisionally formed under
the defective information which
Government possesses with regard



to the actual condition of affairs
in Persia and Turkish Arabia,
and to other circumstances
which must necessarily regulate
in an essential degree the
nature and extent of the measures
to be pursued for the purpose
of counteracting the known
designs of the French against
the British possessions in
India.

2 The Govr Genl in
Council also entertained the
expectation of shortly receiving
intelligence respecting the
state of our relations with
Rupia



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Persia and the Porte, which would have enabled Govern ment to prescribe some specific course of conduct with regard to those powers, as connected with the objects of your mission. Disappointed however in this expectation, the Governor General in Council finds it necessary to commu = nicate to you without further delay, such detailed instructions as is practicable to frame on the basis of the information which Government at present possesses, and I am accordingly

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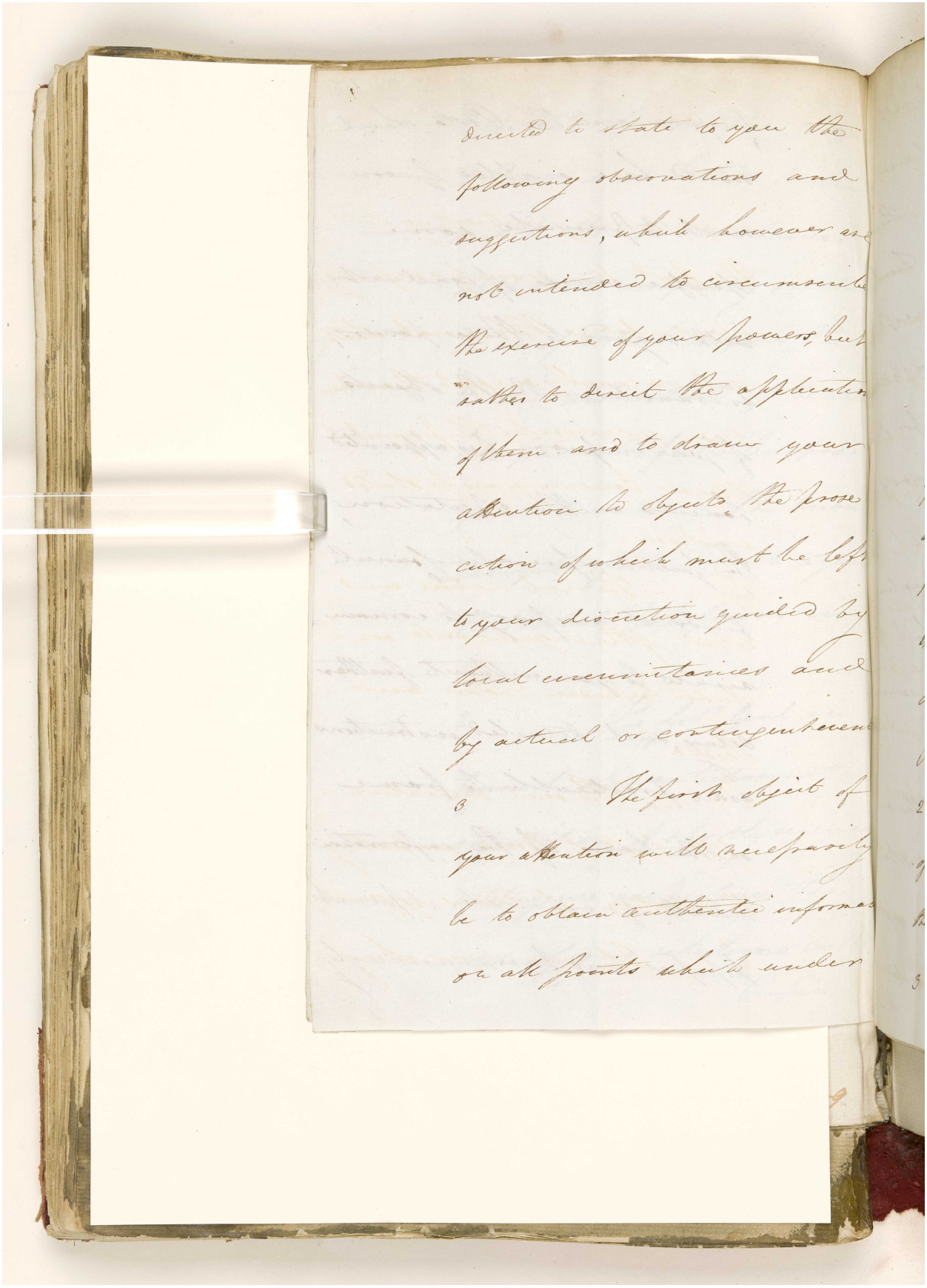

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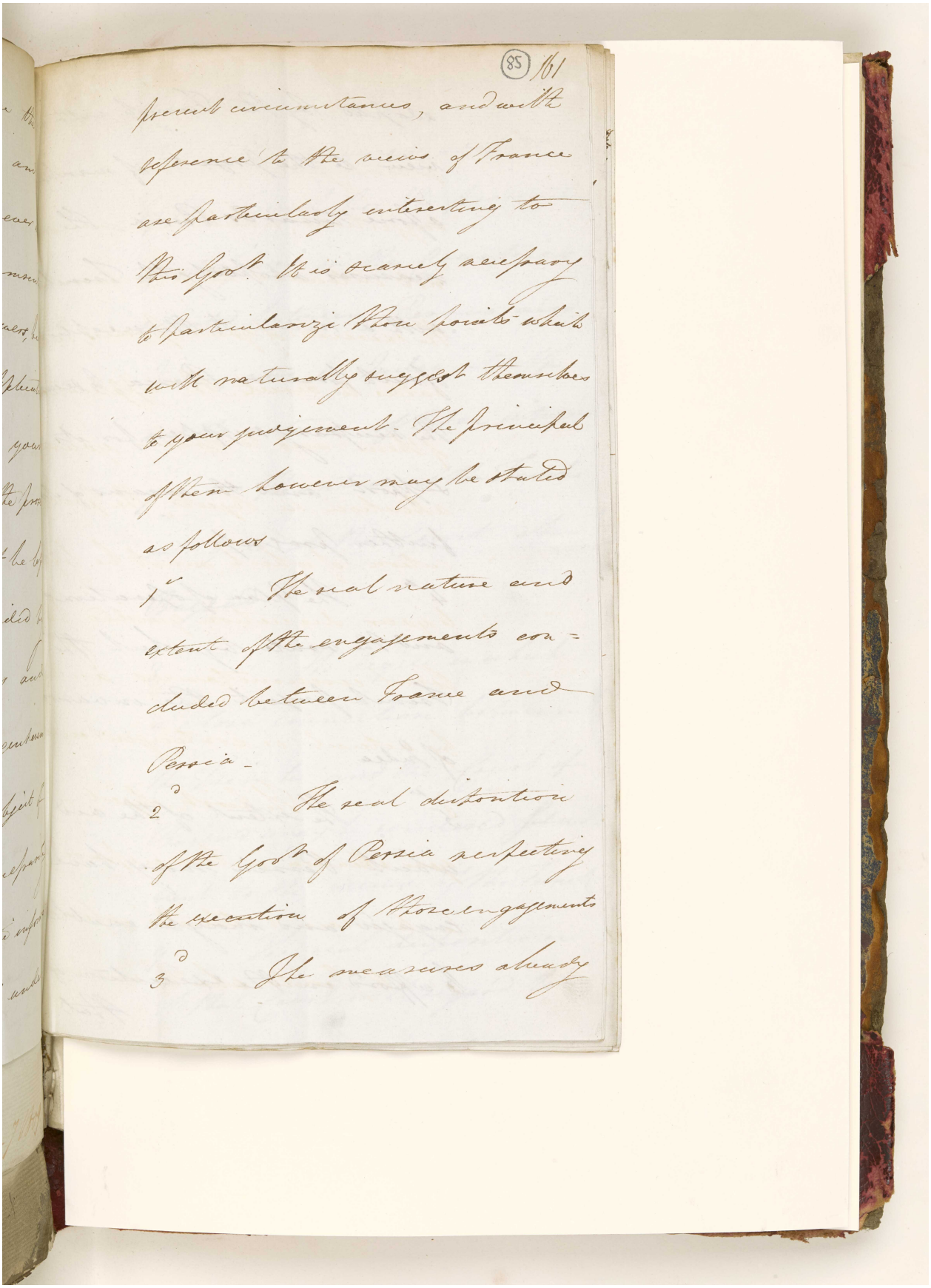

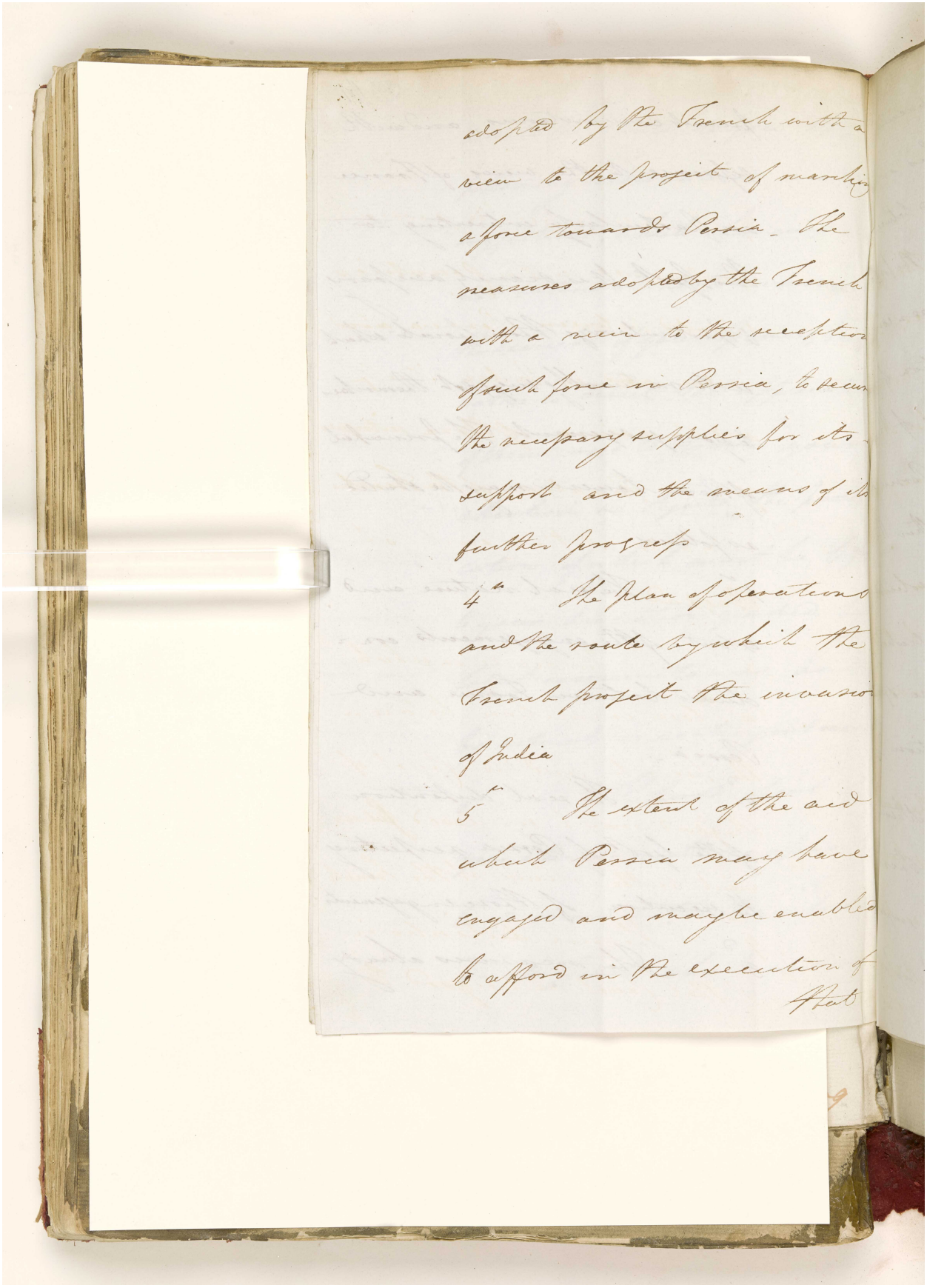

adopted by the French with a
view to the projects of marching
a force towards Persia. The
measures adopted by the French
with a view to the reception
such force in Persia, to secure
the necessary supplies for its
support and the means of its
further progress
4th The plan of operations
and the route by which the
French project the invasion
of India
5th The extent of the aid
which Persia may have
engaged and may be enabled
to afford in the execution of
that

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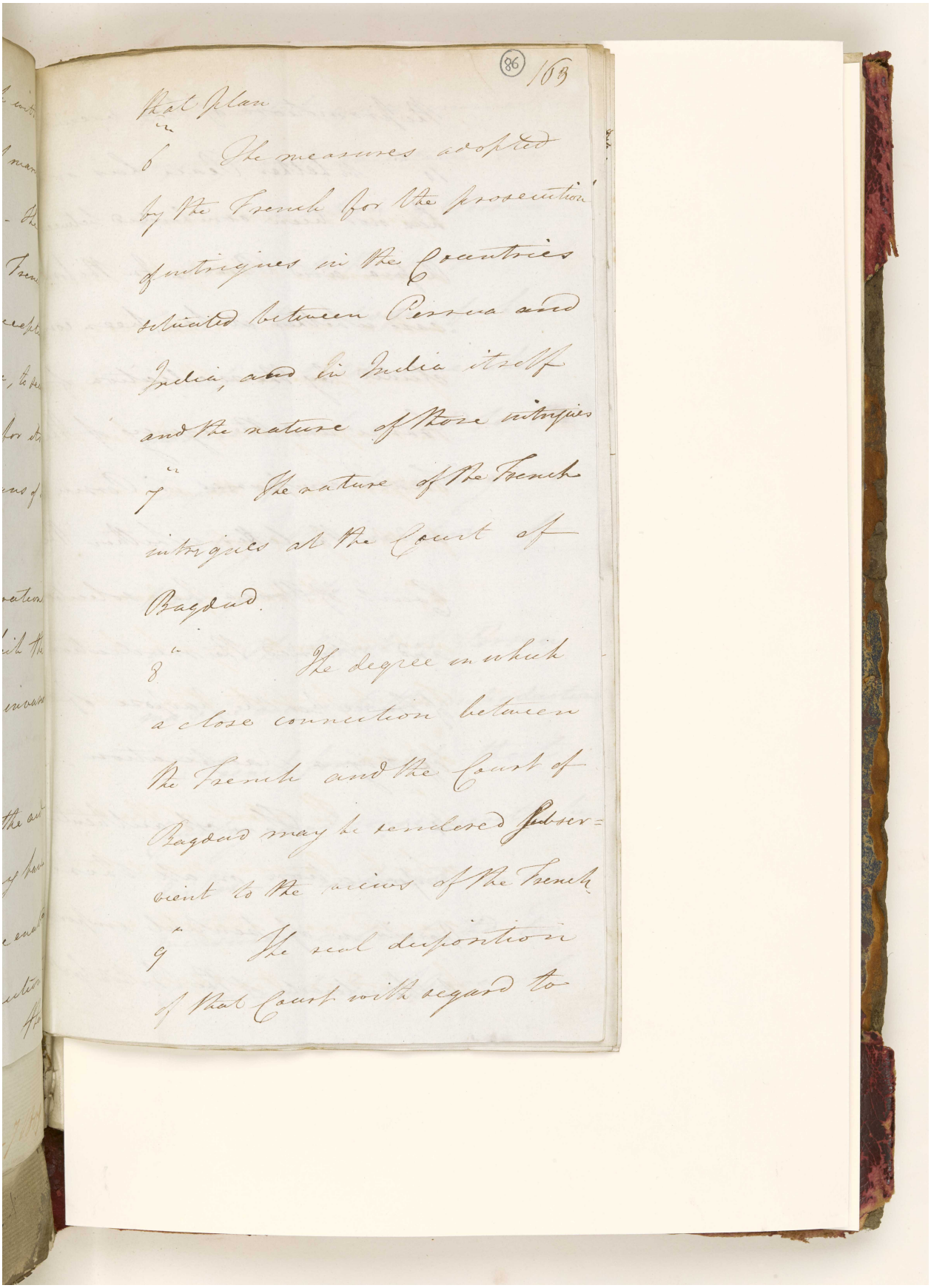

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6th The measures adopted by the French for the prosecution of intrigues in the Countries situated between Persia and India, and in India itself and the nature of those intrigues

7th The nature of the French intrigues at the Court of Baqdad.

8th The degree in which a close connection between the French and the Court of Baqdad may be rendered subser= vient to the views of the French

9th The real disposition of that Court with regard to

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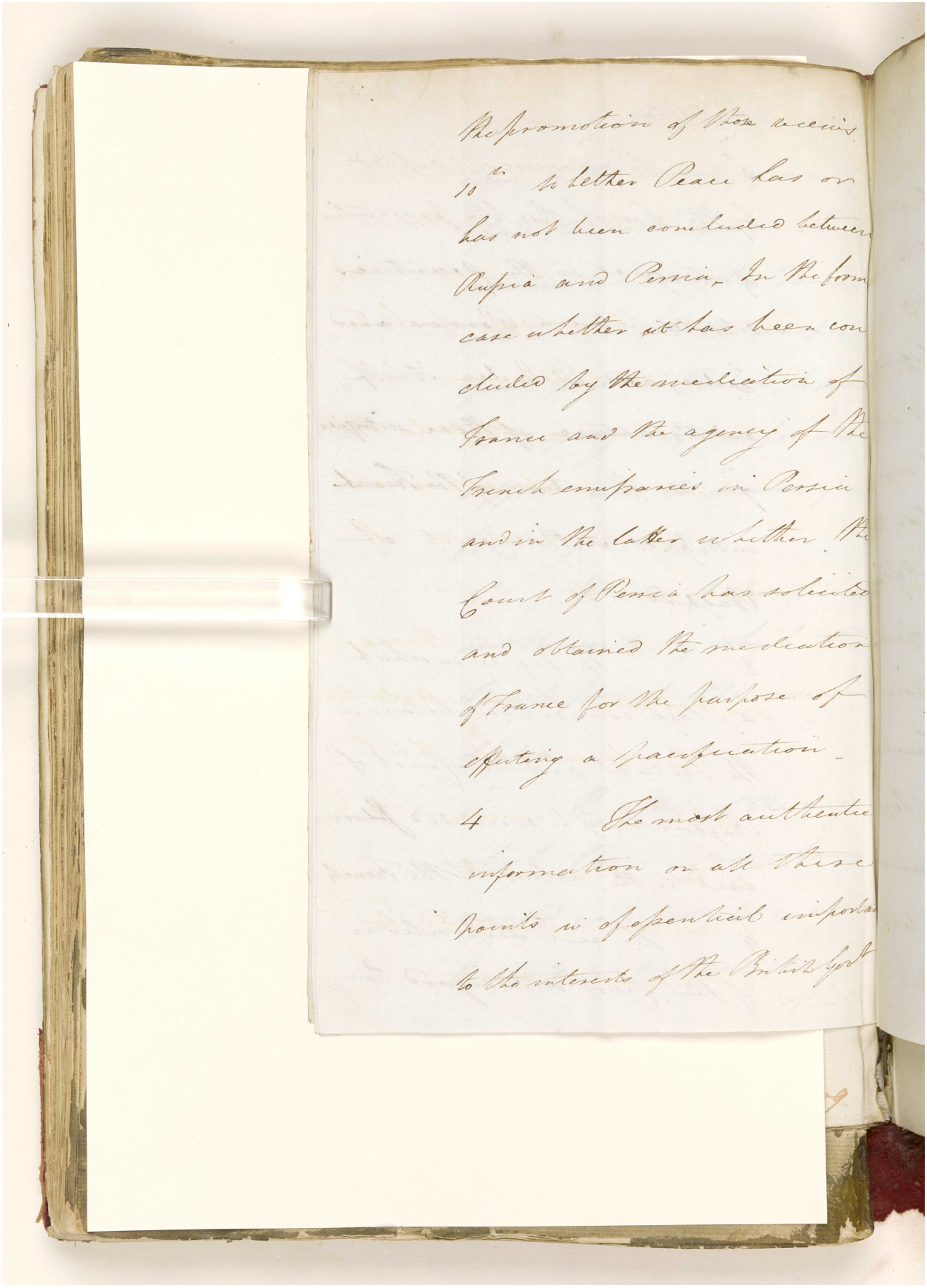

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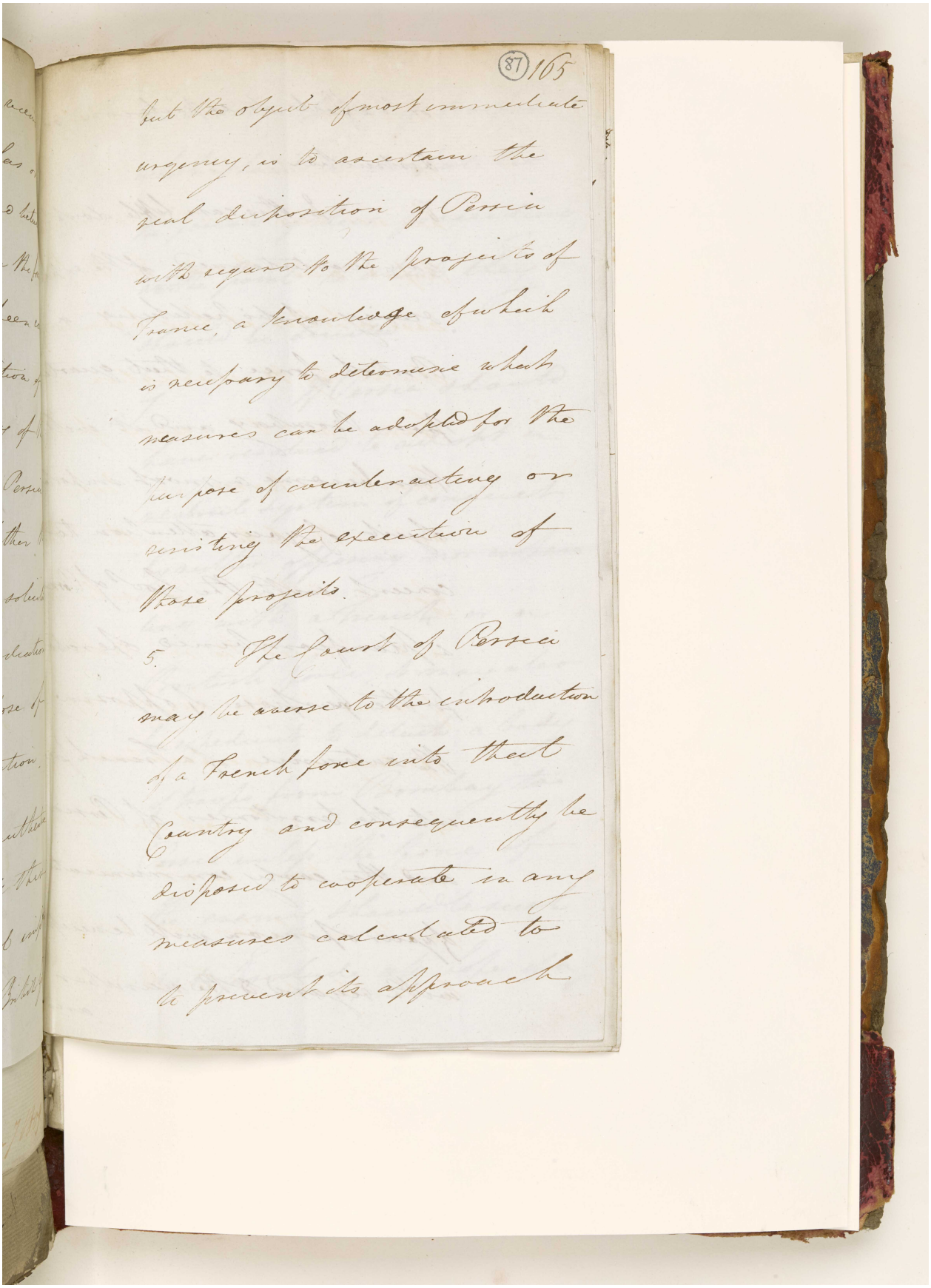
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but the object of most immediate
urgency, is to ascertain the
real disposition of Persia
with regard to the projects of
France, a knowledge of which
is necessary to determine what
measures can be adopted for the
purpose of counteracting or
resisting the execution of
those projects.

5. The Court of Persia
may be averse to the introduction
of a French force into that
Country and consequently be
disposed to cooperate in any
measures calculated to
prevent its approach



or to effect its expulsion or
destruction
6 In this case little doubt
can be entertained of the ex
pediency of dispatching a
British force to that quarte
from Bombay, and it will
then become a most import
object of your attention to
concert with the Govt of Per
a plan for combined operatio
for the purpose of opposing
the entrance of a French for
into the territories of Persia
and the early communicatio
of your opinion with regard
with regard to the number
and

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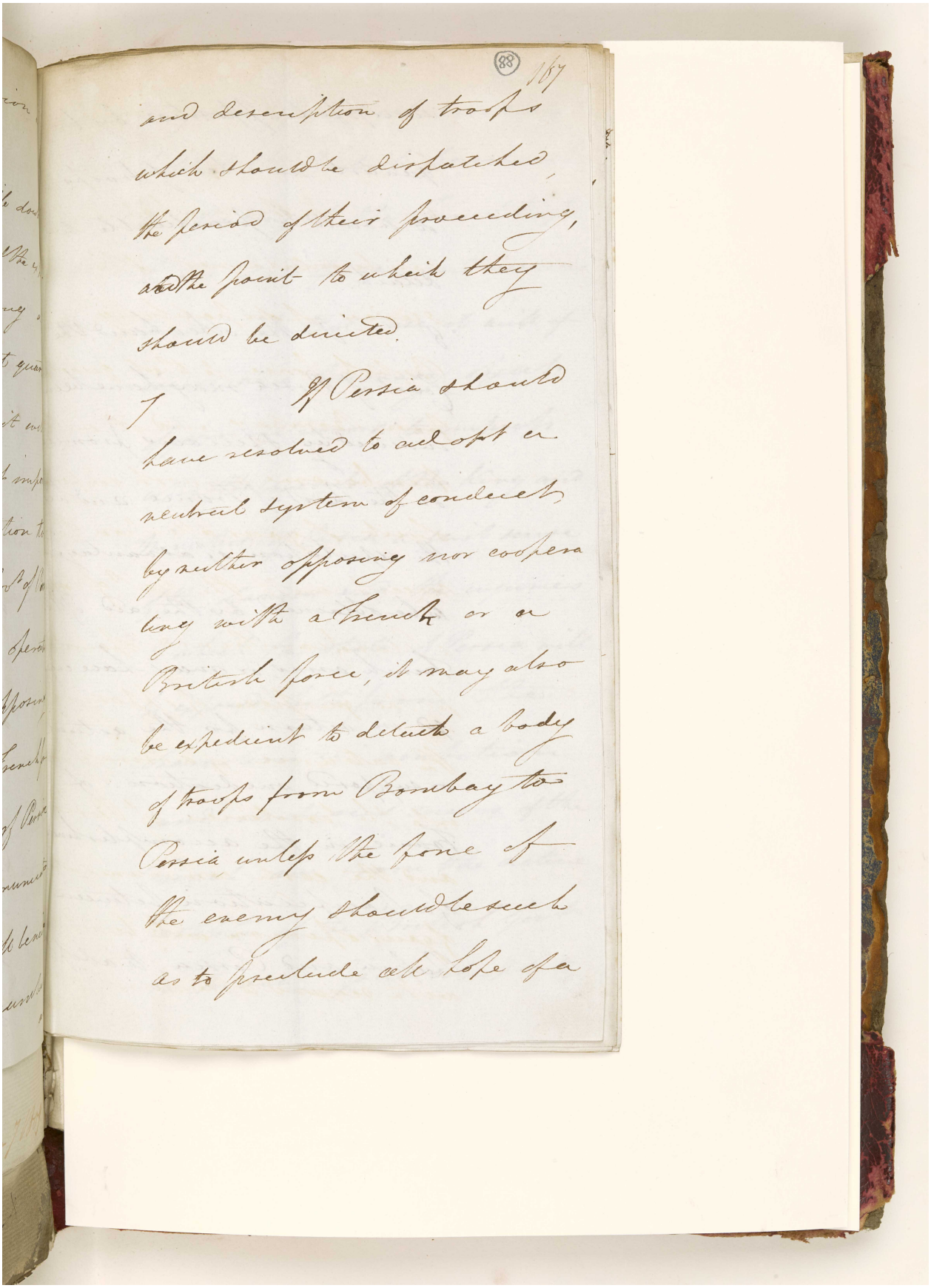

and description of troops which should be dispatched, the period of their proceeding, and the point to which they should be directed.

If Persia should have resolved to adopt a neutral system of conduct by neither opposing nor cooperating with a French or a British force, it may also be expedient to detach a body of troops from Bombay to Persia, unless the force of the enemy should be such as to preclude all hope of a

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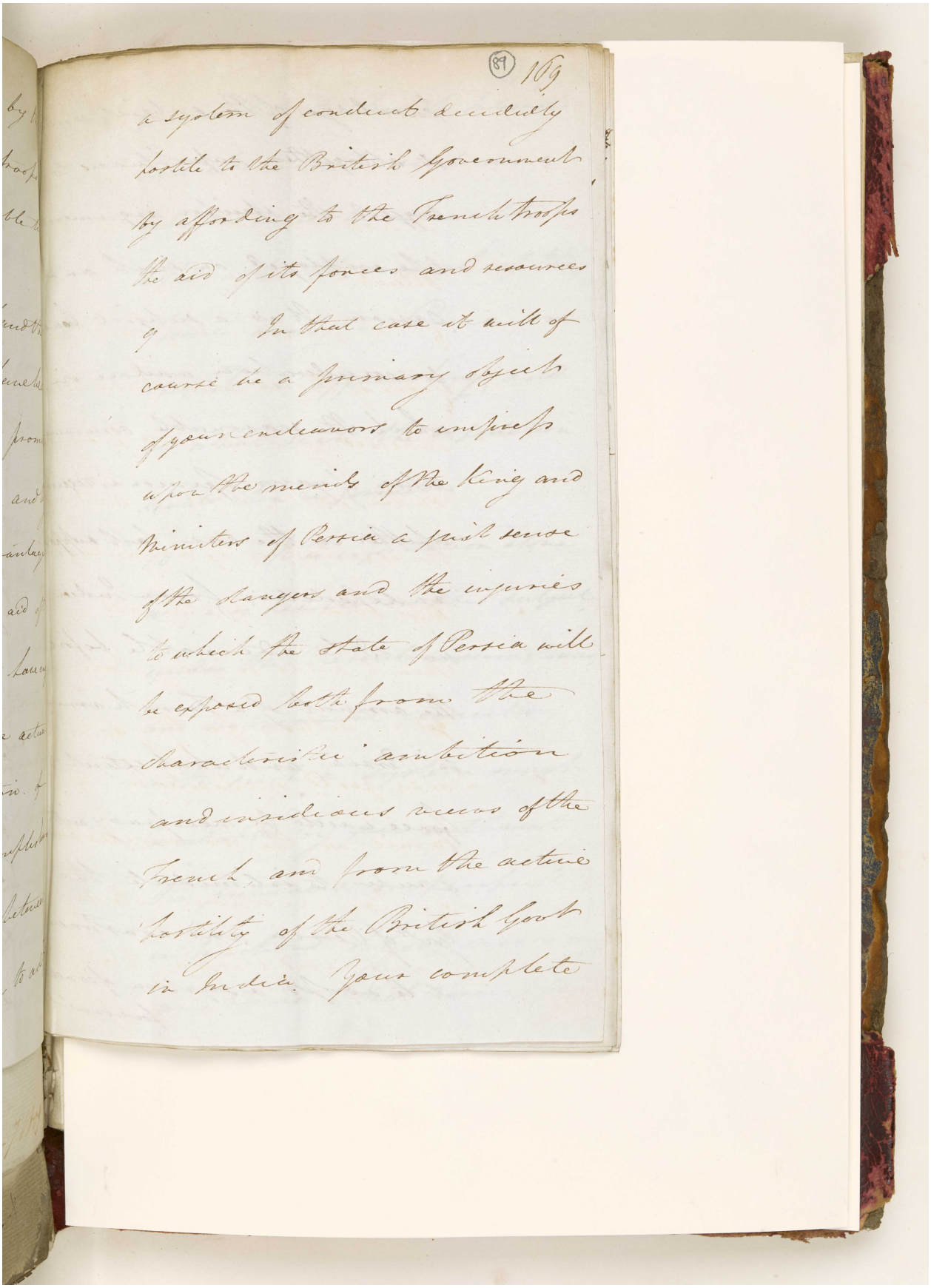
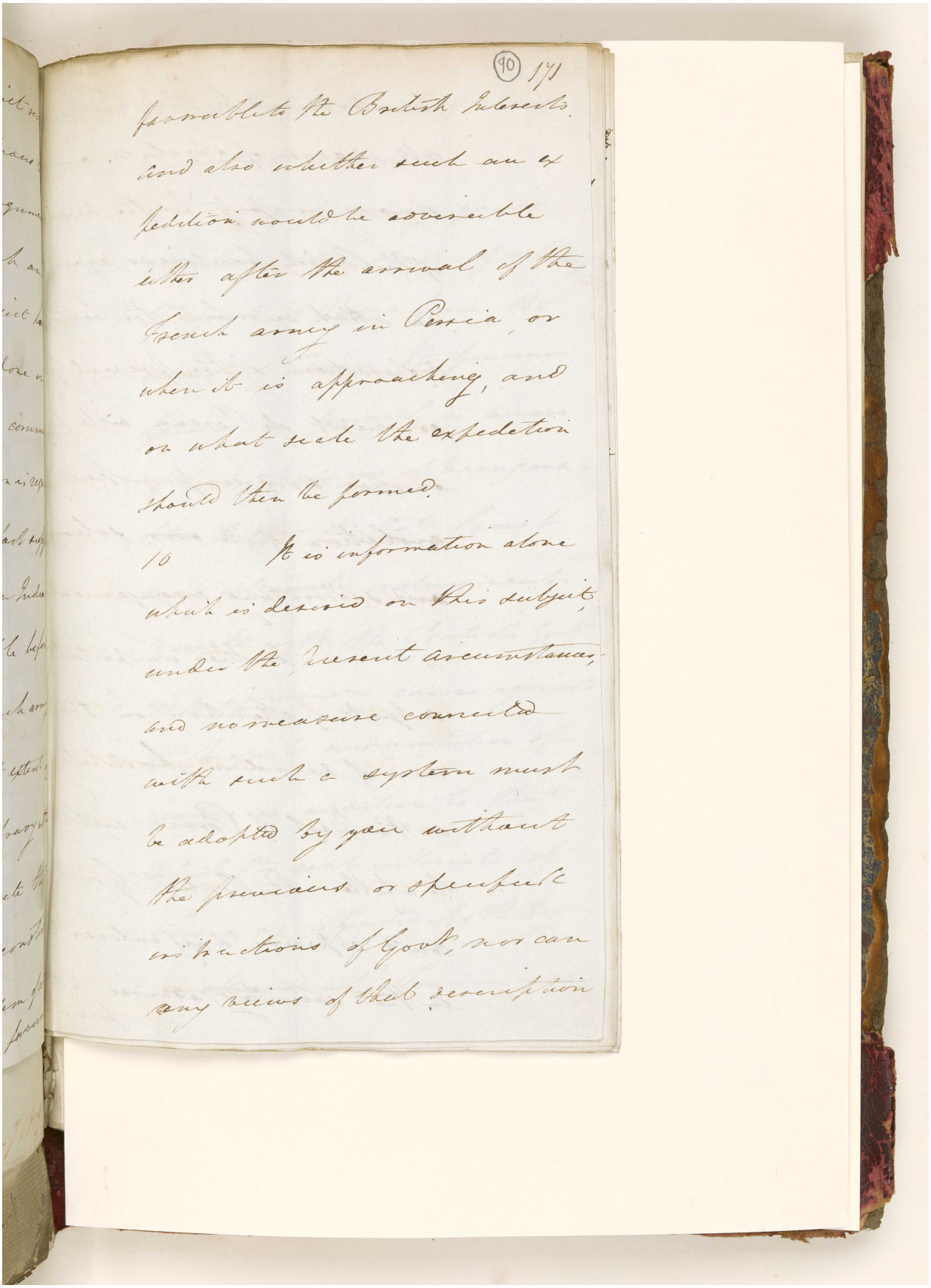




knowledge of the subject render
it altogether superfluous to
suggest the specific arguments
to be employed on such an oc
casion. It is a subject how
for consideration, and one in
which the seasonable communi
cation of your opinion is requir
whether in the case last suppo
an expedition from India
would be advisable before
the arrival of a French army
in Persia, and what extent of
force would be necessary with
a view to intimidate the
Govt of Persia, and constrain
it to adopt a system of conduct
favorable



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favourable to the British Interests
and also whether such an ex-
pedition would be advisable
either after the arrival of the
French army in Persia, or
when it is approaching, and
on what scale the expedetion
should then be formed.

10 It is information alone
which is desired on this subject,
under the present circumstances,
and no measure connected
with such a system must
be adopted by you without
the previous or specific
instructions of Govt, nor can
any views of that description



be entertained by this Govt ex-
cept in a case of absolute and
obvious necessity, for the defence
of the British territories against
an attack in which the hostile
cooperation of the present Gov-
ernment of Persia will be
an open and unprovoked
violation of its own solemn
and subsisting engagements
" Another important
subject of attention in the
case of avowed hostility
on the part of Persia, will
be whether the British Govt
could espouse any interest
in that country, adverse to the
present

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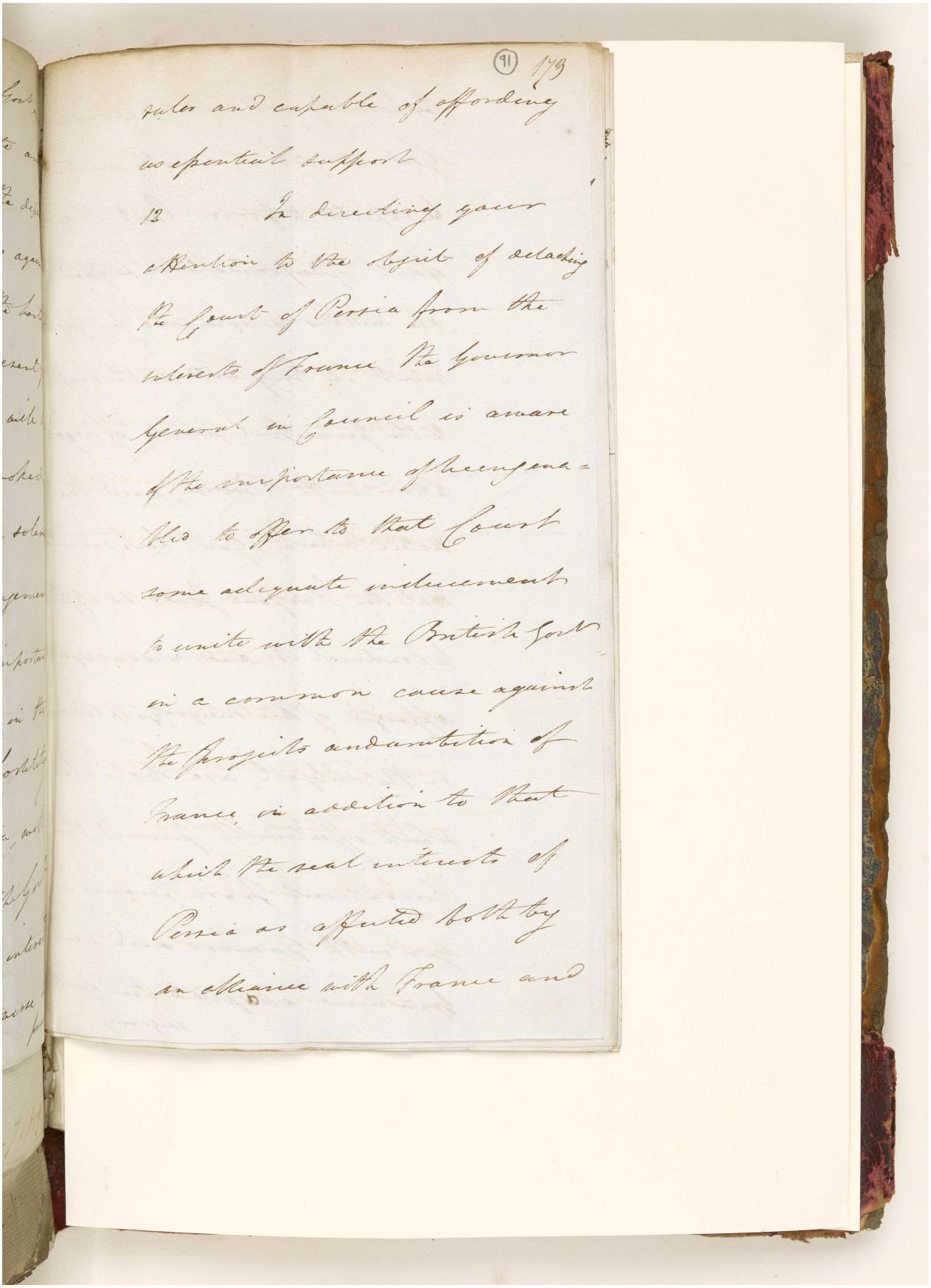

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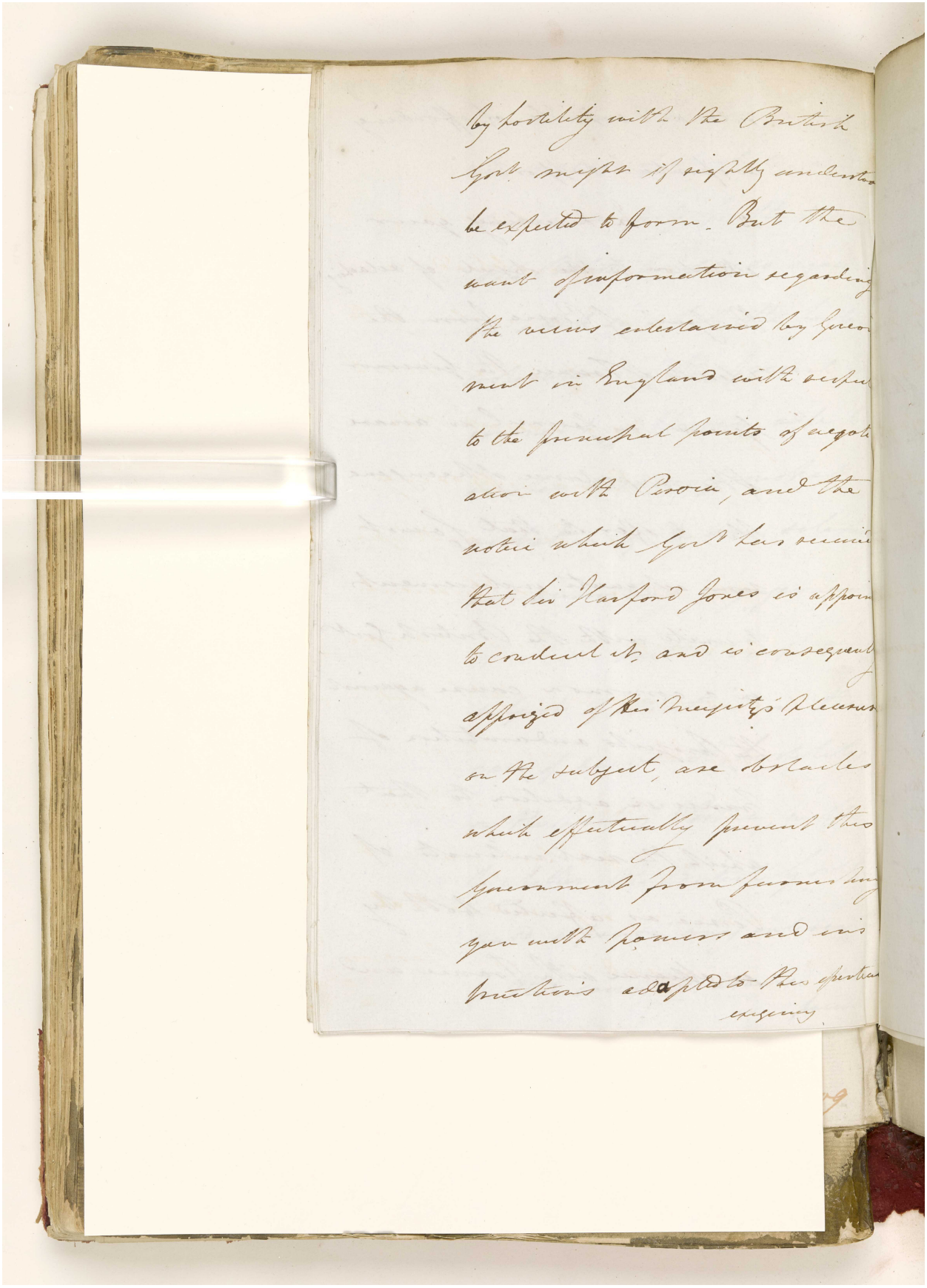
ruler and capable of affording
us essential support

12 In directing your
attention to the object of detaching
the Court of Persia from the
interests of France the Governor
General in Council is aware
of the importance of hereupon =
this to offer to that Court
some adequate inducements
to unite with the British Govt
in a common cause against
the projects and ambition of
France, in addition to that
which the real interests of
Persia as appertaining both to
an alliance with France and



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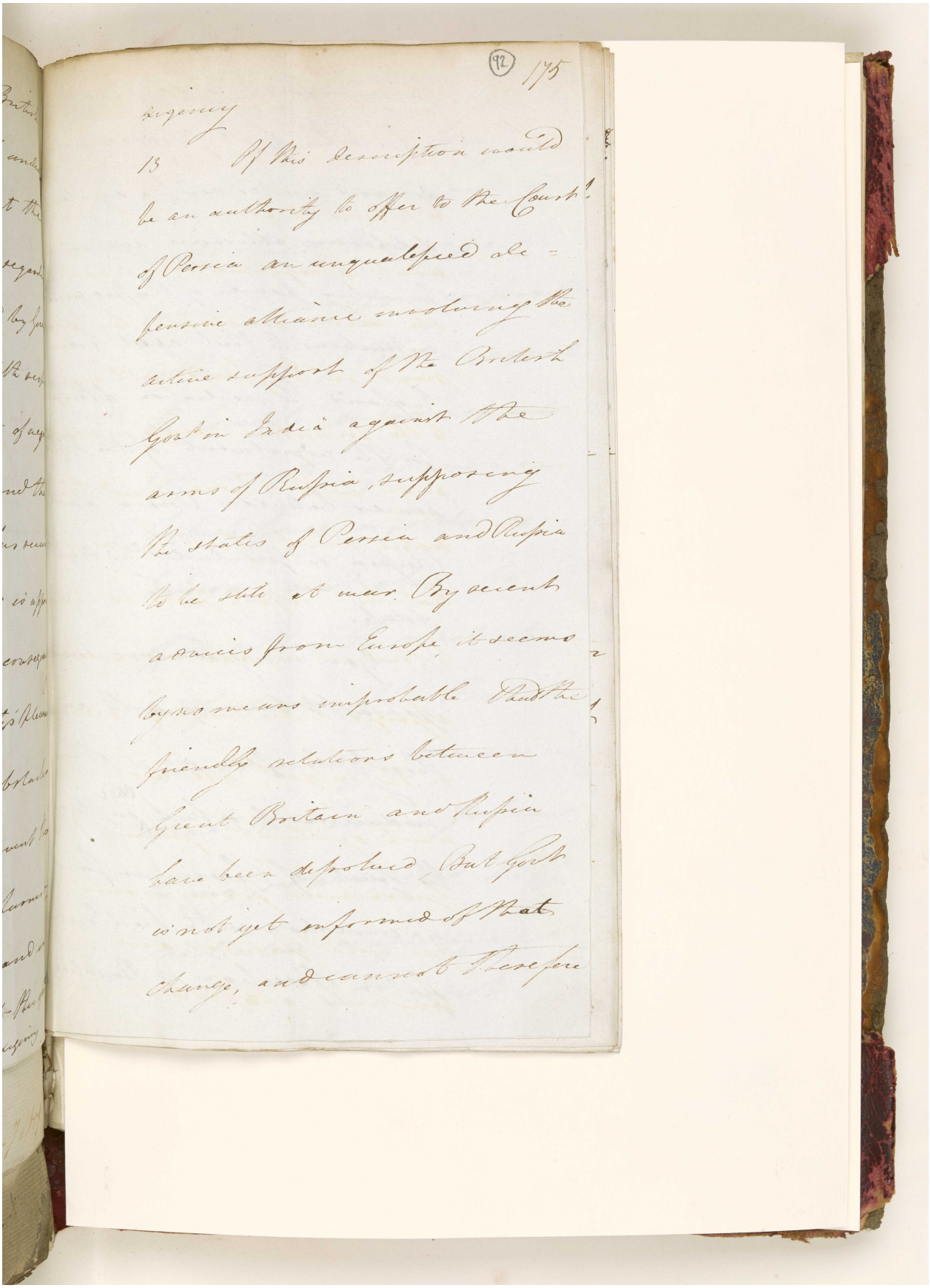



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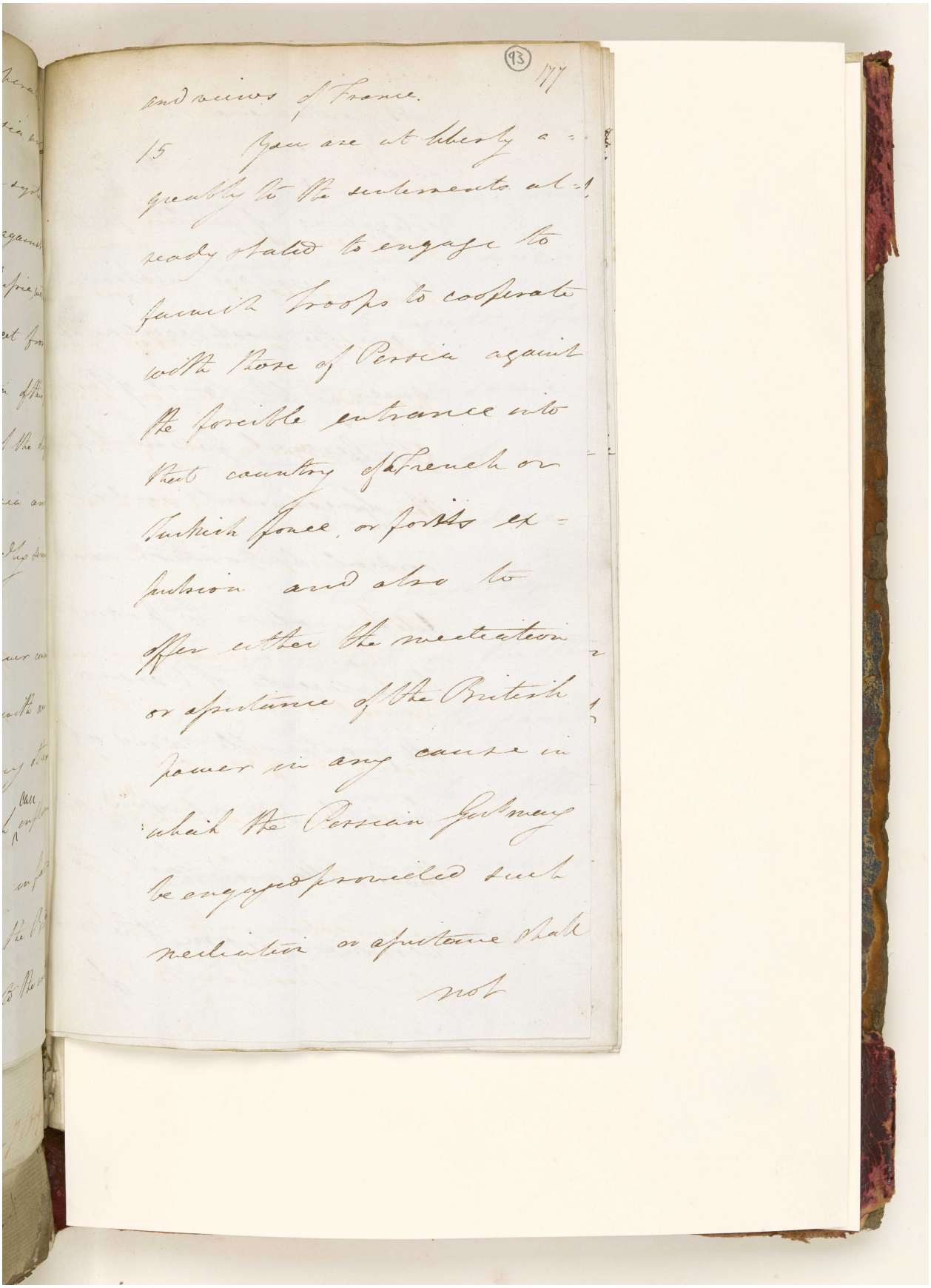

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and views of France.

15 You are at liberty a=
greably to the sentiments al=
ready stated to engage to
furnish troops to cooperate
with those of Persia against
the forcible entrance into
that country of French or
Turkish force, or for its ex=
pulsion and also to
offer either the mediation
or assistance of the British
power in any cause in
which the Persian Govt may
be engaged provided such
mediation or assistance shall
not

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not contravene the main
objects of our views or the positive
obligations of public faith.
16 You are authorized
to give the most positive assu
rances to the Court of Persia
of the General friendship of
this Government, and of it
cordial disposition and
determination to promote
the interests of Persia a
all practicable and al=
lowable occasions, and
you will not fail to
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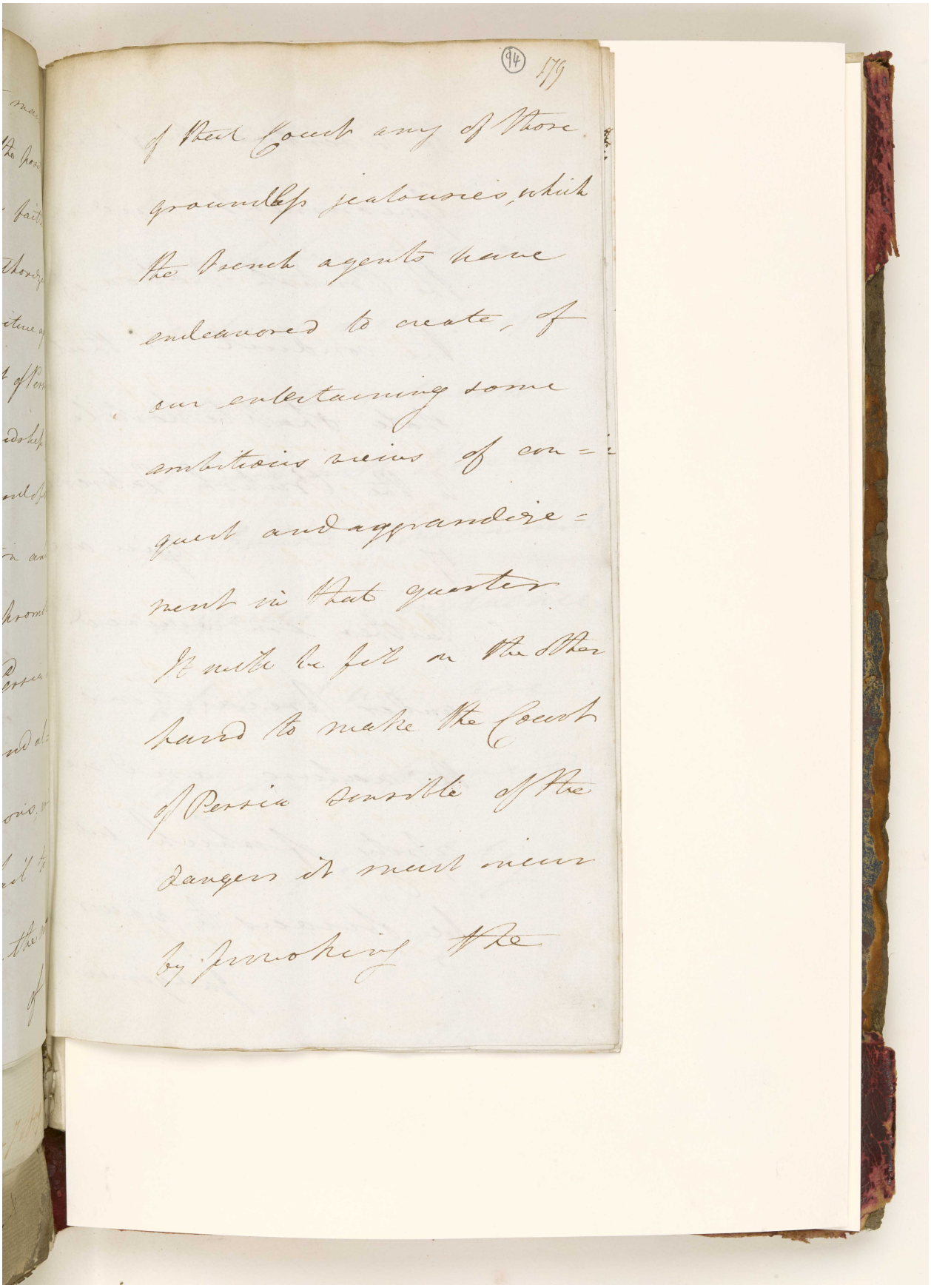

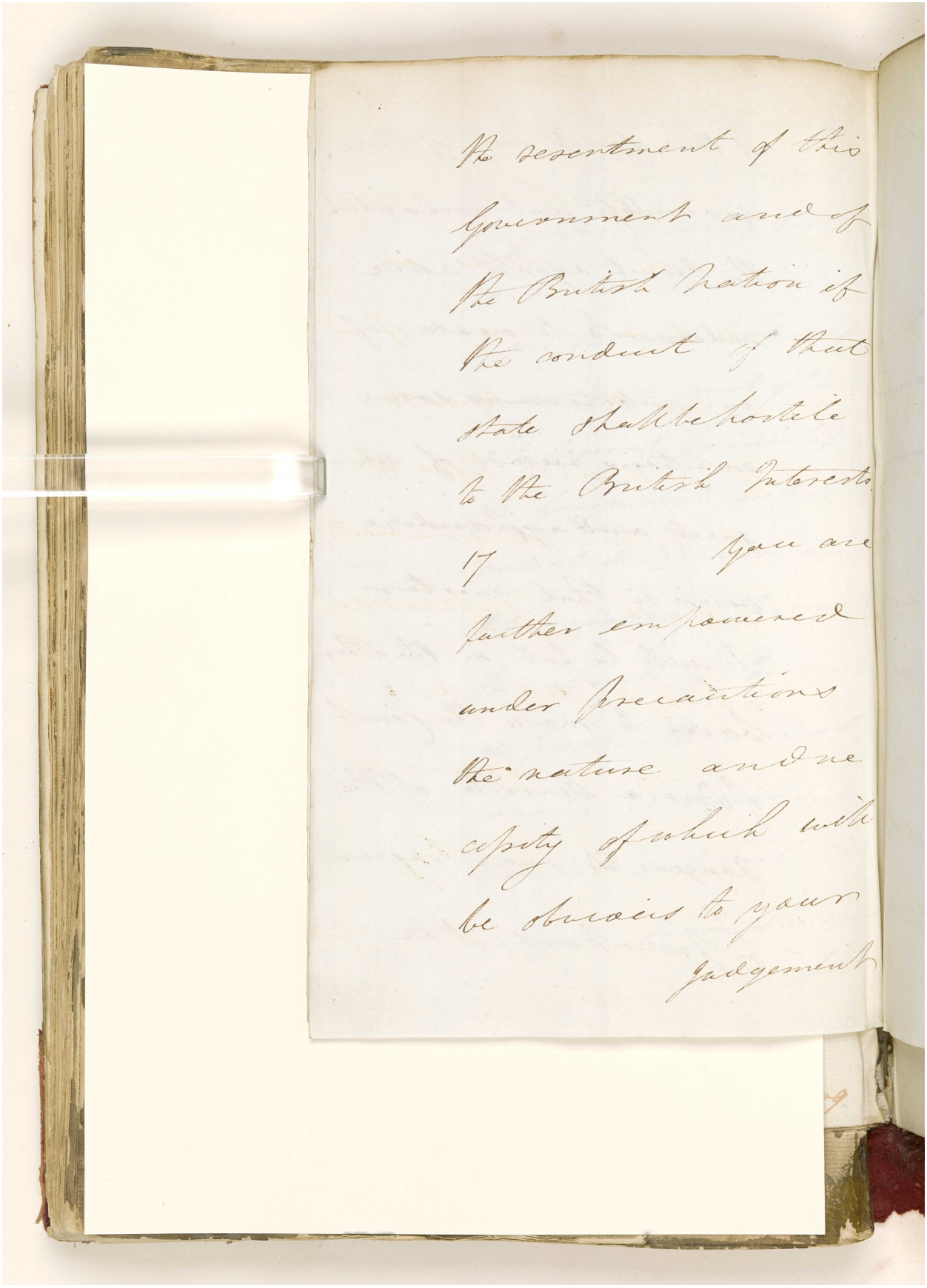

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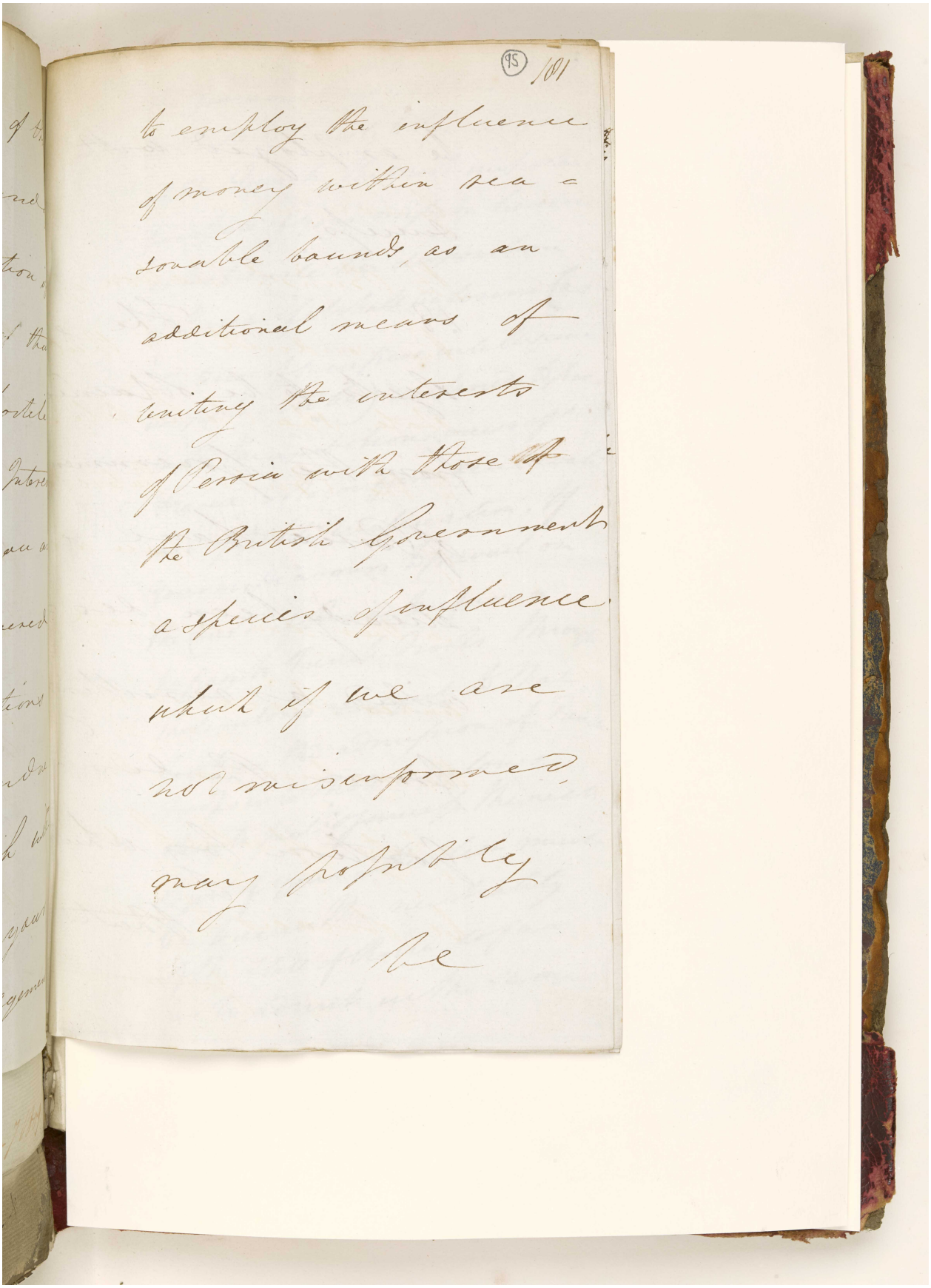
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to employ the influence
of money within reasonable bounds, as an
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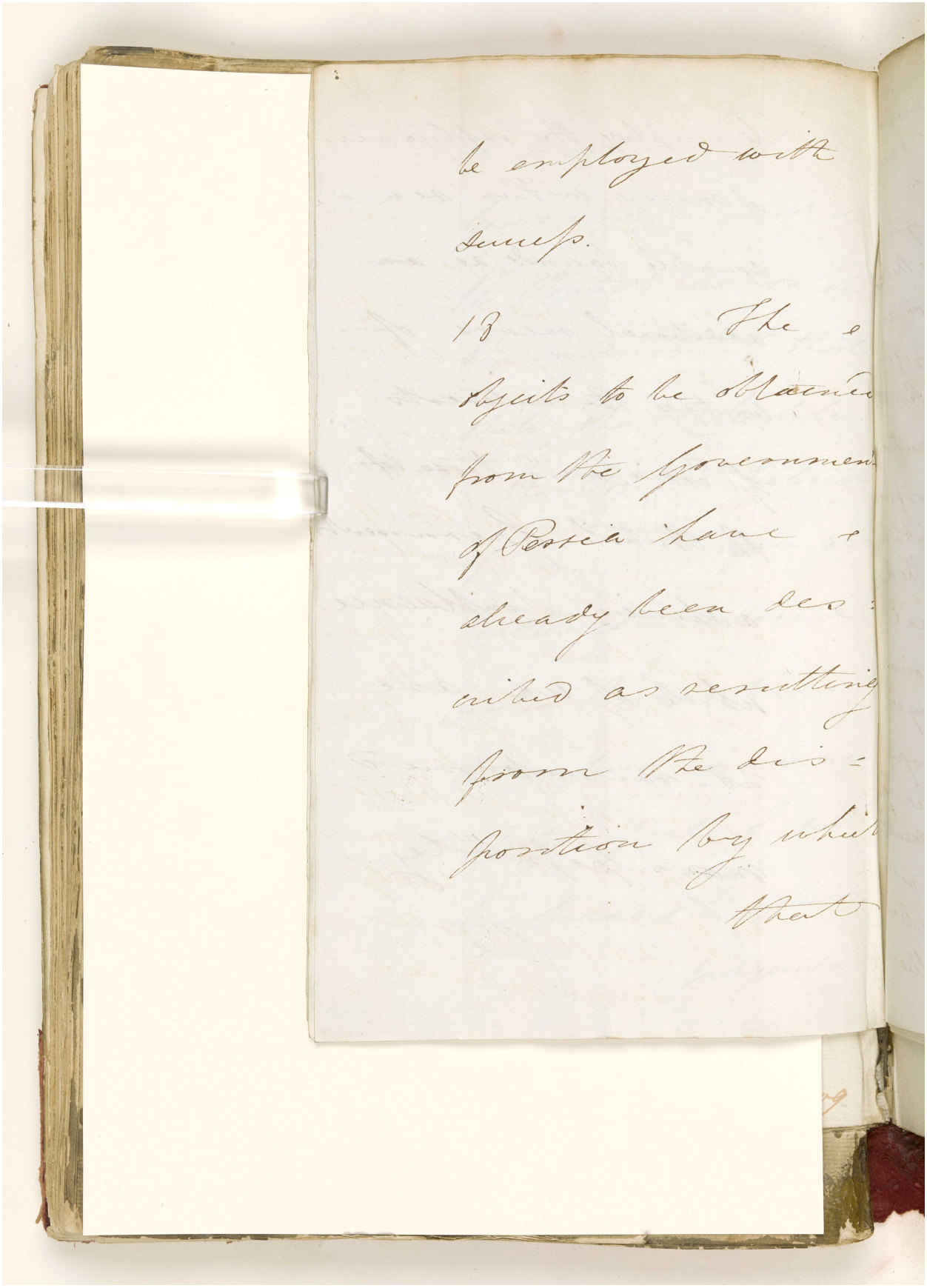

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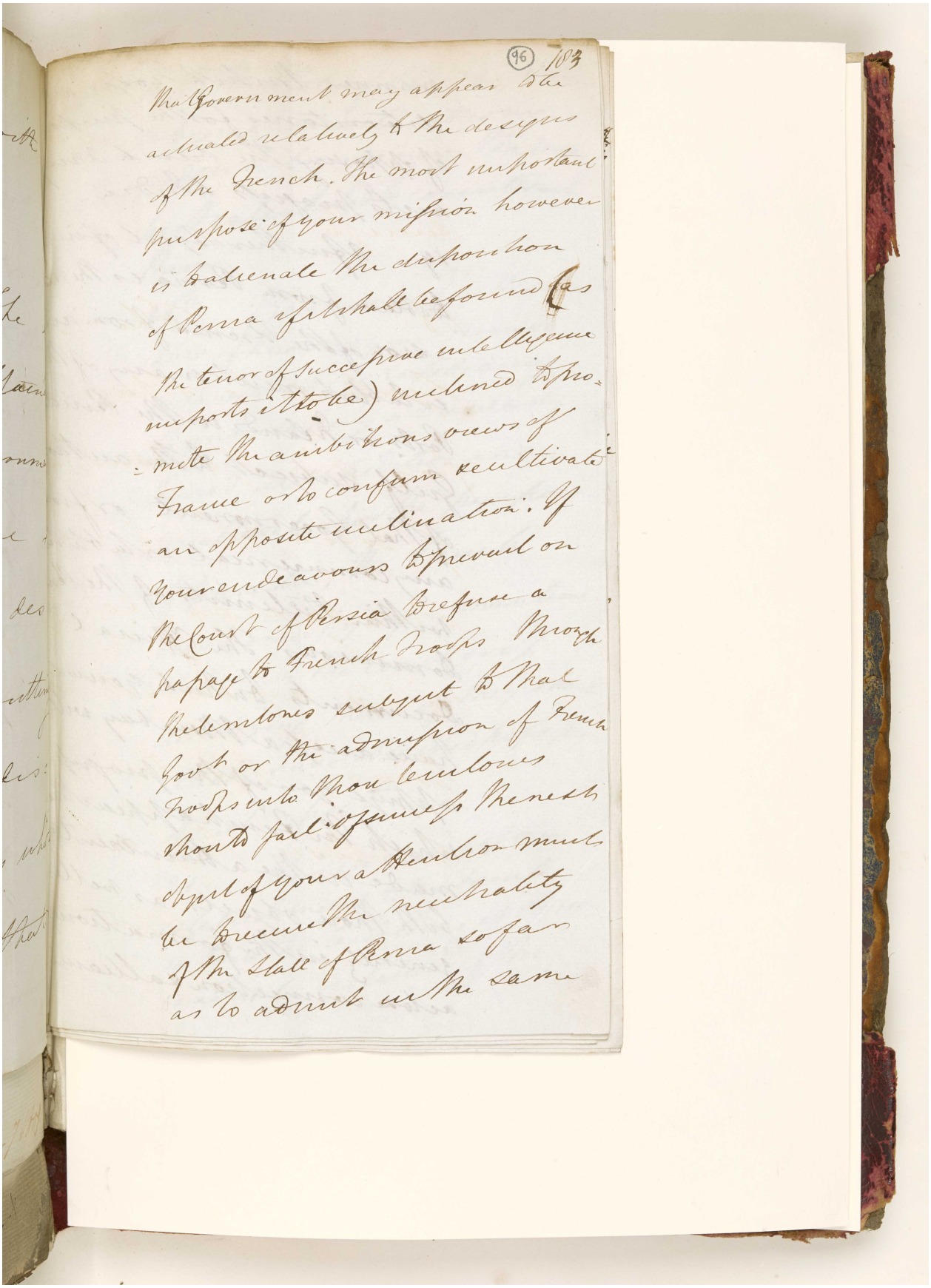



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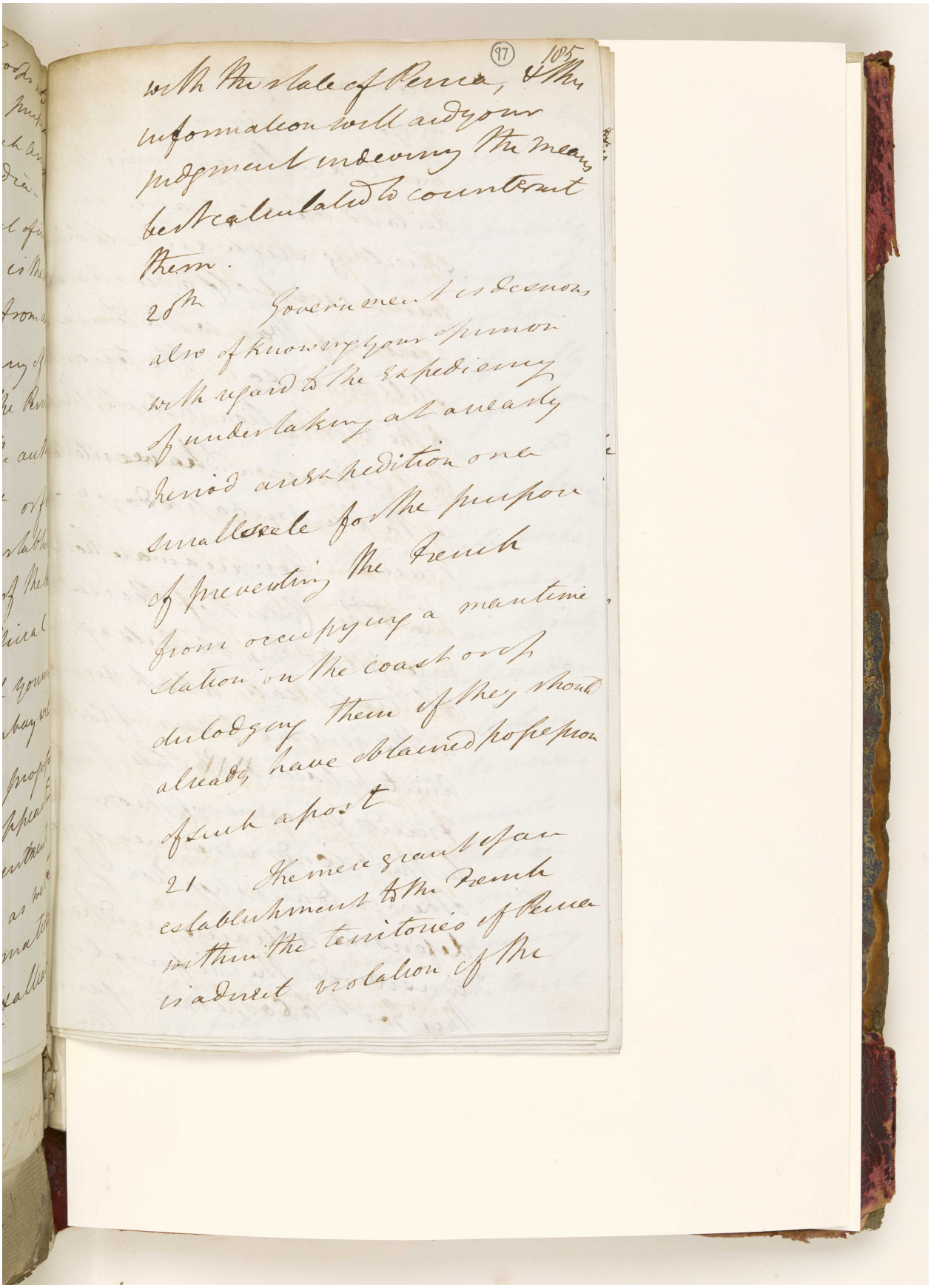



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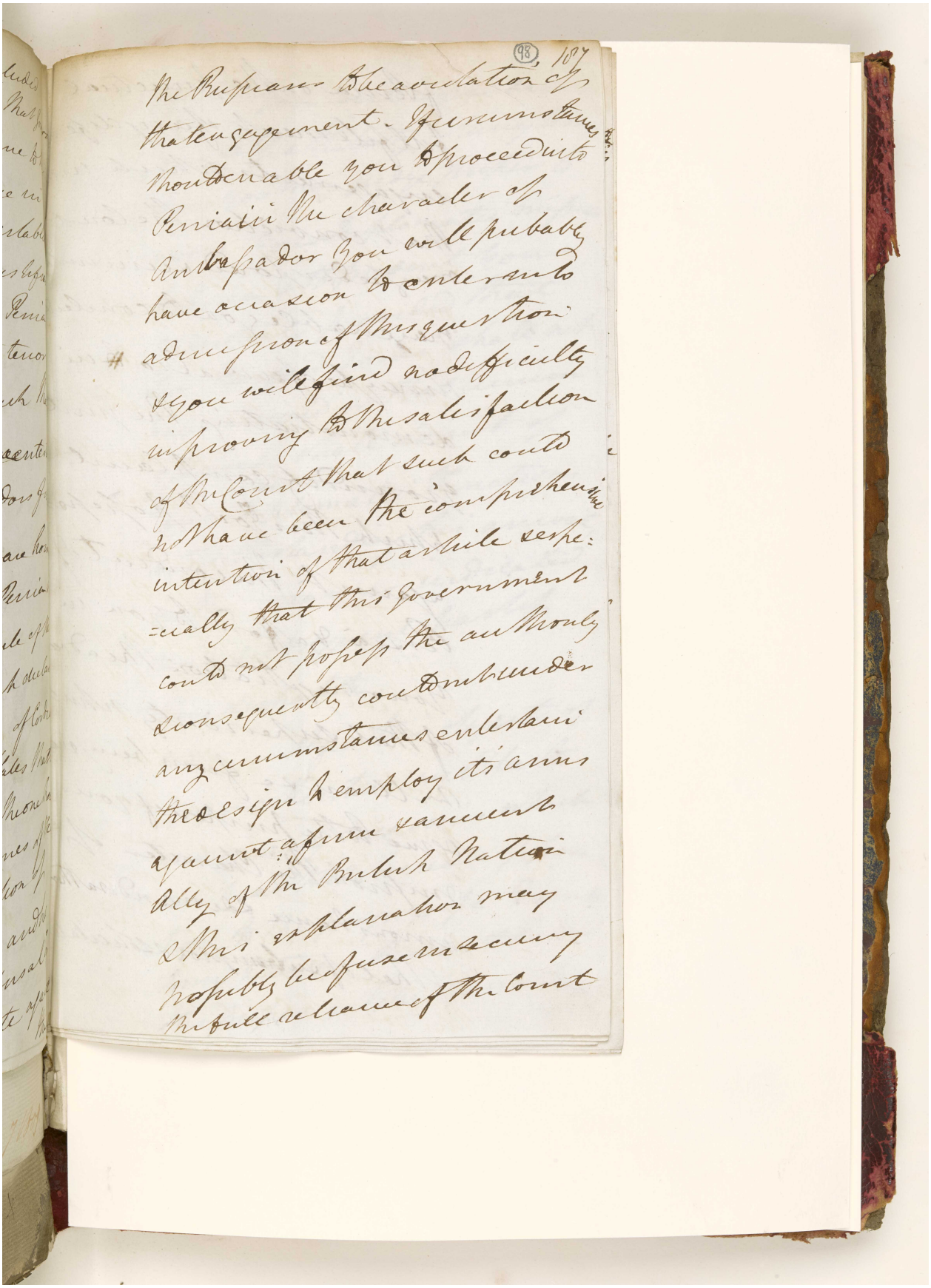



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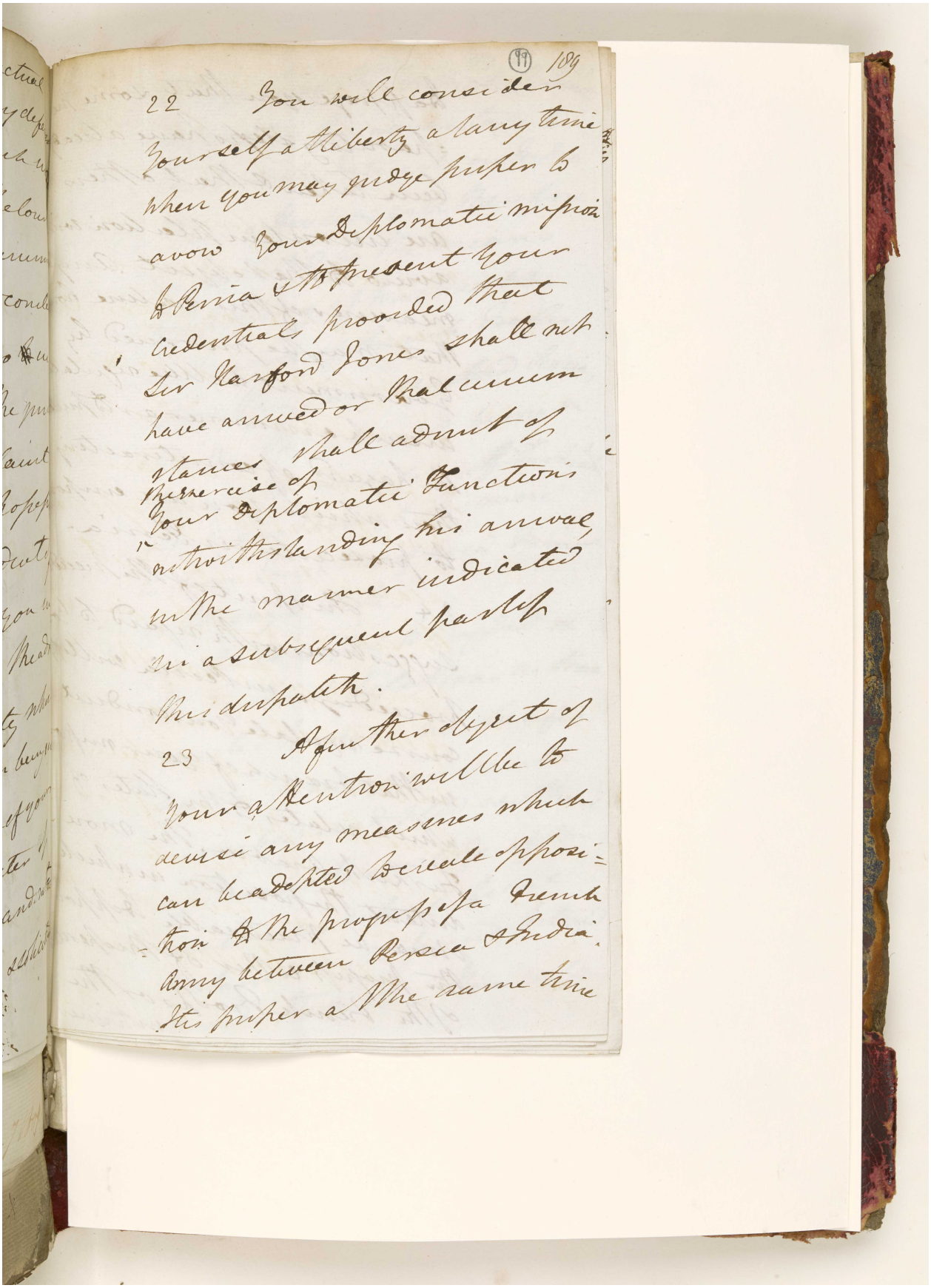



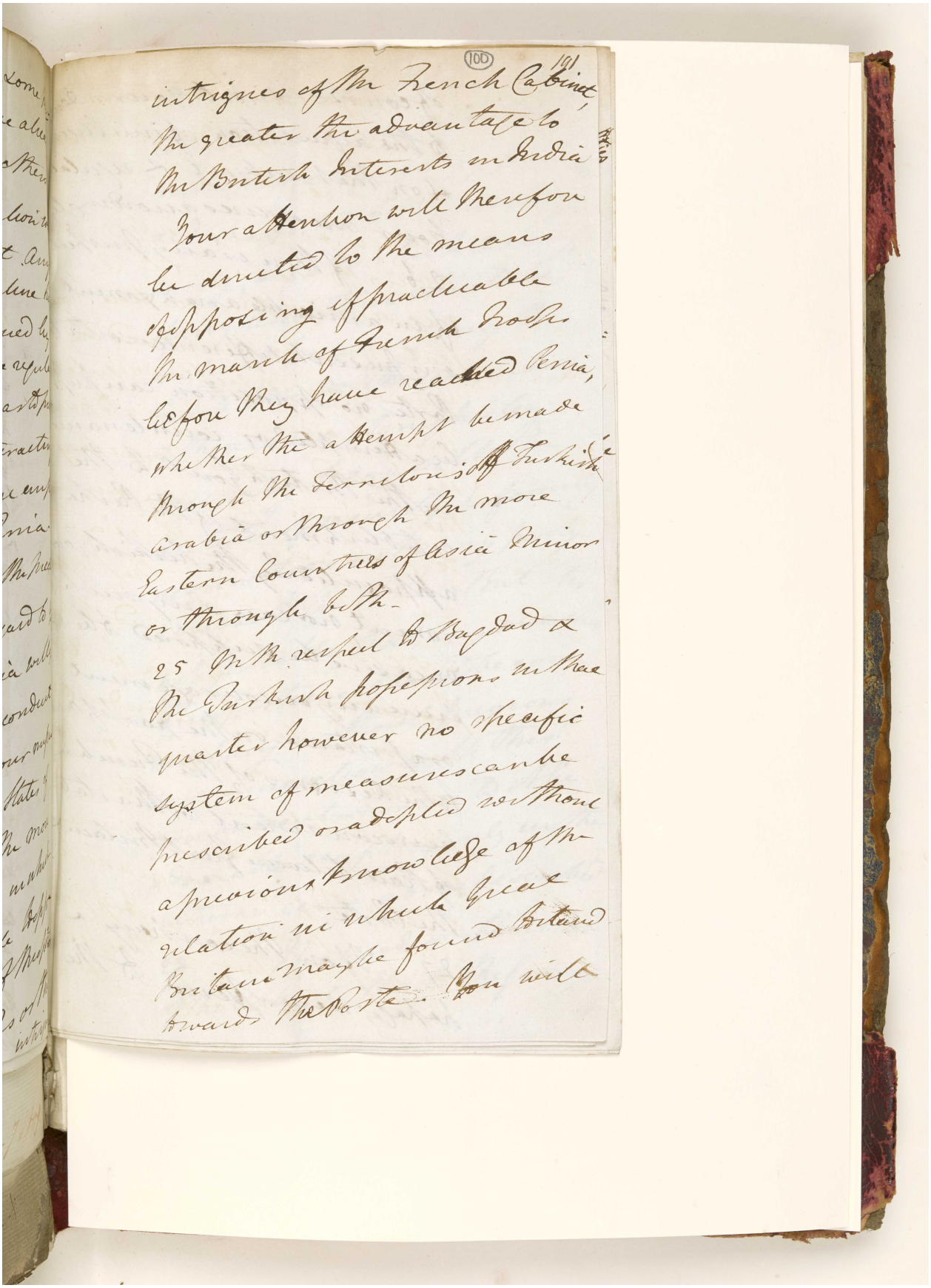



of course direct your attention
to the acquisition of intelligence
& on that subject & regulate
your measures accordingly

26. If there is any prospect
of an amicable arrangement of
our present differences with the
Porte no opposition can properly
be attempted or countenanced
by the British Govt to the
establishment of the Pasha
appointed by the Turkish Gove-
-ment nor can any such
measure be supposed to be ne-
-ssive any encouragement
or assistance on the part of Persia
to the designs of the French would
be inconsistent with a state
of Peace between Great Britain &
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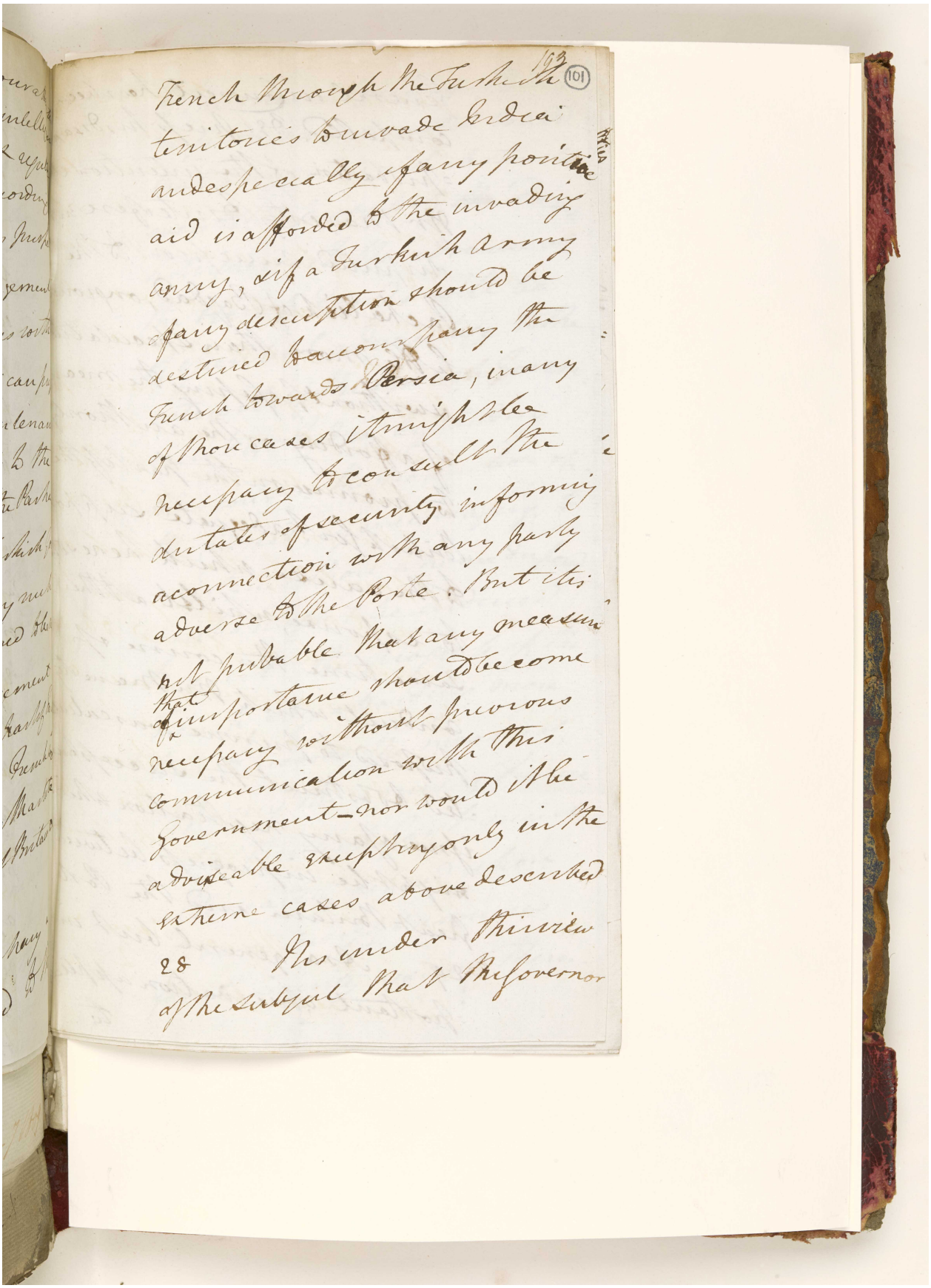

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French through the Turkish
territories to invade India
and especially if any positive
aid is afforded to the invading
army, & if a Turkish army
of any description should be
destined to accompany the
French towards Persia, in any
of those cases it might be
necessary to consult the
dictates of security informing
a connection with any party
adverse to the Porte. But it is
not probable that any measure
of that importance should become
necessary without previous
communication with this
Government — nor would it be
adviseable excepting only in the
extreme cases above described

28 It is under this view
of the subject that the Governor



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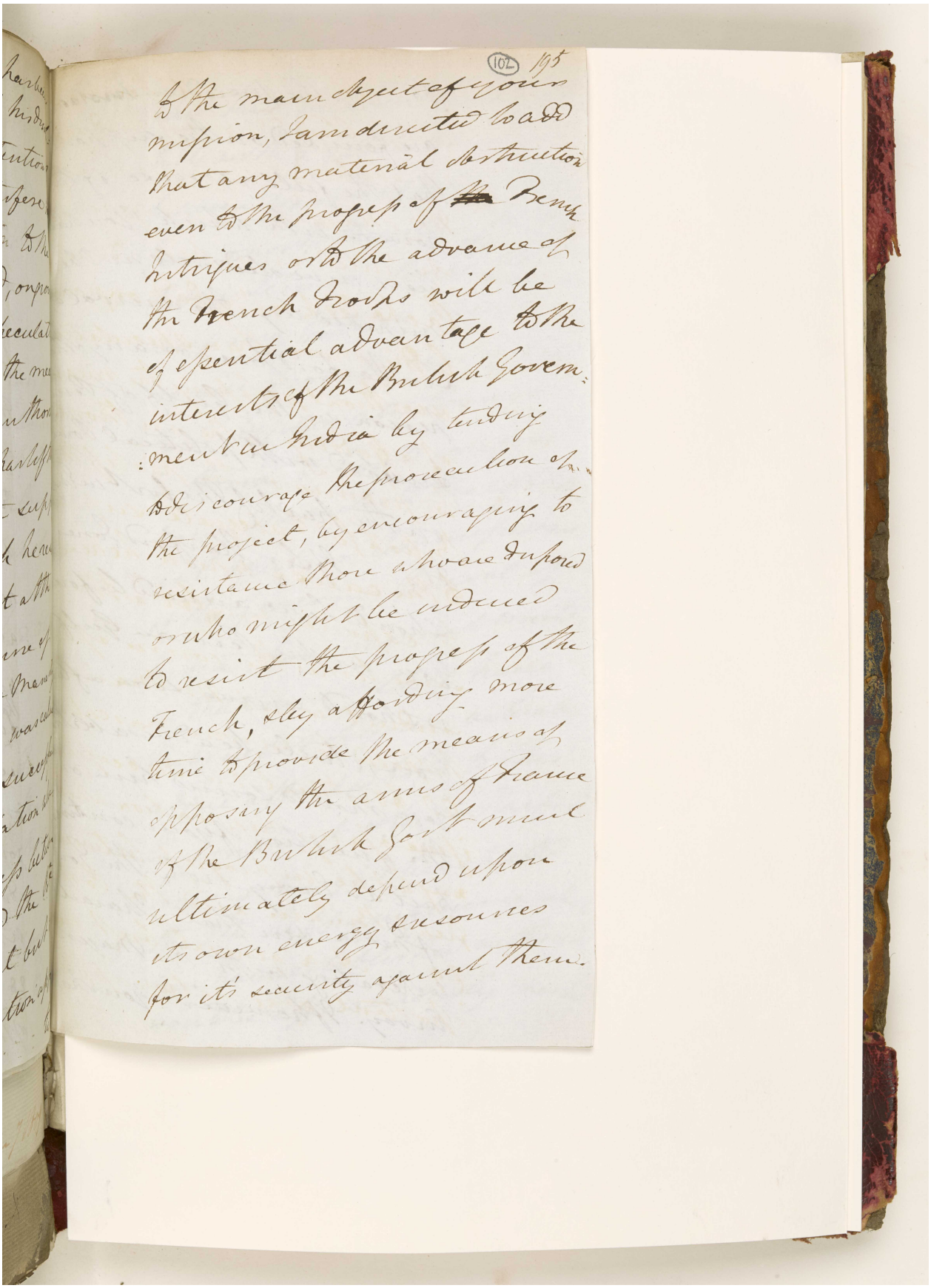



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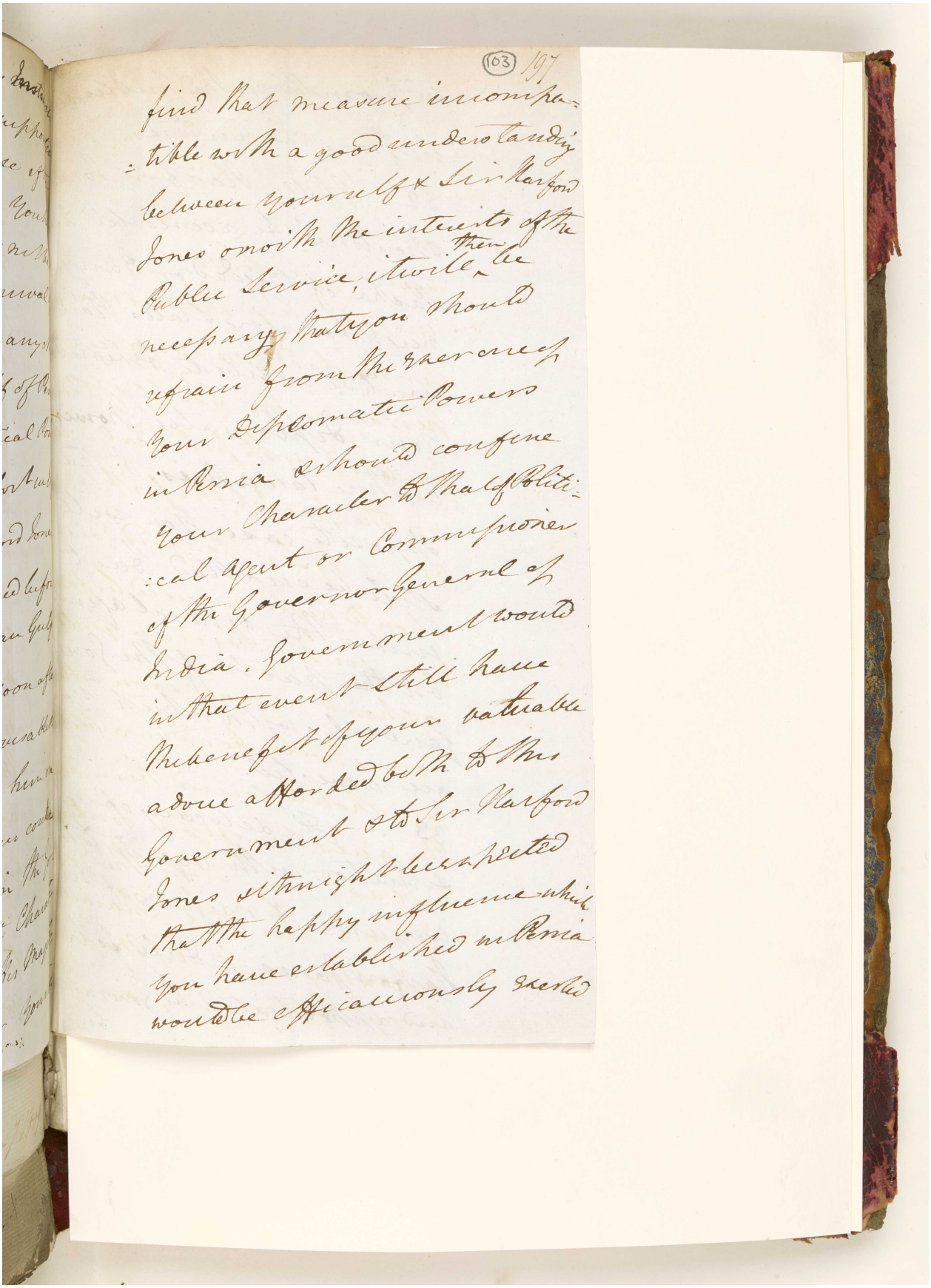

find that measure incompa-
-tible with a good understanding
between yourself & Sir Harford
Jones or with the interests of the
Public Service, it will then be
necessary that you should
refrain from the exercise of
your Diplomatic Powers
in Persia & should confine
your Character to that of Politi-
-cal Agent or Commissioner
of the Governor General of
India. Government would
in that event still have
the benefit of your valuable
advice afforded both to this
Government & to Sir Harford
Jones & it might be expected
that the happy influence which
you have established in Persia
would be efficaciously exerted



in promoting the public inter
in those Countries.
32 If Sir Harford Jones
should not be accredited to
Pacha of Baydad or any o
neighbouring States You
would be at liberty to exercise
Your Diplomatic Powers
in those Countries. In the
opposite case You will
still be enabled to act
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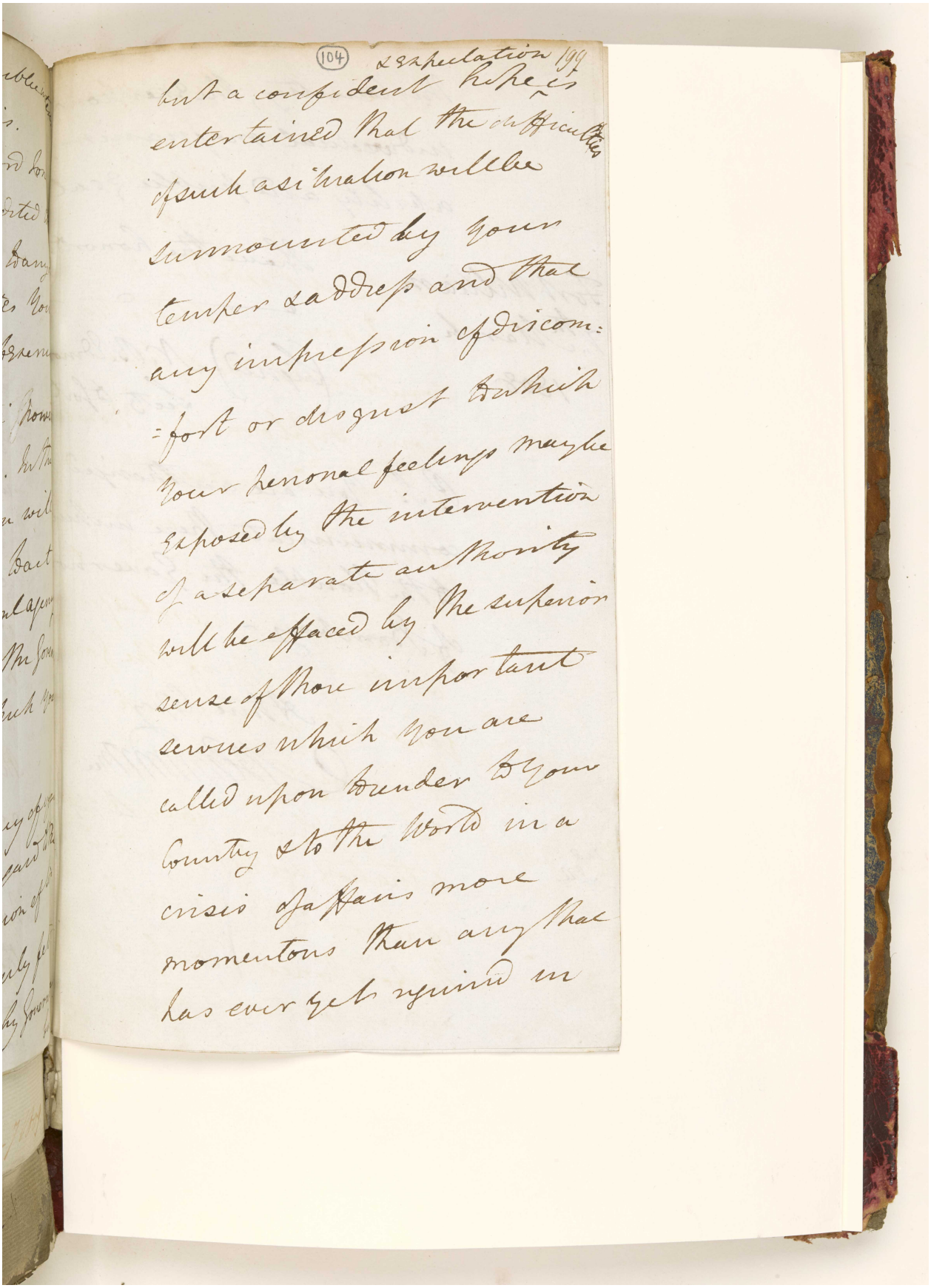

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but a confident belief is
entertained that the difficulties
of such a situation will be
surmounted by your
temper address and that
any impression of dis-
-gust or disquiet which
your personal feelings may be
exposed by the intervention
of a separate authority
will be effaced by the superior
sense of more important
services which you are
called upon under Your
Country & the World in a
crisis of as much more
momentous than any that
has ever yet required an

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This Country, the exer honest individual magnanimity ability and public zeal

I have the honor to be

Fort William
7th March
1808

(Signed) N. B. Edmonstone
Secty to Govt

P.S. You are authorized to communicate these instructions to the Honble the Governor of Bombay.

A true Copy
N B Edmonstone
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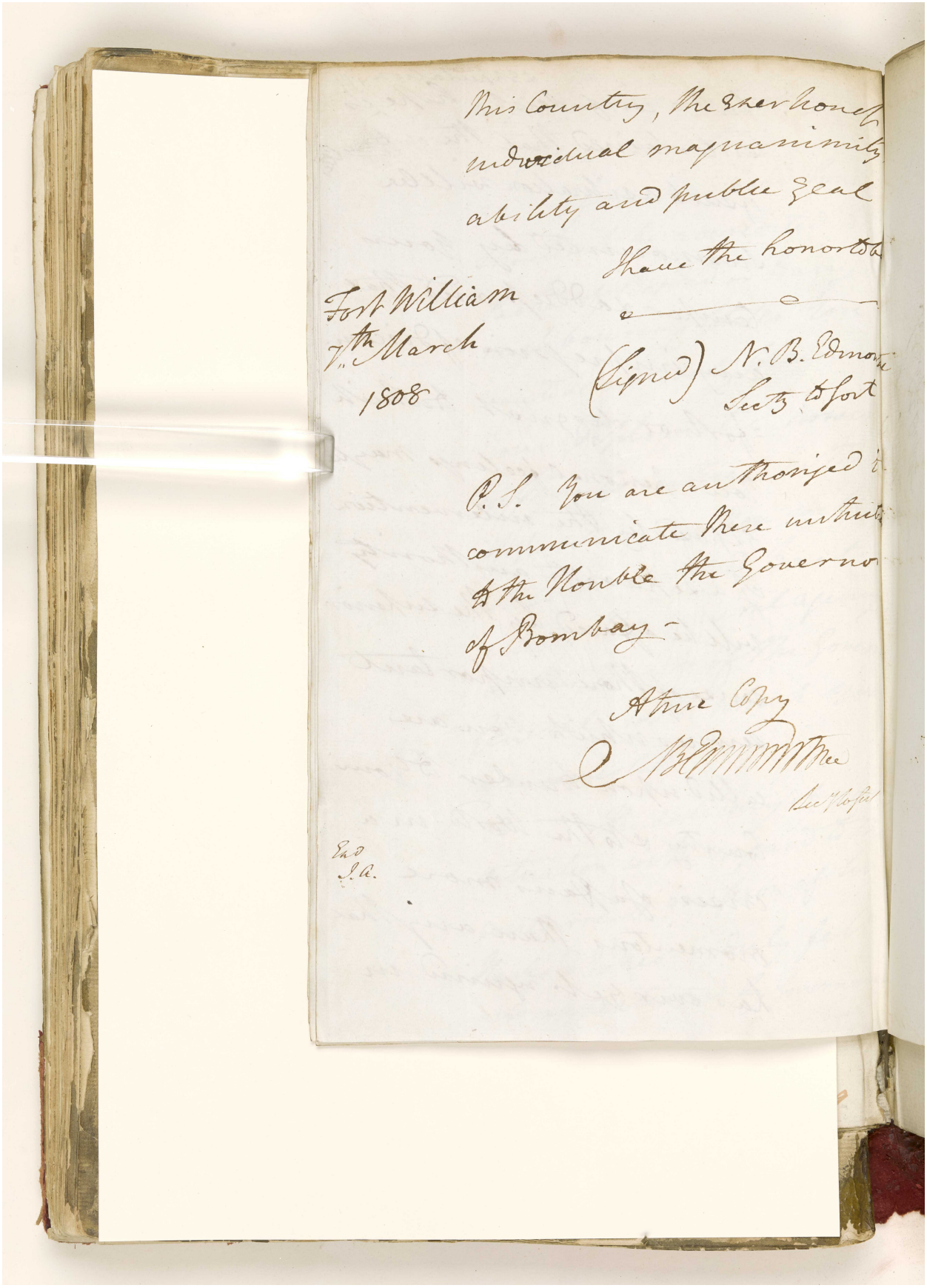

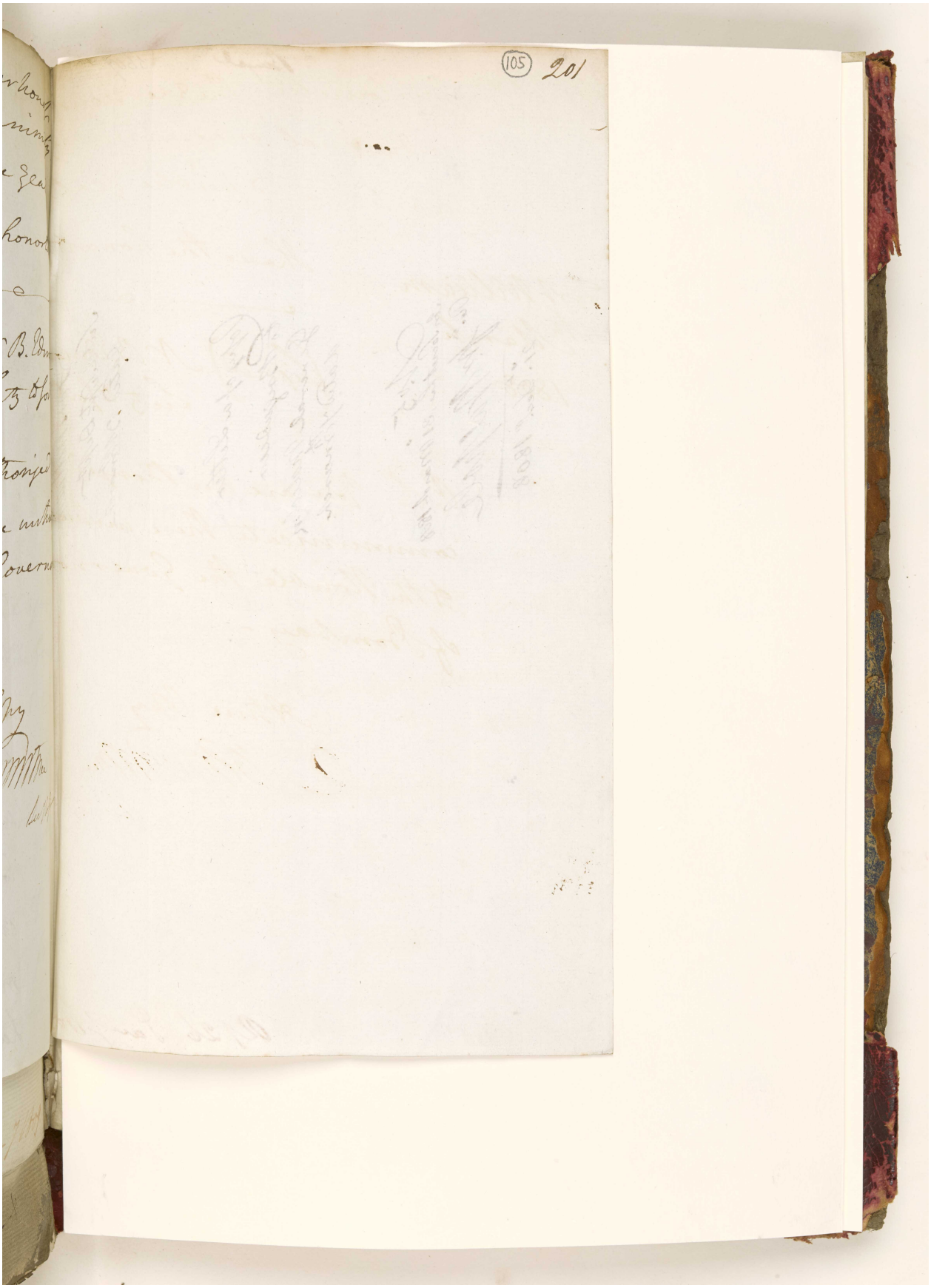

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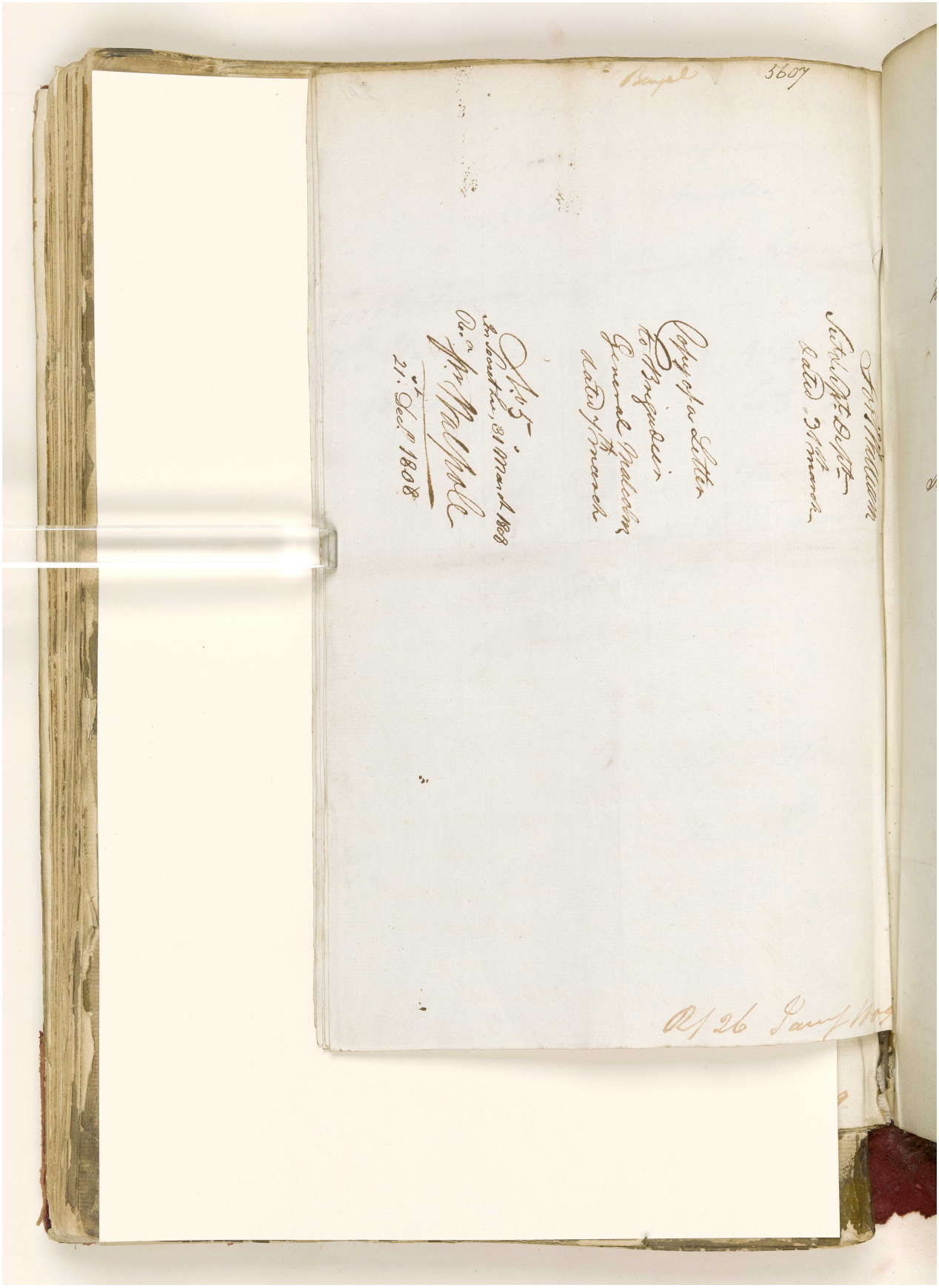

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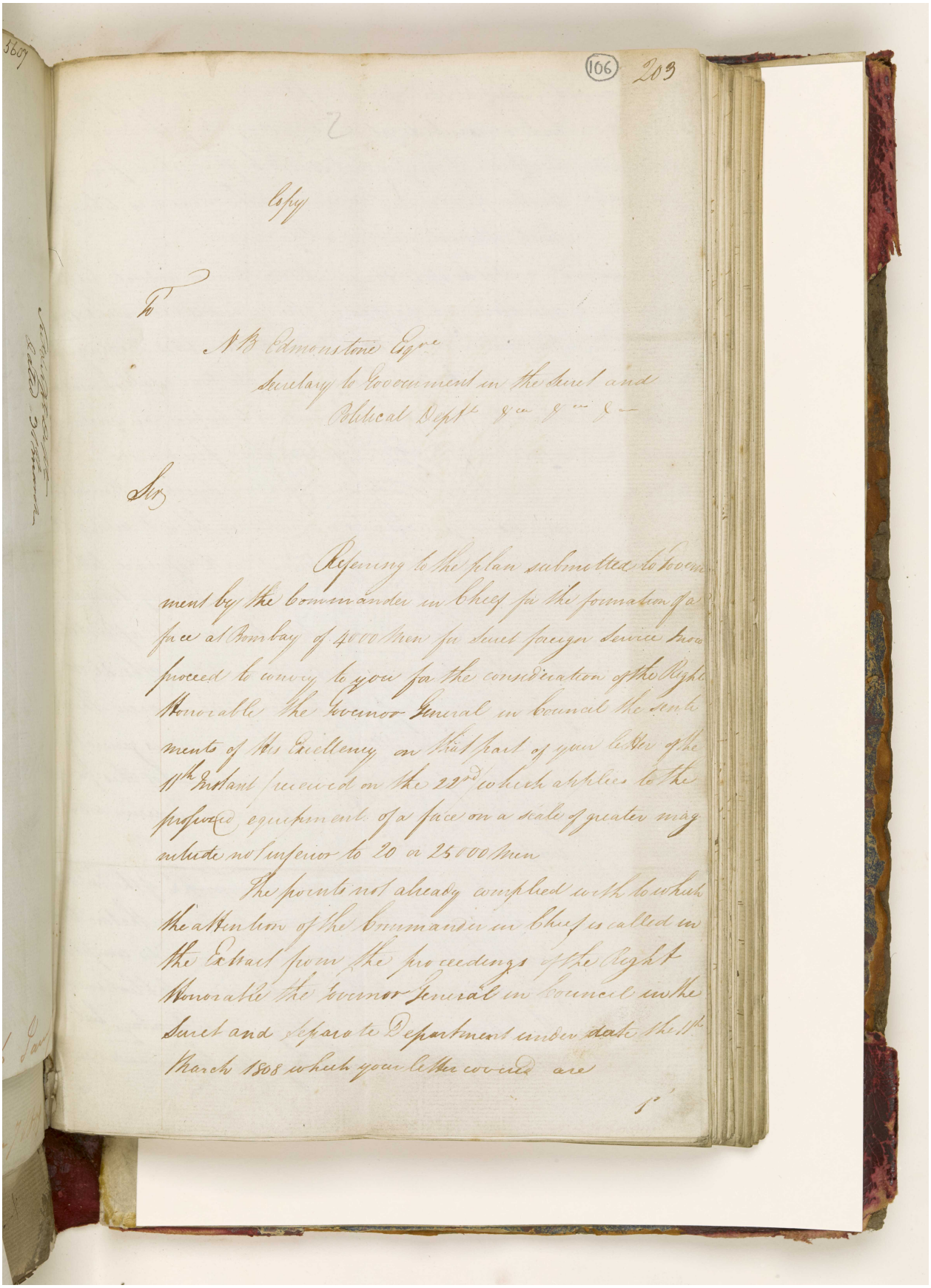

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To

N.B. Edmonstone Esqre
Secretary to Government in the Secret and
Political Dept &c &c &c

Sir

Referring to the plan submitted to Govern-
ment by the Commander in Chief for the formation of a
force at Bombay of 4000 Men for Secret foreign Service I am
proceed to convey to you for the consideration of the Right
Honorable the Governor General in Council the Senti-
ments of His Excellency on that part of your Letter of the
11th Instant covered on the 22d which advises the
proposed equipment of a force on a scale of greater mag-
nitude not inferior to 20 or 25000 Men

The points not already complied with to which
the attention of the Commander in Chief is called in
the Extract from the proceedings of the Right
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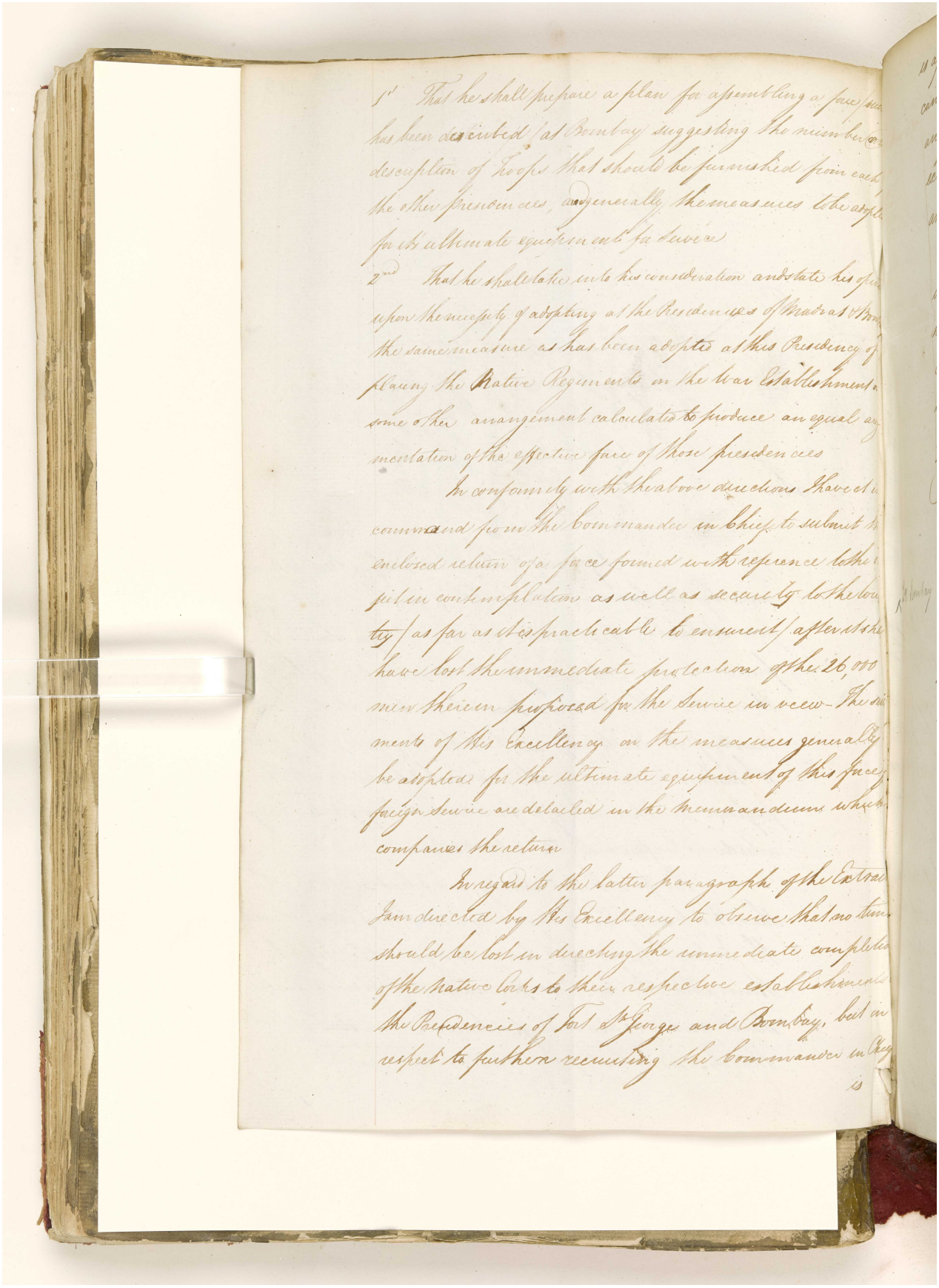

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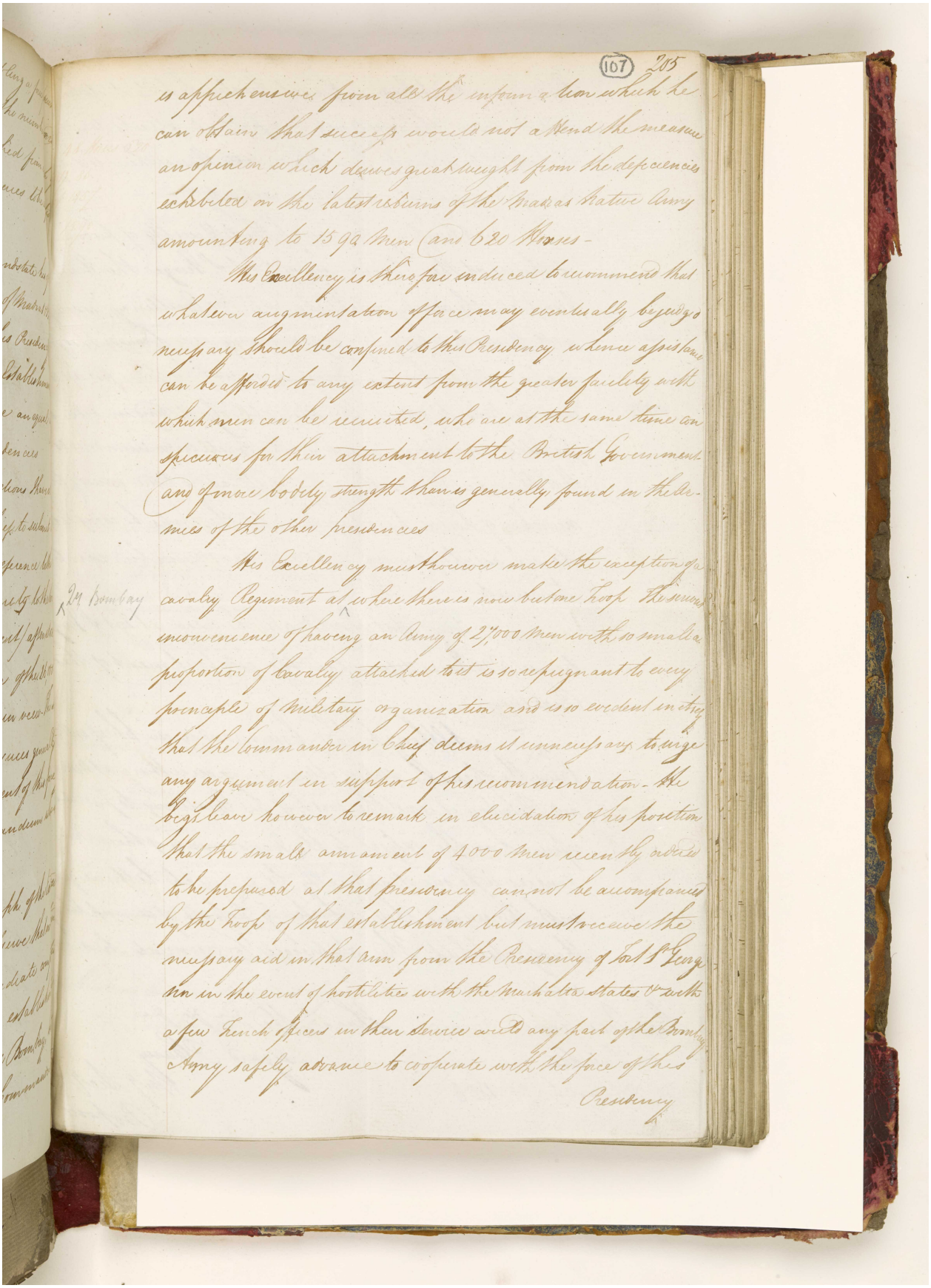

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is apprehensive from all the information which he can obtain that success would not attend the measure an opinion which derives great weight from the deficiencies exhibited on the latest returns of the Madras Native Army amounting to 1590 Men and 620 Horses -

His Excellency is therefore induced to recommend that whatever augmentation of force may eventually be judged necessary should be confined to this Presidency whence assistance can be afforded to any extent from the greater facility with which men can be recruited, who are at the same time conspicuous for their attachment to the British Government and of more bodily strength than is generally found in the Armies of the other presidencies

His Excellency must however make the exception of a cavalry Regiment at 24 Bombay where there is now but one Troop The serious inconvenience of having an Army of 27,000 Men with so small a proportion of Cavalry attached to it is so repugnant to every principle of Military organization and is so evident in itself that the Commander in Chief deems it unnecessary to urge any argument in support of his recommendation - He begs leave however to remark in elucidation of his position that the small armament of 4000 Men recently ordered to be prepared at that presidency cannot be accompanied by the Troop of that establishment but must receive the necessary aid in that arm from the Presidency of Fort St George nor in the event of hostilities with the Marhatta States & with a few French officers in their Service could any part of the Bombay Army safely advance to cooperate with the force of this

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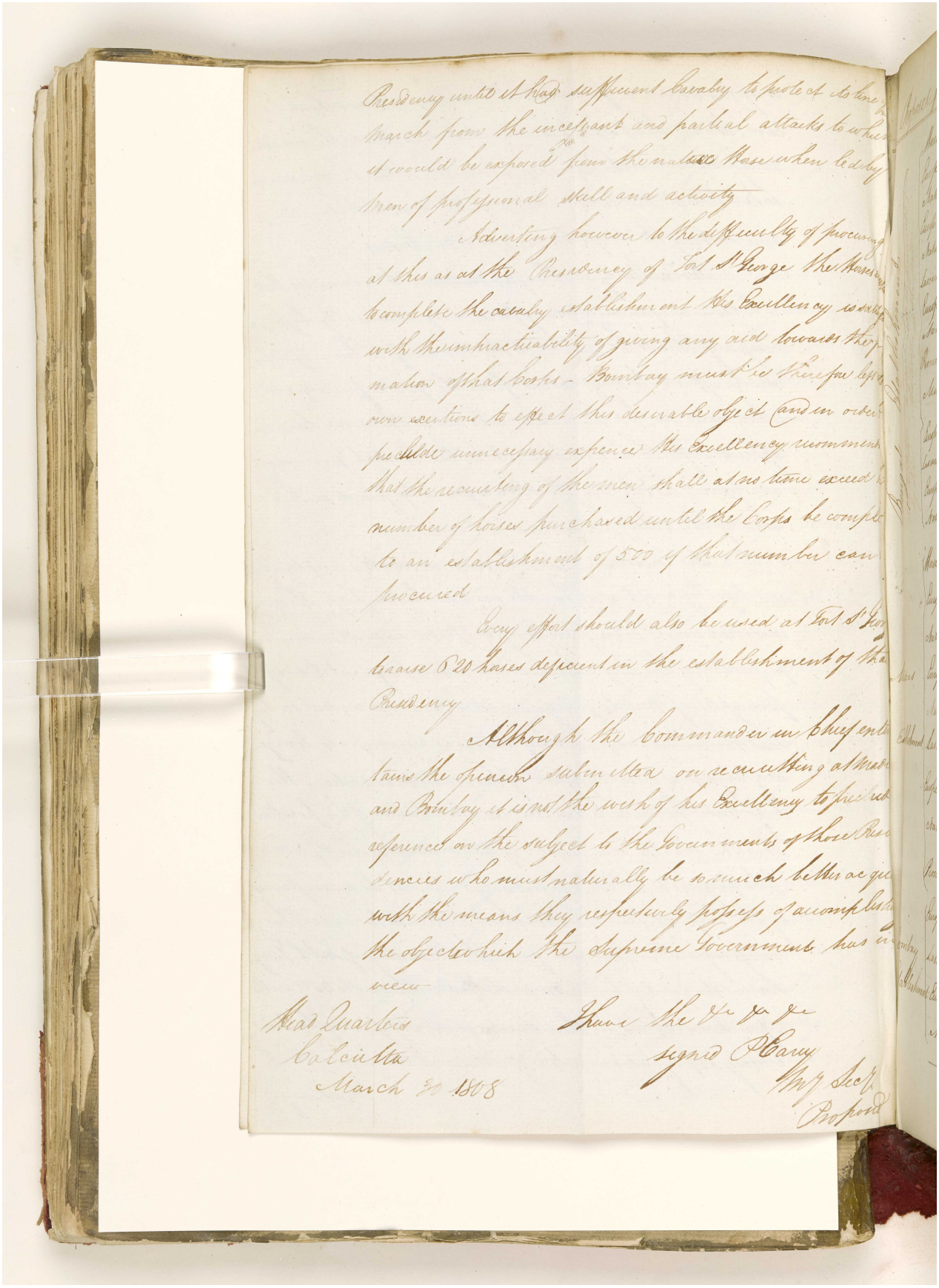

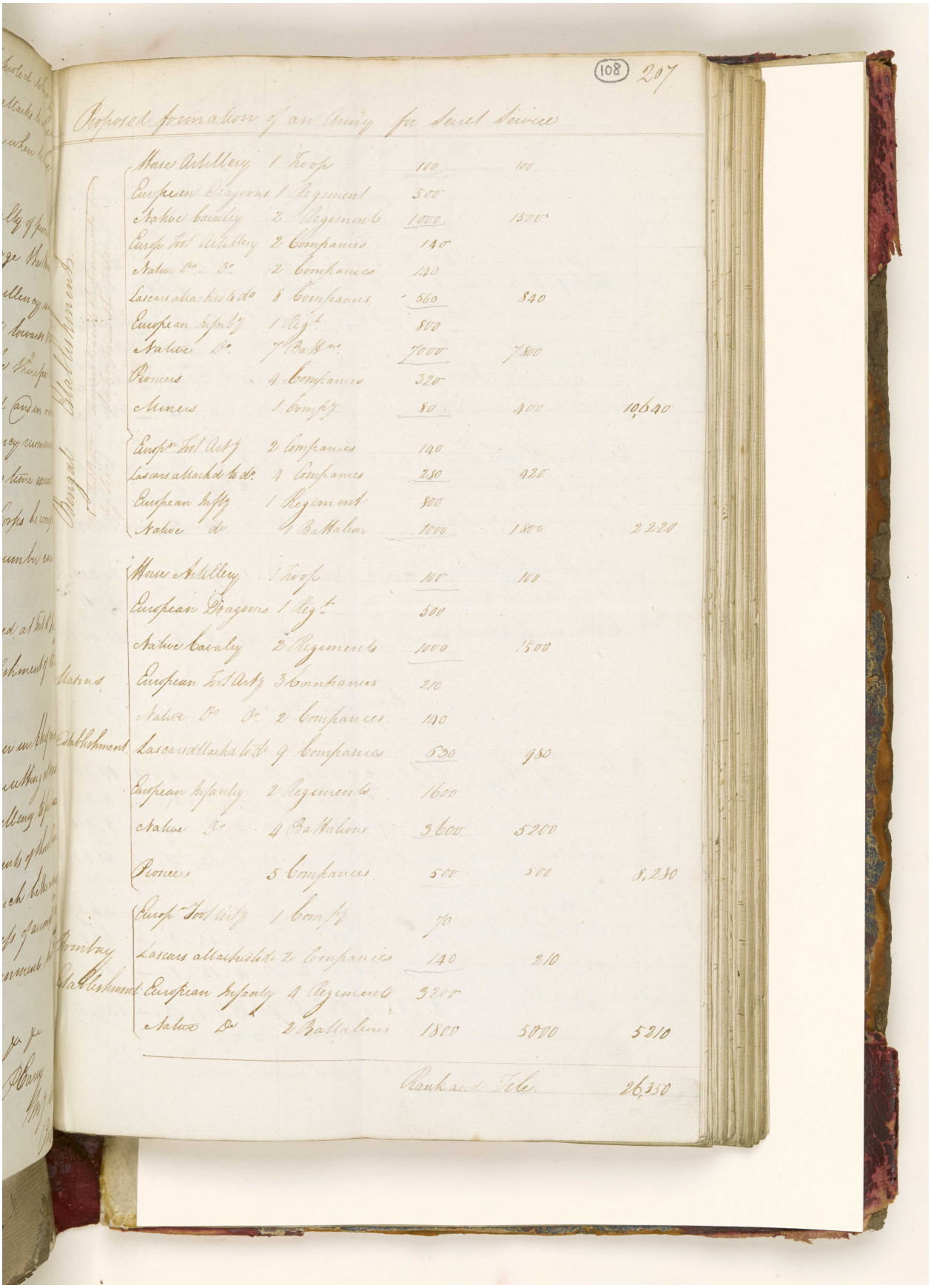
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Proposed formation of an Army for Secret Service
Bengal Establishment
Madras Establishment
Bombay Establishment
Horse Artillery 1 Troop 100 100
European Dragoons 1 Regiment 500
Native Cavalry 2 Regiments 1000 1500
Europ Foot Artillery 2 Companies 140
Native Do. Do. 2 Companies 140
Lascars attached to do 8 Companies 560 840
European Infantry 1 Regt 800
Native Do 7 Battns 7000 7800
Pioneers 4 Companies 320
Miners 1 Compy 80 400 10,640
Europ Foot Artly 2 Companies 140
Lascars attached to do 4 Companies 280 420
European Infty 1 Regiment 800
Native do 4 Battalion 1000 1800 2220
Horse Artillery 1 Troop 100 100
European Dragoons 1 Regt 500
Native Cavalry 2 Regiments 1000 1500
European Foot Artly 3 Companies 210
Native Do Do 2 Companies 140
Lascars attached to do 9 Companies 630 980
European Infantry 2 Regiments 1600
Native Do 4 Battalions 3600 5200
Pioneers 5 Companies 500 500 8,230
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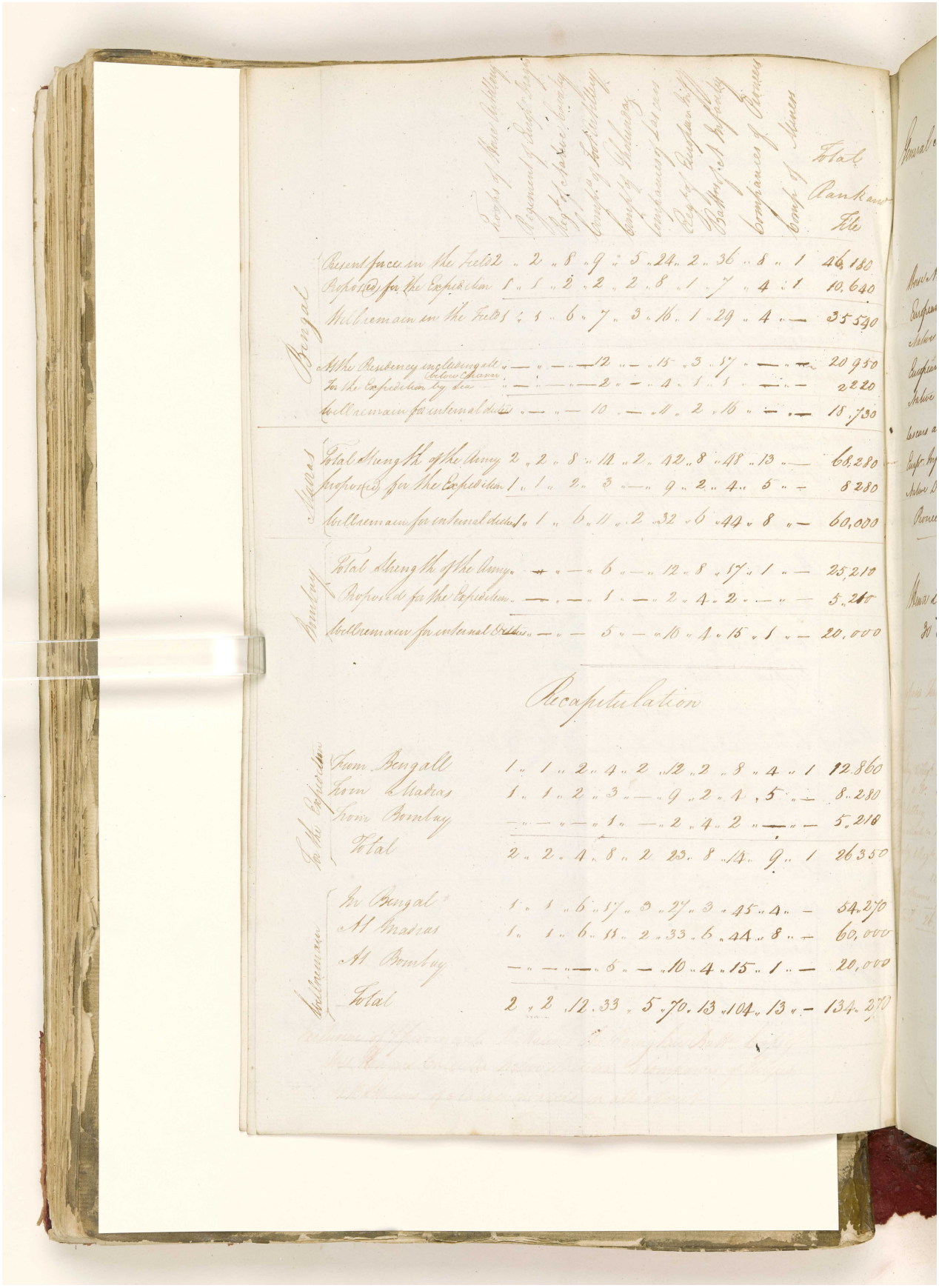

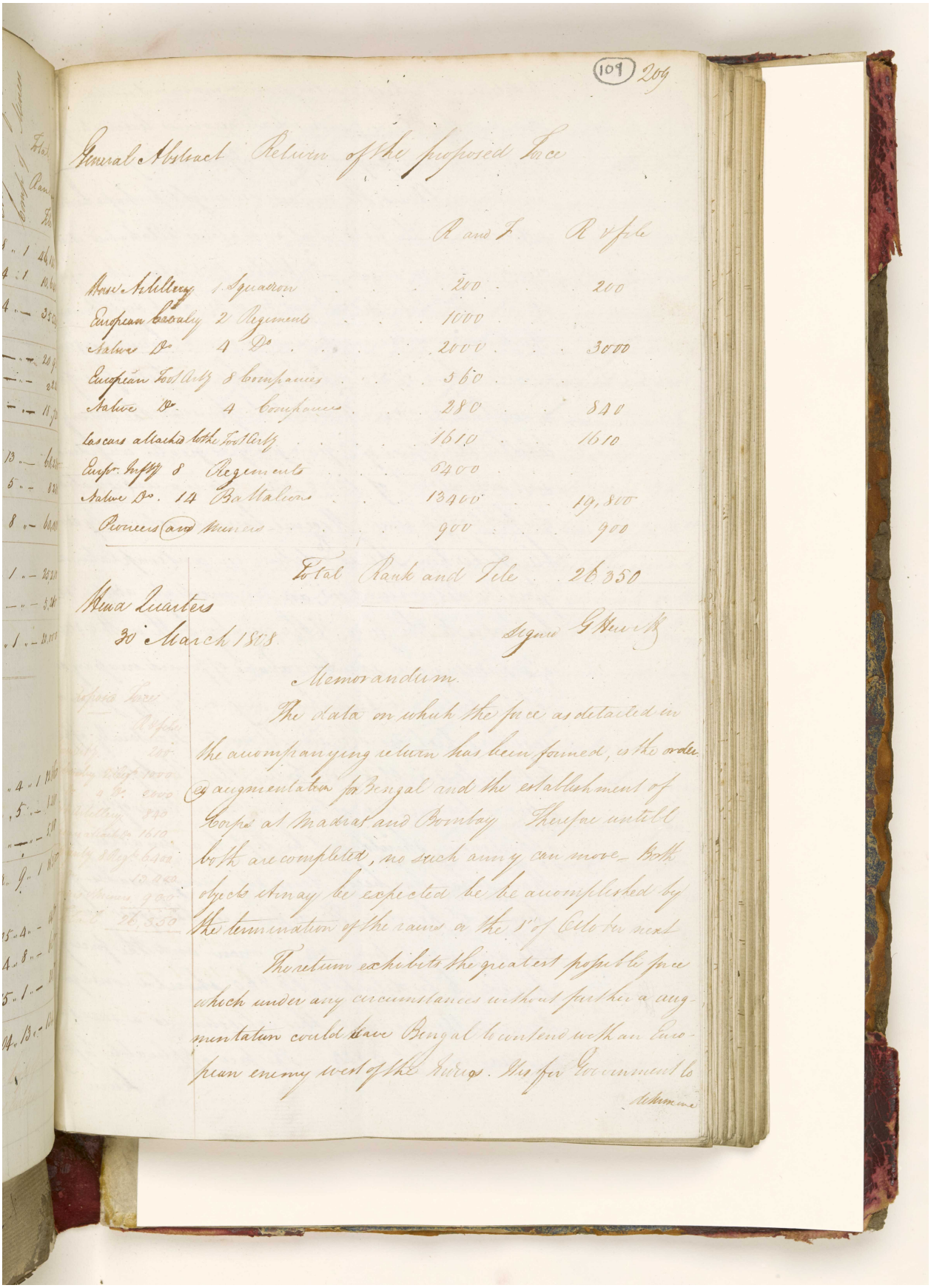

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General Abstract Return of the proposed Force

		R and F	R & file
Horse Artillery	1 Squadron	200	200
European Cavalry	2 Regiments	1000	
Native Do	4 Do	2000	3000
European Foot Arty	8 Companies	560	
Native Do	4 Companies	280	840
Lascars attached to the Foot Arty		1610	1610
Europ. Infty	8 Regiments	6400	
Native Do	14 Battalions	13400	19,800
Pioneers and Miners		900	900
	Total Rank and File		26,350

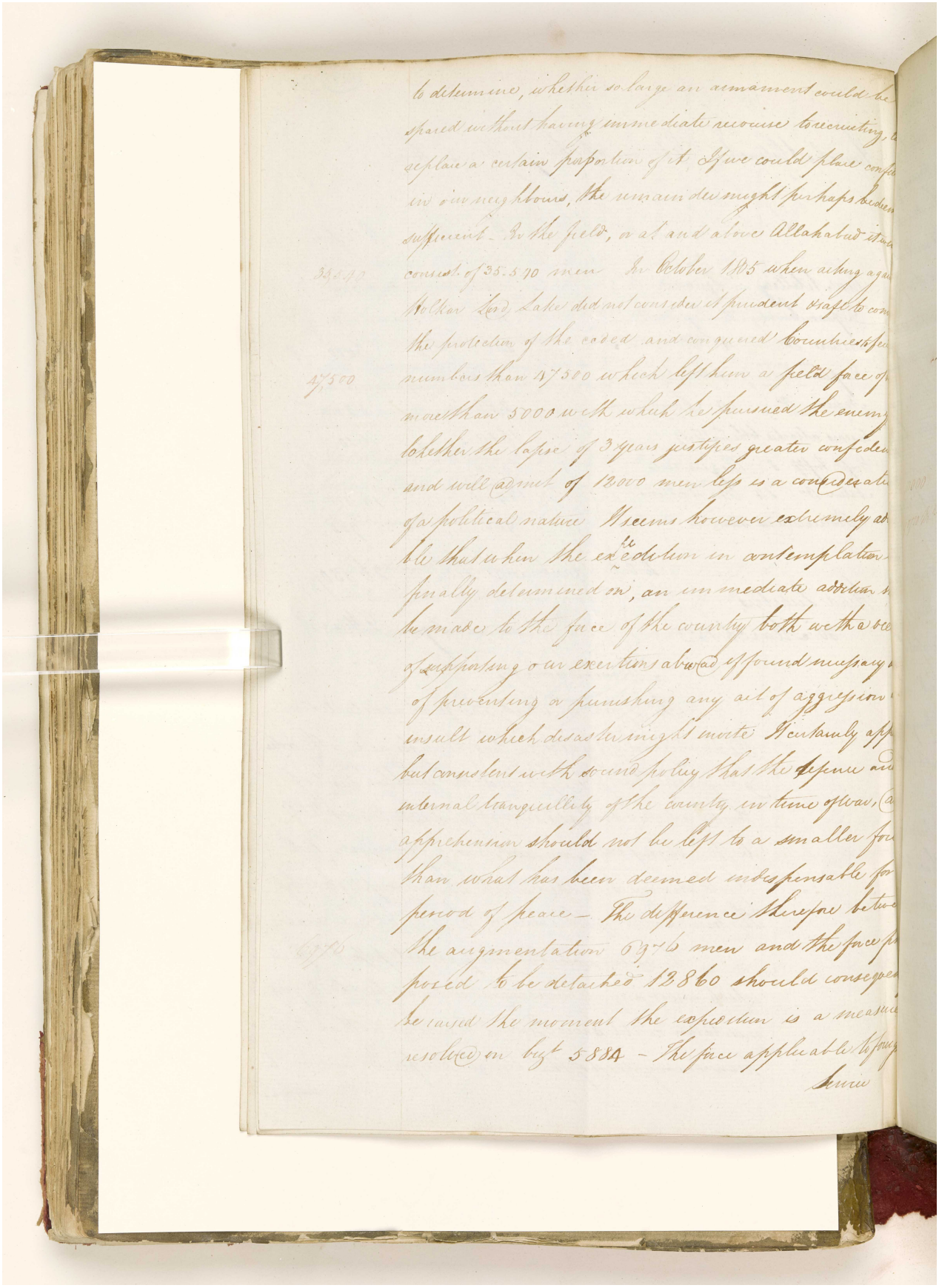
Head Quarters
30 March 1808

Signed G Hewitt

Memorandum.

The data on which the force as detailed in the accompanying return has been formed, is the order of augmentation for Bengal and the establishment of Corps at Madras and Bombay. Therefore untill both are completed, no such army can move. Both objects it may be expected be be accomplished by the termination of the rains or the 1st of October next.

The return exhibits the greatest possible force which under any circumstances without further augmentation could have Bengal to contend with an European enemy west of the Indus. It is for Government to determine



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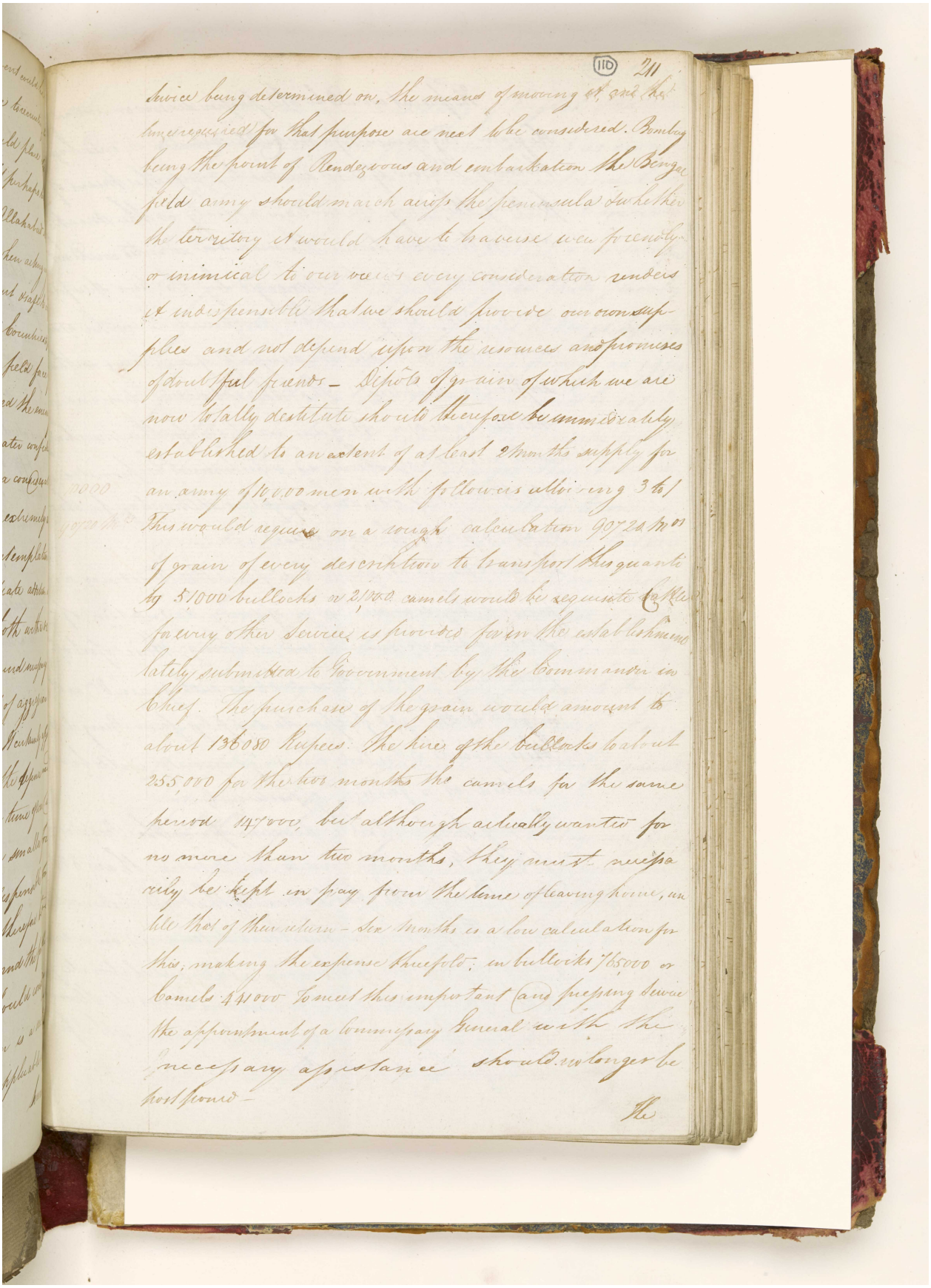

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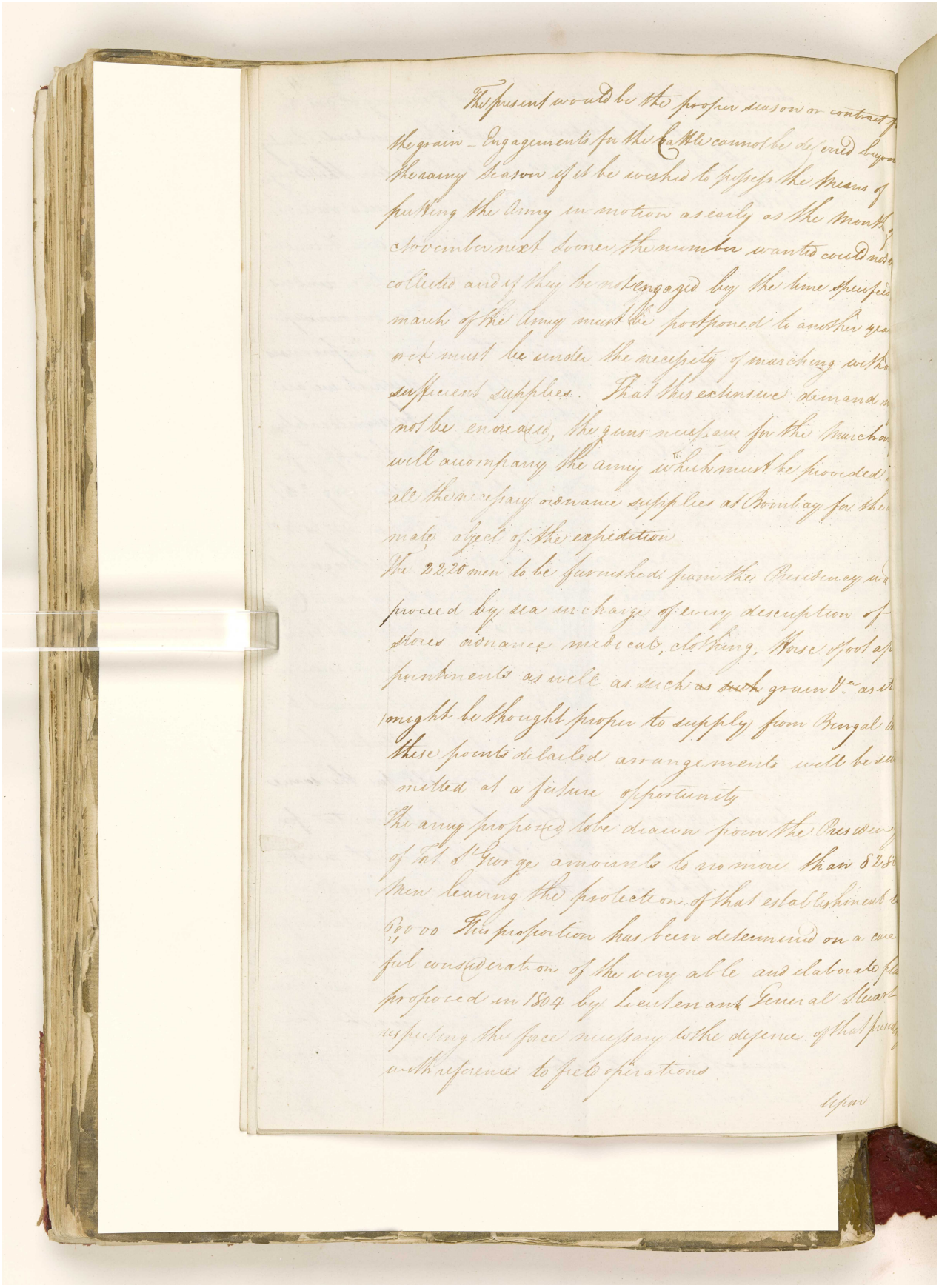

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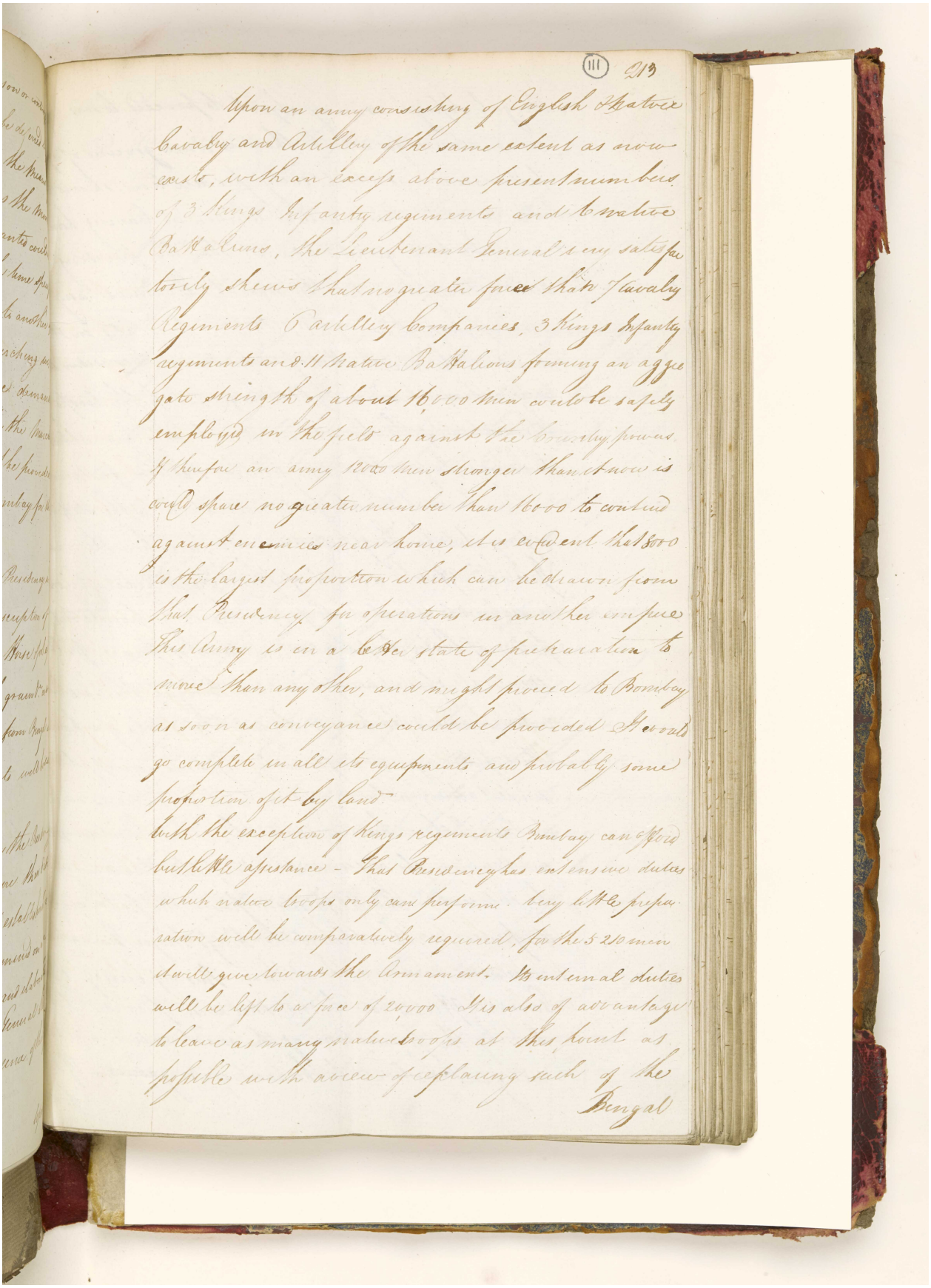
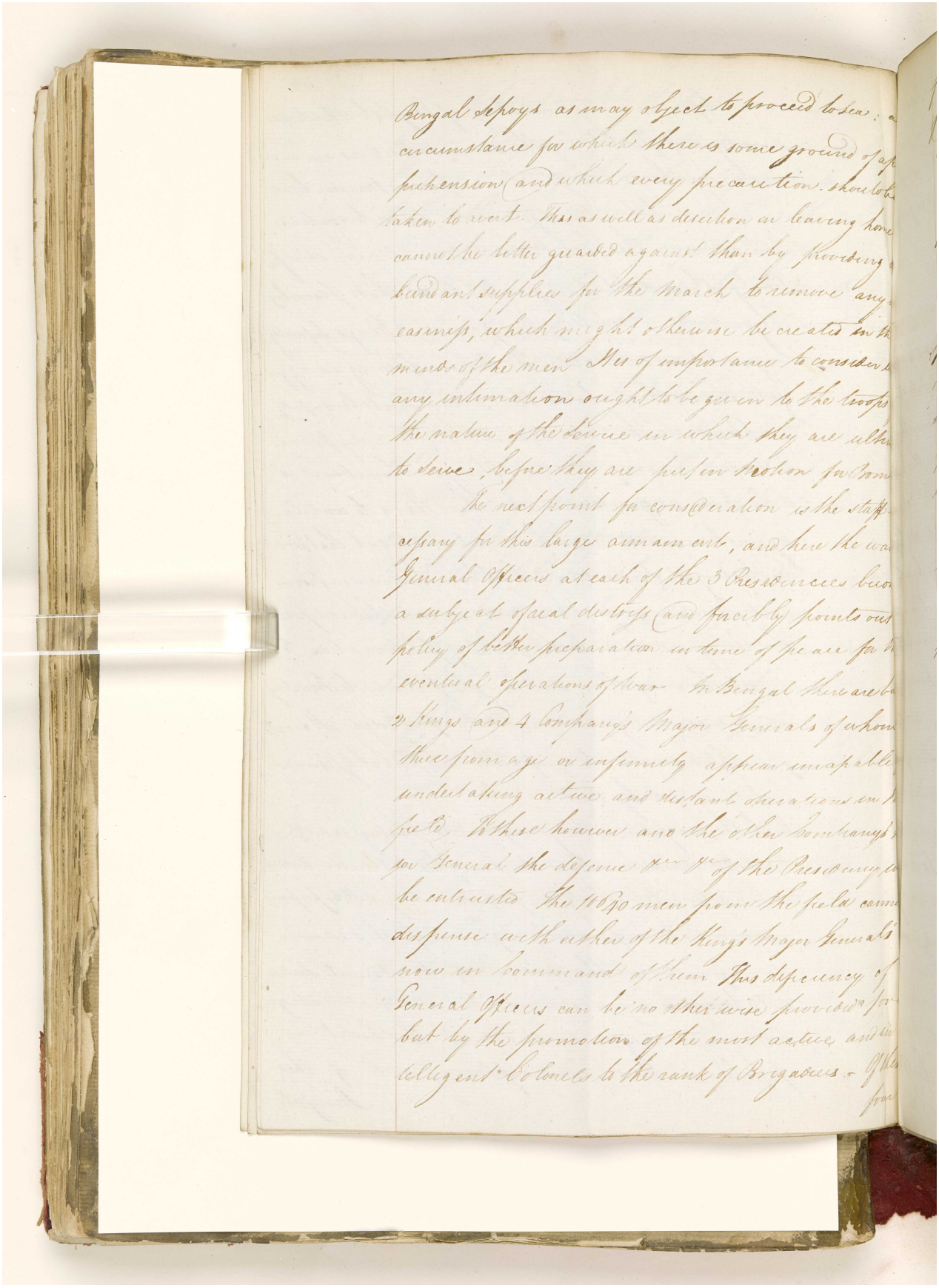
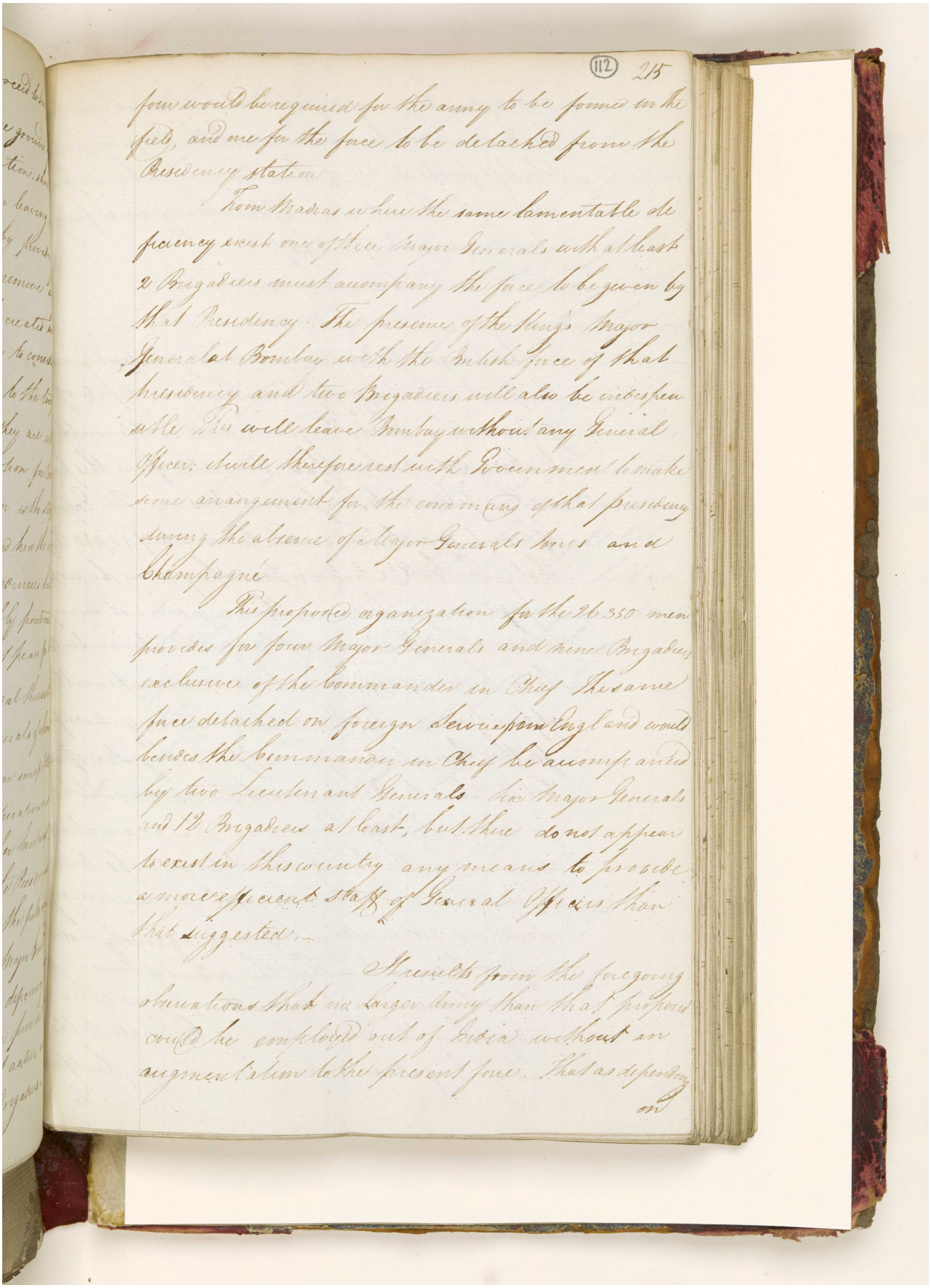


upon an army consisting of English Native Cavalry and Artillery of the same extent as now exists, with an excess above present numbers of 3 Kings Infantry regiments and 6 native Battalions, the Lieutenant General is very satisfactorily shews that no greater force than 6 Cavalry Regiments 6 Artillery companies, 3 Kings Infantry regiments and 11 Native Battalions forming an aggregate strength of about 16,000 men could be safely employed in the field against the Enemy powers. If therefore an army 1000 men stronger than it now is could spare no greater number than 10000 to contend against enemies near home, it is evident that 5000 is the largest proportion which can be drawn from that Presidency for operations in another empire. This Army is in a better state of preparation to move than any other, and might proceed to Bombay as soon as conveyance could be provided. It would go complete in all its equipments and probably some proportion of it by land.

With the exception of Kings regiments Bombay can afford but little assistance - That Presidency has extensive duties which native troops only can perform. very little preparation will be comparatively required, for the 5 or 6000 men it will give towards the Armament. Its internal duties will be left to a force of 20,000 - It is also of advantage to leave as many native troops at this Coast as possible with a view of employing such of the

Bengal



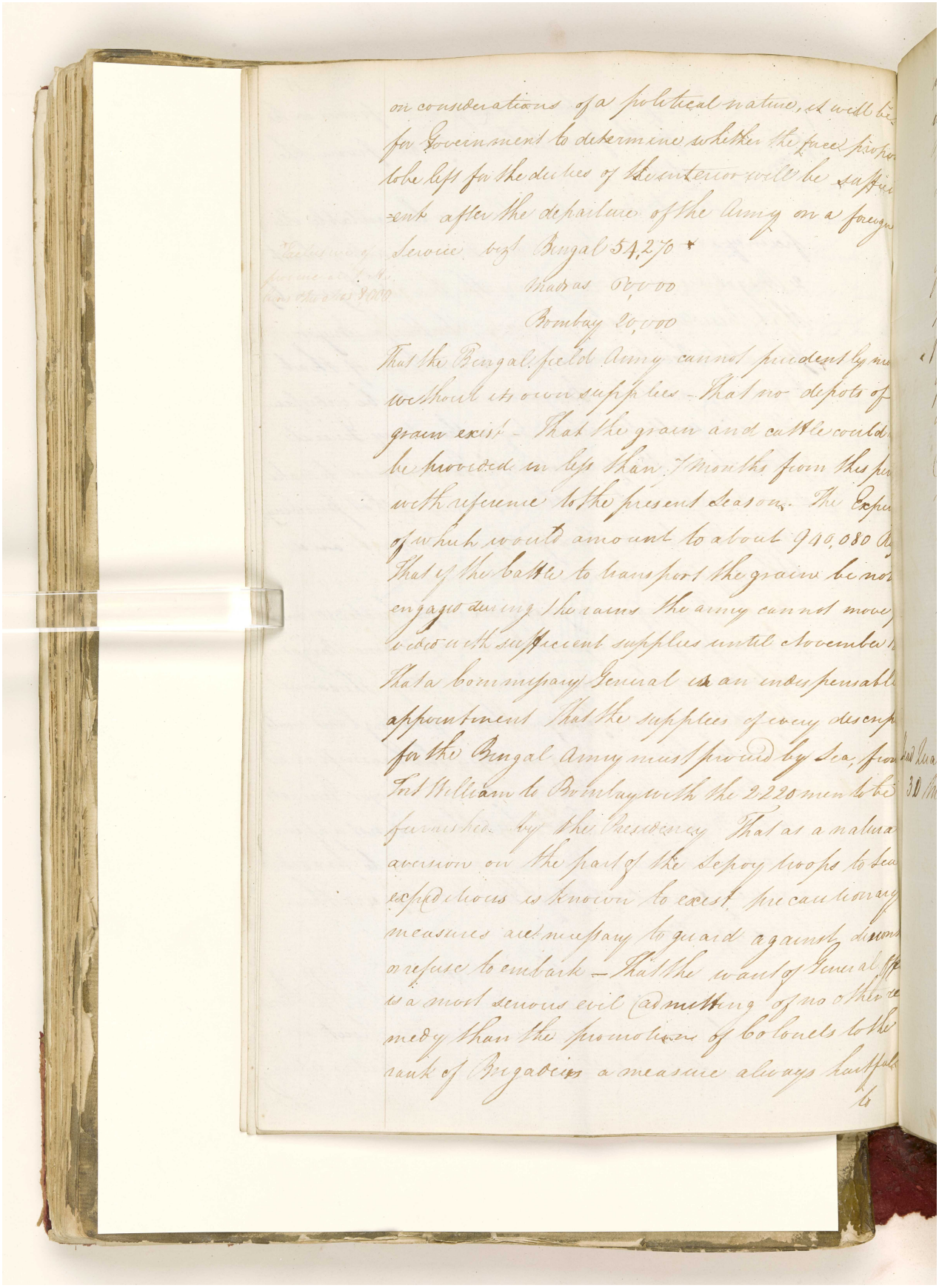


four would be required for the army to be formed in the field, and one for the force to be detached from the Presidency station

From Madras where the same lamentable deficiency exist one of three Major Generals with at least 2 Brigadiers must accompany the force to be given by that Presidency. The presence of the King's Major General at Bombay with the British force of that Presidency and two Brigadiers will also be indispensable This will leave Bombay without any General Officer; it will therefore rest with Government to make some arrangement for the command of that presidency during the absence of Major Generals Jones and Champagné

This proposed organization for the 26 350 men provides for four Major Generals and nine Brigadiers exclusive of the Commander in Chief The same force detached on foreign Service from England would besides the Commander in Chief be accompanied by two Lieutenant Generals six Major Generals and 12 Brigadiers at least, but there do not appear to exist in this country any means to provide a more efficient staff of General Officers than that suggested.—

It results from the foregoing observations that no larger Army than that proposed could be employed out of India without an augmentation to the present force. That as depending on



on considerations of a political nature, it will be
for Government to determine whether the force propo
to be left for the duties of the interior will be suffici
-ent after the departure of the Army on a foreign
Service vizt Bengal 54,270 *
Madras 60,000
Bombay 20,000

* Exclusive of province and Artillery Stations 8000

That the Bengal field Army cannot prudently mo
without its own supplies - That no depots of
grain exist - That the grain and cattle could n
be provided in less than 7 months from this per
with reference to the present Season. The Expe
of which would amount to about 940,080 Ar
That if the cattle to transport the grain be not
engaged during the rains the army cannot move
vided with sufficient supplies until November
That a Commissary General is an indispensable
appointment That the supplies of every descrip
for the Bengal Army must proceed by Sea, from
Fort William to Bombay with the 2220 men to be
furnished by the Presidency That as a natural
aversion on the part of the Sepoy troops to Sea
expeditious is known to exist, precautionary
measures are necessary to guard against desert
or refuse to embark - That the want of General Off
is a most serious evil admitting of no other re
medy than the promotion of Colonels to the
rank of Brigadiers a measure always hurtful
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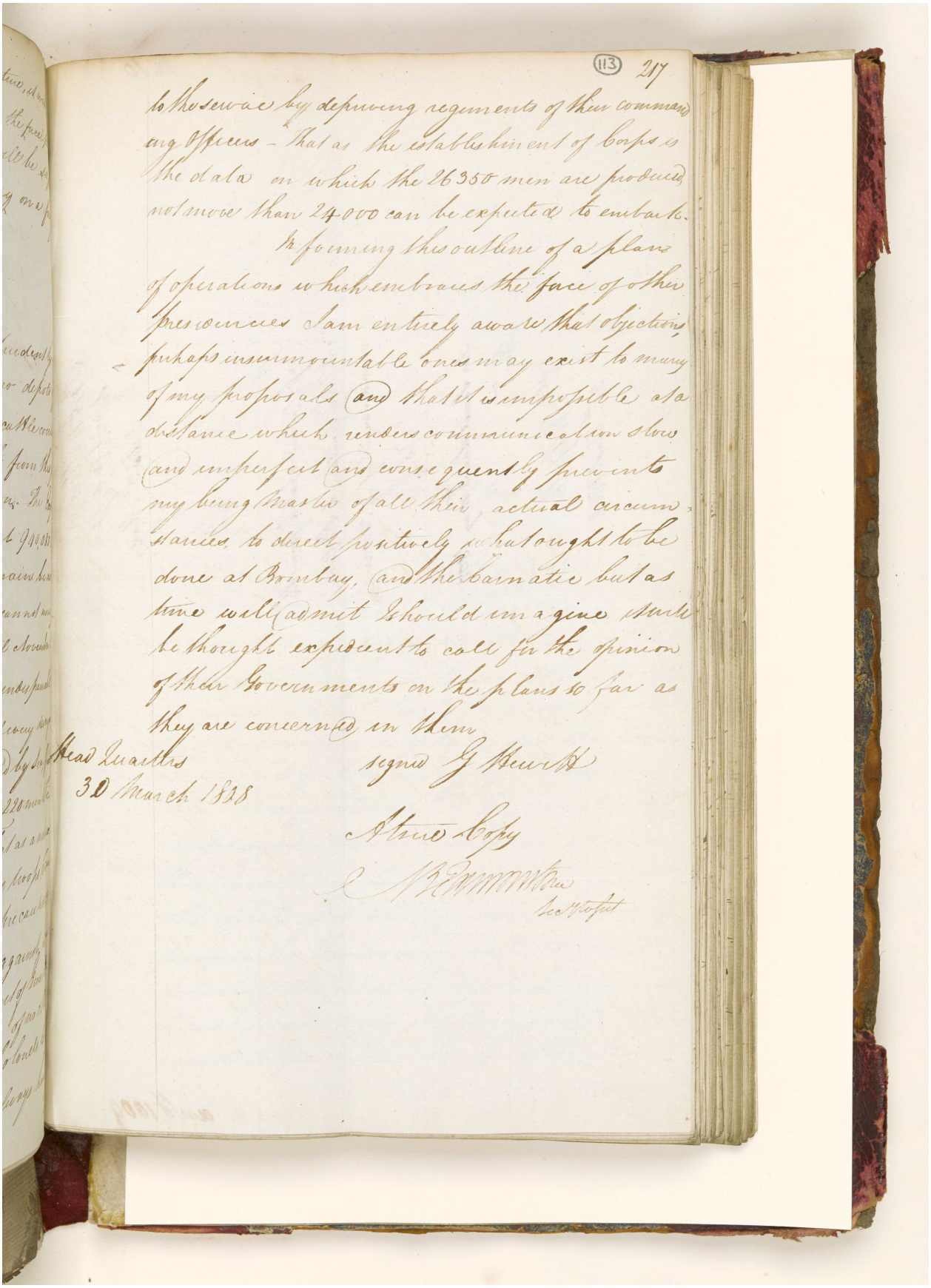

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to the service by depriving regiments of their commanding Officers - That as the establishment of Corps is the data on which the 26350 men are produced, not more than 24000 can be expected to embark.

In forming this outline of a plan of operations which embraces the force of other presidencies I am entirely aware that objections, perhaps insurmountable ones may exist to many of my proposals and that it is impossible at a distance which renders communication slow and imperfect and consequently prevents my being master of all their actual circumstances, to direct positively what ought to be done at Bombay, and the Carnatic but as time will admit I should imagine it will be thought expedient to call for the opinion of their Governments on the plans so far as they are concerned in them

Head Quarters
30 March 1808

signed G Hewitt

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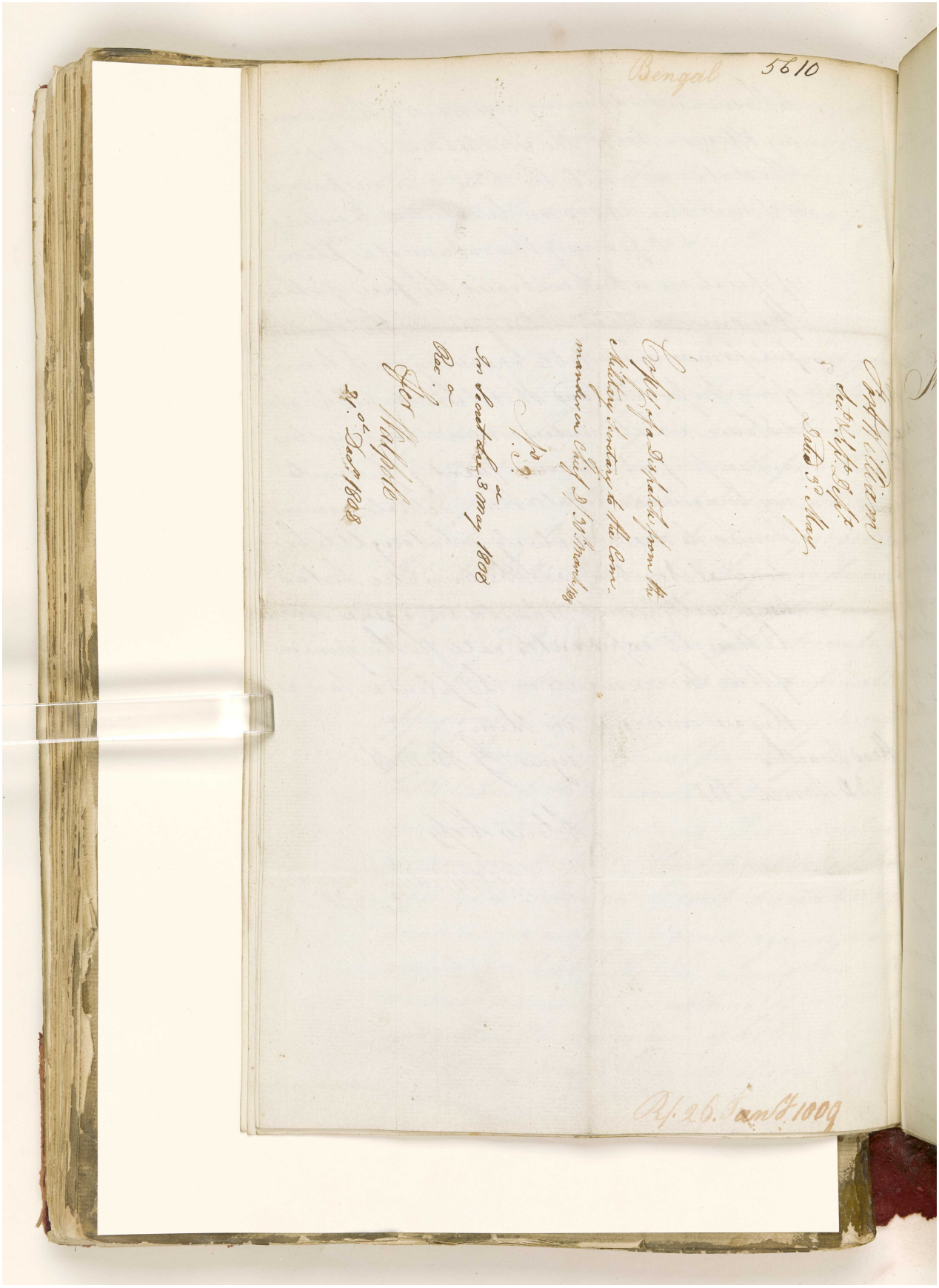
N Edmonstone
Sec. to Govt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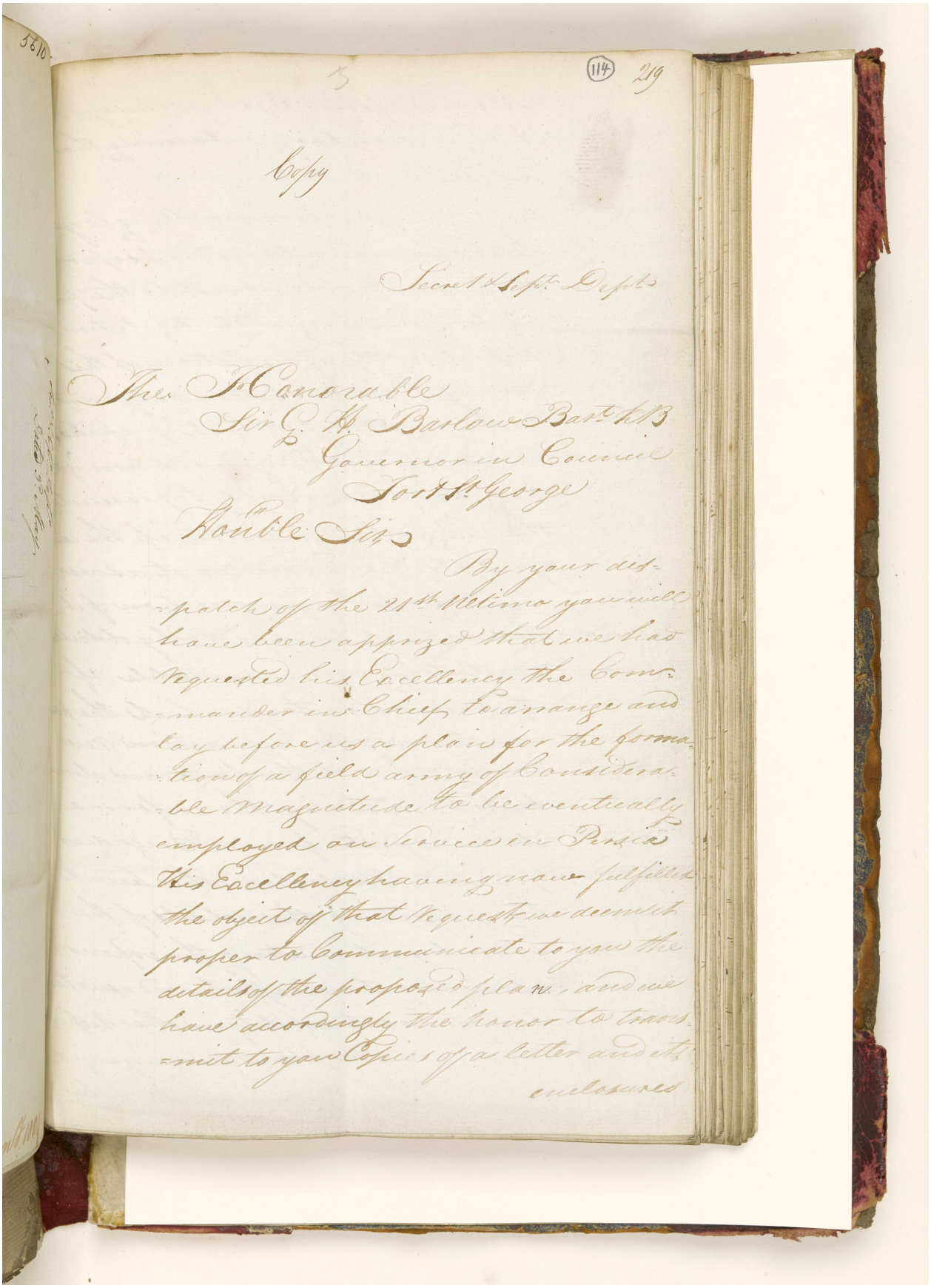

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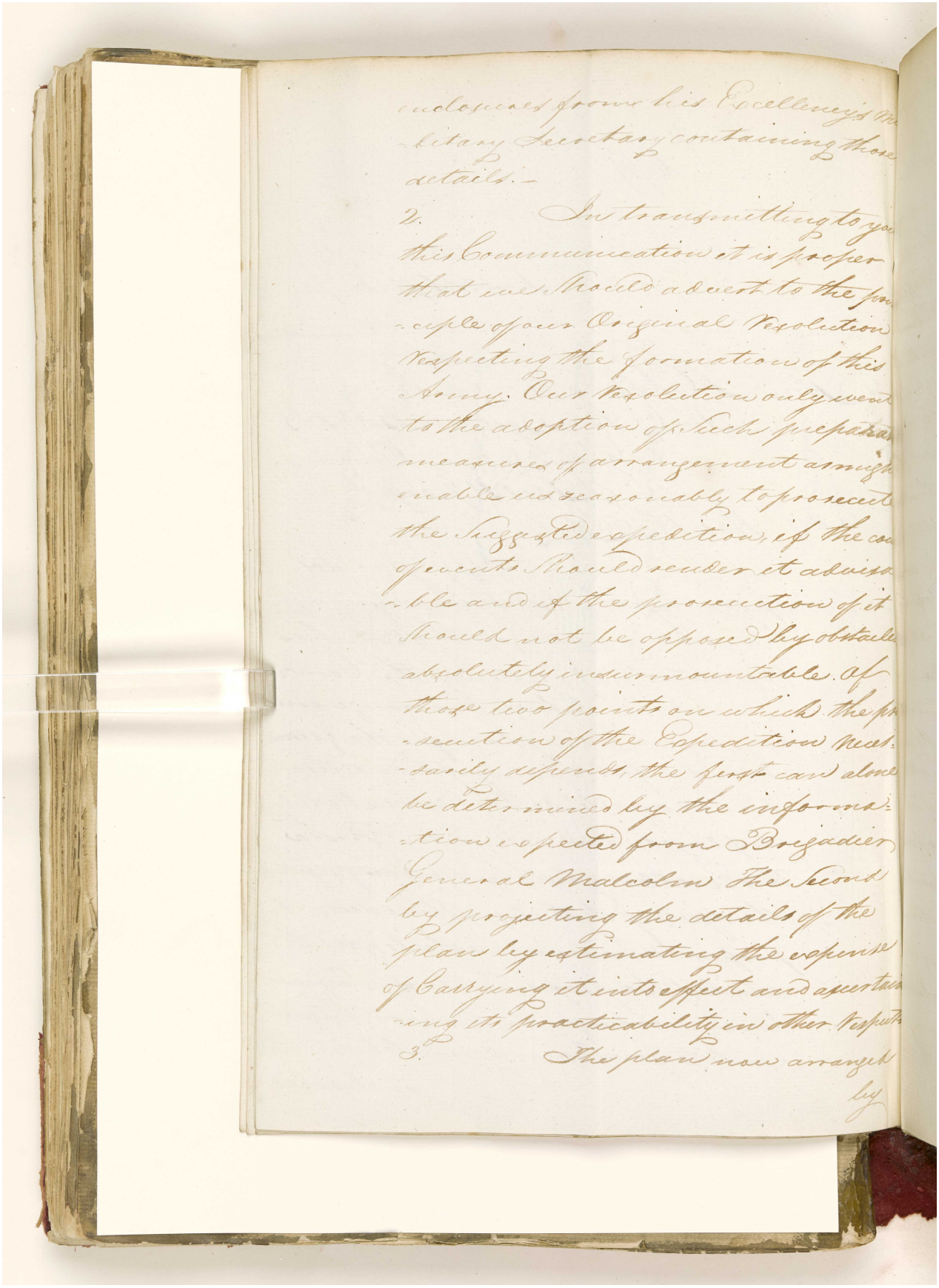
Secret & Sept. Dept.

The Honorable
Sir G. H. Barlow Bart. K.B.
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sirs

By your dispatch of the 21st Ultimo you will have been apprized that we had requested his Excellency the Commander in Chief to arrange and lay before us a plan for the formation of a field army of Considerable Magnitude to be eventually employed on Service in Persia. His Excellency having now fulfilled the object of that Request we deem it proper to Communicate to you the details of the proposed plan, and we have accordingly the honor to transmit to you Copies of a letter and its enclosures



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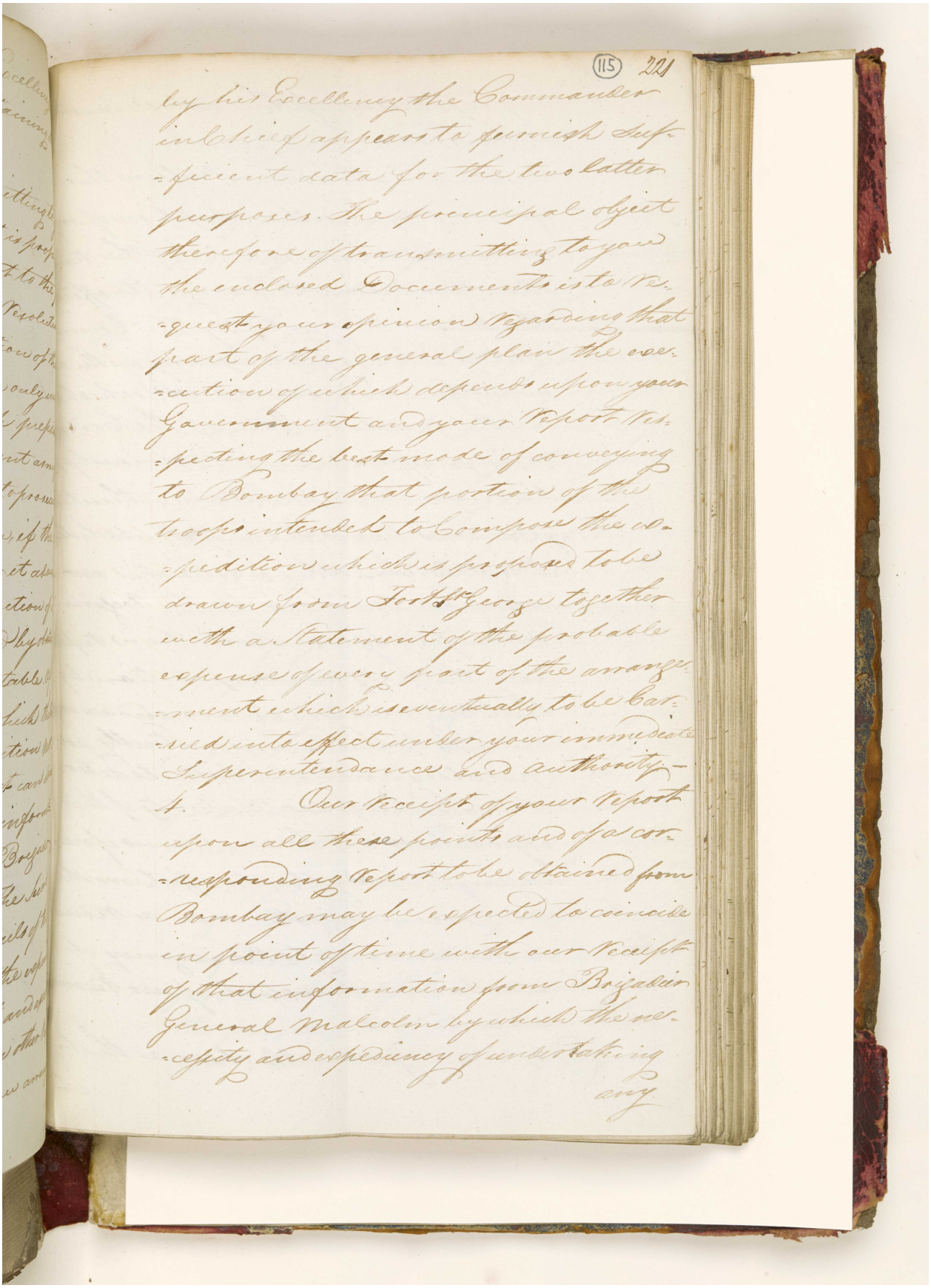

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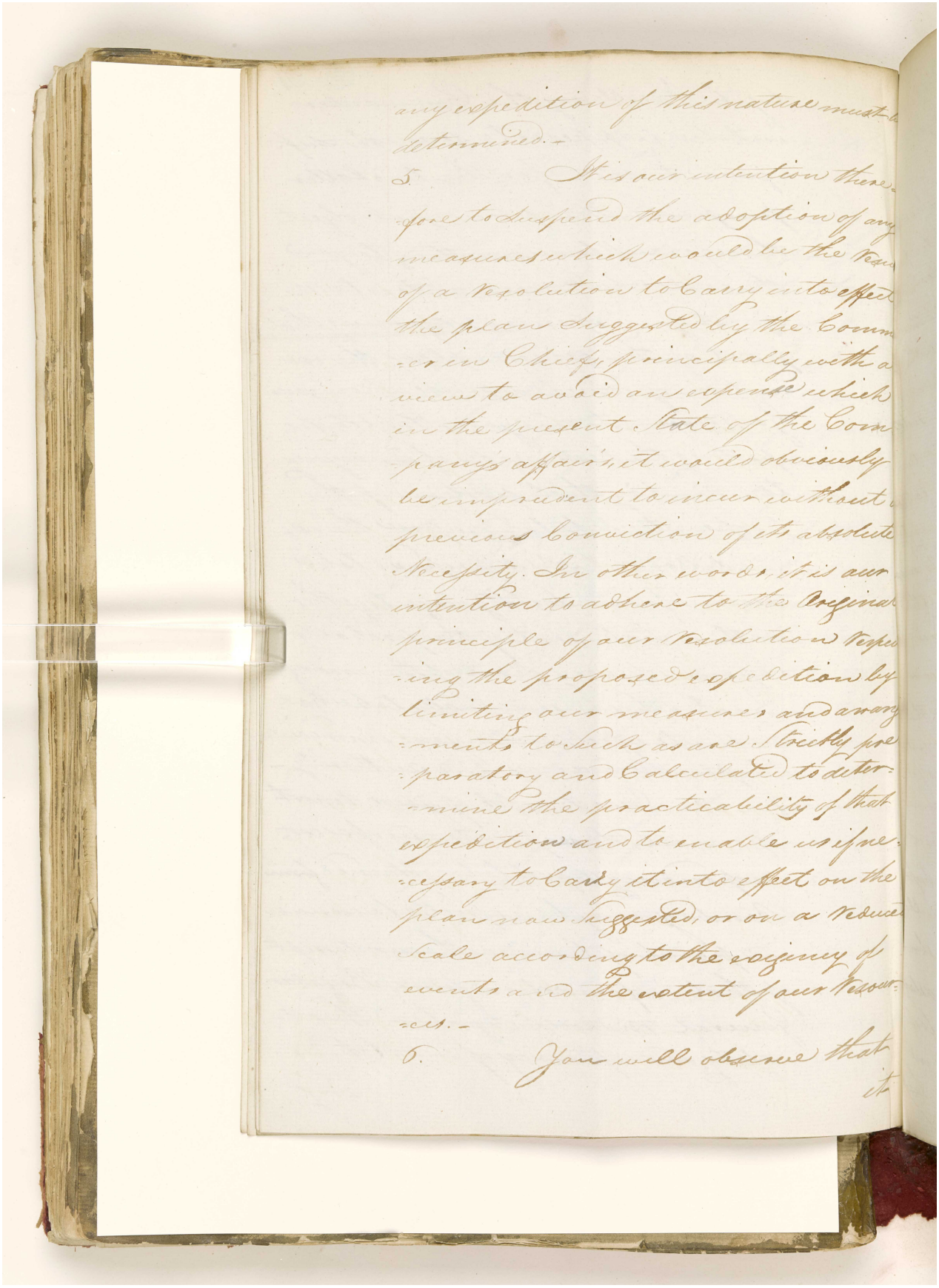
by his Excellency the Commander
in Chief appears to furnish Suf-
-ficient data for the two latter
purposes. The principal object
therefore of transmitting to you
the enclosed Documents is to Re-
-quest your opinion regarding that
part of the general plan the exe-
-cution of which depends upon your
Government and your Report Re-
-specting the best mode of conveying
to Bombay that portion of the
troops intended to compose the Ex-
-pedition which is proposed to be
drawn from Fort St George together
with a Statement of the probable
expense of every part of the arrange-
-ment which is eventually to be car-
-ried into effect under your immediate
Superintendance and authority—

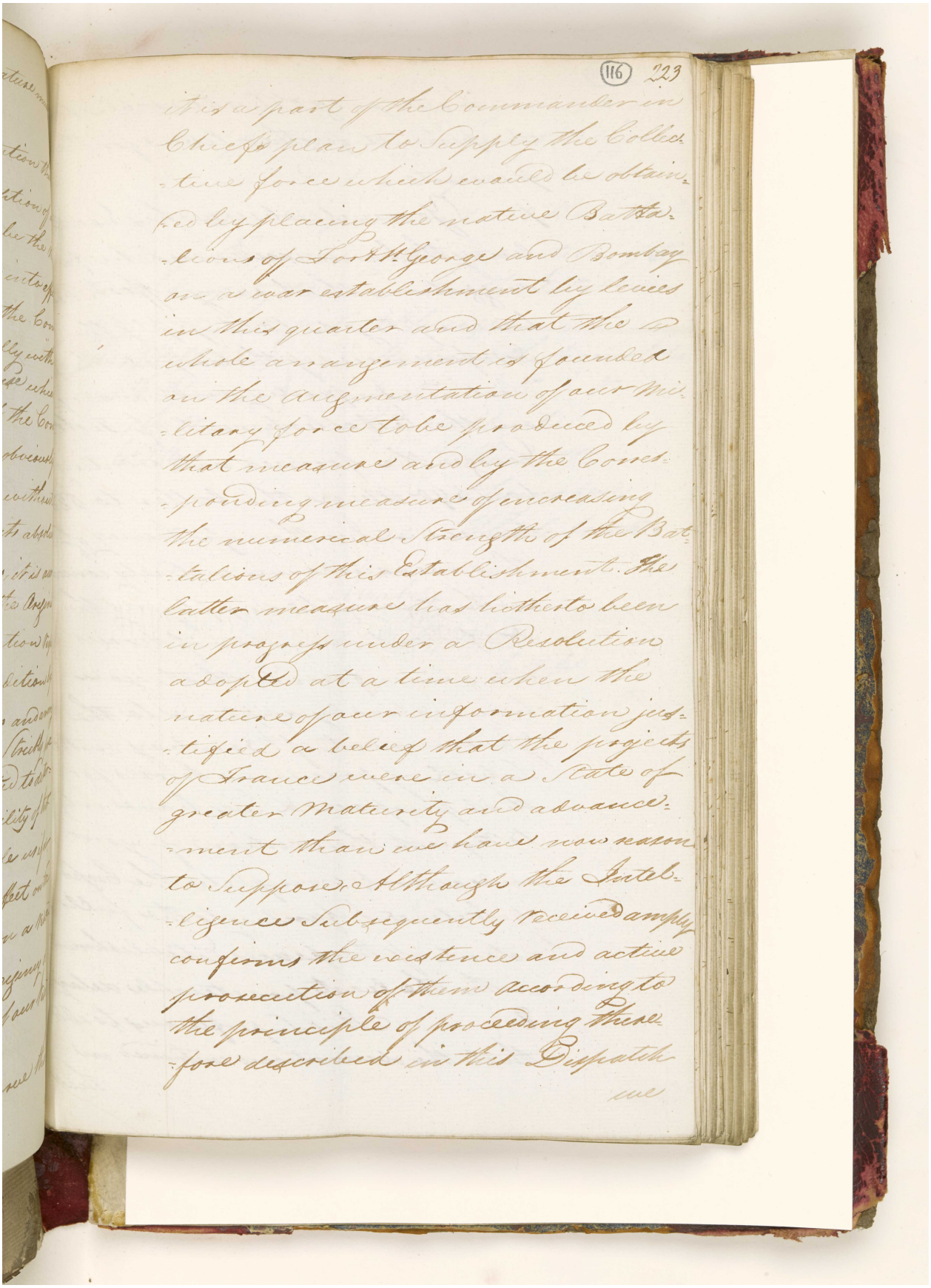
4. Our receipt of your Report
upon all these points and of a cor-
-responding Report to be obtained from
Bombay may be expected to coincide
in point of time with our receipt
of that information from Brigadier
General Malcolm by which the ne-
-cessity and expediency of undertaking
any



any expedition of this nature must be determined.-

5. It is our intention therefore to suspend the adoption of any measure which would be the result of a resolution to carry into effect the plan suggested by the Commander in Chief, principally with a view to avoid an expence which in the present State of the Company's affairs it would obviously be imprudent to incur without previous conviction of its absolute necessity. In other words, it is our intention to adhere to the original principle of our resolution respecting the proposed expedition by limiting our measures and arrangements to such as are strictly preparatory and calculated to determine the practicability of that expedition and to enable us if necessary to carry it into effect on the plan now suggested, or on a reduced scale according to the exigency of events and the extent of our resources.-

6. You will observe that



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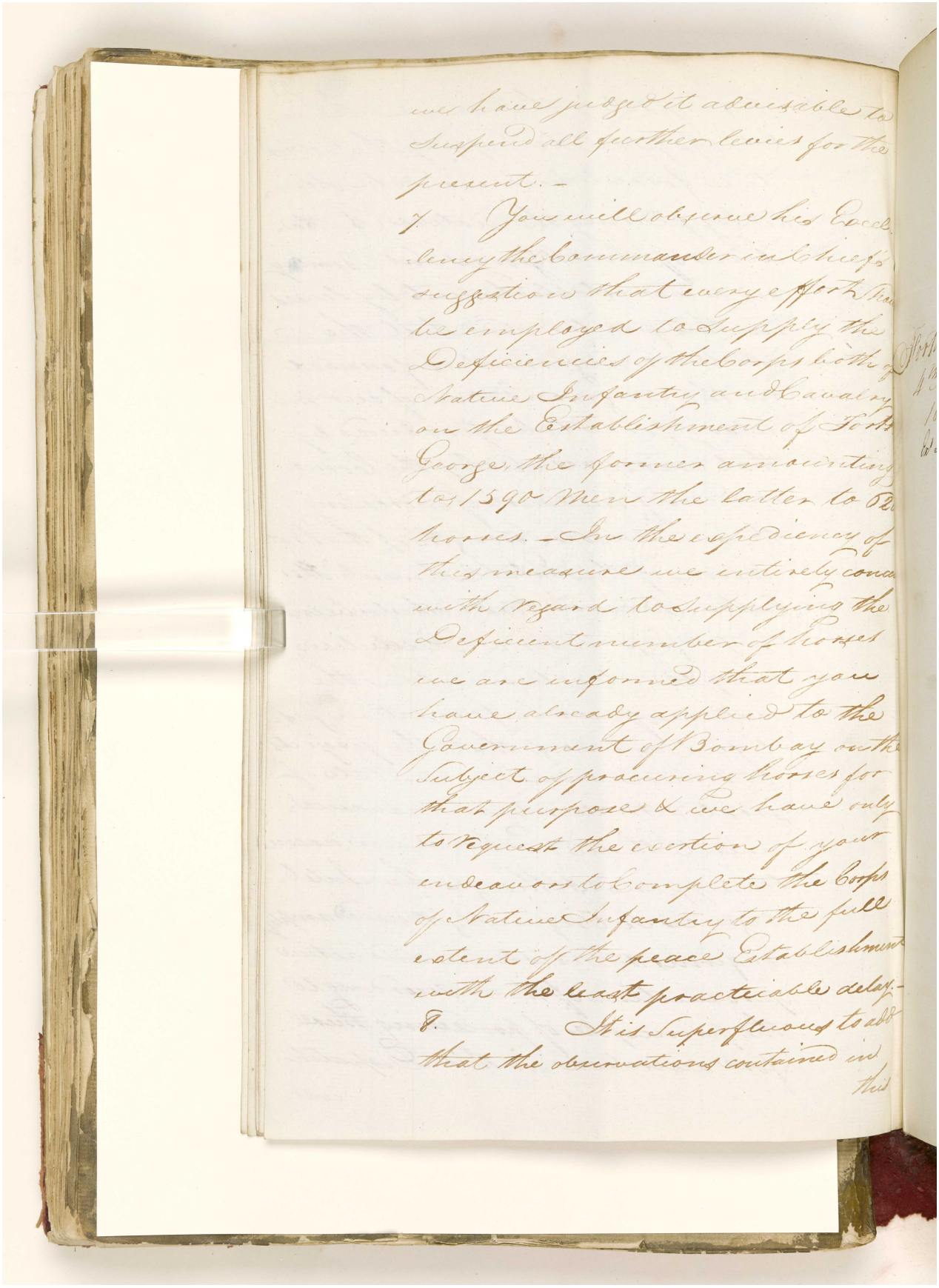
It is a part of the Commander in Chiefs plan to Supply the Collective force which would be obtained by placing the native Battalions of Fort St George and Bombay on a war establishment by levies in this quarter and that the whole arrangement is founded on the augmentation of our Military force to be produced by that measure and by the corresponding measure of increasing the numerical Strength of the Battalions of this Establishment. The latter measure has hitherto been in progress under a Resolution adopted at a time when the nature of our information justified a belief that the projects of France were in a State of greater Maturity and advancement than we have now reason to suppose. Although the Intelligence Subsequently received amply confirms the existence and active prosecution of them according to the principle of proceeding therefore described in this Dispatch we



we have judged it advisable to
suspend all further levies for the
present. -
7. You will observe his Excel-
lency the Commander in Chief's
suggestion that every effort
be employed to supply the
Deficiencies of the Corps both of
Native Infantry and Cavalry
on the Establishment of Fort
George, the former amounting
to 1590 Men the latter to 62
horses. - In the expediency of
this measure we entirely concur
with regard to supplying the
Deficient number of horses
we are informed that you
have already applied to the
Government of Bombay on the
Subject of procuring horses for
that purpose & we have only
to request the exertion of your
endeavours to complete the Corps
of Native Infantry to the full
extent of the peace Establishment
with the least practicable delay. -
8. It is superfluous to add
that the observations contained in
this

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this dispatch are not of a nature to affect the Suggestion lately communicated to you from the Military Department on the Subject of Suspending the reduction of the Corps of Pioneers on the Establishment of Fort St. George.—

Fort William
4th April
1808.—
Exd T. Lloyd.

We have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Signed Minto
" G. Hewett
" J. Lumsden
" H. Colebrooke

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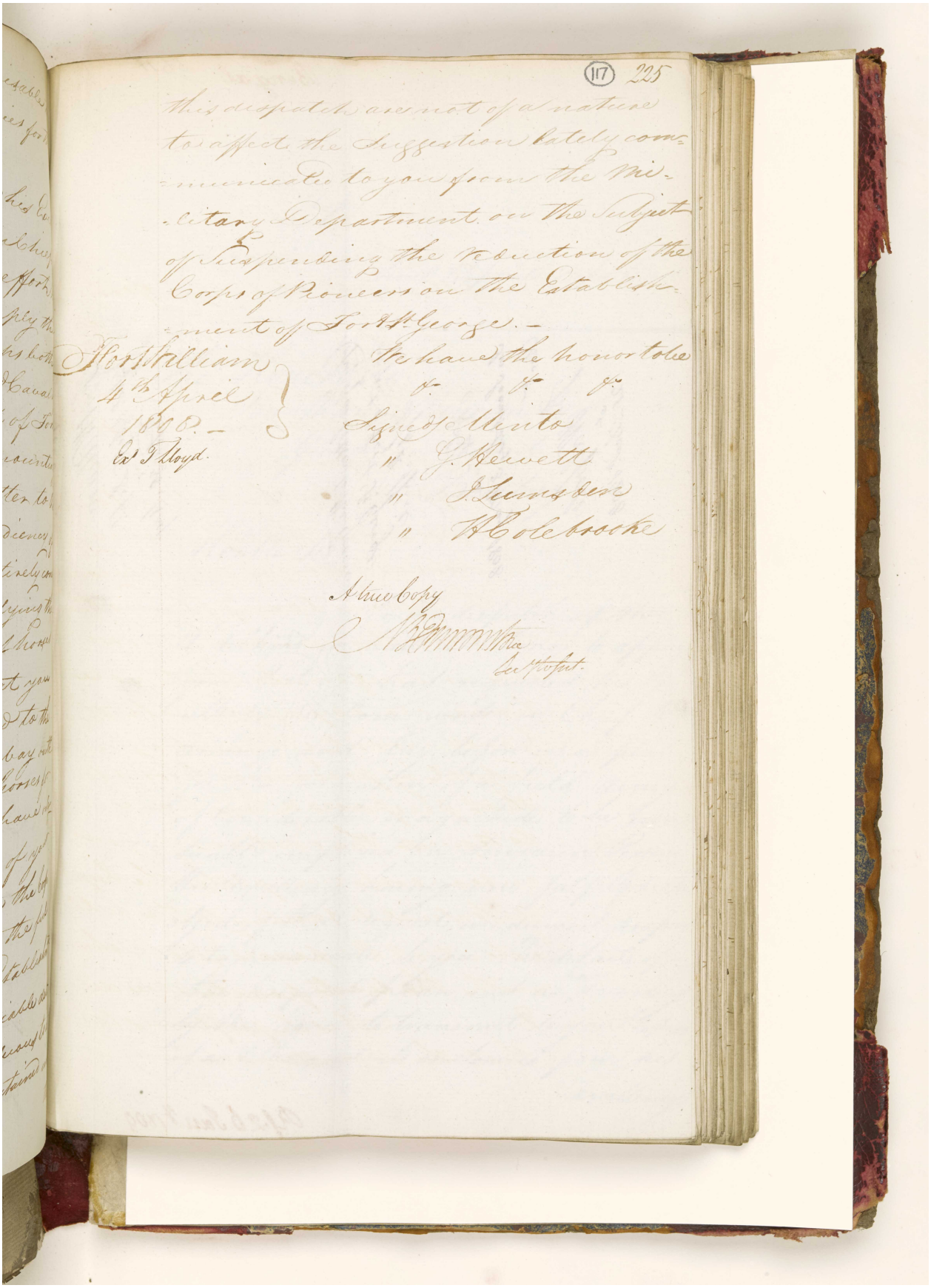

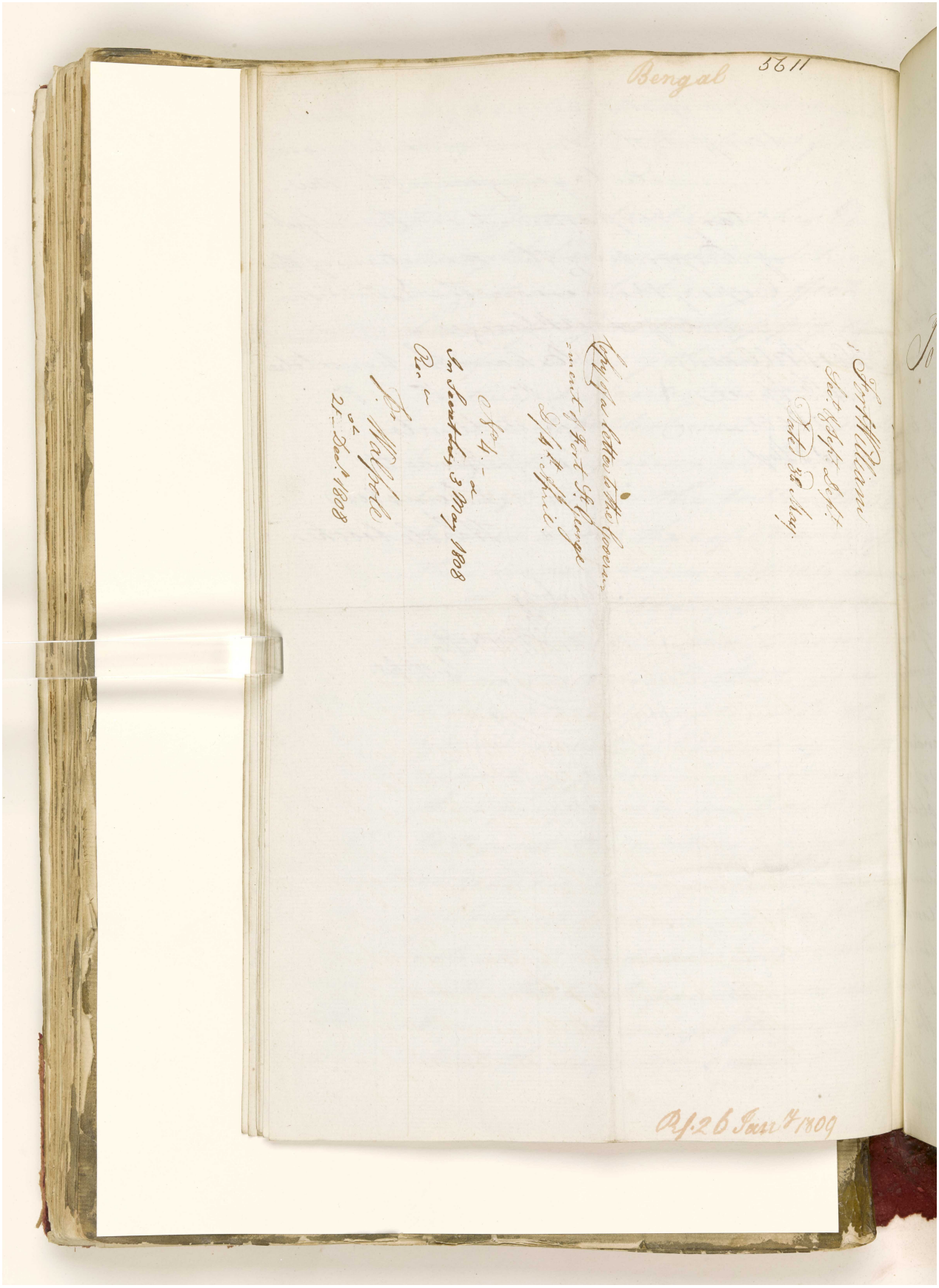

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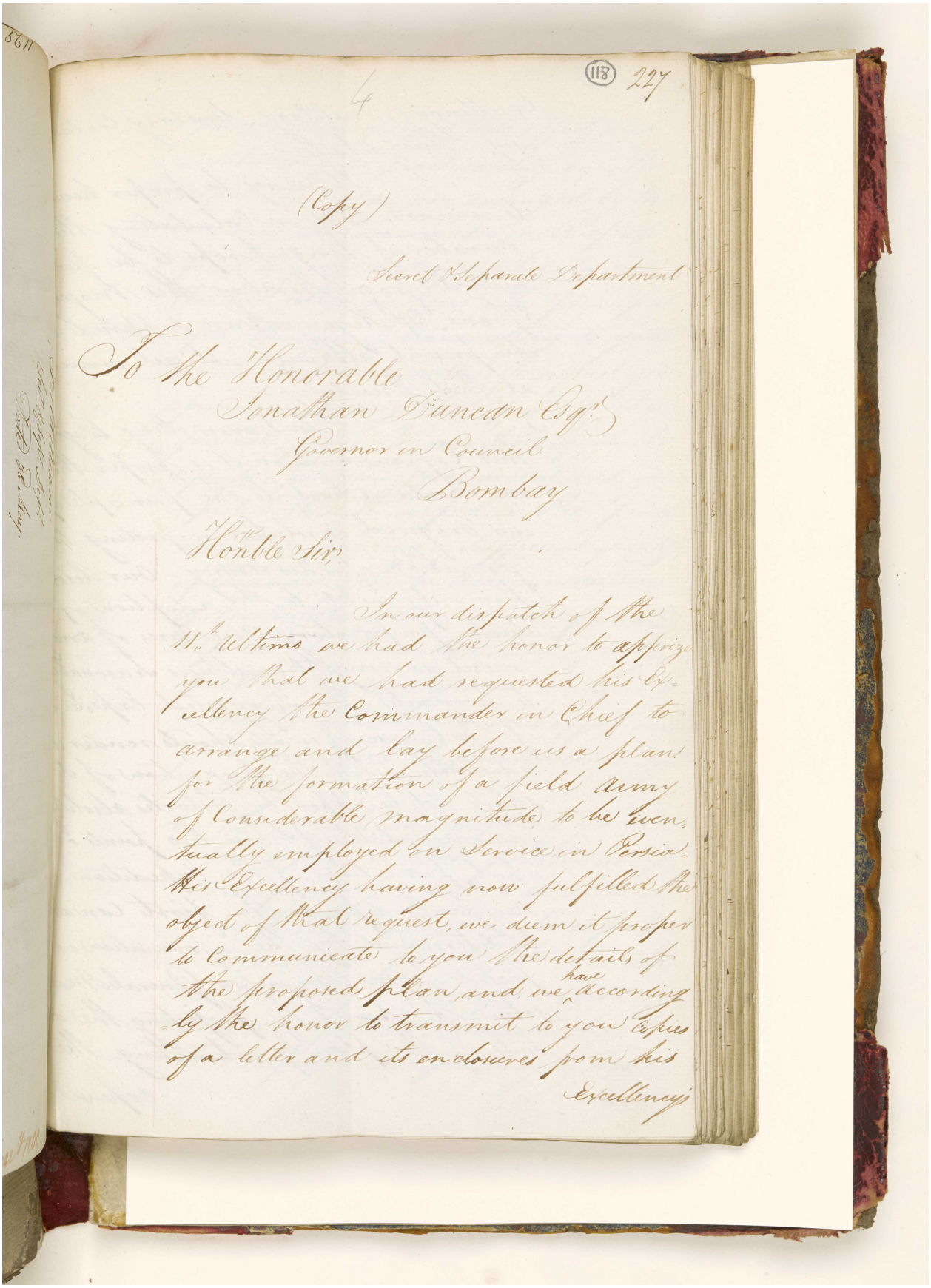

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Secret & Separate Department

To the Honorable
Jonathan Duncan Esqr.
Governor in Council
Bombay

Honble Sir,

In our dispatch of the 11th ultimo we had the honor to apprize you that we had requested his Excellency the Commander in Chief to arrange and lay before us a plan for the formation of a field army of considerable magnitude to be eventually employed on Service in Persia. His Excellency having now fulfilled the object of that request, we deem it proper to communicate to you the details of the proposed plan, and we have accordingly the honor to transmit to you copies of a letter and its enclosures from his Excellency

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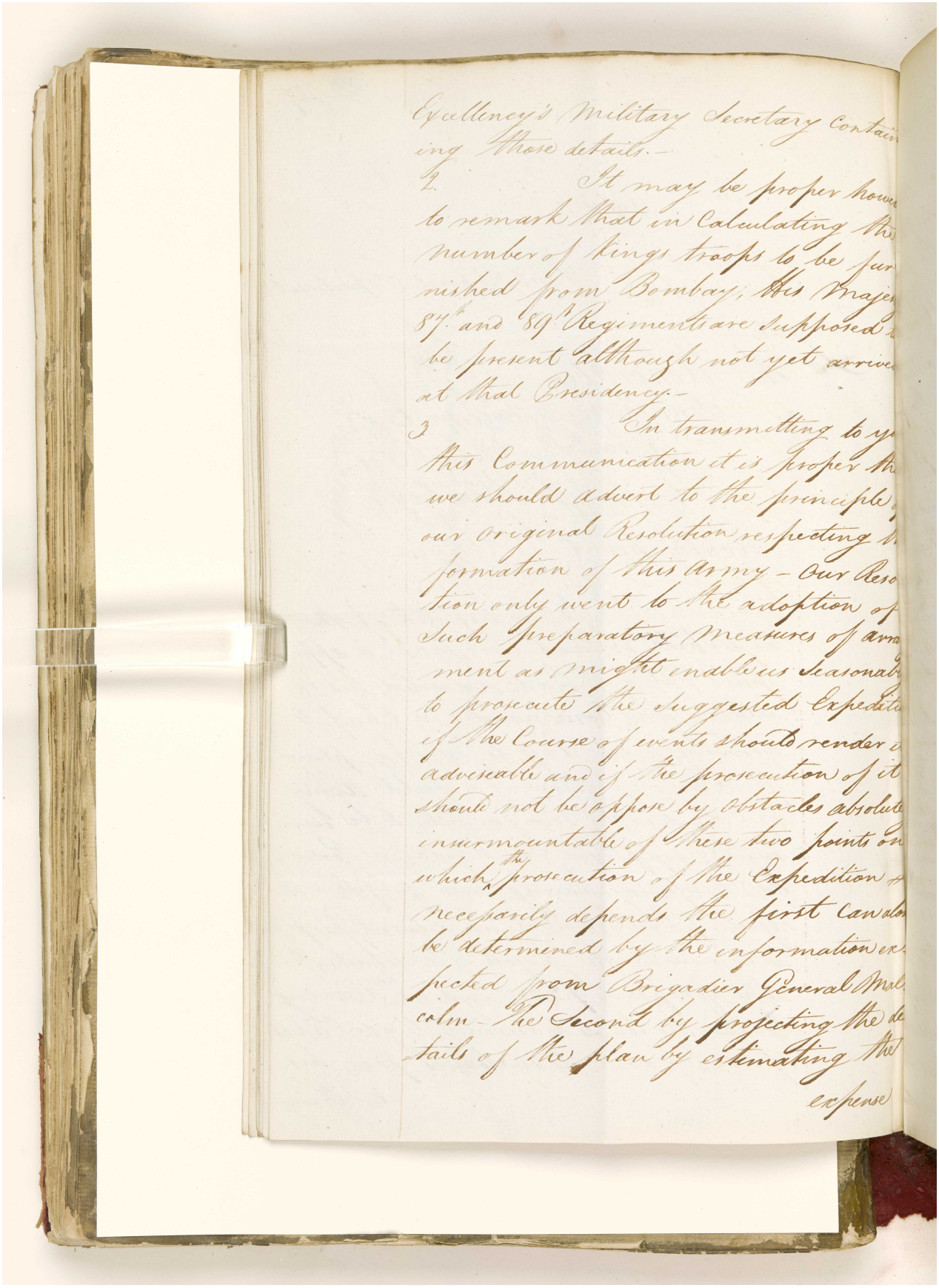

Excellency's Military Secretary Contain-
ing those details.-

2. It may be proper howe[illegible]
to remark that in Calculating the
number of Kings troops to be fur-
nished from Bombay, His Majes[illegible]
87th and 89th Regiments are supposed [illegible]
be present although not yet arrive[illegible]
at that Presidency.-

3. In transmitting to yo[illegible]
this Communication it is proper th[illegible]
we should advert to the principle [illegible]
our original Resolution respecting th[illegible]
formation of this Army - Our Reso-
tion only went to the adoption of
such preparatory Measures of arra-
ment as might enable us seasonab[illegible]
to prosecute the suggested Expediti[illegible]
if the Course of events should render [illegible]
adviseable and if the prosecution of it
should not be oppose by obstacles absolute[illegible]
insurmountable of these two points on
which the prosecution of the Expedition [illegible]
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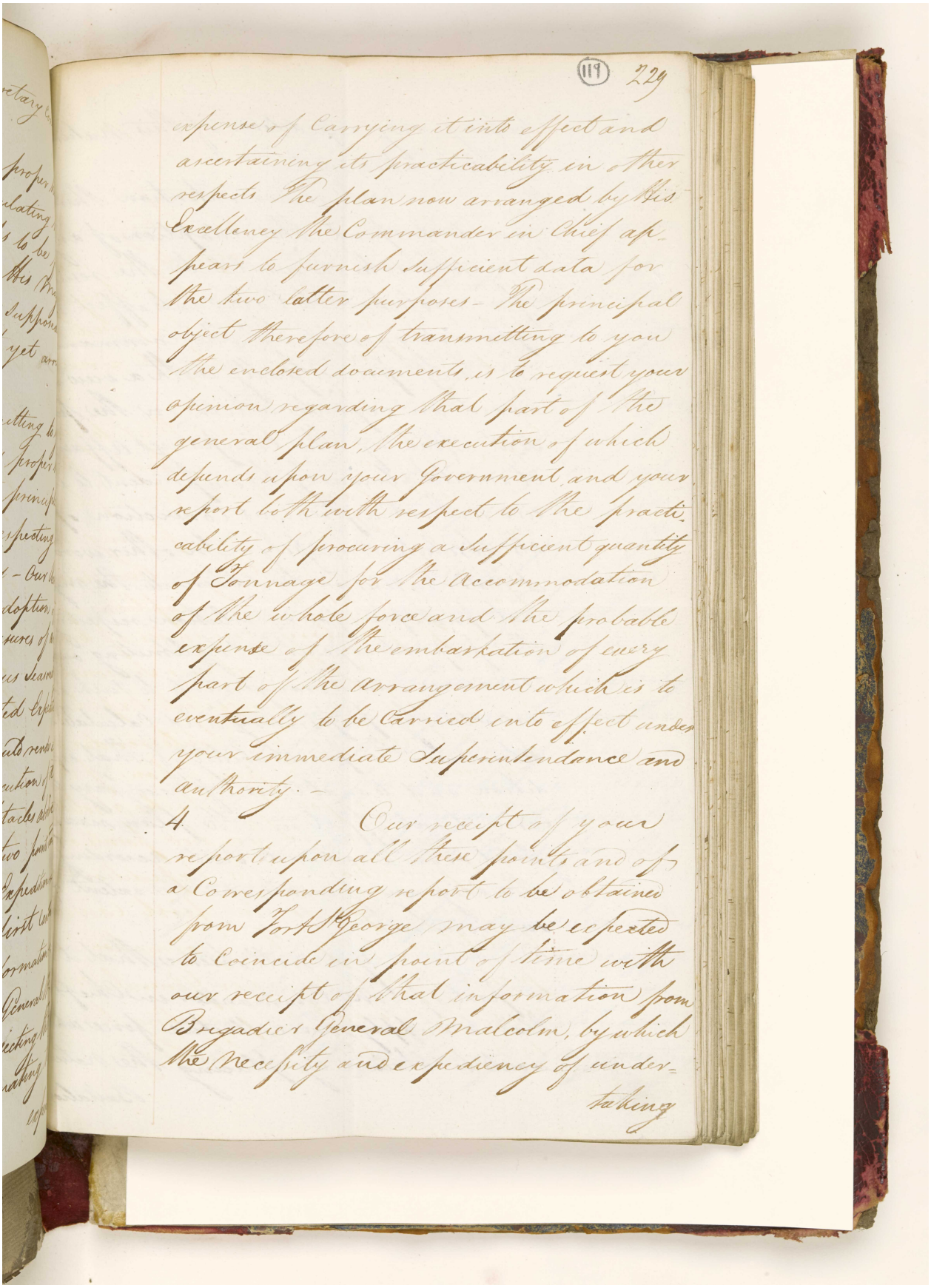
pected from Brigadier General Mal-
colm - The Second by projecting the de-
tails of the plan by estimating the
expense



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expense of carrying it into effect and ascertaining its practicability in other respects The plan now arranged by His Excellency the Commander in Chief appear to furnish sufficient data for the two latter purposes - The principal object therefore of transmitting to you the enclosed documents, is to request your opinion regarding that part of the general plan, the execution of which depends upon your Government and your report both with respect to the practicability of procuring a sufficient quantity of Tonnage for the Accommodation of the whole force and the probable expense of the embarkation of every part of the arrangement which is to eventually to be carried into effect under your immediate superintendance and authority. -

4 Our receipt of your report upon all these points and of a Corresponding report to be obtained from Fort St George may be expected to Coincide in point of time with our receipt of that information from Brigadier General Malcolm, by which the necessity and expediency of undertaking

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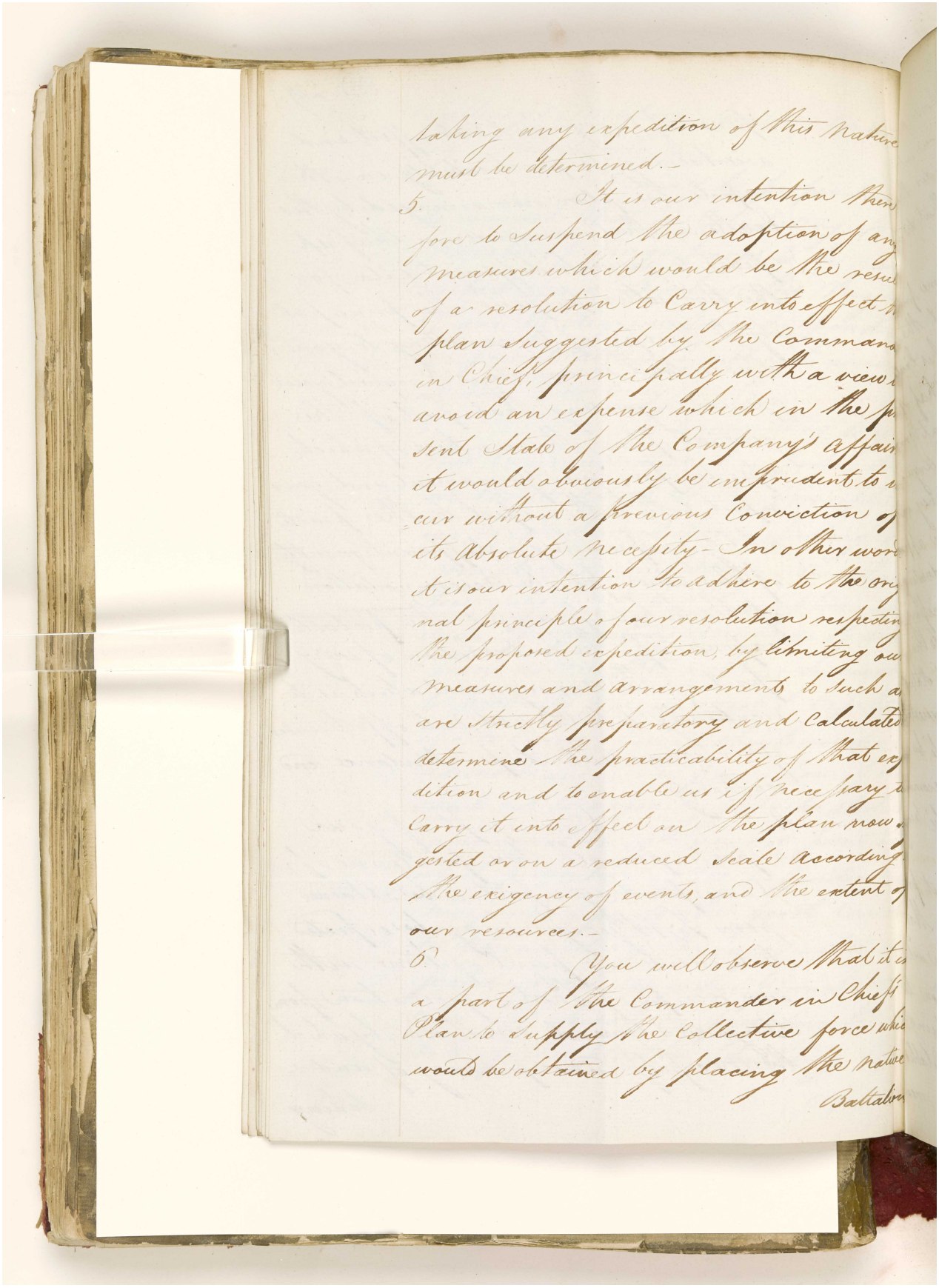

taking any expedition of this Nature
must be determined.-
5. It is our intention there
fore to Suspend the adoption of any
measures which would be the result
of a resolution to Carry into effect the
plan Suggested by the Commander
in Chief, principally with a view to
avoid an expense which in the pre
sent State of the Company's affairs
it would obviously be imprudent to in
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its Absolute Necessity- In other words
it is our intention to adhere to the ori
nal principle of our resolution respecting
the proposed expedition, by limiting our
measures and arrangements to Such as
are Strictly preparatory and Calculated
determine the practicability of that ex
dition and to enable us if necessary to
Carry it into effect on the plan now Sug
gested or on a reduced Scale according to
the exigency of events, and the extent of
our resources.-
6. You will observe that it is
a part of the Commander in Chief's
Plan to Supply the Collective force which
would be obtained by placing the native
Battalion

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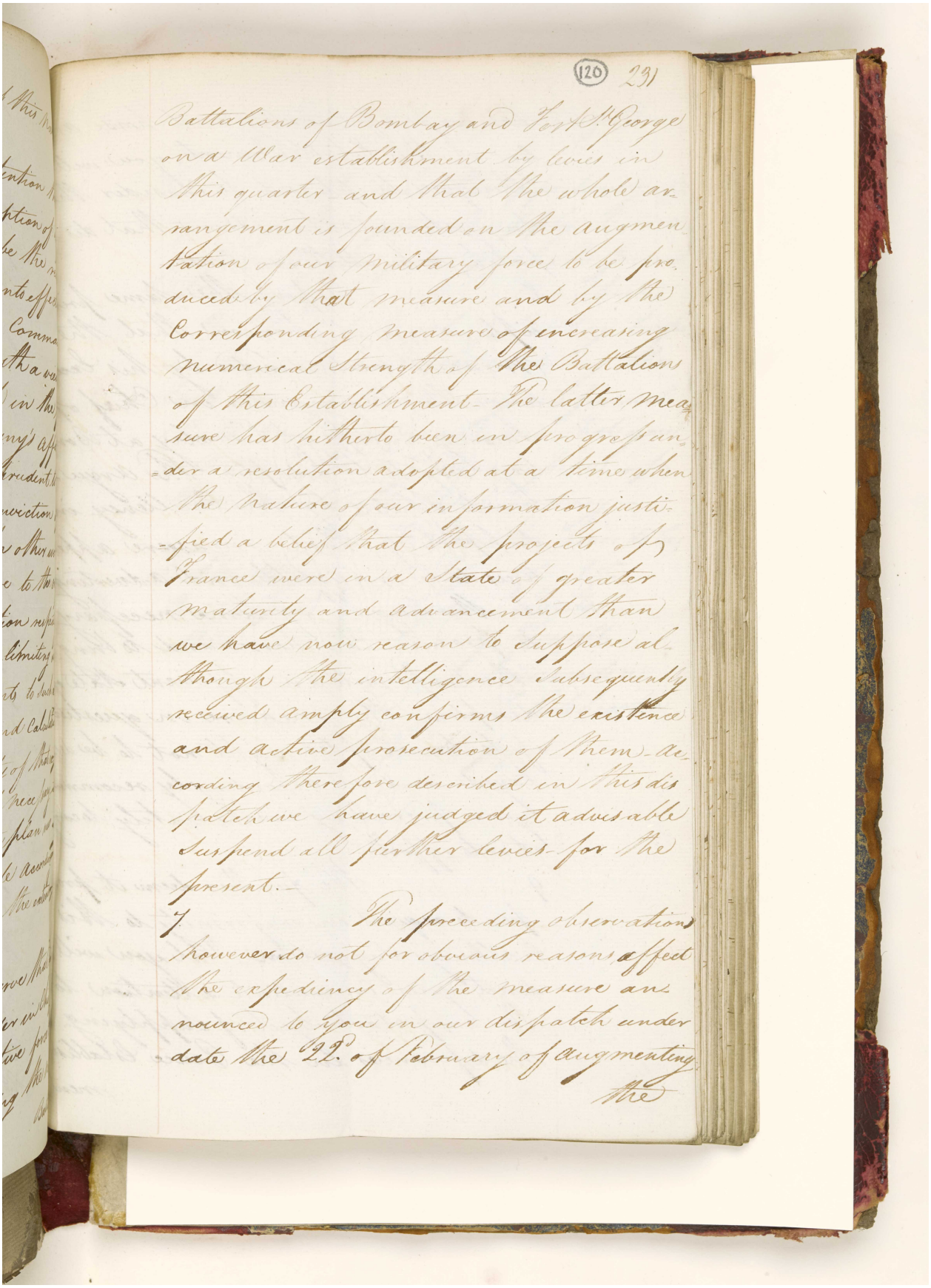

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Battalions of Bombay and Fort St George on a War establishment by levies in this quarter and that the whole arrangement is founded on the augmentation of our military force to be produced by that measure and by the Corresponding measure of encreasing numerical Strength of the Battalions of this Establishment. The latter measure has hitherto been in progress under a resolution adopted at a time when the nature of our information justified a belief that the projects of France were in a State of greater maturity and advancement than we have now reason to suppose although the intelligence subsequently received amply confirms the existence and active prosecution of them according therefore described in this dispatch we have judged it advisable suspend all further levies for the present.

7 The preceding observations however do not for obvious reasons affect the expediency of the measure announced to you in our dispatch under date the 22. of February of augmenting the

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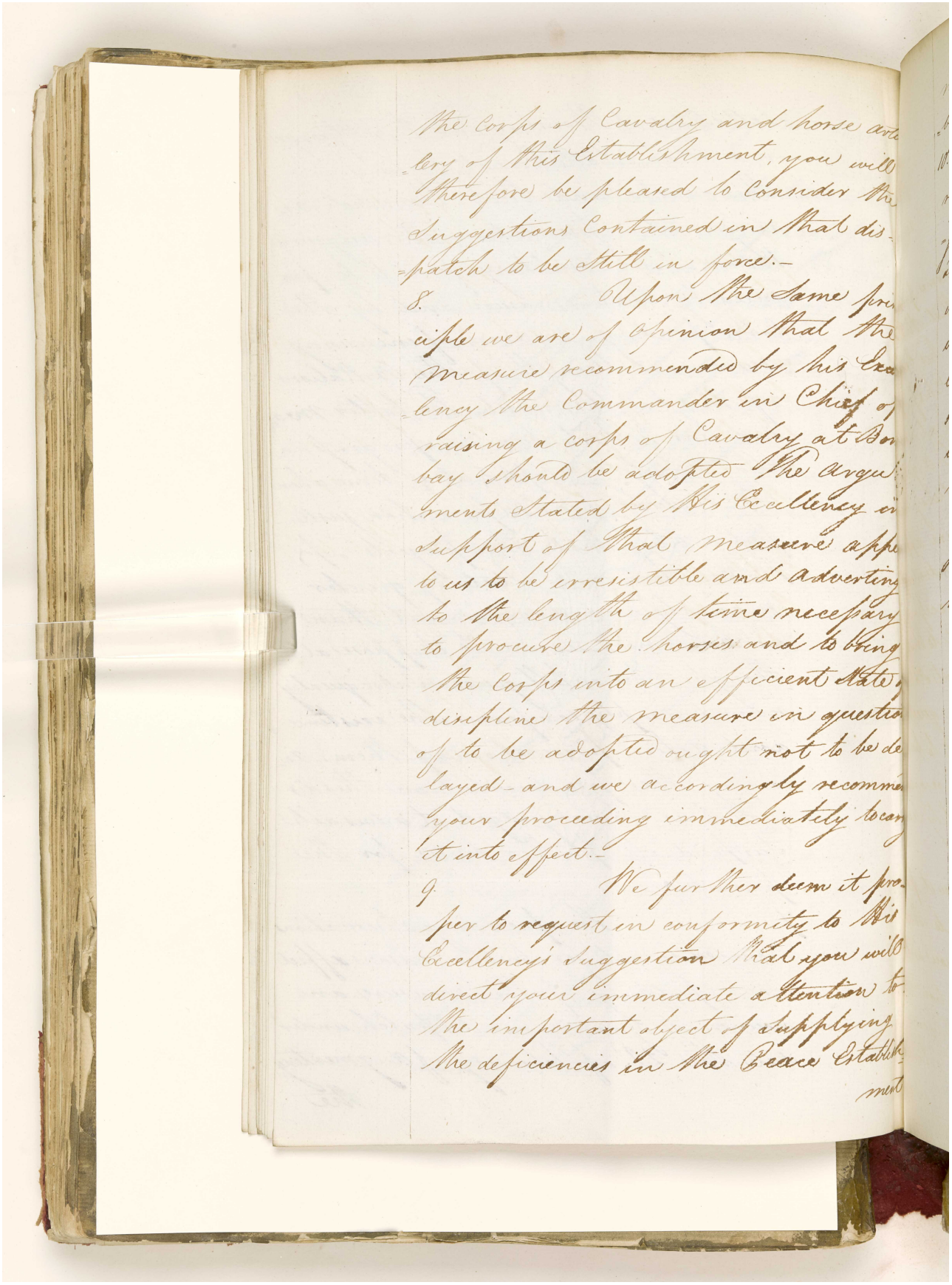

The Corps of Cavalry and Horse Artillery of this Establishment, you will therefore be pleased to consider the Suggestions Contained in that dispatch to be still in force.-

8. Upon the same principle we are of Opinion that the measure recommended by his Excellency the Commander in Chief of raising a corps of Cavalry at Bombay should be adopted The Arguments Stated by His Excellency in support of that measure appear to us to be irresistible and adverting to the length of time necessary to procure the Horses and to bring the Corps into an efficient state of discipline the measure in question ought to be adopted ought not to be delayed and we accordingly recommend your proceeding immediately to carry it into effect.-

9. We further deem it proper to request in conformity to His Excellency's Suggestion that you will direct your immediate attention to the important object of supplying the deficiencies in the Peace Establishment

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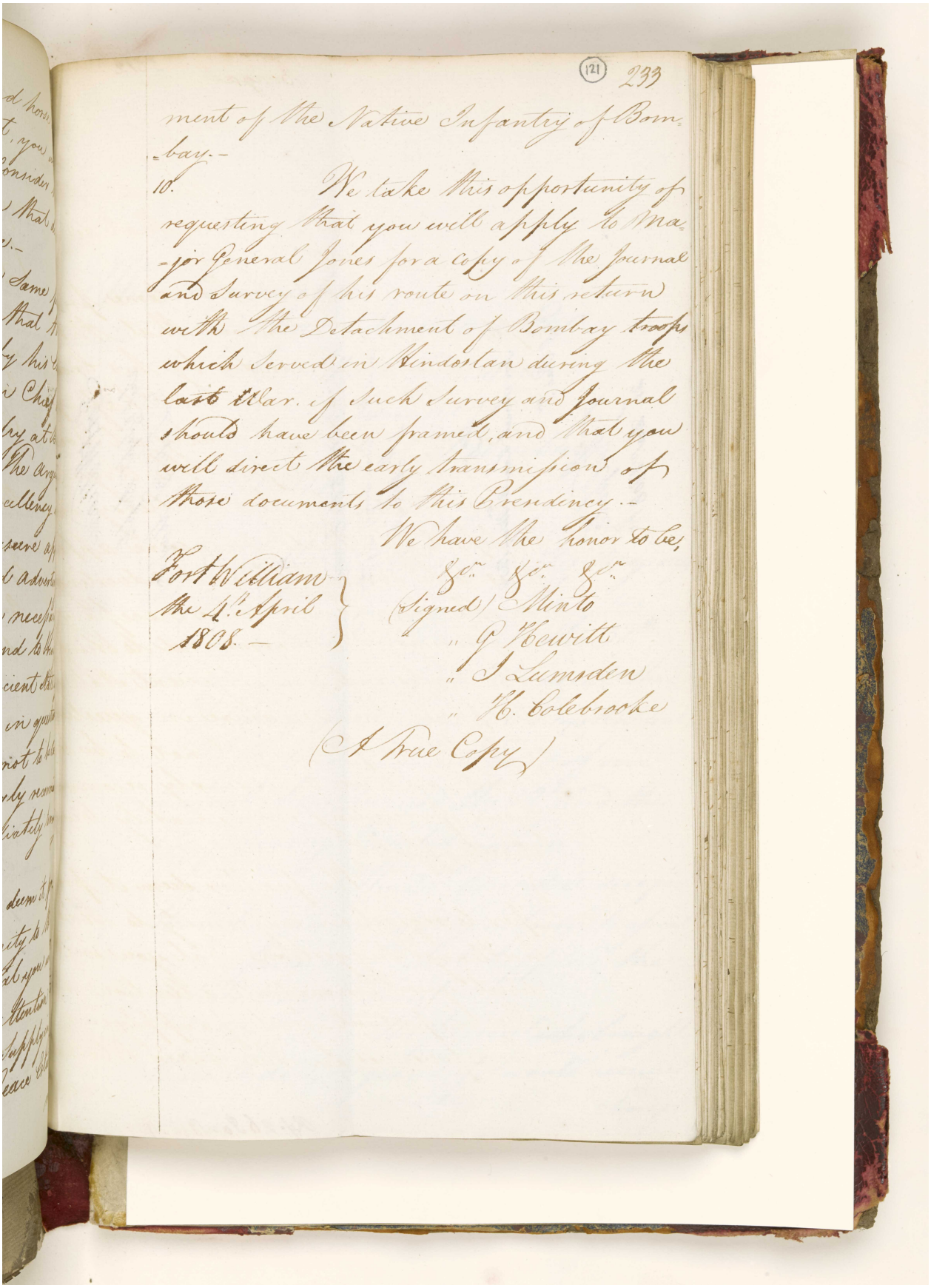

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ment of the Native Infantry of Bombay.-

10. We take this opportunity of requesting that you will apply to Major General Jones for a Copy of the Journal and Survey of his route on his return with the Detachment of Bombay troops which served in Hindostan during the last War. of such Survey and Journal should have been framed, and that you will direct the early transmission of those documents to this Presidency.-

We have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Minto
" G Hewitt
" J Lumsden
" H. Colebrooke

Fort William
the 4th April
1808.-

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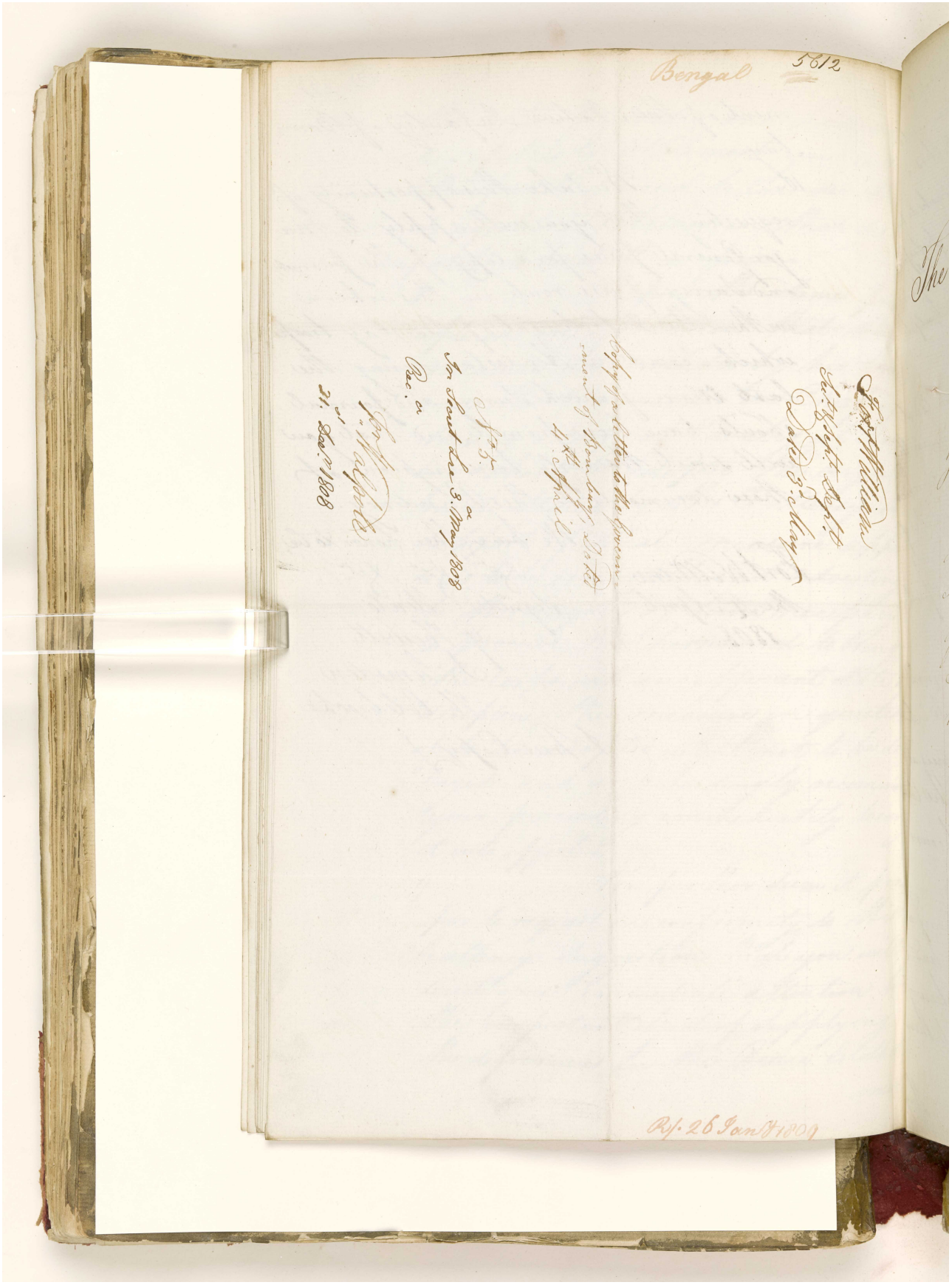

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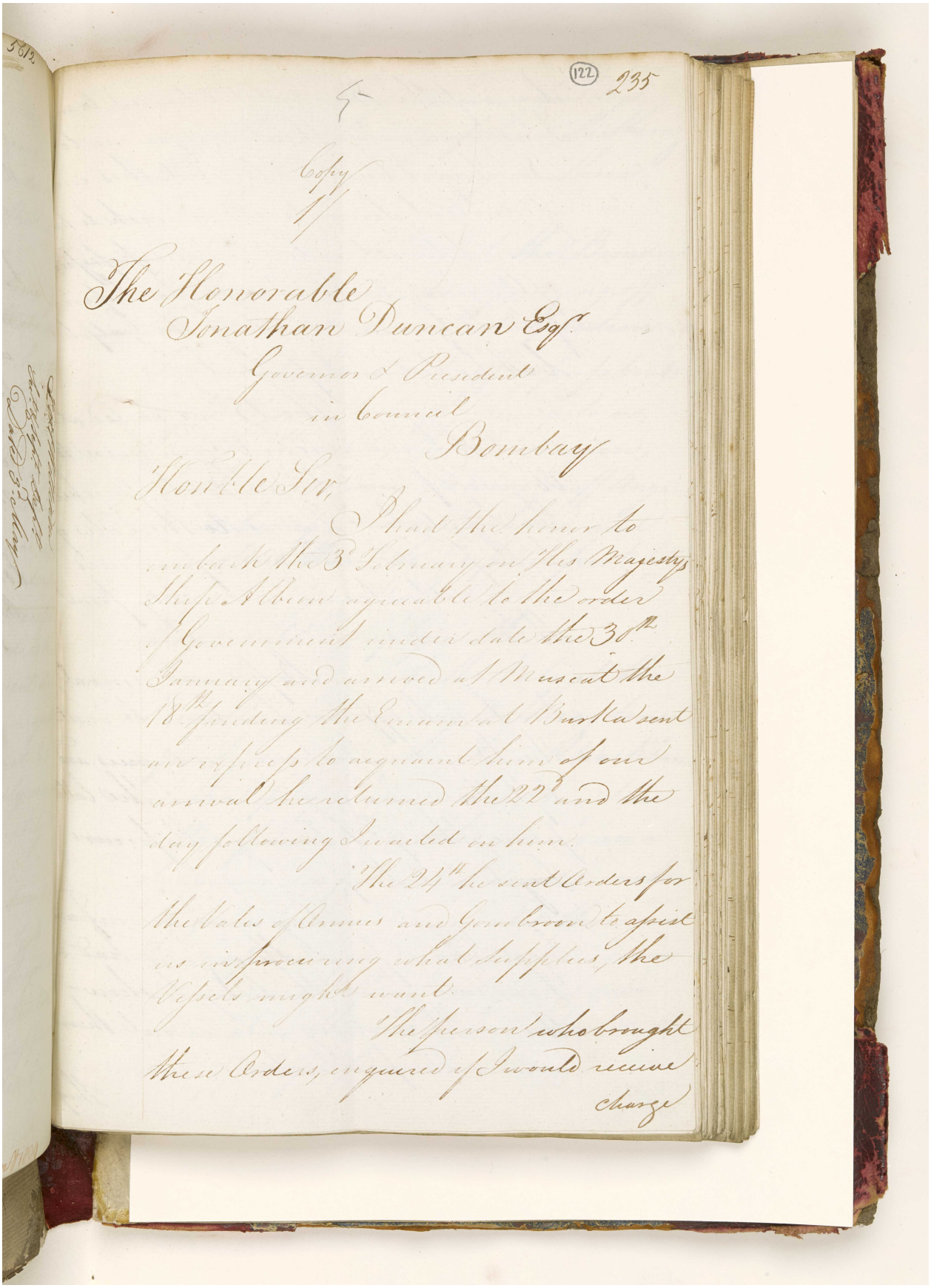

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The Honorable
Jonathan Duncan Esqr.
Governor & President
in Council
Bombay

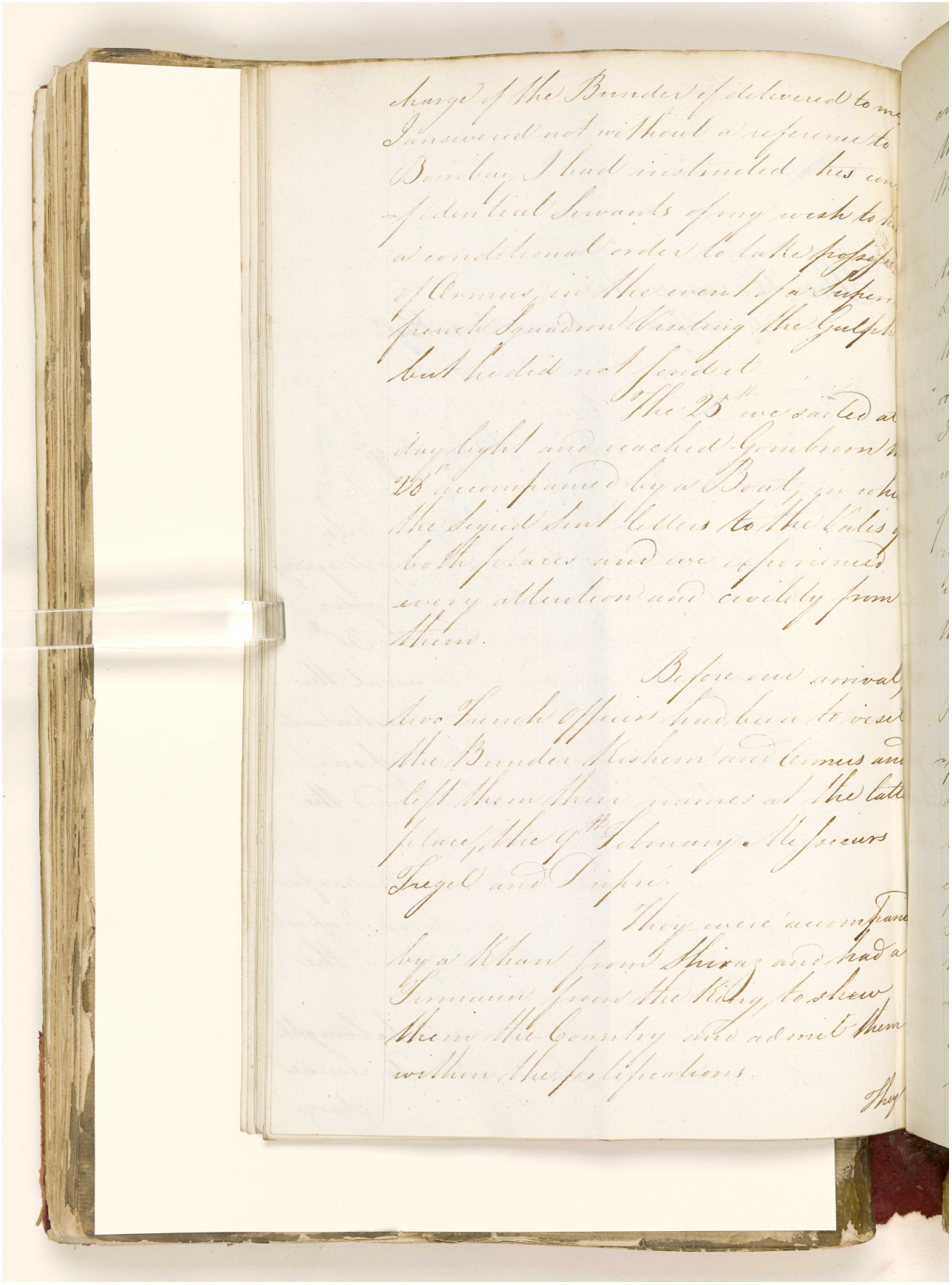
Honble Sir,

I had the honor to embark the 3d February on His Majesty's Ship Albion agreeable to the order of Government under date the 30th January and arrived at Muscat the 18th finding the Emam at Burka sent an express to acquaint him of our arrival he returned the 22d and the day following I waited on him.

The 24th he sent Orders for the Vales of Ormus and Gombroon to assist us in procuring what Supplies, the Vessels might want.

The person who brought these Orders, enquired if I would receive

charge



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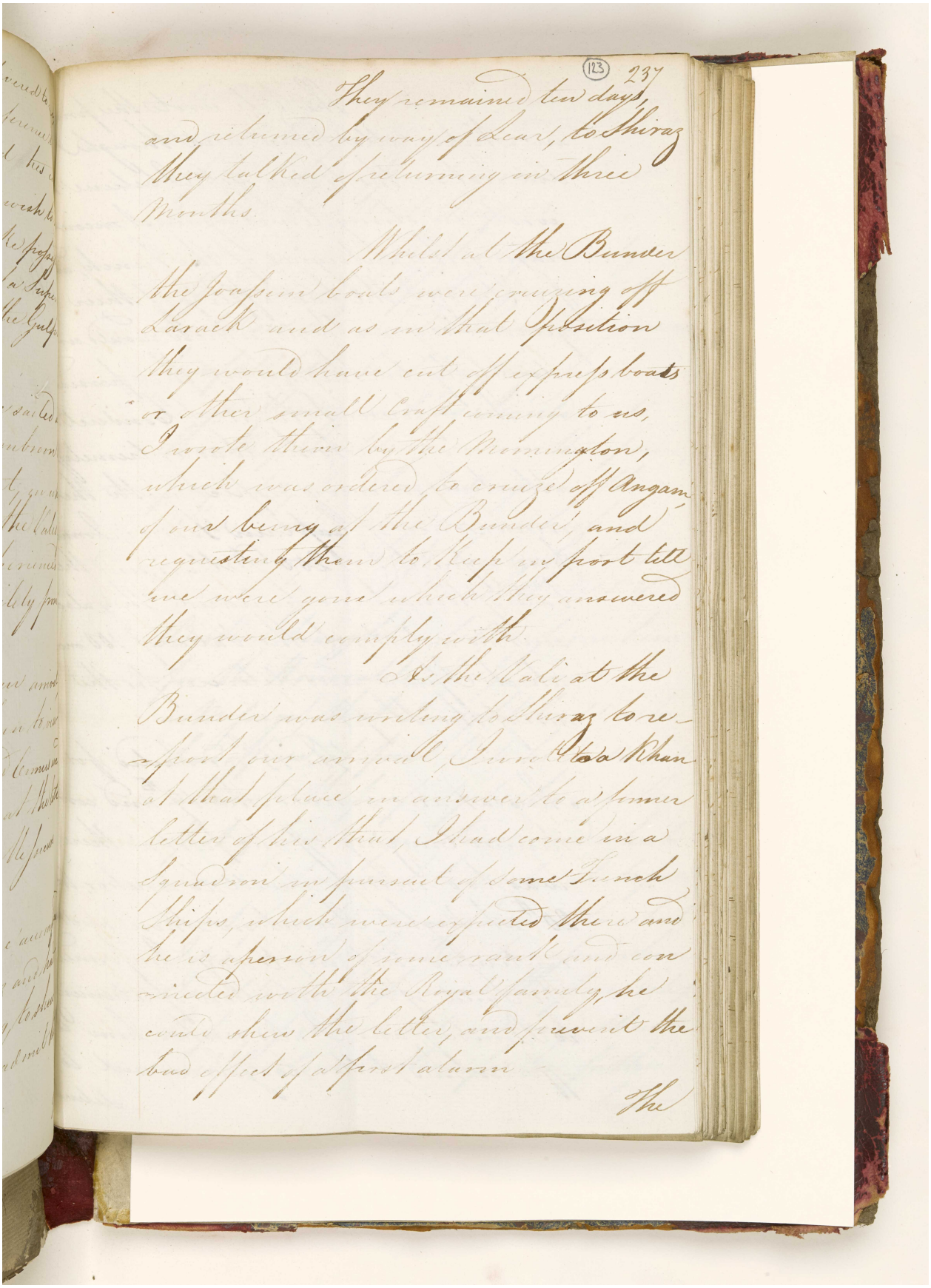

They remained ten days, and returned by way of Lear, to Shiraz they talked of returning in three Months.

Whilst at the Bunder the Joassim boats were cruizing off Larack and as in that position they would have cut off express boats or other small Craft coming to us, I wrote them by the Mornington, which was ordered to cruize off Angam of our being at the Bunder, and requesting them to keep in port till we were gone which they answered they would comply with.

As the Vali at the Bunder was writing to Shiraz to report our arrival, I wrote to a Khan at that place in answer to a former letter of his that, I had come in a Squadron in pursuit of some French Ships, which were expected there and he is a person of some rank and connected with the Royal family, he could shew the letter, and prevent the bad effect of a first alarm

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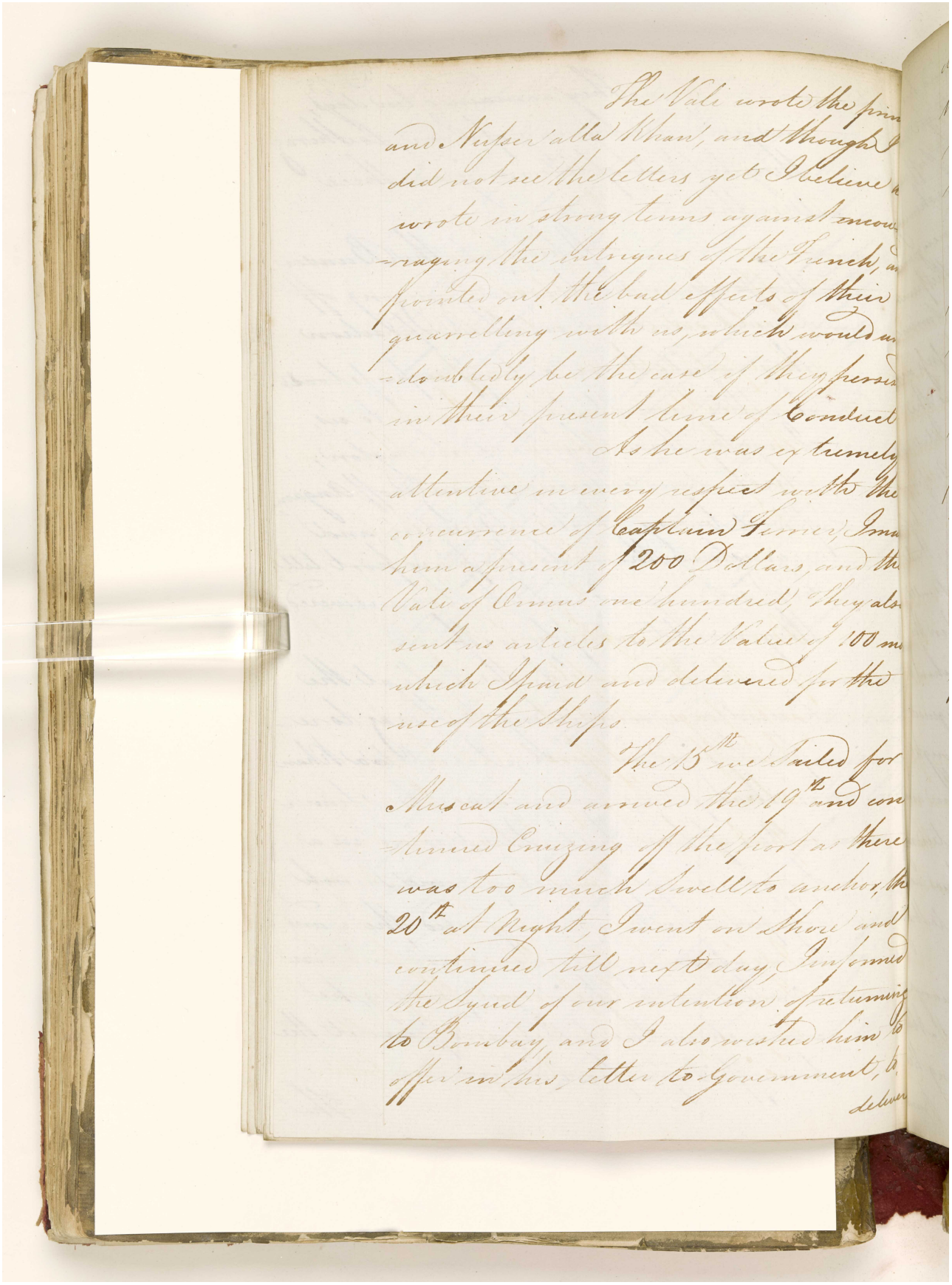

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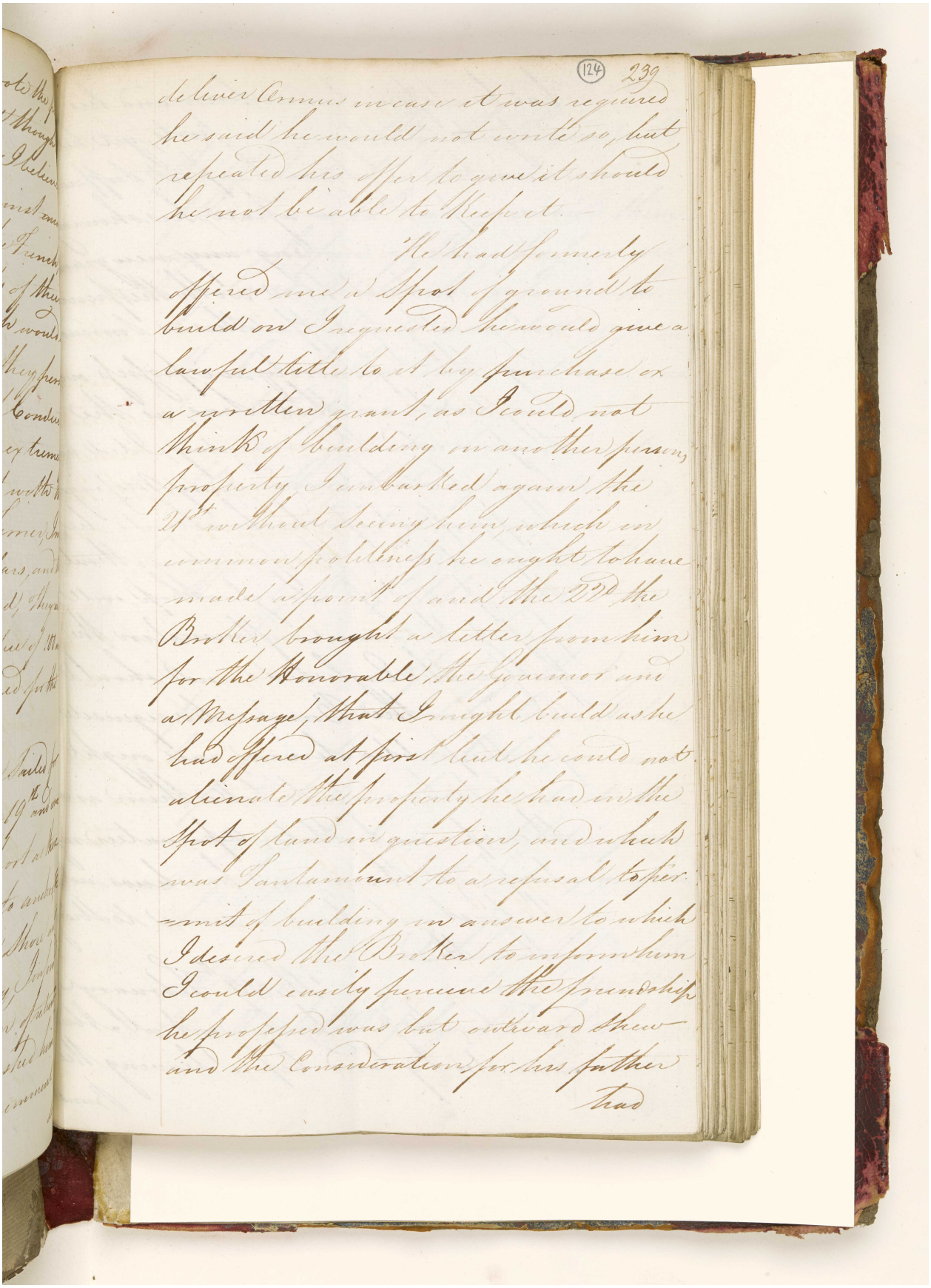
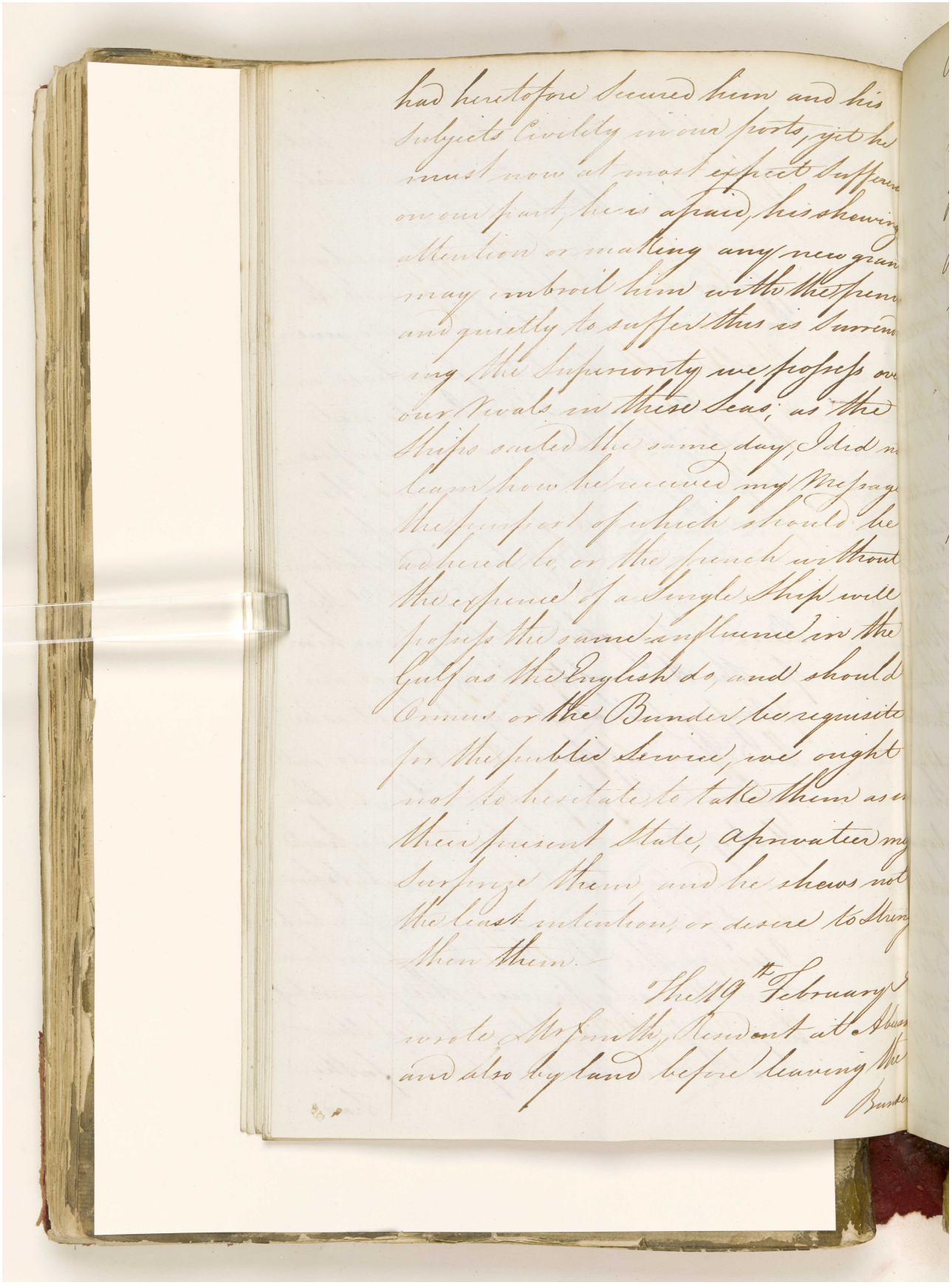


deliver Arms in case it was required
he said he would not write so, but
repeated his offer to give it should
he not be able to Purchase.

He had formerly
offered me a Spot of ground to
build on I requested he would give a
lawful title to it by purchase or
a written grant, as I could not
think of building on another person's
property, I embarked again the
21st without seeing him, which in
common politeness he ought to have
made a point of, and the 22d the
Broker brought a letter from him
for the Honorable the Governor and
a Message, that I might build as he
had offered at first but he could not
alienate the property he had in the
Spot of land in question, and which
was sufficient to a refusal to per-
mit of building in answer to which
I desired the Broker to inform him
I could easily perceive the friendship
he professed was but outward shew
and the consideration for his father
had



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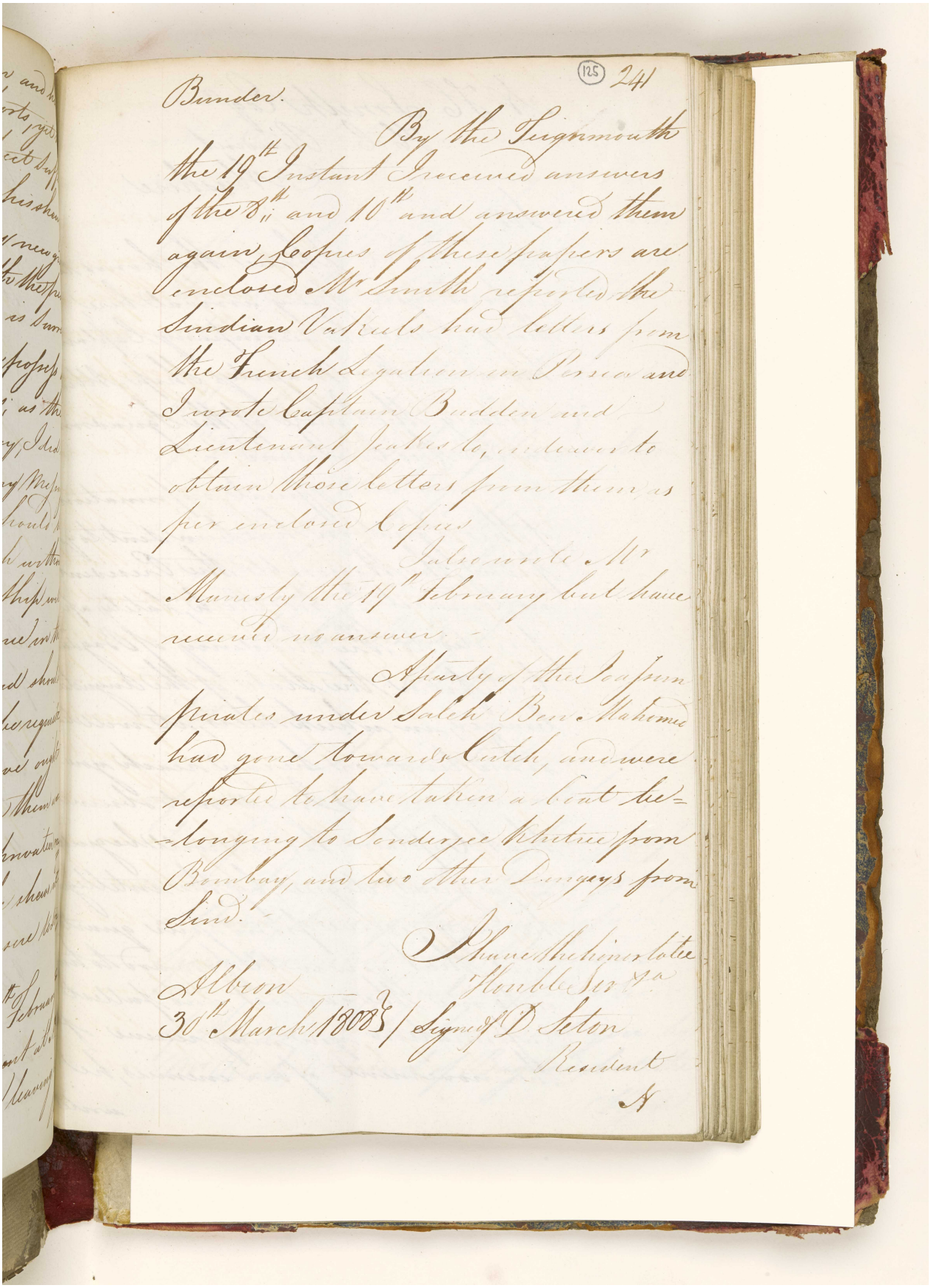

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Bunder.

By the Teignmouth the 19th Instant I received answers of the 8th and 10th and answered them again, Copies of these papers are enclosed Mr Smith reported the Sindian Vakeels had letters from the French Legation in Persia and I wrote Captain Budden and Lieutenant Jeakes to, endeavor to obtain those letters from them as per enclosed Copies

I also wrote Mr Manesty the 19th February but have received no answer.

A party of the Joassum pirates under Saleh Ben Mahomed had gone towards Cutch, and were reported to have taken a boat belonging to Sonderjee Khetree from Bombay, and two other Dingeys from Sind.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir &a

Albion
30th March 1808 / Signed D. Seton
Resident

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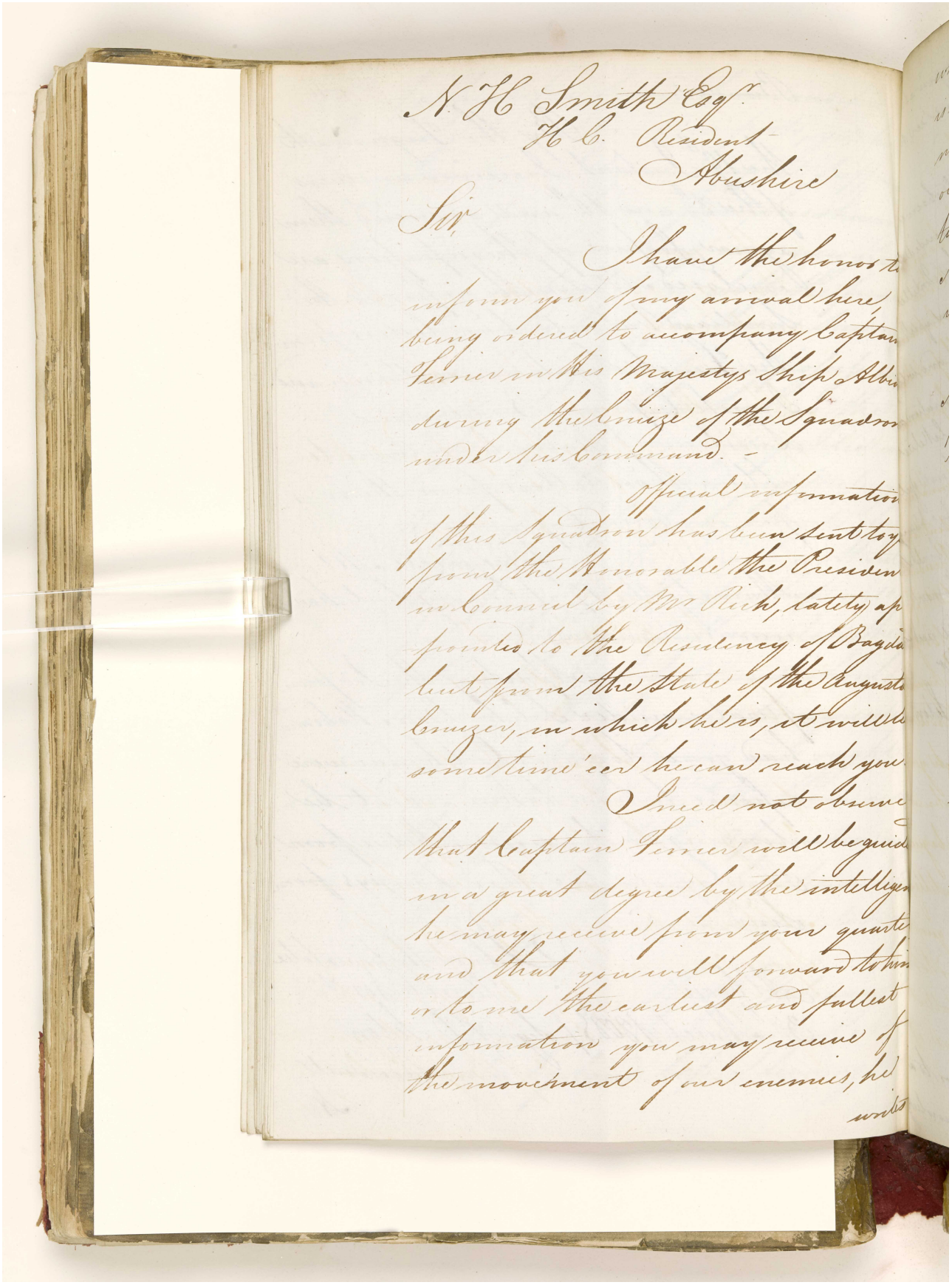

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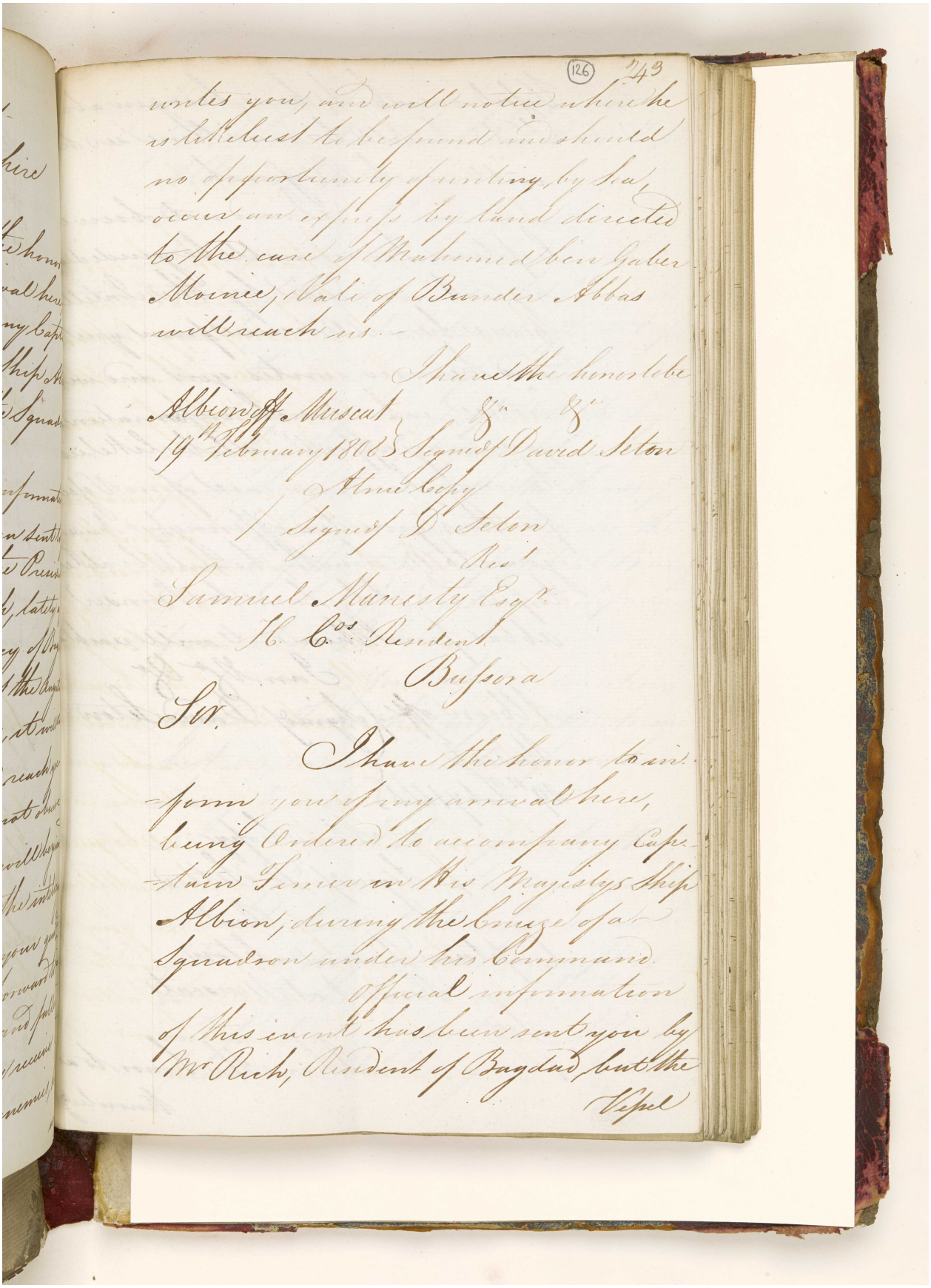

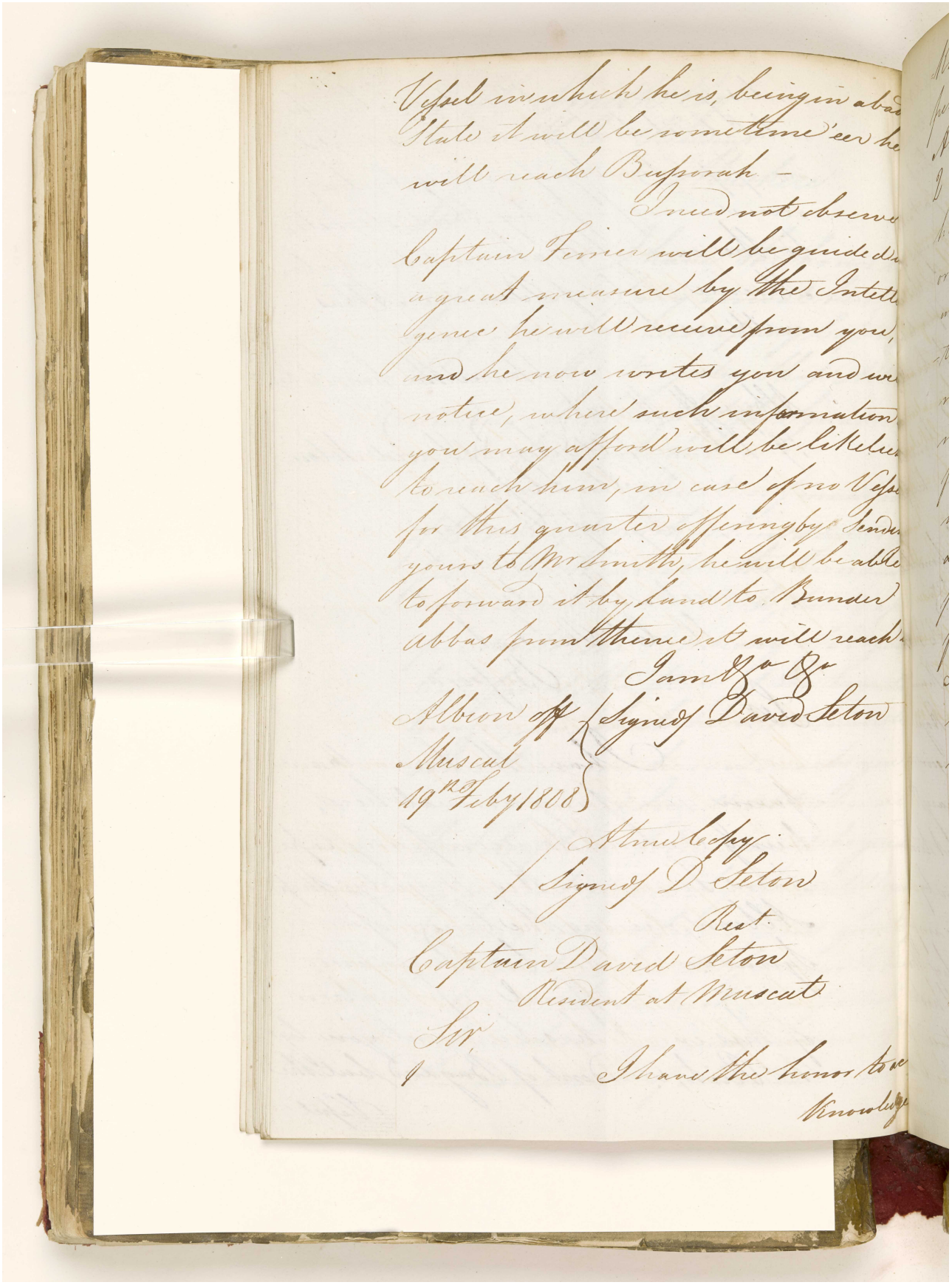

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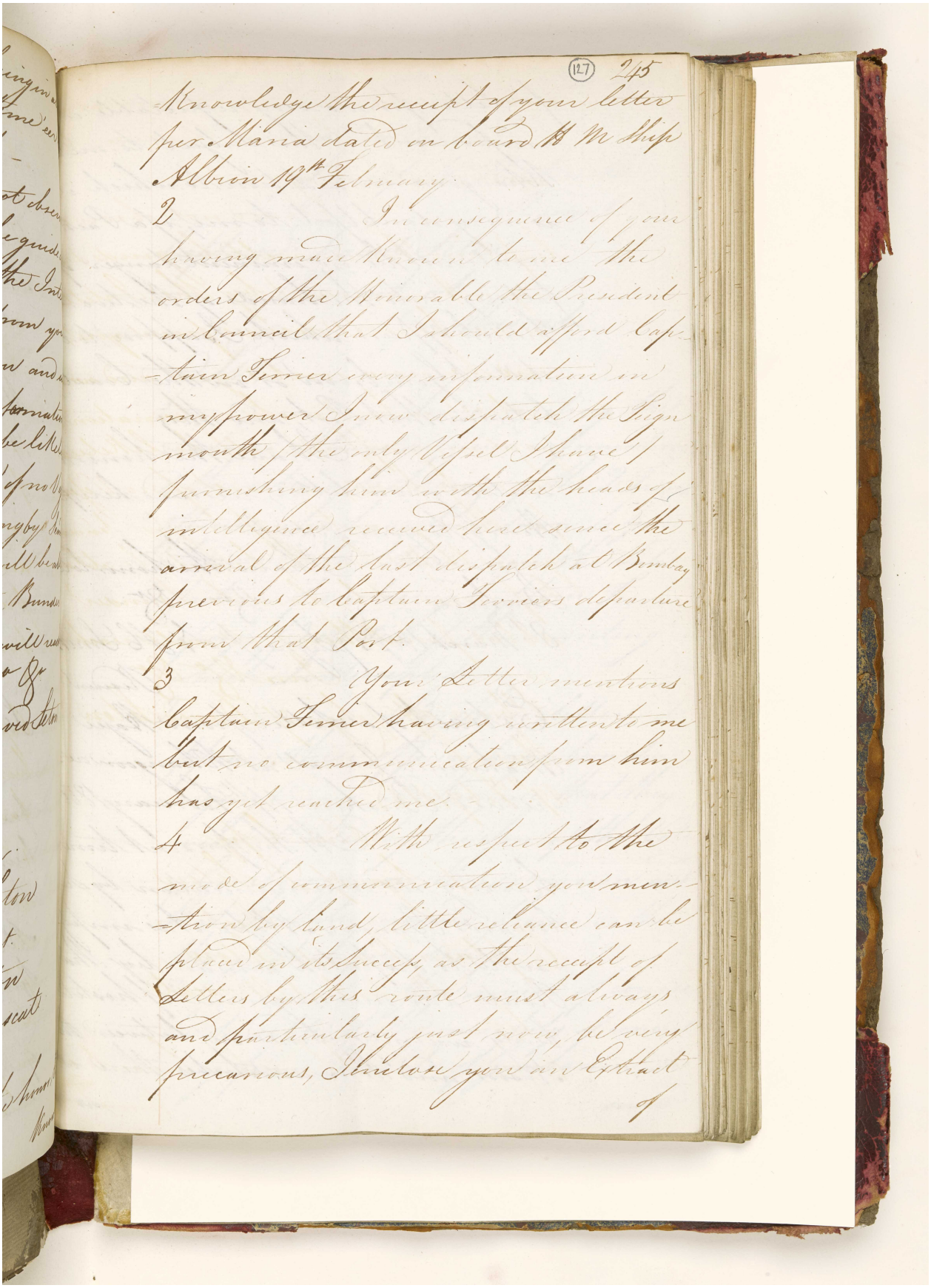

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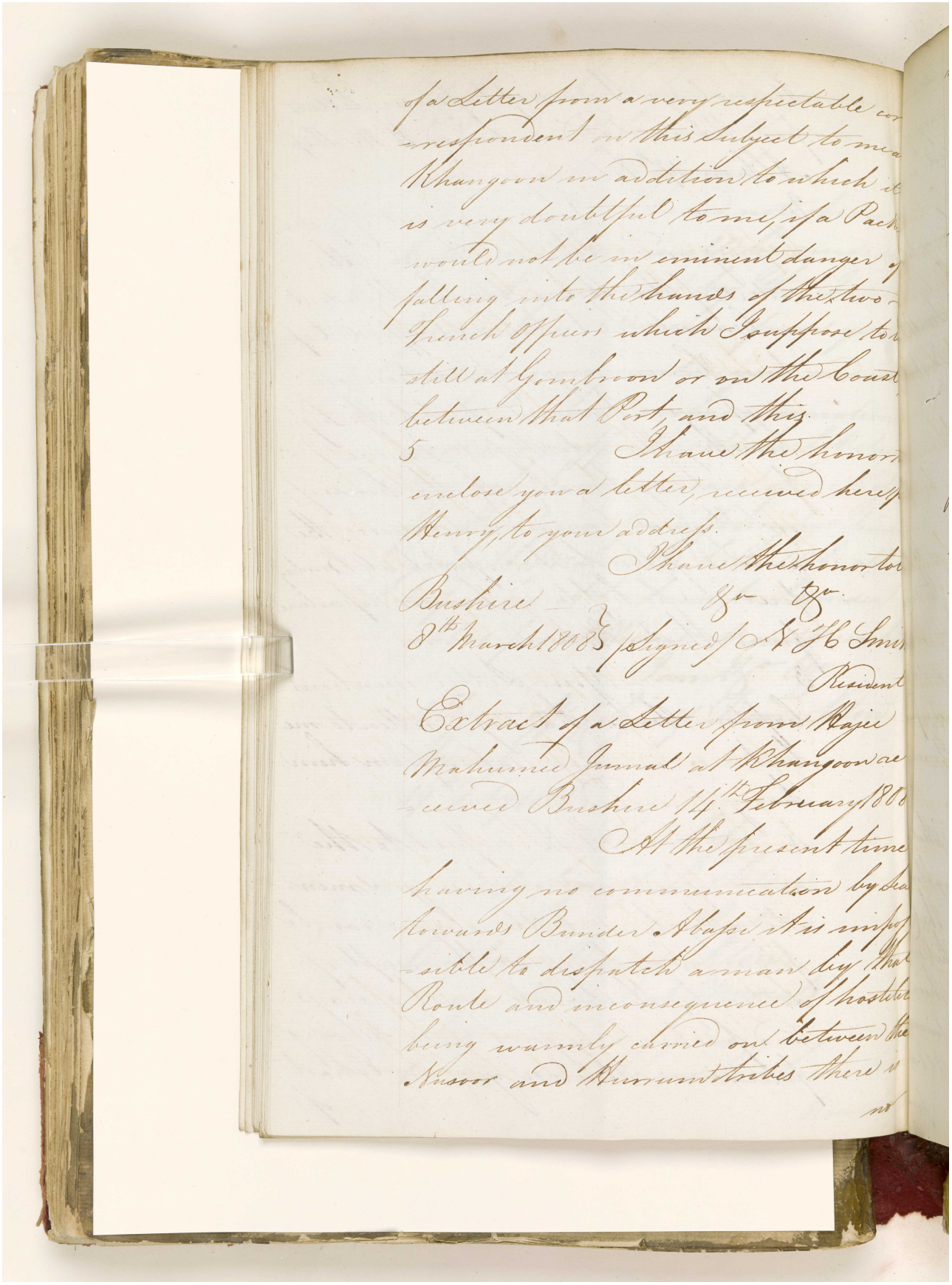

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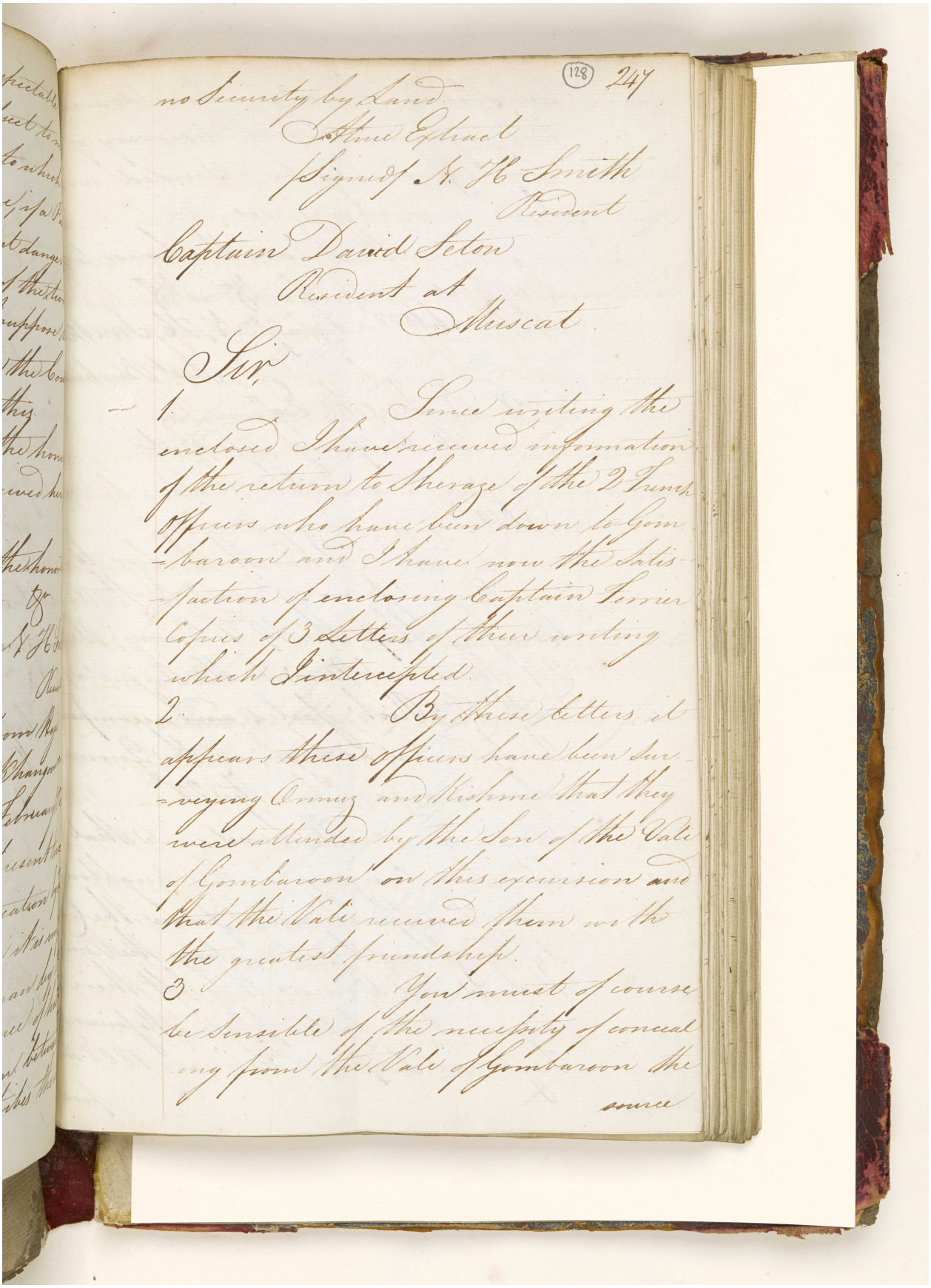

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True Extract

Signed N. H. Smith

Resident

Captain David Seton

Resident at

Muscat

Sir

1. Since writing the enclosed I have received information of the return to Sheraze of the 2 French officers who have been down to Gombaroon and I have now the Satisfaction of enclosing Captain Sevier Copies of 3 Letters of their writing which I intercepted.

2. By these Letters it appears these officers have been surveying Ormuz and Kishme that they were attended by the Son of the Vale of Gombaroon on this excursion and that the Vale received them with the greatest friendship.

3. You must of course be sensible of the necessity of concealing from the Vale of Gombaroon the source

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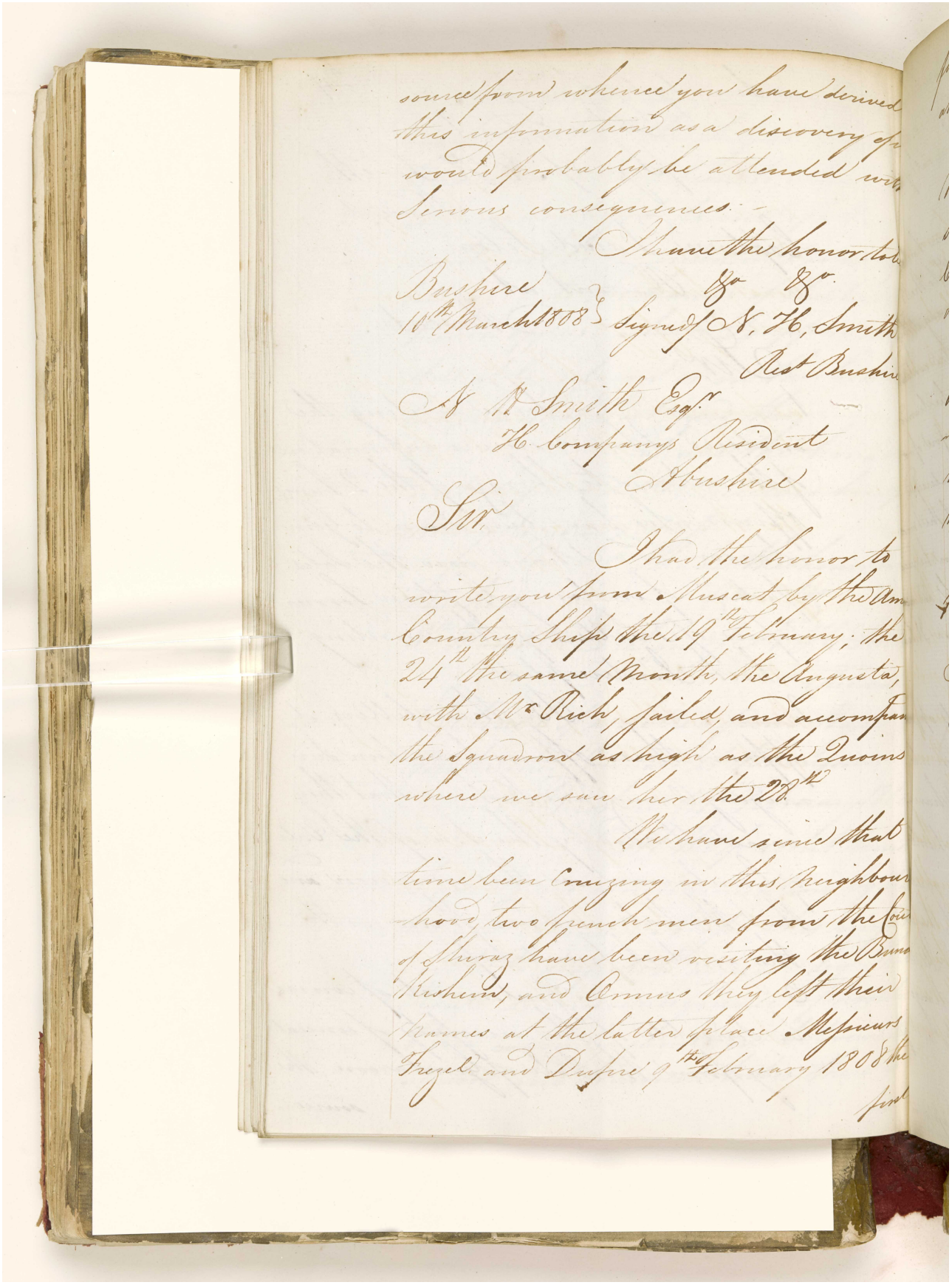

source from whence you have derived this information as a discovery of would probably be attended with serious consequences.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Bushire
10th March 1808 } Signed N. H. Smith
Rest Bushire

N H Smith Esqr
H Companys Resident
Abushire

Sir

I had the honor to write you from Muscat by the Am Country Ship the 19th February; the 24th the same Month, the Augusta, with Mr Rich, sailed, and accompan the Squadron as high as the Quoins where we saw her the 28th

We have since that time been cruizing in this neighbourhood, two french men from the Court of Shiraz have been visiting the Bund Kishem, and Ormus they left their names at the latter place Messieurs Frezel and Dufre 9th February 1808 the first

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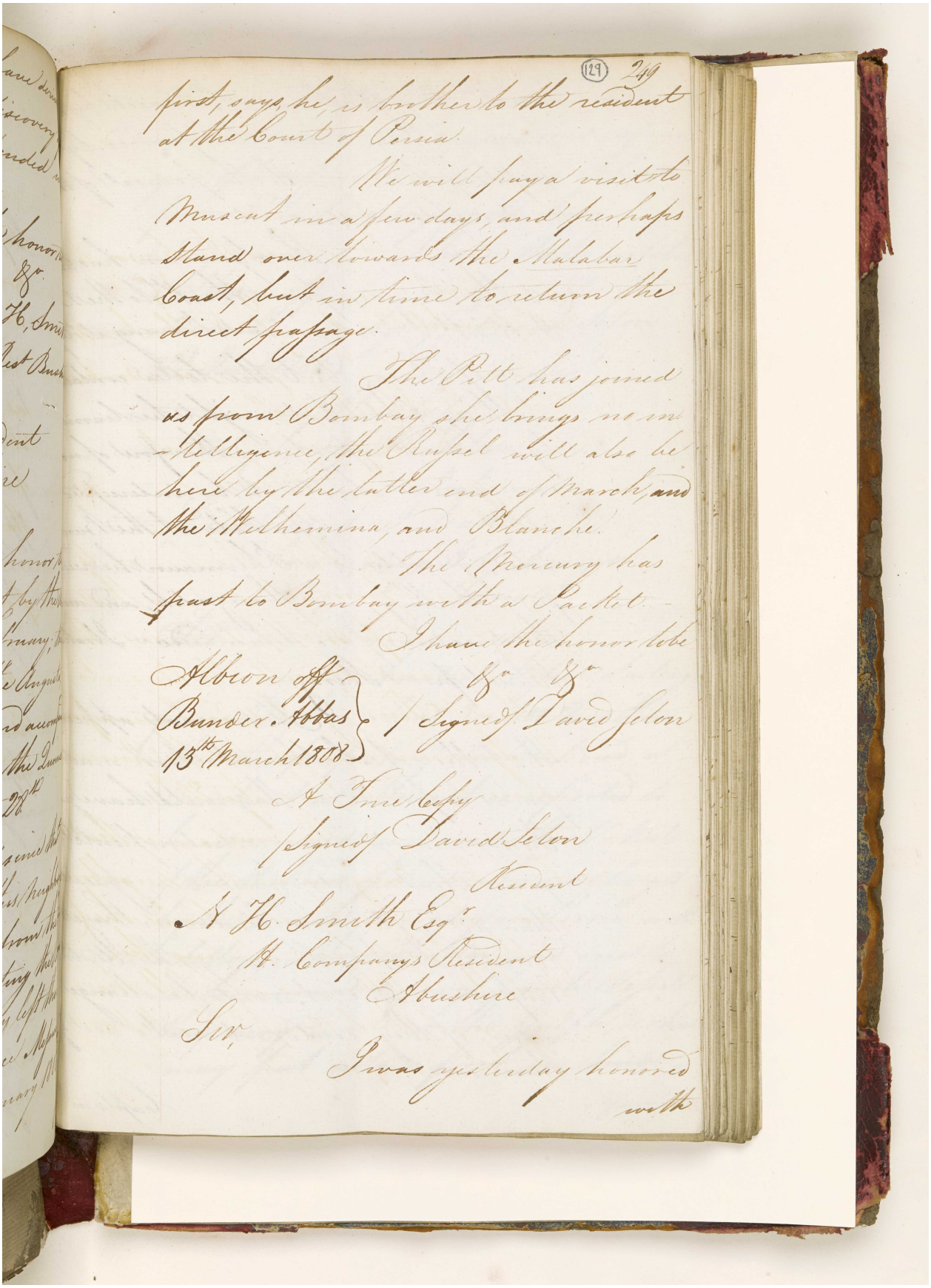

first, says he, is brother to the resident at the Court of Persia.

We will pay a visit to Muscat in a few days, and perhaps stand over towards the Malabar Coast, but in time to return the direct passage.

The Pitt has joined us from Bombay she brings no intelligence, the Russel will also be here by the latter end of March, and the Wilhemina, and Blanche.

The Mercury has past to Bombay with a Packet.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) David Seton

Albion off
Bunder Abbas
13th March 1808

A True Copy
(Signed) David Seton
Resident

A H. Smith Esqr
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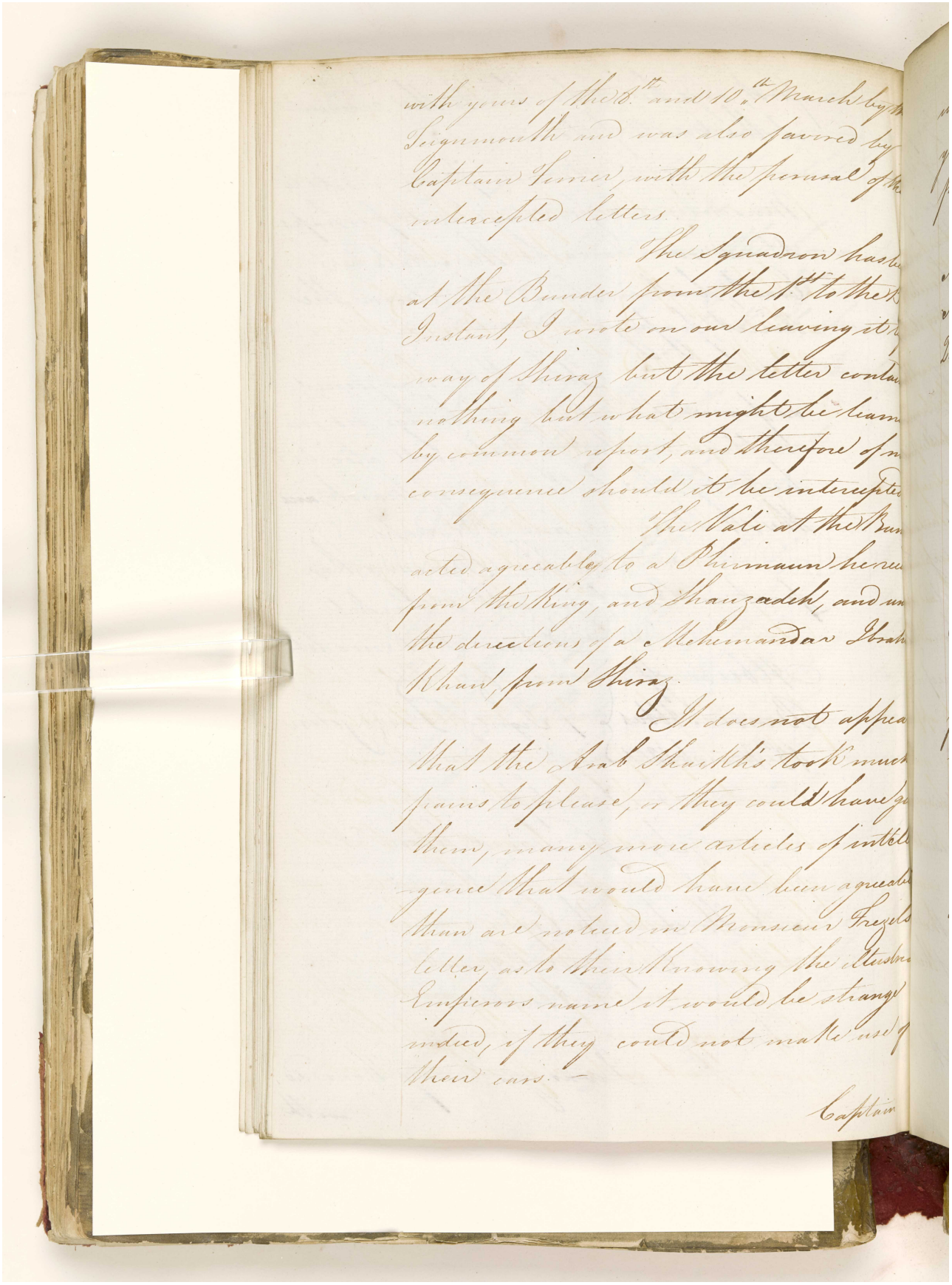
Sir,

I was yesterday honored with



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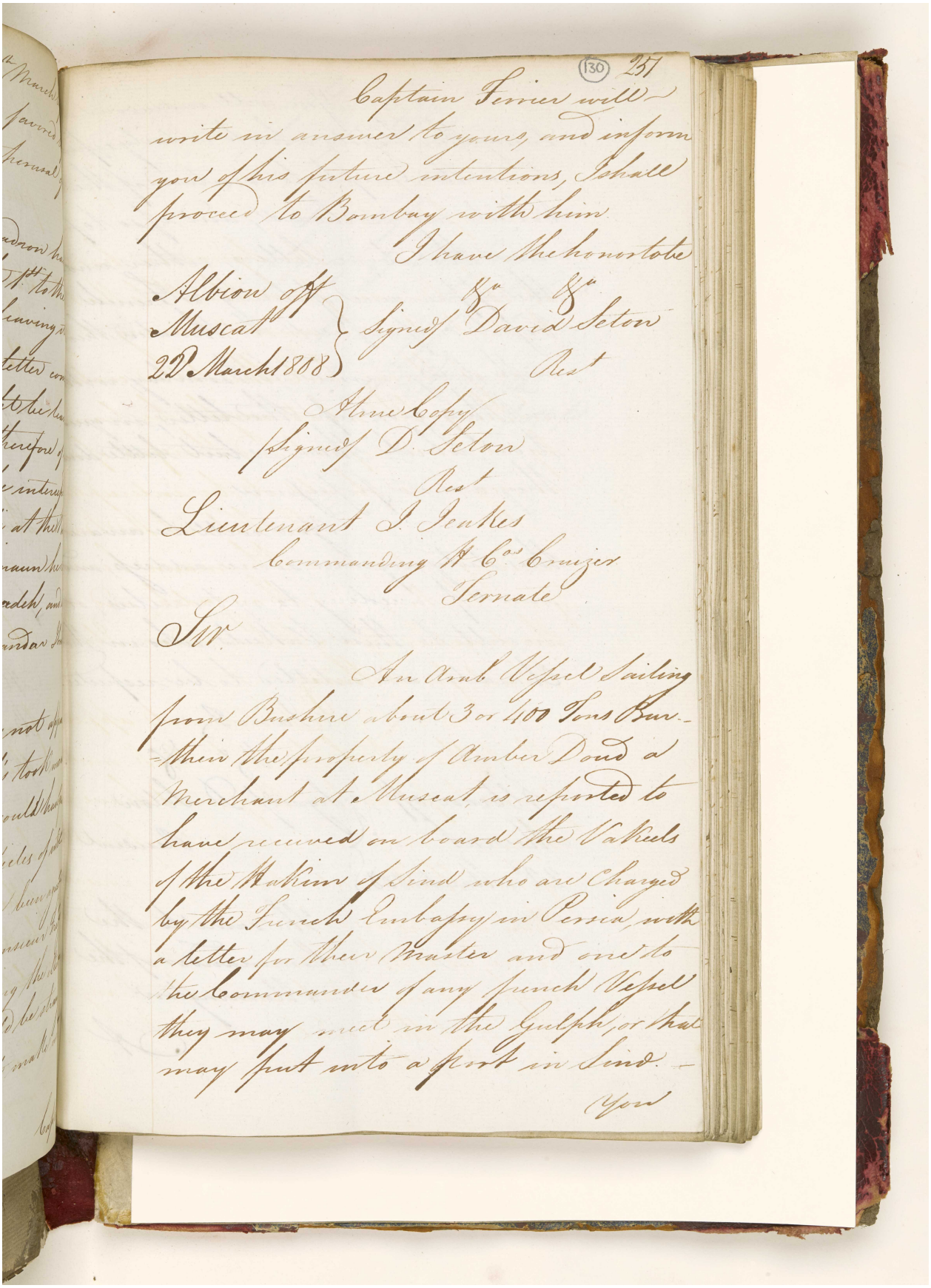

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Captain Ferrier will write in answer to yours, and inform you of his future intentions, I shall proceed to Bombay with him.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed David Seton
Rest

Albion off Muscat
22d March 1808

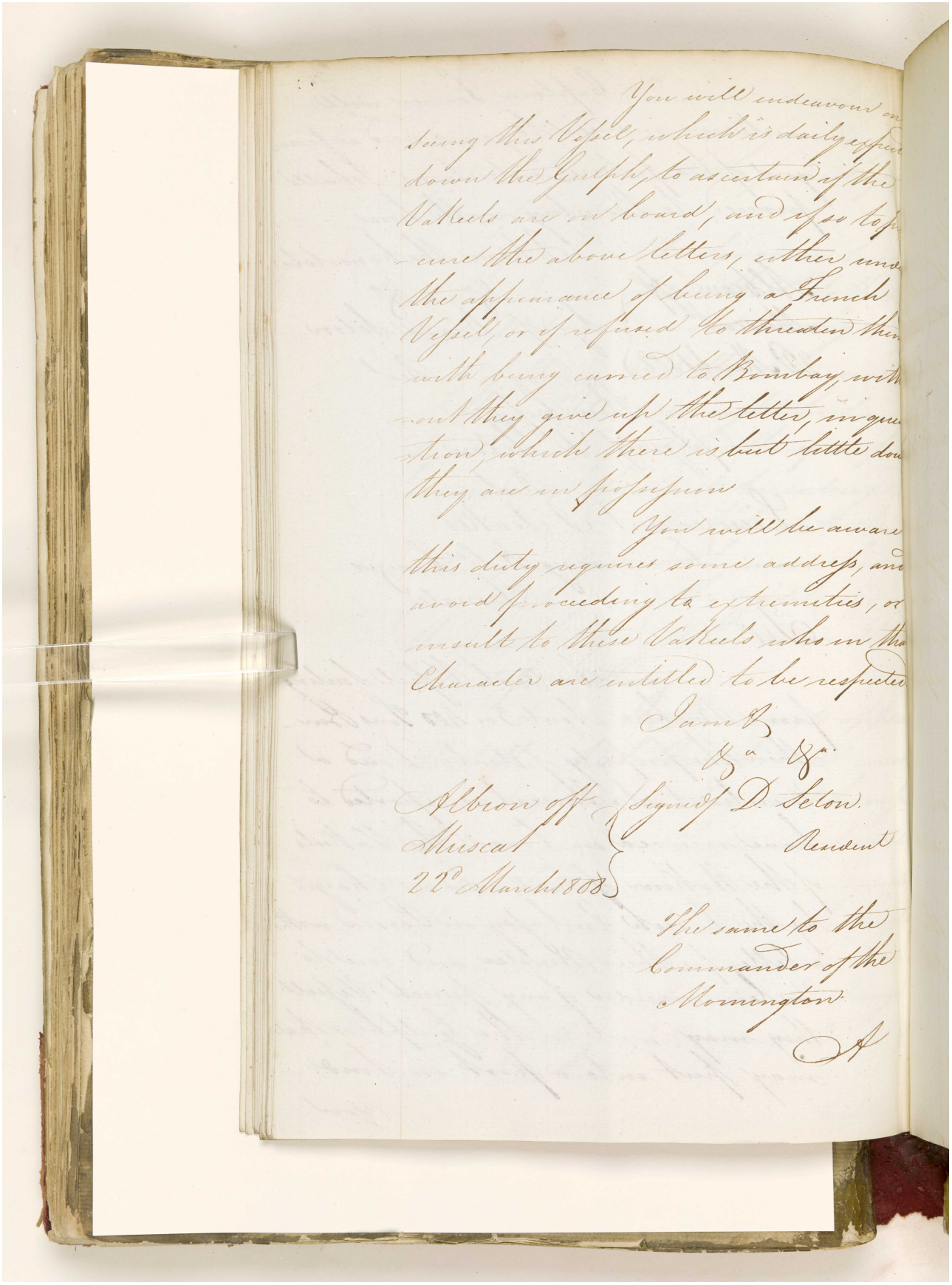
A true Copy
(Signed) D. Seton
Rest

Lieutenant J. Jeakes
Commanding H. Cos Cruizer
Ternate

Sir

An Arab Vessel Sailing from Bushire about 3 or 400 Tons Burthen the property of Amber Doud a Merchant at Muscat, is reported to have received on board the Vakeels of the Hakim of Sind who are Charged by the French Embassy in Persia, with a letter for their Master and one to the Commander of any French Vessel they may meet in the Gulph, or that may put into a Port in Sind.

You



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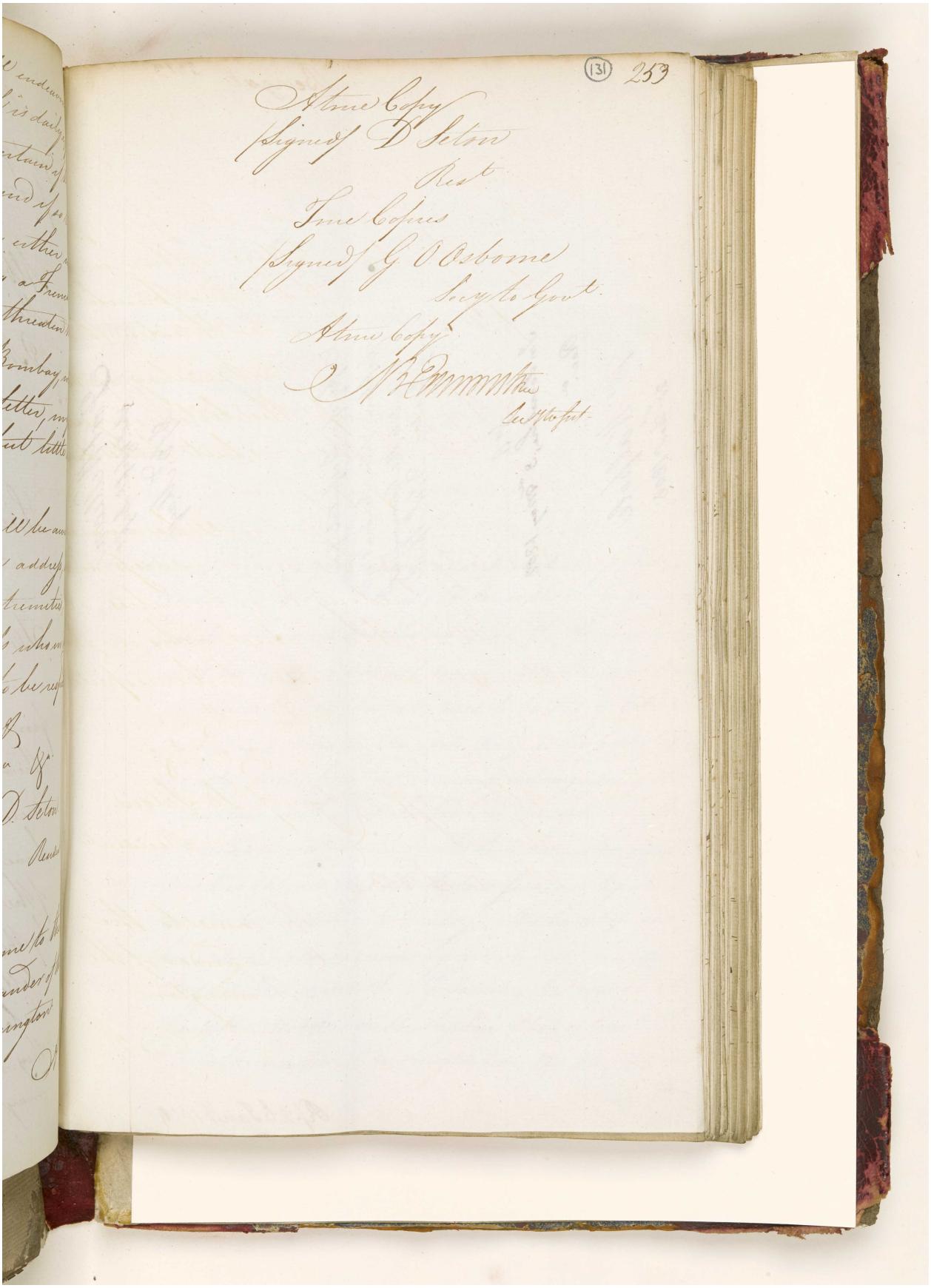

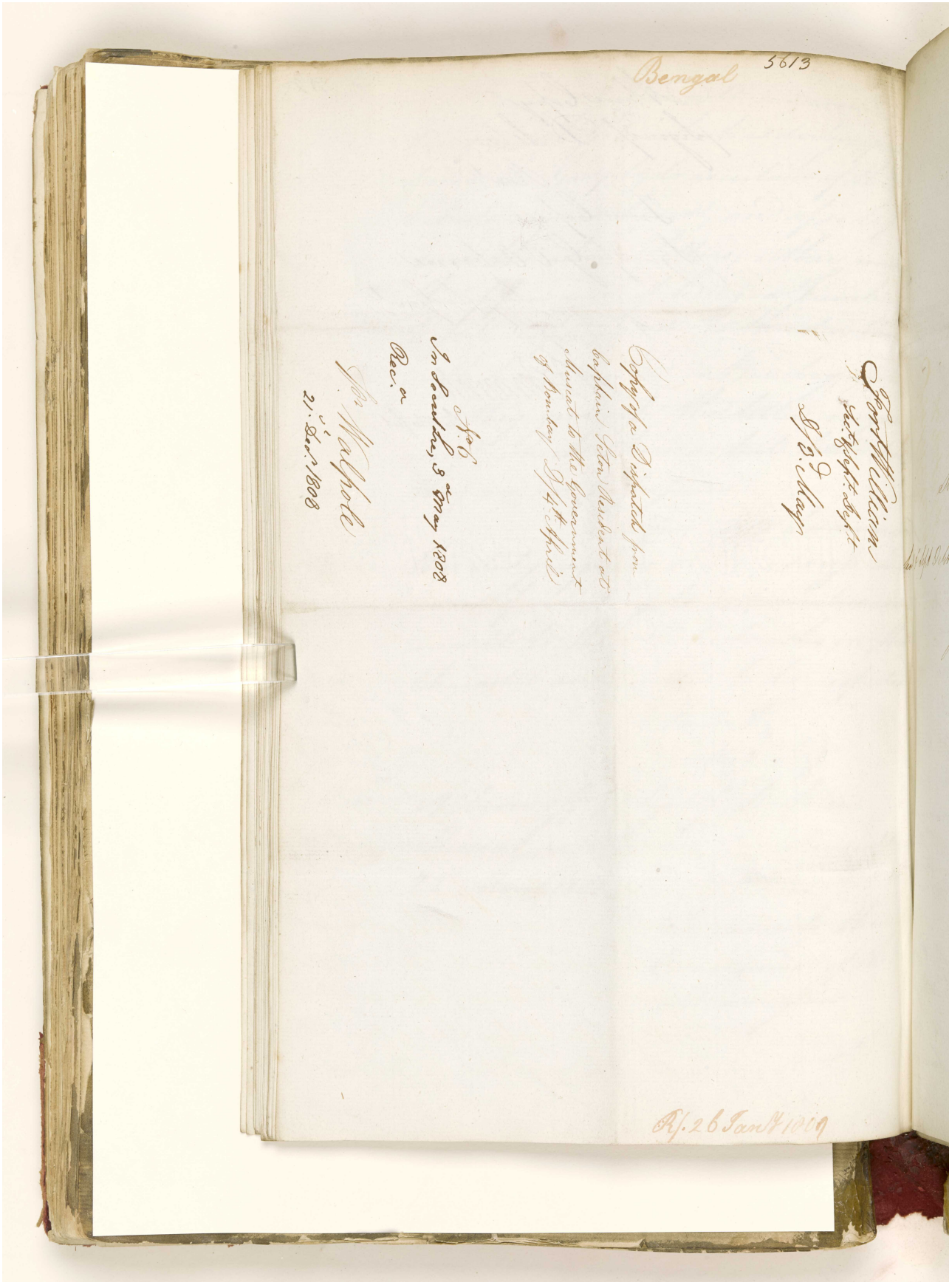

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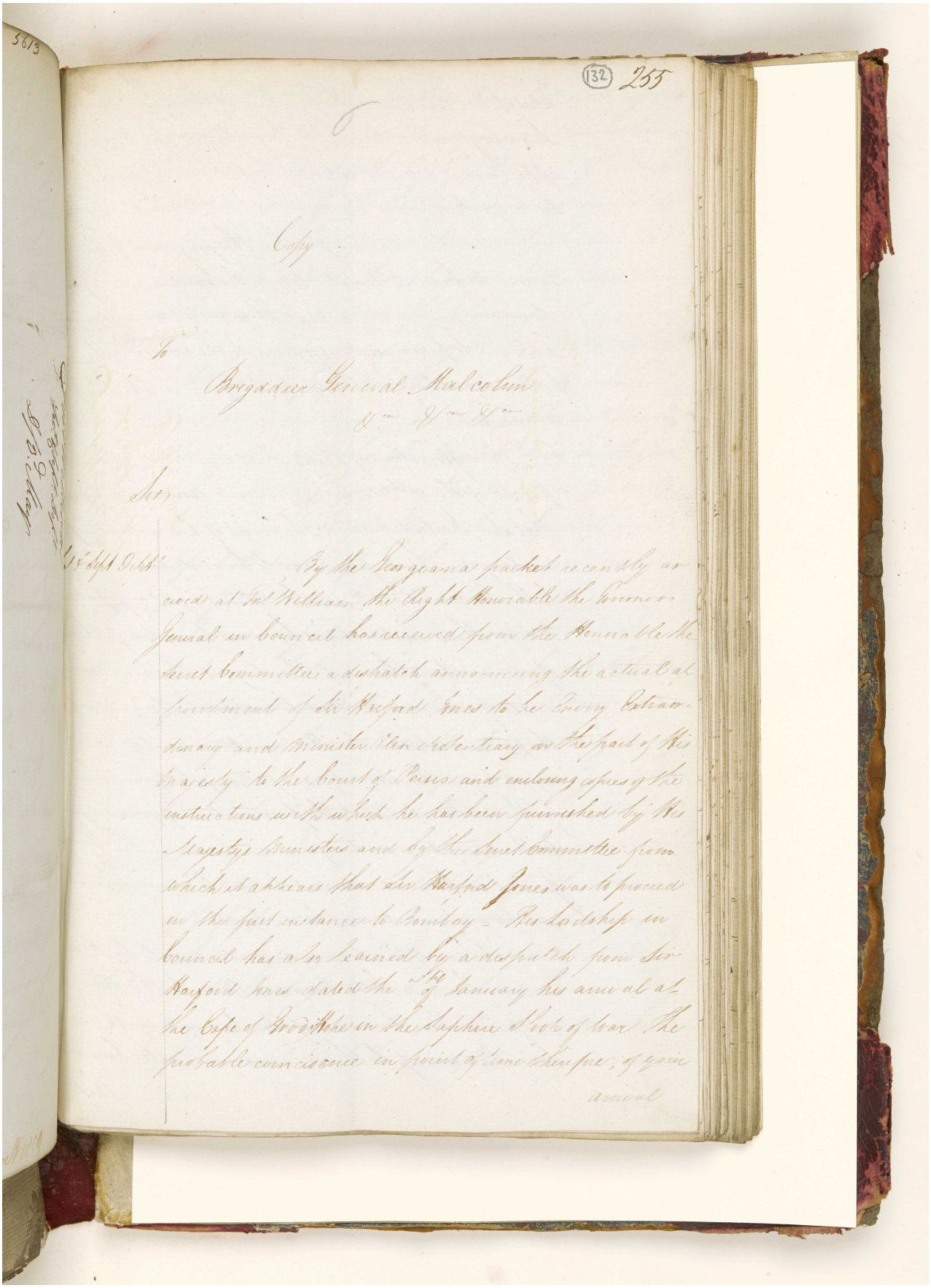

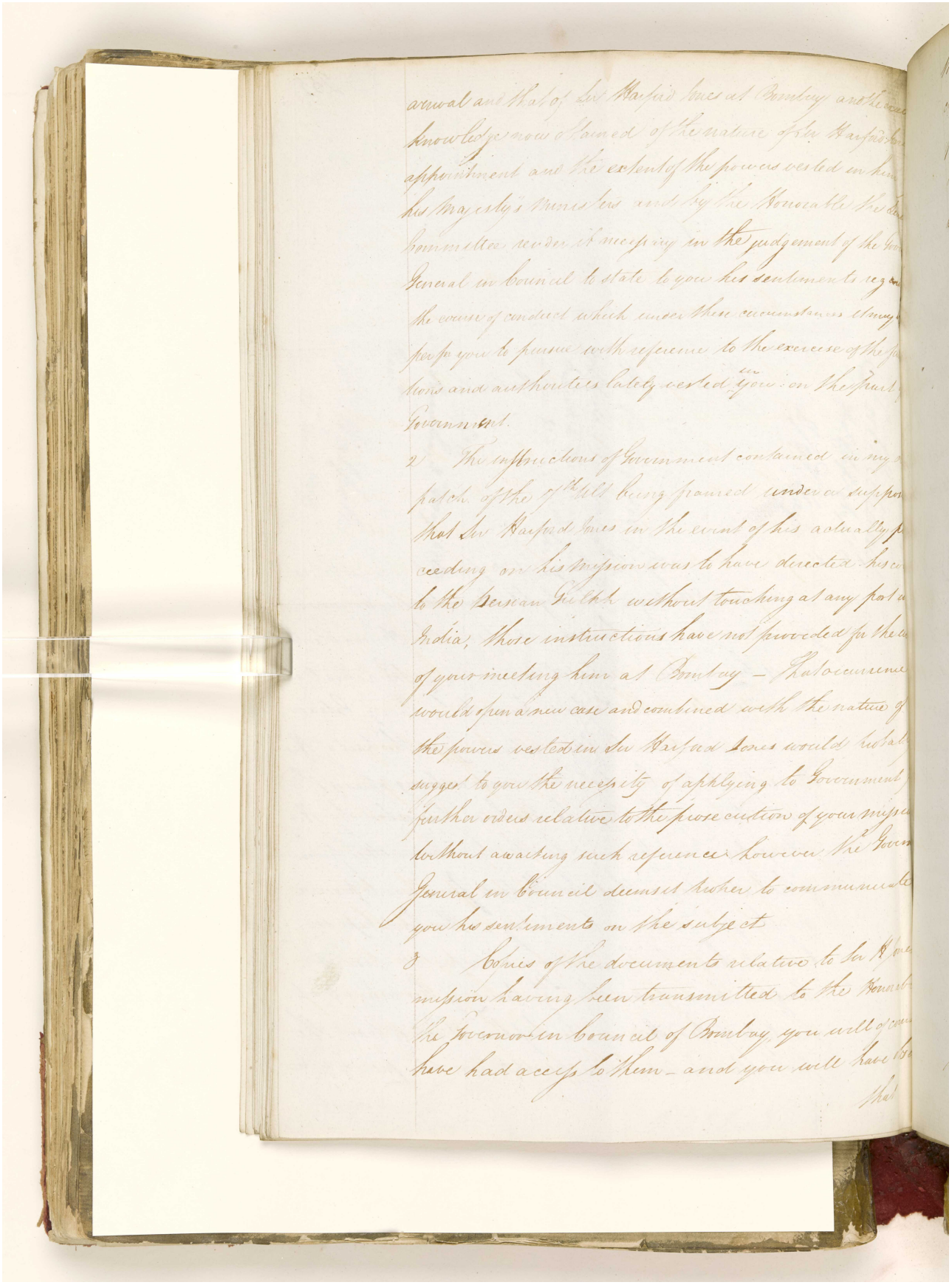

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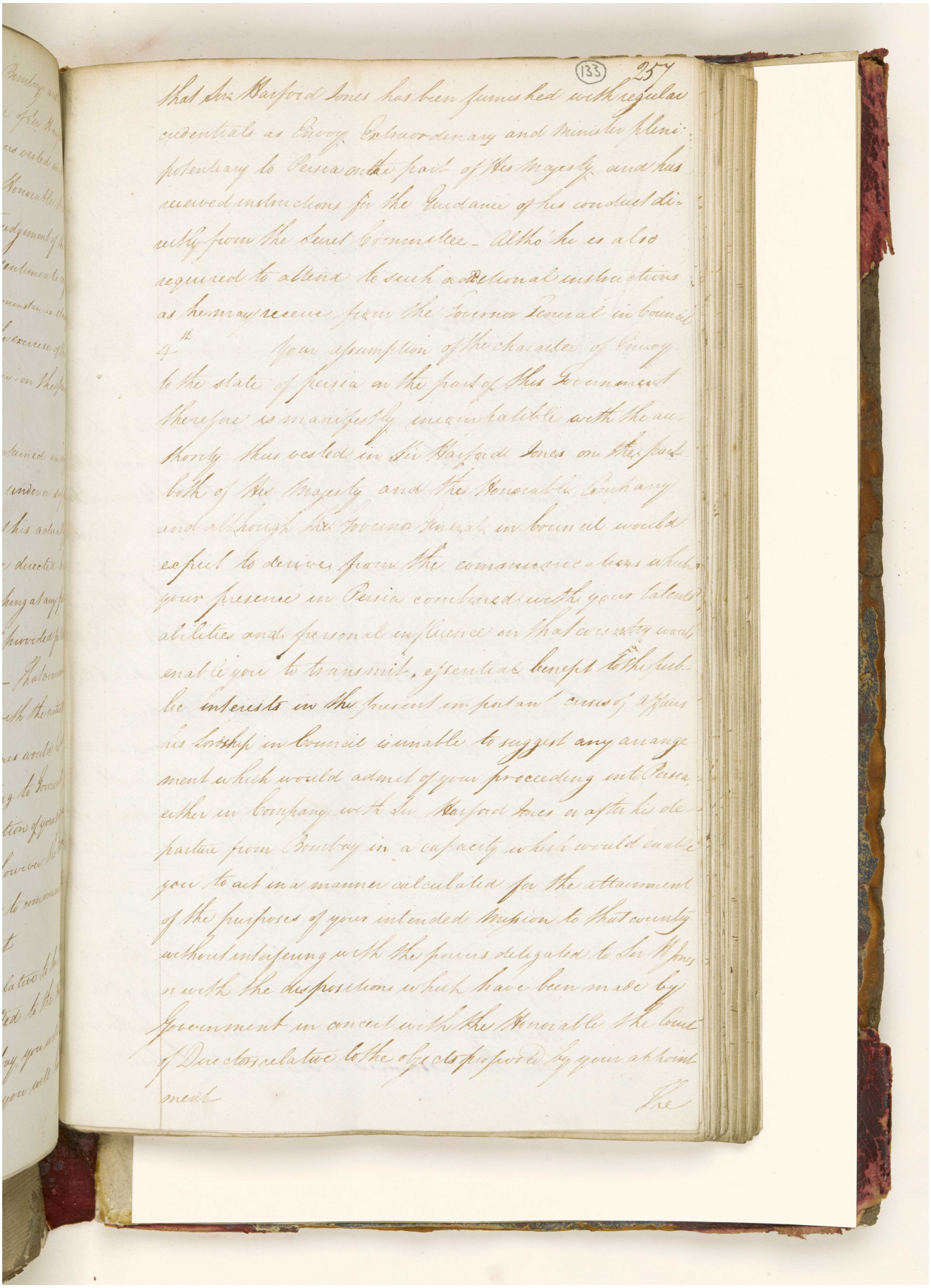

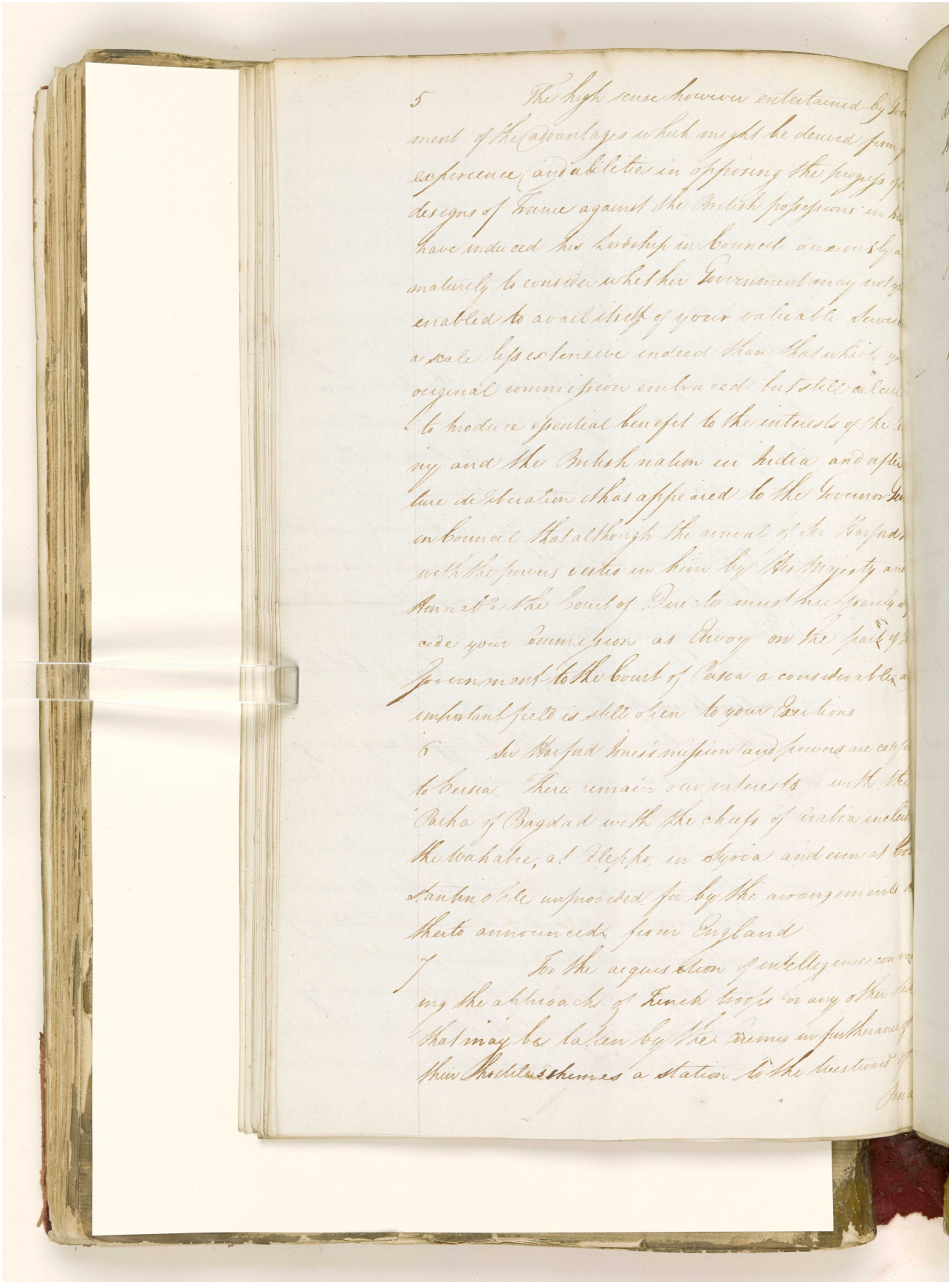

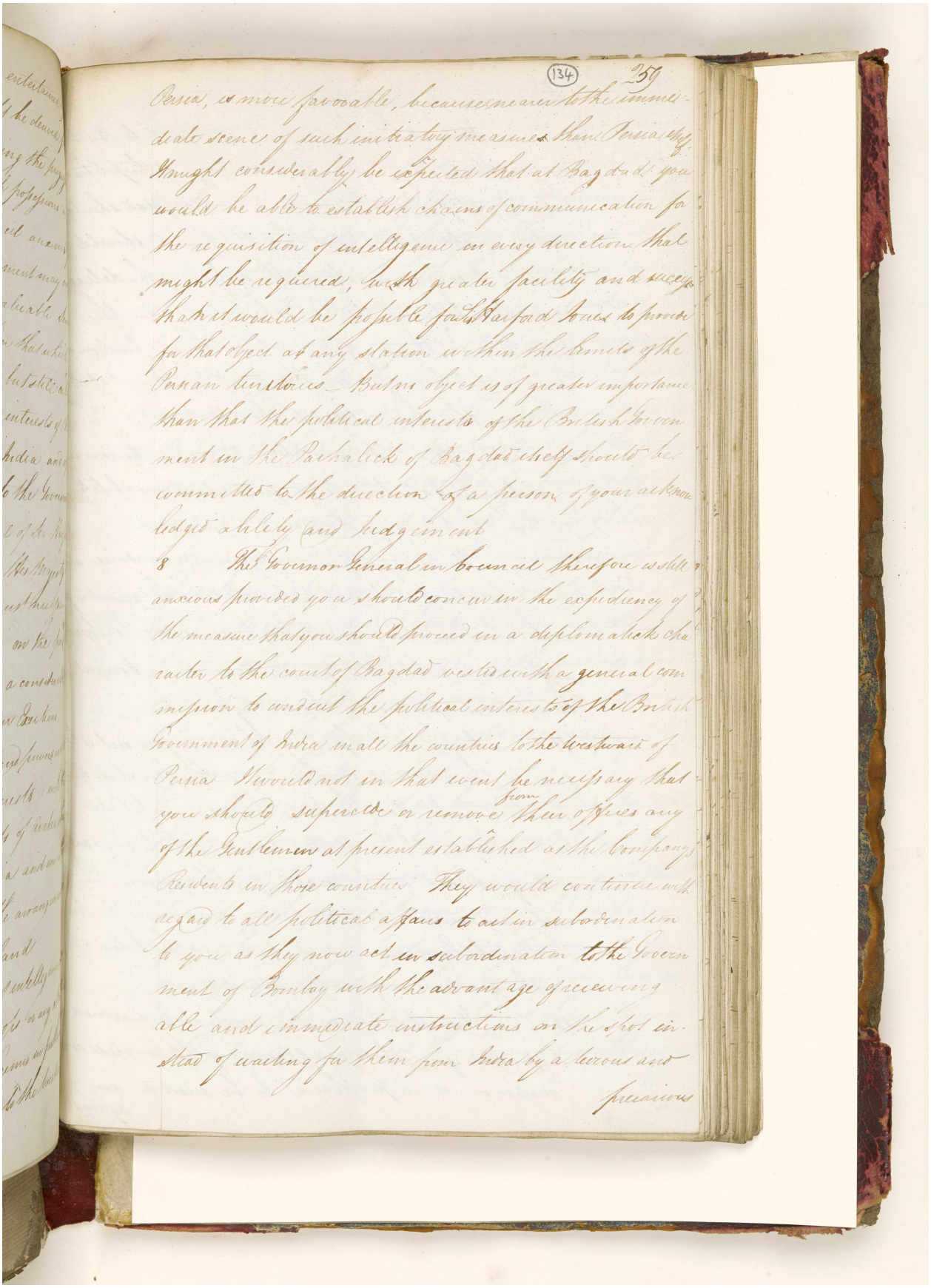

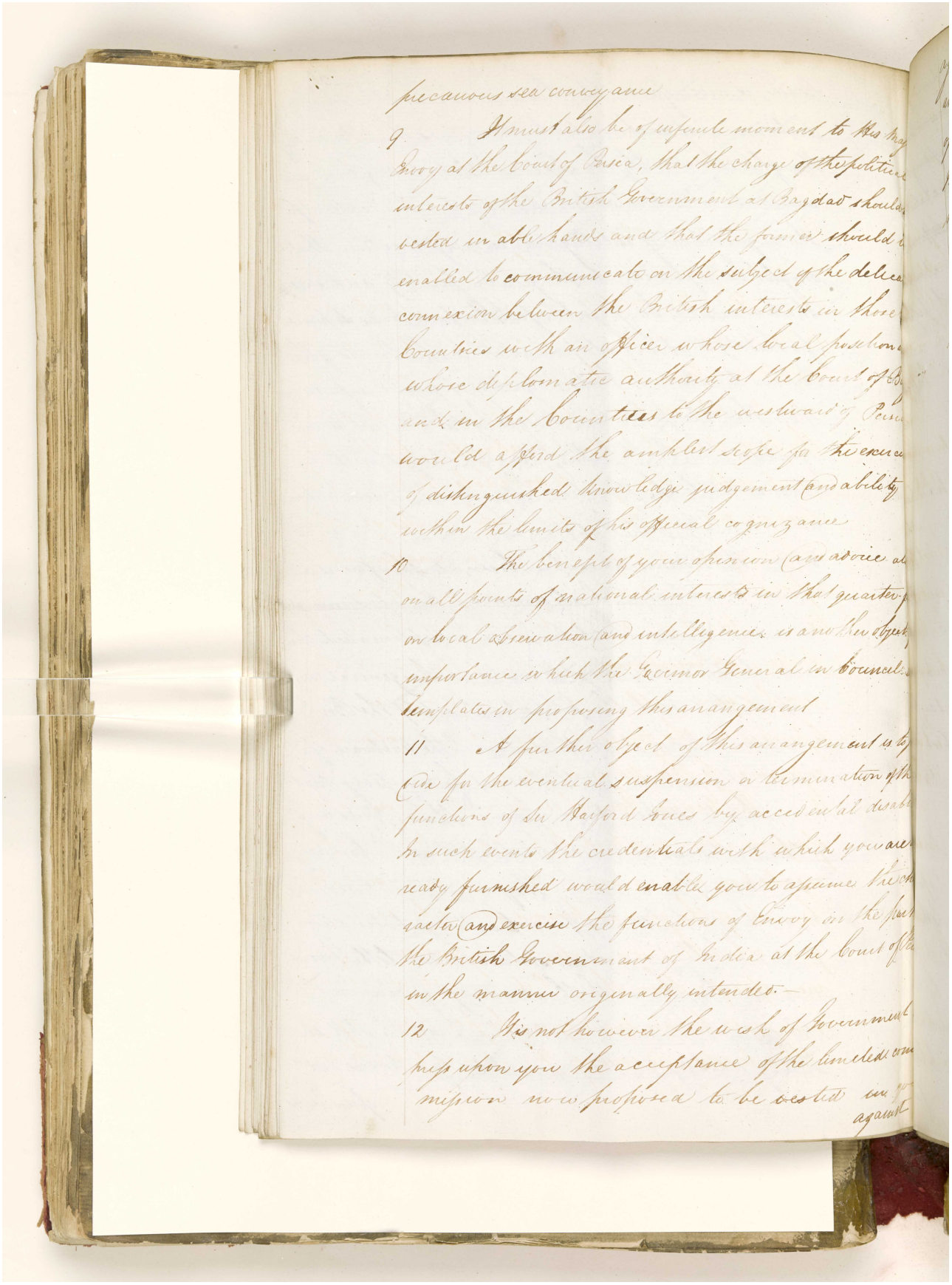

precautions sea conveyance

9 It must also be of infinite moment to His Majesty's Envoy at the Court of Persia, that the charge of the political interests of the British Government at Bagdad should be vested in able hands and that the former should be enabled to communicate on the subject of the delicate connexion between the British interests in those Countries with an officer whose local position and whose diplomatic authority at the Court of Persia and in the Countries to the westward of Persia would afford the amplest scope for the exercise of distinguished knowledge judgement and ability within the limits of his official cognizance

10 The benefit of your opinion (and advice) also on all points of national interest in that quarter, your local observation and intelligence is another object of importance which the Governor General in Council contemplates in proposing this arrangement

11 A further object of this arrangement is to provide for the eventual suspension or termination of the functions of Sir Harford Jones by accidental disability in such events the credentials with which you are already furnished would enable you to assume the character and exercise the functions of Envoy on the part of the British Government of India at the Court of Persia in the manner originally intended.

12 It is not however the wish of Government to impose upon you the acceptance of the limited commission now proposed to be vested in you against

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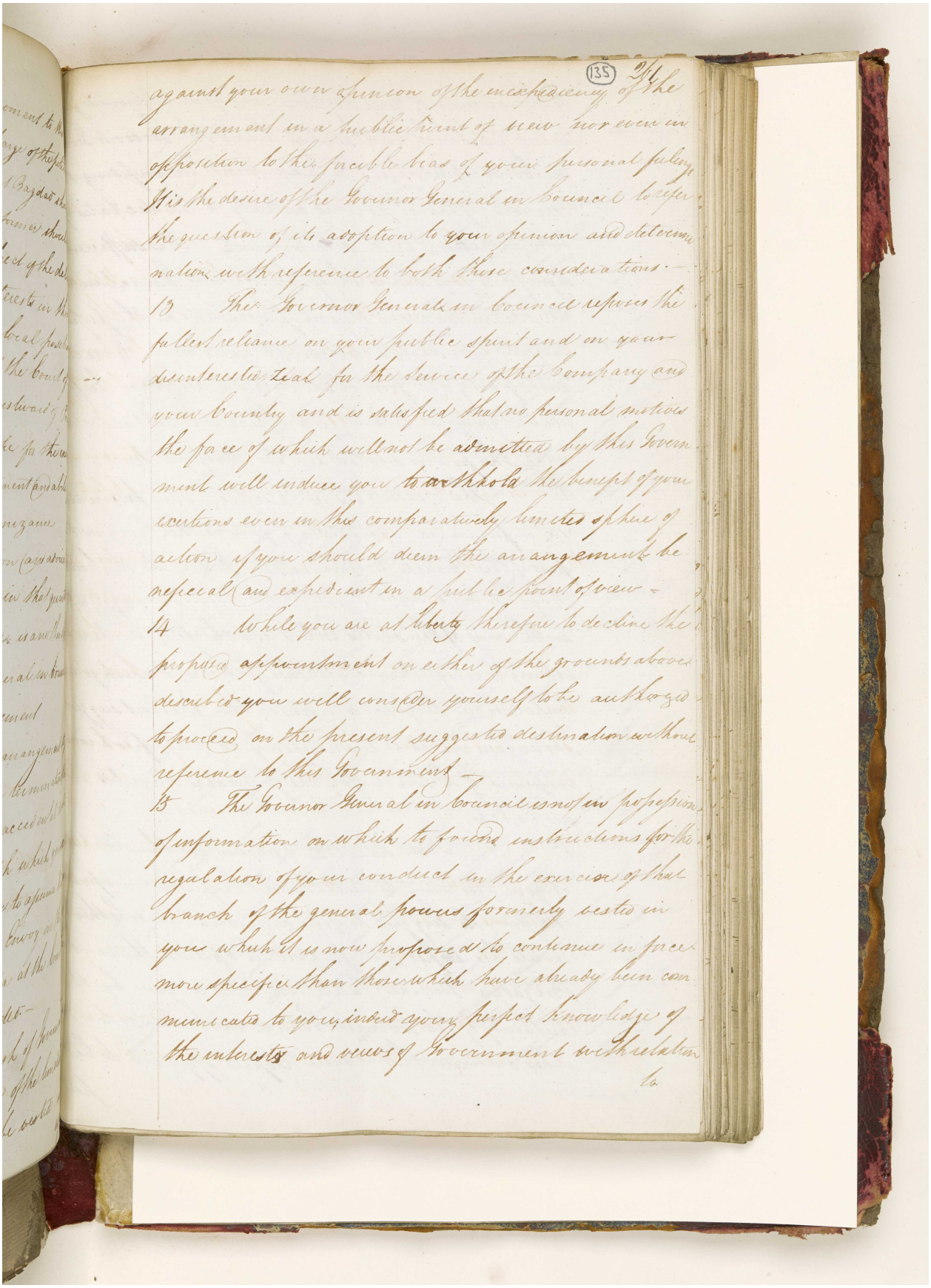

against your own opinion of the inexpediency of the arrangement in a public point of view nor even in opposition to the forcible bias of your personal feelings It is the desire of the Governor General in Council to refer the question of its adoption to your opinion and determination with reference to both these considerations.

13 The Governor General in Council reposes the fullest reliance on your public spirit and on your disinterested zeal for the service of the Company and your bounty and is satisfied that no personal motives the force of which will not be admitted by this Government will induce you to withhold the benefit of your exertions even in this comparatively limited sphere of action if you should deem the arrangement be respecting and expedient in a public point of view.

14 While you are at liberty therefore to decline the proposed appointment on either of the grounds above described you will consider yourself to be authorized to proceed on the present suggested destination without reference to this Government.

15 The Governor General in Council is not in possession of information on which to found instructions for the regulation of your conduct in the exercise of that branch of the general powers formerly vested in you which it is now proposed to continue in force more specific than those which have already been communicated to you is indeed your perfect knowledge of the interests and views of Government with relation to

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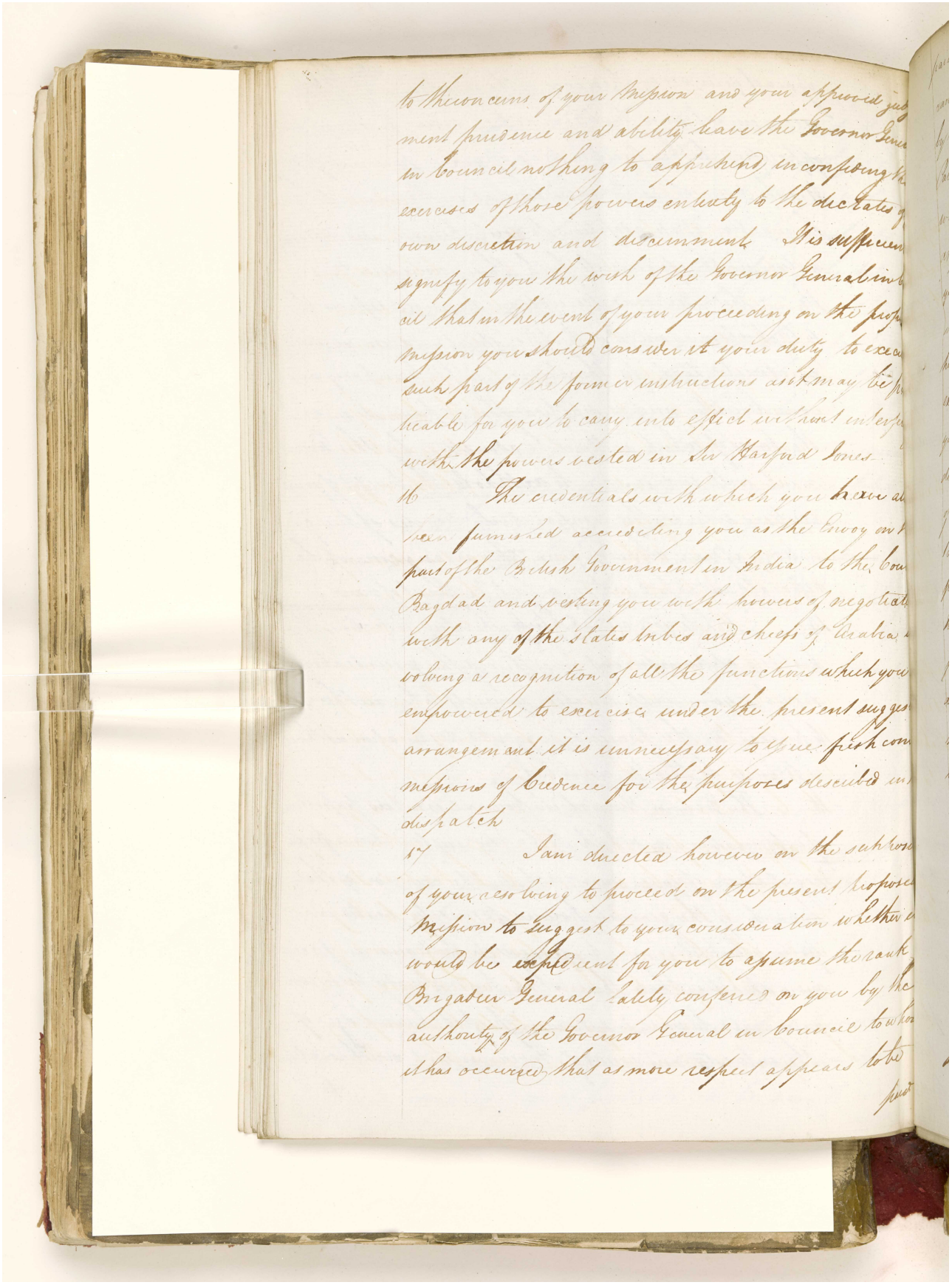

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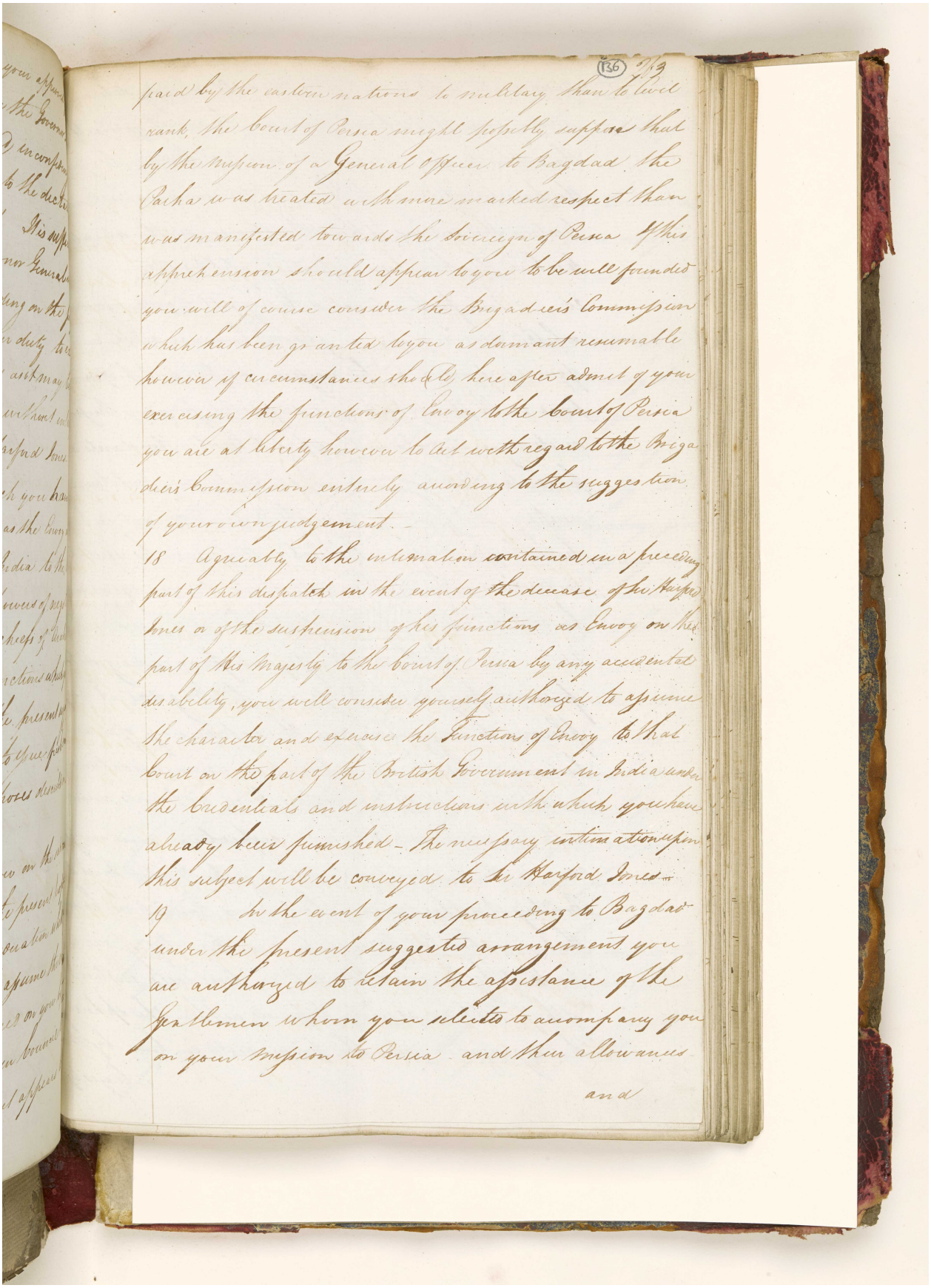

paid by the eastern nations to military than to civil rank, the court of Persia might reasonably suppose that by the mission of a General Officer to Bagdad the Pacha was treated with more marked respect than was manifested towards the Sovereign of Persia. If this apprehension should appear to you to be well grounded you will of course consider the Brigadiers Commission which has been granted to you as dormant renewable however if circumstances should hereafter admit of your exercising the functions of Envoy to the Court of Persia you are at liberty however to act with regard to the Brigadiers Commission entirely according to the suggestion of your own judgement.-

18 Agreeably to the intimation contained in a preceding part of this dispatch in the event of the decease of Sir Harford Jones or of the suspension of his functions as Envoy on the part of His Majesty to the Court of Persia by any accidental disability, you will consider yourself authorized to assume the character and exercise the Functions of Envoy to that Court on the part of the British Government in India under the Credentials and instructions with which you have already been furnished. The necessary intimation upon this subject will be conveyed to Sir Harford Jones.-

19 In the event of your proceeding to Bagdad under the present suggested arrangement you are authorized to retain the assistance of the Gentlemen whom you selected to accompany you on your mission to Persia and their allowances

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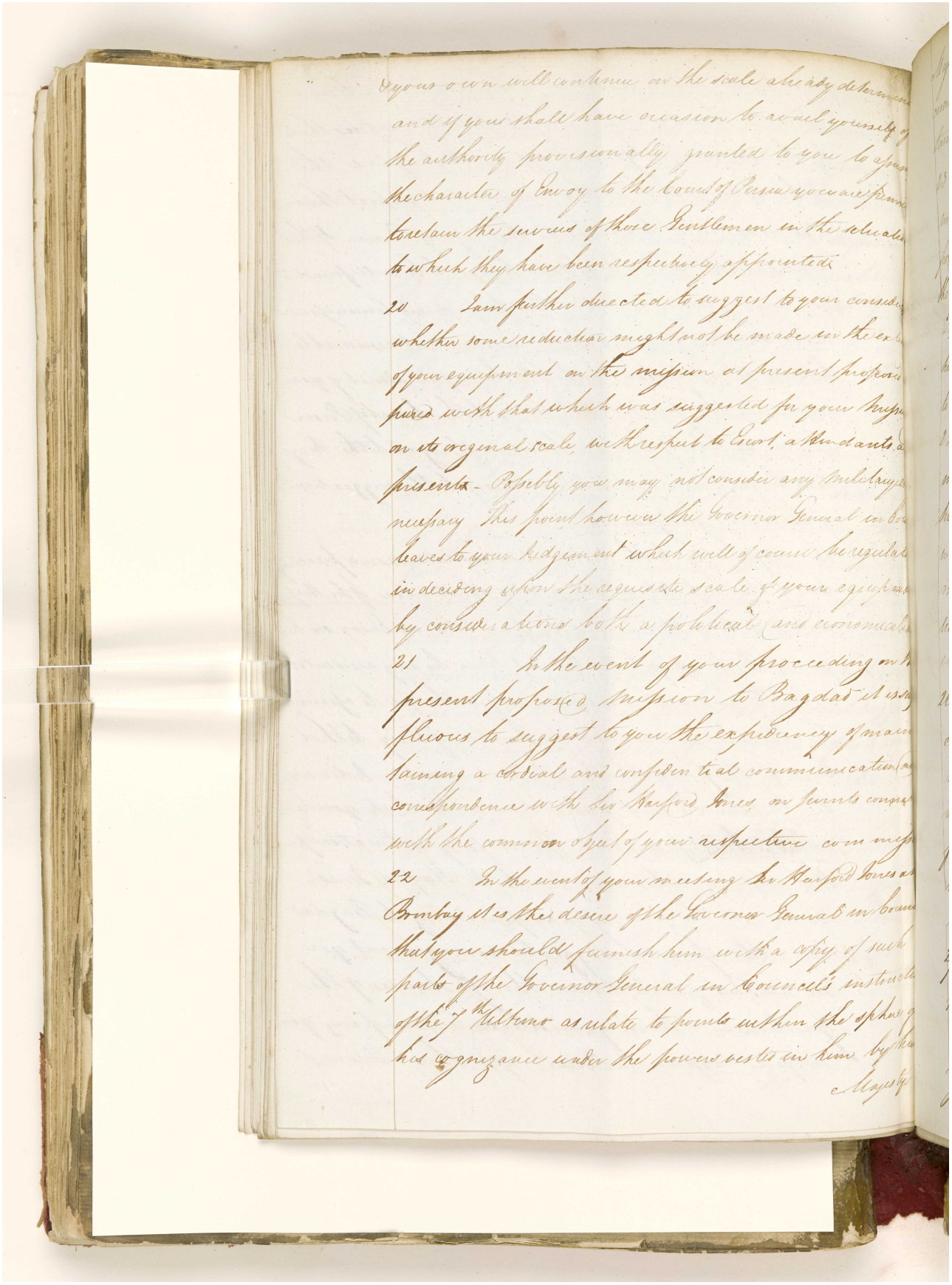

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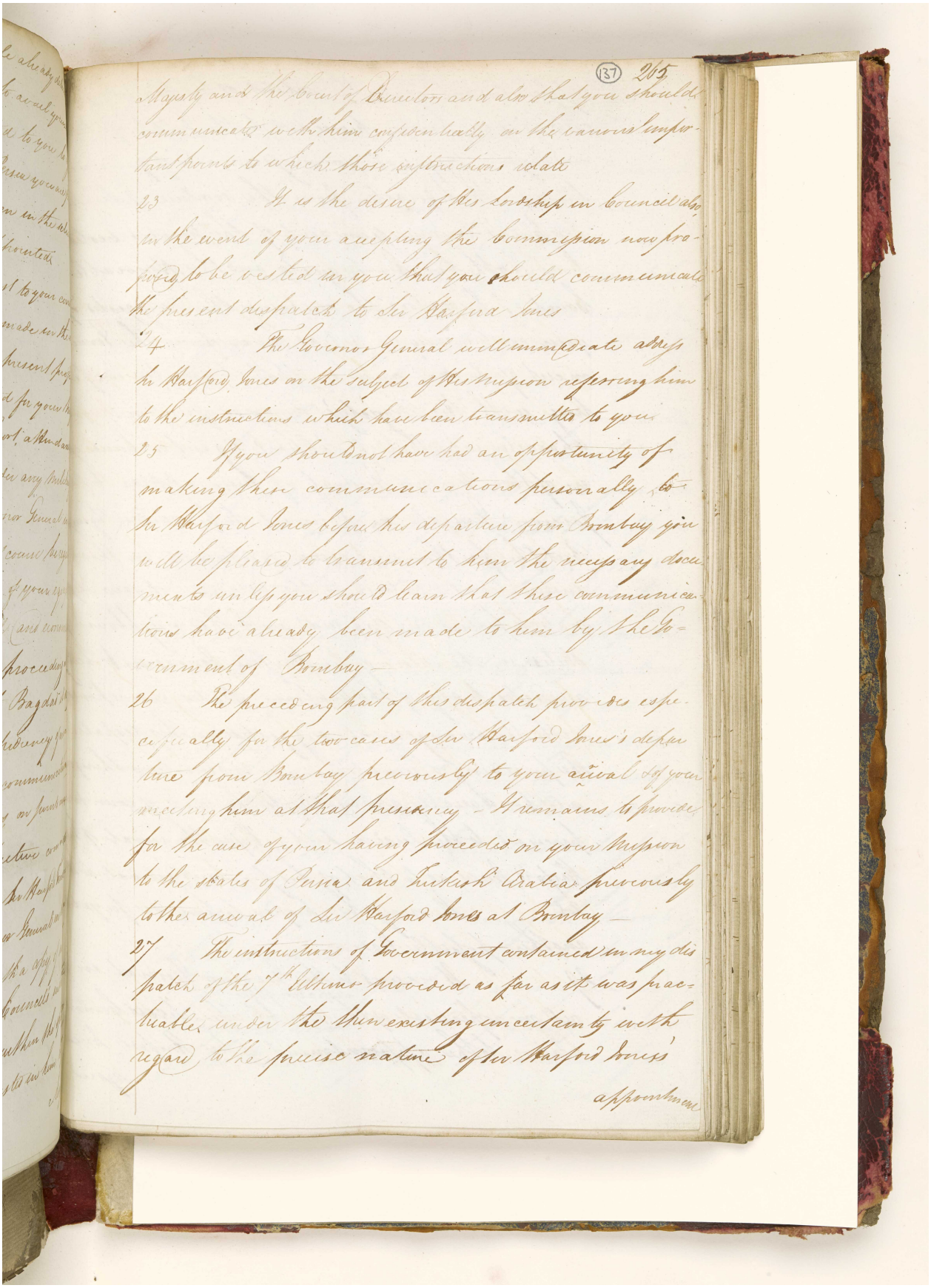


Majesty and the Court of Directors and also that you should communicate with him confidentially on the various important points to which those instructions relate

23 It is the desire of His Lordship in Council also in the event of your accepting the commission now proposed to be vested in you that you should communicate the present despatch to Sir Harford Jones

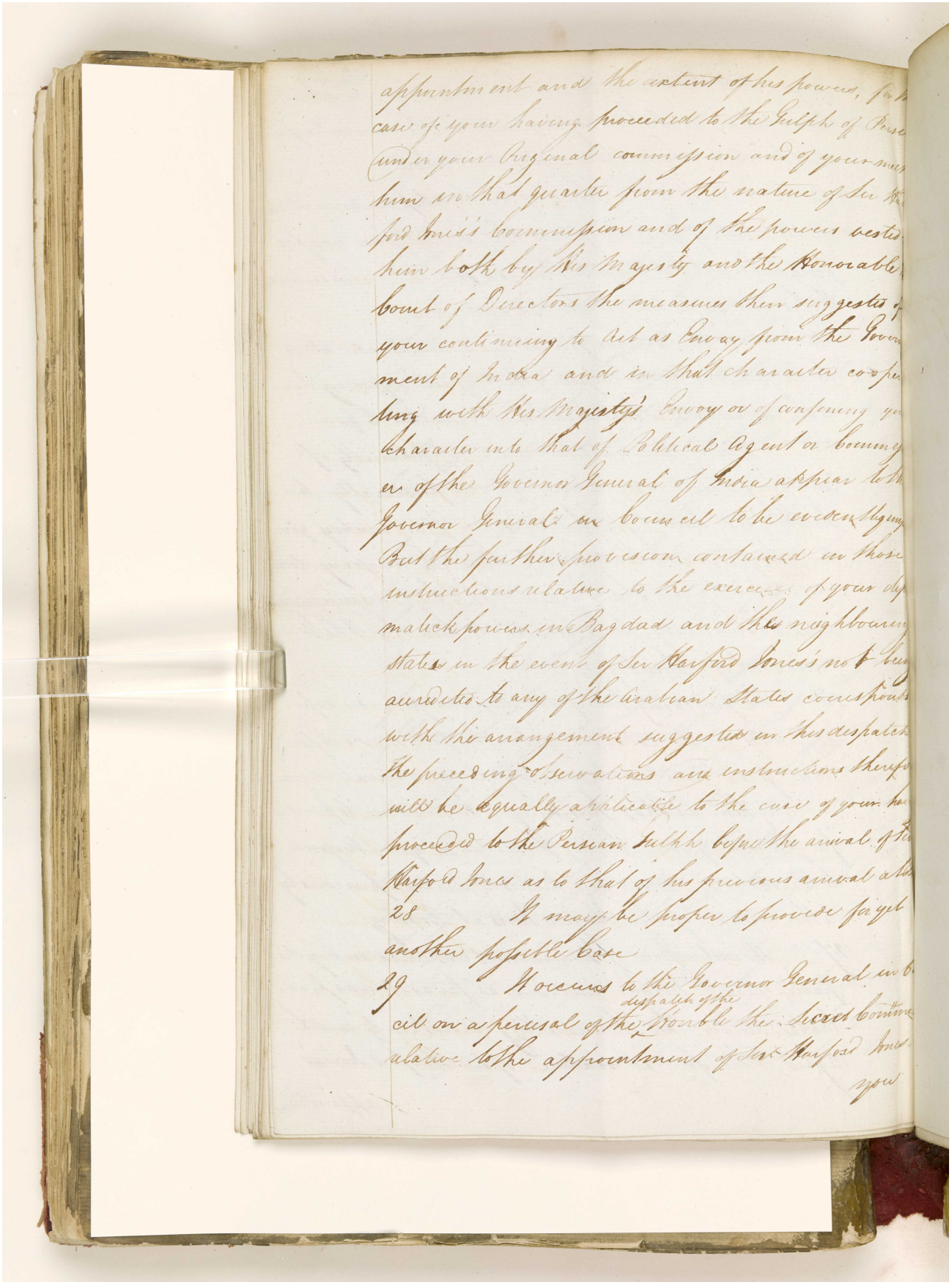
24 The Governor General will immediately address Sir Harford Jones on the subject of His mission referring him to the instructions which have been transmitted to you

25 If you should not have had an opportunity of making these communications personally to Sir Harford Jones before his departure from Bombay you will be pleased to transmit to him the necessary documents unless you should learn that these communications have already been made to him by the Government of Bombay —

26 The preceding part of this despatch provides especially for the two cases of Sir Harford Jones's departure from Bombay previously to your arrival & your meeting him at that Presidency — It remains to provide for the case of your having proceeded on your mission to the shores of Persia and Turkish Arabia previously to the arrival of Sir Harford Jones at Bombay —

27 The instructions of Government contained in my dispatch of the 7th Ultimo proceed as far as it was practicable under the then existing uncertainty with regard to the precise nature of Sir Harford Jones'

appointment



appointment and the extent of his powers, for the case of your having proceeded to the Gulph of Persia under your Original commission and of your meeting him in that quarter from the nature of Sir Harford Jones's Commission and of the powers vested in him both by His Majesty and the Honorable Court of Directors the measures then suggested of your continuing to Act as Envoy from the Government of India and in that character cooperating with His Majesty's Envoy or of confining your character into that of Political Agent or Commissioner of the Governor General of India appear to the Governor General in Council to be evidently [illegible]. But the further provision contained in those instructions relative to the exercise of your diplomatick powers in Bagdad and the neighbouring states in the event of Sir Harford Jones's not being accredited to any of the Arabian States corresponds with the arrangement suggested in this despatch the preceding observations and instructions therefore will be equally applicable to the case of your having proceeded to the Persian Gulph before the arrival of Sir Harford Jones as to that of his previous arrival at [illegible]

28 It may be proper to provide for yet another possible Case

29 It occurs to the Governor General in Council on a perusal of the despatch of the Honble the Secret Committee relative to the appointment of Sir Harford Jones

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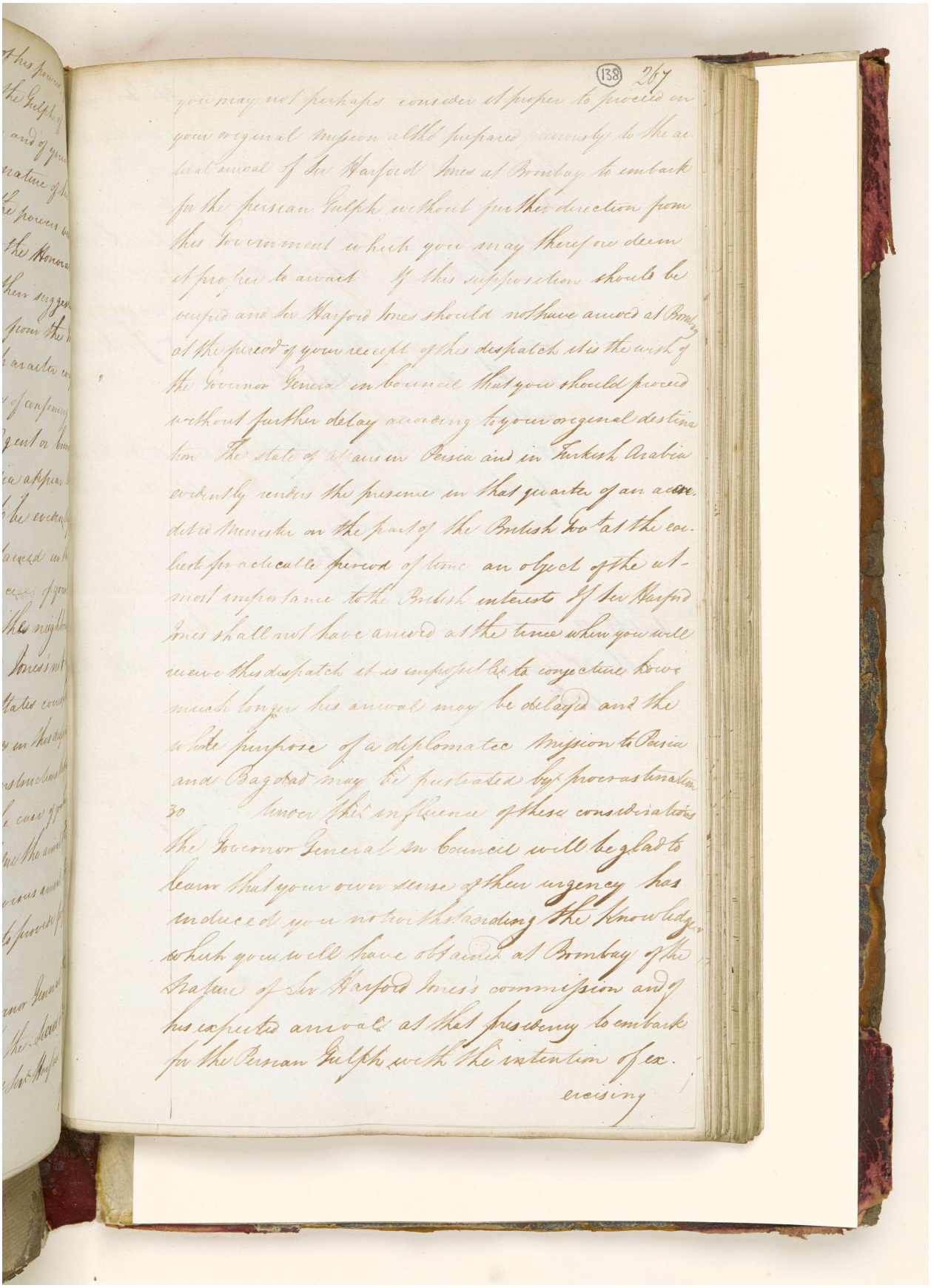

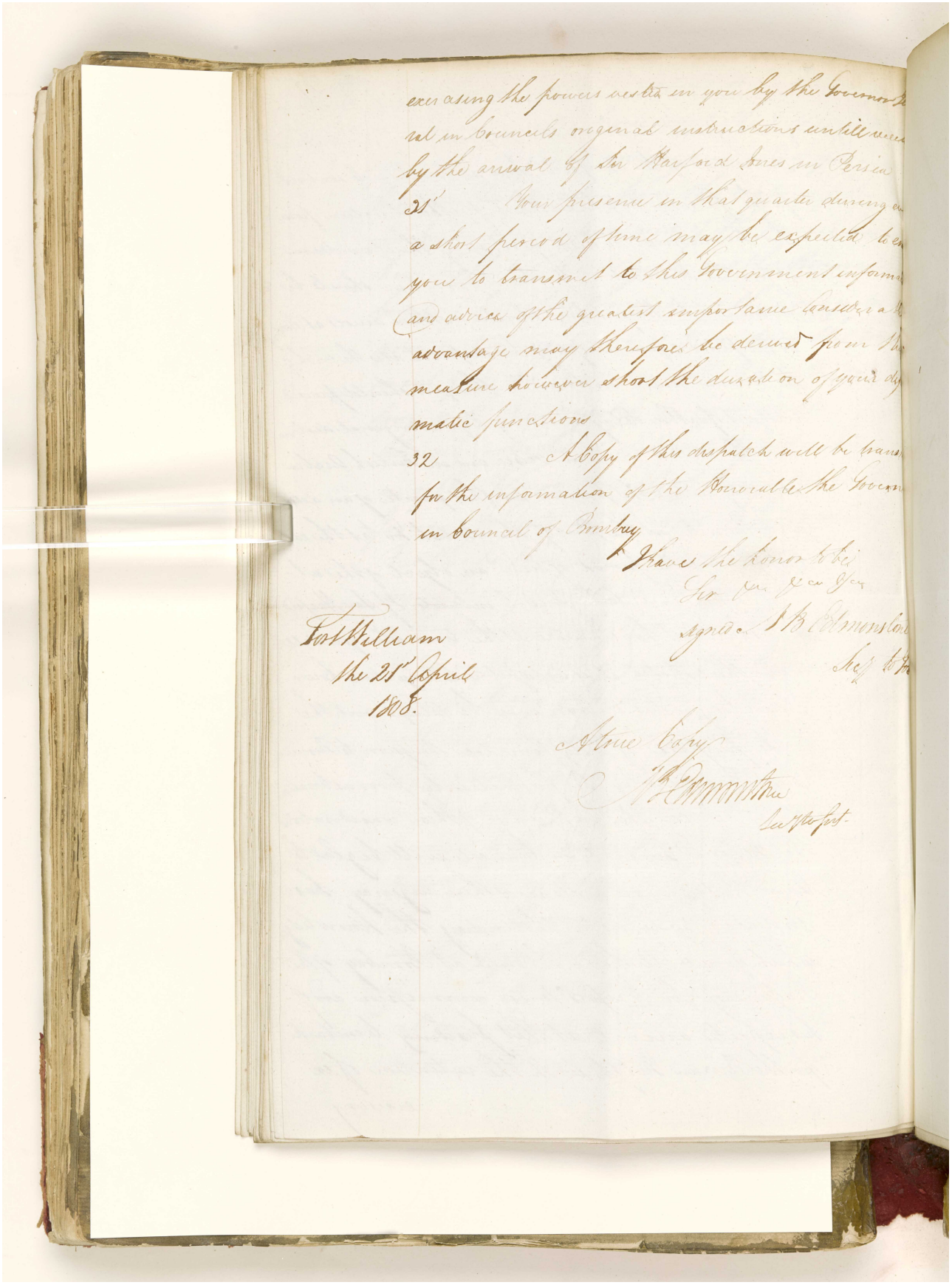

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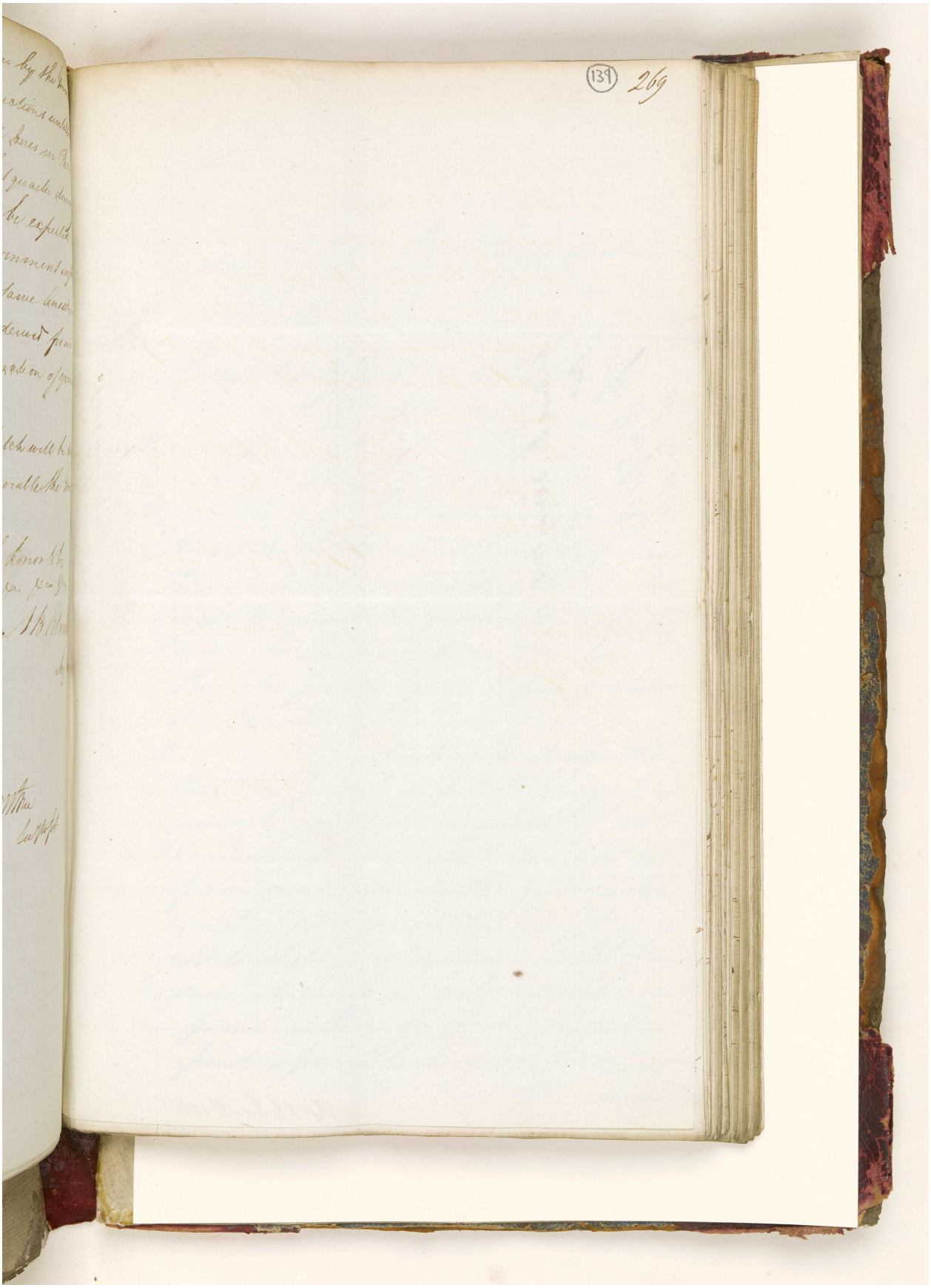

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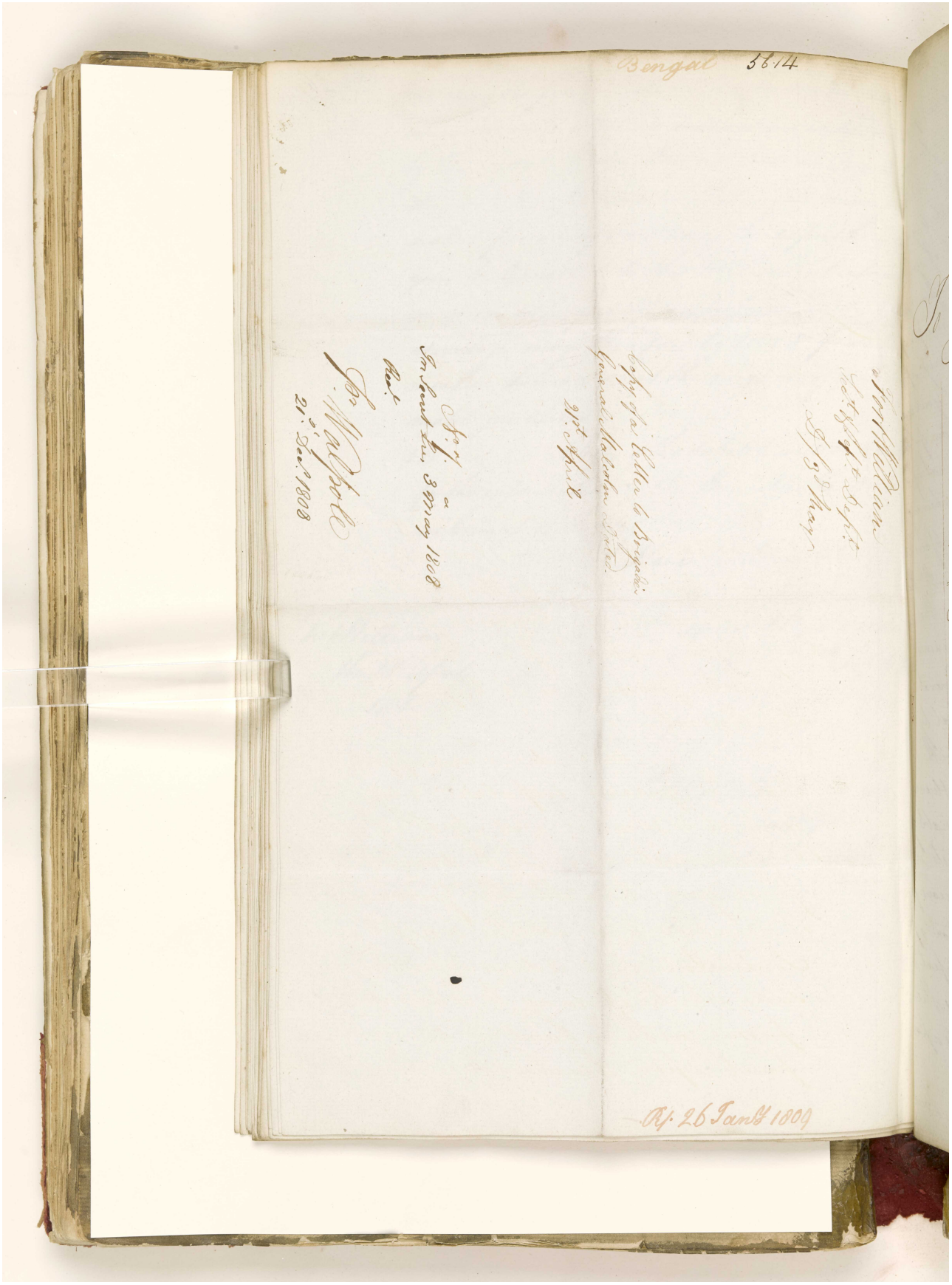

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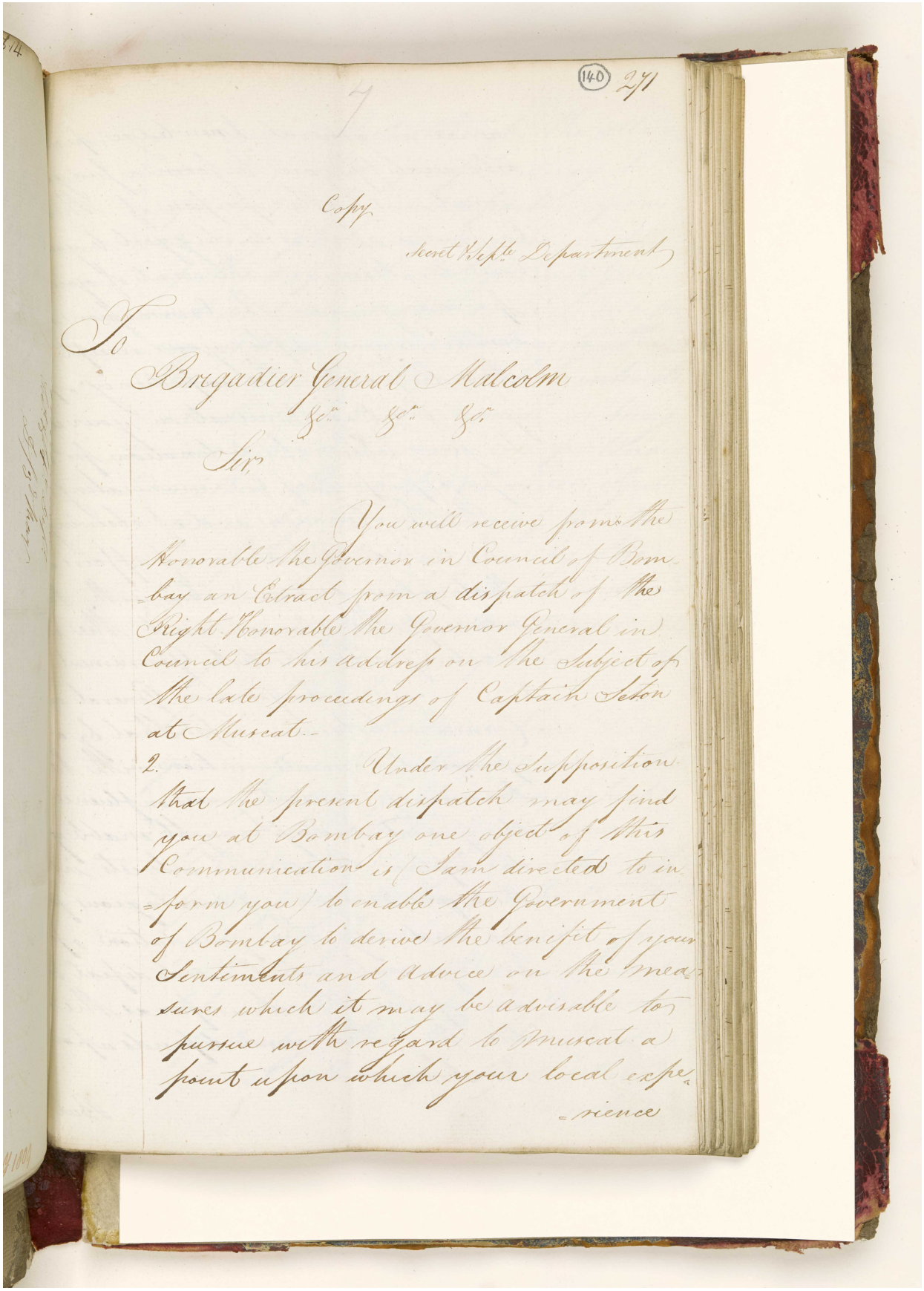

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Secret Pol.e Department

To

Brigadier General Malcolm

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

You will receive from the Honorable the Governor in Council of Bombay an Extract from a dispatch of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to his address on the Subject of the late proceedings of Captain Seton at Muscat.-

2. Under the supposition that the present dispatch may find you at Bombay one object of this Communication is I am directed to inform you, to enable the Government of Bombay to derive the benefit of your Sentiments and Advice on the measures which it may be advisable to pursue with regard to Muscat a point upon which your local experience

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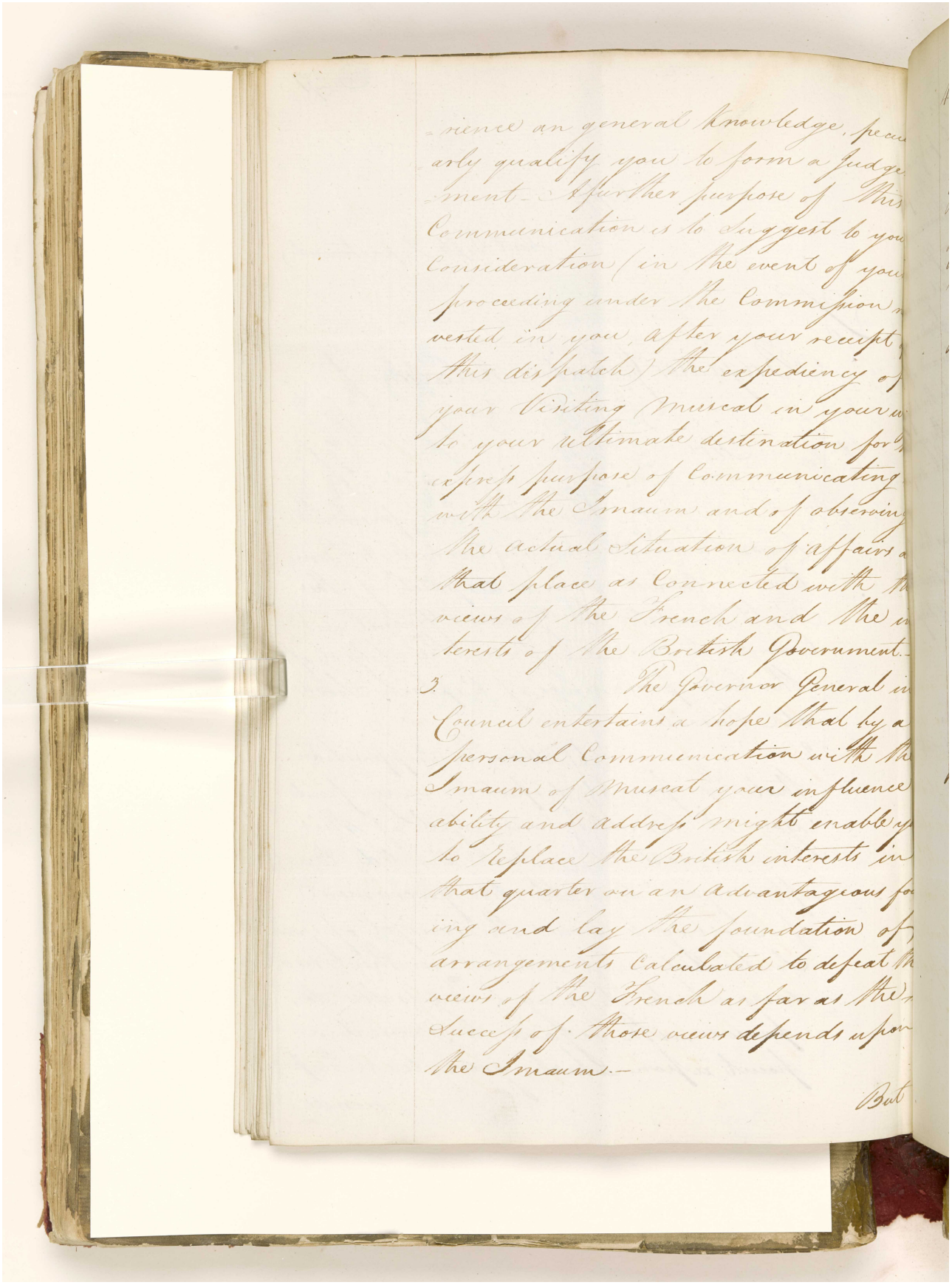

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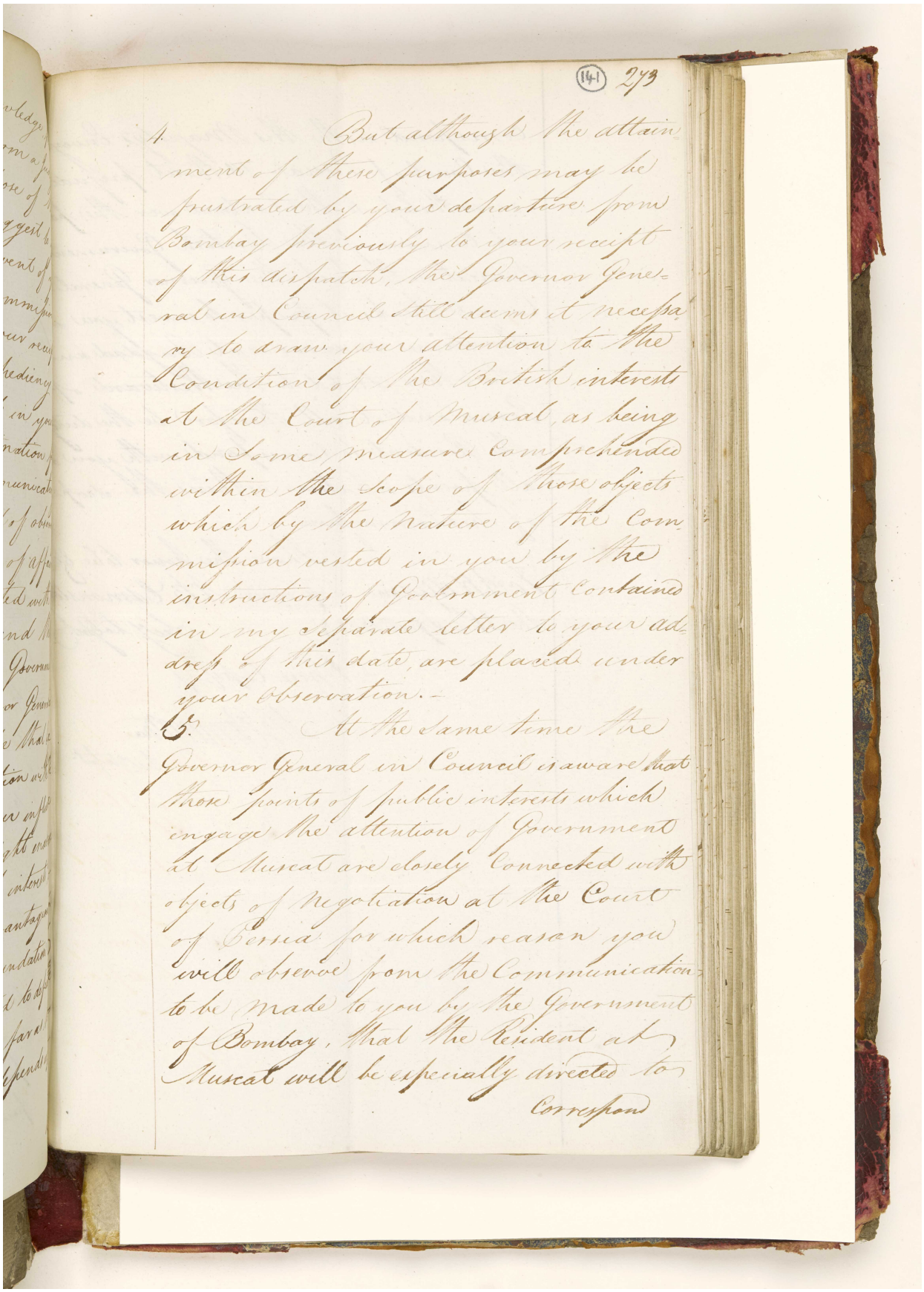

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1. But although the attainment of these purposes may be frustrated by your departure from Bombay previously to your receipt of this despatch, the Governor General in Council still deems it necessary to draw your attention to the Condition of the British interests at the Court of Muscat as being in some measure comprehended within the scope of those objects which by the Nature of the Commission vested in you by the instructions of Government contained in my Separate letter to your address of this date, are placed under your Observation.-

2. At the same time the Governor General in Council is aware that those points of public interests which engage the attention of Government at Muscat are closely connected with objects of negotiation at the Court of Persia for which reason you will observe from the Communication to be made to you by the Government of Bombay, that the Resident at Muscat will be especially directed to

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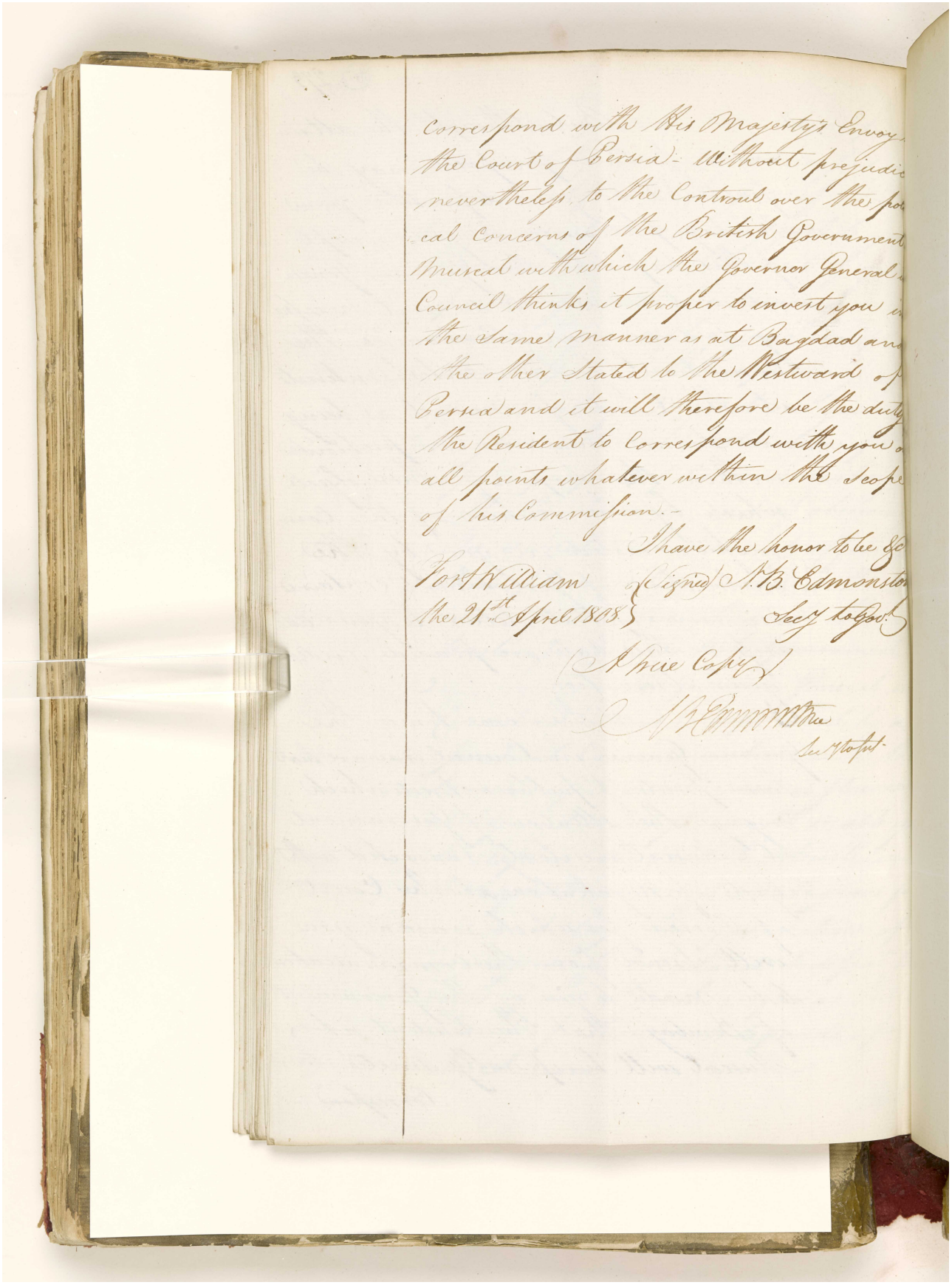

correspond with His Majesty's Envoy
the Court of Persia - Without prejudic
nevertheless to the Controul over the pol
cal Concerns of the British Government
Muscat with which the Governor General
Council thinks it proper to invest you in
the same manner as at Bagdad and
the other Stated to the Westward of
Persia and it will therefore be the duty
the Resident to Correspond with you o
all points whatever within the scope
of his Commission.-

I have the honor to be &c

Fort William
the 21st April 1808

(Signed) N.B. Edmonston
Secy to Govt.

(A true Copy)

N B Edmonston
Secy to Govt.

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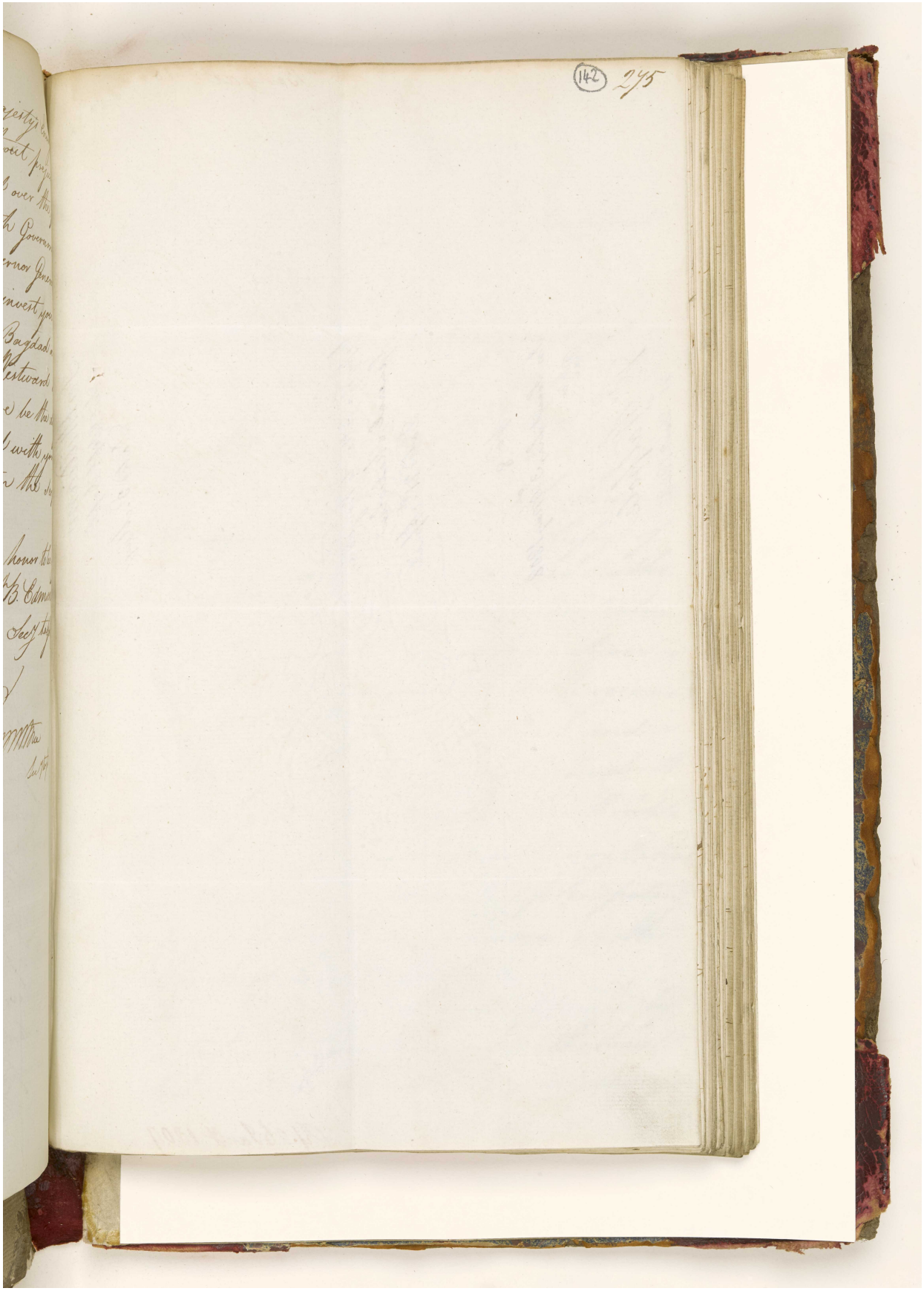

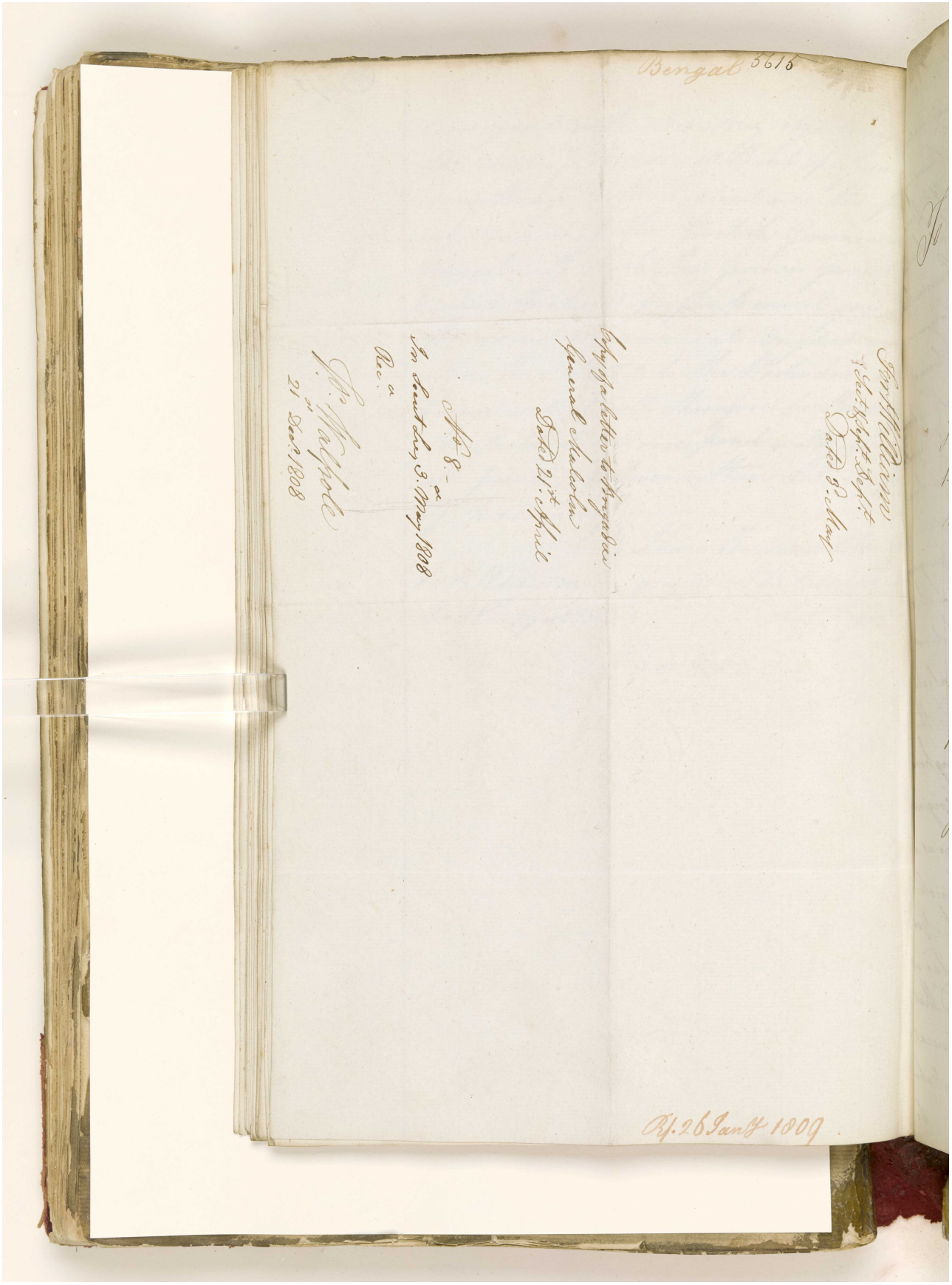

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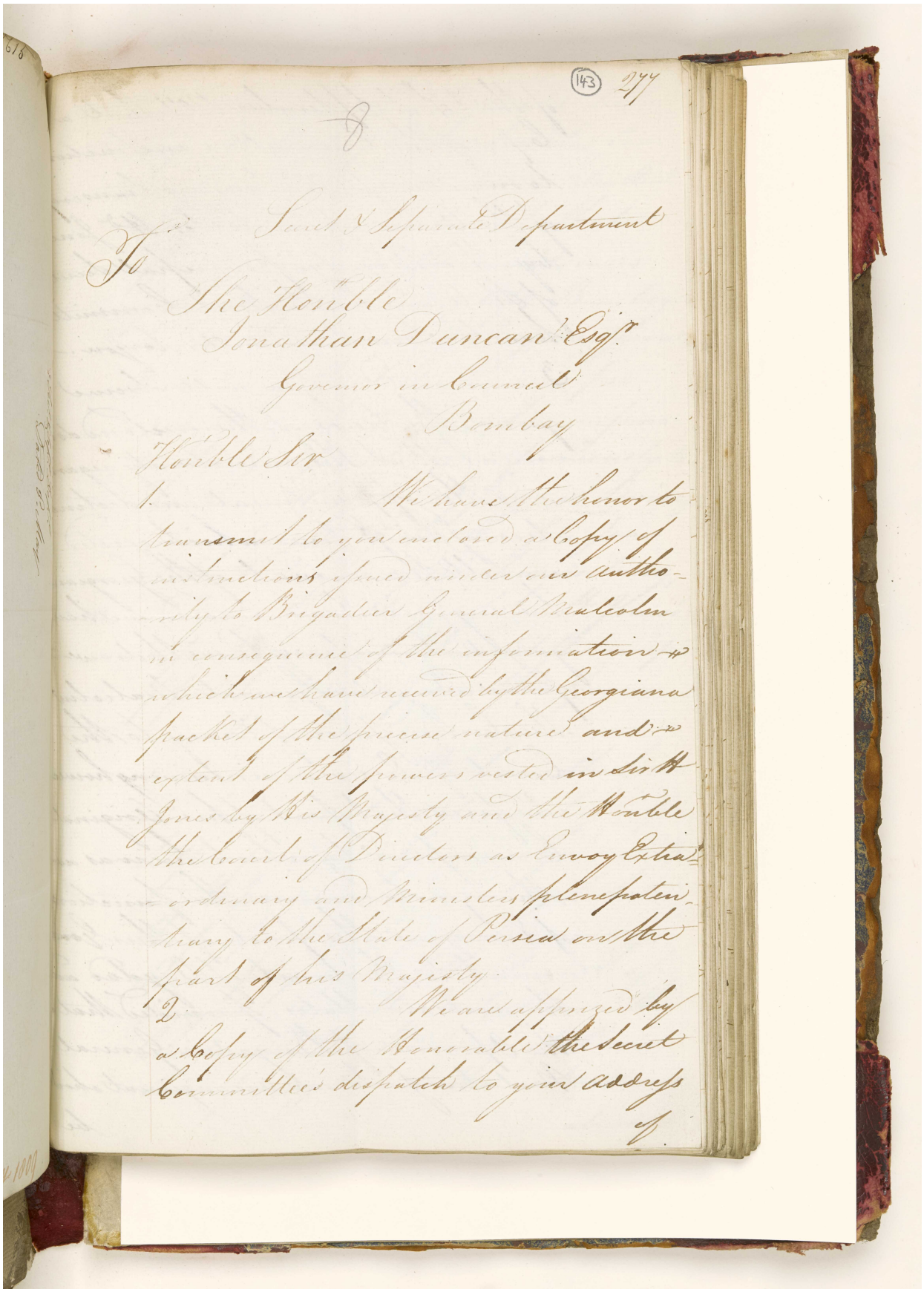

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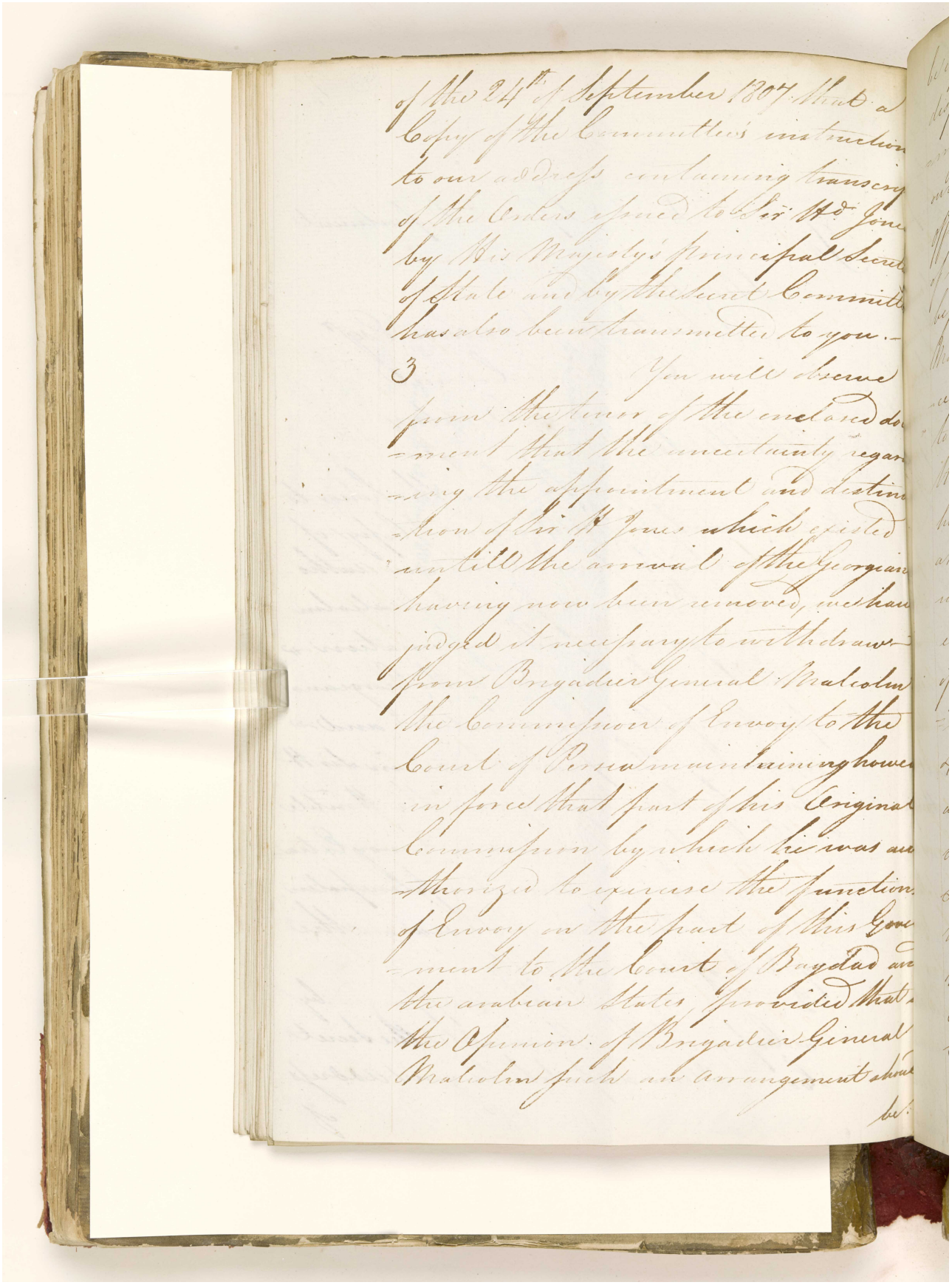

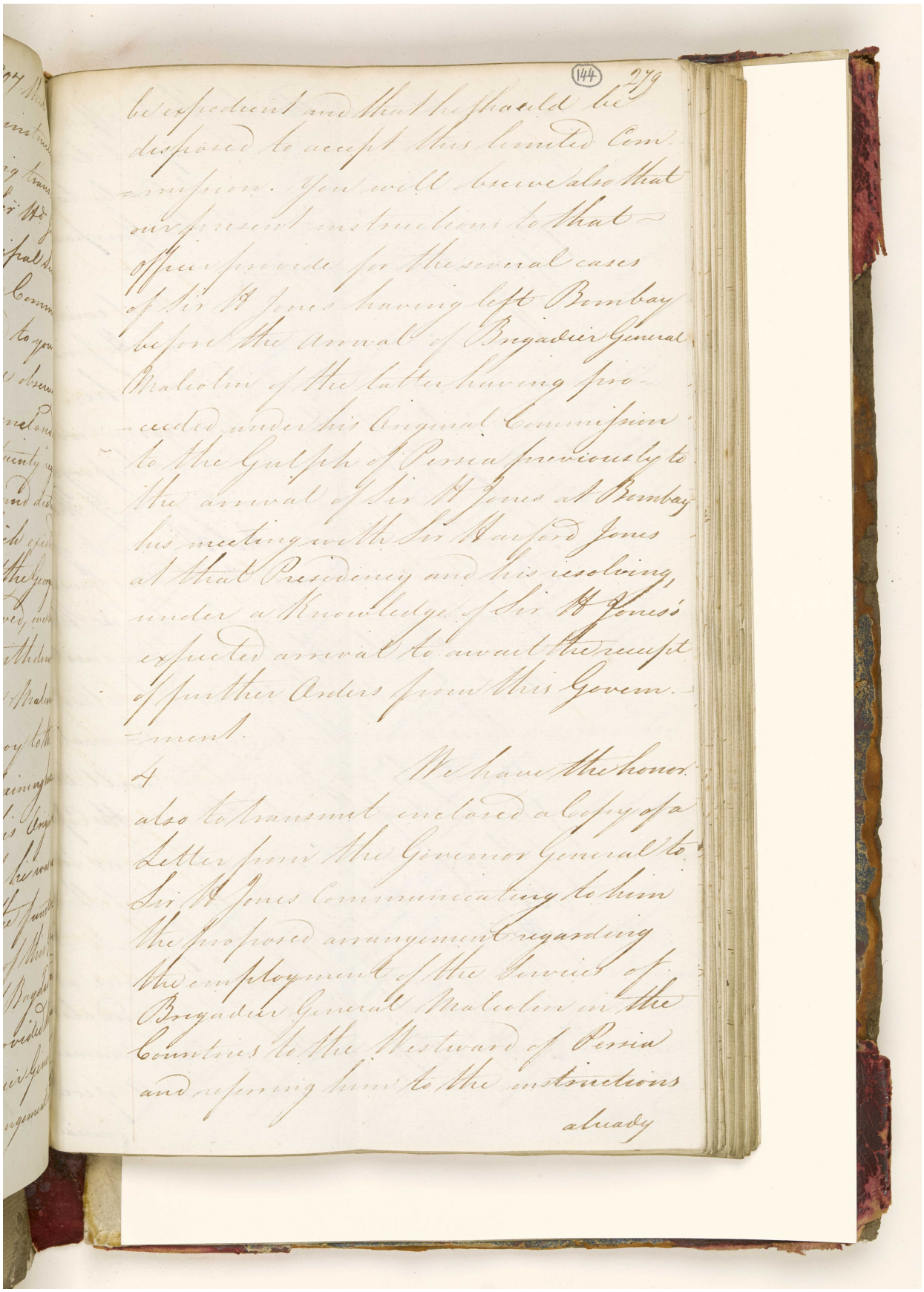

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be expedient and that he should be
disposed to accept this limited Com-
mission. You will observe also that
our present instructions to that
effect provide for the several cases
of Sir W Jones having left Bombay
before the Arrival of Brigadier General
Malcolm of the latter having pro-
ceeded under his original Commission
to the Gulph of Persia previously to
the arrival of Sir W Jones at Bombay
his meeting with Sir Manford Jones
at that Presidency and his resolving,
under a Knowledge of Sir W Jones's
expected arrival to await the receipt
of further Orders from this Govern-
ment.

4 We have the honor
also to transmit enclosed a Copy of a
Letter from the Governor General to
Sir W Jones communicating to him
the proposed arrangement regarding
the employment of the Services of
Brigadier General Malcolm in the
Countries to the Westward of Persia
and referring him to the instructions
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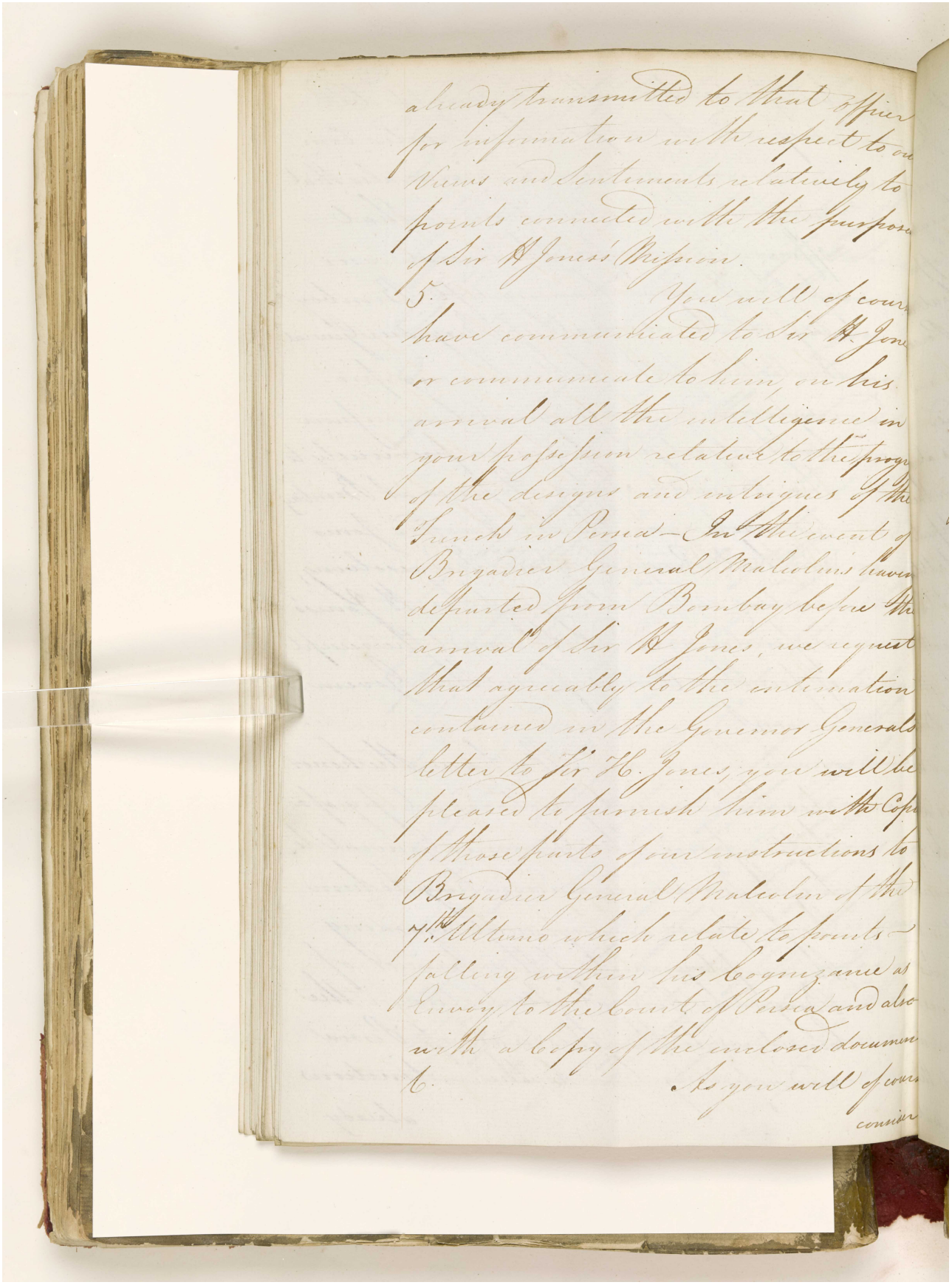

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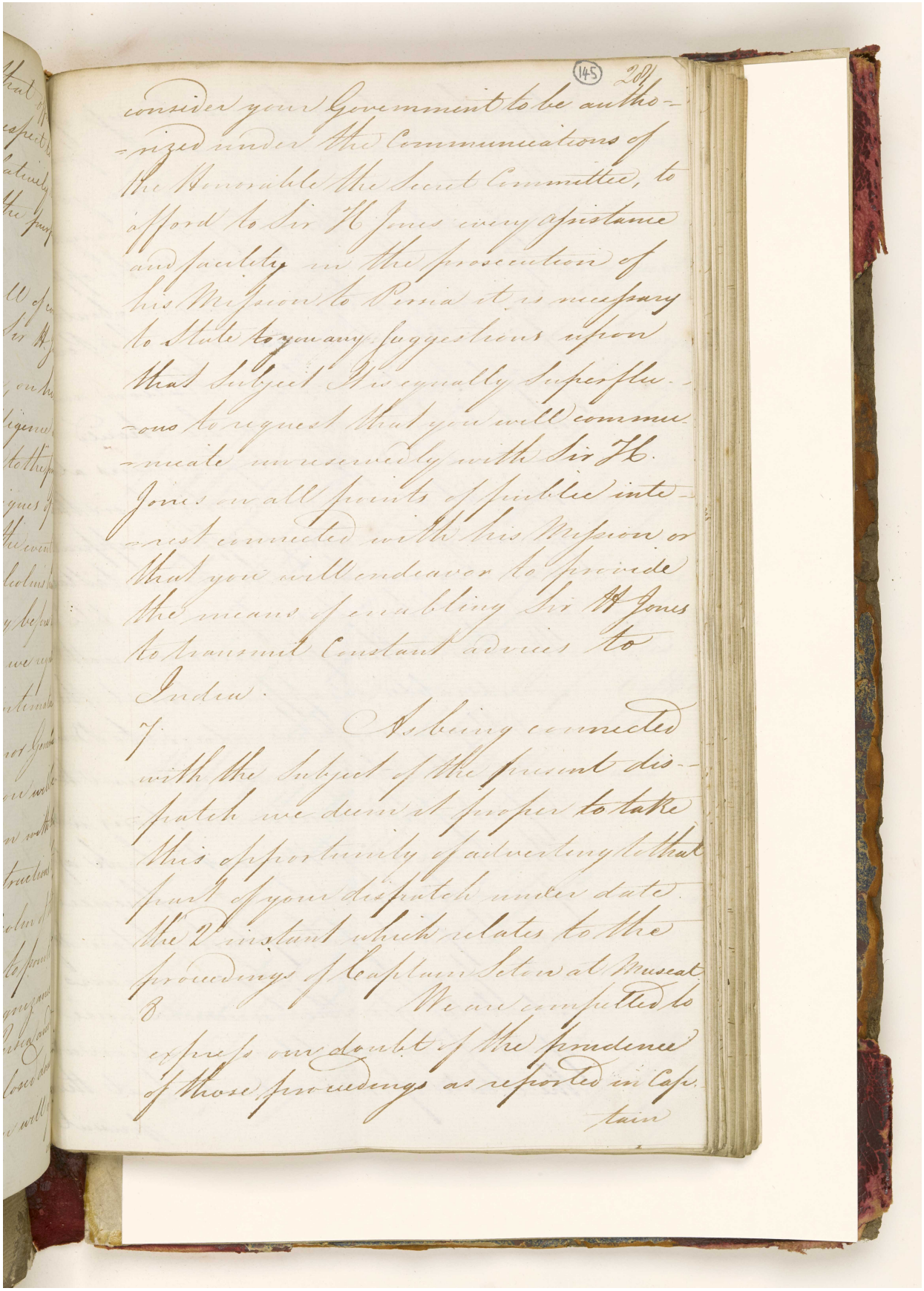

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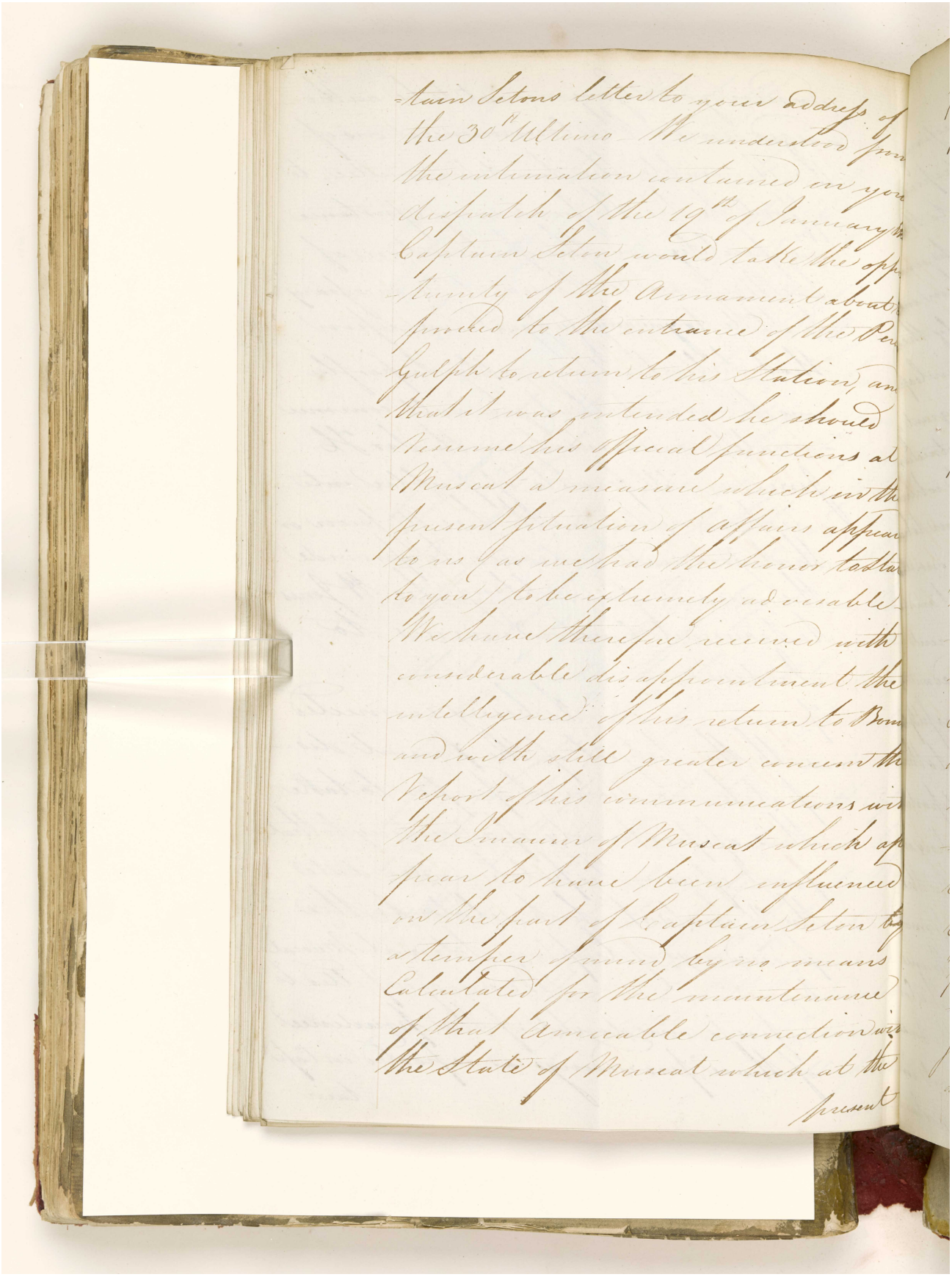

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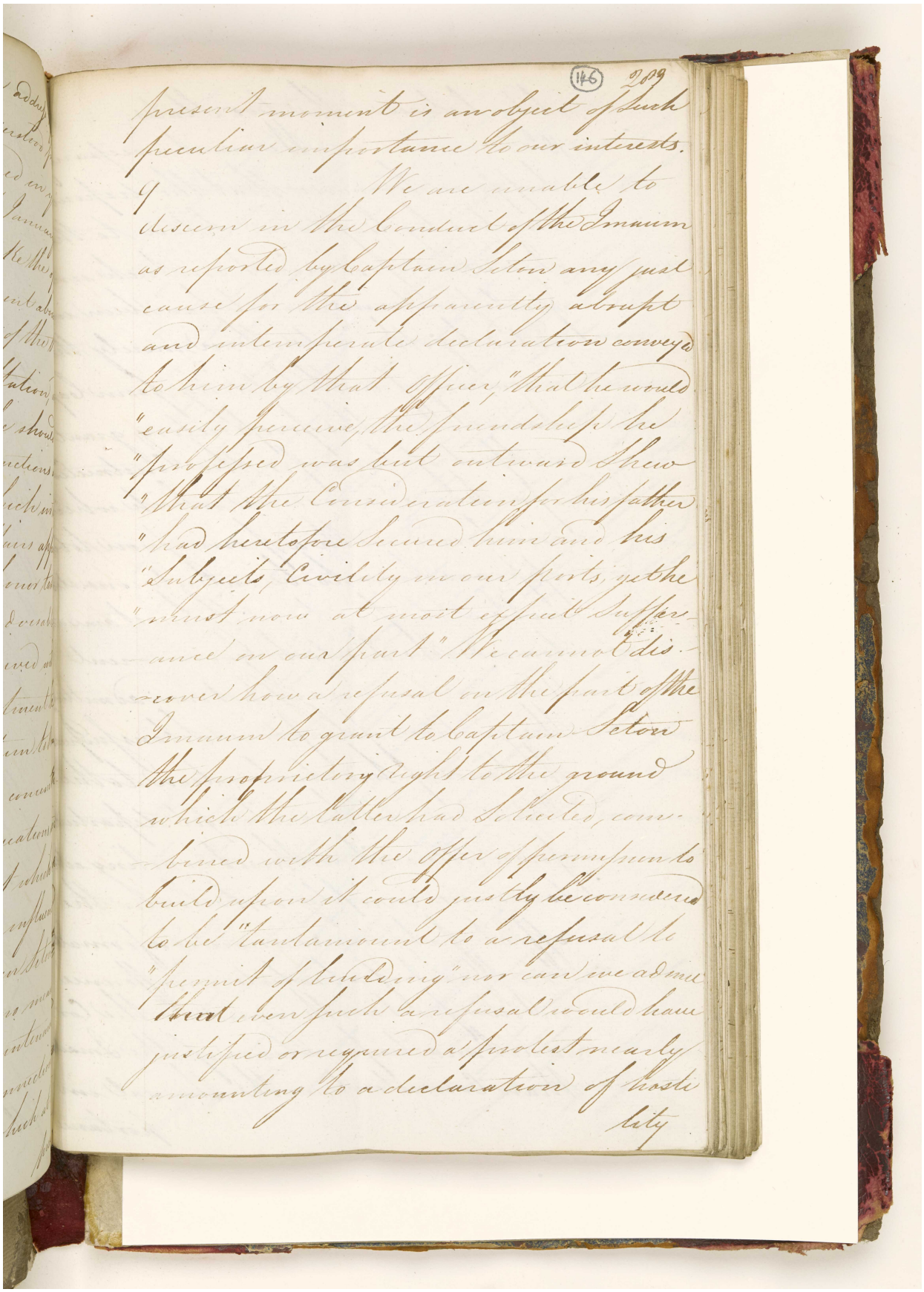

present moment is an object of such peculiar importance to our interests.

9 We are unable to discern in the Conduct of the Imaum as reported by Captain Seton any just cause for the apparently abrupt and intemperate declaration conveyed to him by that Officer, "that he would "easily perceive, the friendship he "professed was but outward Shew "that the Consideration for his father "had heretofore Secured him and his "Subjects, Civility in our ports, yet he "must now at most expect Suffer-ance on our part" We cannot dis-cover how a refusal on the part of the Imaum to grant to Captain Seton the proprietory right to the ground which the latter had Solicited, com-bined with the Offer of permission to build upon it could justly be considered to be "tantamount to a refusal to "permit of building" nor can we admit that even such a refusal would have justified or required a protest nearly amounting to a declaration of hosti-lity

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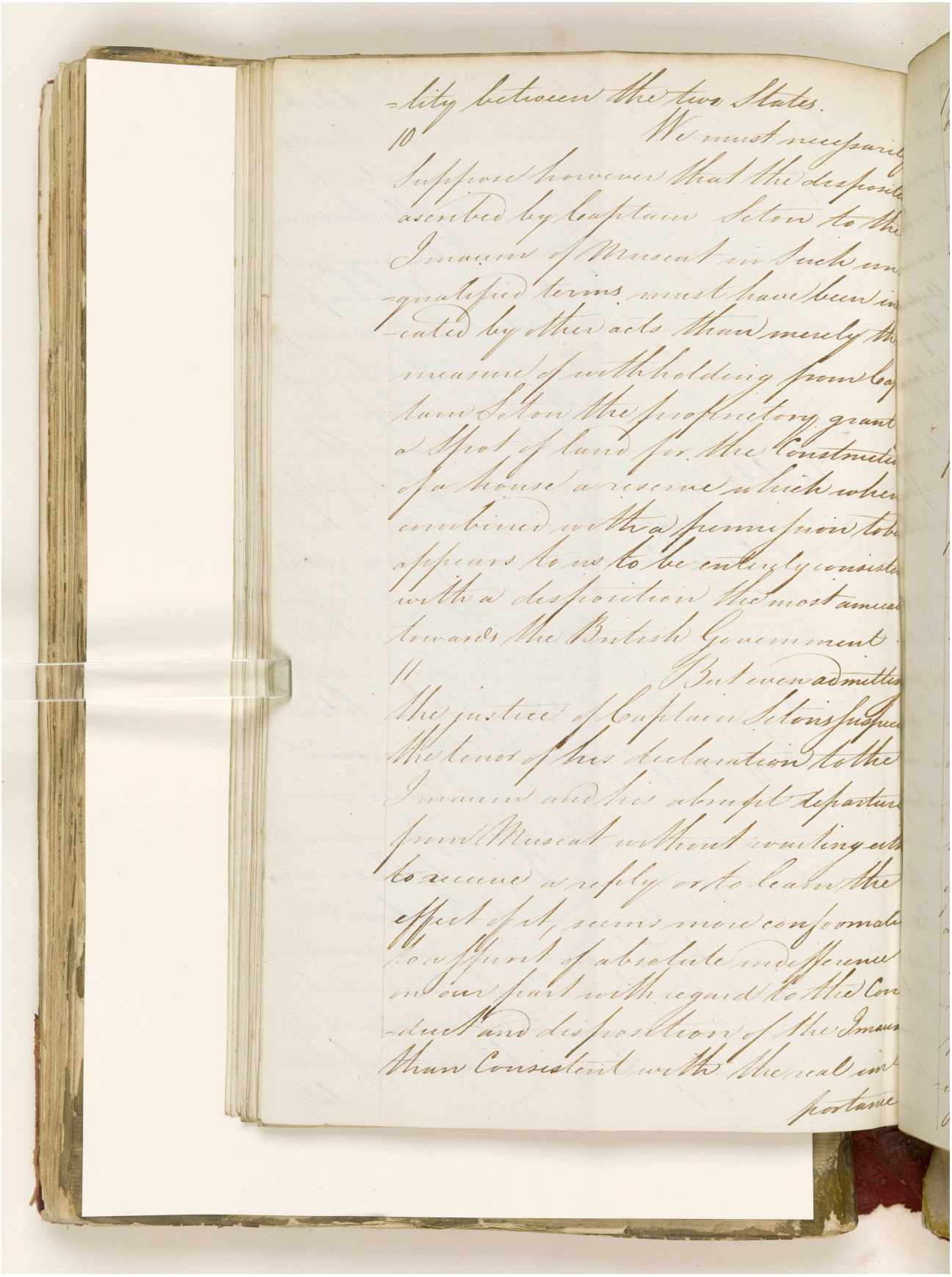

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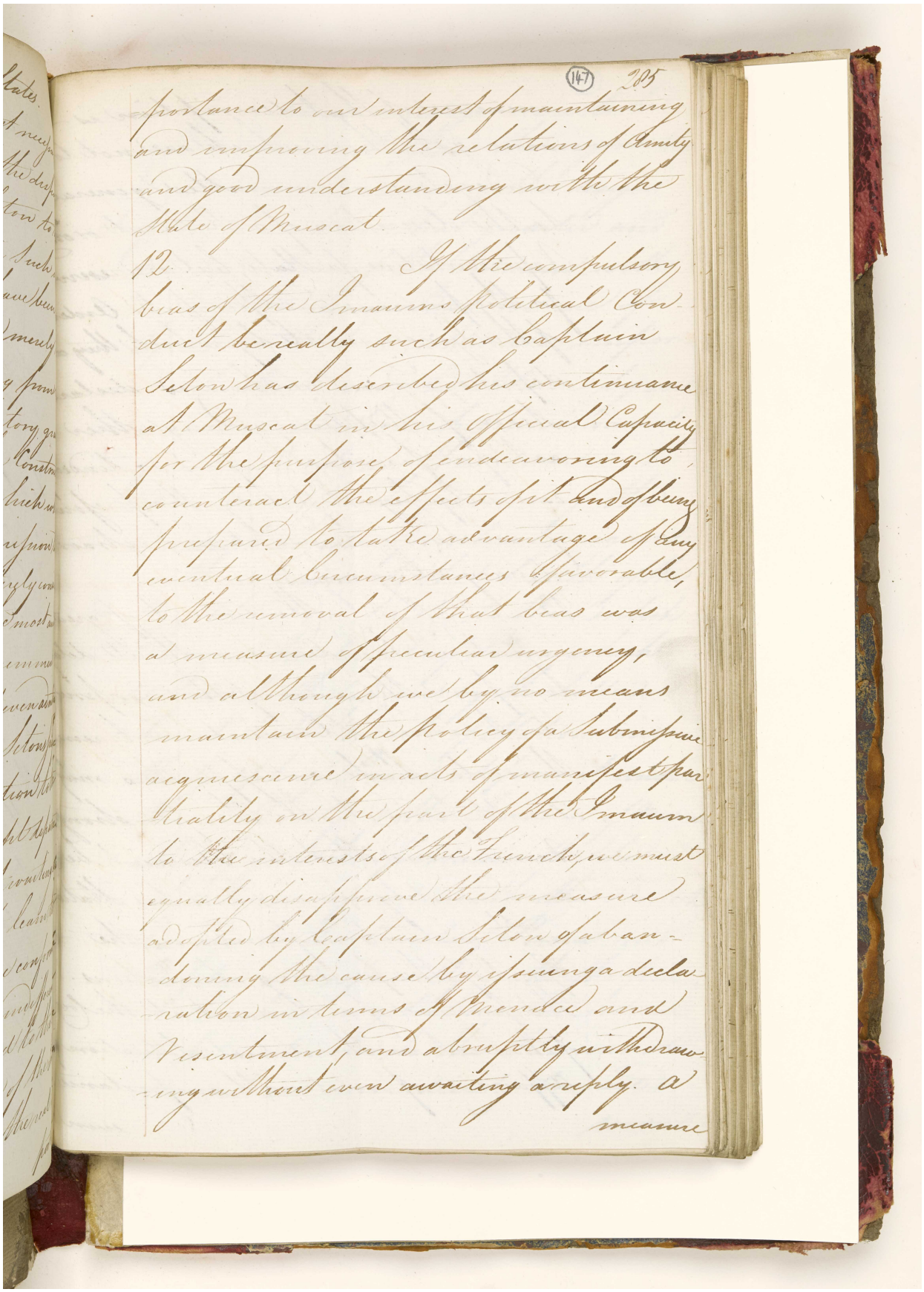

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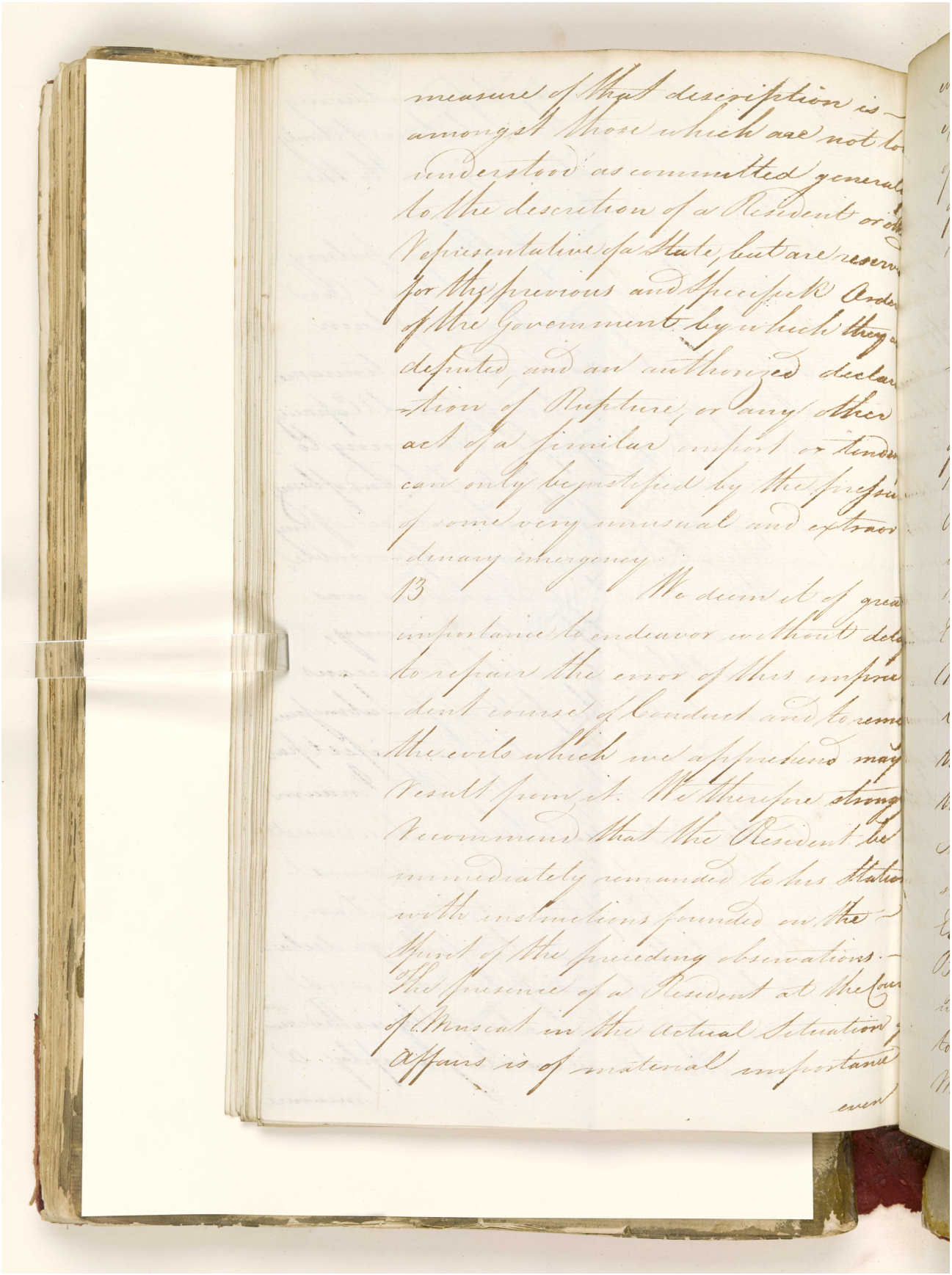

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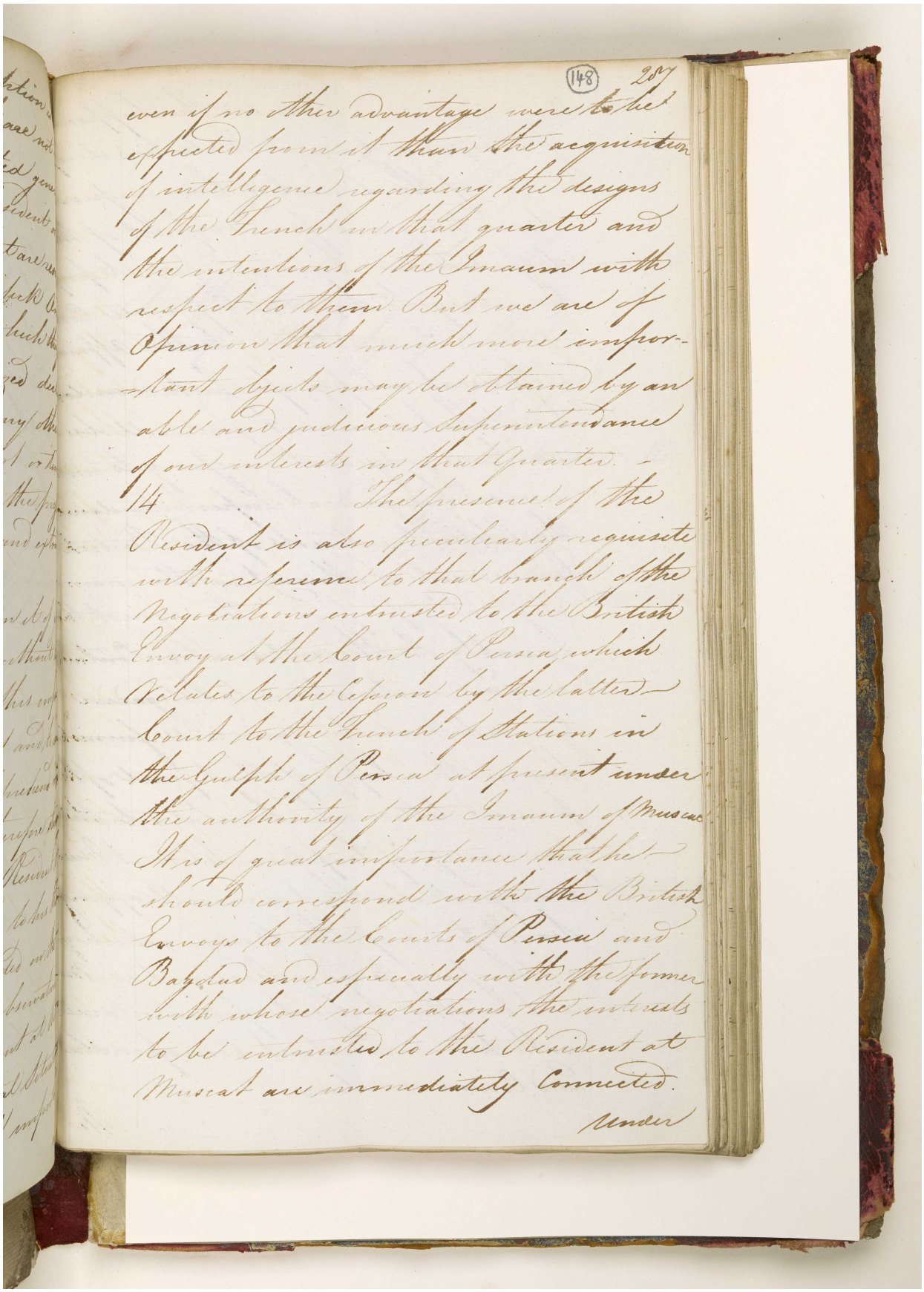

even if no other advantage were to be
expected from it than the acquisition
of intelligence regarding the designs
of the French in that quarter and
the intentions of the Imaum with
respect to them. But we are of
opinion that much more impor-
tant objects may be obtained by an
able and judicious superintendance
of our interests in that Quarter. -
14 The presence of the
Resident is also peculiarly requisite
with reference to that branch of the
Negotiations entrusted to the British
Envoy at the Court of Persia, which
relates to the Expedition by the latter
Court to the French Stations in
the Gulph of Persia at present under
the authority of the Imaum of Muscat
It is of great importance that he
should correspond with the British
Envoys to the Courts of Persia and
Bagdad and especially with the former
with whose negotiations the interests
to be entrusted to the Resident at
Muscat are immediately Connected.
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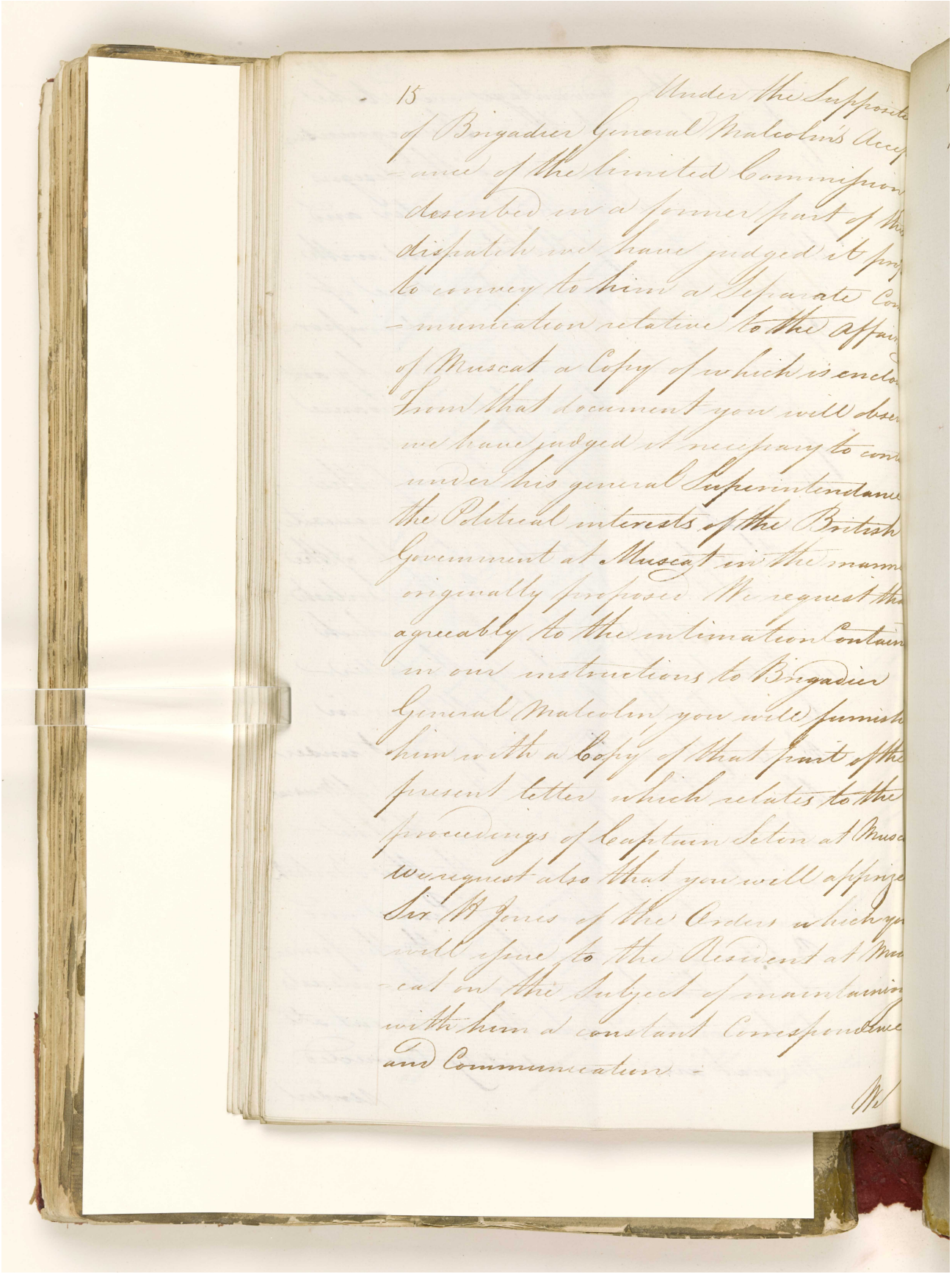

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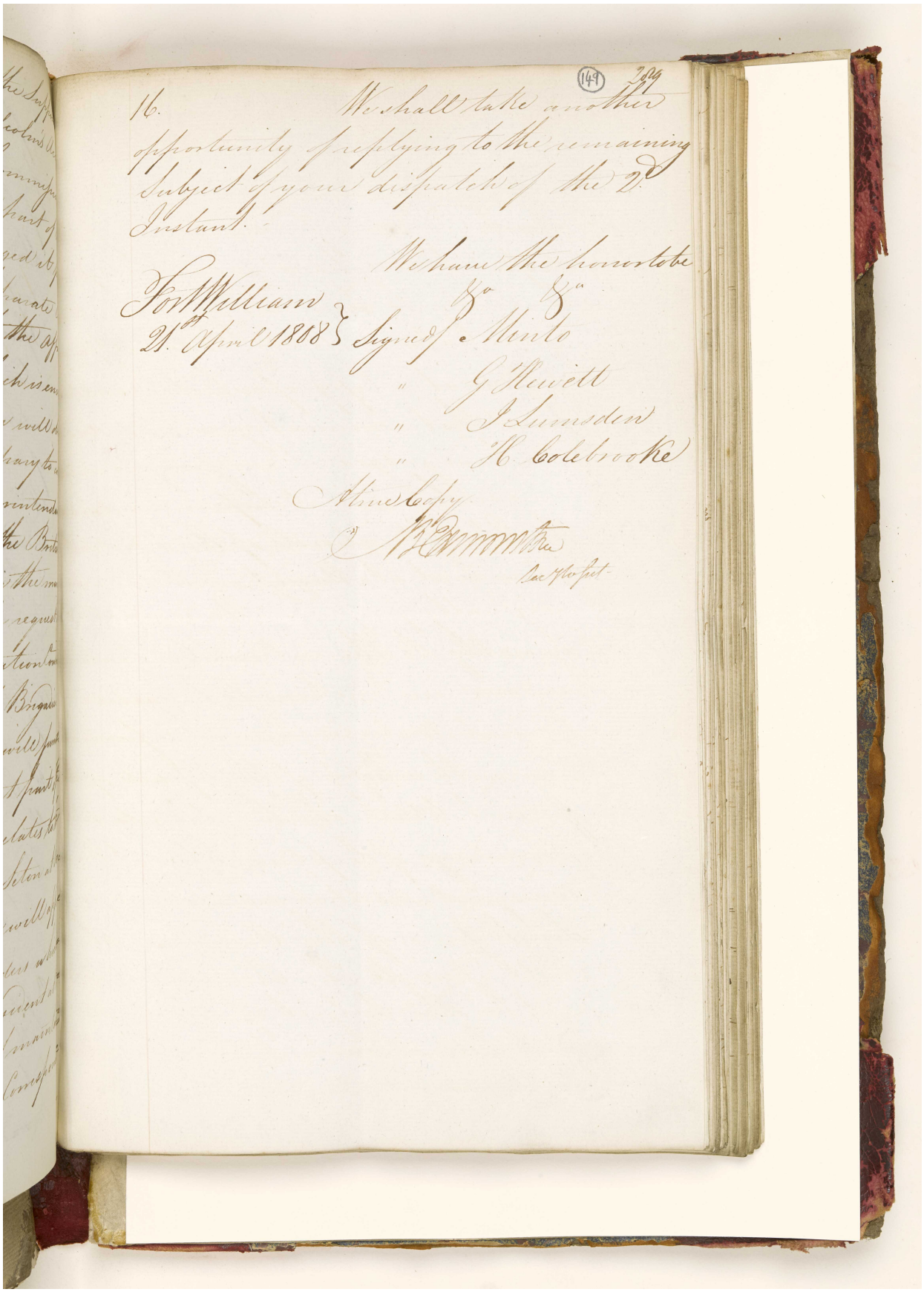

16. We shall take another opportunity of replying to the remaining Subject of your dispatch of the 2d Instant.

We have the honor to be
&c &c

Fort William
21st April 1808 } Signed J. Minto
" G. Hewett
" J. Lumsden
" H. Colebrooke

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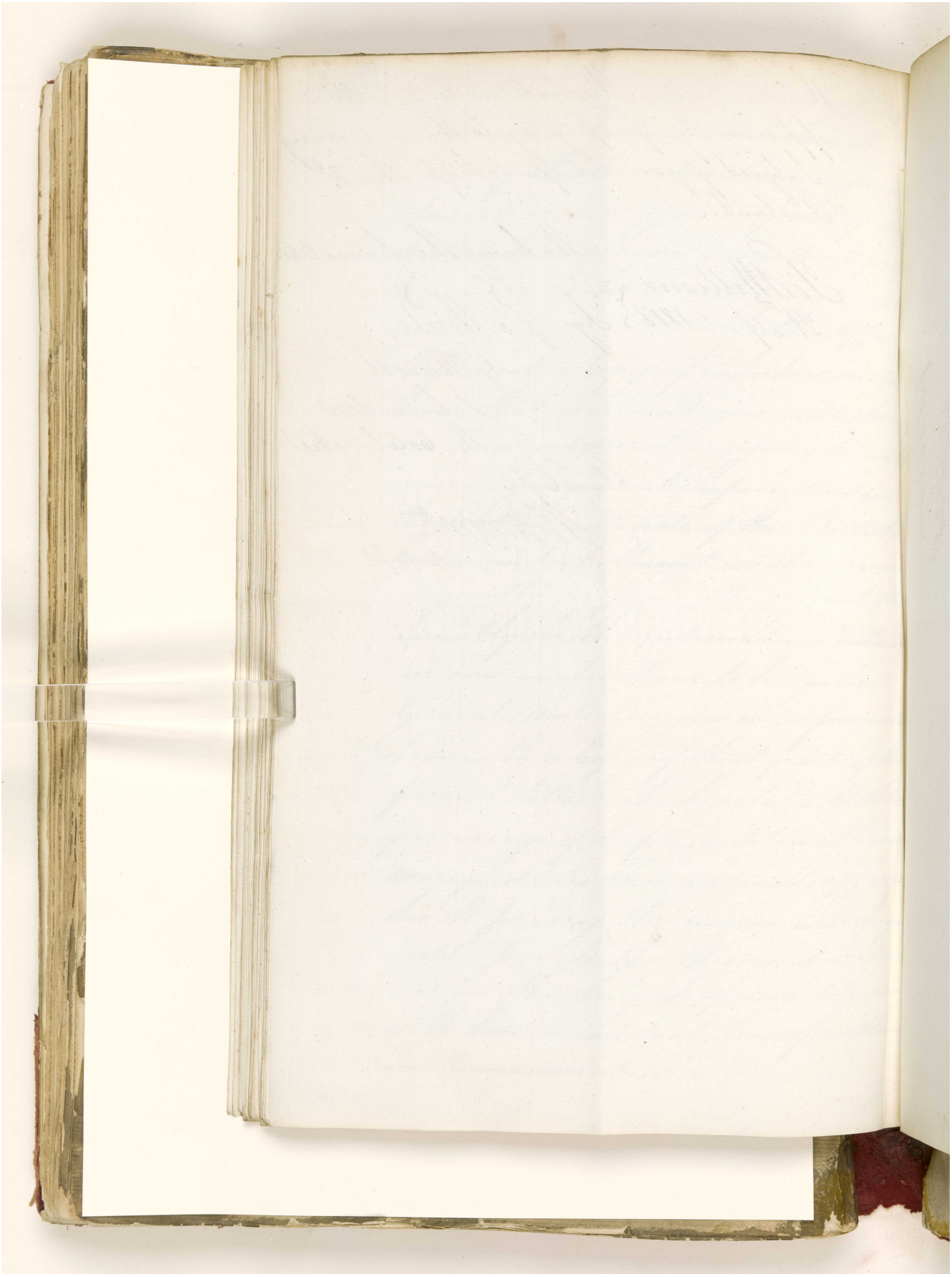

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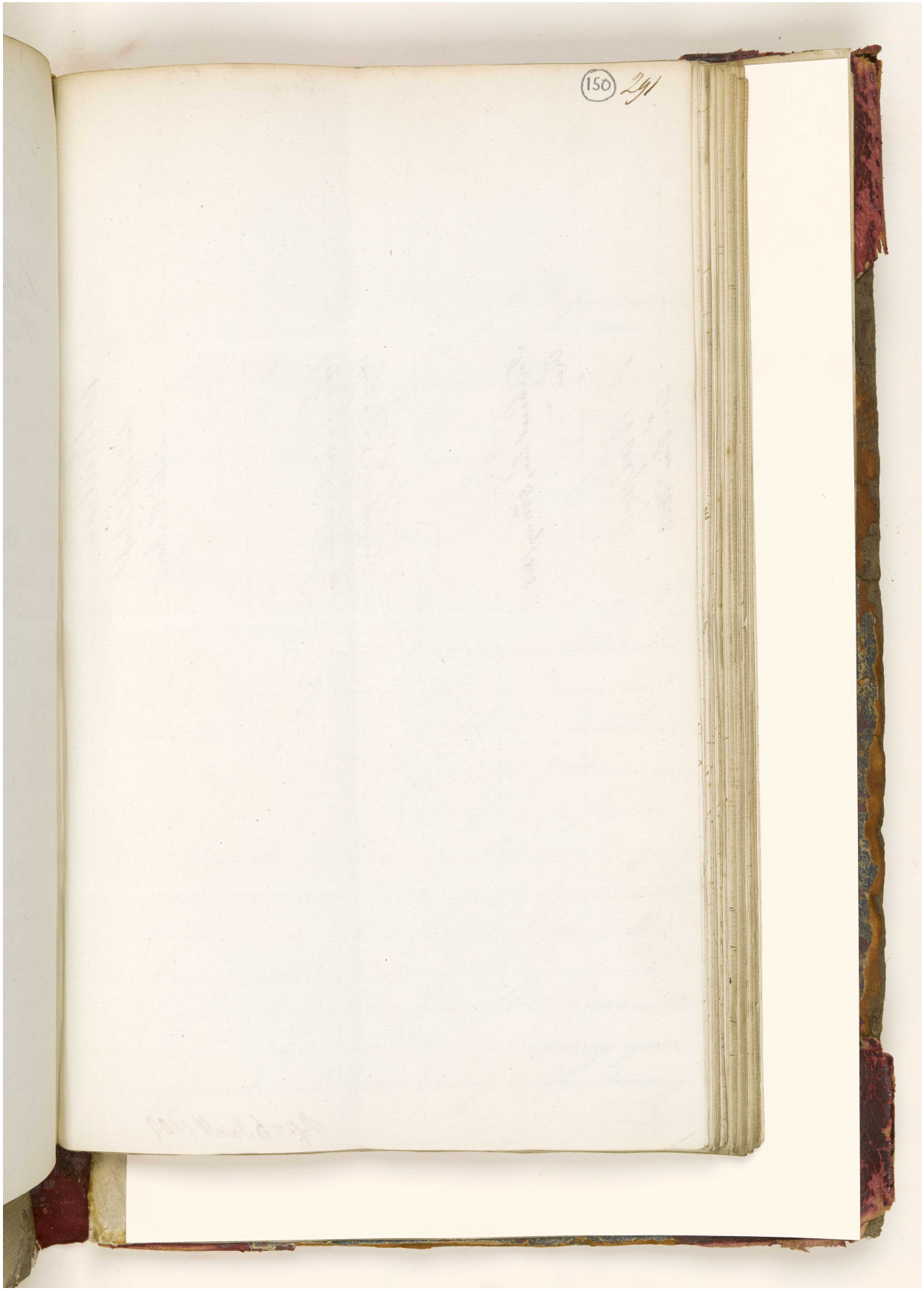

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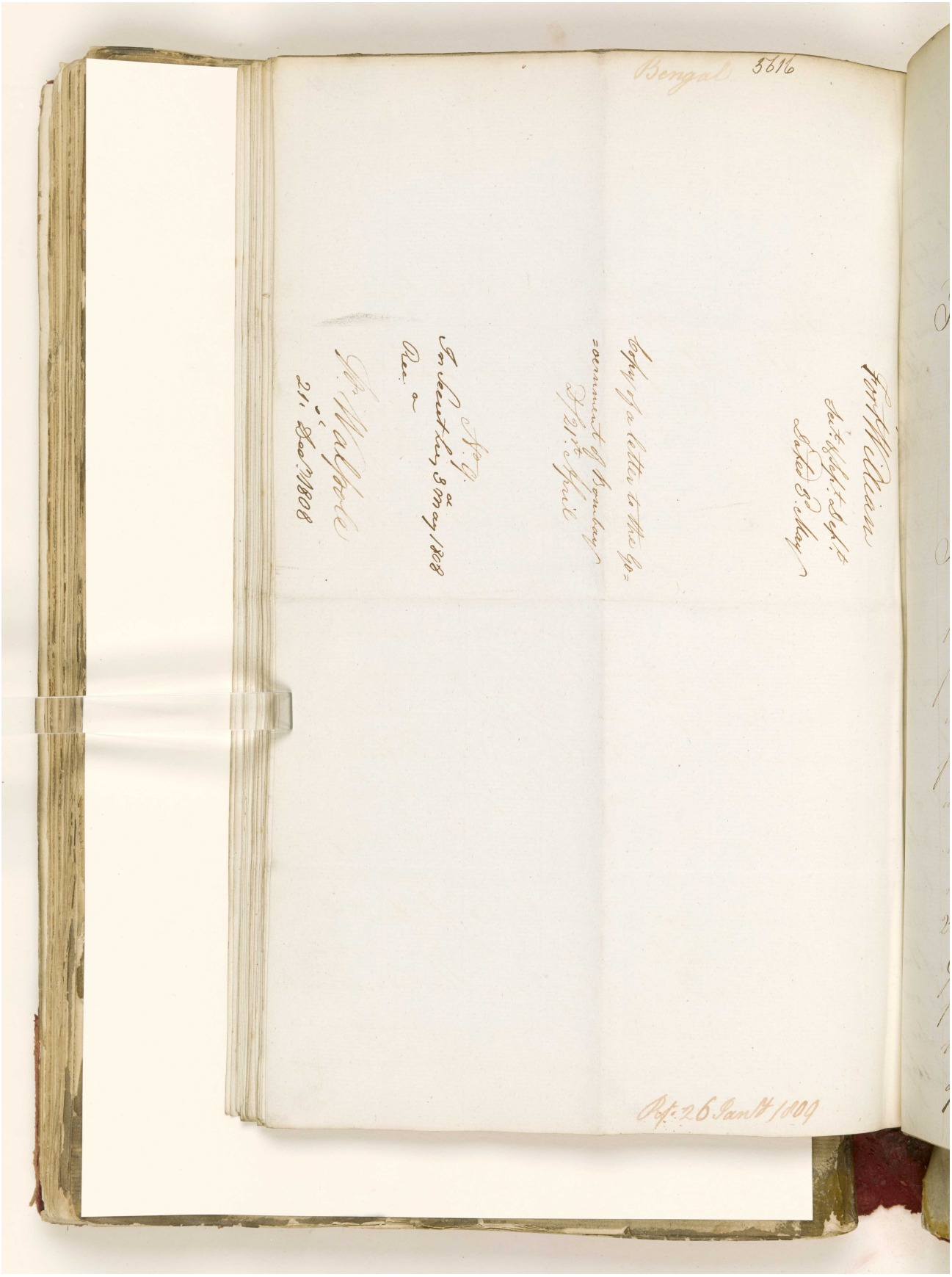

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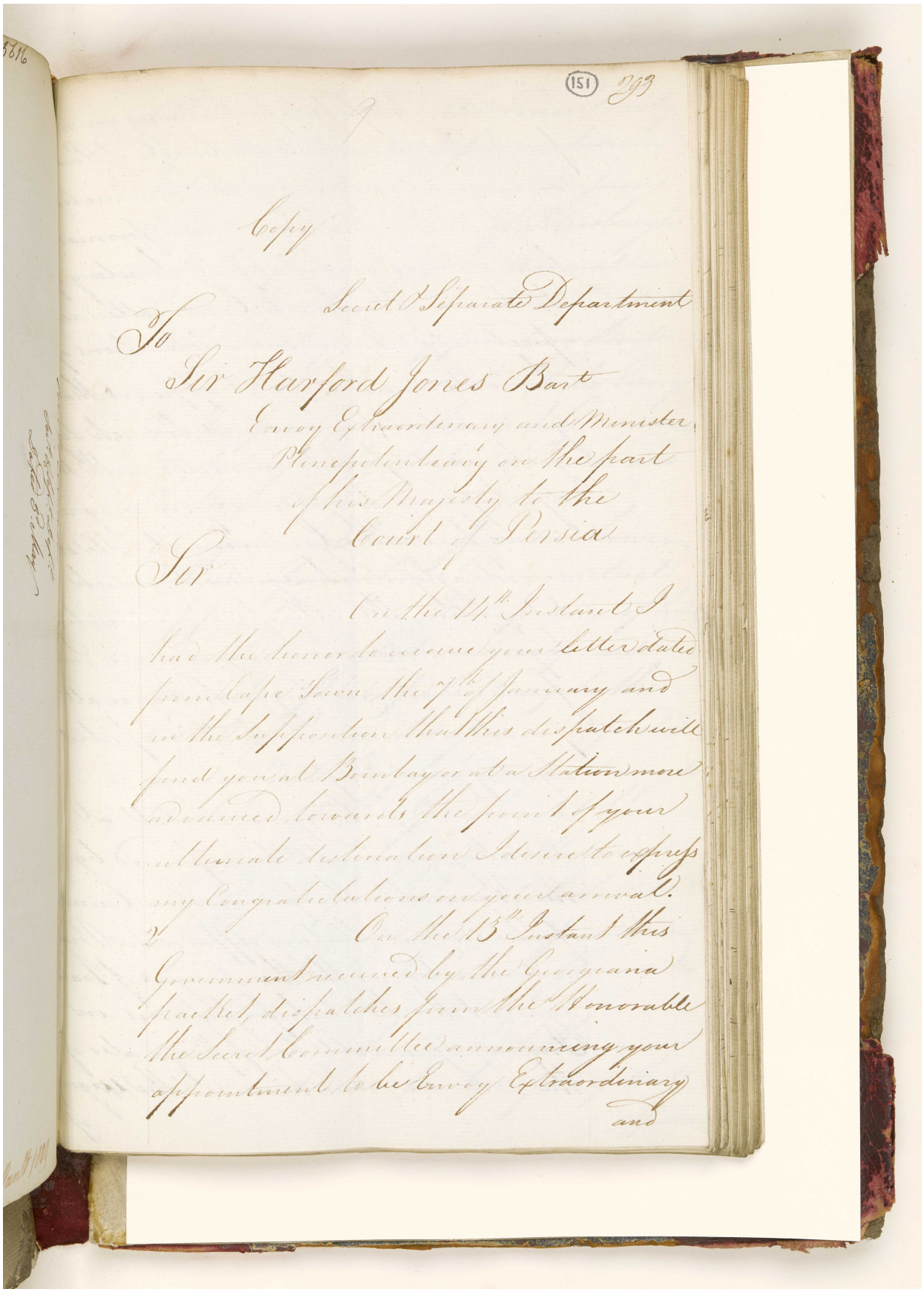

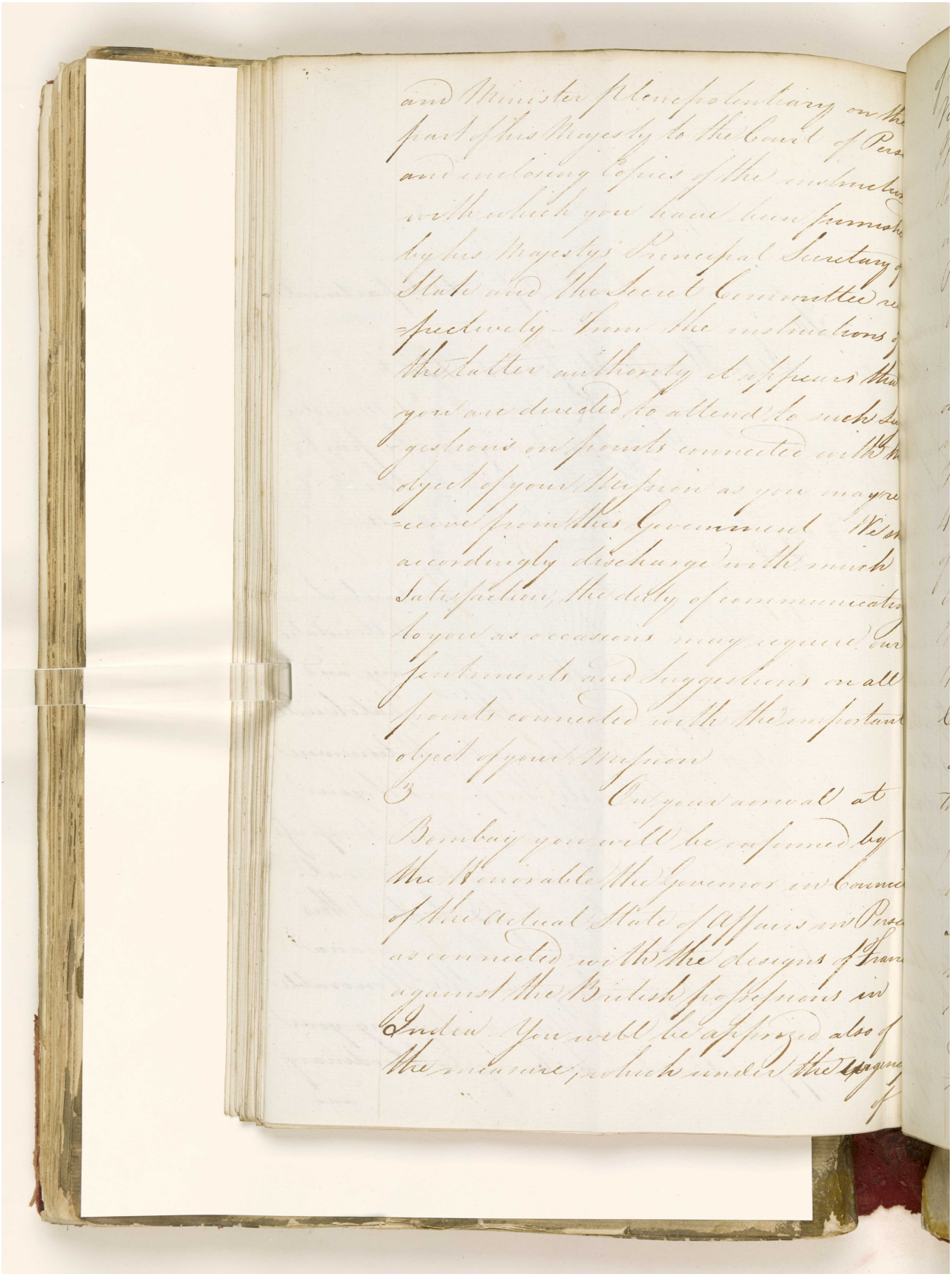

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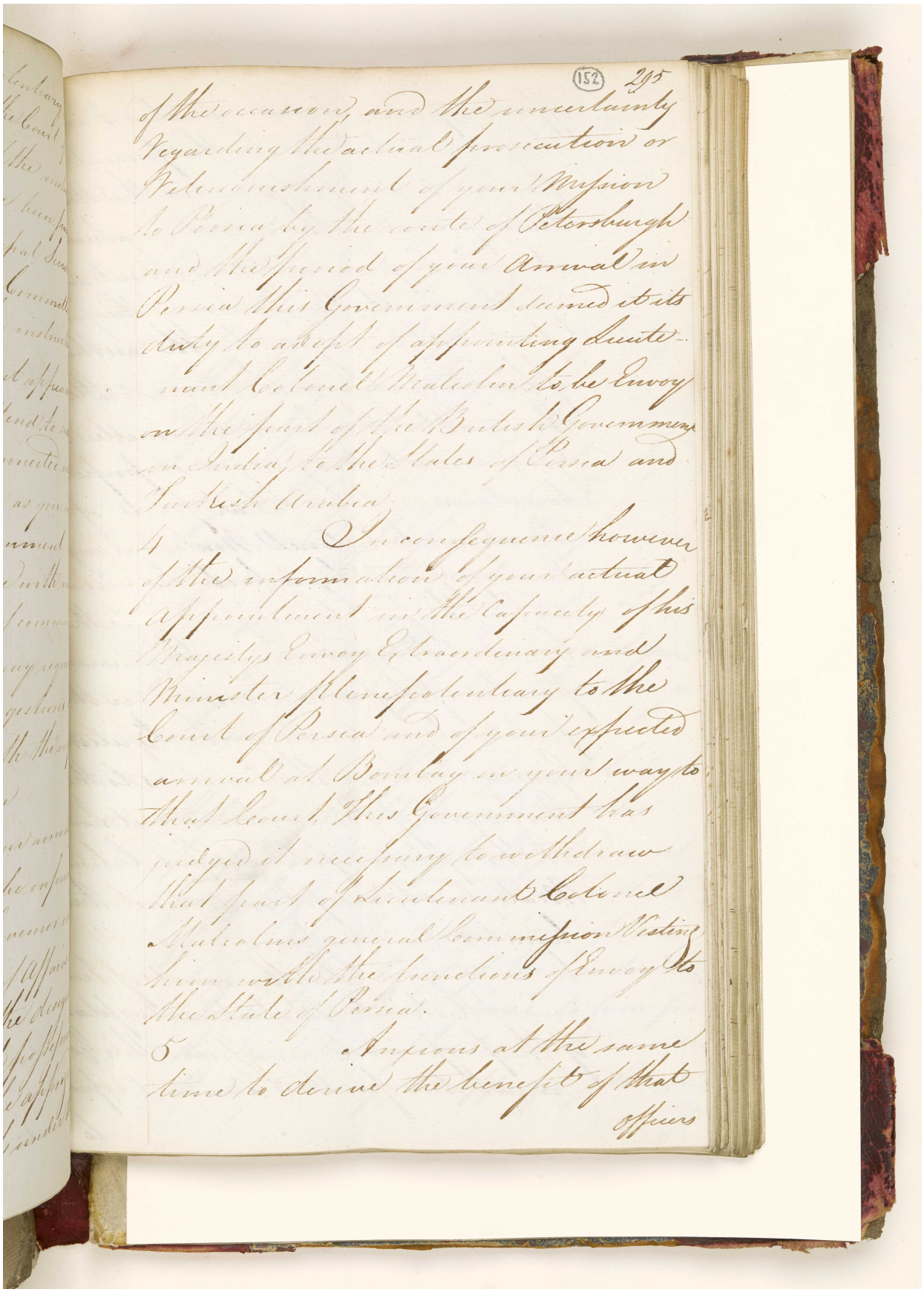

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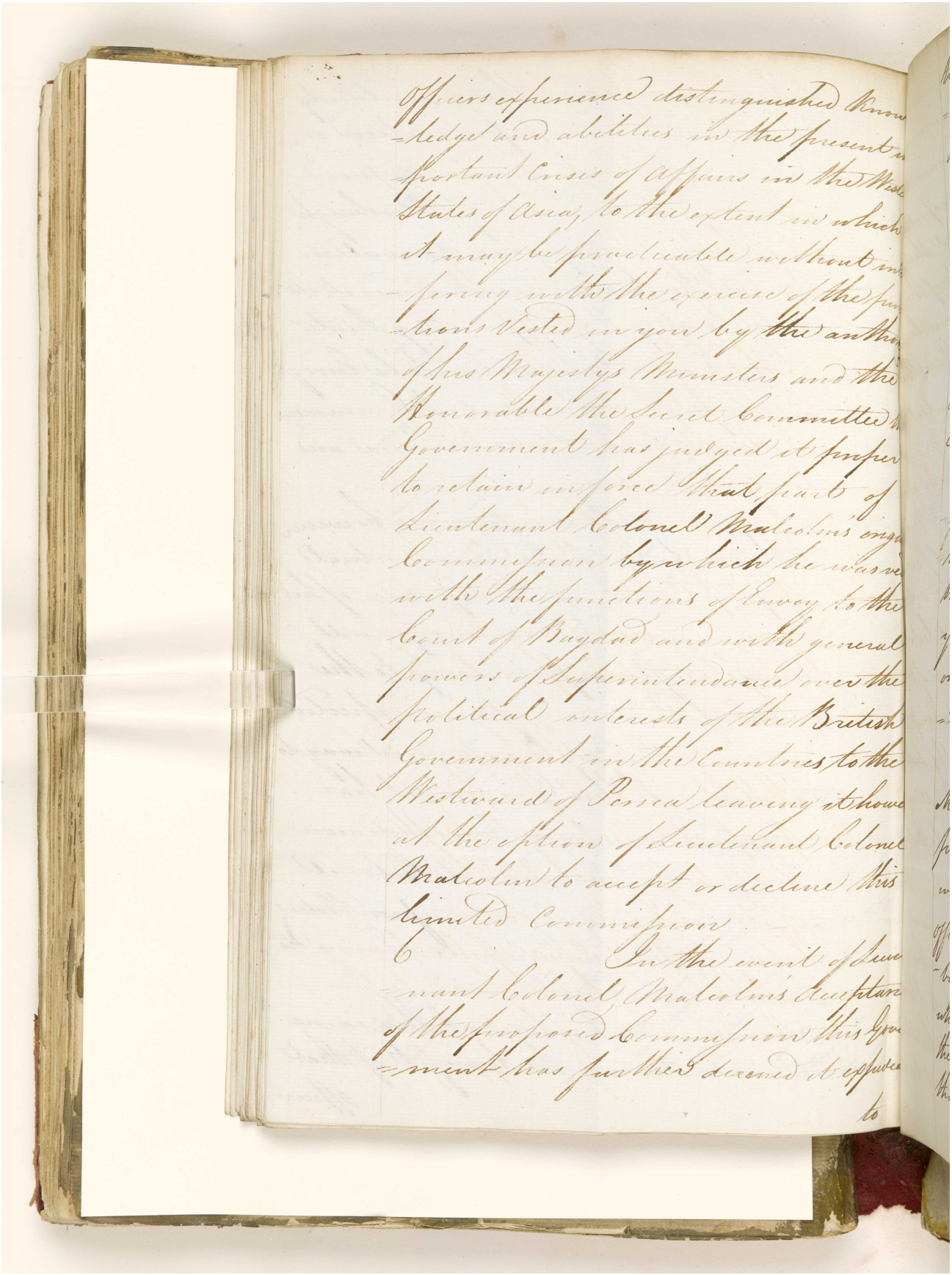

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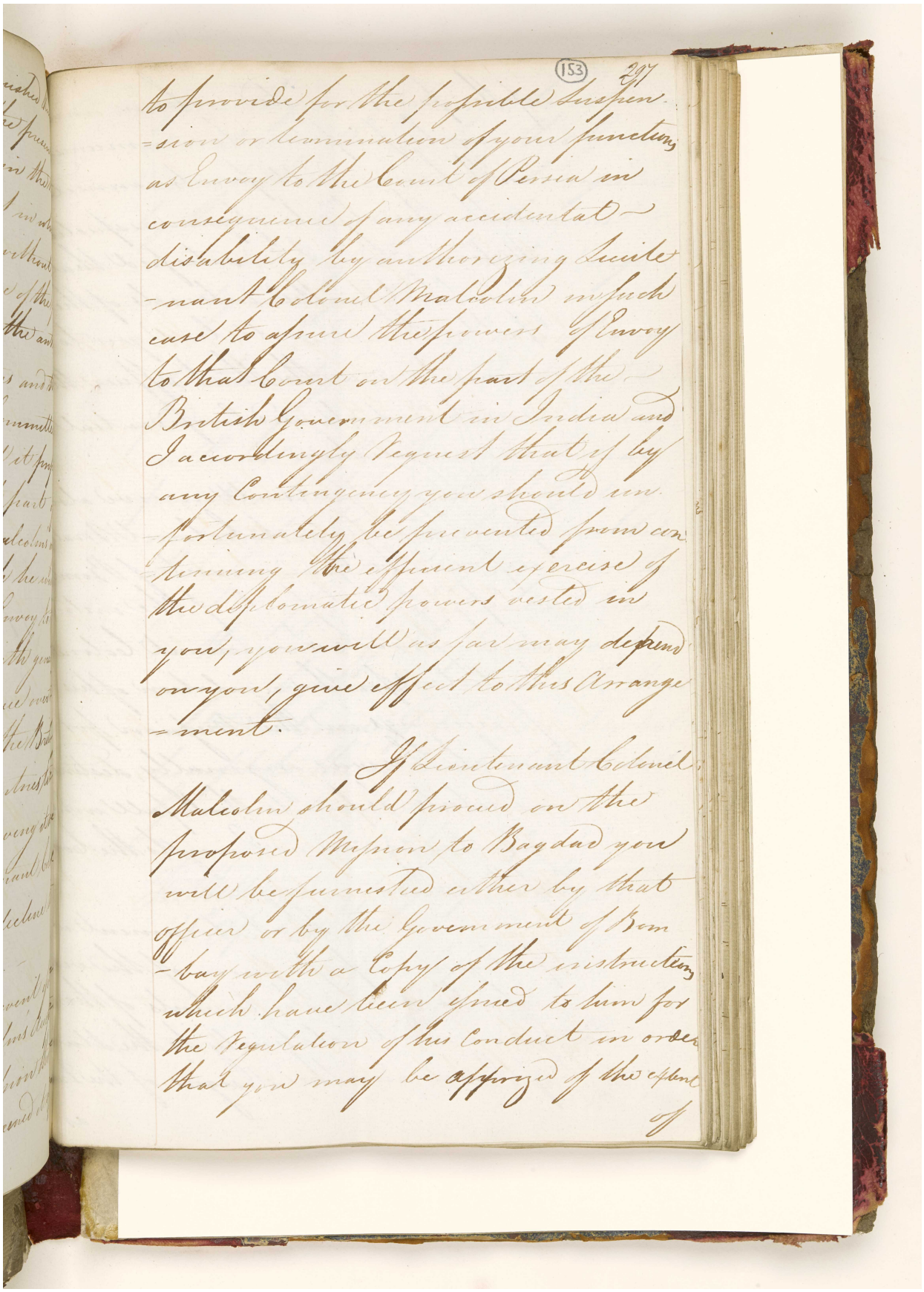

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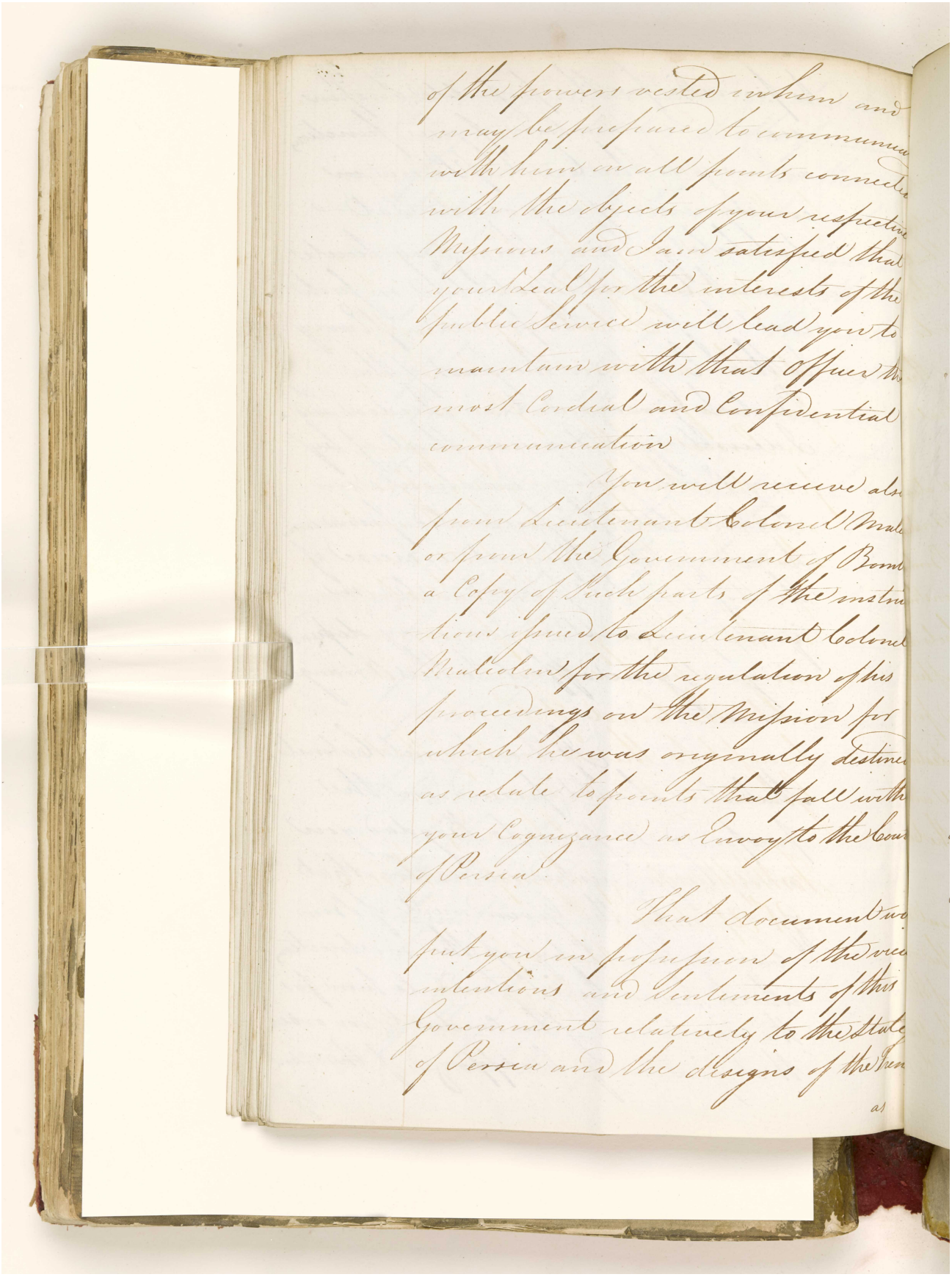

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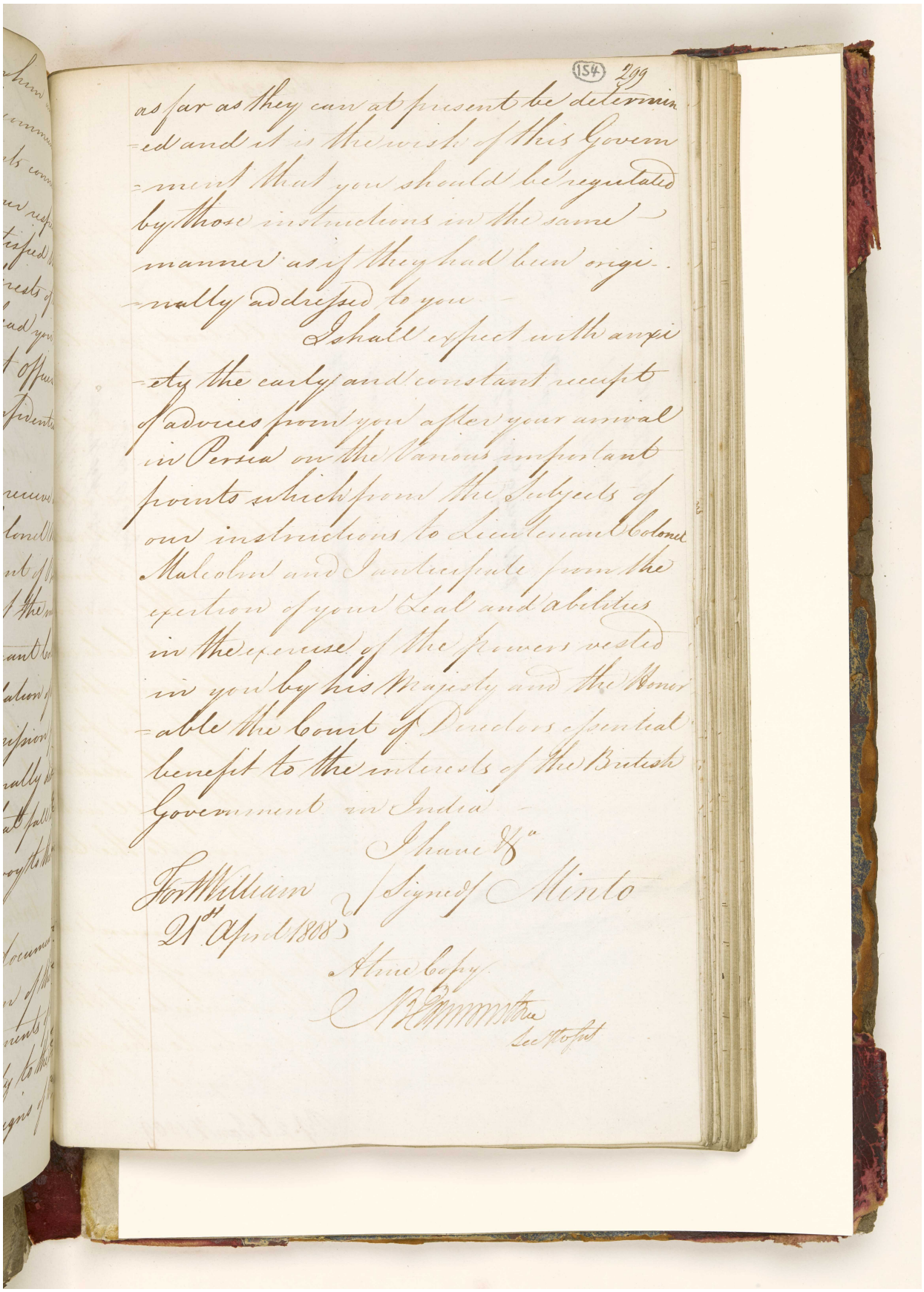

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as far as they can at present be determined and it is the wish of this Government that you should be regulated by those instructions in the same manner as if they had been originally addressed to you.

I shall expect with anxiety the early and constant receipt of advices from you after your arrival in Persia on the various important points which from the Subjects of our instructions to Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm and I anticipate from the exertion of your Zeal and abilities in the exercise of the powers vested in you by his Majesty and the Honorable the Court of Directors essential benefit to the interests of the British Government in India.

I have &c.

Fort William
21st April 1808

(Signed) Minto

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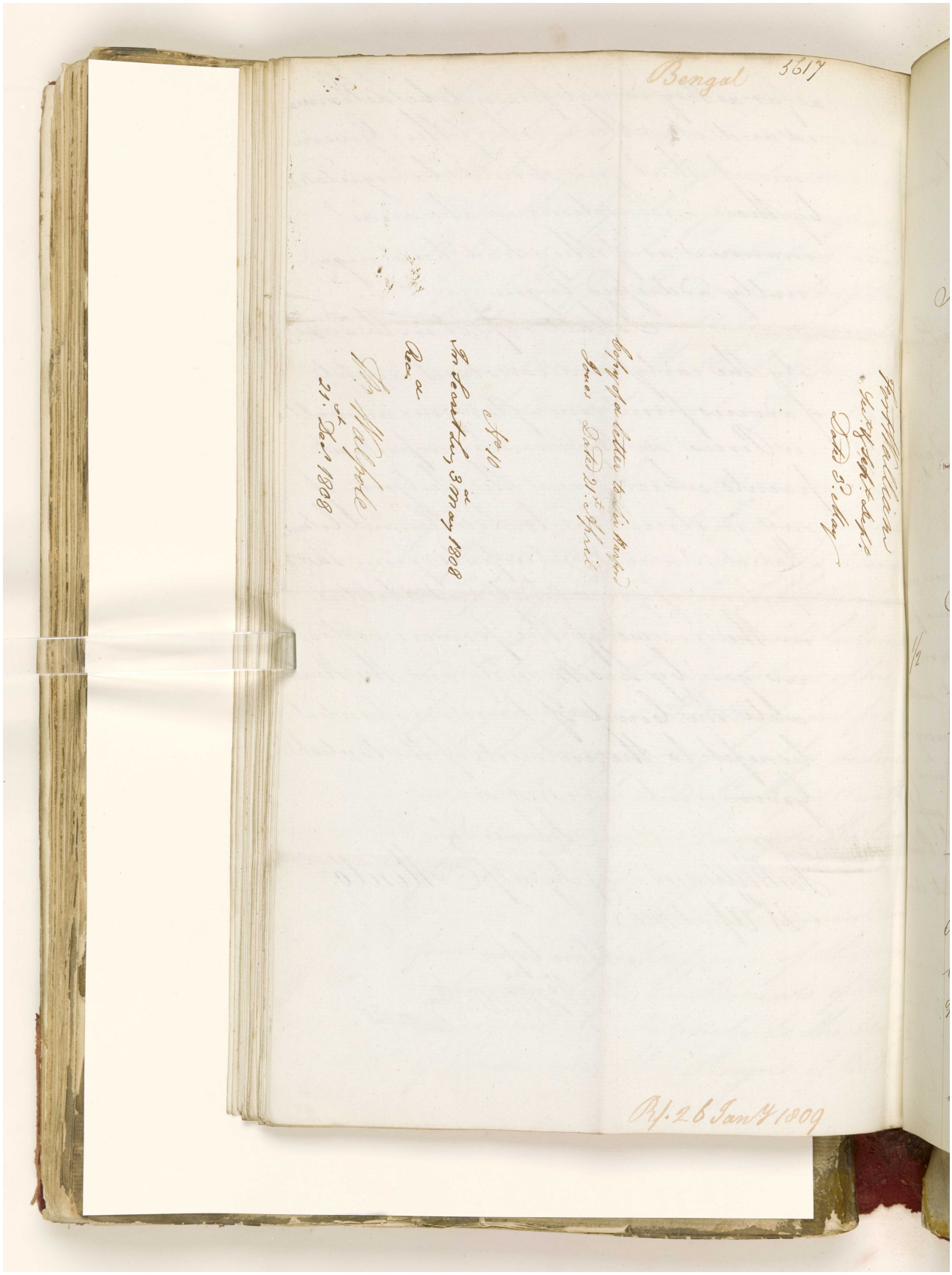
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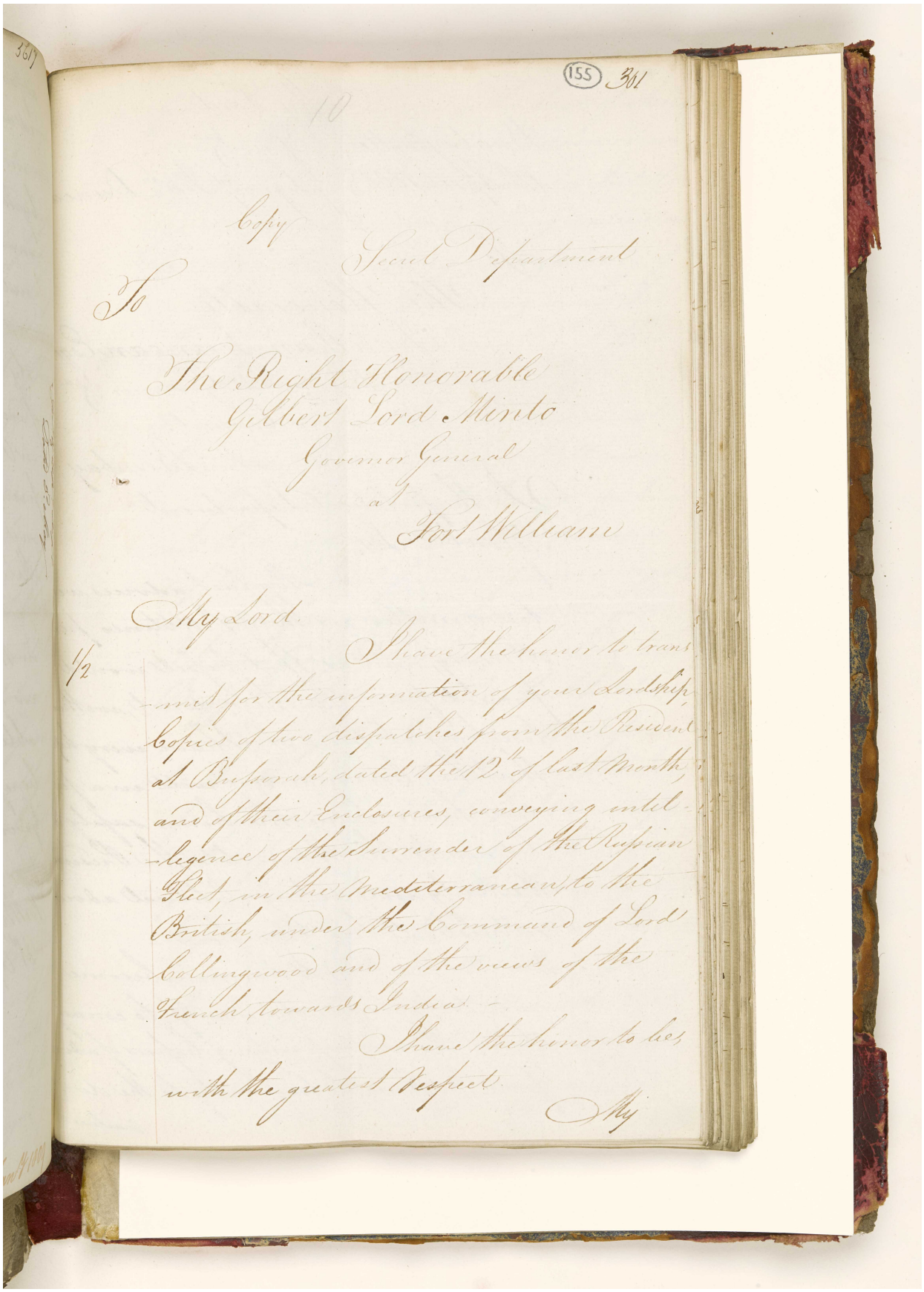

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Secret Department

To

The Right Honorable
Gilbert Lord Minto
Governor General
&c &c
Fort William

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit for the information of your Lordship Copies of two dispatches from the Resident at Bushire, dated the 12th of last Month, and of their Enclosures, conveying intelligence of the Surrender of the Russian Fleet in the Mediterranean to the British, under the Command of Lord Collingwood and of the views of the French towards India.

I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect
My

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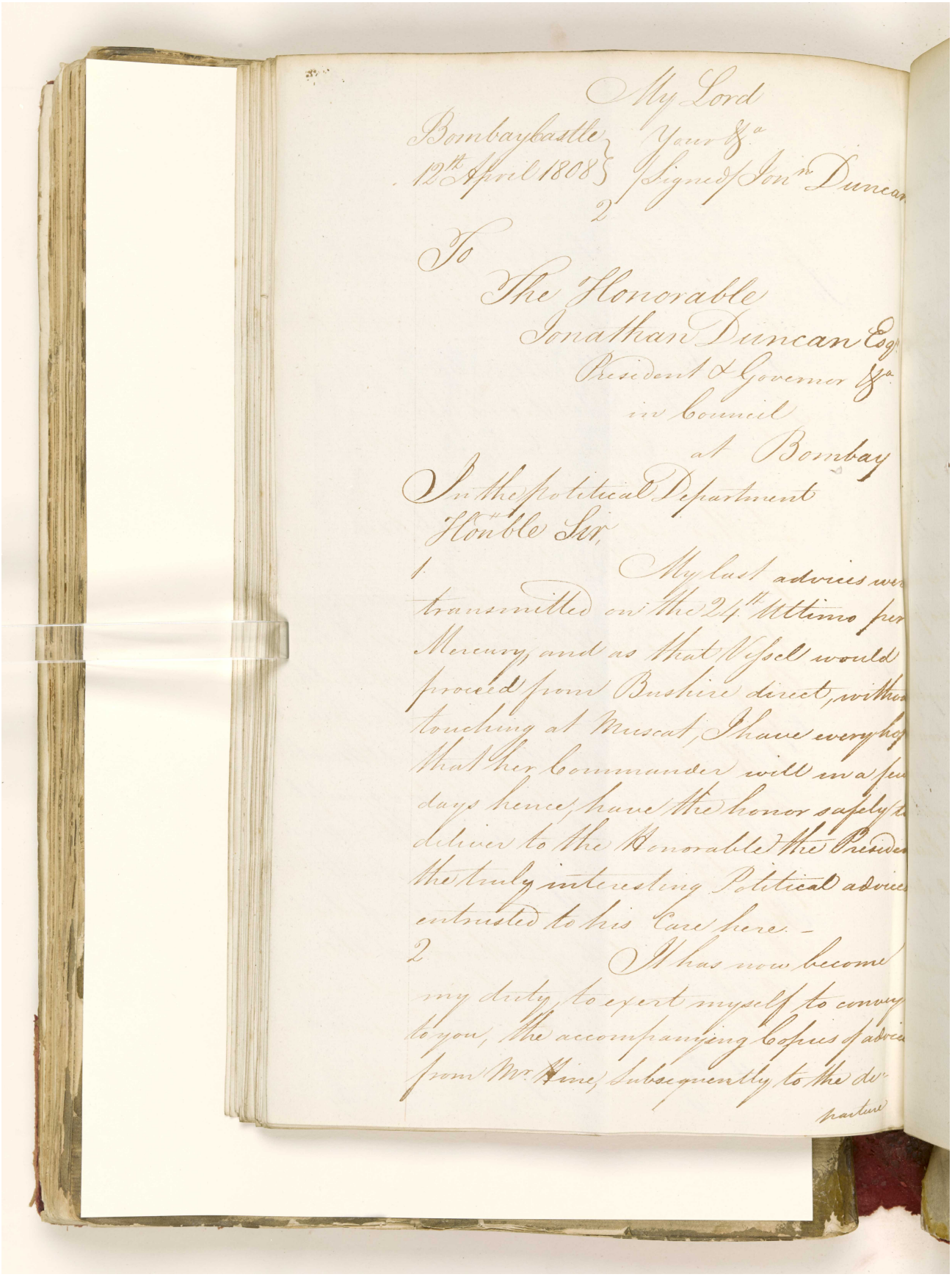

My Lord
Bombay Castle
12th April 1808
Your &c.
(Signed) Jon^n Duncan

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To
The Honorable
Jonathan Duncan Esqr
President & Governor &c.
in Council
at Bombay

In the Political Department
Honble Sir,

1. My last advices were transmitted on the 24th Ultimo per Mercury, and as that Vessel would proceed from Bushire direct, without touching at Muscat, I have every hope that her Commander will in a few days hence, have the honor safely to deliver to the Honorable the President the truly interesting Political advices entrusted to his Care here. –

2. It has now become my duty, to exert myself to convey to you, the accompanying Copies of advice from Mr. Hine, Subsequently to the departure

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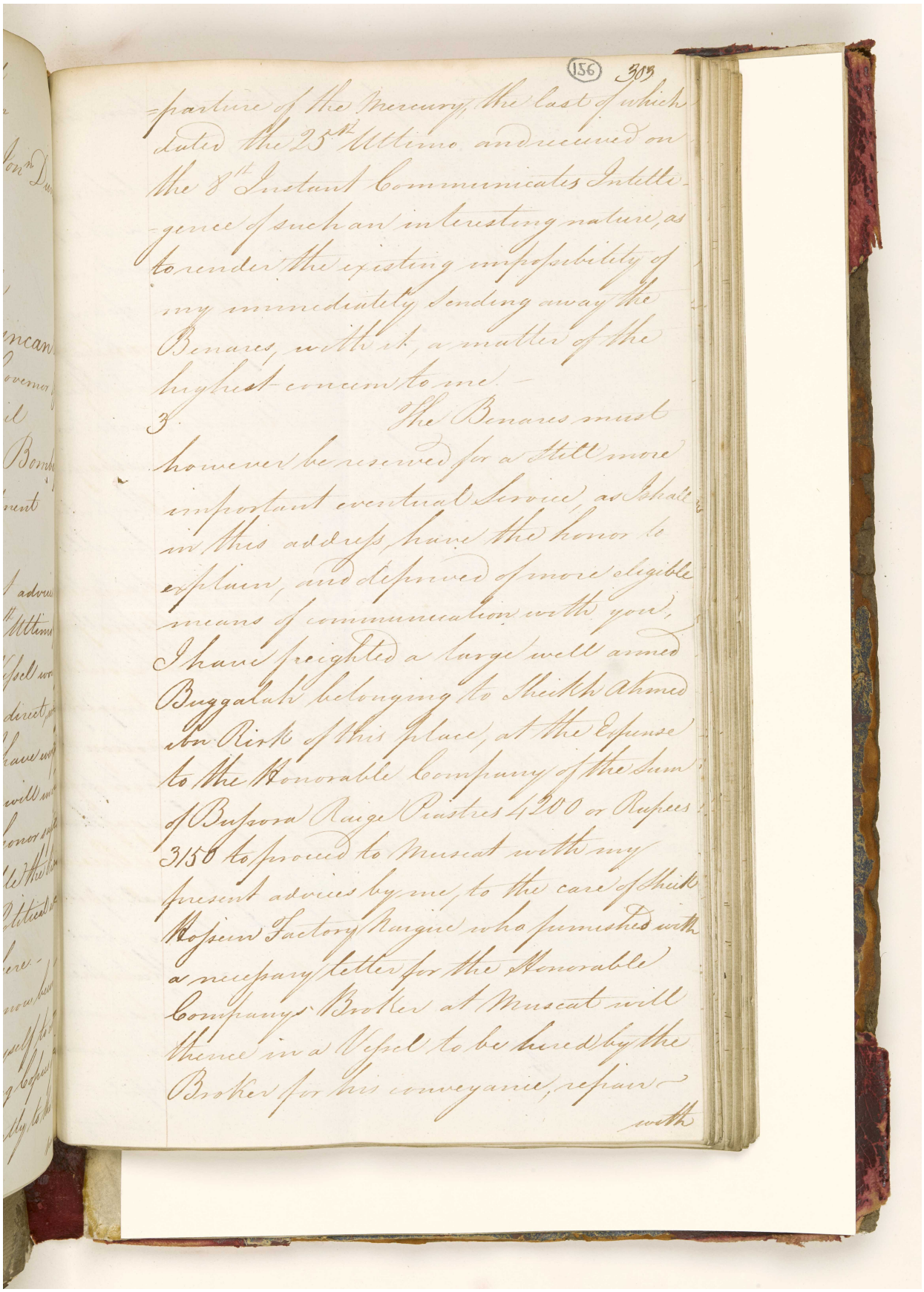
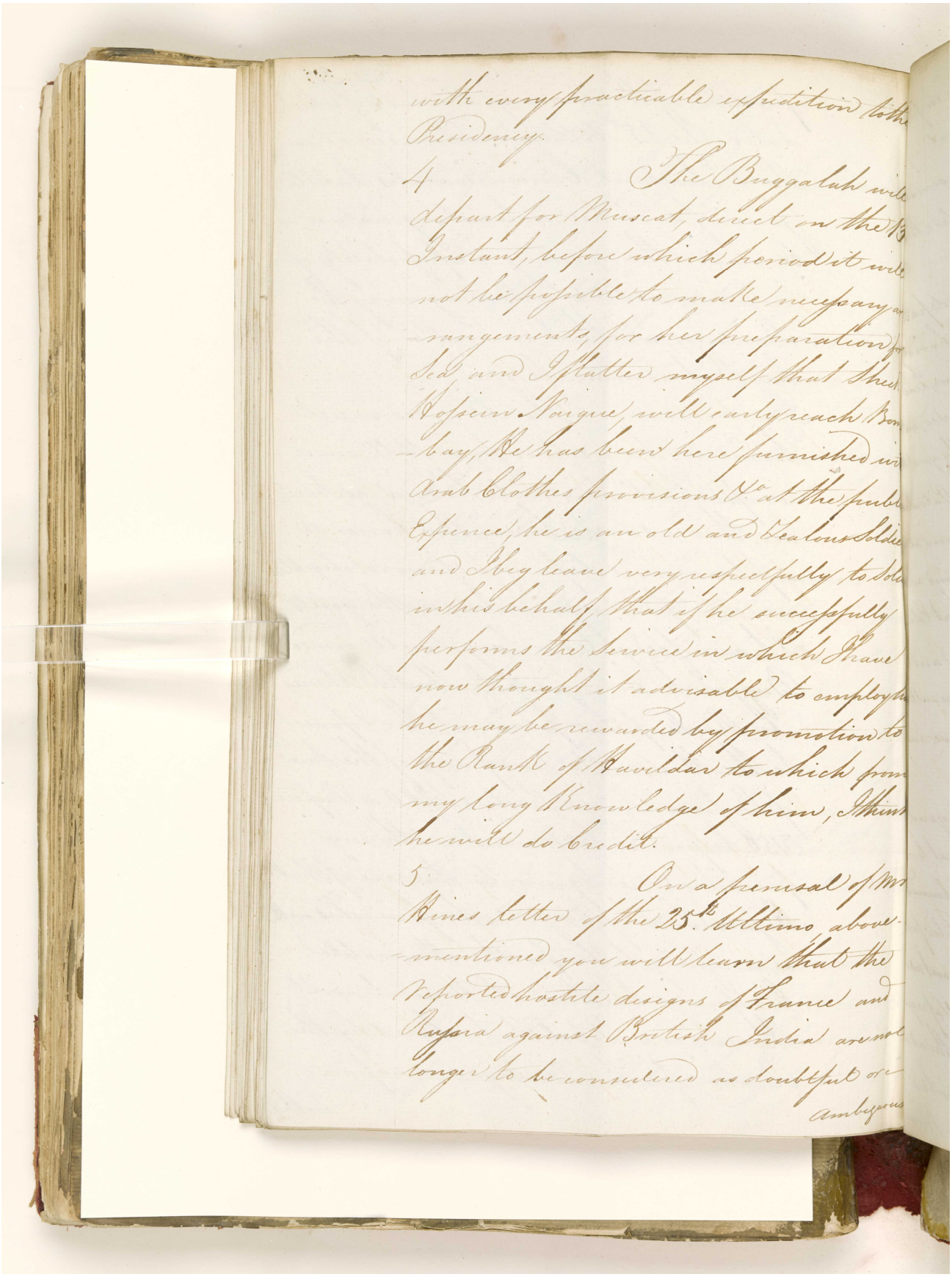
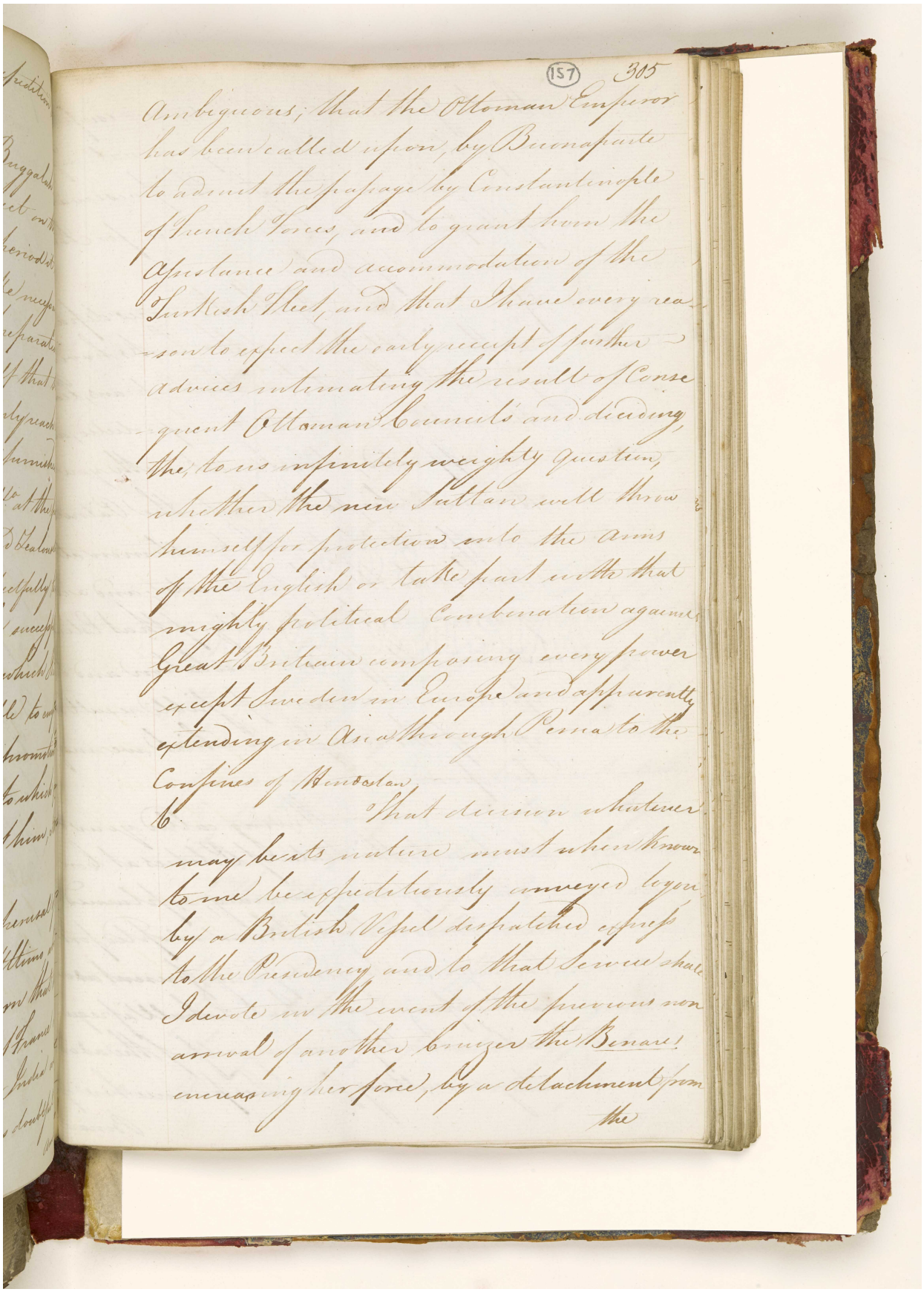




with every practicable expedition to the Presidency.

4 The Buggalah will depart for Muscat, direct on the 13 Instant, before which period it will not be possible to make necessary arrangements for her preparation for Sea and I flatter myself that Sheek Hossein Naique, will early reach Bombay, He has been here furnished with Arab Clothes provisions &c at the public Expence, he is an old and Zealous Soldier and I beg leave very respectfully to solicit in his behalf that if he successfully performs the Service in which I have now thought it advisable to employ him he may be rewarded by promotion to the Rank of Havildar to which from my long Knowledge of him, I think he will do Credit.

5 On a perusal of Mr Hines letter of the 25th Ultimo above-mentioned you will learn that the reported hostile designs of France and Russia against British India are not longer to be considered as doubtful or ambiguous



Ambiguous; that the Ottoman Emperor has been called upon, by Buonaparte to admit the passage by Constantinople of French Troops, and to grant them the Assistance and accommodation of the Turkish Fleet, and that I have every reason to expect the early receipt of further advices intimating the result of consequent Ottoman Councils and deciding the, to us infinitely weighty Question, whether the new Sultan will throw himself for protection into the Arms of the English or take part with that mighty political Combination against Great Britain composing every power except Sweden in Europe and apparently extending in Asia through Persia to the Confines of Hindostan.

6. That whatever Intelligence may be its nature must when known to me be expeditiously conveyed to you by a British Vessel dispatched expressly to the Purpose and to that Service shall I devote in the event of the previous non arrival of another Cruizer the Benares encreasing her force, by a detachment from the

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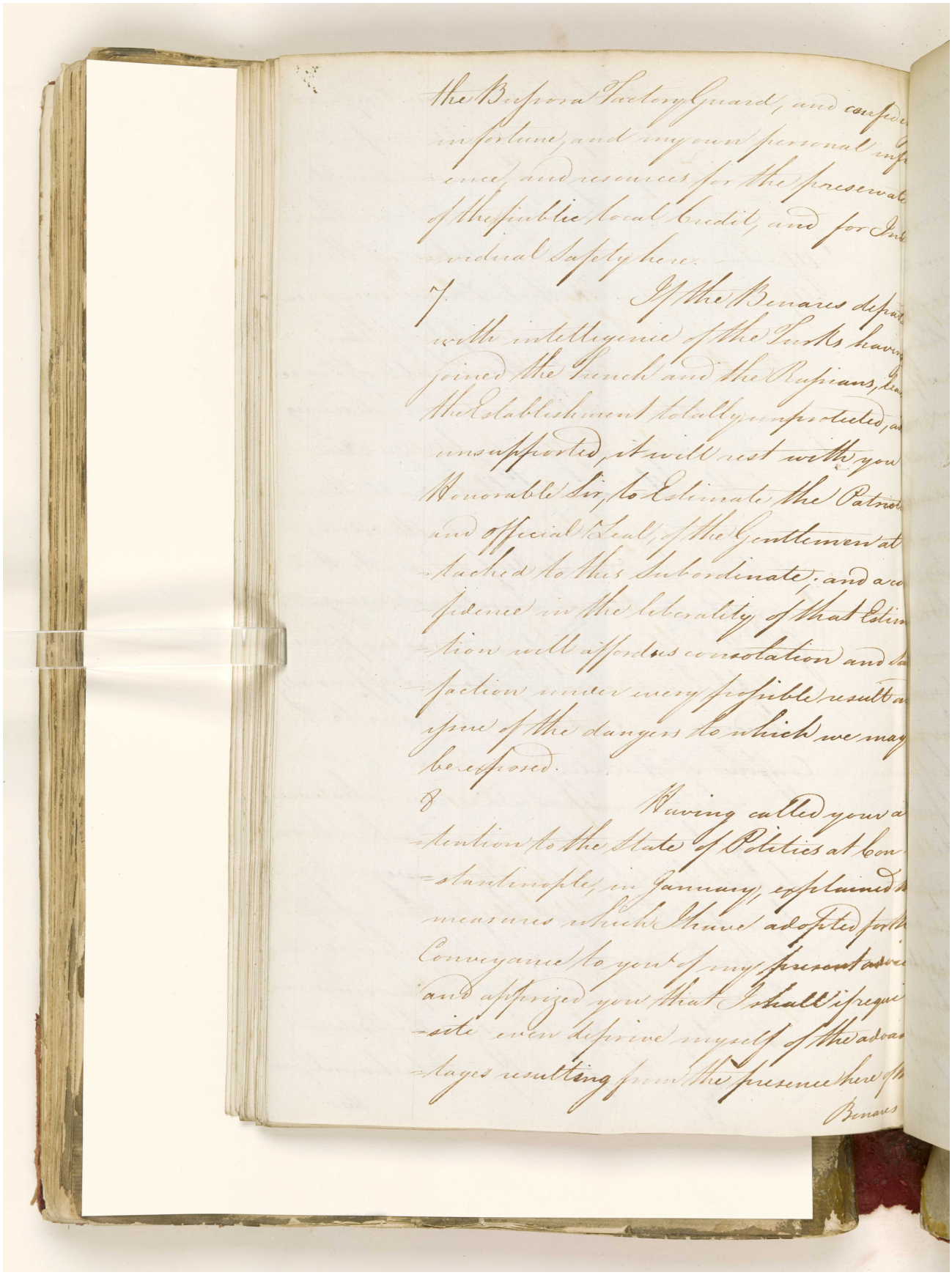

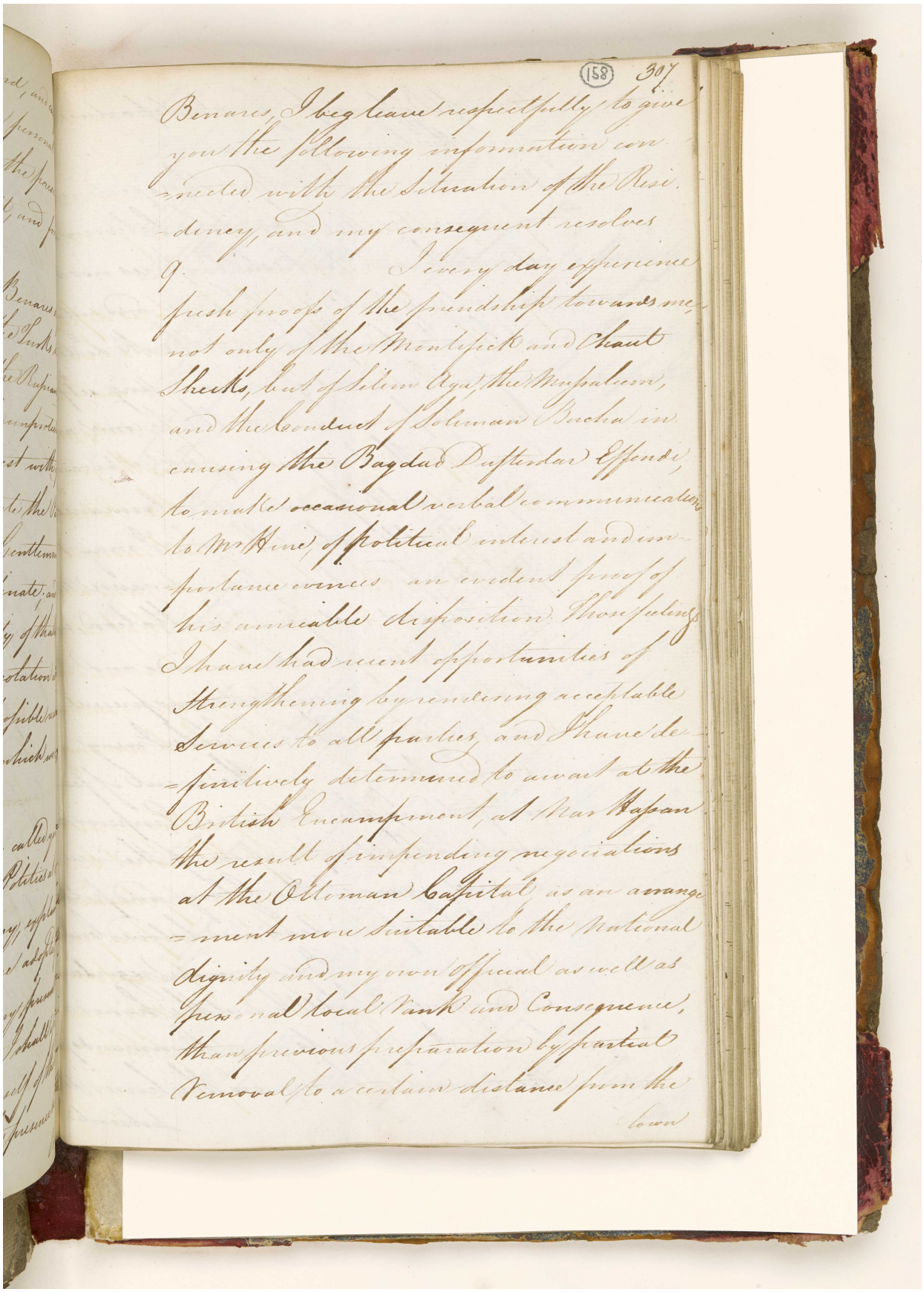

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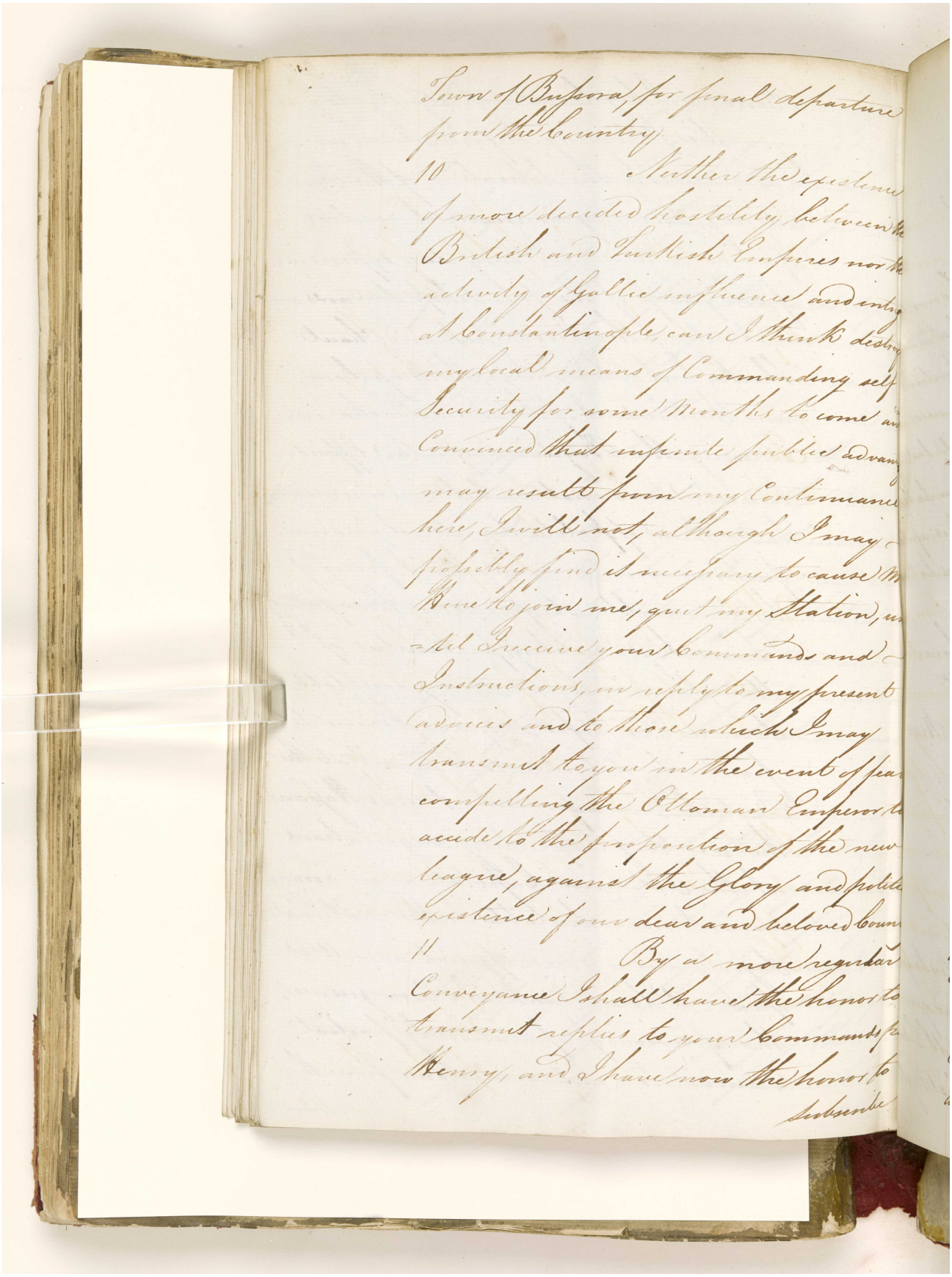

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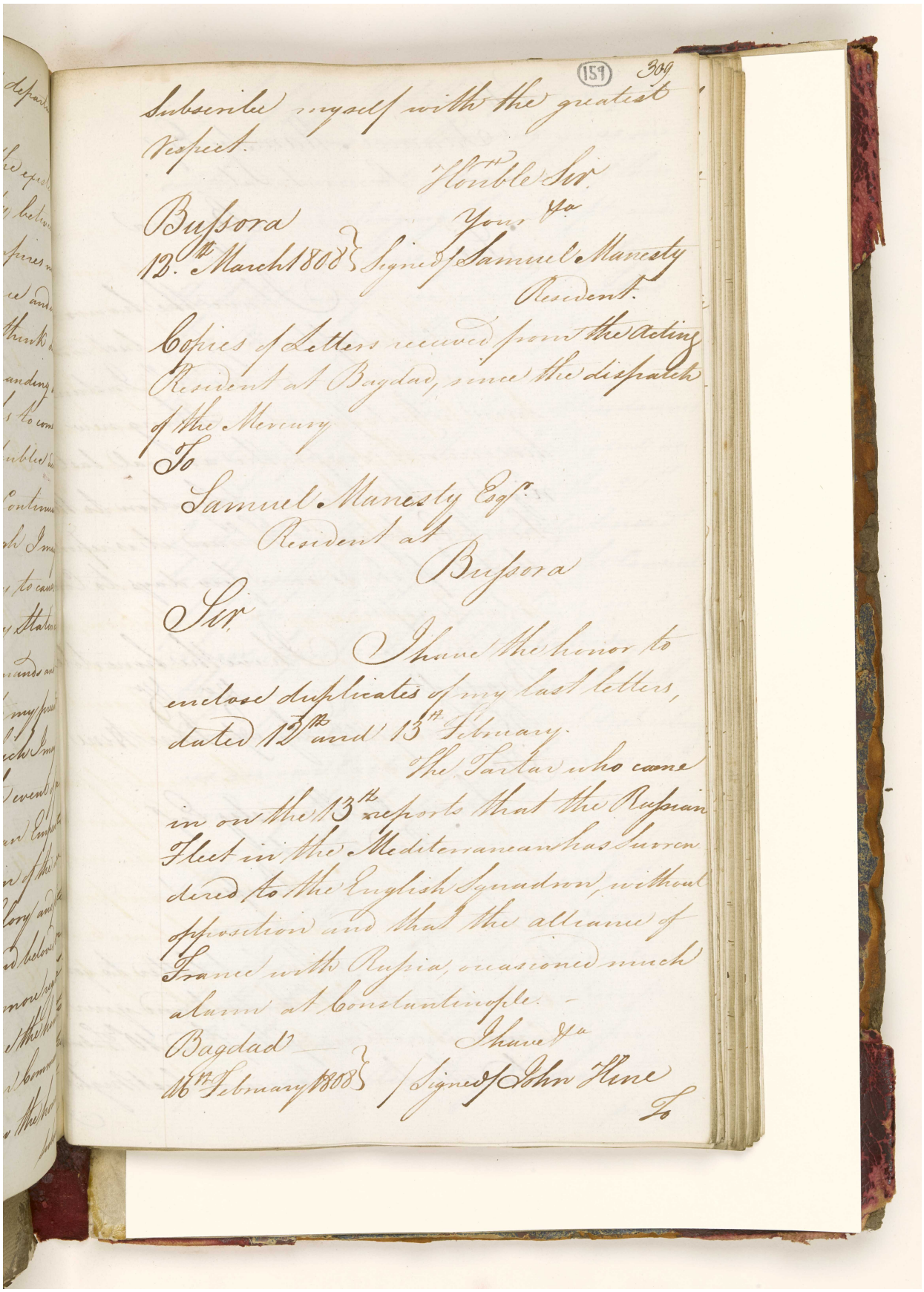


Subscribe myself with the greatest respect.

Honble Sir
Your &c^a

Bussora
12th March 1808 } Signed / Samuel Manesty
Resident.

Copies of Letters received from the Acting Resident at Bagdad, since the dispatch of the Mercury

To
Samuel Manesty Esqr
Resident at
Bussora

Sir

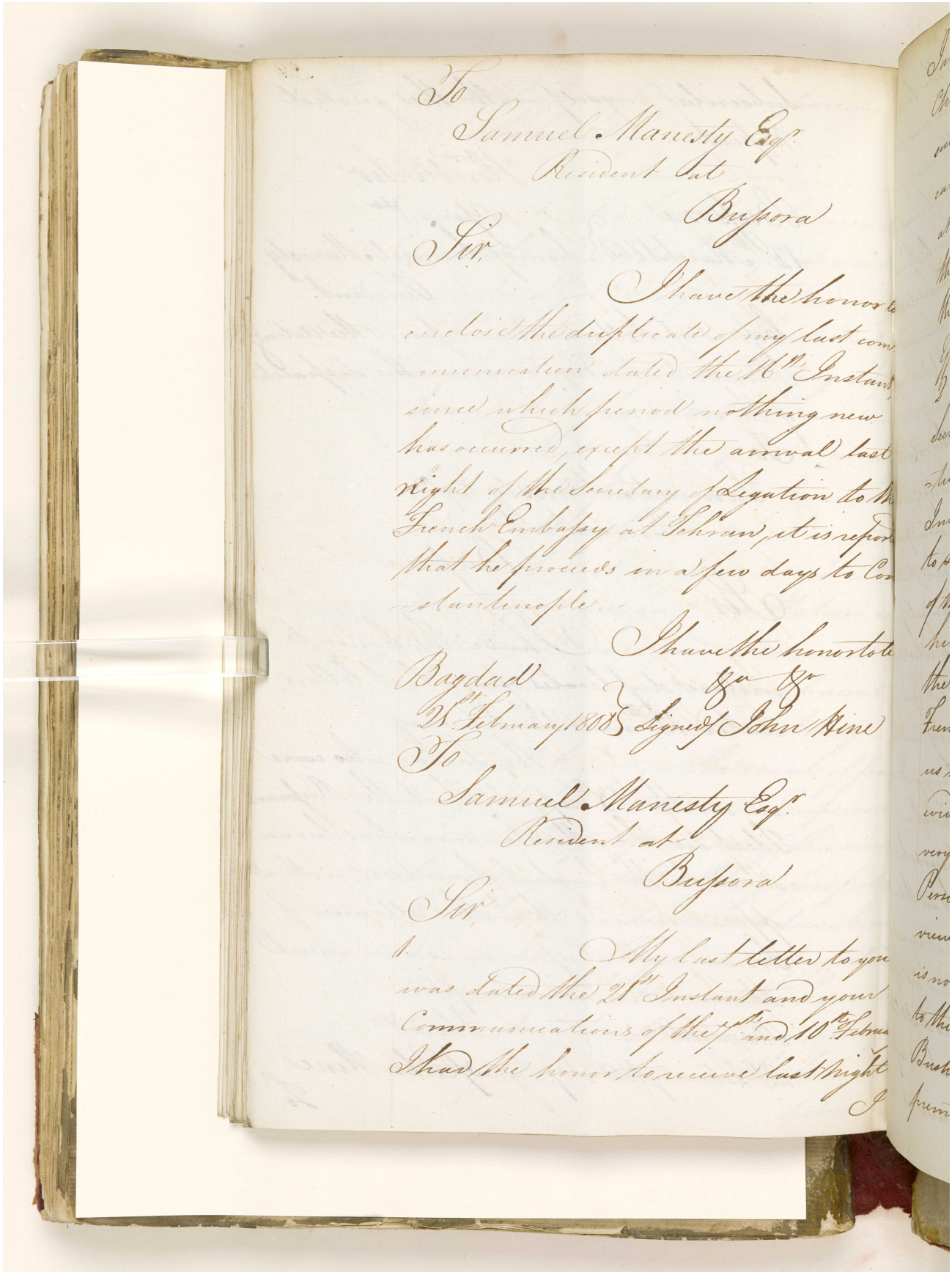
I have the honor to enclose duplicates of my last letters, dated 12th and 13th February.

The Tartar who came in on the 13th reports that the Russian Fleet in the Mediterranean has surrendered to the English Squadron, without opposition and that the alliance of France with Russia, occasioned much alarm at Constantinople.

I have &c^a

Bagdad
16th February 1808 } / Signed / John Hine

To



To
Samuel Manesty Esq.
Resident at
Bussora

Sir,

I have the honor to
enclose the duplicate of my last com-
munication dated the 11th Instant,
since which period nothing new
has occurred, except the arrival last
night of the Secretary of Legation to the
French Embassy at Schraun, it is report-
that he proceeds in a few days to Co-
nstantinople.

I have the honor to
Bagdad
25th February 1808
&c &c
Signed John Kinn

To
Samuel Manesty Esq.
Resident at
Bussora

Sir,

My last letter to you
was dated the 21st Instant and your
Communications of the 5th and 10th Febru-
I had the honor to receive last night

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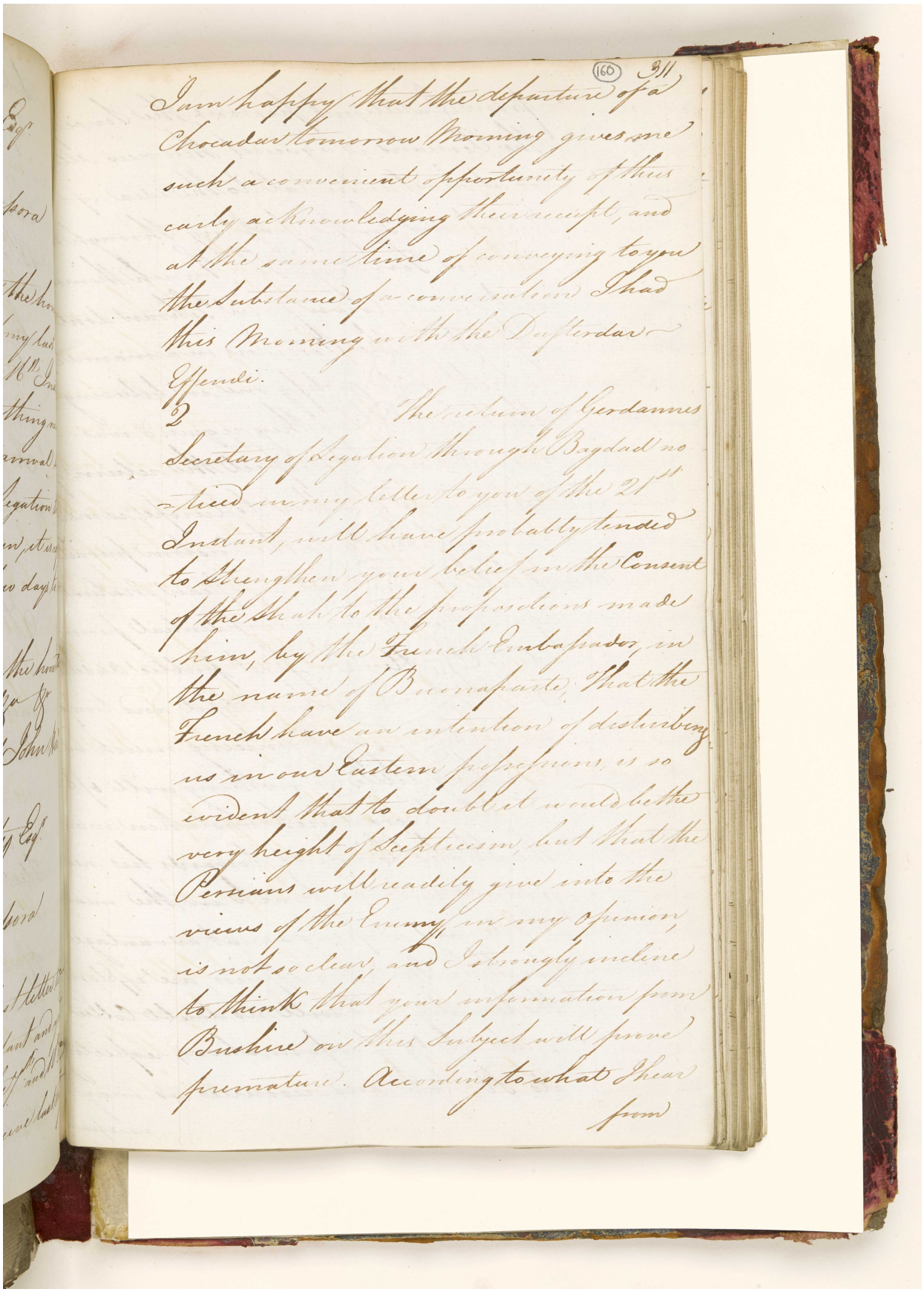

I am happy that the departure of a Chocadar tomorrow Morning gives me such a convenient opportunity of thus early acknowledging their receipt, and at the same time of conveying to you the substance of a conversation I had this Morning with the Daffterdar Effendi.

The return of Gerdannes Secretary of Legation through Bagdad no - tice in my letter to you of the 21st Instant, will have probably tended to strengthen your belief in the Consent of the Shah to the propositions made him, by the French Embassador, in the name of Buonaparte. That the French have an intention of disturbing us in our Eastern possessions, is so evident that no doubt would be the very height of Scepticism, but that the Persians will readily give into the views of the Enemy, in my opinion, is not so clear, and I strongly incline to think that your information from Bushire on this Subject will prove premature. According to what I hear from

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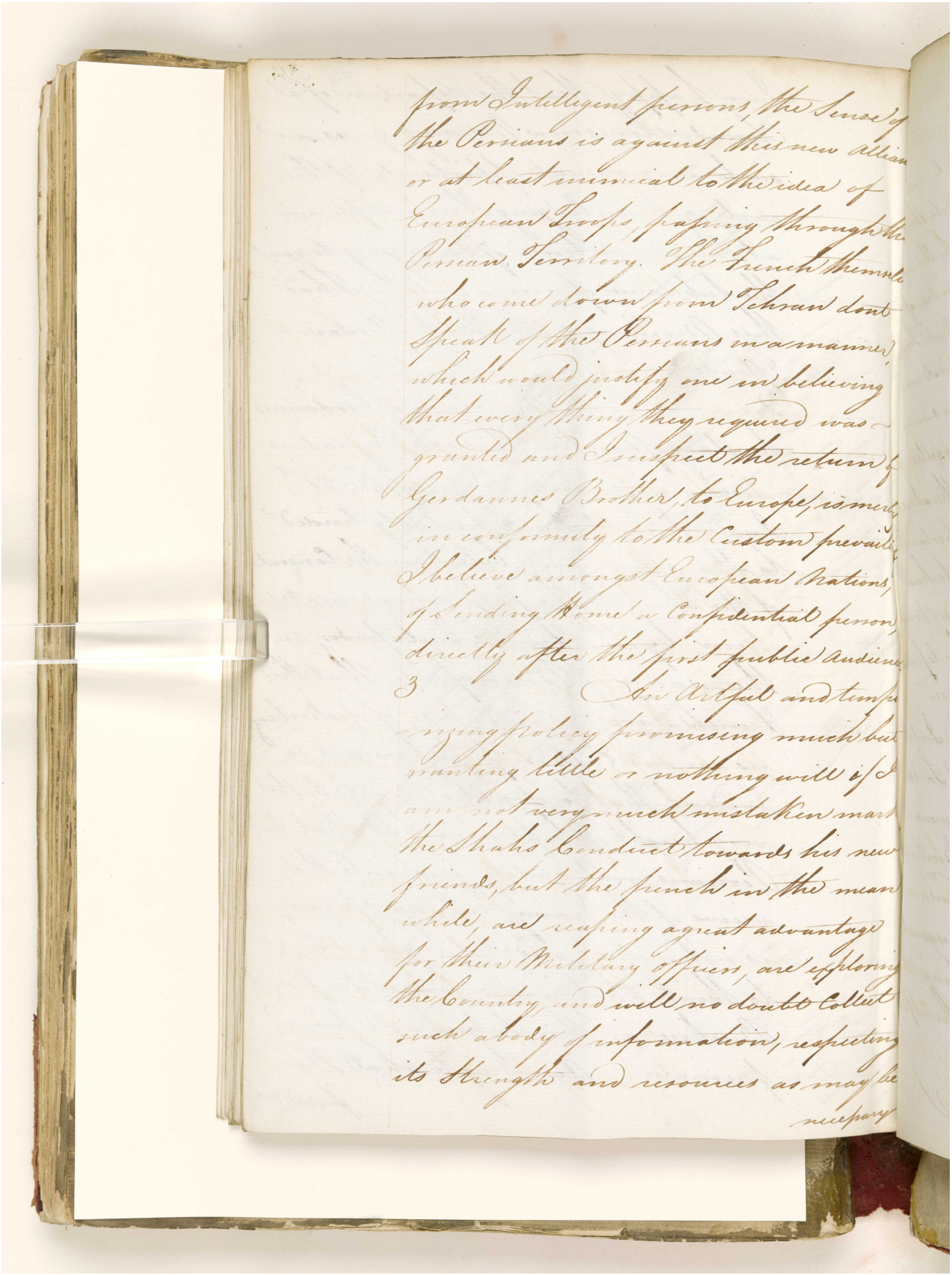

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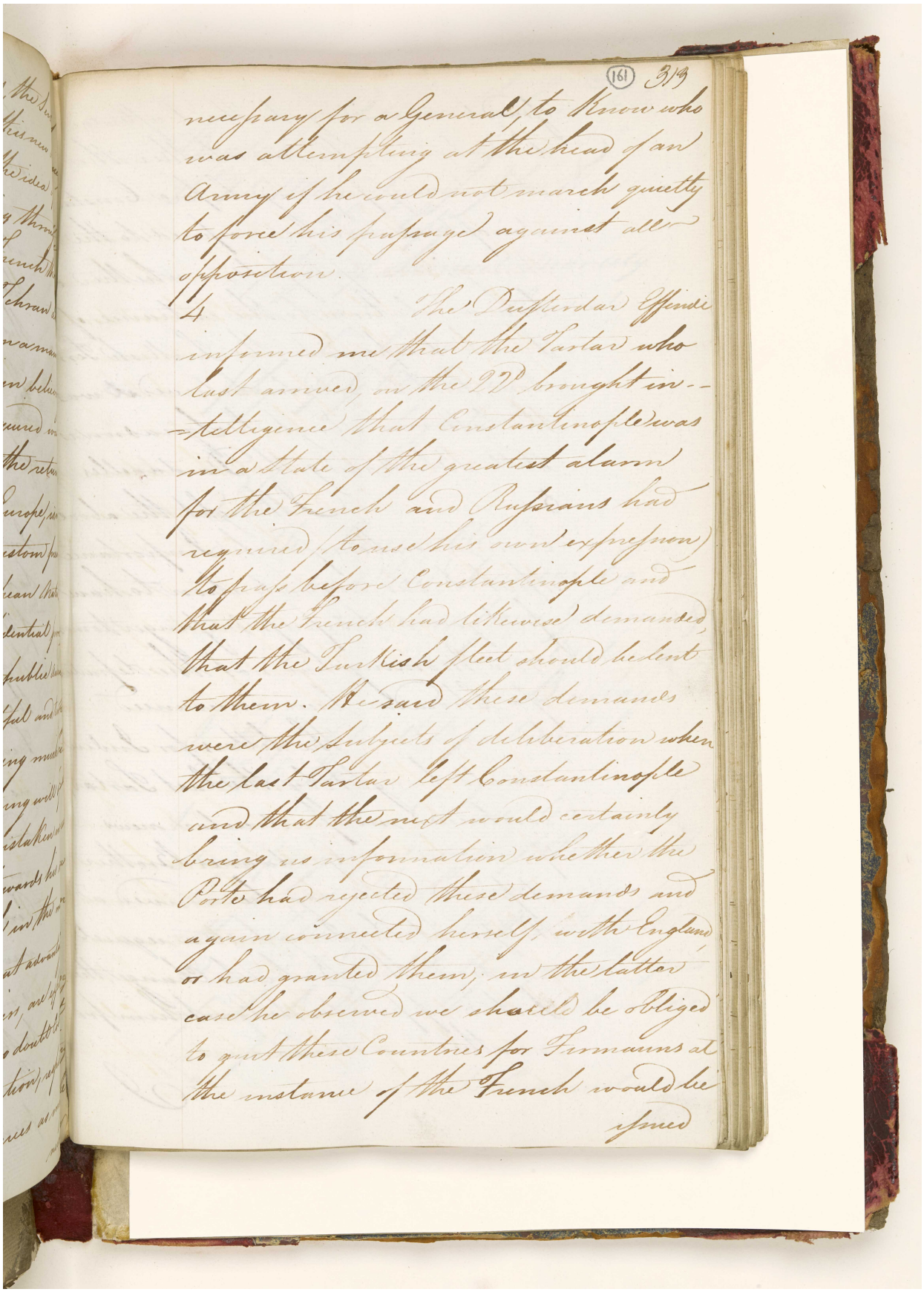

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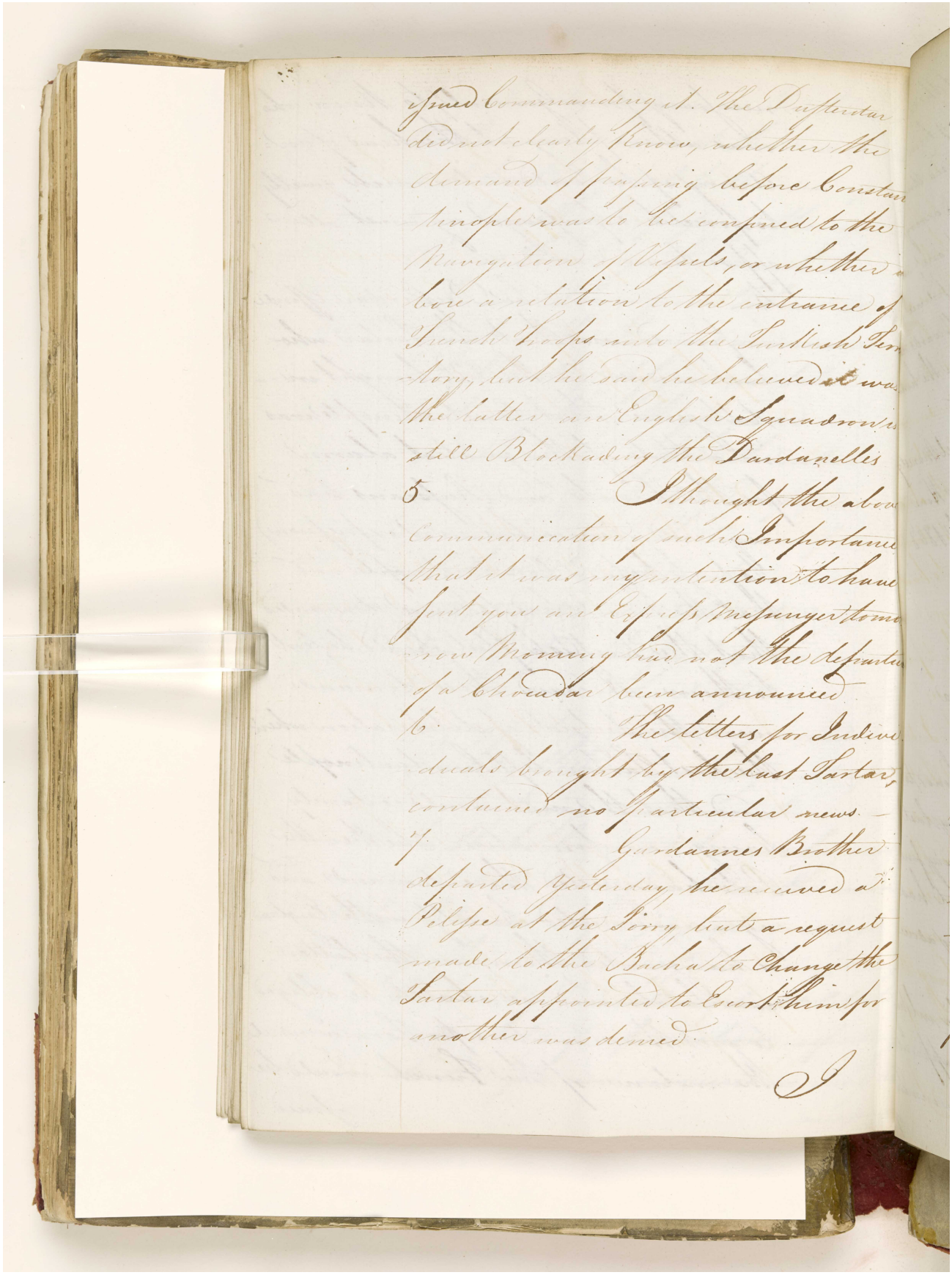
necessary for a General to know who was attempting at the head of an Army if he could not march quietly to force his passage against all opposition.

4. The Defterdar Effendi informed me that the Tartar who last arrived on the 22 brought intelligence that Constantinople was in a state of the greatest alarm for the French and Russians had required (to use his own expression) to pass before Constantinople and that the French had likewise demanded that the Turkish fleet should be lent to them. He said these demands were the subjects of deliberation when the last Tartar left Constantinople and that the next would certainly bring us information whether the Porte had rejected these demands and again connected herself with England or had granted them, in the latter case he observed we should be obliged to quit these Countries for Firmauns at the instance of the French would be issued



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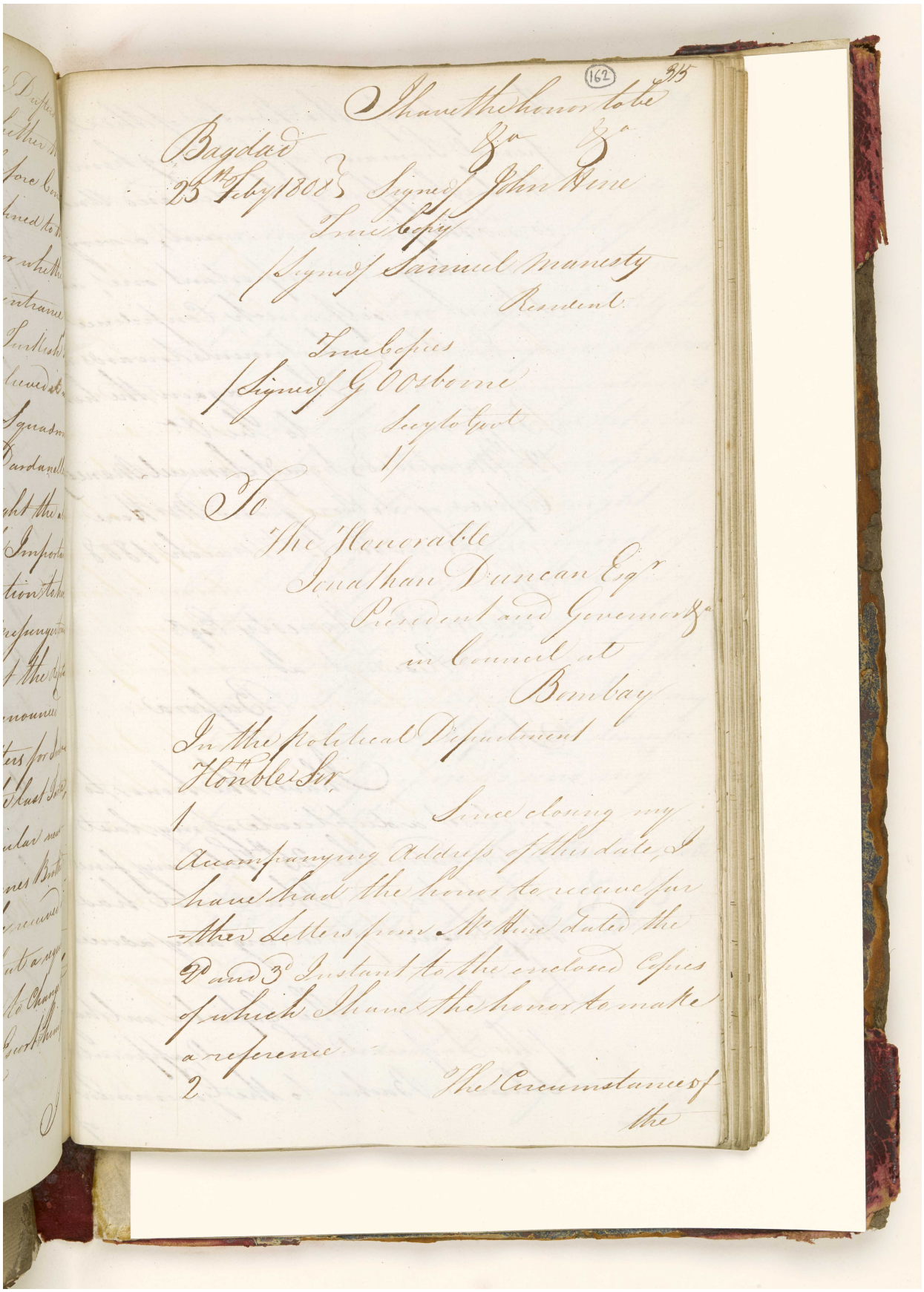

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I have the honor to be
&c &c

Bagdad
25th Feby 1808 } Signed John Hine

True Copy
(Signed) Samuel Manesty
Resident

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(Signed) G Oosborne
Secy to Govt

To
The Honorable
Jonathan Duncan Esqr
President and Governor &c
in Council at
Bombay

In the Political Department
Honble Sir,

1 Since closing my Accompanying Address of this date, I have had the honor to receive further Letters from Mr Hine dated the 2d and 3d Instant to the enclosed Copies of which I have the honor to make a reference

2 The Circumstances of the

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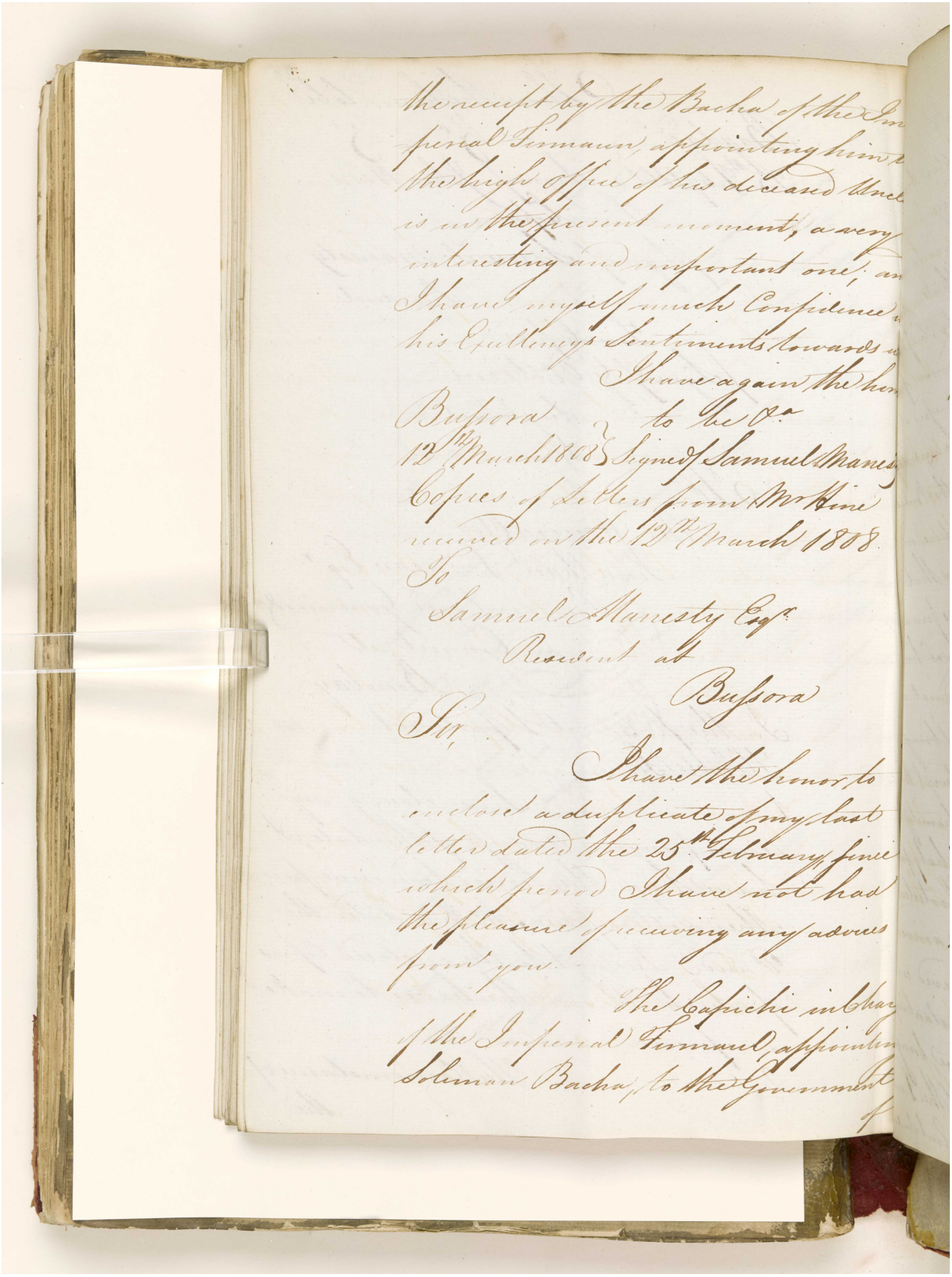

the receipt by the Bacha of the Imperial Firmaun, appointing him to the high office of his deceased Uncle is in the present moment, a very interesting and important one; and I have myself much Confidence in his Excellency's Sentiments towards us.

I have again the honor to be &c.

Bussora
12th March 1808

Signed Samuel Manesty

Copies of Letters from Mr Kine received on the 12th March 1808.

To
Samuel Manesty Esqr.
Resident at
Bussora

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a duplicate of my last letter dated the 25th February since which period I have not had the pleasure of receiving any advices from you.

The Capichi in Charge of the Imperial Firmaul, appointing Soliman Bacha, to the Government of

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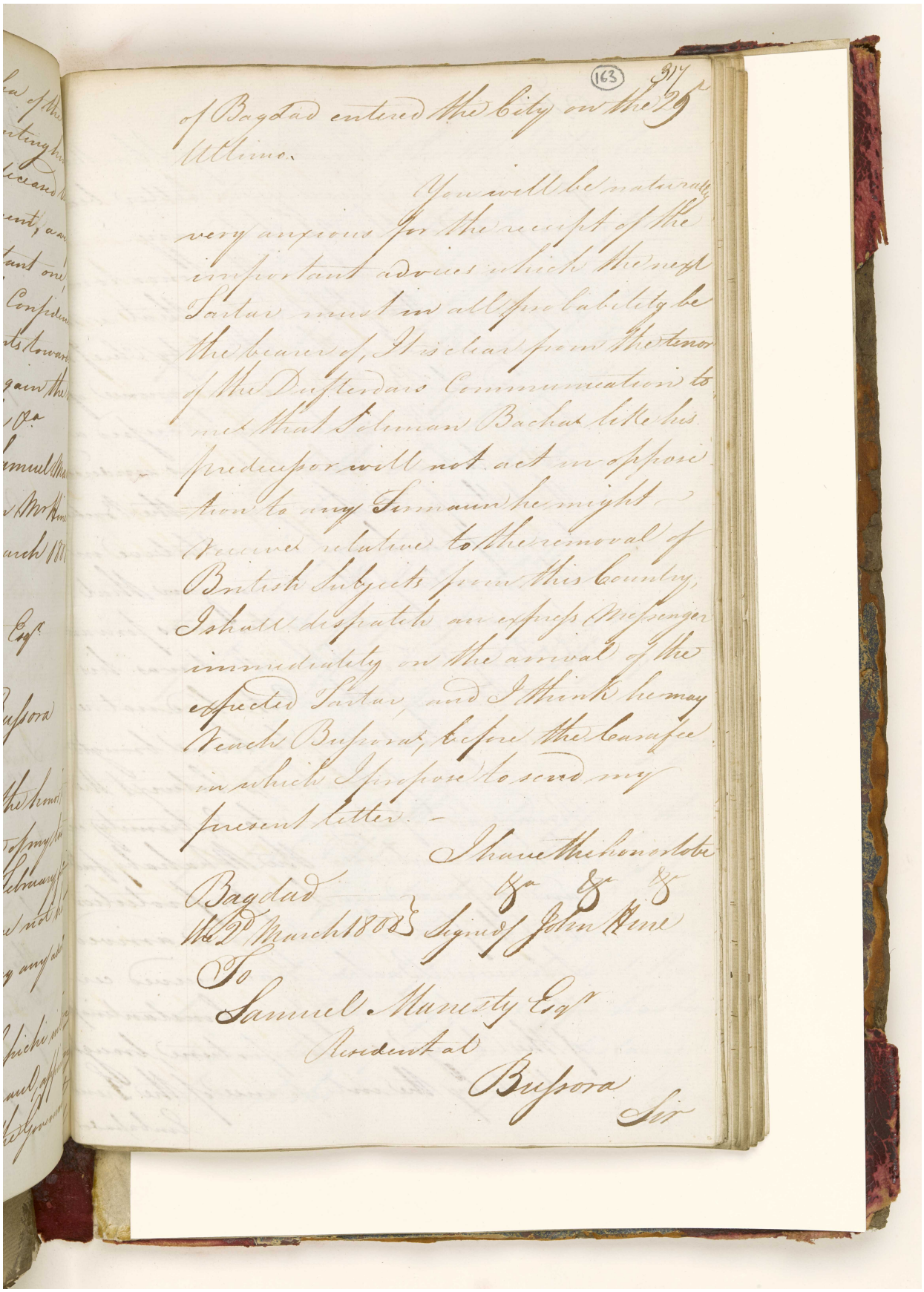


of Bagdad entered the City on the 25th Ultimo.

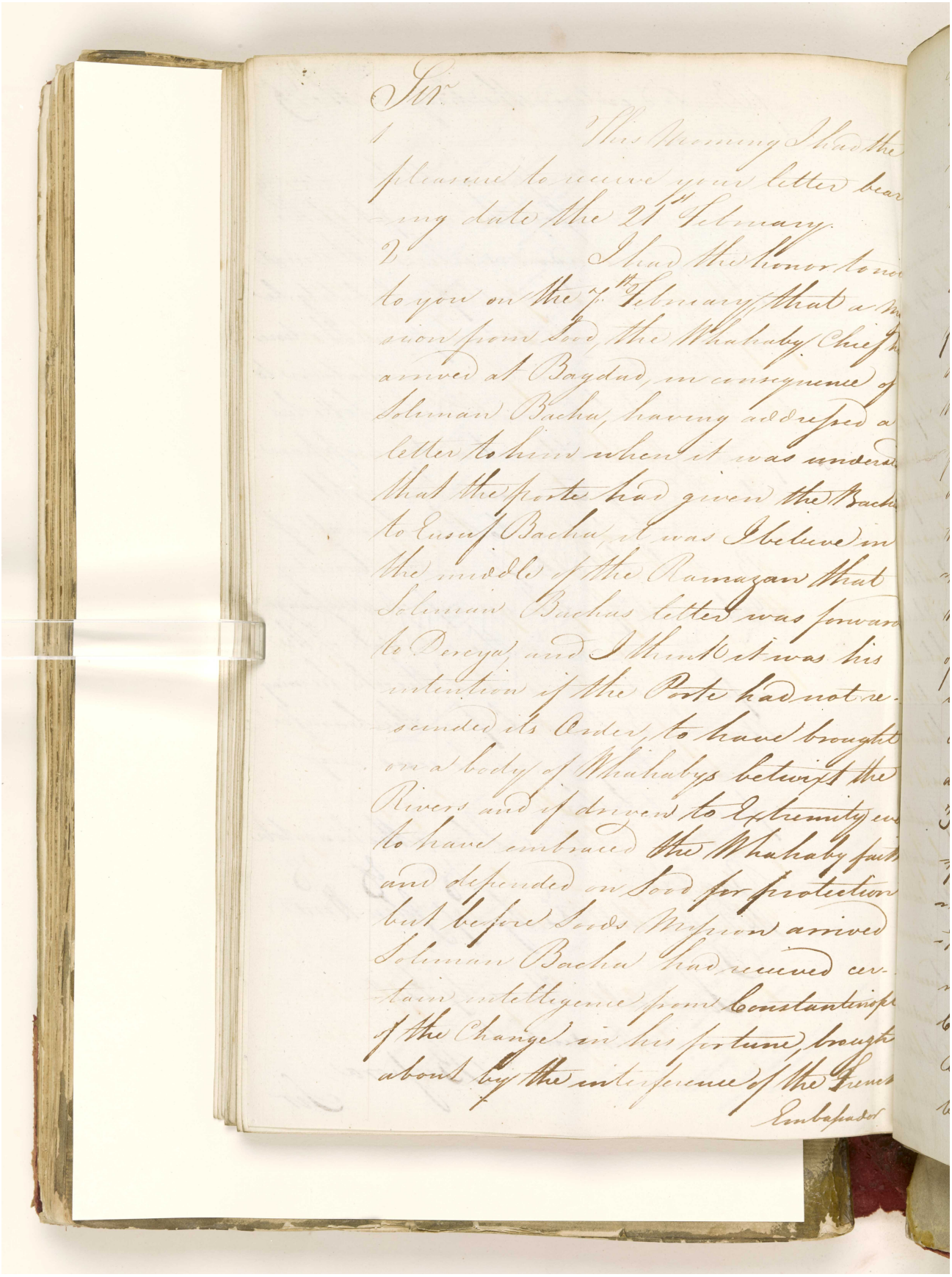
You will be naturally very anxious for the receipt of the important advices which the next Tartar must in all probability be the bearer of, It is clear from the tenor of the Dufterdars Communication to me that Soliman Bacha like his predecessor will not act in opposition to any Firmaun he might receive relative to the removal of British Subjects from this Country, I shall dispatch an express Messenger immediately on the arrival of the expected Tartar, and I think he may reach Bussora, before the Carafee in which I propose to send my present letter. –

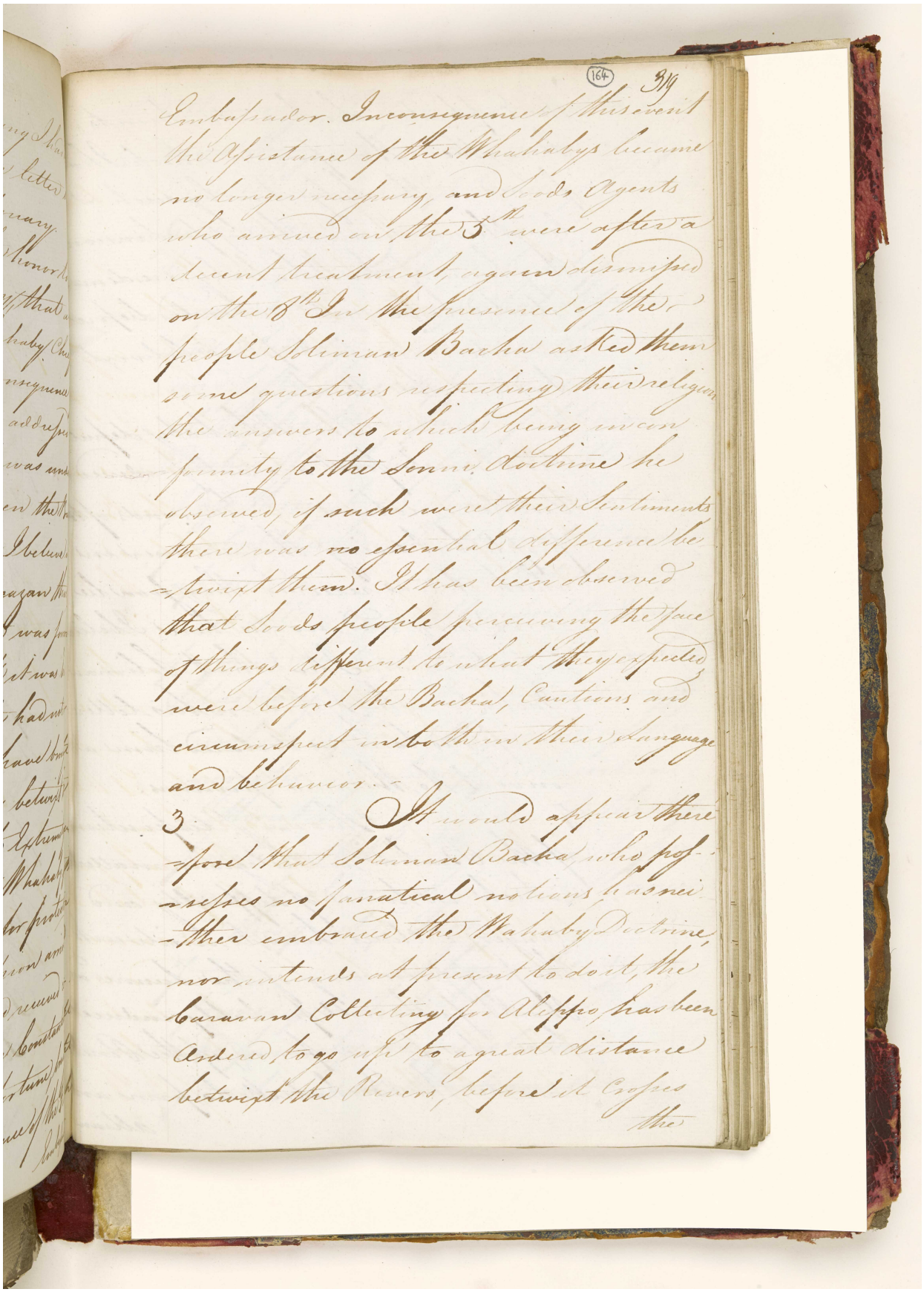
I have the honor to be
&c &c &c

Bagdad
the 2d March 1808 } Signed John Hine

To
Samuel Manesty Esqr
Resident at
Bussora

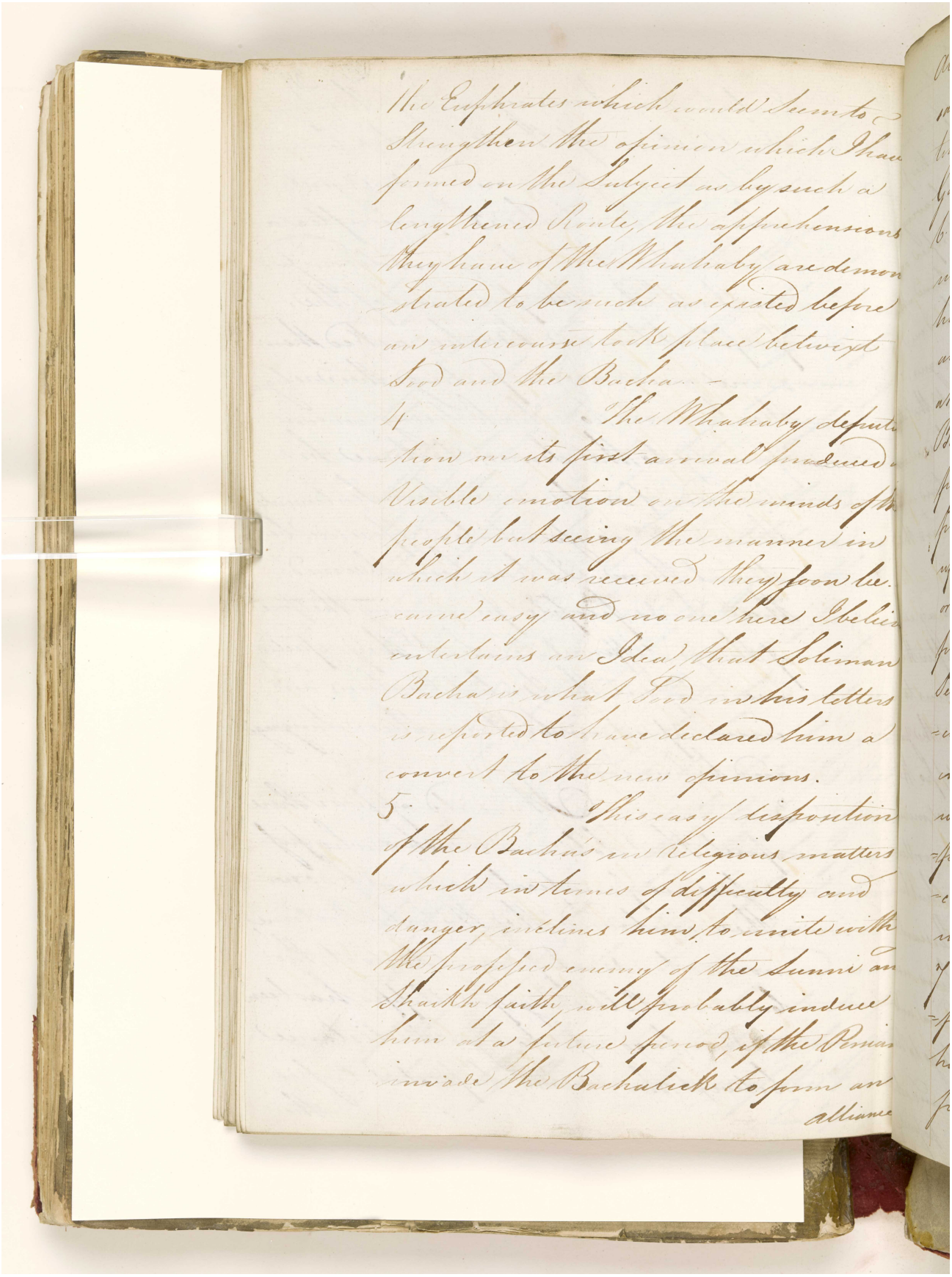
Sir

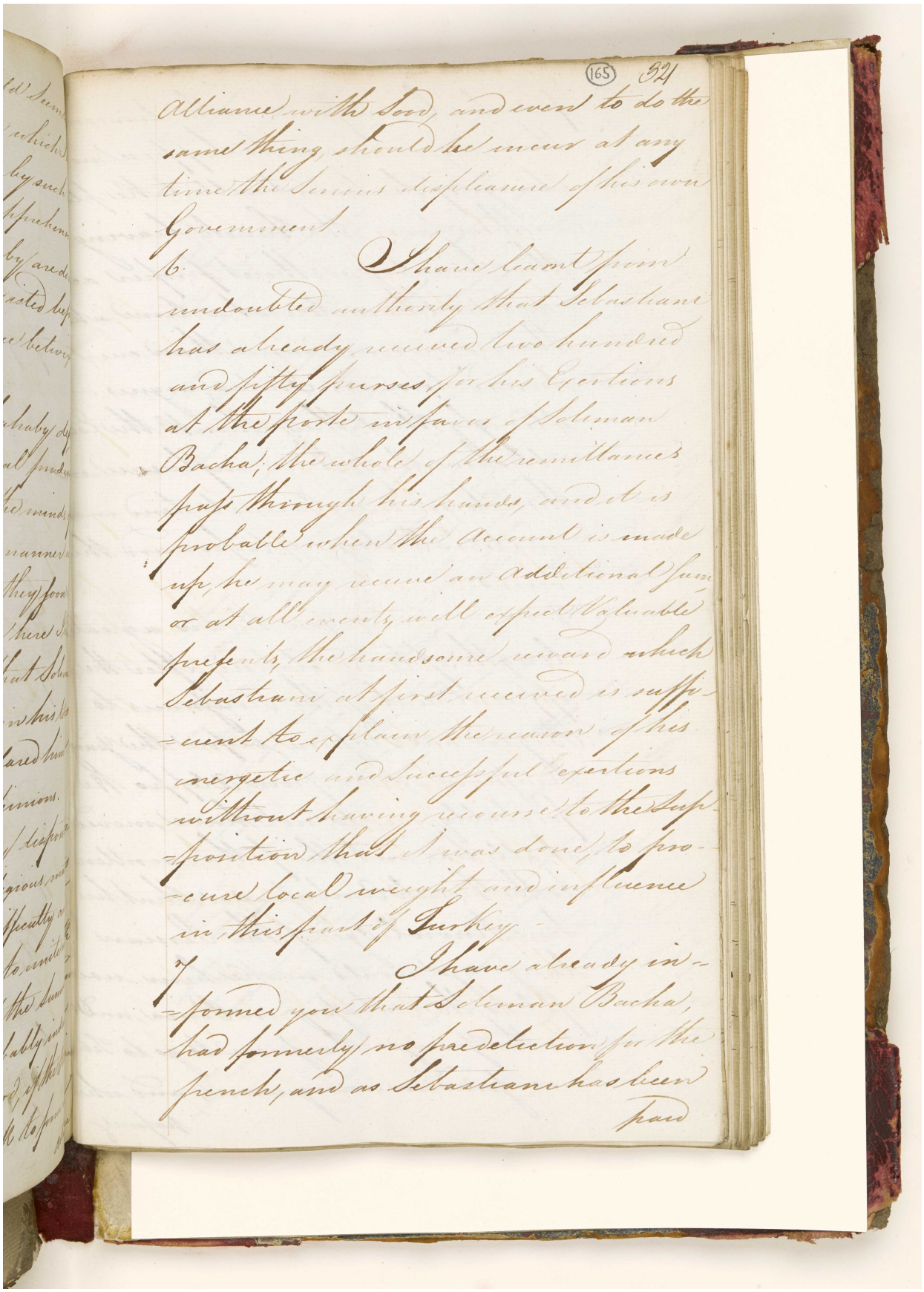




Ambassador. In consequence of this event
the Assistance of the Wahabys became
no longer necessary, and Sooda Agents
who arrived on the 5th were after a
decent treatment, again dismissed
on the 8th In the presence of the
people Soliman Bacha asked them
some questions respecting their religion
the answers to which being in con-
formity to the Sonni doctrine he
observed, if such were their sentiments
there was no essential difference be-
twixt them. It has been observed
that Sooda people perceiving the face
of things different to what they expected
were before the Bacha, Cautious and
circumspect in both in their language
and behaviour.

3 It would appear there-
fore that Soliman Bacha who pro-
fesses no fanatical notions himself
either embraced the Wahaby Doctrine,
nor intends at present to do it, the
Caravan Collecting for Aleppo has been
ordered to go up to a great distance
betwixt the Rivers, before it Crosses
the





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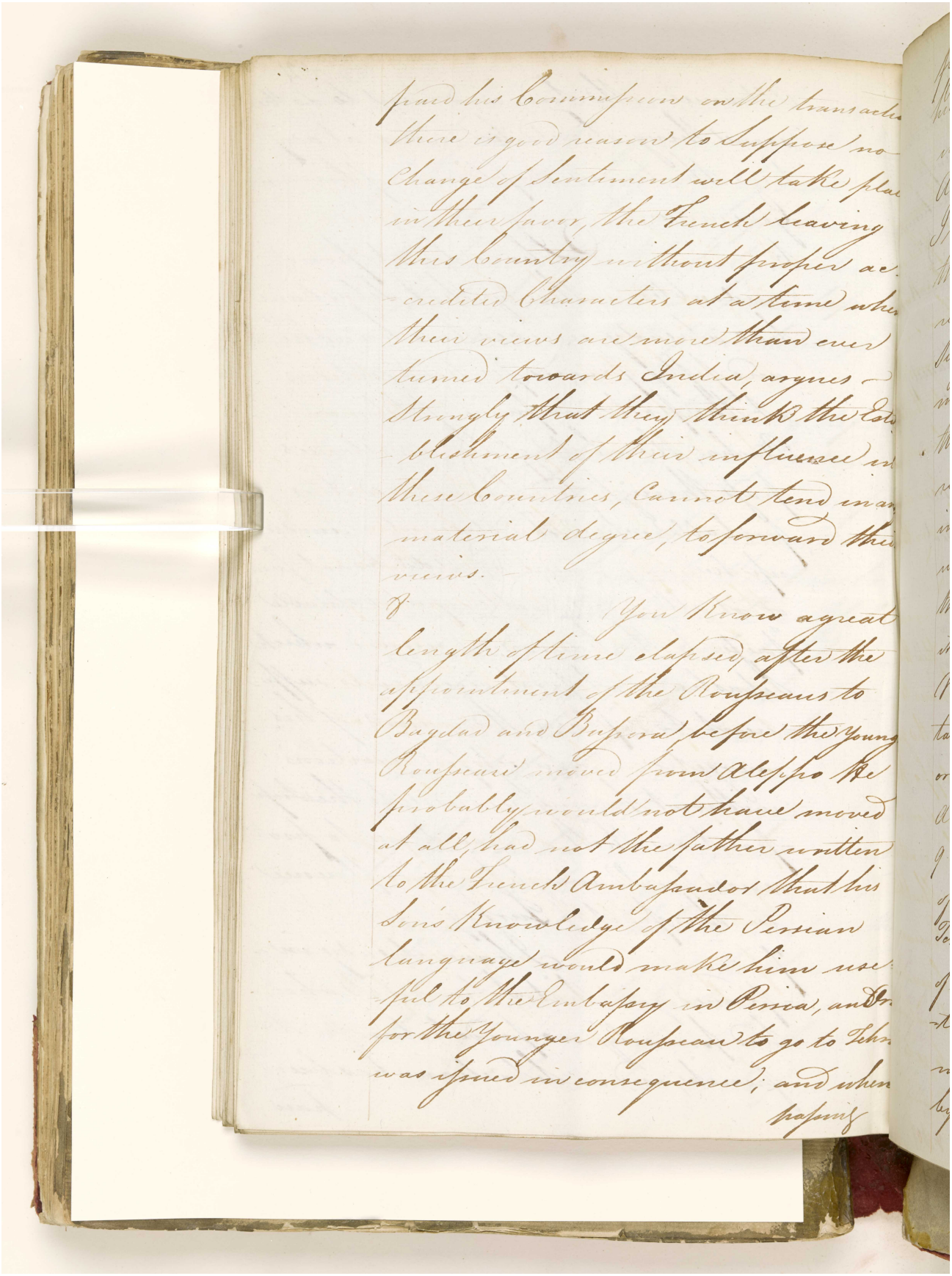

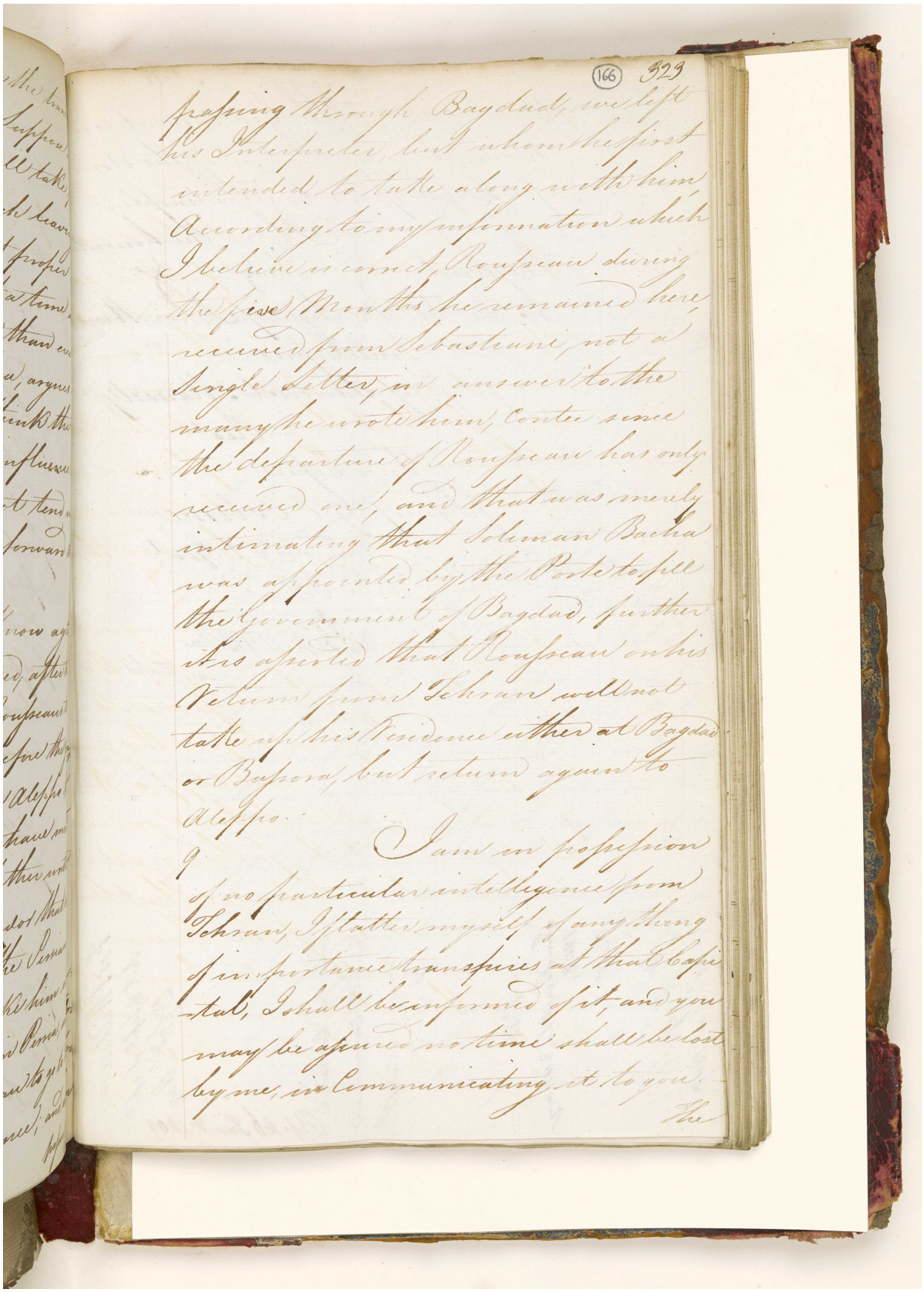

passing through Bagdad, we left his Interpreter, but whom he first intended to take along with him, According to my information which I believe is correct Rousseau during the five Months he remained here, received from Sebastiani, not a single Letter, in answer to the many he wrote him, Consequently since the departure of Rousseau has only received one, and that was merely intimating that Soliman Bacha was appointed by the Porte to fill the Government of Bagdad, further it is asserted that Rousseau on his Return from Schiraz will not take up his residence either at Bagdad or Bassora, but return again to Aleppo.

I am in possession of no particular intelligence from Schiraz, I flatter myself something important transpires at that Capital, I shall be answerable for it, and you may be assured no time shall be lost by me, in communicating it to you.

The

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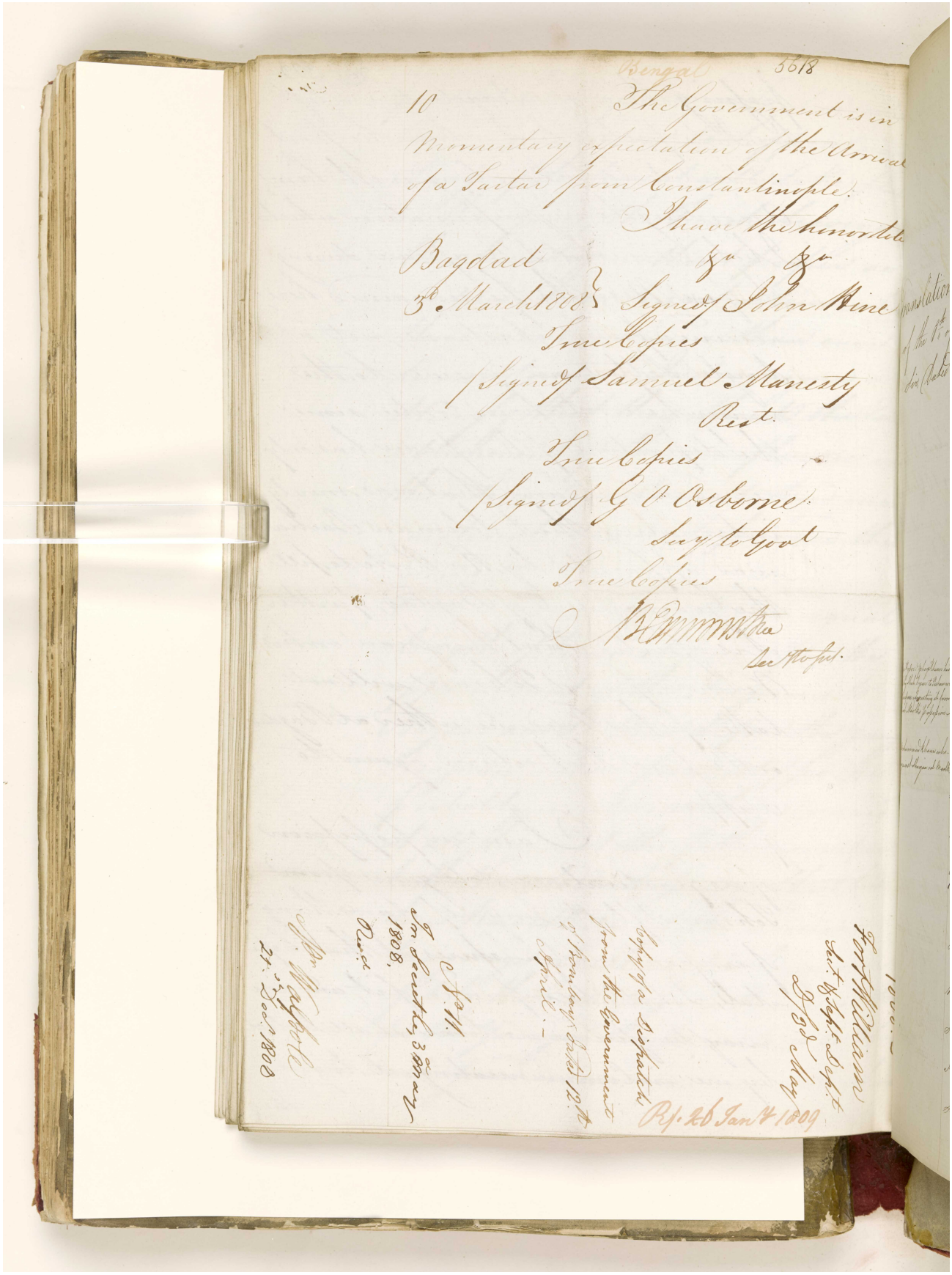

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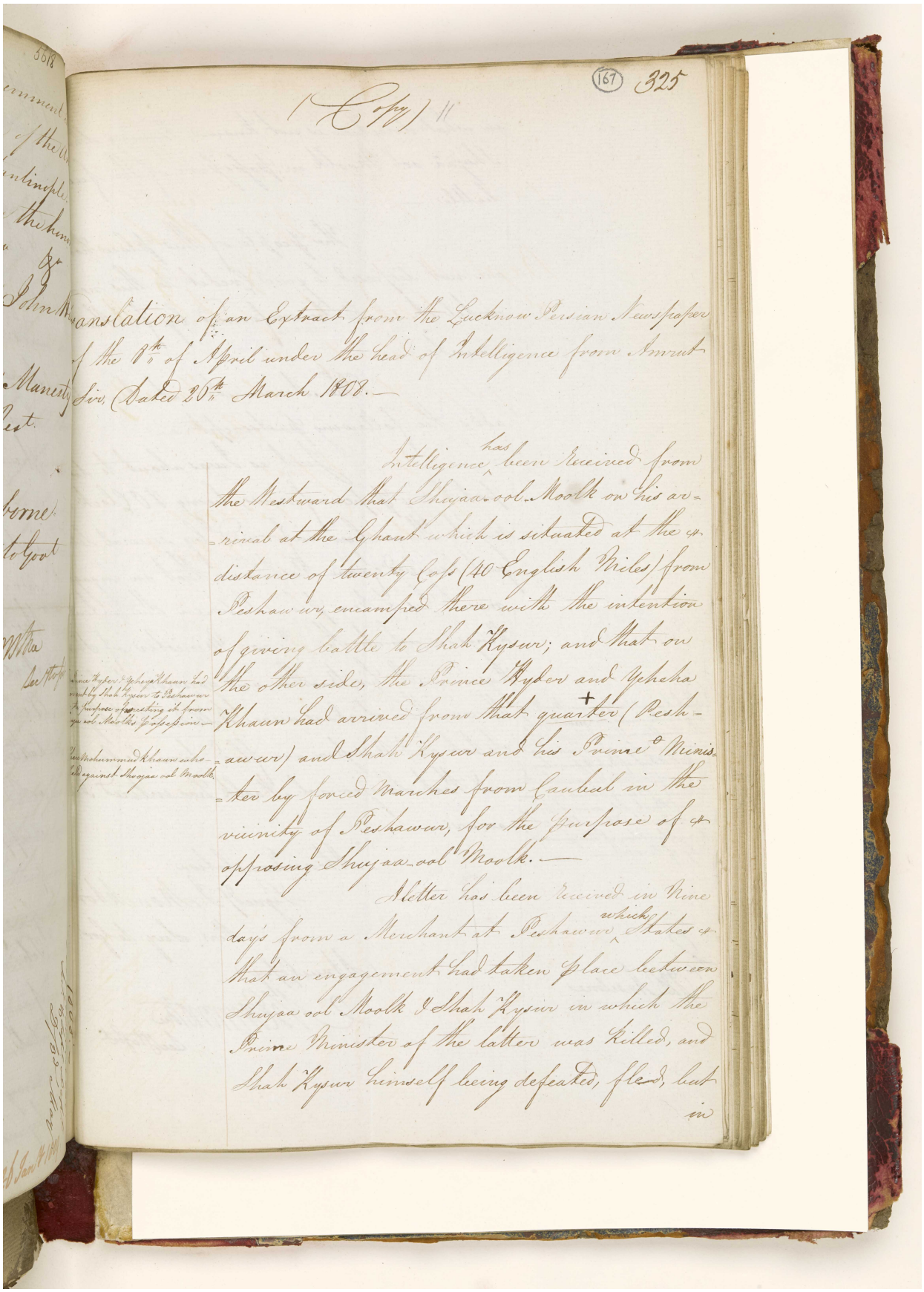

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Translation of an Extract from the Lucknow Persian Newspaper of the 8th of April under the head of Intelligence from Amrut Sir, Dated 26th March 1808.—

Intelligence has been received from the Westward that Shujaa-ool Moolk on his arrival at the Ghaut which is situated at the distance of twenty Coss (40 English Miles) from Peshawur, encamped there with the intention of giving battle to Shah Kysur; and that on the other side, the Prince Hyder and Yeheha Khaun had arrived from that quarter (Peshawur) and Shah Kysur and his Prime Minister by forced marches from Caubul in the vicinity of Peshawur, for the purpose of opposing Shujaa-ool Moolk.—

Prince Hyder & Yeheya Khaun had arrived by Shah Kysur to Peshawur for the purpose of wresting it from Shujaa ool Moolk's possession—

Vide Mohammud Khaun who fled against Shoojaa ool Moolk.

A letter has been received in Nine days from a Merchant at Peshawur which States that an engagement had taken place between Shujaa ool Moolk & Shah Kysur in which the Prime Minister of the latter was killed, and Shah Kysur himself being defeated, fled, but in

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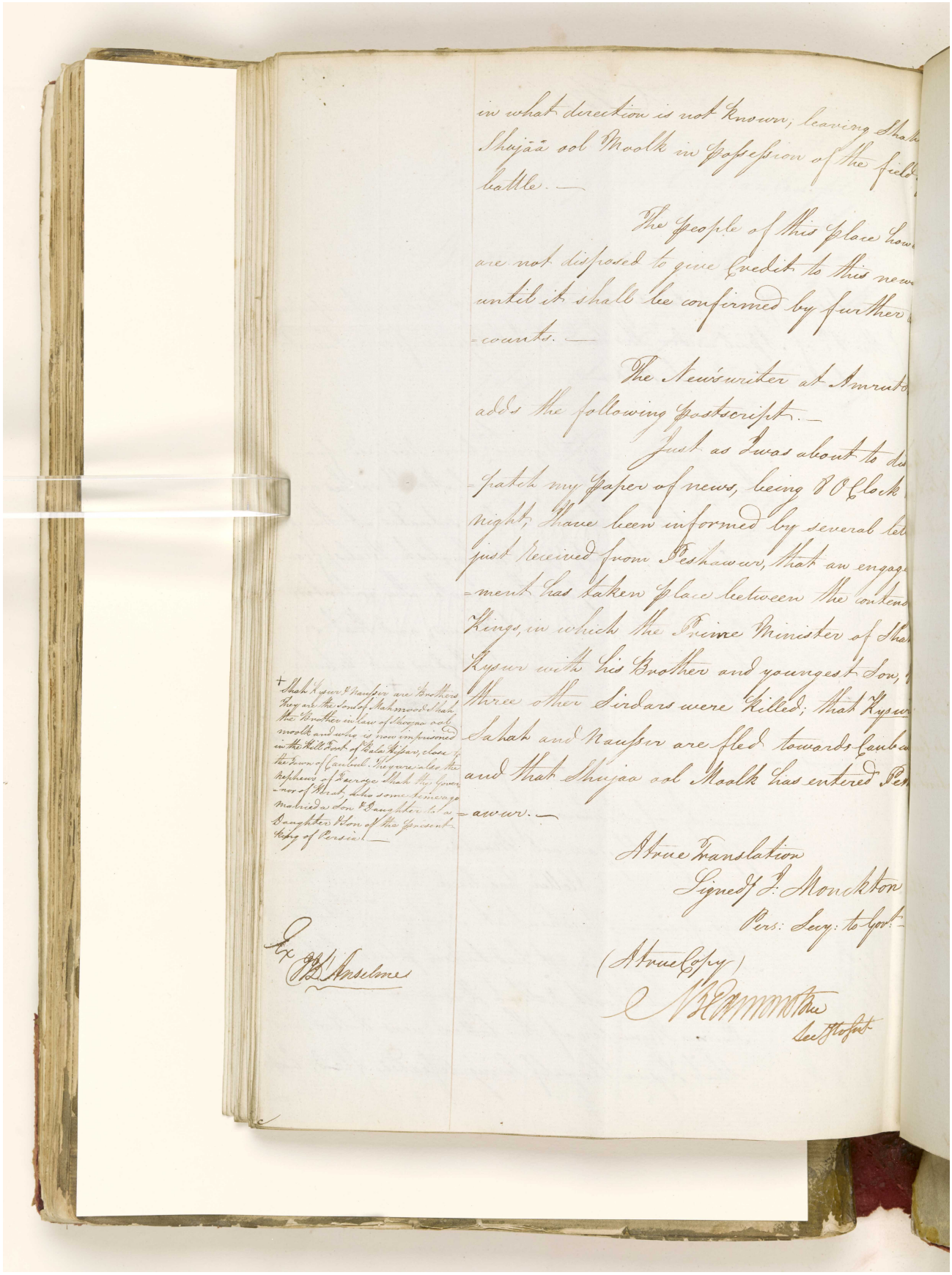

in what direction is not known; leaving Shah Shujaa ool Moolk in possession of the field of battle.—

The people of this place how[illegible] are not disposed to give credit to this new[illegible] until it shall be confirmed by further [illegible]-counts.—

The Newswriter at Amrut[illegible] adds the following postscript.—

Just as I was about to dis-patch my paper of news, being 8 O Clock [illegible] night, I have been informed by several let[illegible] just received from Peshawur, that an engage-ment has taken place between the contend[illegible] Kings, in which the Prime Minister of Shah Kysur with his Brother and youngest Son, [illegible] three other Sirdars were killed; that Kysur Sahah and Naussir are fled towards Caubu[illegible] and that Shujaa ool Moolk has entered Pes-awur.—

+ Shah Kysur & Naussir are Brothers They are the Sons of Mahmood Shah the Brother in law of Shujaa ool moolk and who is now imprisoned in the Hill Fort of Bala Hissar, close to the Town of Caubul. They are also the nephews of Feeroge Shah the Gover-nor of Herat, who some time ago married a Son & Daughter to a Daughter & Son of the present King of Persia.—

Ex P.B. Anselme

A true Translation
Signed J. Monckton
Pers: Secy: to Govt.—

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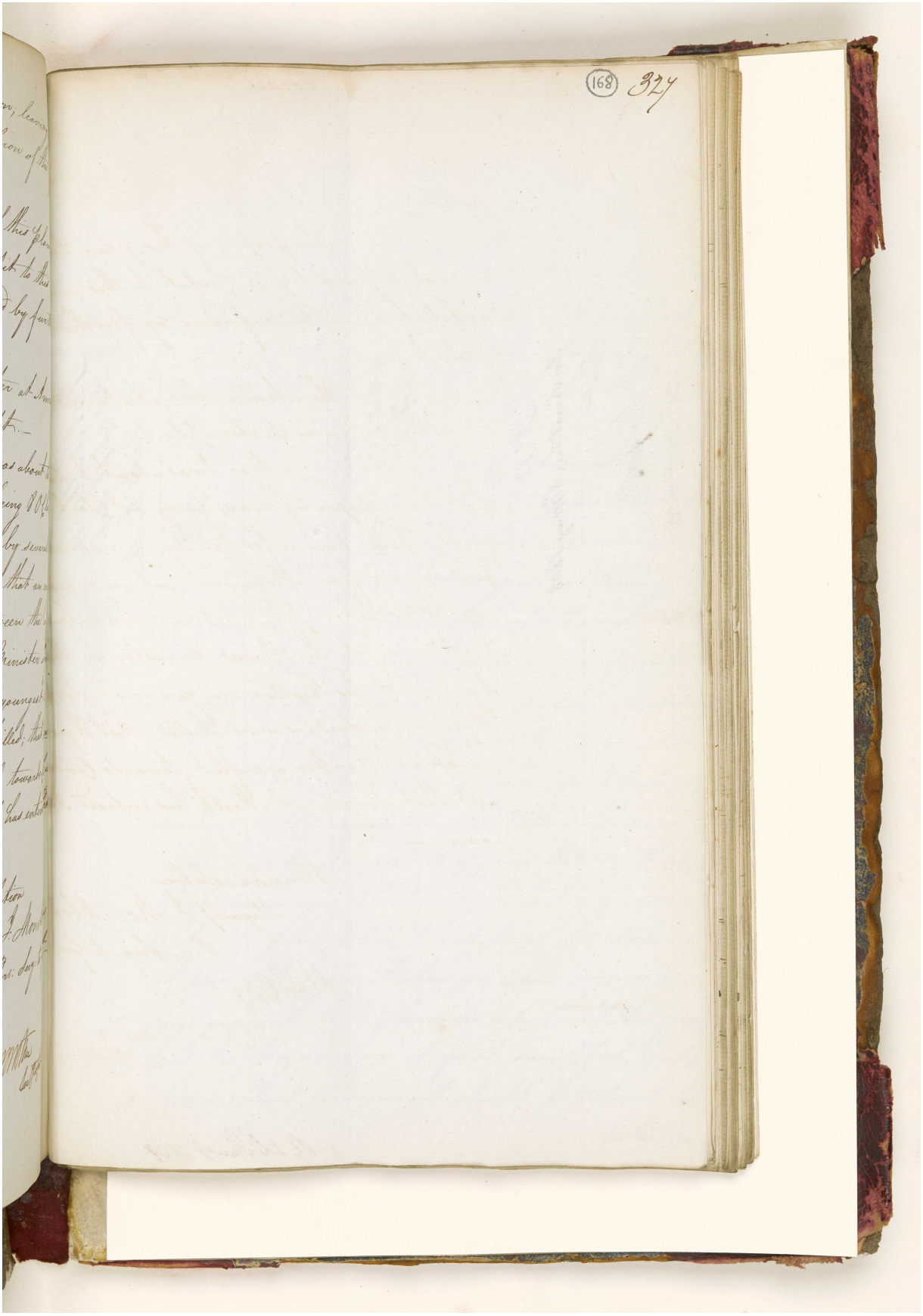
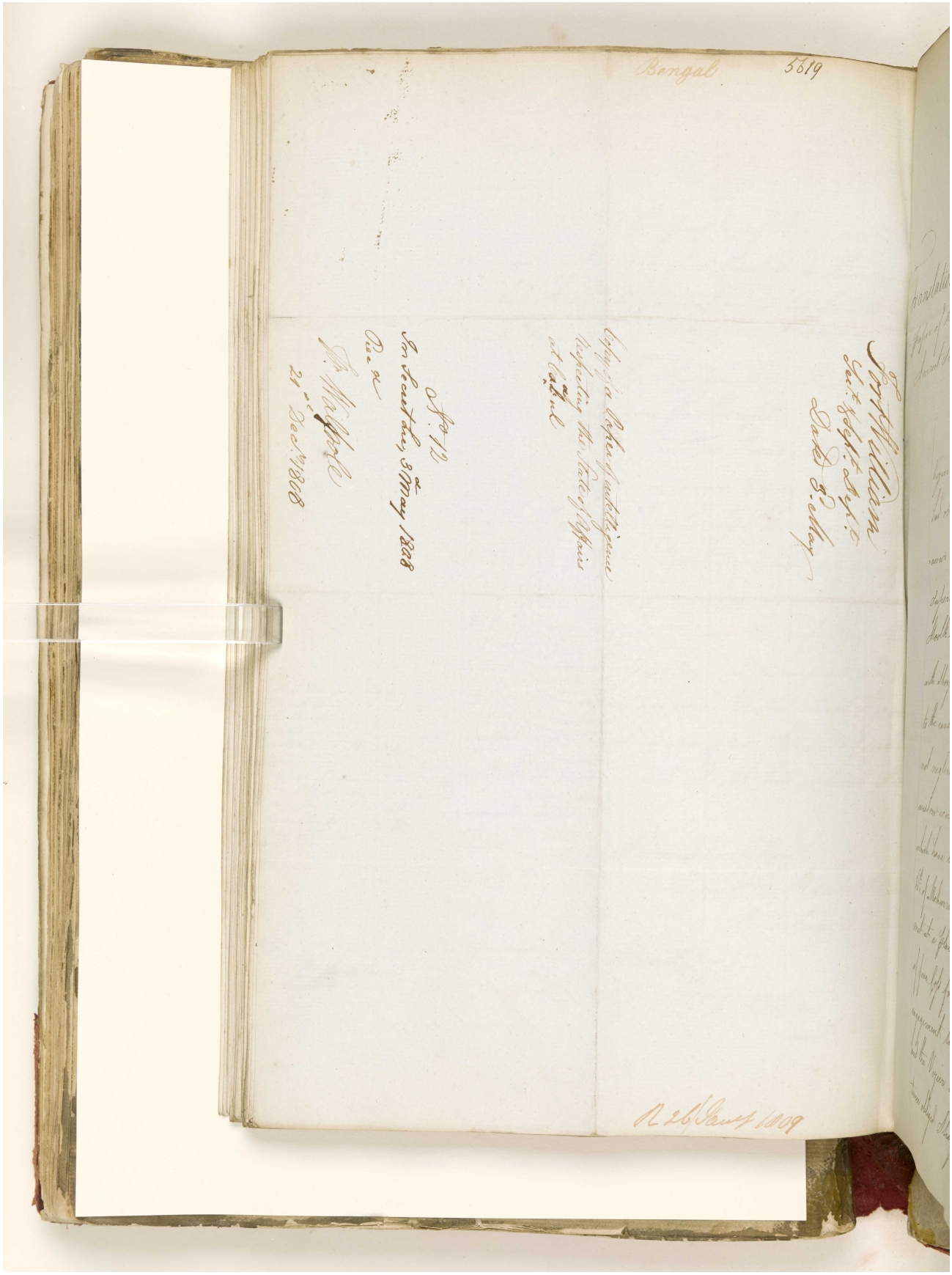
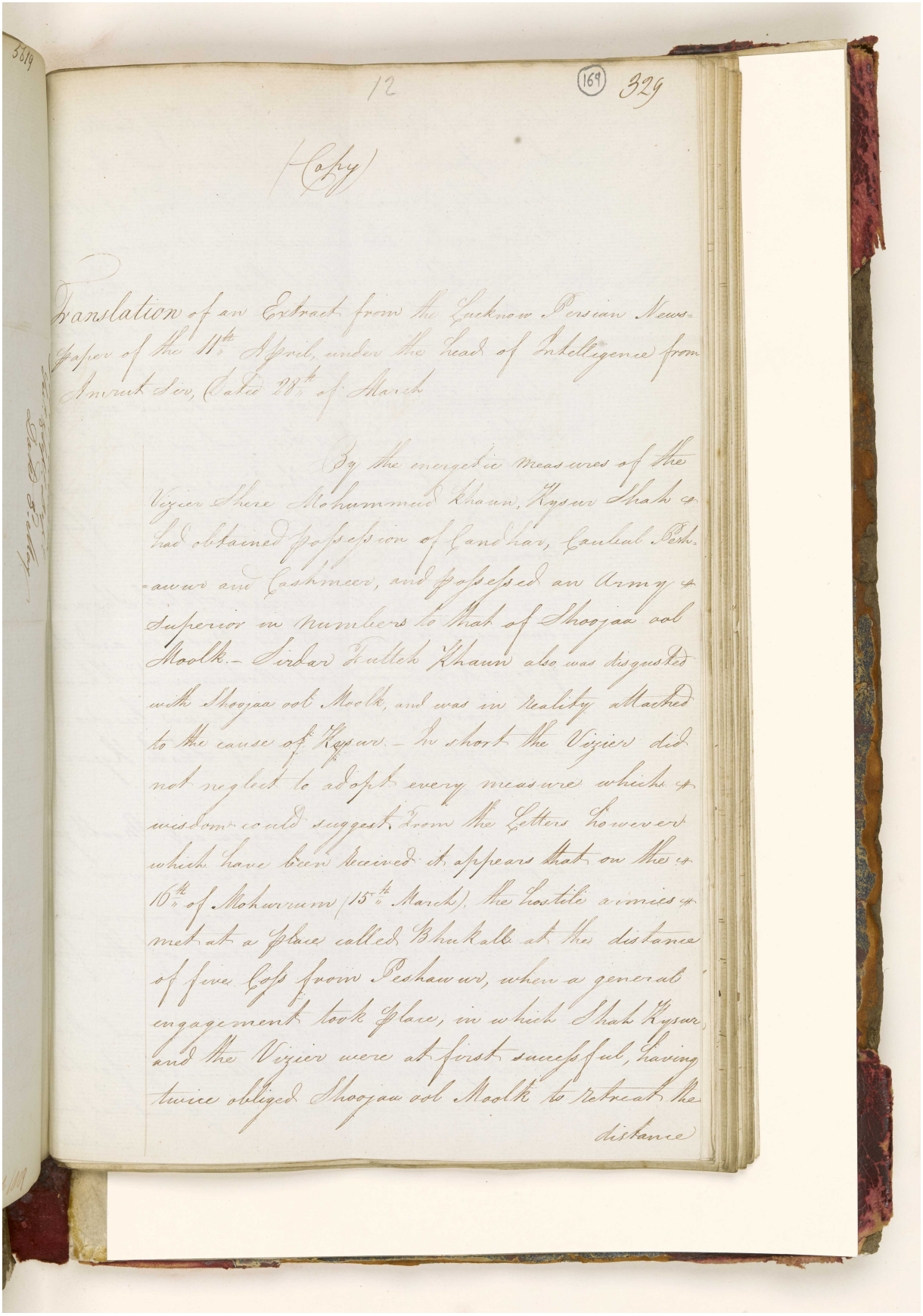
Sec. to Govt.







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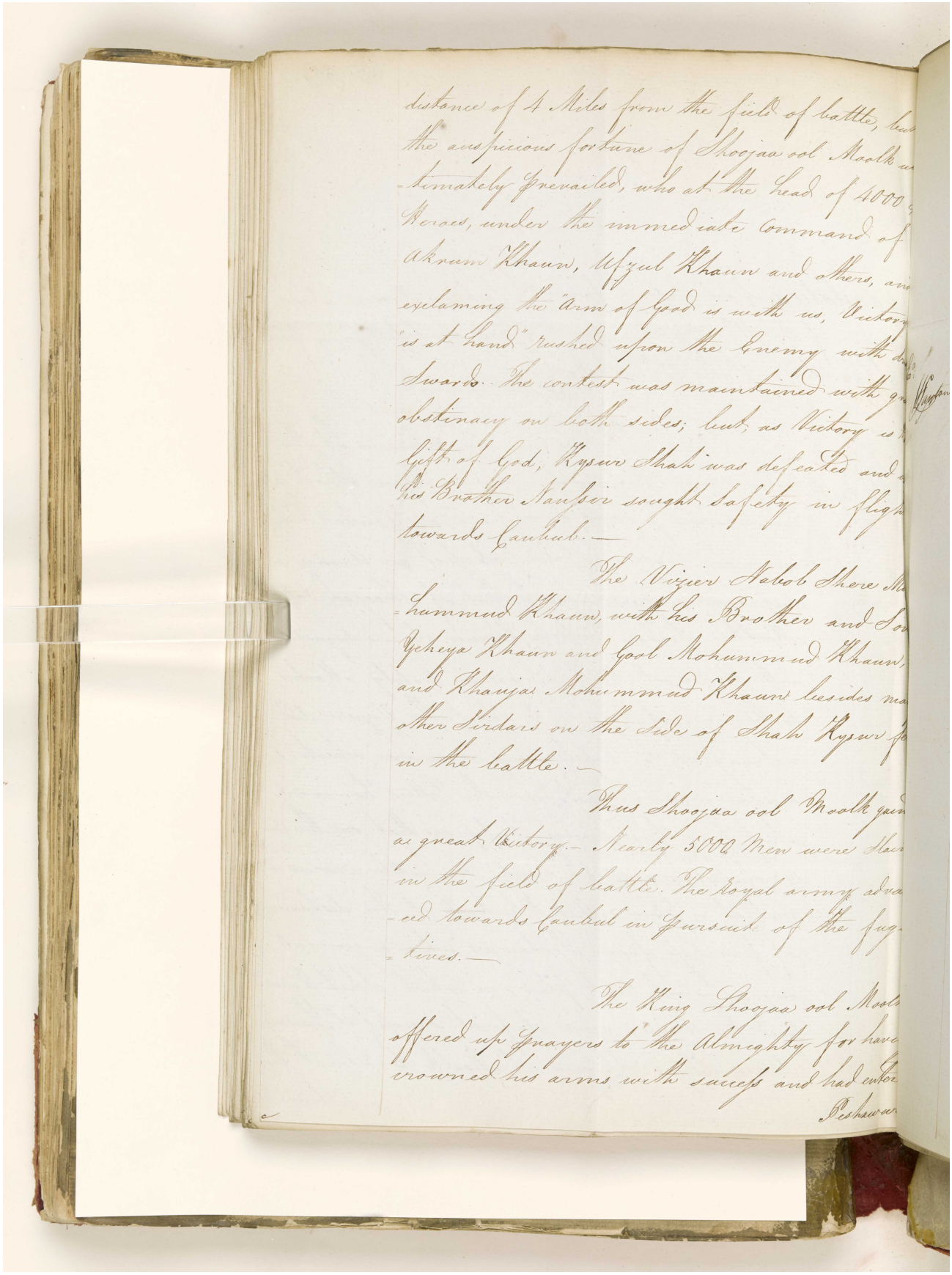
Translation of an Extract from the Lucknow Persian Newspaper of the 11th April, under the head of Intelligence from Amrut Sir, Date 28th of March

By the energetic measures of the Vizier Shere Mohummed Khaun, Kysur Shah had obtained possession of Candhar, Cauboul Peshawur and Cashmeer, and possessed an Army superior in numbers to that of Shoojaa ool Moolk.- Sirdar Futteh Khaun also was disgusted with Shoojaa ool Moolk, and was in reality attached to the cause of Kysur.- In short the Vizier did not neglect to adopt every measure which wisdom could suggest. From the Letters however which have been received it appears that on the 16th of Mohurrum (15th March), the hostile armies met at a place called Bhukalk at the distance of five Cos from Peshawur, when a general engagement took place, in which Shah Kysur and the Vizier were at first successful, having twice obliged Shoojaa ool Moolk to retreat the distance

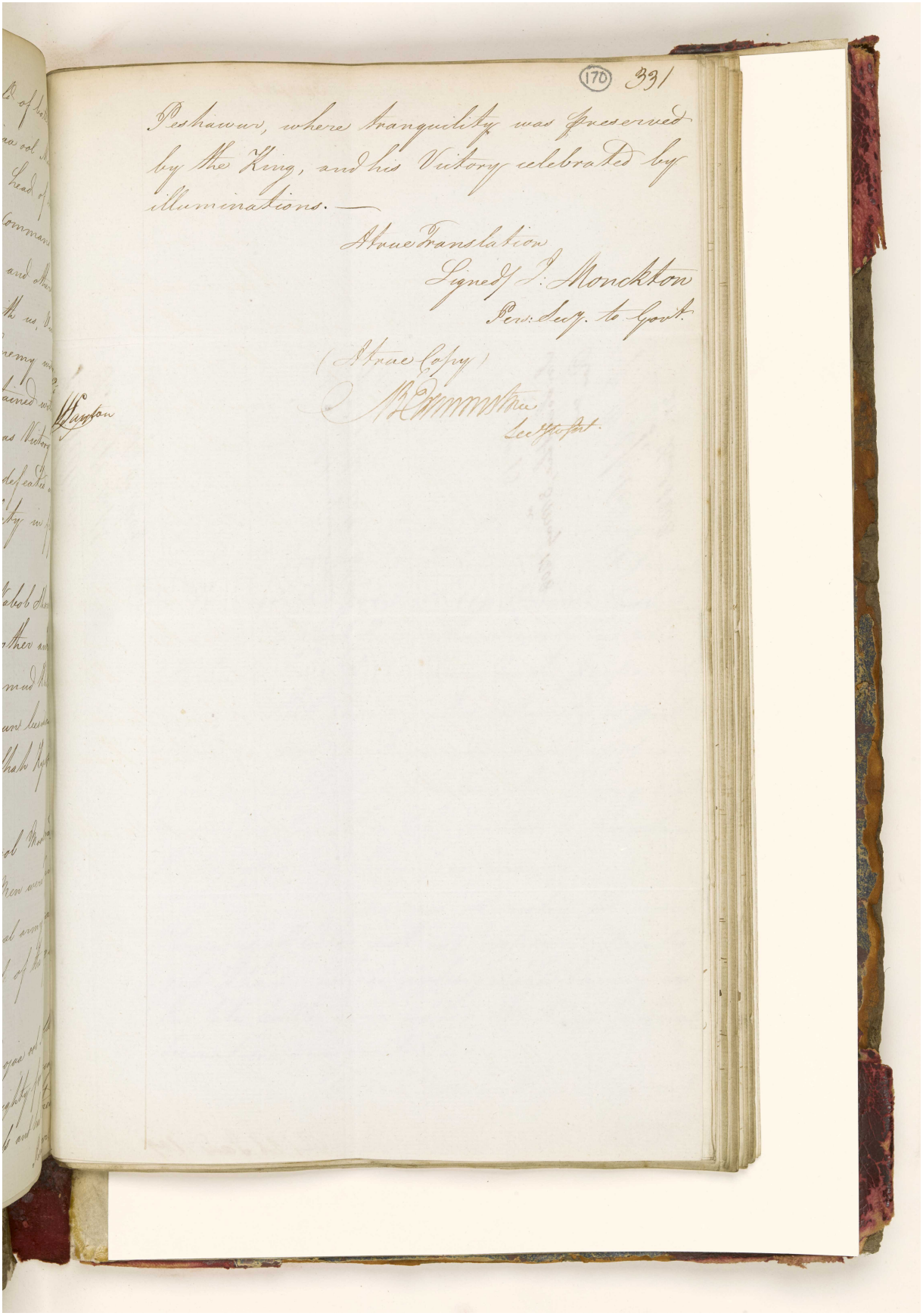


distance of 4 Miles from the field of battle, but
the auspicious fortune of Shoojaa ool Moolk u
timately prevailed, who at the head of 4000
Horse, under the immediate Command of
Akrum Khaun, Ufzul Khaun and others, an
exclaiming the "Arm of God is with us, Victory
"is at hand" rushed upon the Enemy with d
Swords. The contest was maintained with g
obstinacy on both sides; but as Victory is
Gift of God, Kysur Shah was defeated and
his Brother Sanjeer sought Safety in flig
towards Caubul.—

The Vizier Nabob Shere M
hummud Khaun, with his Brother and So
Ycheya Khaun and Gool Mohummud Khaun,
and Khaja Mohummud Khaun besides ma
other Sirdars on the side of Shah Kysur fo
in the battle.—

Thus Shoojaa ool Moolk gai
a great Victory.— Nearly 5000 Men were Slai
in the field of battle. The Royal army adva
ed towards Caubul in pursuit of the fug
tives.—

The King Shoojaa ool Mool
offered up Prayers to the Almighty for have
crowned his arms with success and had enter
Peshawar



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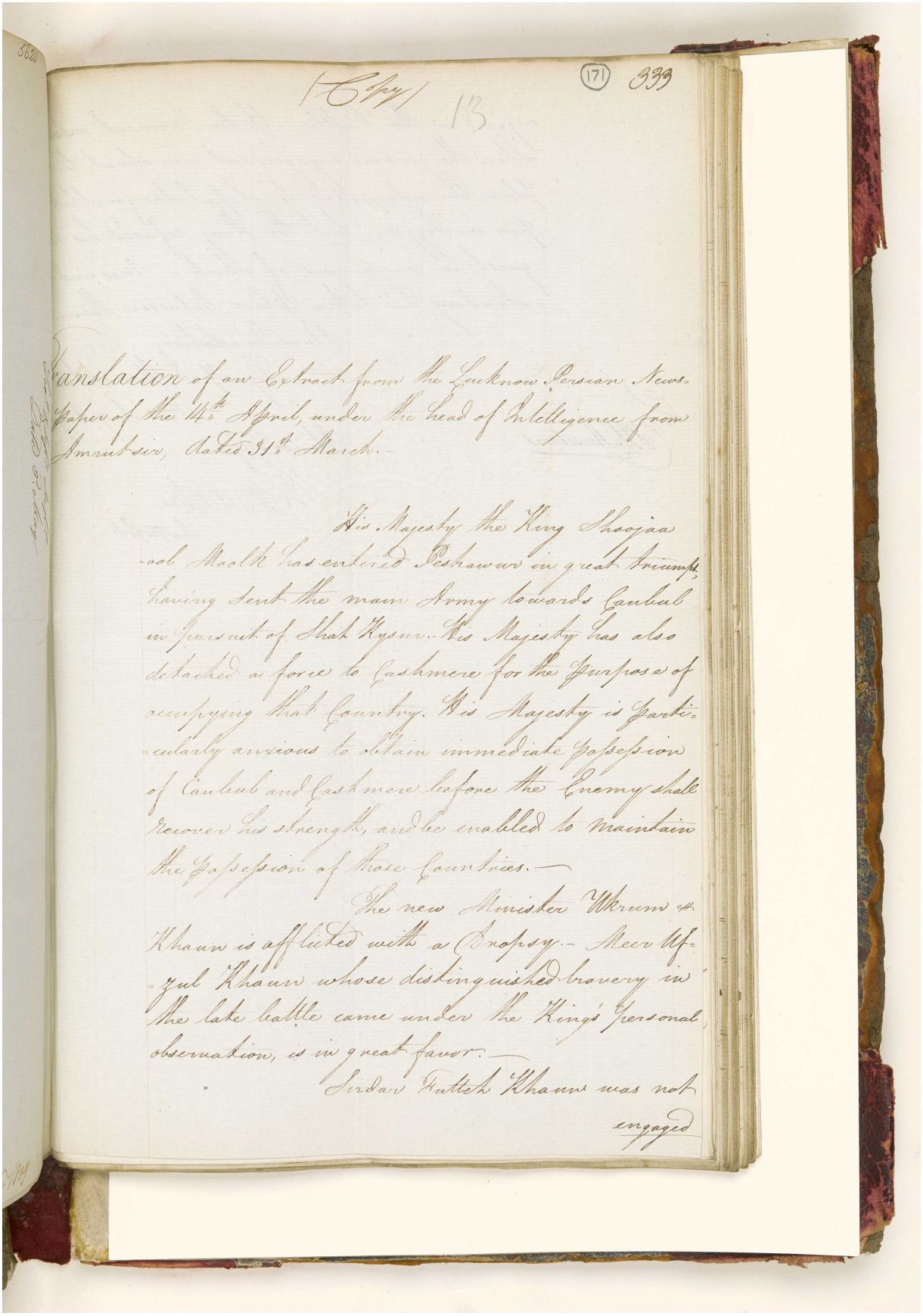
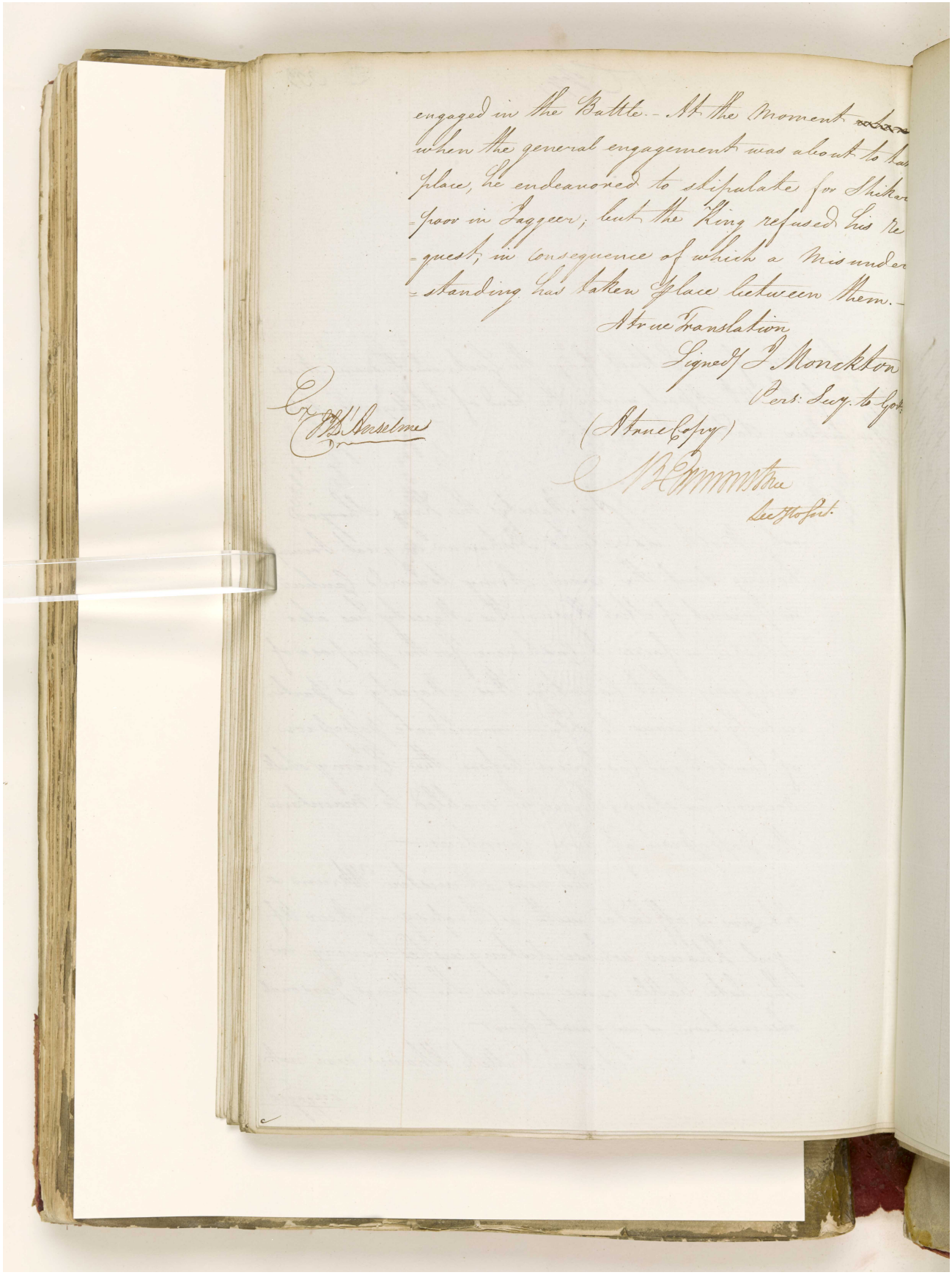


Translation of an Extract from the Lucknow Persian News-Paper of the 14th April, under the head of Intelligence from Amrutsir, dated 31st March.-

His Majesty the King Shoojaa-ool Moolk has entered Peshawur in great triumph having sent the main Army towards Caubul in pursuit of Shah Kysur. His Majesty has also detached a force to Cashmere for the purpose of occupying that Country. His Majesty is particularly anxious to obtain immediate possession of Caubul and Cashmere before the Enemy shall recover his strength, and be enabled to maintain the possession of those Countries.—

The new Minister Ukrum-ul Khaun is afflicted with a Dropsy.- Meer Uf-zul Khaun whose distinguished bravery in the late battle came under the King's personal observation, is in great favor.—

Sirdar Futteh Khaun was not engaged



engaged in the Battle.- At the moment ~~when~~ when the general engagement was about to take place, he endeavored to stipulate for Shikar-poor in Jaggeer; but the King refused his re-quest, in consequence of which a misunder-standing has taken place between them.-

A true Translation

Signed/ J. Monckton

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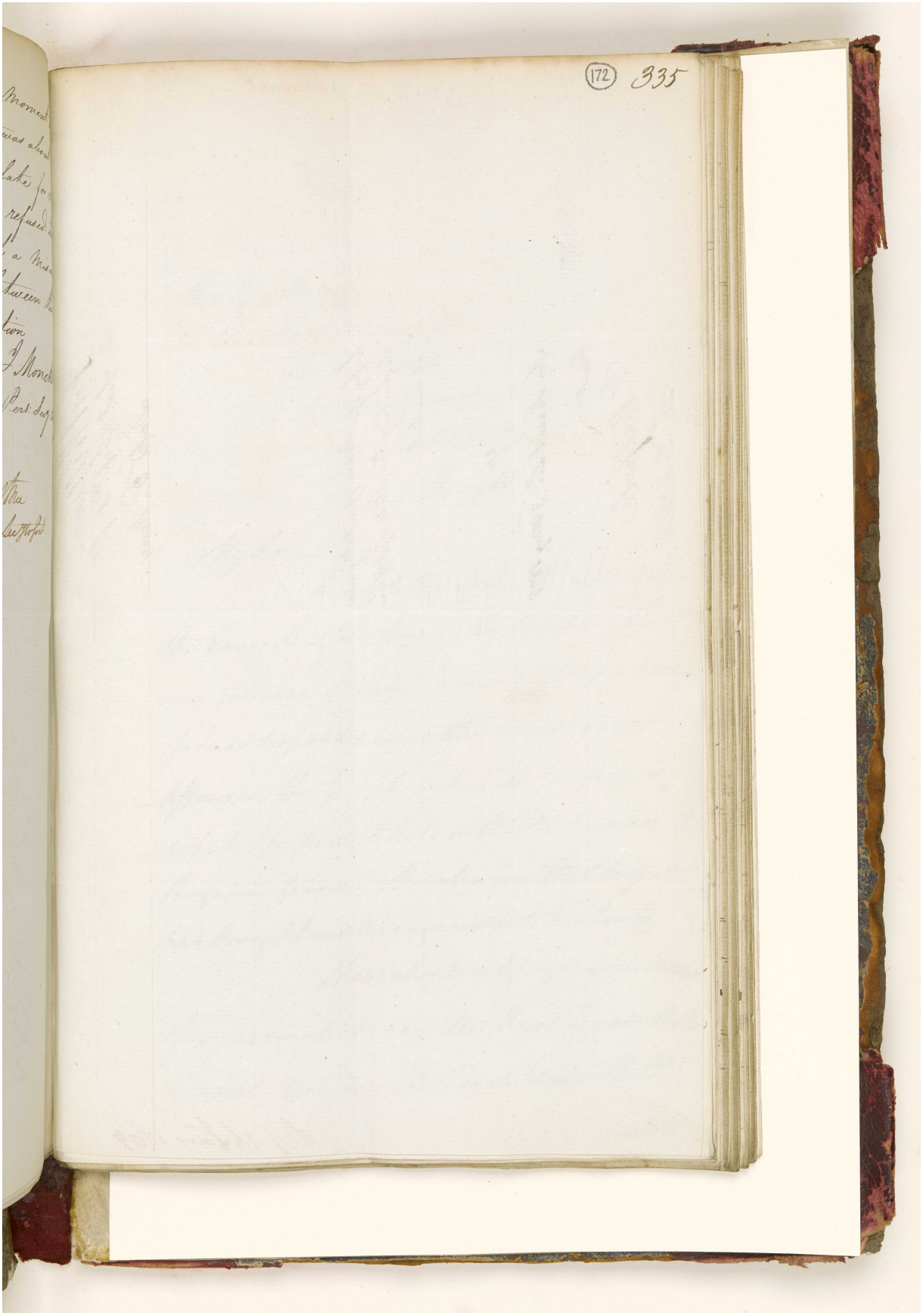

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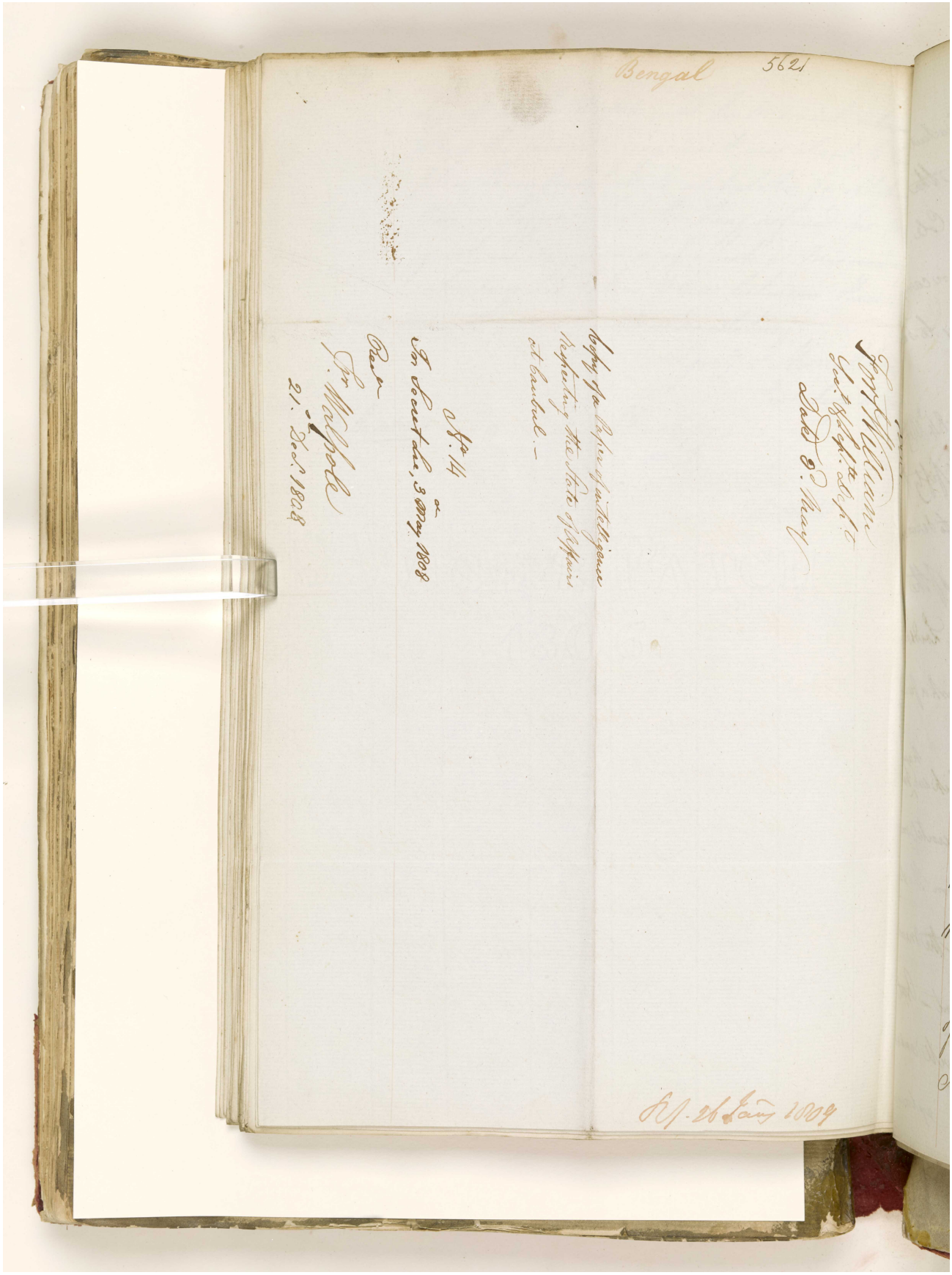

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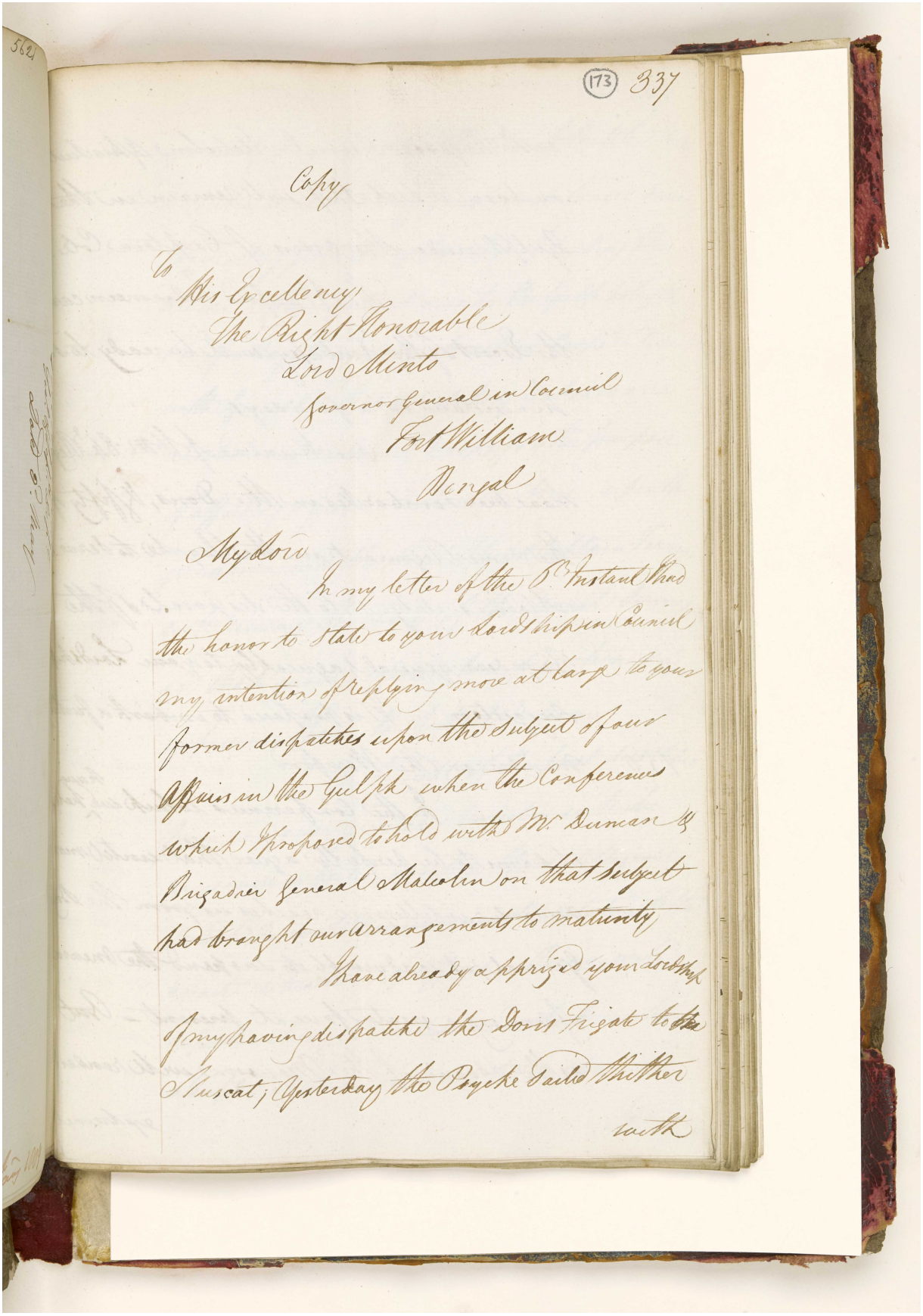

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To
His Excellency
The Right Honorable
Lord Minto
Governor General in Council
Fort William
Bengal

My Lord

In my letter of the 5th Instant I had the honor to state to your Lordship in Council my intention of replying more at large to your former dispatches upon the subject of our affairs in the Gulph when the Conferences which I proposed to hold with Mr Duncan & Brigadier General Malcolm on that subject had brought our arrangements to maturity

I have already apprized your Lordship of my having dispatched the Doris Frigate to Muscat; Yesterday the Psyche sailed thither with

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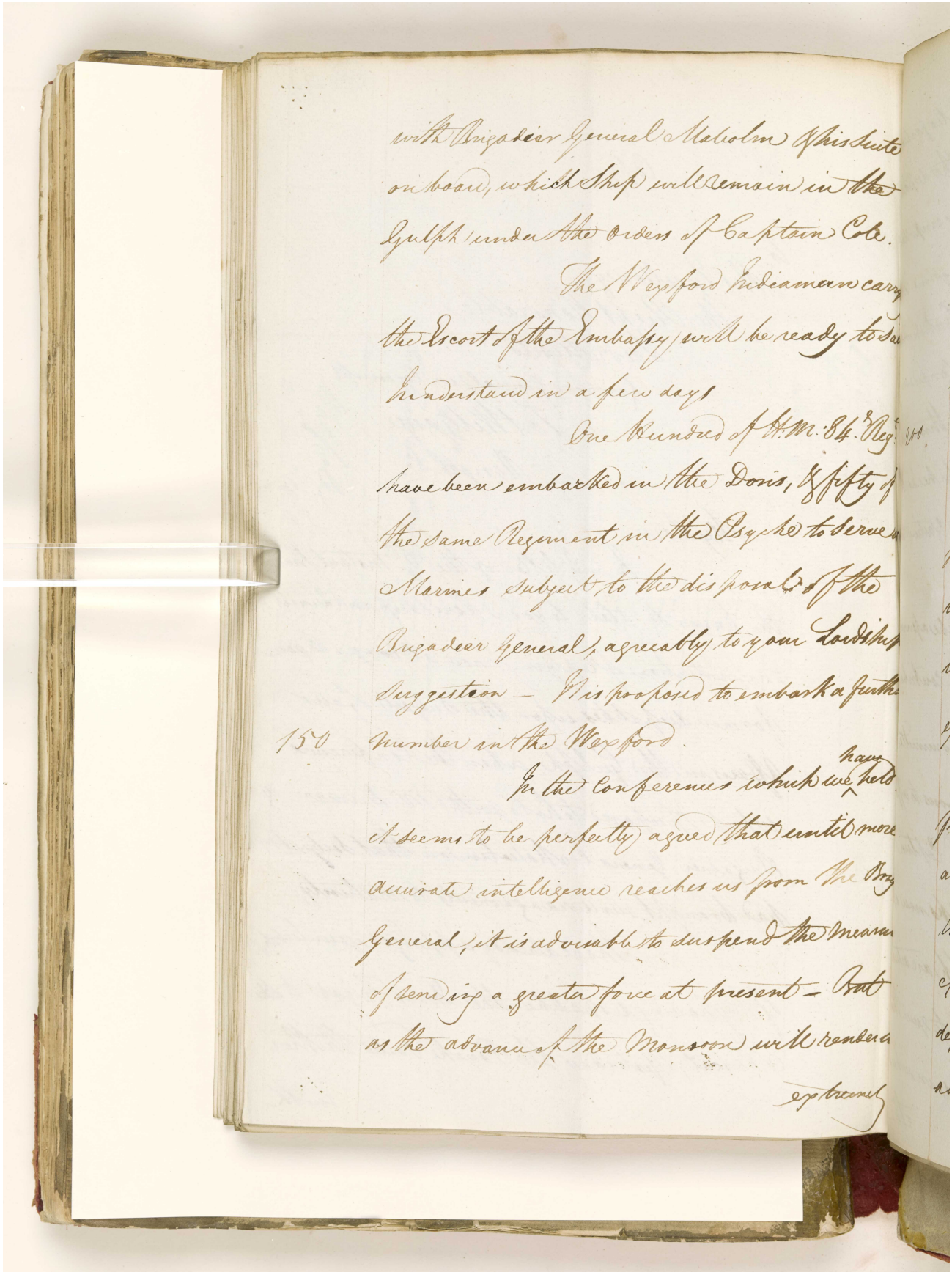

with Brigadier General Malcolm & his Suite on board, which Ship will remain in the Gulph under the orders of Captain Cole.

The Wexford Indiaman carry the Escort of the Embassy will be ready to sa understand in a few days

One Hundred of H.M. 84th Reg. have been embarked in the Doris, & fifty of the same Regiment in the Psyche to serve Marines subject to the disposal of the Brigadier General, agreeably to your Lordship Suggestion — It is proposed to embark a further number in the Wexford.

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In the Conferences which we have held it seems to be perfectly agreed that until more accurate intelligence reaches us from the Brig General, it is advisable to suspend the measu of sending a greater force at present — But as the advance of the Monsoon will render

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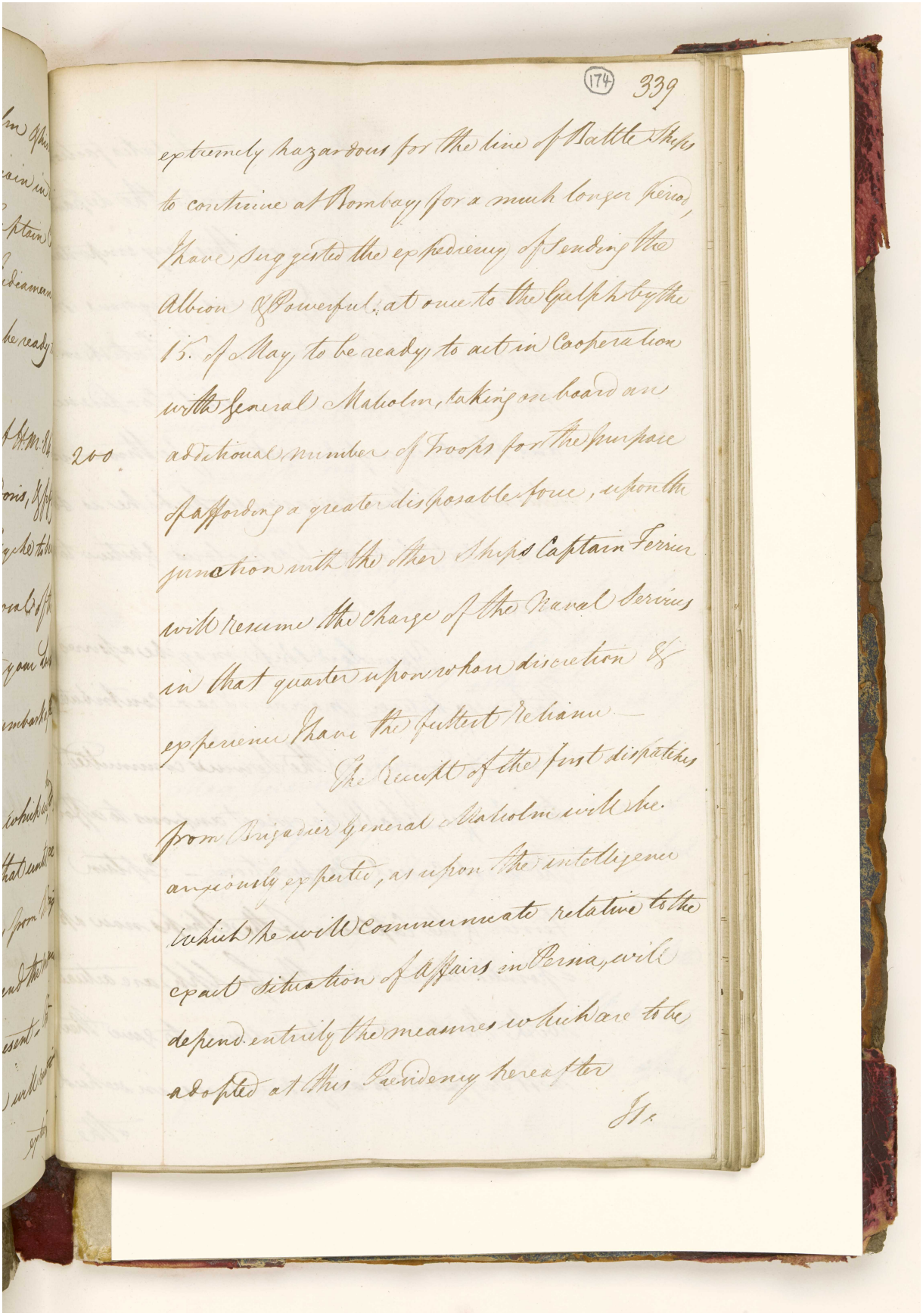

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extremely hazardous for the line of Battle Ships to continue at Bombay for a much longer period, I have suggested the expediency of sending the Albion & Powerful at once to the Gulph both by the 15. of May to be ready to act in Cooperation with General Malcolm, taking on board an additional number of Troops for the purpose of affording a greater disposable force, upon the junction with the other Ships Captain Ferrier will resume the charge of the Naval Service in that quarter upon whose discretion & experience I have the fullest Reliance.

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The result of the first dispatches from Brigadier General Malcolm will be anxiously expected, as upon the intelligence which he will communicate relative to the exact situation of Affairs in Persia, will depend entirely the measures which are to be adopted at this Presidency hereafter

J. H.

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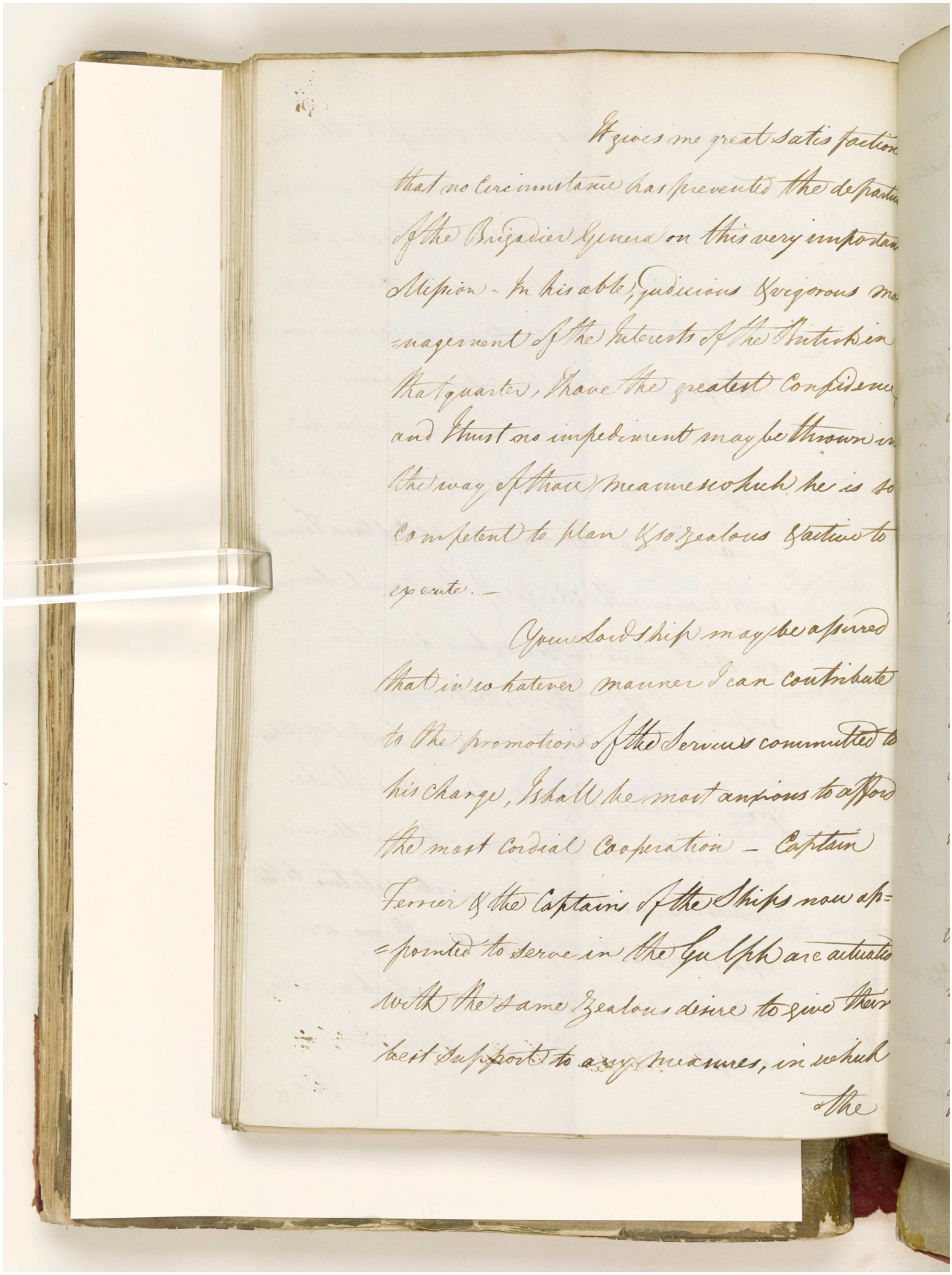

It gives me great satisfaction
that no Circumstance has prevented the depart
of the Brigadier General on this very importa
Mission - In his able, judicious & vigorous ma
nagement of the Interests of the British in
that Quarter, I have the greatest Confidence
and trust no impediment may be thrown in
the way of those measures which he is so
competent to plan & so zealous & active to
execute. -

Your Lordship may be assured
that in whatever manner I can contribute
to the promotion of the Services committed to
his charge, I shall be most anxious to afford
the most cordial Cooperation - Captain
Ferrier & the Captains of the Ships now ap=
=pointed to serve in the Gulph are actuated
with the same Zealous desire to give their
best support to any measures, in which
the

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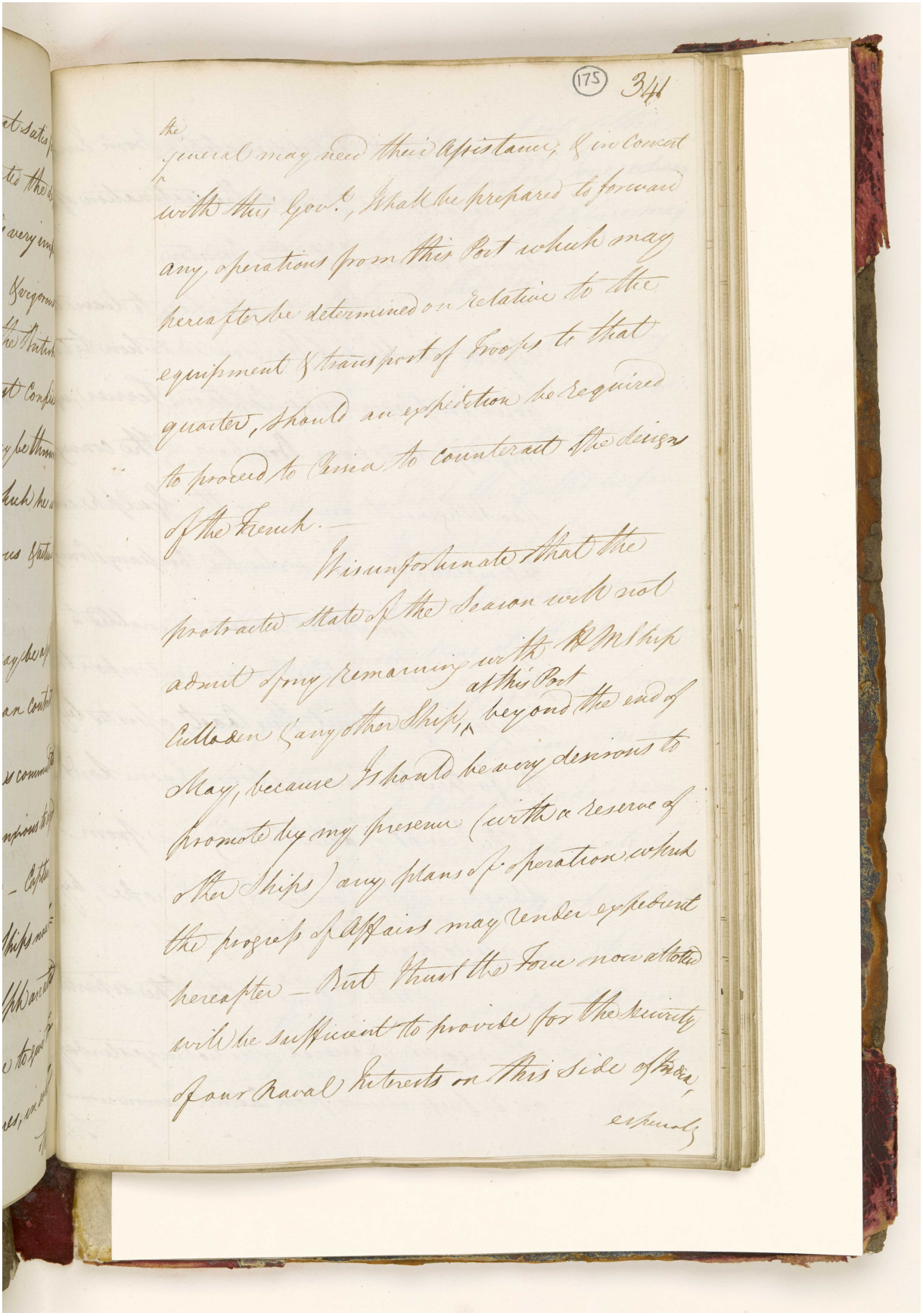

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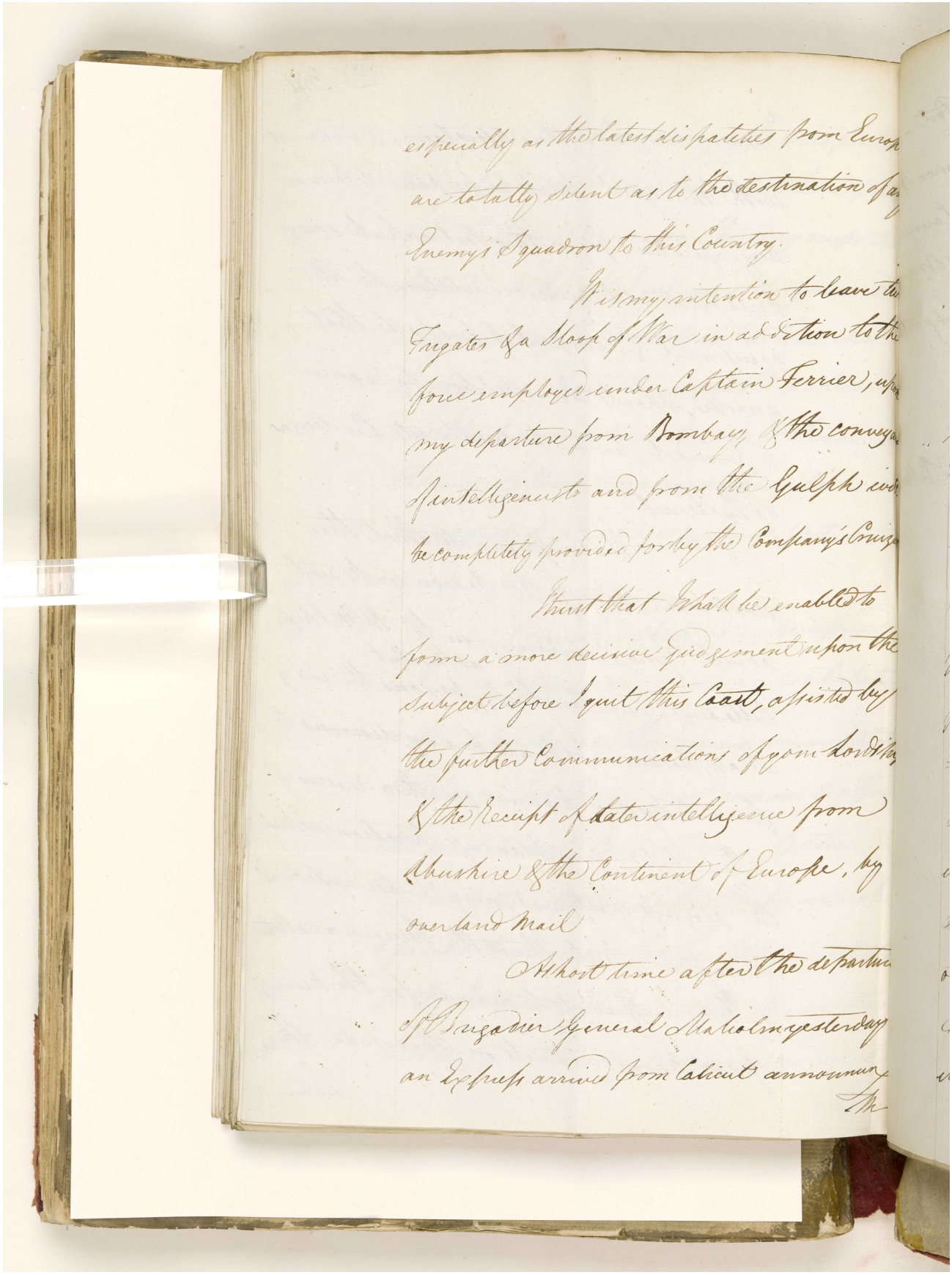

especially as the latest dispatches from Europe
are totally silent as to the destination of a
Enemy's Squadron to this Country.

It is my intention to leave two
Frigates & a Sloop of War in addition to the
force employed under Captain Ferrier, upon
my departure from Bombay & the convoy
Intelligence to and from the Gulph will
be completely provided for by the Company's Cruizers

I trust that I shall be enabled to
form a more decisive judgement upon the
subject before I quit this Coast, assisted by
the further Communications of your Lordship
& the Receipt of later intelligence from
Arabia & the Continent of Europe, by
overland Mail

A short time after the departure
of Brigadier General Malcolm yesterday
an Express arrived from Calicut announcing

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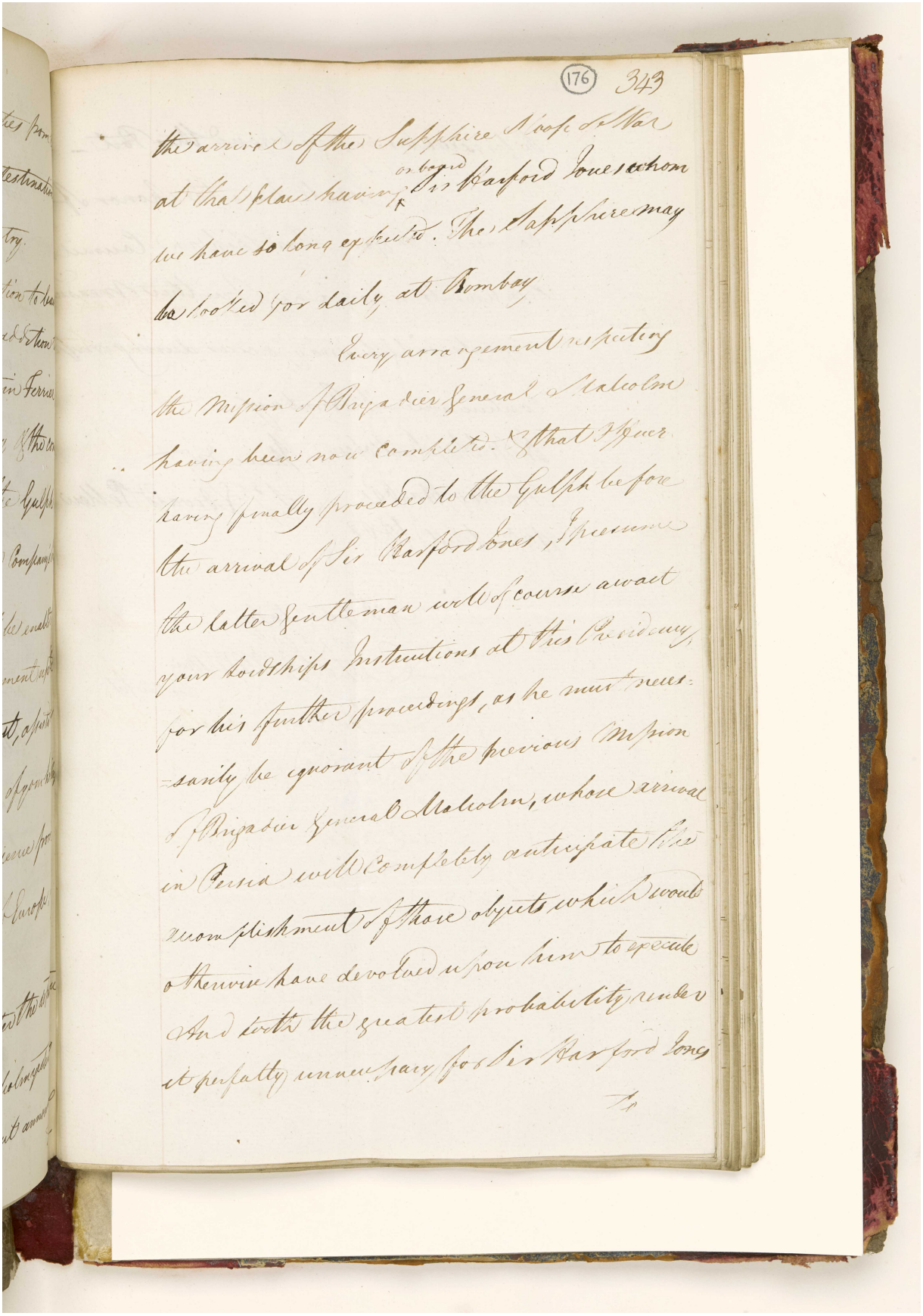

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the arrival of the Sapphire Hoop of War at that place having on board Sir Harford Jones whom we have so long expected. The Sapphire may be looked for daily at Bombay.

Every arrangement respecting the Mission of Brigadier General Malcolm having been now completed & that Officer having finally proceeded to the Gulph before the arrival of Sir Harford Jones, I presume the latter Gentleman will of course await your Lordships Instructions at this Presidency for his further proceedings, as he must necessarily be ignorant of the previous Mission of Brigadier General Malcolm, whose arrival in Persia will completely anticipate the accomplishment of those objects which would otherwise have devolved upon him to execute And with the greatest probability render it perfectly unnecessary for Sir Harford Jones

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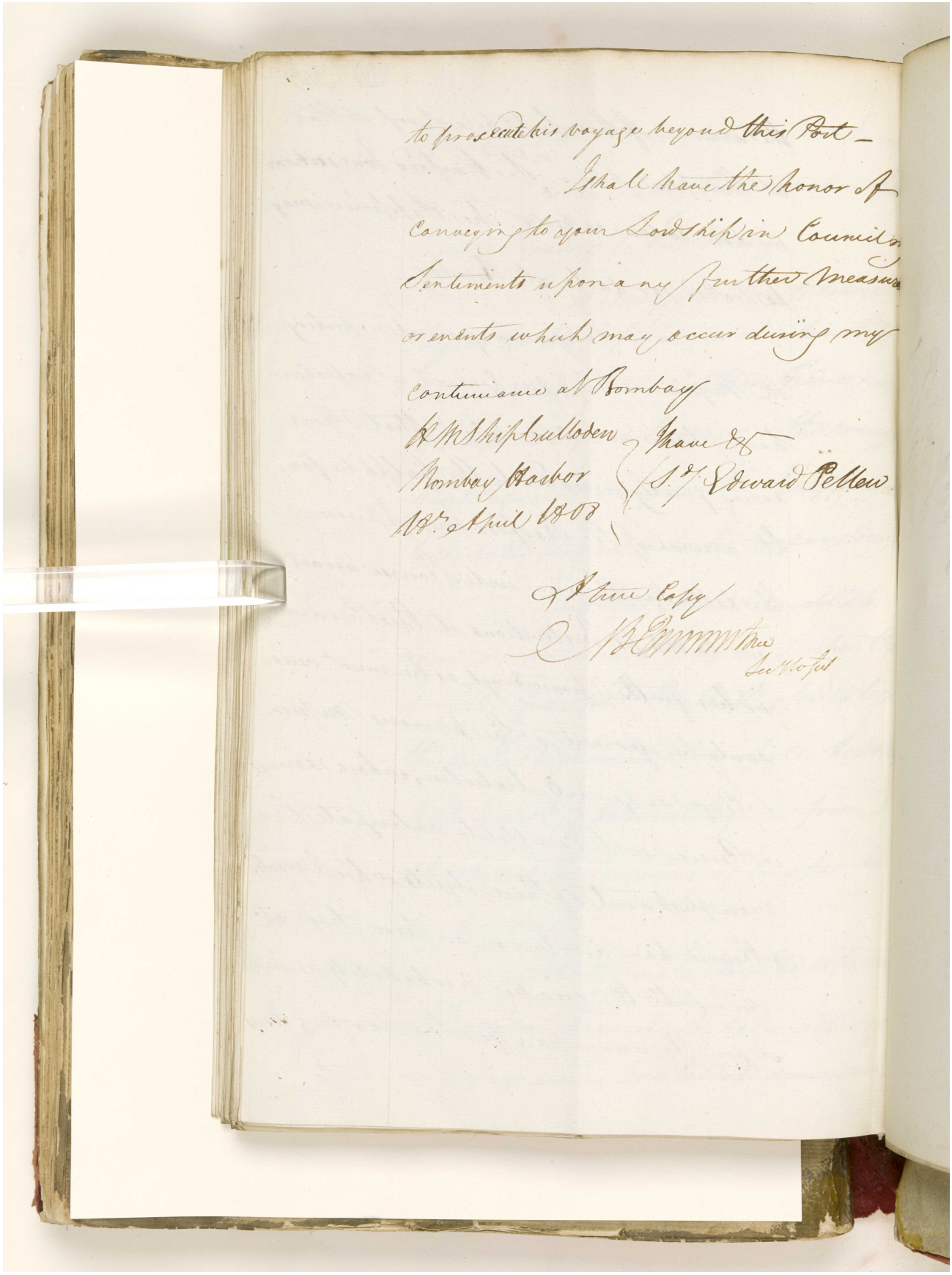

to prosecute his voyage beyond this Port —

I shall have the honor of conveying to your Lordship in Council my Sentiments upon any further Measures or events which may occur during my continuance at Bombay

H M Ship Culloden
Bombay Harbor
18th April 1808

I have &c
(Sd) Edward Pellew

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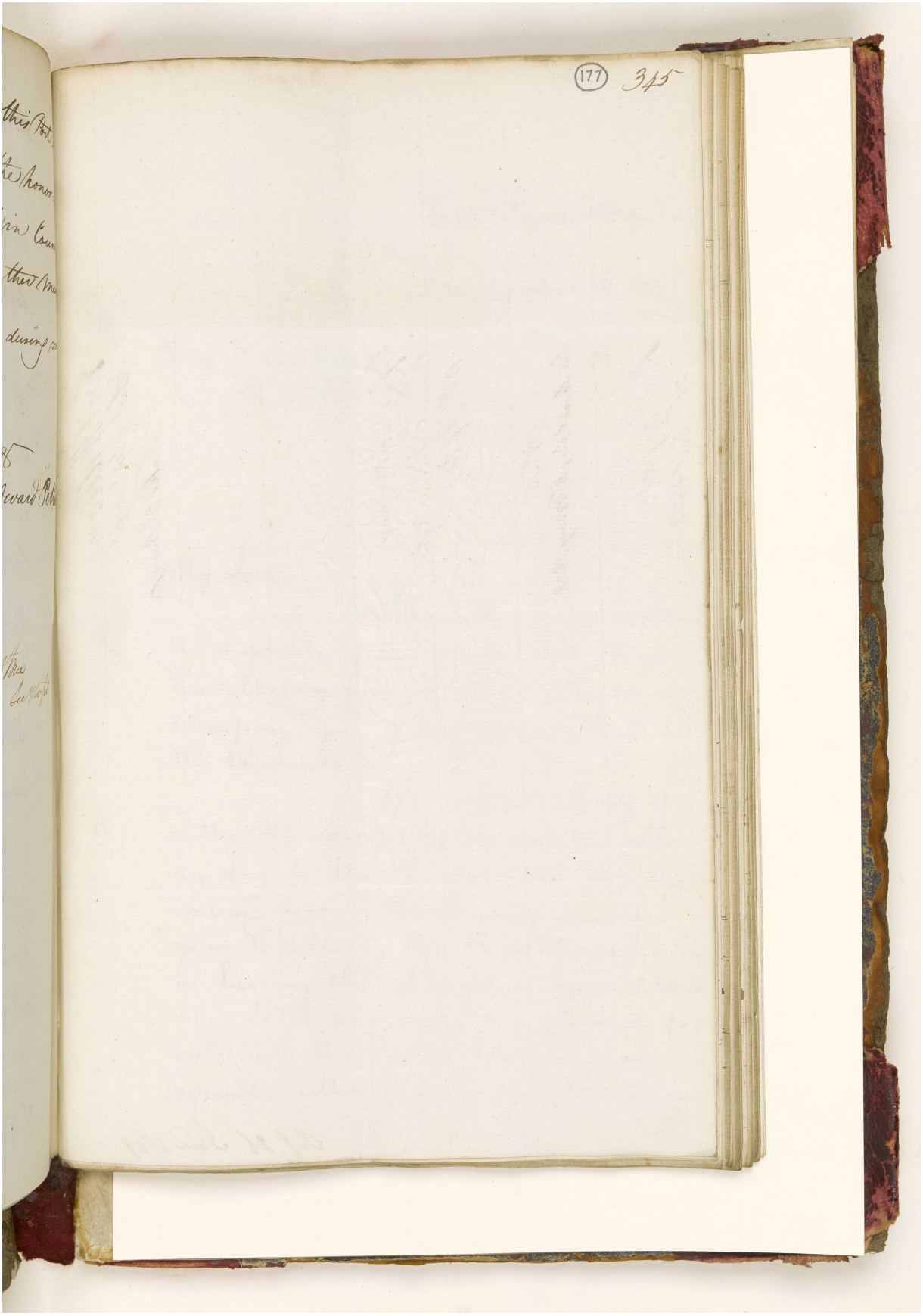

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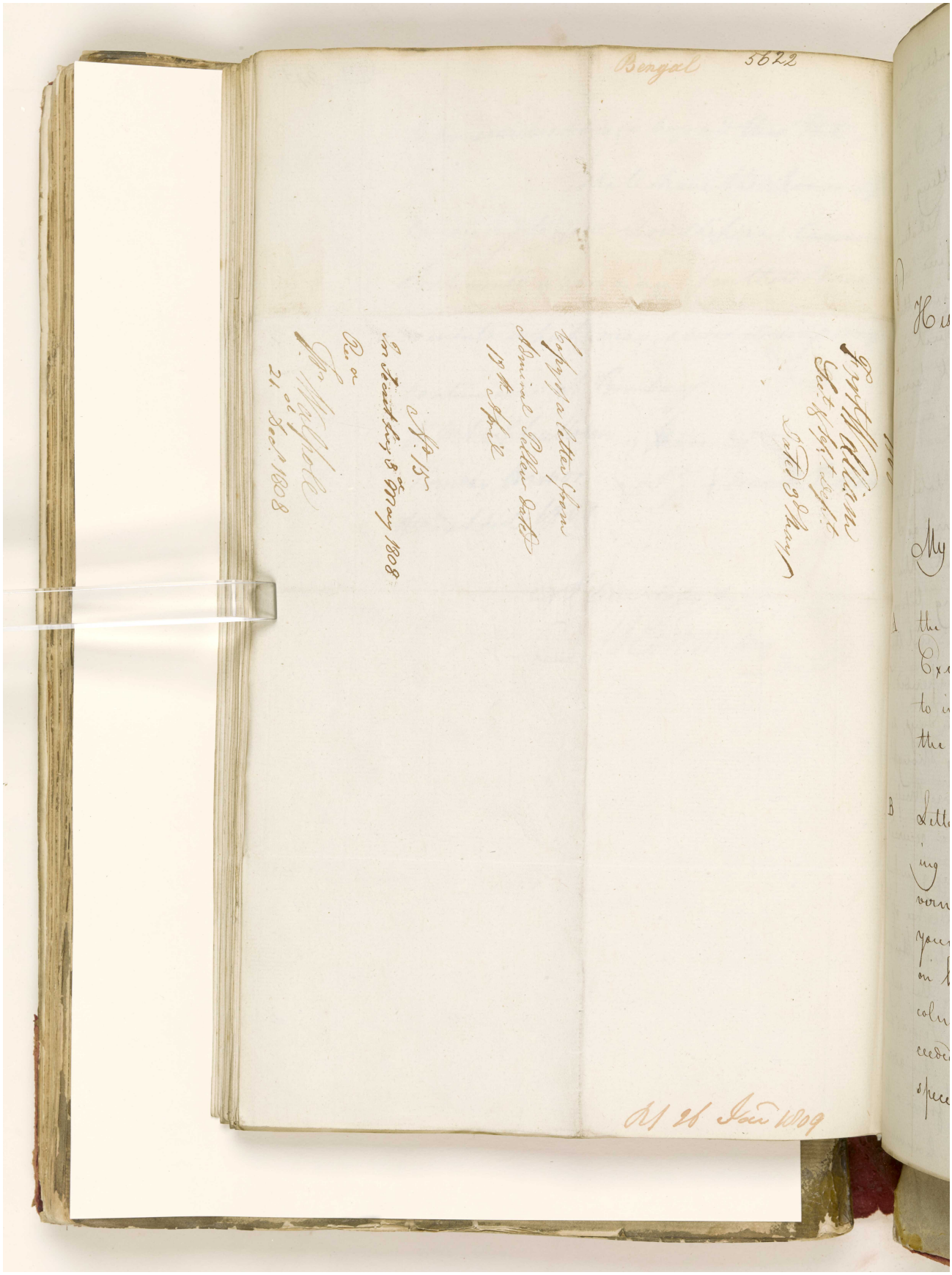

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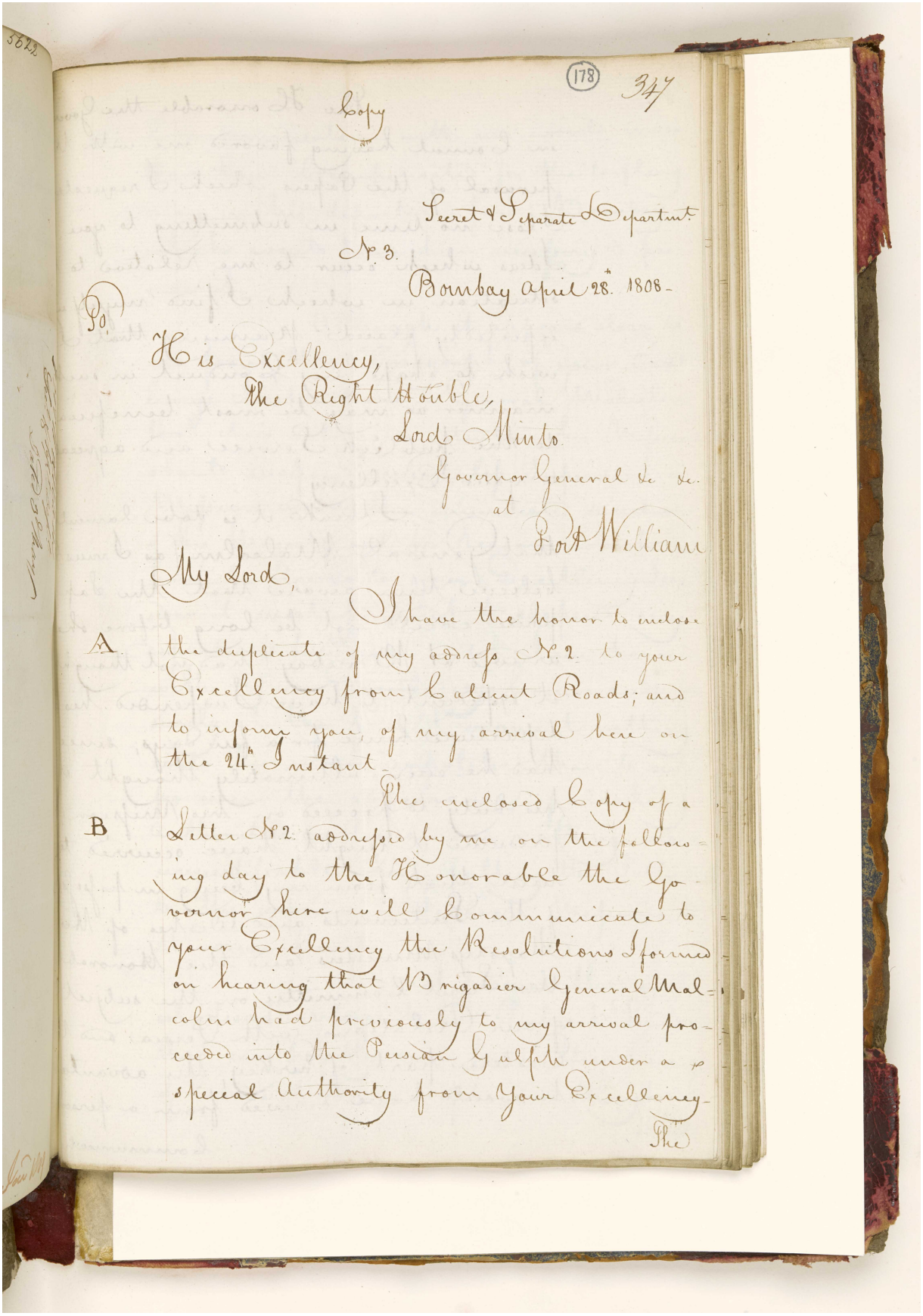

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Bombay April 28th. 1808.

No.

His Excellency,
The Right Honble,
Lord Minto
Governor General &c &c.
at
Fort William

My Lord,

I have the honor to inclose
A the duplicate of my addrefs No. 2. to your
Excellency from Calicut Roads; and
to inform you, of my arrival here on
the 24th. Instant.

The inclosed Copy of a
B Letter No. 2. addrefsed by me on the follow-
ing day to the Honorable the Go-
vernor here will communicate to
your Excellency the Resolutions I formed
on hearing that Brigadier General Mal-
colm had previously to my arrival pro-
ceeded into the Persian Gulph under a
special Authority from Your Excellency.

The

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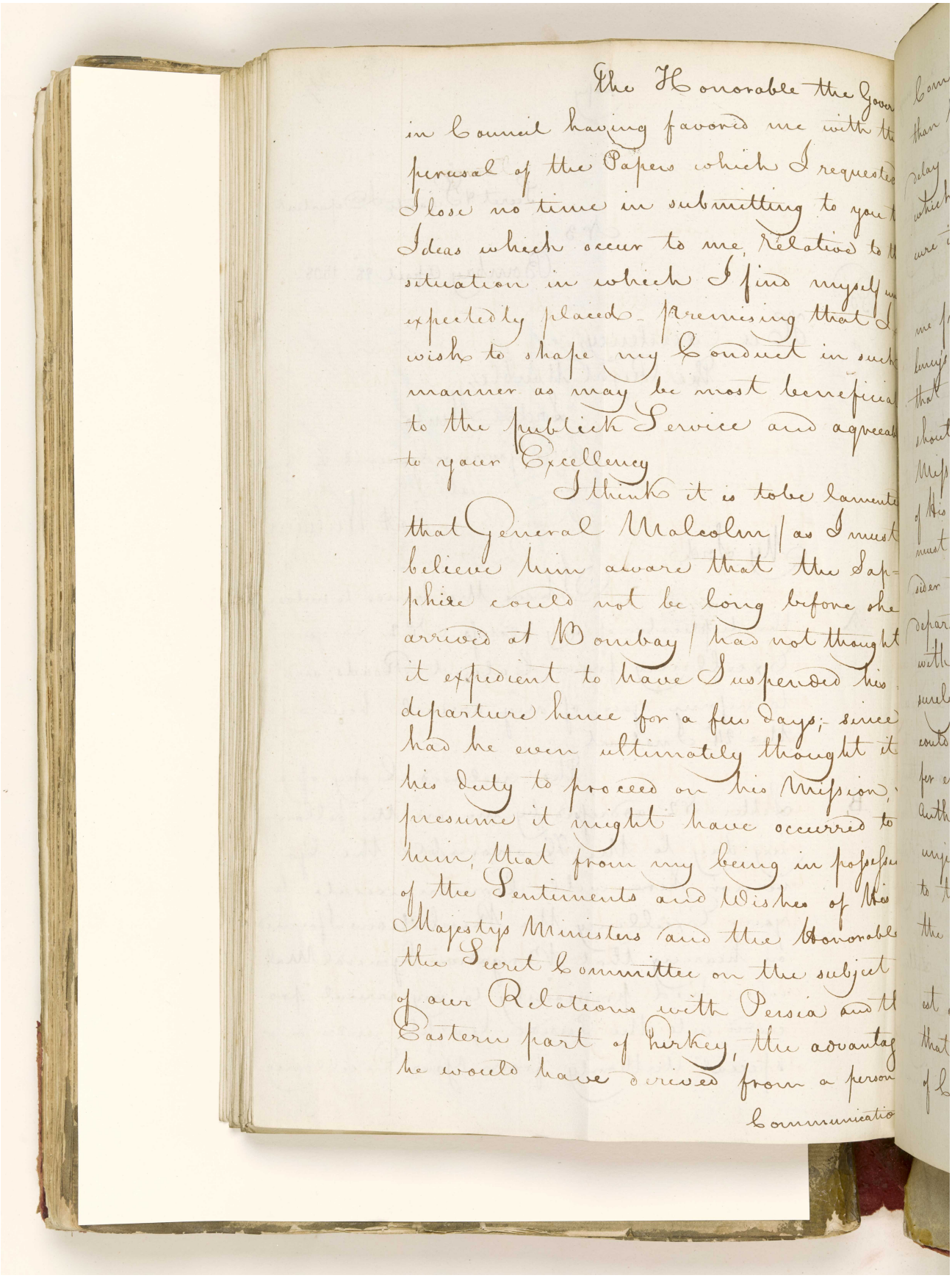

The Honorable the Gover
in Council having favored me with th
perusal of the Papers which I requested
I lose no time in submitting to you
Ideas which occur to me, Relative to th
situation in which I find myself u
expectedly placed. Premising that I
wish to shape my Conduct in such
manner as may be most beneficial
to the publick Service and agreeab
to your Excellency
I think it is to be lamente
that General Malcolm / as I must
believe him aware that the Sap-
phire could not be long before she
arrived at Bombay / had not thought
it expedient to have Suspended his
departure hence for a few days; since
had he even ultimately thought it
his duty to proceed on his Mission,
presume it might have occurred to
him, that from my being in possess
of the Sentiments and Wishes of His
Majesty's Ministers and the Honorable
the Secret Committee on the subject
of our Relations with Persia and th
Eastern part of Turkey, the advantag
he would have derived from a person
Communicatio

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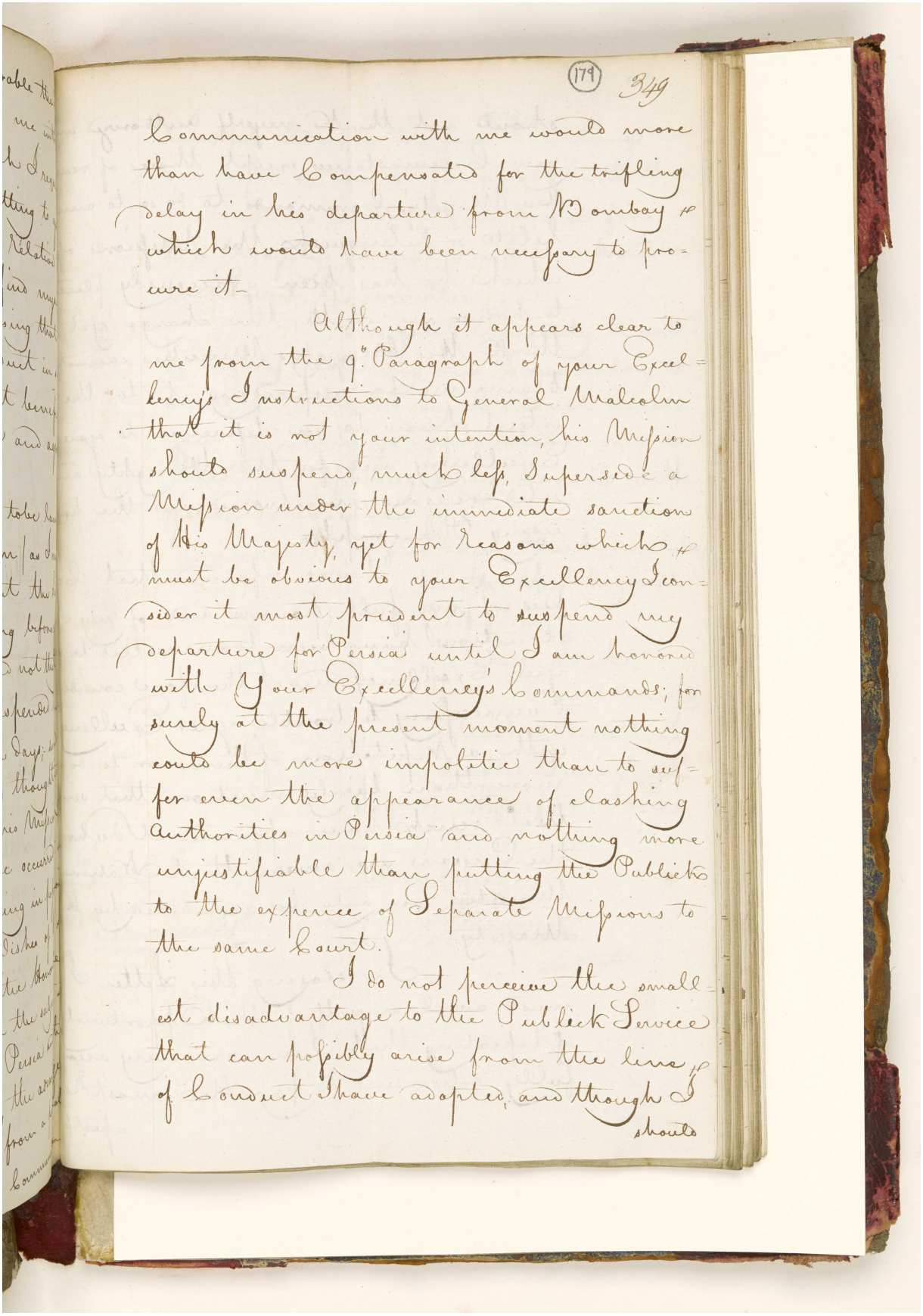

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Communication with me would more than have Compensated for the trifling delay in his departure from Bombay which would have been necessary to procure it.

Although it appears clear to me from the 9th Paragraph of your Excellency's Instructions to General Malcolm that it is not your intention, his Mission should suspend, much less, Supersede a Mission under the immediate sanction of His Majesty, yet for Reasons which must be obvious to your Excellency I consider it most prudent to suspend my departure for Persia until I am honored with Your Excellency's Commands; for surely at the present moment nothing could be more impolitic than to suffer even the appearance of clashing Authorities in Persia and nothing more unjustifiable than putting the Publick to the expence of Separate Missions to the same Court.

I do not perceive the smallest disadvantage to the Publick Service that can possibly arise from the line of Conduct I have adopted, and though I should

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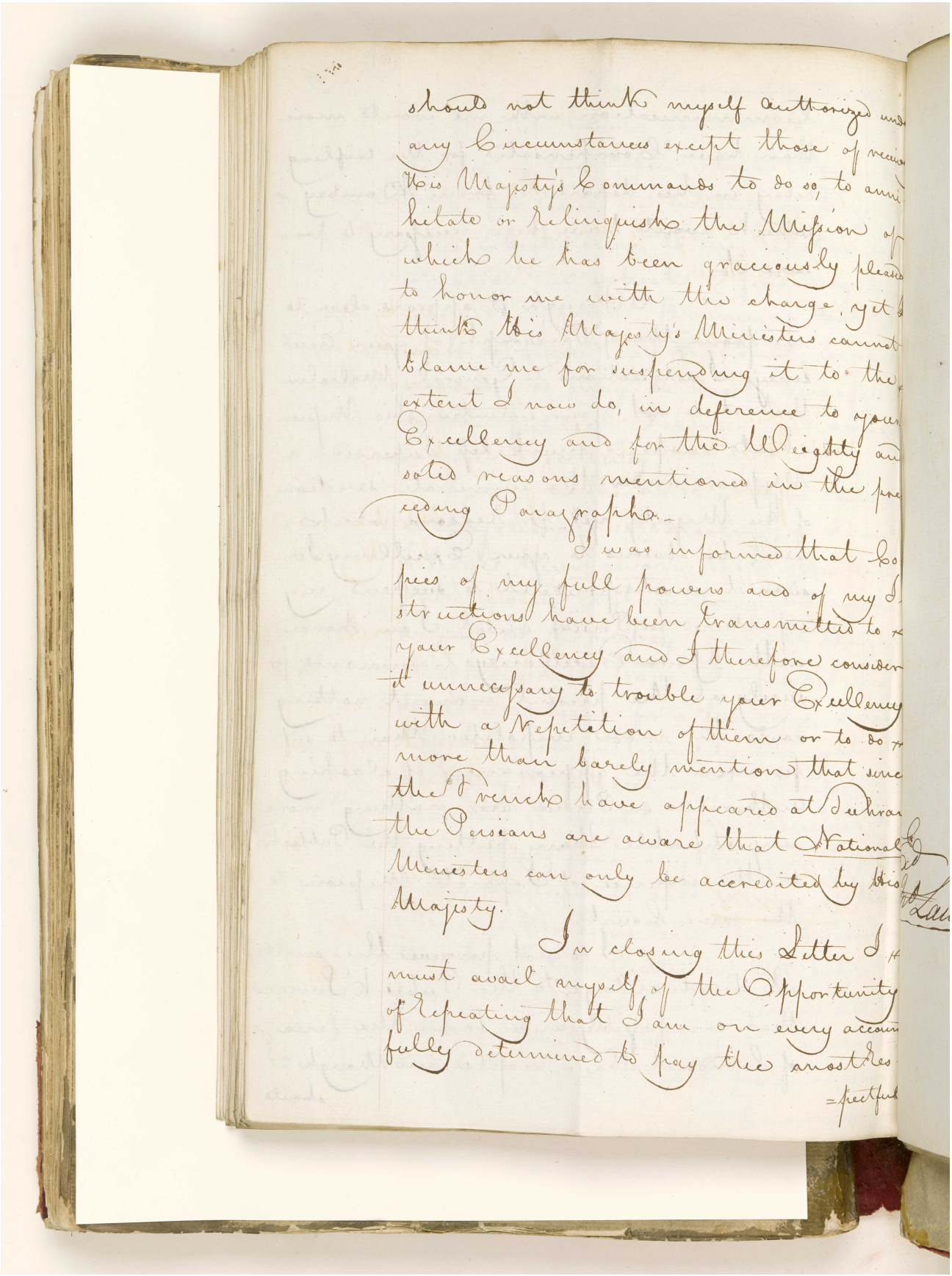

should not think myself authorized under any circumstances except those of receiving His Majesty's Commands to do so, to annihilate or Relinquish the Mission of which he has been graciously pleased to honor me with the charge, yet I think his Majesty's Ministers cannot blame me for suspending it to the extent I now do, in deference to your Excellency and for the Weighty and solid reasons mentioned in the preceding Paragraphs.

I was informed that Copies of my full powers and of my Instructions have been transmitted to your Excellency and I therefore consider it unnecessary to trouble your Excellency with a Repetition of them or to do more than barely mention that since the French have appeared at Teheran the Persians are aware that National Ministers can only be accredited by his Majesty.

In closing this Letter I must avail myself of the Opportunity of Repeating that I am on every account fully determined to pay the most Respectful

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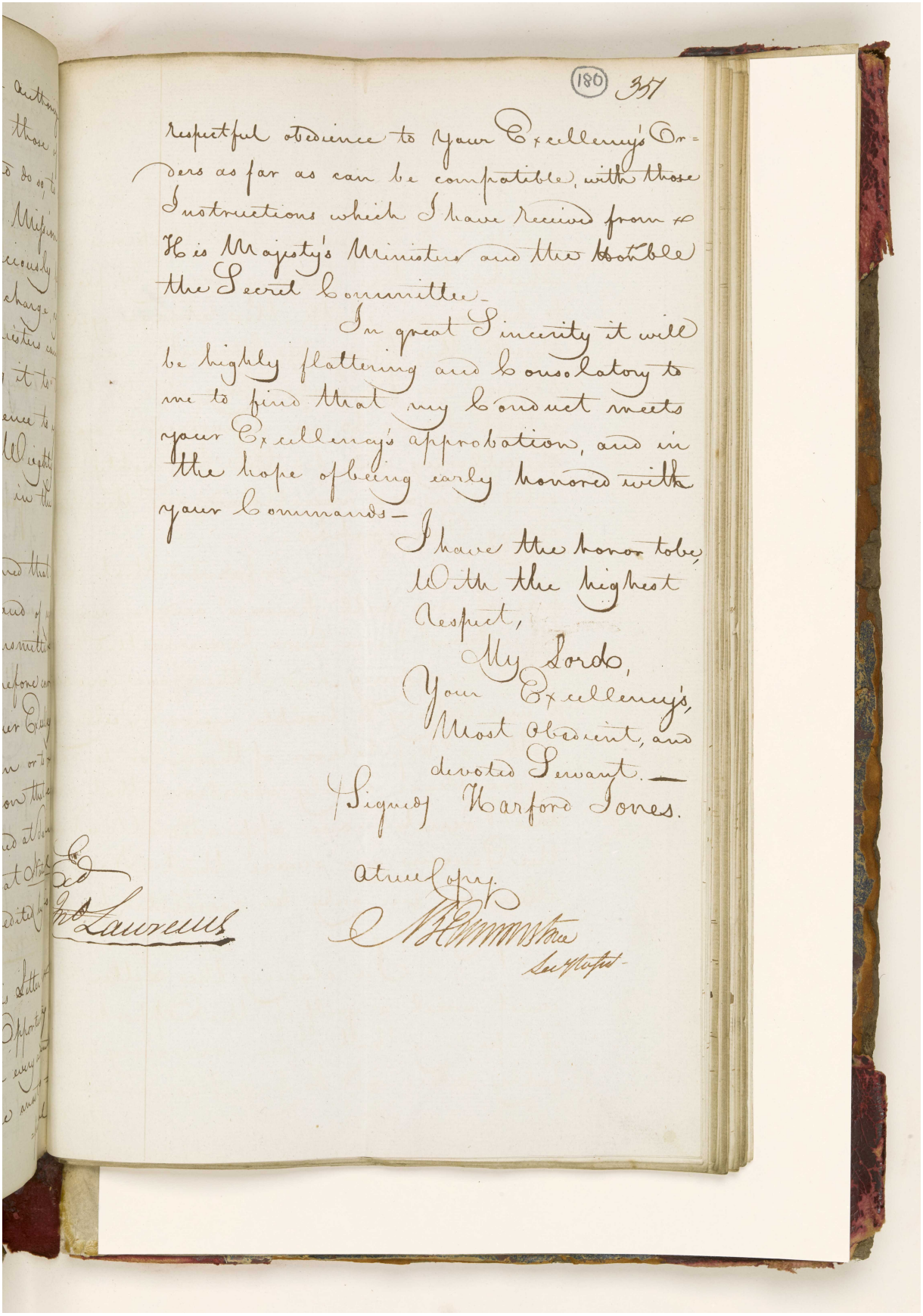

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respectful obedience to your Excellency's Orders as far as can be compatible with those Instructions which I have received from His Majesty's Ministers and the honble the Secret Committee.

In great Sincerity it will be highly flattering and consolatory to me to find that my conduct meets your Excellency's approbation, and in the hope of being early honored with your Commands—

I have the honor to be,
With the highest
Respect,
My Lords,
Your Excellency's,
Most Obedient, and
devoted Servant.—
Signed Harford Jones.

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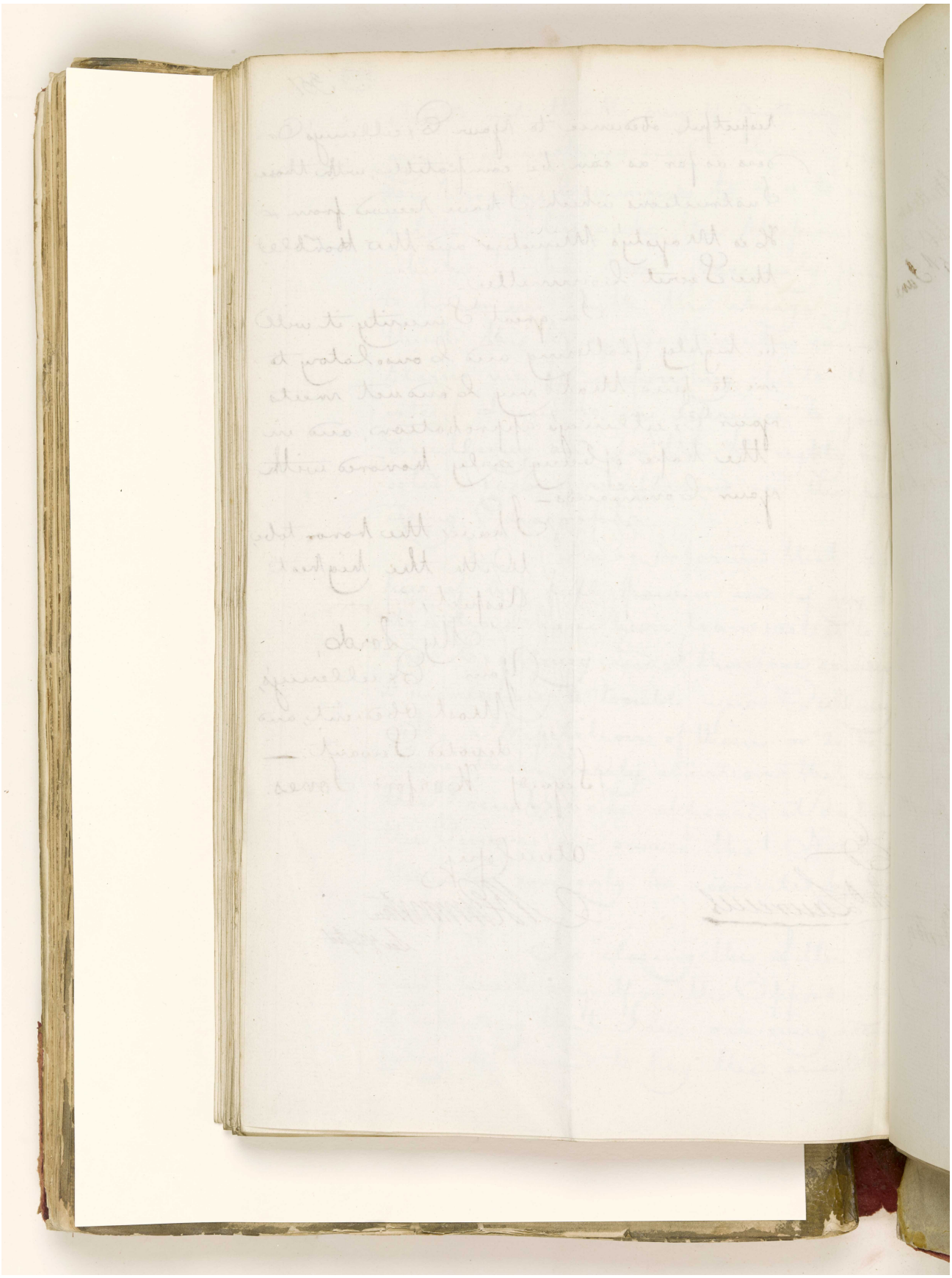

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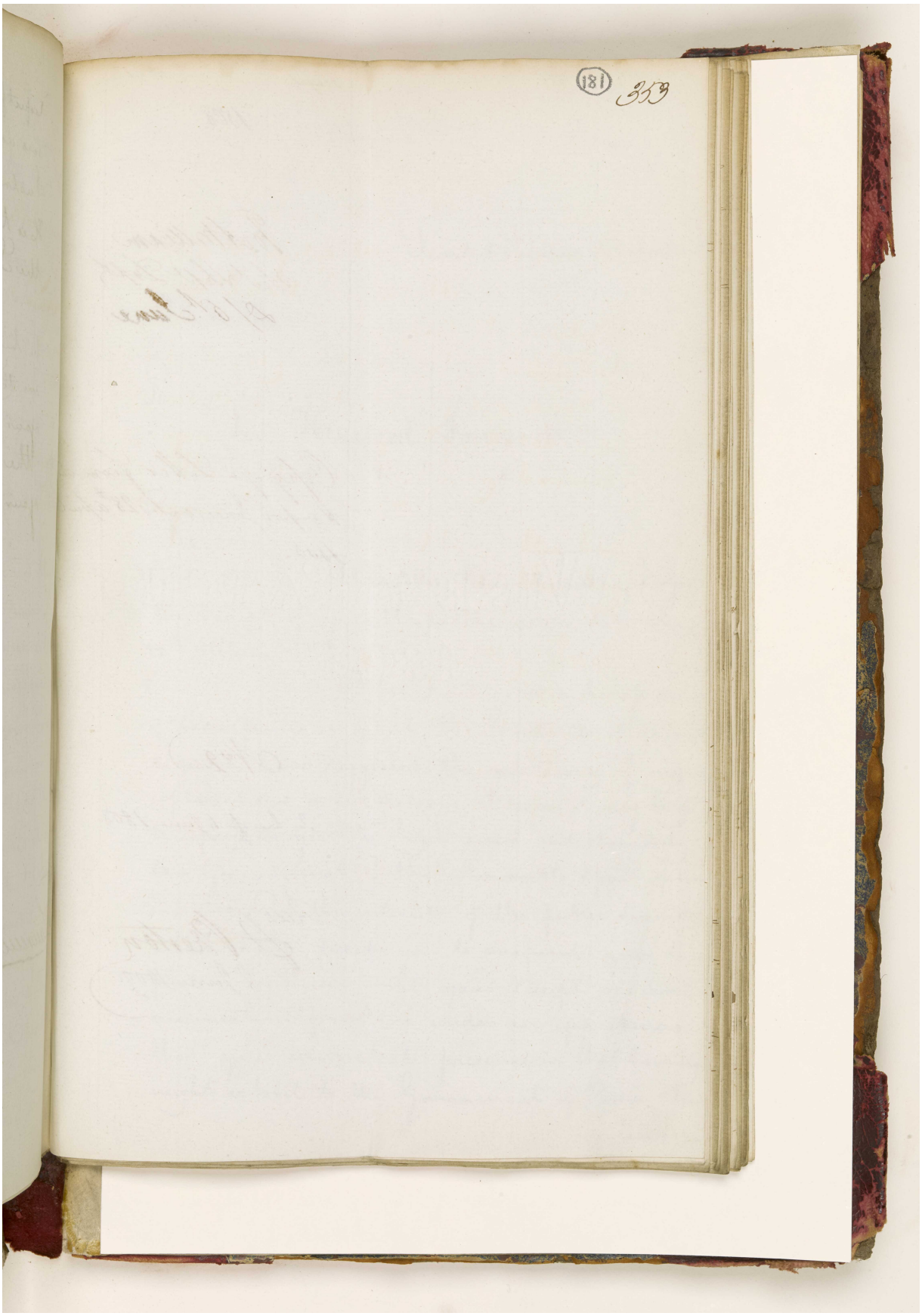

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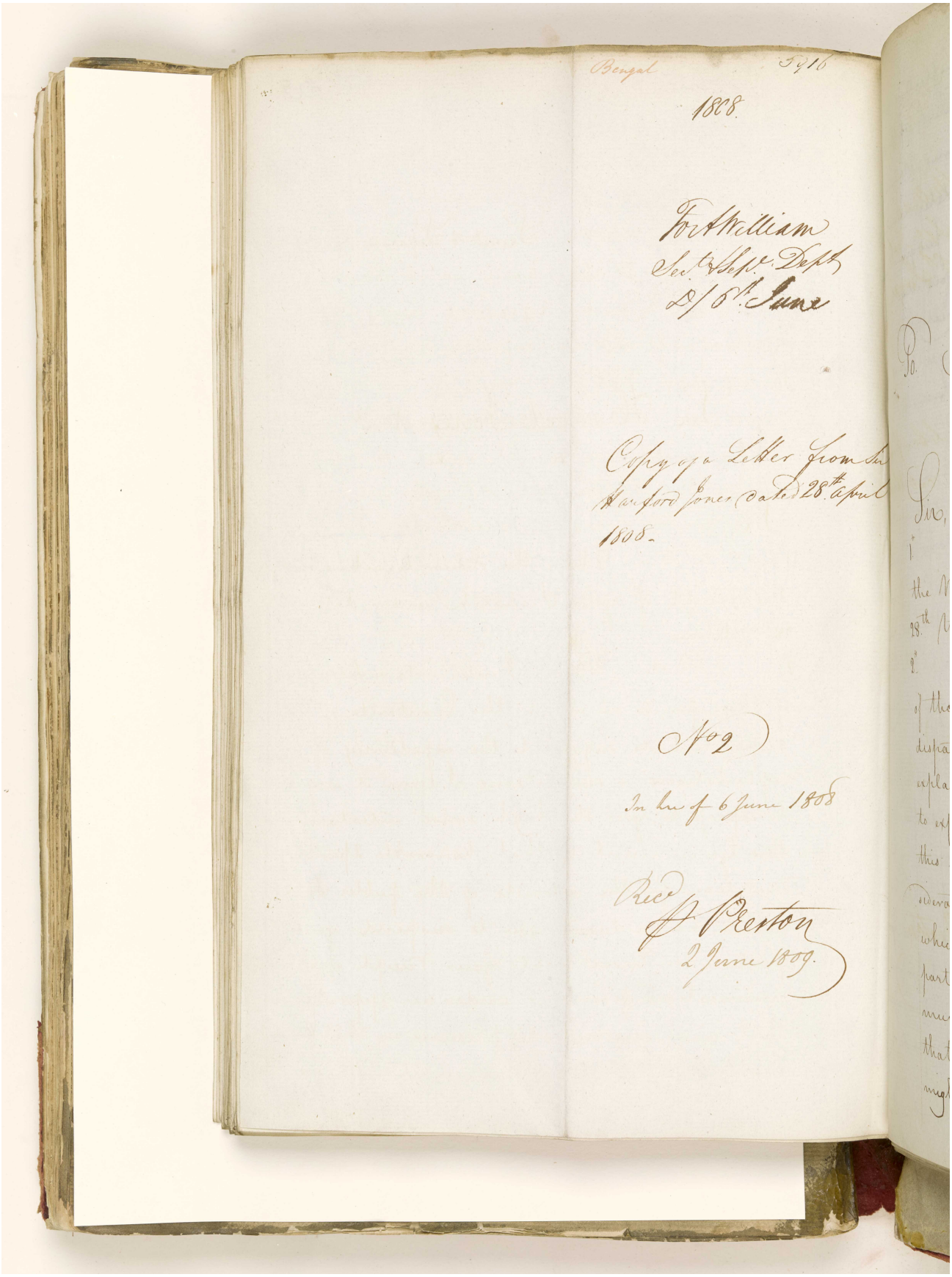

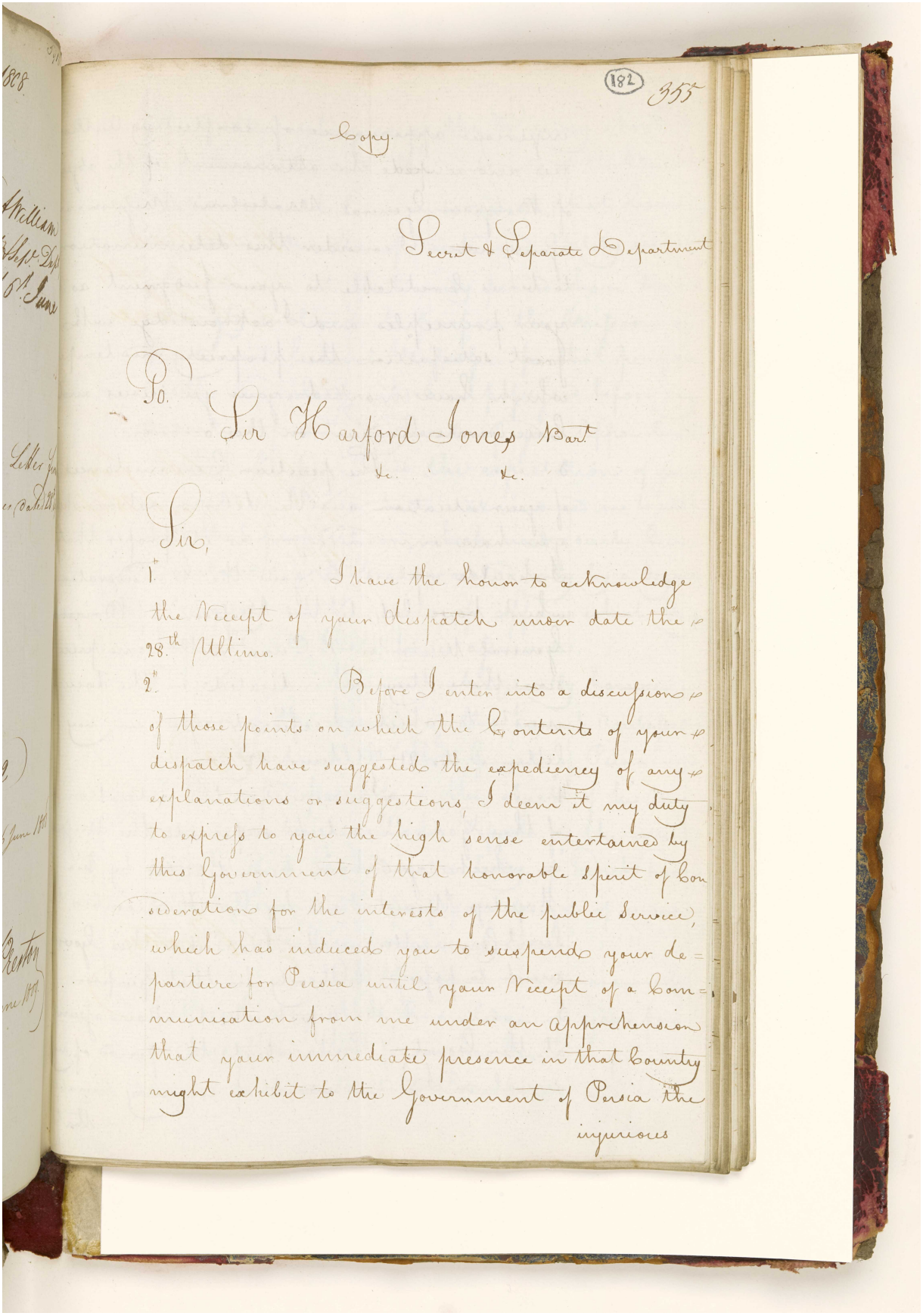

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Secret & Separate Department

To.

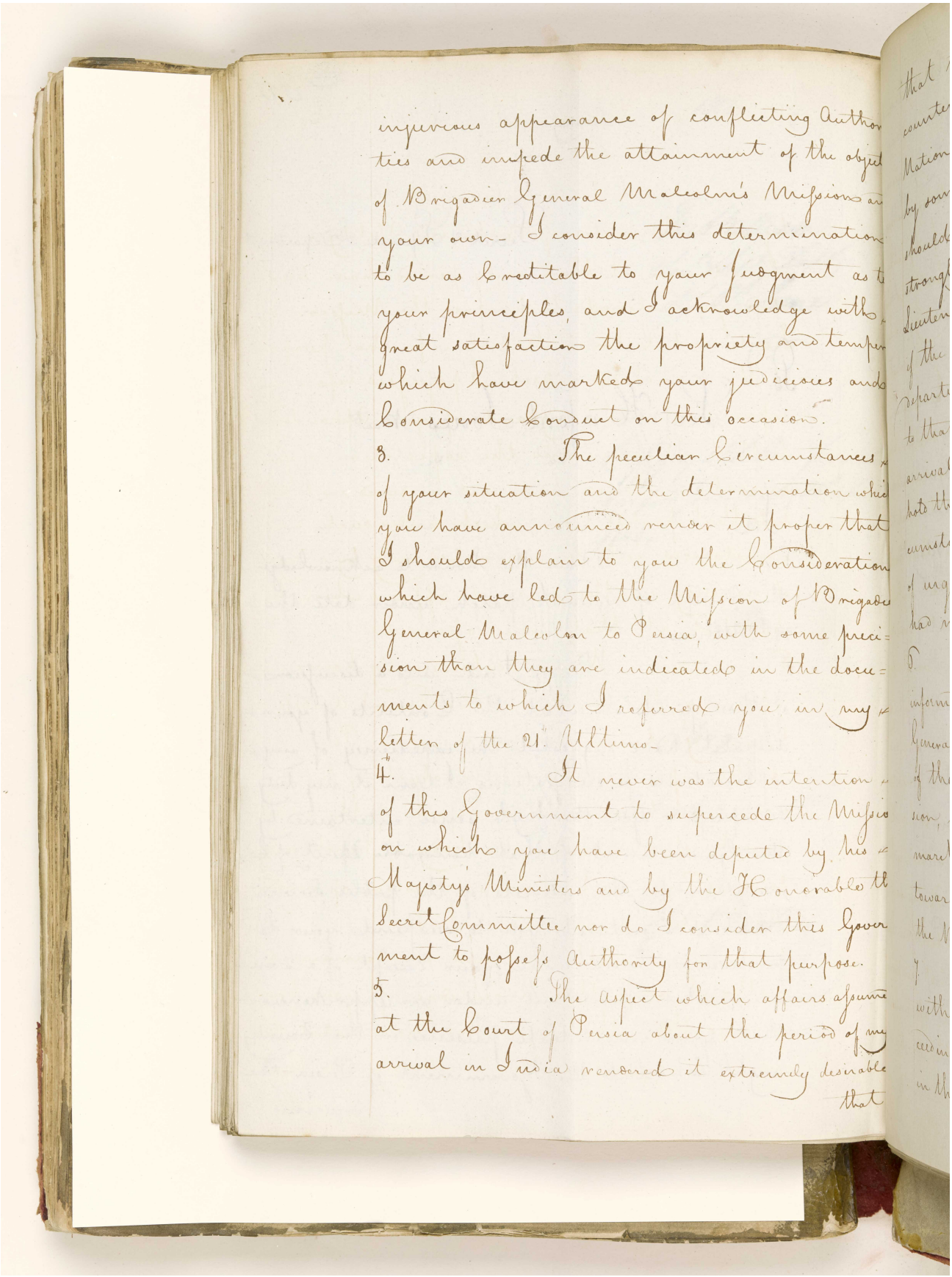
Sir Harford Jones Bart

&c. &c.

Sir,

1st I have the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your dispatch under date the 28th Ultimo.

2d Before I enter into a discussion of those points on which the Contents of your dispatch have suggested the expediency of any explanations or suggestions, I deem it my duty to express to you the high sense entertained by this Government of that honorable Spirit of Consideration for the interests of the public Service, which has induced you to suspend your departure for Persia until your Receipt of a Communication from me under an Apprehension that your immediate presence in that Country might exhibit to the Government of Persia the injurious

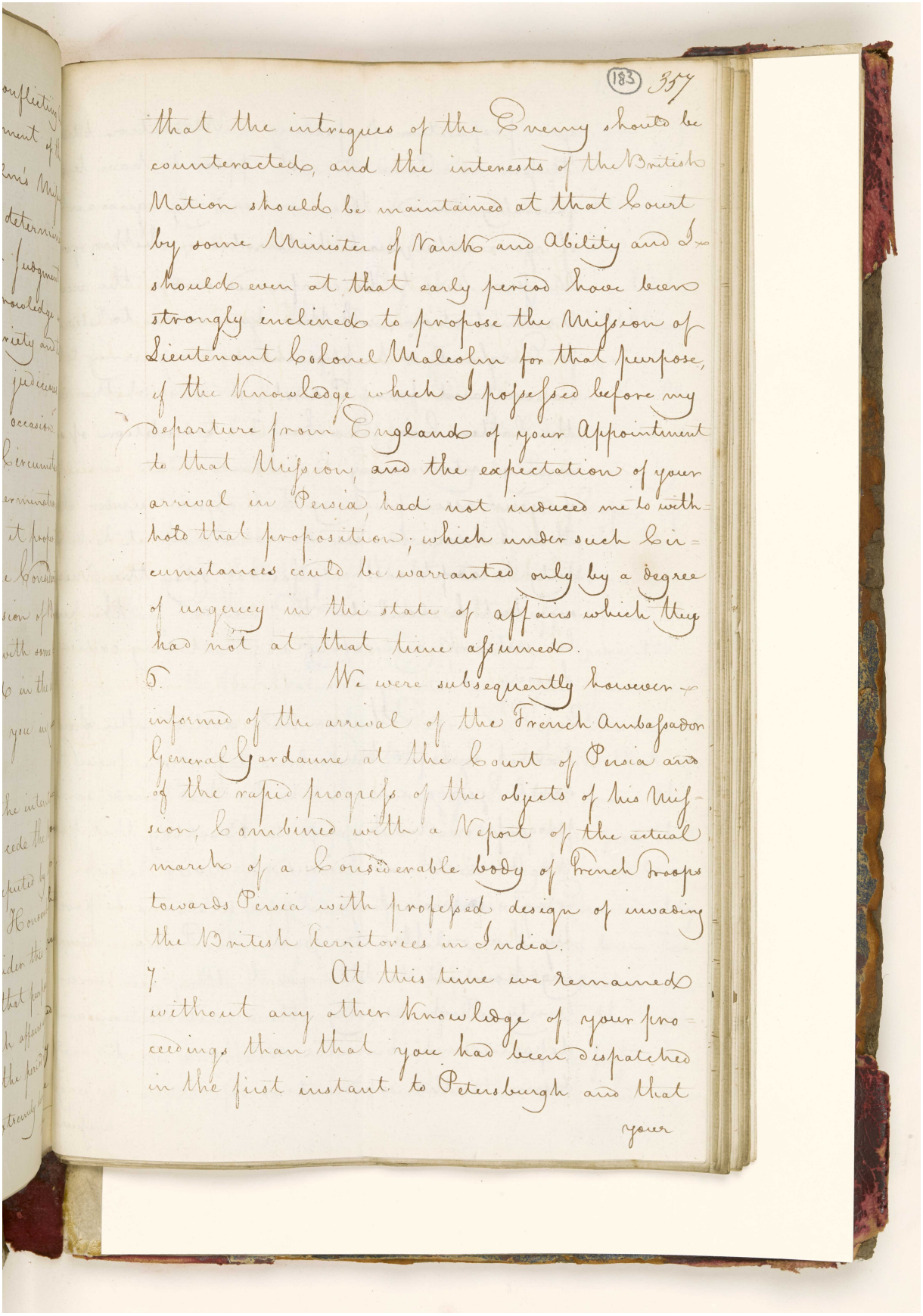


injurious appearance of conflicting Authorities and impede the attainment of the objects of Brigadier General Malcolm's Mission as your own - I consider this determination to be as creditable to your Judgment as to your principles, and I acknowledge with great satisfaction the propriety and temper which have marked your judicious and considerate Conduct on this occasion.

3. The peculiar circumstances of your situation and the determination which you have announced render it proper that I should explain to you the Considerations which have led to the Mission of Brigadier General Malcolm to Persia, with some precision than they are indicated in the documents to which I referred you in my letter of the 21st Ultimo -

4. It never was the intention of this Government to supercede the Mission on which you have been deputed by his Majesty's Ministers and by the Honorable the Secret Committee nor do I consider this Government to possess Authority for that purpose.

5. The aspect which affairs assume at the Court of Persia about the period of my arrival in India rendered it extremely desirable that



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that the intrigues of the Enemy should be counteracted, and the interests of the British Nation should be maintained at that Court by some Minister of Rank and Ability and I should even at that early period have been strongly inclined to propose the Mission of Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm for that purpose, if the Knowledge which I possessed before my departure from England of your Appointment to that Mission, and the expectation of your arrival in Persia, had not induced me to withhold that proposition; which under such circumstances could be warranted only by a degree of urgency in the state of affairs which they had not at that time assumed.

5. We were subsequently however informed of the arrival of the French Ambassador General Gardanne at the Court of Persia and of the rapid progress of the objects of his Mission, combined with a Report of the actual march of a considerable body of French Troops towards Persia with professed design of invading the British Territories in India.

7. At this time we remained without any other Knowledge of your proceedings than that you had been dispatched in the first instant to Petersburgh and that your

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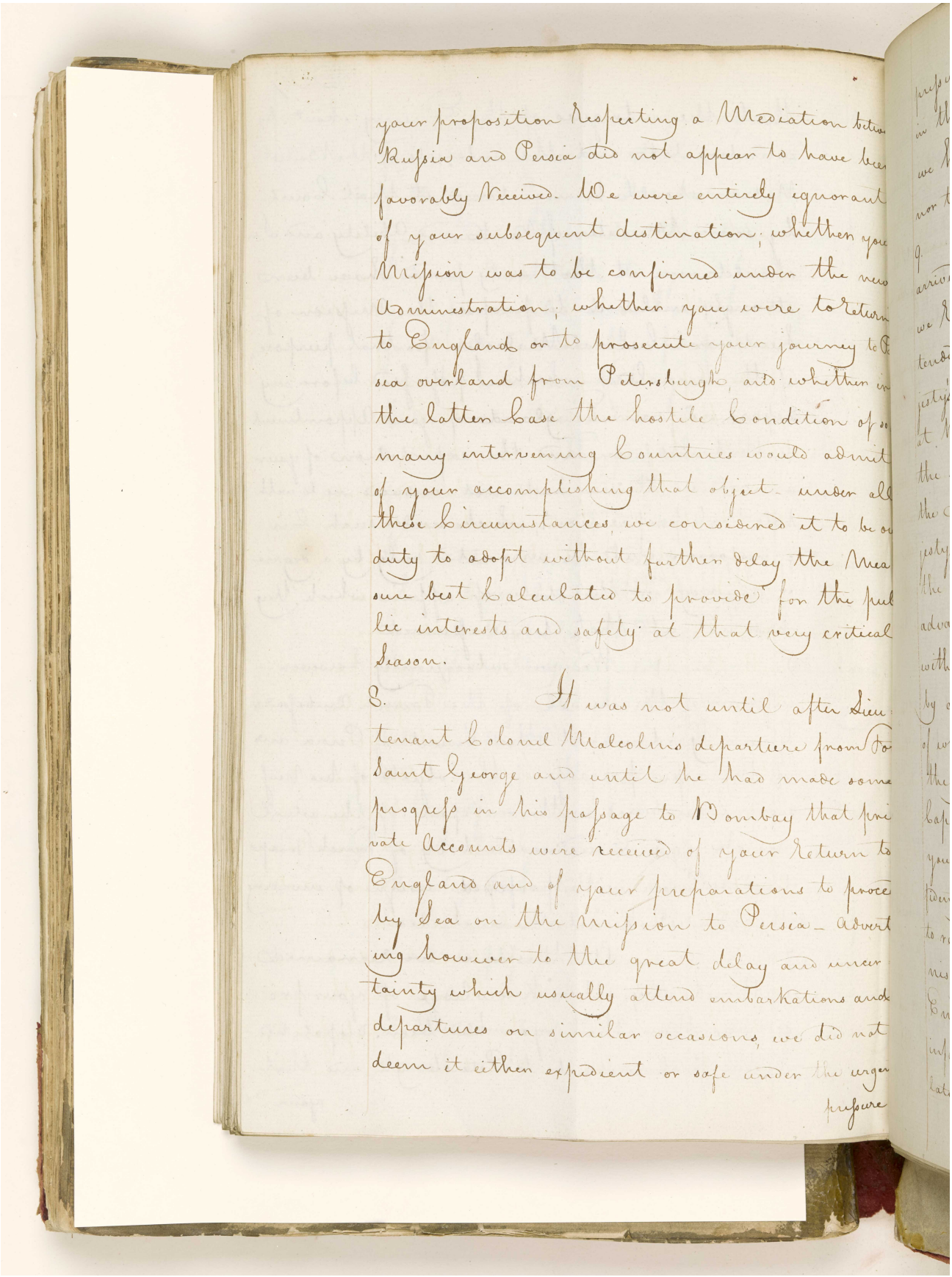

your proposition Respecting a Mediation betw
Russia and Persia did not appear to have be
favorably Received. We were entirely ignorant
of your subsequent destination; whether your
Mission was to be confirmed under the new
Administration; whether you were to return
to England or to prosecute your journey to P
sia overland from Petersburgh, and whether in
the latter case the hostile Condition of so
many intervening Countries would admit
of your accomplishing that object under all
these Circumstances, we considered it to be o
duty to adopt without further delay the Mea
sure best Calculated to provide for the pub
lic interests and safety at that very critical
Season.

8. It was not until after Lieu
tenant Colonel Malcolm's departure from Fo
Saint George and until he had made some
progress in his passage to Bombay that pri
vate Accounts were received of your Return to
England and of your preparations to proce
by Sea on the Mission to Persia - Advert
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departures on similar occasions, we did not
deem it either expedient or safe under the urge
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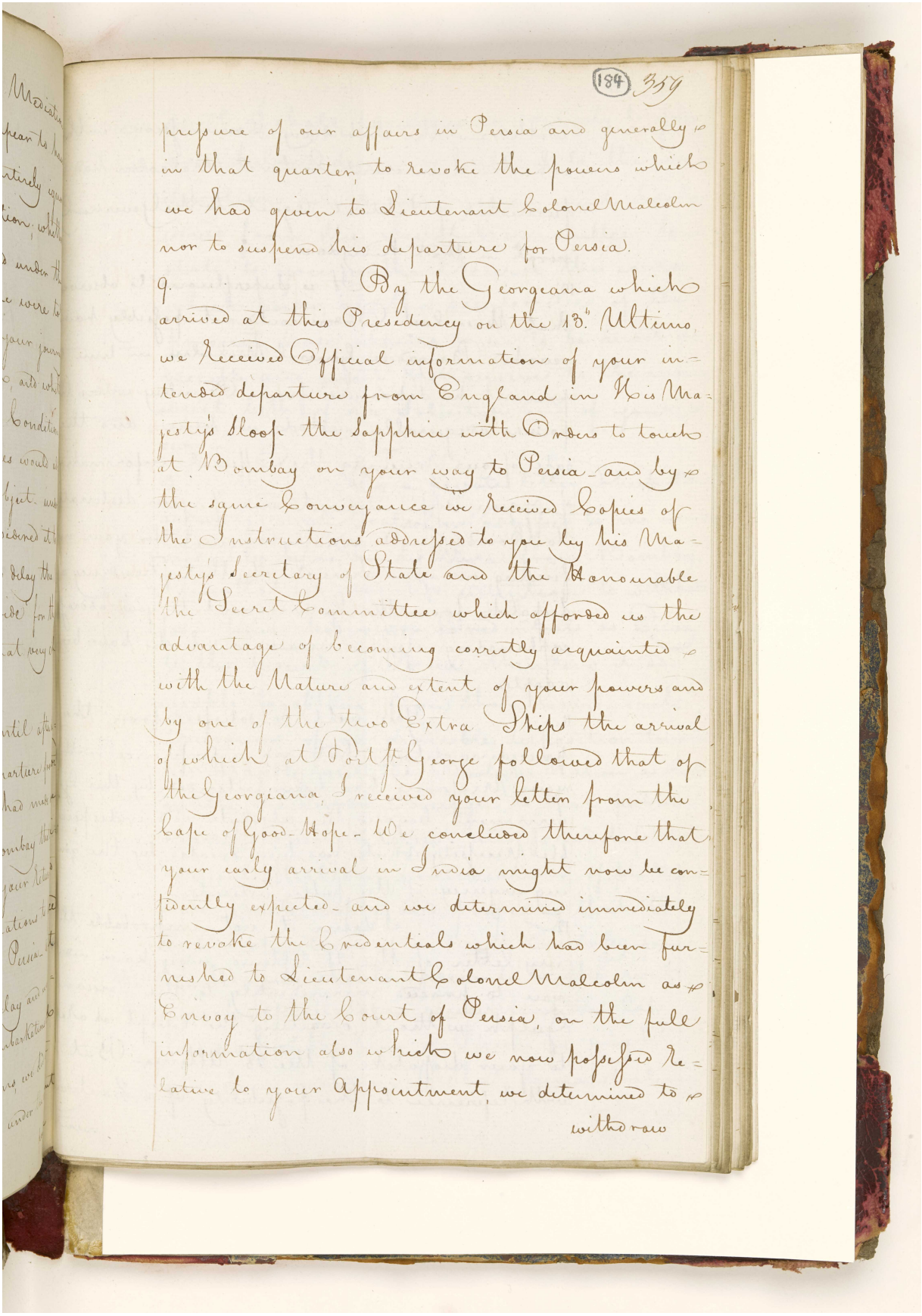

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prepare of our affairs in Persia and generally in that quarter, to revoke the powers which we had given to Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm nor to suspend his departure for Persia.

9. By the Georgeana which arrived at this Presidency on the 13th Ultimo we Received Official information of your intended departure from England in His Majesty's Sloop the Sapphire with Orders to touch at Bombay on your way to Persia - and by the same Conveyance we Received Copies of the Instructions addressed to you by his Majesty's Secretary of State and the Honourable the Secret Committee which afforded us the advantage of becoming correctly acquainted with the Nature and extent of your powers and by one of the two Extra Ships the arrival of which at Fort St George followed that of the Georgiana, I received your letter from the Cape of Good Hope - We concluded therefore that your early arrival in India might now be confidently expected - and we determined immediately to revoke the Credentials which had been furnished to Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm as Envoy to the Court of Persia, on the full information also which we now possess Relative to your Appointment, we determined to

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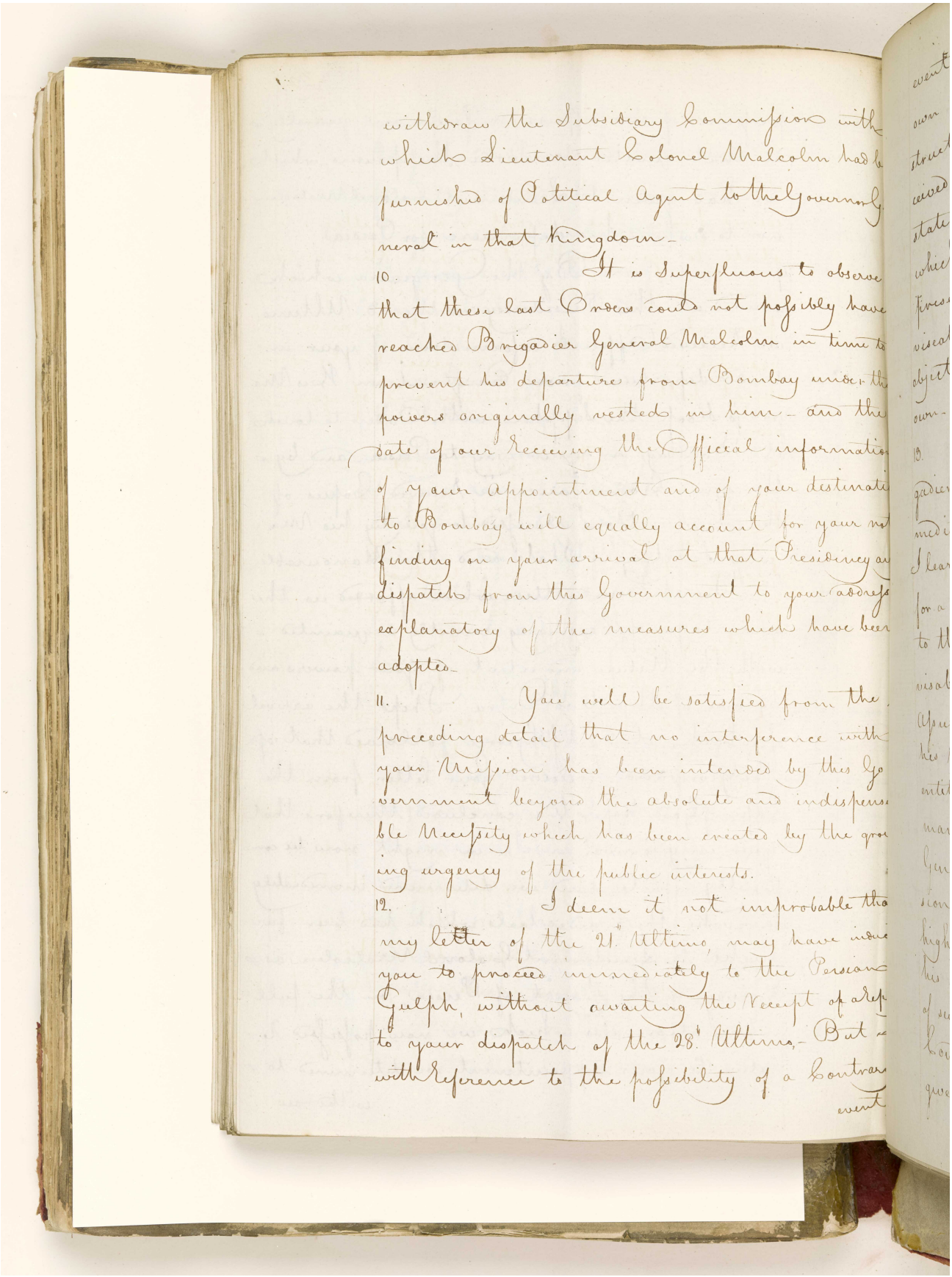

withdraw the Subsidiary Commission with
which Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm had b
furnished of Political Agent to the Governm
ment in that Kingdom.

10. It is superfluous to observe
that these last Orders could not possibly have
reached Brigadier General Malcolm in time to
prevent his departure from Bombay under th
powers originally vested in him - and the
date of our receiving the Official information
of your appointment and of your destinati
to Bombay will equally account for your no
finding on your arrival at that Presidency an
dispatch from this Government to your address
explanatory of the measures which have been
adopted.

11. You will be satisfied from the
preceding detail that no interference with
your Mission has been intended by this Go
vernment beyond the absolute and indispens
ble Necessity which has been created by the gro
ing urgency of the public interests.

12. I deem it not improbable tha
my letter of the 21st Ultimo, may have induc
you to proceed immediately to the Persian
Gulph, without awaiting the Receipt of a Repl
to your dispatch of the 28th Ultimo. But
with Reference to the possibility of a Contrar
event

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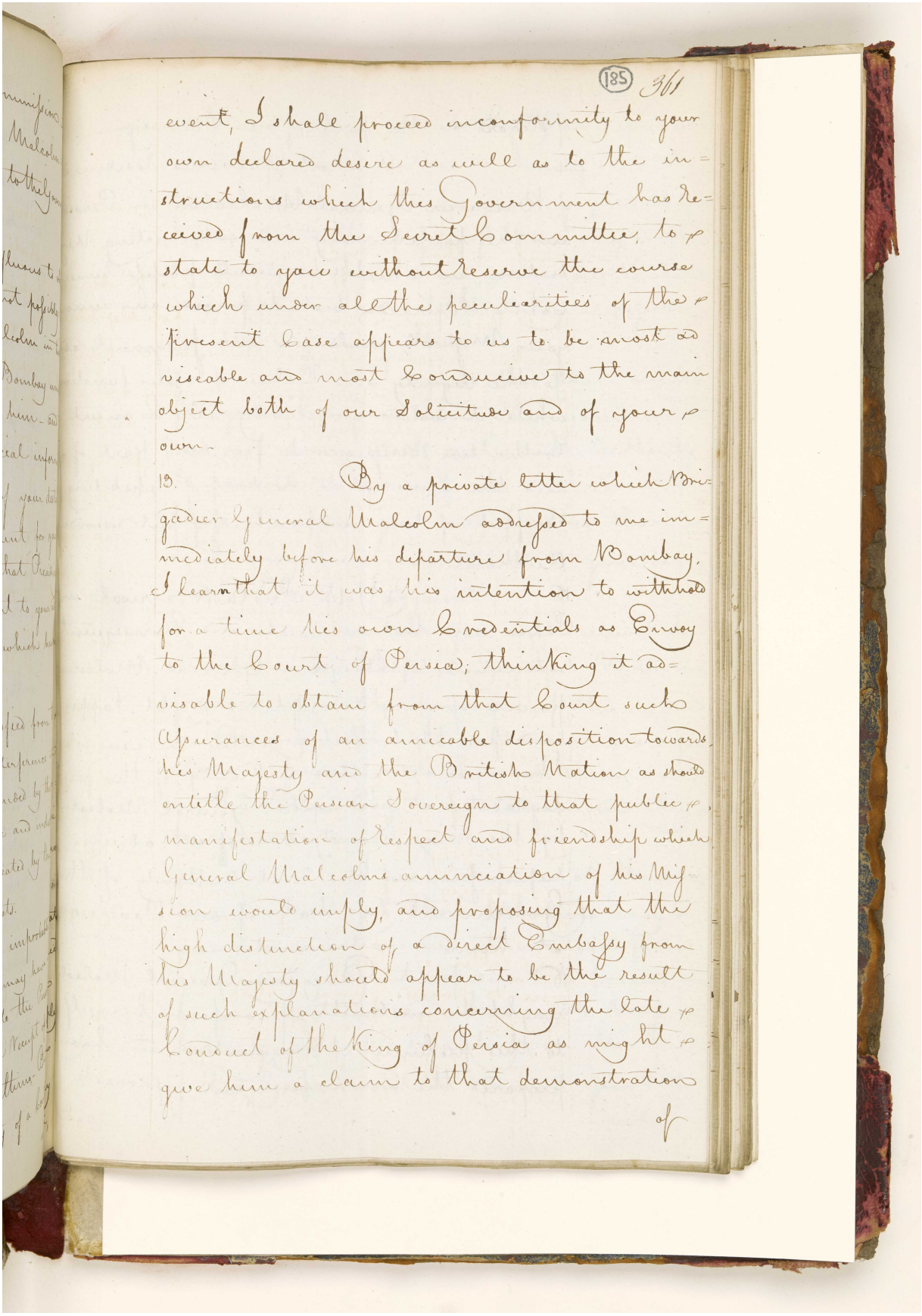

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event, I shall proceed in conformity to your
own declared desire as well as to the in=
structions which this Government has re=
ceived from the Secret Committee, to p
state to you without Reserve the course
which under all the peculiarities of the p
present Case appears to us to be most ad=
visable and most conducive to the main
object both of our Solicitude and of your p
own.

13. By a private letter which Bri=
gadier General Malcolm addressed to me im=
mediately before his departure from Bombay,
I learn that it was his intention to withhold
for a time his own Credentials as Envoy
to the Court of Persia, thinking it ad=
visable to obtain from that Court such
Asurances of an amicable disposition towards
his Majesty and the British Nation as should
entitle the Persian Sovereign to that public p
manifestation of Respect and friendship which
General Malcolms annunciation of his Mis=
sion would imply, and proposing that the
high distinction of a direct Embassy from
his Majesty should appear to be the result
of such explanations concerning the late p
Conduct of the King of Persia as might p
give him a claim to that demonstration

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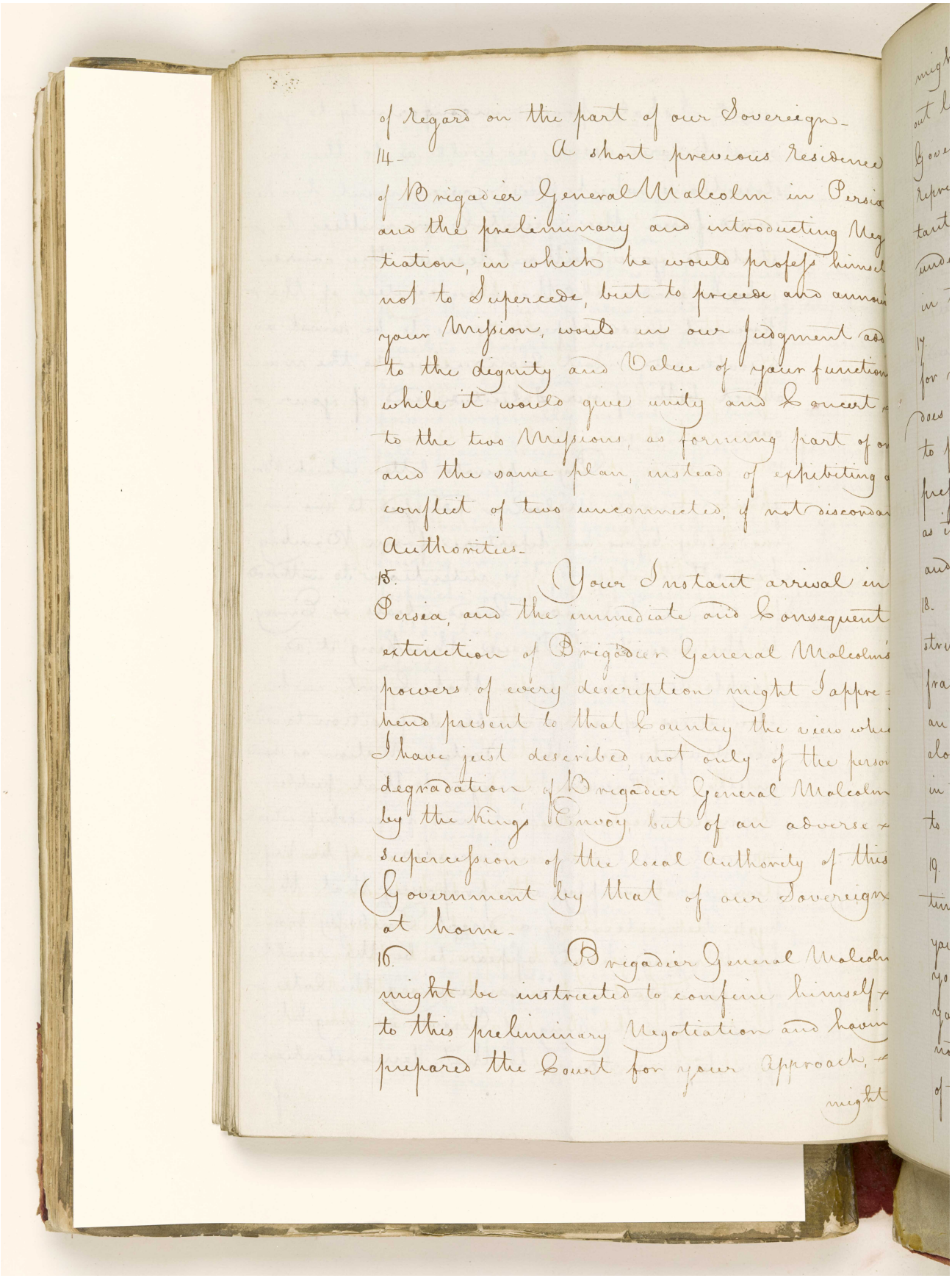
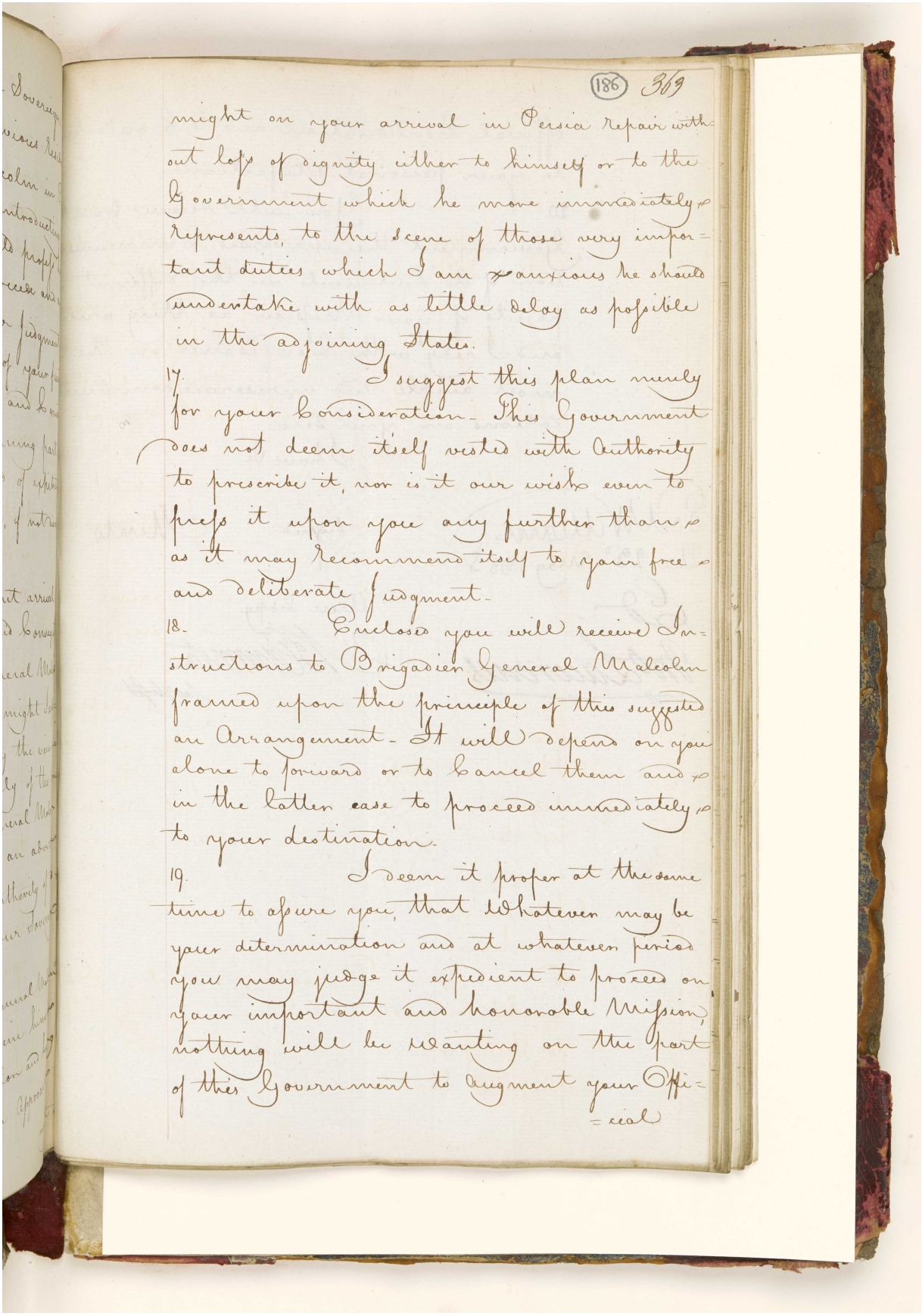


of Regard on the part of our Sovereign.

14. A short previous Residence of Brigadier General Malcolm in Persia and the preliminary and introducing Negotiation, in which he would profess himself not to Supercede, but to precede and announce your Mission, would in our judgment add to the dignity and Value of your function, while it would give unity and Concert to the two Missions, as forming part of one and the same plan, instead of exhibiting a conflict of two unconnected, if not discordant Authorities.

15. Your Instant arrival in Persia, and the immediate and Consequent extinction of Brigadier General Malcolm's powers of every description might I apprehend present to that Country the view which I have just described, not only of the personal degradation of Brigadier General Malcolm by the King's Envoy, but of an adverse supercession of the local Authority of this Government by that of our Sovereign at home.

16. Brigadier General Malcolm might be instructed to confine himself to this preliminary Negotiation and having prepared the Court for your Approach, might



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might on your arrival in Persia repair without loss of dignity either to himself or to the Government which he more immediately represents, to the scene of those very important duties which I am anxious he should undertake with as little delay as possible in the adjoining States.

17. I suggest this plan merely for your consideration. This Government does not deem itself vested with Authority to prescribe it, nor is it our wish even to press it upon you any further than as it may recommend itself to your free and deliberate Judgment.

18. Enclosed you will receive Instructions to Brigadier General Malcolm framed upon the principle of this suggested an Arrangement. It will depend on you alone to forward or to cancel them and in the latter case to proceed immediately to your destination.

19. I deem it proper at the same time to assure you, that whatever may be your determination and at whatever period you may judge it expedient to proceed on your important and honorable Mission, nothing will be wanting on the part of this Government to augment your Offi-
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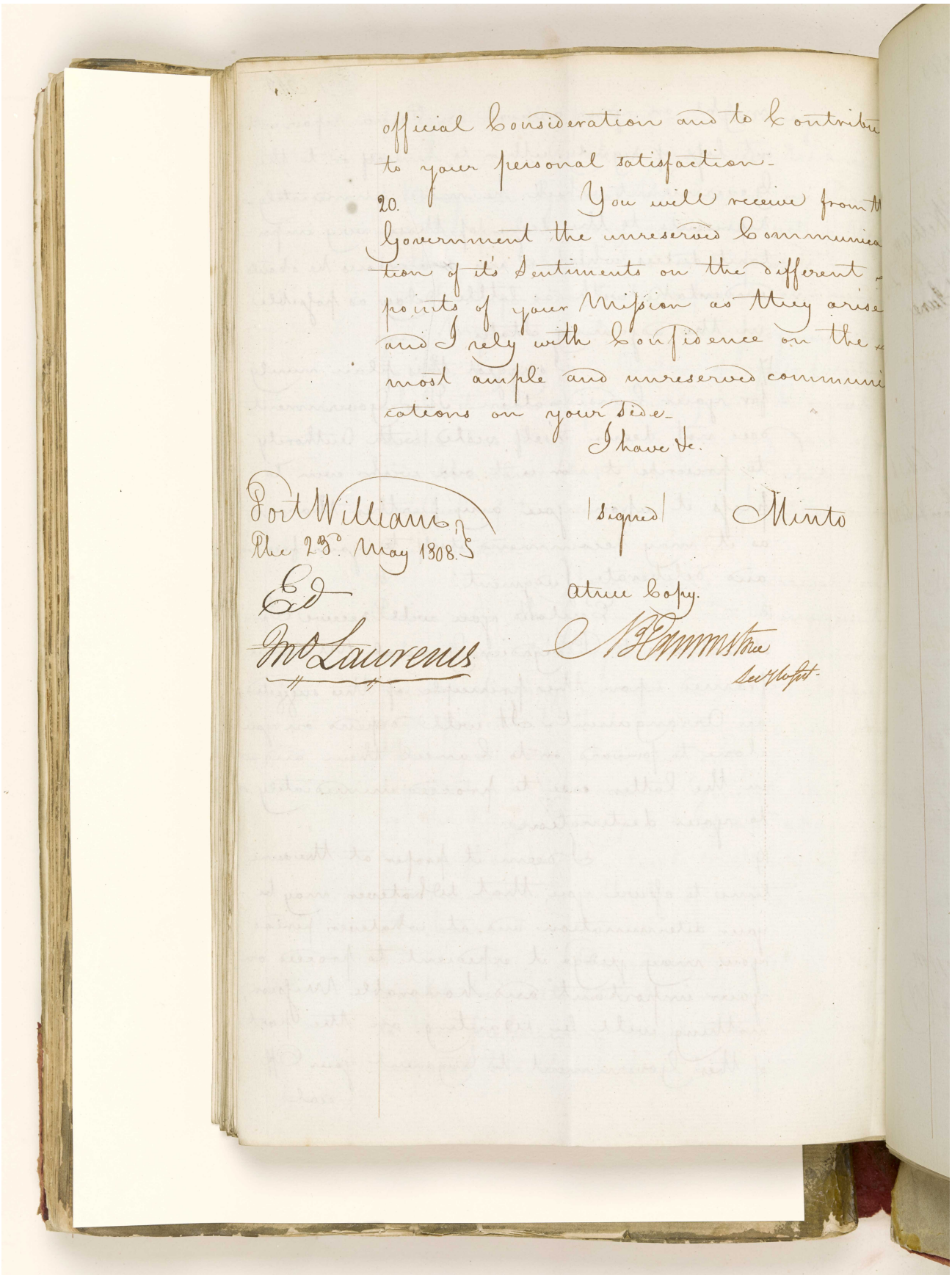

official Consideration and to Contribu
to your personal satisfaction.

20. You will receive from th
Government the unreserved Communica
tion of it's Sentiments on the different
points of your Mission as they arise
and I rely with Confidence on the
most ample and unreserved communi
cations on your side.

I have &c.

Fort William
The 23d May 1808.

(Signed) Minto

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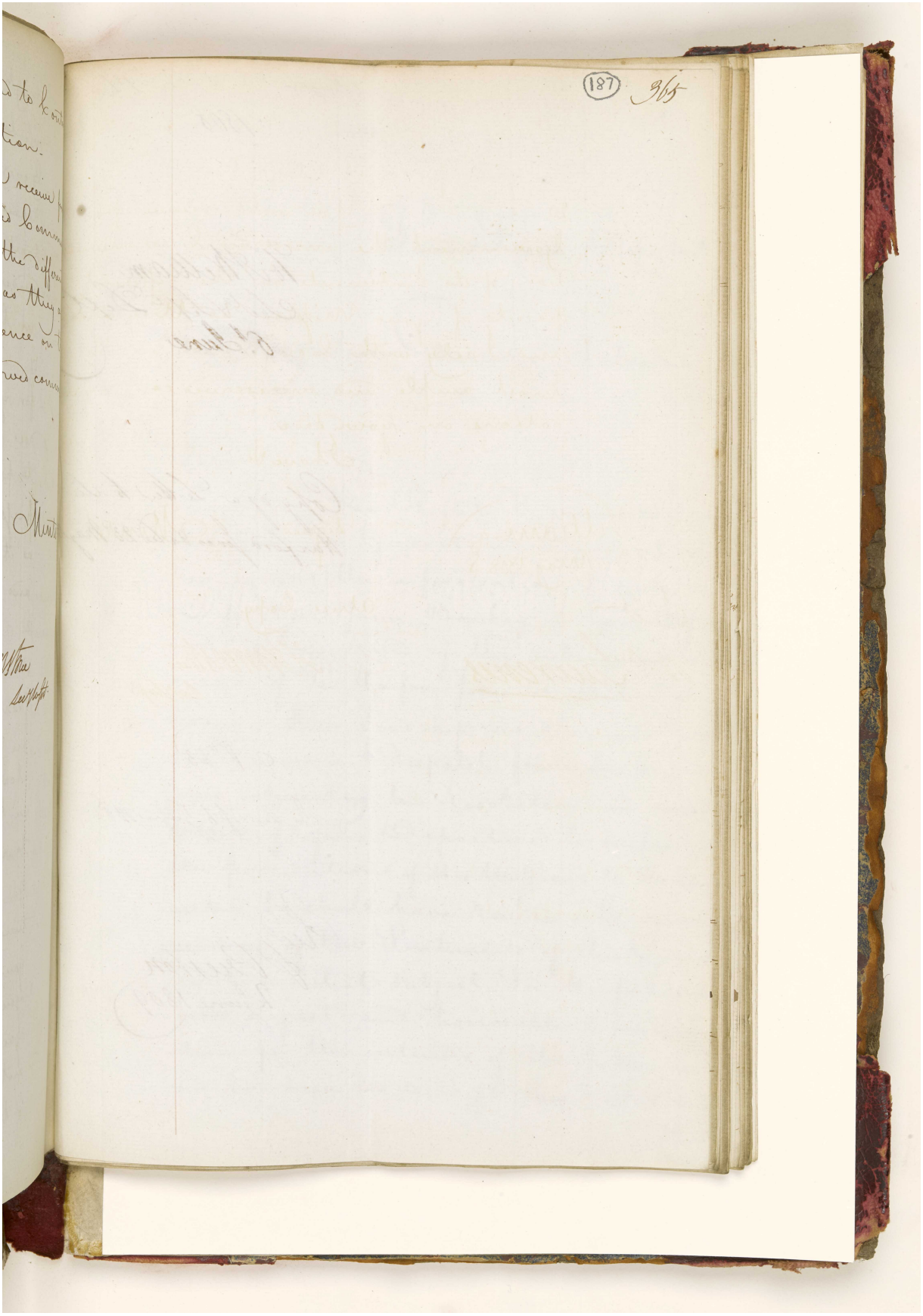

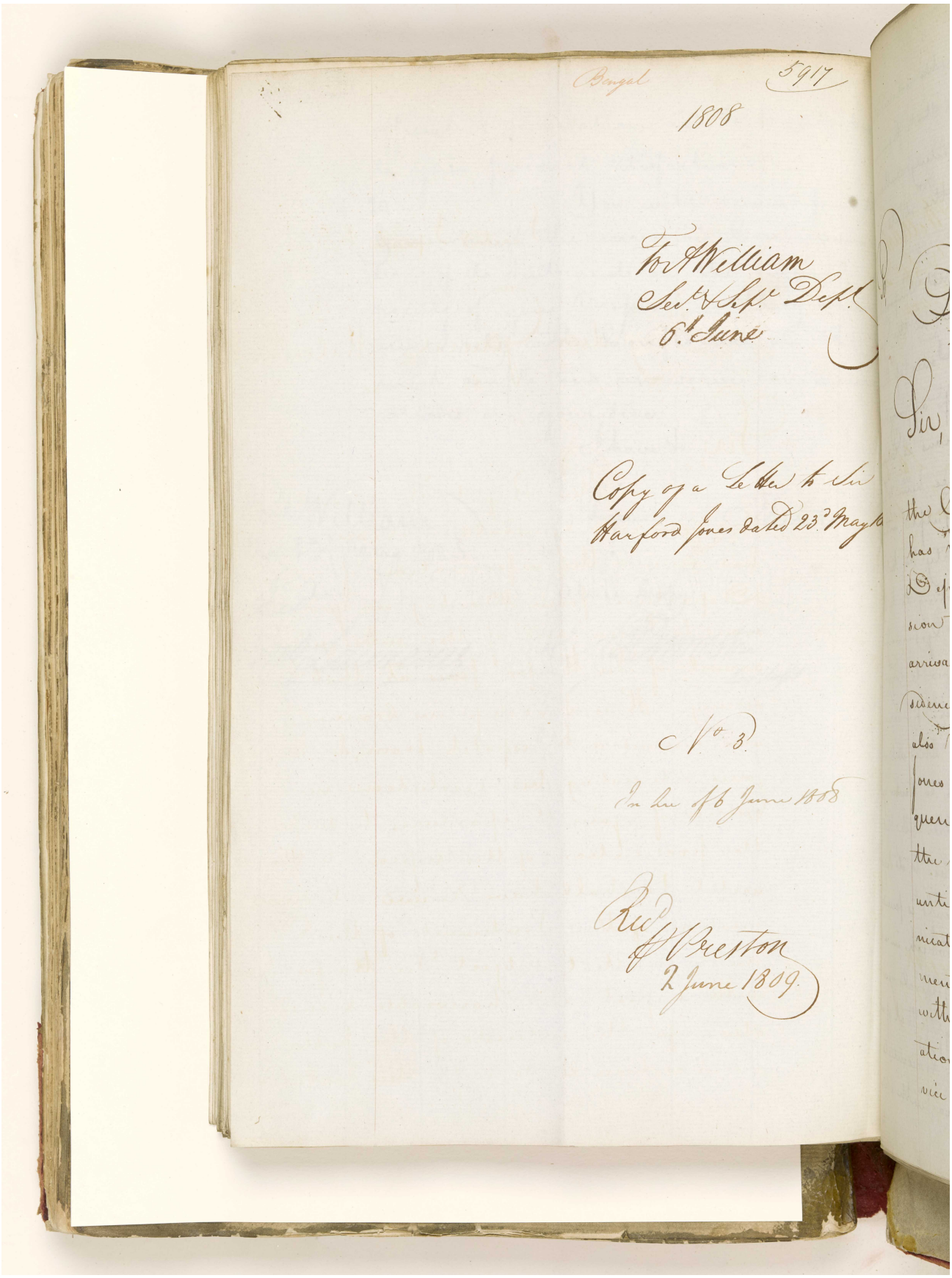

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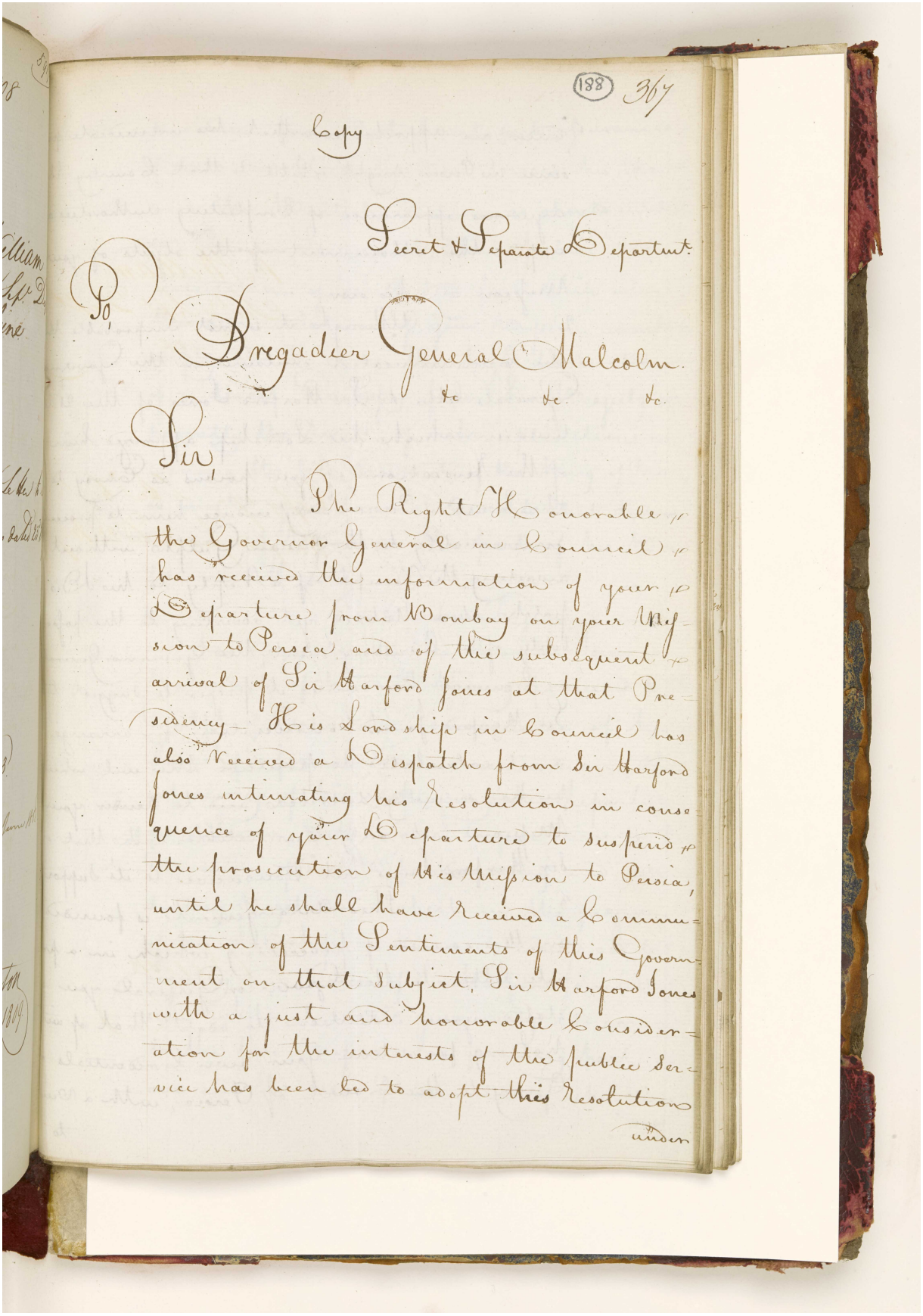

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Secret & Separate Department

To

Brigadier General Malcolm

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Sir,

The Right Honorable the Governor General in Council has received the information of your Departure from Bombay on your Mission to Persia and of the subsequent arrival of Sir Harford Jones at that Presidency. His Lordship in Council has also received a Dispatch from Sir Harford Jones intimating his Resolution in consequence of your Departure to suspend the prosecution of His Mission to Persia, until he shall have received a Communication of the Sentiments of this Government on that subject. Sir Harford Jones with a just and honorable Consideration for the interests of the Public Service has been led to adopt this Resolution

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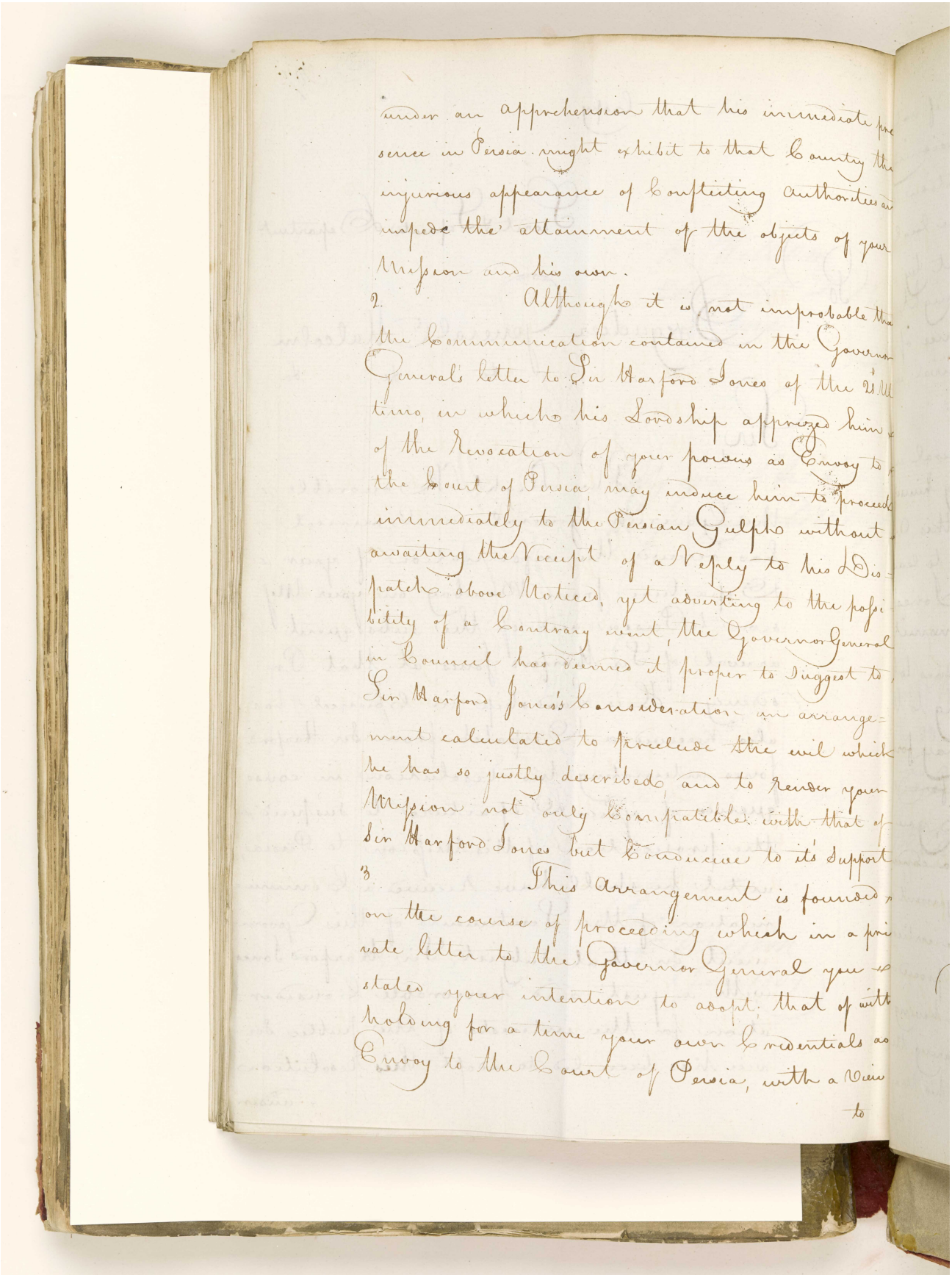

under an apprehension that his immediate pre
sence in Persia might exhibit to that Country the
injurious appearance of conflicting authorities an
impede the attainment of the objects of your
Mission and his own.

2. Although it is not improbable that
the Communication contained in the Governor
General's letter to Sir Harford Jones of the 21st
June, in which his Lordship apprizes him
of the Revocation of your powers as Envoy to
the Court of Persia, may induce him to proceed
immediately to the Persian Gulph without
awaiting the Receipt of a Reply to his Dis-
patch above Noticed, yet adverting to the possi-
bility of a Contrary event, the Governor General
in Council has deemed it proper to Suggest to
Sir Harford Jones's Consideration an arrange-
ment calculated to preclude the evil which
he has so justly described, and to render your
Mission not only Compatible with that of
Sir Harford Jones but Conducive to its Support.

3. This Arrangement is founded
on the course of proceeding which in a pri-
vate letter to the Governor General you
stated your intention to adopt, that of with-
holding for a time your own Credentials as
Envoy to the Court of Persia, with a View
to

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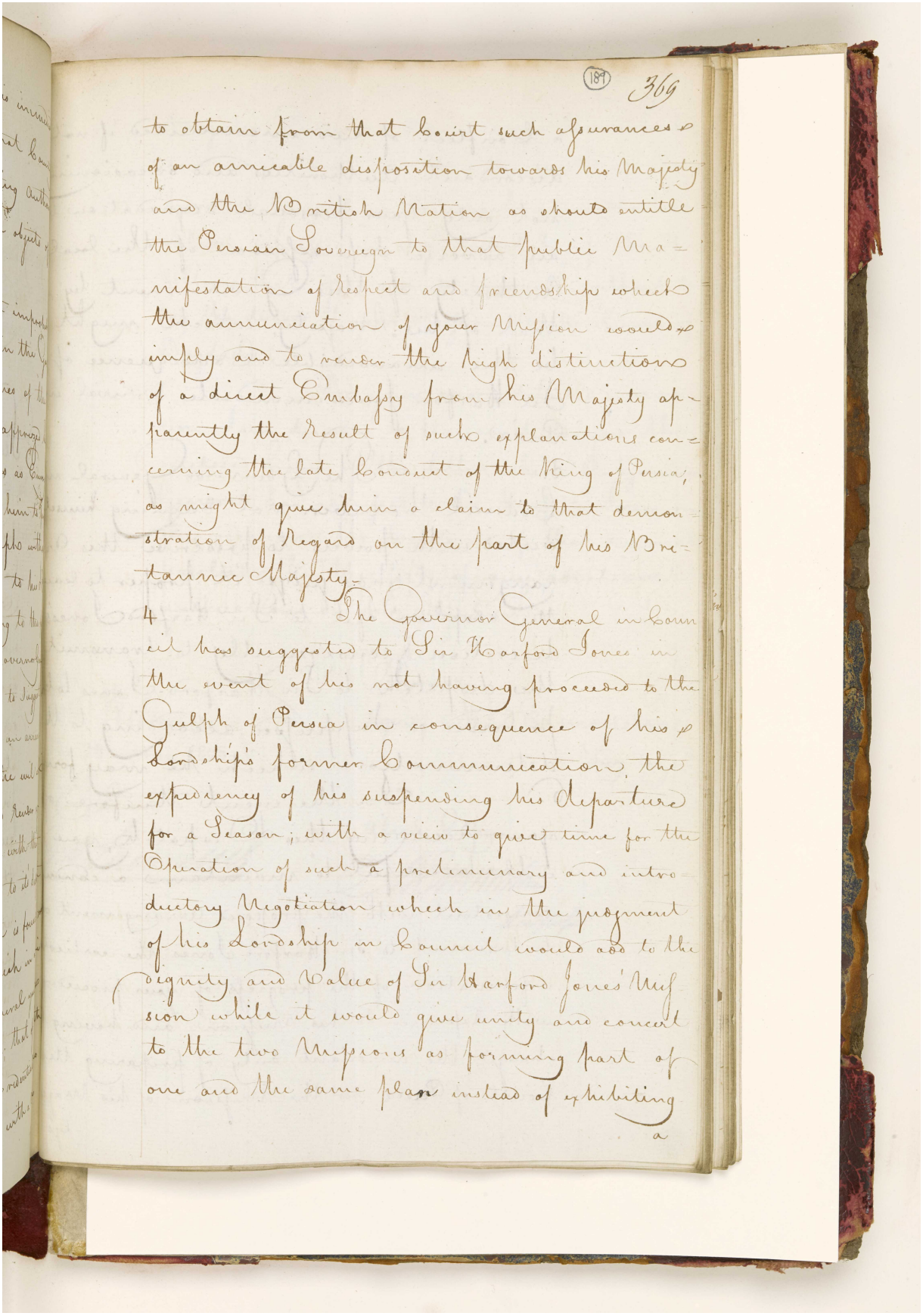

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to obtain from that Court such assurances of an amicable disposition towards his Majesty and the British Nation as should entitle the Persian Sovereign to that public Manifestation of Respect and friendship which the communication of your Mission would imply and to vindicate the high distinctions of a direct Embassy from his Majesty apparently the Result of such explanations concerning the late Conduct of the King of Persia, as might give him a claim to that demonstration of Regard on the part of his Britannic Majesty.

4 The Governor General in Council has suggested to Sir Harford Jones in the event of his not having proceeded to the Gulph of Persia in consequence of his Lordship's former Communication, the expediency of his suspending his departure for a Season; with a view to give time for the Operation of such a preliminary and introductory Negotiation which in the judgment of his Lordship in Council would add to the dignity and Value of Sir Harford Jones' Mission while it would give unity and concert to the two Missions as forming part of one and the same plan instead of exhibiting

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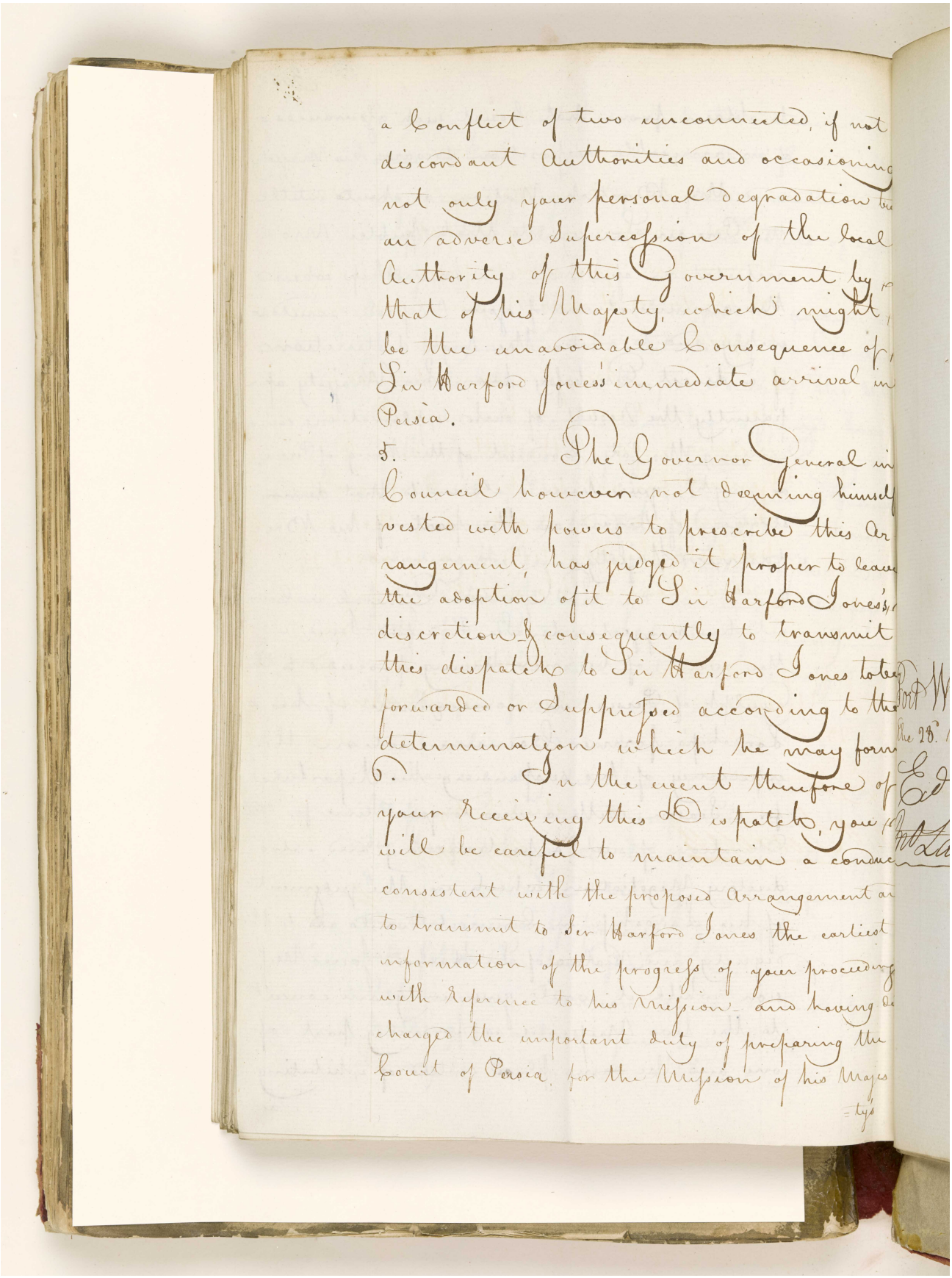
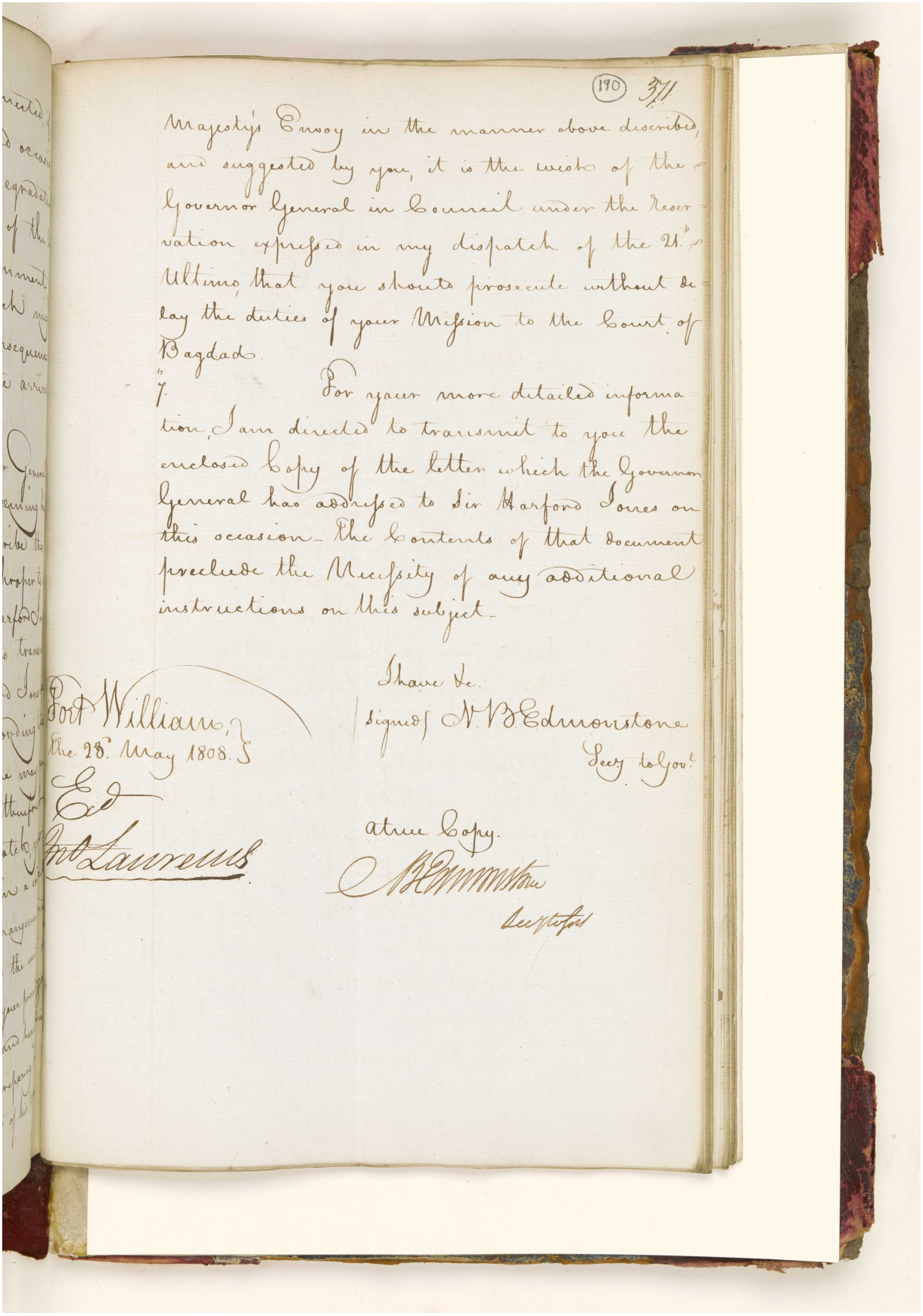


a Conflict of two unconnected, if not discordant Authorities and occasioning not only your personal degradation but an adverse Supercession of the local Authority of this Government by that of his Majesty, which might be the unavoidable Consequence of Sir Harford Jones's immediate arrival in Persia.

5. The Governor General in Council however not deeming himself vested with powers to prescribe this Arrangement, has judged it proper to leave the adoption of it to Sir Harford Jones's discretion & consequently to transmit this dispatch to Sir Harford Jones to be forwarded or Suppressed according to the determination which he may form.

6. In the event therefore of your Receiving this Dispatch, you will be careful to maintain a conduct consistent with the proposed Arrangement and to transmit to Sir Harford Jones the earliest information of the progress of your proceedings with Reference to his Mission and having discharged the important duty of preparing the Court of Persia for the Mission of his Majes=ty's



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Majesty's Envoy in the manner above described, and suggested by you, it is the wish of the Governor General in Council under the Reservation expressed in my dispatch of the 21st Ultimo, that you should prosecute without delay the duties of your Mission to the Court of Bagdad.

7. For your more detailed information, I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of the letter which the Governor General has addressed to Sir Harford Jones on this occasion. The Contents of that document preclude the Necessity of any additional instructions on this subject.

I have &c.
Signed N. B. Edmonstone
Secy to Govt

Fort William,
the 28th May 1808.

Ed
Jn Lawrence

A true Copy.
N B Edmonstone
Secretary

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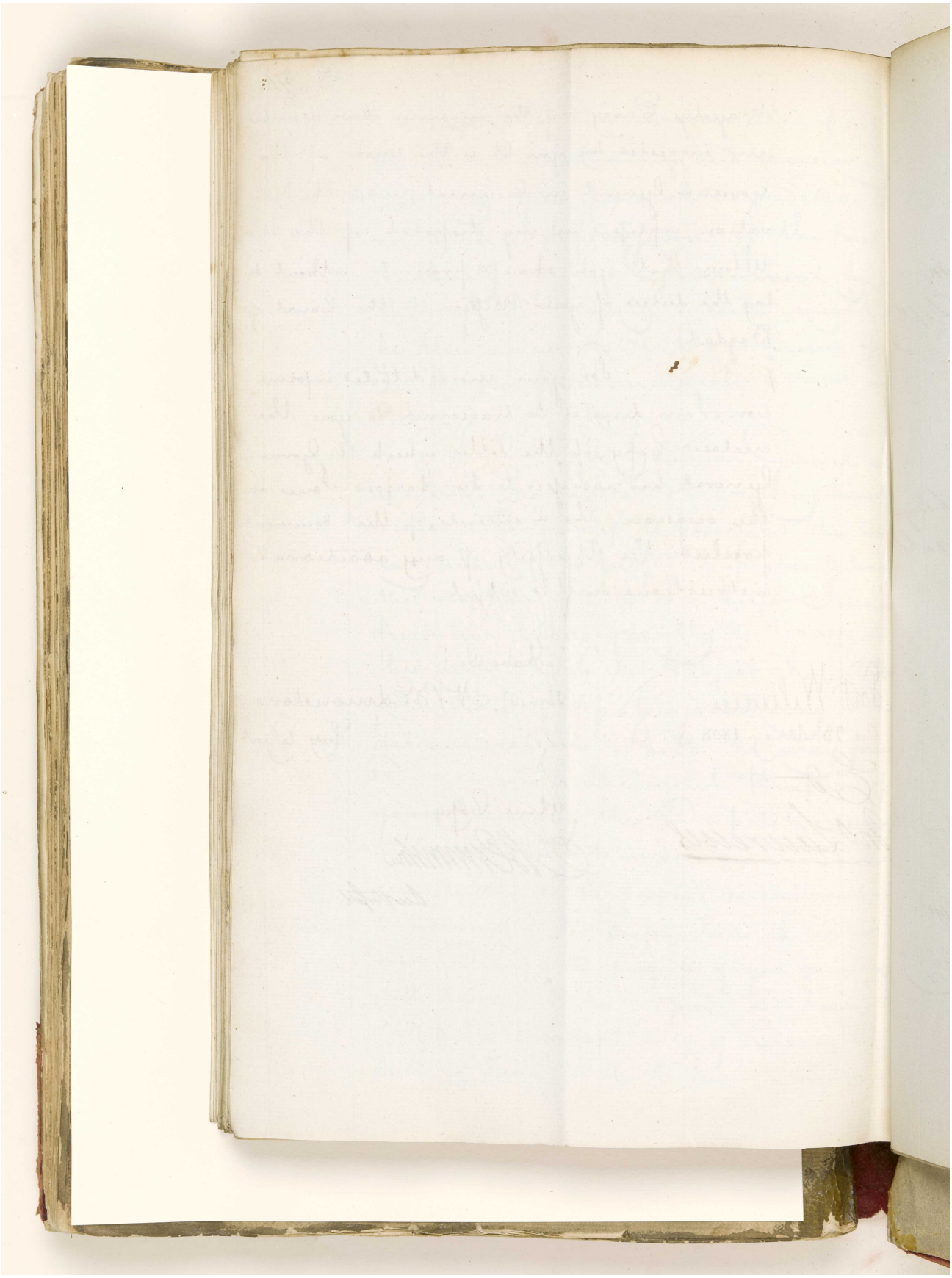

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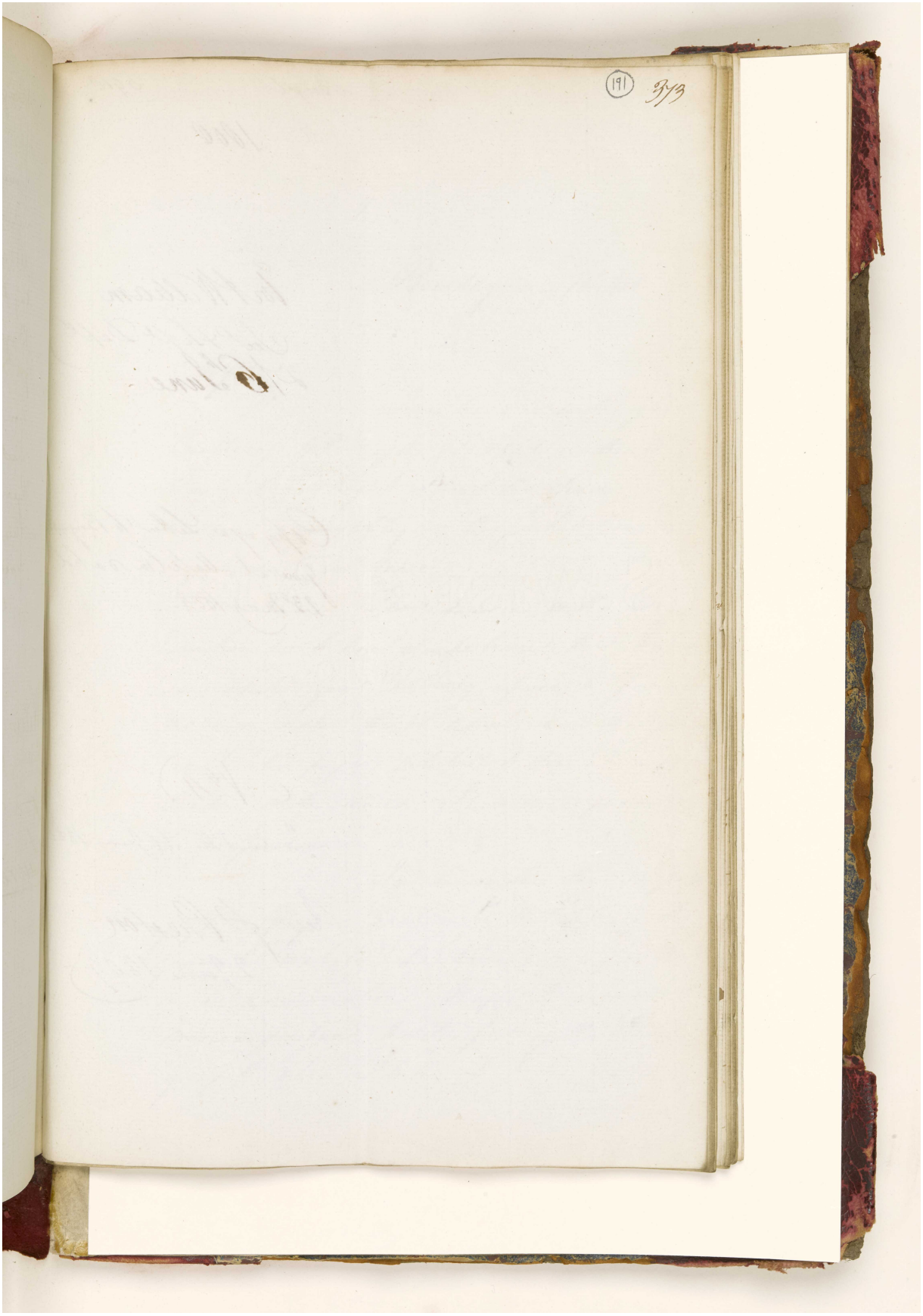

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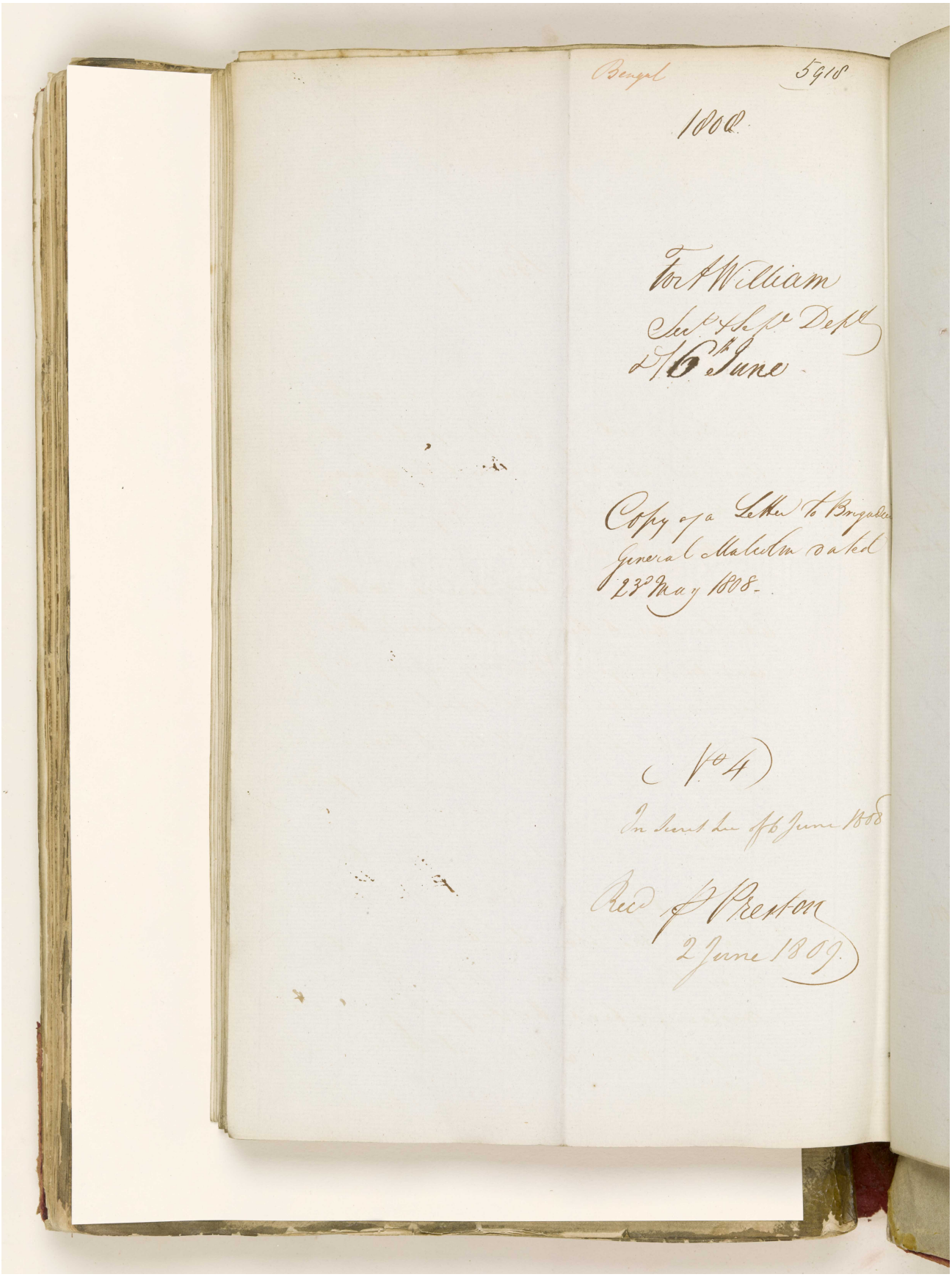

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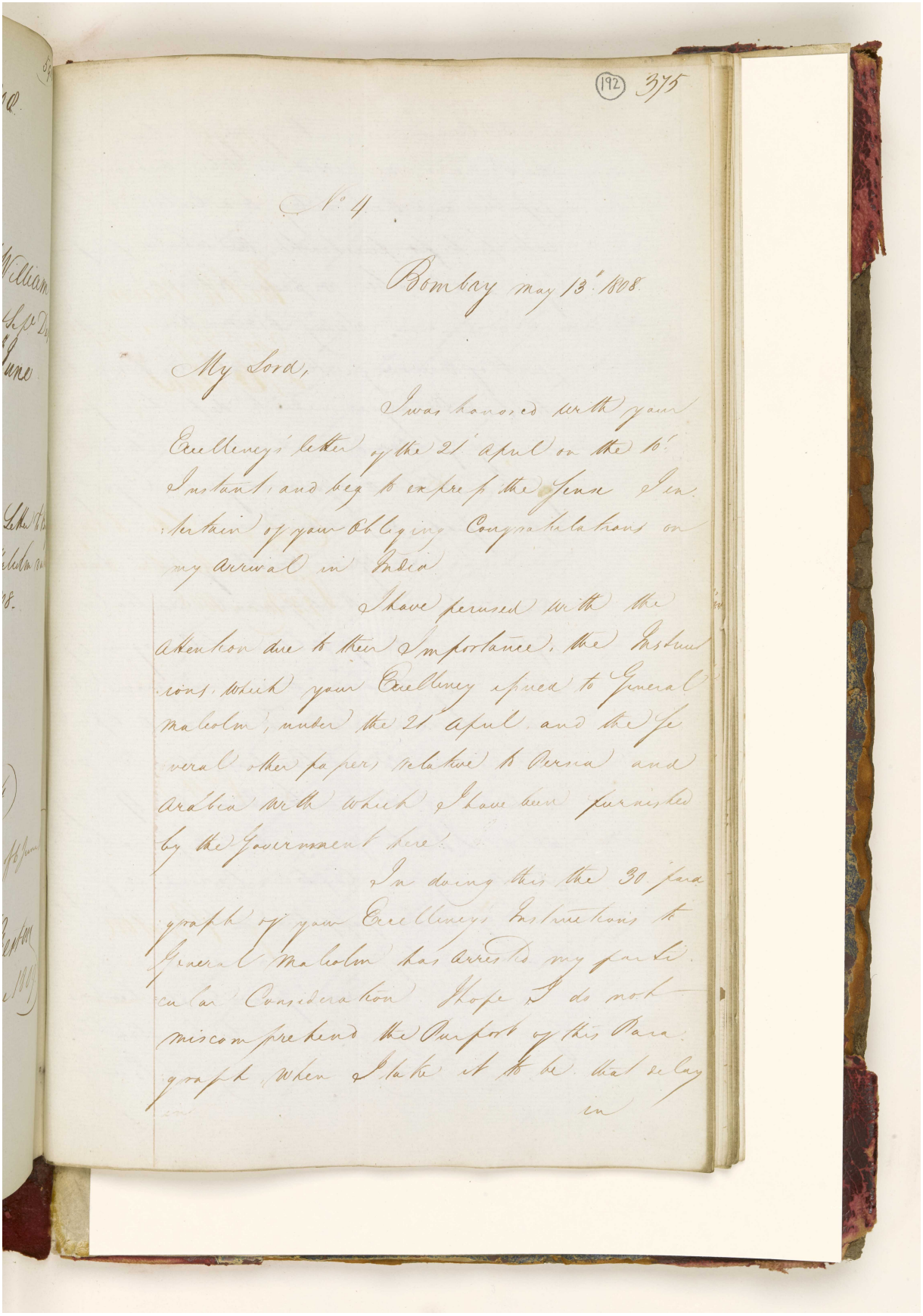

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Bombay may 13th 1808

My Lord,

I was honored with your Excellency's letter of the 21st April on the 6th Instant, and beg to express the Sense I entertain of your obliging Congratulations on my arrival in India

I have perused with the attention due to their Importance, the Instructions which your Excellency issued to General Malcolm, under the 21st April and the several other papers relative to Persia and Arabia with which I have been furnished by the Government here

In doing this the 30th paragraph of your Excellencys Instructions to General Malcolm has arrested my particular Consideration I hope I do not misconprehend the Purport of this Paragraph, when I take it to be that delay in

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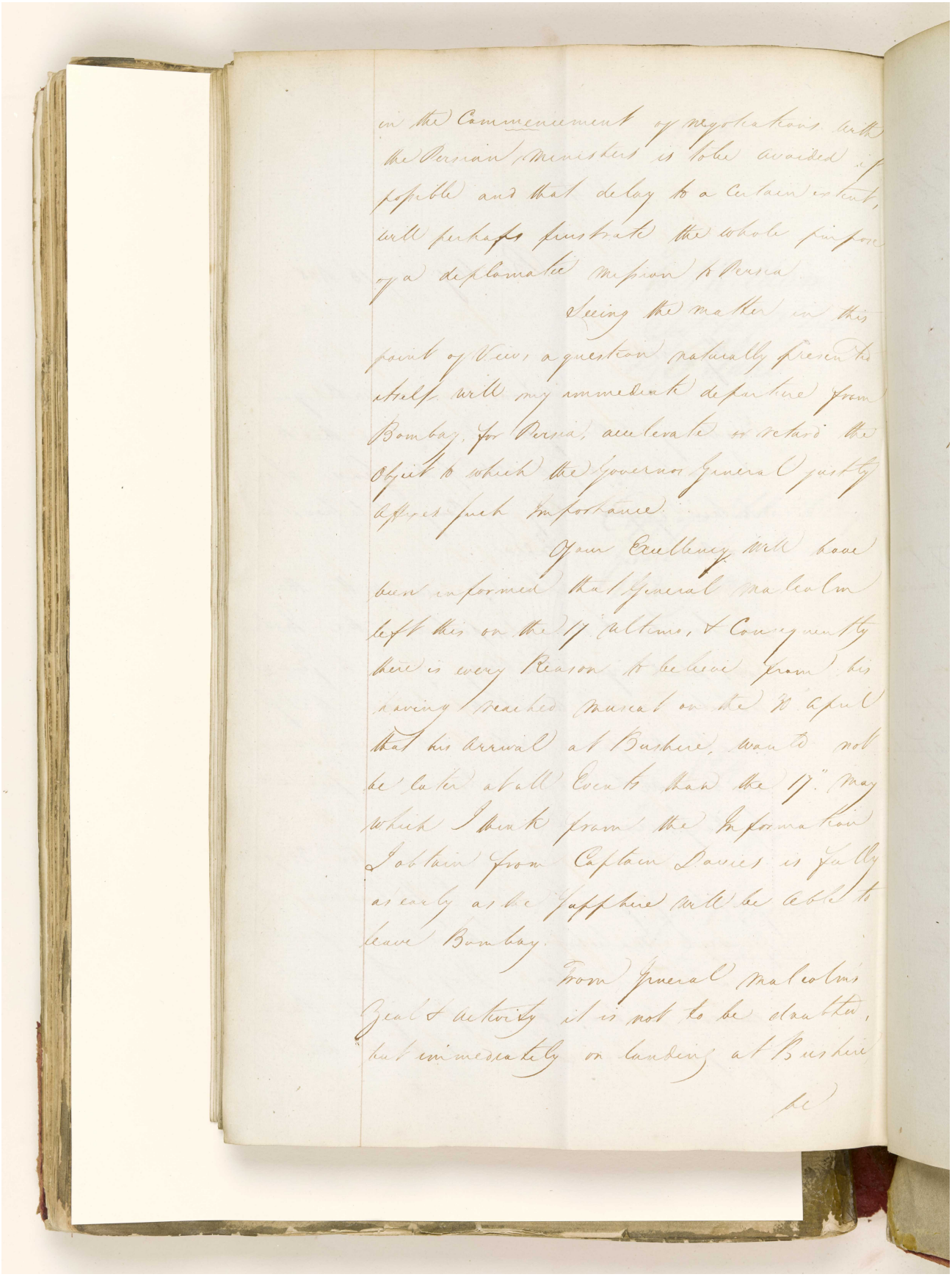

in the Commencement of negotiations with the Persian Ministers is to be avoided if possible and that delay to a certain extent, will perhaps frustrate the whole purpose of a diplomatic Mission to Persia.

Seeing the matter in this point of View, a question naturally presents itself, will my immediate departure from Bombay, for Persia, accelerate or retard the Object to which the Governor General justly attaches such importance.

Your Excellency will have been informed that General Malcolm left this on the 17th Ultimo, & Consequently there is every Reason to believe from his having reached Muscat on the 8th April that his Arrival at Bushire, would not be later at all Events than the 17th May which I think from the Information I obtain from Captain Davies is fully as early as the Sapphire will be able to leave Bombay.

From General Malcolms Zeal & Activity it is not to be doubted, but immediately on landing at Bushire he

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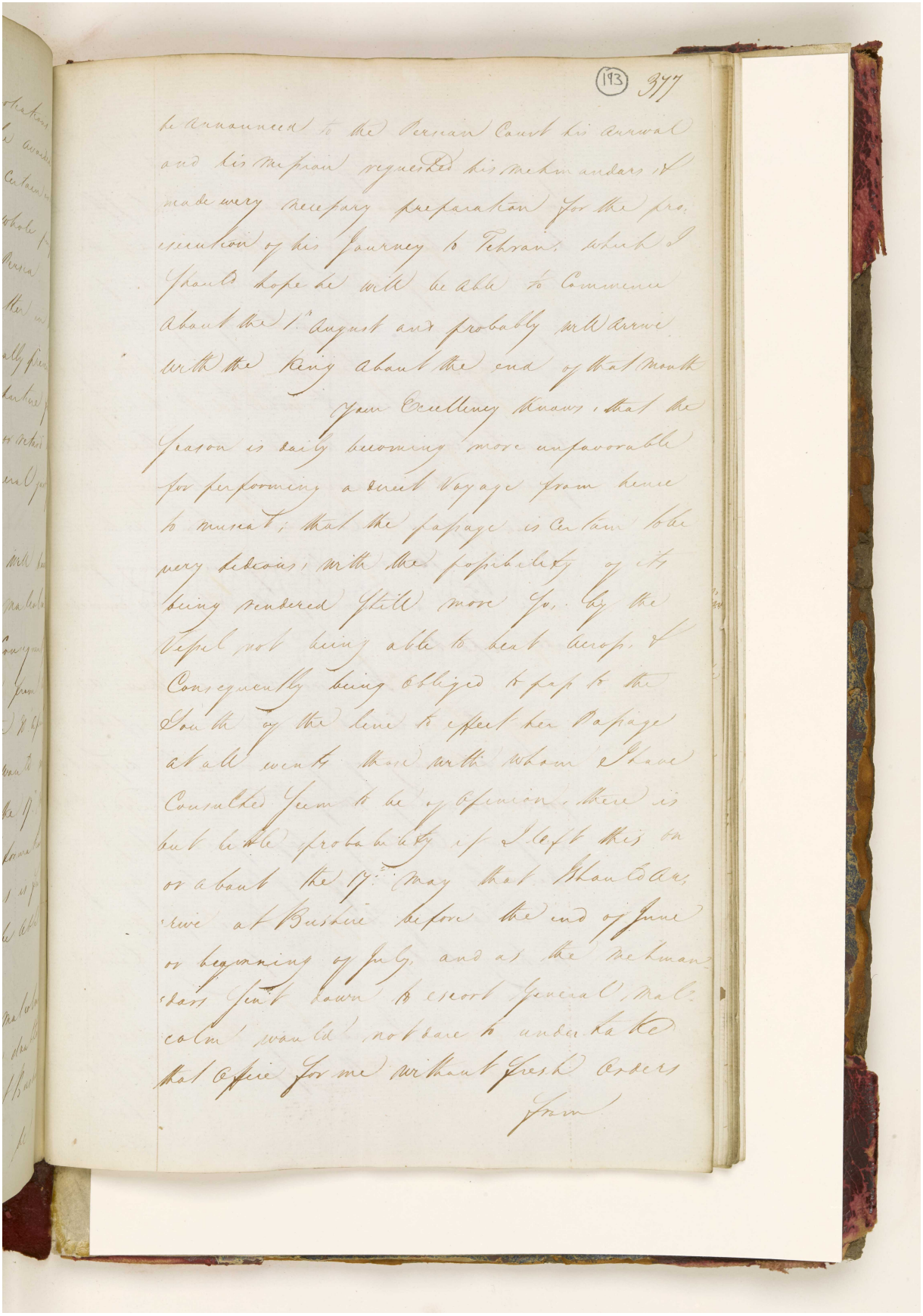

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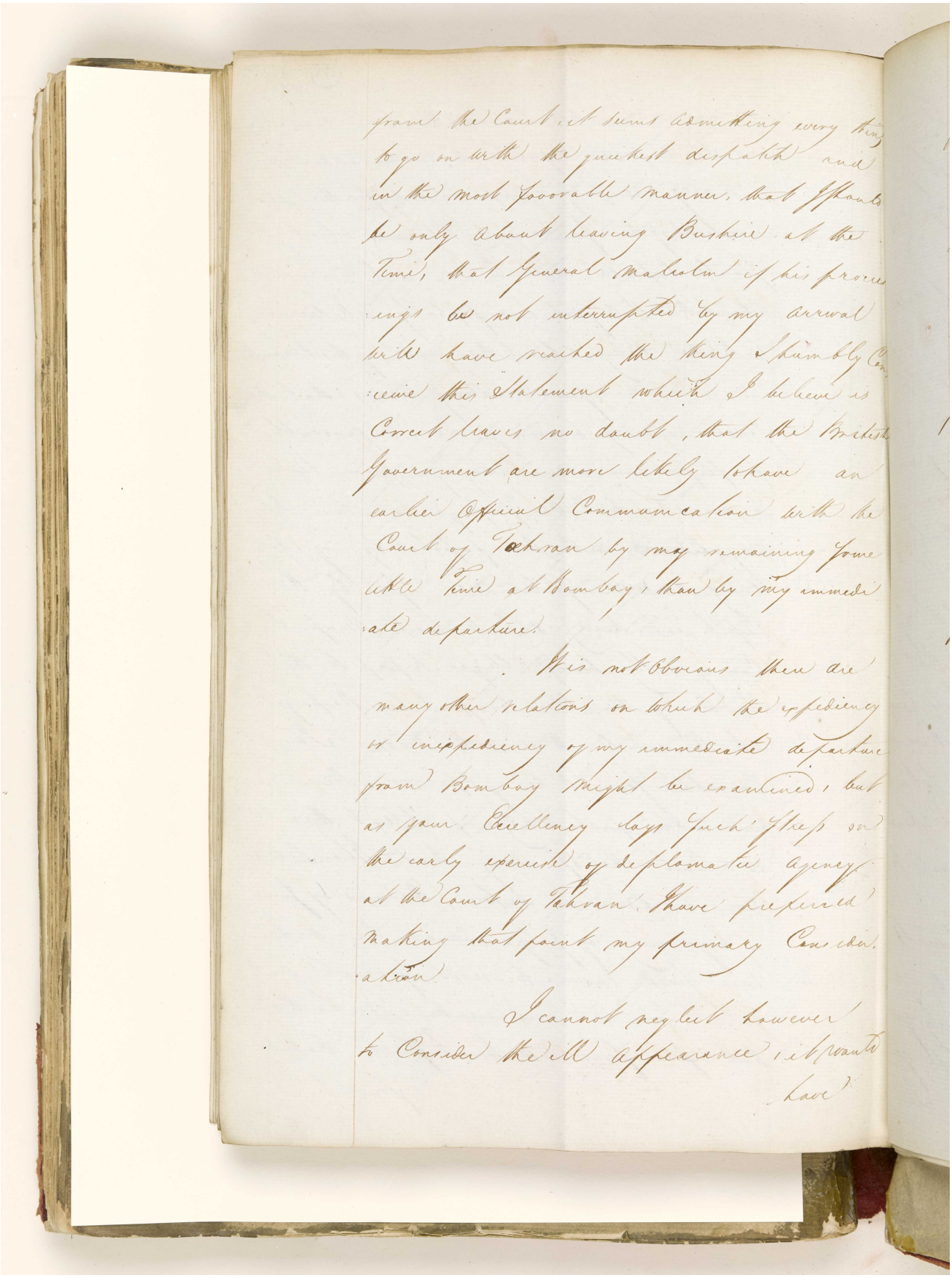

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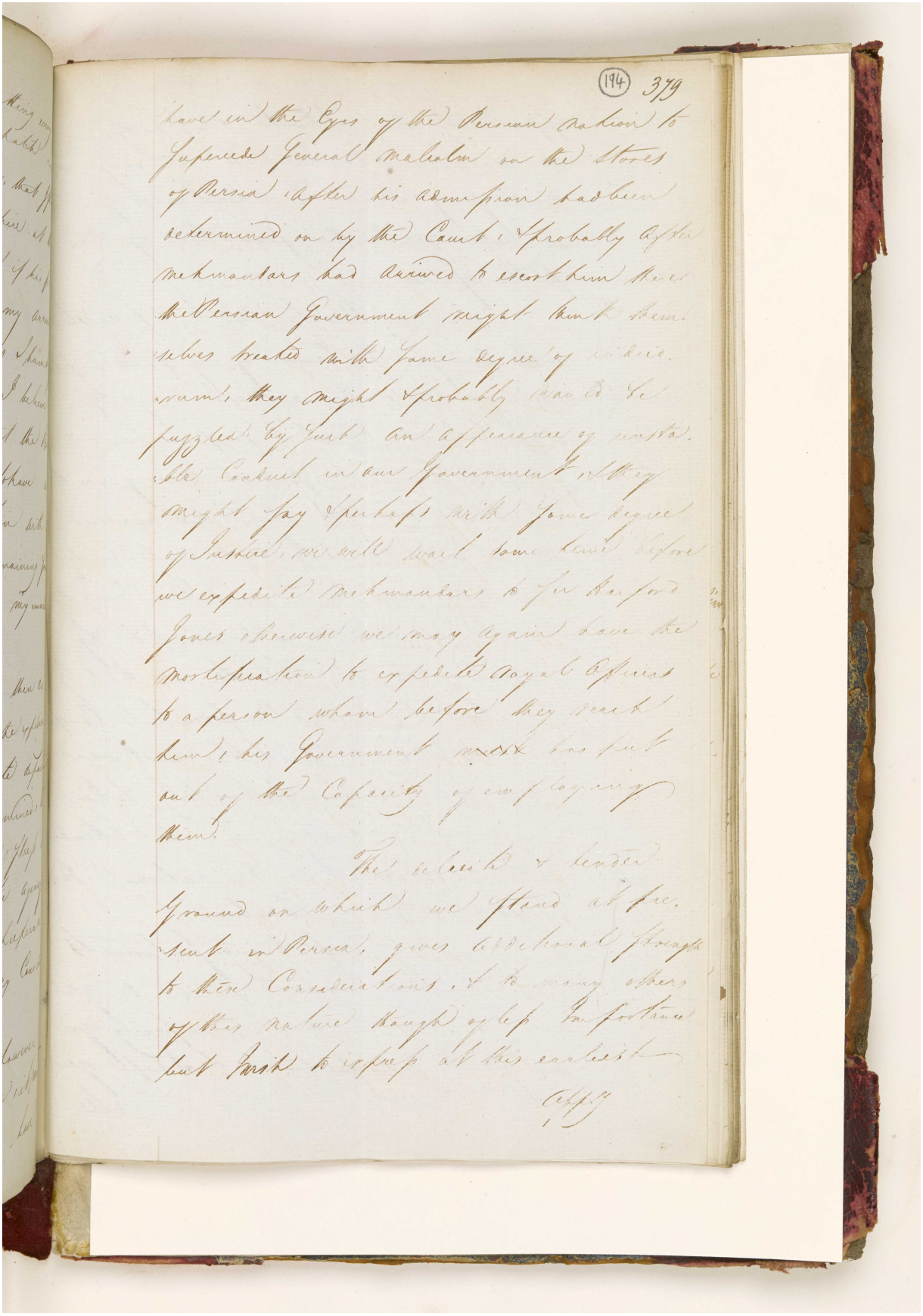

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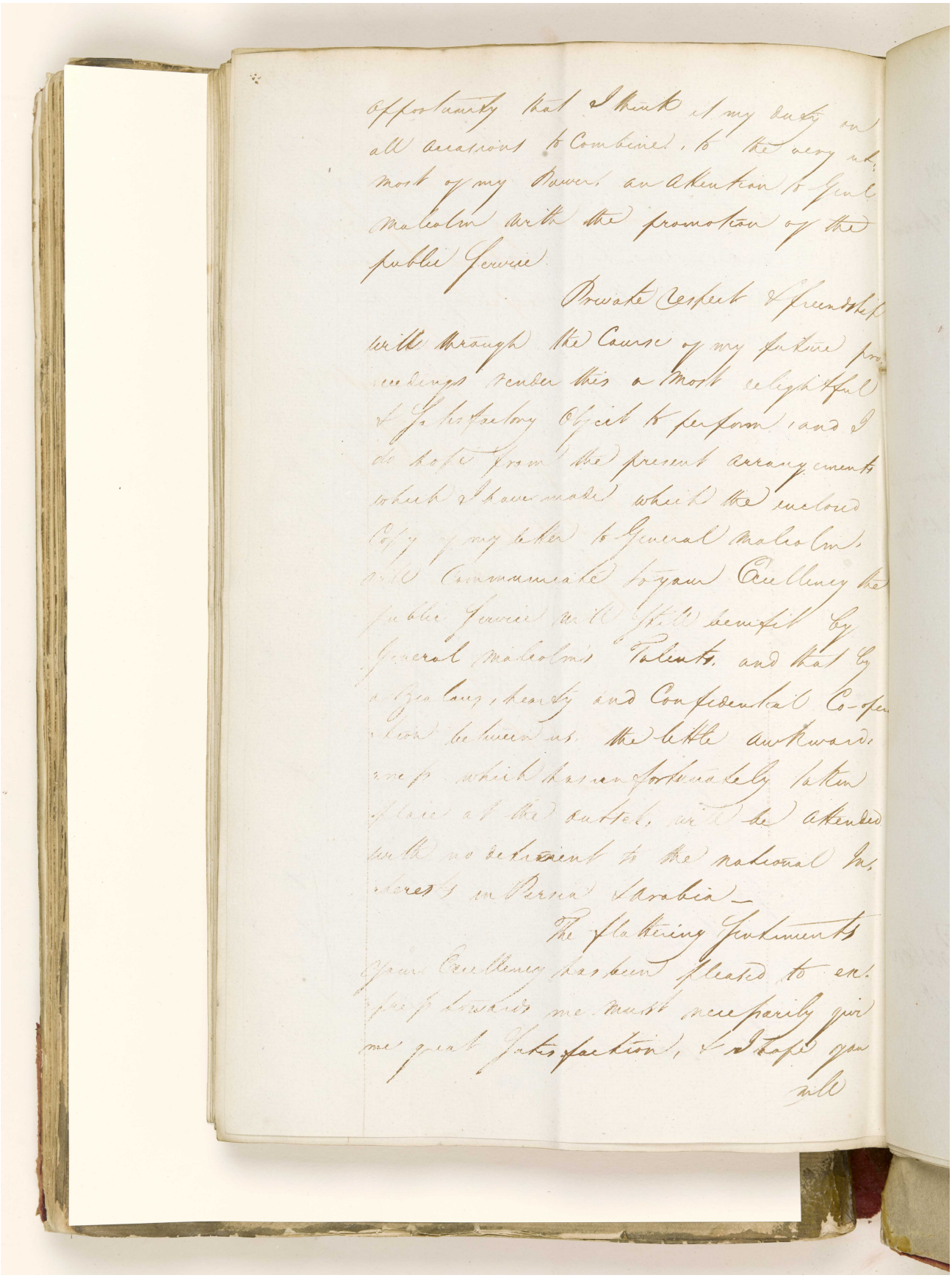

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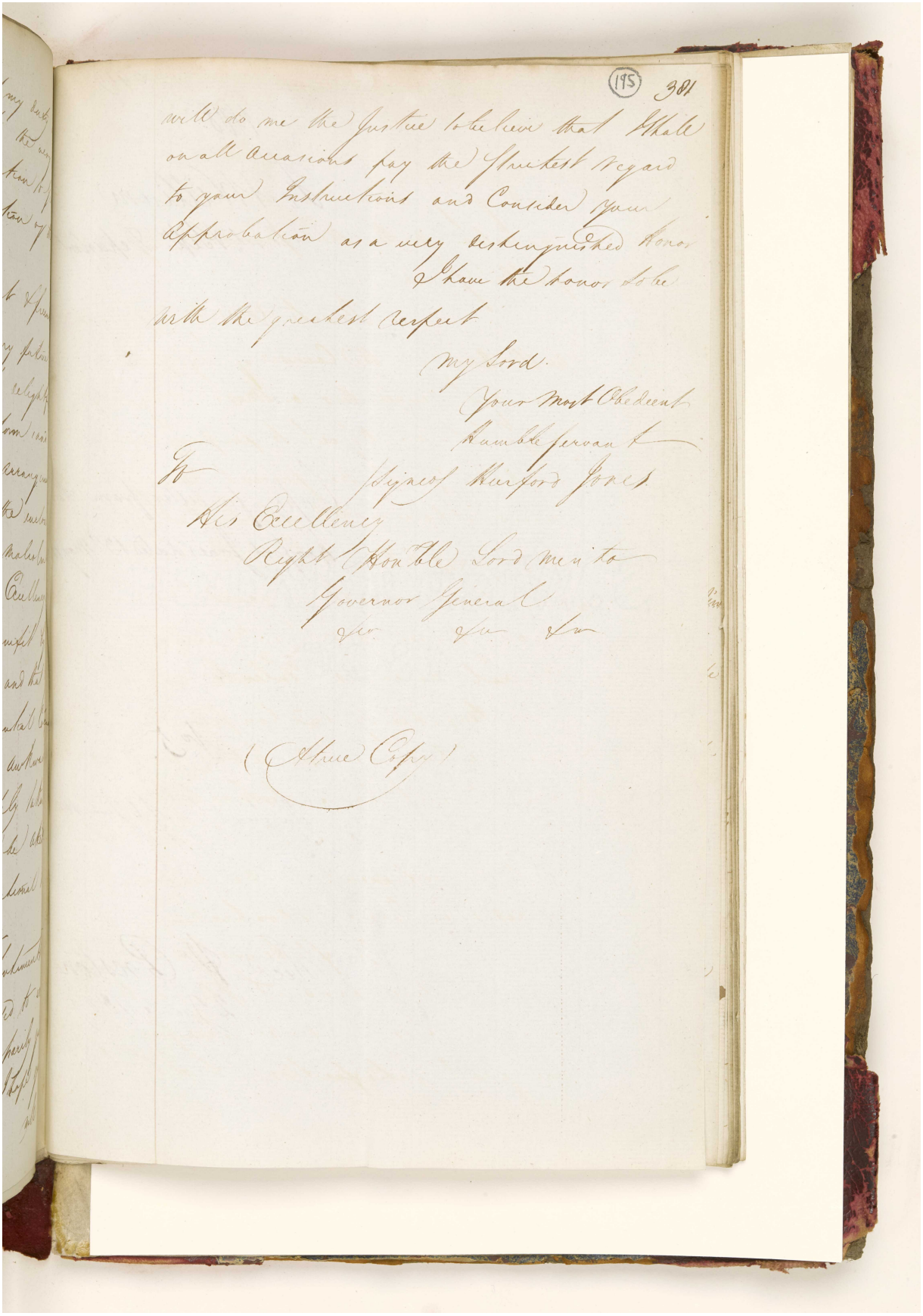

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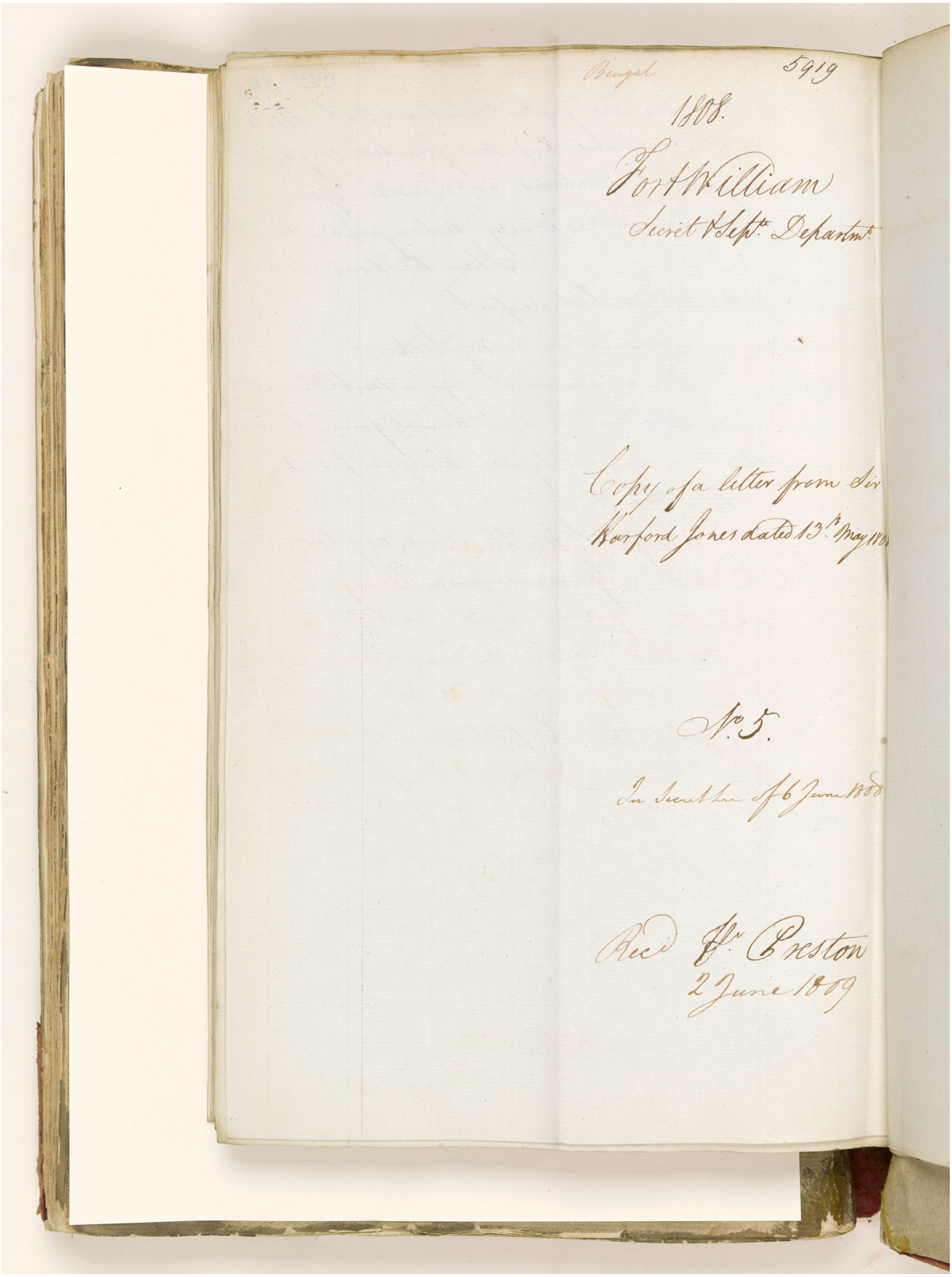

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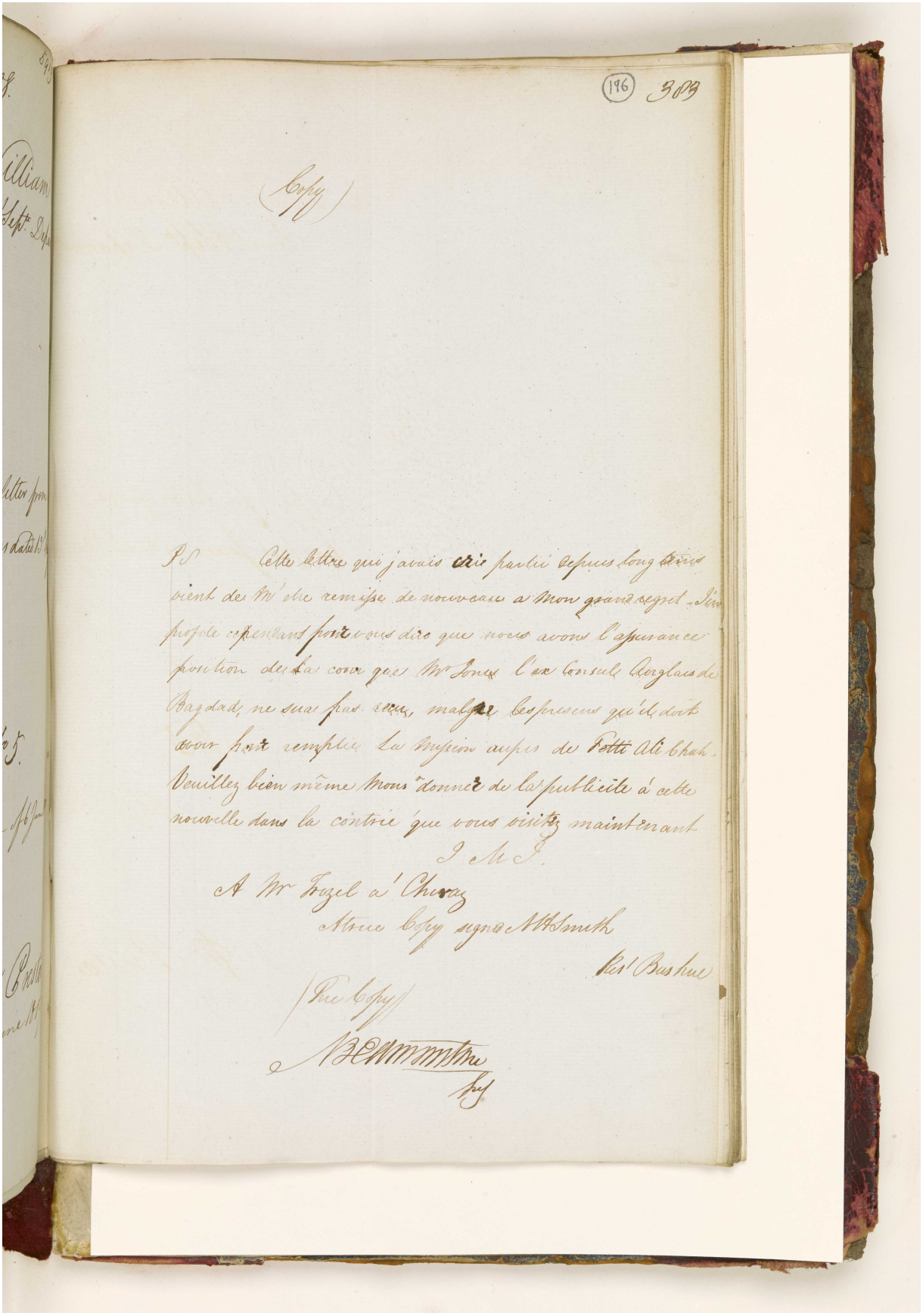

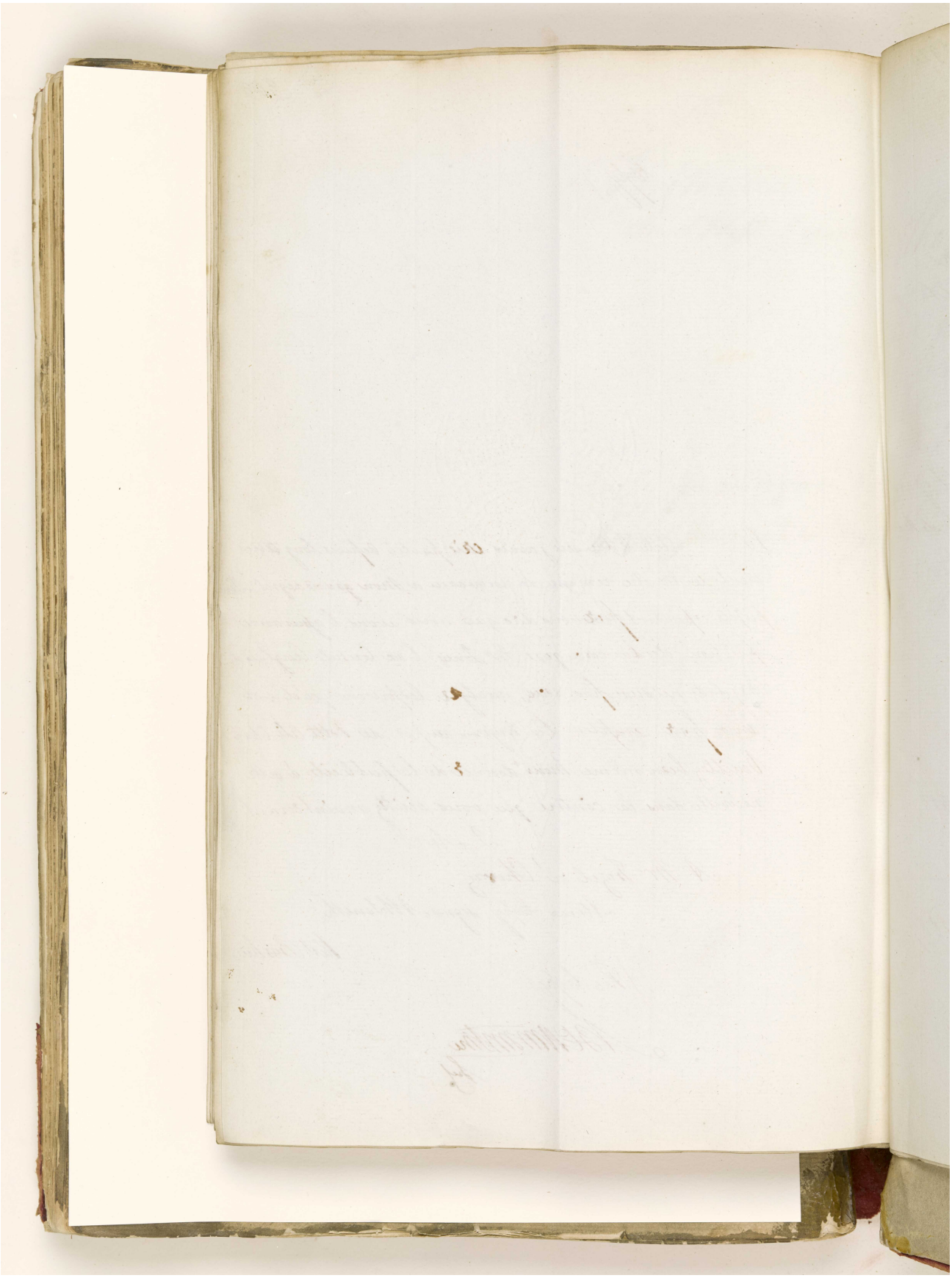

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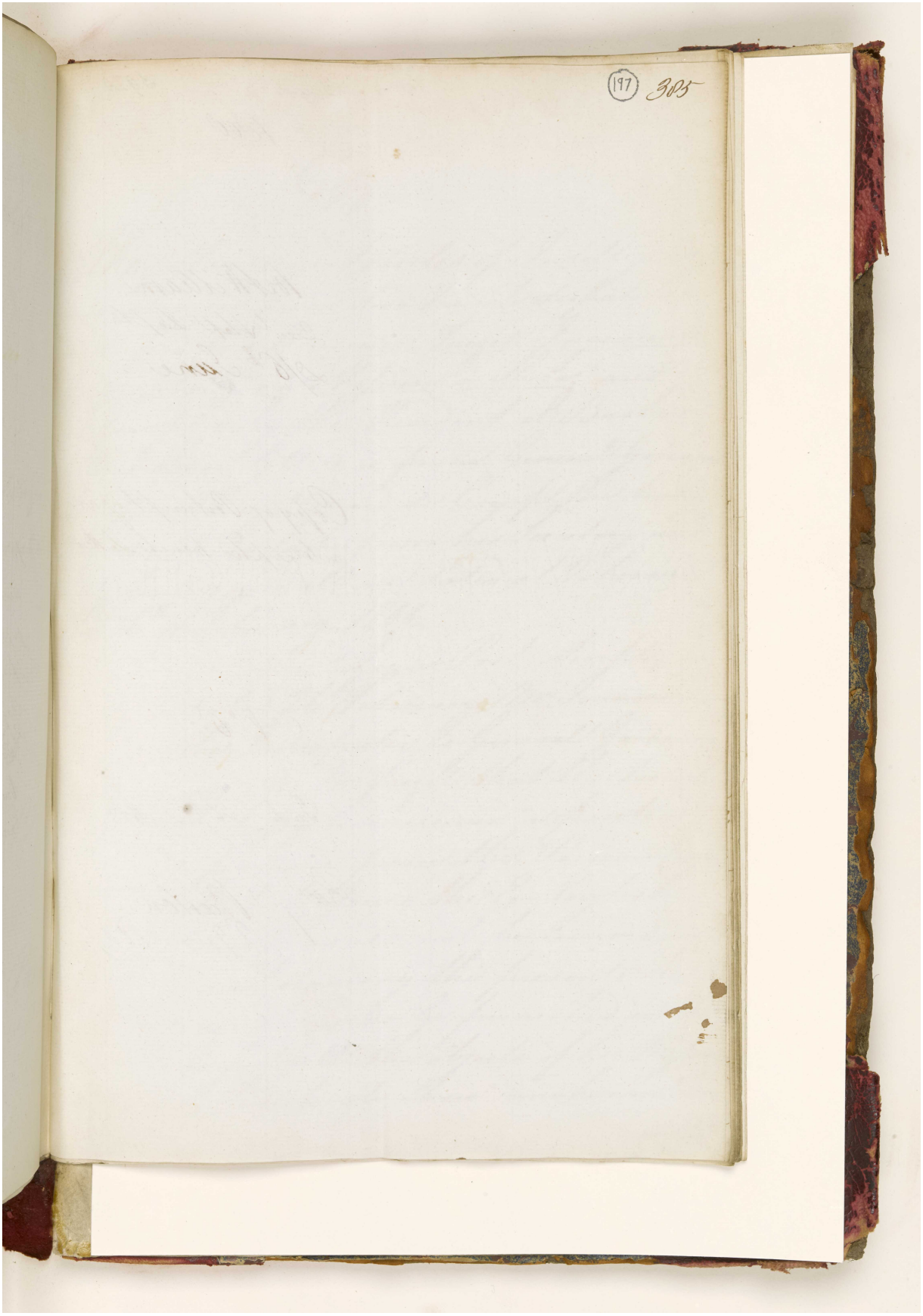

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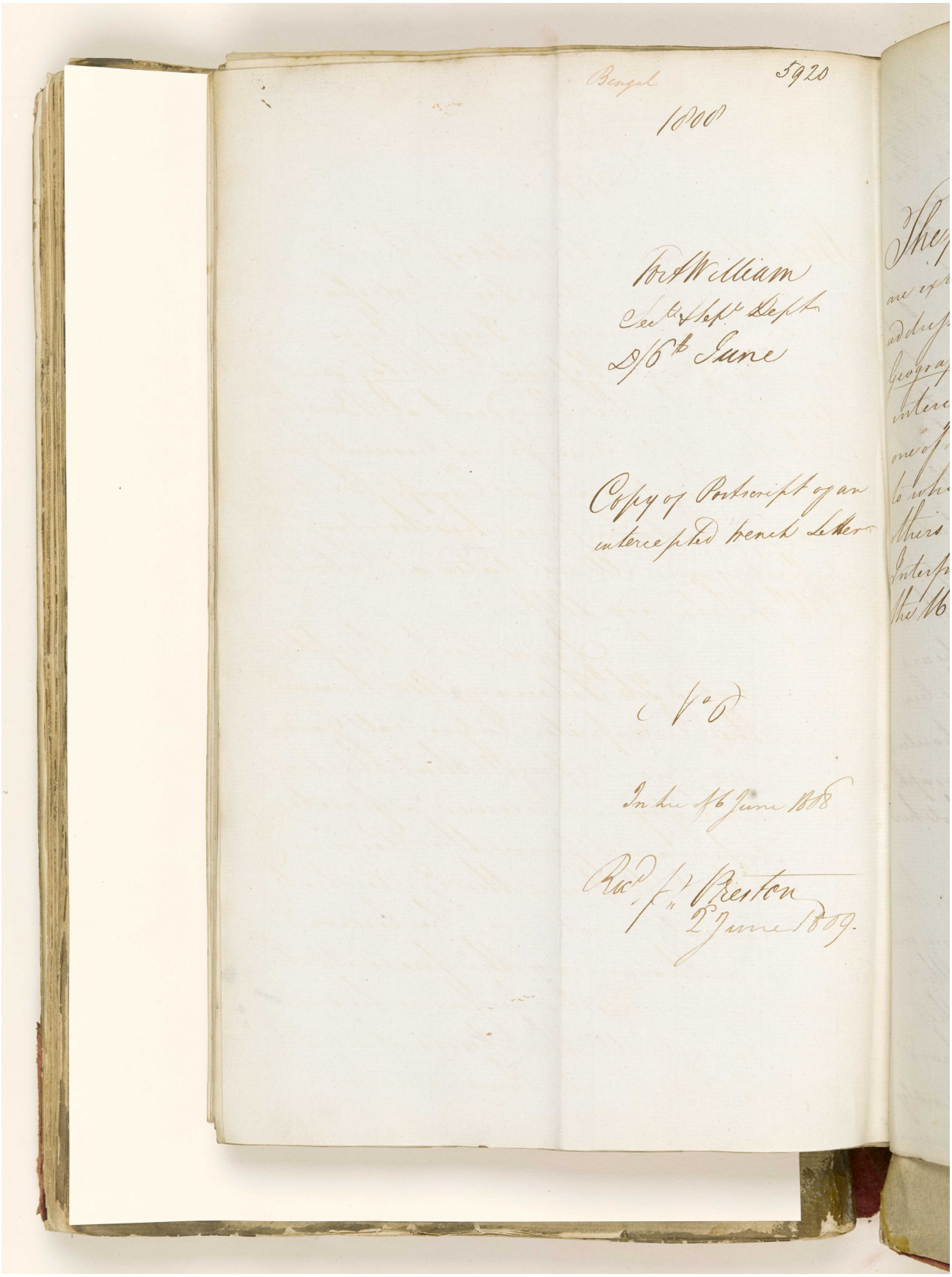

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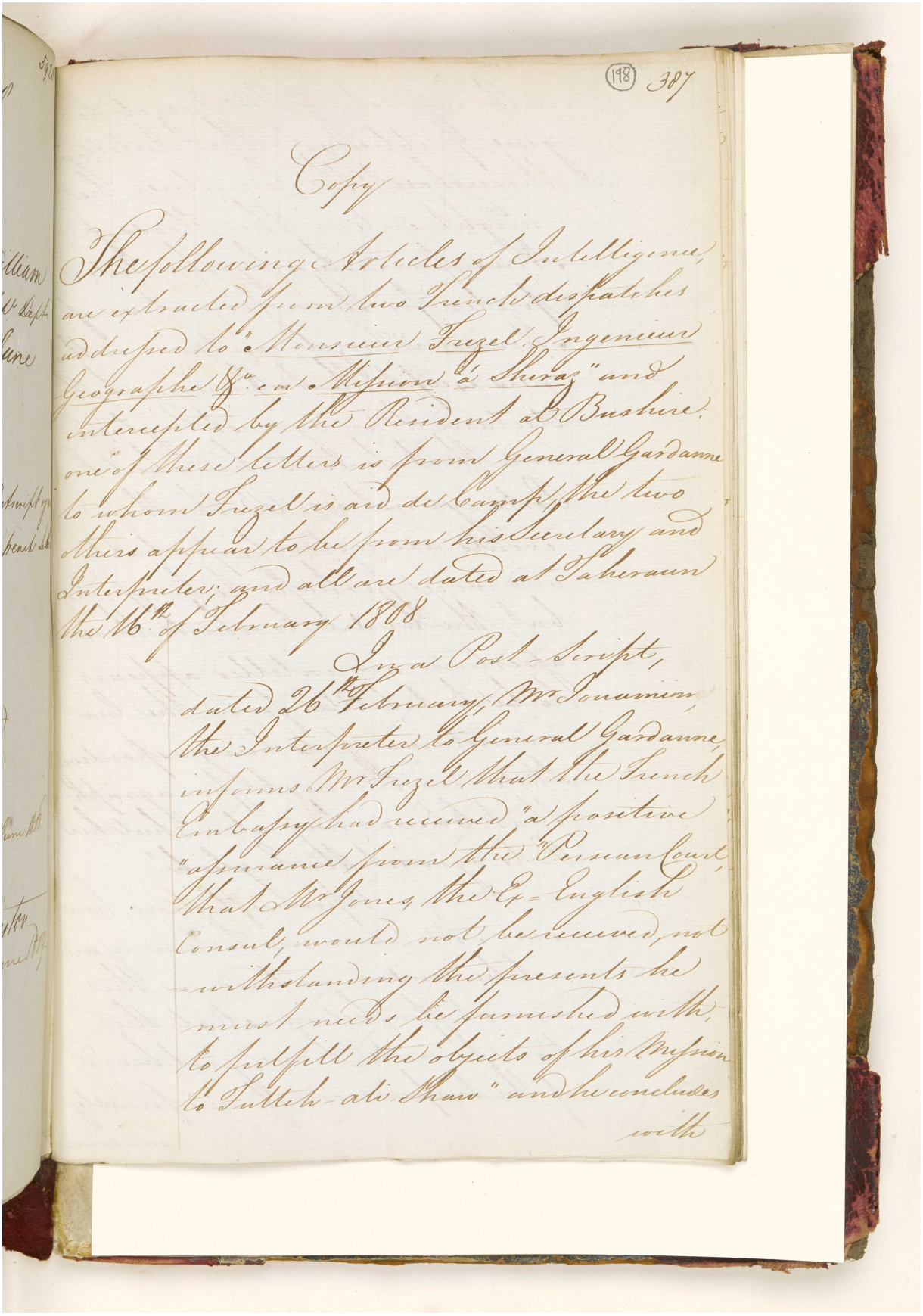

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The following Articles of Intelligence are extracted from two French dispatches addressed to "Monsieur Fuzel Ingenieur Geographe &c. &c. Mission à Shiraz" and intercepted by the Resident at Bushire. One of these Letters is from General Gardanne to whom Fuzel is aid de Camp, the two others appear to be from his Secretary and Interpreter; and all are dated at Taheraun the 16th of February 1808.

In a Post-Scripte, dated 26th February, Mr Jouannin, the Interpreter to General Gardanne, informs Mr Fuzel that the French Embassy had received "a positive "assurance from the Persian Court, "that Mr Jones, the Ex-English Consul, would not be received, not "withstanding the presents he "must needs be furnished with, "to fulfill the objects of his Mission "to Sultan-ab-Shaw" and he concludes with

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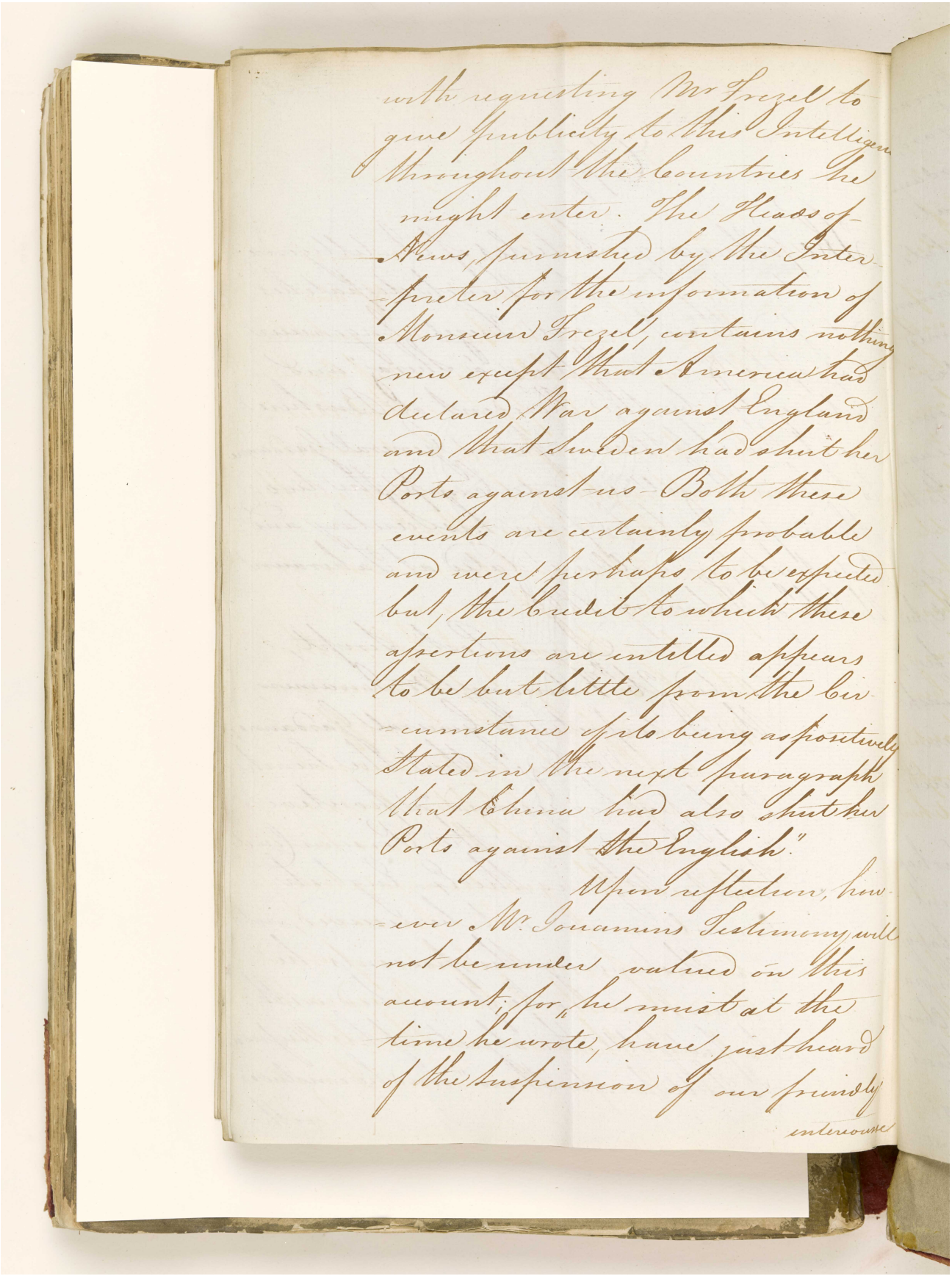

with requesting Mr Frezel to
give Publicity to this Intelligence
throughout the Countries he
might enter. The Heads of
News, furnished by the Inter-
preter for the information of
Monsieur Frezel, contains nothing
new except that America had
declared War against England
and that Sweden had shut her
Ports against us. Both these
events are certainly probable
and were perhaps to be expected
but, the credit to which these
assertions are entitled appears
to be but little from the cir-
cumstance of its being as positively
stated in the next paragraph
that China had also shut her
Ports against the English."

Upon reflection, how-
ever Mr Jonamins Testimony will
not be undervalued on this
account, for he must at the
time he wrote, have just heard
of the suspension of our friendly
intercourse

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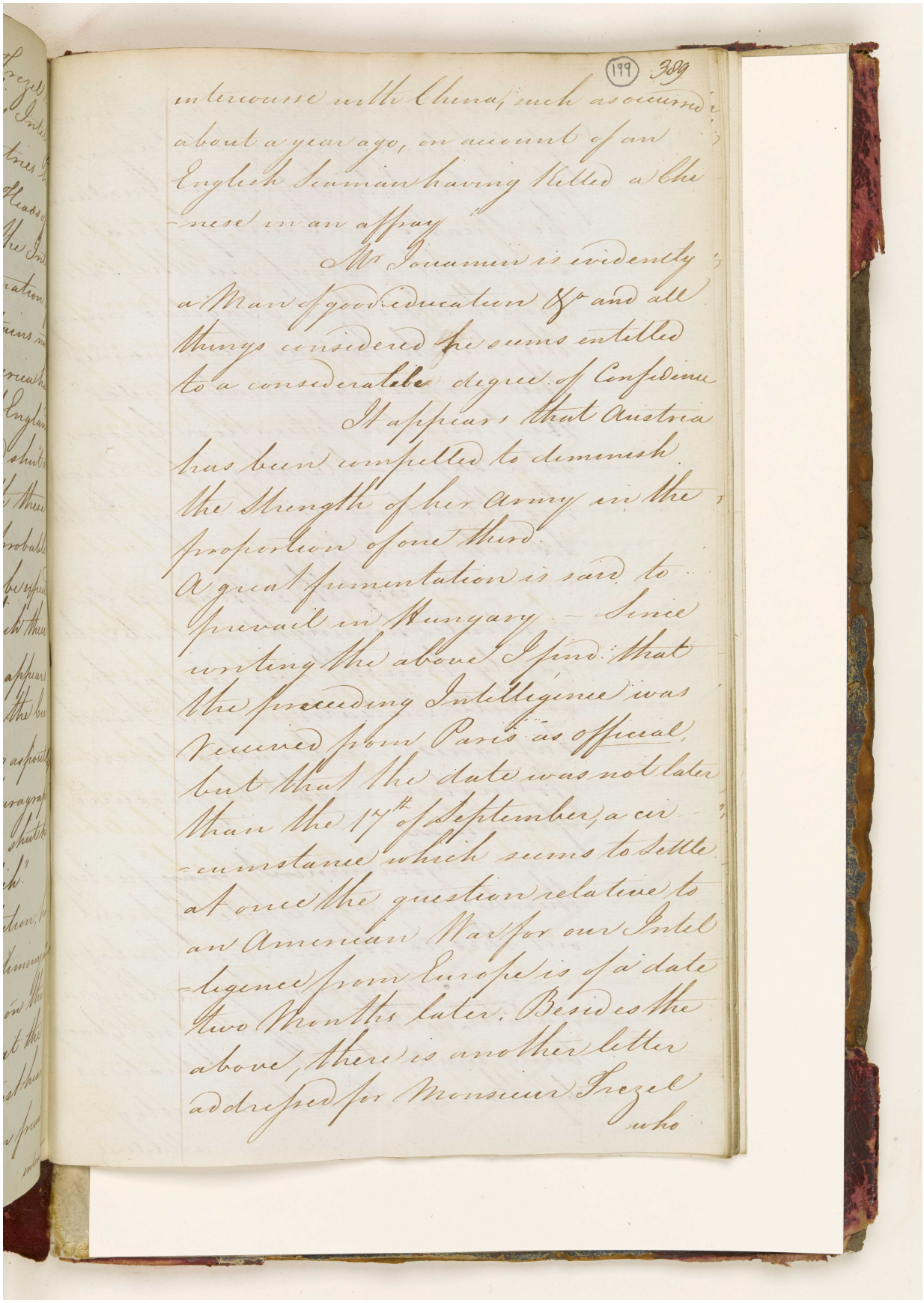

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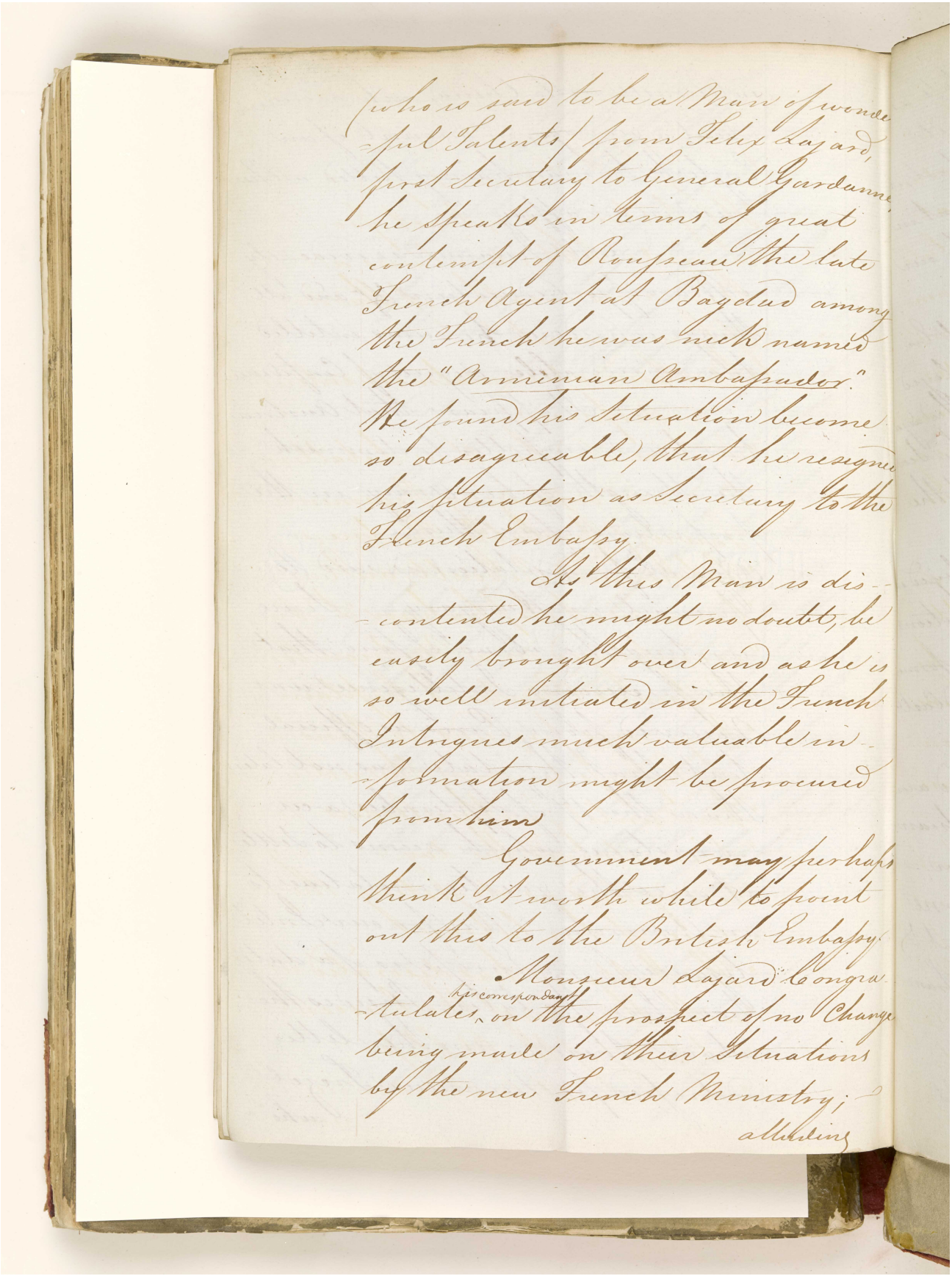
intercourse with China, such as occurred about a year ago, on account of an English Seaman having killed a Chinese in an affray.

Mr Jouannin is evidently a Man of good education &c and all things considered he seems entitled to a considerable degree of Confidence.

It appears that Austria has been compelled to diminish the Strength of her army in the proportion of one third.

A great fermentation is said to prevail in Hungary. — Since writing the above I find that the preceding Intelligence was received from Paris as official, but that the date was not later than the 17th of September, a circumstance which seems to settle at once the question relative to an American War for our Intelligence from Europe is of a date two Months later. Besides the above, there is another letter addressed for Monsieur Frezel who



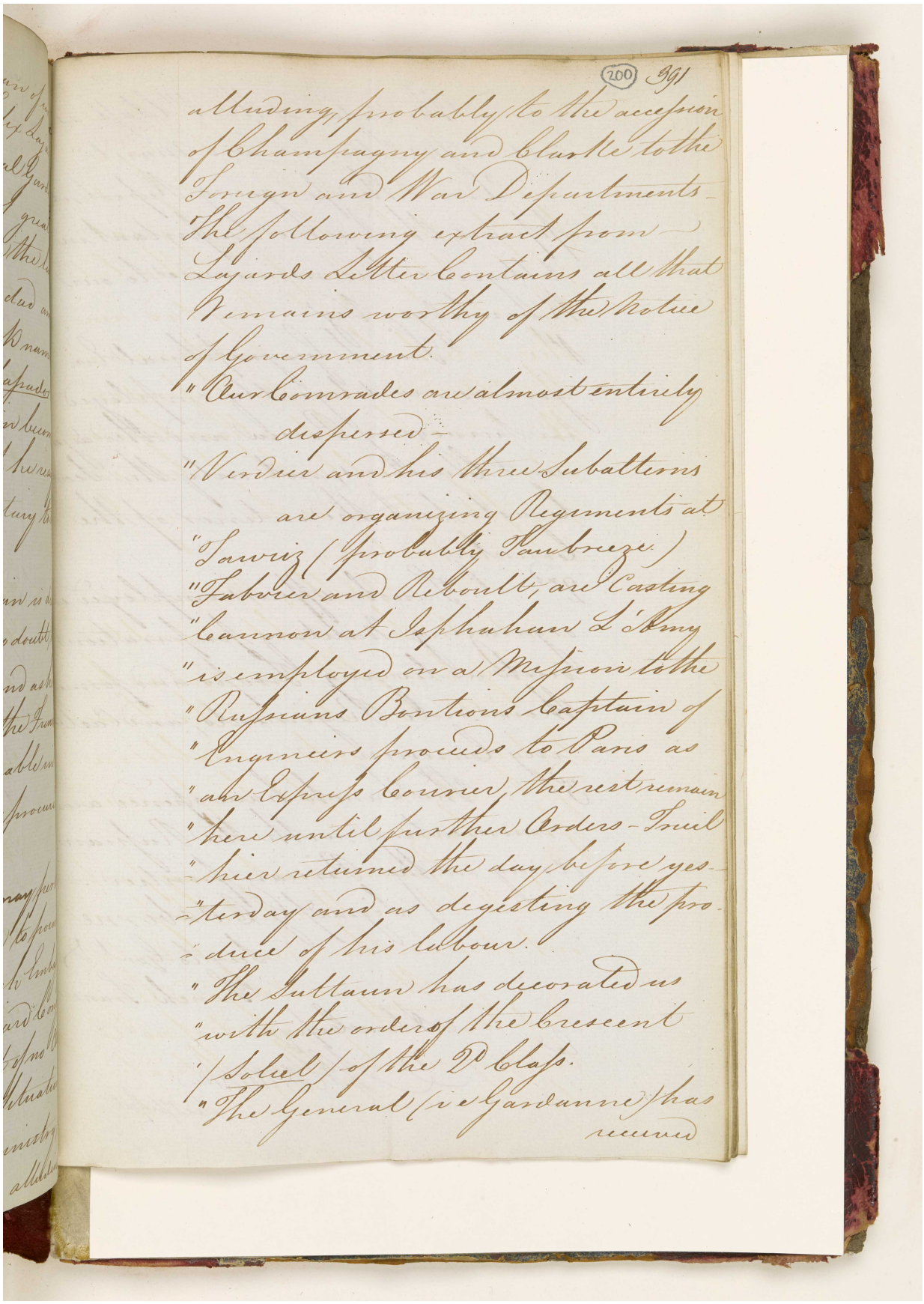
who is said to be a Man of wonderful Talents from Felix Lajard, first Secretary to General Gardanne, he speaks in terms of great contempt of Rousseau the late French Agent at Bagdad among the French he was nick named the "Armenian Ambassador." He found his Situation become so disagreeable, that he resigned his Situation as Secretary to the French Embassy.

If this Man is discontented he might no doubt, be easily brought over and as he is so well initiated in the French Intrigues much valuable information might be procured from him.

Government may perhaps think it worth while to point out this to the British Embassy.

Monsieur Lajard Congratulates, his correspondant on the prospect of no Change being made on their Situations by the new French Ministry;

alluding



alluding, probably to the accession of Champagny and Clarke to the Foreign and War Departments - The following extract from Lajards Letter Contains all that remains worthy of the Notice of Government.

"Our Comrades are almost entirely dispersed -

"Verdier and his three Subalterns are organizing Regiments at

"Tawriz (probably Taubreeze)

"Fabvier and Reboult, are Casting

"Cannon at Isphahan L'Amy

"is employed on a Mission to the

"Russians Bontions Captain of

"Engineers proceeds to Paris as

"an Express Courier, the rest remain

"here until further Orders - Trieil

"hier returned the day before yes-

"terday and as degesting the pro-

"duce of his labour.

"The Sultaun has decorated us

"with the order of the Crescent

"(Soleil) of the 2d Class.

"The General (i e Gardanne) has received

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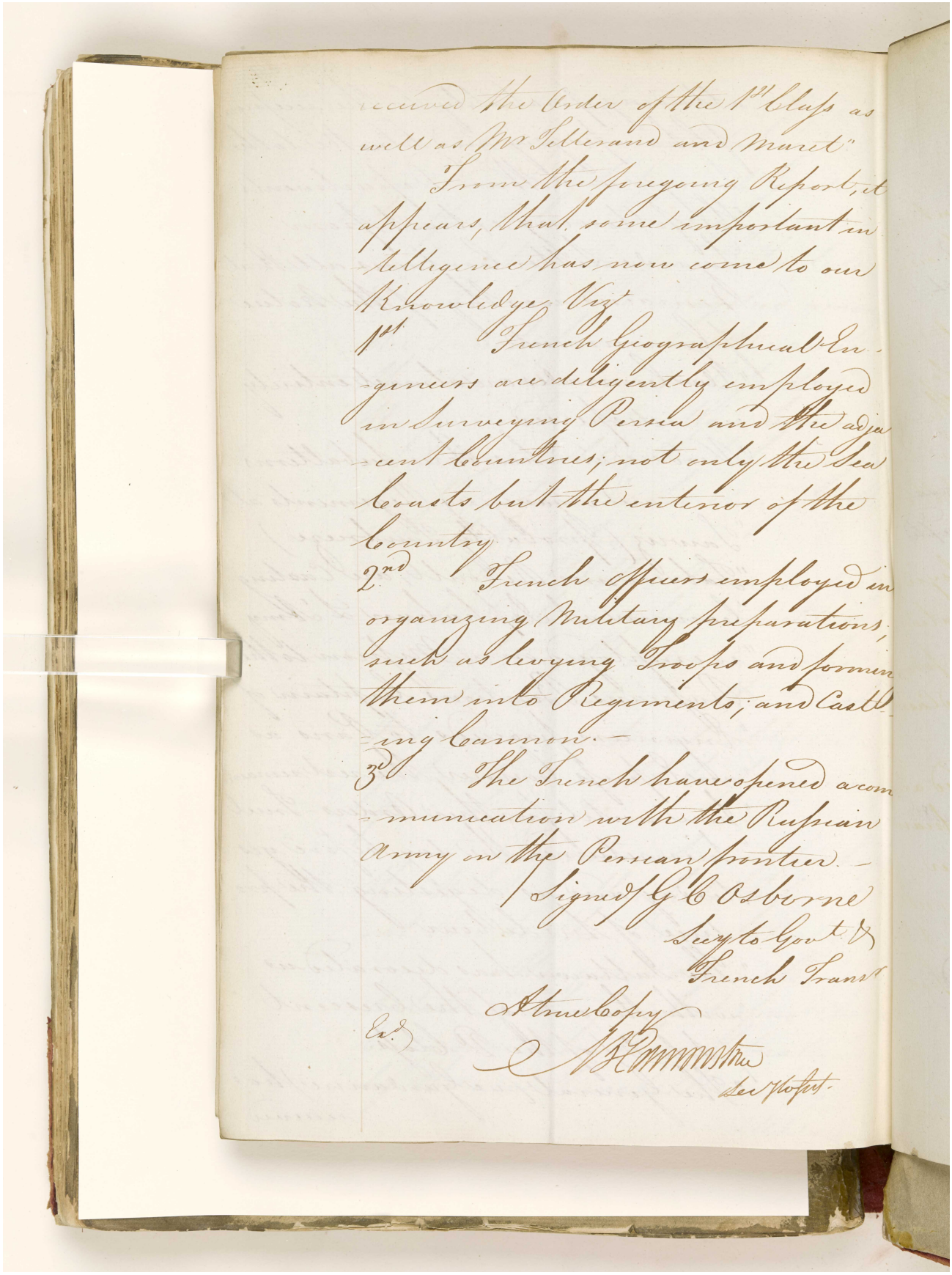

received the Order of the 1st Class as well as Mr Jellerand and Muret"

From the foregoing Report, it appears, that some important intelligence has now come to our Knowledge, Viz

1st French Geographical Engineers are diligently employed in Surveying Persia and the adjacent Countries; not only the Sea Coasts but the interior of the Country

2nd French officers employed in organizing Military preparations; such as levying Troops and forming them into Regiments, and Casting Cannon.

3d The French have opened a communication with the Russian Army on the Persian frontier.

Signed/ G C Osborne
Secy to Govt &
French Trans

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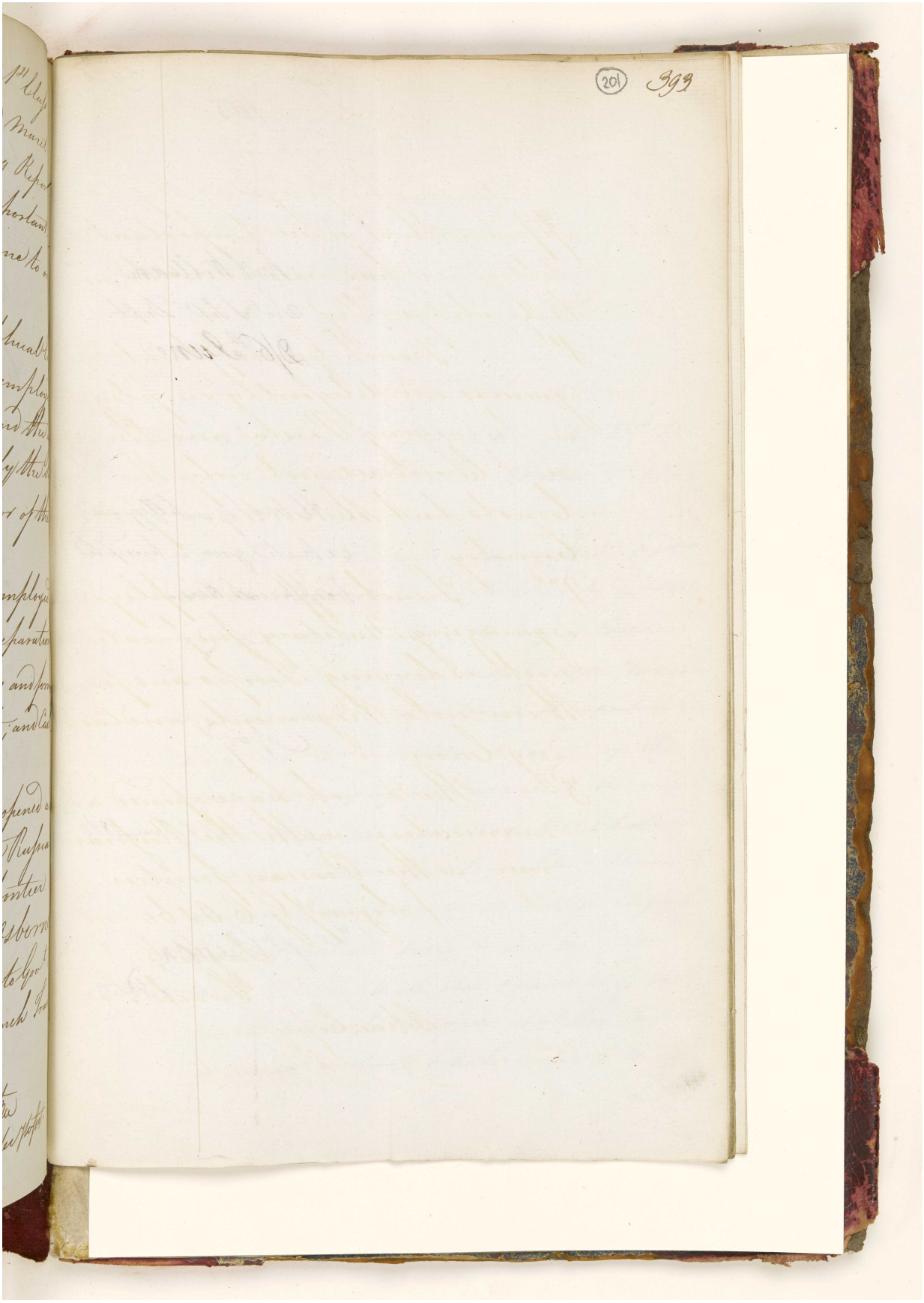

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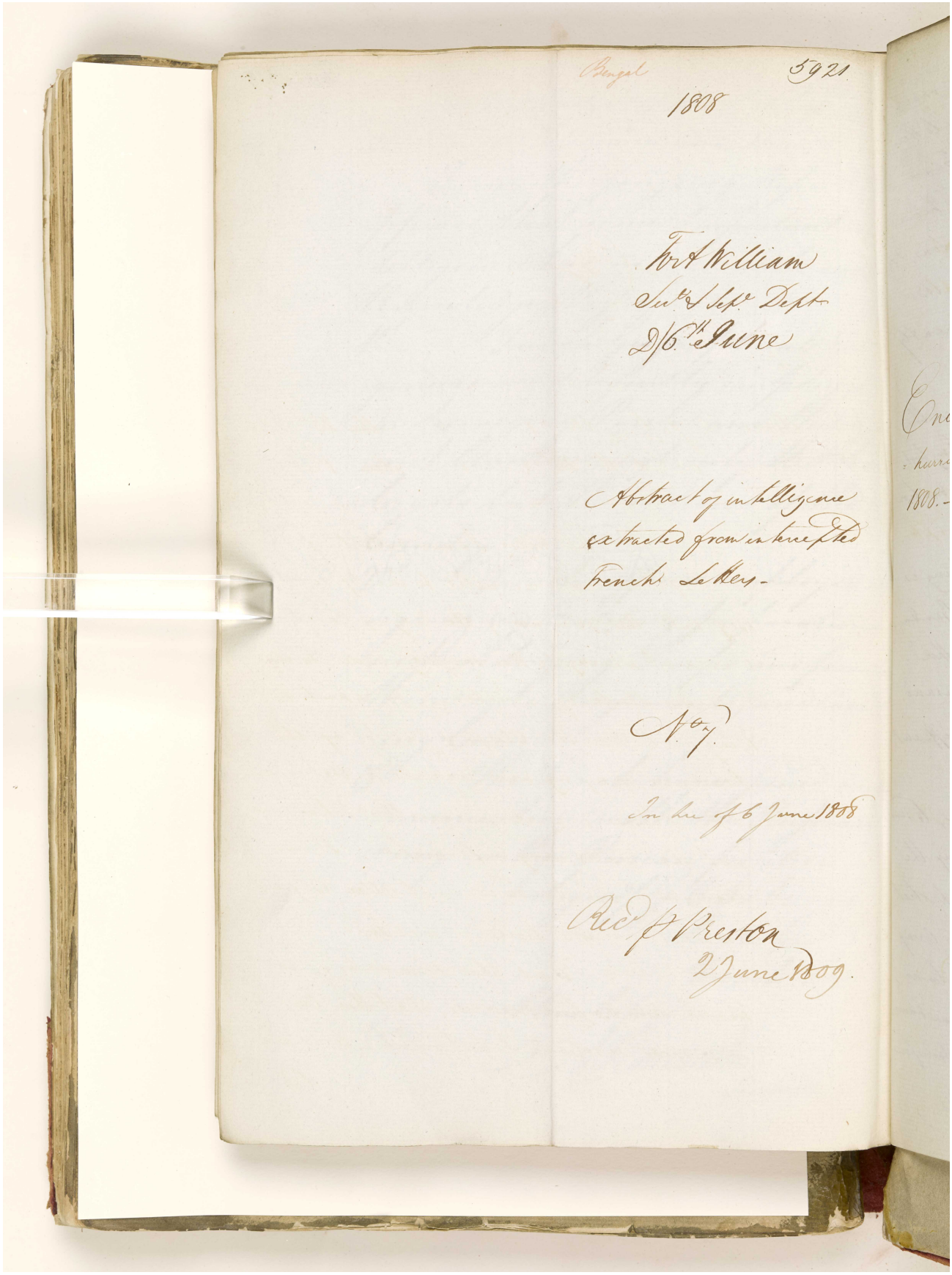

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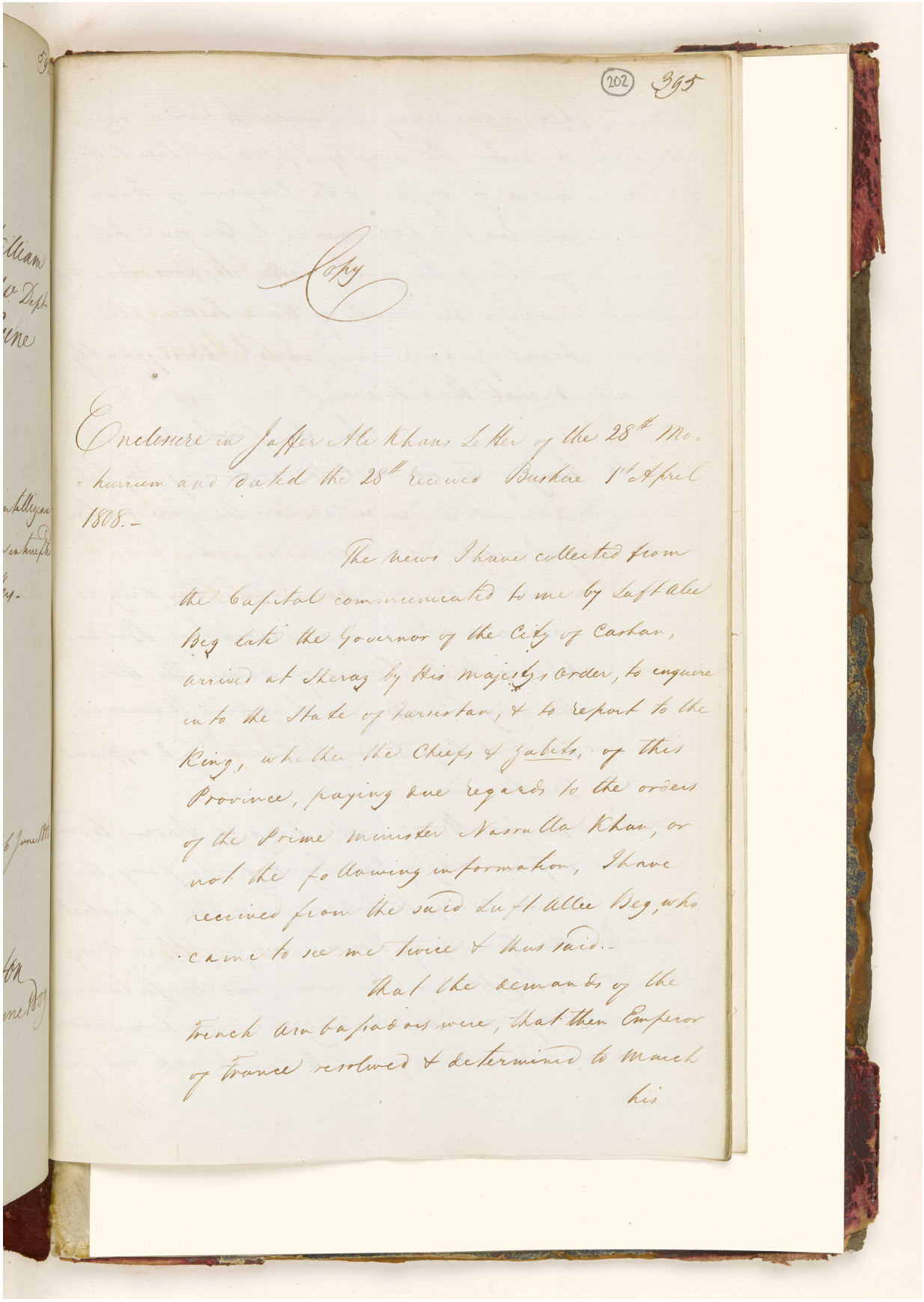

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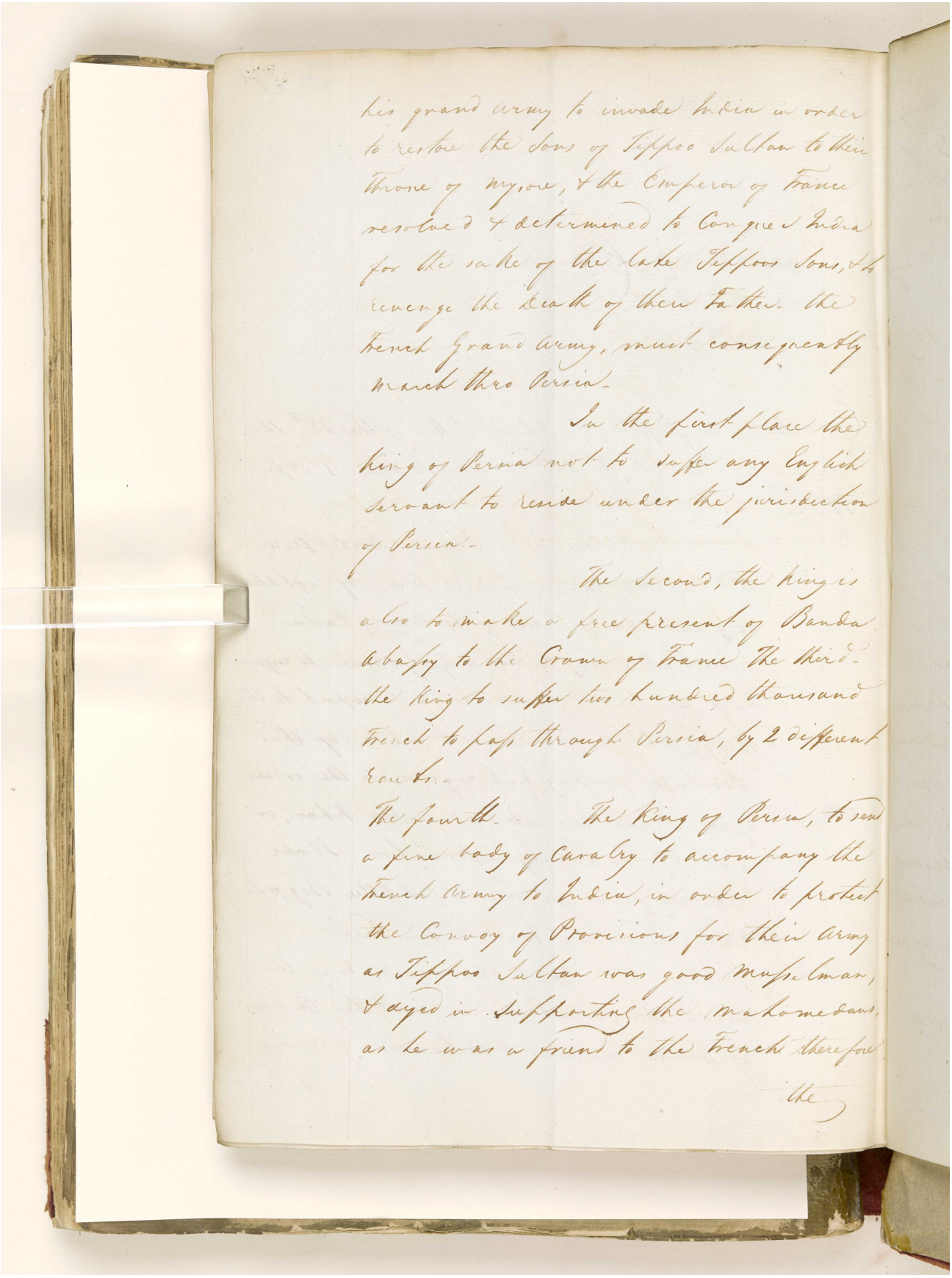
Enclosure in Jaffer Ali Khans Letter of the 28th Mo-
-hurrum and dated the 28th received Bushire 1st April
1808.-

The news I have collected from the Capital communicated to me by Luft Alee Beg late the Governor of the City of Cashan, arrived at Sheraz by His Majesty's Order, to enquire into the State of Farsistan, & to report to the King, whether the Chiefs & Zabits, of this Province, paying due regards to the orders of the Prime Minister Nasrulla Khan, or not the following information, I have received from the said Luft Allee Beg, who came to see me twice & thus said.-

That the demands of the French Ambassadors were, that then Emperor of France resolved & determined to March his



his grand army to invade India in order to restore the sons of Tippoo Sultan to their throne of Mysore, & the Emperor of France resolved & determined to Conquer India for the sake of the late Tippoos sons, & to revenge the death of their Father the French Grand army, must consequently march thro Persia.

In the first place the king of Persia not to suffer any English servant to reside under the jurisdiction of Persia.

The second, the king is also to make a free present of Banda abassy to the Crown of France The third the king to suffer two hundred thousand French to pass through Persia, by 2 different routs.

The fourth. The King of Persia, to send a fine body of Cavalry to accompany the French Army to India, in order to protect the Convoy of Provisions for their Army as Tippoo Sultan was a good Mussulman, & aged in supporting the Mahomedans, as he was a friend to the French therefore

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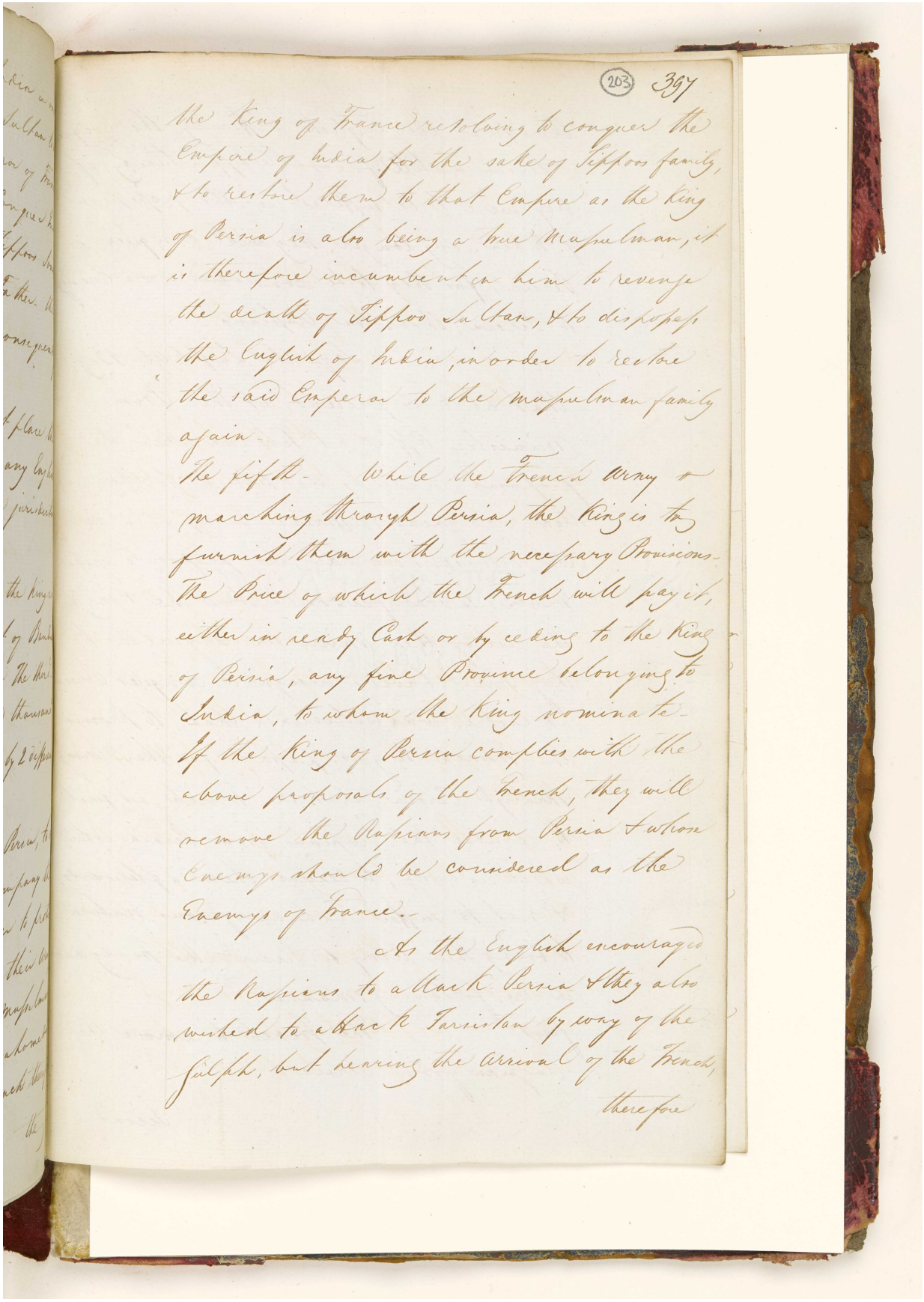

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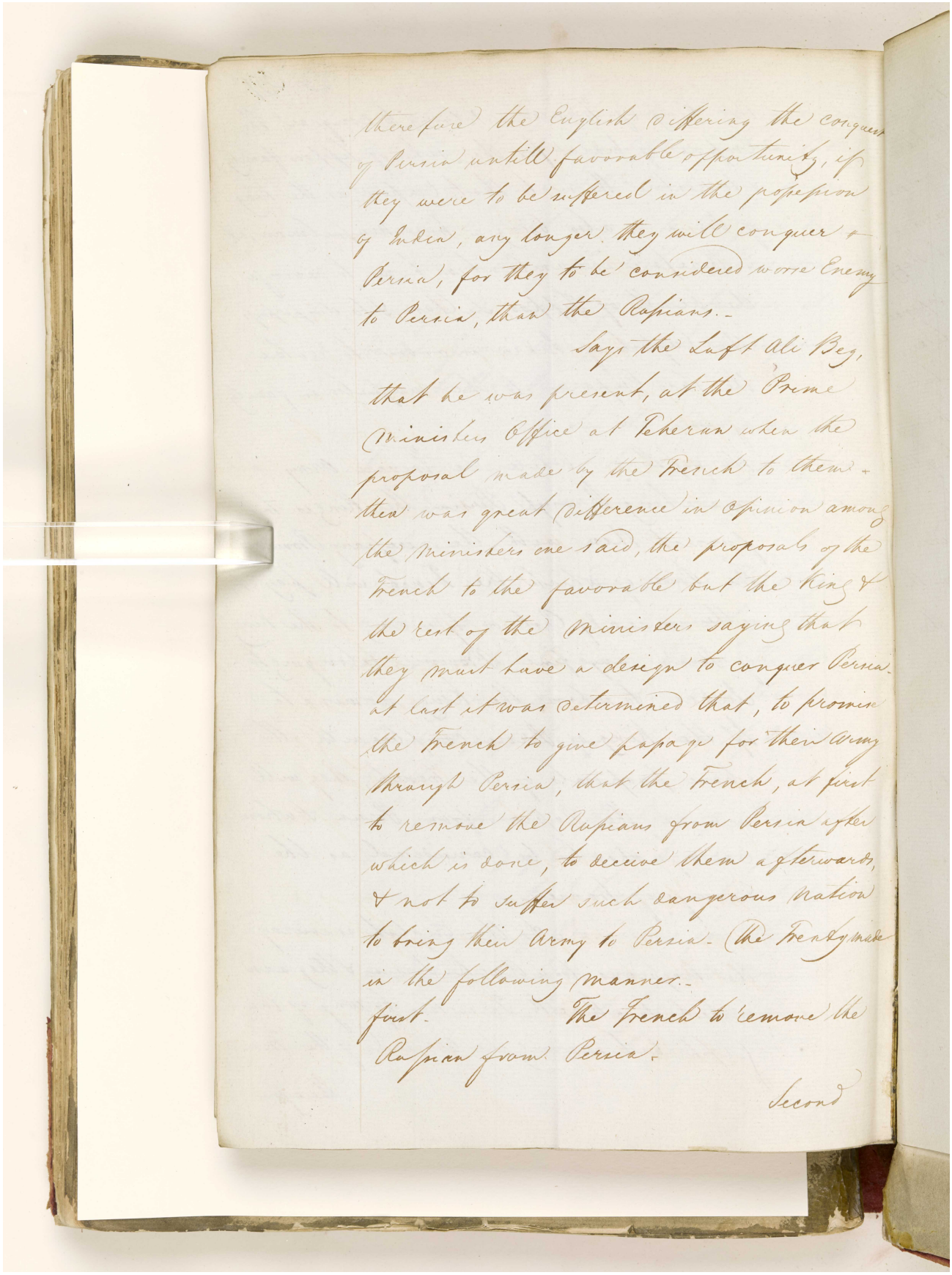
the King of France resolving to conquer the Empire of India for the sake of Tippoo's family, & to restore them to that Empire as the King of Persia is also being a true Mussulman, it is therefore incumbent on him to revenge the death of Tippoo Sultan, & to dispossess the English of India, in order to restore the said Emperor to the Mussulman family again.

The fifth. While the French Army is marching through Persia, the King is to furnish them with the necessary Provisions. The Price of which the French will pay it, either in ready Cash or by ceding to the King of Persia, any fine Province belonging to India, to whom the King nominate.

If the King of Persia complies with the above proposals of the French, they will remove the Russians from Persia & whose Enemys should be considered as the Enemys of France.

As the English encouraged the Russians to attack Persia & they also wished to attack Turkistan by way of the Gulph, but hearing the arrival of the French,

therefore



therefore the English offering the conquest of Persia until favorable opportunity, if they were to be suffered in the possession of India, any longer they will conquer Persia, for they to be considered worse Enemy to Persia, than the Russians.-

Says the Last Ali Beg, that he was present, at the Prime Ministers Office at Teheran when the proposal made by the French to them - then was great difference in opinion among the Ministers one said, the proposals of the French to the favorable but the King & the rest of the Ministers saying that they must have a design to conquer Persia. at last it was determined that, to promise the French to give passage for their Army through Persia, that the French, at first to remove the Russians from Persia after which is done, to deceive them afterwards, & not to suffer such dangerous nation to bring their Army to Persia. The Treaty made in the following manner.-

first. The French to remove the Russian from Persia.

Second

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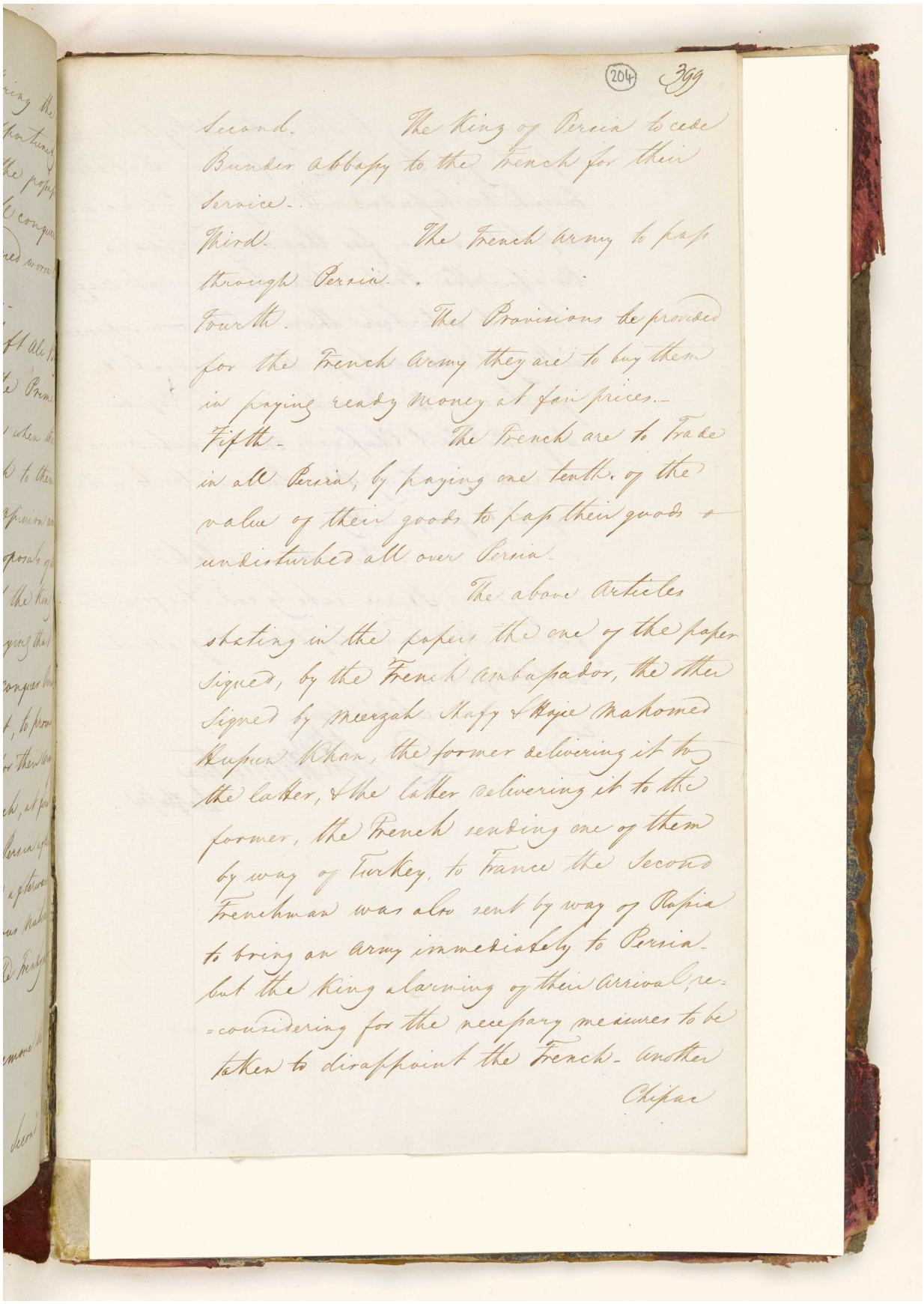

Second. The King of Persia to cede Bunder abbassy to the French for their service.

Third. The French Army to pass through Persia.

Fourth. The Provisions be provided for the French Army they are to buy them in paying ready money at fair prices.

Fifth. The French are to Trade in all Persia, by paying one tenth of the value of their goods to pass their goods & undisturbed all over Persia.

The above Articles stating in the papers the one of the paper signed, by the French Ambassador, the other signed by Meerzah Shafy & Hajee Mahomed Hussen Khan, the former delivering it to the latter, & the latter delivering it to the former, the French sending one of them by way of Turkey, to France the Second Frenchman was also sent by way of Russia to bring an Army immediately to Persia. but the King alarming of their Arrival, re=considering for the necessary measures to be taken to disappoint the French. Another

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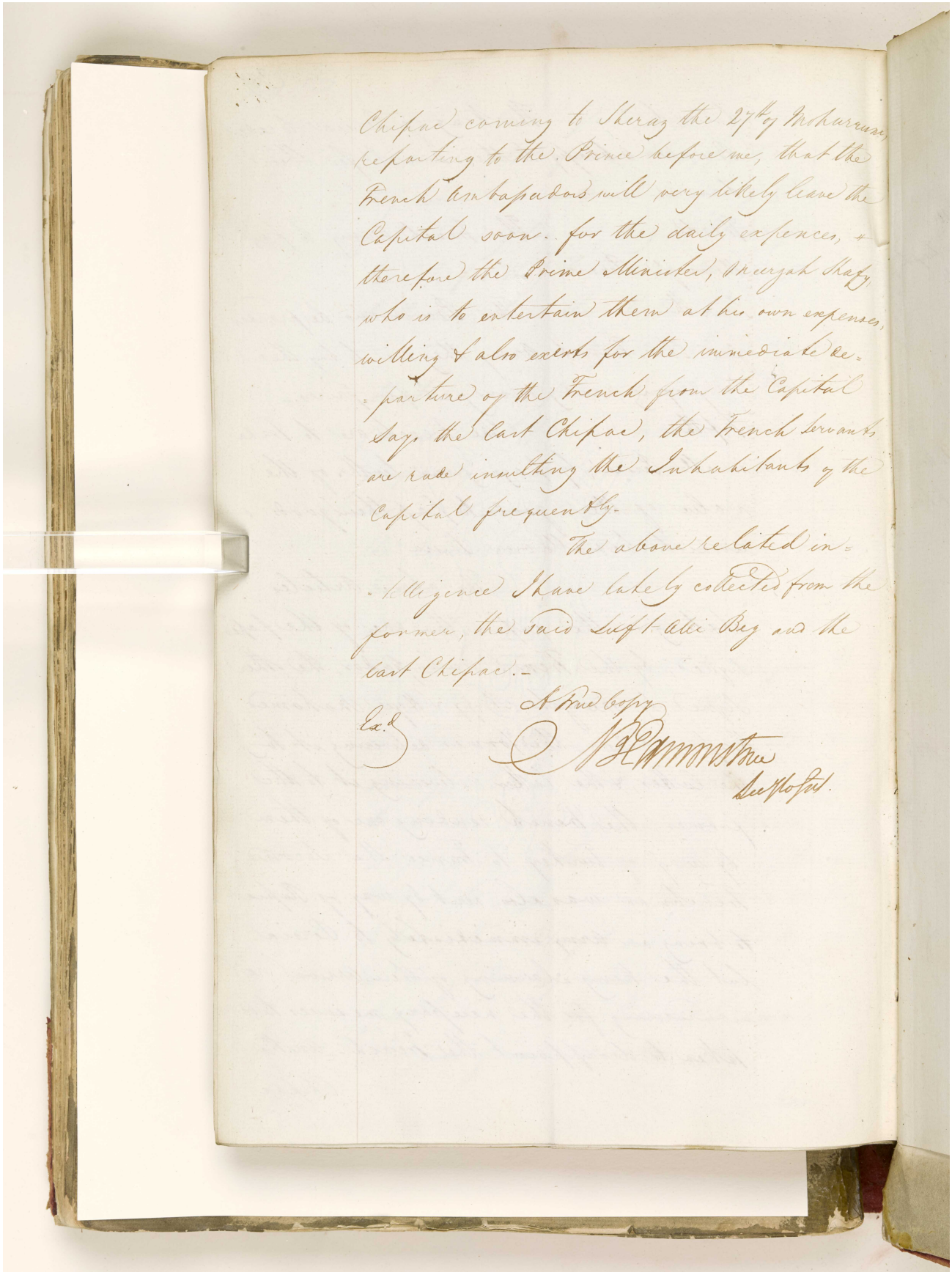

Chipaw coming to Shiraz the 27th of Mohurrum reporting to the Prince before me, that the French Ambassadors will very likely leave the Capital soon. for the daily expences, & therefore the Prime Minister, Sheergah Shafy, who is to entertain them at his own expenses, willing & also exerts for the immediate de= parture of the French from the Capital say, the last Chipaw, the French servants are rude insulting the Inhabitants of the Capital frequently.

The above related in= telligence I have lately collected from the former, the said Seyd Ali Beg and the last Chipaw.-

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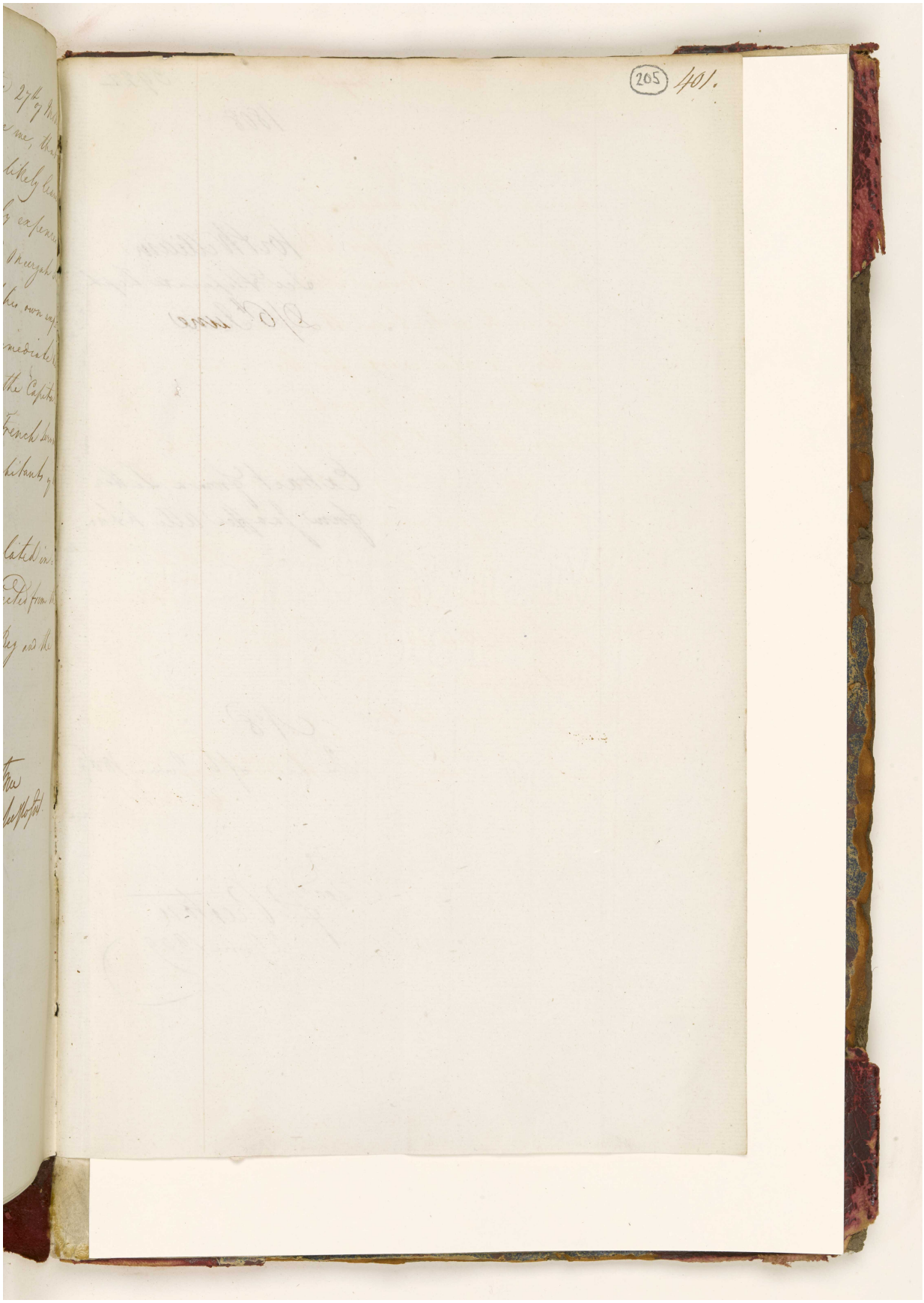

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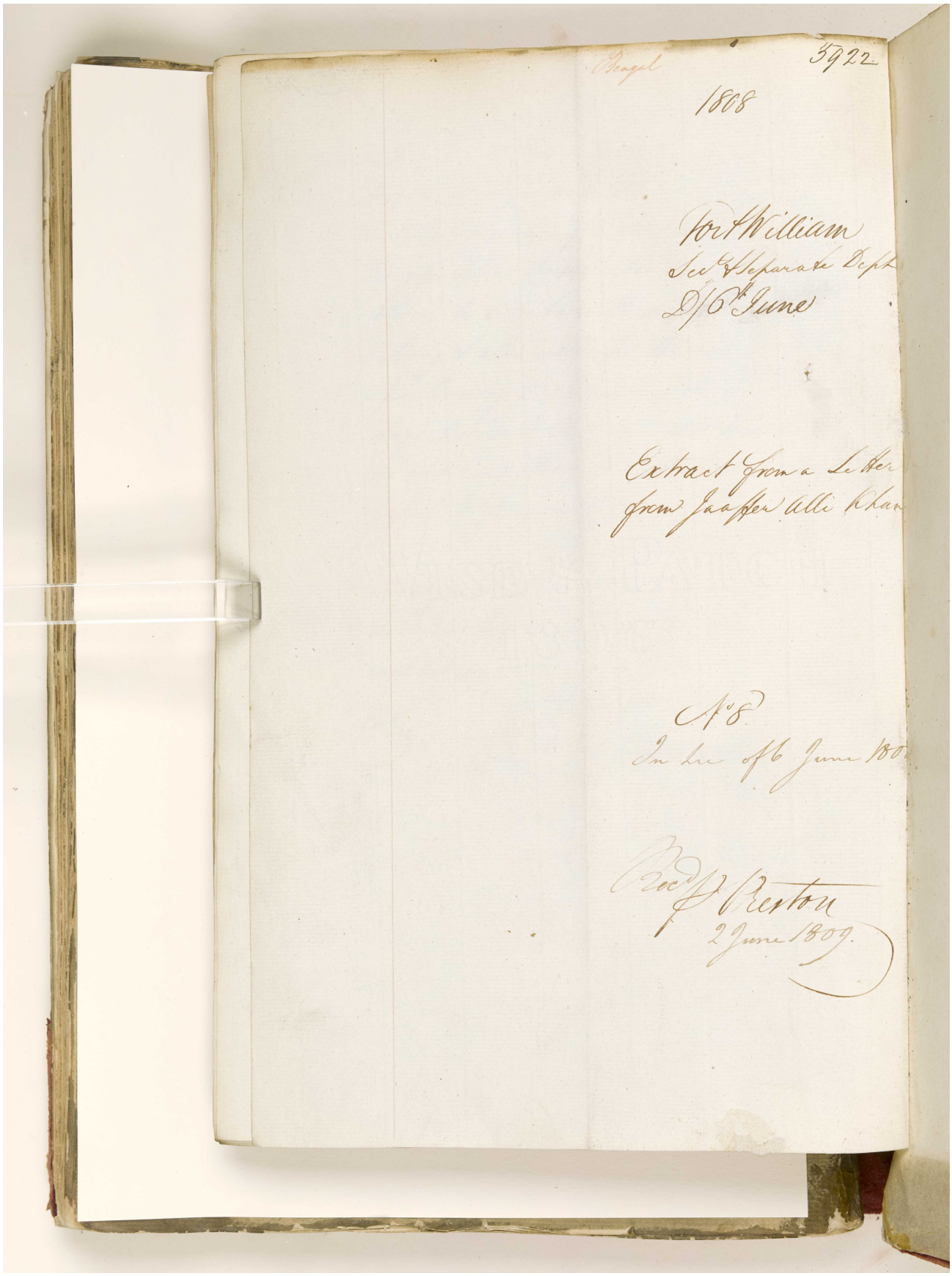

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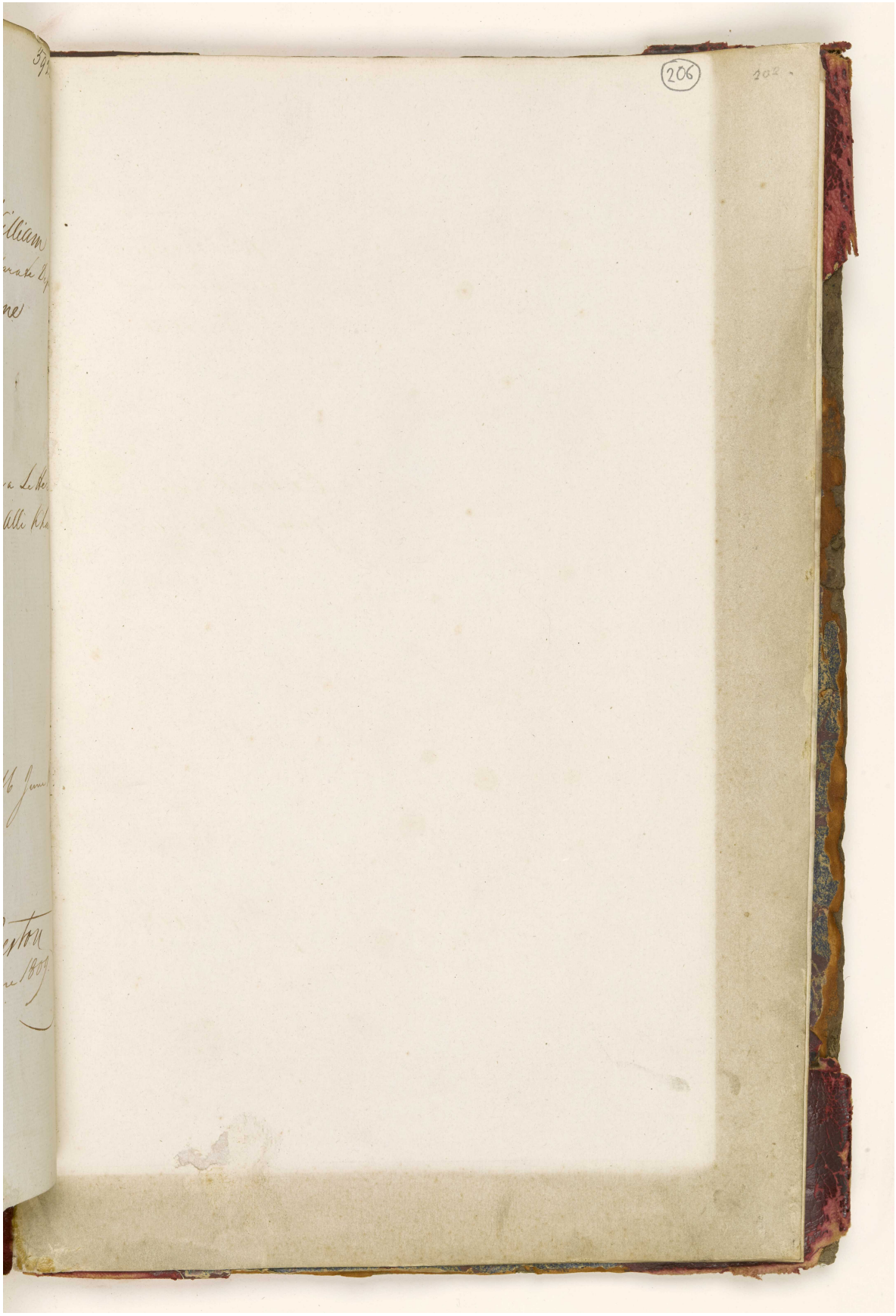

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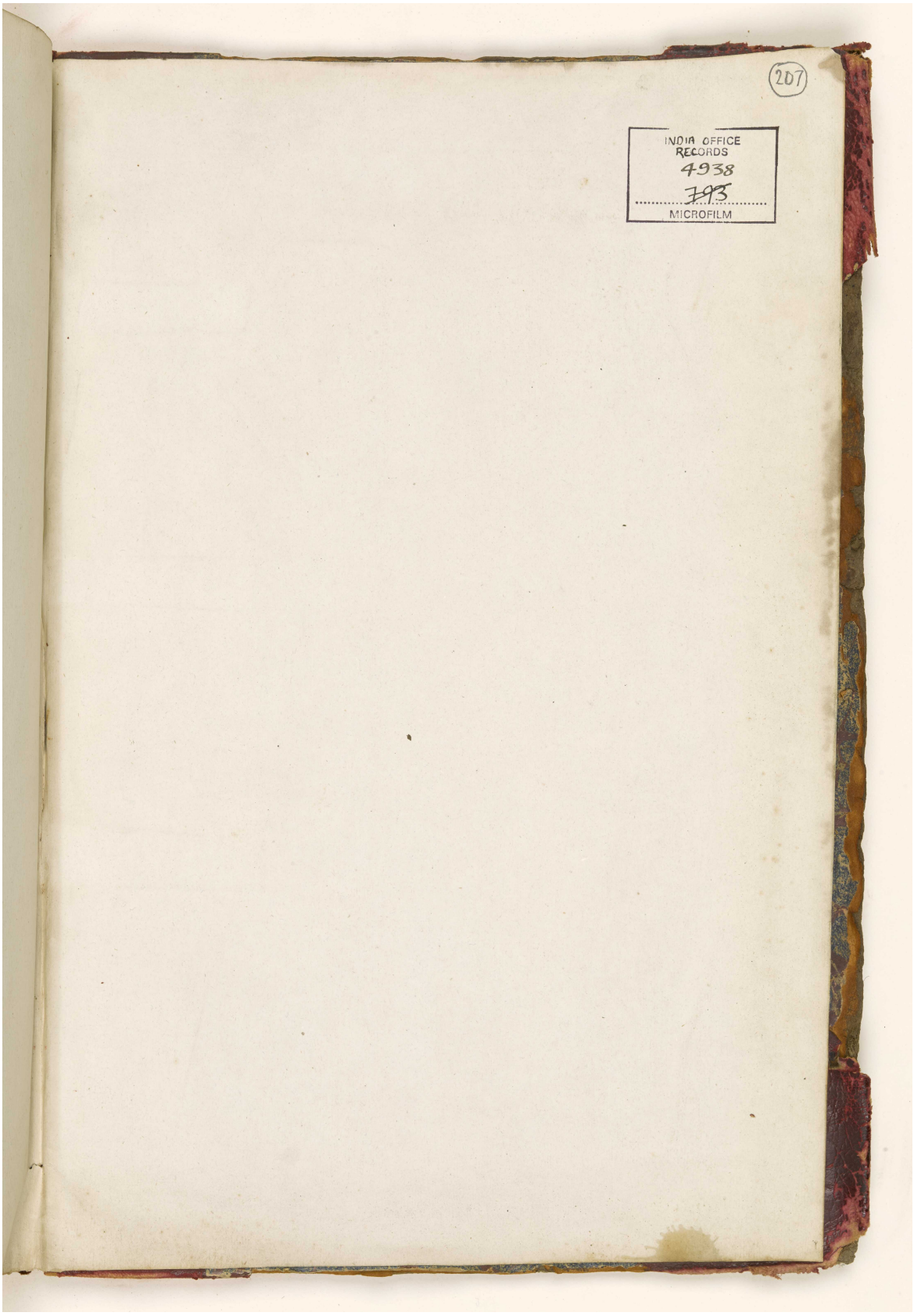

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