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Enclosures to Bengal Secret Letters of 21 December 1808, 20 January and 3 April 1809

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About this record

The volume contains correspondence relating to affairs in Persia [Iran] and the Persian Gulph [Persian Gulf]. The principal correspondents are: Sir Harford Jones [later Jones-Brydges], Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Persia; Lord Minto [Gilbert Elliot-Murray-Kynynmound, 1st Earl of Minto], Governor-General of the Presidency of Fort William; Neil Benjamin Edmonstone, Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal; Brigadier-General Sir John Malcolm, Commander of the Expedition to the Persian Gulph; Captain Charles Pasley, Acting for Malcolm as Envoy to the Court of Persia; Jonathan Duncan, Governor in Council at Bombay; Francis Warden, Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay; and Andrew Jukes, Surgeon and
Acting Resident at Bushire [Bushehr, also spelled Bushere in this volume]. Further correspondence, included as enclosures, comes from: Jafer Ali Khan [Ja'far 'Alī Khān, various spellings in this volume], Native Agent at Schyras [Shiraz, various spellings in this volume]; Mahomed Nebee Khan [Muḥammad Nabī Khān Shirāzī, various spellings in this volume], Vizier of Schyras; Prince Hooseen Alee Meerza [Ḥusayn 'Alī Mirzā Farmānfarmā, various spellings in this volume], Prince-Governor of Fars; the King of Persia [Fatḥ 'Alī Shāh Qājār]; Nasr Oolah Khan [Naṣr-Allāh Khān Qaragūzlū, various spellings in this volume], Vizier to the Prince-Governor of Fars; Mohumed Hussein Khan Karagoozloo [Muḥammad Ḥusayn Khān Qaragūzlū, various spellings in this volume], a
Persian official; Meerza Sheffee [Mirzā Shafi' Māzandarāni], Grand Vizier (First Minister) to the King of Persia; and Claudius James Rich, Resident at Bagdad [Baghdad].The volume covers the following matters:

• The diplomatic mission of Harford Jones: his arrival and reception at Bushire; his journey to Schyras and onwards to Tehran; correspondence with Persian officials and royalty; discussion of possible treaty articles, particularly in connection to promises made by Malcolm and Pasley during their earlier diplomatic mission; discussion of the appropriate degree of ostentation the mission should adopt; and discussion of the appropriate style and form of communication to be used between Jones and Persian officials

• The progress and movements of the French Embassy in Persia, under General Gardanne [Claude-Matthieu, Comte de Gardane]

• European politics in connection with the Napoleonic Wars and specifically concerning relations between Britain, France, Russia, and the Ottoman Empire, including reports of the signing of the Treaty of Dardanelles, 5 January 1809, which brought an end to the Anglo-Ottoman War of 1807-09

• The Government of Bushire, including the removal of Shaik Abdoul Ressoul [Shaikh ‘Abd al-Rasūl Khān Āl Madhkūr] as Governor because of his treatment of Malcolm

• Political affairs in Persia, often reported by Jafer Ali Khan and his informants

• Malcolm’s Expedition to the Gulph to establish a British naval and commercial settlement on the island of Karrack [Kharg, various spellings in this volume], including: the political reasons behind the expedition; the abandonment of the expedition and the disbanding of the expedition force at Bombay; how (erroneous) reports of Malcolm’s imminent arrival in the Gulph were (or might be) received in Persia and Bagdad, and the impact this might have on Jones’s mission

• Events along Persia’s northern frontier, as part of the Russo-Persian War of 1804-13, particularly those at Erivan [Yerevan]

• Charges made by Lord Minto against the conduct of Jones and the latter's response to these charges.

The letters found on folios 132-180 are duplicates of those found on folios 47-85.

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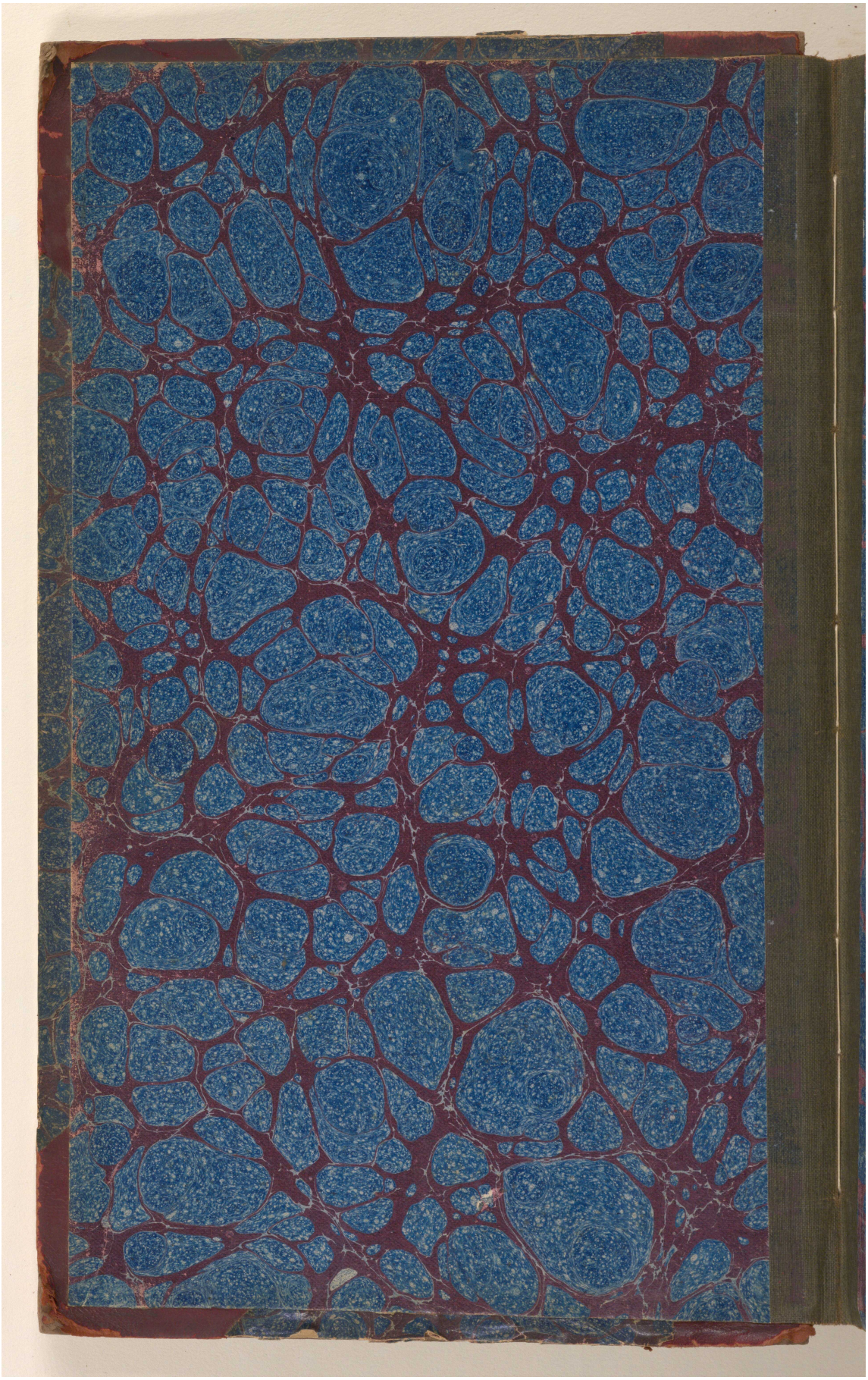

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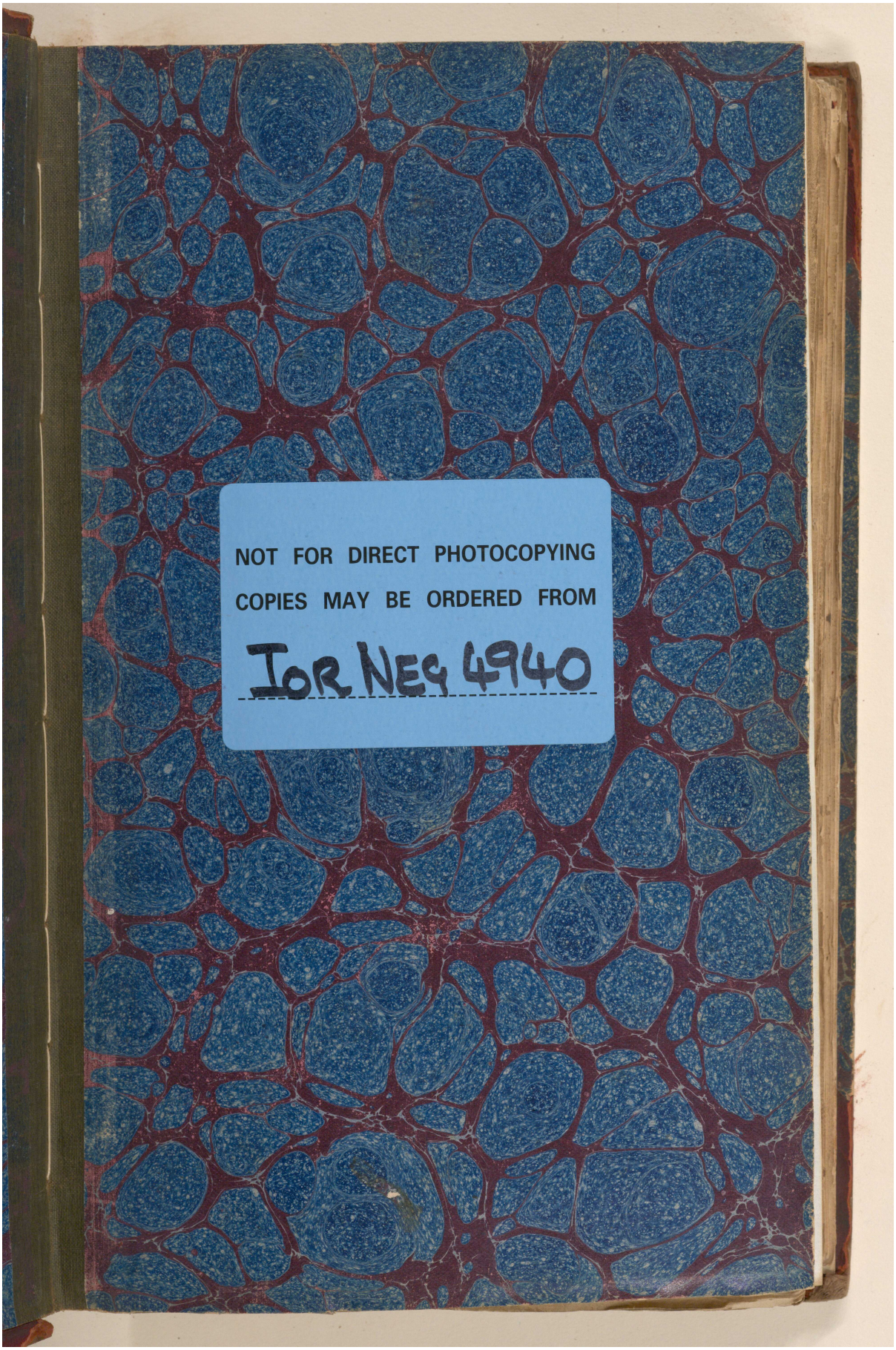
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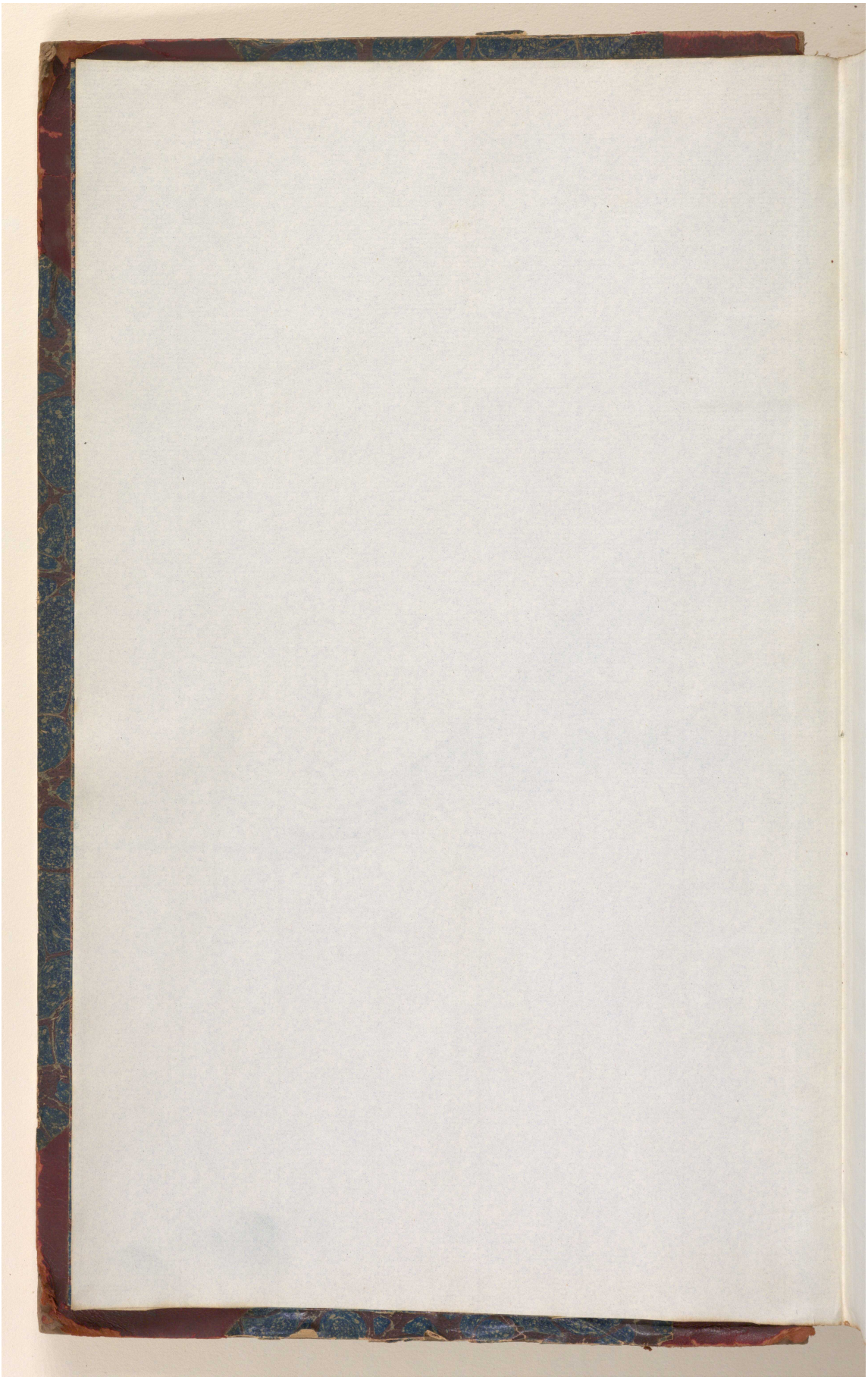

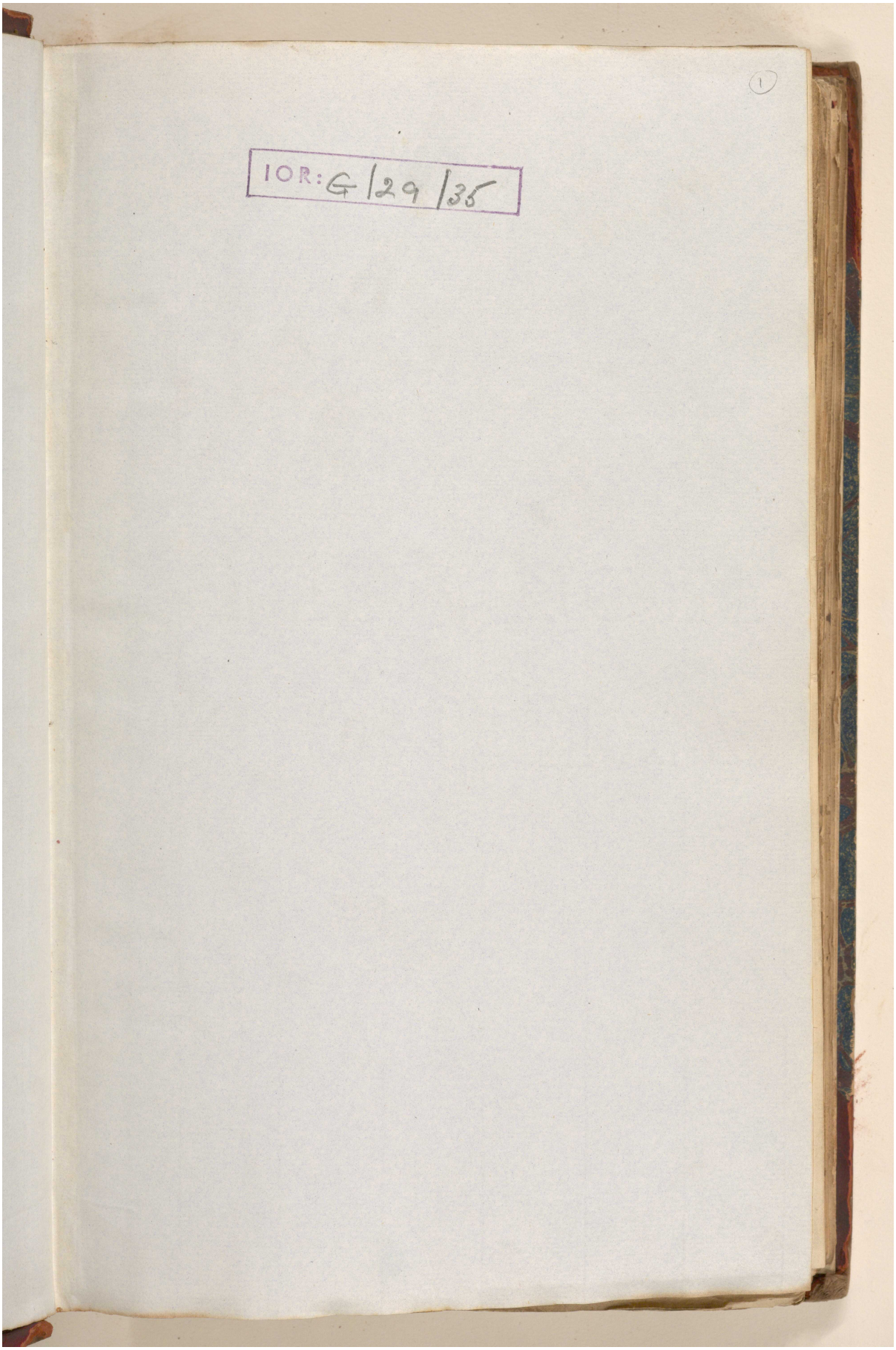
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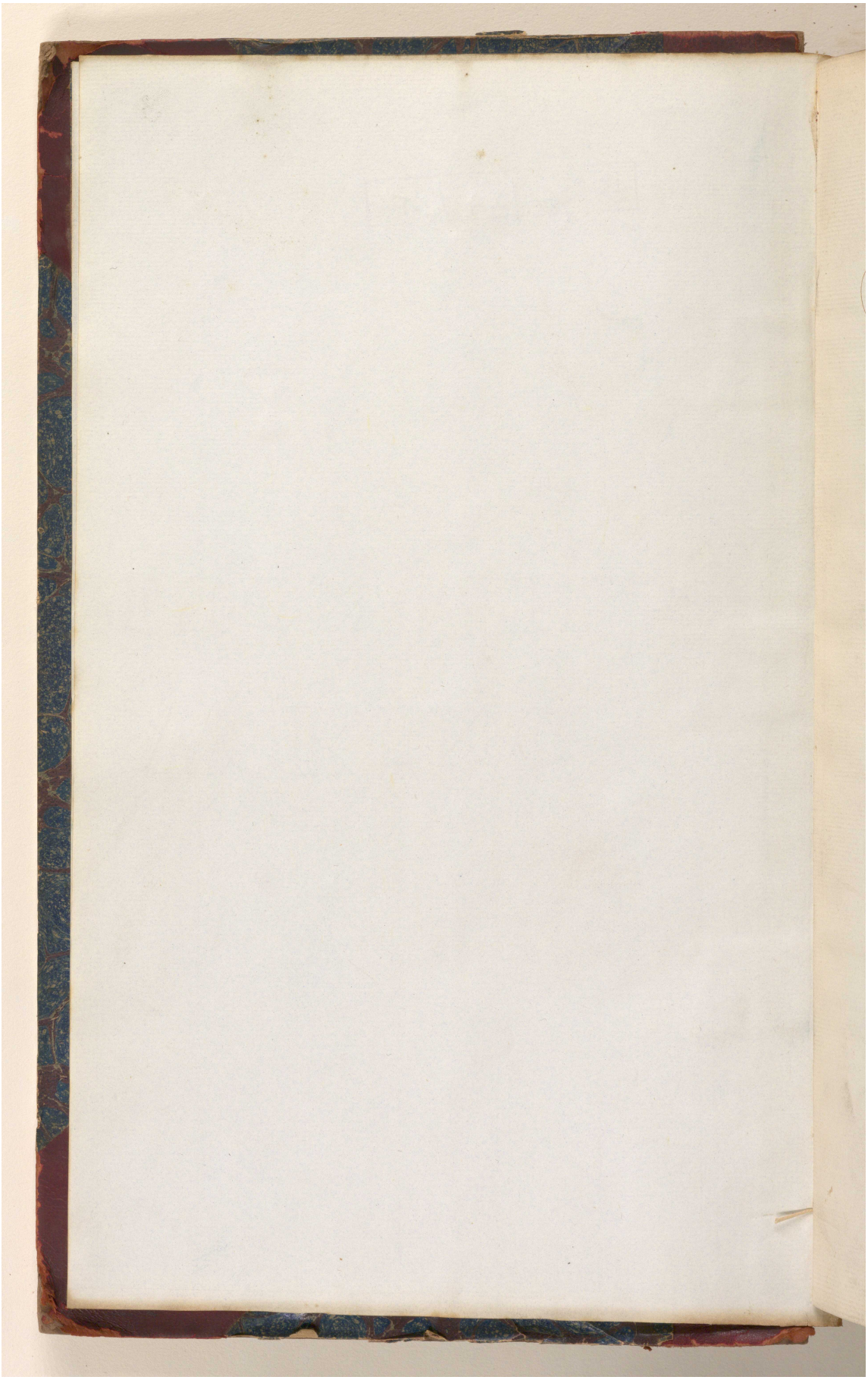

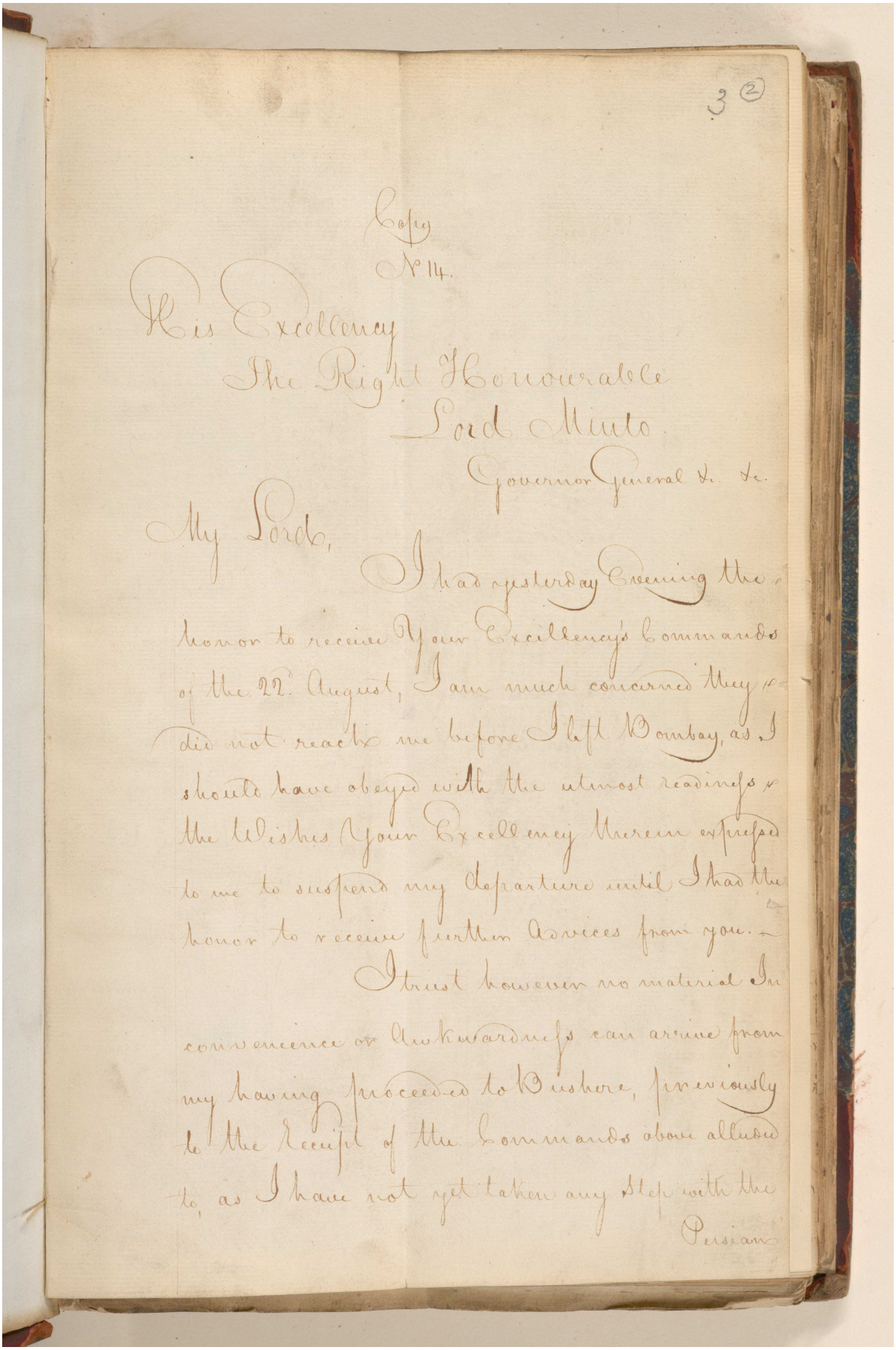

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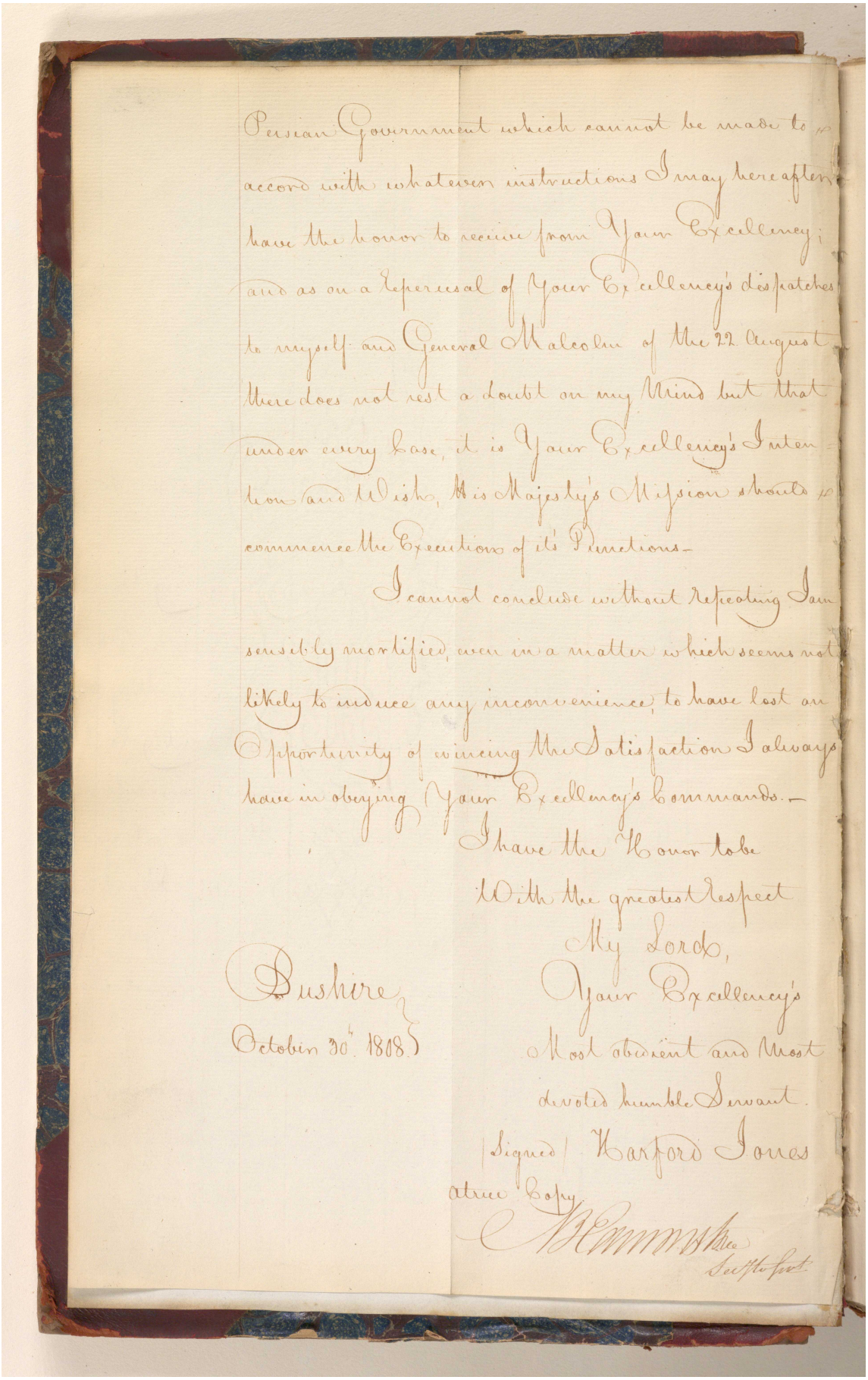
His Excellency
The Right Honourable
Lord Minto.
Governor General &c. &c.

My Lord,

I had yesterday Evening the honor to receive Your Excellency's Commands of the 22d. August, I am much concerned they did not reach me before I left Bombay, as I should have obeyed with the utmost readiness the Wishes Your Excellency therein expressed to me to suspend my departure until I had the honor to receive further Advices from you.—

I trust however no material Inconvenience or Awkwardness can arrive from my having proceeded to Bushire, previously to the Receipt of the Commands above alluded to, as I have not yet taken any Step with the Persian



Persian Government which cannot be made to accord with whatever instructions I may hereafter have the honor to receive from Your Excellency; and as on a perusal of Your Excellency's dispatches to myself and General Malcolm of the 22 August there does not rest a doubt on my Mind but that under every base, it is Your Excellency's Intention and Wish, His Majesty's Mission should commence the Execution of it's Functions—

I cannot conclude without Repeating I am sensibly mortified, even in a matter which seems not likely to induce any inconvenience, to have lost an Opportunity of evincing the Satisfaction I always have in obeying Your Excellency's Commands.—

I have the Honor to be
With the greatest Respect
My Lord,
Your Excellency's
Most obedient and Most
devoted humble Servant
[Signed] Harford Jones

Bushire
October 30th 1808

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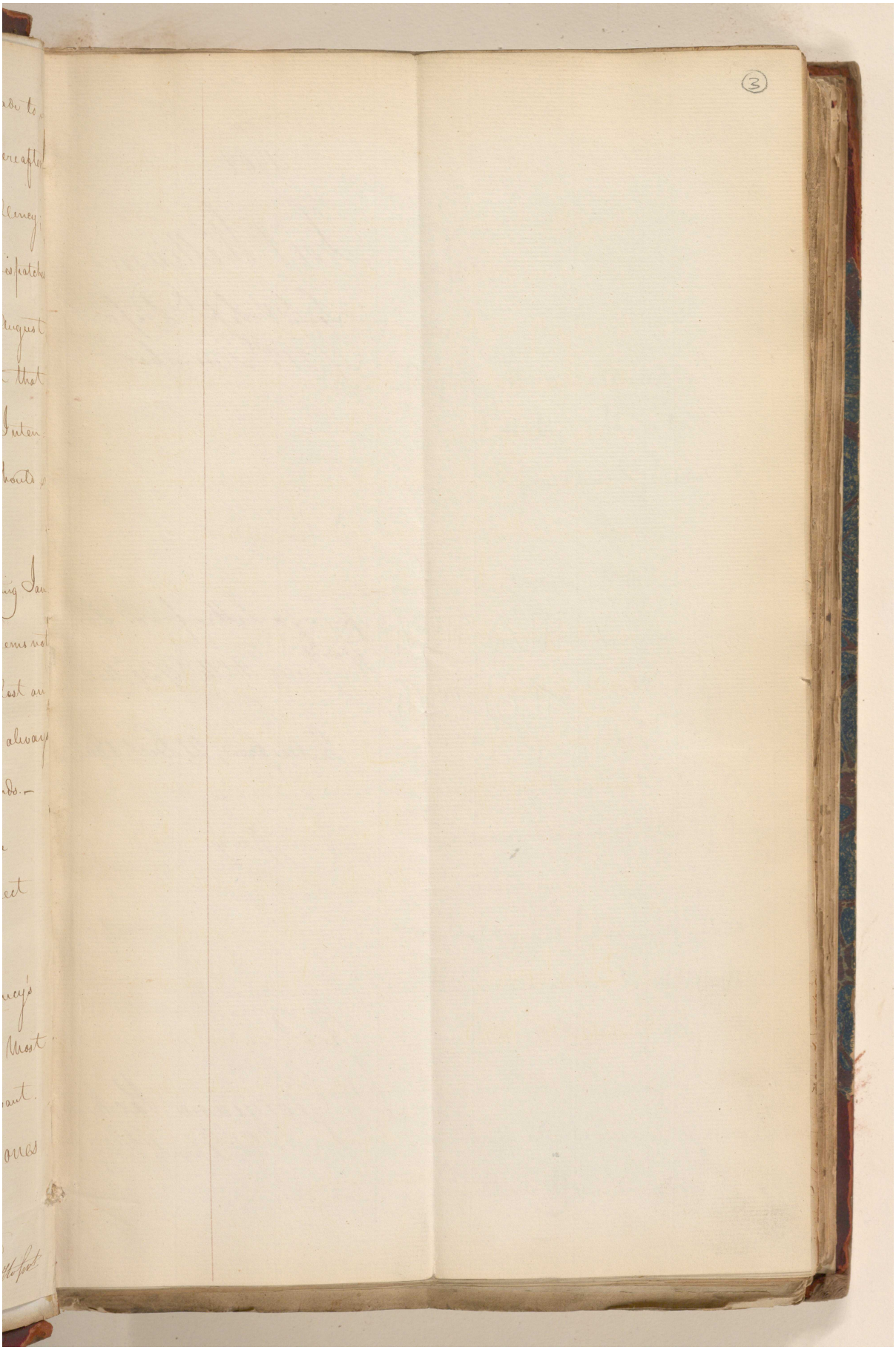

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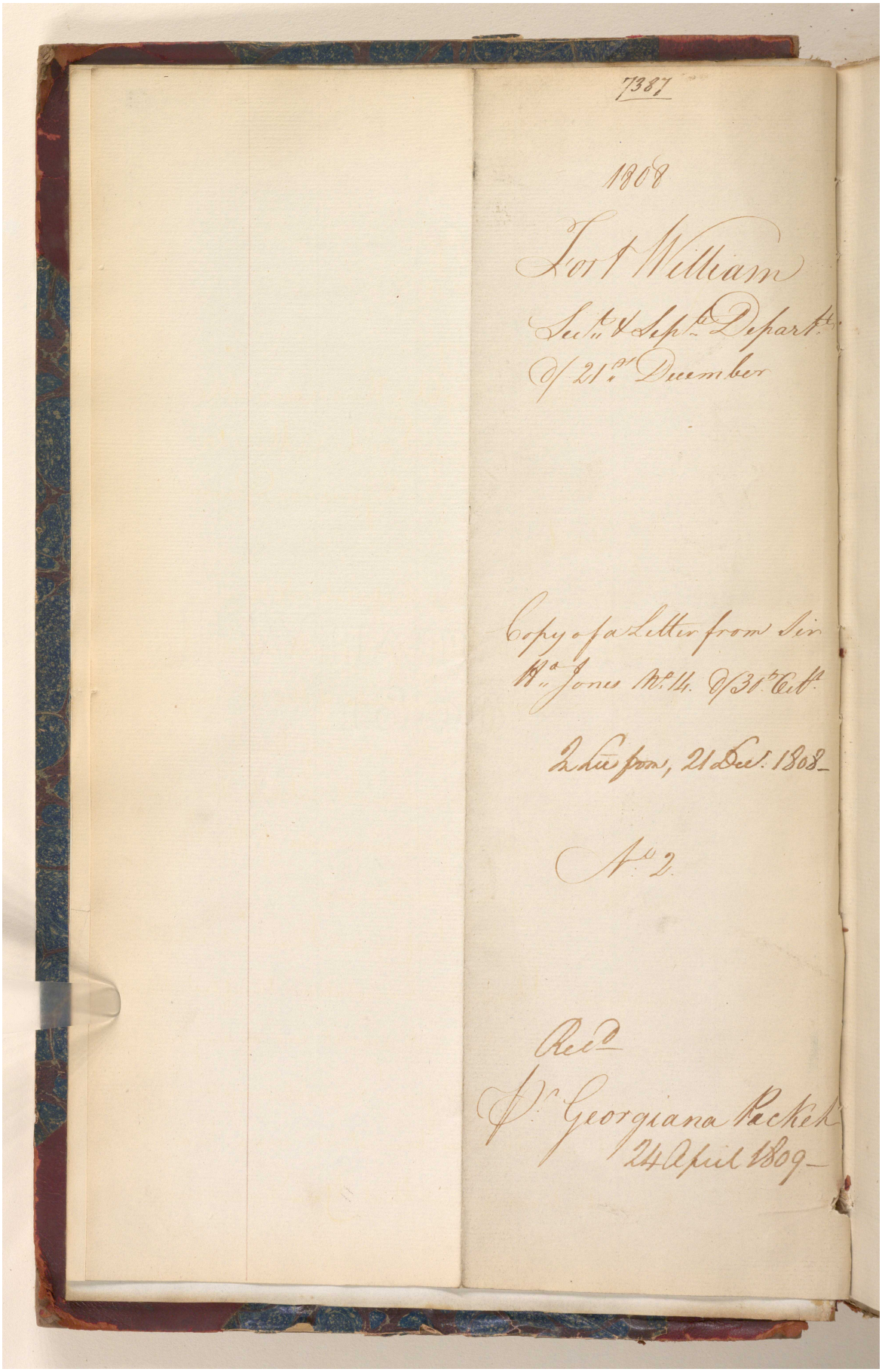

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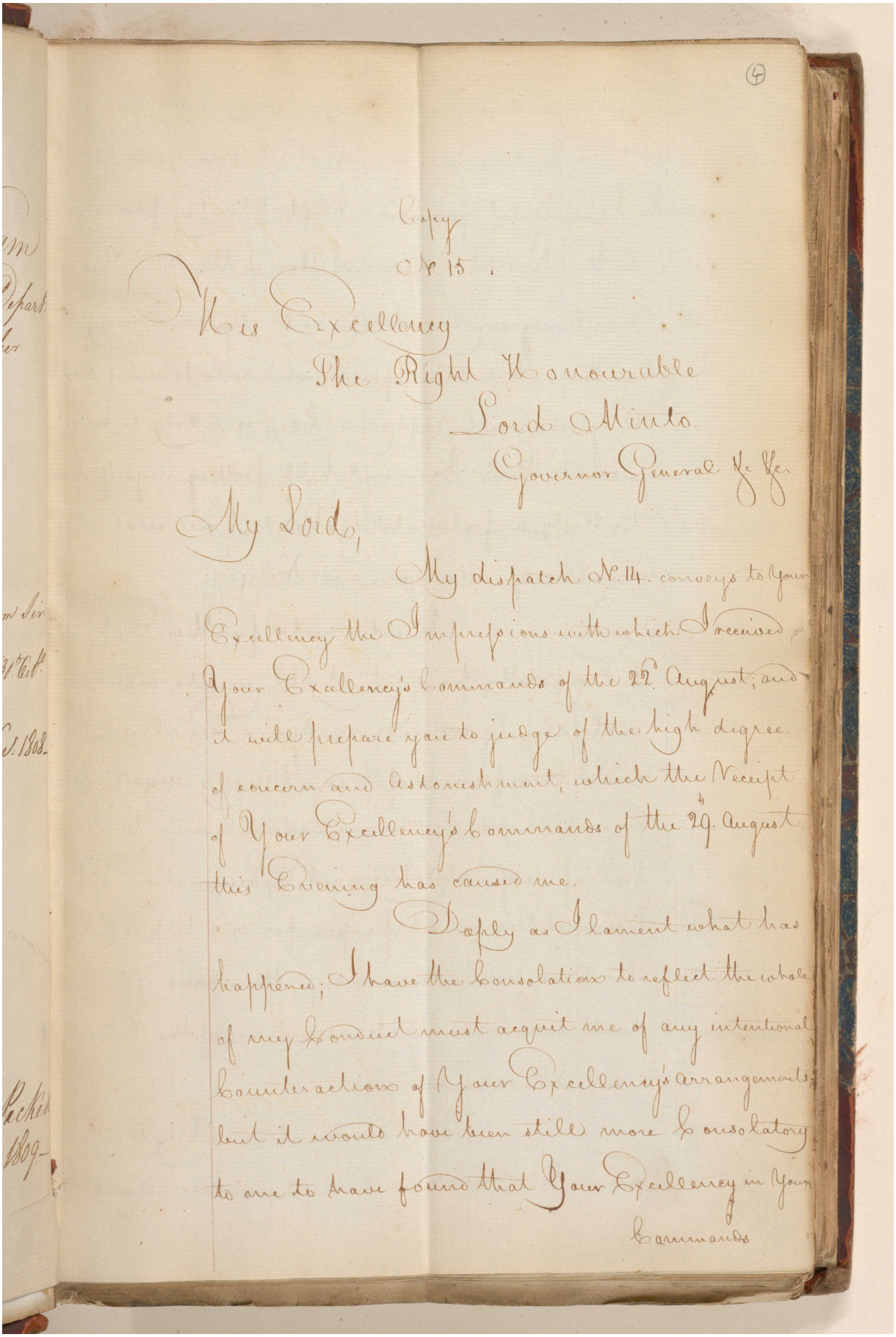

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To His Excellency
The Right Honourable
Lord Minto.
Governor General &c &c.

My Lord,

My dispatch No. 14. conveys to Your Excellency the Impressions with which I received Your Excellency's Commands of the 22d August; and I will prepare you to judge of the high degree of concern and Astonishment, which the Receipt of Your Excellency's Commands of the 29th August this Evening has caused me.

Deeply as I lament what has happened; I have the Consolation to reflect the whole of my Conduct must acquit me of any intentional Counteraction of Your Excellency's Arrangements; but it would have been still more Consolatory to me to have found that Your Excellency in Your Commands

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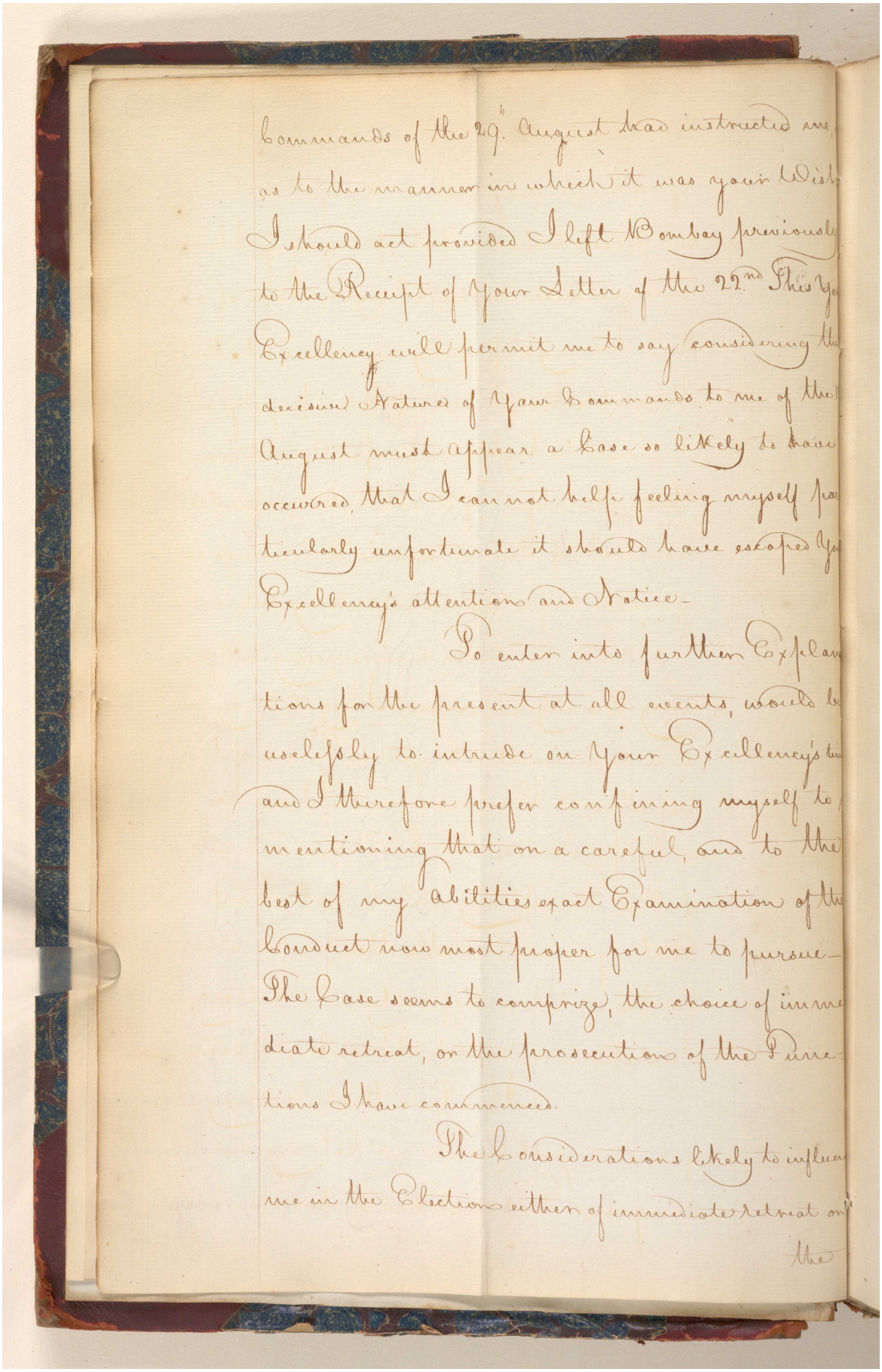

Commands of the 29th August has instructed me
as to the manner in which it was your Wish
I should act provided I left Bombay previously
to the Receipt of your Letter of the 22nd This Your
Excellency will permit me to say considering the
decisive Nature of your Commands to me of the
August must appear a Case so likely to have
occurred, that I cannot help feeling myself par-
ticularly unfortunate it should have escaped Your
Excellency's attention and Notice.

To enter into further Explana-
tions for the present at all events, would be
useleſsly to intrude on Your Excellency's time
and I therefore prefer confining myself to
mentioning that on a careful, and to the
best of my abilities exact Examination of the
Conduct now most proper for me to pursue.
The Case seems to comprize, the choice of immed-
diate retreat, or the prosecution of the Direc-
tions I have commenced.

The Considerations likely to influence
me in the Election either of immediate Retreat or
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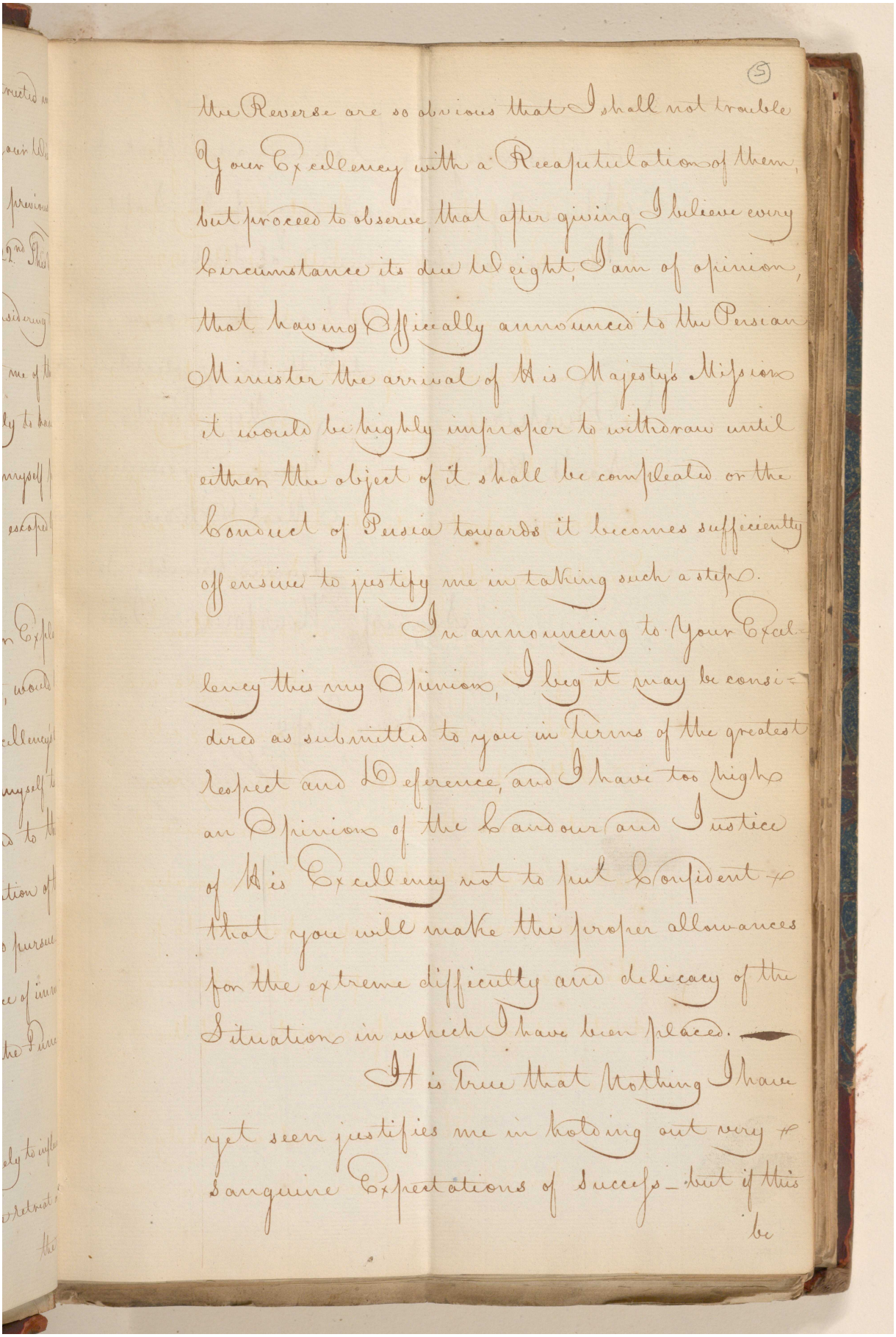

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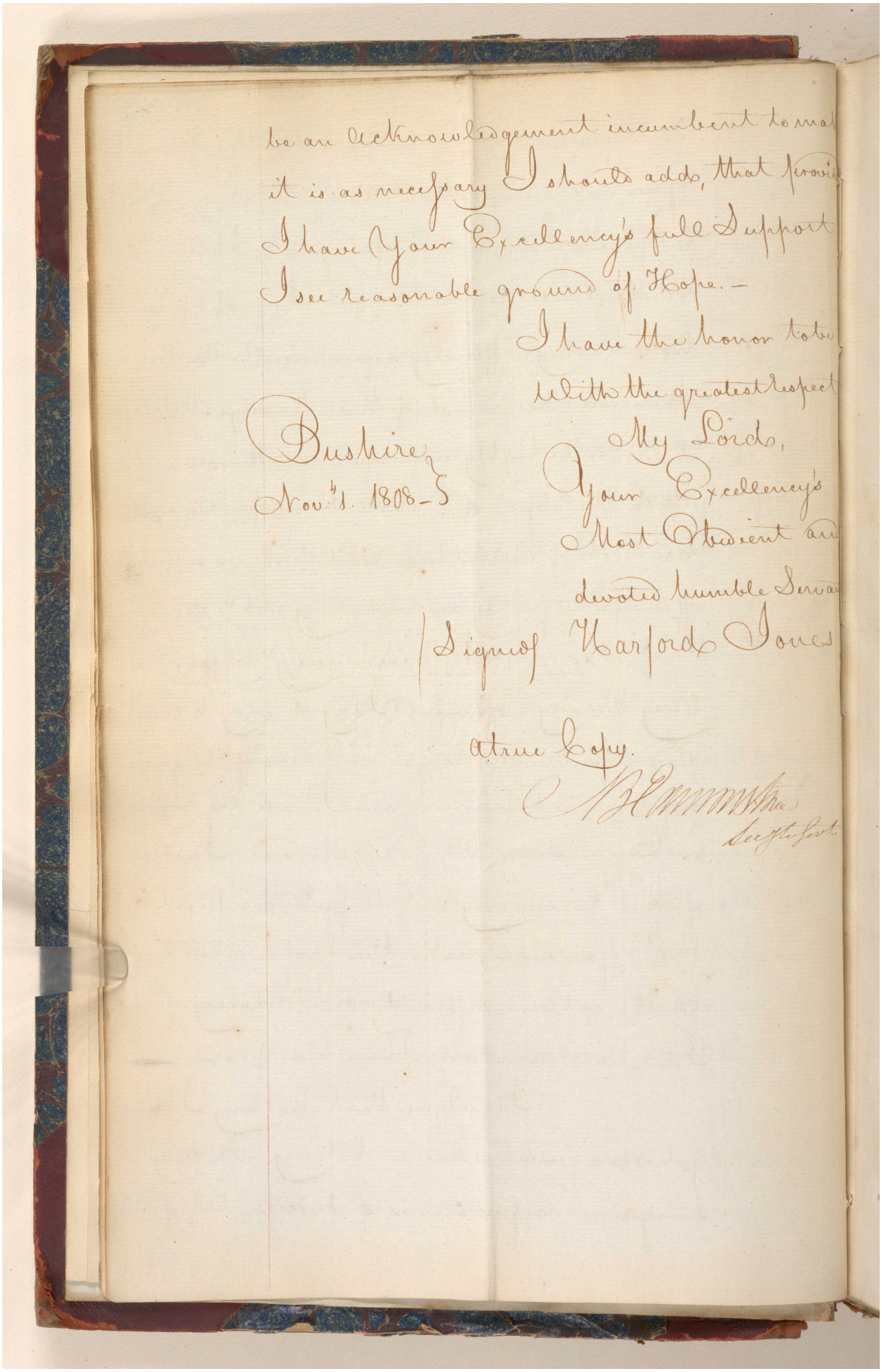
the Reverse are so obvious that I shall not trouble Your Excellency with a Recapitulation of them, but proceed to observe, that after giving I believe every circumstance its due Weight, I am of opinion, that having Officially announced to the Persian Minister the arrival of His Majesty's Mission it would be highly improper to withdraw until either the object of it shall be compleated or the Conduct of Persia towards it becomes sufficiently offensive to justify me in taking such a step.

In announcing to Your Excellency this my Opinion, I beg it may be considered as submitted to you in Terms of the greatest Respect and Deference, and I have too high an Opinion of the Candour and Justice of His Excellency not to put confident that you will make the proper allowances for the extreme difficulty and delicacy of the Situation in which I have been placed.

It is True that Nothing I have yet seen justifies me in holding out very sanguine Expectations of Success – but if this be



be an Acknowledgement incumbent to mak
it is as necessary I should add, that provid
I have Your Excellency's full Support
I see reasonable ground of Hope. —

I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect
My Lords,
Your Excellency's
Most Obedient and
devoted humble Servan

Bushire
Nov.r 1. 1808 —

Signed Harford Jones

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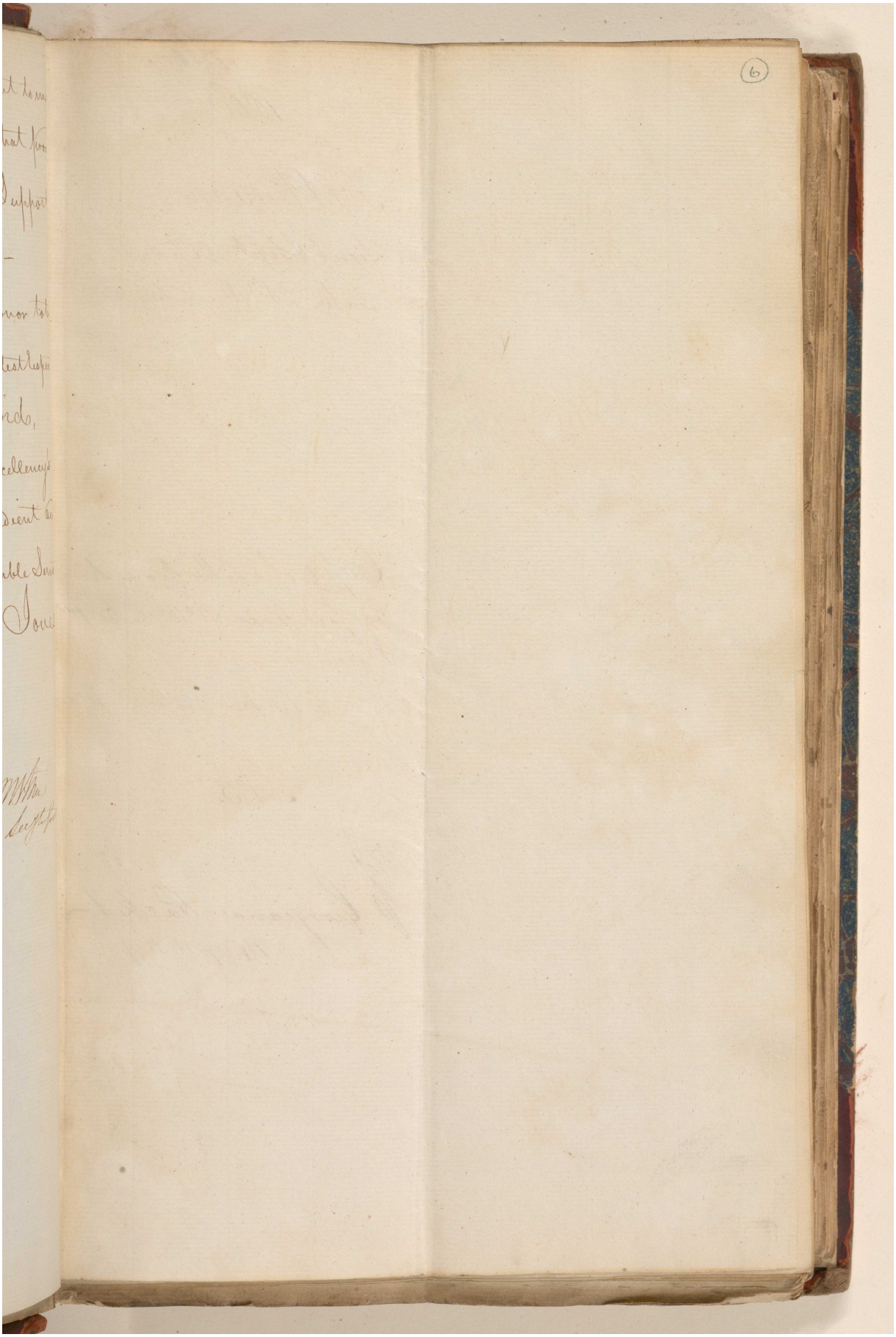

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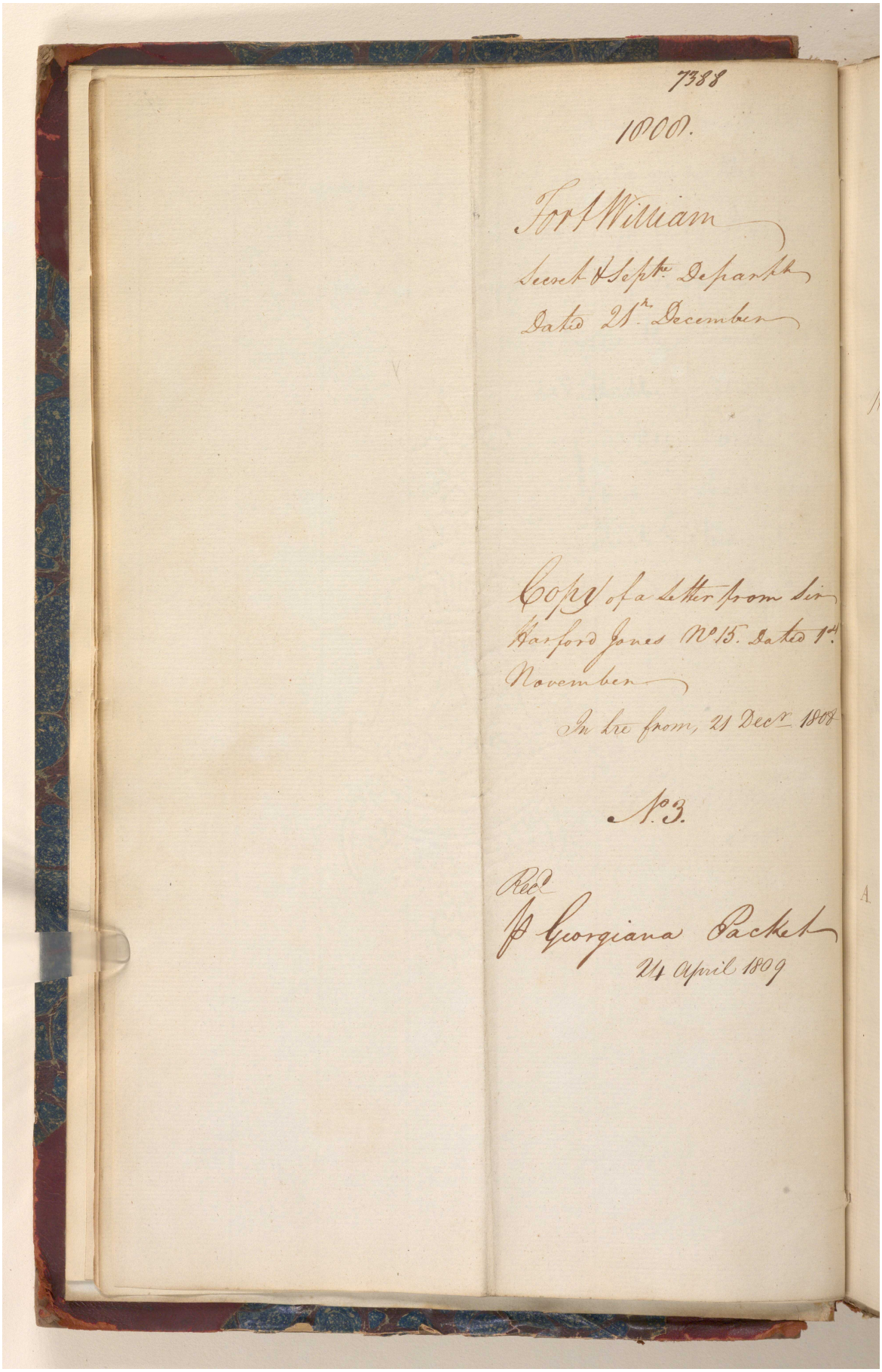
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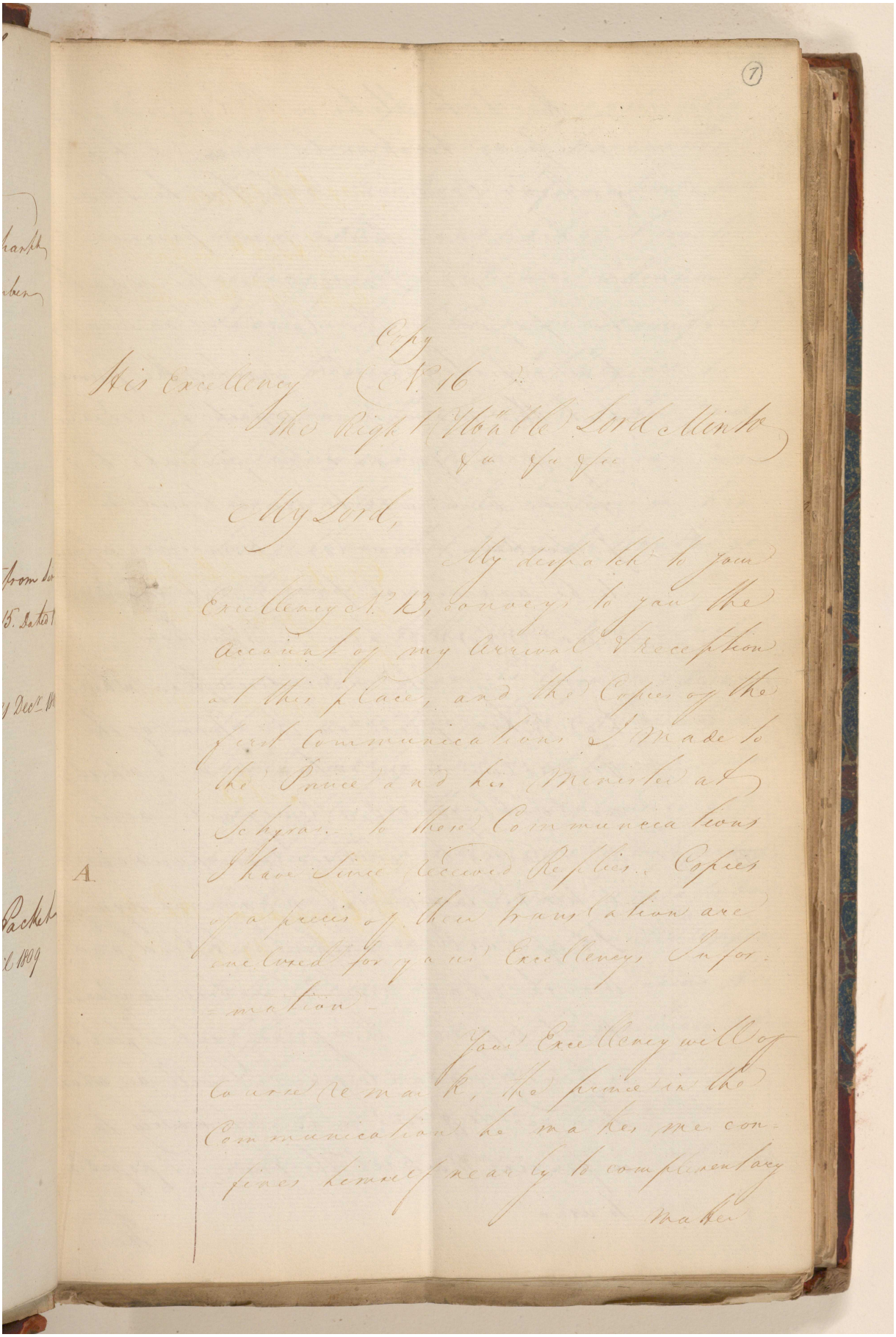

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His Excellency (No. 16)

The Right Honble Lord Minto

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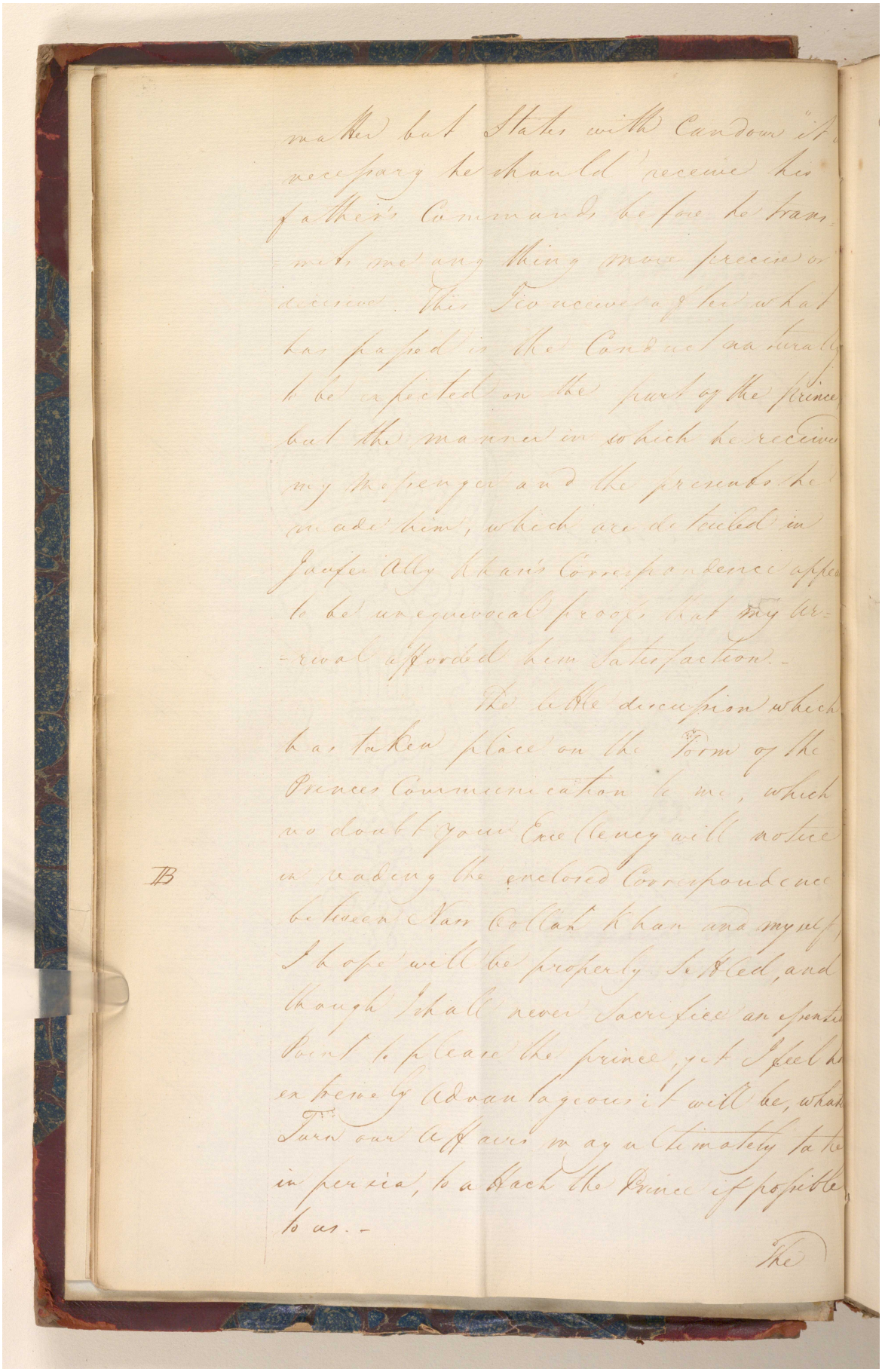
My Lord,

My despatch to your Excellency No. 13, conveys to you the account of my Arrival & reception at this place, and the Copies of the first Communications I made to the Prince and his Minister at Schyras. to these Communications I have since received Replies. Copies of a precis of their translation are enclosed for your Excellency's Information.

A.

Your Excellency will of course remark, the prince in the Communication he makes me confines himself nearly to complementary matter



make but States with Candour if necessary he should receive his father's Commands before he transmit me any thing more precise or decided. This I conceive after what has passed in the Conference naturally to be expected on the part of the Prince, but the manner in which he receives my Messenger and the remarks he made him, which are detailed in Jaffer Ally Khan's Correspondence appear to be unequivocal proofs that my Arrival afforded him Satisfaction.

B

The little deception which has taken place on the Form of the Princes Communication to me, which no doubt Your Excellency will notice in reading the enclosed Correspondence between Nawab Collah Khan and myself I hope will be properly settled, and though I shall never sacrifice an Iota of point to please the Prince, yet I feel how extremely advantageous it will be, what Turn our Affairs may ultimately take in Persia, to attach the Prince if possible to us.

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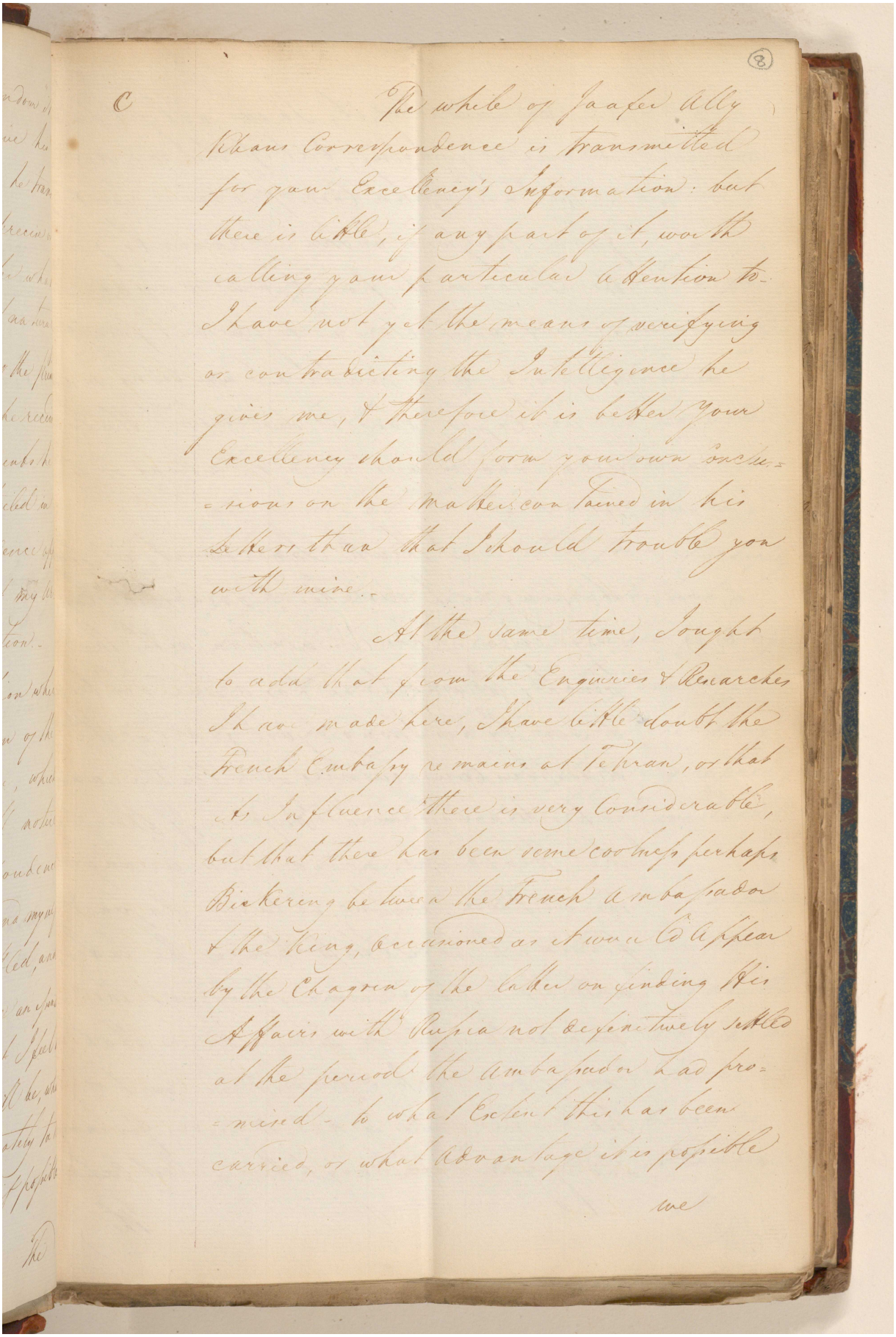

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The whole of Jaafer Ally Khans Correspondence is transmitted for your Excellency's Information: but there is little, if any part of it, worth calling your particular attention to. I have not yet the means of verifying or contradicting the Intelligence he gives me, & therefore it is better Your Excellency should form your own conclusions on the Matters contained in his Letters than that I should trouble you with mine.

At the same time, I ought to add that from the Enquiries & Researches I have made here, I have little doubt the French Embassy remains at Tehran, or that its Influence there is very considerable, but that there has been some cooness perhaps Bickering between the French Ambassador & the King, occasioned as I am told by the Chagrin of the latter on finding his Affairs with Russia not definitively settled at the period the Ambassador had promised. To what Extent this has been carried, or what Advantage it is possible

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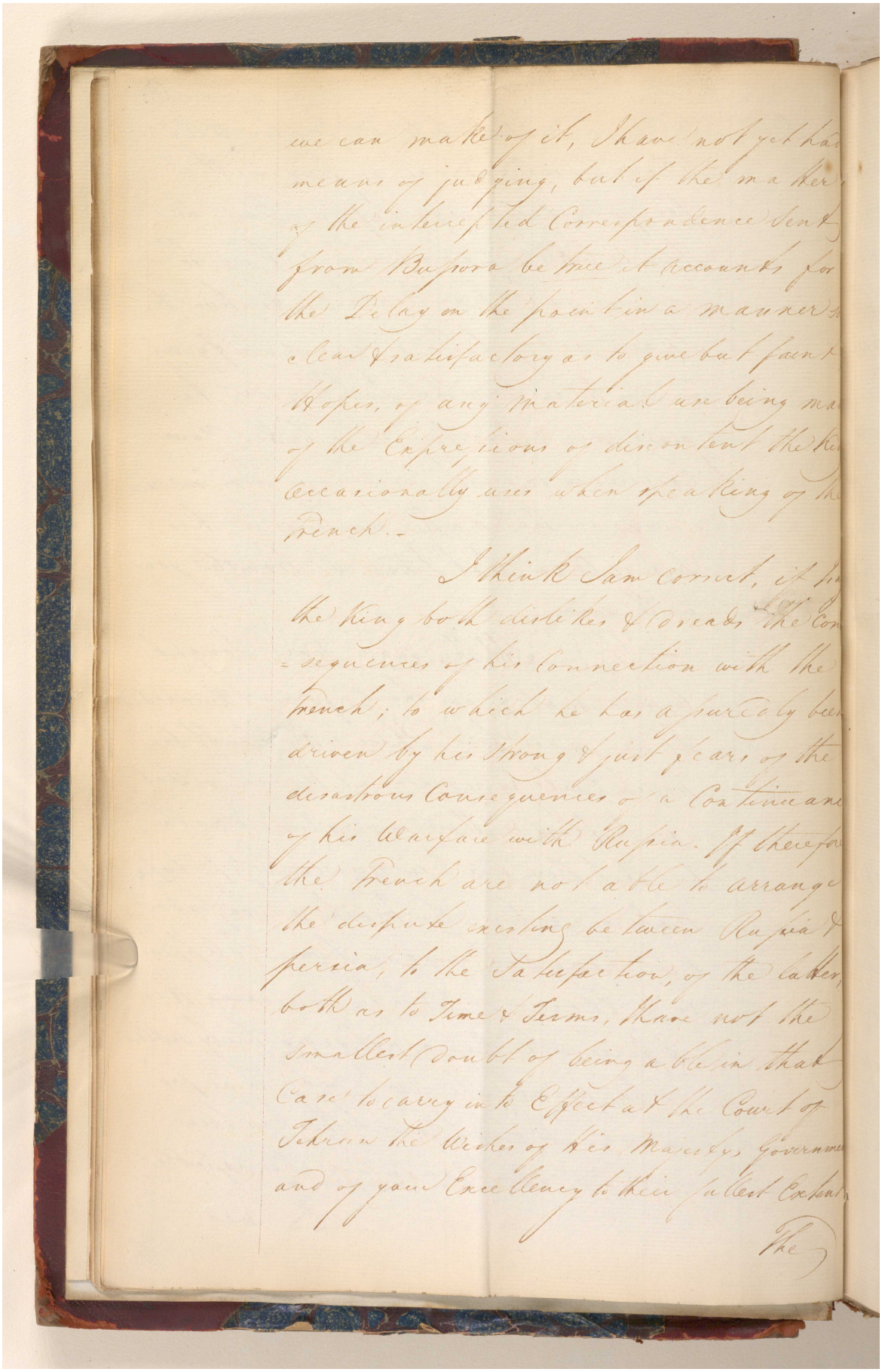

we can make of it, I have not yet had means of judging, but if the matter of the intercepted Correspondence sent from Bussora be true it accounts for the Delay on the point in a manner so clear & satisfactory as to give but faint Hopes, of any material use being made of the Expressions of discontent the King occasionally uses when speaking of the French.-

I think I am correct, if I say the King both dislikes & dreads the Consequences of his Connection with the French; to which he has assuredly been driven by his strong & just fears of the disastrous Consequences of a Continuance of his Warfare with Russia. If therefore the French are not able to arrange the dispute existing between Russia & Persia, to the Satisfaction, of the latter, both as to Time & Terms, I have not the smallest doubt of being able in that Case to carry into Effect at the Court of Tehran the Wishes of His Majesty's Government and of your Excellency to their fullest Extent.

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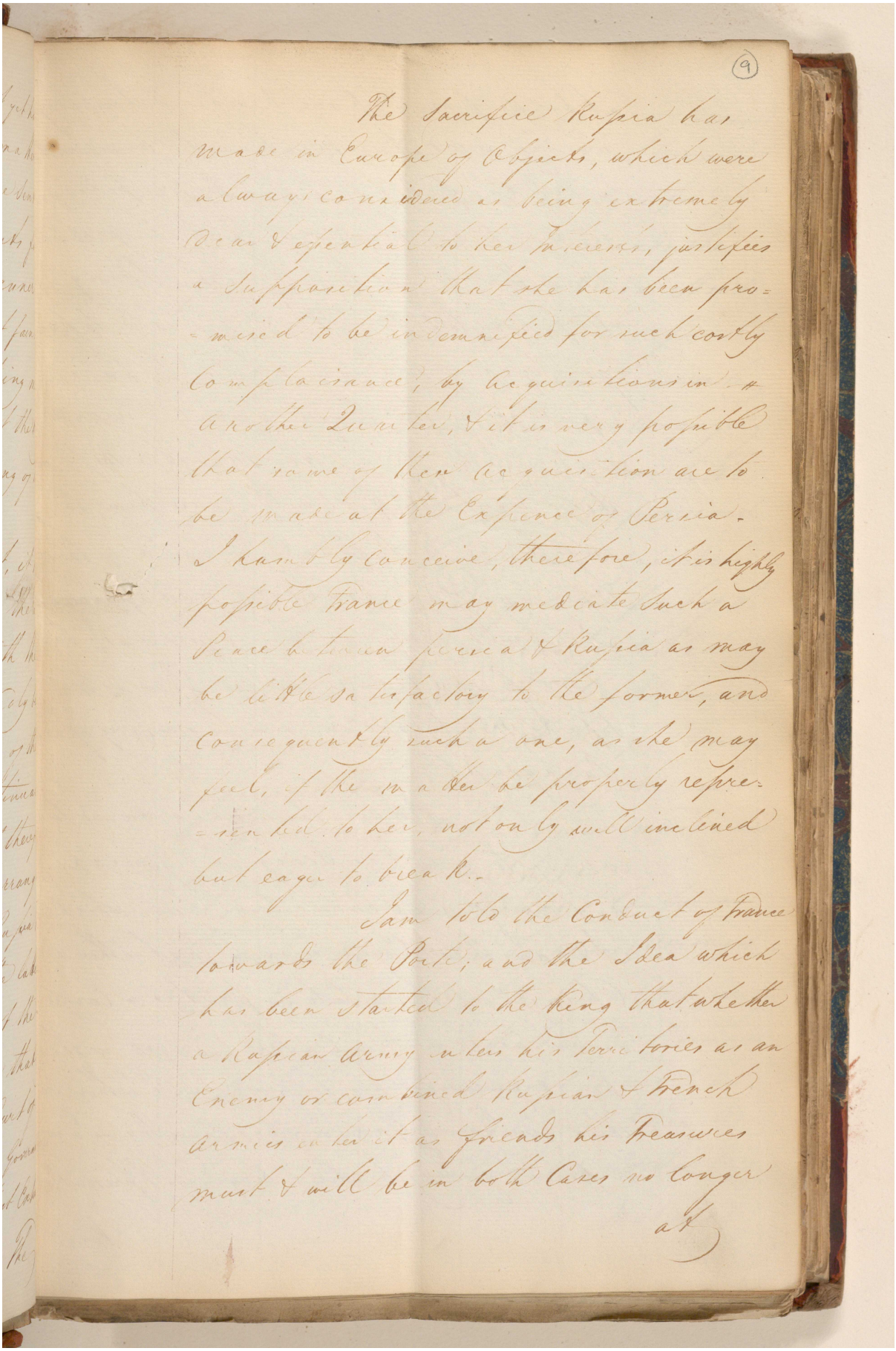

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The Sacrifice Russia has
made in Europe of Objects, which were
always considered as being extremely
dear & essential to her interests, justifies
a Supposition that she has been pro-
-mised to be indemnified for such costly
Complaisance, by Acquisitions in
another Quarter, & it is very possible
that some of her Acquisitions are to
be made at the Expence of Persia.
I can only conceive, therefore, it is highly
possible France may mediate such a
Peace between Persia & Russia as may
be likewise satisfactory to the former, and
consequently such a one, as she may
feel, if she can be properly repre-
-sented to her, not only well inclined
but eager to break.

I am told the Conduct of France
towards the Porte; and the Idea which
has been started to the King that whether
a Russian Army enters his Territories as an
Enemy or combined Russian & French
Armies enter it as Friends his Treasures
must & will be in both Cases no longer

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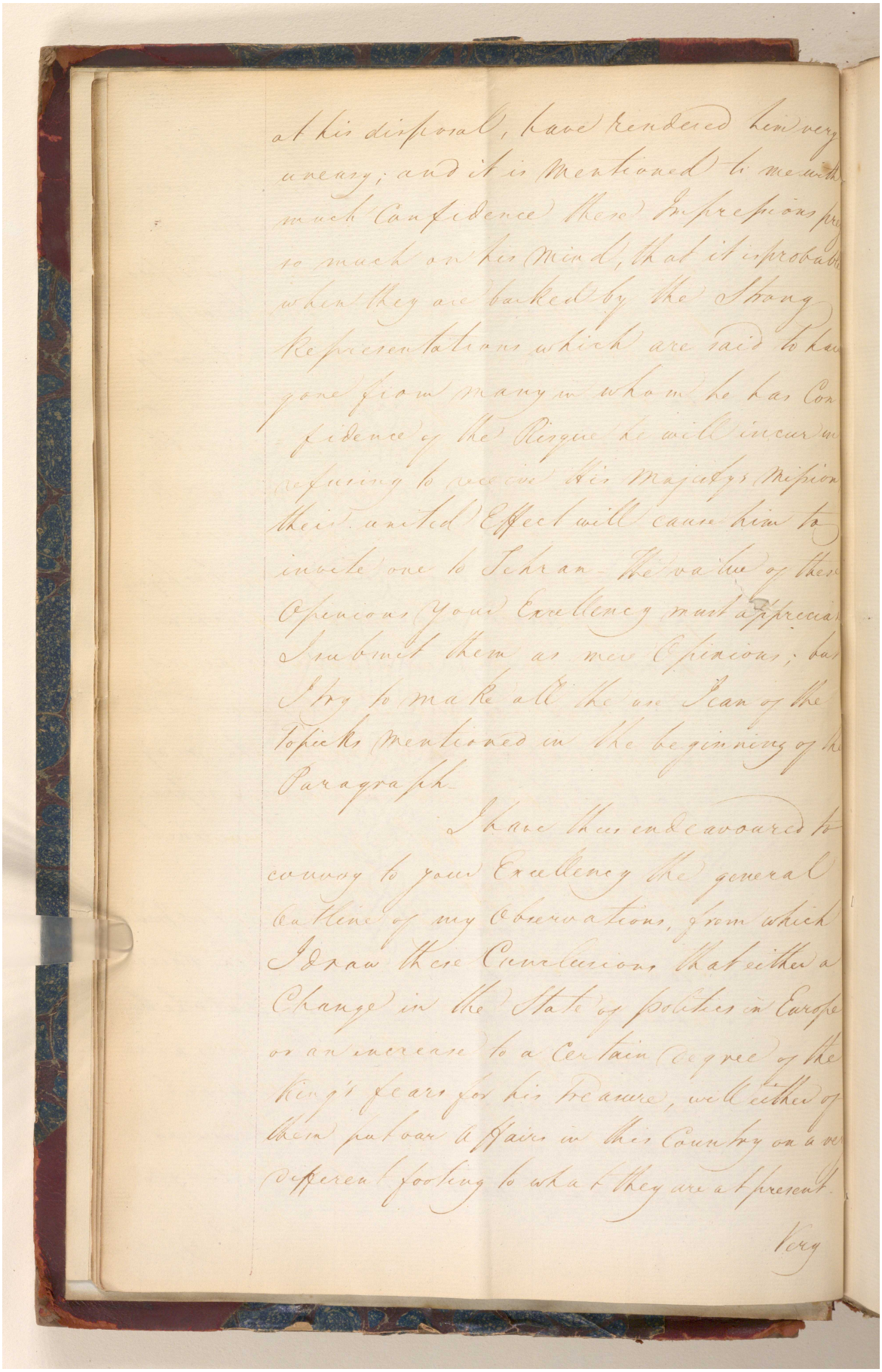

at his disposal, have rendered him very uneasy; and it is mentioned to me with much Confidence these Impressions prey so much on his mind, that it is probable when they are backed by the Strong Representations which are said to have gone from many in whom he has Confidence of the Risque he will incur in refusing to receive His Majesty's Mission their united Effect will cause him to invite one to Tehran. The value of these Opinions Your Excellency must appreciate I submit them as mere Opinions; but I try to make all the use I can of the Topicks mentioned in the beginning of the Paragraph.

I have thus endeavoured to convey to your Excellency the general Outline of my Observations, from which I draw these Conclusions that either a Change in the State of politics in Europe or an increase to a Certain degree of the King's fears for his Treasure, will either of them put our Affairs in this Country on a very different footing to what they are at present.

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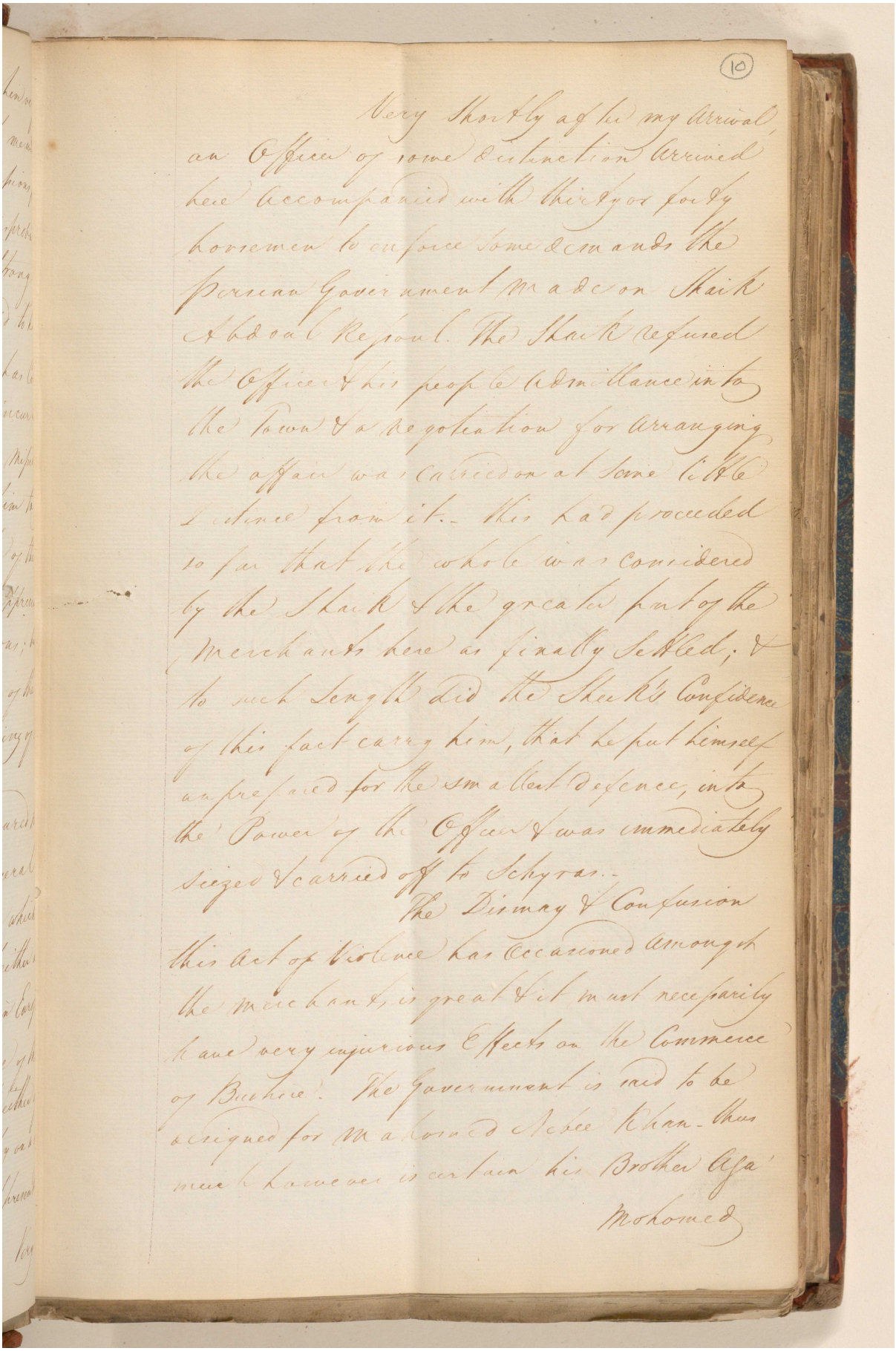

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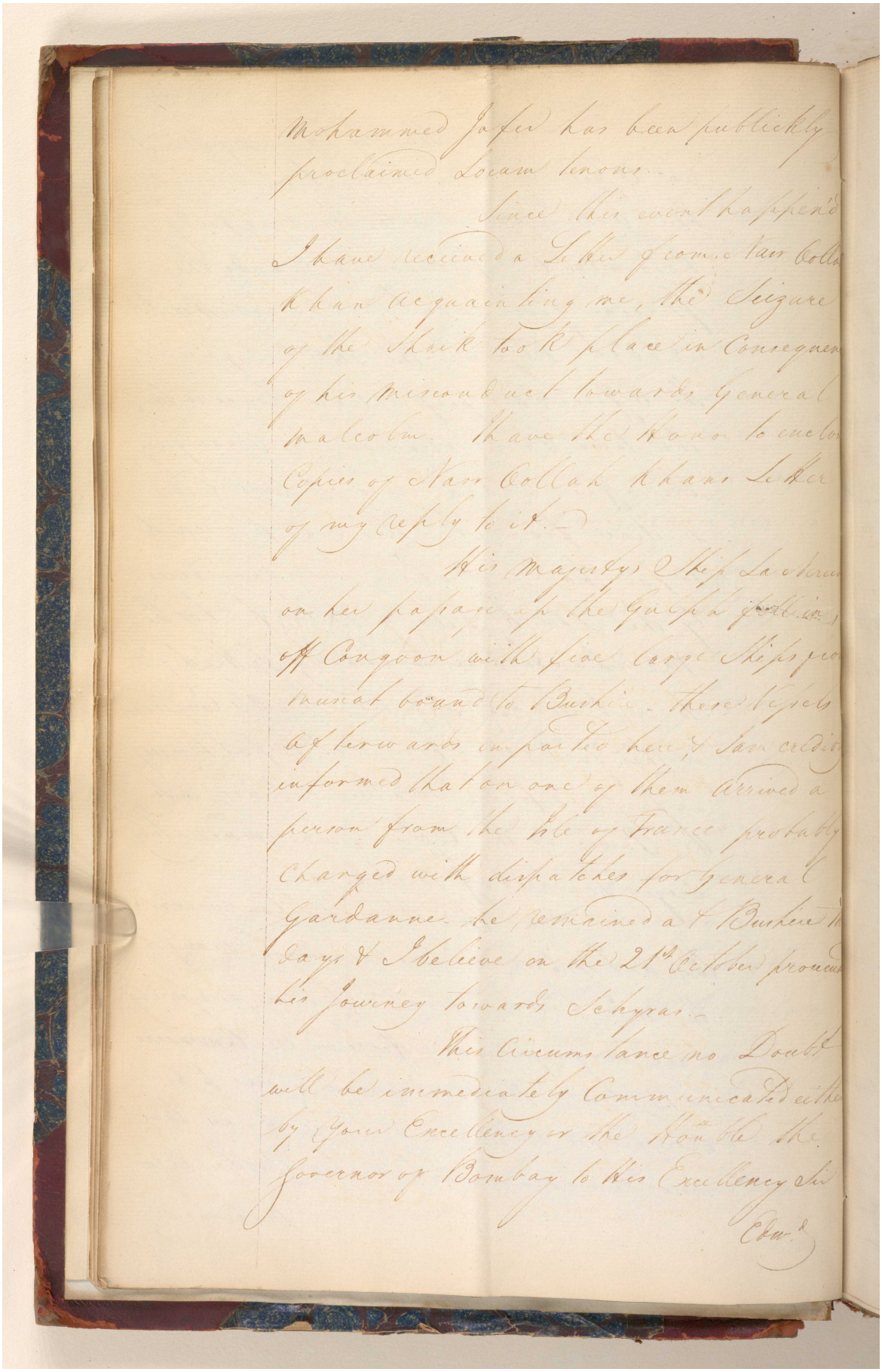
Very Shortly after my Arrival, an Officer of some Distinction arrived here accompanied with thirty or forty horsemen to enforce some demands the Persian Government made on Sheik Abdoal Rejoul. The Sheik required the Officer & his people Admittance into the Town & a Negotiation for arranging the affair was carried on at some little distance from it.- this had proceeded so far that the whole was considered by the Sheik & the great part of the Merchants here as finally settled; & to such length did the Sheiks Confidence of this fact carry him, that he put himself unprepared for the smallest Defence, into the Power of the Officer & was immediately seized & carried off to Schyras.-

The Dismay & Confusion this Act of Violence has occasioned amongst the Merchants is great & it must necessarily have very injurious Effects on the Commerce of Bushire. The Government is said to be designed for Mahomed Nebee Khan.- this must however is certain his Brother Aga Mohomed



Mohammed Jafer has been publickly proclaimed Locum tenons.

Since this event happen'd I have received a Letter from Nasr Oollah Khan acquainting me, the Seizure of the Shaik took place in Consequence of his misconduct towards General Malcolm. I have the Honor to enclose Copies of Nasr Oollah Khans Letter of my reply to it.

His Majestys Ship La Nereine on her passage up the Gulph fell in, off Congoon with five large Ships from Muscat bound to Bushire. these Vessels afterwards imported here, & I am credibly informed that on one of them Arrived a person from the Isle of France probably Charged with dispatches for General Gardanne. he remained at Bushire the days & I believe on the 21st October prosecuted his Journey towards Schyras.

This Circumstance no Doubt will be immediately Communicated either by Your Excellency or the Honble the Governor of Bombay to His Excellency Sir

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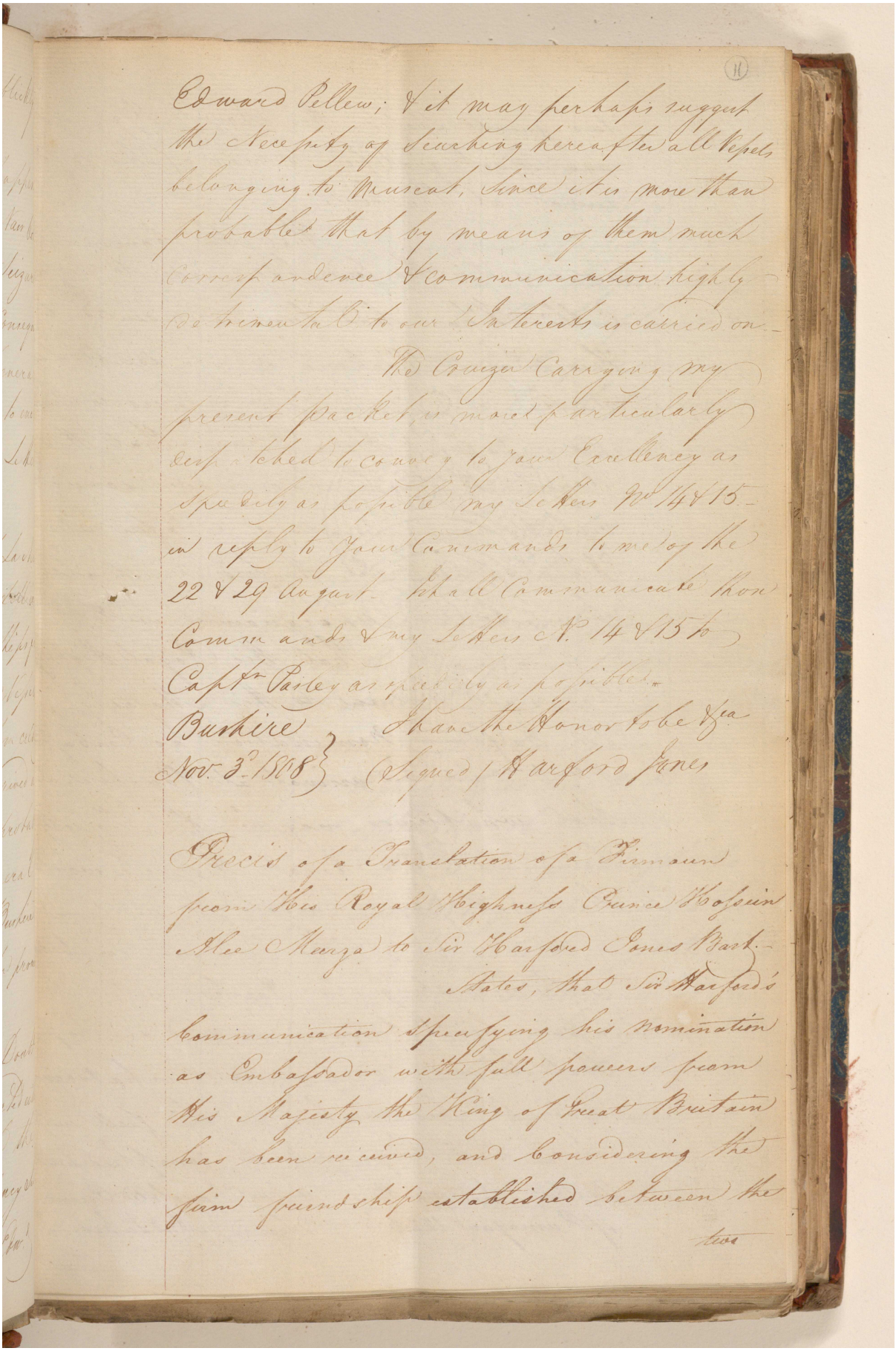

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Edward Pellew; & it may perhaps suggest the Necessity of Searching hereafter all Vessels belonging to Muscat, Since it is more than probable that by means of them much Correspondence & communication highly detrimental to our Interests is carried on.

The Cruizer Carrying my present packet, is more particularly dispatched to convey to your Excellency as speedily as possible my Letters No 14 & 15 in reply to your Commands to me of the 22 & 29 August. I shall Communicate those Commands & my Letters No. 14 & 15 to Captn Pasley as speedily as possible.

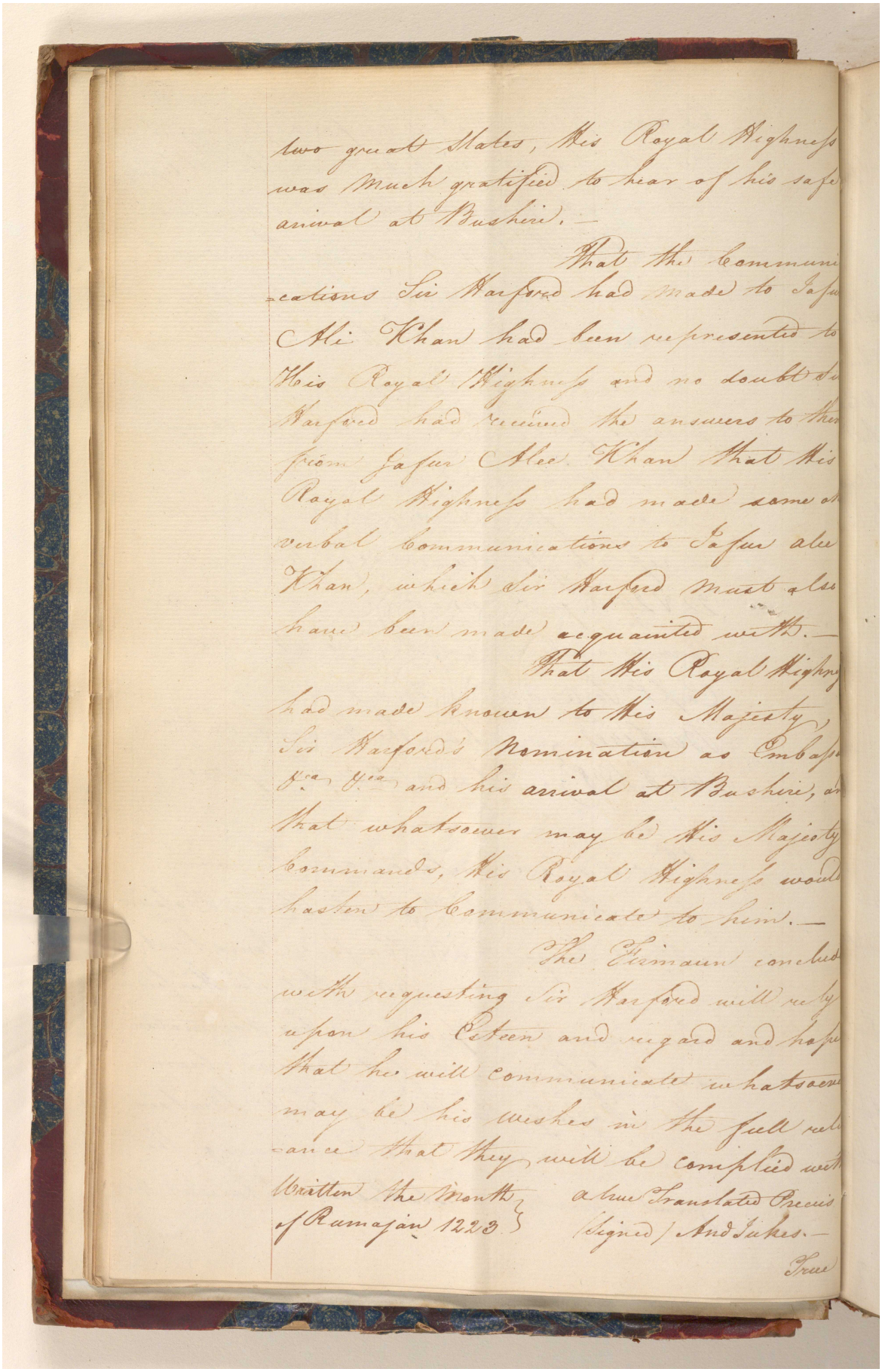
Bushire
Nov. 3d 1808

I have the Honor to be &ca
(Signed) Harford Jones

Precis of a Translation of a Firmaun from His Royal Highness Prince Hossein Alee Meerza to Sir Harford Jones Bart.

States, that Sir Harford's Communication specifying his nomination as Embassador with full powers from His Majesty the King of Great Britain has been received, and Considering the firm friendship established between the

two



two great States, His Royal Highness was much gratified to hear of his safe arival at Bushire.—

That the communications Sir Harford had made to Jafur Ali Khan had been represented to His Royal Highness and no doubt Sir Harford had received the answers to them from Jafur Alee Khan that His Royal Highness had made some verbal communications to Jafur alee Khan, which Sir Harford must also have been made acquainted with.—

That His Royal Highness had made known to His Majesty Sir Harford's Nomination as Embassador &c. &c. and his arival at Bushire, and that whatsoever may be His Majesty's commands, His Royal Highness would hasten to Communicate to him.—

The Firmaun concluded with requesting Sir Harford will rely upon his Esteem and regard and hope that he will communicate whatsoever may be his wishes in the full reliance that they will be complied with.

Written the Month of Ramajan 1223. A true Translated Precis Signed / And Jukes.—

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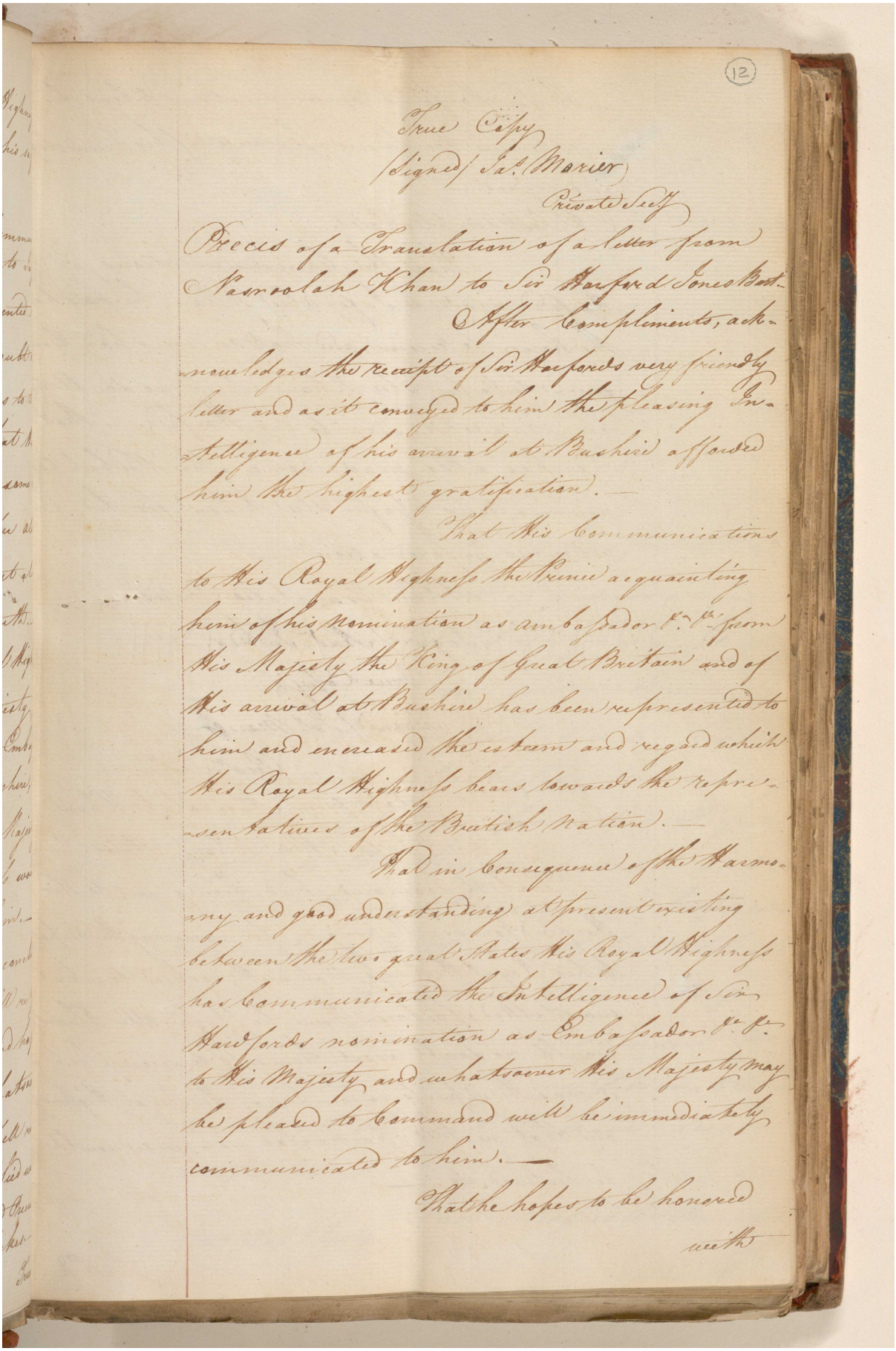

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True Copy
(Signed) Jas. Morier
Private Secy

Precis of a Translation of a letter from Nasroolah Khan to Sir Harford Jones Bart.

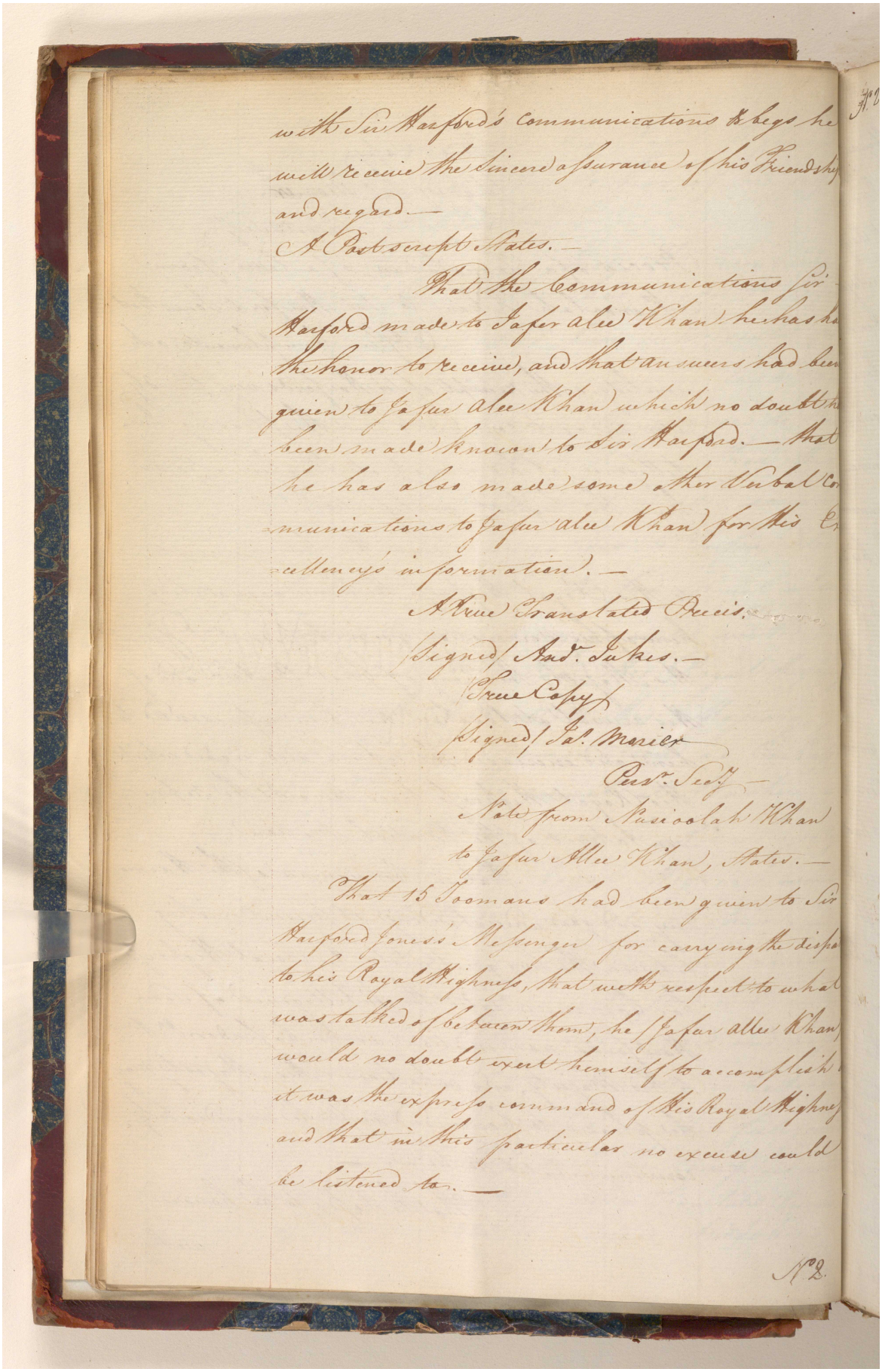
After Compliments, acknowledges the receipt of Sir Harfords very friendly letter and as it conveyed to him the pleasing Intelligence of his arrival at Bushire afforded him the highest gratification.—

That His Communications to His Royal Highness the Prince acquainting him of his nomination as ambassador &c. &c. from His Majesty the King of Great Britain and of His arrival at Bushire has been represented to him and encreased the esteem and regard which His Royal Highness bears towards the representatives of the British Nation.—

That in Consequence of the Harmony and good understanding at present existing between the two great States His Royal Highness has Communicated the Intelligence of Sir Hardfords nomination as Embassador &c. &c. to His Majesty and whatsoever His Majesty may be pleased to Command will be immediately communicated to him.—

That he hopes to be honored

with



with Sir Hartford's Communications & begs he will receive the Sincere assurance of his Friendship and regard.—

A Postscript States.—

That the Communications Sir Hartford made to Jaffer alee Khan he has had the honor to receive, and that answers had been given to Jaffer alee Khan which no doubt has been made known to Sir Hartford.—That he has also made some other Verbal Communications to Jaffer alee Khan for his Excellency's information.—

A True Translated Precis.

Signed/ Asad. Jukes.—

True Copy/

Signed/ Jal. Marier

Pers. Secy.

Note from Musicolah Khan to Jaffer Allee Khan, States.—

That 15 Toomans had been given to Sir Hartford Jones's Messenger for carrying the dispatches to his Royal Highness, that with respect to what was talked of between them, he Jaffer allee Khan would no doubt exert himself to accomplish it, it was the express command of his Royal Highness and that in this particular no excuse could be listened to.—

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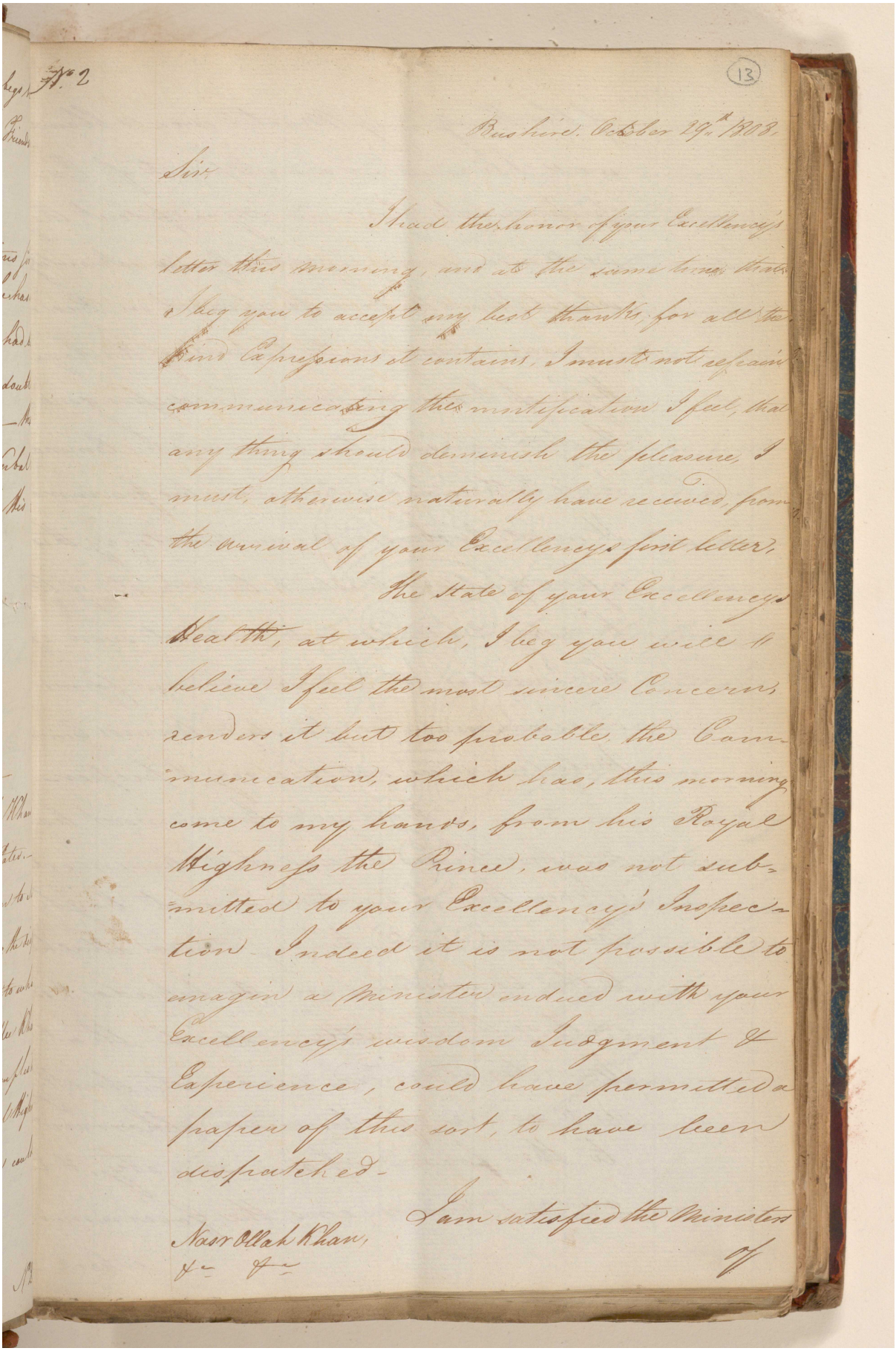

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Bushire. October 29th 1808.

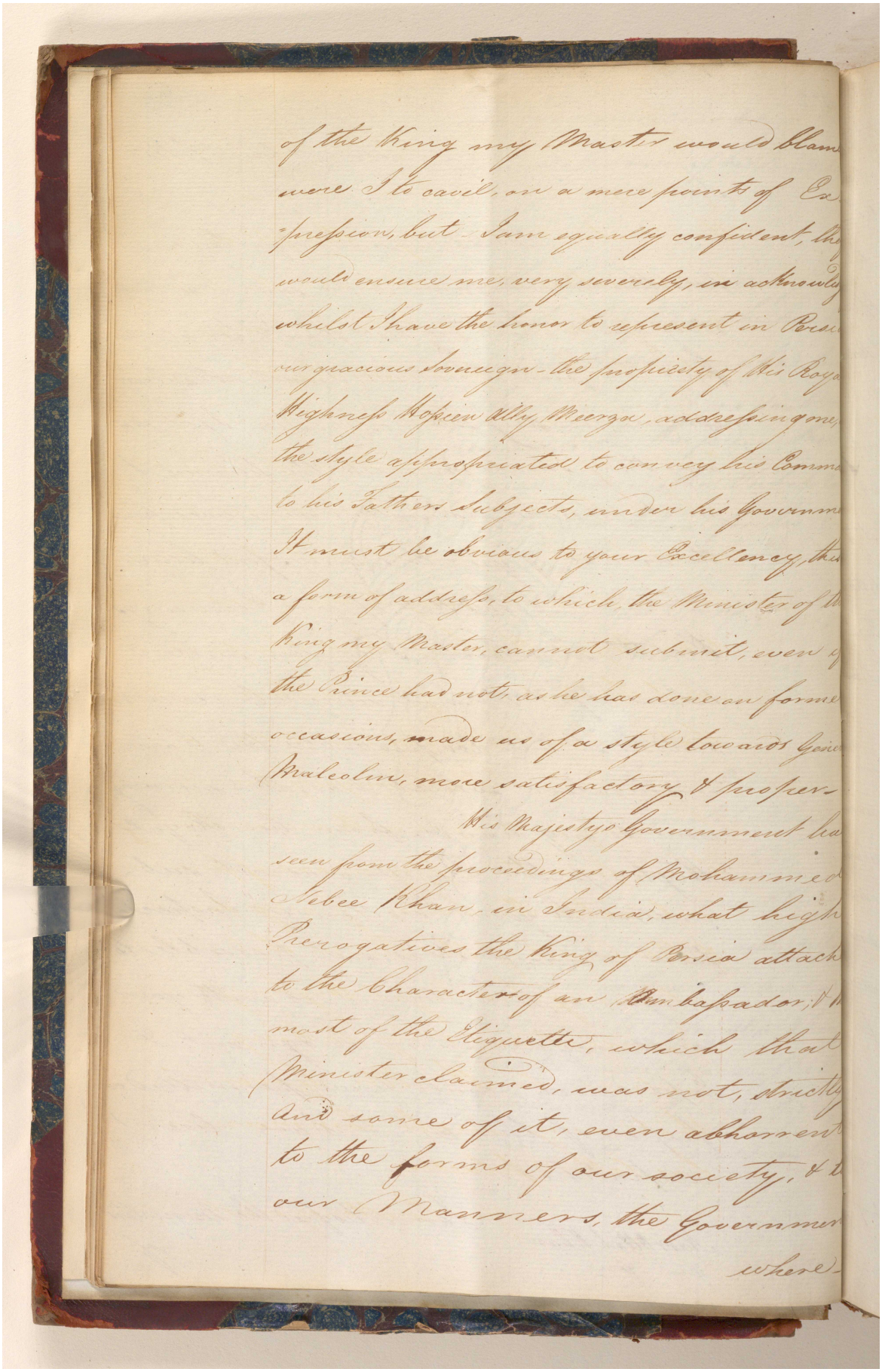
Sir

I had the honor of your Excellency's letter this morning, and at the same time that I beg you to accept my best thanks, for all the kind expressions it contains, I must not refrain communicating the mortification I feel, that any thing should deminish the pleasure, I must, otherwise naturally have received, from the arrival of your Excellency's first letter.

The state of your Excellency's health, at which, I beg you will believe I feel the most sincere Concern, renders it but too probable, the Communication, which has, this morning come to my hands, from his Royal Highness the Prince, was not submitted to your Excellency's Inspection. Indeed it is not possible to imagin a Minister endued with your Excellency's wisdom Judgment & Experience, could have permitted a paper of this sort, to have been dispatched.

I am satisfied the Ministers

Nasr Ollah Khan,
&c &c



of the King my Master would blame
were I to cavil, on a mere points of Ex-
-pression, but I am equally confident, they
would ensure me, very severely, in acknowledg
whilst I have the honor to represent in Persia
our gracious Sovereign - the propriety of His Royal
Highness Hossein Ally Meerza, addressing me,
the style appropriated to convey his Comma
to his Fathers Subjects, under his Governme
It must be obvious to your Excellency, this
a form of address, to which, the Minister of the
King my Master, cannot submit, even if
the Prince had not, as he has done on forme
occasions, made us of a style towards Gene
Malcolm, more satisfactory & proper -

His Majestys Government ha
seen from the proceedings of Mohammed
Nebee Khan, in India, what high
Prerogatives the King of Persia attach
to the Character of an Ambassador; & th
most of the Etiquette, which that
Minister claimed, was not, strictly
And some of it, even abhorrent
to the forms of our society, & t
our Manners, the Governmen

where -

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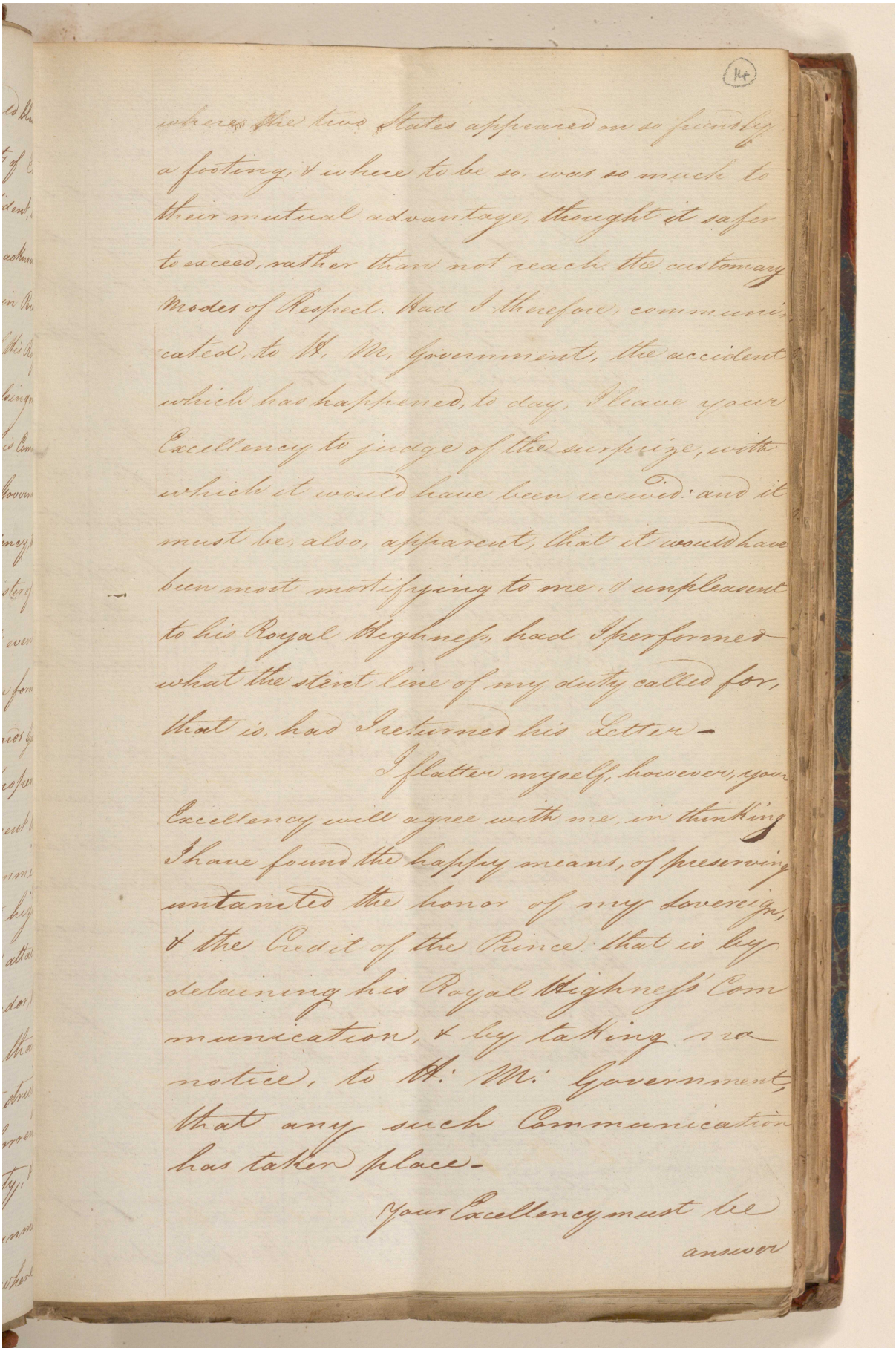

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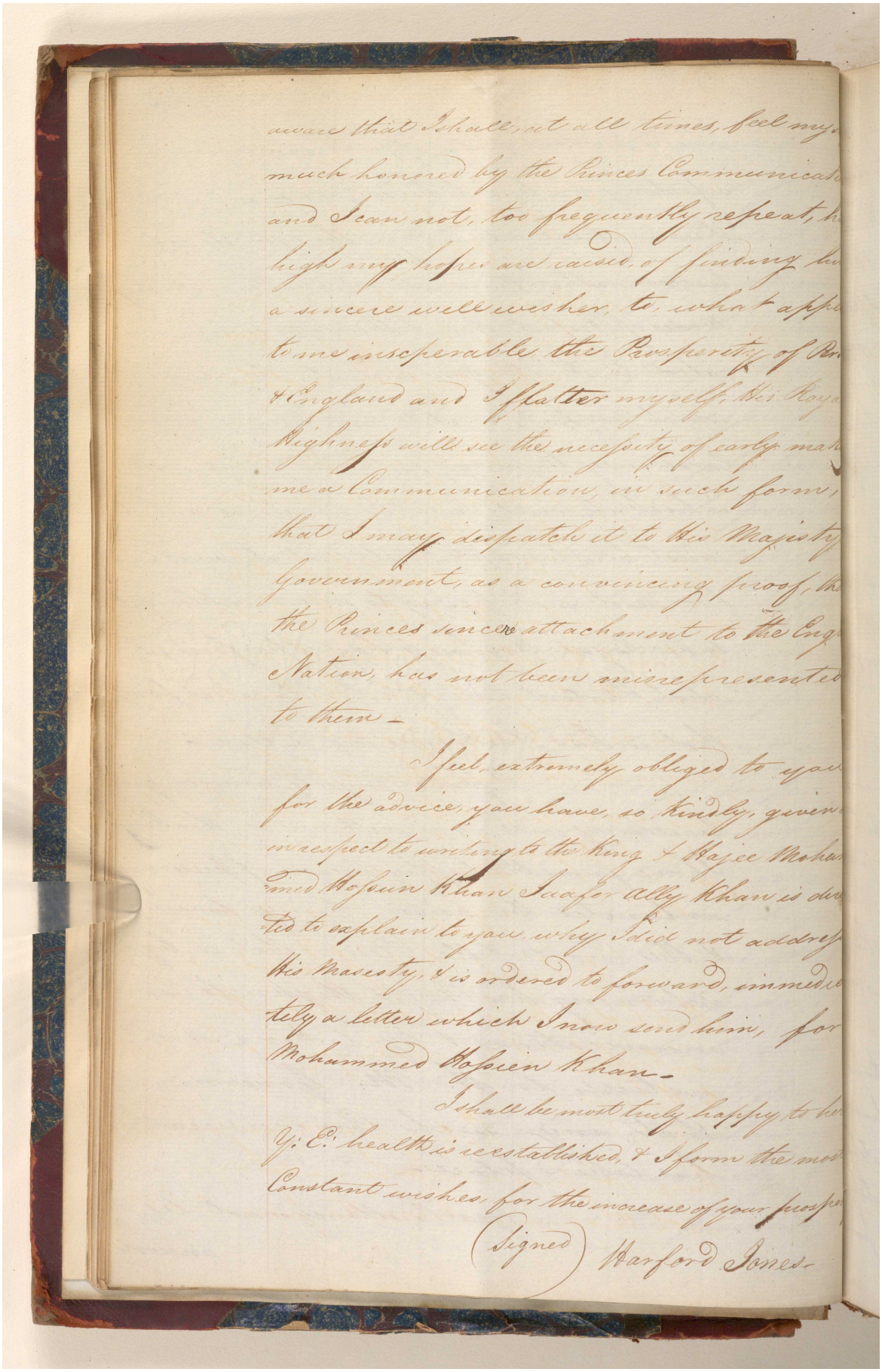
where the two States appeared on so friendly a footing, & where to be so, was so much to their mutual advantage, thought it safer to exceed, rather than not reach the customary Modes of Respect. Had I therefore, communicated, to H. M. Government, the accident which has happened, to day, I leave your Excellency to judge of the surprize, with which it would have been received: and it must be, also, apparent, that it would have been most mortifying to me, & unpleasant to his Royal Highness, had I performed what the strict line of my duty called for, that is, had I returned his Letter -

I flatter myself, however, your Excellency will agree with me, in thinking I have found the happy means, of preserving untainted the honor of my Sovereign, & the Credit of the Prince: that is by delivering his Royal Highness's Communication, & by taking no notice, to H. M. Government, that any such Communication has taken place -

Your Excellency must be

answer



aware that I shall, at all times, feel my
much honored by the Princes Communicat
and I can not, too frequently repeat, h
high my hopes are raised, of finding hi
a sincere well wisher, to, what appe
to me inseperable the Prosperity of Pr
& England and I flatter myself, His Roya
Highness will see the necessity of early mak
me a Communication, in such form,
that I may dispatch it to His Majesty
Government, as a convincing proof, th
the Princes sincere attachment to the Eng
Nation, has not been misrepresented
to them –

I feel, extremely obliged to you
for the advice, you have, so kindly, given
in respect to writing to the King & Hajee Moha
med Hossein Khan Jaafer Ally Khan is dir
ted to explain to you, why I did not addres
His Masesty, & is ordered to forward, immedie
tely a letter which I now send him, for
Mohammed Hossien Khan –

I shall be most truly happy to her
Y: E: health is reestablished, & I form the most
Constant wishes, for the increase of your prospe

(Signed) Harford Jones –

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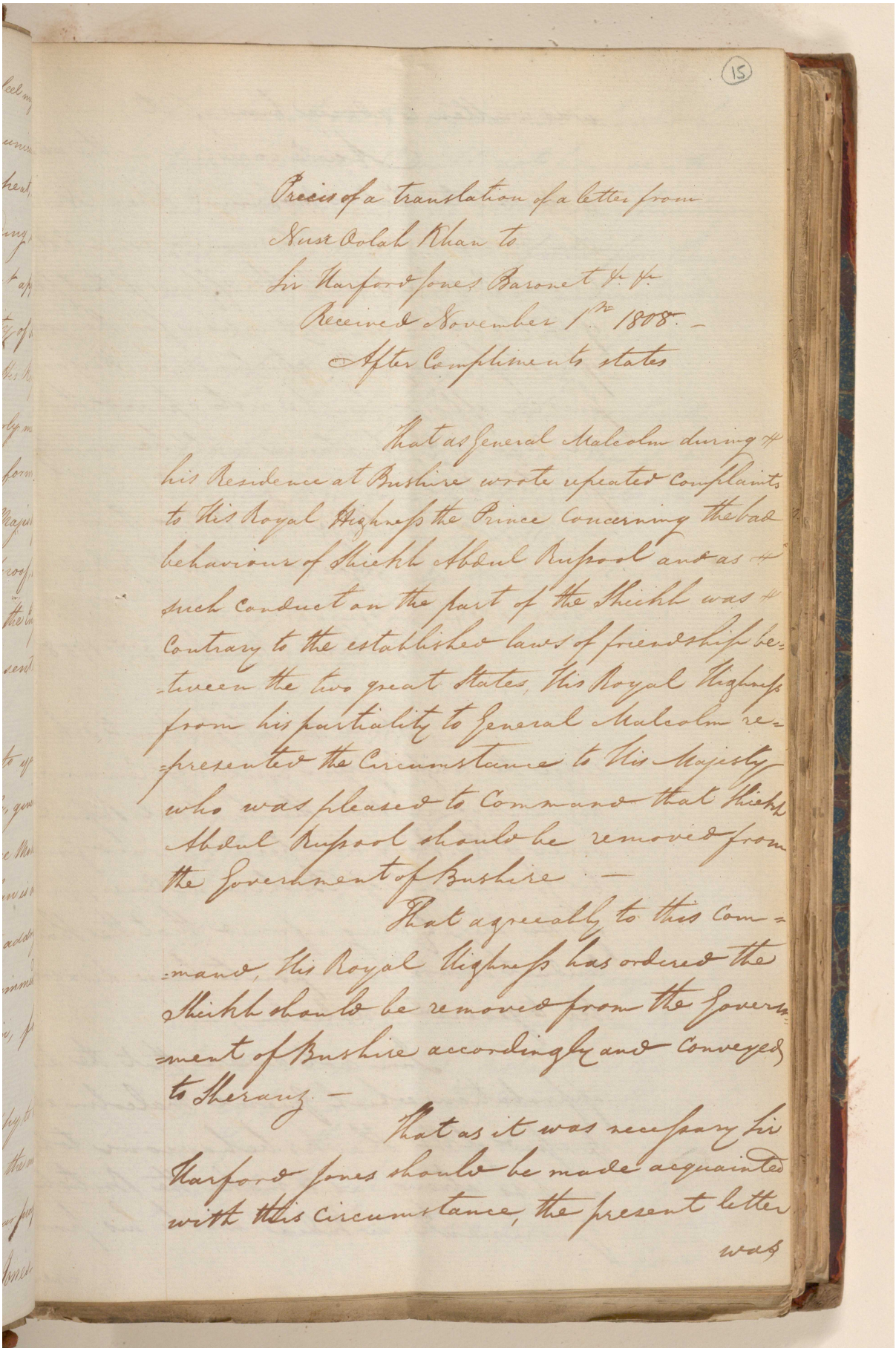

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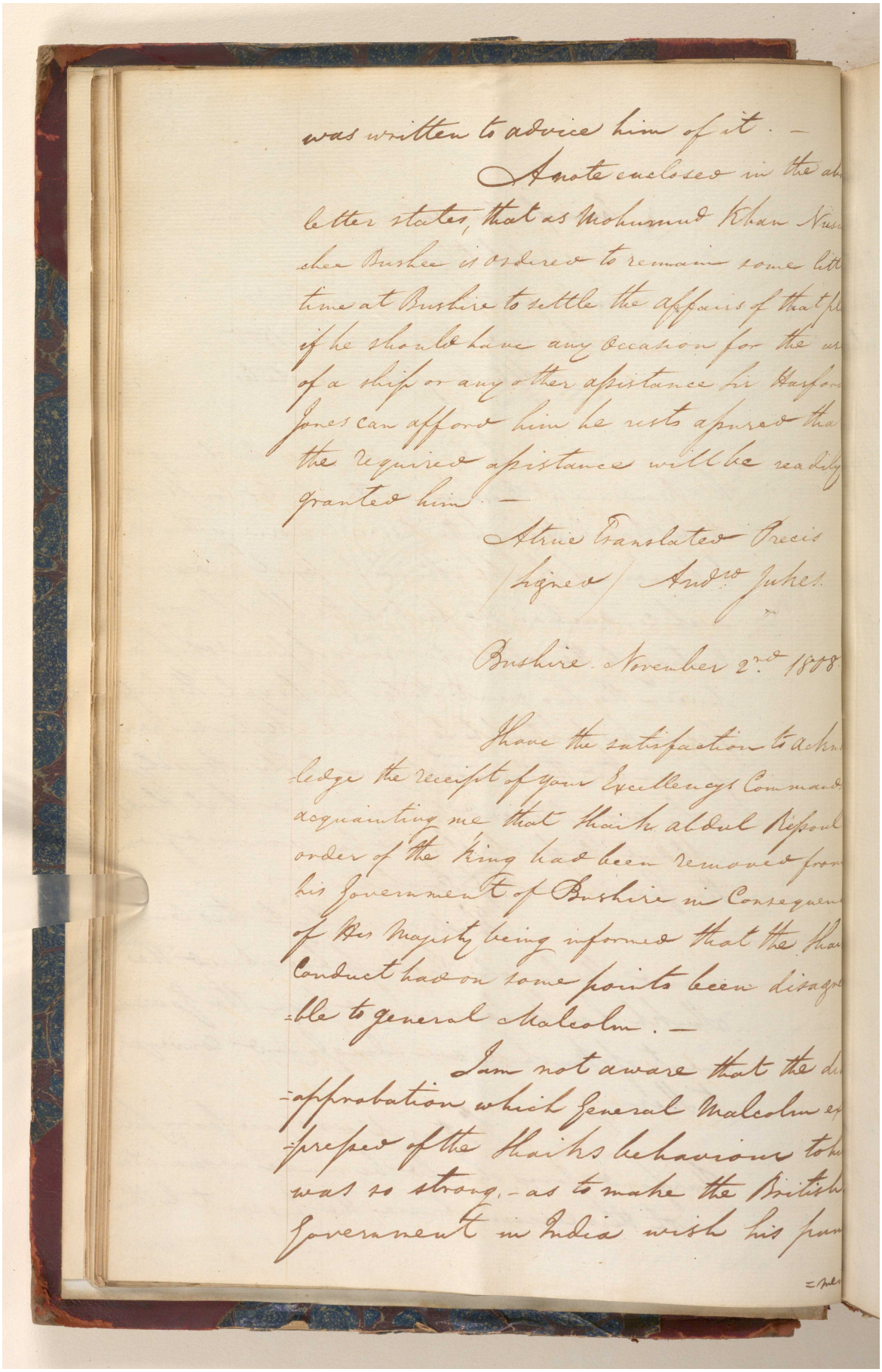
Precis of a translation of a letter from
Nusr Oolah Khan to
Sir Harford Jones Baronet &c &c
Received November 1st 1808 —
After Compliments states

That as General Malcolm during his Residence at Bushire wrote repeated Complaints to His Royal Highness the Prince Concerning the bad behaviour of Sheikh Abdul Rupool and as such Conduct on the part of the Sheikh was Contrary to the established laws of friendship between the two great States, His Royal Highness from his partiality to General Malcolm represented the Circumstance to His Majesty who was pleased to Command that Sheikh Abdul Rupool should be removed from the Government of Bushire —

That agreeably to this Command, His Royal Highness has ordered the Sheikh should be removed from the Government of Bushire accordingly and Conveyed to Sheraz —

That as it was necessary Sir Harford Jones should be made acquainted with this circumstance, the present letter was



was written to advice him of it. —

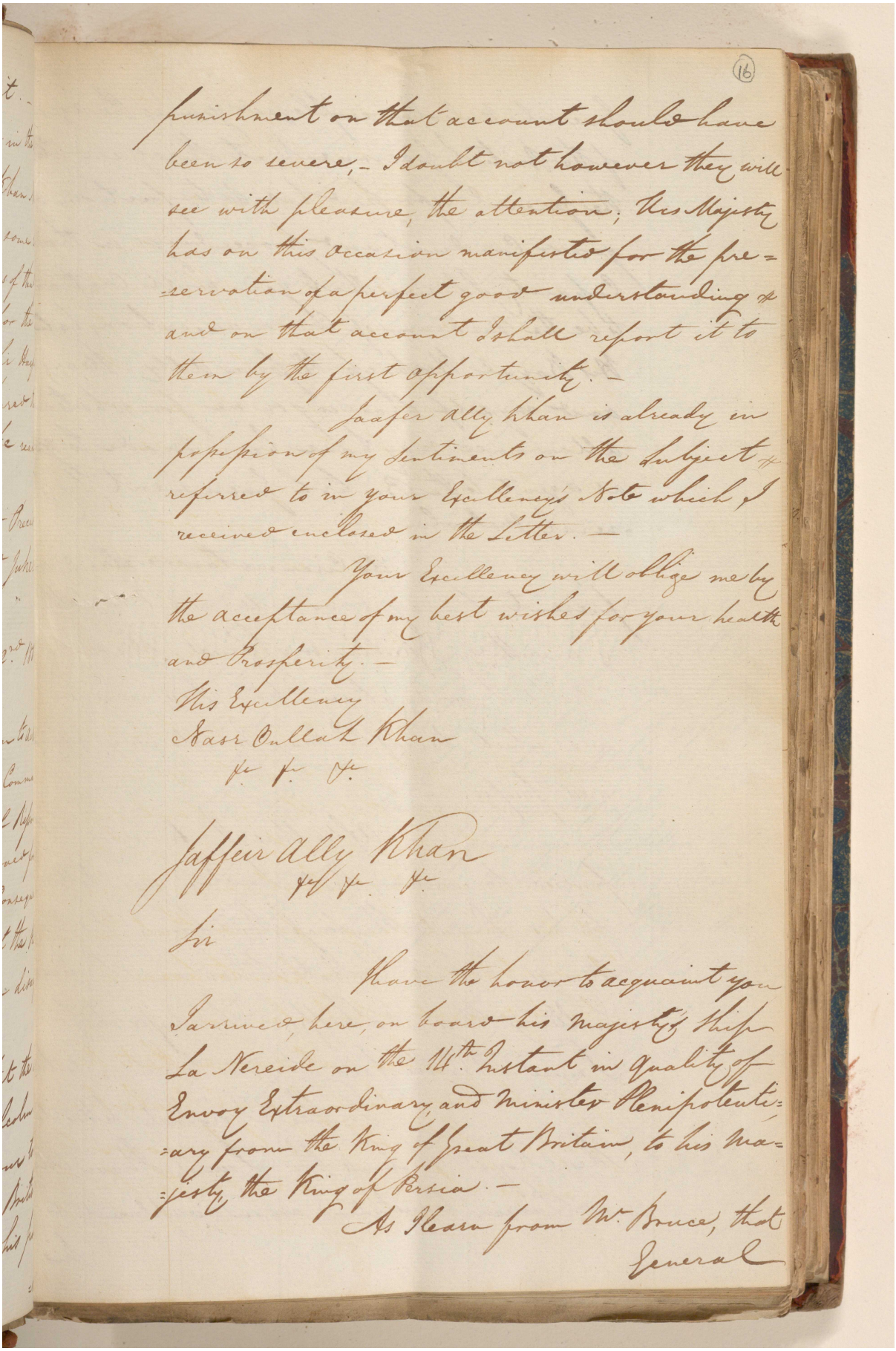
A note enclosed in the ab
letter states, that as Mohummud Khan Nus
chee Bushee is ordered to remain some litt
time at Bushire to settle the affairs of that pl
if he should have any occasion for the us
of a ship or any other apsistance Sir Harfor
Jones can afford him he rests apsured tha
the required apsistance will be readily
granted him. —

A true Translated Precis
/signed/ Andw Jukes.

Bushire. November 2nd 1808.

I have the satisfaction to ackn
-ledge the receipt of your Excellency's Command
acquainting me that Shaikh abdul Resoul
order of the King had been removed from
his Government of Bushire in Consequen
of Her Majesty being informed that the Shai
Conduct had on some points been disagr
-ble to general Malcolm. —

I am not aware that the d
-approbation which General Malcolm ex
-prest of the Shaikhs behaviour to
was so strong, - as to make the British
Government in India wish his pun



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punishment on that account should have been so severe, – I doubt not however they will see with pleasure, the attention, His Majesty has on this occasion manifested for the preservation of a perfect good understanding & and on that account I shall report it to them by the first opportunity. –

Jaafer Ally Khan is already in possession of my sentiments on the subject referred to in your Excellency's Note which I received enclosed in the Letter. –

Your Excellency will oblige me by the acceptance of my best wishes for your health and prosperity. –

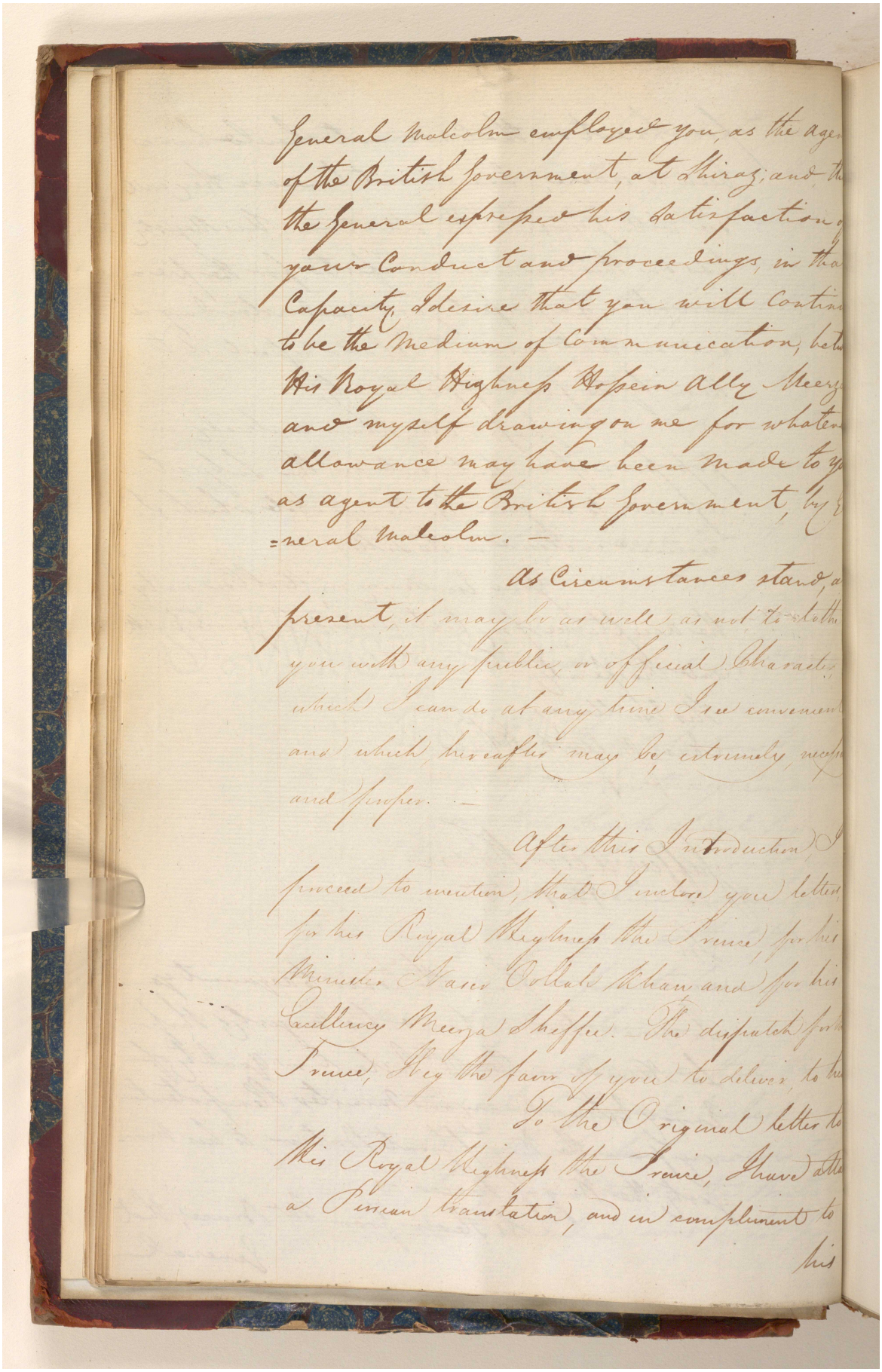
His Excellency
Nasr Oullah Khan
&c &c &c

Jaffeir Ally Khan
&c &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you I arrived here, on board his majesty's Ship La Nereide on the 11th Instant in Quality of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the King of Great Britain, to his majesty the King of Persia. –

As I learn from Mr Bruce, that General



General Malcolm employed you, as the agent of the British Government, at Shiraz; and the General expressed his satisfaction at your Conduct and proceedings, in that Capacity, I desire that you will continue to be the Medium of Communication, between His Royal Highness Hoseinally Meerza and myself drawing on me for whatever allowance may have been made to you as agent to the British Government, by General Malcolm. —

As Circumstances stand, at present, it may be as well as not to detain you with any public or official Character which I can do at any time I see convenient and which hereafter may be extremely necessary and proper. —

After this Introduction, I proceed to mention, that I enclose you letters for his Royal Highness the Prince, for his Minister Nasir Oollah Khan and for his Excellency Meerza Sheffee. — The dispatch for the Prince, I beg the favor of you to deliver to him.

To the Original letter to His Royal Highness the Prince, I have added a Persian translation, and in compliment to his

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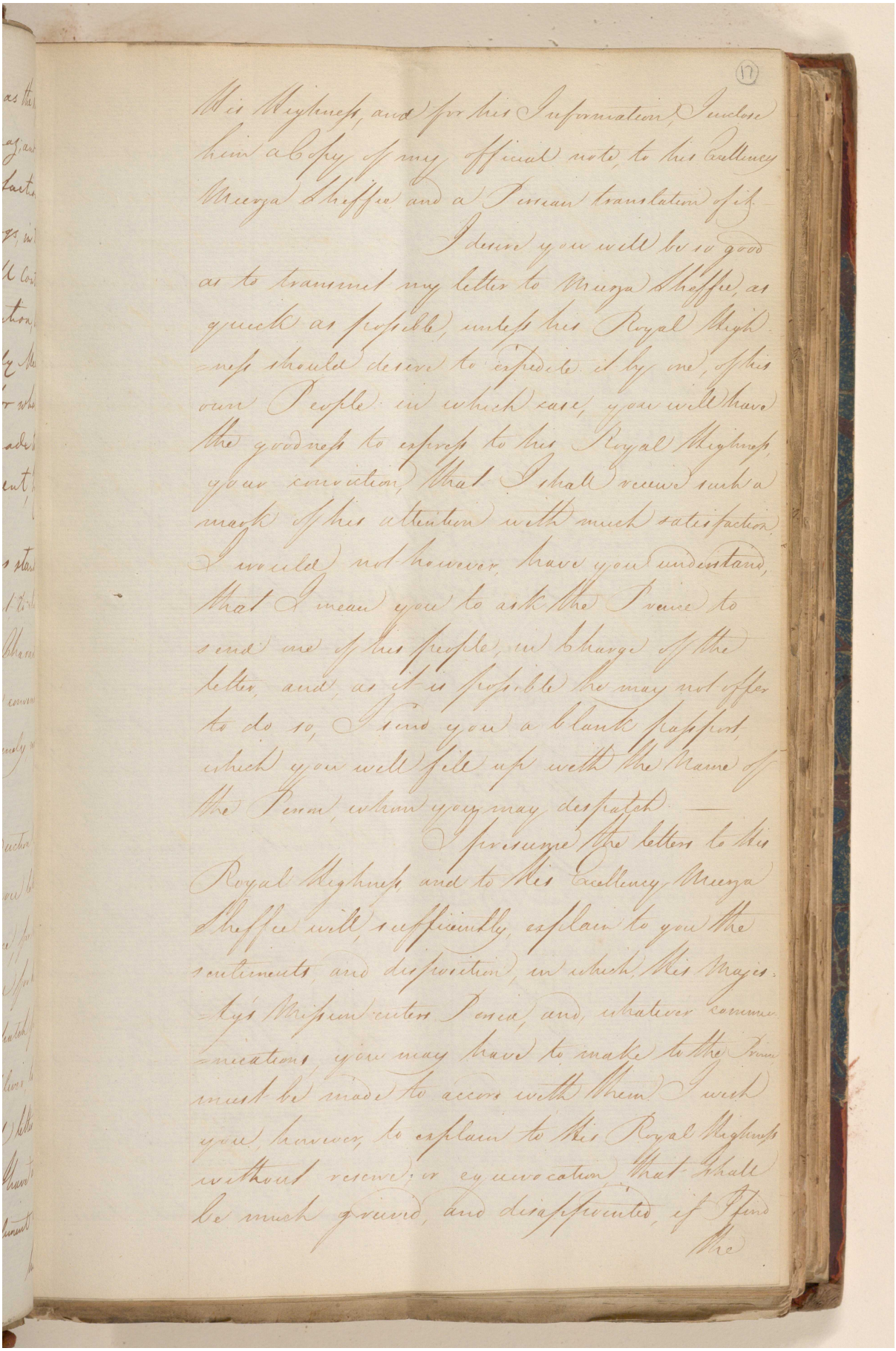
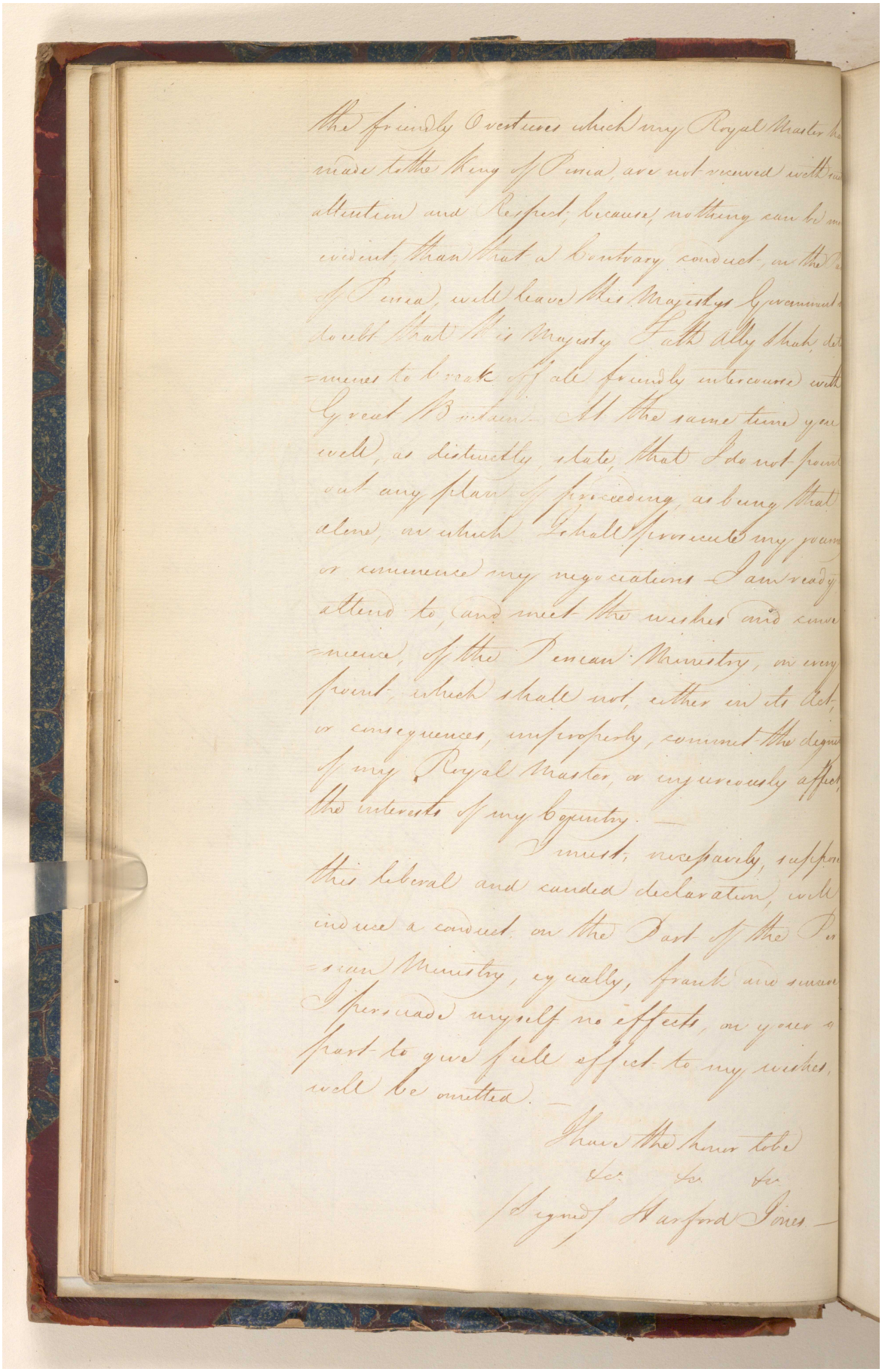


His Highness, and for his Information, I enclose him a Copy of my official note to his Excellency Mirza Sheffie and a Persian translation of it.

I desire you will be so good as to transmit my letter to Mirza Sheffie, as quick as possible, unless his Royal Highness should desire to expedite it by one of his own People in which case, you will have the goodness to express to his Royal Highness your conviction, that I shall receive such a mark of his attention with much satisfaction. I would not however have you understand, that I mean you to ask the Prince to send one of his people, in charge of the letter, and as it is possible he may not offer to do so, I send you a blank Passport, which you will fill up with the Name of the Person, whom you may despatch.

I presume the letters to his Royal Highness and to his Excellency Mirza Sheffie will sufficiently explain to you the sentiments and disposition, in which His Majesty's Mission enters Persia, and whatever communications you may have to make to the Prince must be made to accord with them. I wish you, however, to explain to his Royal Highness without reserve, or equivocation that I shall be much grieved, and disappointed, if I find the



the friendly Overtures which my Royal Master has made to the King of Persia, are not received with such attention and Respect, because, nothing can be more evident, than that a Contrary conduct, on the Part of Persia, will leave His Majestys Government no doubt that His Majesty Fath Ally Shah, determines to break off all friendly intercourse with Great Britain. At the same time you will, as distinctly, state, that I do not point out any plan of proceeding, as being that alone, on which I shall prosecute my journey or commence my negociations. I am ready attend to, and meet the wishes and convenience, of the Persian Ministry, on every point, which shall not, either in its Act, or consequences, improperly, commit the dignity of my Royal Master, or injuriously affect the interests of my Country.

I must, necessarily, suppose this liberal and candid declaration, will induce a conduct on the Part of the Persian Ministry, equally, frank and sincere. I persuade myself no effects, on your part to give full effect to my wishes, will be omitted.

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

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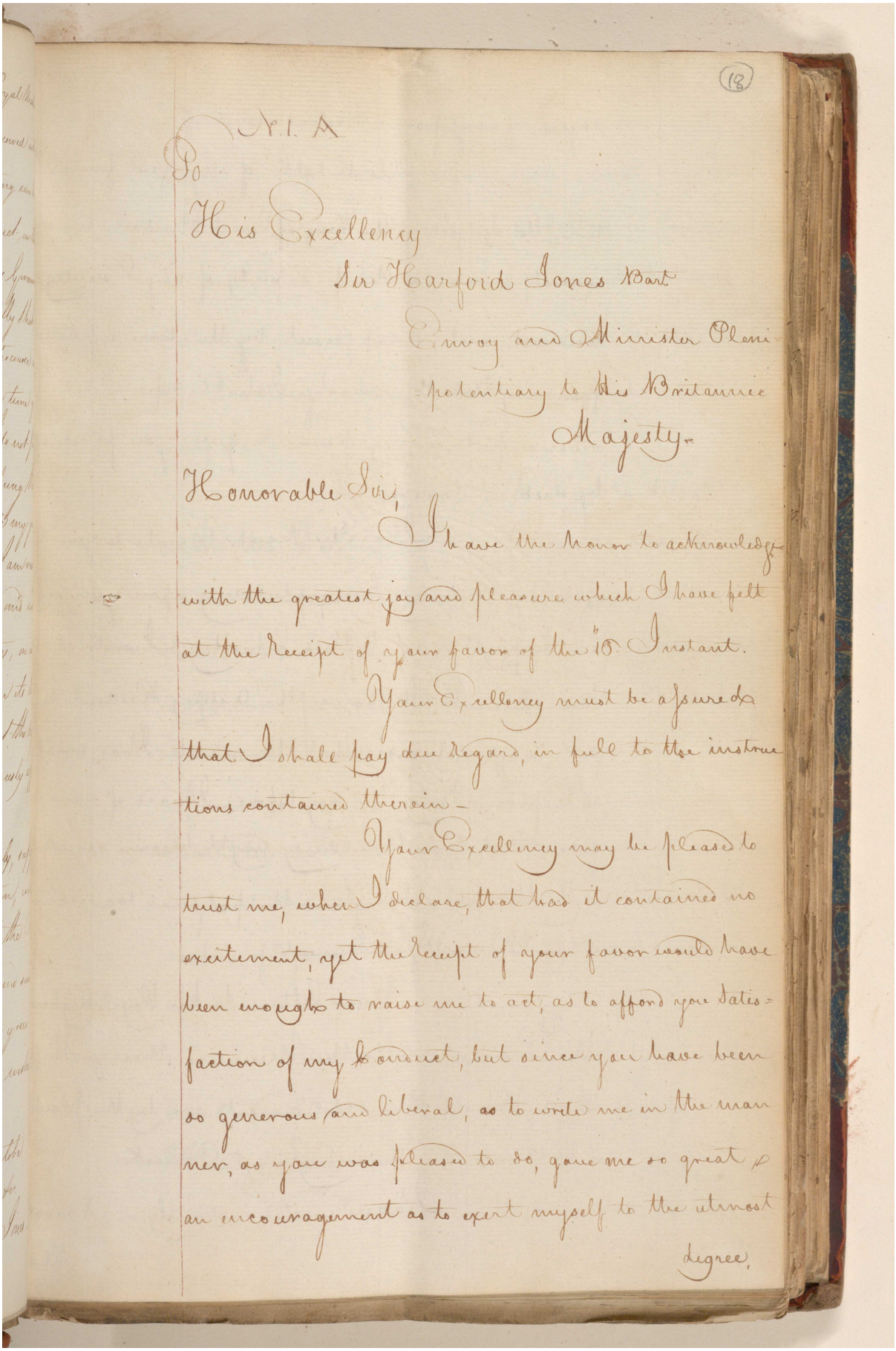

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To

His Excellency

Sir Harford Jones Bart.

Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Britannick Majesty.

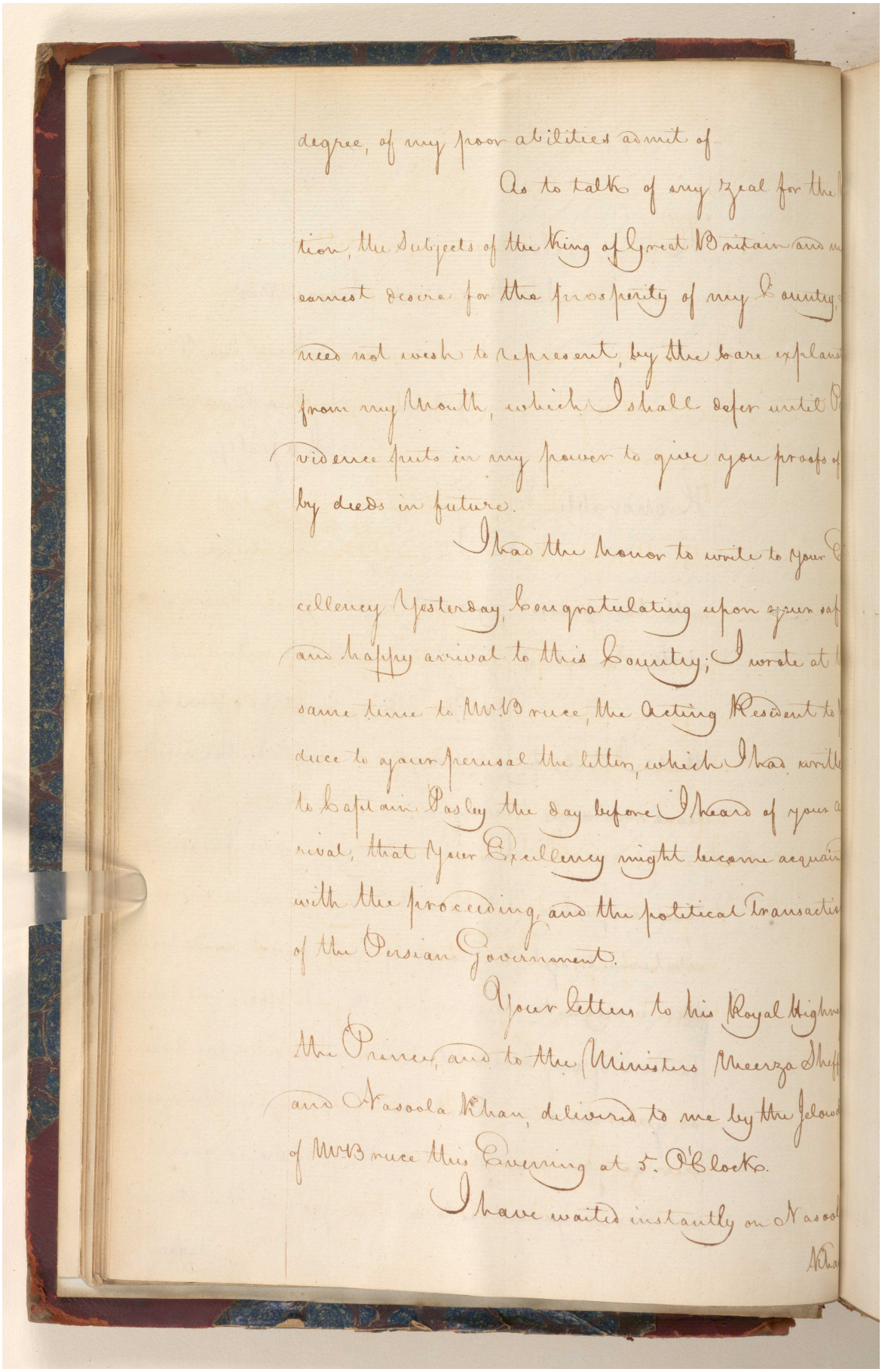
Honorable Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge with the greatest joy and pleasure which I have felt at the Receipt of your favor of the 18 Instant.

Your Excellency must be assured that I shall pay due Regard, in full to the instructions contained therein.

Your Excellency may be pleased to trust me, when I declare, that had it contained no excitement, yet the Receipt of your favor would have been enough to raise me to act, as to afford you Satisfaction of my conduct, but since you have been so generous and liberal, as to write me in the manner, as you was pleased to do, gave me so great an encouragement as to exert myself to the utmost

degree,



degree, of my poor abilities admit of

As to talk of my zeal for the
tion, the Subjects of the King of Great Britain and m
earnest desire for the prosperity of my Country;
ness not wish to represent, by the bare explana
from my Mouth, which I shall defer until
vidence puts in my power to give you proofs of
by deeds in future.

I had the honor to write to your
cellency Yesterday, Congratulating upon your saf
and happy arrival to this Country; I wrote at t
same time to Mr. Bruce, the Acting Resident to
duce to your perusal the letter, which I had writte
to Captain Pasley the day before I heard of your a
rival, that Your Excellency might become acquain
with the proceeding and the political Transactio
of the Persian Government.

Your letters to his Royal Highn
the Prince, and to the Ministers Meerza Shaf
and Nasoola Khan, delivered to me by the Jelaud
of Mr. Bruce this Evening at 5. O'Clock.

I have waited instantly on Nasool
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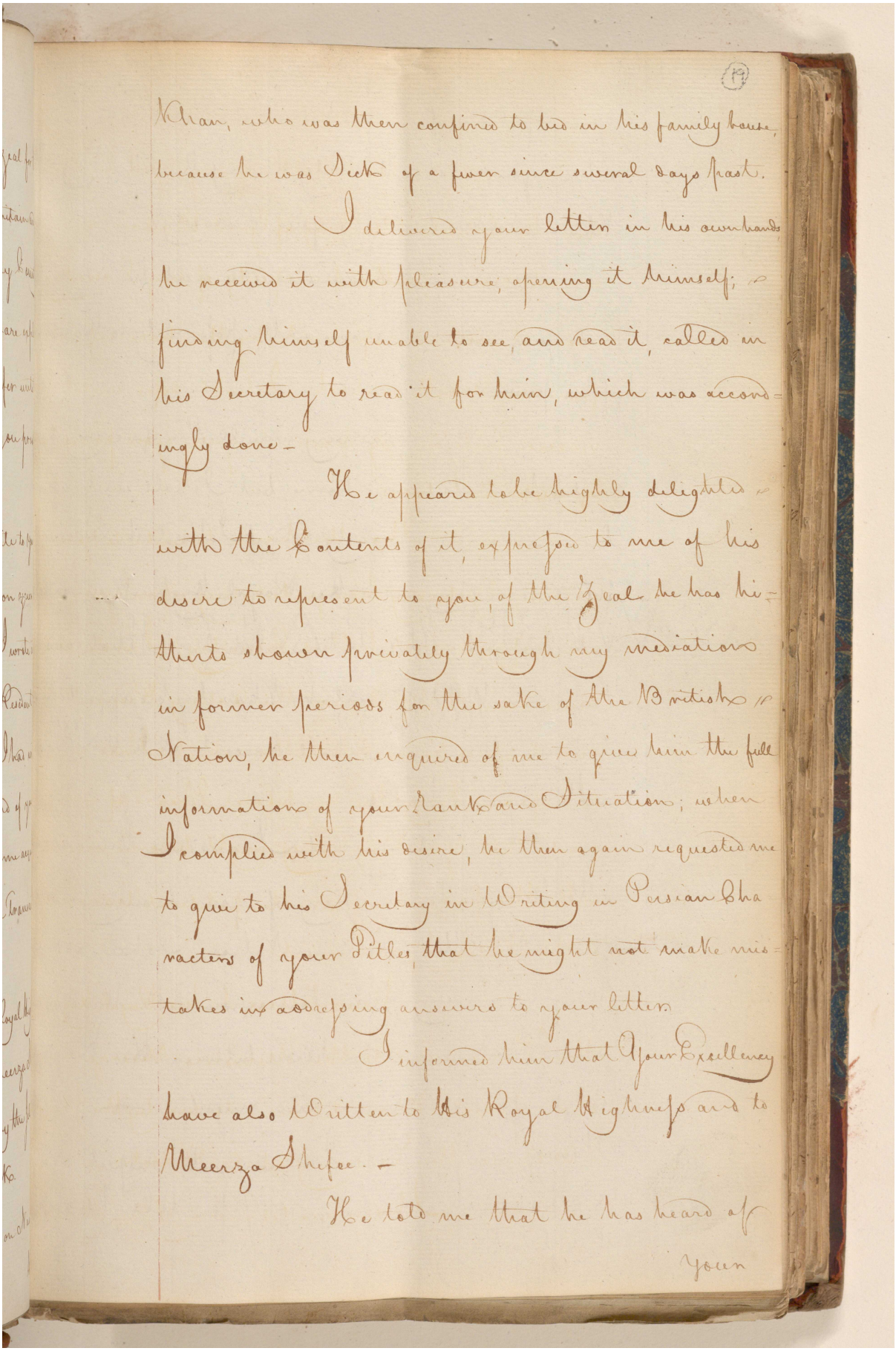

Khan, who was then confined to bed in his family house, because he was sick of a fever since several days past.

I delivered your letter in his own hands, he received it with pleasure, opening it himself; & finding himself unable to see, and read it, called in his Secretary to read it for him, which was accordingly done –

He appears to be highly delighted with the Contents of it, expressed to me of his desire to represent to you, of the Zeal he has hitherto shown privately through my mediations in former periods for the sake of the British Nation, he then enquired of me to give him the full informations of your Rank and Situation; when I complied with his desire, he then again requested me to give to his Secretary in Writing in Persian Characters of your Titles, that he might not make mistakes in addressing answers to your letter.

I informed him that Your Excellency have also Written to His Royal Highness and to Meerza Shefee. –

He told me that he has heard of

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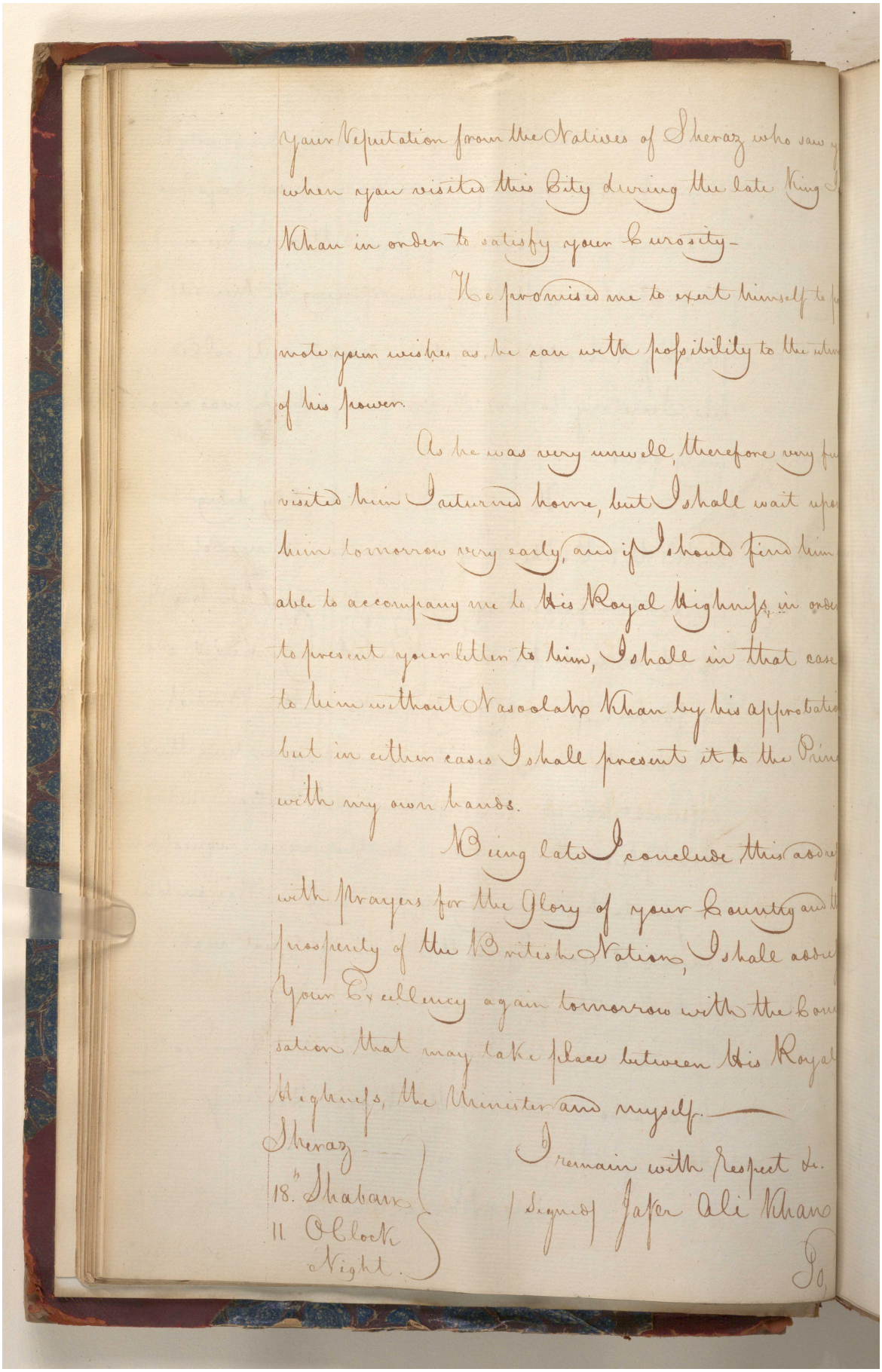


your Reputation from the Natives of Sheraz who saw y
when you visited this City during the late King I
Khan in order to satisfy your Curosity-

He promised me to exert himself to p
mote your wishes as he can with possibility to the utm
of his power.

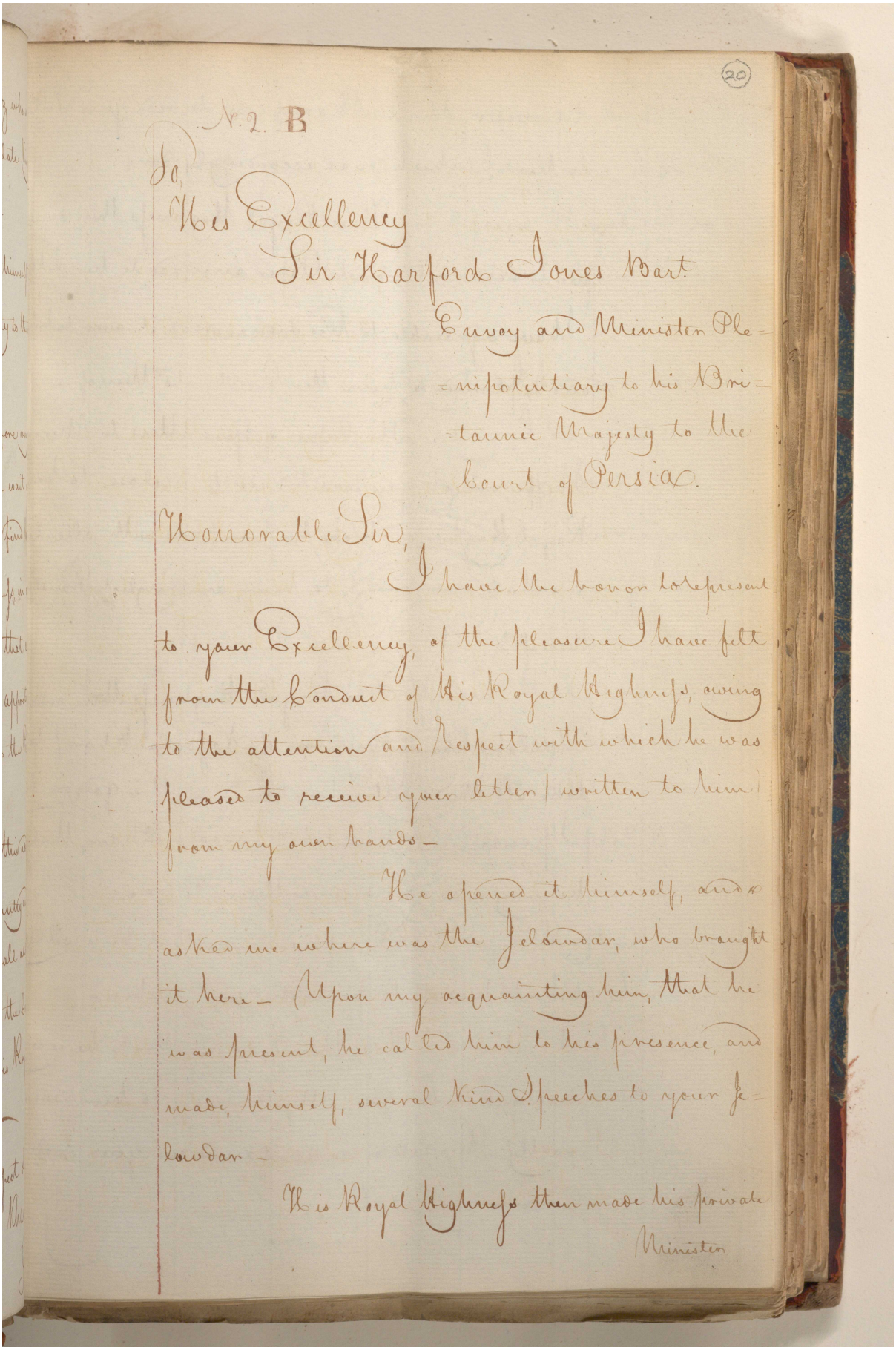
As he was very unwell, therefore very fu
visited him I returned home, but I shall wait upo
him tomorrow very early, and if I should find him
able to accompany me to His Royal Highness in orde
to present your letter to him, I shall in that case
to him without Nasoolah Khan by his approbatio
but in either cases I shall present it to the Prin
with my own hands.

Being late I conclude this addre
with Prayers for the Glory of your Country and th
prosperity of the British Nation, I shall addre
Your Excellency again tomorrow with the Conv
sation that may take place between His Royal
Highness, the Minister and myself.

Sheraz
18th Shaban
11 O Clock
Night.

I remain with Respect &c.
(Signed) Jafer Ali Khan

To,



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No. 2. B

To,
His Excellency
Sir Harford Jones Bart.
Envoy and Minister Ple-
-nipotentiary to his Bri-
-tannic Majesty to the
Court of Persia.

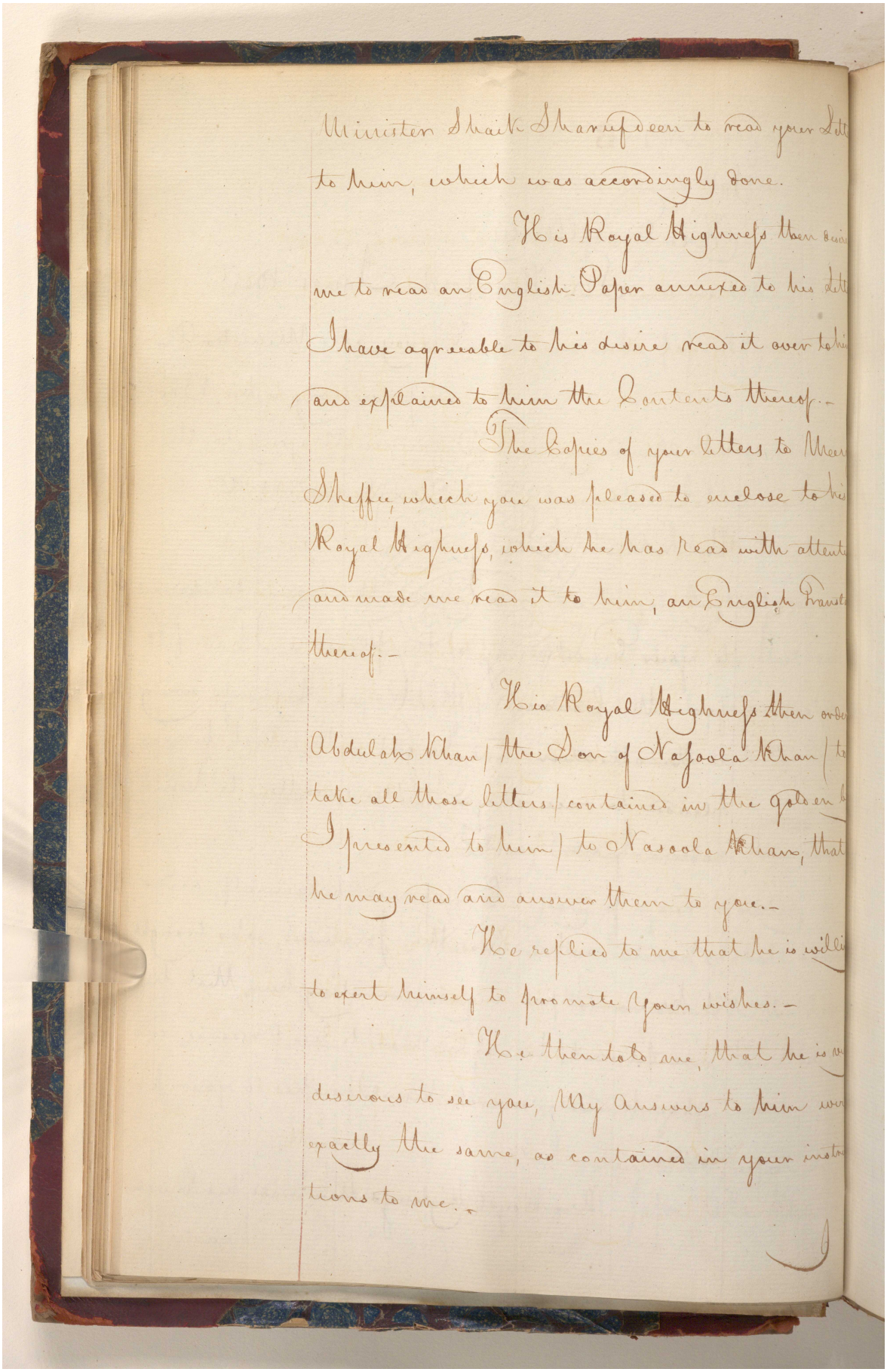
Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to represent to your Excellency, of the pleasure I have felt from the Conduct of His Royal Highness, owing to the attention and Respect with which he was pleased to receive your letter / written to him / from my own hands –

He opened it himself, and asked me where was the Jelowdar, who brought it here – Upon my acquainting him, that he was present, he called him to his presence, and made himself, several kind Speeches to your Je-
lowdar –

His Royal Highness then made his private

Minister



Minister Shaik Sharuf to read your Lett
to him, which was accordingly done.

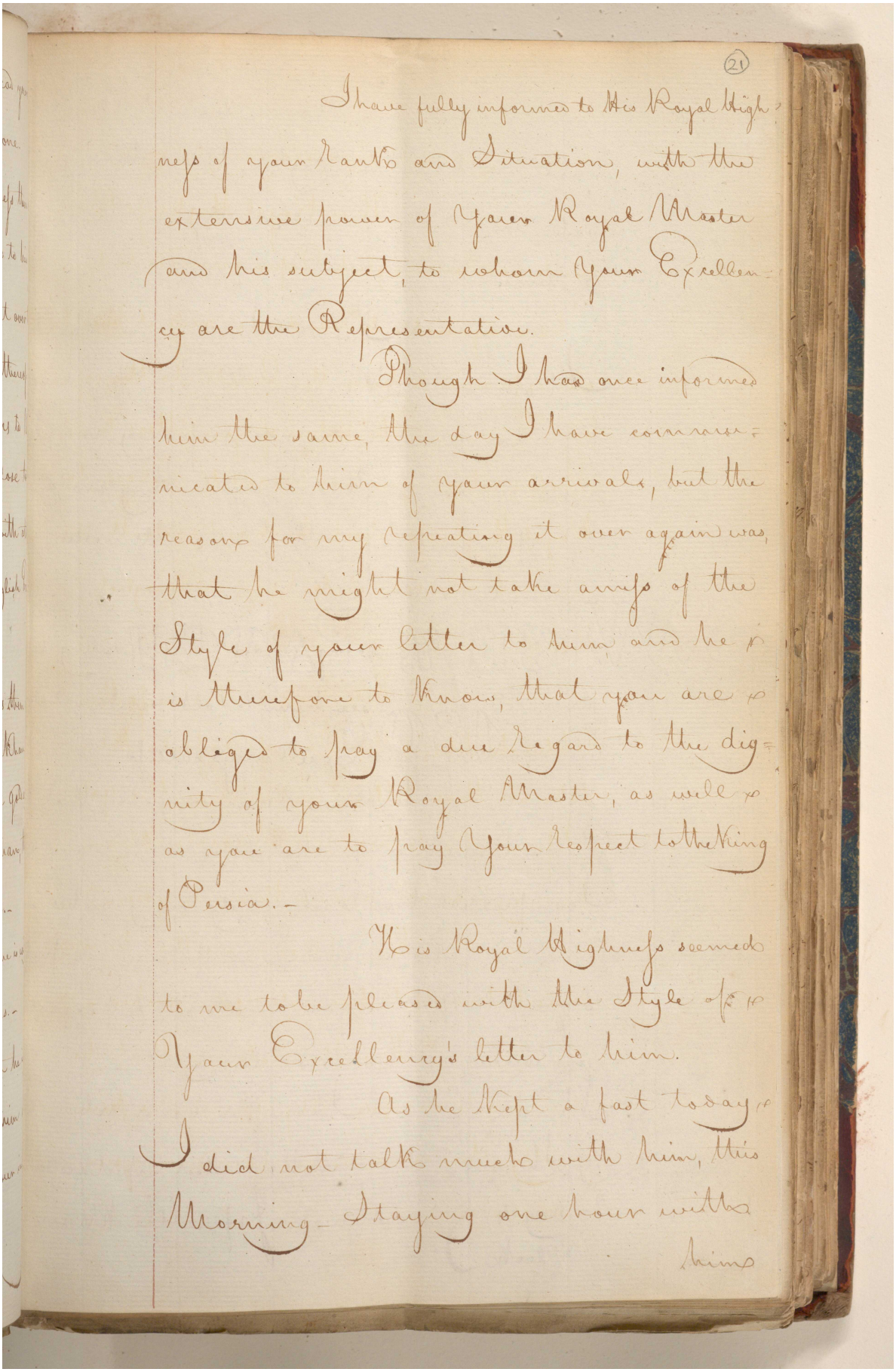
His Royal Highness then desir
me to read an English Paper annexed to his lett
I have agreeable to his desire read it over to hi
and explained to him the Contents thereof.-

The Copies of your letters to Mess
Sheffie, which you was pleased to enclose to his
Royal Highness, which he has read with attenti
and made me read it to him, an English Transl
thereof.-

His Royal Highness then orde
Abdulah Khan, the Son of Nasoola Khan, to
take all those letters, contained in the golden b
I presented to him, to Nasoola Khan, that
he may read and answer them to you.-

He replied to me that he is willi
to exert himself to promote your wishes.-

He then told me, that he is v
desirous to see you, My Answers to him wer
exactly the same, as contained in your instru
tions to me.-



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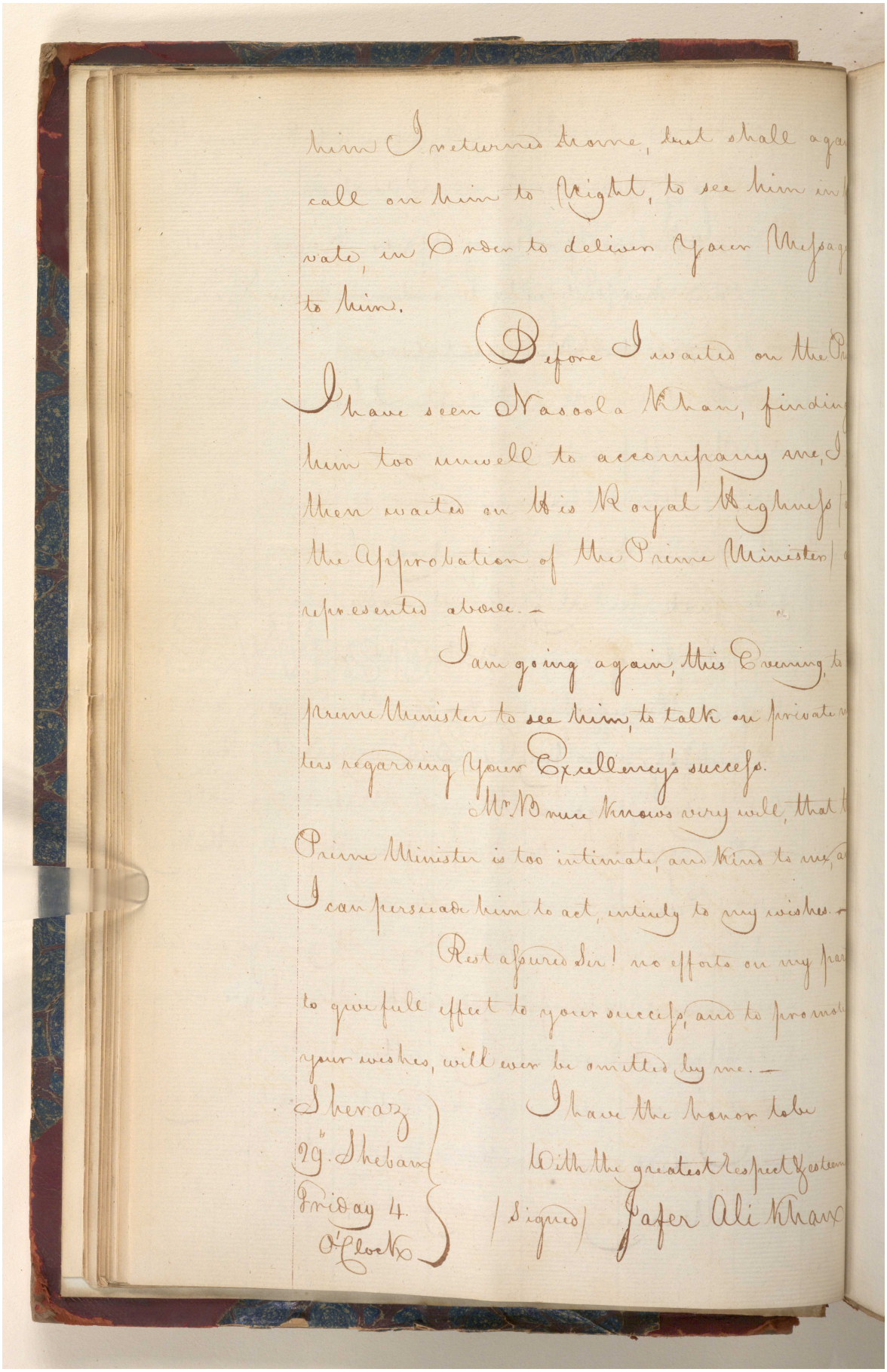
I have fully informed to His Royal Highness of your Ranks and Situation, with the extensive power of your Royal Master and his subject, to whom your Excellency are the Representation.

Though I had once informed him the same, the day I have communicated to him of your arrivals, but the reason for my repeating it over again was, that he might not take amiss of the Style of your letter to him, and he is therefore to know, that you are obliged to pay a due Regard to the dignity of your Royal Master, as well as you are to pay Your respect to the King of Persia. –

His Royal Highness seemed to me to be pleased with the Style of Your Excellency's letter to him.

As he kept a fast today I did not talk much with him, this Morning – staying one hour with him



him I returned home, but shall again
call on him to Night, to see him in
vate, in Order to deliver Your Messag
to him.

Before I waited on the P
I have seen Nassoola Khan, findin
him too unwell to accompany me, I
then waited on His Royal Highness t
the Approbation of the Prime Minister
represented above. —

I am going again, this Evening, to
Prime Minister to see him, to talk on private
ters regarding Your Excellency's succeſs.

Mr Bruce knows very well, that t
Prime Minister is too intimate, and kind to me, a
I can persuade him to act entirely to my wishes. —

Rest assured Sir! no efforts on my par
to give full effect to your succeſs, and to promot
your wishes, will ever be omitted by me. —

I have the honor to be
With the greatest Respect Your
/Signed/ Jafer Ali Khan

Sheraz
29th Shaban
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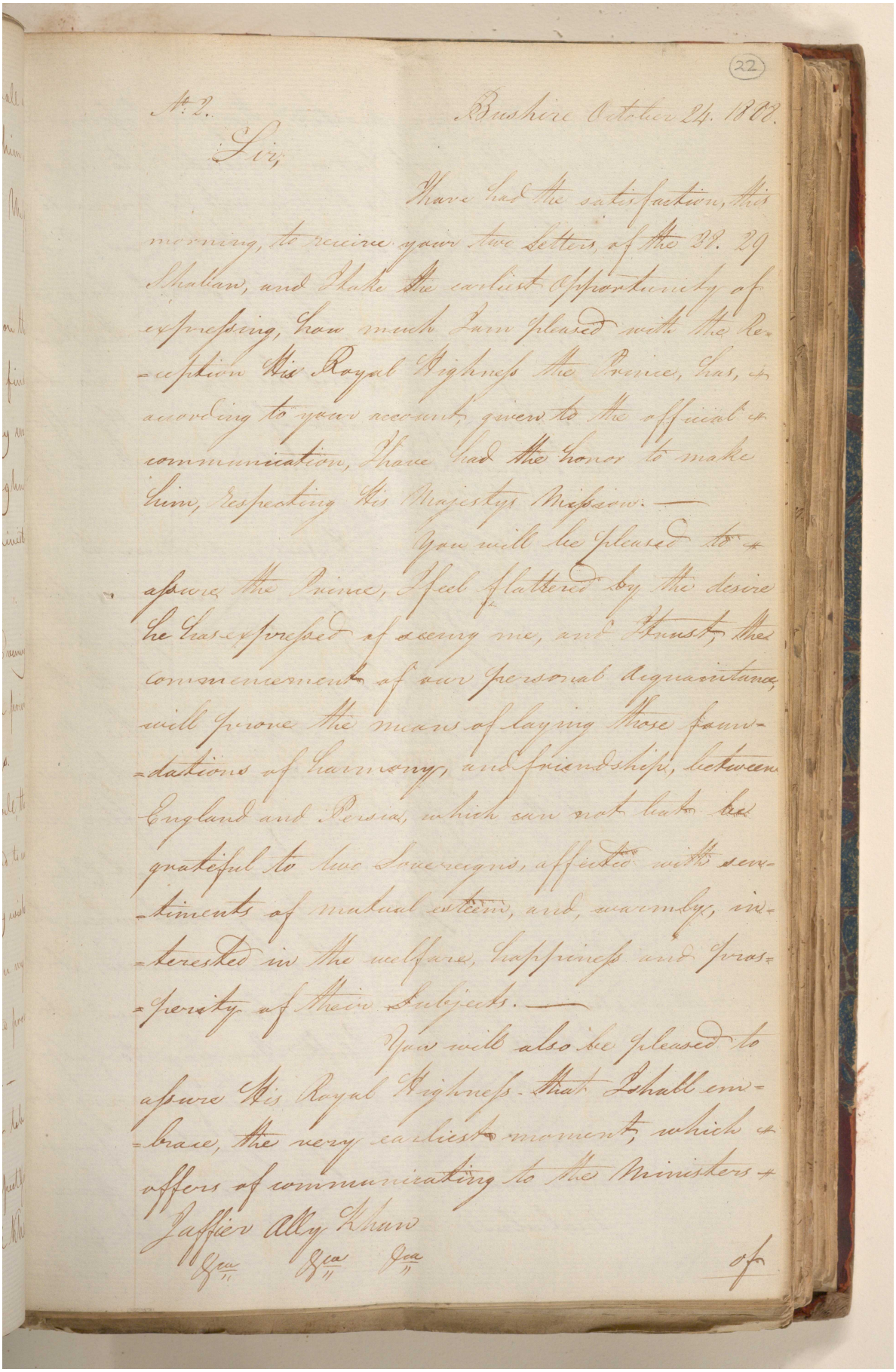

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No. 2.

Bushire October 24. 1808.

Sir,

I have had the satisfaction, this morning, to receive your two Letters, of the 28. 29 Shaban, and I take the earliest Opportunity of expressing, how much I am pleased with the Reception His Royal Highness the Prince, has, according to your account, given to the official communication, I have had the honor to make him, respecting His Majesty's Mission. —

You will be pleased to assure the Prince, I feel flattered by the desire he has expressed of seeing me, and I trust, the commencement of our personal Acquaintance, will prove the means of laying those foundations of harmony, and friendship, between England and Persia, which can not but be grateful to two Sovereigns, affected with sentiments of mutual esteem, and, warmly, interested in the welfare, happiness and prosperity of their Subjects. —

You will also be pleased to assure His Royal Highness that I shall embrace, the very earliest moments, which offers of communicating to the Ministers of

Jaffier Ally Khan

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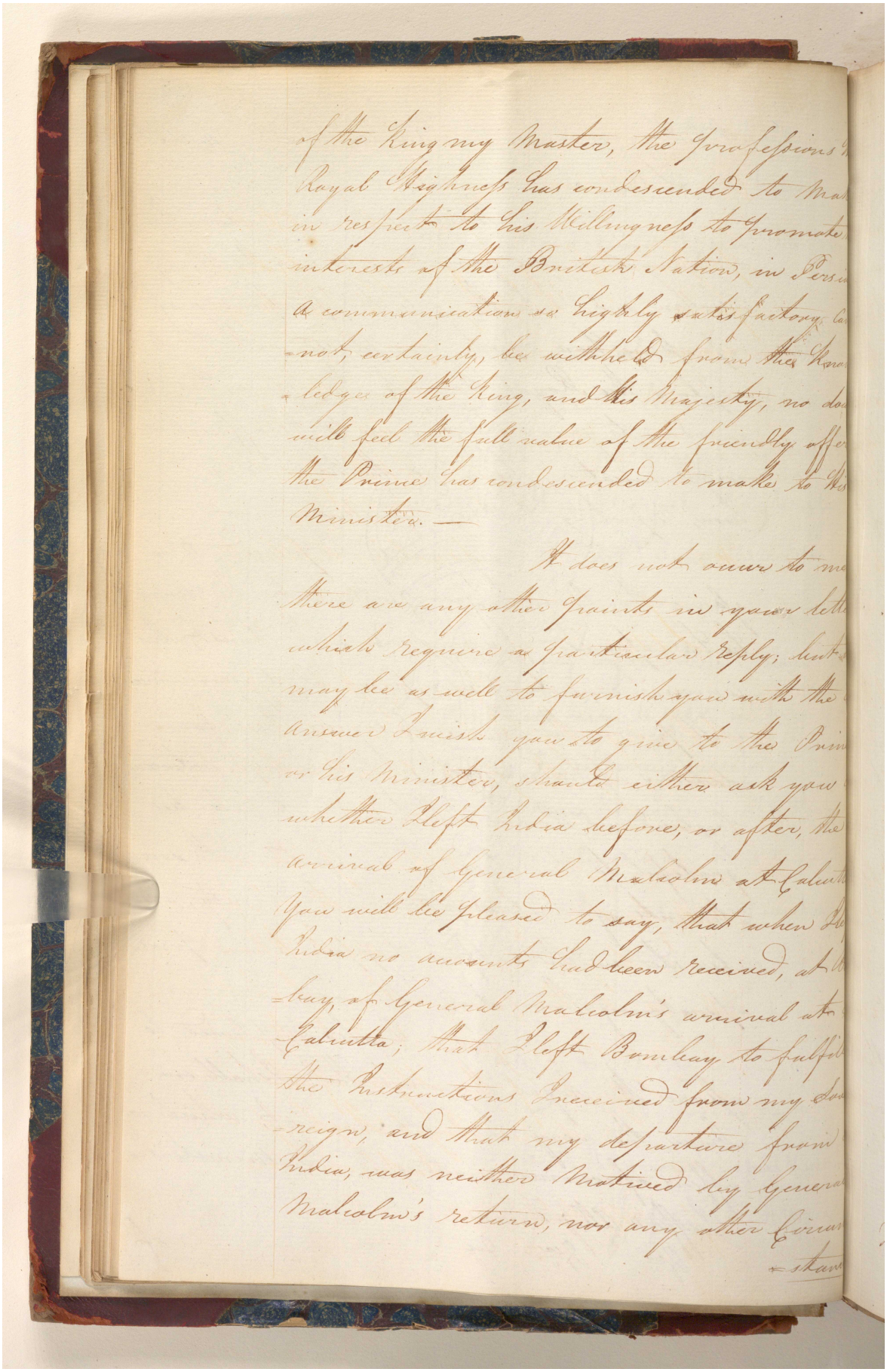
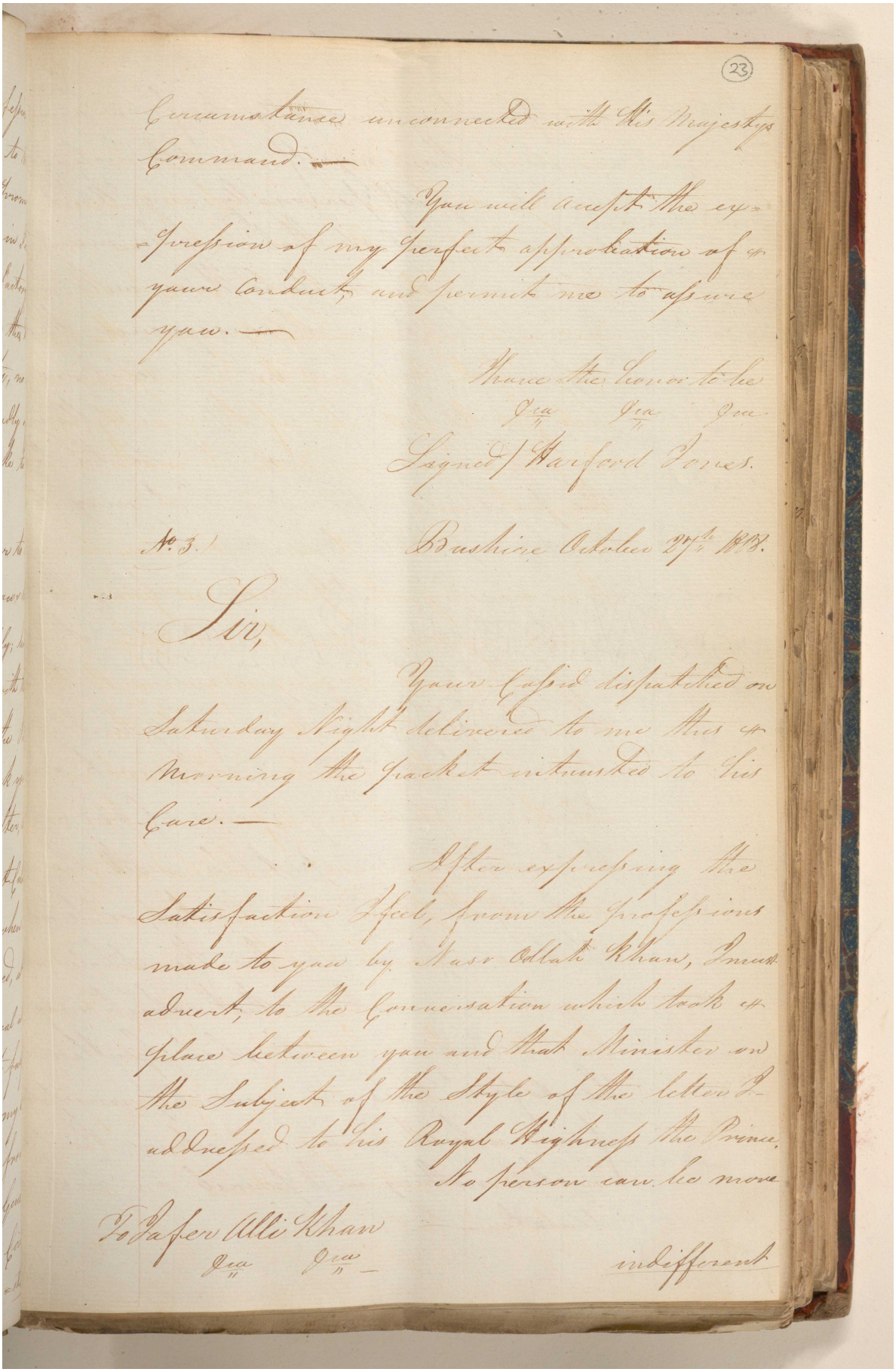


of the King my Master, the professions of
Royal Highness has condescended to make
in respect to his Willingness to promote
interests of the British Nation, in Persia
& communications so highly satisfactory, ca
not, certainly, be withheld from the Kno
ledge of the King, and his Majesty, no doub
will feel the full value of the friendly offer
the Prince has condescended to make to his
Ministers. —

It does not occur to me
there are any other points in your lette
which require a particular Reply; but
may be as well to furnish you with the
Answer I wish you to give to the Prin
or his Ministers, should either ask you
whether I left India before, or after, the
arrival of General Malcolm at Calcut
You will be pleased to say, that when I
India no accounts had been received, at
bay, of General Malcolm's arrival at
Calcutta; that I left Bombay to fulfil
the Instructions received from my Sov
reign, and that my departure from
India, was neither Motived by General
Malcolm's return, nor any other Circum
stance



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Circumstance unconnected with His Majestys Command.—

You will accept the expression of my perfect approbation of your conduct, and permit me to assure you.—

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir Dear Sir Dear
Signed / Harford Jones.

No. 3.) Bushire October 27th 1808.

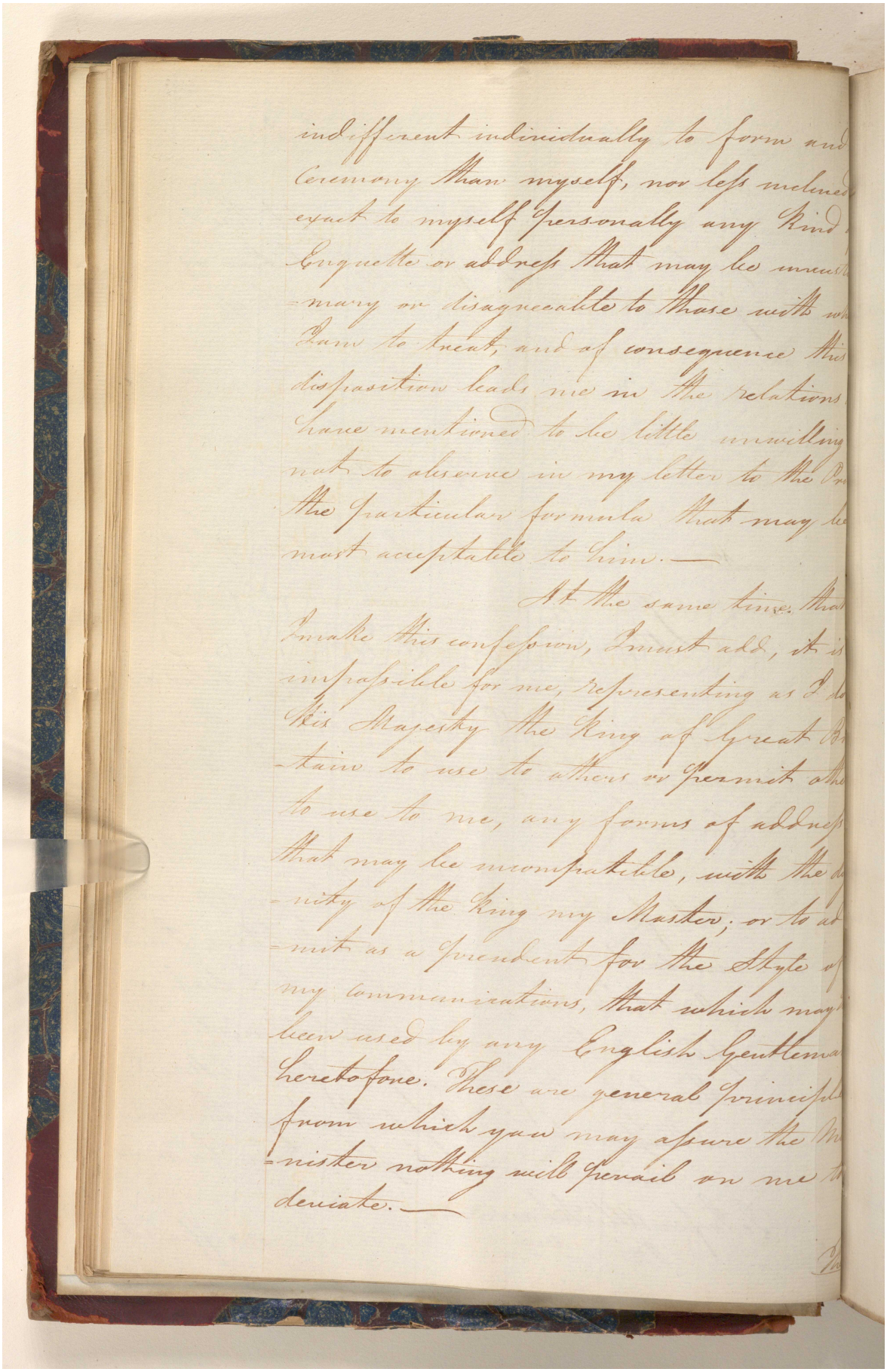
Sir,

Your Cossid dispatched on Saturday Night delivered to me this morning the packet intrusted to his Care.—

After expressing the Satisfaction I feel, from the professions made to you by Nasr Oddah Khan, I must advert, to the Conversation which took place between you and that Minister on the Subject of the Style of the letter I addressed to his Royal Highness the Prince.

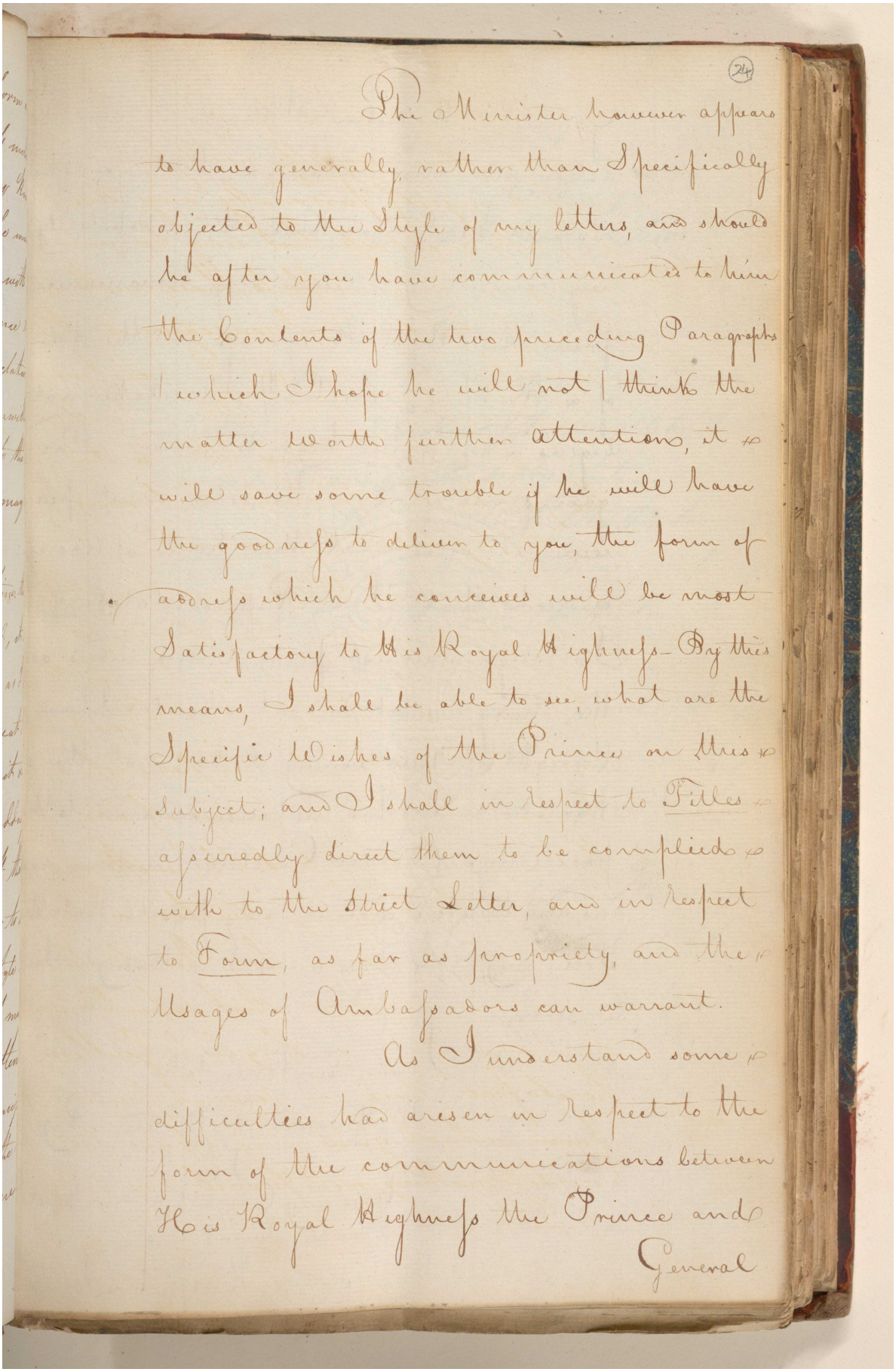
No person can be more indifferent

To Jafer Alli Khan
Dear Sir Dear Sir—



indifferent individually to form and
Ceremony than myself, nor less inclined
expect to myself personally any Kind
Etiquette or address that may be incon-
-mary or disagreeable to those with wh
Dare to treat, and of consequence this
disposition leads me in the relations
have mentioned to be little unwilling
not to observe in my letter to the Pr
the particular formula that may be
most acceptable to him. —

At the same time, that
I make this confession, I must add, it is
impossible for me, Representing as I do
His Majesty the King of Great Br
-tain to use to others or permit oth
to use to me, any forms of address
that may be incompatible, with the d
-nity of the King my Master, or to ad
-mit as a precedent for the Style of
my Communications, that which may
been used by any English Gentlema
heretofore. These are general principl
from which you may assure the Mi
-nister nothing will prevail on me to
deviate. —



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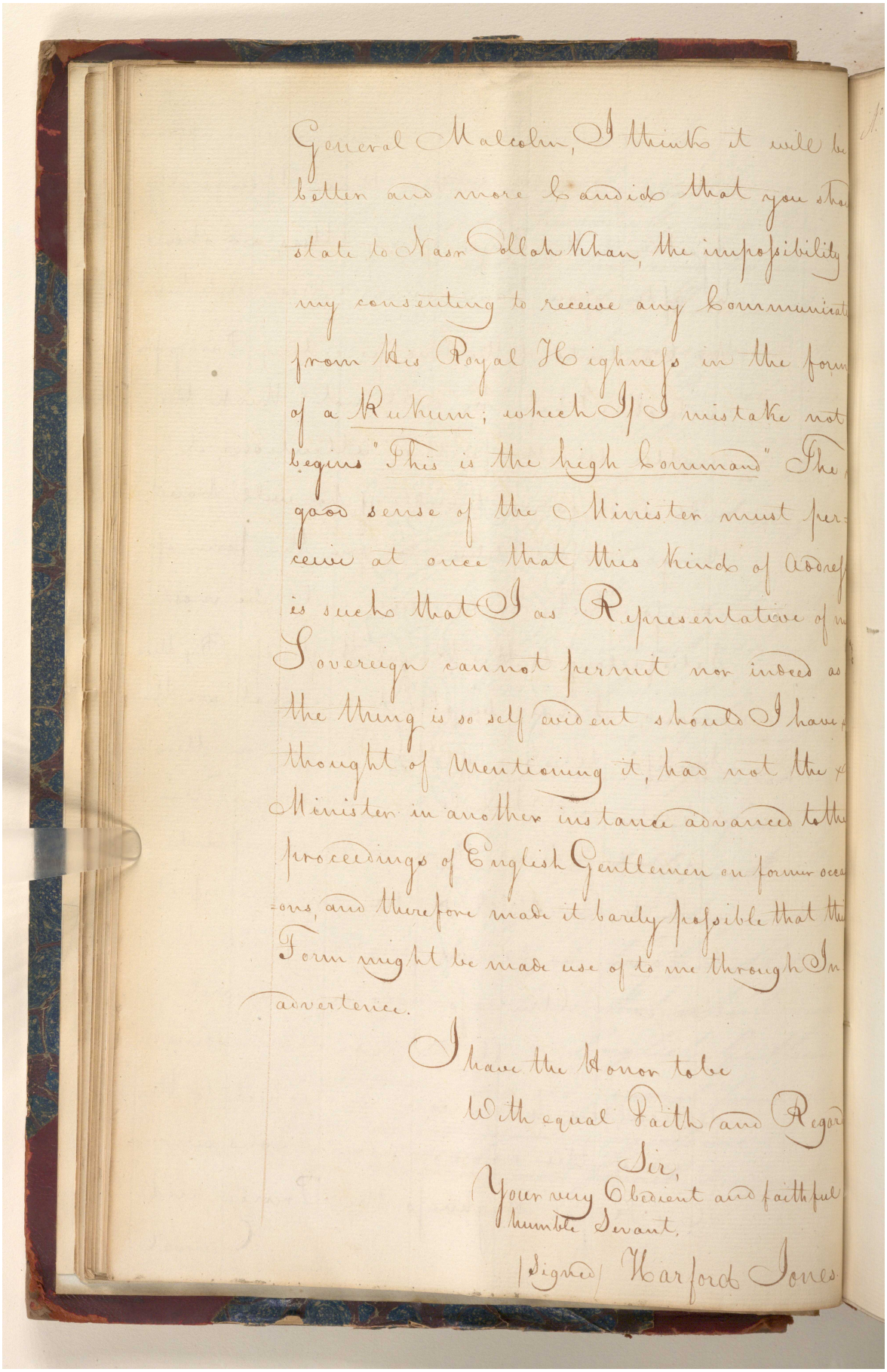
The Minister however appears to have generally, rather than Specifically objected to the Style of my letters, and should he after you have communicated to him the Contents of the two preceding Paragraphs / which I hope he will not / thinks the matter worth further attention, it will save some trouble if he will have the goodness to deliver to you, the form of address which he conceives will be most Satisfactory to His Royal Highness. By this means, I shall be able to see, what are the Specific Wishes of the Prince on this Subject; and I shall in respect to Titles assuredly direct them to be complied with to the strict Letter, and in respect to Form, as far as propriety, and the Usages of Ambassadors can warrant.

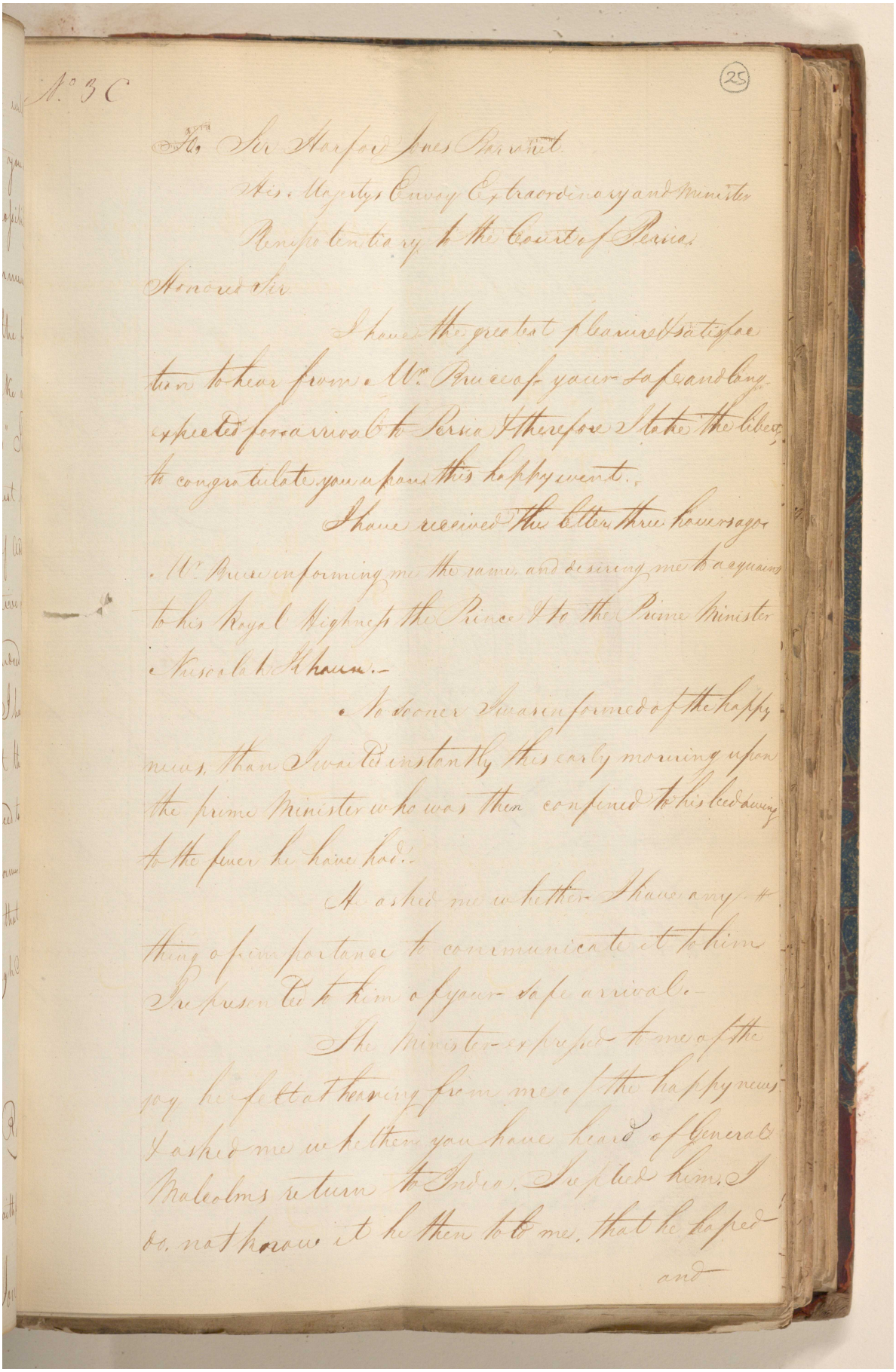
As I understand some difficulties had arisen in Respect to the form of the communications between His Royal Highness the Prince and

General



General Malcolm, I think it will be better and more candid that you shou state to Nasr Ollah Khan, the impossibility my consenting to receive any communicat from His Royal Highness in the form of a Rukum; which If I mistake not begins "This is the high Command" The good sense of the Minister must per= ceive at once that this kind of address is such that I as Representative of m Sovereign cannot permit nor indeed as the thing is so self evident should I have thought of Mentioning it, had not the Minister in another instance advanced to the proceedings of English Gentlemen on former occa =ons, and therefore made it barely possible that the Form might be made use of to me through In advertence.

I have the Honor to be
With equal Faith and Rega
Sir,
Your very Obedient and faithful
Humble Servant,
(Signed) Warford Jones



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To Sir Harford Jones Baronet.

His Majestys Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Persia.

Honored Sir.

I have the greatest pleasure & satisfaction to hear from Mr. Bruce of your safe and long expected for arrival to Persia & therefore I take the liberty to congratulate you upon this happy event.

I have received the letter three hours ago Mr. Bruce informing me the same, and desiring me to acquaint to his Royal Highness the Prince & to the Prime Minister Nusoolah Khaun.

No sooner I was informed of the happy news, than I waited instantly this early morning upon the prime Minister who was then confined to his bed owing to the fever he have had.

He asked me whether I have any thing of importance to communicate it to him I represented to him of your safe arrival.

The Minister expressed to me of the joy he felt at hearing from me of the happy news & asked me whether you have heard of General Malcolms return to India. I replied him. I do not know it he then told me, that he hoped

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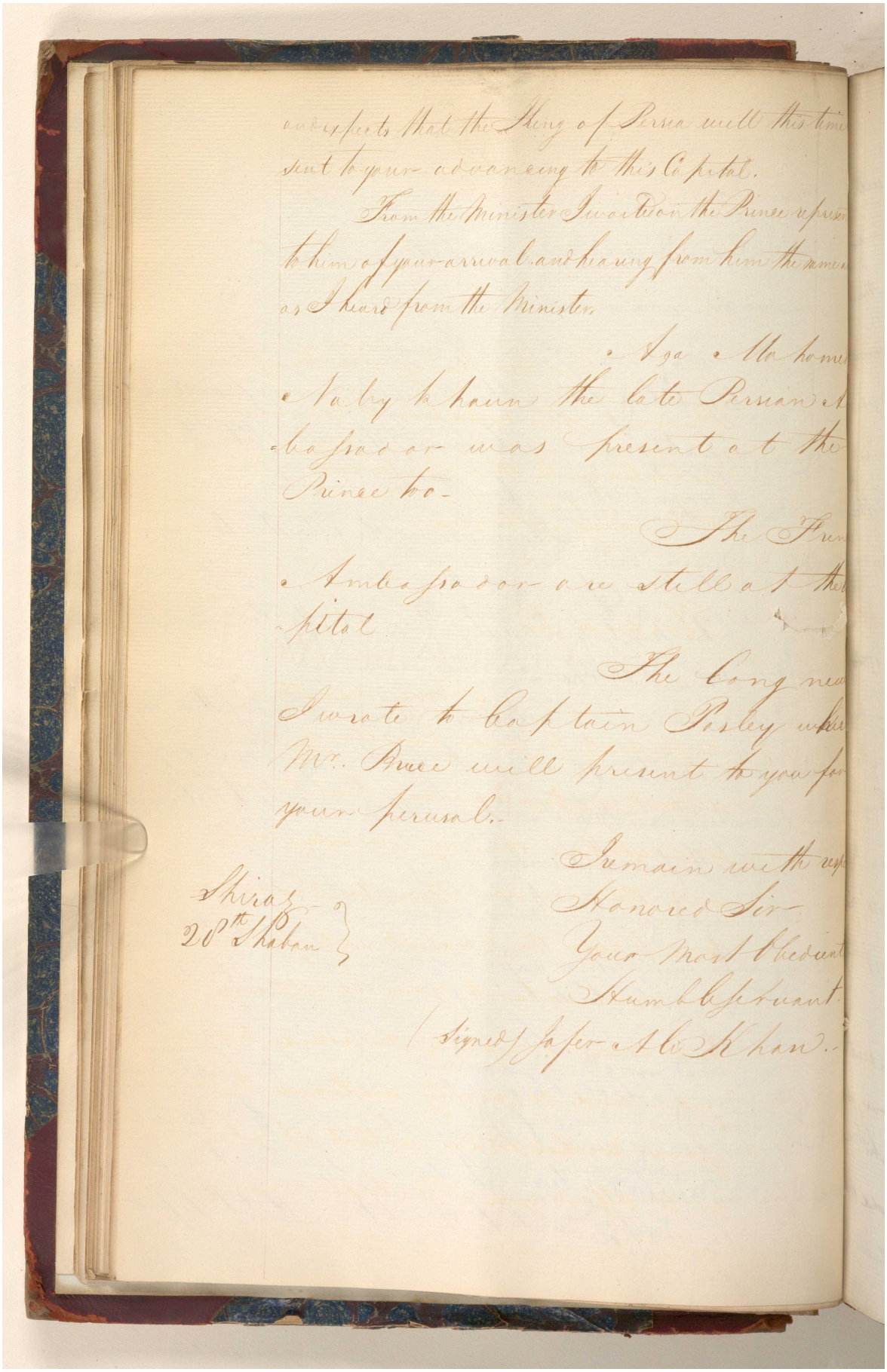

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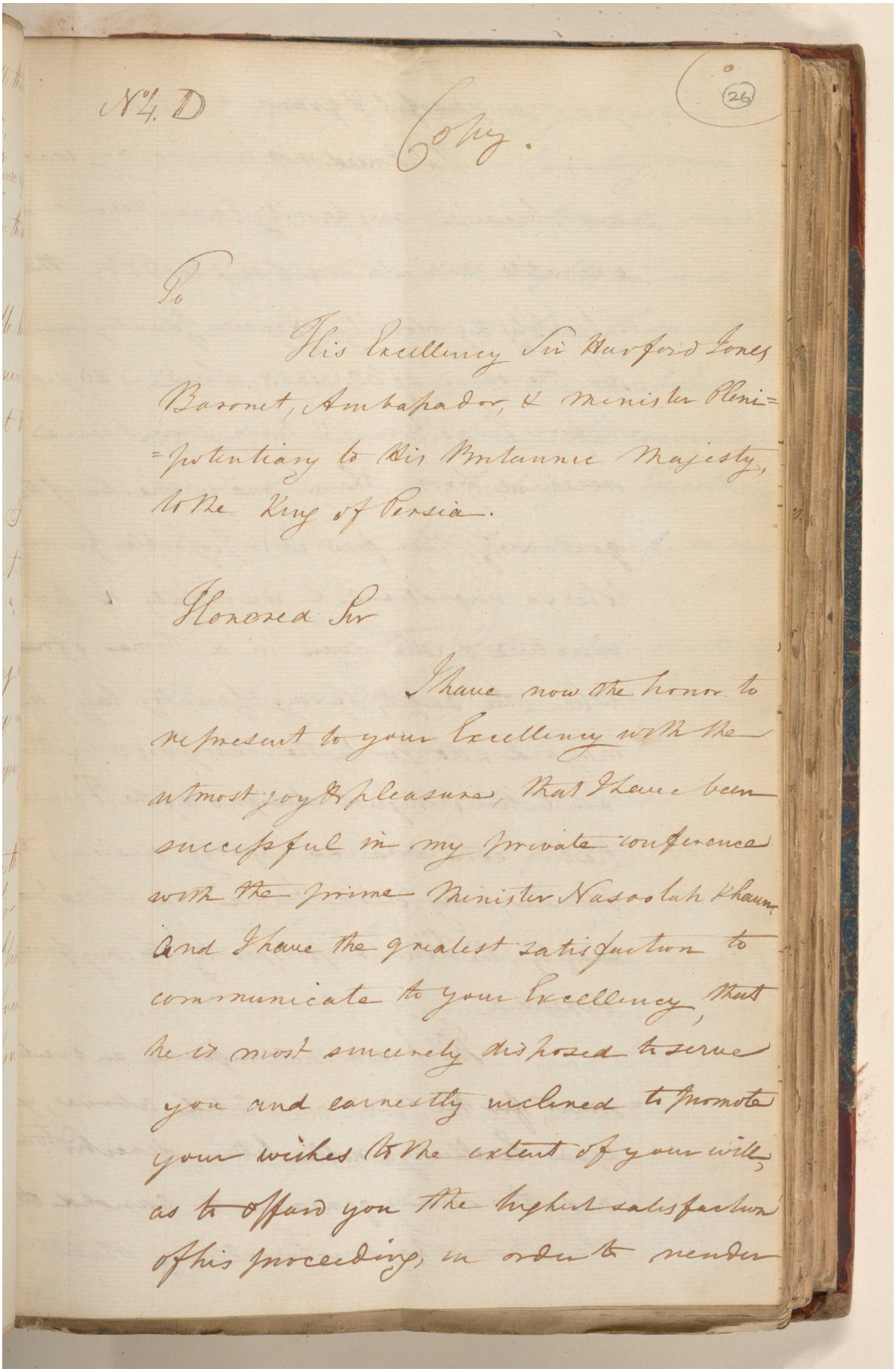

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To

His Excellency Sir Harford Jones Baronet, Ambassador, & Minister Plenipotentiary to His Britannic Majesty, to the King of Persia.

Honored Sir

I have now the honor to represent to your Excellency with the utmost joy & pleasure, that I have been successful in my private conference with the Prime Minister Nasoolah Khaun, and I have the greatest satisfaction to communicate to your Excellency, that he is most sincerely disposed to serve you and earnestly inclined to promote your wishes to the extent of your will, as to afford you the highest satisfaction of this proceeding, in order to render

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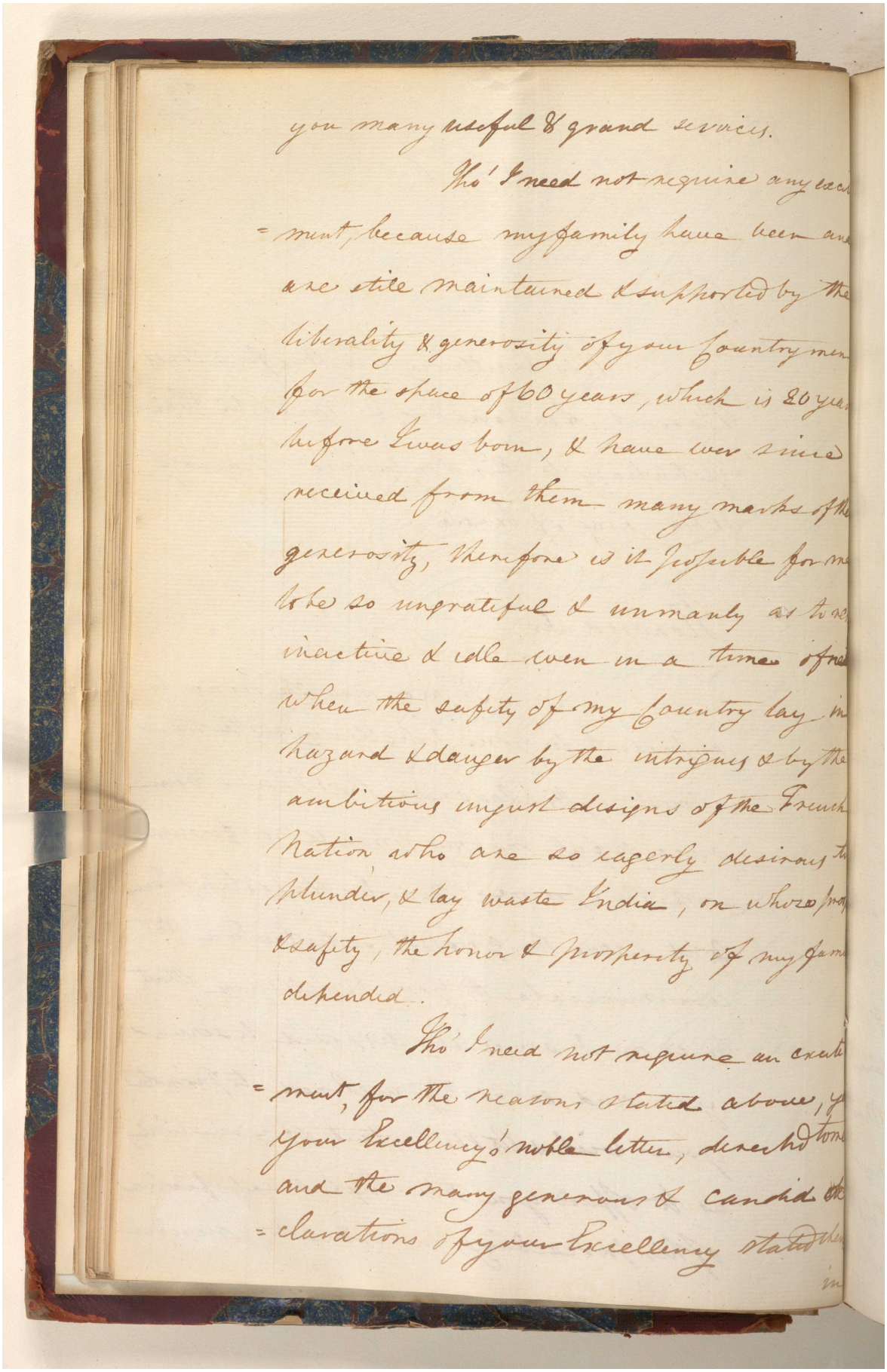

you many useful & grand services.

Tho' I need not require any encou-
= ment, because my family have been and
are still maintained & supported by the
liberality & generosity of your country men
for the space of 60 years, which is 20 yea
before I was born, & have ever since
received from them many marks of the
generosity, therefore is it possible for me
to be so ungratiful & unmanly as to re
inactive & idle even in a time of pea
when the safety of my country lay in
hazard & danger by the intrigues & by the
ambitious unjust designs of the French
Nation, who are so eagerly desirous to
plunder, & lay waste India, on whose pro
& safety, the honor & prosperity of my fam
depended.

Tho' I need not require an encou-
= ment, for the reasons stated above, y
your Excellency's noble letter, directed to me
and the many generous & candid de
= clarations of your Excellency stated the
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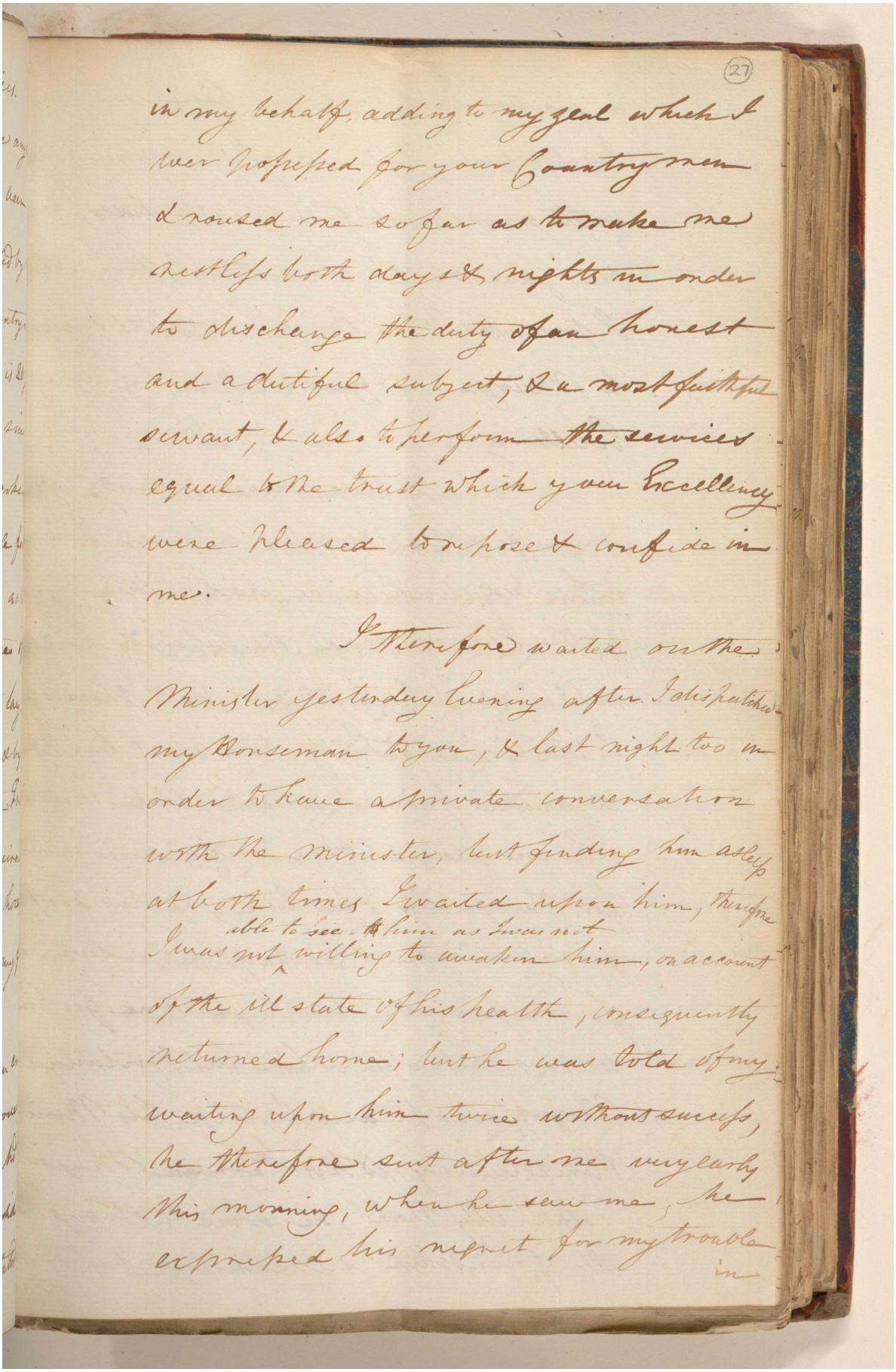

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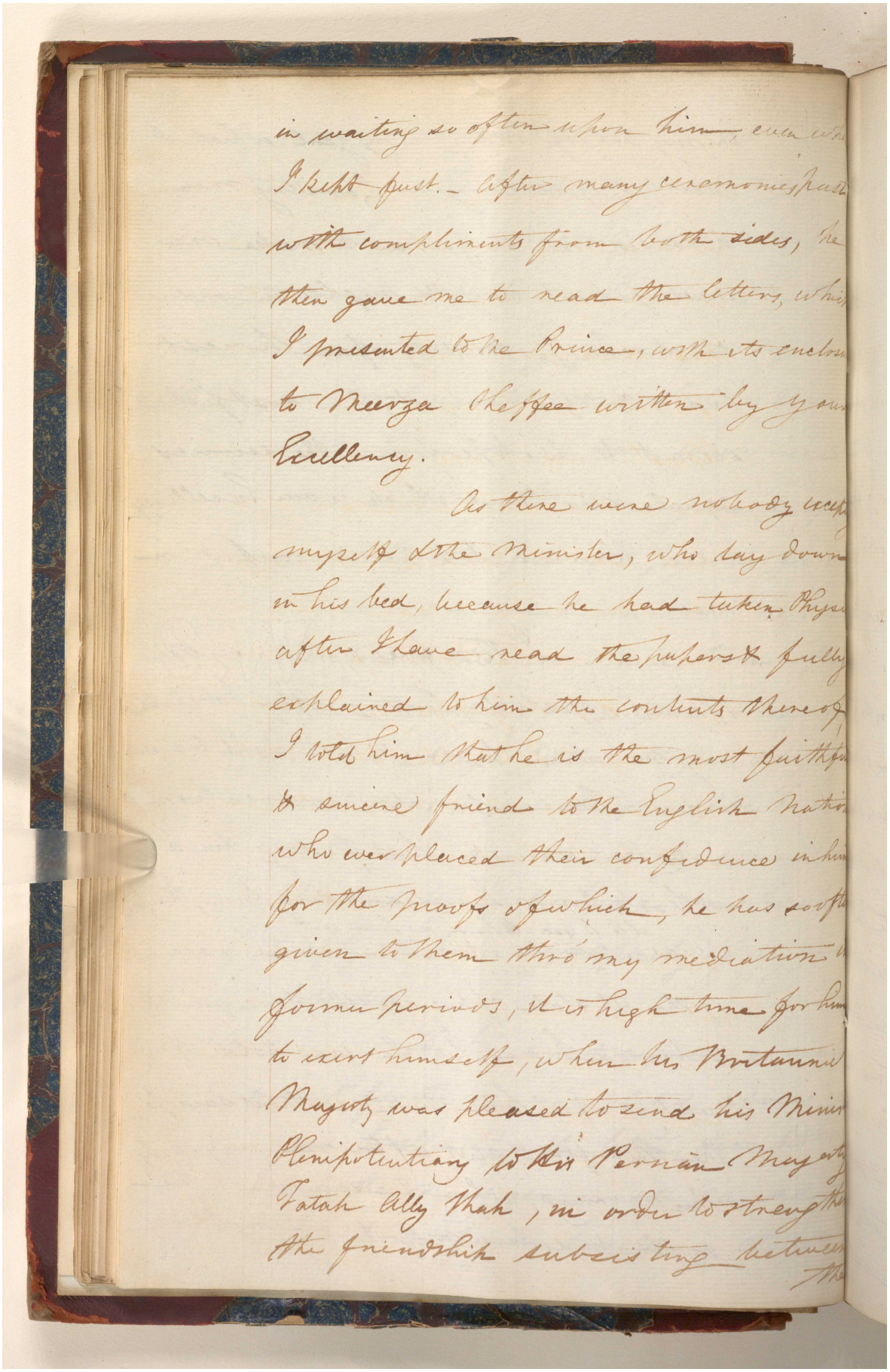
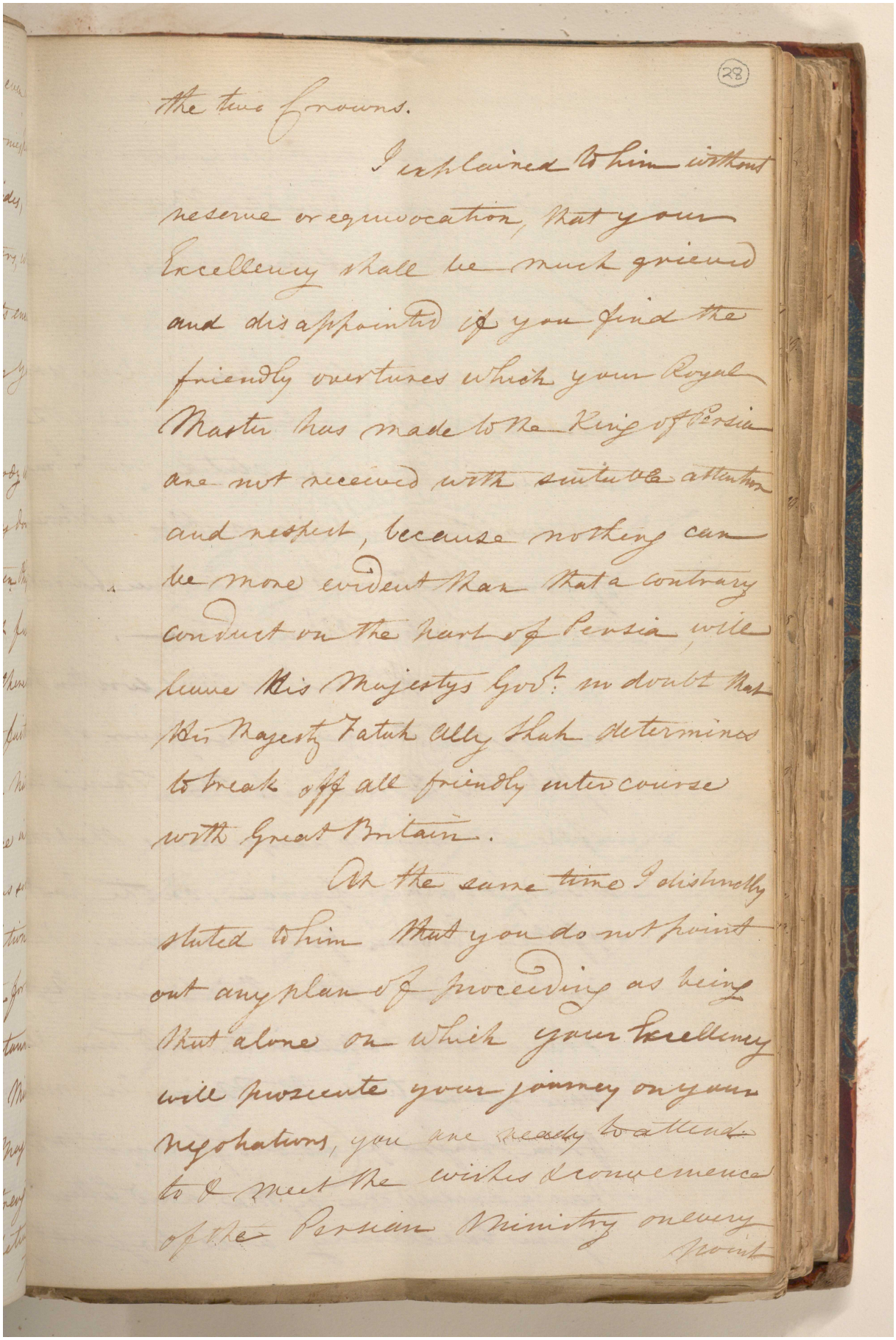
in my behalf, adding to my zeal which I
ever professed for your Countrymen
& roused me so far as to make me
restless both days & nights in order
to discharge the duty of an honest
and a dutiful subject, & a most faithful
servant, & also to perform the services
equal to the trust which your Excellency
were pleased to repose & confide in
me.

I therefore waited on the
Minister yesterday Evening after I dispatched
my Horseman to you, & last night two in
order to have a private conversation
with the minister, but finding him asleep
at both times I waited upon him, therefore
I was not able to see him as I was not
willing to awaken him, on account
of the ill state of his health, consequently
returned home; but he was told of my
waiting upon him twice without success,
he therefore sent after me very early
this morning, when he saw me, he
expressed his regret for my trouble
in



in waiting so often upon him, even wh
I kept fast. – After many ceremonies past
with compliments from both sides, he
then gave me to read the letters, which
I presented to the Prince, with its enclosu
to Meerza Cheffee written by your
Excellency.

As there were nobody except
myself & the Minister, who lay down
in his bed, because he had taken Physi
after I have read the papers & fully
explained to him the contents thereof,
I told him that he is the most faithful
& sincere friend to the English nation
who ever placed their confidence in him
for the proofs of which, he has so often
given to them thro' my mediation in
former periods, it is high time for him
to exert himself, when his Britannic
Majesty was pleased to send his Minis
Plenipotentiary to His Persian Majesty
Fatah Ally Shah, in order to strengthen
the friendship subsisting between
the



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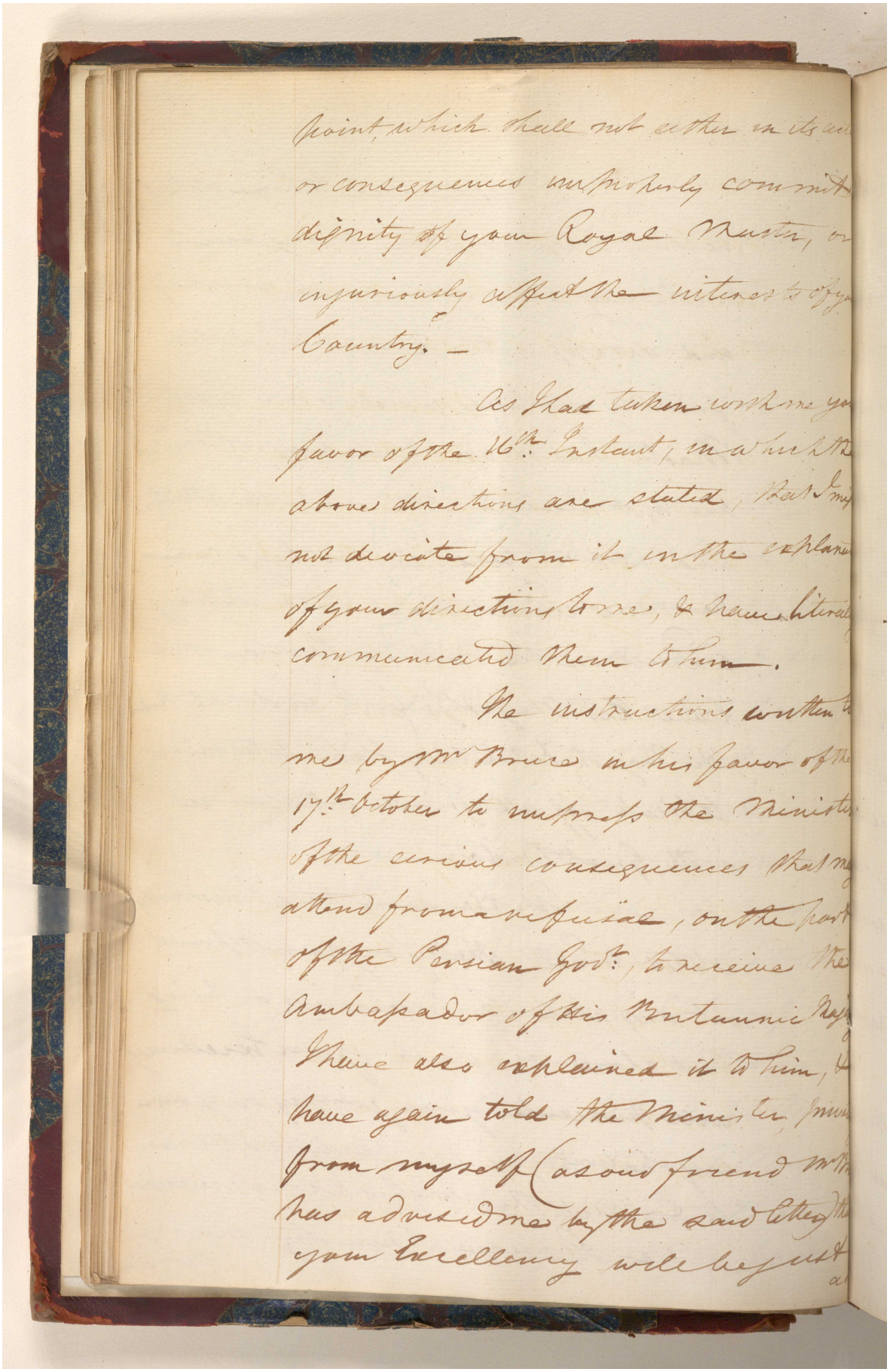
the two Crowns.

I explained to him without reserve or equivocation, that your Excellency shall be much grieved and disappointed if you find the friendly overtures which your Royal Master has made to the King of Persia are not received with suitable attention and respect, because nothing can be more evident than that a contrary conduct on the part of Persia, will leave His Majestys Govt. no doubt that His Majesty Fatuh Ally Shah determines to break off all friendly intercourse with Great Britain.

At the same time I distinctly stated to him that you do not point out any plan of proceeding as being that alone on which your Excellency will prosecute your journey on your negotiations, you are ready to attend to & meet the wishes & convenience of the Persian Ministry on every point



point, which shall not either in its
or consequences unworthily com
dignity of your Royal Master, o
injuriously affect the interests of
Country. —

As I had taken with me
favor of the 16th Instant, in which
above directions are stated, that I
not deviate from it in the explan
of your directions to me, & have literal
communicated them to him.

The instructions written
me by Mr Bruce in his favor of the
17th October to impress the Minist
of the serious consequences that
attend from an rupture, on the part
of the Persian Govt, to receive the
Ambassador of His Britannic Maj
I have also explained it to him,
have again told the Minister, from
from myself (as our friend Mr
has advised me by the said letter)
your Excellency will be pleased
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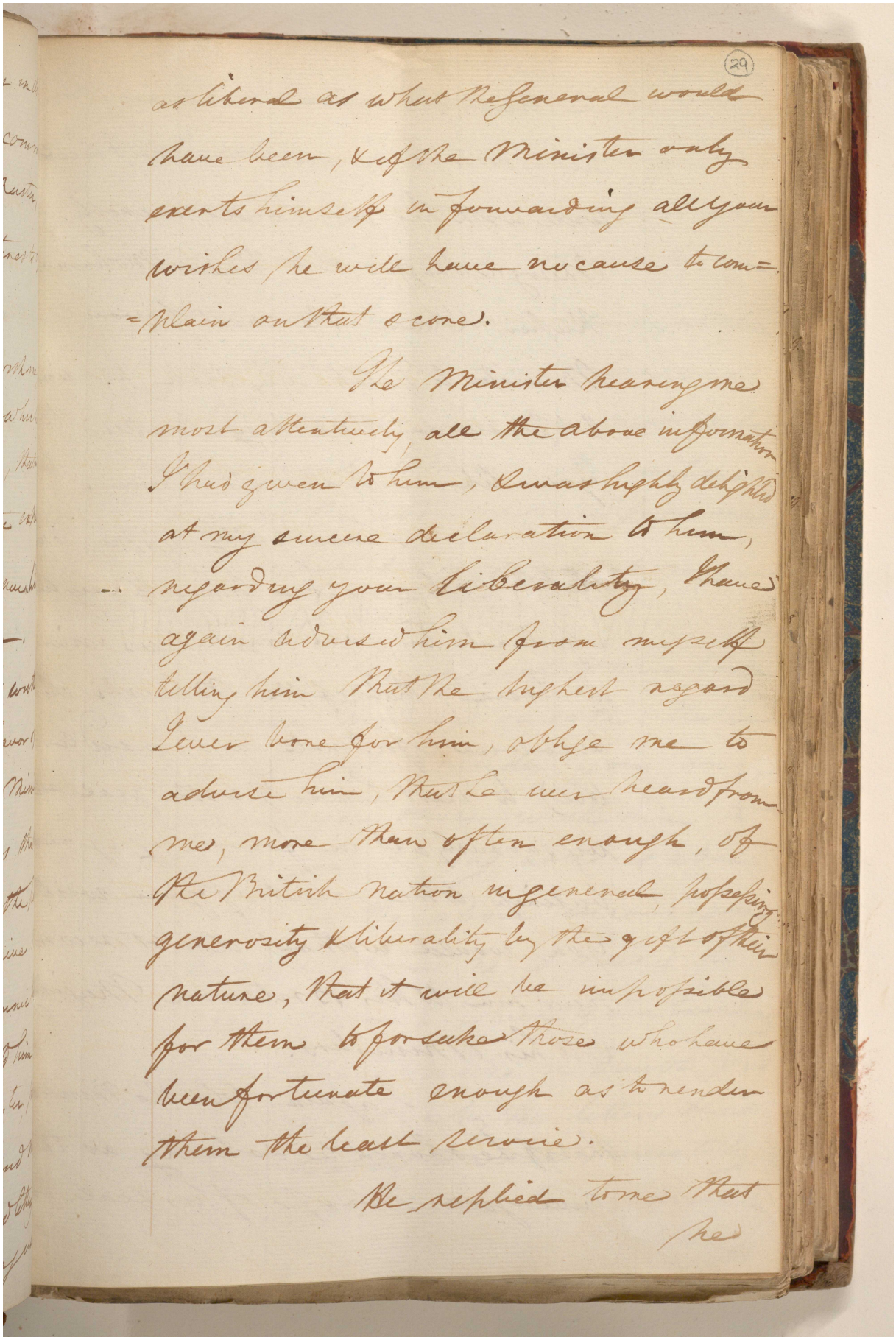
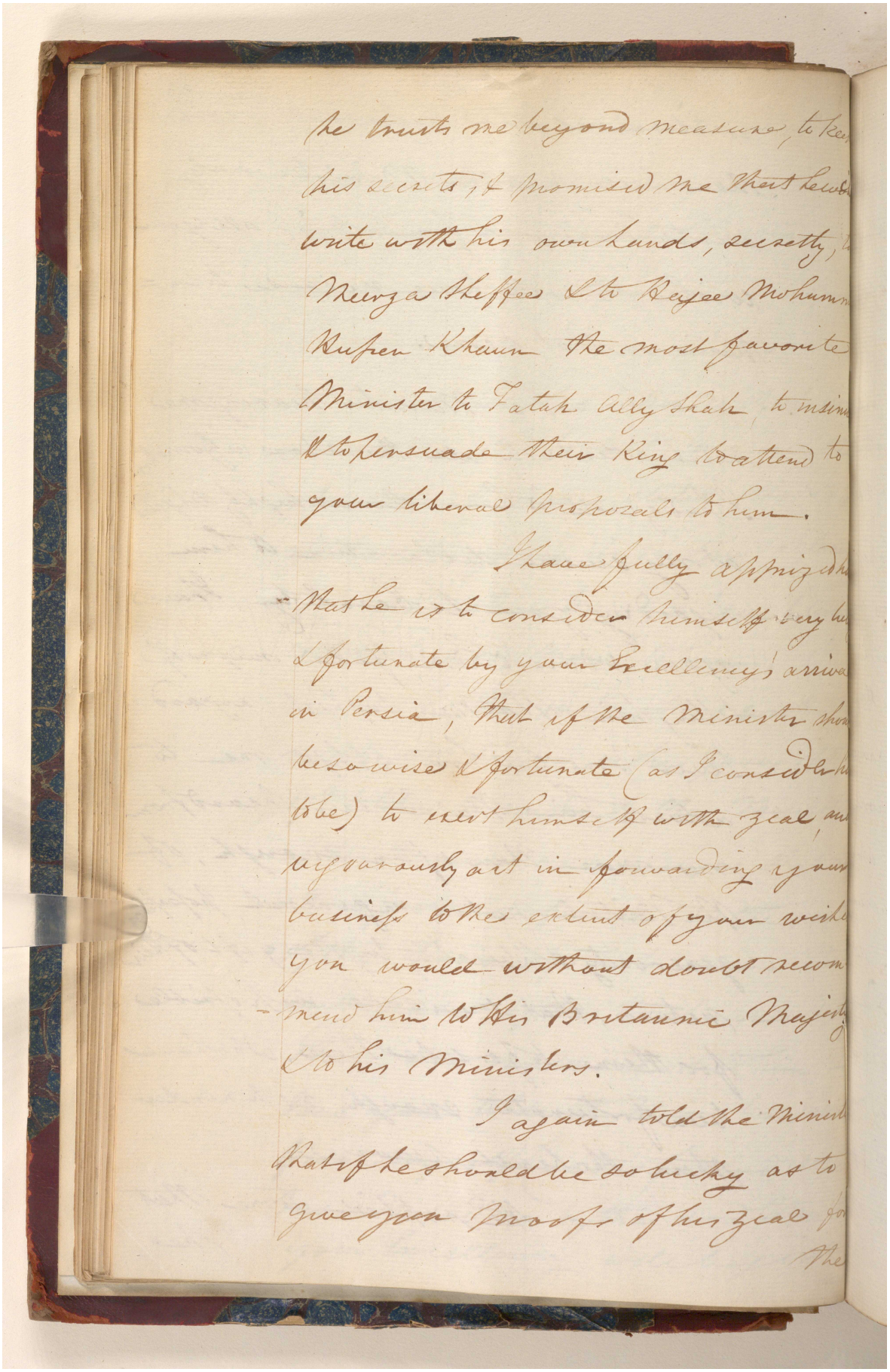


as liberal as what the General would have been, & if the Minister only exerts himself in forwarding all your wishes he will have no cause to com=plain on that score.

The Minister hearing me most attentively, all the above information I had given to him, & was highly delighted at my sincere declaration to him, regarding your liberality, I have again advised him from myself telling him that the highest regard I ever bore for him, oblige me to advise him, that he ever heard from me, more than often enough, of the British nation in general, possessing generosity & liberality by the gift of their nature, that it will be impossible for them to forsake those who have been fortunate enough as to render them the least service.

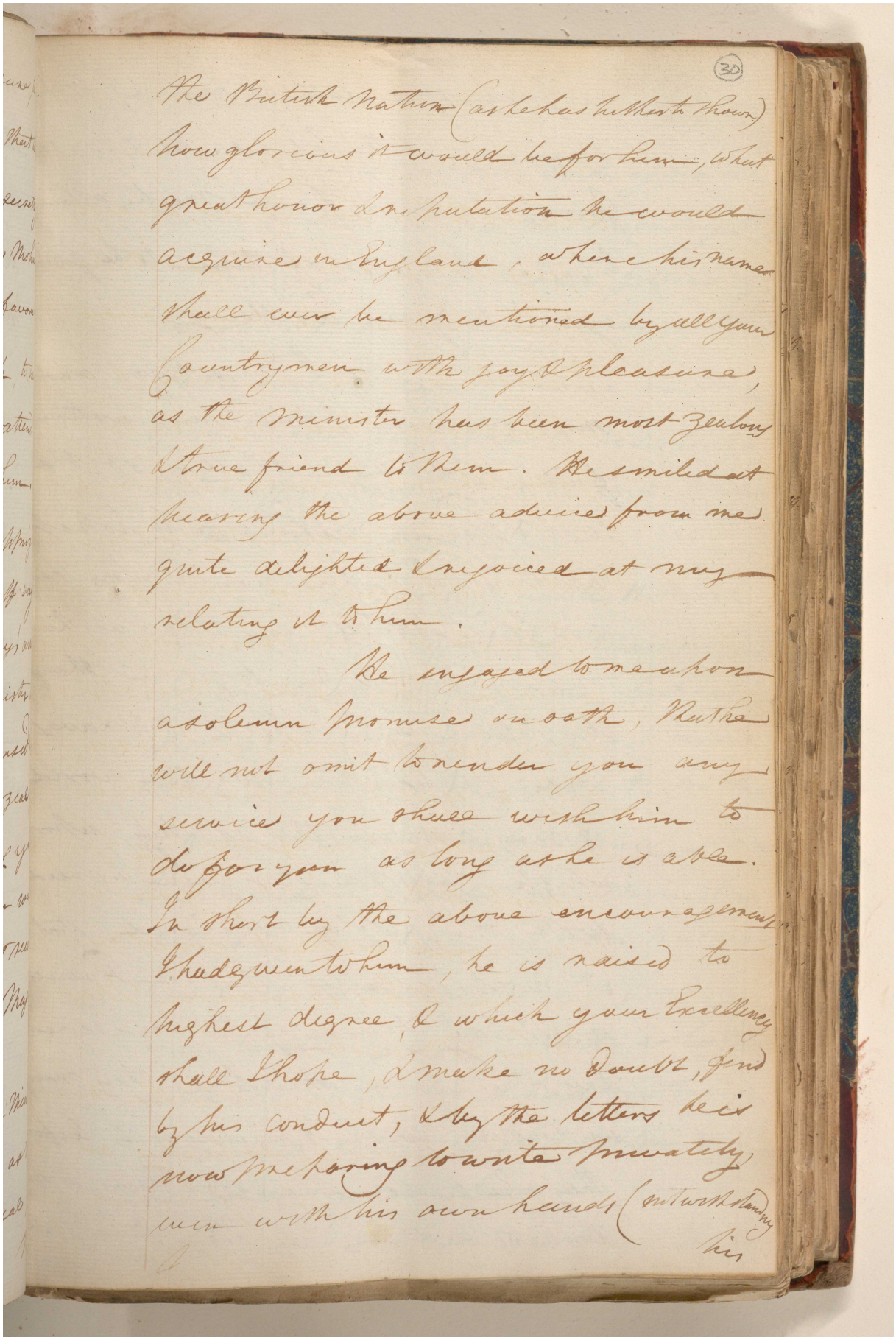
He replied to me that he



he trusts me beyond measure, to keep his secrets, & promised me that he will write with his own hands, secretly, to Meerza Sheffee & to Hajee Mohummed Hussen Khaun the most favorite Minister to Fatah Ally Shah, to insinuate & to persuade their King to attend to your liberal proposals to him.

I have fully apprized him that he is to consider himself very lucky & fortunate by your Excellency's arrival in Persia, that if the Minister should be so wise & fortunate (as I consider him to be) to exert himself with zeal, and vigorously act in forwarding your business to the extent of your wishes you would without doubt recommend him to His Britannic Majesty & to his Ministers.

I again told the Minister that if he should be so lucky as to give you proofs of his zeal for the



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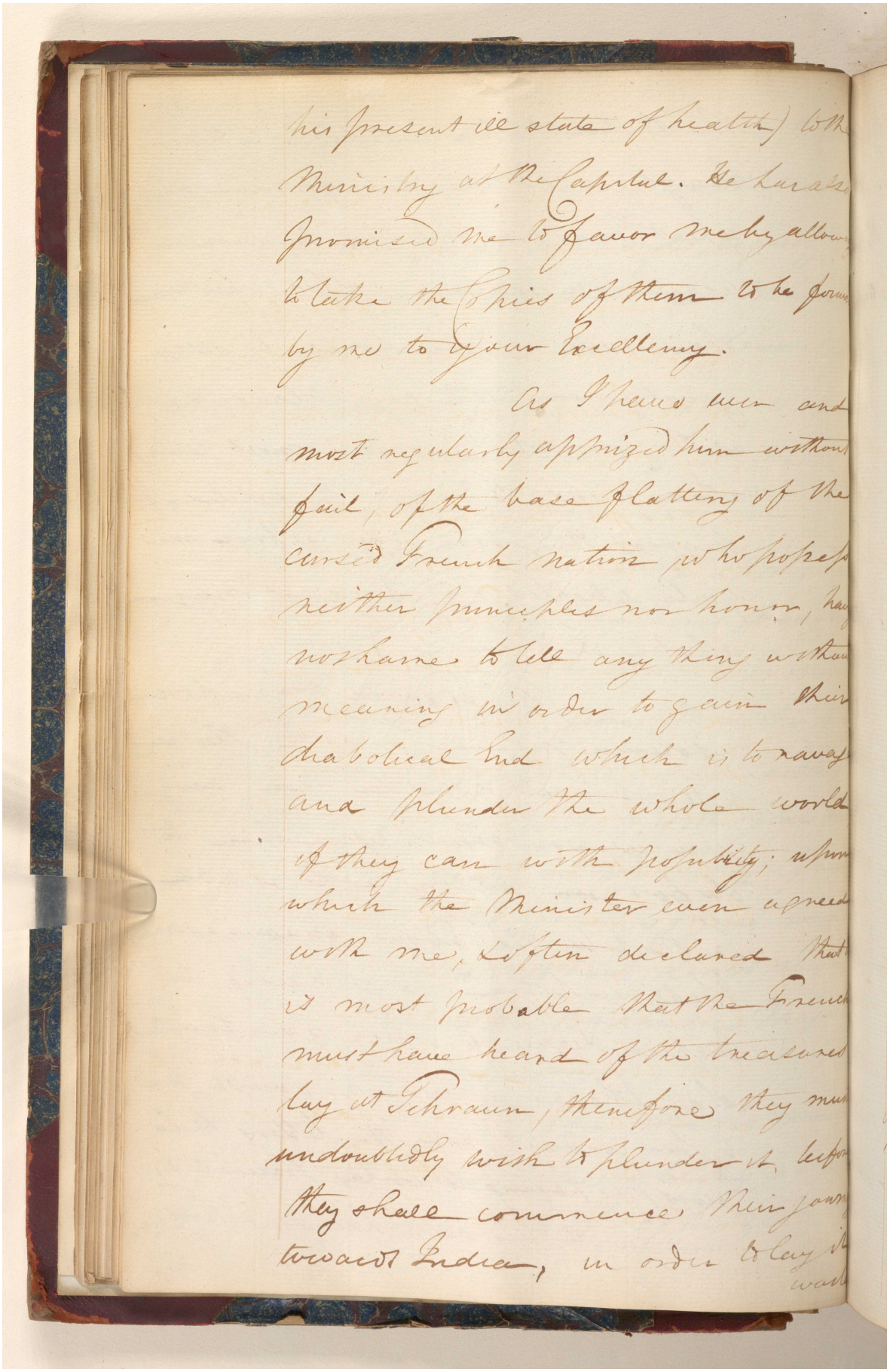
the British Nation (as he has hitherto shown) how glorious it would be for him, what great honor & reputation he would acquire in England, where his name shall ever be mentioned by all your Countrymen with joy & pleasure, as the Minister has been most zealous & true friend to them. He smiled at hearing the above advice from me quite delighted & rejoiced at my relating it to him.

He engaged to me upon a solemn promise on oath, that he will not omit to render you any service you shall wish him to do for you as long as he is able. In short by the above encouragement I had given to him, he is raised to highest degree, & which your Excellency shall I hope, & make no doubt, find by his conduct, & by the letters he is now preparing to write privately, even with his own hands (without knowing his



his present ill state of health) to the Ministry at the Capital. He has also promised me to favor me by allowing to take the Copies of them to be forwarded by me to your Excellency.

As I have seen and most regularly appreciated him without fail, of the base flattery of the cursed French nation who professes neither principles nor honor, have no shame to tell any thing with a meaning in order to gain their diabolical end which is to ravage and plunder the whole world if they can with impunity; upon which the Minister even agreed with me, & often declared that it most probable that the French must have heard of the treasures lay at Tehraun, therefore they must undoubtedly wish to plunder it, before they shall commence their journey towards India, in order to lay it

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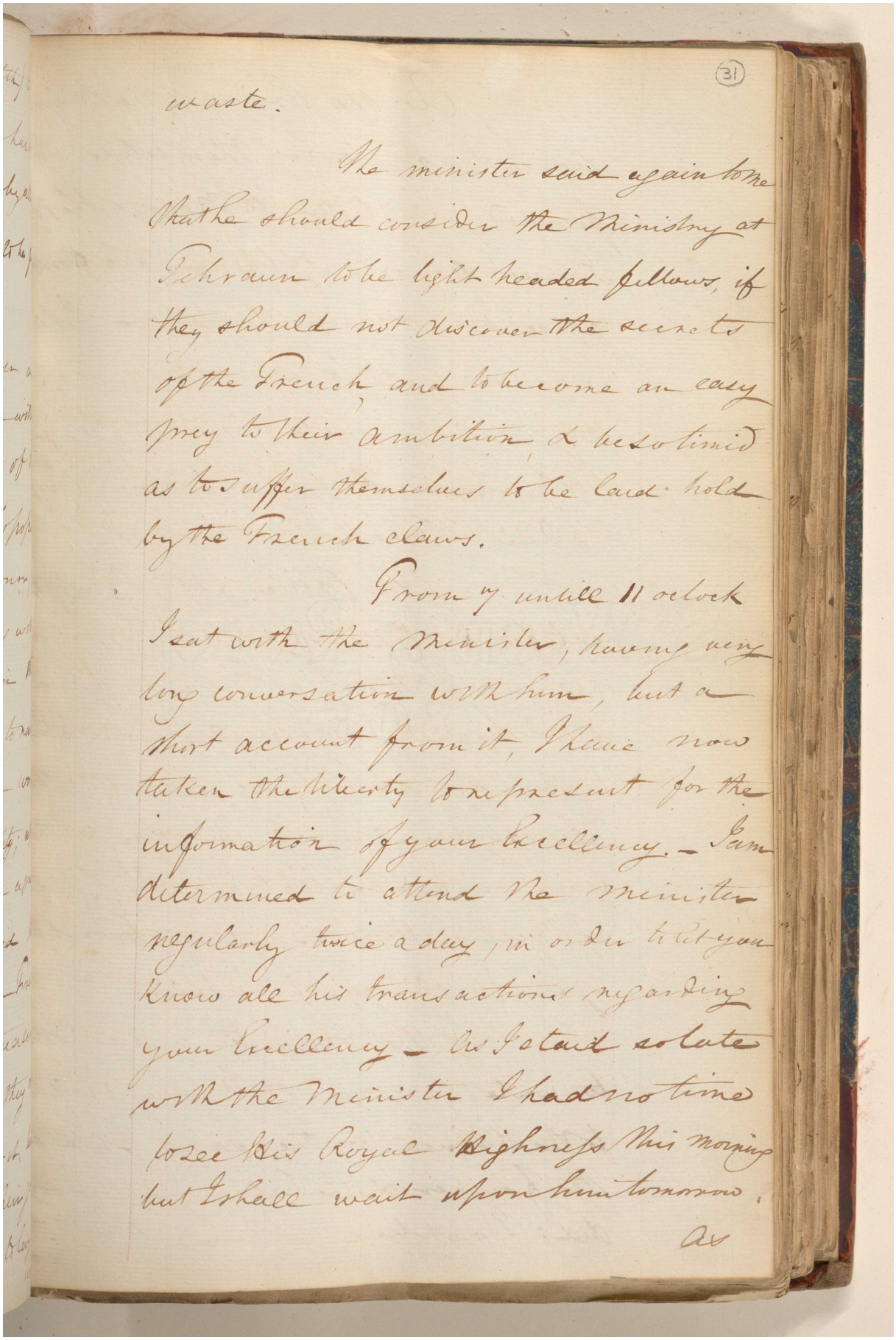

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waste.

The minister said again to me that he should consider the Ministry at Tehraun to be light headed fellows, if they should not discover the secrets of the French, and to become an easy prey to their ambition, & be so timid as to suffer themselves to be cast hold by the French claws.

From 7 until 11 o'clock I sat with the Minister, having very long conversation with him, but a short account from it, I have now taken the liberty to represent for the information of your Excellency. - I am determined to attend the minister regularly twice a day, in order to let you know all his transactions regarding your Excellency. - As I stand so late with the minister I had no time to see His Royal Highness this morning but I shall wait upon him tomorrow.

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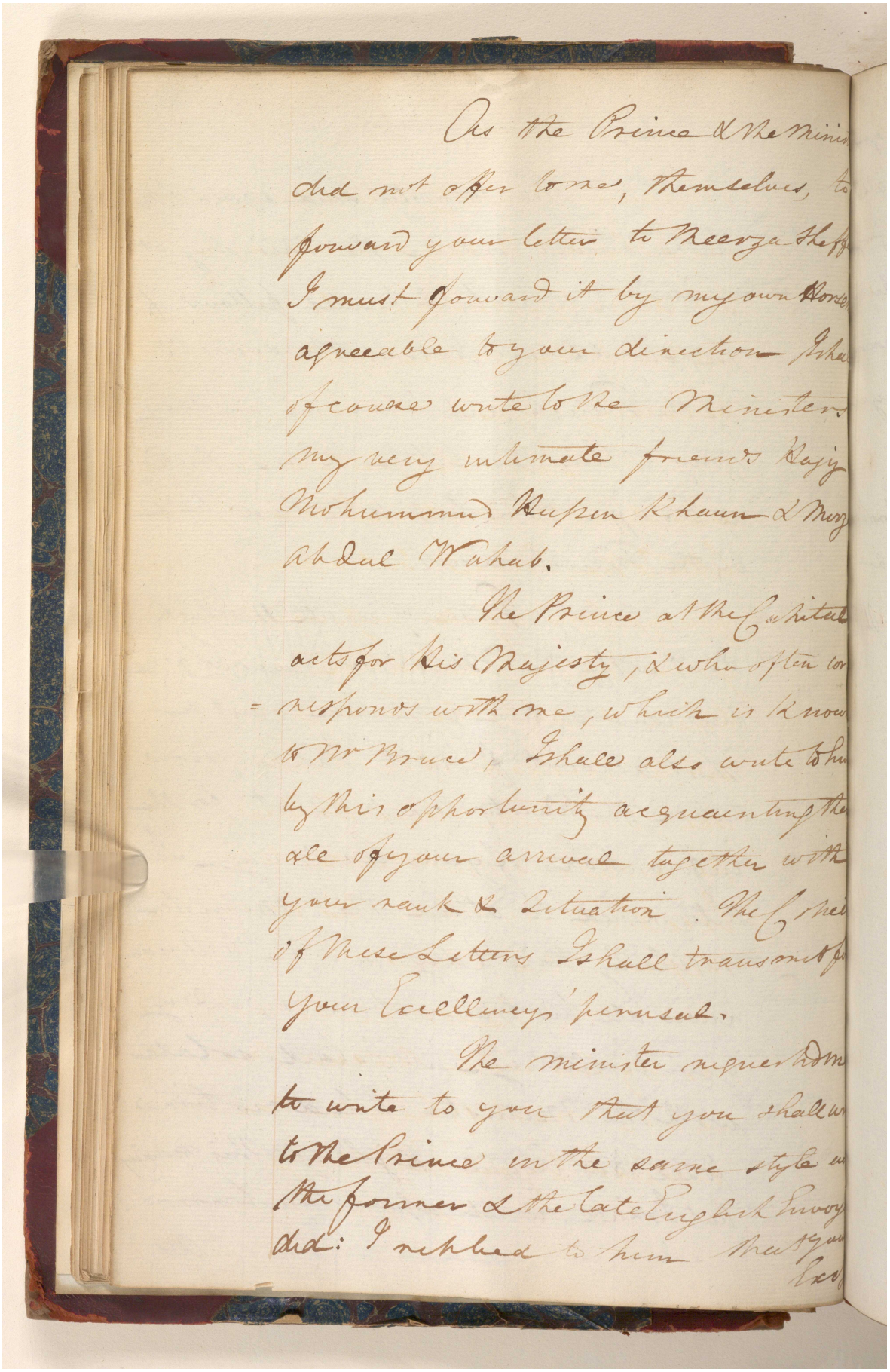

As the Prince & the Minis
did not offer to me, themselves, to
forward your letter to Meerza Sheff
I must forward it by my own Horse
agreeable to your direction I shall
of course write to the Ministers
my very intimate friends Hajy
Mohummud Hussen Khaun & Mirz
Abdul Wahab.

The Prince at the Capital
acts for His Majesty, & who often cor
= responds with me, which is known
to Mr Bruce, I shall also write to him
by this opportunity acquainting the
all of your arrival together with
your rank & situation. The Copies
of these Letters I shall transmit for
your Excellency's perusal.

The minister requested me
to write to you that you shall wr
to the Prince in the same style as
the former & the late English Envoy
did: I replied to him that your
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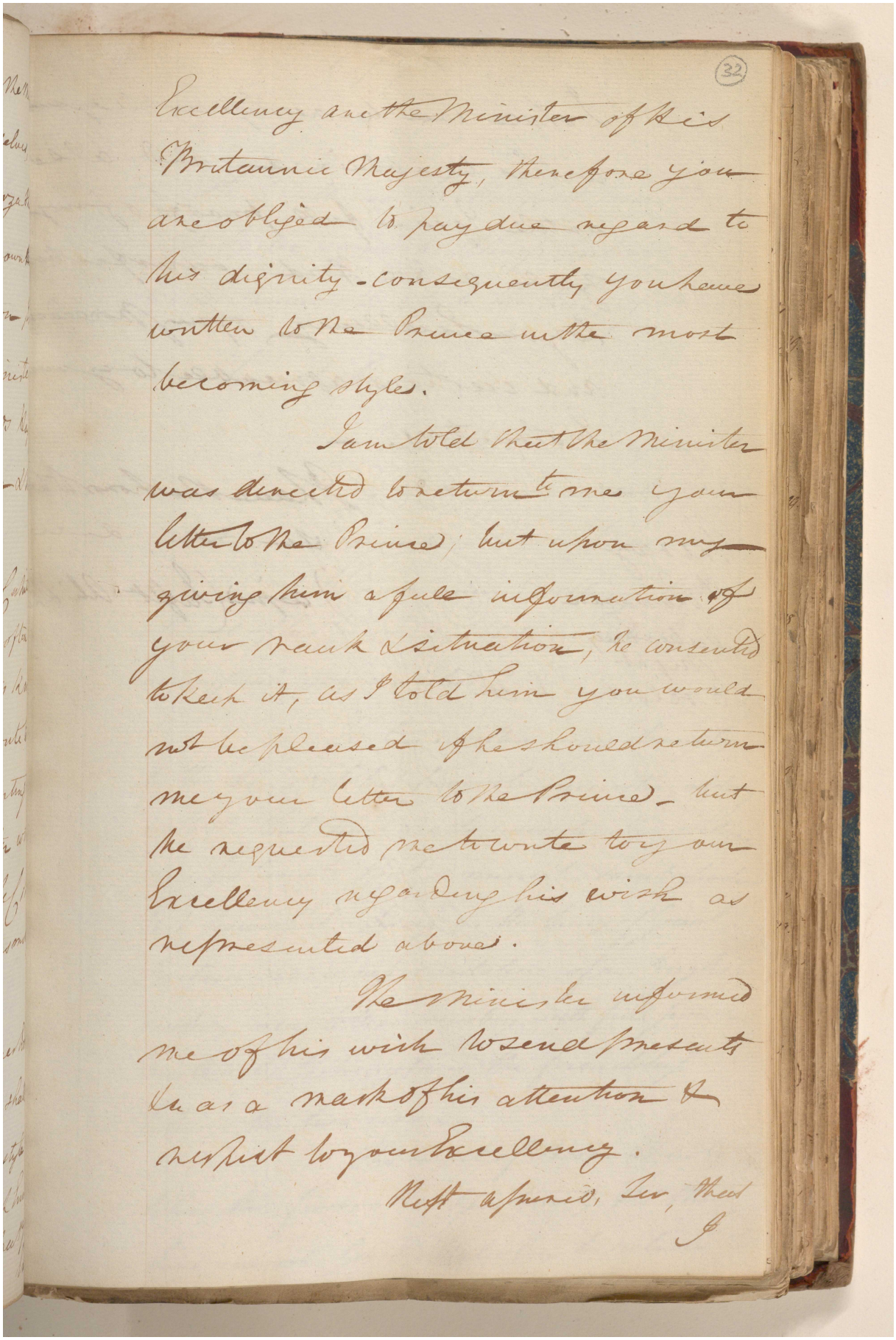

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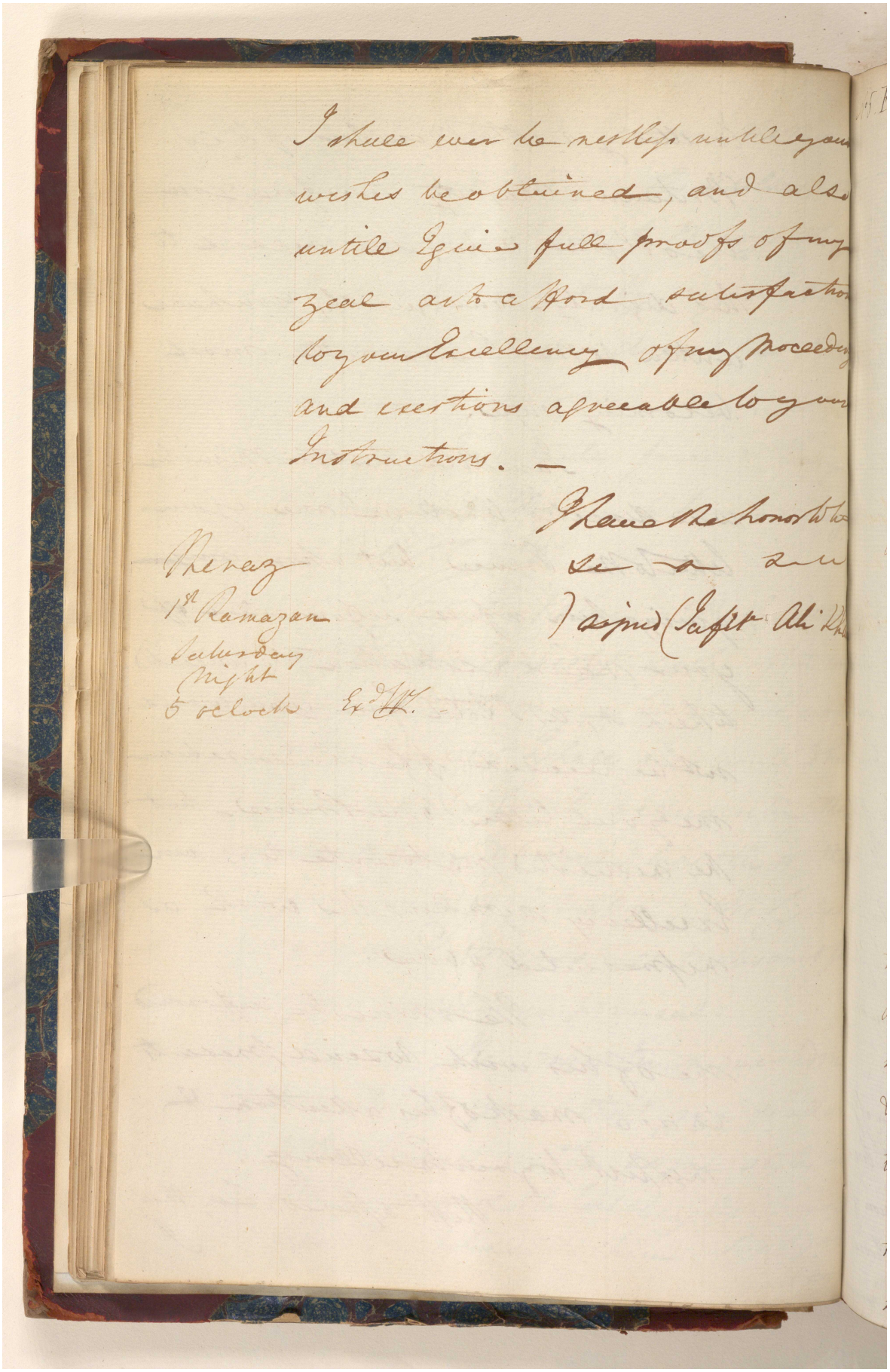
Excellency are the Minister of His Britannic Majesty, therefore you are obliged to pay due regard to his dignity - consequently you have written to the Prince in the most becoming style.

I am told that the Minister was directed to return to me your letter to the Prince; but upon my giving him a full information of your rank & situation, he consented to keep it, as I told him you would not be pleased if he should return me your letter to the Prince - but he requested me to write to your Excellency regarding his wish as represented above.

The Minister informed me of his wish to send presents &c as a mark of his attention & respect to your Excellency.

Next a period, Sir, that I



I shall ever be restless untill your wishes be obtained, and also untill I give full proofs of my zeal as to afford satisfaction to your Excellency of my proceedings and exertions agreeable to your Instructions. —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
) signed (Jafit Ali Khan

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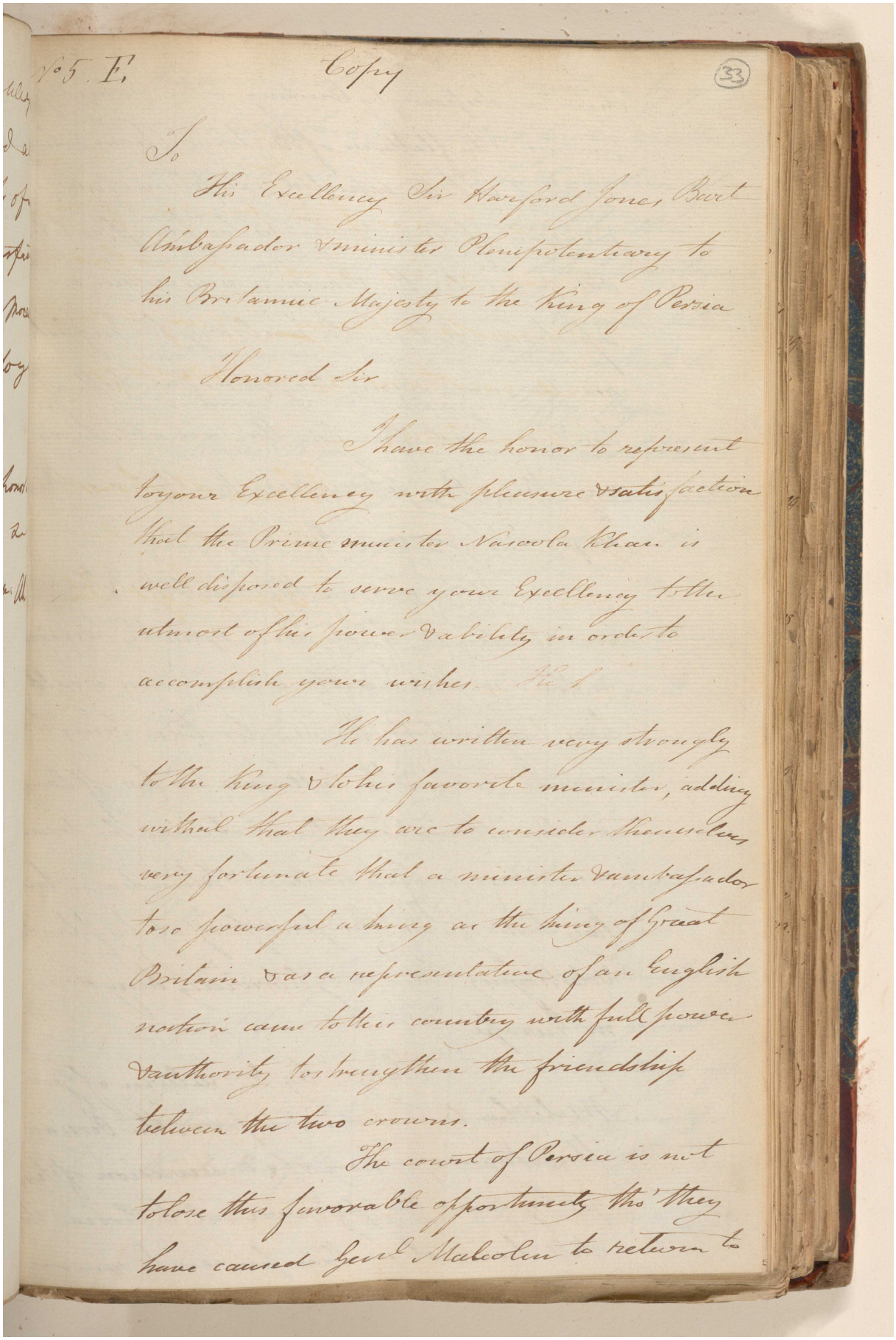
Night
5 oclock Exd W.



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To

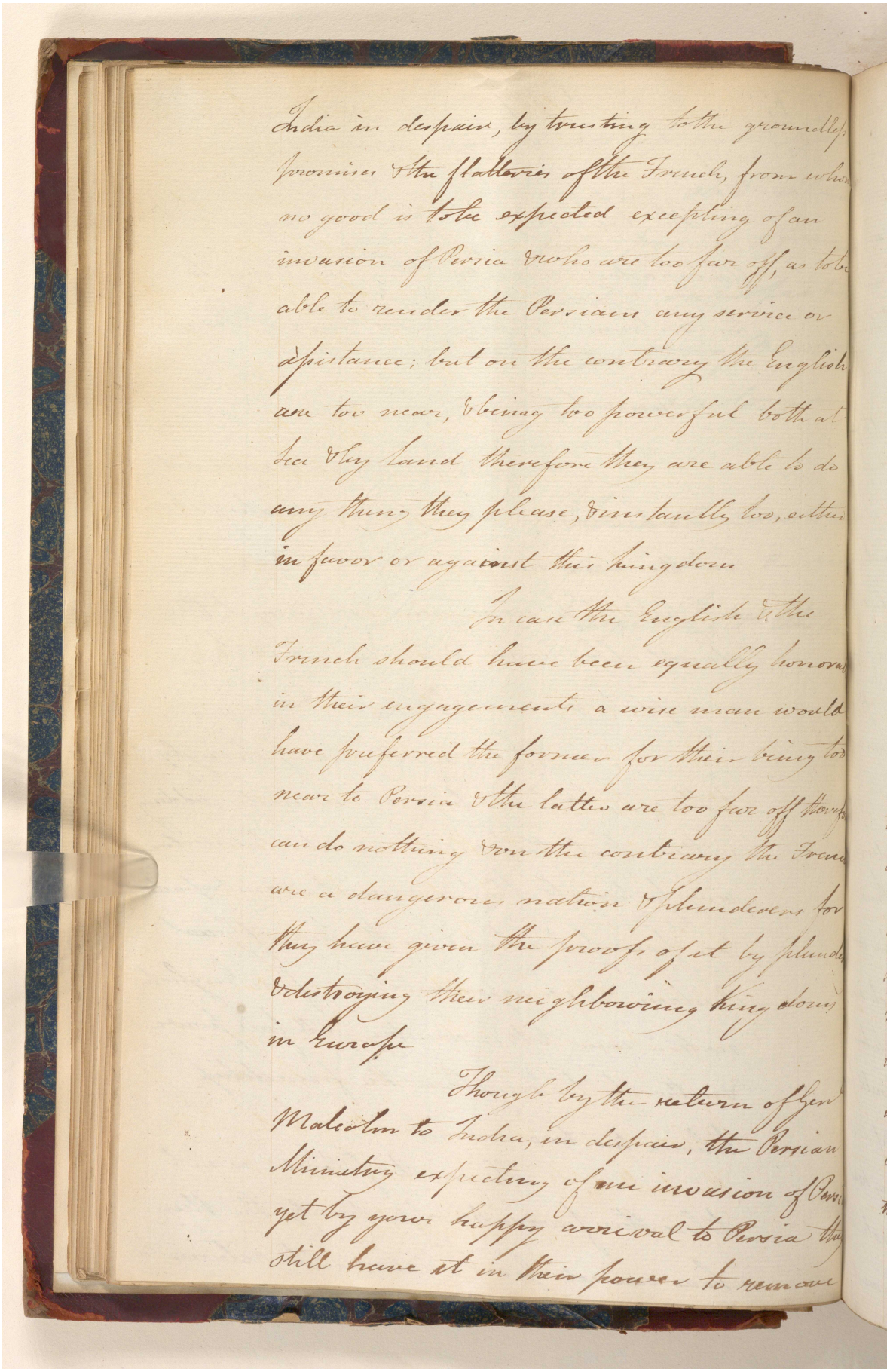
His Excellency Sir Harford Jones, Bart
Ambassador & minister Plenipotentiary to
his Britannic Majesty to the King of Persia

Honored Sir

I have the honor to represent
to your Excellency with pleasure & satisfaction
that the Prime minister Nasoola Khan is
well disposed to serve your Excellency to the
utmost of his power & ability in order to
accomplish your wishes. He has

He has written very strongly
to the king & to his favorite minister, adding
withal that they are to consider themselves
very fortunate that a minister & ambassador
tho' so powerful a king as the king of Great
Britain & as a representative of an English
nation came to their country with full power
& authority to strengthen the friendship
between the two crowns.

The court of Persia is not
to lose this favorable opportunity tho' they
have caused Genl Malcolm to return to



India in despair, by trusting to the groundless promises & flatteries of the French, from whom no good is to be expected excepting of an invasion of Persia which are too far off, as to be able to render the Persians any service or assistance; but on the contrary the English are too near, being too powerful both at Sea & by Land therefore they are able to do any thing they please, diametrically too, either in favor or against their kingdom

I can't the English & the French should have been equally honored in their engagements a wise man would have preferred the former for their being too near to Persia & the latter are too far off to do nothing & on the contrary the French are a dangerous nation & plunderers for they have given the proofs of it by plundering & destroying their neighbouring kingdoms in Europe

Though by the return of Genl Malcolm to India, in despair, the Persian Ministry expecting of an invasion of Persia yet by your happy arrival to Persia they still have it in their power to remove

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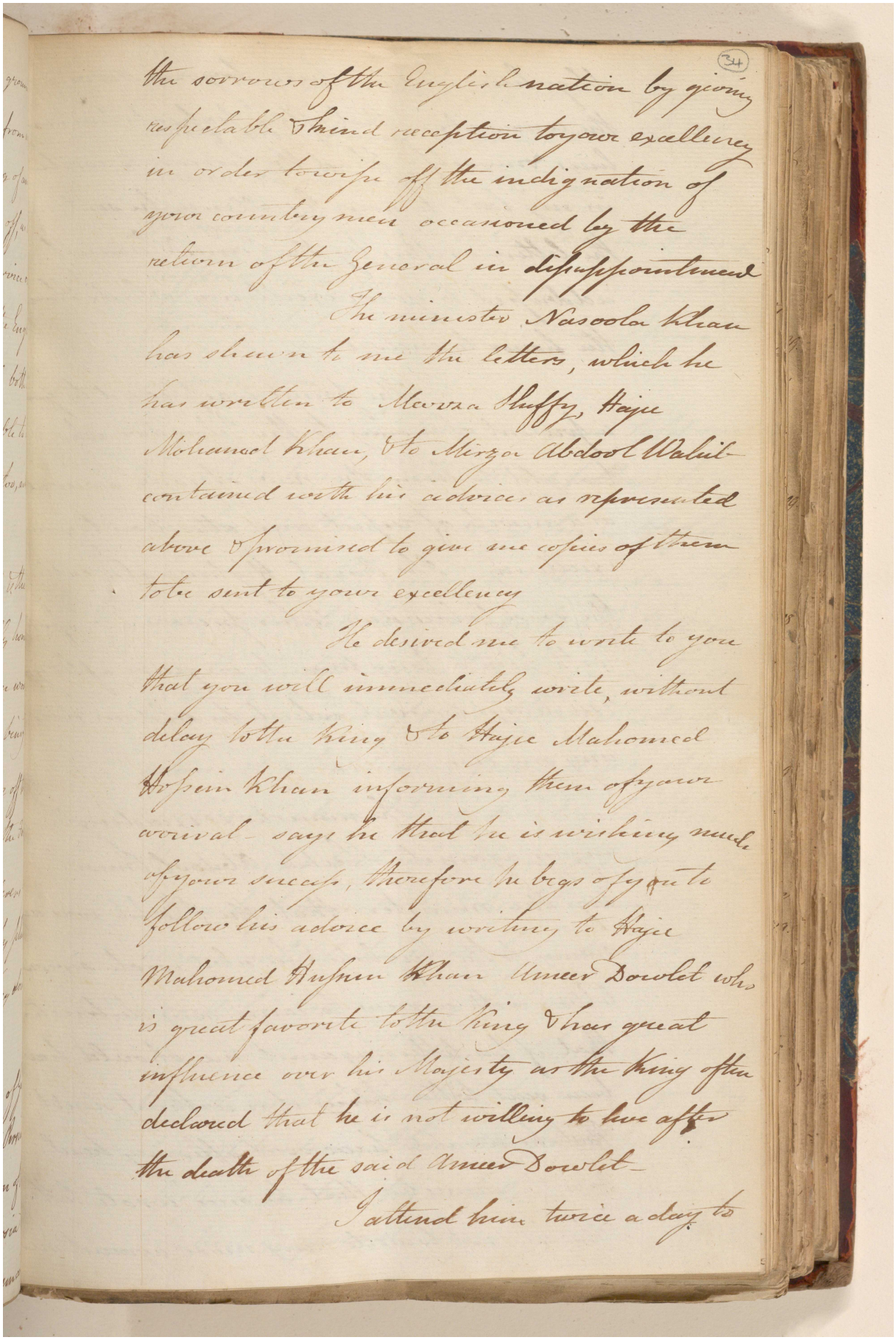
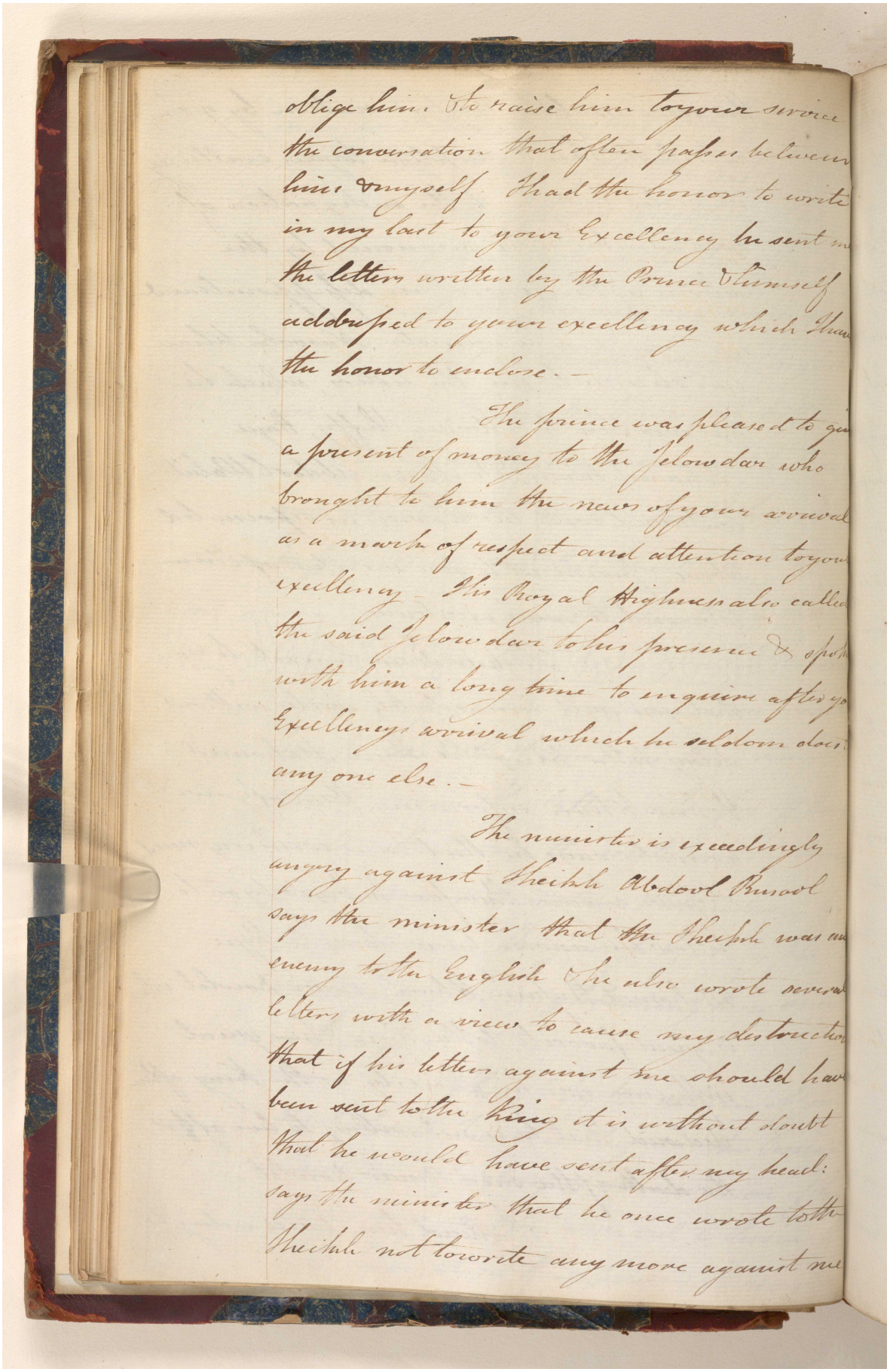


the sorrows of the English nation by giving respectable & kind reception to your excellency in order to wipe off the indignation of your countrymen occasioned by the return of the General in disappointment

The minister Nasoola Khan has shewn to me the letters, which he has written to Mirza Muffy, Haje Mohamed Khan, & to Mirzo Abdool Wahit contained with his advices as represented above & promised to give me copies of them to be sent to your excellency

He desired me to write to you that you will immediately write, without delay to the King & to Haje Mahomed Hoseen Khan informing them of your arrival says he that he is wishing much of your success, therefore he begs of you to follow his advice by writing to Haje Mahomed Hussun Khan Umeer Dowlet who is great favorite to the King & has great influence over his Majesty as the King often declared that he is not willing to live after the death of the said Umeer Dowlet

I attend him twice a day to



oblige him. To raise him to your service
the conversation that often passes between
him & myself. I had the honor to write
in my last to your Excellency he sent me
the letter written by the Prince himself
addressed to your excellency which I have
the honor to enclose. —

The prince was pleased to give
a present of money to the Jelowdar who
brought to him the news of your arrival
as a mark of respect and attention to your
excellency. His Royal Highness also called
the said Jelowdar to his presence & spoke
with him a long time to enquire after your
Excellency's arrival which he seldom does
any one else. —

The minister is exceedingly
angry against Sheikh Abdool Russool
says the minister that the Sheikh was an
enemy to the English he also wrote several
letters with a view to cause my destruction
that if his letter against me should have
been sent to the King it is without doubt
that he would have sent after my head:
says the minister that he once wrote to the
Sheikh not to write any more against me

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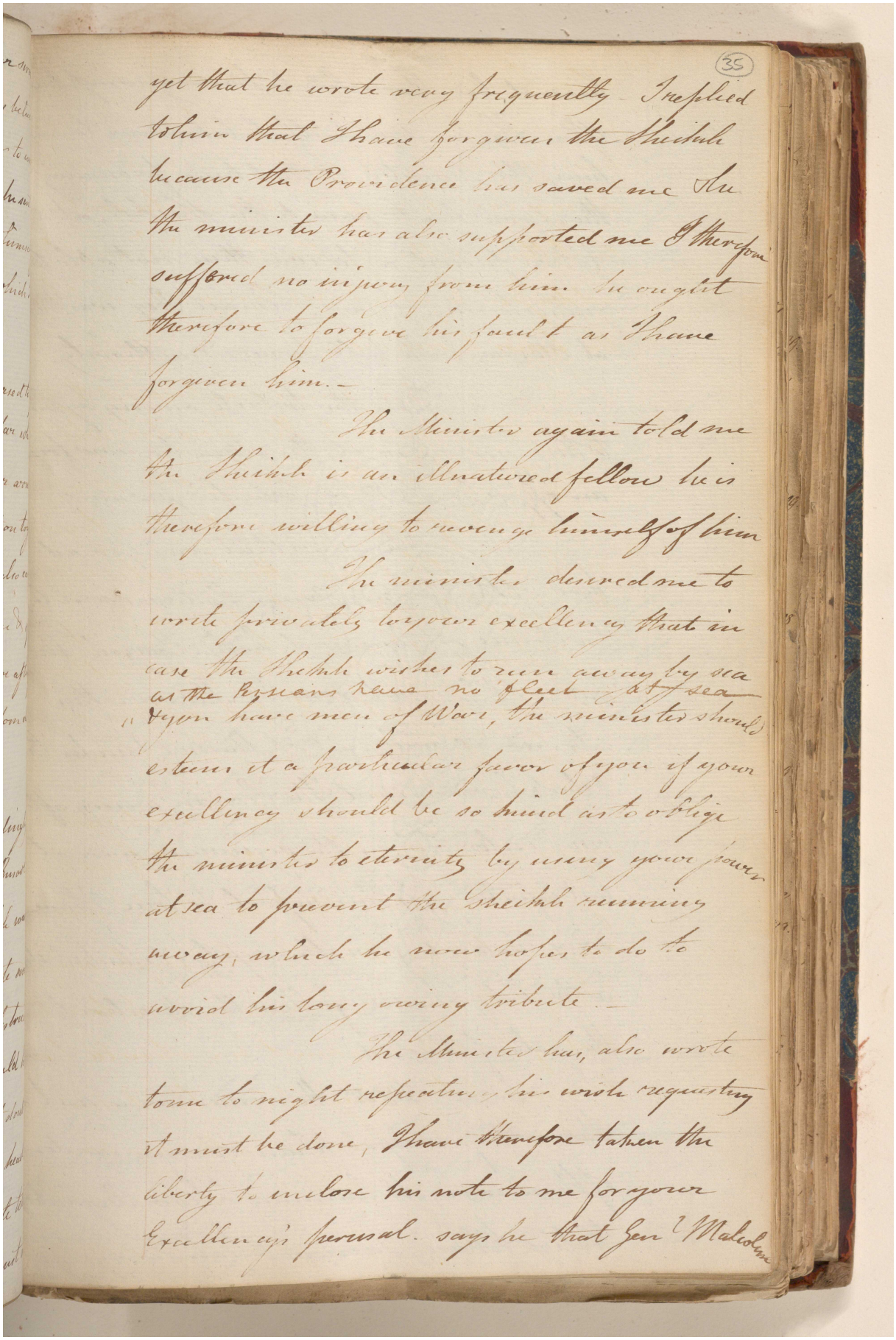

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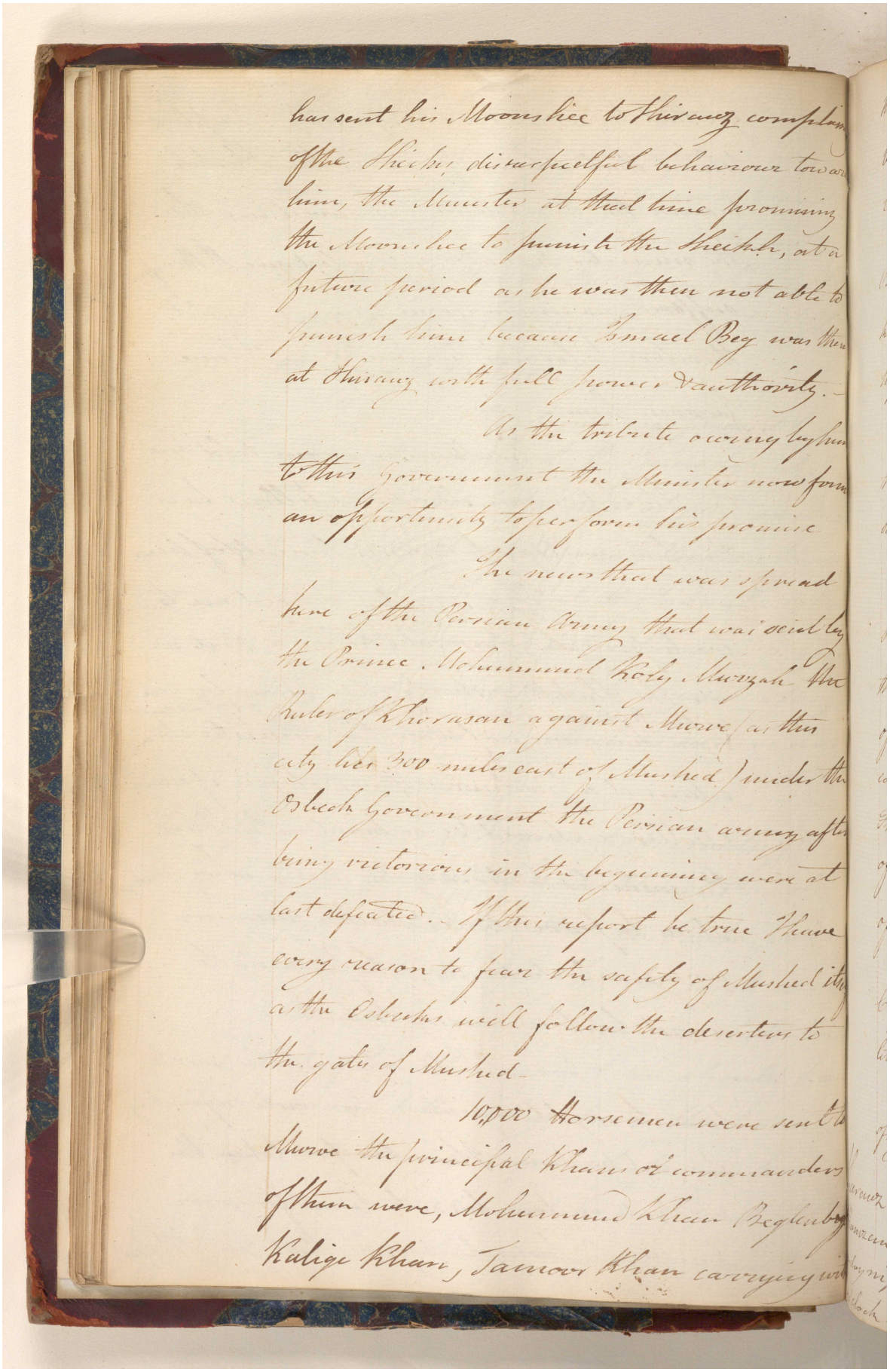
yet that he wrote very frequently. I replied
to him that I have forgiven the Sheikh
because the Providence has saved me &
the minister has also supported me & therefore
suffered no injury from him. he ought
therefore to forgive his fault as I have
forgiven him.—

The Minister again told me
the Sheikh is an illnatured fellow he is
therefore willing to revenge himself of him

The minister desired me to
write privately to your excellency that in
case the Sheikh wishes to run away by sea
as the Persians have no fleet at sea
& your have men of War, the minister should
esteem it a particular favor of you if your
excellency should be so kind as to oblige
the minister to eternity by using your power
at sea to prevent the Sheikh running
away, which he now hopes to do to
avoid his long owing tribute.—

The Minister has also wrote
to me to night repeating his wish requesting
it must be done, I have therefore taken the
liberty to inclose his note to me for your
Excellency's perusal. says he that Gen.l Malcolm



has sent his Moonshee to Shiraz complaining of the Sheikh's disrespectful behaviour towards him, the Minister at that time promising the Moonshee to punish the Sheikh, at a future period as he was then not able to punish him because Ismael Beg was then at Shiraz with full power & authority.

As the tribute owing by him to this Government the Minister now forms an opportunity to perform his promise

The news that was spread here of the Persian Army that was sent by the Prince Mohummud Koly Mirzah the Ruler of Khorasan against Mowe (as this city lies 300 miles east of Mushed) under the Osbeck Government the Persian army after being victorious in the beginning were at last defeated. If this report be true I have every reason to fear the safety of Mushed itself as the Osbecks will follow the deserters to the gates of Mushed.

10,000 Horsemen were sent to Mowe the principal Khans or commanders of them were, Mohummud Khan Beglenbeg Kalige Khan, Tamoor Khan carrying with

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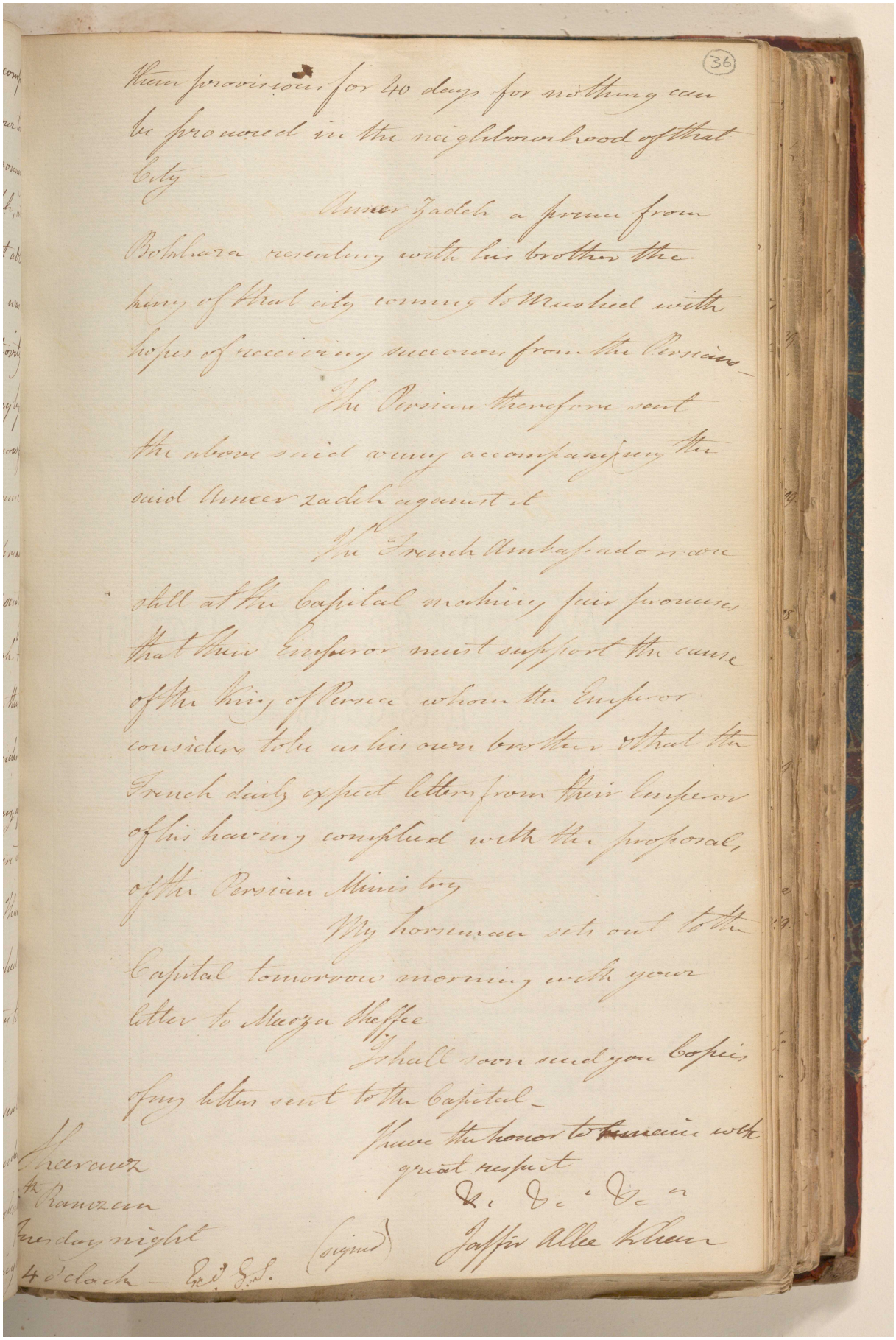


them provisions for 40 days for nothing can be procured in the neighbourhood of that City —

Ameer Zadeh a prince from Bokhara resenting with his brother the king of that city coming to Mushed with hopes of receiving succours from the Persians —

The Persian therefore sent the above said a very accompanying the said Ameer Zadeh against it

The French Ambassadors are still at the Capital making fair promises that their Emperor must support the cause of the King of Persia whom the Emperor considers to be as his own brother & that the French daily expect letters from their Emperor of his having complied with the proposals of the Persian Ministry

My horseman sets out to the Capital tomorrow morning with your letter to Meerza Sheffee

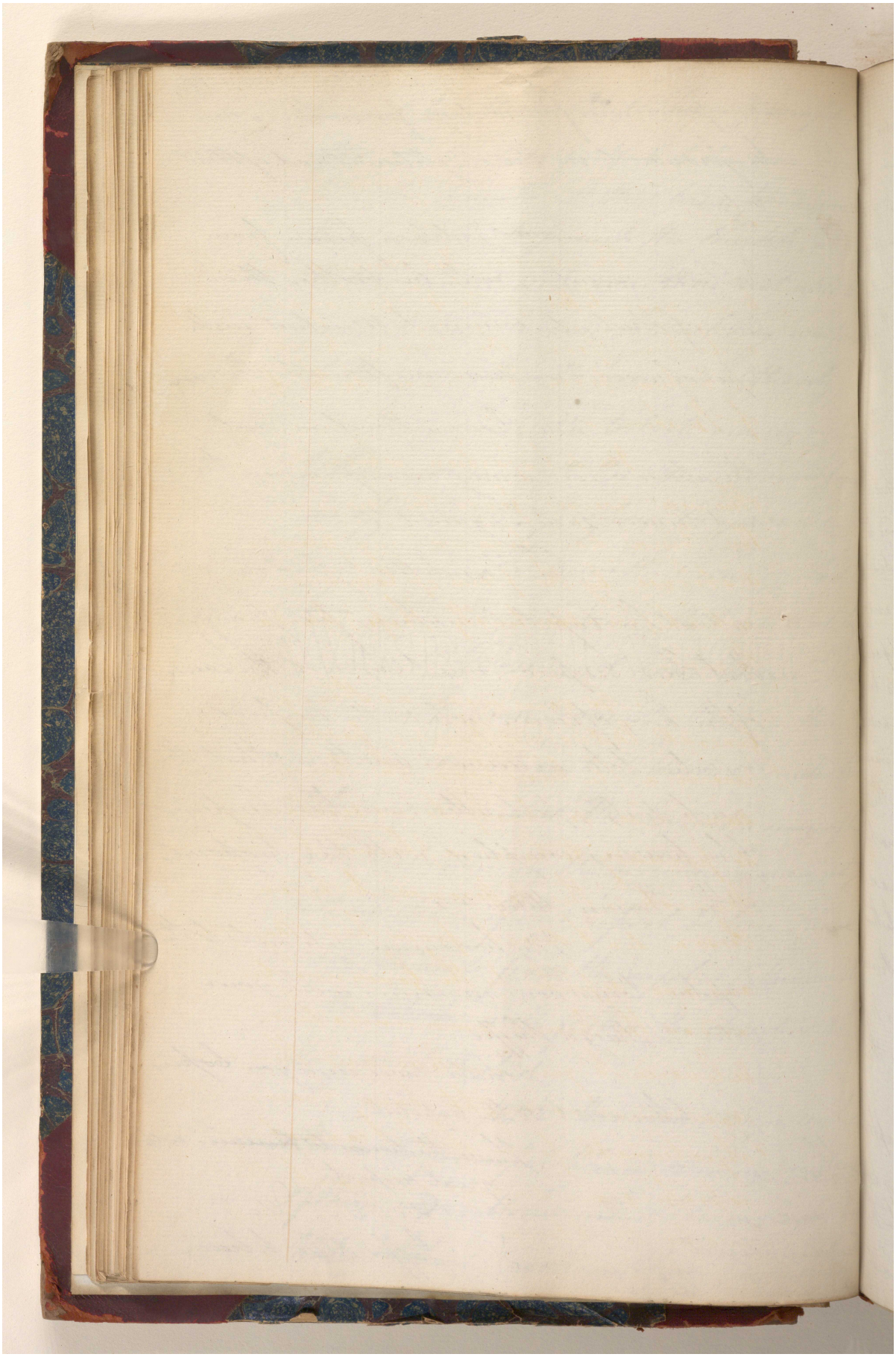
I shall soon send you copies of my letters sent to the Capital —

I have the honor to remain with great respect

&c. &c. &c.

(signed) Jaffir Allee Khan

Sheerawz
4th Ramazan
Tuesday night
4 o'clock — Exd. G.S.



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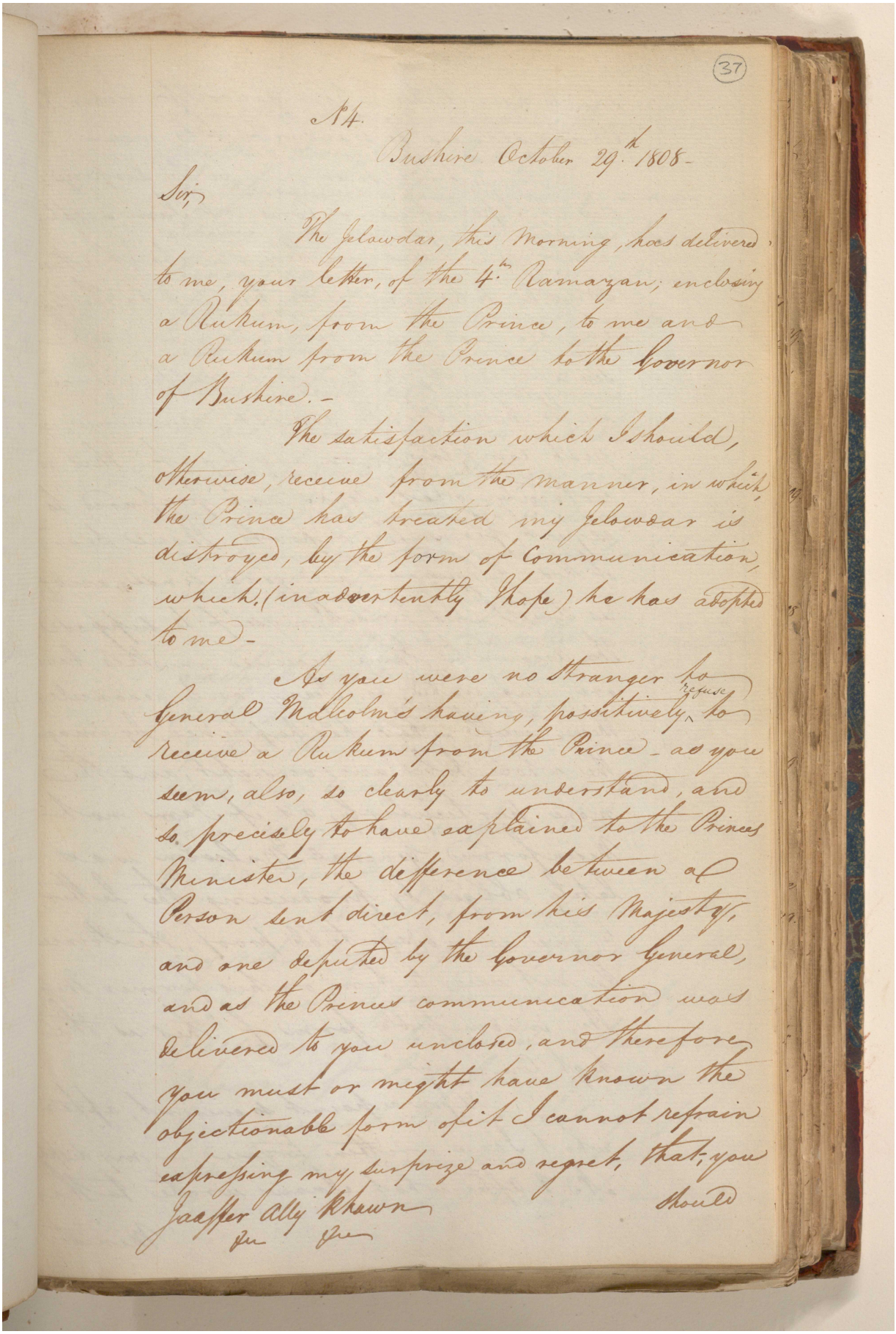

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No 4.

Bushire October 29th 1808.

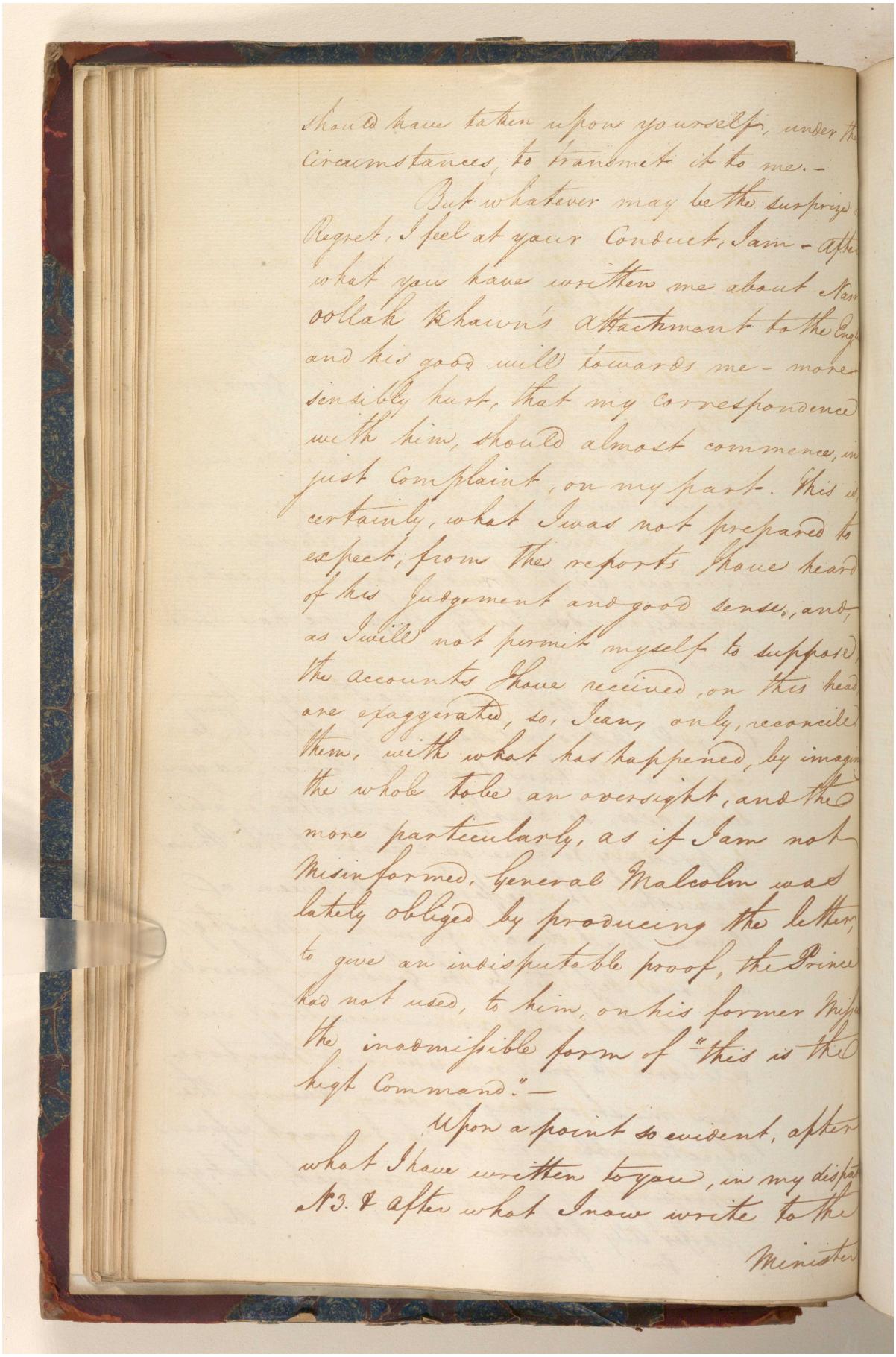
Sir,

The Jelowdar, this Morning, has delivered to me, your letter, of the 4th Ramazan; enclosing a Rukum, from the Prince, to me and a Rukum from the Prince to the Governor of Bushire.-

The satisfaction which I should, otherwise, receive from the manner, in which the Prince has treated my Jelowdar is destroyed, by the form of Communication, which, (inadvertently I hope) he has adopted to me-

As you were no Stranger to General Malcolm's having, positively, refused to receive a Rukum from the Prince - as you seem, also, to clearly to understand, and so precisely to have explained to the Princes Minister, the difference between a Person sent direct, from his Majesty, and one deputed by the Governor General, and as the Princes communication was delivered to you unclosed, and therefore you must or might have known the objectionable form of it I cannot refrain expressing my surprize and regret, that you should

Jaffer Ally Khawn

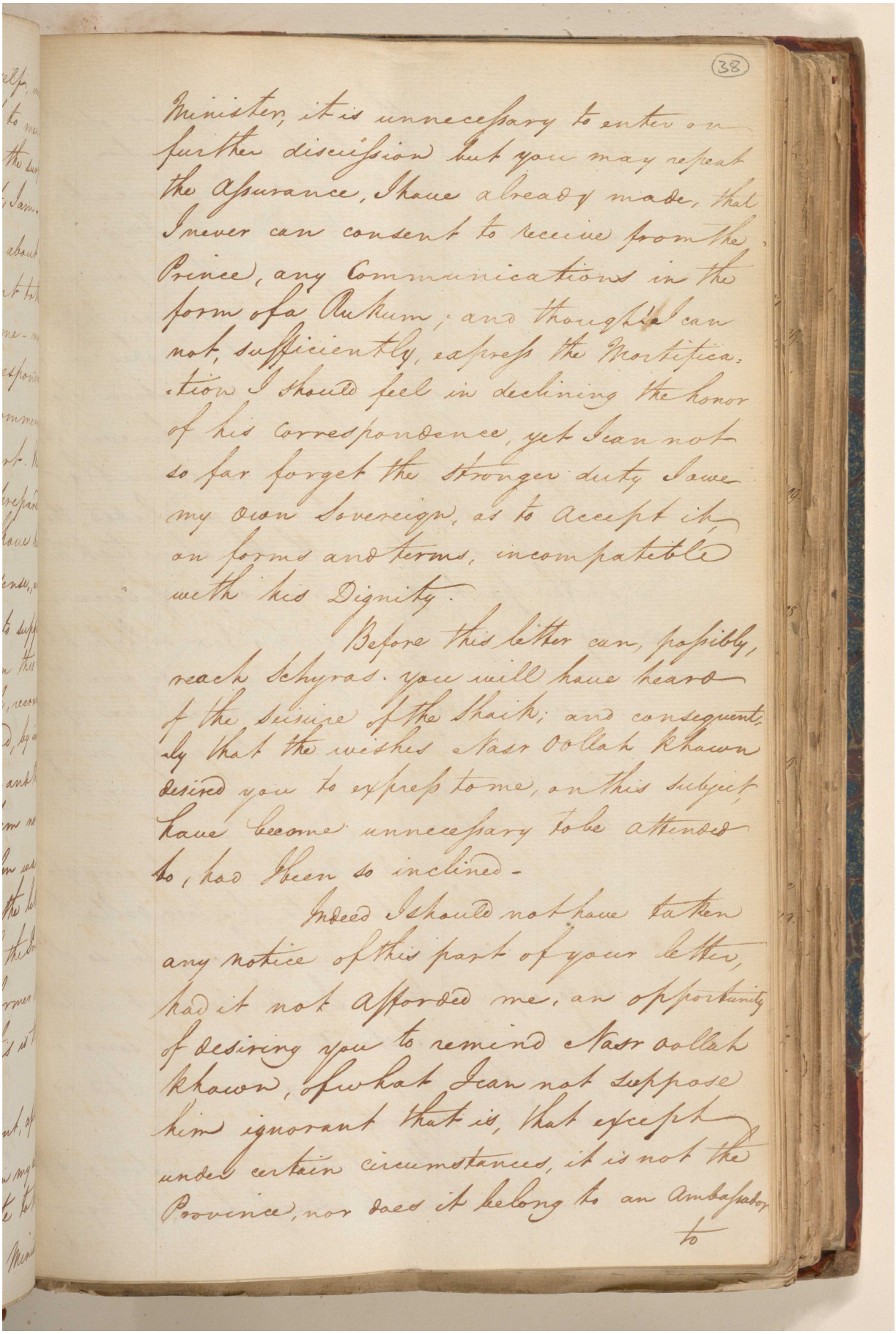


should have taken upon yourself, under the circumstances, to transmit it to me.—

But whatever may be the surprize or Regret, I feel at your Conduct, I am — after what you have written me about Nasr oollah Khawn's attachment to the Engl and his good will towards me — more sensibly hurt, that my correspondence with him, should almost commence, in just Complaint, on my part. This is certainly, what I was not prepared to expect, from the reports I have heard of his Judgement and good sense, and, as I will not permit myself to suppose, the accounts I have received, on this head, are exaggerated, so, I can, only, reconcile them, with what has happened, by imagin the whole to be an oversight, and the more particularly, as if I am not Misinformed, General Malcolm was lately obliged by producing the letter, to give an indisputable proof, the Prince had not used, to him, on his former Missi the inadmissible form of "this is the high Command."—

Upon a point so evident, after what I have written to you, in my dispat No 3. & after what I now write to the

Minister



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Minister, it is unnecessary to enter on further discussion but you may repeat the Assurance, I have already made, that I never can consent to receive from the Prince, any Communications in the form of a Purwanna; and though I can not sufficiently express the Mortification I should feel in declining the honor of his correspondence, yet I can not so far forget the stronger duty I owe my own Sovereign, as to accept it, on forms and terms, incompatible with his Dignity.

Before this letter can, possibly, reach Schyras. you will have heard of the Seisure of the Shaik; and consequently that the wishes Nasr oollah Khawn desired you to express to me, on this subject have become unnecessary to be attended to, had I been so inclined.

Indeed I should not have taken any notice of this part of your letter, had it not afforded me, an opportunity of desiring you to remind Nasr oollah Khawn, of what I can not suppose him ignorant that is, that except under certain circumstances, it is not the Province, nor does it belong to an Ambassador

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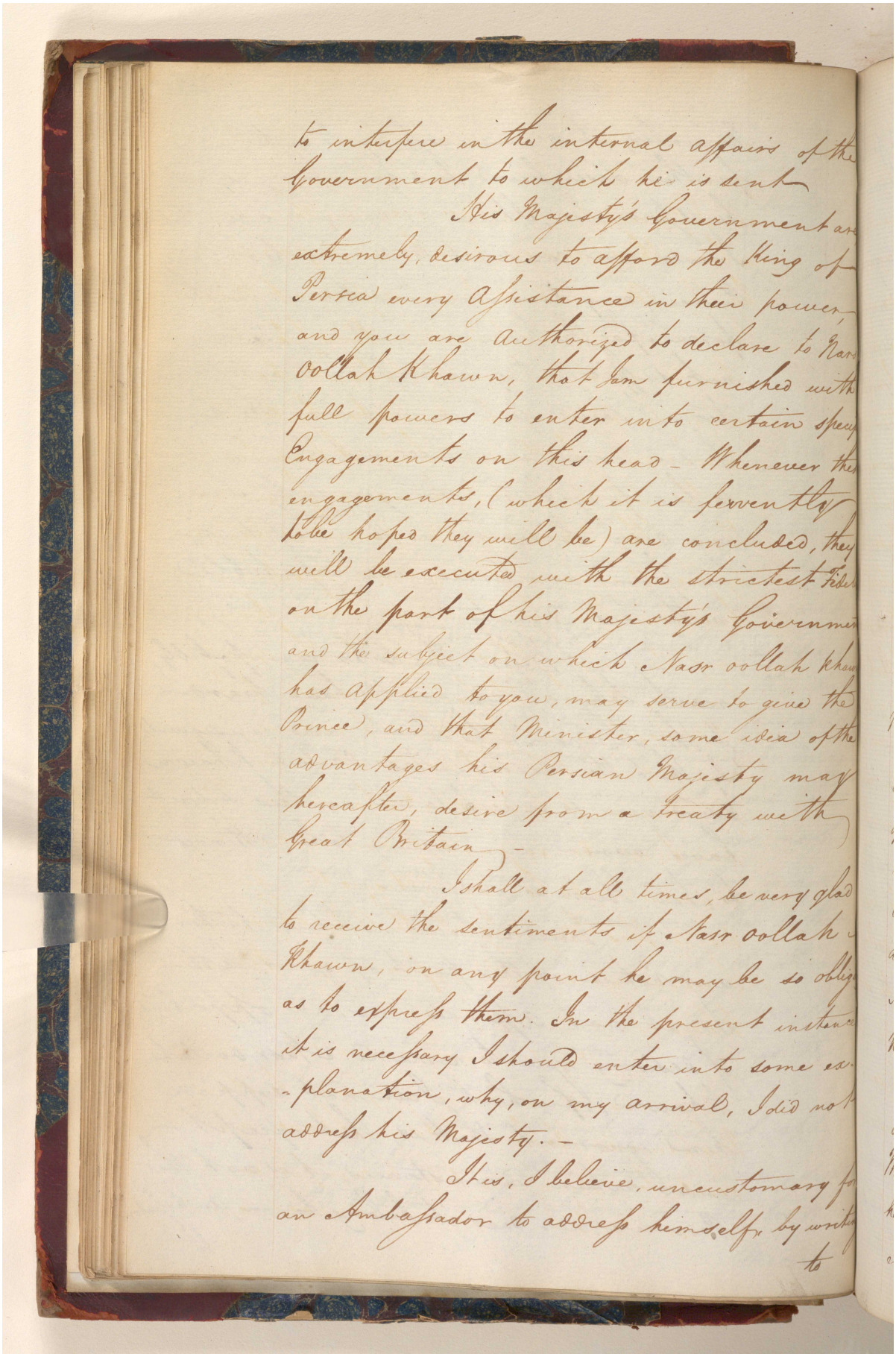

to interfere in the internal affairs of the Government to which he is sent.

His Majesty's Government are extremely desirous to afford the King of Persia every assistance in their power, and you are authorized to declare to Nasr oollah Khawn, that I am furnished with full powers to enter into certain specific Engagements on this head. Whenever these engagements, (which it is fervently to be hoped they will be) are concluded, they will be executed with the strictest fidelity on the part of his Majesty's Government and the subject on which Nasr oollah Khawn has applied to you, may serve to give the Prince, and that Minister, some idea of the advantages his Persian Majesty may hereafter, desire from a treaty with Great Britain.

I shall at all times, be very glad to receive the sentiments of Nasr oollah Khawn, on any point he may be so obliging as to express them. In the present instance it is necessary I should enter into some explanation, why, on my arrival, I did not address his Majesty.

It is, I believe, uncustomary for an Ambassador to address himself, by writing to

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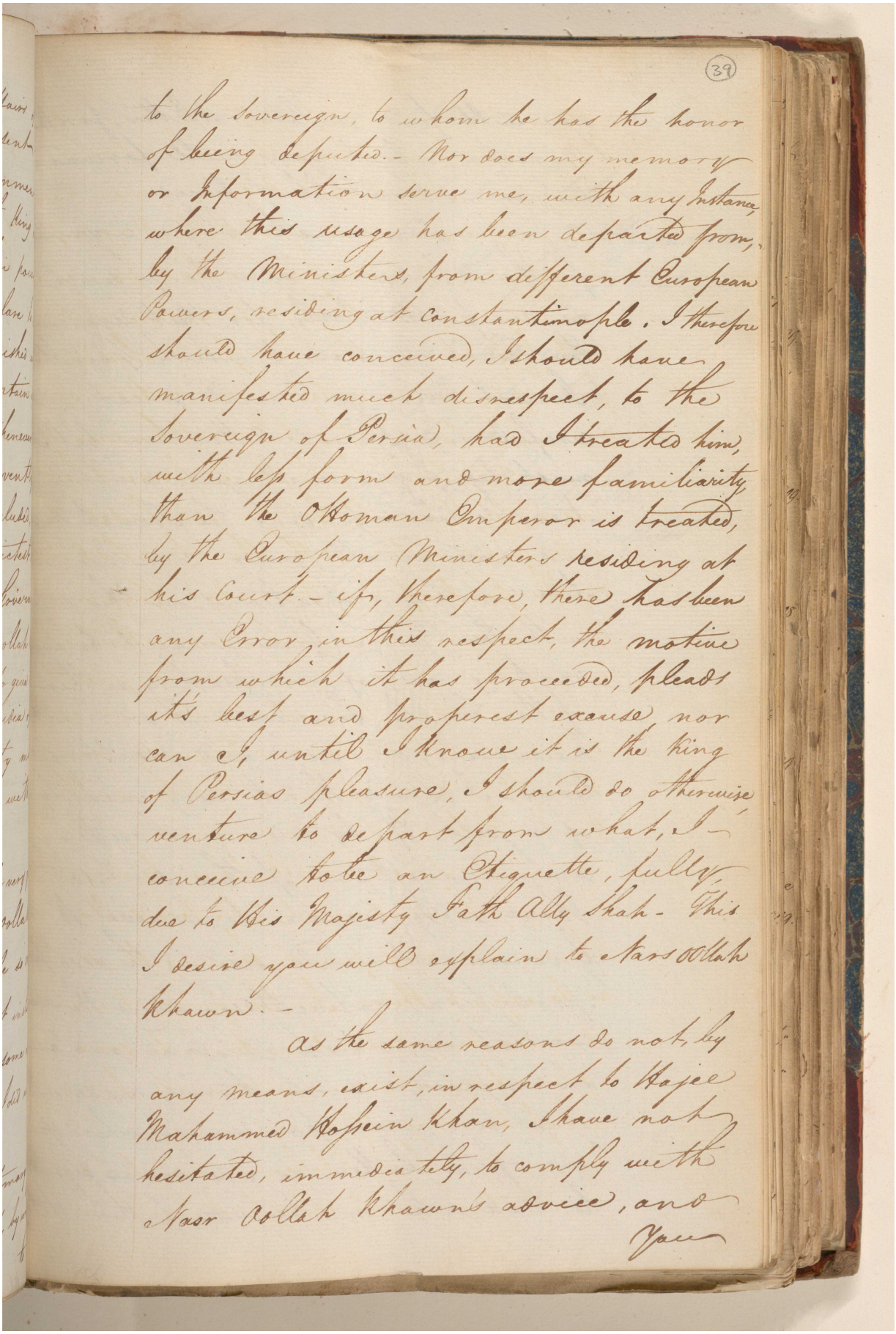

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to the Sovereign, to whom he has the honor of being Deputed.- Nor does my memory or Information serve me, with any Instance, where this usage has been departed from, by the Ministers, from different European Powers, residing at Constantinople. I therefore should have conceived, I should have manifested much disrespect, to the Sovereign of Persia, had I treated him, with less form and more familiarity, than the Ottoman Emperor is treated, by the European Ministers residing at his Court.- If, therefore, there has been any Error, in this respect, the motive from which it has proceeded, pleads it's best and properest excuse, nor can I, until I know it is the King of Persias pleasure, I should do otherwise venture to depart from what, I conceive to be an Etiquette, fully due to His Majesty Fath Ally Shah.- This I desire you will explain to Nasr Ollah Khawn.-

As the same reasons do not, by any means, exist, in respect to Hajee Mahammed Hoseim Khan, I have not hesitated, immediately, to comply with Nasr Ollah Khawn's advice, and

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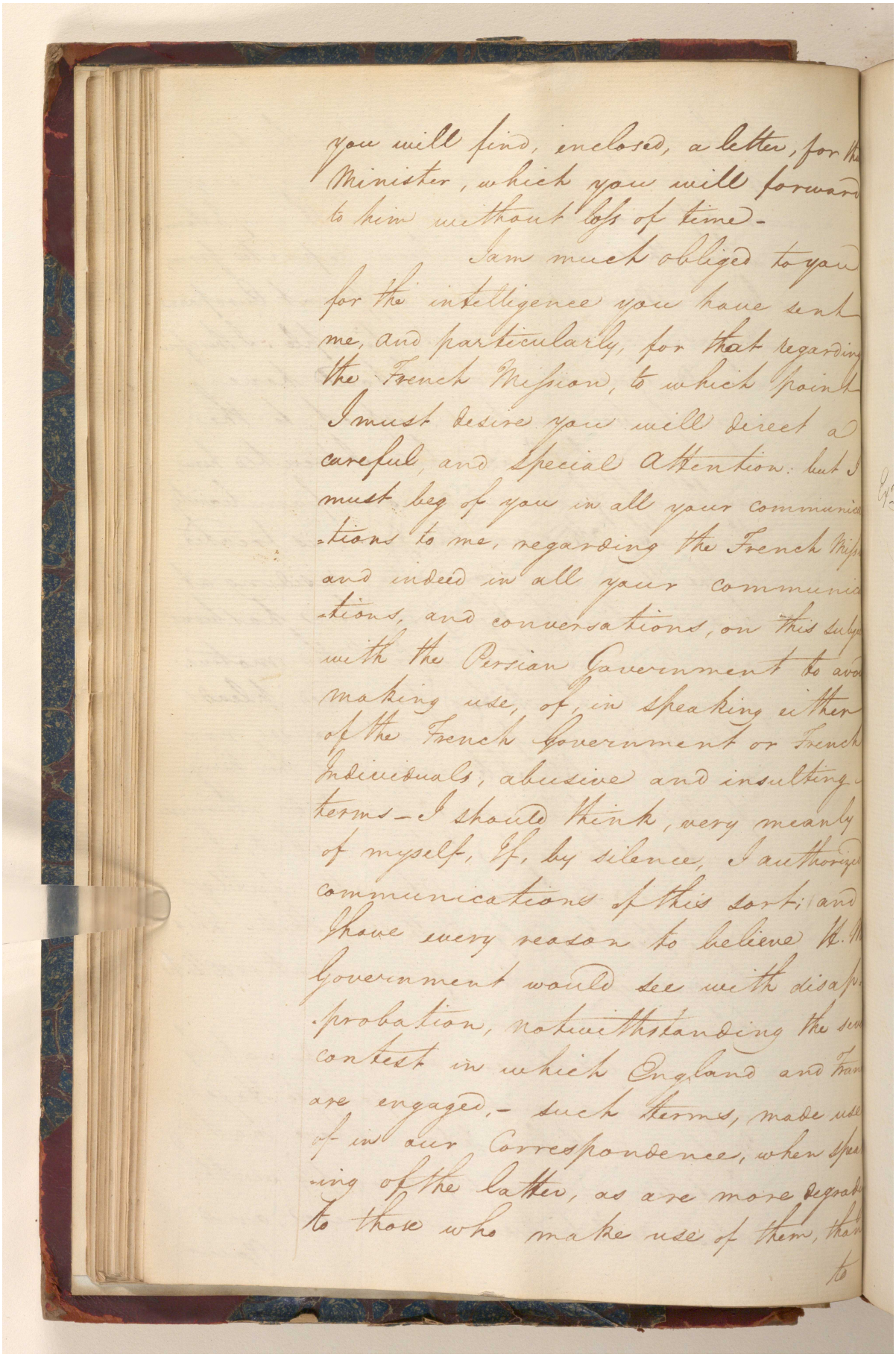

you will find, enclosed, a letter, for the Minister, which you will forward to him without loss of time.

I am much obliged to you for the intelligence you have sent me, and particularly, for that regarding the French Mission, to which point I must desire you will direct a careful, and Special Attention: but I must beg of you in all your communications to me, regarding the French Miss. and indeed in all your communications, and conversations, on this subject with the Persian Government to avoid making use, of, in speaking either of the French Government or French Individuals, abusive and insulting terms — I should think, very meanly of myself, if, by silence, I authorized communications of this sort: and I have every reason to believe that the Government would see with disapprobation, notwithstanding the serious contest in which England and Persia are engaged, — such terms, made use of in our Correspondence, when speaking of the latter, as are more degrading to those who make use of them, than to

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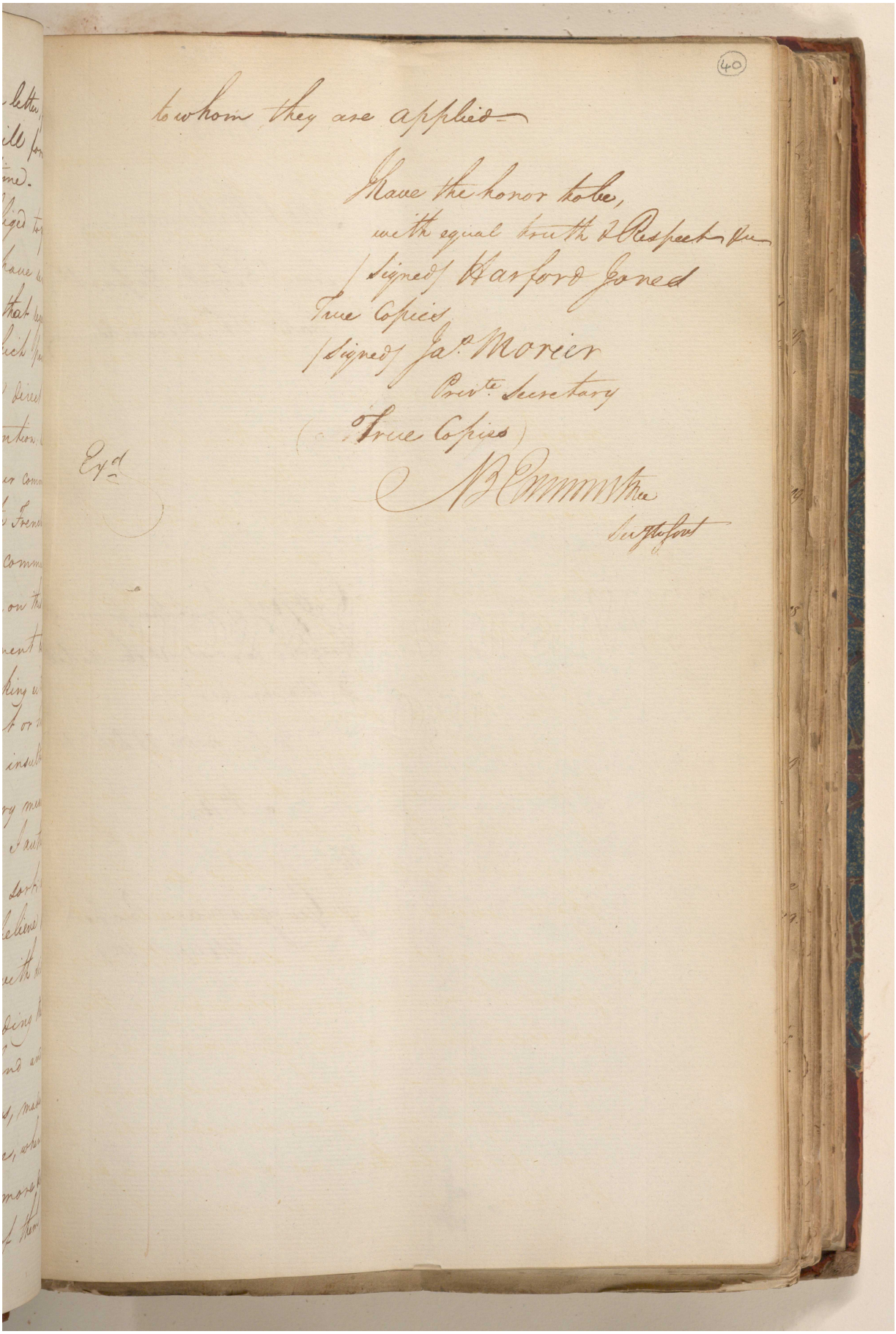

to whom they are applied—

I have the honor to be,
with equal truth & Respect &c
(Signed) Harford Jones
True Copies
(Signed) Jas. Morier
Privte. Secretary
(True Copies)
N B Emmons Mee
Secy to Govt

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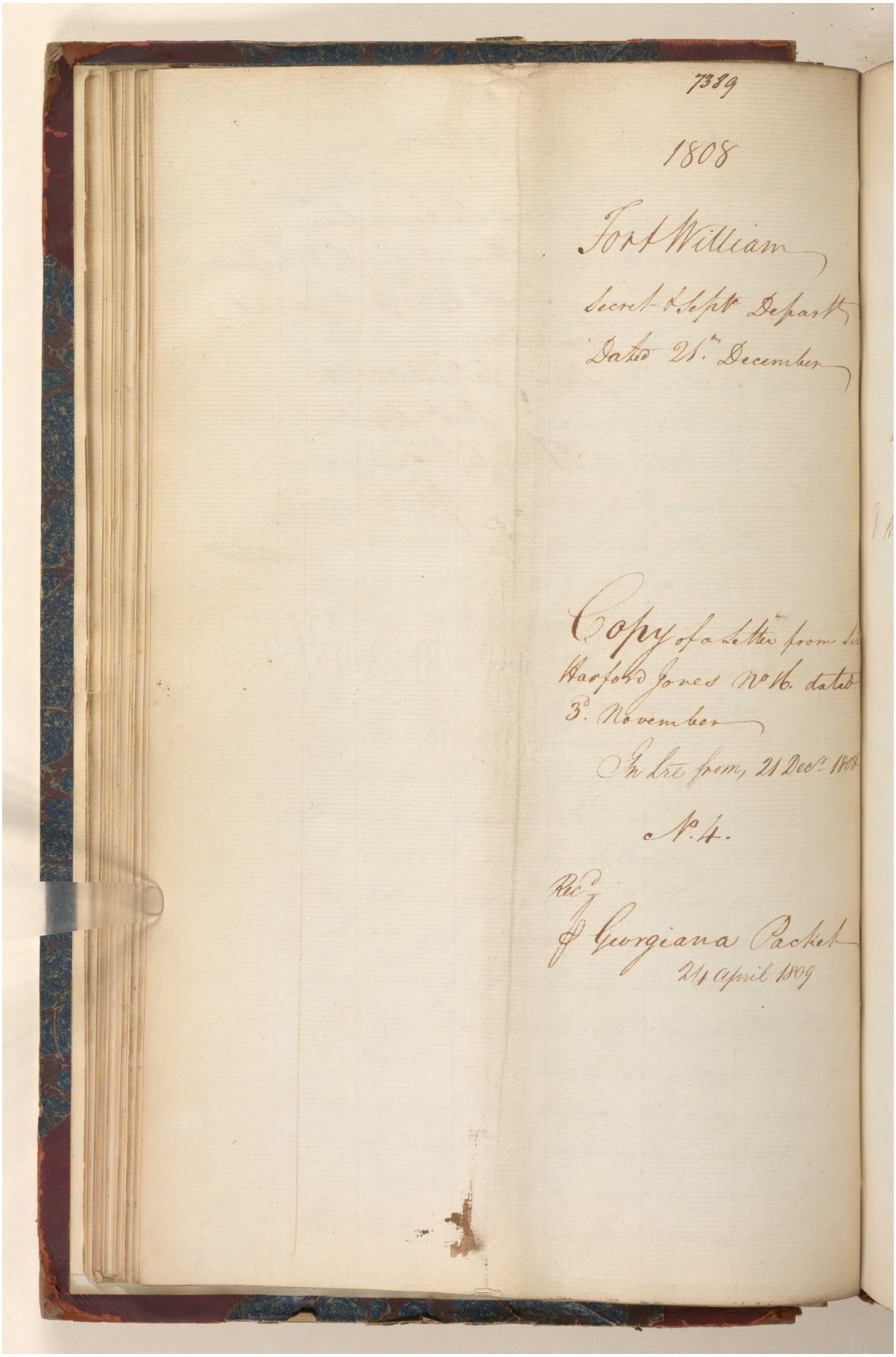
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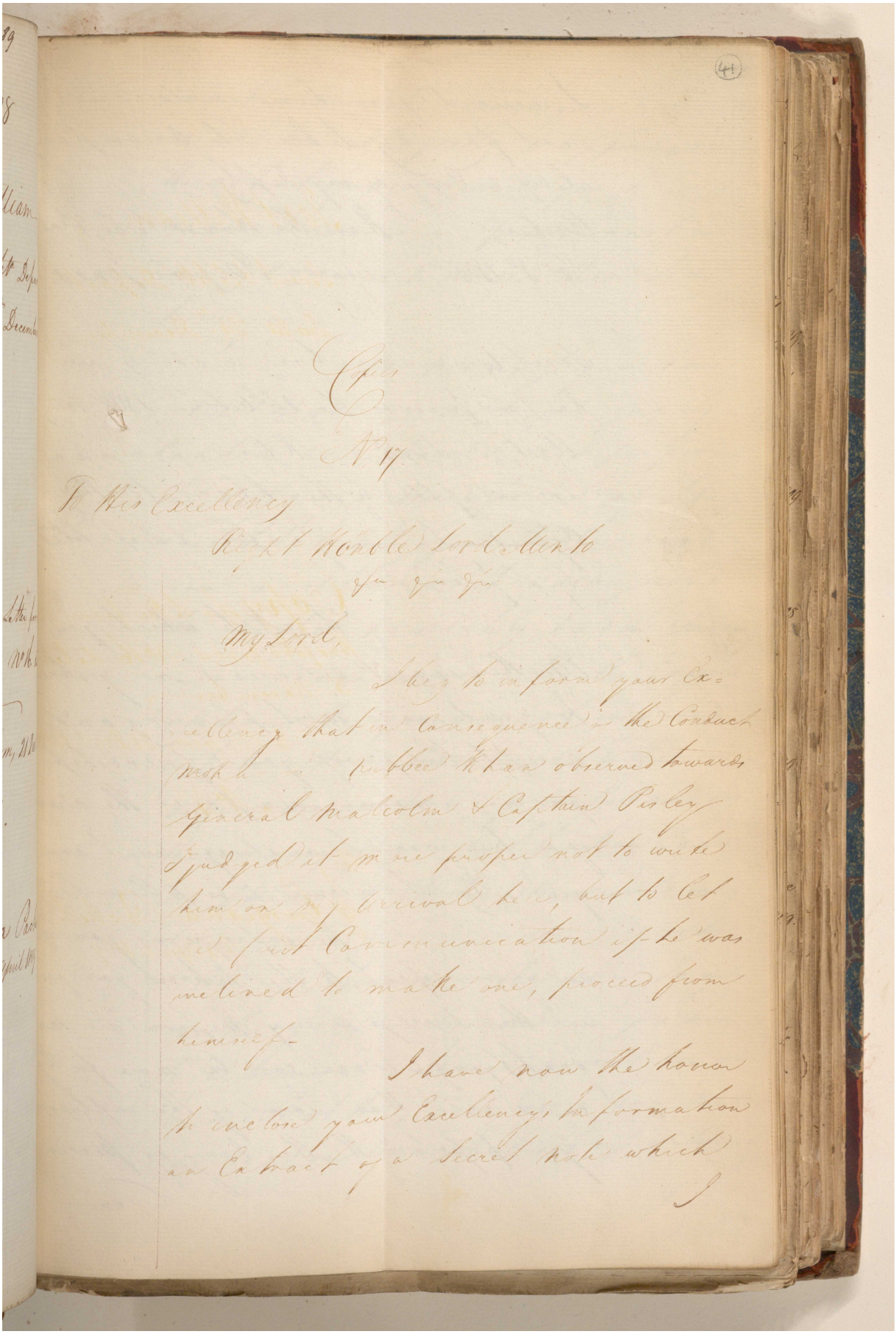

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No 17

To His Excellency
Right Honble Lord Minto
&c &c &c

My Lord,

I beg to inform your Excellency that in Consequence of the Conduct Moh[illegible] Rubbee Khan observed towards General Malcolm & Captain Pisley I judged it more proper not to write him on my Arrival here, but to let the first Communication if he was inclined to make one, proceed from himself.

I have now the honor to enclose your Excellency's Information an Extract of a Secret note which

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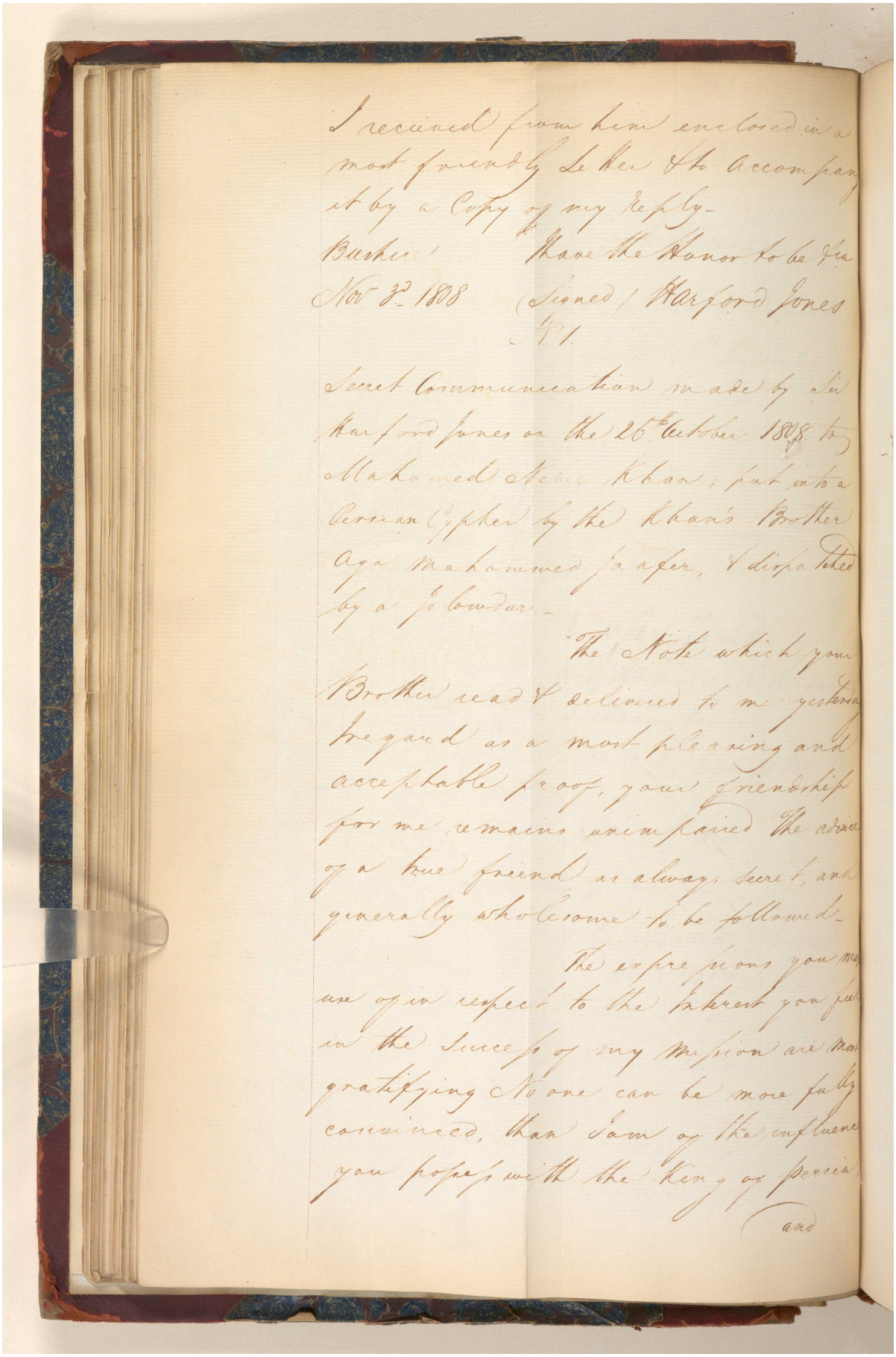

I received from him enclosed in a most friendly Letter & to accompany it by a Copy of my Reply.

Bushire Nov 3d 1808

I have the Honor to be &ca
(Signed) Harford Jones

No 1.

Secret Communication made by Sir Harford Jones on the 26th October 1808 to Mahomed Nebee Khan; put into a Persian Cypher by the Khan's Brother Aga Mahommed Jaafer, & dispatched by a Jelowdar.

The Note which your Brother read & delivered to me yesterday I regard as a most pleasing and acceptable proof, your friendship for me remains unimpaired. The advice of a true friend as always secret, and generally wholesome to be followed.

The expressions you may use of in respect to the Interest you feel in the Success of my Mission are most gratifying. No one can be more fully convinced, than I am of the influence you possess with the King of Persia,

and

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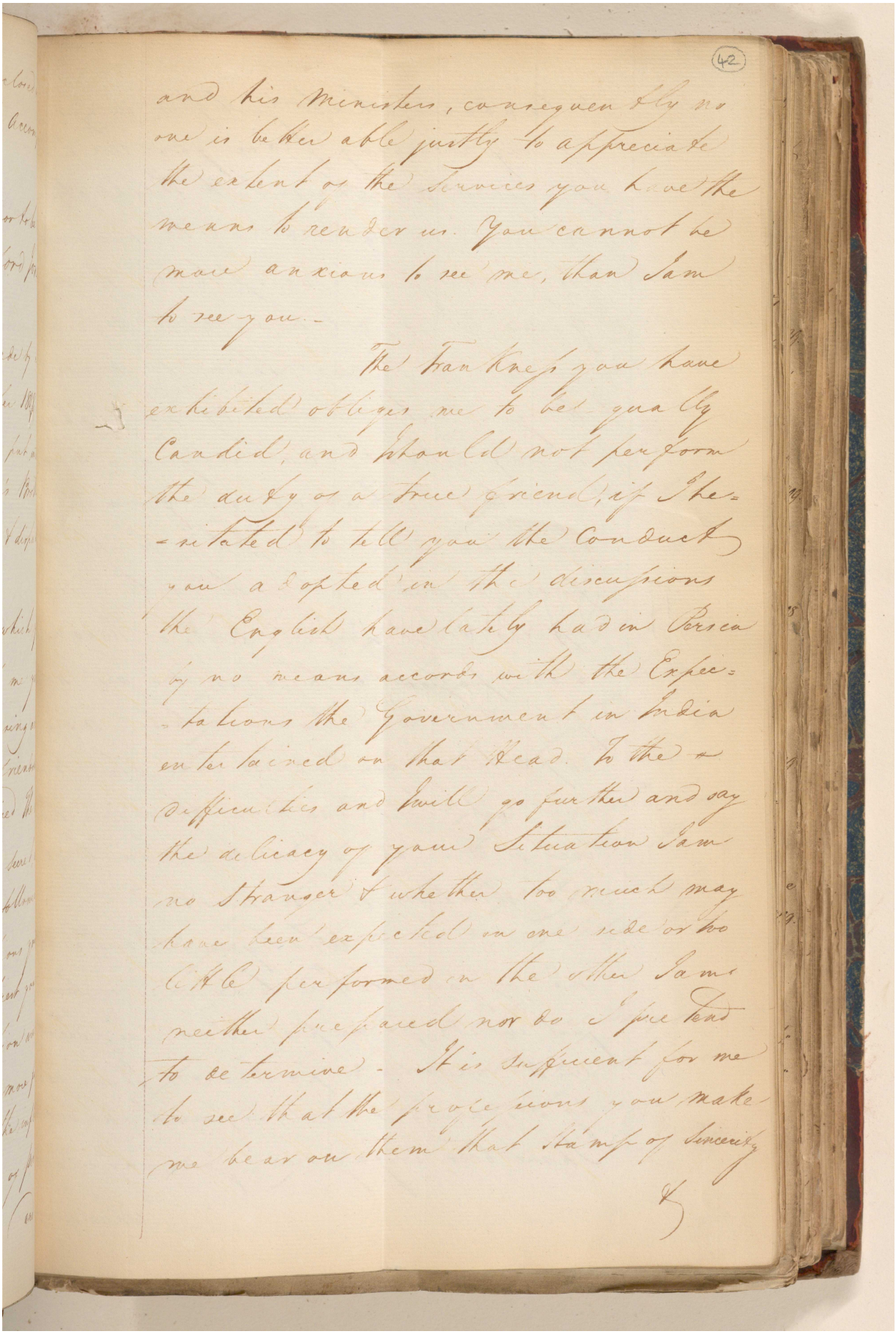

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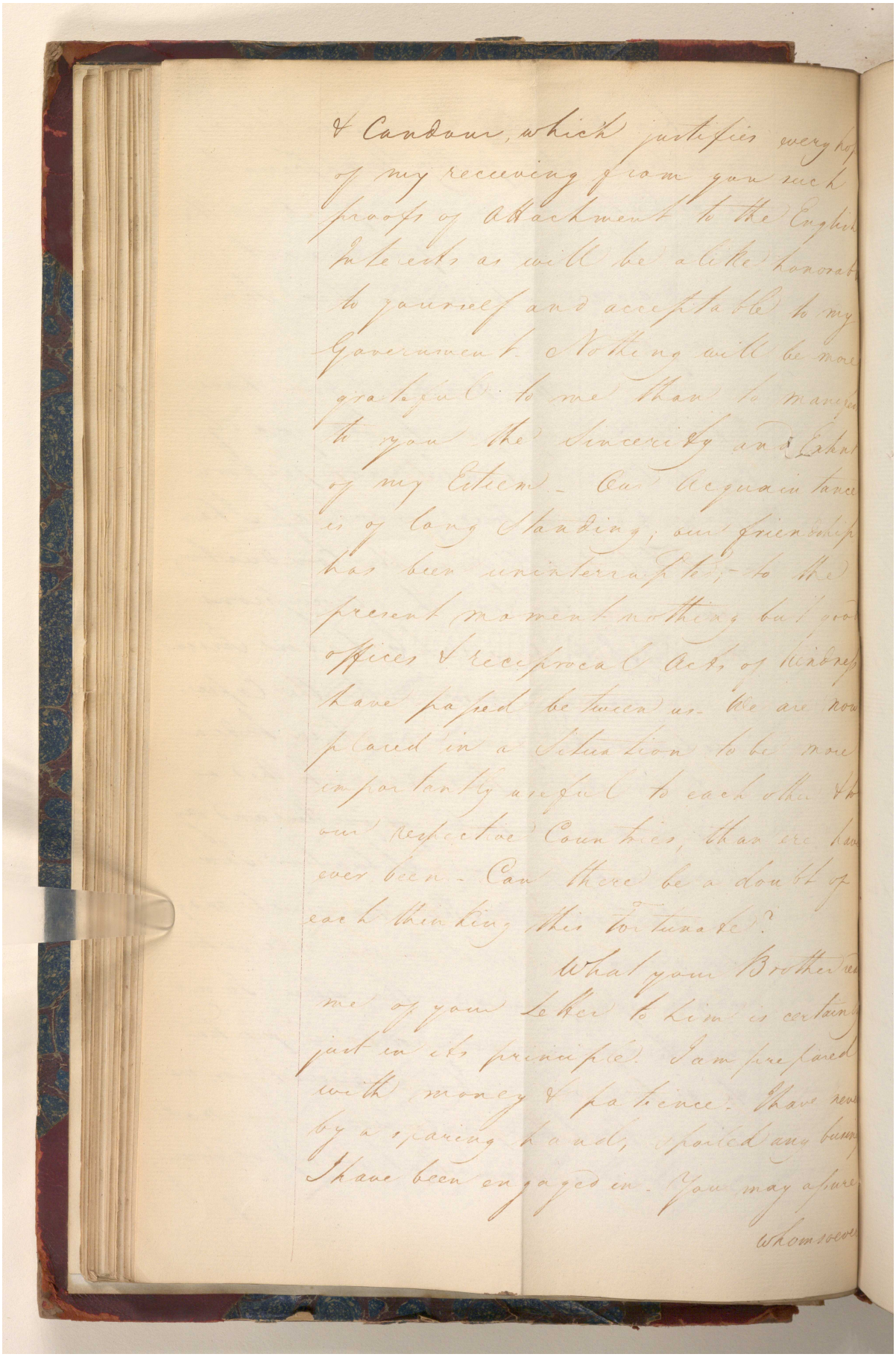
and his Ministers, consequently no one is better able justly to appreciate the extent of the Services you have the means to render us. You cannot be more anxious to see me, than I am to see you.-

The Frankness you have exhibited obliges me to be equally candid, and should not perform the duty of a true friend, if I hesitated to tell you the Conduct you adopted in the discussions the English have lately had in Persia by no means accords with the Expectations the Government in India entertained on that Head. To the insufficiencies and I will go further and say the delicacy of your Situation I am no Stranger & whether too much may have been expected on one side or too little performed on the other I am neither prepared nor do I presume to determine - It is sufficient for me to see that the professions you make me bear on them that stamp of sincerity



& Candour, which justifies every hope of my receiving from you such proofs of attachment to the English interests as will be alike honorable to yourself and acceptable to my Government. Nothing will be more gratifying to me than to manifest to you the sincerity and Zeal of my Esteem. Our acquaintance is of long standing; our friendship has been uninterrupted; to the present moment nothing but good offices & reciprocal acts of kindness have passed between us. We are now placed in a situation to be more importantly useful to each other & our respective Countries, than we have ever been. Can there be a doubt of each thinking this fortunate?

What your Brother mentioned of your Letter to him is certainly just in its principle. I am furnished with money & patience. I have never by a sparing hand, spoiled any business I have been engaged in. You may assure whomsoever

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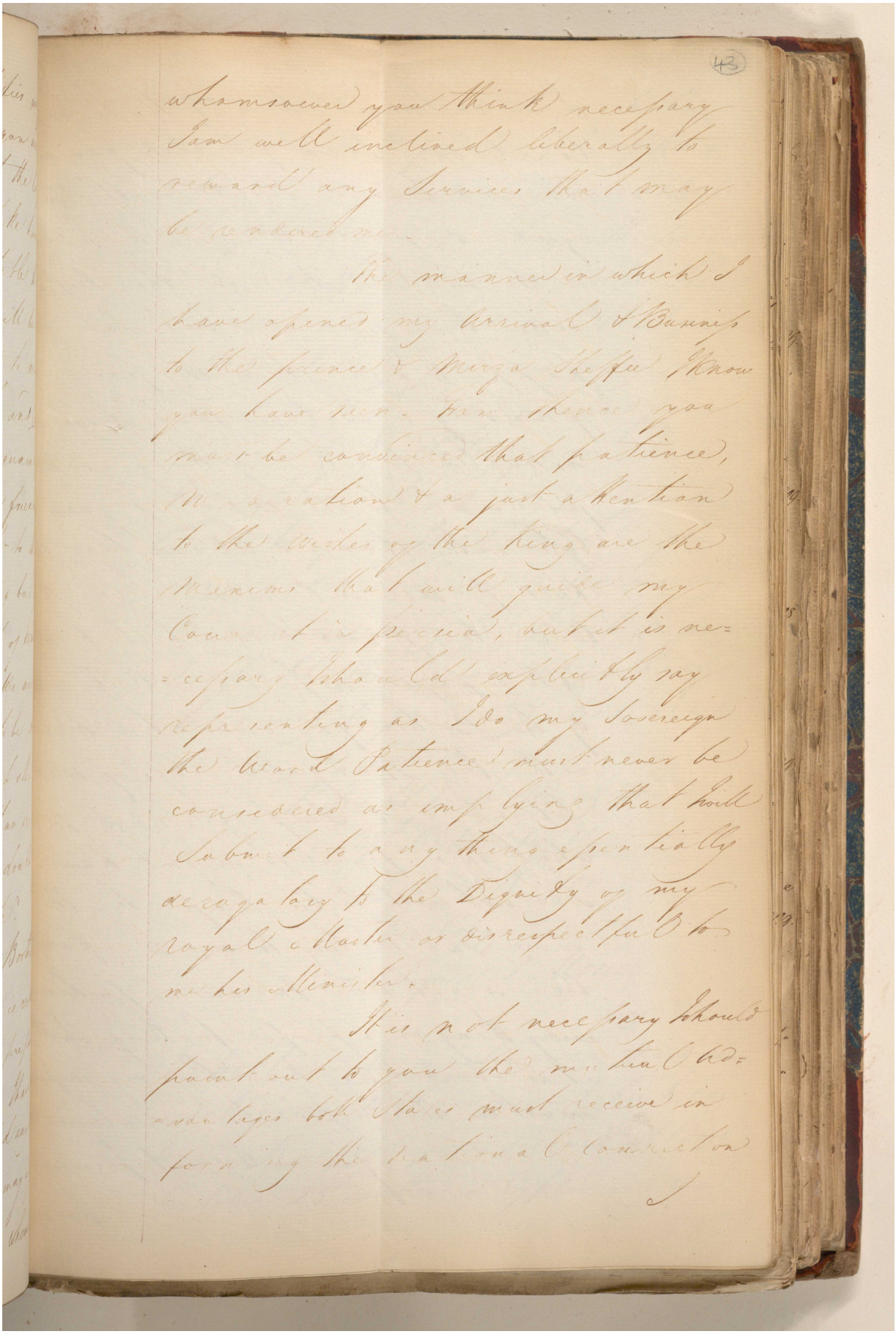
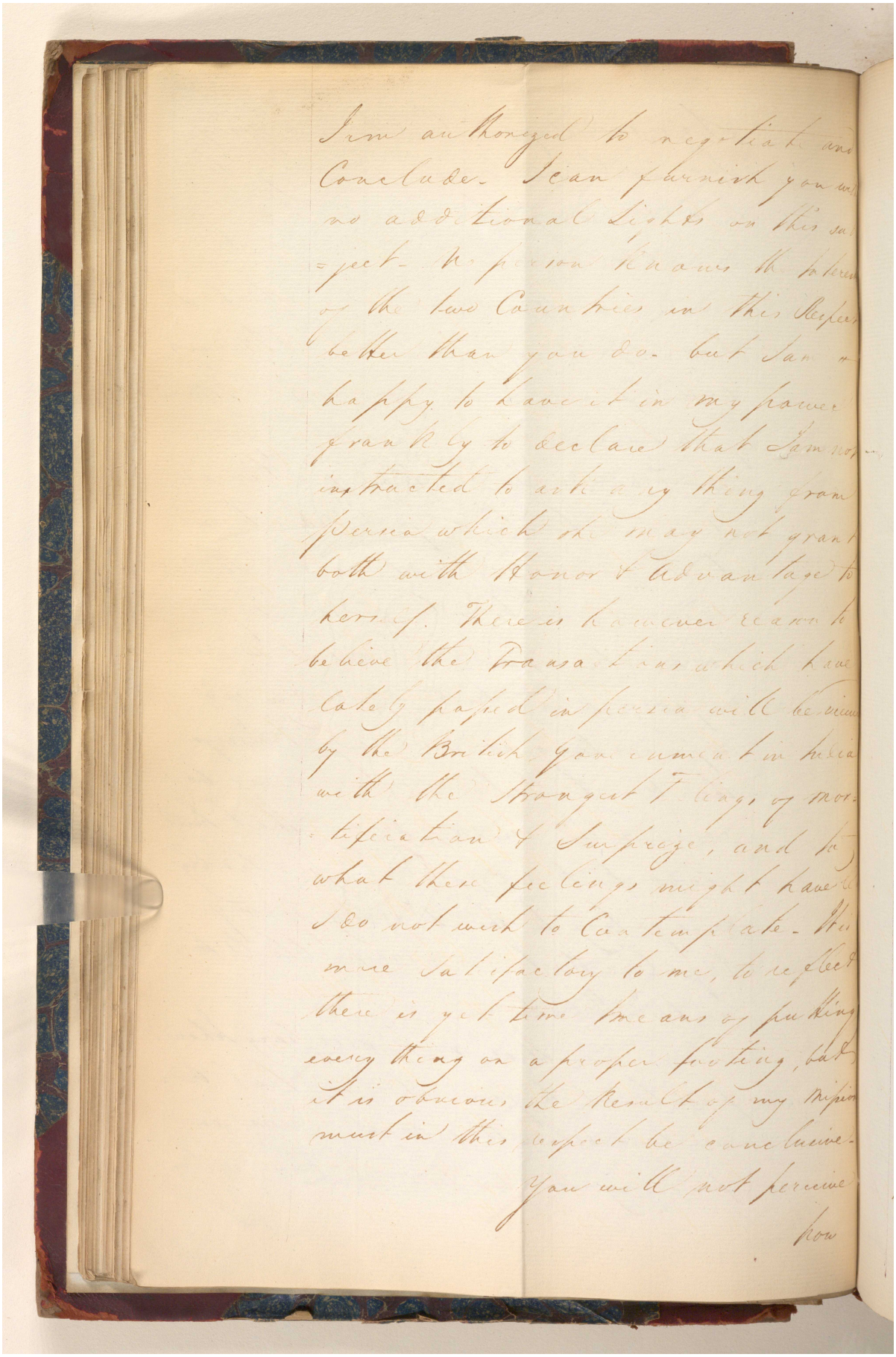


whomsoever you think necessary I am well inclined liberally to reward any Services that may be rendered me.

The manner in which I have opened my Arrival & Business to the Prince & Meerza Sheffee I know you have seen. From thence you must be convinced that patience, moderation & a just attention to the Wishes of the King are the Maxims that will guide my Conduct in this period, but it is necessary I should explicitly say in representing as I do my Sovereign the word Patience must never be considered as implying that I will submit to any thing essentially derogatory to the Dignity of my royal Master or disrespectful to his Minister.

It is not necessary I should point out to you the numerous Advantages both States must receive in forming the National Connection



I am authorized to negotiate and Conclude. I can furnish you with no additional Lights on this subject. No person knows the Interests of the two Countries in this Respect better than you do. but I am so happy to have it in my power frankly to declare that I am not instructed to ask any thing from Persia which she may not grant both with Honor & Advantage to herself. There is however reason to believe the Transactions which have lately passed in Persia will be viewed by the British Government in India with the Strongest Feelings of mortification & Surprize, and to what these feelings might have led I do not wish to Contemplate. It is more Satisfactory to me, to reflect there is yet time Means of putting every thing on a proper footing, but it is obvious the Result of my Mission must in this respect be conclusive.

You will not perceive

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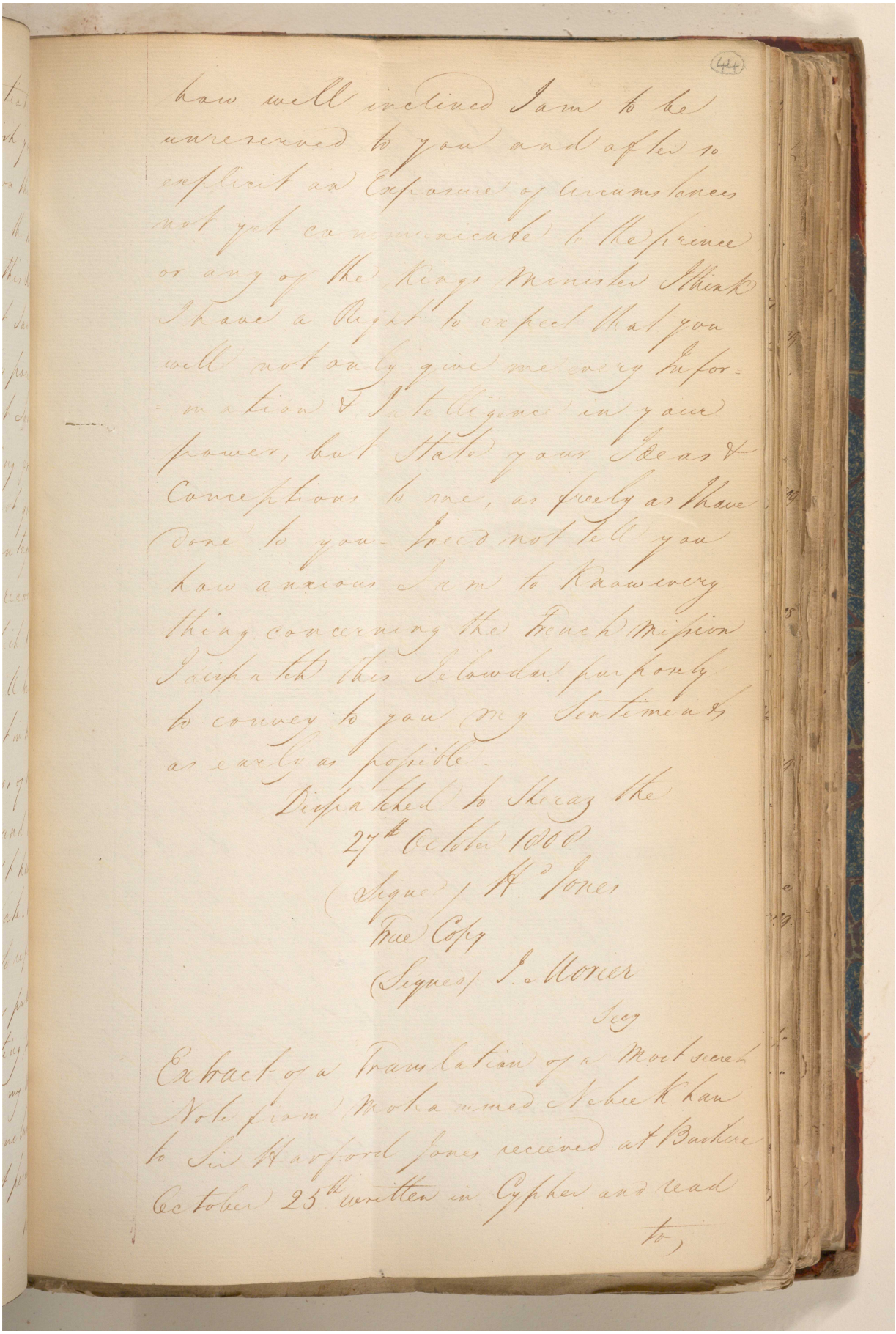

how well inclined I am to be
unreserved to you and after so
explicit an Exposure of circumstances
not yet communicated to the Prince
or any of the Kings Ministers I think
I have a Right to expect that you
will not only give me every Infor-
mation & Intelligence in your
power, but State your Ideas &
Conceptions to me, as freely as I have
done to you - I need not tell you
how anxious I am to know every
thing concerning the French Mission
I dispatch this Express purposely
to convey to you my Sentiments
as early as possible -

Dispatched to Shiraz the
27th October 1808
(Signed) W. Jones

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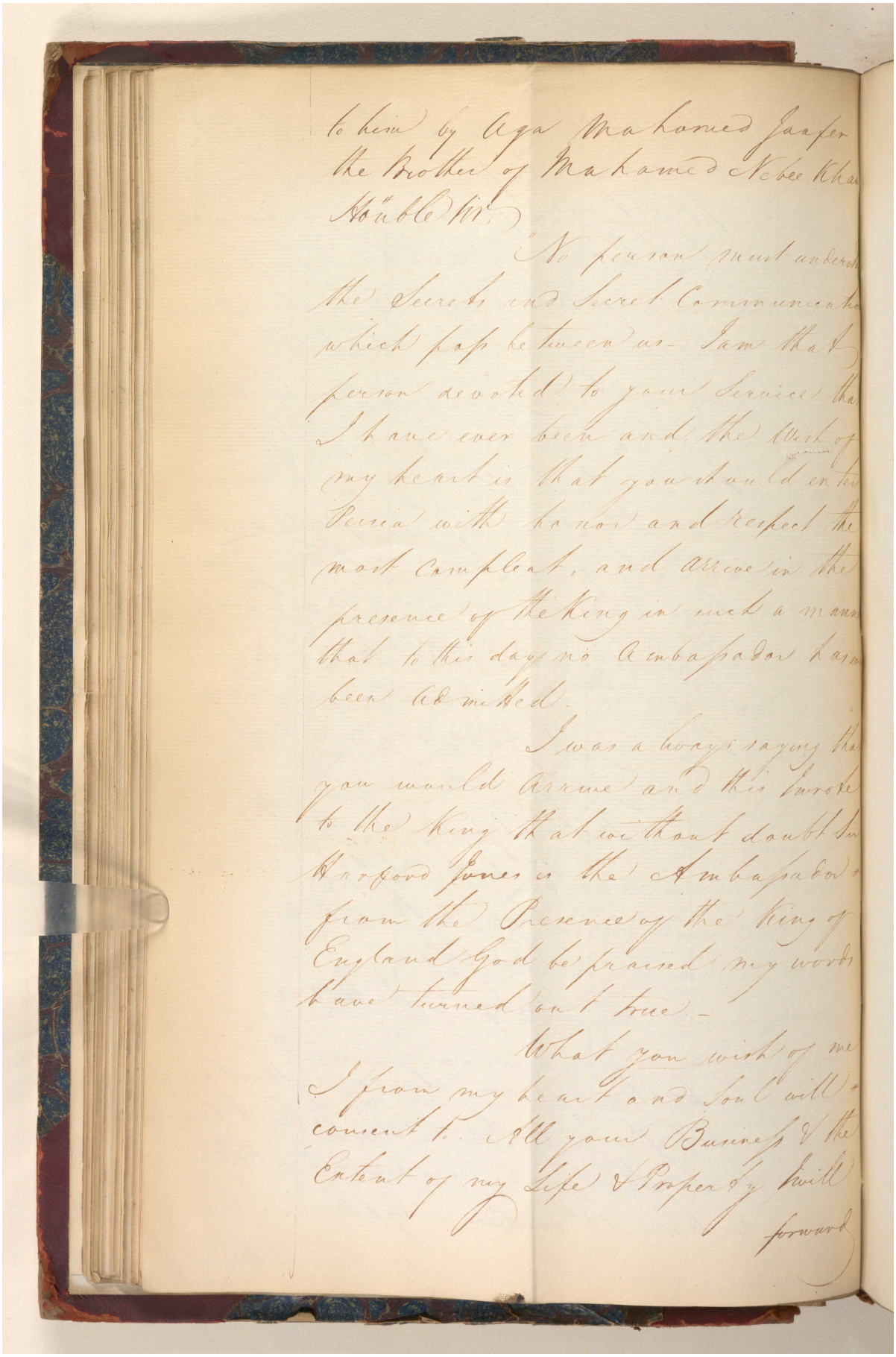
Extract of a Translation of a Most secret
Note from Mohammed Nebee Khan
to Sir Harford Jones received at Bushire
October 25th written in Cypher and read
to

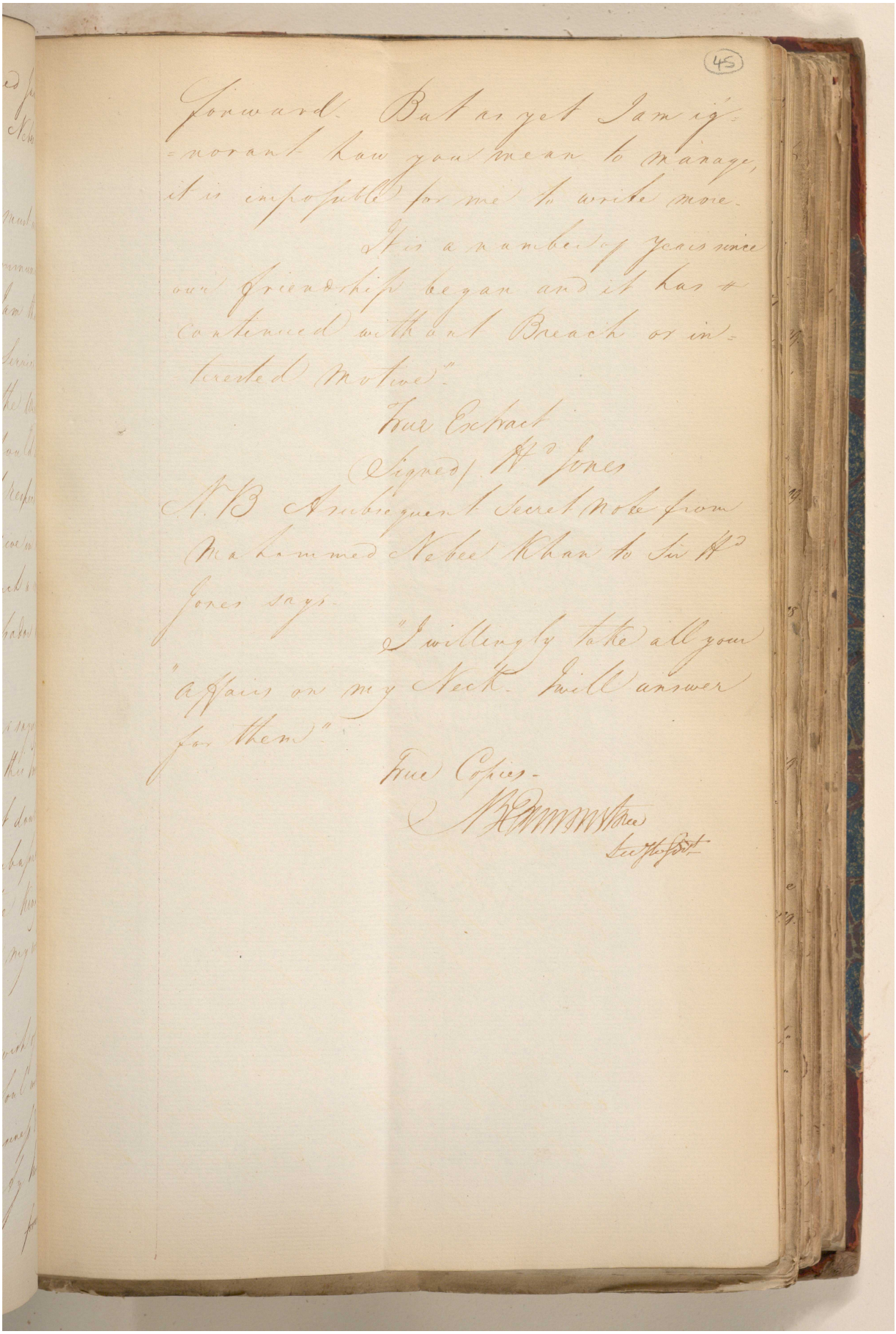


to him by Aga Mahomed Jaffer the Brother of Mahamed Nebee Khan Honble Sir.

"No person must understand the Secrets and Secret Communications which pass between us- I am that person devoted to your Service that I have ever been and the Work of my heart is that you should enter Persia with honor and respect the most compleat, and arrive in the presence of the King in such a manner that to this day no Ambassador has been admitted.

I was always saying that you would arrive and this I broke to the King that we must doubt but Harford Jones is the Ambassador from the Presence of the King of England God be praised my words have turned out true.-

What you wish of me I from my heart and soul will consent to. All your Business & the Extent of my Life & Property I will forward



forward. But as yet I am ig-
norant how you mean to manage,
it is impossible for me to write more.

It is a number of years since
our friendship began and it has
continued without Breach or in-
terested Motives".

True Extract
Signed W.m Jones

N.B Subsequent Secret Note from
Mahommed Nebee Khan to Sir W.m
Jones says.

"I willingly take all your
affairs on my Neck. I will answer
for them".

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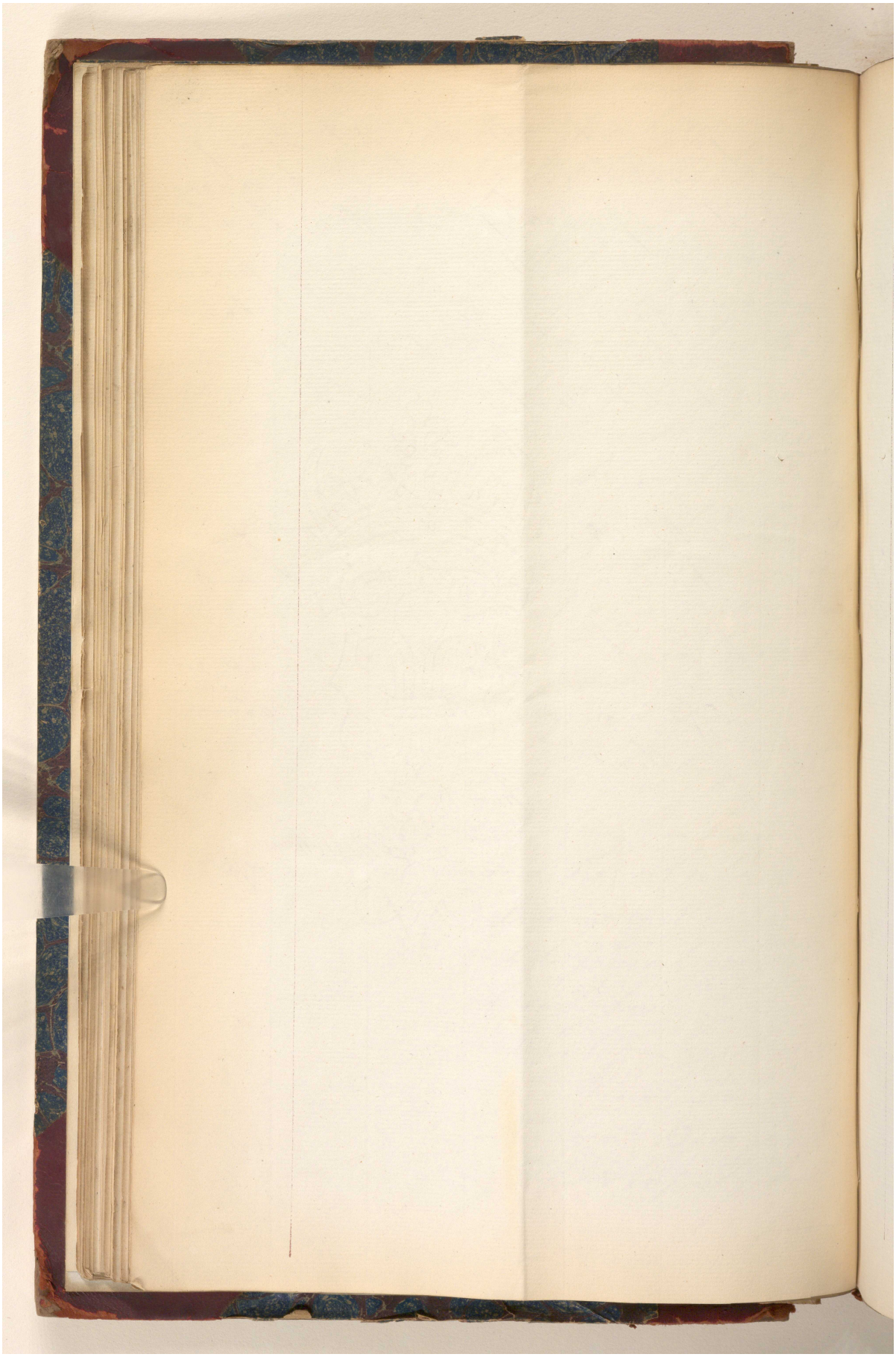

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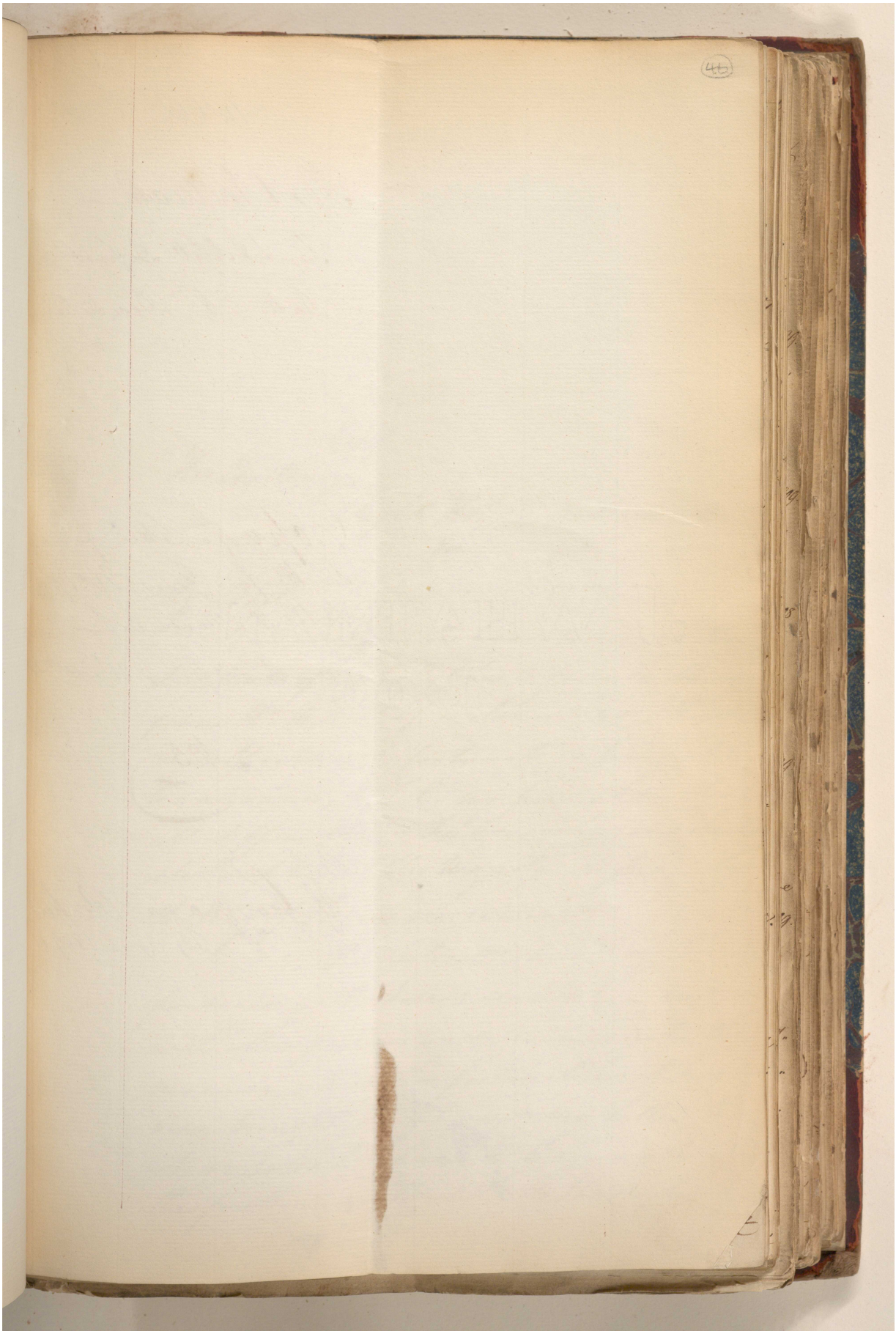

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Fort William

Secret & Septt Departt

Dated 21st December

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No. 5

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Georgiana Packet

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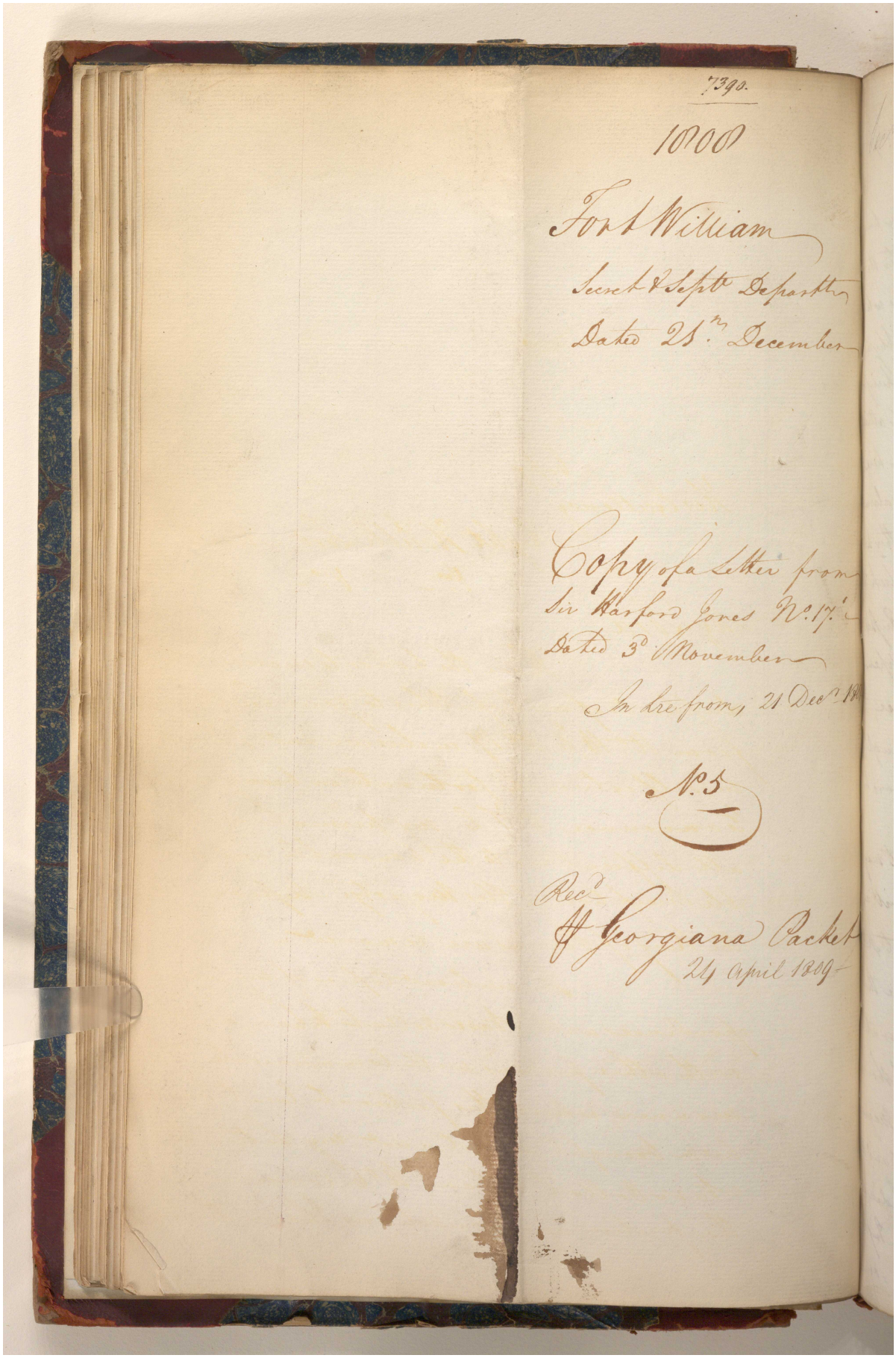

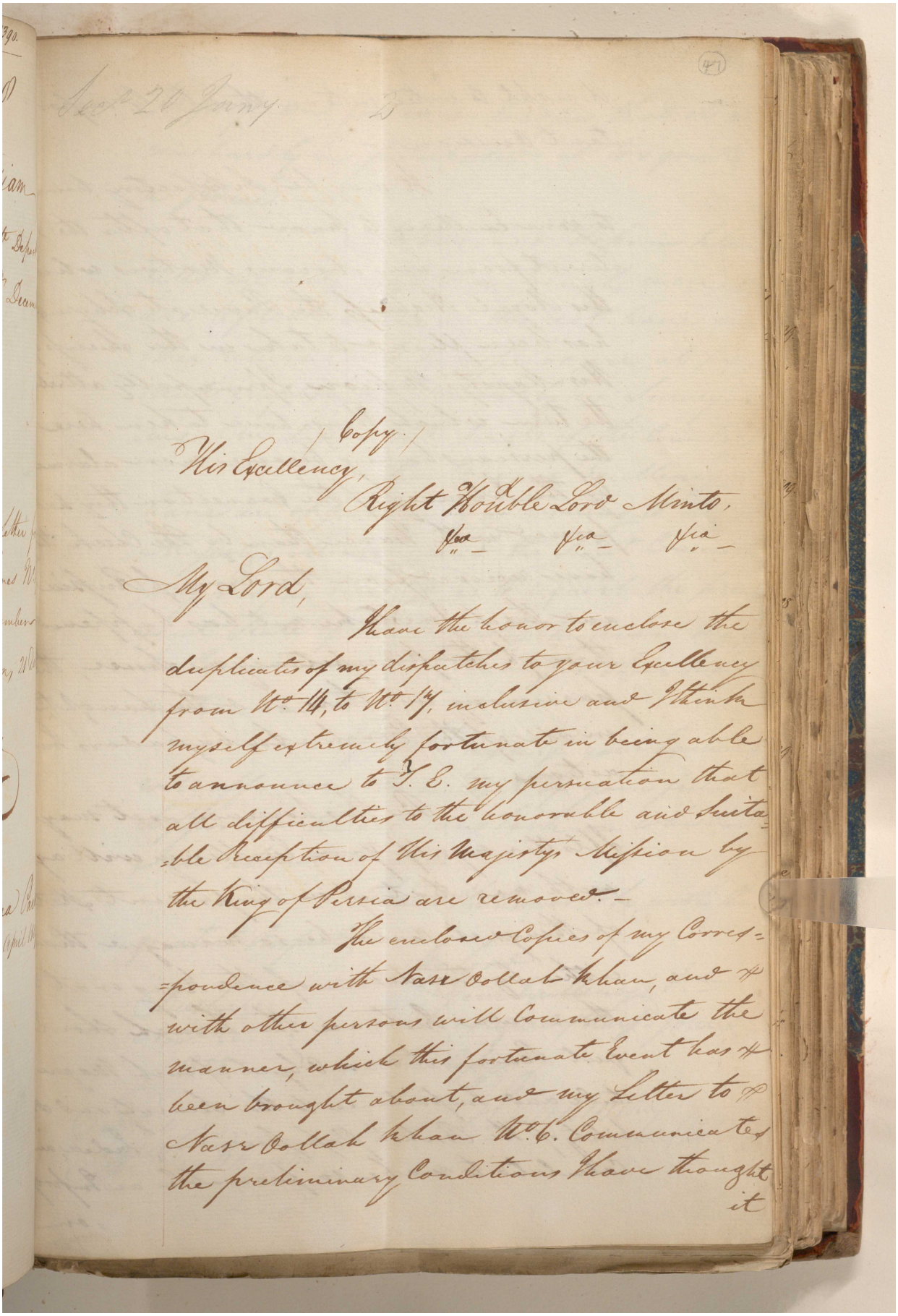

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His Excellency,

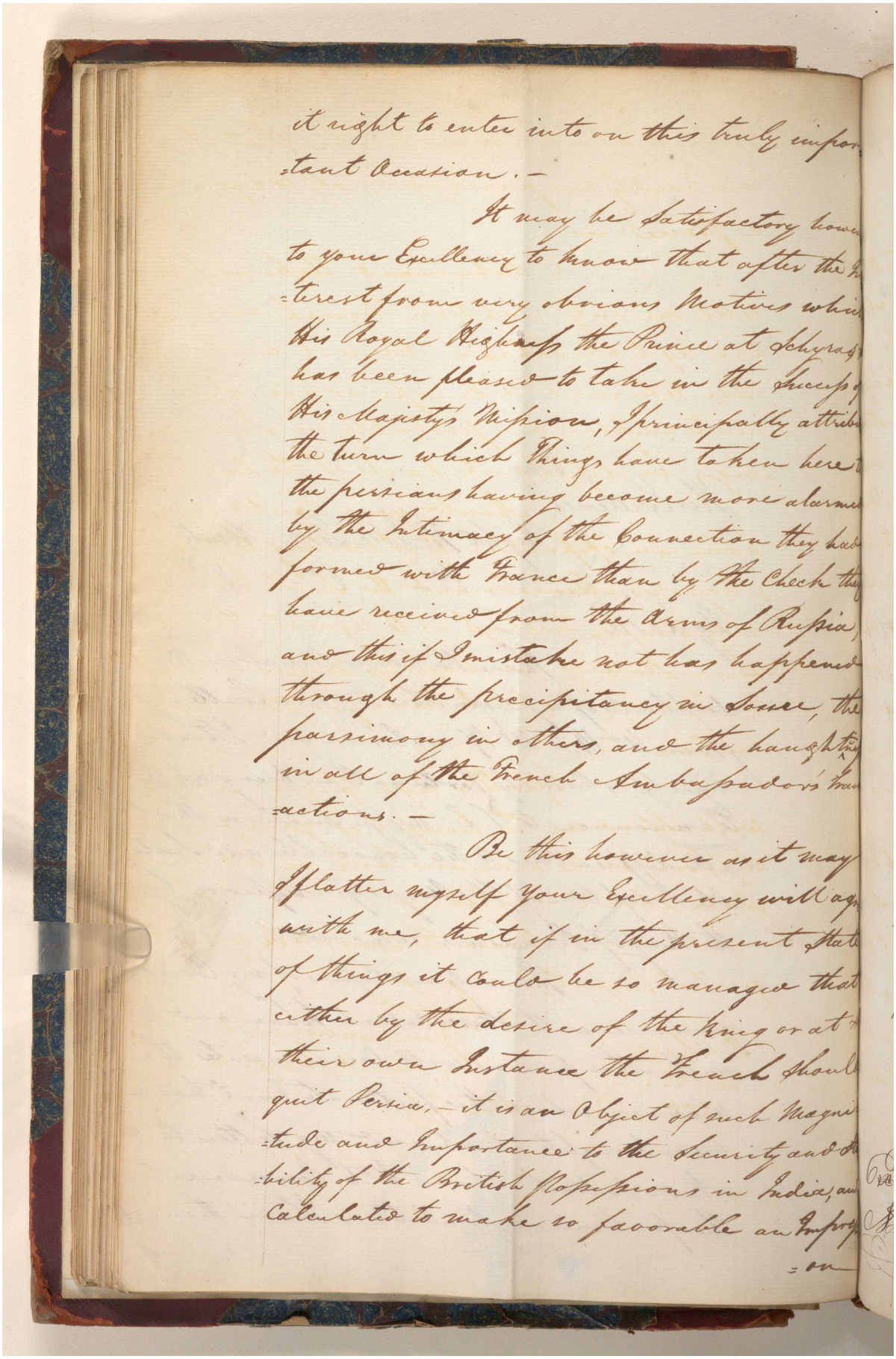
Right Honble Lord Minto,

&c^a &c^a &c^a

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose the duplicates of my dispatches to your Excellency from No. 14, to No. 17, inclusive and I think myself extremely fortunate in being able to announce to Y. E. my persuation that all difficulties to the honorable and suitable Reception of His Majesty's Mission by the King of Persia are removed.—

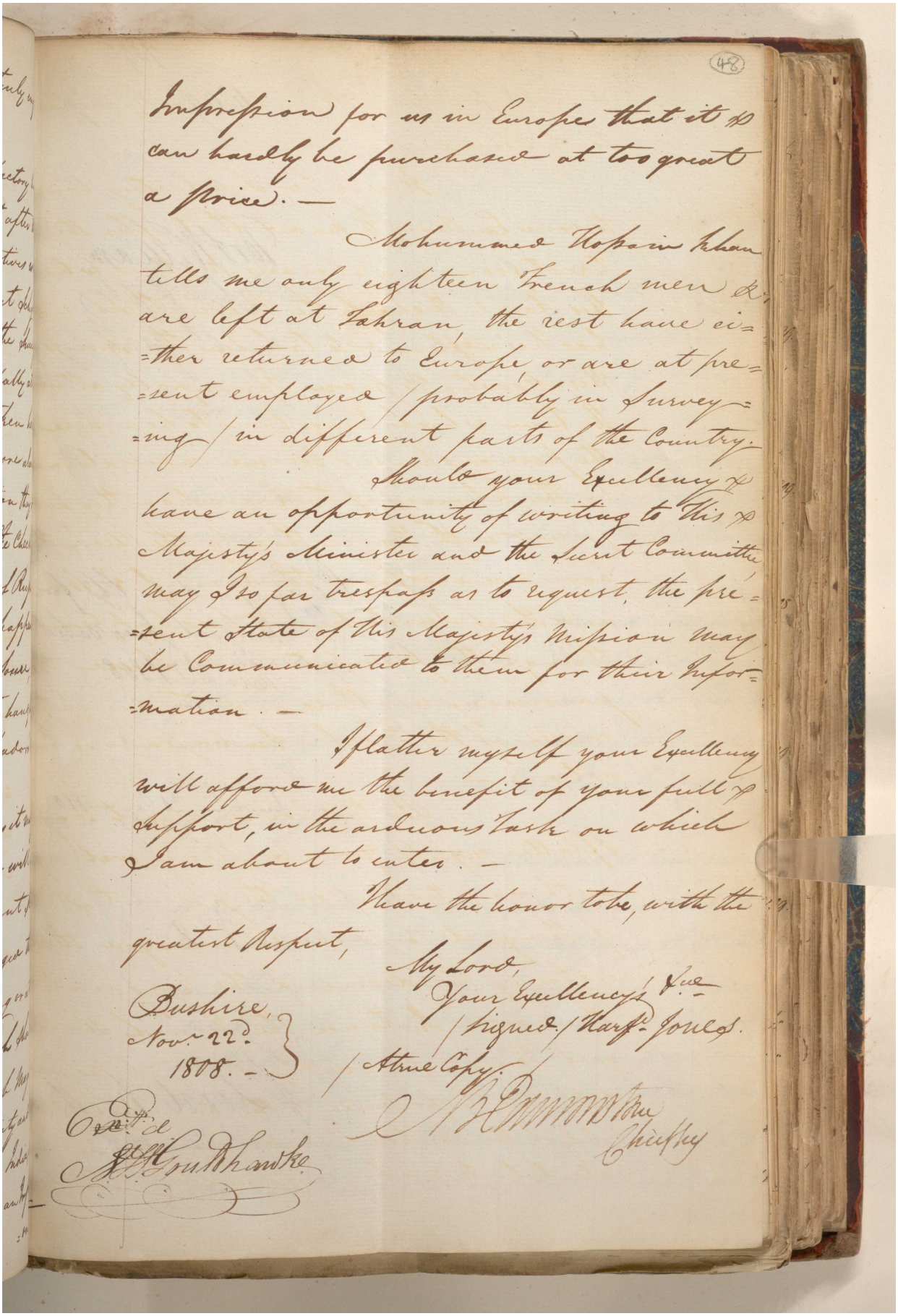
The enclosed Copies of my Correspondence with Nasr Oollah Khan, and with other persons will Communicate the manner, which this fortunate Event has been brought about, and my Letter to Nasr Oollah Khan No. 6. Communicates the preliminary Conditions I have thought it



it right to enter into on this truly impor-
-tant Occasion. —

It may be Satisfactory howev
to your Excellency to know that after the In-
-terest from very obvious Motives which
His Royal Highness the Prince at Schyras
has been pleased to take in the Success of
His Majesty's Mission, I principally attribu
the turn which Things have taken here t
the persians having become more alarmed
by the Intimacy of the Connection they had
formed with France than by the Check they
have received from the Arms of Russia,
and this if I mistake not has happened
through the precipitancy in Sossee, the
parsimony in others, and the haughtin
in all of the French Ambassador's Tran
-actions. —

Be this however as it may
I flatter myself your Excellency will agr
with me, that if in the present State
of things it could be so managed that
either by the desire of the King or at
their own Instance the French should
quit Persia, — it is an Object of such Magni-
-tude and Importance to the Security and Sta
-bility of the British Possessions in India, and
Calculated to make so favorable an Impress
-on



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Impression for us in Europe that it & can hardly be purchased at too great a Price. —

Mohummed Hossain Khan tells me only eighteen French men & are left at Tahran, the rest have either returned to Europe, or are at present employed (probably in Surveying) in different parts of the Country.

Should your Excellency & have an opportunity of writing to His & Majesty's Minister and the Secret Committee may I so far trespass as to request, the present State of His Majesty's Mission may be Communicated to them for their Information. —

I flatter myself your Excellency will afford me the benefit of your full & Support, in the arduous Task on which I am about to enter. —

I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect,

My Lord,
Your Excellency's &c.
(Signed) Harf. Jones.

Bushire,
Nov. 22d.
1808. —

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Chiefly

Exd. &
[illegible] Goulthawke

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Fort William
Sect Dept
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J. Lord Keith
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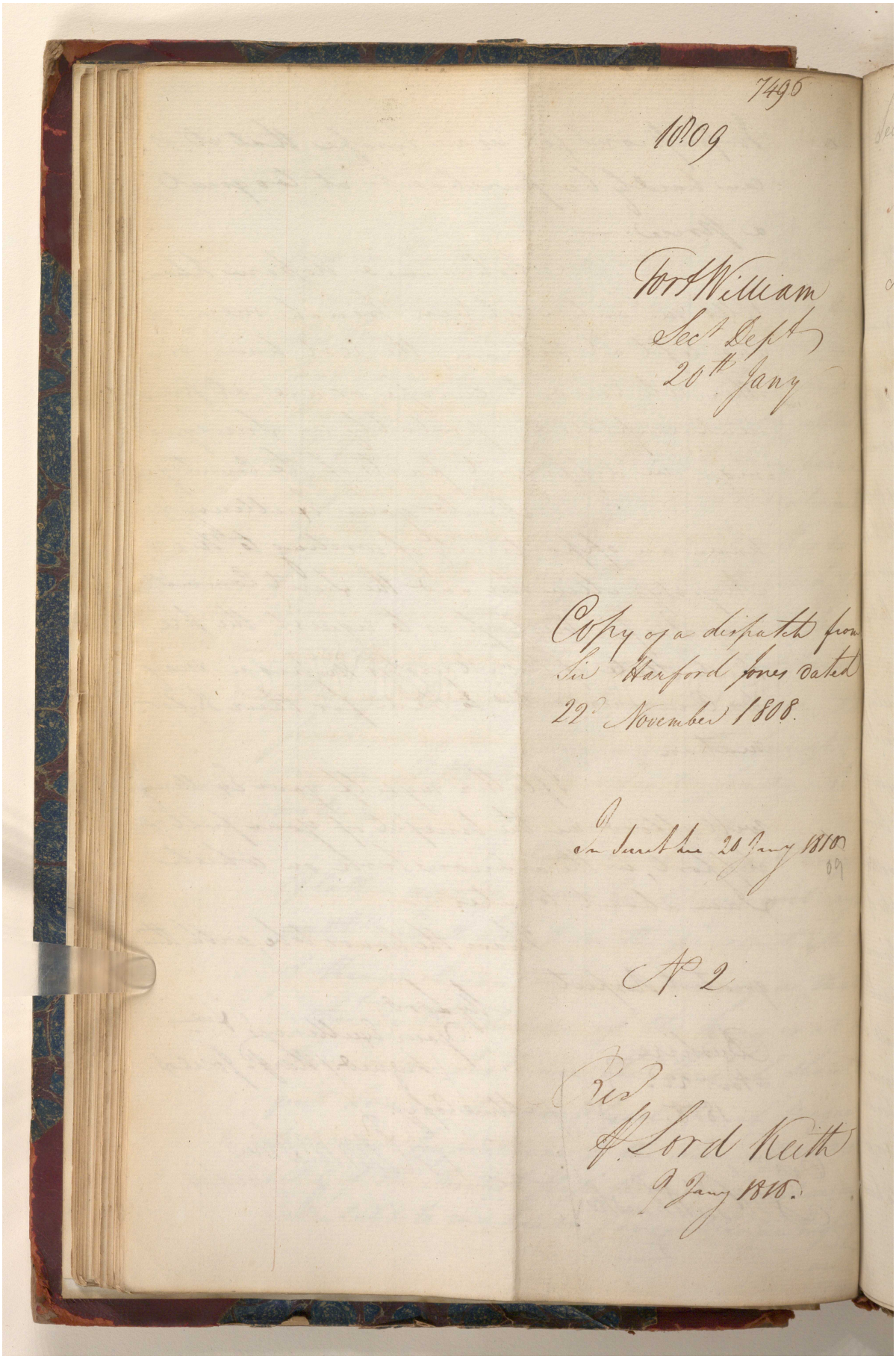

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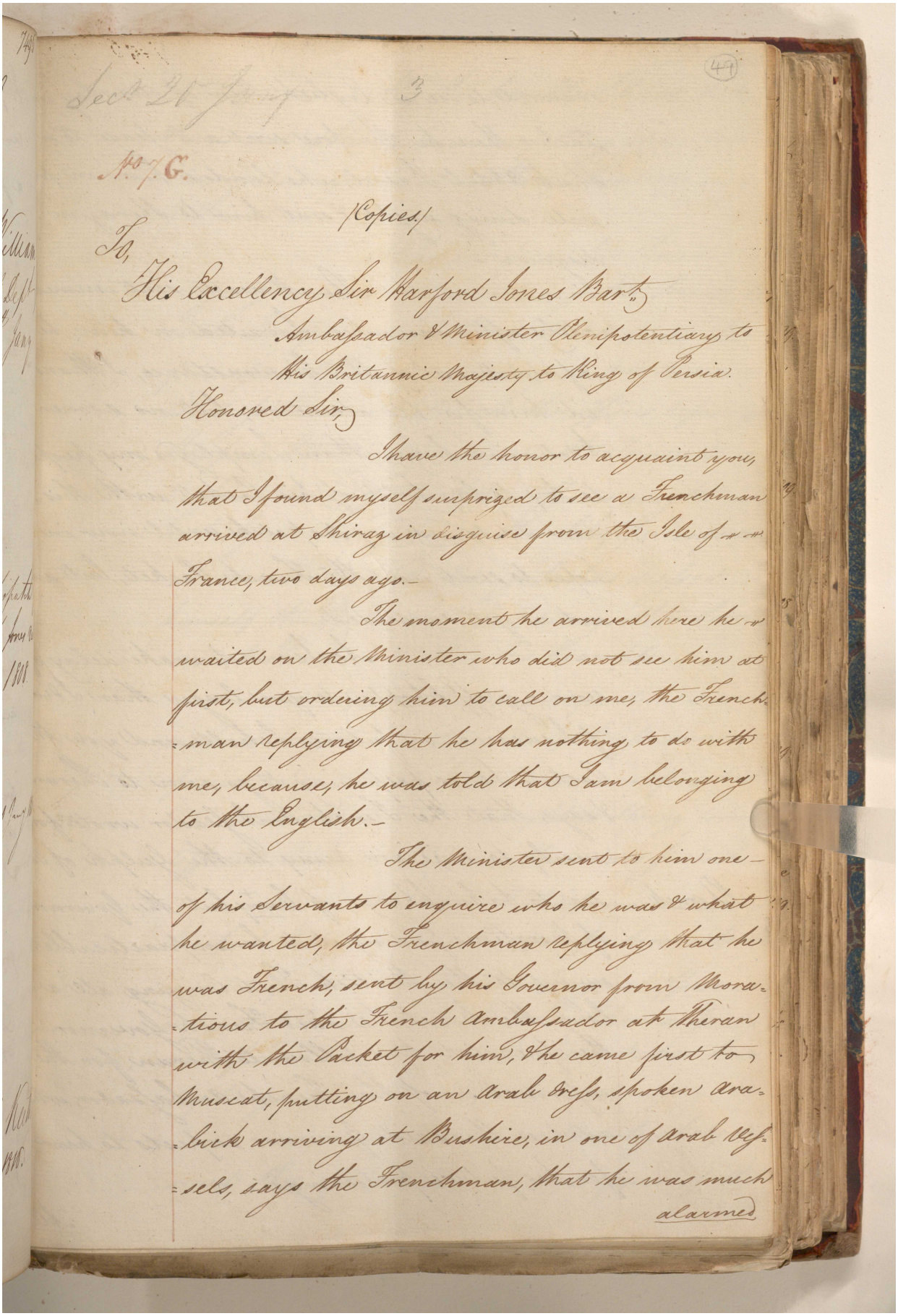


Sect 21 Jany 3

No 7. G.

(Copies)

To,

His Excellency Sir Harford Jones Bart.

Ambassador & Minister Plenipotentiary to

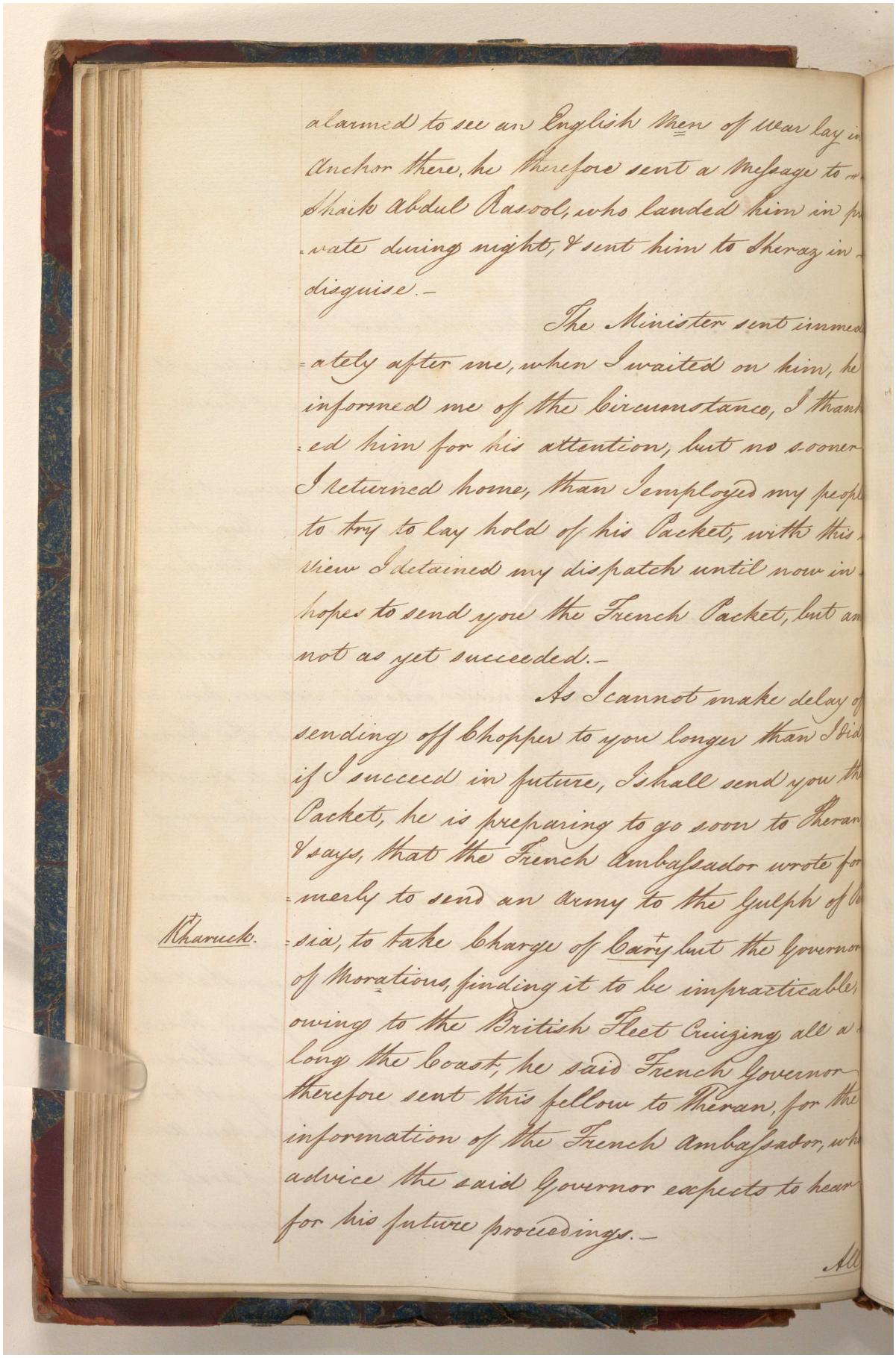
His Britannic Majesty to King of Persia.

Honored Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you, that I found myself surprized to see a Frenchman arrived at Shiraz in disguise from the Isle of France, two days ago.-

The moment he arrived here he waited on the Minister who did not see him at first, but ordering him to call on me, the Frenchman replying that he has nothing to do with me, because, he was told that I am belonging to the English.-

The Minister sent to him one of his Servants to enquire who he was & what he wanted, the Frenchman replying that he was French, sent by his Governor from Mauritious to the French Ambassador at Theran with the Packet for him, & he came first to Muscat, putting on an Arab dress, spoken Arabick arriving at Bushire, in one of Arab Vessels, says the Frenchman, that he was much alarmed



alarmed to see an English Men of War lay in Anchor there, he therefore sent a Message to Shaik Abdul Rasool, who landed him in private during night, & sent him to Sheraz in disguise.—

The Minister sent immediately after me, when I waited on him, he informed me of the Circumstance, I thanked him for his attention, but no sooner I returned home, than I employed my people to try to lay hold of his Packet, with this view I detained my dispatch until now in hopes to send you the French Packet, but am not as yet succeeded.—

As I cannot make delay of sending off Chopper to you longer than I did, if I succeed in future, I shall send you the Packet, he is preparing to go soon to Theran & says, that the French Ambassador wrote formerly to send an Army to the Gulph of Persia, to take Charge of Cary+ but the Governor of Morations, finding it to be impracticable, owing to the British Fleet Cruizing all a long the Coast, he said French Governor therefore sent this fellow to Theran, for the information of the French Ambassador, who advice the said Governor expects to hear for his future proceedings.—

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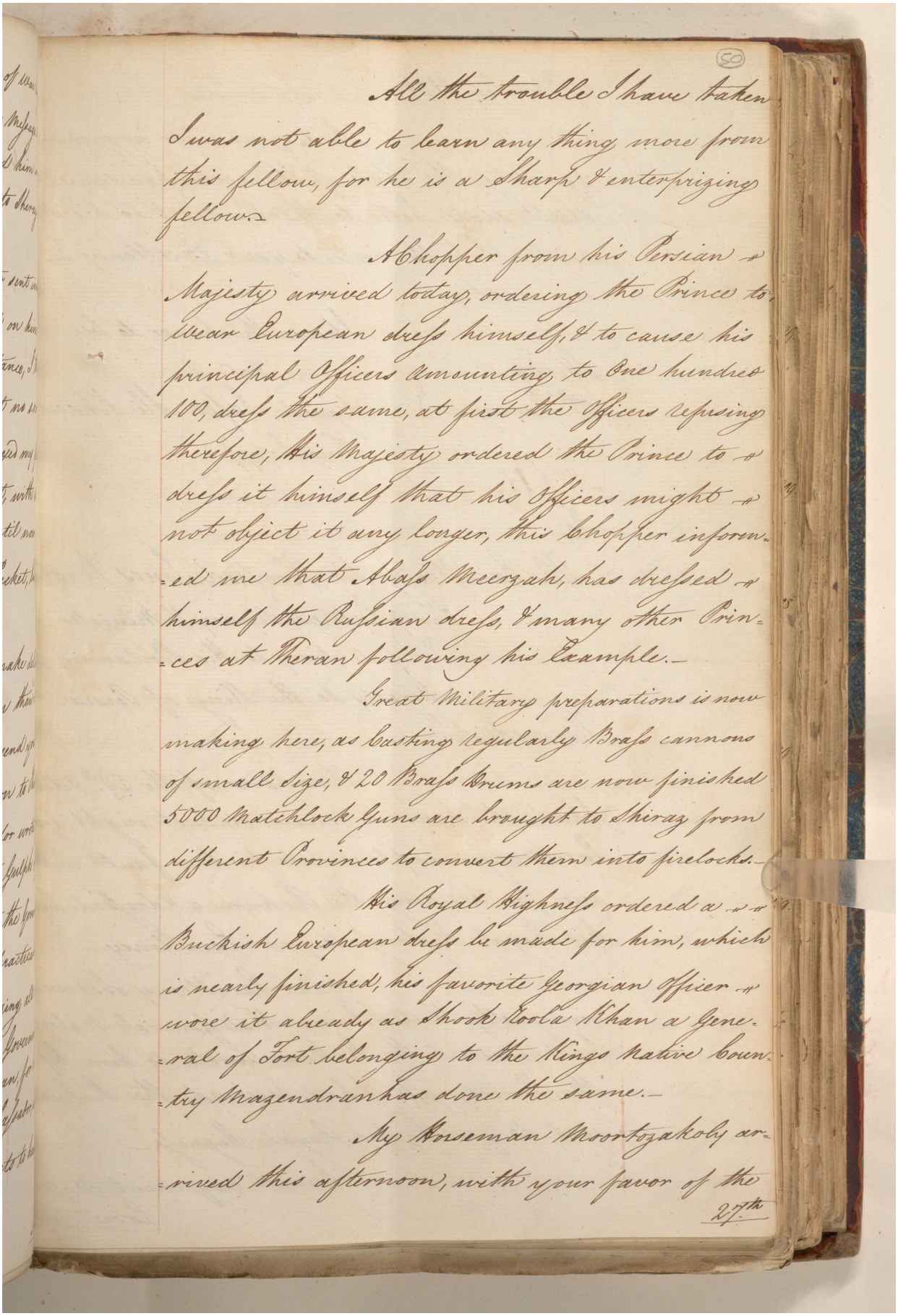


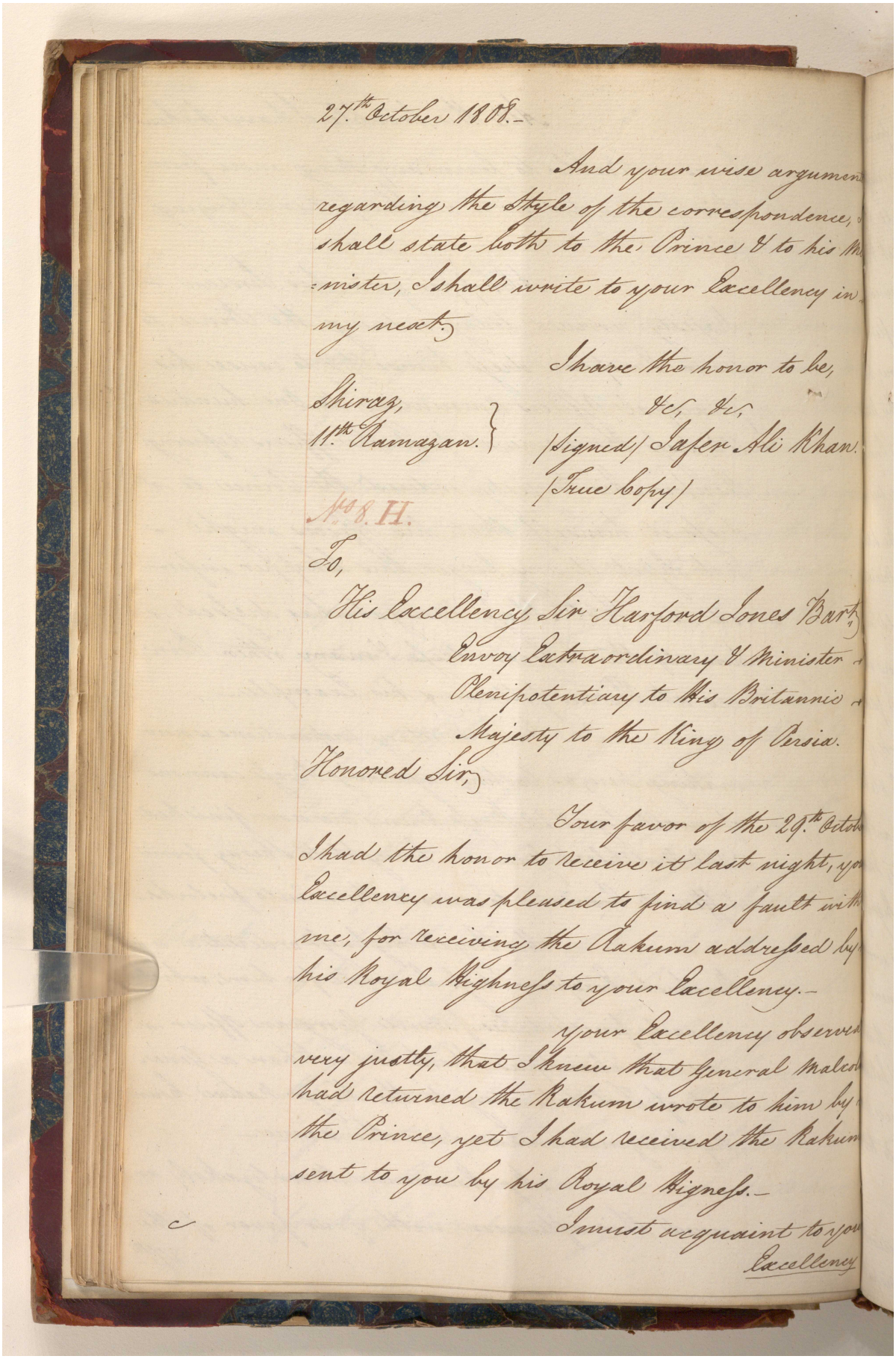
All the trouble I have taken I was not able to learn any thing more from this fellow, for he is a Sharp & enterprizing fellow.

A Chopper from his Persian ⁊ Majesty arrived today, ordering the Prince to wear European dress himself, & to cause his principal Officers amounting to One hundred 100, dress the same, at first the Officers refusing therefore, His Majesty ordered the Prince to ⁊ dress it himself that his Officers might ⁊ not object it any longer, this Chopper inform= =ed me that Abass Meerzah, has dressed ⁊ himself the Russian dress, & many other Prin= =ces at Theran following his Example.—

Great Military preparations is now making here, as Casting regularly Brass cannons of small size, & 20 Brass Drums are now finished 5000 Matchlock Guns are brought to Shiraz from different Provinces to convert them into firelocks.—

His Royal Highness ordered a ⁊ ⁊ Buckish European dress be made for him, which is nearly finished, his favorite Georgian Officer ⁊ wore it already as Shook Koola Khan a Gene= =ral of Fort belonging to the Kings native Coun= =try Magendran has done the same.—

My Horseman Moortozakoly ar= =rived this afternoon, with your favor of the 27th



27th October 1808.-

And your wise argumen
regarding the Style of the correspondence,
shall state both to the Prince & to his M
=inister, I shall write to your Excellency in
my next.)

I have the honor to be,
&c, &c,
(Signed) Jafer Ali Khan.
(True Copy)

Shiraz,
11th Ramazan.

No 8. H.

To,

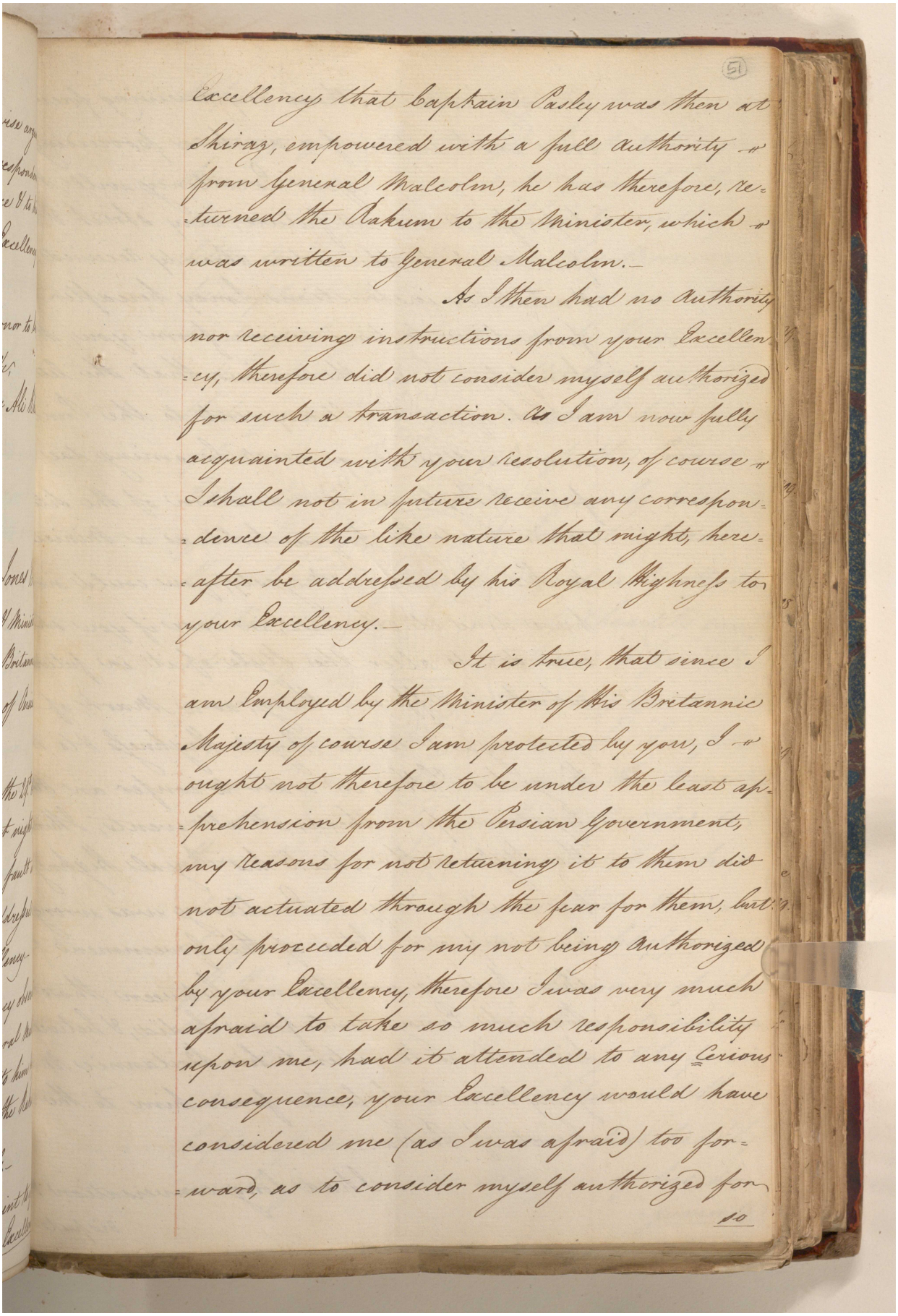
His Excellency Sir Harford Jones Bart,
Envoy Extraordinary & Minister
Plenipotentiary to His Britannic
Majesty to the King of Persia.

Honored Sir,)

Your favor of the 29th Octob
I had the honor to receive it last night, yo
Excellency was pleased to find a fault with
me, for receiving the Rakum addressed by
his Royal Highness to your Excellency.-

your Excellency observed
very justly, that I knew that General Malco
had returned the Rakum wrote to him by
the Prince, yet I had received the Rakum
sent to you by his Royal Highness.-

I must acquaint to you
Excellency

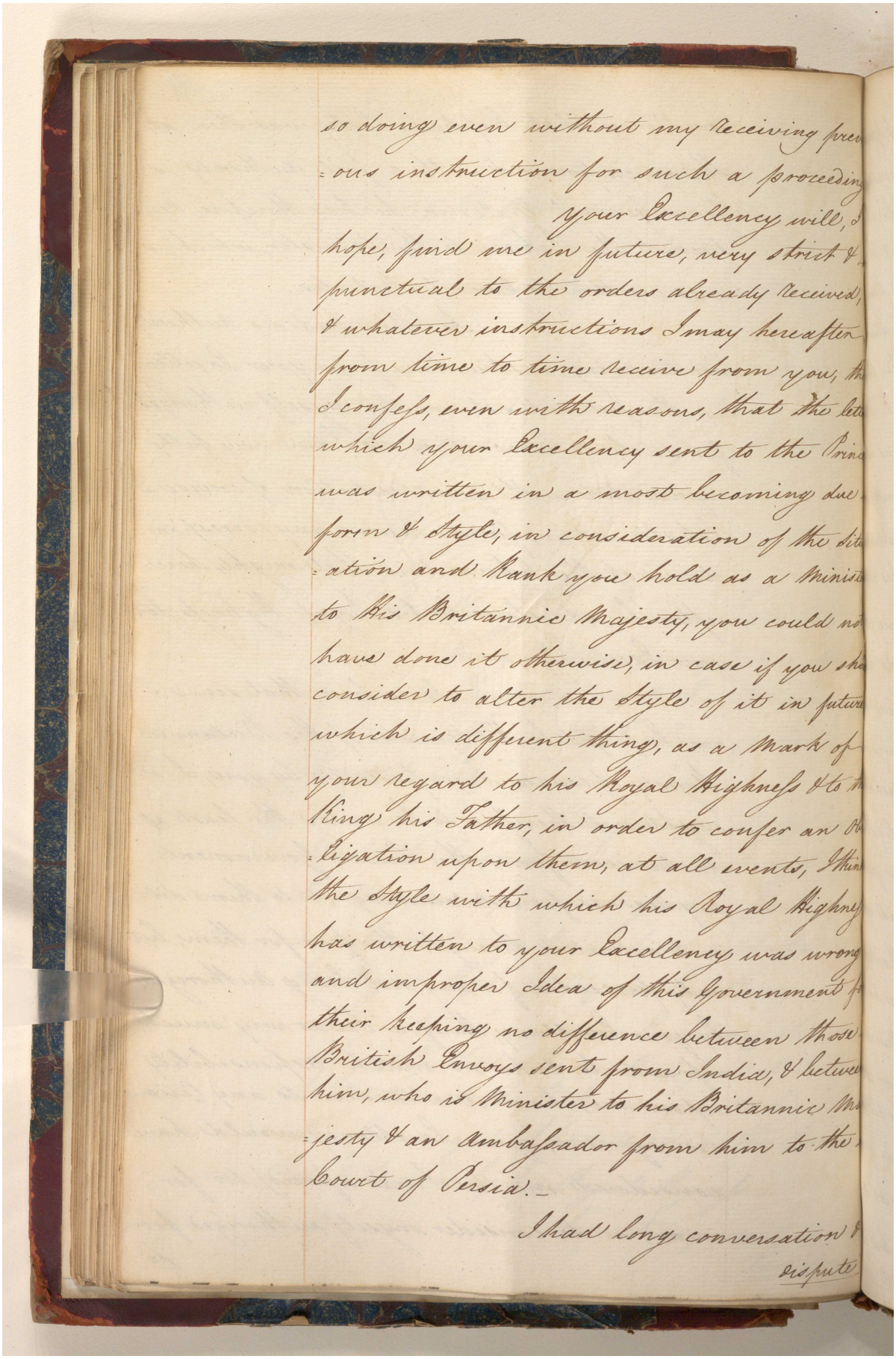


Excellency that Captain Pasley was then at
Shiraz, empowered with a full authority
from General Malcolm, he has therefore, re-
turned the Rakum to the Minister, which
was written to General Malcolm.—

As I then had no authority
nor receiving instructions from your Excellen-
cy, therefore did not consider myself authorized
for such a transaction. As I am now fully
acquainted with your resolution, of course
I shall not in future receive any corresponden-
dence of the like nature that might, here-
after be addressed by his Royal Highness to
your Excellency.—

It is true, that since I
am Employed by the Minister of his Britannic
Majesty of course I am protected by you, I
ought not therefore to be under the least ap-
prehension from the Persian Government,
my Reasons for not returning it to them did
not actuated through the fear for them, but
only proceeded for my not being authorized
by your Excellency, therefore I was very much
afraid to take so much responsibility
upon me, had it attended to any Serious
consequence, your Excellency would have
considered me (as I was afraid) too for-
ward, as to consider myself authorized for

so



so doing even without my receiving prev
=ous instruction for such a proceeding

Your Excellency will, I
hope, find me in future, very strict &
punctual to the orders already received,
& whatever instructions I may hereafter
from time to time receive from you, th
I confess, even with reasons, that the lett
which your Excellency sent to the Princ
was written in a most becoming due
form & Style, in consideration of the Situ
=ation and Rank you hold as a Minist
to His Britannic Majesty, you could not
have done it otherwise, in case if you sho
consider to alter the Style of it in future
which is different thing, as a Mark of
your regard to his Royal Highness & to th
King his Father, in order to confer an Ob
=ligation upon them, at all events, I think
the Style with which his Royal Highness
has written to your Excellency was wrong
and improper Idea of this Government fo
their keeping no difference between those
British Envoys sent from India, & betwee
him, who is Minister to his Britannic Ma
=jesty & an Ambassador from him to the
Court of Persia.—

I had long conversation &
dispute

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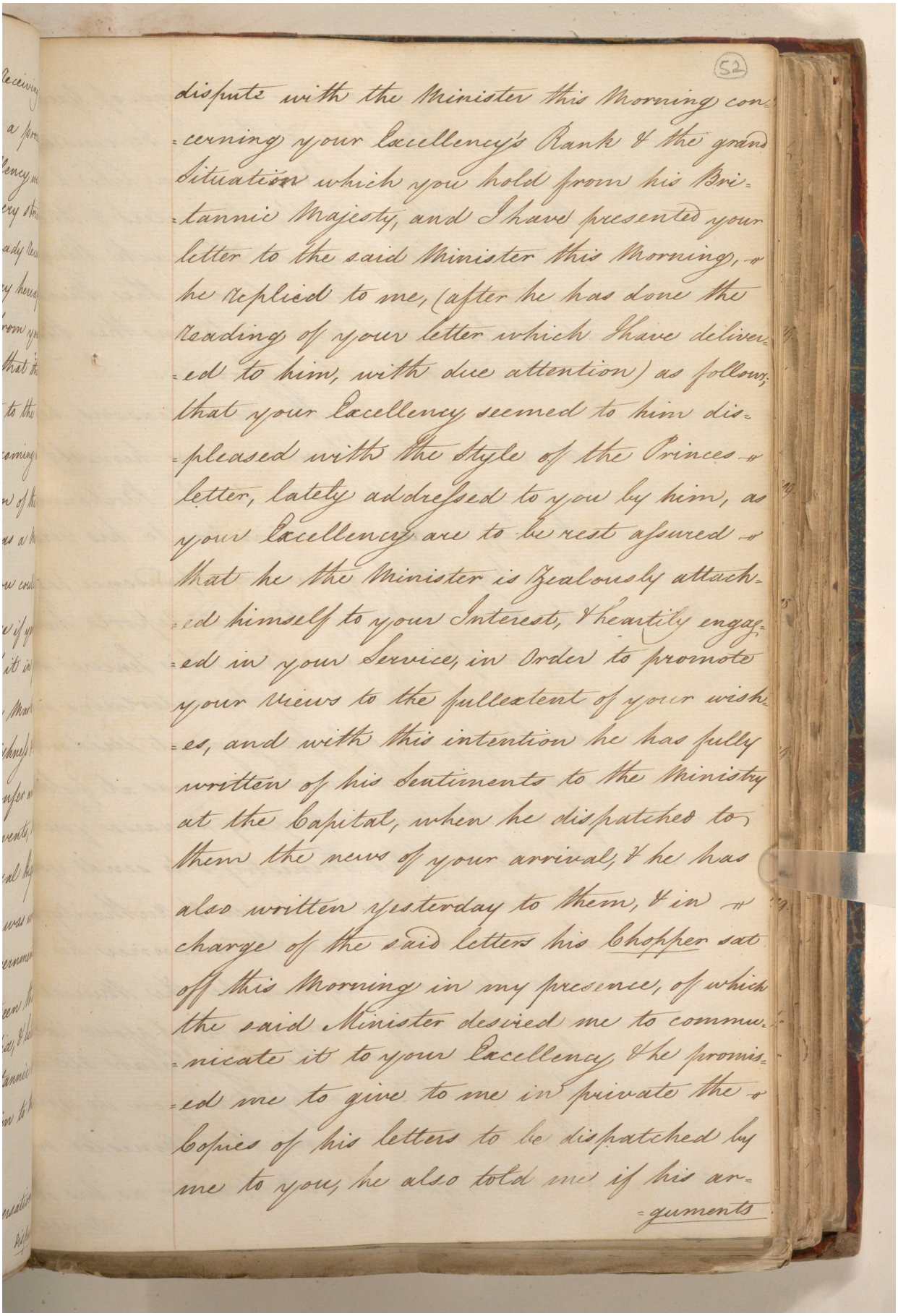
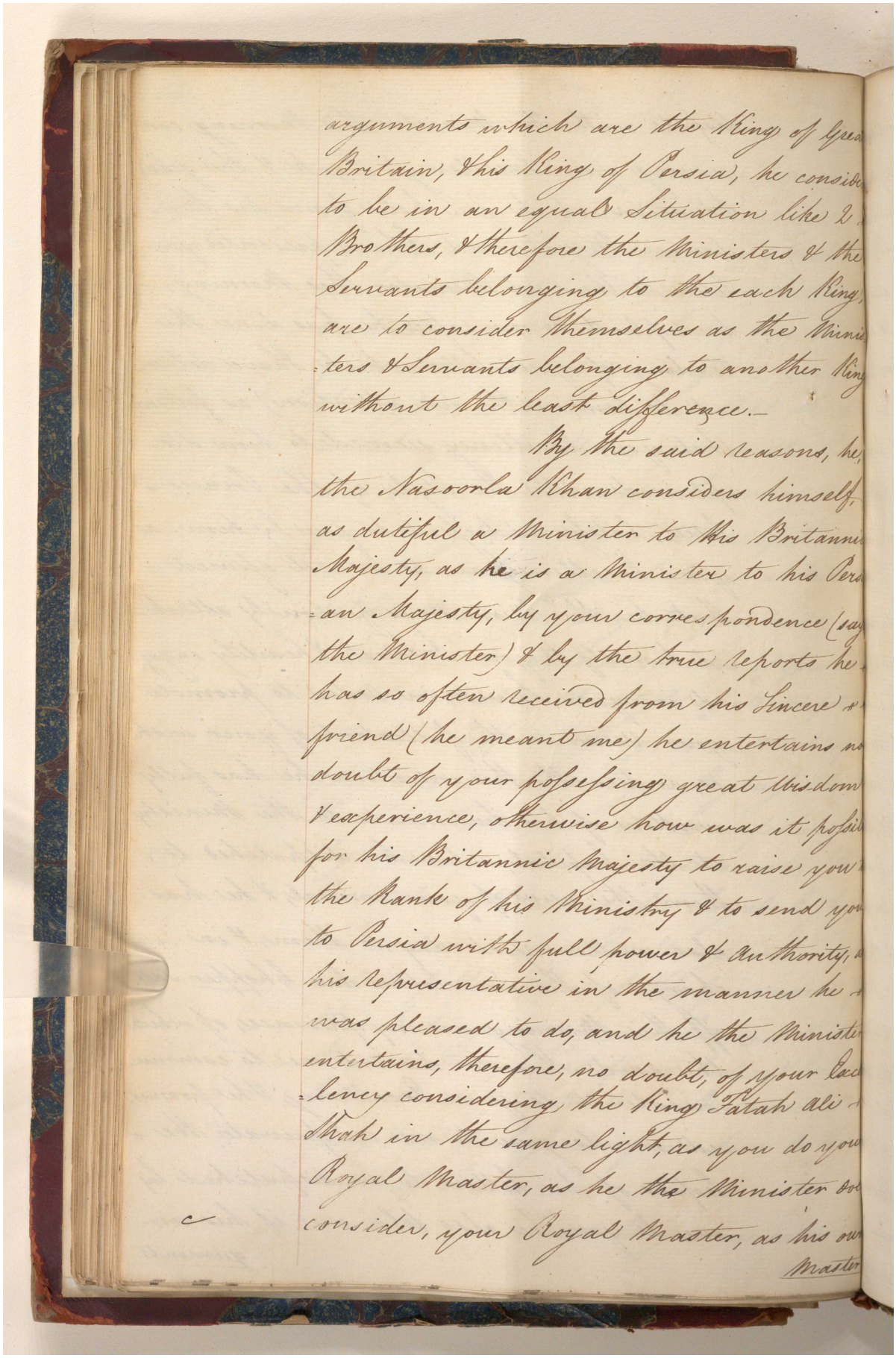
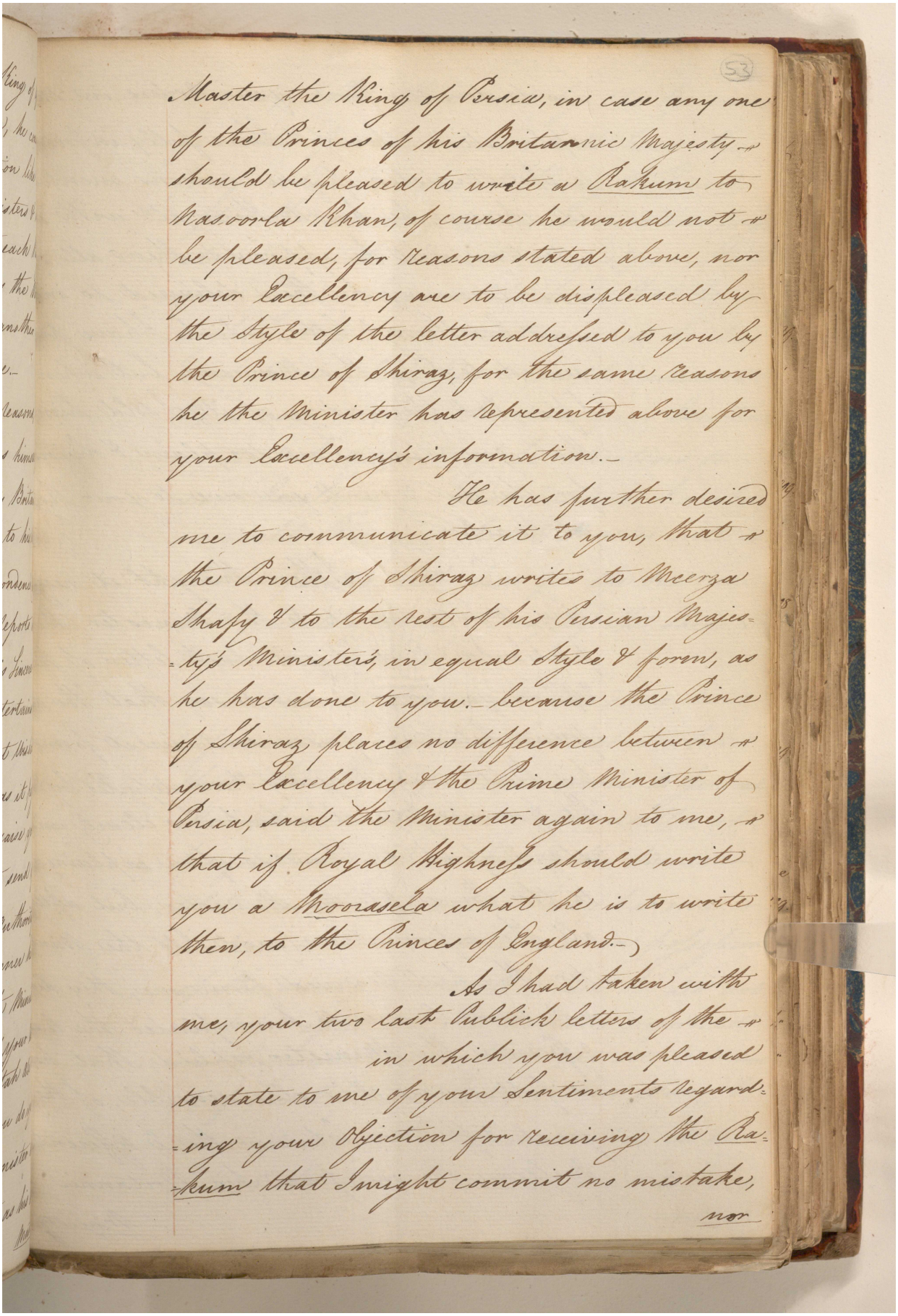


dispute with the Minister this Morning con=
=cerning your Excellency's Rank & the grand
situation which you hold from his Bri=
=tannic Majesty, and I have presented your
letter to the said Minister this Morning, &
he replied to me, (after he has done the
reading of your letter which I have deliver=
=ed to him, with due attention) as follows;
that your Excellency seemed to him dis=
=pleased with the Style of the Princes &
letter, lately addressed to you by him, as
your Excellency are to be rest assured &
that he the Minister is Zealously attach=
=ed himself to your Interest, & heartily engag=
=ed in your Service, in Order to promote
your views to the fullest extent of your wish=
=es, and with this intention he has fully
written of his Sentiments to the Ministry
at the Capital, when he dispatched to
them the news of your arrival, & he has
also written yesterday to them, & in &
charge of the said letters his Chopper sat
off this Morning in my presence, of which
the said Minister desired me to commu=
=nicate it to your Excellency, & he promis=
=ed me to give to me in private the &
Copies of his letters to be dispatched by
me to you, he also told me if his ar=
=guments



arguments which are the King of Grea
Britain, & his King of Persia, he consid
to be in an equal Situation like 2
Brothers, & therefore the Ministers & the
Servants belonging to the each King,
are to consider themselves as the Minis
ters & Servants belonging to another King
without the least Difference.—

By the said Reasons, he,
the Nasoorla Khan considers himself,
as dutiful a Minister to his Britanni
Majesty, as he is a Minister to his Pers
an Majesty, by your correspondence (say
the Minister) & by the true reports he
has so often received from his Sincere
friend (he meant me) he entertains no
doubt of your posessing great Wisdom
& experience, otherwise how was it possi
for his Britannic Majesty to raise you
the Rank of his Ministry & to send you
to Persia with full power & Authority,
his Representative in the manner he
was pleased to do, and he the Minister
entertains, therefore, no doubt, of your Lea
lency considering the King Fatah ali
Shah in the same light, as you do your
Royal Master, as he the Minister do
consider, your Royal Master, as his ow
Master



Master the King of Persia, in case any one
of the Princes of his Britannic Majesty
should be pleased to write a Rakum to
Nasoorla Khan, of course he would not
be pleased, for reasons stated above, nor
your Excellency are to be displeased by
the Style of the letter addressed to you by
the Prince of Shiraz, for the same reasons
he the Minister has represented above for
your Excellency's information.—

He has further desired
me to communicate it to you, that
the Prince of Shiraz writes to Meerza
Shafy & to the rest of his Persian Majes-
ty's Ministers, in equal Style & forem, as
he has done to you.— because the Prince
of Shiraz places no difference between
your Excellency & the Prime Minister of
Persia, said the Minister again to me,
that if Royal Highness should write
you a Moorasela what he is to write
then, to the Princes of England.—)

As I had taken with
me, your two last Publick letters of the
in which you was pleased
to state to me of your Sentiments regard-
ing your Objection for receiving the Ra-
kum that I might commit no mistake,

nor

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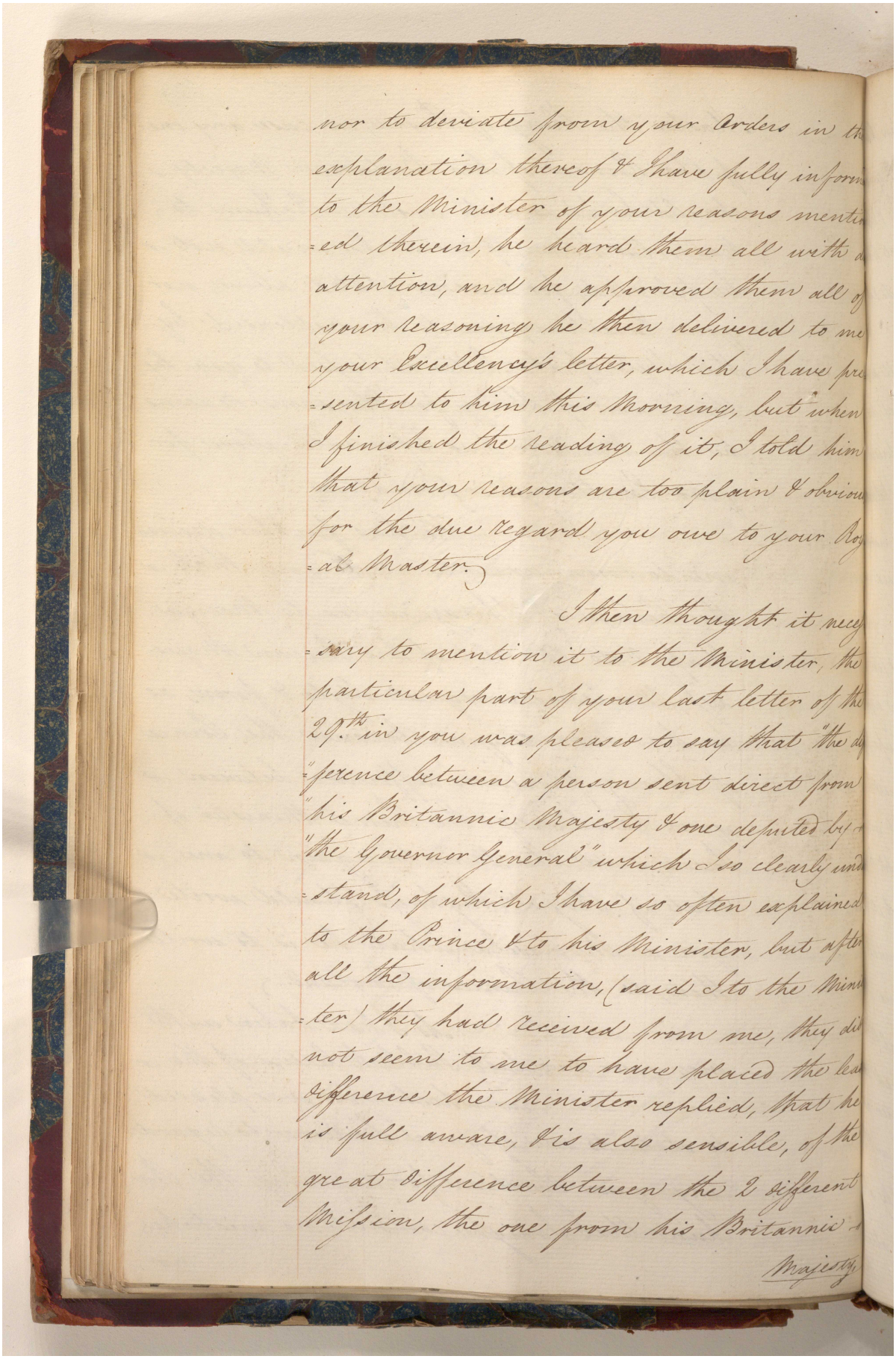

nor to deviate from your Orders in the
explanation thereof & I have fully inform
to the Minister of your reasons mention
=ed therein, he heard them all with a
attention, and he approved them all of
your reasoning he then delivered to me
your Excellency's letter, which I have pre
=sented to him this Morning, but when
I finished the reading of it, I told him
that your reasons are too plain & obvious
for the due regard you owe to your Roy
=al Master.

I then thought it nece
=ssary to mention it to the Minister, the
particular part of your last letter of the
29th in you was pleased to say that "the di
"ference between a person sent direct from
"his Britannic Majesty & one deputed by
"the Governor General" which I so clearly und
=erstand, of which I have so often explained
to the Prince & to his Minister, but after
all the information, (said I to the Mini
=ster) they had received from me, they did
not seem to me to have placed the leas
difference the Minister replied, that he
is full aware, & is also sensible, of the
great difference between the 2 different
Mission, the one from his Britannic
Majesty

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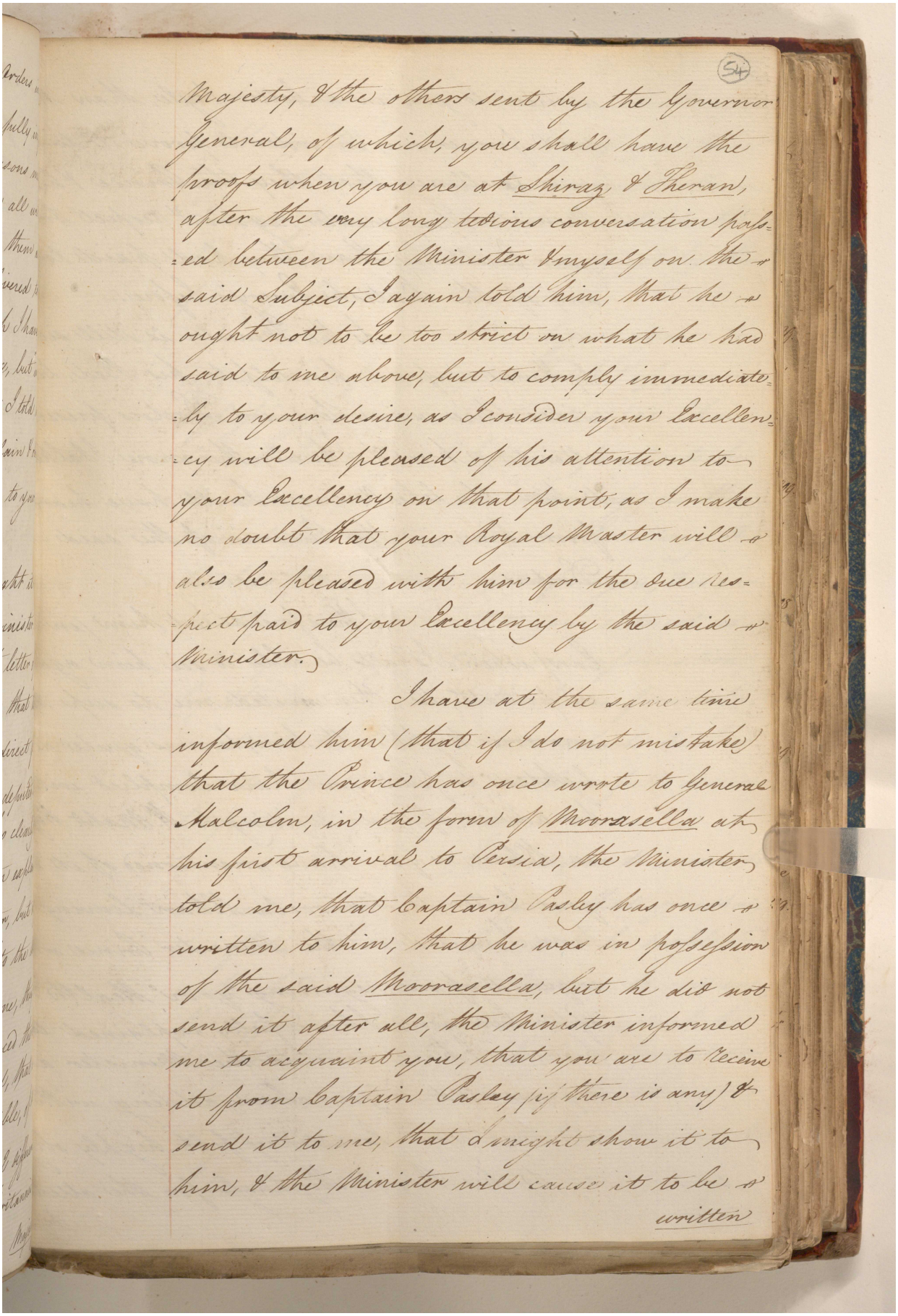
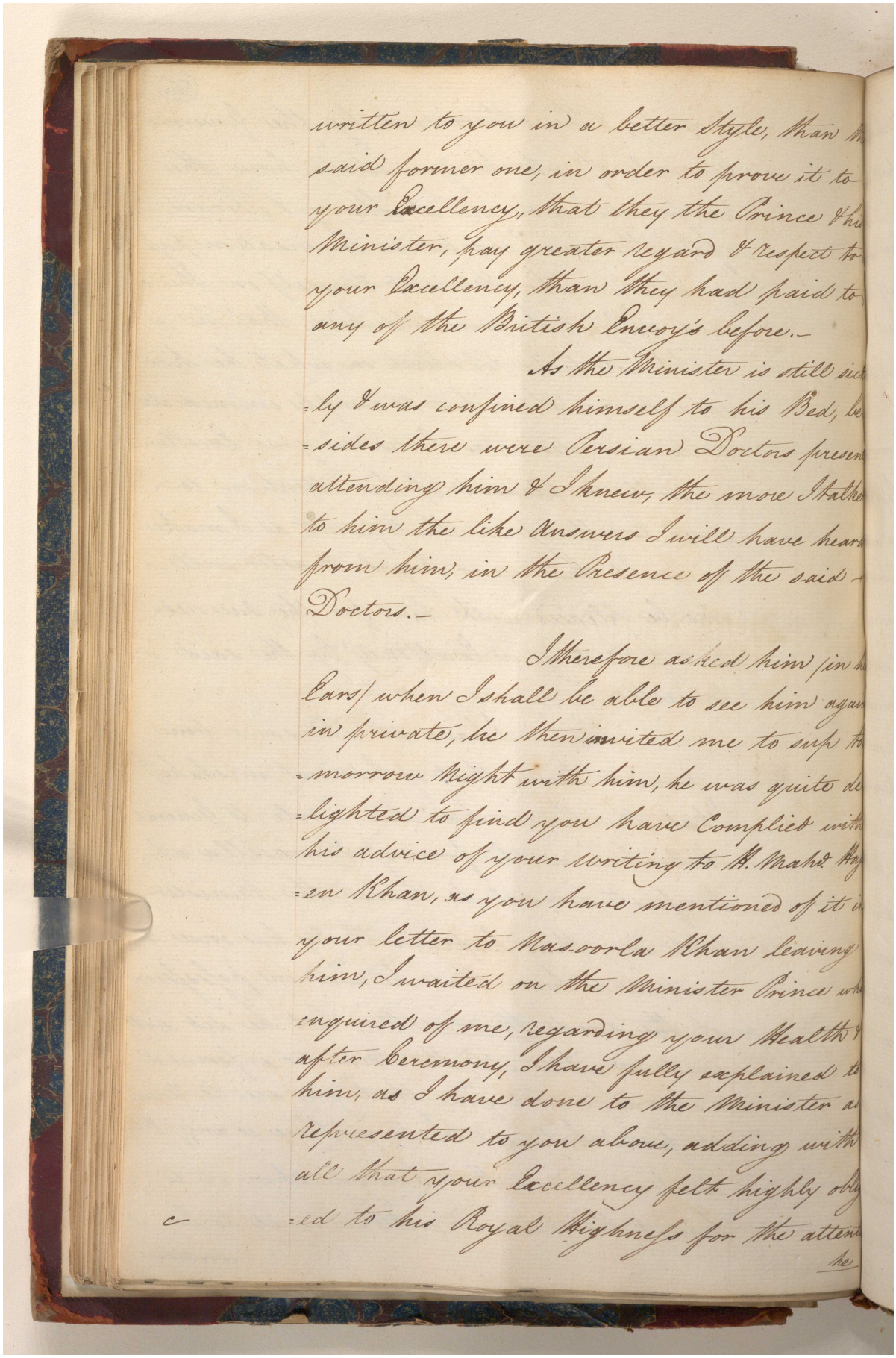


Majesty, & the others sent by the Governor General, of which, you shall have the proofs when you are at Shiraz & Heran, after the very long tedious conversation passed between the Minister & myself on the said Subject, I again told him, that he ought not to be too strict on what he had said to me above, but to comply immediately to your desire, as I consider your Excellency will be pleased of his attention to your Excellency on that point, as I make no doubt that your Royal Master will also be pleased with him for the due respect paid to your Excellency by the said Minister.

I have at the same time informed him (that if I do not mistake) that the Prince has once wrote to General Malcolm, in the form of Moorasella at his first arrival to Persia, the Minister told me, that Captain Pasley has once written to him, that he was in possession of the said Moorasella, but he did not send it after all, the Minister informed me to acquaint you, that you are to receive it from Captain Pasley (if there is any) & send it to me, that I might show it to him, & the Minister will cause it to be

written



written to you in a better Style, than th
said former one, in order to prove it to
your Excellency, that they the Prince & his
Minister, pay greater regard & respect to
your Excellency, than they had paid to
any of the British Envoy's before.—

As the Minister is still sick
-ly & was confined himself to his Bed, be
-sides there were Persian Doctors present
attending him & I knew, the more I talked
to him the like answers I will have heard
from him, in the Presence of the said
Doctors.—

I therefore asked him (in h
Ears) when I shall be able to see him again
in private, he then invited me to sup to
-morrow Night with him, he was quite de
-lighted to find you have Complied with
his advice of your writing to H. Mahd Kuly
-en Khan, as you have mentioned of it in
your letter to Nasoorla Khan leaving
him, I waited on the Minister Prince who
enquired of me, regarding your Health &
after Ceremony, I have fully explained to
him, as I have done to the Minister as
represented to you above, adding with
all that your Excellency felt highly oblig
-ed to his Royal Highness for the attent
-ion

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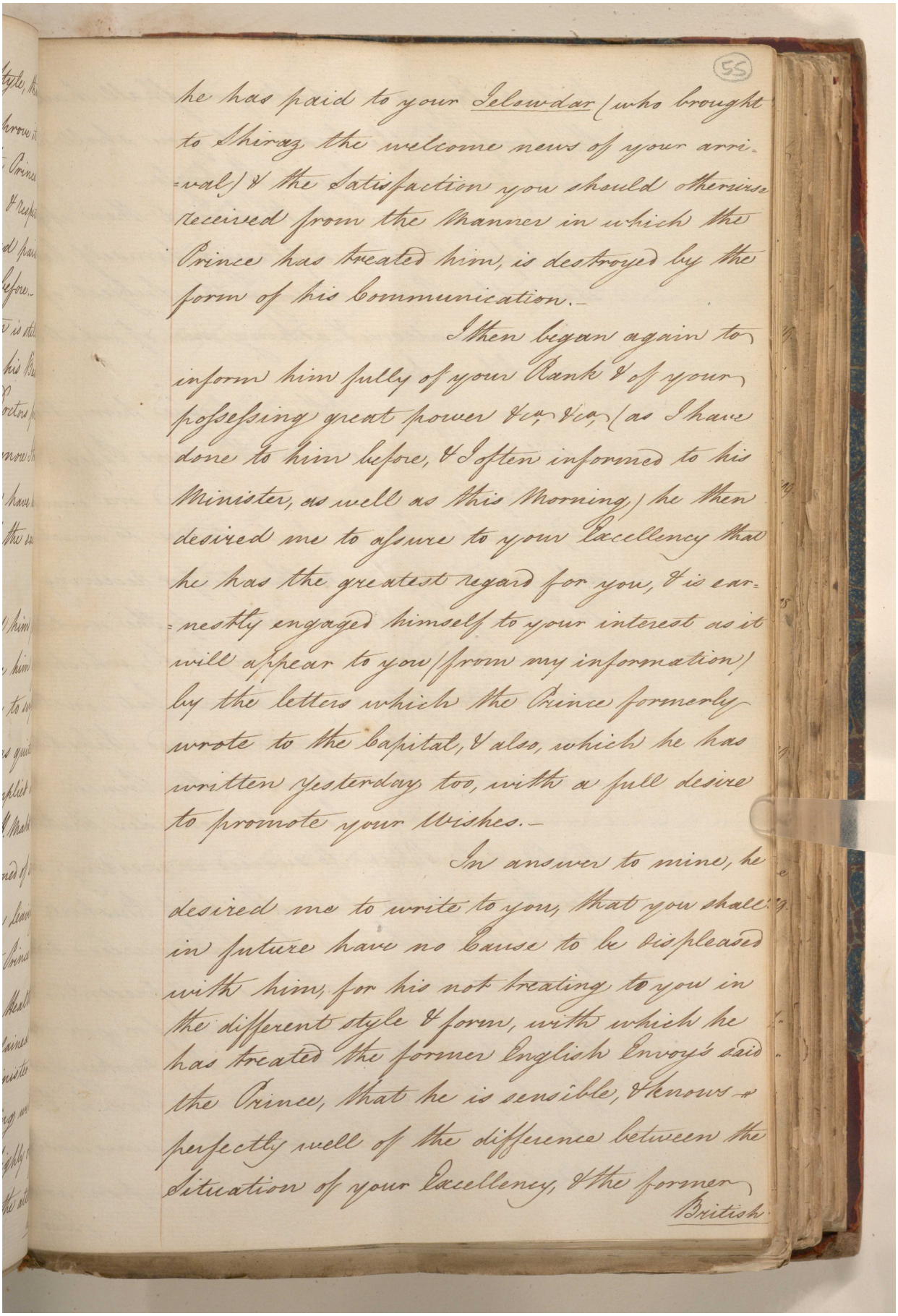

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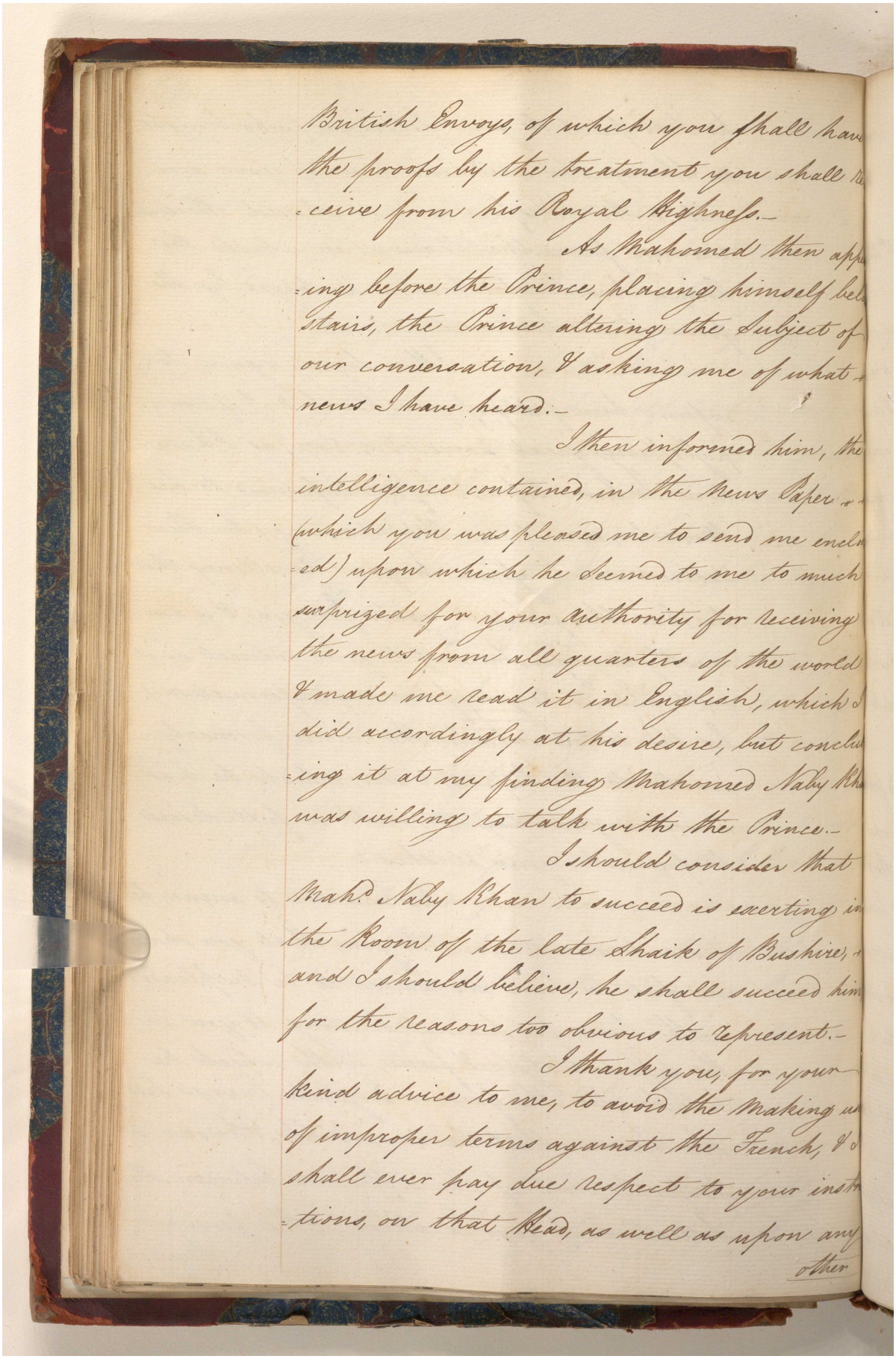
he has paid to your Jelowdar (who brought to Shiraz the welcome news of your arri-val) & the Satisfaction you should otherwise received from the Manner in which the Prince has treated him, is destroyed by the form of his Communication.—

I then began again to inform him fully of your Rank & of your posessing great power &c., &c., (as I have done to him before, & often informed to his Minister, as well as this Morning,) he then desired me to assure to your Excellency that he has the greatest regard for you, & is ear-nestly engaged himself to your interest as it will appear to you (from my information) by the letters which the Prince formerly wrote to the Capital, & also, which he has written yesterday too, with a full desire to promote your Wishes.—

In answer to mine, he desired me to write to you, that you shall in future have no Cause to be displeased with him, for his not treating to you in the different style & form, with which he has treated the former English Envoys said the Prince, that he is sensible, & knows perfectly well of the difference between the Situation of your Excellency, & the former British



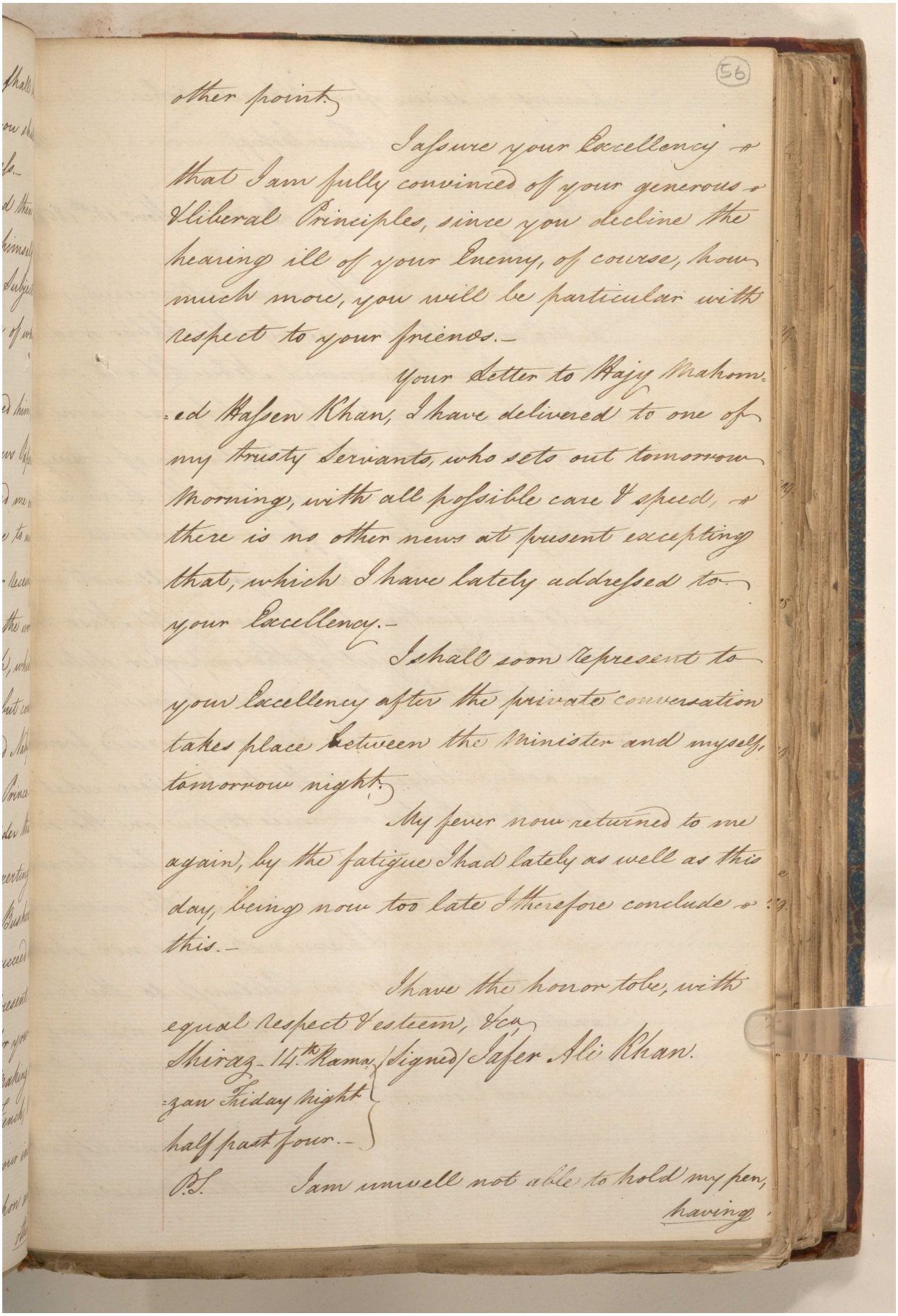
British Envoys, of which you shall have
the proofs by the treatment you shall re-
ceive from his Royal Highness.-

As Mahomed then appr-
-ing before the Prince, placing himself bel-
Stairs, the Prince altering the Subject of
our conversation, & asking me of what
news I have heard.-

I then informed him, the
intelligence contained, in the News Paper
which you was pleased me to send me enclo-
-ed) upon which he seemed to me to much
surprized for your authority for receiving
the news from all quarters of the world
& made me read it in English, which I
did accordingly at his desire, but conclu-
-ing it at my finding Mahomed Naby Kha
was willing to talk with the Prince.-

I should consider that
Mah.d Naby Khan to succeed is exerting in
the Room of the late Shaik of Bushire,
and I should believe, he shall succeed him
for the reasons too obvious to represent.-

I thank you, for your
kind advice to me, to avoid the Making u
of improper terms against the French, & I
shall ever pay due respect to your instr-
-tions, on that Head, as well as upon any
other



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other point.

I assure your Excellency that I am fully convinced of your generous & liberal Principles, since you decline the hearing ill of your Enemy, of course, how much more, you will be particular with respect to your friends.—

Your Letter to Hajy Mahomed Hassen Khan, I have delivered to one of my trusty Servants, who sets out tomorrow Morning, with all possible care & speed, there is no other news at present excepting that, which I have lately addressed to your Excellency.—

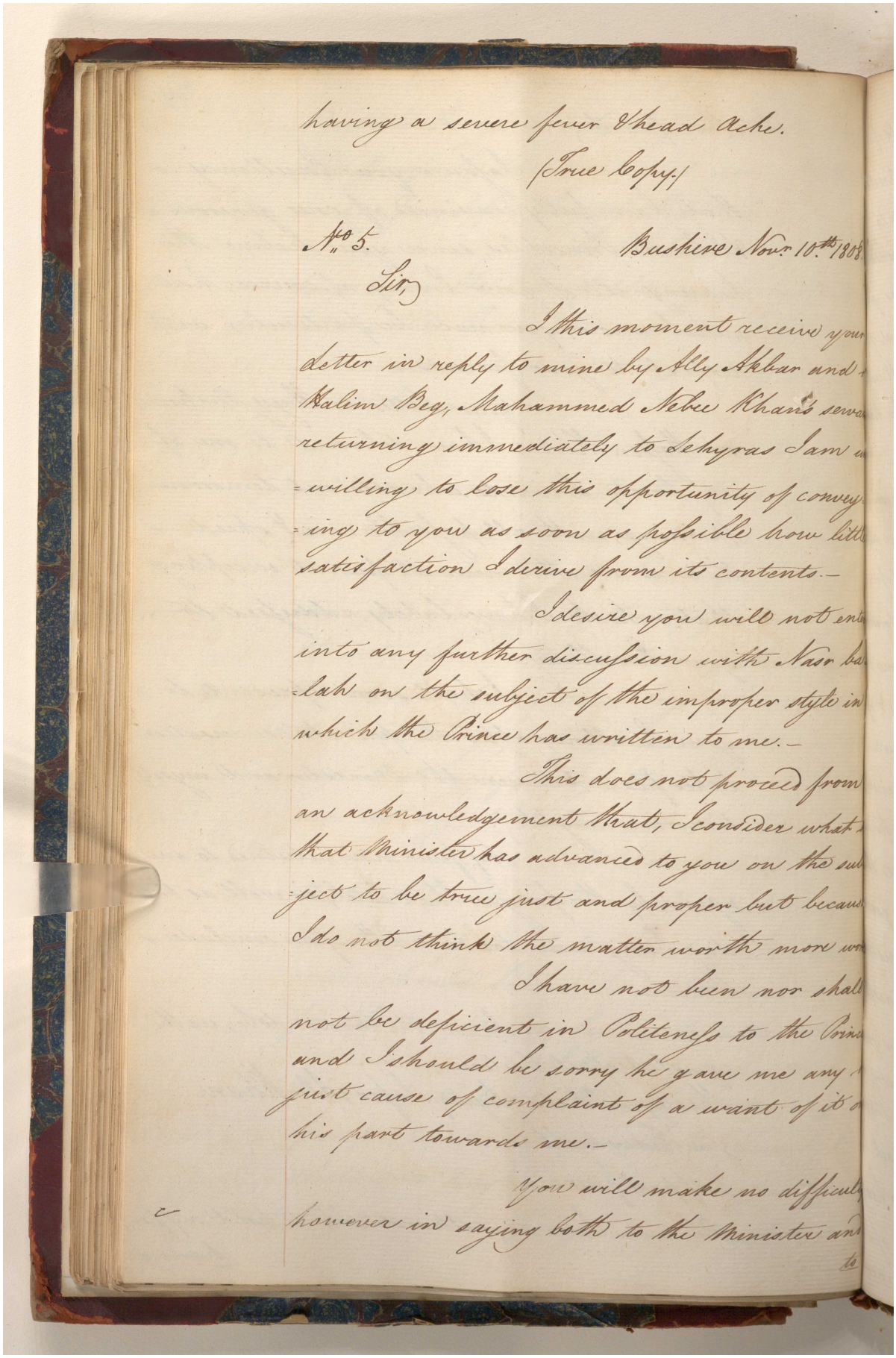
I shall soon represent to your Excellency after the private conversation takes place between the Minister and myself, tomorrow night.

My fever now returned to me again, by the fatigue I had lately as well as this day, being now too late I therefore conclude this.—

I have the honor to be, with equal respect & esteem, &ca

Shiraz—14th Ramazan Friday night half past four.— (Signed) Jafer Ali Khan.

P.S. I am unwell not able to hold my pen, having



having a severe fever & head ache.

(True Copy.)

No. 5.

Bushire Nov. 10th 1808

Sir,

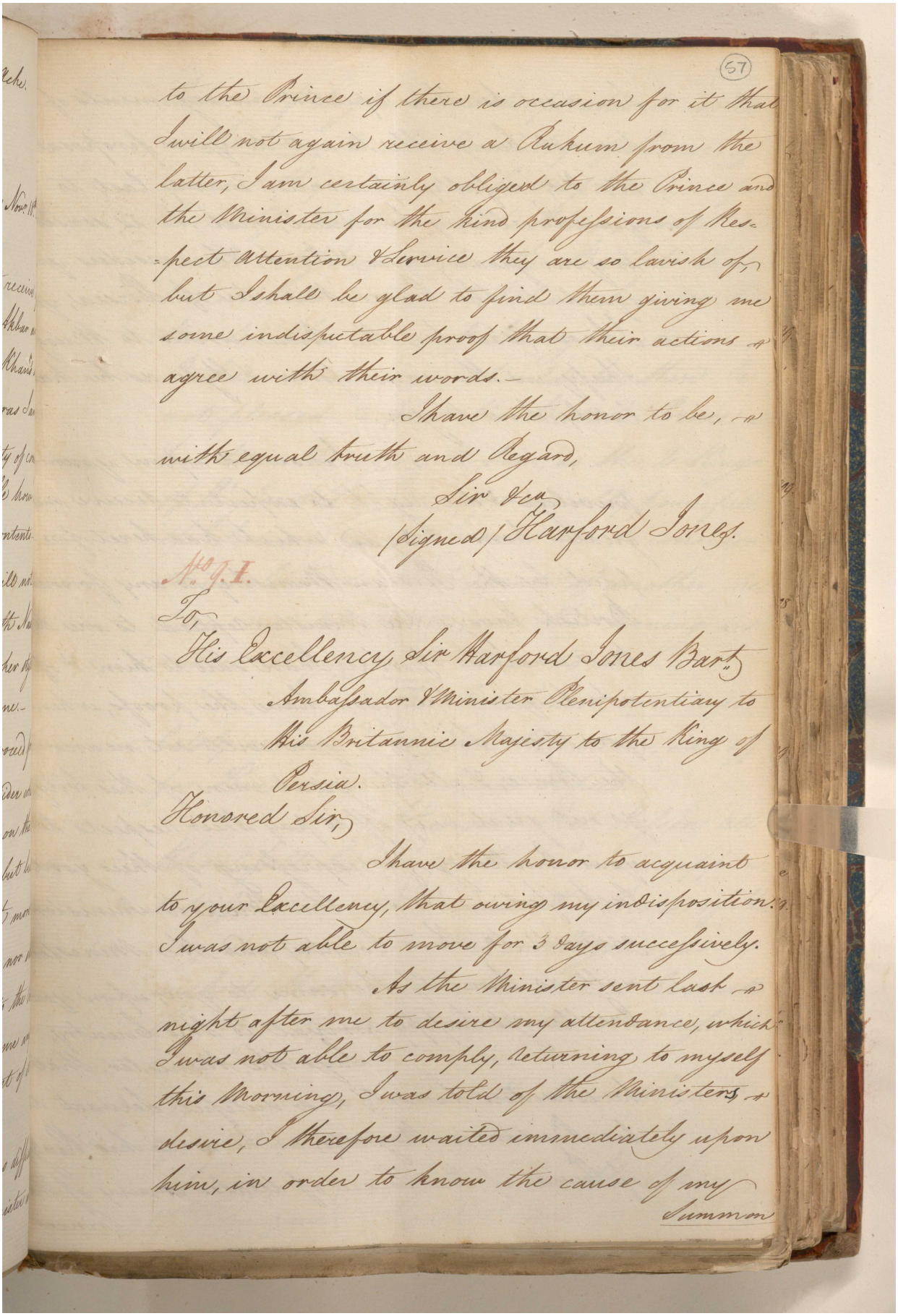
I this moment receive your letter in reply to mine by Ally Akbar and Halim Beg, Mahammed Nebee Khan's servants returning immediately to Schyras I am willing to lose this opportunity of conveying to you as soon as possible how little satisfaction I derive from its contents.—

I desire you will not enter into any further discussion with Nasr Ballah on the subject of the improper style in which the Prince has written to me.—

This does not proceed from an acknowledgement that, I consider what that Minister has advanced to you on the subject to be true just and proper but because I do not think the matter worth more words.

I have not been nor shall not be deficient in Politeness to the Prince and I should be sorry he gave me any just cause of complaint of a want of it on his part towards me.—

You will make no difficulty however in saying both to the Minister and to



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to the Prince if there is occasion for it that I will not again receive a Rukum from the latter, I am certainly obliged to the Prince and the Minister for the kind professions of Respect attention & Service they are so lavish of, but I shall be glad to find them giving me some indisputable proof that their actions agree with their words.—

I have the honor to be, with equal truth and Regard,

Sir &c.

(Signed) Harford Jones.

No. 1.

To,

His Excellency, Sir Harford Jones Bart.

Ambassador & Minister Plenipotentiary to His Britannic Majesty to the King of Persia.

Honored Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint to your Excellency, that owing my indisposition I was not able to move for 3 days successively.

As the Minister sent last night after me to desire my attendance, which I was not able to comply, returning to myself this Morning, I was told of the Ministers desire, I therefore waited immediately upon him, in order to know the cause of my

Summon

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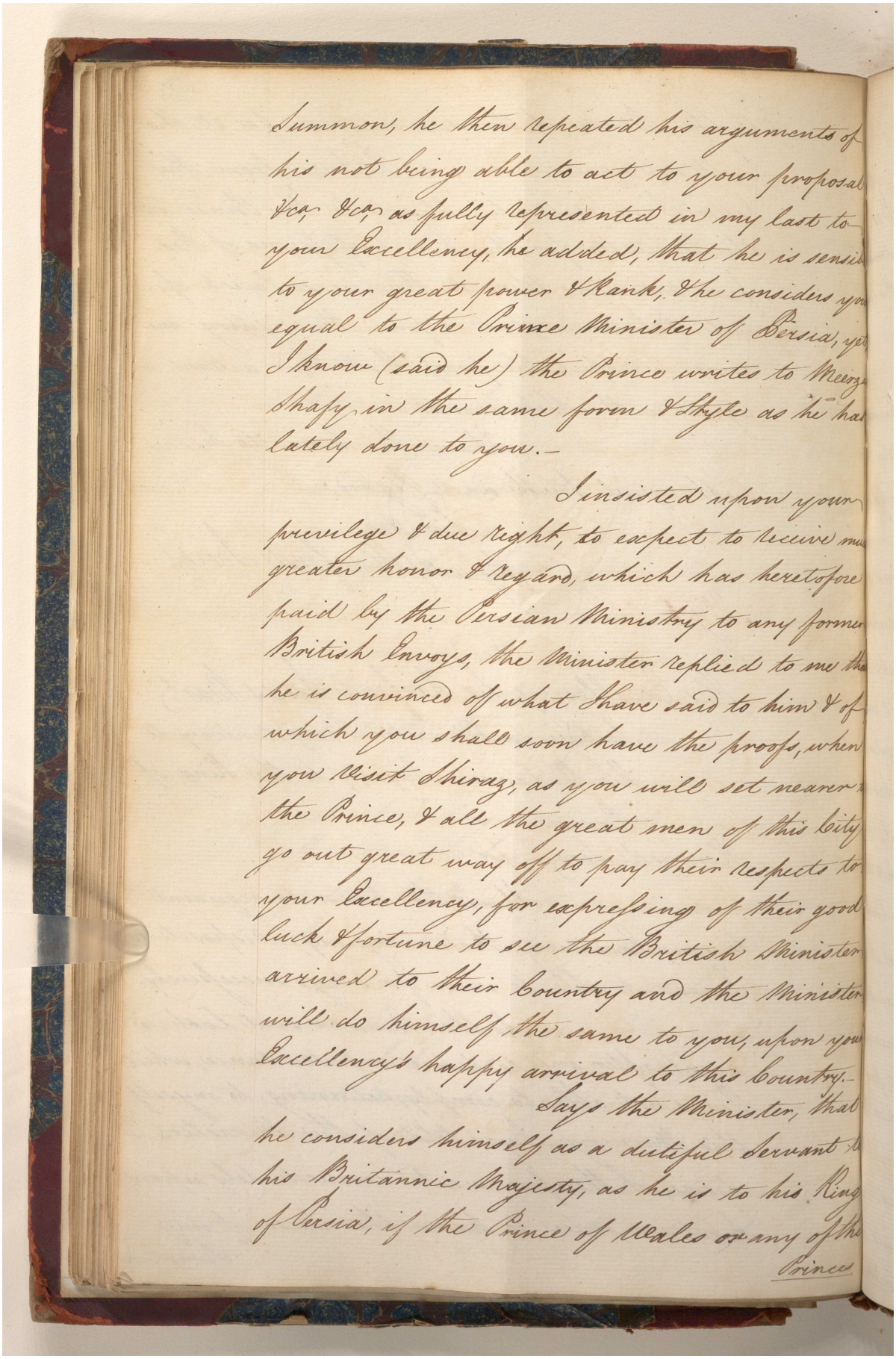
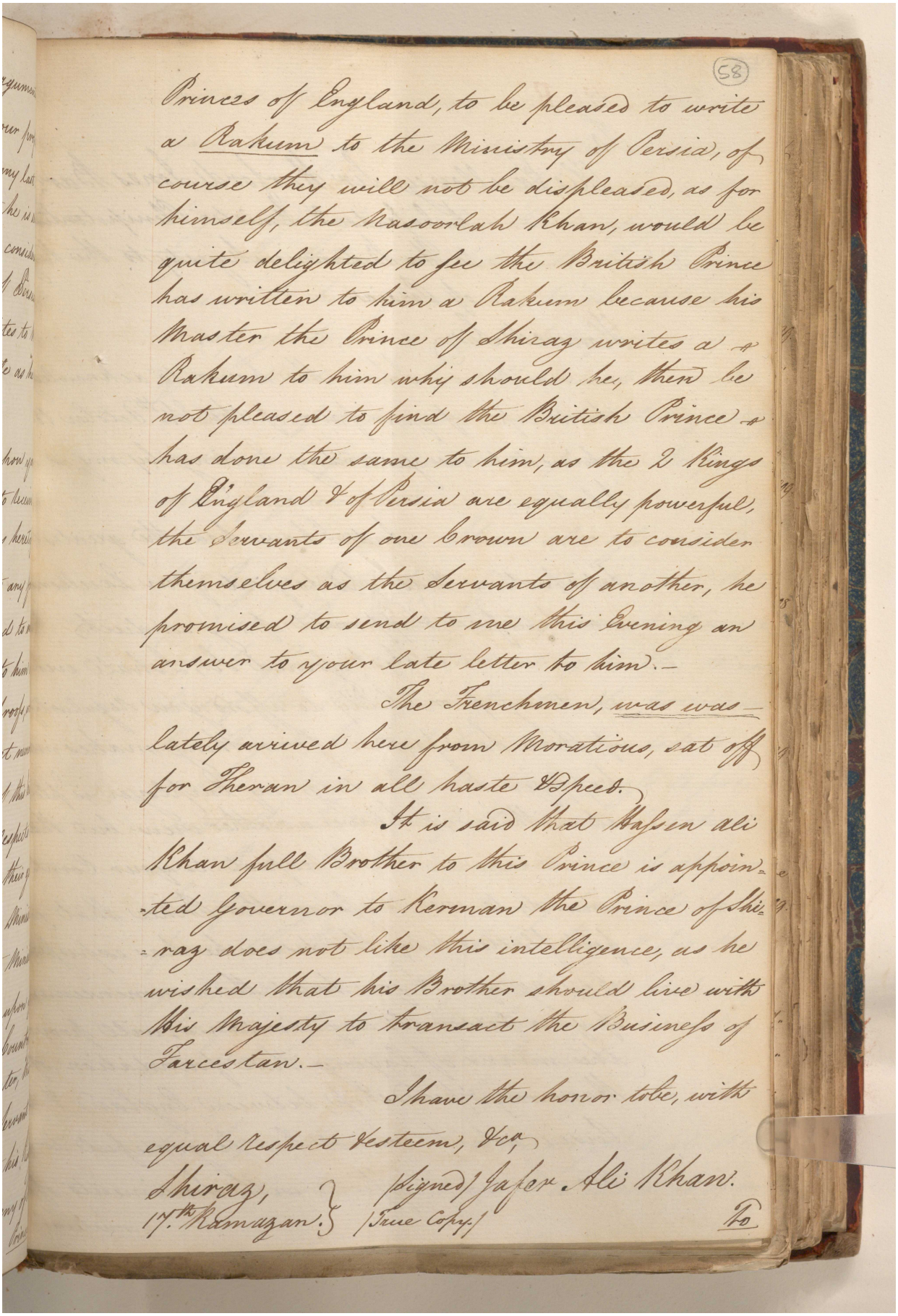


Summon, he then repeated his arguments of
his not being able to act to your proposal
&c, &c, as fully represented in my last to
your Excellency, he added, that he is sensib
to your great power & Rank, & he considers you
equal to the Prince Minister of Persia, yo
I know (said he) the Prince writes to Meerz
Shafy, in the same form & Style as he has
lately done to you.—

I insisted upon your
privilege & due right, to expect to receive mu
greater honor & regard, which has heretofore
paid by the Persian Ministry to any former
British Envoys, the Minister replied to me tha
he is convinced of what I have said to him & of
which you shall soon have the proofs, when
you visit Shiraz, as you will set nearer
the Prince, & all the great men of this City
go out great way off to pay their respects to
your Excellency, for expressing of their good
luck & fortune to see the British Minister
arrived to their Country and the Minister
will do himself the same to you, upon your
Excellency's happy arrival to this Country.—

Says the Minister, that
he considers himself as a dutiful Servant to
his Britannic Majesty, as he is to his King
of Persia, if the Prince of Wales or any of the

Princes



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Princes of England, to be pleased to write a Rakum to the Ministry of Persia, of course they will not be displeased, as for himself, the Nasoorlah Khan, would be quite delighted to see the British Prince has written to him a Rakum because his Master the Prince of Shiraz writes a Rakum to him why should he, then be not pleased to find the British Prince has done the same to him, as the 2 Kings of England & of Persia are equally powerful, the Servants of one Crown are to consider themselves as the Servants of another, he promised to send to me this Evening an answer to your late letter to him.—

The Frenchmen, was was lately arrived here from Moratious, sat off for Theran in all haste & Speed.

It is said that Hassen ali Khan full Brother to this Prince is appointed Governor to Kerman the Prince of Shiraz does not like this intelligence, as he wished that his Brother should live with His Majesty to transact the Business of Farcestan.—

I have the honor to be, with equal respect & esteem, &c.

Shiraz, 17th Ramazan. } (Signed) Jafer Ali Khan. (True Copy.)

To

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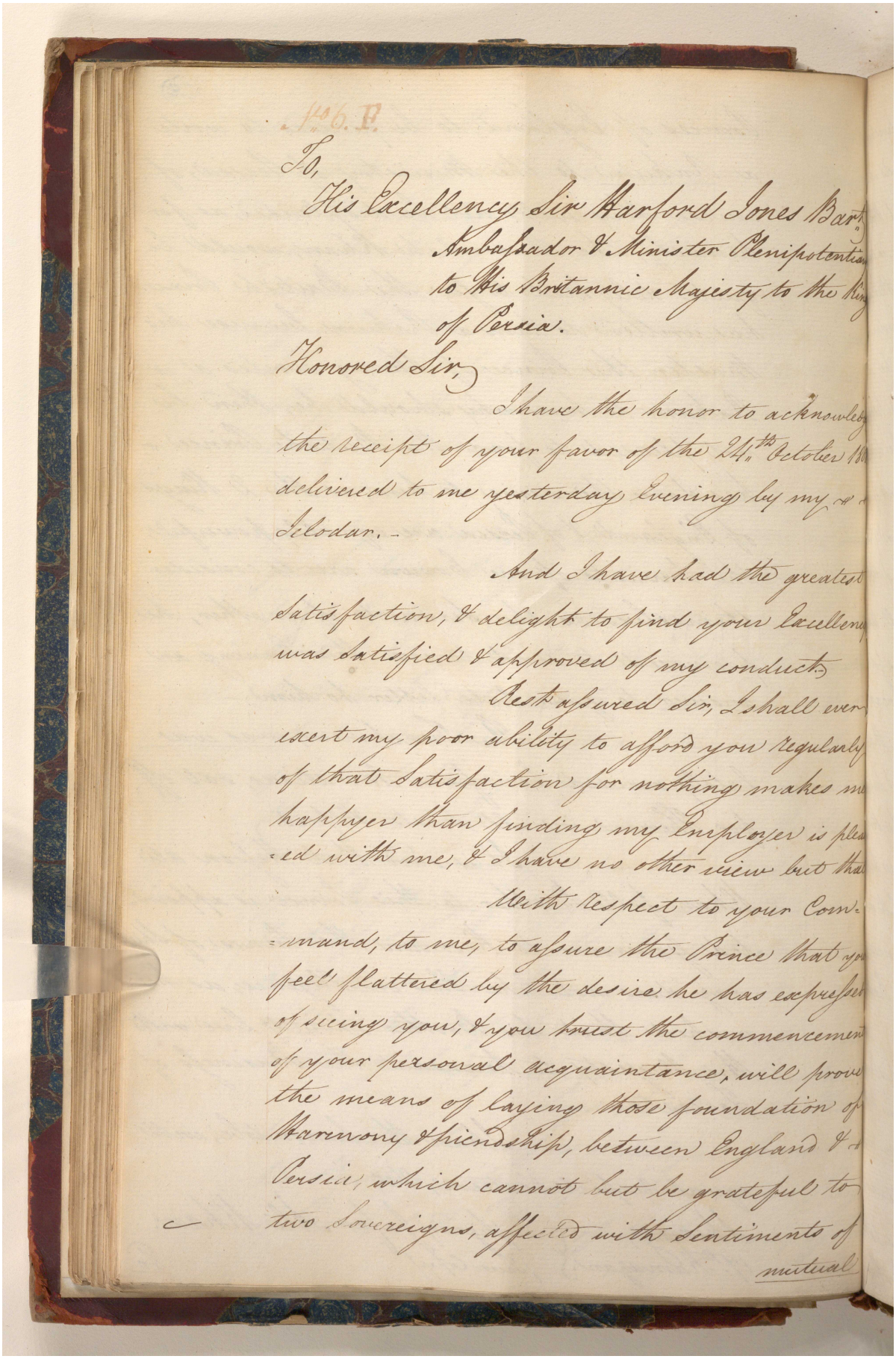

No. 6. F.

To,

His Excellency Sir Harford Jones Bart.
Ambassador & Minister Plenipotentiary
to His Britannic Majesty to the King
of Persia.

Honored Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your favor of the 24th October last
delivered to me yesterday Evening by my Head
Jelodar. –

And I have had the greatest
satisfaction, & delight to find your Excellency
was satisfied & approved of my conduct.

Rest assured Sir, I shall ever
exert my poor ability to afford you regularly
of that satisfaction for nothing makes me
happyer than finding my Employer is pleas-
-ed with me, & I have no other view but that.

With respect to your Com-
-mand, to me, to assure the Prince that you
feel flattered by the desire he has expressed
of seeing you, & you trust the commencement
of your personal acquaintance, will prove
the means of laying those foundation of
Harmony & friendship, between England &
Persia, which cannot but be grateful to
two Sovereigns, affected with sentiments of
mutual

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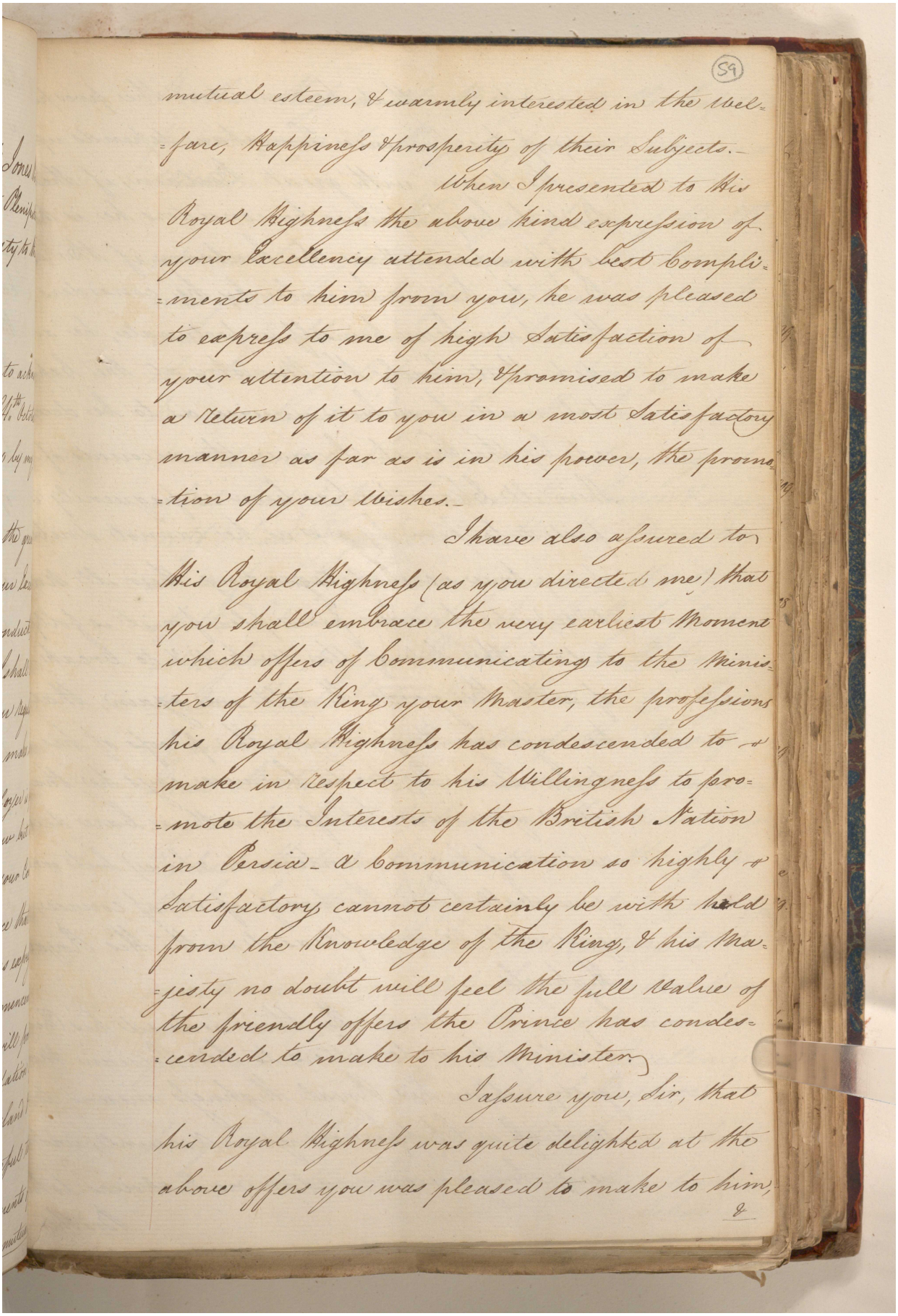

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mutual esteem, & warmly interested in the welfare, Happiness & prosperity of their Subjects.

When I presented to His Royal Highness the above kind expression of your Excellency attended with best Compliments to him from you, he was pleased to express to me of high Satisfaction of your attention to him, & promised to make a Return of it to you in a most Satisfactory manner as far as is in his power, the promotion of your Wishes.

I have also assured to His Royal Highness (as you directed me) that you shall embrace the very earliest Moment which offers of Communicating to the Ministers of the King your Master, the professions his Royal Highness has condescended to make in Respect to his Willingness to promote the Interests of the British Nation in Persia. a Communication so highly & Satisfactory cannot certainly be with held from the Knowledge of the King, & his Majesty no doubt will feel the full Value of the friendly offers the Prince has condescended to make to his Minister.

I assure you, Sir, that his Royal Highness was quite delighted at the above offers you was pleased to make to him,

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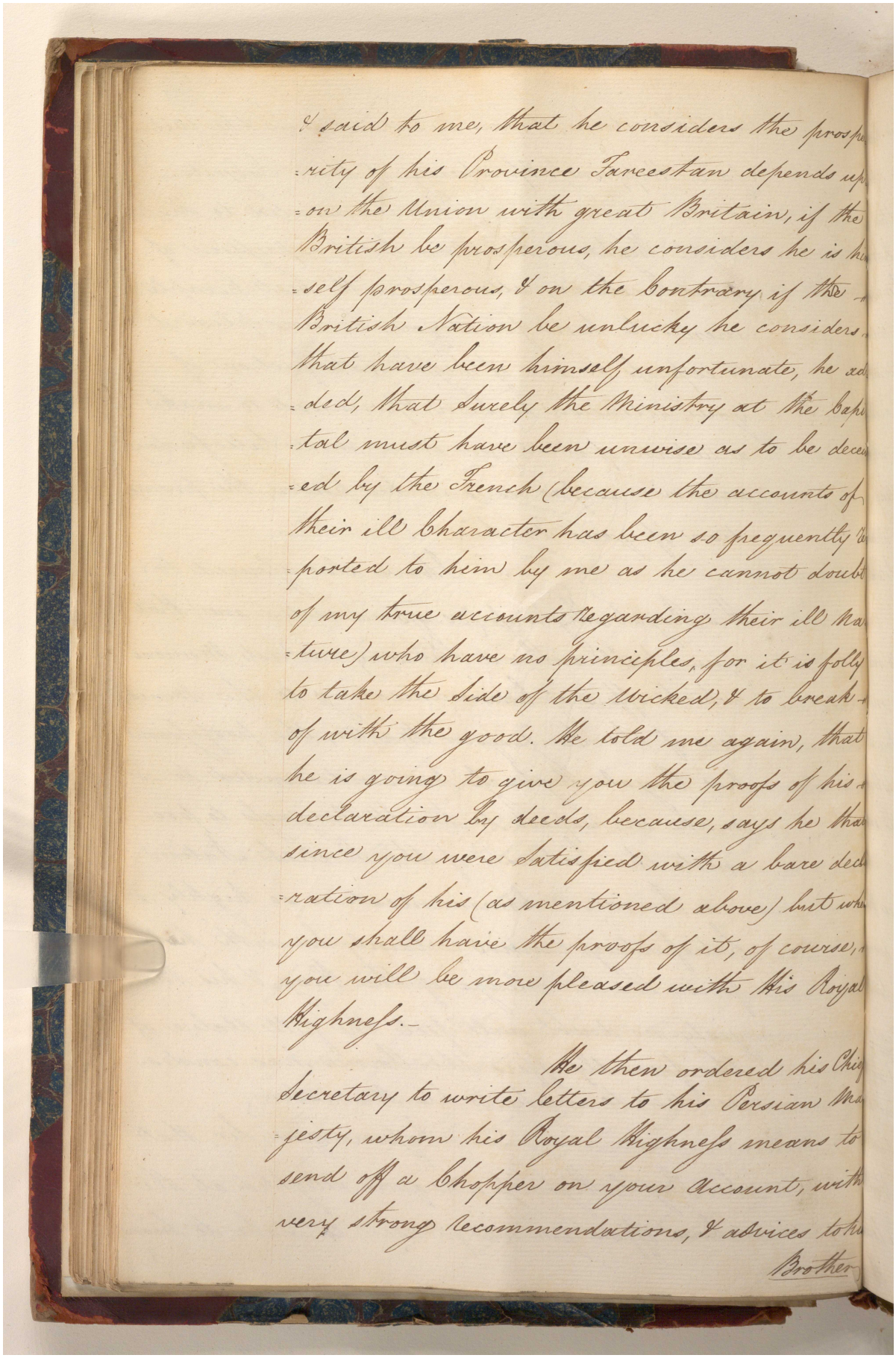
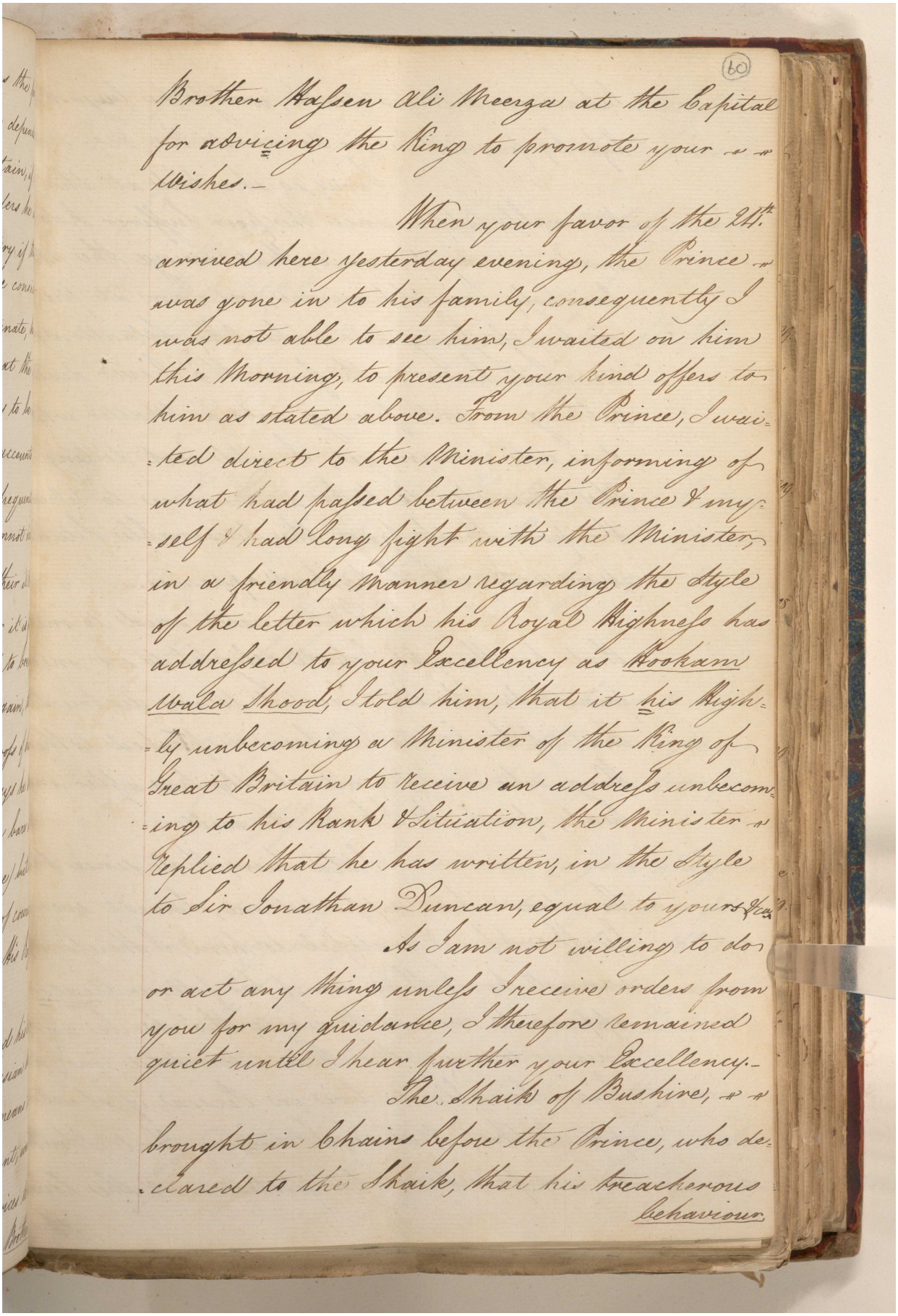


said to me, that he considers the prosperity of his Province Farcestan depends upon the Union with great Britain, if the British be prosperous, he considers he is himself prosperous, & on the contrary if the British Nation be unlucky he considers that have been himself unfortunate, he added, that surely the Ministry at the Capital must have been unwise as to be deceived by the French (because the accounts of their ill Character has been so frequently reported to him by me as he cannot doubt of my true accounts regarding their ill nature) who have no principles, for it is folly to take the side of the Wicked, & to break off with the good. He told me again, that he is going to give you the proofs of his declaration by deeds, because, says he that since you were satisfied with a bare declaration of his (as mentioned above) but when you shall have the proofs of it, of course, you will be more pleased with His Royal Highness.—

He then ordered his Chief Secretary to write letters to his Persian Majesty, whom his Royal Highness means to send off a Chopper on your account, with very strong recommendations, & advices to his Brother



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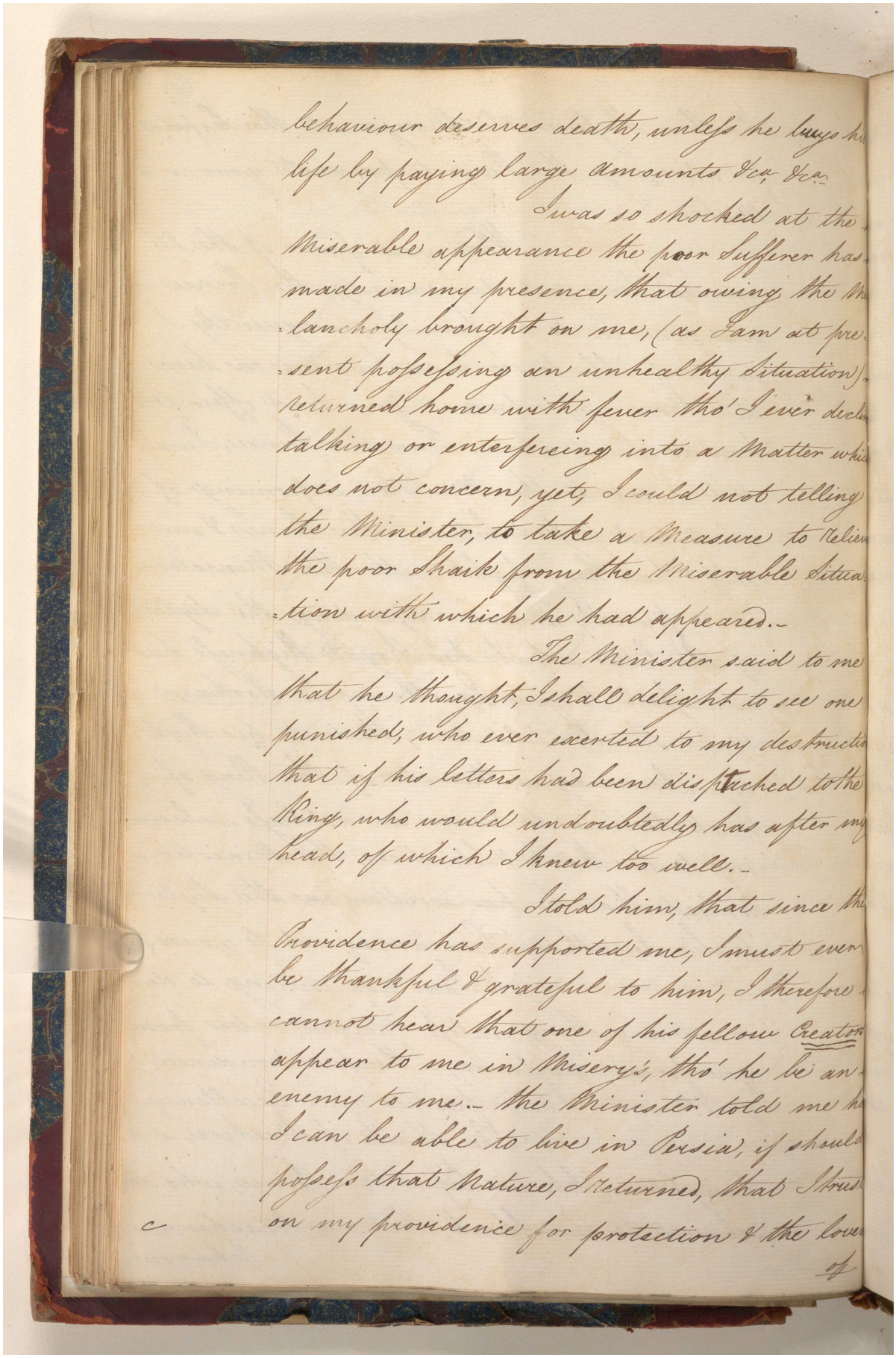
Brother Hassen Ali Meerza at the Capital for advicing the King to promote your Wishes.—

When your favor of the 24th arrived here yesterday evening, the Prince was gone in to his family, consequently I was not able to see him, I waited on him this Morning, to present your kind offers to him as stated above. From the Prince, I waited direct to the Minister, informing of what had passed between the Prince & myself & had long fight with the Minister, in a friendly manner regarding the Style of the letter which his Royal Highness has addressed to your Excellency as Hookam Wala Shood, I told him, that it his Highly unbecoming a Minister of the King of Great Britain to receive an address unbecoming to his Rank & Situation, the Minister replied that he has written, in the Style to Sir Jonathan Duncan, equal to yours &ca.

As I am not willing to do or act any thing unless I receive orders from you for my guidance, I therefore remained quiet until I hear further your Excellency.—

The Shaik of Bushire, brought in Chains before the Prince, who declared to the Shaik, that his treacherous behaviour

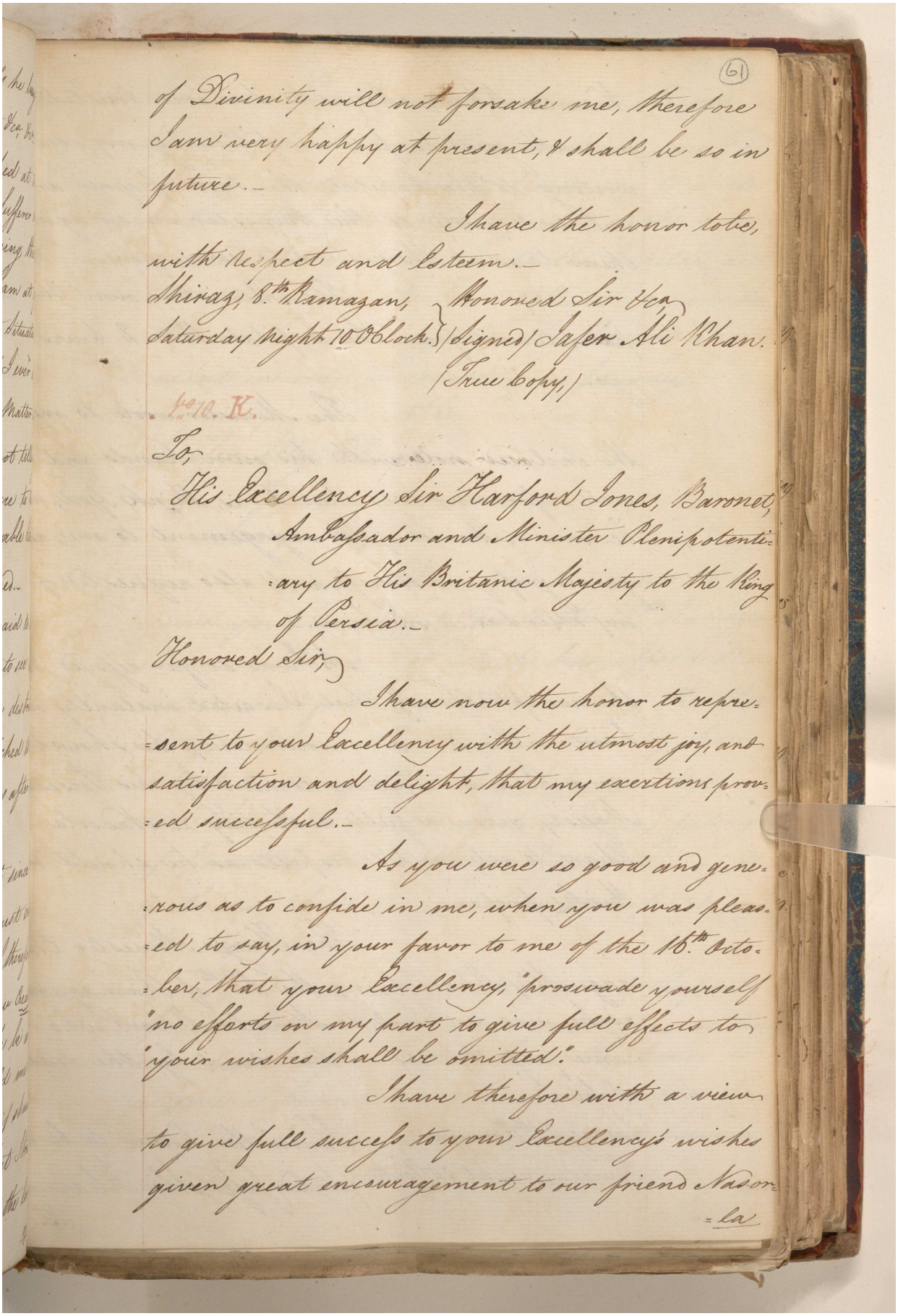


behaviour deserves death, unless he buys his life by paying large amounts &c, &c.

I was so shocked at the miserable appearance the poor Sufferer has made in my presence, that owing the melancholy brought on me, (as I am at present possessing an unhealthy situation) returned home with fever tho' I ever declined talking or interfering into a matter which does not concern, yet, I could not telling the Minister, to take a Measure to relieve the poor Shaik from the Miserable situation with which he had appeared.-

The Minister said to me that he thought, I shall delight to see one punished, who ever exerted to my destruction that if his letters had been dispatched to the King, who would undoubtedly has after my head, of which I knew too well.-

I told him, that since the Providence has supported me, I must ever be thankful & grateful to him, I therefore cannot hear that one of his fellow Creatures appear to me in Misery's, tho' he be an enemy to me.- the Minister told me he I can be able to live in Persia, if should possess that Nature, I returned, that I trust on my providence for protection & the love of



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of Divinity will not forsake me, therefore I am very happy at present, & shall be so in future.—

I have the honor to be,
with respect and Esteem.—
Shiraz, 8th Ramazan, Saturday night 10 O'Clock. } Honored Sir &c.
(Signed) Jafer Ali Khan.
(True Copy,)

No. K.

To,
His Excellency Sir Harford Jones, Baronet,
Ambassador and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Britanic Majesty to the King of Persia.—

Honored Sir,

I have now the honor to represent to your Excellency with the utmost joy, and satisfaction and delight, that my exertions proved successful.—

As you were so good and generous as to confide in me, when you was pleased to say, in your favor to me of the 16th October, that your Excellency, "prosuade yourself "no efforts on my part to give full effects to "your wishes shall be omitted."

I have therefore with a view to give full success to your Excellency's wishes given great encouragement to our friend Nason-
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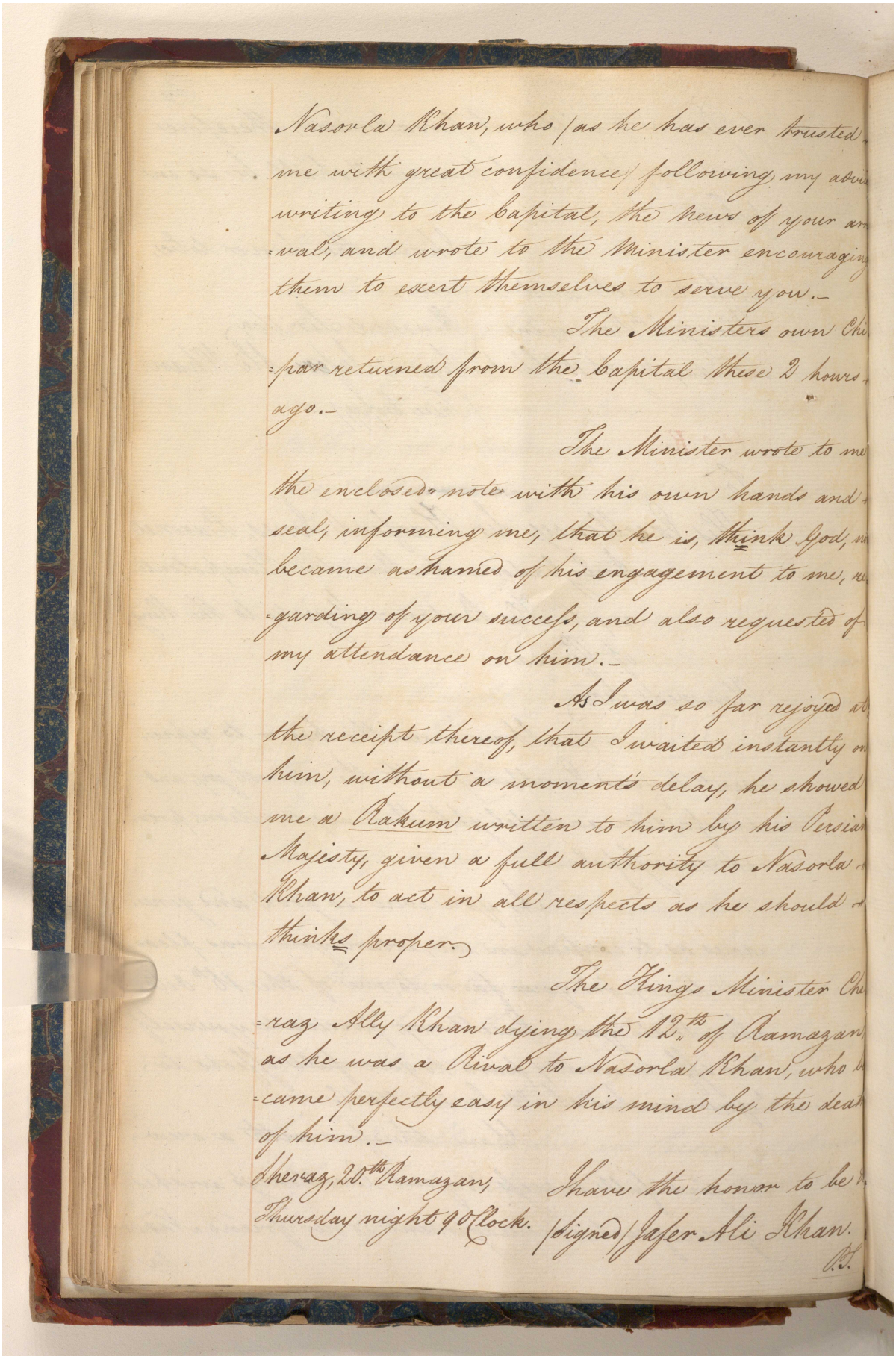

Nasorla Khan, who as he has ever trusted
me with great confidence following my advice
writing to the Capital, the news of your ar-
=val, and wrote to the Minister encouraging
them to exert themselves to serve you.—

The Ministers own Chi-
=par returned from the Capital these 2 hours
ago.—

The Minister wrote to me
the enclosed note with his own hands and
seal, informing me, that he is, thank God, re-
became ashamed of his engagement to me, re-
=garding of your success, and also requested of
my attendance on him.—

As I was so far rejoyced at
the receipt thereof, that I waited instantly on
him, without a moments delay, he showed
me a Rakum written to him by his Persian
Majesty, given a full authority to Nasorla
Khan, to act in all respects as he should
thinks proper.

The Kings Minister Che-
=raz Ally Khan dying the 12th of Ramazan,
as he was a Rival to Nasorla Khan, who be-
=came perfectly easy in his mind by the death
of him.—

Sheraz, 20th Ramazan,
Thursday night 9 Clock.

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed Jafer Ali Khan.
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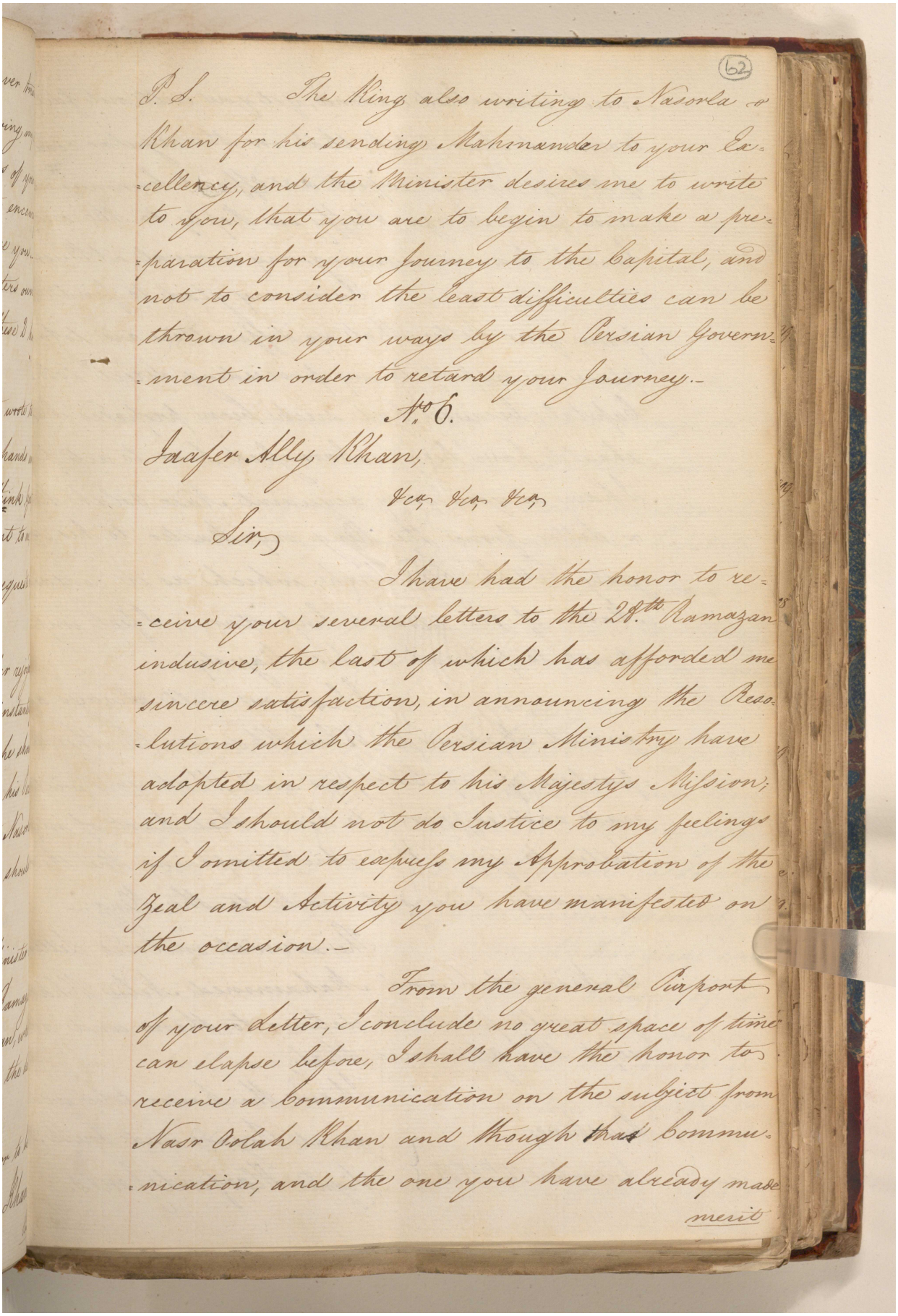

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P. S. The King also writing to Nasorla Khan for his sending Mahmander to your Excellency, and the Minister desires me to write to you, that you are to begin to make a preparation for your Journey to the Capital, and not to consider the least difficulties can be thrown in your ways by the Persian Government in order to retard your Journey.-

No. 6.

Jaafer Ally Khan,

Vcr, Vcr, Vcr,

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your several letters to the 28th Ramazan indusive, the last of which has afforded me sincere satisfaction, in announcing the Resolutions which the Persian Ministry have adopted in respect to his Majestys Mission; and I should not do Justice to my feelings if I omitted to express my Approbation of the Zeal and Activity you have manifested on the occasion.-

From the general Purport of your letter, I conclude no great space of time can elapse before, I shall have the honor to receive a communication on the subject from Nasr Oolah Khan and though that communication, and the one you have already made

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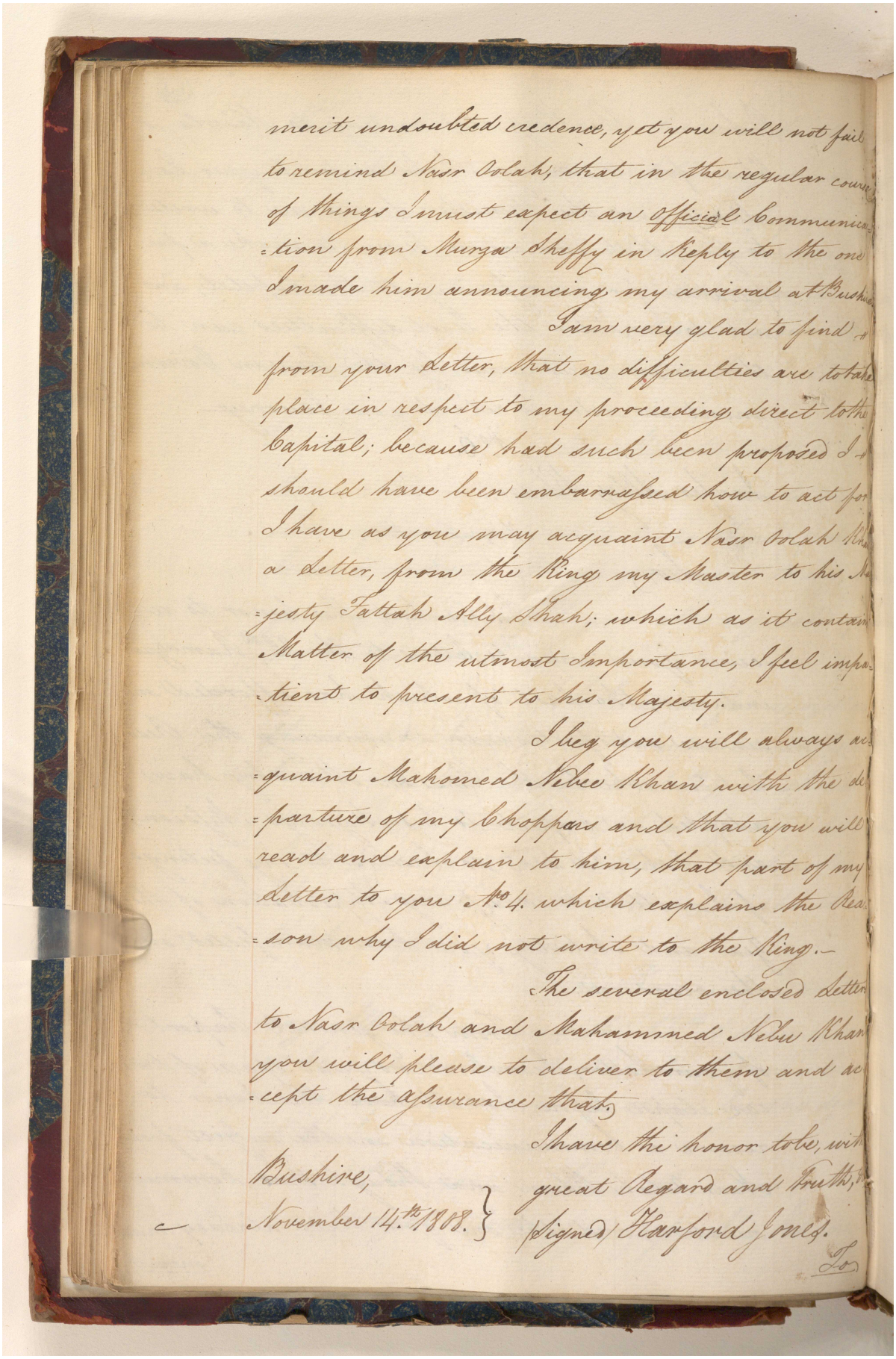


merit undoubted credence, yet you will not fail to remind Nasir Oolah, that in the regular course of things I must expect an official Communication from Munza Sheffy in Reply to the one I made him announcing my arrival at Bushire.

I am very glad to find from your Letter, that no difficulties are to take place in respect to my proceeding direct to the Capital; because had such been proposed I should have been embarrassed how to act for I have as you may acquaint Nasir Oolah Khan a Letter, from the King my Master to his Majesty Fattah Ally Shah; which as it contains Matter of the utmost Importance, I feel impatient to present to his Majesty.

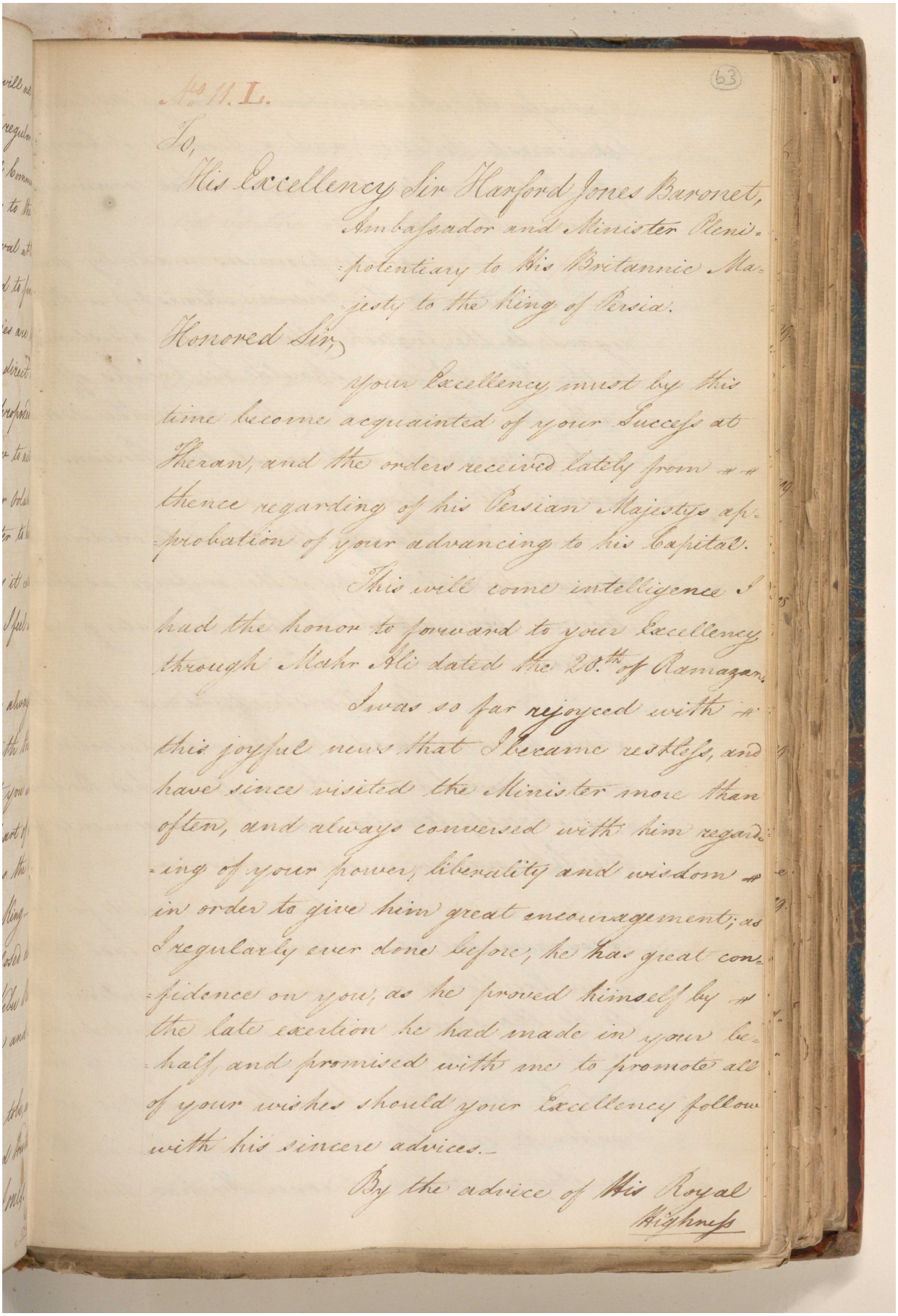
I beg you will always acquaint Mahomed Nebee Khan with the departure of my Choppars and that you will read and explain to him, that part of my Letter to you No. 4. which explains the Reason why I did not write to the King.—

The several enclosed Letters to Nasir Oolah and Mahammed Nebi Khan you will please to deliver to them and accept the assurance that

I have the honor to be, with great Regard and Truth, &c.

Bushire,
November 14.th 1808.

Signed) Harford Jones.



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No 11. L.

To,

His Excellency Sir Harford Jones Baronet,
Ambassador and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Britannic Majesty to the King of Persia.

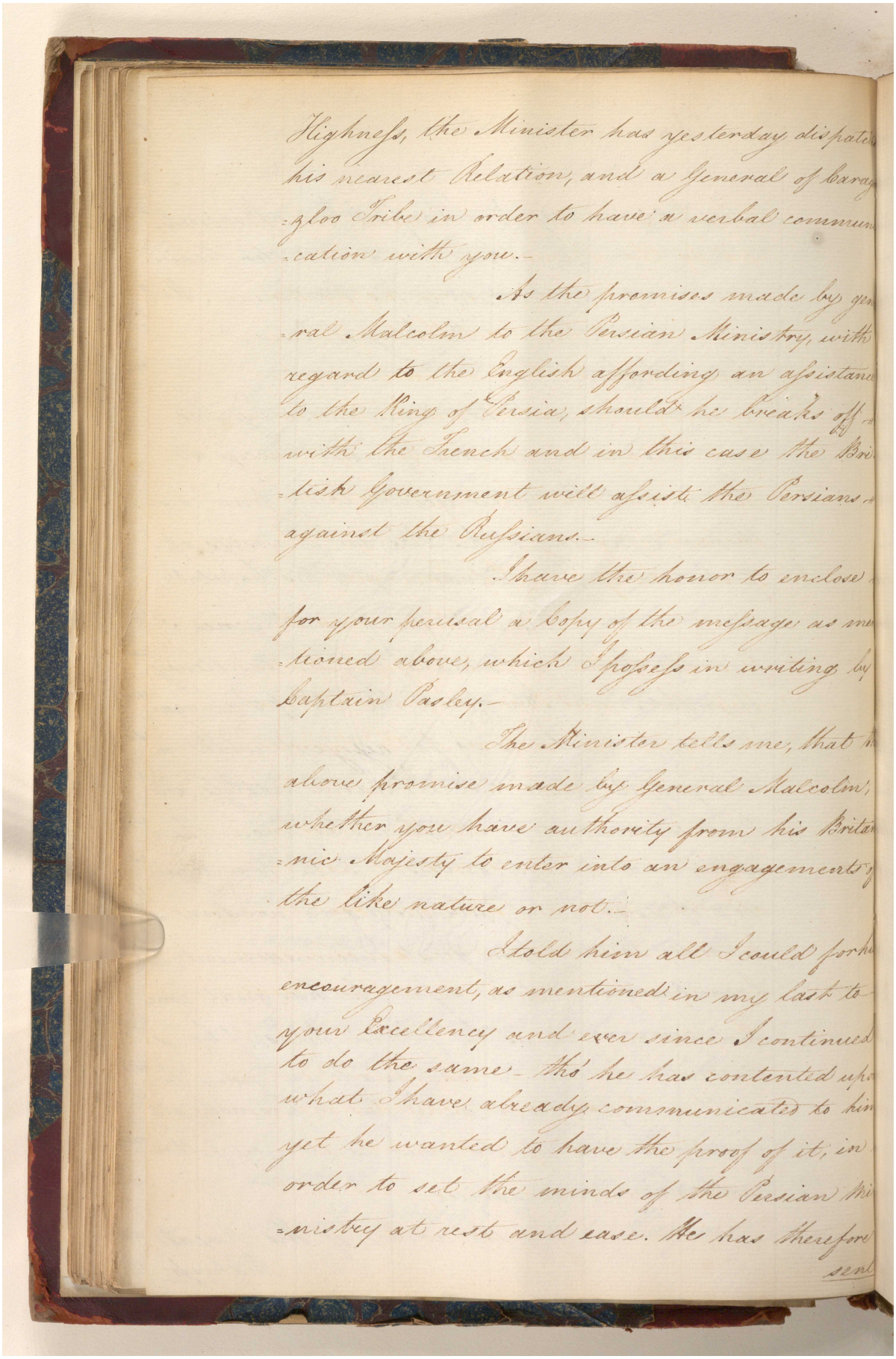
Honored Sir,

Your Excellency must by this time become acquainted of your Success at Heran, and the orders received lately from thence regarding of his Persian Majestys approbation of your advancing to his Capital.

This will come intelligence I had the honor to forward to your Excellency through Mahr Ali dated the 20th of Ramazan.

I was so far rejoyced with this joyful news that I became restless, and have since visited the Minister more than often, and always conversed with him regarding of your power, liberality and wisdom in order to give him great encouragement; as I regularly ever done before, he has great confidence on you, as he proved himself by the late exertion he had made in your behalf and promised with me to promote all of your wishes should your Excellency follow with his sincere advices.

By the advice of His Royal Highness



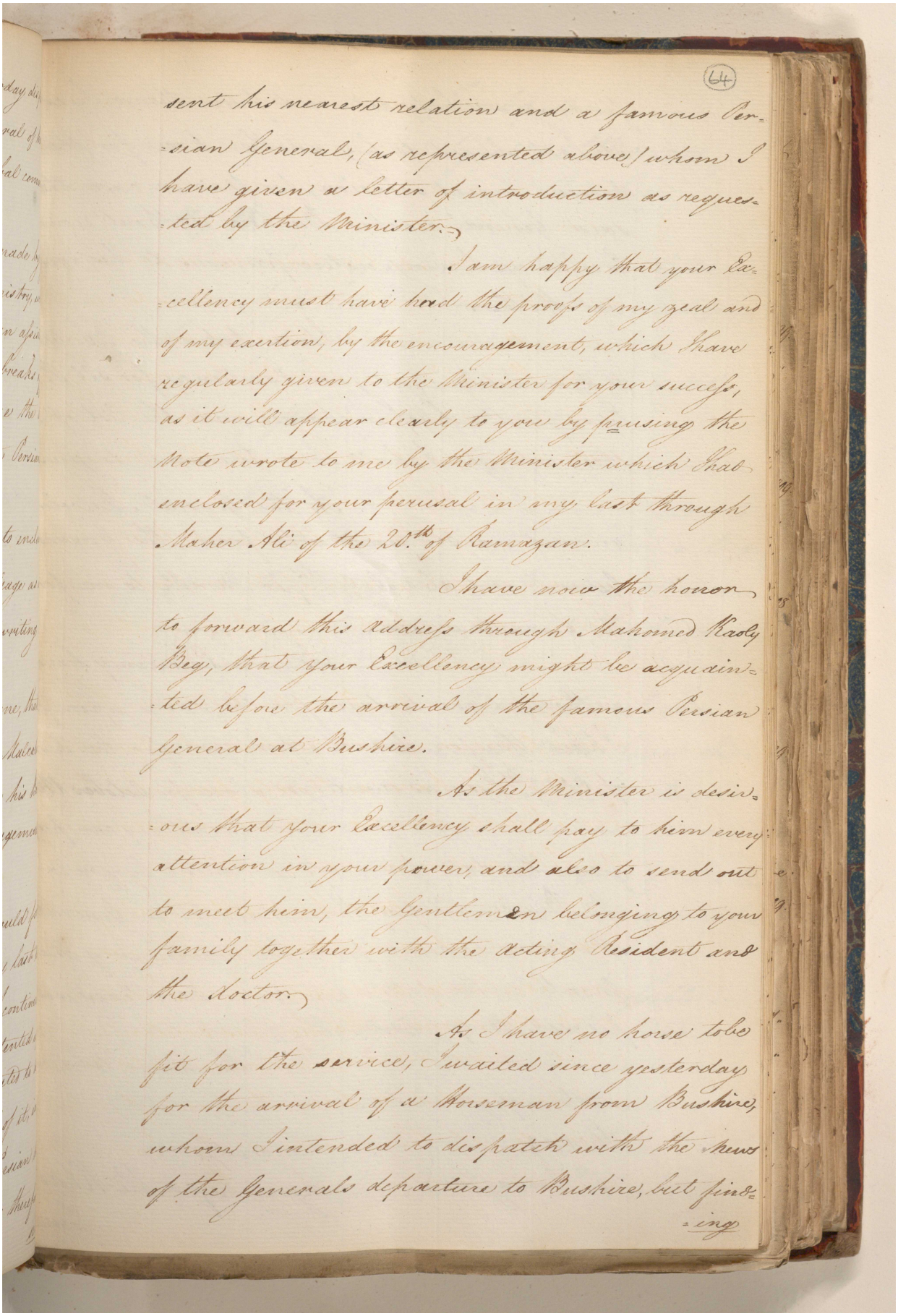
Highness, the Minister has yesterday dispatched his nearest Relation, and a General of Baraghzloo Tribe in order to have a verbal communication with you.-

As the promises made by general Malcolm to the Persian Ministry, with regard to the English affording an assistance to the King of Persia, should he breaks off with the French and in this case the British Government will assist the Persians against the Russians.-

I have the honor to enclose for your perusal a Copy of the message as mentioned above, which I posess in writing by Captain Pasley.-

The Minister tells me, that the above promise made by General Malcolm, whether you have authority from his Britannic Majesty to enter into an engagements of the like nature or not.-

I told him all I could for encouragement, as mentioned in my last to your Excellency and ever since I continued to do the same. Tho' he has contented upon what I have already communicated to him yet he wanted to have the proof of it, in order to set the minds of the Persian Ministry at rest and ease. He has therefore sent



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sent his nearest relation and a famous Persian General, (as represented above) whom I have given a letter of introduction as requested by the Minister.

I am happy that your Excellency must have had the proofs of my zeal and of my exertion, by the encouragement, which I have regularly given to the Minister for your success, as it will appear clearly to you by perusing the Note wrote to me by the Minister which I had enclosed for your perusal in my last through Maher Ali of the 20th of Ramazan.

I have now the honour to forward this address through Mahomed Kaoly Beg, that your Excellency might be acquainted before the arrival of the famous Persian General at Bushire.

As the Minister is desirous that your Excellency shall pay to him every attention in your power, and also to send out to meet him, the Gentlemen belonging to your family together with the acting Resident and the Doctor.

As I have no horse to be fit for the service, I waited since yesterday for the arrival of a Horseman from Bushire, whom I intended to dispatch with the news of the Generals departure to Bushire, but finding

finding no body returned from thence, I was at last obliged to buy another horse for the present urgent occasion, for fear in case the said General reaches Bushire without your Excellencys having notice previous to his arri-val thither.

I have taken the liberty to draw lately upon your Excellency for 500 P.s Eyen for the Chopar charges, and the list of their expences, I shall soon transmit to you.

As the General Malcolm allowed me 500 per month from the Govern.t General and also, 1000 P.s per Month to me for the Servants wages.—

As your Excellency have authorized me to draw for the same upon y.r I have therefore drawn upon you for the sum of 600 P.s Eyen as mentioned above for October 180

Your Excellency can pay from the date of my appointment by you, an.d Mr. Bruce will pay the remainder on General Malcolms account, from the beginning of that Month to the date when your Excellency were pleased to appoint me.—

I have the honor to be, with respect and esteem.—

Sheraz, 25.th Ramazan. } Honored Sir &c.a, Signed Jafer Ali Khan

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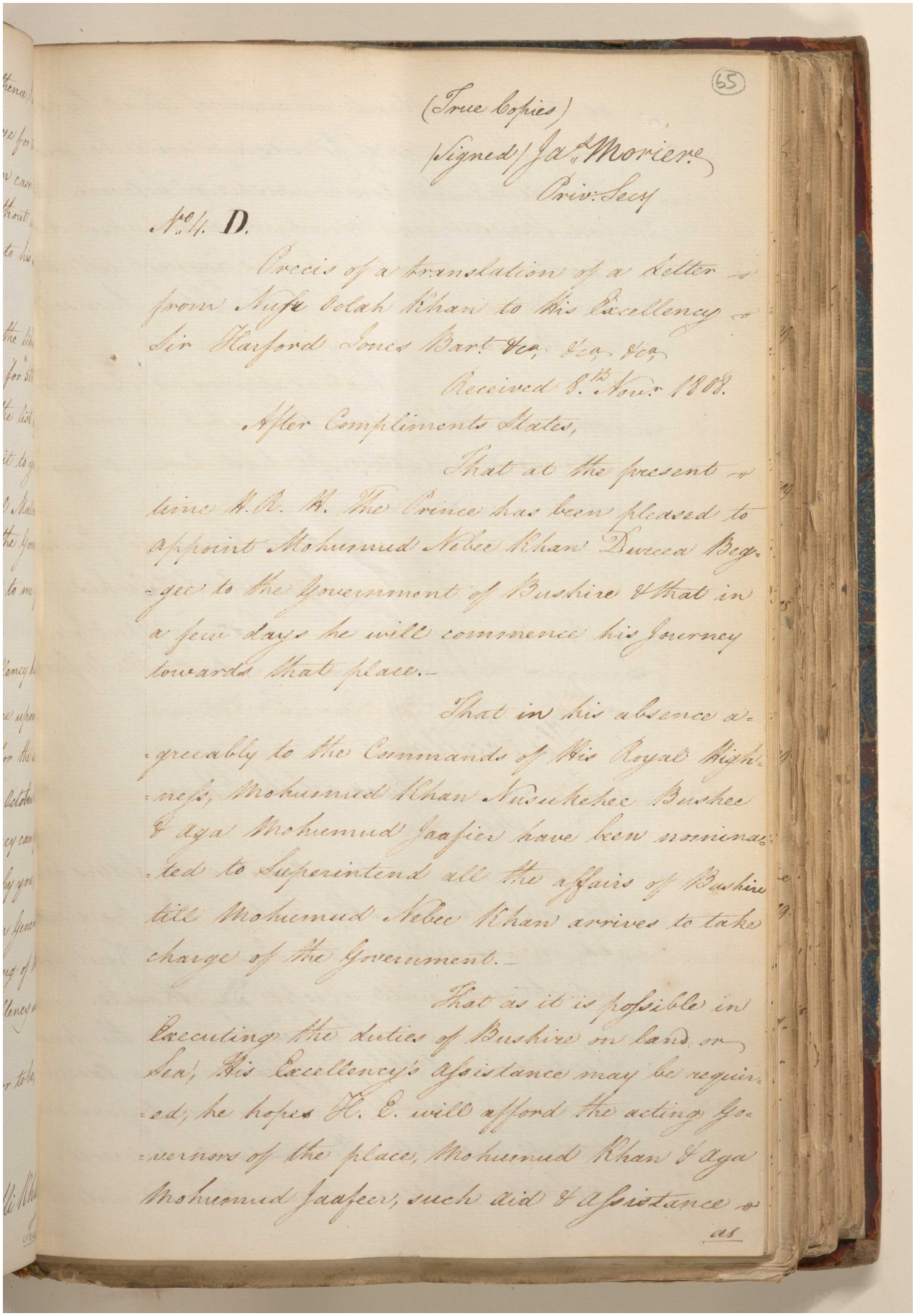

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(Signed) Jas. Moriere
Priv: Secy

No. 4. D.

Precis of a translation of a Letter from Nusr Oolah Khan to His Excellency Sir Harford Jones Bart. &c. &c. &c.

Received 8th Novr. 1808.

After Compliments States,

That at the present time H. R. H. The Prince has been pleased to appoint Mohumud Nebee Khan Dureea Beggee to the Government of Bushire & that in a few days he will commence his Journey towards that place.—

That in his absence agreeably to the Commands of His Royal Highness, Mohumud Khan Nusukehee Bushee & Aga Mohumud Jaafier have been nominated to Superintend all the affairs of Bushire till Mohumud Nebee Khan arrives to take charge of the Government.—

That as it is possible in Executing the duties of Bushire on land or Sea, His Excellency's Assistance may be required, he hopes H. E. will afford the acting Governors of the place, Mohumud Khan & Aga Mohumud Jaafeer, such aid & Assistance as

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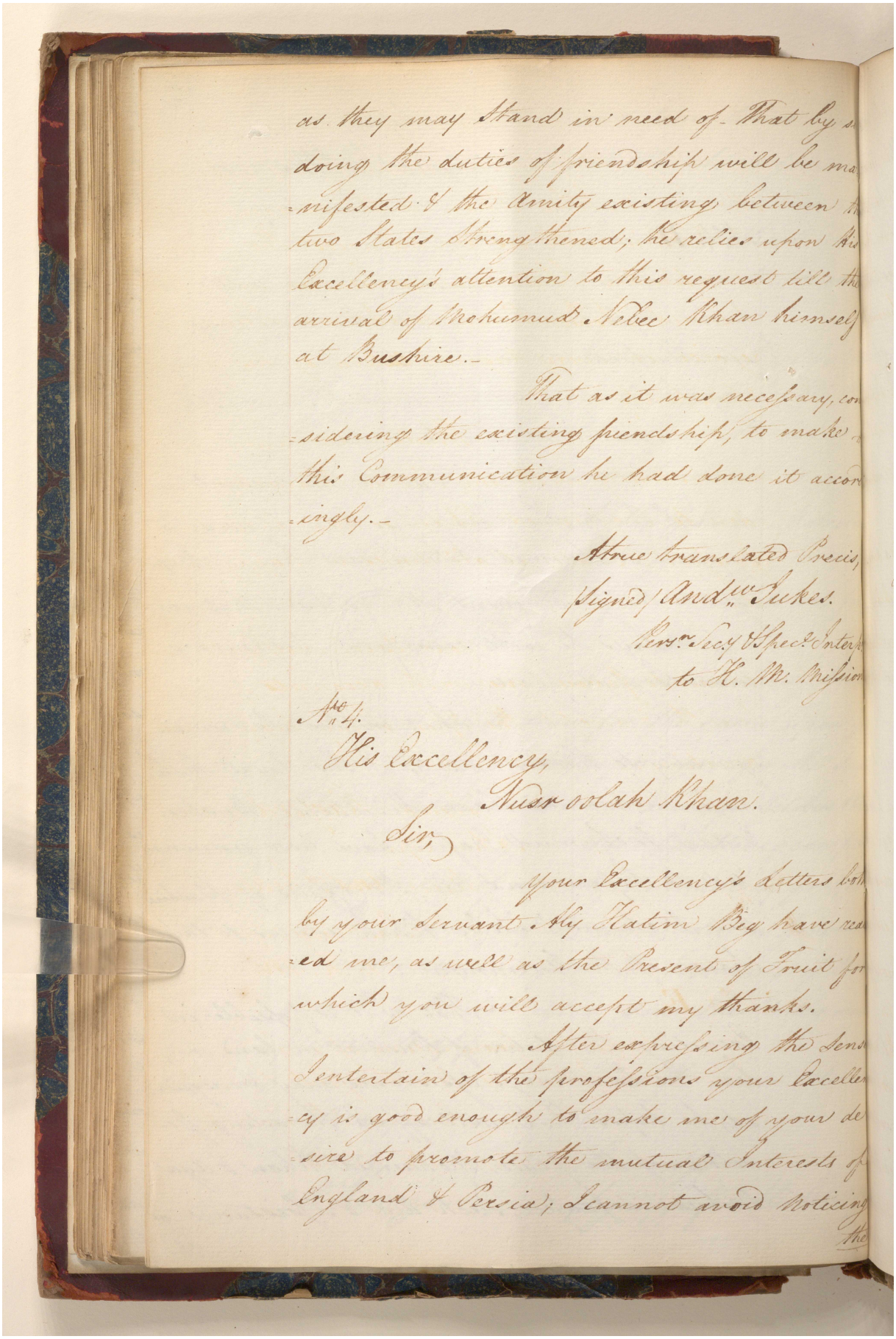


as they may Stand in need of. That by s
doing the duties of friendship will be ma
-nifested & the Amity existing between th
two States Strengthened; he relies upon his
Excellency's attention to this request till the
arrival of Mohammud Nebee Khan himself
at Bushire.-

That as it was necessary, con
-sidering the existing friendship, to make
this Communication he had done it accor
-ingly.-

A true translated Precis,
Signed/ Andw Sykes.
Pers.n Secy & Spec.l Interp.
to H. M. Mission

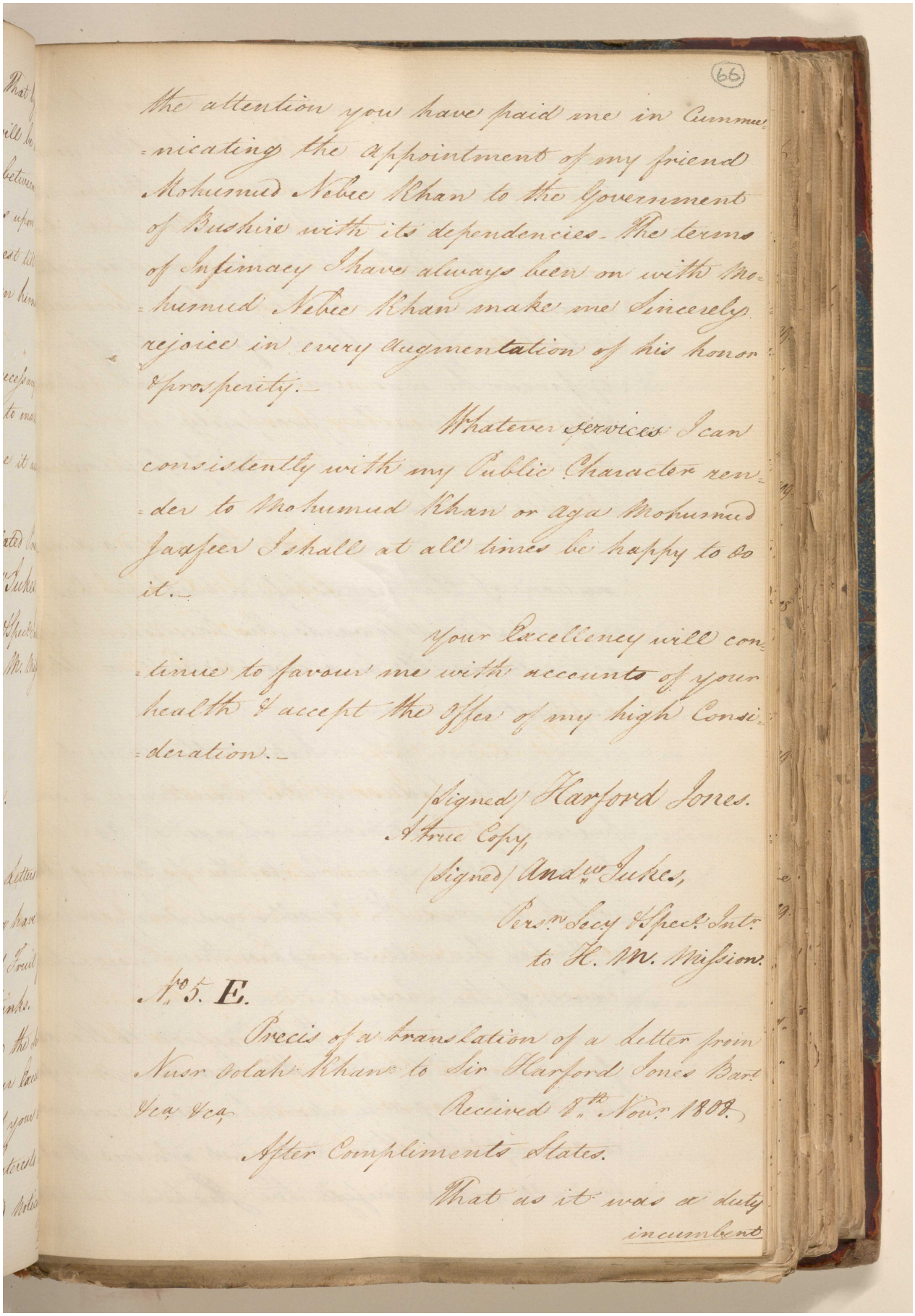
A.o 4.

His Excellency,
Nusr oolah Khan.

Sir,

Your Excellency's Letters bor
by your Servant Aly Hatim Beg have rea
-ed me, as well as the Present of Fruit for
which you will accept my thanks.

After expressing the Sens
I entertain of the professions your Excelle
-cy is good enough to make me of your de
-sire to promote the mutual Interests of
England & Persia; I cannot avoid Noticing
the



the attention you have paid me in Cummu=
=nicating the appointment of my friend
Mohumud Nebee Khan to the Government
of Bushire with its dependencies. The terms
of Intimacy I have always been on with Mo=
=humud Nebee Khan make me Sincerely
rejoice in every augmentation of his honor
& prosperity.—

Whatever services I can
consistently with my Public Character ren=
=der to Mohumud Khan or aga Mohumud
Jaafeer I shall at all times be happy to do
it.—

Your Excellency will con=
=tinue to favour me with accounts of your
health & accept the Offer of my high Consi=
=deration.—

(Signed) Harford Jones.

A true Copy,

(Signed) Andw. Jukes,

Persn. Secy & Specl. Intr.
to H. M. Mission.

No. 5. E.

Precis of a translation of a Letter from
Nusr Oolah Khan to Sir Harford Jones Bart.
&ca. &ca. Received 8th Novr. 1808.

After Compliments States.

That as it was a duty
incumbent

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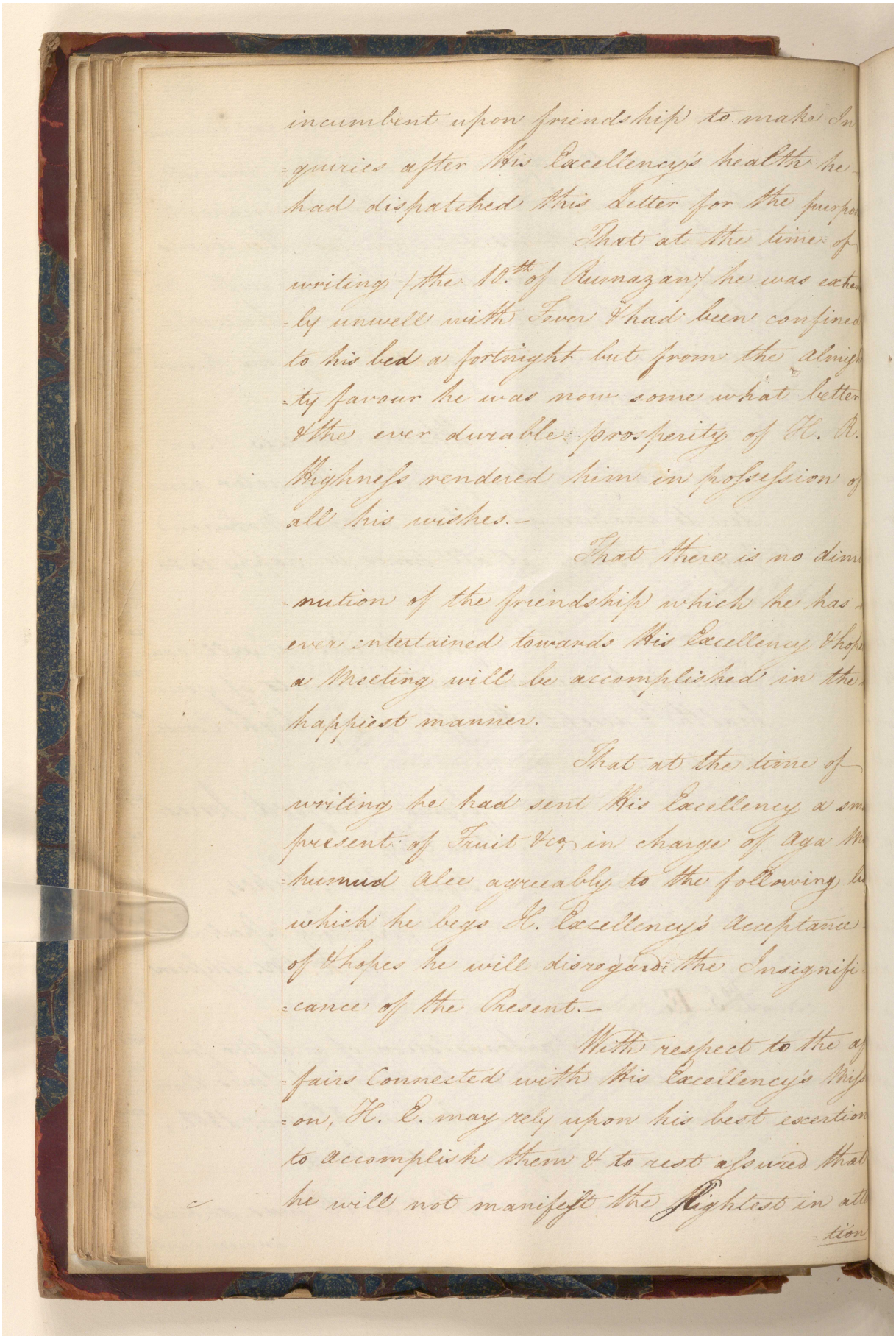
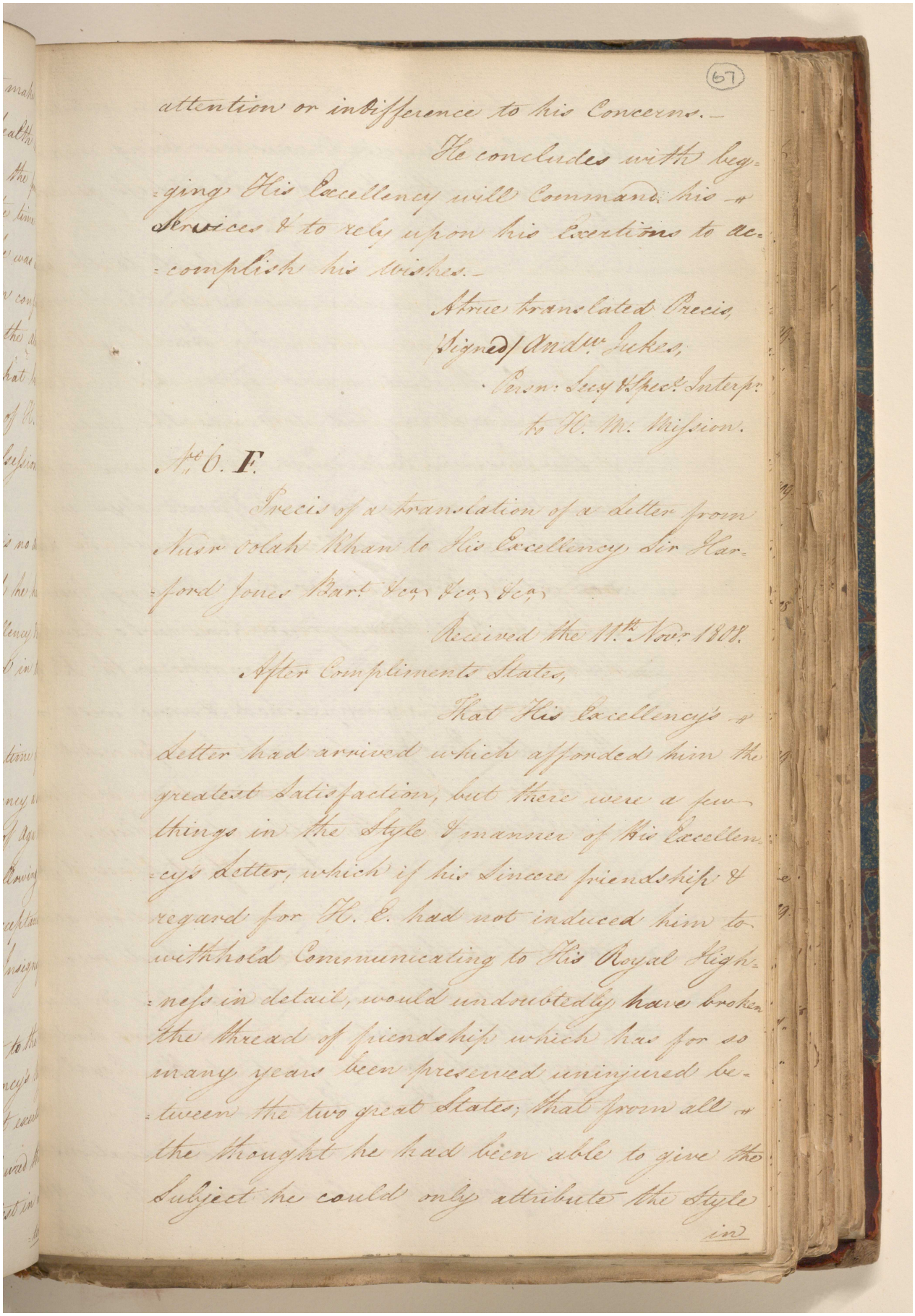


incumbent upon friendship to make In-
quiries after His Excellency's health he
had dispatched this Letter for the purpo
That at the time of
writing (the 10th of Rumazan) he was exce
-ly unwell with Fever & had been confined
to his bed a fortnight but from the almigh
-ty favour he was now some what better
& the ever durable prosperity of H. R.
Highness rendered him in possession of
all his wishes.—
That there is no dimi
-nution of the friendship which he has
ever entertained towards His Excellency & hop
a Meeting will be accomplished in the
happiest manner.
That at the time of
writing he had sent His Excellency a sm
present of Fruit &c, in charge of Aga Mo
-hummud Alee agreeably to the following li
which he begs H. Excellency's acceptance
of & hopes he will disregard the Insignifi
-cance of the Present.—
With respect to the a
-fairs Connected with His Excellency's Miss
-on, H. E. may rely upon his best exertion
to accomplish them & to rest assured that
he will not manifest the slightest in atte
-tion



attention or indifference to his Concerns.—

He concludes with begging His Excellency will Command his Services & to rely upon his Exertions to accomplish his wishes.—

A true translated Precis,
(Signed) Andw. Jukes,
Persn: Secy & Specl. Interpr.
to H. M. Mission.

No. 6. F.

Precis of a translation of a Letter from Nusr Oolah Khan to His Excellency Sir Harford Jones Bart. &ca. &ca. &ca.

Received the 11th Novr. 1808.

After Compliments States,

That His Excellency's Letter had arrived which afforded him the greatest Satisfaction, but there were a few things in the Style & manner of His Excellency's Letter, which if his Sincere friendship & regard for H. E. had not induced him to withhold Communicating to His Royal Highness in detail, would undoubtedly have broken the thread of friendship which has for so many years been preserved uninjured between the two great States; that from all the thought he had been able to give the Subject he could only attribute the Style

in

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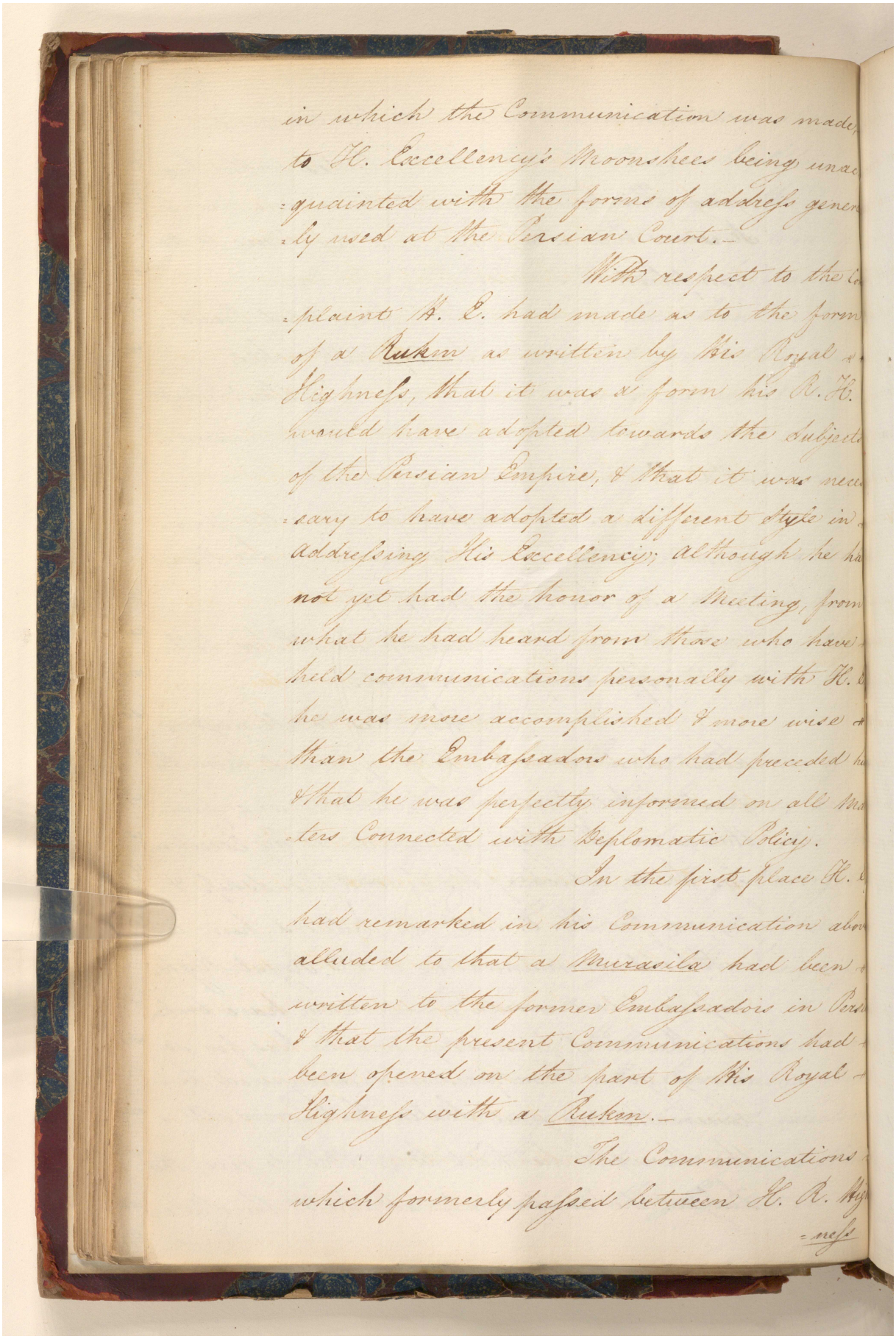
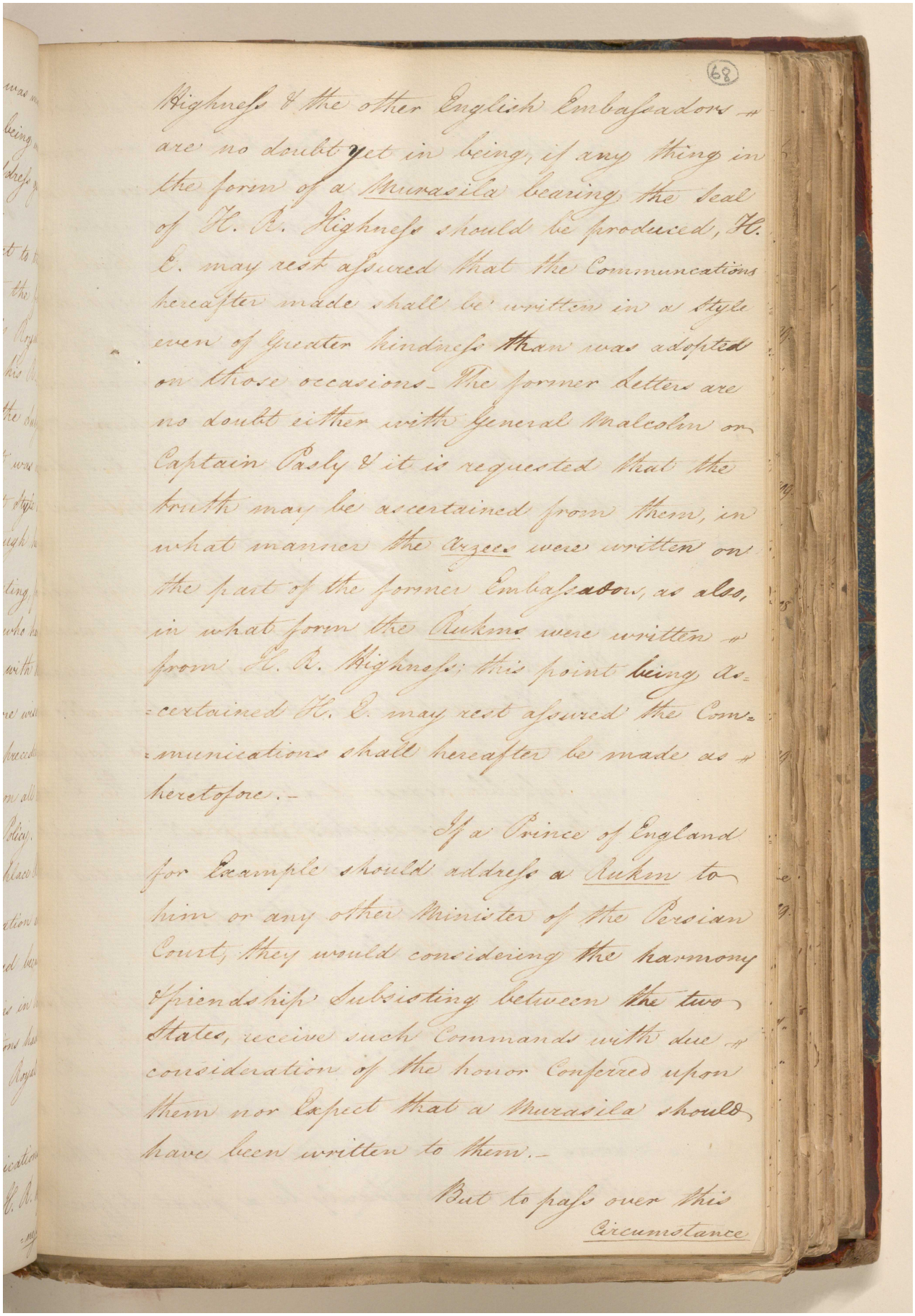


in which the Communication was made
to H. Excellency's Moonshees being unac
-quainted with the forms of address gener
-ly used at the Persian Court.—

With respect to the co
-plaint H. E. had made as to the form
of a Rukun as written by His Royal
Highness, that it was a form his R. H.
would have adopted towards the subject
of the Persian Empire, & that it was nece
-sary to have adopted a different style in
addressing His Excellency; although he ha
not yet had the honor of a Meeting, from
what he had heard from those who have
held communications personally with H. E
he was more accomplished & more wise
than the Embassadors who had preceded hi
& that he was perfectly informed on all ma
-ters Connected with Deplomatic Policy.

In the first place H. E
had remarked in his Communication abou
alluded to that a Murasila had been
written to the former Embassadors in Pers
& that the present Communications had
been opened on the part of His Royal
Highness with a Rukun.—

The Communications
which formerly passed between H. R. Hy
-ness



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Highness & the other English Embassadors
are no doubt yet in being, if any thing in
the form of a Murasila bearing the Seal
of H. R. Highness should be produced, H.
E. may rest assured that the Communications
hereafter made shall be written in a Style
even of greater kindness than was adopted
on those occasions. The former Letters are
no doubt either with General Malcolm or
Captain Pasly & it is requested that the
truth may be ascertained from them, in
what manner the Arzees were written on
the part of the former Embassadors, as also,
in what form the Rukms were written
from H. R. Highness; this point being as-
certained H. E. may rest assured the Com-
munications shall hereafter be made as
heretofore.-

If a Prince of England
for Example should address a Rukm to
him or any other Minister of the Persian
Court, they would considering the harmony
& friendship Subsisting between the two
States, receive such Commands with due
consideration of the honor Conferred upon
them nor Expect that a Murasila should
have been written to them.-

But to pass over this
Circumstance

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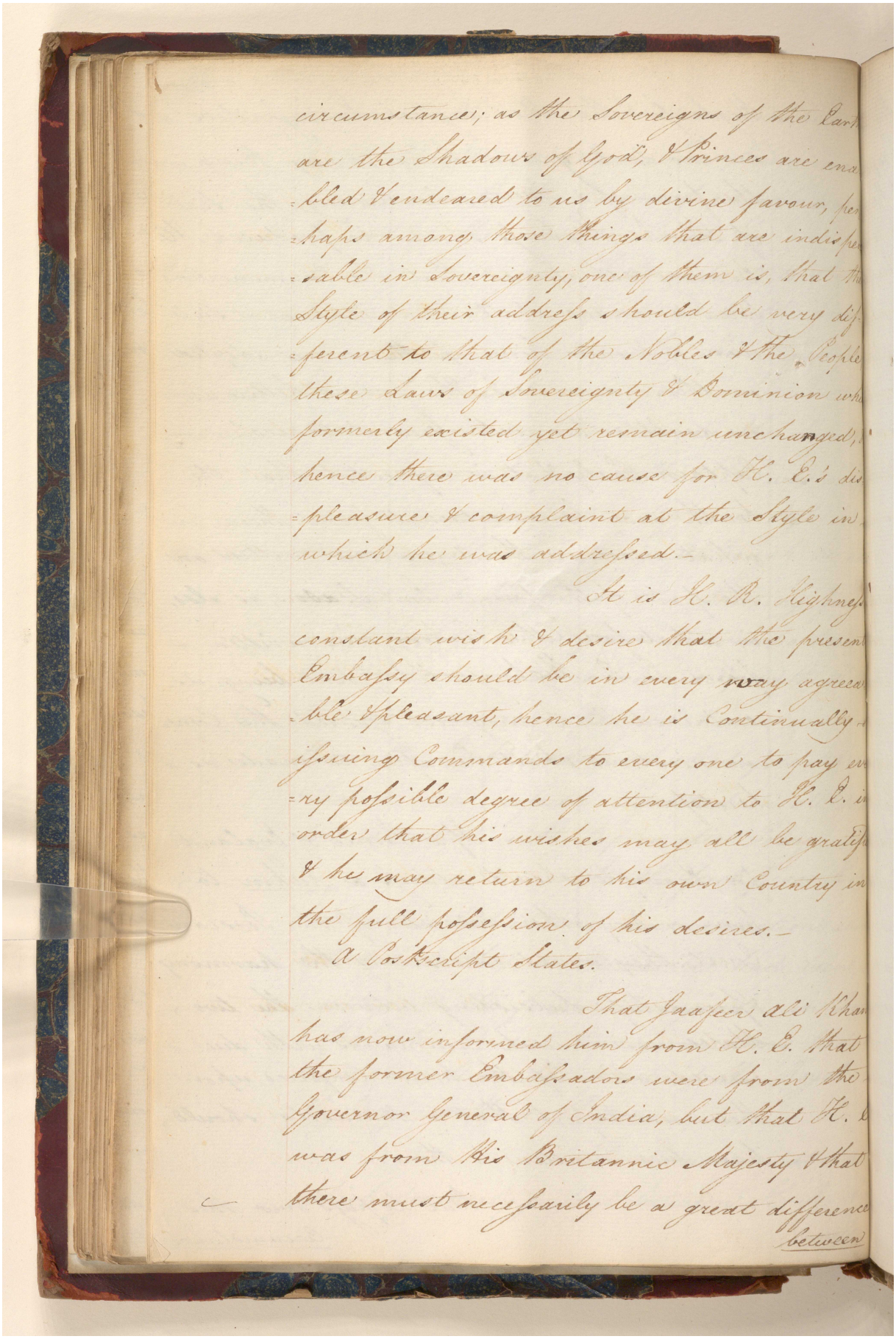
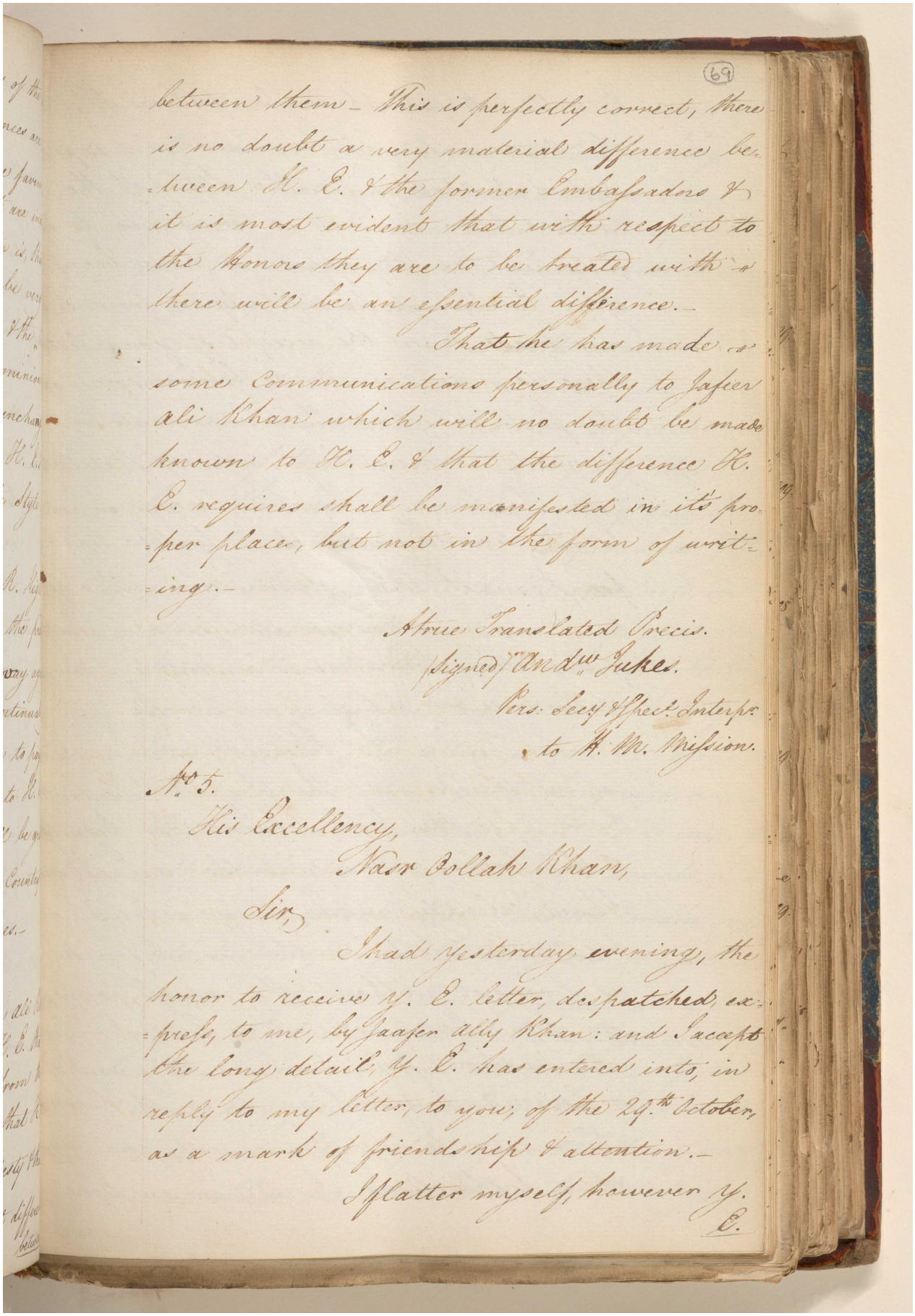


circumstances; as the Sovereigns of the Earth are the Shadows of God, & Princes are enabled & endeared to us by divine favour, perhaps among those things that are indispensable in Sovereignty, one of them is, that the Style of their address should be very different to that of the Nobles & the People these Laws of Sovereignty & Dominion which formerly existed yet remain unchanged, hence there was no cause for H. E.'s displeasure & complaint at the Style in which he was addressed.—

It is H. R. Highness constant wish & desire that the present Embassy should be in every way agreeable & pleasant, hence he is Continually issuing Commands to every one to pay every possible degree of attention to H. E. in order that his wishes may all be gratified & he may return to his own Country in the full possession of his desires.—

A Postscript States.

That Jaafeer Ali Khan has now informed him from H. E. that the former Embassadors were from the Governor General of India, but that H. E. was from His Britannic Majesty & that there must necessarily be a great difference between



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between them – This is perfectly correct, there is no doubt a very material difference between H. E. & the former Embassadors & it is most evident that with respect to the Honors they are to be treated with there will be an essential difference.–

That he has made some Communications personally to Jafeer ali Khan which will no doubt be made known to H. E. & that the difference H. E. requires shall be manifested in it's proper place, but not in the form of writing.–

A true Translated Precis.
(Signed) Andw. Jukes.
Pers: Secy & Spec. Interpr.
to H. M. Mission.

No. 5.

His Excellency,
Nasr Oollah Khan,

Sir,

I had yesterday evening, the honor to receive Y. E. letter, despatched, express, to me, by Jaafer ally Khan: and I accept the long detail, Y. E. has entered into, in reply to my letter, to you, of the 29th October, as a mark of friendship & attention.–

I flatter myself, however Y. E.

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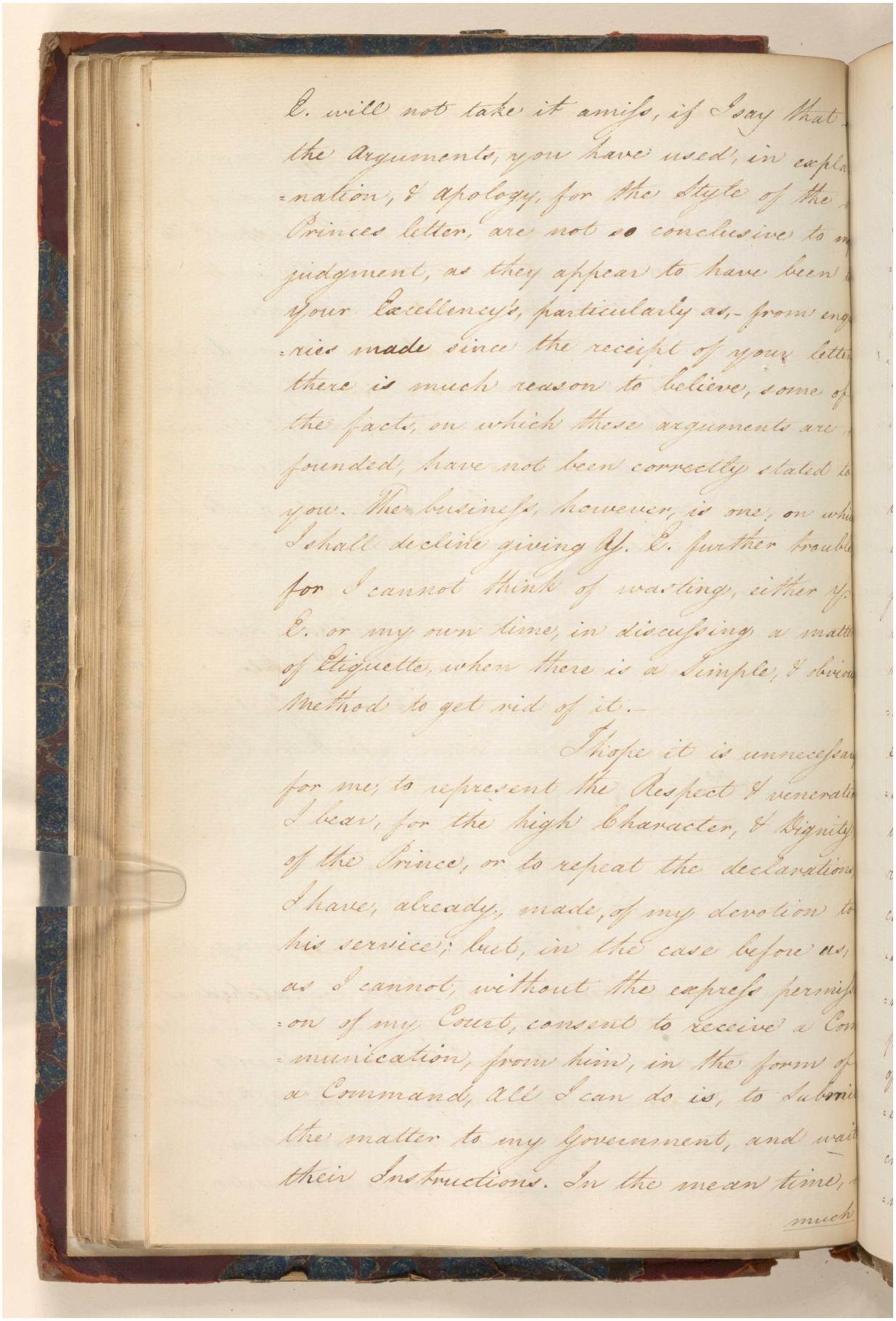
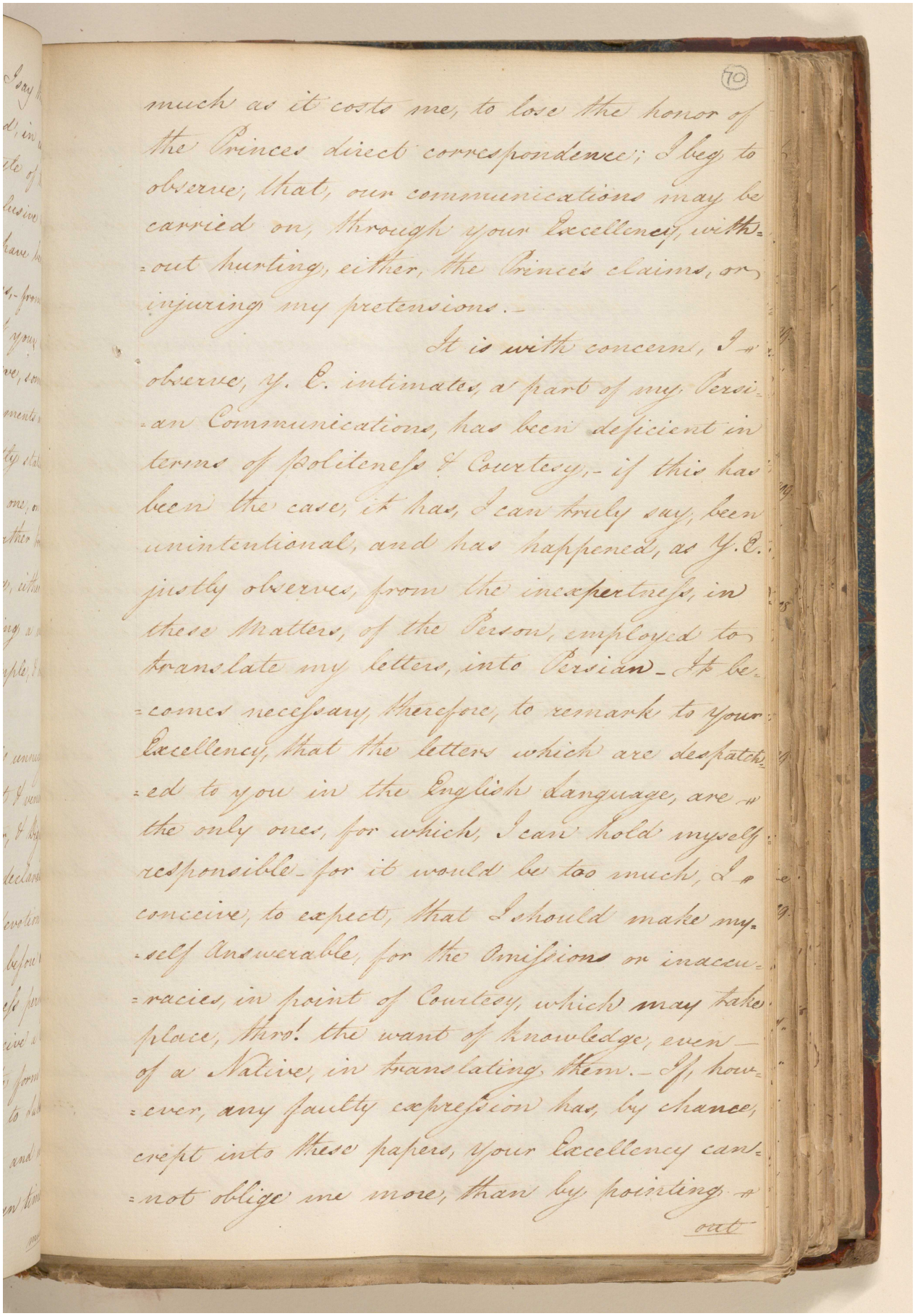


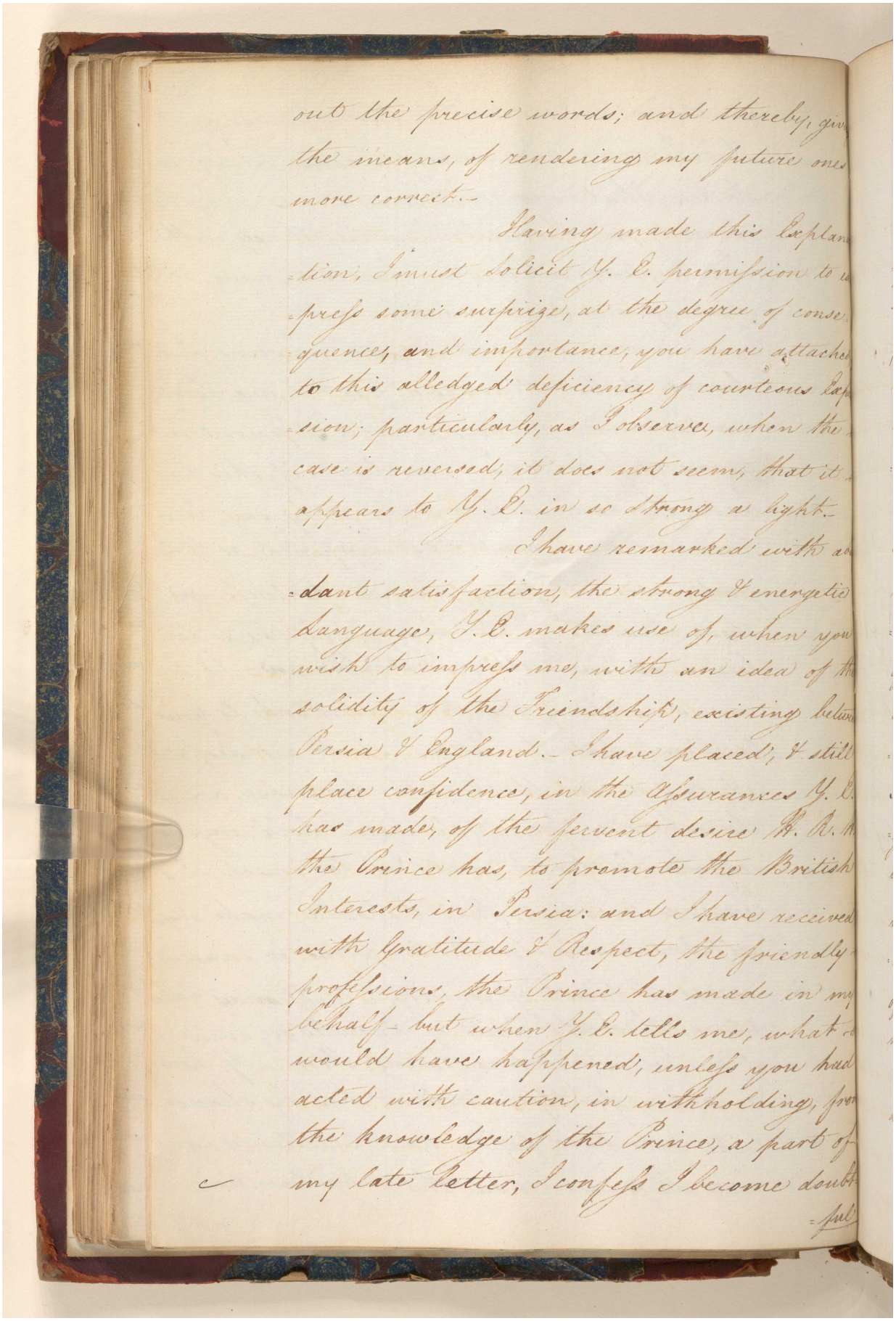
E. will not take it amiss, if I say that
the arguments, you have used, in explan-
nation, & apology, for the style of the
Princes letter, are not so conclusive to my
judgment, as they appear to have been
Your Excellencys, particularly as, from enq-
uries made since the receipt of your letter
there is much reason to believe, some of
the facts, on which these arguments are
founded, have not been correctly stated to
you. The business, however, is one, on whi
I shall decline giving H. E. further trouble
for I cannot think of wasting, either y.
E. or my own time, in discussing a matter
of Etiquette, when there is a Simple, & obvious
Method to get rid of it.-

I hope it is unnecessary
for me, to represent the Respect & veneration
I bear, for the high Character, & Dignity
of the Prince, or to repeat the declarations
I have, already, made, of my devotion to
his service; but, in the case before us,
as I cannot, without the express permiss-
ion of my Court, consent to receive a Com-
munication, from him, in the form of
a Command, all I can do is, to submit
the matter to my Government, and wait
their Instructions. In the mean time,
much



much as it costs me, to lose the honor of the Princes direct correspondence; I beg to observe, that, our communications may be carried on, through your Excellency, without hurting, either, the Princes claims, or injuring my pretensions.—

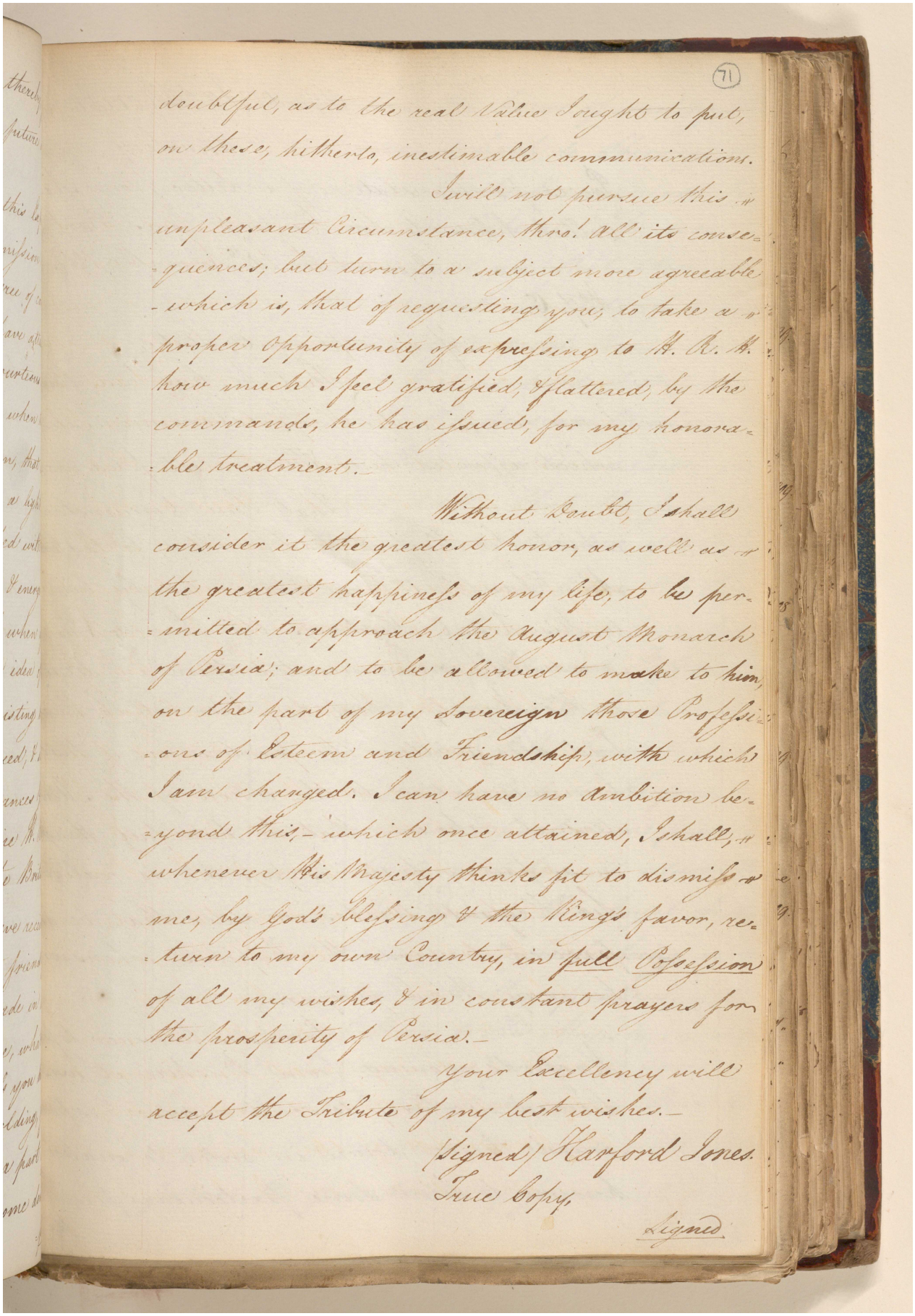
It is with concern, I observe, y. E. intimates, a part of my Persian Communications, has been deficient in terms of politeness & Courtesy,— if this has been the case, it has, I can truly say, been unintentional, and has happened, as Y.E. justly observes, from the inexperience, in these Matters, of the Person, employed to translate my letters, into Persian— It becomes necessary, therefore, to remark to your Excellency, that the letters which are despatched to you in the English language, are the only ones, for which, I can hold myself responsible— for it would be too much, I conceive, to expect, that I should make myself answerable, for the Omissions or inaccuracies in point of Courtesy, which may take place, thro'. the want of knowledge, even of a Native, in translating them.— If however, any faulty expression has, by chance, crept into these papers, your Excellency cannot oblige me more, than by pointing out



out the precise words; and thereby, giv
the means, of rendering my future ones
more correct.-

Having made this Explan
tion, I must solicit Y. E. permission to e
press some surprize, at the degree of conse
quence, and importance, you have attached
to this alledged deficiency of courteous Exp
sion; particularly, as I observe, when the
case is reversed, it does not seem, that it
appears to Y. E. in so strong a light.-

I have remarked with as
dant satisfaction, the strong & energetic
Language, Y. E. makes use of, when you
wish to impress me, with an idea of th
solidity of the Friendship, existing betwe
Persia & England.- I have placed, & still
place confidence, in the Assurances Y. E.
has made, of the fervent desire H. R. H
the Prince has, to promote the British
Interests, in Persia: and I have received
with Gratitude & Respect, the friendly
professions, the Prince has made in my
behalf- but when Y. E. tells me, what
would have happened, unless you had
acted with caution, in withholding, fro
the knowledge of the Prince, a part of
my late Letter, I confess I become doubt
ful



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doubtful, as to the real Value I ought to put, on these, hitherto, inestimable communications.

I will not pursue this unpleasant Circumstance, thro' all its consequences; but turn to a subject more agreeable - which is, that of requesting you, to take a proper Opportunity of expressing to H. R. H. how much I feel gratified, & flattered, by the commands, he has issued, for my honorable treatment.

Without Doubt, I shall consider it the greatest honor, as well as the greatest happiness of my life, to be permitted to approach the August Monarch of Persia; and to be allowed to make to him, on the part of my Sovereign those Professions of Esteem and Friendship, with which I am charged. I can have no Ambition beyond this, - which once attained, I shall, whenever His Majesty thinks fit to dismiss me, by God's Blessing & the King's favor, return to my own Country, in full Possession of all my wishes, & in constant prayers for the prosperity of Persia.

Your Excellency will accept the Tribute of my best wishes.

Signed/ Harford Jones.

True Copy,

Signed

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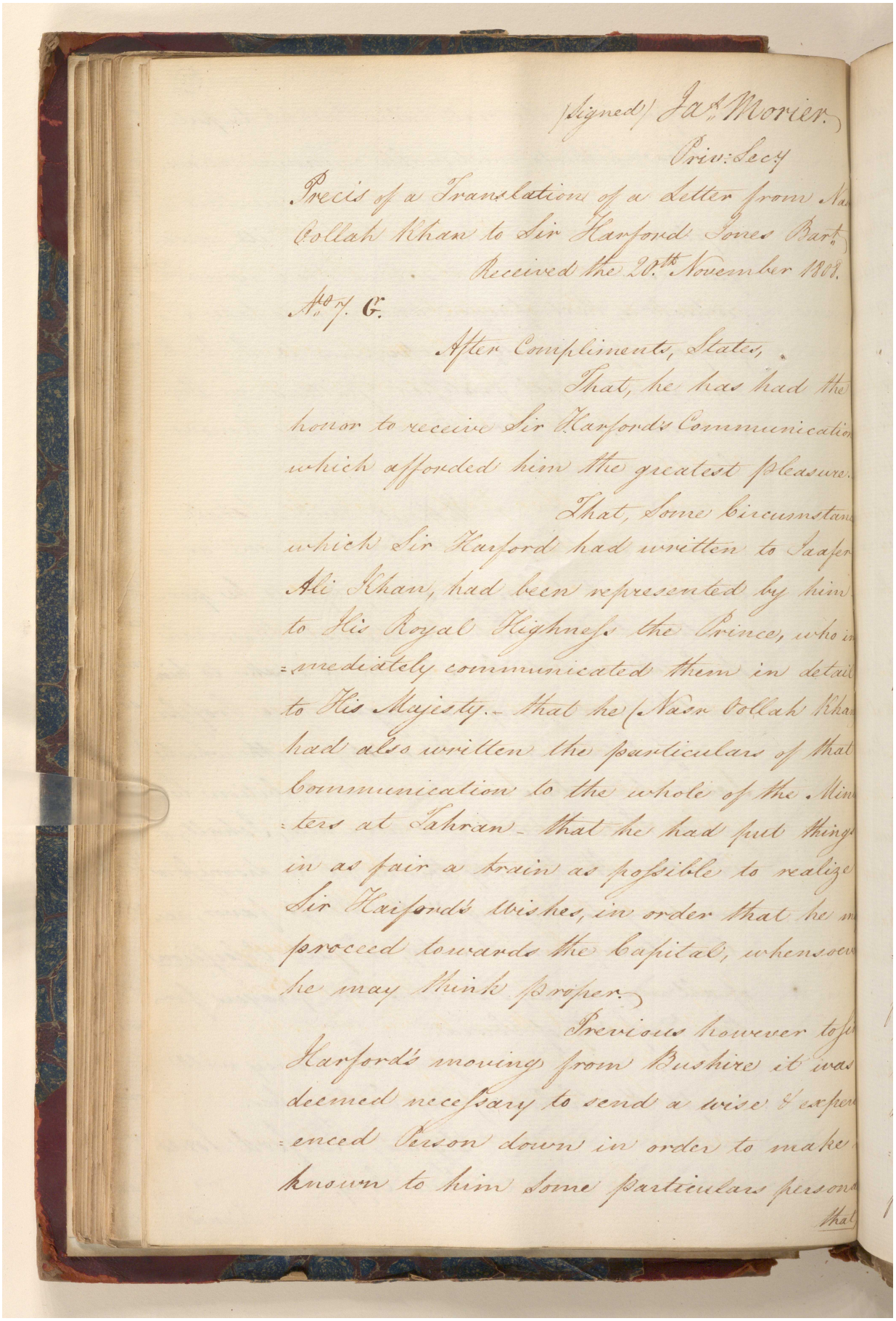


(Signed) Jas. Morier.
Priv: Secy

Precis of a Translation of a Letter from Nas
Collah Khan to Sir Harford Jones Bart.
Received the 20th November 1808.

No. 7. G.

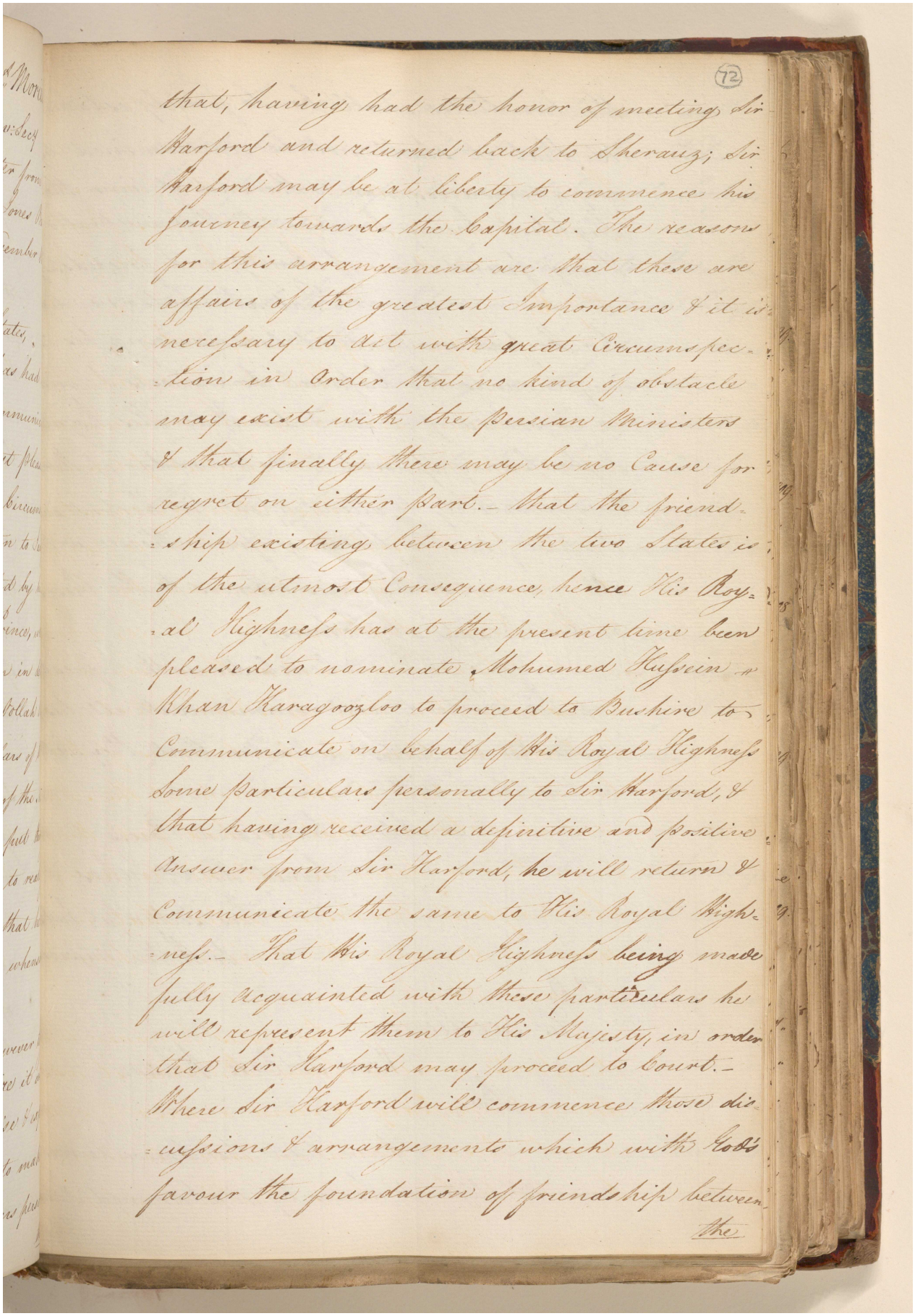
After Compliments, States,

That, he has had the
honor to receive Sir Harfords Communication
which afforded him the greatest pleasure.

That, some Circumstan
which Sir Harford had written to Saafer
Ali Khan, had been represented by him
to His Royal Highness the Prince, who im
=mediately communicated them in detail
to His Majesty. - that he (Nasr Collah Kha
had also written the particulars of that
Communication to the whole of the Min
=ters at Tahran - that he had put things
in as fair a train as possible to realize
Sir Harfords Wishes, in order that he m
proceed towards the Capital, whensoev
he may think proper.

Previous however to Sir
Harfords moving from Bushire it was
deemed necessary to send a wise & experi
=enced Person down in order to make
known to him some particulars persona

that



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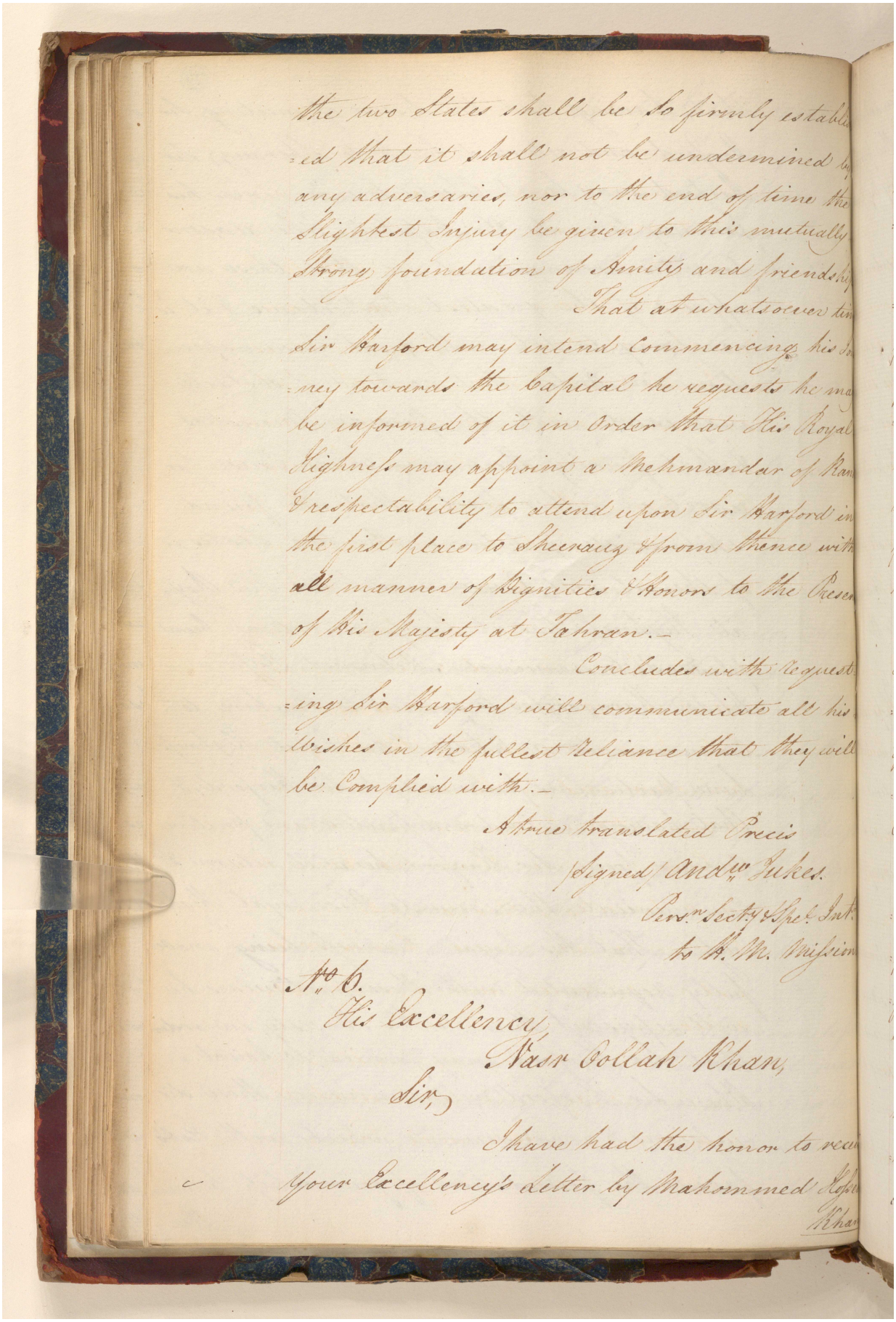
that, having had the honor of meeting Sir Harford and returned back to Sherauz; Sir Harford may be at liberty to commence his journey towards the Capital. The reasons for this arrangement are that these are affairs of the greatest Importance & it is necessary to act with great Circumspection in order that no kind of obstacle may exist with the Persian Ministers & that finally there may be no Cause for regret on either part. That the friendship existing between the two States is of the utmost Consequence, hence His Royal Highness has at the present time been pleased to nominate Mohumed Hussein Khan Karagoozloo to proceed to Bushire to Communicate on behalf of His Royal Highness some particulars personally to Sir Harford, & that having received a definitive and positive Answer from Sir Harford, he will return & Communicate the same to His Royal Highness. That His Royal Highness being made fully acquainted with these particulars he will represent them to His Majesty, in order that Sir Harford may proceed to Court. Where Sir Harford will commence those discussions & arrangements which with Gods favour the foundation of friendship between

the



the two States shall be so firmly establis-
-ed that it shall not be undermined by
any adversaries, nor to the end of time the
Slightest Injury be given to this mutually
Strong foundation of Amity and friendship

That at whatsoever time
Sir Harford may intend Commencing his Jou-
-ney towards the Capital he requests he may
be informed of it in Order that His Royal
Highness may appoint a Mehmandar of Rank
& respectability to attend upon Sir Harford in
the first place to Sheerauz & from thence with
all manner of Dignities & Honors to the Presence
of His Majesty at Tahran.—

Concludes with requesting
-ing Sir Harford will communicate all his
Wishes in the fullest reliance that they will
be Complied with.—

A true translated Precis
(Signed) Andw. Jukes.
Persn. Secty. & Spel. Intr.
to H. M. Mission

No. 6.

His Excellency
Nasr Oollah Khan,

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive
Your Excellency's Letter by Mahommed Hossein
Khan

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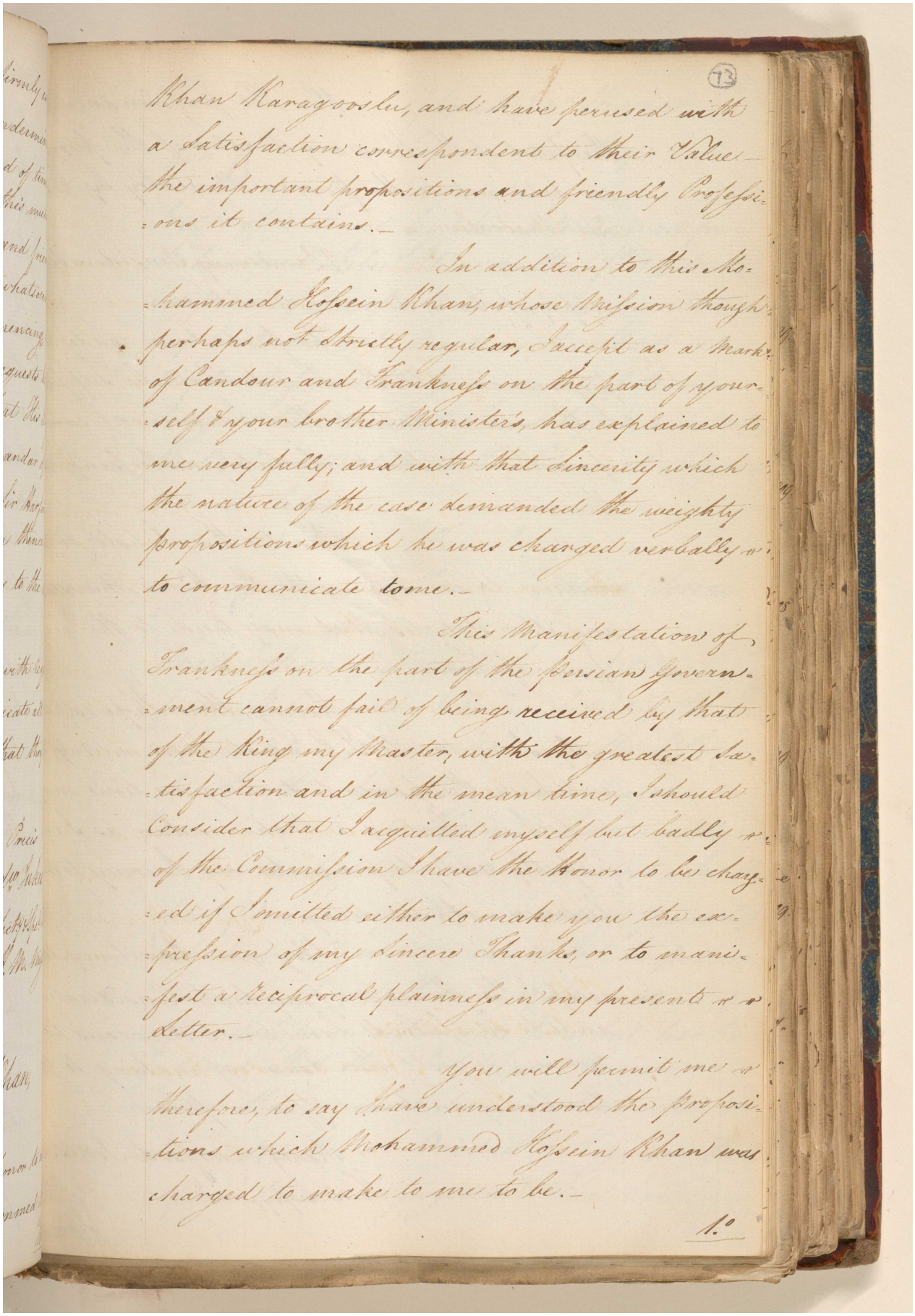

Khan Karagoosloo, and have perused with a Satisfaction correspondent to their Value the important propositions and friendly Professions it contains.—

In addition to this Mohammed Hoseein Khan, whose Mission though perhaps not Strictly regular, I accept as a mark of Candour and Frankness on the part of yourself & your brother Ministers, has explained to me very fully; and with that Sincerity which the nature of the case demanded the weighty propositions which he was charged verbally to communicate to me.—

This Manifestation of Frankness on the part of the Persian Government cannot fail of being received by that of the King my Master, with the greatest Satisfaction and in the mean time, I should Consider that I acquitted myself but badly of the Commission I have the Honor to be charged if I omitted either to make you the expression of my Sincere Thanks, or to manifest a reciprocal plainness in my present letter.—

You will permit me therefore, to say I have understood the propositions which Mohammed Hoseein Khan was charged to make to me to be.—

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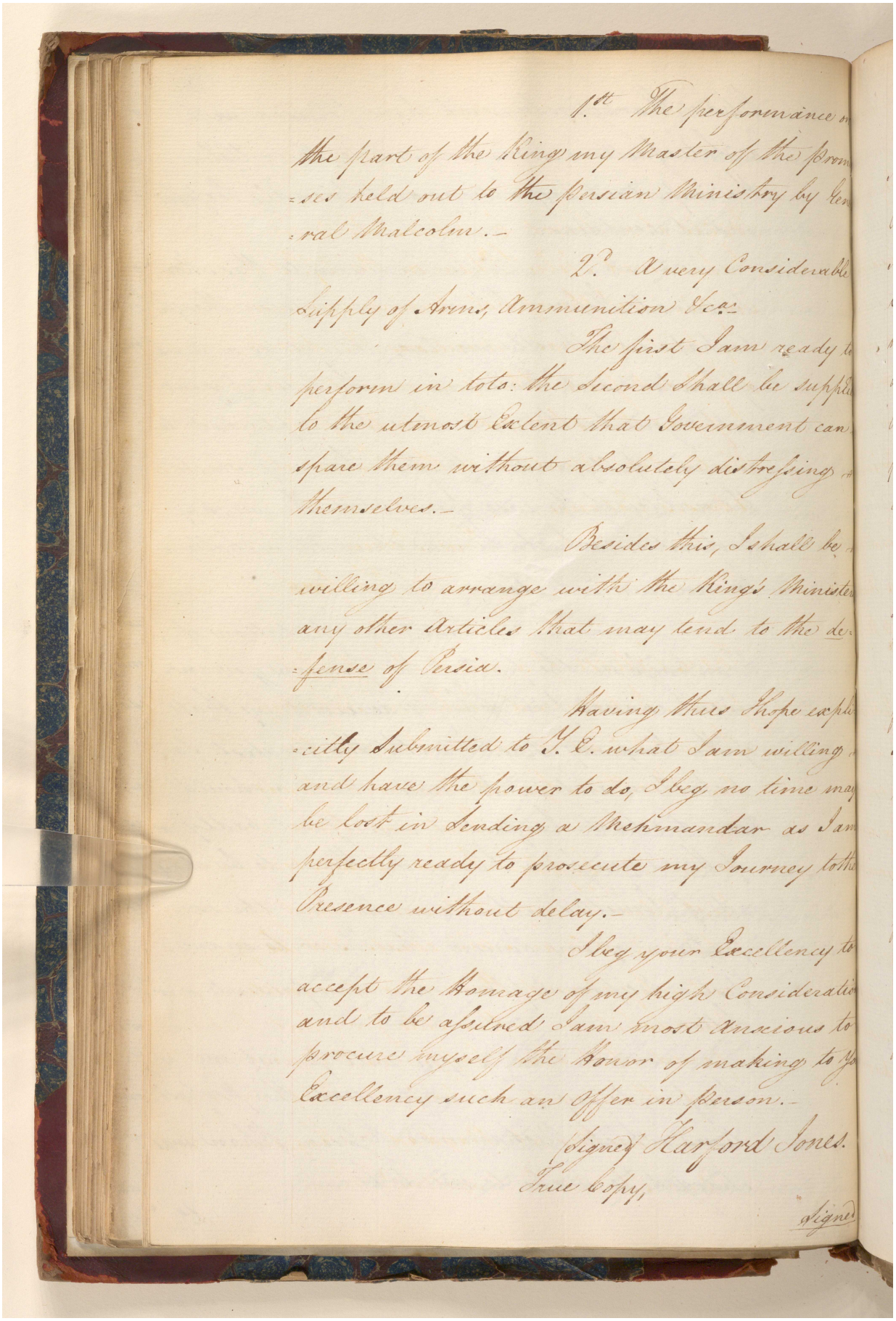


1st The performance on
the part of the King my Master of the promi-
-ses held out to the Persian Ministry by Gen-
-eral Malcolm.-

2d A very Considerable
Supply of Arms, Ammunition &c.a-

The first I am ready to
perform in toto: the Second shall be supplied
to the utmost Extent that Government can
spare them without absolutely distressing
themselves.-

Besides this, I shall be
willing to arrange with the King's Ministers
any other Articles that may tend to the de-
-fence of Persia.

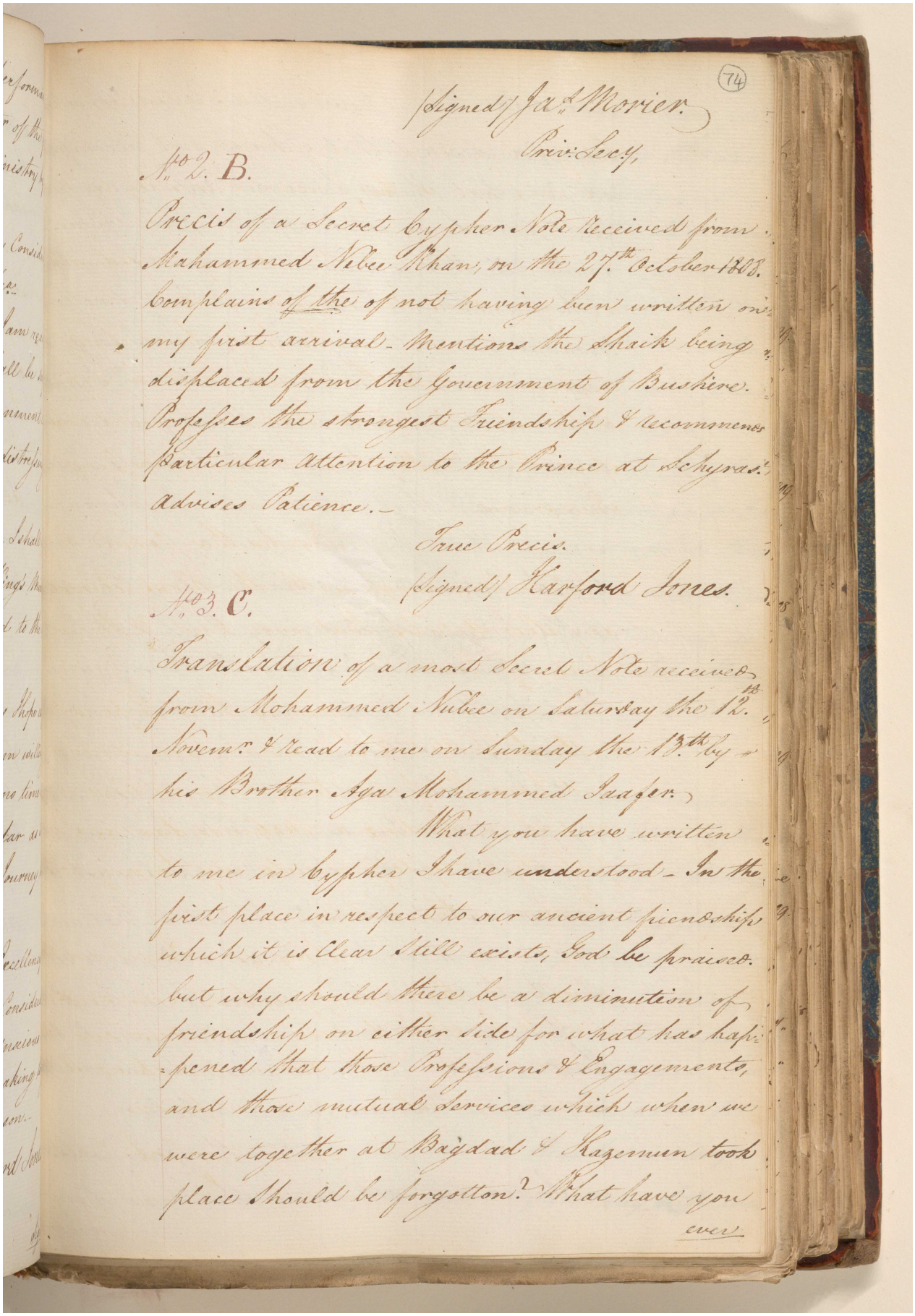
Having thus I hope explic-
-itly Submitted to Y. E. what I am willing
and have the power to do, I beg no time may
be lost in Sending a Mehmandar as I am
perfectly ready to prosecute my Journey to the
Presence without delay.-

I beg your Excellency to
accept the Homage of my high Consideration
and to be assured I am most anxious to
procure myself the Honor of making to Your
Excellency such an Offer in person.-

Signed Harford Jones.

True Copy,

Signed



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Signed/ Ja.s Morier.
Priv.te Secy.

No. 2. B.

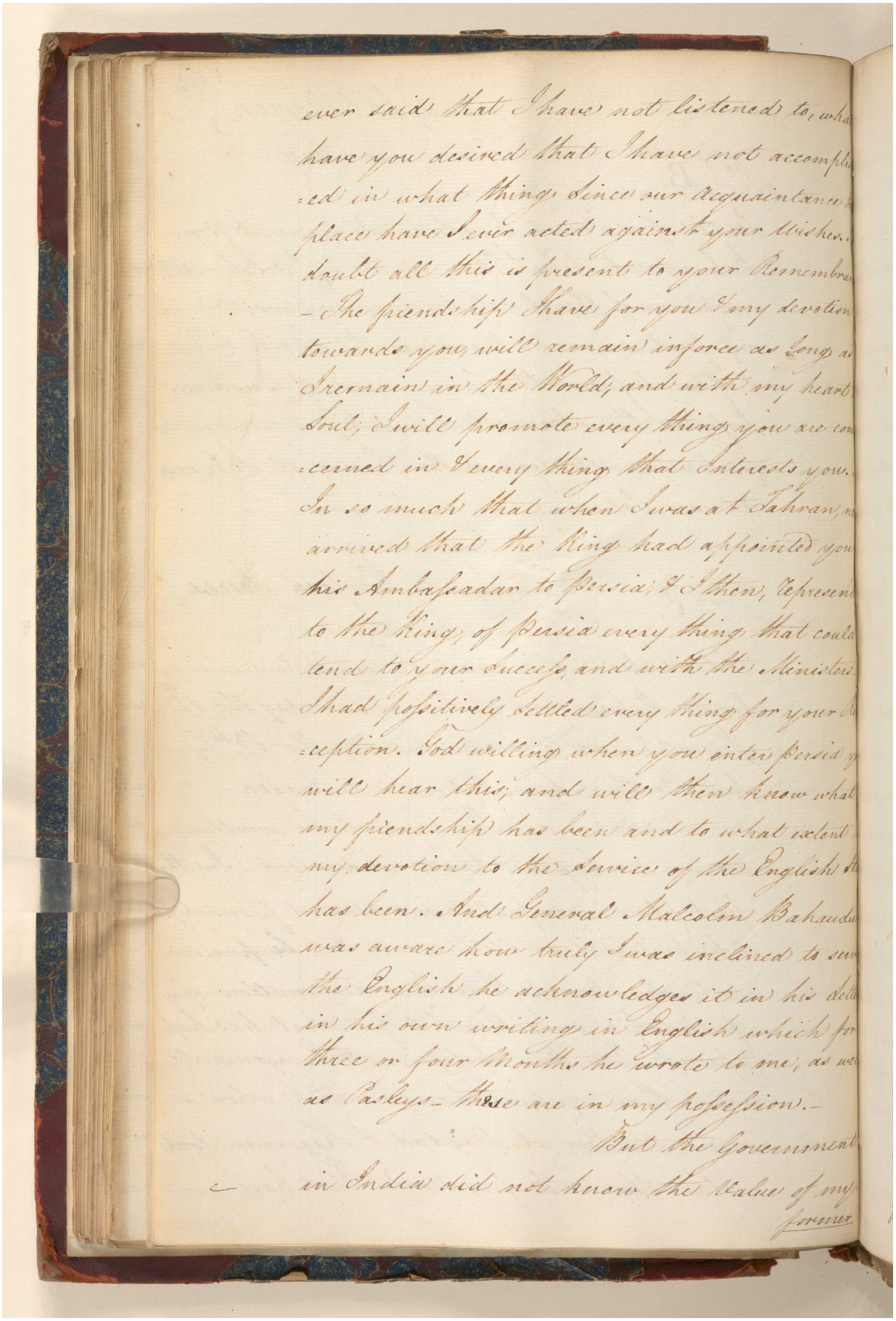
Precis of a Secret Cypher Note received from Mahammed Nebee Khan, on the 27th October 1808. Complains of the of not having been written on my first arrival. Mentions the Shaik being displaced from the Government of Bushire. Professes the strongest Friendship & recommends particular attention to the Prince at Schyras. advises Patience.

True Precis.
Signed/ Harford Jones.

No. 3. C.

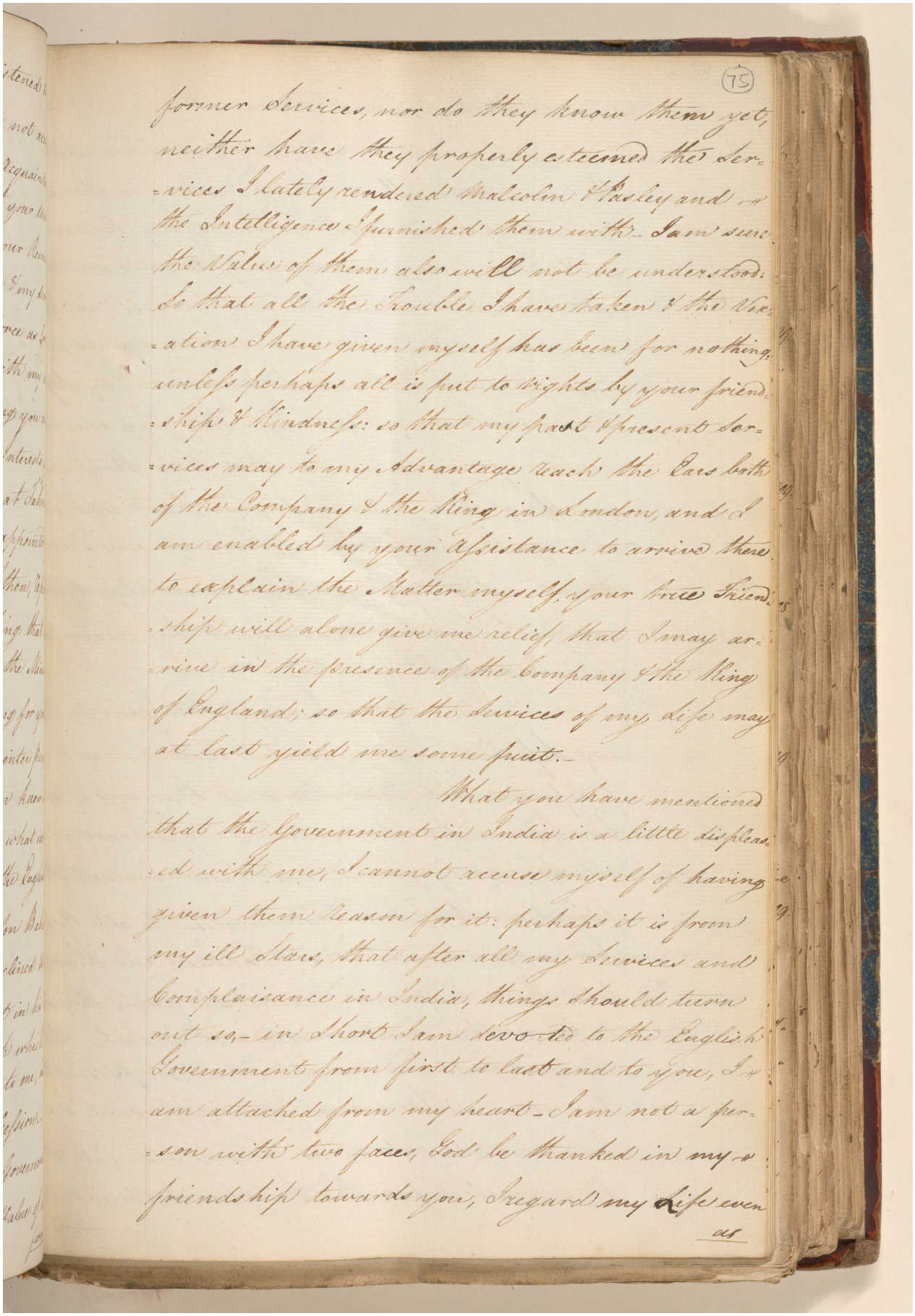
Translation of a most Secret Note received from Mohammed Nubee on Saturday the 12th Novem.r & Read to me on Sunday the 13th by his Brother Aga Mohammed Jaafer.

What you have written to me in Cypher I have understood. In the first place in respect to our ancient friendship which it is clear still exists, God be praised. but why should there be a diminution of friendship on either side for what has happened that those Professions & Engagements, and those mutual Services which when we were together at Bagdad & Kazemun took place should be forgotten? What have you ever



ever said that I have not listened to, wha
have you desired that I have not accomplis
=ed in what thing since our Acquaintance
place have I ever acted against your Wishes.
doubt all this is present to your Remembra
– The friendship I have for you & my devotion
towards you will remain in force as long as
I remain in the World, and with my heart
Soul, I will promote every thing you are con
=cerned in & every thing that Interests you.
In so much that when I was at Tahran, w
arrived that the King had appointed you
his Ambassadar to Persia, & I then, represent
to the King of Persia every thing that could
tend to your Success, and with the Ministers
I had positively settled every thing for your R
=ception. God willing when you enter Persia y
will hear this, and will then know what
my friendship has been and to what extent
my devotion to the Service of the English
has been. And General Malcolm Bahaudu
was aware how truly I was inclined to ser
the English he acknowledges it in his lett
in his own writing in English which for
three or four Months he wrote to me, as we
as Paseys – these are in my possession.–

But the Government
in India did not know the Value of my
former



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former Services, nor do they know them yet,
neither have they properly esteemed the Ser=
=vices I lately rendered Malcolm Pasley and
the Intelligence I furnished them with - I am sure
the Value of them also will not be understood:
So that all the Trouble I have taken & the Vex=
=ation I have given myself has been for nothing:
unless perhaps all is put to rights by your friend=
=ship & Kindness: so that my past & present Ser=
=vices may to my Advantage reach the Ears both
of the Company & the King in London, and I
am enabled by your Assistance to arrive there
to explain the Matter myself; your true Friend=
=ship will alone give me relief, that I may ar=
=rive in the presence of the Company & the King
of England; so that the Services of my life may
at last yield me some fruit. -

What you have mentioned
that the Government in India is a little displeas=
=ed with me, I cannot accuse myself of having
given them Reason for it: perhaps it is from
my ill Stars, that after all my Services and
Complaisance in India, things should turn
out so, - in Short I am devoted to the English
Government from first to last and to you, I
am attached from my heart - I am not a per=
=son with two faces, God be thanked in my
friendship towards you, I regard my Life even

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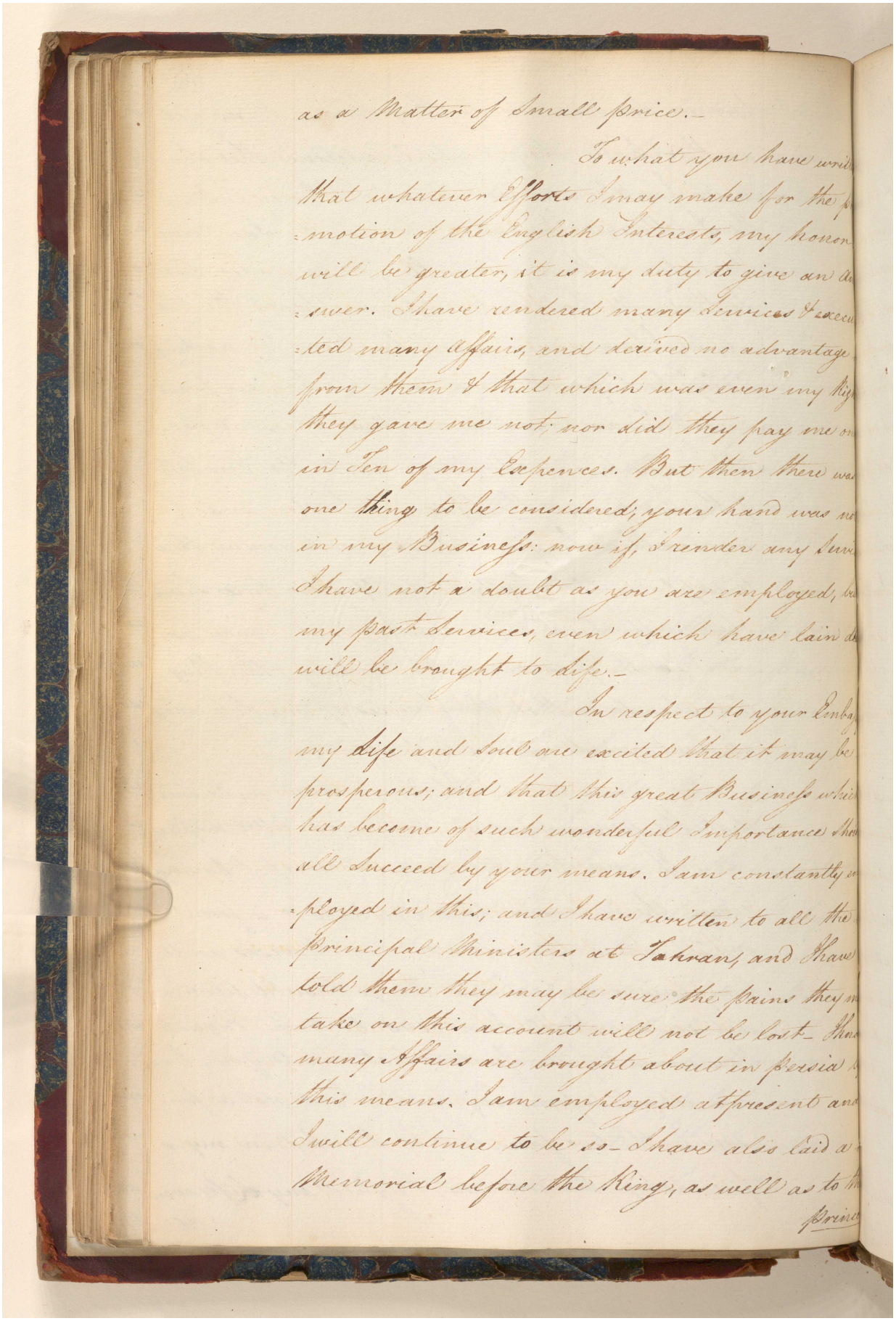
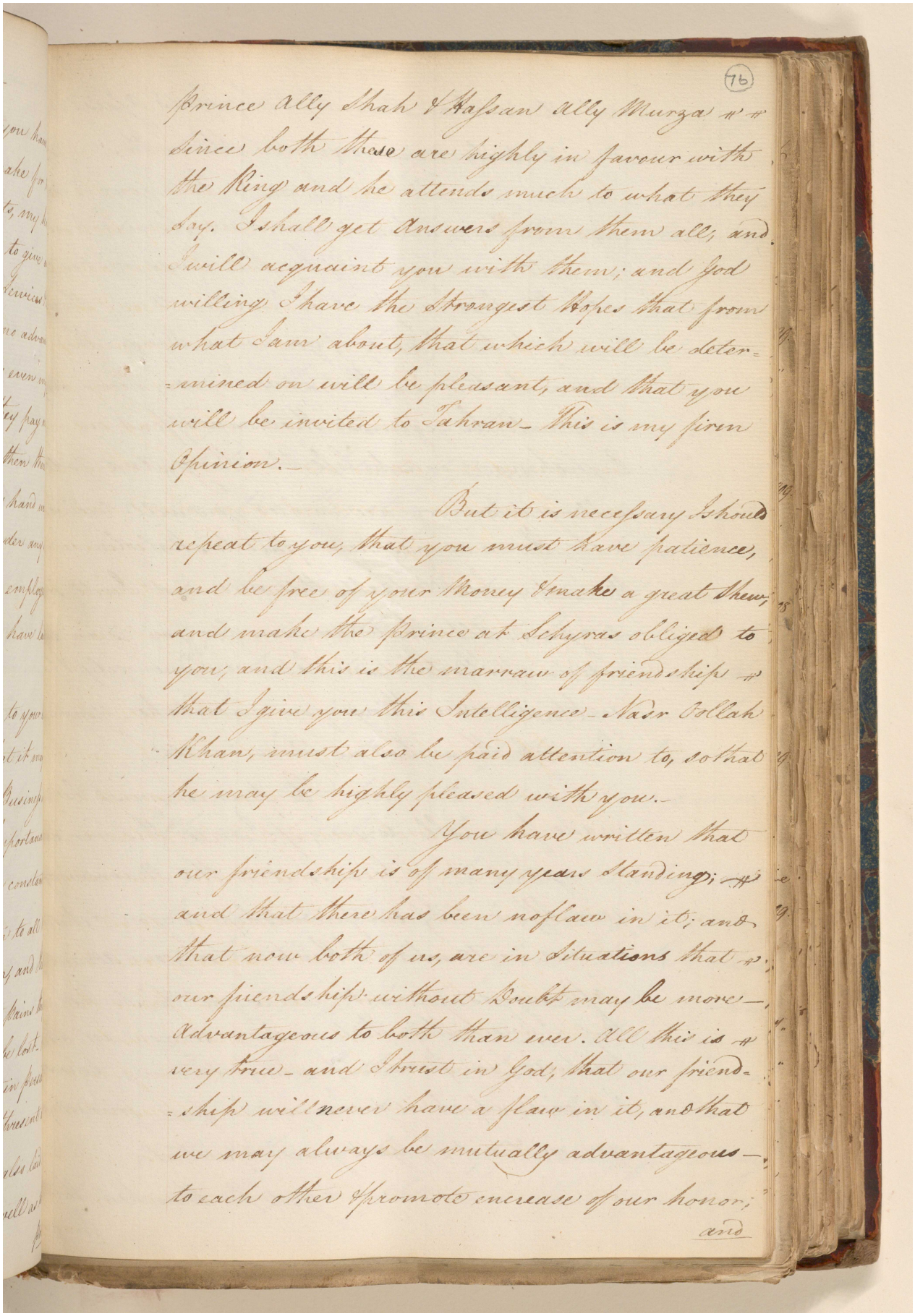


as a Matter of Small price.—

To what you have writ
that whatever Efforts I may make for the p
motion of the English Interests, my honor
will be greater, it is my duty to give an a
swer. I have rendered many Services & excec
ted many affairs, and derived no advantage
from them & that which was even my Rig
they gave me not; nor did they pay me on
in Ten of my Expences. But then there was
one thing to be considered; your hand was no
in my Business: now if, I render any Serv
I have not a doubt as you are employed, th
my past Services, even which have lain d
will be brought to life.—

In respect to your Embas
my life and Soul are excited that it may be
prosperous; and that this great Business whi
has become of such wonderful Importance shou
all Succeed by your means. I am constantly e
ployed in this; and I have written to all the
Principal Ministers at Tehran, and I have
told them they may be sure the pains they m
take on this account will not be lost— I
many Affairs are brought about in Persia
this means. I am employed at present and
I will continue to be so— I have also laid a
Memorial before the King, as well as to th
Prince



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Prince ally Shah & Hassan ally Murza & since both these are highly in favour with the King and he attends much to what they say. I shall get Answers from them all, and will acquaint you with them; and God willing I have the strongest Hopes that from what I am about, that which will be determined on will be pleasant, and that you will be invited to Tahran. This is my firm Opinion.

But it is necessary I should repeat to you, that you must have patience, and be free of your Money & make a great Shew, and make the Prince at Schyras obliged to you, and this is the marrow of friendship & that I give you this Intelligence. Nasr Collah Khan, must also be paid attention to, so that he may be highly pleased with you.

You have written that our friendship is of many years standing; & and that there has been no flaw in it; and that now both of us, are in Situations that our friendship without Doubt may be more Advantageous to both than ever. All this is very true. and I trust in God, that our friendship will never have a flaw in it, and that we may always be mutually advantageous to each other & promote encrease of our honor;

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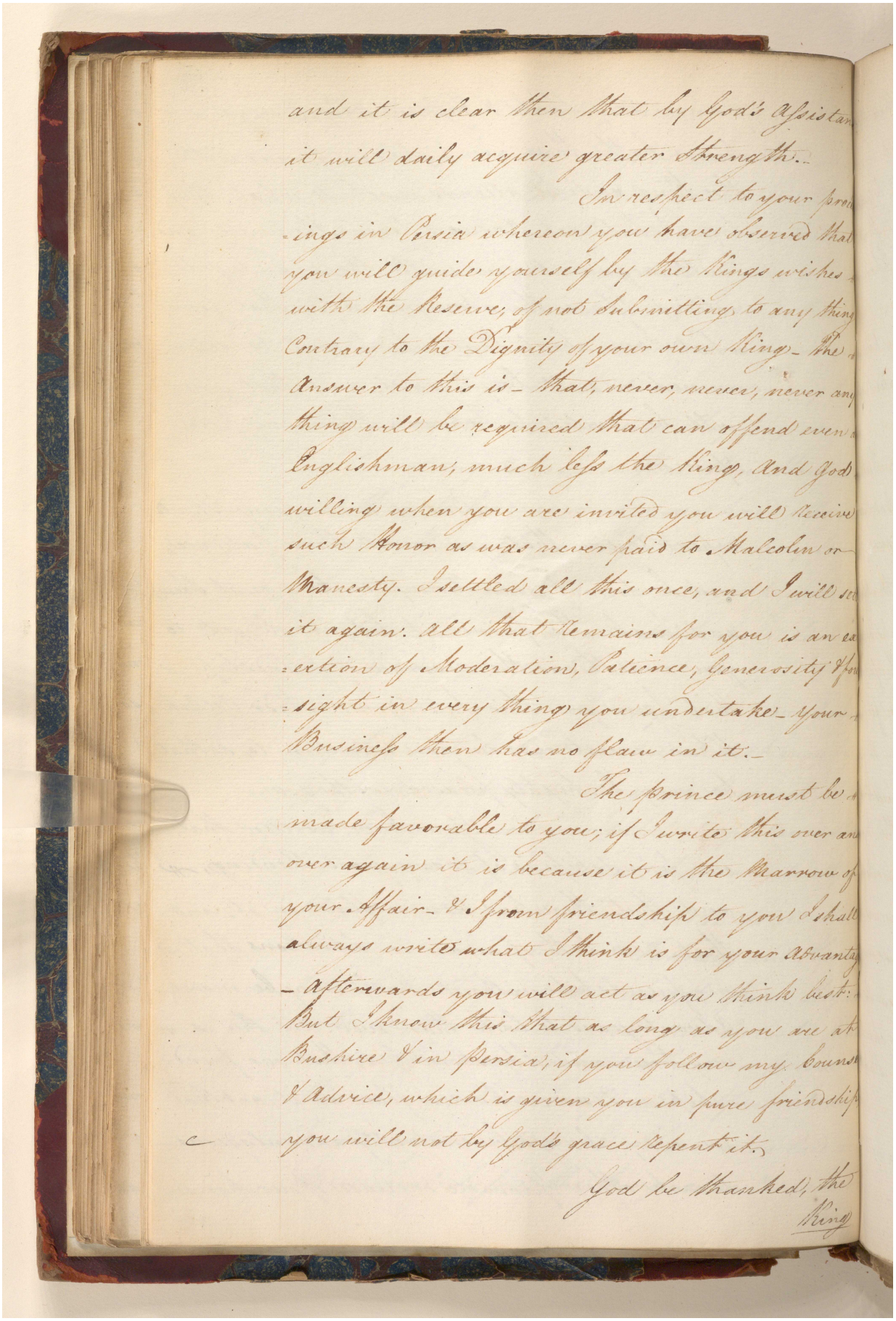
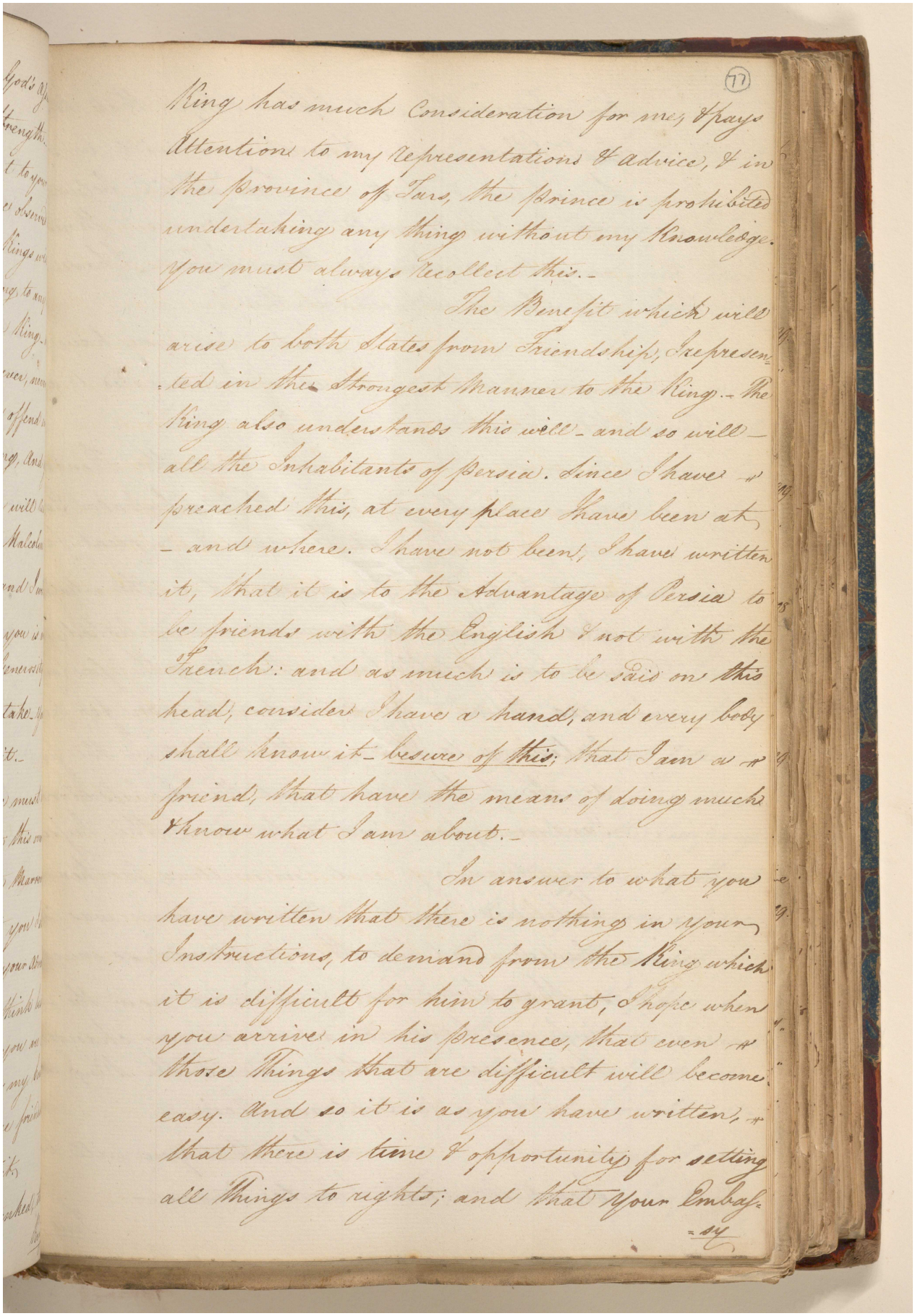


and it is clear then that by God's Assistan
it will daily acquire greater Strength.

In respect to your pro
-ings in Persia wherein you have observed that
you will guide yourself by the Kings wishes
with the Reserve, of not submitting to any thing
Contrary to the Dignity of your own King. The
Answer to this is. that, never, never, never any
thing will be required that can offend even
Englishman, much less the King, and God
willing when you are invited you will receive
such Honor as was never paid to Malcolm or
Manesty. I settled all this once, and I will se
it again. all that Remains for you is an ex
-ertion of Moderation, Patience, Generosity & Fo
-sight in every thing you undertake. Your
Business then has no flaw in it.

The prince must be
made favorable to you; if I write this over an
over again it is because it is the Marrow of
your Affair. & From friendship to you I shall
always write what I think is for your Advanta
- afterwards you will act as you think best:
But I know this that as long as you are at
Bushire & in Persia, if you follow my Couns
& Advice, which is given you in pure friendship
you will not by God's grace Repent it.

God be thanked, the
King



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King has much Consideration for me, & pays Attentions to my Representations & advice, & in the province of Fars, the prince is prohibited undertaking any thing without my Knowledge. You must always Recollect this.-

The Benefit which will arise to both States from Friendship, I represented in the Strongest Manner to the King.- The King also understands this well- and so will all the Inhabitants of Persia. Since I have preached this, at every place I have been at - and where I have not been, I have written it, that it is to the Advantage of Persia to be friends with the English & not with the French: and as much is to be said on this head, consider I have a hand, and every body shall know it- Beware of this; that I am a friend, that have the means of doing much & know what I am about.-

In answer to what you have written that there is nothing in your Instructions, to demand from the King which it is difficult for him to grant, I hope when you arrive in his presence, that even those Things that are difficult will become easy. And so it is as you have written, that there is time & opportunity for setting all things to rights; and that your Embas-

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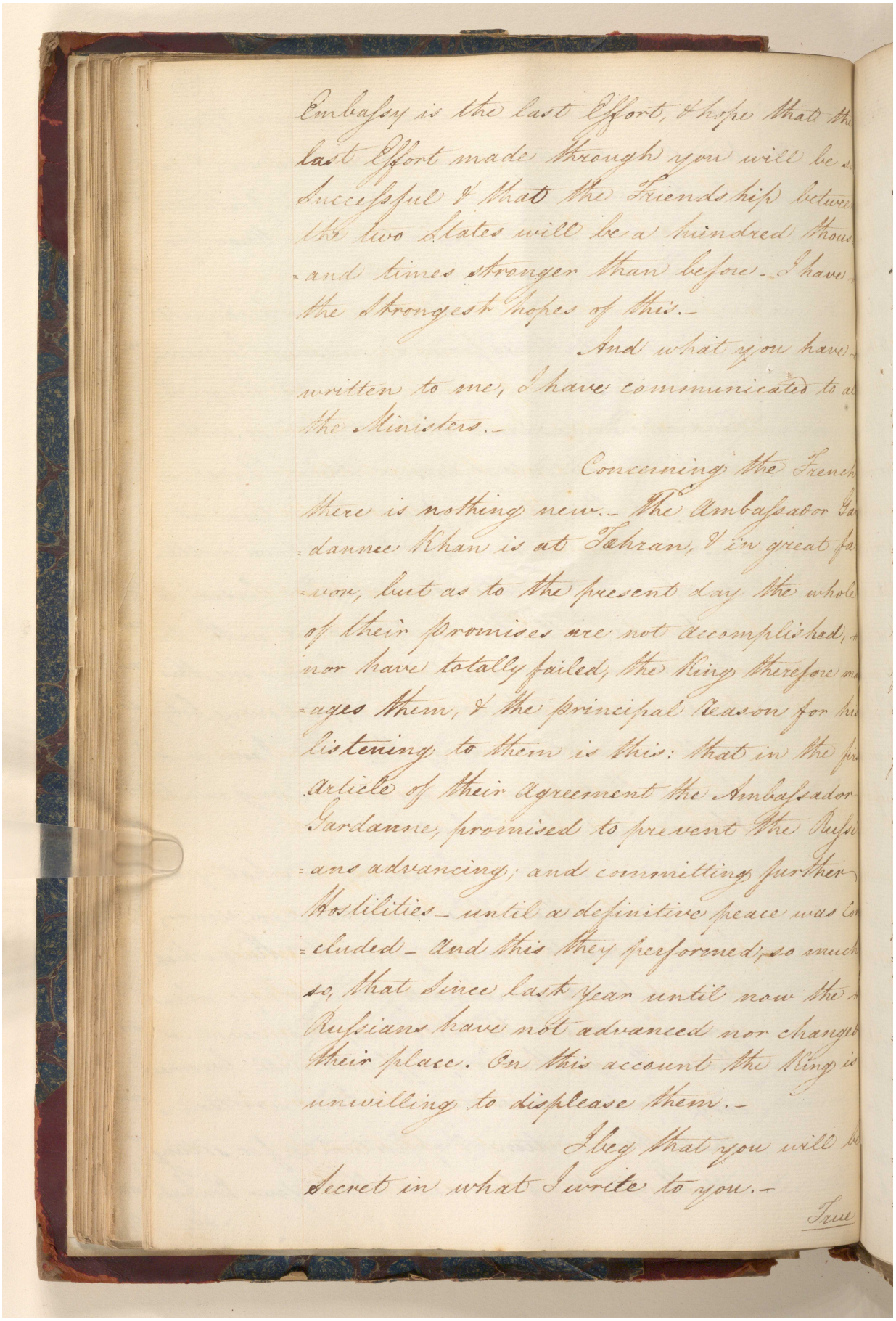


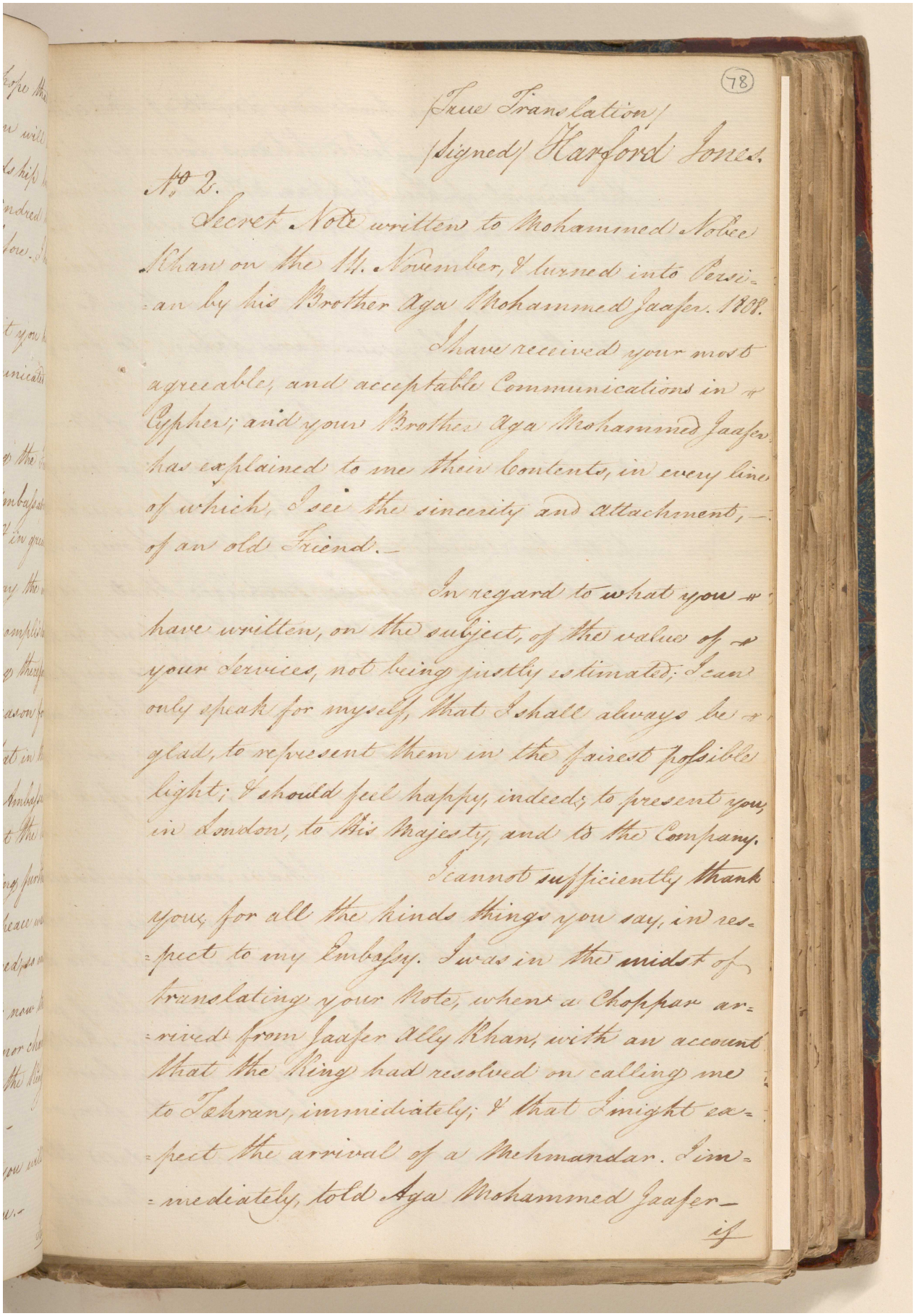
Embassy is the last Effort, & hope that the last Effort made through you will be successful & that the Friendship between the two States will be a hundred thousand times stronger than before. I have the strongest hopes of this.

And what you have written to me, I have communicated to all the Ministers.

Concerning the French there is nothing new. The Ambassador Gardanne Khan is at Tehran, & in great favour, but as to the present day the whole of their promises are not accomplished, nor have totally failed, the King therefore manages them, & the principal Reason for his listening to them is this: that in the first article of their Agreement the Ambassador Gardanne, promised to prevent the Russians advancing, and committing further Hostilities until a definitive peace was concluded. And this they performed, so much so, that since last year until now the Russians have not advanced nor changed their place. On this account the King is unwilling to displease them.

I beg that you will be Secret in what I write to you.

Jane



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True Translation
Signed Harford Jones.

No 2.

Secret Note written to Mohammed Nobee Khan on the 11th November, & turned into Persian by his Brother Aga Mohammed Jaafer. 1808.

I have received your most agreeable, and acceptable Communications in Cypher; and your Brother Aga Mohammed Jaafer has explained to me their contents, in every line of which, I see the sincerity and attachment, of an old Friend.

In regard to what you have written, on the subject, of the value of your services, not being justly estimated; I can only speak for myself, that I shall always be glad, to represent them in the fairest possible light; I should feel happy, indeed, to present you, in London, to His Majesty, and to the Company.

I cannot sufficiently thank you, for all the kinds things you say, in respect to my Embassy. I was in the midst of translating your Note, when a Chopdar arrived from Jaafer Ally Khan, with an account that the King had resolved on calling me to Tehran, immediately; & that I might expect the arrival of a Mehmandar. I immediately, told Aga Mohammed Jaafer—

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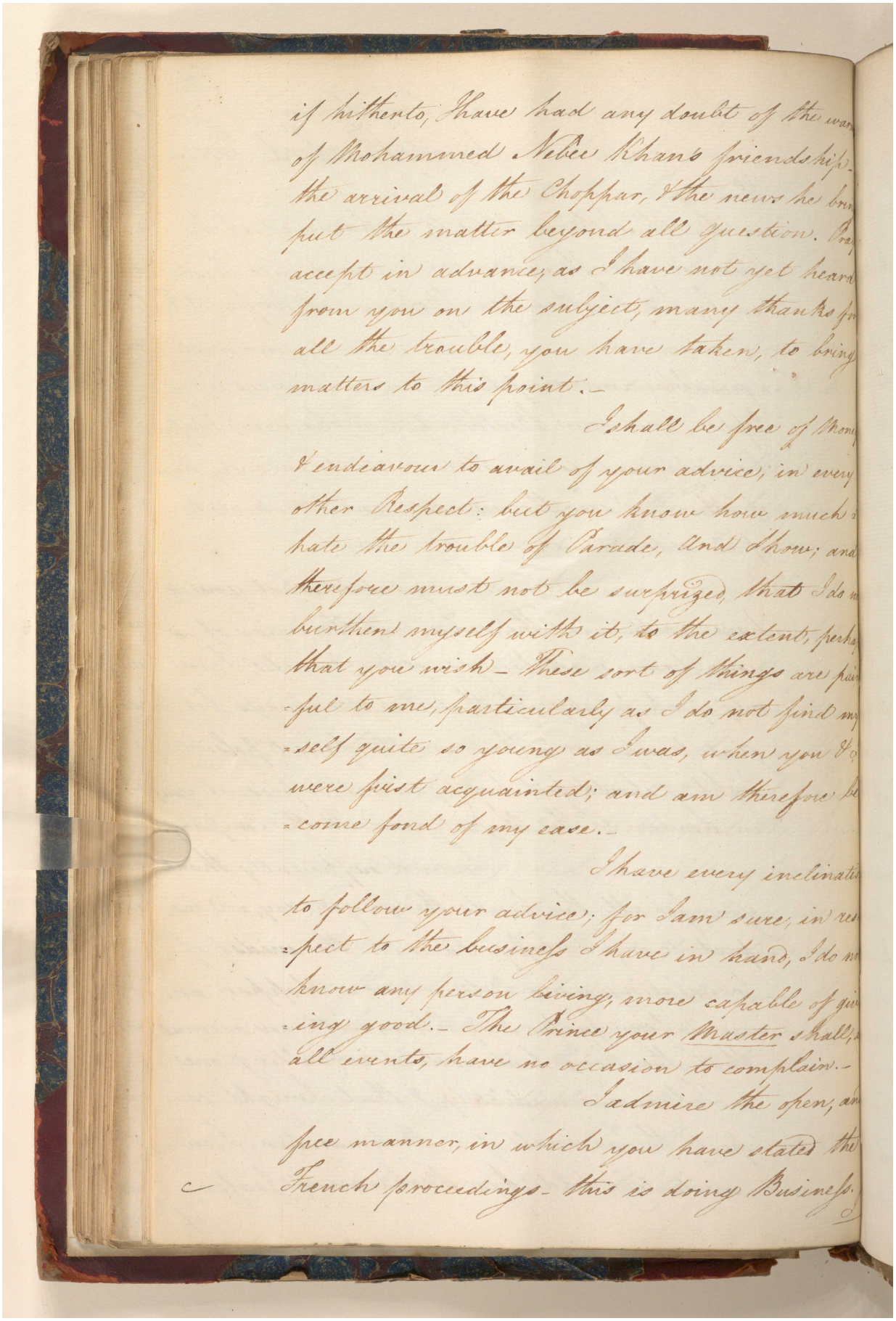
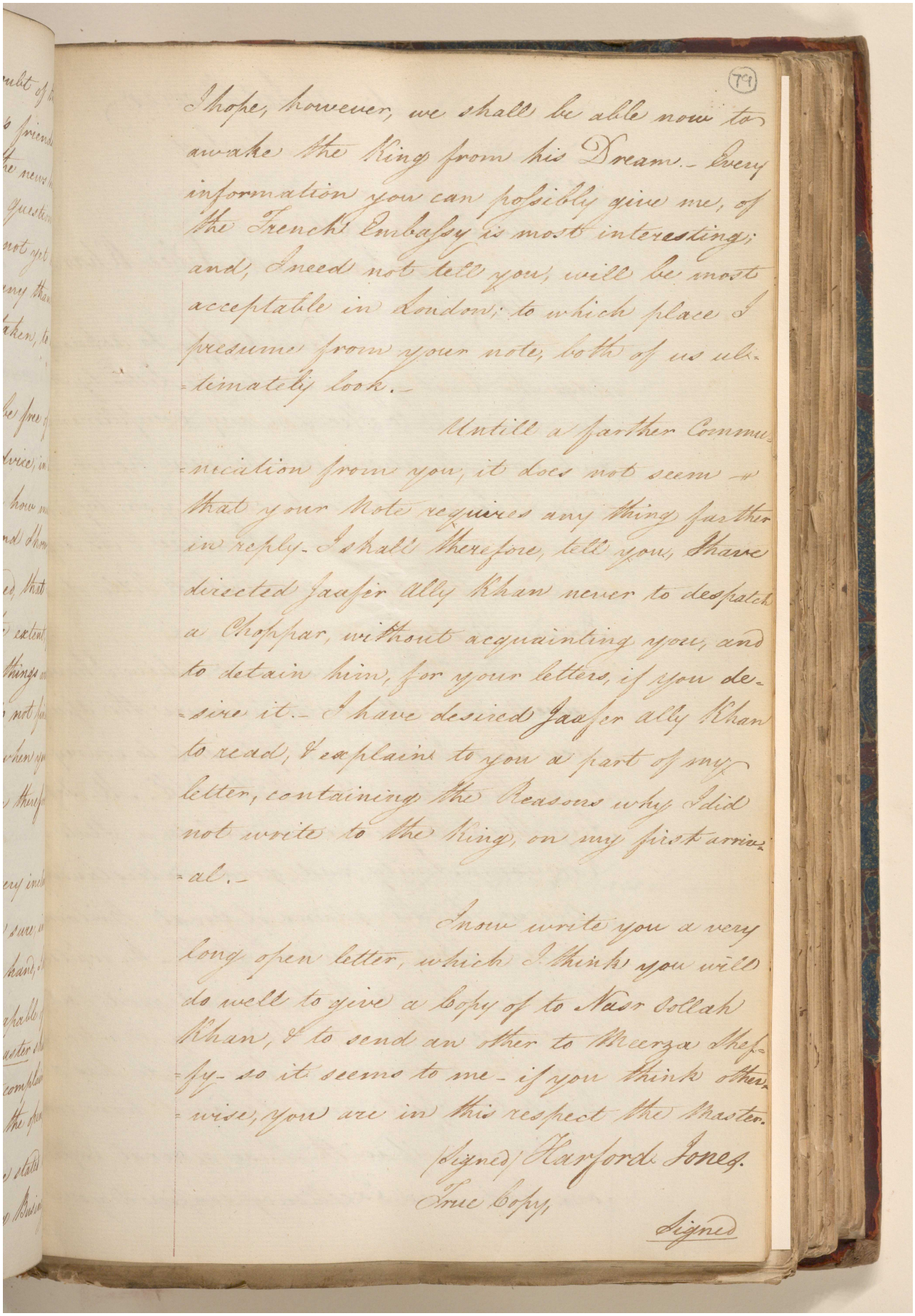


if hitherto, I have had any doubt of the war
of Mohammed Nebee Khans friendship
the arrival of the Choppar, & the news he bro
put the matter beyond all question. Pra
accept in advance, as I have not yet heard
from you on the subject, many thanks fo
all the trouble, you have taken, to bring
matters to this point.-

I shall be free of thos
endeavour to avail of your advice, in every
other Respect: but you know how much
hate the trouble of Parade, and show; and
therefore must not be surprized, that I do n
burthen myself with it, to the extent, perha
that you wish - These sort of things are pain
-ful to me, particularly as I do not find my
-self quite so young as I was, when you &
were first acquainted; and am therefore be
-come fond of my ease.-

I have every inclinatio
to follow your advice; for I am sure, in res
-pect to the business I have in hand, I do no
know any person living, more capable of giv
-ing good.- The Prince your Master shall,
all events, have no occasion to complain.-

I admire the open, an
free manner, in which you have stated the
French proceedings - this is doing Business.



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I hope, however, we shall be able now to awake the King from his Dream.- Every information you can possibly give me, of the French Embassy is most interesting; and, I need not tell you, will be most acceptable in London; to which place I presume from your note, both of us ultimately look.-

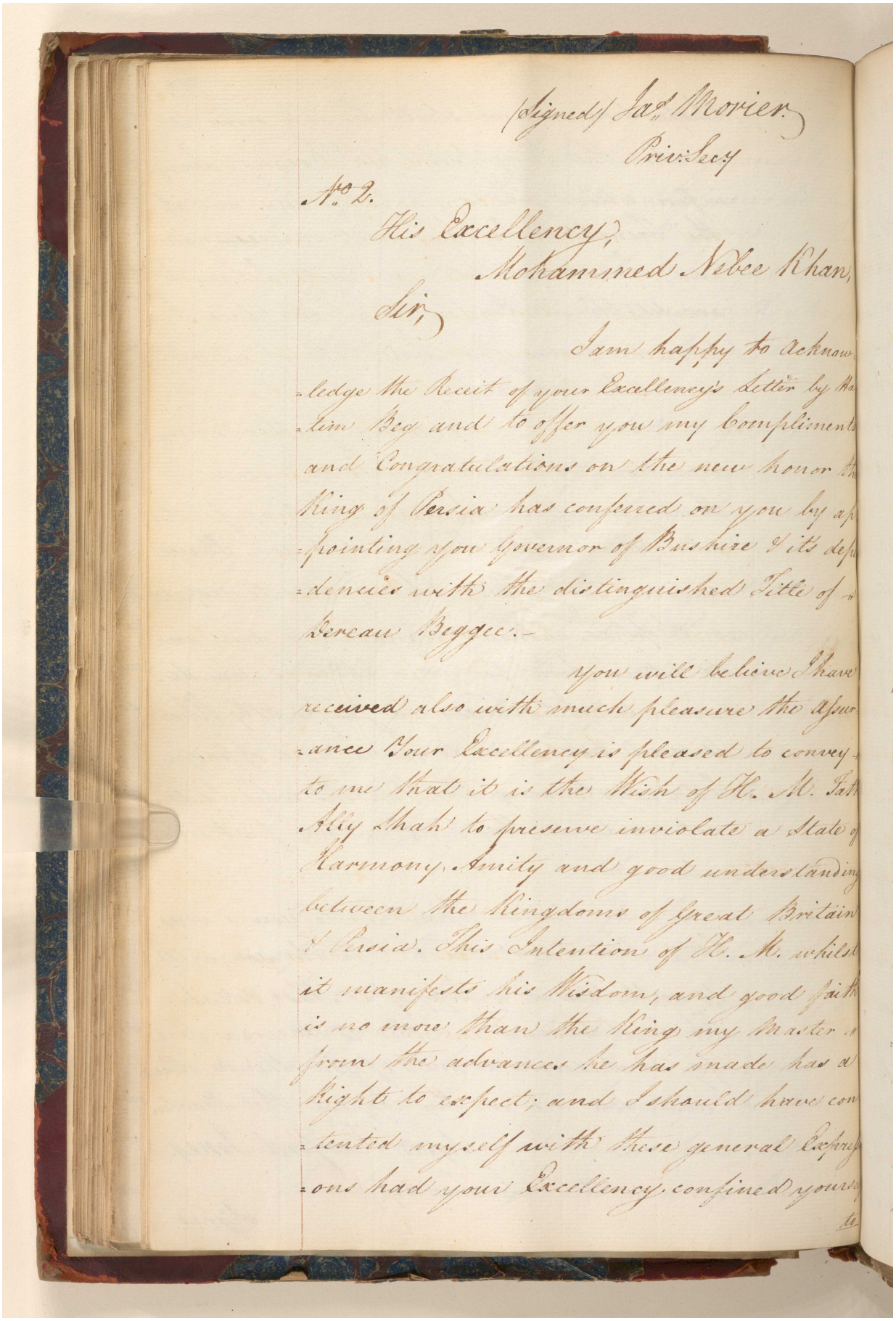
Until a farther Communication from you, it does not seem that your Note requires any thing further in reply- I shall therefore, tell you, I have directed Jaafer Ally Khan never to despatch a Chopsar, without acquainting you, and to detain him, for your letters, if you desire it.- I have desired Jaafer ally Khan to read, & explain to you a part of my letter, containing the Reasons why I did not write to the King, on my first arrival.-

I now write you a very long open letter, which I think you will do well to give a Copy of to Nasir Ollah Khan, & to send an other to Meerza Shefy- so it seems to me- if you think otherwise, you are in this respect the Master.

Signed/ Harford Jones.

True Copy,

Signed



(Signed) Jas. Morier
Priv. Secy

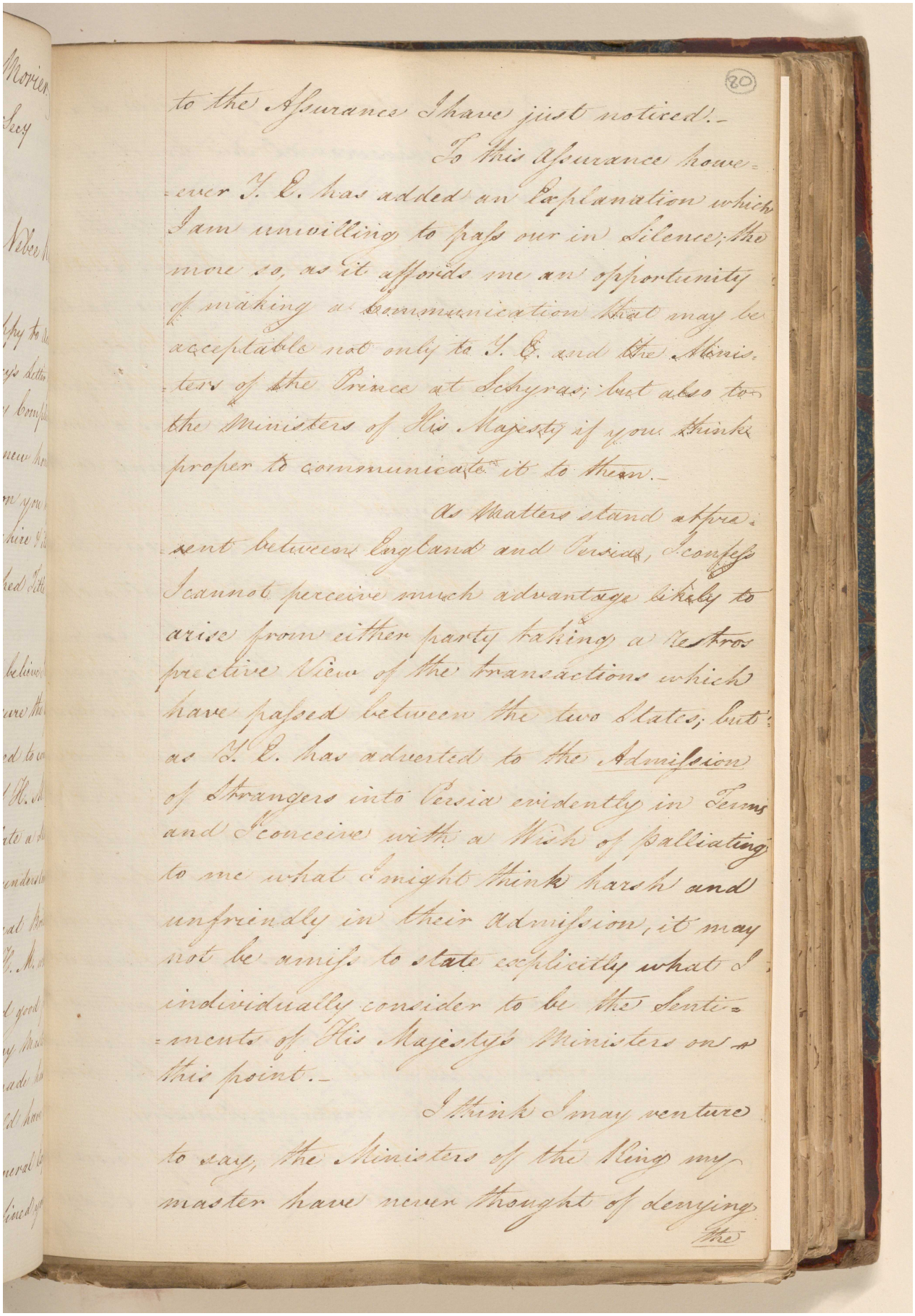
No. 2.

His Excellency,
Mohammed Nebee Khan,

Sir,

I am happy to acknowledge the Receit of your Excellency's Letter by Hakim Beg and to offer you my Compliments and Congratulations on the new honor the King of Persia has conferred on you by appointing you Governor of Bushire & its dependencies with the distinguished Title of Beraw Beggee.

You will believe I have received also with much pleasure the assurance Your Excellency is pleased to convey to me that it is the Wish of H. M. Fatteh Aly Shah to preserve inviolate a State of Harmony, Amity and good understanding between the Kingdoms of Great Britain & Persia. This Intention of H. M. while it manifests his Wisdom, and good faith is no more than the King my Master from the advances he has made has a right to expect; and I should have contented myself with these general Expressions had your Excellency confined yourself to



to the Assurance I have just noticed.—

To this Assurance however H. E. has added an Explanation which I am unwilling to pass over in Silence, the more so, as it affords me an opportunity of making a Communication that may be acceptable not only to H. E. and the Ministers of the Prince at Schyras; but also to the Ministers of His Majesty if you think proper to communicate it to them.—

As Matters stand at present between England and Persia, I confess I cannot perceive much advantage likely to arise from either party taking a Retrospective View of the transactions which have passed between the two States; but as H. E. has adverted to the Admission of Strangers into Persia evidently in Terms and I conceive with a Wish of palliating to me what I might think harsh and unfriendly in their admission, it may not be amiss to state explicitly what I individually consider to be the Sentiments of His Majesty's Ministers on this point.—

I think I may venture to say, the Ministers of the King my master have never thought of denying the

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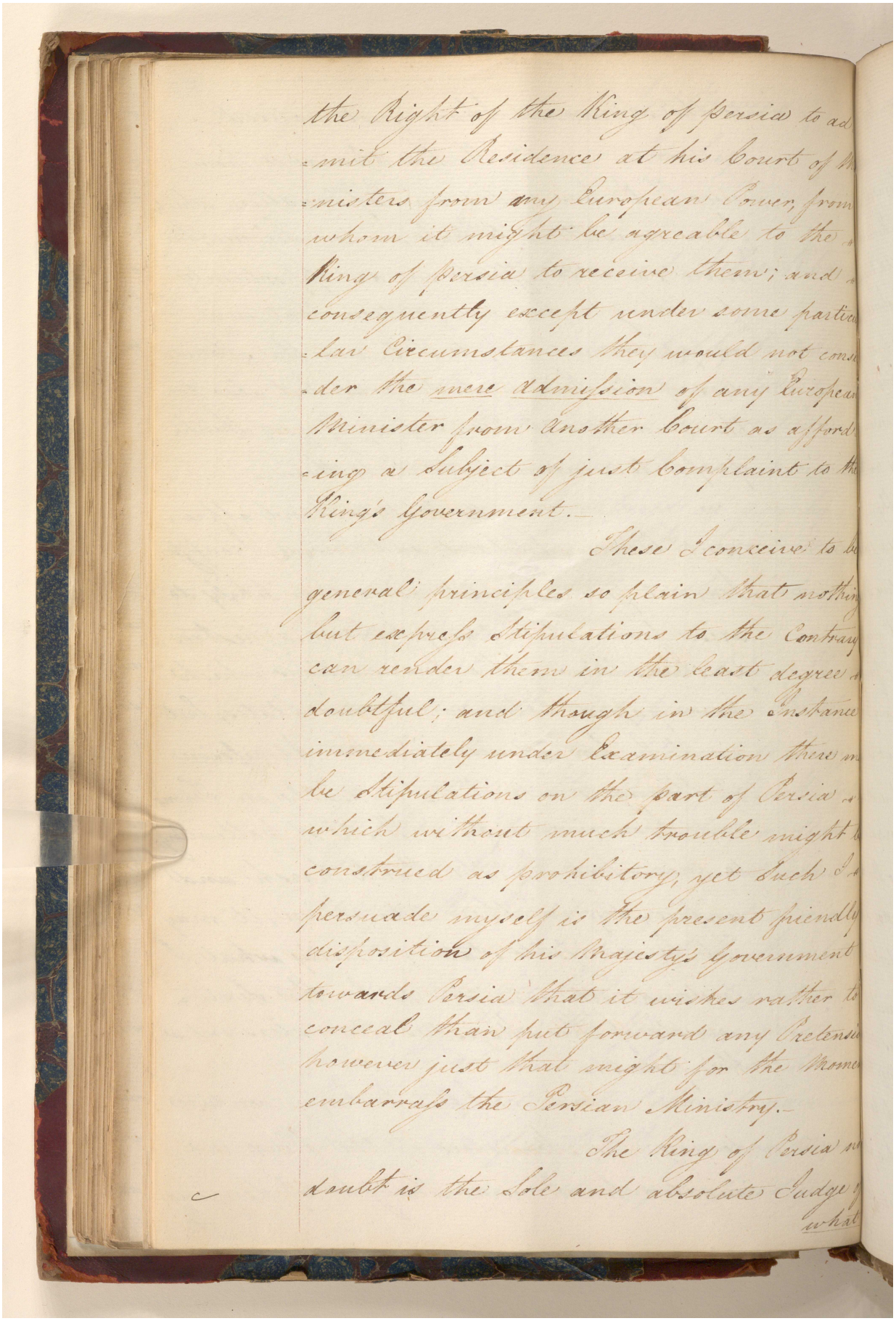

the Right of the King of Persia to ad-
mit the Residence at his Court of Mi-
nisters from any European Power, from
whom it might be agreable to the
King of Persia to receive them; and
consequently except under some particu-
lar Circumstances they would not con-
der the mere admission of any Europea
Minister from another Court as afford-
ing a Subject of just Complaint to the
King's Government.—

These I conceive to be
general principles so plain that nothin
but express Stipulations to the Contrary
can render them in the least degree
doubtful; and though in the Instance
immediately under Examination there m
be Stipulations on the part of Persia
which without much trouble might b
construed as prohibitory, yet such I
persuade myself is the present friendly
disposition of his Majesty's Government
towards Persia that it wishes rather to
conceal than put forward any Pretensi
however just that might for the Mome
embarrass the Persian Ministry.—

The King of Persia no
doubt is the Sole and absolute Judge
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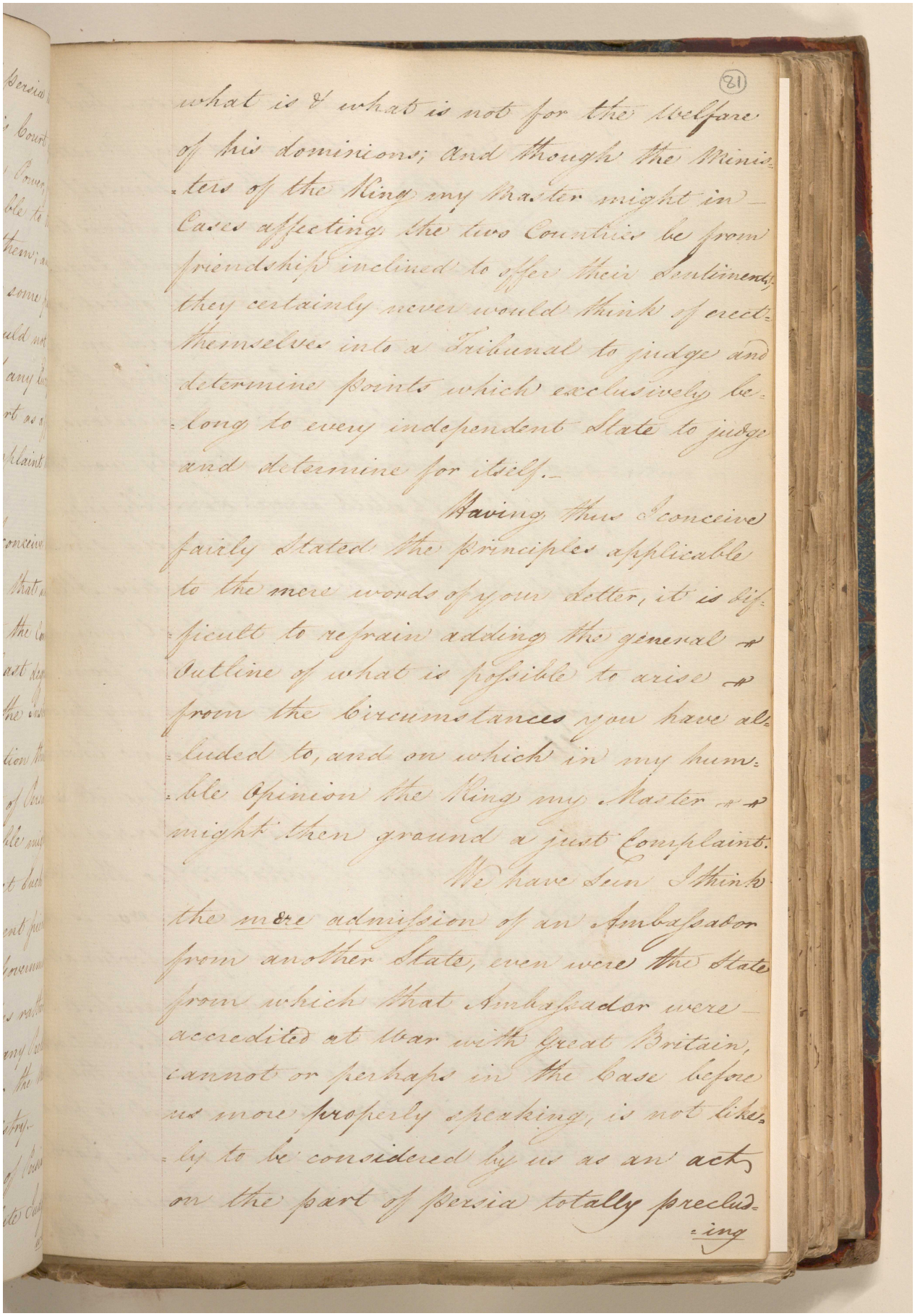

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what is & what is not for the welfare of his dominions; and though the Ministers of the King my Master might in Cases affecting the two Countries be from friendship inclined to offer their sentiments, they certainly never would think of erecting themselves into a Tribunal to judge and determine points which exclusively belong to every independent State to judge and determine for itself.

Having thus I conceive fairly stated the principles applicable to the mere words of your letter, it is difficult to refrain adding the general outline of what is possible to arise from the circumstances you have alluded to, and on which in my humble opinion the King my Master might then ground a just Complaint.

We have seen I think the more admission of an Ambassador from another State, even were the State from which that Ambassador were accredited at war with Great Britain, cannot or perhaps in the case before us more properly speaking, is not likely to be considered by us as an act on the part of Persia totally precluding

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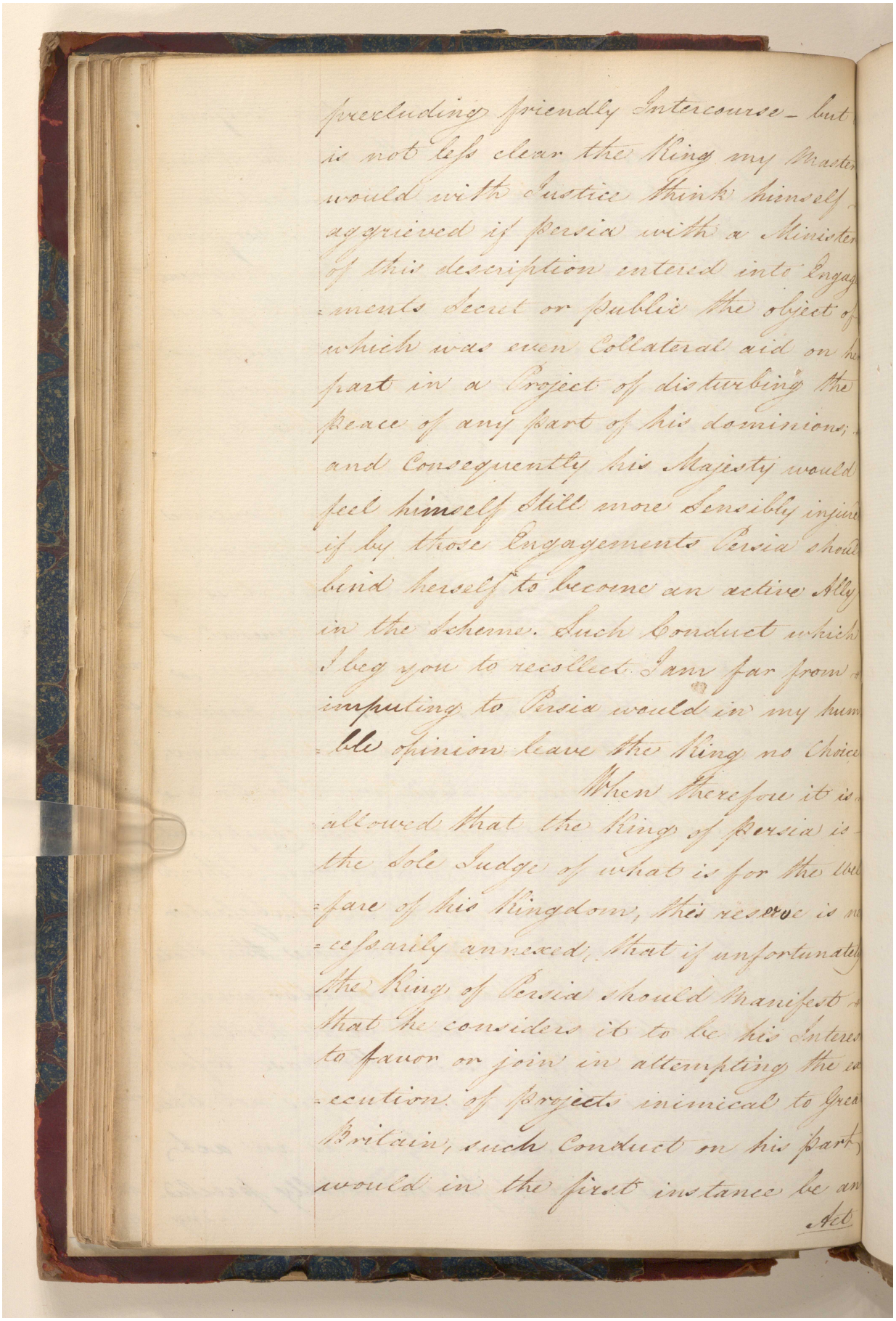
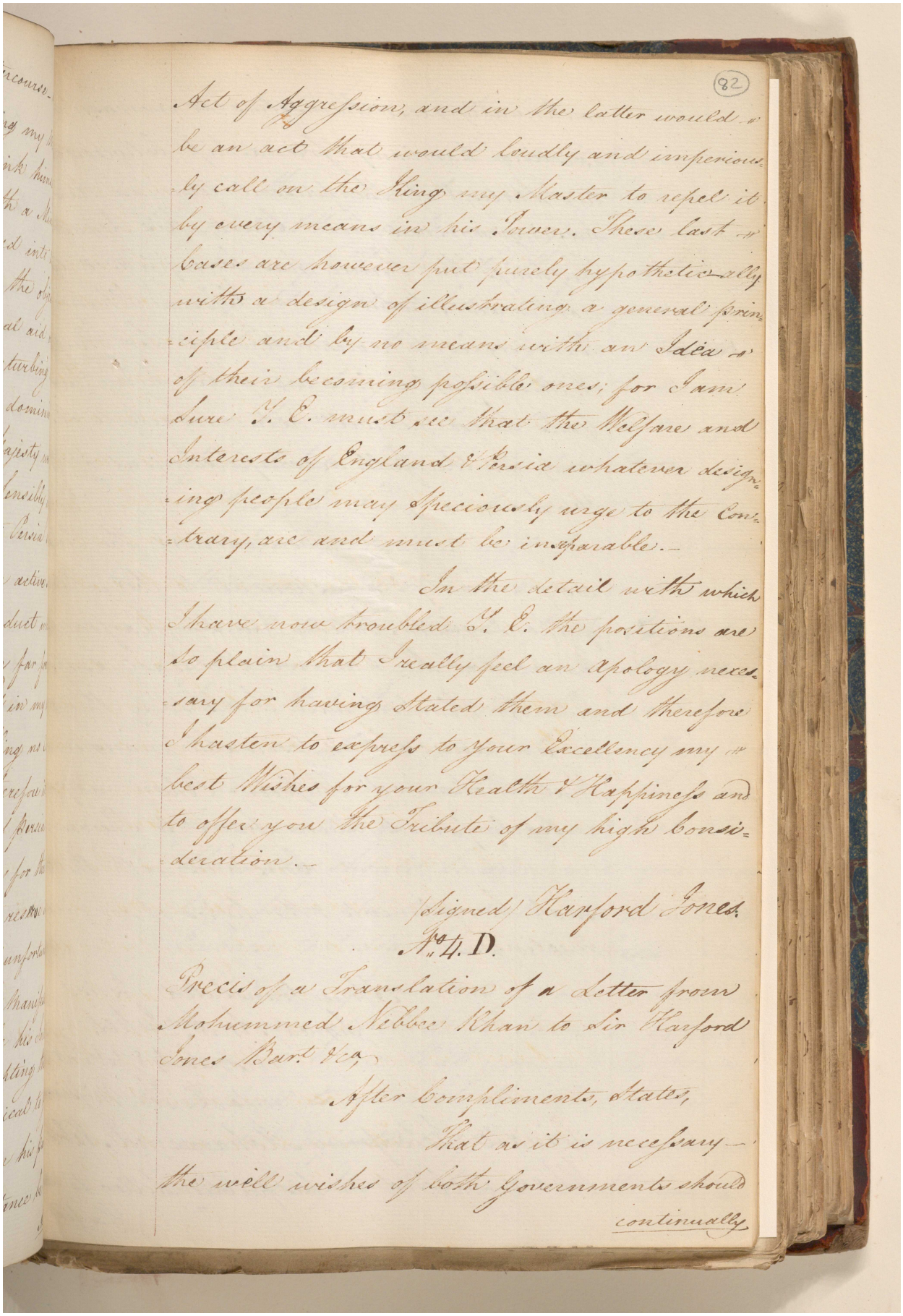


precluding friendly Intercourse – but
is not less clear the King my Master
would with Justice think himself
aggrieved if Persia with a Minister
of this description entered into Engage
ments Secret or Public the object of
which was even Collateral aid on his
part in a Project of disturbing the
peace of any part of his dominions;
and Consequently his Majesty would
feel himself still more Sensibly injured
if by those Engagements Persia should
bind herself to become an active Ally
in the Scheme. Such Conduct which
I beg you to recollect I am far from
imputing to Persia would in my humb
ble opinion leave the King no Choice
When therefore it is
allowed that the King of Persia is
the sole Judge of what is for the welf
fare of his Kingdom, this reserve is ne
cessarily annexed, that if unfortunately
the King of Persia should manifest
that he considers it to be his Interest
to favor or join in attempting the ex
ecution of Projects inimical to Great
Britain, such Conduct on his part
would in the first instance be an
Act



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Act of Aggression, and in the latter would
be an act that would loudly and imperious-
ly call on the King my Master to repel it
by every means in his Power. These last
cases are however put purely hypothetically
with a design of illustrating a general prin-
ciple and by no means with an Idea
of their becoming possible ones; for I am
sure H. E. must see that the Welfare and
Interests of England & Persia whatever design-
ing people may speciously urge to the con-
trary, are and must be inseparable.—

In the detail with which
I have now troubled H. E. the positions are
so plain that I really feel an apology neces-
sary for having stated them and therefore
I hasten to express to your Excellency my
best Wishes for your Health & Happiness and
to offer you the Tribute of my high consi-
deration.—

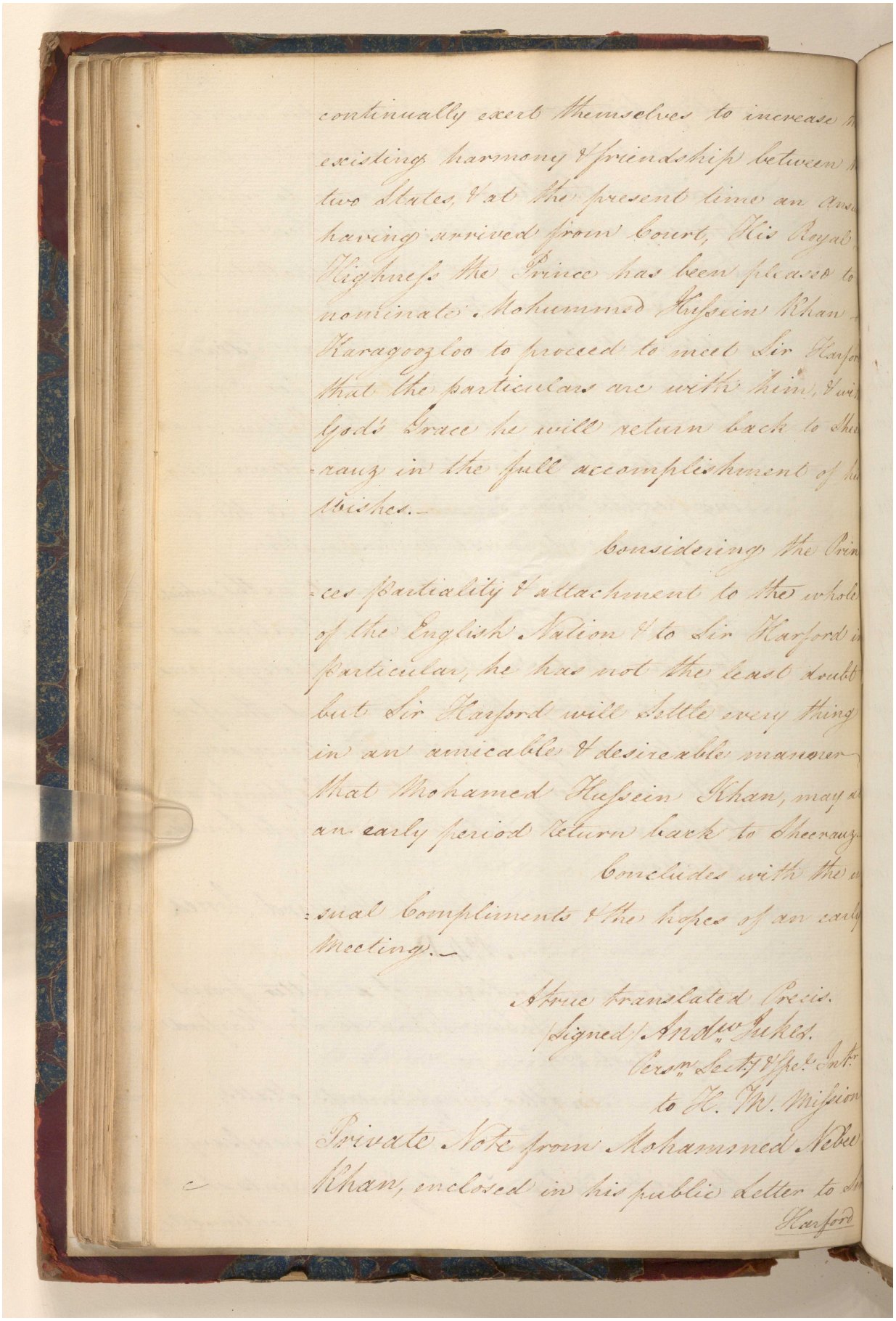
(Signed) Harford Jones.

No 4. D.

Precis of a Translation of a Letter from
Mohemmed Nebbee Khan to Sir Harford
Jones Bart. &c.

After Compliments, states,

That as it is necessary
the well wishes of both Governments should
continually



continually exert themselves to increase th
existing harmony & friendship between th
two States, & at the present time an Ansu
having arrived from Court, His Royal
Highness the Prince has been pleased to
nominate Mohummed Hussein Khan
Karagoozloo to proceed to meet Sir Harfor
that the particulars are with him, & wit
God's Grace he will return back to Shee
-rauz in the full accomplishment of his
Wishes.—

Considering the Prin
-ces Partiality & attachment to the whole
of the English Nation & to Sir Harford in
particular, he has not the least doubt
but Sir Harford will settle every thing
in an amicable & desireable manner
that Mohamed Hussein Khan, may at
an early period return back to Sheerauz.

Concludes with the u
-sual Compliments & the hopes of an early
Meeting.—

A true translated Precis.
(Signed) Andw. Jukes.
Persn. Lectr. & Spel. Intr.
to H. M. Mission

Private Note from Mohammed Nebee
Khan, enclosed in his public Letter to Sir
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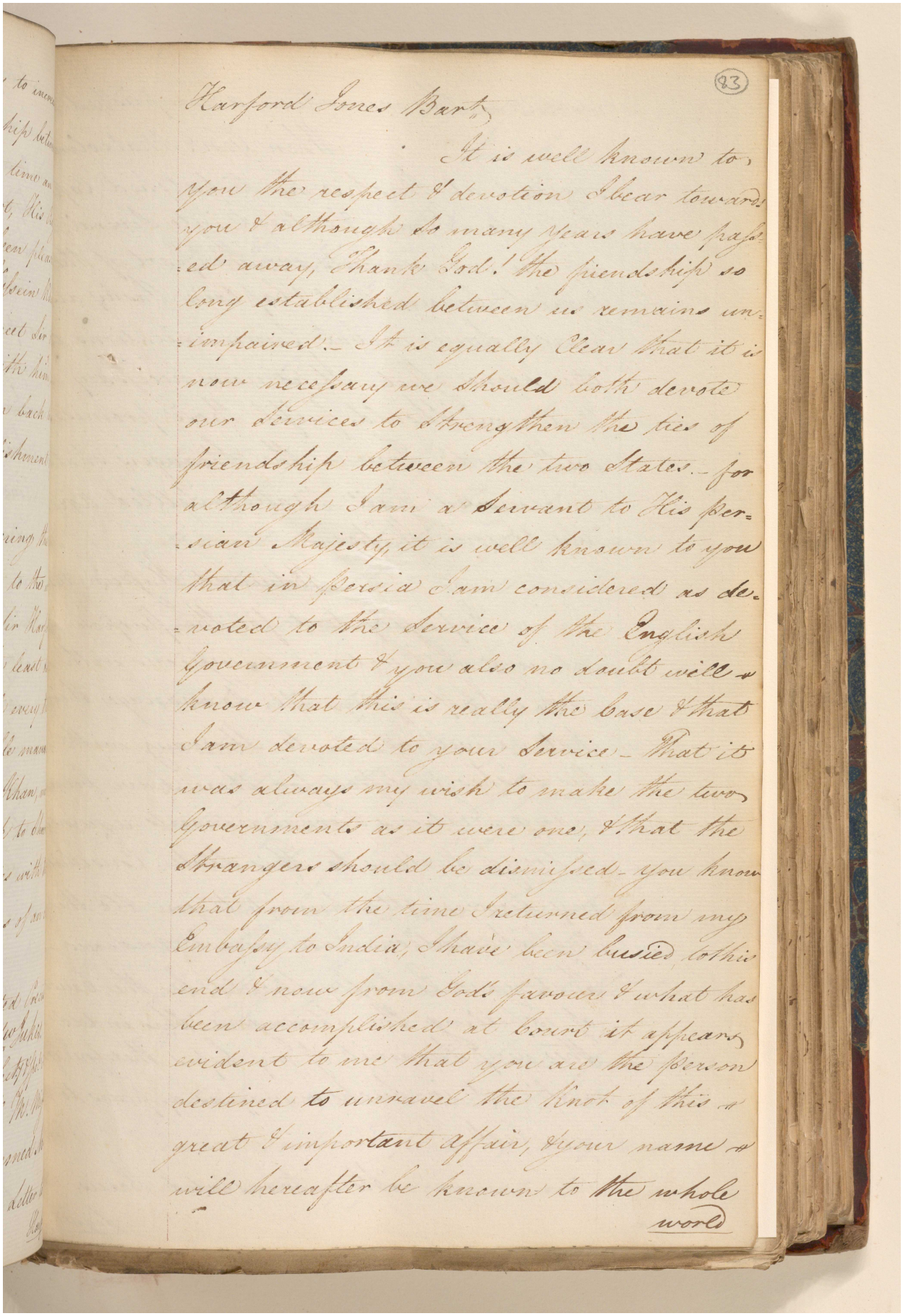

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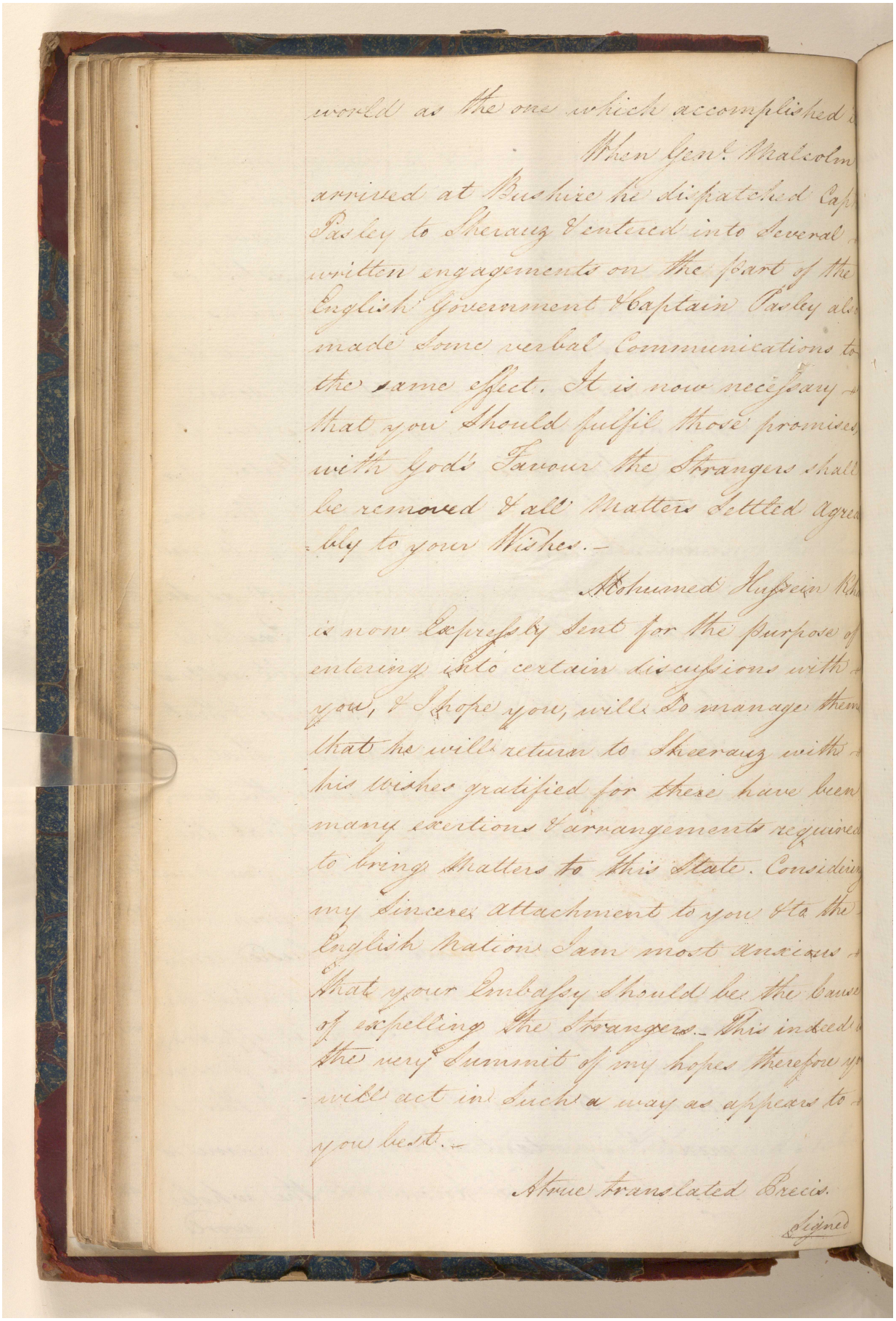
Harford Jones Bart.

It is well known to you the respect & devotion I bear towards you & although so many years have passed away, Thank God! the friendship so long established between us remains unimpaired. It is equally clear that it is now necessary we should both devote our services to strengthen the ties of friendship between the two States. For although I am a Servant to His Persian Majesty, it is well known to you that in Persia I am considered as devoted to the Service of the English Government & you also no doubt will know that this is really the case & that I am devoted to your Service. That it was always my wish to make the two Governments as it were one, & that the Strangers should be dismissed. You know that from the time I returned from my Embassy to India, I have been busied to this end & now from God's favour & what has been accomplished at Court it appears evident to me that you are the person destined to unravel the knot of this great & important affair, & your name will hereafter be known to the whole world

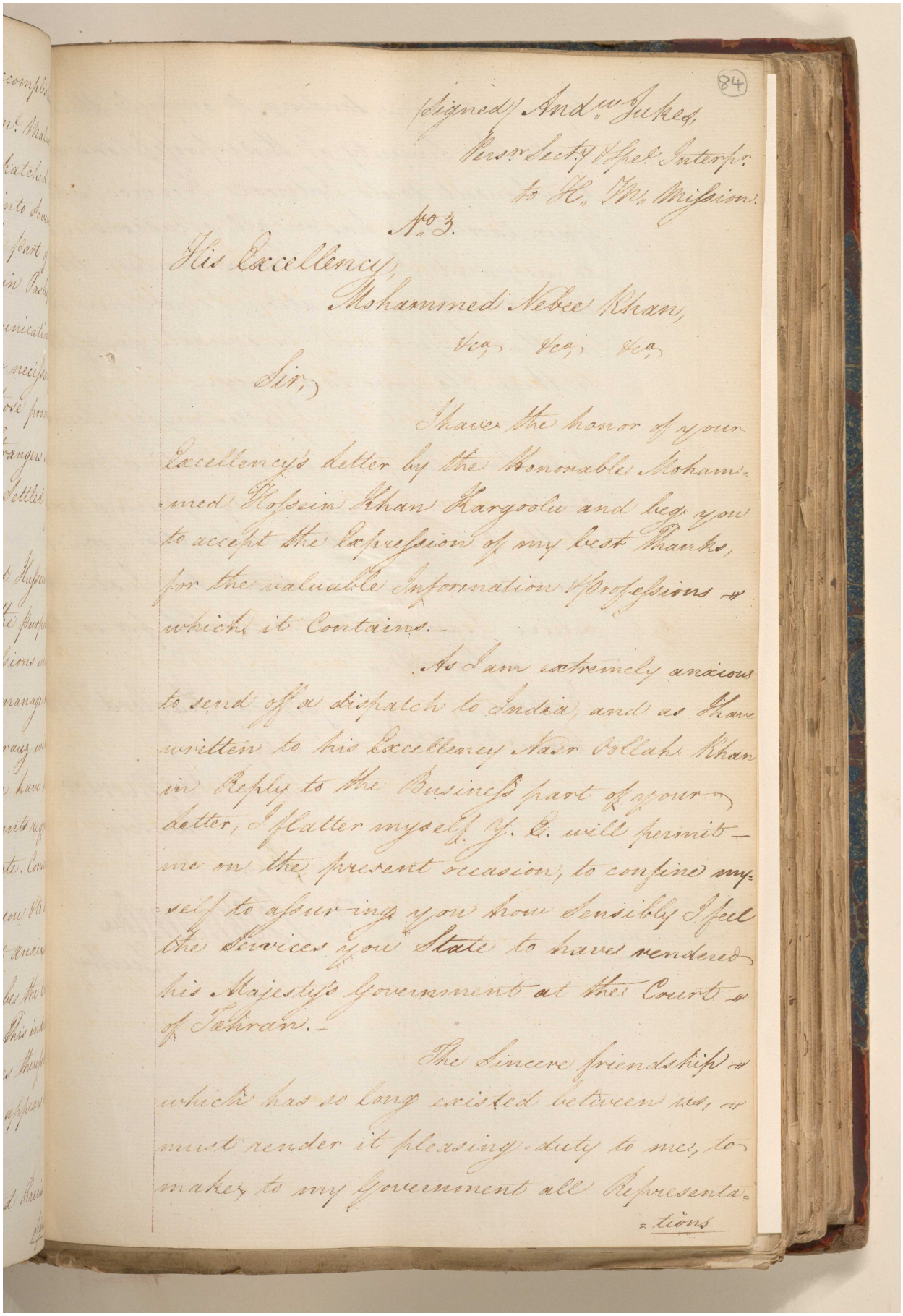


world as the one which accomplished
When Genl. Malcolm
arrived at Bushire he dispatched Capt.
Pasley to Sheraz & entered into several
written engagements on the part of the
English Government Captain Pasley also
made some verbal Communications to
the same effect. It is now necessary
that you should fulfil those promises
with Gods Favour the Strangers shall
be removed & all Matters Settled Agree-
bly to your Wishes.—

Mohumed Hussein Kh
is now Expressly sent for the purpose of
entering into certain discussions with
you, & I hope you will so manage them
that he will return to Sheeraz with
his Wishes gratified for these have been
many exertions & arrangements required
to bring Matters to this State. Consider
my Sincere attachment to you & the
English Nation I am most anxious
that your Embassy should be the Cause
of expelling the Strangers. This indeed
the very Summit of my hopes therefore yo
will act in such a way as appears to
you best.—

A true translated Precis.

Signed



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(Signed) Andw. Jukes,
Persn. Secty. & Spel. Interpr.
to H. M. Mission.

No. 3.

His Excellency,
Mohammed Nebee Khan,
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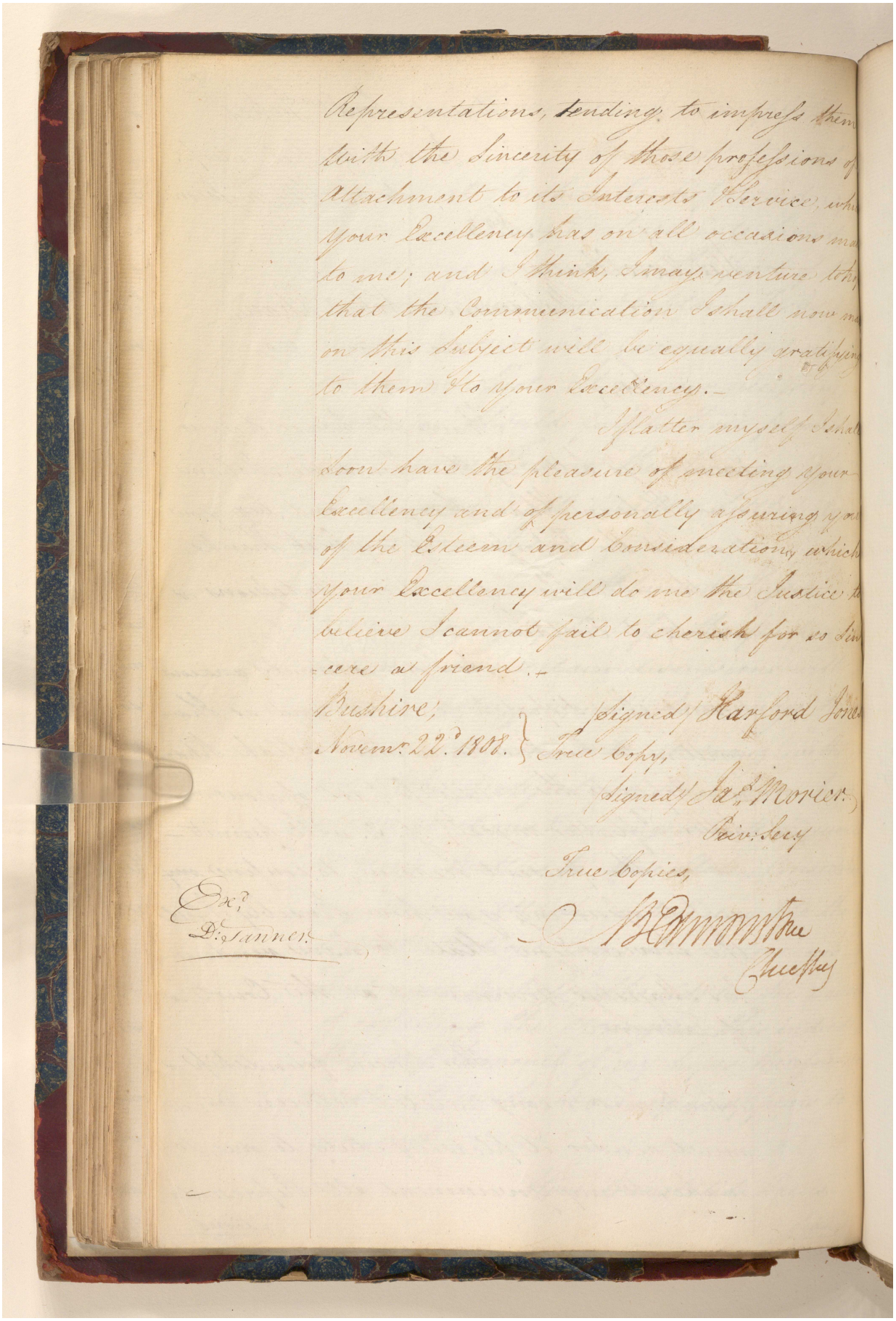
Sir,

I have the honor of your Excellency's Letter by the Honorable Mohammed Hossein Khan Kargoolu and beg you to accept the Expression of my best Thanks, for the valuable Information & Professions which it Contains.—

As I am extremely anxious to send off a dispatch to India, and as I have written to his Excellency Nasr Vollah Khan in Reply to the Business part of your Letter, I flatter myself Y. E. will permit me on the present occasion, to confine myself to assuring you how sensibly I feel the Services you State to have rendered his Majesty's Government at the Court of Tehran.—

The Sincere friendship which has so long existed between us, must render it pleasing duty to me, to make, to my Government all Representations



Representations, tending to impress them with the Sincerity of those professions of Attachment to its Interests & Service, which your Excellency has on all occasions made to me; and I think, I may venture to hope that the Communication I shall now make on this Subject will be equally gratifying to them & to your Excellency.—

I flatter myself I shall soon have the pleasure of meeting your Excellency and of personally assuring you of the Esteem and Consideration, which your Excellency will do me the Justice to believe I cannot fail to cherish for so Sincere a friend.—

Bushire,
Novemr. 22d. 1808.

(Signed) Harford Jones
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(Signed) Jas. Morier.
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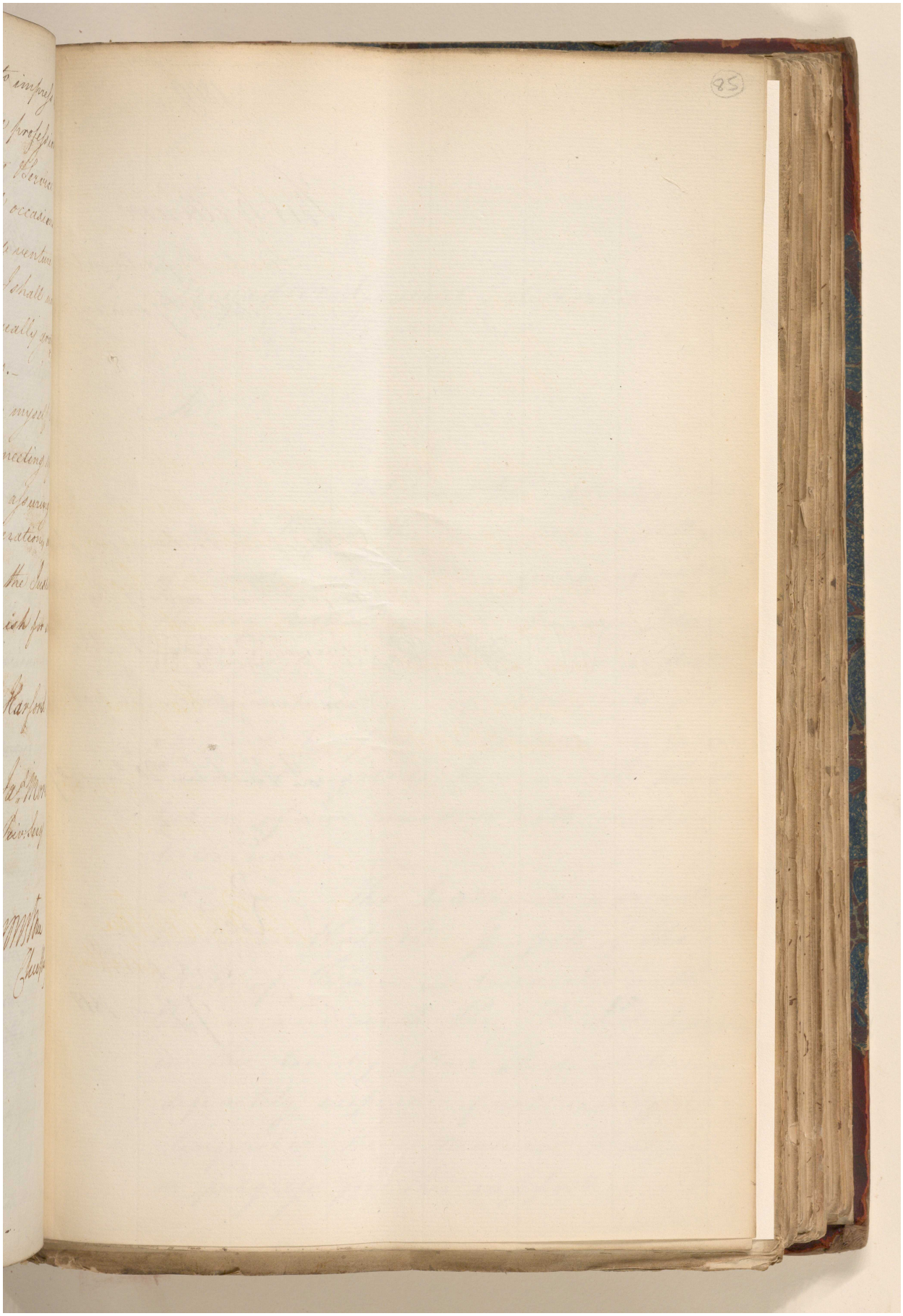

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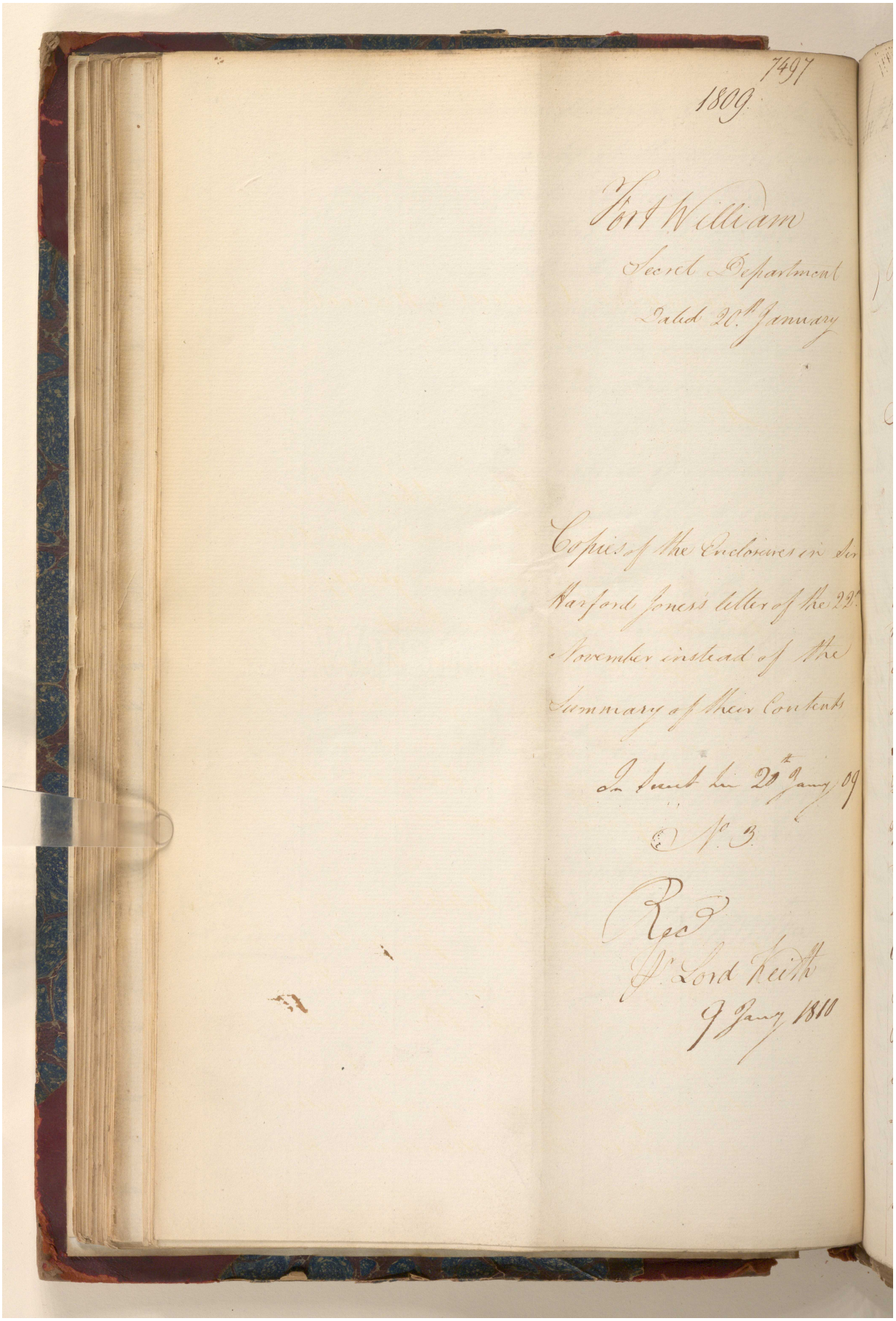

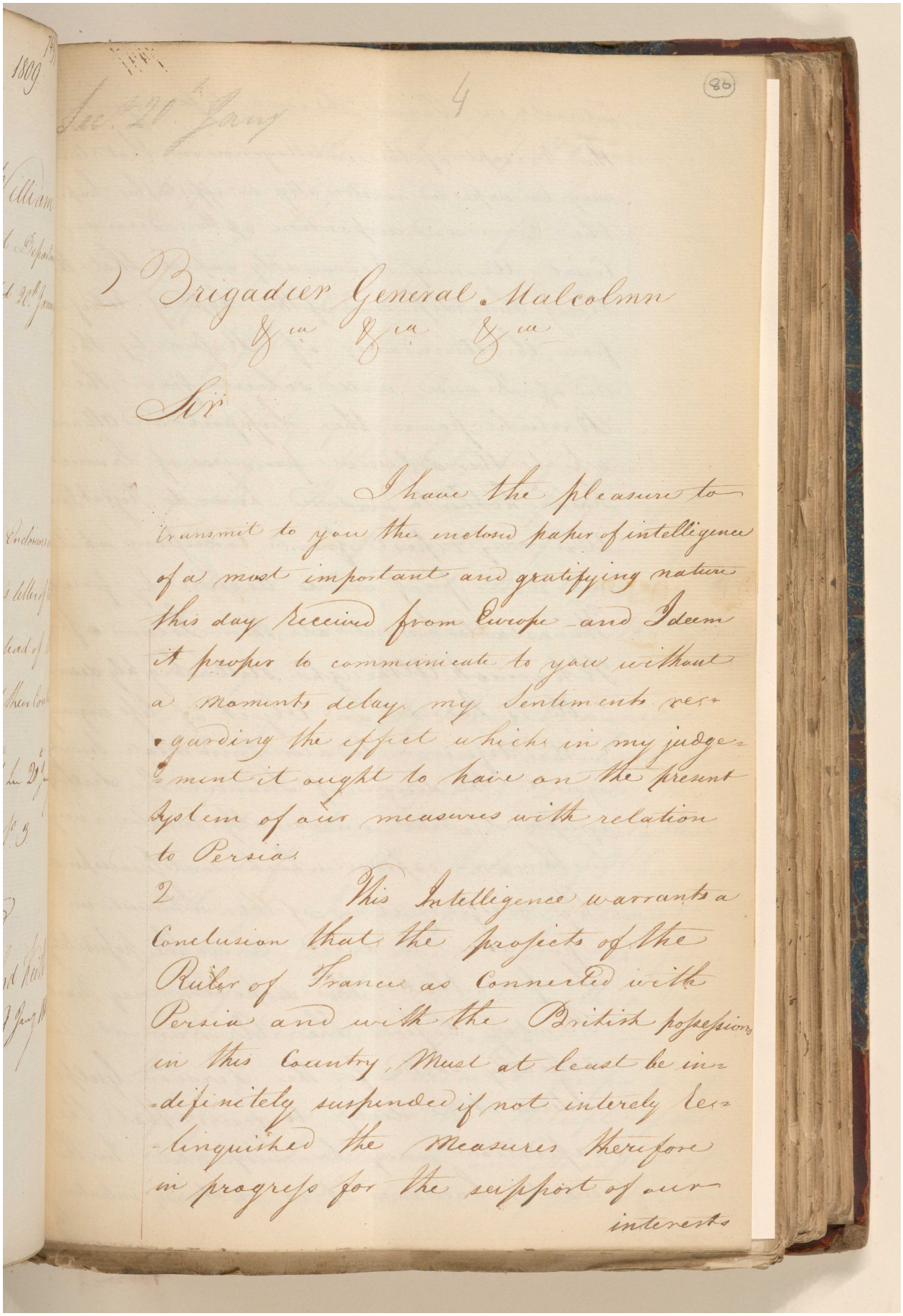

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Brigadier General Malcolmn
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Sir

I have the pleasure to transmit to you the enclosed paper of intelligence of a most important and gratifying nature this day received from Europe and I deem it proper to communicate to you without a moments delay my sentiments regarding the effect which in my judgement it ought to have on the present system of our measures with relation to Persia.

2 This Intelligence warrants a Conclusion that the projects of the Ruler of France as connected with Persia and with the British possessions in this Country, must at least be indefinitely suspended if not interely relinquished the measures therefore in progress for the support of our interests

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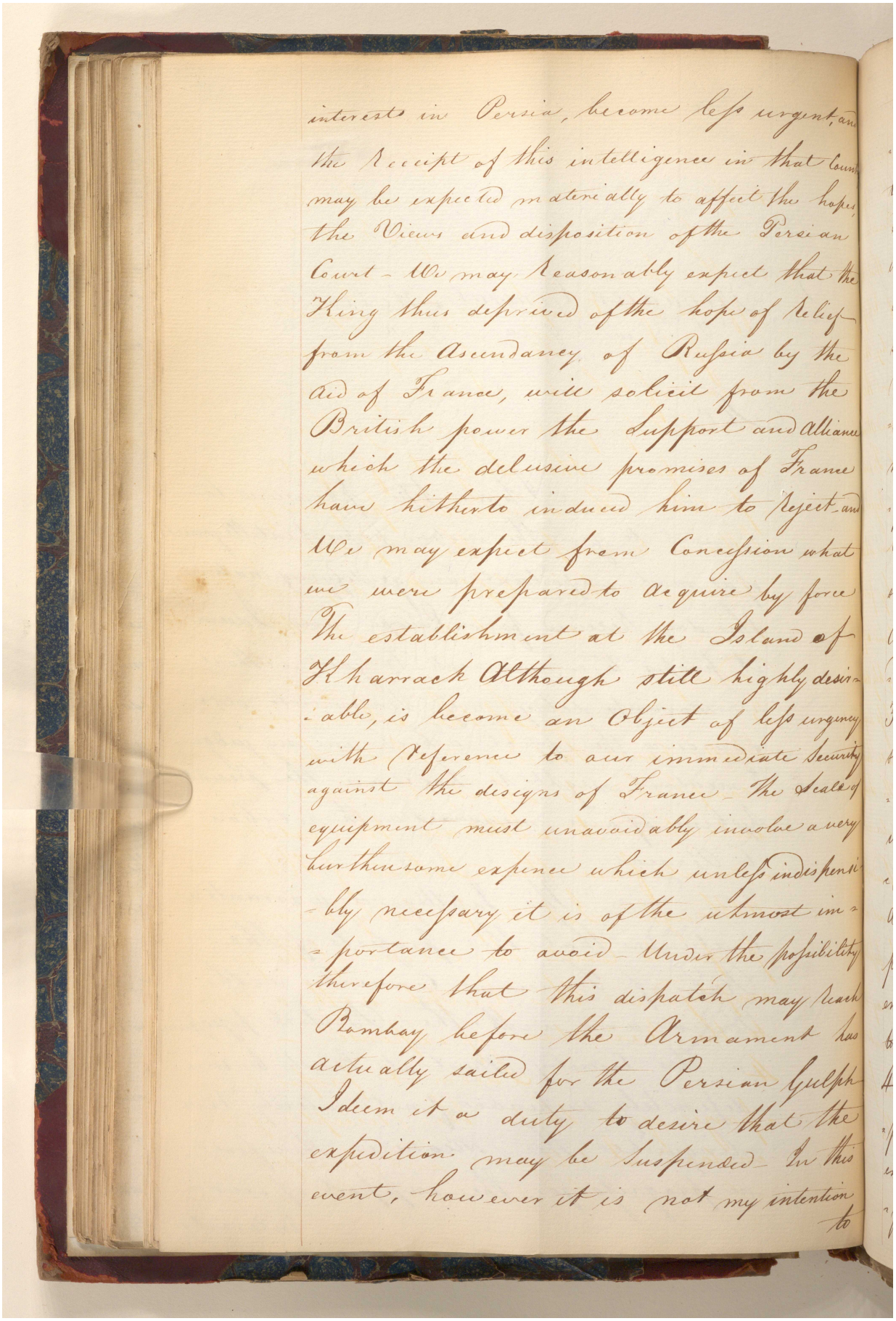

interests in Persia, become less urgent, and the Receipt of this intelligence in that Court may be expected materially to affect the hopes, the Views and disposition of the Persian Court - We may Reasonably expect that the King thus deprived of the hope of Relief from the Ascendancy of Russia by the aid of France, will solicit from the British power the Support and Alliance which the delusive promises of France have hitherto induced him to Reject and We may expect from Concession what we were prepared to acquire by force The establishment at the Island of Kharrack Although still highly desirable, is become an Object of less urgency with Reference to our immediate Security against the designs of France - The Scale of equipment must unavoidably involve a very burthensome expence which unless indispensibly necessary it is of the utmost importance to avoid - Under the possibility therefore that this dispatch may reach Bombay before the Armament has actually sailed for the Persian Gulph I deem it a duty to desire that the expedition may be suspended - In this event, however it is not my intention to

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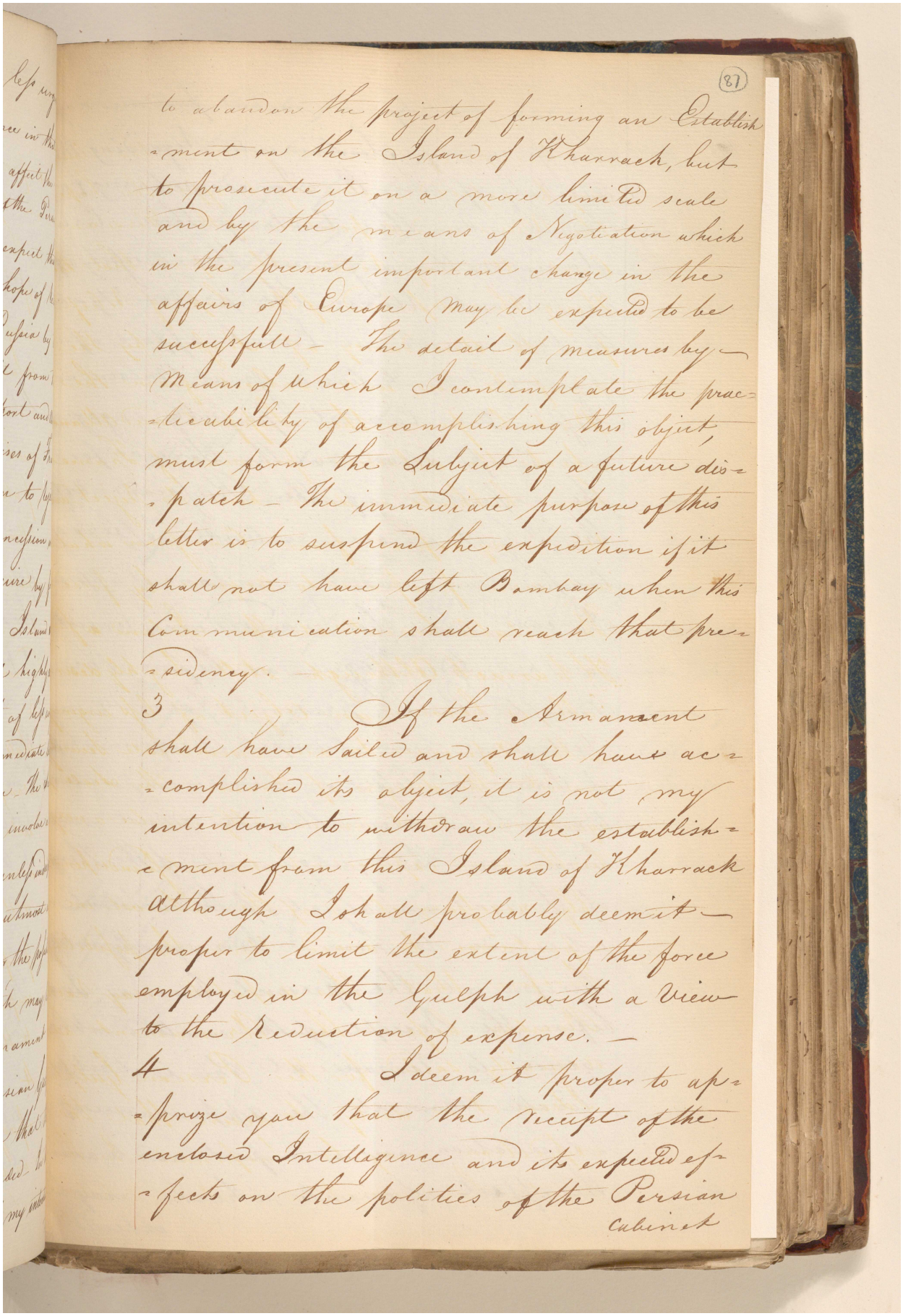

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to abandon the project of forming an Establish-
-ment on the Island of Kharrack, but
to prosecute it on a more limited scale
and by the means of Negotiation which
in the present important change in the
affairs of Europe may be expected to be
successfull - The detail of measures by
Means of which I contemplate the prac-
-ticability of accomplishing this object,
must form the Subject of a future dis-
-patch - The immediate purpose of this
letter is to suspend the expedition if it
shall not have left Bombay when this
Communication shall reach that Pre-
-sidency.

3 If the Armament
shall have Sailed and shall have ac-
-complished its object, it is not my
intention to withdraw the establish-
-ment from this Island of Kharrack
although I shall probably deem it
proper to limit the extent of the force
employed in the Gulph with a view
to the Reduction of expense. -

4 I deem it proper to ap-
-prize you that the receipt of the
enclosed Intelligence and its expected ef-
-fects on the politics of the Persian
Cabinet

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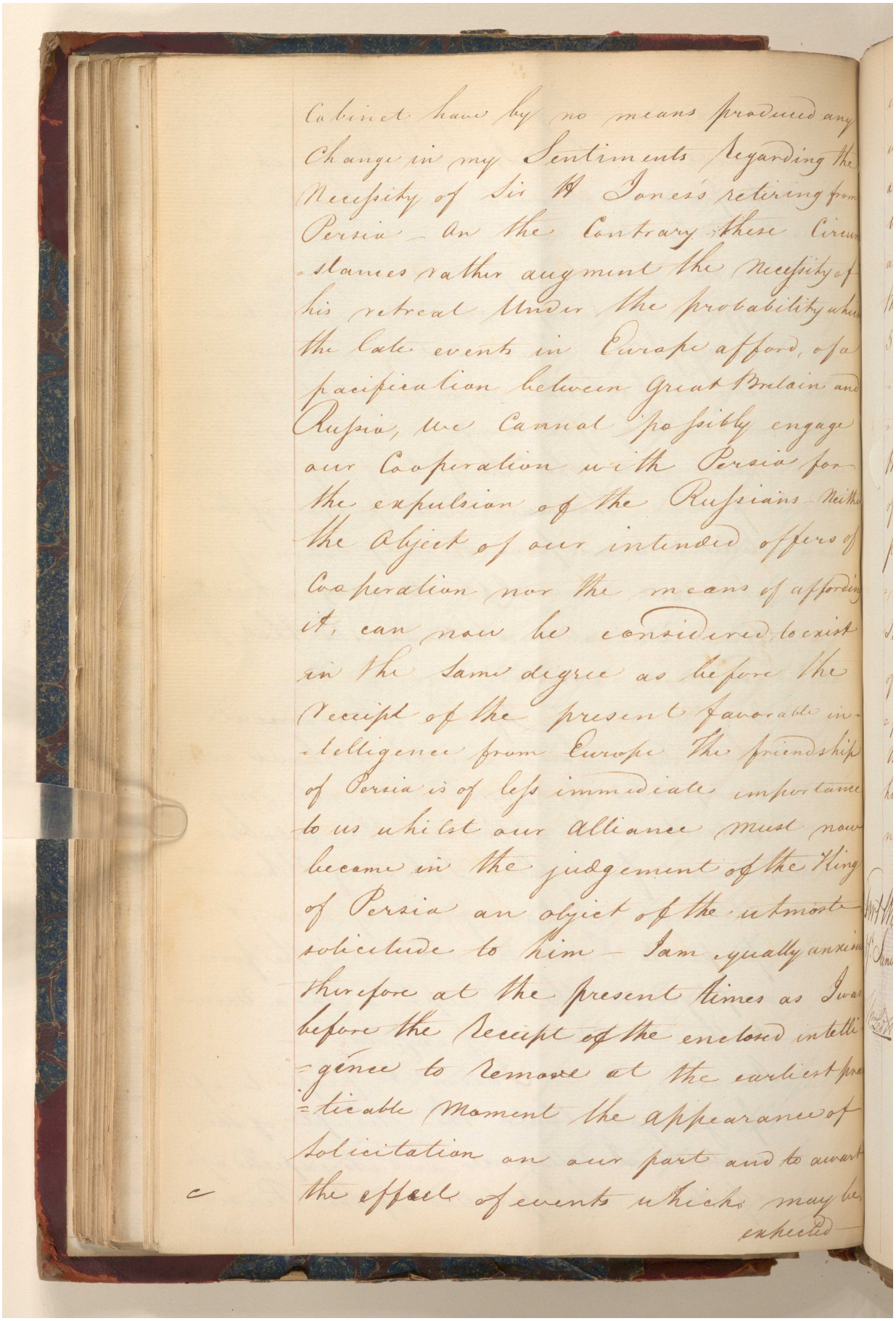
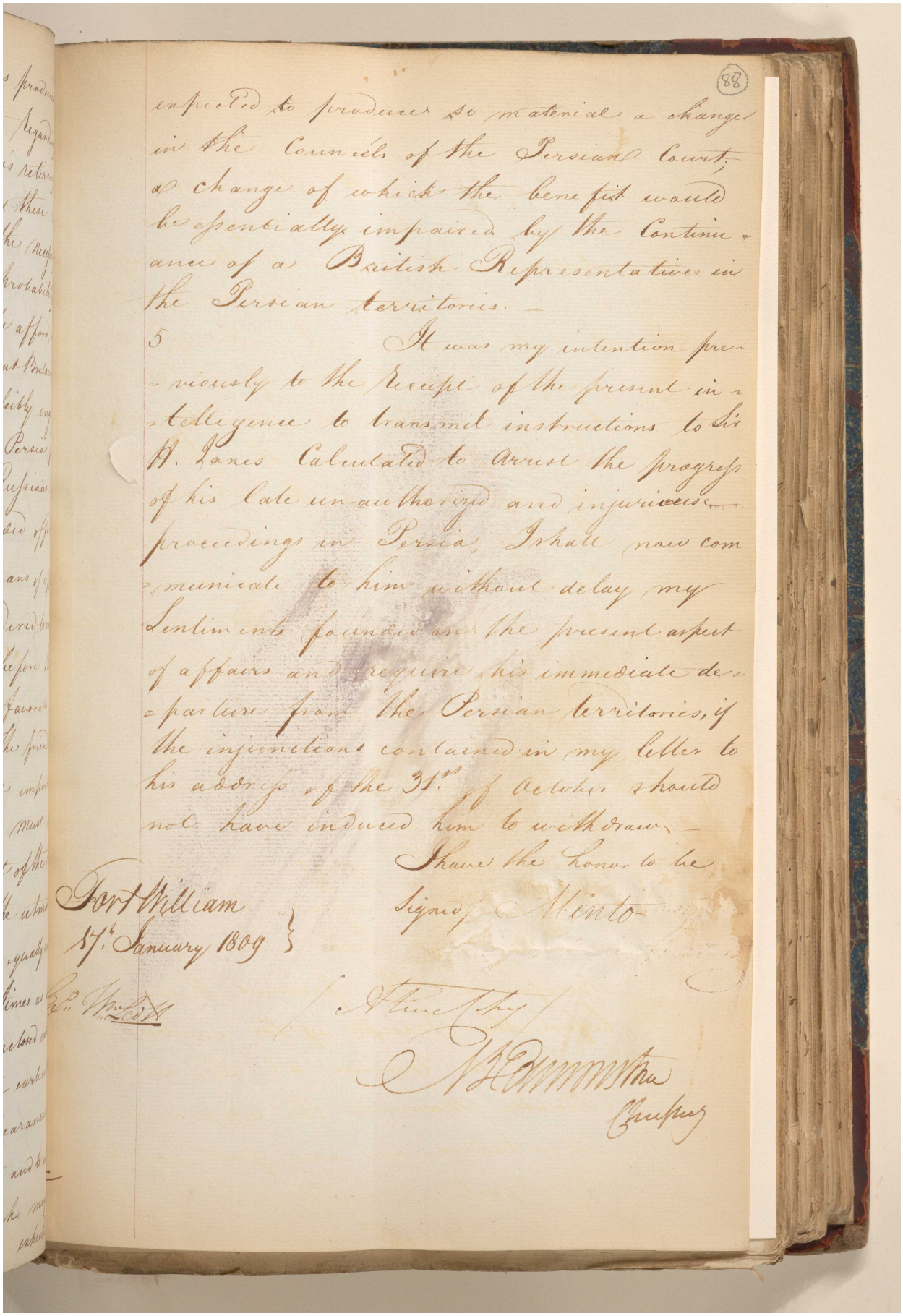


Cabinet have by no means produced any
Change in my Sentiments regarding the
Necessity of Sir H Jones's retiring from
Persia — On the Contrary these Circum-
stances rather augment the Necessity of
his retreat Under the probability which
the late events in Europe afford, of a
pacification between Great Britain and
Russia, we Cannot possibly engage
our Cooperation with Persia for
the expulsion of the Russians — Neither
the Object of our intended offers of
Cooperation nor the means of affording
it, can now be considered to exist
in the same degree as before the
Receipt of the present favorable in-
-telligence from Europe The friendship
of Persia is of less immediate importance
to us whilst our Alliance must now
become in the judgement of the King
of Persia an object of the utmost
solicitude to him — I am equally anxious
therefore at the present times as I was
before the Receipt of the enclosed intelli-
-gence to remove at the earliest prac-
-ticable Moment the appearance of
Solicitation on our part and to await
the Issue of events which may be
expected —



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expected to produce so material a change in the Councils of the Persian Court, a change of which the benefit would be essentially impaired by the Continuance of a British Representative in the Persian territories.

5 It was my intention previously to the Receipt of the present intelligence to transmit instructions to Sir H. Jones Calculated to Arrest the progress of his late unauthorized and injurious proceedings in Persia, I shall now communicate to him without delay my Sentiments founded on the present aspect of affairs and require his immediate departure from the Persian territories, if the injunctions contained in my letter to his address of the 31st of October should not have induced him to withdraw.

I have the honor to be

Signed, Minto

Fort William
17th January 1809

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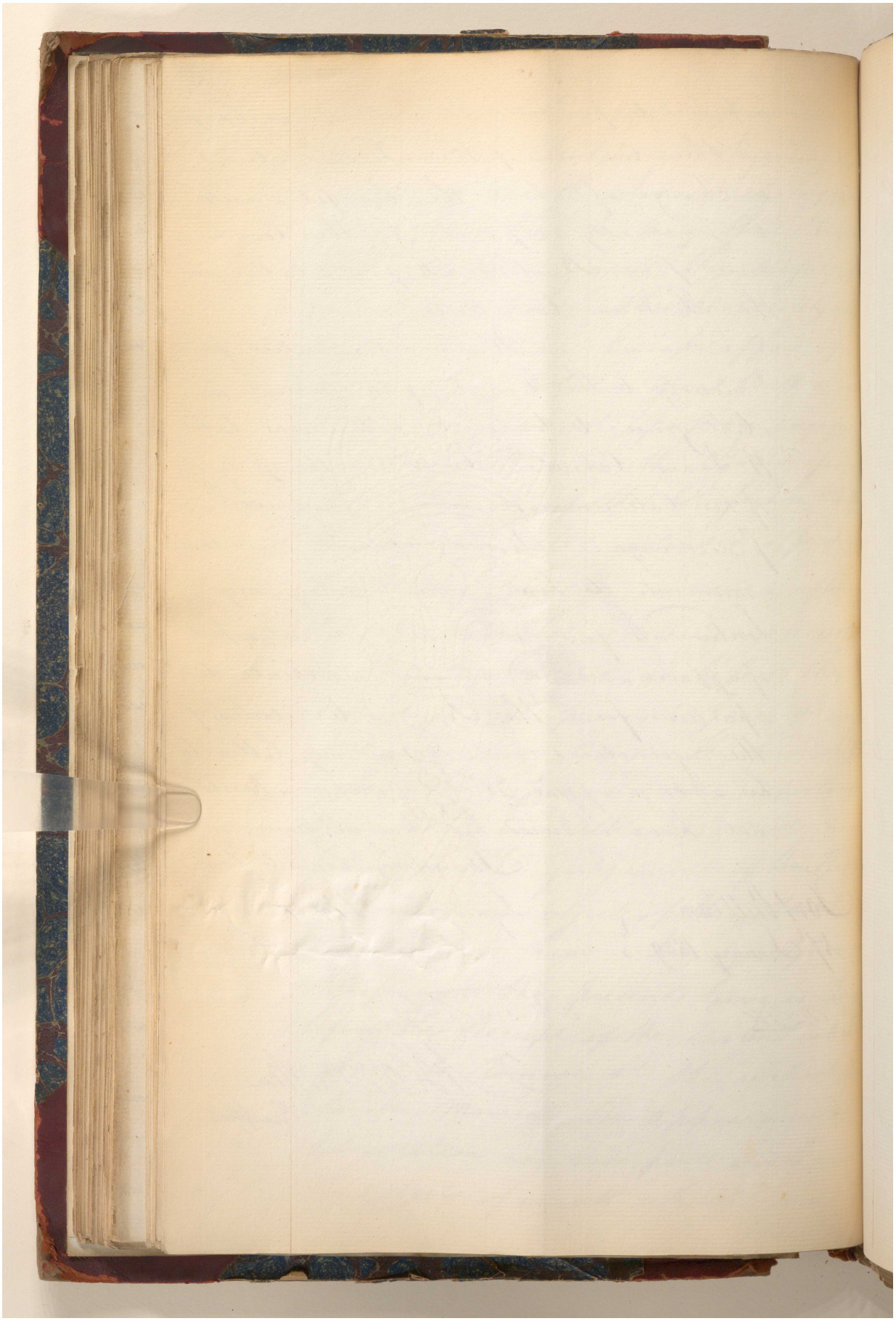
Chief Secy



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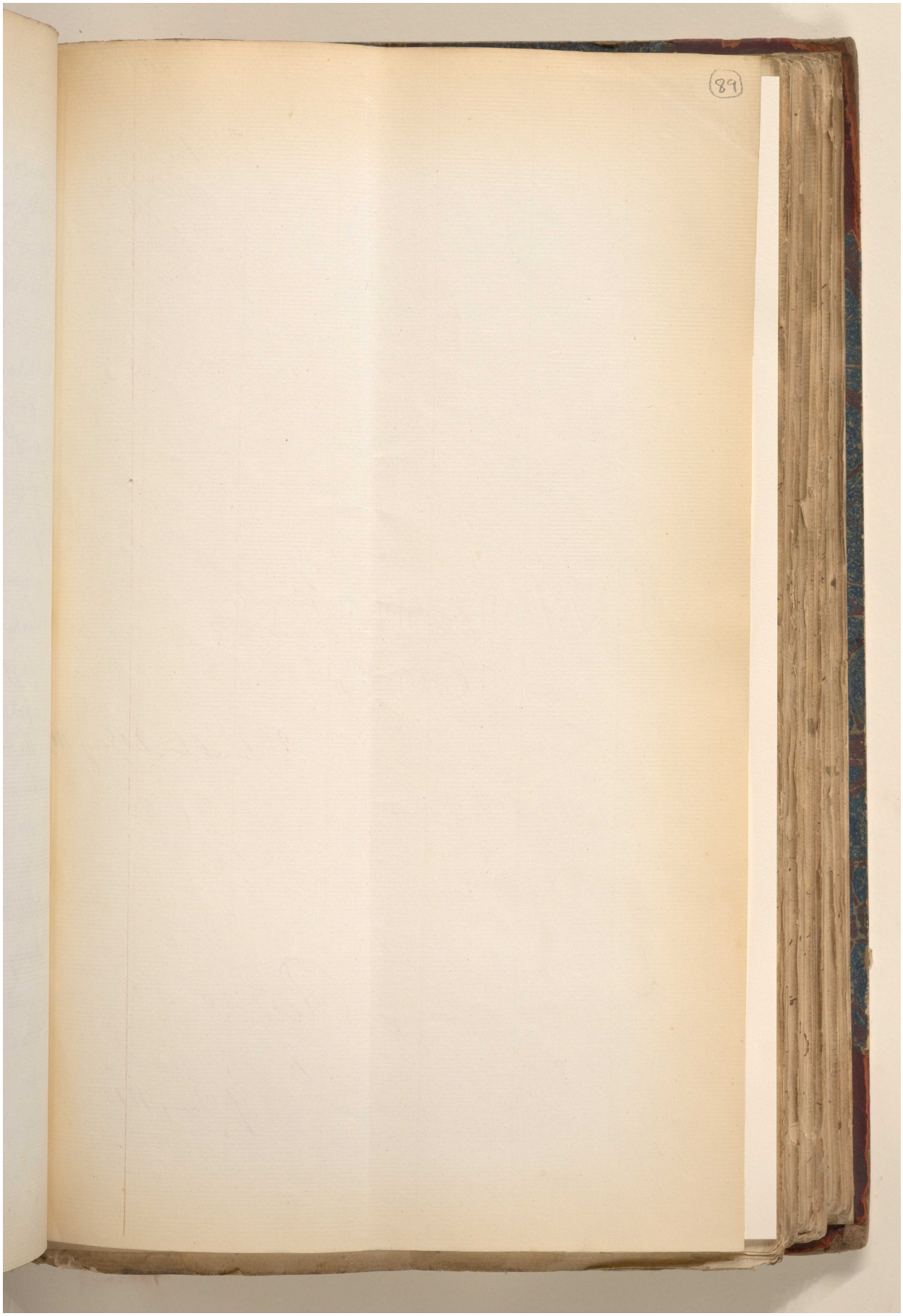

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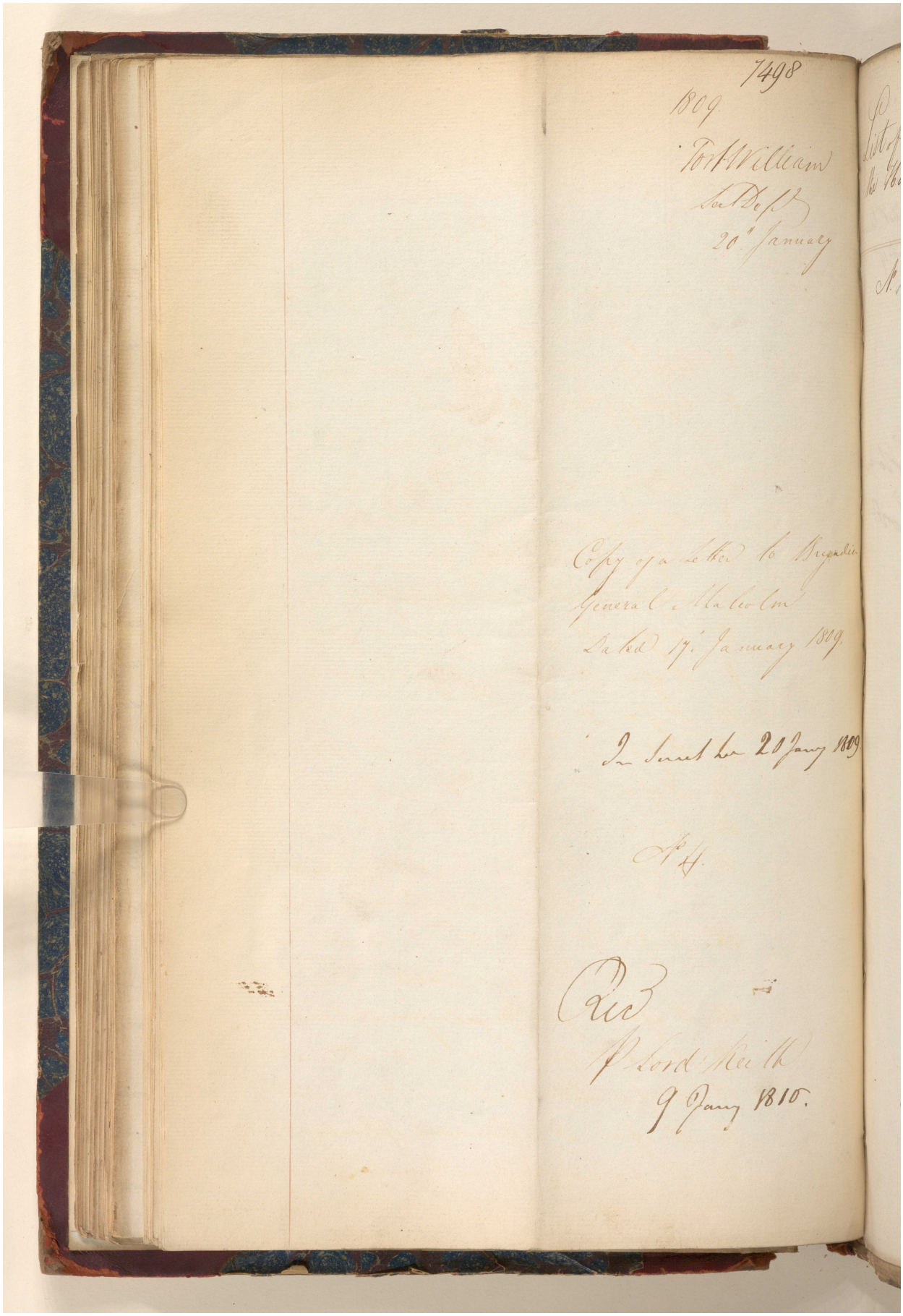

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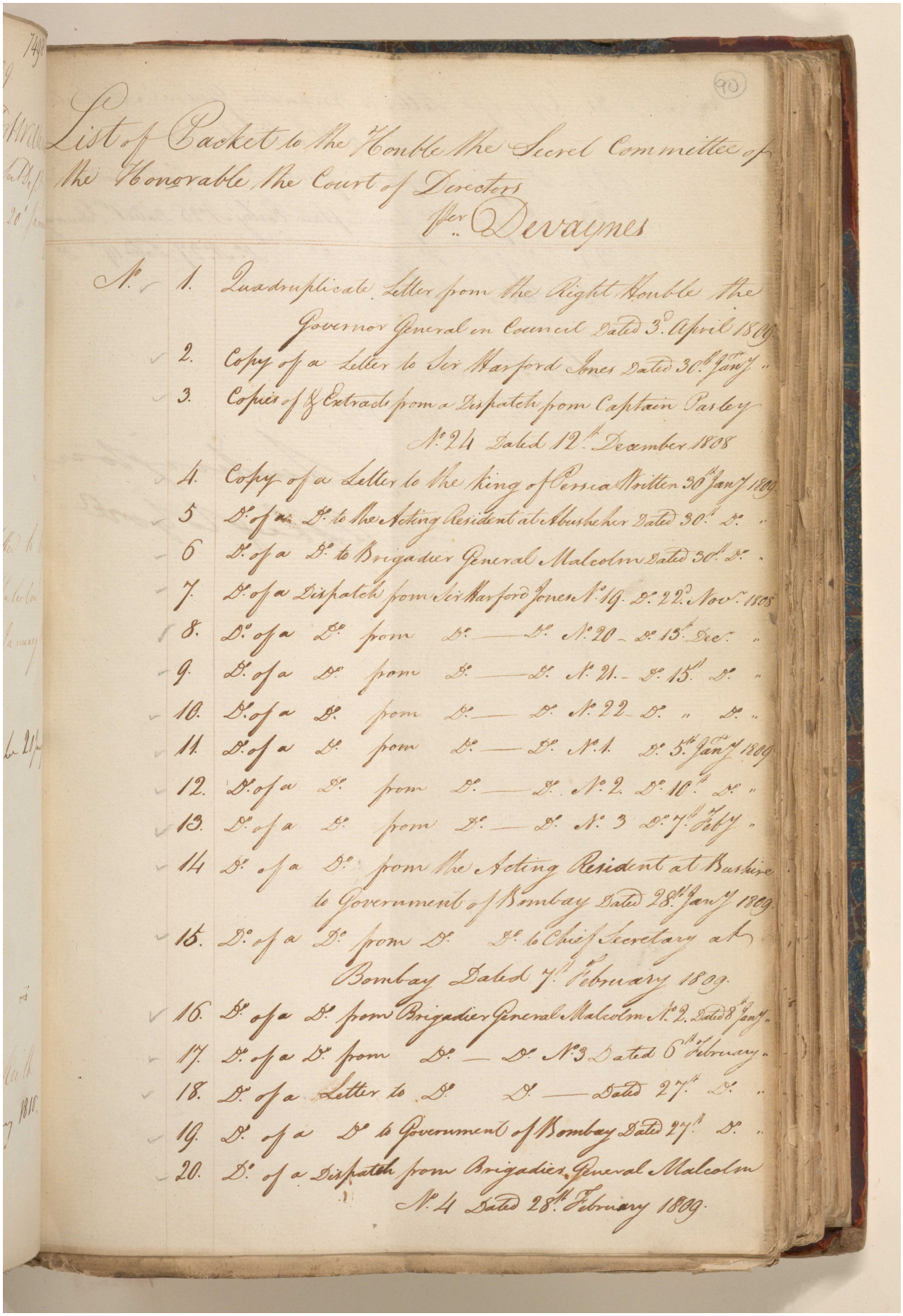

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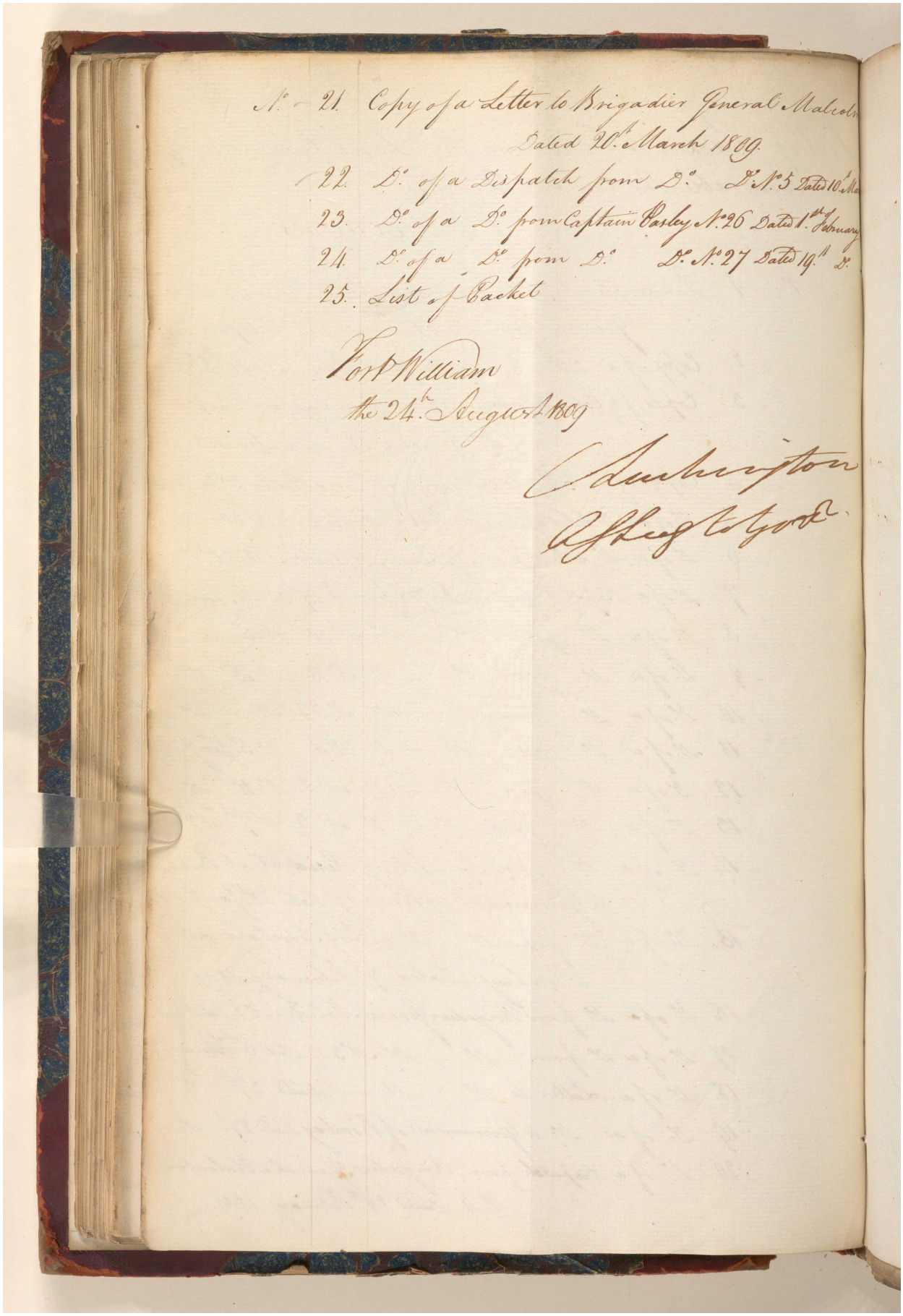

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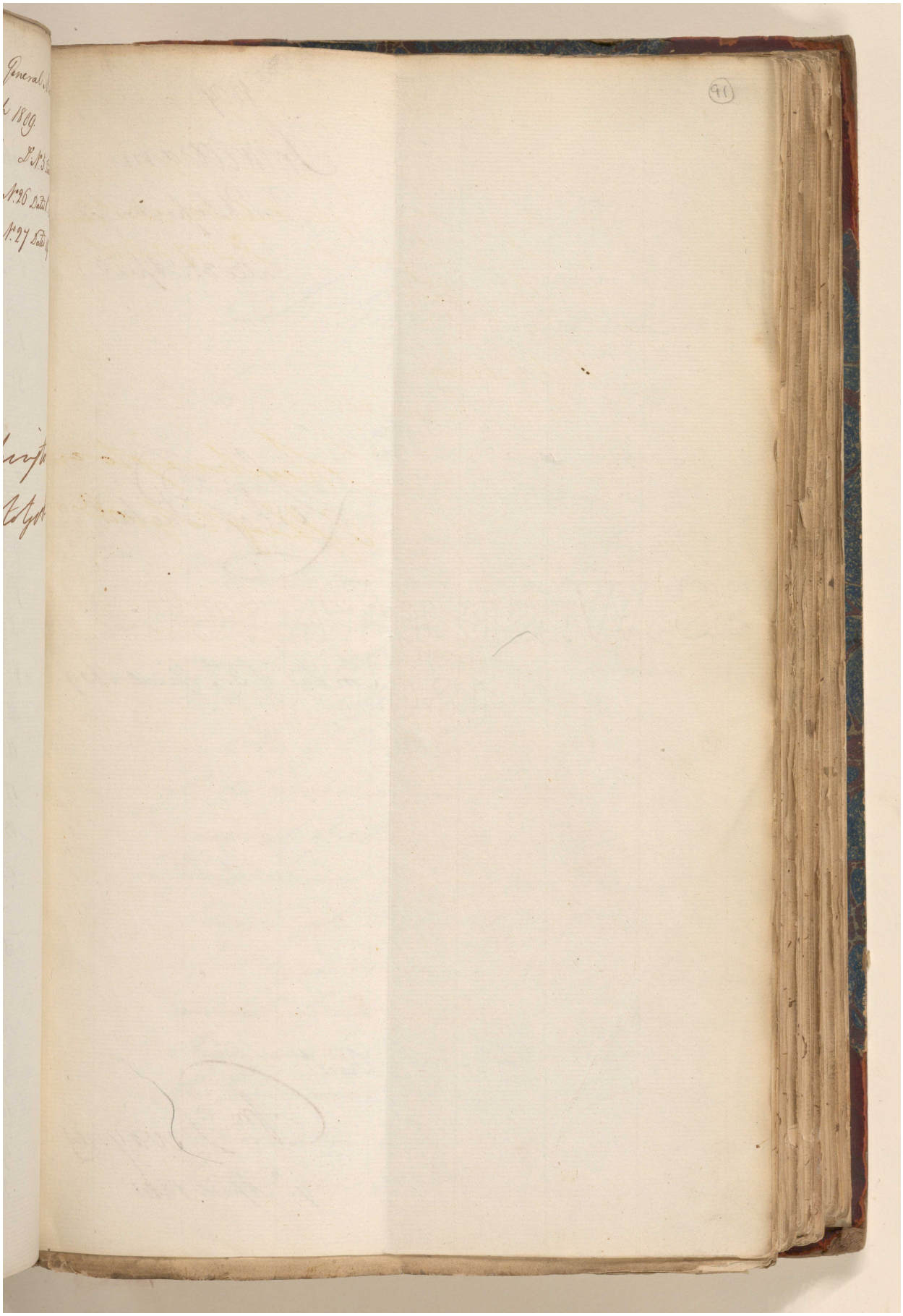

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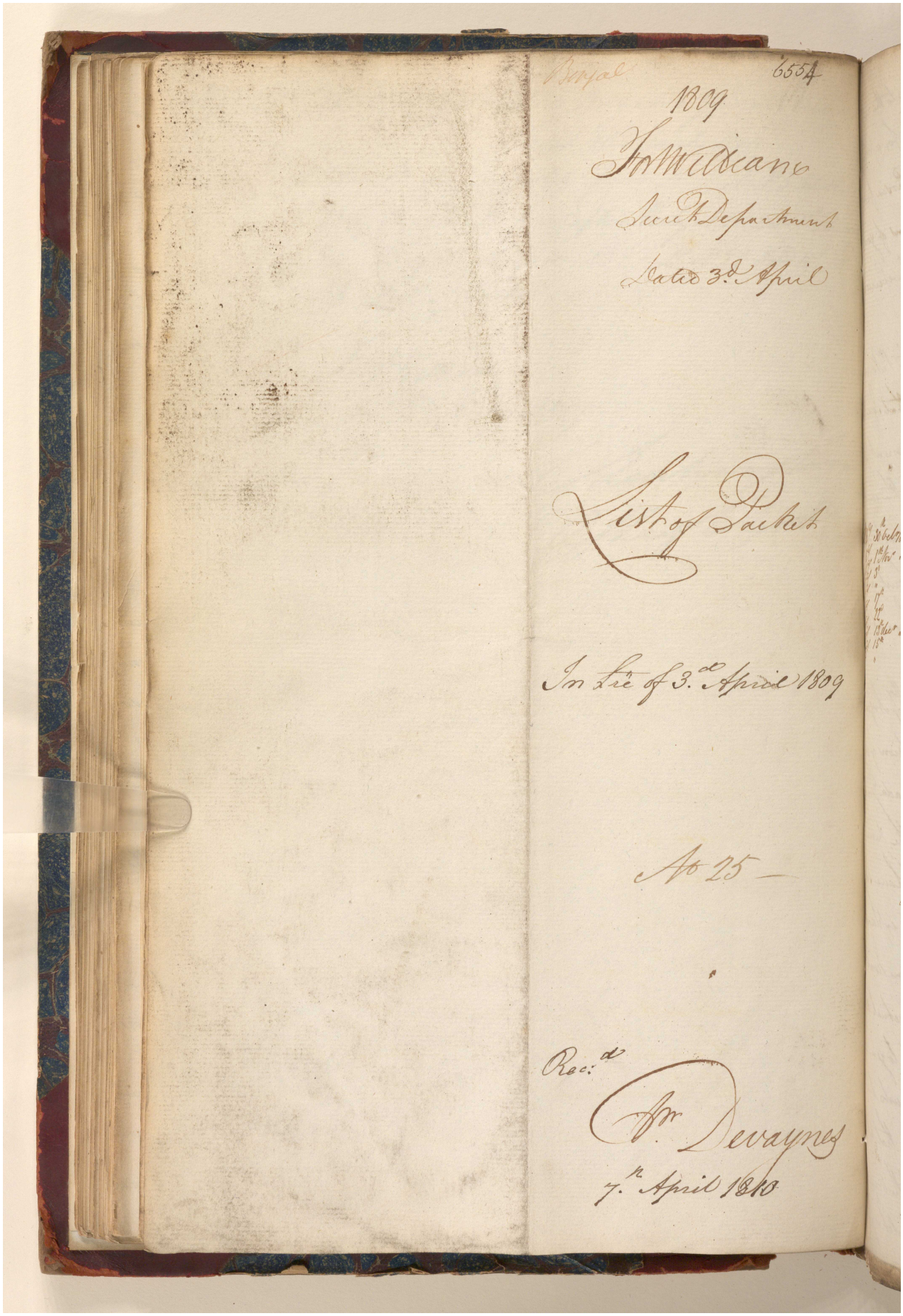
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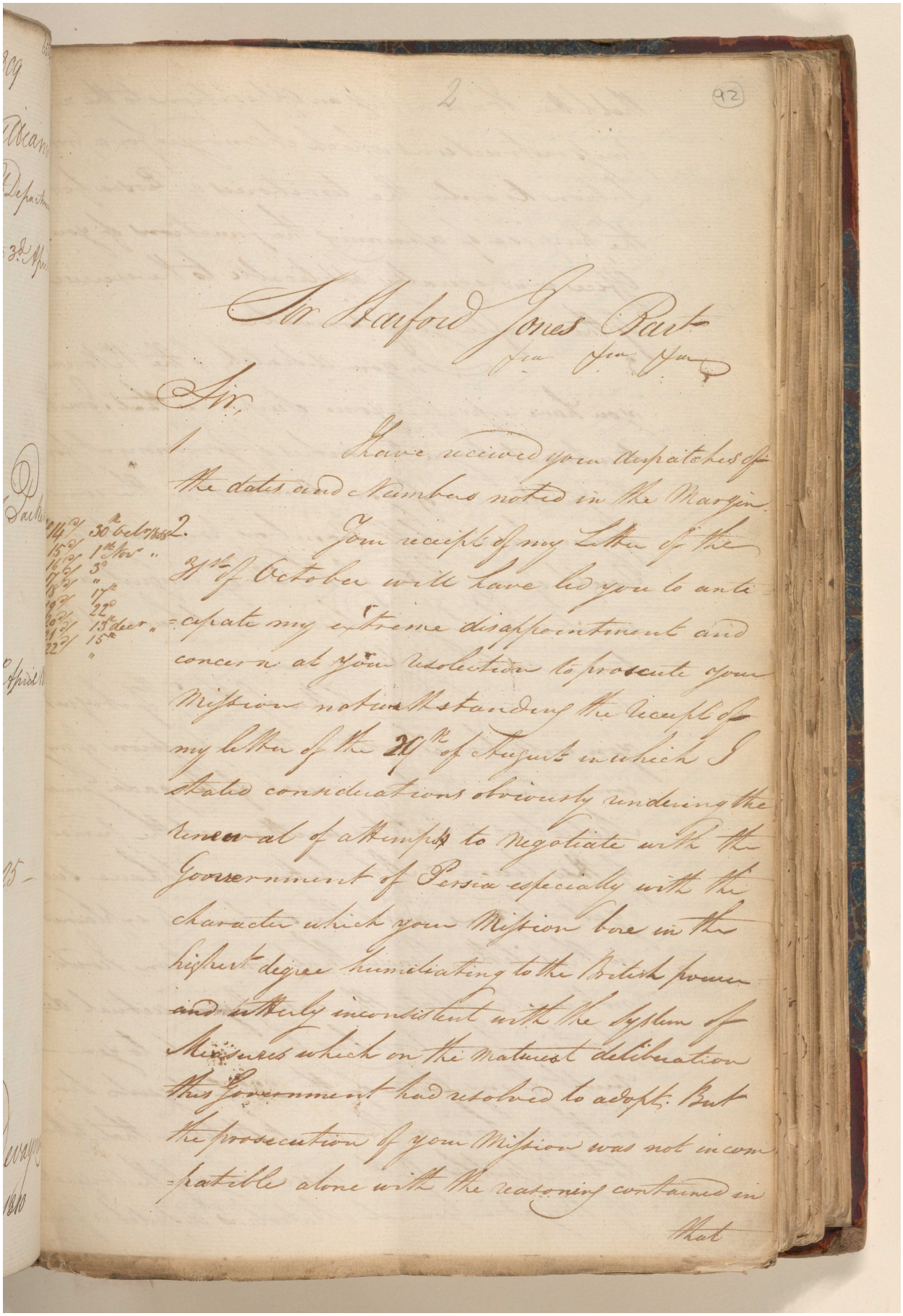

Sir Harford Jones Bart

Sir,

1. I have received your dispatches of the dates and Numbers noted in the Margin.

2. Your receipt of my Letter of the 31st of October will have led you to anticipate my extreme disappointment and concern at your resolution to prosecute your Mission notwithstanding the receipt of my letter of the 20th of August in which I stated considerations obviously underiving the renewal of attempts to Negotiate with the Government of Persia especially with the character which your Mission bore in the highest degree humiliating to the British power and utterly inconsistent with the System of Measures which on the maturest deliberation this Government had resolved to adopt. But the prosecution of your Mission was not incompatible alone with the reasoning contained in

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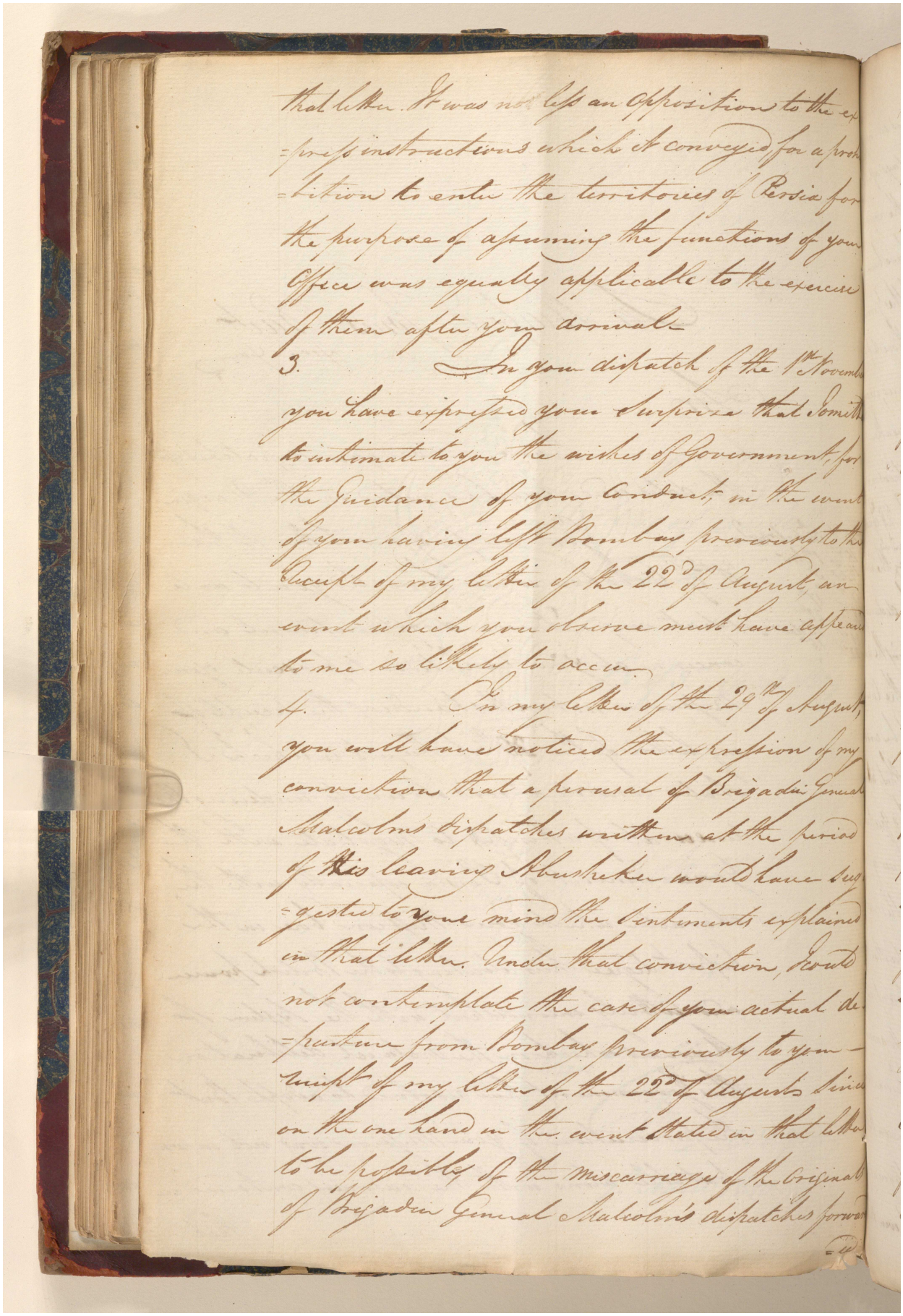

that letter. It was not less an opposition to the ex-
-press instructions which it conveyed, for a prohi-
-bition to enter the territories of Persia for
the purpose of assuming the functions of your
Office was equally applicable to the exercise
of them after your arrival.

3. In your dispatch of the 1st Novemb.
you have expressed your surprize that I omitted
to intimate to you the wishes of Government, for
the guidance of your conduct, in the event
of your having left Bombay previously to the
Receipt of my letter of the 22d of August, an
event which you observe must have appeared
to me as likely to occur.

4. In my letter of the 29th of August,
you will have noticed the expression of my
conviction that a perusal of Brigadier General
Malcolms dispatches written at the period
of his leaving Abushehr would have sug-
-gested to your mind the sentiments explained
in that letter. Under that conviction, I could
not contemplate the case of your actual de-
-parture from Bombay previously to your
receipt of my letter of the 22d of August, limi-
on the one hand in the event stated in that letter
to the possibility of the miscarriage of the original
of Brigadier General Malcolms dispatches forwa-

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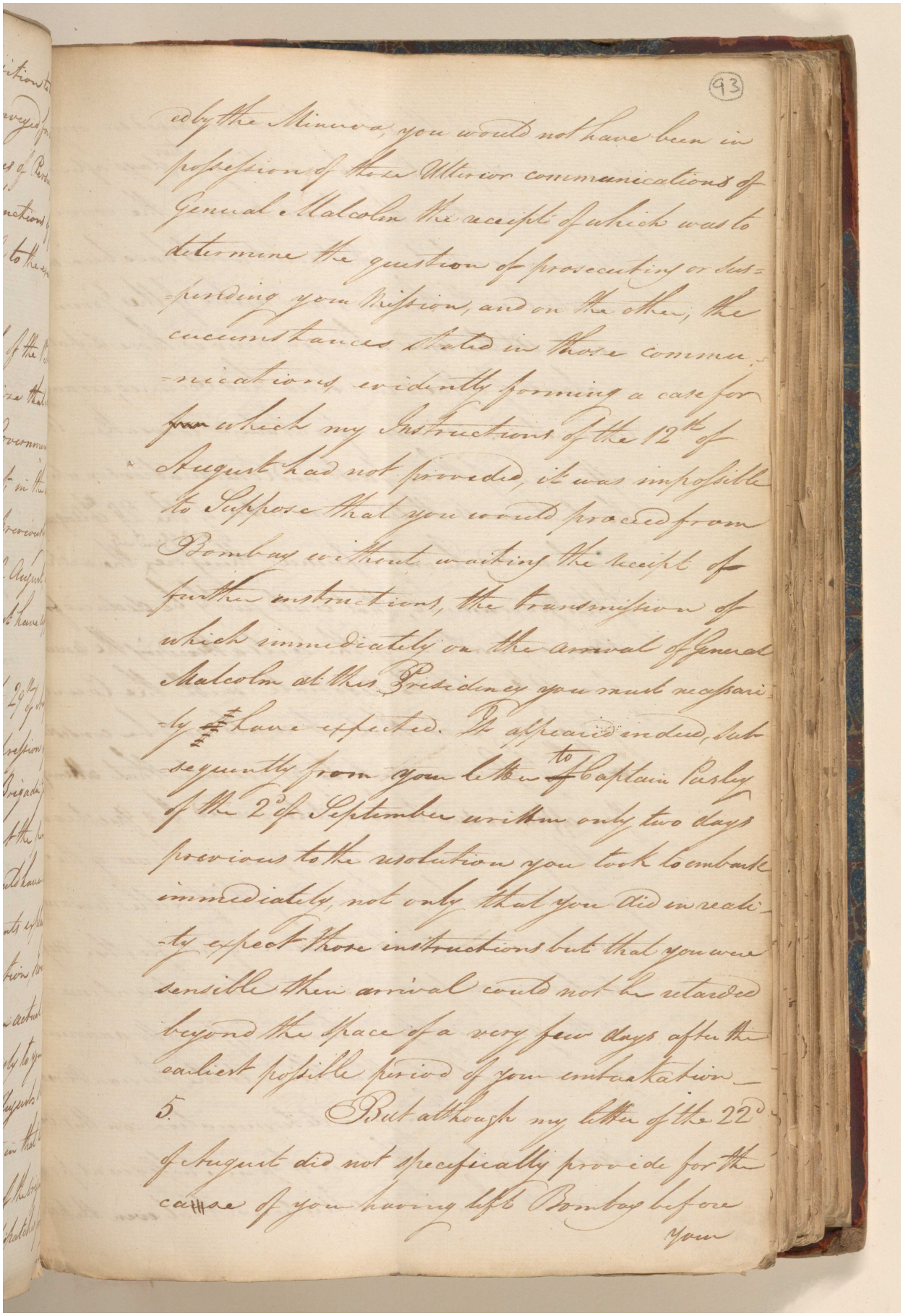

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of the Minerva, you would not have been in possession of those ulterior communications of General Malcolm the receipt of which was to determine the question of prosecuting or suspending your Mission, and on the other, the circumstances stated in those communications evidently forming a case for which my Instructions of the 12th of August had not provided, it was impossible to suppose that you would proceed from Bombay without waiting the receipt of further instructions, the transmission of which immediately on the arrival of General Malcolm at this Presidency you must necessarily have expected. It appeared indeed, subsequently from your letter to Captain Pasley of the 2d of September written only two days previous to the resolution you took to embark immediately, not only that you did in reality expect those instructions but that you were sensible their arrival could not be retarded beyond the space of a very few days after the earliest possible period of your embarkation.

5. But although my letter of the 22d of August did not specifically provide for the case of you having left Bombay before your

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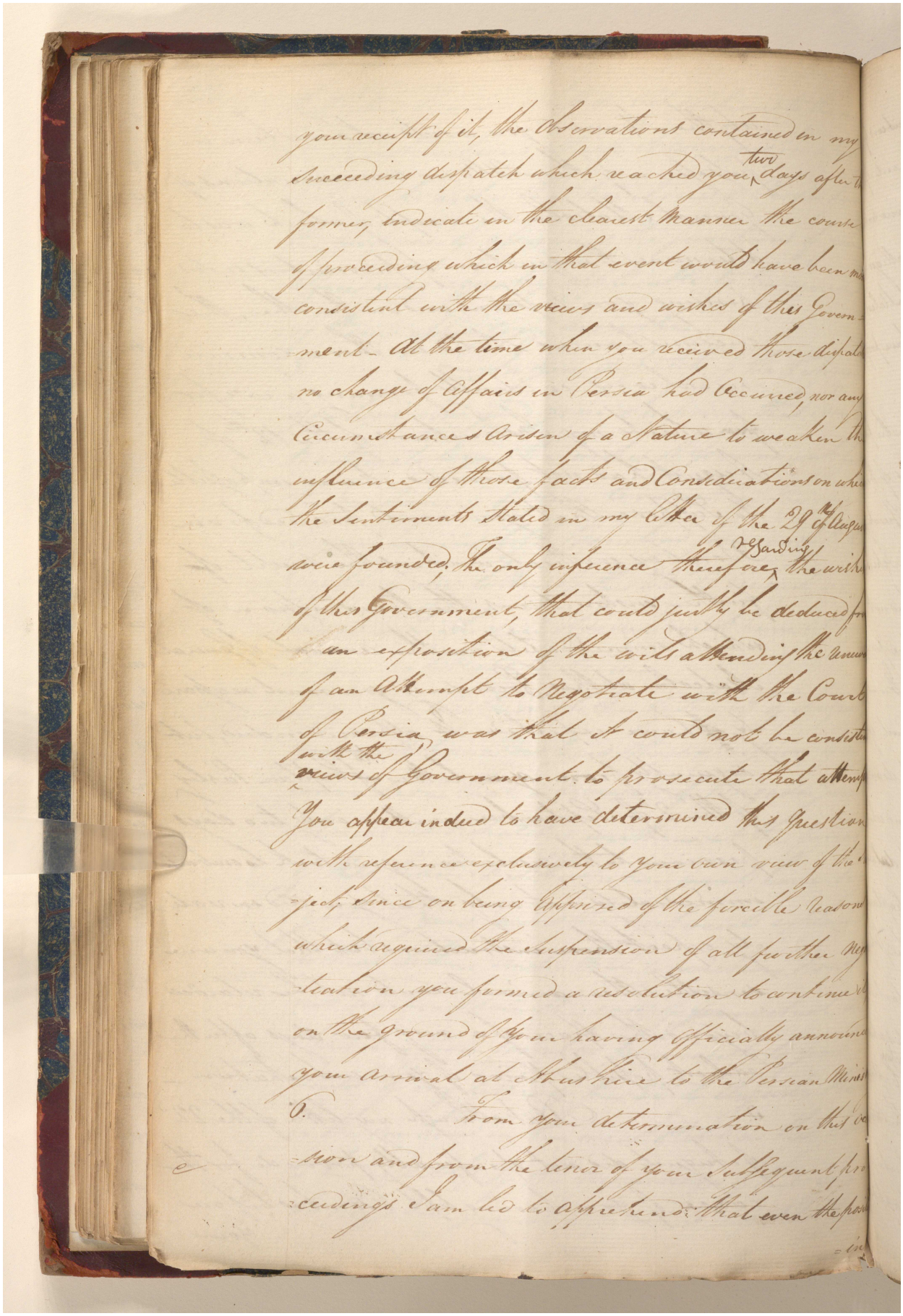
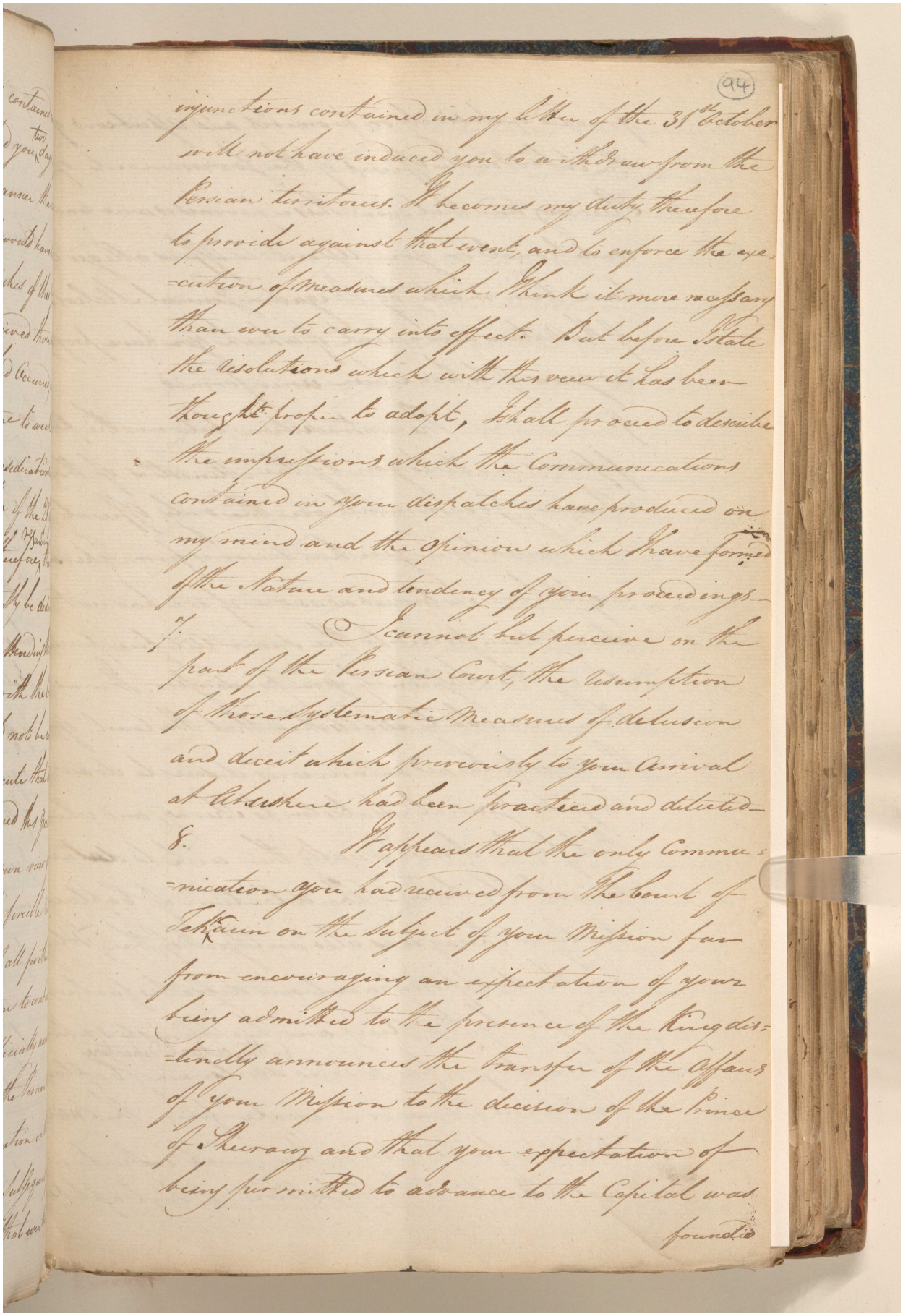


your receipt of it, the Observations contained in my
Succeeding dispatch which reached you two days after
former, indicate in the clearest Manner the course
of proceeding which in that event would have been most
consistent with the views and wishes of the Govern-
ment. At the time when you received those dispatches
no change of Affairs in Persia had occurred, nor any
Circumstances Arisen of a Nature to weaken the
influence of those facts and Considerations on which
the Sentiments Stated in my Letter of the 29th of August
were founded. The only influence therefore, regarding
of the Government, that could justly be deduced from
an exposition of the wishes attending the unsuccessful
of an Attempt to Negotiate with the Court
of Persia, was that it could not be consistent
with the views of Government to prosecute that attempt.
You appear indeed to have determined this Question
with reference exclusively to your own view of the
ject, since on being apprized of the forcible reasons
which required the Suspension of all further Negotiation
you formed a resolution to continue
on the ground of your having officially announced
your arrival at Abushire to the Persian Minister
6. From your determination on this Occa-
sion and from the tenor of your subsequent pro-
ceedings I am led to apprehend that even the pros-



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injunctions contained in my Letter of the 31st October will not have induced you to withdraw from the Persian territories. It becomes my duty therefore to provide against that event, and to enforce the execution of measures which I think it more necessary than ever to carry into effect. But before I state the resolutions which with this view it has been thought proper to adopt, I shall proceed to describe the impressions which the Communications contained in your dispatches have produced on my mind and the opinion which I have formed of the Nature and tendency of your proceedings.

7. I cannot but perceive on the part of the Persian Court, the resumption of those systematic measures of delusion and deceit which previously to your Arrival at Abushire had been practised and detected.

8. It appears that the only Communication you had received from the Court of Tehraun on the subject of your Mission far from encouraging an expectation of your being admitted to the presence of the King distinctly announced the transfer of the Affairs of your Mission to the decision of the Prince of Sheraz and that your expectation of being permitted to advance to the Capital was founded

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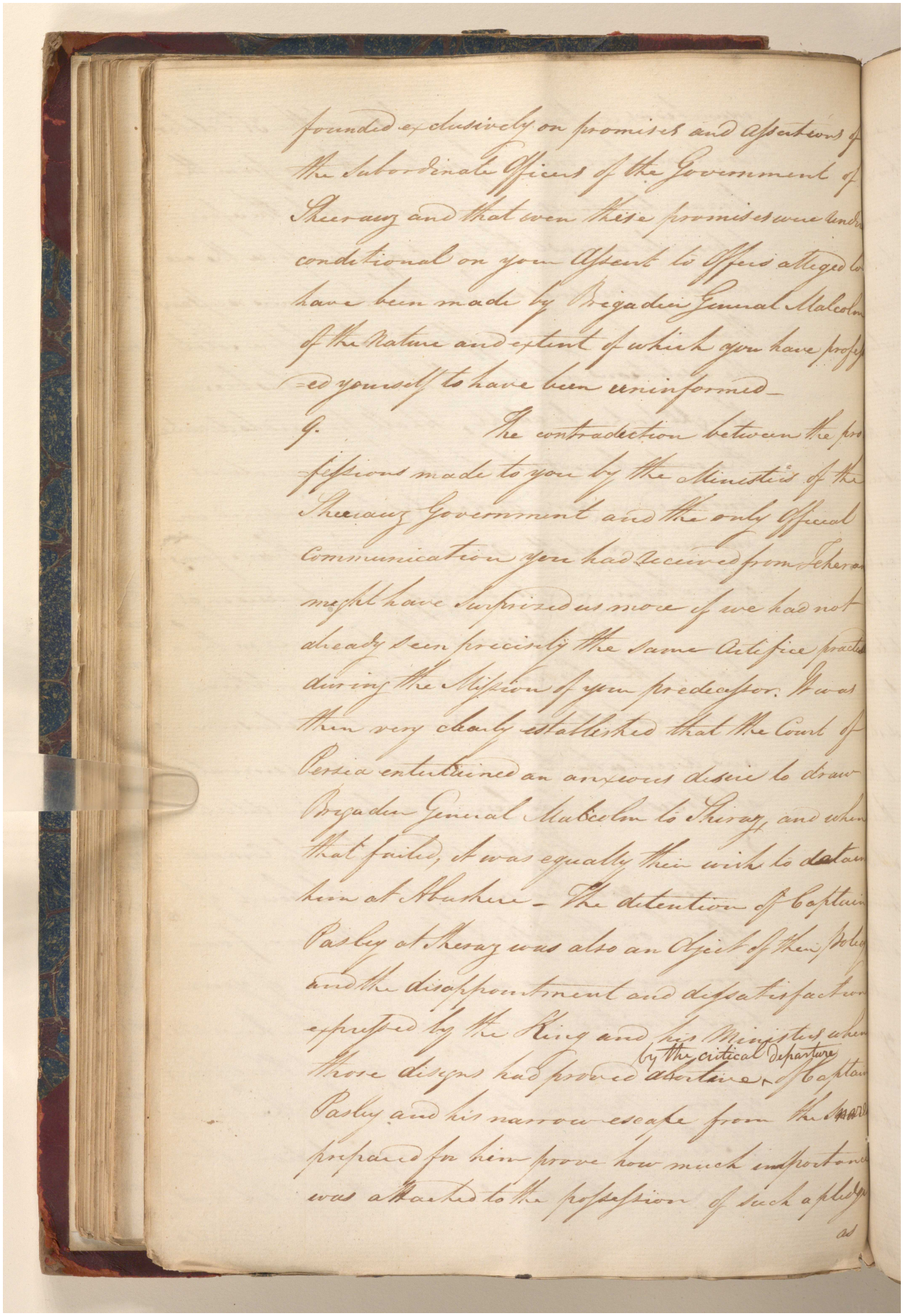

founded exclusively on promises and assurances of the subordinate Officers of the Government of Sheeraz and that even these promises were under conditional on your Assent to Offers alleged to have been made by Brigadier General Malcolm of the Nature and extent of which you have profess-ed yourself to have been uninformed.

9. The contradiction between the pro-fessions made to you by the Ministers of the Sheeraz Government and the only Official Communication you had received from Schera might have surprized us more if we had not already seen precisely the same Artifice practis during the Mission of your predecessor. It was then very clearly ascertained that the Court of Persia entertained an anxious desire to draw Brigadier General Malcolm to Sheraz and when that failed, it was equally their wish to detain him at Abushire. The detention of Captain Pasley at Sheraz was also an Object of their Policy and the disappointment and dissatisfaction expressed by the King and his Ministers when those designs had proved abortive by the critical departure of Captain Pasley and his narrow escape from the snare prepared for him prove how much importance was attached to the possession of such a pledge as

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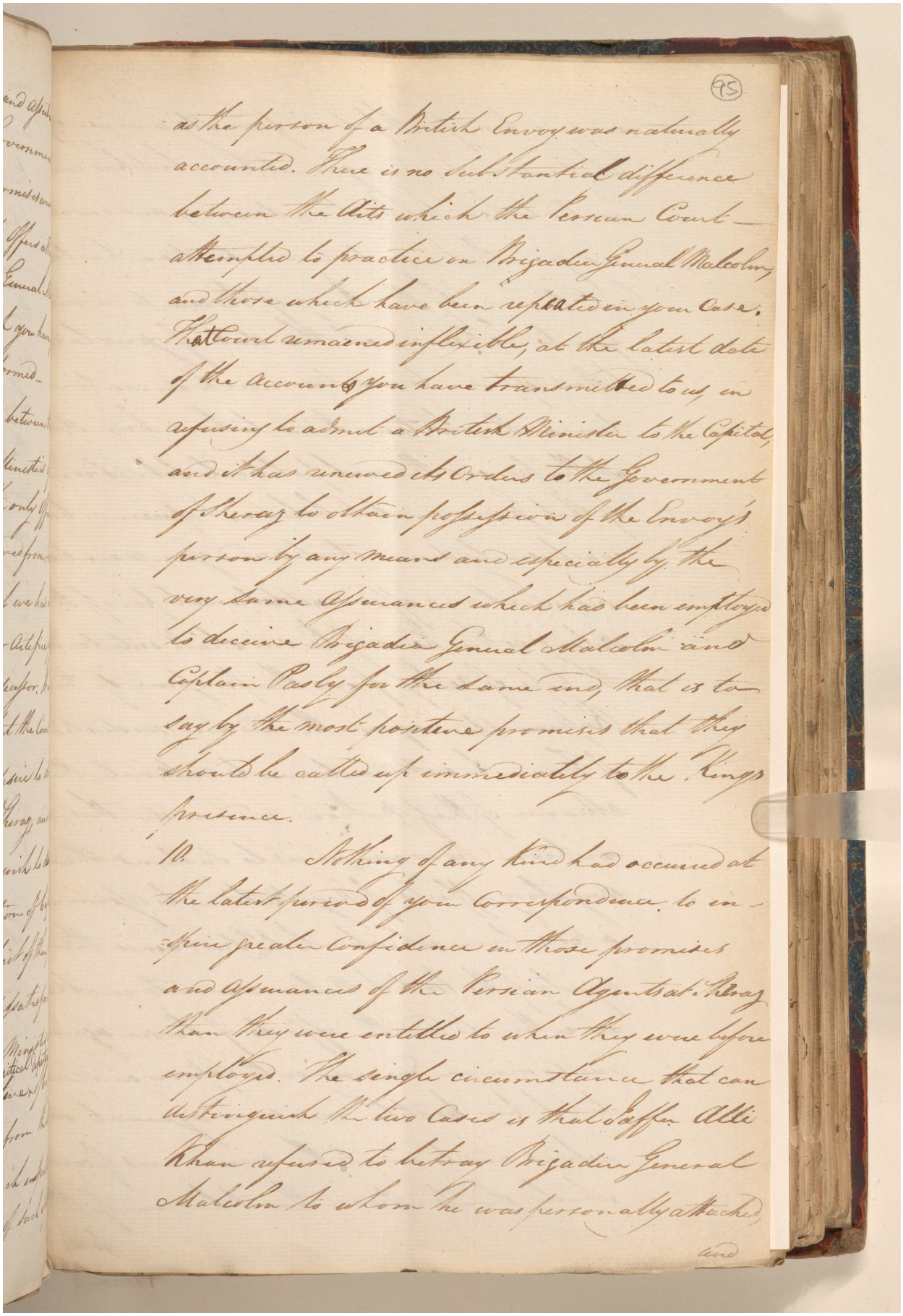

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as the person of a British Envoy was naturally accounted. There is no substantial difference between the Acts which the Persian Court attempted to practice on Brigadier General Malcolm, and those which have been repeated in your case. That Court remained inflexible, at the latest date of the Accounts you have transmitted to us in refusing to admit a British Minister to the Capital, and it has renewed its Orders to the Government of Kherauj to obtain possession of the Envoy's person by any means and especially by the very same Assurances which has been employed to deceive Brigadier General Malcolm and Captain Pasley for the same end, that is to say by the most positive promises that they should be called up immediately to the Kings presence.

10. Nothing of any kind had occurred at the latest period of your correspondence to inspire greater confidence in those promises and Assurances of the Persian Agents at Kherauj than they were entitled to when they were before employed. The single circumstance that can distinguish the two Cases is that Jaffer Alli Khan refused to betray Brigadier General Malcolm to whom he was personally attached

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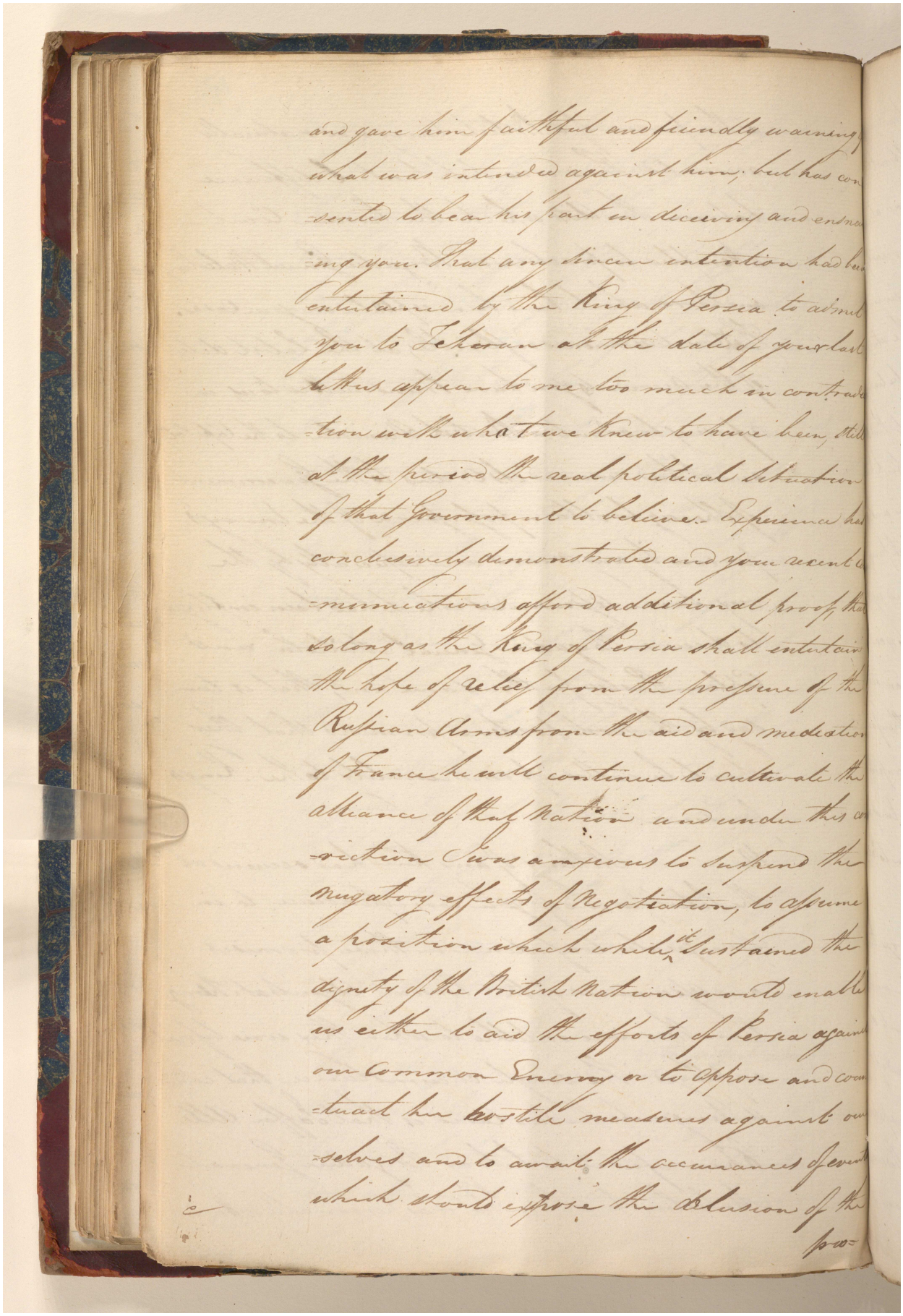

and gave him faithful and friendly warning
what was intended against him; but has con
-sented to bear his part in deceiving and ensna
-ring you. That any sincere intention had be
entertained by the King of Persia to admit
you to Teheran at the date of your last
letter appear to me too much in contradi
-tion with what we knew to have been, still
at the period the real political situation
of that Government to believe. Experience has
conclusively demonstrated and your recent c
-mmunications afford additional proof that
so long as the King of Persia shall entertain
the hope of relief from the pressure of the
Russian Arms from the aid and mediation
of France he will continue to cultivate the
alliance of that Nation and under this co
-nviction I was anxious to suspend the
negatory effects of Negotiation, to assume
a position which while it sustained the
dignity of the British Nation would enable
us either to aid the efforts of Persia against
our common Enemy or to oppose and con
-teract her hostile measures against our
-selves and to await the occurrences of event
which should expose the delusion of the
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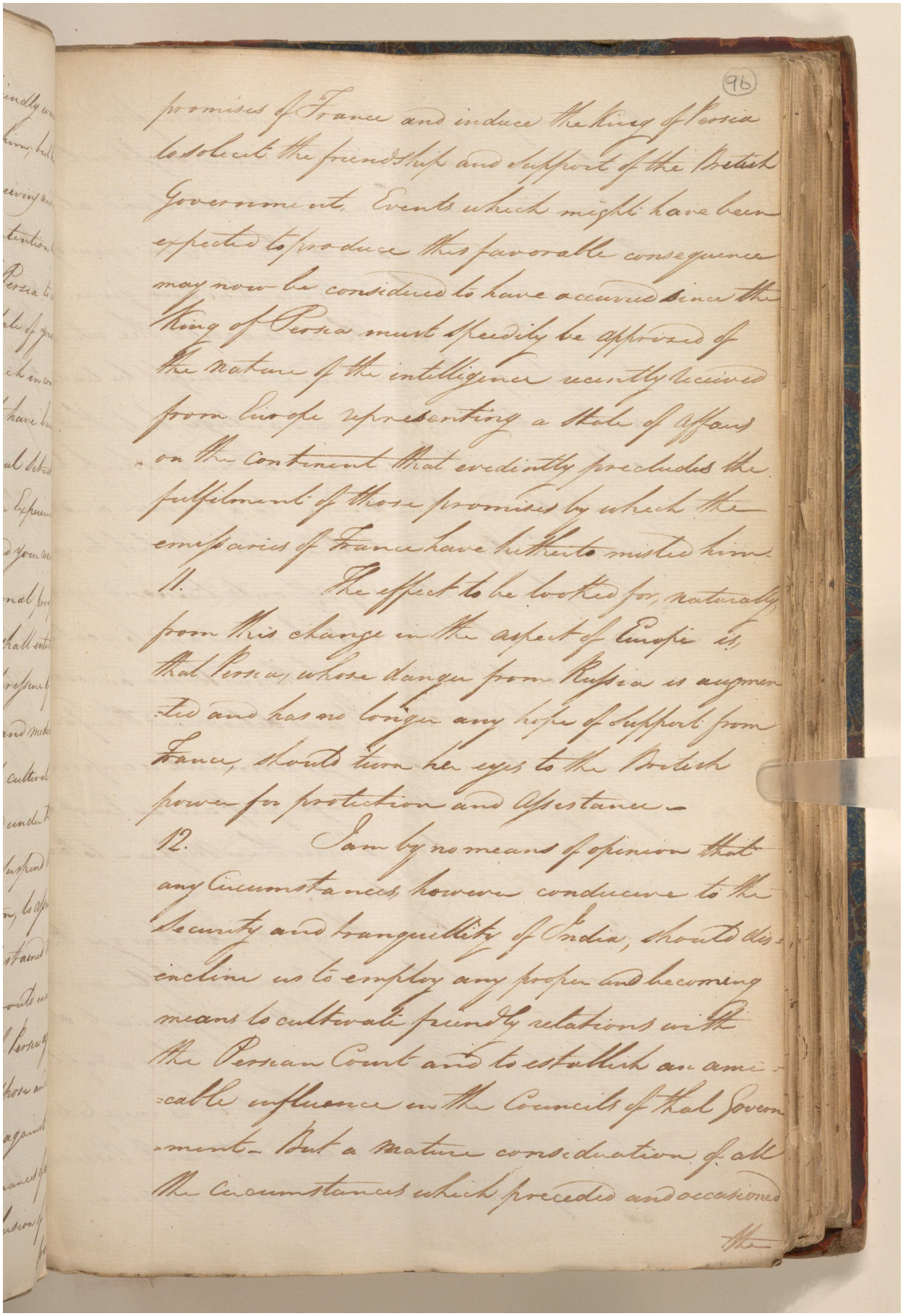

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promises of France and induce the King of Persia to solicit the friendship and support of the British Government. Events which might have been expected to produce this favorable consequence may now be considered to have occurred since the King of Persia must speedily be apprized of the nature of the intelligence recently received from Europe representing a state of affairs on the Continent that evidently precludes the fulfilment of those promises by which the emissaries of France have hitherto misled him.

11. The effect to be looked for, naturally from this change in the aspect of Europe is, that Persia, whose danger from Russia is augmented and has no longer any hope of support from France, should turn her eyes to the British power for protection and assistance.

12. I am by no means of opinion that any circumstances, however conducive to the security and tranquillity of India, should dispose us to employ any proper and becoming means to cultivate friendly relations with the Persian Court and to establish an amicable influence in the Councils of that Government. But a mature consideration of all the circumstances which preceded and occasioned

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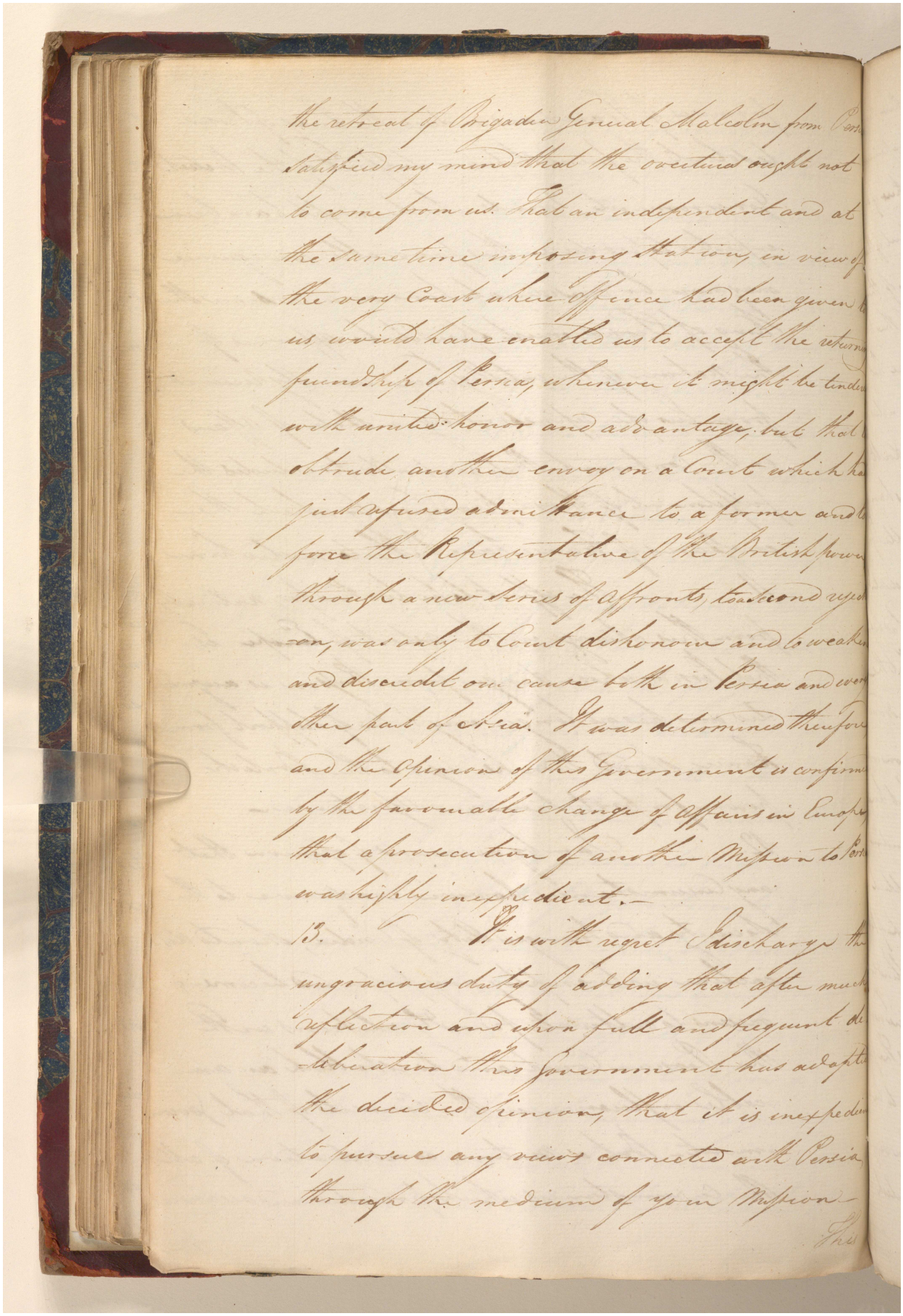

the retreat of Brigadier General Malcolm from Cos
satisfied my mind that the overture ought not
to come from us. That an independent and at
the same time imposing station, in view of
the very Coast where Offence had been given b
us would have enabled us to accept the return
friendship of Persia, whenever it might be tender
with united honor and advantage, but that
obtrude another envoy on a Court which ha
just refused admittance to a former and b
force the Representative of the British power
through a new series of Affronts, to a second refu
-sal, was only to Court dishonour and to weaken
and discredit our cause both in Persia and ever
other part of Asia. It was determined therefore
and the Opinion of this Government is confirm
by the favourable change of Affairs in Europe
that a prosecution of another Mission to Pers
was highly inexpedient.—

13. It is with regret I discharge the
ungracious duty of adding that after much
reflection and upon full and frequent de
-liberation this Government has adopte
the decided opinion, that it is inexpedien
to pursue any views connected with Persia
through the medium of your Mission

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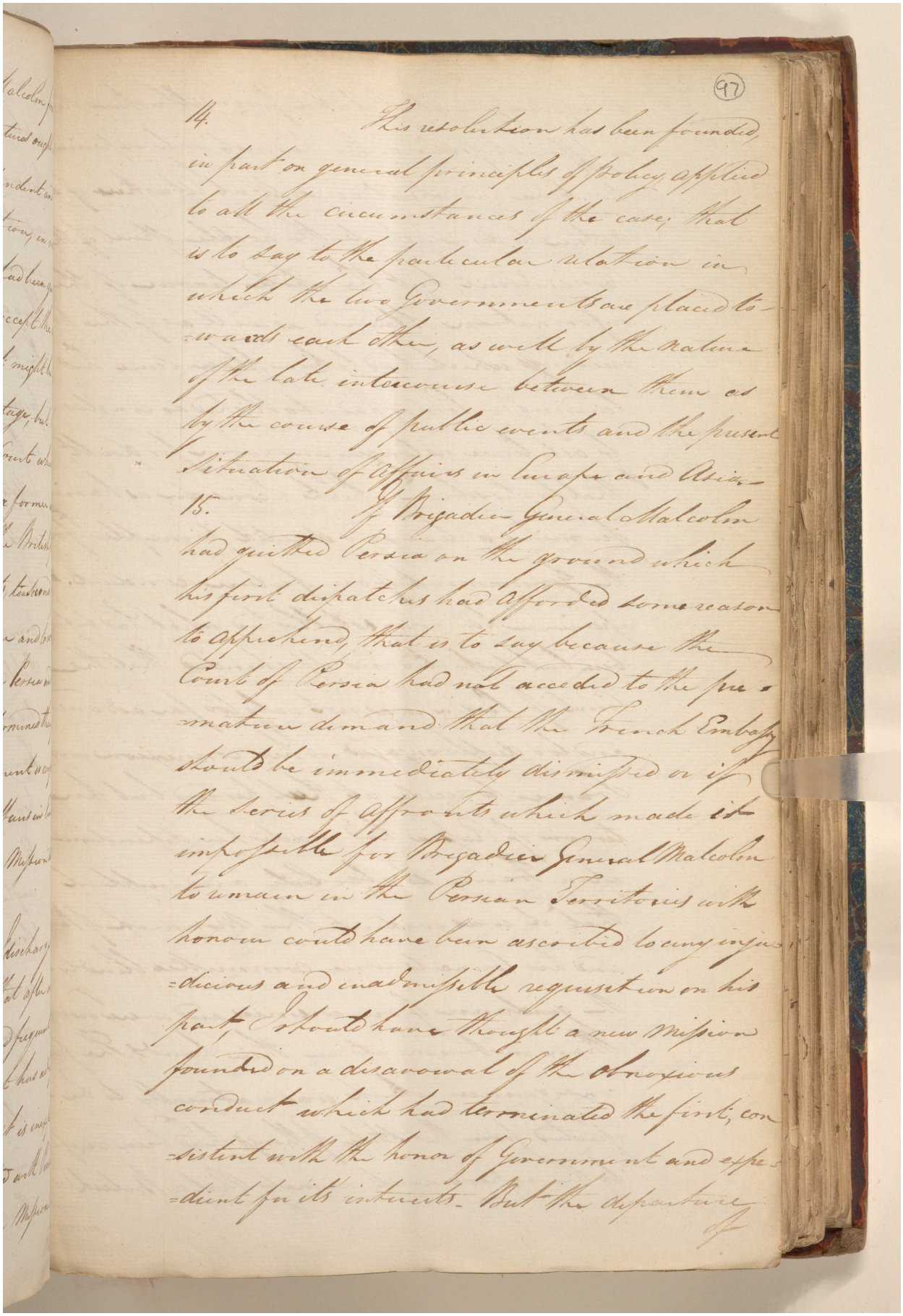

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14. His resolution has been founded in part on general principles of policy applied to all the circumstances of the case, that is to say to the particular relation in which the two Governments are placed towards each other, as well by the nature of the late intercourse between them as by the course of public events and the present situation of affairs in Europe and Asia.

15. If Brigadier General Malcolm had quitted Persia on the ground which his first dispatches had afforded some reason to apprehend, that is to say because the Court of Persia had not acceded to the premature demand that the French Embassy should be immediately dismissed or if the series of affronts which made it impossible for Brigadier General Malcolm to remain in the Persian Territories with honour could have been ascribed to any injudicious and inadmissible requisition on his part, I should have thought a new Mission founded on a disavowal of the obnoxious conduct which had terminated the first, consistent with the honor of Government and expedient for its interests. But the departure of

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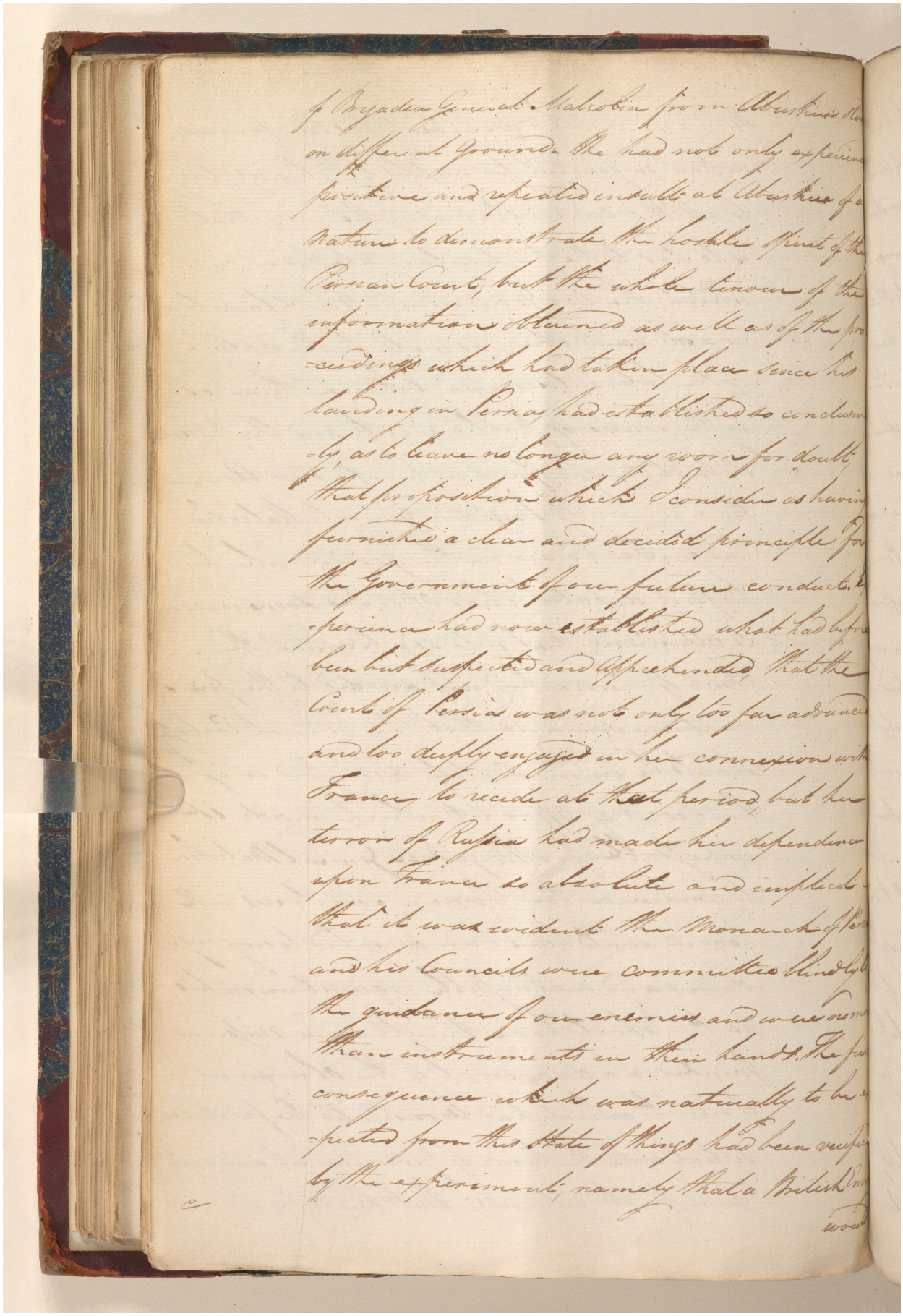
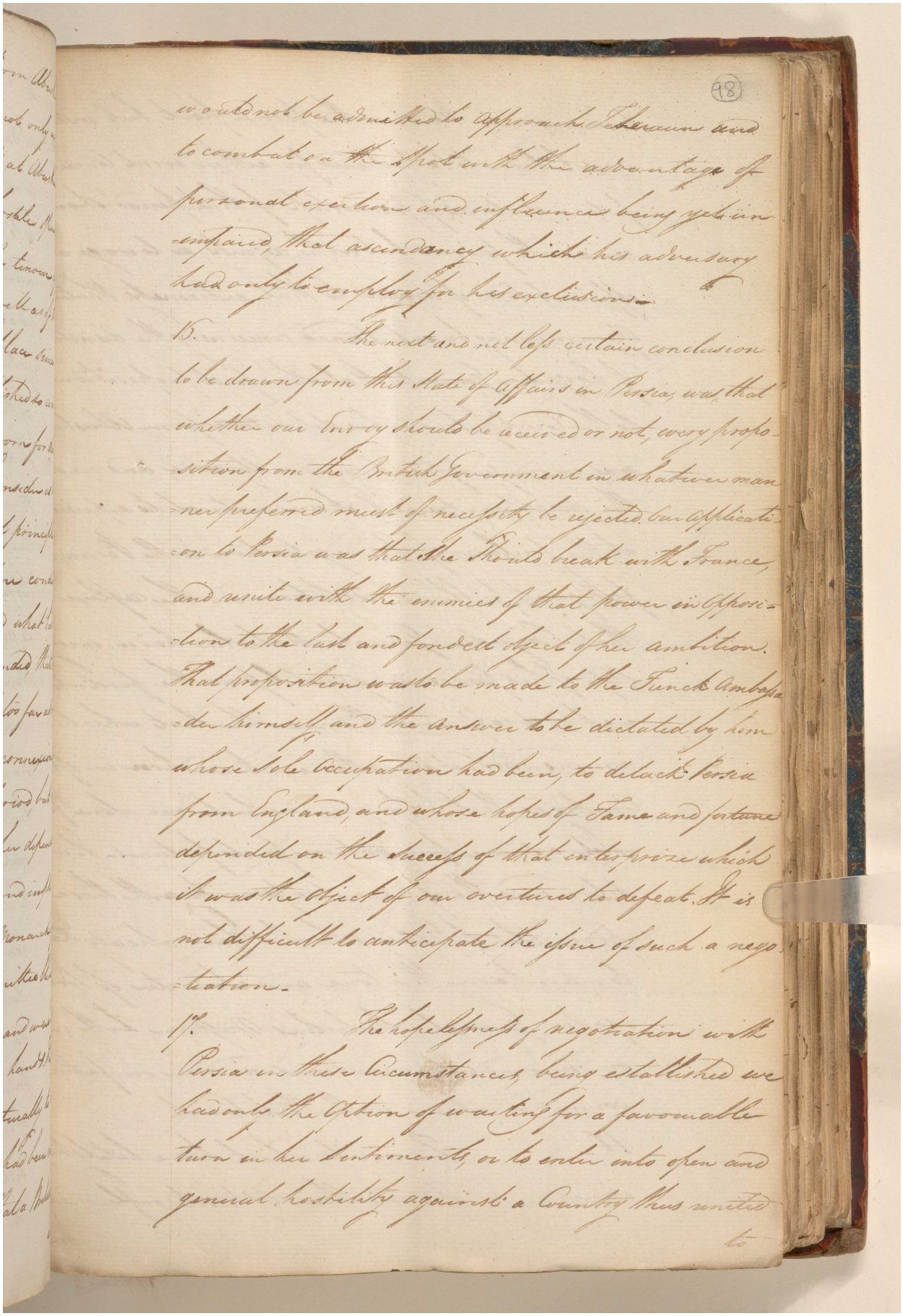


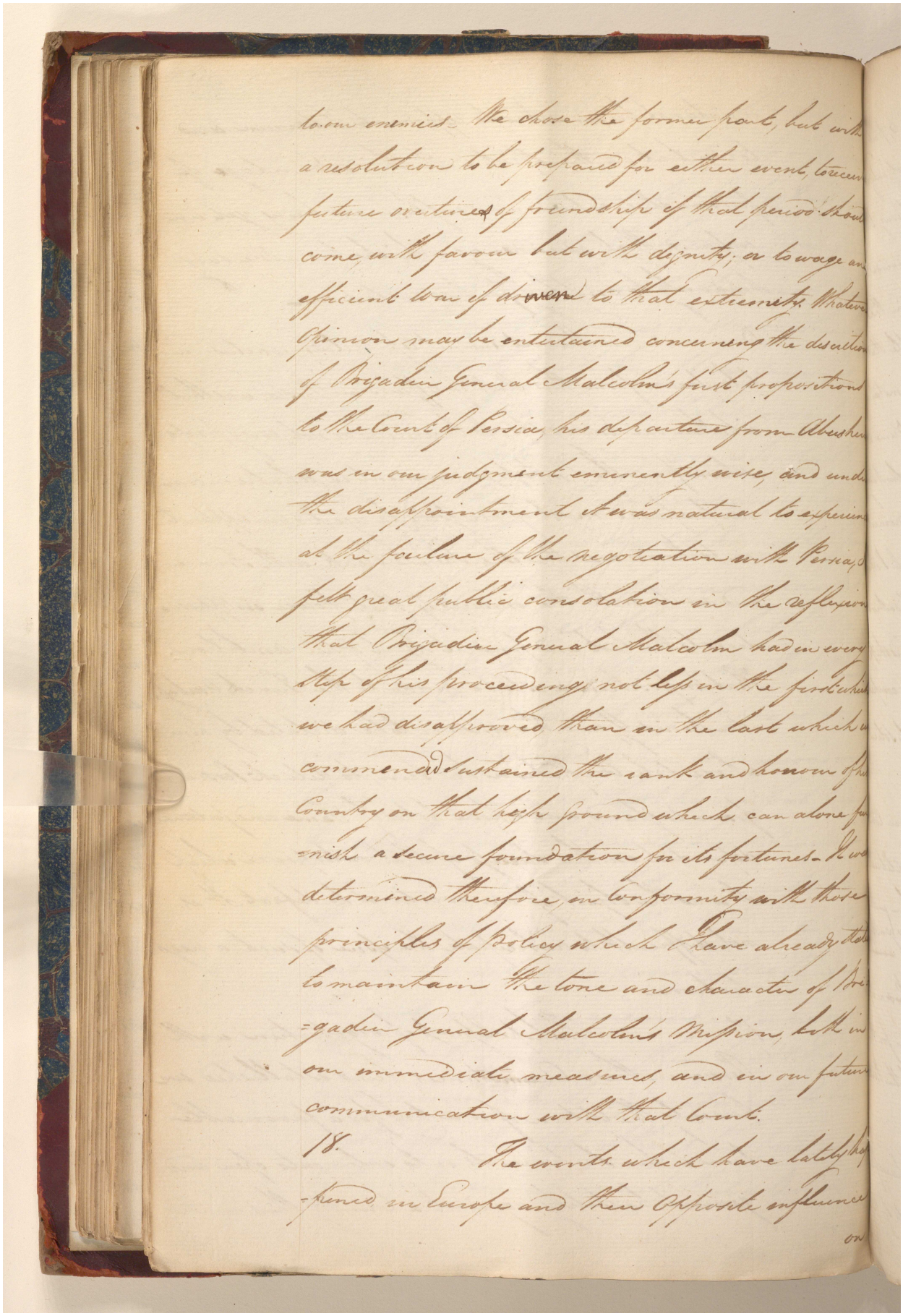
of Brigadier General Malcolm from Abushire on different grounds. He had not only experienced positive and repeated insults at Abushire of a nature to demonstrate the hostile spirit of the Persian Court, but the whole tenour of the information obtained as well as of the proceedings which had taken place since his landing in Persia had established so conclusively, as to leave no longer any room for doubt, that proposition which I consider as having furnished a clear and decided principle for the Government of our future conduct. Experience had now established what had before been but suspected and apprehended, that the Court of Persia was not only too far advanced and too deeply engaged in her connexion with France to recede at that period, but her terror of Russia had made her dependence upon France so absolute and implicit that it was evident the Monarch of Persia and his Councils were committed blindly to the guidance of our enemies and were now but instruments in their hands. The further consequence which was naturally to be expected from this state of things had been verified by the experiment, namely that a British Envoy would



would not be admitted to approach Teheran and to combat on the spot with the advantage of personal exertion and influence being yet in unimpaired that ascendancy which his adversary had only to employ for his exclusion.

15. The next and not less certain conclusion to be drawn from this State of Affairs in Persia, was that whether our Envoy should be received or not, every proposition from the British Government in whatever manner preferred must of necessity be rejected. Our Application to Persia was that she should break with France, and unite with the enemies of that power in opposition to the last and fondest object of her ambition. That proposition was to be made to the French Ambassador himself and the answer to be dictated by him whose sole occupation had been, to detach Persia from England, and whose hopes of Fame and fortune depended on the success of that enterprize which it was the object of our overtures to defeat. It is not difficult to anticipate the issue of such a negotiation.

17. The hopelessness of negotiation with Persia on these circumstances being established we had only the option of waiting for a favourable turn in her sentiments, or to enter into open and general hostility against a Country thus united to



to our enmities. We chose the former point, but with a resolution to be prepared for either event, to secure future overtures of friendship if that period should come with favour but with dignity, or to wage an efficient war if driven to that extremity. Whatever opinion may be entertained concerning the desertion of Brigadier General Malcolm's first propositions to the Court of Persia, his departure from Abusheer was in our judgment eminently wise, and under the disappointment it was natural to experience at the failure of the negotiation with Persia, felt great public consolation in the reflection that Brigadier General Malcolm had in every step of his proceedings, not less in the first which we had disapproved than in the last which we commended, sustained the rank and honour of his Country on that high ground which can alone furnish a secure foundation for its fortunes. It was determined therefore, in conformity with those principles of policy which I have already stated to maintain the tone and character of Brigadier General Malcolm's Mission, both in our immediate measures, and in our future communication with that Court.

18. The events which have lately happened in Europe and their opposite influence on

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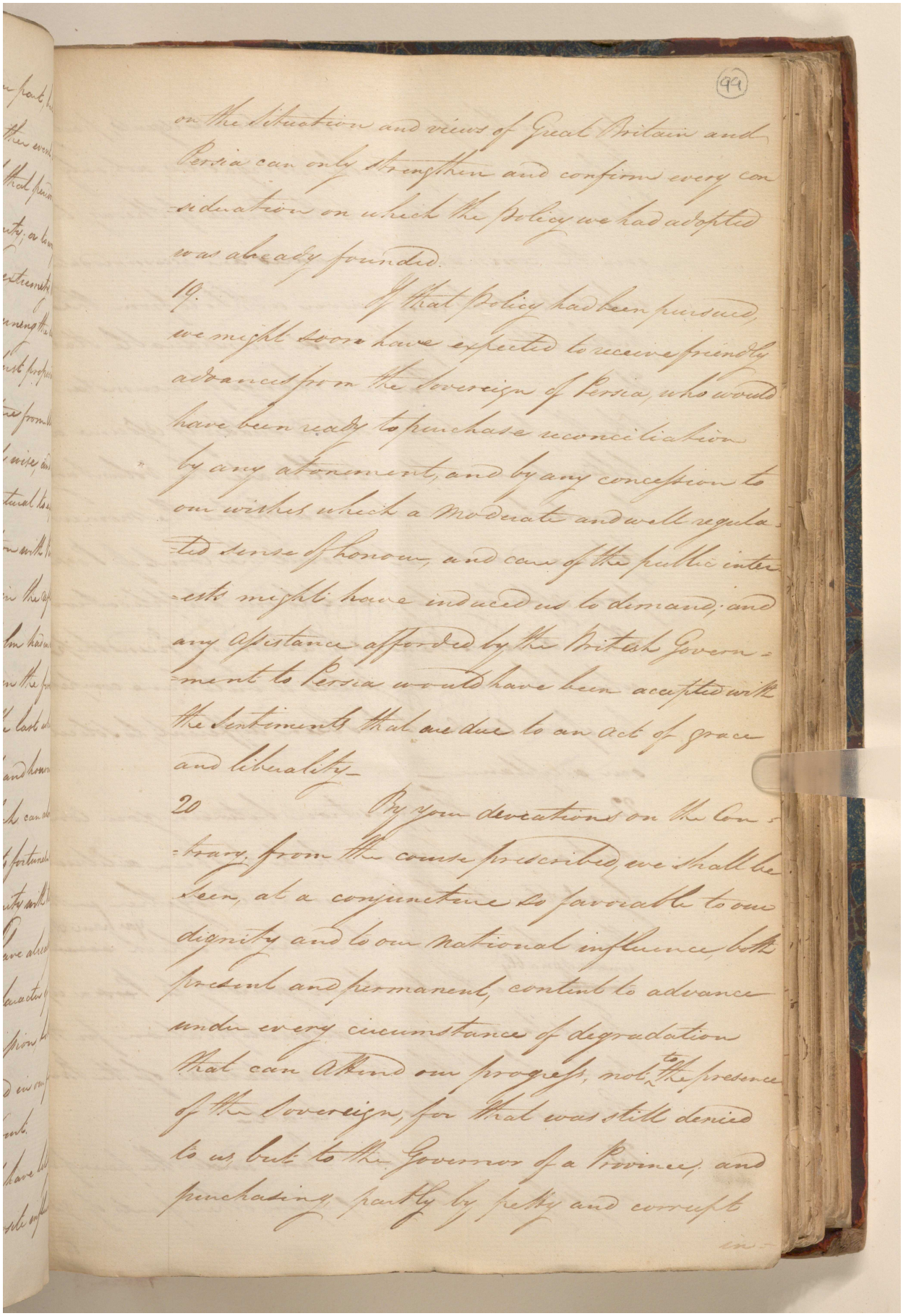

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on the situation and views of Great Britain and Persia can only strengthen and confirm every consideration on which the policy we had adopted was already founded.

19. If that policy had been pursued, we might soon have expected to receive friendly advances from the Sovereign of Persia, who would have been ready to purchase reconciliation by any atonement, and by any concession to our wishes which a moderate and well regulated sense of honour, and care of the public interests might have induced us to demand: and any assistance afforded by the British Government to Persia would have been accepted with the sentiments that are due to an act of grace and liberality.

20 By your deviations on the contrary, from the course prescribed, we shall be seen, at a conjuncture so favorable to our dignity and to our national influence, both present and permanent, content to advance under every circumstance of degradation that can attend our progress, not to the presence of the Sovereign, for that was still denied to us, but to the Governor of a Province, and purchasing, partly by petty and corrupt

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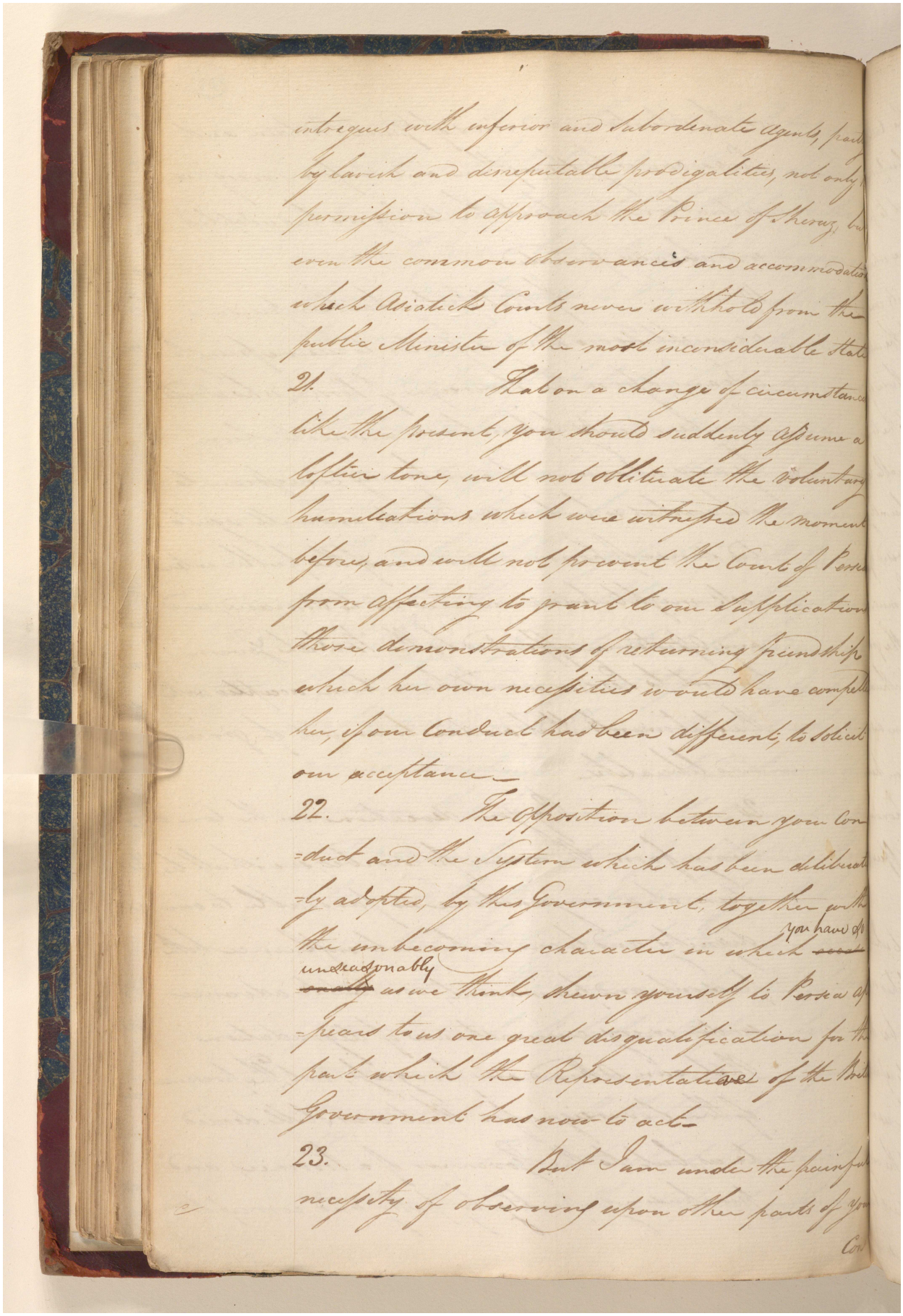

intrigues with inferior and subordinate Agents, part
by lavish and disreputable prodigalities, not only
permission to approach the Prince of Persia, bu
even the common observances and accommodation
which Asiatick Courts never withhold from the
public Ministers of the most inconsiderable state

21. Hat on a change of circumstance
like the present, you should suddenly assume a
loftier tone, will not obliterate the voluntary
humiliations which were witnessed the moment
before, and will not prevent the Court of Persia
from affecting to grant to our supplications
those demonstrations of returning friendship
which her own necessities would have compell
her, if your conduct had been different, to solicit
our acceptance.

22. The opposition between your con-
duct and the System which has been deliberate-
ly adopted by this Government, together with
the unbecoming character in which ~~you~~ you have ap
~~unreasonably~~ as we think, shewn yourself to Persia ap-
pears to us one great disqualification for the
part which the Representative of the Brit
Government has now to act.

23. But I am under the painful
necessity of observing upon other parts of you
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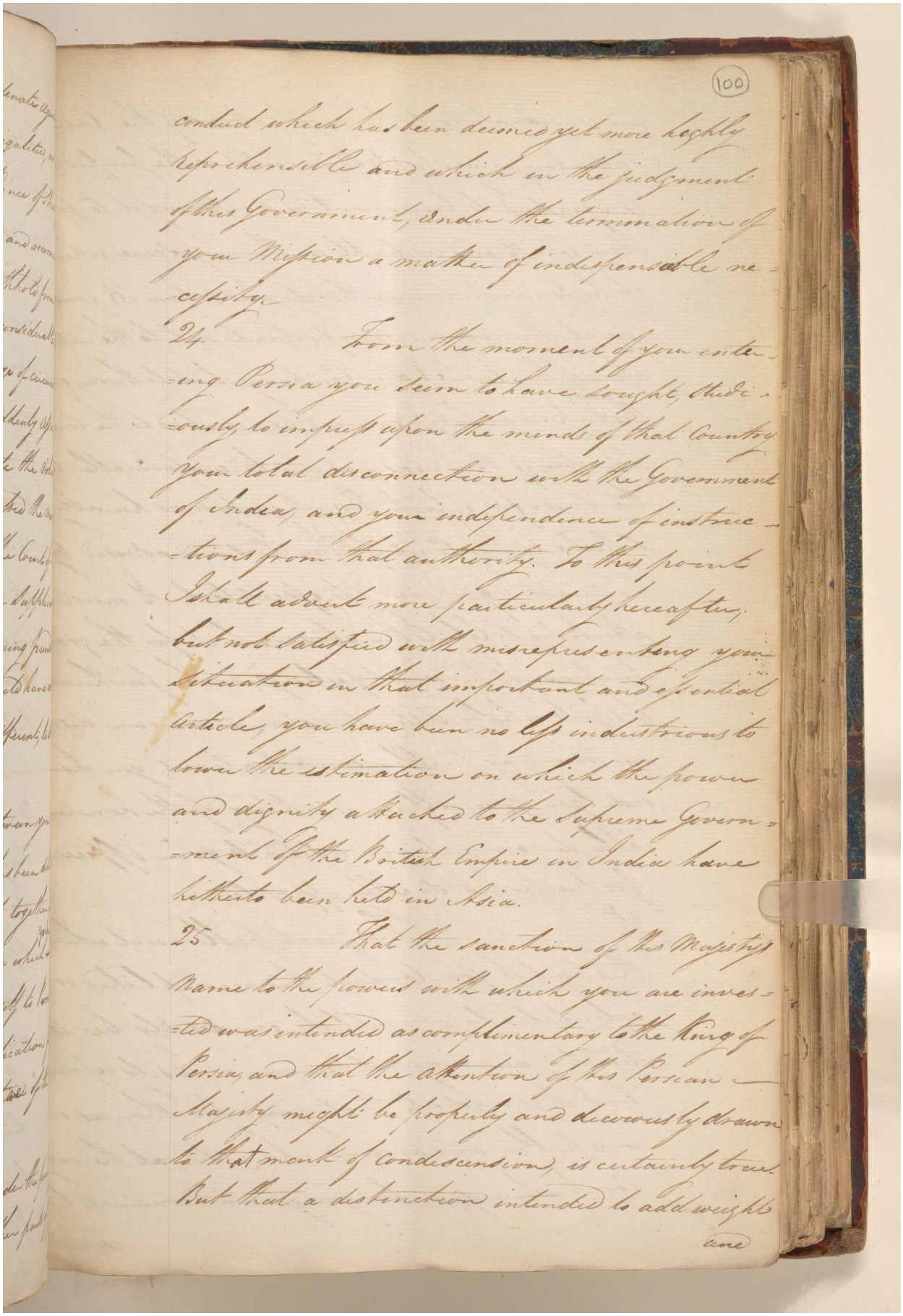

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conduct which has been deemed yet more highly reprehensible and which in the judgment of this Government, under the termination of your Mission a matter of indispensable necessity.

24 From the moment of your entering Persia you seem to have sought assiduously to impress upon the minds of that Country your total disconnection with the Government of India, and your independence of instructions from that authority. To this point I shall advert more particularly hereafter, but not satisfied with misrepresenting your situation in that important and essential Article, you have been no less industrious to lower the estimation on which the power and dignity attached to the Supreme Government of the British Empire in India have hitherto been held in Asia.

25 That the sanction of His Majesty's Name to the powers with which you are invested was intended as complimentary to the King of Persia, and that the attention of this Persian Majesty might be properly and decorously drawn to that mark of condescension, is certainly true. But that a distinction intended to add weight

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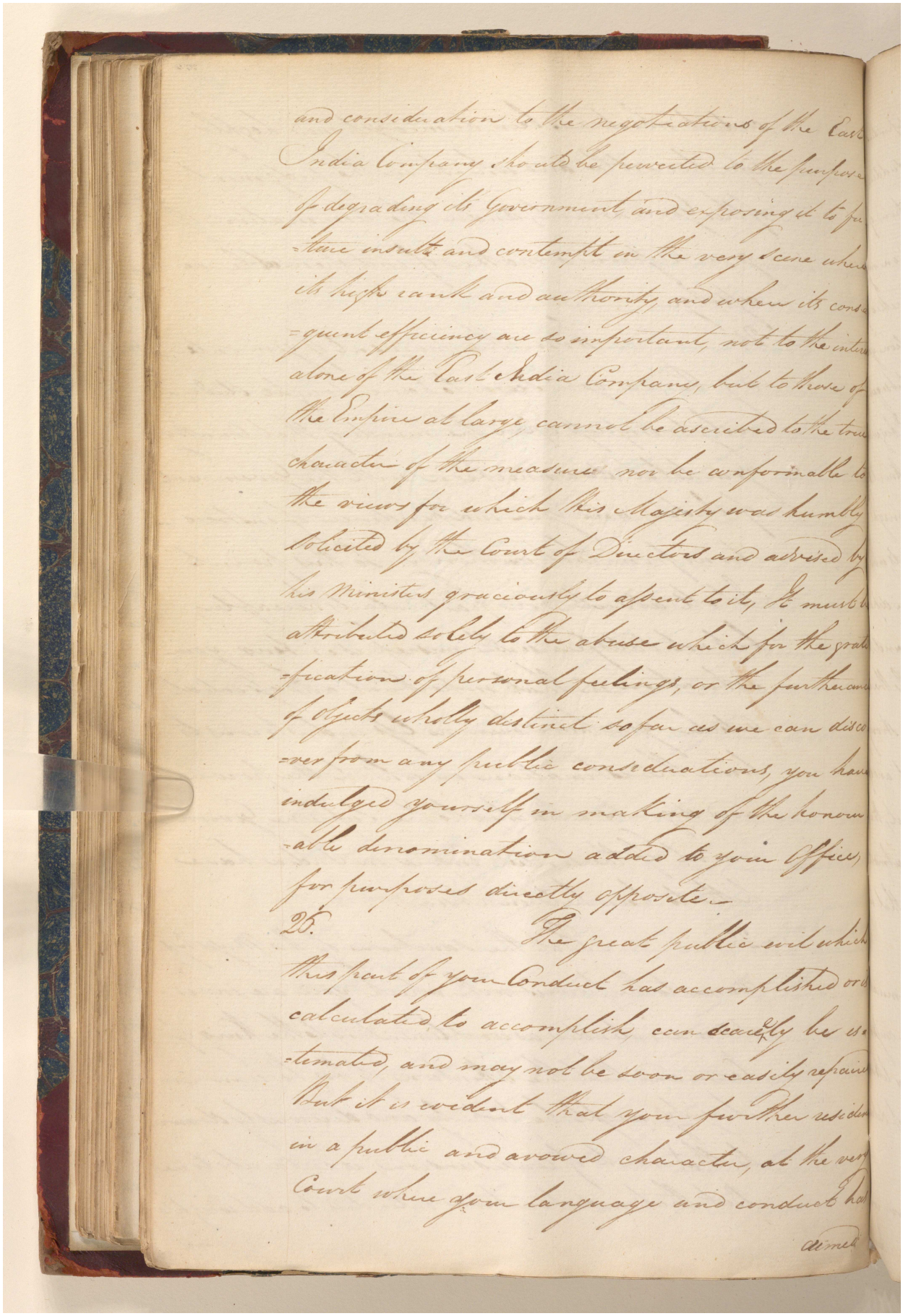

and consideration to the negotiations of the East India Company should be perverted to the purpose of degrading its Government and exposing it to future insults and contempt in the very Scene where its high rank and authority, and where its consequent efficiency are so important, not to the interest alone of the East India Company, but to those of the Empire at large, cannot be ascribed to the true character of the measure nor be conformable to the views for which His Majesty was humbly solicited by the Court of Directors and advised by his Ministers graciously to assent to it, It must be attributed solely to the abuse which for the gratification of personal feelings, or the furtherance of Objects wholly distinct so far as we can discover from any public considerations, you have indulged yourself in making of the honourable denomination added to your Office, for purposes directly opposite.

25. The great public evil which this part of your Conduct has accomplished or is calculated to accomplish can scarcely be overestimated, and may not be soon or easily repaired. But it is evident that your further residence in a public and avowed character, at the very Court where your language and conduct has

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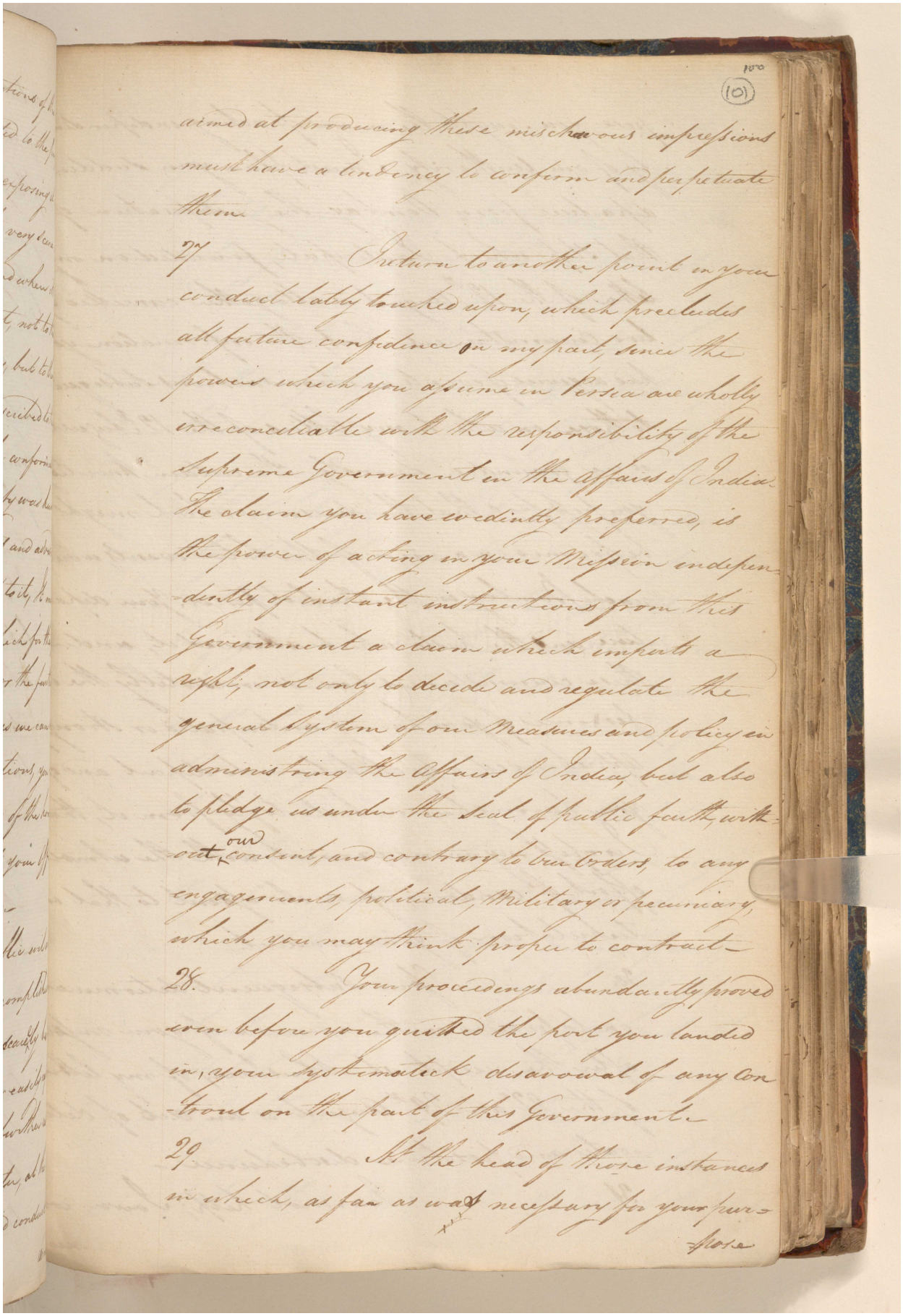

aimed at producing these mischievous impressions must have a tendency to confirm and perpetuate them.

27 I return to another point in your conduct lately touched upon, which precludes all future confidence on my part, since the powers which you assume in Persia are wholly irreconcilable with the responsibility of the Supreme Government in the affairs of India. The claim you have evidently preferred, is the power of acting in your Mission independently of instant instructions from this Government a claim which imports a right, not only to decide and regulate the general System of our Measures and policy in administring the Affairs of India, but also to pledge us under the Seal of public faith, without our consent, and contrary to our Orders, to any engagements, political, Military or pecuniary, which you may think proper to contract.

28. Your proceedings abundantly proved even before you quitted the port you landed in, your systematick disavowal of any Control on the part of this Government.

29 At the head of those instances in which, as far as was necessary for your purpose

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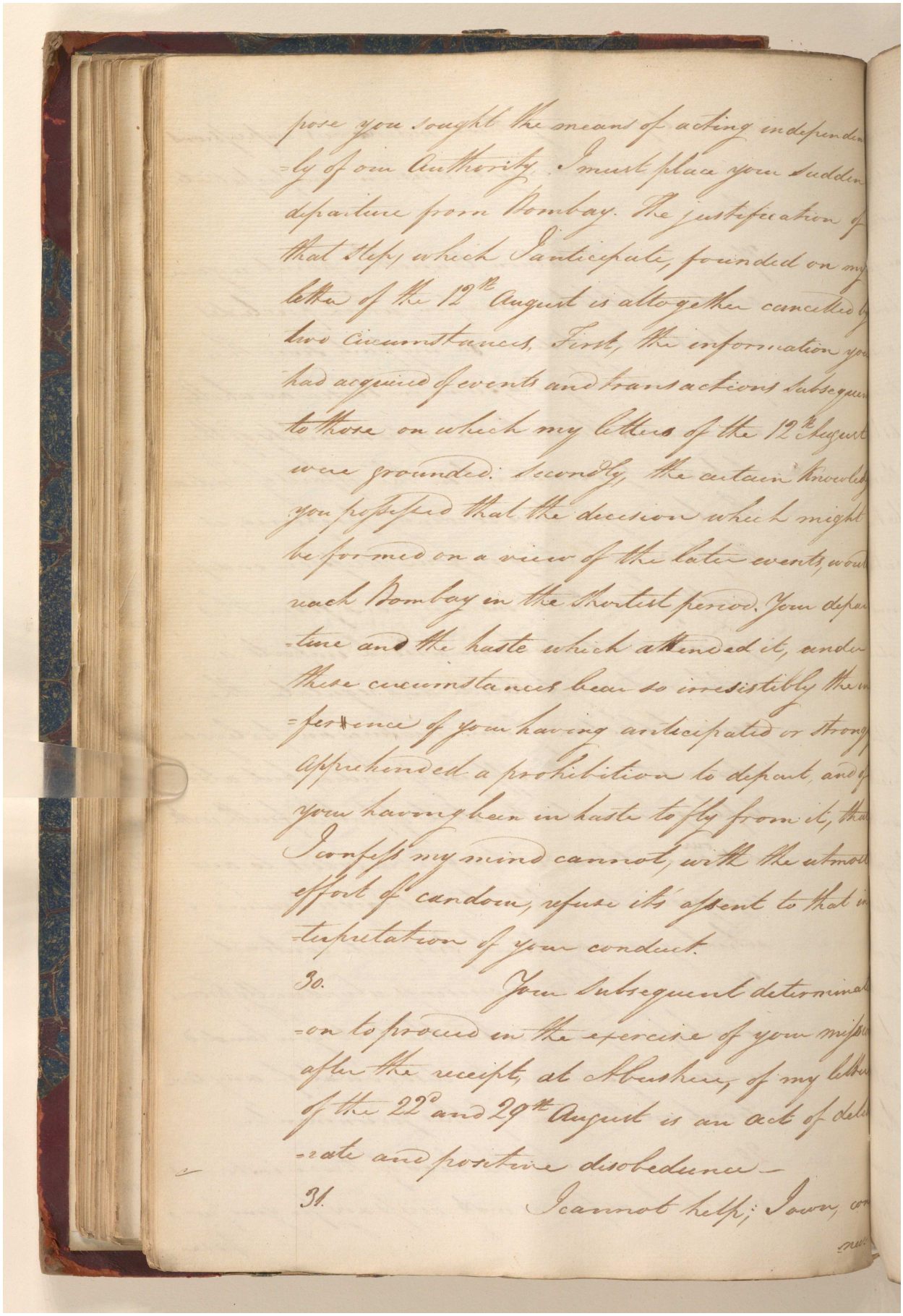
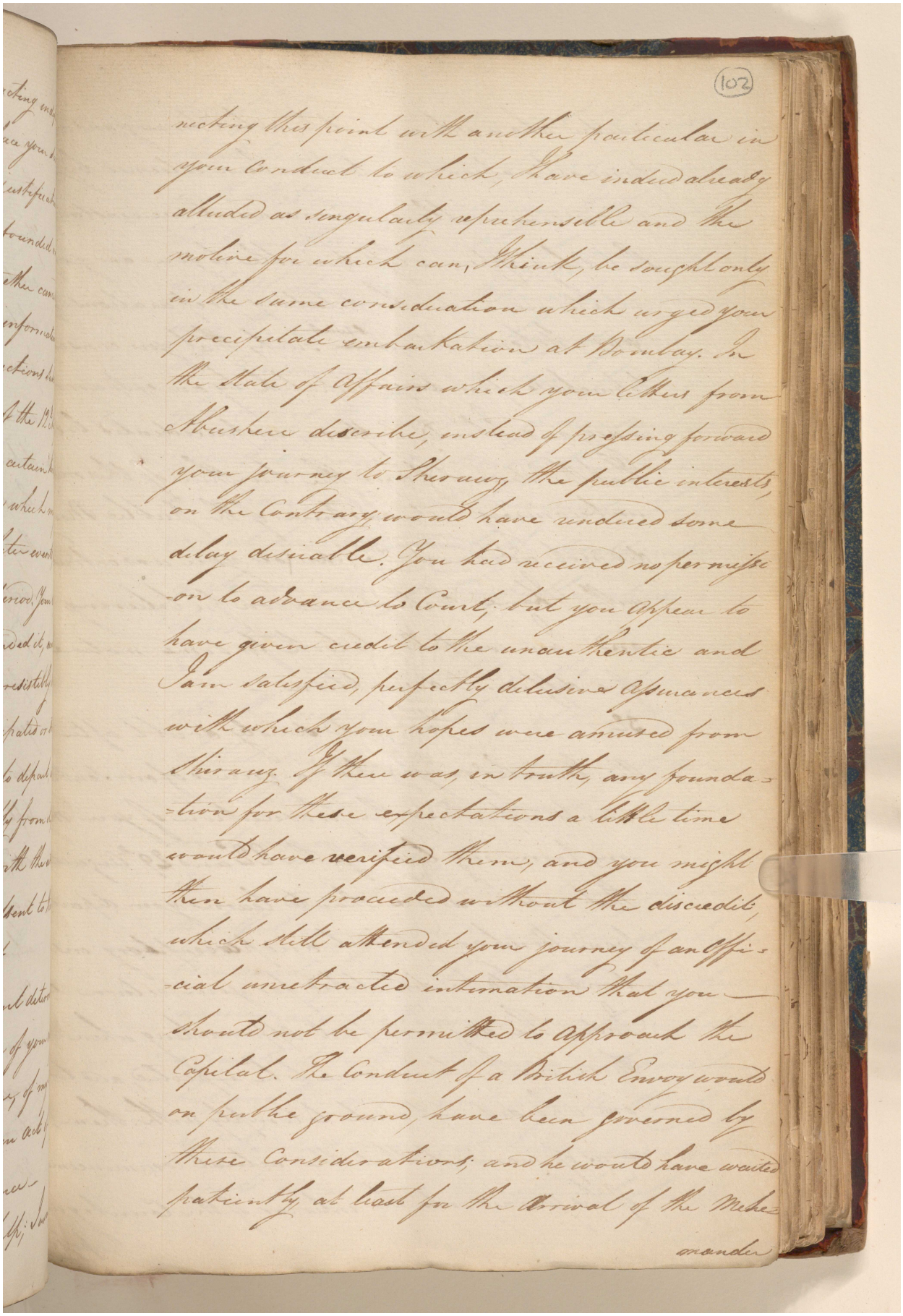


pose you sought the means of acting independ-
-ly of our Authority. I must place your sudden
departure from Bombay. The justification of
that step, which I anticipate, founded on my
letter of the 12th August is altogether cancelled by
two circumstances. First, the information you
has acquired of events and transactions subsequent
to those on which my letters of the 12th August
were grounded. Secondly, the certain knowledge
you possessed that the decision which I might
be formed on a view of the later events, would
reach Bombay in the shortest period. Your depar-
-ture and the haste which attended it, under
these circumstances bear so irresistibly the in-
-ference of your having anticipated or strongly
apprehended a prohibition to depart, and of
your having been in haste to fly from it, that
I confess my mind cannot, with the utmost
effort of candour, refuse its assent to that im-
-putation of your conduct.

30. Your subsequent determination
-on to proceed in the exercise of your mission
after the receipt, at Aboushier, of my letters
of the 22d and 29th August is an act of delib-
-erate and positive disobedience.

31. I cannot help; I own, on



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noticing this point with another particular in
your conduct to which, I have indeed already
alluded as singularly reprehensible and the
motive for which can, I think, be sought only
in the same consideration which urged your
precipitate embarkation at Bombay. In
the state of Affairs which your Letters from
Shushter describe, instead of pressing forward
your journey to Shiraz, the public interests,
on the Contrary, would have indured some
delay desirable. You had received no permis-
-on to advance to Court, but you appear to
have given credit to the unauthentic and
I am satisfied, perfectly delusive Assurances
with which your hopes were amused from
Shiraz. If there was, in truth, any founda-
-tion for these expectations a little time
would have verified them, and you might
then have proceeded without the discredit,
which still attended your journey of an Offi-
-cial unretracted intimation that you
should not be permitted to approach the
Capital. The Conduct of a British Envoy would
on just the ground, have been governed by
these Considerations; and he would have waited
patiently, at least for the Arrival of the Mehe-

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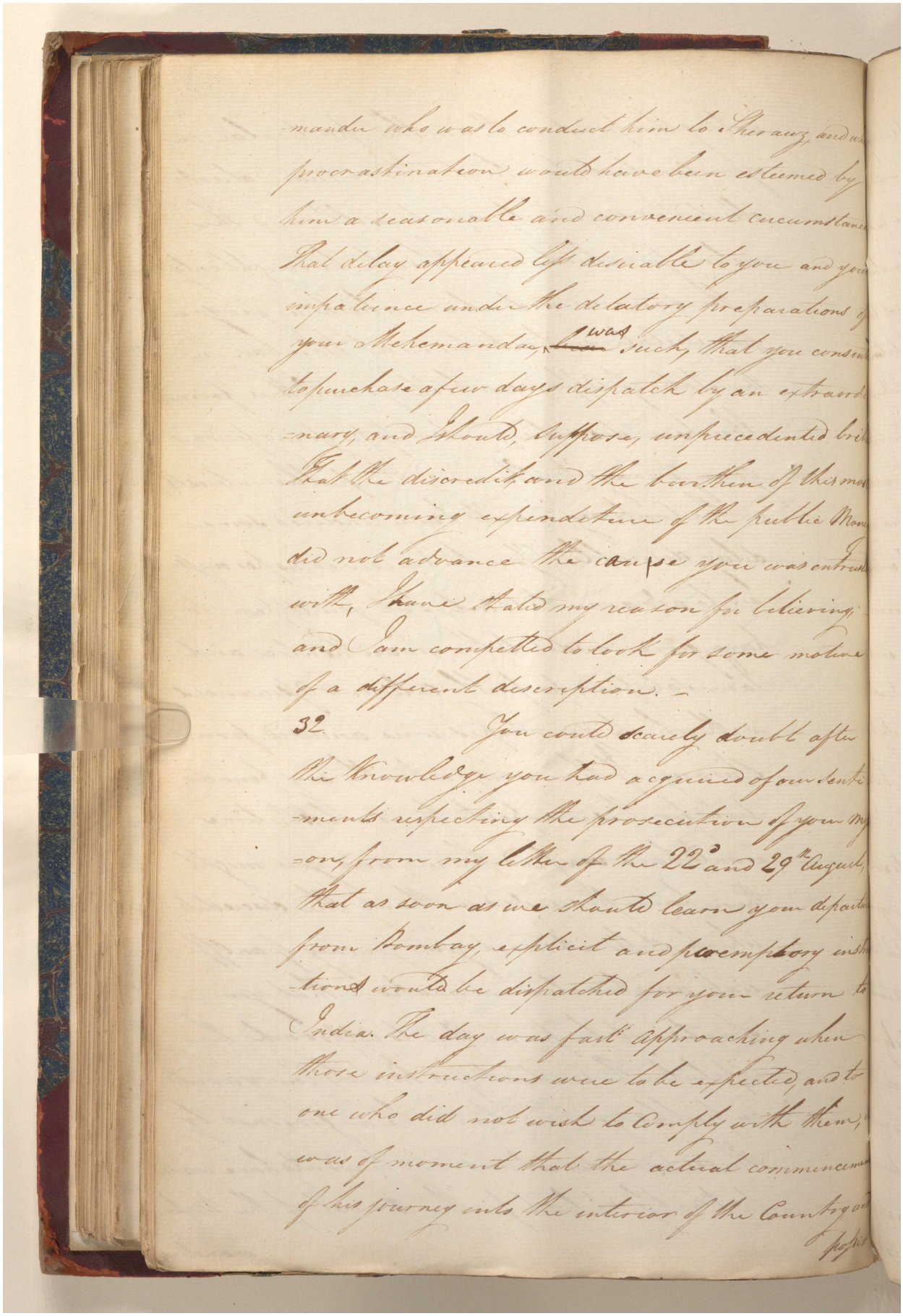

-mandu who was to conduct him to Sheraaz, and w-
procrastination would have been esteemed by
him a reasonable and convenient circumstanc-
That delay appeared less desirable to you and you-
impatience under the dilatory preparations o-
your Mehemanday ~~was~~ was such, that you consen-
to purchase a few days dispatch by an extraord-
-nary, and I doubt, unprecedented bri-
That the discredit and the burthen of this mos-
unbecoming expenditure of the public Mon-
did not advance the cause you was entrus-
with, I have stated my reason for believing,
and I am compelled to look for some motive
of a different description. -

32. You could scarcely doubt after
the knowledge you had acquired of our sentim-
-ents respecting the prosecution of your my-
-on, from my letter of the 22d and 29th August,
that as soon as we should learn your depart-
from Bombay, explicit and peremptory inst-
-tions would be dispatched for your return to
India. The day was fast approaching when
those instructions were to be expected and to
one who did not wish to comply with them,
was of moment that the actual commencem-
of his journey into the interior of the Country an-
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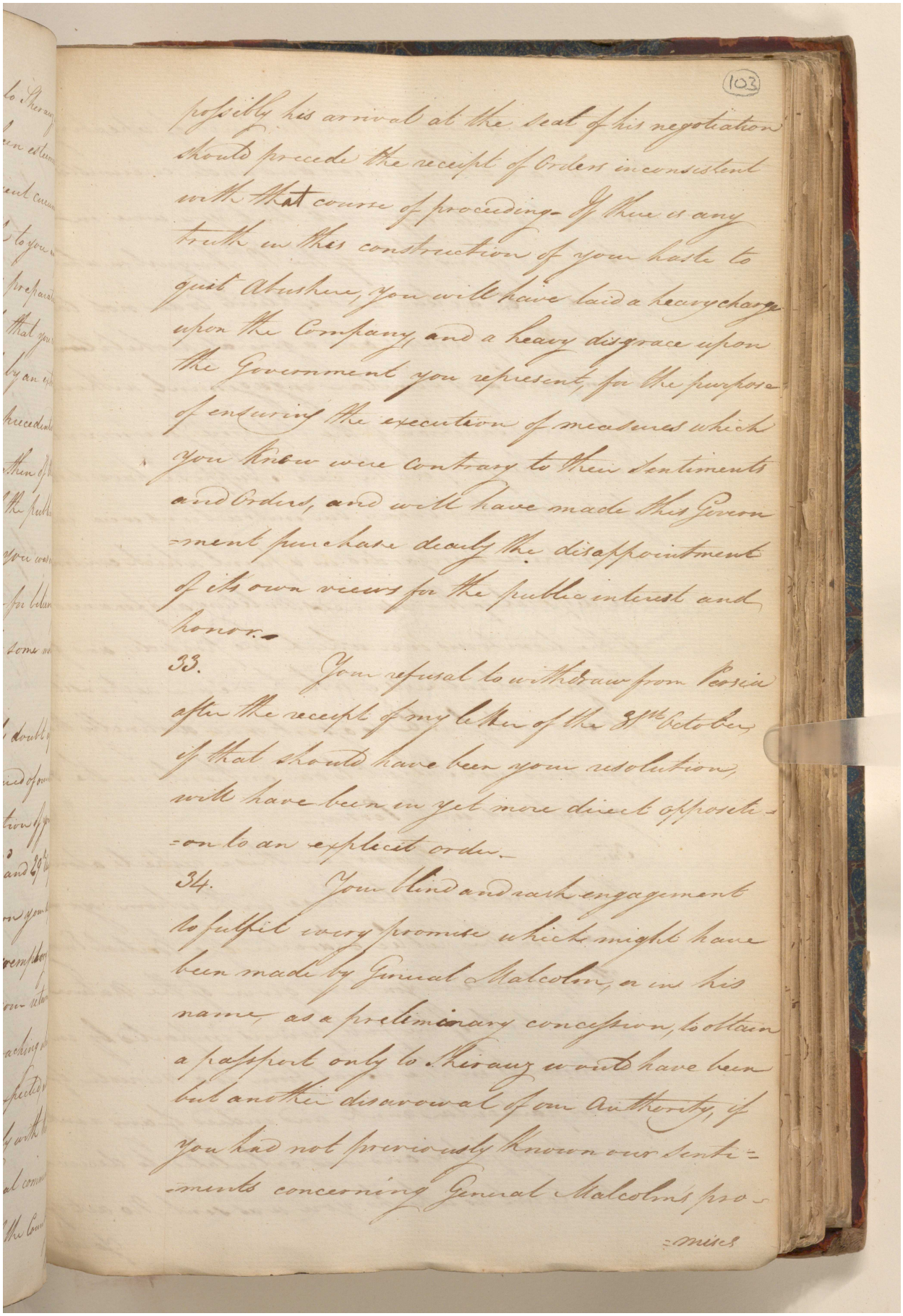

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possibly his arrival at the seat of his negotiation should precede the receipt of Orders inconsistent with that course of proceeding. If there is any truth in this construction of your haste to quit Abushire, you will have laid a heavy charge upon the Company and a heavy disgrace upon the Government you represent, for the purpose of ensuring the execution of measures which you know were contrary to their sentiments and Orders, and will have made this Govern=ment purchase dearly the disappointment of its own views for the public interest and honor.

33. Your refusal to withdraw from Persia after the receipt of my letter of the 31st October if that should have been your resolution, will have been in yet more direct opposi=tion to an explicit order.

34. Your blind and rash engagement to fulfil every promise which might have been made by General Malcolm, or in his name, as a preliminary conception, to obtain a passport only to Shiraz would have been but another disavowal of our Authority, if you had not previously known our Senti=ments concerning General Malcolms pro=

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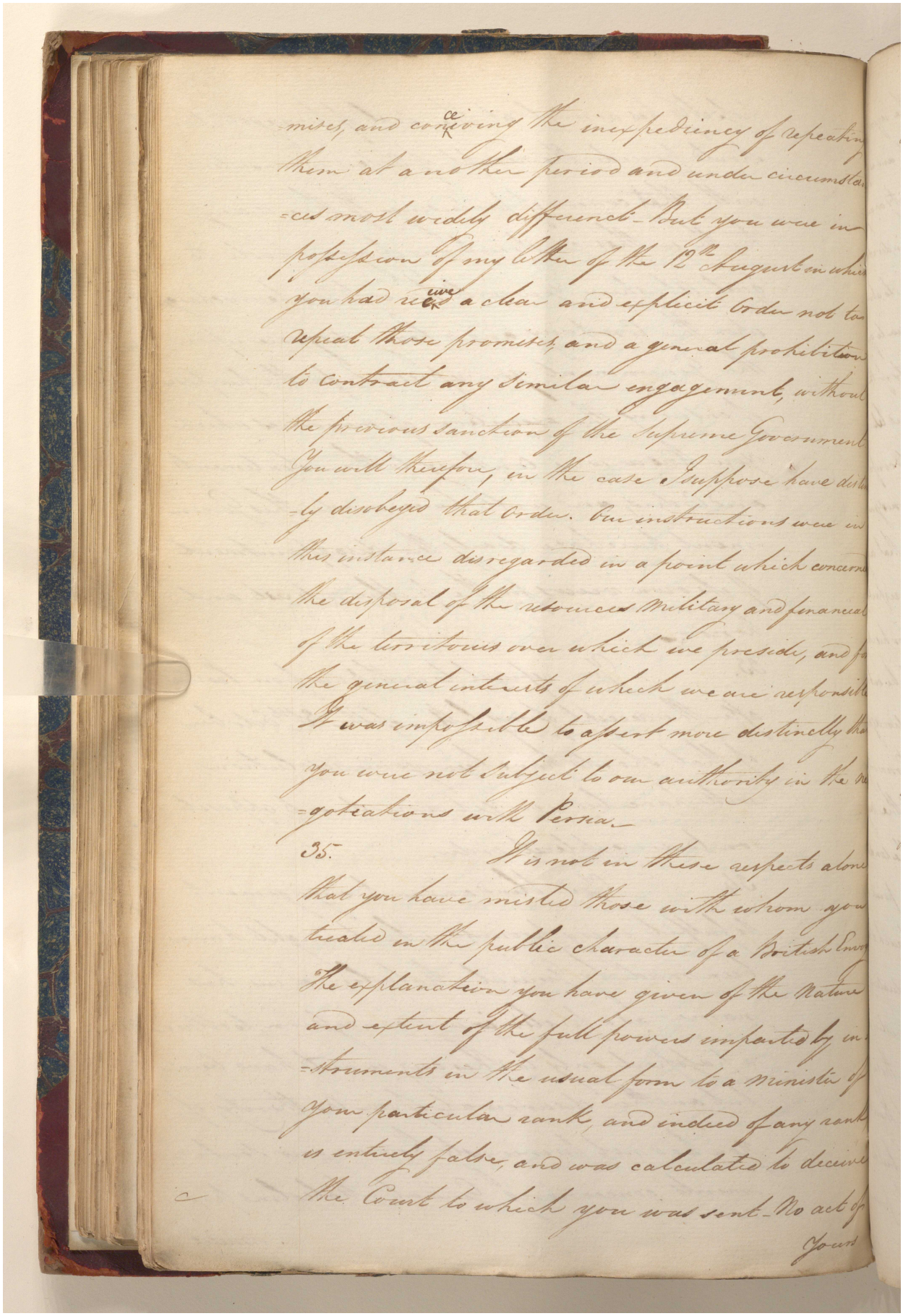

-mises, and conceiving the inexpediency of repeating them at another period and under circumstances most widely different. But you were in possession of my letter of the 12th August in which you had received a clear and explicit Order not to repeat those promises, and a general prohibition to contract any similar engagement, without the previous sanction of the Supreme Government. You will therefore, in the case I suppose have distinctly disobeyed that Order. Our instructions were in this instance disregarded in a point which concerned the disposal of the resources Military and financial of the territories over which we preside, and for the general interests of which we are responsible. It was impossible to assert more distinctly that you were not subject to our authority in the negotiations with Persia.

35. It is not in these respects alone that you have misled those with whom you treated in the public character of a British Envoy. The explanation you have given of the Nature and extent of the full powers imparted by instruments in the usual form to a Minister of your particular rank, and indeed of any rank, is entirely false, and was calculated to deceive the Court to which you was sent. No act of

Yours

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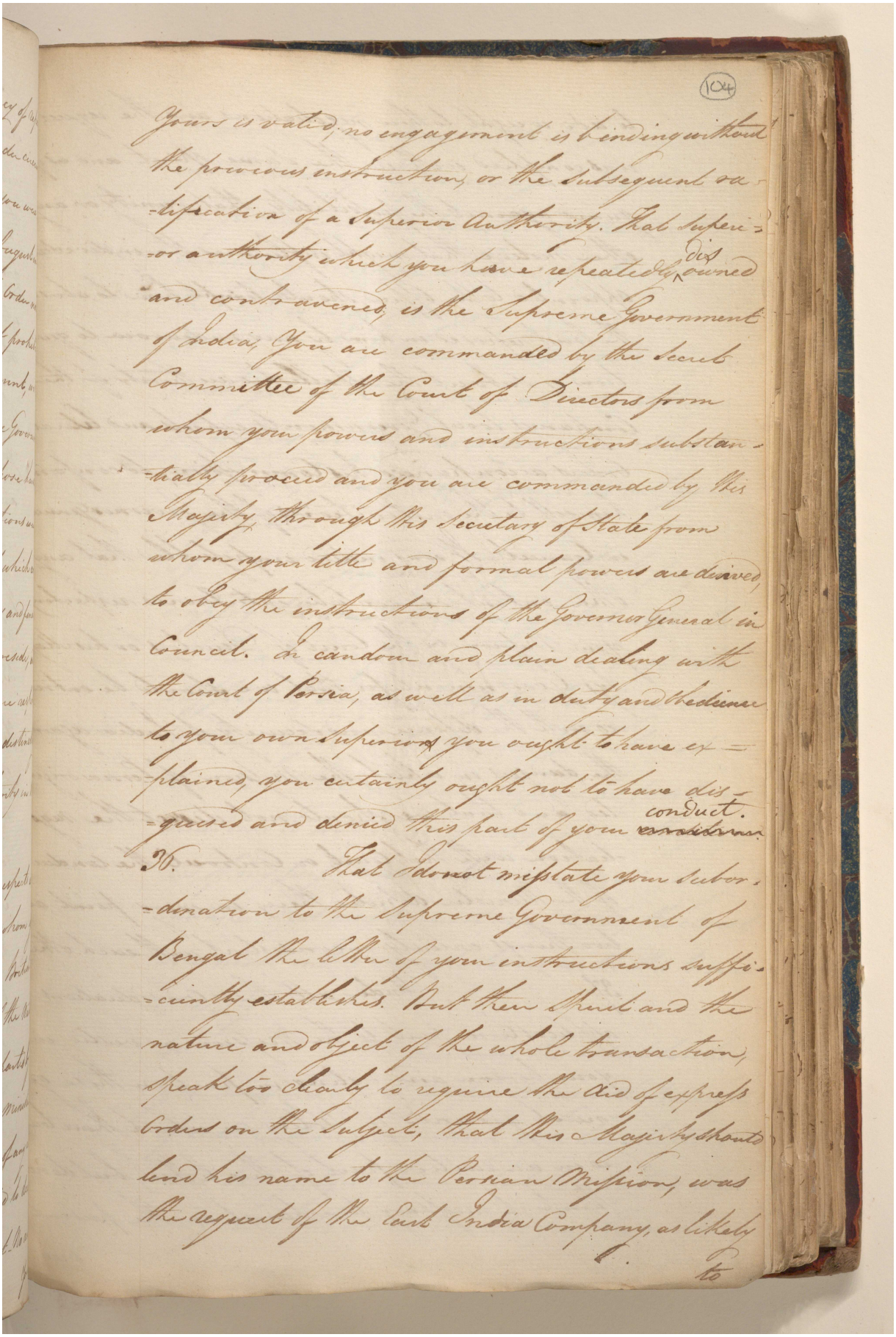

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Yours is valid, no engagement is binding without the previous instruction, or the subsequent ratification of a superior Authority. That superior authority which you have repeatedly disowned and contravened, is the Supreme Government of India. You are commanded by the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors from whom your powers and instructions substantially proceed and you are commanded by His Majesty, through His Secretary of State from whom your title and formal powers are derived, to obey the instructions of the Governor General in Council. In candour and plain dealing with the Court of Persia, as well as in duty and obedience to your own Superiors you ought to have explained, you certainly ought not to have disguised and denied this part of your conduct.

36. That I do not misstate your subordination to the Supreme Government of Bengal the letter of your instructions sufficiently establishes. But their spirit and the nature and object of the whole transaction, speak too clearly to require the aid of express orders on the subject, that His Majesty should lend his name to the Persian Mission, was the request of the East India Company, as likely

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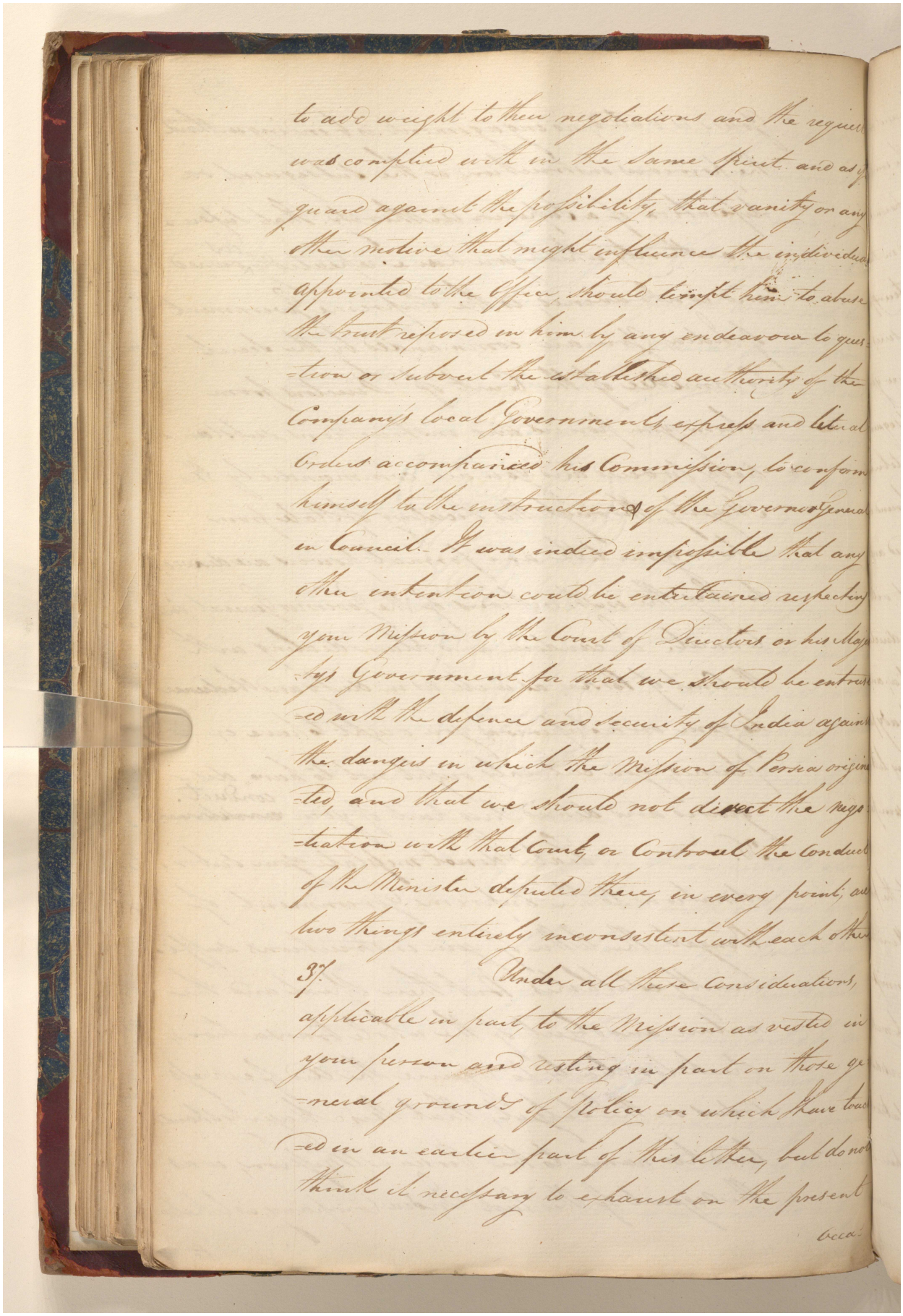

to add weight to their negotiations and the requi-
was complied with in the same spirit and as
guard against the possibility, that vanity or any
other motive that might influence the individua
appointed to the Office, should tempt him to abuse
the trust reposed in him by any endeavour to ques-
tion or subvert the established authority of the
Company's local Government, express and literal
Orders accompanied his Commission, to conform
himself to the instructions of the Governor Genera
in Council. It was indeed impossible that any
other intention could be entertained respecting
your Mission by the Court of Directors or his Maj-
-ty's Government for that we should be entrus-
-ed with the defence and security of India again
the dangers in which the Mission of Persia origin-
-ted, and that we should not direct the nego-
-tiation with that Court, or Controul the Conduct
of the Ministers deputed there in every point, as
two things entirely inconsistent with each other

37. Under all these Considerations,
applicable in part to the Mission as vested in
your person and resting in part on those ge-
-neral grounds of Policy on which I have touc-
-ed in an earlier part of this letter, but do not
think it necessary to expatiate on the present
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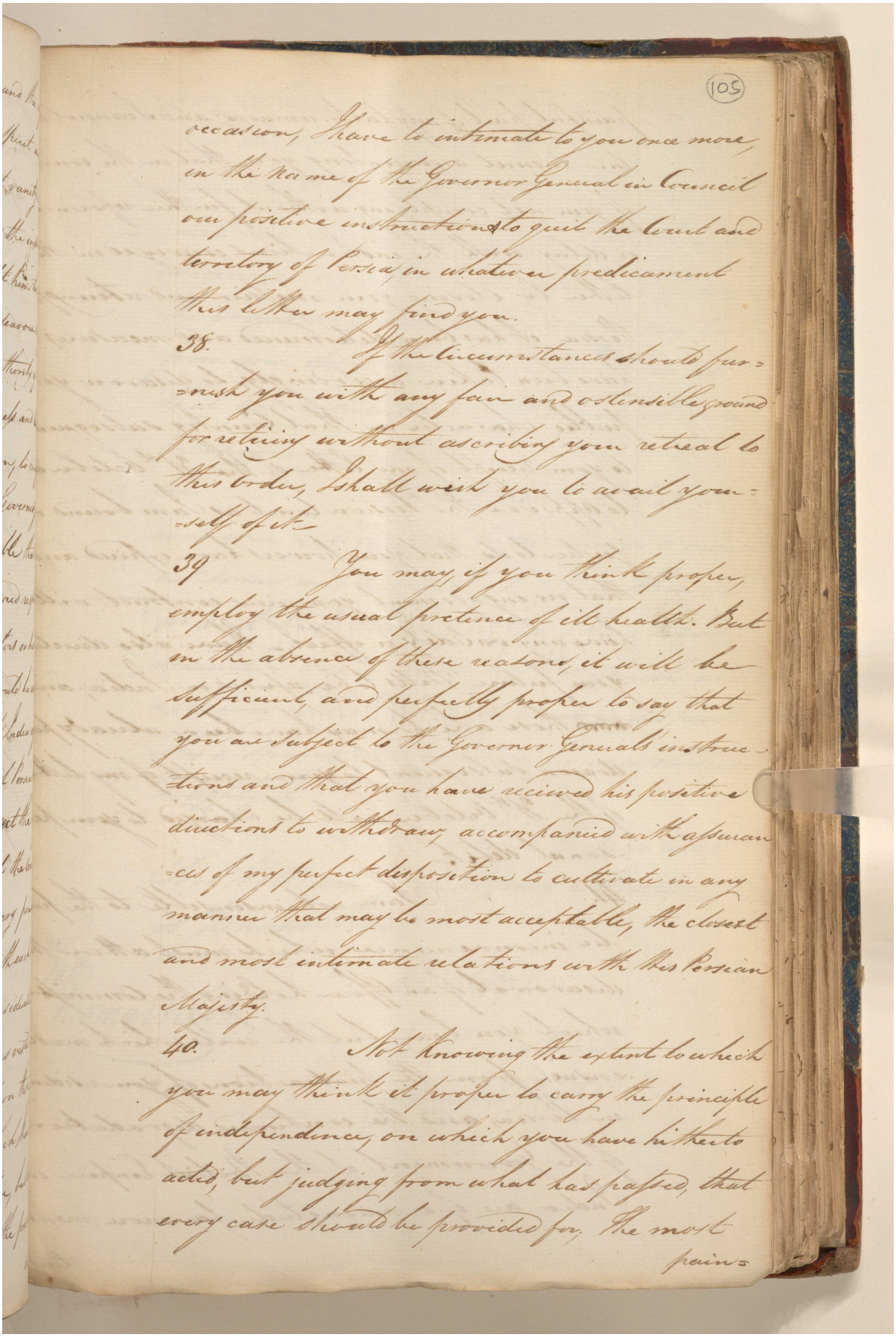

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occasion, I have to intimate to you once more, in the name of the Governor General in Council our positive instructions to quit the Court and territory of Persia, in whatever predicament this Letter may find you.

38. If the circumstances should furnish you with any fair and ostensible ground for retiring without ascribing your retreat to this order, I shall wish you to avail yourself of it.

39 You may if you think proper, employ the usual pretence of ill health. But in the absence of these reasons, it will be sufficient, and perfectly proper to say that you are subject to the Governor Generals instructions and that you have received his positive directions to withdraw, accompanied with assurances of my perfect disposition to cultivate in any manner that may be most acceptable, the closest and most intimate relations with His Persian Majesty.

40. Not knowing the extent to which you may think it proper to carry the principle of independence, on which you have hitherto acted, but judging from what has passed, that every case should be provided for, the most

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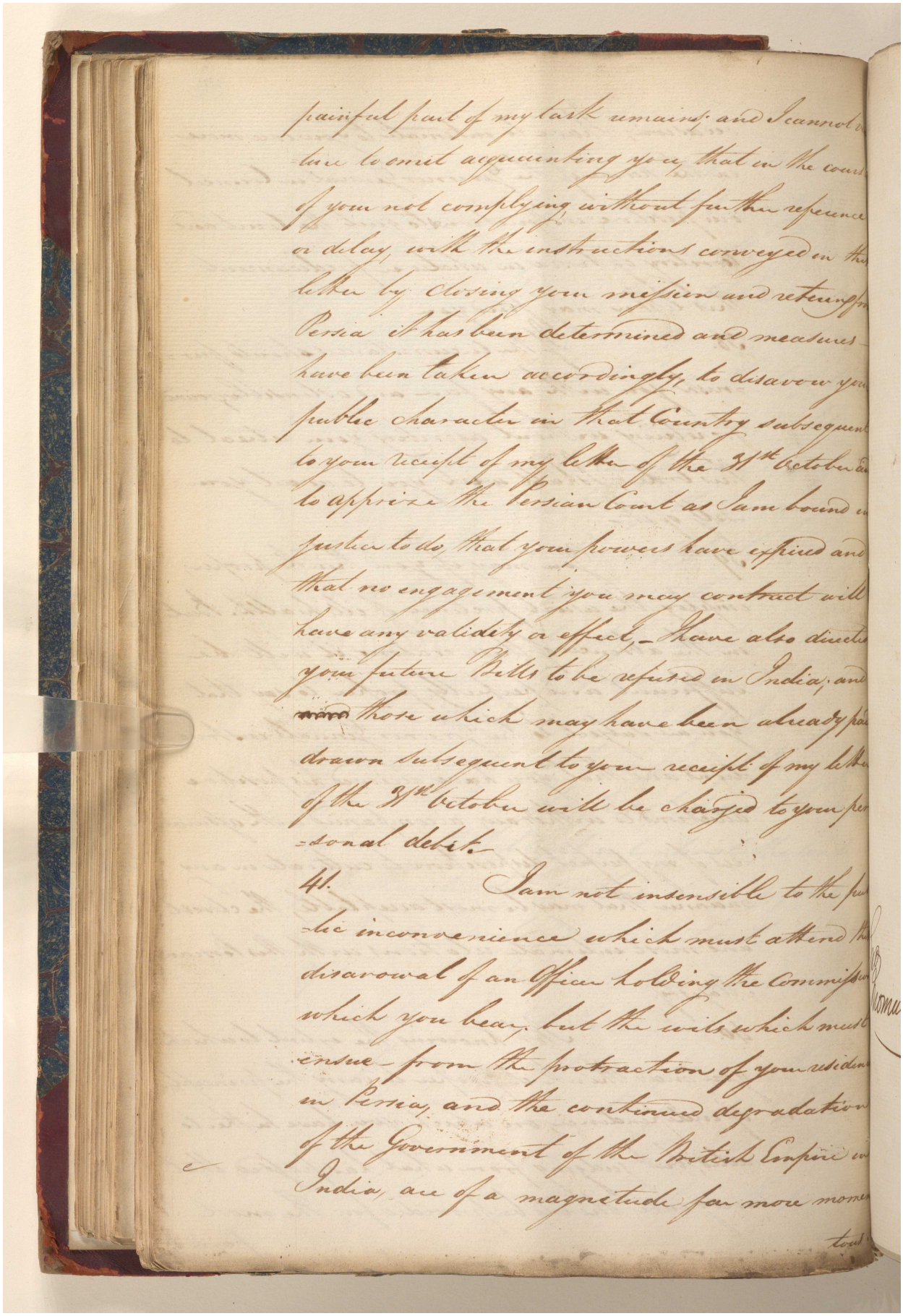

painful part of my task remains; and I cannot ve-
-ture to omit acquainting you, that in the cours
of your not complying without further reference
or delay, with the instructions conveyed in this
letter by closing your mission and retiring fr
Persia it has been determined and measures
have been taken accordingly, to disavow your
public character in that Country subsequent
to your receipt of my letter of the 31st October and
to apprize the Persian Court as I am bound in
justice to do, that your powers have expired and
that no engagement you may contract will
have any validity or effect, — I have also directed
your future Bills to be refused in India; and
those which may have been already pa
drawn subsequent to your receipt of my letter
of the 31st October will be charged to your per
-sonal debit.

41. I am not insensible to the pub
-lic inconvenience which must attend the
disavowal of an Officer holding the Commission
which you bear, but the evils which must
ensue from the protraction of your residence
in Persia, and the continued degradation
of the Government of the British Empire in
India, are of a magnitude far more momen
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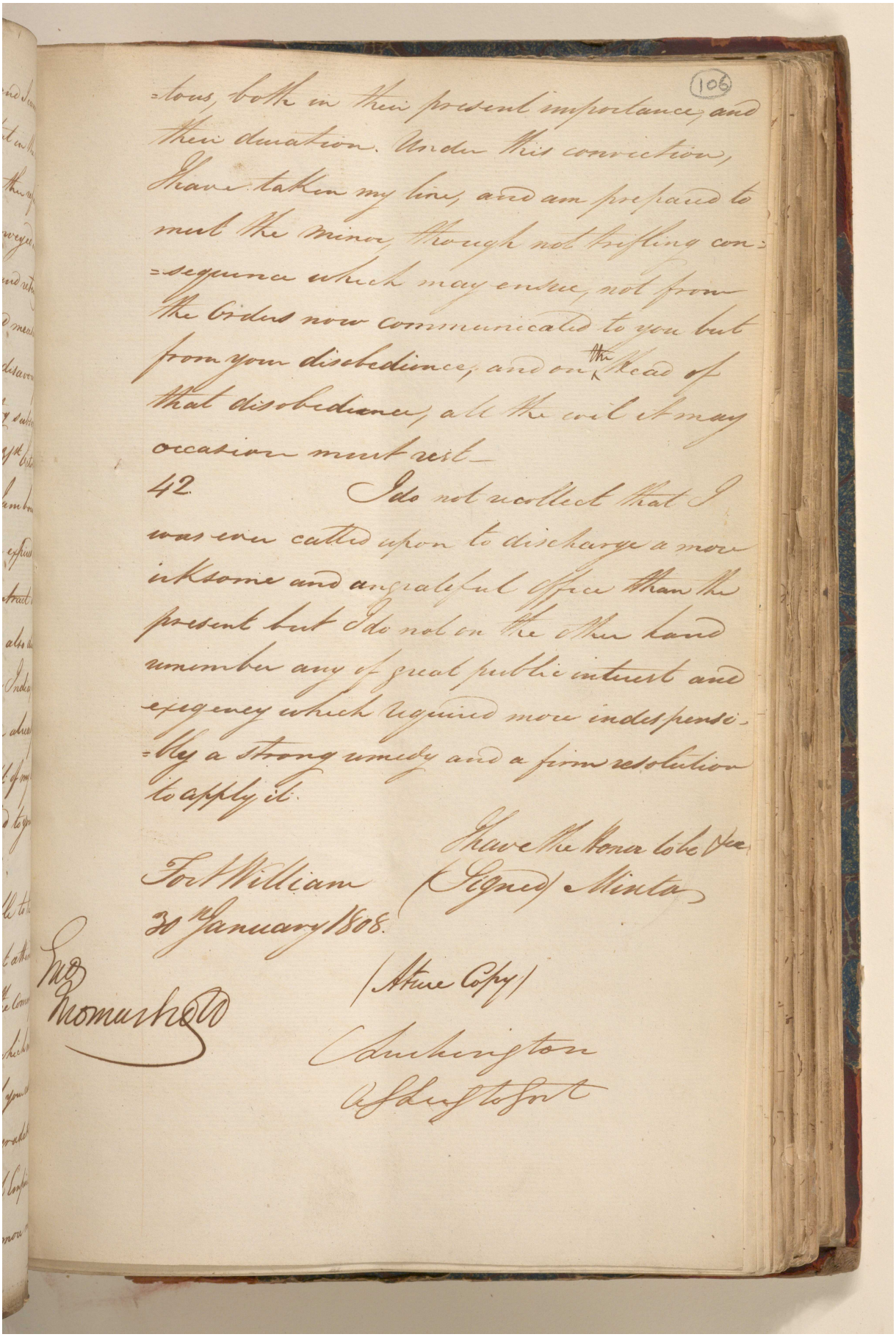

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=tous, both in their present importance, and their duration. Under this conviction, I have taken my line, and am prepared to meet the minor, though not trifling con=sequence which may ensue, not from the Orders now communicated to you but from your disobedience, and on the head of that disobedience, all the evil it may occasion must rest—

42. I do not recollect that I was ever called upon to discharge a more irksome and ungrateful Office than the present but I do not on the other hand remember any of great public interest and exigency which required more indespensi=bly a strong remedy and a firm resolution to apply it.

I have the Honor to be &c.

Fort William (Signed) Minto

30th January 1808.

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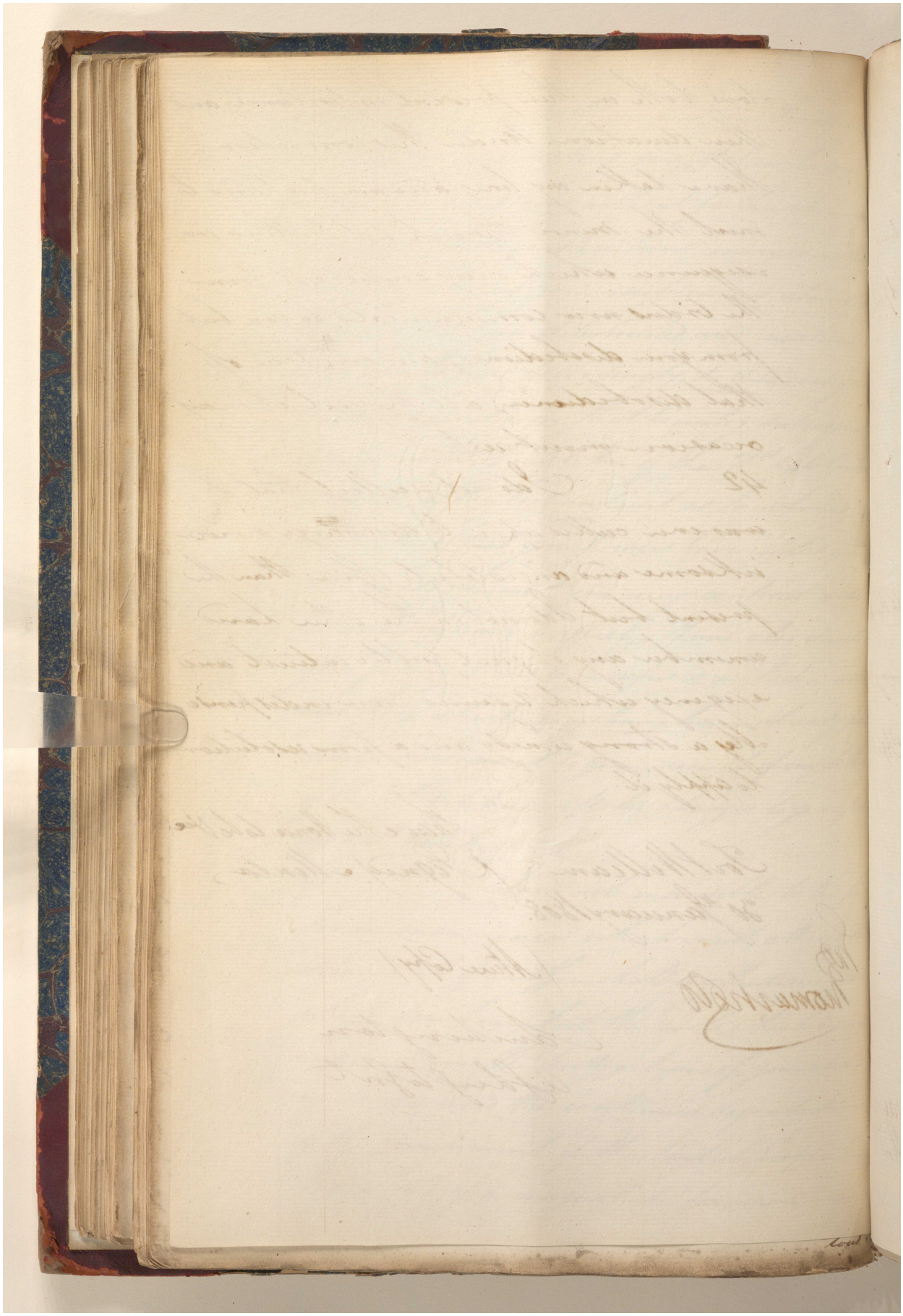

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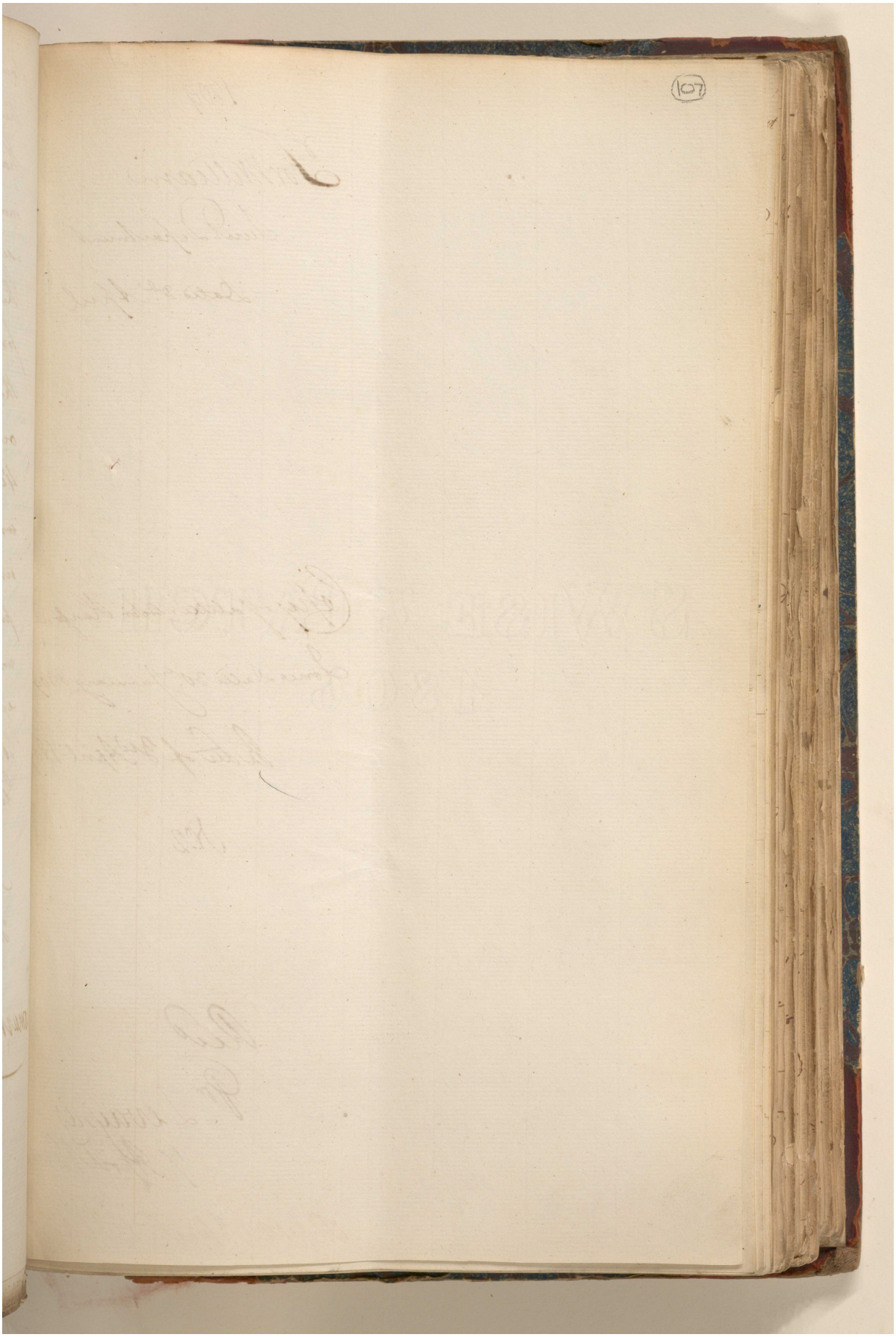

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For William

Secret Department

Dated 3d April

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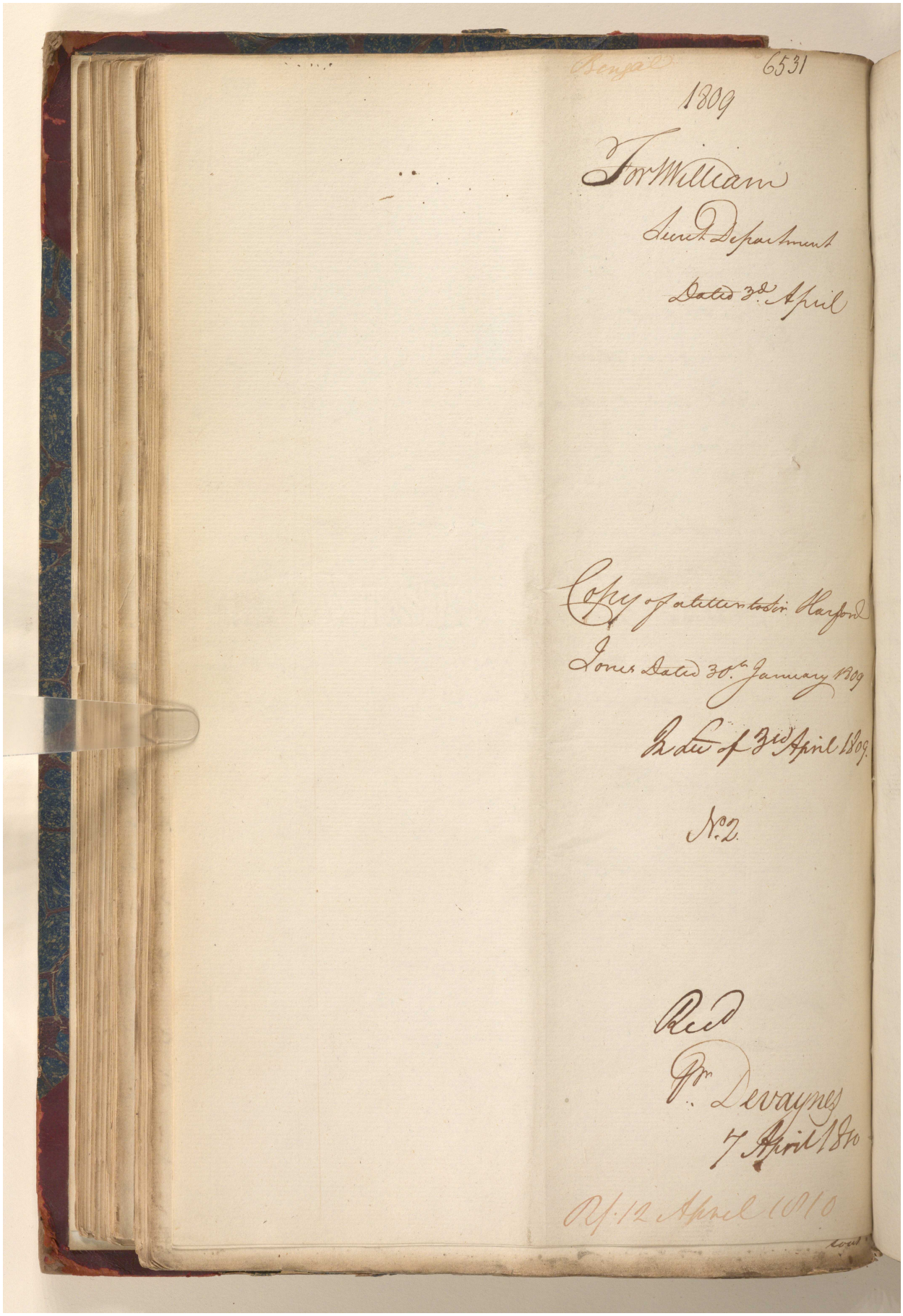

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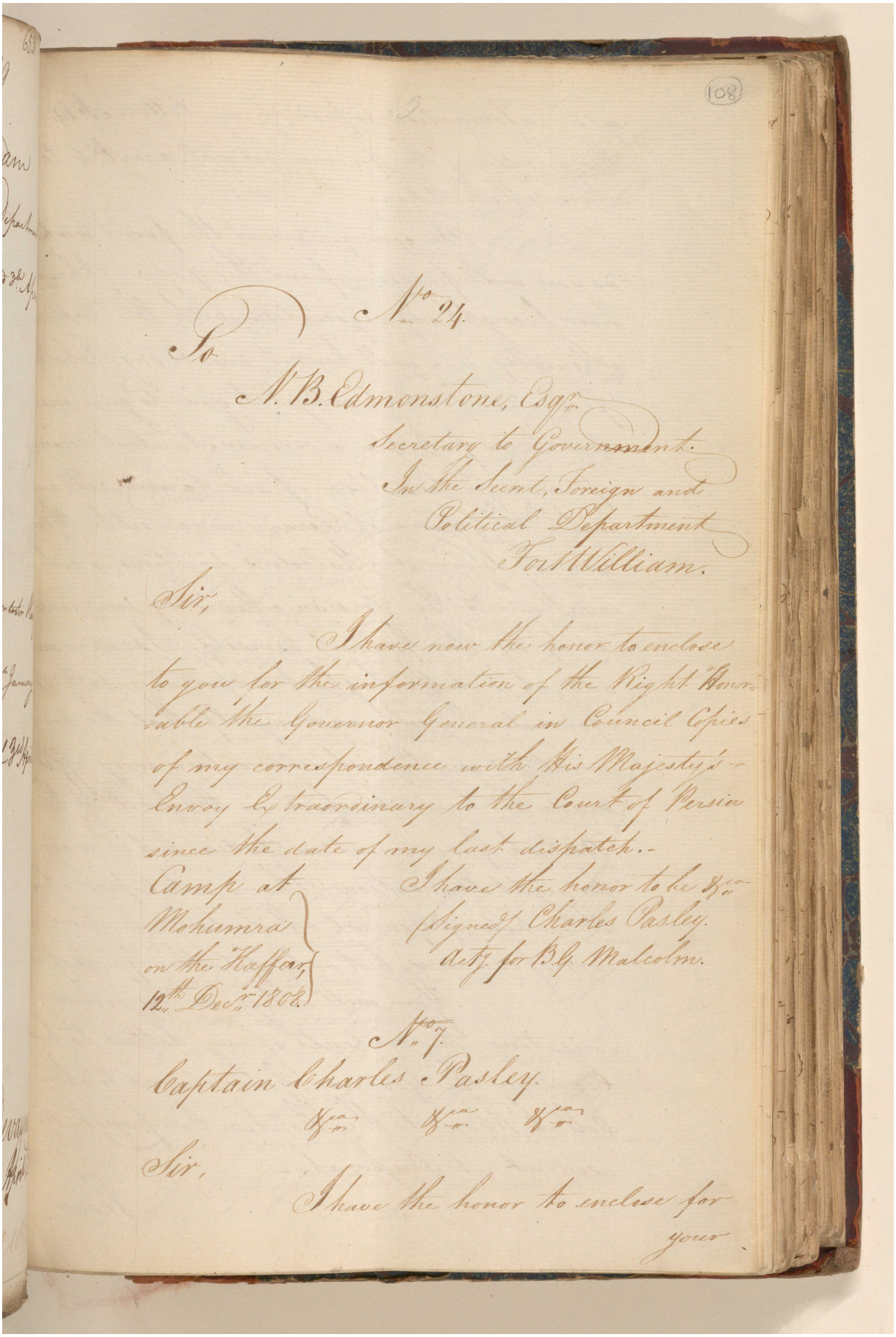

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To

N. B. Edmonstone, Esqr.
Secretary to Government.
In the Secret, Foreign and
Political Department
Fort William.

Sir,

I have now the honor to enclose to you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council Copies of my correspondence with His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of Persia since the date of my last dispatch.

Camp at Mohumra on the Haffar, 12th Decr. 1808.

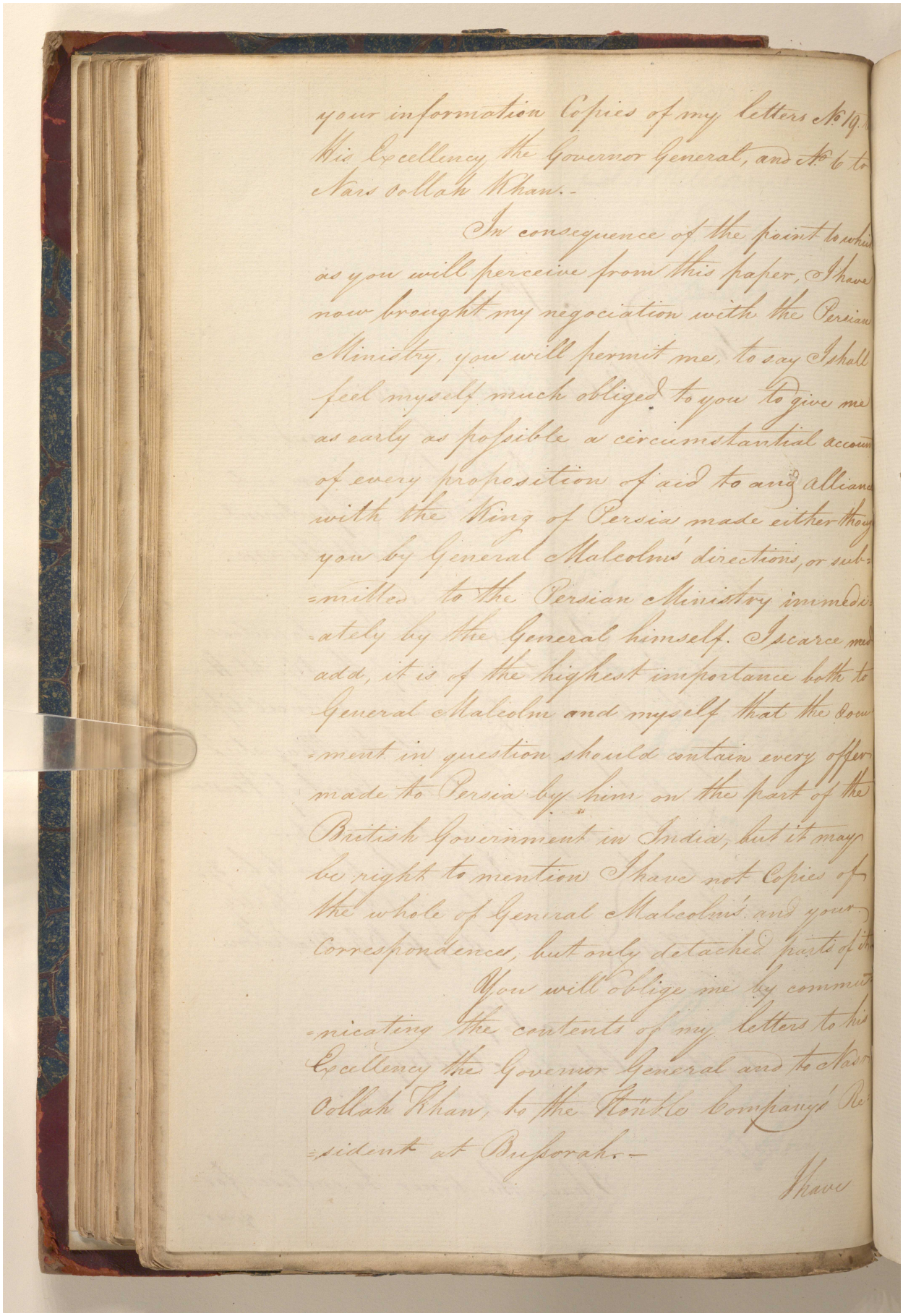
I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) Charles Pasley.
Actg. for B.G. Malcolm.

No. 7.

Captain Charles Pasley.
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for your



your information Copies of my Letters No. 19.
His Excellency the Governor General, and No. 6 to
Nasr ollah Khan.-

In consequence of the point to which
as you will perceive from this paper, I have
now brought my negociation with the Persian
Ministry, you will permit me, to say I shall
feel myself much obliged to you to give me
as early as possible a circumstantial account
of every proposition of aid to and alliance
with the King of Persia made either through
you by General Malcolm's directions, or sub-
-mitted to the Persian Ministry immedi-
-ately by the General himself. I scarce need
add, it is of the highest importance both to
General Malcolm and myself that the Docu-
-ment in question should contain every offer
made to Persia by him on the part of the
British Government in India, but it may
be right to mention I have not Copies of
the whole of General Malcolm's and your
Correspondence, but only detached parts of it.

You will oblige me by commu-
-nicating the contents of my letters to his
Excellency the Governor General and to Nasr
ollah Khan, to the Honble Company's Re-
-sident at Bussorah.-

I have

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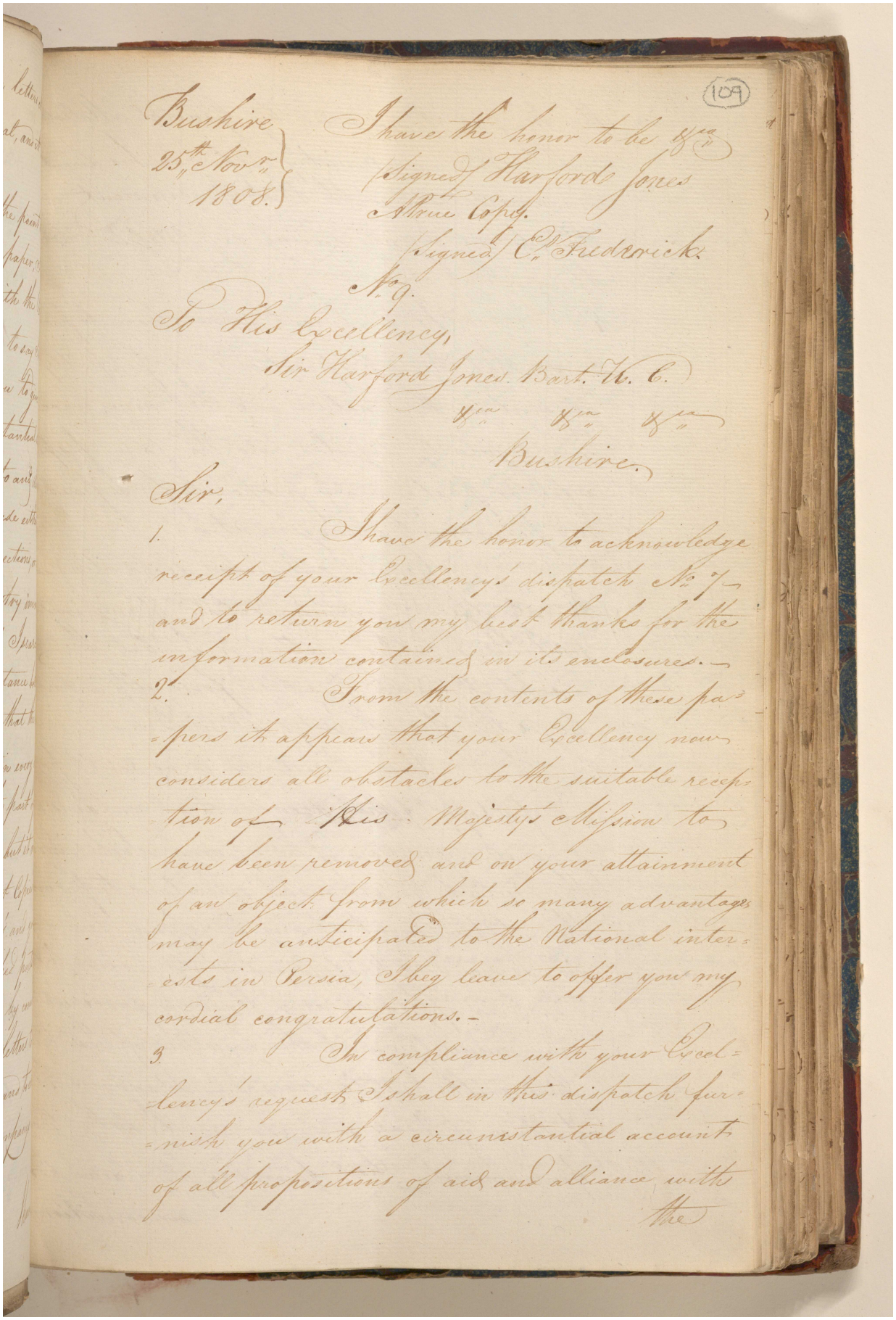

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Bushire
25th Nov.r
1808.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) Harford Jones
A true Copy.
(Signed) C. Frederick
No. 9.

To His Excellency,
Sir Harford Jones Bart. K. C.
&c. &c. &c.
Bushire.

Sir,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's dispatch No. 7 and to return you my best thanks for the information contained in its enclosures.—

2. From the contents of these papers it appears that your Excellency now considers all obstacles to the suitable reception of His Majesty's Mission to have been removed and on your attainment of an object from which so many advantages may be anticipated to the National interests in Persia, I beg leave to offer you my cordial congratulations.—

3. In compliance with your Excellency's request I shall in this dispatch furnish you with a circumstantial account of all propositions of aid and alliance with the

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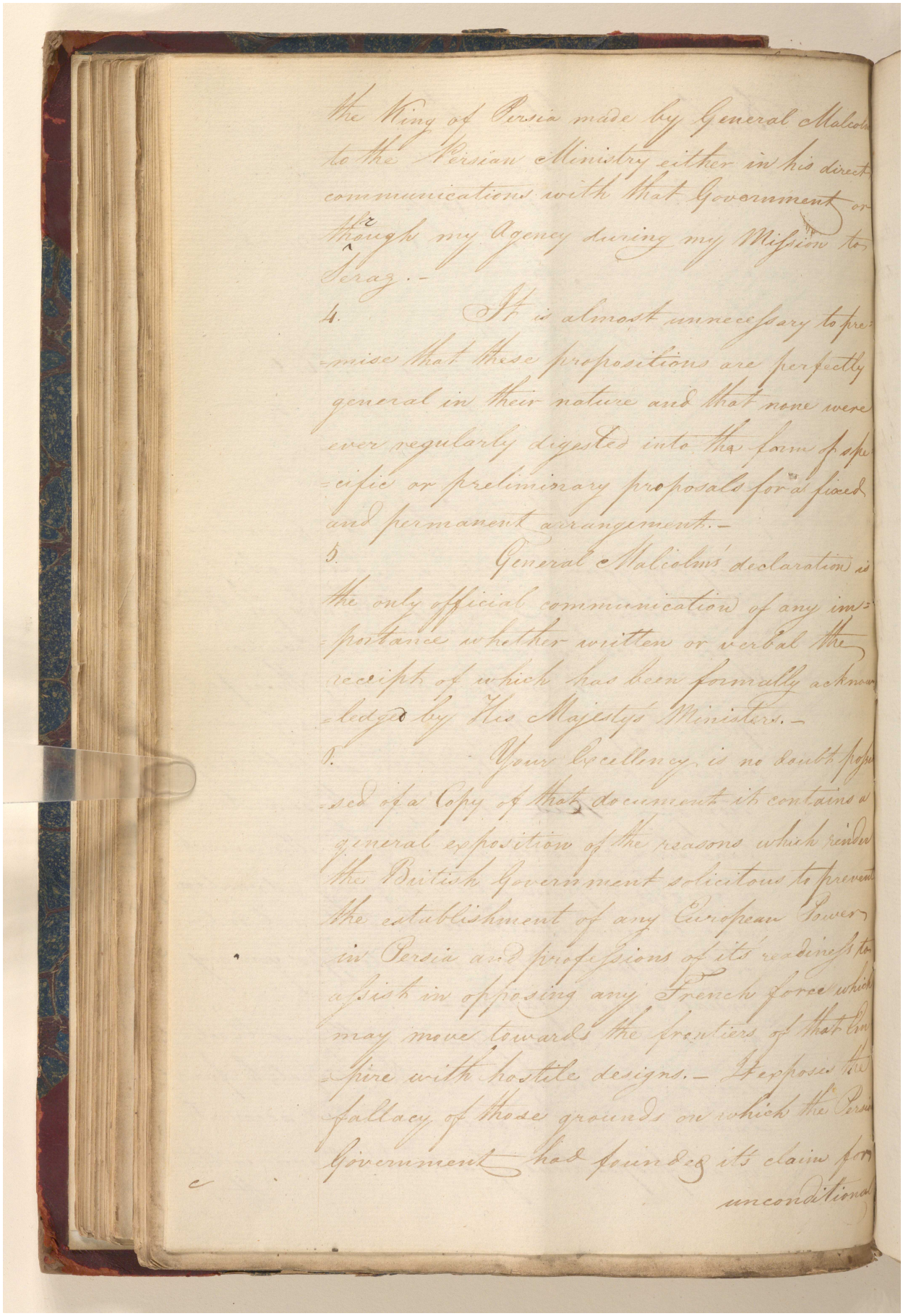
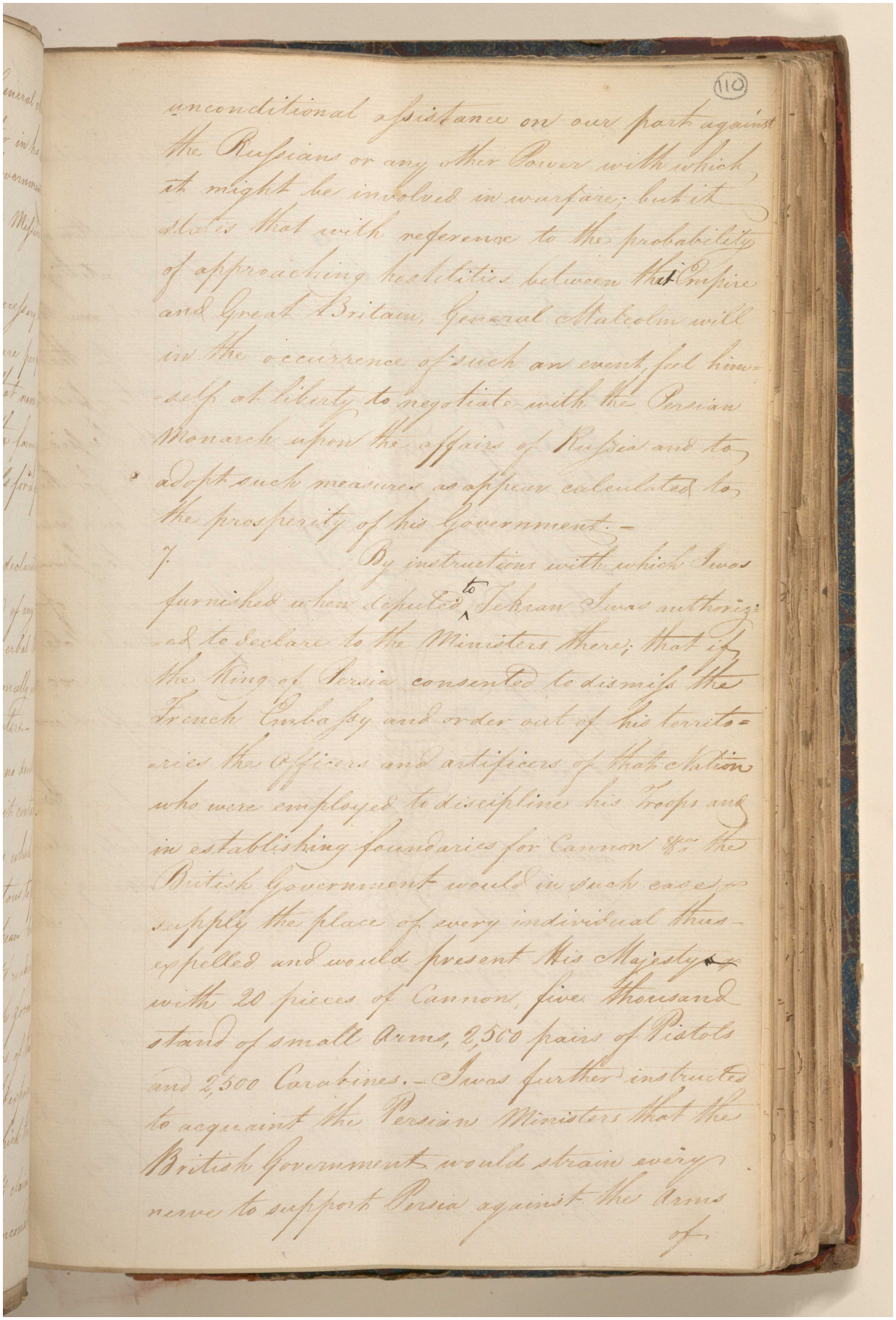


the King of Persia made by General Malcolm to the Persian Ministry either in his direct communications with that Government or through my Agency during my Mission to Schraz.-

4. It is almost unnecessary to premise that these propositions are perfectly general in their nature and that none were ever regularly digested into the form of specific or preliminary proposals for a fixed and permanent arrangement.-

5. General Malcolms declaration is the only official communication of any importance whether written or verbal the receipt of which has been formally acknowledged by His Majestys Ministers.-

6. Your Excellency is no doubt possessed of a Copy of that document it contains a general exposition of the reasons which render the British Government solicitous to prevent the establishment of any European Power in Persia and professions of its readiness to assist in opposing any French force which may move towards the frontiers of that Empire with hostile designs.- I expose the fallacy of those grounds on which the Persian Government had founded its claim for unconditional



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unconditional assistance on our part against the Russians or any other Power with which it might be involved in warfare; but it states that with reference to the probability of approaching hostilities between that Empire and Great Britain, General Malcolm will in the occurrence of such an event, feel himself at liberty to negotiate with the Persian Monarch upon the affairs of Russia and to adopt such measures as appear calculated to the prosperity of this Government.—

7. By instructions with which I was furnished when deputed to Tehran I was authorized to declare to the Ministers there; that if the King of Persia consented to dismiss the French Embassy and order out of his territories the Officers and artificers of that Nation who were employed to discipline his troops and in establishing foundaries for Cannon &c. the British Government would in such case supply the place of every individual thus expelled and would present His Majesty with 20 pieces of Cannon, five thousand stand of small Arms, 2,500 pairs of Pistols and 2,500 Carabines.— I was further instructed to acquaint the Persian Ministers that the British Government would strain every nerve to support Persia against the Arms

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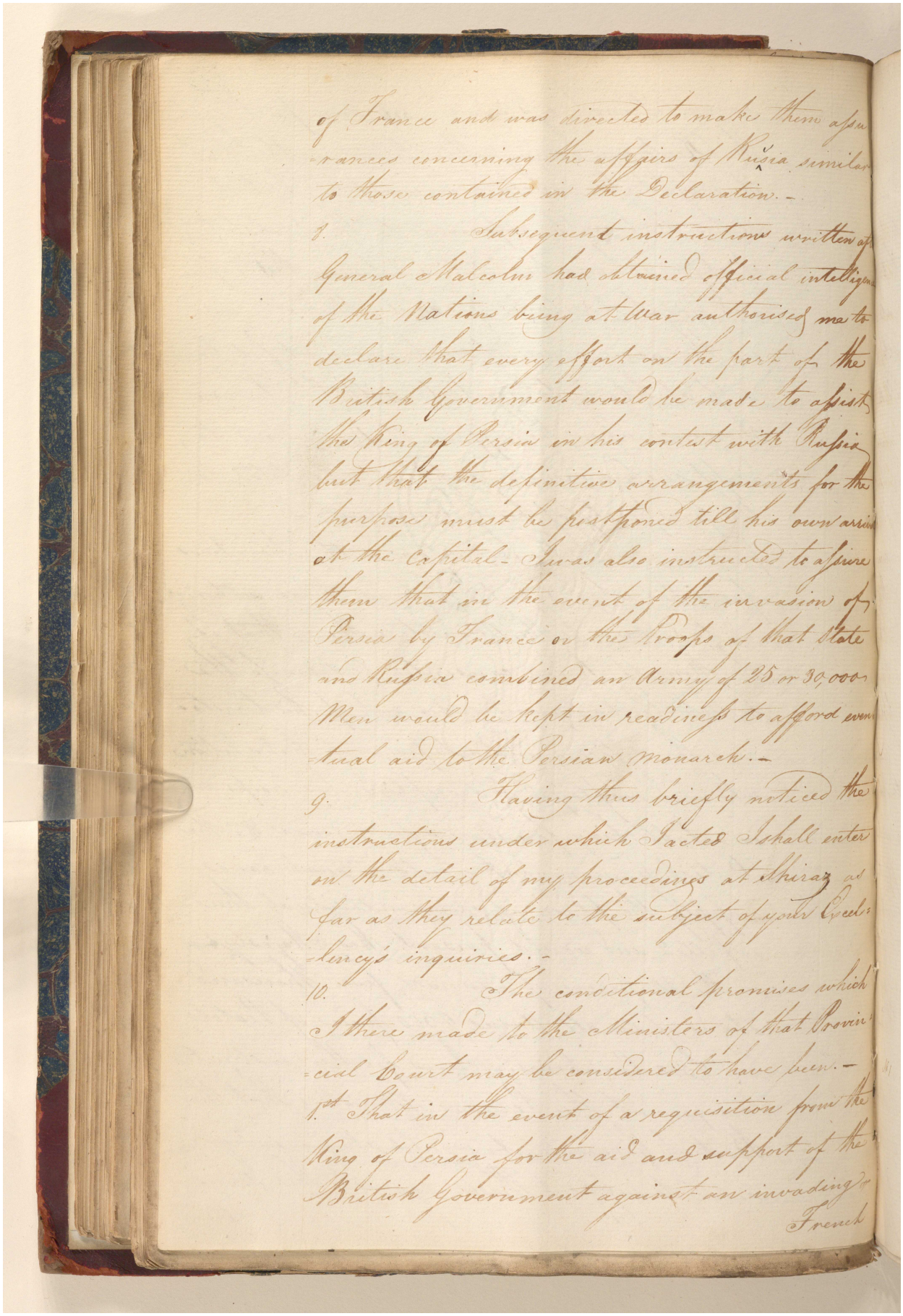
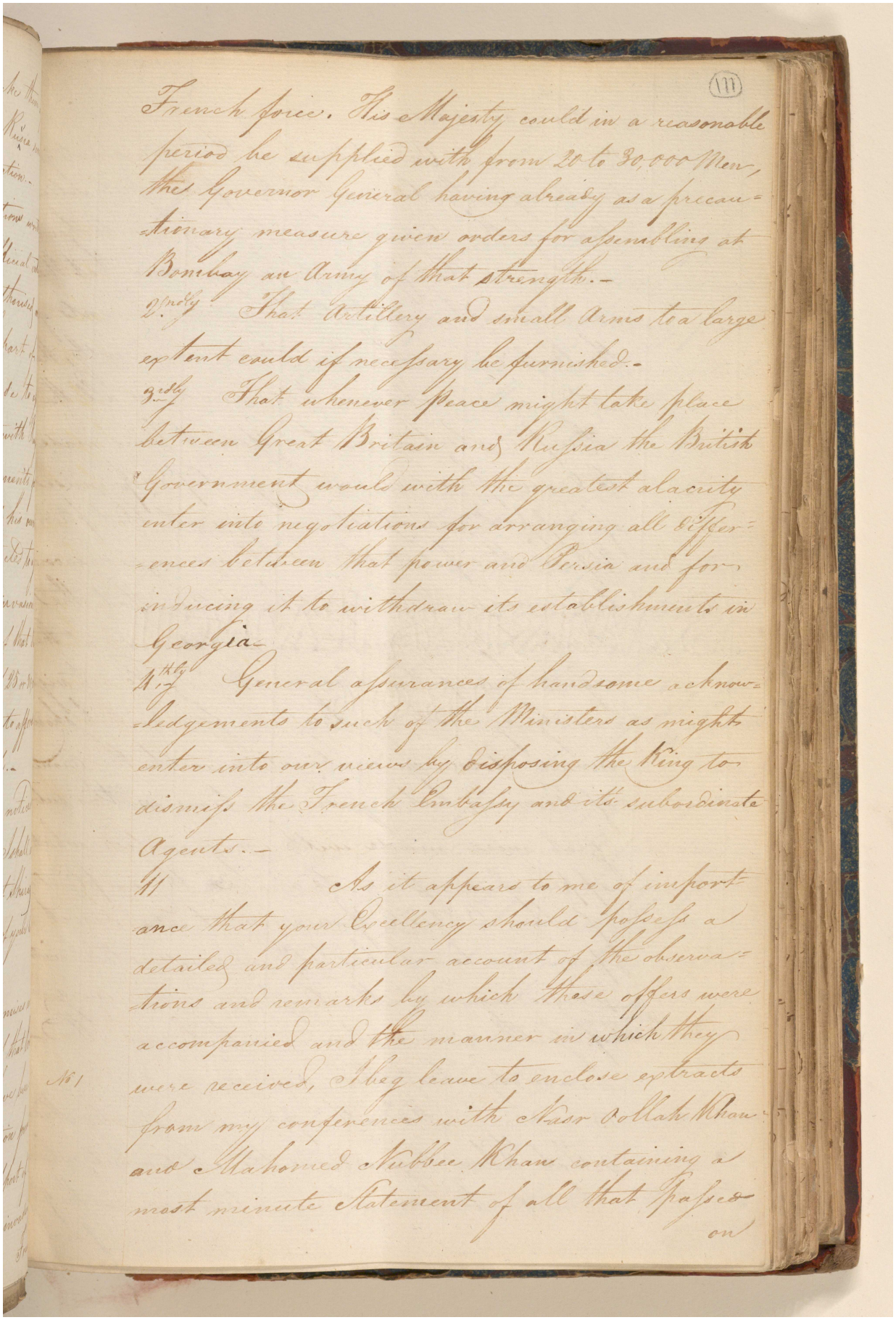


of France and was directed to make them assu-
rances concerning the affairs of Russia similar
to those contained in the Declaration.-

8. Subsequent instructions written by
General Malcolm had obtained official intelligence
of the Nations being at War authorised me to
declare that every effort on the part of the
British Government would be made to assist
the King of Persia in his contest with Russia
but that the definitive arrangements for the
purpose must be postponed till his own arrival
at the Capital- I was also instructed to assure
them that in the event of the invasion of
Persia by France or the troops of that State
and Russia combined an Army of 25 or 30,000
Men would be kept in readiness to afford even-
tual aid to the Persian Monarch.-

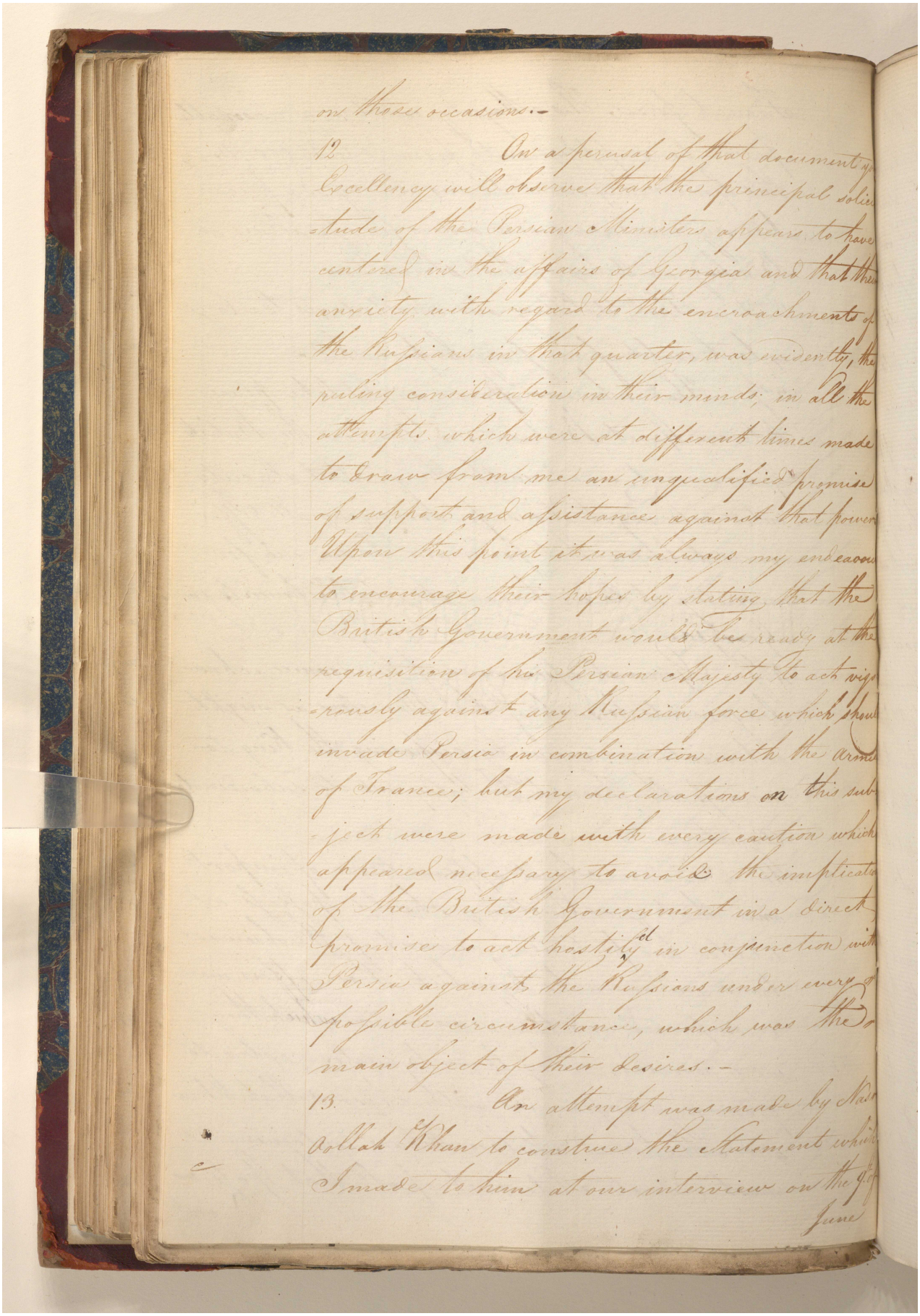
9. Having thus briefly noticed the
instructions under which I acted I shall enter
on the detail of my proceedings at Shiraz as
far as they relate to the subject of your Excel-
lency's inquiries.-

10. The conditional promises which
I there made to the Ministers of that Provin-
cial Court may be considered to have been.-
1st That in the event of a requisition from the
King of Persia for the aid and support of the
British Government against an invading
French



French force. His Majesty could in a reasonable
period be supplied with from 20 to 30,000 Men,
the Governor General having already as a precau-
tionary measure given orders for assembling at
Bombay an Army of that strength.-
2ndly That Artillery and small Arms to a large
extent could if necessary be furnished.-
3dly That whenever Peace might take place
between Great Britain and Russia the British
Government would with the greatest alacrity
enter into negotiations for arranging all differ-
ences between that power and Persia and for
inducing it to withdraw its establishments in
Georgia.-
4thly General assurances of handsome acknow-
ledgements to such of the Ministers as might
enter into our views by disposing the King to
dismiss the French Embassy and its subordinate
Agents.-

111 As it appears to me of import-
ance that your Excellency should possess a
detailed and particular account of the observa-
tions and remarks by which these offers were
accompanied and the manner in which they
were received, I beg leave to enclose extracts
No 1 from my conferences with Nasir Oollah Khan
and Mahomed Nubbee Khan containing a
most minute Statement of all that passed
on



on those occasions.-

12. On a perusal of that document your Excellency will observe that the principal solicitude of the Persian Ministers appears to have centered in the affairs of Georgia and that their anxiety with regard to the encroachments of the Russians in that quarter, was evidently the ruling consideration in their minds: in all the attempts which were at different times made to draw from me an unqualified promise of support and assistance against that power. Upon this point it was always my endeavour to encourage their hopes by stating that the British Government would be ready at the requisition of his Persian Majesty to act vigorously against any Russian force which should invade Persia in combination with the arms of France; but my declarations on this subject were made with every caution which appeared necessary to avoid the implication of the British Government in a direct promise to act hostilely in conjunction with Persia against the Russians under every possible circumstance, which was the main object of their desires.-

13. An attempt was made by Nasr Oollah Khan to construe the statement which I made to him at our interview on the 9th June

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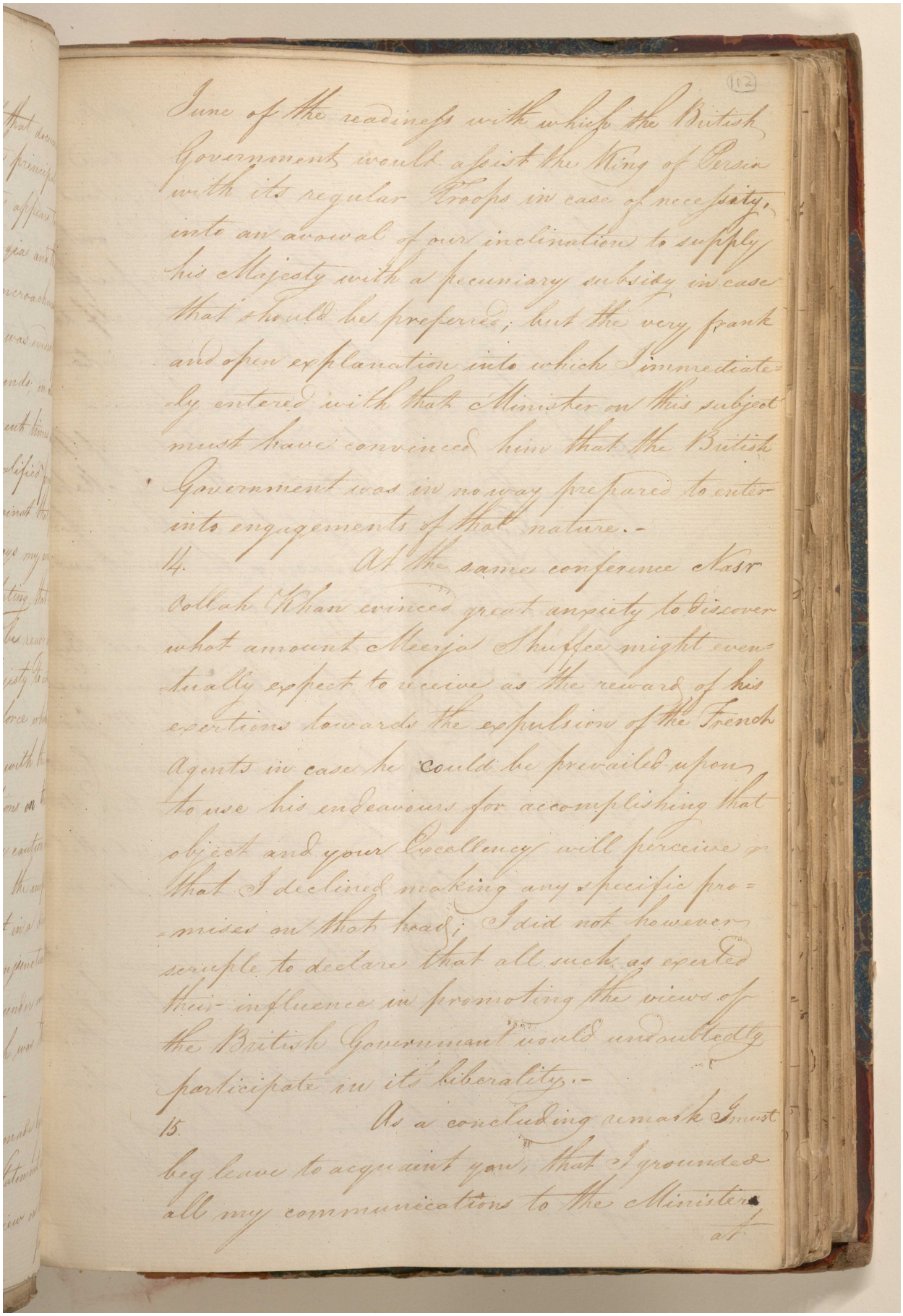

June of the readiness with which the British Government would assist the King of Persia with its regular Troops in case of necessity, into an avowal of our inclination to supply his Majesty with a pecuniary subsidy in case that should be preferred; but the very frank and open explanation into which I immediately entered with that Minister on this subject must have convinced him that the British Government was in no way prepared to enter into engagements of that nature.-

14. At the same conference Nasr Oollah Khan evinced great anxiety to discover what amount Meerja Shuffee might eventually expect to receive as the reward of his exertions towards the expulsion of the French Agents in case he could be prevailed upon to use his endeavours for accomplishing that object and your Excellency will perceive that I declined making any specific promises on that head; I did not however scruple to declare that all such as exerted their influence in promoting the views of the British Government would undoubtedly participate in its liberality.-

15. As a concluding remark I must beg leave to acquaint you, that I grounded all my communications to the Ministers at

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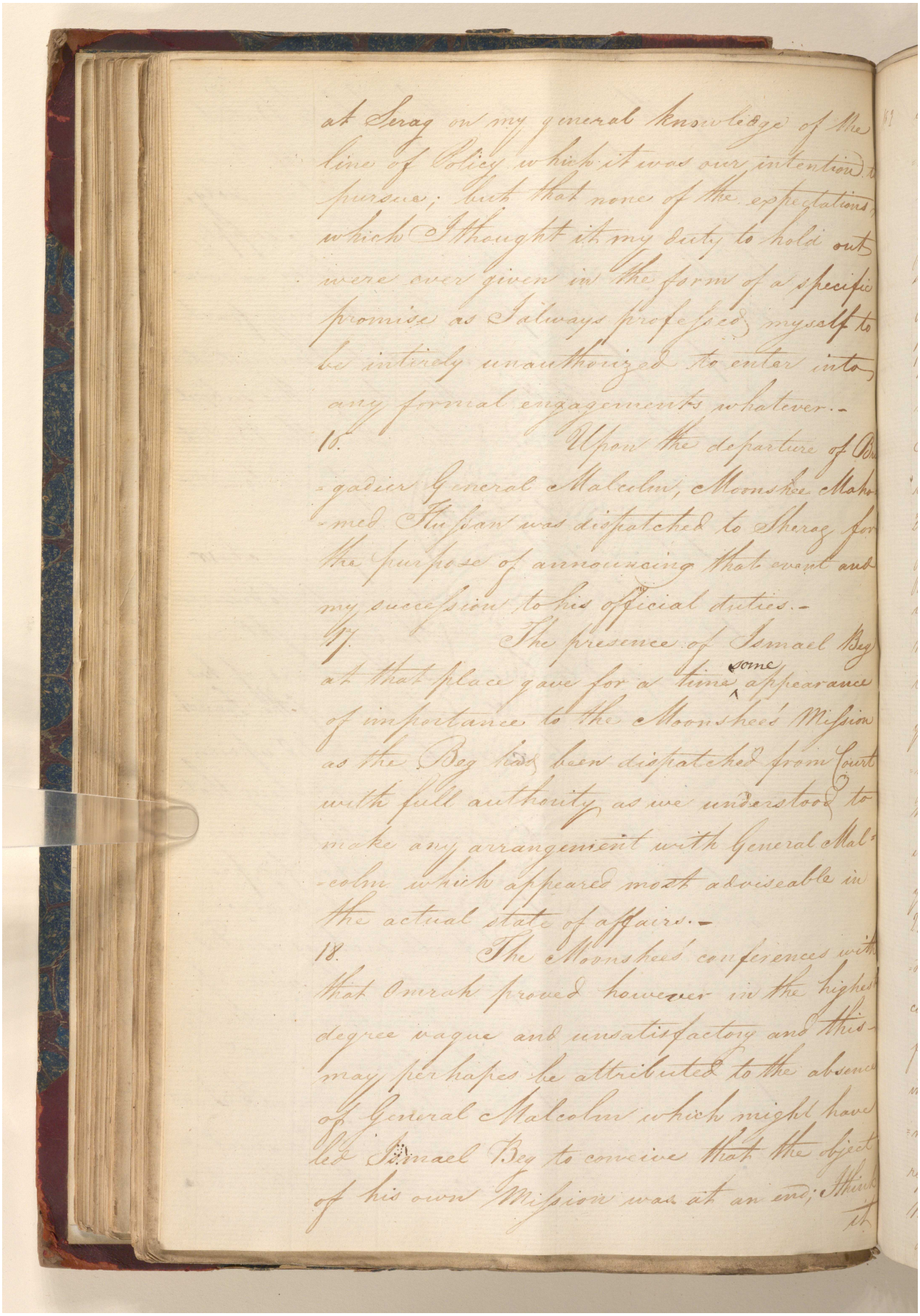
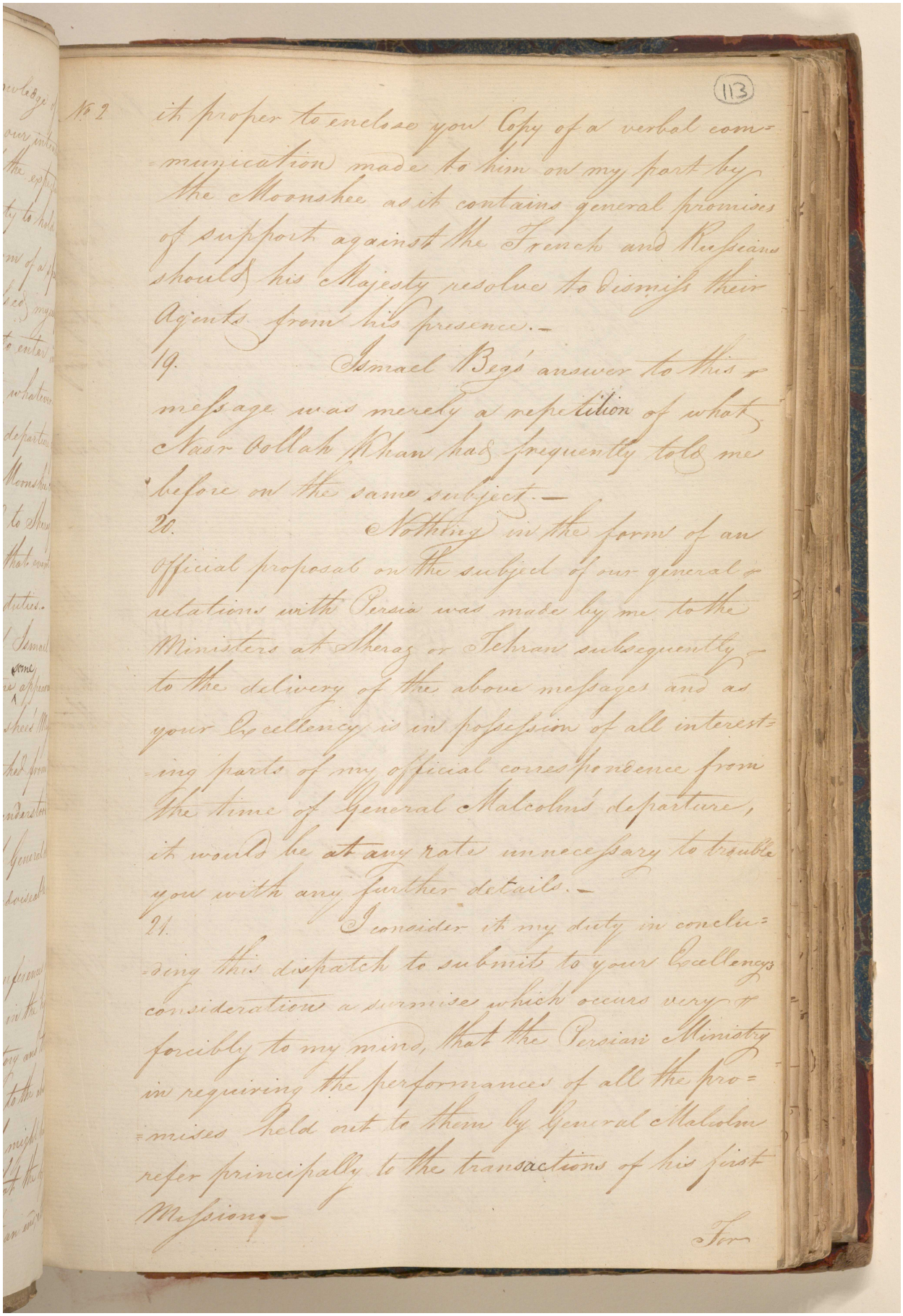


at Serag on my general knowledge of the line of Policy which it was our intention to pursue; but that none of the expectations which I thought it my duty to hold out were ever given in the form of a specific promise as I always professed myself to be intirely unauthorized to enter into any formal engagements whatever.-

16. Upon the departure of Brigadier General Malcolm, Moonshee Mahomed Hussan was dispatched to Sheraz for the purpose of announcing that event and my succession to his official duties.-

17. The presence of Ismael Beg at that place gave for a time some appearance of importance to the Moonshees Mission as the Beg had been dispatched from Court with full authority as we understood to make any arrangement with General Malcolm which appeared most adviseable in the actual state of affairs.-

18. The Moonshees conferences with that Omrah proved however in the highest degree vague and unsatisfactory and this may perhaps be attributed to the absence of General Malcolm which might have led Ismael Beg to conceive that the object of his own Mission was at an end; I think it



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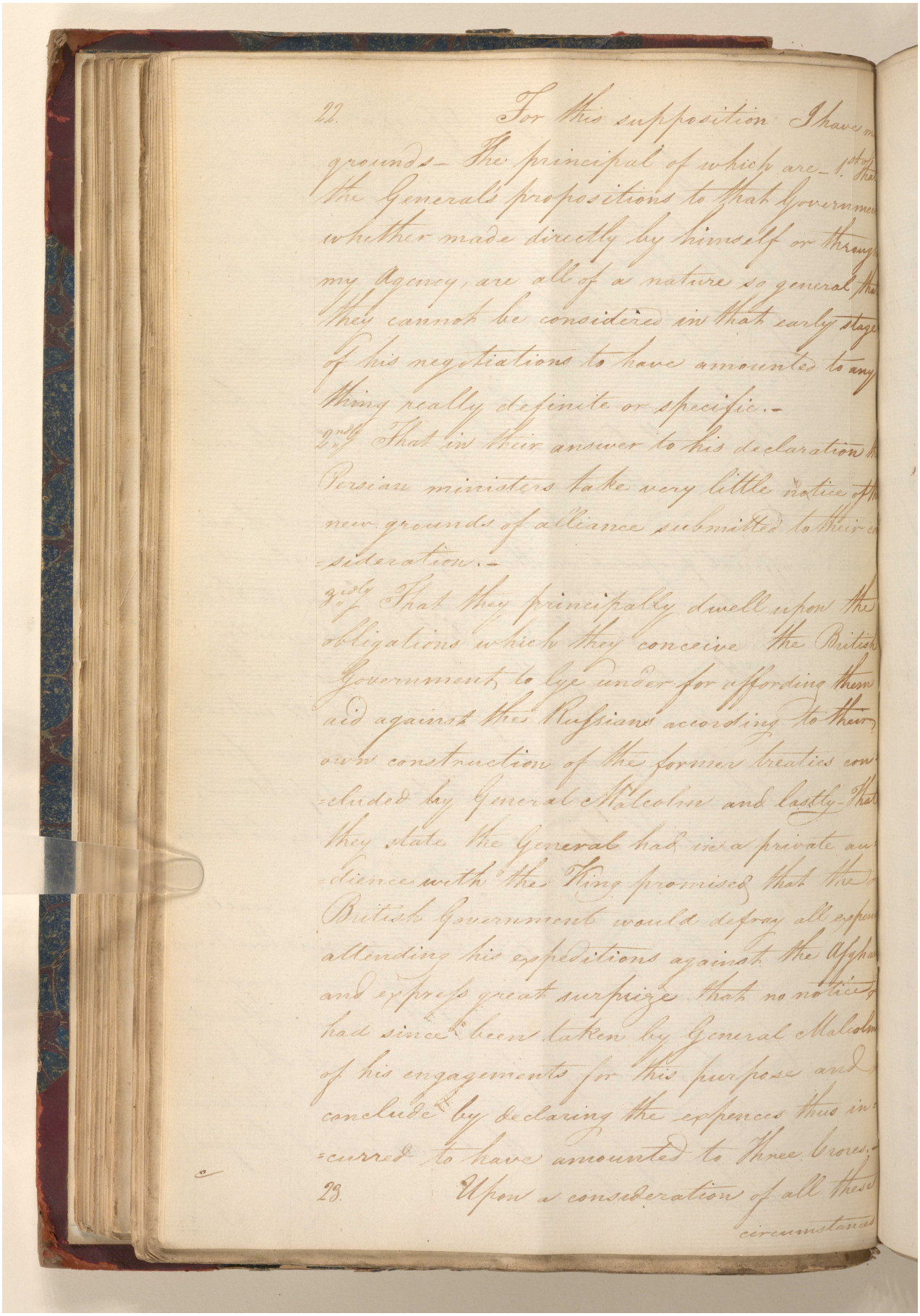
it proper to enclose you Copy of a verbal communication made to him on my part by the Moonshee as it contains general promises of support against the French and Russians should his Majesty resolve to dismiss their Agents from his presence.—

19. Ismael Beg's answer to this message was merely a repetition of what Nasr Oollah Khan has frequently told me before on the same subject.—

20. Nothing in the form of an official proposal on the subject of our general relations with Persia was made by me to the Ministers at Sheraz or Tehran subsequently to the delivery of the above messages and as your Excellency is in possession of all interesting parts of my official correspondence from the time of General Malcolm's departure, it would be at any rate unnecessary to trouble you with any further details.—

21. I consider it my duty in concluding this dispatch to submit to your Excellency's consideration a surmise which occurs very forcibly to my mind, that the Persian Ministry in requiring the performances of all the promises held out to them by General Malcolm refer principally to the transactions of his first Mission.—

For

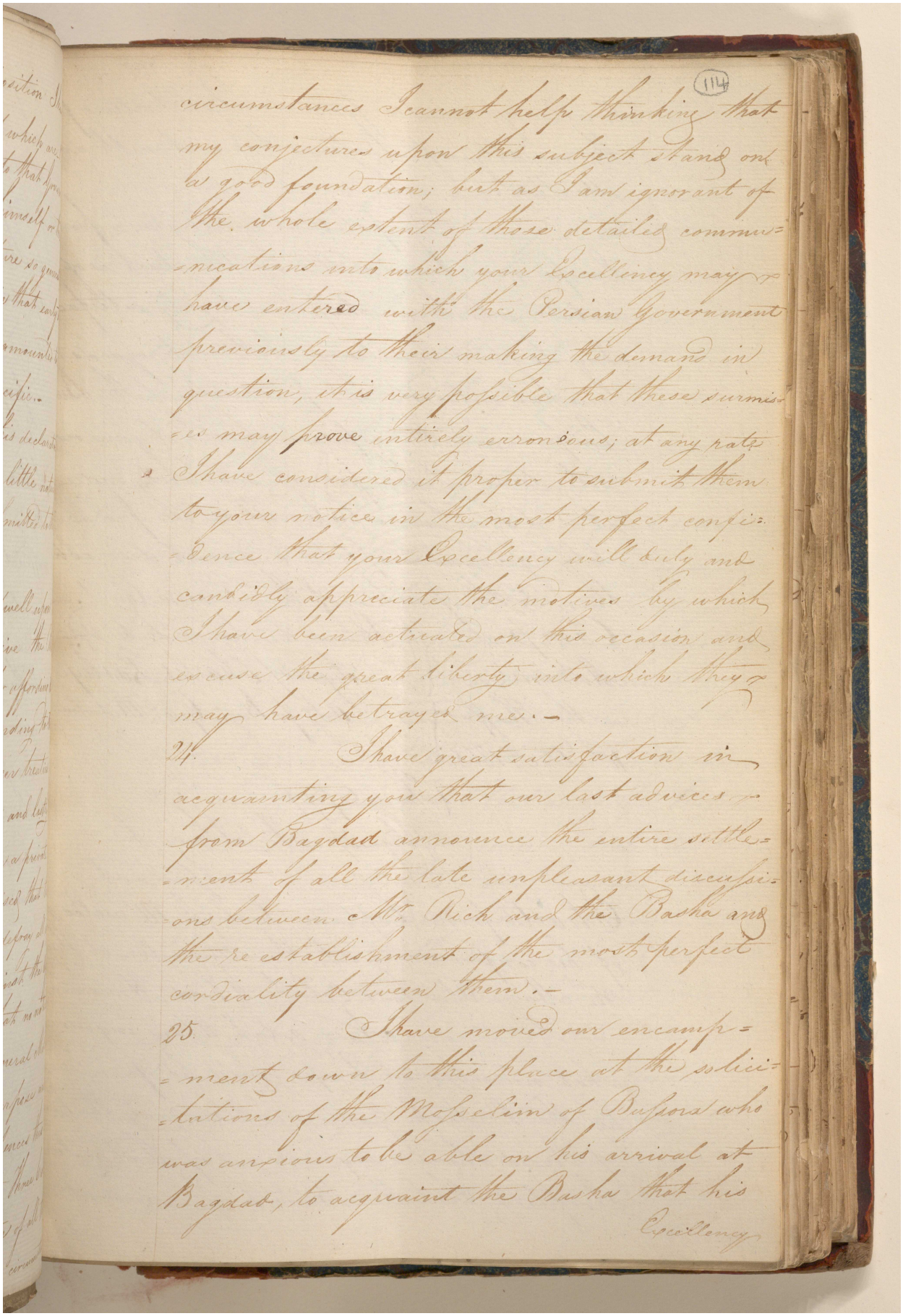


22. For this supposition I have m[illegible] grounds – The principal of which are – 1st That the General's propositions to that Governmen[illegible] whether made directly by himself or through my Agency, are all of a nature so general that they cannot be considered in that early stage of his negotiations to have amounted to any thing really definite or specific. –

2ndly That in their answer to his declaration the Persian ministers take very little notice of the new grounds of alliance submitted to their consideration. –

3rdly That they principally dwell upon the obligations which they conceive the British Government to lye under for affording them aid against the Russians according to their own construction of the former treaties concluded by General Malcolm and lastly – That they state the General had in a private audience with the King promised that the British Government would defray all expen[illegible] attending his expeditions against the Afghan[illegible] and express great surprize that no notice had since been taken by General Malcolm of his engagements for this purpose and conclude by declaring the expences thus incurred to have amounted to Three Crores. –

23. Upon a consideration of all these circumstances

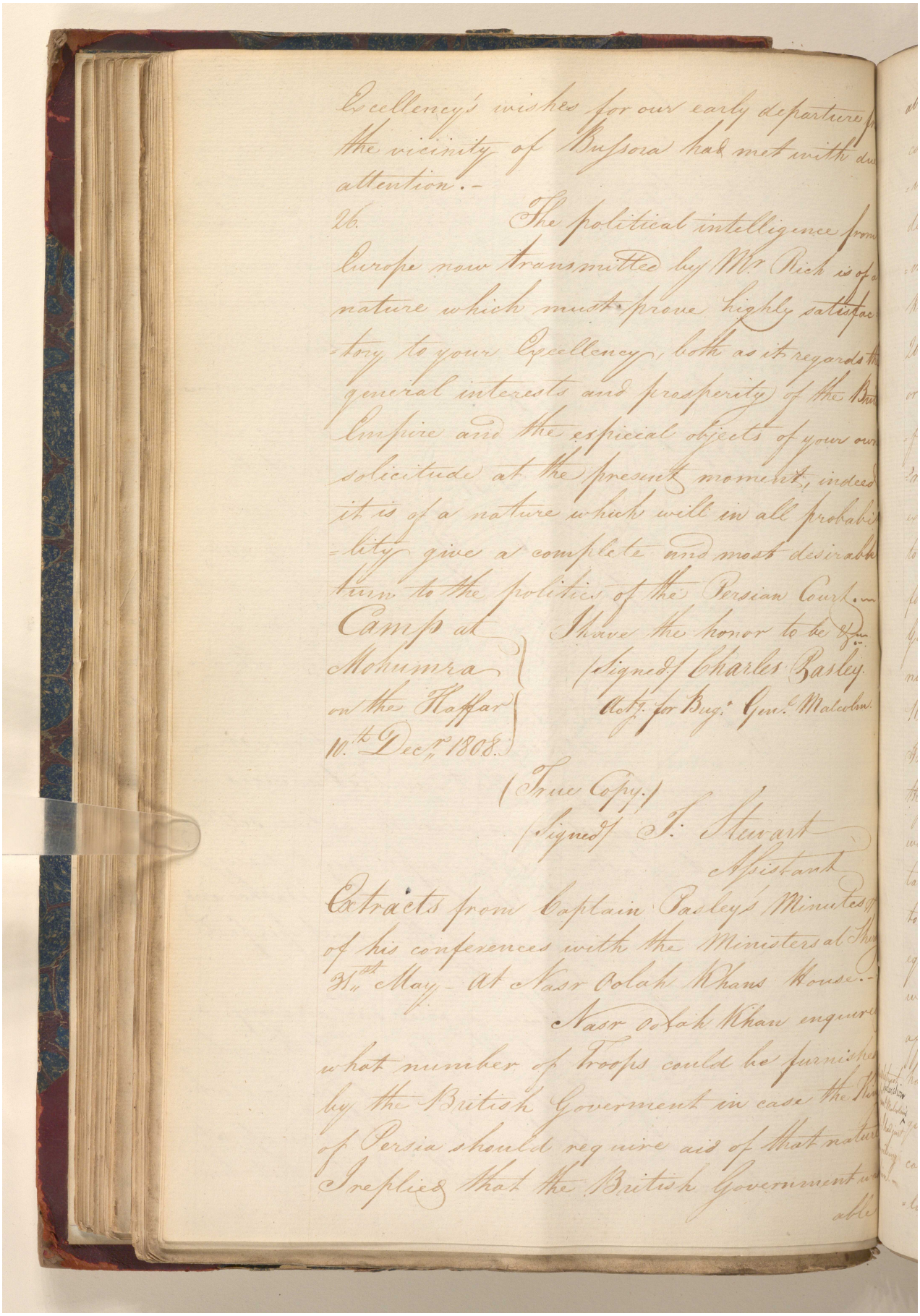


circumstances I cannot help thinking that my conjectures upon this subject stand on a good foundation; but as I am ignorant of the whole extent of those detailed communications into which your Excellency may have entered with the Persian Government previously to their making the demand in question, it is very possible that these surmises may prove entirely erroneous; at any rate I have considered it proper to submit them to your notice in the most perfect confidence that your Excellency will duly and candidly appreciate the motives by which I have been actuated on this occasion and excuse the great liberty into which they may have betrayed me.—

24. I have great satisfaction in acquainting you that our last advices from Bagdad announce the entire settlement of all the late unpleasant discussions between Mr. Rich and the Basha and the re establishment of the most perfect cordiality between them.—

25. I have moved our encampment down to this place at the solicitations of the Mopselim of Bussora who was anxious to be able on his arrival at Bagdad, to acquaint the Basha that his

Excellency



Excellency's wishes for our early departure from the vicinity of Bussora had met with due attention.-

26. The political intelligence from Europe now transmitted by Mr. Rich is of a nature which must prove highly satisfactory to your Excellency, both as it regards the general interests and prosperity of the British Empire and the especial objects of your own solicitude at the present moment, indeed it is of a nature which will in all probability give a complete and most desirable turn to the politics of the Persian Court.—

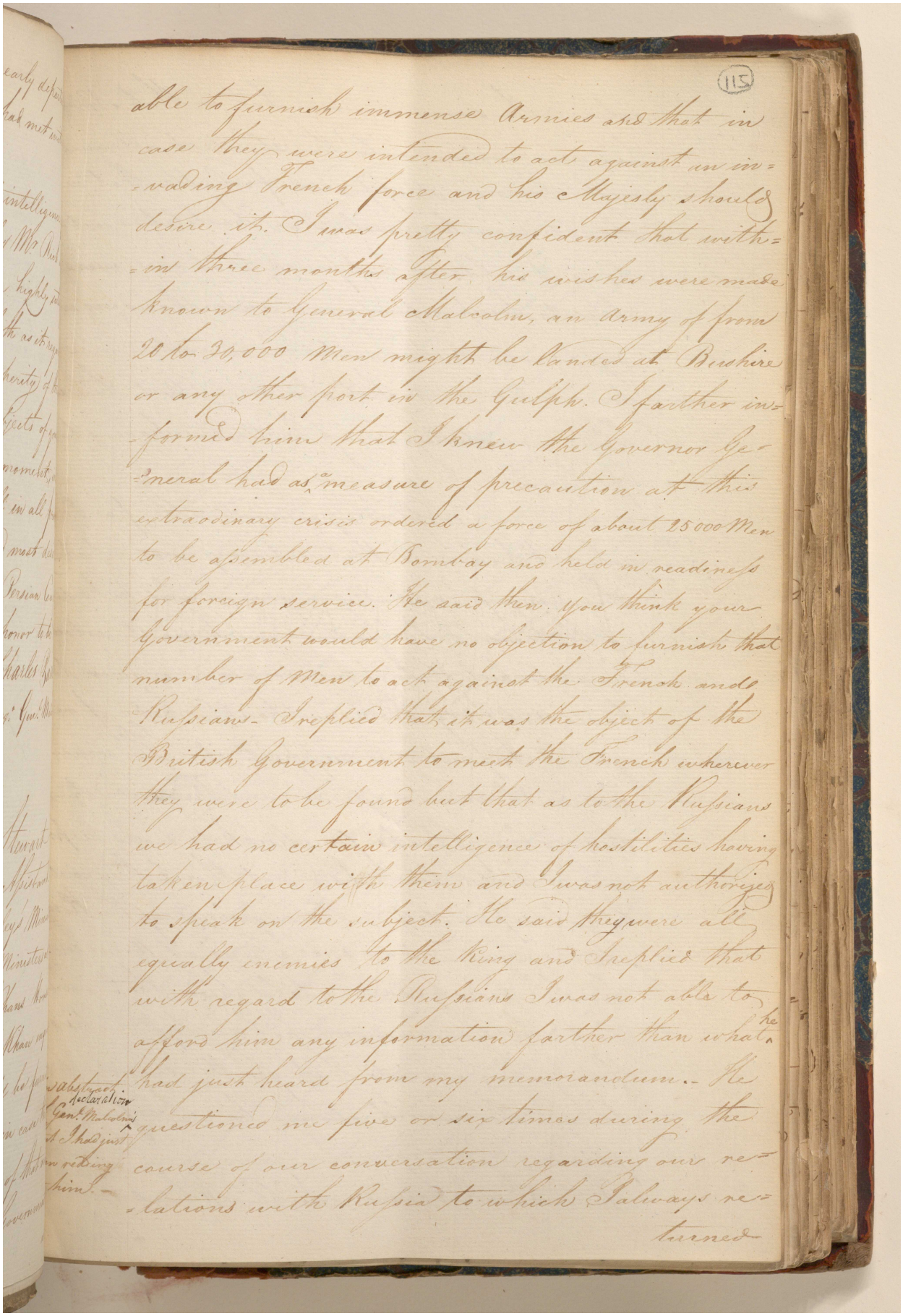
Camp at Mohumra on the Haffar 10th Decr. 1808.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) Charles Pasley
Actg. for Brig. Genl. Malcolm.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) J. Stewart
Assistant

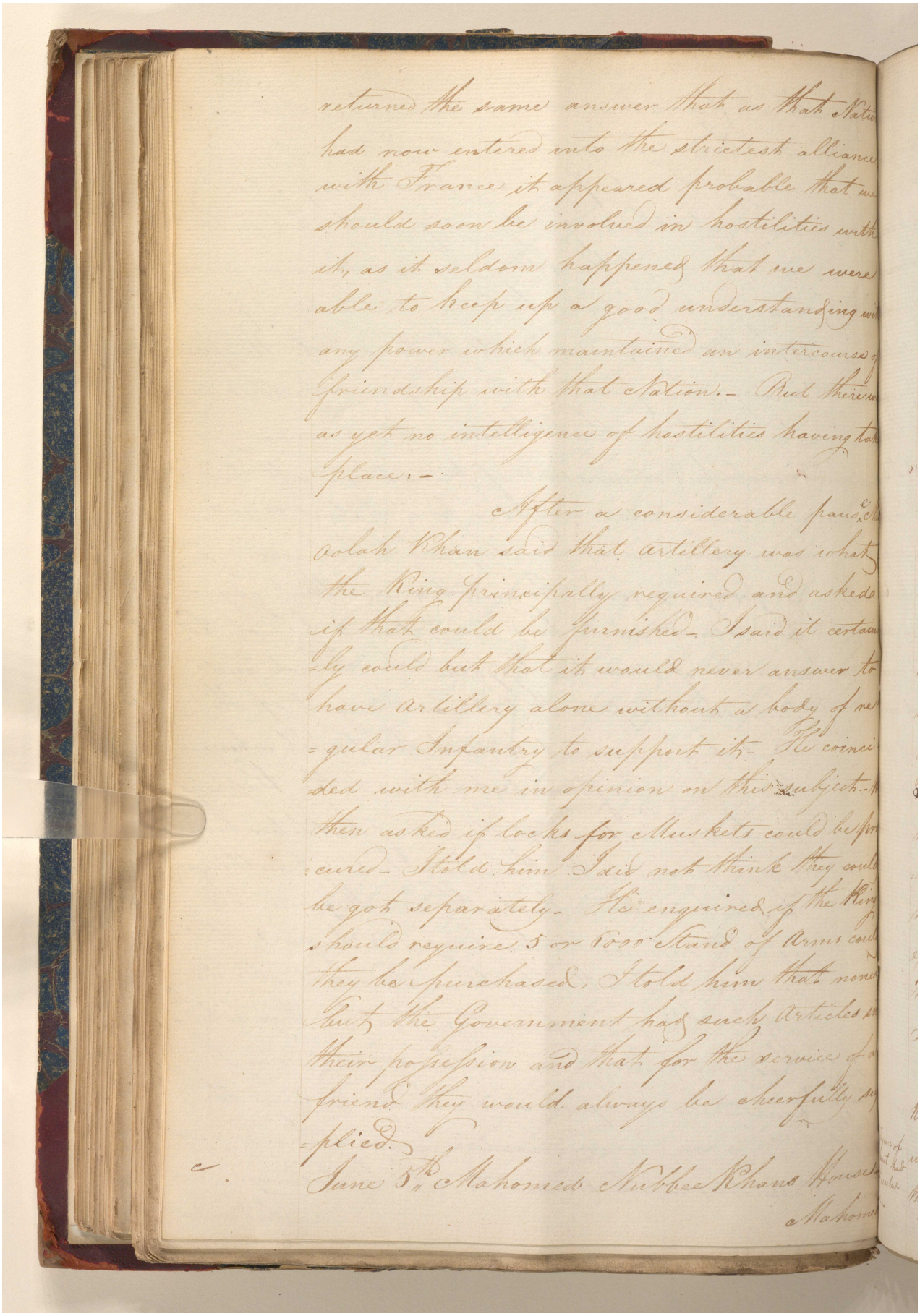
Extracts from Captain Pasley's Minutes of his conferences with the Ministers at Sherry 31st May - At Nasr Oolah Khans House.-

Nasr Oolah Khan enquired what number of Troops could be furnished by the British Goverment in case the King of Persia should require aid of that nature I replied that the British Government was able



able to furnish immense Armies and that in case they were intended to act against an invading French force and his Majesty should desire it. I was pretty confident that within three months after his wishes were made known to General Malcolm, an Army of from 20 to 30,000 Men might be landed at Bushire or any other port in the Gulph. I farther informed him that I knew the Governor General had as a measure of precaution at this extraodinary crisis ordered a force of about 25000 Men to be assembled at Bombay and held in readiness for foreign service. He said then you think your Government would have no objection to furnish that number of Men to act against the French and Russians. I replied that it was the object of the British Government to meet the French wherever they were to be found but that as to the Russians we had no certain intelligence of hostilities having taken place with them and I was not authorized to speak on the subject. He said they were all equally enemies to the King and I replied that with regard to the Russians I was not able to afford him any information farther than what he had just heard from my memorandum. He questioned me five or six times during the course of our conversation regarding our relations with Russia to which I always returned

abstract declaration of Genl. Malcolm's [illegible] I had just [illegible] reading him.

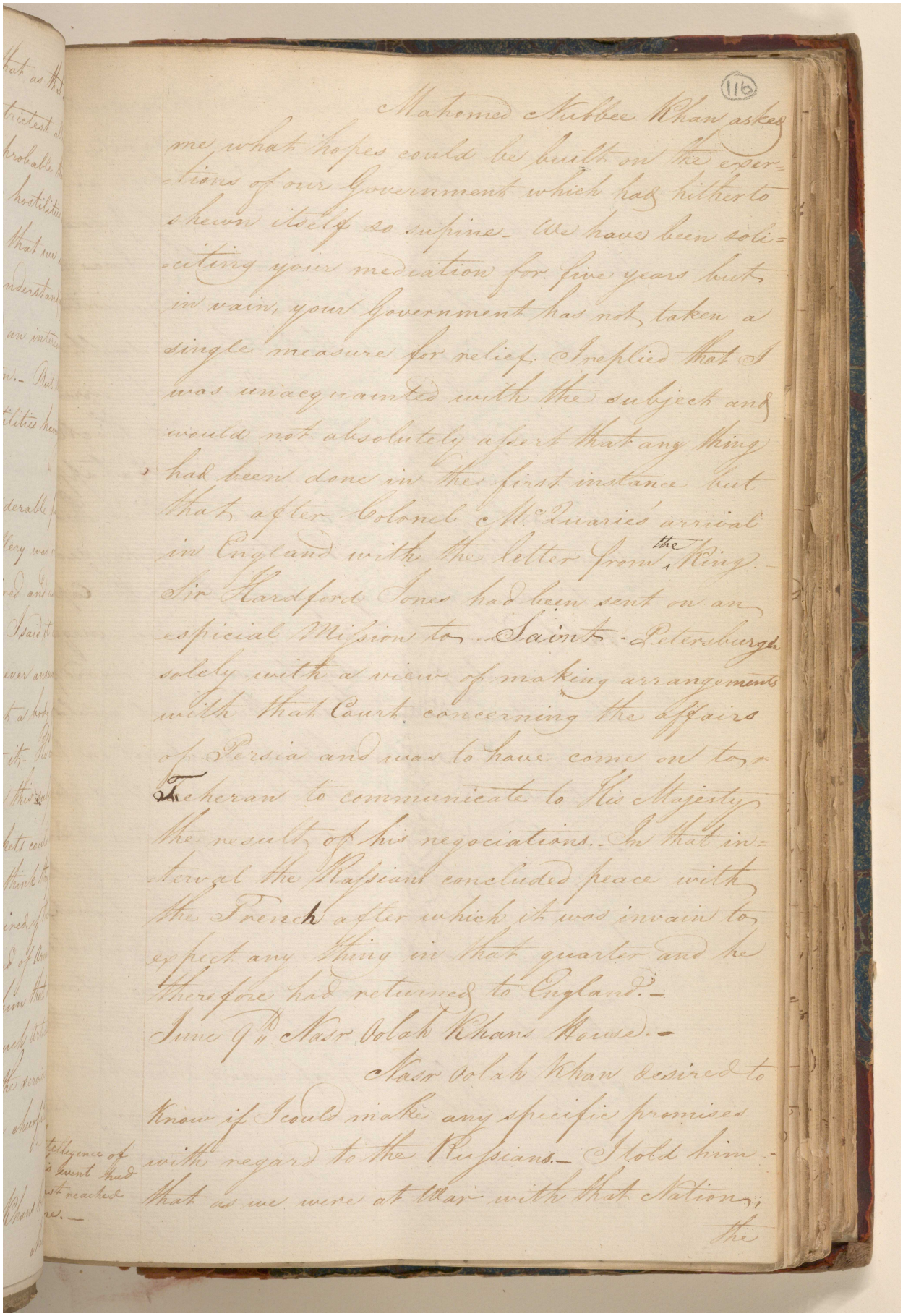


returned the same answer that as that Nation had now entered into the strictest alliance with France it appeared probable that we should soon be involved in hostilities with it, as it seldom happened that we were able to keep up a good understanding with any power which maintained an intercourse of friendship with that Nation.- But there was as yet no intelligence of hostilities having taken place.-

After a considerable pause Mahoolah Khan said that artillery was what the King principally required and asked if that could be furnished- I said it certainly could but that it would never answer to have Artillery alone without a body of regular Infantry to support it- He coincided with me in opinion on this subject.- He then asked if locks for Muskets could be procured- I told him I did not think they could be got separately- He enquired if the King should require 5 or 6000 Stand of Arms could they be purchased, I told him that none but the Government had such Articles in their possession and that for the service of a friend they would always be cheerfully supplied.

June 5th Mahomed Nubbee Khans House

Mahomed



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Mahomed Nubbee Khan asked me what hopes could be built on the expectations of our Government which has hitherto shewn itself so supine. We have been soliciting your mediation for five years but in vain, your Government has not taken a single measure for relief. I replied that I was unacquainted with the subject and would not absolutely assert that any thing had been done in the first instance but that after Colonel M.Kinaries arrival in England with the letter from the King. Sir Hardford Jones had been sent on an especial Mission to Saints-Petersburgh solely with a view of making arrangements with that Court concerning the affairs of Persia and was to have come on to Teheran to communicate to His Majesty the result of his negociations. In that interval the Russians concluded peace with the French after which it was invain to expect any thing in that quarter and he therefore had returned to England.

June 9th Nasr Oolah Khans House.

Nasr Oolah Khan desired to know if I could make any specific promises with regard to the Russians. I told him that as we were at War with that Nation, the

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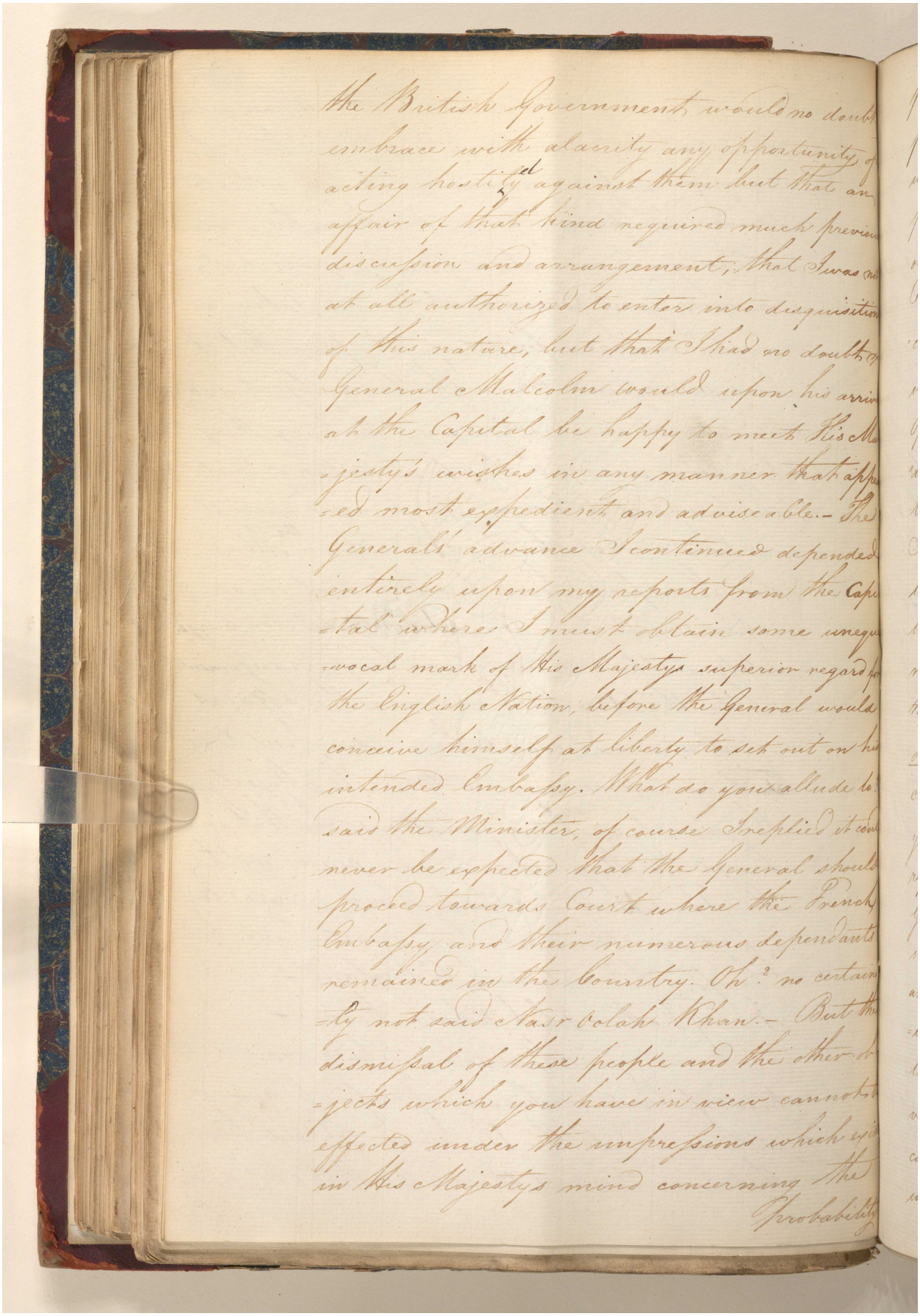
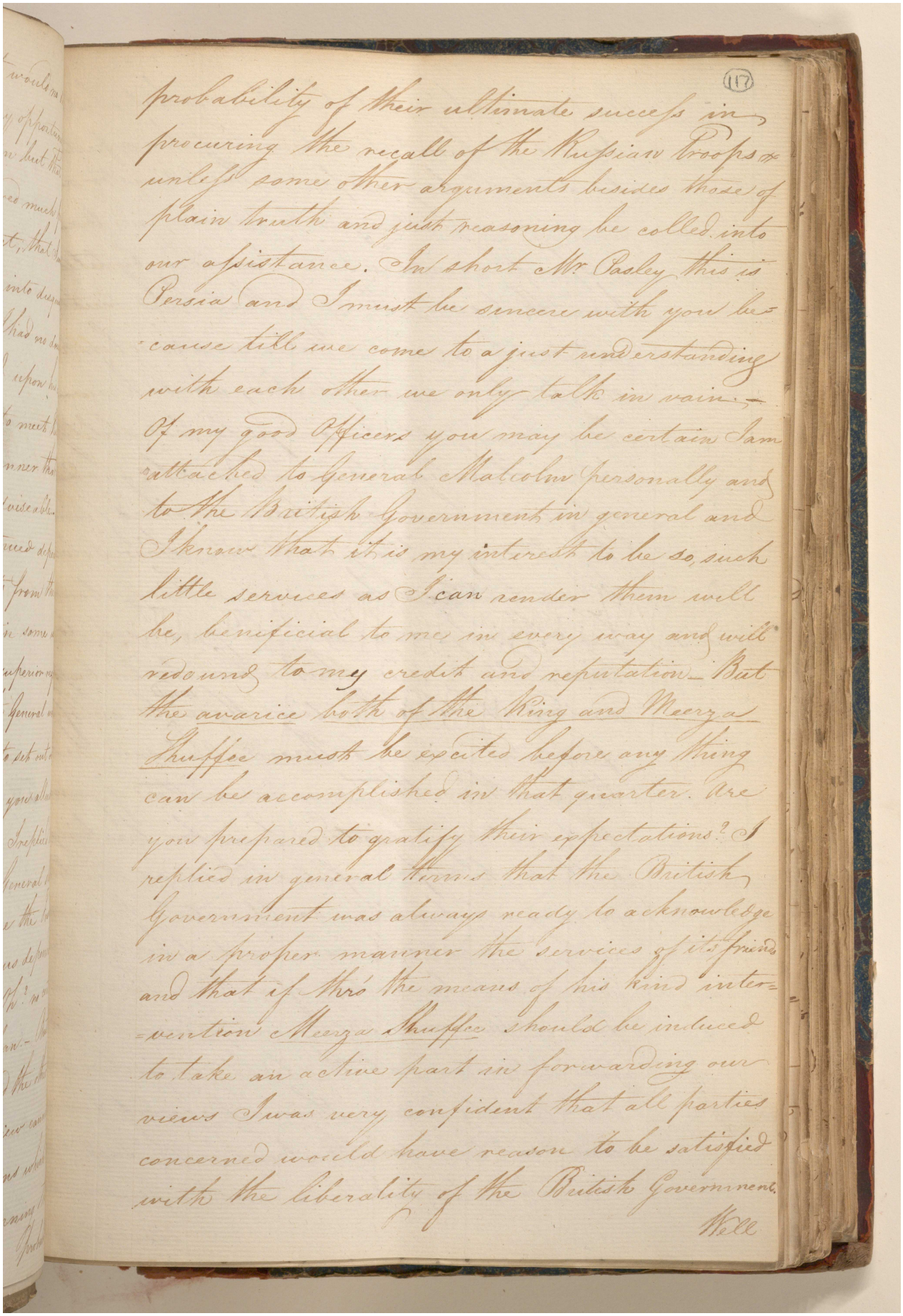


the British Government would no doubt
embrace with alacrity any opportunity of
acting hostilely against them but that an
affair of that kind required much previous
discussion and arrangement, that I was not
at all authorized to enter into disquisitions
of this nature, but that I had no doubt of
General Malcolm would upon his arrival
at the Capital be happy to meet His Ma-
jesty's wishes in any manner that appear-
ed most expedient and advisable.— The
General's advance I continued depended
entirely upon my reports from the Capi-
tal where I must obtain some unequi-
vocal mark of His Majestys superior regard for
the English Nation, before the General would
conceive himself at liberty to set out on his
intended Embassy. What do you allude to
said the Minister, of course I replied it could
never be expected that the General should
proceed towards Court where the French
Embassy and their numerous dependants
remained in the Country. Oh! no certain-
ly not said Nasr Oolah Khan.— But the
dismissal of these people and the other ob-
jects which you have in view cannot be
effected under the impressions which exist
in His Majestys mind concerning the
Probability



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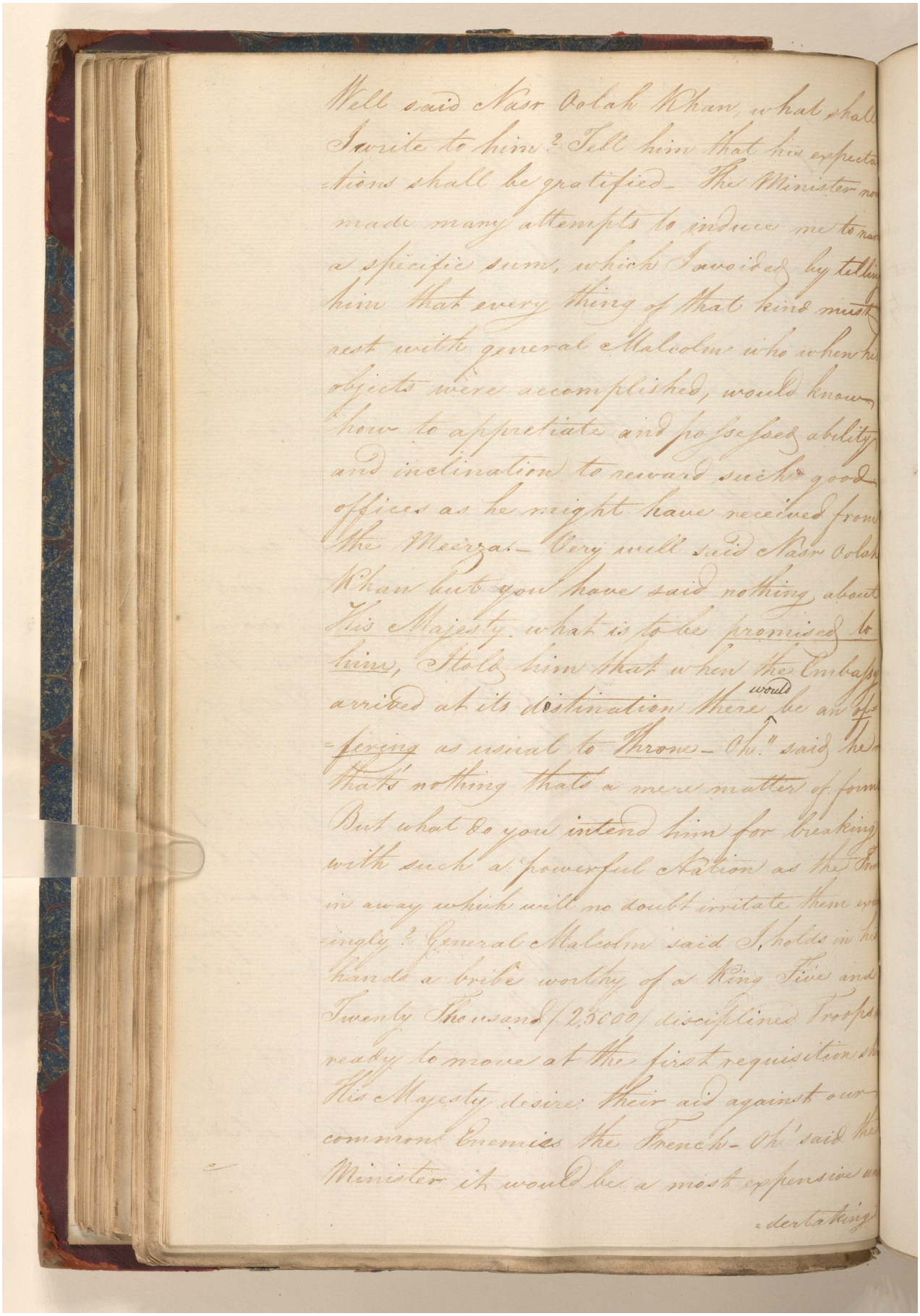
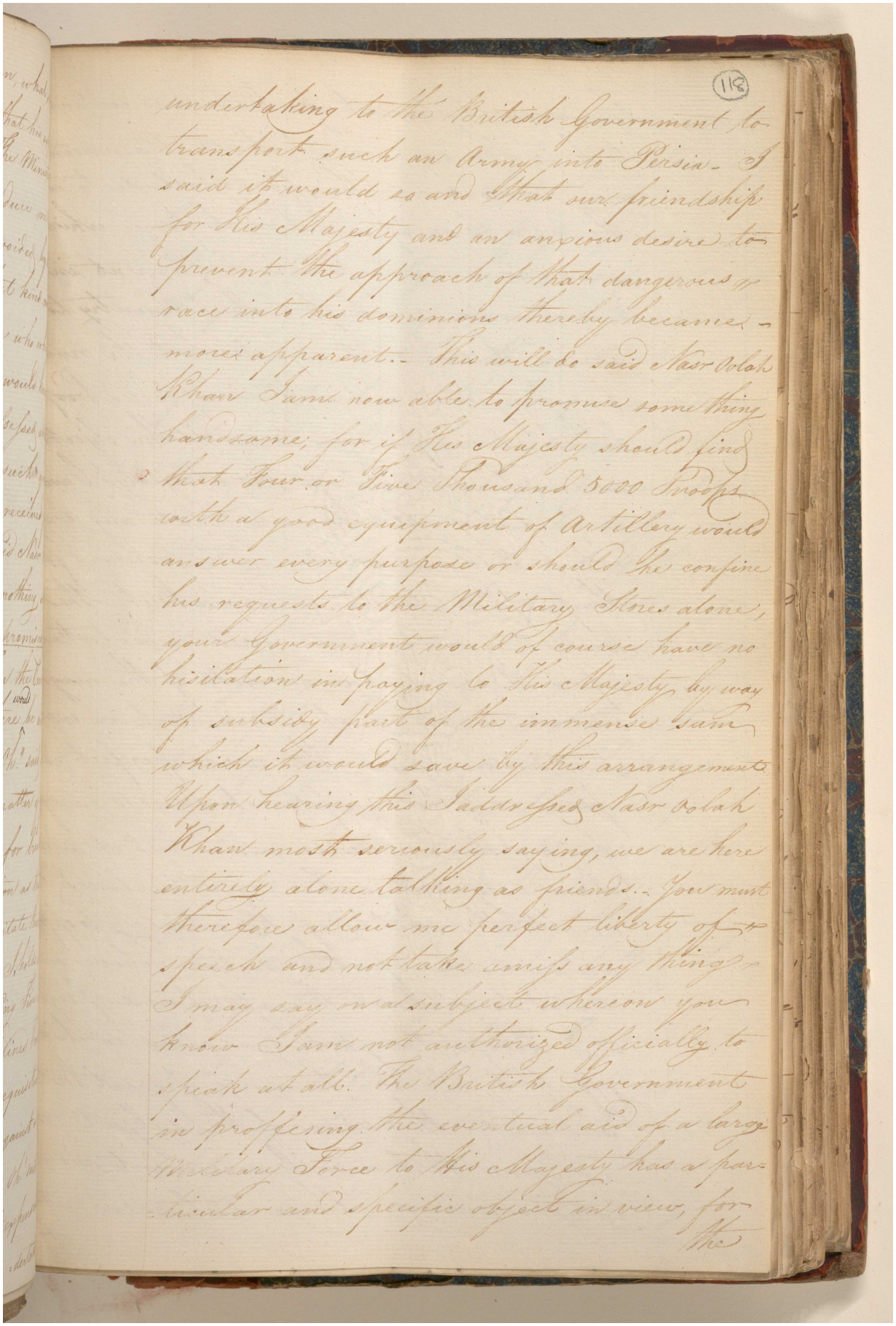
probability of their ultimate success in procuring the recall of the Russian Troops unless some other arguments besides those of plain truth and just reasoning be called into our assistance. In short Mr Pasley this is Persia and I must be sincere with you because till we come to a just understanding with each other we only talk in vain. Of my good Officers you may be certain I am attached to General Malcolm personally and to the British Government in general and I know that it is my interest to be so, such little services as I can render them will be beneficial to me in every way and will redound to my credit and reputation. But the avarice both of the King and Meerza Shuffee must be excited before any thing can be accomplished in that quarter. Are you prepared to gratify their expectations? I replied in general terms that the British Government was always ready to acknowledge in a proper manner the services of its friends and that if thro' the means of his kind intervention Meerza Shuffee should be induced to take an active part in forwarding our views I was very confident that all parties concerned would have reason to be satisfied with the liberality of the British Government.

Well



Well said Nasr Oolah Khan, what shall I write to him? Tell him that his expectations shall be gratified. The Minister now made many attempts to induce me to name a specific sum, which I avoided by telling him that every thing of that kind must rest with general Malcolm who when his objects were accomplished, would know how to appreciate and possessed ability and inclination to reward such good offices as he might have received from the Meerza. Very well said Nasr Oolah Khan but you have said nothing about His Majesty what is to be promised to him, I told him that when the Embassy arrived at its distination there would be an offering as usual to Throne. Oh! said he that's nothing that's a mere matter of form But what do you intend him for breaking with such a powerful Nation as the [illegible] in a way which will no doubt irritate them exceedingly? General Malcolm said I, holds in his hands a bribe worthy of a King Five and Twenty Thousand (25000) disciplined Troops ready to move at the first requisition of His Majesty desire their aid against our common Enemies the French. Oh! said the Minister it would be a most expensive undertaking



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undertaking to the British Government to transport such an Army into Persia. I said it would so and that our friendship for His Majesty and an anxious desire to prevent the approach of that dangerous race into his dominions thereby became more apparent. This will do said Nasr Oolah Khan I am now able to promise something handsome, for if His Majesty should find that Four or Five Thousand Sepoys with a good equipment of Artillery would answer every purpose or should he confine his requests to the Military Stores alone, your Government would of course have no hesitation in paying to His Majesty by way of subsidy part of the immense sum which it would save by this arrangement. Upon hearing this I addressed Nasr oolah Khan most seriously saying, we are here entirely alone talking as friends. You must therefore allow me perfect liberty of speech and not take amiss any thing I may say on that subject wherein you know I am not authorized officially to speak at all. The British Government in proffering the eventual aid of a large Military Force to His Majesty has a particular and specific object in view, for the

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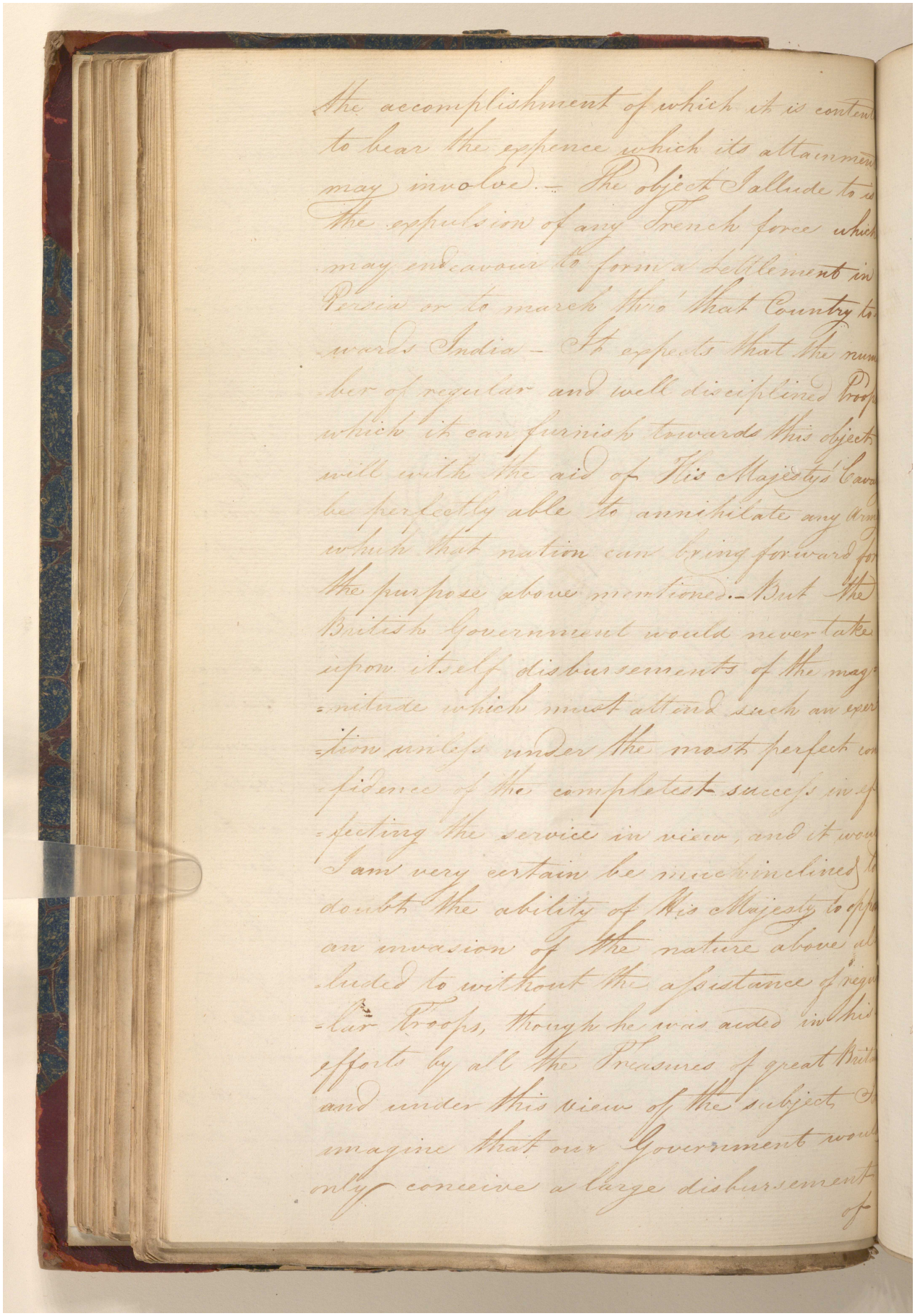

the accomplishment of which it is content
to bear the expence which its attainmen
may involve.— The object I allude to is
the expulsion of any French force which
may endeavour to form a settlement in
Persia or to march thro' that Country to-
wards India — It expects that the num
ber of regular and well disciplined Troops
which it can furnish towards this object
will with the aid of His Majestys Cava
be perfectly able to annihilate any Arm
which that nation can bring forward for
the purpose above mentioned.— But the
British Government would never take
upon itself disbursements of the magn
-itude which must attend such an exper
-tion unless under the most perfect con
-fidence of the completest success in ef
-fecting the service in view, and it woul
I am very certain be much inclined to
doubt the ability of His Majesty to oppo
an invasion of the nature above al
-luded to without the assistance of regu
-lar Troops, though he was aided in his
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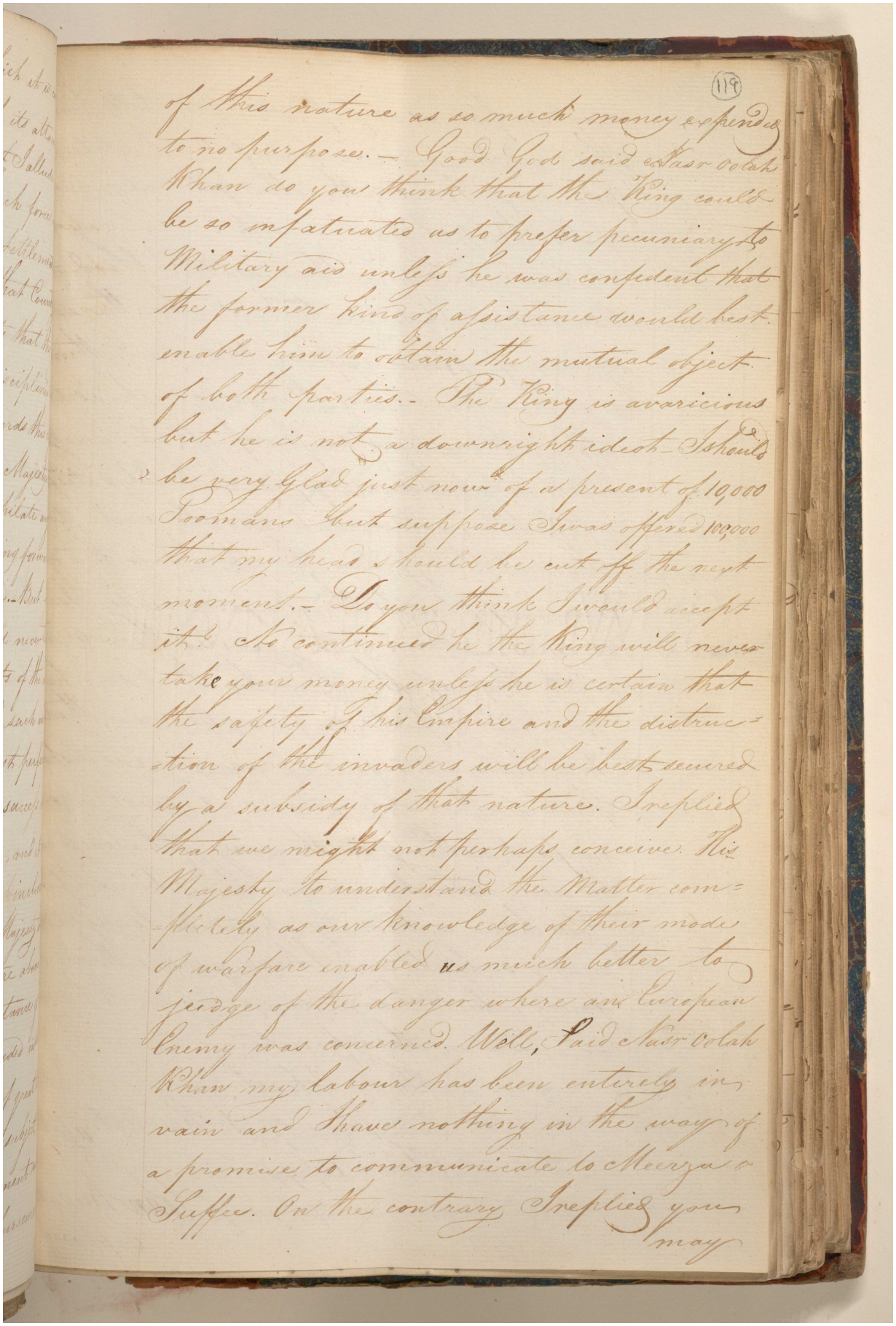
and under this view of the subject I
imagine that our Government would
only conceive a large disbursement of



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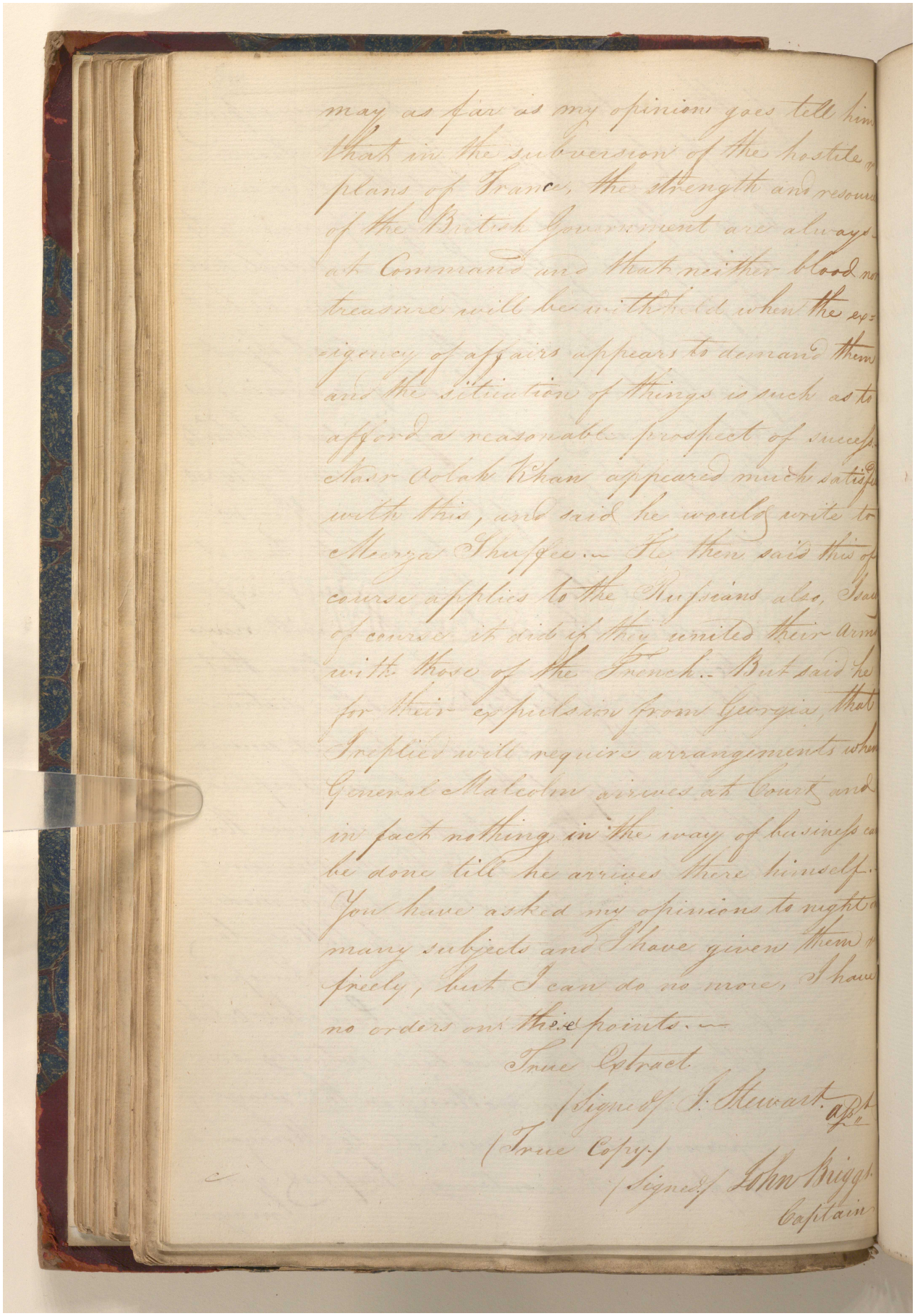
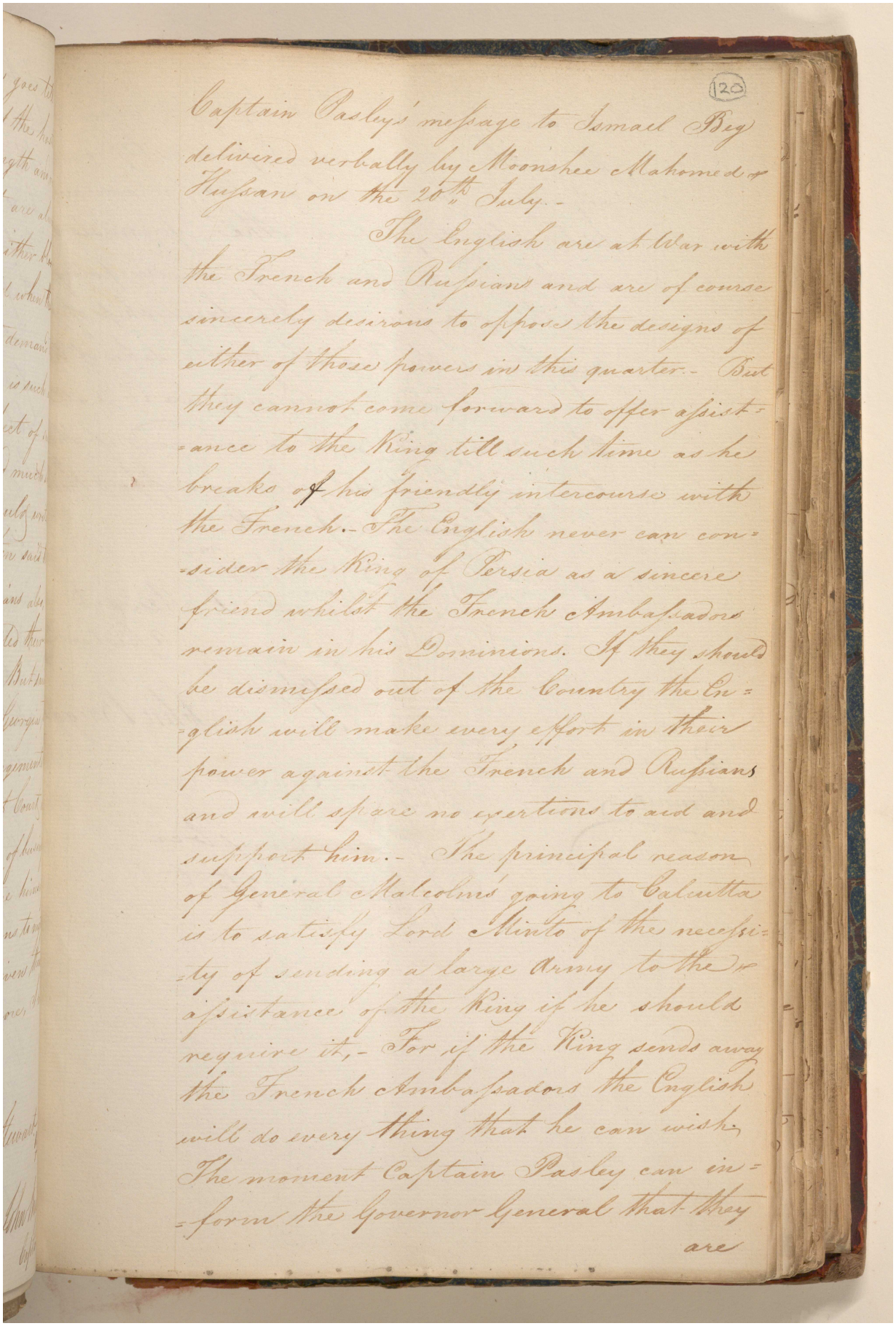
of this nature as so much money expended to no purpose. — Good God said Nasr Oolah Khan do you think that the King could be so infatuated as to prefer pecuniary to Military aid unless he was confident that the former kind of assistance would best enable him to obtain the mutual object of both parties. - The King is avaricious but he is not a downright idiot. I should be very Glad just now of a present of 19,000 Toomans but suppose I was offered 100,000 that my head should be cut off the next moment. — Do you think I would accept it! He continued he the King will never take your money unless he is certain that the safety of his Empire and the distruction of the invaders will be best secured by a subsidy of that nature. I replied that we might not perhaps conceive His Majesty to understand the Matter completely as our knowledge of their mode of warfare enabled us much better to judge of the danger where an European Enemy was concerned. Well, said Nasr Oolah Khan my labour has been entirely in vain and I have nothing in the way of a promise to communicate to Meerza Suffee. On the contrary I replied you may



may as far as my opinion goes tell him that in the subversion of the hostile plans of France, the strength and resources of the British Government are always at Command and that neither blood nor treasure will be withheld when the exigency of affairs appears to demand them and the situation of things is such as to afford a reasonable prospect of success. Nasr Oolah Khan appeared much satisfied with this, and said he would write to Meerza Shufee. He then said this of course applies to the Russians also, and of course it did if they united their arms with those of the French. But said he for their expulsion from Georgia, that Sceptic will require arrangements when General Malcolm arrives at Court and in fact nothing in the way of business can be done till he arrives there himself. You have asked my opinions to night on many subjects and I have given them as freely, but I can do no more, I have no orders on these points.

True Extract
(Signed) J. Stewart. Asst.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) John Briggs
Captain



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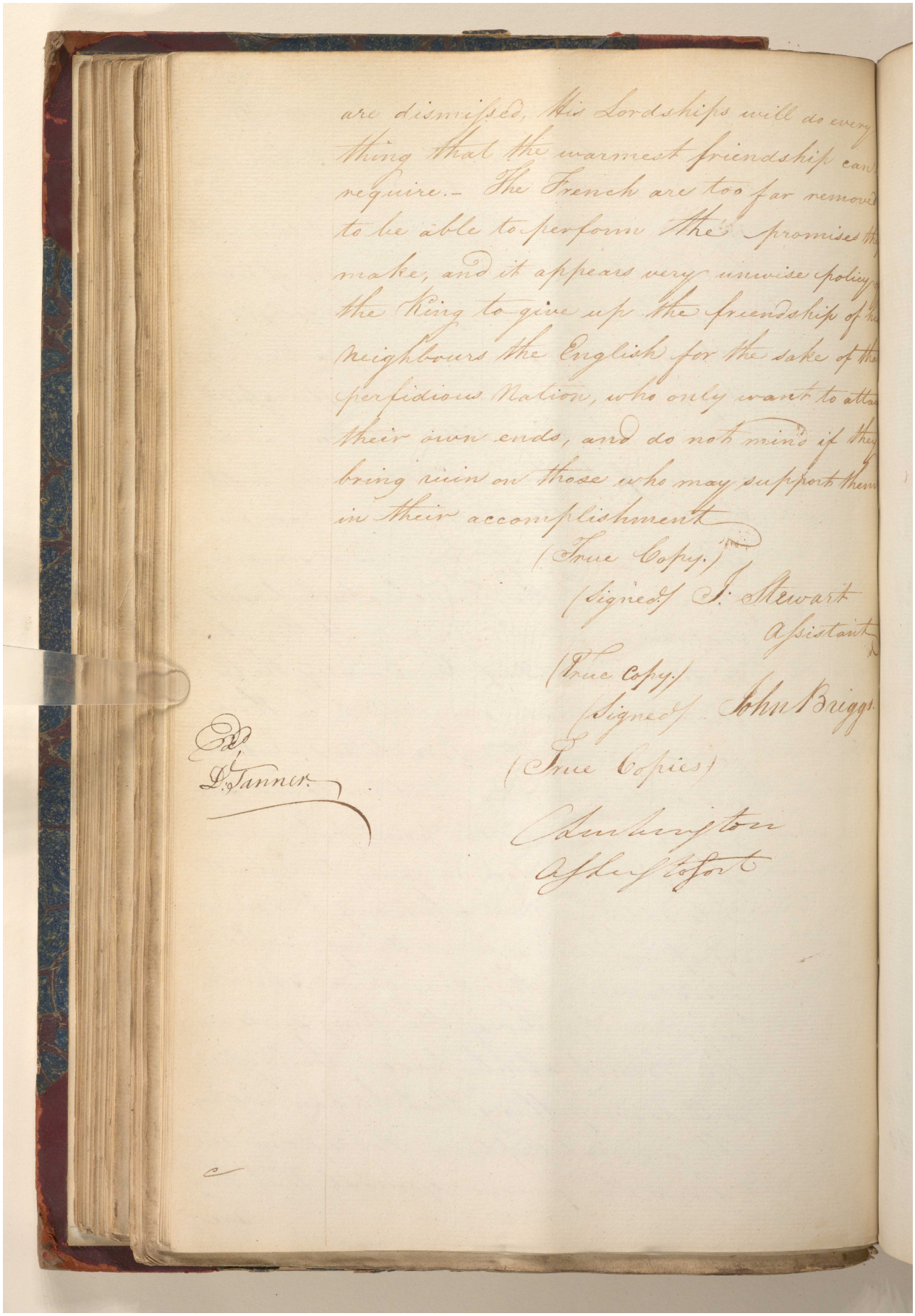
Captain Pasley's message to Ismael Beg delivered verbally by Moonshee Mahomed Hussain on the 20th July.-

The English are at War with the French and Russians and are of course sincerely desirous to oppose the designs of either of those powers in this quarter.- But they cannot come forward to offer assistance to the King till such time as he breaks off his friendly intercourse with the French.- The English never can consider the King of Persia as a sincere friend whilst the French Ambassadors remain in his Dominions. If they should be dismissed out of the Country the English will make every effort in their power against the French and Russians and will spare no exertions to aid and support him.- The principal reason of General Malcolms going to Calcutta is to satisfy Lord Minto of the necessity of sending a large Army to the assistance of the King if he should require it,- For if the King sends away the French Ambassadors the English will do every thing that he can wish. The moment Captain Pasley can inform the Governor General that they are



are dismissed, His Lordships will do every thing that the warmest friendship can require.- The French are too far removed to be able to perform the promises they make, and it appears very unwise policy of the King to give up the friendship of his neighbours the English for the sake of the perfidious Nation, who only want to attain their own ends, and do not mind if they bring ruin on those who may support them in their accomplishment

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. Stewart
Assistant

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(Signed) John Briggs

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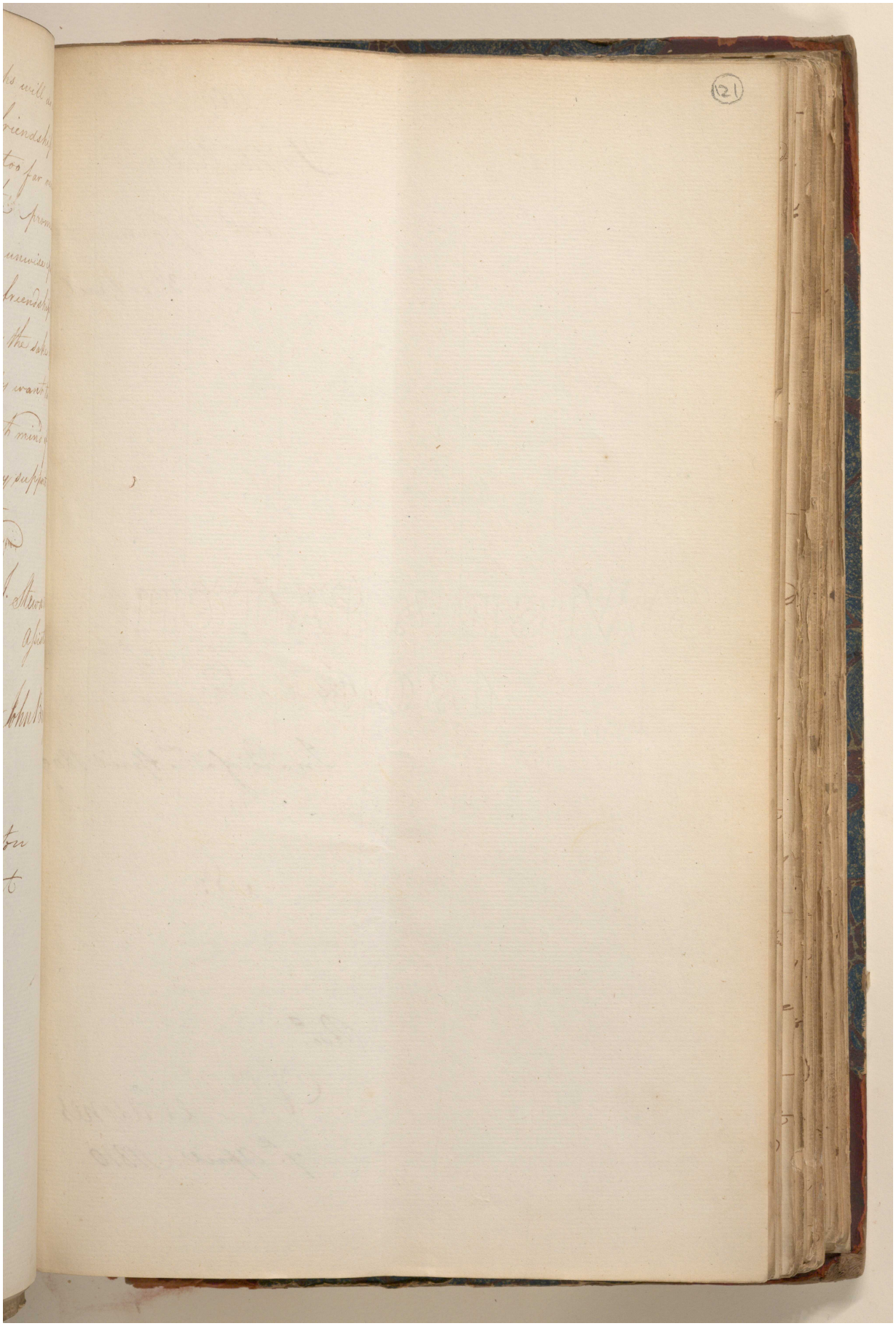

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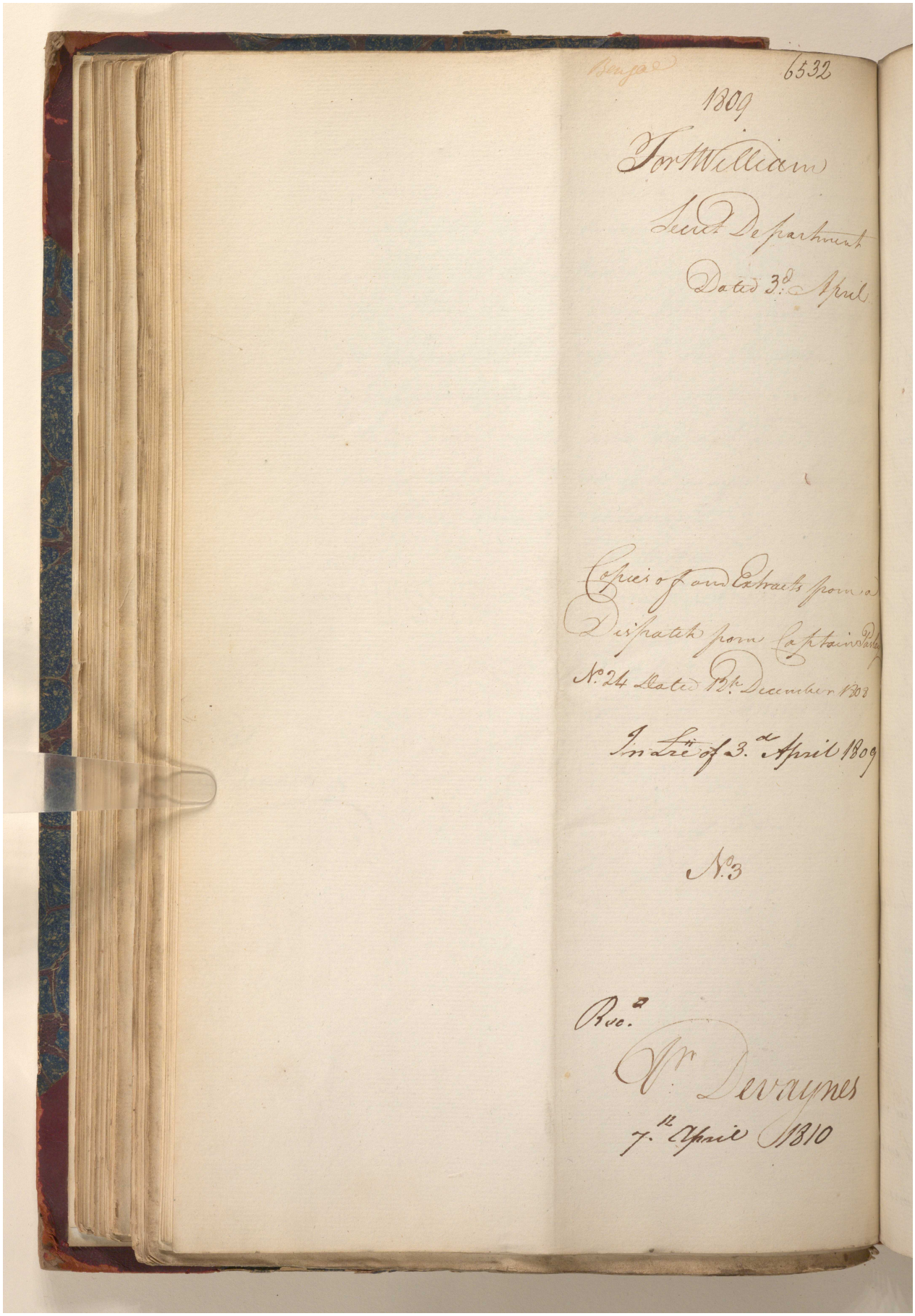

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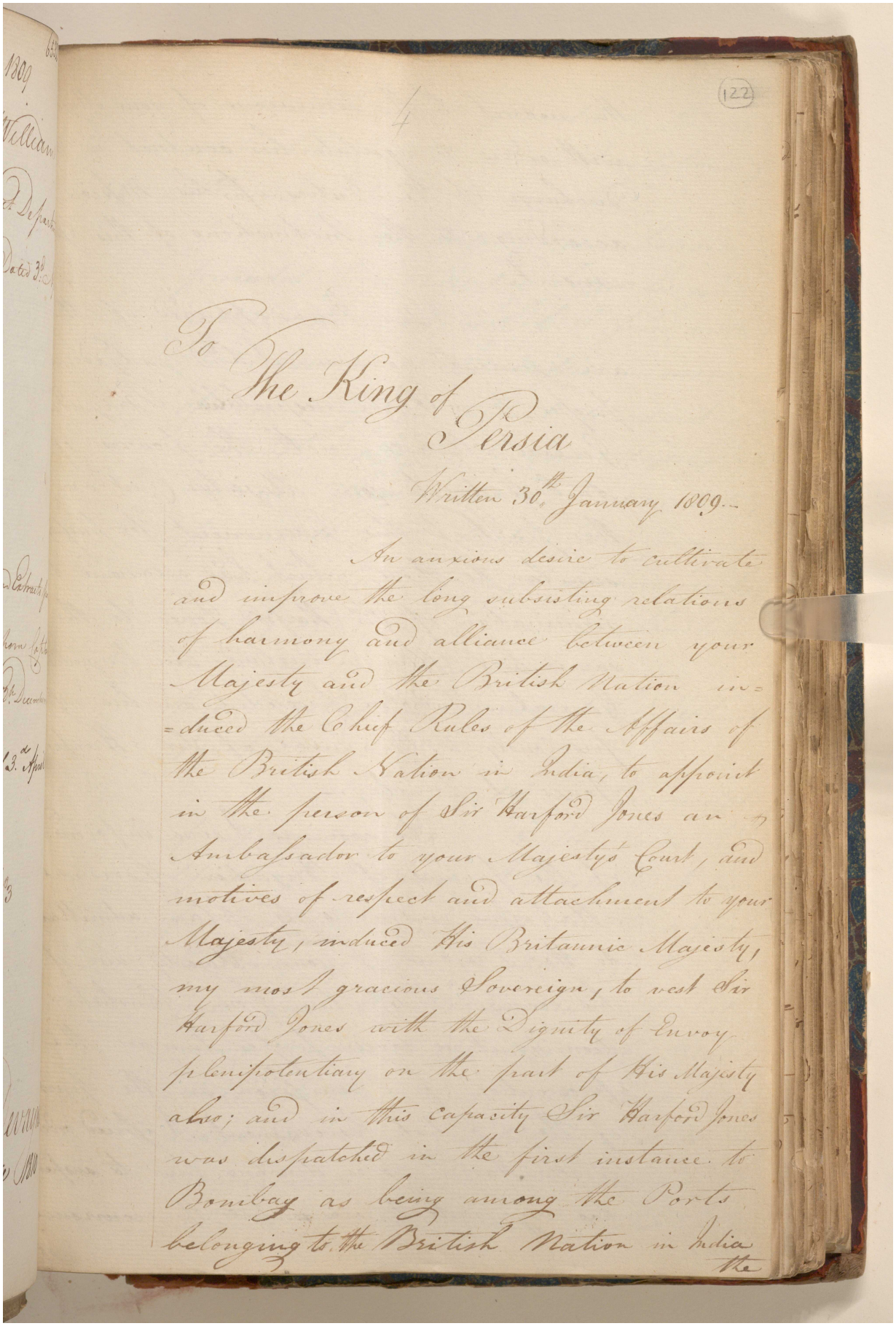
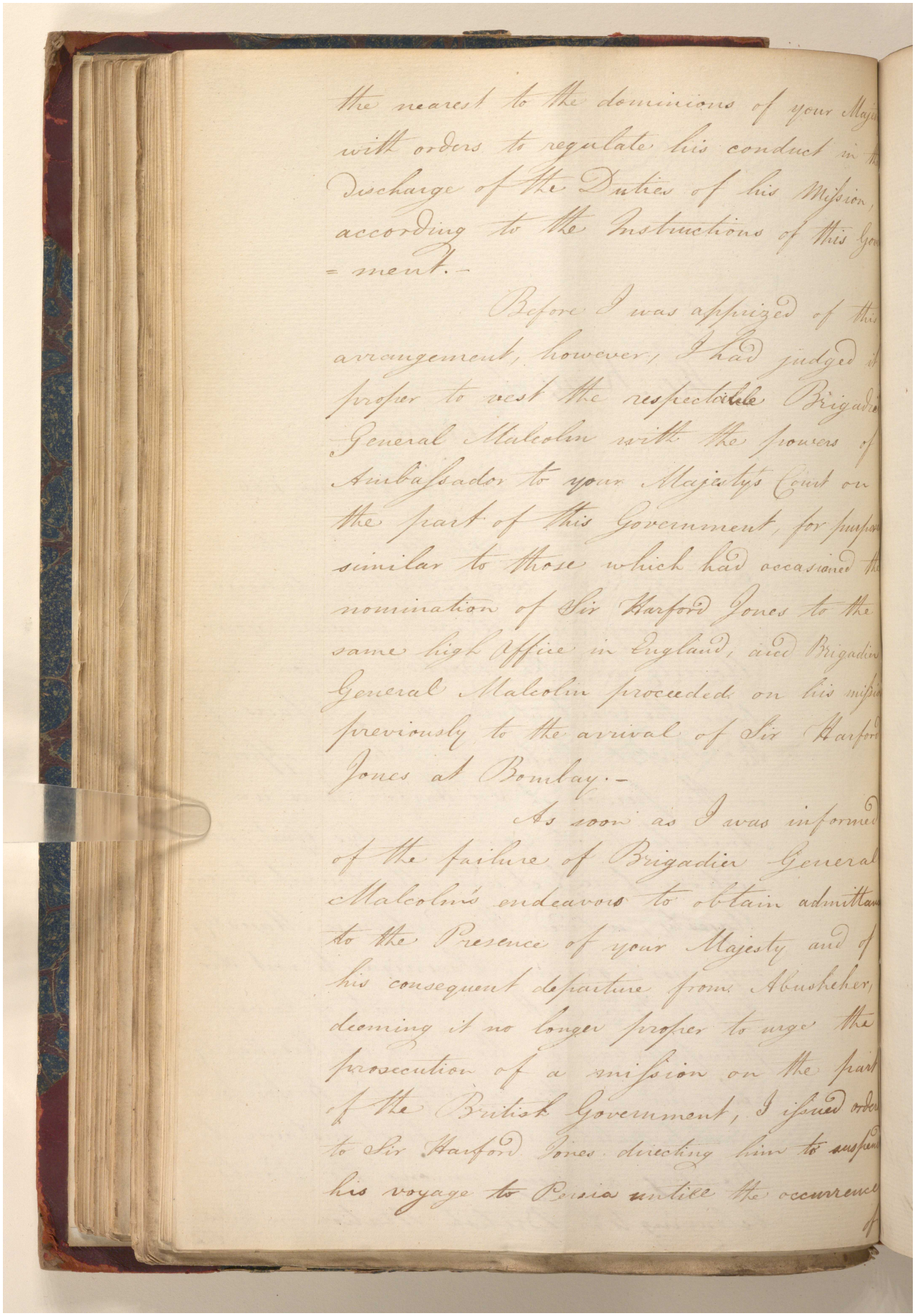


To

The King of Persia

Written 30th January 1809.

An anxious desire to cultivate and improve the long subsisting relations of harmony and alliance between your Majesty and the British Nation induced the Chief Rules of the Affairs of the British Nation in India, to appoint in the person of Sir Harford Jones an Ambassador to your Majesty's Court, and motives of respect and attachment to your Majesty, induced His Britannic Majesty, my most gracious Sovereign, to vest Sir Harford Jones with the Dignity of Envoy plenipotentiary on the part of His Majesty also; and in this capacity Sir Harford Jones was dispatched in the first instance to Bombay as being among the Ports belonging to the British Nation in India the



the nearest to the dominions of your Majes
with orders to regulate his conduct in the
discharge of the Duties of his Mission,
according to the Instructions of this Gov
= ment.-

Before I was apprized of this
arrangement, however, I had judged it
proper to vest the respectable Brigadier
General Malcolm with the powers of
Ambassador to your Majesty's Court on
the part of this Government, for purpose
similar to those which had occasioned the
nomination of Sir Harford Jones to the
same high Office in England, and Brigadier
General Malcolm proceeded on his missio
previously to the arrival of Sir Harford
Jones at Bombay.-

As soon as I was informed
of the failure of Brigadier General
Malcolm's endeavors to obtain admittance
to the Presence of your Majesty and of
his consequent departure from Abusheher,
deeming it no longer proper to urge the
prosecution of a mission on the part
of the British Government, I issued orders
to Sir Harford Jones directing him to suspend
his voyage to Persia untill the occurrence
of

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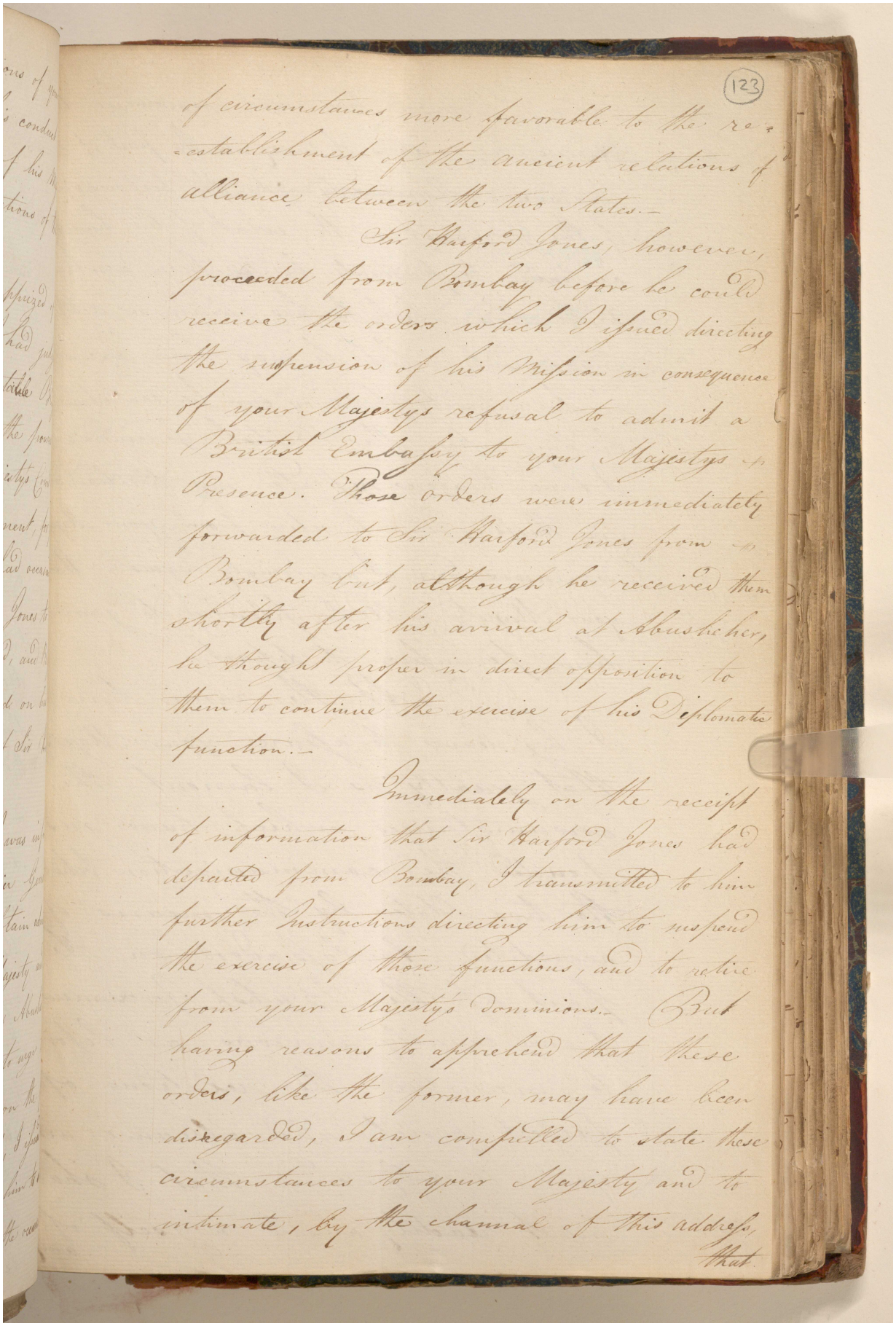

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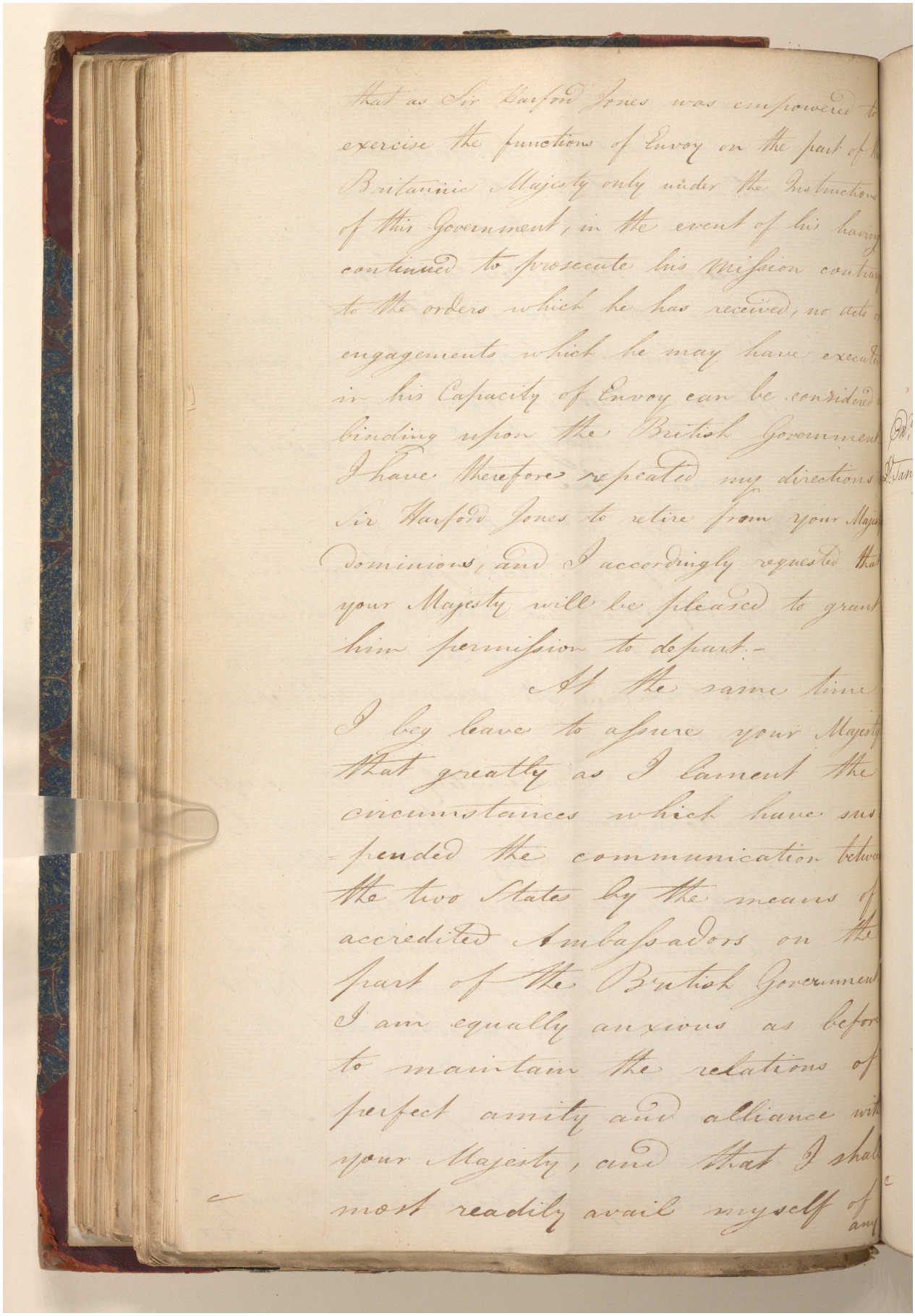
of circumstances more favorable to the re-establishment of the ancient relations of alliance between the two States.—

Sir Harford Jones, however, proceeded from Bombay before he could receive the orders which I issued directing the suspension of his Mission in consequence of your Majestys refusal to admit a British Embassy to your Majestys Presence. Those orders were immediately forwarded to Sir Harford Jones from Bombay but, although he received them shortly after his arrival at Abushehr, he thought proper in direct opposition to them to continue the exercise of his Diplomatic function.—

Immediately on the receipt of information that Sir Harford Jones had departed from Bombay, I transmitted to him further Instructions directing him to suspend the exercise of those functions, and to retire from your Majestys dominions.— But having reasons to apprehend that these orders, like the former, may have been disregarded, I am compelled to state these circumstances to your Majesty and to intimate, by the channel of this address,

That



that as Sir Harford Jones was empowered to exercise the functions of Envoy on the part of His Britannic Majesty only under the Instructions of this Government, in the event of his having continued to prosecute his Mission contrary to the orders which he has received, no acts or engagements which he may have executed in his Capacity of Envoy can be considered as binding upon the British Government. I have therefore repeated my directions to Sir Harford Jones to retire from your Majesty's dominions, and I accordingly requested that your Majesty will be pleased to grant him permission to depart.-

At the same time I beg leave to assure your Majesty that greatly as I lament the circumstances which have suspended the communication between the two States by the means of accredited Ambassadors on the part of the British Government I am equally anxious as before to maintain the relations of perfect amity and alliance with your Majesty, and that I shall most readily avail myself of any

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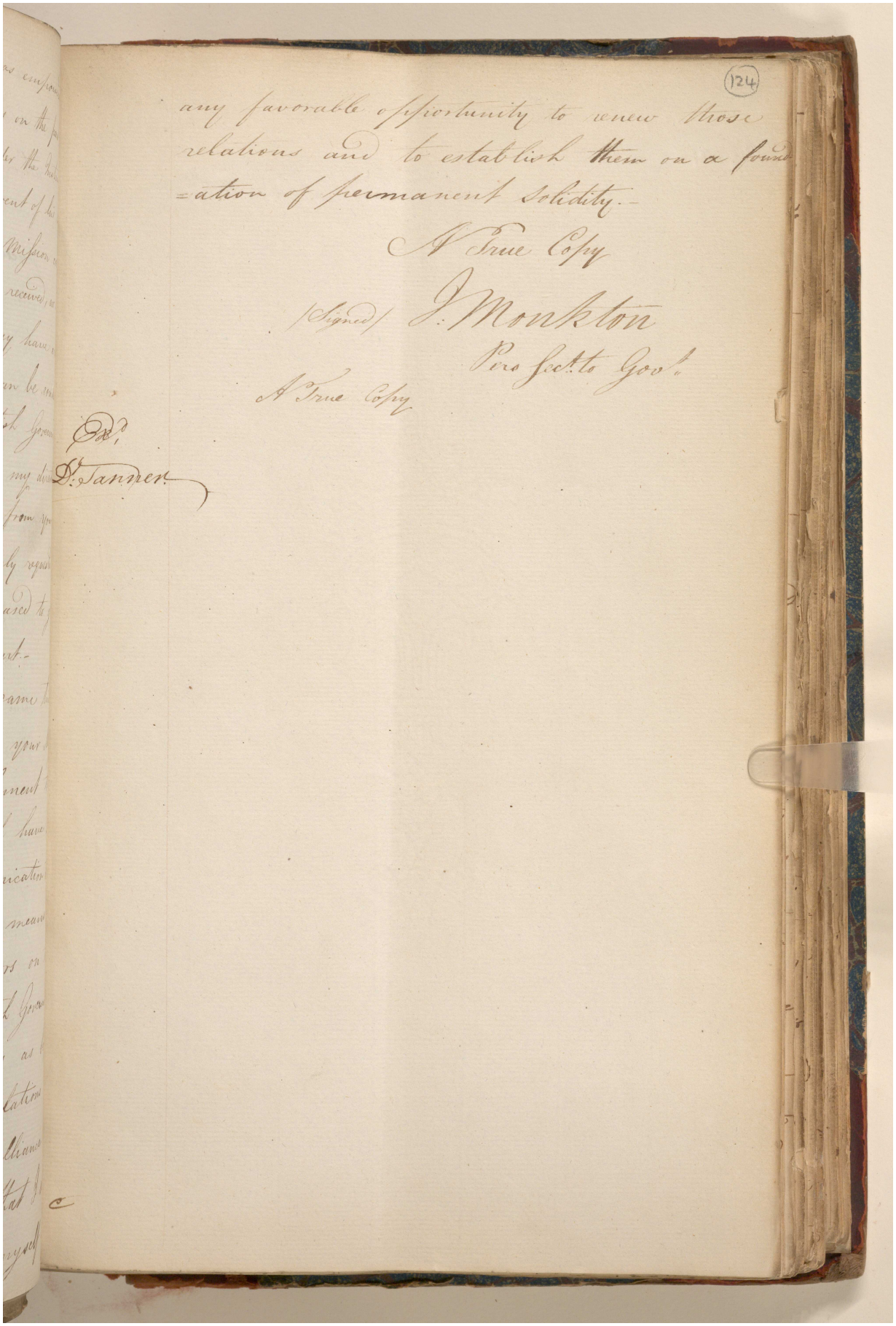

any favorable opportunity to renew those relations and to establish them on a found=ation of permanent Solidity.-

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(Signed) J. Monkton

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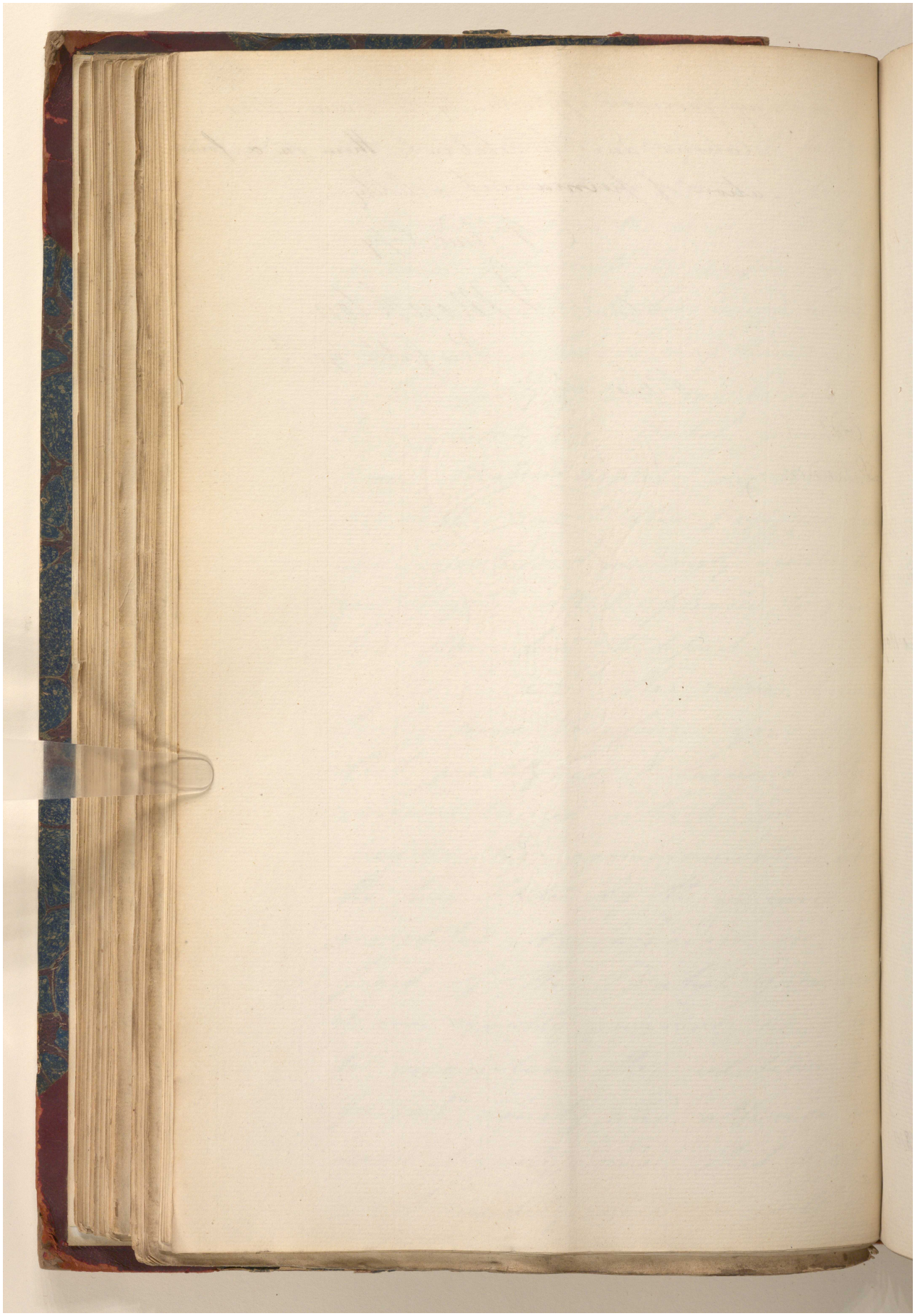

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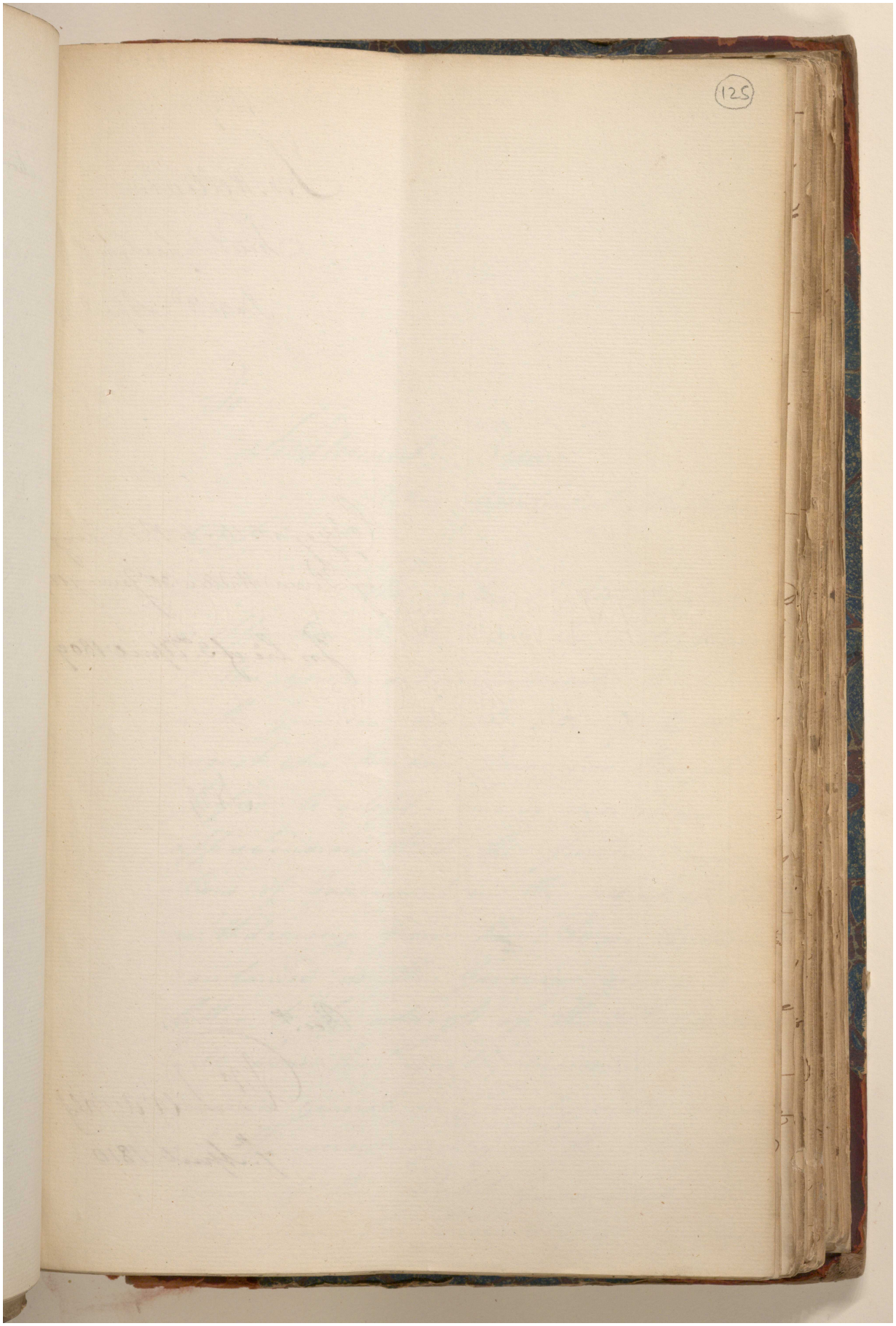

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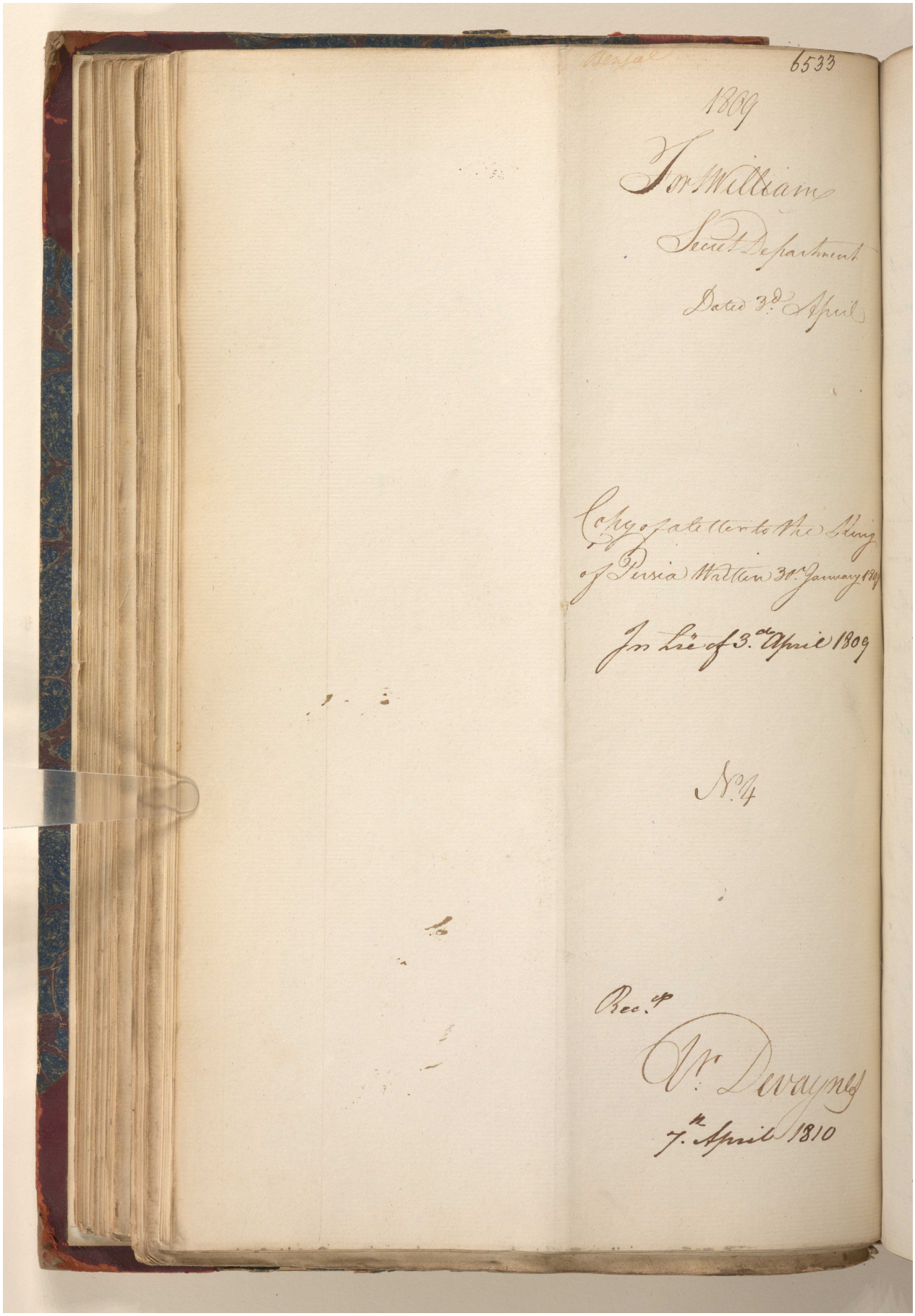

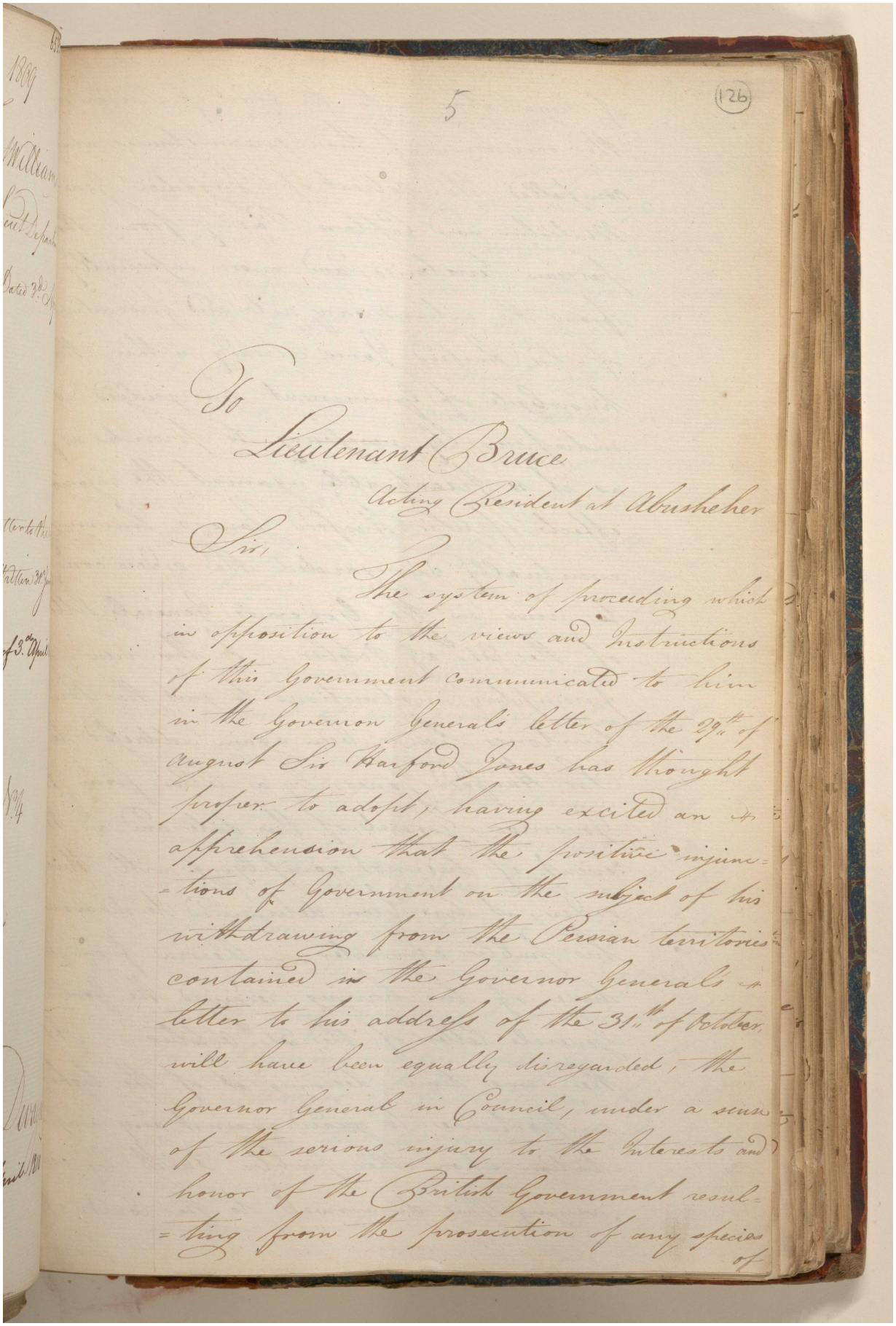

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To

Lieutenant Bruce

Acting Resident at Abusheher

Sir,

The system of proceeding which in opposition to the views and Instructions of this Government communicated to him in the Governor Generals letter of the 29th of August Sir Harford Jones has thought proper to adopt, having excited an apprehension that the positive injunctions of Government on the subject of his withdrawing from the Persian territories contained in the Governor Generals letter to his address of the 31st of October will have been equally disregarded, the Governor General in Council, under a sense of the serious injury to the Interests and honor of the British Government resulting from the prosecution of any species of

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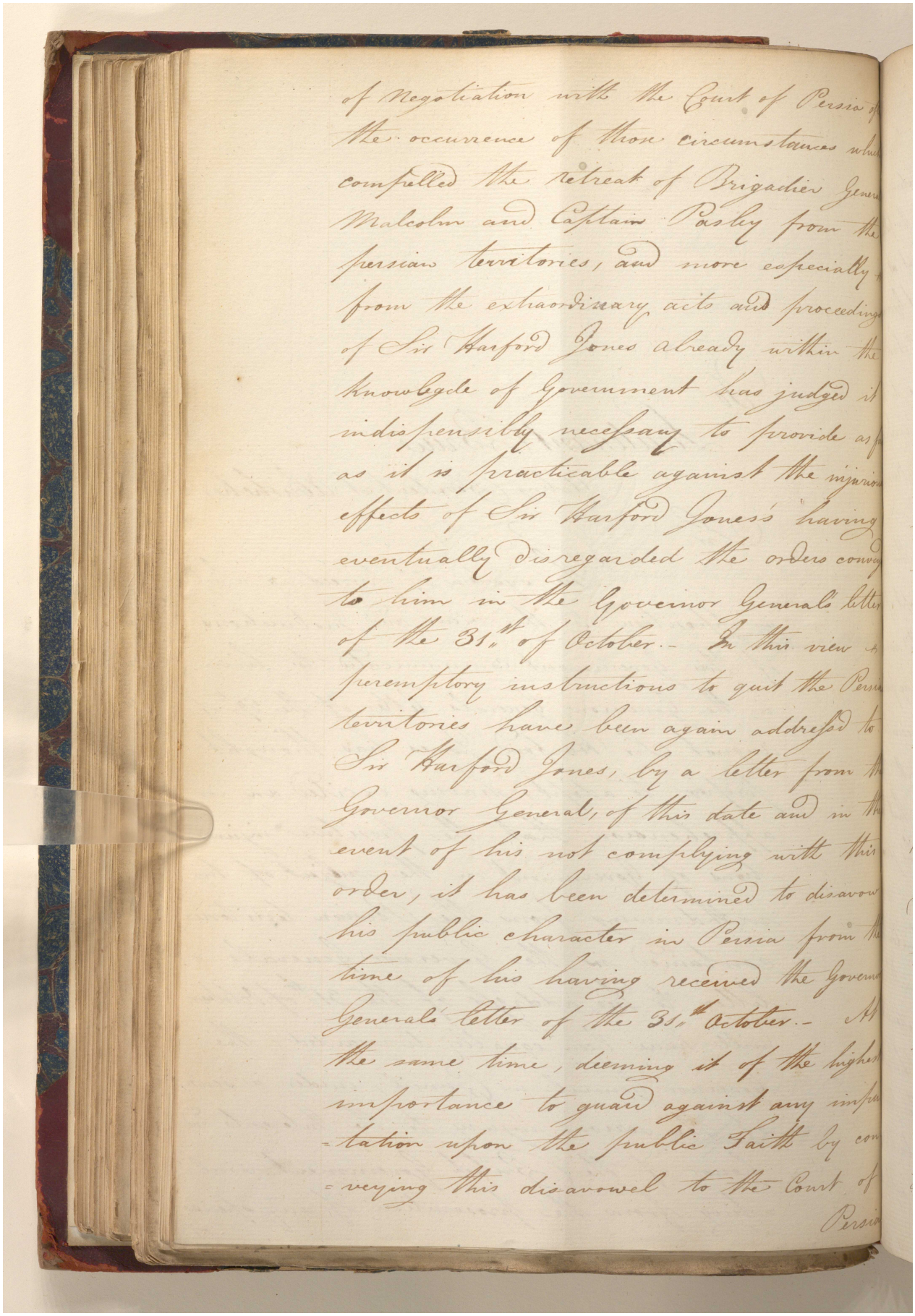

of Negotiation with the Court of Persia of the occurrence of those circumstances which compelled the retreat of Brigadier General Malcolm and Captain Pasley from the Persian territories, and more especially from the extraordinary acts and proceedings of Sir Harford Jones already within the knowledge of Government has judged it indispensibly necessary to provide as far as it is practicable against the injurious effects of Sir Harford Jones's having eventually disregarded the orders conveyed to him in the Governor Generals letter of the 31st of October.- In this view the peremptory instructions to quit the Persian territories have been again addressed to Sir Harford Jones, by a letter from the Governor General, of this date and in the event of his not complying with this order, it has been determined to disavow his public character in Persia from the time of his having received the Governor Generals letter of the 31st October.- At the same time, deeming it of the highest importance to guard against any imputation upon the public Faith by conveying this disavowel to the Court of Persia

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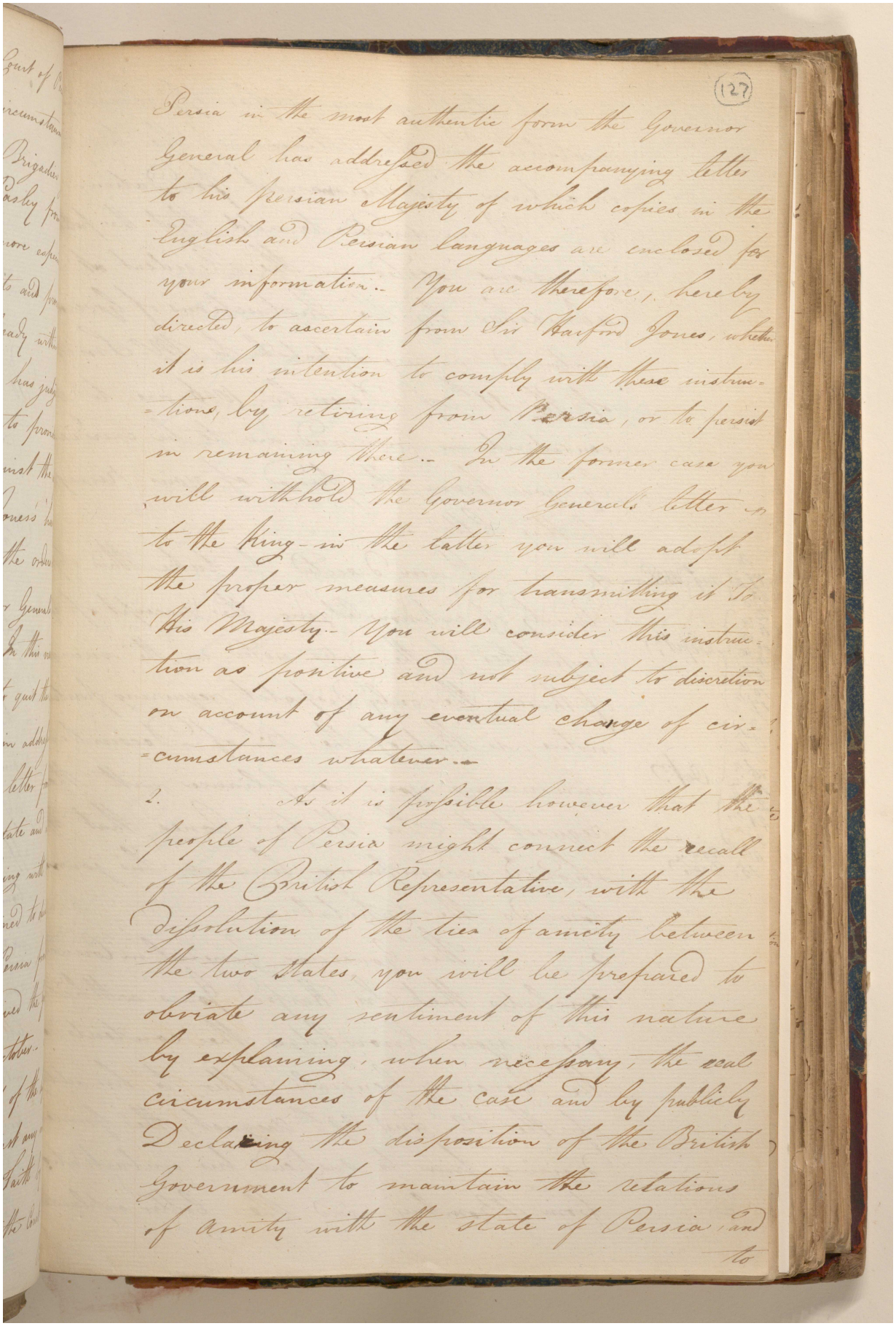

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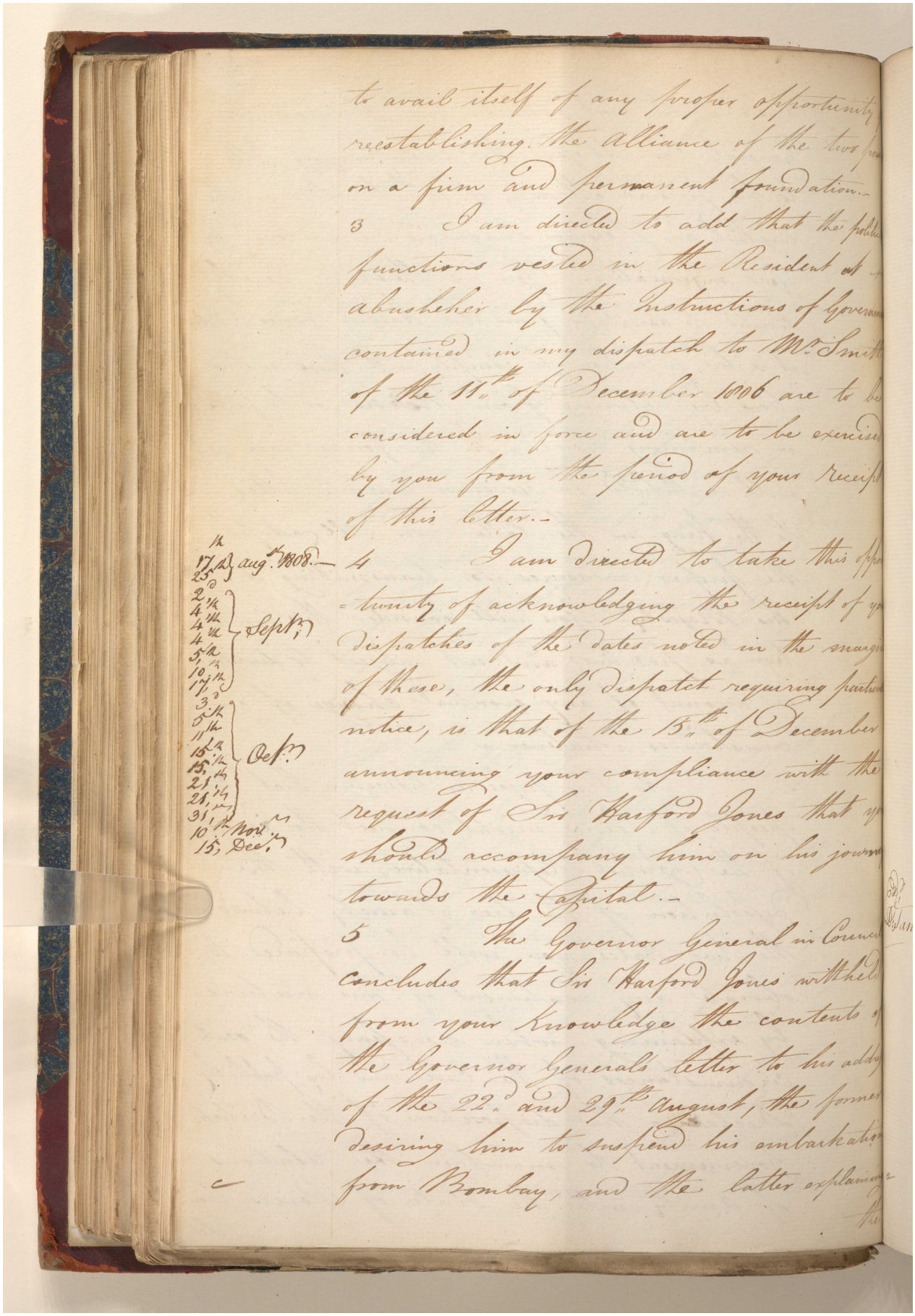
Persia in the most authentic form the Governor General has addressed the accompanying letter to his Persian Majesty of which copies in the English and Persian languages are enclosed for your information.- You are therefore, hereby directed, to ascertain from Sir Harford Jones, whether it is his intention to comply with these instructions, by retiring from Persia, or to persist in remaining there.- In the former case you will withhold the Governor Generals letter to the King- in the latter you will adopt the proper measures for transmitting it to His Majesty.- You will consider this instruction as positive and not subject to discretion on account of any eventual change of circumstances whatever.-

2. As it is possible however that the people of Persia might connect the recall of the British Representative, with the dissolution of the ties of amity between the two States, you will be prepared to obviate any sentiment of this nature by explaining, when necessary, the real circumstances of the case and by publicly Declaring the disposition of the British Government to maintain the relations of amity with the state of Persia, and to



to avail itself of any proper opportunity
reestablishing the Alliance of the two
on a firm and permanent foundation.-

3 I am directed to add that the politi
functions vested in the Resident at
Abusheher by the Instructions of Governm
contained in my dispatch to Mr. Smith
of the 11th of December 1806 are to be
considered in force and are to be exercise
by you from the period of your receipt
of this letter.-

4 I am directed to take this oppo
= tunity of acknowledging the receipt of yo
dispatches of the dates noted in the margi
of these, the only dispatch requiring partic
notice, is that of the 15th of December
announcing your compliance with the
request of Sir Harford Jones that yo
should accompany him on his journe
towards the Capital.-

5 The Governor General in Council
concludes that Sir Harford Jones withheld
from your knowledge the contents o
the Governor Generals letter to his addre
of the 22d and 29th August, the former
desiring him to suspend his embarkation
from Bombay, and the latter explaining
the

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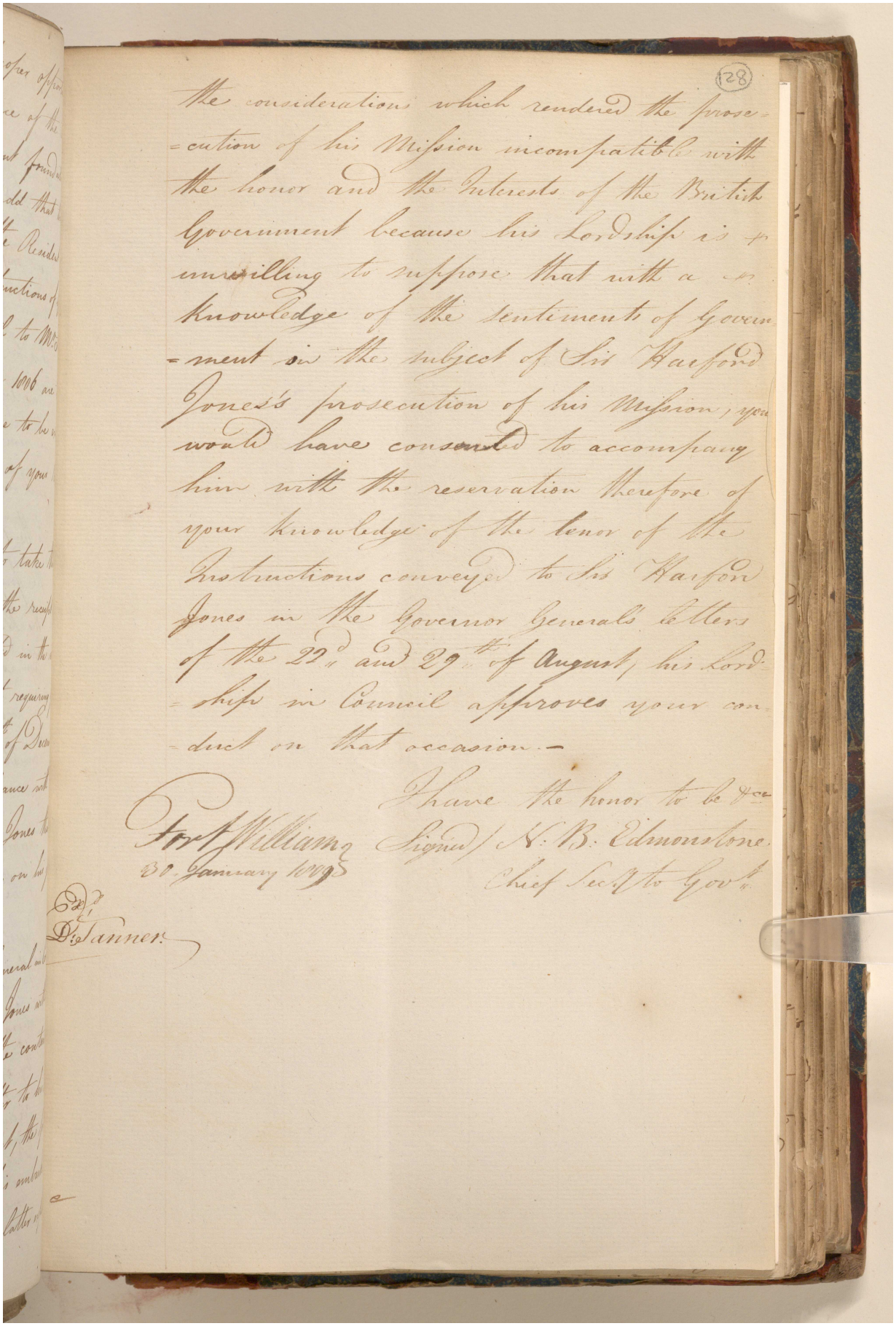

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the considerations which rendered the prose=
=cution of his Mission incompatible with
the honor and the Interests of the British
Government because his Lordship is
unwilling to suppose that with a
knowledge of the sentiments of Govern=
=ment in the subject of Sir Harford
Jones's prosecution of his Mission, you
would have consented to accompany
him with the reservation therefore of
your knowledge of the tenor of the
Instructions conveyed to Sir Harford
Jones in the Governor General's letters
of the 22d and 29th of August, his Lord=
=ship in Council approves your con=
=duct on that occasion.—

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed/ H. B. Edmonstone
Chief Secy to Govt.

Fort William
30 January 1809

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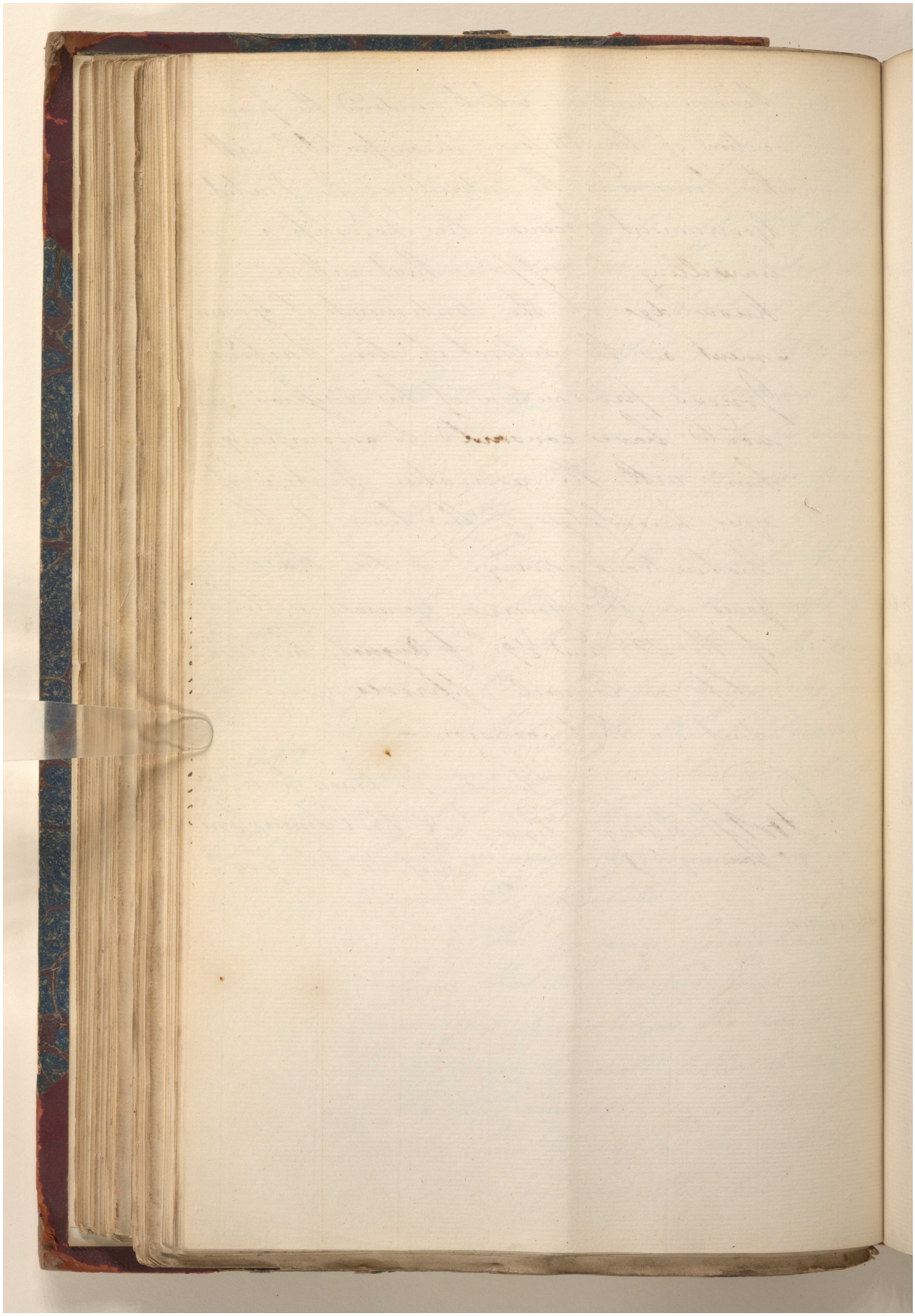
D. Tanner



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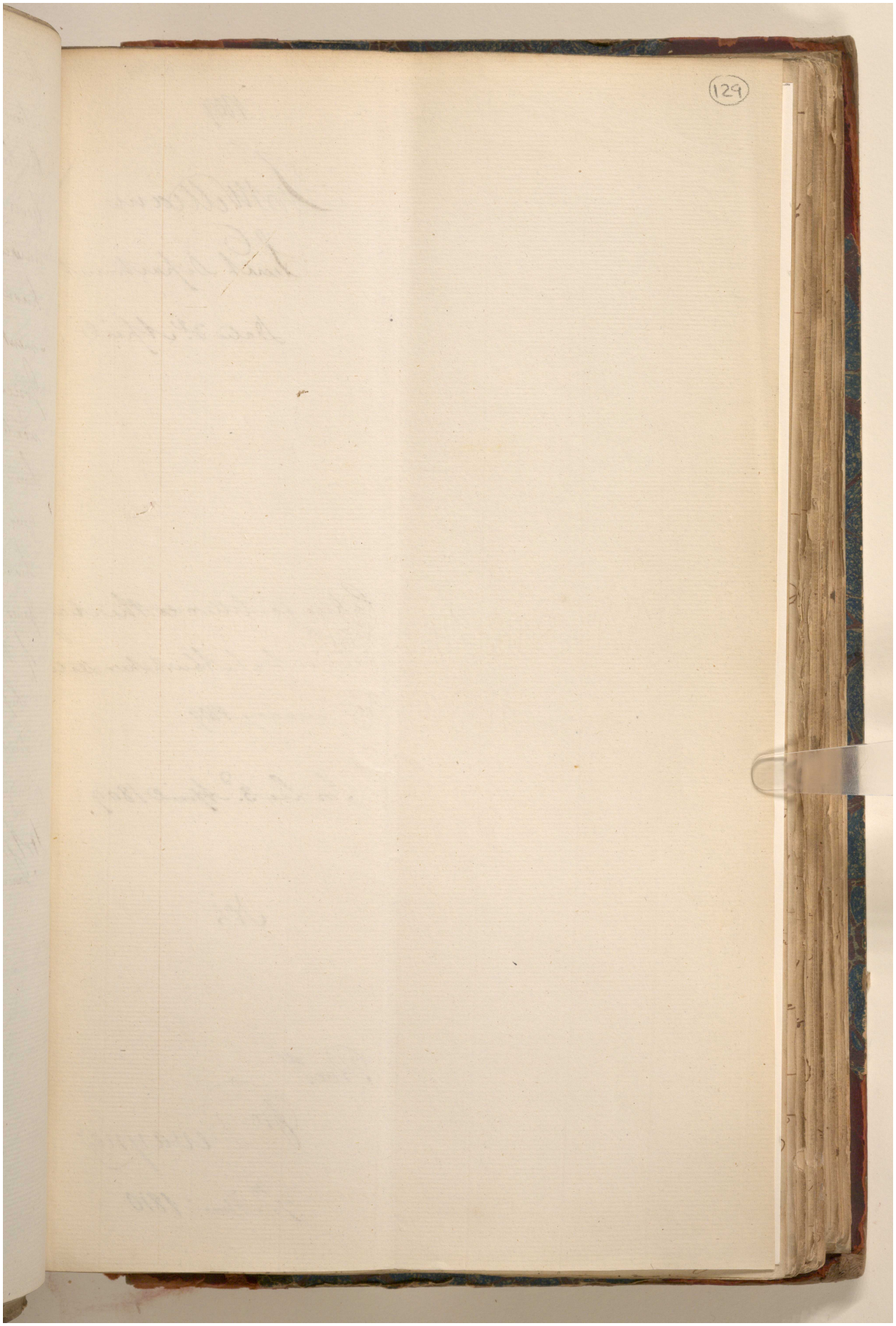
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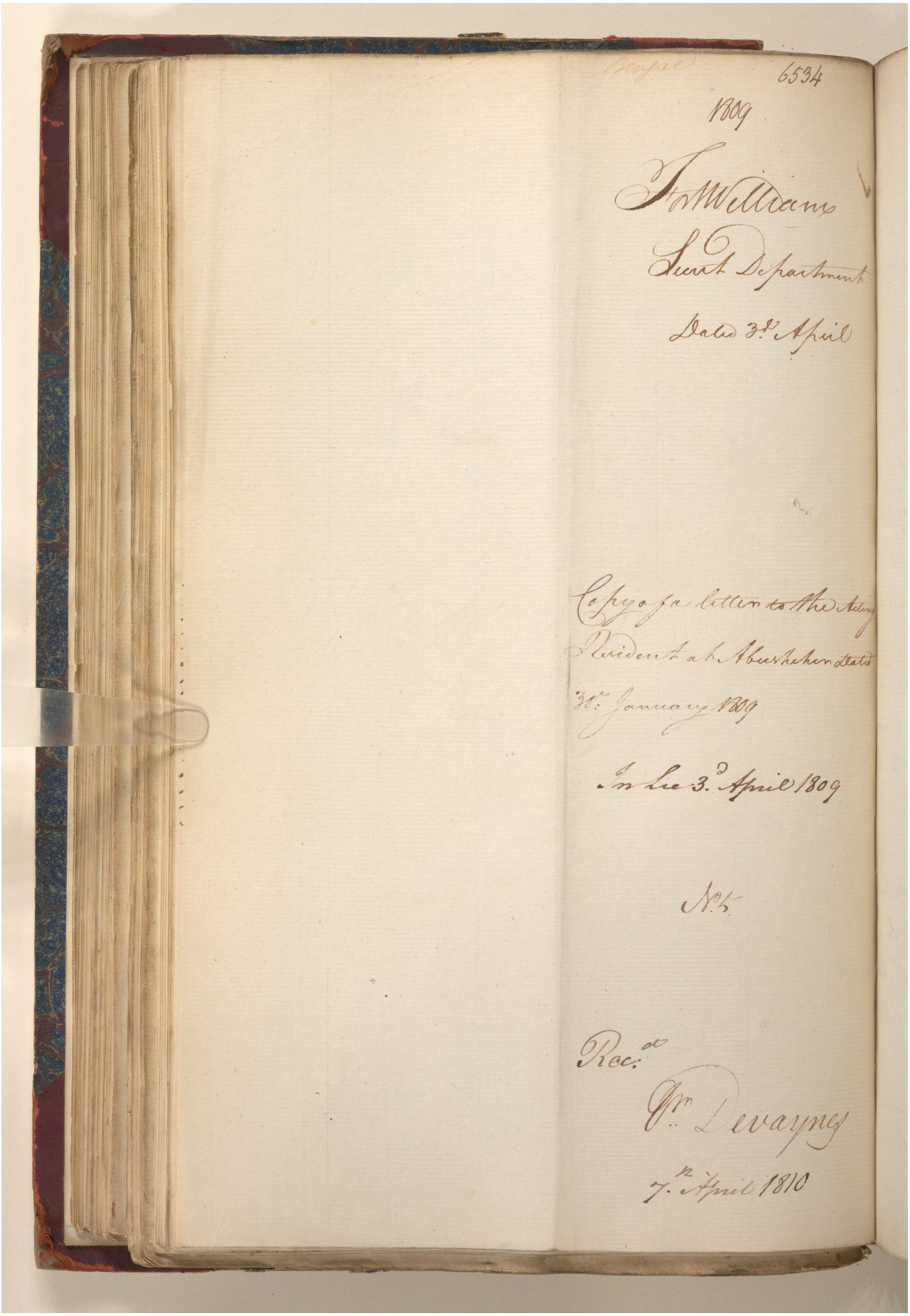

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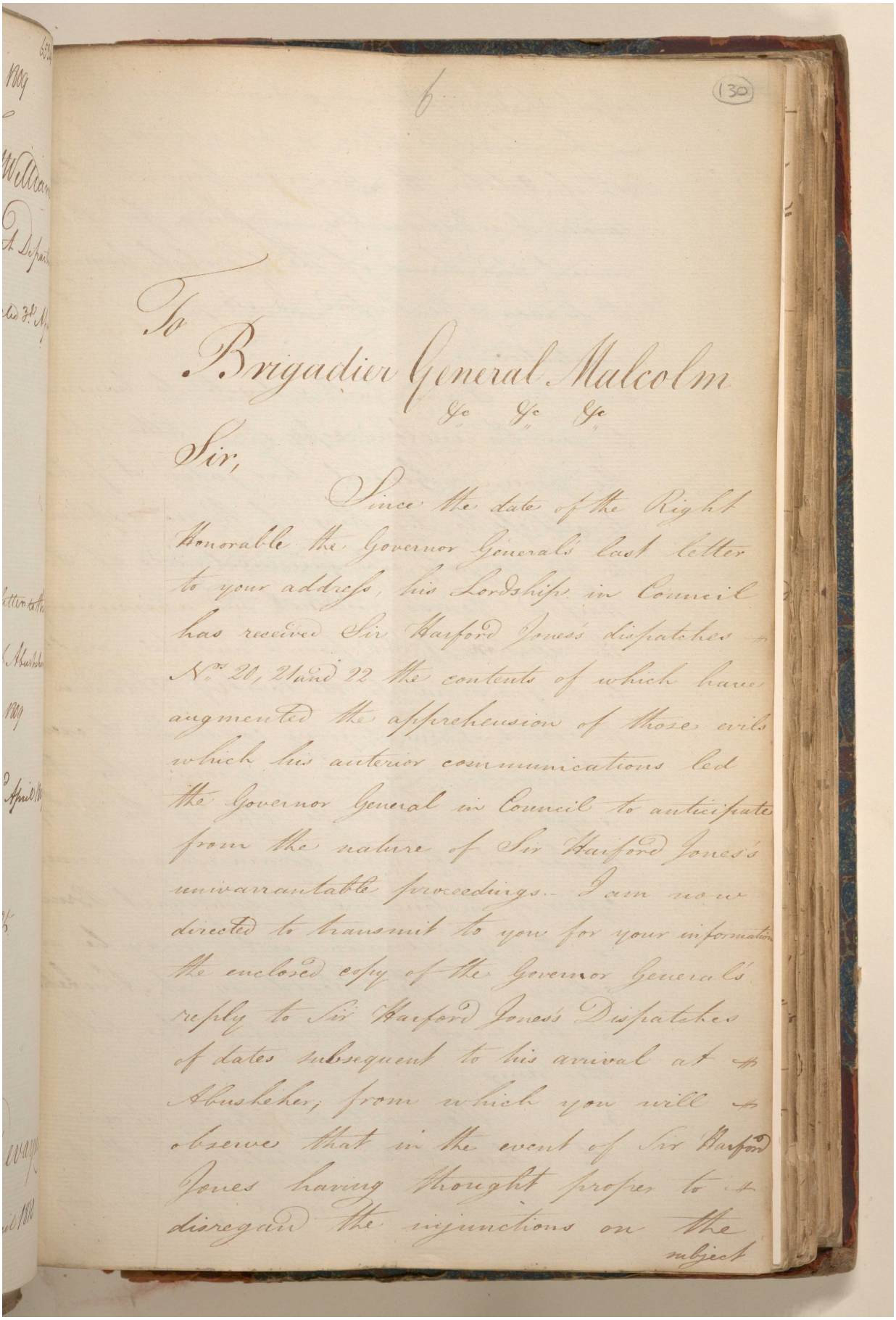

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To

Brigadier General Malcolm

&c &c &c

Sir,

Since the date of the Right Honorable the Governor General's last letter to your address, his Lordship in Council has received Sir Harford Jones's dispatches Nos. 20, 21 and 22 the contents of which have augmented the apprehension of those evils which his anterior communications led the Governor General in Council to anticipate from the nature of Sir Harford Jones's unwarrantable proceedings. I am now directed to transmit to you for your information the enclosed copy of the Governor General's reply to Sir Harford Jones's Dispatches of dates subsequent to his arrival at Abusheher, from which you will observe that in the event of Sir Harford Jones having thought proper to disregard the injunctions on the subject

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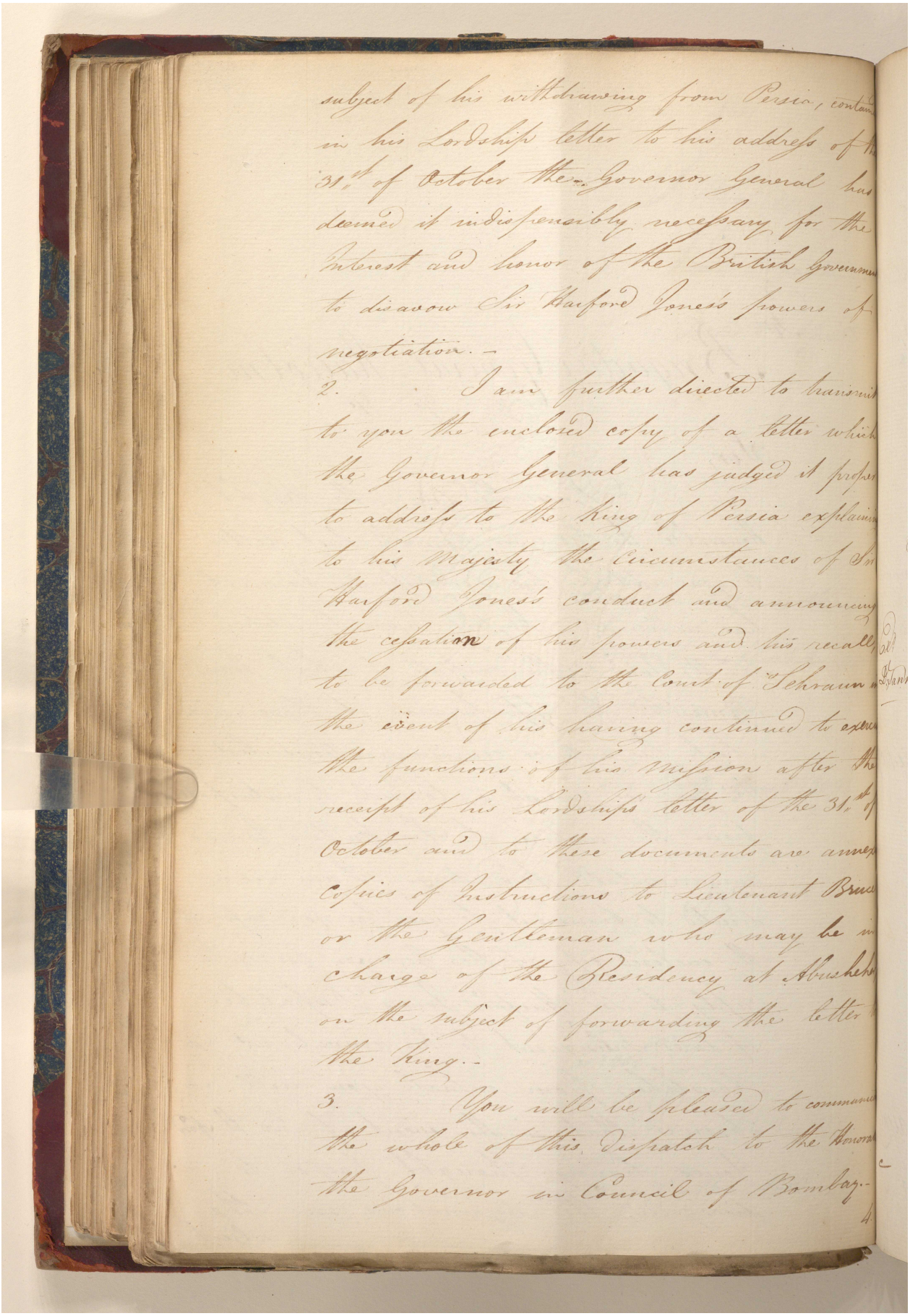

subject of his withdrawing from Persia, contain
in his Lordships letter to his address of the
31st of October the Governor General has
deemed it indispensibly necessary for the
interest and honor of the British Governme
to disavow Sir Harford Jones's powers of
negotiation. –

2. I am further directed to transmit
to you the enclosed copy of a letter which
the Governor General has judged it proper
to address to the King of Persia explaining
to his Majesty the circumstances of Sir
Harford Jones's conduct and announcing
the cessation of his powers and his recall
to be forwarded to the Court of Tehraun in
the event of his having continued to exercise
the functions of his mission after the
receipt of his Lordships letter of the 31st of
October and to these documents are annexed
Copies of Instructions to Lieutenant Bruce
or the Gentleman who may be in
charge of the Residency at Abusheher
on the subject of forwarding the letter to
the King. –

3. You will be pleased to communicate
the whole of this Dispatch to the Honorable
the Governor in Council of Bombay.

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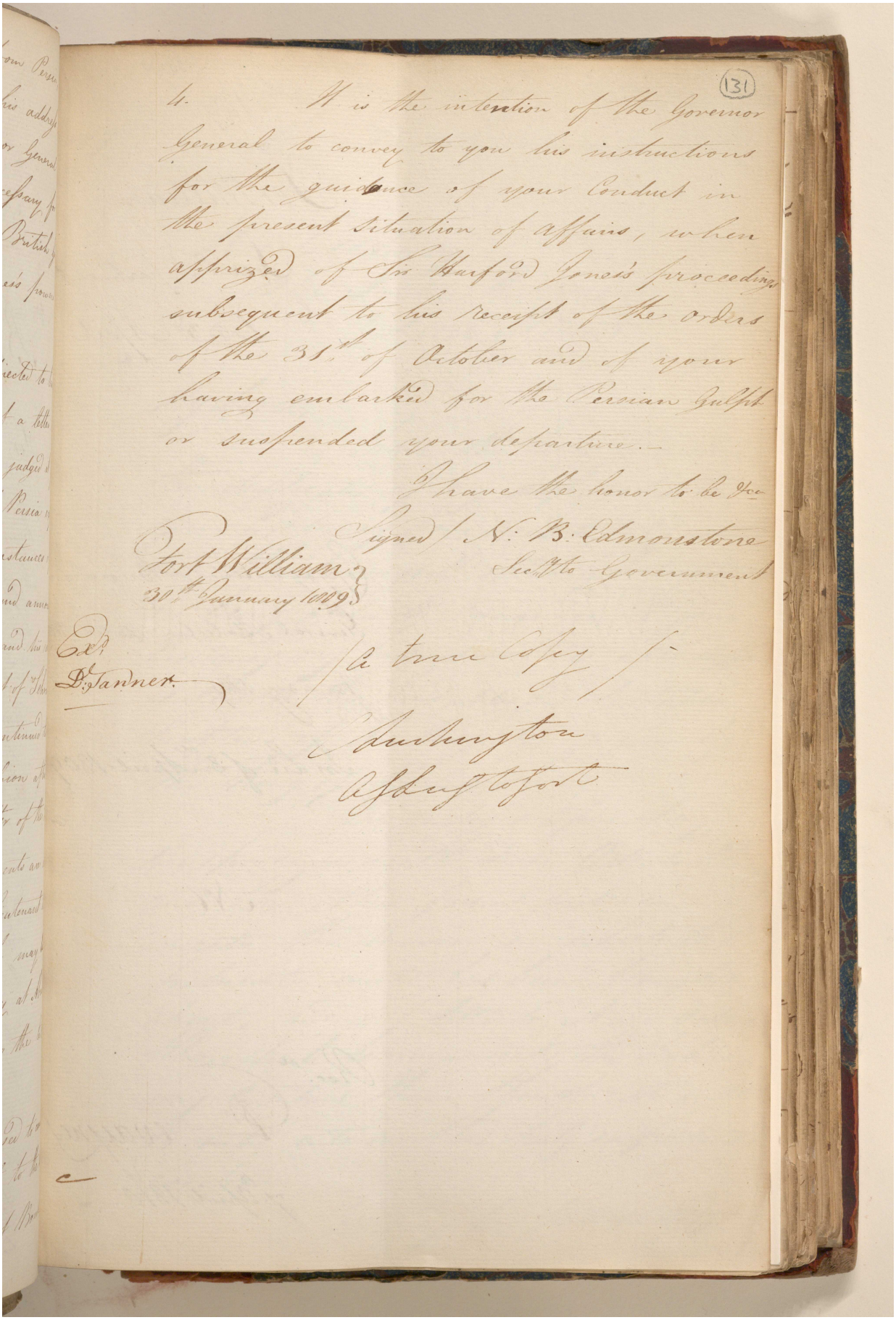

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4. It is the intention of the Governor General to convey to you his instructions for the guidance of your Conduct in the present situation of affairs, when apprized of Sir Harford Jones's proceedings subsequent to his receipt of the orders of the 31st of October and of your having embarked for the Persian Gulph or suspended your departure.—

I have the honor to be &ca

Signed / N: B: Edmonstone
Secy to Government

Fort William
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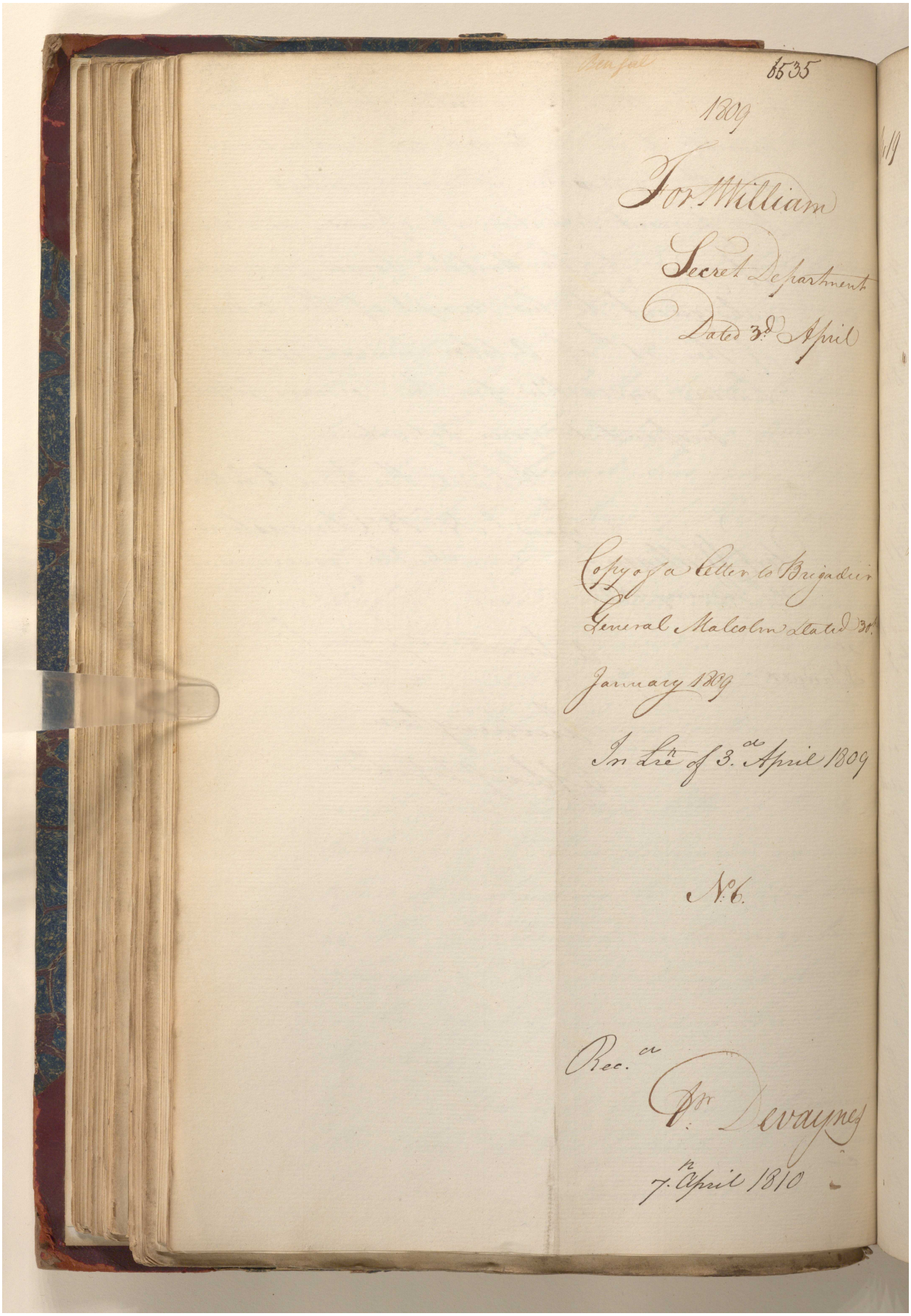

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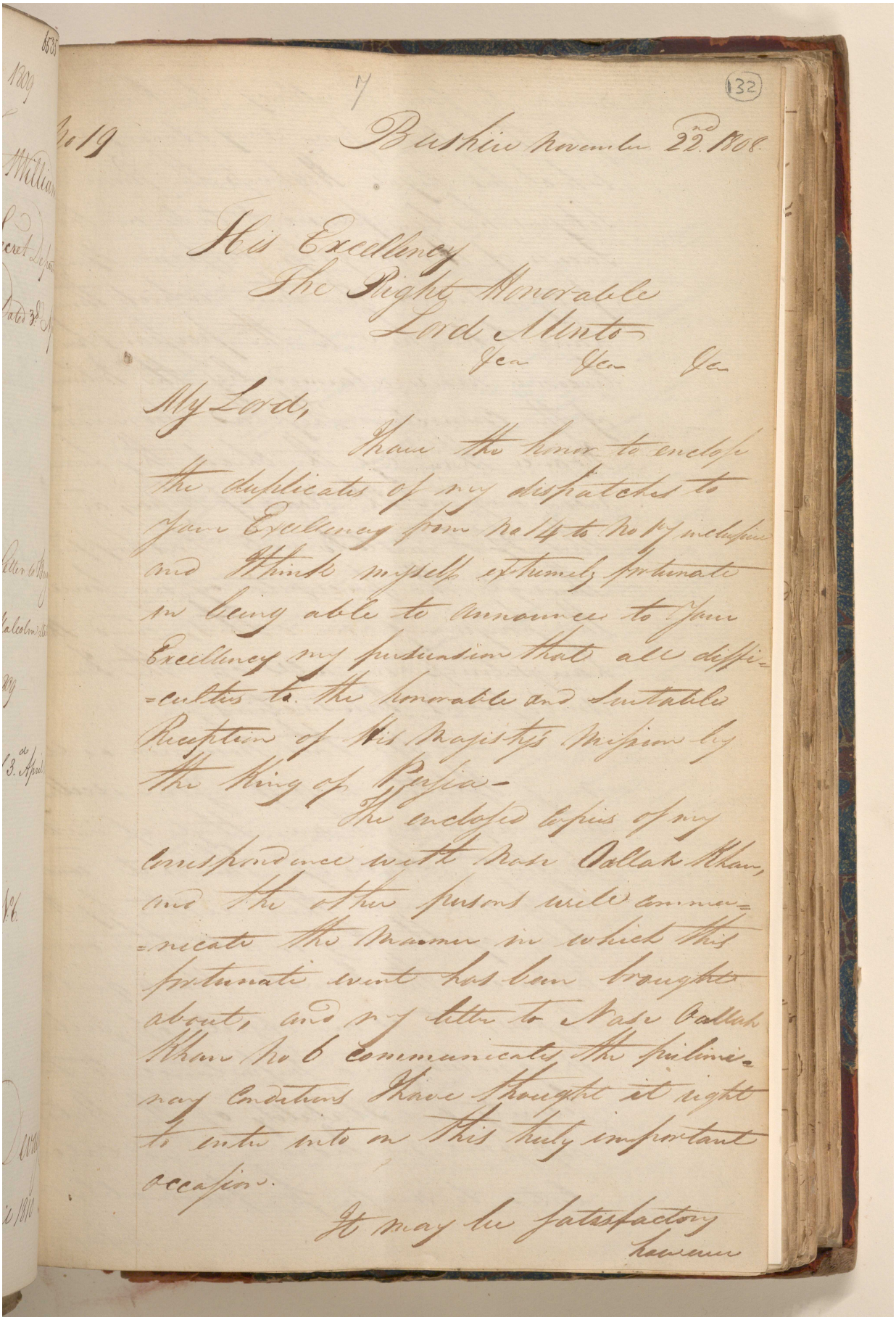

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Bushire November 22. 1808.

His Excellency
The Right Honorable
Lord Minto
&c &c &c

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose the duplicates of my dispatches to your Excellency from No 14 to No 19 inclusive and I think myself extremely fortunate in being able to announce to your Excellency my persuasion that all difficulties to the honorable and suitable Reception of His Majesty's Mission by the King of Persia—

The enclosed copies of my correspondence with Mirza Abdallah Khan, and the other persons will communicate the manner in which this fortunate event has been brought about, and my letter to Mirza Abdallah Khan No 6 communicates the sublime measures I have thought it right to enter into in this truly important occasion.

It may be satisfactory

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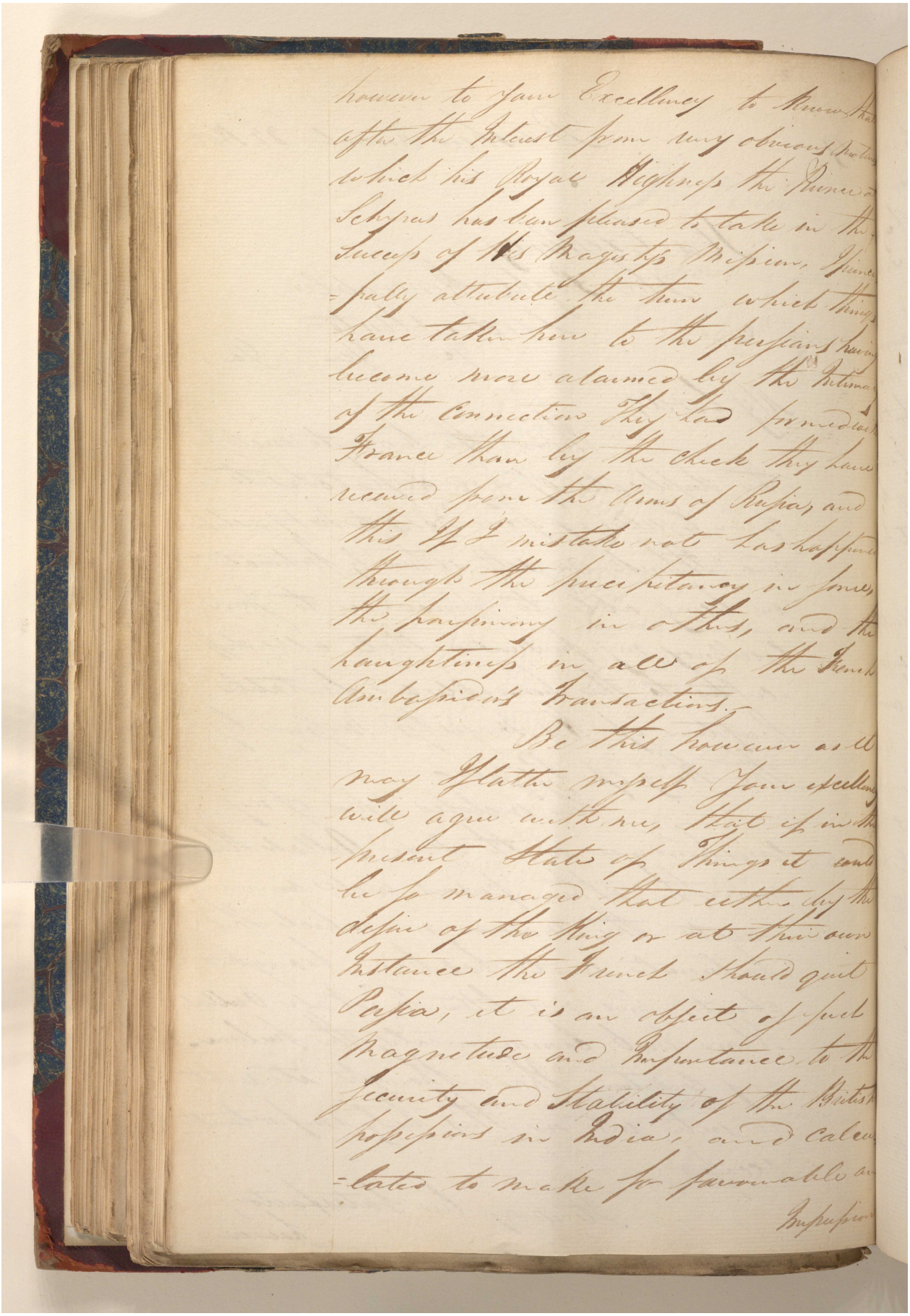

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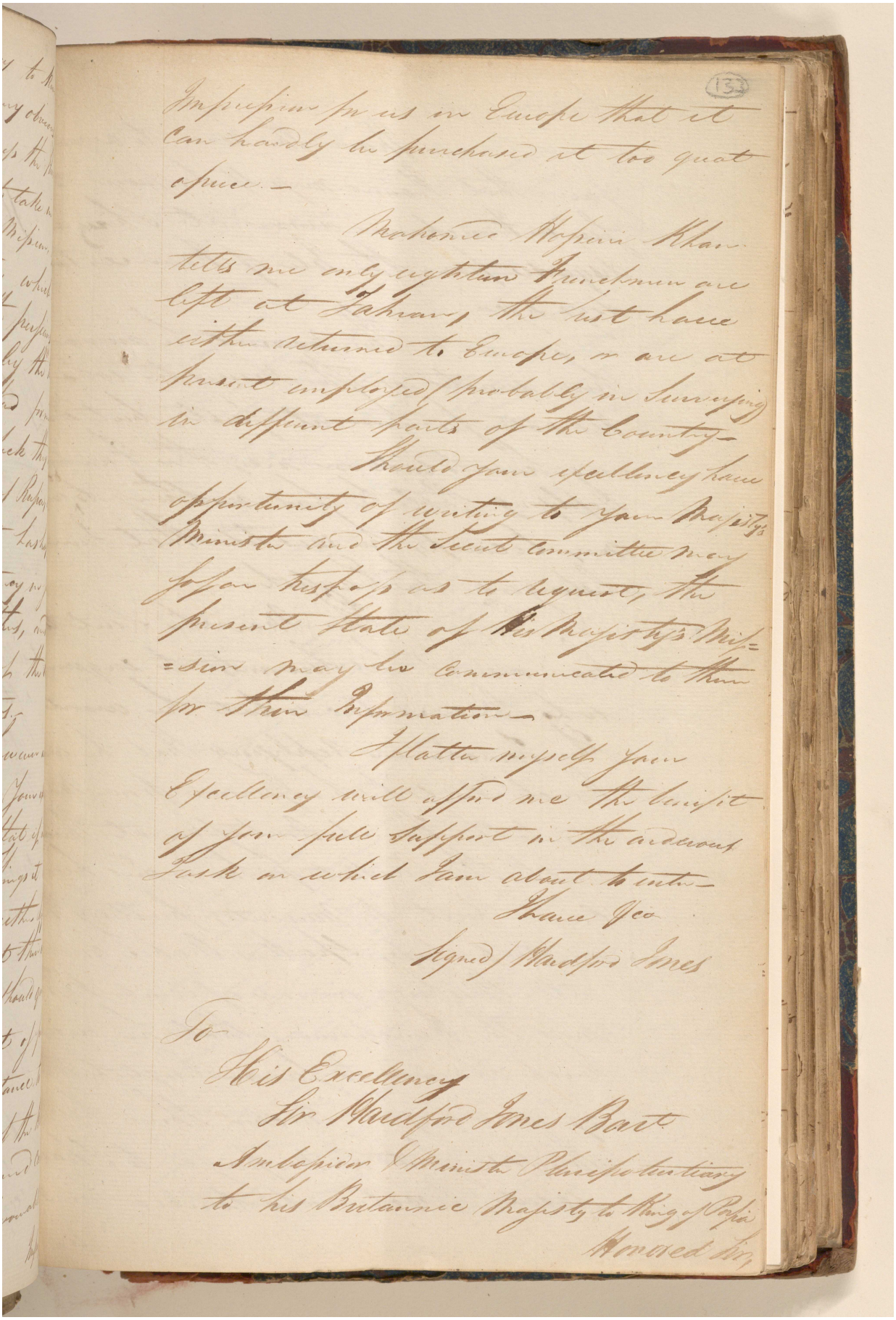


Impression for us in Europe that it can hardly be purchased at too great a price.—

Mahomed Hossein Khan tells me only eighteen Frenchmen are left at Tahran, the rest have either returned to Europe, or are at present employed (probably in surveying) in different parts of the Country.—

Should your excellency have opportunity of writing to your Majesty's Minister and the Secret Committee may so far trespass as to request, the present State of His Majesty's Mission may be communicated to them for their Information.—

I flatter myself your Excellency will afford me the benefit of your full support in the arduous Task on which I am about to enter.—

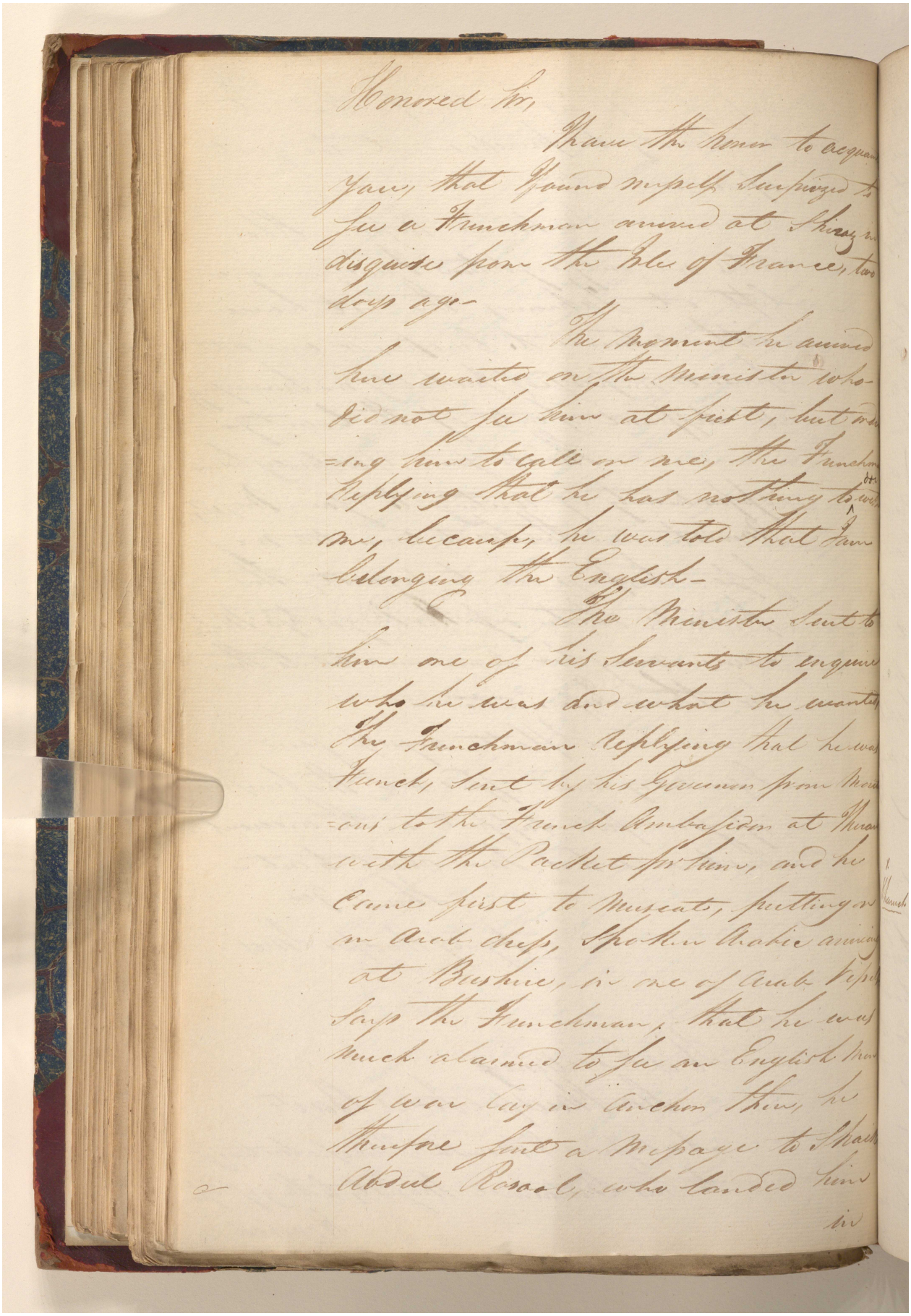
I have &c

Signed) Hardford Jones

To

His Excellency
Sir Hardford Jones Bart.
Ambassador & Minister Plenipotentiary
to his Britannic Majesty to King of Persia

Honored Sir,



Honored Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you, that I found myself surprized to see a Frenchman arrived at Shiraz in disguise from the Isle of France, two days ago—

The moment he arrived here waited on the Minister who did not see him at first, but ordering him to call on me, the Frenchman replying that he has nothing to do with me, because, he was told that I am belonging the English—

The Minister sent to him one of his servants to enquire who he was and what he wanted, The Frenchman replying that he was French, sent by his Governor from Mauritius to the French Ambassador at Theran with the Packet for him, and he came first to Muscat, putting on an Arab dress, Spoken Arabic arriving at Bushire, in one of Arab Vessels says the Frenchman, that he was much alarmed to see an English man of war lay in Anchor there, he therefore sent a Message to Shaikh Abdul Rasool, who landed him in

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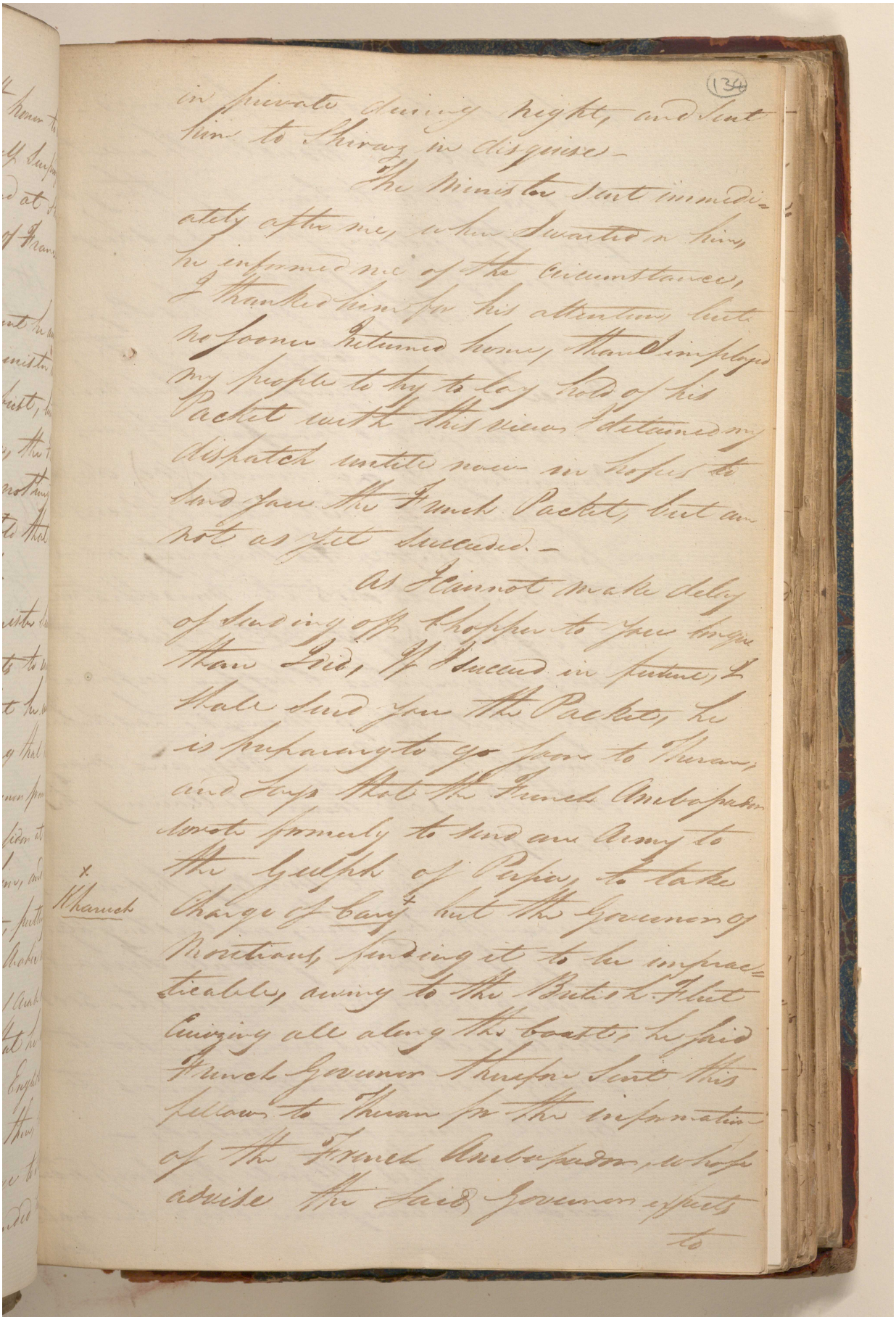

in private during night, and sent him to Shiraz in disguise.—

The Minister sent immediately after me, when I waited on him, he informed me of the circumstance, I thanked him for his attention, but no sooner returned home, than I employed my people to try to lay hold of his Packet with this view I detained my dispatch untill now in hopes to send you the French Packet, but am not as yet succeeded.—

As I cannot make delay of sending off Chopper to you longer than I did, If I succeed in future, I shall send you the Packet, he is preparing to go soon to Theran, and says that the French Ambassador wrote formerly to send an Army to the Gulph of Persia, to take Charge of Cary[x] but the Governor of Moritious, finding it to be impracticable, owing to the British Fleet Cruizing all along the coast, he said French Governor therefore sent this fellow to Theran for the information of the French Ambassador, whose advise the said Governor expects

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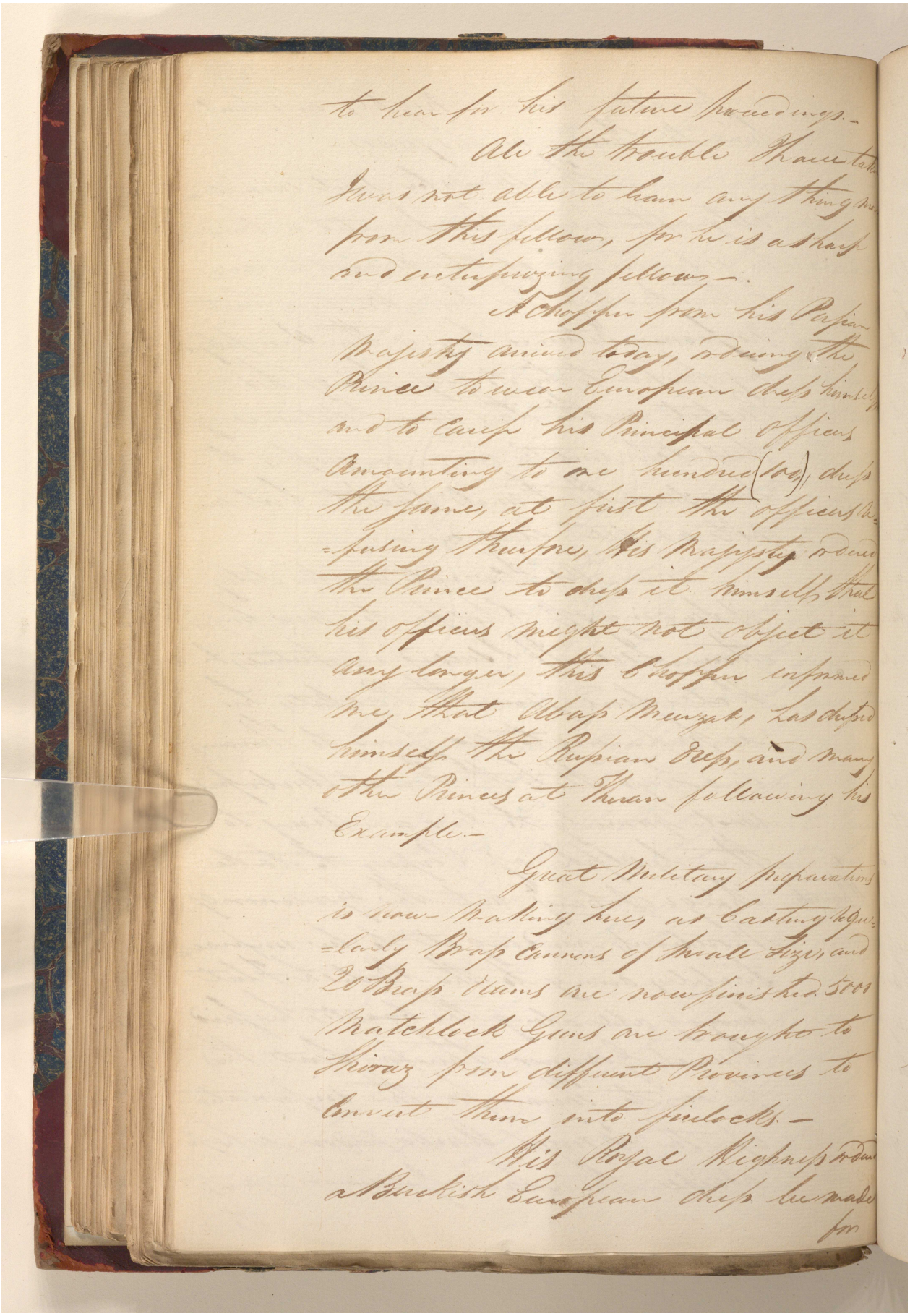


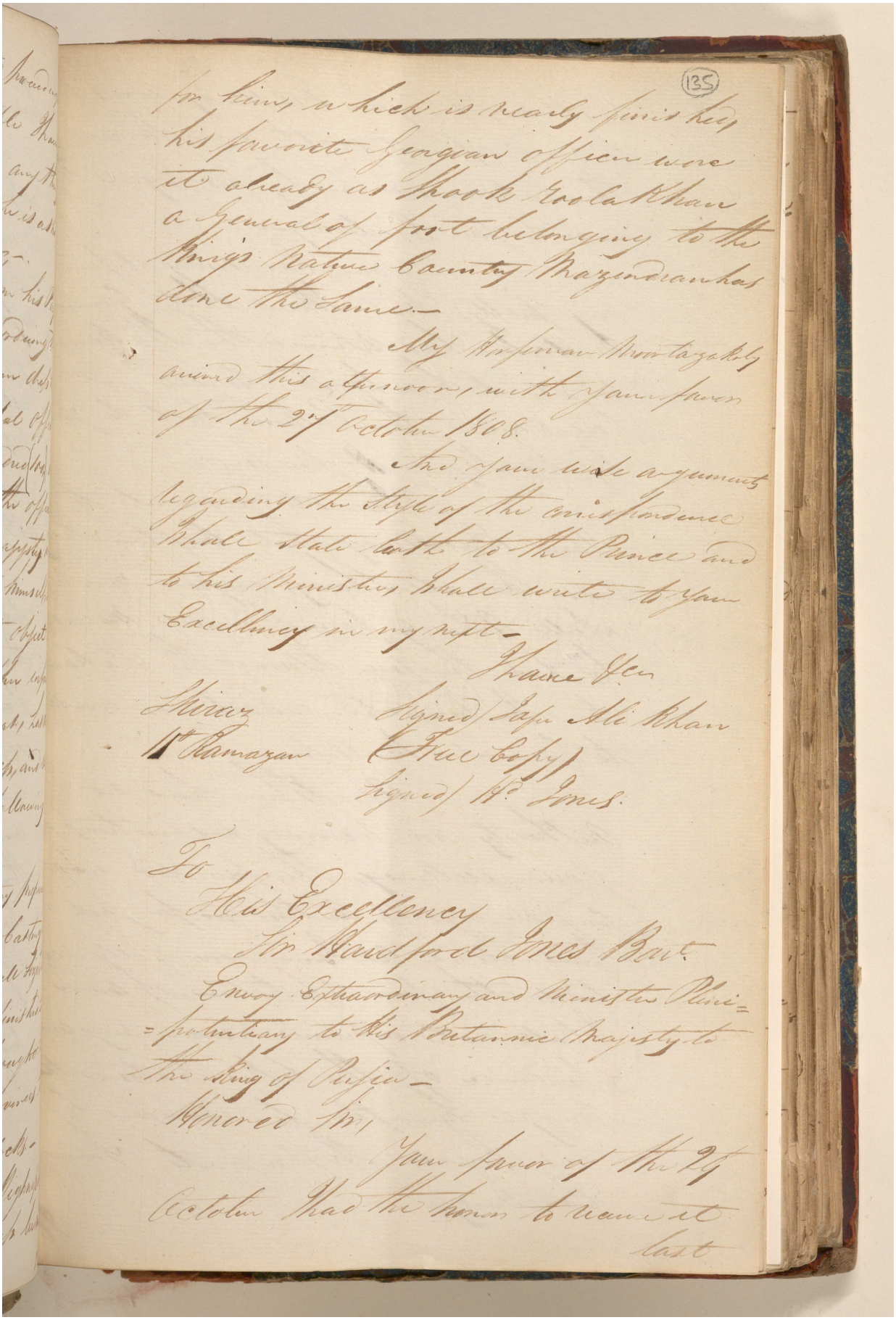
to hear for his future proceedings.—

All the trouble I have taken I was not able to learn any thing more from this fellow, for he is a sharp and enterprizing fellow.—

A Chopper from his Persian Majesty arrived today, ordering the Prince to wear European dress himself and to cause his Principal Officers amounting to one hundred (100), dress the same, at first the officers refusing therefore, His Majesty ordered the Prince to dress it himself that his officers might not object it any longer, this Chopper informed me, that Abass Meerzah, has dressed himself the Russian dress, and many other Princes at Theran following his Example.—

Great Military preparations is now making here, as Casting regularly Brass Cannons of small size, and 20 Brass Rams are now finished. 5000 Matchlock Guns are brought to Shiraz from different Provinces to convert them into finlocks.—

His Royal Highness ordered a Buckish European dress be made for



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for him, which is nearly finished, his favorite Georgian officer wore it already as Shook Roola Khan a General of foot belonging to the King's Native Country Mazendran has done the Same—

My Horseman Moortazakoly arrived this afternoon, with your favor of the 27th October 1808.

And your wise arguments regarding the style of the correspondence Whall state both to the Prince and to his Minister, Whall write to your Excellency in my next—

I have &c

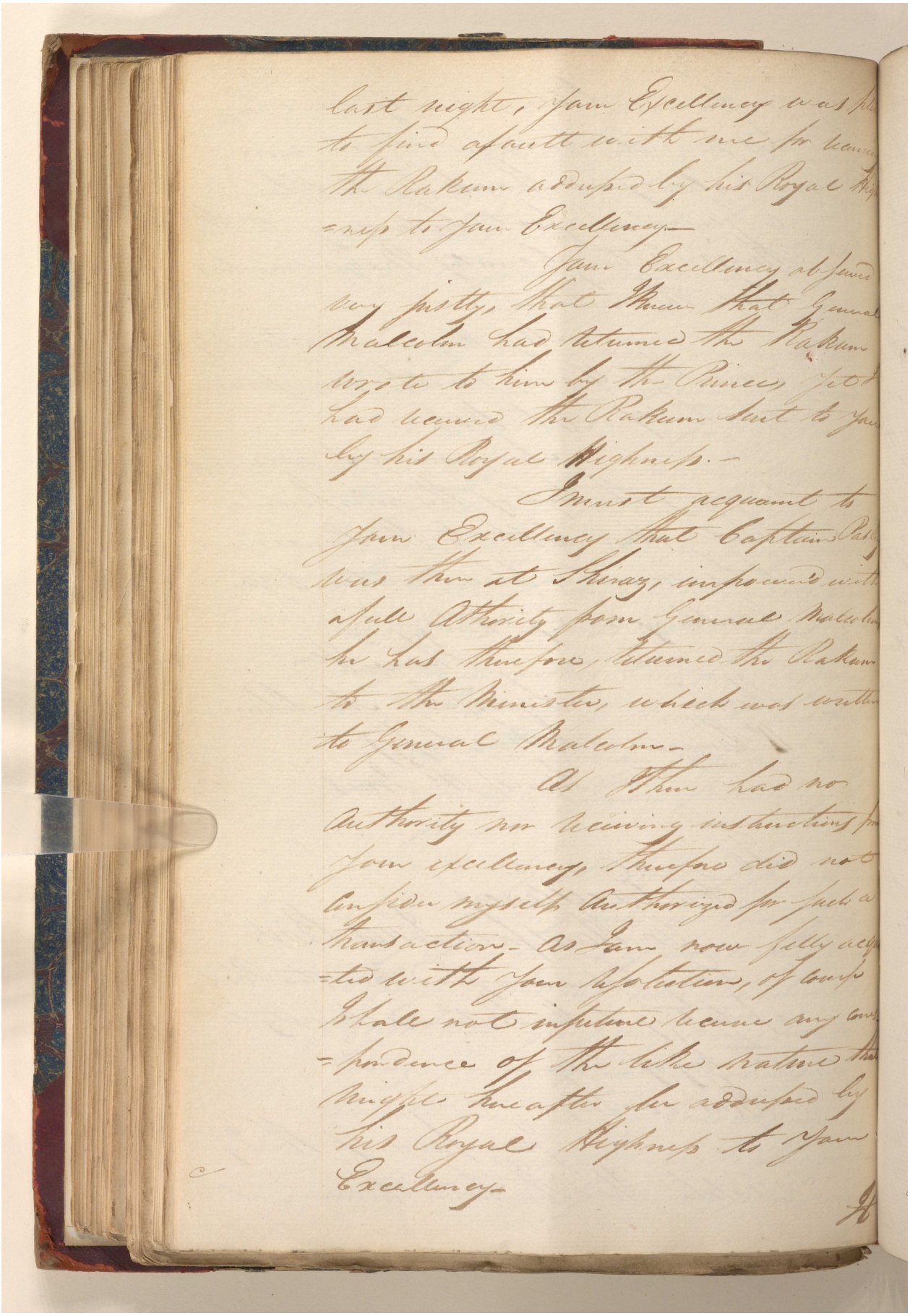
Shiraz
11th Ramazan

Signed) Jafer Ali Khan
(True Copy)
Signed) Hd. Jones.

To
His Excellency
Sir Hardford Jones Bart.
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Britannic Majesty to the King of Persia—

Honored Sir,

Your favor of the 29 October I had the honor to receive it last



last night, your Excellency was pleased to find a fault with me for receiving the Rakum addressed by his Royal Highness to your Excellency—

Your Excellency observed very justly, that I knew that General Malcolm had returned the Rakum wrote to him by the Prince, yet I had received the Rakum sent to you by his Royal Highness.—

I must acquaint to your Excellency that Captain Pasley was then at Shiraz, impowered with a full Athority from General Malcolm he has therefore returned the Rakum to the Minister, which was written to General Malcolm—

As I then had no Authority nor receiving instructions from your excellency, therefore did not consider myself Authorized for such a transaction— As I am now fully acquainted with your resolution, of course I shall not in future receive any correspondence of the like nature that might hereafter be addressed by his Royal Highness to your Excellency—

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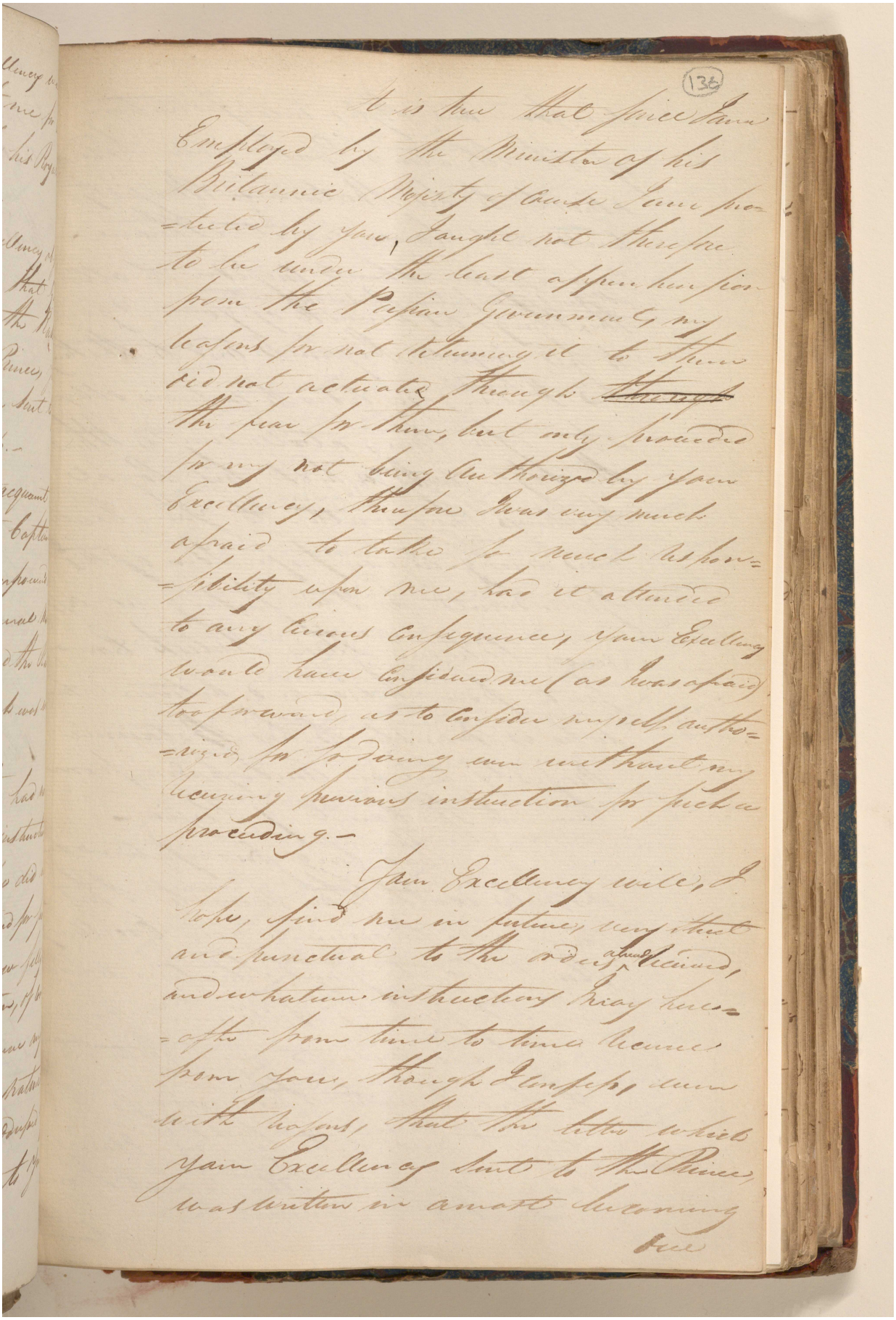

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It is true that since I am Employed by the Minister of his Britannic Majesty of course I am protected by you, I ought not therefore to be under the least apprehension from the Persian Government, my reasons for not returning it to them did not actuate through ~~through~~ the fear for them, but only proceeded for my not being Authorized by your Excellency, therefore I was very much afraid to take so much responsibility upon me, had it attended to any serious consequence, your Excellency would have considered me (as I was afraid) too forward, as to consider myself authorized for so doing even without my securing previous instruction for such a proceeding.—

Your Excellency will, I hope, find me in future, very strict and punctual to the orders already received, and whatever instructions may hereafter from time to time recurre from you, though I confess, even with reasons, that the letter which your Excellency sent to the Prince, was written in a most becoming

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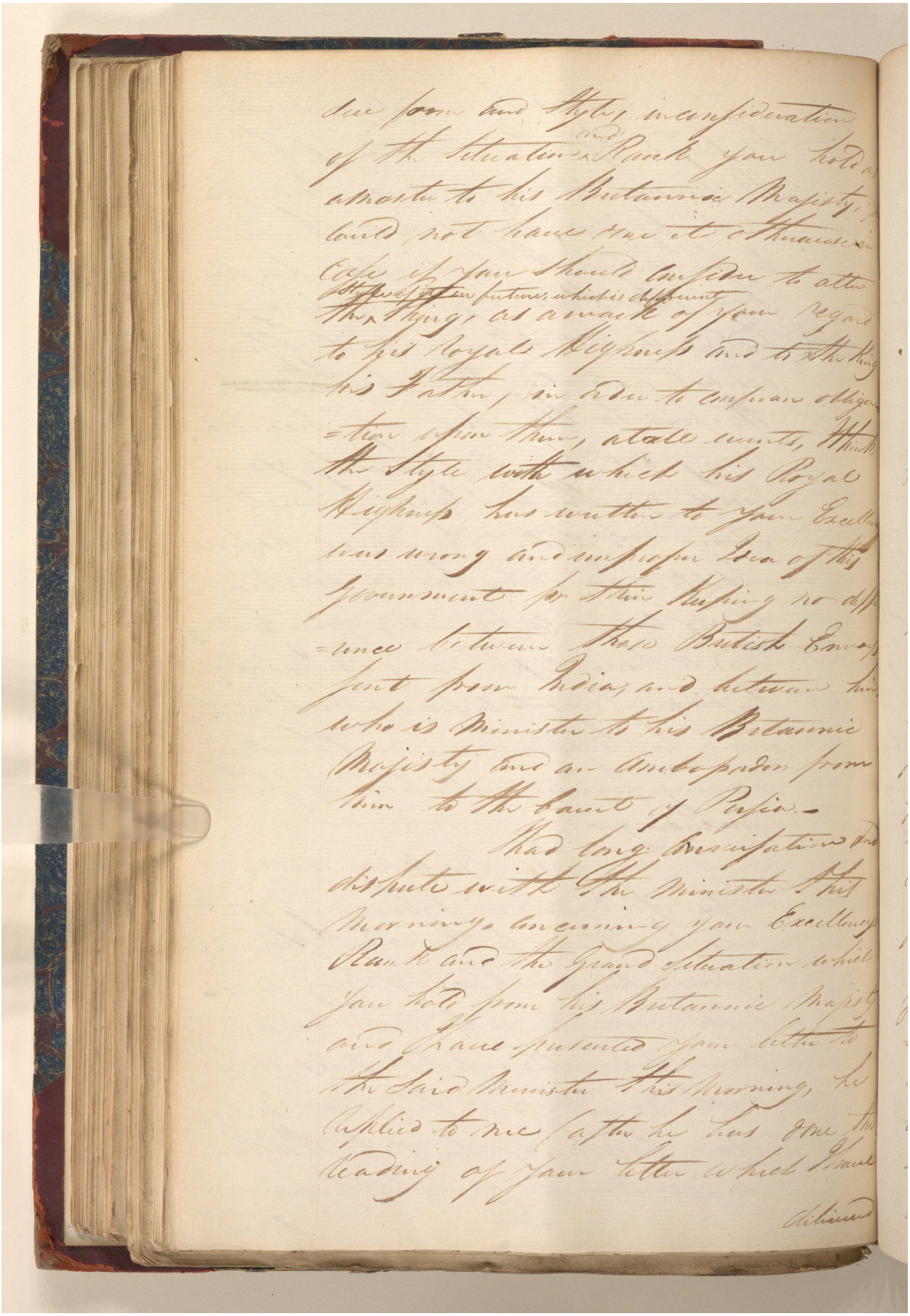

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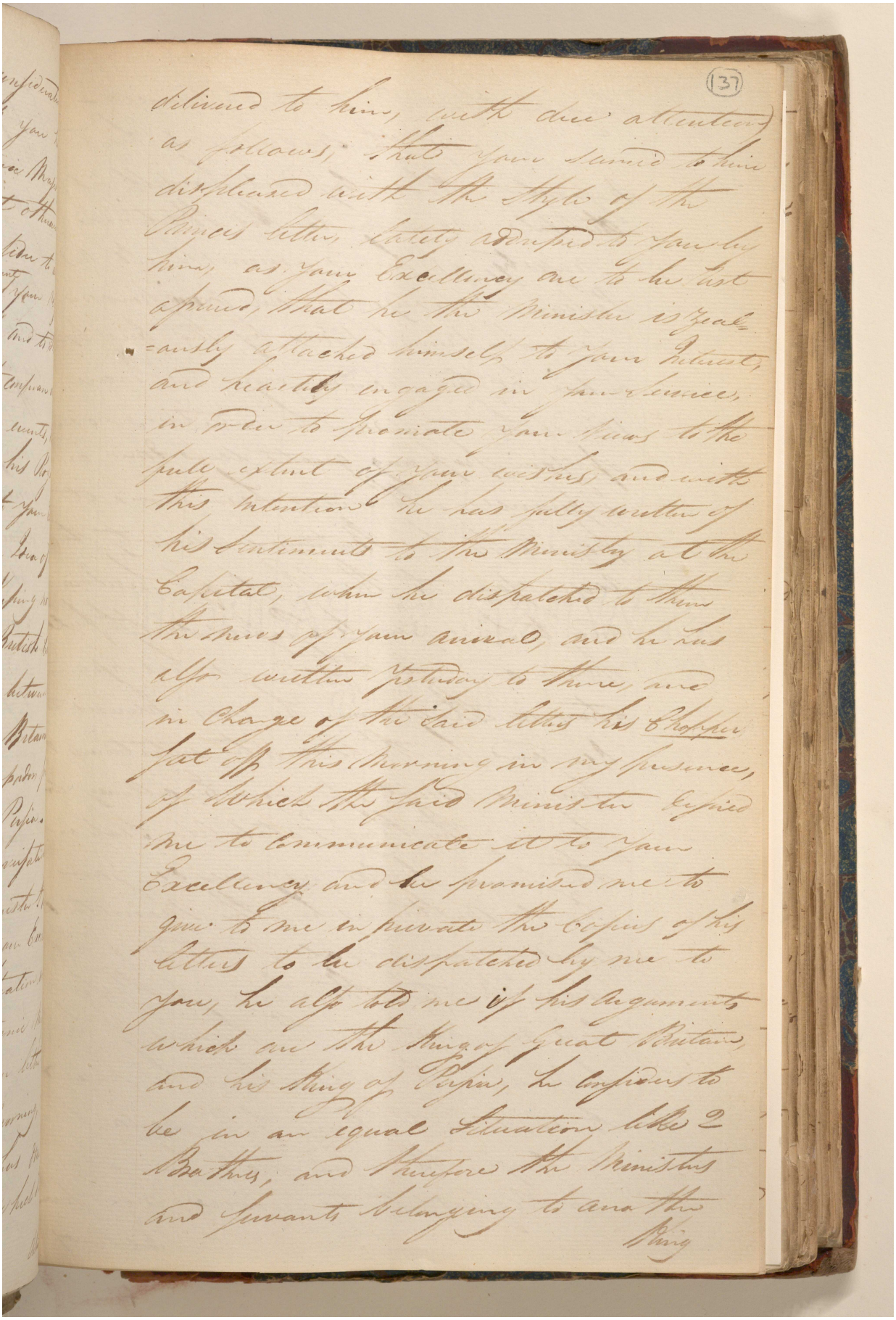
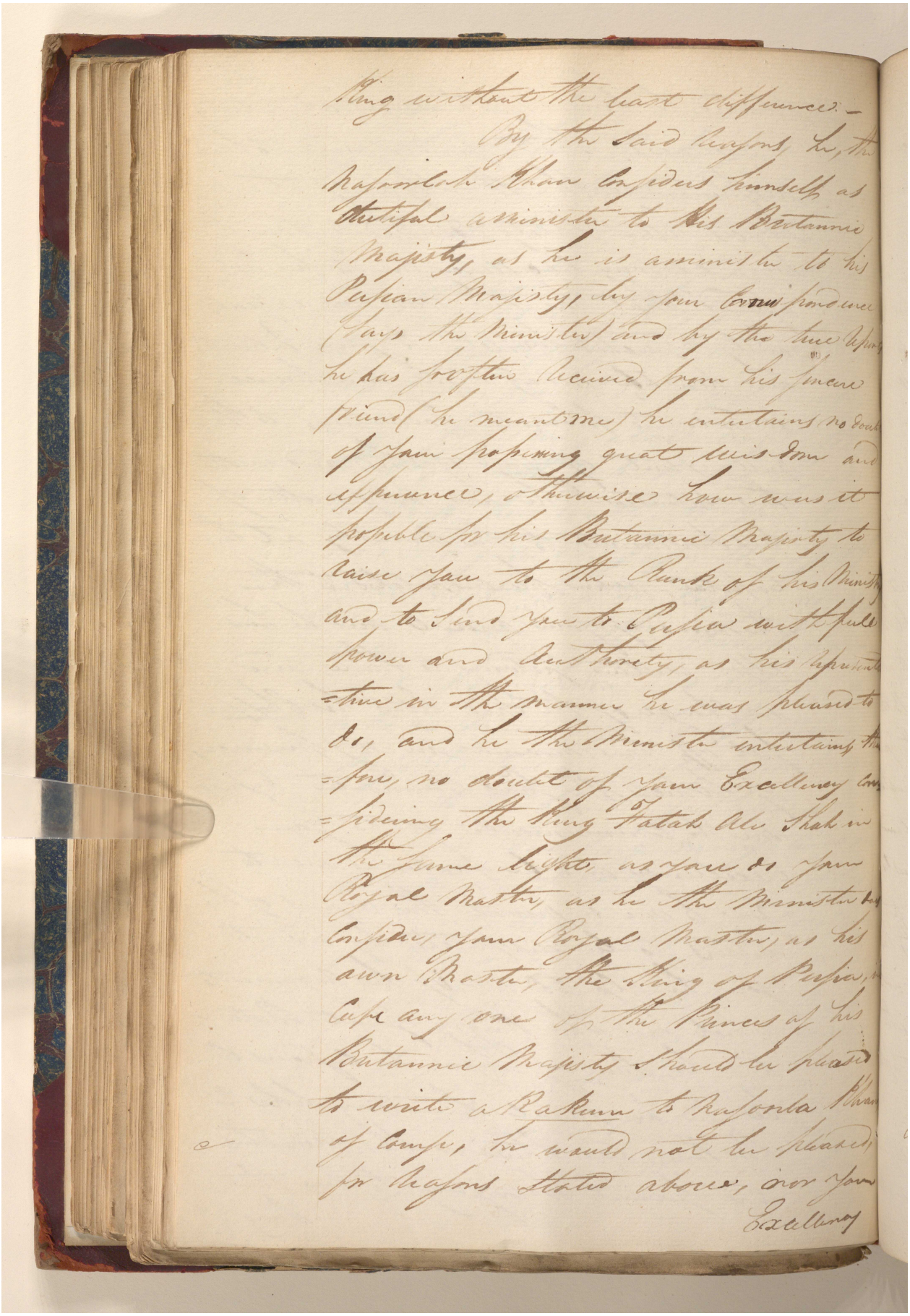


delivered to him, with due attention as follows; that your seemed to him displeased with the style of the Princes letter, lately addressed to you by him, as your Excellency are to be best assured, that he the Minister is zealously attached himself to your Interest, and heartily engaged in your Service, in order to promote your views to the full extent of your wishes, and with this intention he has fully written of his sentiments to the Ministry at the Capital, when he dispatched to them the news of your arrival, and he has also written yesterday to there, and in charge of the said letters his Chopper sat off this morning in my presence, of which the said Minister desired me to communicate it to your Excellency and he promised me to give to me in private the copies of his letters to be dispatched by me to you, he also told me if his arguments which are the King of Great Britain, and his King of Persia, he considers to be in an equal situation like 2 Brothers, and therefore the Ministers and servants belonging to another

King



King without the least difference.—

By the said reasons, he, the Nasoorlah Khan considers himself as dutiful a minister to His Britannic Majesty, as he is a minister to his Persian Majesty, by your correspondence (says the Minister) and by the true reports he has so often received from his sincere friend (he meant me) he entertains no doubt of your possessing great wisdom and experience, otherwise how was it possible for his Britannic Majesty to raise you to the Rank of his Ministry and to send you to Persia with full power and authority, as his representative in the manner he was pleased to do, and he the Minister entertains therefore, no doubt of your Excellency considering the King Fatah Ali Shah in the same light, as you do your Royal Master, as he the Minister does consider your Royal Master, as his own Master, the King of Persia, in case any one of the Princes of his Britannic Majesty should be pleased to write a Rakum to Nasoorla Khan of course, he would not be pleased, for reasons stated above, nor your

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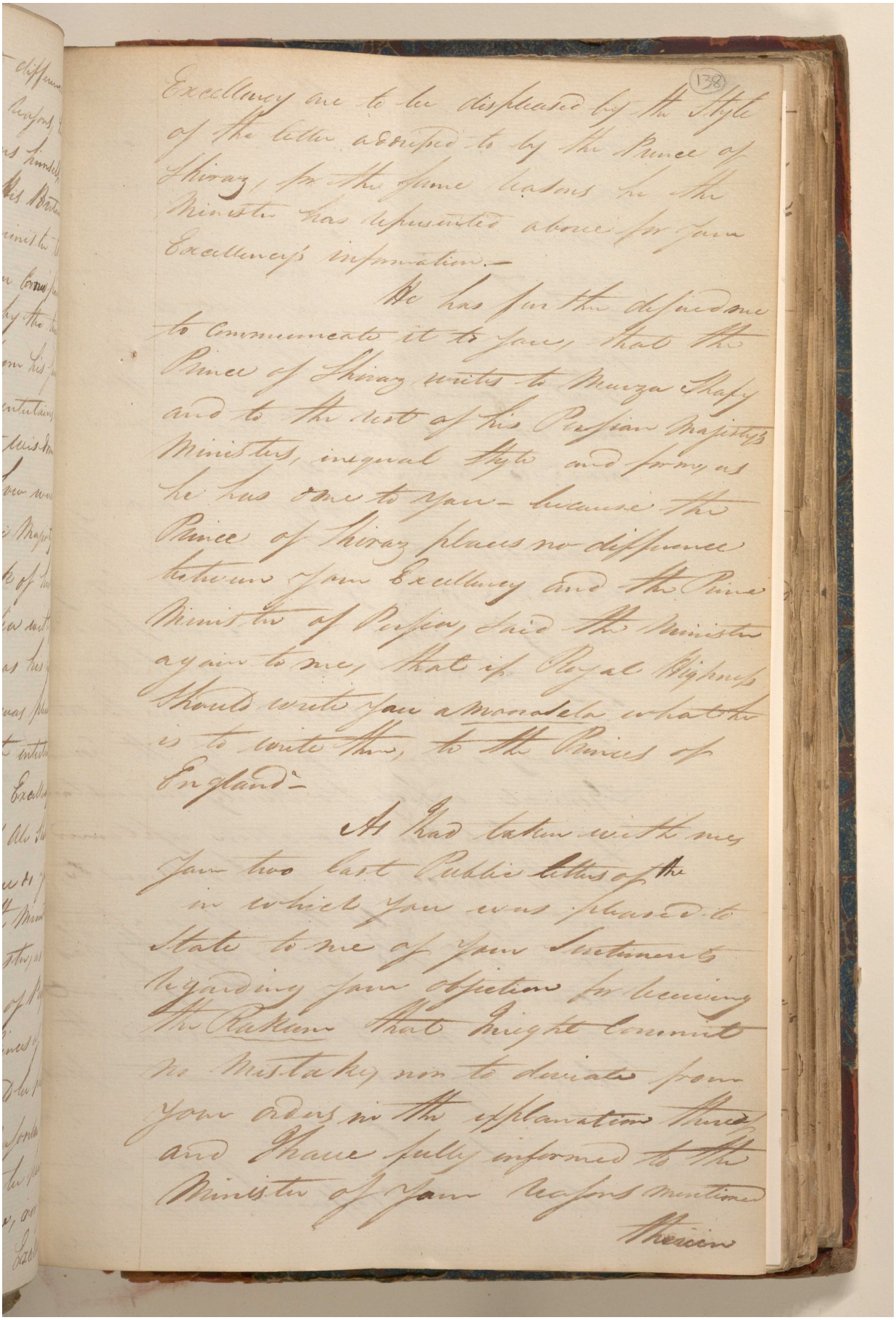

Excellency are to be displeased by the Style of the letter addressed to by the Prince of Shiraz, for the same reasons he the Minister has represented above for your Excellency's information.—

He has further desired me to communicate it to you, that the Prince of Shiraz writes to Mirza Shafy and to the rest of his Persian Majesty's Ministers, in equal style and form, as he has done to you— because the Prince of Shiraz places no difference between your Excellency and the Prime Minister of Persia, said the Minister again to me, that if Royal Highness should write you a Moorasela what he is to write them, to the Princes of England.—

As I had taken with me your two last Public letters of the in which you was pleased to state to me of your Sentiments regarding your objection for receiving the Rakam that might commit no Mistake, nor to deviate from your orders in the explanation thereof and I have fully informed to the Minister of your reasons mentioned

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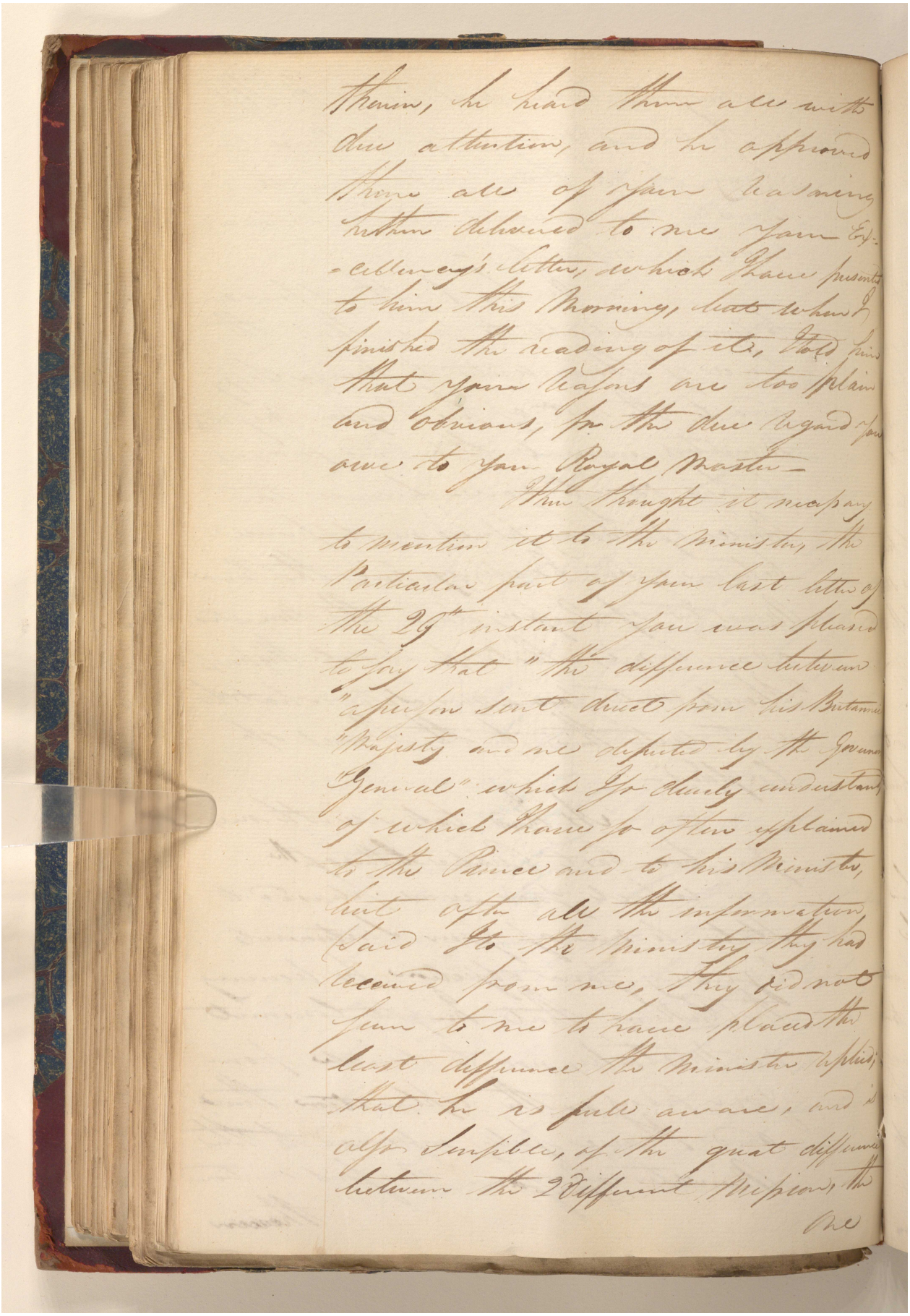

therein, he heard them all with due attention, and he approved them all of your reasoning hitherto delivered to me your Excellency's letter, which I have presented to him this Morning, but when I finished the reading of it, I told him that your reasons are too plain and obvious, for the due regard you owe to your Royal Master—

Then thought it necessary to mention it to the Minister, the Particular part of your last letter of the 29th instant you was pleased to say that "the difference between "a person sent direct from his Britannic "Majesty and one deputed by the Governor "General" which I so clearly understand, of which I have so often explained to the Prince and to his Minister, but after all the information said I to the Ministry they had received from me, they did not seem to me to have placed the least difference the Minister replied; that he is full aware, and is also sensible, of the great difference between the 2 different Mission, the

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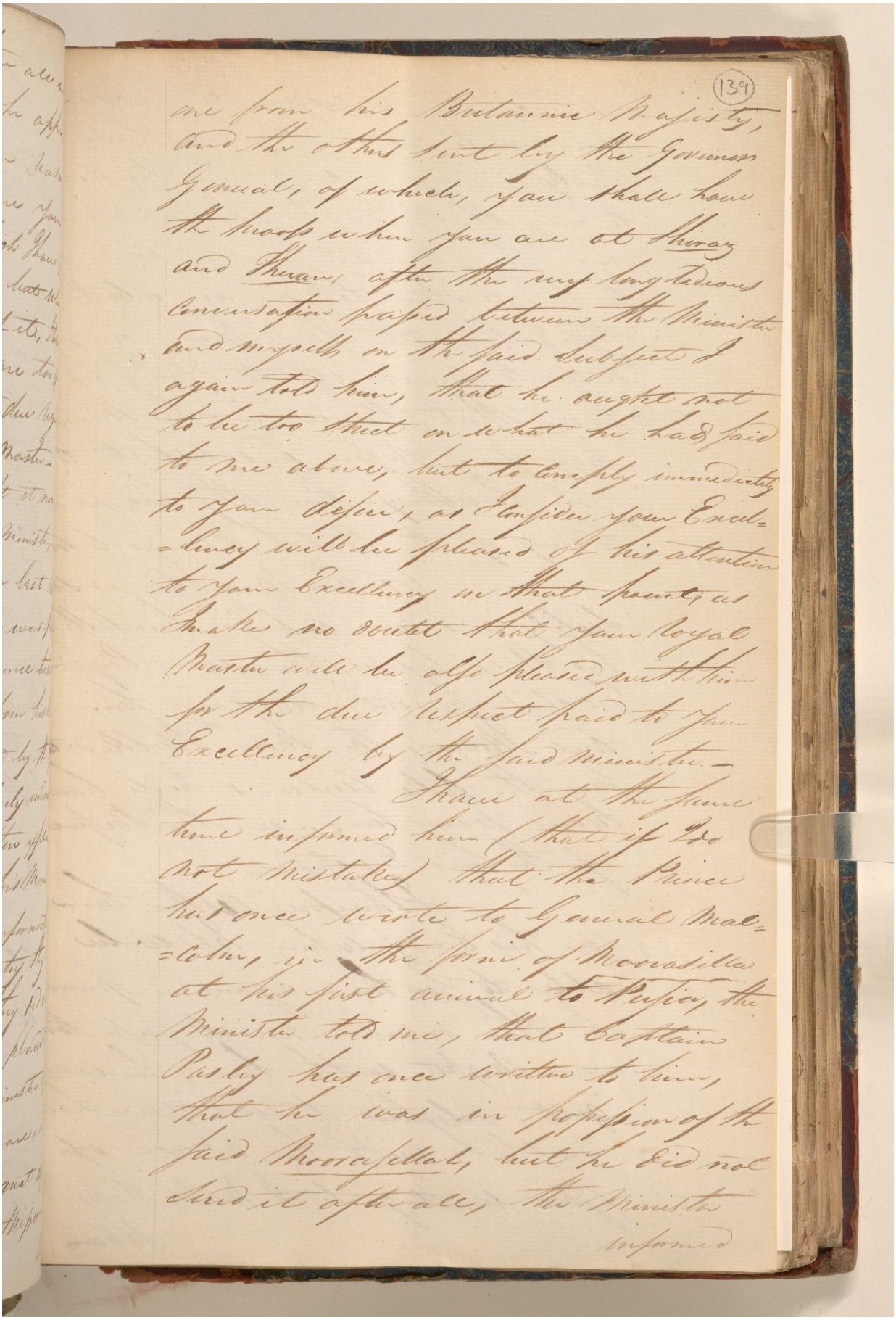
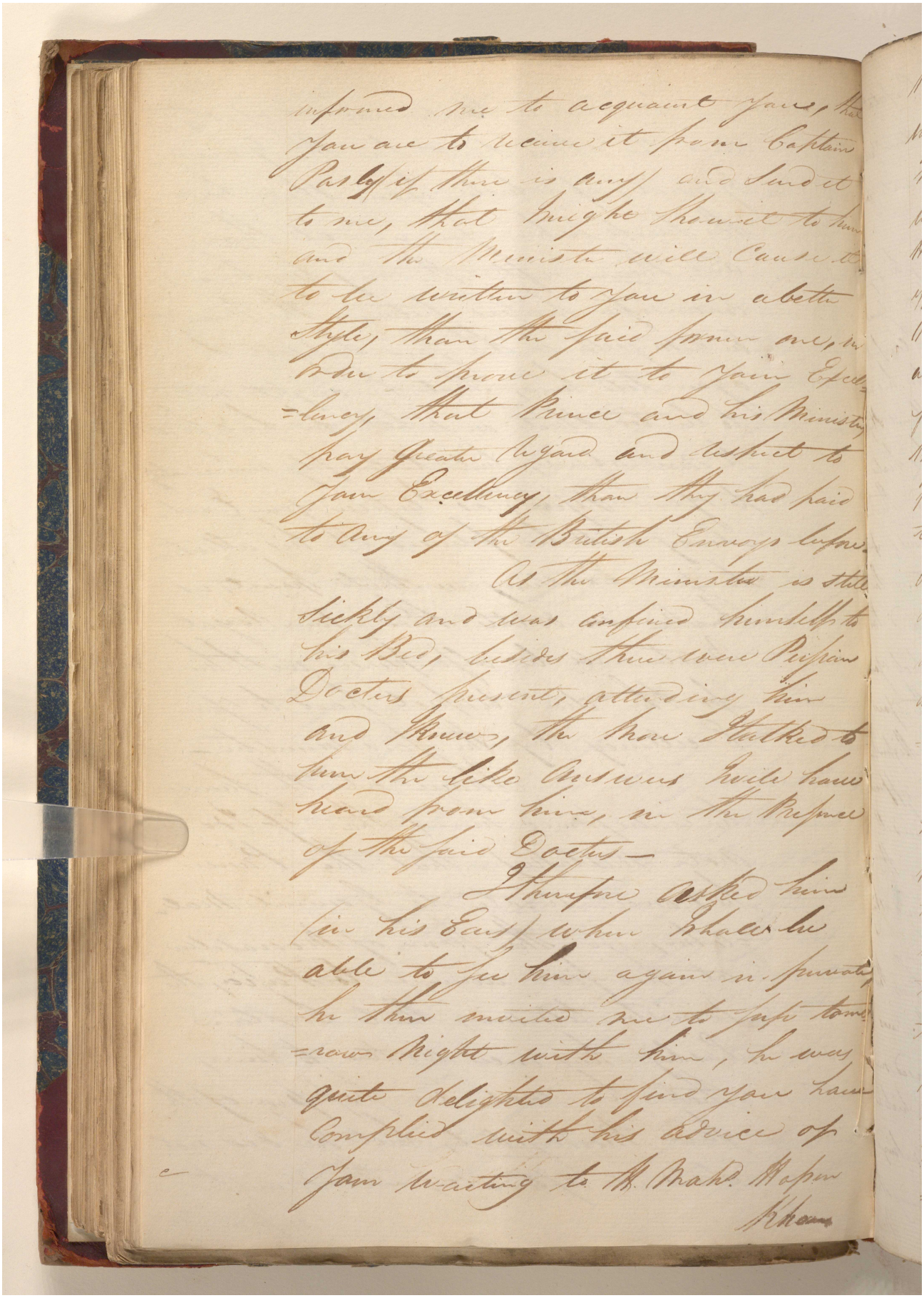


are from his Britannic Majesty,
and the other sent by the Governor
General, of which, you shall have
the proofs when you are at Shiraz
and Tehran, after the very long tedious
conversation passed between the Minister
and myself on the said subject I
again told him, that he ought not
to be too strict on what he had said
to me above, but to comply immediately
to your desire, as I consider your Excel-
-lency will be pleased of his attention
to your Excellency in that point, as
I make no doubt that your Royal
Master will be also pleased with him
for the due respect paid to your
Excellency by the said Minister.
I have at the same
time informed him (that if I do
not mistake) that the Prince
but once wrote to General Mal-
-colm, in the form of Memorandum
at his first arrival to Persia, the
Minister told me, that Captain
Pasley has once written to him,
that he was in possession of the
said Memorandum, but he did not
send it after all; the Minister
informed



informed me to acquaint you, that you are to receive it from Captain Pasley (if there is any) and send it to me, that I might show it to him and the Minister will cause it to be written to you in a better style, than the said former one, in order to prove it to your Excellency, that Prince and his Ministry pay greater regard and respect to your Excellency, than they had paid to any of the British Envoys before.

As the Minister is still sickly and was confined himself to his Bed, besides there were Persian Doctors present, attending him and knew, the more I talked to him the like answers I will have heard from him, in the presence of the said Doctors—

I therefore asked him (in his Ears) when I shall be able to see him again in private, he then invited me to sup tomorrow night with him, he was quite delighted to find you have complied with his advice of your waiting to H. Mahd. Hosein Khan

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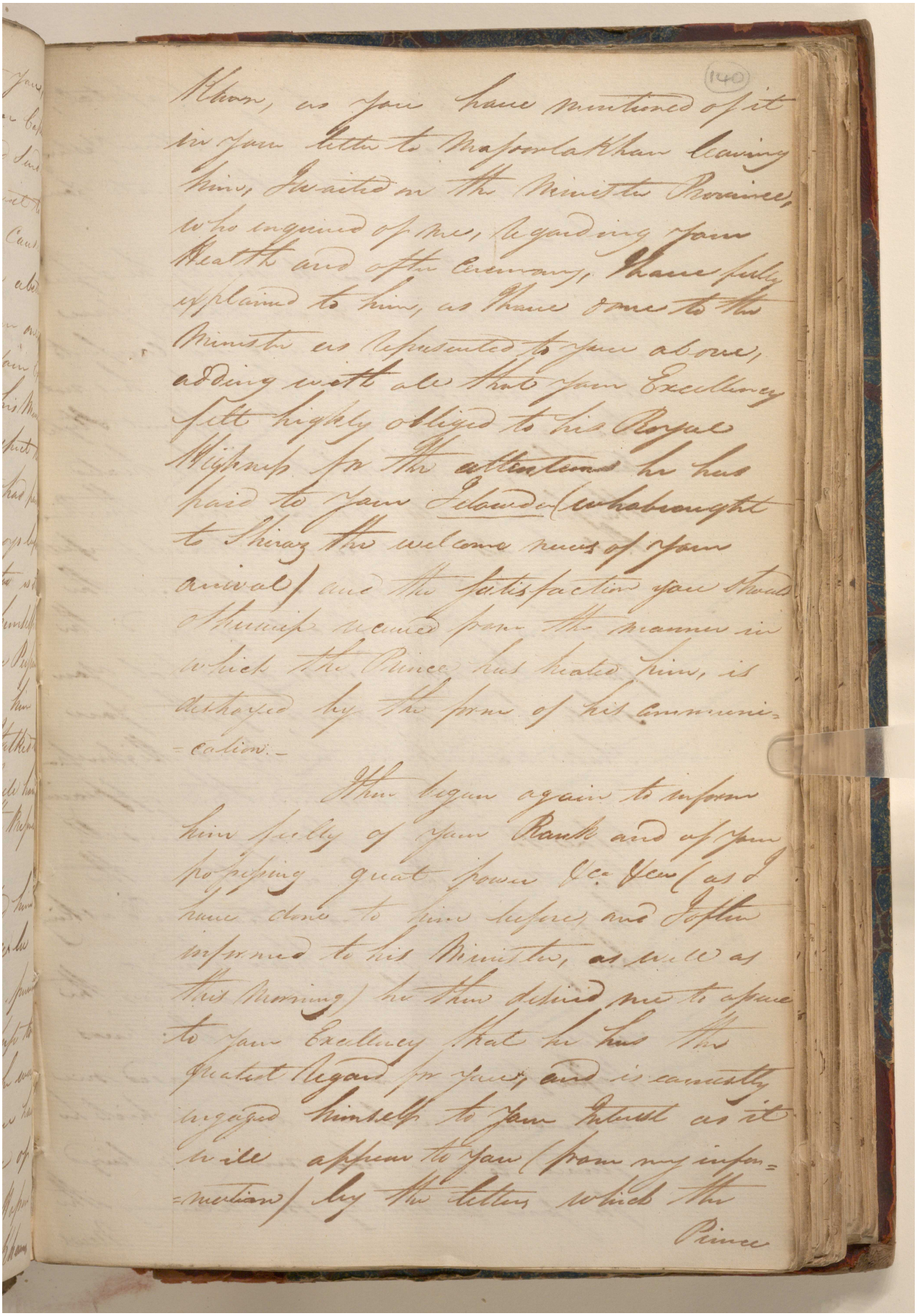
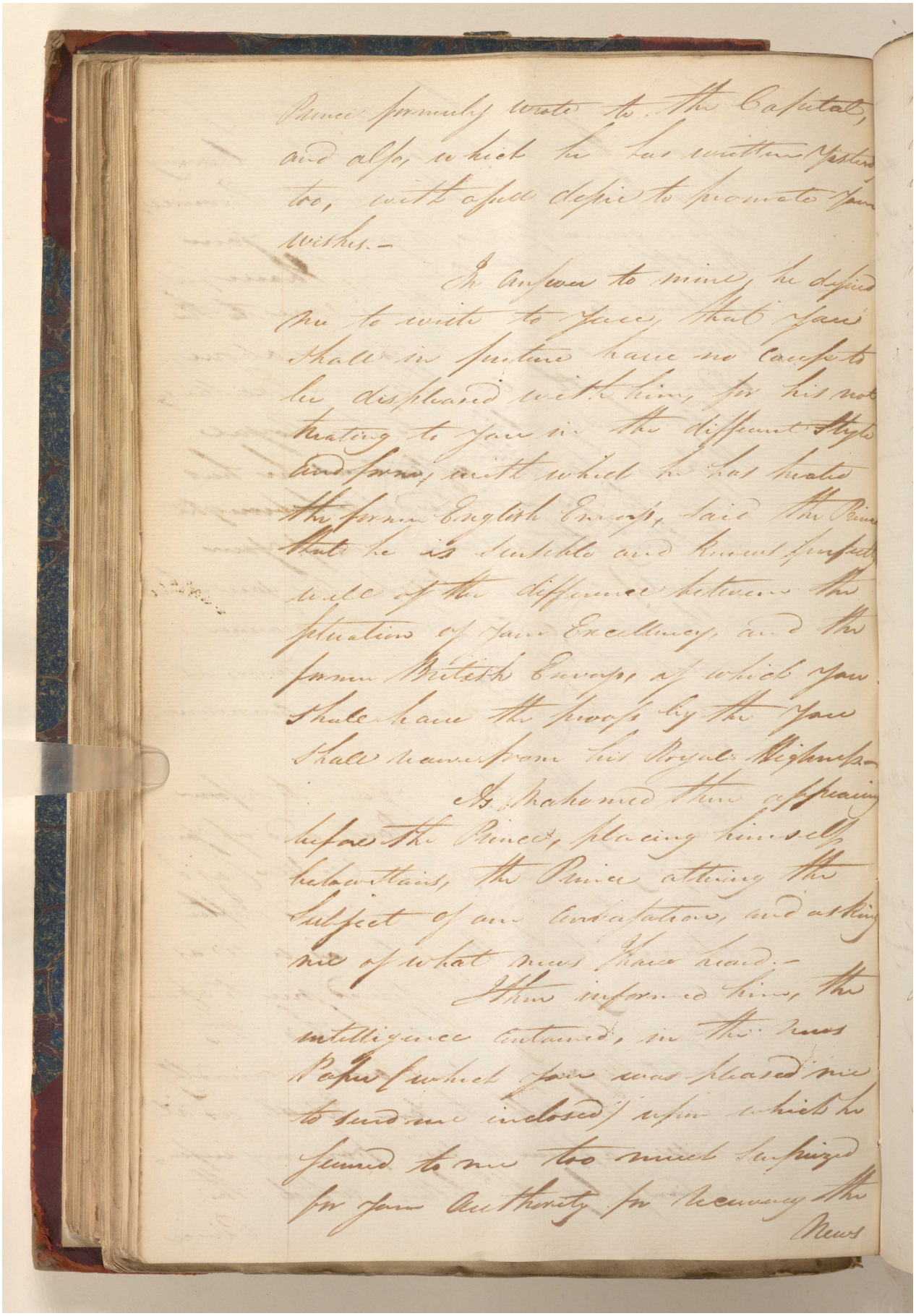


Khan, as you have mentioned of it in your letter to Masoorlakhan leaving him, I waited on the Minister Province, who enquired of me, regarding your Health and other Ceremony, I have fully explained to him, as I have done to the Minister as represented to you above, adding with all that your Excellency felt highly obliged to his Royal Highness for the attentions he has paid to your Jelawder (who brought to Shiraz the welcome news of your arrival) and the satisfaction you should otherwise received from the manner in which the Prince has heated him, is destroyed by the form of his communi=cation.—

I then began again to inform him fully of your Rank and of your possessing great power &c. &c. (as I have done to him before, and I often informed to his Minister, as well as this Morning) he then desired me to assure to your Excellency that he has the greatest regard for you, and is earnestly engaged himself to your Interest as it will appear to you (from my infor=mation) by the letters which the

Prince

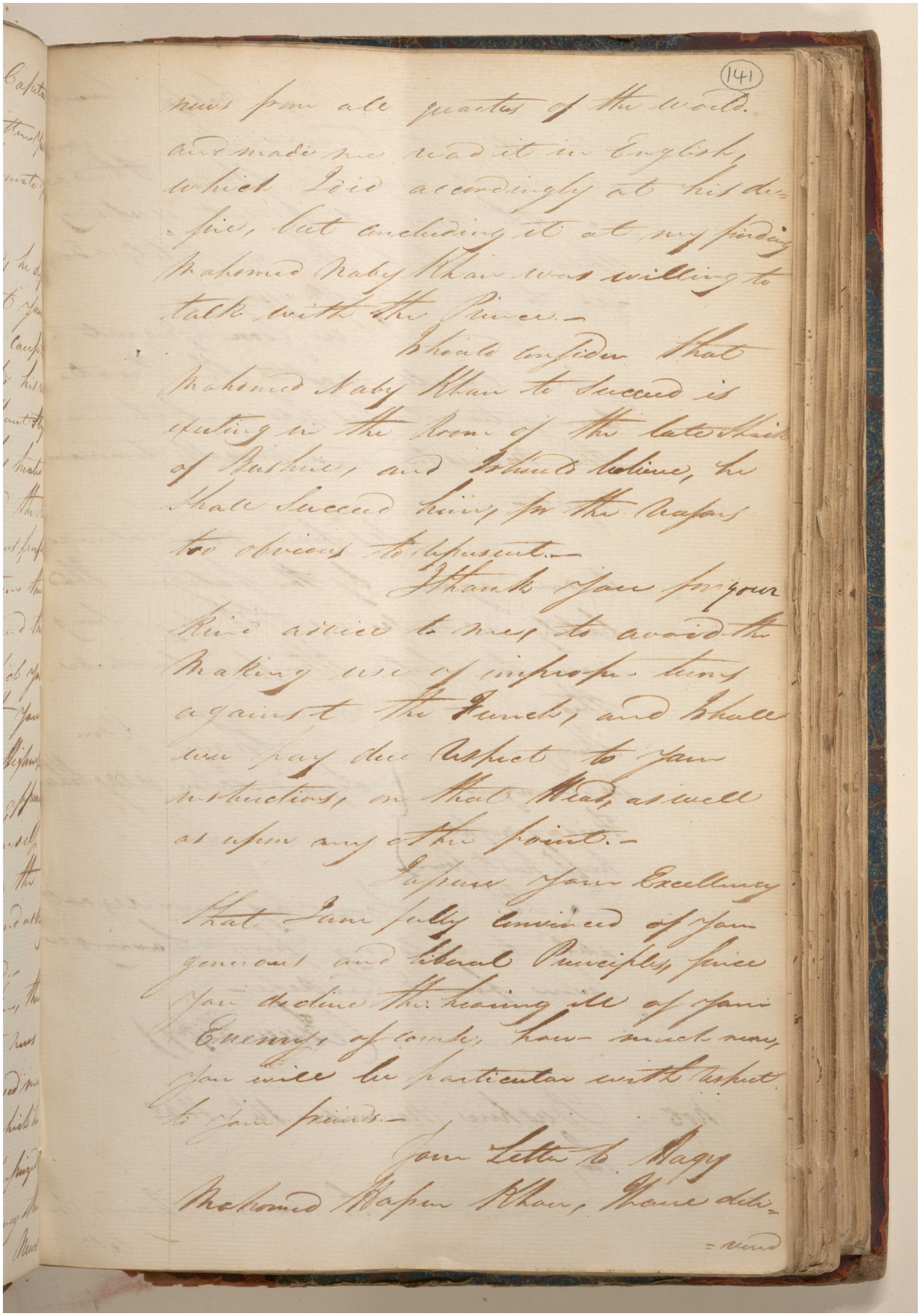


Prince formerly wrote to the Capital, and also, which he has written yesterday too, with a full desire to promote your wishes.—

In answer to mine, he desired me to write to you, that you shall in future have no cause to be displeased with him, for his not treating to you in the different style and form, with which he has treated the former English Envoys, said the Prince that he is sensible and knows perfectly well of the difference between the situation of your Excellency, and the former British Envoys, of which you shall have the proofs by the you shall receive from his Royal Highness.—

As Mahomed then appearing before the Prince, placing himself below stairs, the Prince altering the subject of our conversation, and asking me of what news I have heard.—

I then informed him, the intelligence contained, in the News Paper (which you was pleased me to send me enclosed) upon which he seemed to me too much surprized for your Authority for receiving the News



news from all quarters of the world. and made me read it in English, which I did accordingly at his de=sire, but concluding it at my finding Mahomed Naby Khan was willing to talk with the Prince.—

I should consider that Mahomed Naby Khan to succeed is exciting in the Room of the late Shaik of Bushire, and I should believe, he shall succeed him, for the reasons too obvious to represent.—

I thank you for your kind advice to me, to avoid the making use of improper terms against the French, and I shall ever pay due respect to your instructions, on that Head, as well as upon any other point.—

I assure your Excellency that I am fully convinced of your generous and liberal Principles, since you decline the hearing ill of your Enemy, of course, how much more, you will be particular with respect to your friends.—

Your Letter to Hagy Mahomed Hassan Khan, I have deli=

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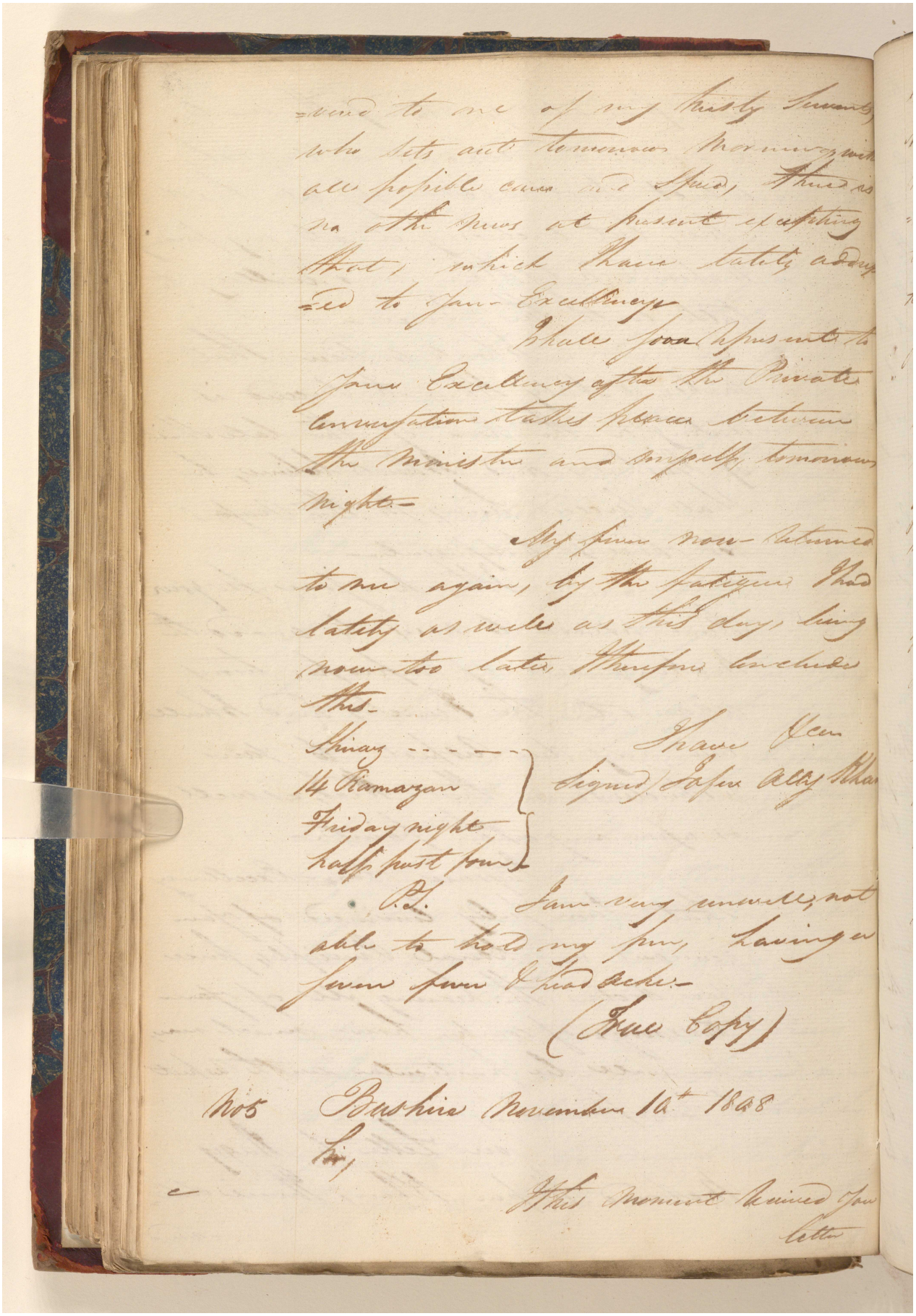

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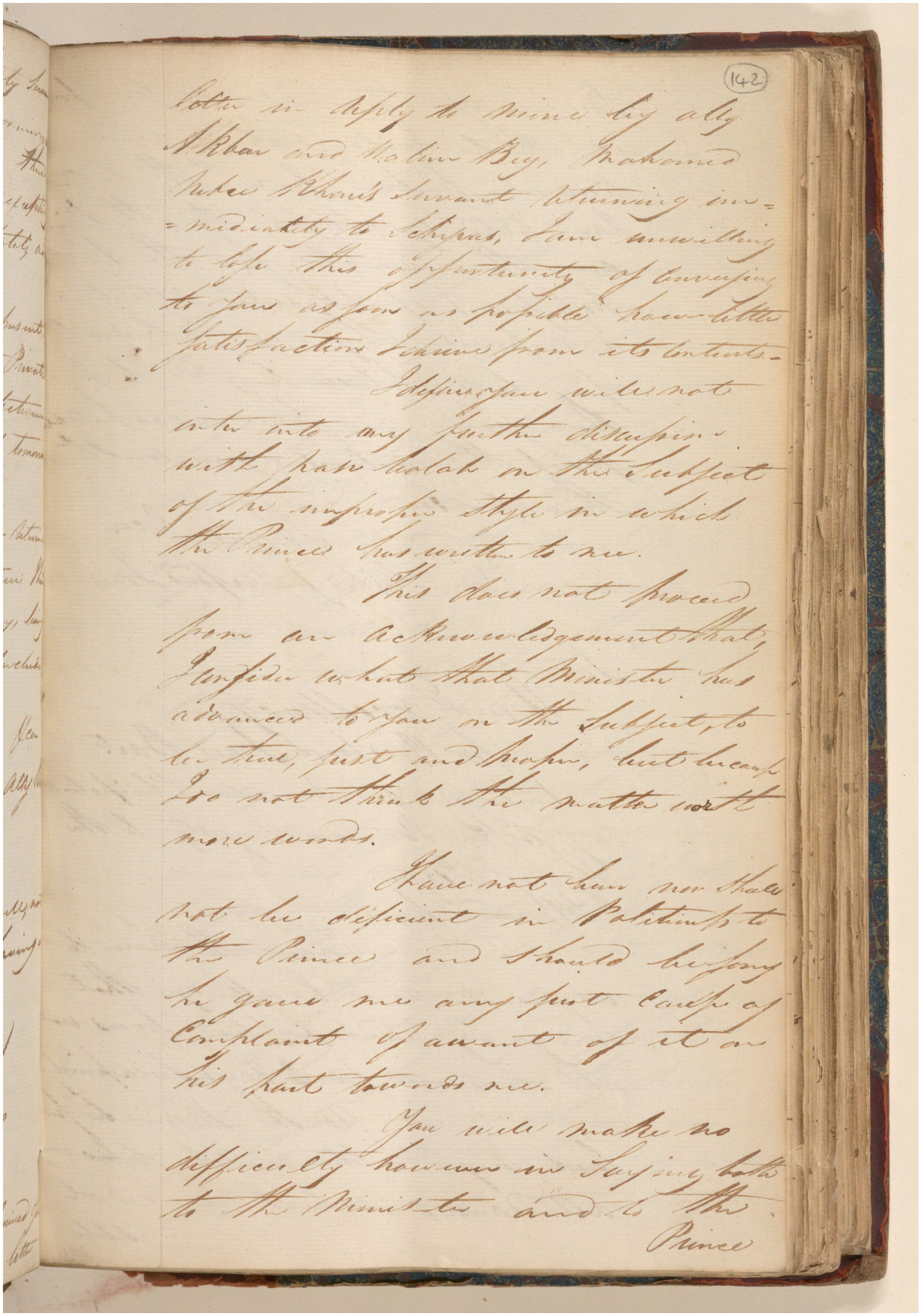

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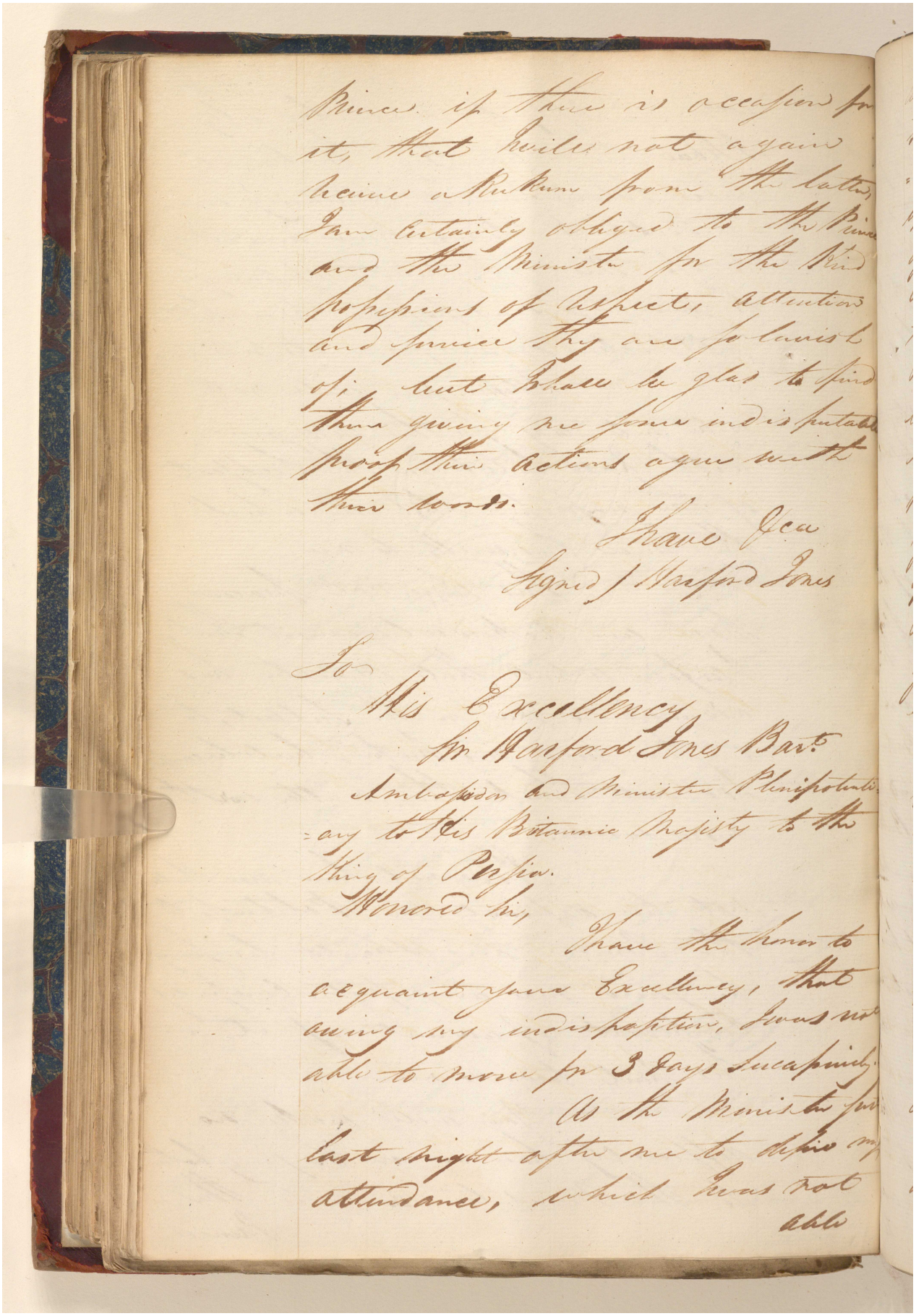
letter in reply to mine by ally Akbar and Nalim Bey, Mahomed Nebee Khan's Servant returning im=
=mediately to Schipas, I am unwilling to lose this opportunity of conveying to you as soon as possible how little satisfaction I derive from its contents.

I desire you will not enter into any further discussion with Nasr Ullah on the Subject of the improper style in which the Prince has written to me.

This does not proceed from an Acknowledgement that, I consider what that Minister has advanced to you on the Subject, to be true, just and proper, but because I do not think the matter worth more words.

I have not been nor shall not be deficient in Politeness to the Prince and should be sorry he gave me any just Cause of Complaint of a want of it on his part towards me.

You will make no difficulty however in saying both to the Minister and to the Prince



Prince if there is occasion for it, that I will not again receive a Rukum from the latter, I am certainly obliged to the Prince and the Minister for the kind possessions of respect, attention and service they are so lavish of; but I shall be glad to find them giving me some indisputable proof their actions agree with their words.

I have &ca

Signed / Harford Jones

To

His Excellency

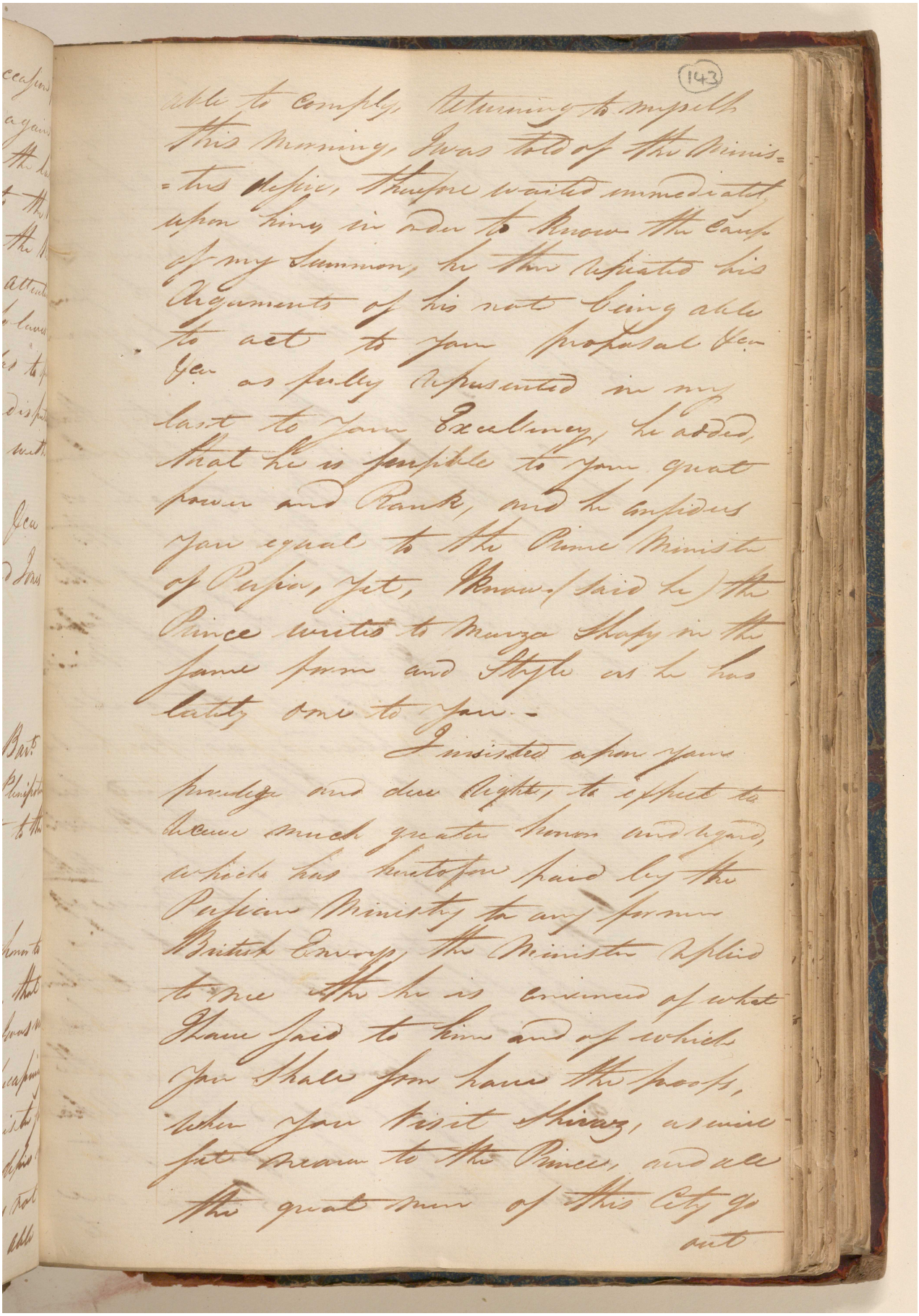
Sir Harford Jones Bart.

Ambassador and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Britannic Majesty to the King of Persia.

Honored Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint your Excellency, that owing my indisposition, I was not able to move for 3 days successively.

As the Minister sent last night after me to desire my attendance, which I was not able



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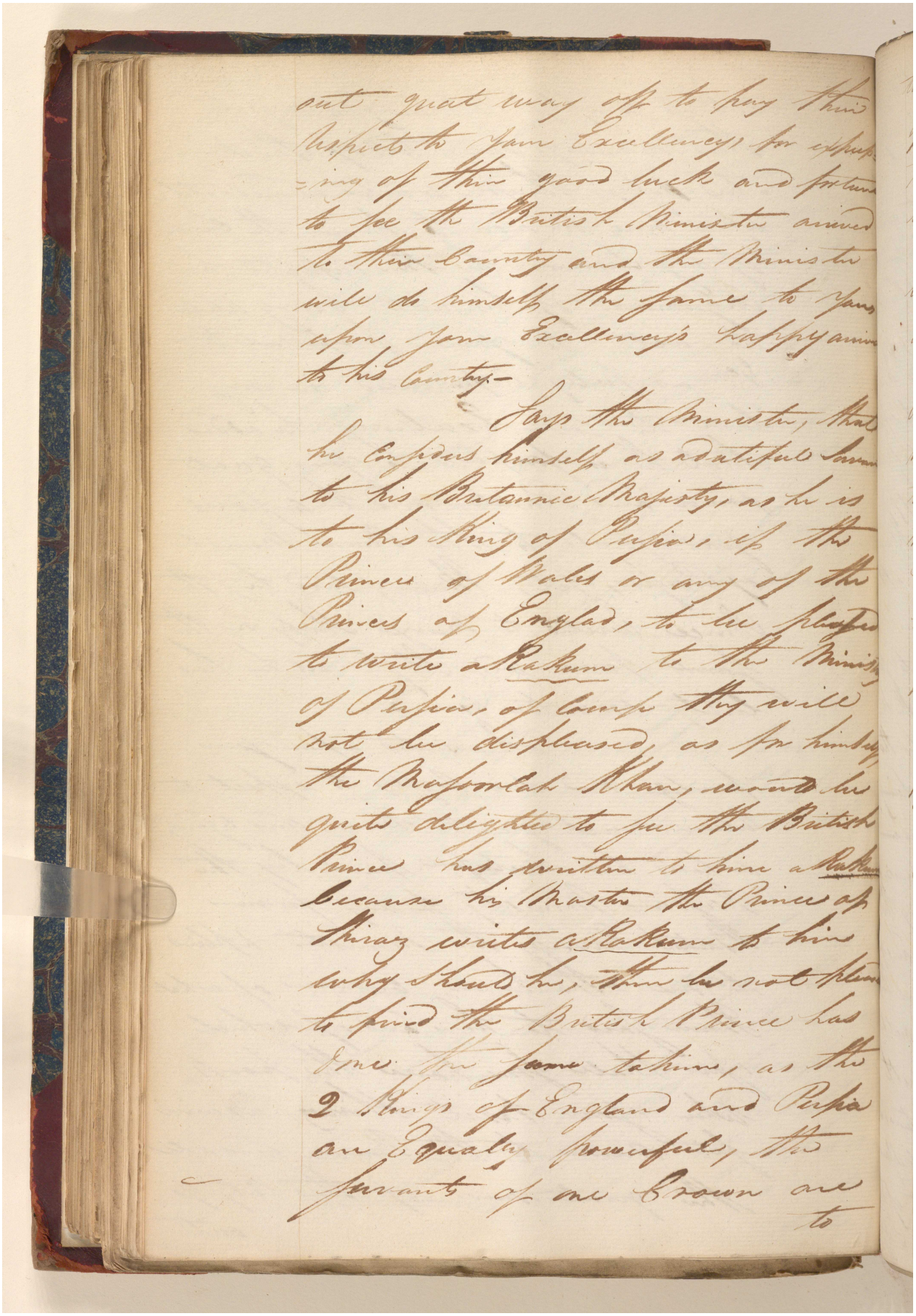
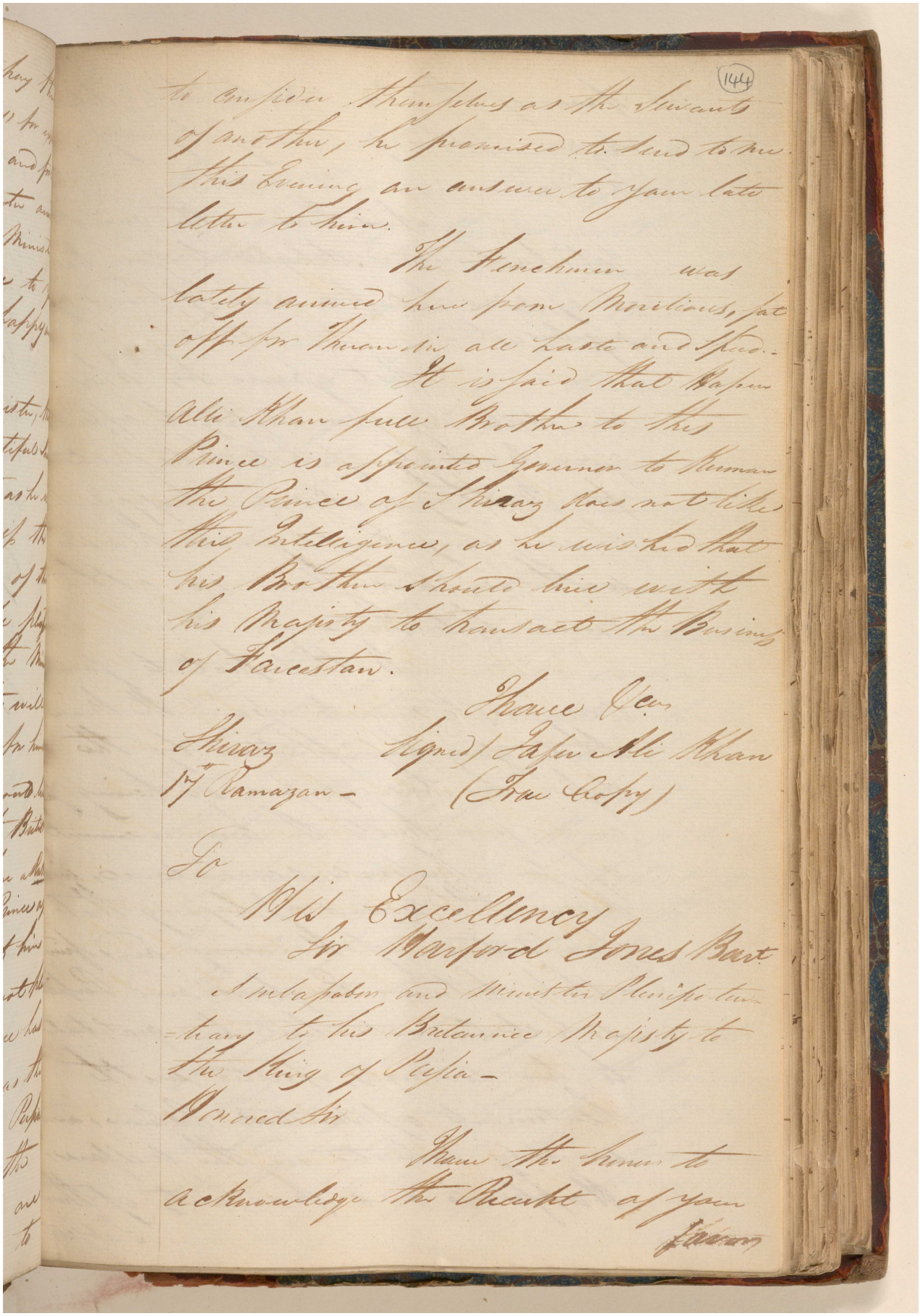
able to comply, returning to myself this morning, I was told of the Minis=
=ters desire, therefore waited immediately upon him, in order to know the cause of my summon, he then repeated his arguments of his not being able to act to your proposal &c. &c. as fully represented in my last to your Excellency, he added, that he is sensible to your great power and Rank, and he considers you equal to the Prime Minister of Persia, yet, I know (said he) the Prince writes to Mirza Shafy in the same form and style as he has lately done to you.—

I insisted upon your privilege and due right, to expect to receive much greater honor and regard, which has heretofore paid by the Persian Ministry to any former British Envoys, the Minister replied to me the he is convinced of what I have said to him and of which you shall soon have the proofs, when you visit Shiraz, as will set nearer to the Prince, and all the great men of this City go out



out great way off to pay their respects to your Excellency, for expressing of their good luck and fortune to see the British Minister arrived to their Country and the Minister will do himself the same to you upon your Excellency's happy arrival to his Country—

Says the Minister, that he considers himself as a dutiful Servant to his Britannic Majesty, as he is to his King of Persia, if the Prince of Wales or any of the Princes of Englad, to be pleased to write a Rakum to the Minister of Persia, of course they will not be displeased, as for himself the Masoorlah Khan, would be quite delighted to see the British Prince has written to him a Rakum because his Master the Prince of Shiraz writes a Rakum to him why should he, then be not pleased to find the British Prince has done the same to him, as the 2 Kings of England and Persia are Equally powerful, the servants of one Crown are to



to consider themselves as the Servants of another, he promised to send to me this Evening an answer to your late letter to him.

The Frenchmen was lately arrived here from Moritious, sat off for Theran in all haste and speed.

It is said that Hasen Ali Khan full Brother to this Prince is appointed Governor to Kerman the Prince of Shiraz does not like this Intelligence, as he wished that his Brother should live with his Majesty to transact the Business of Farcestan.

Thave &c.

Shiraz
17th Ramazan –

Signed) Jafer Ali Khan
(True Copy)

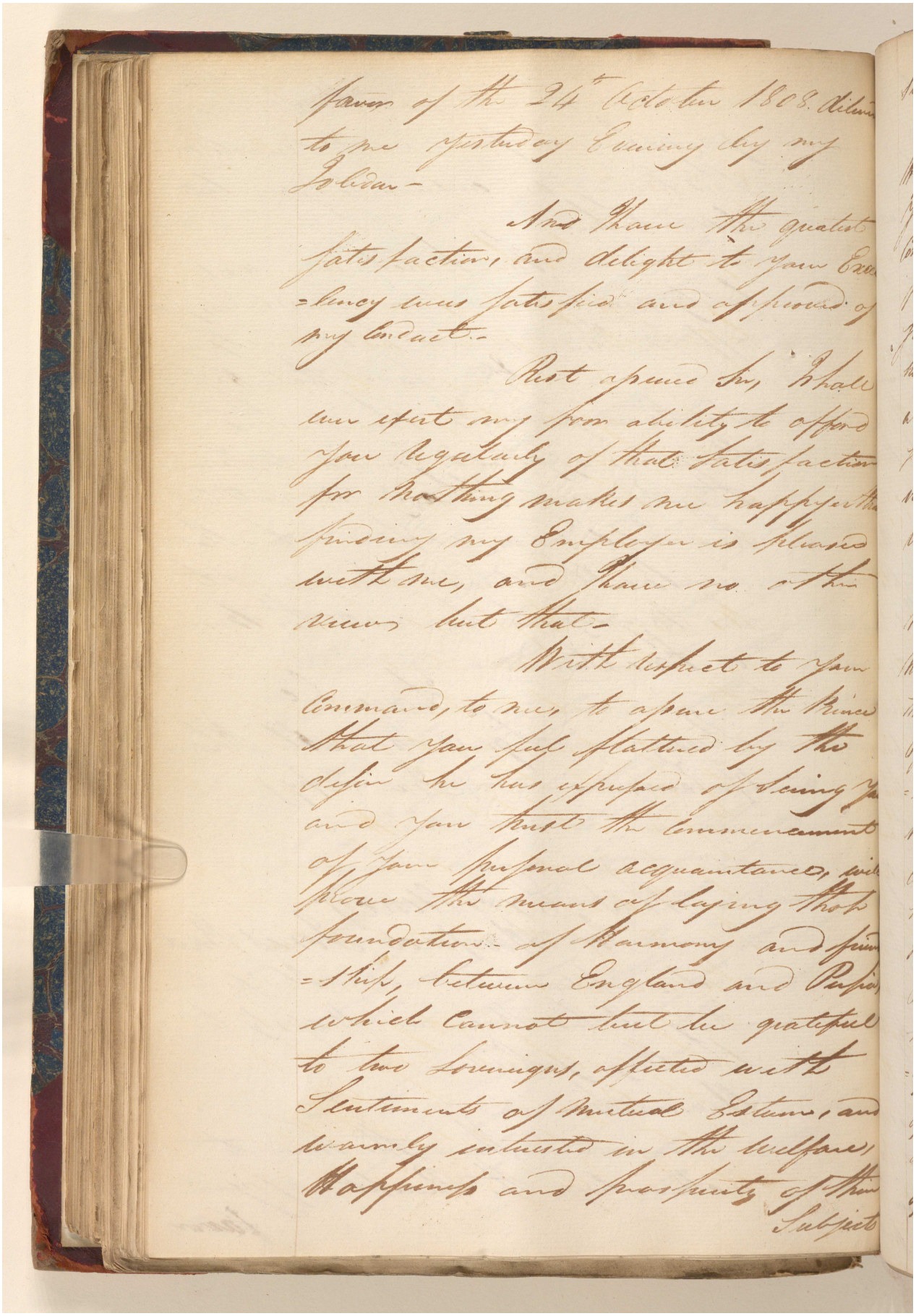
To

His Excellency
Sir Harford Jones Bart.

Ambassador and Minister Plenipotentiary to his Britannic Majesty to the King of Persia –

Honored Sir

Thave the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your favor



favor of the 24th October 1808. delivered to me yesterday Evening by my Soledar—

And I have the greatest satisfaction, and delight to your Excellency were satisfied and approved of my conduct.—

Rest assured Sir, I shall ever exert my poor ability to afford you regularly of that satisfaction for nothing makes me happyer than finding my Employer is pleased with me, and I have no other view but that—

With respect to your Command, to me, to assure the Prince that you feel flattered by the desire he has expressed of seeing you and you trust the commencement of your personal acquaintance, will prove the means of laying those foundations of Harmony and friendship, between England and Persia, which cannot but be grateful to two Sovereigns, affected with Sentiments of Mutual Esteem, and warmly interested in the welfare, Happiness and prosperity of their Subjects

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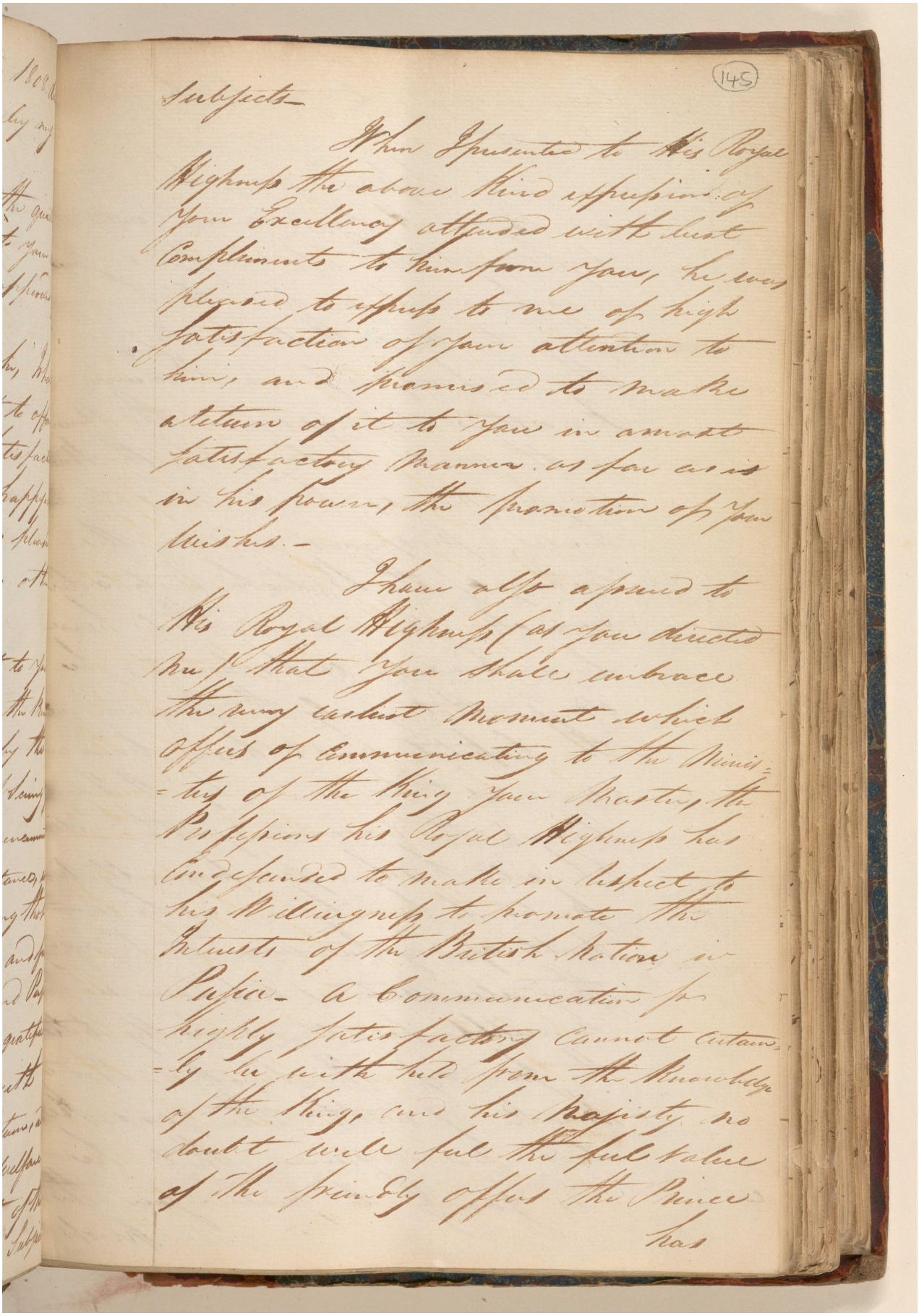

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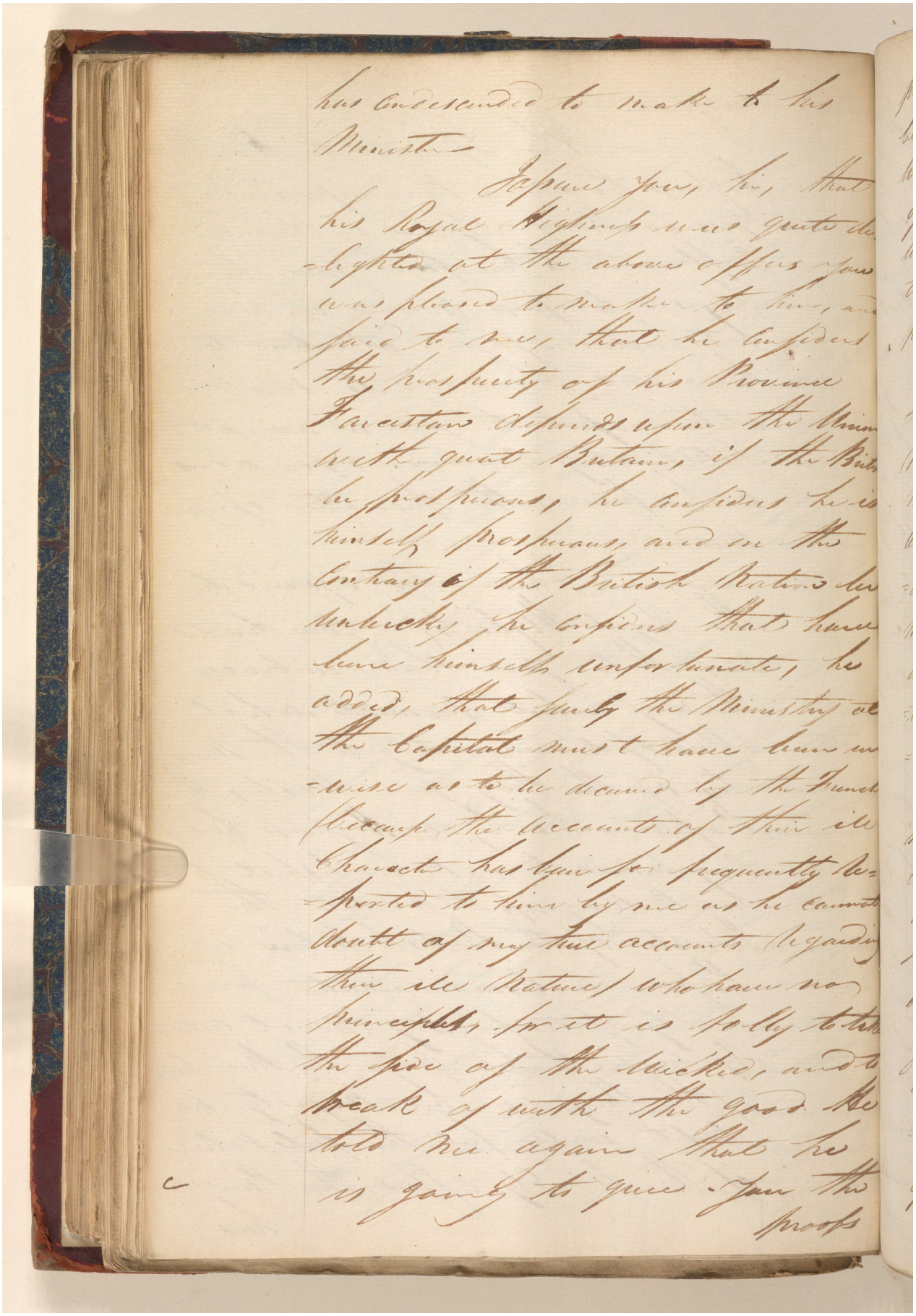
Subjects—

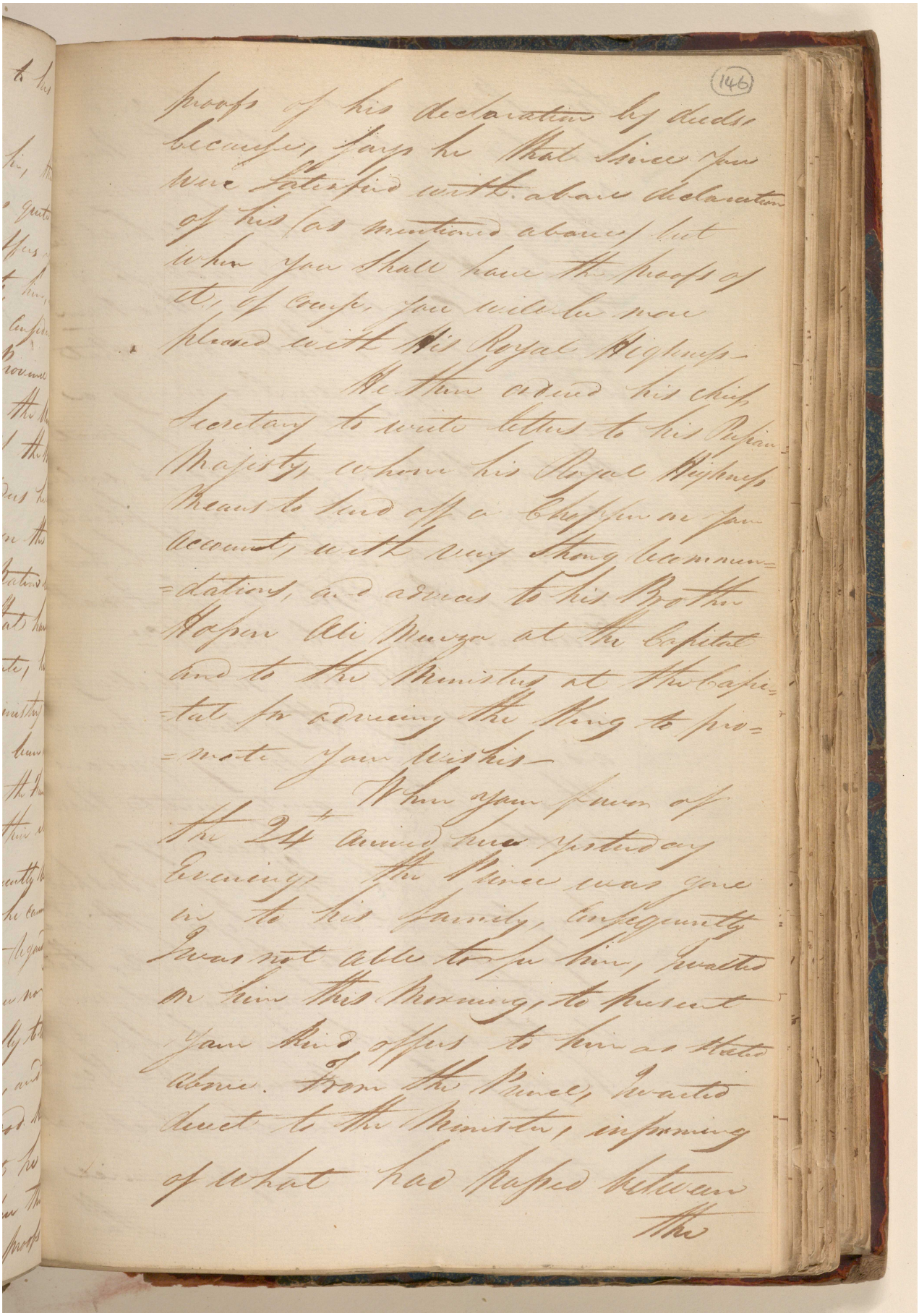
When I presented to His Royal Highness the above kind expressions of your Excellency attended with best Compliments to him from you, he was pleased to express to me of high satisfaction of your attention to him, and promised to make a return of it to you in a most satisfactory manner as far as is in his power, the promotion of your wishes.—

I have also opened to His Royal Highness (as you directed me) that you shall embrace the very earliest moment which offers of communicating to the Ministry of the King your Master, the Professions his Royal Highness has condescended to make in respect to his Willingness to promote the Interests of the British Nation in Persia— A Communication so highly Satisfactory cannot certainly be withheld from the Knowledge of the King, and his Majesty no doubt will feel the full value of the friendly offers the Prince has



has condescended to make to his Minister—

I assure you, Sir, that his Royal Highness was quite delighted at the above offers you was pleased to make to him, and said to me, that he considers the prosperity of his Province Farcestan depends upon the Union with great Britain, if the British be prosperous, he considers he is himself prosperous, and on the contrary if the British Nation be unlucky he considers that have been himself unfortunate, he added, that surely the Ministry at the Capital must have been unwise as to be deceived by the French (because the accounts of their ill Character has been so frequently reported to him by me as he cannot doubt of my true accounts regarding their ill Nature) who have no principles, for it is folly to take the side of the wicked, and to break of with the good. He told me again that he is going to give you the proofs



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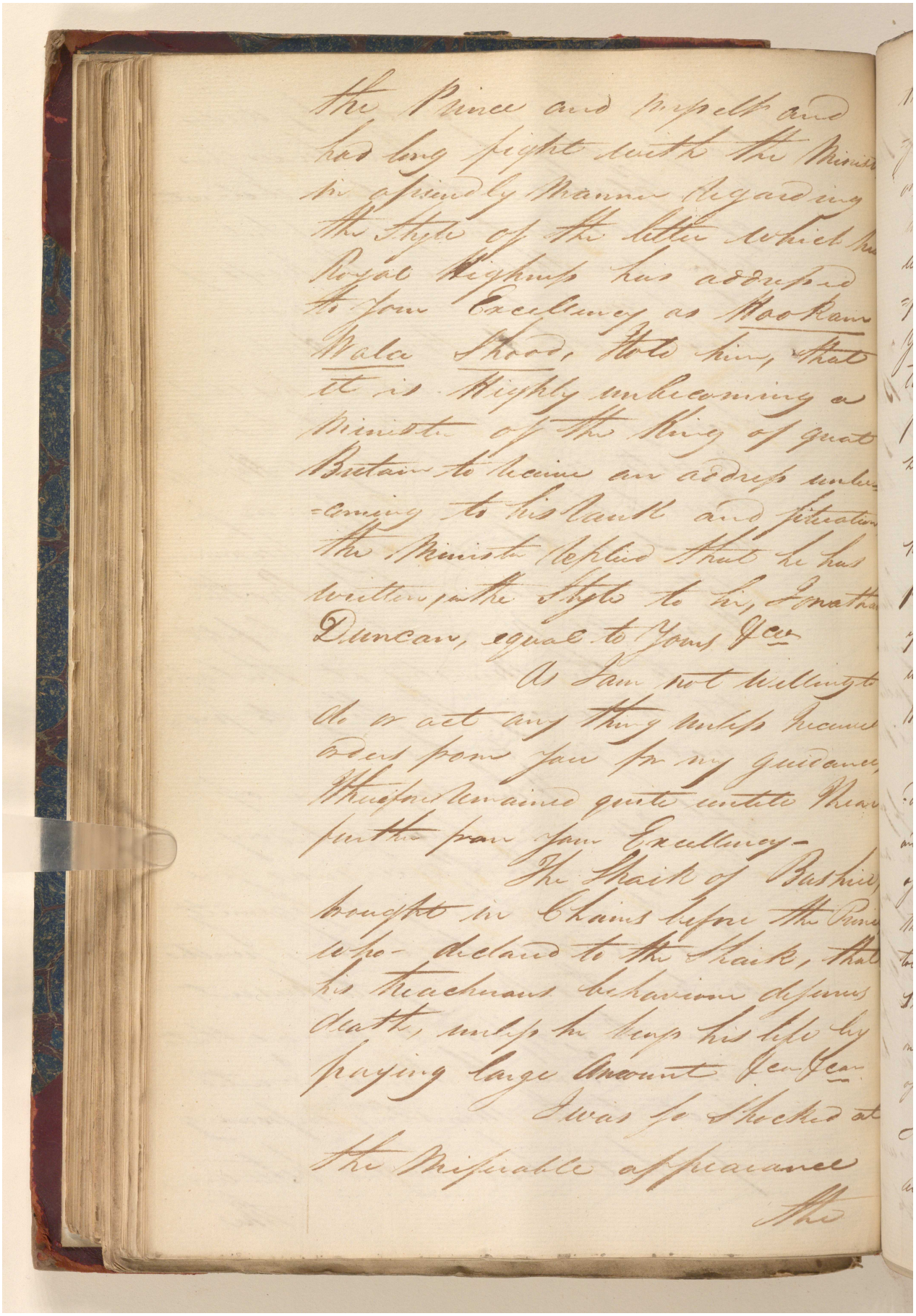
proofs of his declarations by deeds
because, says he that since you
were satisfied with the above declaration
of his (as mentioned above) but
when you shall have the proofs of
it, of course you will be more
pleased with his Royal Highness.

He then ordered his Chief
Secretary to write letters to his Persian
Majesty, whom his Royal Highness
means to send off a Courier on your
account, with very strong recommen=
=dations, and advices to his Brother
Hassan Ali Mirza at the Capital
and to the Ministry at the Capi=
=tal for causing the King to pro=
=mote your wishes.

When your Express of
the 24th arrived here yesterday
Evening, the Prince was gone
in to his Family, consequently
I was not able to see him, I waited
on him this Morning, to present
your kind offers to him as stated
above. From the Prince, I waited
next to the Minister, informing
of what had passed between

the



the Prince and myself and
had long fight with the Minister
in offsendly manner regarding
the Style of the letter which his
Royal Highness has addressed
to your Excellency as Hookam
Wala Shood, Told him, that
it is Highly unbecoming a
Minister of the King of great
Britain to receive an address unbe-
-coming to his rank and situation
the Minister replied that he has
written in the Style to his, Jonathan
Duncan, equal to Yours &c.

As I am not willing to
do or act any thing unless received
orders from you for my guidance,
therefore remained quite untill near
further from your Excellency—

The Shaik of Bushire,
brought in Chains before the Prince
who declared to the Shaik, that
his treacherous behaviour deserves
death, unless he keeps his life by
paying large Amount &c &c

I was so Shocked at
the Miserable appearance
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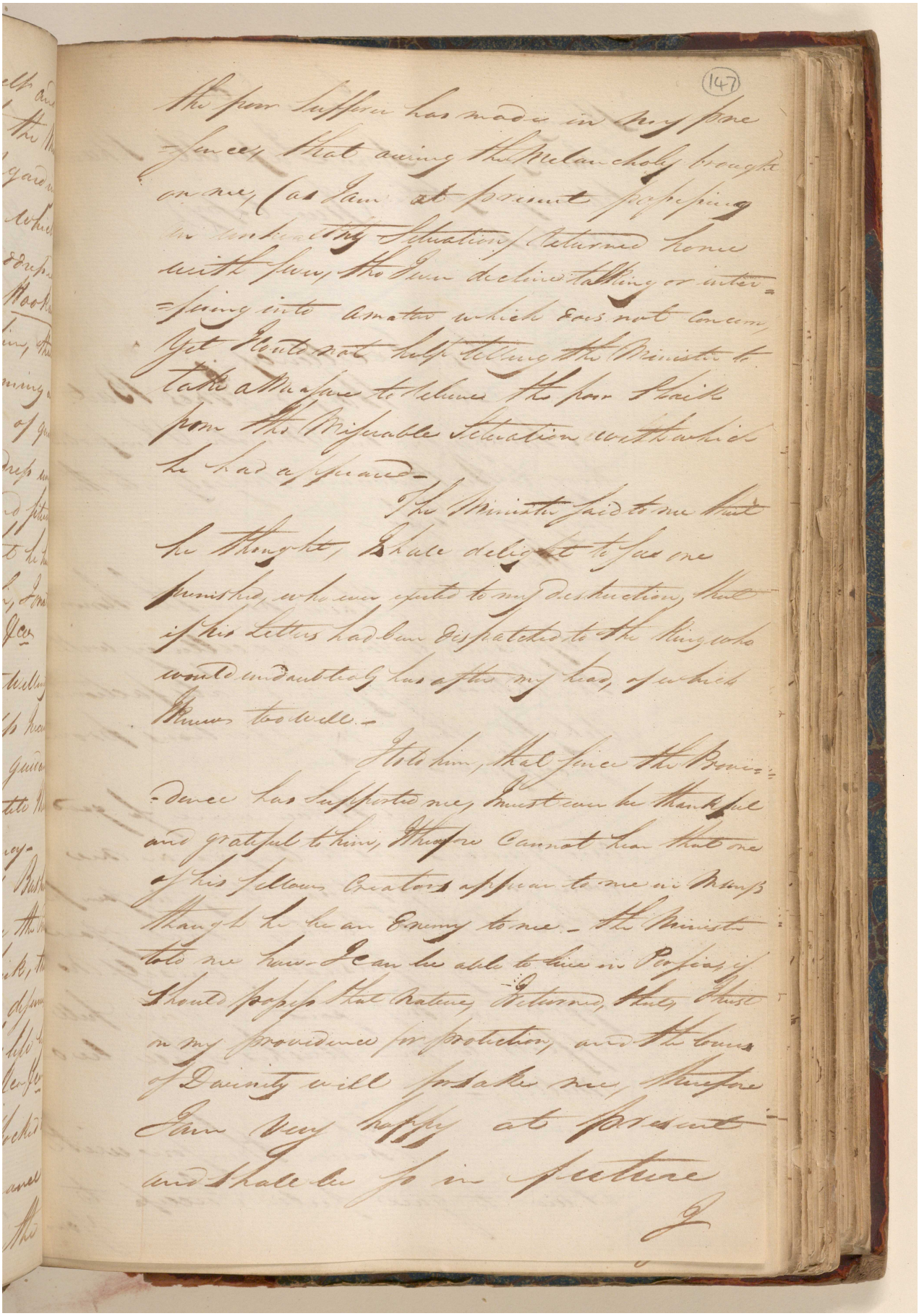

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the poor Sufferer has made in my pre=
=sence, that owing the Melancholy brought
on me, (as I am at present possessing
an unhealthy Situation) Returned home
with fever, tho I ever decline talking or inter=
=fering into a matter which does not concern,
Yet I could not help telling the Minister to
take a Measure to relieve the poor Shaik
from the Miserable Situation with which
he had appeared.

The Minister said to me that
he thought, I shall delight to see one
punished, who ever exerted to my destruction, that
if his Letters had been dispatched to the King who
would undoubtedly has after my head, of which
I knew too well.

I told him, that since the Provi=
=dence has supported me, I must ever be thankful
and grateful to him, I therefore cannot hear that one
of his fellow Creators appear to me in Manns
though he be an Enemy to me. the Minister
told me how I can be able to live in Persia, if
I should possess that Nature, I returned, that, I trust
on my providence for protection, and the Laws
of Divinity will forsake me, therefore
I am very happy at present
and shall be so in future

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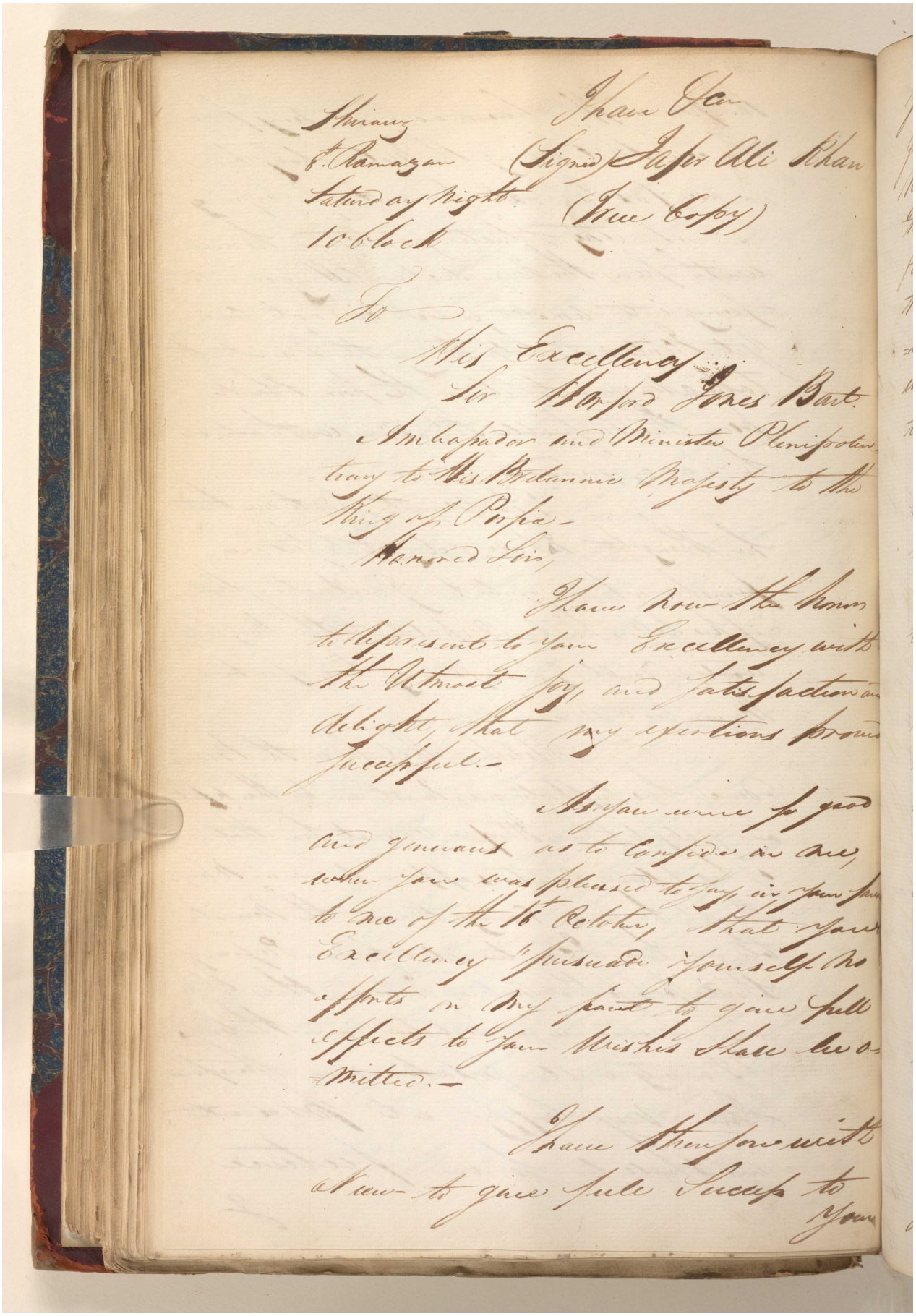


Shiraz
8 Ramazan
Saturday Night
10 Oclock

Khan Jan
(Signed) Jaffer Ali Khan
(True Copy)

To

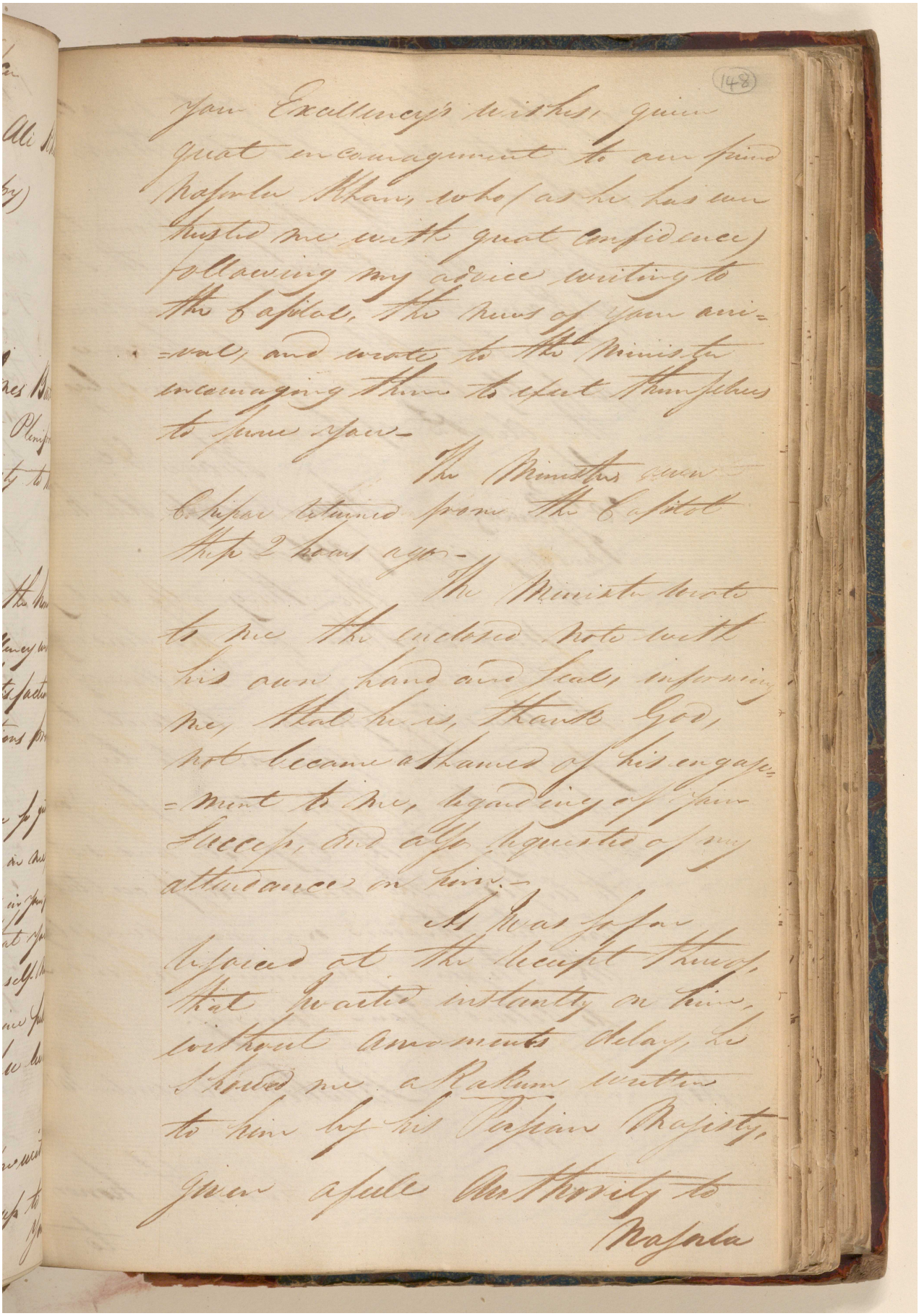
His Excellency
Sir Harford Jones Bart
Ambassador and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Britannic Majesty to the King of Persia —

Honored Sir,

I have now the honor to present to your Excellency with the utmost joy and satisfaction and delight, that my exertions proved successful —

As you were so good and generous as to confide in me, when you was pleased to say in your letter of the 16 October, that your Excellency persuaded yourself that my efforts in my part to give full effects to your wishes should be admitted —

I have therefore with view to give full success to your



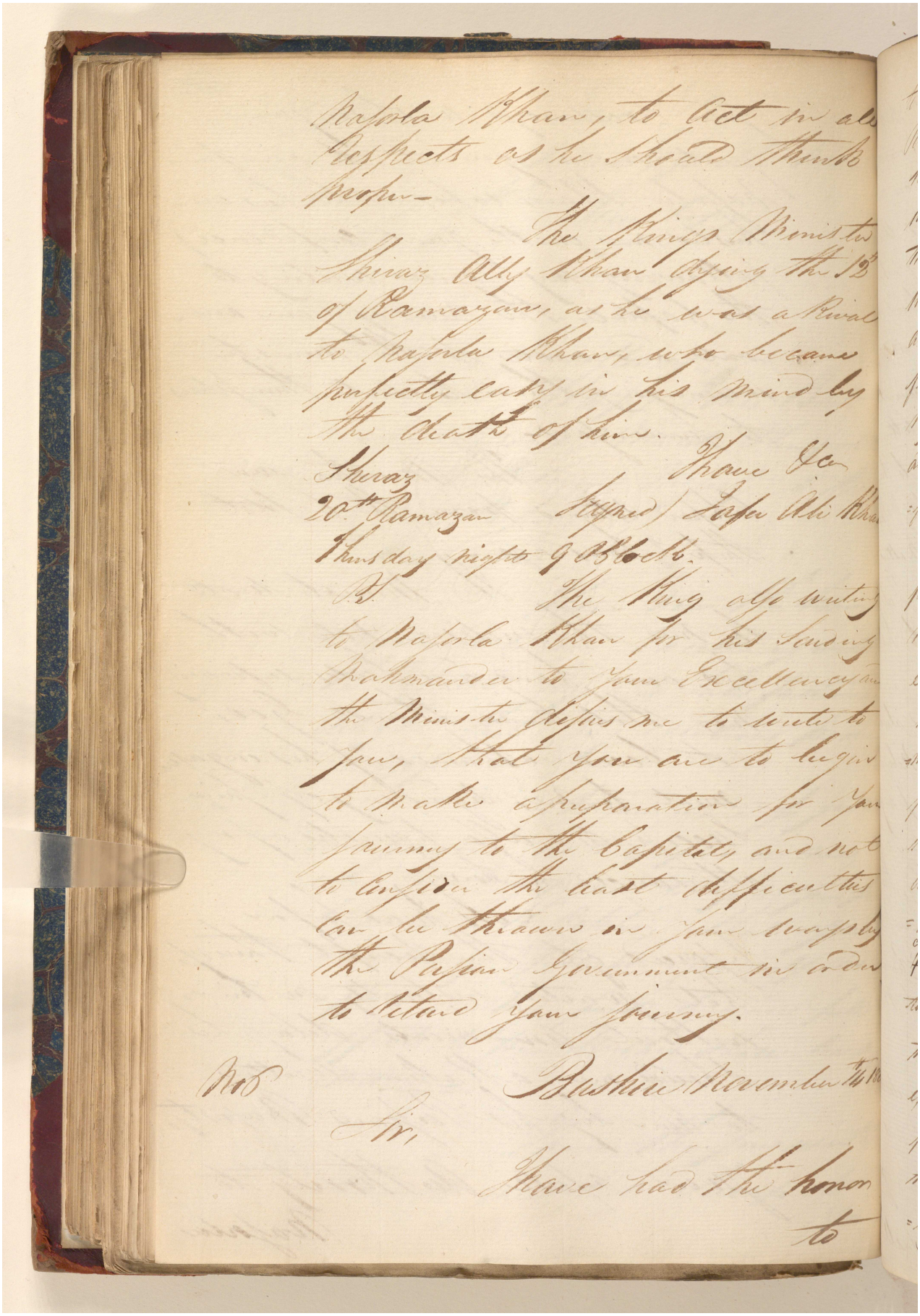
your Excellency's wishes, given great encouragement to our friend Nasorla Khan, who (as he has ever trusted me with great confidence) following my advice writing to the Capital, the news of your arri=val, and wrote to the Minister encouraging them to exert themselves to serve you—

The Minister's own Chipar returned from the Capital these 2 hours ago—

The Minister wrote to me the enclosed note with his own hand and seal, informing me, that he is, thank God, not became ashamed of his engage=ment to me, regarding of your success, and also requested of my attendance on him—

As I was so far rejoiced at the receipt thereof, that I waited instantly on him, without amoments delay, he showed me a Rakum written to him by his Persian Majesty, given a full Authority to

Nasorla



Nasorla Khan, to act in all respects as he should think proper—

The Kings Minister Sheraz Ally Khan dying the 12th of Ramazan, as he was a Rival to Nasorla Khan, who became perfectly easy in his mind by the death of him.

Sheraz
20th Ramazan
Thursday night 9 O'Clock.

Thave &c
Signed) Jafer Ali Khan

P.S. The King also writing to Nasorla Khan for his sending Mahmander to your Excellency and the Minister desires me to write to you, that you are to begin to make a preparation for your journey to the Capital, and not to consider the least difficulties can be thrown in your ways by the Persian Government in order to retard your journey.

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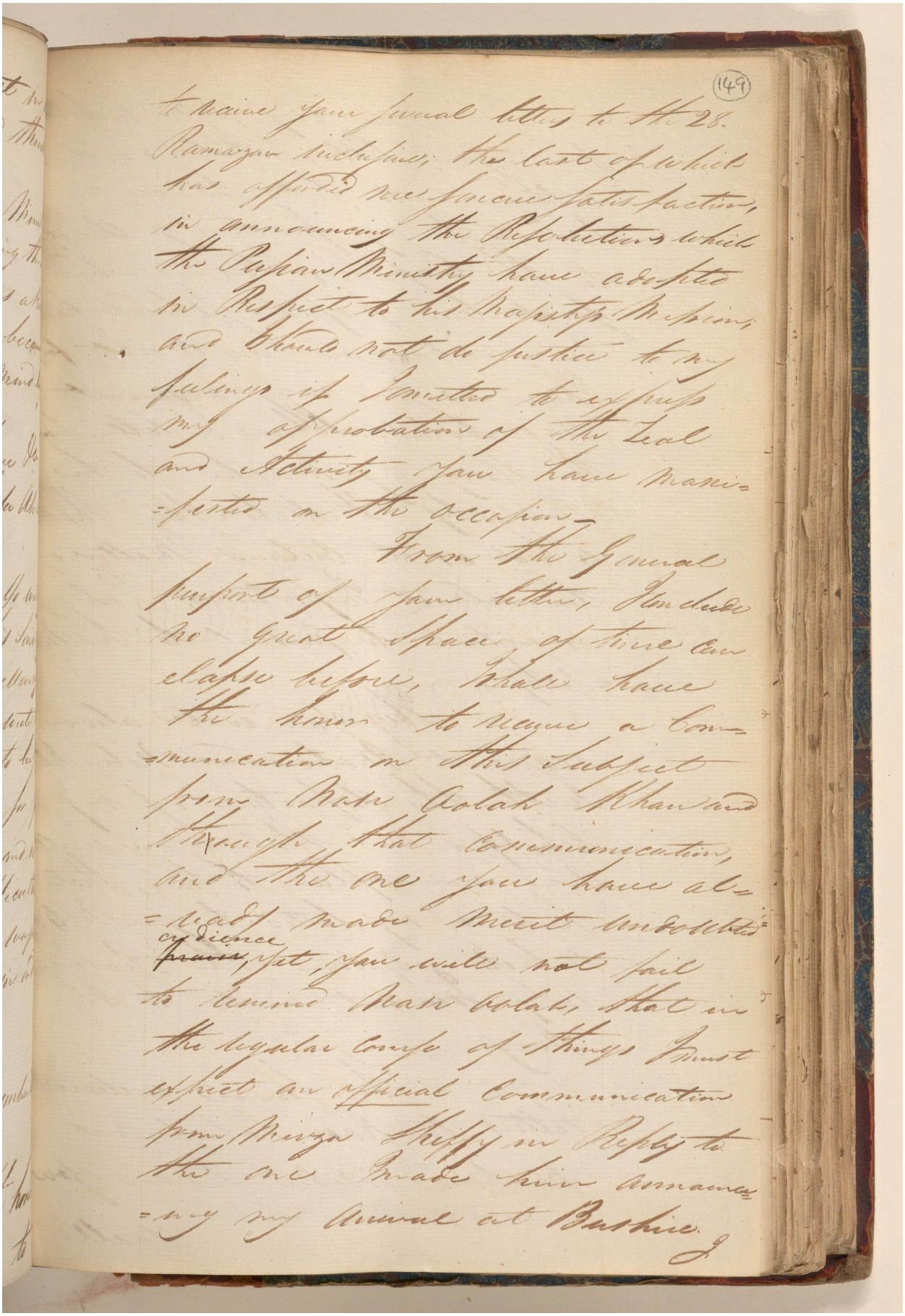
Bushire November 14th 18[illegible]

Sir,

Thave had the honor to



to receive your several letters to the 28. Ramazan inclusive; the last of which has afforded me sincere satisfaction, in announcing the Resolutions which the Persian Ministry have adopted in Respect to his Majesty's Mission; and I should not do justice to my feelings if I omitted to express my approbation of the Zeal and Activity you have manifested on the occasion.

From the General purport of your letter, I conclude no great Space of time can elapse before, I shall have the honor to receive a Communication on this Subject from Nasr Oolah Khan and through that Communication, and the one you have already made merit undoubted ~~praise~~ credience, yet, you will not fail to remind Nasr Oolah, that in the regular course of things I must expect an official Communication from Mirza Sheffy in Reply to the one I made him announcing my Arrival at Bushire.

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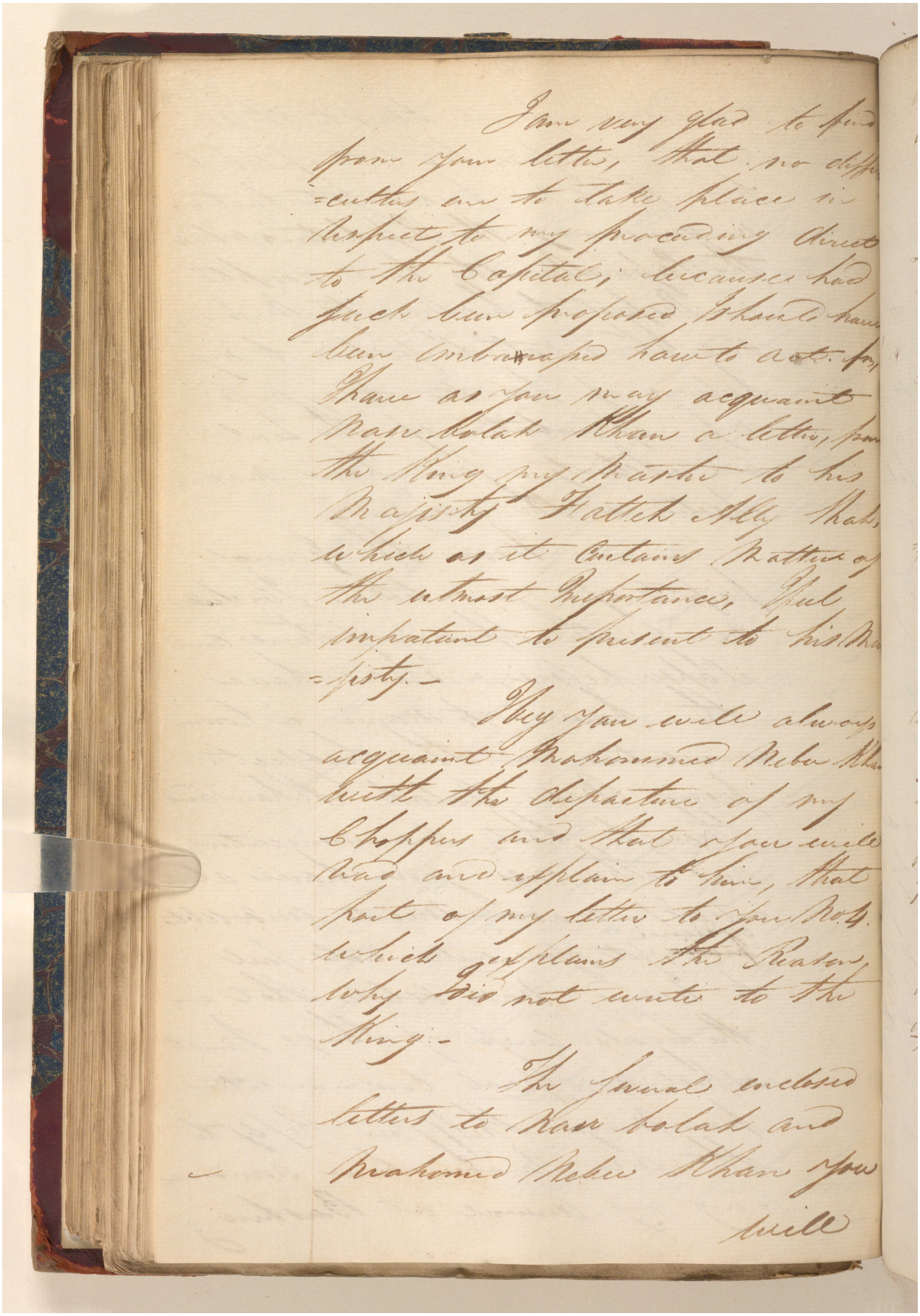

I am very glad to find from your letter, that no difficulties are to take place in respect to my proceeding direct to the Capital; because had such been proposed I should have been embarrassed how to act. for, I have as you may acquaint Nasr bolah Khan a letter, from the King my Master to his Majesty Fatteh Ally Shah, which as it contains Matter of the utmost Importance, I feel impatient to present to his Majesty.—

I beg you will always acquaint Mahommed Nebee Khan with the departure of my Choppers and that you will read and explain to him, that part of my letter to you No. 4. which explains the Reason, why I did not write to the King.—

The several enclosed letters to Nasr bolah and Mahomed Nebee Khan you will

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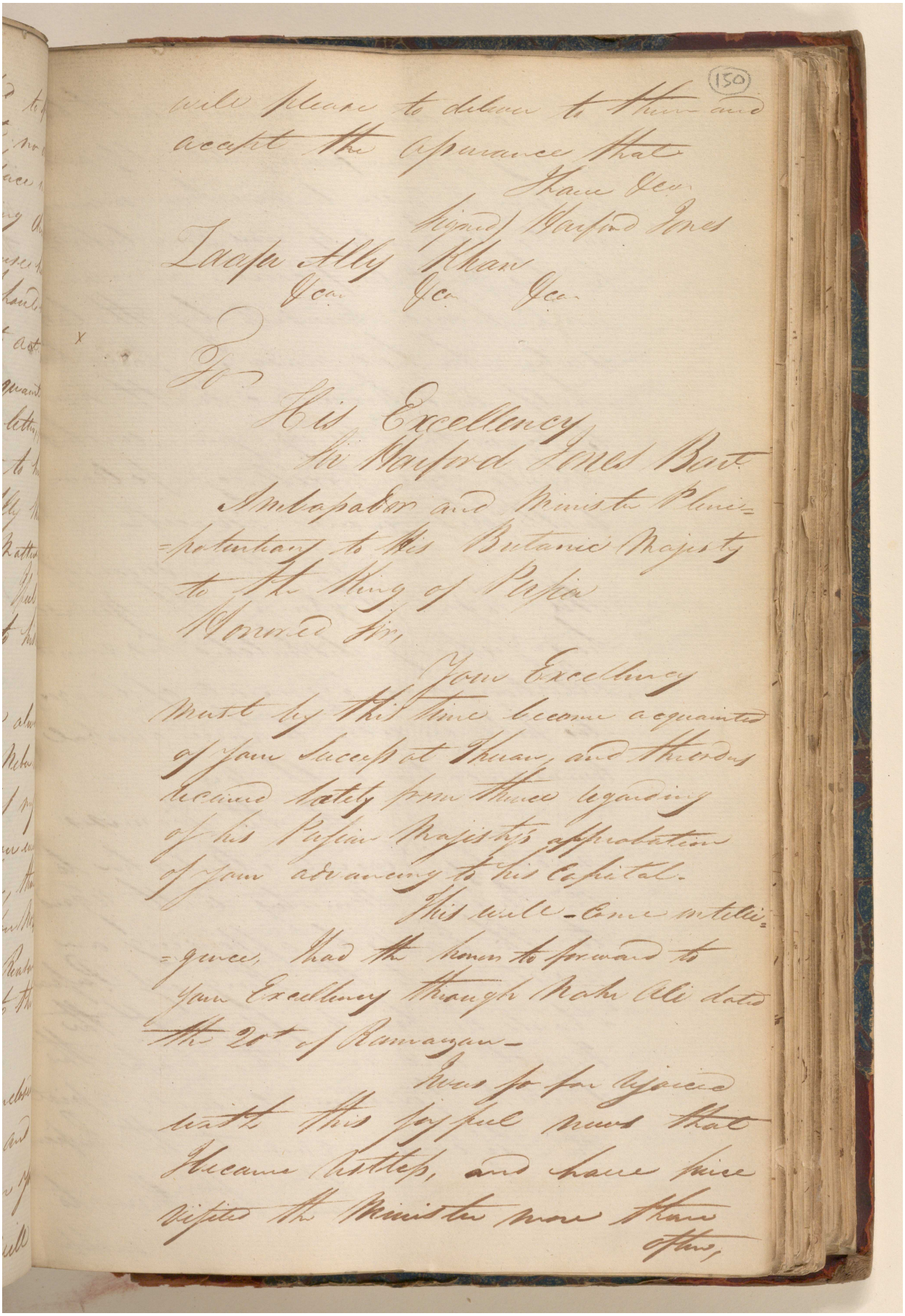

will please to deliver to them and accept the assurance that

I have &c.

Signed) Harford Jones

Zaafa Ally Khan
&c. &c. &c.

To

His Excellency
Sir Harford Jones Bart.
Ambassador and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Britanic Majesty to the King of Persia

Honored Sir,

Your Excellency must by this time become acquainted of your success at Tehran, and the orders received lately from thence regarding of his Persian Majesty's approbation of your advancing to his Capital.

This will come intelligence, had the honor to forward to your Excellency through Nahr Ali dated the 20th of Ramazan.

I was so far rejoiced with this joyful news that I became restless, and have since visited the Minister more than often,

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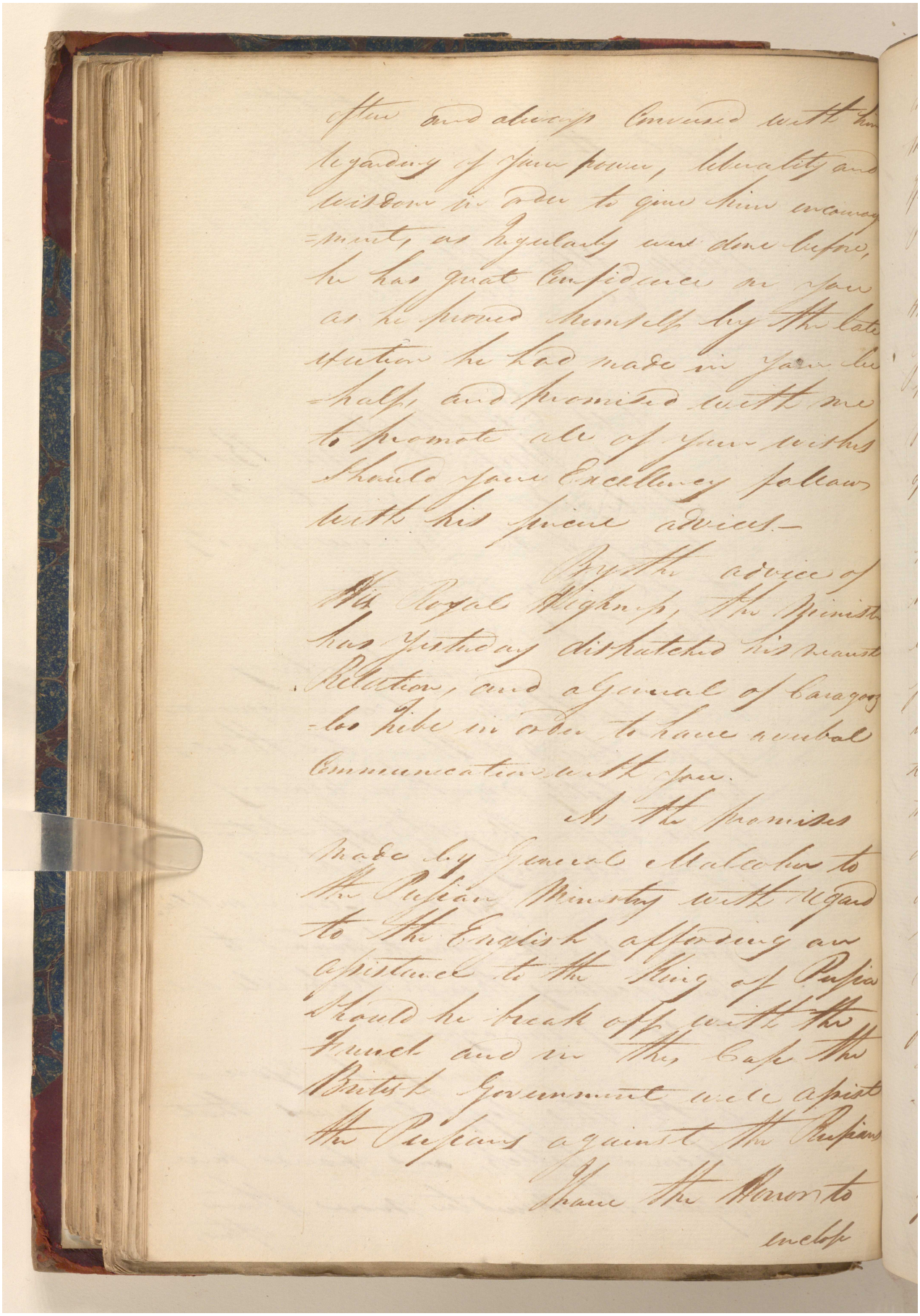

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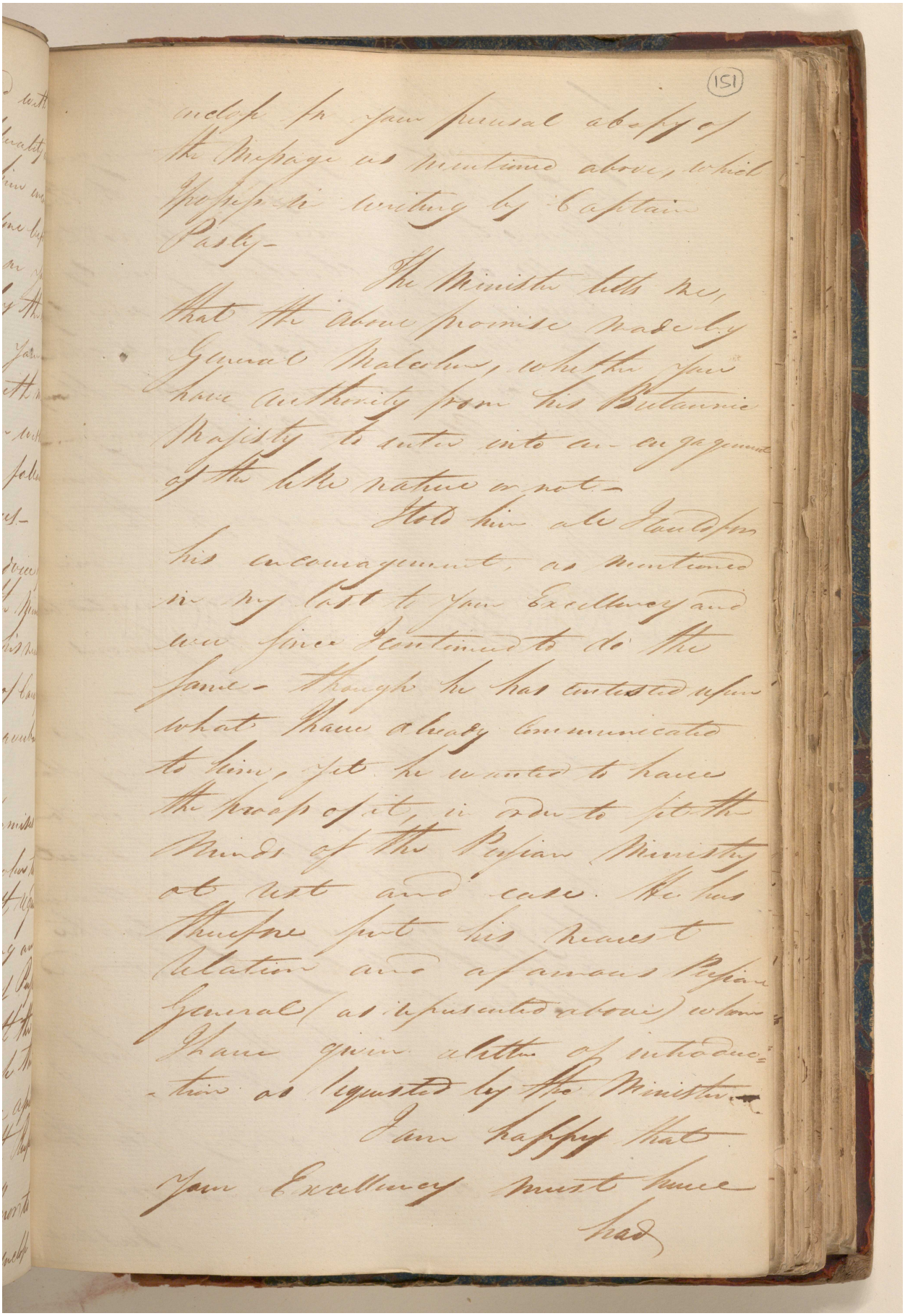

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enclose for your perusal a copy of the Message as mentioned above, which I possess in writing by Captain Pasley—

The Minister tells me, that the above promise made by General Malcolm, whether you have authority from his Britannic Majesty to enter into an engagement of the like nature or not—

I told him all I could for his encouragement, as mentioned in my last to your Excellency and ever since I continued to do the same— though he has contested upon what I have already communicated to him, yet he wanted to have the proofs of it, in order to fit the minds of the Persian Ministry at rest and ease. He has therefore put his nearest relation and a famous Persian General (as represented above) whom I have given a letter of introduction as requested by the Minister—

I am happy that your Excellency must have

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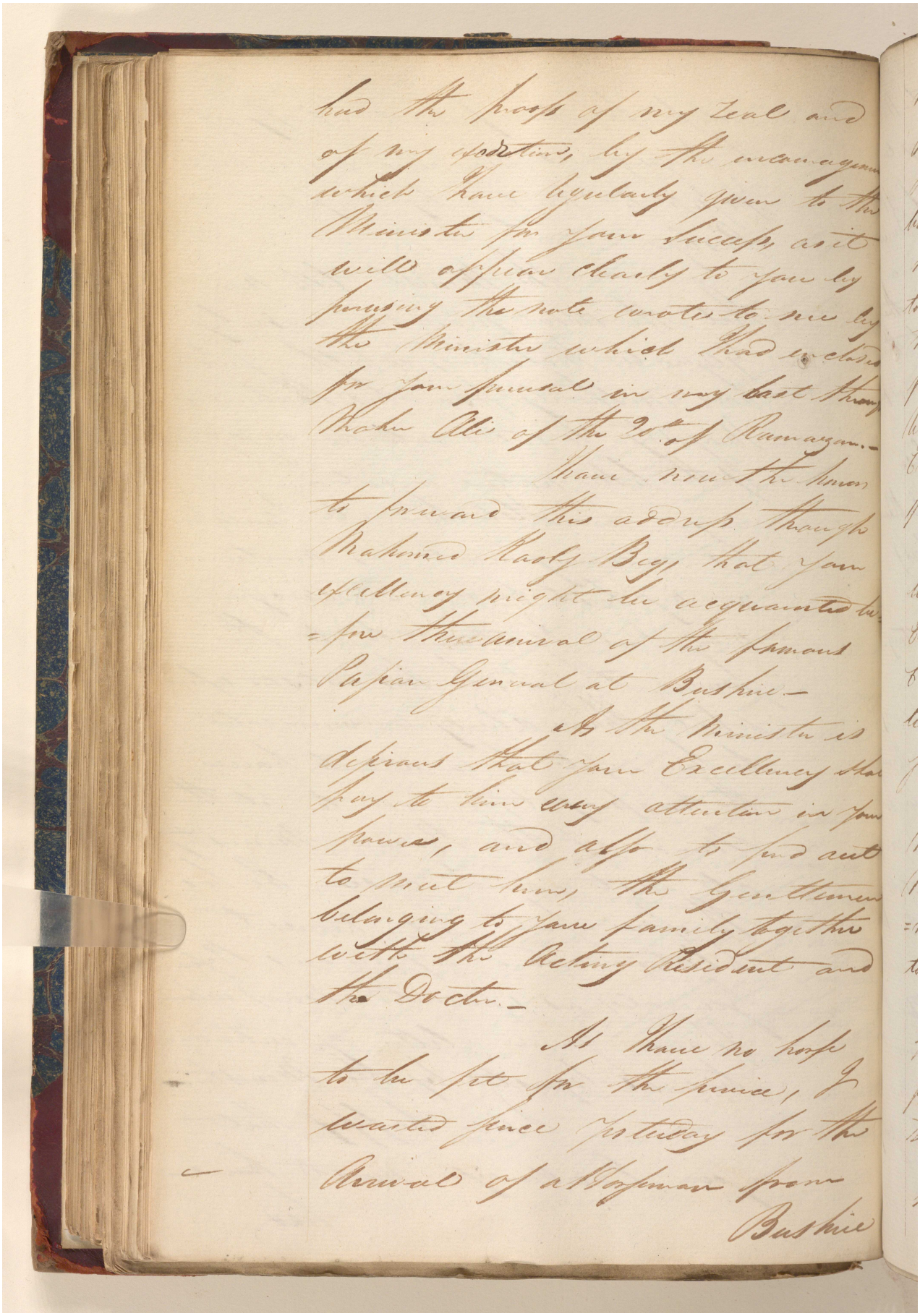

had the proofs of my zeal and of my exertions, by the encouragement which I have regularly given to the Minister for your success, as it will appear clearly to you by perusing the note wrote to me by the Minister which I had enclosed for your perusal in my last through Maher Ali of the 20th of Ramazan.—

I have now the honour to forward this address through Mahomed Kaoly Beg, that your excellency might be acquainted before the arrival of the famous Persian General at Bushire—

As the Minister is desirous that your Excellency shall pay to him every attention in your power, and also to find out to meet him, the Gentlemen belonging to your family together with the Acting Resident and the Doctor.—

As I have no horse to be set for the service, I waited since yesterday for the Arrival of a Horseman from Bushire

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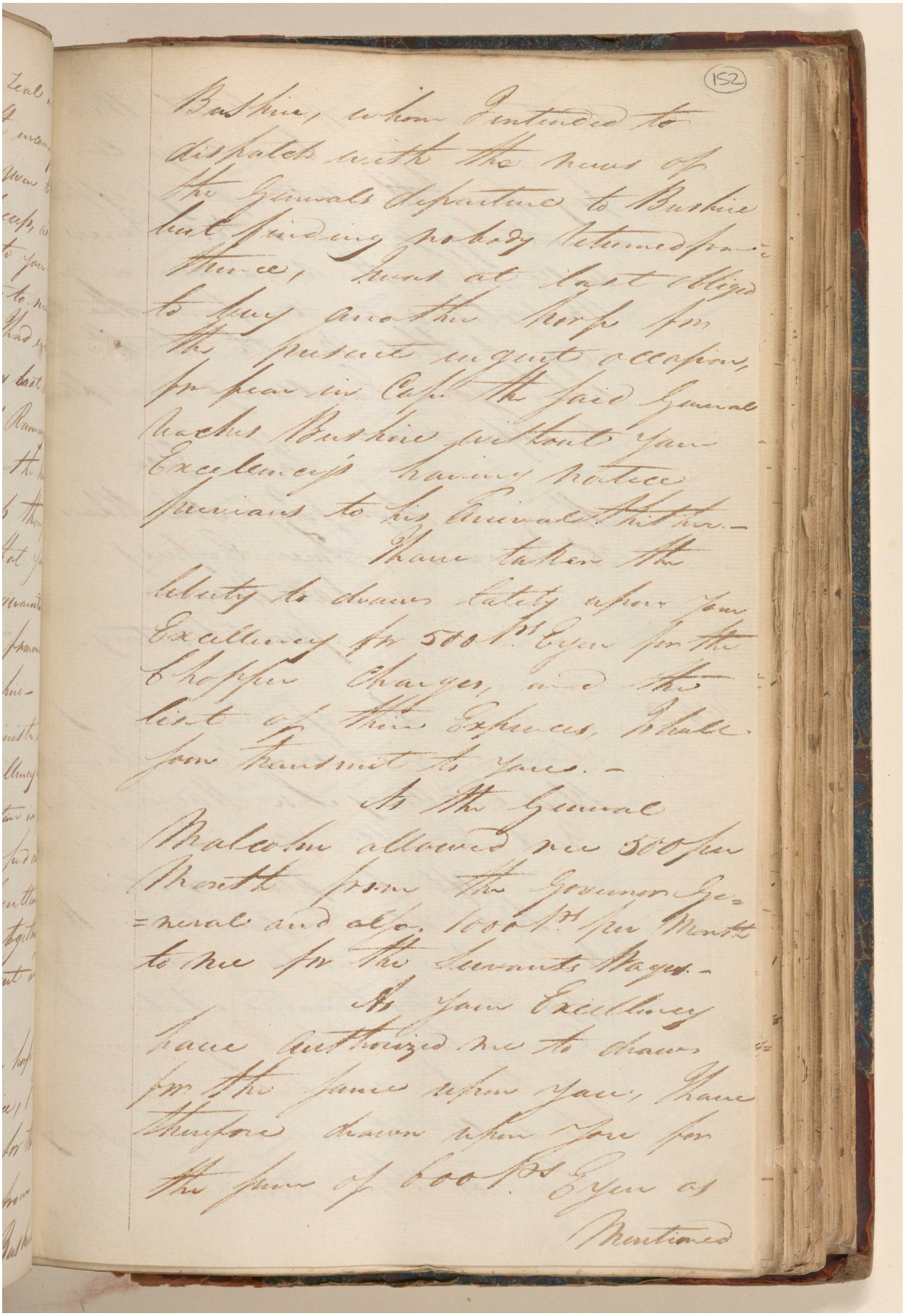

Bushire, whom I intended to dispatch with the news of the Generals departure to Bushire but finding nobody returned from thence, I was at last obliged to buy another horse for the present urgent occasion, for fear in Case the said General reaches Bushire without your Excellency's having notice previous to his Arrival thither.—

I have taken the liberty to draw lately upon your Excellency for 500 Ps. Eyen for the Chopper Charges, and the list of their Expences, I shall soon transmit to you.—

As the General Malcolm allowed me 500 per Month from the Governor General and also 1000 Ps. per Month to me for the Servants Wages.—

As your Excellency have authorized me to draw for the same upon you, I have therefore drawn upon you for the sum of 600 Ps. Eyen as

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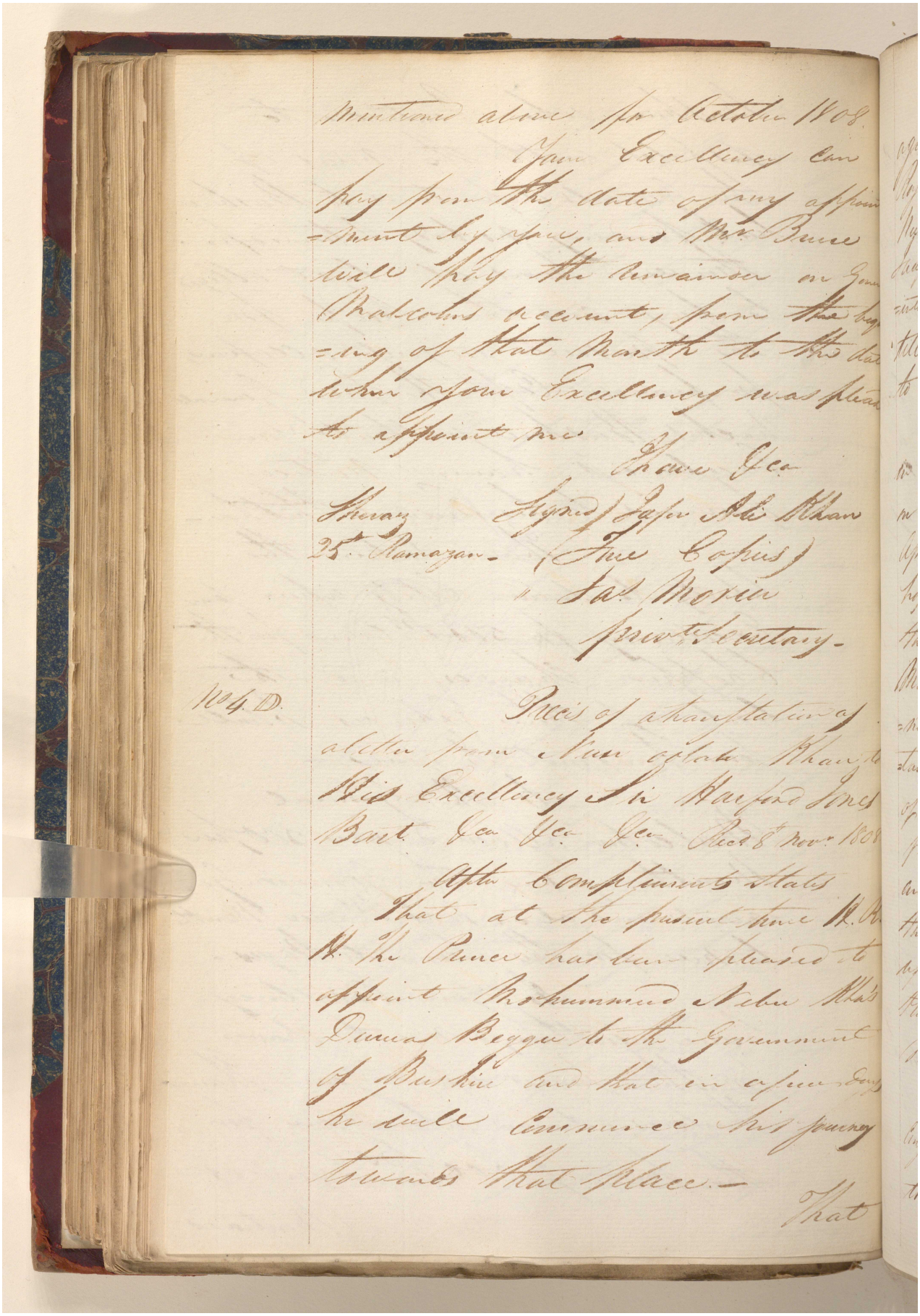


mentioned above for October 1808.

Your Excellency can pay from the date of my appointment by you, and Mr. Bruce will pay the remainder on Genl Malcolms account, from the beginning of that Month to the date when your Excellency was pleased to appoint me

Shiraz
25th Ramazan.

Have &ca
Signed) Jafer Ali Khan
(True Copies)
" Jas. Morier
Privte Secretary.

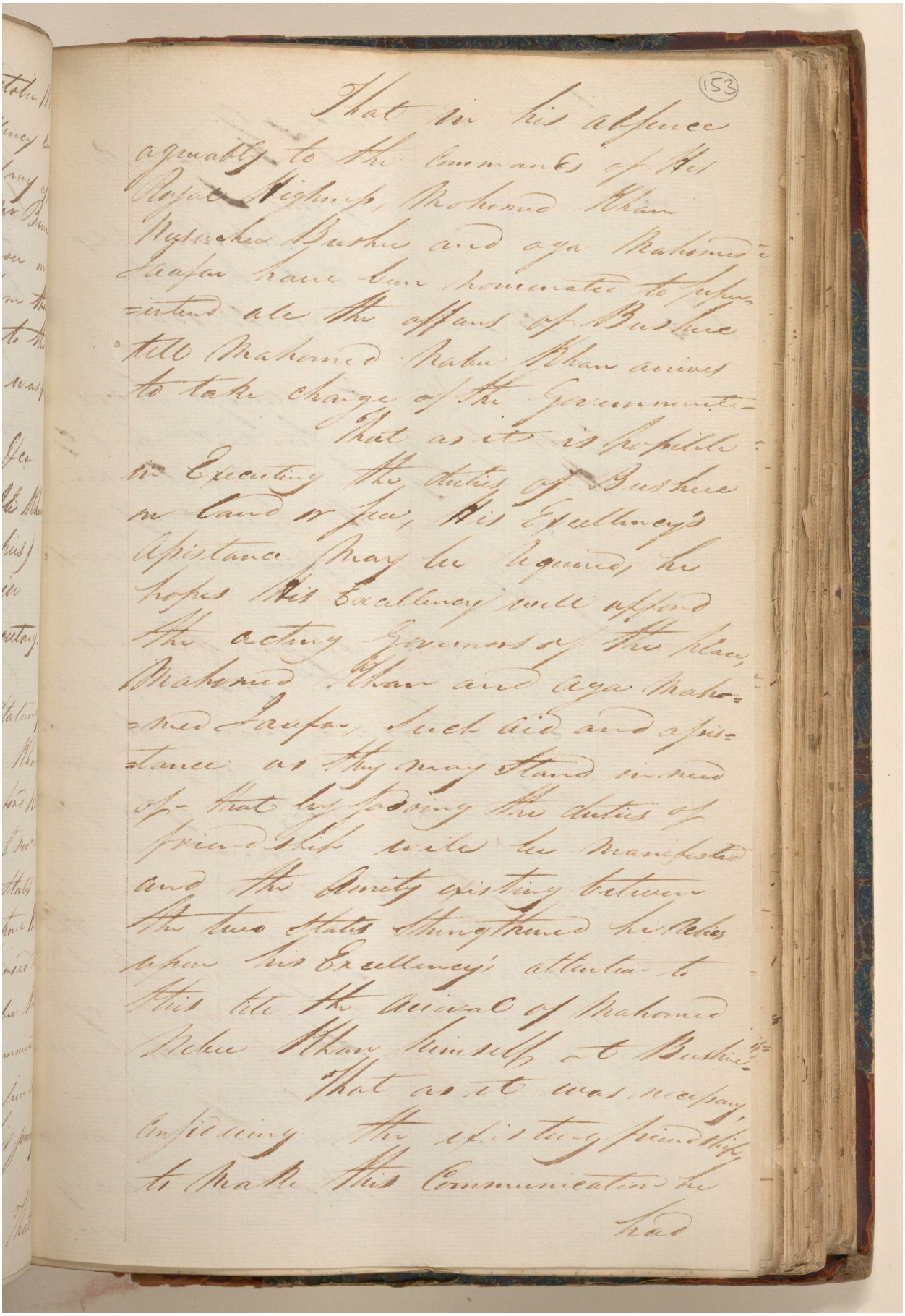
No 4. D.

Precis of a translation of a letter from Nuur oolah Khan to His Excellency Sir Harford Jones Bart. &ca &ca &ca Recd 8th Novr 1808

After Compliments States

That at the present time H. R. H. the Prince has been pleased to appoint Mohummed Nebee Khan's Durwas Begger to the Government of Bushire and that in a few days he will commence his journey towards that place.—

That



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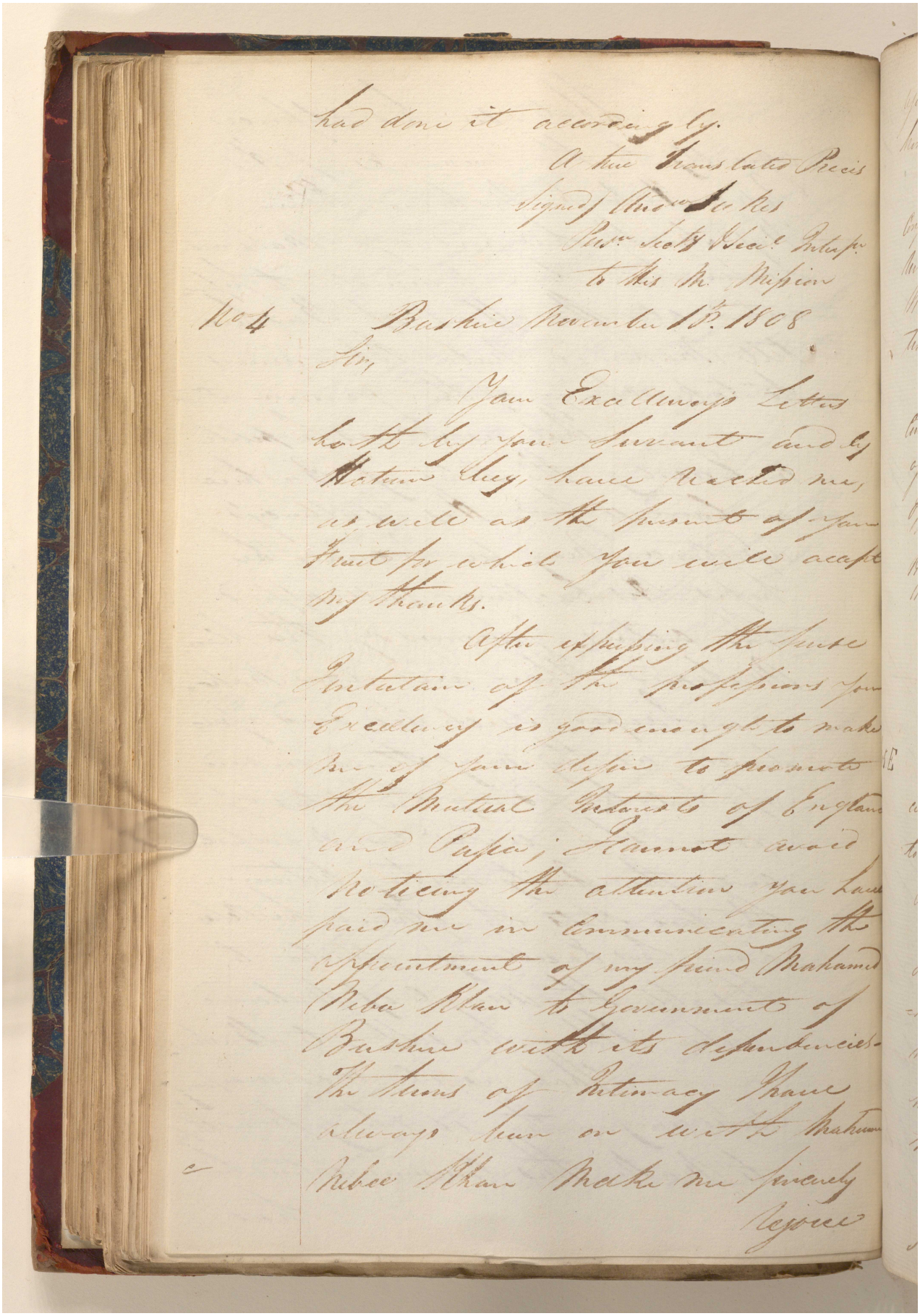
That in his absence agreeably to the Commands of His Royal Highness, Mohomed Khan Nusuchee Bushee and aga Mahomed Jaafar have been nominated to superintend all the affairs of Bushee till Mahomed Nabee Khan arrives to take charge of the Government.

That as it is possible in Executing the duties of Bushee on land or sea, His Excellency's Assistance may be required, he hopes His Excellency will afford the acting Governors of the place, Mahomed Khan and aga Mahomed Jaafar, such aid and assistance as they may stand in need of that by fodding the duties of friendship will be manifested and the Amity existing between the two States strengthened he relies upon his Excellency's attention to this till the arrival of Mahomed Nebee Khan himself at Bushee.

That as it was necessary considering the existing friendship to make this Communication he had



had done it accordingly.

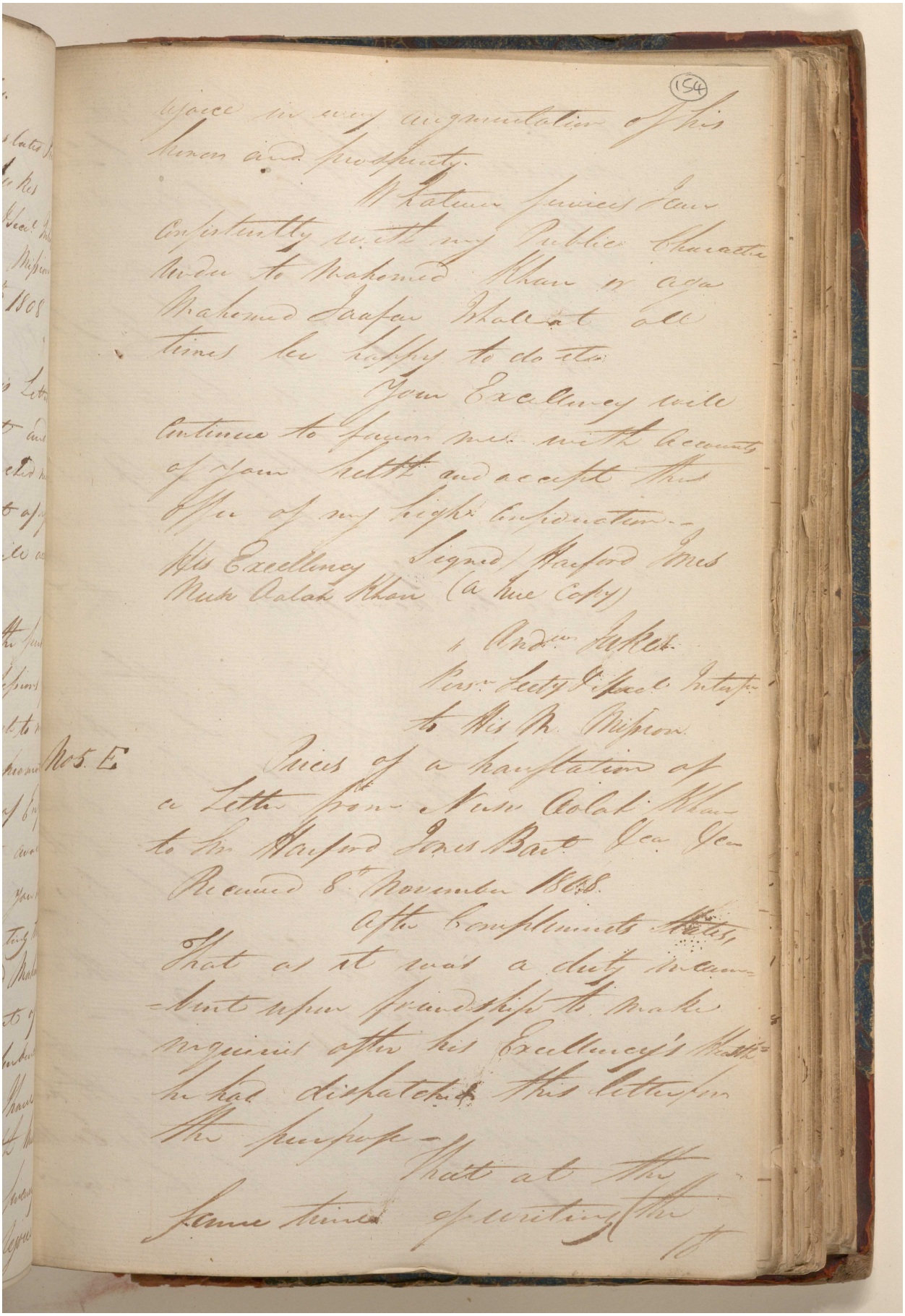
A true translated Precis
Signed Andw Jackes
Persn Secty & Secl Interpn
to His M. Mission

No 4 Bushire November 1st 1808

Sir,

Your Excellency's Letters both by your Servant and by Hatum Beg, have reached me, as well as the present of your Fruit for which you will accept my thanks.

After expressing the sense I entertain of the professions your Excellency is good enough to make me of your desire to promote the Mutual Interests of England and Persia; I cannot avoid noticing the attention you have paid me in communicating the appointment of my friend Mahamed Neba Khan to Government of Bushire with its dependencies. The terms of Intimacy I have always been on with Mahamed Nebee Khan make me sincerely rejoice



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rejoice in every augmentation of his honor and prosperity.

Whatever services I can consistently with my Public Character under to Mahomed Khan or aga Mahomed Jaafar I shall at all times be happy to do etc.

Your Excellency will continue to favor me with accounts of your health and accept the offer of my high consideration.

His Excellency Signed Harford Jones
Nusr Oolah Khan (a true copy)

Andw Jaker
Persn Secty & Excl Interpr
to His M. Mission

No 5. E

Prices of a translation of a Letter from Nusr Oolah Khan to Sir Harford Jones Bart &ca &ca
Received 8th November 1808.

After Compliments states, That as it was a duty incumbent upon friendship to make inquiries after his Excellency's Health he had dispatched this letter for the purpose.

That at the same time of writing the

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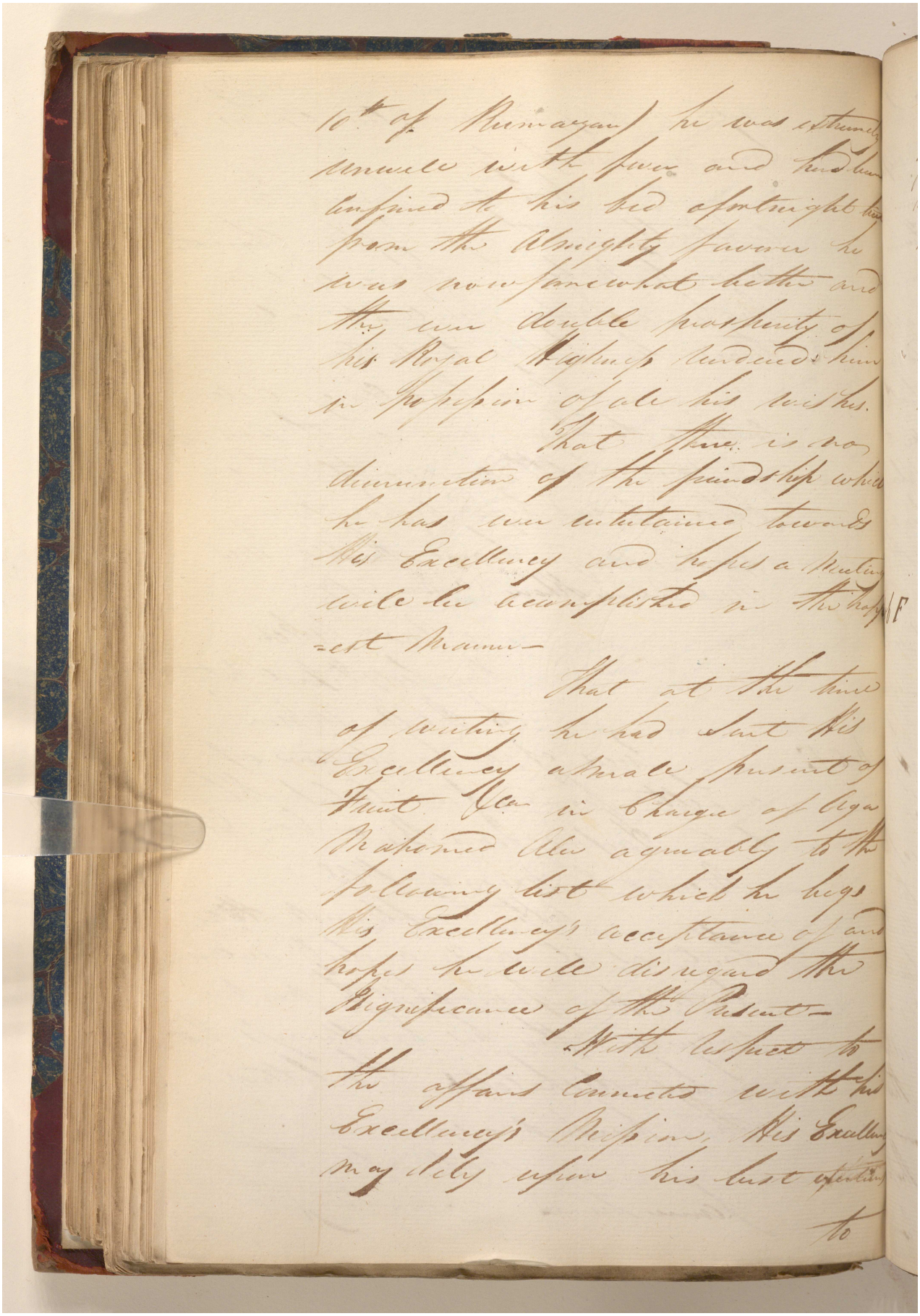

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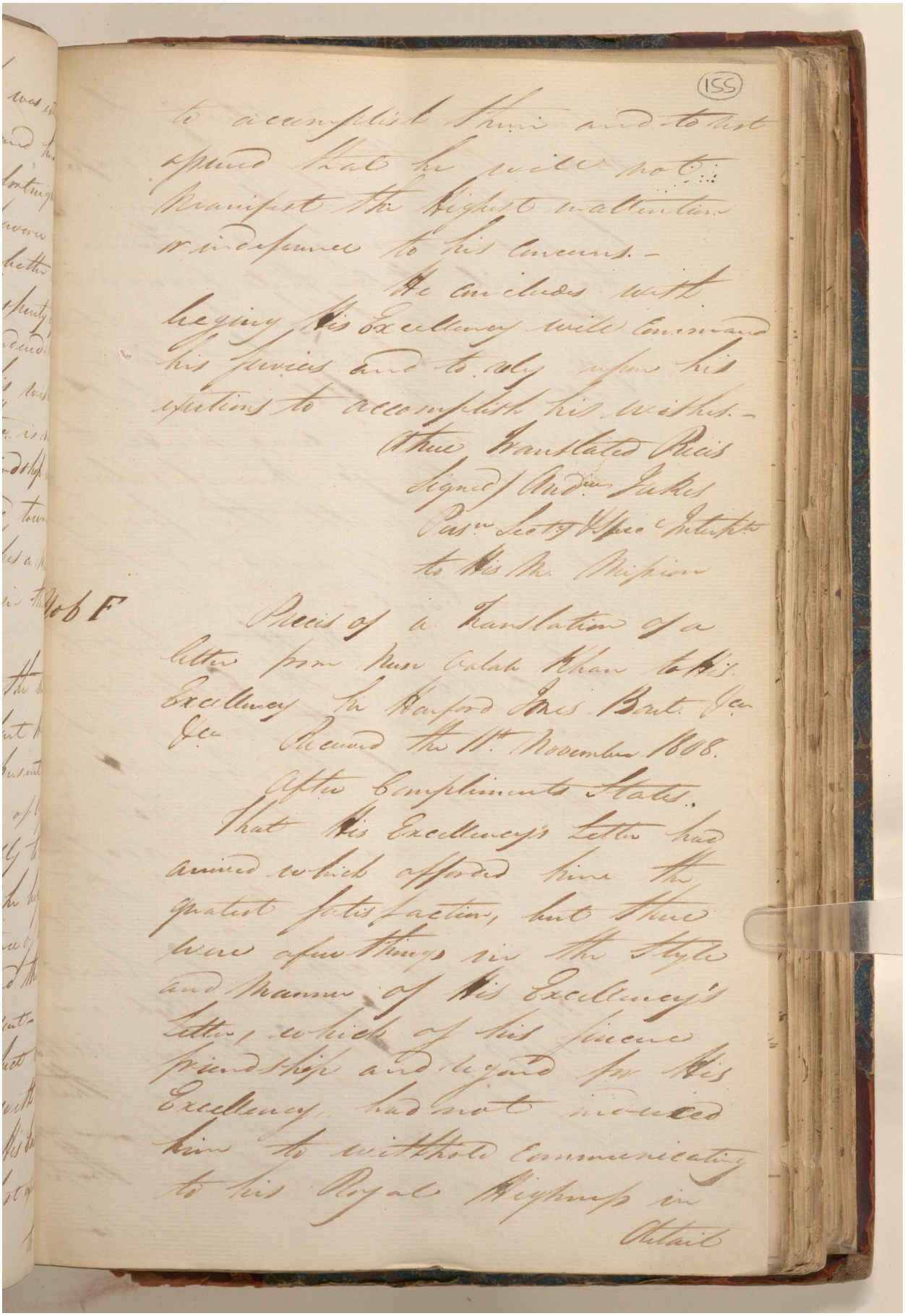

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to accomplish them and to rest assured that he will not manifest the highest inattention or indifference to his concerns.—

He concludes with begging His Excellency will command his services and to rely upon his exertions to accomplish his wishes.—

A true Translated Precis
Signed/ Andw Jakes
Persn Secty & Spec Interpr
to His M. Mission

Job F

Precis of a Translation of a letter from Nun Valah Khan to His Excellency Sir Harford Jones Bart. &c &c Received the 11th November 1808.

After Compliments States.

That His Excellency's Letter had arrived which afforded him the greatest satisfaction, but there were afew things in the Style and Manner of His Excellency's Letter, which of his sincere friendship and regard for His Excellency, had not induced him to withhold communicating to his Royal Highness in

detail

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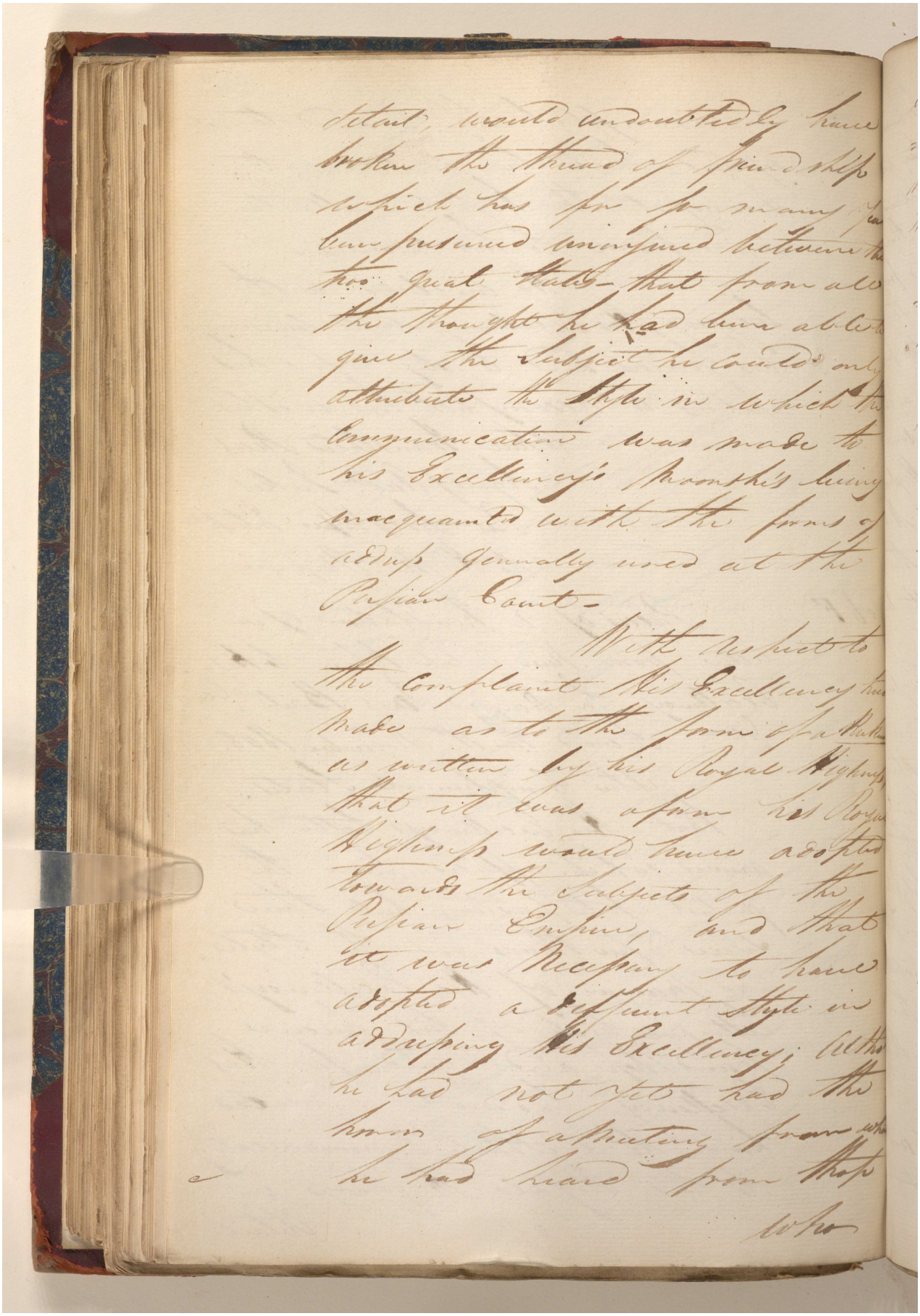

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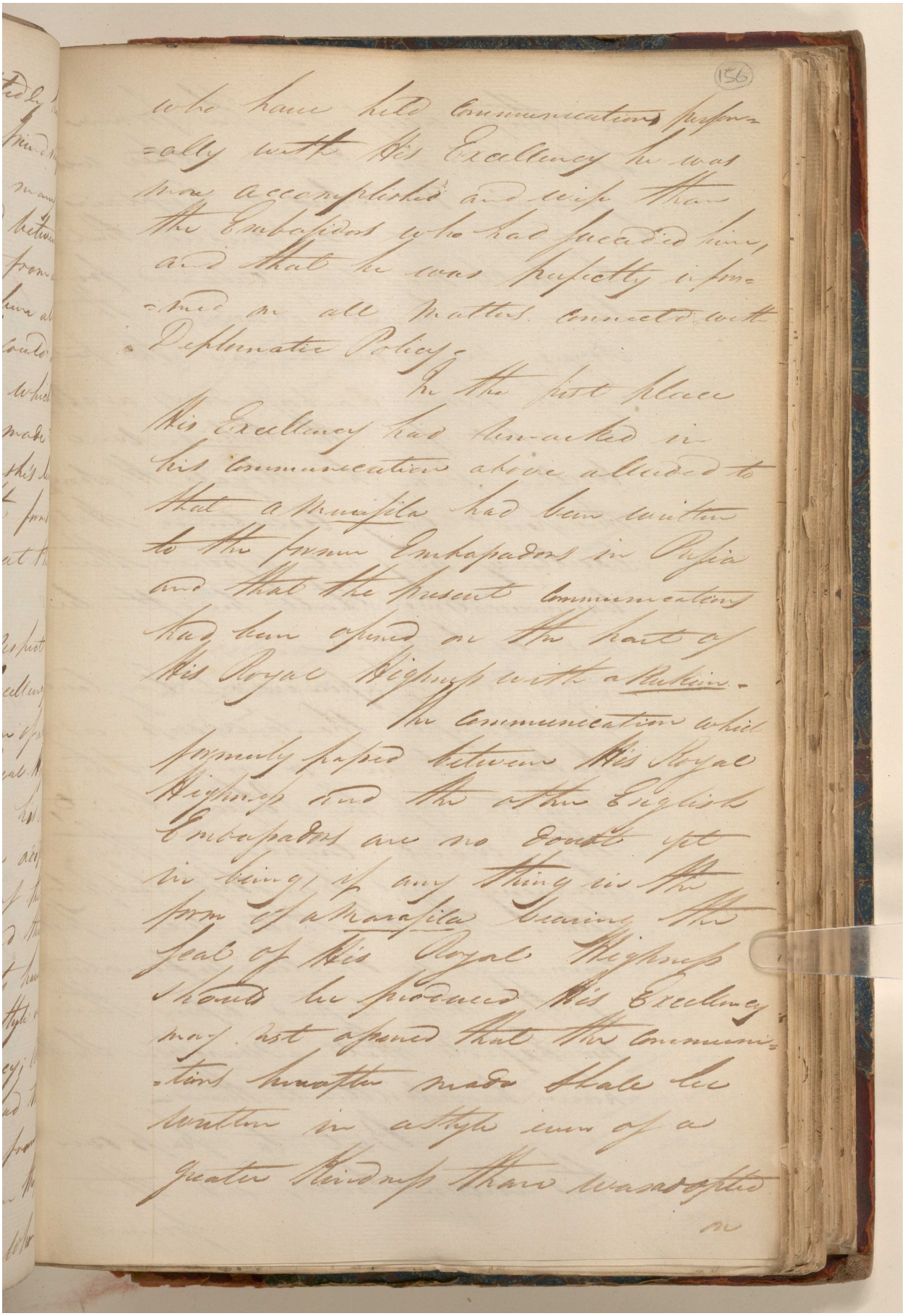

who have held communications personally with His Excellency he was more accomplished and wise than the Embassadors who had succeeded him, and that he was perfectly informed on all matters connected with Diplomatic Policy.

In the first place His Excellency had remarked in his communication above alluded to that a Murasila had been written to the former Embassadors in Persia and that the present communications had been opened on the part of His Royal Highness with a Rukim.

The communication which formerly passed between His Royal Highness and the other English Embassadors are no doubt yet in being, if any thing in the form of a Marasila bearing the seal of His Royal Highness should be produced His Excellency may not opened that the communications hereafter made shall be written in a style even of a greater kindness than was adopted

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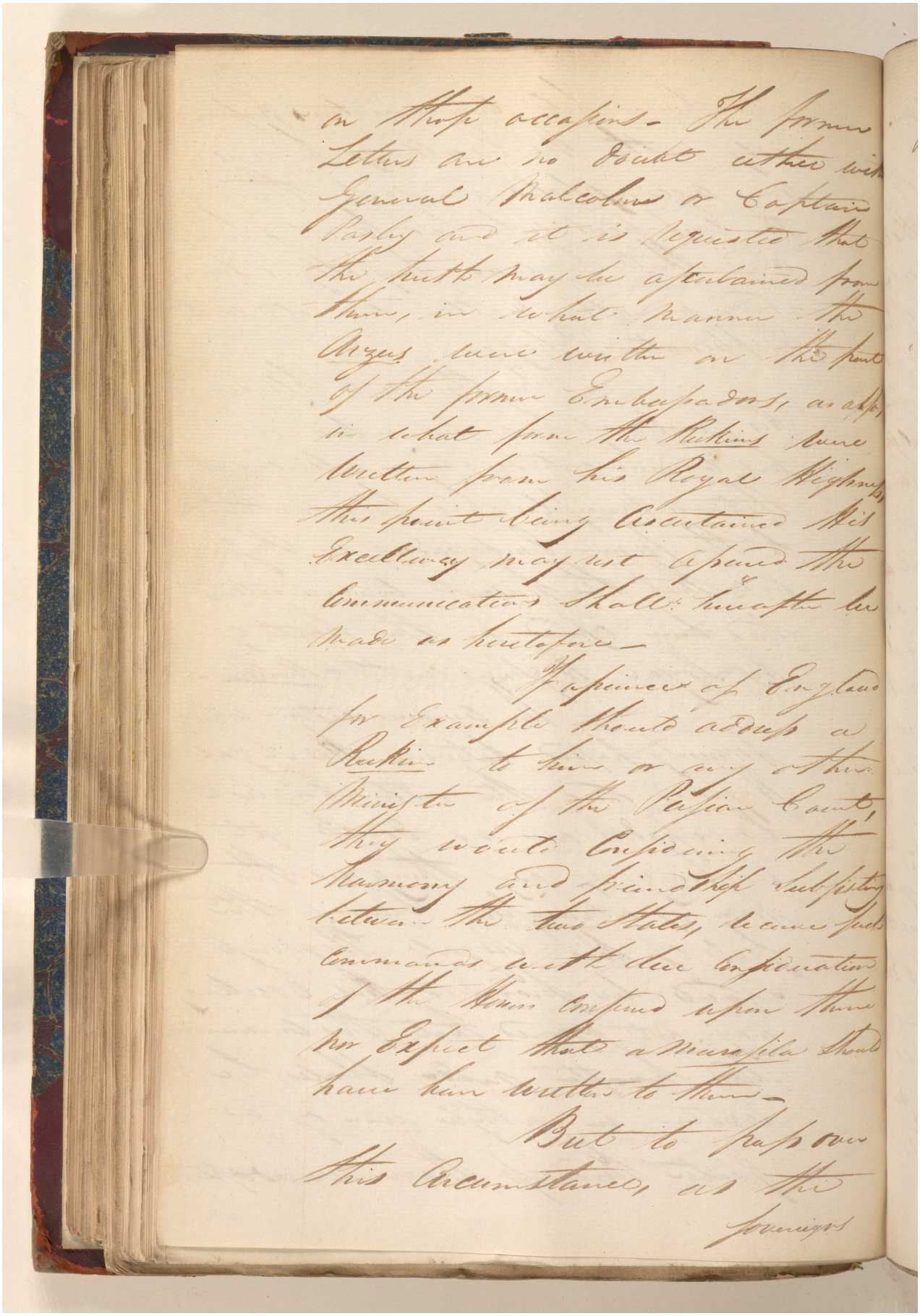
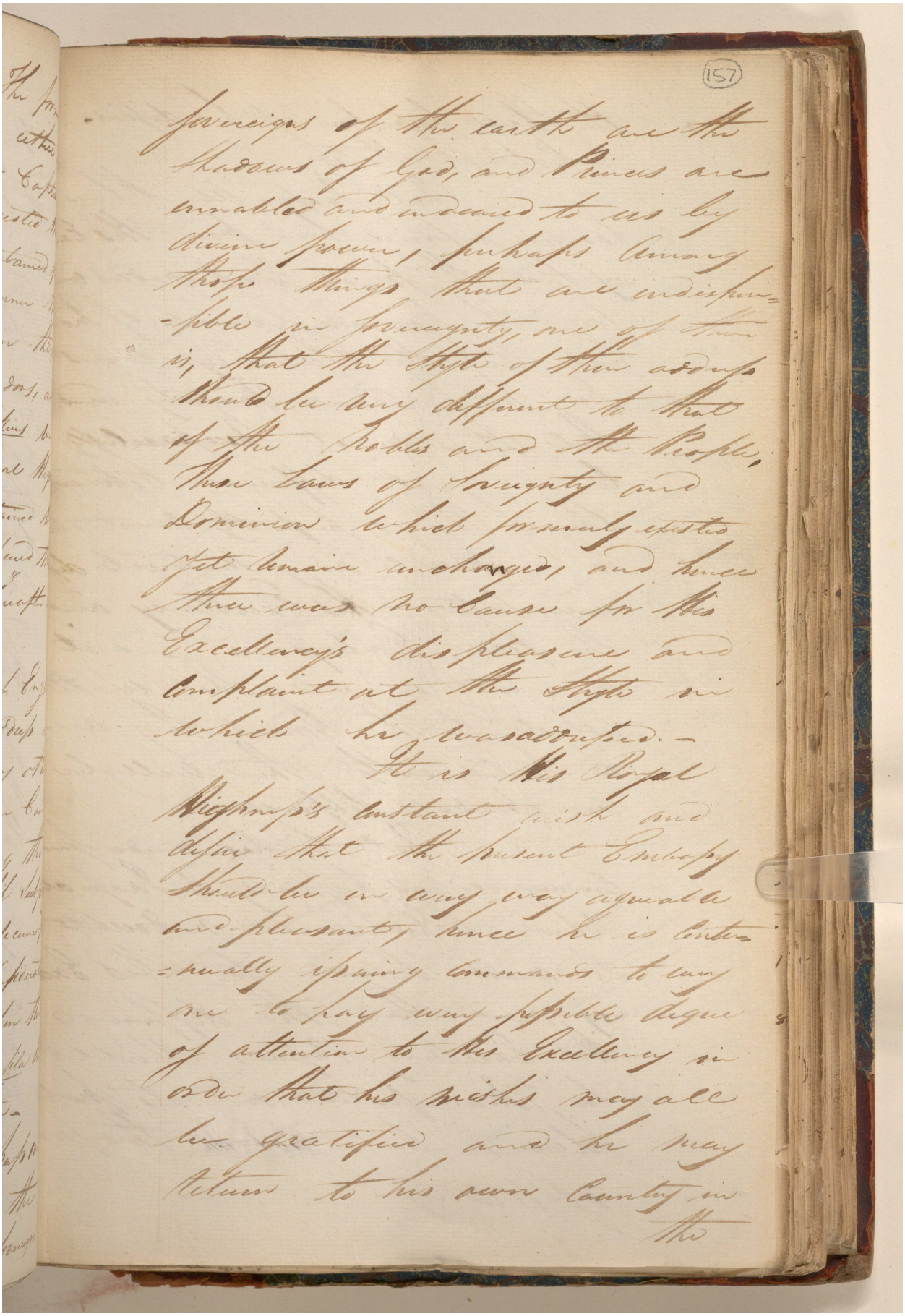


on those occasions - The former Letters are no doubt either with General Malcolm or Captain Pasley and it is requested that the truth may be ascertained from them, in what manner the Arzees were written on the part of the former Embassadors, as also, in what form the Rukins were written from his Royal Highness, this point being ascertained His Excellency may rest assured the communications shall hereafter be made as heretofore -

If a prince of England for Example should address a Rukin to him or any other Minister of the Persian Court, they would considering the harmony and friendship subsisting between the two States, receive such commands with due consideration of the Honors conferred upon them nor Expect that a Marasila should have been written to them -

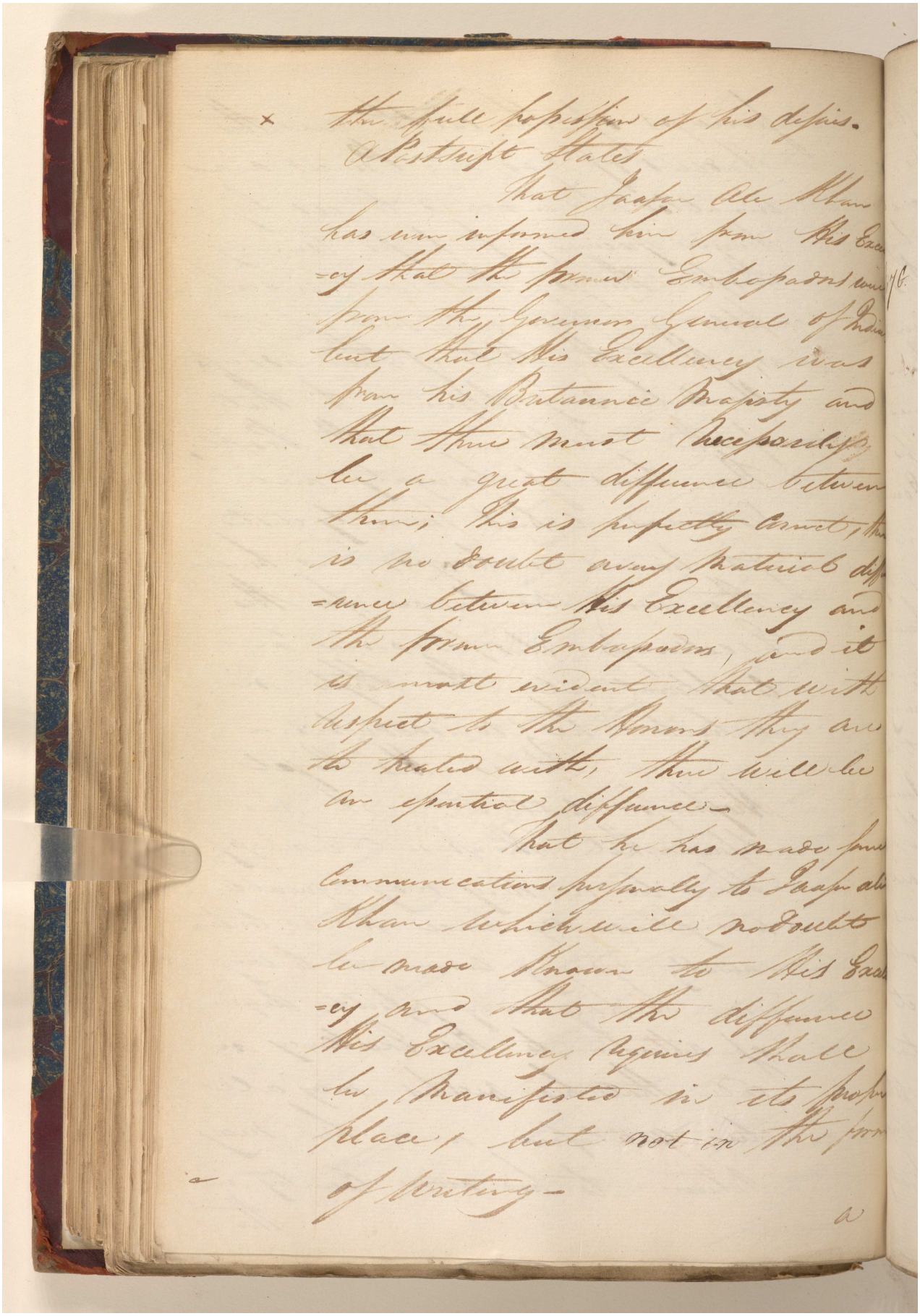
But to pass over this Circumstance, as the

Sovereigns



sovereigns of the earth are the shadows of God, and Princes are ennabled and endeared to us by divine power, perhaps among those things that are indispensible in sovereignty, one of them is, that the style of their address should be very different to that of the Nobles and the People, these laws of Sovereignty and Dominion which formerly existed yet remain unchanged, and hence there was no cause for His Excellency's displeasure and complaint at the style in which he was addressed.—

It is His Royal Highness's constant wish and desire that the present Embassy should be in every way agreeable and pleasant, hence he is continually issuing commands to every one to pay every possible degree of attention to His Excellency in order that his wishes may all be gratified and he may return to his own country in the



the full possession of his desires.

A Postscript States

That Jaafar Ali Khan has ever informed him from His Excellency that the former Embassadors were from the Governor General of India but that His Excellency was from his Britannic Majesty and that there must necessarily be a great difference between them; this is perfectly correct, there is no doubt every material difference between His Excellency and the former Embassadors, and it is most evident that with respect to the Honours they are to treated with, there will be an essential difference.

That he has made some communications personally to Jaafar Ali Khan which will no doubt be made known to His Excellency and that the difference His Excellency requires shall be manifested in its proper place, but not in the form of writing.

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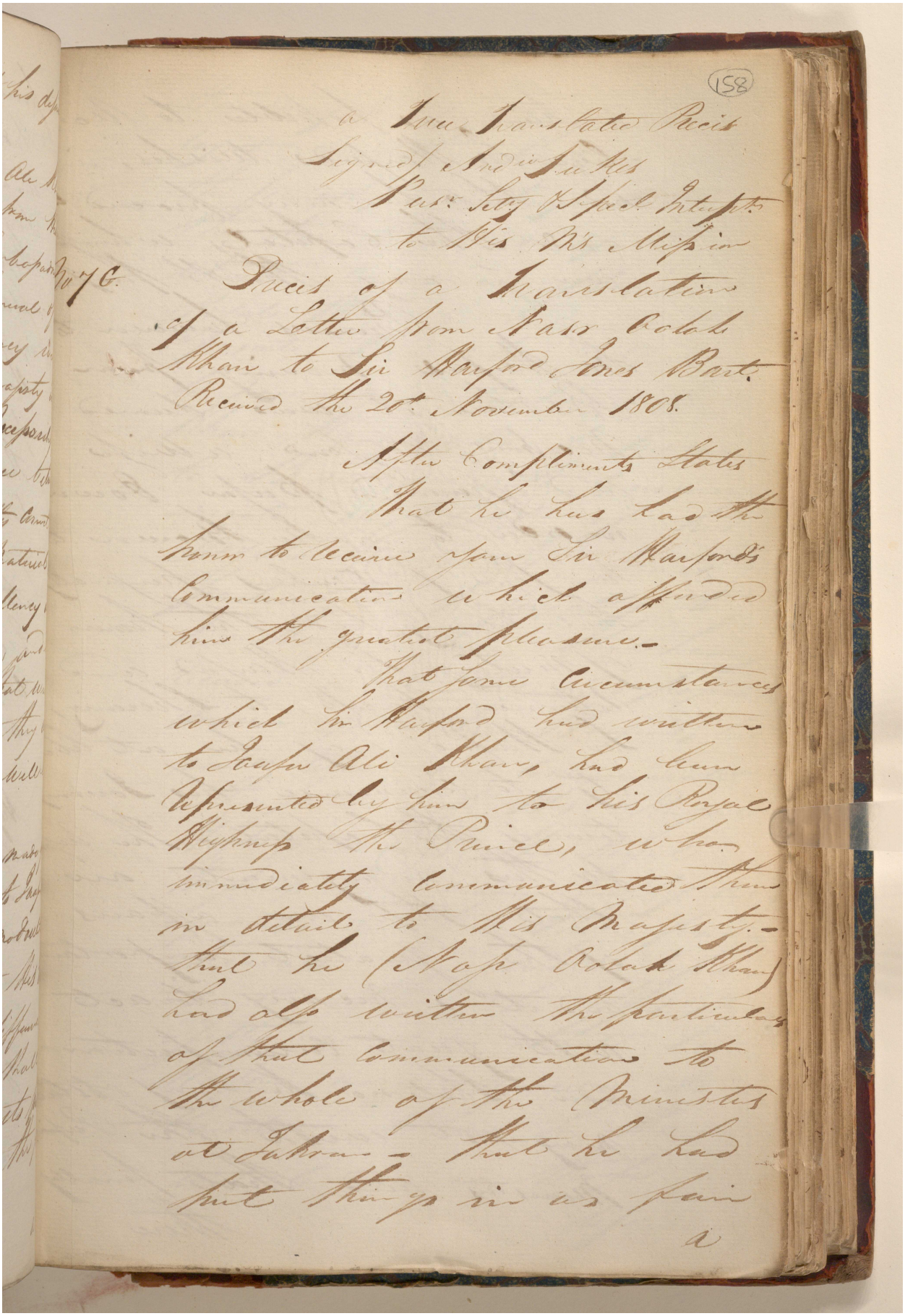

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Signed/ Andw Fukes
Persn Sety & Specl Interpt
to His Ms Mission

No 7 G.

Precis of a Translation of a Letter from Nasr Oolah Khan to Sir Harford Jones Bart. Received the 20th November 1808.

After Compliments States

That he has had the honor to receive your Sir Harford's Communication which afforded him the greatest pleasure.—

That some circumstances which Sir Harford had written to Jaafer Ali Khan, had been represented by him to his Royal Highness the Prince, who immediately communicated them in detail to His Majesty.— that he (Nasr Oolah Khan) had also written the particulars of that communication to the whole of the Ministers at Tahran.— that he had put things in as fair

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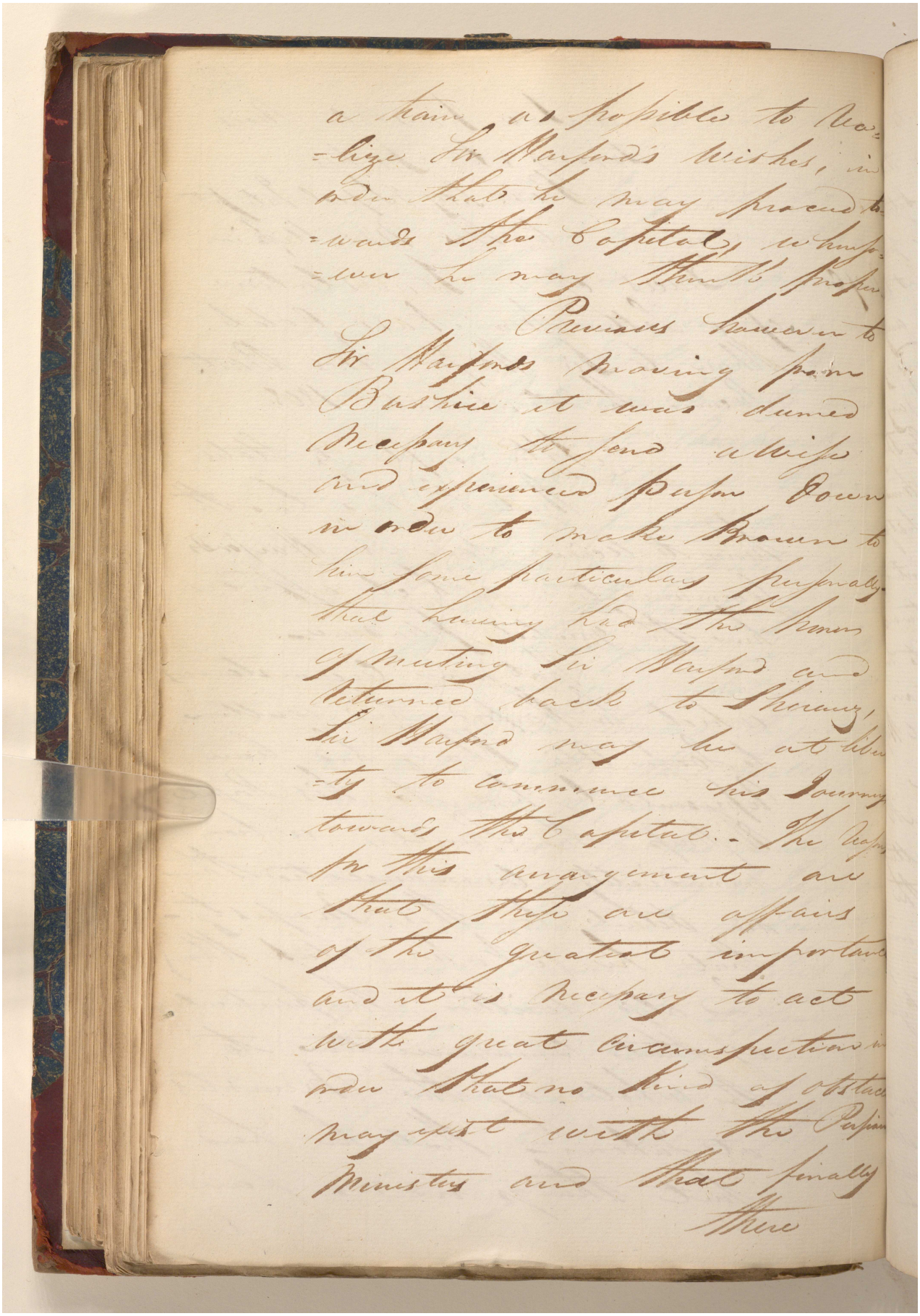
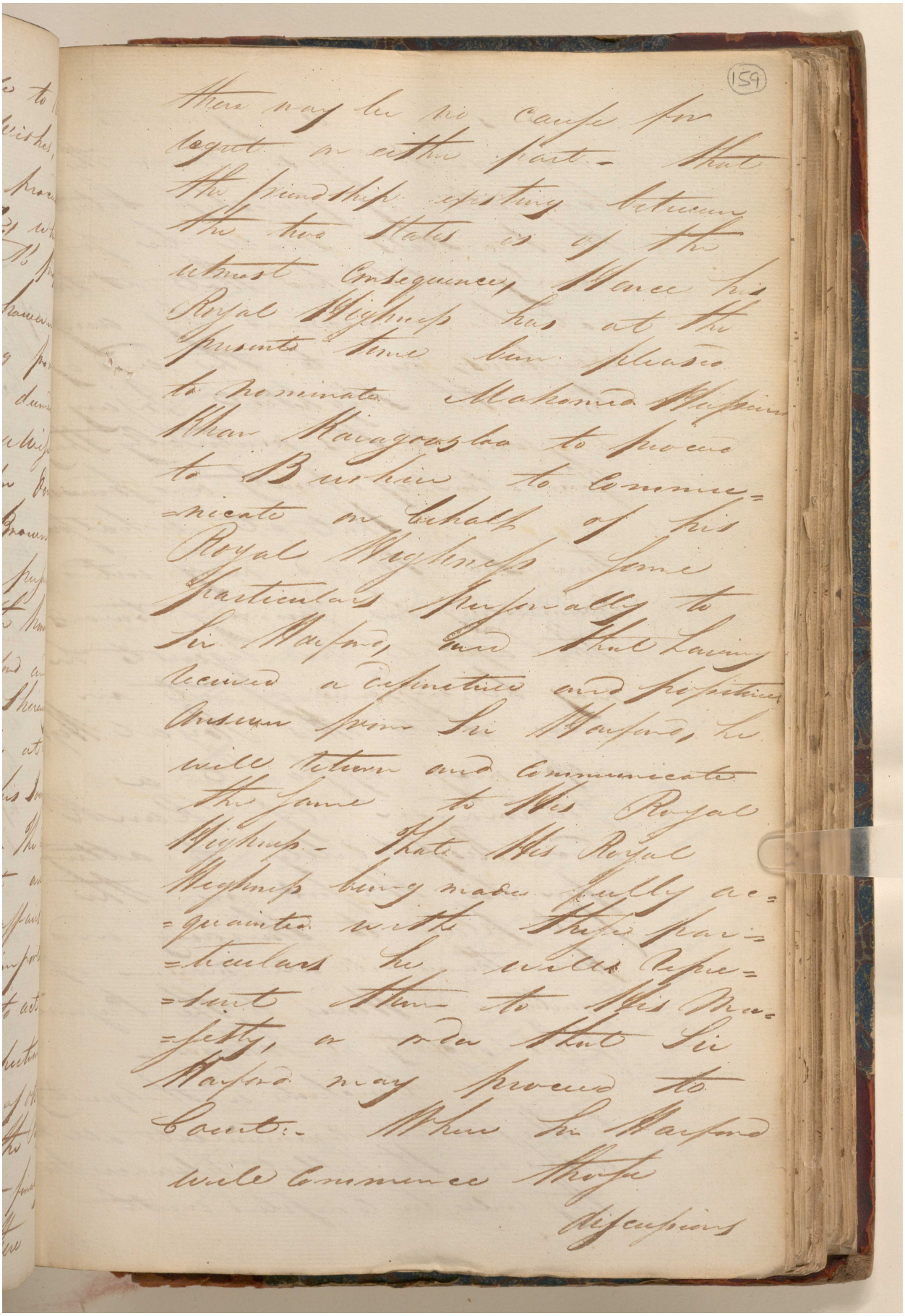


a train as possible to Ra=
=lize Sir Harford's wishes, in
order that he may proceed to=
=wards the Capital, whenso=
=ever he may think proper.

Previous however to
Sir Harfords moving from
Bushire it was deemed
Necessary to send a wise
and experienced person down
in order to make known to
him some particulars personally
that having had the honor
of meeting Sir Harford and
returned back to Sheraz,
Sir Harford may be at liber=
=ty to commence his Journey
towards the Capital. - The reasons
for this arrangement are
that these are affairs
of the greatest importance
and it is necessary to act
with great circumspection in
order that no kind of obstacle
may exist with the Persian
Ministers and that finally
there



there may be no cause for regret on either part. That the friendship existing between the two States is of the utmost consequence, Hence his Royal Highness has at the present time been pleased to nominate Mahomed Hussein Khan Karagoozloo to proceed to Bushire to communicate on behalf of his Royal Highness some particulars personally to Sir Harford, and that having received a definitive and positive answer from Sir Harford, he will return and communicate the same to His Royal Highness. That His Royal Highness being made fully acquainted with these particulars he will represent them to His Majesty, or order that Sir Harford may proceed to Court. When Sir Harford will commence those

discussions

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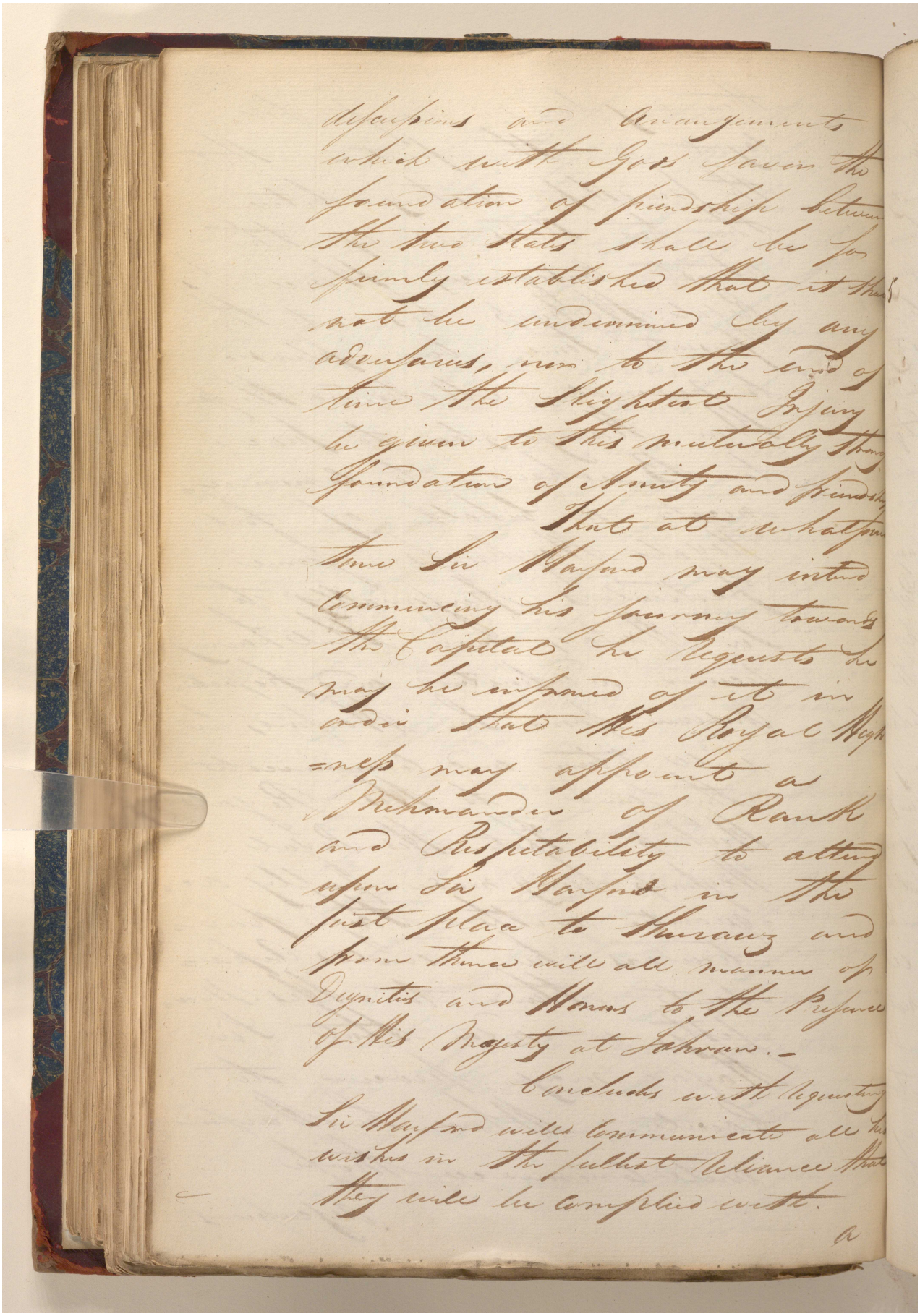

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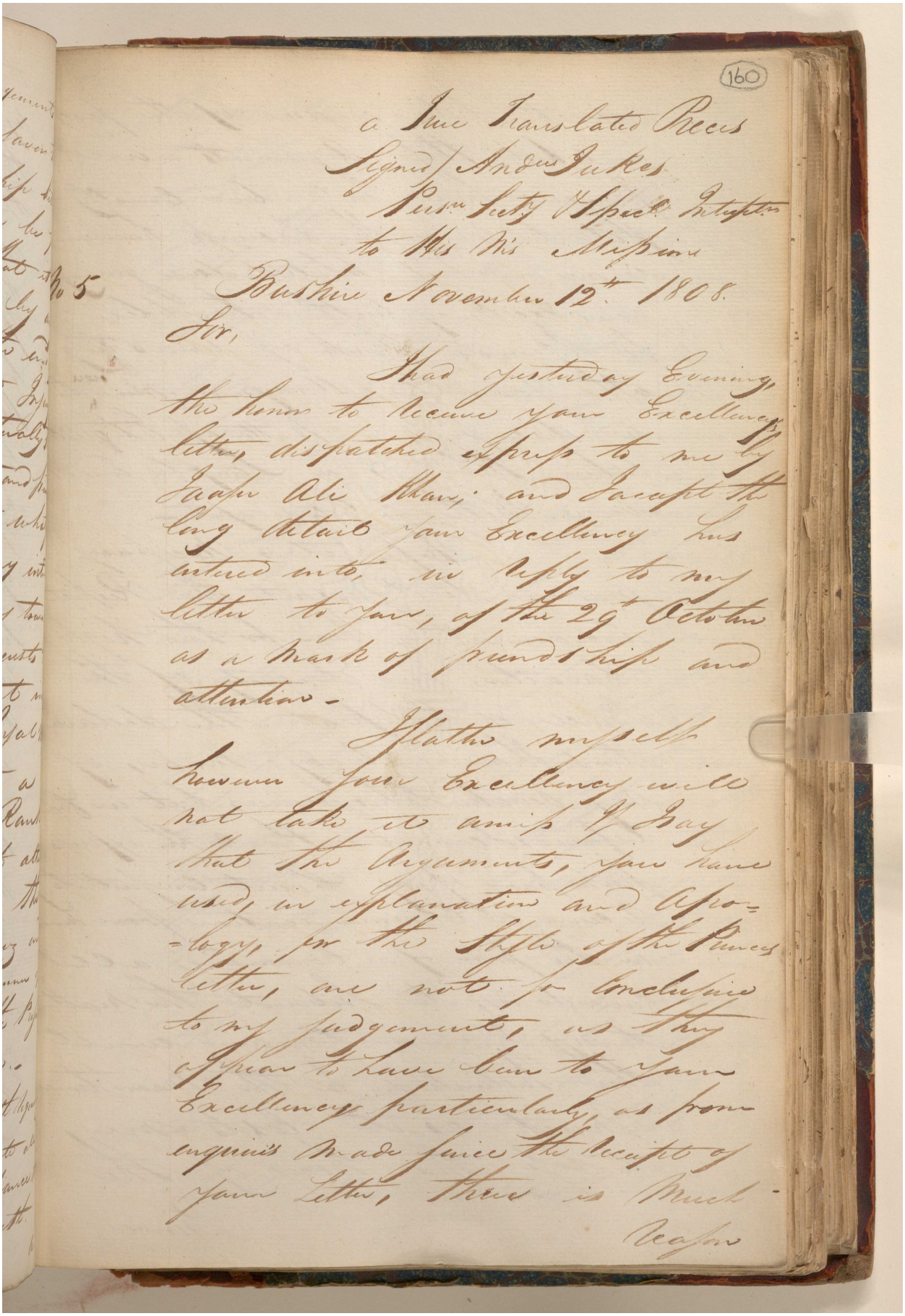

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Signed/ Andw Jukes
Persn Secty & Specl Interptn
to His Ms Mission

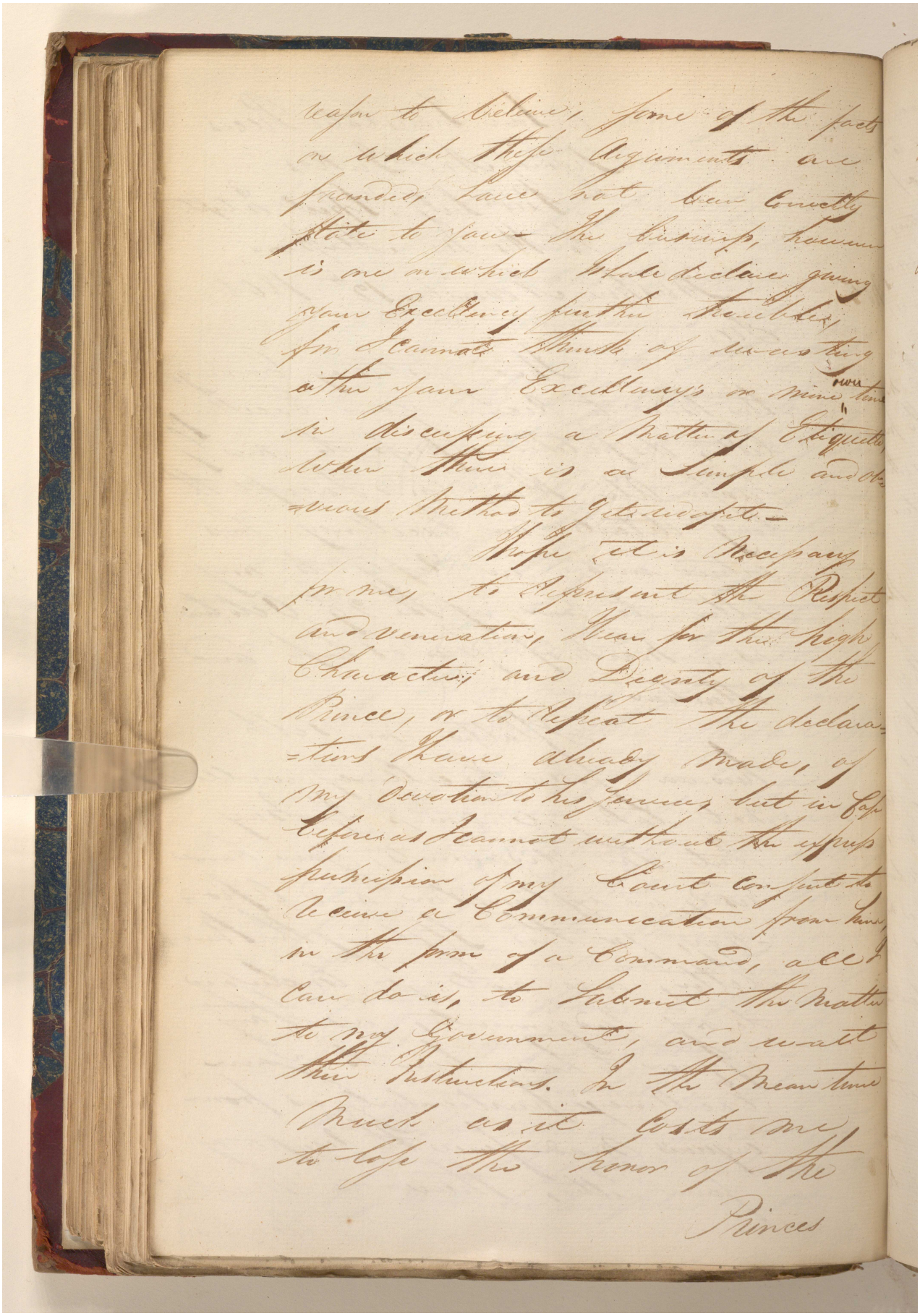
No 5 Bushire November 12th 1808.

Sir,

I had yesterday Evening, the honor to receive your Excellency's letter, dispatched express to me by Jaafer Ali Khan; and I accept the long detail your Excellency has entered into, in reply to my letter to you, of the 29th October as a mark of friendship and attention -

I flatter myself however your Excellency will not take it amiss if I say that the Arguments, you have used, in explanation and Apo=logy, for the Style of the Princes letter, are not so conclusive to my judgement, as they appear to have been to your Excellency particularly, as from enquiries made since the receipt of your Letter, there is much -

reason



reason to believe, some of the facts on which these Arguments are founded, have not been correctly stated to you. The business, however is one on which I shall declare giving your Excellency further trouble, for I cannot think of wasting either your Excellency's or mine own time in discussing a Matter of Etiquette, when there is a simple and obvious Method to get rid of it.

I hope it is Necessary for me, to represent the Respect and veneration, I bear for the high Character, and Dignity of the Prince, or to repeat the declarations I have already made, of my devotion to his service, but in case before as I cannot without the express permission of my Court consent to receive a Communication from him, in the form of a Command, all I can do is, to submit the matter to my Government, and wait their Instructions. In the Mean time Much as it costs me to lose the honor of the

Princes

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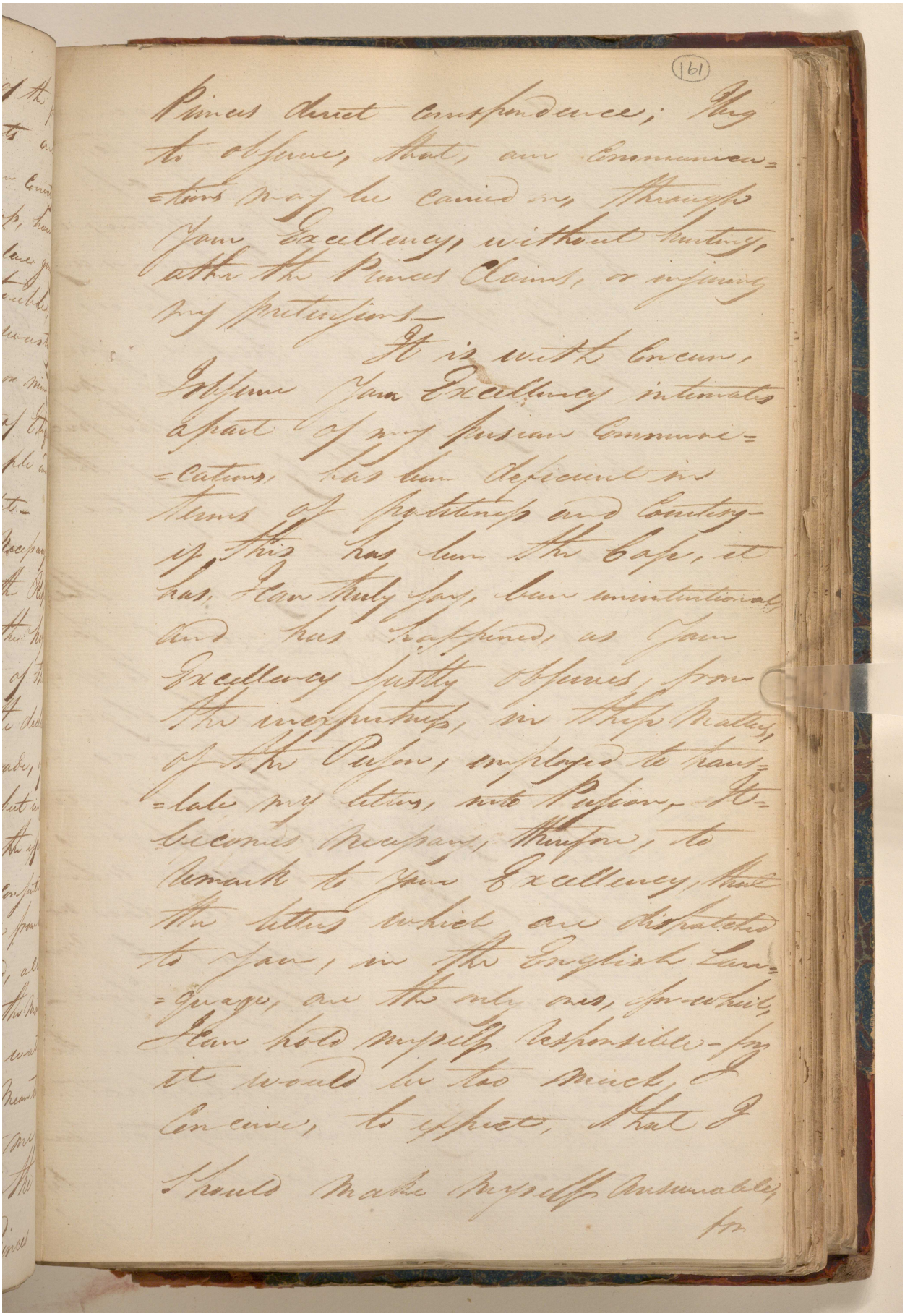

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Princes direct correspondence; they to observe, that, any Communications may be carried on, through your Excellency, without hurting, either the Princes Claims, or injuring any pretensions.

It is with Concern, I observe your Excellency intimates a part of my persian Communications, has been deficient in terms of politeness and courtesy. If this has been the Case, it has been truly sorry, been unintentional, and has happened, as your Excellency justly observes, from the imperfections, in the style, of the Persian, employed to translate my letters, into Persian. It becomes necessary, therefore, to remark to your Excellency, that the letters which are dispatched to you, in the English Language, are the only ones, I can hold myself responsible for, it would be too much, I conceive, to expect, that I should make myself answerable for

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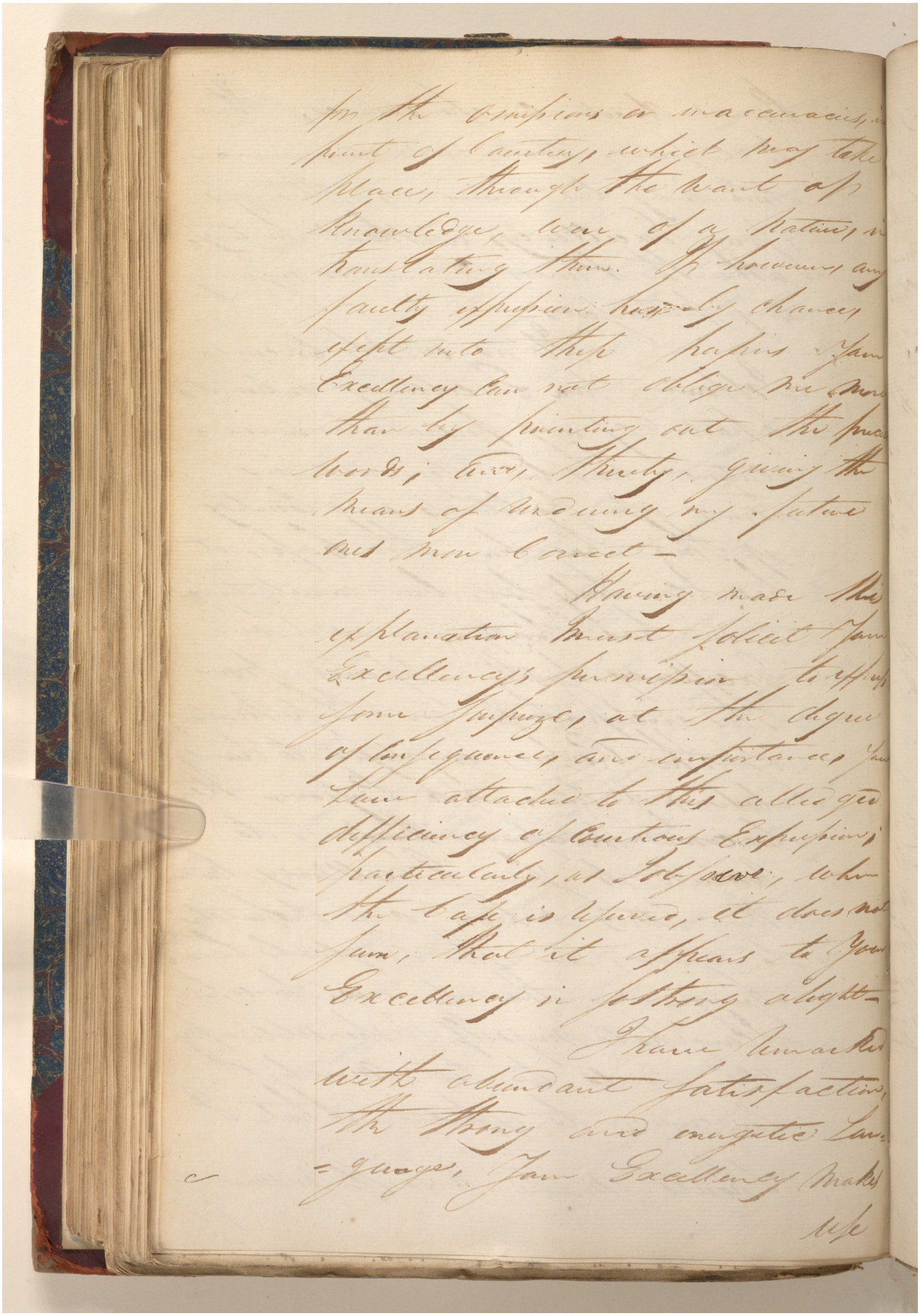

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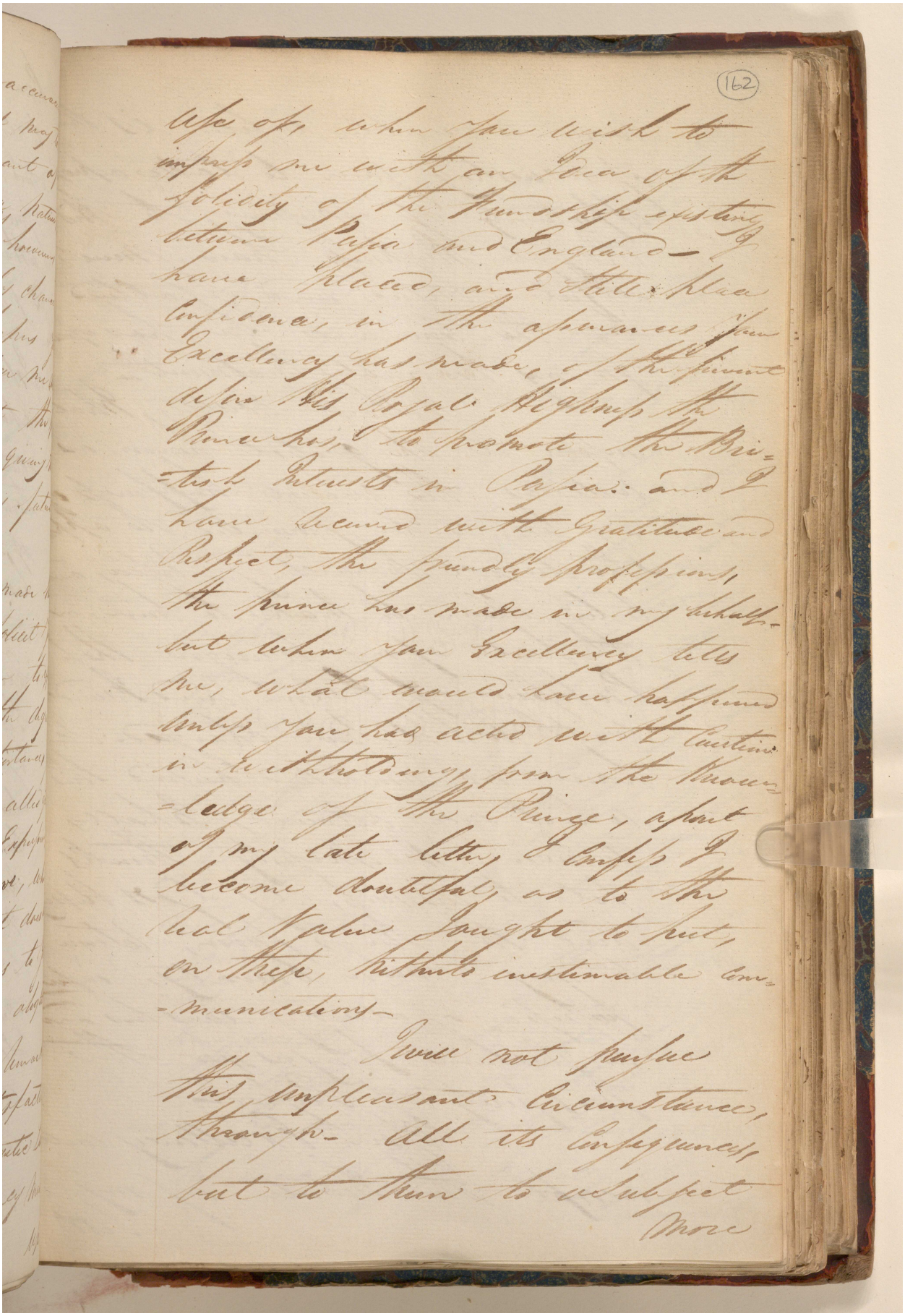

use of, when you wish to
impress me with an Idea of the
solidity of the Friendship existing
between Persia and England — I
have placed, and still place
confidence, in the assurances your
Excellency has made, of the fervent
desire His Royal Highness the
Prince has, to promote the Bri=
=tish Interests in Persia: and I
have received with Gratitude and
Respect, the friendly professions,
the prince has made in my behalf —
but when your Excellency tells
me, what would have happened
unless you had acted with Caution
in withholding, from the Knowl=
=ledge of the Prince, a part
of my late letter, I confess I
become doubtful, as to the
real Value sought to put,
on these, hitherto inestimable com=
=munications —

I will not pursue
this unpleasant Circumstance,
through — All its Consequences,
but to them to a subject
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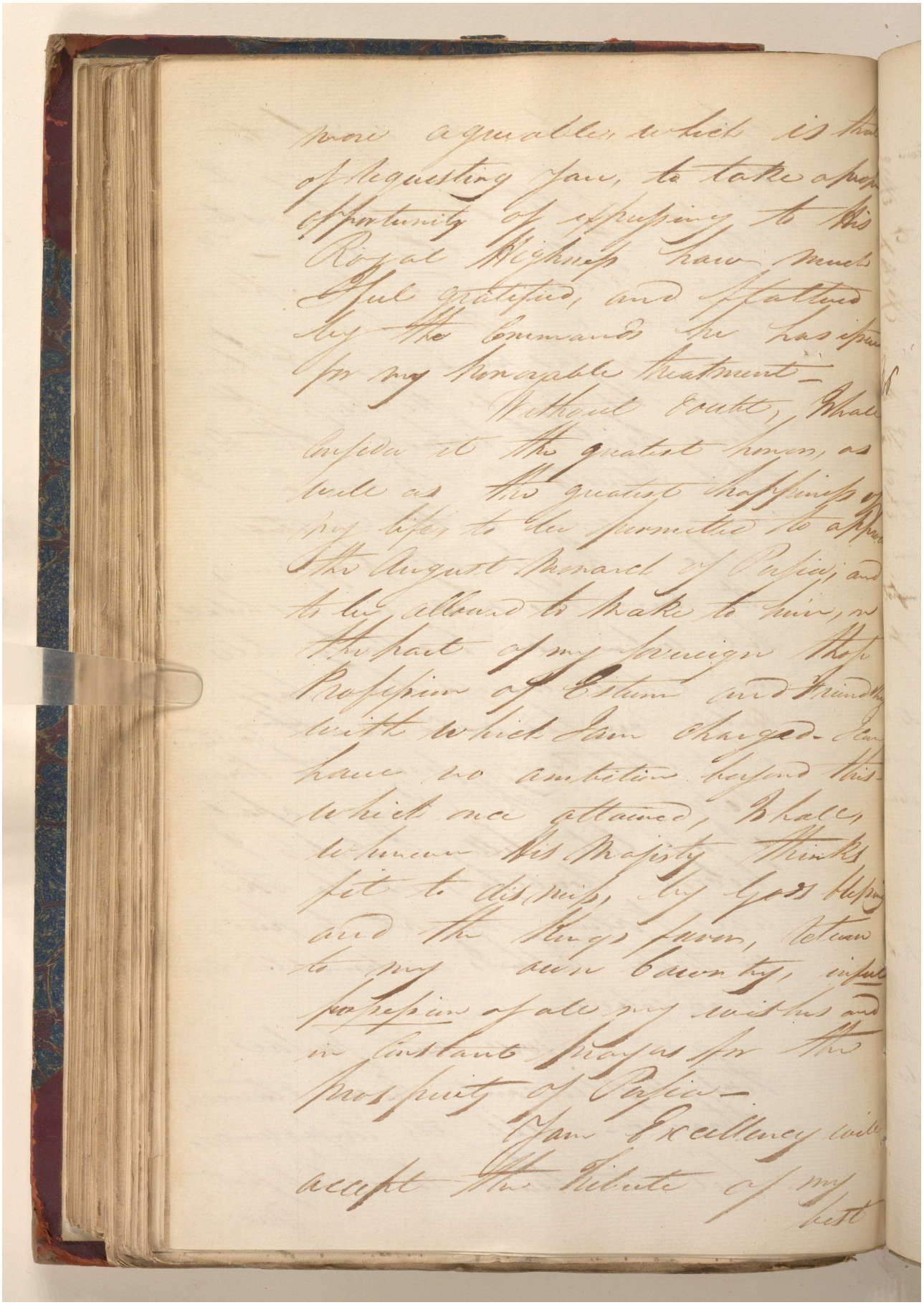

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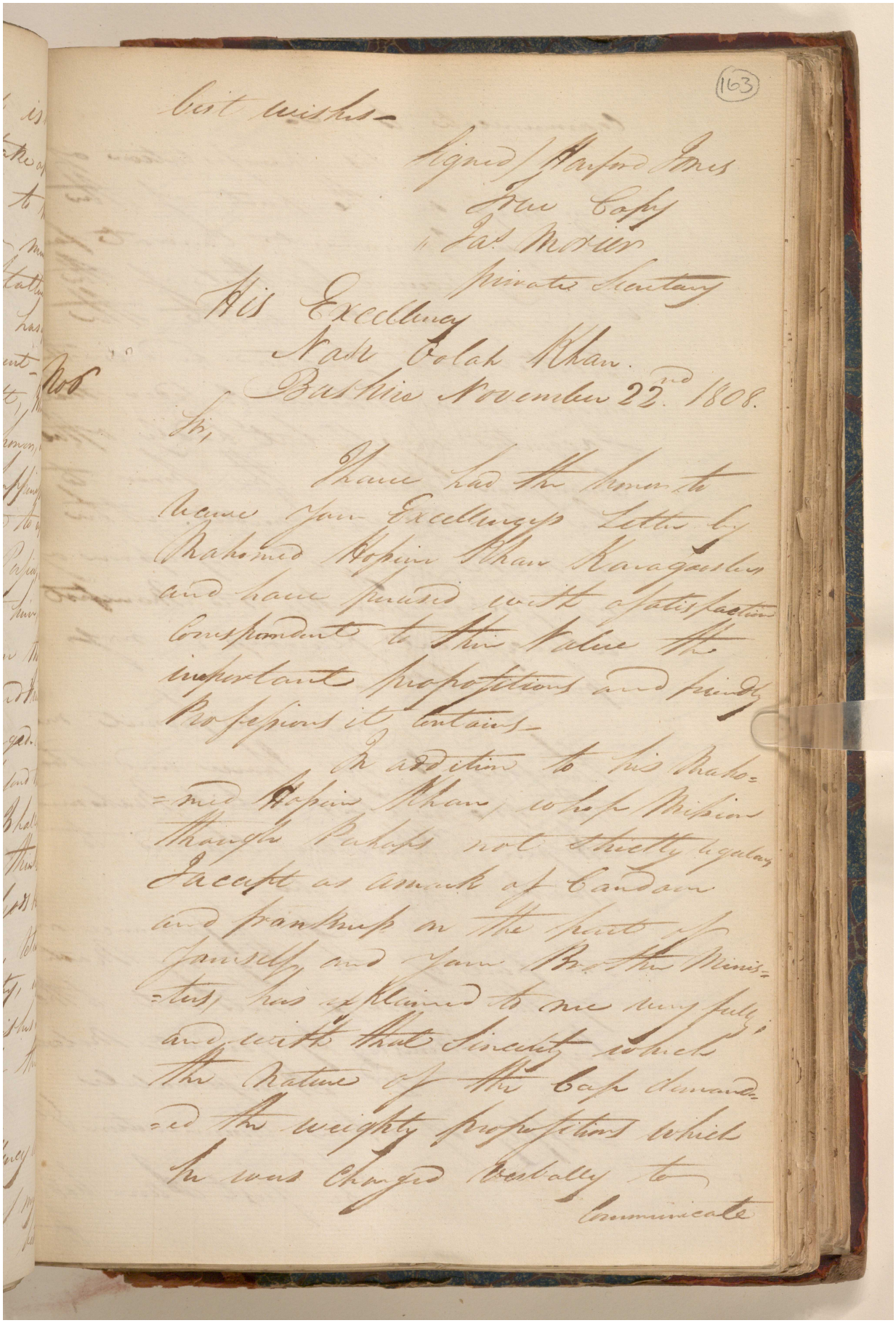

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best wishes—

Signed / Harford Jones
True Copy
" Jas. Morier
Private Secretary

His Excellency
Nasr Oolah Khan.
Bushire November 22nd 1808.

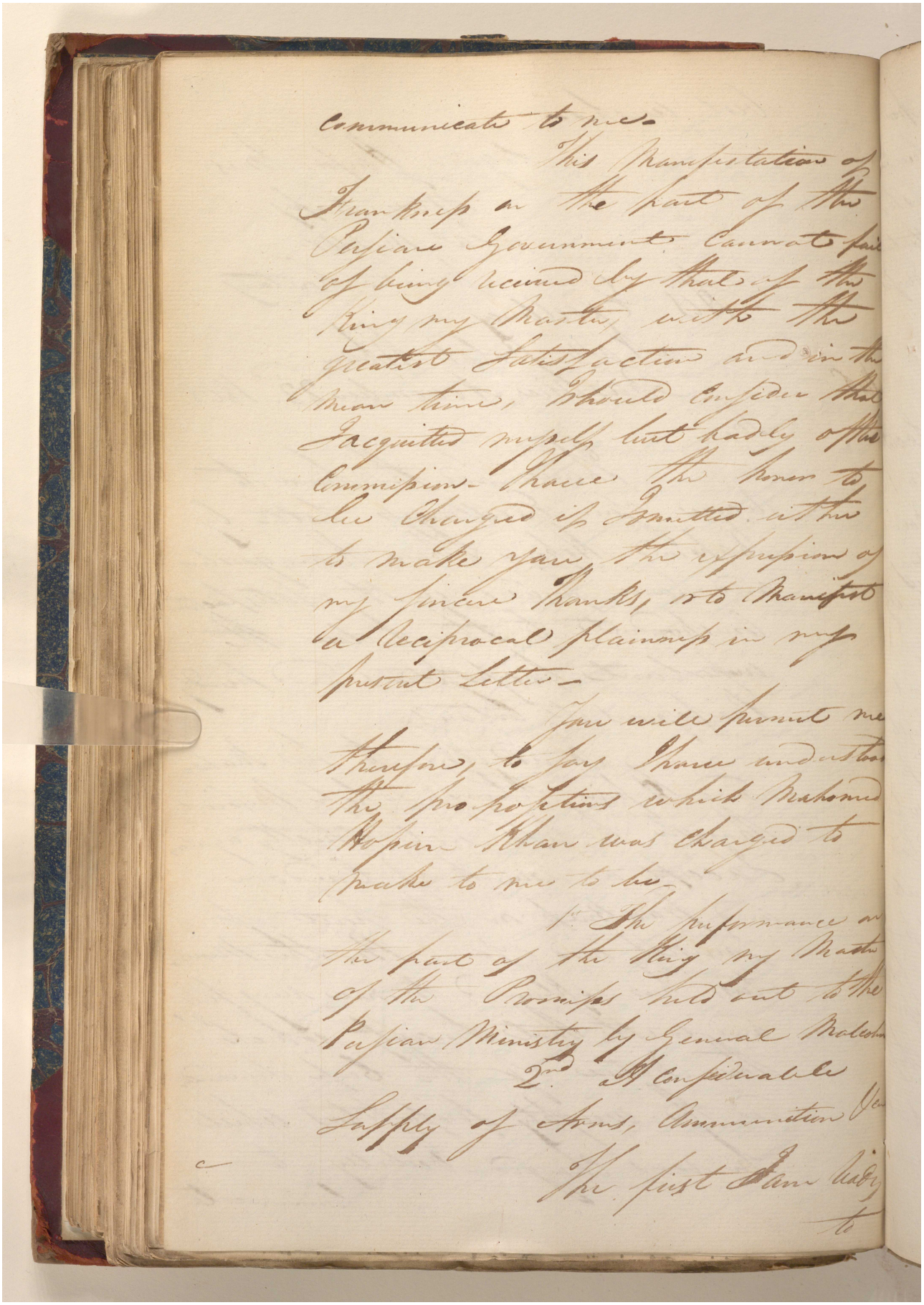
No 6

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your Excellency's Letter by Mahomed Hosein Khan Karagoosloo and have perused with a satisfaction correspondent to their Value the important propositions and friendly Professions it contains—

In addition to his Mahomed Hosein Khan, whose Mission though perhaps not strictly regular I accept as a mark of Candour and frankness on the part of yourself and your Brother Ministers, has explained to me very fully and with that Sincerity which the Nature of the Case demanded the weighty propositions which he was charged verbally to

Communicate



communicate to me.

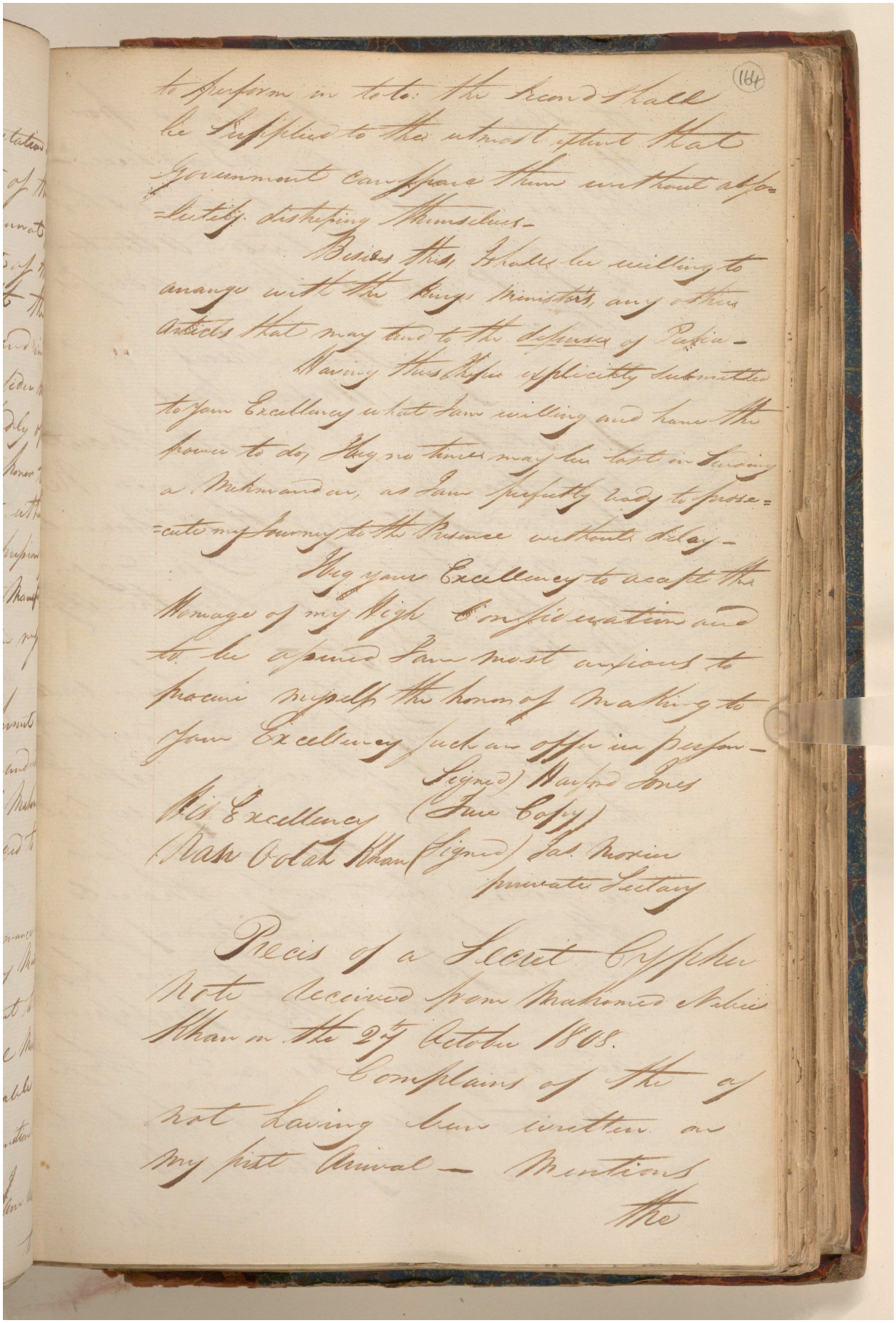
This Manifestation of Frankness on the part of the Persian Government cannot fail of being received by that of the King my Master, with the greatest Satisfaction and in the mean time, I should consider that I acquitted myself but badly of the Commission I have the honor to be charged if I omitted either to make you the expression of my sincere thanks, or to manifest a reciprocal plainness in my present Letter.

You will permit me therefore, to say I have understood the propositions which Mahomed Hosein Khan was charged to make to me to be.

1st The performance on the part of the King my Master of the Promises held out to the Persian Ministry by General Malcolm

2nd A considerable Supply of Arms, Ammunition &c

The first I am ready to



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to perform in toto: the second shall be supplied to the utmost extent that Government can spare them without absolutely distressing themselves—

Besides this, I shall be willing to arrange with the Kings Ministers, any other articles that may tend to the defense of Persia—

Having thus shewn explicitly submitted to your Excellency what I am willing and have the power to do, I beg no time may be lost in sending a Mehmandar, as I am perfectly ready to prosecute my Journey to the Presence without delay—

I beg your Excellency to accept the Homage of my High Consideration and to be assured I am most anxious to procure myself the honor of making to your Excellency such an offer in person—

(Signed) Harford Jones

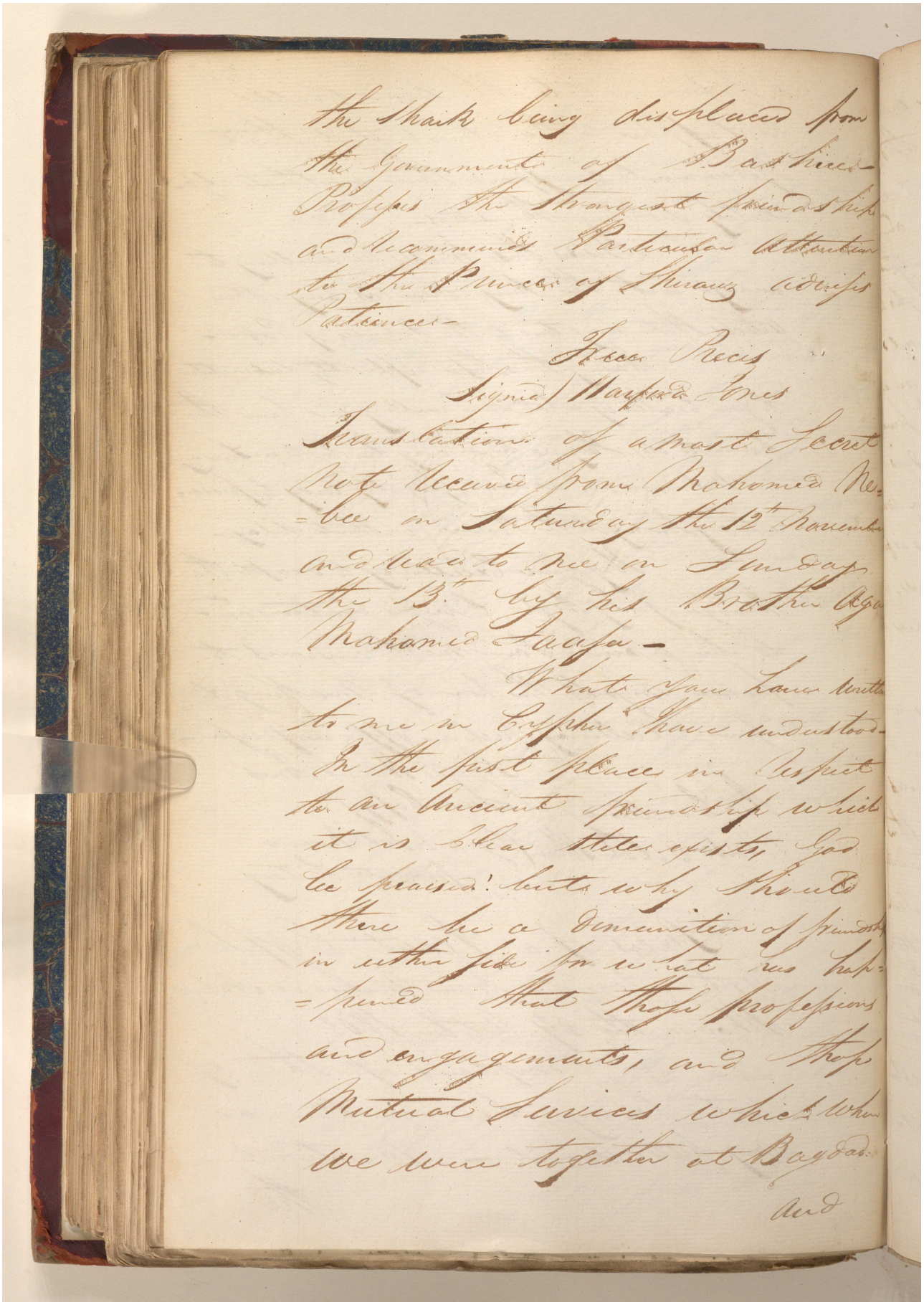
His Excellency (True Copy)

Rasa Oolah Khan (Signed) Jas. Morier

private Secretary

Precis of a Secret Cypher Note received from Mahomed Nebie Khan on the 27th October 1808.

Complains of the of not having been written on my first Arrival— Mentions the



the Shaik being displaced from the Government of Bashire — Professes the strongest friendship and recommends Particular Attention to the Prince of Shiraz advises Patience —

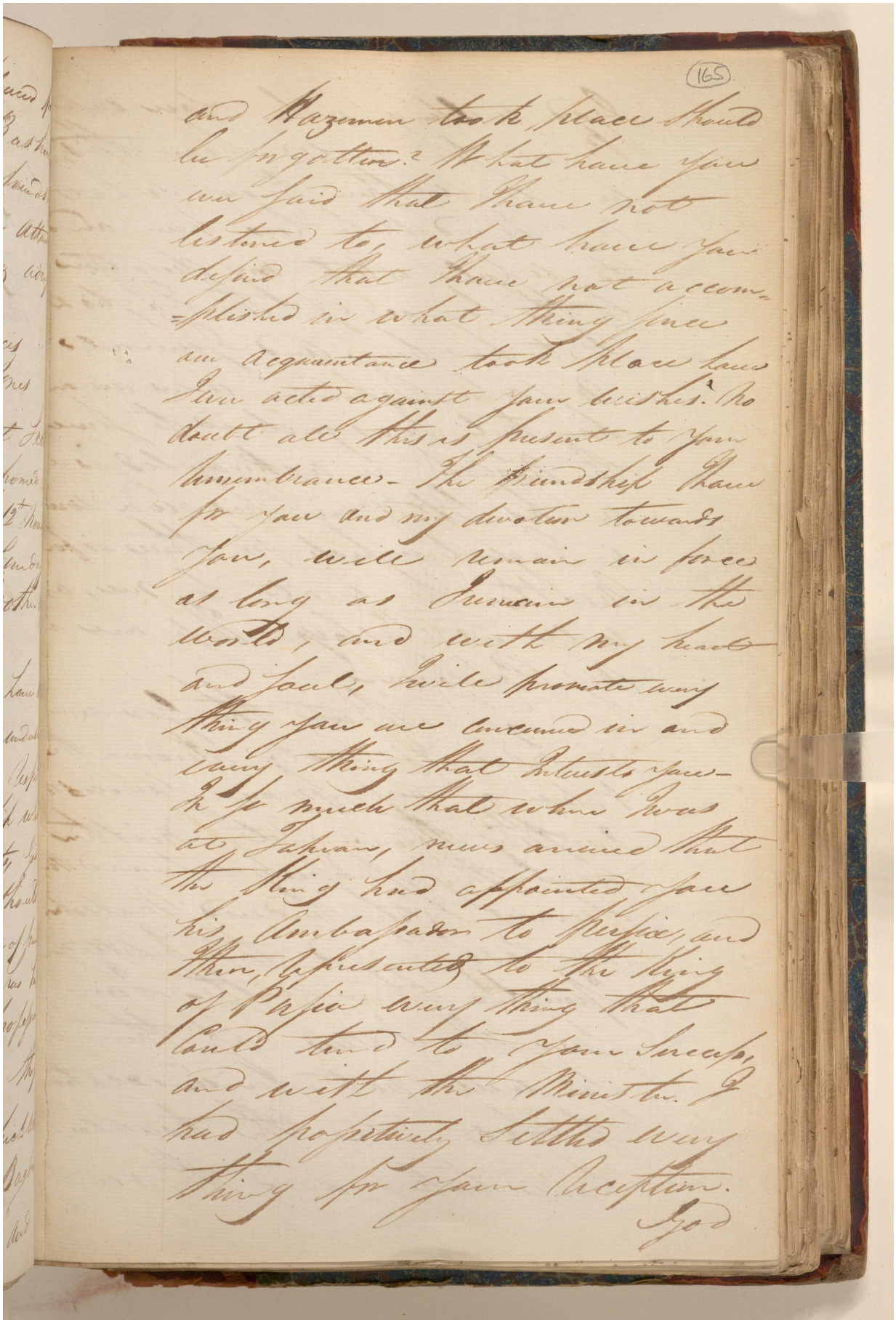
Free Precis

Signed) Warford Jones

Translation of a most Secret Note received from Mahomed Nebee on Saturday the 12th November and read to me on Sunday the 13th by his Brother Aga Mahomed Faafa —

What you have written to me in Cypher have understood — In the first place in respect to an Ancient friendship which it is clear still exists, God be praised! but why should there be a diminution of friendship in either side for what has happened that those professions and engagements, and those Mutual Services which when we were together at Bagdad

And



and Hazemen took place should be forgotten? What have you ever said that I have not listened to, what have you desired that I have not accom=plished in what thing since our acquaintance took place have I ever acted against your wishes? No doubt all this is present to your remembrance - The friendship I have for you and my devotion towards you, will remain in force as long as I remain in the world, and with my heart and soul, I will promote every thing you are concerned in and every thing that interests you - In so much that when I was at Tahran, news arrived that the King had appointed you his Ambassador to Persia, and then, represented to the King of Persia every thing that could tend to your success, and with the Minister I had positively settled every thing for your reception.

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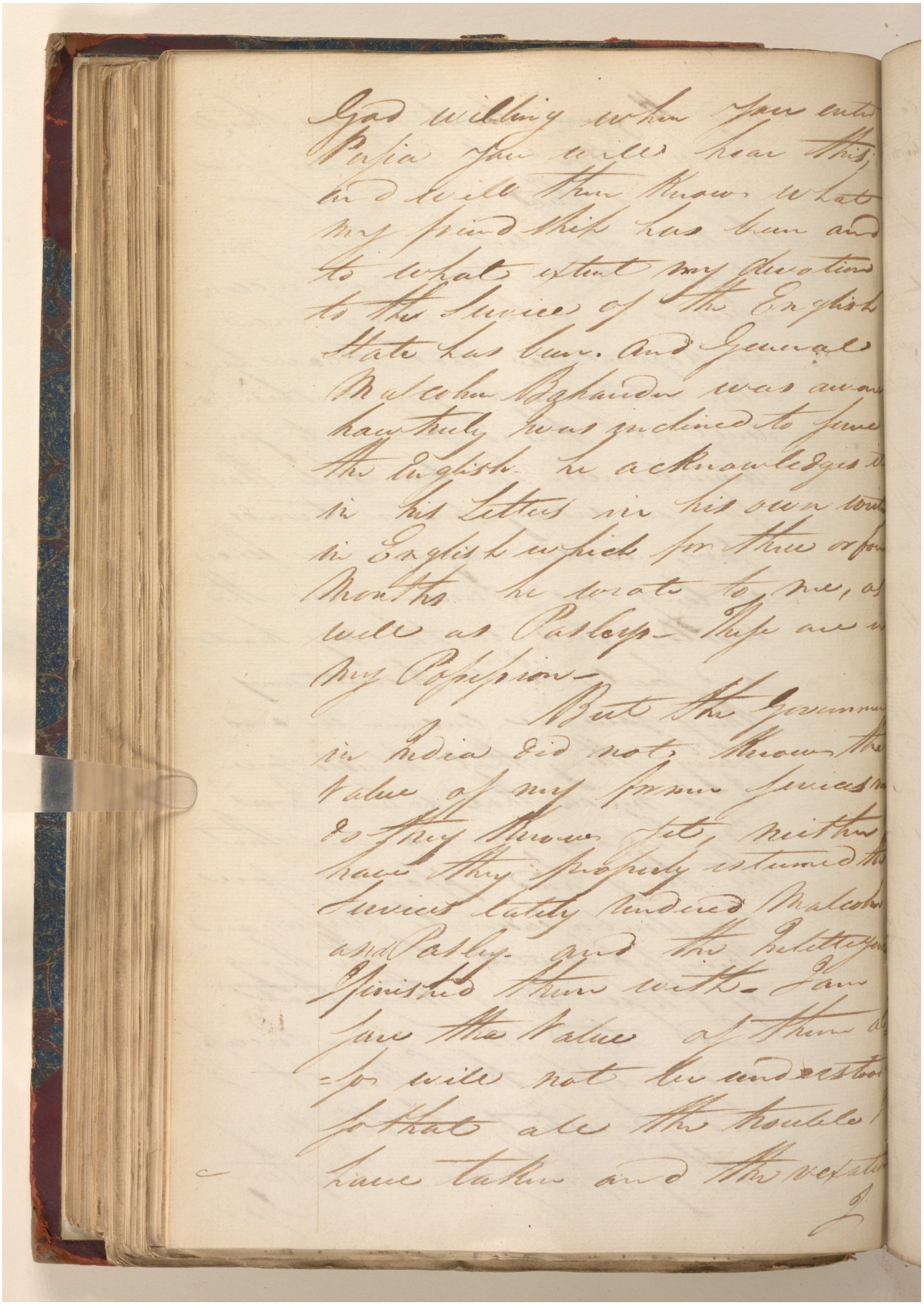

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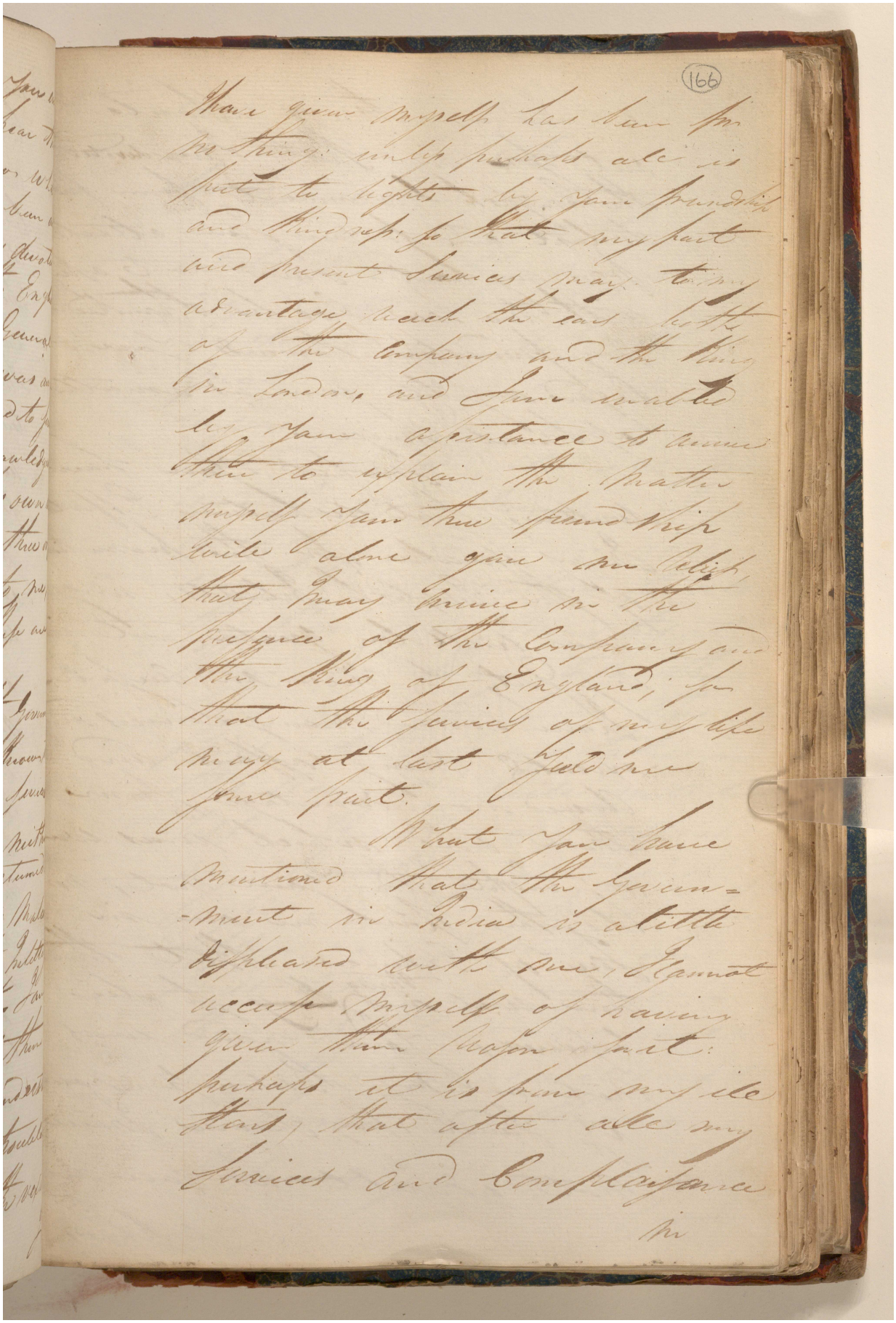

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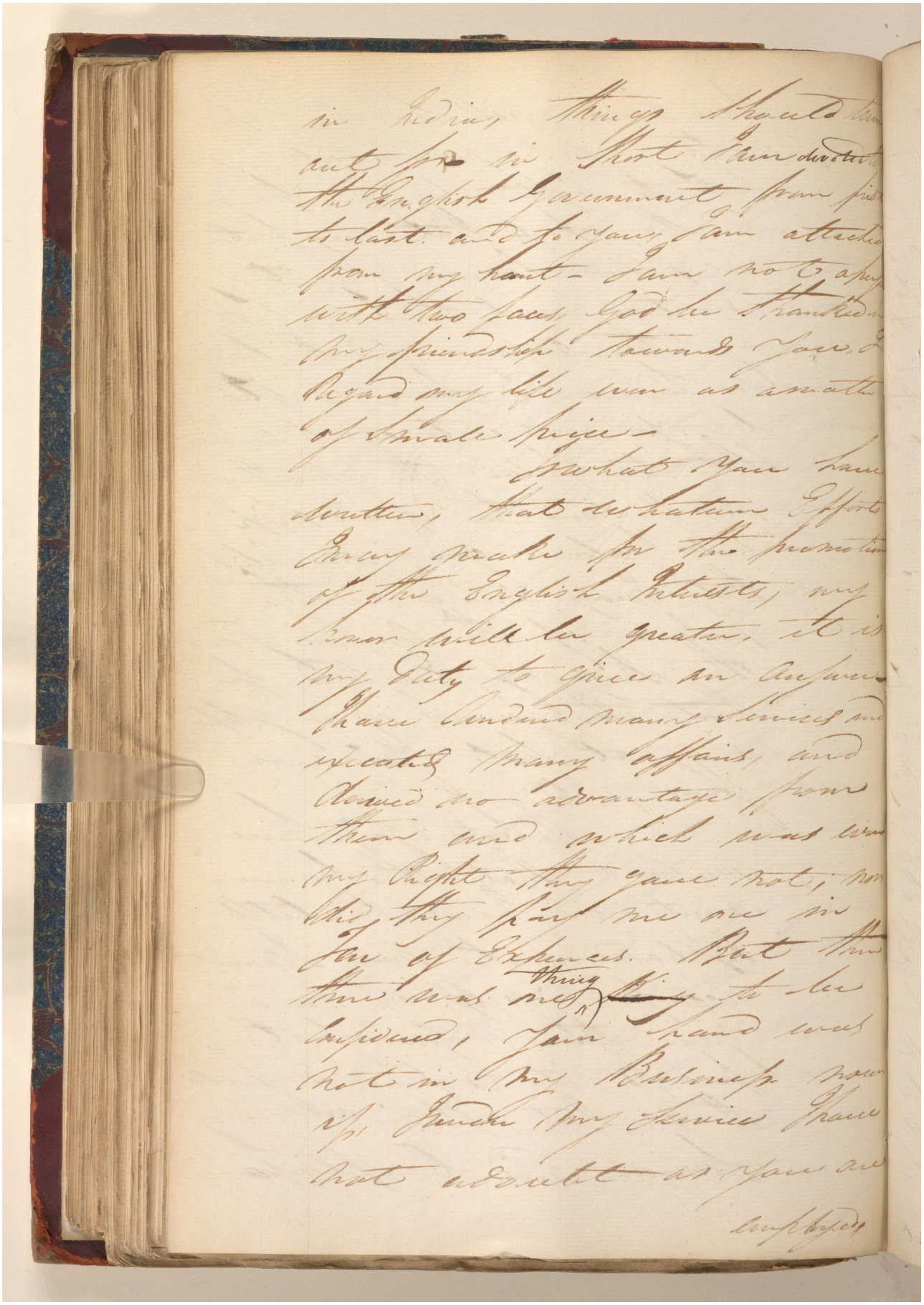

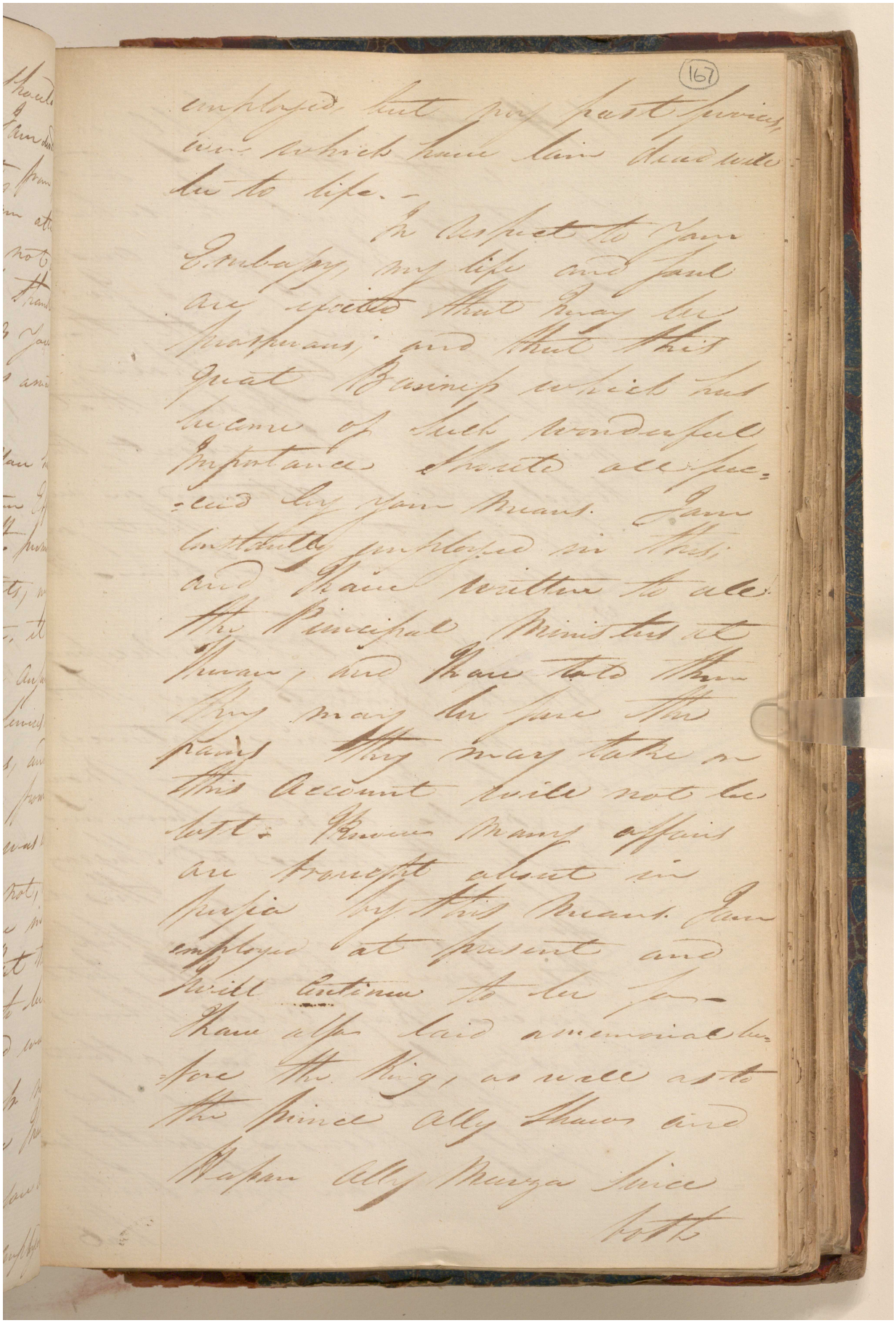

employed, but my past services, even which have lain dead will be to life.—

In respect to your Embassy, my life and soul are excited that may be prosperous; and that this great Business which has become of such wonderful Importance should all succeed by your means. I am constantly employed in this; and I have written to all the Principal Ministers at Tehran; and I have told them they may be sure the pains they may take on this account will not be lost. Known many affairs are brought about in Persia by this means. I am employed at present and I will continue to be so. I have also laid a memorial before the King, as well as to the Prince Ally Shaw and Hassan Ally Mirza since

both

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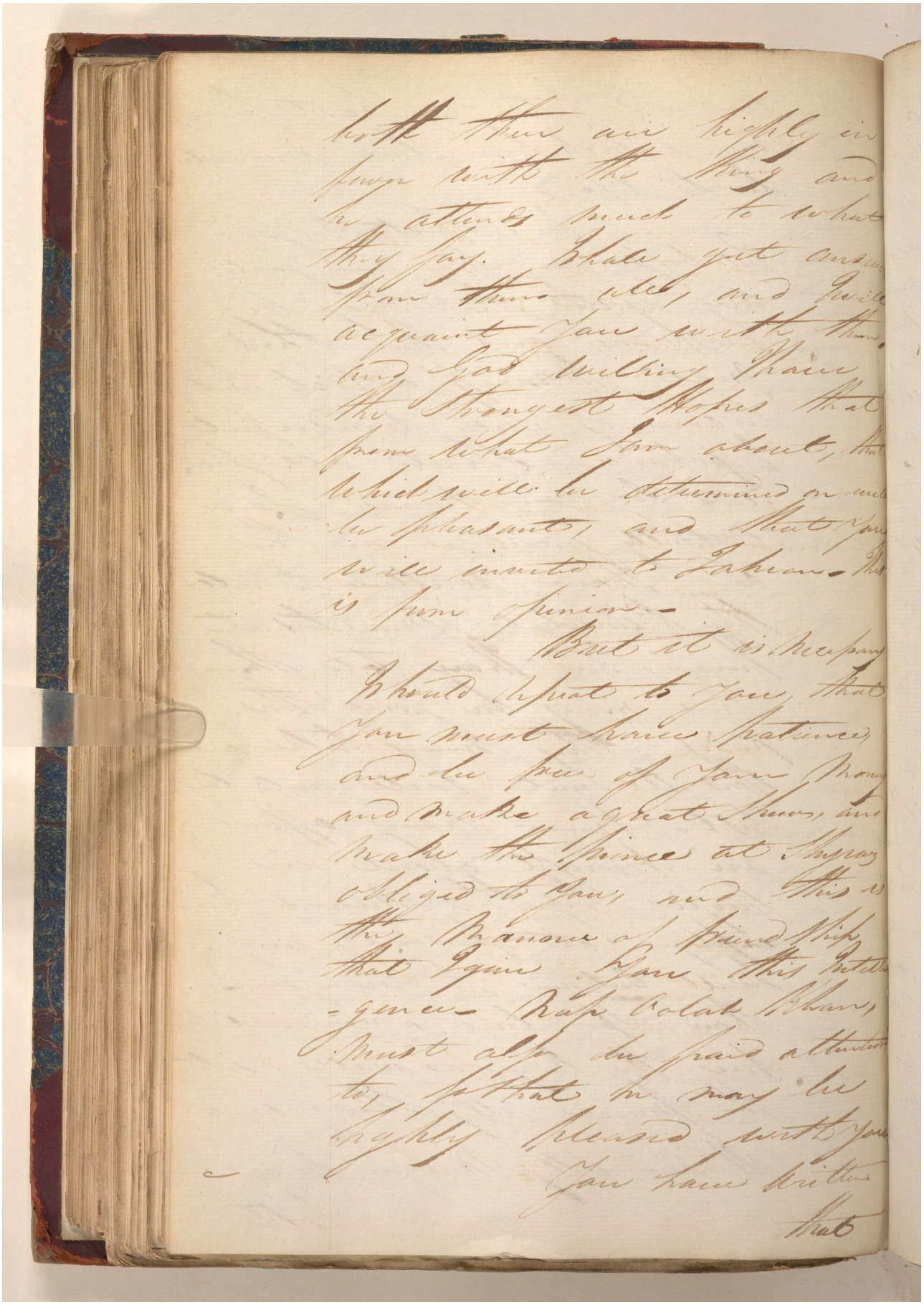

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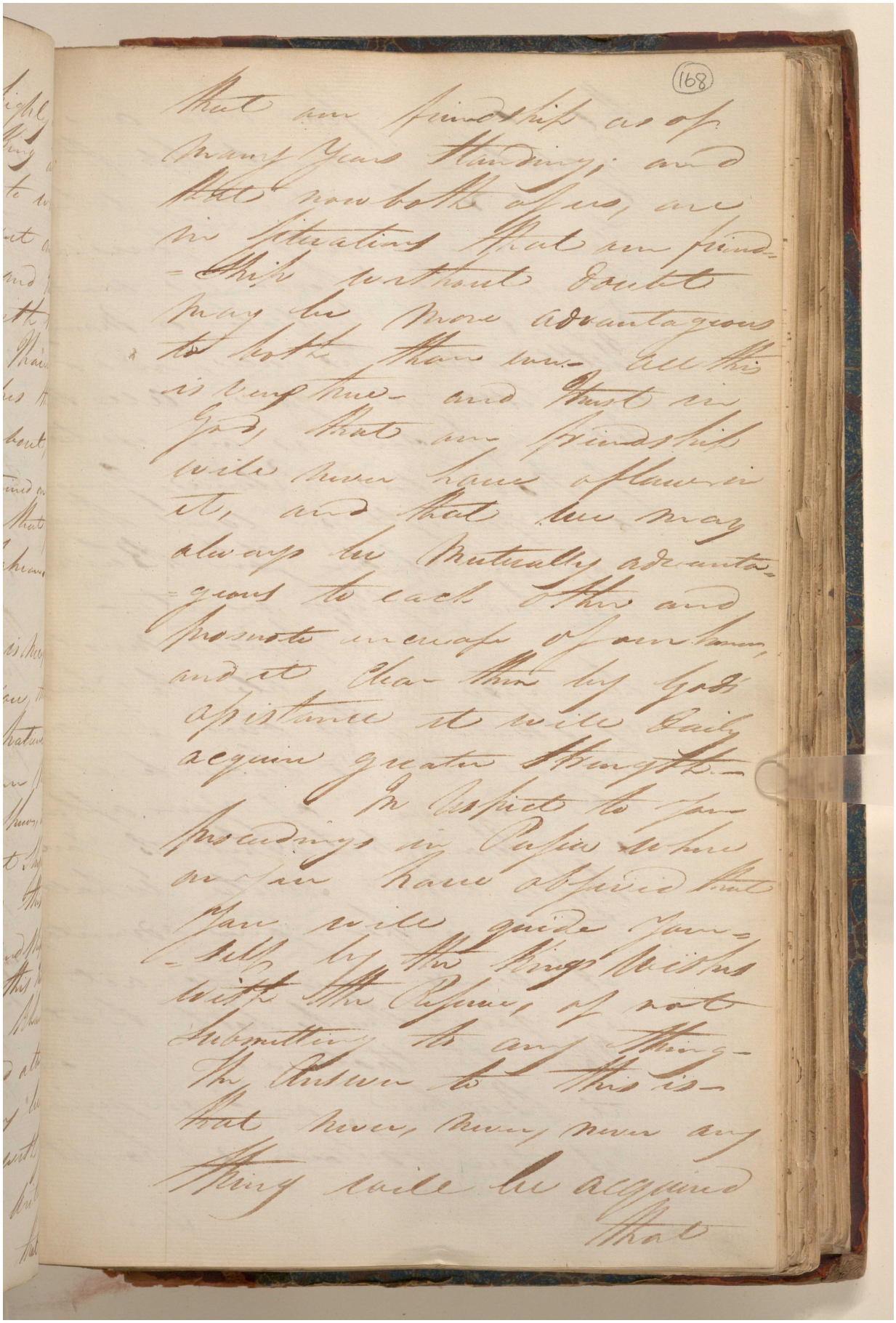

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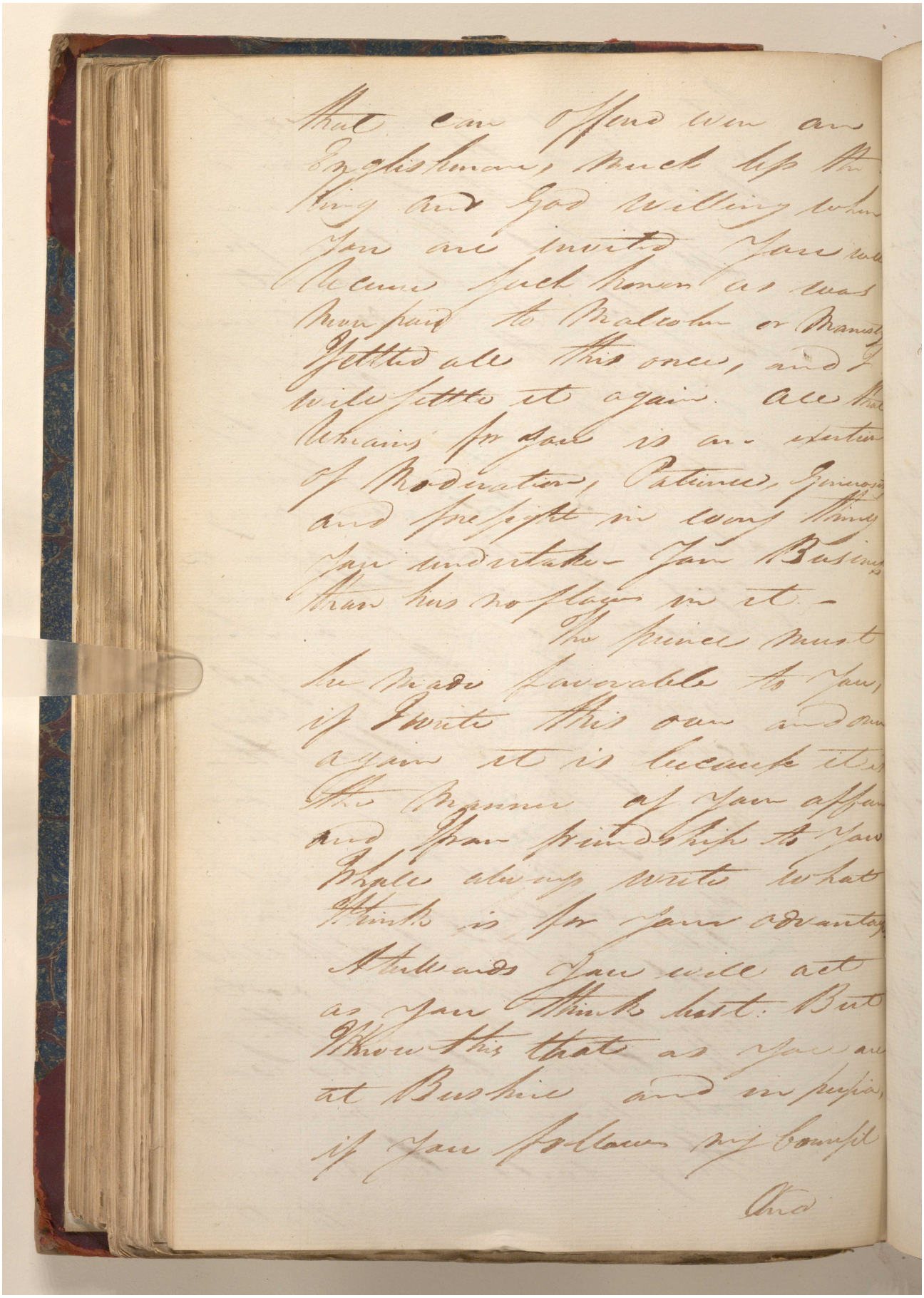
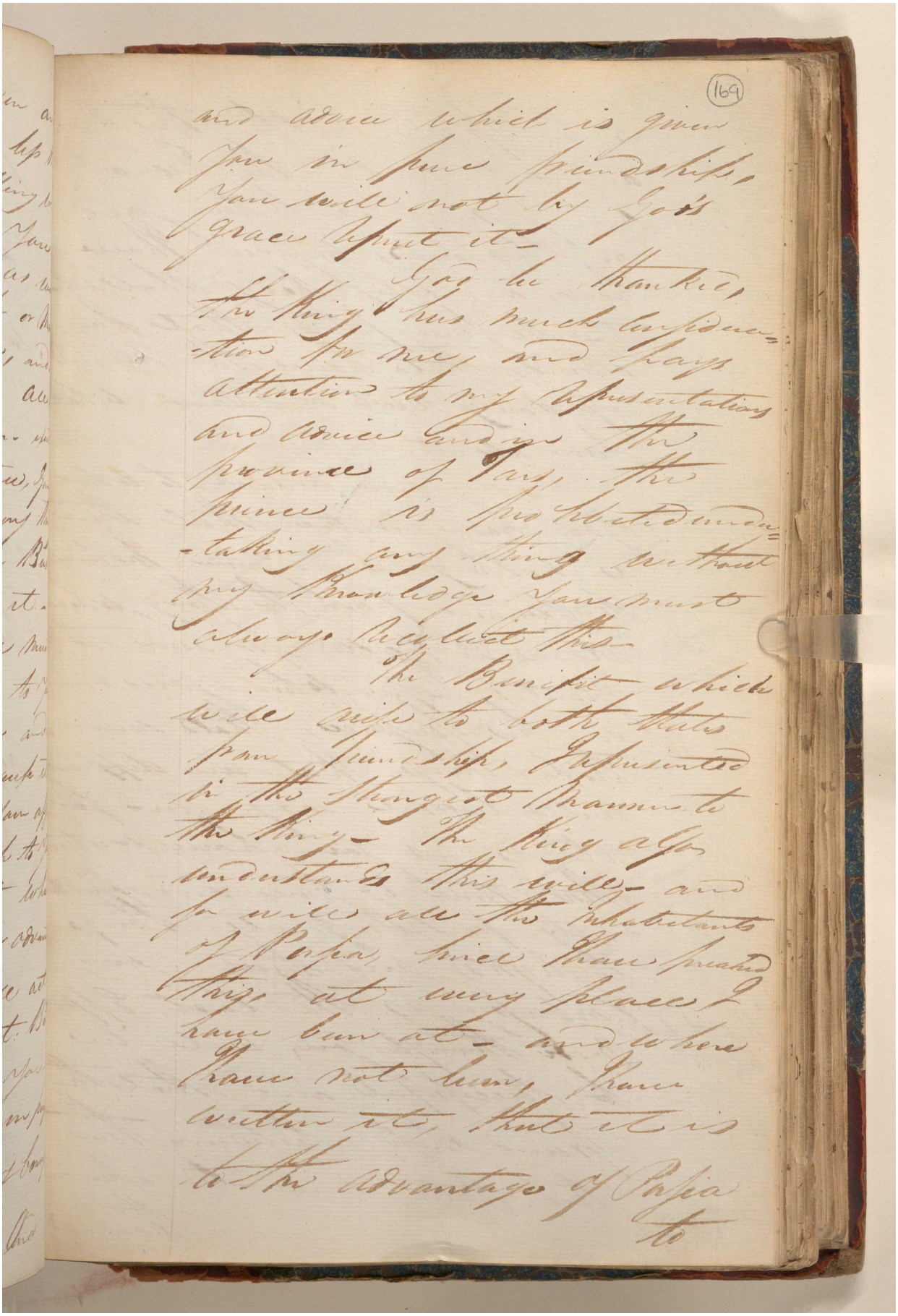
that our friendship as of many years standing; and that now both of us, are in situations that our friendship without doubt may be more advantageous to both than ever. All this is very true and trust in God, that our friendship will never have a flaw in it, and that we may always be mutually advantageous to each other and promote increase of our honor, and it clear then by God's assistance it will daily acquire greater strength.

In respect to your proceedings in Persia where our fear have observed that you will guide yourself by the King's wishes with the Persian, of not submitting to any thing. The answer to this is that never, never, never any thing will be acquired that



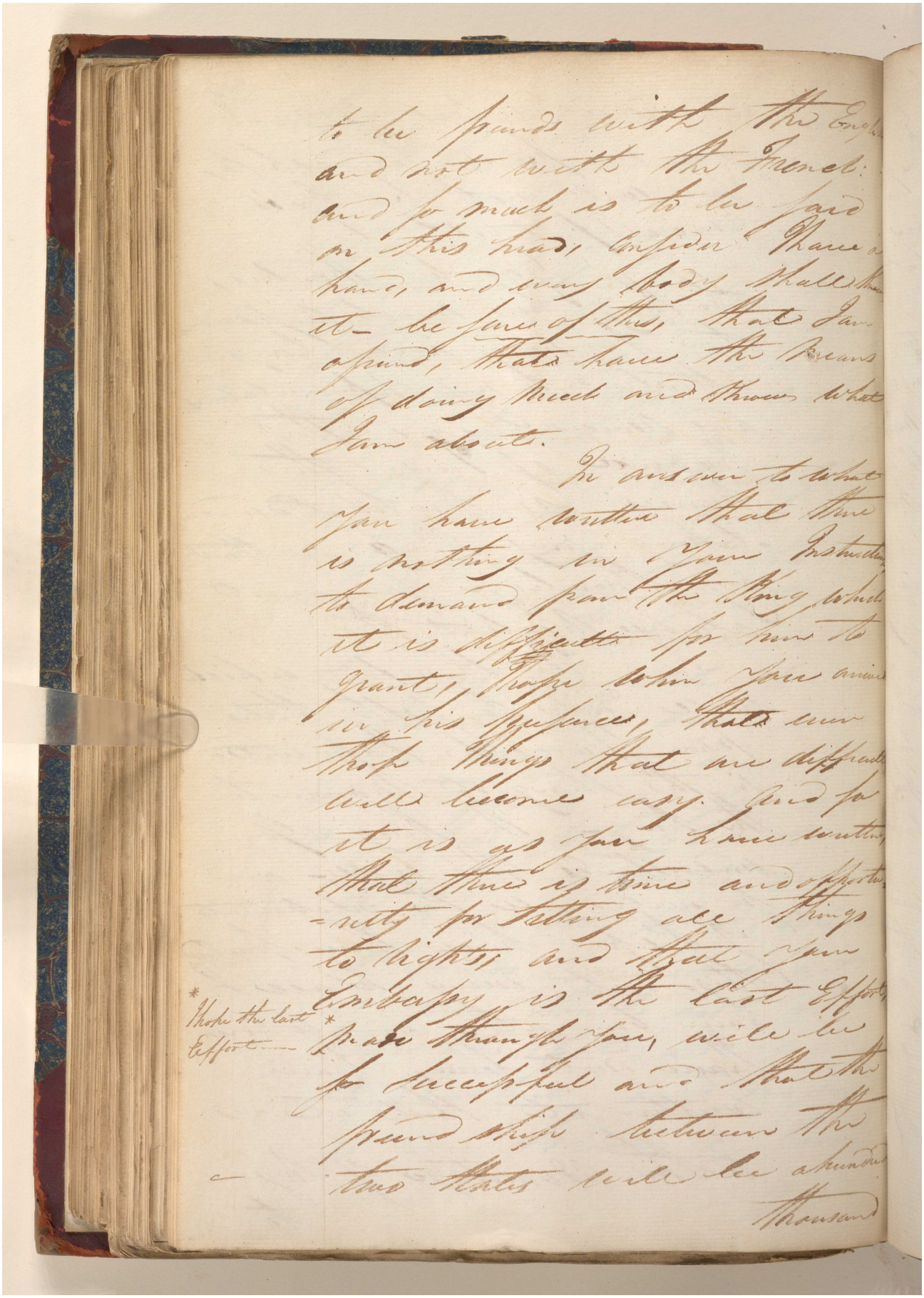


and advice which is given you in pure friendship, you will not by God's grace reject it—

God be thanked, the King has much consideration for me, and pays attention to my representations and advice and in the province of Fars, the prince is prohibited undertaking any thing without my knowledge you must always recollect this—

The Benefit which will arise to both States from friendship, I represented in the strongest manner to the King— The King also understands this will— and so will all the inhabitants of Persia, since I have preached this, at every place I have been at— and where I have not been, I have written it, that it is to the advantage of Persia

to



to be friends with the English
and not with the French:
and so much is to be said
on this head, consider I have a
hand, and every body shall know
it — be sure of this, that I am
a friend, that have the means
of doing much and know what
I am about.

In answer to what
you have written that there
is nothing in your Instructions
to demand from the King which
it is difficult for him to
grant, those when you arrive
in his presence, that even
those things that are difficult
will become easy. And so
it is as you have written,
that there is time and opportu-
-nity for setting all things
to rights, and that your
Embassy is the last Effort,
* Those the last Effort — * made through you, will be
so successful and that the
friendship between the
two States will be a hundred
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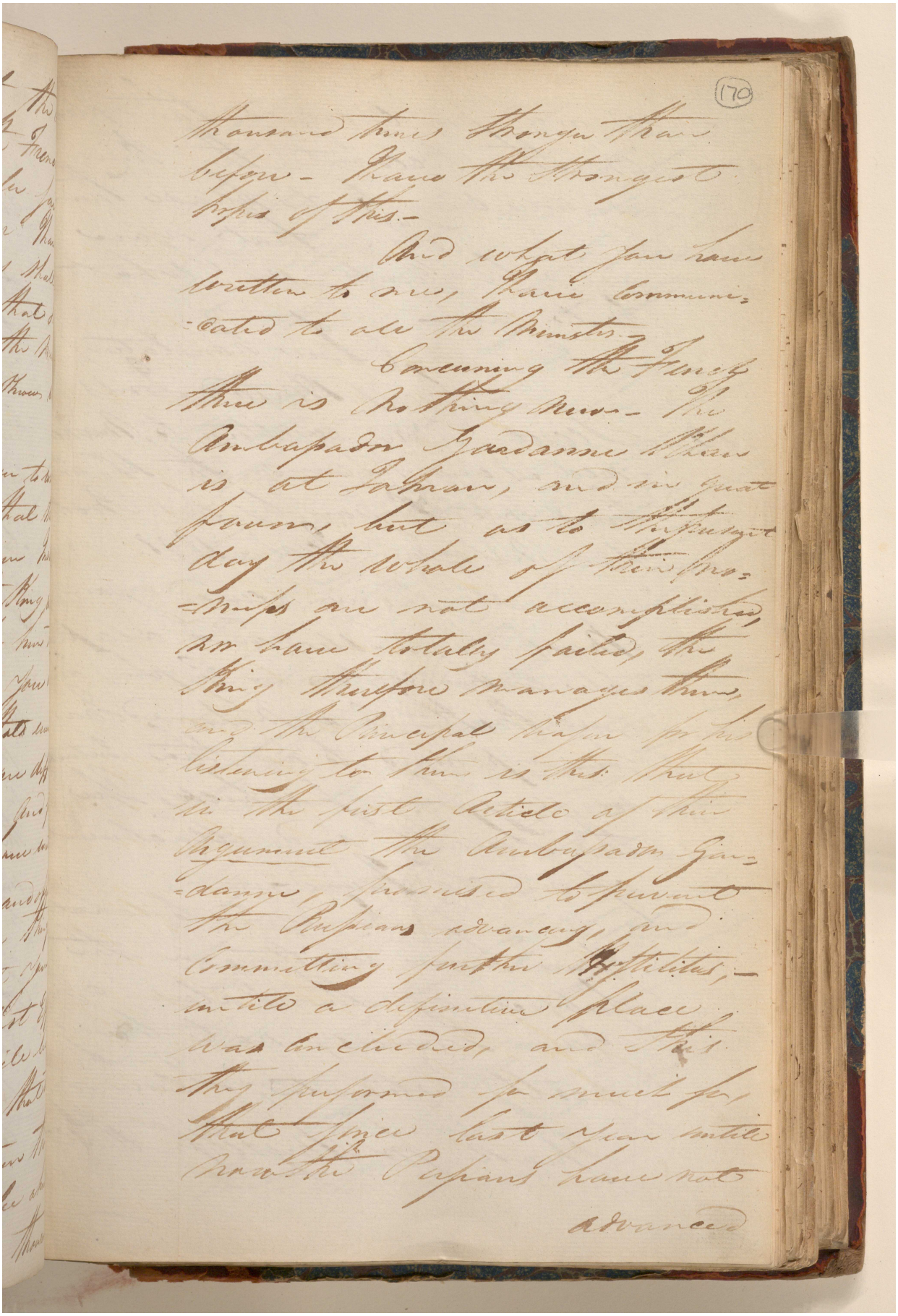
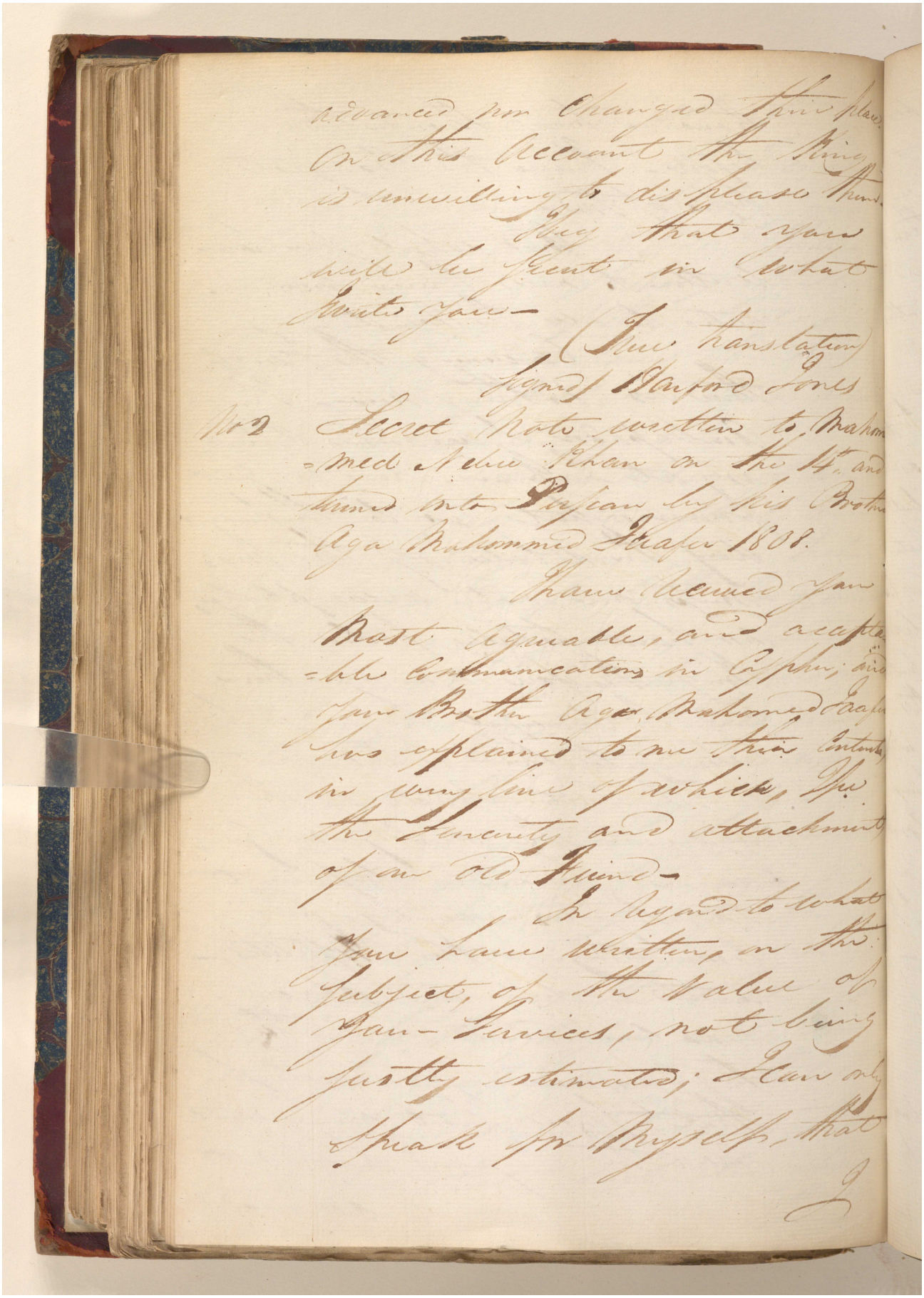


thousand times stronger than before - I have the strongest hopes of this.-

And what you have written to me, I have communicated to all the Ministers.-

Concerning the French there is nothing new - The Ambassador Gardanne Khan is at Tahran, and in great favour, but as to the present day the whole of their promises are not accomplished, nor have totally failed, the King therefore manages them, and the Principal Reason for his listening to them is this that in the first Article of their Argument the Ambassador Gardanne, promised to prevent the Persians advancing, and committing further Hostilities, - untill a definitive place was concluded, and this they performed so much so, that since last year untill now the Persians have not

advanced



advanced nor changed their place. On this Account the King is unwilling to displease them.

Beg that you will be secret in what I write you—

(True translation)

Signed Harford Jones

No 2 Secret Note written to Mahommed Nebee Khan on the 14th and turned into Persian by his Brother Aga Mahommed Jaafer 1808.

I have received your Most Agreable, and acceptable Communication in Cypher; and your Brother Aga Mahomed Jaafer has explained to me their Contents, in every line of which, I see the Sincerity and attachment of an old Friend—

In regard to what you have written, on the subject, of the Value of your Services, not being justly estimated; I can only speak for Myself, that

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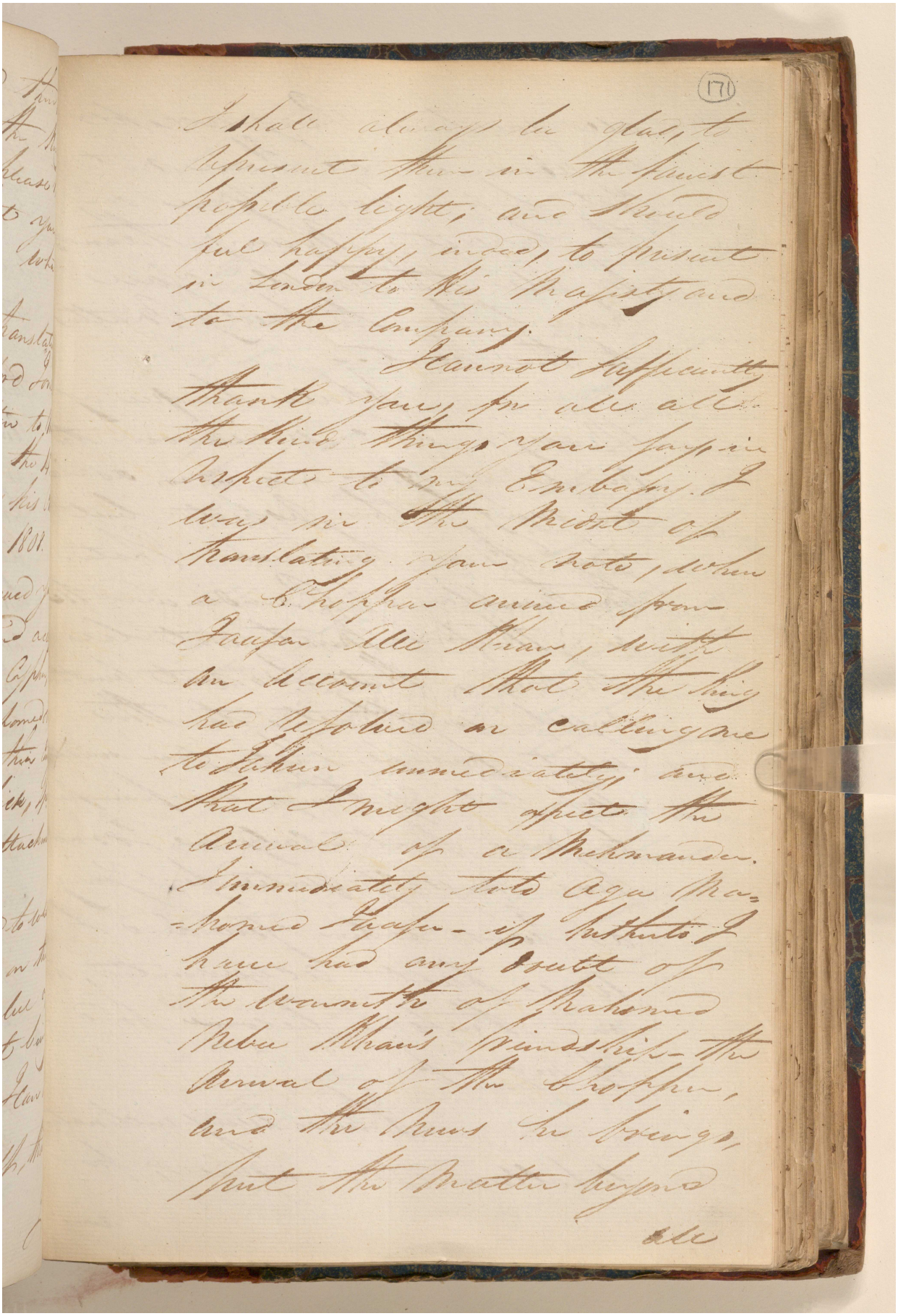

I shall always be glad, to represent them in the fairest possible light; and should feel happy, indeed, to present in London to His Majesty and to the Company.

I cannot sufficiently thank you, for all all the kind things you say in respect to my Embassy. I was in the midst of translating your note, when a Chopper arrived from Jaafar Alee Khan, with an account that the King had resolved on calling me to Tehran immediately; and that I might expect the arrival of a Mehmander. I immediately told Aga Mahomed Jaafar - if hitherto I have had any doubt of the warmth of Mahomed Nebee Khan's friendship - the arrival of the Chopper, and the news he brings, put the matter beyond

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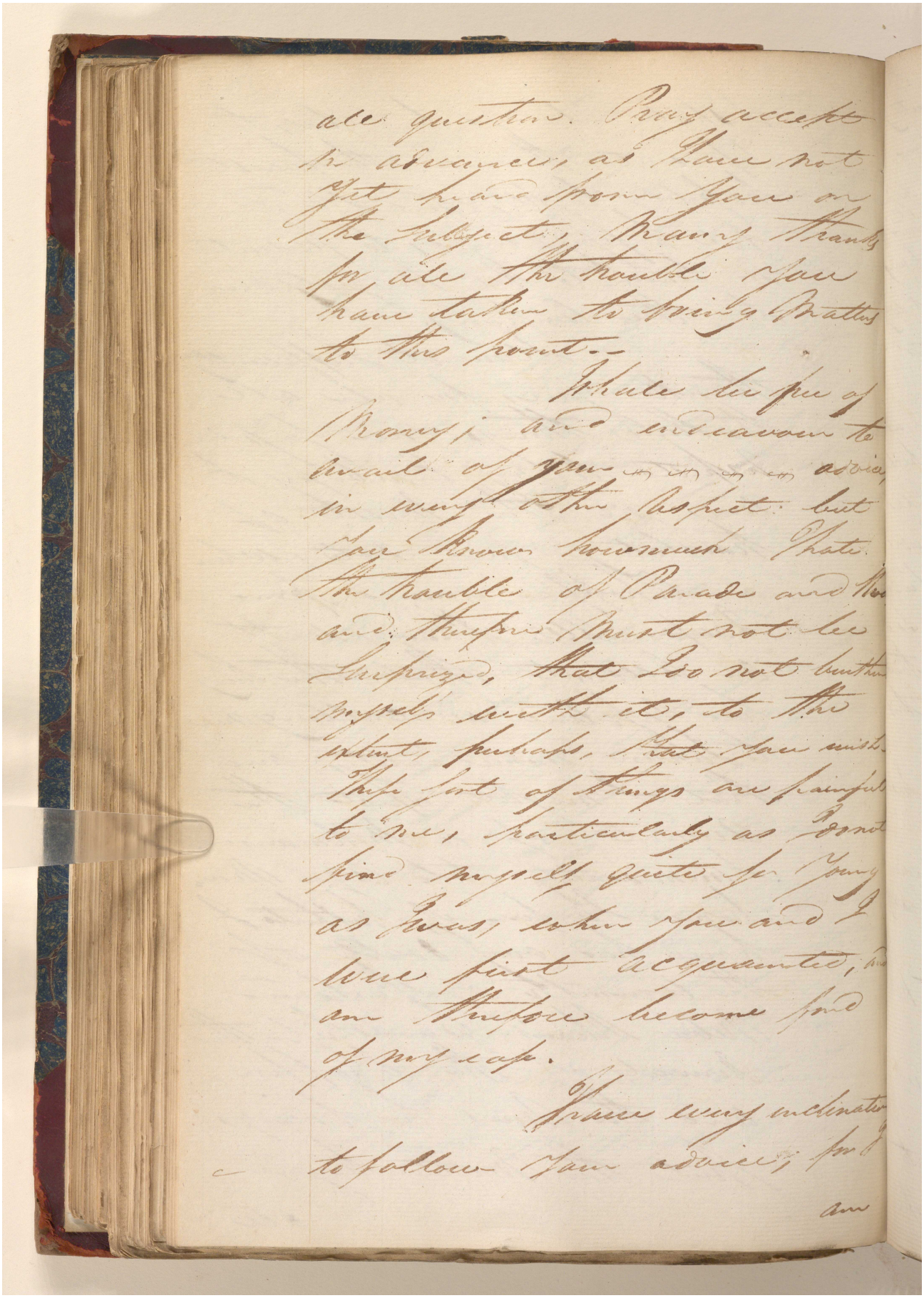

all question. Pray accept in advance, as I have not yet heard from you on the subject, many thanks for all the trouble you have taken to bring matters to this point.—

I hate the fee of Money; and endeavour to avail of your ~~&~~ ~~&~~ ~~&~~ ~~&~~ advice, in every other respect: but you know how much I hate the trouble of Parade and Ho[illegible] and therefore must not be surprized, that I do not burthen myself with it, to the extent, perhaps, that you wish. These sort of things are painful to me, particularly as I do not find myself quite so young as I was, when you and I were first acquainted, and am therefore become fond of my ease.

I have every inclination to follow your advice; for I

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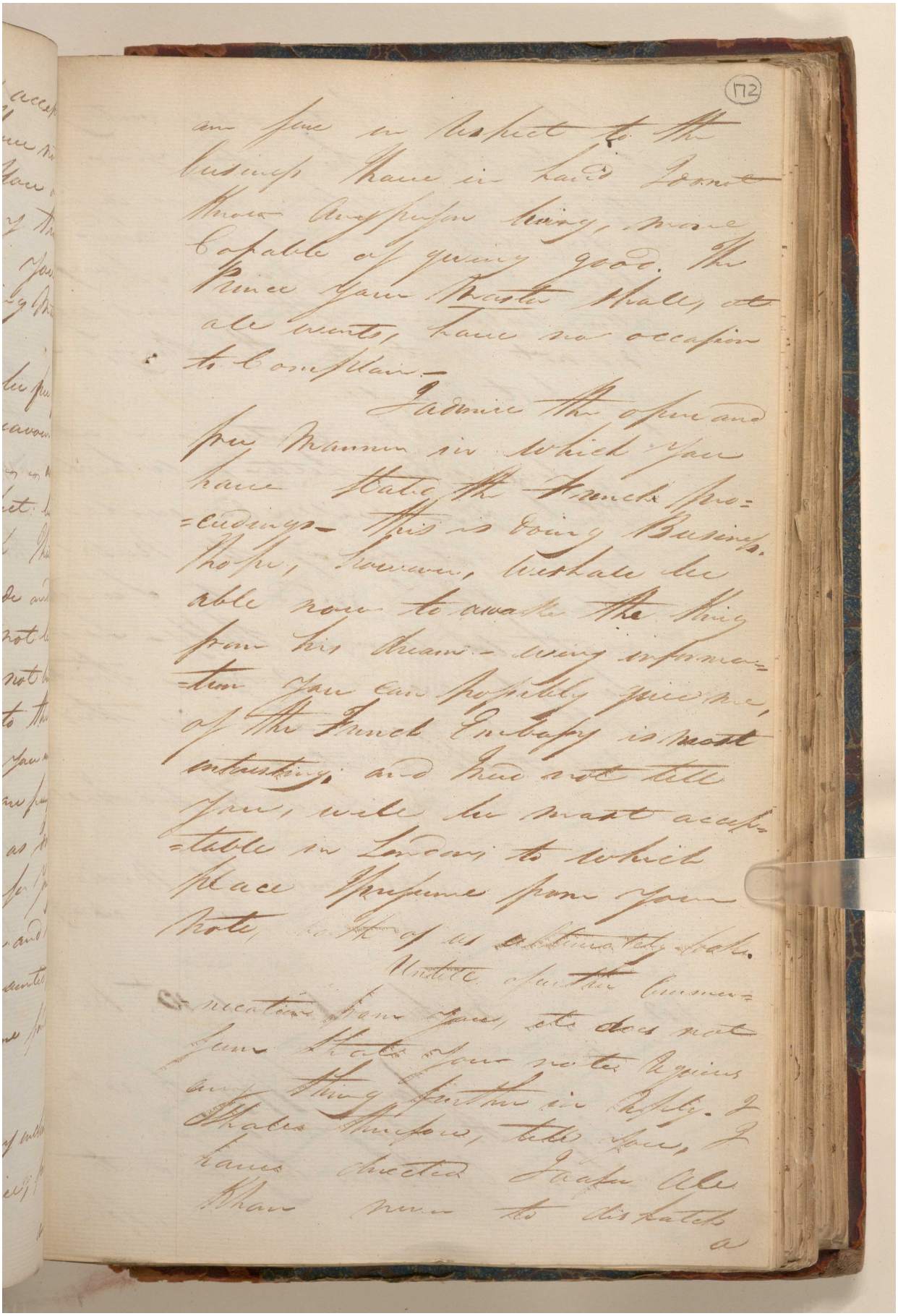

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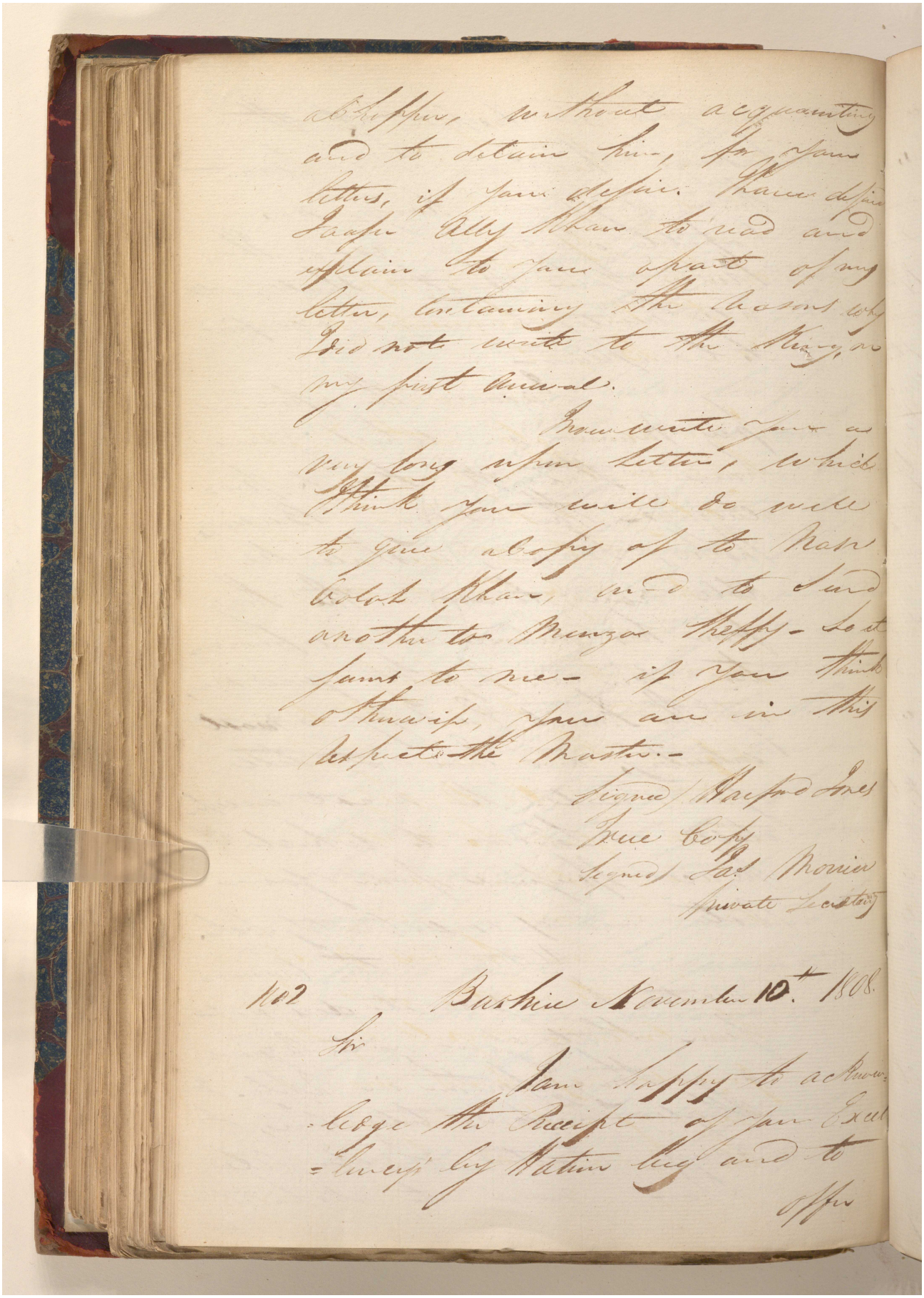

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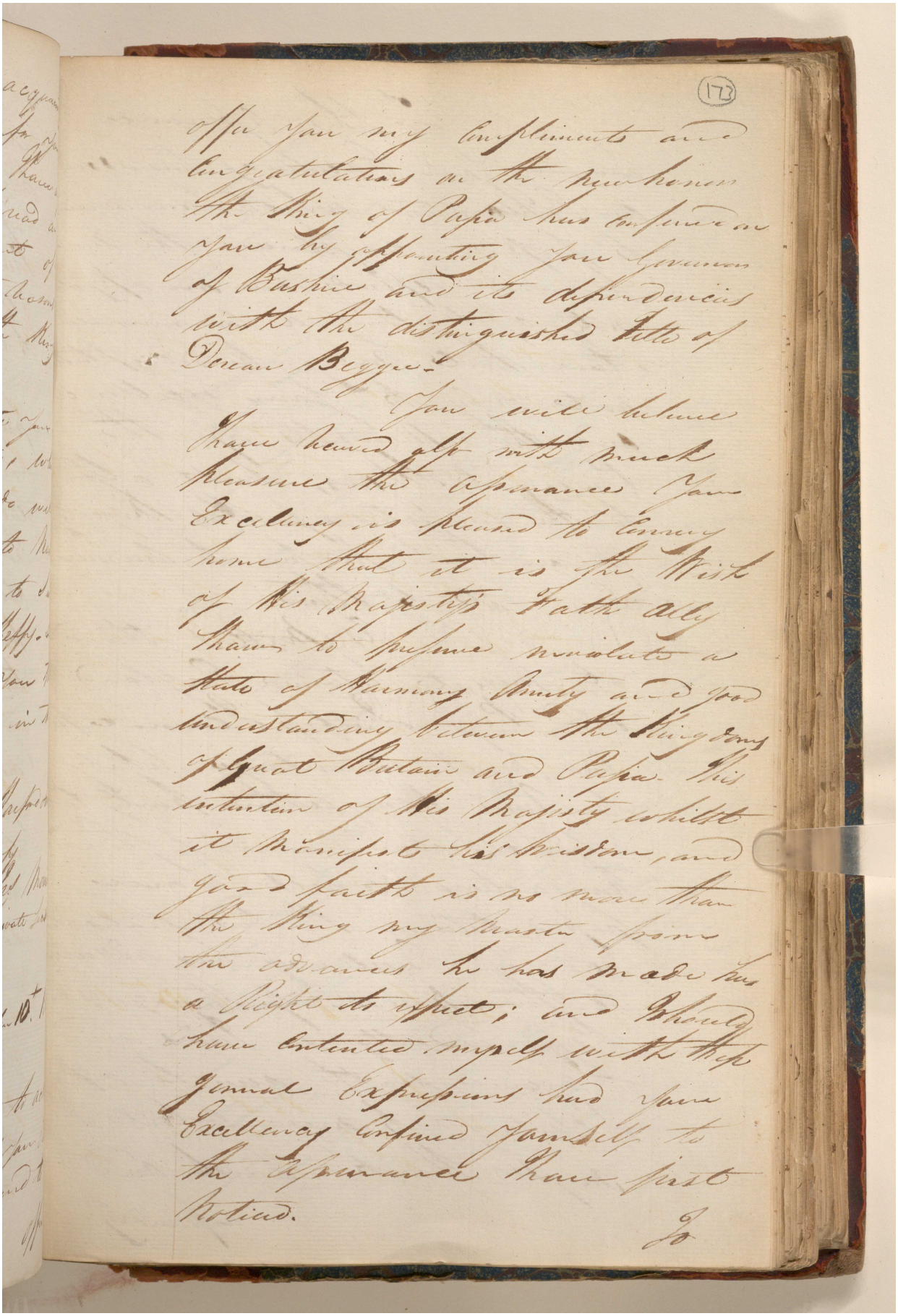

offer you my compliments and congratulations on the new honors the King of Persia has conferred on you by appointing you Governor of Bushire and its dependencies with the distinguished title of Derean Beggee.

You will believe I have received also with much pleasure the assurance your Excellency is pleased to convey home that it is the Wish of His Majesty's Faith ally I have to preserve inviolate a state of Harmony Amity and good understanding between the Kingdoms of Great Britain and Persia. This intention of His Majesty whilst it manifests his wisdom, and good faith is no more than the King my master from the advances he has made has a Right to expect; and I should have contented myself with these general Expressions had your Excellency confined yourself to the assurance I have first noticed.

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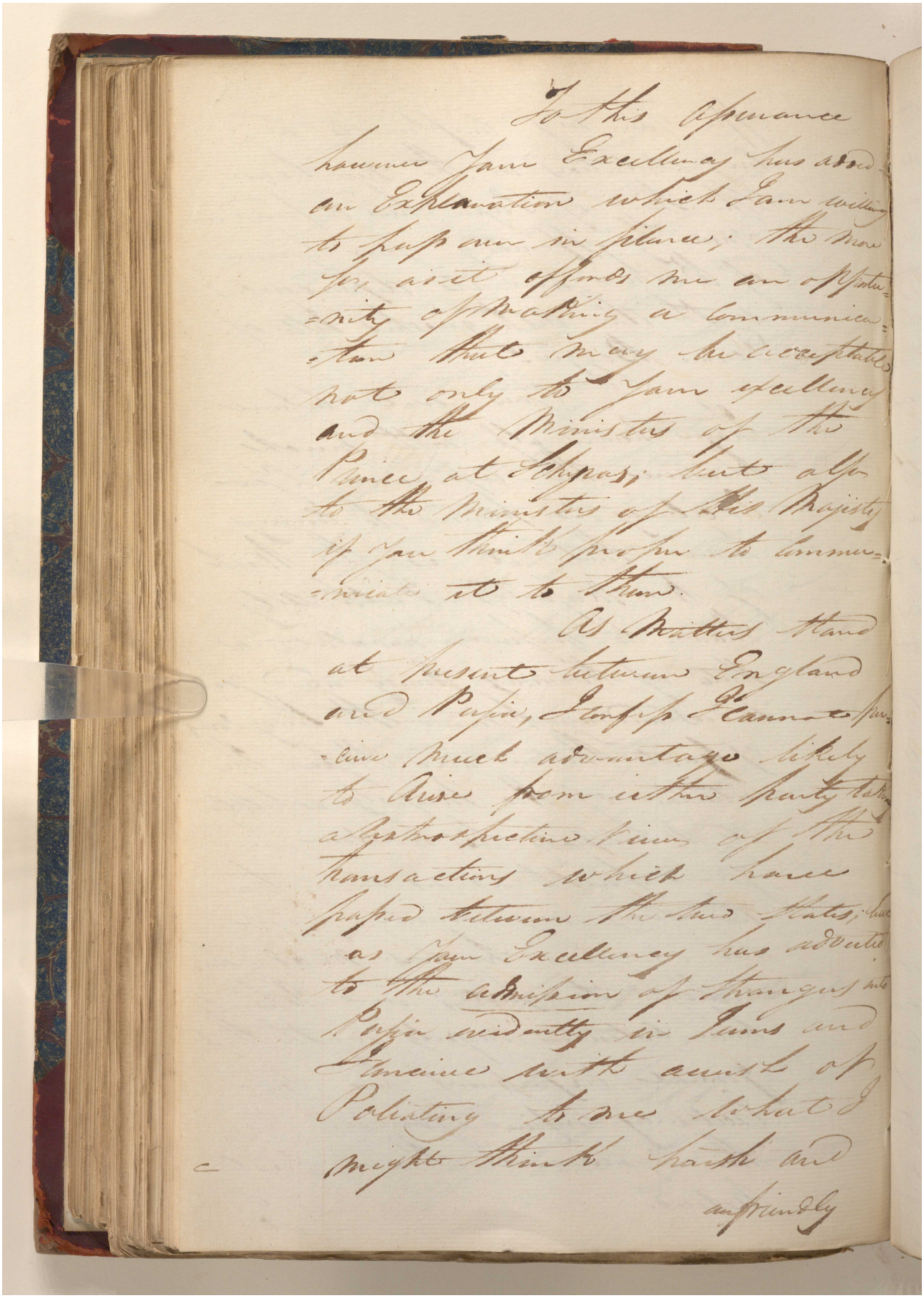

To this Assurance however Your Excellency has added an Explanation which I am willing to pass over in silence; the more so, as it affords me an opportunity of making a communication that may be acceptable not only to Your excellency and the Ministers of the Prince at Schyras; but also to the Ministers of His Majesty if you think proper to communicate it to them.

As Matters stand at present between England and Persia, I confess I cannot perceive much advantage likely to arise from either party taking a retrospective view of the transactions which have passed between the two States; but as Your Excellency has adverted to the admission of Strangers into Persia evidently in Terms and I conceive with a wish of Poliating to me what I might think harsh and

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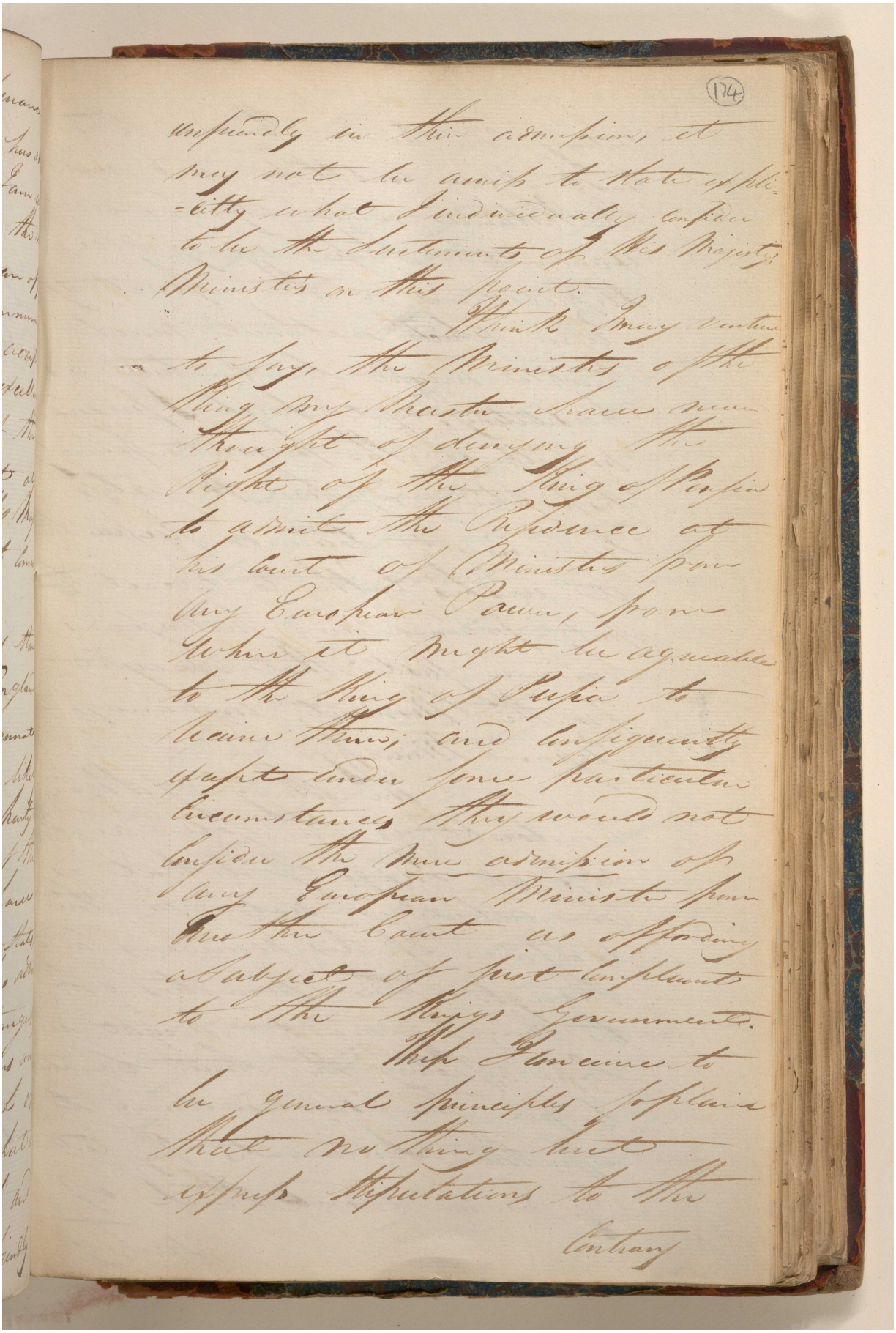

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unfriendly in their admission, it may not be amiss to state explicitly what I individually consider to be the Sentiments of His Majesty's Ministers on this point.

Think I may venture to say, the Ministers of the King my Master have never thought of denying the Right of the King of Persia to admit the Residence at his Court of Ministers from any European Power, from where it might be agreeable to the King of Persia to receive them; and consequently except under some particular circumstances they would not consider the mere admission of any European Minister from another Court as affording a subject of just complaint to the Kings Government.

These I conceive to be general principles so plain that nothing but express stipulations to the

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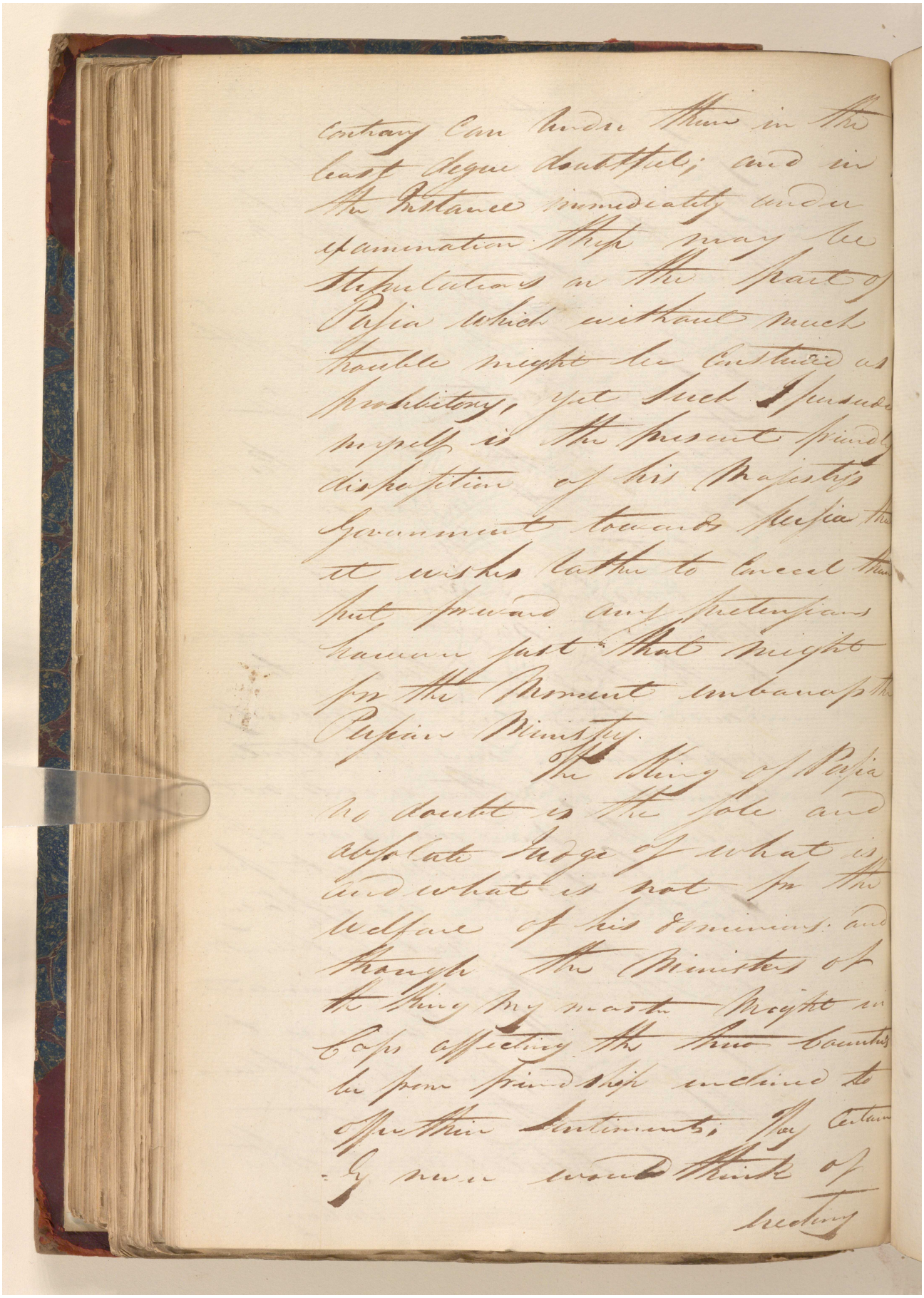

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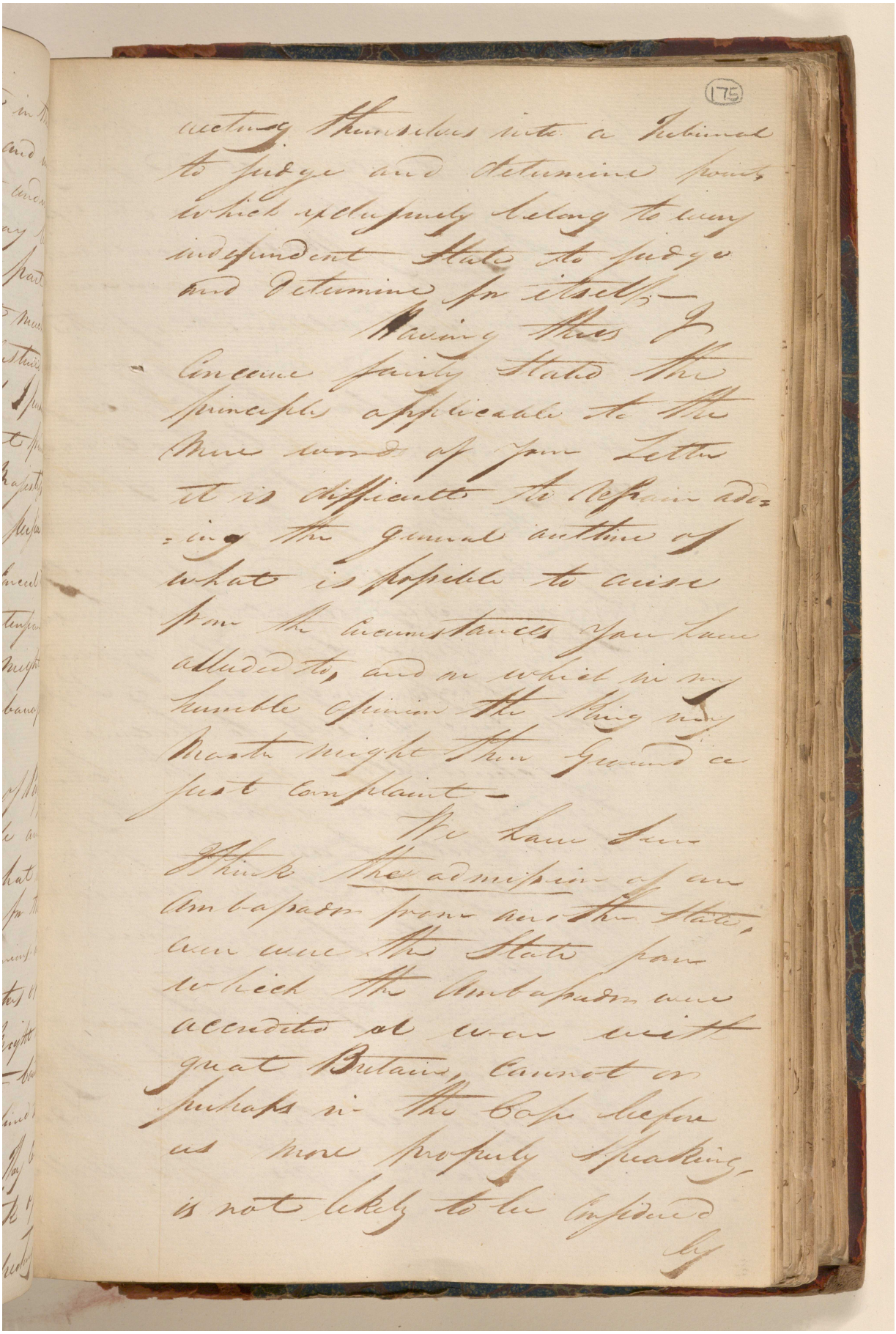
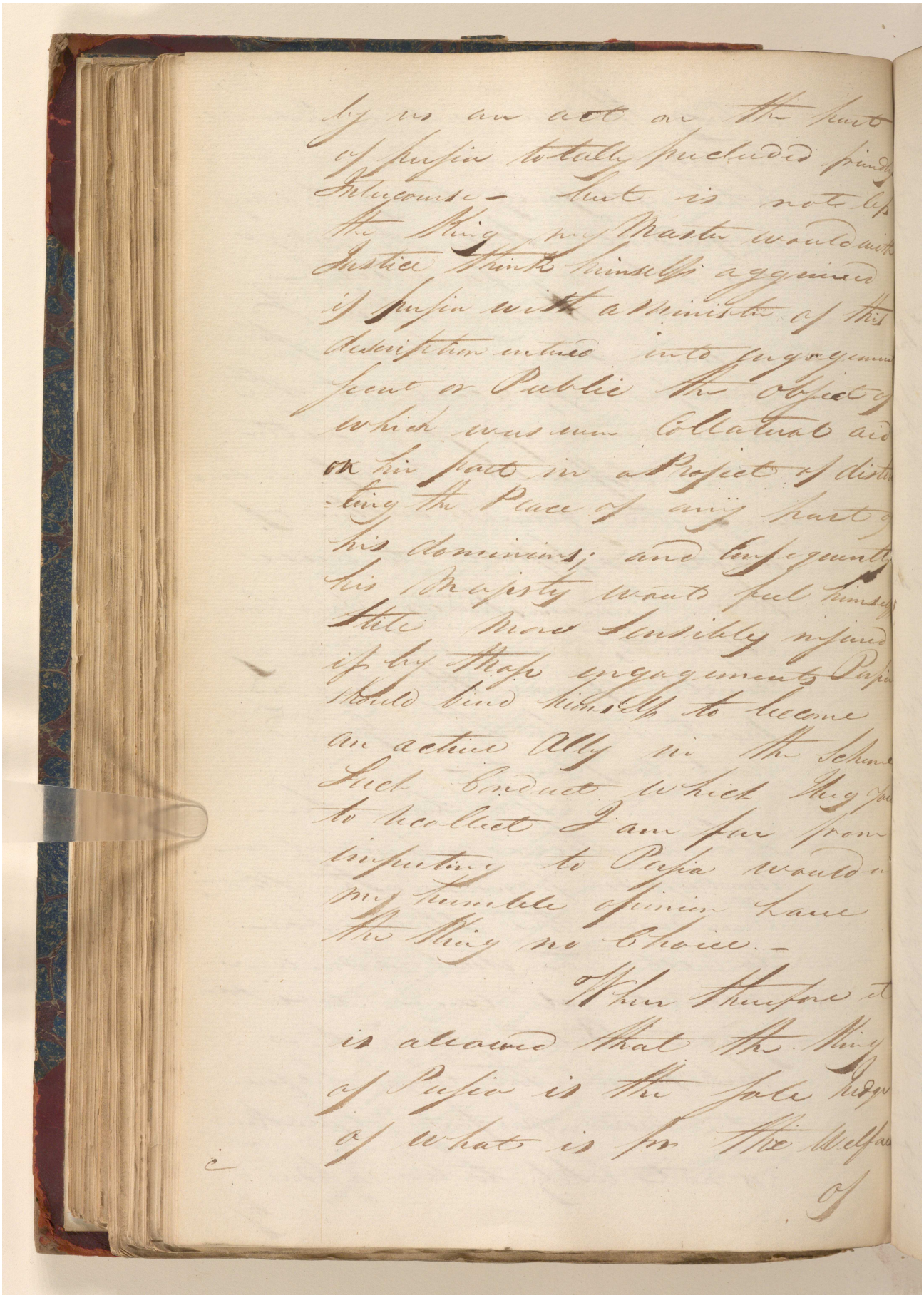


acting themselves into a Tribunal to judge and determine points which exclusively belong to every independent State to judge and determine for itself.—

Having thus I conceive fairly stated the principles applicable to the mere words of your Letter it is difficult to refrain adding the general outline of what is possible to arise from the circumstances you have alluded to, and on which in my humble opinion the King my Master might then Ground a just complaint.—

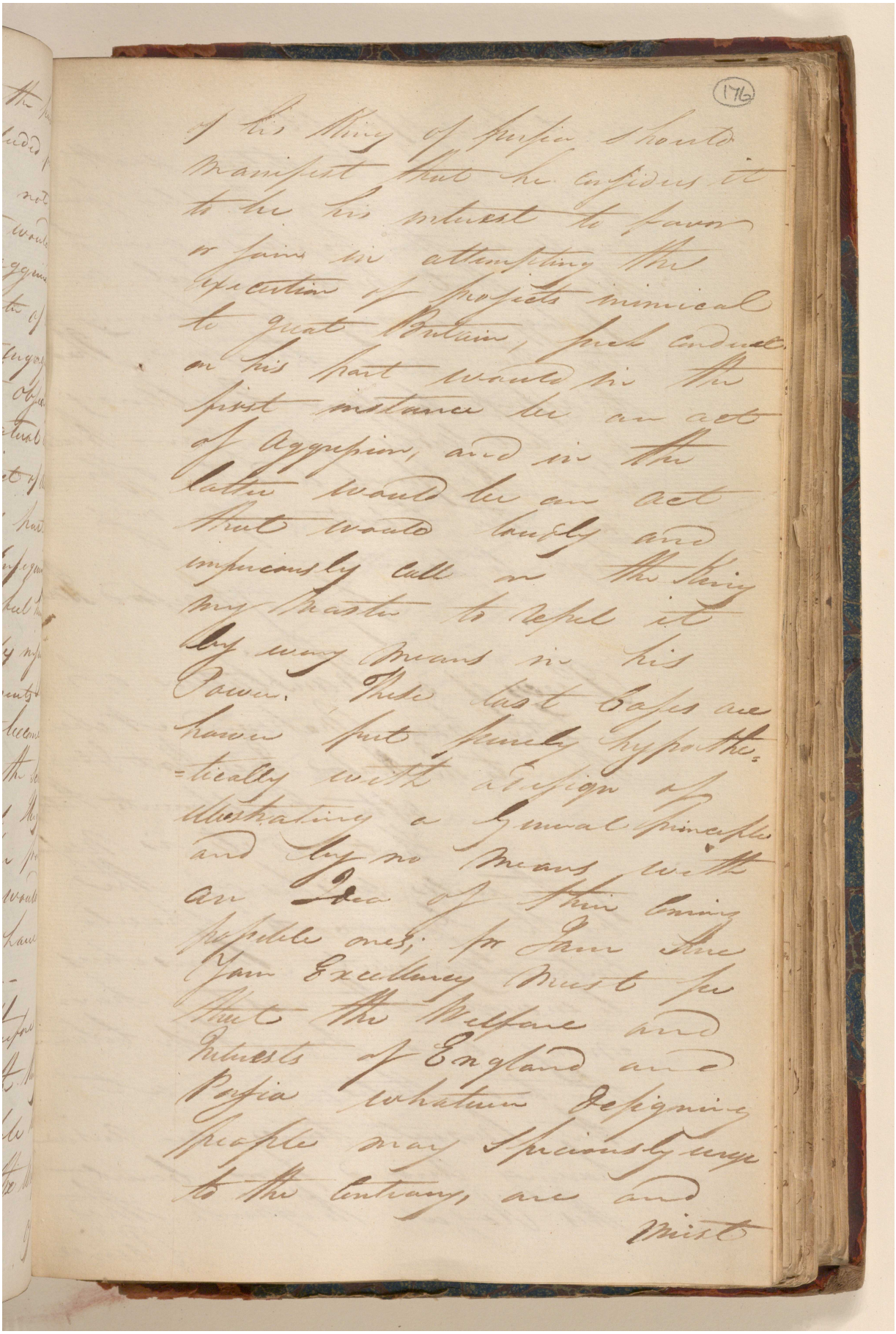
We have seen I think the admission of an Ambassador from another State, even were the State from which the Ambassador were accredited at war with great Britain, cannot or perhaps in the Case before us more properly speaking, is not likely to be considered by



by us an act on the part of Persia totally precluded friendly Intercourse — but is not less the King my Master would with Justice think himself aggrieved if Persia with a Minister of this description entered into engagement secret or Public the object of which was even Collateral aid on his part in a Project of disturbing the Peace of any part of his dominions; and Consequently his Majesty would feel himself still more sensibly injured if by those engagements Persia should bind himself to become an active Ally in the Scheme Such Conduct which they fail to recollect I am far from imputing to Persia would in my humble opinion have the King no Choice. —

When therefore it is allowed that the King of Persia is the sole Judge of what is for the Welfare

of



of his King of Persia should manifest that he considers it to be his interest to favor or join in attempting the execution of projects inimical to Great Britain, such conduct on his part would in the first instance be an act of Aggression, and in the latter would be an act that would loudly and imperiously call on the King my Master to repel it by every means in his Power. These last Cases are however put purely hypothetically with a design of illustrating a General principle and by no means with an Idea of their coming possible ones; for I am sure Your Excellency must see that the Welfare and Interests of England and Persia whatever designing people may speciously urge to the contrary, are and

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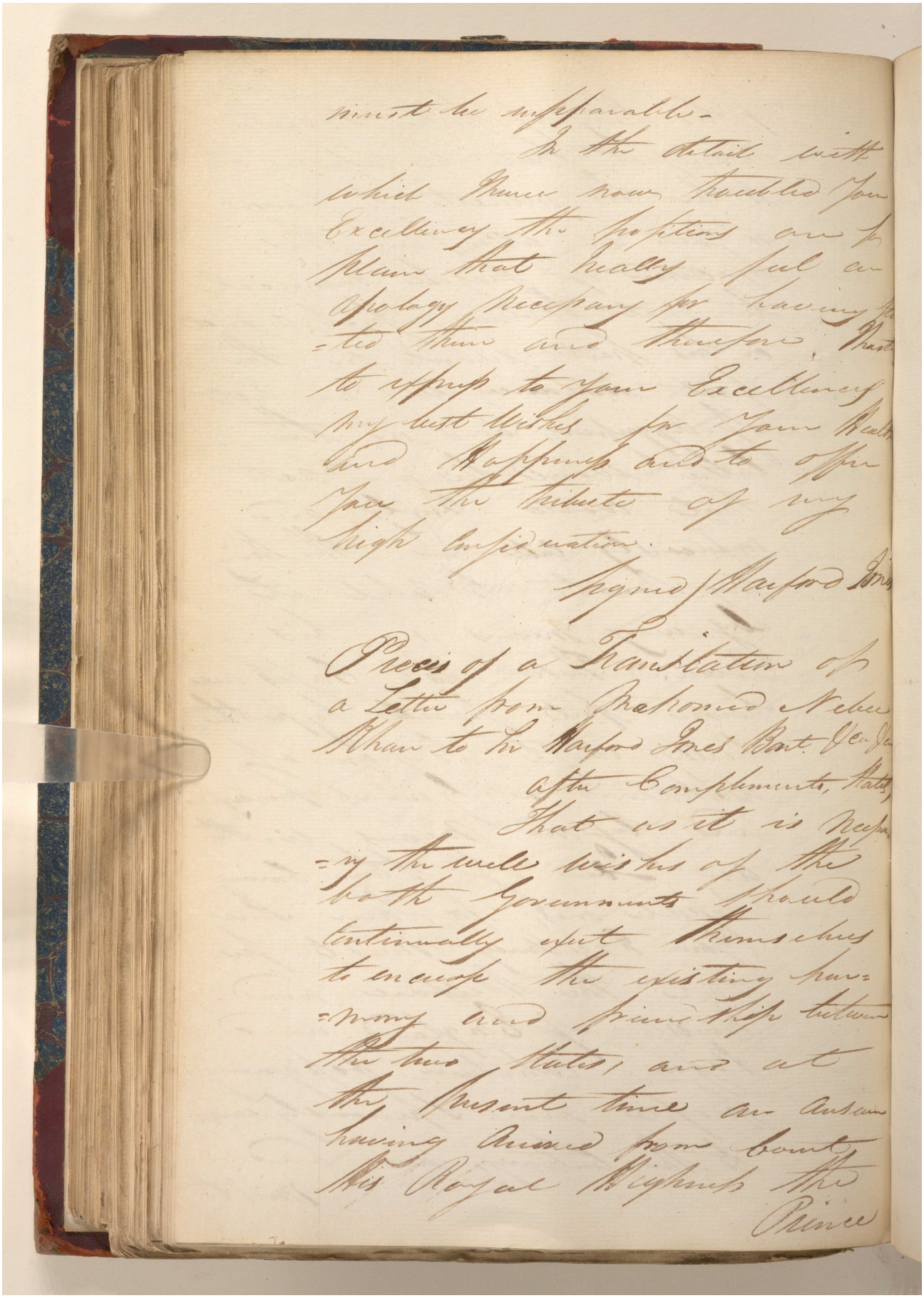


must be inseparable.

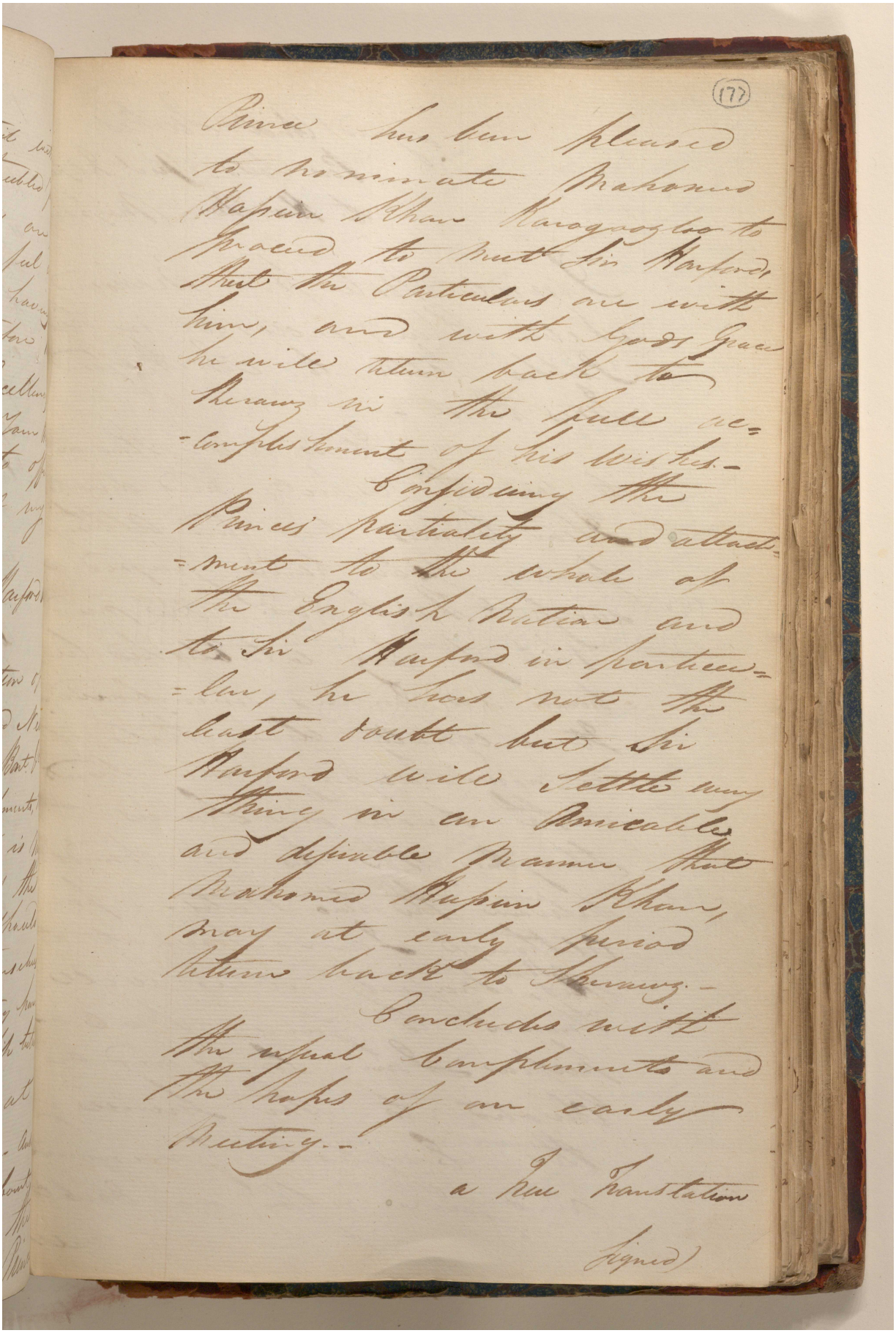
In the detail with which I have now troubled Your Excellency the positions are so plain that really feel an Apology necessary for having stated them and therefore, I hasten to express to Your Excellency my best wishes for Your Health and Happiness and to offer You the tribute of my high consideration.

Signed / Harford Jones

Precis of a Translation of a Letter from Mahomed Nebee Khan to Sir Harford Jones Bart. &c &c

After Compliments, States,

That as it is necessary the well wishes of the both Governments should continually exert themselves to encrease the existing harmony and friendship between the two States, and at the present time an Answer having arrived from Court, His Royal Highness the Prince



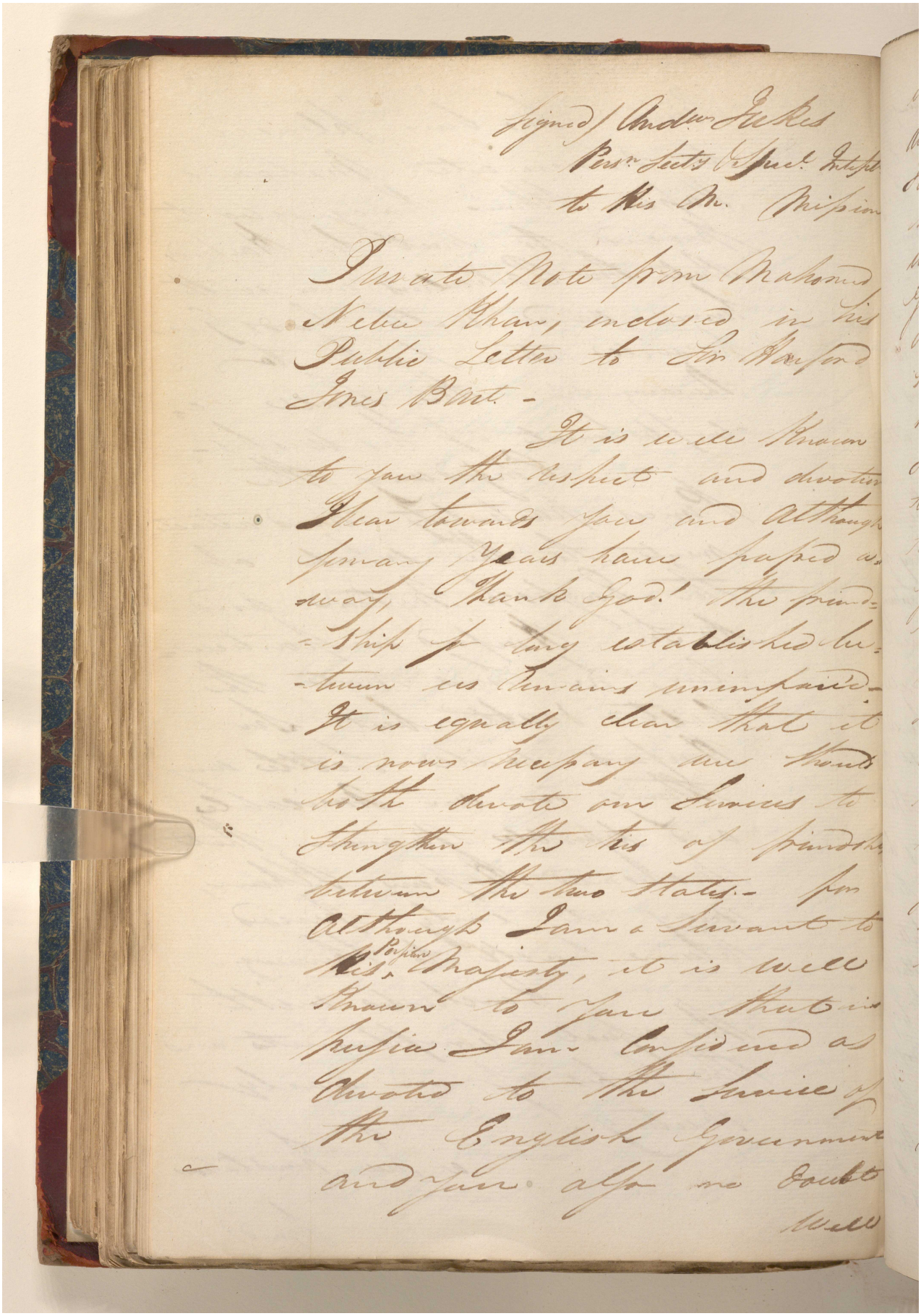
Prince has been pleased to nominate Mahomed Hassein Khan Karagooglee to proceed to meet Sir Harford, that the Particulars are with him, and with Gods Grace he will return back to Sherawz in the full ac-complishment of his wishes.—

Considering the Princes partiality and attach-ment to the whole of the English Nation and to Sir Harford in particu-lar, he has not the least doubt but Sir Harford will settle every thing in an Amicable and desirable manner that Mahomed Hassein Khan, may at early period return back to Sherawz.—

Concludes with the usual Complements and the hopes of an early Meeting.—

a true Translation

Signed)

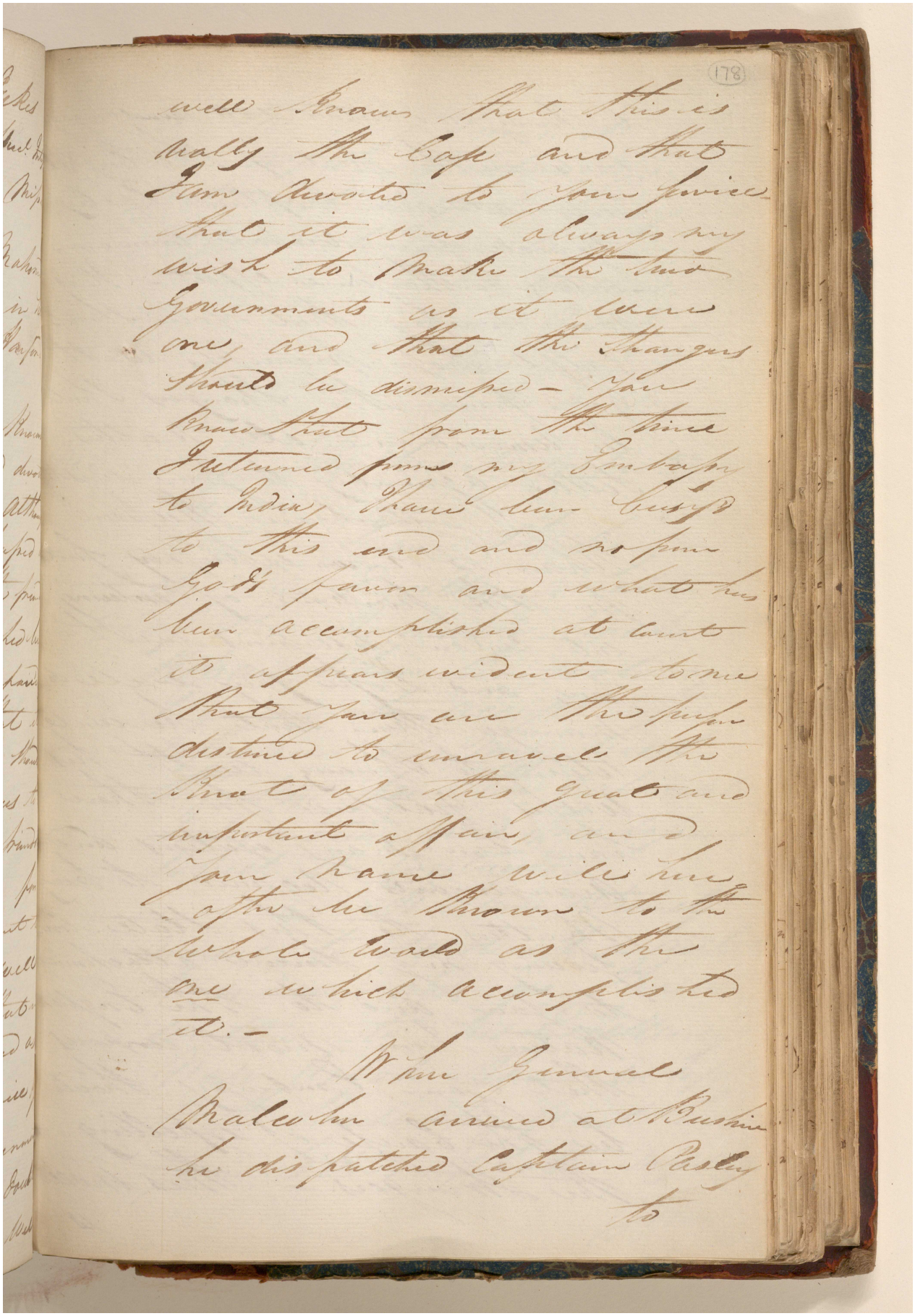


Signed) Andw. Jukes
Persn. Secty. & Spec. Intept.
to His M. Mission

Private Note from Mahomed Nebee Khan, enclosed in his Public Letter to Sir Harford Jones Bart. -

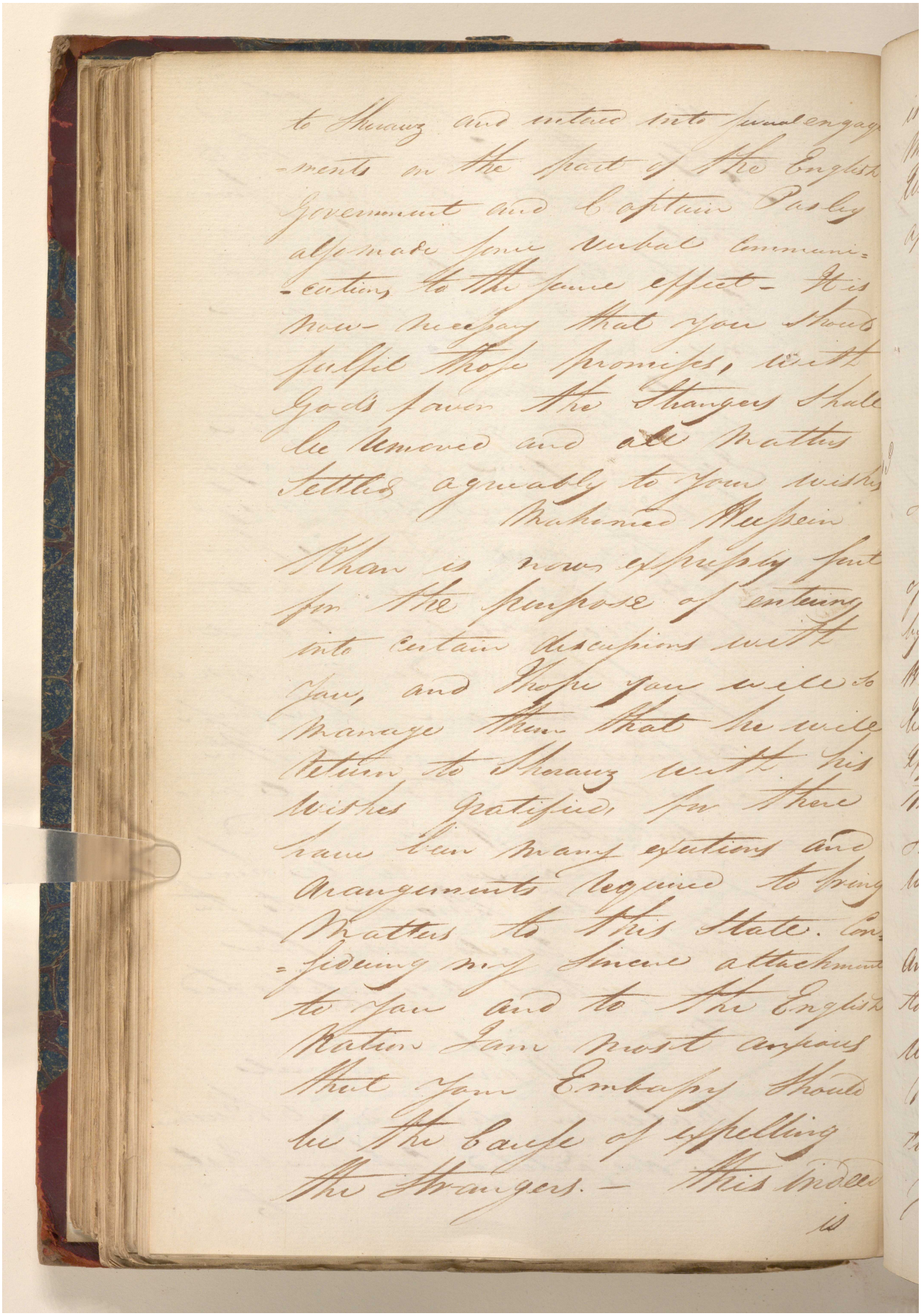
It is well known to you the respect and devotion I bear towards you and Although Sonany Years have passed away, Thank God! the friendship so long established between us remains unimpaired. It is equally clear that it is now necessary we should both devote our Services to strengthen the ties of friendship between the two States. - for Although I am a Servant to His Persian Majesty, it is well known to you that in Persia I am considered as devoted to the Service of the English Government and you also no doubt

Well

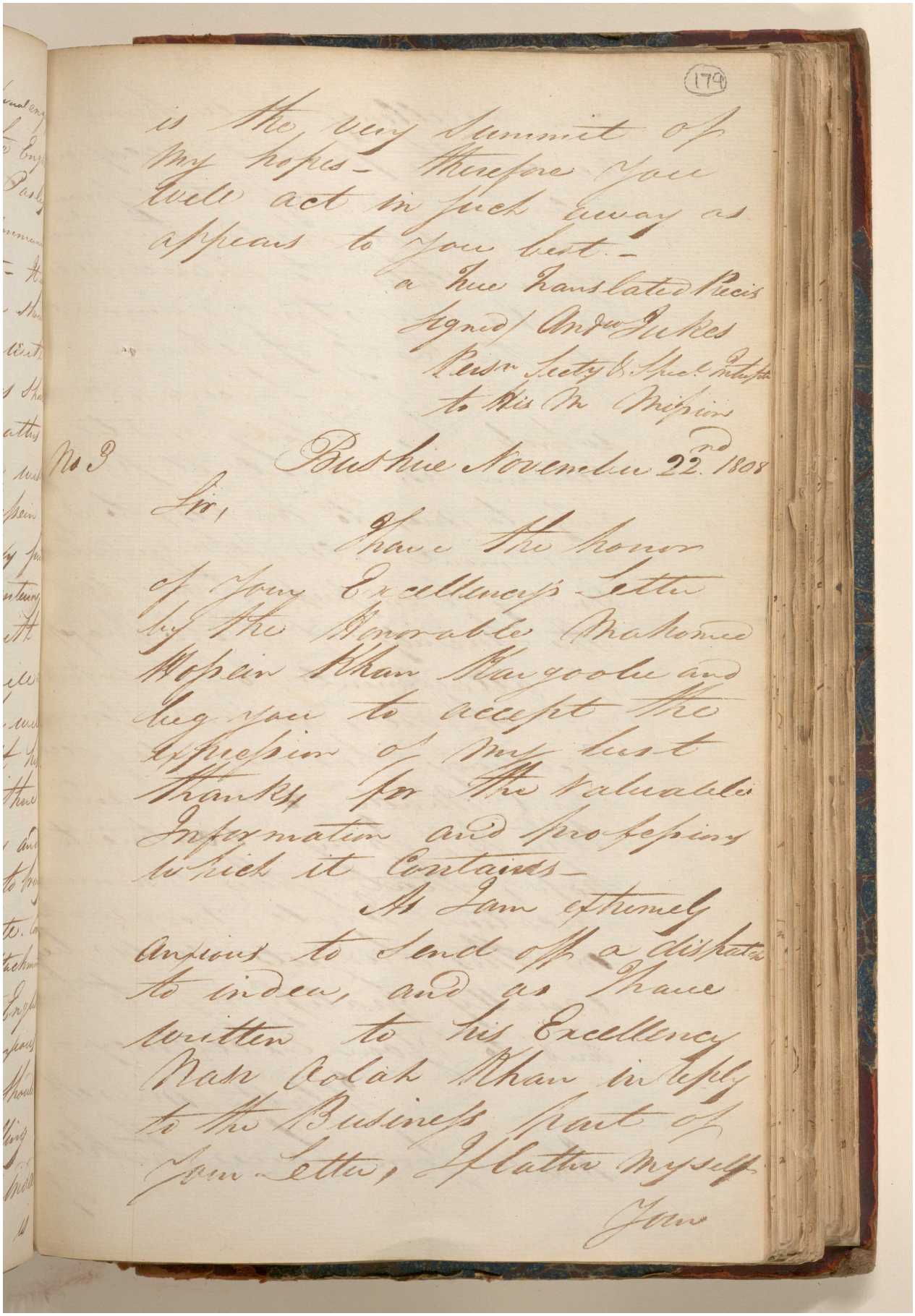


well known that this is
really the Case and that
I am devoted to your service
that it was always my
wish to make the two
Governments as it were
one, and that the Strangers
should be dismissed — You
know that from the time
I returned from my Embassy
to India, I have been busy'd
to this end and no from
Gods favor and what has
been accomplished at court
it appears evident to me
that you are the person
destined to unravel the
knot of this great and
important affair, and
your name will here
after be known to the
whole world as the
one which accomplished
it. —

When General
Malcolm arrived at Bushire
he dispatched Captain Pasley
to



to Sherauz and entered into several engage-
-ments on the part of the English
Government and Captain Pasley
also made some verbal communi-
-cation, to the same effect - It is
now necessary that you should
fulfil those promises, with
God's favor the Strangers shall
be removed and all Matters
settled agreeably to your wishes
Mahomed Hussein
Khan is now expressly sent
for the purpose of entering
into certain discussions with
you, and I hope you will so
manage them that he will
return to Sherauz with his
wishes gratified, for there
have been many exertions and
arrangements required to bring
Matters to this State. Con-
-sidering my sincere attachment
to you and to the English
Nation I am most anxious
that your Embassy should
be the cause of expelling
the Strangers. - this indeed
is



is the very summit of my hopes — therefore you will act in such away as appears to you best. —

a true translated Precis
Signed/ Andw Jukes
Persn Secty & Specl Interpte
to His M Mission

No 3

Bushire November 22nd 1808

Sir,

I have the honor of your Excellency's Letter by the Honorable Mahomed Hossein Khan Kargoolee and beg you to accept the expression of my best thanks, for the valuable Information and professions which it contains —

As I am extremely anxious to send off a dispatch to indea, and as I have written to his Excellency Nasr Oolah Khan in reply to the Business part of your Letter, I flatter myself

Your

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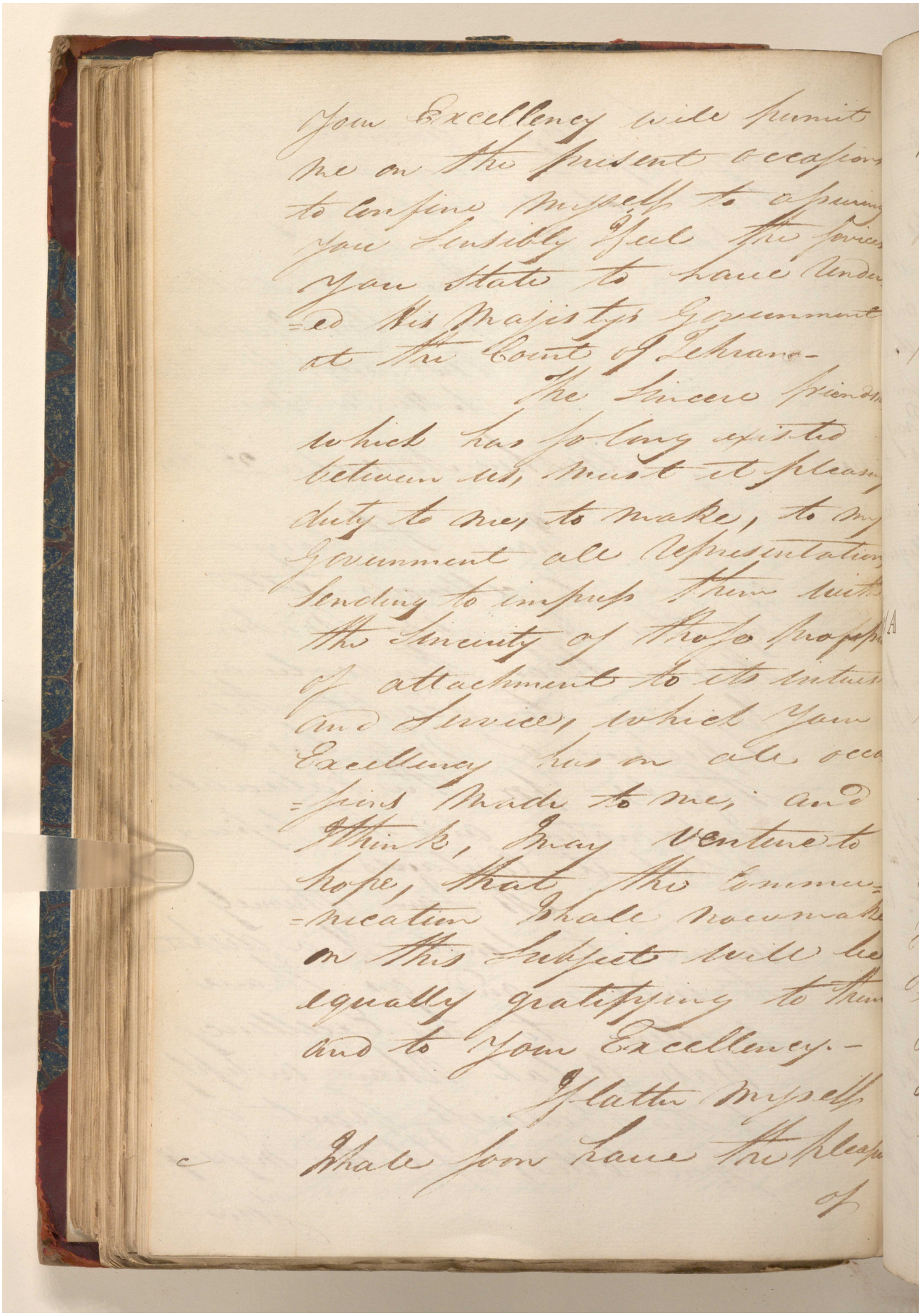
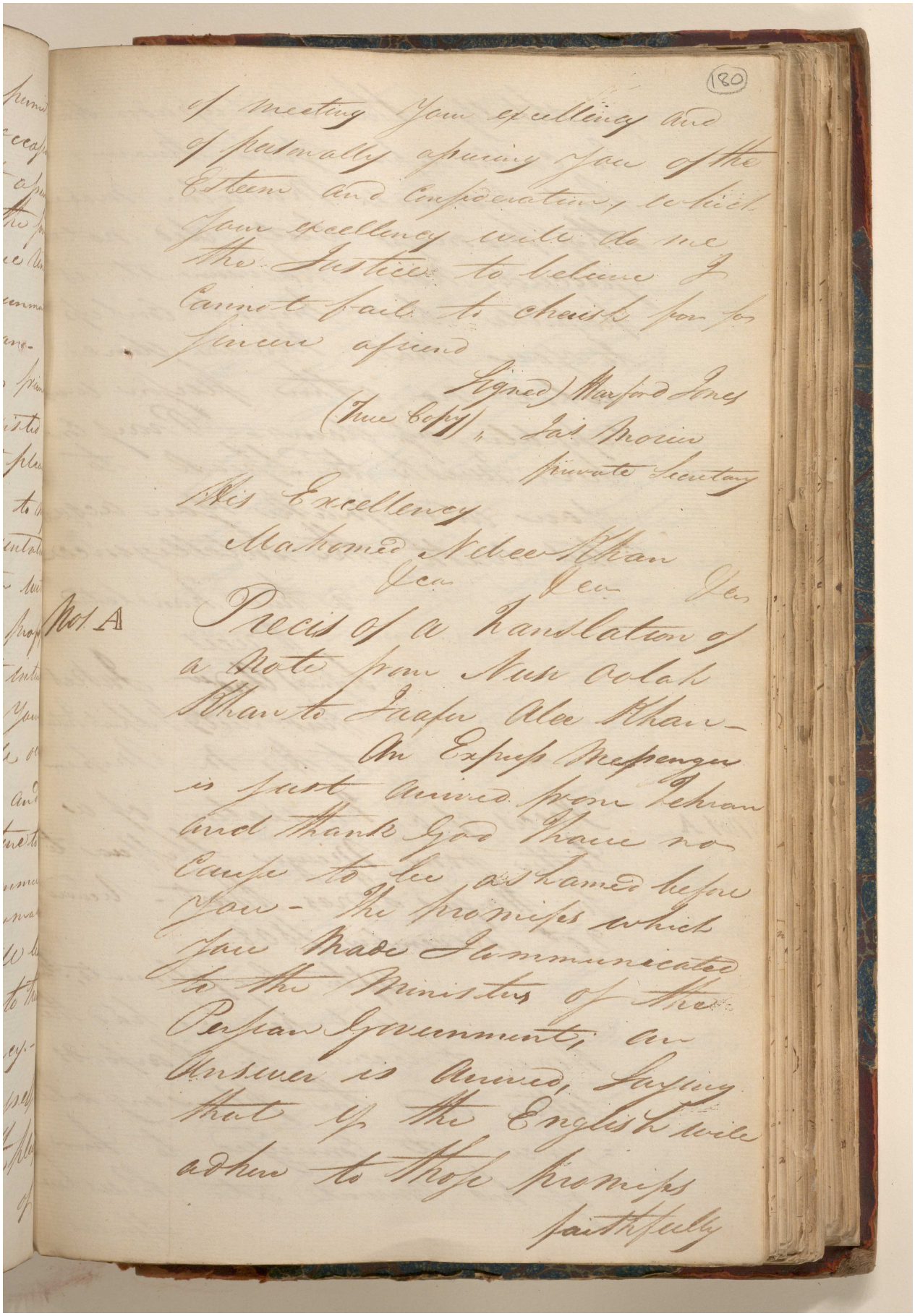


Your Excellency will permit
me on the present occasion
to confine myself to assuring
you sensibly that the services
you state to have rendered
-ed His Majesty's Government
at the Court of Tehran -

The sincere friendship
which has so long existed
between us, must at present
duty to me, to make, to my
Government all representation
sending to inspire them with
the sincerity of those sentiments
of attachment to its interests
and Service, which Your
Excellency has on all occa
-sions made to me; and
I think, may venture to
hope, that the communi
-cation I shall now make
on this subject will be
equally gratifying to them
and to Your Excellency -

I flatter myself
that from your known friendship
of



of meeting your excellency and of personally assuring you of the Esteem and Consideration, which your excellency will do me the Justice to believe I cannot fail to cherish for so sincere a friend

Signed) Warford Jones
(True Copy), Jas Morier
Private Secretary

His Excellency
Mahomed Nebee Khan
&c &c &c

Nos A

Precis of a Translation of a Note from Nusr Oolah Khan to Jaafer Alee Khan—

An Express Messenger is just arrived from Tehran and thank God I have no cause to be ashamed before you— The promises which you made I communicated to the Ministers of the Persian Government, an Answer is arrived, saying that if the English will adhere to those promises faithfully

faithfully the Embassador shall be called up. You know that General Malcolm made these promises but did not succeed, now however it is possible but I must confess to you that I have done what no other person was capable of doing. Pray come here wish to speak to you and make you acquainted with the intelligence.

a true translated
Precis
Signed) Andw Jukes
persn Secty & Spec. Interp.
to His M. Mission

No 1 A Precis of a translation of a Letter from Meerza Sheffera to Sir Harford Jones Bart. received 20th November 1808.

After Compliments, stated that he has had the Honor to receive Sir Harfords Letter, and the pleasing intelligence it conveyed to him of his arrival at Bushire

afforded

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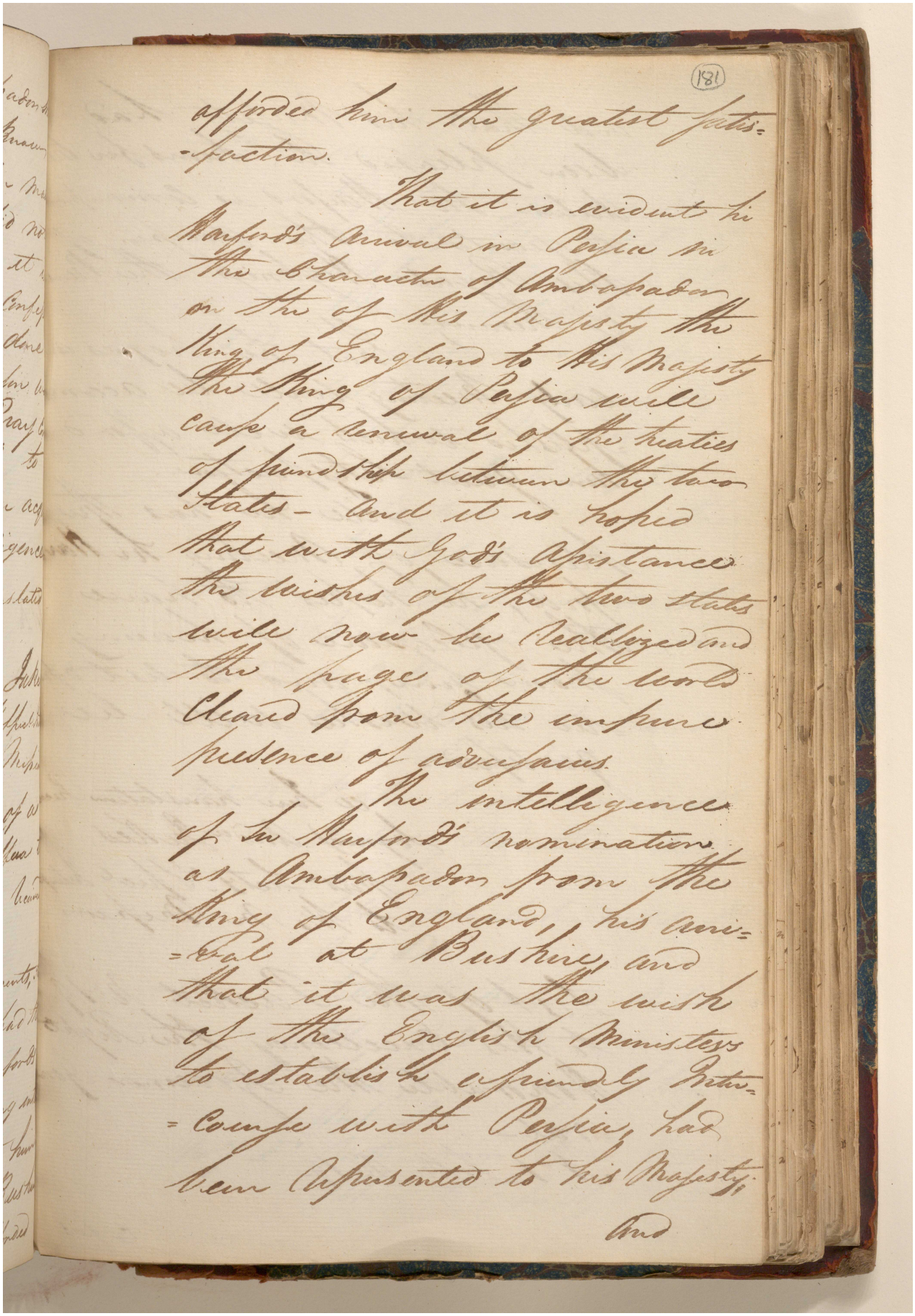

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afforded him the greatest satisfaction.

That it is evident his Majesty's Arrival in Persia in the Character of Ambassador on the part of His Majesty the King of England to His Majesty the King of Persia will cause a renewal of the treaties of friendship between the two States - And it is hoped that with God's Assistance the wishes of the two states will now be realized and the face of the world cleared from the impure presence of adversaries.

The intelligence of Sir Harford's nomination as Ambassador from the King of England, his arrival at Bushire, and that it was the wish of the English Ministers to establish a friendly Intercourse with Persia, had been represented to His Majesty.

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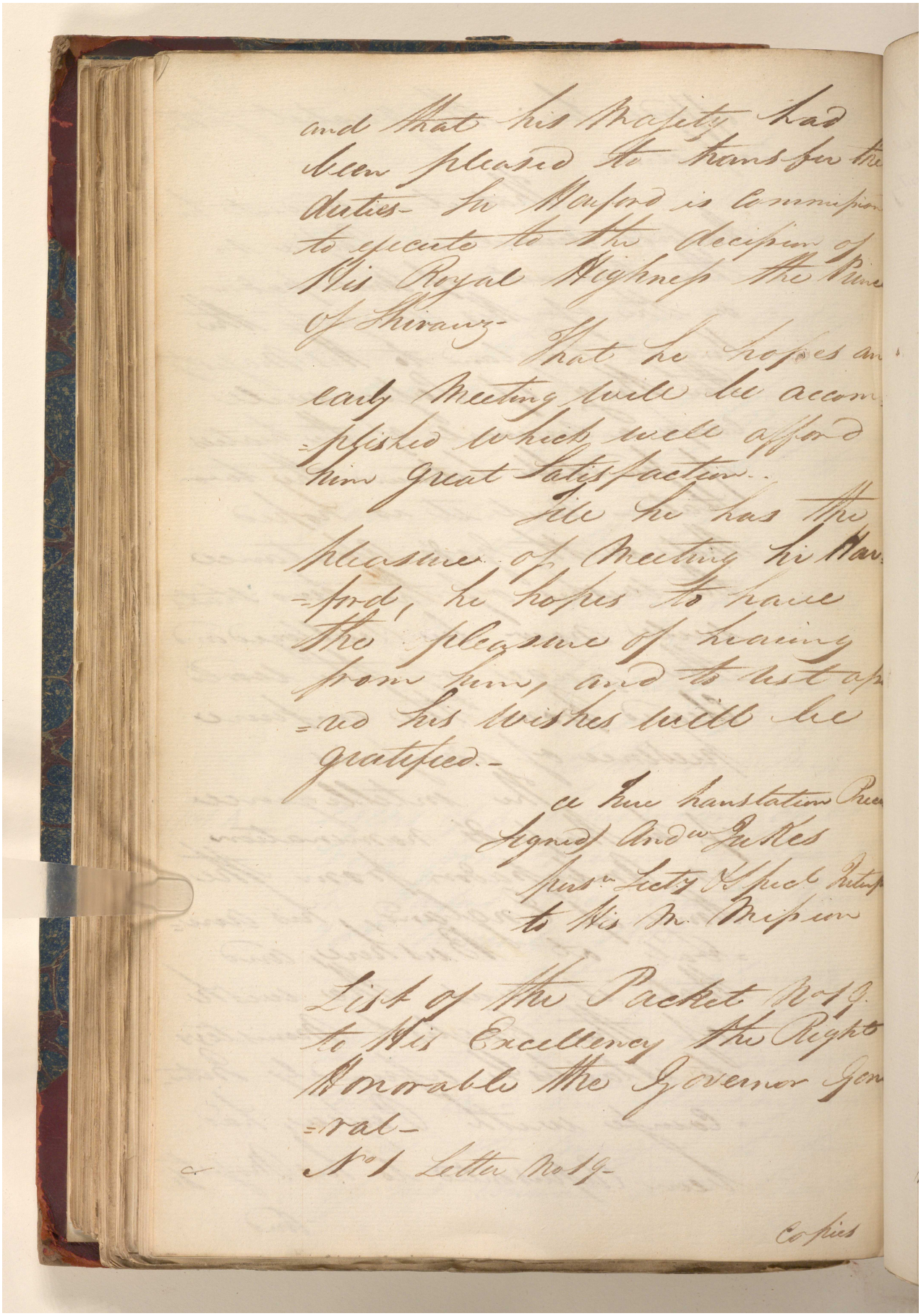

and that his Majesty had been pleased to transfer the duties- Sir Harford is commission to execute to the decision of His Royal Highness the Prince of Shiraz-

That he hopes an early Meeting will be accomplished which will afford him great Satisfaction.

Till he has the pleasure of Meeting Sir Harford, he hopes to have the pleasure of hearing from him, and to rest assured his wishes will be gratified.-

a true translation Precis
Signed Andw Jukes
persn Secty & Specl Interp
to His M. Mission

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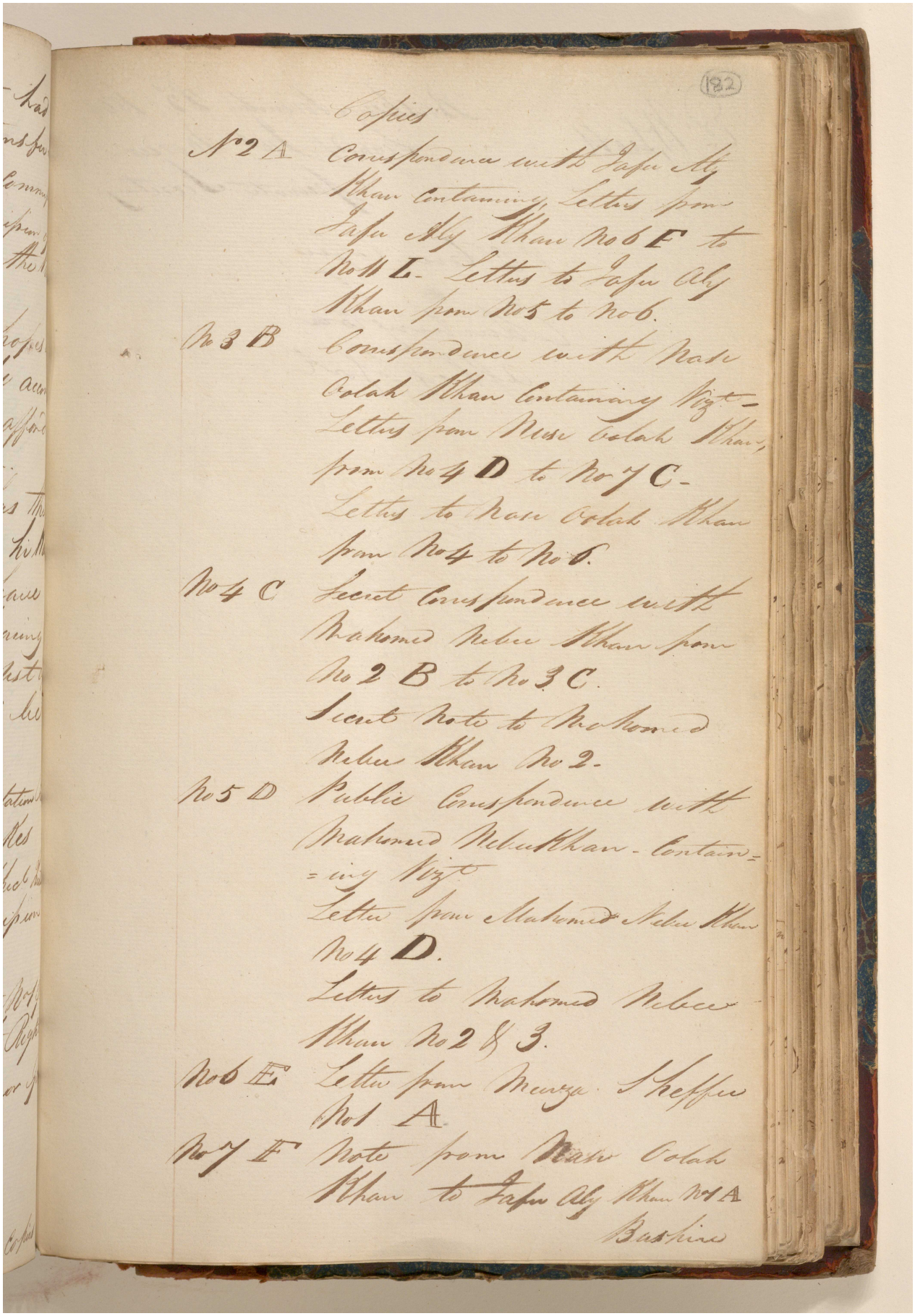

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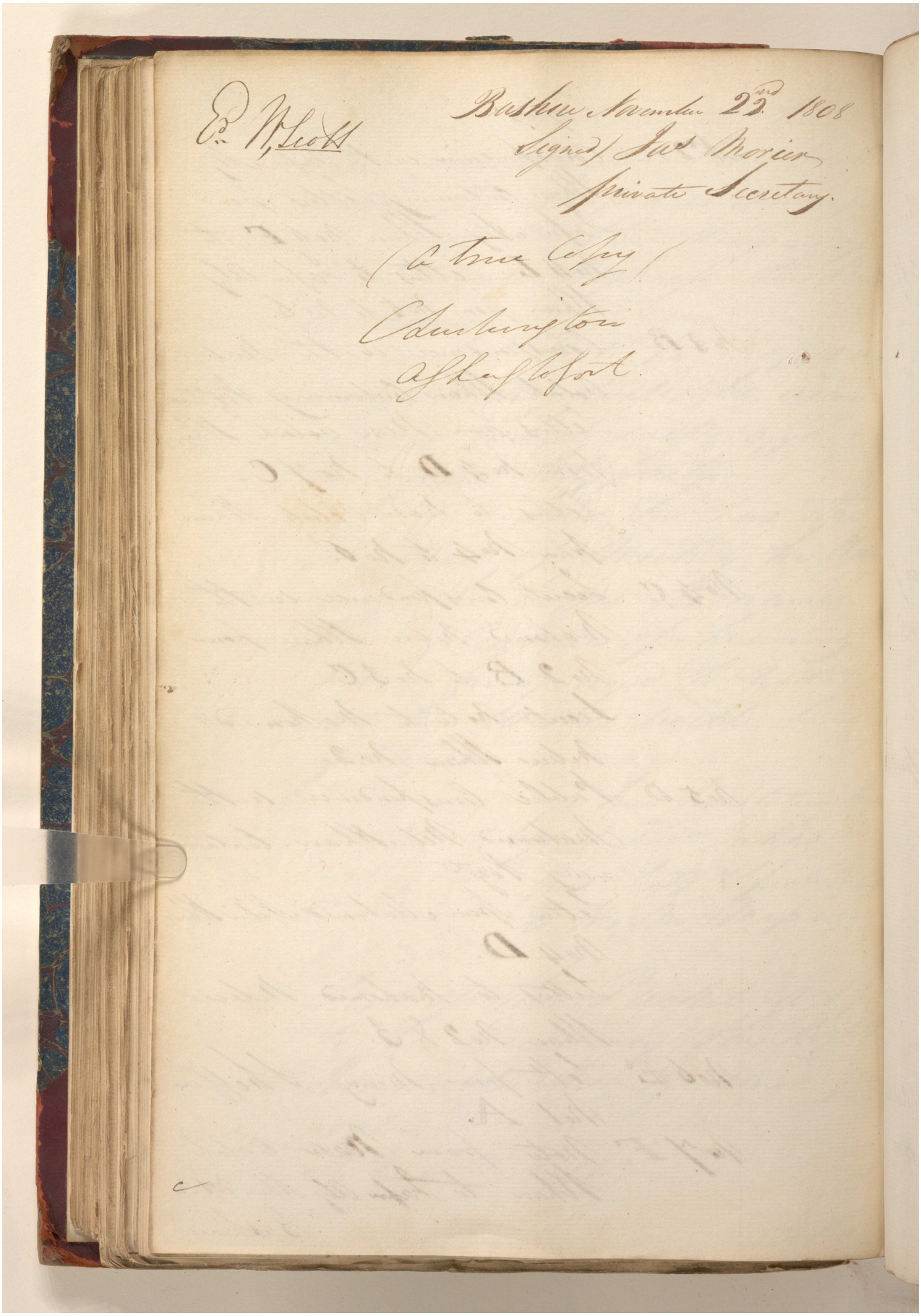

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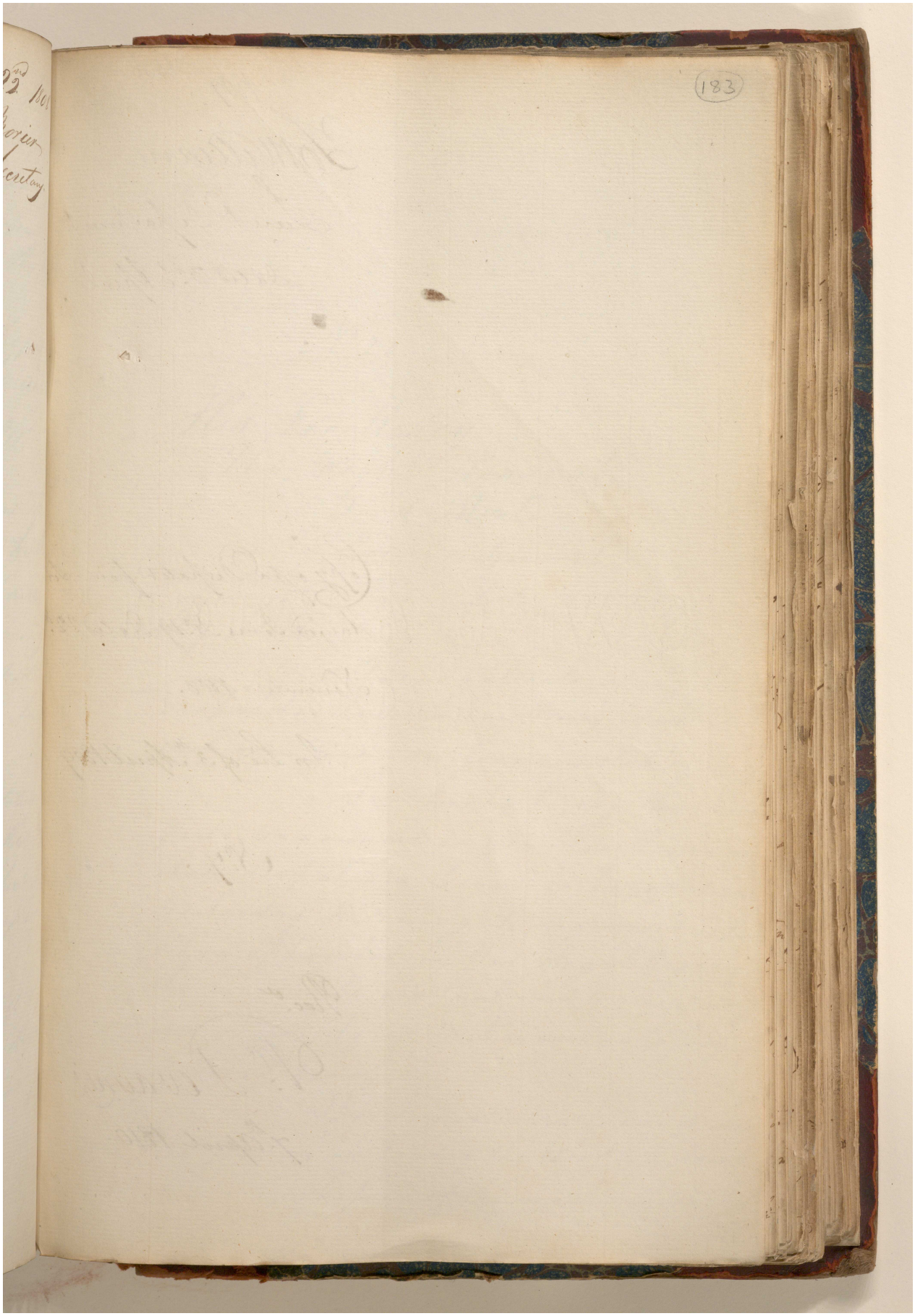

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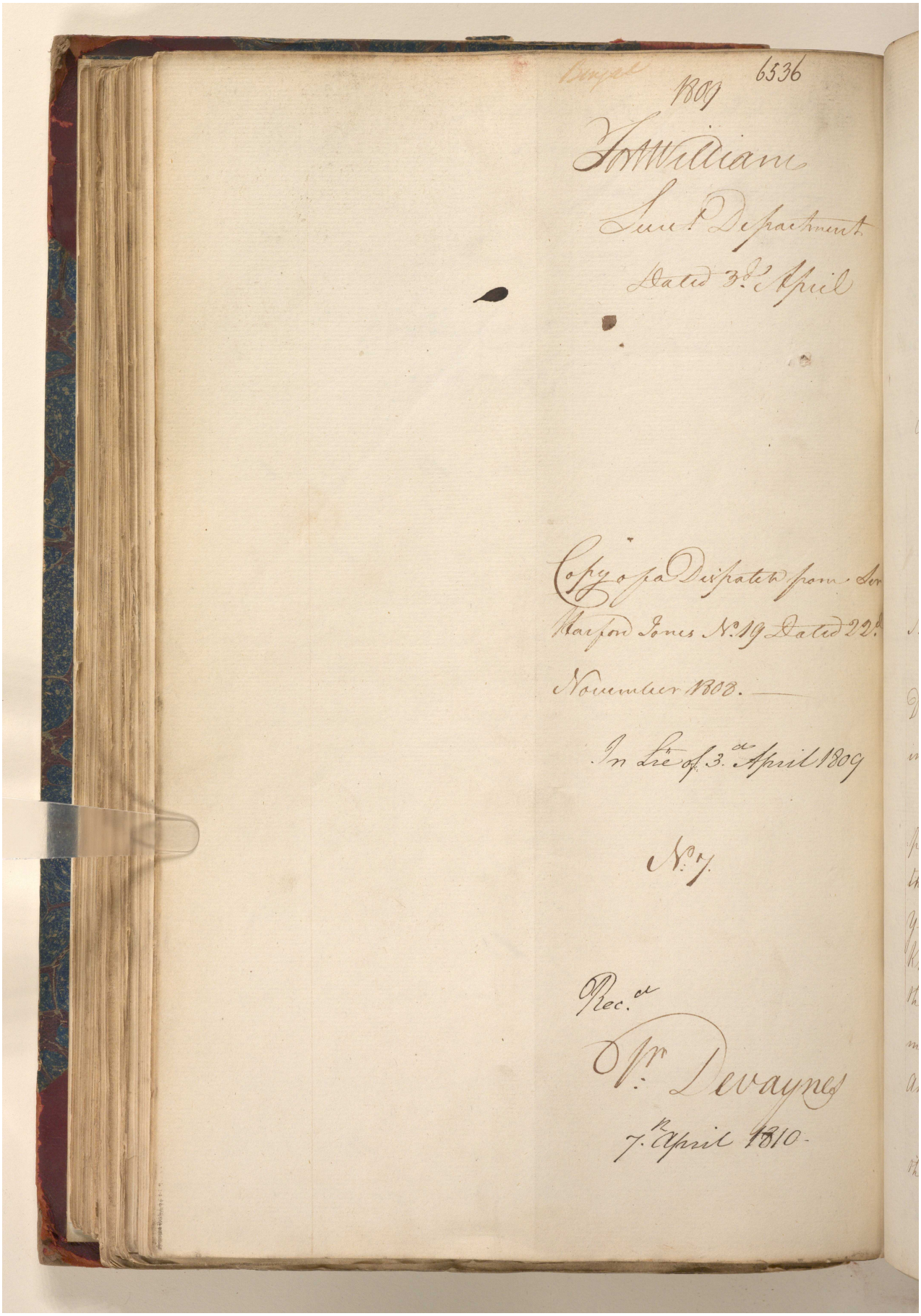

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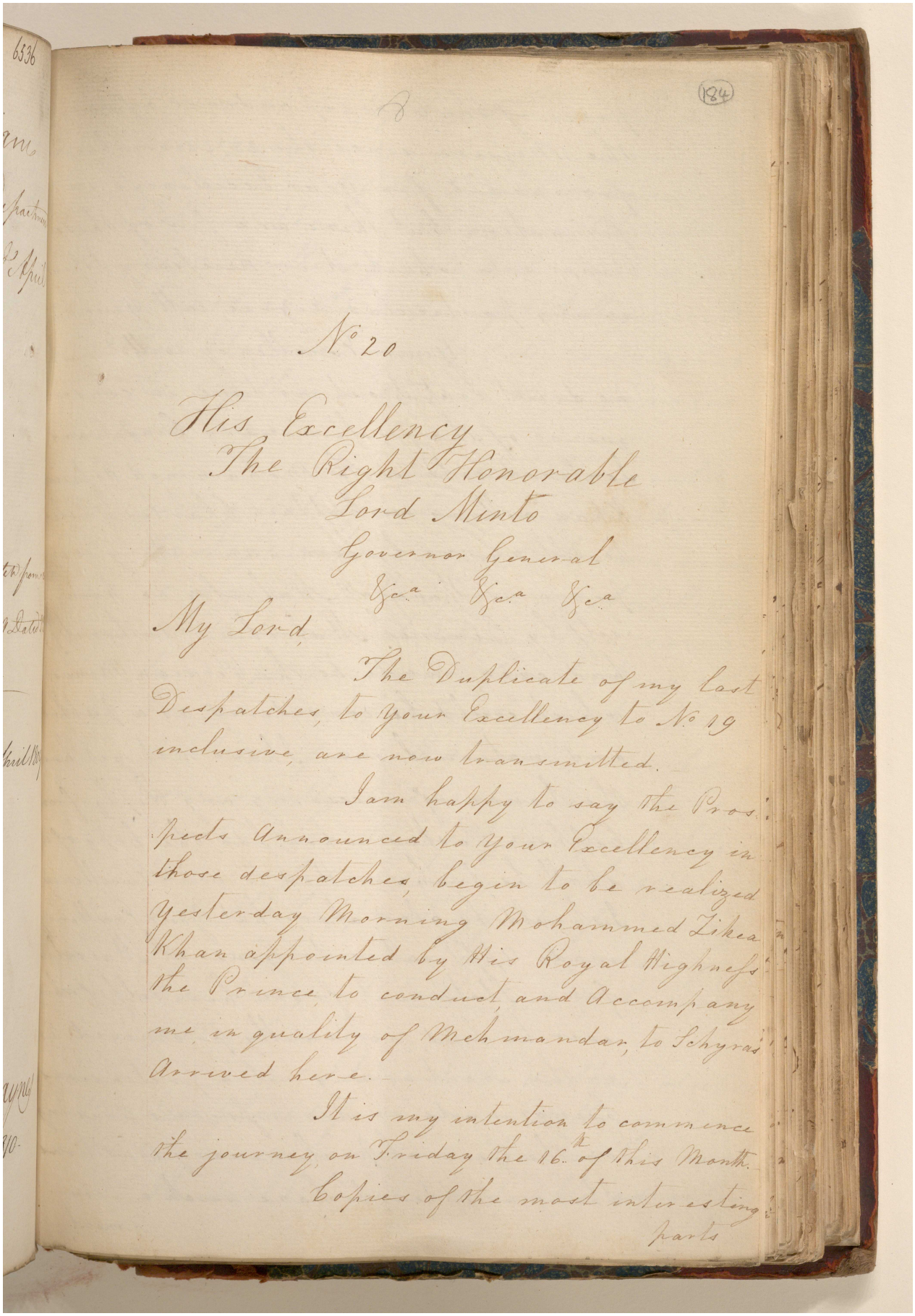

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N° 20

His Excellency
The Right Honorable
Lord Minto
Governor General
&c.a &c.a &c.a

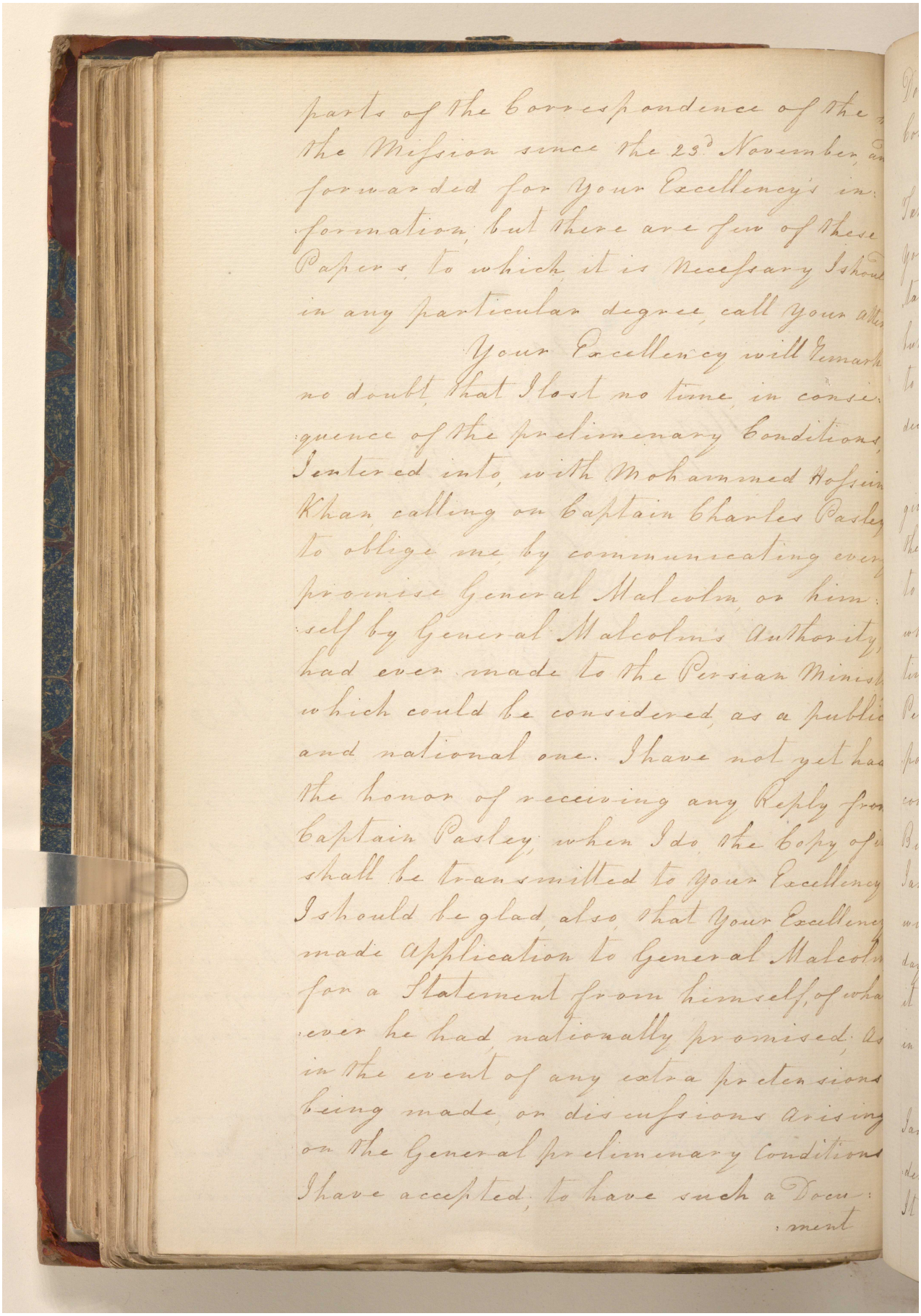
My Lord,

The Duplicate of my last Despatches, to Your Excellency to N° 19 inclusive, are now transmitted.

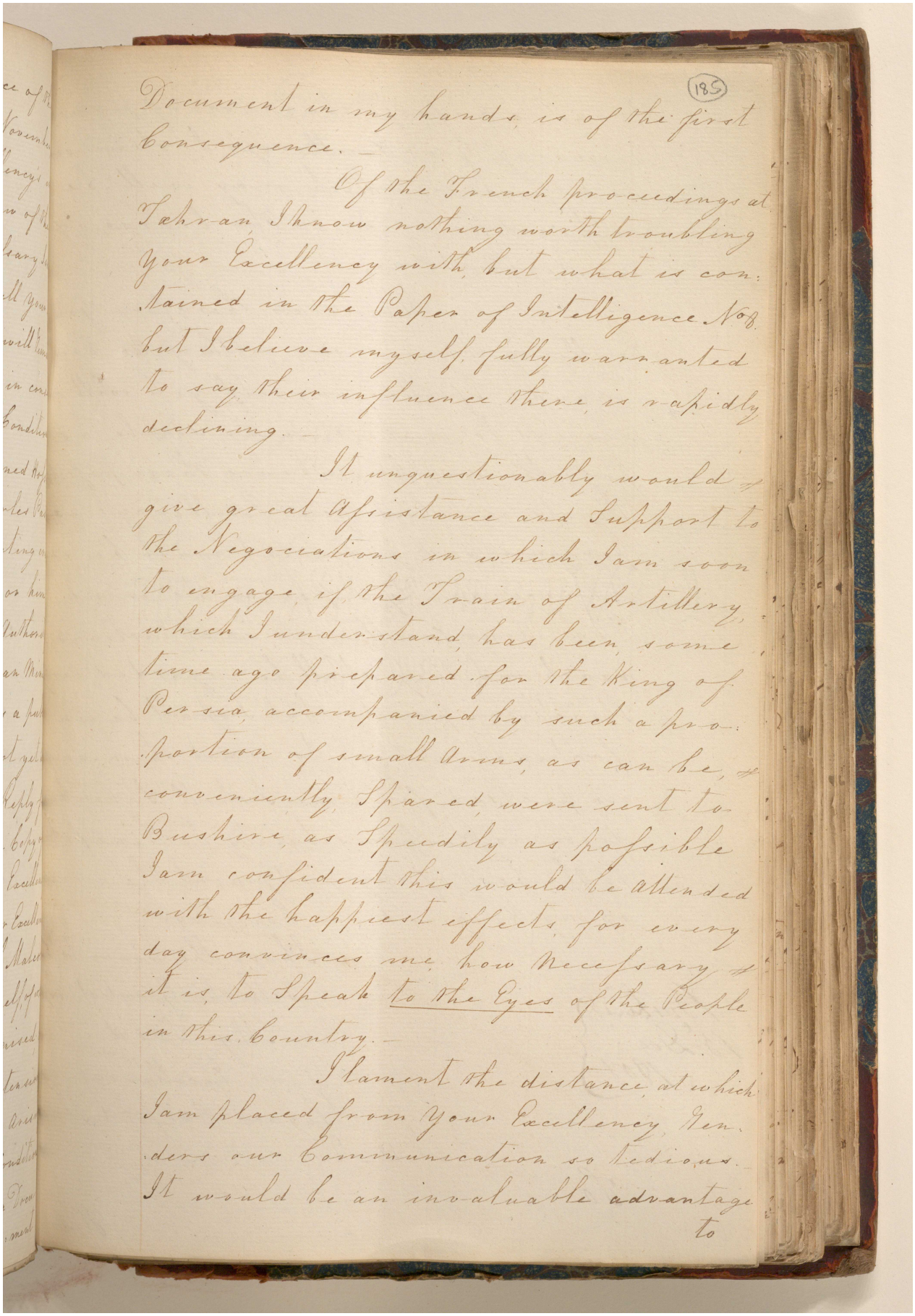
I am happy to say the Prospects announced to Your Excellency in those despatches, begin to be realized Yesterday Morning Mohammed Zikea Khan appointed by His Royal Highness the Prince, to conduct, and Accompany me in quality of Mehmandar, to Schyras Arrived here.

It is my intention to commence the journey on Friday the 16th of this Month.

Copies of the most interesting parts



parts of the Correspondence of the
the Mission since the 23d November
forwarded for Your Excellency's in-
formation, but there are few of these
Papers, to which it is necessary I shou
in any particular degree, call Your
Your Excellency will remark
no doubt that I lost no time in conse-
quence of the preliminary Conditions
I entered into with Mohammed Hosein
Khan, calling on Captain Charles Pasley
to oblige me by communicating ever
promise General Malcolm or him-
self by General Malcolm's Authority,
had ever made to the Persian Minis
which could be considered as a public
and national one. I have not yet had
the honor of receiving any Reply fro
Captain Pasley, when I do the Copy of
shall be transmitted to Your Excellency
I should be glad also that Your Excellency
made Application to General Malcolm
for a Statement from himself of wha
ever he had nationally promised. As
in the event of any extra pretensions
being made, or discussions arising
on the General preliminary Conditions
I have accepted, to have such a Docu-
ment



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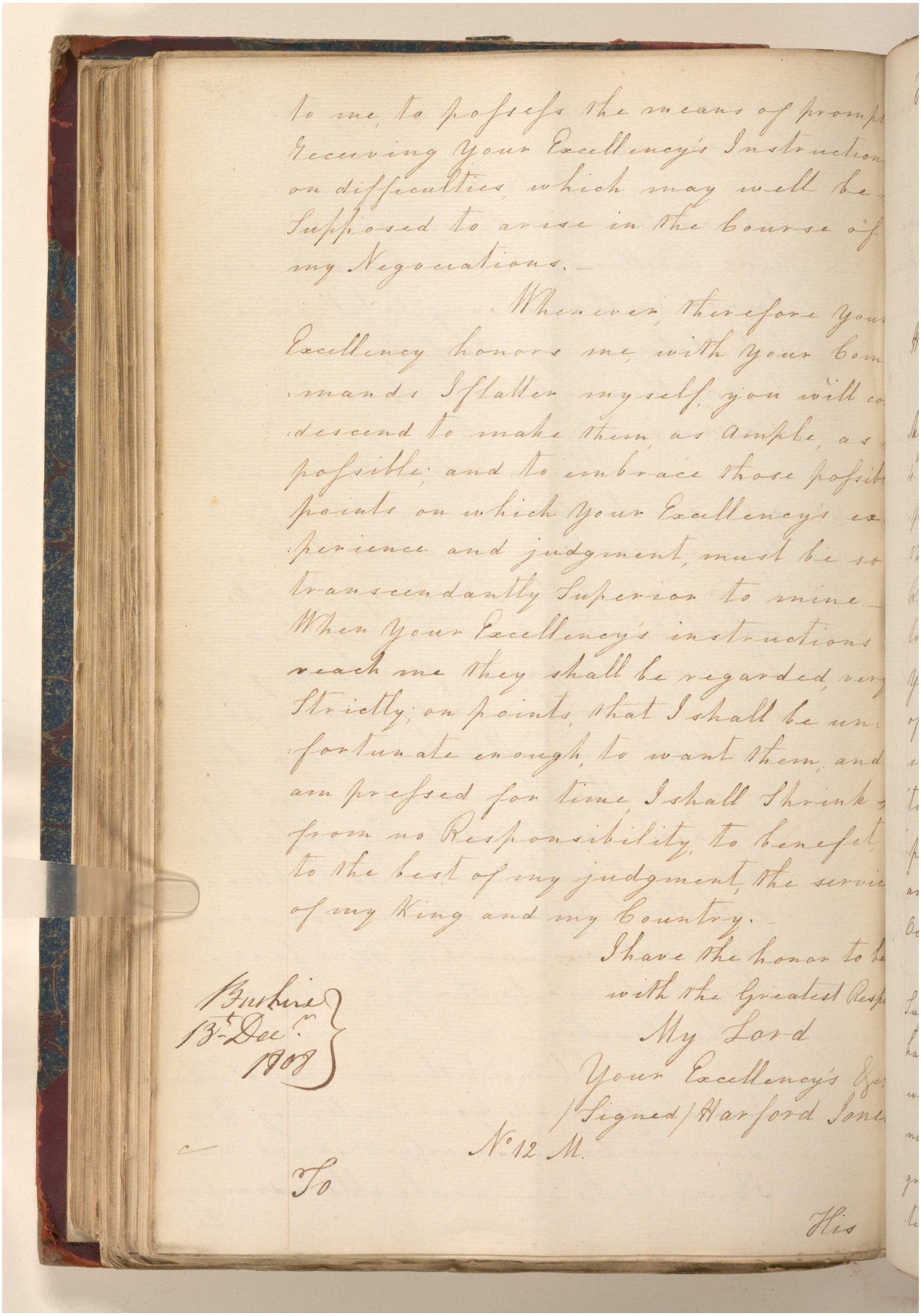
Document in my hands, is of the first consequence. —

Of the French proceedings at Tahran, I know nothing worth troubling your Excellency with, but what is contained in the Paper of Intelligence No 8. but I believe myself, fully warranted to say their influence there, is rapidly declining. —

It unquestionably would give great Assistance and Support to the Negociations in which I am soon to engage, if the Train of Artillery, which I understand, has been, some time ago prepared for the King of Persia, accompanied by such a proportion of small Arms, as can be conveniently Spared, were sent to Bushire, as Speedily as possible. I am confident this would be attended with the happiest effects, for every day convinces me, how necessary it is, to Speak to the Eyes of the People in this Country. —

I lament the distance, at which I am placed from Your Excellency, renders our Communication so tedious. It would be an invaluable advantage to



to me to possess the means of promp
Receiving Your Excellency's Instruction
on difficulties, which may well be
Supposed to arise in the Course of
my Negociations.

Whenever, therefore Your
Excellency honors me with your Com
mands I flatter myself you will co
descend to make them as ample, as
possible; and to embrace those possib
points on which Your Excellency's ex
perience and judgment, must be so
transcendantly Superior to mine.
When Your Excellency's instructions
reach me they shall be regarded very
Strictly; on points, that I shall be un
fortunate enough, to want them, and
am pressed for time, I shall Shrink
from no Responsibility, to benefit
to the best of my judgment, the servic
of my King and my Country.

I have the honor to be
with the Greatest Resp
My Lord
Your Excellency's &c
Signed Harford Jone

Bushire
13th Dec.
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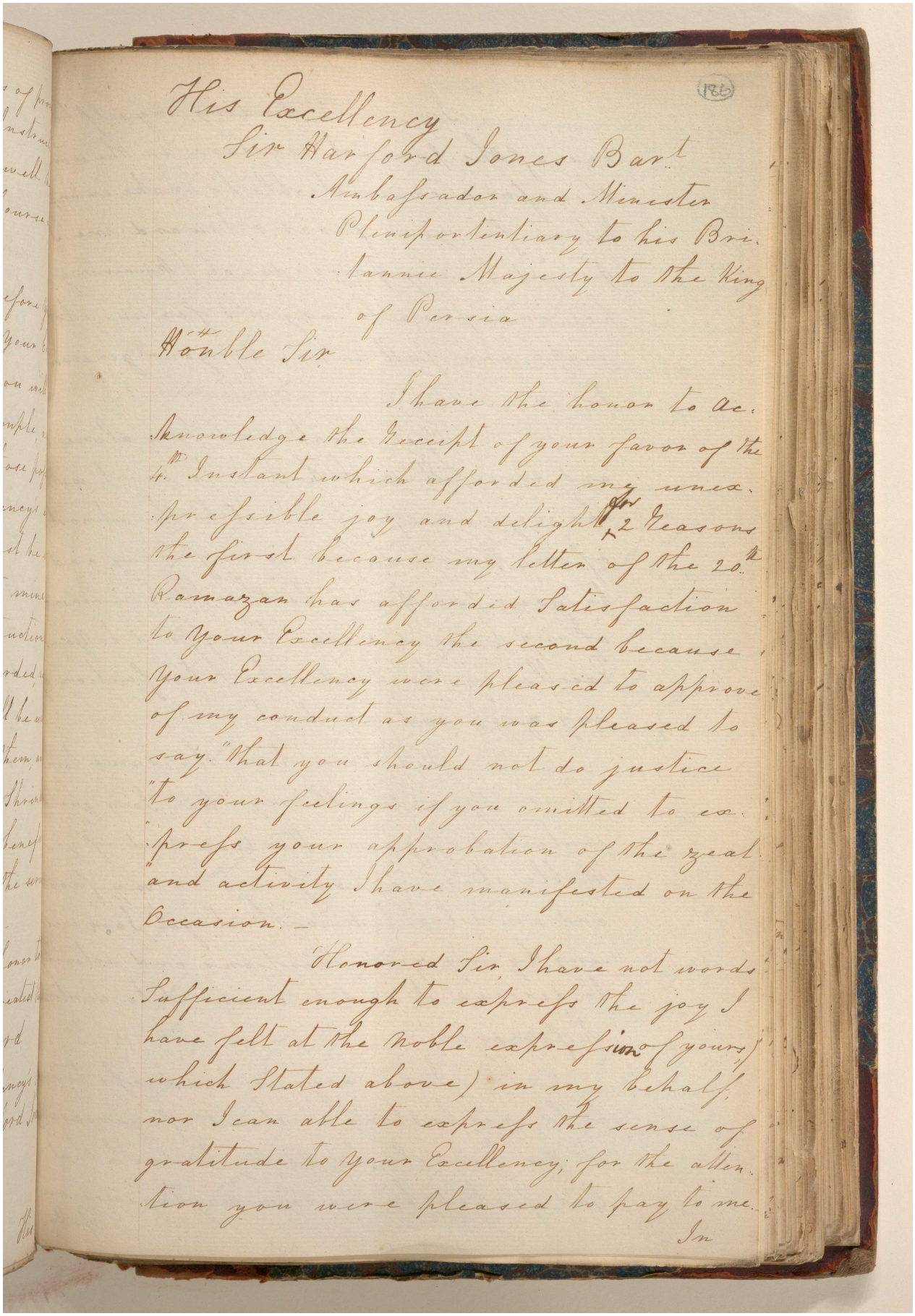
No 12 M.

To

His



His Excellency
Sir Harford Jones Bart
Ambassador and Minister
Plenipotentiary to his Bri-
tannic Majesty to the King
of Persia

Honble Sir

I have the honor to ac-
knowledge the Receipt of your favor of the
4th Instant which afforded me unex-
pressible joy and delight for 2 Reasons
the first because my letter of the 20th
Ramazan has afforded Satisfaction
to your Excellency the second because
Your Excellency were pleased to approve
of my conduct as you was pleased to
say "that you should not do justice
"to your feelings if you omitted to ex-
"press your approbation of the zeal
"and activity I have manifested on the
Occasion. —

Honored Sir, I have not words
Sufficient enough to express the joy I
have felt at the noble expressions of yours
which Stated above) in my behalf,
nor I can able to express the sense of
gratitude to your Excellency; for the atten-
tion you were pleased to pay to me.

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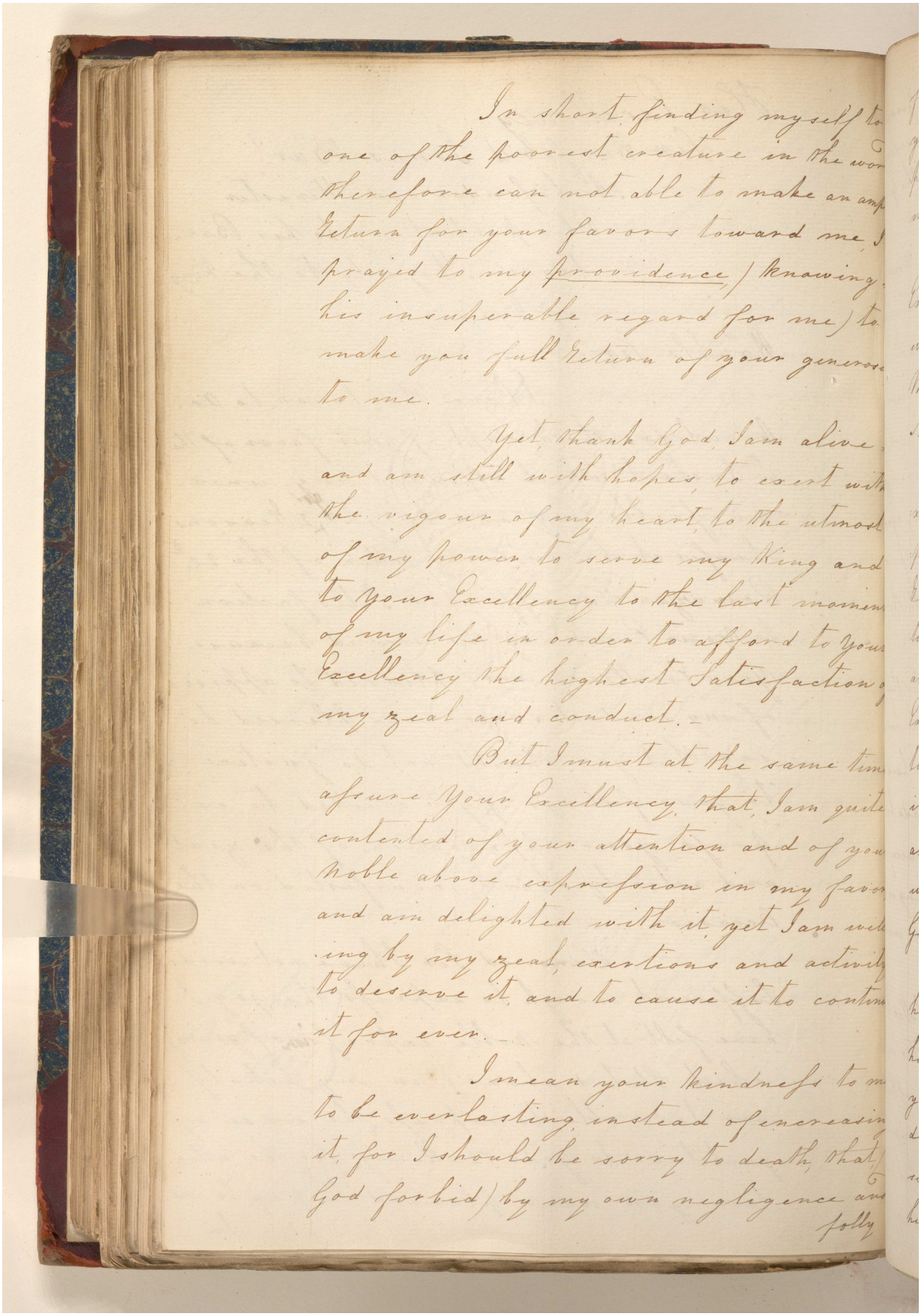

In short finding myself to
one of the poorest creature in the wor
therefore can not able to make an amp
Return for your favors toward me, I
prayed to my providence / knowing
his insuperable regard for me / to
make you full Return of your generos
to me.

Yet thank God I am alive
and am still with hopes to exert wit
the vigour of my heart to the utmost
of my power to serve my King and
to your Excellency to the last momen
of my life in order to afford to your
Excellency the highest Satisfaction
my zeal and conduct.

But I must at the same tim
assure your Excellency that I am quite
contented of your attention and of you
Noble above expression in my favo
and am delighted with it yet I am wil
ing by my zeal, exertions and activi
to deserve it and to cause it to contin
it for ever.

I mean your kindness to m
to be everlasting instead of encreasin
it, for I should be sorry to death, that
God forbid / by my own negligence an
folly

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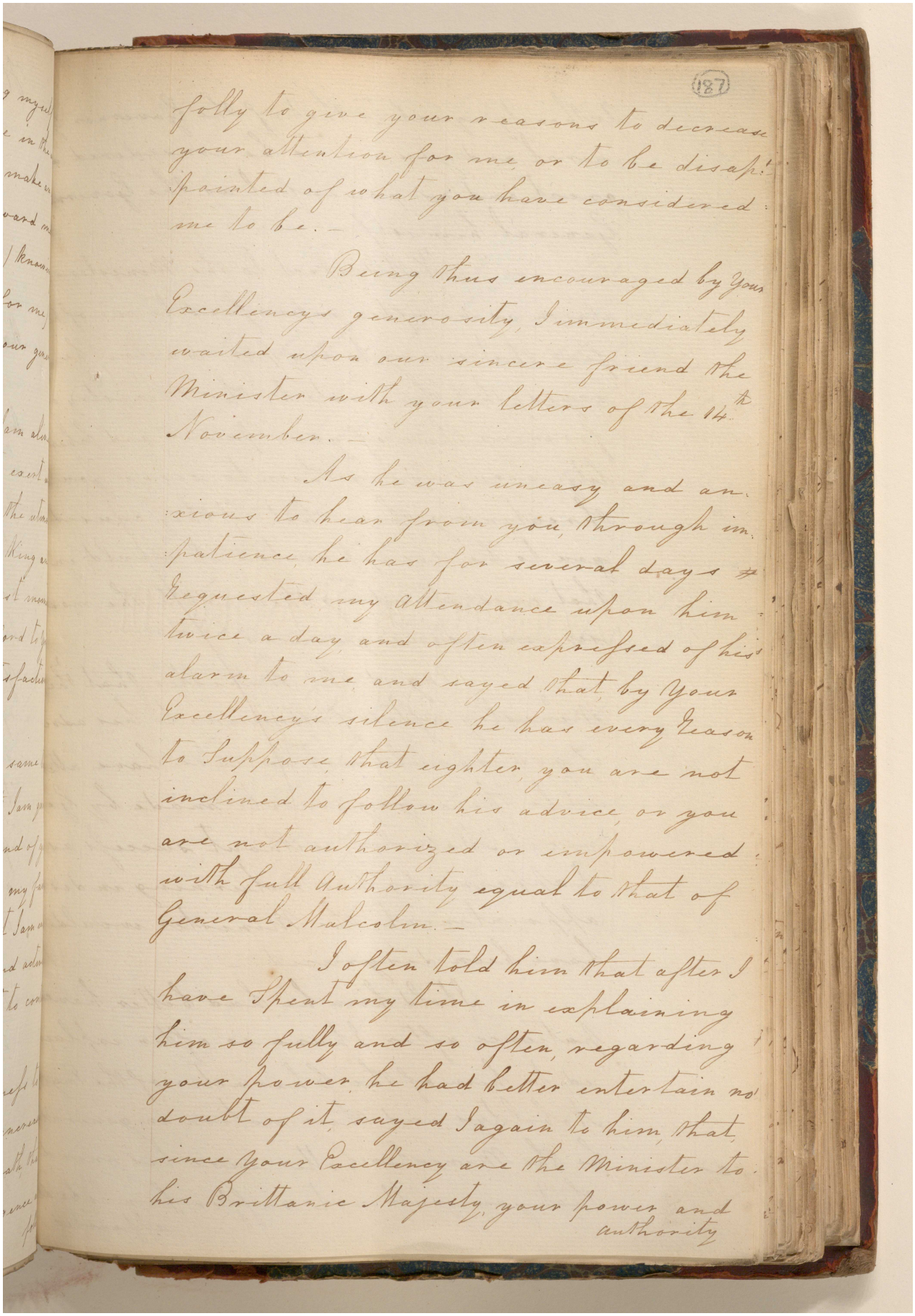

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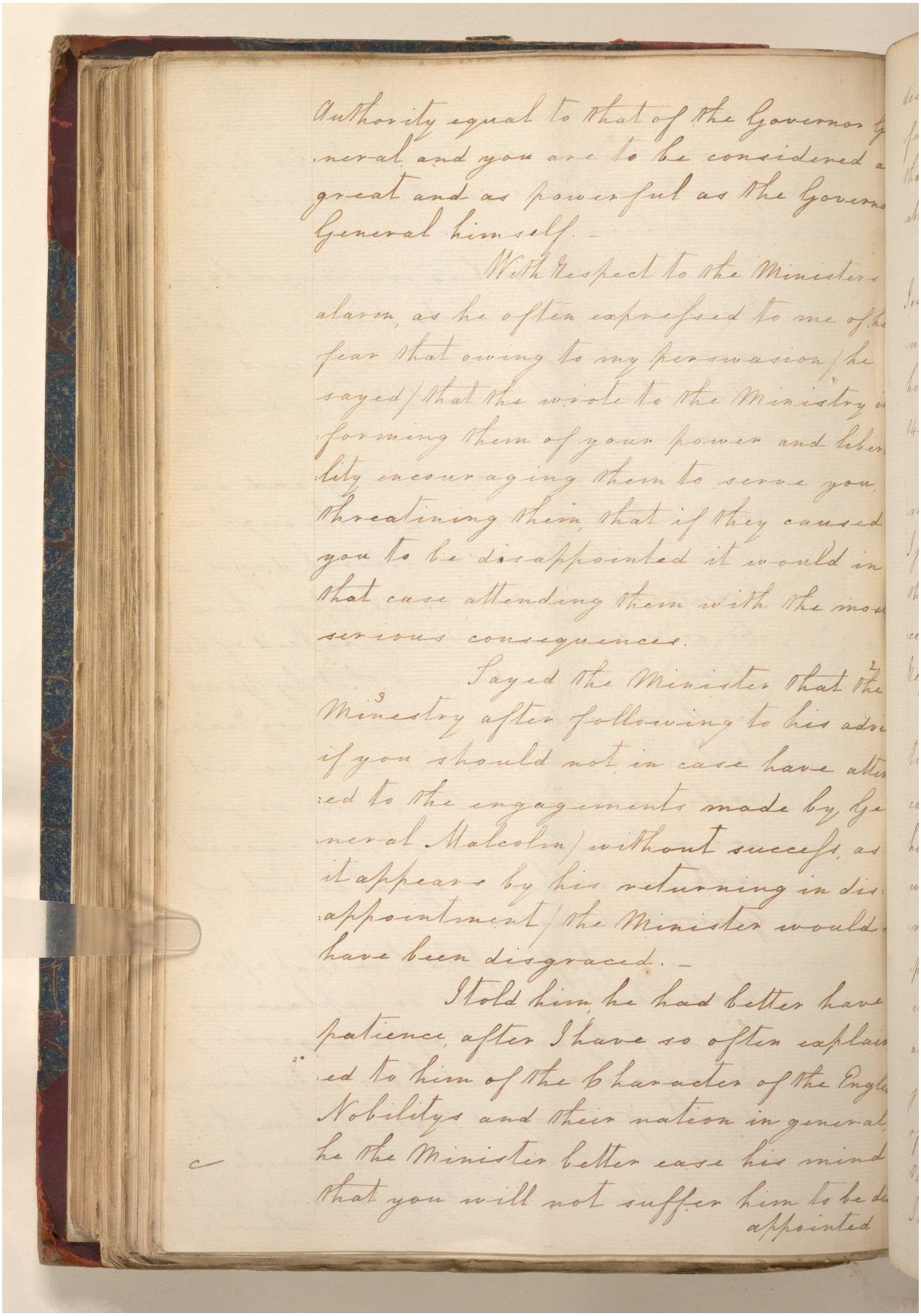
folly to give your reasons to decrease your attention for me, or to be disappointed of what you have considered me to be. —

Being thus encouraged by your Excellencys generosity, I immediately waited upon our sincere friend the Minister with your letters of the 14th November. —

As he was uneasy and anxious to hear from you, through impatience, he has for several days requested my attendance upon him twice a day and often expressed of his alarm to me and sayed that by your Excellency's silence he has every reason to Suppose that eighter, you are not inclined to follow his advice, or you are not authorized or empowered with full Authority equal to that of General Malcolm. —

I often told him that after I have Spent my time in explaining him so fully and so often, regarding your power, he had better entertain no doubt of it, sayed I again to him, that since your Excellency are the Minister to his Brittanic Majesty, your power and authority

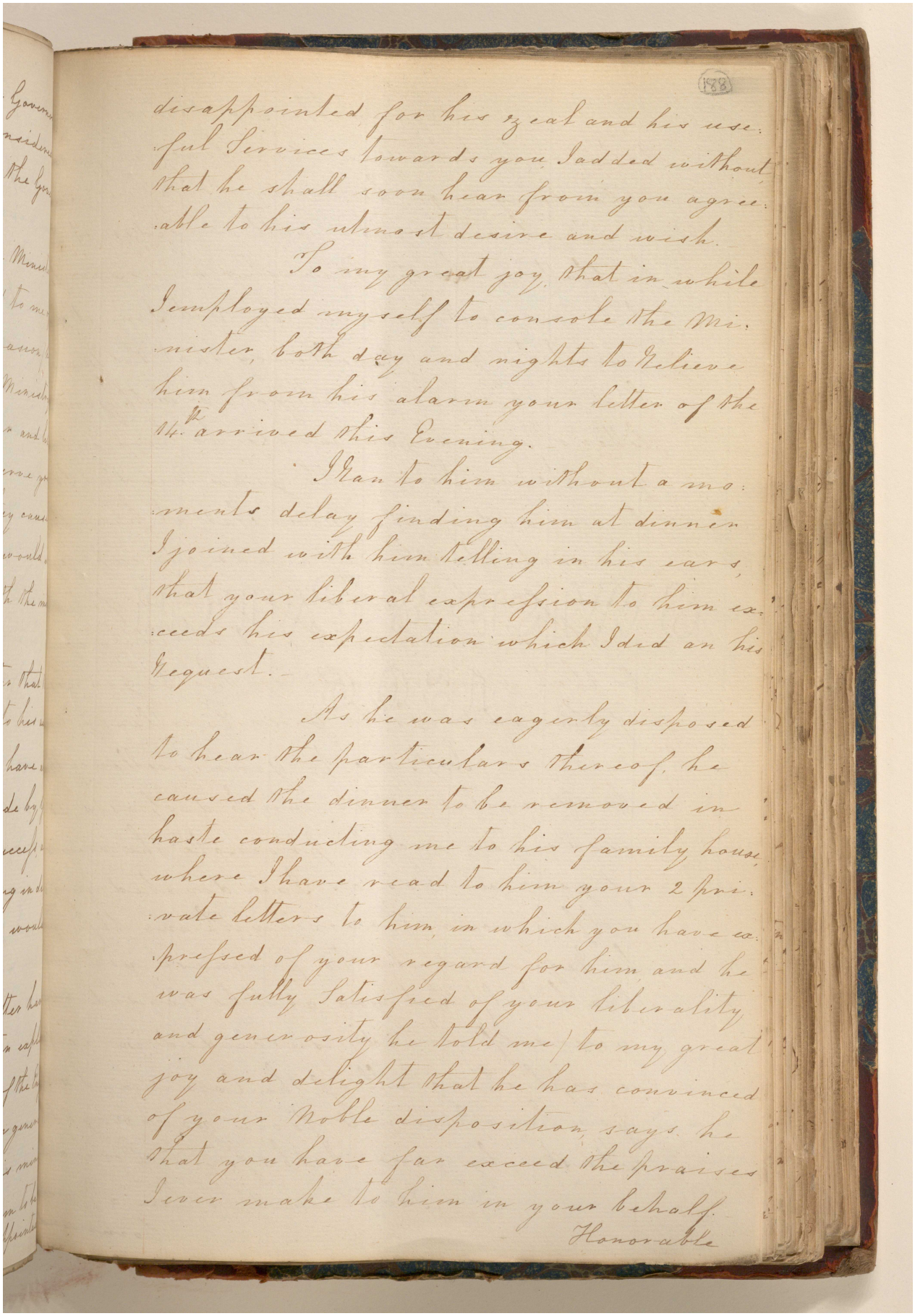


Authority equal to that of the Governor G
neral and you are to be considered a
great and as powerful as the Governo
General himself. –

With Respect to the Ministers
alarm, as he often expressed to me of h
fear that owing to my persuasion / he
sayed / that he wrote to the Ministry i
forming them of your power and liber
lity encouraging them to serve you,
threatining them that if they caused
you to be disappointed it would in
that case attending them with the mos
serious consequences.

Sayed the Minister that 2 the
3 Ministry after following to his advi
if you should not in case have atte
ed to the engagements made by Ge
neral Malcolm / without success, as
it appears by his returning in dis
appointment / the Minister would
have been disgraced. –

I told him he had better have
patience, after I have so often explain
ed to him of the Character of the Engli
Nobilitys and their nation in general
he the Minister better ease his mind
that you will not suffer him to be di
appointed



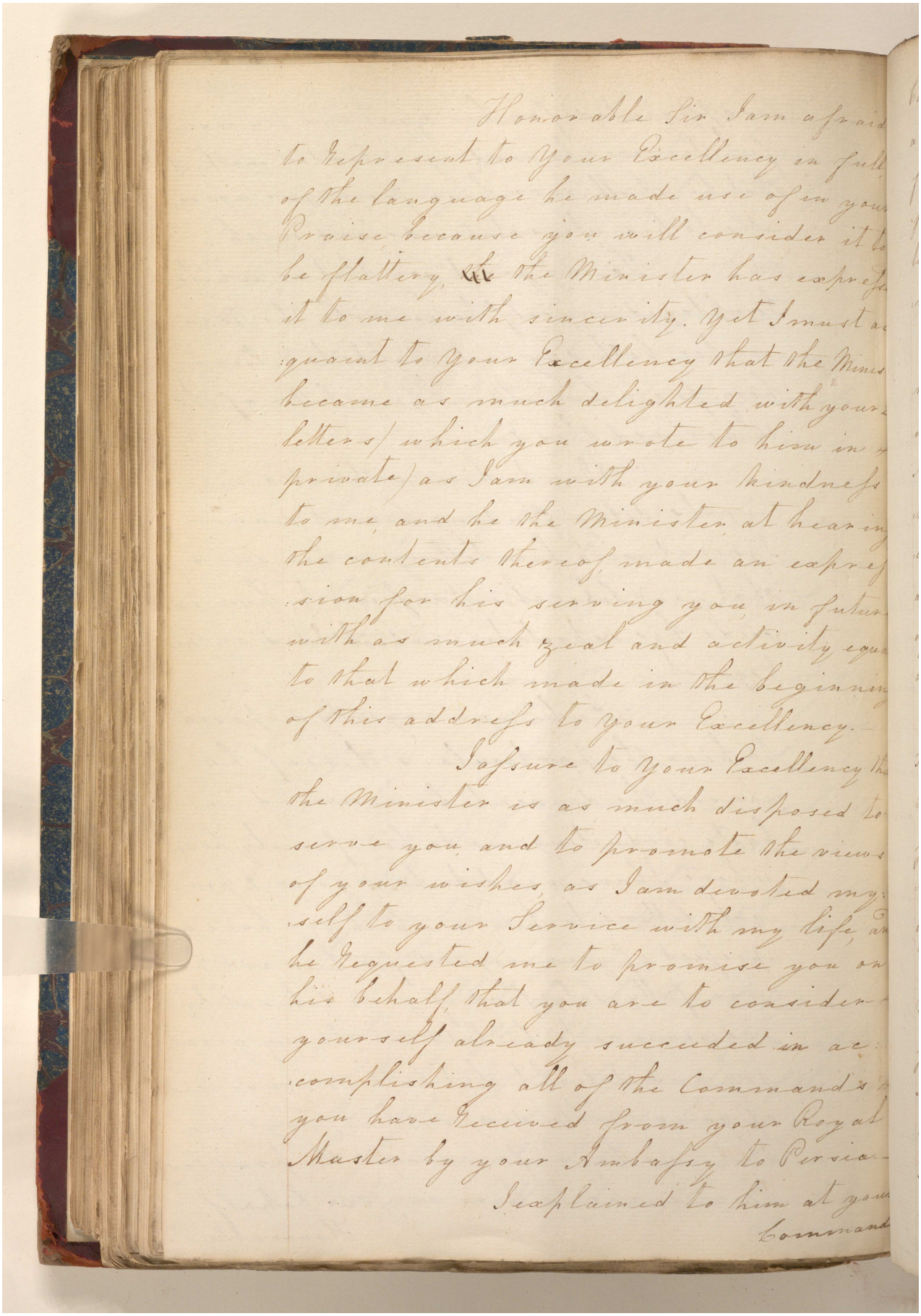
disappointed for his zeal and his useful Services towards you, I added without that he shall soon hear from you agreeable to his utmost desire and wish.

To my great joy, that in while I employed myself to console the Minister, both day and nights to Relieve him from his alarm your letter of the 14th arrived this Evening.

I Ran to him without a moments delay finding him at dinner I joined with him telling in his ears, that your liberal expression to him exceeds his expectation which I did on his Request.

As he was eagerly disposed to hear the particulars thereof, he caused the dinner to be removed in haste conducting me to his family house, where I have read to him your 2 private letters to him, in which you have expressed of your regard for him, and he was fully satisfied of your liberality and generosity he told me, to my great joy and delight that he has convinced of your Noble disposition, says he that you have far exceed the praises I ever make to him in your behalf.

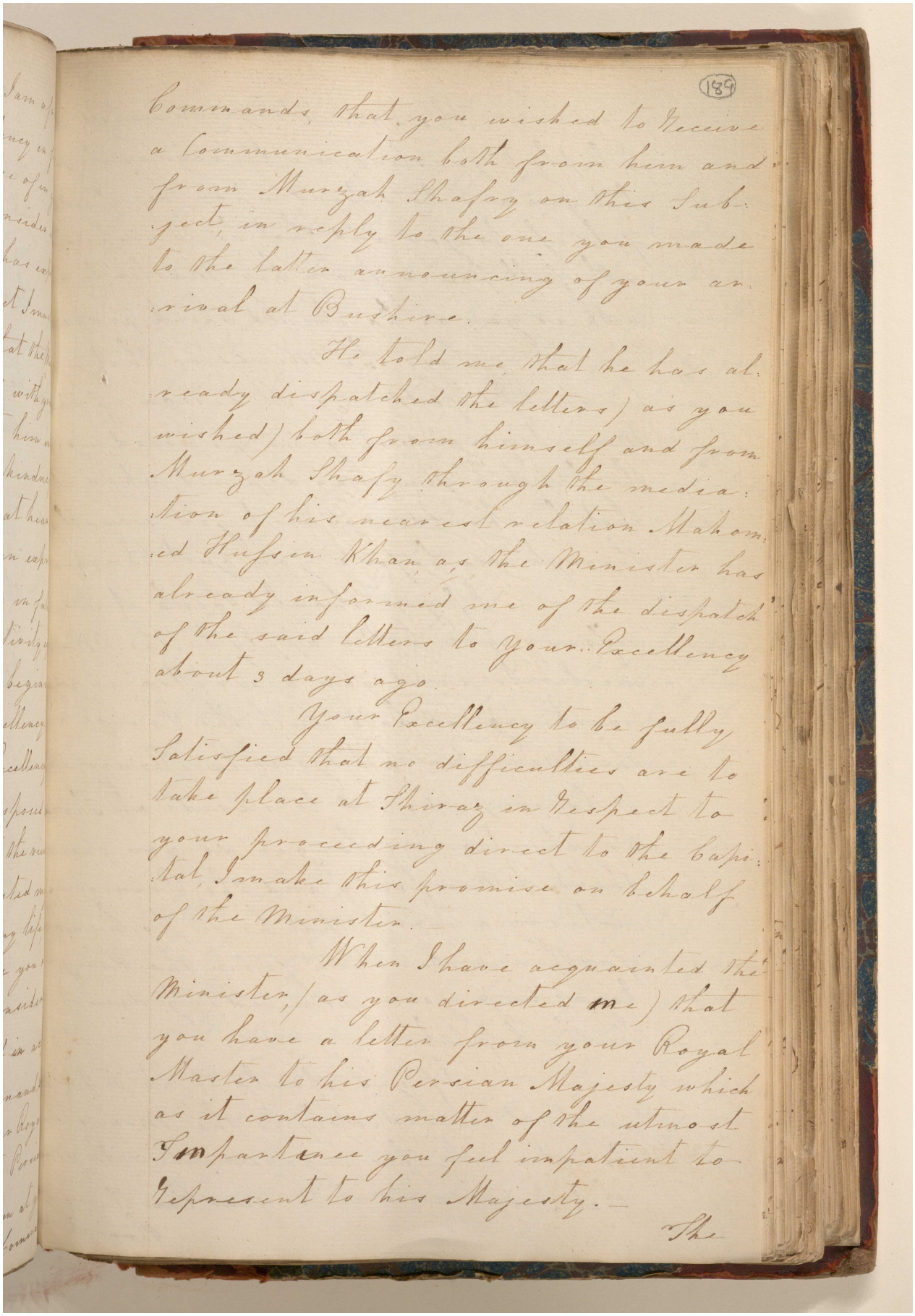
Honorable



Honorable Sir I am afraid
to Represent to Your Excellency in full
of the language he made use of in your
Praise because you will consider it to
be flattery, the Minister has expres
it to me with sincerity. Yet I must a
quaint to Your Excellency that the Minis
became as much delighted with your
letters (which you wrote to him in
private) as I am with your kindness
to me, and he the Minister at hearing
the contents thereof made an expres
sion for his serving you in future
with as much zeal and activity equa
to that which made in the beginning
of this address to Your Excellency.

I assure to Your Excellency tha
the Minister is as much disposed to
serve you, and to promote the views
of your wishes, as I am devoted my
self to your Service with my life, an
he Requested me to promise you on
his behalf that you are to consider
yourself already succeeded in ac
complishing all of the Commands
you have Received from your Royal
Master by your Ambassy to Persia.

I explained to him at your
Command



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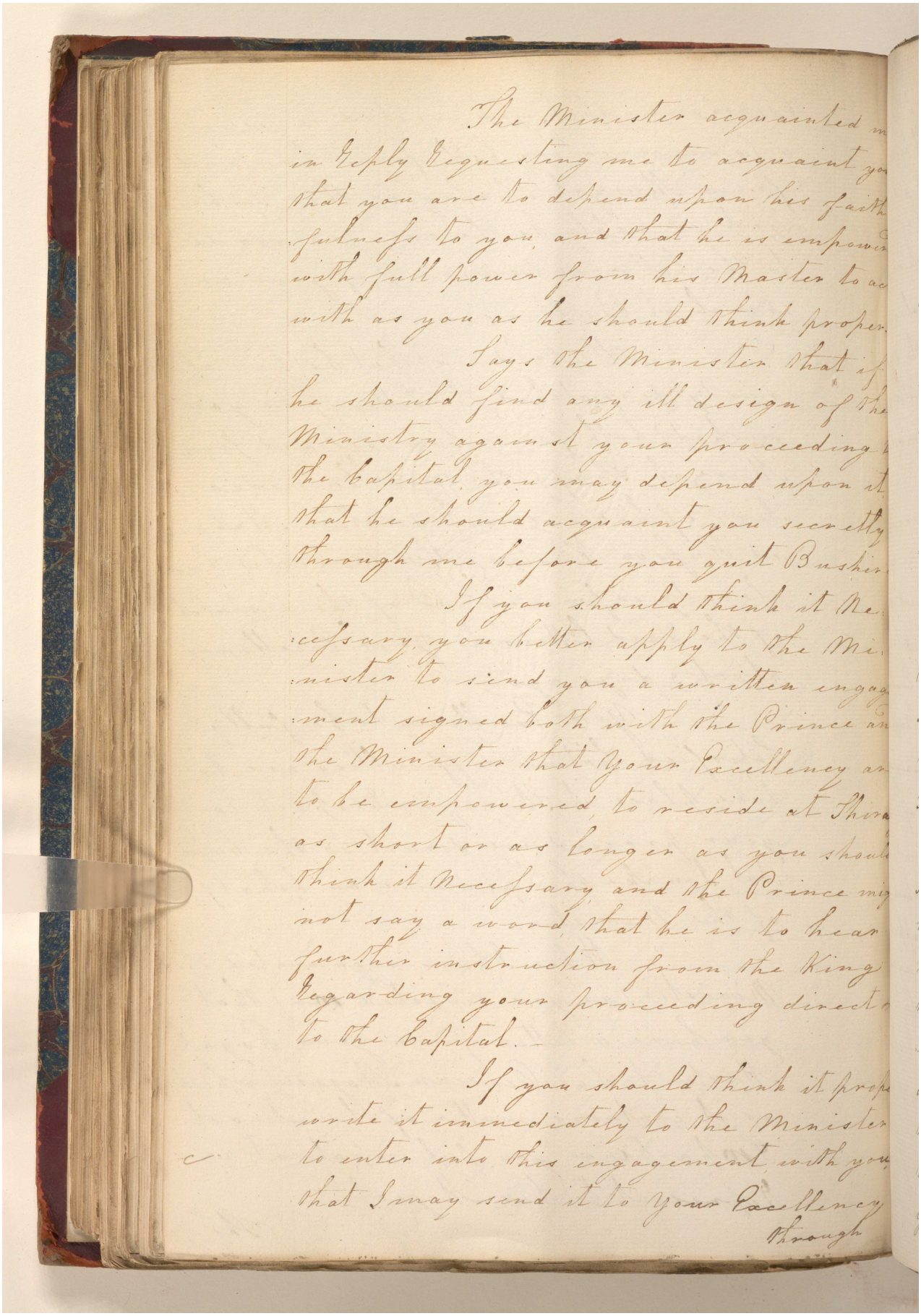
Commands, that you wished to Receive a Communication both from him and from Murzah Shafey on this Subject, in reply to the one you made to the latter announcing of your arrival at Bushire.

He told me, that he has already dispatched the letters (as you wished) both from himself and from Murzah Shafy through the mediation of his nearest relation Mahomed Hufsin Khan, as the Minister has already informed me of the dispatch of the said letters to your Excellency about 3 days ago.

Your Excellency to be fully Satisfied that no difficulties are to take place at Shiraz in Respect to your proceeding direct to the Capital, I make this promise on behalf of the Minister.

When I have acquainted the Minister, (as you directed me) that you have a letter from your Royal Master to his Persian Majesty which as it contains matter of the utmost Importance you feel impatient to Represent to his Majesty.—

The

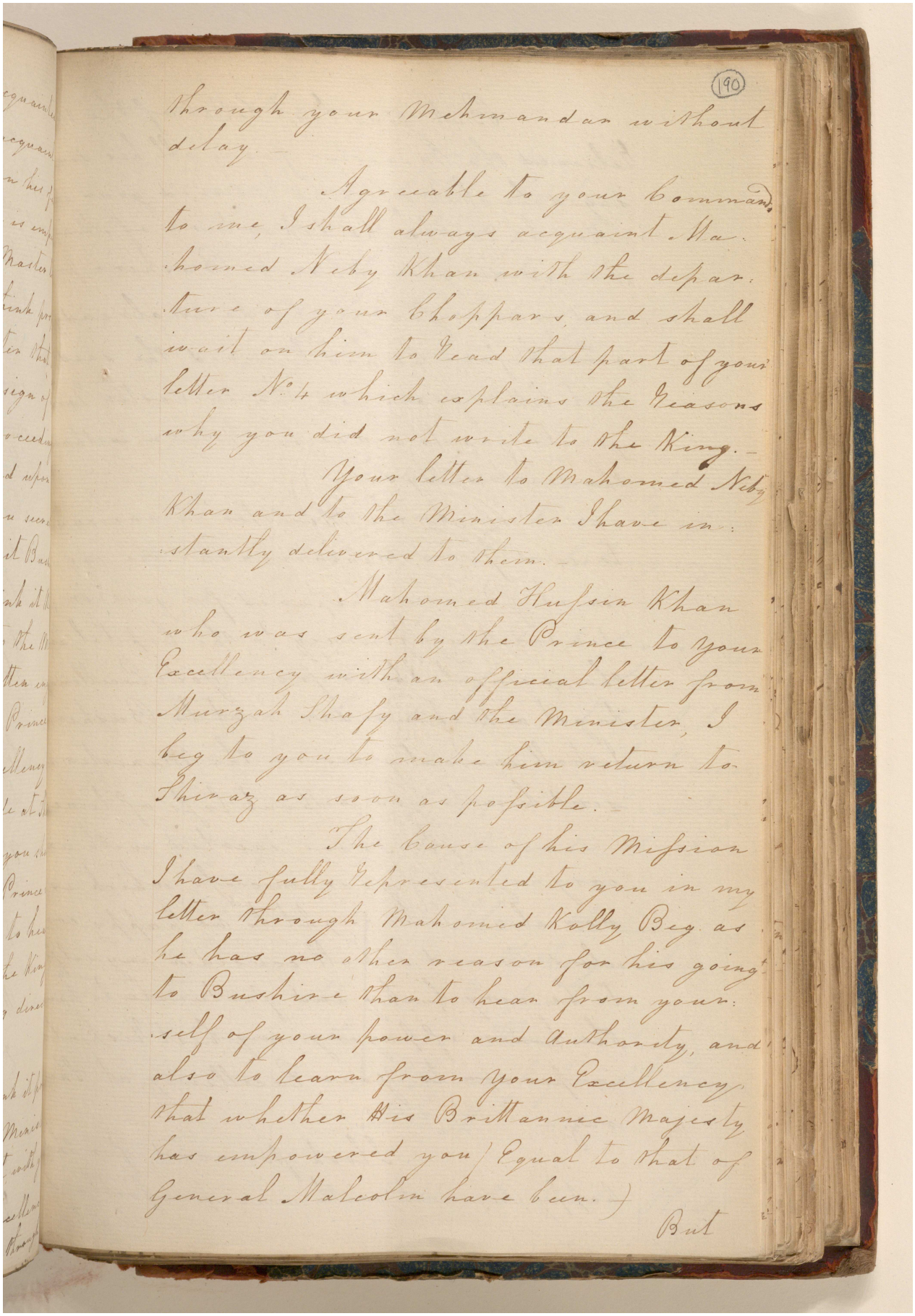


The Minister acquainted m
in Reply Requesting me to acquaint yo
that you are to depend upon his faith
fulness to you, and that he is empower
with full power from his Master to ac
with as you as he should think proper.

Says the Minister that if
he should find any ill design of the
Ministry against your proceeding t
the Capital you may depend upon it
that he should acquaint you secretly
through me before you quit Bushir

If you should think it Ne
:ceſsary you better apply to the Mi
:nister to send you a written engag
:ment signed both with the Prince an
the Minister that Your Excellency ar
to be empowered to reside at Shira
as short or as longer as you shoul
think it Neceſsary and the Prince mig
not say a word that he is to hear
further instruction from the King
Regarding your proceeding directl
to the Capital.

If you should think it prop
write it immediately to the Minister
to enter into this engagement with you
that I may send it to your Excellency
through



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through your Mehmandar without delay.

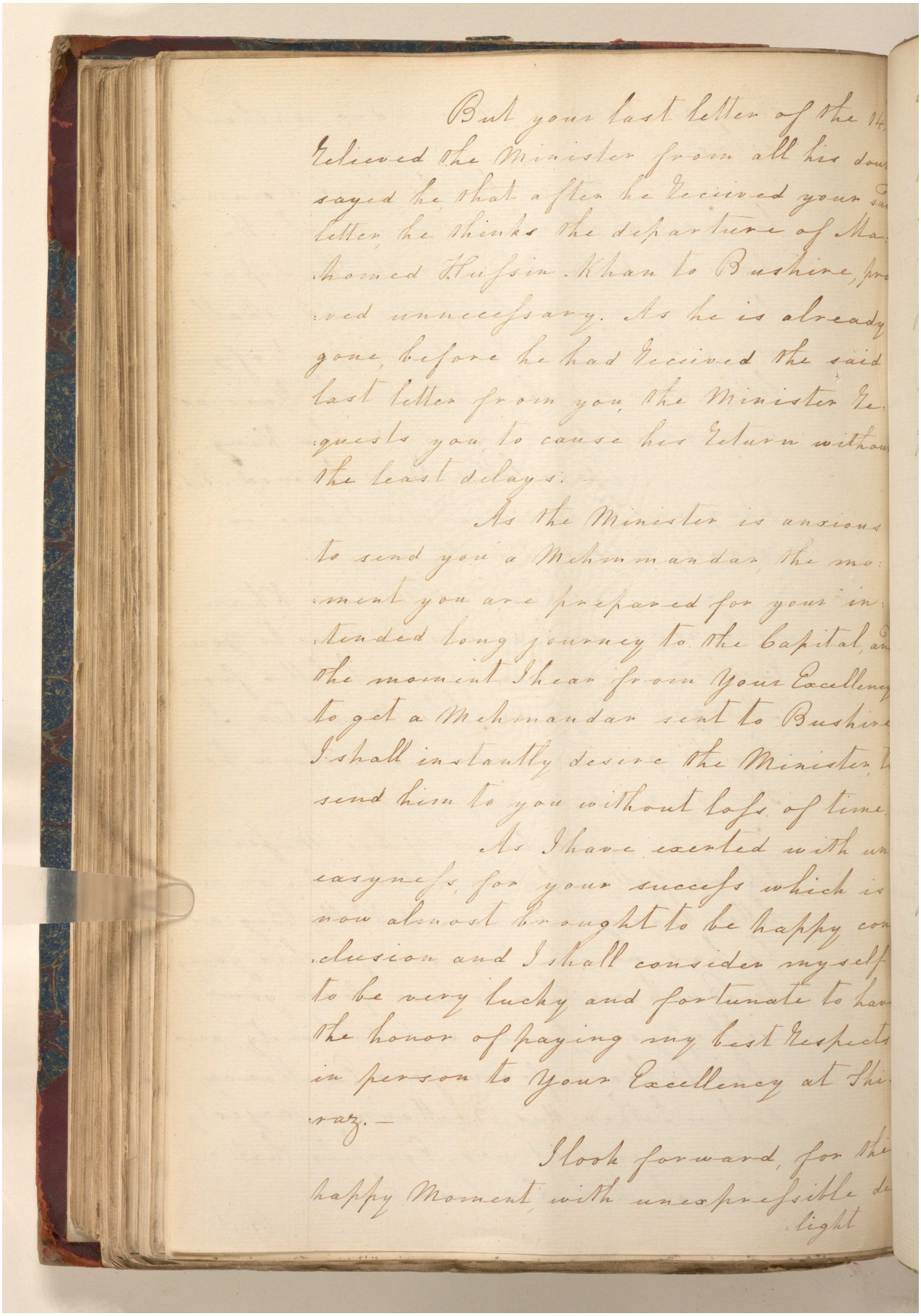
Agreeable to your Command to me, I shall always acquaint Mahomed Neby Khan with the departure of your Choppars, and shall wait on him to read that part of your letter No 4 which explains the Reasons why you did not write to the King.

Your letter to Mahomed Neby Khan and to the Minister I have instantly delivered to them.

Mahomed Hussein Khan who was sent by the Prince to your Excellency with an official letter from Mirzah Shafy and the Minister, I beg to you to make him return to Shiraz as soon as possible.

The cause of his Mission I have fully represented to you in my letter through Mahomed Kolly Beg as he has no other reason for his going to Bushire than to hear from yourself of your power and authority, and also to learn from your Excellency that whether His Brittannic Majesty has empowered you Equal to that of General Malcolm have been.

But

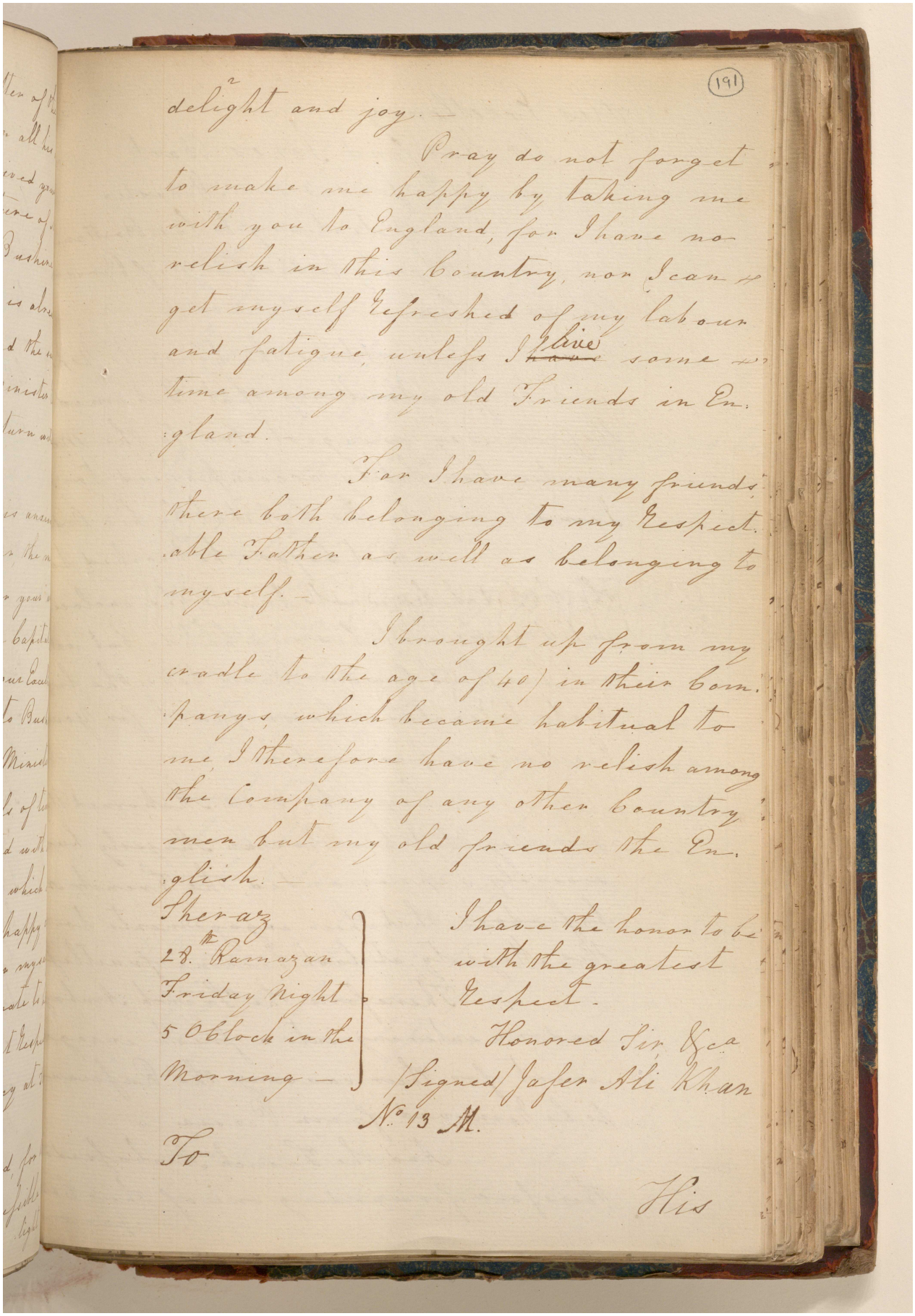


But your last letter of the 14
Relieved the Minister from all his dou
sayed he that after he received your
letter, he thinks the departure of Ma
homed Hufsin Khan to Bushire, pro
ved unnecessary. As he is already
gone, before he had received the said
last letter from you, the Minister Re
quests you to cause his Return withou
the least delays.

As the Minister is anxious
to send you a Mehmmandar, the mo
ment you are prepared for your in
tended long journey to the Capital, a
the moment I hear from Your Excellenc
to get a Mehmandar sent to Bushire
I shall instantly desire the Minister t
send him to you without loss of time.

As I have exerted with un
easyness, for your success which is
now almost brought to be happy con
clusion and I shall consider myself
to be very lucky and fortunate to hav
the honor of paying my best Respects
in person to Your Excellency at Shi
raz. —

I look forward, for thi
happy Moment, with unexpressible de
light



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delight and joy. —

Pray do not forget to make me happy by taking me with you to England, for I have no relish in this Country, nor I can ever get myself Refreshed of my labour and fatigue, unless I have some time among my old Friends in England.

For I have many friends there both belonging to my Respectable Father as well as belonging to myself. —

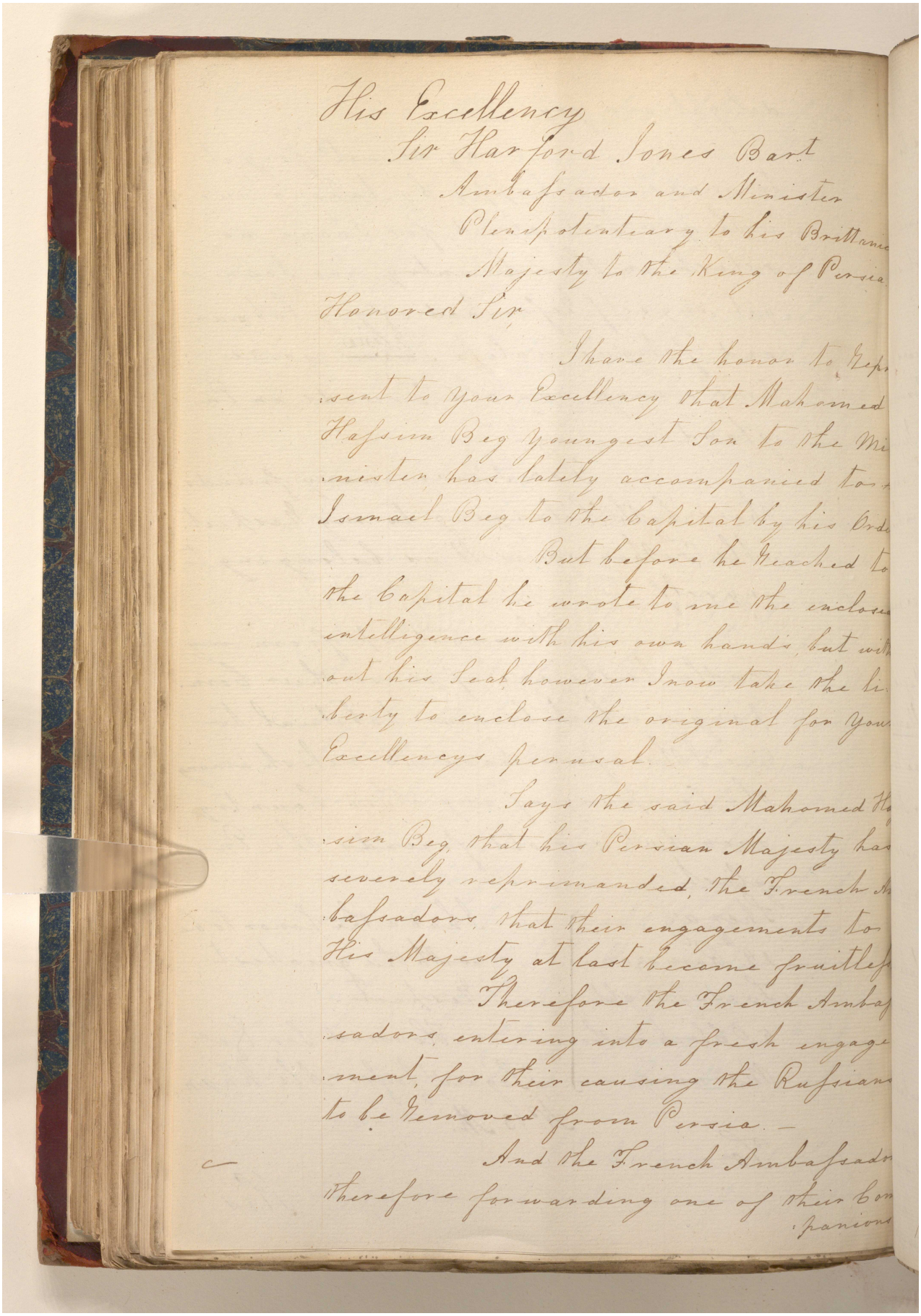
I brought up from my cradle to the age of 40 in their Company, which became habitual to me, I therefore have no relish among the Company of any other Countrymen but my old friends the English. —

Sheraz
28th Ramazan
Friday Night
5 O'Clock in the
Morning —

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect.
Honored Sir &c.a
/Signed/ Jafer Ali Khan
No 13 M.

To

His



His Excellency
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Plenipotentiary to his Brittanic
Majesty to the King of Persia

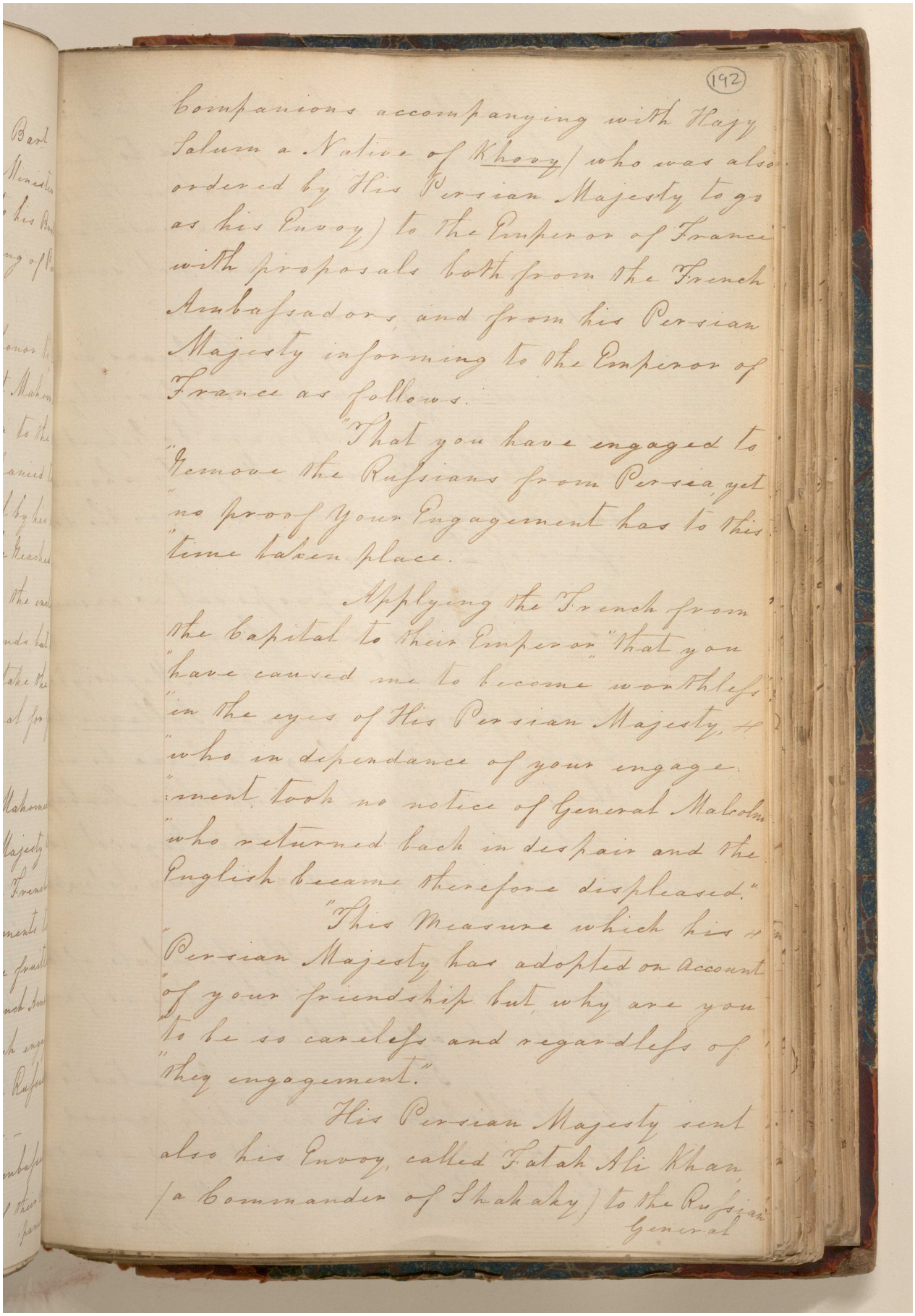
Honored Sir

I have the honor to Repr
sent to your Excellency that Mahomed
Hafsim Beg youngest Son to the Mi
nister, has lately accompanied to
Ismael Beg to the Capital by his Orde
But before he Reached to
the Capital he wrote to me the enclose
intelligence with his own hands, but with
out his Seal however I now take the li
berty to enclose the original for Your
Excellencys perusal.

Says the said Mahomed Ha
sim Beg, that his Persian Majesty has
severely reprimanded, the French Am
bassadors, that their engagements to
His Majesty at last became fruitless

Therefore the French Ambas
sadors, entering into a fresh engage
ment, for their causing the Russians
to be Removed from Persia —

And the French Ambassador
therefore forwarding one of their Com
panions



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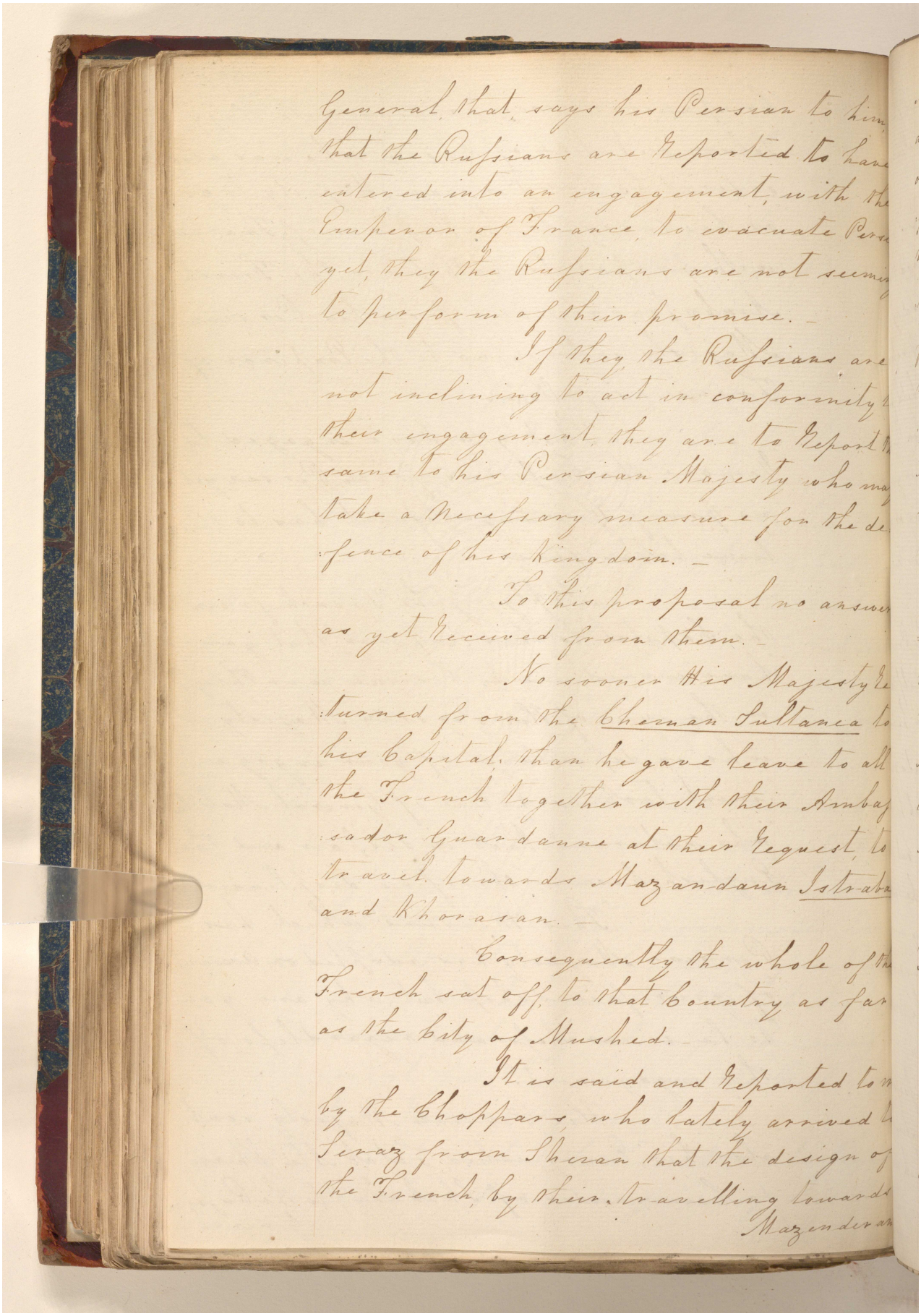
companions accompanying with Hajy Salum a Native of Khoosy / who was also ordered by His Persian Majesty to go as his Envoy / to the Emperor of France with proposals both from the French Ambassadors and from his Persian Majesty informing to the Emperor of France as follows.

"That you have engaged to "remove the Russians from Persia, yet "no proof of your Engagement has to this "time taken place.

Applying the French from the Capital to their Emperor "that you "have caused me to become worthless "in the eyes of His Persian Majesty, + "who in dependance of your engage- "ment took no notice of General Malcolm "who returned back in despair and the English became therefore displeased."

"This Measure which his + "Persian Majesty has adopted on account "of your friendship but why are you "to be so careless and regardless of "the engagement."

His Persian Majesty sent also his Envoy, called Fatah Ali Khan, / a Commander of Shakaky / to the Russian General



General that says his Persian to him
that the Russians are Reported to have
entered into an engagement with the
Emperor of France to evacuate Pers
yet they the Russians are not seemi
to perform of their promise.

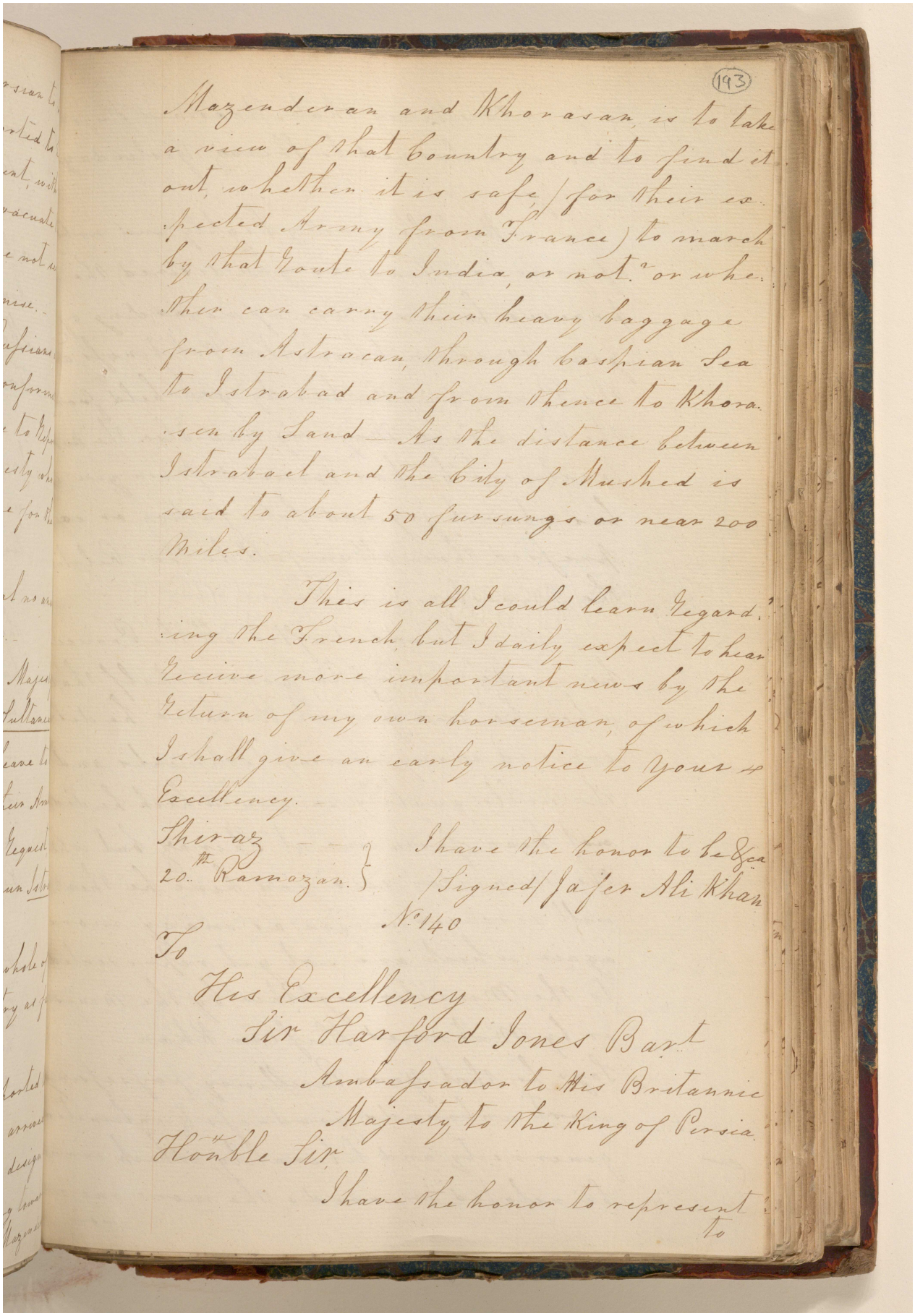
If they the Russians are
not inclining to act in conformity t
their engagement they are to Report t
same to his Persian Majesty who ma
take a Necessary measure for the de
fence of his Kingdom.

To this proposal no answer
as yet Received from them.

No sooner His Majesty Re
turned from the Cheman Sultanea to
his Capital than he gave leave to all
the French together with their Ambas
sador Guardanne at their Request to
travel towards Mazandaun Istraba
and Khorassan.

Consequently the whole of th
French sat off to that Country as far
as the City of Mushed.

It is said and Reported to m
by the Choppars who lately arrived h
Seraz from Sheraz that the design of
the French by their travelling towards
Mazenderan



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Mazenderan and Khorasan, is to take a view of that Country and to find it out, whether it is safe (for their expected Army from France) to march by that Route to India, or not? or whether can carry their heavy baggage from Astracan, through Caspian Sea to Istrabad and from thence to Khorasen by Land — As the distance between Istrabad and the City of Mushed is said to about 50 fursungs or near 200 Miles.

This is all I could learn regarding the French, but I daily expect to hear receive more important news by the return of my own horseman, of which I shall give an early notice to your Excellency.

Shiraz
20th Ramazan.

I have the honor to be &ca
(Signed) Jafer Ali Khan

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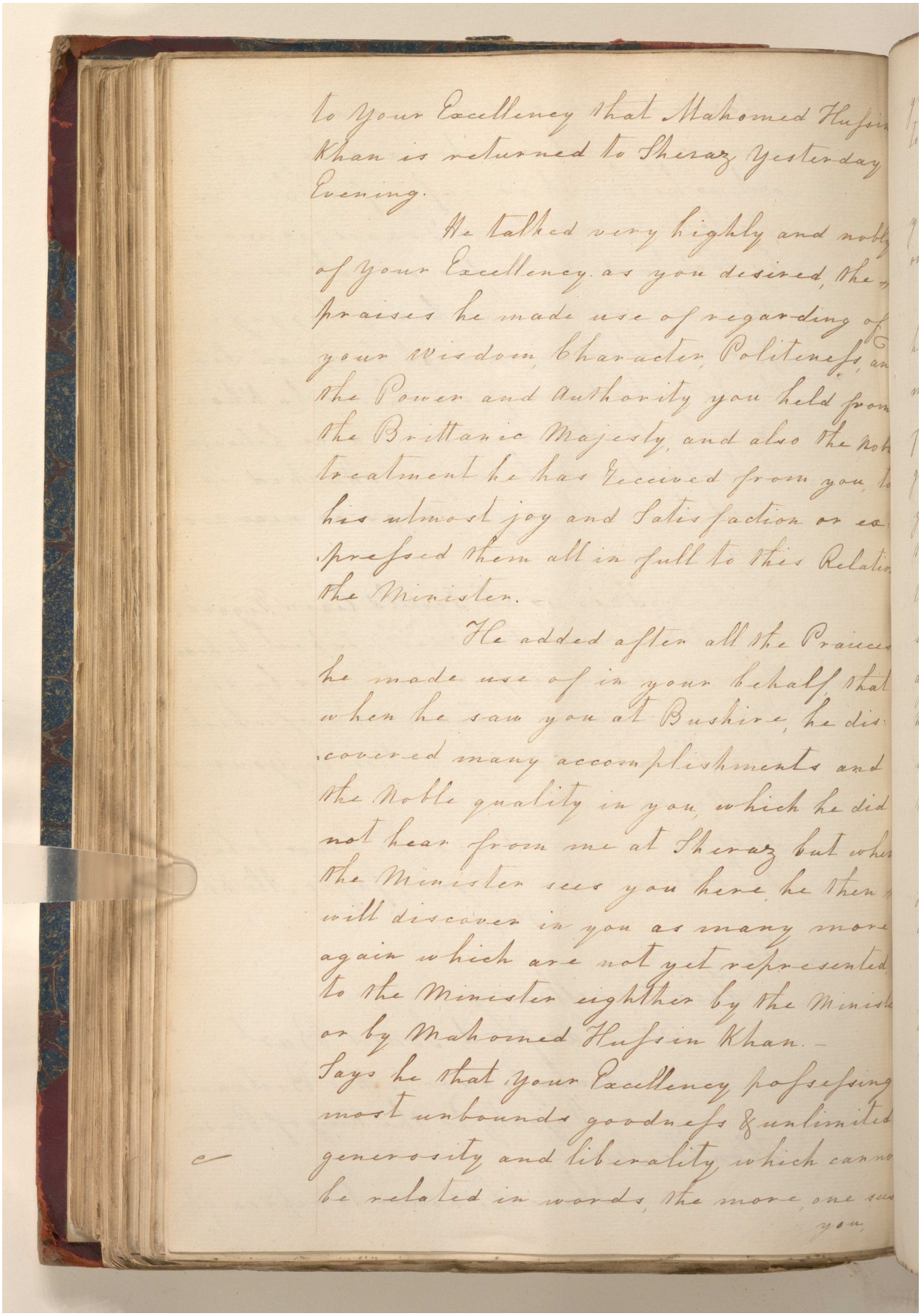
To

His Excellency
Sir Harford Jones Bart
Ambassador to His Britannic
Majesty to the King of Persia

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to represent to

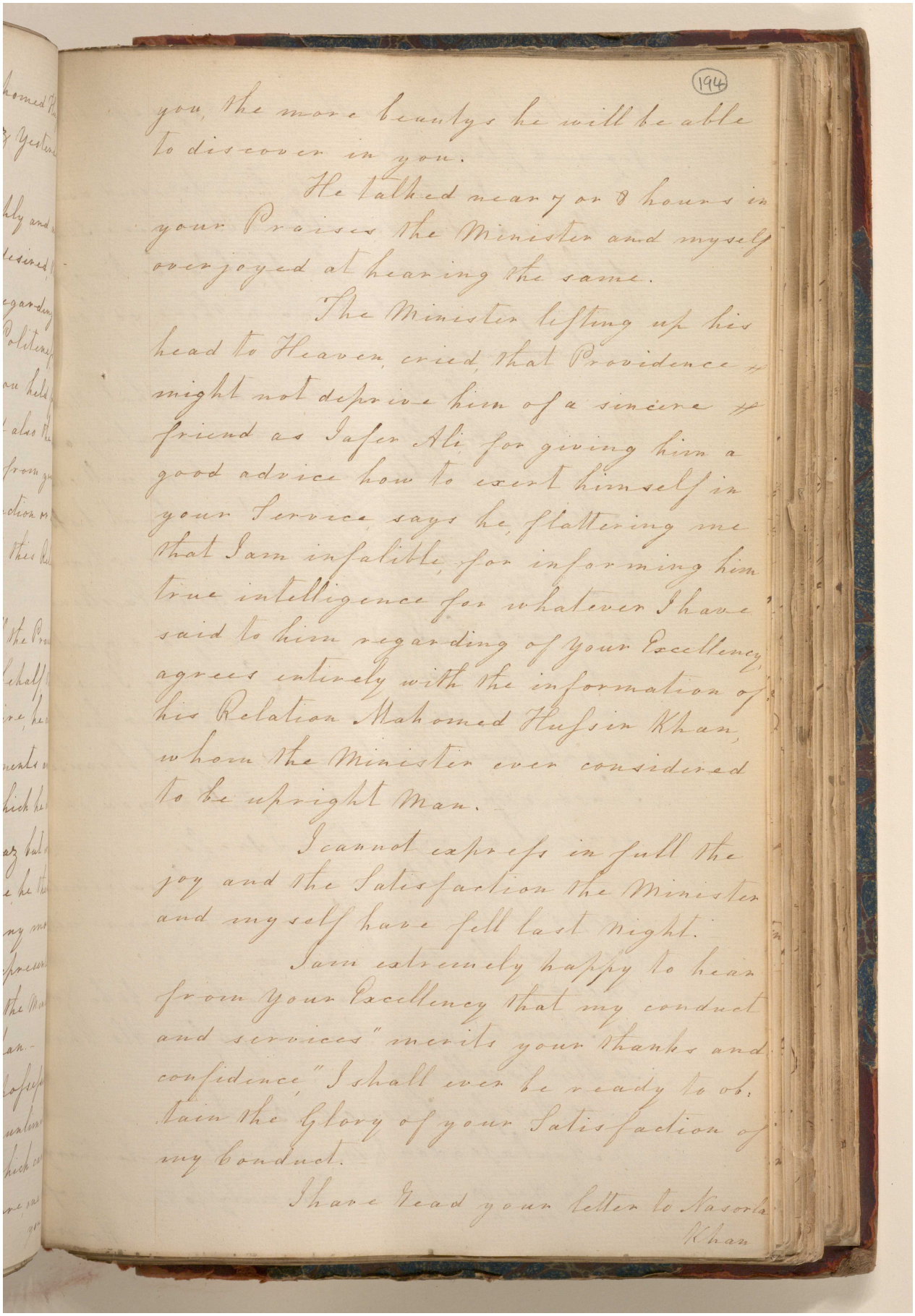


to your Excellency that Mahomed Hufsin Khan is returned to Sheraz Yesterday Evening.

He talked very highly and noble of your Excellency as you desired, the praises he made use of regarding of your Wisdom, Character, Politeness, and the Power and Authority you held from the Brittanic Majesty, and also the hon treatment he has received from you, to his utmost joy and Satisfaction or ex pressed them all in full to this Relation the Minister.

He added after all the Praises he made use of in your behalf, that when he saw you at Bushire, he dis covered many accomplishments and the Noble quality in you, which he did not hear from me at Sheraz but when the Minister sees you here he then will discover in you as many more again which are not yet represented to the Minister eighther by the Minister or by Mahomed Hufsin Khan.

Says he that your Excellency pofsefsing most unbounds goodnefs & unlimited generosity and liberality which cannot be related in words, the more one see you,



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you, the more beauty's he will be able to discover in you.

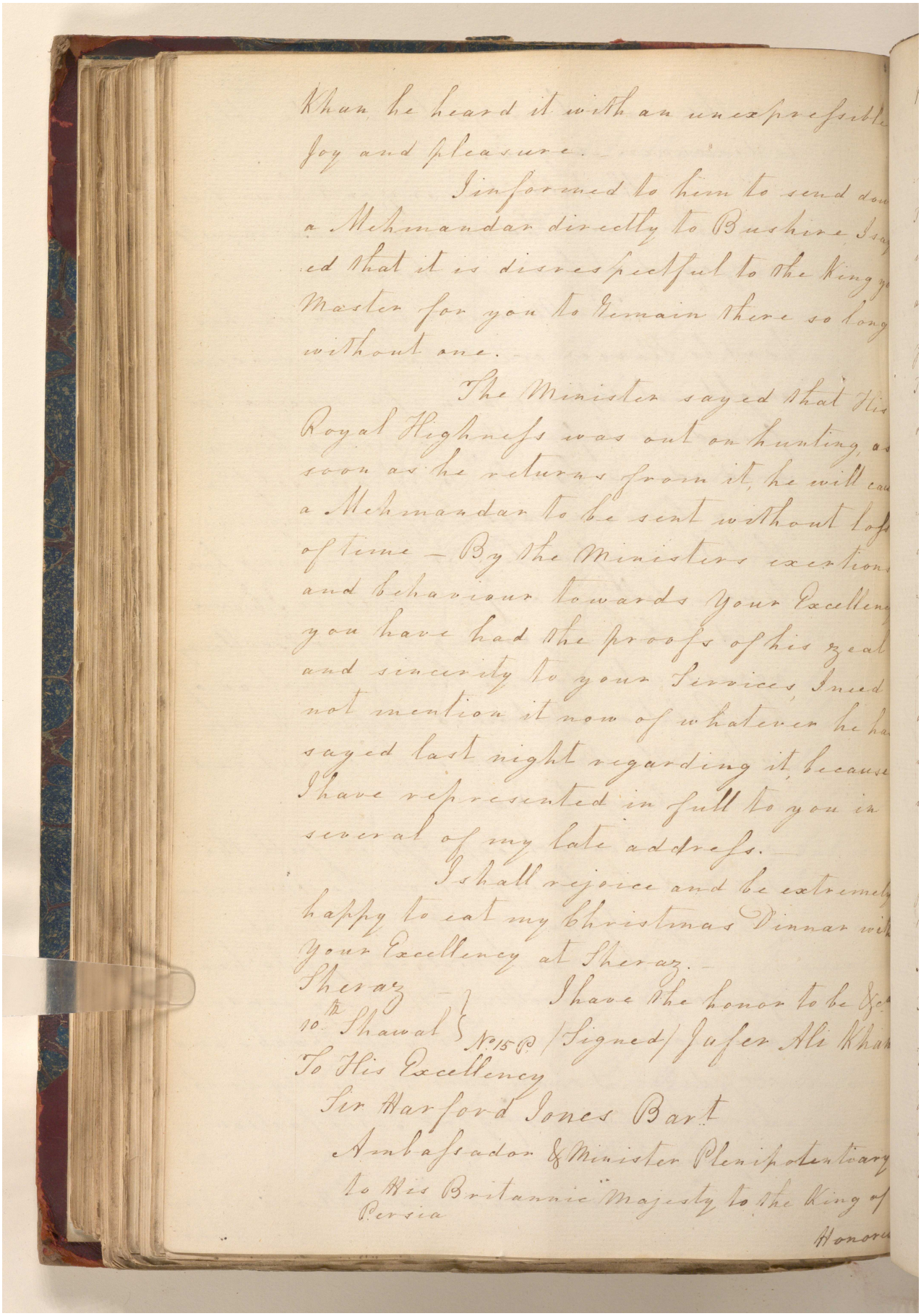
He talked near 7 or 8 hours in your Praises the Minister and myself overjoyed at hearing the same.

The Minister lifting up his head to Heaven, cried, that Providence might not deprive him of a sincere friend as Jafer Ali, for giving him a good advice how to exert himself in your Service, says he, flattering me that I am infalible, for informing him true intelligence for whatever I have said to him regarding of your Excellency, agrees intirely with the information of his Relation Mahomed Hussin Khan, whom the Minister ever considered to be upright Man.

I cannot express in full the joy and the Satisfaction the Minister and myself have felt last night.

I am extremely happy to hear from your Excellency that my conduct and services "merits your thanks and confidence" I shall ever be ready to obtain the Glory of your Satisfaction of my Conduct.

I have Read your letter to Nasorla Khan



Khan, he heard it with an unexpressible
Joy and pleasure.

I informed to him to send dow
a Mehmandar directly to Bushire. I sa
ed that it is disrespectful to the King y
Master for you to Remain there so long
without one.

The Minister sayed that His
Royal Highness was out on hunting, a
soon as he returns from it, he will ca
a Mehmandar to be sent without los
of time — By the Ministers exertions
and behaviour towards your Excellen
you have had the proofs of his zeal
and sincerity to your Services, I need
not mention it now of whatever he ha
sayed last night regarding it, because
I have represented in full to you in
several of my late addresses.

I shall rejoice and be extremely
happy to eat my Christmas Dinnar wit
your Excellency at Sheraz.

Sheraz
10th Shawal } No 158 I have the honor to be &c
/Signed/ Jafer Ali Khan

To His Excellency
Sir Harford Jones Bart
Ambassador & Minister Plenipotentiary
to His Britannic Majesty to the King of
Persia

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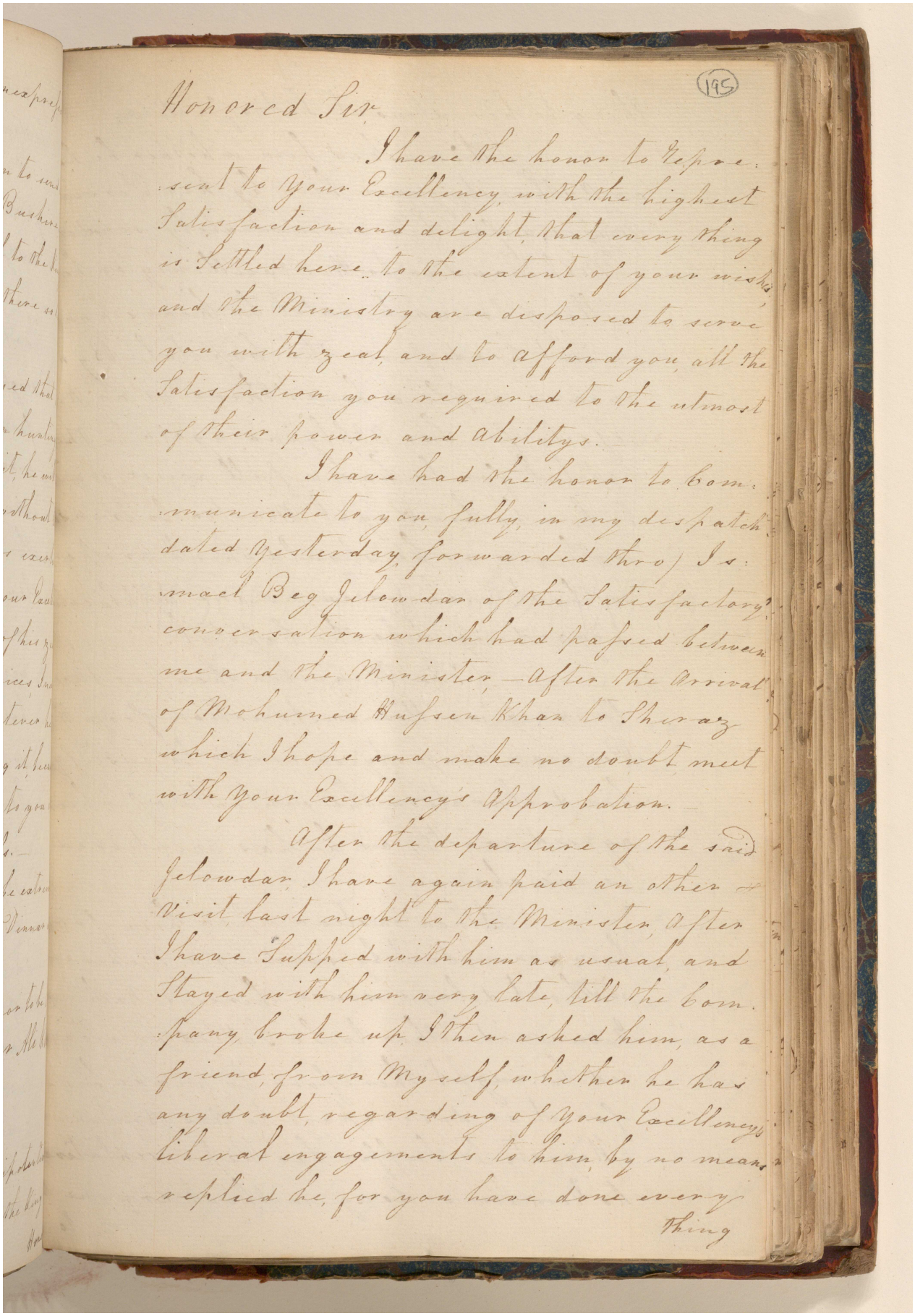

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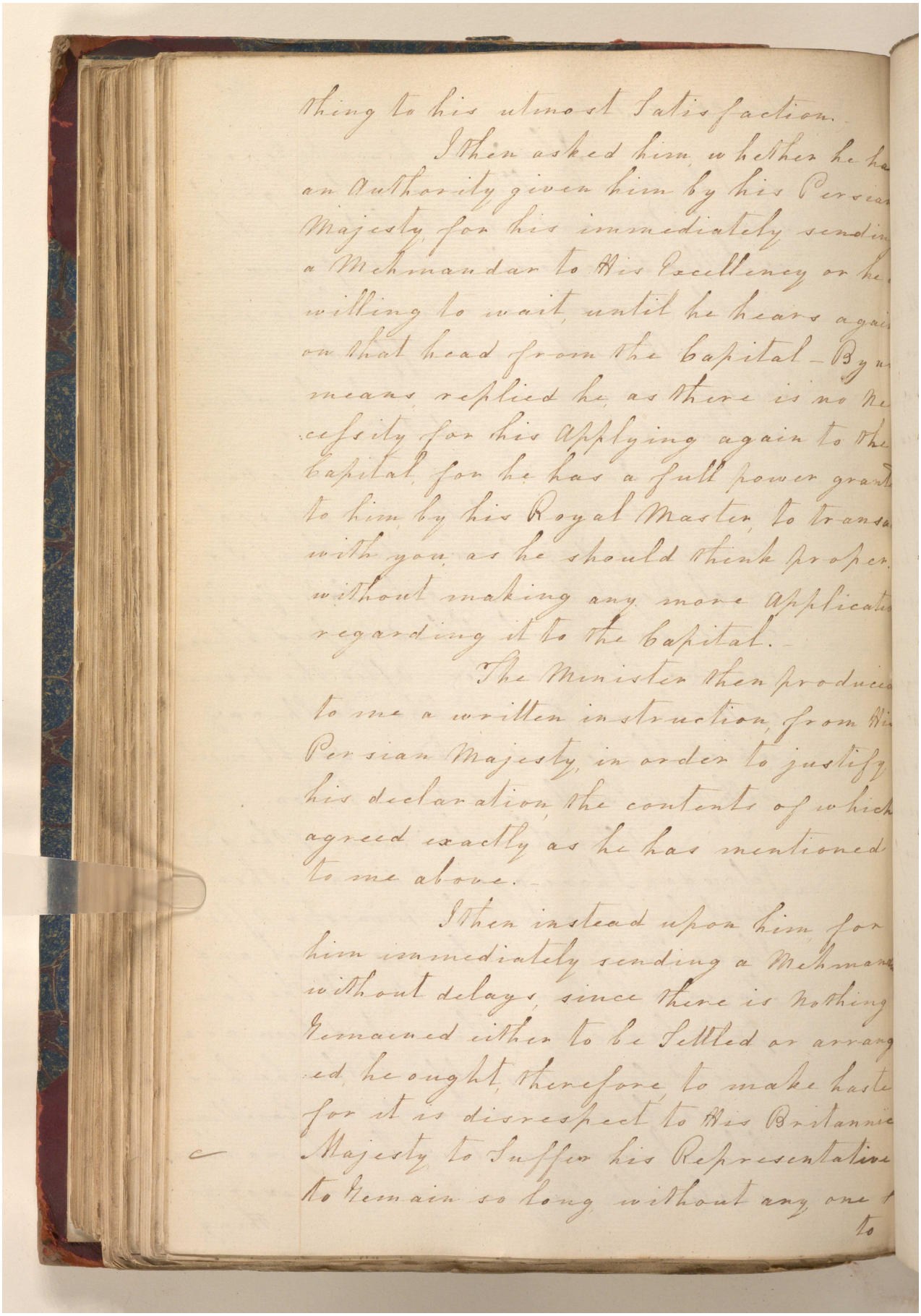
Honored Sir

I have the honor to Repre-
sent to Your Excellency with the highest
Satisfaction and delight, that every thing
is Settled here to the extent of your wishes
and the Ministry are disposed to serve
you with zeal, and to afford you all the
Satisfaction you required to the utmost
of their power and abilitys.

I have had the honor to com-
municate to you fully in my despatch
dated Yesterday, forwarded thro' Is:
mael Beg Jelowdar of the Satisfactory
conversation which had passed between
me and the Minister, — After the Arrival
of Mohumed Hussen Khan to Shiraz
which I hope and make no doubt meet
with Your Excellency's Approbation.

After the departure of the said
Jelowdar, I have again paid an other
visit last night to the Minister, after
I have Supped with him as usual, and
Stayed with him very late, till the com-
pany broke up. I then asked him, as a
friend, from Myself, whether he has
any doubt regarding of Your Excellency's
liberal engagements to him, by no means
replied he, for you have done every

thing



thing to his utmost Satisfaction.

I then asked him whether he ha an Authority given him by his Persian Majesty for his immediately sendin a Mehmandar to His Excellency or he willing to wait, until he hears agai on that head from the Capital. By n means, replied he, as there is no ne cessity for his applying again to the Capital, for he has a full power grant to him by his Royal Master, to transa with you, as he should think proper, without making any more Applicatio regarding it to the Capital.

The Minister then produced to me a written instruction from Hi Persian Majesty, in order to justify his declaration, the contents of which agreed exactly as he has mentioned to me above.

I then instead upon him, for him immediately sending a Mehmand without delay, since there is nothing remained either to be Settled or arrang ed, he ought therefore to make haste for it is disrespect to His Britannic Majesty to Suffer his Representative to Remain so long without any one t

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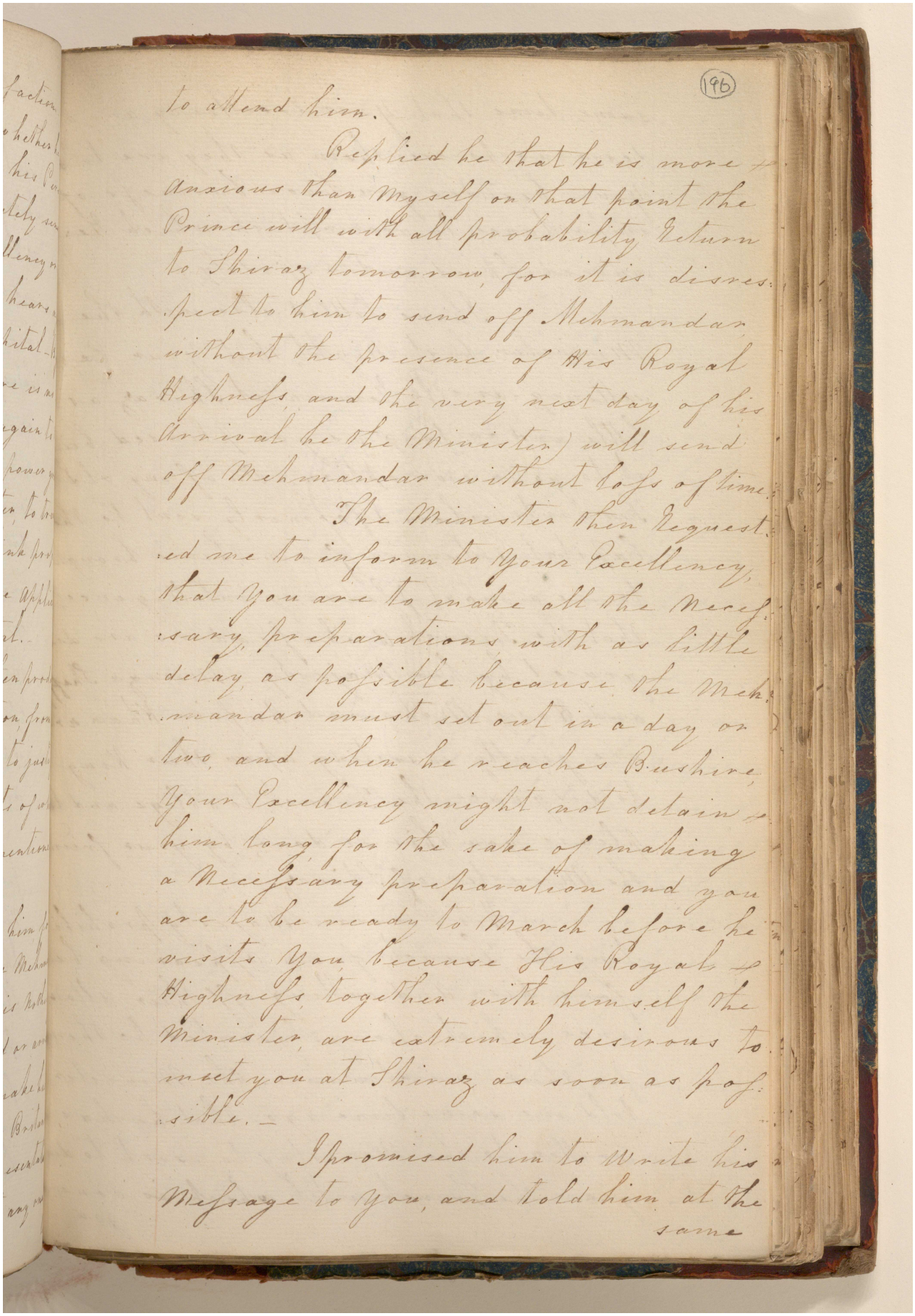

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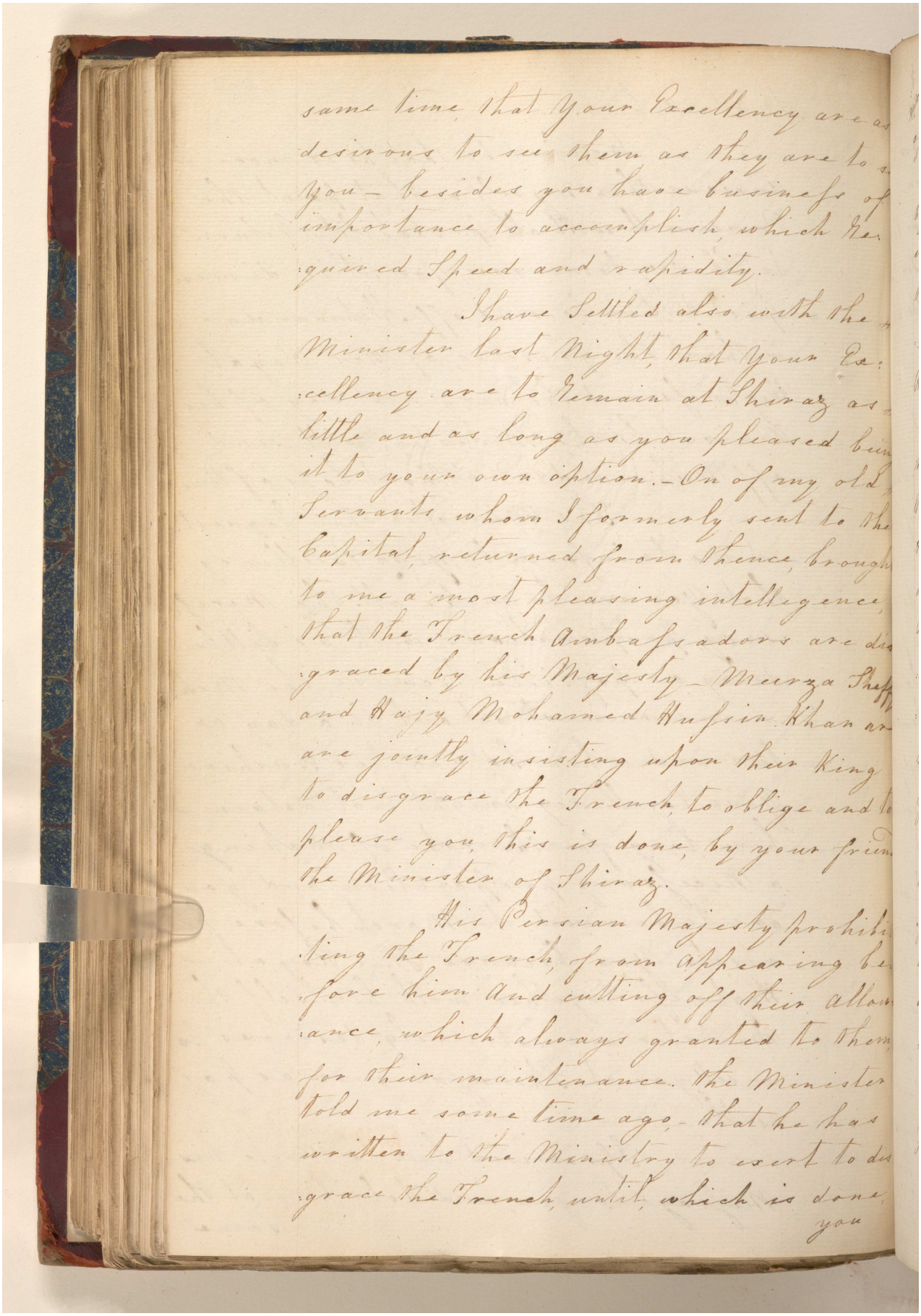
to attend him.

Replied he that he is more anxious than myself on that point the Prince will with all probability Return to Shiraz tomorrow, for it is disrespect to him to send off Mehmandar without the presence of His Royal Highness, and the very next day of his Arrival he the Minister) will send off Mehmandar without loss of time.

The Minister then Requested me to inform to Your Excellency, that You are to make all the necessary preparations with as little delay as possible because the Mehmandar must set out in a day or two, and when he reaches Bushire, Your Excellency might not detain him long for the sake of making a Necessary preparation and you are to be ready to March before he visits You, because His Royal Highness together with himself the Minister, are extremely desirous to meet you at Shiraz as soon as possible.—

I promised him to Write his Message to you, and told him at the same



same time, that Your Excellency are as desirous to see them as they are to see you — besides you have business of importance to accomplish, which Required Speed and rapidity.

I have Settled also with the Minister last Night, that Your Excellency are to Remain at Shiraz as little and as long as you pleased being it to your own option. — On of my old Servants whom I formerly sent to the Capital, returned from thence, brought to me a most pleasing intelligence, that the French Ambassadors are disgraced by his Majesty — Meerza Sheffy and Hajy Mohamed Hussin Khan are are jointly insisting upon their King to disgrace the French, to oblige and to please you, this is done, by your friend the Minister of Shiraz.

His Persian Majesty prohibiting the French, from appearing before him And cutting off their allowance, which always granted to them, for their maintenance. the Minister told me some time ago, — that he has written to the Ministry to exert to disgrace the French, until, which is done, you

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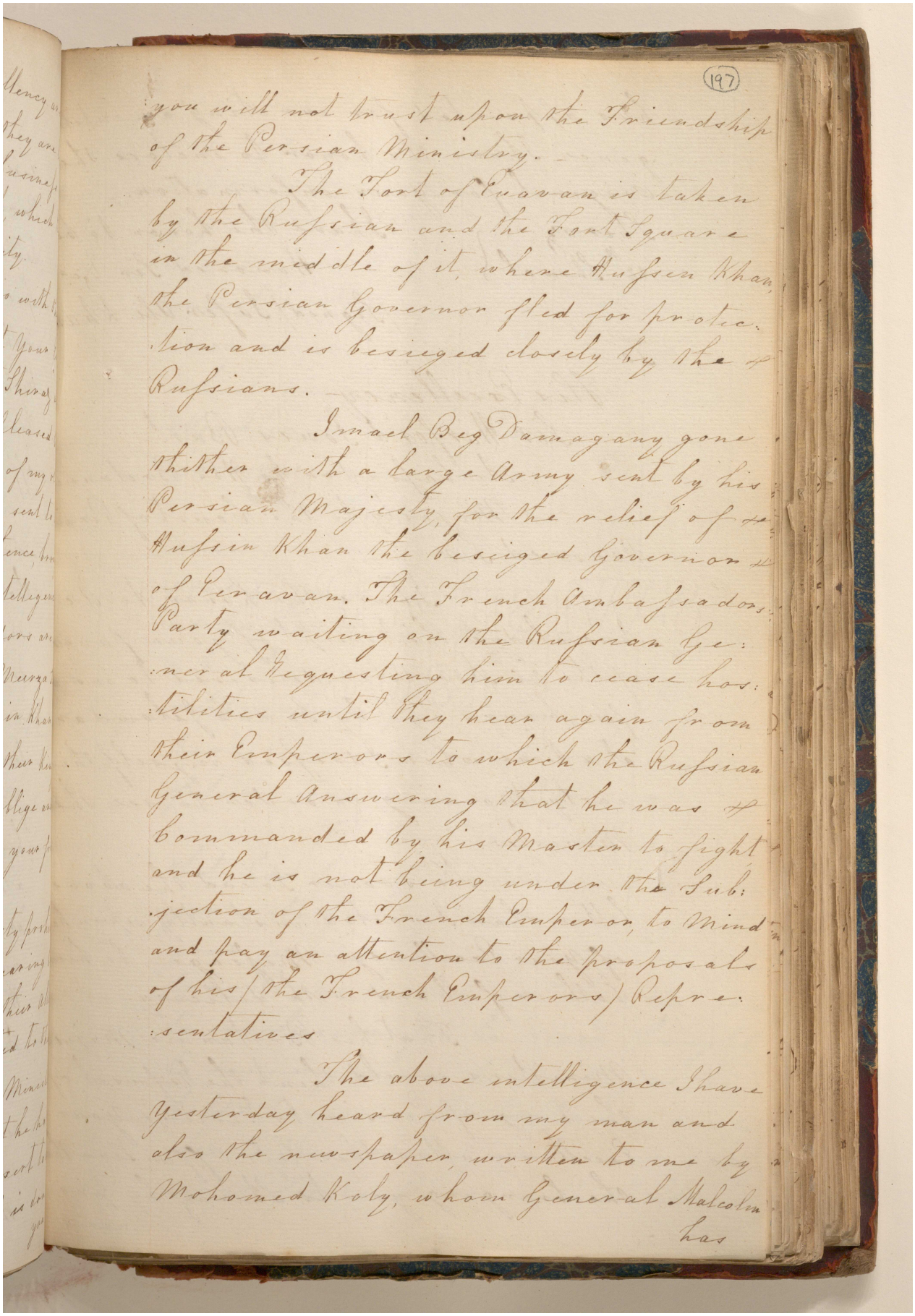

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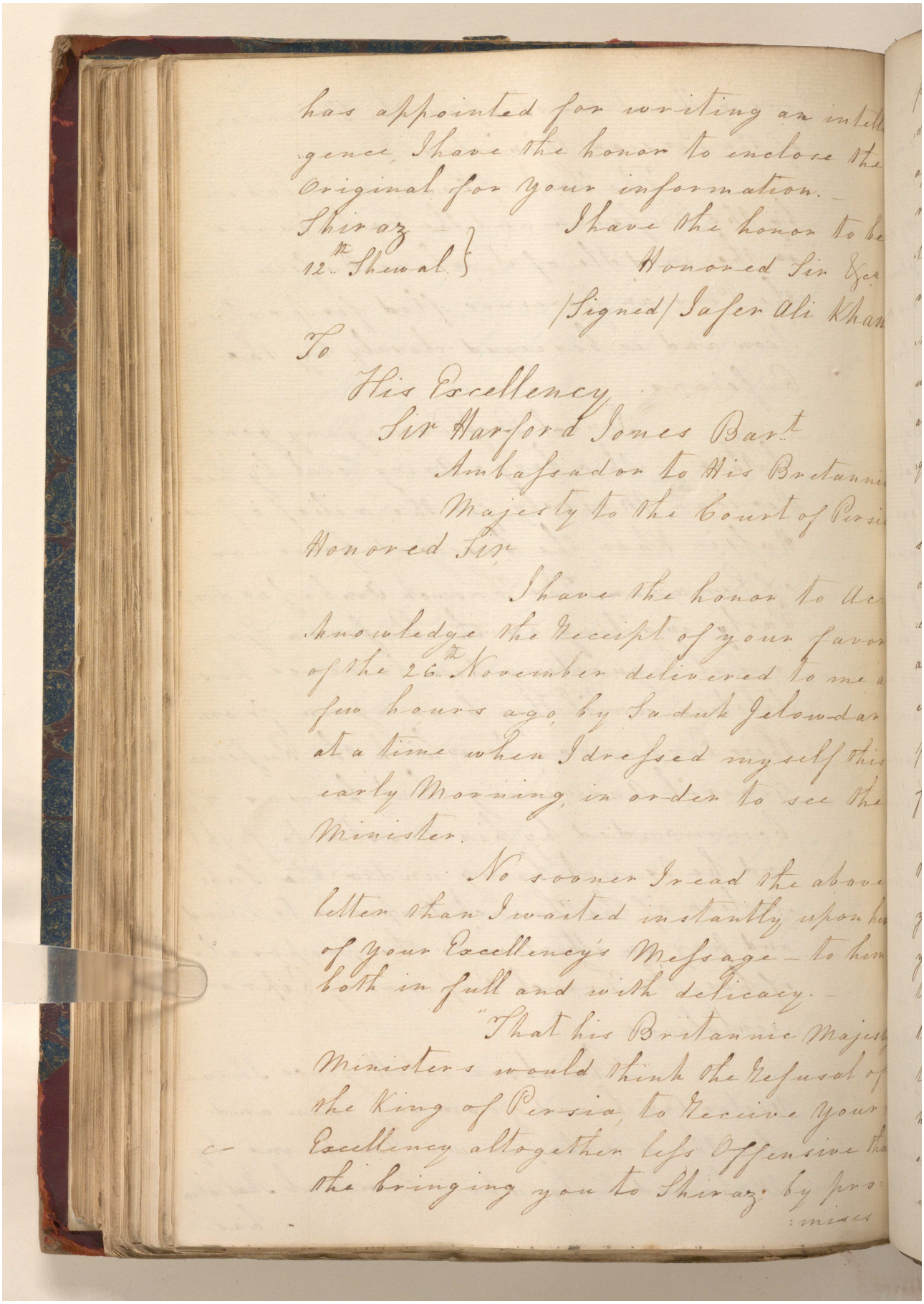
you will not trust upon the Friendship of the Persian Ministry.

The Fort of Evavan is taken by the Russian and the Fort Square in the middle of it, where Hussin Khan, the Persian Governor fled for protection and is besieged closely by the Russians.

Imael Beg Damagany gone thither with a large Army sent by his Persian Majesty, for the relief of Hussin Khan the besieged Governor of Evavan. The French Ambassadors Party waiting on the Russian Generat Requesting him to cease hostilities until they hear again from their Emperors to which the Russian General Answering that he was commanded by his Master to fight and he is not being under the Subjection of the French Emperor, to Mind and pay an attention to the proposals of his (the French Emperors) Representatives

The above intelligence I have yesterday heard from my man and also the newspaper, written to me by Mohomed Koly, whom General Malcolm has



has appointed for writing an intelligence I have the honor to enclose the Original for your information.

Shiraz
12th Shewal

I have the honor to be
Honored Sir &c
/Signed/ Jafer Ali Khan

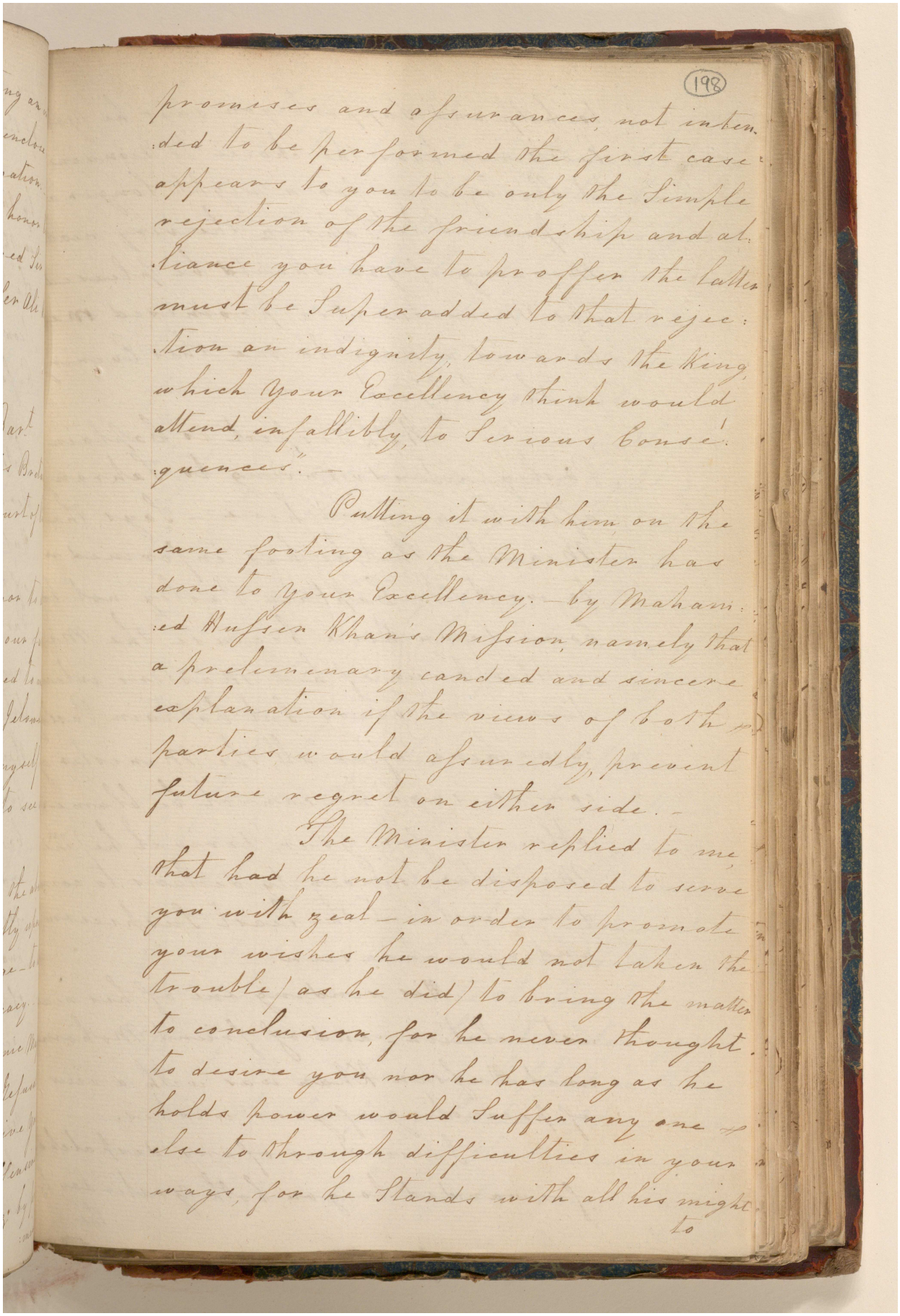
To
His Excellency
Sir Harford Jones Bart
Ambassador to His Britannic
Majesty to the Court of Persia

Honored Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your favor of the 26th November delivered to me a few hours ago by Sadruk Jelowdar at a time when I dressed myself this early Morning, in order to see the Minister.

No sooner I read the above letter than I waited instantly upon him of Your Excellency's Message — to him both in full and with delicacy.

"That his Britannic Majesty Ministers would think the Refusal of the King of Persia, to Receive Your Excellency altogether less Offensive than the bringing you to Shiraz by pro-
mises



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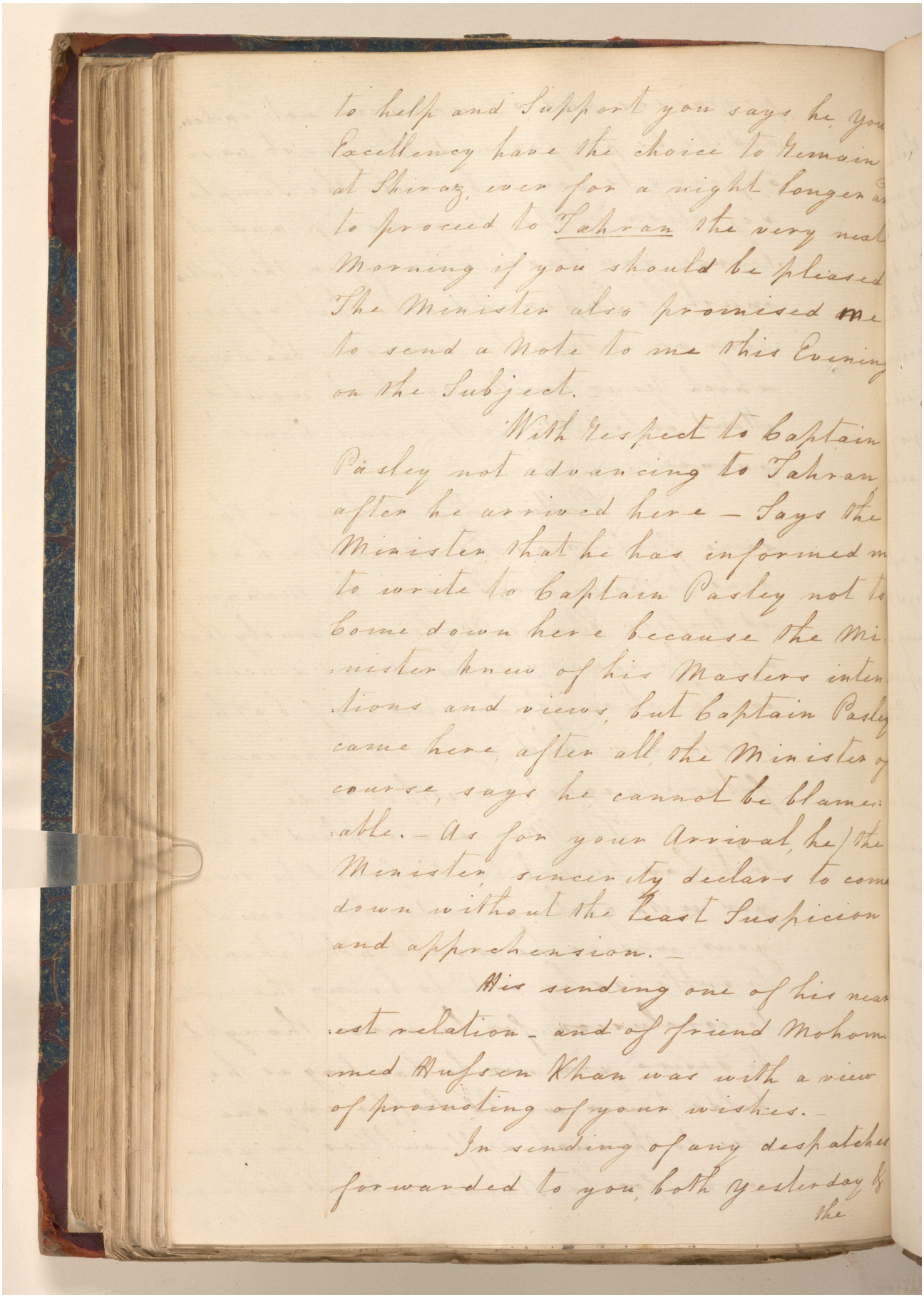
promises and assurances, not intended to be performed the first case appears to you to be only the simple rejection of the friendship and alliance you have to proffer the latter must be superadded to that rejection an indignity, towards the King, which Your Excellency think would attend, infallibly, to Serious Consequences. —

Putting it with him on the same footing as the Minister has done to Your Excellency. — by Mahamed Hussen Khan's Mission, namely that a preliminary candid and sincere explanation if the views of both parties would assuredly, prevent future regret on either side. —

The Minister replied to me that had he not be disposed to serve you with zeal — in order to promote your wishes he would not taken the trouble (as he did) to bring the matter to conclusion, for he never thought to desire you nor he has long as he holds power would suffer any one else to through difficulties in your ways, for he Stands with all his might to



to help and Support you says he, you Excellency have the choice to Remain at Shiraz, ever for a night longer or to proceed to Tahran the very next Morning if you should be pleased. The Minister also promised me to send a Note to me this Evening on the Subject.

With Respect to Captain Pasley not advancing to Tahran after he arrived here — Says the Minister, that he has informed me to write to Captain Pasley not to come down here because the Minister knew of his Masters intentions and views, but Captain Pasley came here, after all the Minister of course, says he cannot be blameable. — As for your Arrival, he the Minister, sincerity declares to come down without the least Suspicion and apprehension. —

His sending one of his nearest relation — and of friend Mohammed Hussein Khan was with a view of promoting of your wishes. —

In sending of any despatches forwarded to you, both yesterday & the

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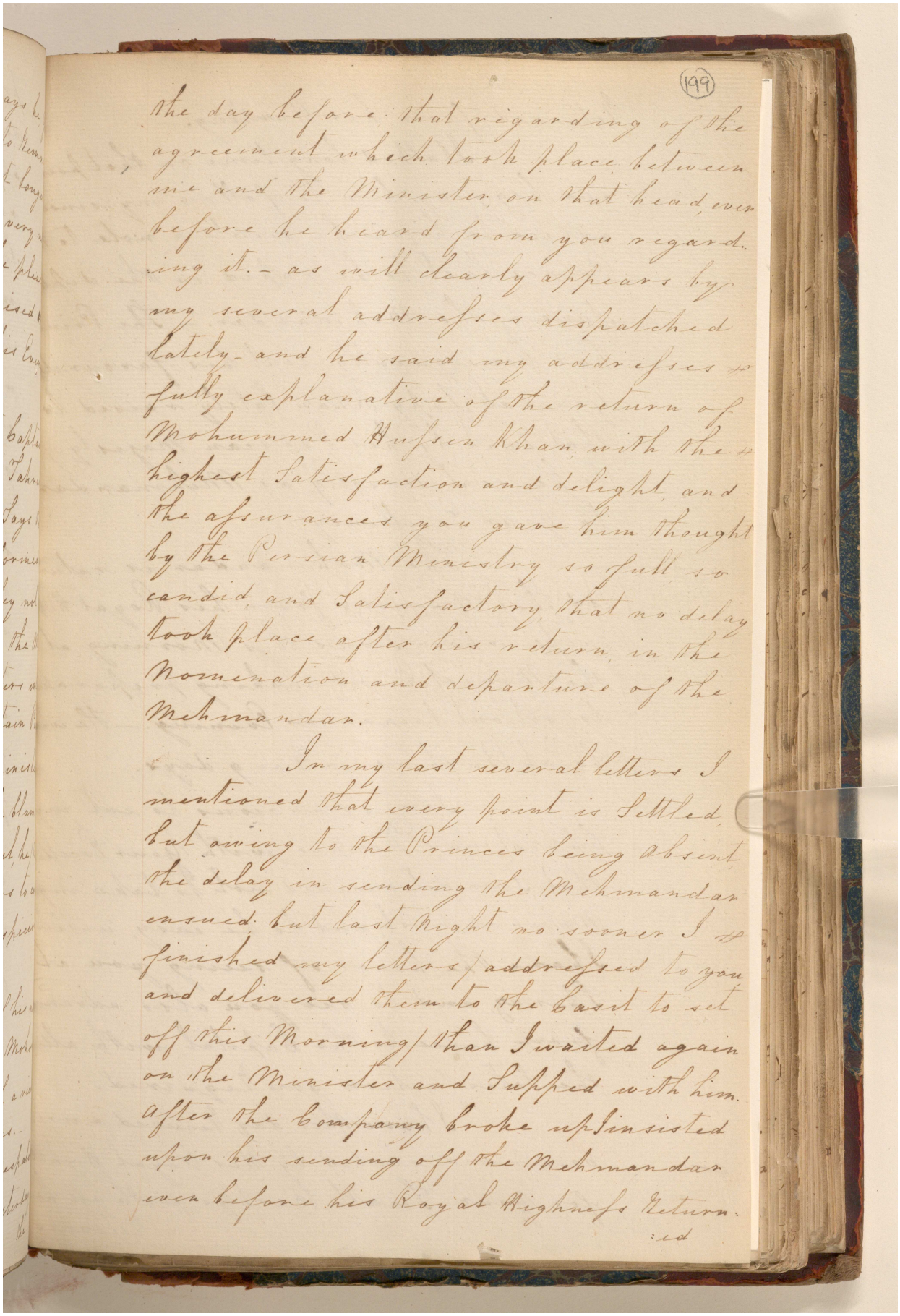

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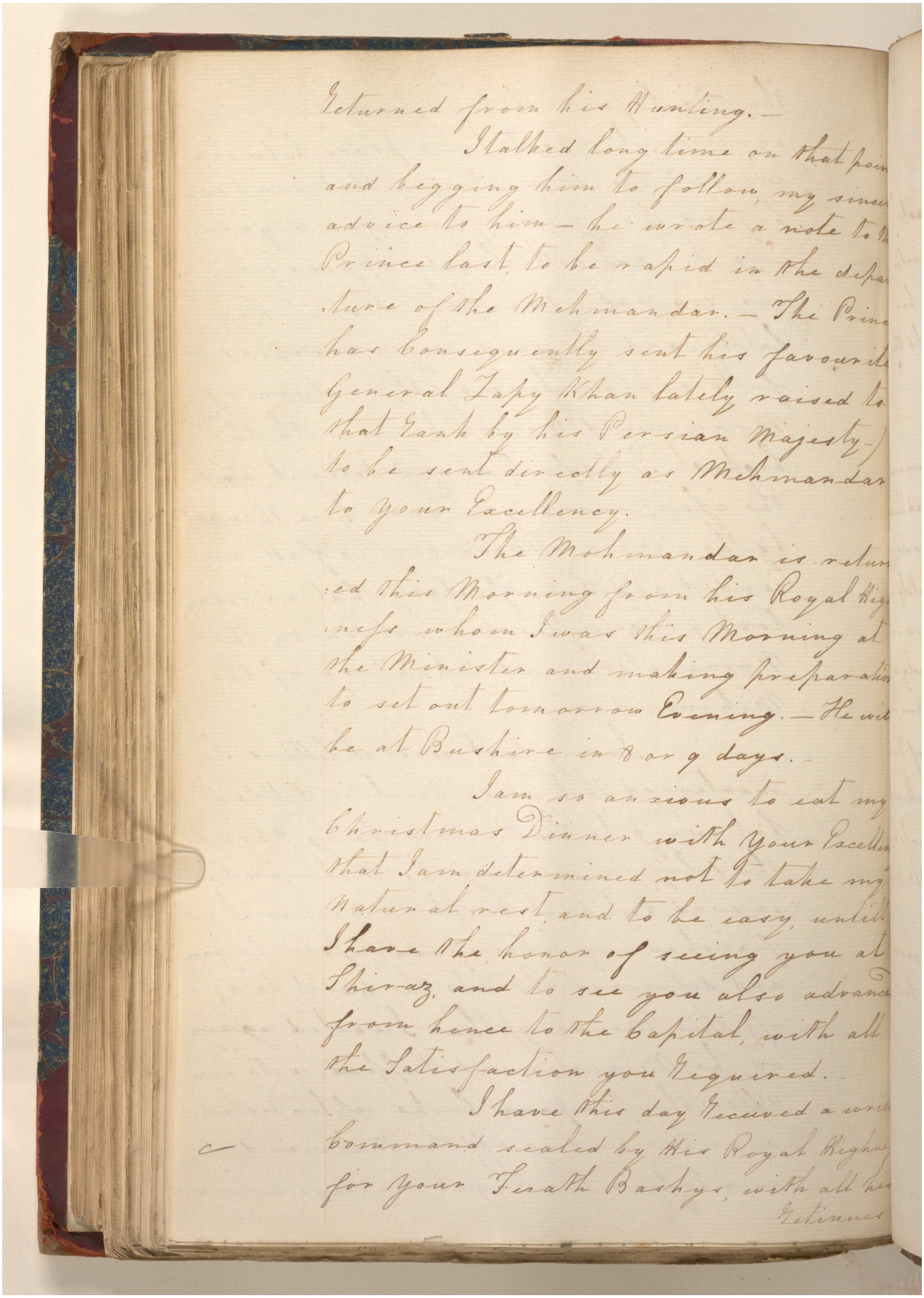
the day before that regarding of the agreement which took place between me and the Minister on that head, even before he heard from you regarding it. – as will clearly appears by my several addresses dispatched lately – and he said my addresses so fully explanative of the return of Mohummed Hussen Khan with the highest Satisfaction and delight, and the assurances you gave him thought by the Persian Ministry so full so candid and Satisfactory that no delay took place after his return in the Nomenation and departure of the Mehmandar.

In my last several letters I mentioned that every point is Settled, but owing to the Princes being absent the delay in sending the Mehmandar ensued: but last Night no sooner I finished my letters addressed to you and delivered them to the Cassit to set off this Morning, than I waited again on the Minister and Supped with him. after the Company broke up I insisted upon his sending off the Mehmandar even before his Royal Highness Return.



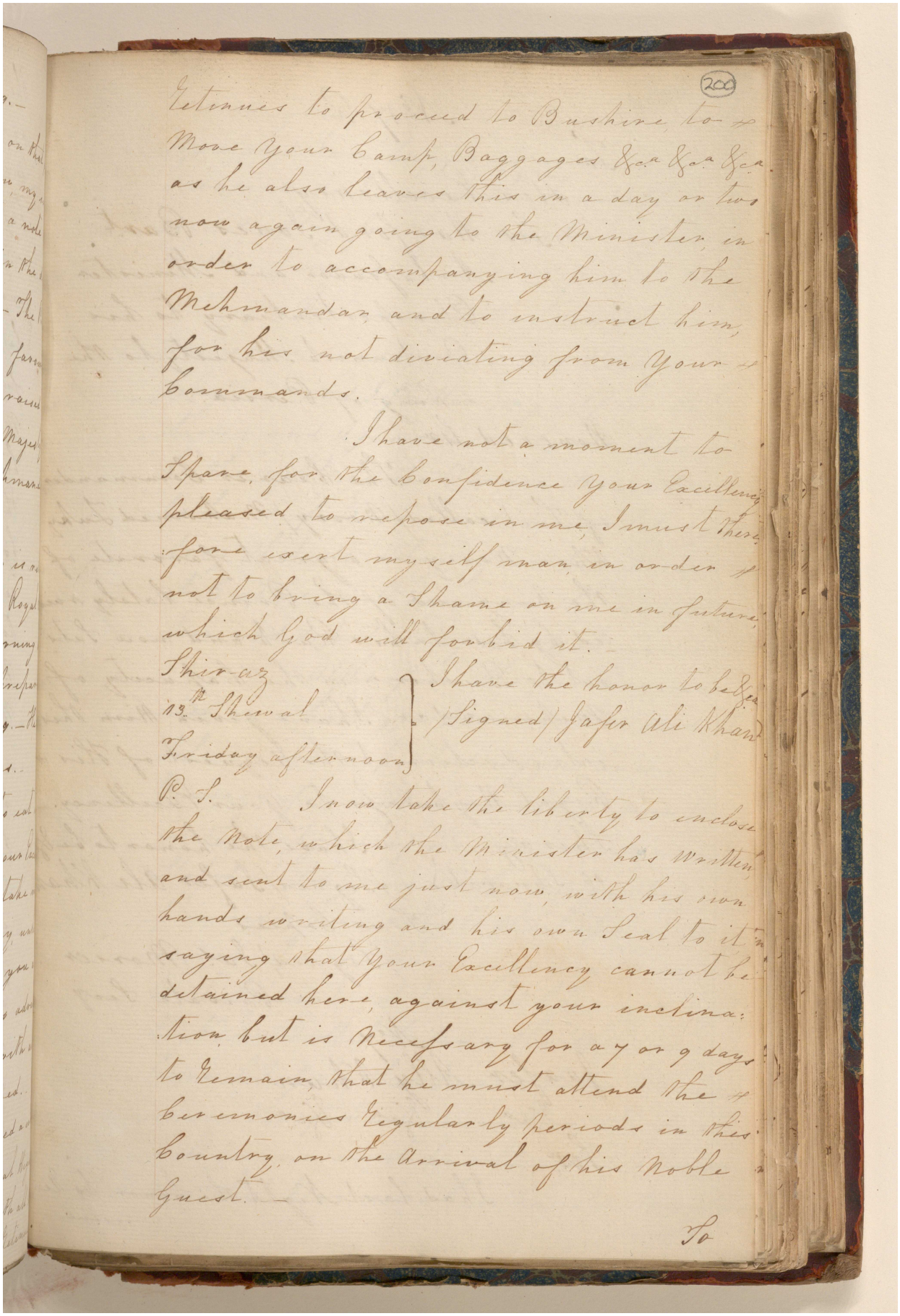
Returned from his Hunting.—

I talked long time on that poin
and begging him to follow, my since
advice to him — he wrote a note to H
Prince last, to be rapid in the depar
ture of the Mehmandar. — The Prince
has consequently sent his favourite
General Tapy Khan lately raised to
that Rank by his Persian Majesty —
to be sent directly as Mehmandar
to your Excellency.

The Mohmandar is return
ed this Morning from his Royal High
ness whom I was this Morning at
the Minister and making preparation
to set out tomorrow Evening. — He will
be at Bushire in 8 or 9 days.

I am so anxious to eat my
Christmas Dinner with Your Excellen
that I am determined not to take my
Natural rest, and to be easy, until
I have the honor of seeing you at
Shiraz, and to see you also advance
from hence to the Capital, with all
the Satisfaction you Required.

I have this day Received a writ
Command sealed by His Royal Highne
for your Ferath Bashys, with all his
Retinues



Retinues to proceed to Bushire, to Move Your Camp, Baggages &c.a &c.a &c.a as he also leaves this in a day or two now again going to the Minister, in order to accompanying him to the Mehmandar, and to instruct him, for his not diviating from Your Commands.

I have not a moment to Spare, for the Confidence Your Excellency pleased to repose in me, I must therefore exert myself man, in order not to bring a Shame on me in future, which God will forbid it.

Shiraz
13th Shewal
Friday afternoon

I have the honor to be &c.a
(Signed) Jafer Ali Khan

P. S. I now take the liberty to enclose the Note, which the Minister has Written, and sent to me just now, with his own hands writing and his own Seal to it saying that Your Excellency cannot be detained here, against your inclination but is Necessary for a 7 or 9 days to Remain, that he must attend the Ceremonies Regularly periods in this Country, on the Arrival of his Noble Guest.

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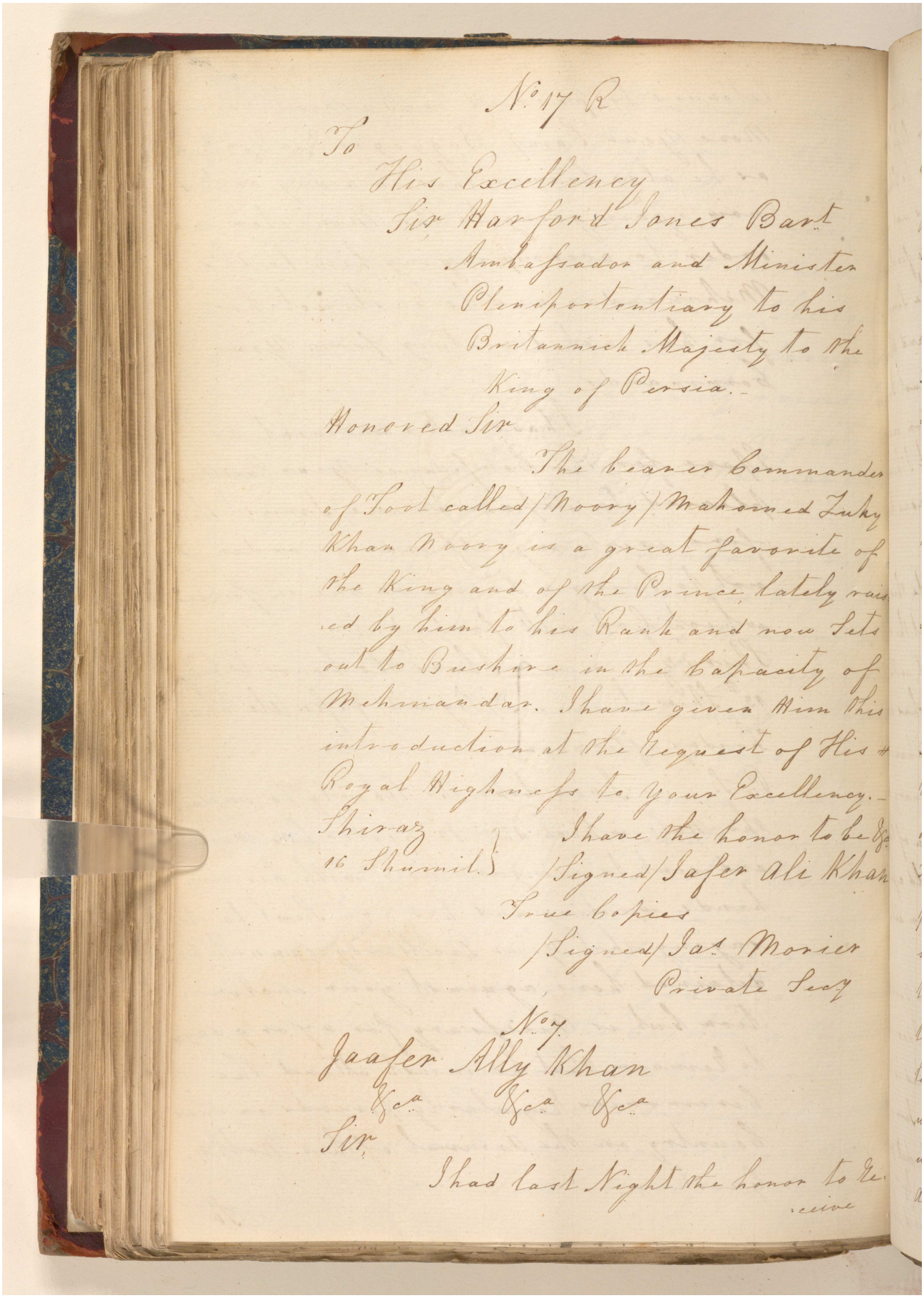

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To

His Excellency
Sir Harford Jones Bart
Ambassador and Minister
Plenipotentiary to his
Britannick Majesty to the
King of Persia.

Honored Sir

The bearer Commander of Foot called Noory Mahomed Zuky Khan Noory is a great favorite of the King and of the Prince, lately raised by him to his Rank and now Sets out to Bushire in the Capacity of Mehmandar. I have given Him this introduction at the Request of His Royal Highness to Your Excellency.

Shiraz
16 Shumil

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Jafer Ali Khan

True Copies
(Signed) Jas Morier
Private Secy

No 7.

Jaafer Ally Khan
&c &c &c

Sir,

I had last Night the honor to re-
ceive

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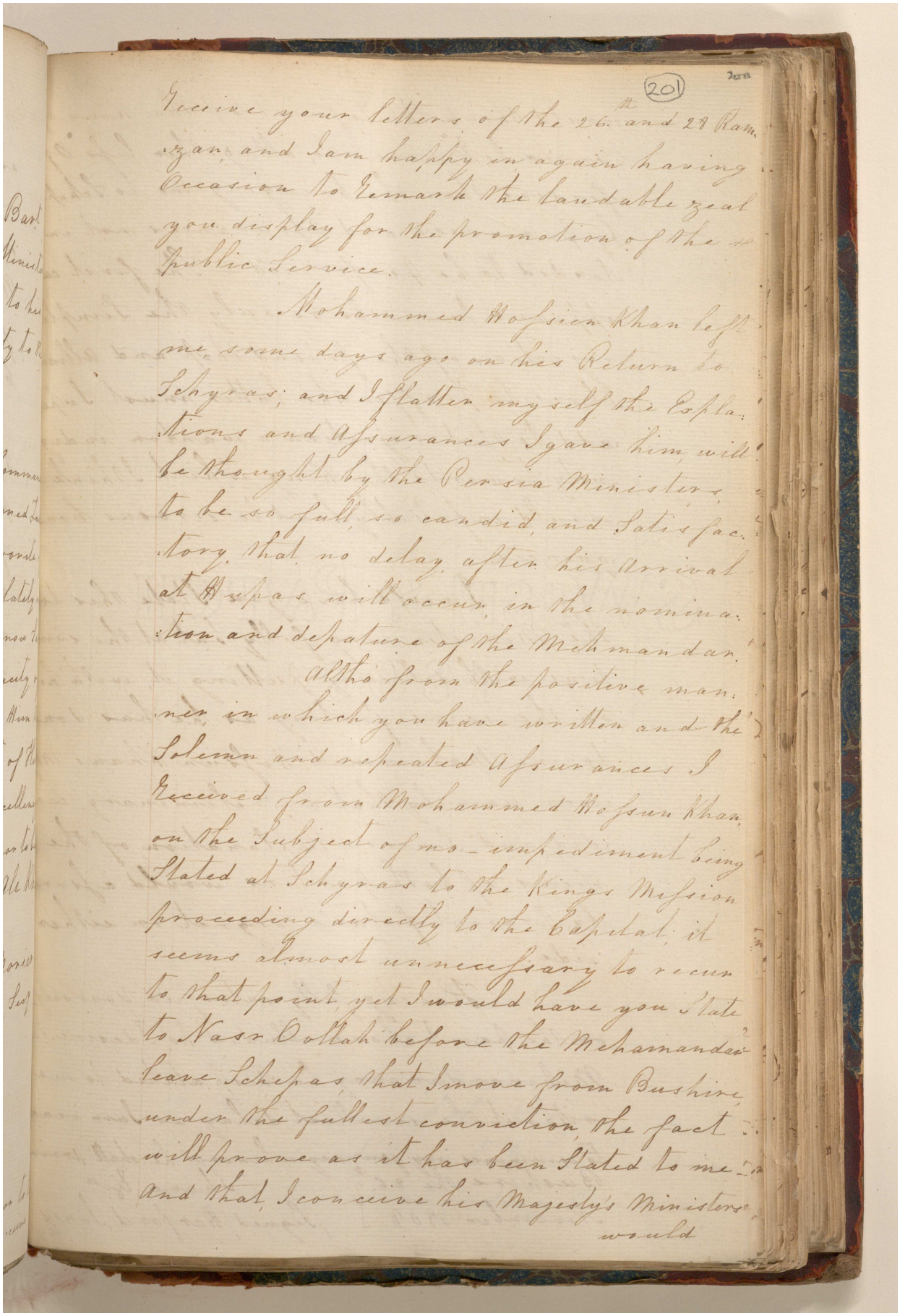

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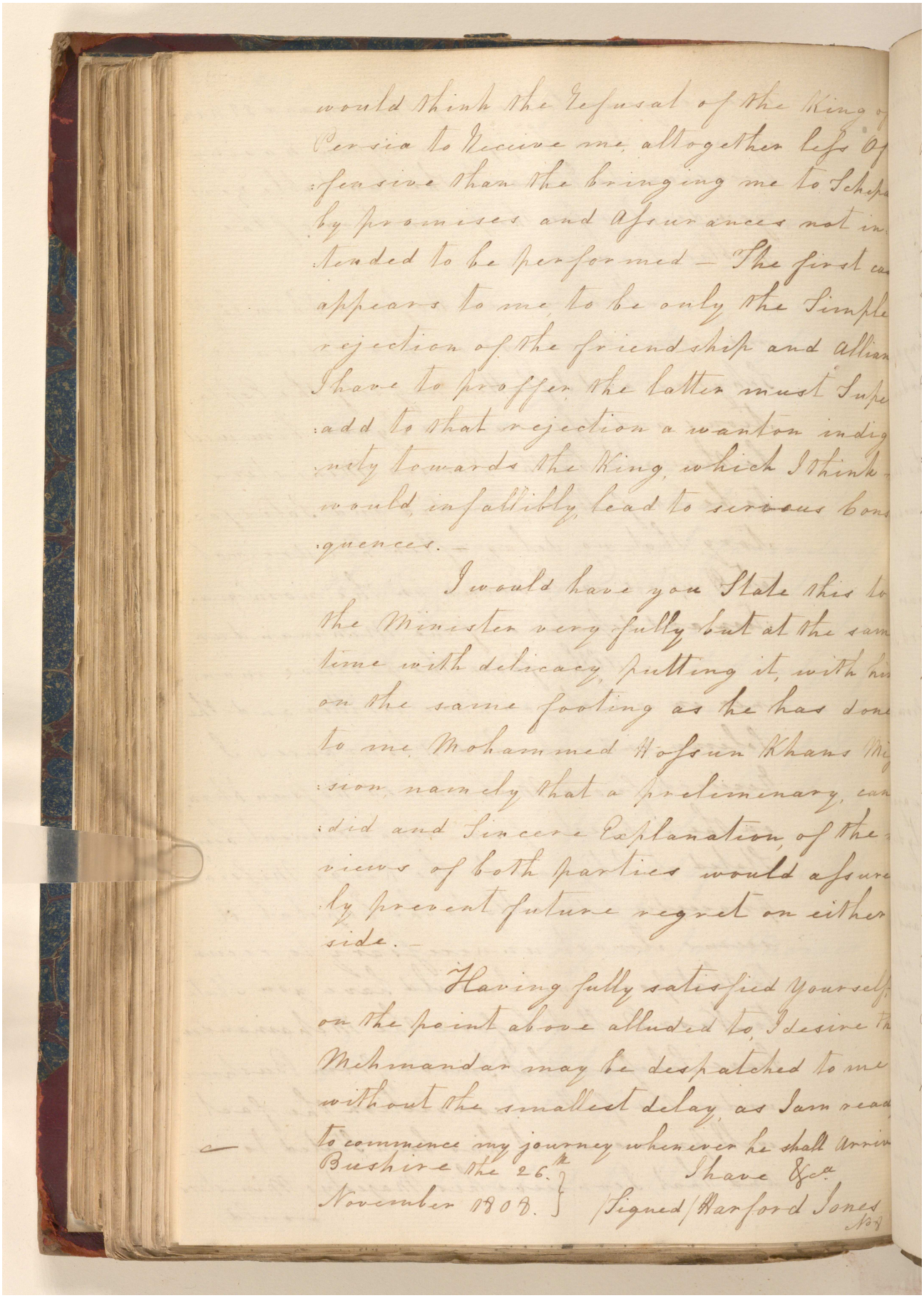
I receive your Letters of the 26th and 28 Ramazan, and I am happy in again having Occasion to Remark the Laudable Zeal you display for the promotion of the Public Service.

Mohammed Hoseien Khan left me some days ago on his Return to Schyras; and I flatter myself the Explanations and Assurances I gave him, will be thought by the Persia Ministers, to be so full, so candid, and Satisfactory, that no delay, after his Arrival at Bushire will occur, in the nomination and depature of the Mehmandar.

Altho' from the positive manner, in which you have written and the Solemn and repeated Assurances I Received from Mohammed Hoseun Khan, on the Subject of no impediment being Stated at Schyras to the Kings Mission proceeding directly to the Capital, it seems almost unnecessary to recur to that point, yet I would have you State to Nasr Oollah before the Mehamander leave Schiras, that I move from Bushire under the fullest conviction, the fact will prove as it has been Stated to me, and that I conceive his Majesty's Ministers would



would think the Refusal of the King of Persia to Receive me, altogether less Of:fensive than the bringing me to Schepa by promises and Assurances not in:tended to be performed — The first ca appears to me, to be only the Simple rejection of the friendship and Allian I have to proffer the latter must Supe:add to that rejection a wanton indig:nity towards the King, which I think would, infallibly, lead to serious Cons:quences. —

I would have you State this to the Minister very fully but at the sam time with delicacy, putting it, with hi on the same footing as he has done to me, Mohammed Hossun Khans Mi:sion, namely that a preliminary, can:did and Sincere Explanation, of the views of both parties would assure:ly prevent future regret on either side. —

Having fully satisfied Yourself on the point above alluded to, I desire th Mehmandar may be despatched to me without the smallest delay, as I am read to commence my journey whenever he shall Arriv

Bushire the 26th November 1808.

I have &ca.
(Signed) Harford Jones

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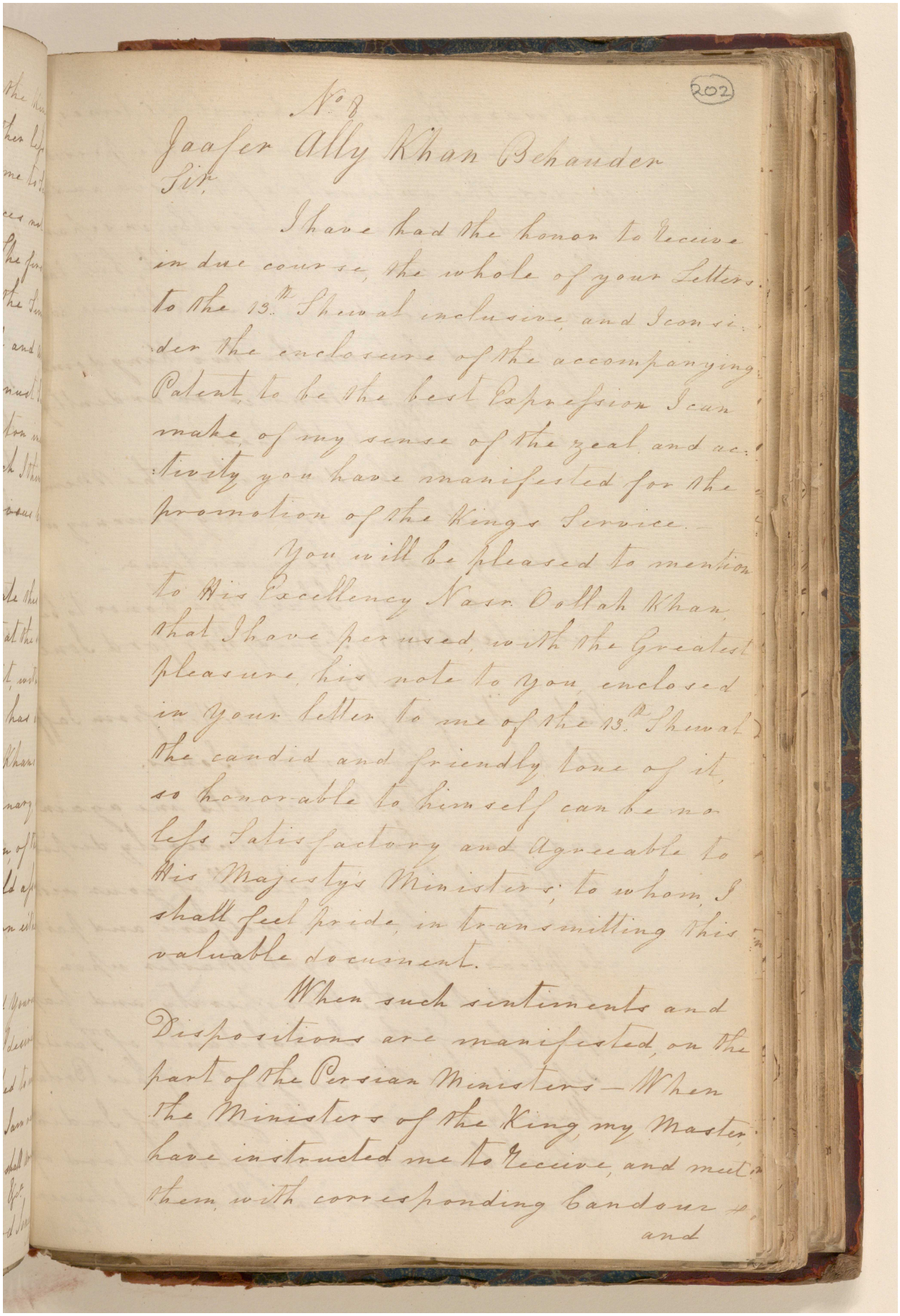

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Jaafer Ally Khan Behauder

Sir,

I have had the honor to Receive in due course, the whole of your Letters to the 13th Shewal inclusive, and I consider the enclosure of the accompanying Patent to be the best Expression I can make of my sense of the zeal and activity you have manifested for the promotion of the Kings Service.

You will be pleased to mention to His Excellency Nasr Oollah Khan, that I have perused, with the Greatest pleasure, his note to you, enclosed in your Letter to me of the 13th Shewal the candid and friendly tone of it, so honorable to himself can be no less Satisfactory and Agreeable to His Majesty's Ministers; to whom, I shall feel pride, in transmitting this valuable document.

When such sentiments and Dispositions are manifested, on the part of the Persian Ministers — When the Ministers of the King, my Master, have instructed me to Receive, and meet them, with corresponding Candour &

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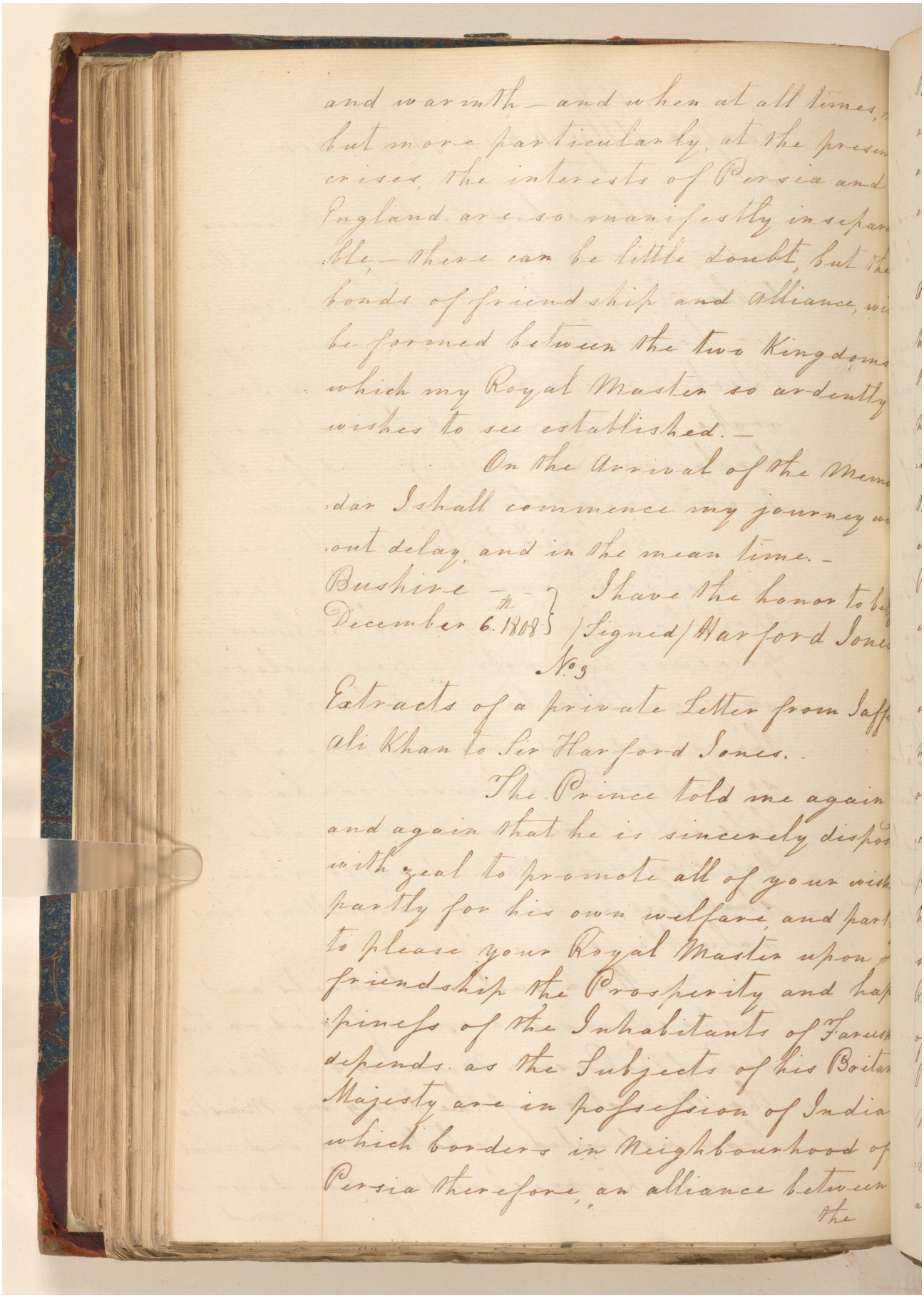


and warmth — and when at all times, but more particularly, at the presen crises, the interests of Persia and England are so manifestly insepar ble, — there can be little doubt, but the bonds of friendship and alliance, wi be formed between the two Kingdoms which my Royal Master so ardently wishes to see established. —

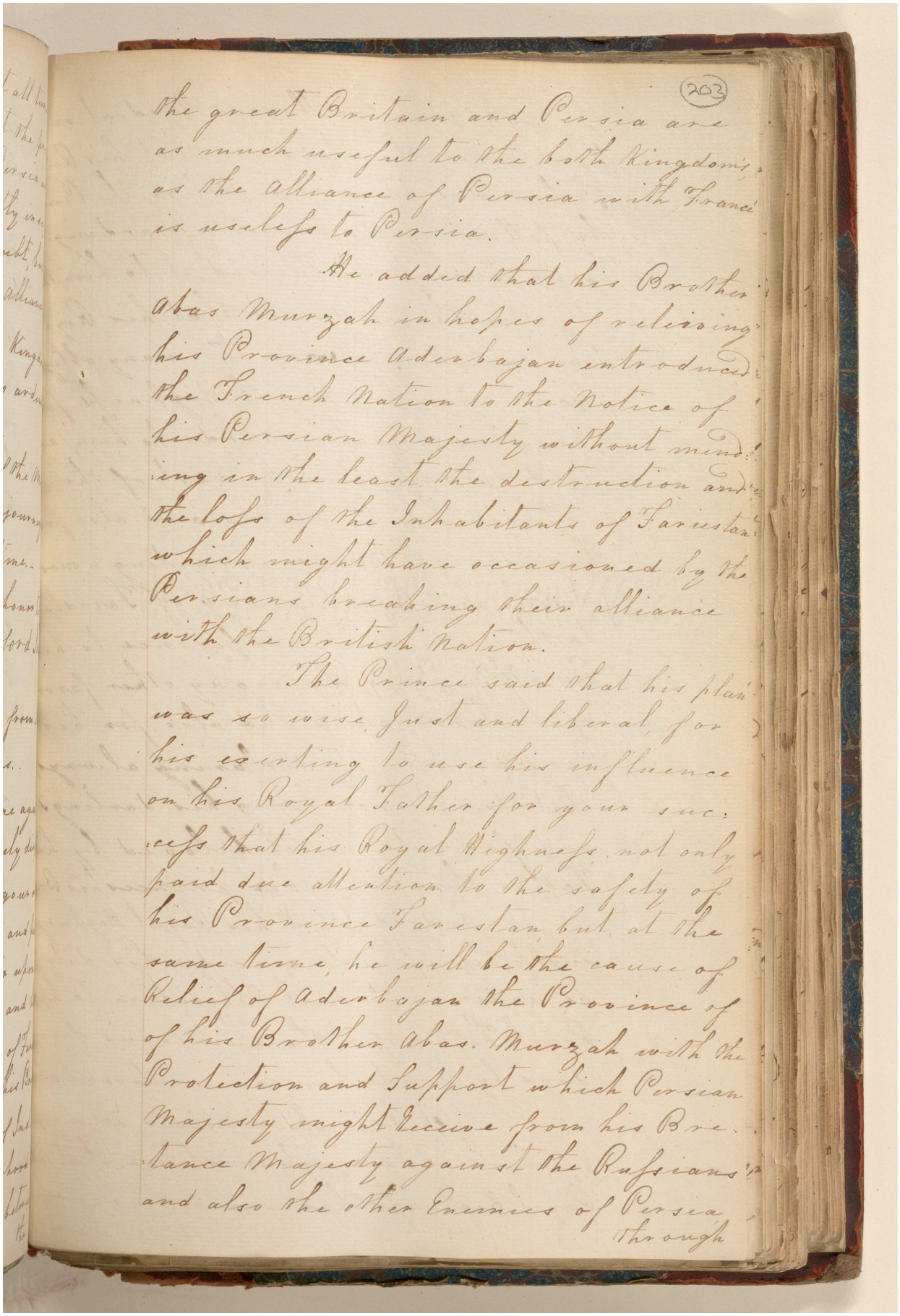
On the Arrival of the Memo dar I shall commence my journey wi out delay, and in the mean time. —

Bushire — } I have the honor to be
December 6th 1808 } (Signed) Harford Jones

No 3

Extracts of a private Letter from Jaffe Ali Khan to Sir Harford Jones. —

The Prince told me again and again that he is sincerely dispos with zeal to promote all of your wish partly for his own welfare, and part to please your Royal Master upon friendship the Prosperity and hap piness of the Inhabitants of Fareesh depends as the Subjects of his Britan Majesty are in possession of India which borders in Neighbourhood of Persia therefore, an alliance between the



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the great Britain and Persia are as much useful to the both Kingdoms as the alliance of Persia with France is useless to Persia.

He added that his Brother Abas Murzah in hopes of relieving his Province Adenbajan introduced the French Nation to the Notice of his Persian Majesty without minding in the least the destruction and the loss of the Inhabitants of Farestan which might have occasioned by the Persians breaking their alliance with the British Nation.

The Prince said that his plan was so wise, Just and liberal, for his exerting to use his influence on his Royal Father for your success that his Royal Highness not only paid due attention to the safety of his Province Farestan but at the same time, he will be the cause of Relief of Adenbajan the Province of of his Brother Abas. Murzah with the Protection and Support which Persian Majesty might Receive from his Brittance Majesty against the Russians and also the other Enemies of Persia

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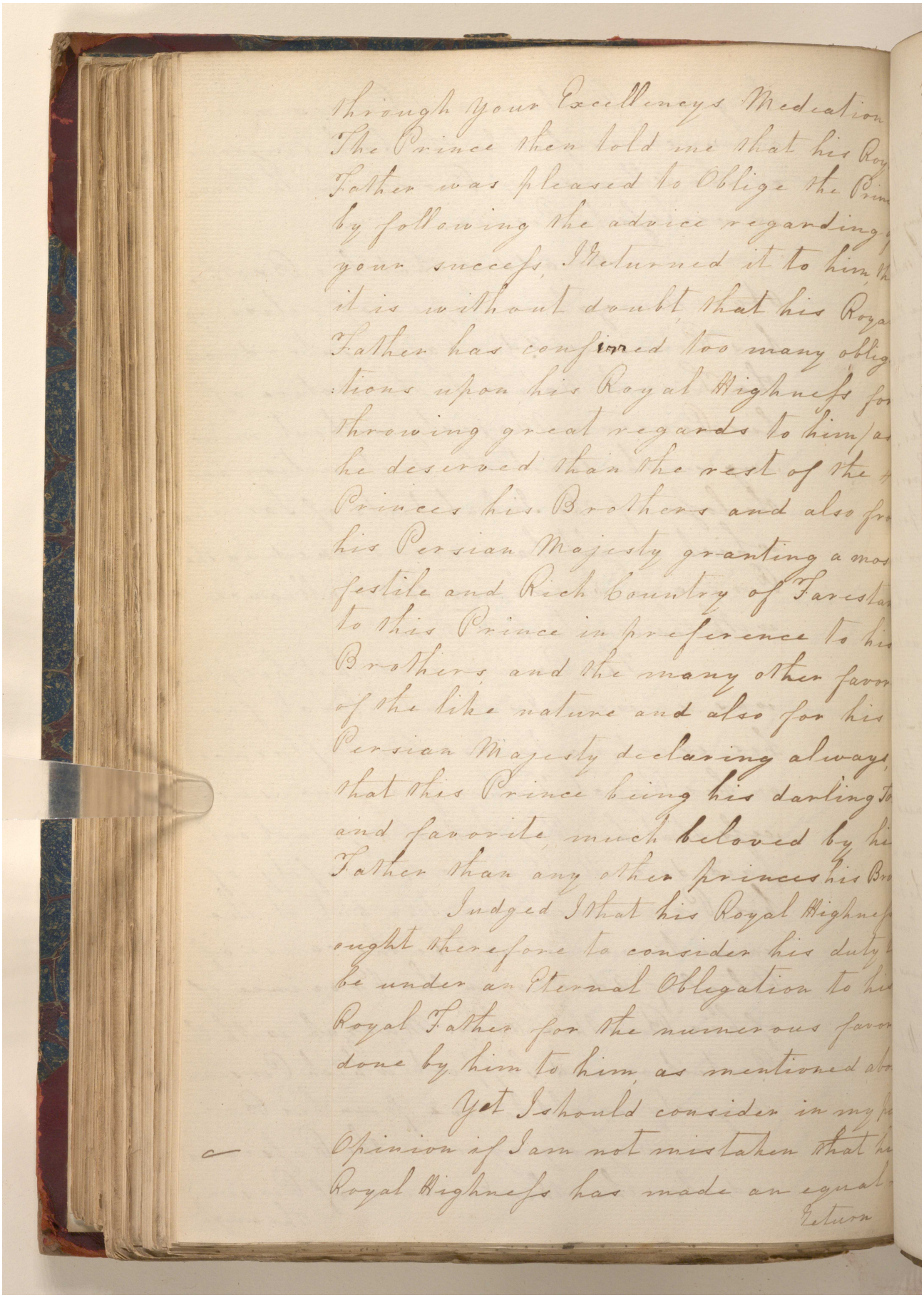
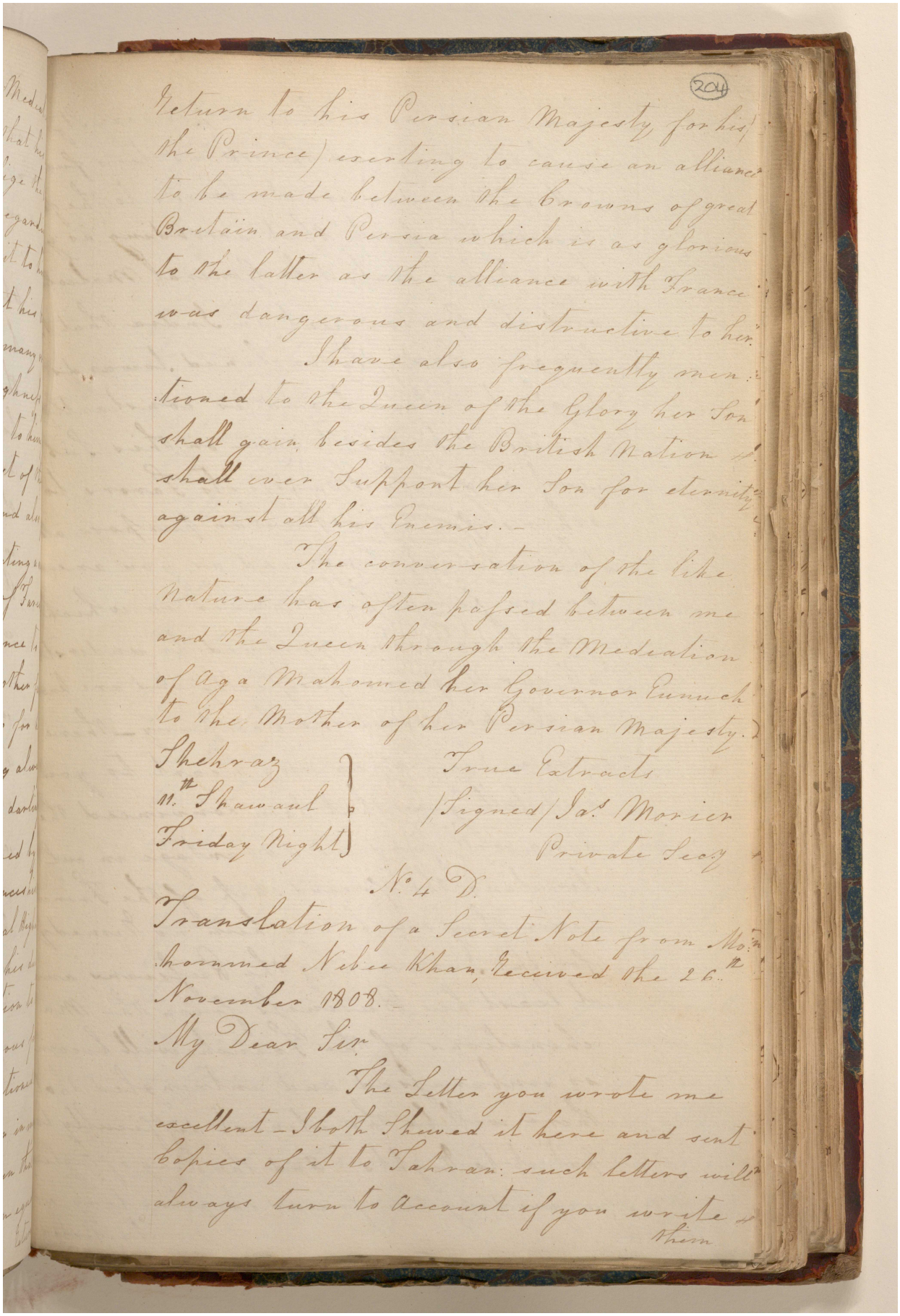


through your Excellencys Mediation
The Prince then told me that his Roy
Father was pleased to Oblige the Prin
by following the advice regarding
your success, I returned it to him, b
it is without doubt that his Roya
Father has confirmed too many oblig
tions upon his Royal Highness fo
throwing great regards to him as
he deserved than the rest of the
Princes his Brothers and also fro
his Persian Majesty granting a mos
festile and Rich Country of Farestan
to this Prince in preference to his
Brothers and the many other favor
of the like nature and also for his
Persian Majesty declaring always
that this Prince being his darling
and favorite, much beloved by his
Father than any other princes his Bro
Judged that his Royal Highnes
ought therefore to consider his duty
be under an Eternal Obligation to his
Royal Father for the numerous favor
done by him to him, as mentioned abo
Yet I should consider in my pr
Opinion if I am not mistaken that hi
Royal Highness has made an equal
Return



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Return to his Persian Majesty for his
the Prince) exerting to cause an alliance
to be made between the Crowns of great
Britain and Persia which is as glorious
to the latter as the alliance with France
was dangerous and distructive to her.

I have also frequently men-
tioned to the Queen of the Glory her Son
shall gain besides the British Nation
shall ever Support her Son for eternity
against all his Enemies.

The conversation of the like
Nature has often passed between me
and the Queen through the Mediation
of Aga Mahomed her Governor Eunuch
to the Mother of her Persian Majesty.

Shehraz
11th Shawaul
Friday Night

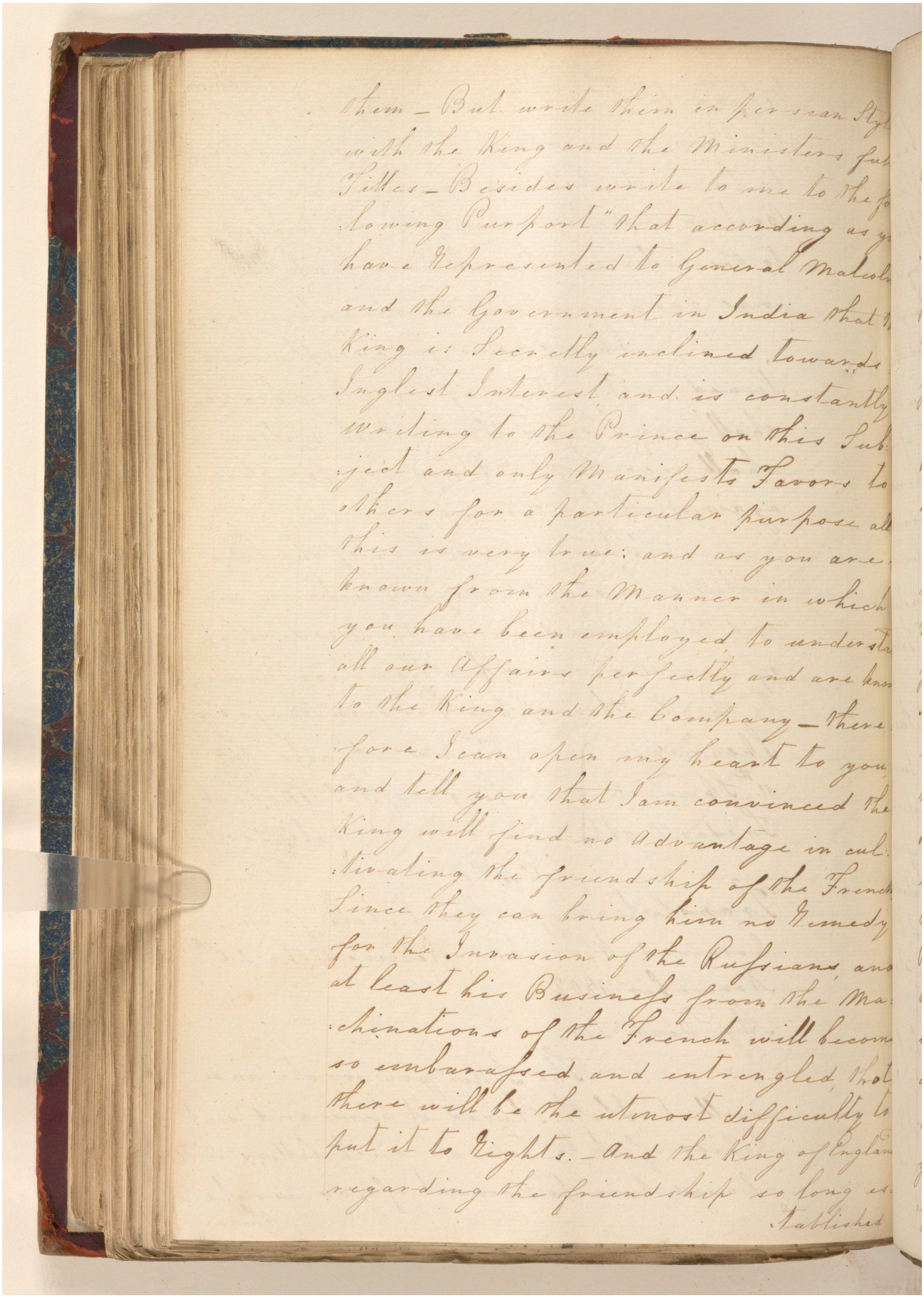
True Extracts
(Signed) Jas Morier
Private Secy

No 4 D.

Translation of a Secret Note from Mo-
hammed Nebee Khan, Received the 26th
November 1808.

My Dear Sir

The Letter you wrote me
excellent – I both Shewed it here and sent
Copies of it to Tahran: such letters will
always turn to account if you write
them



them — But write them in persian Styl
with the King and the Ministers full
Titles — Besides write to me to the fo
lowing Purport "that according as yo
have Represented to General Malcolm
and the Government in India that th
King is Secretly inclined towards
Inglest Interest and is constantly
writing to the Prince on this Sub:
:ject and only Manifests Favors to
others for a particular purpose all
this is very true: and as you are
known from the Manner in which
you have been employed to understa
all our Affairs perfectly and are know
to the King and the Company — there
fore I can open my heart to you
and tell you that I am convinced the
King will find no Advantage in cul:
:tivating the friendship of the French
Since they can bring him no Remedy
for the Invasion of the Russians, and
at least his Business from the Ma:
:chinations of the French will become
so embarassed and entrengled that
there will be the utmost difficulty to
put it to Rights. — And the King of England
regarding the friendship so long es:
:tablished

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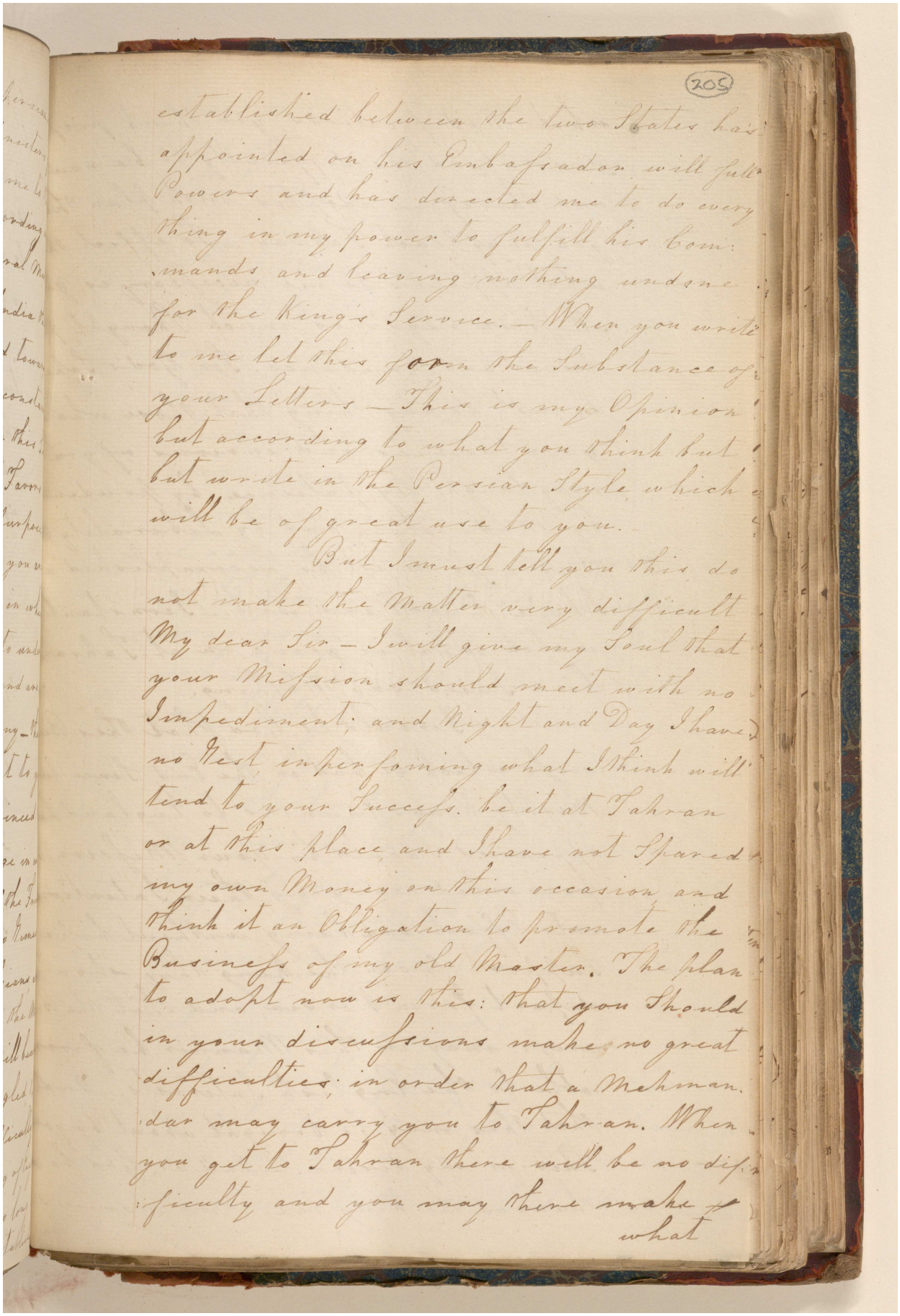

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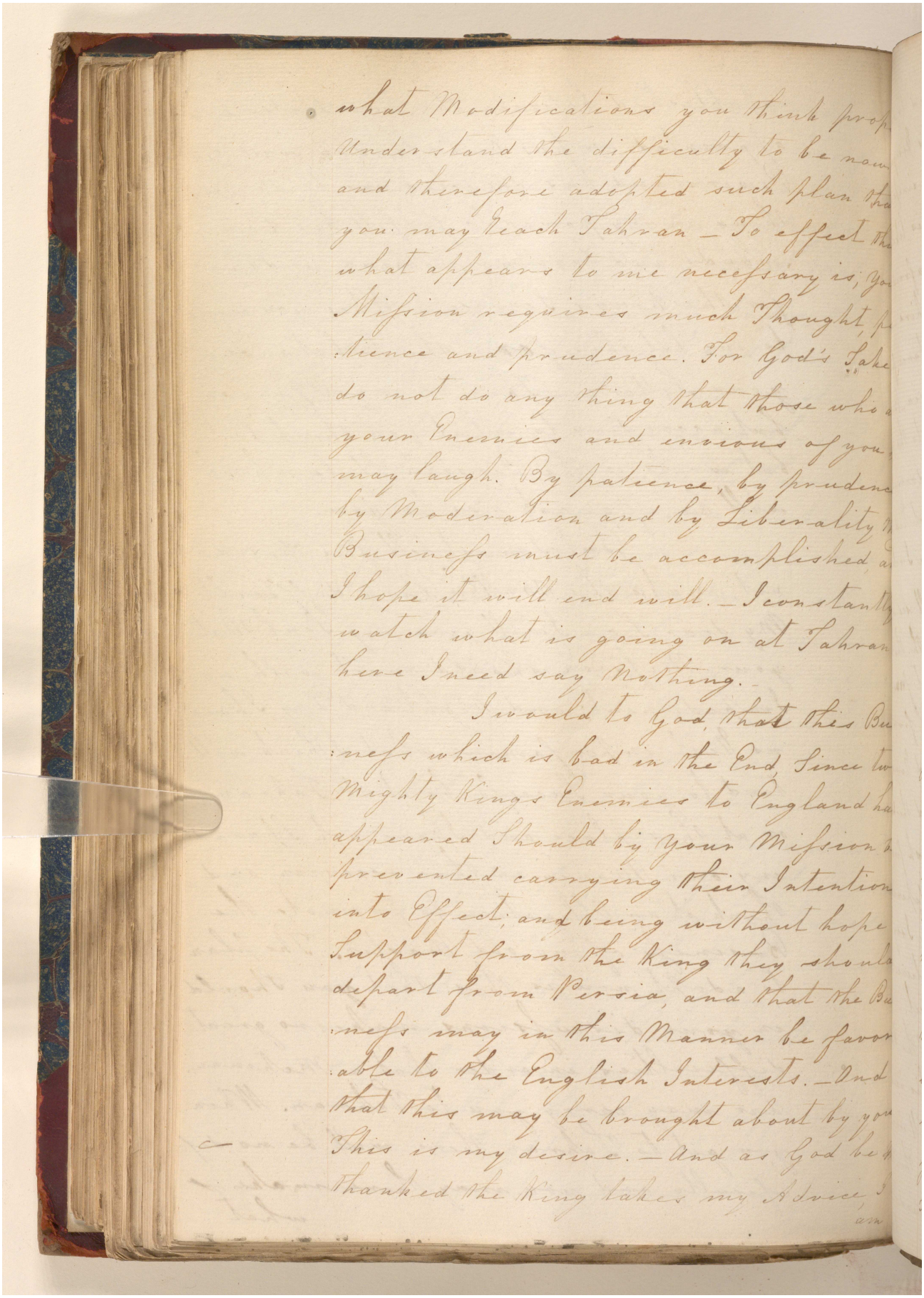
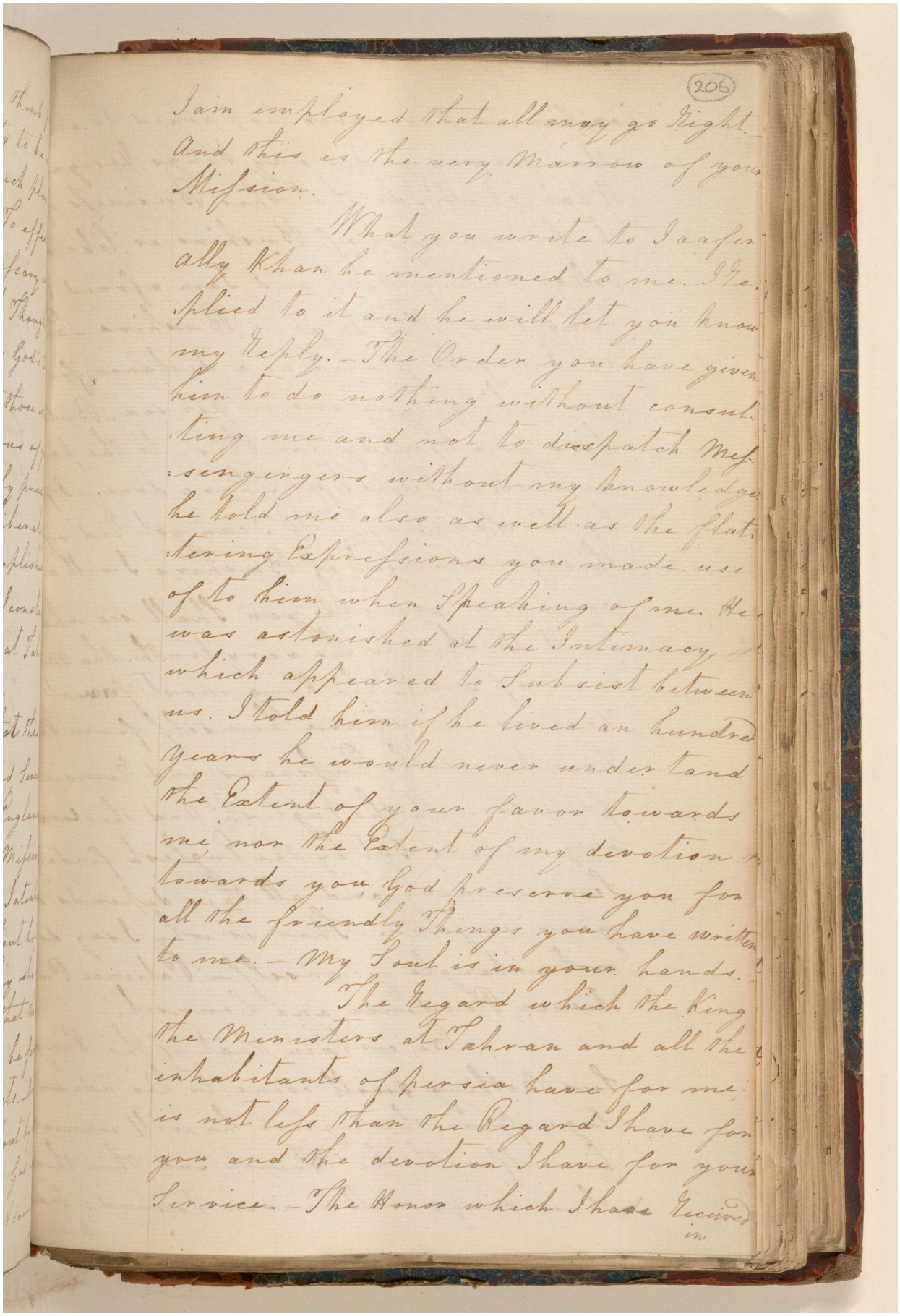
established between the two States has
appointed an his Embassadan will full
Powers and has directed me to do every
thing in my power to fulfill his Com-
mands and leaving nothing undone
for the King's Service. — When you write
to me let this form the Substance of
your Letters — This is my Opinion
but according to what you think but
but write in the Persian Style which
will be of great use to you.

But I must tell you this do
not make the Matter very difficult
My dear Sir — I will give my Soul that
your Mission should meet with no
Impediment; and Night and Day I have
no Rest in performing what I think will
tend to your Success. be it at Tahran
or at this place, and I have not Spared
my own Money on this occasion and
think it an Obligation to promote the
Business of my old Master. The plan
to adopt now is this: that you Should
in your discussions make no great
difficulties; in order that a Mehman-
dar may carry you to Tahran. When
you get to Tahran there will be no dif-
ficulty and you may there make of
what



what Modifications you think prop
Understand the difficulty to be now
and therefore adopted such plan tha
you may Reach Tahran — To effect tha
what appears to me necessary is; you
Mission requires much Thought, pa
tience and prudence. For God's Sake
do not do any thing that those who a
your Enemies and envious of you
may laugh. By patience, by prudence
by Moderation and by Liberality
Business must be accomplished a
I hope it will end will. — I constantly
watch what is going on at Tahran
here I need say Nothing.

I would to God, that this Bu
ness which is bad in the End, Since tw
Mighty Kings Enemies to England ha
appeared Should by your Mission a
prevented carrying their Intention
into Effect, and being without hope
Support from the King they should
depart from Persia, and that the Bu
ness may in this Manner be favor
able to the English Interests. — And
that this may be brought about by you
This is my desire. — And as God be
thanked the King takes my Advice, I
am



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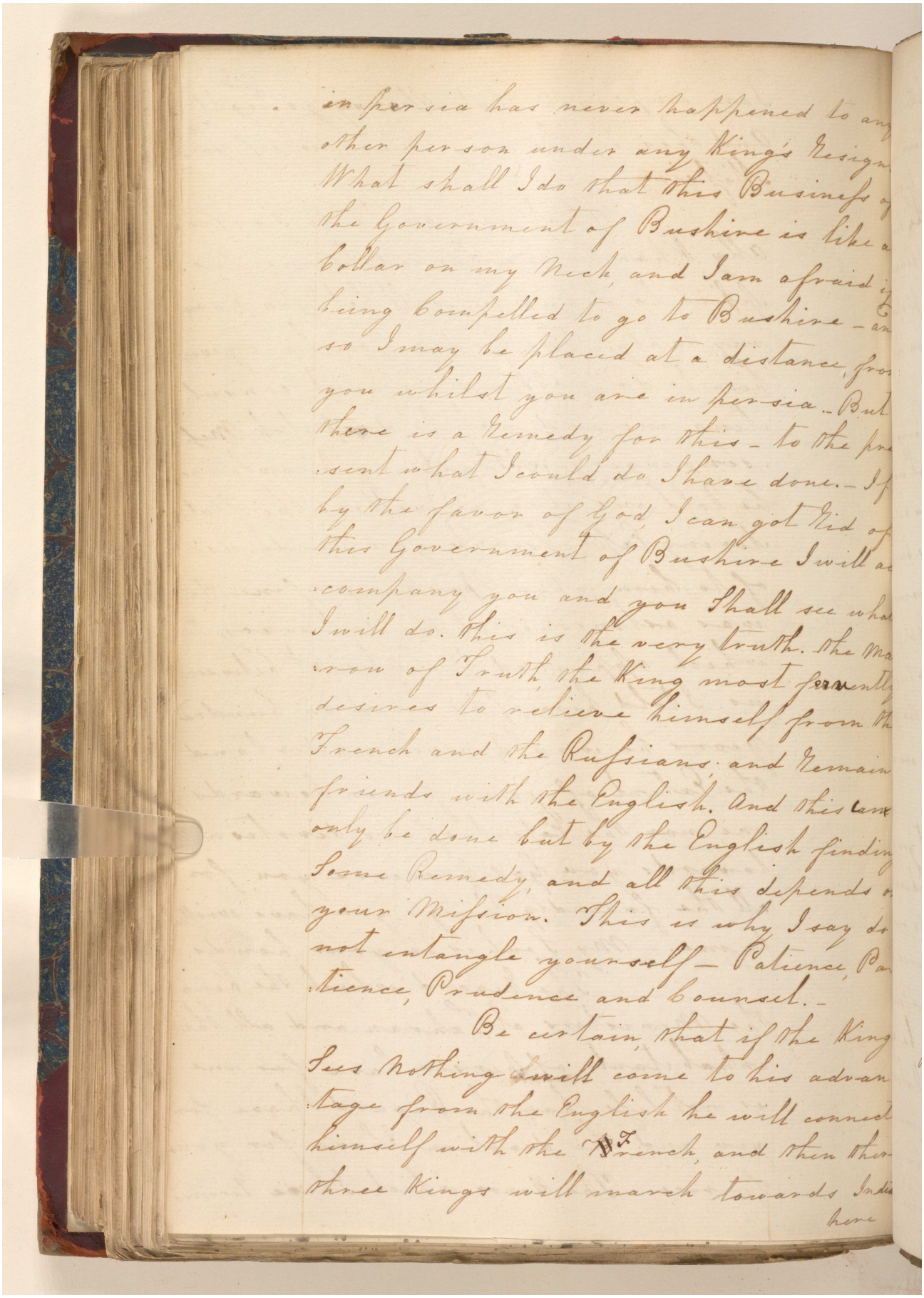
I am employed that all may go Right.
And this is the very Marrow of your
Mission.

What you write to Jaafer
ally Khan he mentioned to me. I re-
plied to it and he will let you know
my Reply. — The Order you have given
him to do nothing without consult-
ing me and not to dispatch Mes-
sengingers without my knowledge
he told me also as well as the flat-
tering Expressions you made use
of to him when Speaking of me. He
was astonished at the Intimacy
which appeared to Subsist between
us. I told him if he lived an hundred
years he would never understand
the Extent of your favor towards
me, nor the Extent of my devotion
towards you, God preserve you for
all the friendly Things you have written
to me. — My Soul is in your hands.

The Regard which the King
the Ministers at Tahran and all the
inhabitants of Persia have for me,
is not less than the Regard I have for
you, and the devotion I have for your
Service. — The Honor which I have Received
in



in Persia has never happened to any other person under any King's Reign What shall I do that this Business of the Government of Bushire is like a Collar on my Neck, and I am afraid of being Compelled to go to Bushire - and so I may be placed at a distance from you whilst you are in Persia - But there is a Remedy for this - to the present what I could do I have done. - If by the favor of God, I can get Rid of this Government of Bushire I will accompany you and you Shall see what I will do. This is the very truth. The Marrow of Truth, the King most earnestly desires to relieve himself from the French and the Russians and Remain friends with the English. And this can only be done but by the English finding Some Remedy, and all this depends on your Mission. This is why I say do not entangle yourself - Patience, Patience, Prudence and Counsel. -

Be certain, that if the King Sees Nothing will come to his advantage from the English he will connect himself with the French, and then the three Kings will march towards India

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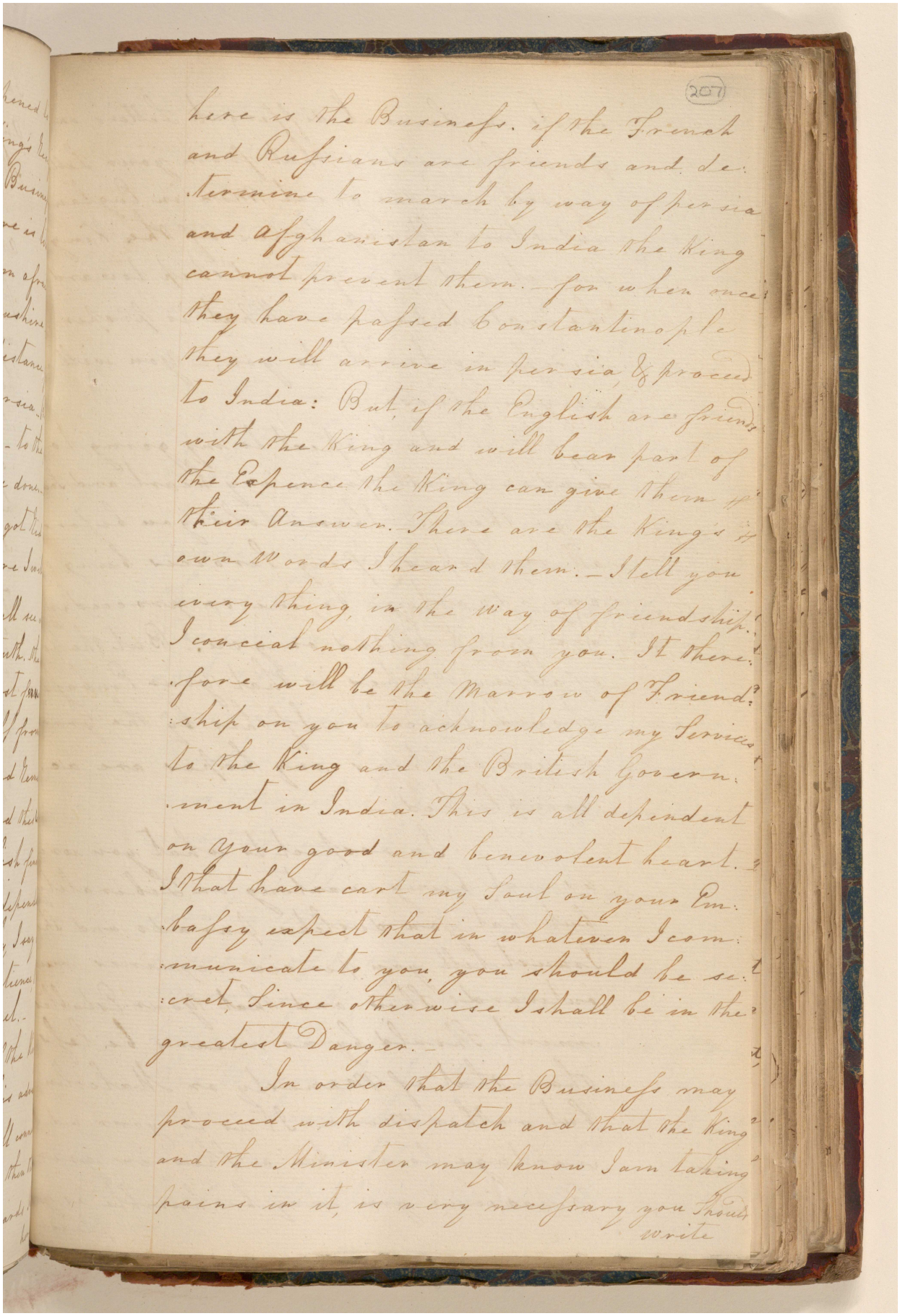
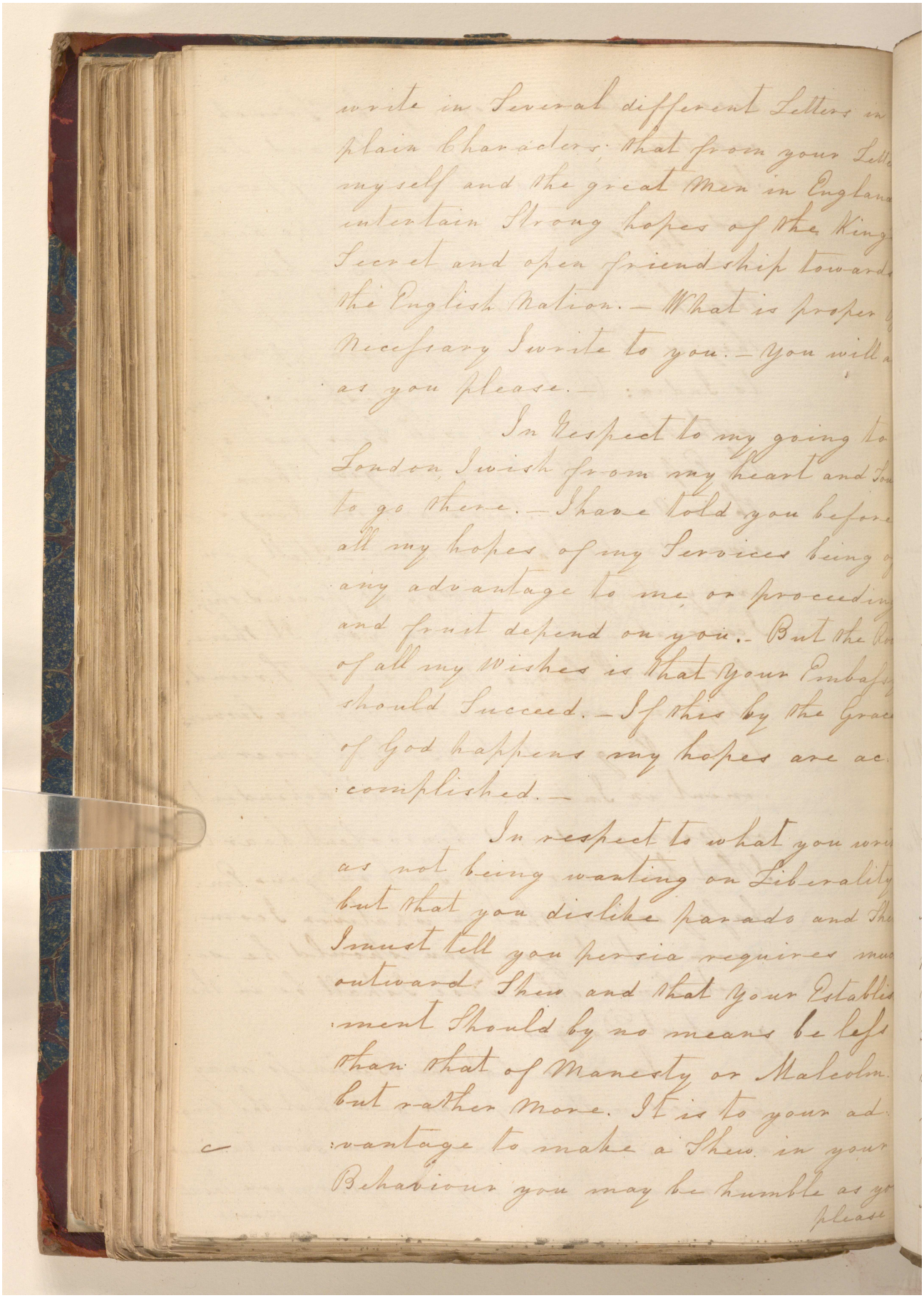


here is the Business. if the French and Russians are friends and determine to march by way of persia and Afghanistan to India the King cannot prevent them. for when once they have passed Constantinople they will arrive in persia & proceed to India: But if the English are friends with the King and will bear part of the Expence the King can give them a their Answer. There are the King's own Words I heard them. I tell you every thing in the way of friendship. I conceal nothing from you. It therefore will be the Marrow of Friendship on you to acknowledge my Services to the King and the British Government in India. This is all dependent on your good and benevolent heart. I that have cast my Soul on your Embassy expect that in whatever I communicate to you, you should be secret, since otherwise I shall be in the greatest Danger.

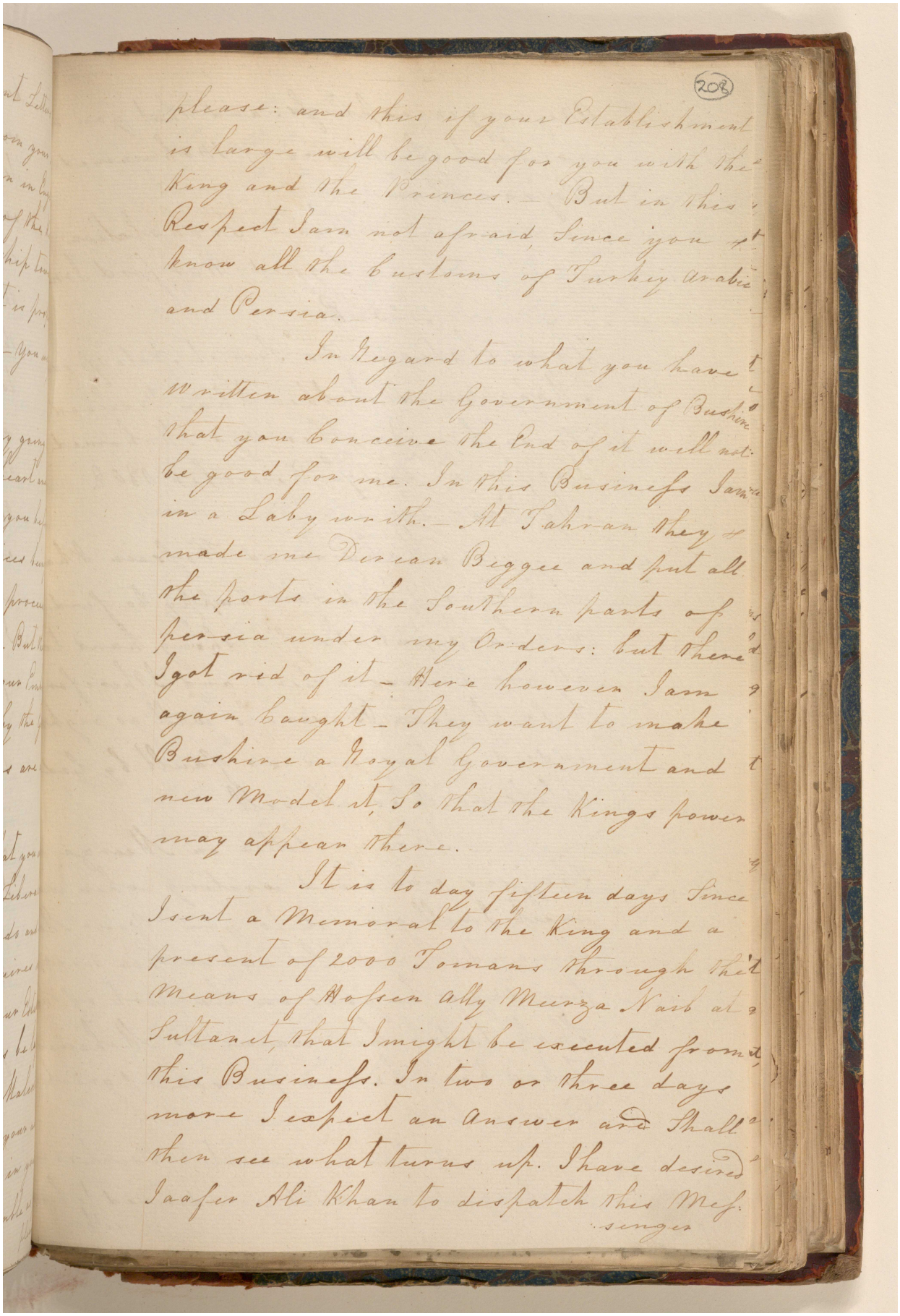
In order that the Business may proceed with dispatch and that the King and the Minister may know I am taking pains in it, is very necessary you should write



write in Several different Letters in
plain Characters; that from your Lett
myself and the great Men in England
entertain Strong hopes of the King
Secret and open friendship toward
the English Nation. — What is proper
Necessary I write to you. — You will a
as you please. —

In Respect to my going to
London, I wish from my heart and Sou
to go there. — I have told you before
all my hopes of my Services being o
any advantage to me, or proceedin
and fruit depend on you. — But the Roo
of all my Wishes is that your Embass
should Succeed. — If this by the Grace
of God happens my hopes are ac
complished. —

In respect to what you wri
as not being wanting on Liberality
but that you dislike parade and She
I must tell you persia requires muc
outward Shew and that your Establis
ment Should by no means be less
than that of Manesty or Malcolm.
but rather More. It is to your ad
vantage to make a Shew in your
Behaviour you may be humble as yo
please



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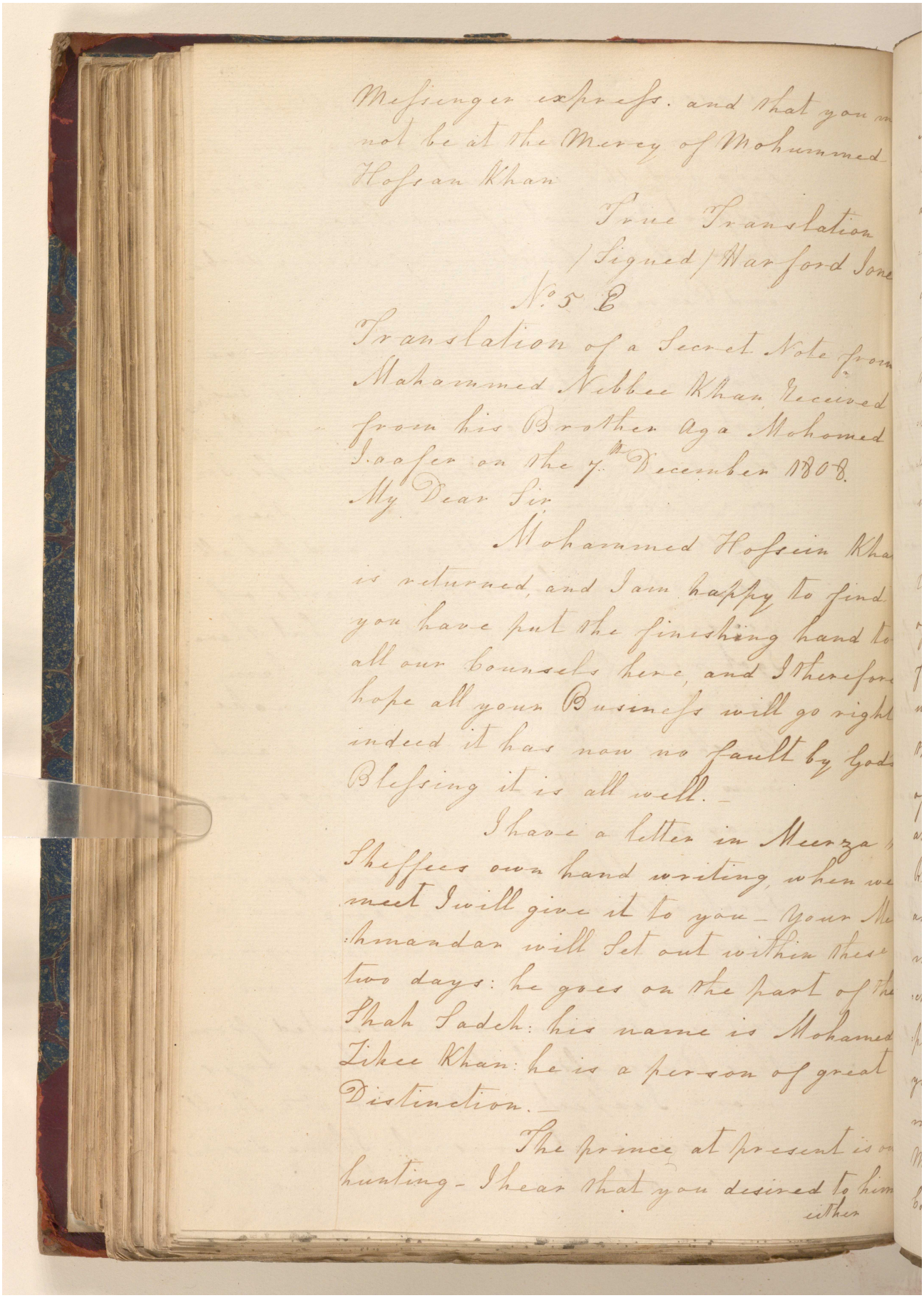
please: and this if your Establishment is large will be good for you with the King and the Princes. But in this Respect I am not afraid, Since you know all the Customs of Turkey Arabia and Persia.

In Regard to what you have written about the Government of Bushire that you conceive the End of it will not be good for me. In this Business I am in a Laby rinth. At Tahran they made me Dervan Beggee and put all the ports in the Southern parts of Persia under my Orders: but there I got rid of it. Here however I am again caught. They want to make Bushire a Royal Government and new Model it, So that the Kings power may appear there.

It is to day fifteen days Since I sent a Memorial to the King and a present of 2000 Tomans through the Means of Hoosein ally Meerza Naib at Sultanet, that I might be executed from this Business. In two or three days more I expect an Answer and Shall then see what turns up. I have desired Jaafer Ali Khan to dispatch this Mes-

senger



Messenger express. and that you m
not be at the Mercy of Mohummed
Hosan Khan

True Translation
/Signed/ Warford Jone

No. 5 E

Translation of a Secret Note from
Mahammed Nubbee Khan, Received
from his Brother Aga Mohomed
Jaafer on the 7th December 1808.

My Dear Sir

Mohammed Hosein Kha
is returned, and I am happy to find
you have put the finishing hand to
all our Counsels here, and I therefor
hope all your Business will go right
indeed it has now no fault by Gods
Blessing it is all well. –

I have a letter in Meerza
Sheffees own hand writing, when we
meet I will give it to you – Your Me
Ahmandan will Set out within these
two days: he goes on the part of the
Shah Sadeh: his name is Mohamed
Zikee Khan: he is a person of great
Distinction. –

The prince at present is on
hunting – I hear that you desired to him
either

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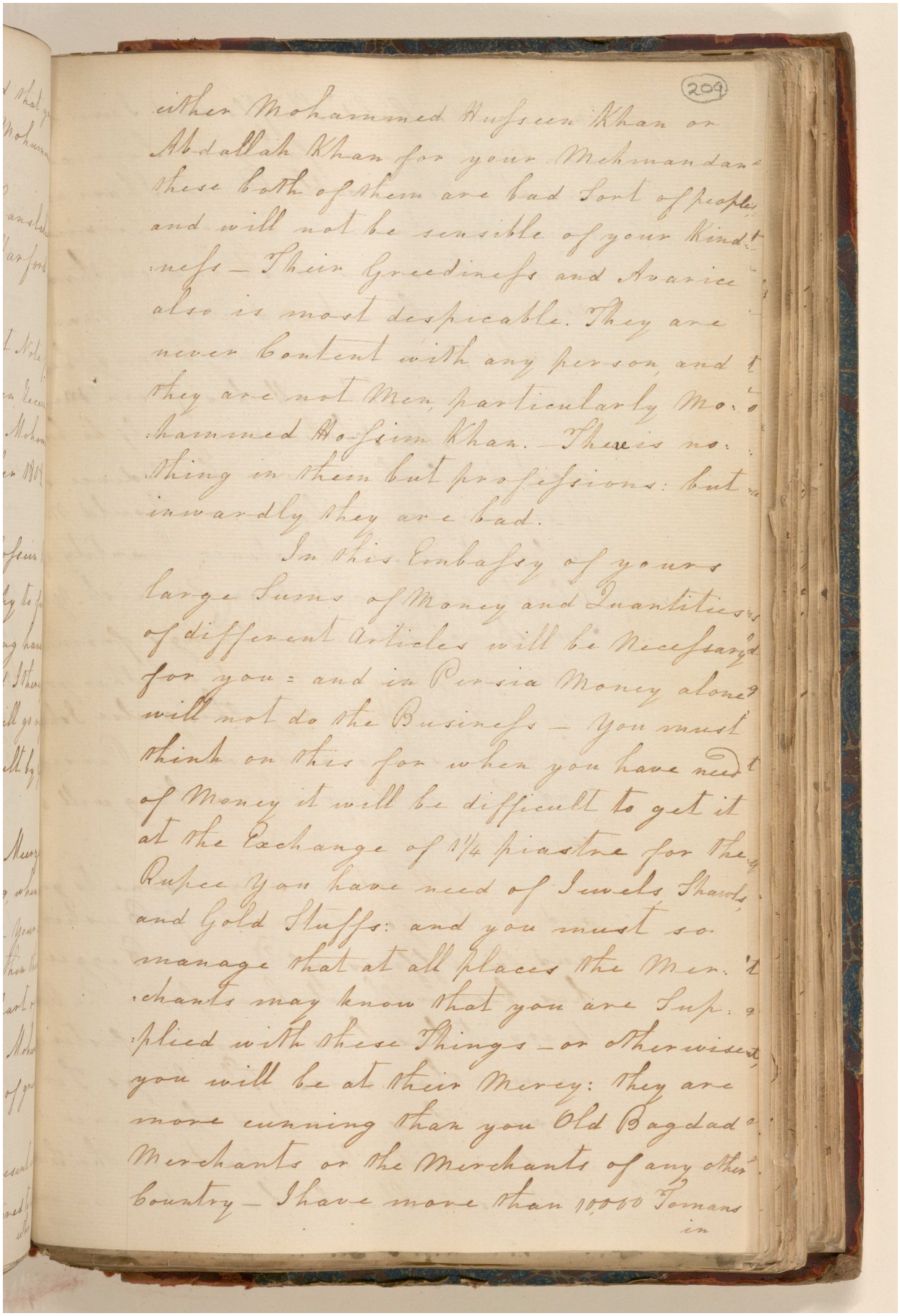

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either Mohammed Hufsein Khan or
Abdallah Khan for your Mehmandar
these both of them are bad Sort of People,
and will not be sensible of your Kind-
nefs — Their Greedinefs and Avarice
also is most despicable. They are
never Content with any person, and
they are not Men, particularly Mo-
hammed Hofsim Khan. — There is no-
thing in them but profeſsions: but
inwardly they are bad.

In this Embaſsy of yours
large Sums of Money and Quantities
of different Articles will be Neceſsary
for you: and in Persia Money alone
will not do the Buſineſs — You must
think on this for when you have need
of Money it will be difficult to get it
at the Exchange of 1¼ piaſtre for the
Rupee You have need of Jewels Shawls
and Gold Stuffs: and you must so
manage that at all places the Mer-
chants may know that you are Sup-
plied with these Things — or otherwise
you will be at their Mercy: they are
more cunning than you Old Bagdad
Merchants or the Merchants of any other
Country — I have more than 10000 Tomans
in

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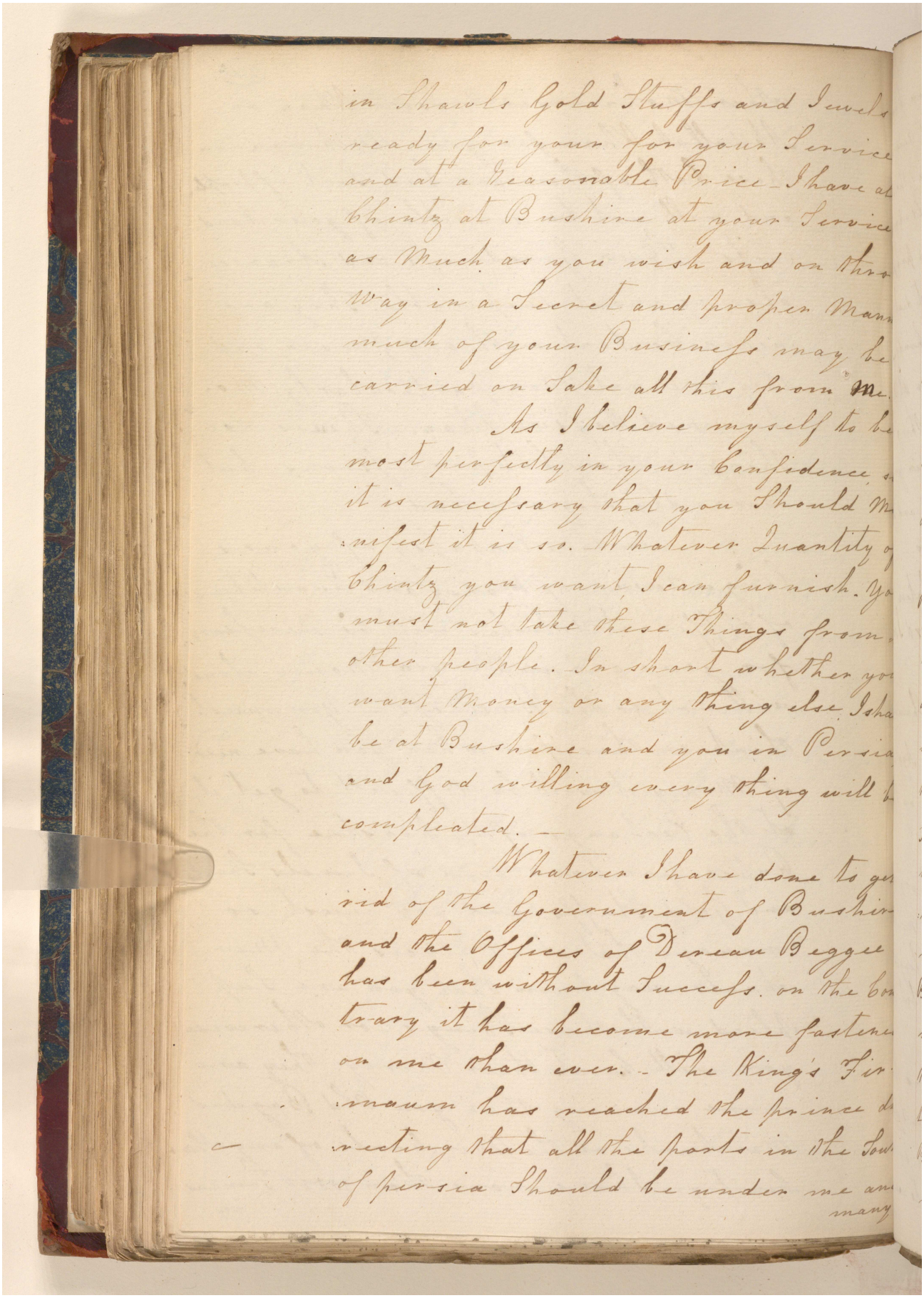

in Shawls Gold Stuffs and Jewels
ready for your for your Service
and at a Reasonable Price_ I have al
Chintz at Bushire at your Service
as Much as you wish and on thro
Way in a Secret and proper Man
much of your Business may be
carried on Sake all this from me.
As I believe myself to be
most perfectly in your Confidence
it is necessary that you Should M
nifest it is so. Whatever Quantity o
Chintz you want I can furnish. Yo
must not take these Things from
other people. In short whether yo
want Money or any thing else I sha
be at Bushire and you in Persia
and God willing every thing will b
compleated. —
Whatever I have done to ge
rid of the Government of Bushir
and the Offices of Duncan Begge
has been without Succefs. on the co
trary it has become more fastene
on me than ever. — The King's Fir
maun has reached the prince d
recting that all the ports in the Sou
of persia Should be under me an
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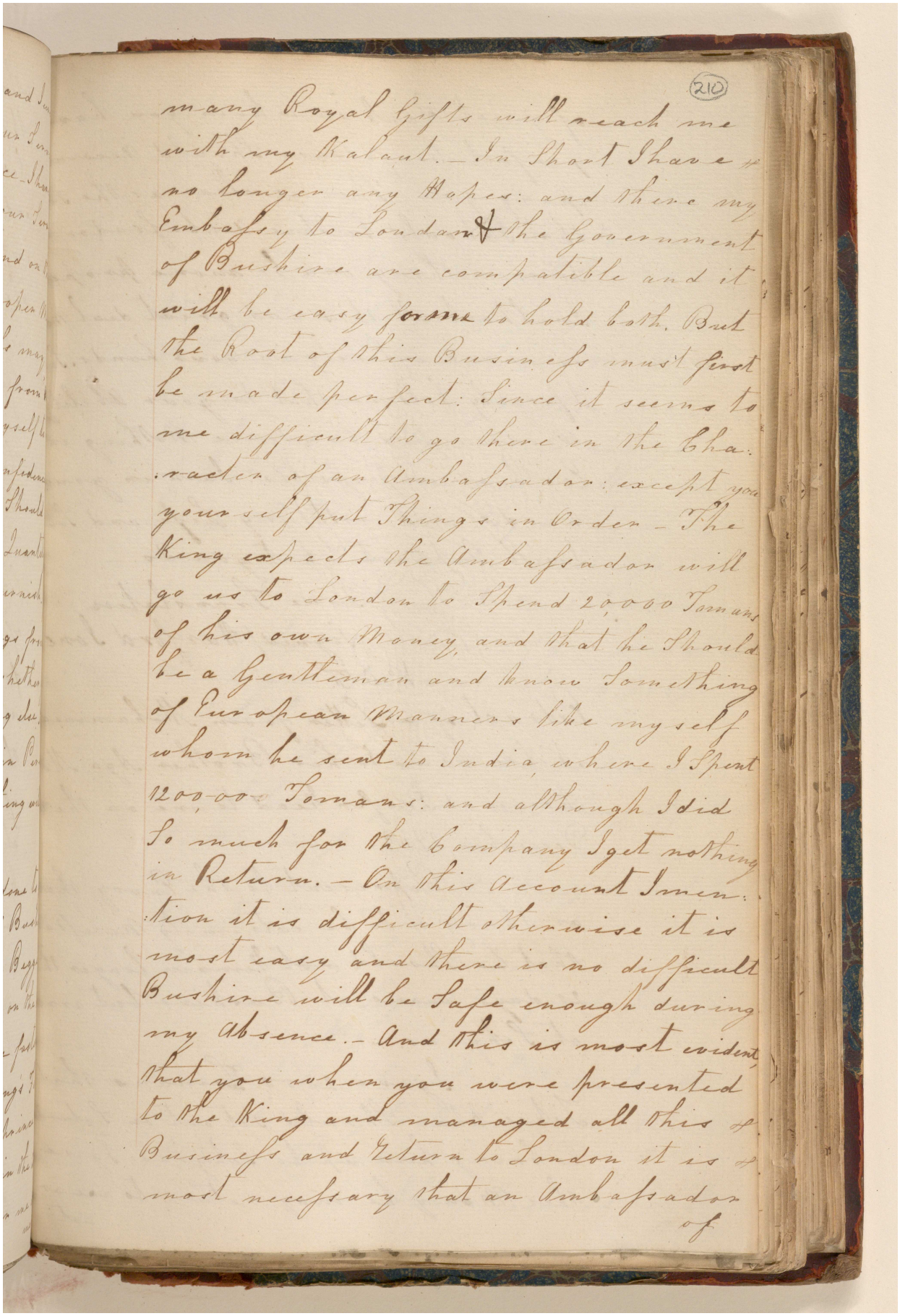

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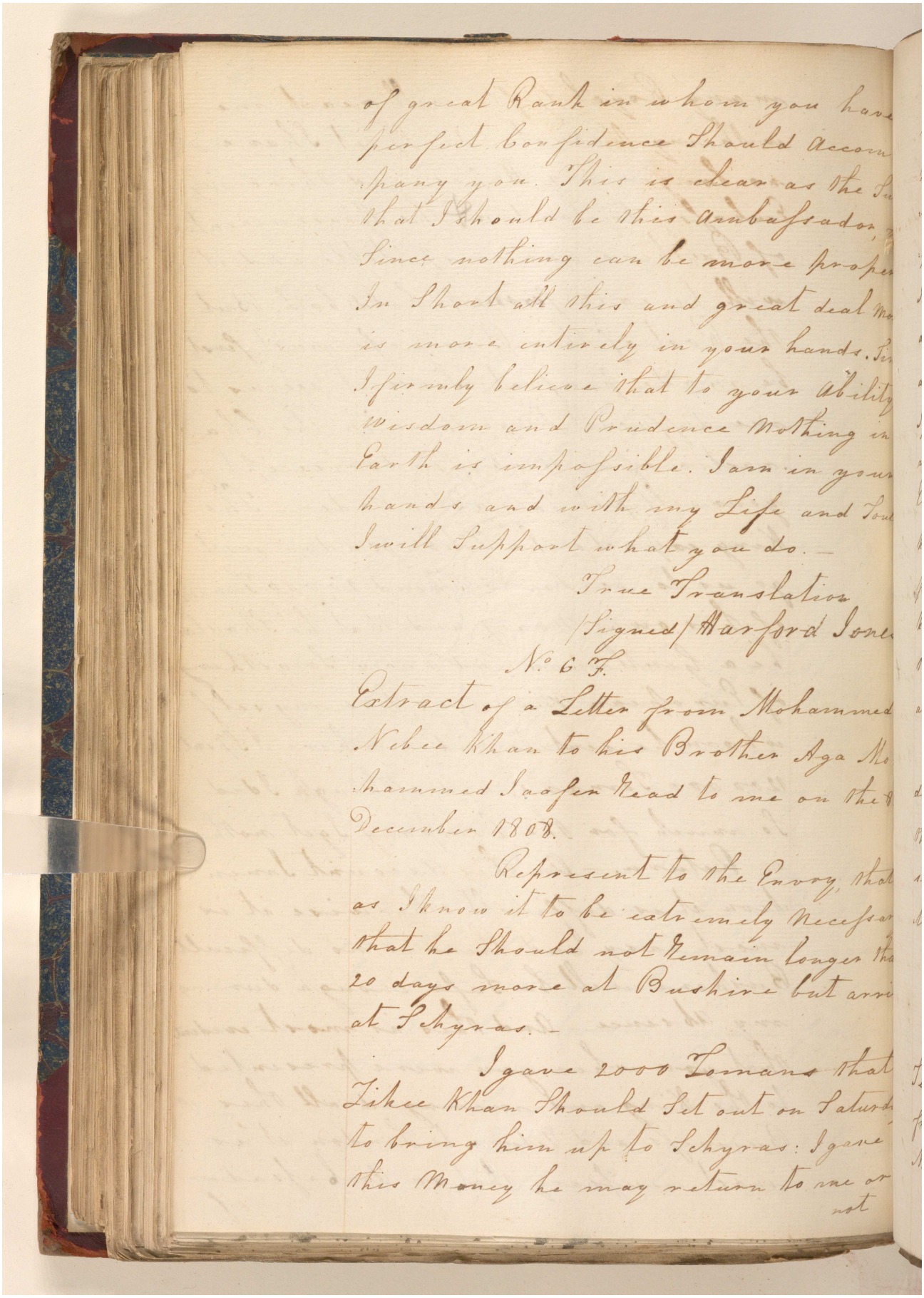
many Royal Gifts will reach me with my Kabaut. — In Short I have no longer any Hopes: and there my Embassy to London & the Government of Bushire are compatible and it will be easy for me to hold both. But the Root of this Business must first be made perfect: Since it seems to me difficult to go there in the Character of an Ambassador: except you yourself put Things in Order — The King expects the Ambassador will go us to London to Spend 20,000 Tomans of his own Money, and that he Should be a Gentleman and know Something of European Manners like myself whom he sent to India, where I Spent 200,00 Tomans: and although I did So much for the Company I get nothing in Return. — On this Account I mention it is difficult otherwise it is most easy and there is no difficult Bushire will be Safe enough during my Absence. — And this is most evident that you when you were presented to the King and managed all this Business and Return to London it is most necessary that an Ambassador of



of great Rank in whom you have
perfect Confidence Should accom
pany you. This is clear as the Su
that I Should be this Ambassador,
Since nothing can be more proper
In Short all this and great deal mo
is more entirely in your hands. Sir
I firmly believe that to your Ability
Wisdom and Prudence Nothing in
Earth is impossible. I am in your
hands and with my Life and Soul
I will Support what you do. —

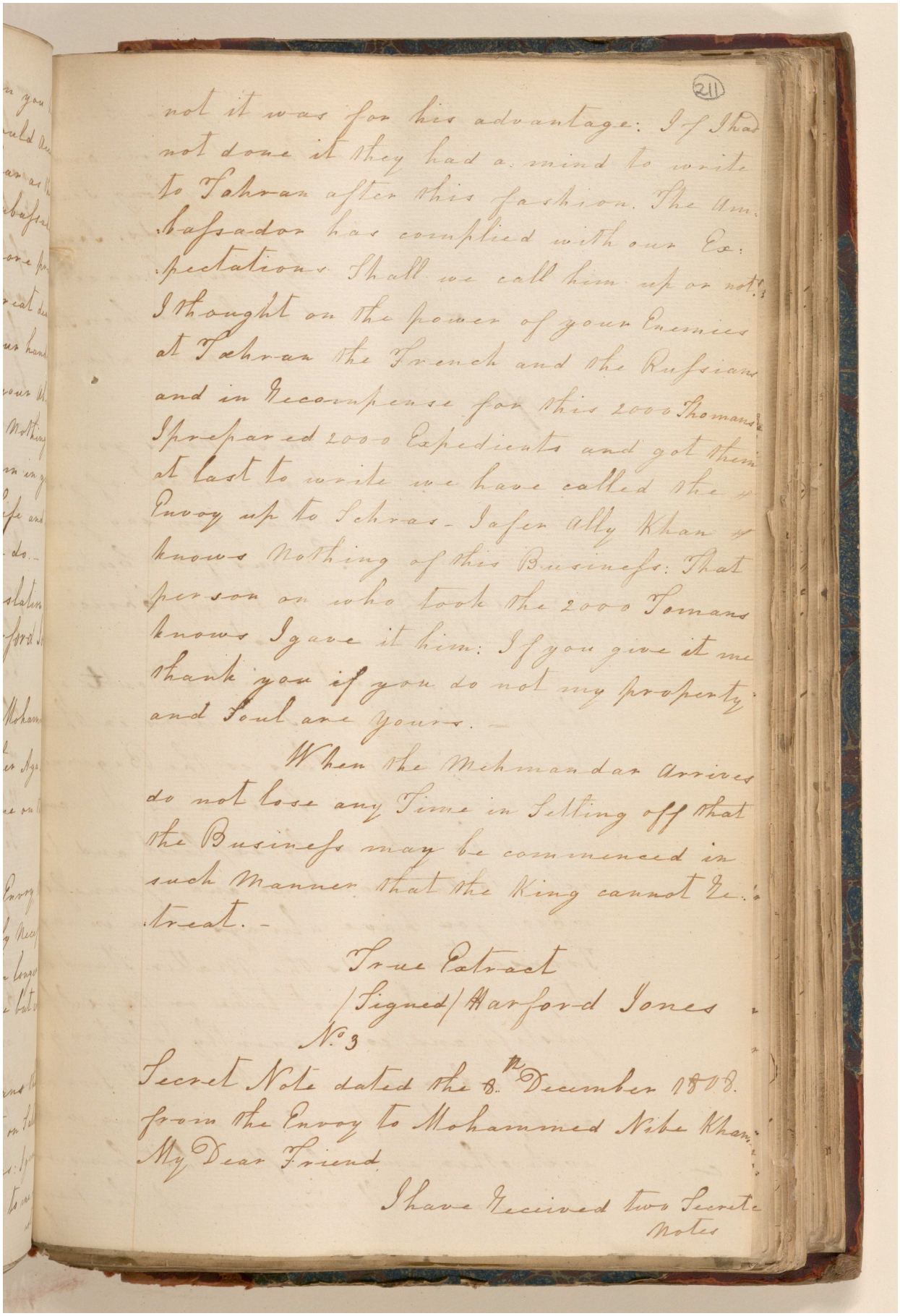
True Translation
Signed/ Harford Jones

No 6 F.

Extract of a Letter from Mohammed
Nebee Khan to his Brother Aga Mo
hammed Saoser Read to me on the 8
December 1808.

Represent to the Envoy, that
as I know it to be extremely necessar
that he Should not Remain longer tha
20 days more at Bushire but arri
at Schyras. —

I gave 2000 Tomans that
Zikee Khan Should Set out on Saturd
to bring him up to Schyras: I gave
this Money he may return to me or
not



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not it was for his advantage: If I had not done it they had a mind to write to Tahran after this fashion. The Ambassador has complied with our Expectations. Shall we call him up or not. I thought on the power of your Enemies at Tahran the French and the Russians and in Recompense for this 2000 Tomans I prepared 2000 Expedients and got them at last to write we have called the Envoy up to Schras. Jafer Ally Khan knows Nothing of this Business: That person on who took the 2000 Tomans knows I gave it him: If you give it me thank you if you do not my property and Soul are yours. —

When the Mehmandar Arrives do not lose any Time in Setting off that the Business may be commenced in such Manner that the King cannot Entreat. —

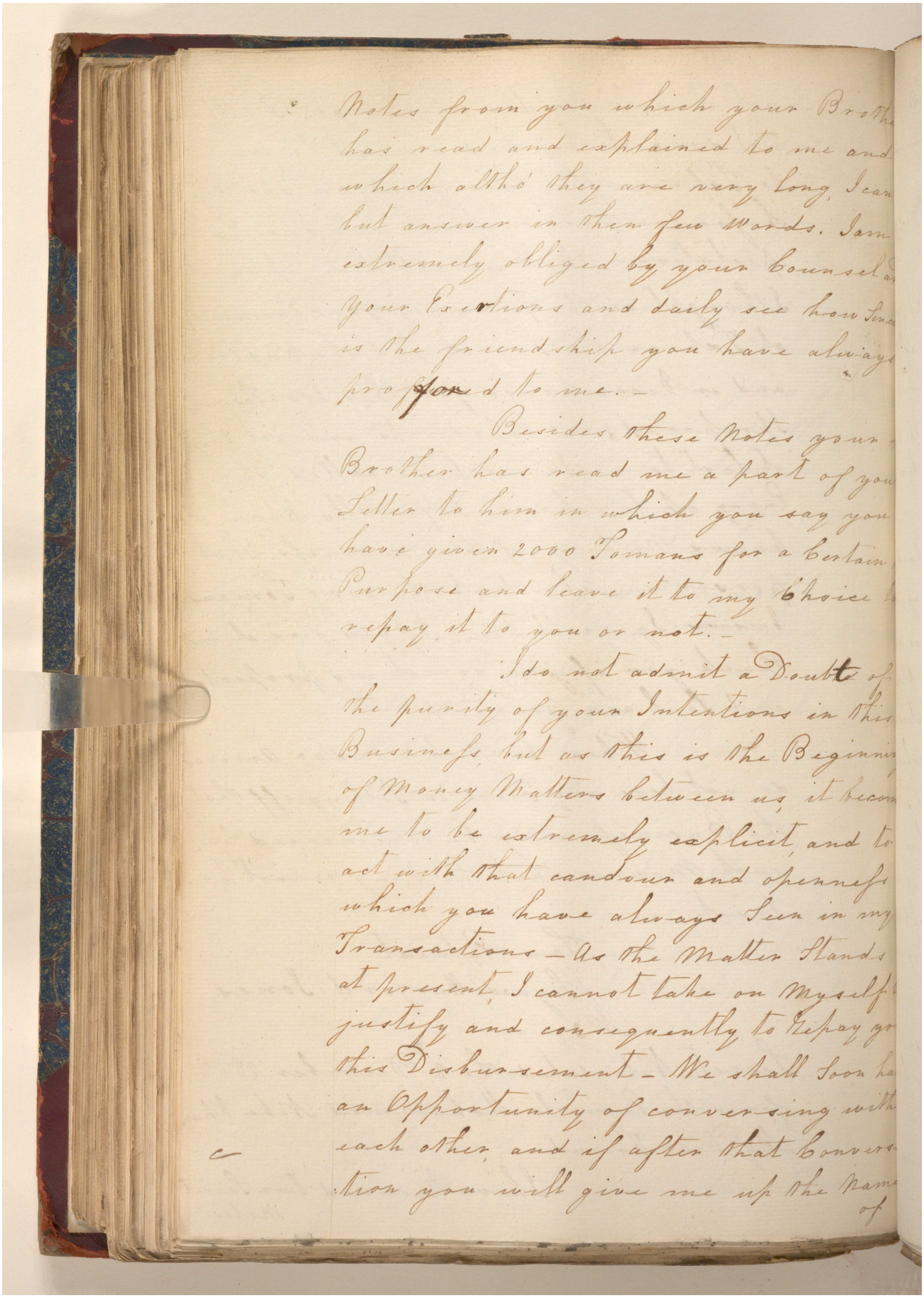
True Extract
(Signed) Harford Jones

No. 3

Secret Note dated the 8th December 1808. from the Envoy to Mohammed Nibe Khan.

My Dear Friend

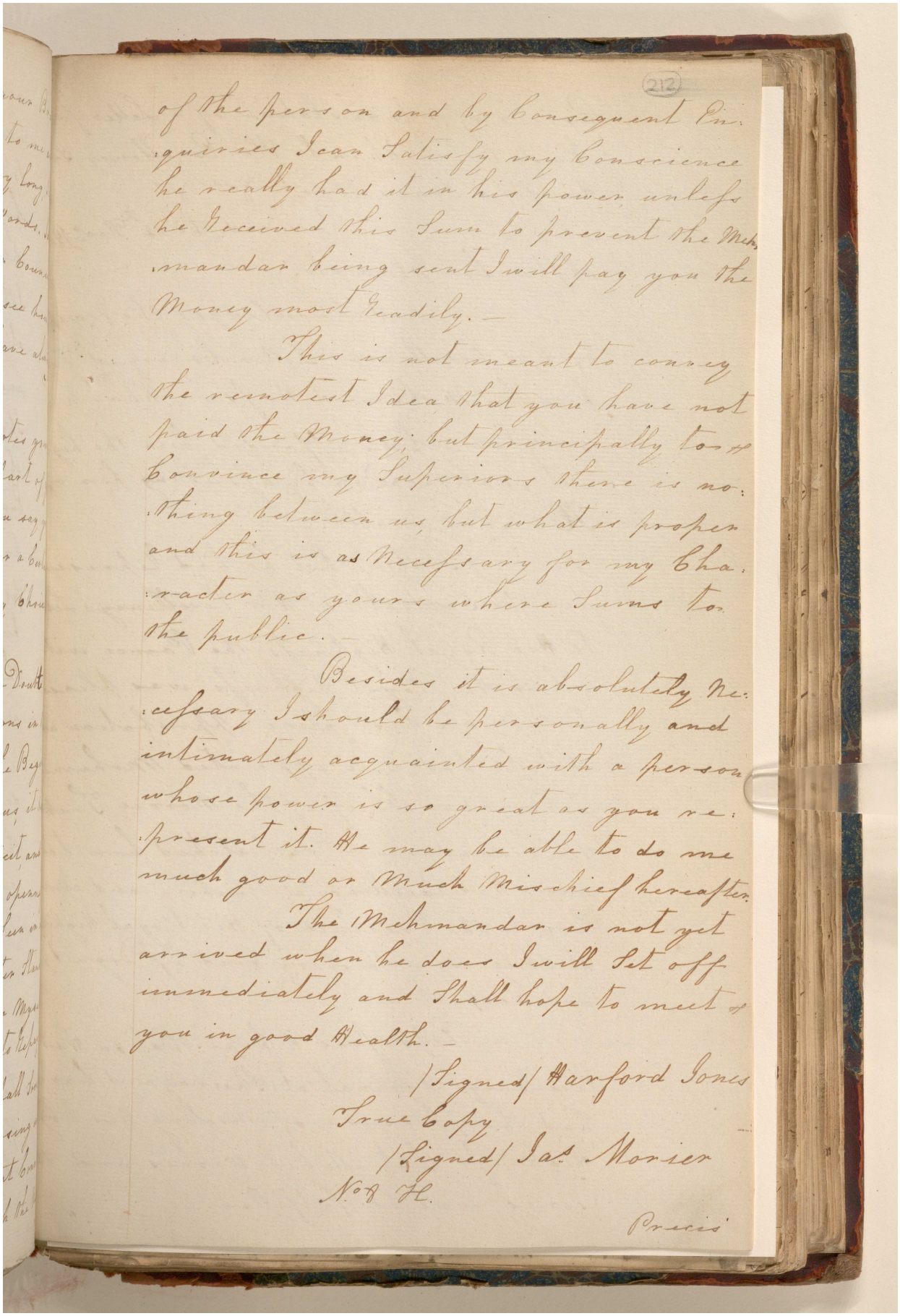
I have Received two Secrete Notes



Notes from you which your Brothe
has read and explained to me and
which altho' they are very long, I can
but answer in then few Words. I am
extremely obliged by your Counsel a
Your Exertions and daily see how Sinc
is the friendship you have always
proffered to me.—

Besides these Notes your
Brother has read me a part of you
Letter to him in which you say you
have given 2000 Tomans for a Certain
Purpose and leave it to my Choice t
repay it to you or not.—

I do not admit a Doubt of
the purity of your Intentions in this
Business, but as this is the Beginnin
of Money Matters between us, it becom
me to be extremely explicit, and to
act with that candour and openness
which you have always Seen in my
Transactions — As the Matter Stands
at present, I cannot take on Myself t
justify and consequently to Repay yo
this Disbursement — We shall Soon ha
an Opportunity of conversing with
each other, and if after that Convers-
tion you will give me up the Name
of



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of the person and by consequent Enquiries I can Satisfy my Conscience he really had it in his power, unless he Received this Sum to prevent the Mehmandar being sent I will pay you the Money most Readily. —

This is not meant to convey the remotest Idea that you have not paid the Money; but principally to convince my Superiors there is nothing between us, but what is proper and this is as Necessary for my Character as yours where Sums to the public. —

Besides it is absolutely necessary I should be personally and intimately acquainted with a person whose power is so great as you represent it. He may be able to do me much good or Much Mischief hereafter.

The Mehmandar is not yet arrived when he does I will Set off immediately and Shall hope to meet you in good Health. —

/Signed/ Harford Jones

True Copy

/Signed/ Jas. Mornier

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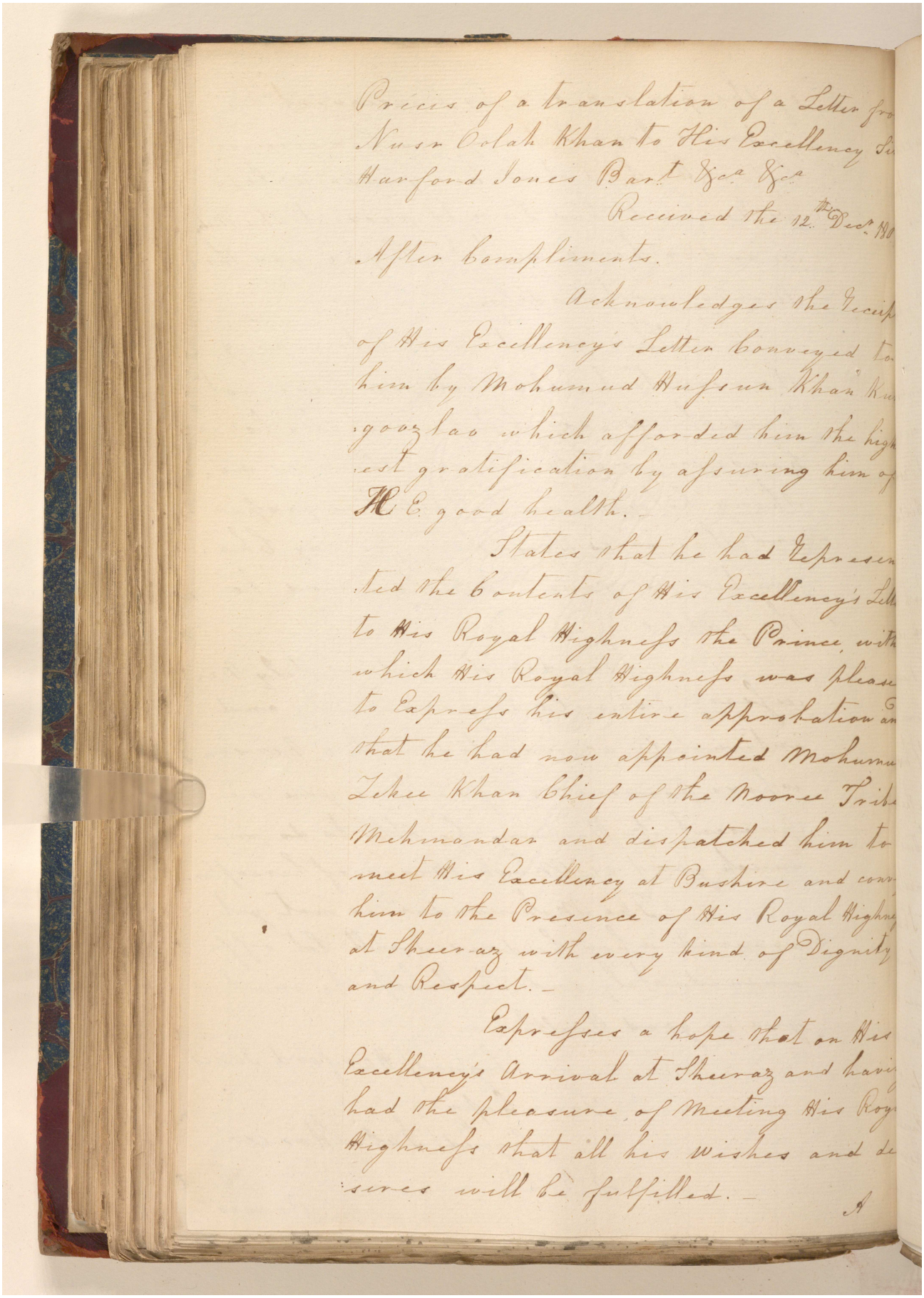

Précis of a translation of a Letter fro
Nusr Colah Khan to His Excellency Si
Harford Jones Bart. &c. &c.

Received the 12th Dec. 180

After Compliments.

Acknowledges the Recip
of His Excellency's Letter conveyed to
him by Mohumud Hussun Khan Ku
gooz Lao which afforded him the high
est gratification by assuring him of
H.E. good health.

States that he had Represen
ted the Contents of His Excellency's Lett
to His Royal Highness the Prince, with
which His Royal Highness was pleas
to Express his entire approbation a
that he had now appointed Mohumm
Zeke Khan Chief of the Mooree Tribe
Mehmandar and dispatched him to
meet His Excellency at Bushire and con
him to the Presence of His Royal Highn
at Sheeraz with every kind of Dignity
and Respect.

Expresses a hope that on His
Excellency's Arrival at Sheeraz and havi
had the pleasure of Meeting His Roy
Highness that all his wishes and de
sires will be fulfilled.

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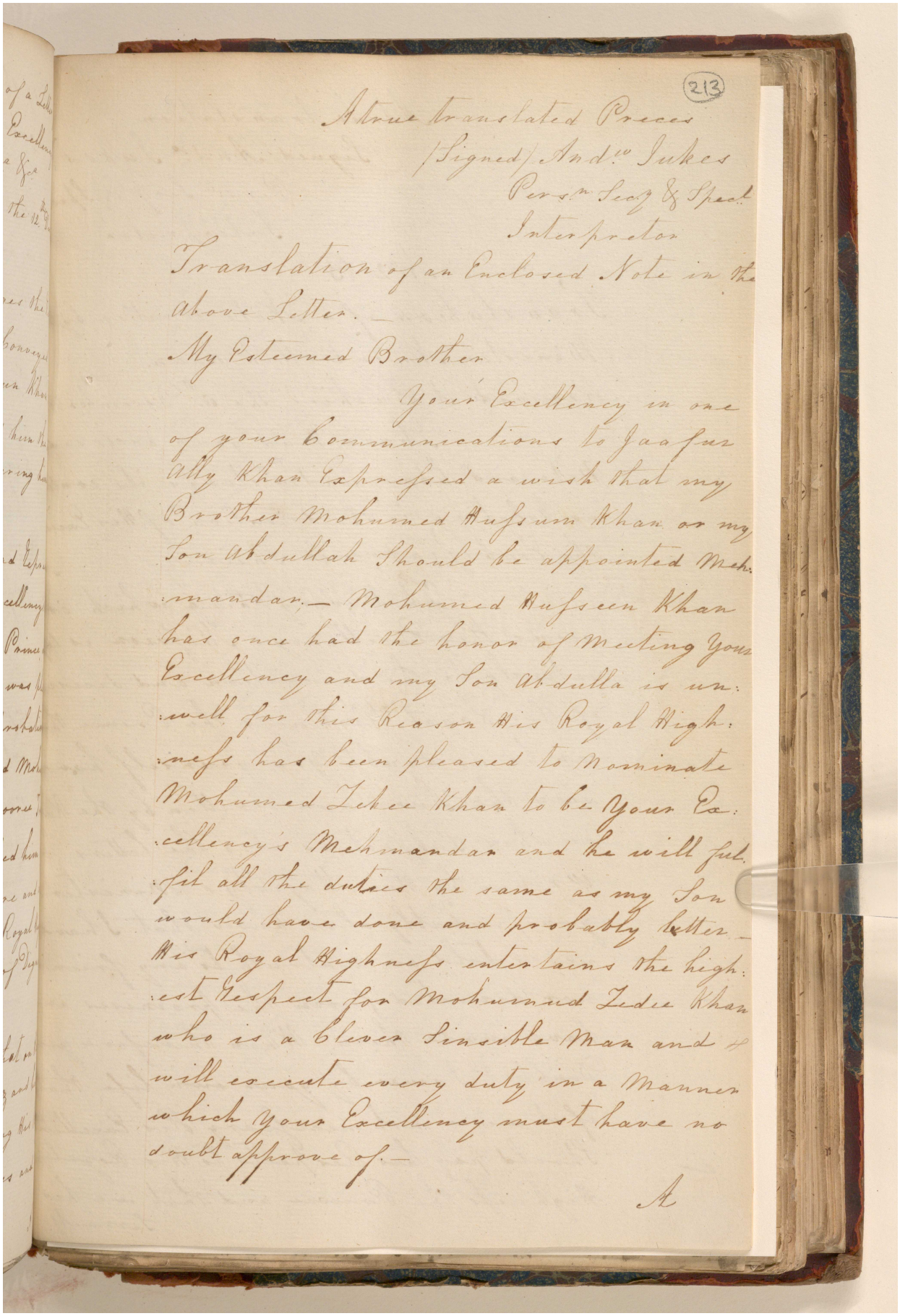

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A true translated Precis
(Signed) And.w Sukes
Pers.n Secy & Spect.
Interpretor

Translation of an Enclosed Note in the above Letter.—

My Esteemed Brother

Your Excellency in one of your Communications to Jaafur Ally Khan Expressed a wish that my Brother Mohumed Hussun Khan or my Son Abdullah Should be appointed Meh: mandar.— Mohumed Hussein Khan has once had the honor of meeting your Excellency and my Son Abdulla is unwell for this Reason His Royal Highness has been pleased to Nominate Mohumed Zekee Khan to be Your Excellency's Mehmandar and he will fulfil all the duties the same as my Son would have done and probably better.— His Royal Highness entertains the highest Respect for Mohumed Zekee Khan who is a Clever Sensible Man and will execute every duty in a Manner which Your Excellency must have no doubt approve of.—

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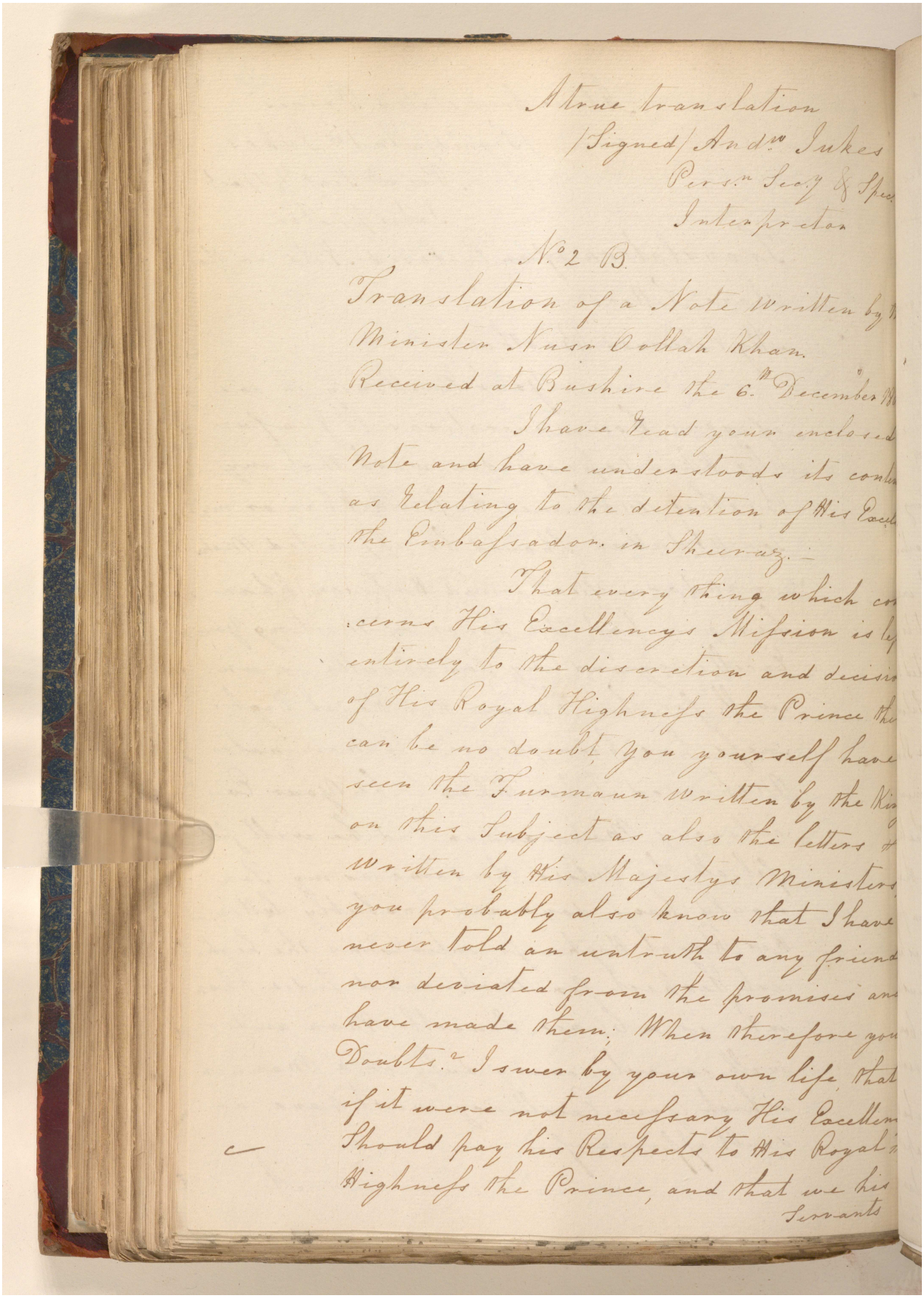
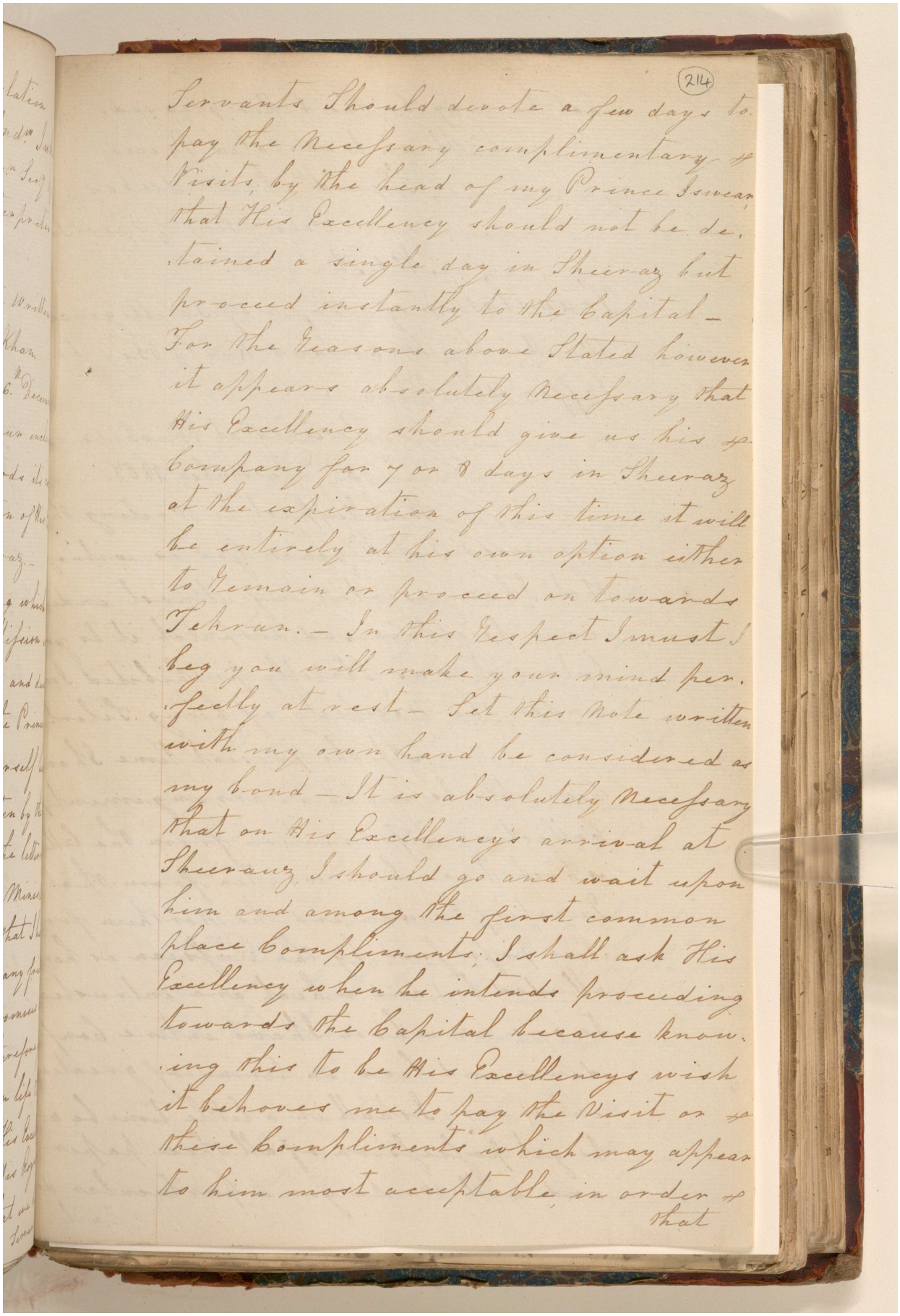


A true translation
/Signed/ And.w Sukes
Pers.n Secy & Spec.
Interpretor

N.o 2 B.

Translation of a Note written by
Minister Nusr Oollah Khan.
Received at Bushire the 6.th December

I have read your enclosed
Note and have understood its conte
as relating to the detention of His Excel
the Embassador in Sheeraz.—
That every thing which co
cerns His Excellency's Mission is le
entirely to the discretion and decisio
of His Royal Highness the Prince Ha
can be no doubt you yourself have
seen the Furmaun written by the Kin
on this Subject as also the letters
written by His Majestys Ministers
you probably also know that I have
never told an untruth to any friend
nor deviated from the promises an
have made them. When therefore you
Doubts.r I swear by your own life, that
if it were not necessary His Excellen
Should pay his Respects to His Royal
Highness the Prince, and that we his
Servants



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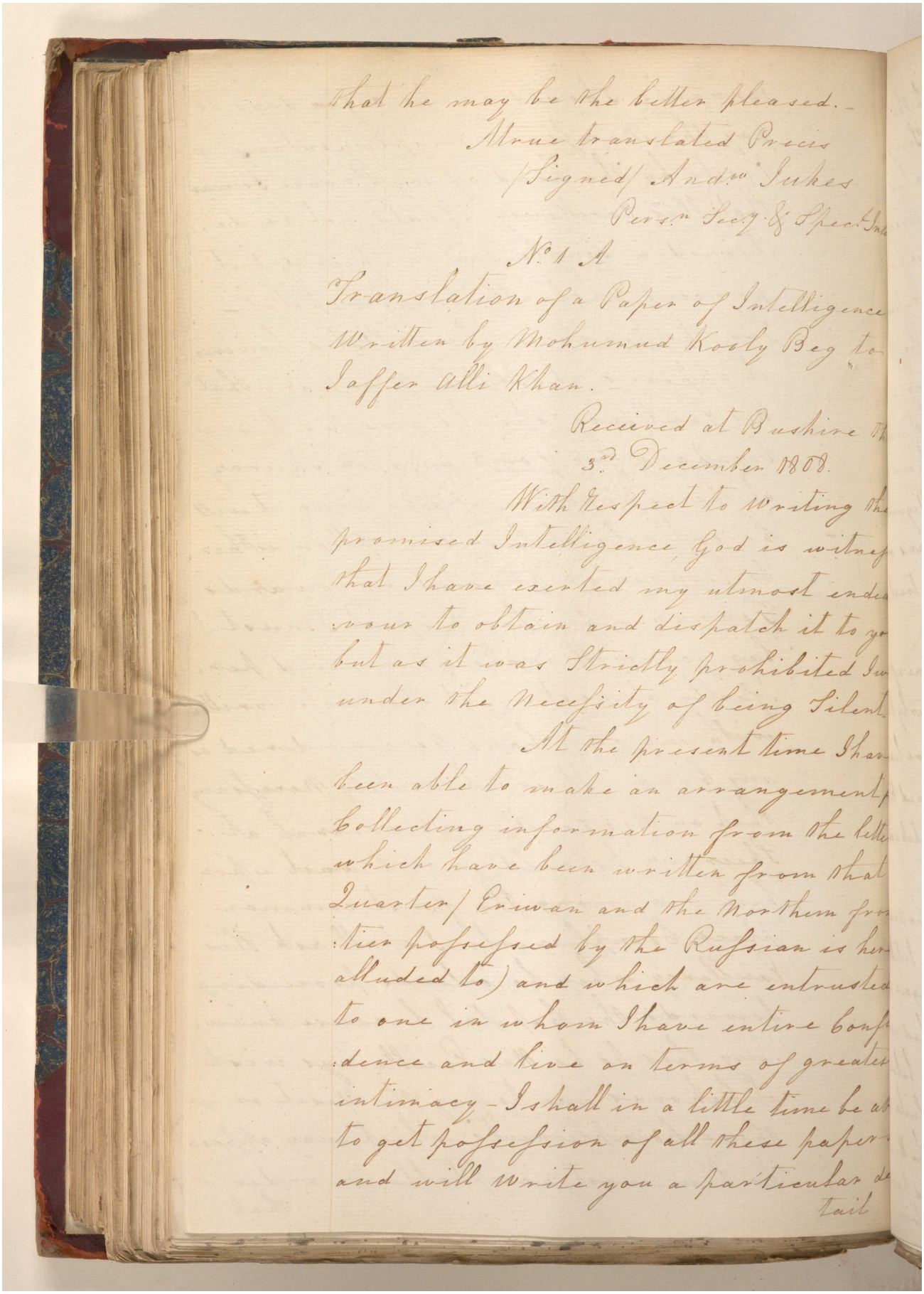
Servants Should devote a few days to pay the Necessary complimentary Visits by the head of my Prince I swear that His Excellency should not be detained a single day in Sheeraz but proceed instantly to the Capital — For the Reasons above Stated however it appears absolutely Necessary that His Excellency should give us his Company for 7 or 8 days in Sheeraz at the expiration of this time it will be entirely at his own option either to Remain or proceed on towards Tehran. — In this Respect I must I beg you will make your mind perfectly at rest — Let this Note written with my own hand be considered as my bond — It is absolutely Necessary that on His Excellency's arrival at Sheeraz I should go and wait upon him and among the first common place Compliments I shall ask His Excellency when he intends proceeding towards the Capital because knowing this to be His Excellencys wish it behoves me to pay the Visit or these Compliments which may appear to him most acceptable in order

that



that he may be the better pleased.—

A true translated Precis
(Signed) Andw Jukes
Persn Secy & Spect Int

No 1 A

Translation of a Paper of Intelligence Written by Mohumud Kooly Beg to Jaffer Alli Khan.

Received at Bushire th
3rd December 1808.

With respect to writing the promised Intelligence, God is witnes that I have exerted my utmost endea vour to obtain and dispatch it to yo but as it was strictly prohibited I w under the necessity of being silent.

At the present time I hav been able to make an arrangement p collecting information from the lette which have been written from that Quarter (Eriwan and the Northern fro tier possessed by the Russian is her alluded to) and which are entrusted to one in whom I have entire confi dence and live on terms of greater intimacy — I shall in a little time be ab to get possession of all these paper and will write you a particular de tail

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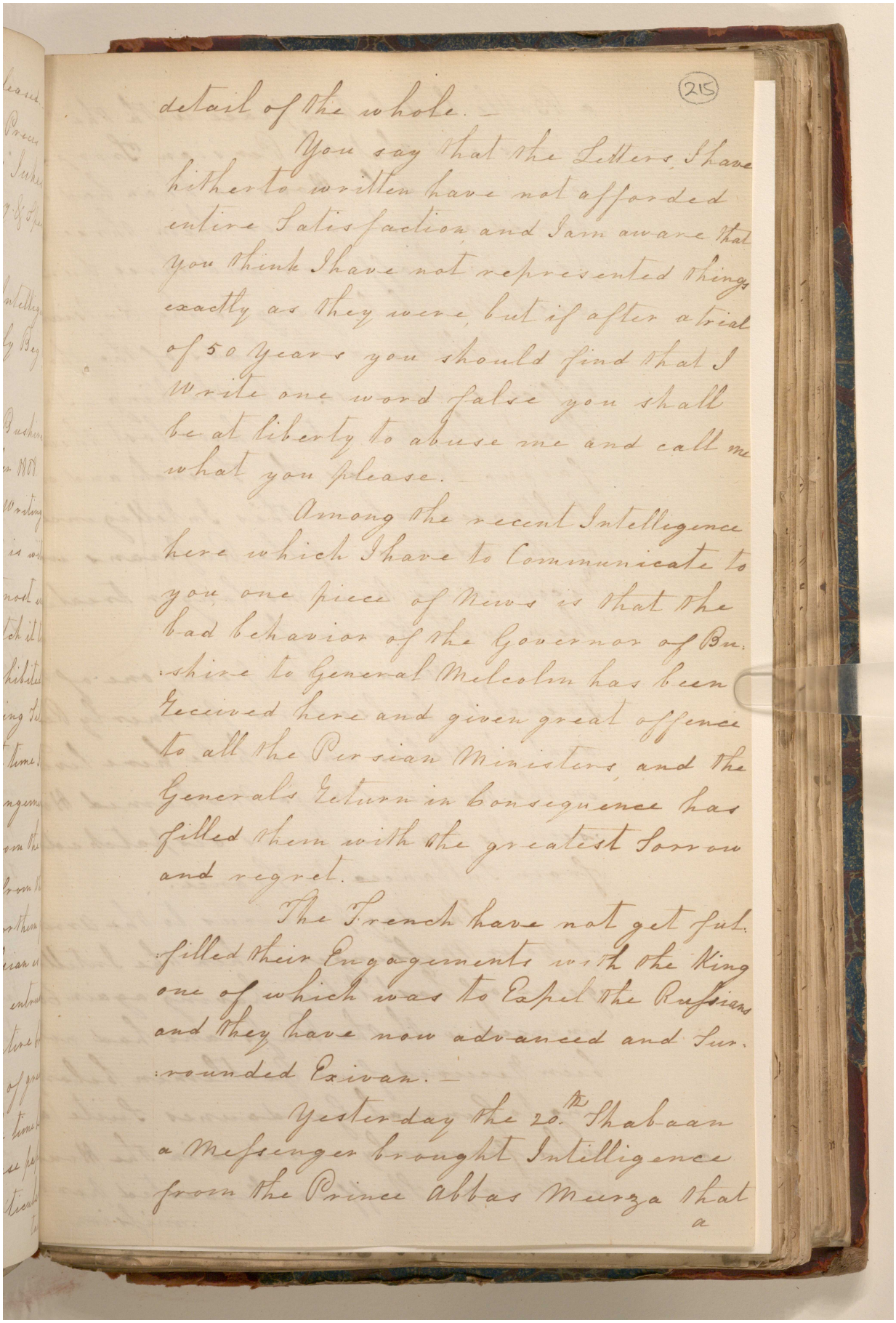

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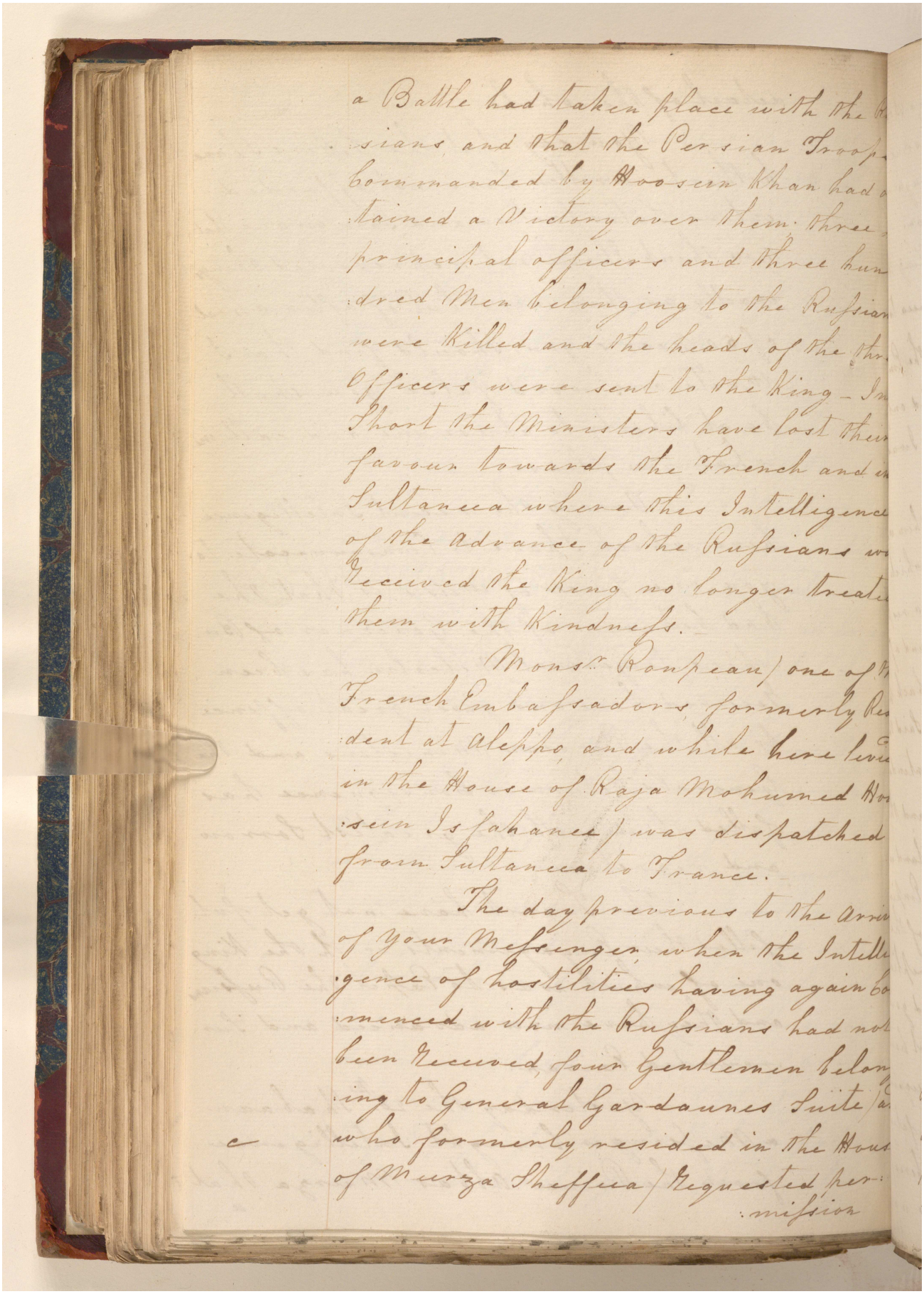
detail of the whole. —

You say that the Letters I have hitherto written have not afforded entire Satisfaction, and I am aware that you think I have not represented things exactly as they were, but if after a trial of 50 years you should find that I write one word false you shall be at liberty to abuse me and call me what you please.

Among the recent Intelligence here which I have to Communicate to you one piece of News is that the bad behavior of the Governor of Bu-shire to General Melcolm has been received here and given great offence to all the Persian Ministers, and the Generals Return in Consequence has filled them with the greatest Sorrow and regret.

The French have not yet fulfilled their Engagements with the King one of which was to Expel the Russians and they have now advanced and Surrounded Exivan. —

Yesterday the 20th Shabaan a Messenger brought Intelligence from the Prince Abbas Meerza that a



a Battle had taken place with the Ru-
:sians, and that the Persian Troops
Commanded by Hoosein Khan had ob-
:tained a Victory over them: three
principal officers and three hun-
:dred Men belonging to the Russian
were Killed and the heads of the thr
Officers were sent to the King - In
Short the Ministers have lost their
favour towards the French and in
Sultaneea where this Intelligence
of the Advance of the Russians wa
received the King no longer treated
them with Kindness.

Mons.r Ronpeau (one of th
French Embassadors, formerly Resi-
:dent at Aleppo, and while here levie
in the House of Raja Mohumed Hoo-
:sein Isfahanee) was dispatched
from Sultaneea to France.

The day previous to the Arriv
of Your Messenger, when the Intelli-
:gence of hostilities having again Co-
:menced with the Russians had not
been received, four Gentlemen belong-
:ing to General Gardaunes Suite (a
who formerly resided in the House
of Meerza Sheffeea) requested per-
:mission

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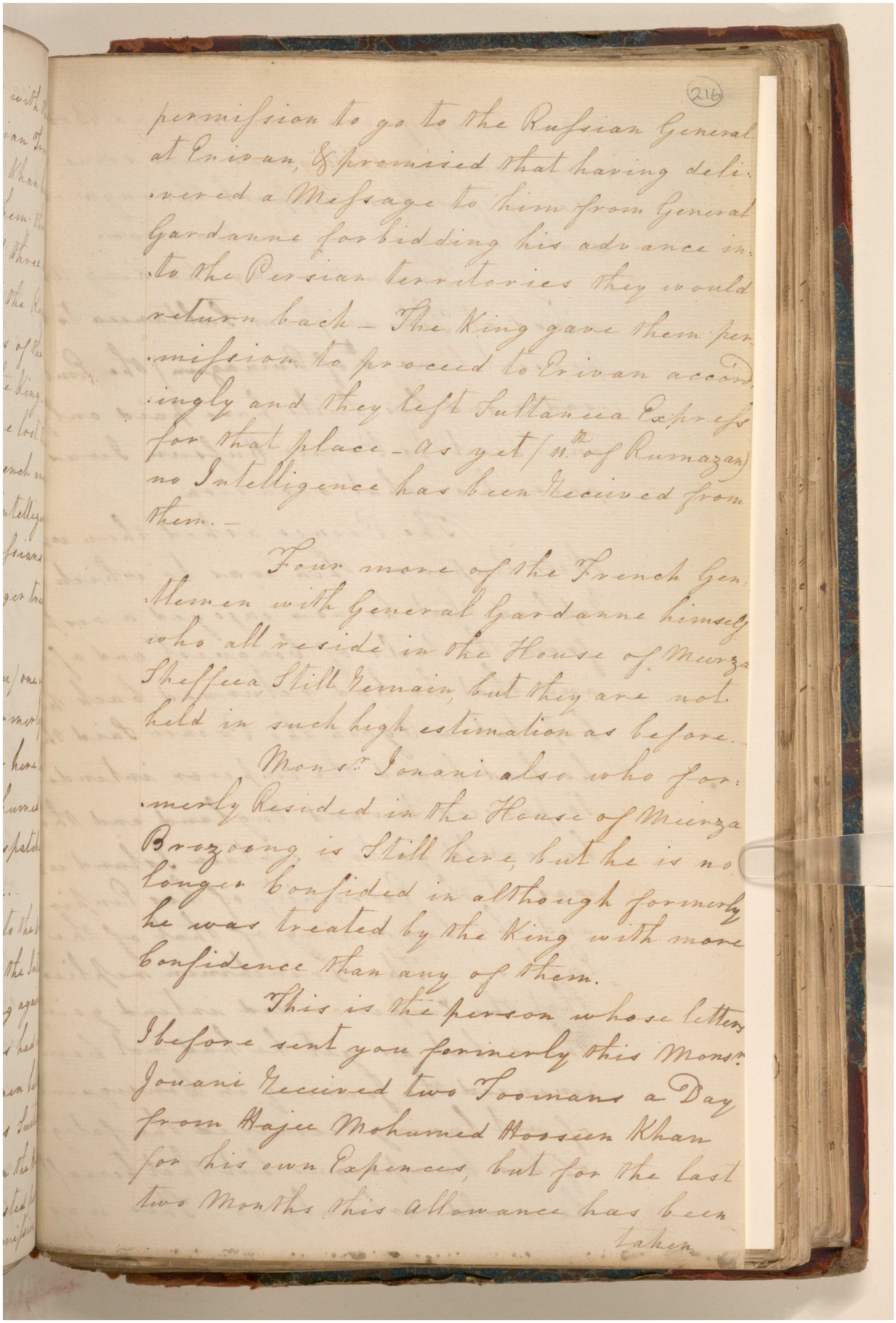

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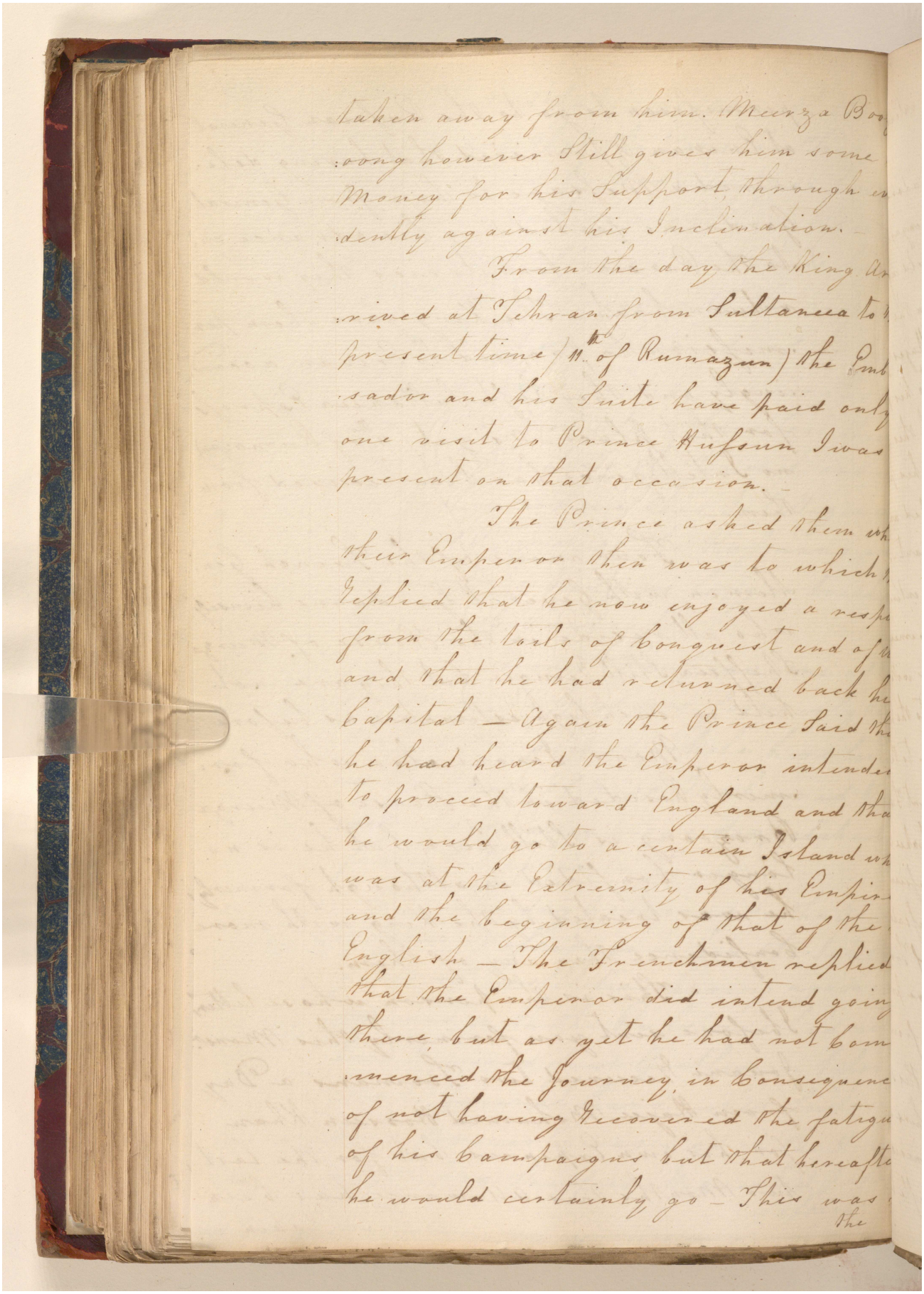
permission to go to the Russian General at Erivan, & promised that having delivered a Message to him from General Gardanne forbidding his advance in. to the Persian territories they would return back – The King gave them permission to proceed to Erivan accordingly and they left Sultanieh Express for that place – As yet 10th of Rumazan no Intelligence has been Received from them. –

Four more of the French Gentlemen with General Gardanne himself who all reside in the House of Mirza Sheffea, Still Remain, but they are not held in such high estimation as before.

Monsr. Jouani also who formerly Resided in the House of Mirza Brozoong, is Still here, but he is no longer confided in although formerly he was treated by the King with more confidence than any of them.

This is the person whose letters I before sent you formerly this Monsr. Jouani Received two Toomans a Day from Hajee Mohamed Hosseen Khan for his own Expences, but for the last two Months this allowance has been taken

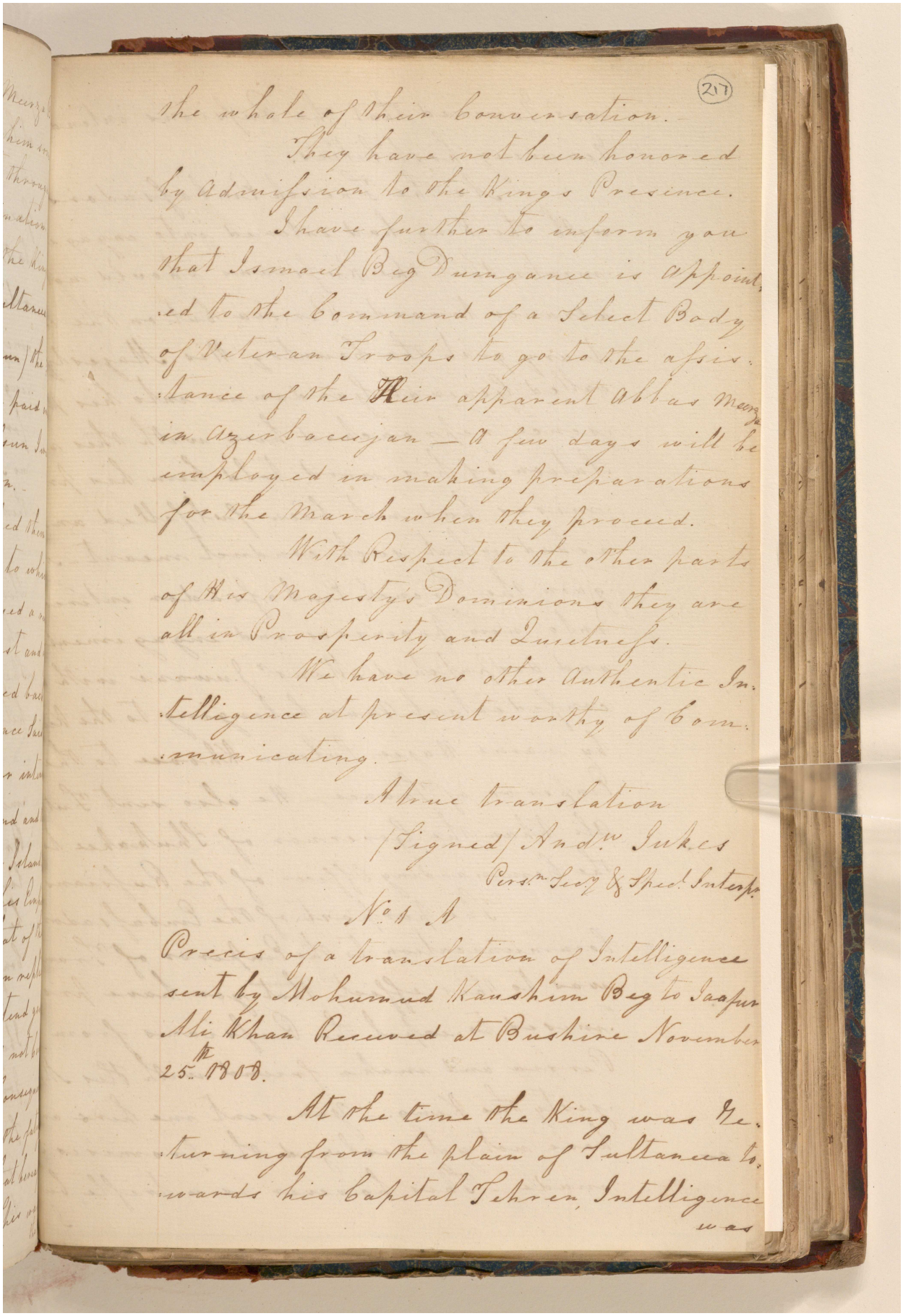


taken away from him. Meerza Boo
:oong however Still gives him some
Money for his Support, through m
:dently against his Inclination.

From the day the King ar
:rived at Tehran from Sultanieh to
present time (11th of Rumazun) the Emb
:sador and his Suite have paid only
one visit to Prince Hufsun I was
present on that occasion.

The Prince asked them wh
their Emperor then was to which
replied that he now enjoyed a resp
from the toils of Conquest and of
and that he had returned back he
Capital — Again the Prince said th
he had heard the Emperor intende
to proceed toward England and tha
he would go to a certain Island wh
was at the Extremity of his Empire
and the beginning of that of the
English — The Frenchmen replied
that the Emperor did intend going
there, but as yet he had not com
:menced the Journey, in Consequenc
of not having Recovered the fatigu
of his Campaigns but that hereafte
he would certainly go — This was

the



the whole of their Conversation.

They have not been honored by Admission to the Kings Presence.

I have further to inform you that Ismael Beg Dumganee is Appointed to the Command of a Select Body of Veteran Troops to go to the assistance of the Heir apparent Abbas Meerza in Azerbaceejan — A few days will be employed in making preparations for the March when they proceed.

With Respect to the other parts of His Majesty's Dominions they are all in Prosperity and Quietness.

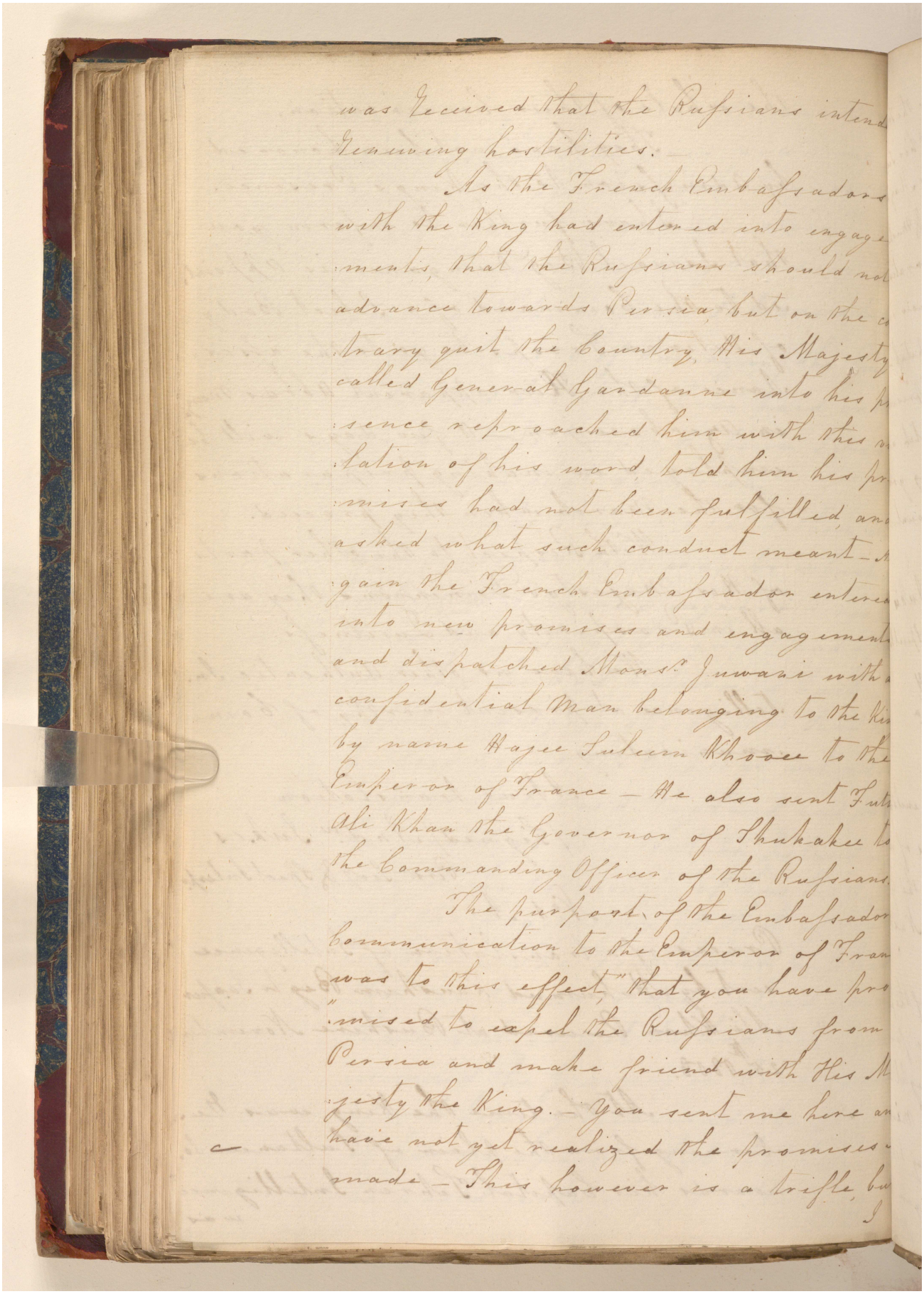
We have no other Authentic Intelligence at present worthy of Communicating.

A true translation
(Signed) Andw. Jukes
Persn. Secy. & Spec. Interpr.

No. 1 A

Precis of a translation of Intelligence sent by Mohumud Kaushim Beg to Jaafur Ali Khan Received at Bushire November 25th 1808.

At the time the King was Returning from the plain of Sultaneea towards his Capital Tehren, Intelligence was



was received that the Russians intend
leaving hostilities.

As the French Embassador
with the King had entered into engage
ments, that the Russians should not
advance towards Persia, but on the co
trary quit the Country, His Majesty
called General Gardanne into his pr
sence reproached him with this v
lation of his word, told him his pr
mises had not been fulfilled, and
asked what such conduct meant. A
gain the French Embassador entered
into new promises and engagement
and dispatched Monsr. Juwani with a
confidential Man belonging to the Ki
by name Hajee Sulum Khooee to the
Emperor of France. He also sent Futt
Ali Khan the Governor of Shukakee to
the Commanding Officer of the Russians.

The purport of the Embassador
communication to the Emperor of Fran
was to this effect, "that you have pro
"mised to expel the Russians from
Persia and make friend with His M
jesty the King. You sent me here an
have not yet realized the promises
made. This however is a trifle, bu
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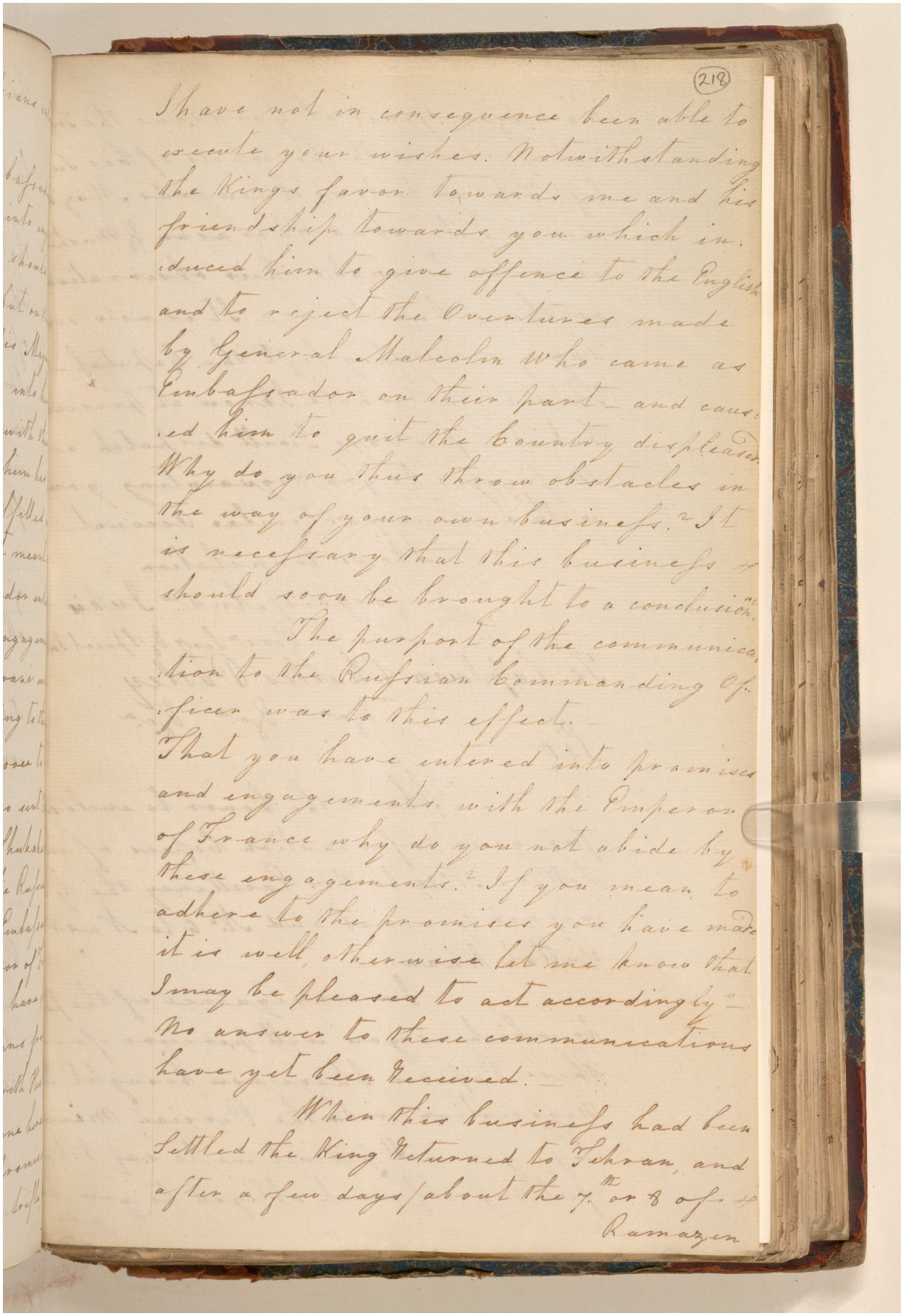

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I have not in consequence been able to execute your wishes. Notwithstanding the Kings favor towards me and his friendship towards you which induced him to give offence to the English and to reject the Overtures made by General Malcolm who came as Embassador on their part — and caused him to quit the Country displeased. Why do you thus throw obstacles in the way of your own business. It is necessary that this business should soon be brought to a conclusion.

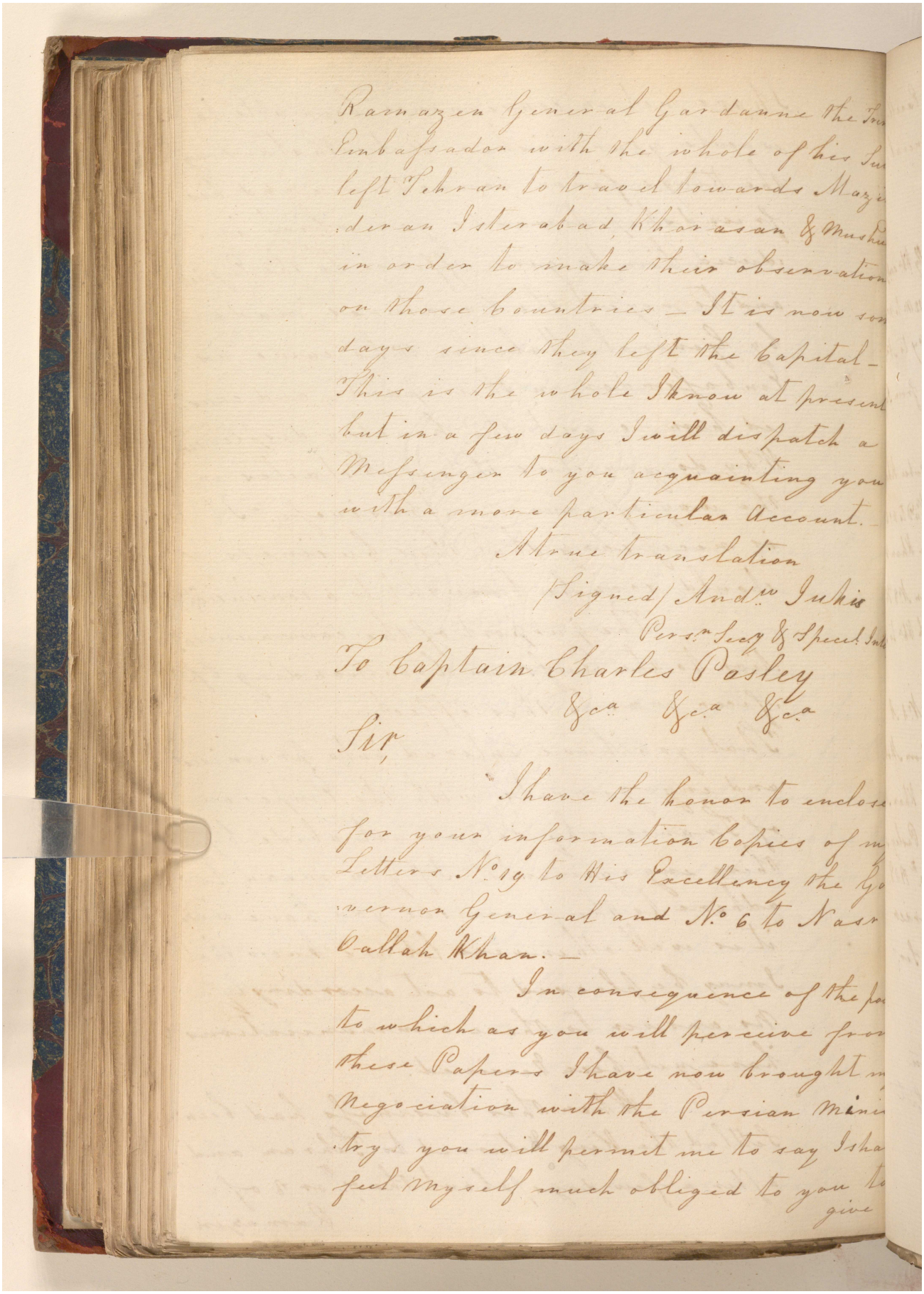
The purport of the communication to the Russian Commanding Officer was to this effect.

That you have entered into promises and engagements with the Emperor of France why do you not abide by these engagements. If you mean to adhere to the promises you have made it is well, otherwise let me know that I may be pleased to act accordingly.

No answer to these communications have yet been received.

When this business had been settled the King Returned to Tehran, and after a few days (about the 7th or 8th of

Ramazan



Ramazen General Gardanne the Tre
Embassador with the whole of his Su
left Tehran to travel towards Mazi
deran Isterabad, Khorasan & Mushu
in order to make their observation
on those Countries — It is now som
days since they left the Capital —
This is the whole I know at present
but in a few days I will dispatch a
Messenger to you acquainting you
with a more particular Account. —

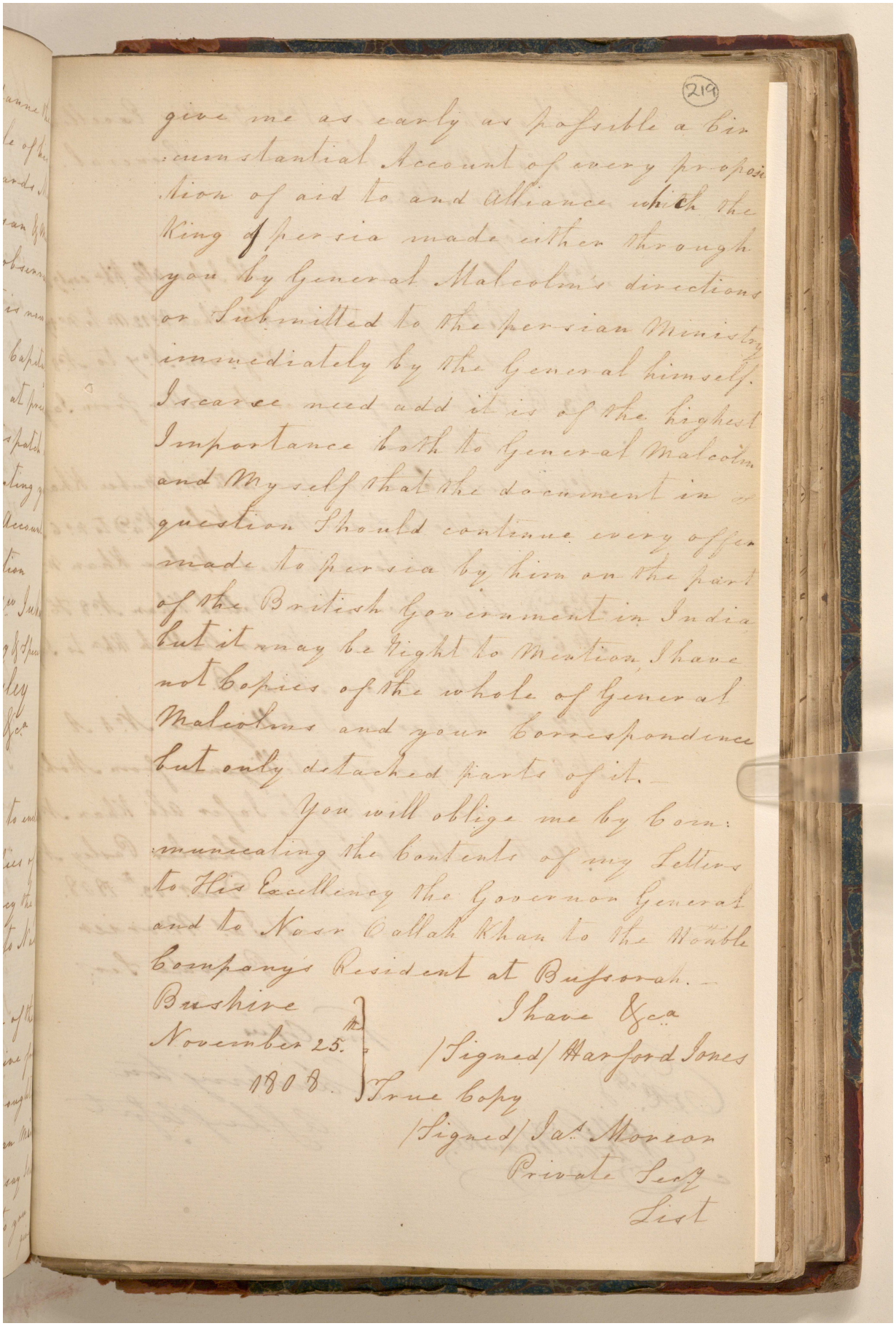
A true translation
(Signed) Andw Jukis
Persn Secy & Specl Int

To Captain Charles Pasley
&ca &ca &ca

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose
for your information Copies of my
Letters No 19 to His Excellency the Go
vernor General and No 6 to Nasr
Oallah Khan. —

In consequence of the po
to which as you will perceive from
these Papers I have now brought my
Negociation with the Persian Mini
try you will permit me to say I sha
feel Myself much obliged to you to
give



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give me as early as possible a Circumstantial Account of every proposition of aid to and Alliance which the King of Persia made either through you by General Malcolm's directions or Submitted to the persian Ministry immediately by the General himself. I scarce need add it is of the highest Importance both to General Malcolm and Myself that the document in question Should contain every offer made to Persia by him on the part of the British Government in India but it may be right to Mention I have not Copies of the whole of General Malcolms and your Correspondence but only detached parts of it.—

You will oblige me by Communicating the Contents of my Letters to His Excellency the Governor General and to Nasr Callah Khan to the Honble Company's Resident at Bussorah.—

Bushire
November 25.
1808

I have &c.ª
/Signed/ Harford Jones

True Copy
/Signed/ Jas. Morier
Private Secy

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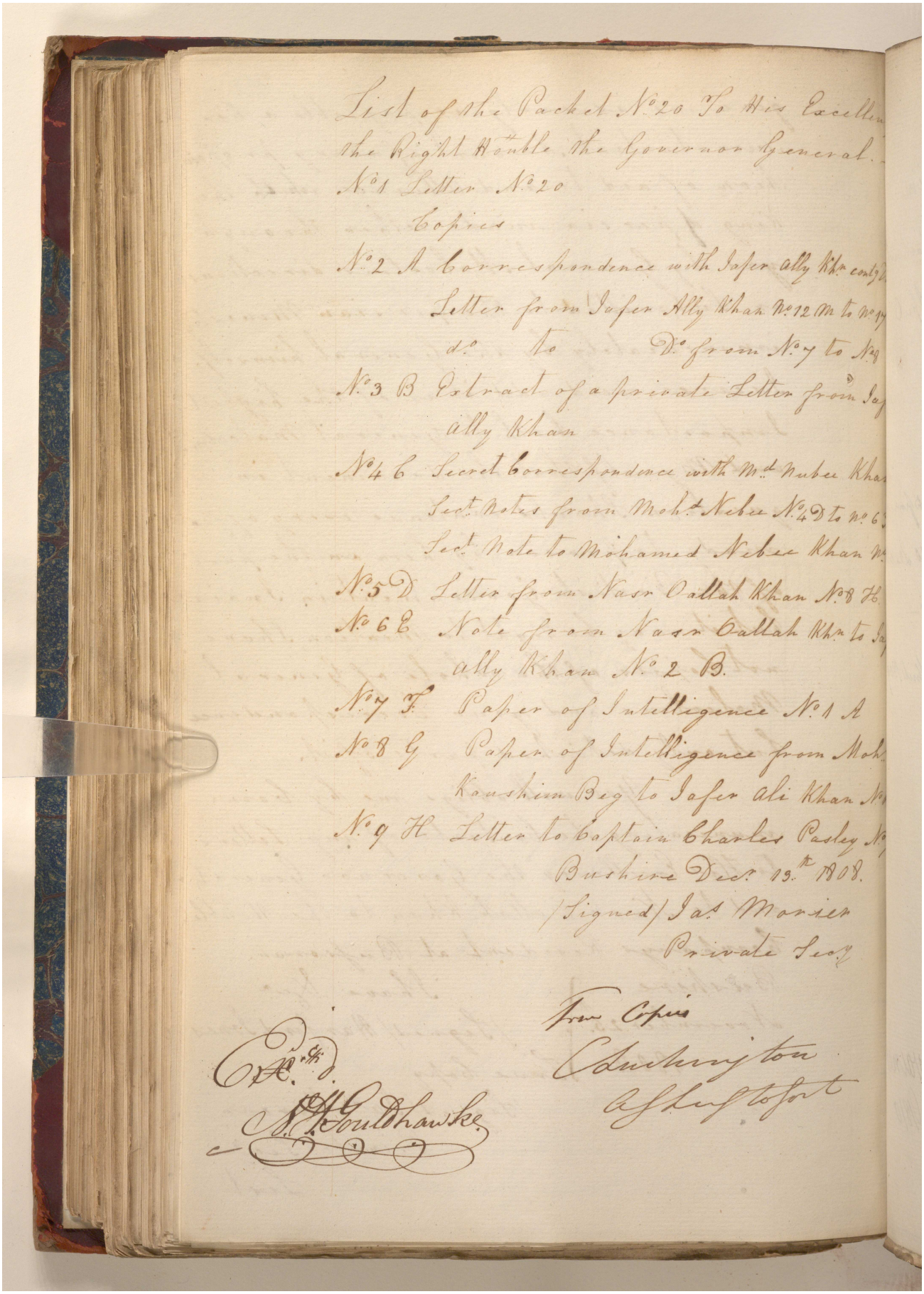

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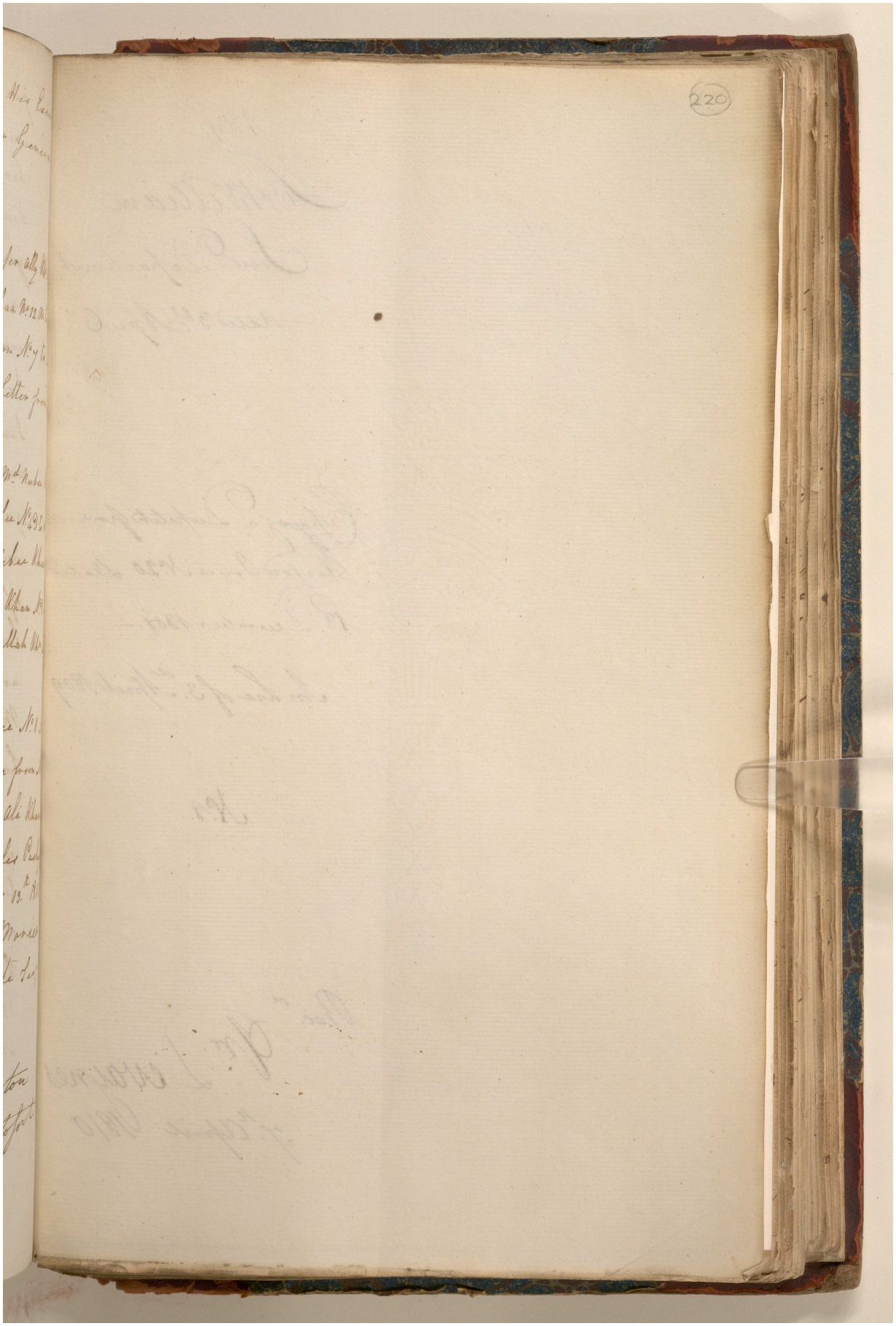

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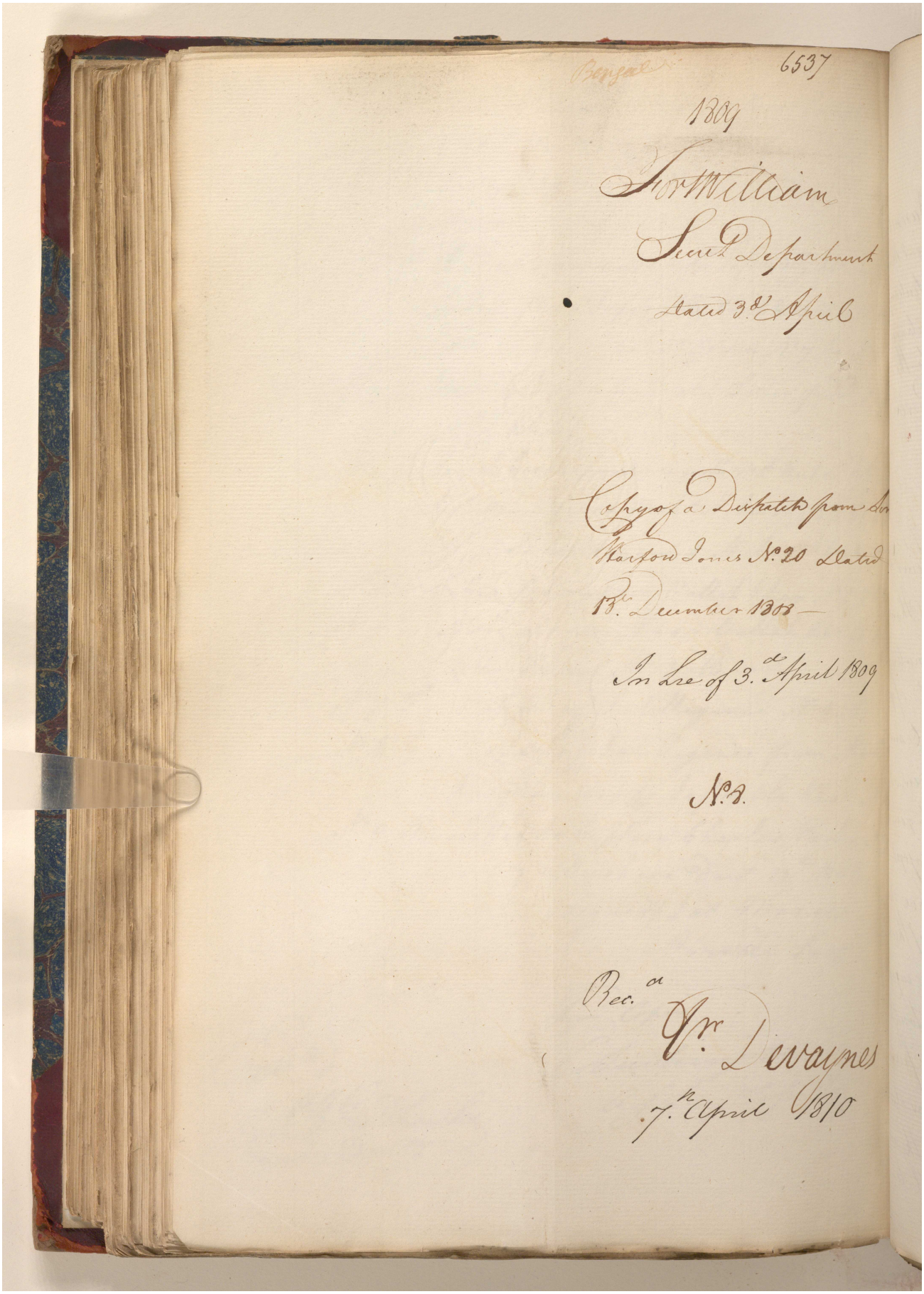

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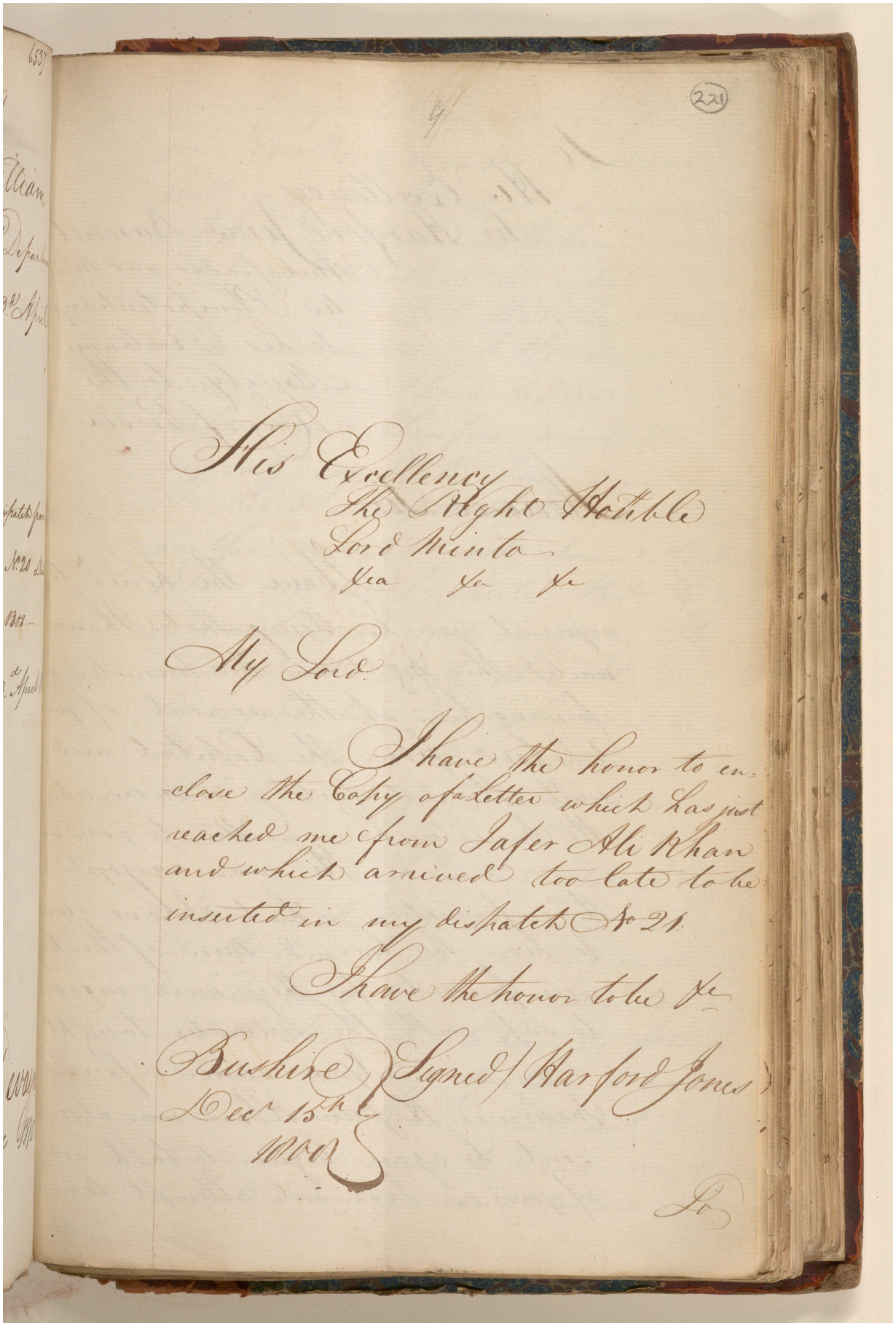

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His Excellency
The Right Honble
Lord Minto
&c &c &c

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose the Copy of a Letter which has just reached me from Jaffer Ali Khan and which arrived too late to be insrted in my dispatch No 21.

I have the honor to be &c

Bushire
Dec 15th
1808

Signed/ Harford Jones

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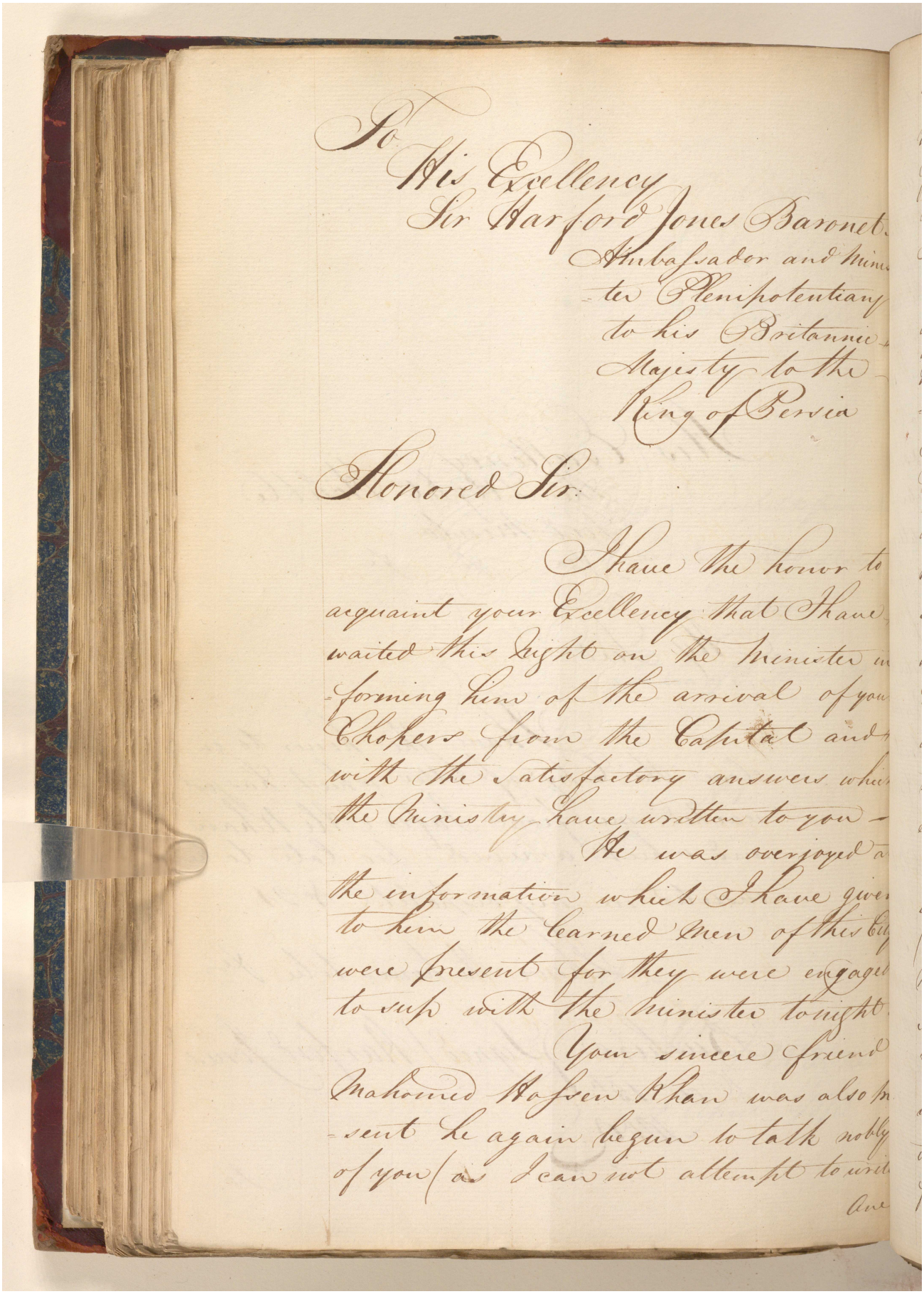

To
His Excellency
Sir Harford Jones Baronet
Ambassador and Minis-
ter Plenipotentiary
to his Britannic
Majesty to the
King of Persia

Honored Sir

I have the honor to
acquaint your Excellency that I have
waited this night on the Minister in
forming him of the arrival of your
Chopers from the Capital and
with the satisfactory answers which
the Ministry have written to you —
He was overjoyed at
the information which I have given
to him the learned men of this City
were present for they were engaged
to sup with the Minister tonight.
Your sincere friend
Mahomed Hoseen Khan was also pre-
sent he again began to talk nobly
of you / as I can not attempt to write
Ave

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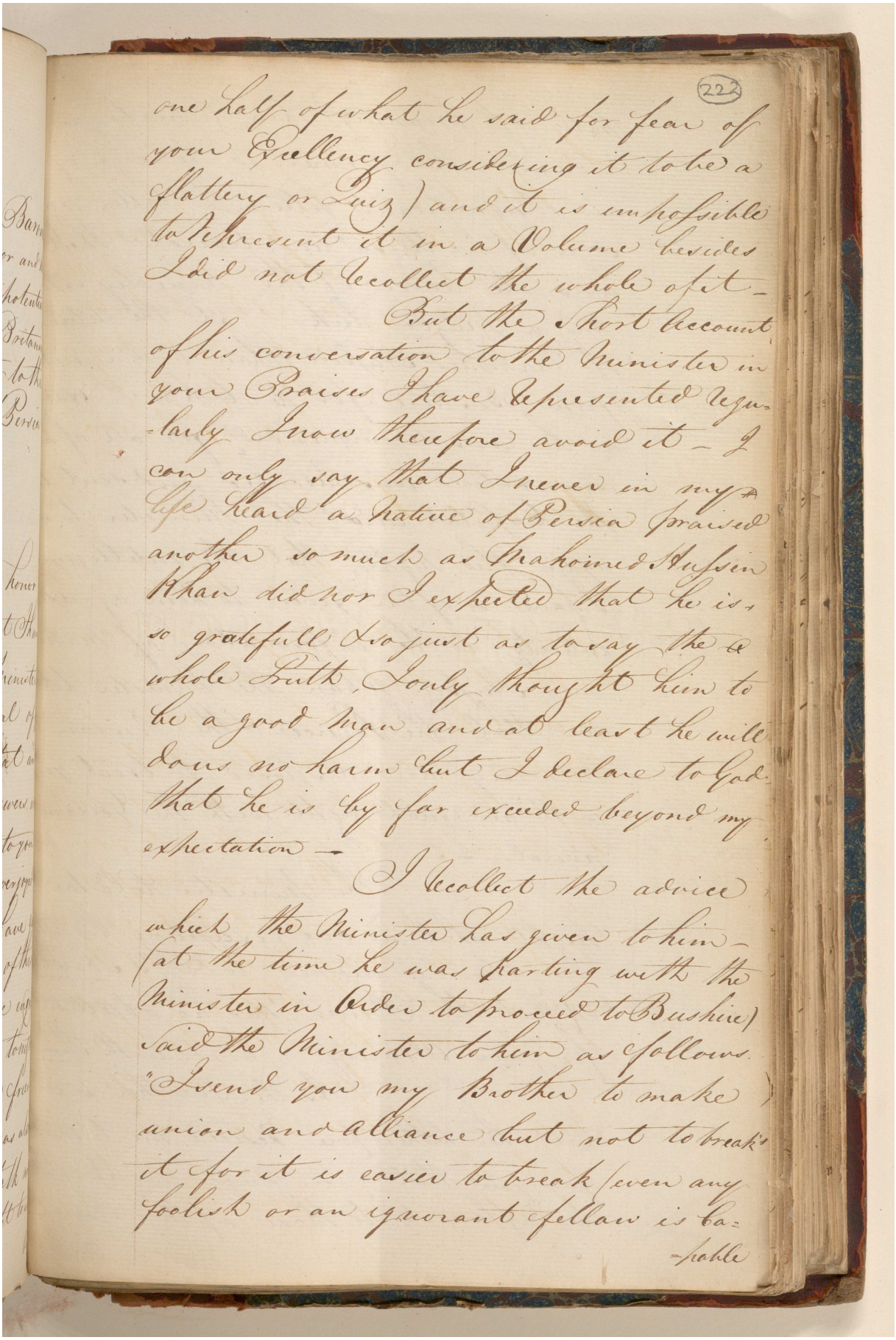

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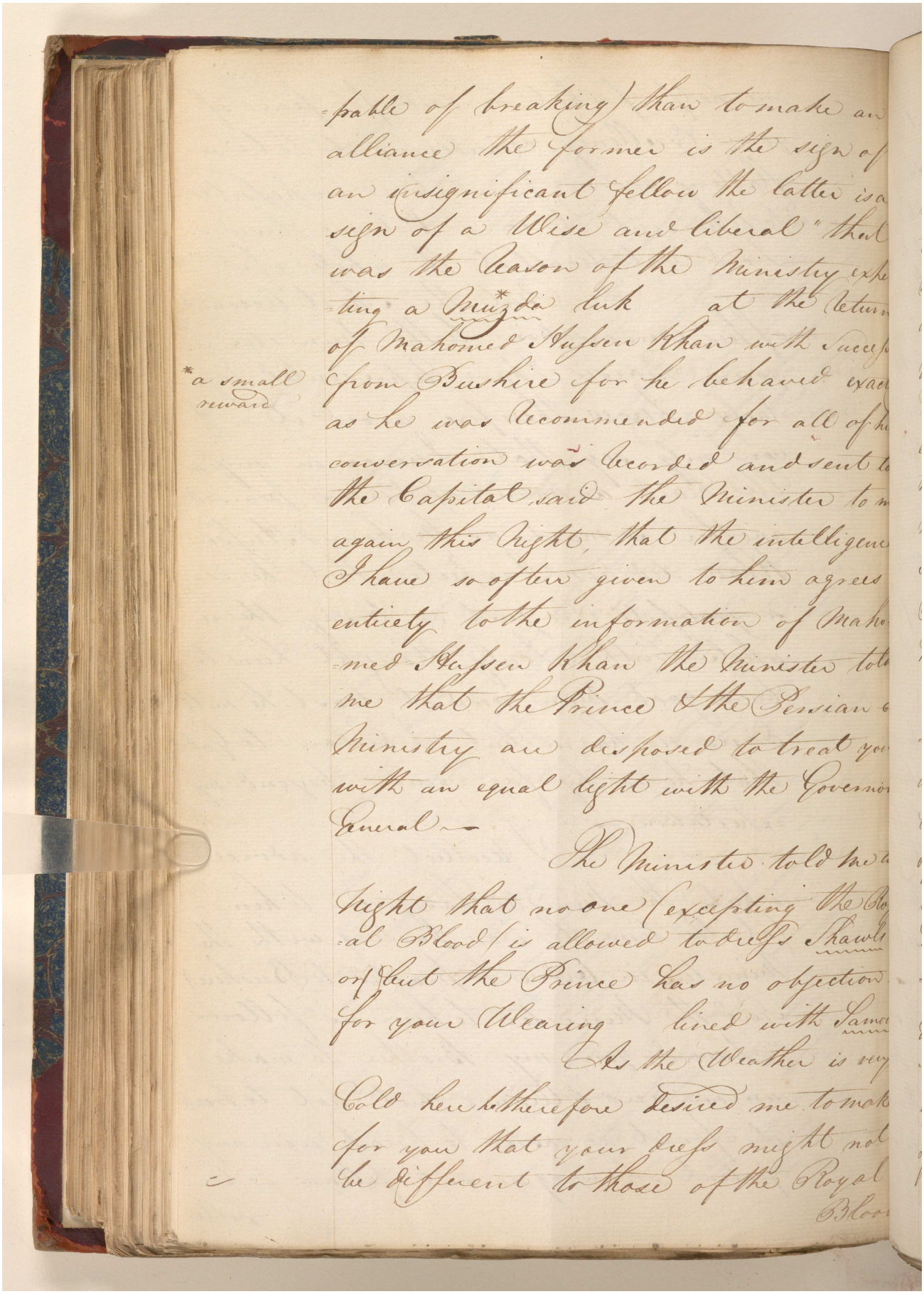
one half of what he said for fear of your Excellency considering it to be a flattery or Lies) and it is impossible to Represent it in a Volume besides I did not Recollect the whole of it –

But the Short Account of his conversation to the Minister in your Praises I have Represented Regularly I now therefore avoid it – I can only say that I never in my life Heard a Native of Persia praised another so much as Mahomed Hussein Khan did nor I expected that he is so gratefull & so just as to say the whole Truth, I only thought him to be a good man and at least he will does no harm but I declare to God that he is by far exceded beyond my expectation –

I Recollect the advice which the Minister has given to him – (at the time he was starting with the Minister in Order to proceed to Bushire) said the Minister to him as follows. "I send you my Brother to make union and alliance but not to break it for it is easier to break (even any foolish or an ignorant fellow is ca-

-pable



-pable of breaking) than to make an alliance the former is the sign of an insignificant fellow the latter is a sign of a Wise and liberal" that was the reason of the Ministry expe-ting a Muzda* luk at the return of Mahomed Hussen Khan with Success from Bushire for he behaved exact as he was recommended for all of his conversation was recorded and sent to the Capital, said the Minister to me again this Night, that the intelligence I have so often given to him agrees entirely to the information of Maho-med Hussen Khan the Minister told me that the Prince & the Persian Ministry are disposed to treat you with an equal light with the Governor General —

*a small reward

The Minister told me to Night that no one (excepting the Roy-al Blood) is allowed to dress Shawls or but the Prince has no objection for your Wearing lined with Samoo

As the Weather is very Cold here he therefore desired me to make for you that your dress might not be different to those of the Royal Blood

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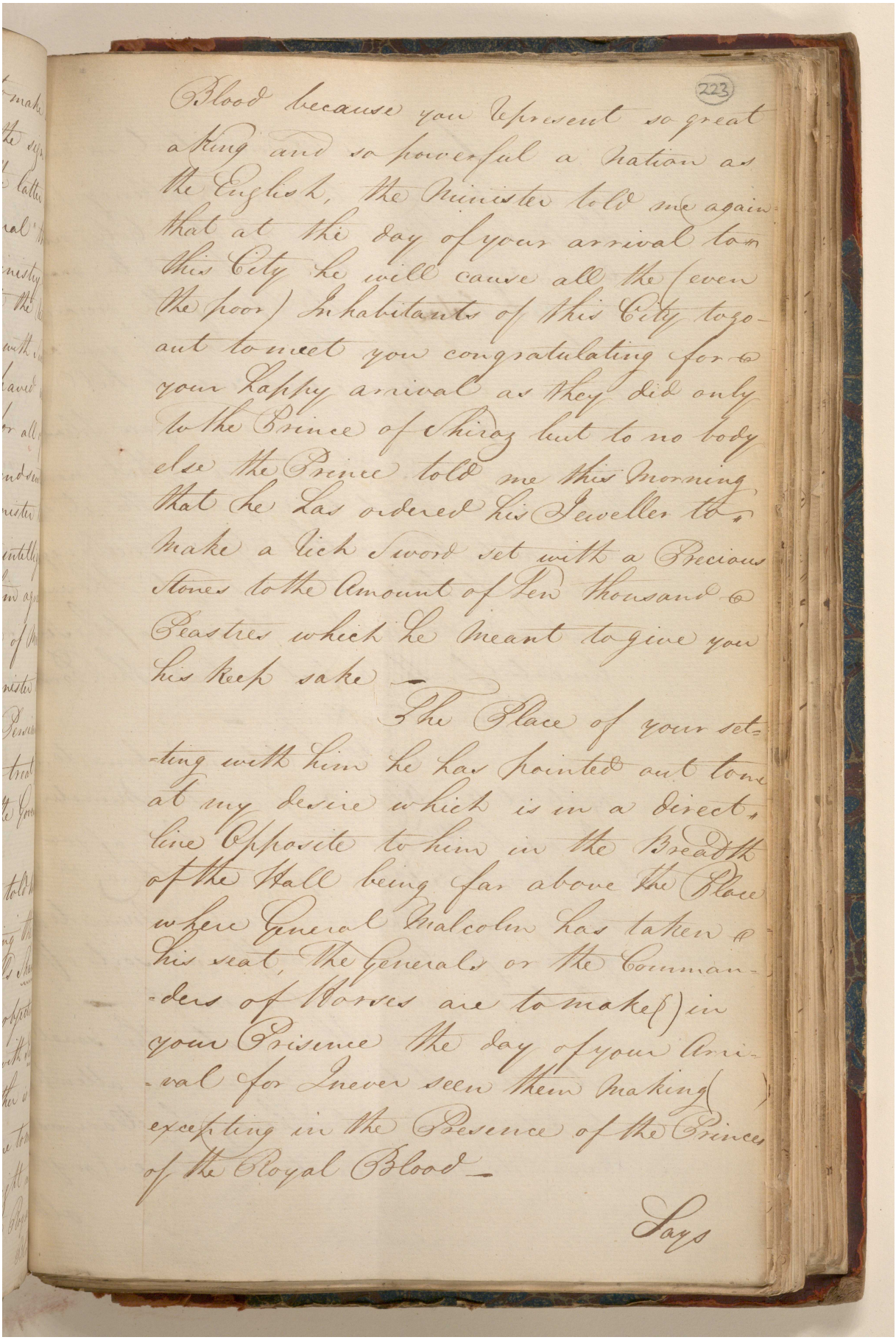

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Blood because you represent so great a King and so powerful a Nation as the English, the Minister told me again that at the day of your arrival to this City he will cause all the (even the poor) Inhabitants of this City to go out to meet you congratulating for your happy arrival as they did only to the Prince of Shiraz but to no body else the Prince told me this morning that he has ordered his Jeweller to make a rich Sword set with a Precious Stones to the Amount of Ten thousand Peastres which he meant to give you his keep sake —

The Place of your setting with him he has pointed out to me at my desire which is in a direct line Opposite to him in the Breadth of the Hall being far above the Place where General Malcolm has taken his seat, the Generals or the Commanders of Horses are to make() in your Presence the day of your Arrival for I never seen them making exerting in the Presence of the Prince of the Royal Blood —

Says

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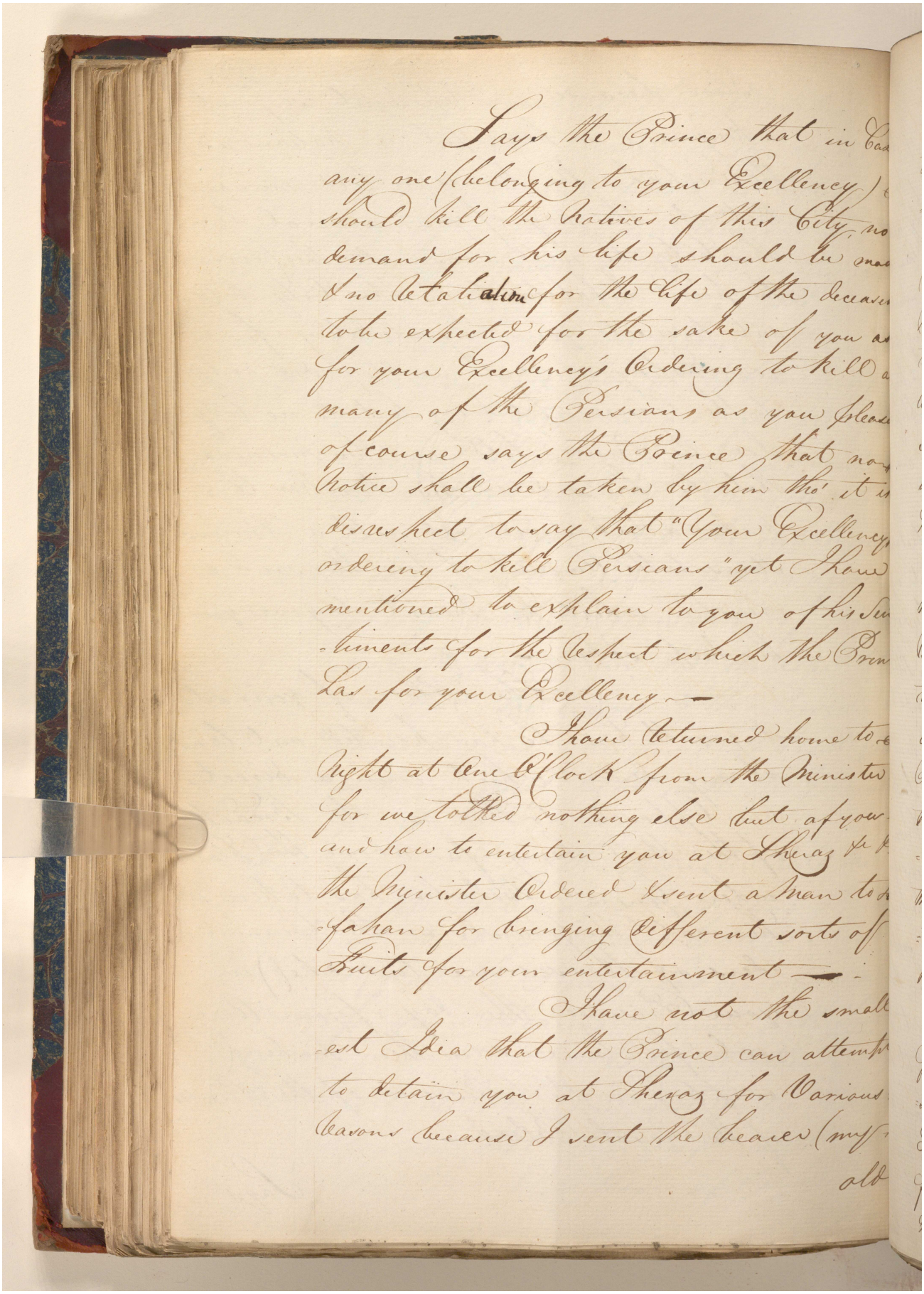
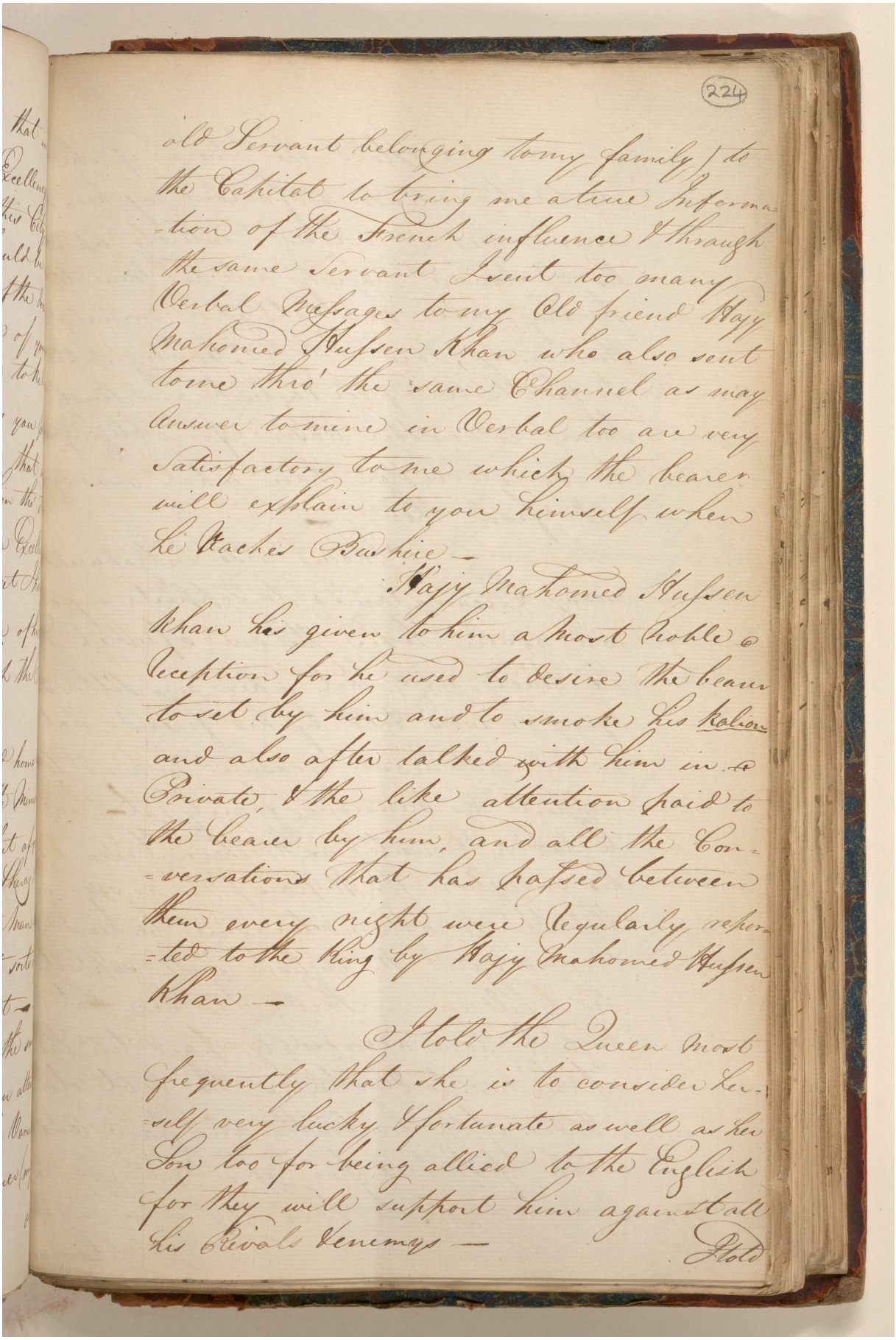


Says the Prince that in Ca
any one (belonging to your Excellency)
should kill the Natives of this City, no
demand for his life should be mad
& no Retaliation for the life of the deceas
to be expected for the sake of you a
for your Excellency's Ordering to kill a
many of the Persians as you pleas
of course says the Prince that no
notice shall be taken by him tho' it i
disrespect to say that "Your Excellency
ordering to kill Persians" yet I have
mentioned to explain to you of his Sen
-timents for the respect which the Prin
has for your Excellency —

I have returned home to
night at one O'Clock from the Ministers
for we talked nothing else but of you
and how to entertain you at Sheraz &
the Minister Ordered & sent a Man to
-fahan for bringing different sorts of
Fruits for your entertainment —

I have not the small
-est Idea that the Prince can attempt
to detain you at Sheraz for various
Reasons because I sent the Heaver (my
old



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old Servant belonging to my family to the Capital to bring me a true Information of the French influence & through the same Servant I sent too many Verbal Messages to my old friend Hajy Mahomed Hussen Khan who also sent to me thro' the same Channel as may Answer to mine in Verbal too are very Satisfactory to me which the bearer will explain to you himself when he reaches Bushire —

Hajy Mahomed Hussen Khan has given to him a most noble Reception for he used to desire the bearer to set by him and to smoke his Kalion and also after talked with him in a Private & the like attention paid to the bearer by him, and all the Conversations that has passed between them every night were regularly reported to the King by Hajy Mahomed Hussen Khan —

I told the Queen most frequently that she is to consider herself very lucky & fortunate as well as her Son too for being allied to the English for they will support him against all his Rivals Enemys —

I told

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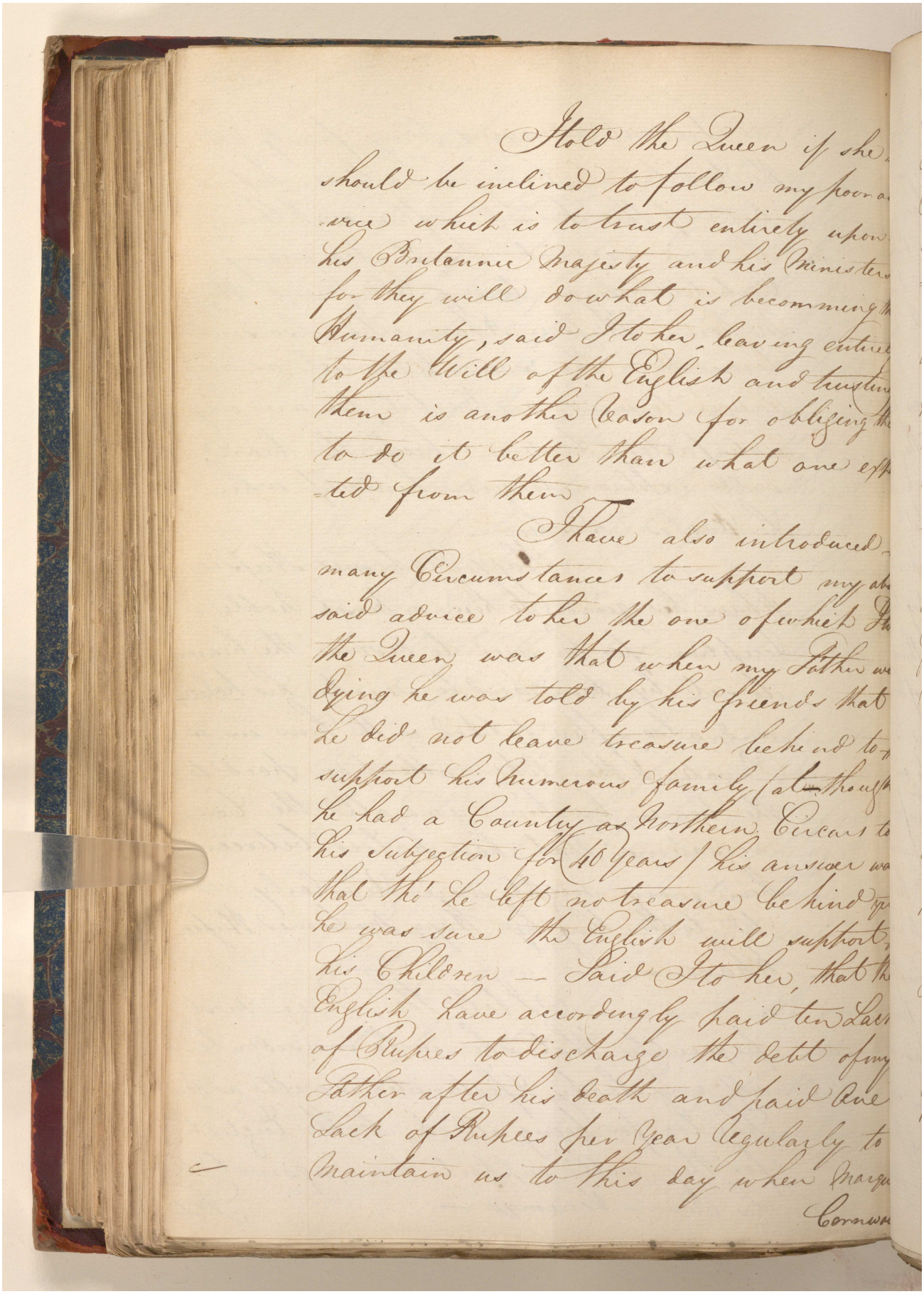

I told the Queen if she
should be inclined to follow my poor a-
vice which is to trust entirely upon
his Britannic Majesty and his Ministers
for they will do what is becomming th
Humanity, said I to her, leaving entire
to the Will of the English and trusting
them is another reason for obliging th
to do it better than what one exp
ted from them.

I have also introduced
many Circumstances to support my ab
said advice to her the one of which I
the Queen was that when my Father w
dying he was told by his Friends that
he did not leave treasure behind to
support his numerous family (although
he had a County as Northern Circars to
his Subjection for 40 years) his answer wa
that tho' he left no treasure behind
he was sure the English will support
his Children — Said I to her, that th
English have accordingly paid ten Lacs
of Rupees to discharge the debt of my
Father after his death and paid One
Lack of Rupees per Year Regularly to
Maintain us to this day when Marqu
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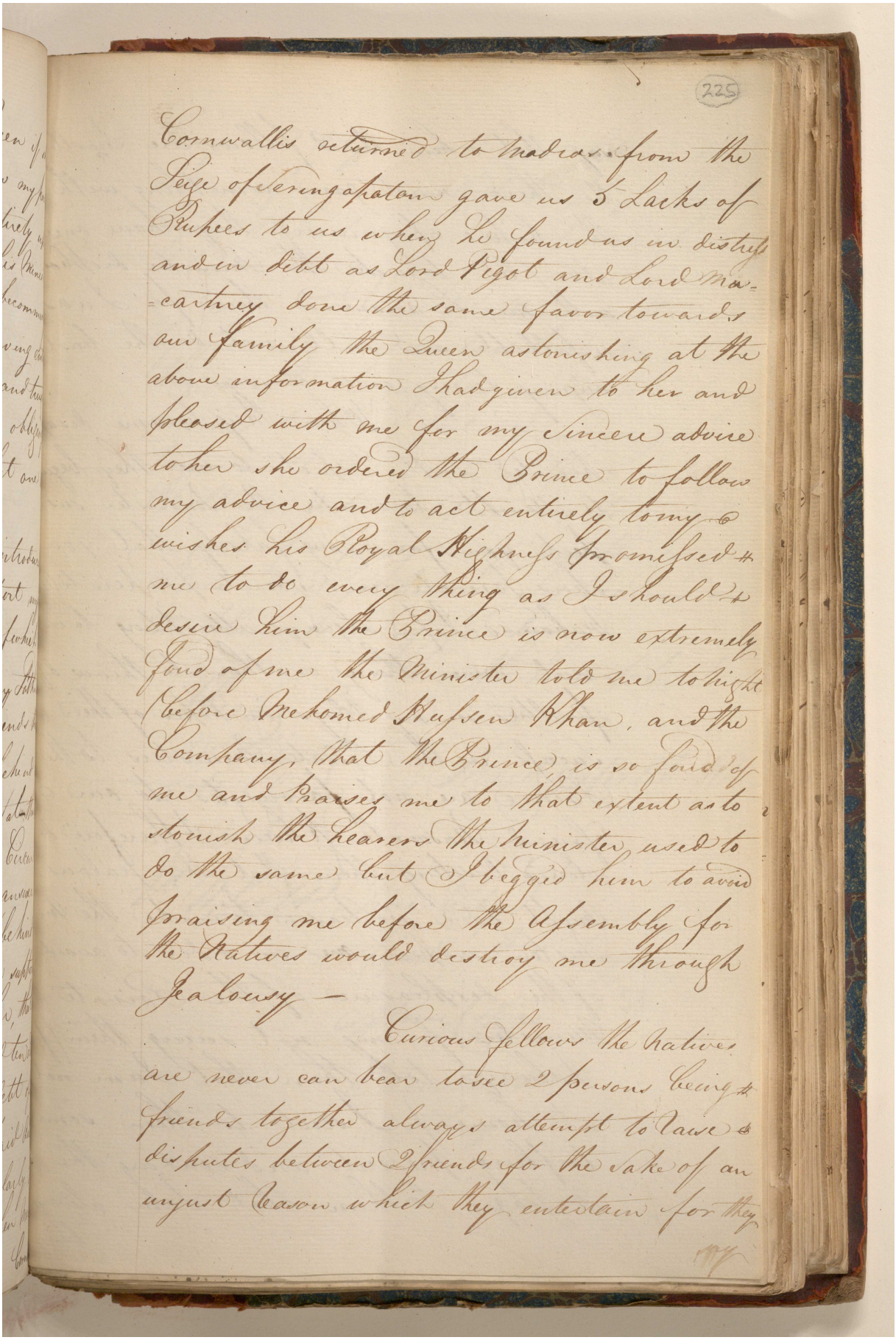

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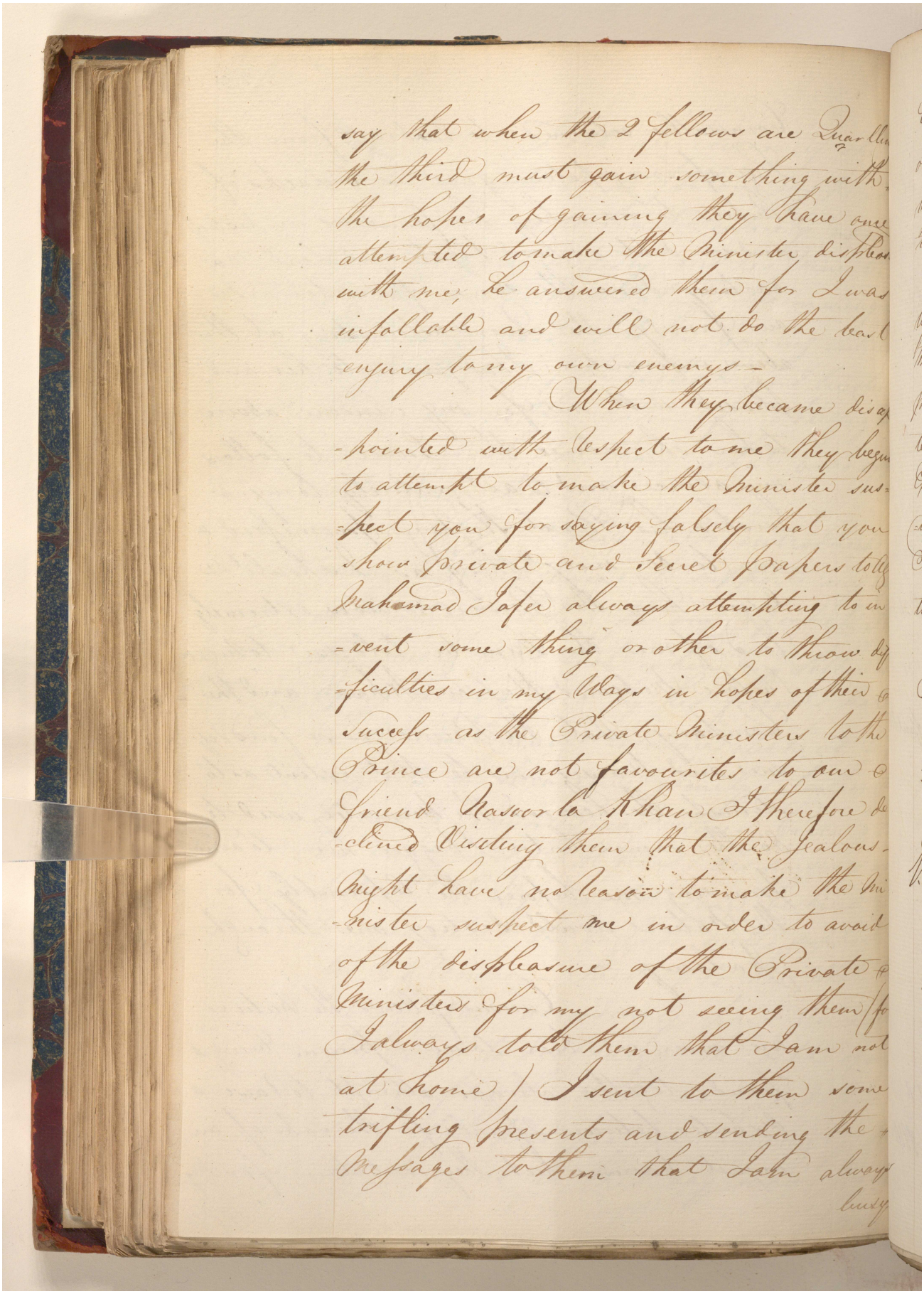
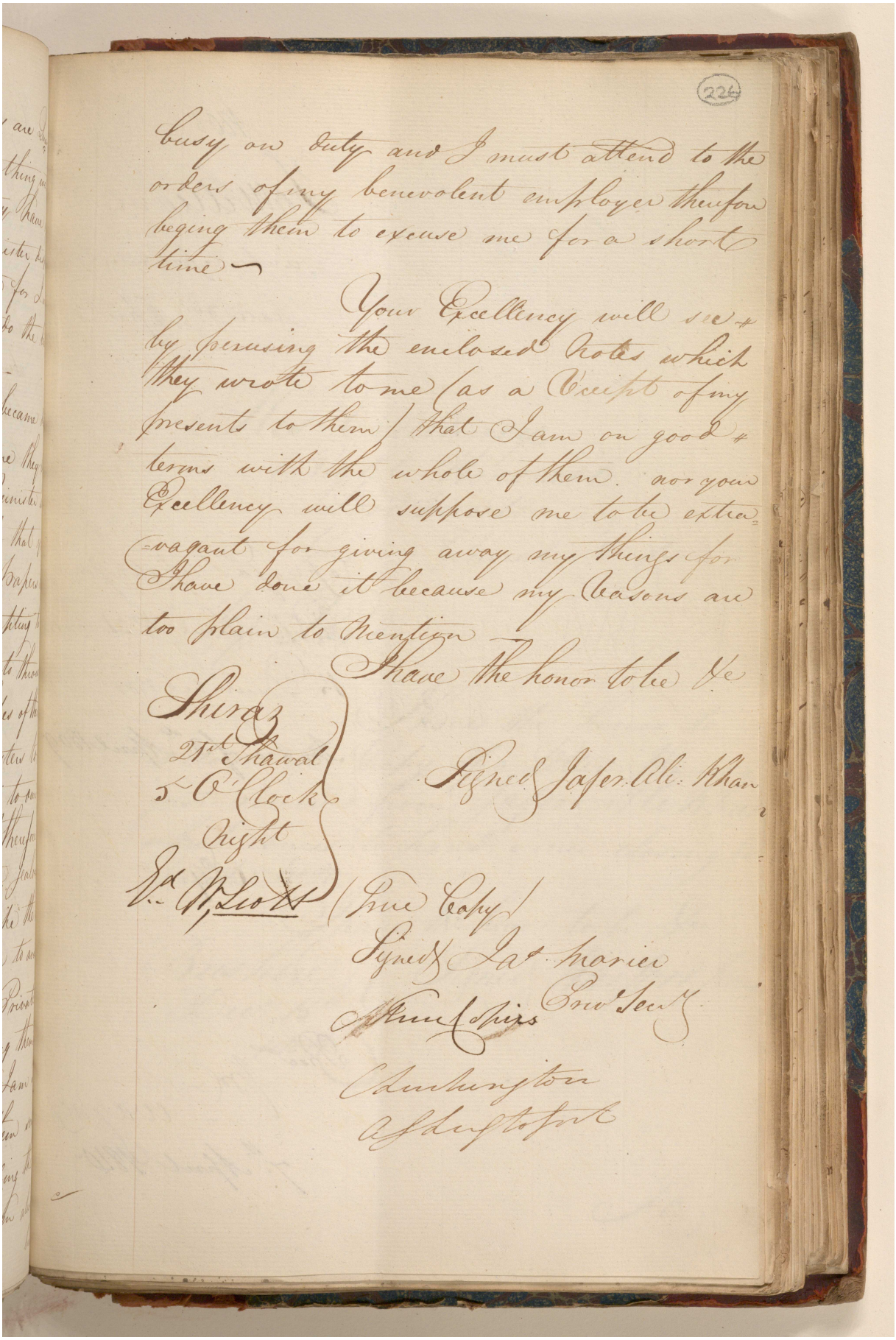
Cornwallis returned to Madras from the
Seige of Seringapatam gave us 5 Lacks of
Rupees to us when he found us in distress
and in debt as Lord Pigot and Lord Ma-
cartney done the same favor towards
our family the Queen astonishing at the
above information I had given to her and
pleased with me for my sincere advice
to her she ordered the Prince to follow
my advice and to act entirely to my
wishes his Royal Highness promised
me to do every thing as I should
desire him the Prince is now extremely
fond of me the Minister told me to his
before Mahomed Yusseu Khan, and the
Company, that the Prince is so fond of
me and praises me to that extent as to
astonish the hearers the Minister used to
do the same but I beggid him to avoid
praising me before the Assembly for
the Natives would destroy me through
Jealousy —

Curious fellows the Natives
are never can bear to see 2 persons being
friends together always attempt to raise
disputes between 2 friends for the sake of an
unjust reason which they entertain for they



say that when the 2 fellows are Quarrelling the third must gain something with the hopes of gaining they have once attempted to make the Minister displeased with me, he answered them for I was infallable and will not do the least enjury to my own enemys –

When they became disappointed with respect to me they began to attempt to make the Minister suspect you for saying falsely that you shew private and Secret papers to Mahomad Jafer always attempting to invent some thing or other to throw difficulties in my Ways in hopes of their success as the Private Ministers to the Prince are not favourites to our friend Nasseer ul Khan I therefore declined visiting them that the Jealous might have no reason to make the Minister suspect me in order to avoid of the displeasure of the Private Ministers for my not seeing them I always told them that I am not at home / I sent to them some trifling presents and sending the Messages to them that I am always busy



busy on duty and I must attend to the orders of my benevolent employer therefore beging them to excuse me for a short time —

Your Excellency will see by perusing the enclosed Notes which they wrote to me (as a Receipt of my presents to them) that I am on good terms with the whole of them. nor your Excellency will suppose me to be extravagant for giving away my things for I have done it because my Reasons are too plain to mention —

I have the honor to be &c

Shiraz
21st Shawal
5 O'Clock
Night
Ed. W. Scott

Signed Jafer Ali Khan

(True Copy)
Signed Jas. Marier
Prov. Secy.
Alum Copies
Cunningham
Asdington Fort

Bengal 6538

1808

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Secret Department

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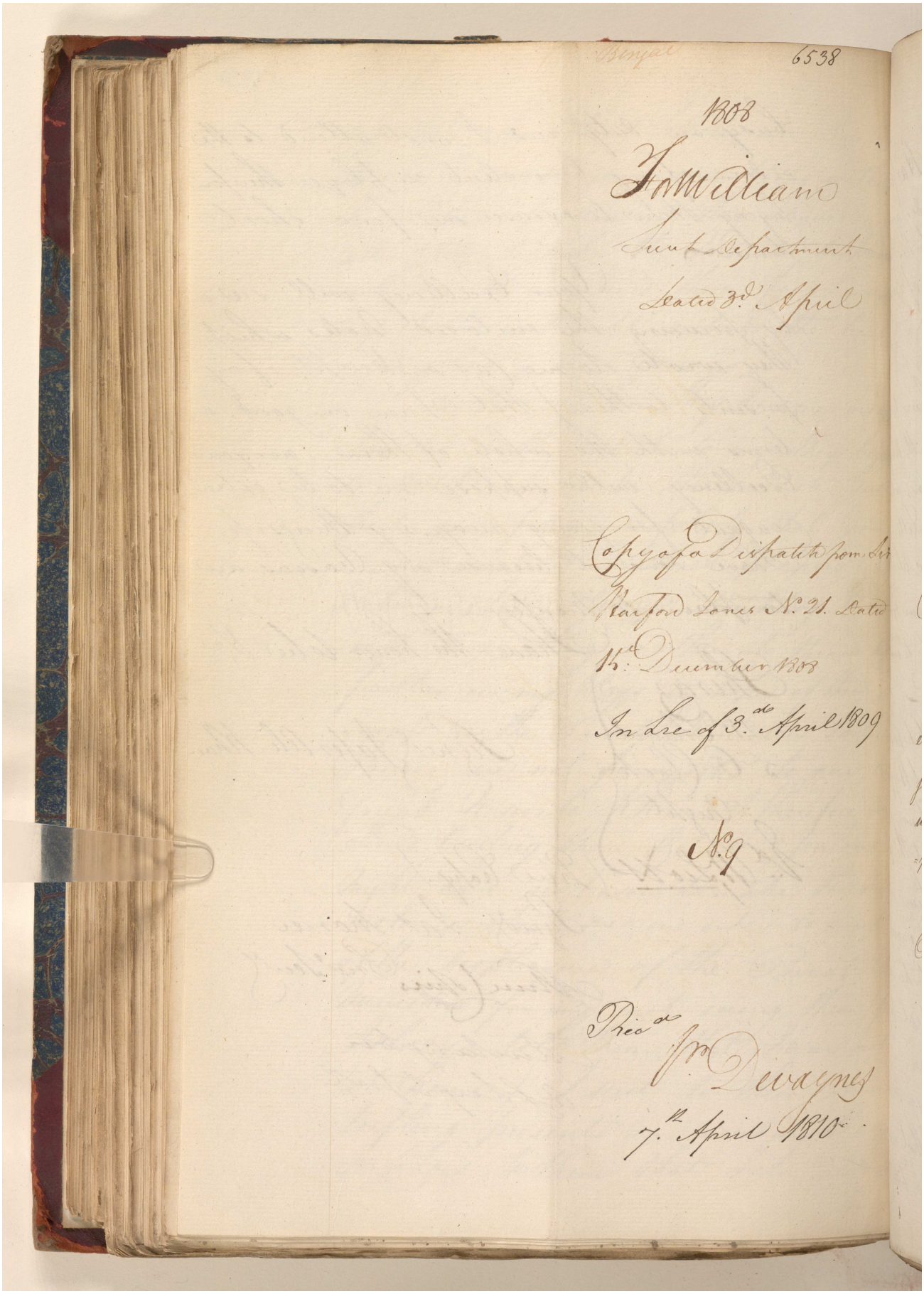

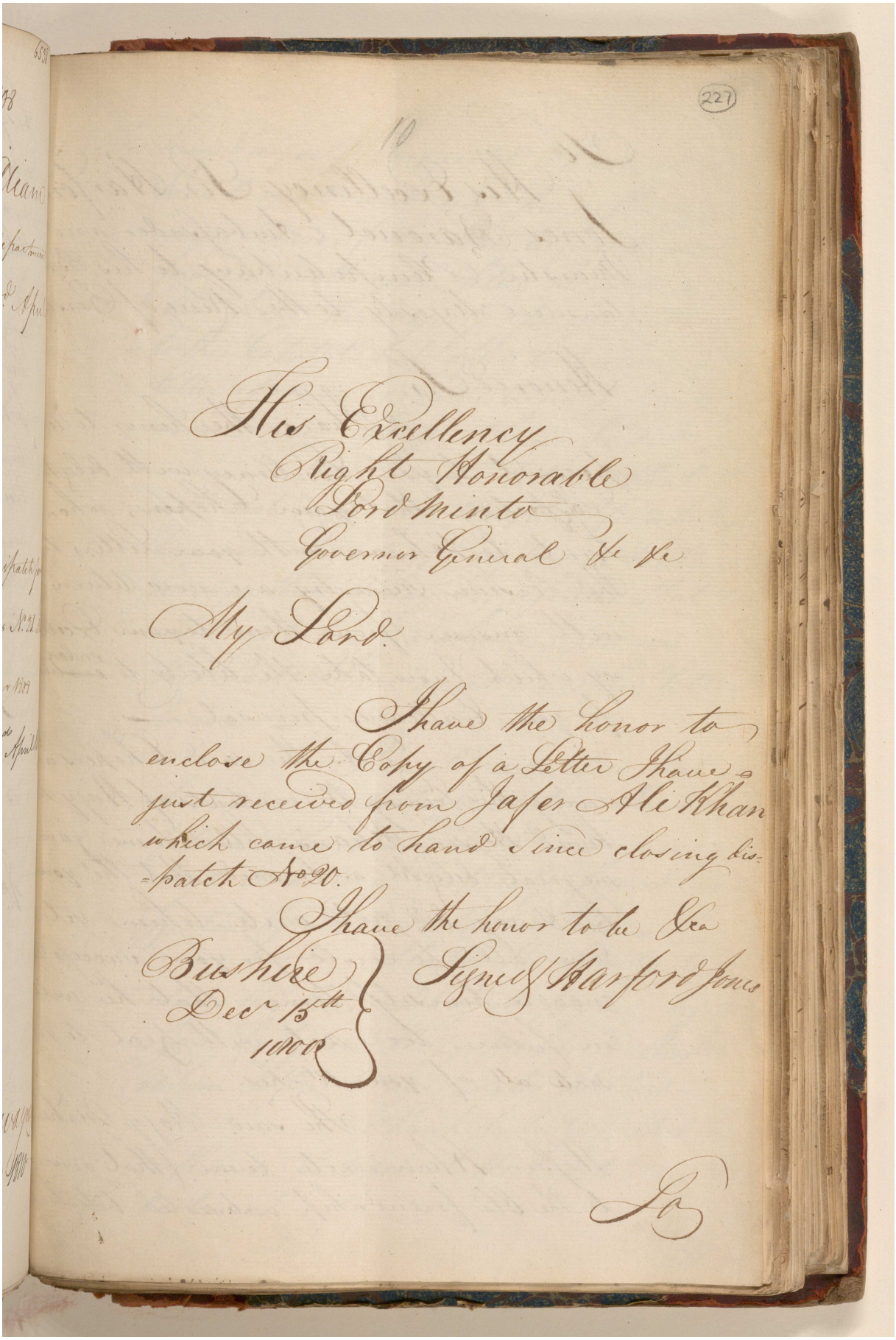

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His Excellency
Right Honorable
Lord Minto
Governor General &c &c

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose the Copy of a Letter I have just received from Jafer Ali Khan which came to hand since closing dispatch No 20.

I have the honor to be &c
Signed Barford Jones

Bushire
Dec 15th
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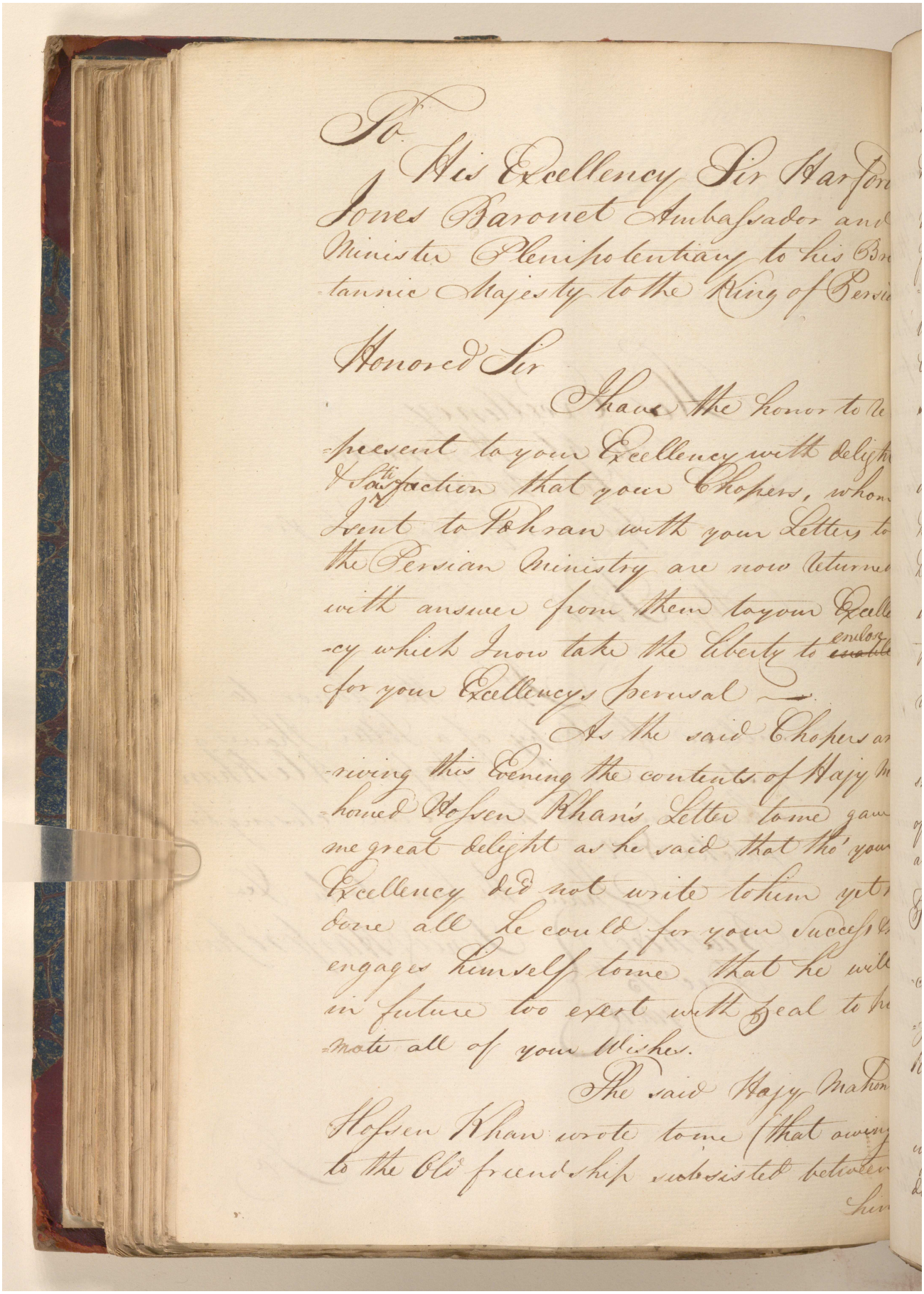


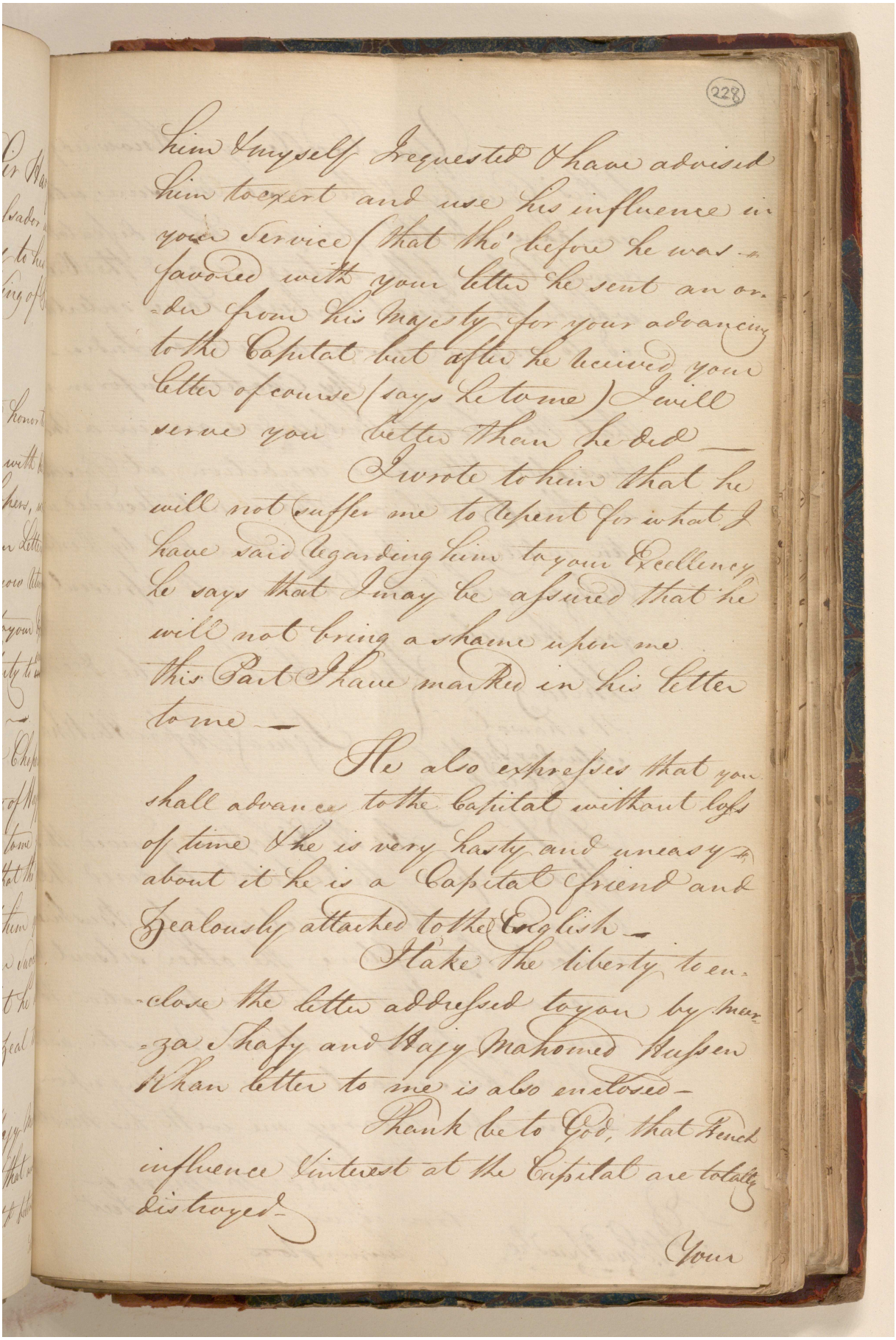
To
His Excellency Sir Harford
Jones Baronet Ambassador and
Minister Plenipotentiary to his Bri-
tannic Majesty to the King of Persia

Honored Sir

I have the honor to re-
present to your Excellency with delight
& satisfaction that your Chopers, whom
I sent to Tehran with your Letters to
the Persian Ministry are now returned
with answer from them to your Excell-
-cy which I now take the liberty to enclose
for your Excellencys perusal —

As the said Chopers ar-
-riving this Evening the contents of Hajy Ma-
-homed Hoseen Khans Letter to me gave
me great delight as he said that tho' your
Excellency did not write to him yet I
bore all he could for your success &
engages himself to me that he will
in future too exert with zeal to ha-
-sten all of your Wishes.

The said Hajy Mahom-
Hoseen Khan wrote to me that owing
to the Old friendship subsisted between
Sir



him & myself I requested & have advised him to exert and use his influence in your service (that tho' before he was favored with your letter he sent an order from his Majesty for your advancing to the Capital but after he received your letter of course (says he to me) I will serve you better than he did —

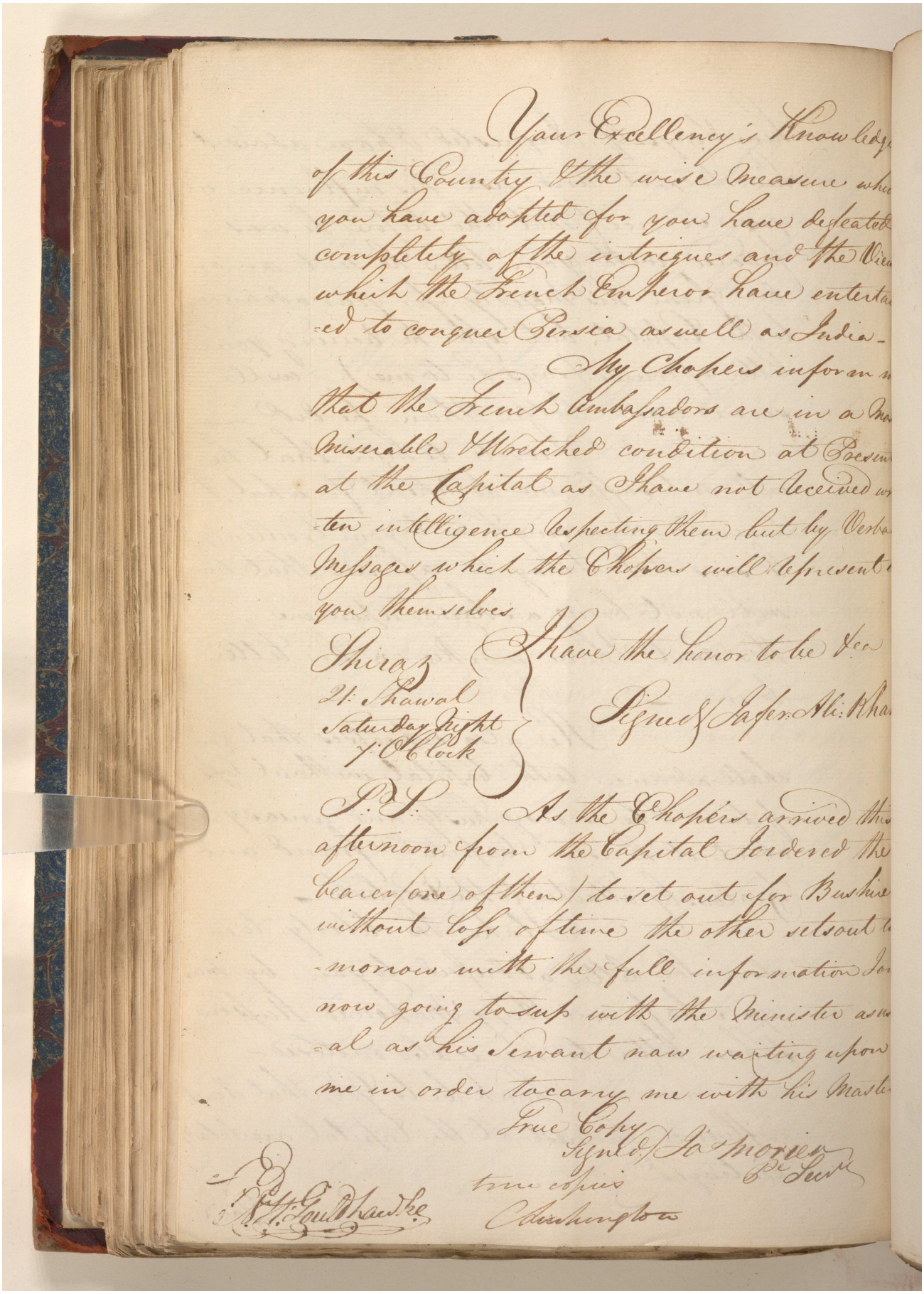
I wrote to him that he will not suffer me to repent for what I have said regarding him to your Excellency he says that I may be assured that he will not bring a shame upon me this Part I have marked in his letter to me —

He also expresses that you shall advance to the Capital without loss of time & he is very hasty and uneasy about it he is a Capital friend and zealously attached to the English —

I take the liberty to enclose the letter addressed to you by Meerza Shafy and Hajy Mahomed Hussen Khan letter to me is also enclosed —

Thank be to God, that French influence & interest at the Capital are totally distroyed —

Your



Your Excellency's Knowledge of this Country & the wise measure which you have adopted for you have defeated completely of the intrigues and the Views which the French Emperor have entertained to conquer Persia as well as India -

My Chopers inform me that the French Ambassadors are in a most miserable & Wretched condition at Present at the Capital as I have not received written intelligence respecting them but by Verbal Messages which the Chopers will represent to you themselves

I have the honor to be &ca

Shiraz
21: Shawal
Saturday Night
7 O'Clock

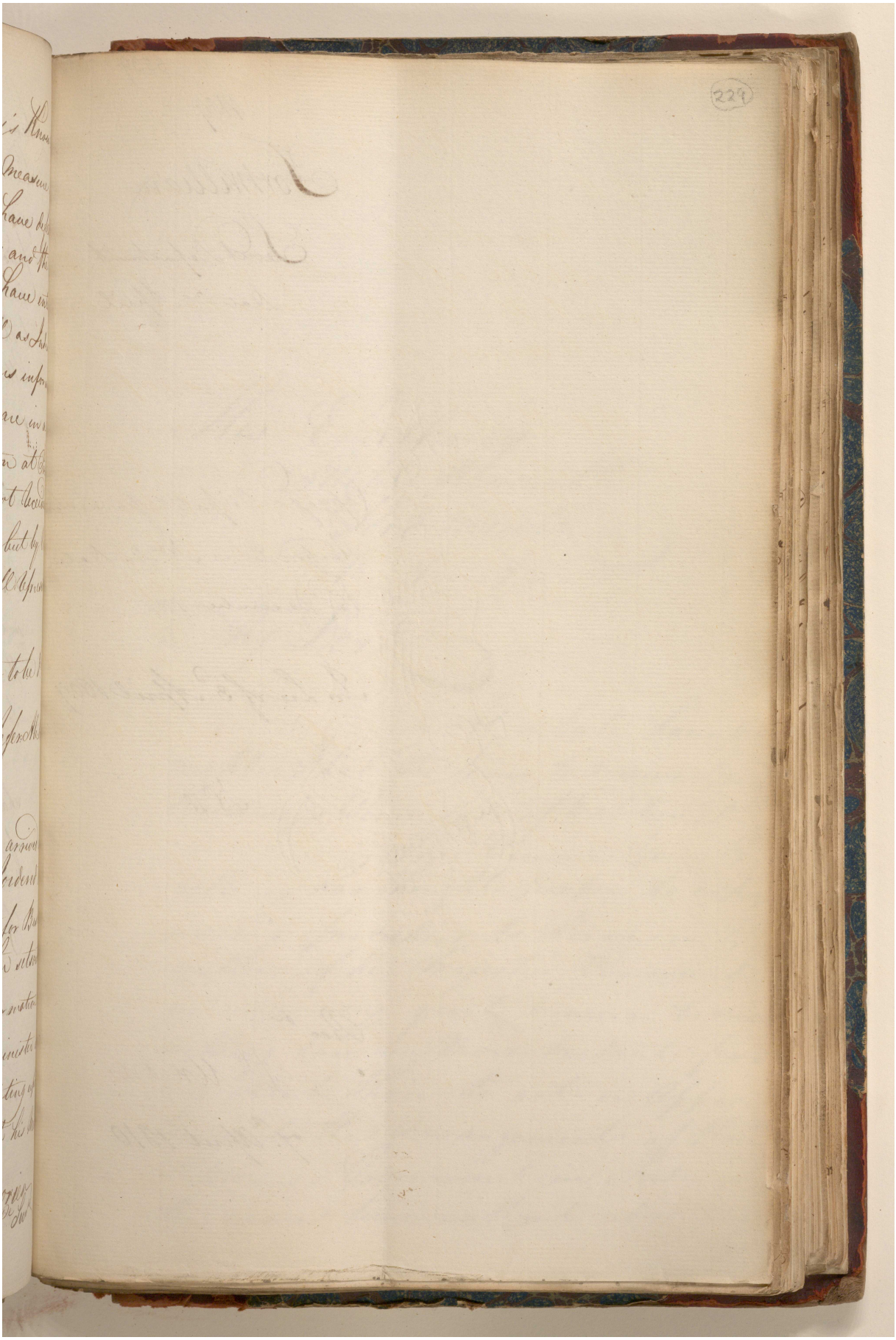
Signed/ Jafer Ali Khan

P.S. As the Chopers arrived this afternoon from the Capital I ordered the bearer (one of them) to set out for Bushire without loss of time the other setsout to-morrow with the full information I am now going to sup with the Minister as usual as his Servant now waiting upon me in order to carry me with his Master

True Copy
Signed/ Jo Morier
Pe Secy

true copies
Cunningham

N. H. Gould Hawke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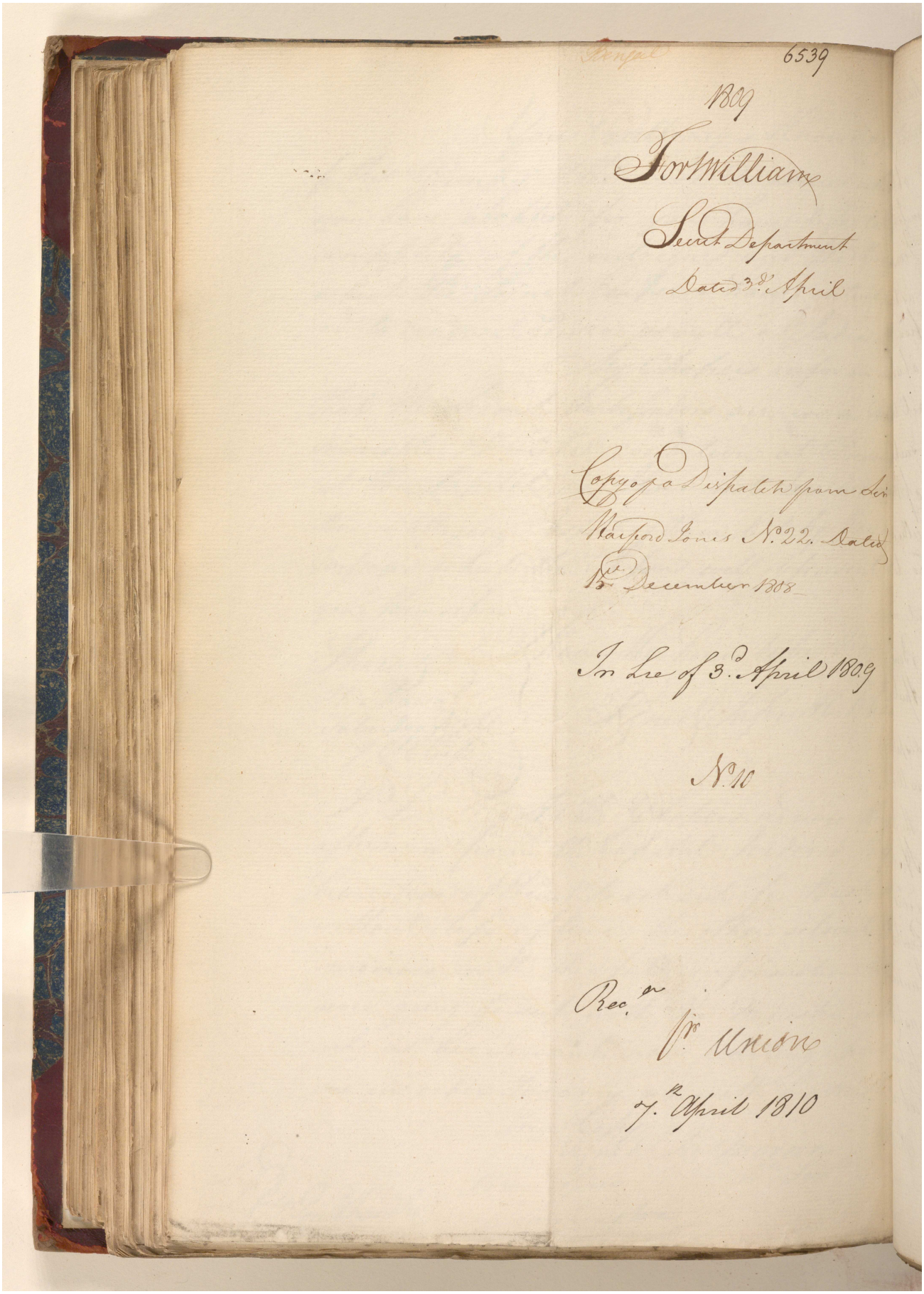

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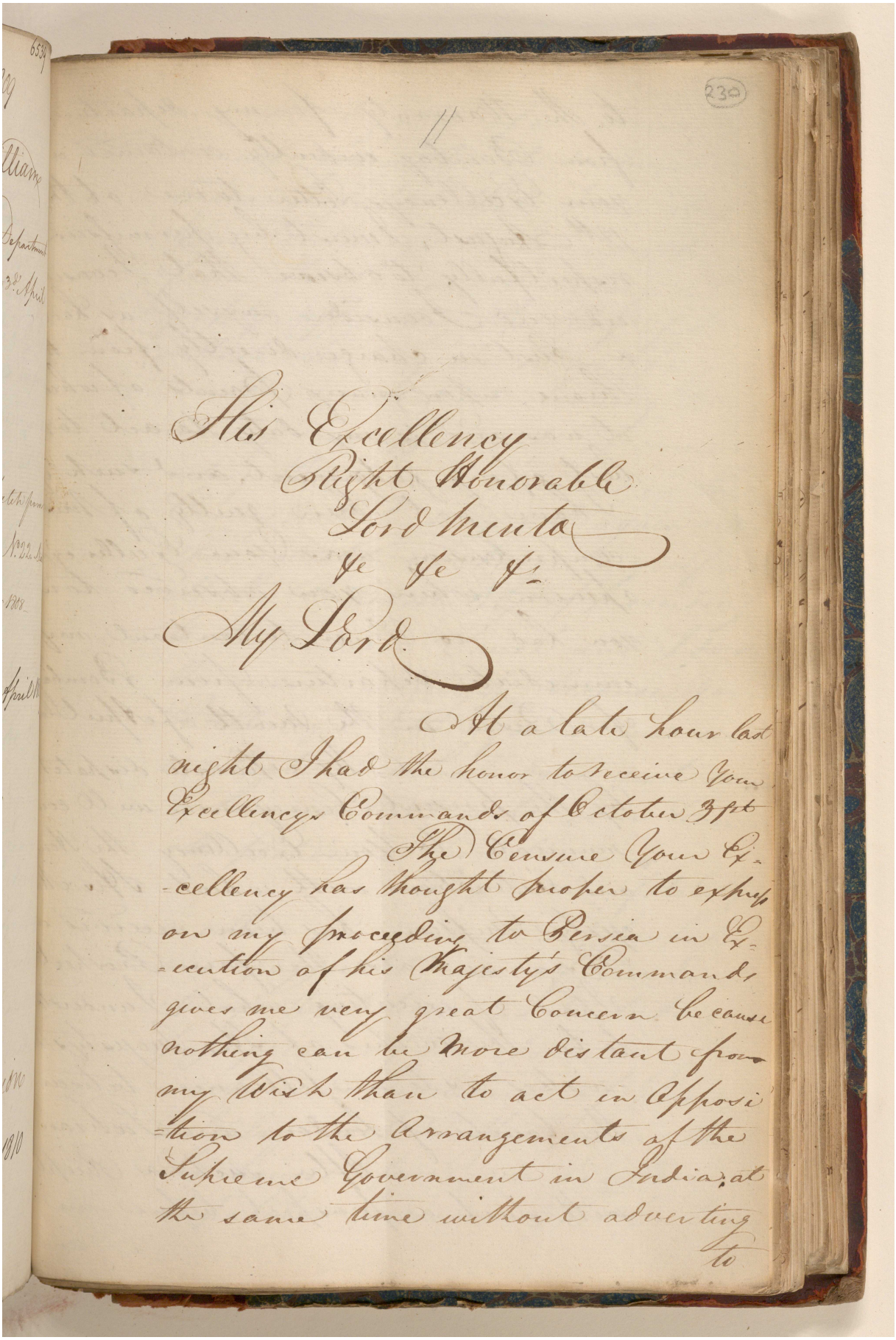

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His Excellency
Right Honorable
Lord Minto
&c &c &c

My Lord

At a late hour last night I had the honor to receive Your Excellency's Commands of October 3rd

The Censure Your Excellency has thought proper to express on my proceeding to Persia in Execution of his Majesty's Commands gives me very great Concern because nothing can be more distant from my Wish than to act in Opposition to the Arrangements of the Supreme Government in India, at the same time without adverting to

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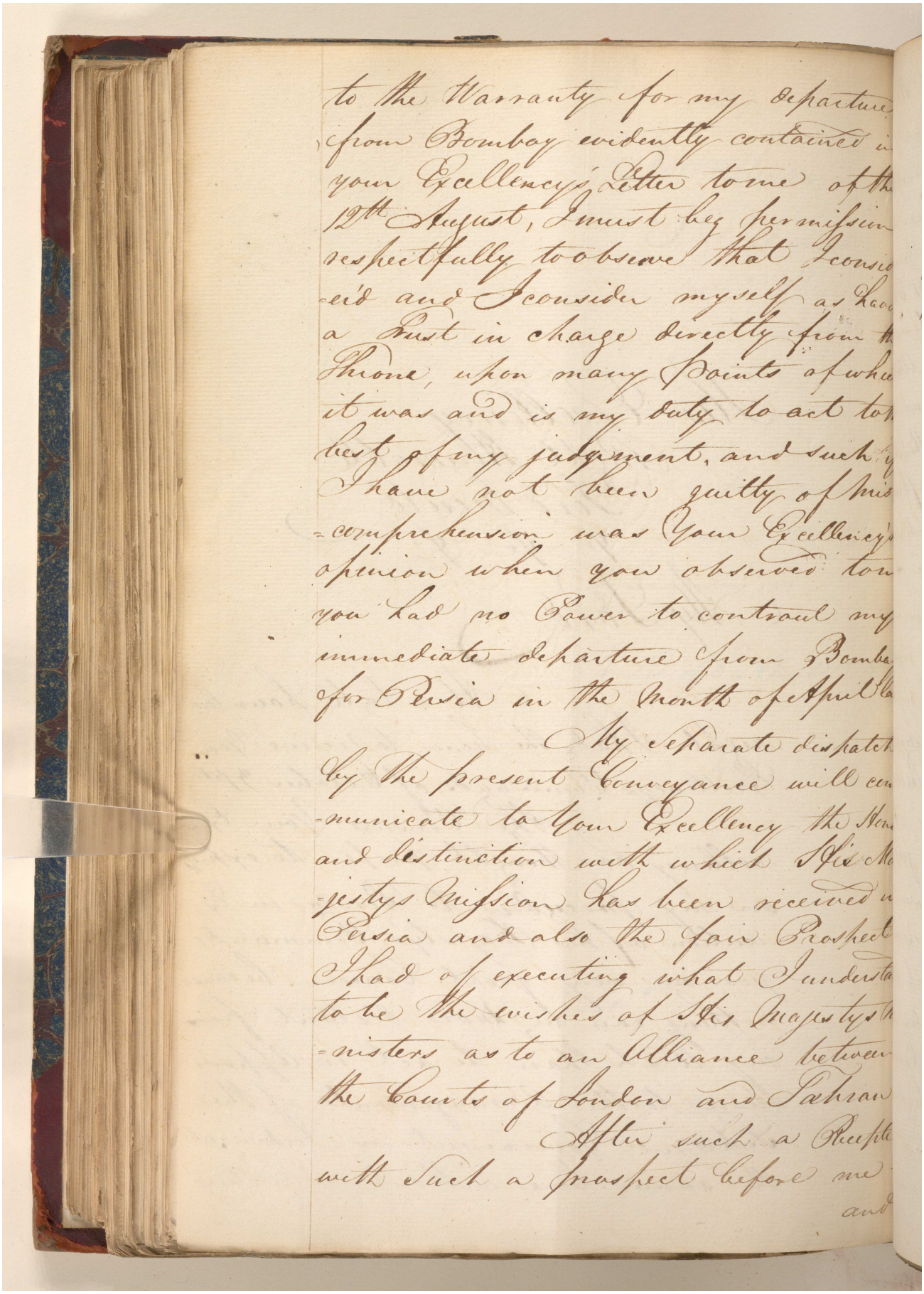

to the Warranty for my departure
from Bombay evidently contained in
your Excellency's Letter to me of the
12th August, I must beg permission
respectfully to observe that I consid-
-ered and I consider myself as hav-
a Trust in charge directly from the
Throne, upon many Points of which
it was and is my duty to act to the
best of my judgment, and such if
I have not been guilty of mis-
-comprehension was Your Excellency's
opinion when you observed to me
you had no Power to controul my
immediate departure from Bombay
for Persia in the Month of April la

My separate dispatch
by the present Conveyance will com-
-municate to Your Excellency the Hon-
and distinction with which His Ma-
-jestys Mission has been received in
Persia and also the fair Prospect
I had of executing what I understa-
to be the wishes of His Majestys Mi-
-nisters as to an Alliance between
the Courts of London and Tahran

After such a Reception
with such a prospect before me
and

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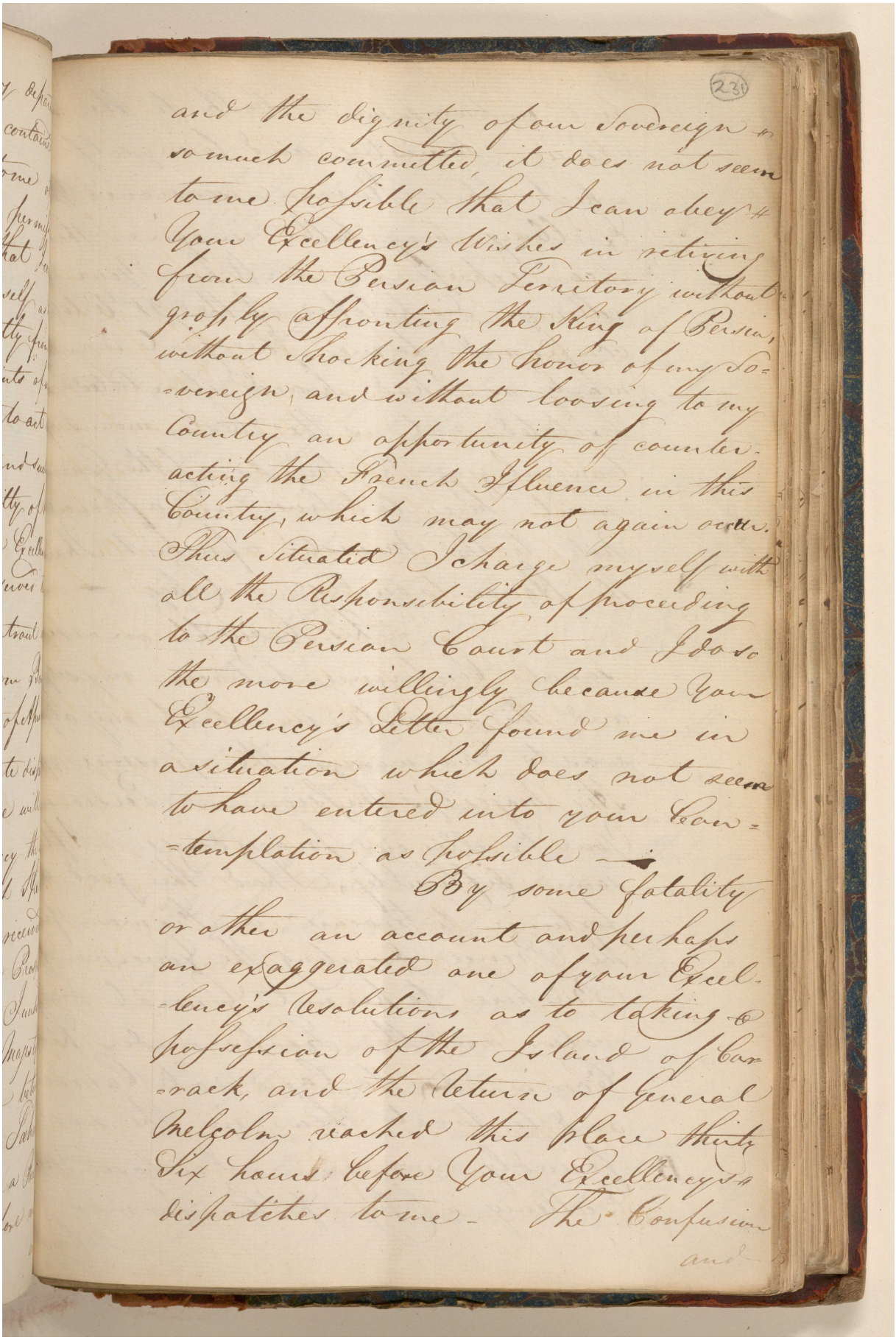

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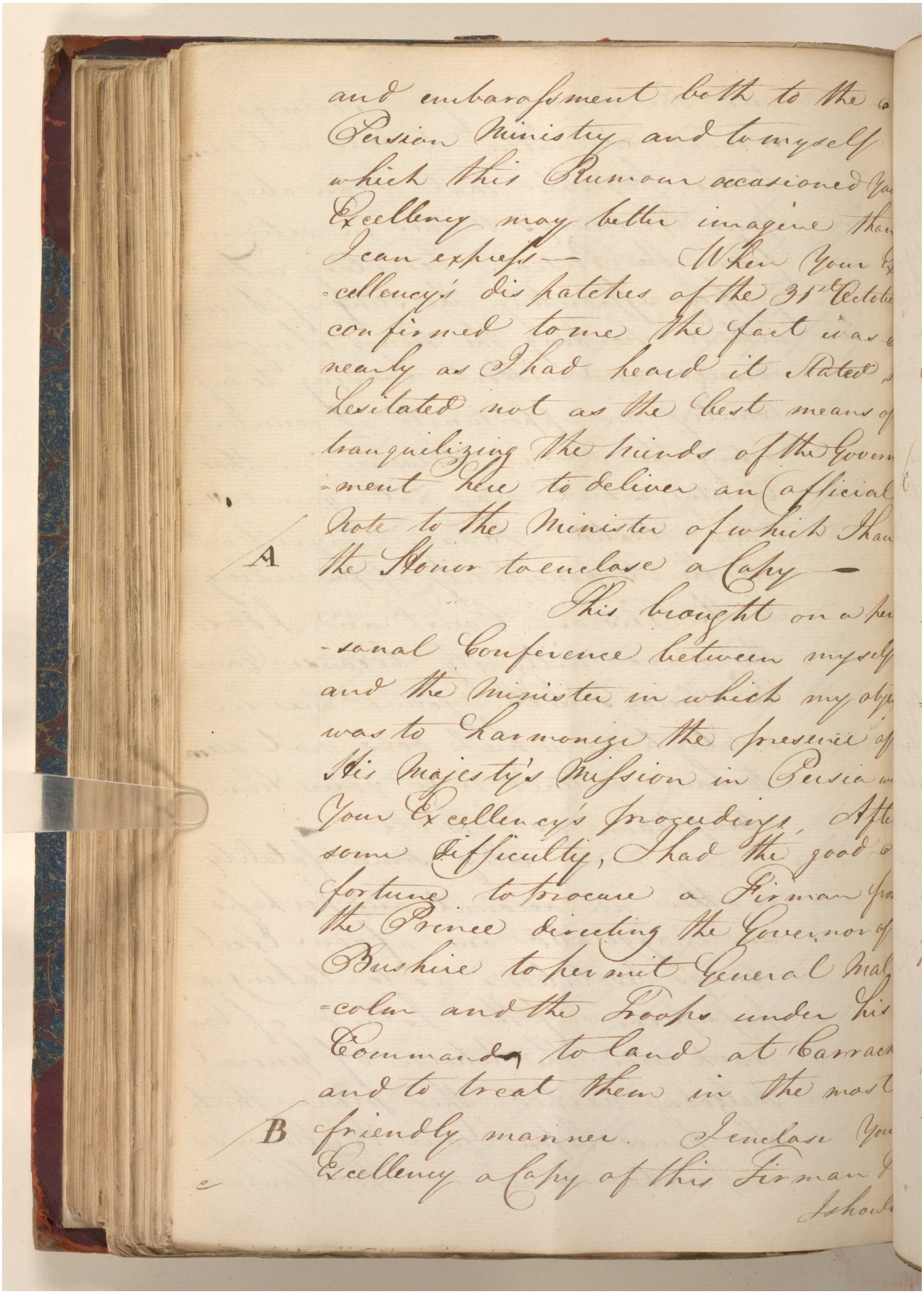
and the dignity of your Sovereign so much committed, it does not seem to me possible that I can obey Your Excellency's Wishes in retiring from the Persian Territory without grossly affronting the King of Persia, without shocking the honor of my Sovereign, and without loosing to my Country an opportunity of counteracting the French Influence in this Country, which may not again occur. Thus situated I charge myself with all the Responsibility of proceeding to the Persian Court and I do so the more willingly because Your Excellency's Letter found me in a situation which does not seem to have entered into your Contemplation as possible —

By some fatality or other an account and perhaps an exaggerated one of your Excellency's Resolutions as to taking possession of the Island of Carrack, and the return of General Malcolm reached this place thirty Six hours before Your Excellency's dispatches to me — The Confusion

and



and embarassment both to the
Persian Ministry and to myself
which this Rumour occasioned
Excellency may better imagine than
I can express — When Your Ex
-cellency's Dispatches of the 31st October
confirmed to me the fact was
nearly as I had heard it stated
hesitated not as the best means of
tranquilizing the minds of the Govern
-ment here to deliver an official
Note to the Minister of which I have
A the Honor to enclose a Copy —

This brought on a per
-sonal Conference between myself
and the Minister in which my object
was to harmonize the presence of
His Majesty's Mission in Persia with
Your Excellency's Proceedings. After
some difficulty, I had the good
fortune to procure a Firman from
the Prince directing the Governor of
Bushire to permit General Mal
-colm and the Troops under his
Command to land at Carrack
and to treat them in the most
B friendly manner. I enclose Your
Excellency a Copy of this Firman I
I should

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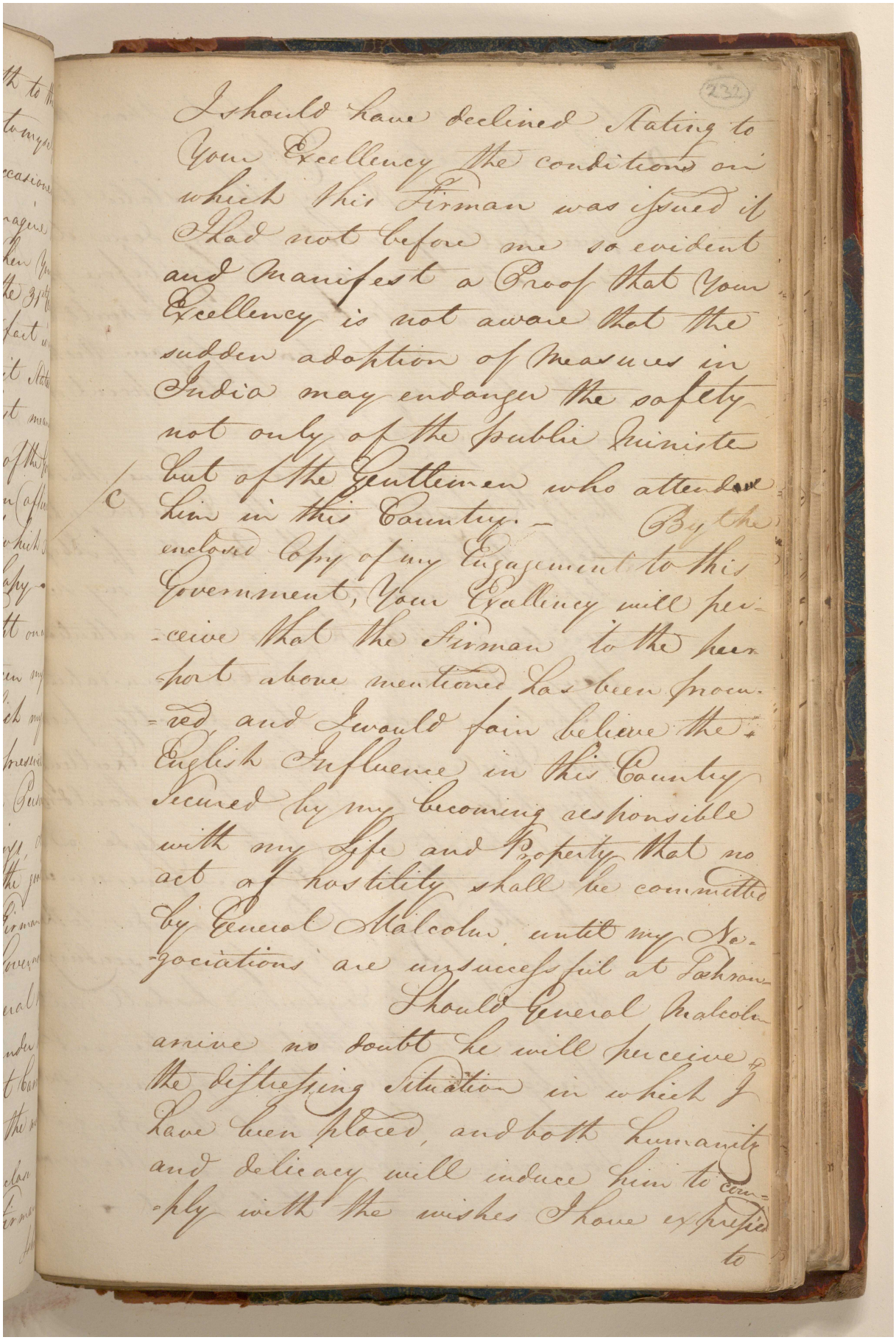

I should have declined stating to
Your Excellency the conditions on
which this Firman was issued if
I had not before me so evident
and manifest a Proof that Your
Excellency is not aware that the
sudden adoption of measures in
India may endanger the safety
not only of the public Minister
but of the Gentlemen who attend
him in this Country. — By the
enclosed Copy of my Engagement to this
Government, Your Excellency will per-
ceive that the Firman to the here
in above mentioned has been procur-
ed and I would fain believe the
English Influence in this Country
secured by my becoming responsible
with my life and Property that no
act of hostility shall be committed
by General Malcolm until my Ne-
gociations are unsuccessful at Lahore
Should General Malcolm
arrive no doubt he will perceive
the distressing situation in which I
have been placed, and both humanity
and delicacy will induce him to com-
ply with the wishes I have expressed
to

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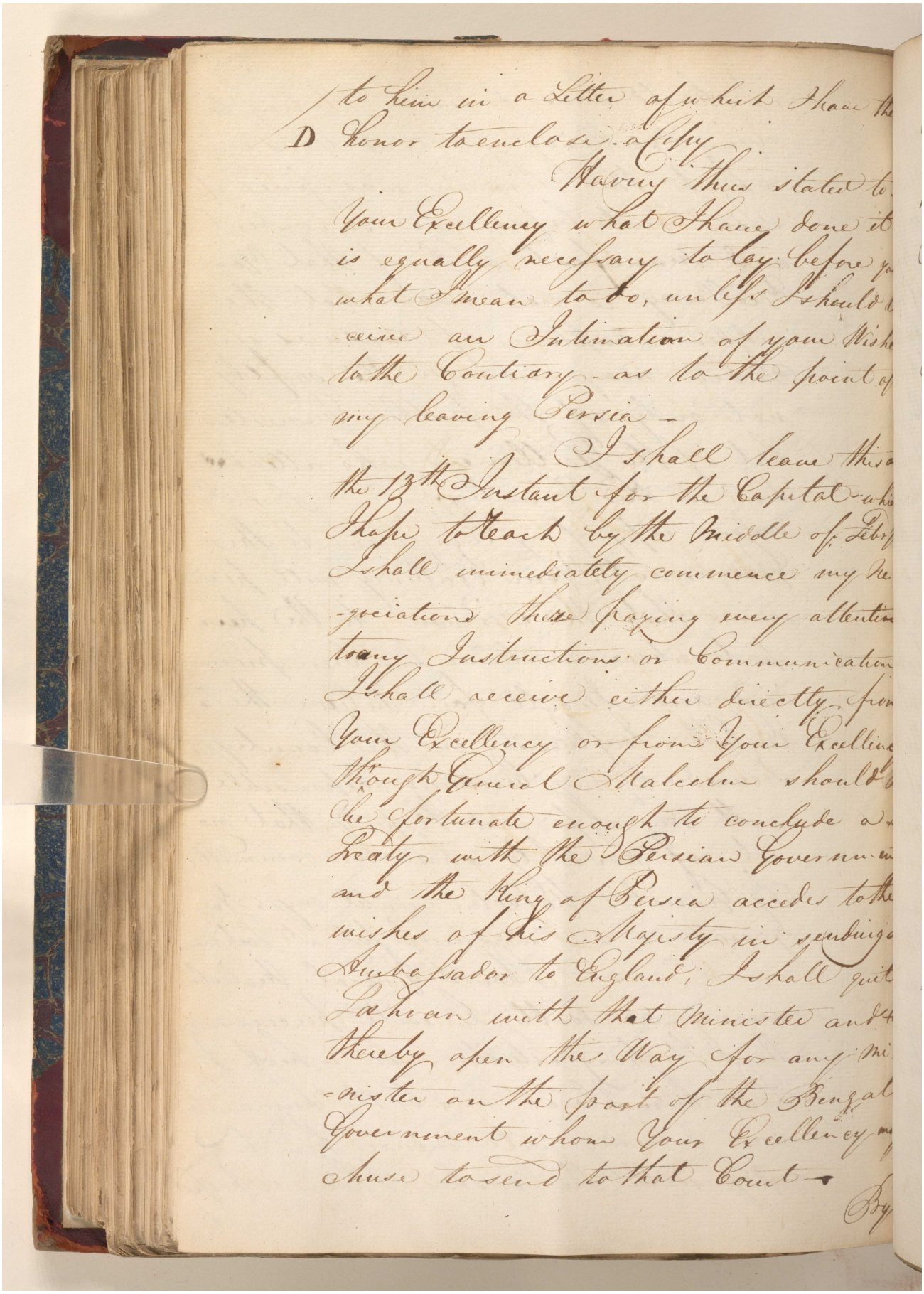

to him in a Letter of which I have the
D honor to enclose a Copy.
Having thus stated to
Your Excellency what I have done it
is equally necessary to lay before yo
what I mean to do, unless I should r
ceive an Intimation of your Wish
to the Contrary - as to the point of
my leaving Persia -
I shall leave this a
the 13th Instant for the Capital - wh
I hope to reach by the Middle of Febr
I shall immediately commence my ne
-gociations there paying every attention
to any Instructions or Communication
I shall receive either directly fro
Your Excellency or from Your Excellen
through Fort William should
be fortunate enough to conclude a
Treaty with the Persian Governm
and the King of Persia accedes to the
wishes of his Majesty in sending a
Ambassador to England, I shall quit
Tahran with that Minister and
thereby open the Way for any Mi
-nister on the part of the Bengal
Government whom Your Excellency m
chuse to send to that Court -
By

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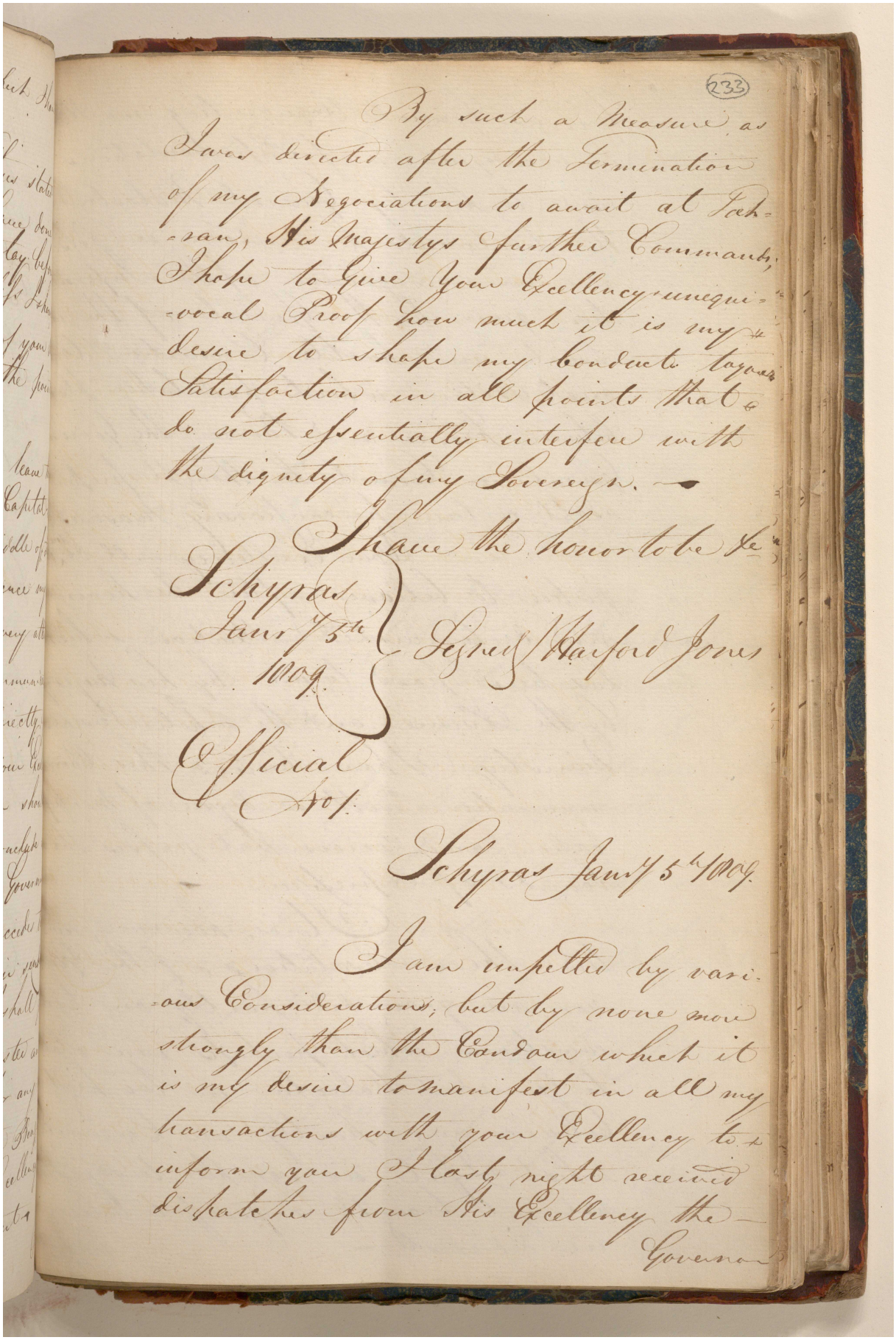

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By such a Measure as
I was directed after the Termination
of my Negociations to await at Teh-
-ran, His Majestys further Commands,
I hope to Give Your Excellency unequi-
-vocal Proof how much it is my
desire to shape my Conduct to your
Satisfaction in all points that
do not essentially interfere with
the dignity of my Sovereign. —

I have the honor to be &c

Signed Harford Jones

Schyras
Janr 7th
1809.

Official
No 1.

Schyras Janr 7th 1809.

I am impelled by vari-
-ous Considerations, but by none more
strongly than the Candour which it
is my desire to manifest in all my
transactions with your Excellency to
inform you I last night received
dispatches from His Excellency the
Governor

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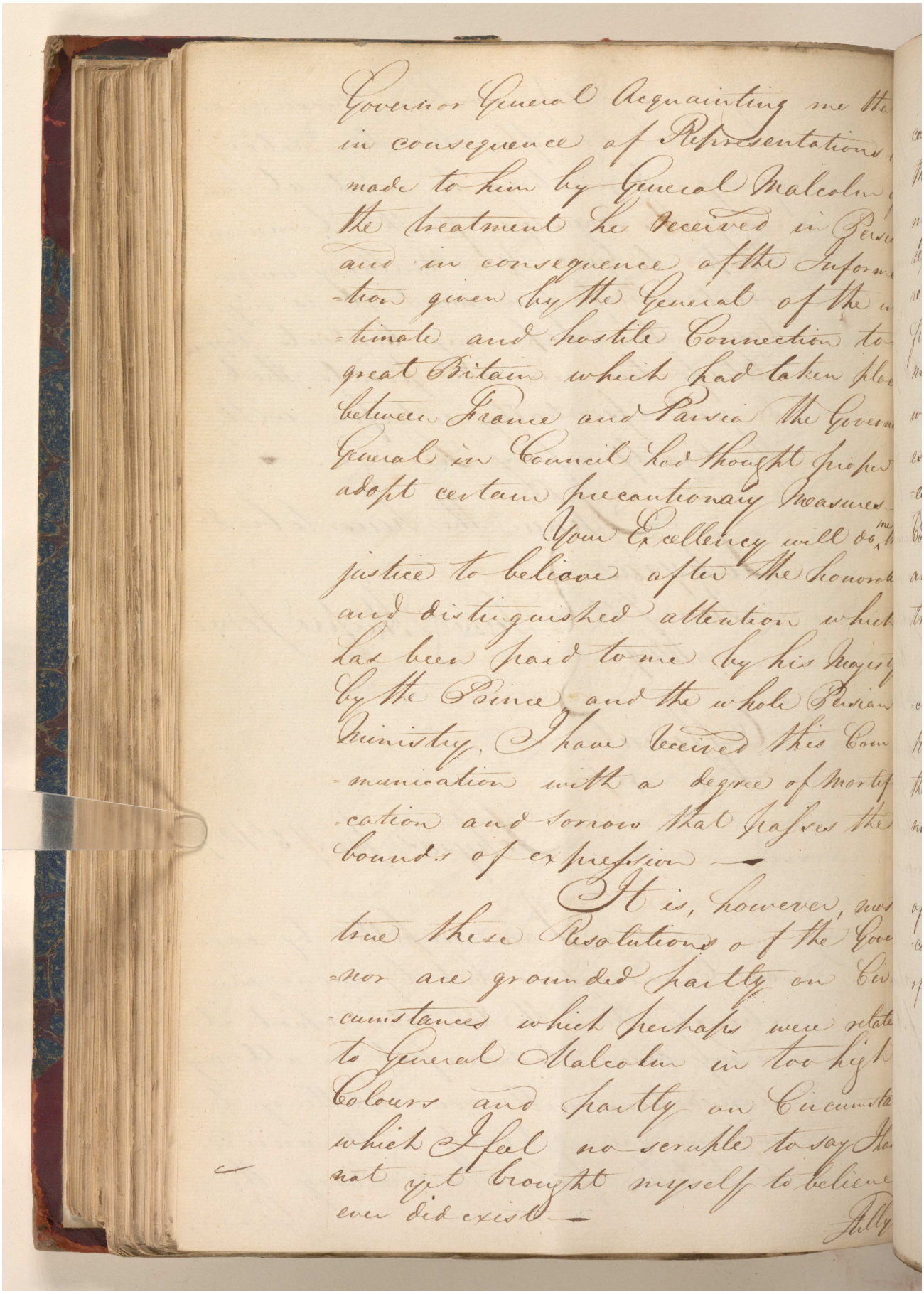
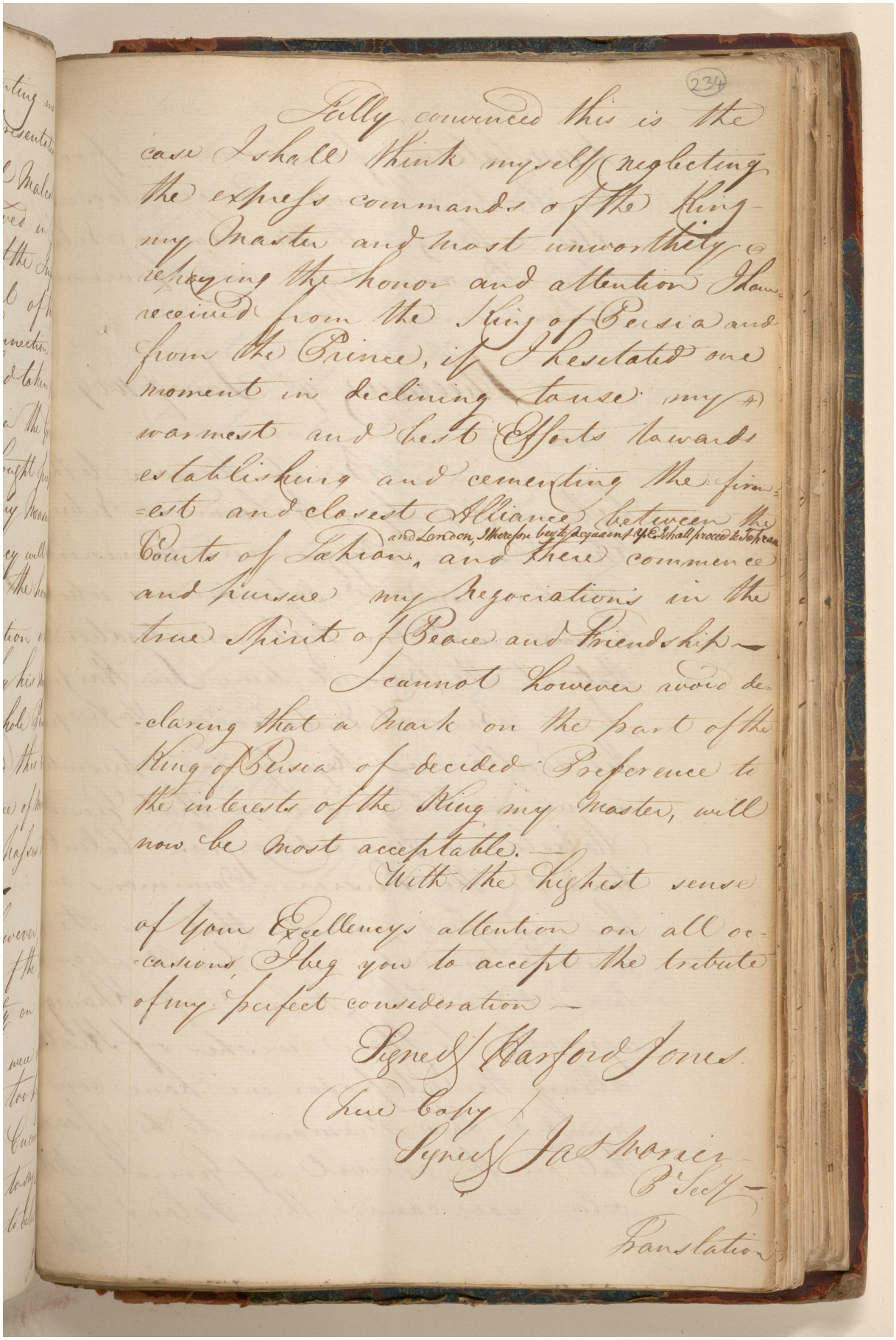


Governor General acquainting me that
in consequence of Representations
made to him by General Malcolm
the treatment he received in Persia
and in consequence of the Informa-
tion given by the General of the ul-
timate and hostile Connection to
great Britain which had taken place
between France and Persia the Gover-
General in Council had thought proper
adopt certain precautionary measures

Your Excellency will do me
justice to believe after the honorable
and distinguished attention which
has been paid to me by his Majesty
by the Prince, and the whole Persian
Ministry, I have received this Com-
-munication with a degree of Morti-
-cation and sorrow that passes the
bounds of expression —

It is, however, most
true these Resolutions of the Gover-
-nor are grounded partly on Cir-
-cumstances which perhaps were relate
to General Malcolm in too high
Colours and partly on Circumsta
which I feel no scruple to say I
not yet brought myself to believe
ever did exist —

Fully



Fully convinced this is the case I shall think myself neglecting the express commands of the King my Master and most unworthily repaying the honor and attention I have received from the King of Persia and from the Prince, if I hesitated one moment in declining to use my warmest and best Efforts towards establishing and cementing the firmest and closest Alliance between the Courts of Tehran and London, I therefore beg to acquaint Y.E. I shall proceed to Tehran and there commence and pursue my Negociations in the true Spirit of Peace and Friendship —

I cannot however avoid declaring that a mark on the part of the King of Persia of decided Preference to the interests of the King my Master, will now be most acceptable. —

With the highest sense of Your Excellency's attention on all occasions, I beg you to accept the tribute of my perfect consideration —

Signed Harford Jones

(True Copy)

Signed Jas Morier
P. Secy —

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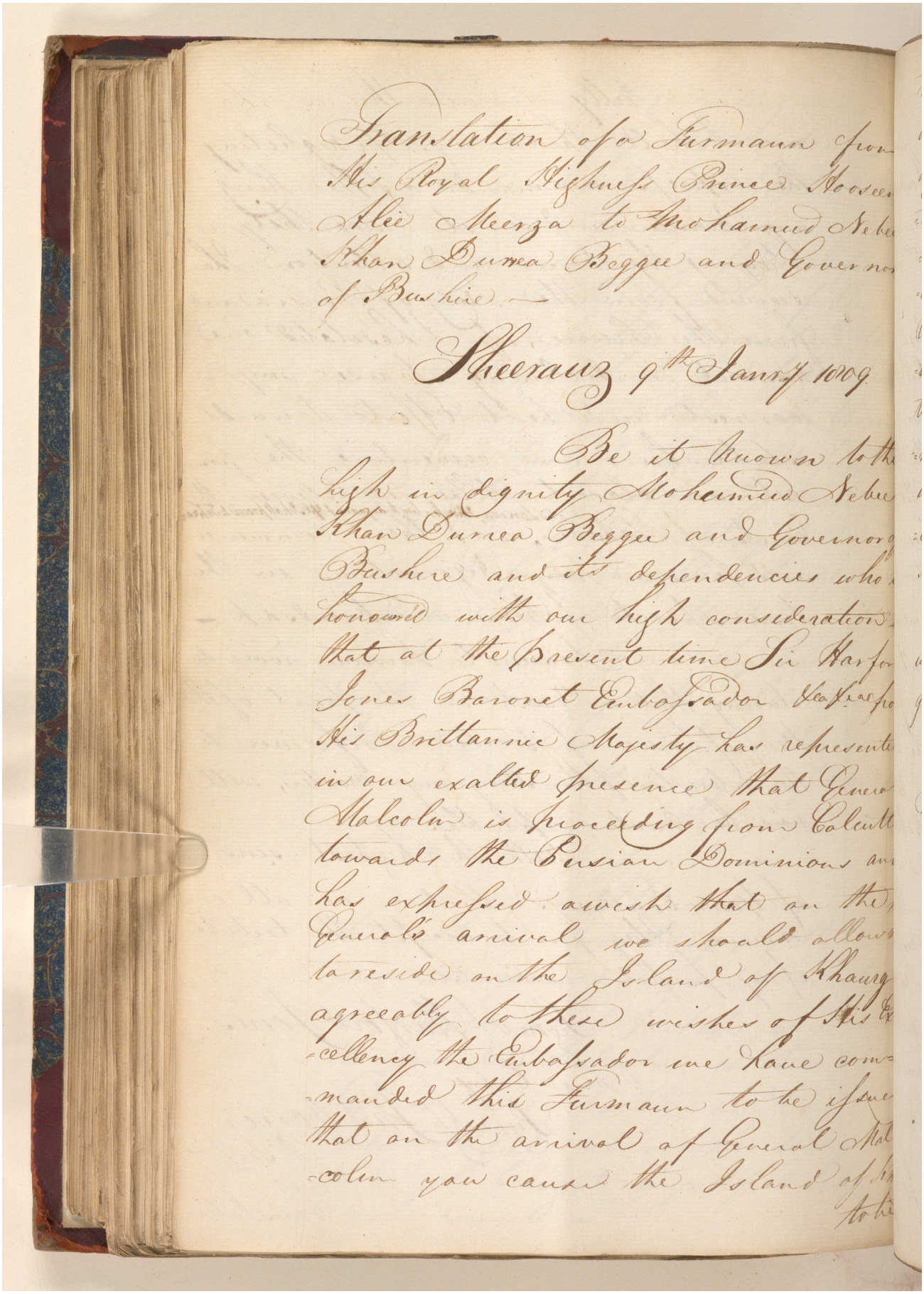
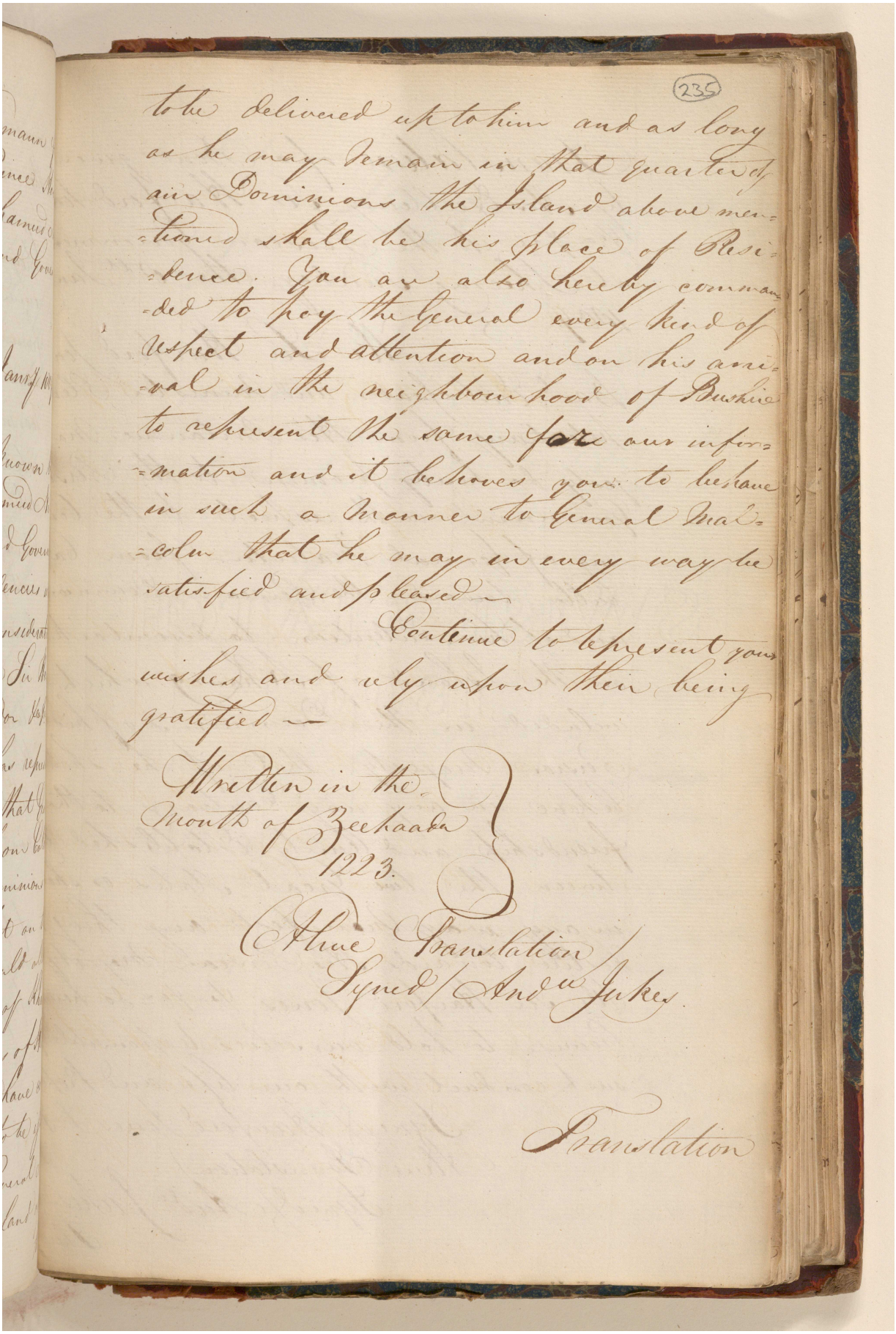


Translation of a Furmaun from His Royal Highness Prince Hooseen Alee Meerza to Mohamed Nebee Khan Durrea Beggee and Governor of Bushire —

Sheerauz 9th Janry 1809

Be it known to the high in dignity Mohamed Nebee Khan Durrea Beggee and Governor of Bushire and its dependencies who is honoured with our high consideration that at the present time Sir Harford Jones Baronet Embassador &c &c &c from His Brittannic Majesty has represented in our exalted presence that General Malcolm is proceeding from Calcutta towards the Persian Dominions and has expressed a wish that on the General's arrival we should allow to reside on the Island of Khaurg agreeably to these wishes of His Excellency the Embassador we have commanded this Furmaun to be issued that on the arrival of General Malcolm you cause the Island of Kh[illegible] to be



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to be delivered up to him and as long as he may remain in that quarter of our Dominions the Island above mentioned shall be his place of Residence. You are also hereby commanded to pay the General every kind of respect and attention and on his arrival in the neighbourhood of Bushire to represent the same for our information and it behoves you to behave in such a manner to General Malcolm that he may in every way be satisfied and pleased —

Continue to represent your wishes and rely upon their being gratified —

Written in the
Month of Zeehaaba
1223.

A true Translation
Signed/ Andw Jukes.

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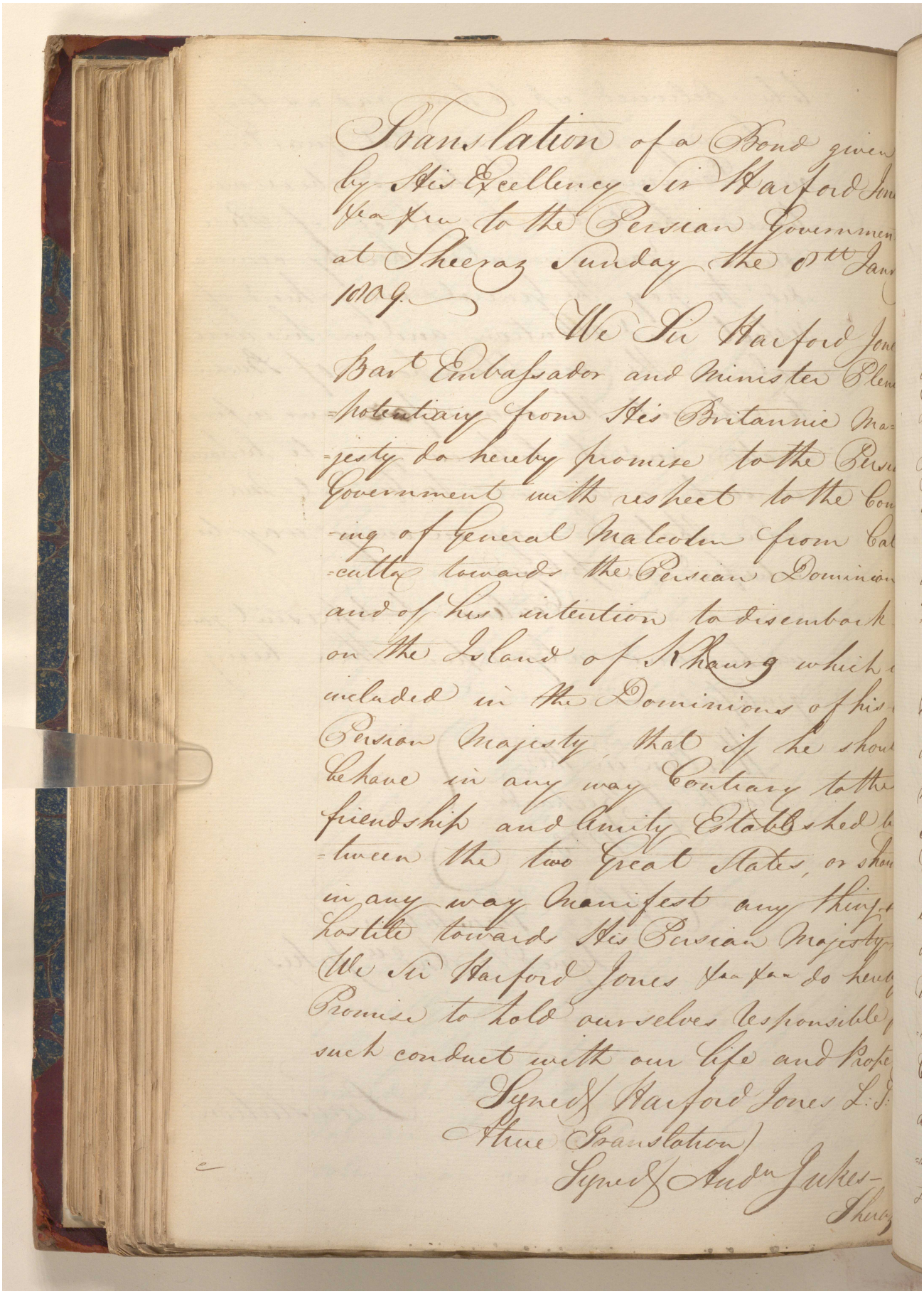

Translation of a Bond given by His Excellency Sir Harford Jones &c &c to the Persian Government at Sheeraz Sunday the 8th Jan 1809.

We Sir Harford Jones Bart Embassador and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Britannic Majesty do hereby promise to the Persian Government with respect to the Coming of General Malcolm from Calcutta towards the Persian Dominions and of his intention to disembark on the Island of Kharg which is included in the Dominions of his Persian Majesty that if he should behave in any way Contrary to the friendship and Amity Established between the two Great States, or shall in any way manifest any thing hostile towards His Persian Majesty We Sir Harford Jones &c &c do hereby Promise to hold ourselves responsible for such conduct with our life and Prope

Signed Harford Jones L.S.

A true Translation

Signed Andw Jukes

Sheraz

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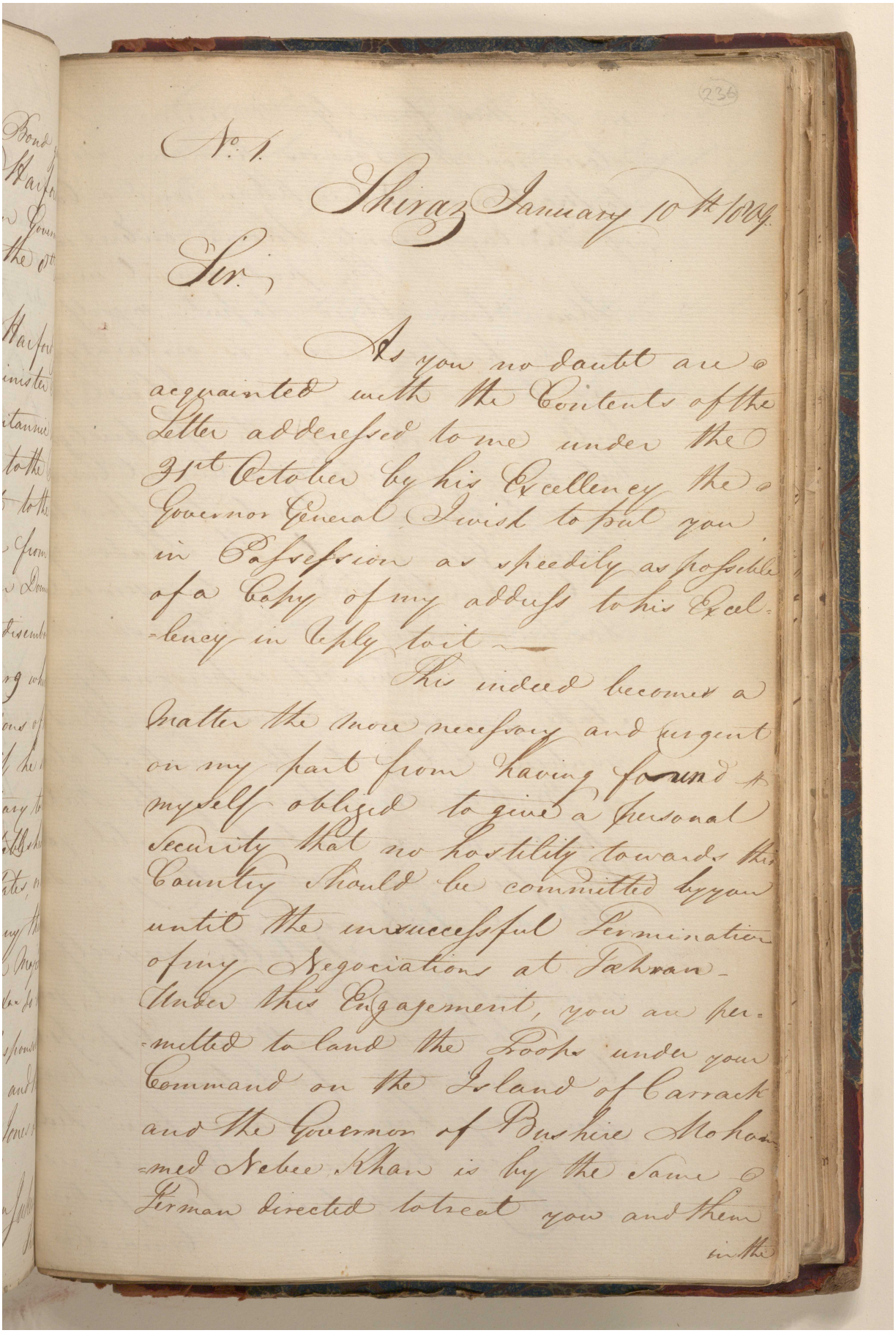

No. 1.

Shiraz January 10th 1809.

Sir,

As you no doubt are acquainted with the Contents of the Letter addressed to me under the 31st October by his Excellency the Governor General I wish to put you in Possession as speedily as possible of a Copy of my address to his Excellency in reply to it —

This indeed becomes a matter the more necessary and urgent on my part from having found myself obliged to give a personal security that no hostility towards this Country should be committed by you until the unsuccessful Termination of my Negociations at Jahrum.

Under this Engagement, you are permitted to land the Troops under your Command on the Island of Carrack and the Governor of Bushire Mohammed Nebee Khan is by the same Firman directed to treat you and them in the

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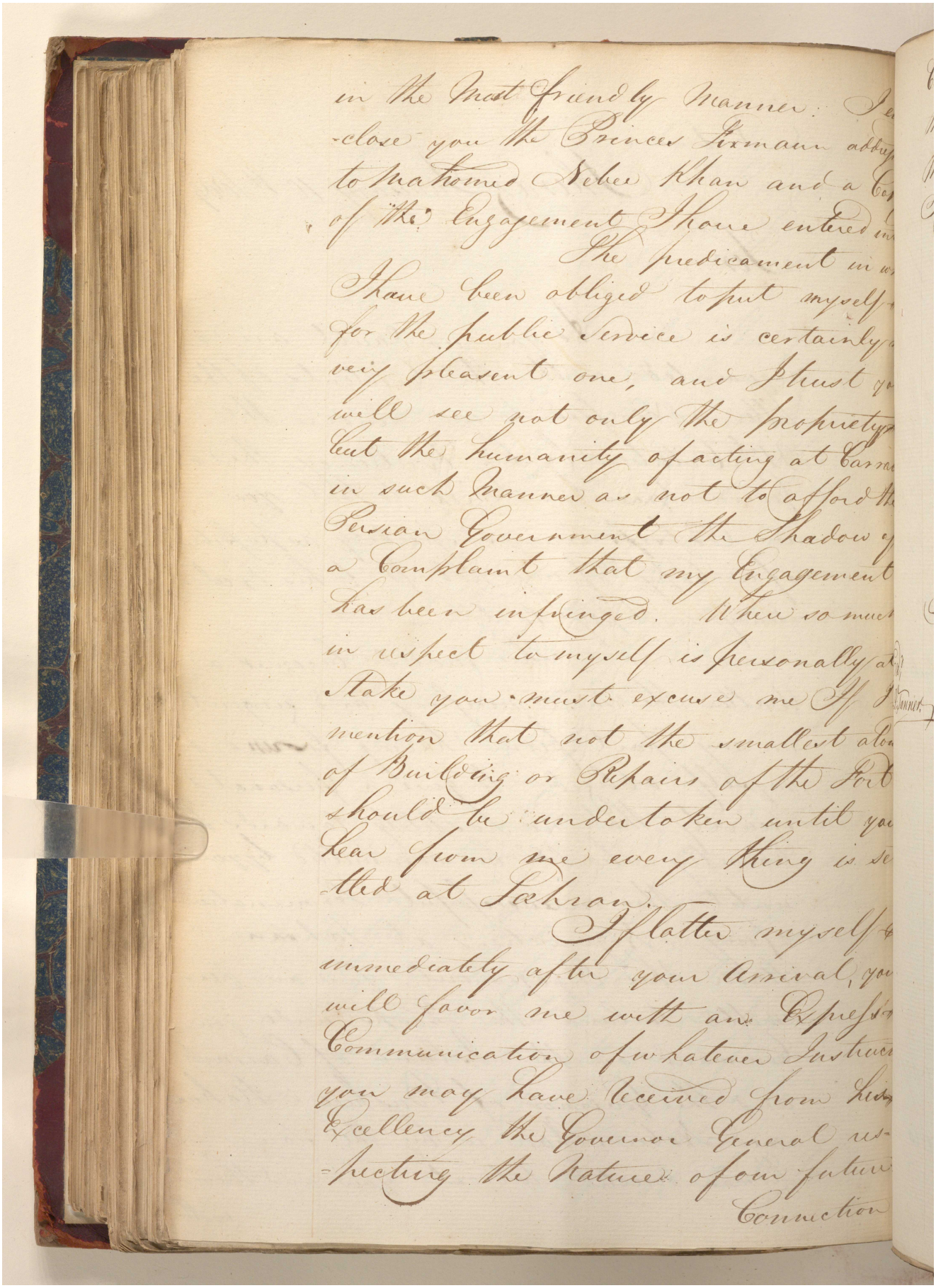

in the most friendly manner. I
close you the Princes Firmaun addr
to Mahomed Nebee Khan and a co
of the Engagement I have entered
The predicament in w
I have been obliged to put myself
for the public service is certainly
very pleasent one, and I trust yo
will see not only the propriety
but the humanity of acting at Carma
in such manner as not to afford th
Persian Government the shadow
a Complaint that my Engagement
has been infringed. When so muc
in respect to myself is personally a
Stake you must excuse me If I
mention that not the smallest alte
of Building or Repairs of the Fort
should be undertaken until you
hear from me every thing is se
tled at Tehran.
I flatter myself
immediately after your Arrival, you
will favor me with an Express
Communication of whatever Instruc
you may have received from his
Excellency the Governor General re-
specting the Nature of our future
Connection

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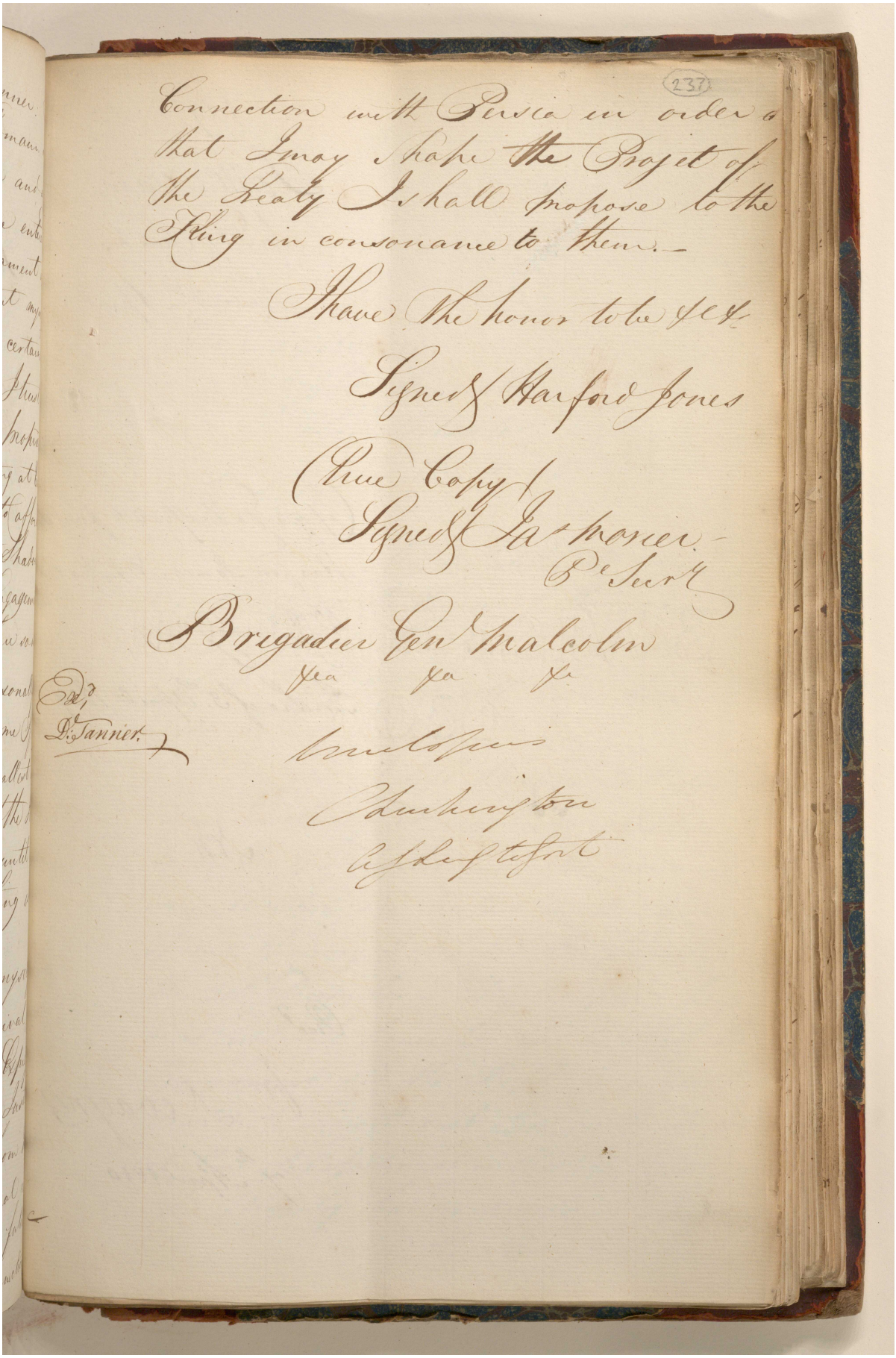

Connection with Persia in order that I may shape the Project of the Treaty I shall propose to the King in consonance to them.—

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed Harford Jones

True Copy

Signed Jas Morier
Pe Secry

Brigadier Genl Malcolm
&ca &ca &c

Exd
D. Tanner

Wm Copeis
Cheshington
A Sheriff to Fort

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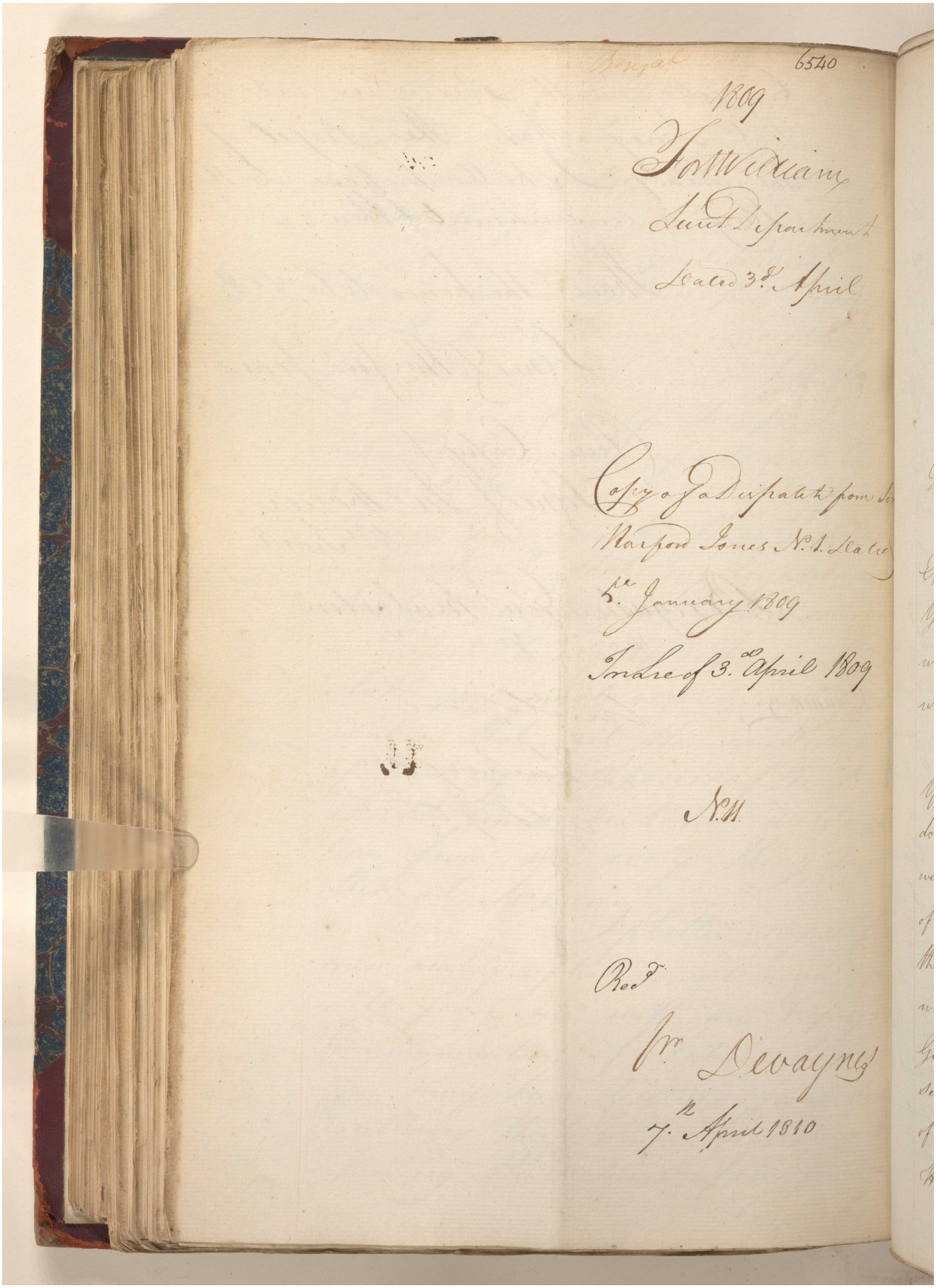

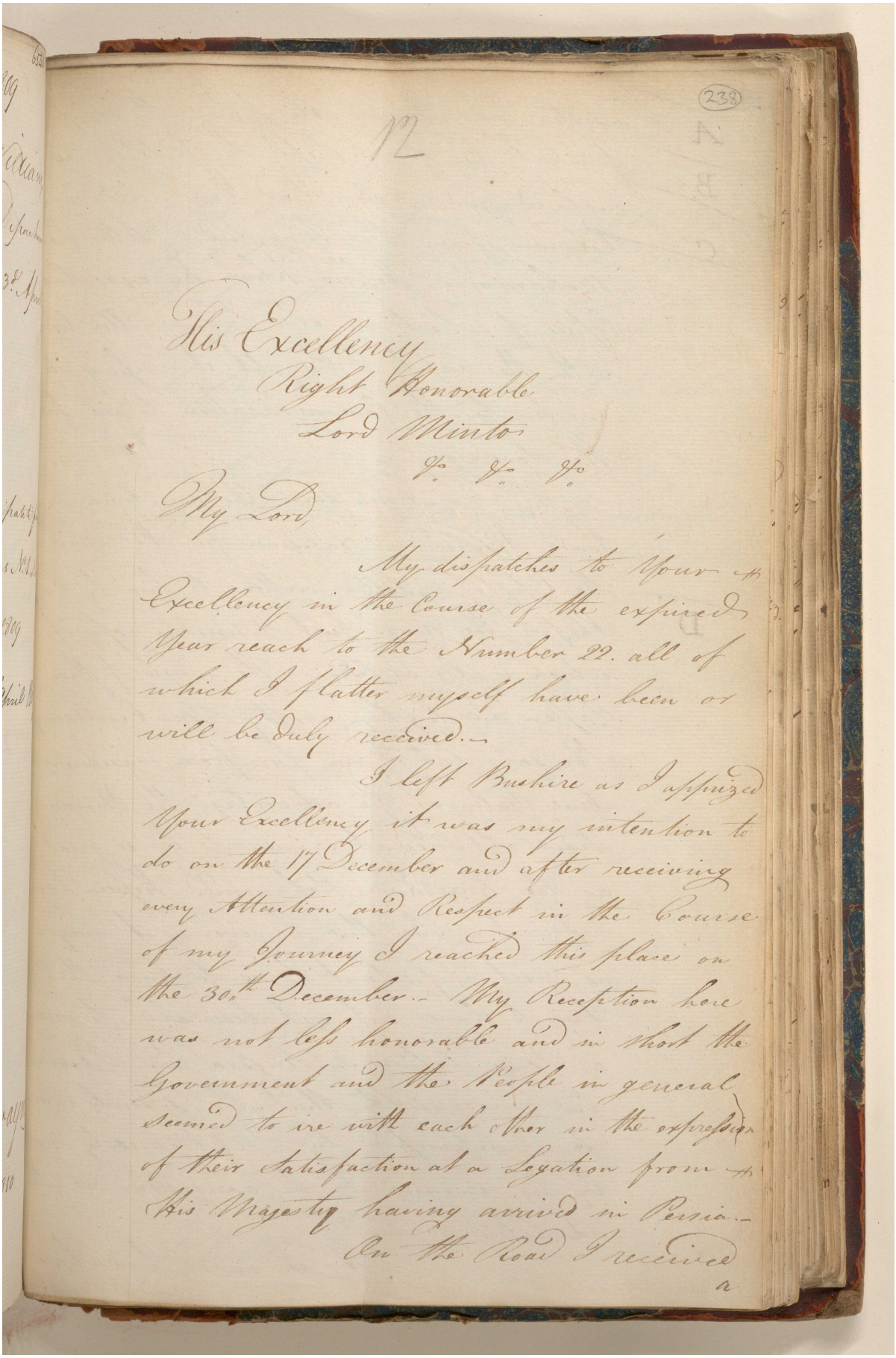

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His Excellency
Right Honorable
Lord Minto
&c &c &c

My Lord,

My dispatches to Your Excellency in the Course of the expired Year reach to the Number 22. all of which I flatter myself have been or will be duly received.—

I left Bushire as I apprized Your Excellency it was my intention to do on the 17 December and after receiving every Attention and Respect in the Course of my Journey I reached this place on the 30th December.— My Reception here was not less honorable and in short the Government and the People in general seemed to vie with each other in the expression of their Satisfaction at a Legation from His Majesty having arrived in Persia.—

On the Road I received a

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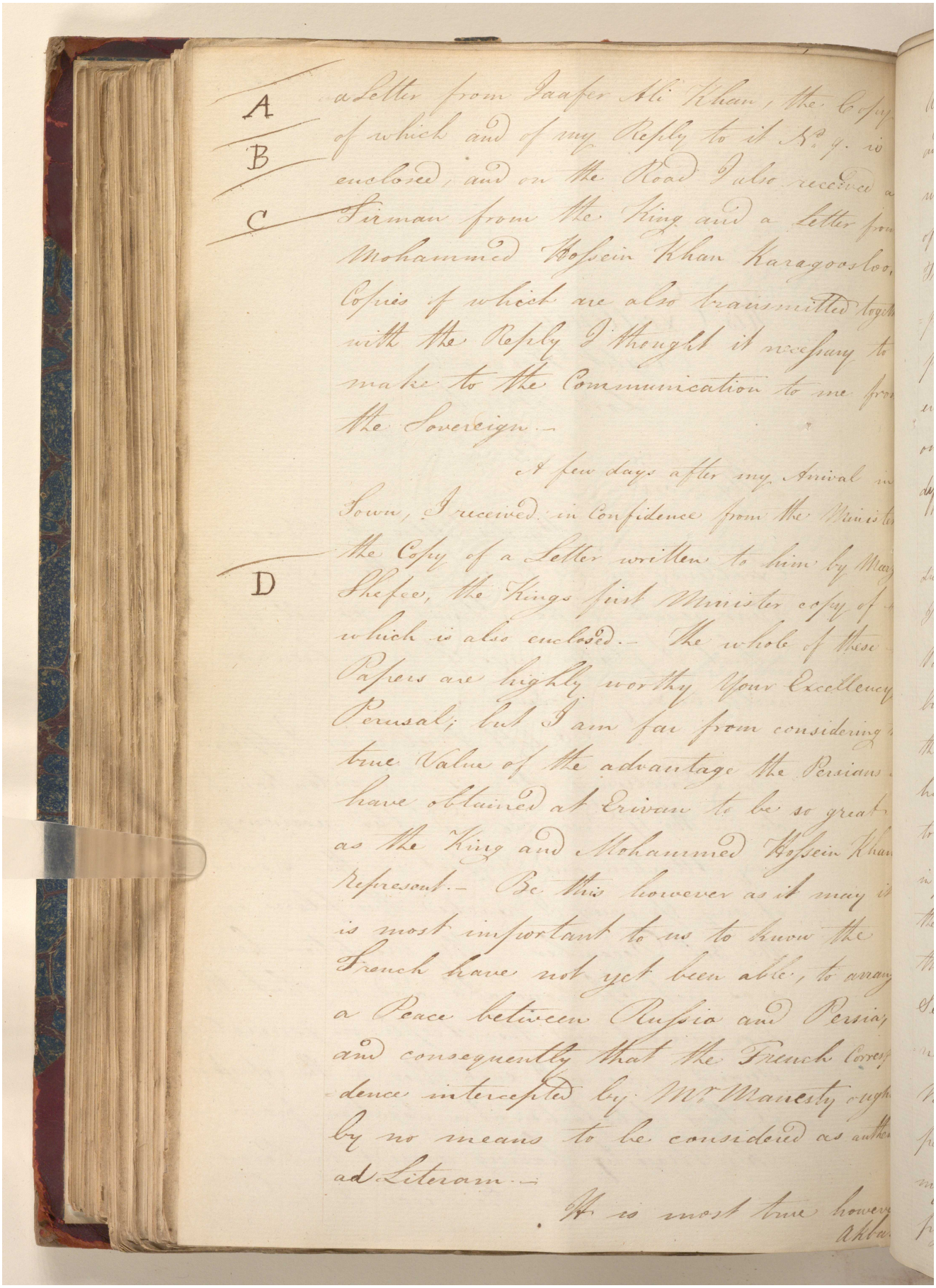
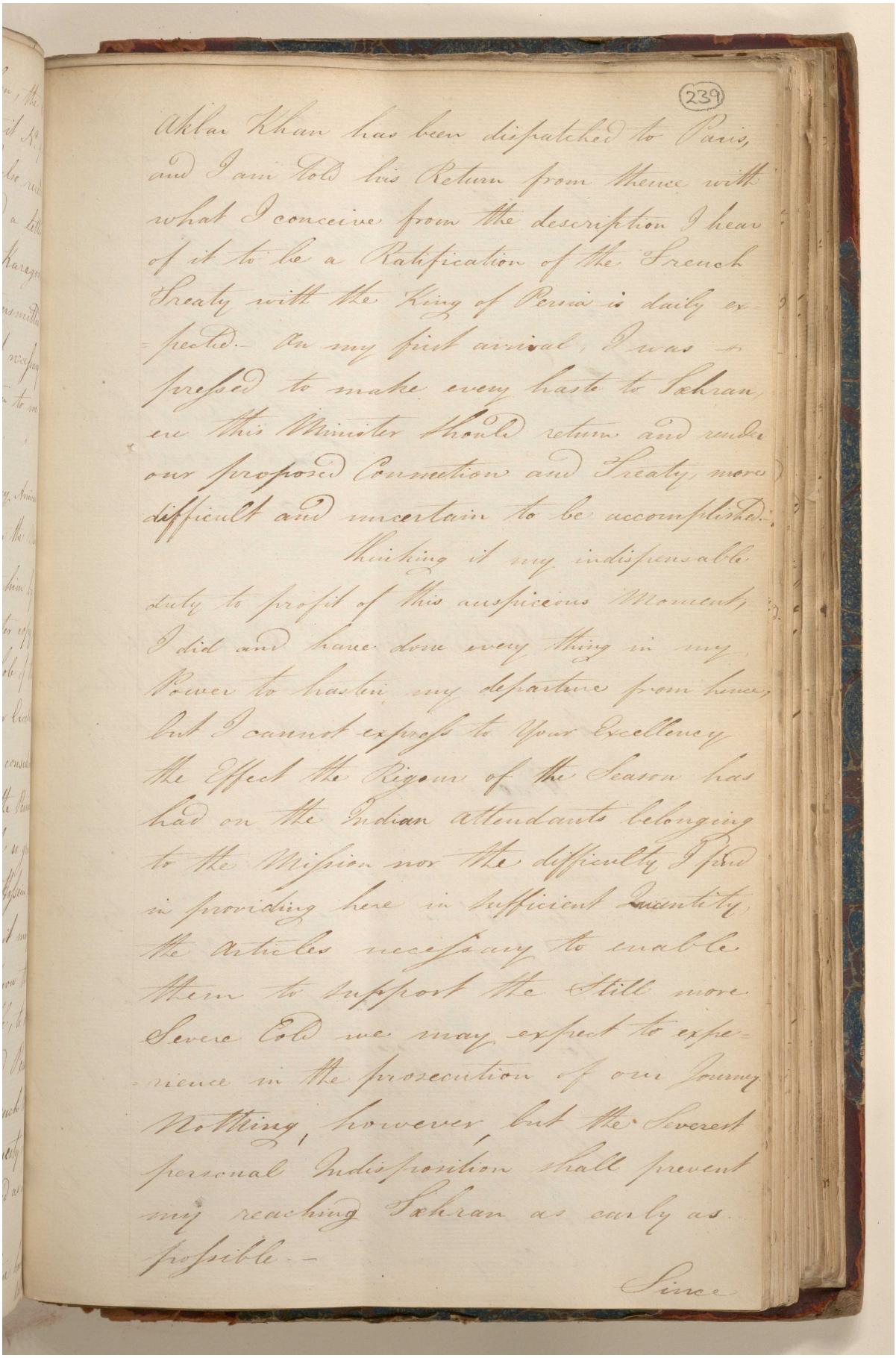


A a Letter from Jaafer Ali Khan, the Copy
B of which and of my Reply to it Nos. 9. 10
enclosed, and on the Road I also received a
C Firman from the King and a Letter from
Mohammed Hoseein Khan Karagoosloo,
Copies of which are also transmitted herewith
with the Reply I thought it necessary to
make to the Communication to me from
the Sovereign.—

A few days after my Arrival in
Town, I received in Confidence from the Minister
D the Copy of a Letter written to him by Mirza
Shefee, the Kings first Minister copy of
which is also enclosed.— The whole of these
Papers are highly worthy Your Excellency's
Perusal; but I am far from considering the
true Value of the advantage the Persians
have obtained at Erivan to be so great
as the King and Mohammed Hoseein Khan
represent.— Be this however as it may it
is most important to us to know the
French have not yet been able, to arrange
a Peace between Russia and Persia,
and consequently that the French Corres-
dence intercepted by His Majesty ought
by no means to be considered as authen-
ad Literam.—

It is most true however
Akbar



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Akbar Khan has been dispatched to Paris, and I am told his Return from thence with what I conceive from the description I hear of it to be a Ratification of the French Treaty with the King of Persia is daily expected. On my first arrival, I was pressed to make every haste to Tehran, ere this Minister should return and render our proposed Connection and Treaty, more difficult and uncertain to be accomplished.

Thinking it my indispensable duty to profit of this auspicious Moment, I did and have done every thing in my Power to hasten my departure from hence, but I cannot expose to Your Excellency the Effect the Rigour of the Season has had on the Indian attendants belonging to the Mission nor the difficulty I find in providing here in sufficient Quantity the Articles necessary to enable them to support the still more Severe Cold we may expect to experience in the prosecution of our Journey. Nothing, however, but the Severest personal Indisposition shall prevent my reaching Tehran as early as possible.

Since

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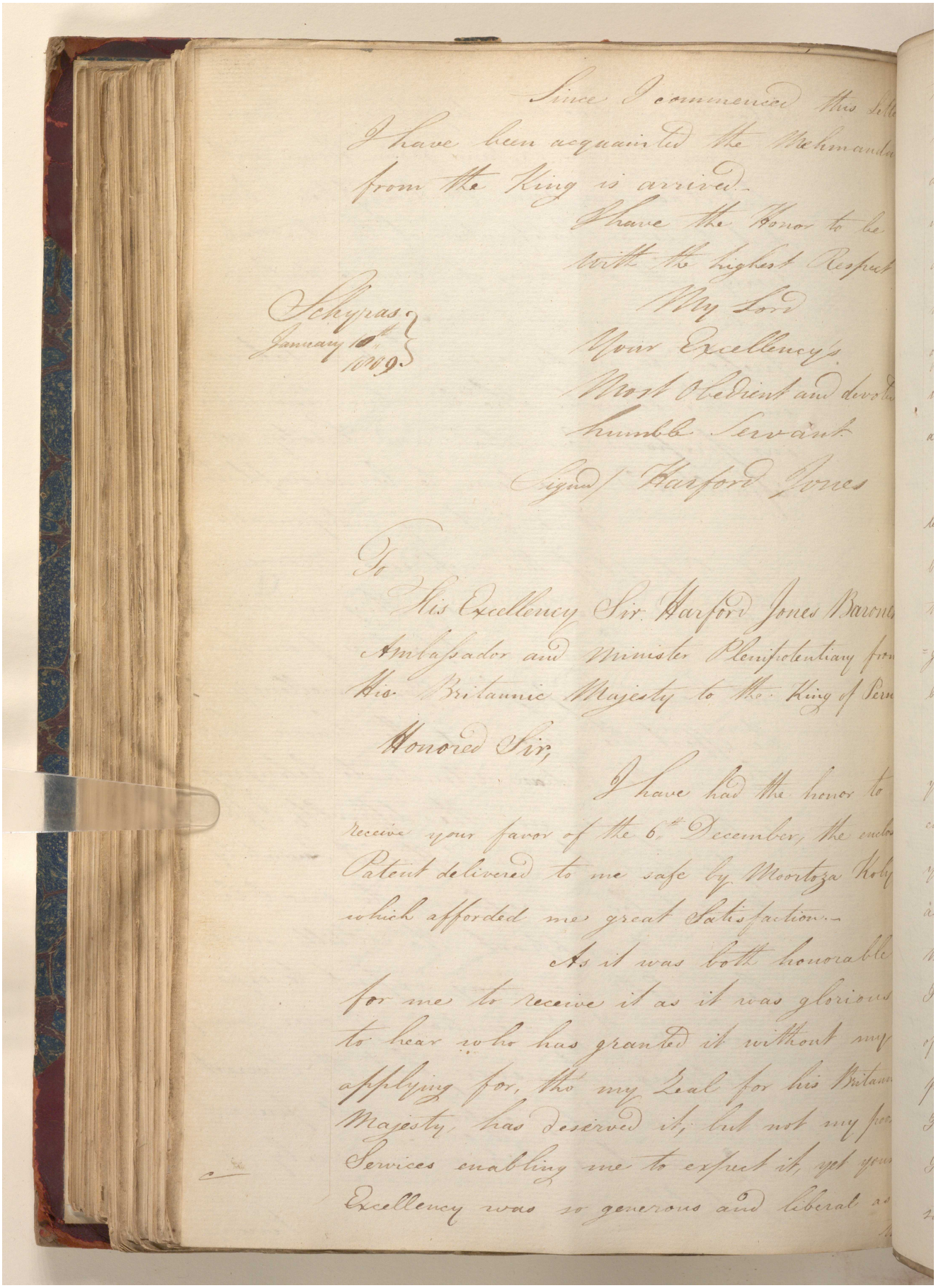


Since I commenced this Lett
I have been acquainted the Mehmanda
from the King is arrived.

I have the Honor to be
with the highest Respect
My Lord
Your Excellency's
Most Obedient and devot
humble Servant
Signed/ Harford Jones

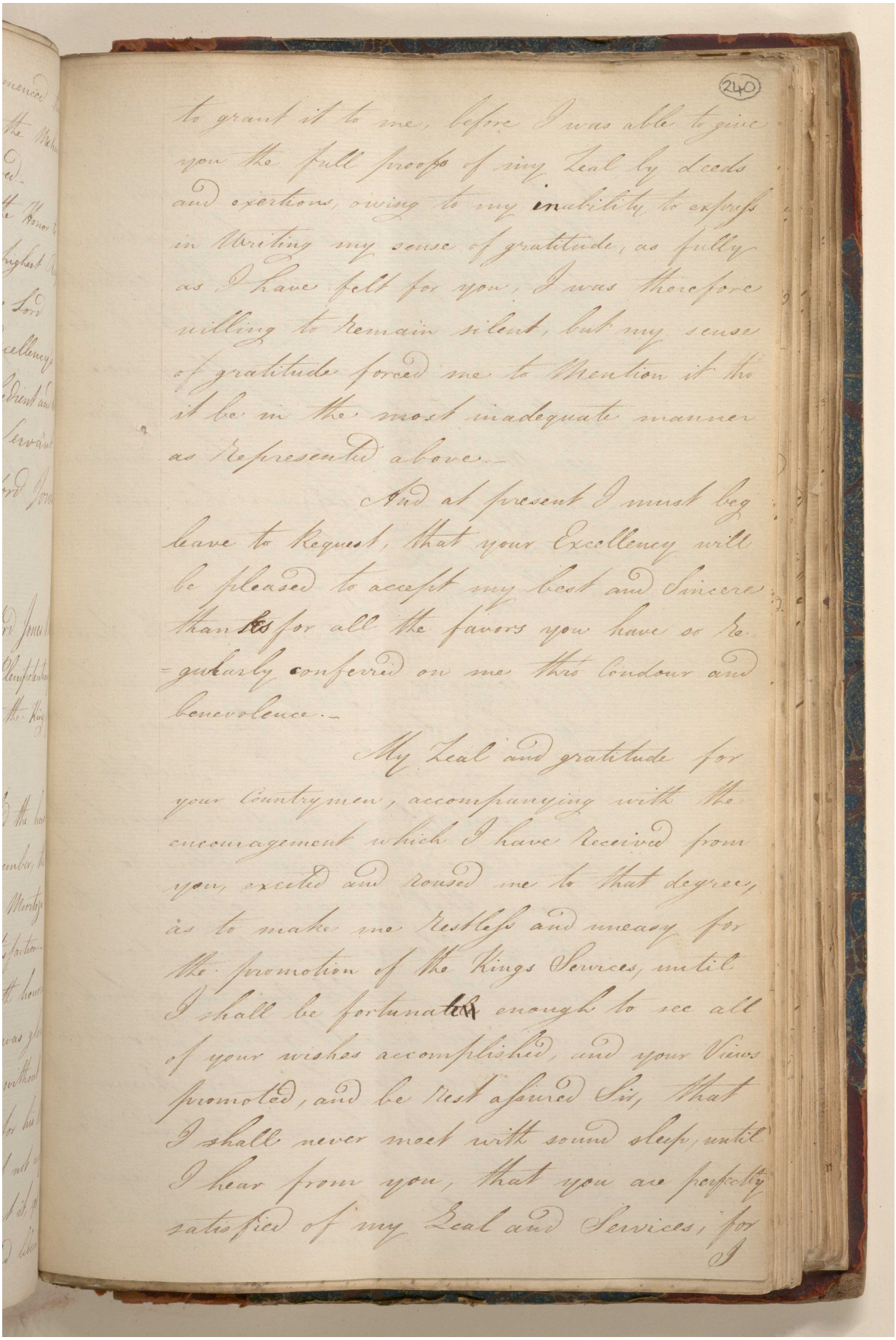
Schypas
January 16th
1809

To
His Excellency Sir Harford Jones Baronet
Ambassador and Minister Plenipotentiary from
His Britannic Majesty to the King of Persia

Honored Sir,

I have had the honor to
receive your favor of the 6th December, the enclo
Patent delivered to me safe by Moortoza Koly
which afforded me great Satisfaction.

As it was both honorable
for me to receive it as it was glorious
to hear who has granted it without my
applying for, tho my Zeal for his Britan
Majesty, has deserved it, but not my pas
Services enabling me to expect it, yet your
Excellency was so generous and liberal as



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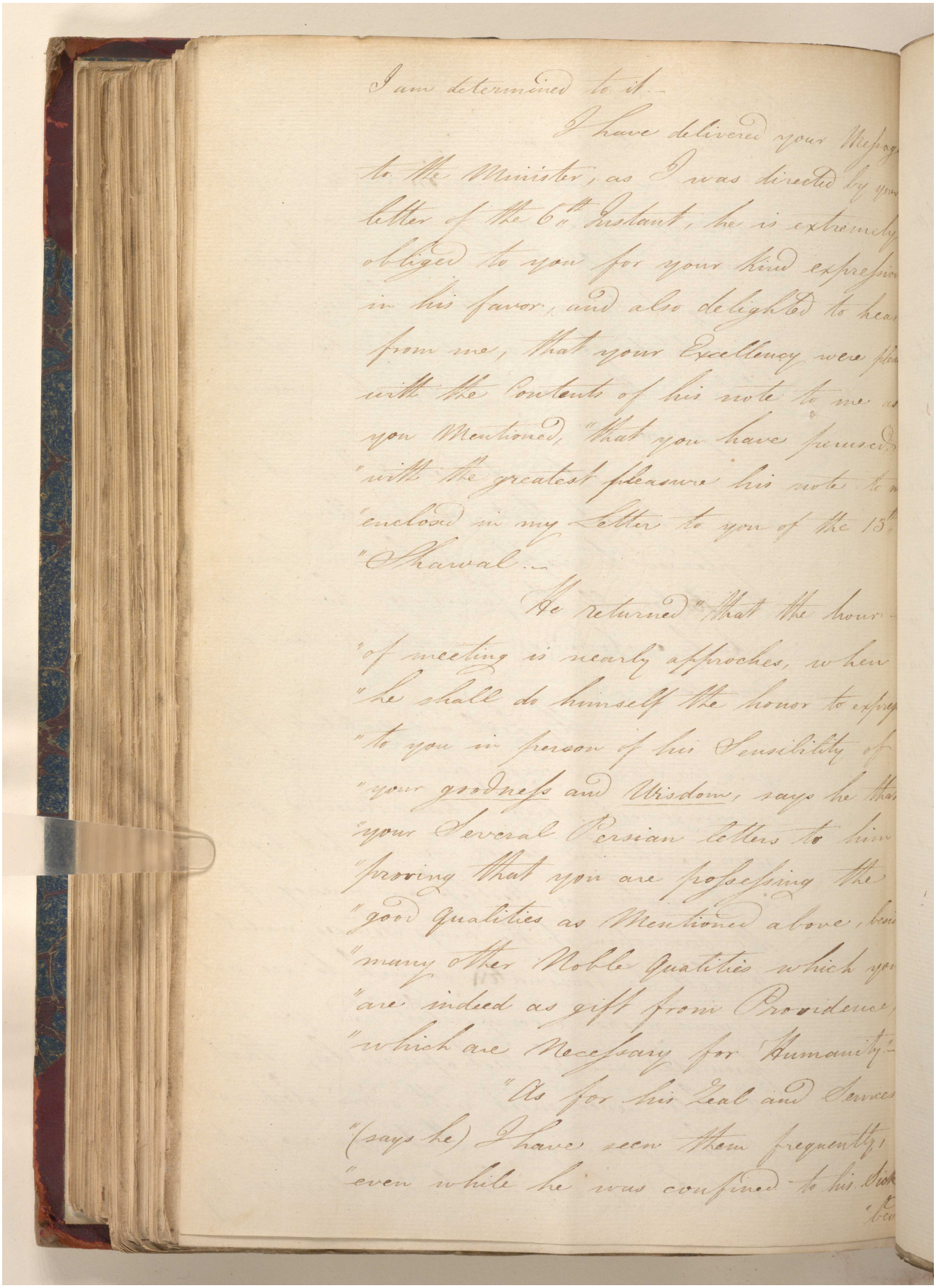
to grant it to me, before I was able to give you the full proofs of my Zeal by deeds and exertions, owing to my inability to express in Writing my sense of gratitude, as fully as I have felt for you; I was therefore willing to remain silent, but my sense of gratitude forced me to Mention it tho it be in the most inadequate manner as Represented above.—

And at present I must beg leave to Request, that your Excellency will be pleased to accept my best and Sincere thanks for all the favors you have so Regularly conferred on me thro Condour and benevolence.—

My Zeal and gratitude for your Countrymen, accompanying with the encouragement which I have Received from you, excited and roused me to that degree, as to make me Restless and uneasy for the promotion of the Kings Services, until I shall be fortunate enough to see all of your wishes accomplished, and your Views promoted, and be rest assured Sir, that I shall never meet with sound sleep, until I hear from you, that you are perfectly satisfied of my Zeal and Services, for I



I am determined to it.—

I have delivered your Message to the Minister, as I was directed by your letter of the 6th Instant, he is extremely obliged to you for your kind expression in his favor, and also delighted to hear from me, that your Excellency were pleased with the Contents of his note to me as you Mentioned, "that you have perused "with the greatest pleasure his note to me "enclosed in my Letter to you of the 13th "Shawal.—

He returned "That the hour "of meeting is nearly approaches, when "he shall do himself the honor to express "to you in person of his Sensibility of "your goodness and Wisdom, says he that "your Several Persian Letters to him "proving that you are possessing the "good Qualities as Mentioned above, beside "many other Noble Qualities which you "are indeed as gift from Providence, "which are Necessary for Humanity.—

"As for his Zeal and Services "(says he) I have seen them frequently, "even while he was confined to his Bed

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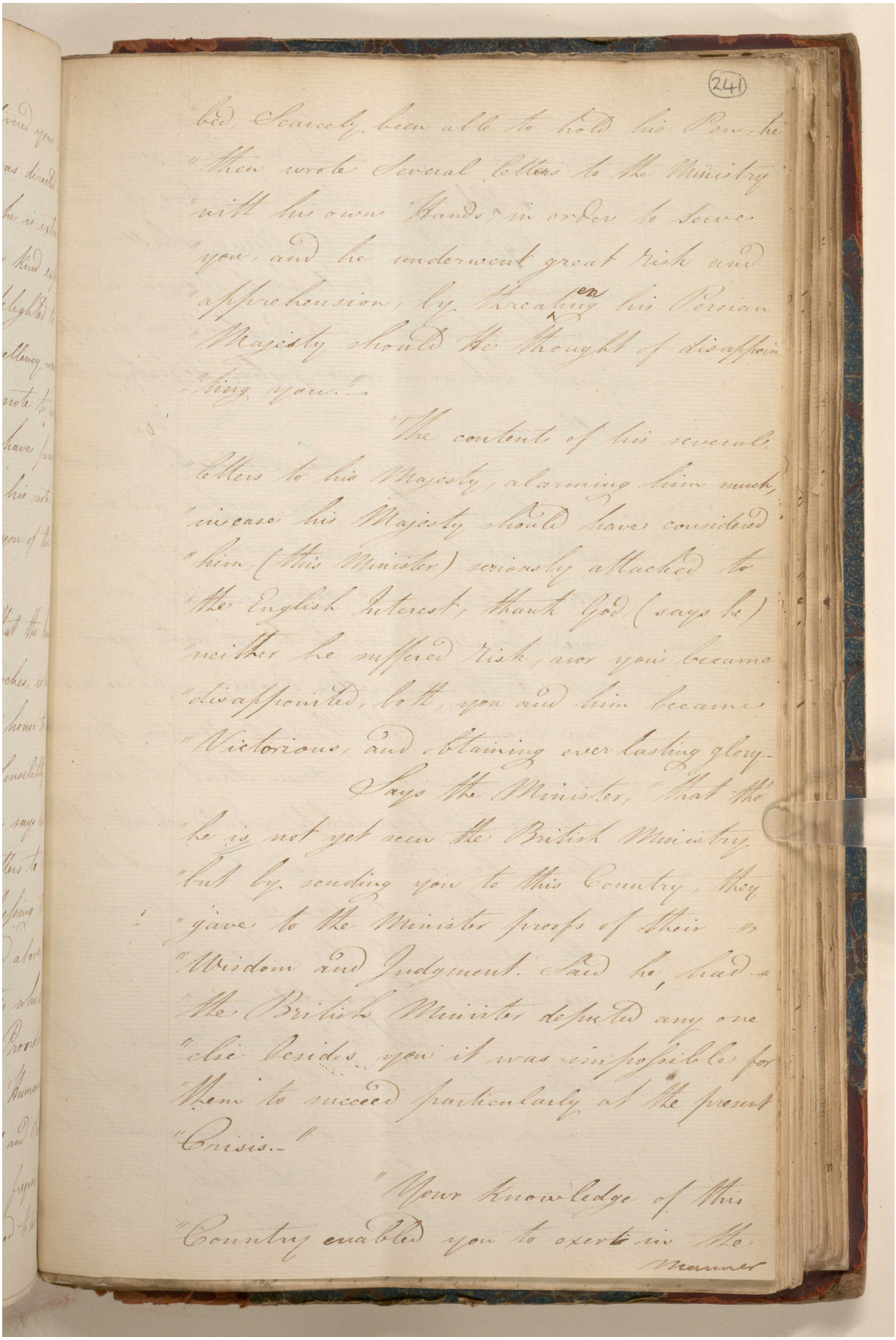

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"bed, Scarcely been able to hold his Pen, he
"then wrote Several Letters to the Ministry
"with his own Hands, in order to Serve
"you, and he underwent great Risk and
"apprehension, by threatning her Persian
"Majesty should be thought of disappoin-
"ting you.—

"The contents of his several
"Letters to his Majesty, alarming him much,
"in case his Majesty should have considered
"him (this Minister) seriously attached to
"the English Interest, thank God (says he)
"neither he suffered Risk, nor you became
"disappointed, both, you and him became
"Victorious, and obtaining ever lasting glory.—

Says the Minister, "That tho
"he is not yet seen the British Ministry,
"but by sending you to this Country, they
"gave to the Minister proofs of their
"Wisdom and Judgment. Said he, had
"the British Minister deputed any one
"else besides you it was impossible for
"them to succeed particularly at the present
"Crisis.—"

"Your knowledge of this
"Country enabled you to exert in the
manner

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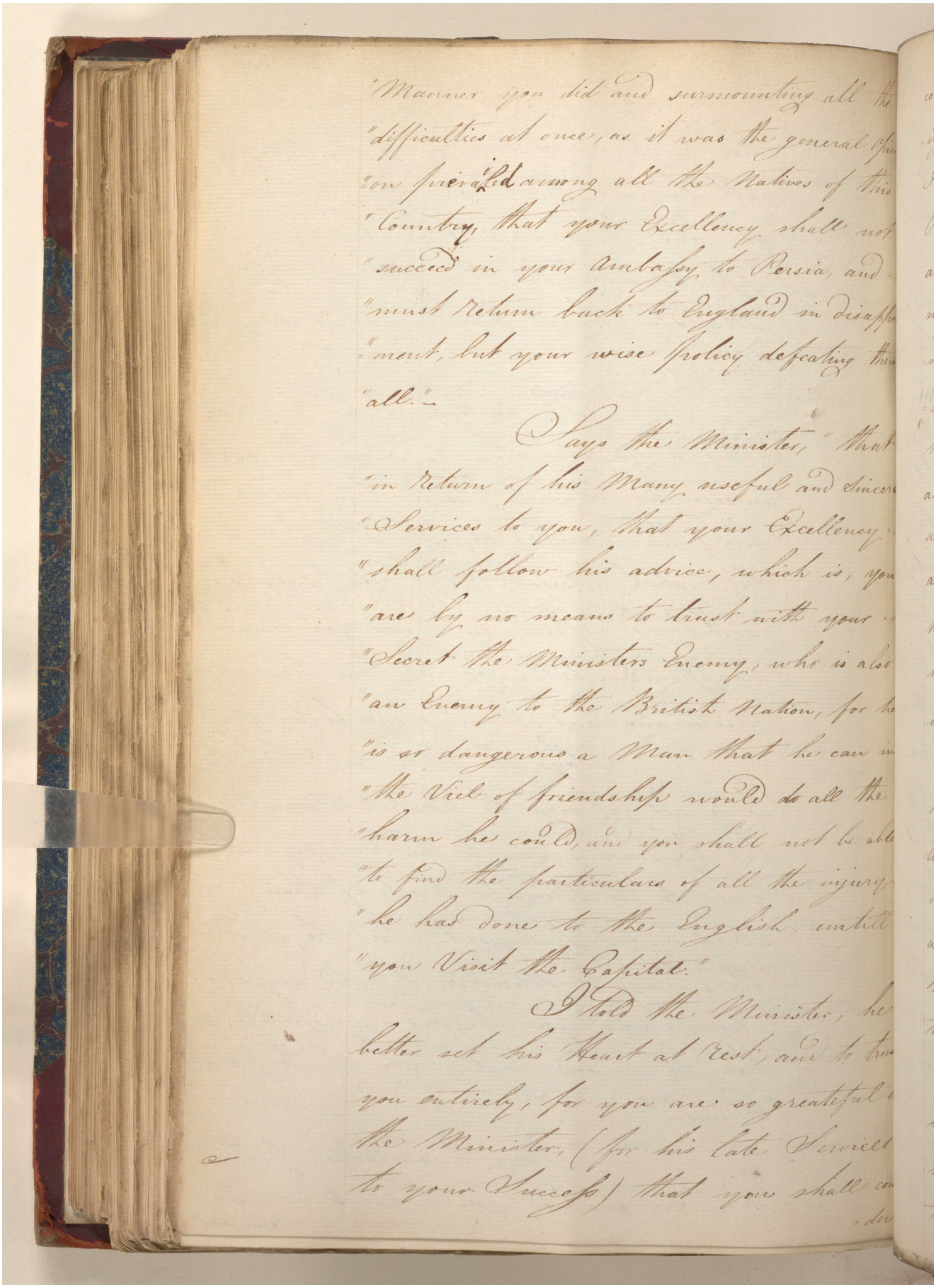

"Manner you did and surmounting all the
"difficulties at once, as it was the general Opin
"ion prevailed among all the Natives of this
"Country, that your Excellency shall not
"succeed in your Embassy to Persia, and
"must Return back to England in disappo
"ment, but your wise Policy defeating them
"all."—

Says the Minister, "That
"in Return of his Many useful and sincere
"Services to you, that your Excellency
"shall follow his advice, which is, you
"are by no means to trust with your
"Secret the Ministers Enemy, who is also
"an Enemy to the British Nation, for he
"is so dangerous a Man that he can in
"the Veil of friendship would do all the
"harm he could, and you shall not be able
"to find the particulars of all the injury
"he has done to the English, until
"you Visit the Capital."

I told the Minister, he
better set his Heart at rest, and to trust
you entirely, for you are so greateful to
the Minister, (for his late Services
to your Success) that you shall con
der

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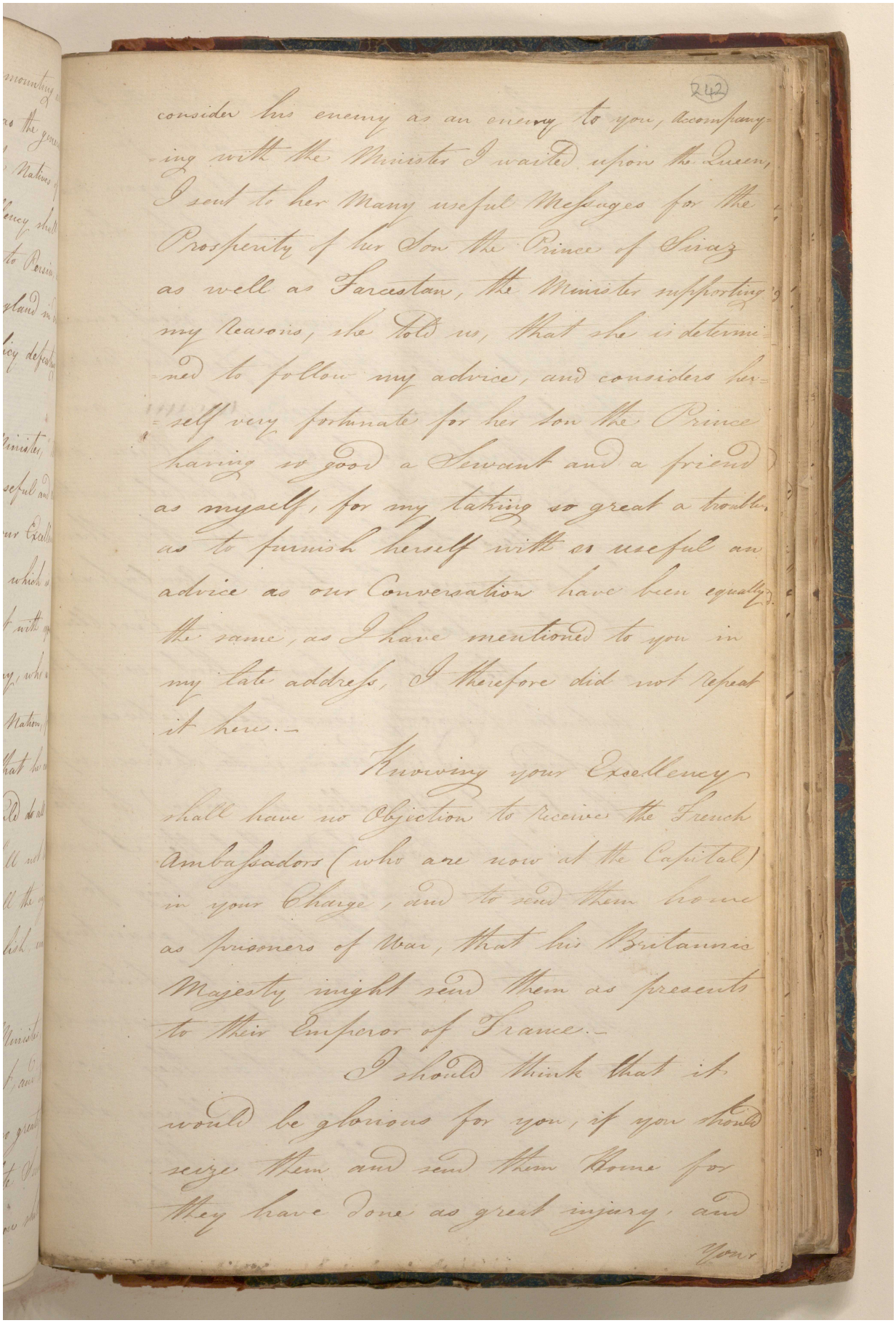

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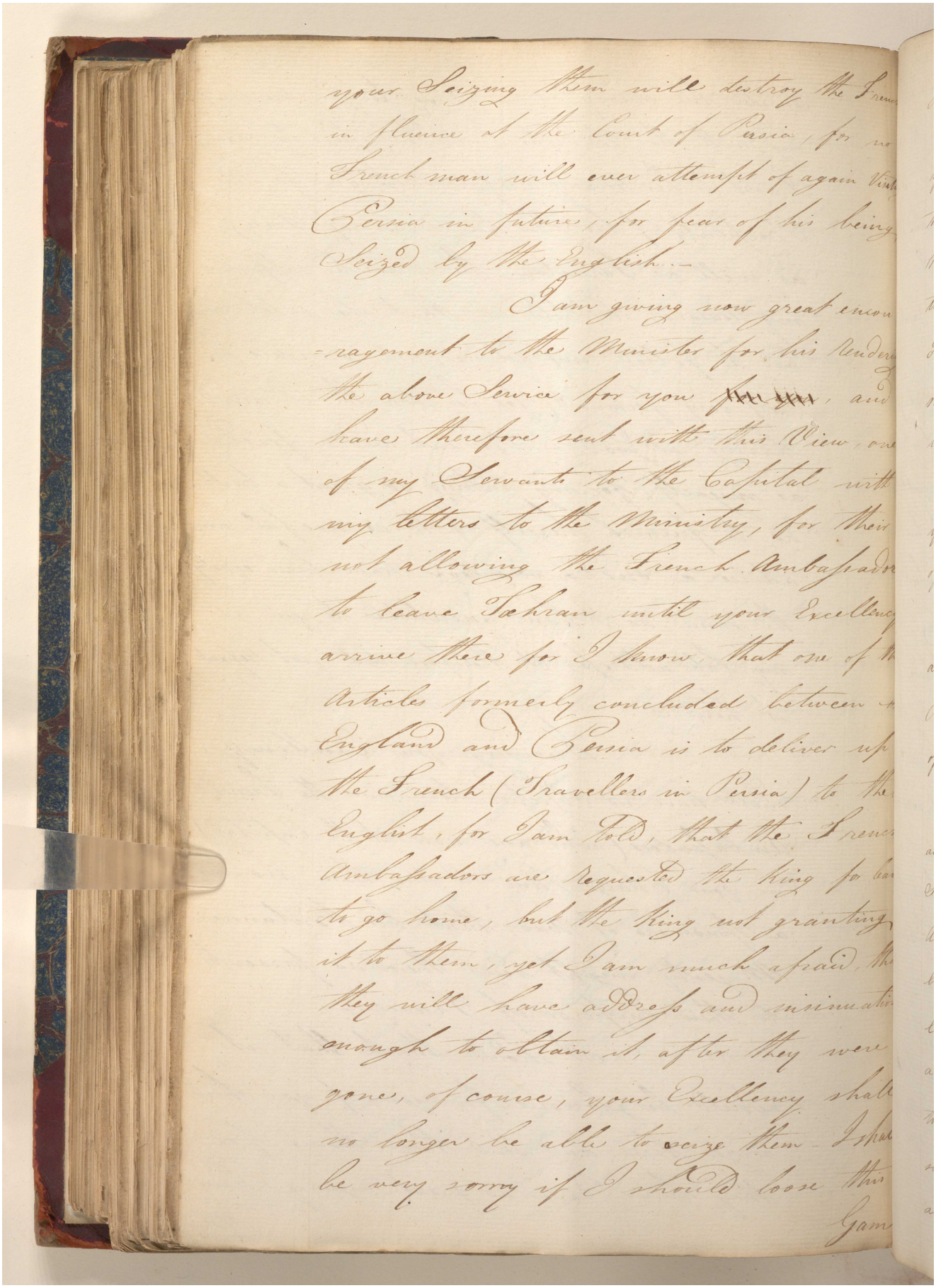
consider his enemy as an enemy to you, Accompanying with the Minister I waited upon the Queen, I sent to her Many useful Messages for the Prosperity of her Son the Prince of Siraz as well as Sarcestan, the Minister supporting my Reasons, she told us, that she is determined to follow my advice, and considers herself very fortunate for her son the Prince having so good a Servant and a friend as myself, for my taking so great a trouble as to furnish herself with as useful an advice as our Conversation have been equally the same, as I have mentioned to you in my late address, I therefore did not repeat it here.—

Knowing your Excellency shall have no Objection to receive the French Ambassadors (who are now at the Capital) in your Charge, and to send them home as prisoners of War, that his Britannic Majesty might send them as presents to their Emperor of France.—

I should think that it would be glorious for you, if you should seize them and send them Home for they have done as great injury, and

Your



your Seizing them will destroy the Fren
influence at the Court of Persia, for no
French man will ever attempt of again Visit
Persia in future, for fear of his being
Seized by the English.—

I am giving now great encou
=ragement to the Minister for his Render
the above Service for you ~~xxxx xxxx~~, and
have therefore sent with this View, one
of my Servants to the Capital with
my letters to the Ministry, for their
not allowing the French Ambassador
to leave Tehran until your Excellenc
arrive there for I know, that one of th
Articles formerly concluded between
England and Persia is to deliver up
the French (Travellers in Persia) to the
English, for I am told, that the Frenc
Ambassadors are requested the King to ha
to go home, but the King not granting
it to them, yet I am much afraid, th
they will have address and insinuatio
enough to obtain it, after they were
gone, of course, your Excellency shall
no longer be able to seize them. I shal
be very sorry if I should loose this
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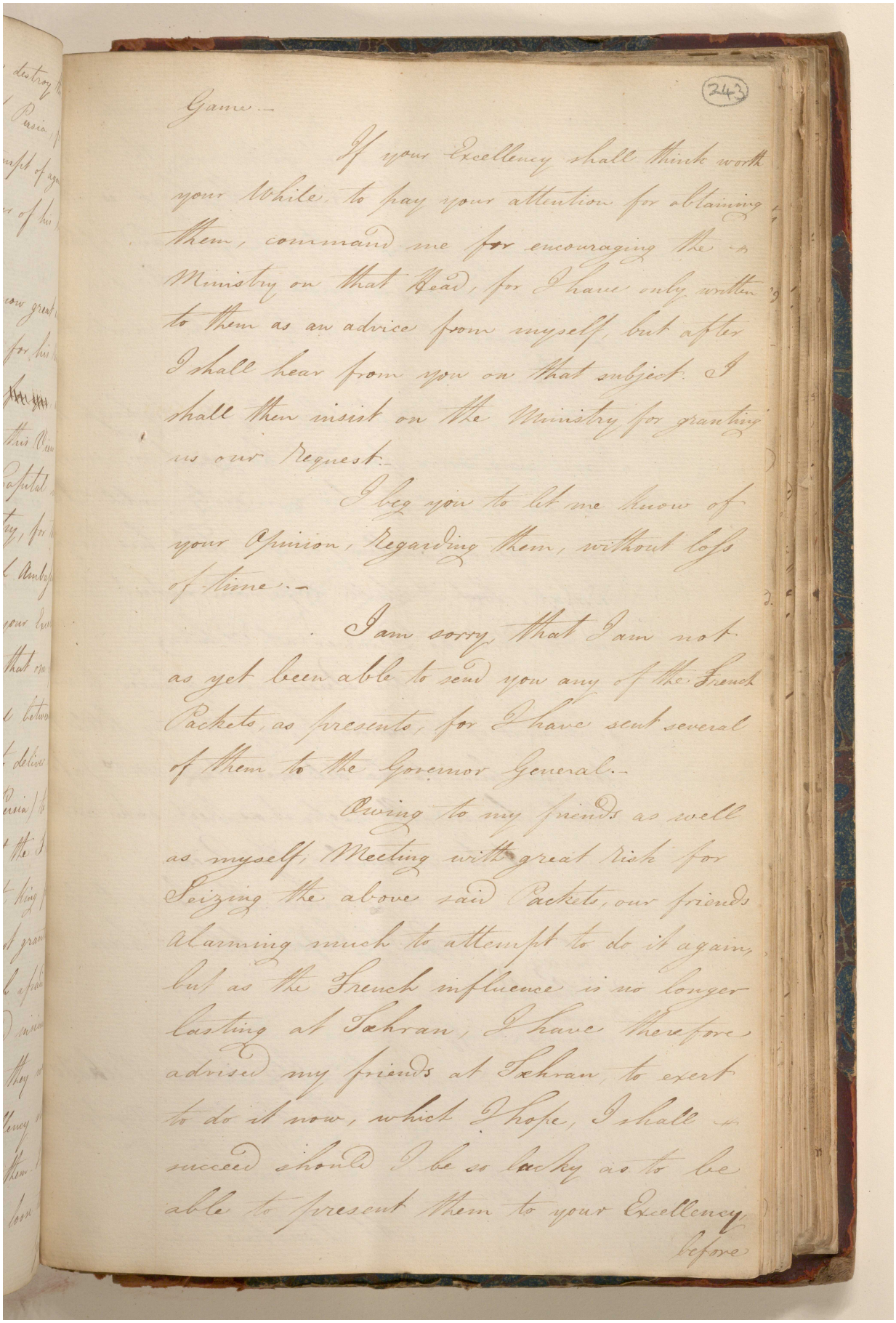

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Game.—

If your Excellency shall think worth your While to pay your attention for obtaining them, command me for encouraging the Ministry on that Head, for I have only written to them as an advice from myself, but after I shall hear from you on that subject I shall then insist on the Ministry for granting us our Request.—

I beg you to let me know of your Opinion, Regarding them, without loss of time.—

I am sorry, that I am not as yet been able to send you any of the French Packets, as presents, for I have sent several of them to the Governor General.—

Owing to my friends as well as myself, Meeting with great Risk for Seizing the above said Packets, our friends Alarming much to attempt to do it again, but as the French influence is no longer Lasting at Tehran, I have therefore advised my friends at Tehran, to exert to do it now, which I hope, I shall succeed should I be so lucky as to be able to present them to your Excellency before

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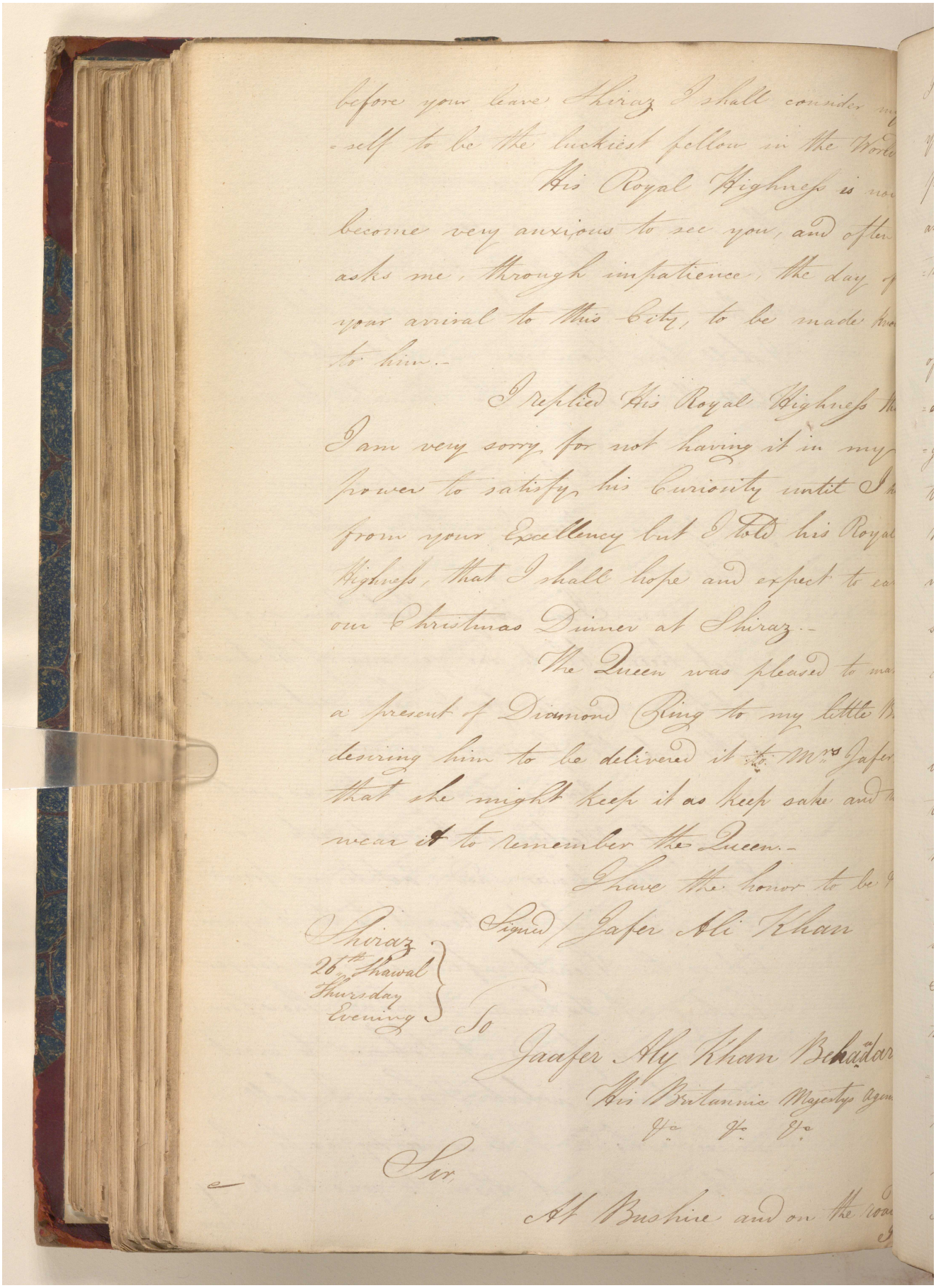

before your leave Shiraz I shall consider m
-self to be the luckiest fellow in the Worl
His Royal Highness is no
become very anxious to see you, and often
asks me, through impatience, the day o
your arrival to this City, to be made kn
to him.-

I replied His Royal Highness th
I am very sorry for not having it in my
power to satisfy his Curiosity until I h
from your Excellency but I told his Royal
Highness, that I shall hope and expect to ca
our Christmas Dinner at Shiraz.-

The Queen was pleased to ma
a present of Diamond Ring to my little B
desiring him to be delivered it to Mrs. Jafer
that she might keep it as keep sake and t
wear it to remember the Queen.-

I have the honor to be
Signed / Jafer Ali Khan

Shiraz
26th Shawal
Thursday
Evening

To
Jaafer Aly Khan Bekadar
His Britannic Majestys Agen
Yo. Yo. Yo.

Sir,

At Bushire and on the road

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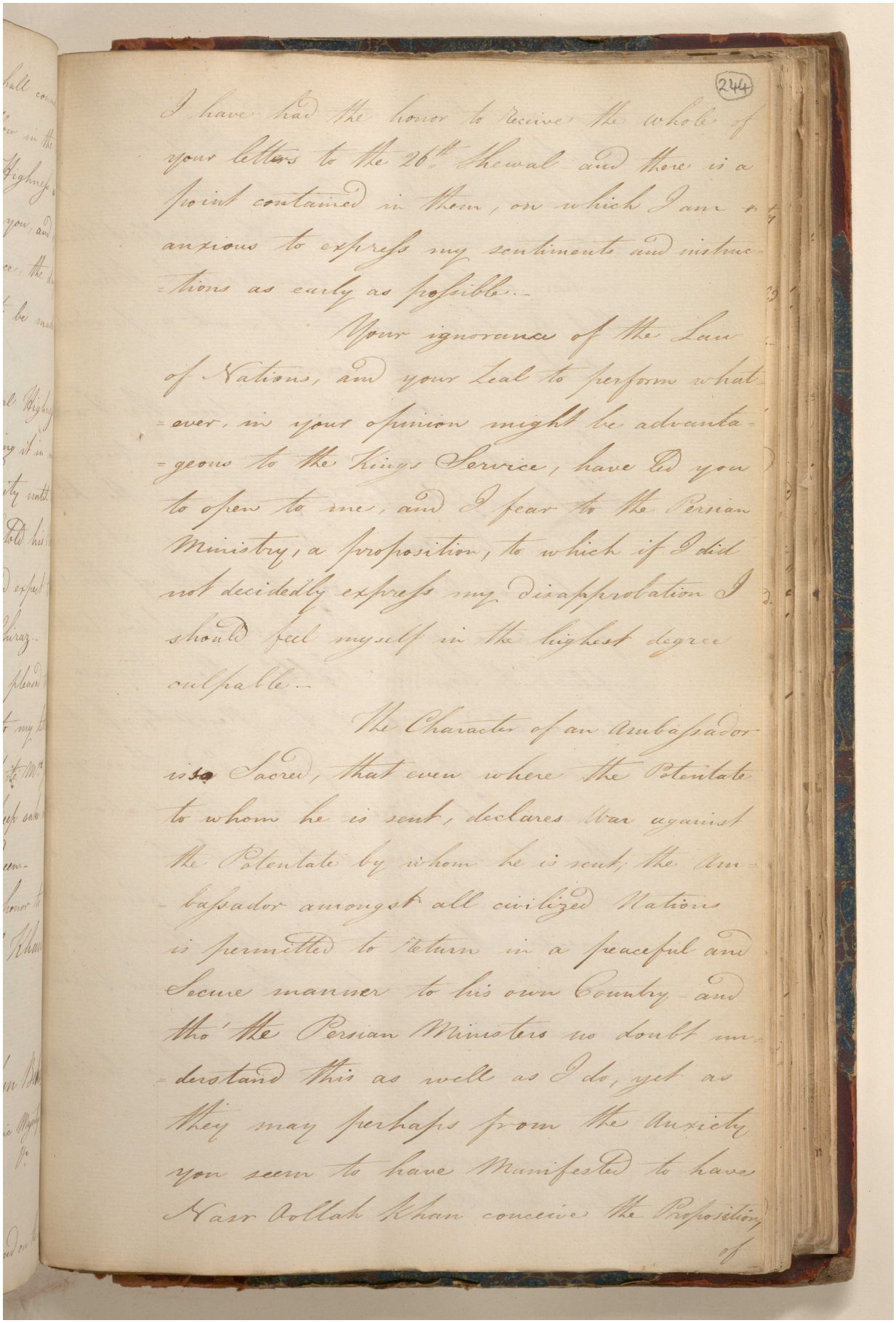

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I have had the honor to receive the whole of your letters to the 26th Shewal and there is a point contained in them, on which I am anxious to express my sentiments and instructions as early as possible.-

Your ignorance of the Law of Nations, and your Zeal to perform whatever, in your opinion might be advantageous to the Kings Service, have led you to open to me, and I fear to the Persian Ministry, a proposition, to which if I did not decidedly express my disapprobation I should feel myself in the highest degree culpable.-

The Character of an Ambassador is Sacred, that even where the Potentate to whom he is sent, declares War against the Potentate by whom he is sent, the Ambassador amongst all civilized Nations is permitted to return in a peaceful and Secure manner to his own Country - and tho' the Persian Ministers no doubt understand this as well as I do, yet as they may perhaps from the Anxiety you seem to have Manifested to have Nasr Oollah Khan conceive the Proposition of

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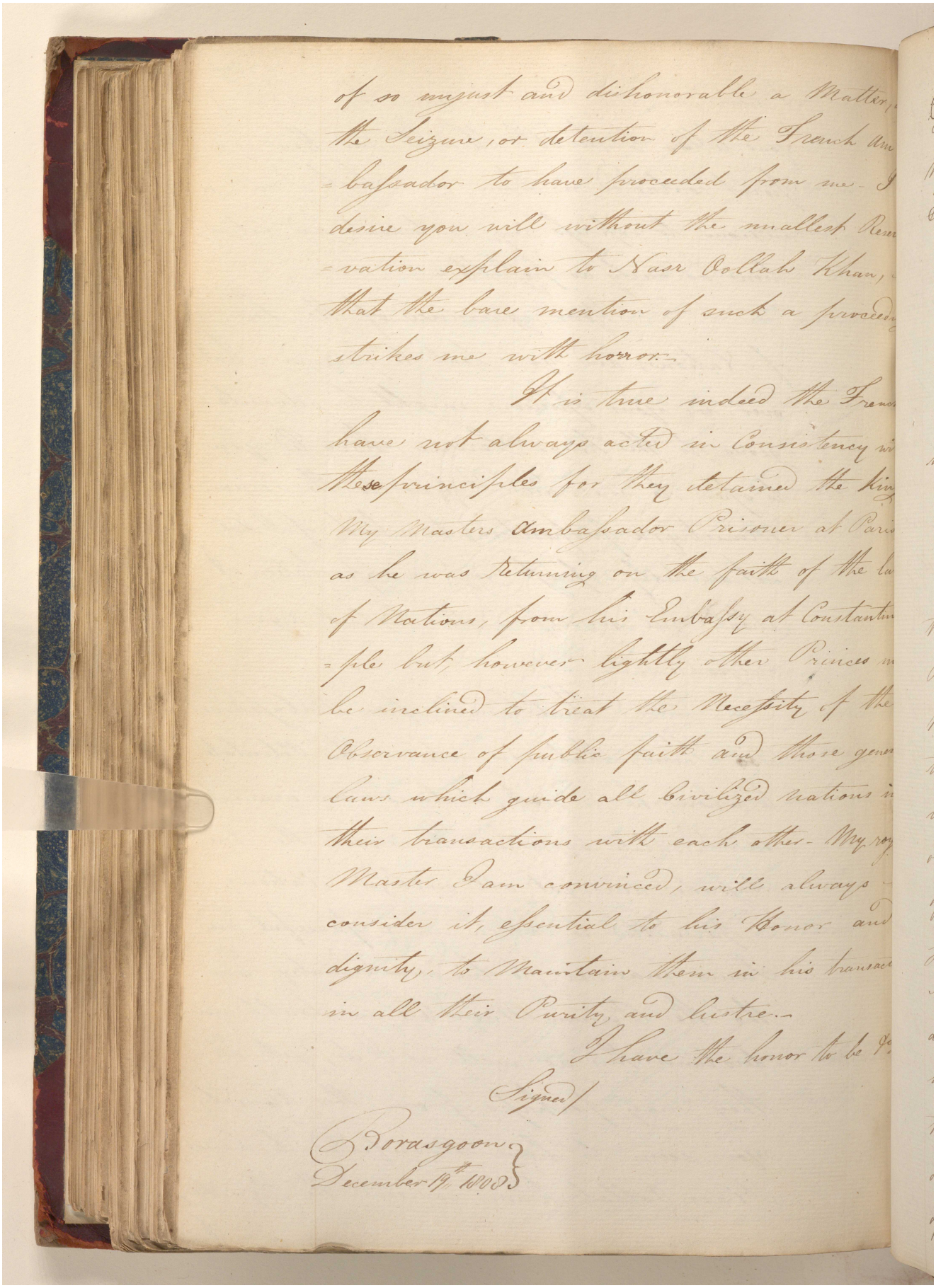

of so unjust and dishonorable a Matter,
the Seizure, or detention of the French Am-
-bassador to have proceeded from me. I
desire you will without the smallest Reser-
-vation explain to Nasr Oollah Khan,
that the bare mention of such a proceed-
strikes me with horror.

It is true indeed the French
have not always acted in Consistency with
these principles for they detained the Kin
My Masters Ambassador Prisoner at Paris
as he was returning on the faith of the la
of Nations, from his Embassy at Constantin-
-ple but, however lightly other Princes m
be inclined to treat the Necessity of the
Observance of public faith and those gener
Laws which guide all Civilized nations in
their transactions with each other. My roy
Master I am convinced, will always
consider it, essential to his Honor and
dignity, to Maintain them in his transac
in all their Purity, and lustre.

I have the honor to be &c

Signed/

Borasgoon
December 9th 1808

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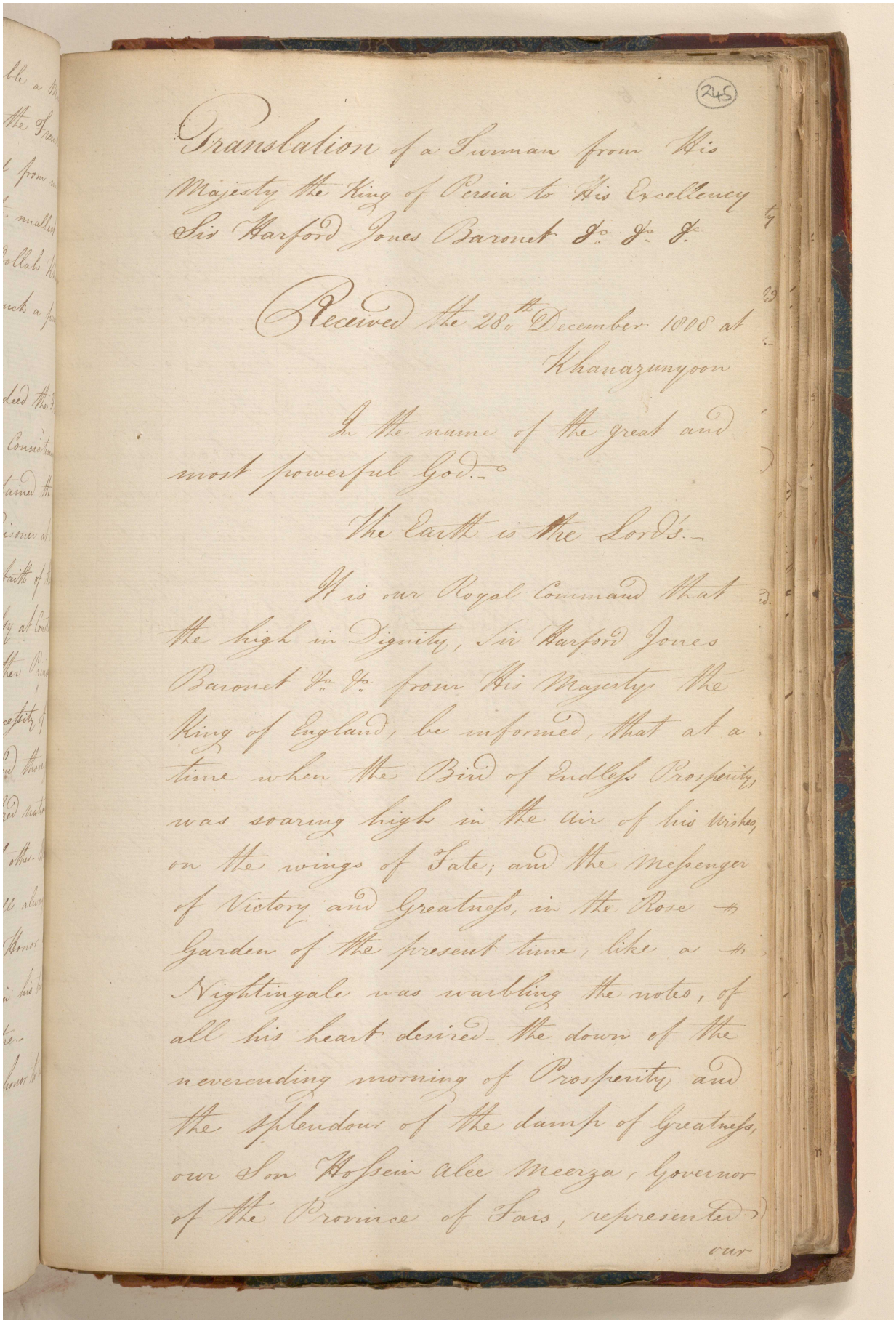

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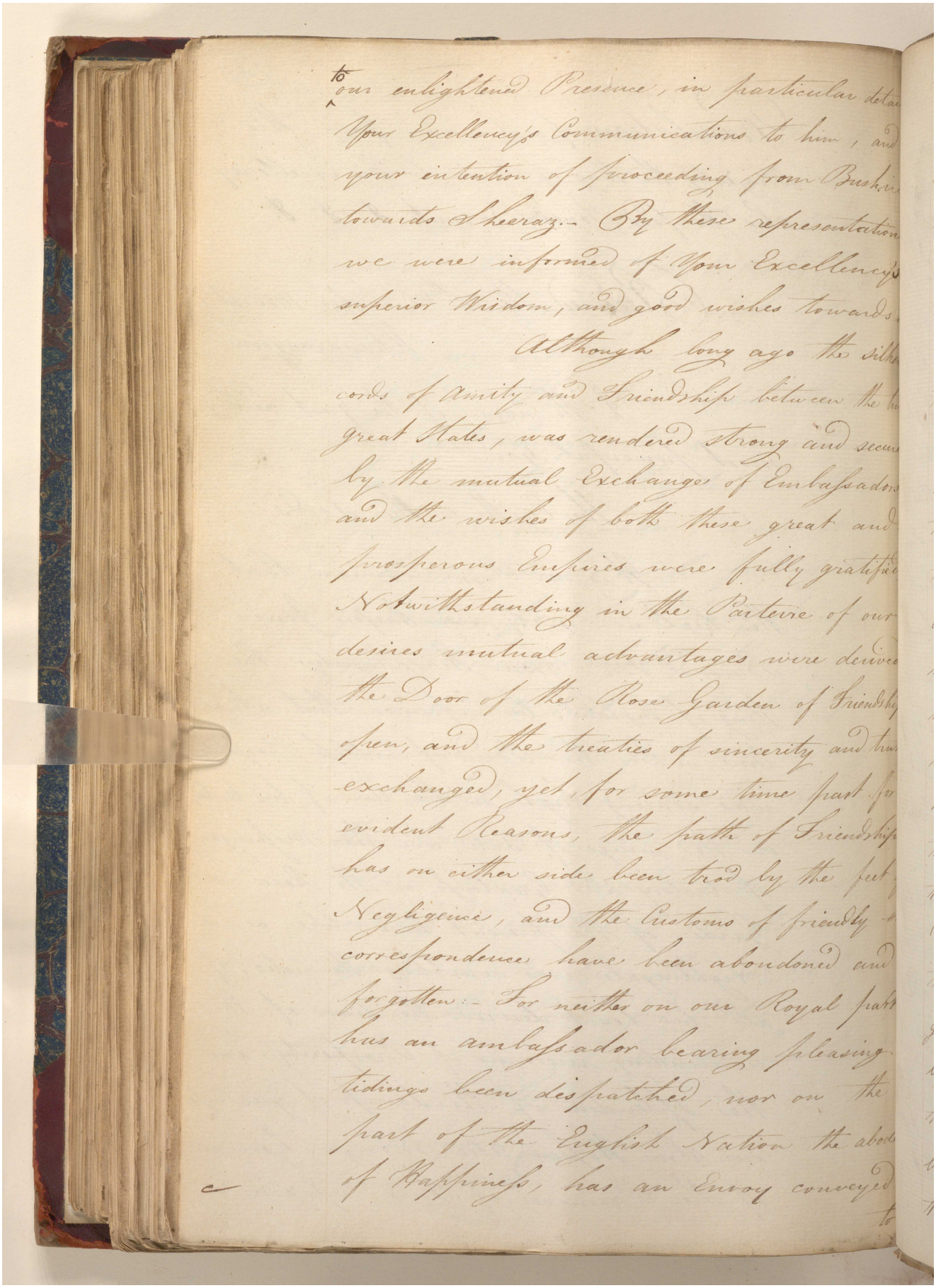
Translation of a Sunnan from His Majesty the King of Persia to His Excellency Sir Harford Jones Baronet &c. &c. &c.

Received the 28th December 1808 at Khanazunyoon

In the name of the great and most powerful God.—

The Earth is the Lords.—

It is our Royal Command that the high in Dignity, Sir Harford Jones Baronet &c. &c. from His Majesty the King of England, be informed, that at a time when the Bird of Endless Prosperity was soaring high in the air of his Wishes, on the wings of Fate; and the Messenger of Victory and Greatness, in the Rose Garden of the present time, like a Nightingale was warbling the notes, of all his heart desired the down of the neverending morning of Prosperity and the splendour of the dawn of Greatness, our Son Hoseein Alee Meerza, Governor of the Province of Fars, represented our



to
our enlightened Presence, in particular deta
Your Excellency's Communications to him, and
your intention of proceeding from Bushi
towards Sheeraz.- By these representation
we were informed of Your Excellency's
superior Wisdom, and good wishes towards
Although long ago the silk
cords of Amity and Friendship between the
great States, was rendered strong and secu
by the mutual Exchange of Embassadors
and the wishes of both these great and
prosperous Empires were fully gratifi
Notwithstanding in the Parterre of our
desires mutual advantages were deriv
the Door of the Rose Garden of Friendsh
open, and the treaties of sincerity and hu
exchanged, yet for some time past for
evident Reasons, the path of Friendship
has on either side been trod by the feet
Negligence, and the Customs of friendly
correspondence have been abandoned and
forgotten:- For neither on our Royal part
has an ambassador bearing pleasing
tidings been despatched, nor on the
part of the English Nation the abod
of Happiness, has an Envoy conveyed
to

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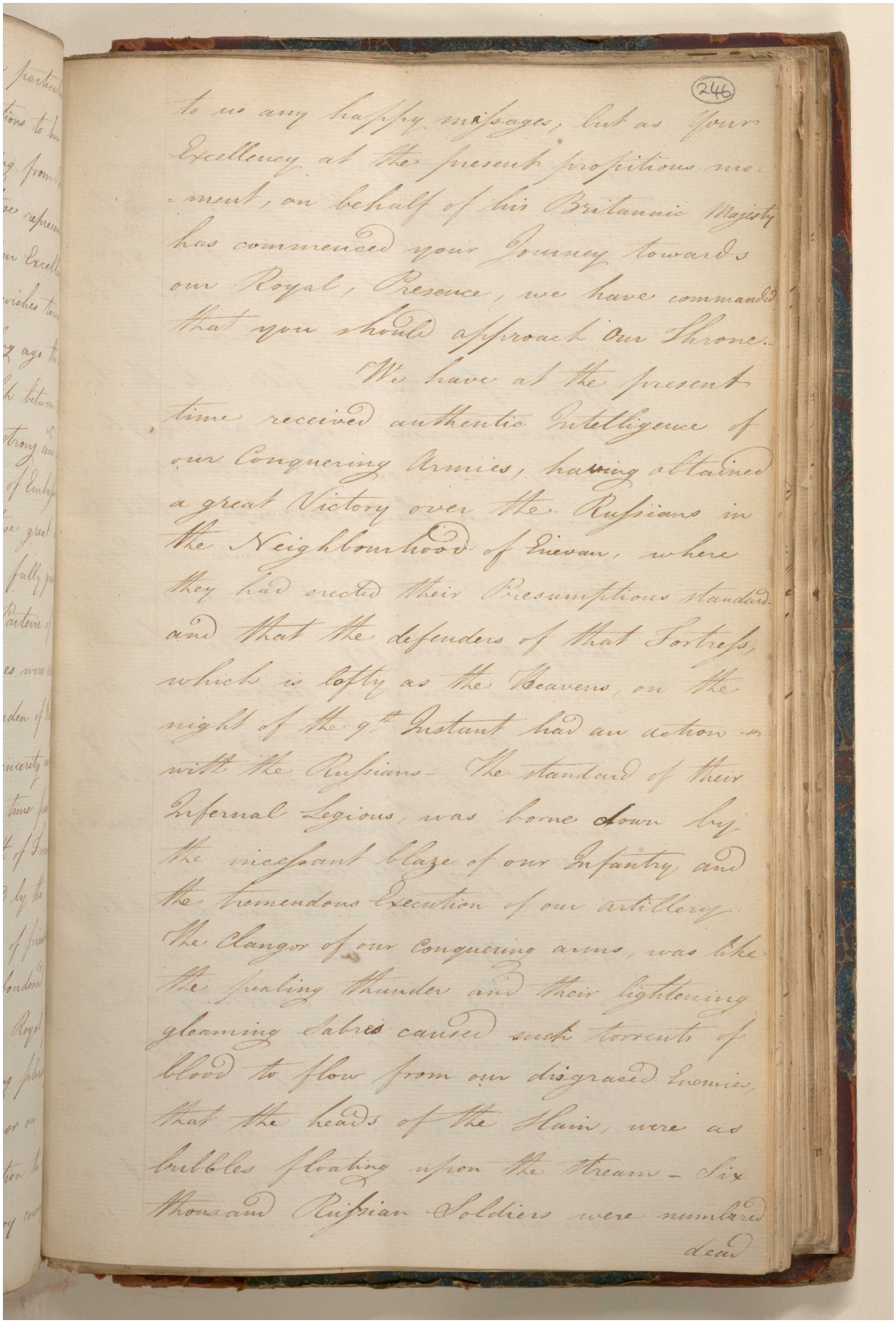

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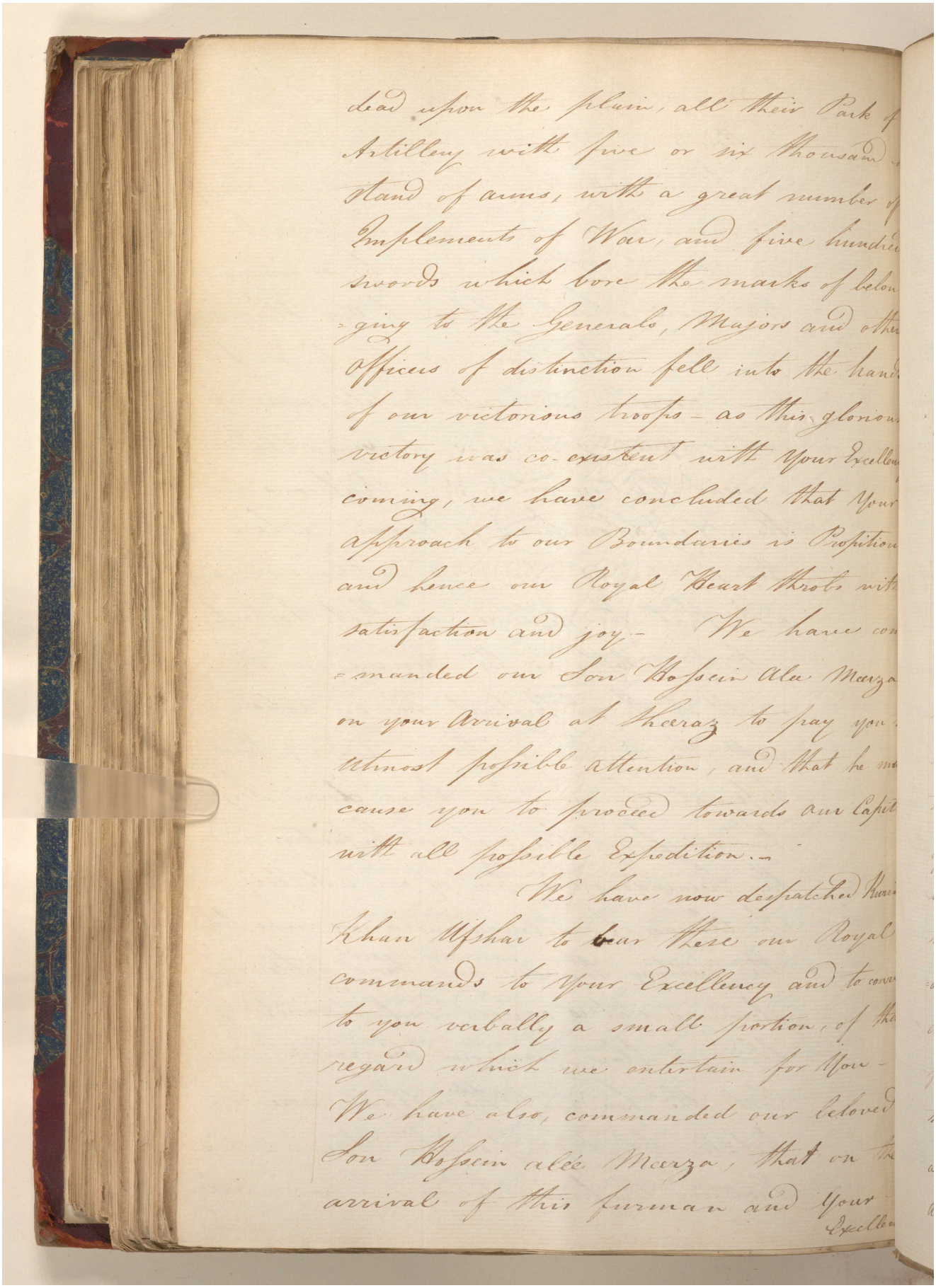
to us any happy messages, but as Your Excellency at the present propitious moment, on behalf of his Britannic Majesty has commenced your Journey towards our Royal Presence, we have commands that you should approach our Throne.

We have at the present time received authentic Intelligence of our Conquering Armies, having obtained a great Victory over the Russians in the Neighbourhood of Erevan, where they had erected their Presumptious standard. and that the defenders of that Fortress, which is lofty as the Heavens, on the night of the 9th Instant had an action with the Russians. The standard of their Infernal Legions, was borne down by the incessant blaze of our Infantry and the tremendous Execution of our artillery. The Clangor of our Conquering arms, was like the pealing thunder and their lightening gleaming Sabres caused such torrents of blood to flow from our disgraced Enemies, that the heads of the Slain, were as bubbles floating upon the Stream. Six thousand Russian Soldiers were numbered dead



dead upon the plain, all their Park of
Artilley with five or six thousand
Hand of arms, with a great number of
Implements of War, and five hundred
swords which bore the marks of belong
-ing to the Generals, Majors and other
Officers of distinction fell into the hands
of our victorious troops - as this glorious
victory was co-existent with Your Excellency
coming, we have concluded that Your
Approach to our Boundaries is Propitious
and hence our Royal Heart throbs with
satisfaction and joy - We have com
-manded our Son Hoseein Alee Mirza
on your Arrival at Sheraz to pay you
utmost possible attention, and that he may
cause you to proceed towards our Capital
with all possible Expedition -

We have now despatched Khan
Khan Ufshar to bear these our Royal
commands to Your Excellency and to convey
to you verbally a small portion of the
regard which we entertain for You -
We have also, commanded our beloved
Son Hoseein alee Mirza, that on the
arrival of this Furman and Your
Excellency

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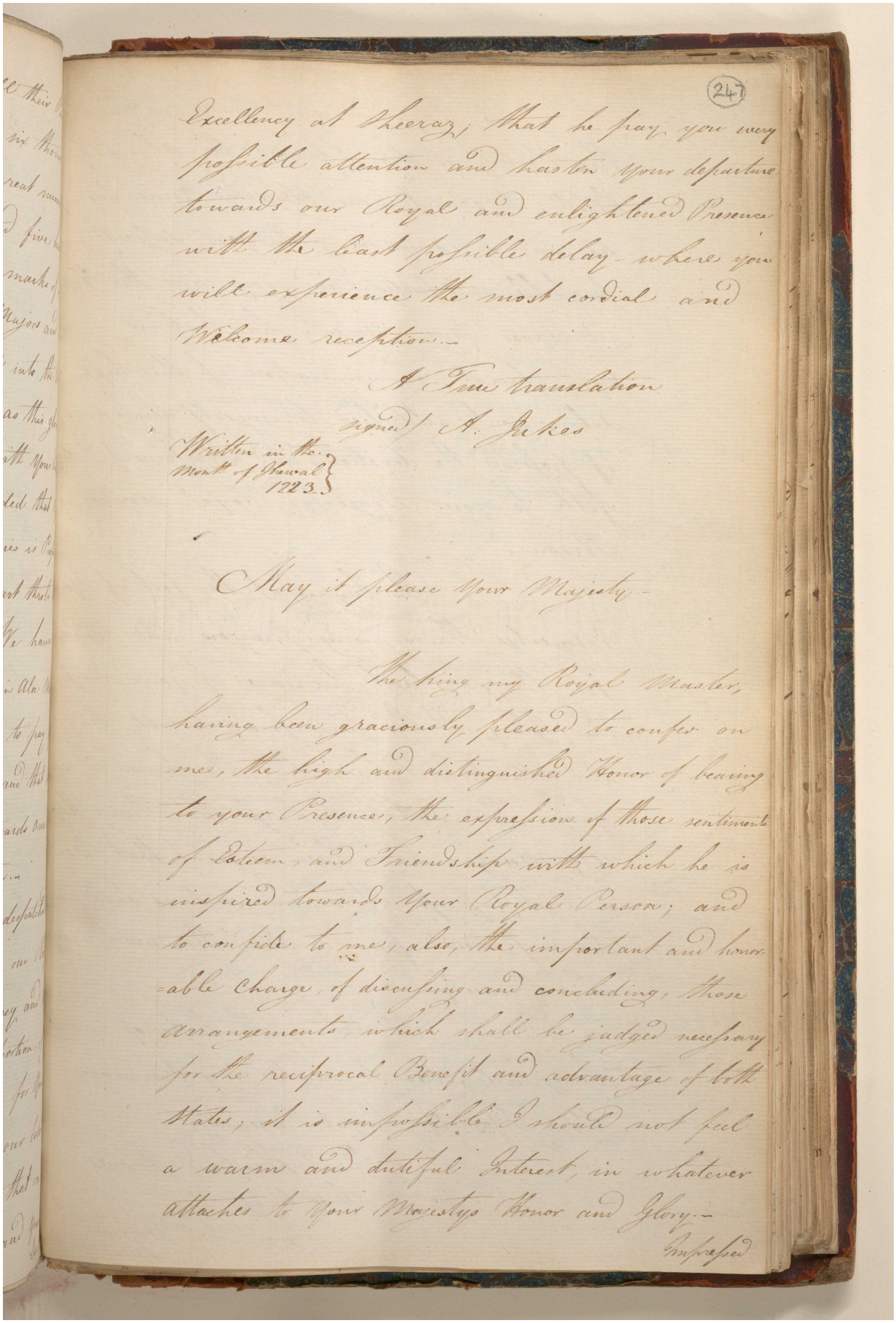

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Excellency at Sheeraz; that he pay you every possible attention and hasten your departure towards our Royal and enlightened Presence with the least possible delay - where you will experience the most cordial and Welcome reception -

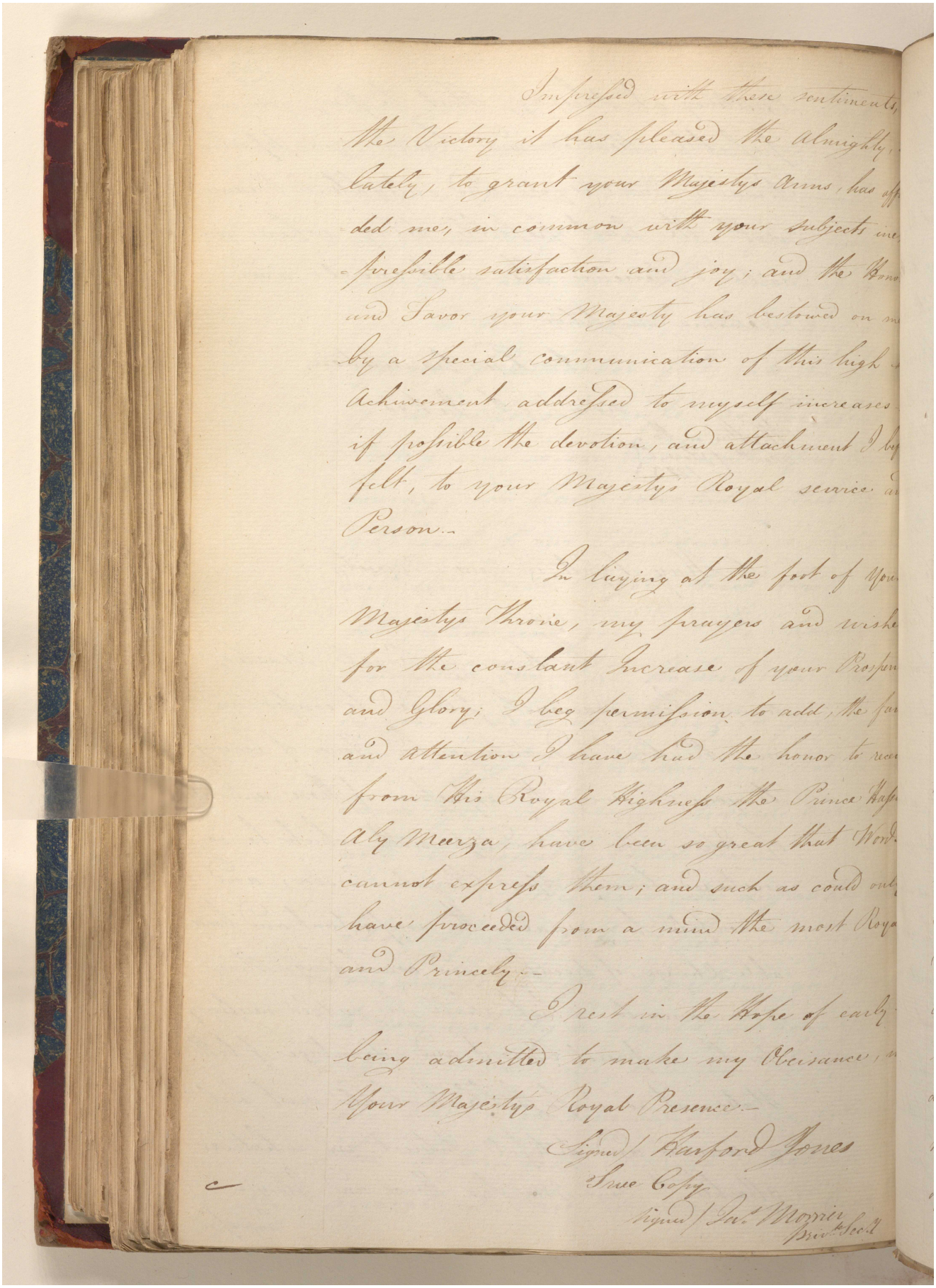
A True translation
signed/ A. Jukes

Written in the Month of Shawal 1223

May it please Your Majesty -

The King my Royal Master, having been graciously pleased to confer on me, the high and distinguished Honor of bearing to your Presence, the expression of those sentiments of Esteem and Friendship with which he is inspired towards Your Royal Person; and to confide to me, also, the important and honorable charge of discussing and concluding, those arrangements which shall be judged necessary for the reciprocal Benefit and advantage of both States; it is impossible I should not feel a warm and dutiful Interest, in whatever attaches to your Majestys Honor and Glory -

Impressed



Impressed with these sentiments, the Victory it has pleased the Almighty, lately, to grant your Majestys Arms, has afforded me, in common with your subjects inexpressible satisfaction and joy; and the Honor and Favor your Majesty has bestowed on me by a special communication of this high Achivement addressed to myself increases if possible the devotion, and attachment I beg felt, to your Majestys Royal service and Person.—

In laying at the foot of Your Majestys Throne, my prayers and wishes for the constant Increase of your Prosperity and Glory; I beg permission to add, the favor and attention I have had the honor to receive from His Royal Highness the Prince Hassan Aly Meerza, have been so great that Words cannot express them; and such as could only have proceeded from a mind the most Royal and Princely.—

I rest in the Hope of early being admitted to make my Obeisance, in Your Majestys Royal Presence.—

Signed/ Harford Jones

True Copy

Signed/ Jas. Morrier
Priv.te Sec.y

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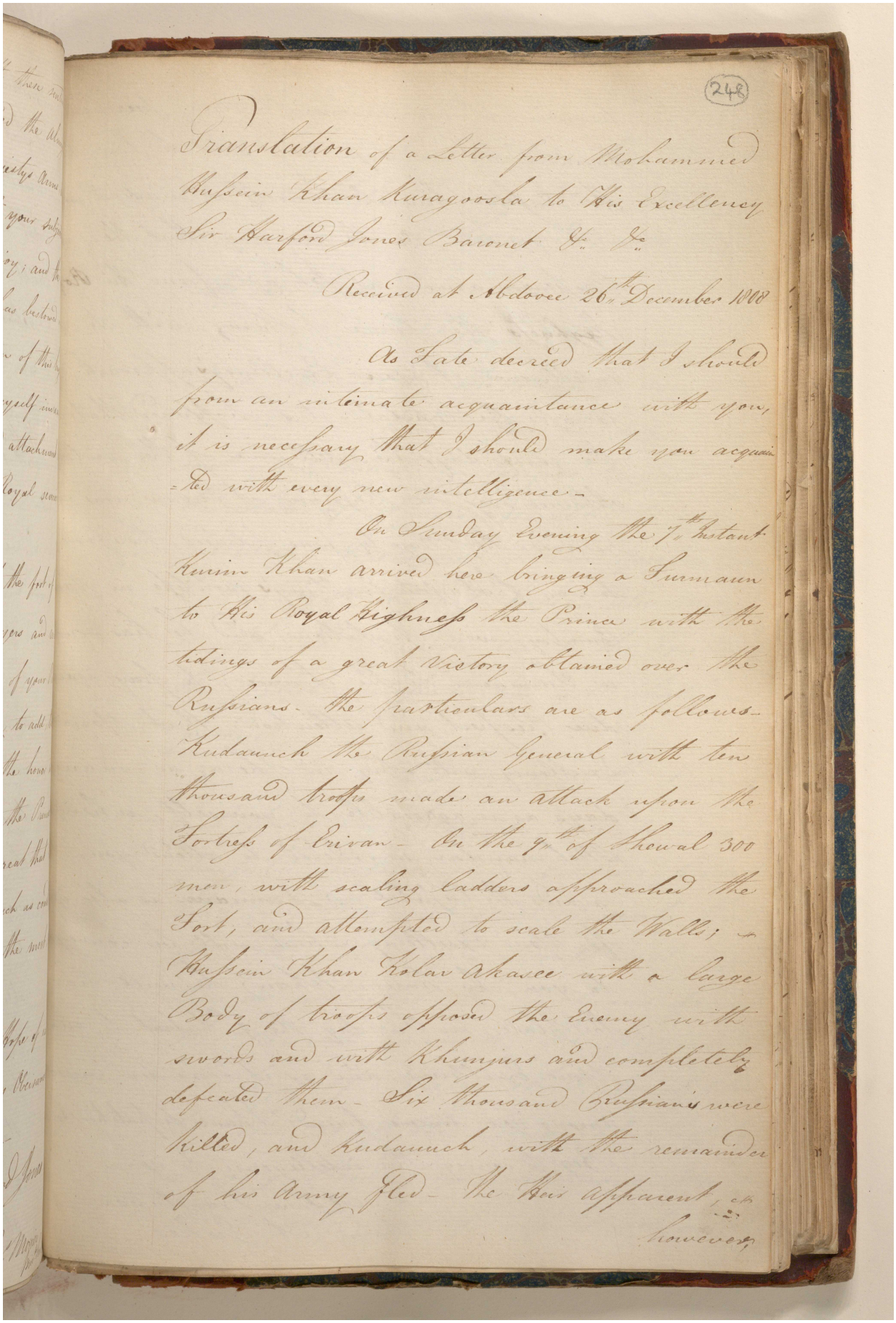

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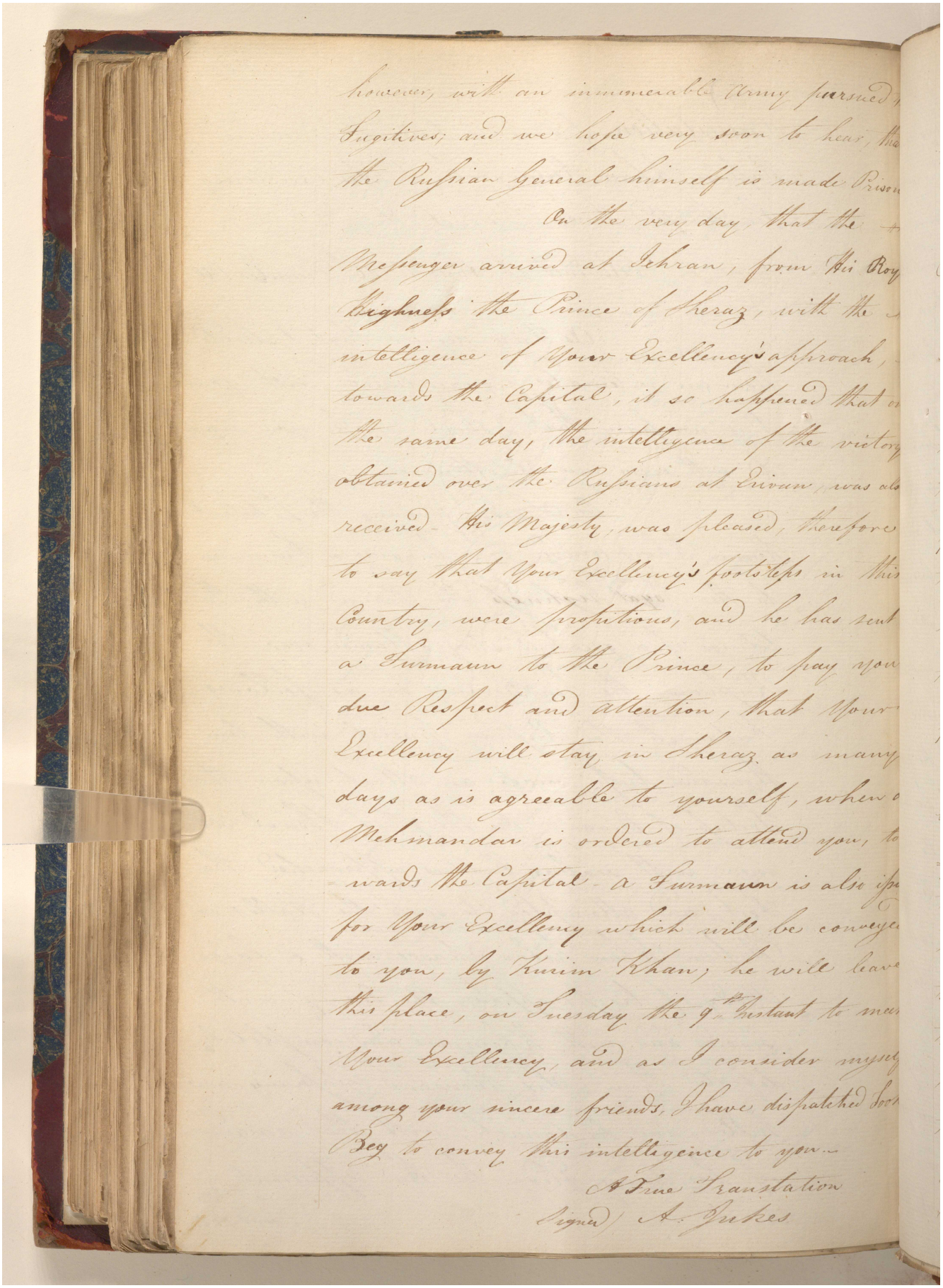
Translation of a Letter from Mohammed Hussein Khan Kunagoosla to His Excellency Sir Harford Jones Baronet &c &c

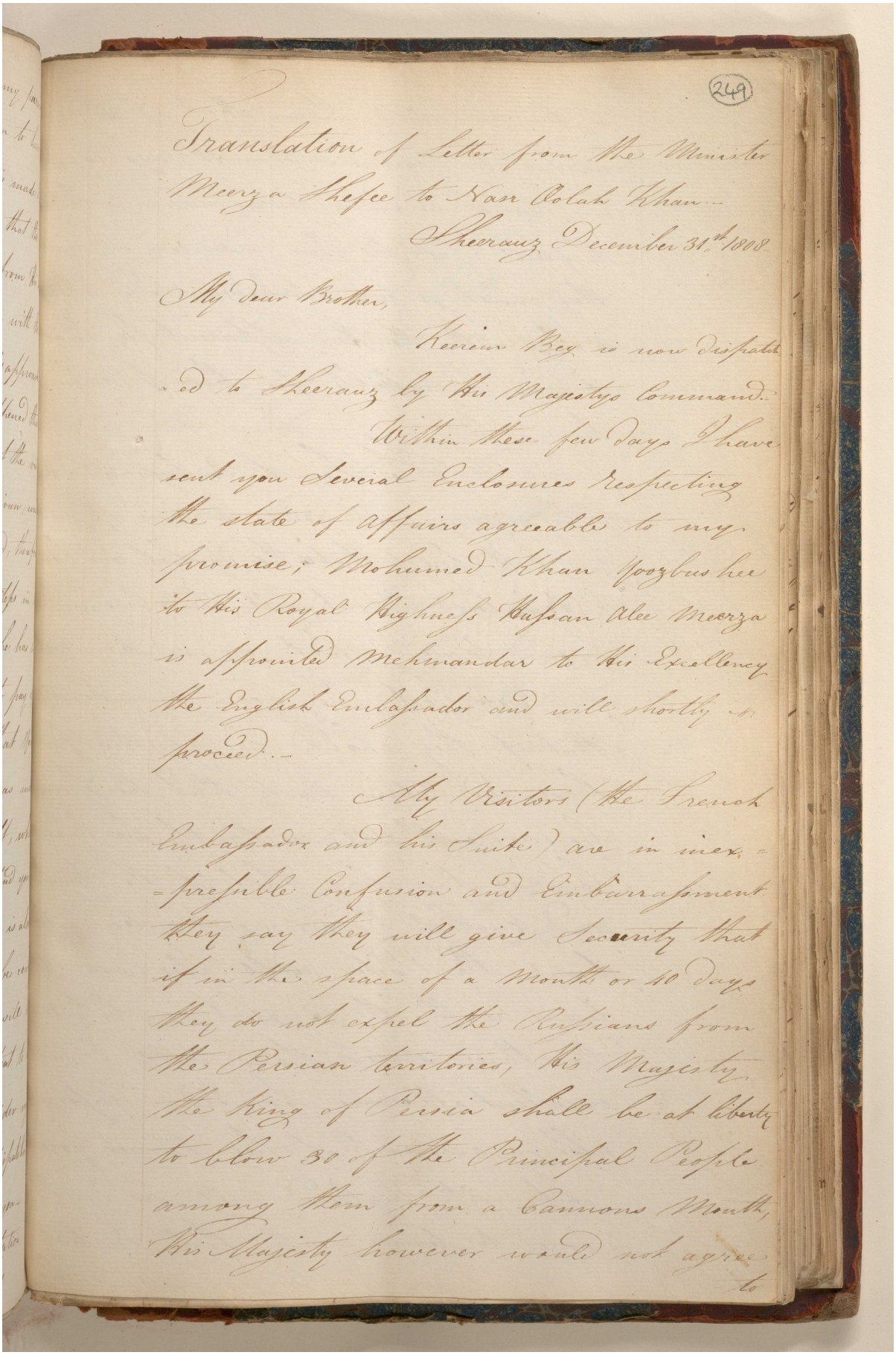
Received at Abdooee 26th December 1808

As Fate decreed that I should from an intimate acquaintance with you, it is necessary that I should make you acquainted with every new intelligence -

On Sunday Evening the 7th instant Kunim Khan arrived here bringing a Furmaun to His Royal Highness the Prince with the tidings of a great Victory obtained over the Russians - the particulars are as follows - Kudaunch the Russian General with ten thousand troops made an attack upon the Sorties of Erivan - On the 9th of Shewal 300 men, with scaling ladders approached the Sort, and attempted to scale the Walls; - Hussein Khan Kolar Akasee with a large Body of troops opposed the Enemy with swords and with Khunjurs and completely defeated them - Six thousand Russians were killed, and Kudaunch, with the remainder of his Army fled - The Heir Apparent, &c &c however,



however, with an immeasable Army pursued
fugitives; and we hope very soon to hear, tha
the Russian General himself is made Prison
On the very day, that the
Messenger arrived at Tehran, from His Roy
Highness the Prince of Sheraz, with the
intelligence of Your Excellency's approach,
towards the Capital, it so happened that o
the same day, the intelligence of the victor
obtained over the Russians at Erivan, was als
received. His Majesty, was pleased, therefore
to say that Your Excellency's footsteps in this
Country, were propitious, and he has sent
a Furmaun to the Prince, to pay you
due Respect and attention, that Your
Excellency will stay in Sheraz as many
days as is agreeable to yourself, when o
Mehmandar is ordered to attend you, to
wards the Capital. a Furmaun is also ipe
for Your Excellency which will be conveye
to you, by Kurim Khan; he will leave
this place, on Tuesday the 9th instant to mee
Your Excellency, and as I consider myse
among your sincere friends, I have dispatched Soo
Beg to convey this intelligence to you.
A True Translation
Signed A. Gukes



Translation of Letter from the Minister Meerza Shefee to Nasr Oolah Khan.—

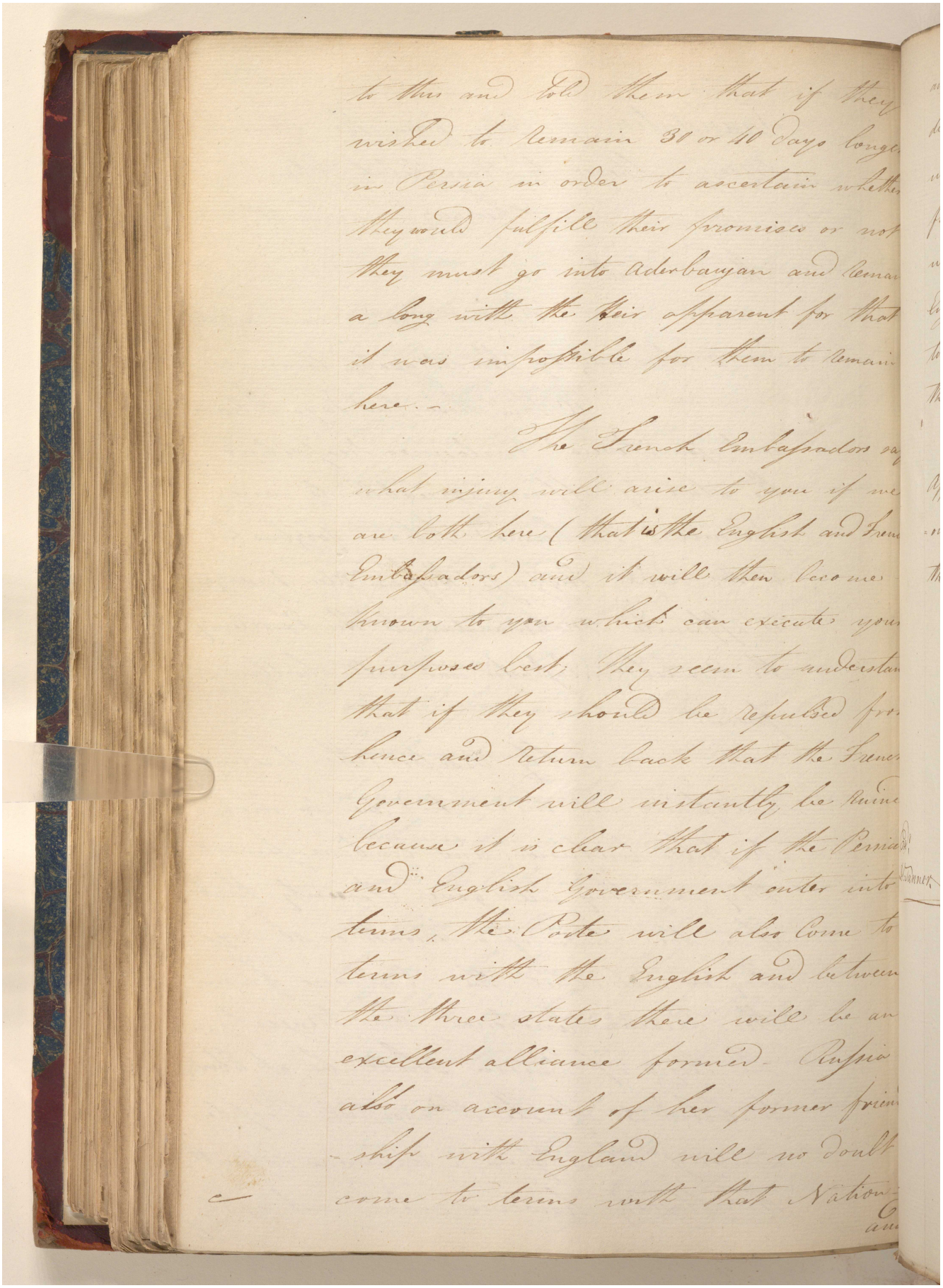
Sheerauz December 31st 1808

My dear Brother,

Keerem Beg is now dispatched to Sheerauz by His Majestys Command.—

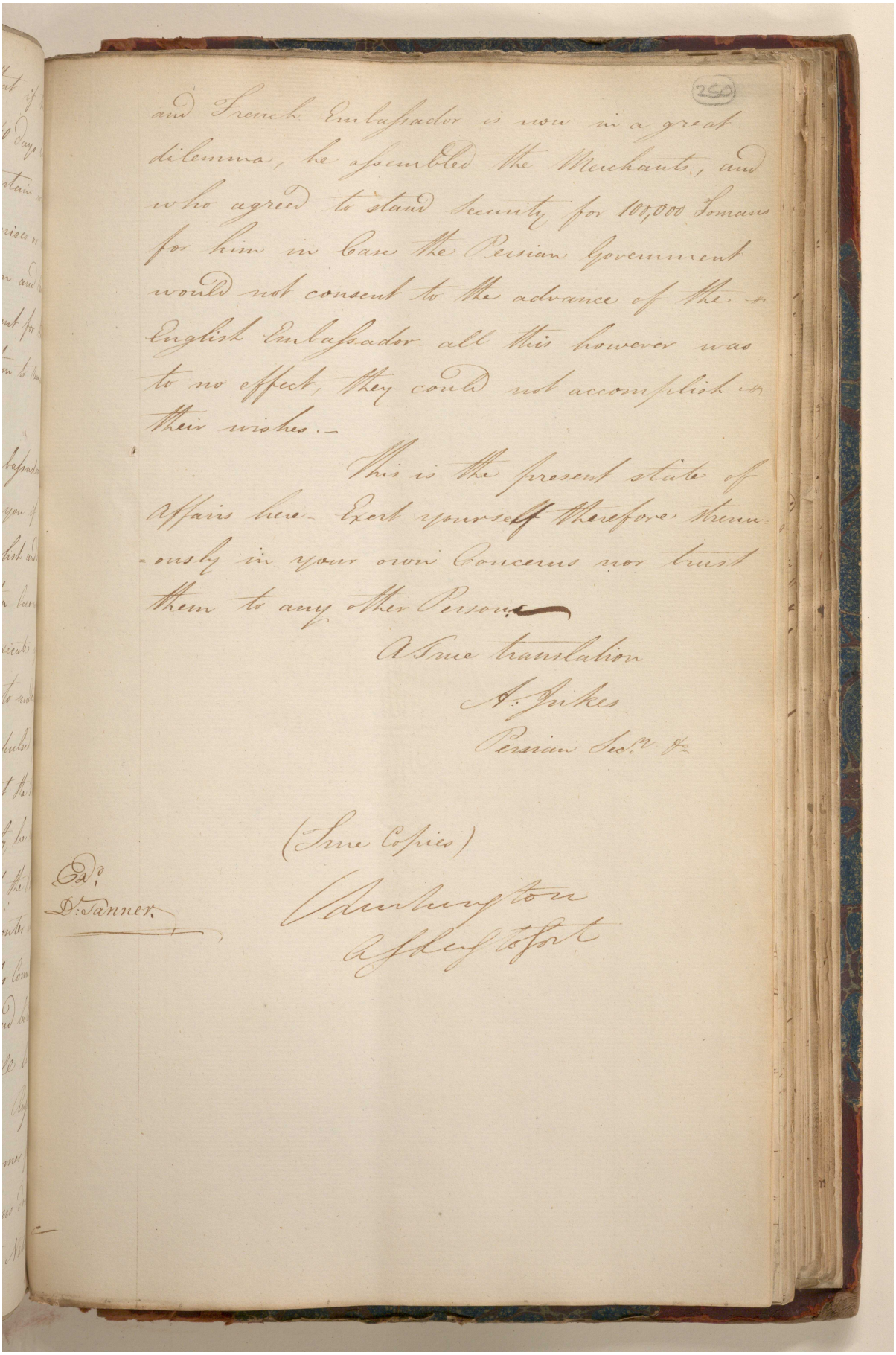
Within these few days I have sent you Several Enclosures respecting the state of Affairs agreeable to my promise; Mohumed Khan Yoozbushee to His Royal Highness Hussan Alee Meerza is appointed Mehmandar to His Excellency the English Embassador and will shortly proceed.—

My Visitors (the French Embassador and his Suite) are in inexpressible Confusion and Embarrassment they say they will give Security that if in the space of a Month or 40 days they do not expel the Russians from the Persian territories, His Majesty the King of Persia shall be at liberty to blow 30 of the Principal People among them from a Cannons Mouth, His Majesty however would not agree to



to this and told them that if they wished to remain 30 or 40 days longer in Persia in order to ascertain whether they would fulfill their promises or not they must go into Aderbayjan and remain along with the Heir apparent for that it was impossible for them to remain here.—

The French Embassador says what injury will arise to you if we are both here (that is the English and French Embassadors) and it will then become known to you which can execute your purposes best. They seem to understand that if they should be repulsed from hence and return back that the French Government will instantly be ruined because it is clear that if the Persian and English Government enter into terms, the Porte will also come to terms with the English and between the three states there will be an excellent alliance formed. Russia also on account of her former friendship with England will no doubt come to terms with that Nation and



and French Embassador is now in a great dilemma, he assembled the Merchants, and who agreed to stand Security for 100,000 Tomans for him in Case the Persian Government would not consent to the advance of the English Embassador all this however was to no effect, they could not accomplish their wishes.—

This is the present state of Affairs here— Exert yourself therefore strenuously in your own Concerns nor trust them to any other Person.

A True translation

A. Jukes

Persian Secy &c

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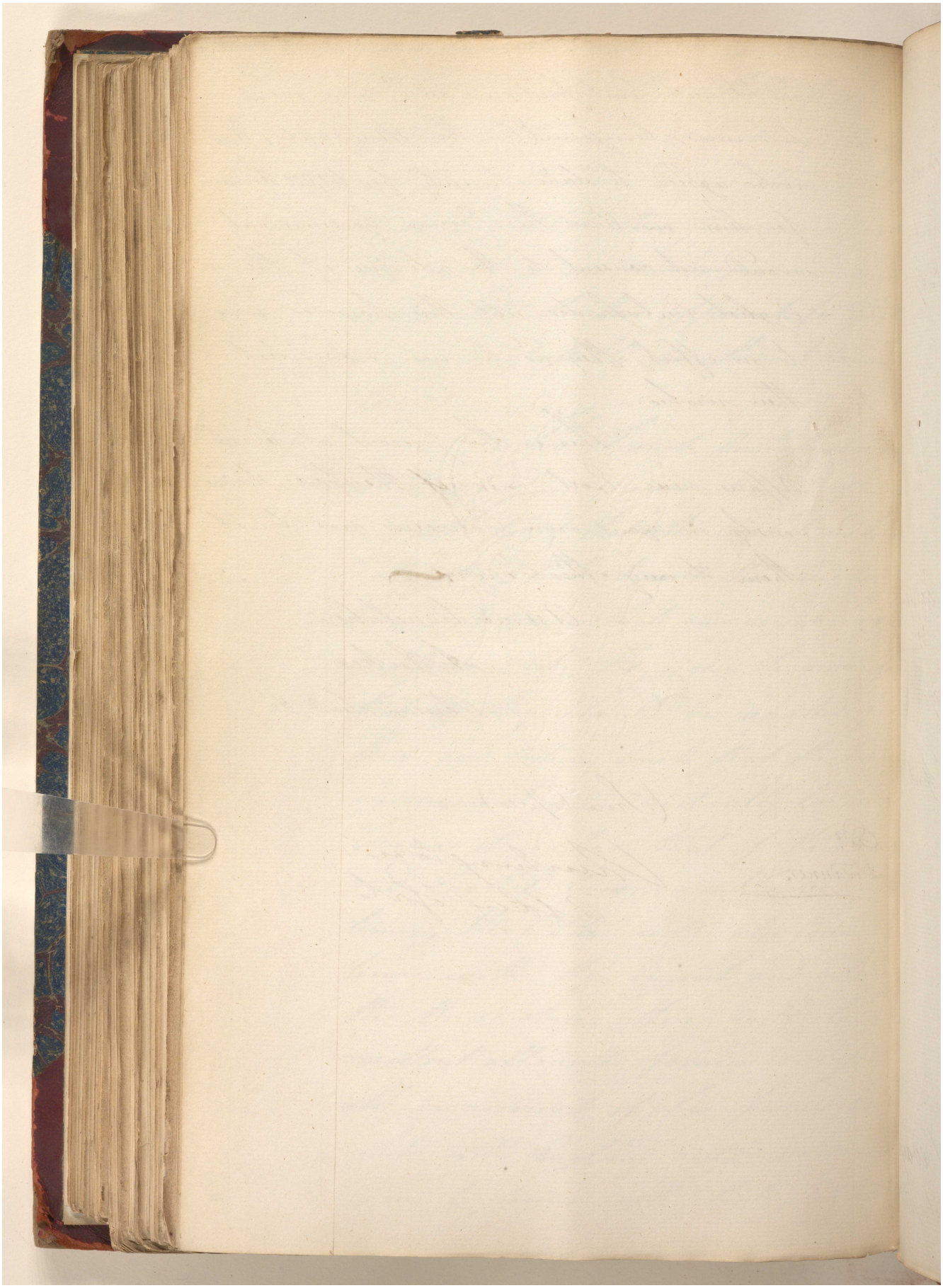

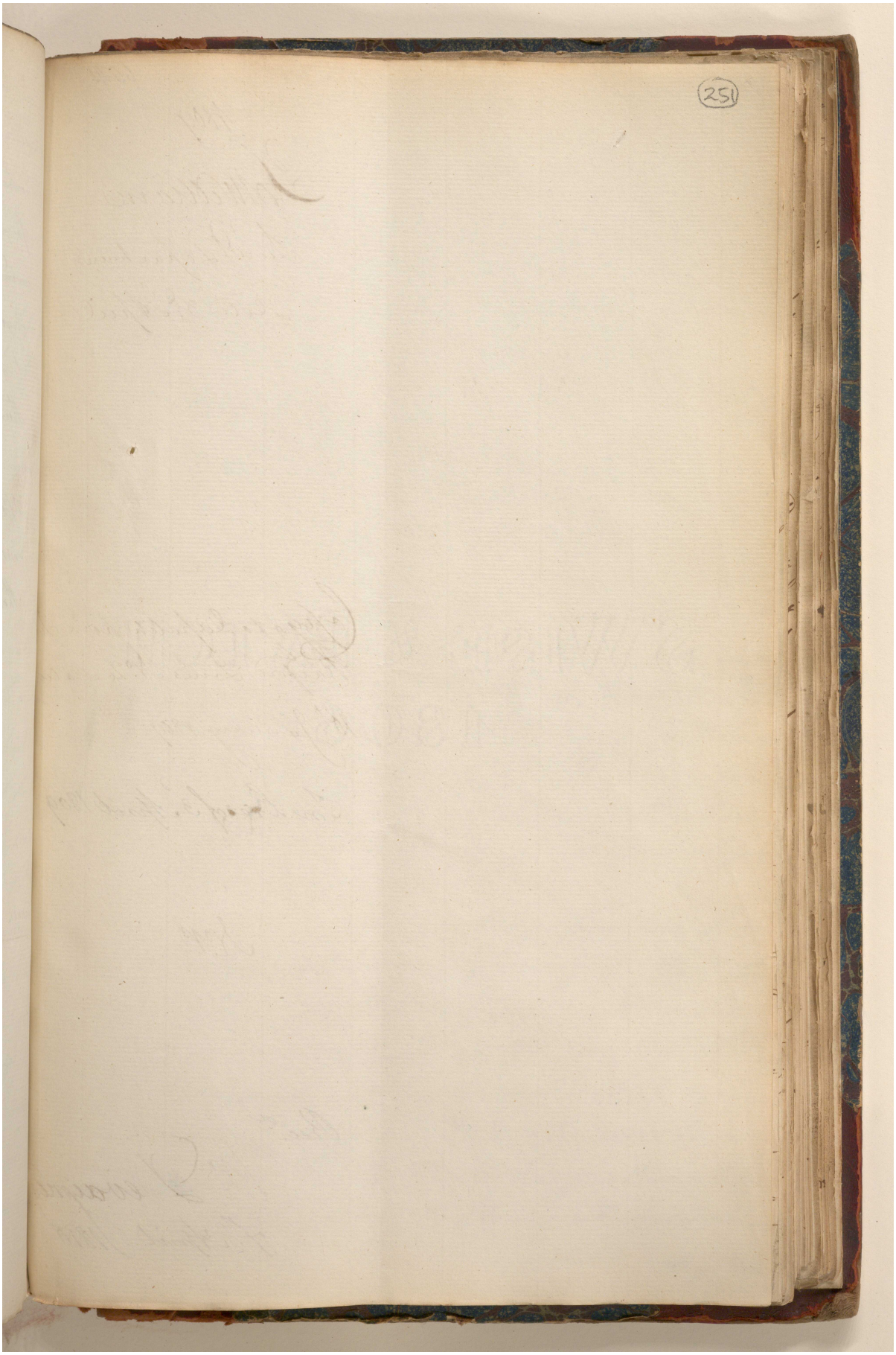

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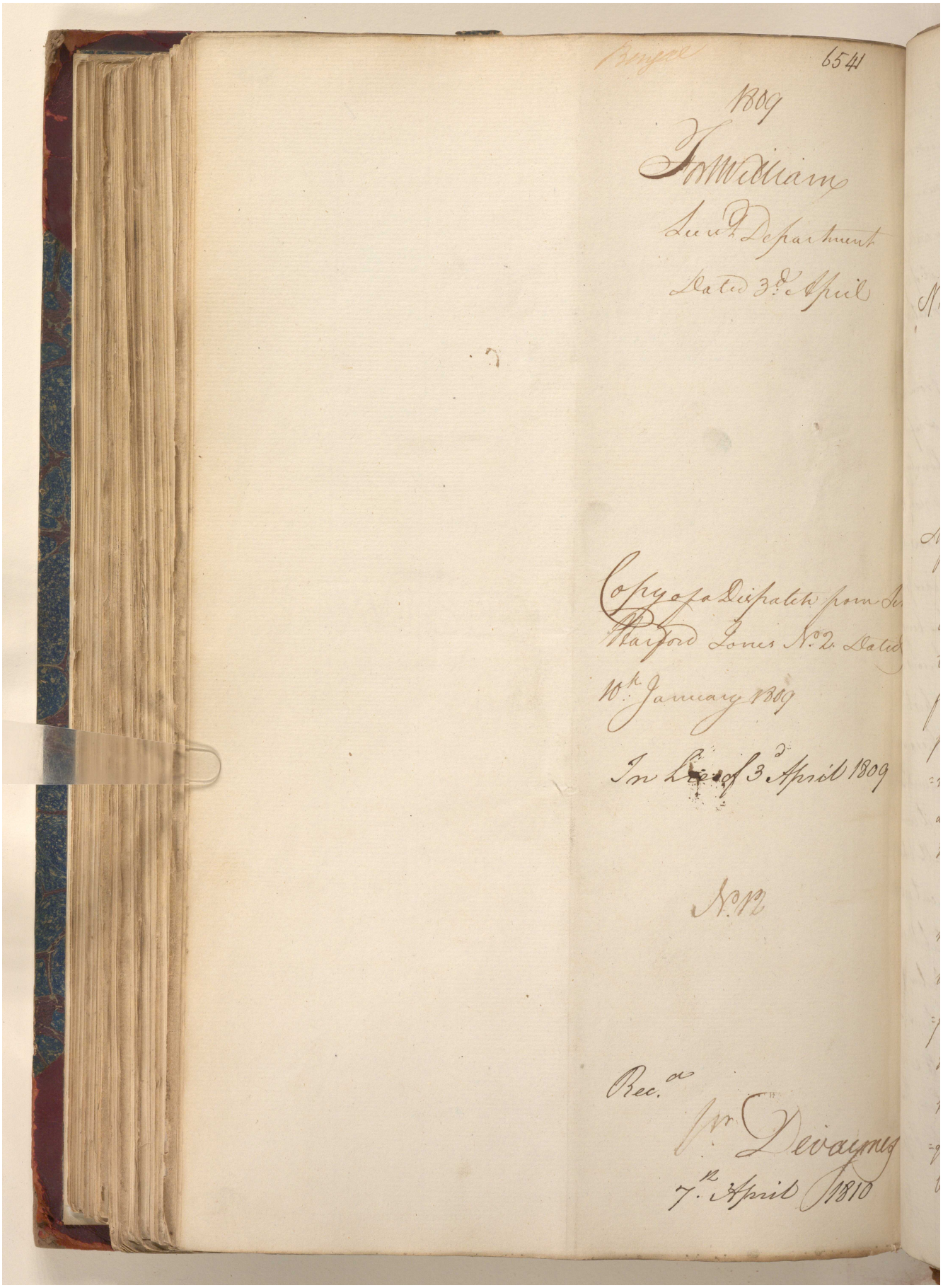

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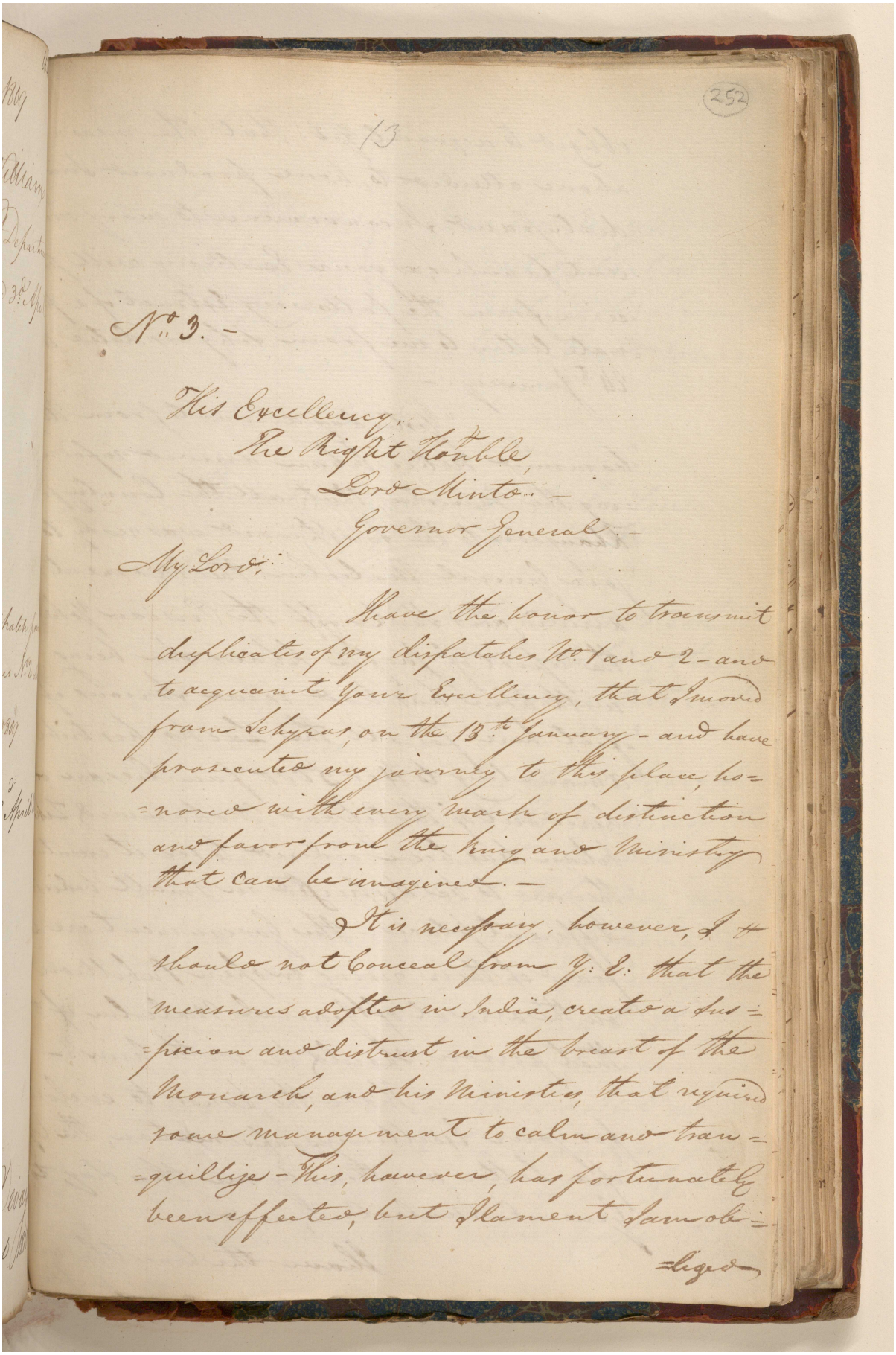

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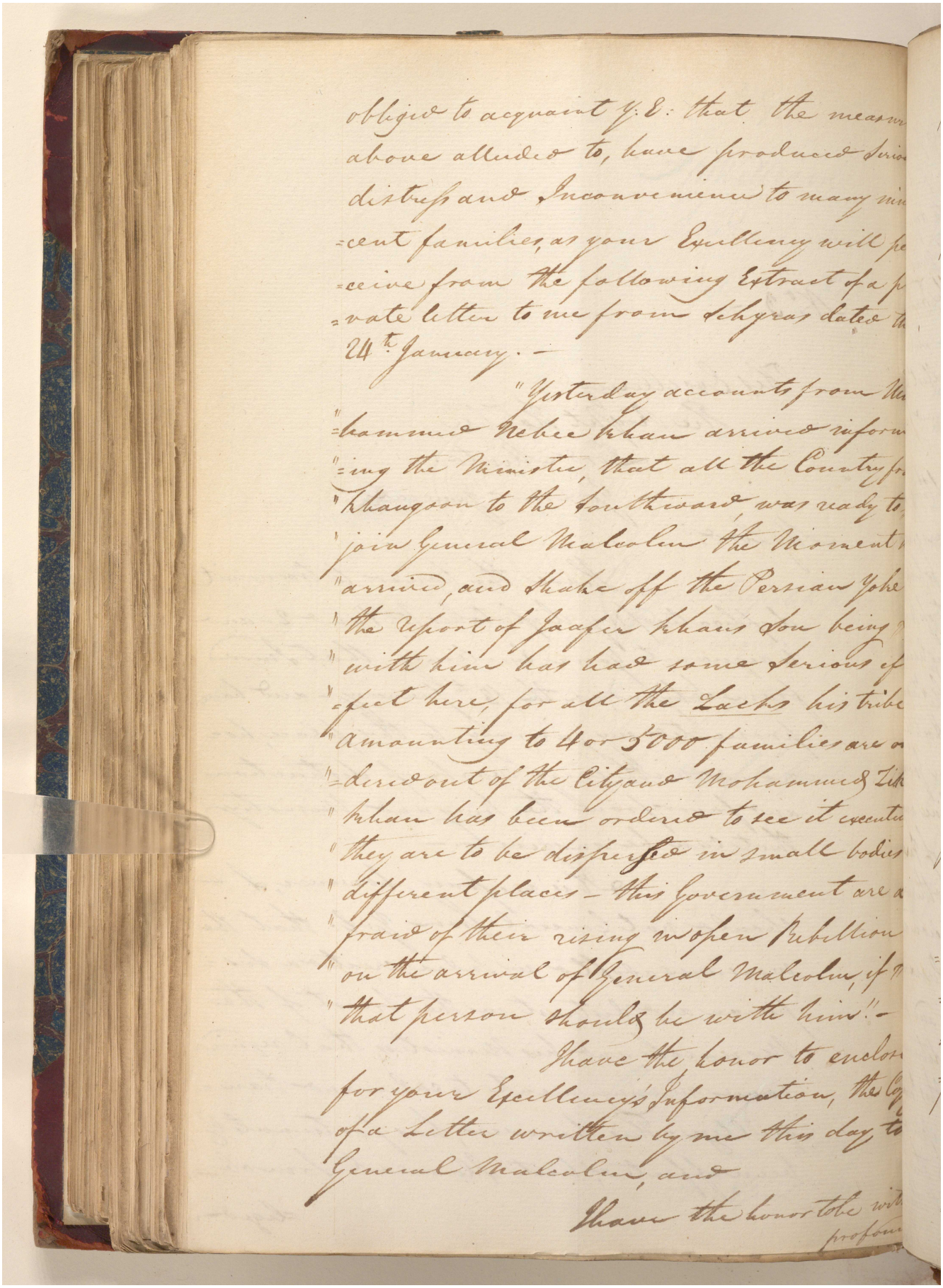
No. 3. –

His Excellency,
The Right Honble
Lord Minto. –
Governor General. –

My Lord;

I have the honor to transmit duplicates of my dispatches No. 1 and 2 – and to acquaint Your Excellency, that I moved from Schypas, on the 13th. January – and have prosecuted my journey to this place, honored with every mark of distinction and favor from the King and Ministry that can be imagined. –

It is necessary, however, I should not Conceal from Y. E. that the measures adopted in India, created a suspicion and distrust in the breast of the Monarch, and his Ministers, that required some management to calm and tranquillize – This, however, has fortunately been effected, but I lament I am obliged



obliged to acquaint Y.E: that the measu
above alluded to, have produced seriou
distress and Inconvenience to many in
-cent families, as your Excellency will pe
-ceive from the following Extract of a p
-vate letter to me from Schyras dated th
24th January. —

"Yesterday accounts from Ma
"-hammed Nebee Khan arrived inform
"-ing the Ministry, that all the Country fr
"Khangoon to the Southward, was ready to
"join General Malcolm the Moment h
"arrived, and shake off the Persian Yoke
"the Report of Jaafer Khans Son being
"with him has had some serious ef
"-fect here, for all the Zacks his tribe
"amounting to 4 or 5000 families are o
"-dered out of the City and Mohammed Zak
"Khan has been ordered to see it executed
"they are to be dispersed in small bodies
"different places — this Government are a
"fraid of their rising in open Rebellion
"on the arrival of General Malcolm, if t
"that person should be with him". —

I have the Honor to enclos
for your Excellency's Information, the Co
of a Letter written by me this day to
General Malcolm, and

I have the honor to be with
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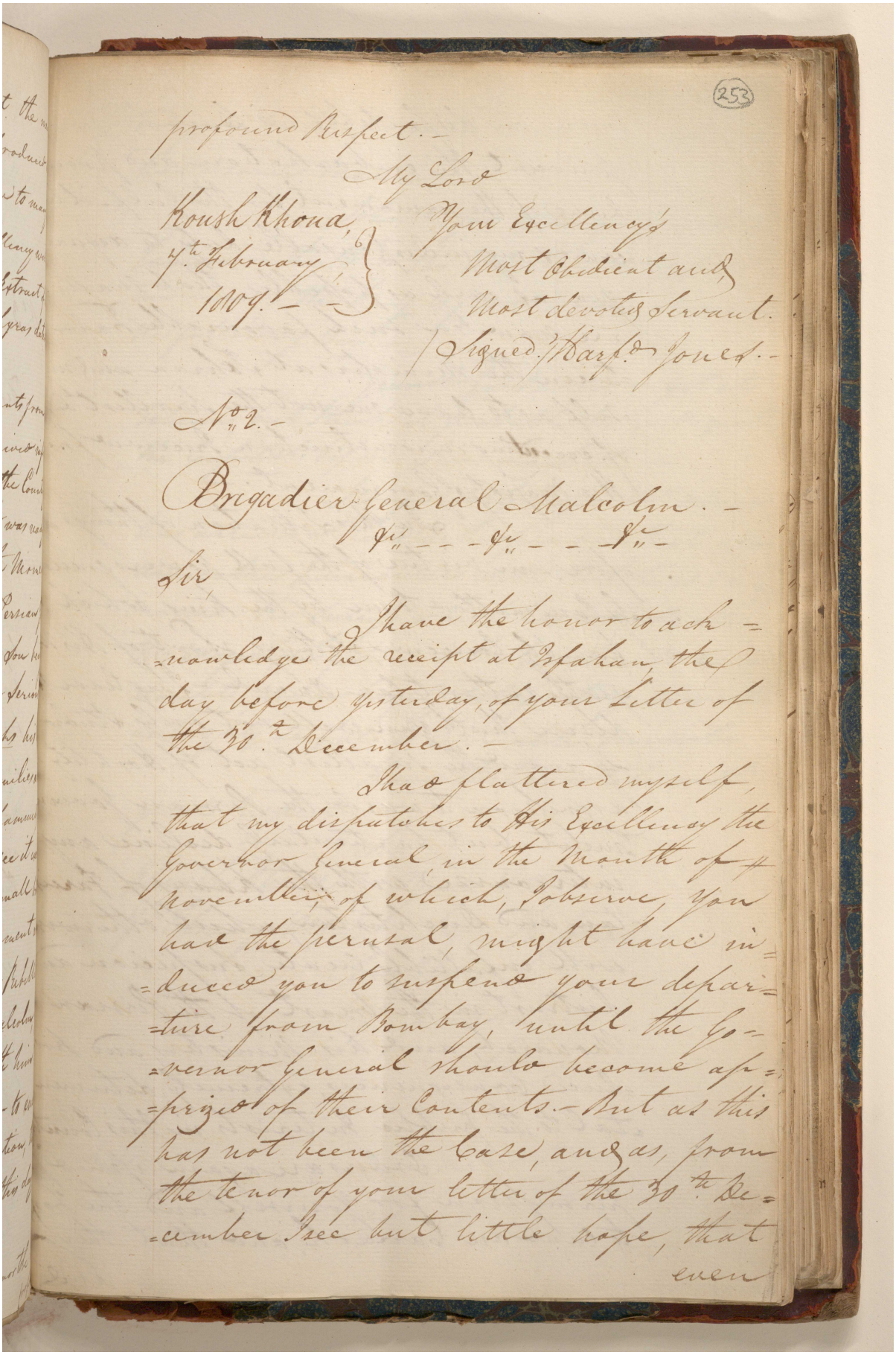


profound Respect.—

My Lord

Koush Khona,
7th February
1809.—

Your Excellency's
Most Obedient and
Most devoted Servant.
(Signed) Harfd Jones.—

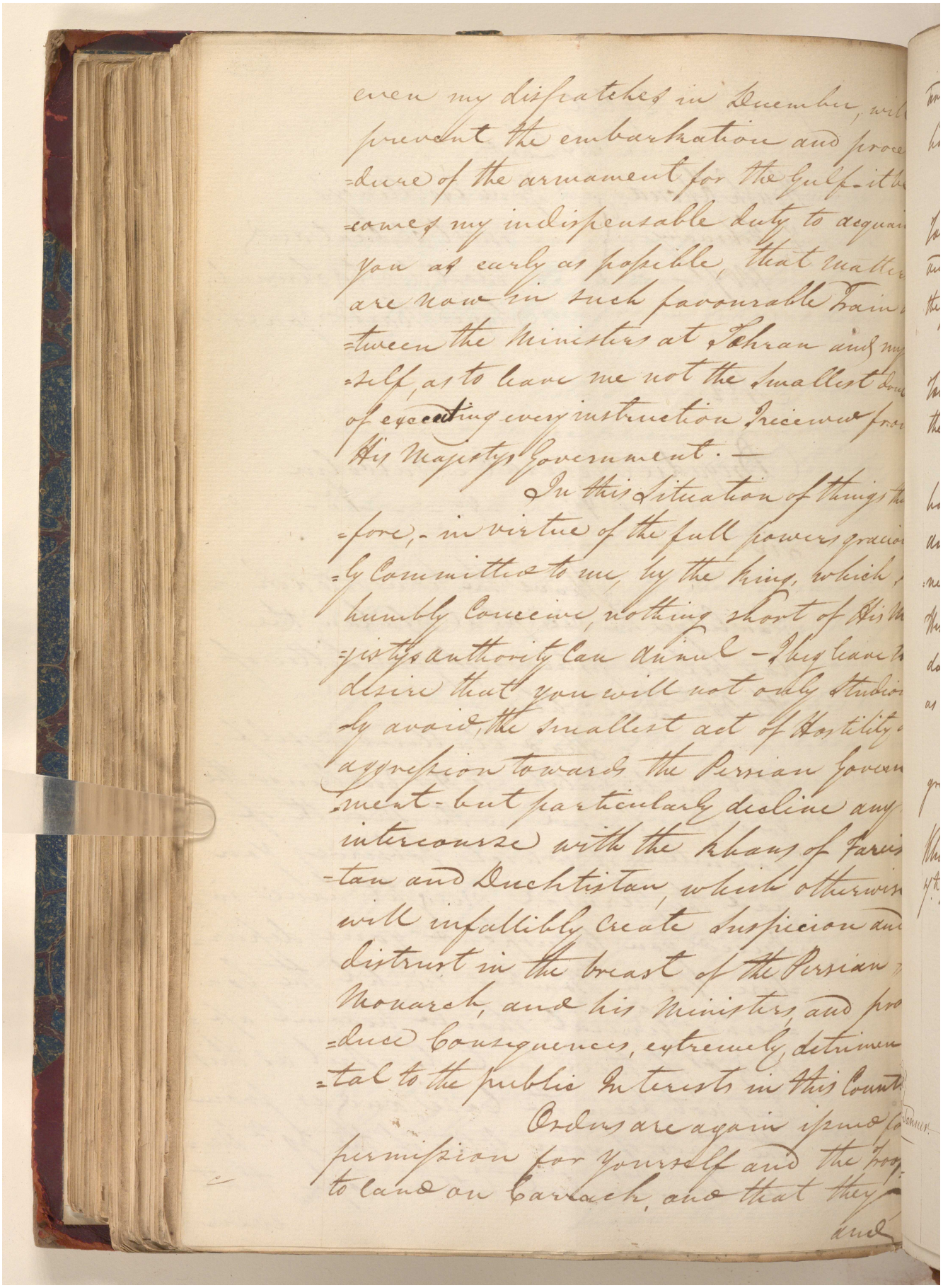
No. 2.—

Brigadier General Malcolm.—
&c.— &c.— &c.—

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt at Isfahan, the day before yesterday, of your Letter of the 30th December.—

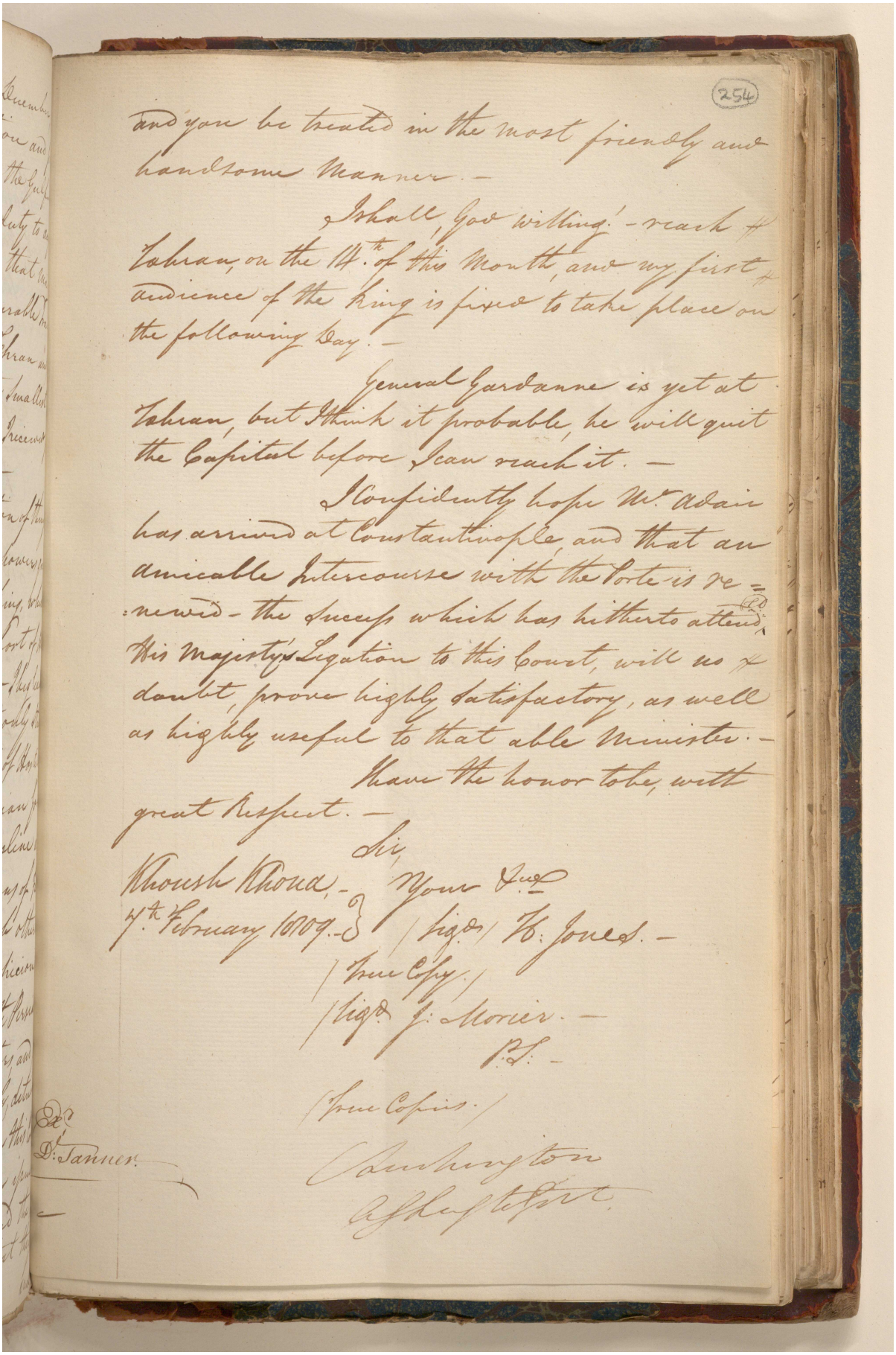
I had flattered myself, that my dispatches to His Excellency the Governor General, in the Month of November, of which, I observe, you had the perusal, might have induced you to suspend your departure from Bombay, until the Governor General should become apprized of their Contents.— But as this has not been the Case, and as, from the tenor of your letter of the 30th December I see but little hope, that even



even my dispatches in December, will
prevent the embarkation and proce-
-dure of the armament for the Gulf - it be-
-comes my indispensable duty to acquai-
you as early as possible, that matte-
are now in such favourable train
-tween the Ministers at Tehran and my-
-self, as to leave me not the smallest d-
of executing every instruction I receive fro-
His Majesty's Government. —

In this situation of things th-
-fore, - in virtue of the full powers gracio-
-ly committed to me, by the King, which
humbly conceive, nothing short of His M-
-jesty's authority can annul - I beg leave t-
desire that you will not only studio-
-ly avoid the smallest act of hostility
aggression towards the Persian gover-
-ment - but particularly decline any
intercourse with the Khans of Fars-
-tan and Duchtistan, which otherwis-
will infallibly create suspicion an-
distrust in the breast of the Persian
Monarch, and his Ministers, and pro-
-duce consequences, extremely detrimen-
-tal to the public interests in this countr-

Orders are again issued [illegible]
permission for yourself and the [illegible]
to land on Carrack, and that they
and



and you be treated in the most friendly and handsome Manner. —

I shall, God willing! - reach Tehran, on the 14th of this Month, and my first audience of the King is fixed to take place on the following Day. —

General Gardanne is yet at Tehran, but I think it probable, he will quit the Capital before I can reach it. —

I confidently hope Mr. Adair has arrived at Constantinople, and that an amicable Intercourse with the Porte is renewed - the Success which has hitherto attended His Majesty's Legation to this Court, will no doubt, prove highly satisfactory, as well as highly useful to that able Minister. —

I have the honor to be, with great Respect. —

Sir,

Your &c.

Khoush Khoua, -
7th February 1809. -

(Sigd.) H. Jones. —

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(Sigd.) J. Morier. —

P.S. —

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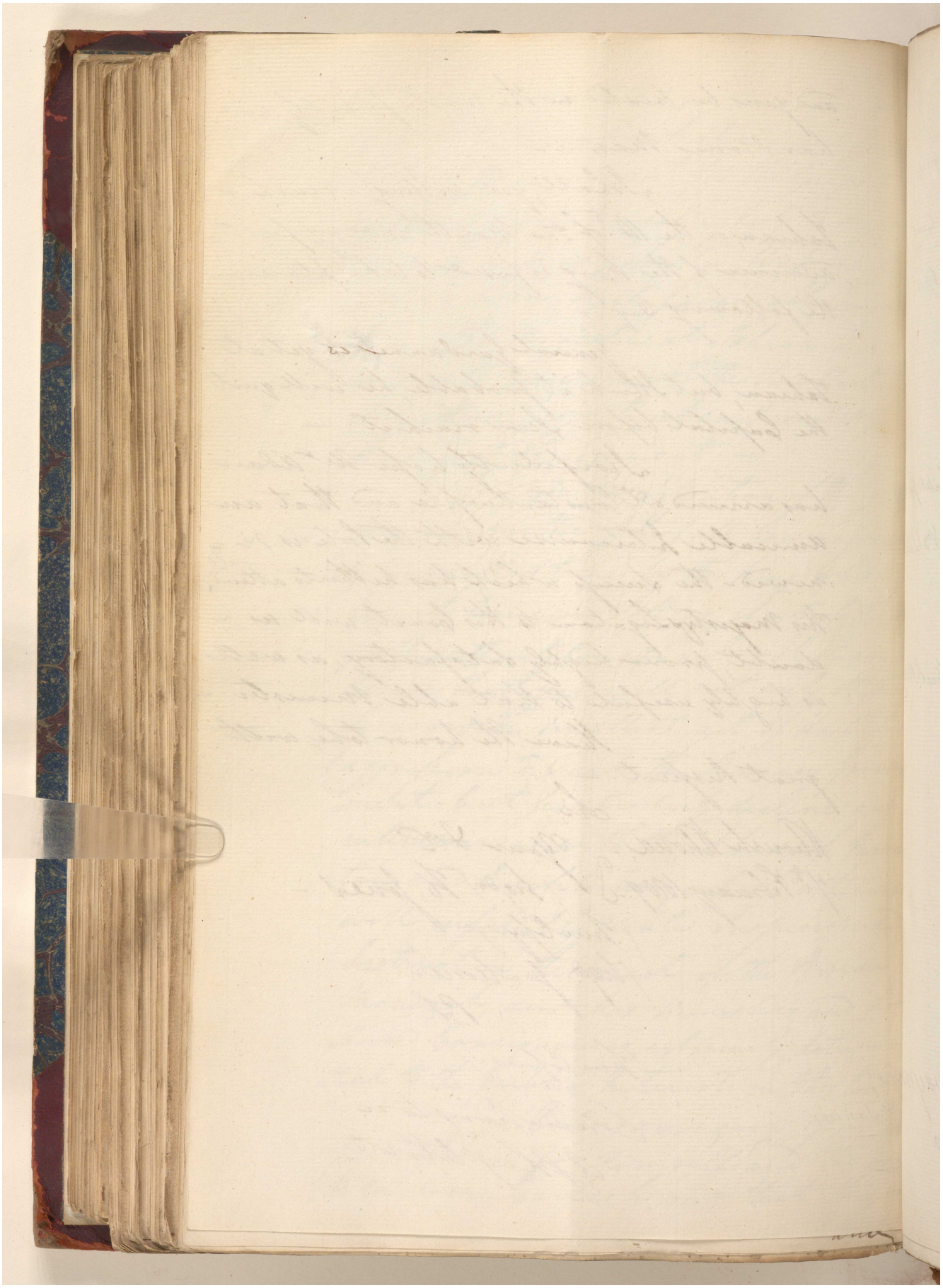
Ex.d
D. Tanner.

Cunningham
Assistant Govt.



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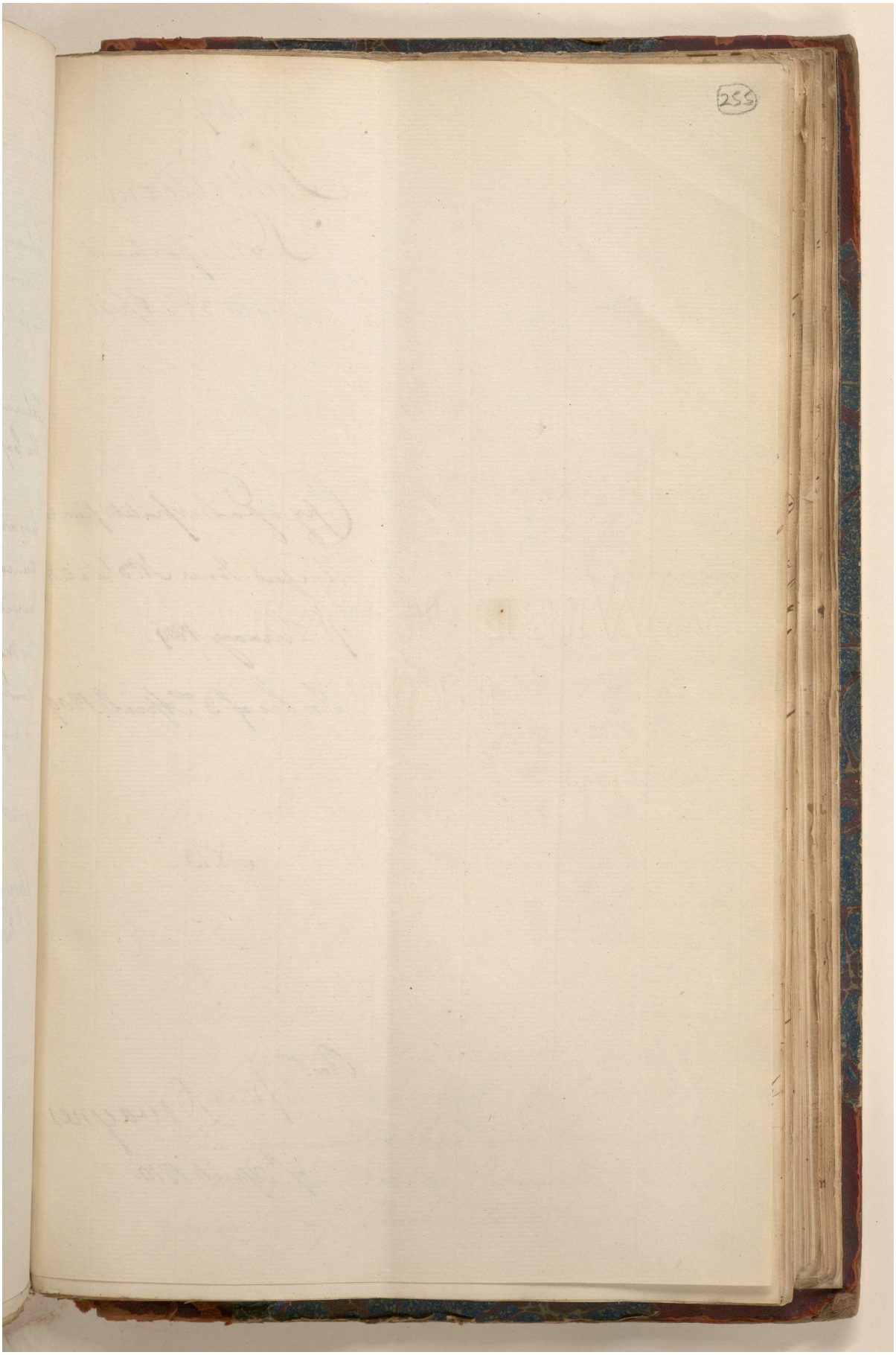

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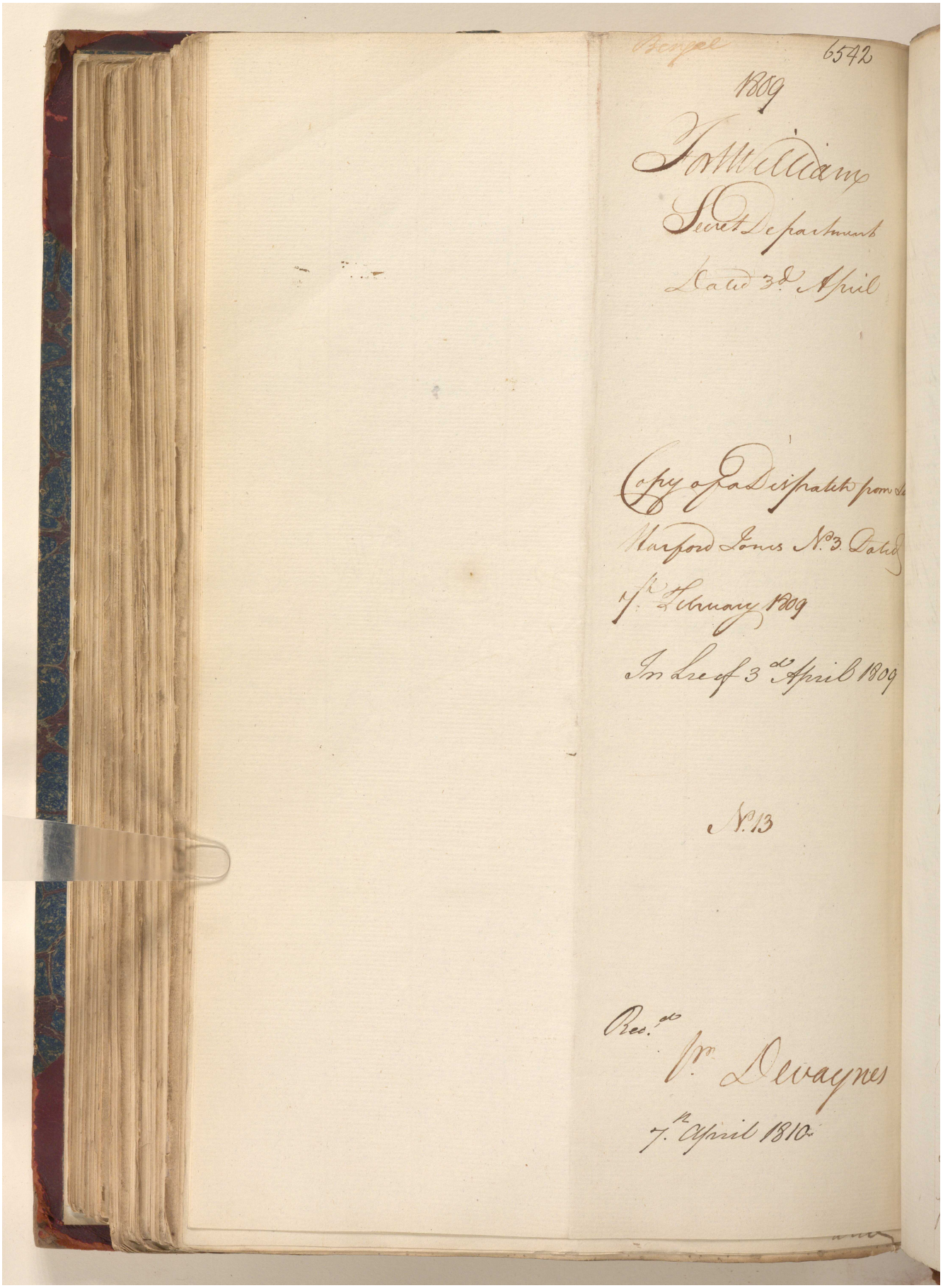

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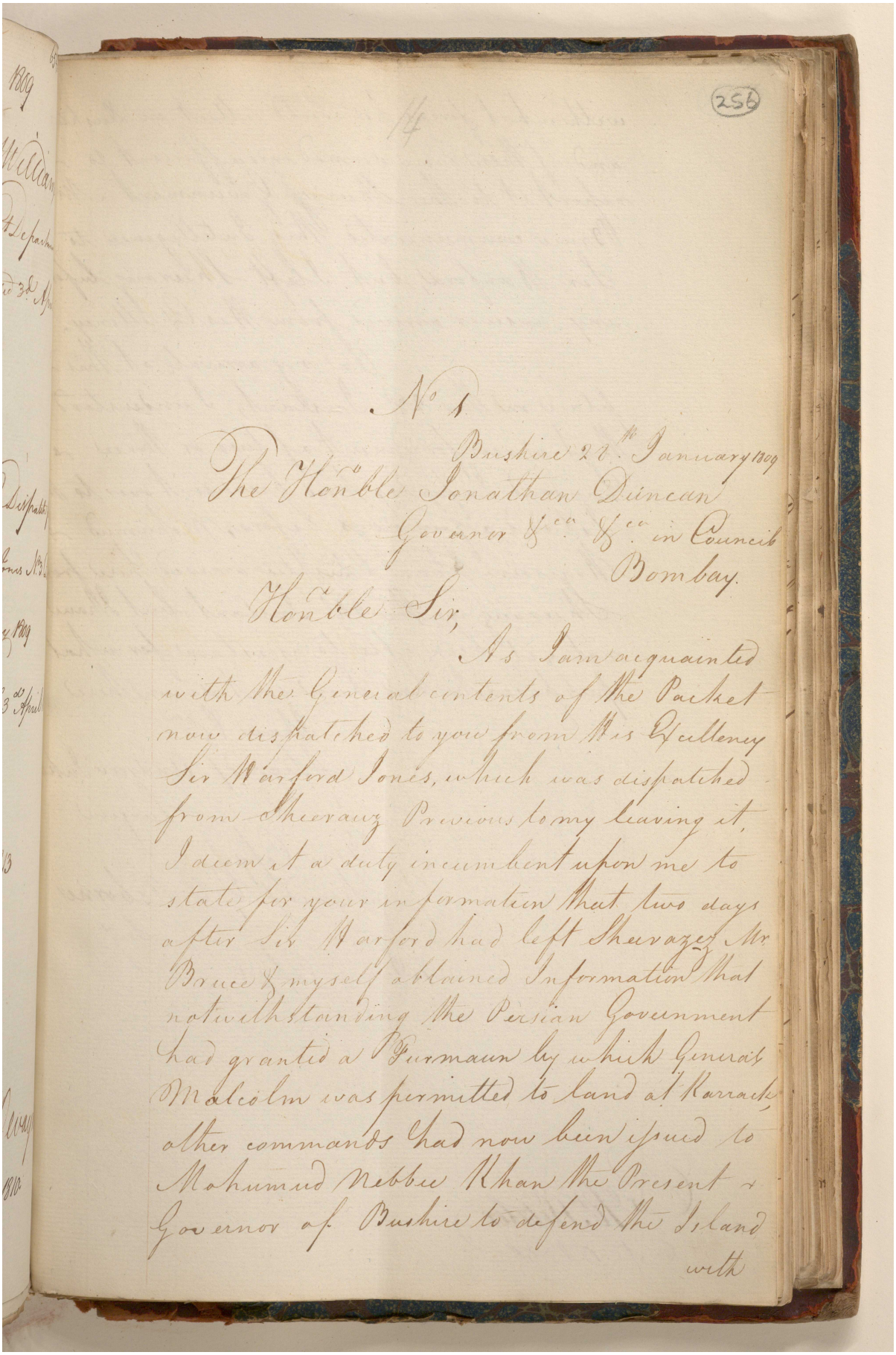

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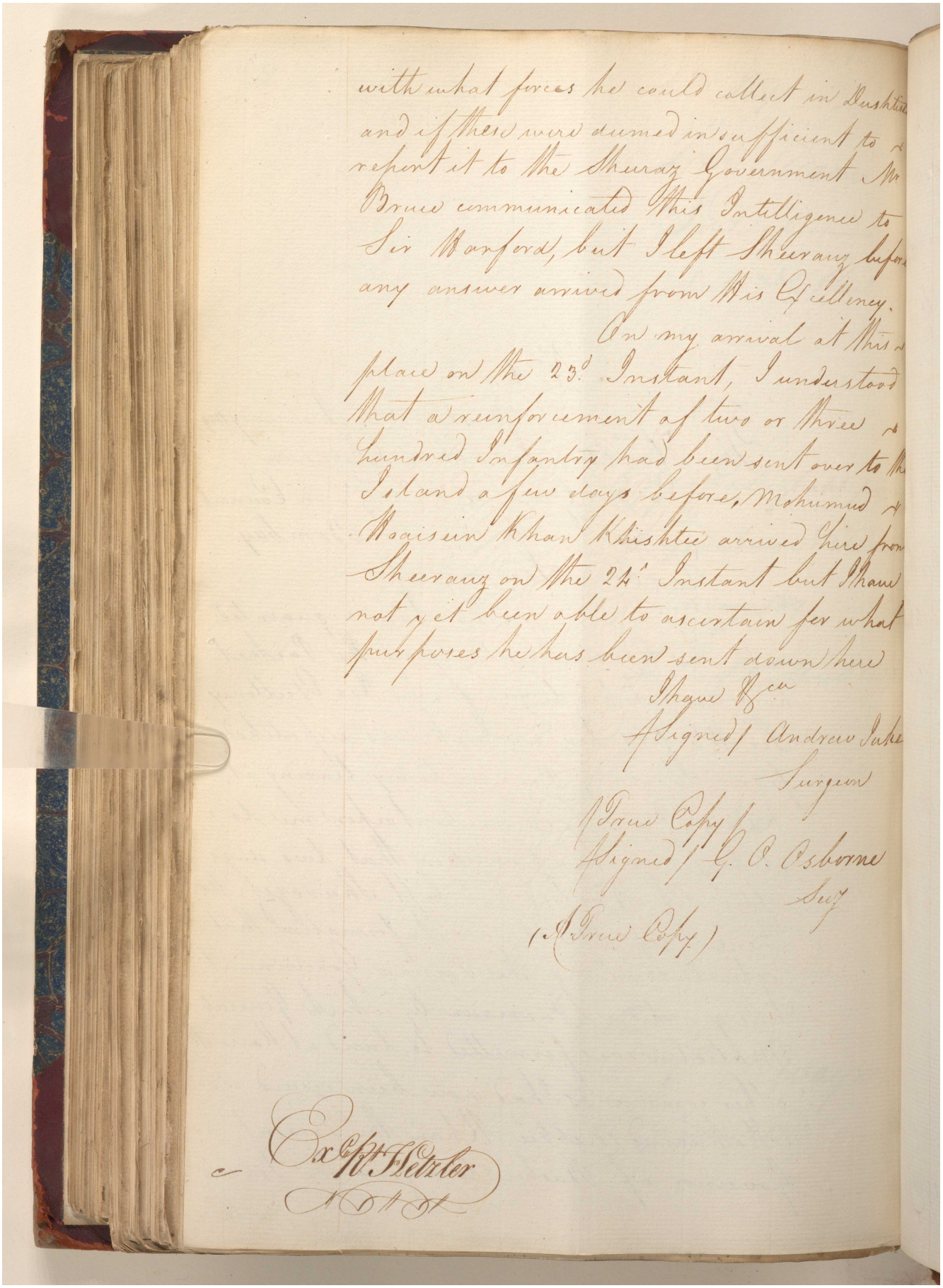
No 1

Bushire 22d January 1809

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

Honble Sir,

As I am acquainted with the General contents of the Packet now dispatched to you from His Excellency Sir Harford Jones, which was dispatched from Sheeraz Previous to my leaving it, I deem it a duty incumbent upon me to state for your information that two days after Sir Harford had left Sheeraz Mr Bruce & myself obtained Information that notwithstanding the Persian Government had granted a Furmaun by which Genl Malcolm was permitted to land at Karrack, other commands had now been issued to Mahumud Nebbe Khan the Present Governor of Bushire to defend the Island with



with what forces he could collect in Dushtiste and if these were deemed insufficient to report it to the Sheeraz Government Mr Bruce communicated this Intelligence to Sir Warford, but I left Sheerauz before any answer arrived from His Excellency.

On my arrival at this place on the 23d Instant, I understood that a reinforcement of two or three hundred Infantry had been sent over to the Island a few days before, Mohumud Waaisein Khan Khishtee arrived here from Sheerauz on the 24th Instant but I have not yet been able to ascertain for what purposes he has been sent down here

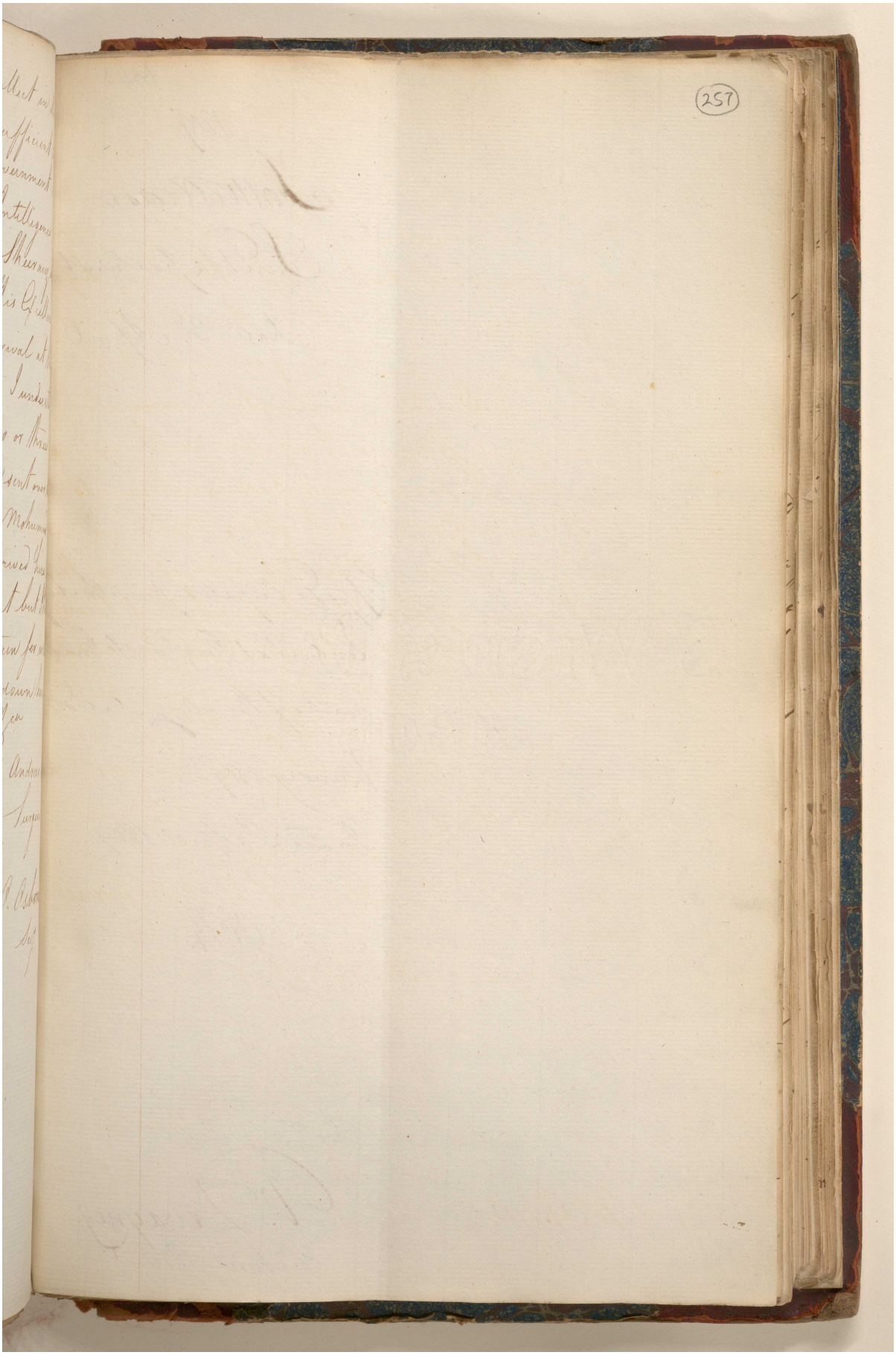
I have &ca

(Signed) Andrew Jake
Surgeon

(True Copy)
(Signed) G. O. Osborne
Secy

(A True Copy)

Ex Rt Fletzler



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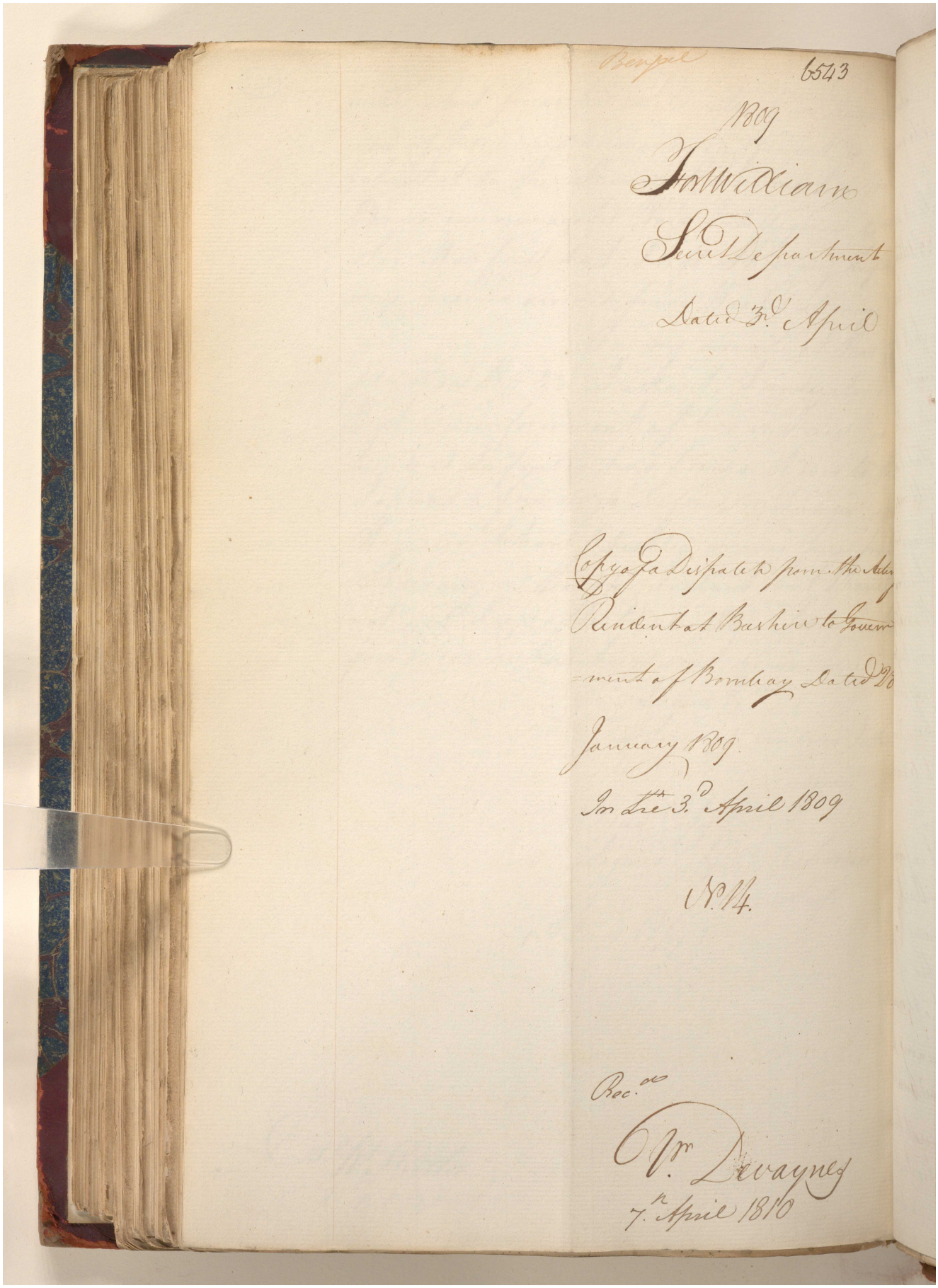
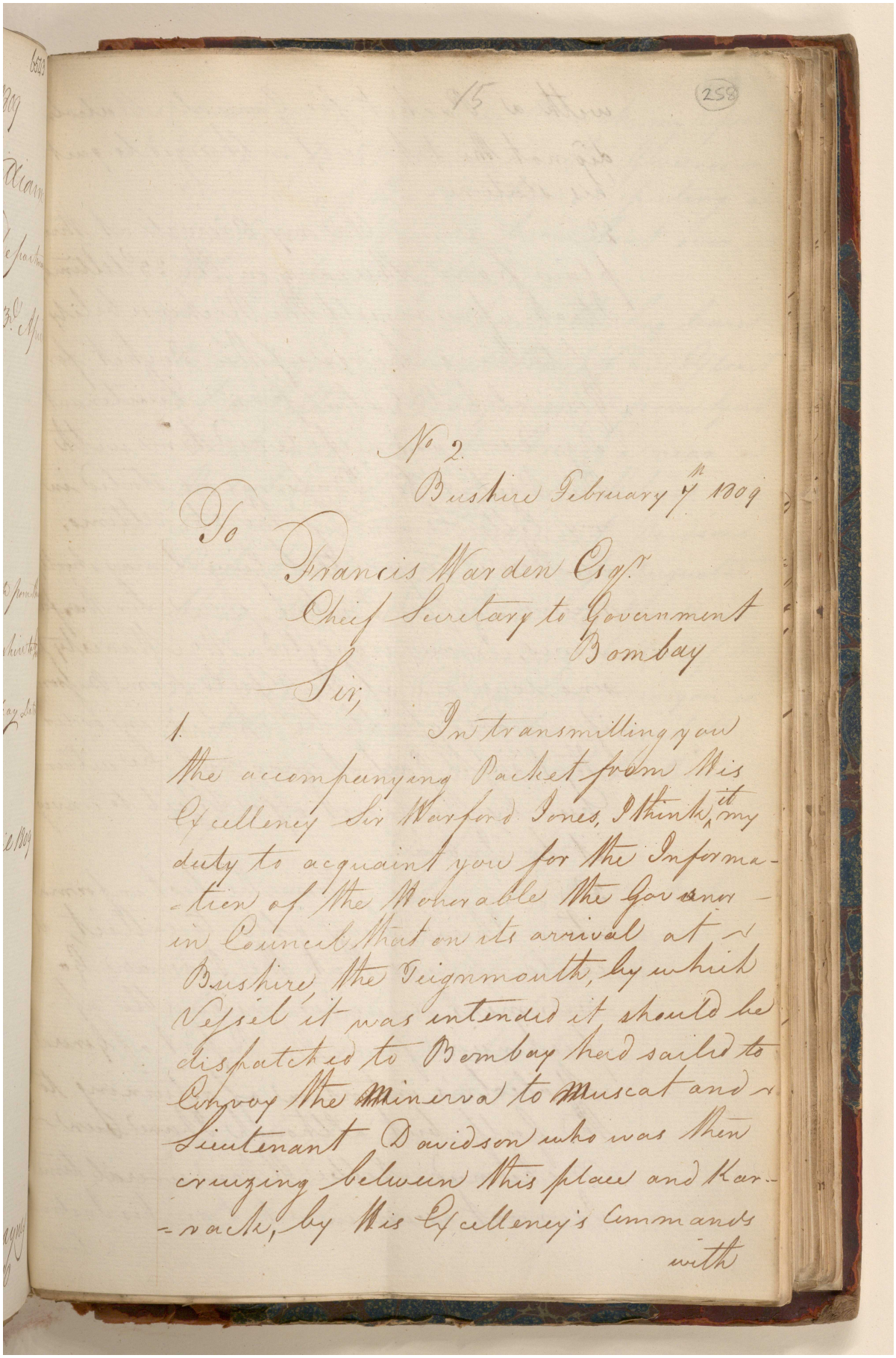




No 2.

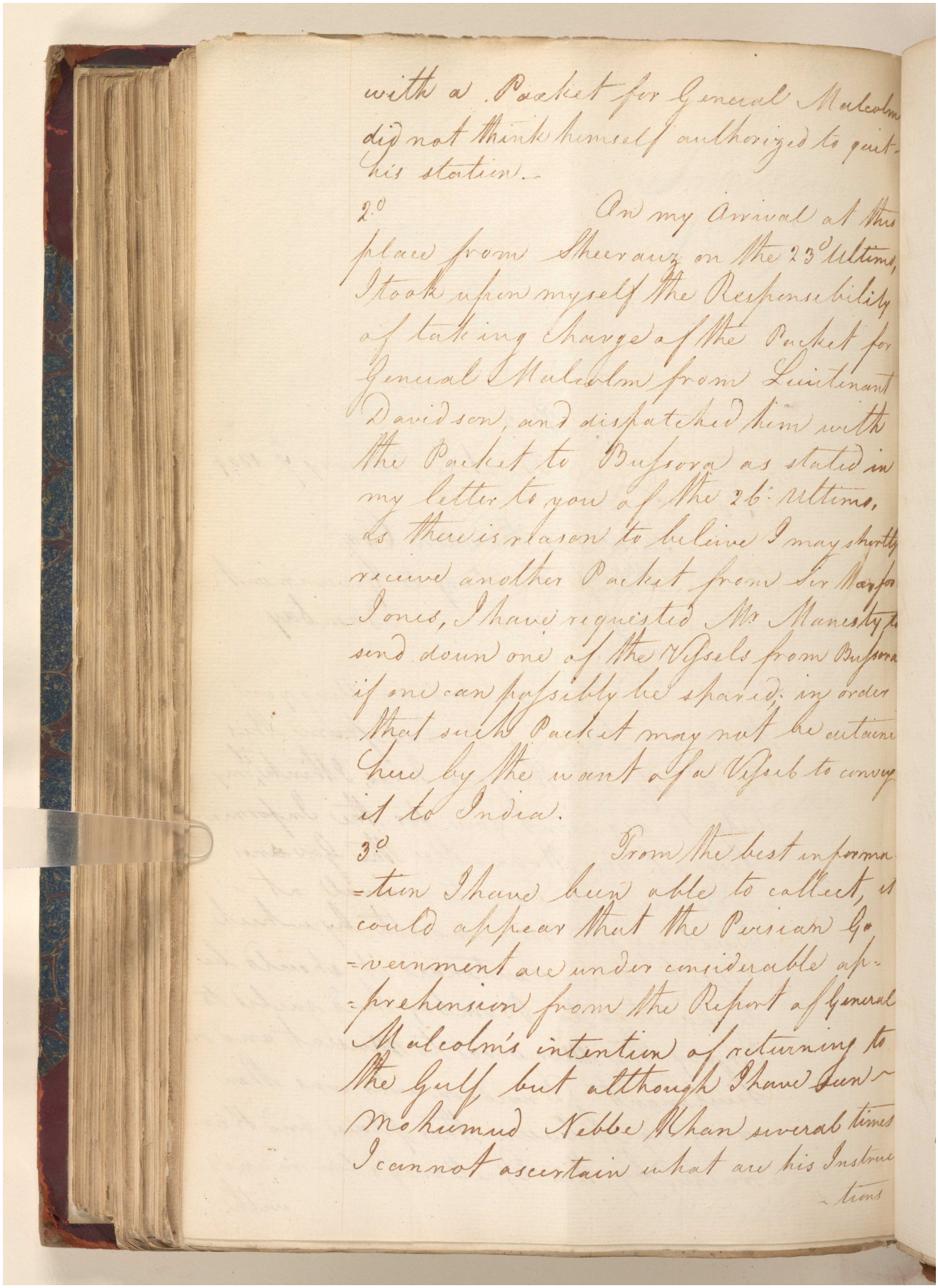
Bushire February 7th 1809

To

Francis Warden Esqr.
Chief Secretary to Government
Bombay

Sir,

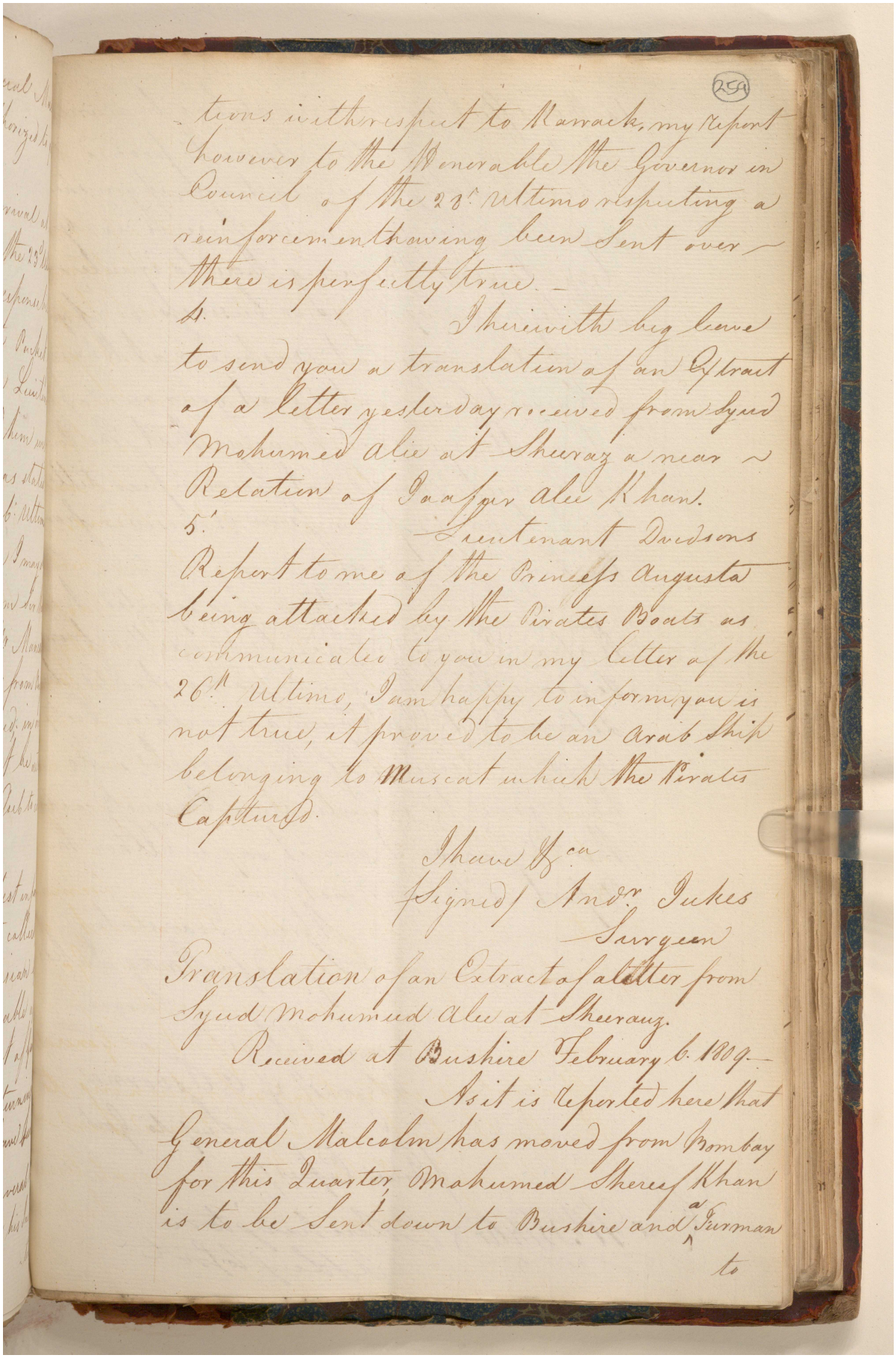
1. In transmitting you the accompanying Packet from His Excellency Sir Warford Jones, I think it my duty to acquaint you for the Information of the Honorable the Governor in Council that on its arrival at Bushire the Teignmouth, by which Vessel it was intended it should be dispatched to Bombay had sailed to Convoy the Minerva to Muscat and Lieutenant Davidson who was then cruizing between this place and Karrack, by His Excellency's Commands with



with a Packet for General Malcolm did not think himself authorized to quit his station.

2d On my Arrival at this place from Sheeraz on the 23d Ultimo, I took upon myself the Responsibility of taking Charge of the Packet for General Malcolm from Lieutenant Davidson, and dispatched him with the Packet to Bussora as stated in my letter to you of the 26th Ultimo, as there is reason to believe I may shortly receive another Packet from Sir Harford Jones, I have requested His Majesty's Ship send down one of the Vessels from Bussora if one can possibly be spared, in order that such Packet may not be detained here by the want of a Vessel to convey it to India.

3d From the best information I have been able to collect, it could appear that the Persian Government are under considerable apprehension from the Report of General Malcolm's intention of returning to the Gulf but although I have seen Mohumud Nebbe Khan several times I cannot ascertain what are his Instructions



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tions in the respect to Karrack, my Report however to the Honorable the Governor in Council of the 28th Ultimo respecting a reinforcement having been Sent over there is perfectly true.

5. I therewith beg leave to send you a translation of an Extract of a letter yesterday received from Syud Mohumed alie at Sheraz a near Relation of Jaaffer alie Khan.

5. Lieutenant Dudsons Report to me of the Princess Augusta being attacked by the Pirates Boats as communicated to you in my Letter of the 26th Ultimo, I am happy to inform you is not true, it proved to be an Arab Ship belonging to Muscat which the Pirates Captured.

I have &c.a
Signed/ Andr. Jukes
Surgeon

Translation of an Extract of a letter from Syud Mohumud alie at Sheeraz.
Received at Bushire February 6. 1809.

As it is reported here that General Malcolm has moved from Bombay for this Quarter Mahumed Sheref Khan is to be Sent down to Bushire and Furman

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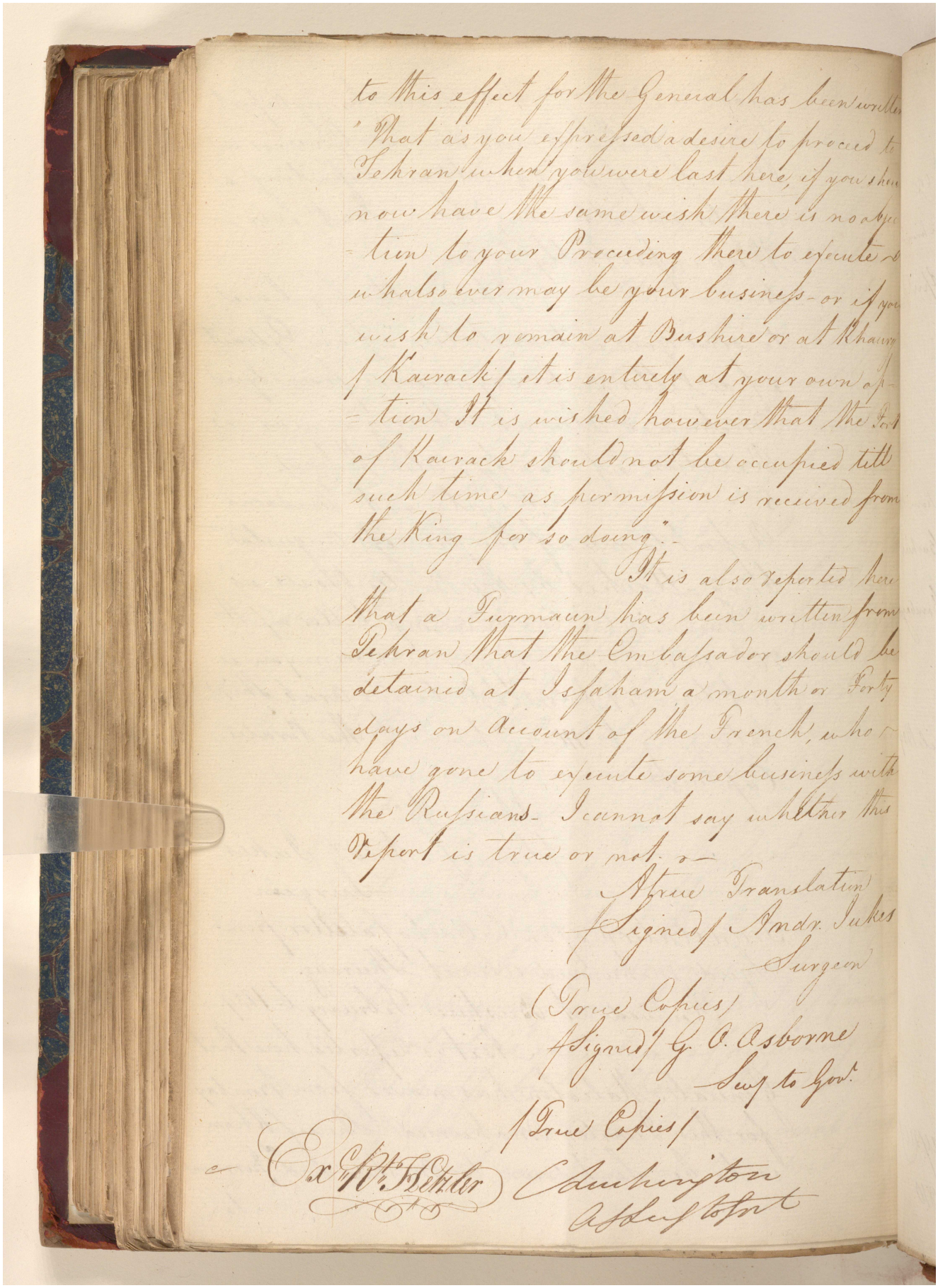

to this effect for the General has been written "That as you expressed a desire to proceed to Tehran when you were last here, if you shew now have the same wish there is no objection to your Proceeding there to execute whatsoever may be your business - or if you wish to remain at Bushire or at Khaurg (Kairack) it is entirely at your own option It is wished however that the Fort of Kairack should not be occupied till such time as permission is received from the King for so doing".

It is also reported here that a Furmaun has been written from Tehran that the Embassador should be detained at Isfaham a month or Forty days on Account of the French, who have gone to execute some business with the Russians - I cannot say whether this Report is true or not.

A true Translation
(Signed) Andr. Jukes
Surgeon

(True Copies)
(Signed) G. O. Osborne
Secy to Govt.

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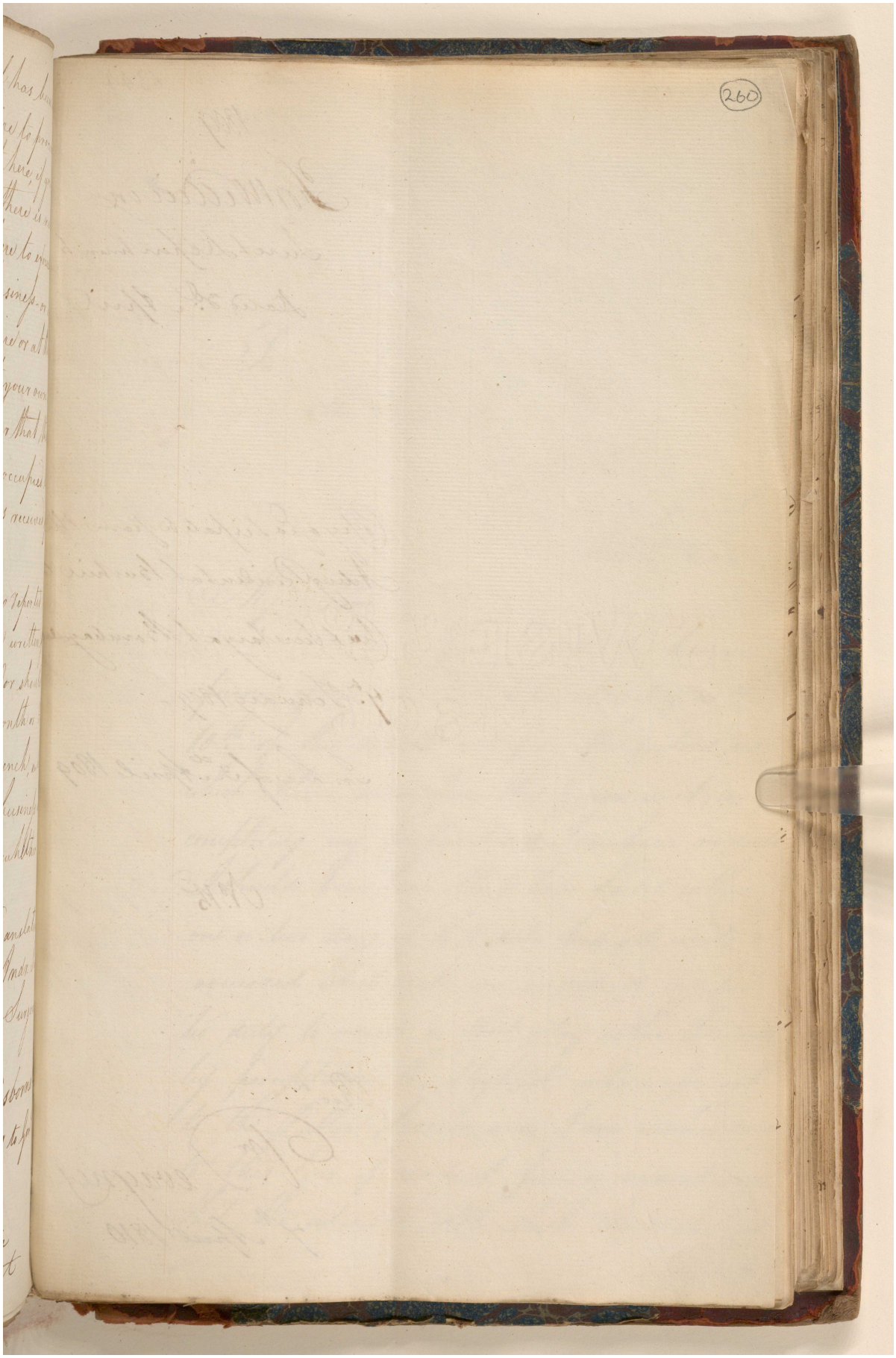
Assistant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Secret Department

Dated 3d April

Copy of a Dispatch from the Acting Resident at Bushire to Chief Secretary at Bombay Dated 7th February 1809 –

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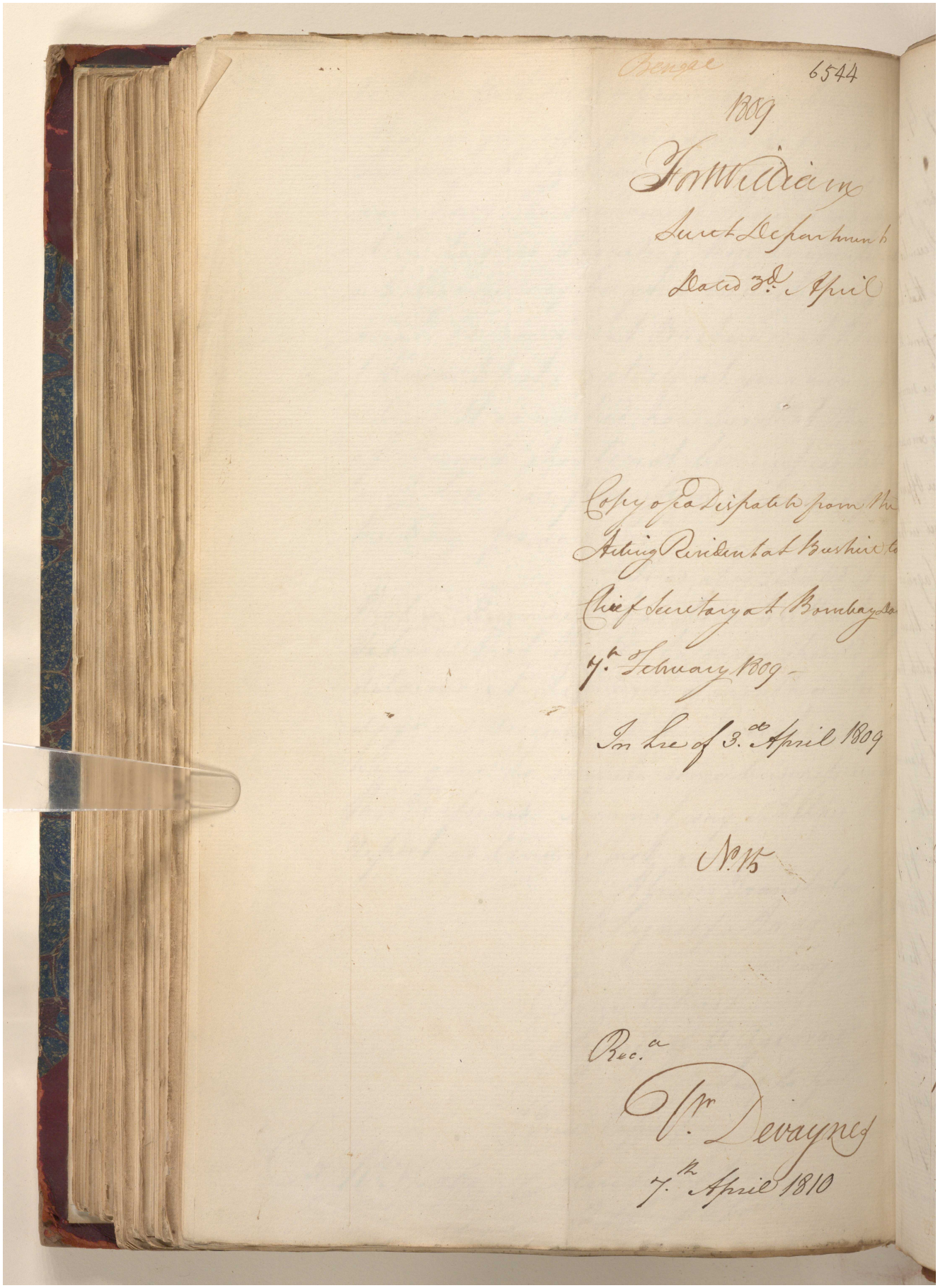

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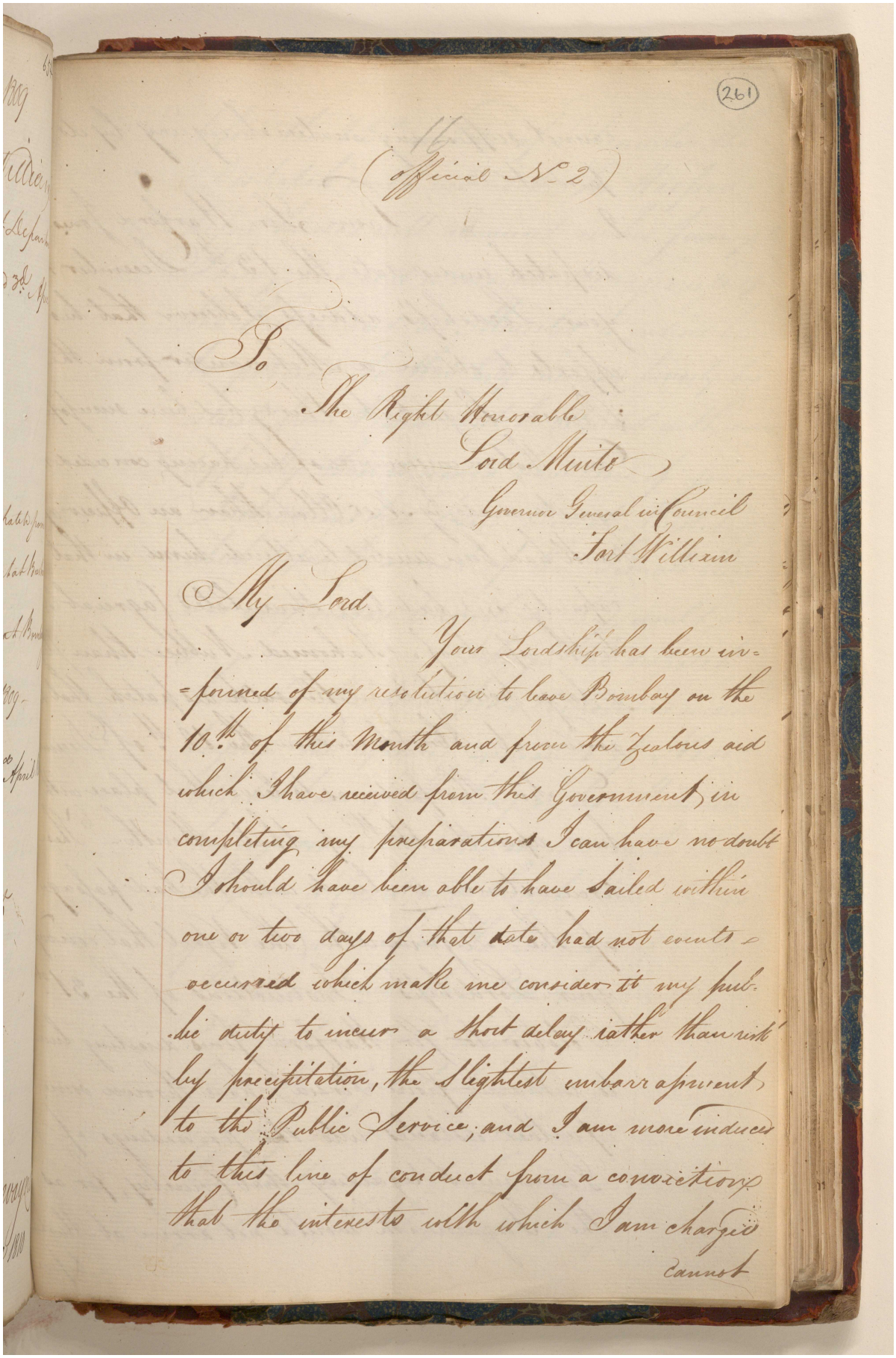

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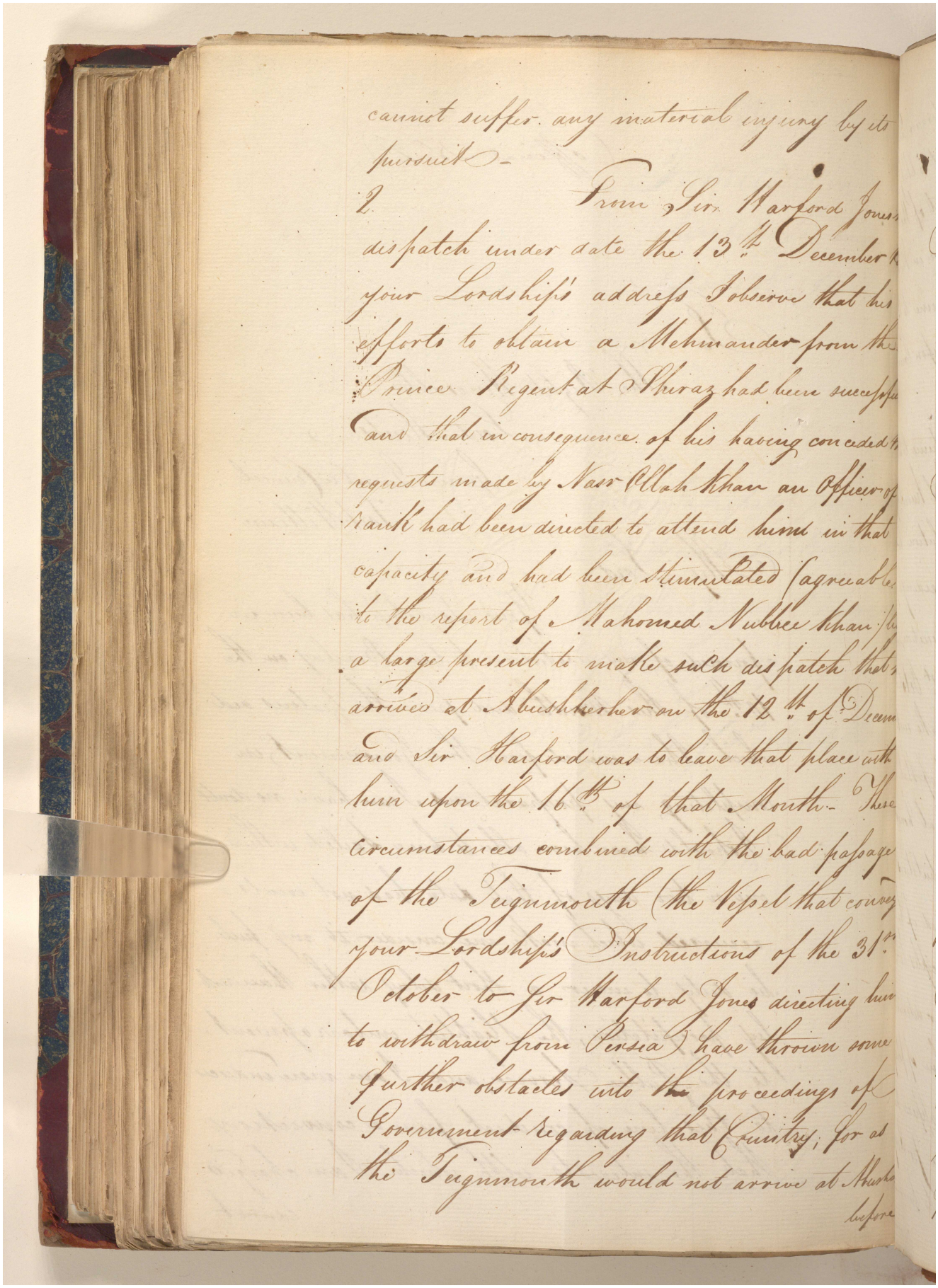
(Official No 2)

To

The Right Honorable
Lord Minto
Governor General in Council
Fort William

My Lord

Your Lordship has been informed of my resolution to have Bombay on the 10th of this Month and from the Zealous aid which I have received from this Government in completing my preparations I can have no doubt I should have been able to have Sailed within one or two days of that date had not events occurred which make me consider it my public duty to incur a short delay rather than risk by precipitation, the slightest embarrassment to the Public Service, and I am more induced to this line of conduct from a conviction that the interests with which I am charged cannot



cannot suffer any material injury by its
pursuit -

2 From Sir Harford Jones
dispatch under date the 13th December
your Lordship's address I observe that his
efforts to obtain a Mehmaunder from the
Prince Regent at Shiraz had been successful
and that in consequence of his having conceded
requests made by Nasr Ullah Khan an Officer of
rank had been directed to attend him in that
capacity and had been stimulated (agreeable
to the report of Mahomed Nubbee Khan)
a large present to make such dispatch that
arrived at Abushehr on the 12th of Decem
and Sir Harford was to leave that place with
him upon the 16th of that Month. These
circumstances combined with the bad passage
of the Teignmouth (the Vessel that conveyed
your Lordship's Instructions of the 31st
October to Sir Harford Jones directing him
to withdraw from Persia) have thrown some
further obstacles into the proceedings of
Government regarding that Country, for as
the Teignmouth would not arrive at Abushe
before

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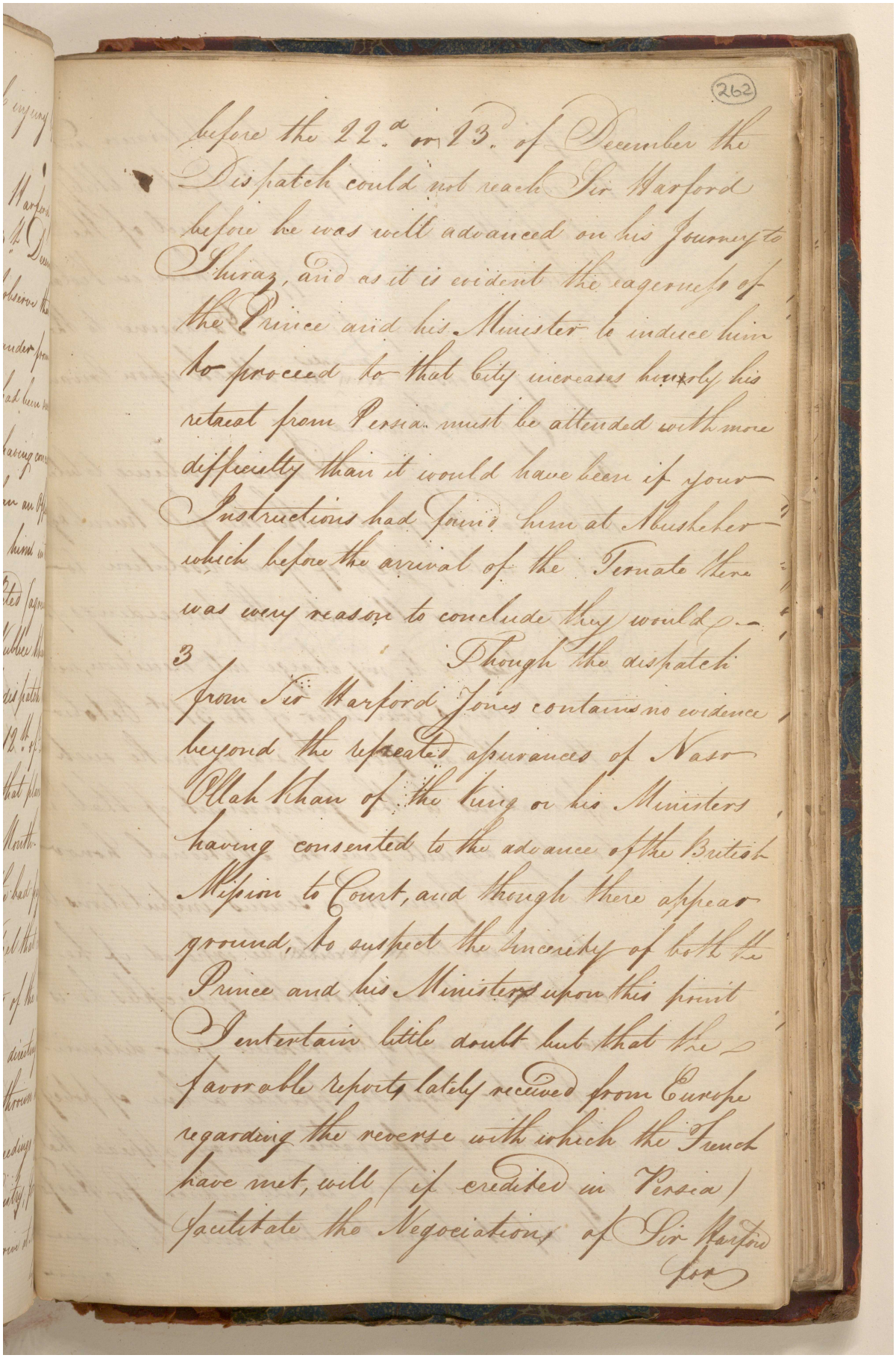

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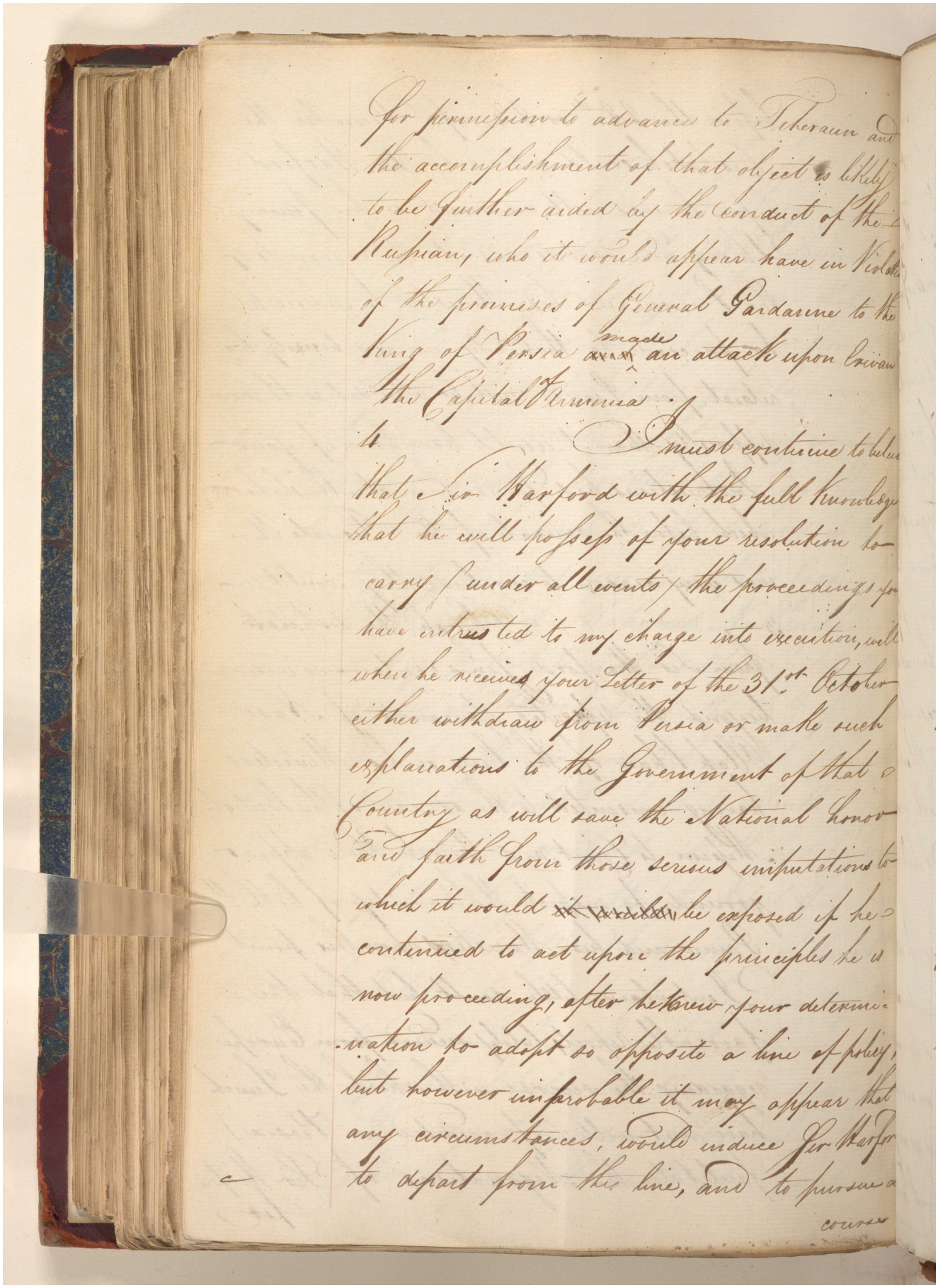
before the 22.d or 23. of December the Dispatch could not reach Sir Warford before he was well advanced on his Journey to Shiraz, and as it is evident the eagerness of the Prince and his Minister to induce him to proceed to that City increases hourly his retreat from Persia must be attended with more difficulty than it would have been if your Instructions had found him at Abusheher which before the arrival of the Fernate there was every reason to conclude they would —

3 Though the dispatch from Sir Warford Jones contains no evidence beyond the repeated assurances of Naso Ollah Khan of the King or his Ministers having consented to the advance of the British Mission to Court, and though there appear ground, to suspect the sincerity of both the Prince and his Ministers upon this point I entertain little doubt but that the favorable reports lately received from Europe regarding the reverse with which the French have met, will (if credited in Persia) facilitate the Negociations of Sir Warford for



for permission to advance to Teheraun and
the accomplishment of that object is likely
to be further aided by the conduct of the
Russians, who it would appear have in Violation
of the promises of General Gardanne to the
King of Persia made an attack upon Erivan
the Capital Armenia.

4 I must continue to believe
that Sir Harford with the full knowledge
that he will possess of your resolution to
carry (under all events) the proceedings you
have entrusted to my charge into execution, will
when he receives your Letter of the 31st October
either withdraw from Persia or make such
explanations to the Government of that
Country as will save the National honour
and faith from those serious imputations to
which it would ~~xx xxxxxx~~ be exposed if he
continued to act upon the principles he is
now proceeding, after he knew your determi-
nation to adopt so opposite a line of policy,
but however improbable it may appear that
any circumstances, would induce Sir Harford
to depart from this line, and to pursue a

course

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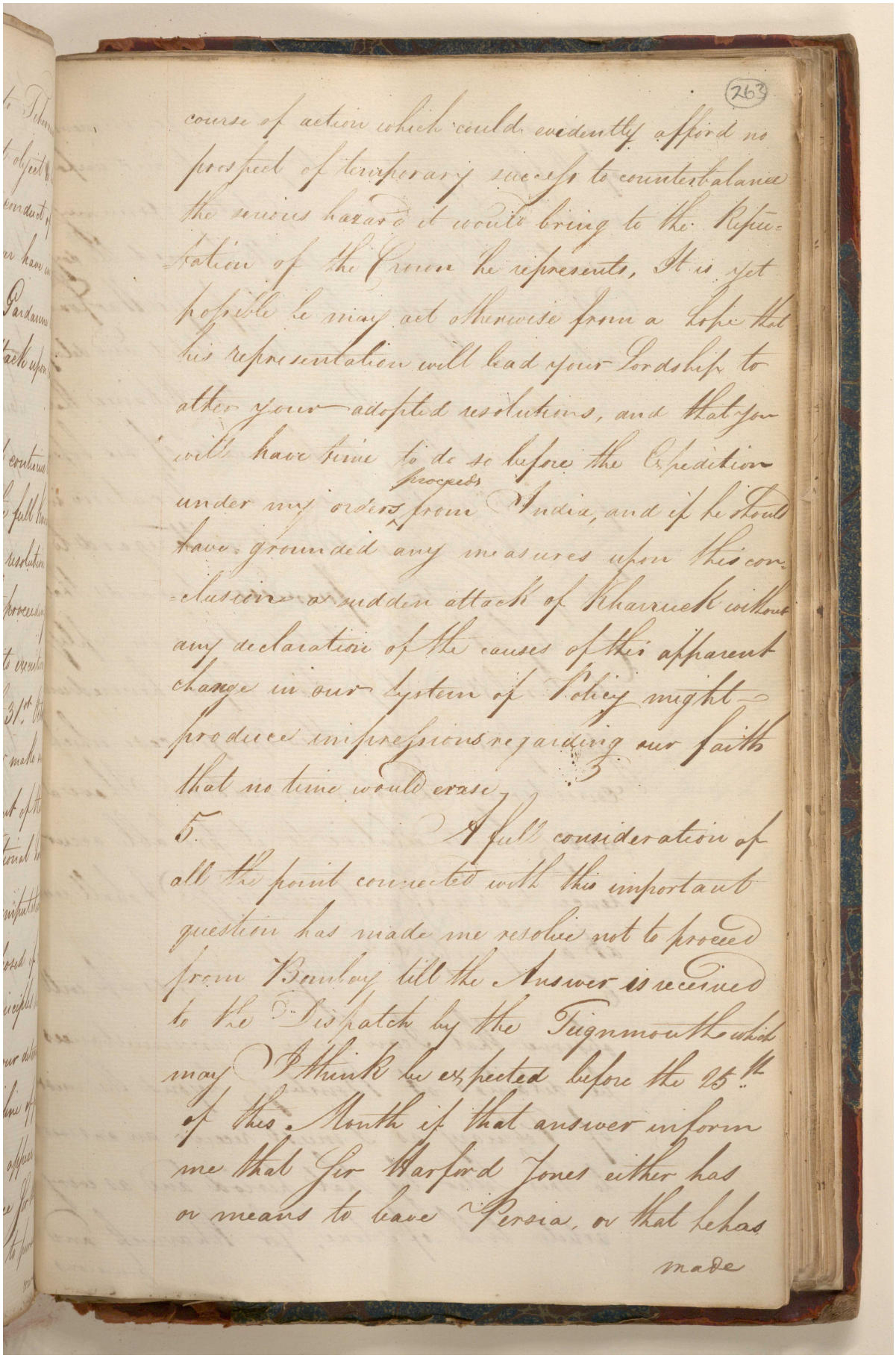

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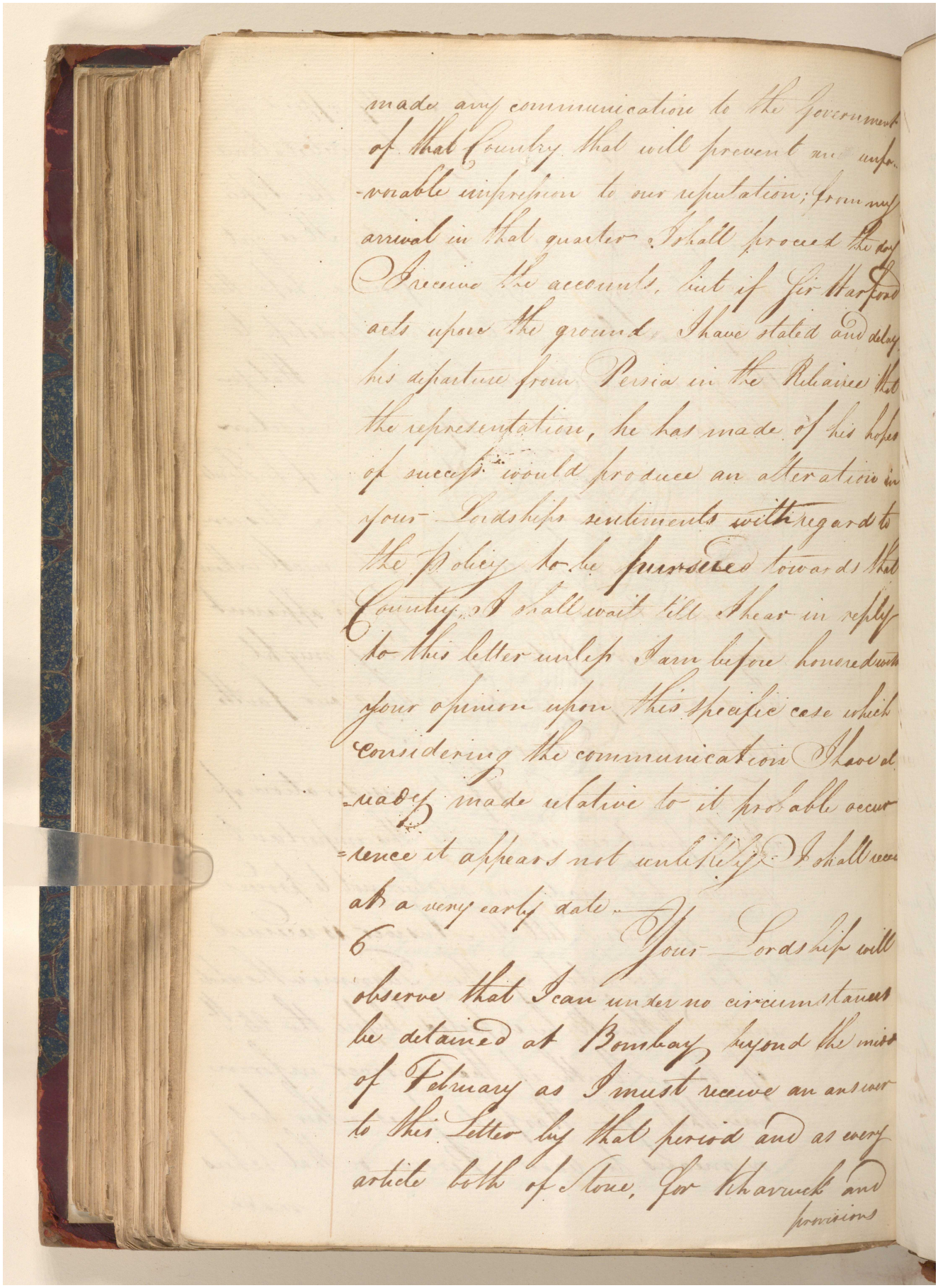
course of action which could evidently afford no
prospect of temporary success to counterbalance
the serious hazard it would bring to the Reputation of the Crown he represents, It is yet
possible he may act otherwise from a hope that
his representation will lead your Lordship to
alter your adopted resolutions, and that you
will have time to do so before the Expedition
under my orders proceeds from India, and if he should
have grounded any measures upon this conclusion or sudden attack of Kharrack without
any declaration of the causes of this apparent
change in our System of Policy might
produce impressions regarding our faith
that no time would erase.

5. A full consideration of
all the point connected with this important
question has made me resolve not to proceed
from Bombay till the Answer is received
to the Dispatch by the Tigrimouth which
may I think be expected before the 25th.
of this Month if that answer inform
me that Sir Harford Jones either has
or means to leave Persia, or that he has
made



made any communication to the Government of that Country that will prevent an unfavorable impression to our reputation; from my arrival in that quarter I shall proceed to receive the accounts, but if Sir Harford acts upon the grounds I have stated and delays his departure from Persia in the Reliance that the representation, he has made of his hopes of success would produce an alteration in your Lordships sentiments with regard to the Policy to be pursued towards that Country, I shall wait till I hear in reply to this letter unless I am before honored with your opinion upon this specific case which considering the communication I have already made relative to it probable occurrence it appears not unlikely I shall receive at a very early date.

6 Your Lordship will observe that I can under no circumstances be detained at Bombay beyond the middle of February as I must receive an answer to this Letter by that period and as every article both of Stores, for Shipwreck and provisions

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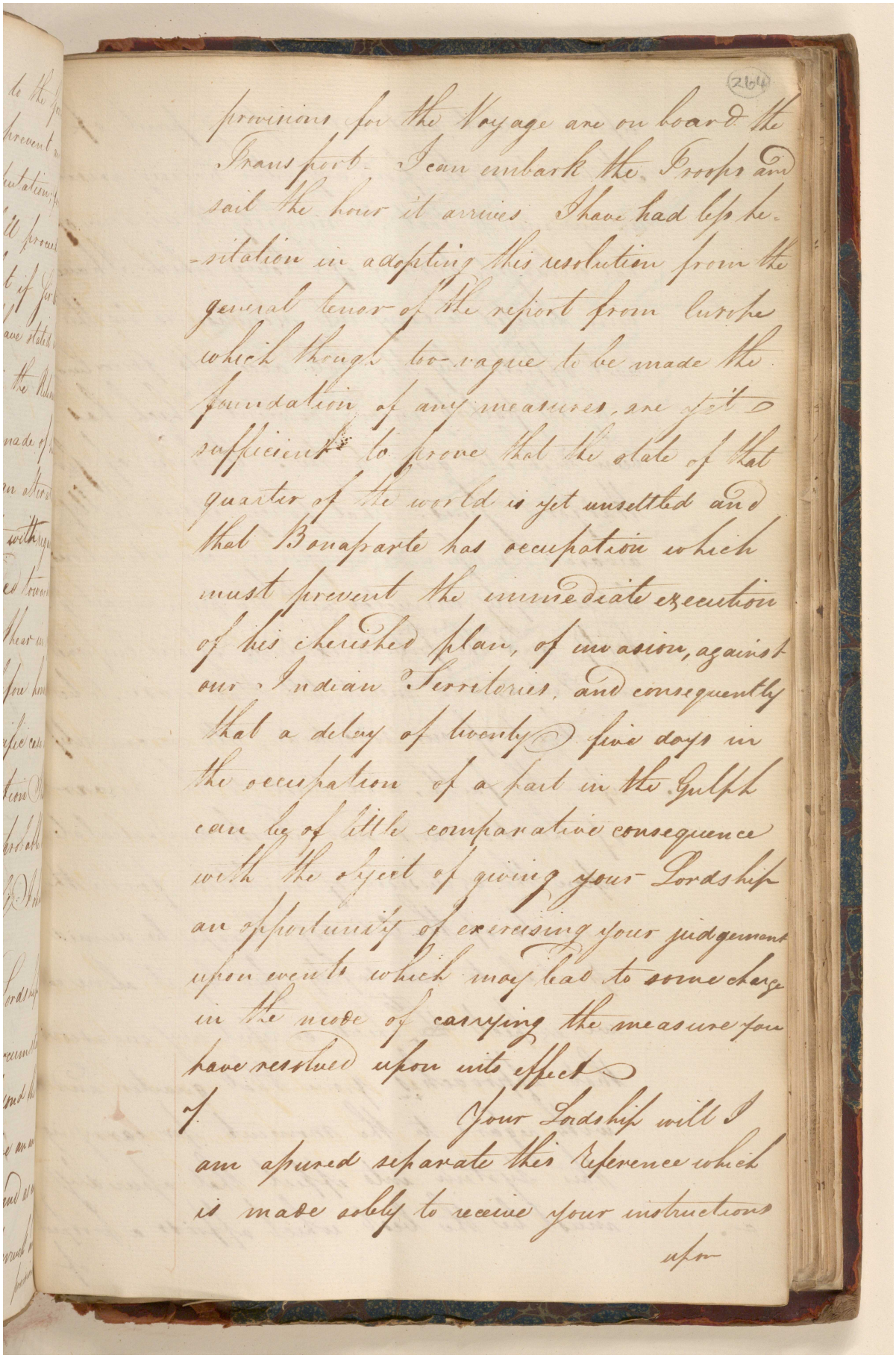

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provisions for the Voyage are on board the Transport. I can embark the Troops and sail the hour it arrives. I have had less hesitation in adopting this resolution from the general tenor of the report from Europe which though too vague to be made the foundation of any measures, are yet sufficient to prove that the state of that quarter of the world is yet unsettled and that Bonaparte has occupation which must prevent the immediate execution of his cherished plan, of invasion, against our Indian Territories, and consequently that a delay of twenty five days in the occupation of a port in the Gulph can be of little comparative consequence with the object of giving your Lordship an opportunity of exercising your judgement upon events which may lead to some change in the mode of carrying the measure you have resolved upon into effect.

I Your Lordship will I am assured separate this reference which is made solely to receive your instructions upon

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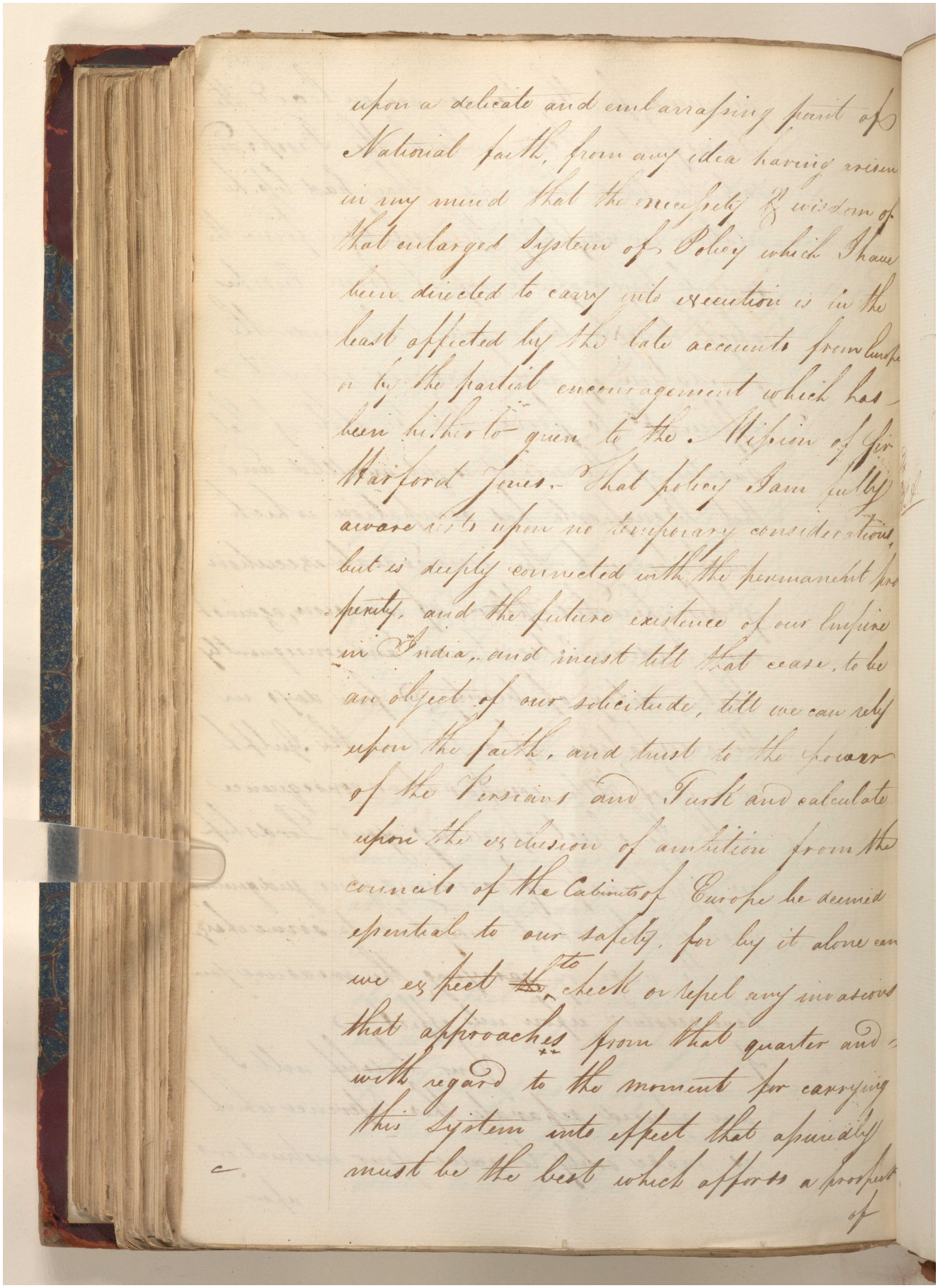

upon a delicate and embarrassing point of
National faith, from any idea having arisen
in my mind that the necessity & wisdom of
that enlarged System of Policy which I have
been directed to carry into execution is in the
least affected by the late accounts from Europe
or by the partial encouragement which has
been hitherto given to the Mission of Sir
Harford Jones. That policy I am fully
aware is not upon no temporary considerations,
but is deeply connected with the permanent pros-
perity, and the future existence of our Empire
in India, and must till that ease, to be
an object of our solicitude, till we can rely
upon the faith, and trust to the power
of the Persians and Turk and calculate
upon the exclusion of ambition from the
councils of the Cabinets of Europe be deemed
essential to our safety, for by it alone can
we expect to check or repel any invasions
that approaches from that quarter and
with regard to the moments for carrying
this System into effect that apparently
must be the best which affords a prospect
of

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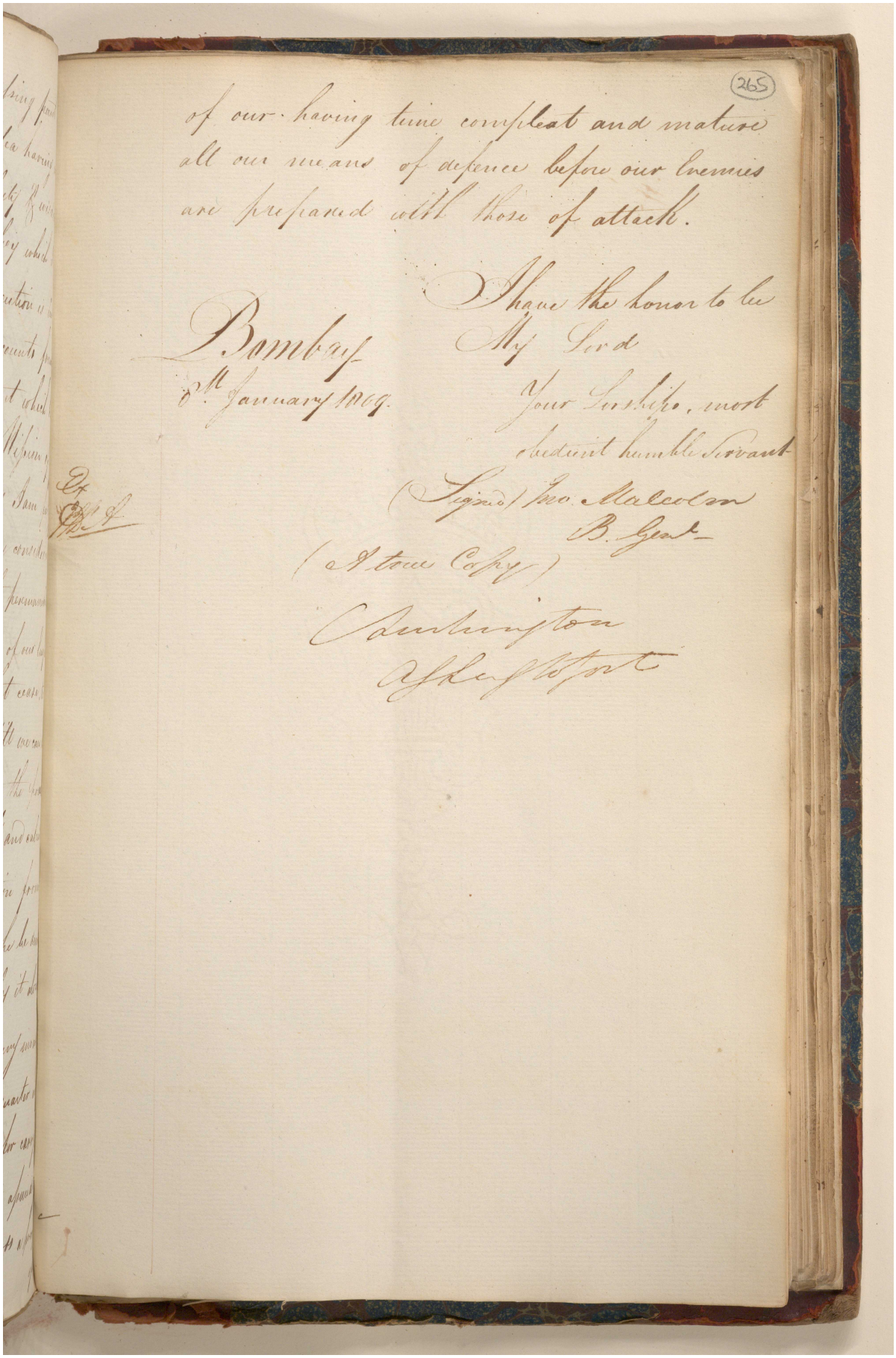

of our having time compleat and mature all our means of defence before our Enemies are prepared with those of attack.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lorship's most
obedient humble Servant
(Signed) Jno. Malcolm
B. Genl.

Bombay
8th January 1809.

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Pol. A.

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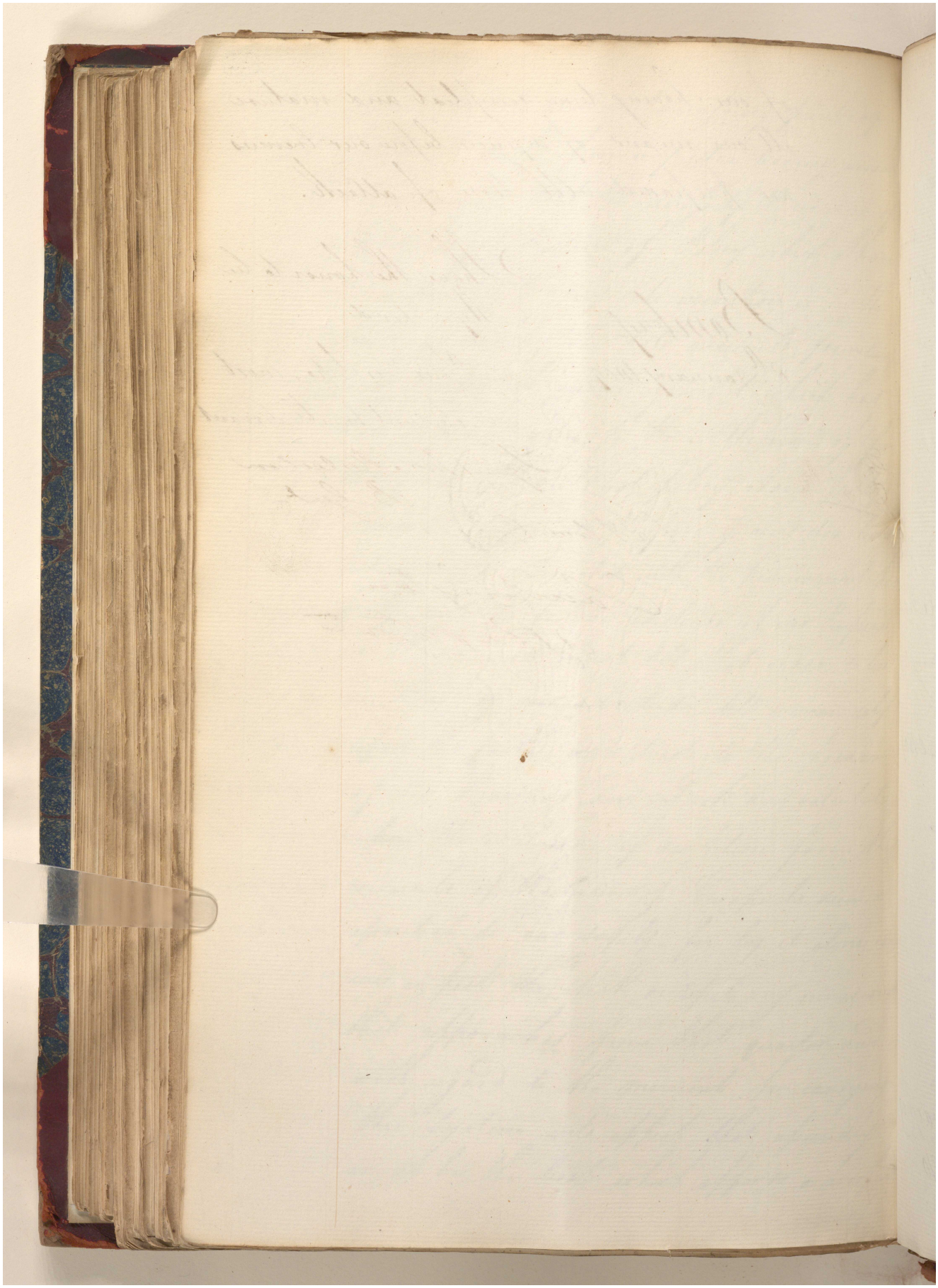

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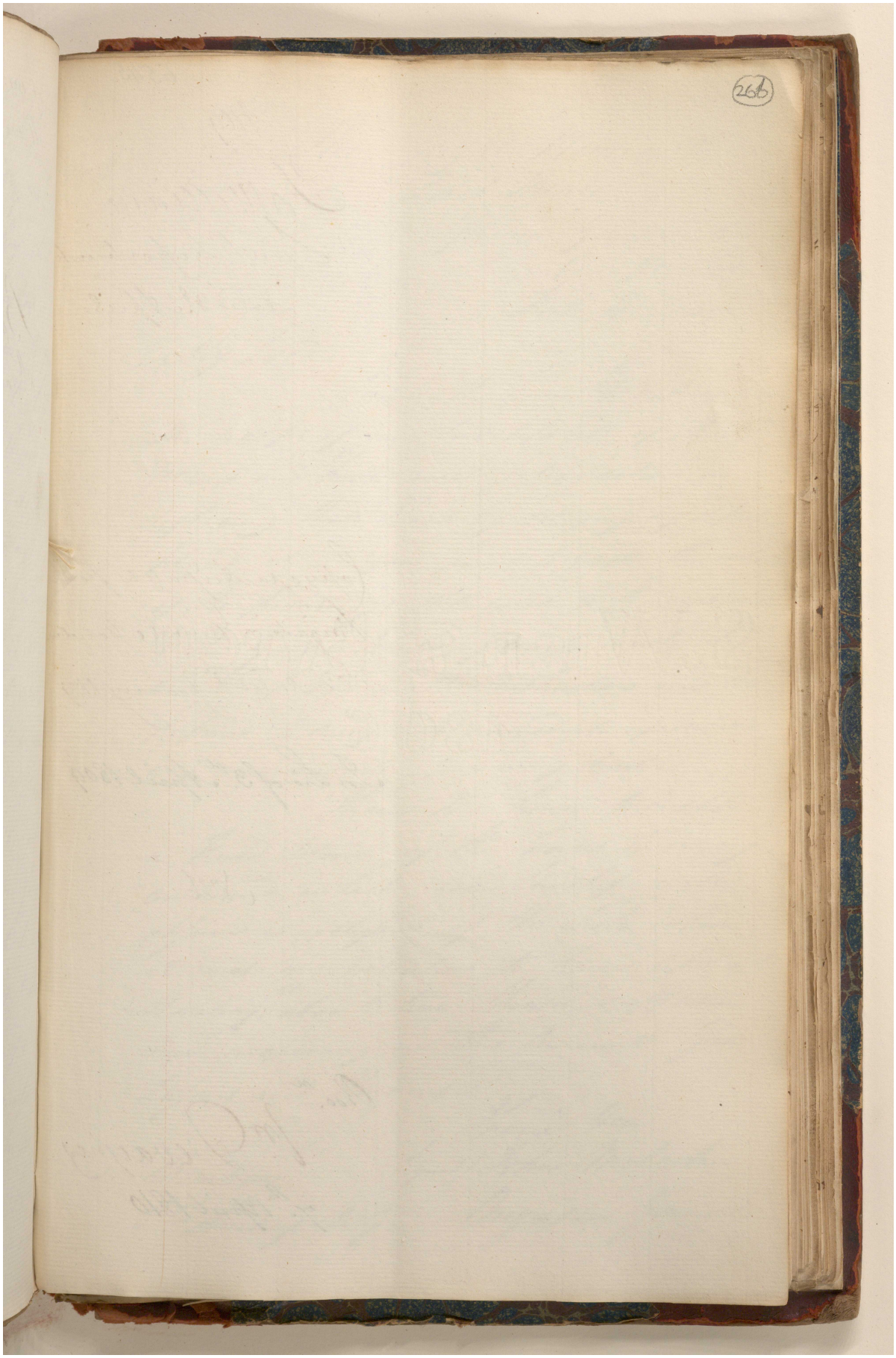

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For William

Secret Department

Dated 3d April

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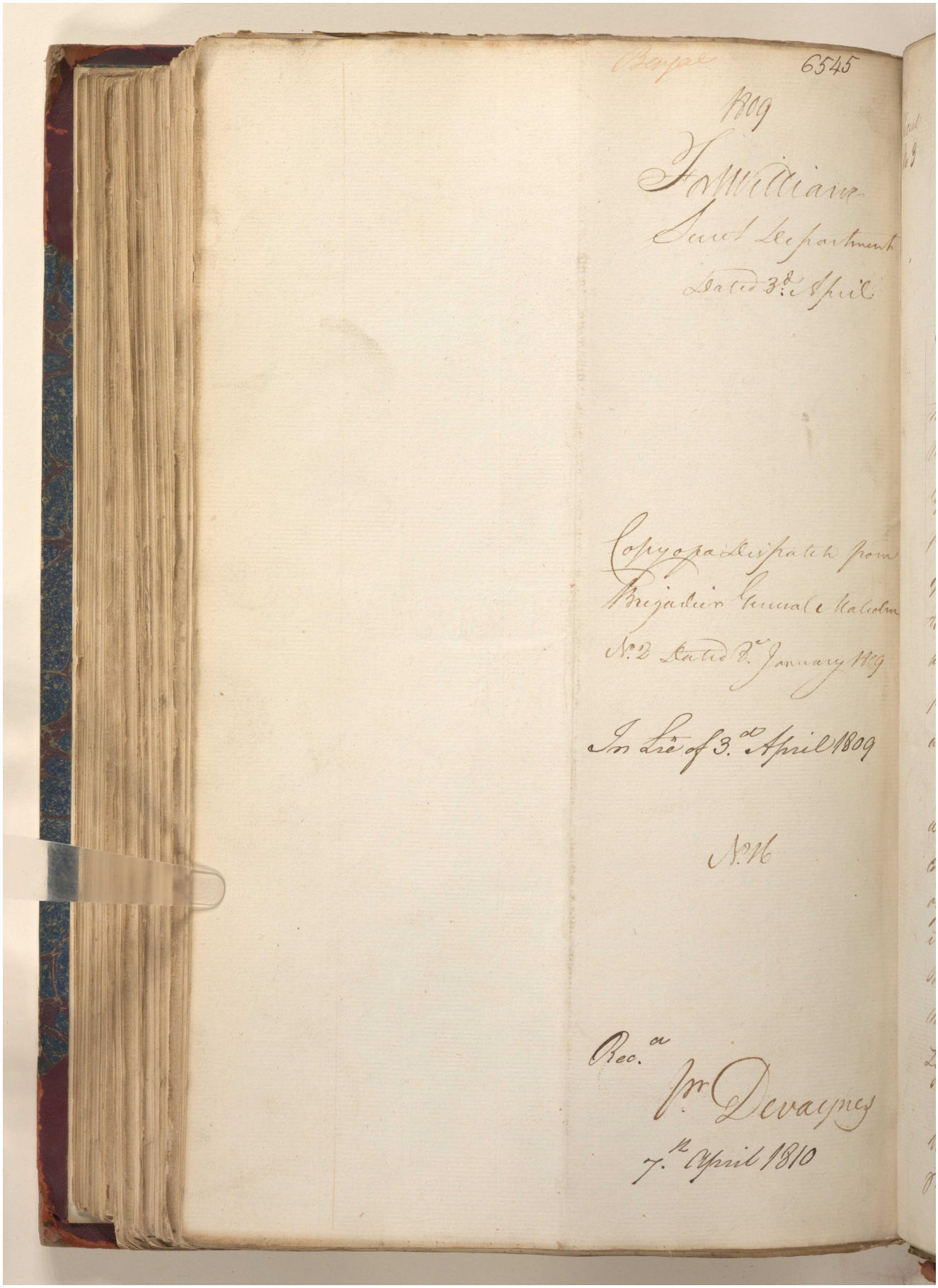

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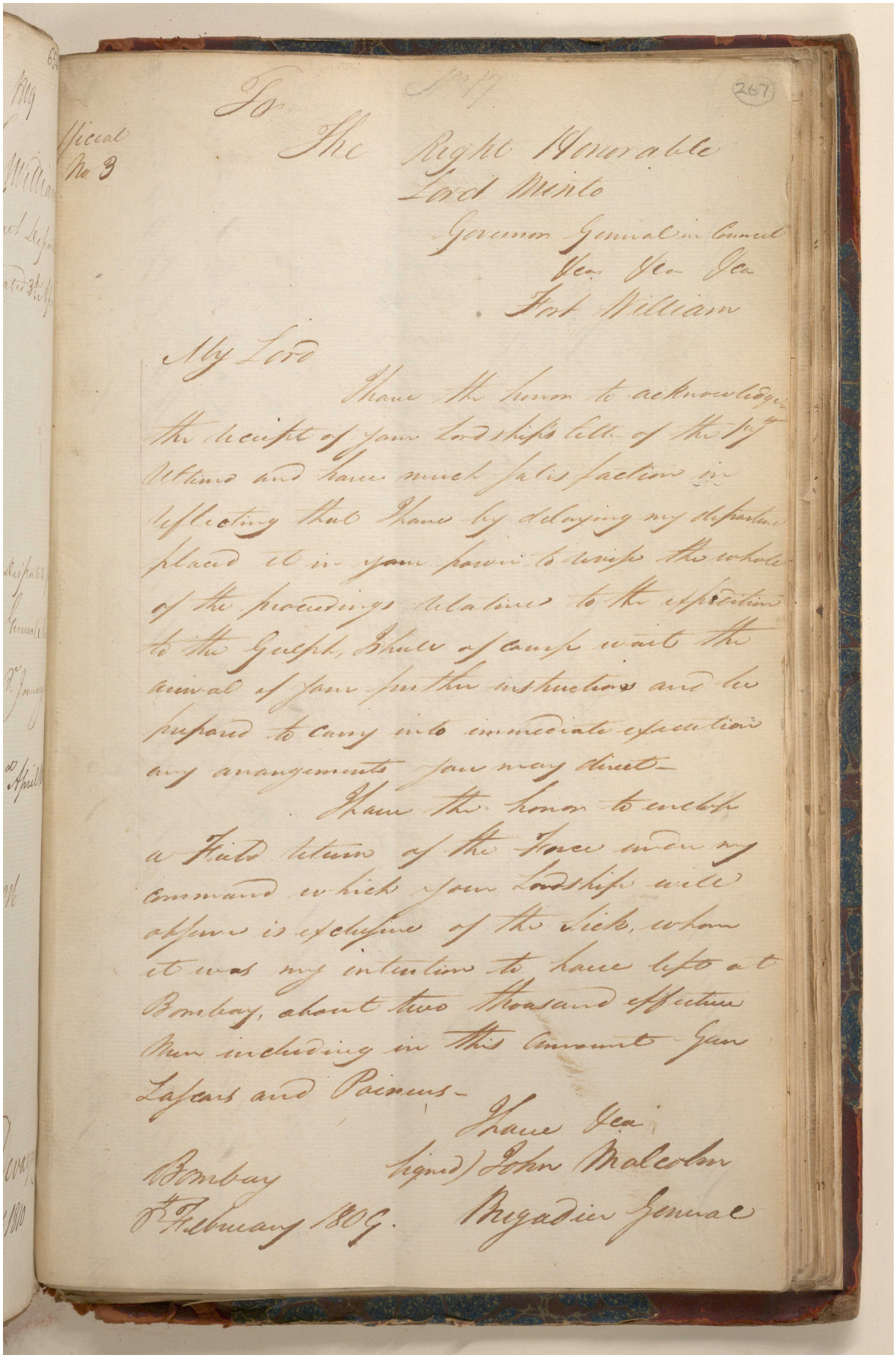

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Official No 3

To

The Right Honorable
Lord Minto
Governor General in Council
&c &c &c
Fort William

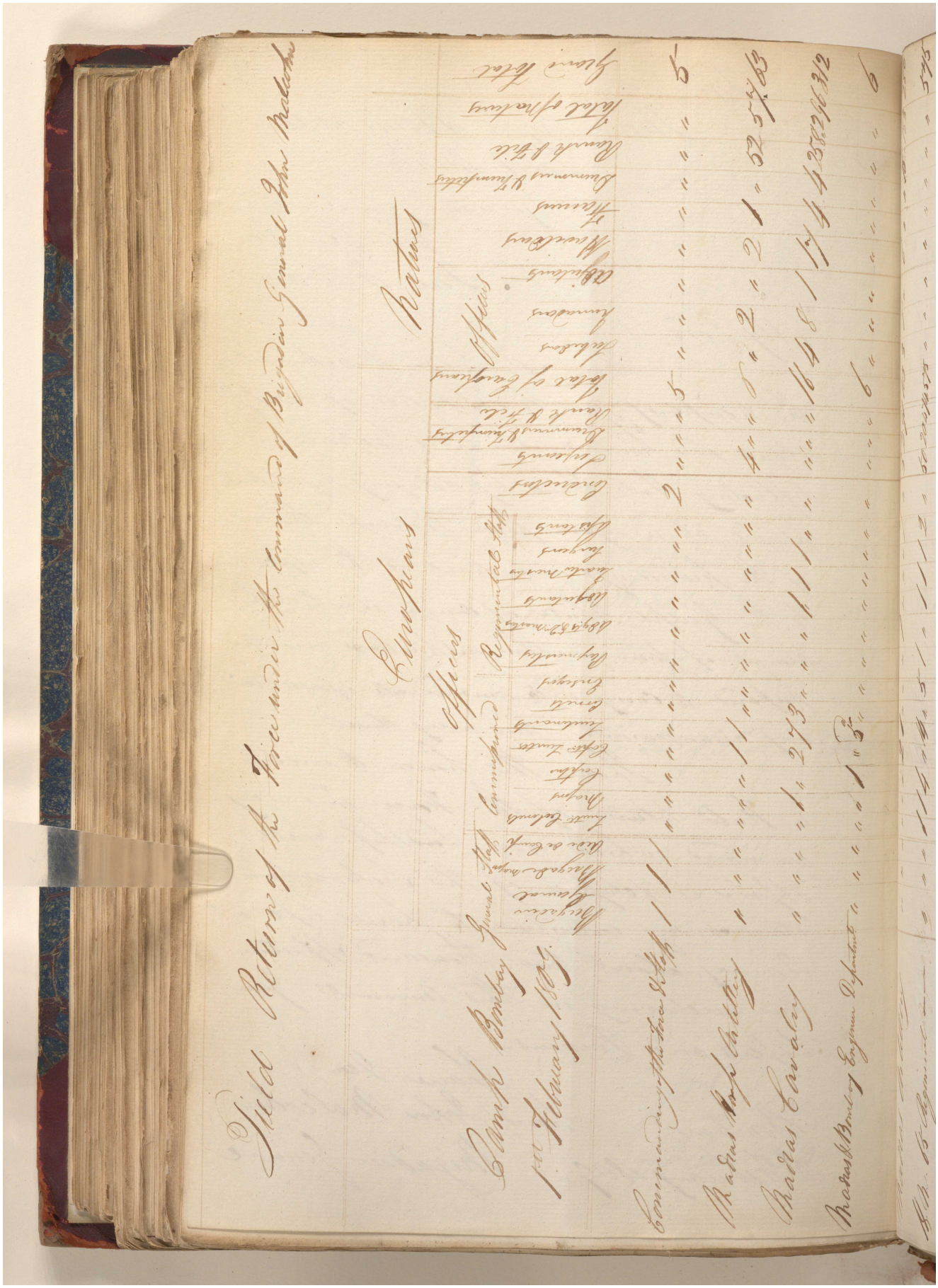
My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letter of the 1st Ultimo and have much satisfaction in reflecting that I have by delaying my departure placed it in your power to revise the whole of the proceedings relative to the expedition to the Gulph, I shall of course wait the arrival of your further instructions and be prepared to carry into immediate execution any arrangements you may direct—

I have the honor to enclose a Field return of the Force under my command which your Lordship will observe is exclusive of the Sick, whom it was my intention to have left at Bombay, about two thousand effective men including in this Amount Gun Lascars and Poineers—

I have &c
(signed) John Malcolm
Brigadier General

Bombay
5th February 1809.



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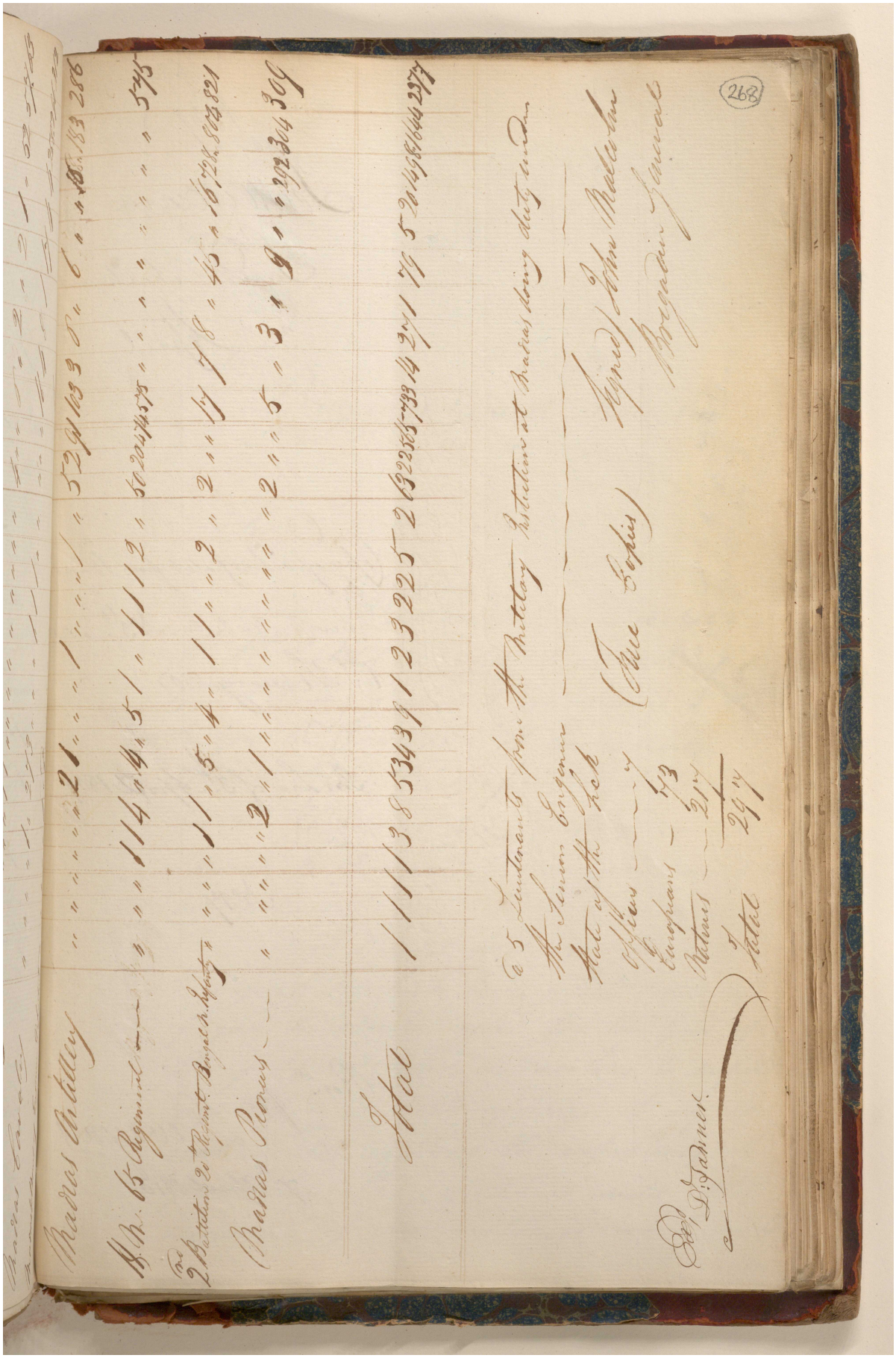

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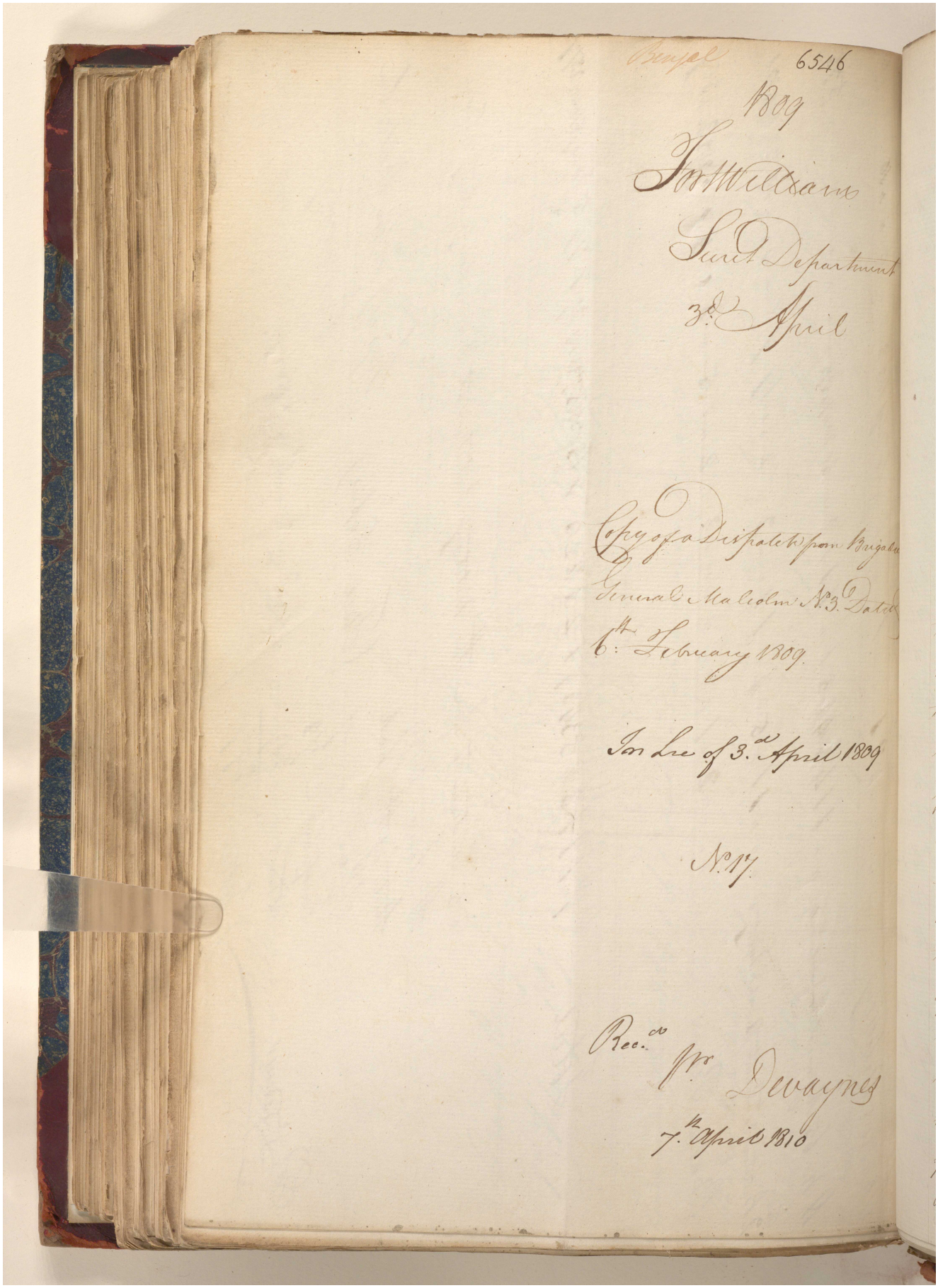
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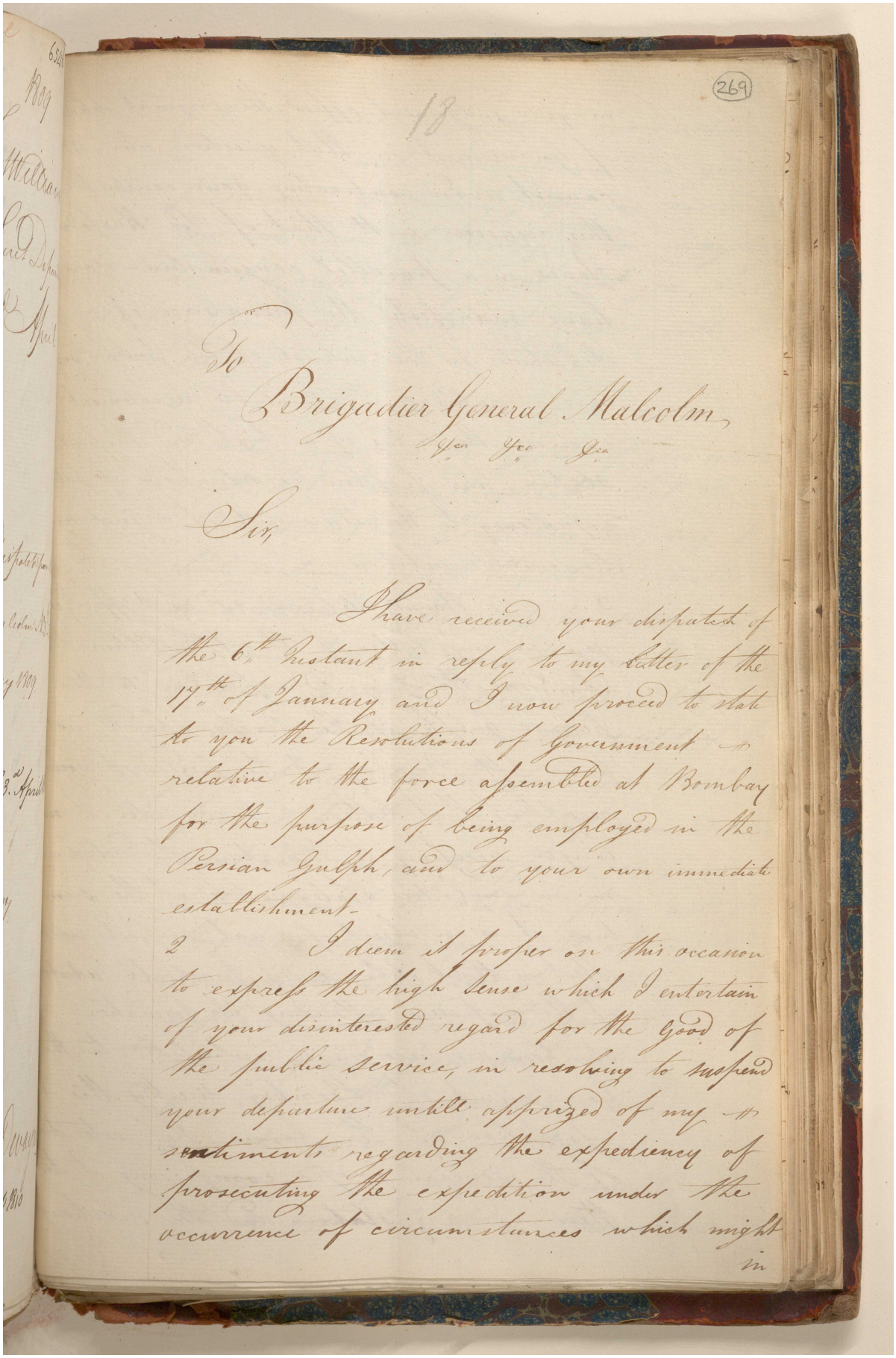

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To

Brigadier General Malcolm

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have received your dispatch of the 6th Instant in reply to my Letter of the 17th of January and I now proceed to state to you the Resolutions of Government relative to the force assembled at Bombay for the purpose of being employed in the Persian Gulph, and to your own immediate establishment.

2 I deem it proper on this occasion to express the high sense which I entertain of your disinterested regard for the Good of the public service, in resolving to suspend your departure untill apprized of my sentiments regarding the expediency of prosecuting the expedition under the occurrence of circumstances which might in

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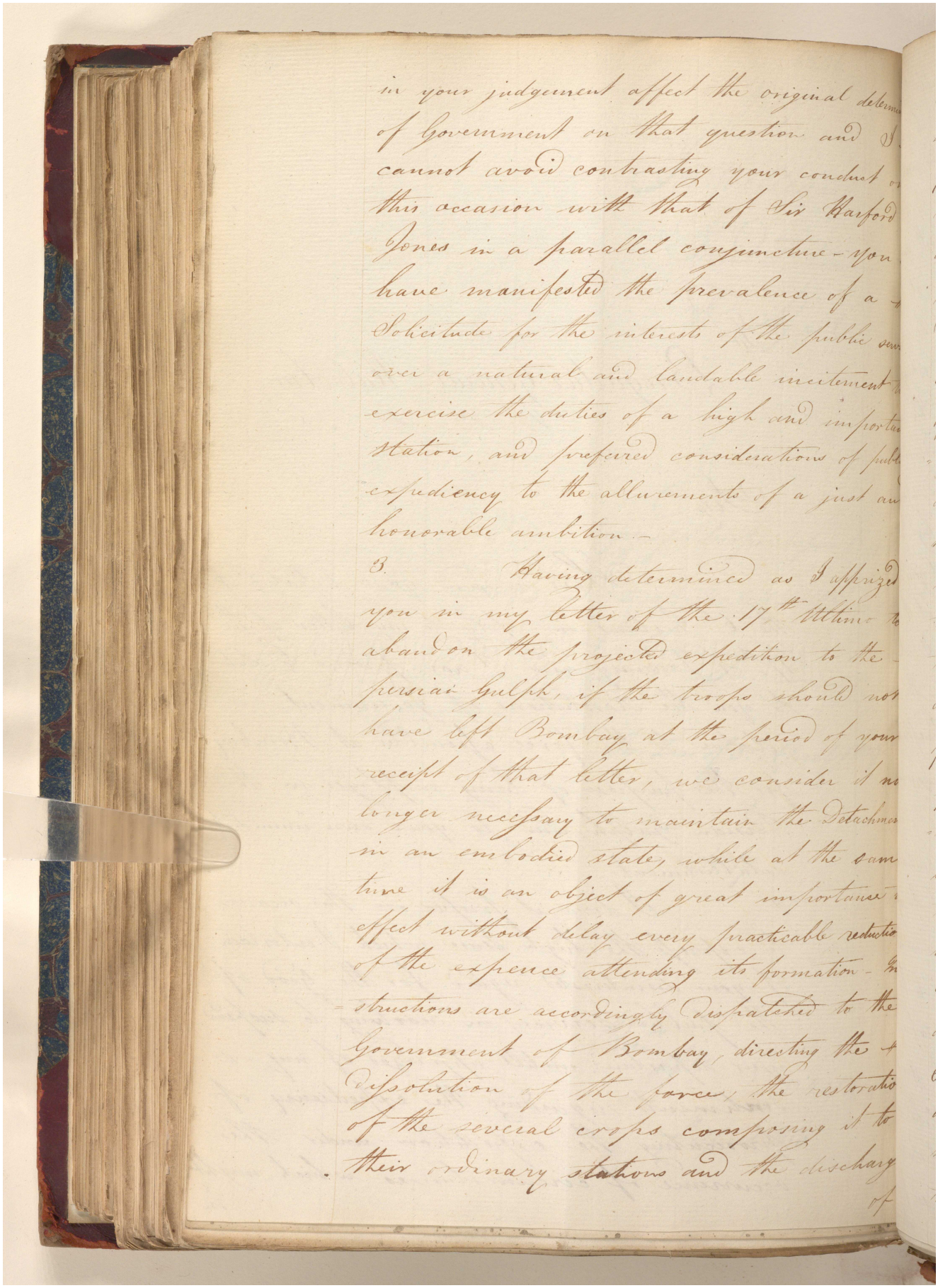

in your judgement affect the original determ
of Government on that question and I
cannot avoid contrasting your conduct o
this occasion with that of Sir Harford
Jones in a parallel conjuncture - you
have manifested the prevalence of a
Solicitude for the interests of the public serv
over a natural and landable incitement
exercise the duties of a high and importa
station, and preferred considerations of publ
expediency to the allurements of a just an
honorable ambition -

3. Having determined as I apprized
you in my letter of the 17th Ultimo t
abandon the projected expedition to the
persian Gulph, if the troops should not
have left Bombay at the period of your
receipt of that letter, we consider it no
longer necessary to maintain the Detachme
in an embodied state, while at the same
time it is an object of great importance
effect without delay every practicable reductio
of the expence attending its formation - In
structions are accordingly dispatched to the
Government of Bombay, directing the
dissolution of the force, the restoratio
of the several corps composing it to
their ordinary stations and the discharg
of

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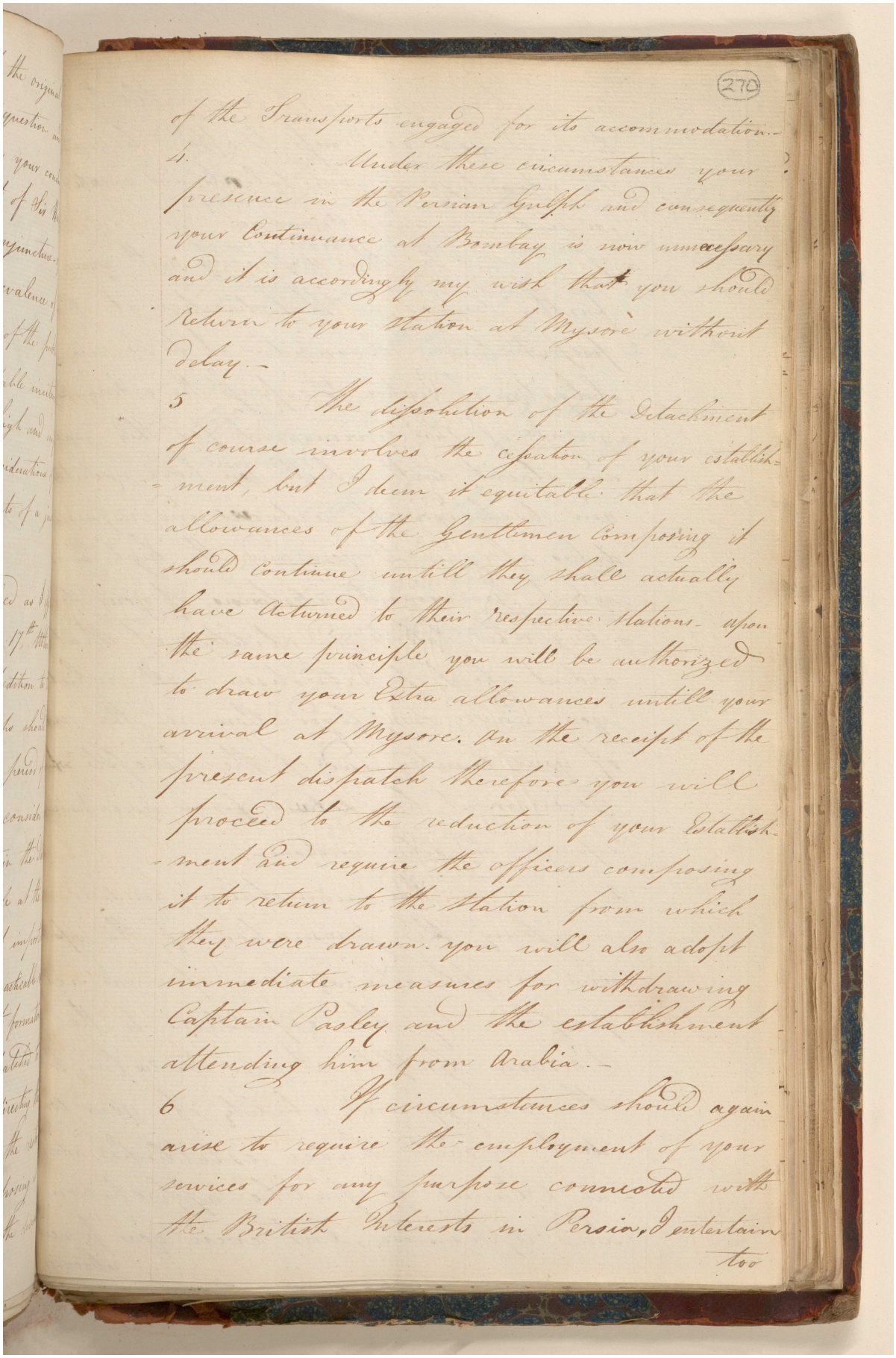

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of the Transports engaged for its accommodation.-

4. Under these circumstances your presence in the Persian Gulph and consequently your Continuance at Bombay is now unnecessary and it is accordingly my wish that you should Return to your Station at Mysore without delay.-

5 The disposition of the Detachment of course involves the cessation of your establishment, but I deem it equitable that the allowances of the Gentlemen composing it should continue untill they shall actually have returned to their respective stations. upon the same principle you will be authorized to draw your Extra allowances untill your arrival at Mysore. On the receipt of the present dispatch therefore you will proceed to the reduction of your Establishment and require the officers composing it to return to the Station from which they were drawn. you will also adopt immediate measures for withdrawing Captain Pasley and the establishment attending him from Arabia.-

6 If circumstances should again arise to require the employment of your services for any purpose connected with the British Interests in Persia, I entertain too

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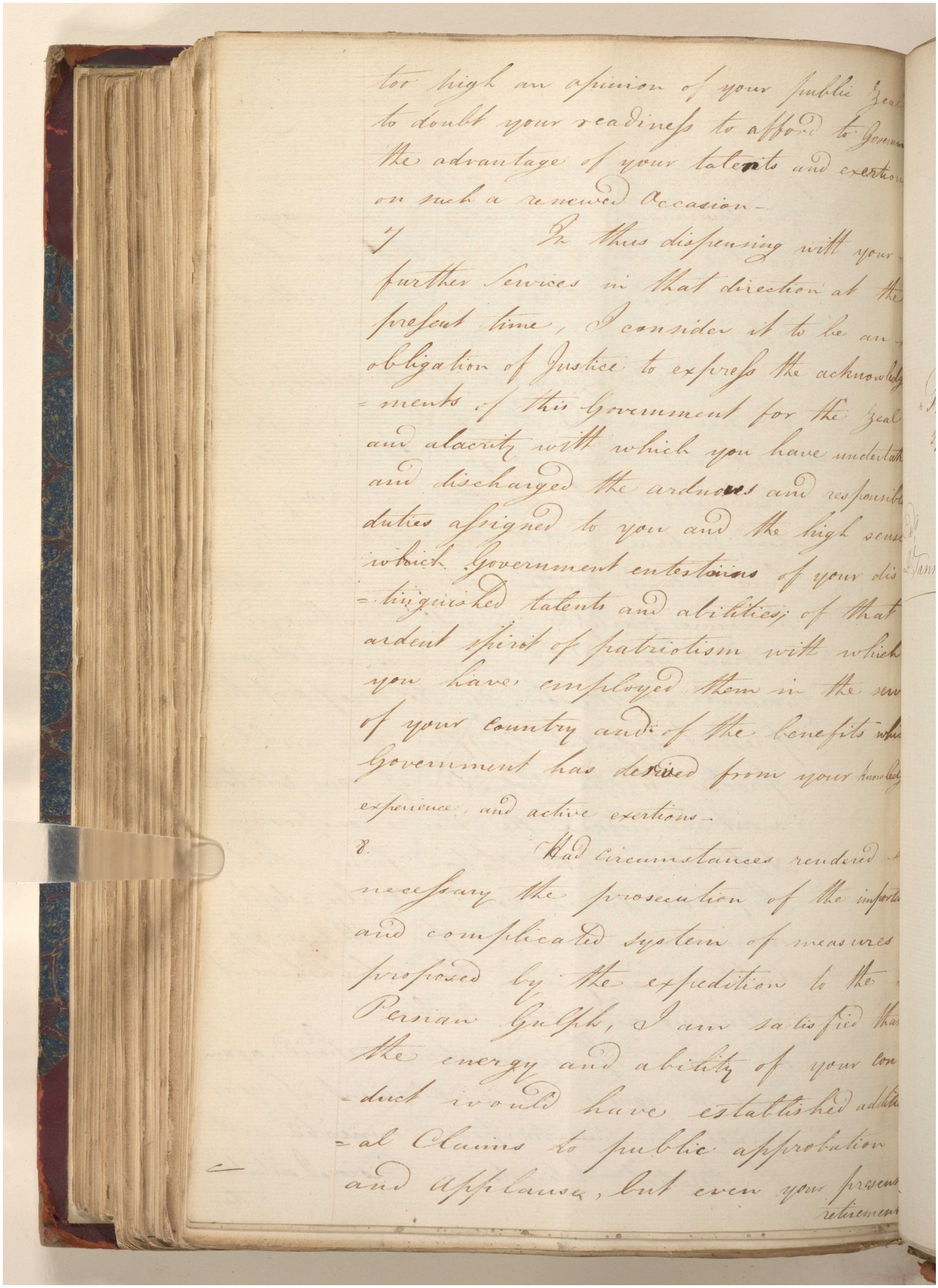
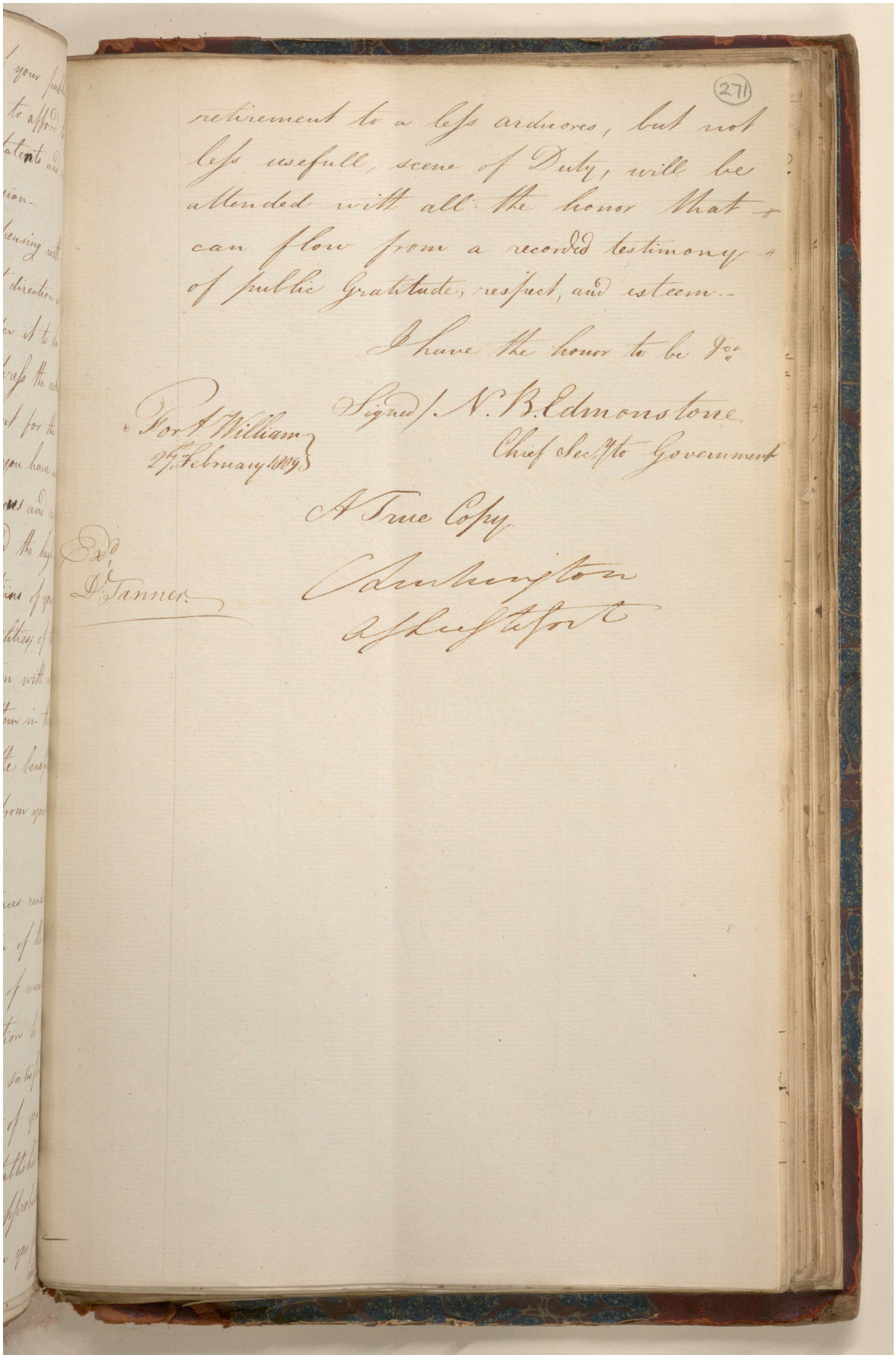


too high an opinion of your public Zeal
to doubt your readiness to afford to Govern
the advantage of your talents and exertion
on such a renewed Occasion -

7 In thus dispensing with your
further Services in that direction at the
present time, I consider it to be an
obligation of Justice to express the acknowledg
-ments of this Government for the Zeal
and alacrity with which you have undertak
and discharged the arduous and responsib
duties assigned to you and the high sense
which Government entertains of your dis
-tinguished talents and abilities; of that
ardent spirit of patriotism with which
you have employed them in the serv
of your Country and of the benefits whi
Government has derived from your knowled
experience, and active exertions -

8 Had circumstances rendered
necessary the prosecution of the import
and complicated system of measures
proposed by the expedition to the
Persian Gulph, I am satisfied that
the energy and ability of your con
-duct would have established addit
-al Claims to public approbation
and Applause, but even your presen
retirement



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retirement to a less arduous, but not
less usefull, scene of Duty, will be
attended with all the honor that
can flow from a recorded testimony
of public Gratitude, respect, and esteem.

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed/ N. B. Edmonstone
Chief Sec.y to Government

For.t William
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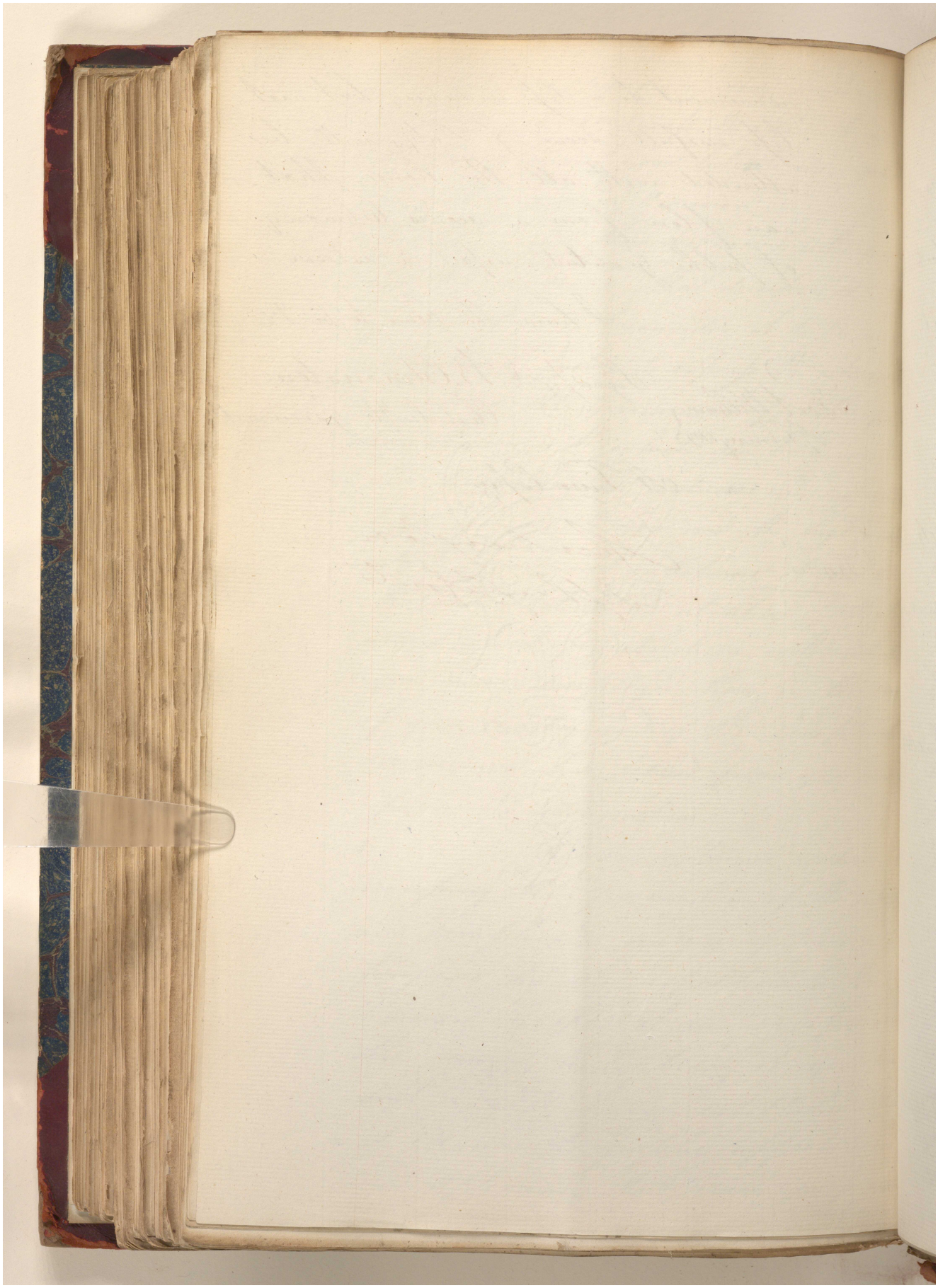

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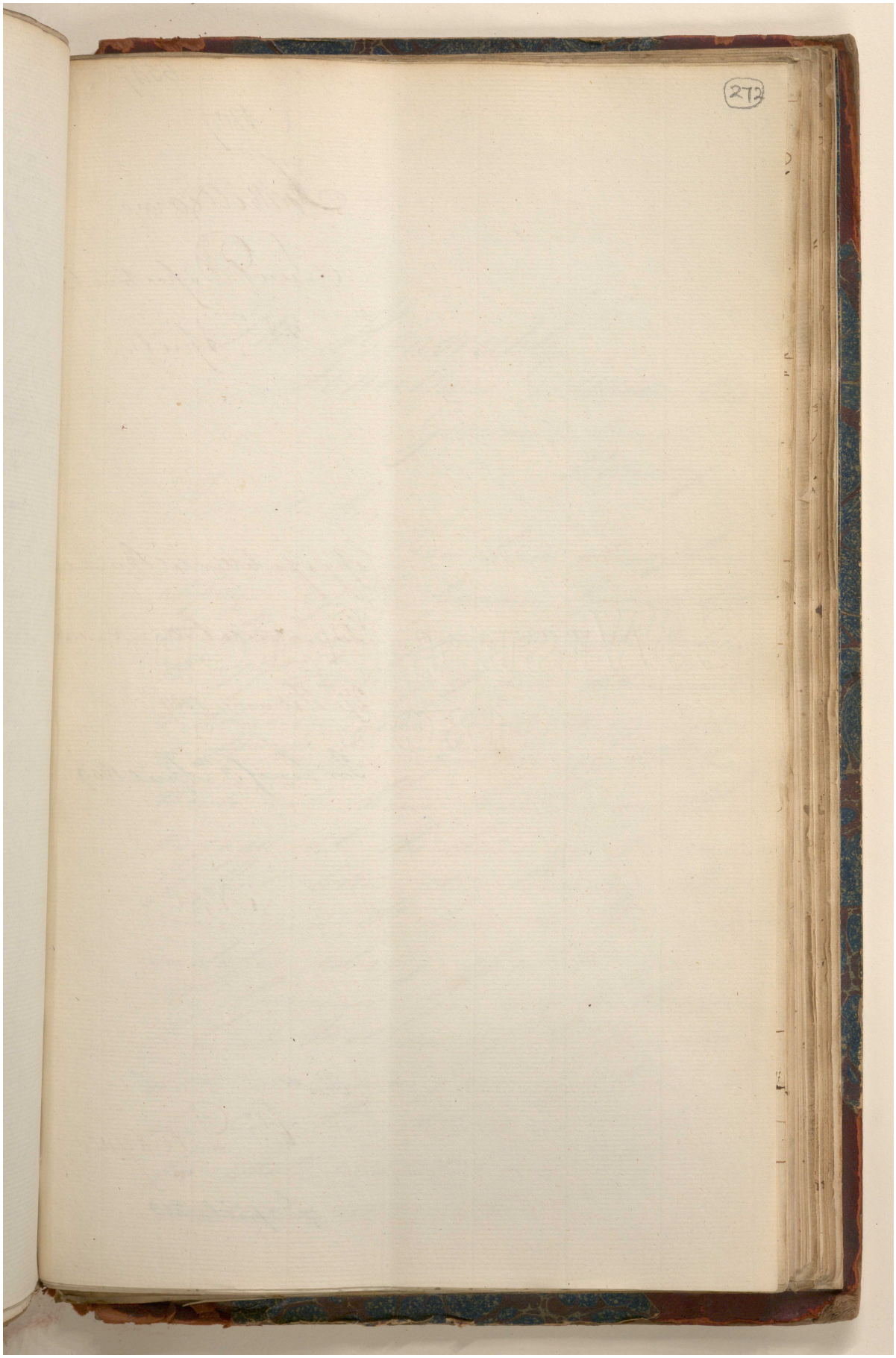

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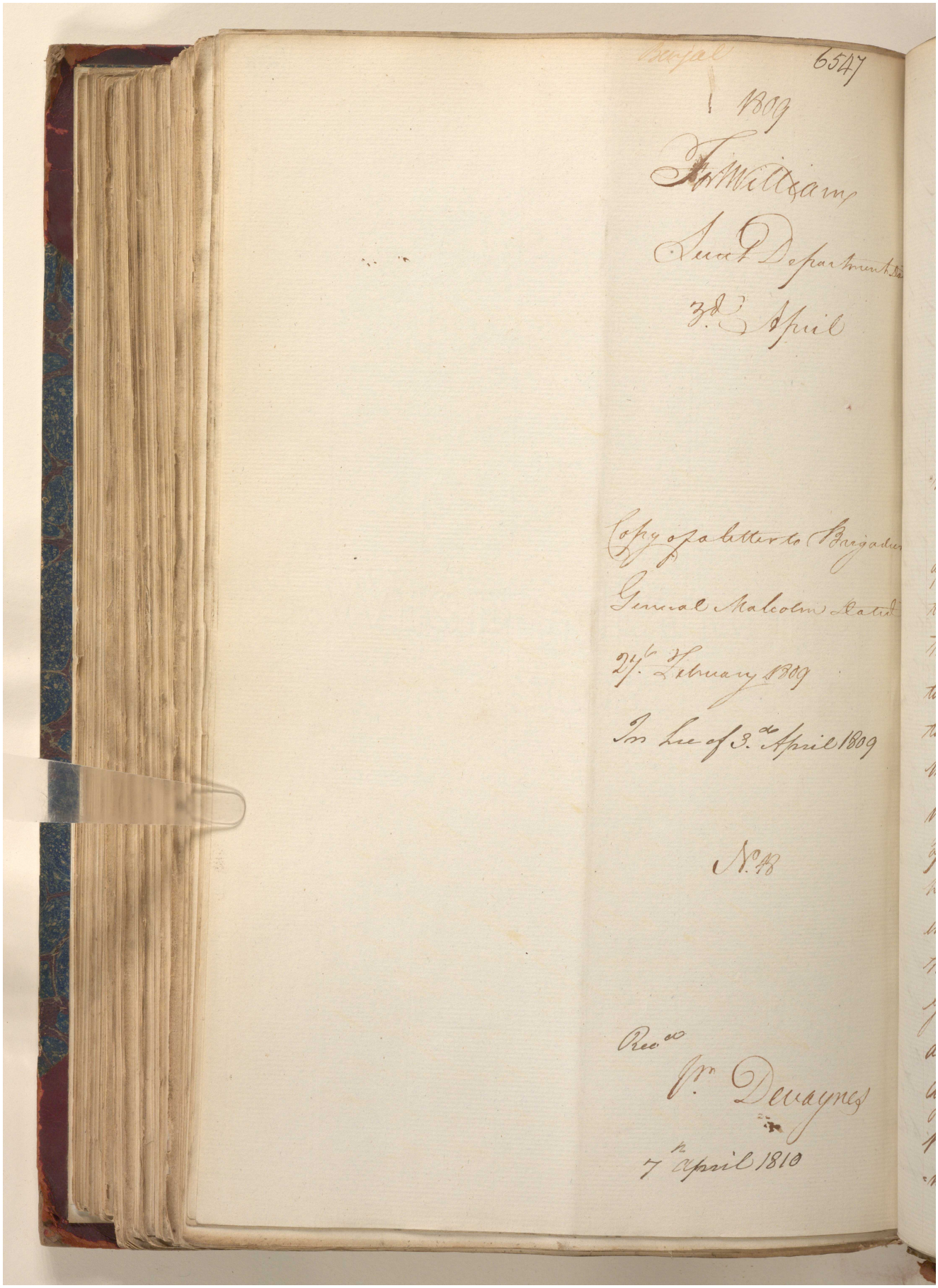
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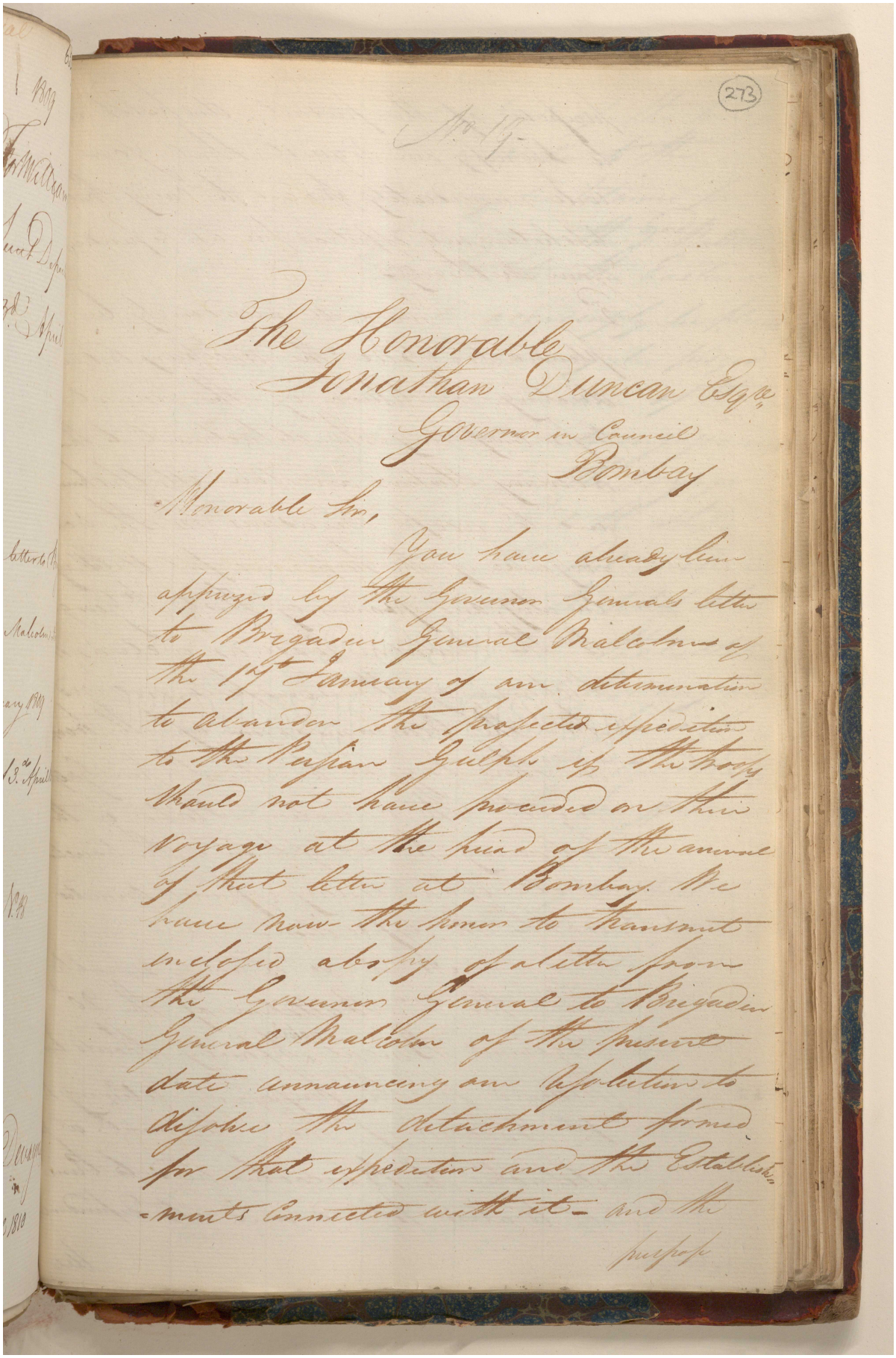

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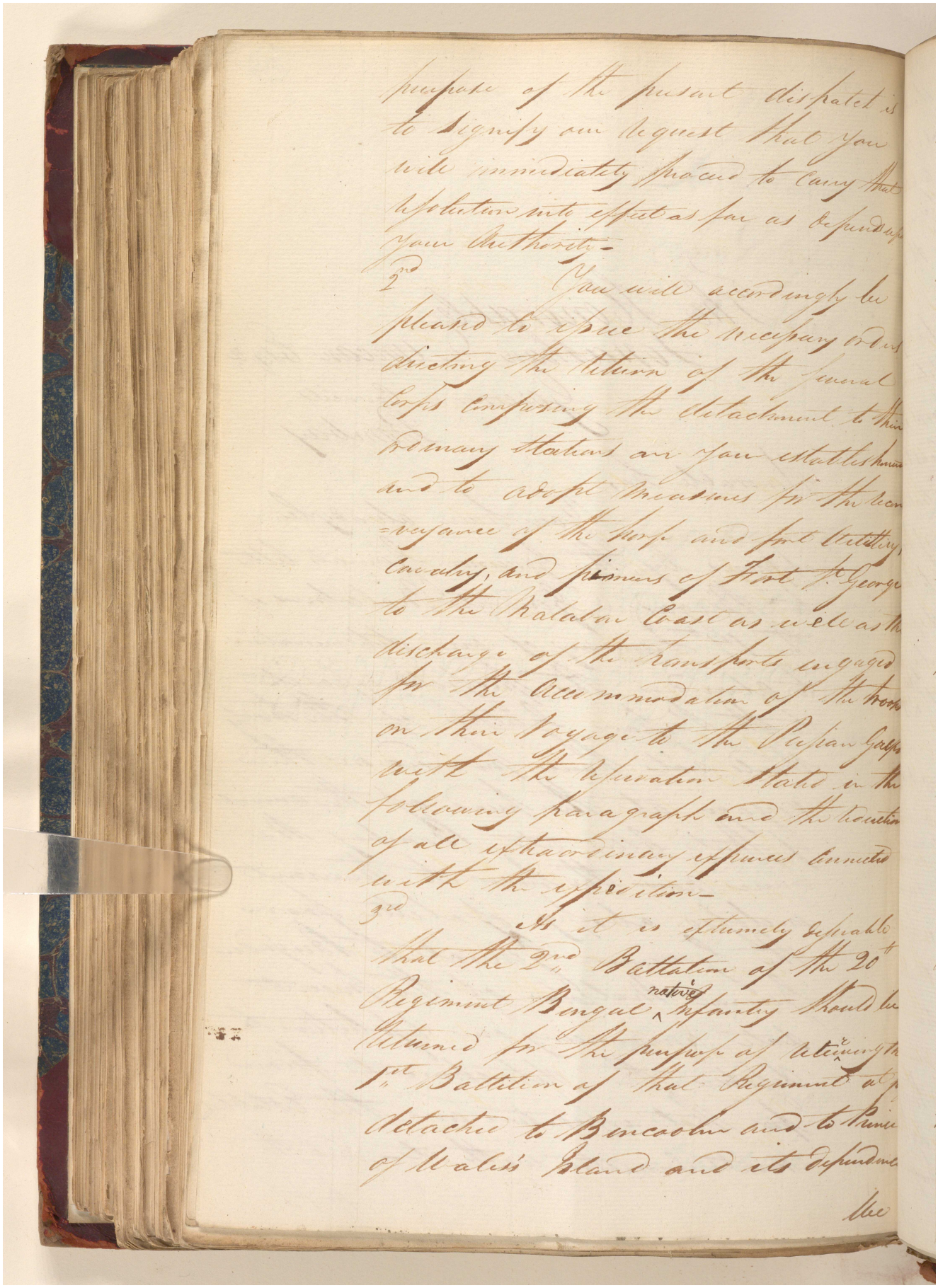
The Honorable
Jonathan Duncan Esqr
Governor in Council
Bombay

Honorable Sir,

You have already been
apprized by the Governor Generals letter
to Brigadier General Malcolm of
the 17th January of an determination
to abandon the projected expedition
to the Persian Gulph if the body
should not have proceeded on their
voyage at the time of the arrival
of that letter at Bombay. We
have now the honor to transmit
inclosed a copy of a letter from
the Governor General to Brigadier
General Malcolm of the present
date announcing an Resolution to
disband the detachment formed
for that expedition and the Establish-
ments Connected with it - and the
purpose



purpose of the pursuant dispatch is to signify our request that you will immediately proceed to carry that expedition into effect as far as depends upon your authority.

2nd You will accordingly be pleased to issue the necessary orders directing the return of the several corps composing the detachment to their ordinary stations and you establishments and to adopt measures for the conveyance of the Horse and Foot Artillery, Cavalry, and Pioneers of Fort St. George to the Malabar Coast as well as the discharge of the transports engaged for the accommodation of the troops on their voyage to the Persian Gulph with the reservation stated in the following paragraph and the sanction of all extraordinary expences connected with the expedition.

3rd It is extremely desirable that the 2nd Battalion of the 20th Regiment Bengal native Infantry should be returned for the purpose of relieving the 5th Battalion of that Regiment at present detached to Bencoolen and to Prince of Wales's Island and its Dependencies

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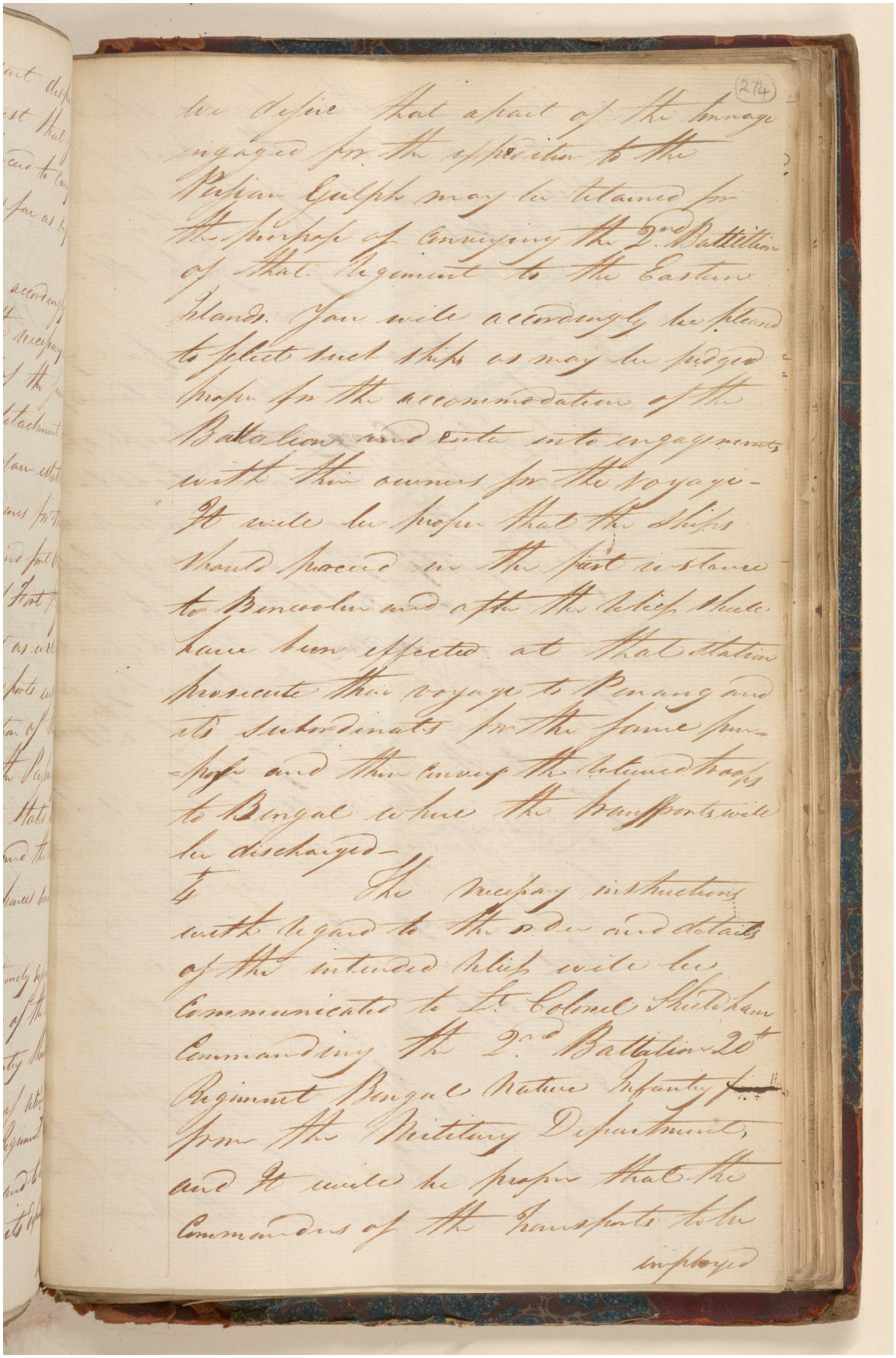

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We desire that a part of the Troops engaged for the expedition to the Persian Gulph may be detained for the purpose of conveying the 2d Battalion of that Regiment to the Eastern Islands. You will accordingly be pleased to select such Ships as may be judged proper for the accommodation of the Battalion and enter into engagements with their owners for the voyage.

It will be proper that the Ships Vessels proceed in the first instance to Bencoolen and after the Troops shall have been effected at that Station prosecute their voyage to Penang and its Subordinates for the same purpose and then convey the returned troops to Bengal where the Transports will be discharged.

The necessary instructions with regard to the order and details of the intended relief will be communicated to Lt Colonel Shaldham Commanding the 2d Battalion 20th Regiment Bengal Native Infantry from the Military Department, and it will be proper that the Commanders of the Transports to be employed

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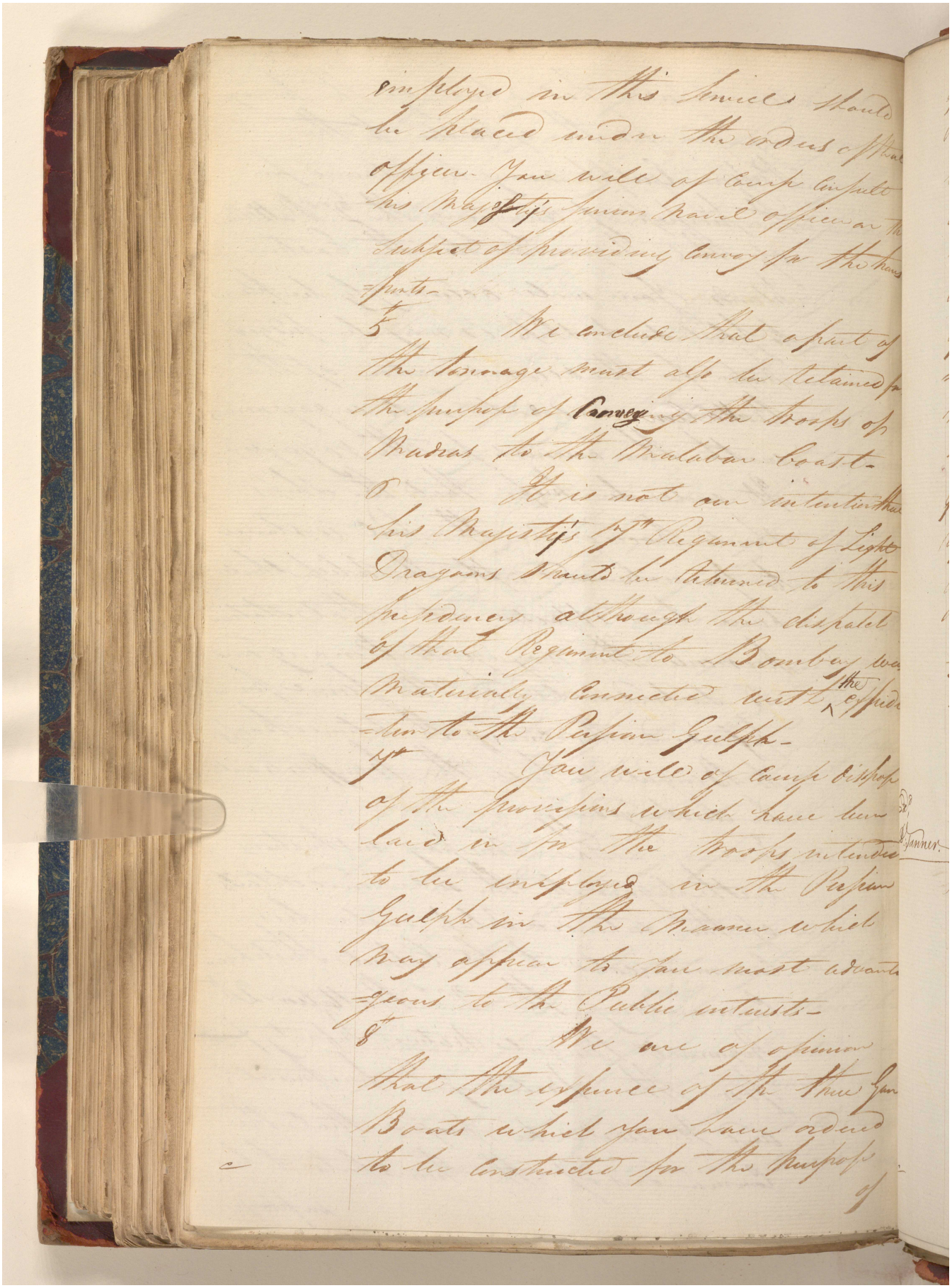


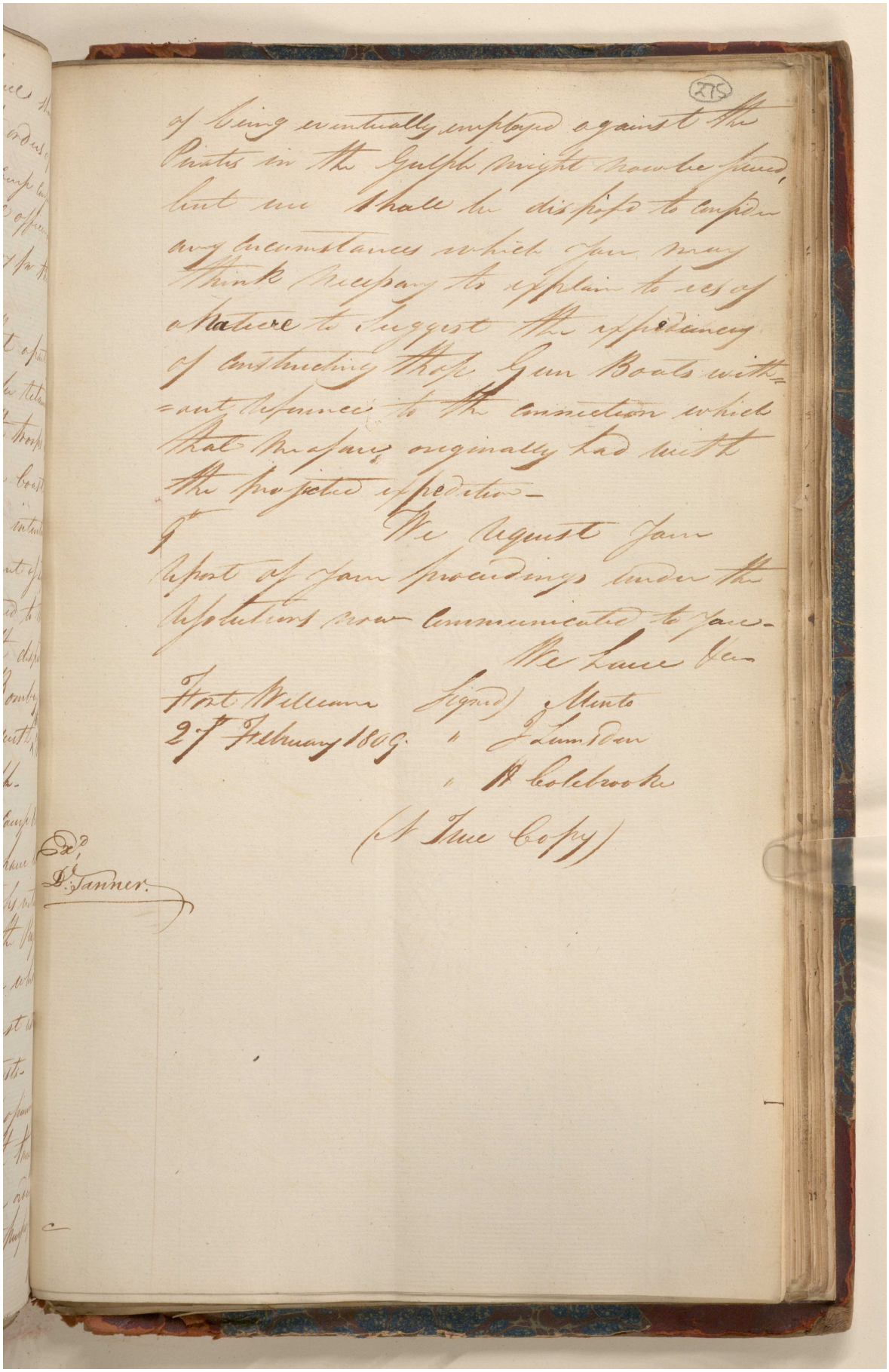
employed in this Service should be placed under the orders of that Officer. You will of course dispute his Majesty's Junior Naval Officer on the subject of providing Convoy for the Transports.

5th We enclose that a part of the Tonnage must also be retained for the purpose of Convoying the Troops of Madras to the Malabar Coast.

6th It is not our intention that his Majesty's 7th Regiment of Light Dragoons should be returned to this Presidency although the dispatch of that Regiment to Bombay was materially connected with the expedition to the Persian Gulph.

7th You will of course dispose of the Provisions which have been laid in for the Troops intended to be employed in the Persian Gulph in the Manner which may appear to you most advantageous to the Public interests.

8th We are of opinion that the expence of the two Gun Boats which you have ordered to be constructed for the purpose of



of being eventually employed against the Pirates in the Gulph might hereafter be found, but we shall be disposed to explain any circumstances which you may think necessary to explain to us of a nature to suggest the expediency of constructing such Gun Boats without reference to the connection which that measure originally had with the projected expedition.

We request you will report to us your proceedings under the instructions now communicated to you.

We have &c.

Fort William 27th February 1809.

(Signed) Minto
" J Lumsden
" H Colebrooke

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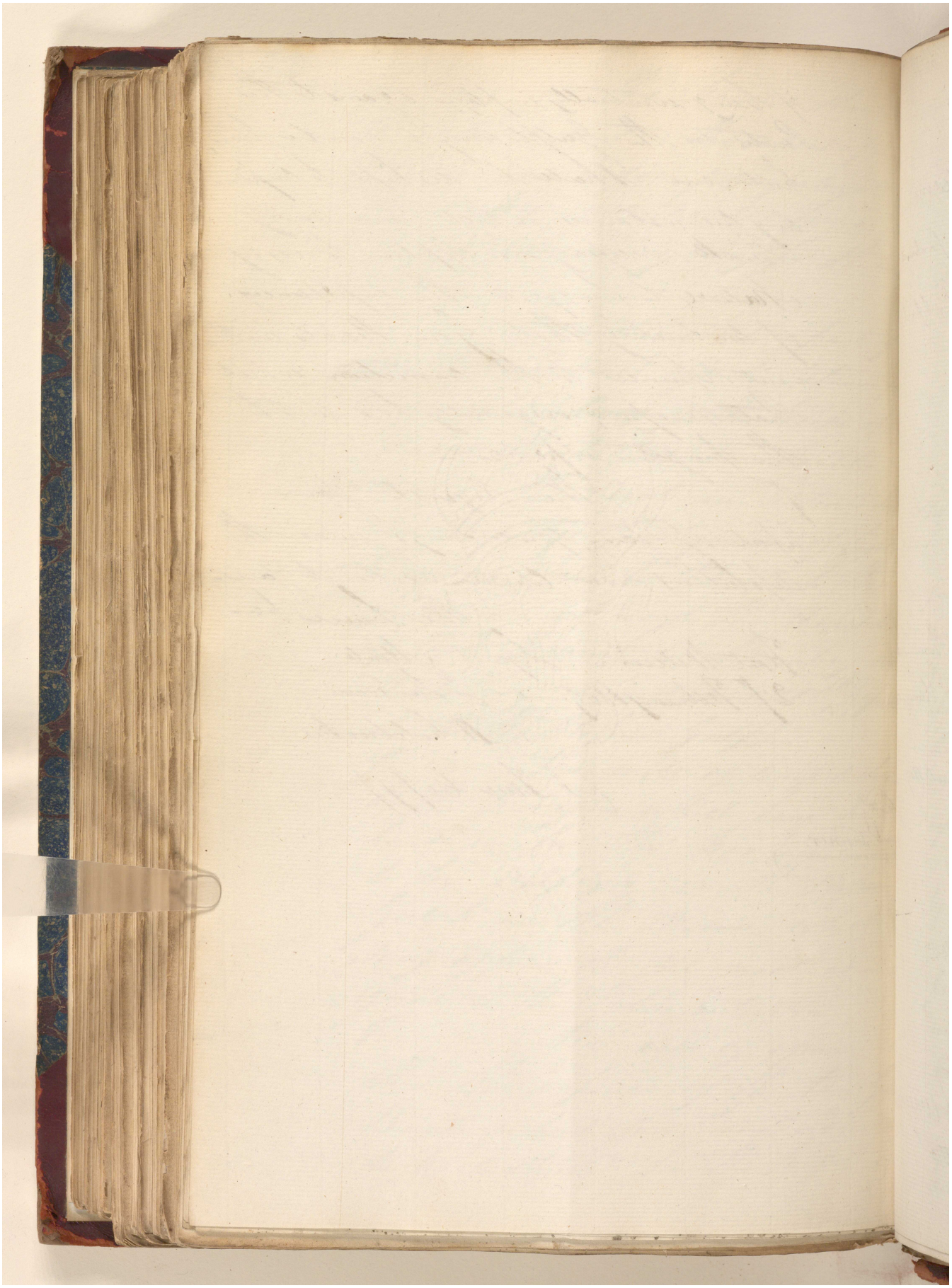

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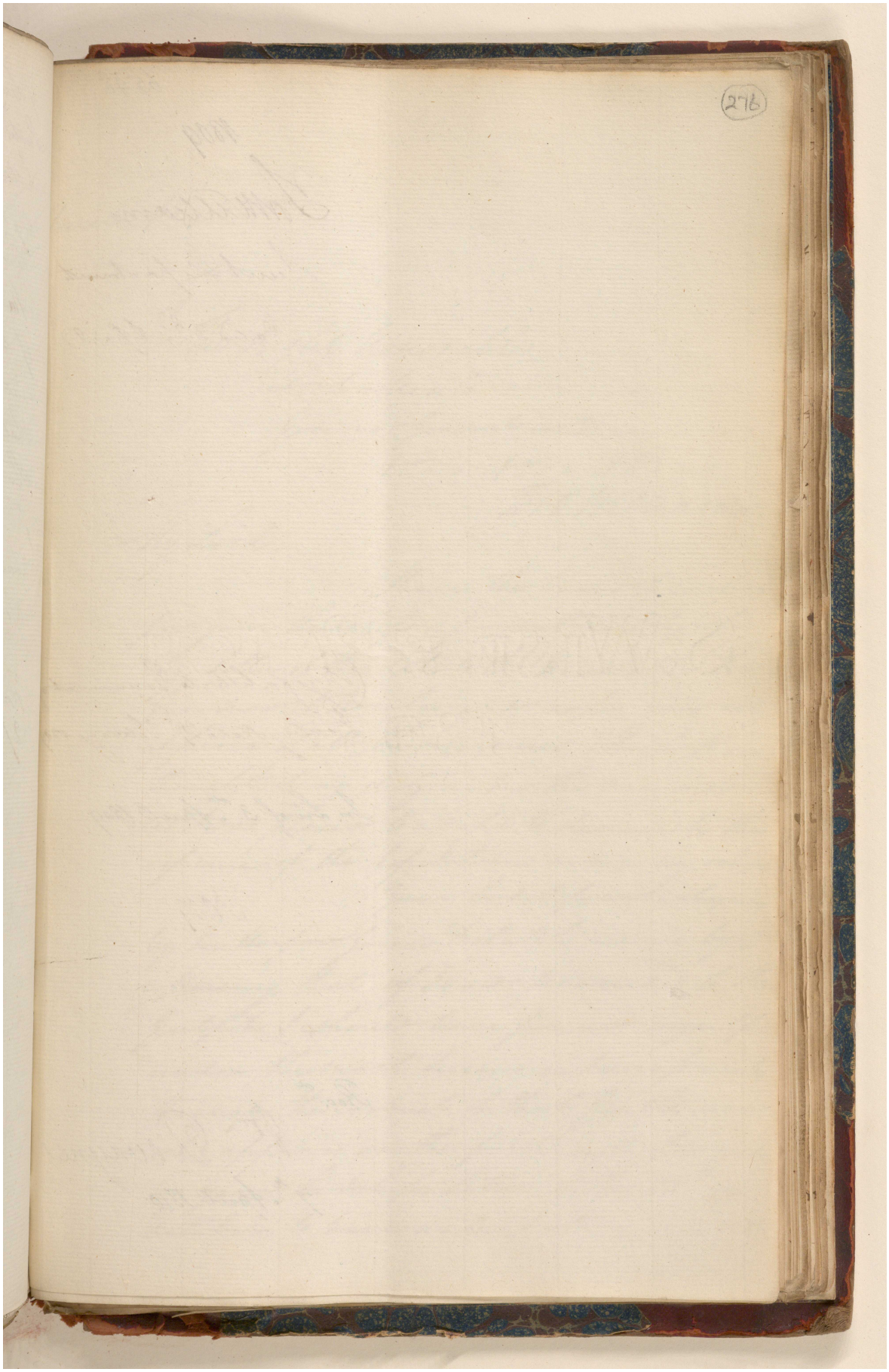
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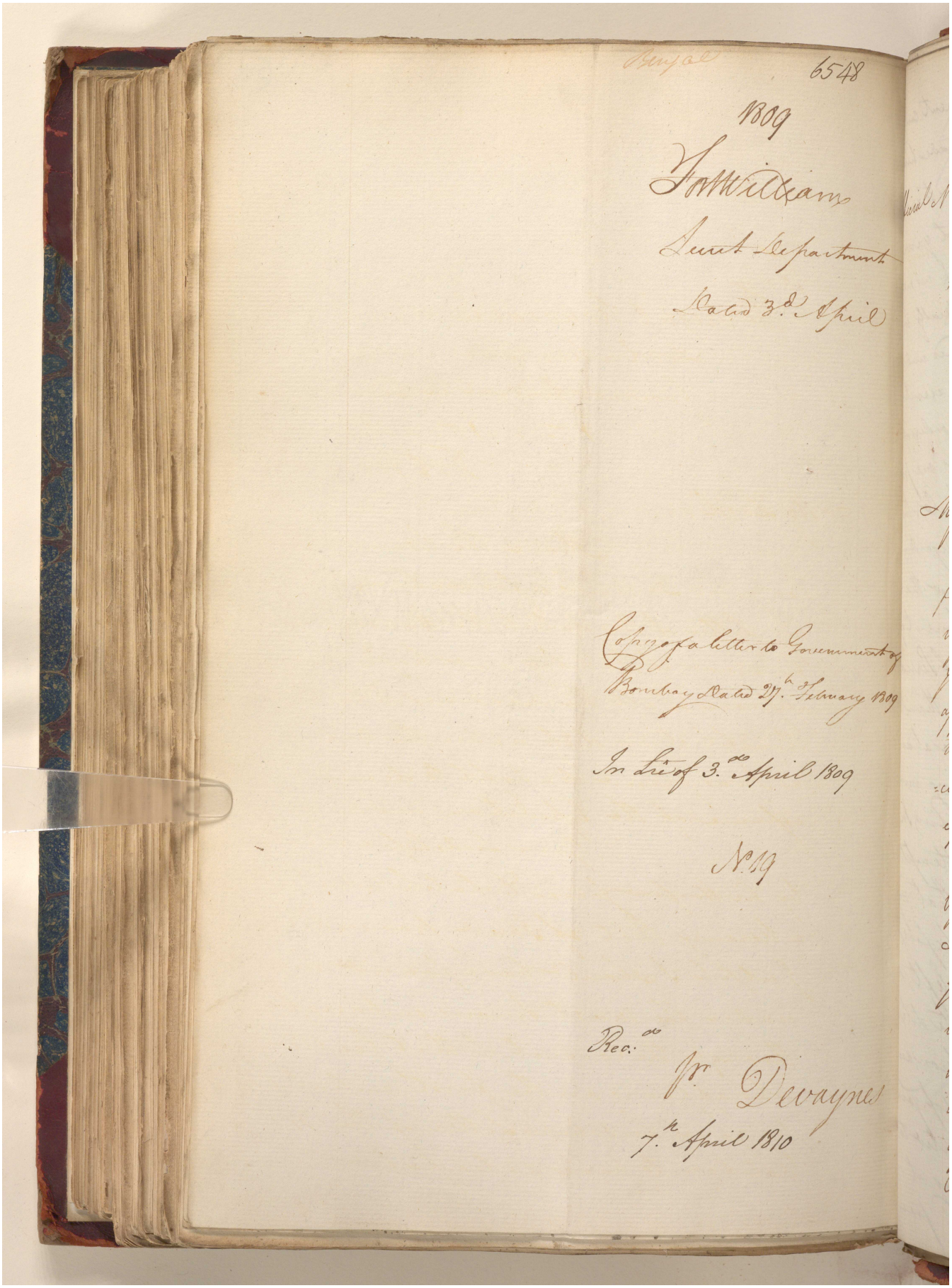
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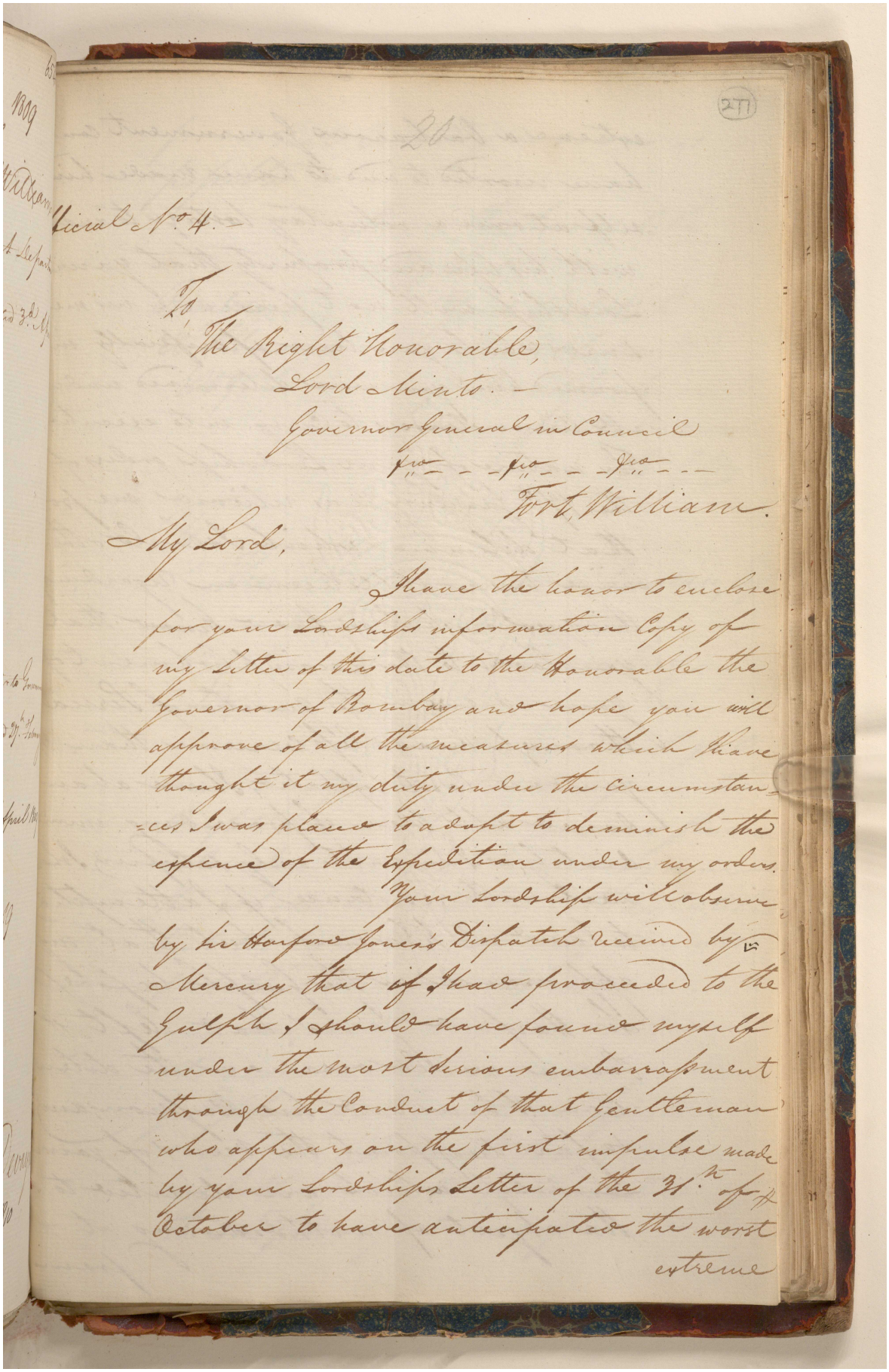


Secret No. 4.

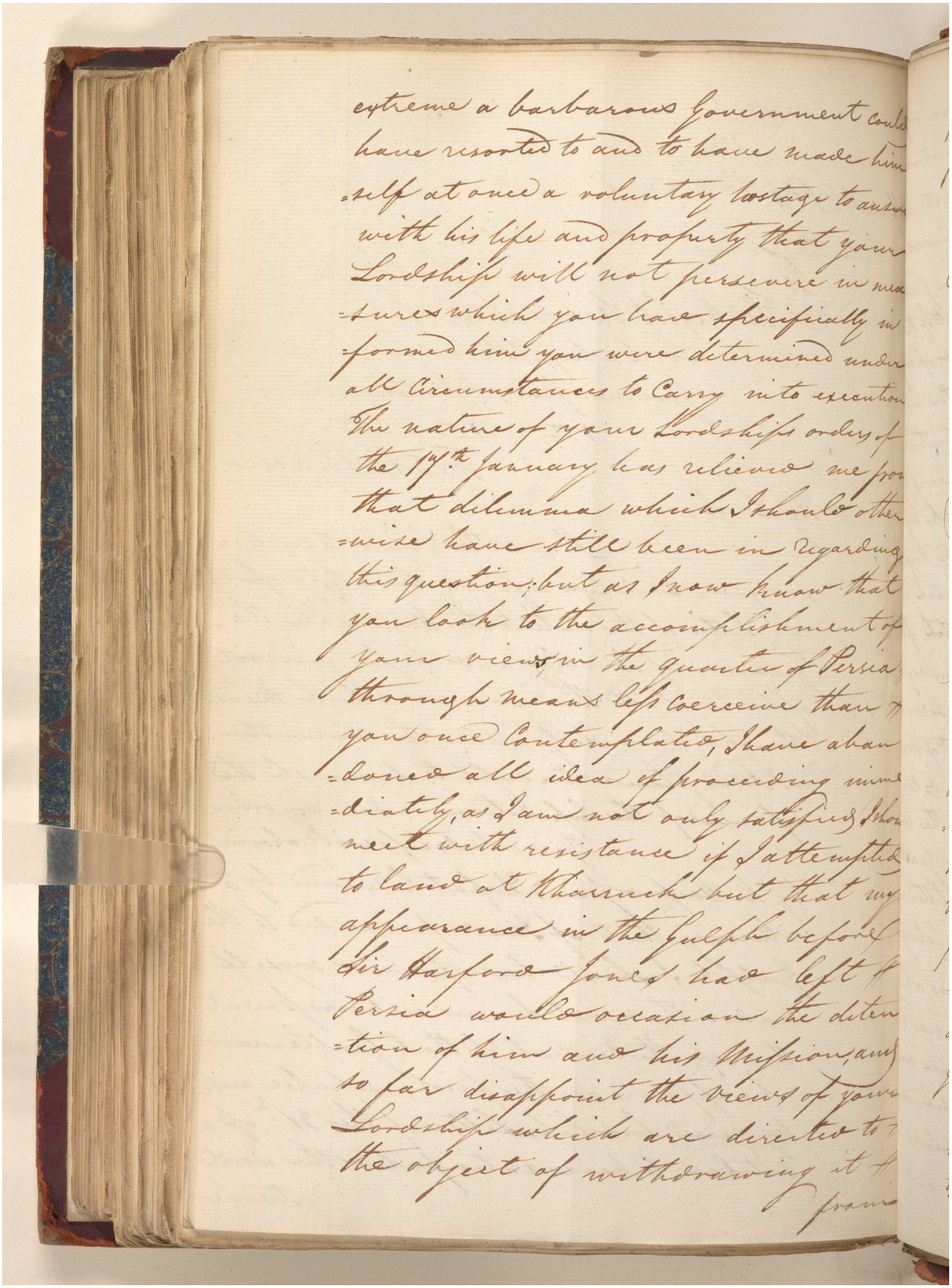
To

The Right Honorable,
Lord Minto. —
Governor General in Council
&c. &c. &c.
Fort William.

My Lord,

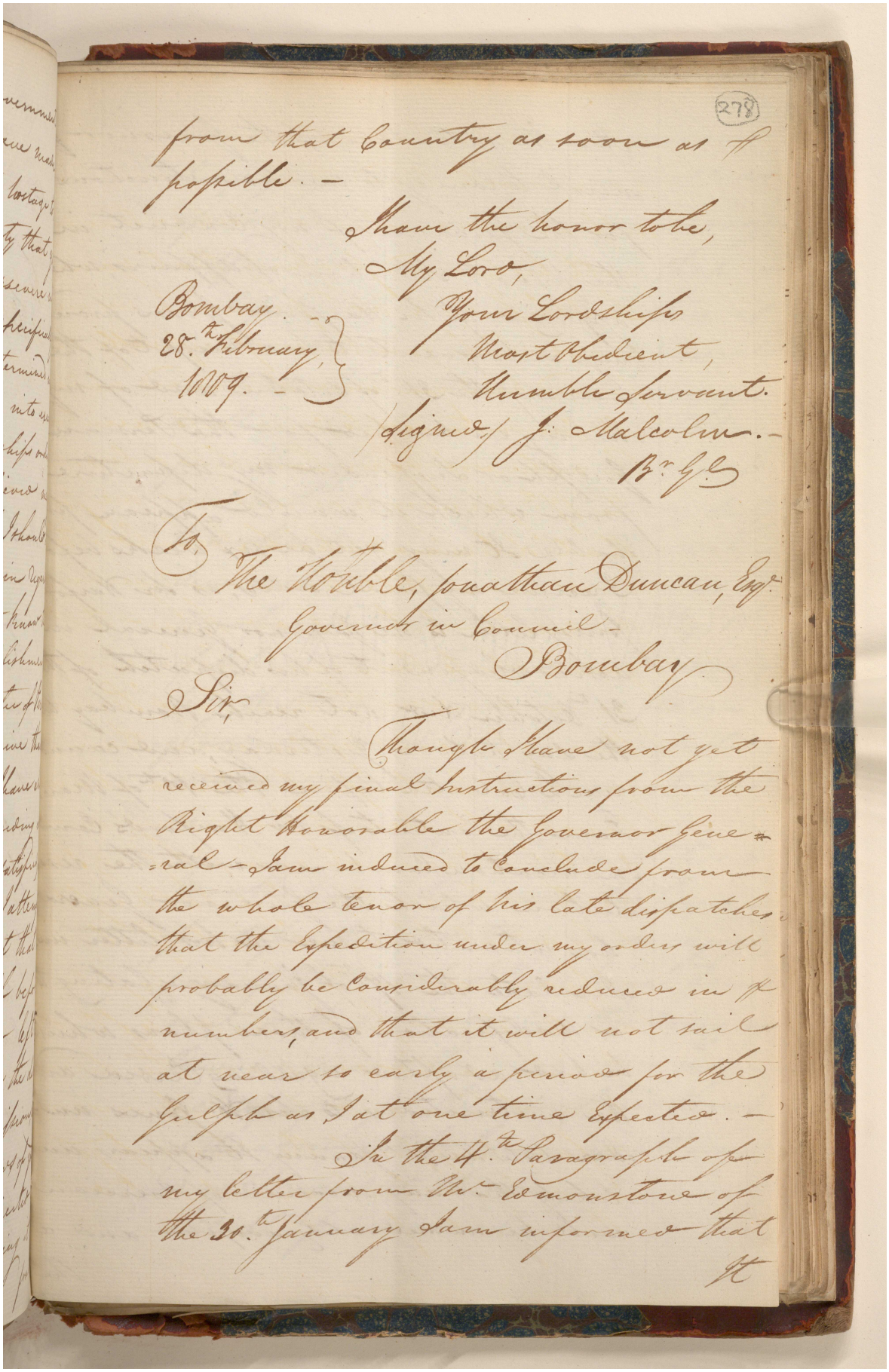
I have the honor to enclose for your Lordships information Copy of my Letter of this date to the Honorable the Governor of Bombay and hope you will approve of all the measures which I have thought it my duty under the circumstances I was placed to adopt to diminish the expence of the Expedition under my orders.

Your Lordship will observe by Sir Harford Jones's Dispatch received by the Mercury that if I had proceeded to the Gulph I should have found myself under the most serious embarrassment through the Conduct of that Gentleman who appears on the first impulse made by your Lordships Letter of the 31st. of October to have anticipated the worst extreme



extreme a barbarous Government could
have resorted to and to have made him-
=self at once a voluntary hostage to answer
with his life and property that your
Lordship will not persevere in mea-
=sures which you have specifically in-
=formed him you were determined under
all circumstances to carry into execution
The nature of your Lordships orders of
the 17th January has relieved me from
that dilemma which I should other-
=wise have still been in regarding
this question; but as I now know that
you look to the accomplishment of
your views in the Quarter of Persia
through means less coercive than
you once contemplated, I have aban-
=doned all idea of proceeding imme-
=diately, as I am not only satisfied I should
meet with resistance if I attempted
to land at Bharuch but that my
appearance in the Gulph before
Sir Harford Jones had left
Persia would occasion the deten-
=tion of him and his Mission, and
so far disappoint the views of your
Lordship which are directed to
the object of withdrawing it

from



from that Country as soon as possible. —

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordships
Most Obedient,
Humble Servant.
(Signed) J. Malcolm. —
Br. Gl.

Bombay
28th February,
1809. —

To,
The Honble, Jonathan Duncan, Esqr.
Governor in Council —
Bombay

Sir,

Though I have not yet received my final Instructions from the Right Honorable the Governor General — I am induced to conclude from the whole tenor of his late dispatches that the Expedition under my orders will probably be considerably reduced in numbers, and that it will not sail at near so early a period for the Gulph as I at one time Expected. —

In the 4th Paragraph of my letter from Mr. Edmonstone of the 30th January I am informed that

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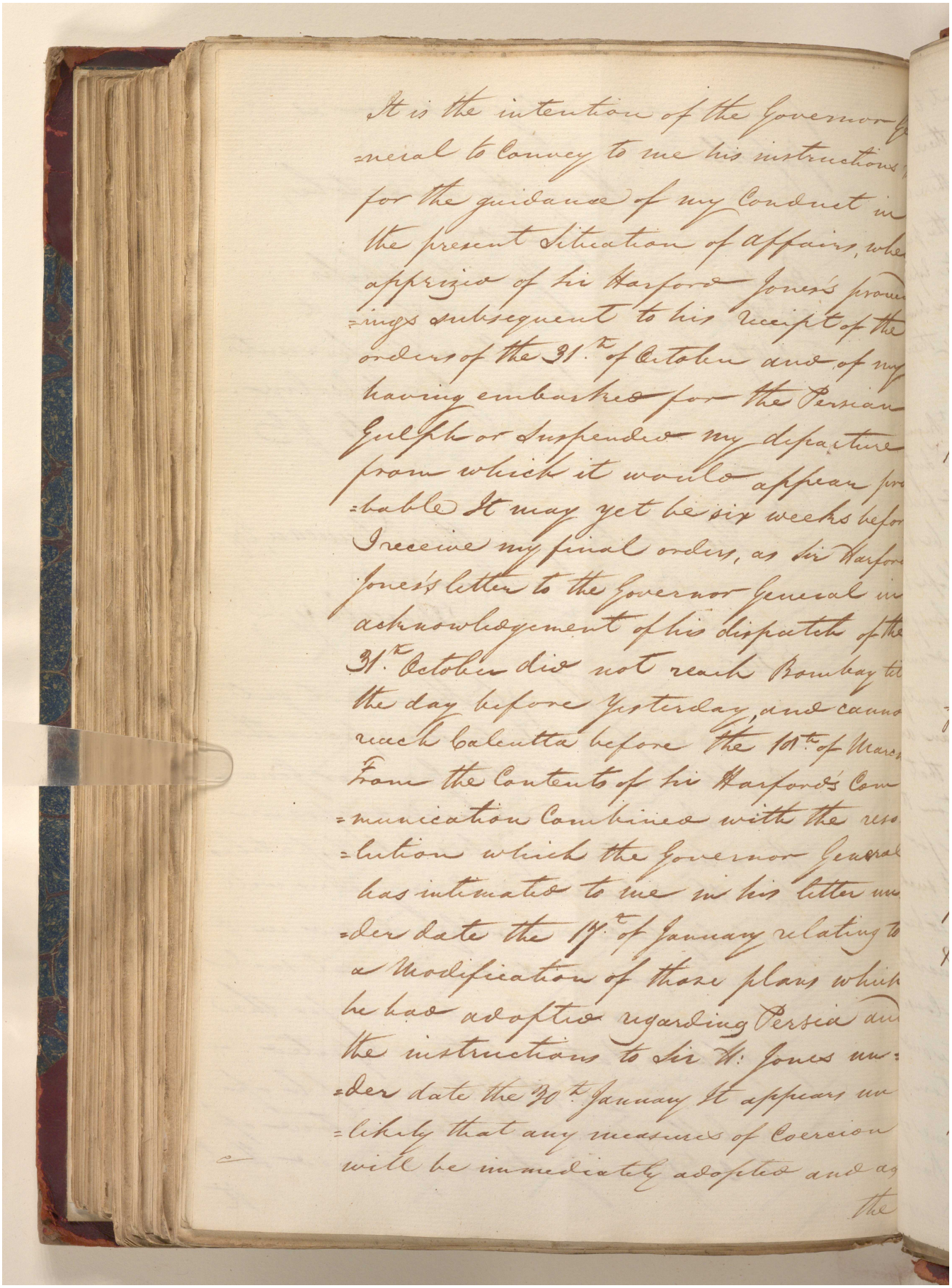

It is the intention of the Governor Ge=neral to convey to me his instructions for the guidance of my conduct in the present situation of affairs, whe= apprizio of Sir Harford Jones's proceed=ings subsequent to his receipt of the orders of the 31st of October and of my having embarked for the Persian Gulph or suspended my departure from which it would appear pro=bable It may yet be six weeks before I receive my final orders, as Sir Harford Jones's letter to the Governor General in acknowledgement of his dispatch of the 31st October did not reach Bombay till the day before yesterday, and cannot reach Calcutta before the 10th of March From the Contents of Sir Harford's Com=munication Combined with the reso=lution which the Governor General has intimated to me in his letter un=der date the 17th of January relating to a Modification of those plans which he had adopted regarding Persia and the instructions to Sir H. Jones un=der date the 20th January It appears un=likely that any measures of Coercion will be immediately adopted and as the

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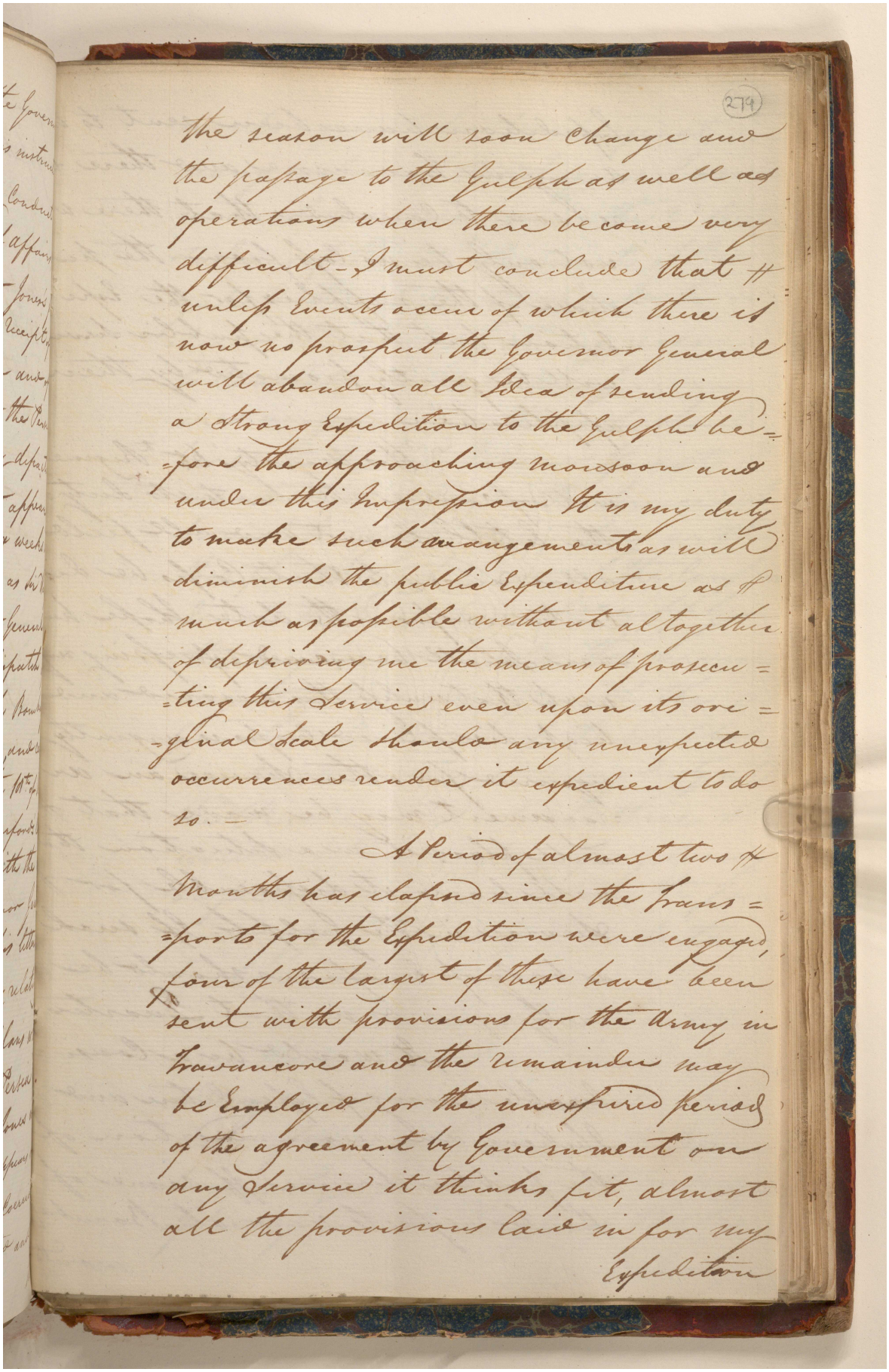

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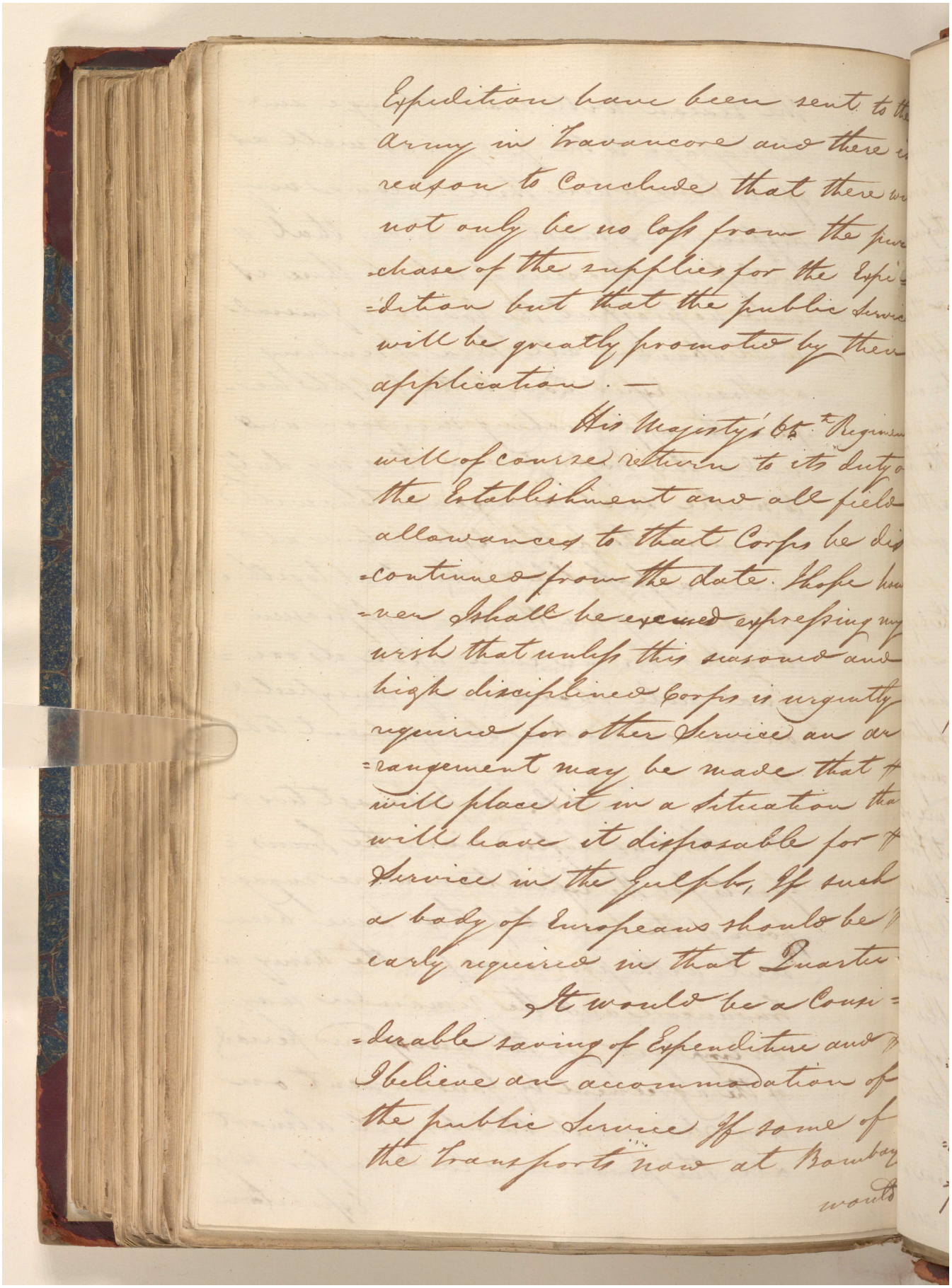
the season will soon change and the passage to the Gulph as well as operations when there become very difficult - I must conclude that unless Events occur of which there is now no prospect the Governor General will abandon all Idea of sending a strong Expedition to the Gulph before the approaching monsoon and under this Impression It is my duty to make such arrangements as will diminish the public Expenditure as much as possible without altogether depriving me the means of prosecuting this Service even upon its ordinal Scale should any unexpected occurrences render it expedient to do so. -

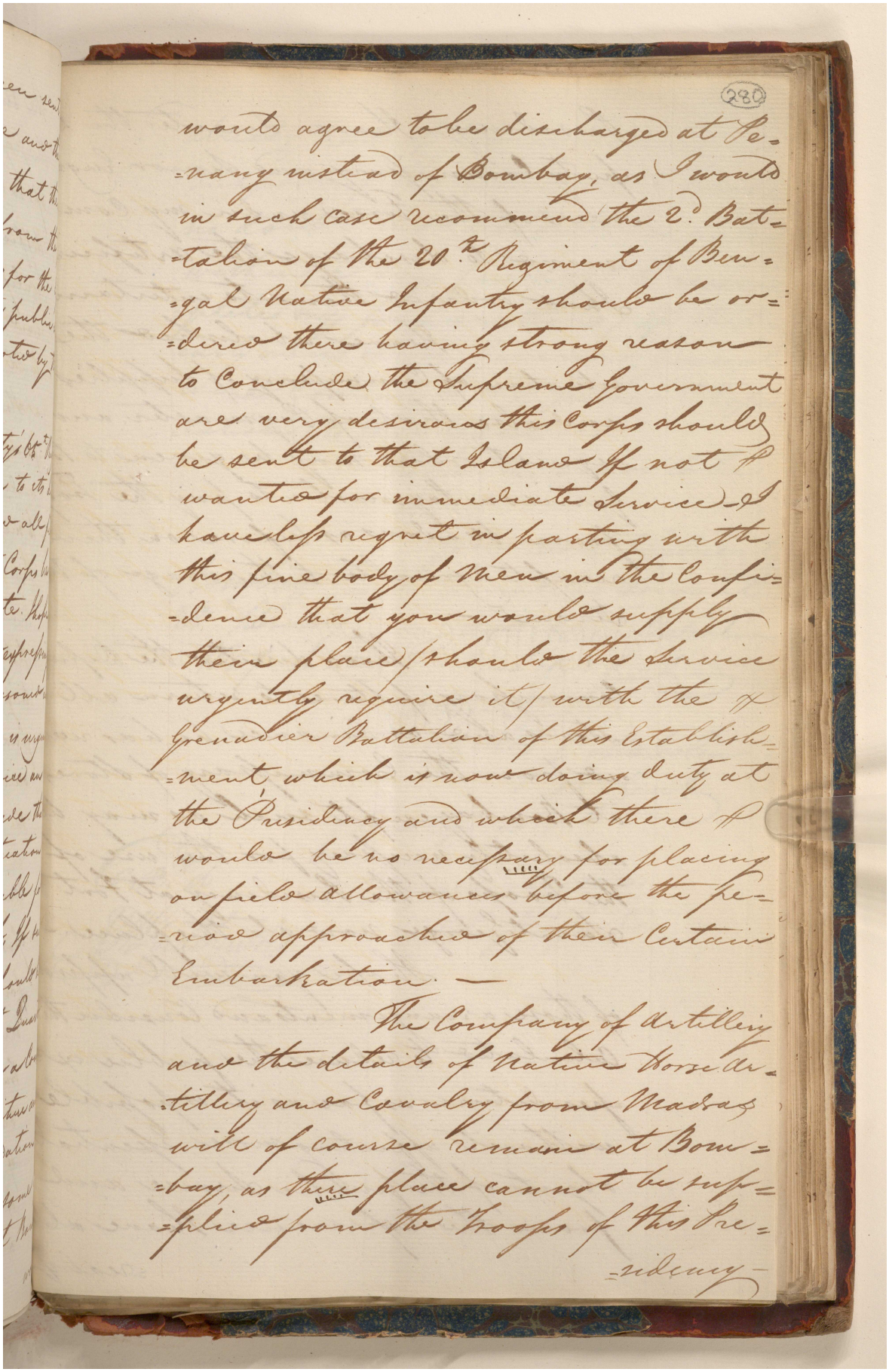
A Period of almost two Months has elapsed since the transports for the Expedition were engaged, four of the largest of these have been sent with provisions for the Army in Travancore and the remainder may be Employed for the unexpired period of the agreement by Government on any Service it thinks fit, almost all the provisions laid in for my Expedition



Expedition have been sent to the
Army in Travancore and there is
reason to Conclude that there will
not only be no loss from the pur-
chase of the supplies for the Expe-
dition but that the public service
will be greatly promoted by their
application. —

His Majesty's 65th Regiment
will of course return to its duty on
the Establishment and all field
allowances to that Corps be dis-
continued from the date. I hope how-
ever I shall be excused expressing my
wish that unless this seasoned and
high disciplined Corps is urgently
required for other Service an ar-
rangement may be made that
will place it in a situation that
will have it disposable for
Service in the Gulph. If such
a body of Europeans should be
early required in that Quarter

It would be a Consi-
derable saving of Expenditure and
I believe an accommodation of
the public Service If some of
the transports now at Bombay
would



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would agree to be discharged at Pe-
-nang instead of Bombay, as I would
in such case recommend the 2d Bat-
-talion of the 20th Regiment of Ben-
-gal Native Infantry should be or-
-dered there having strong reason
to Conclude the Supreme Government
are very desirous this Corps should
be sent to that Island If not P
wanted for immediate Service I
have less regret in parting with
this fine body of Men in the Confi-
-dence that you would supply
their place/should the Service
urgently require it/ with the 1st
Grenadier Battalion of this Establish-
-ment which is now doing duty at
the Presidency and which there P
would be no necessary for placing
on field allowances before the pe-
-riod approaches of their Certain
Embarkation —

The Company of Artillery
and the details of Native Horse Ar-
-tillery and Cavalry from Madras
will of course remain at Bom-
-bay, as their place cannot be sup-
-plied from the Troops of this Pre-
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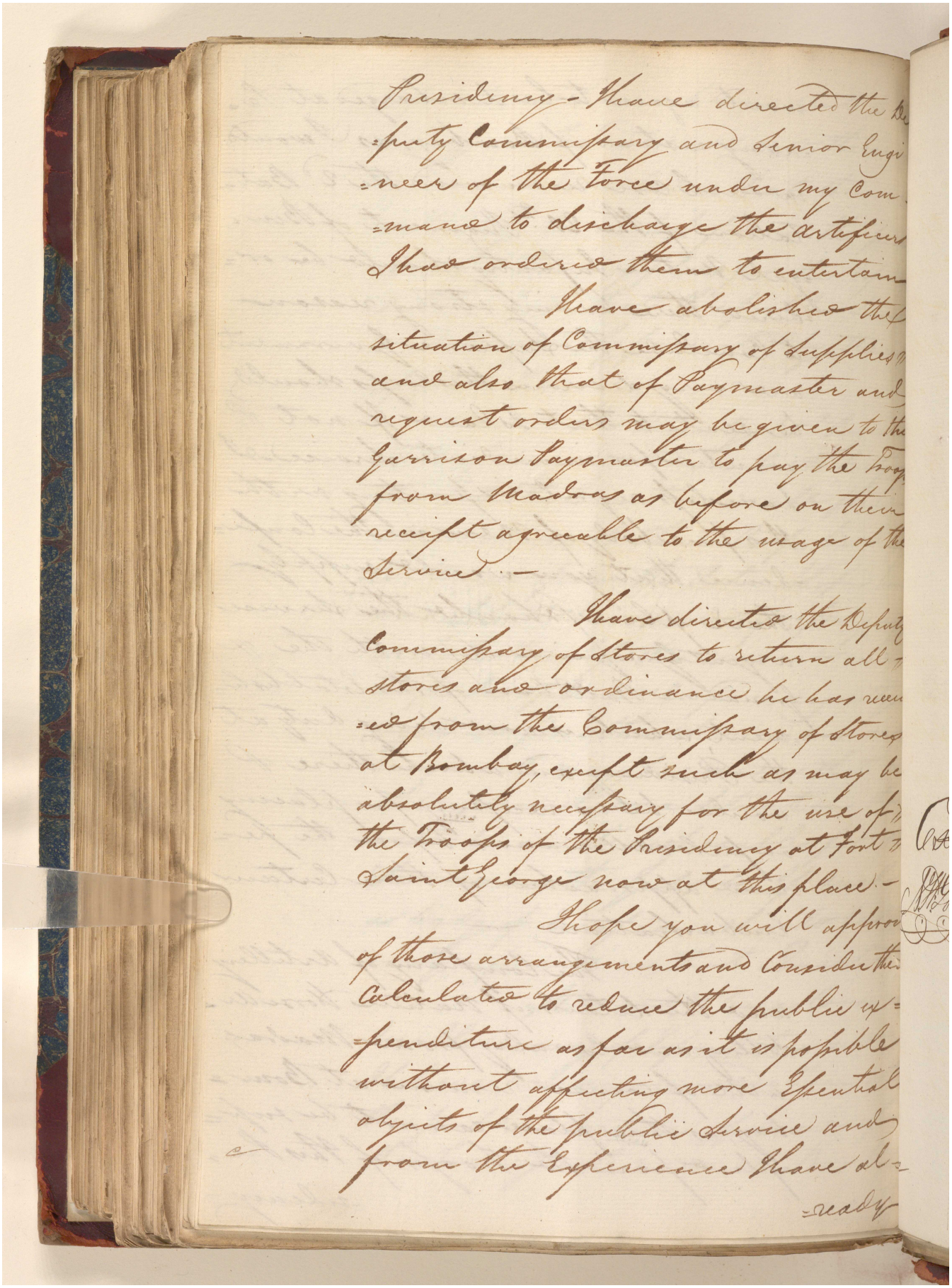

Presidency – I have directed the De-
=puty Commissary and Senior Engi-
=neer of the Force under my Com-
=mand to discharge the artificers
I had ordered them to entertain –

I have abolished the
situation of Commissary of Supplies
and also that of Paymaster and
request orders may be given to the
Garrison Paymaster to pay the Troops
from Madras as before on their
receipt agreeable to the wage of the
Service. –

I have directed the Deputy
Commissary of Stores to return all
stores and ordinance he has rece-
=ed from the Commissary of Stores
at Bombay, except such as may be
absolutely necessary for the use of
the Troops of the Presidency at Fort
Saint George now at this place. –

I hope you will approve
of these arrangements and Consider them
calculated to reduce the public ex-
=penditure as far as it is possible
without affecting more Essential
objects of the public Service and
from the Experience I have al-
=ready

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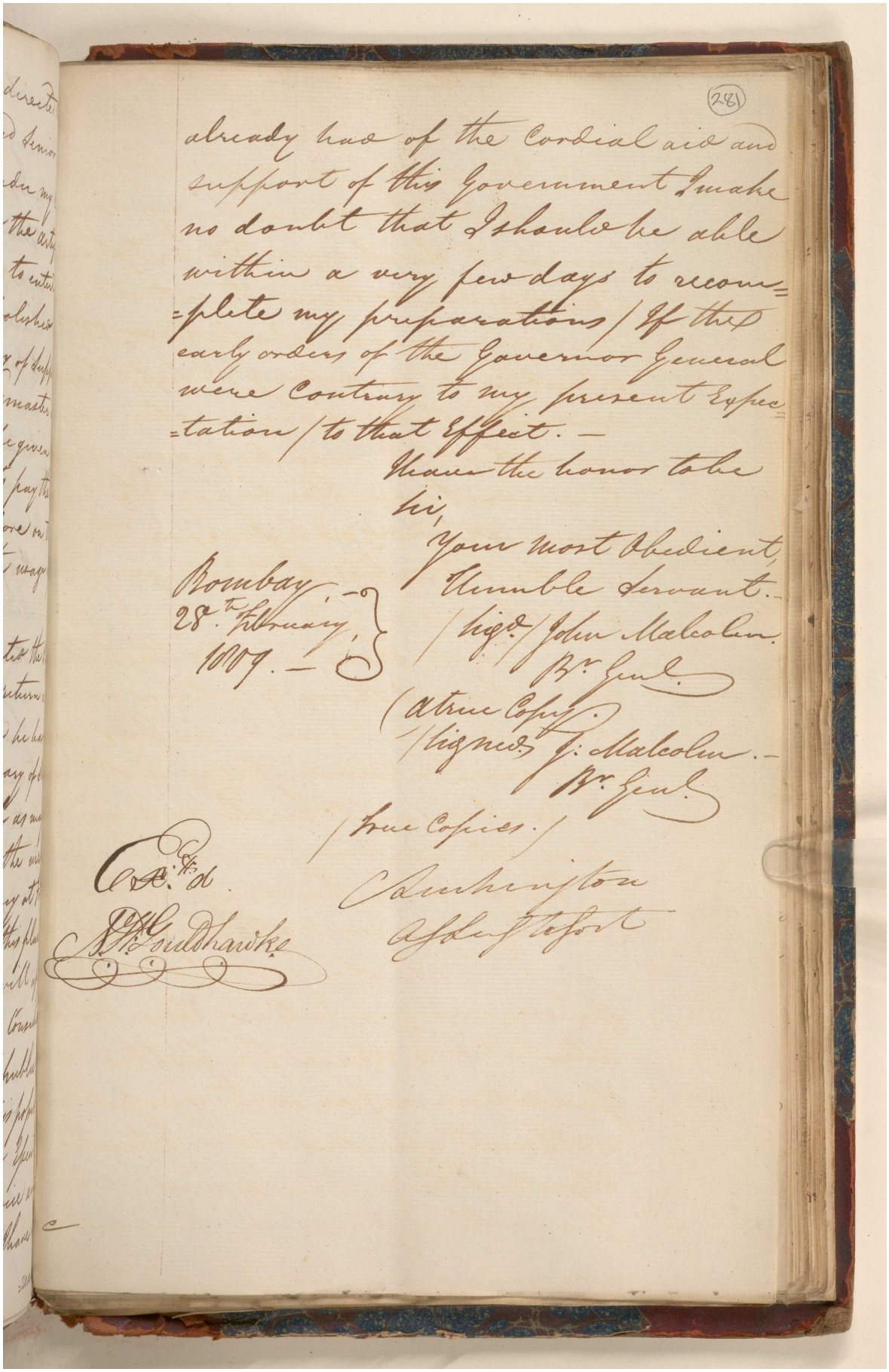

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already had of the Cordial aid and support of this Government I make no doubt that I should be able within a very few days to recom=plete my preparations / If the early orders of the Governor General were Contrary to my present Expec=tation / to that Effect. —

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient,
Humble Servant. —
/ Sign.d / John Malcolm.
Br. Genl.

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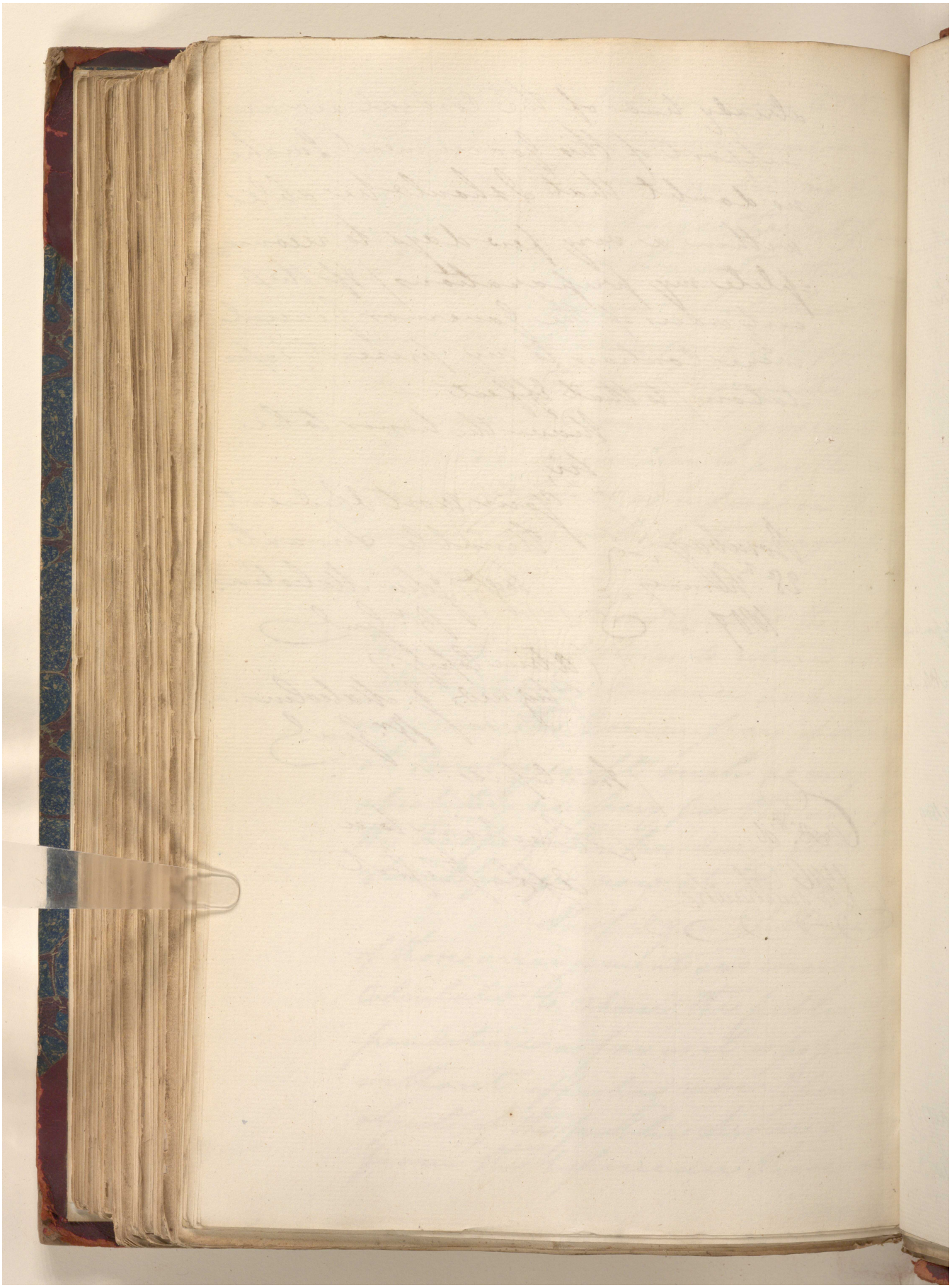

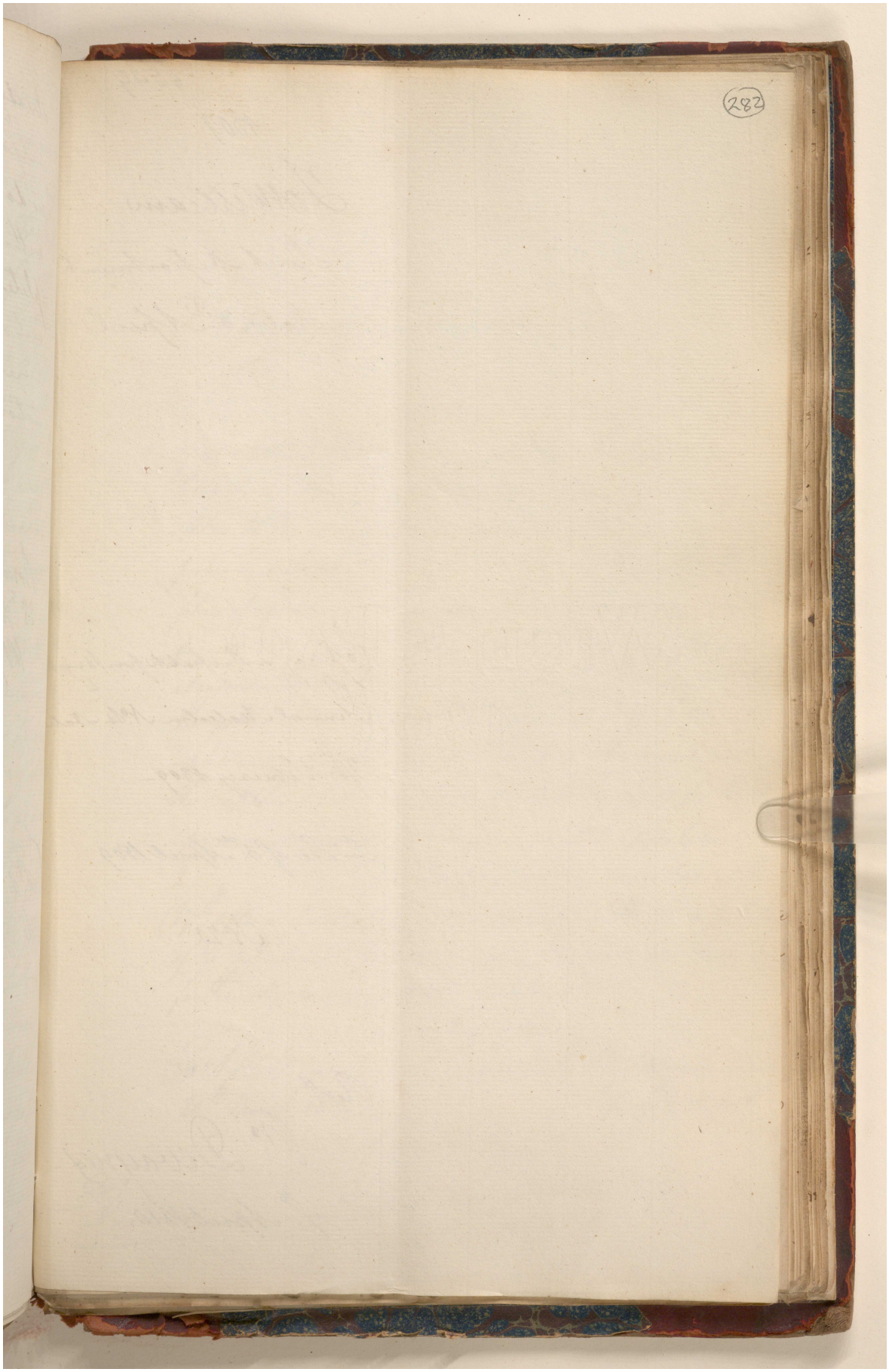

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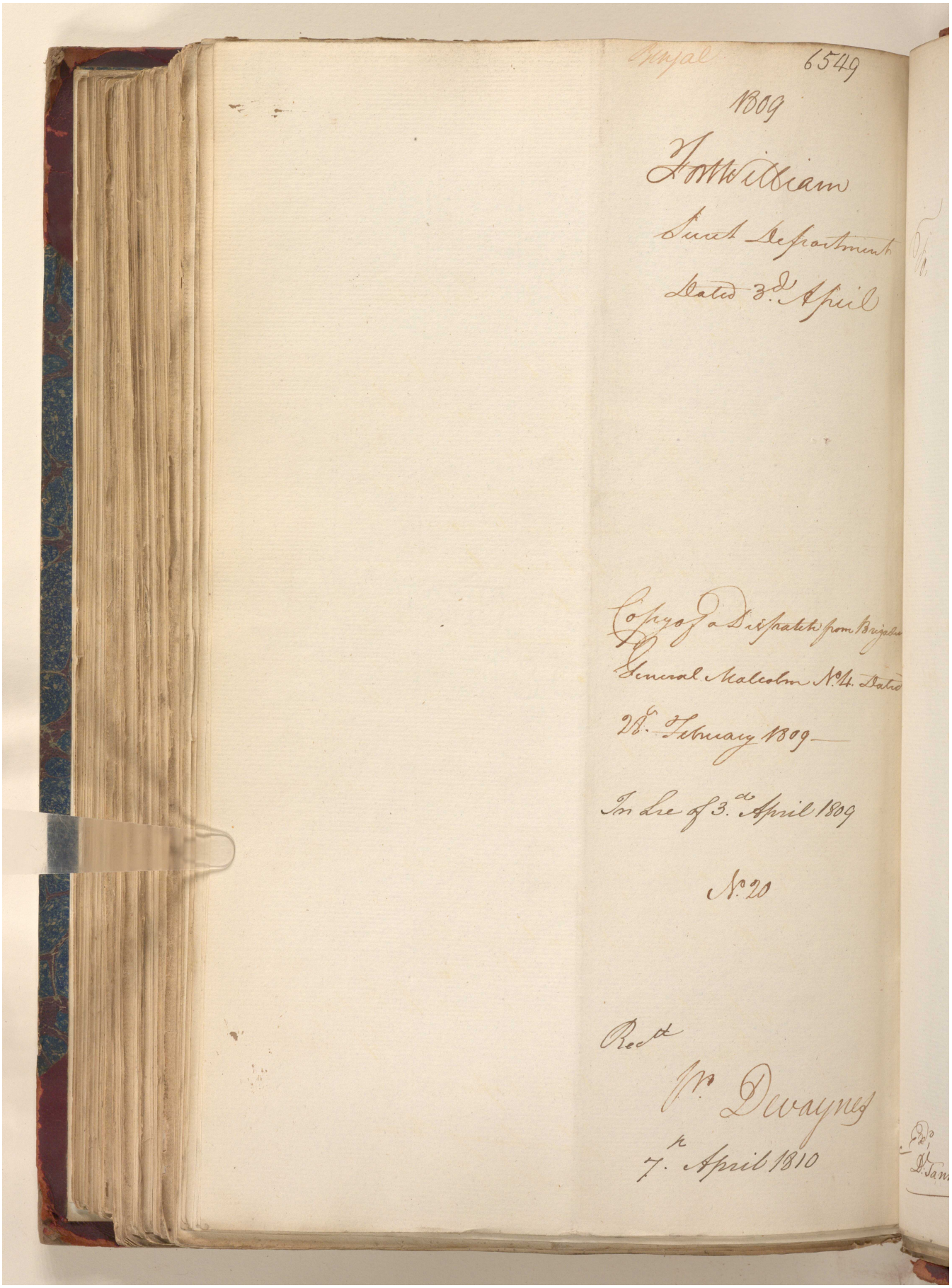

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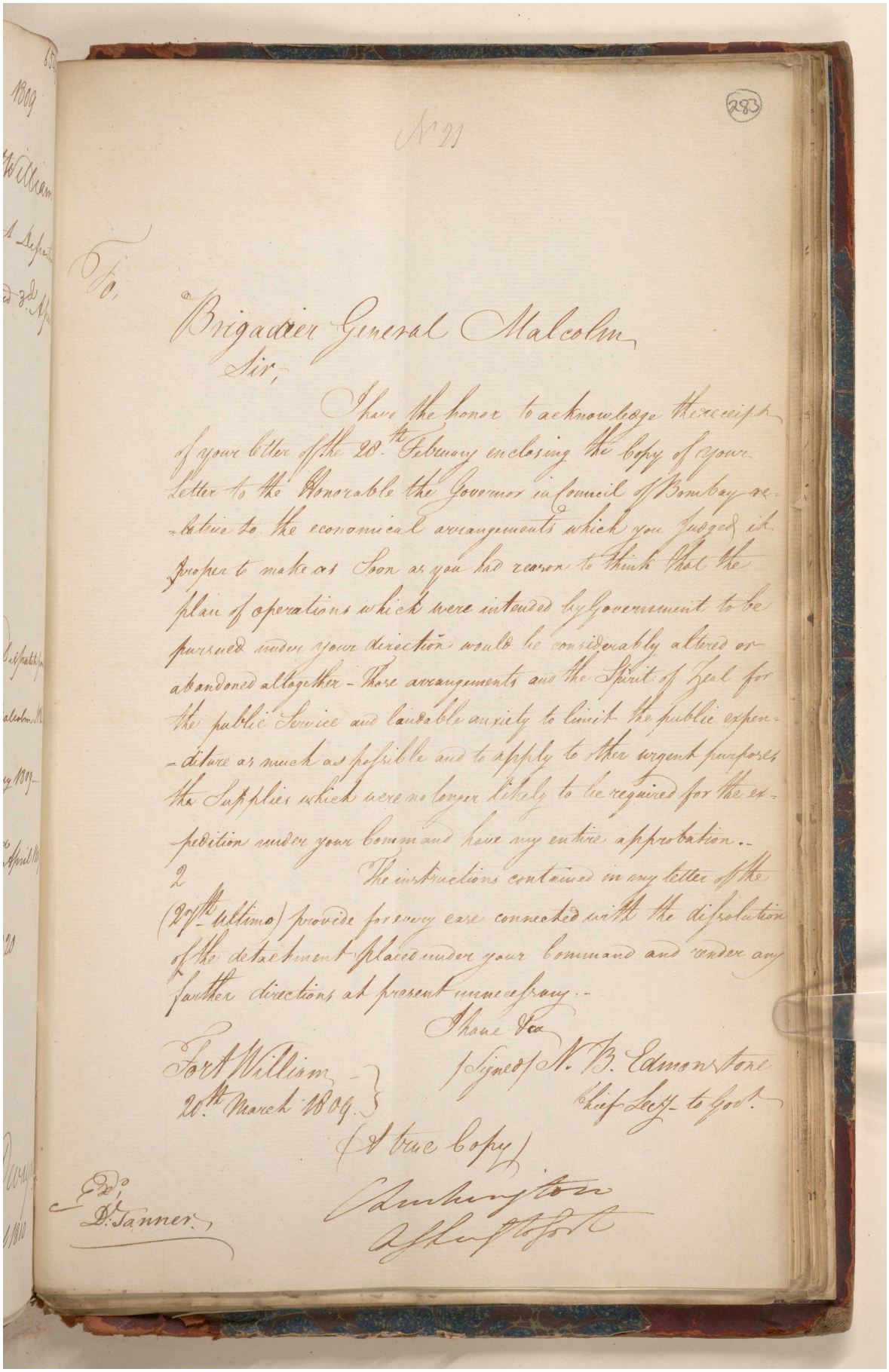

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To,

Brigadier General Malcolm

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th February enclosing the copy of your Letter to the Honorable the Governor in Council of Bombay relative to the economical arrangements which you judged it proper to make as soon as you had reason to think that the plan of operations which were intended by Government to be pursued under your direction would be considerably altered or abandoned altogether - Those arrangements and the Spirit of Zeal for the public Service and laudable anxiety to limit the public expenditure as much as possible and to apply to other urgent purposes the Supplies which were no longer likely to be required for the expedition under your Command have my entire approbation.-

2 The instructions contained in my letter of the (27th ultimo) provide for every case connected with the dissolution of the detachment placed under your Command and render any further directions at present unnecessary.-

I have &c

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

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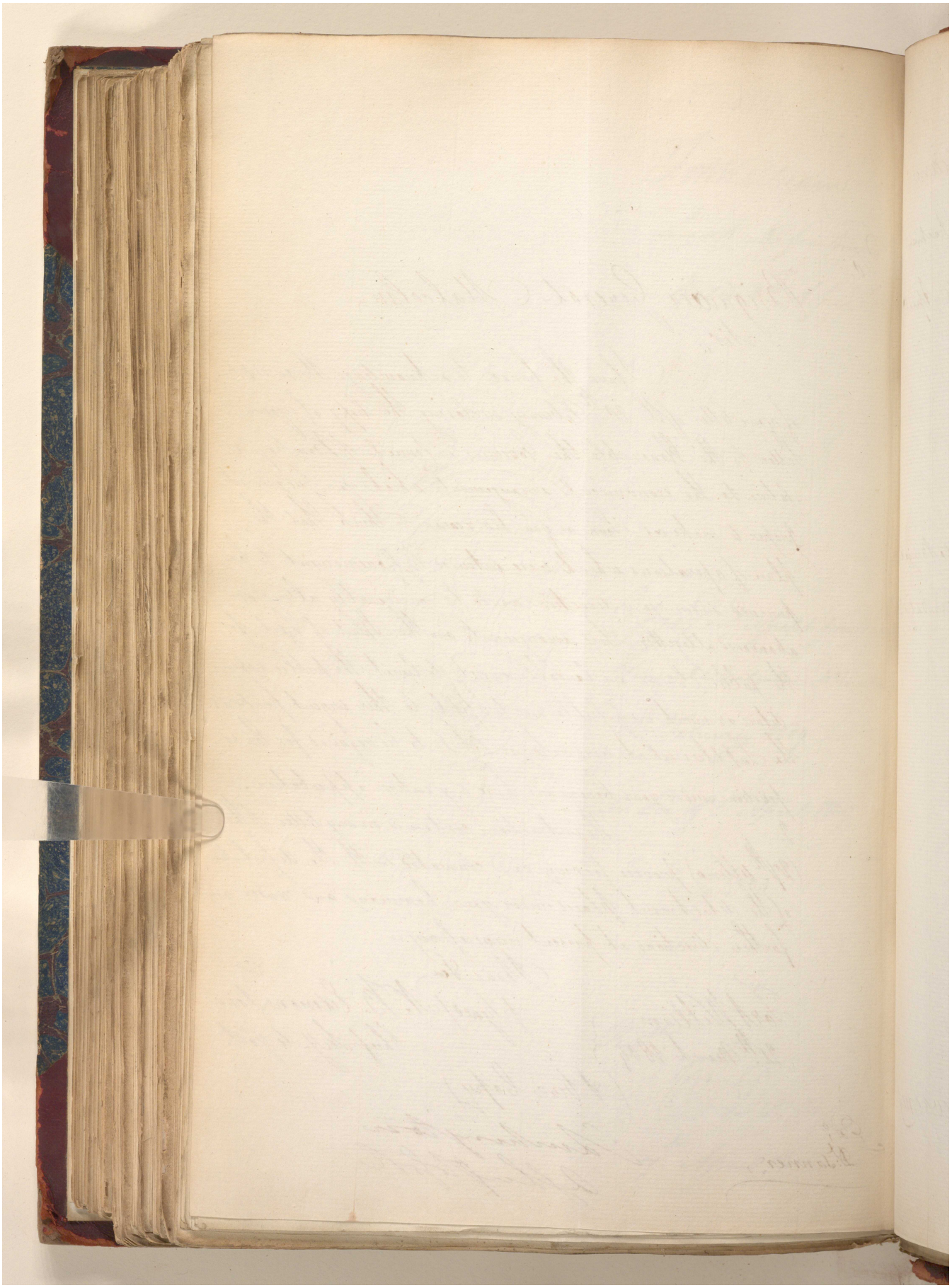

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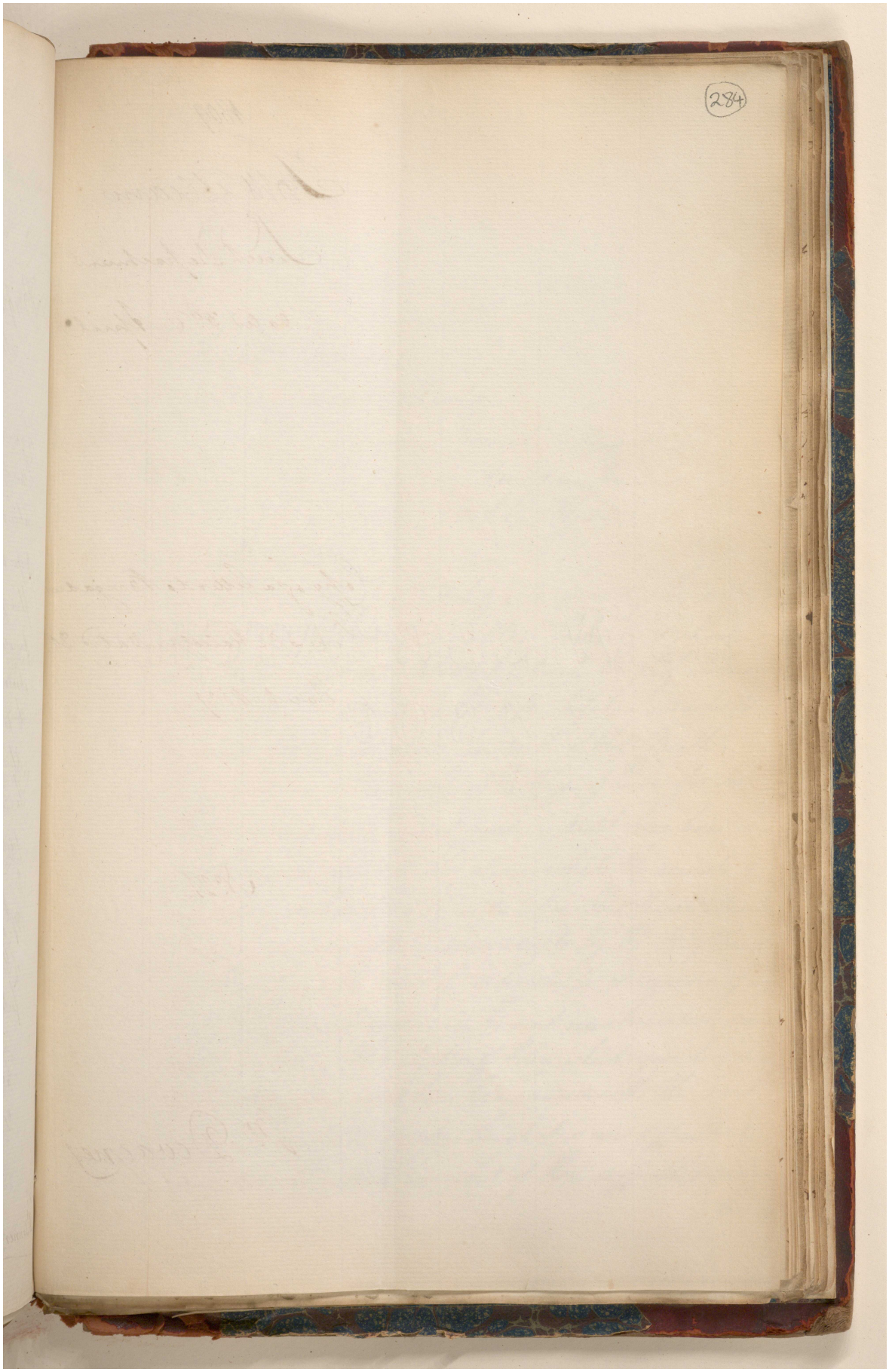
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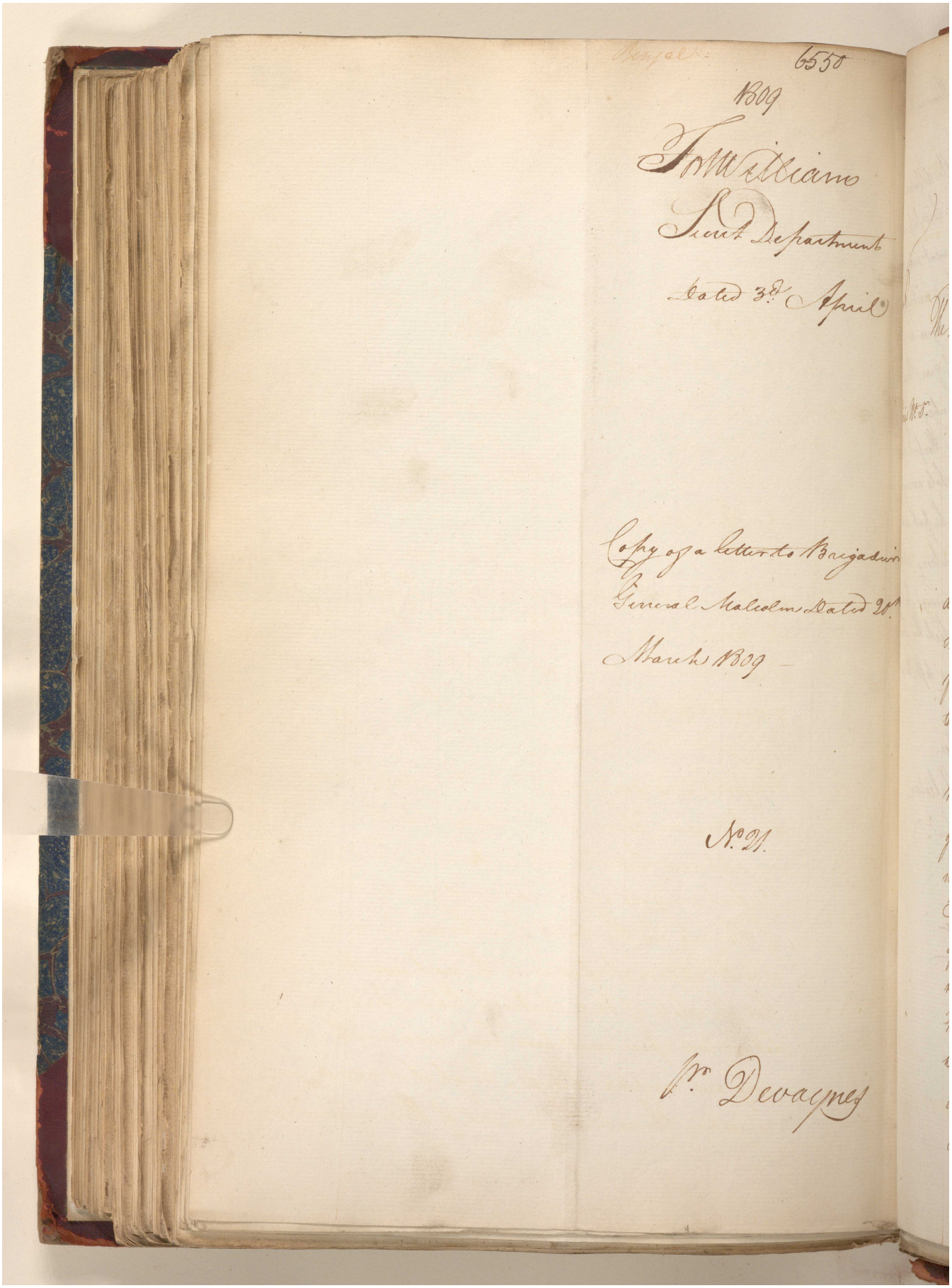
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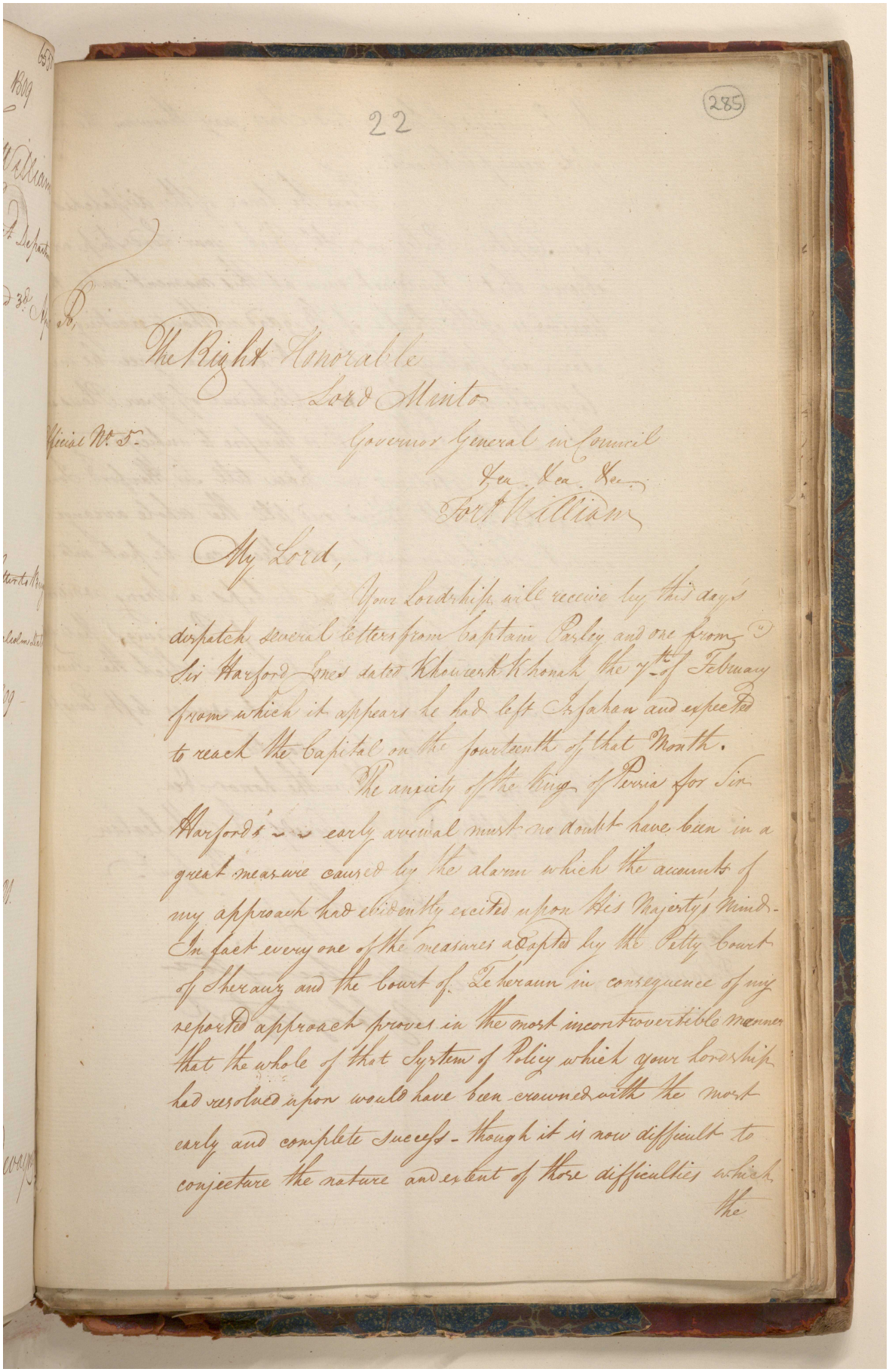

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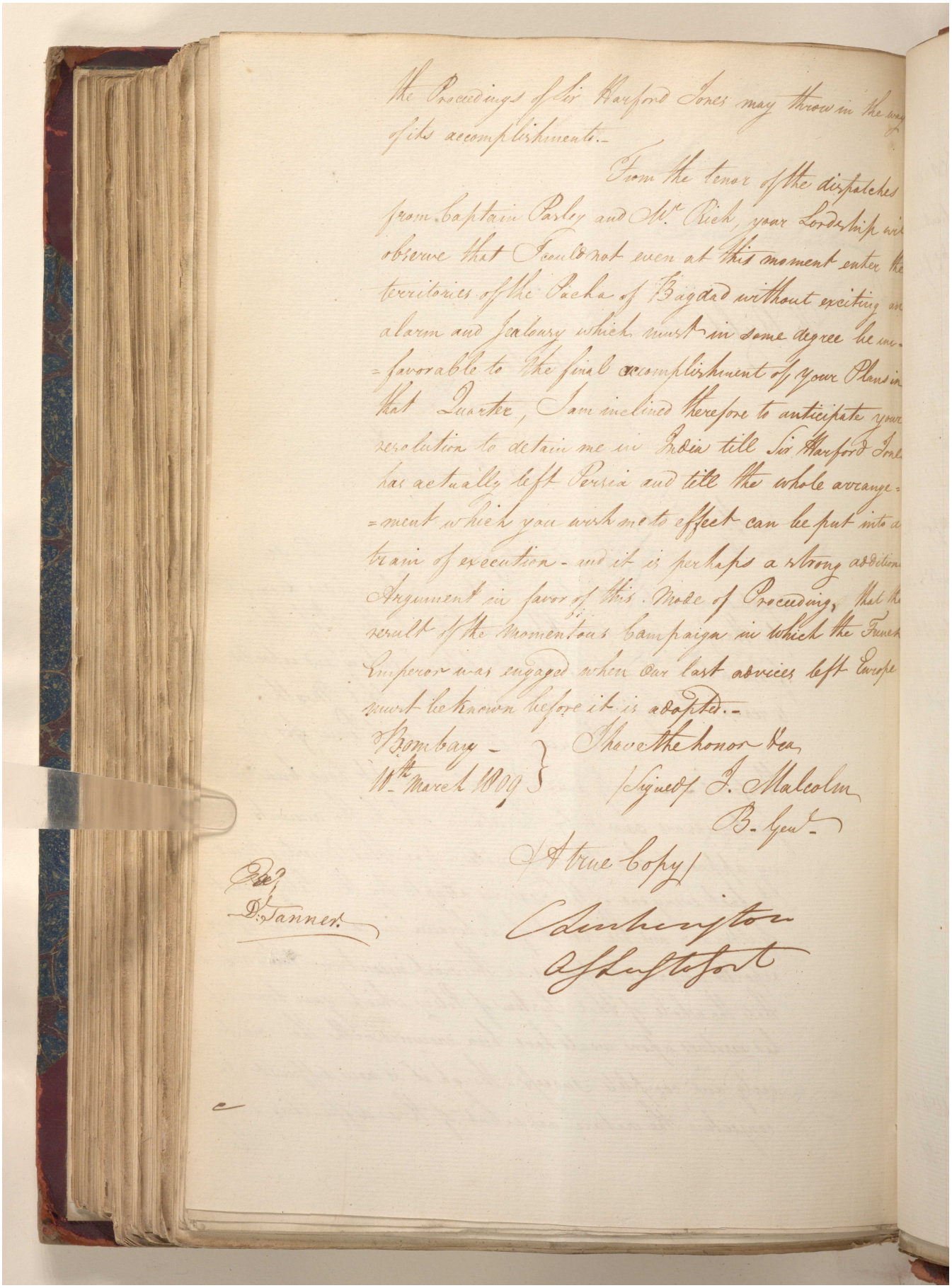
The Right Honorable
Lord Minto
Governor General in Council
&c. &c. &c.
Fort William

My Lord,

Your Lordship will receive by this days dispatch several letters from Captain Pasley and one from Sir Harford Jones dated Khowerah Khonah the 7th of February from which it appears he had left Ispahan and expected to reach the Capital on the fourteenth of that Month.

The anxiety of the King of Persia for Sir Harford's early arrival must no doubt have been in a great measure caused by the alarm which the accounts of my approach had evidently excited upon His Majesty's Mind. In fact every one of the measures adopted by the Petty Court of Shiraz and the Court of Teheraun in consequence of my reported approach proves in the most incontrovertible manner that the whole of that System of Policy which your Lordship had resolved upon would have been crowned with the most early and complete success. Though it is now difficult to conjecture the nature and extent of those difficulties which the



the Proceedings of Sir Harford Jones may throw in the way of its accomplishments.—

From the tenor of the dispatches from Captain Pasley and Mr. Rich, your Lordship will observe that I could not even at this moment enter the territories of the Pacha of Bagdad without exciting an alarm and Jealousy which must in some degree be unfavorable to the final accomplishment of your Plans in that Quarter, I am inclined therefore to anticipate your resolution to detain me in India till Sir Harford Jones has actually left Persia and till the whole arrangement which you wish me to effect can be put into a train of execution — and it is perhaps a strong additional Argument in favor of this Mode of Proceeding, that the result of the momentous Campaign in which the French Emperor was engaged when our last advices left Europe must be known before it is adopted.—

Bombay — 10th March 1809 } I have the honor &ca

(Signed) J. Malcolm
B. Genl.

(A true Copy)

Cambington
A. Lustofort

Recd.
D. Tanner.

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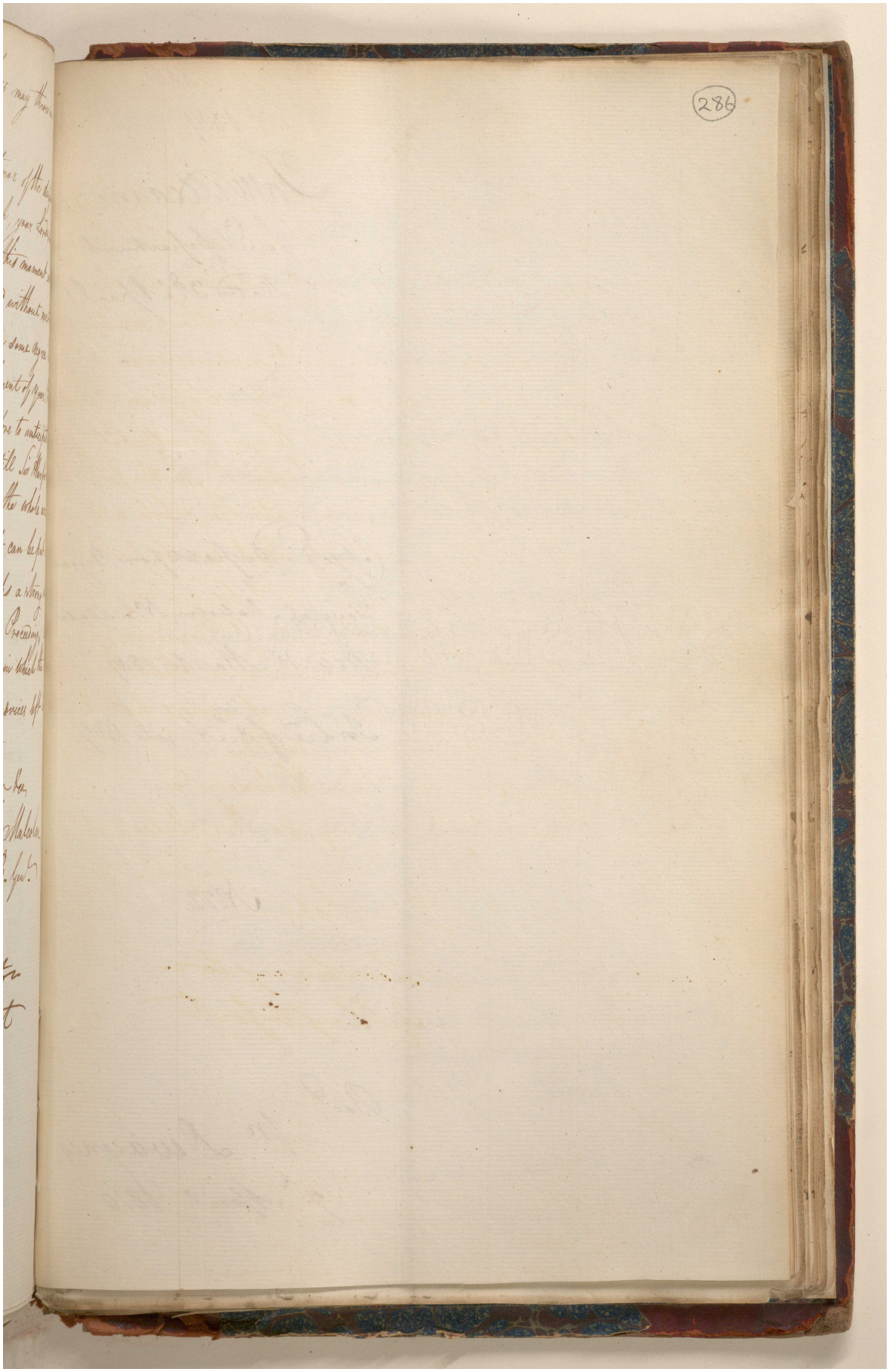
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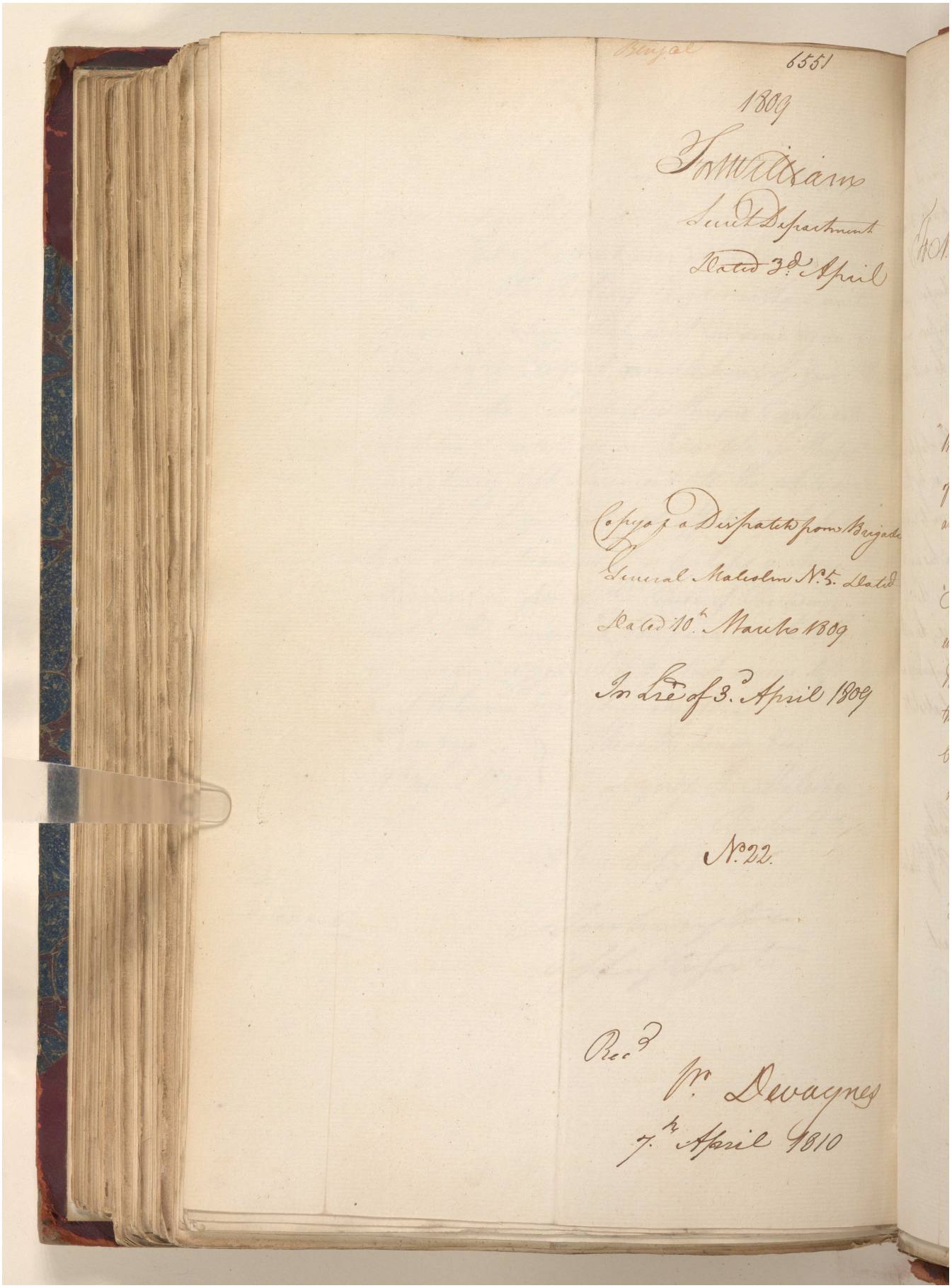
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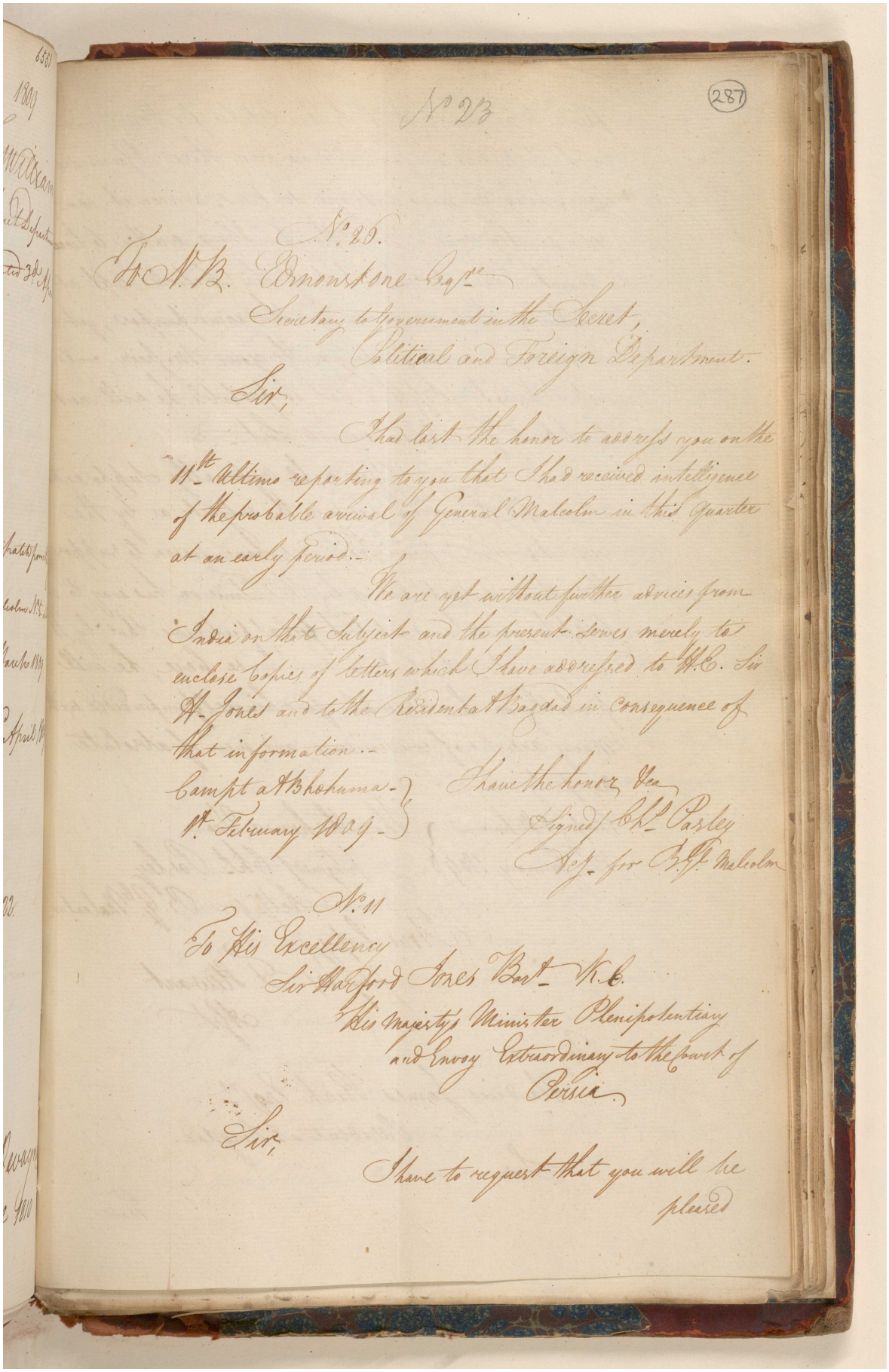

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No. 26.

To N. B. Edmonstone Esqre.
Secretary to Government in the Secret,
Political and Foreign Department.

Sir,

I had last the honor to address you on the 11th Ultimo reporting to you that I had received intelligence of the probable arrival of General Malcolm in this Quarter at an early period.-

We are yet without further advices from India on that Subject and the present serves merely to enclose Copies of letters which I have addressed to H.E. Sir H. Jones and to the Resident at Bagdad in consequence of that information.-

Campt at Bhohuma -
1st February 1809 -

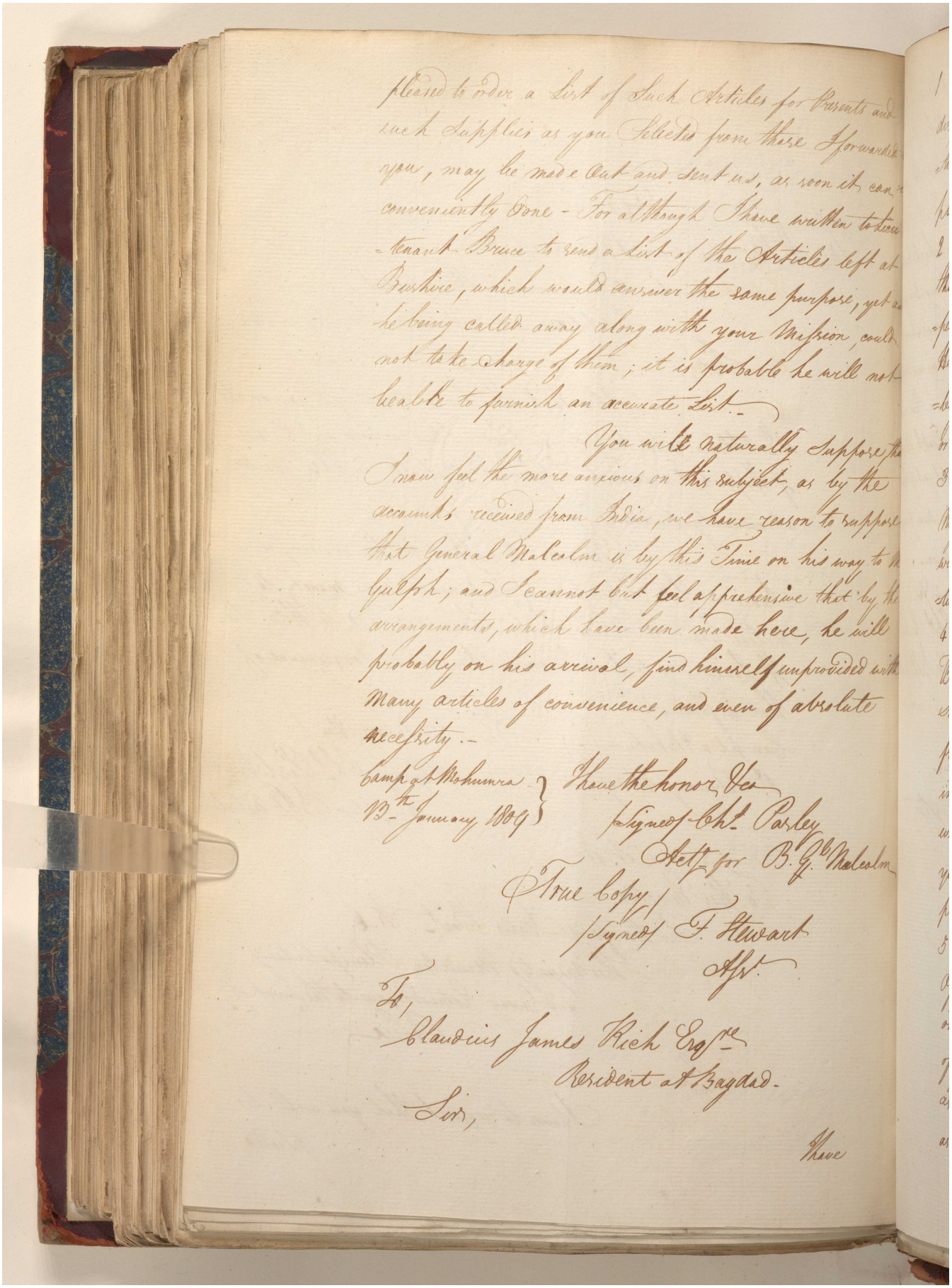
I have the honor &ca
Signed Chs. Pasley
Acy. for B.G. Malcolm

No. 11

To His Excellency
Sir Harford Jones Bart. K.C.
His Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary
and Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of
Persia.

Sir,

I have to request that you will be
pleased



pleased to order a List of Such Articles for Presents and such Supplies as you Selected from those I forwarded you, may be made Out and sent us, as soon it can be conveniently Done - For although I have written to Lieutenant Bruce to send a List of the Articles left at Bushire, which would answer the same purpose, yet as he being called away along with your Mission, could not take charge of them; it is probable he will not be able to furnish an accurate List.-

You will naturally Suppose that I now feel the more anxious on this subject, as by the accounts received from India, we have reason to suppose that General Malcolm is by this Time on his way to the Gulph; and I cannot but feel apprehensive that by the arrangements, which have been made here, he will probably on his arrival, find himself unprovided with many articles of convenience, and even of absolute necessity.-

Camp at Mohumra
13th January 1809

I have the honor &c
(Signed) Chs. Parley
Actg. for B. Gl. Malcolm

(True Copy)
(Signed) F. Stewart
Asst.

To,
Claudius James Rich Esqre.
Resident at Bagdad.

Sir,

I have

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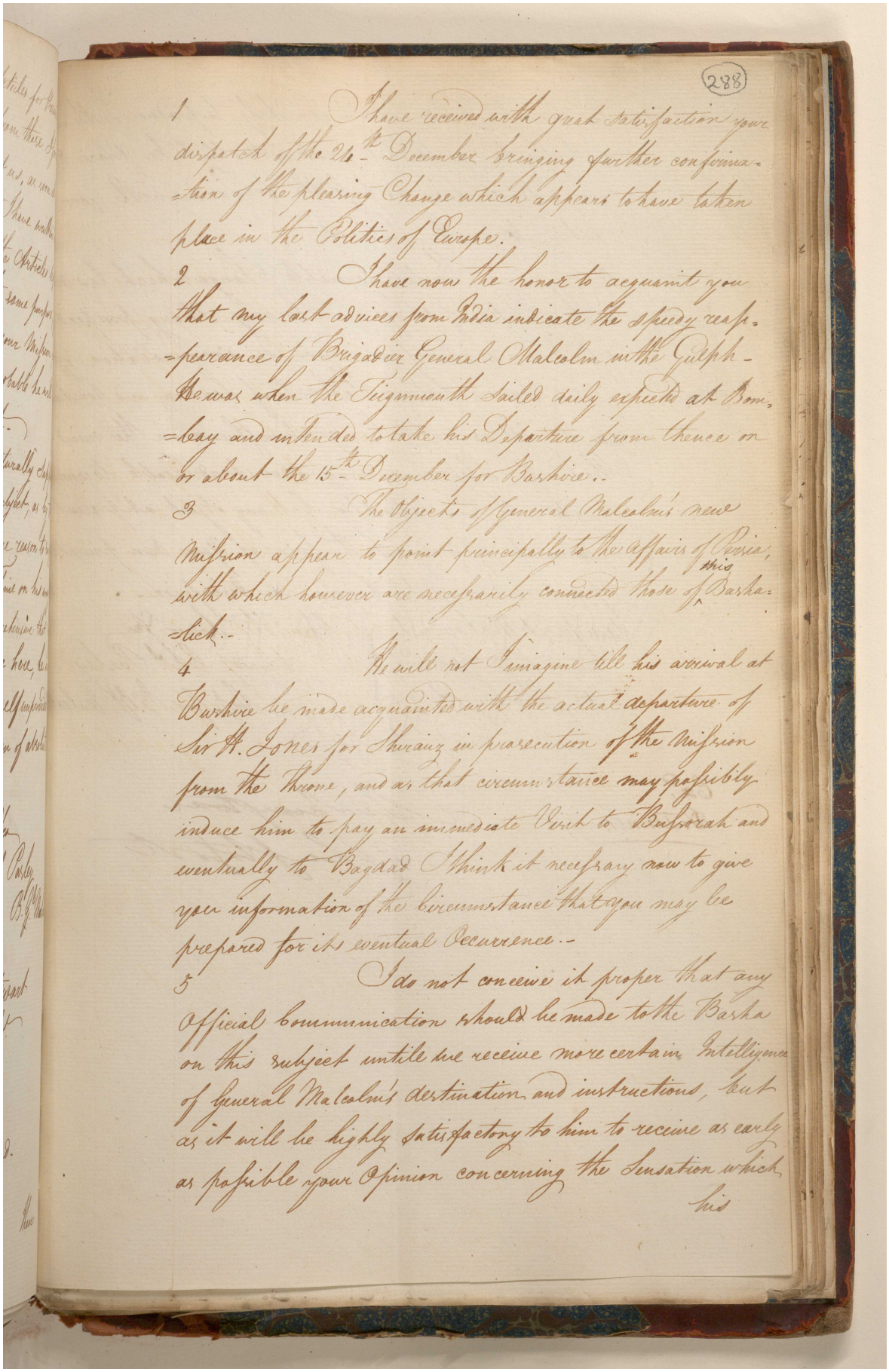

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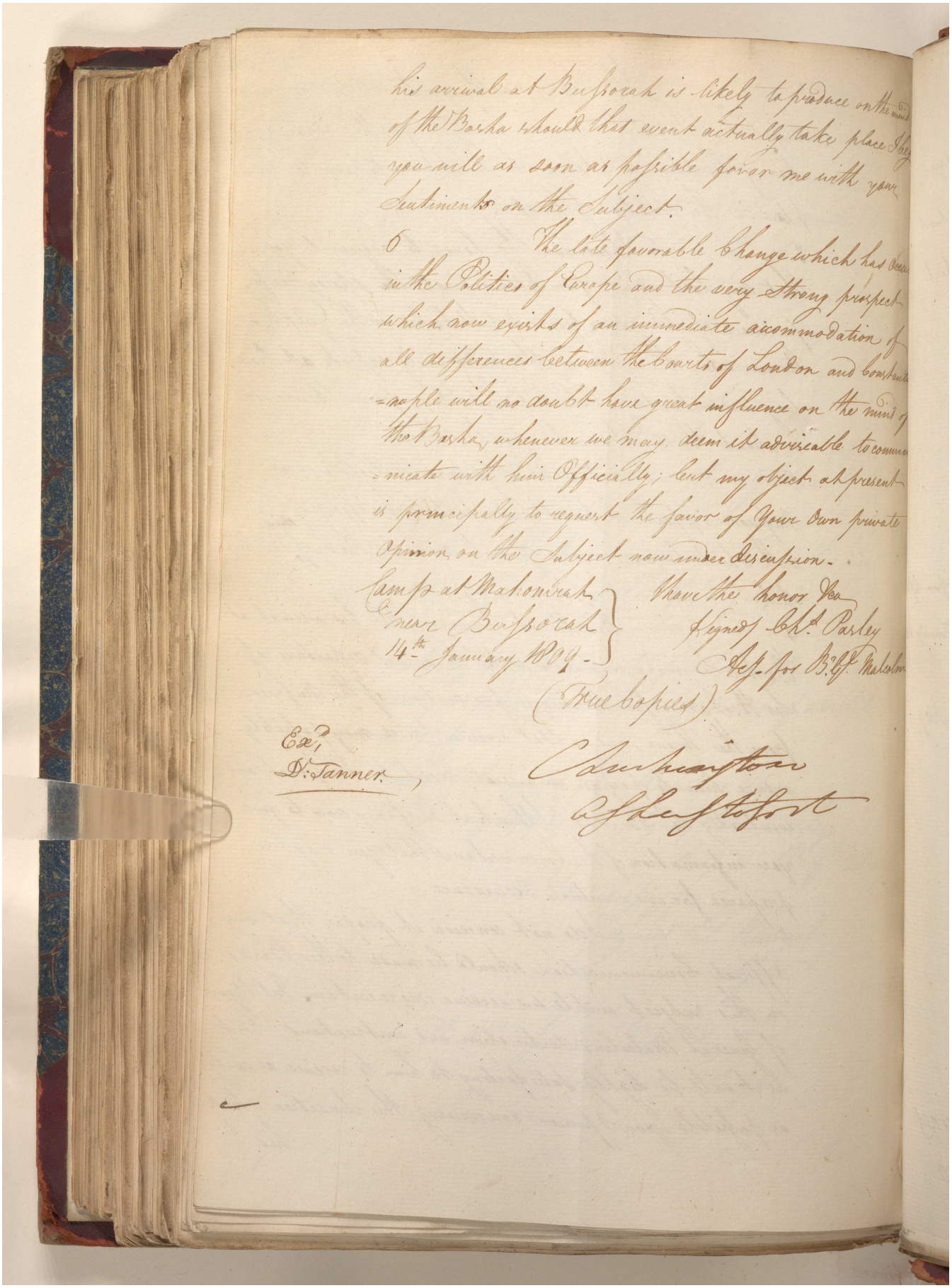
1 I have received with great satisfaction your dispatch of the 26th December bringing further confirmation of the pleasing Change which appears to have taken place in the Politics of Europe.

2 I have now the honor to acquaint you that my last advices from India indicate the speedy reappearance of Brigadier General Malcolm in the Gulph - He was when the Tigris mouth sailed daily expected at Bombay and intended to take his Departure from thence on or about the 15th December for Bushire.

3 The Objects of General Malcolm's new Mission appear to point principally to the affairs of Persia, with which however are necessarily connected those of this Barsha-lick.

4 He will not I imagine till his arrival at Bushire be made acquainted with the actual departure of Sir H. Jones for Shiraz in prosecution of the Mission from the Throne, and as that circumstance may possibly induce him to pay an immediate Visit to Bussorah and eventually to Baydad I think it necessary now to give you information of the circumstance that you may be prepared for its eventual occurrence.

5 I do not conceive it proper that any official communication should be made to the Barsha on this subject untile we receive more certain Intelligence of General Malcolm's destination and instructions, but as it will be highly satisfactory to him to receive as early as possible your Opinion concerning the Sensation which his



his arrival at Bussorah is likely to produce on the mind of the Basha should that event actually take place I beg you will as soon as possible favor me with your Sentiments on the Subject.

6 The late favorable Change which has occur in the Politics of Europe and the very Strong prospect which now exists of an immediate accommodation of all differences between the Courts of London and Constantinople will no doubt have great influence on the mind of the Basha, whenever we may deem it adviseable to communicate with him Officially; but my object at present is principally to request the favor of Your Own private Opinion on the Subject now under discussion.

Camp at Mahomrah near Bussorah 14th January 1809.

I have the honor &ca
Signed Chs. Parley
Acs. for B. G. Malcolm

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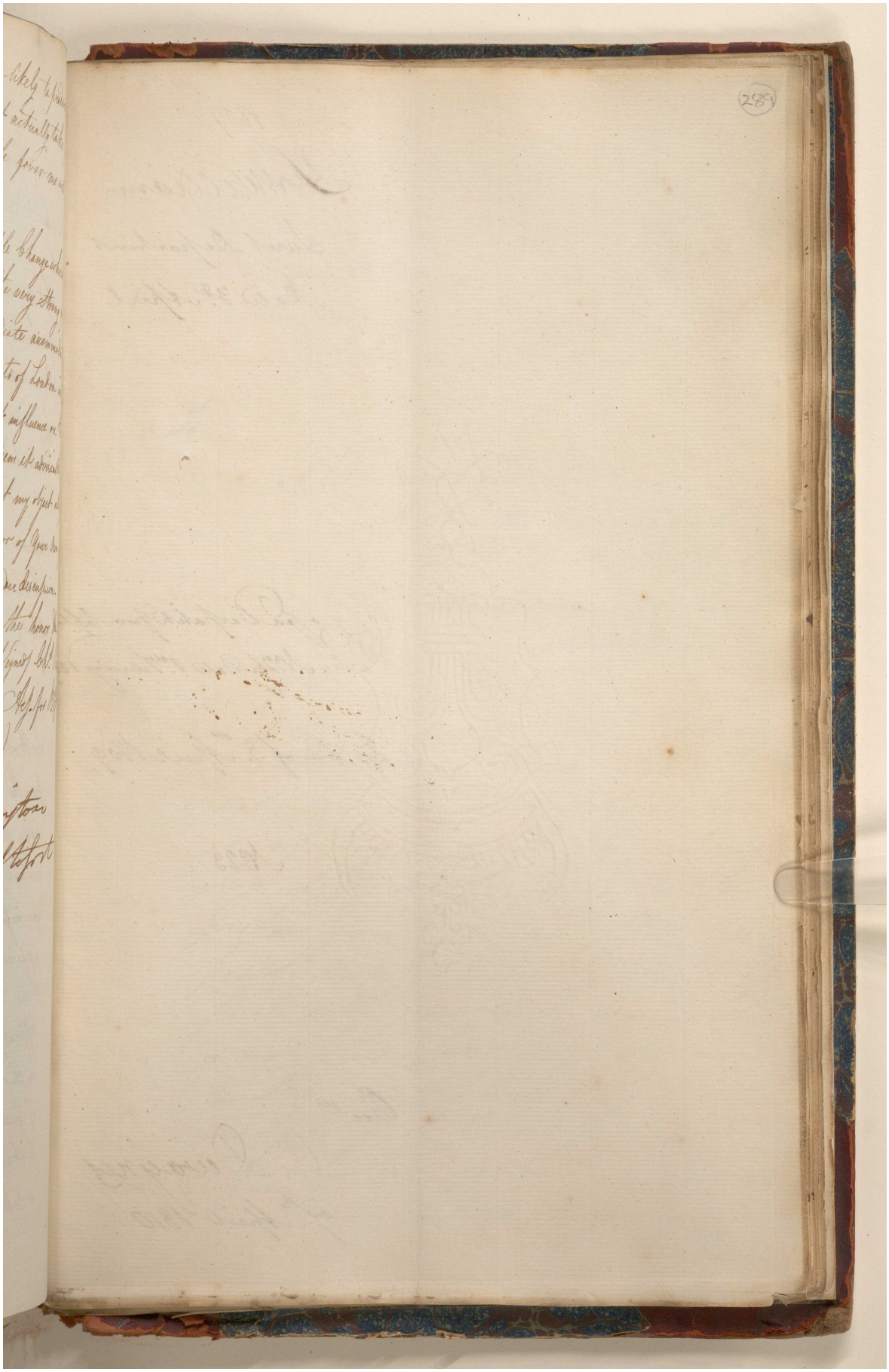
Exd.
D. Tanner.

Cambridgeton
Ashe Stafford



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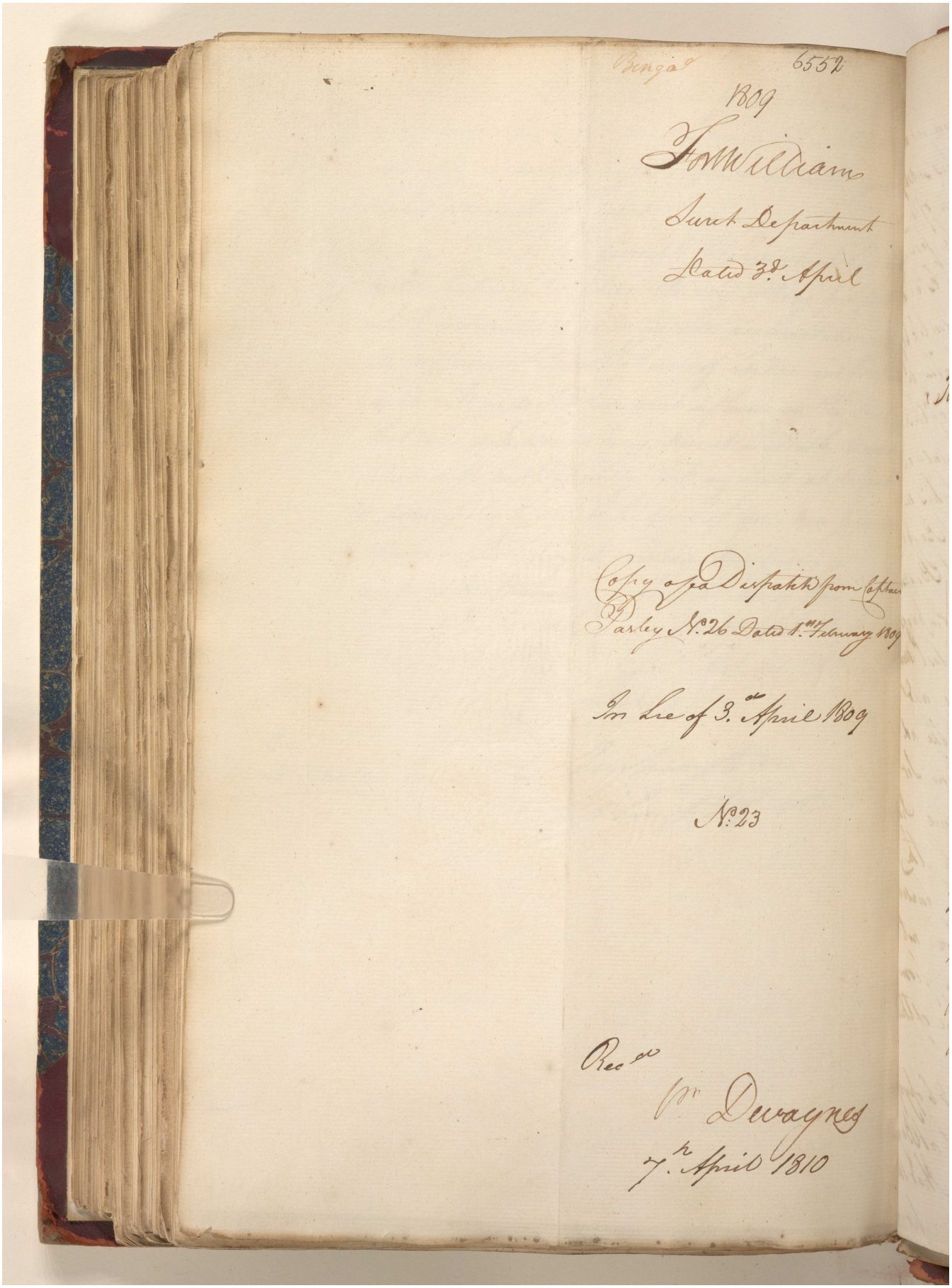

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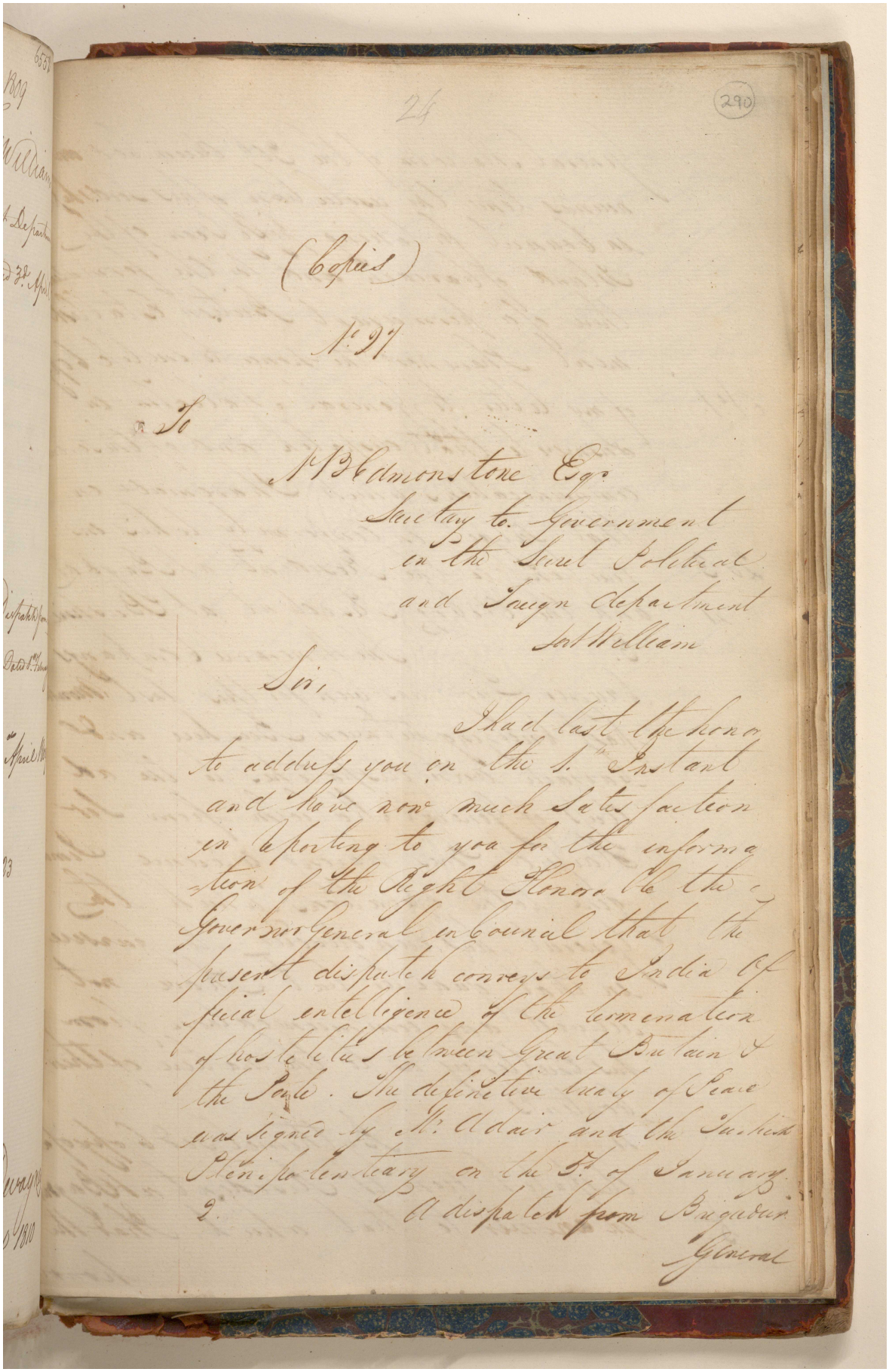

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No. 27

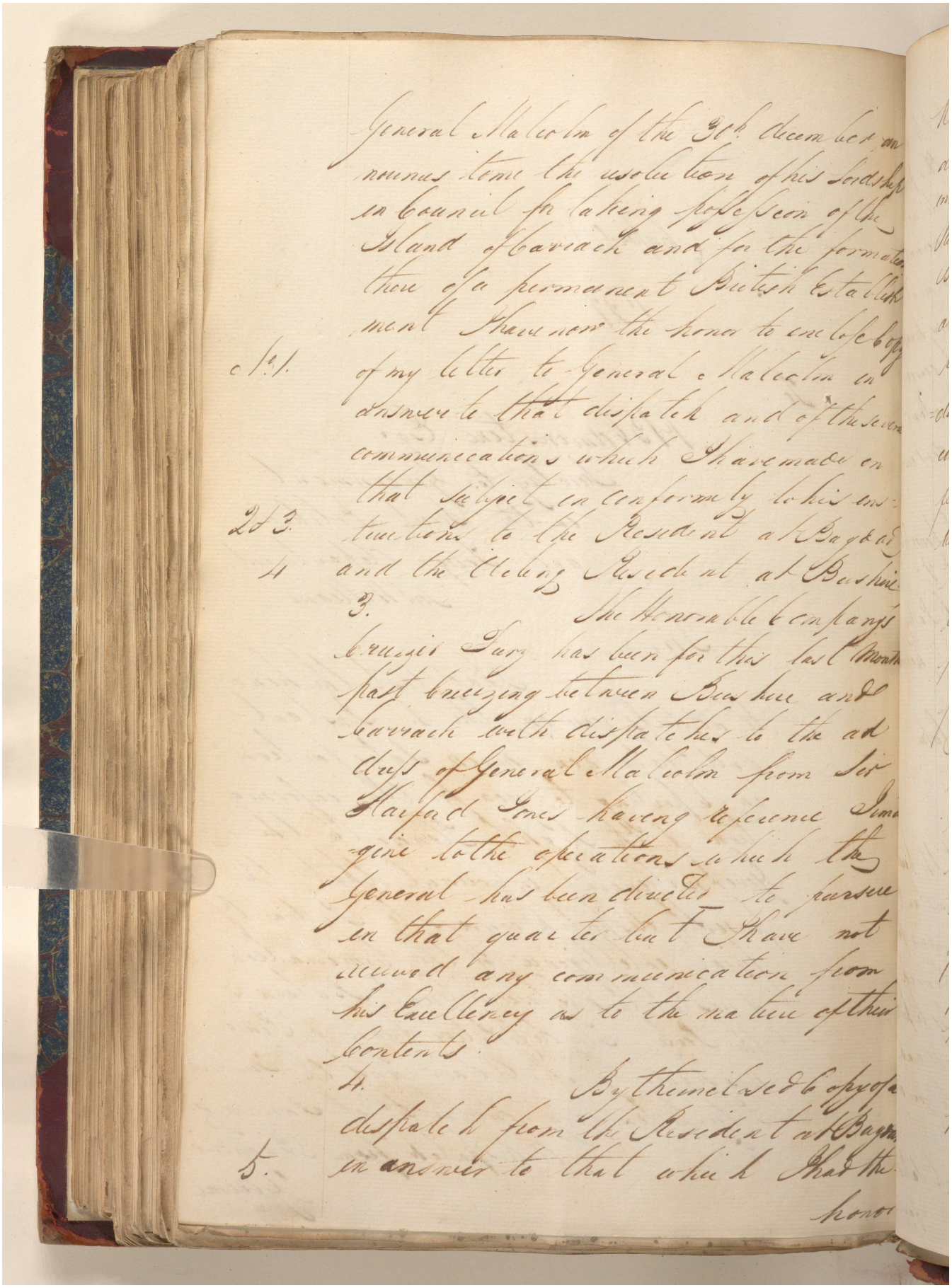
To

Mr. B. Edmonstone Esqr.
Secretary to Government
in the Secret Political
and Foreign Department
Fort William

Sir,

I had last the honor to address you on the 1st Instant and have now much satisfaction in reporting to you for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council that the present dispatch conveys to India Official intelligence of the termination of hostilities between Great Britain & the Porte. The definitive treaty of Peace was signed by Mr. Adair and the Turkish Plenipotentiary on the 5th of January.

2. A dispatch from Brigadier General



General Malcolm of the 30th December, an
nounces to me the resolution of his Lordship
in Council for taking possession of the
Island of Cariach and for the formation
there of a permanent British Establish
ment I have now the honor to enclose Copy
No. 1. of my letter to General Malcolm in
answer to that dispatch and of the several
communications which I have made on
that subject in conformity to his ins-
2 & 3. tructions to the Resident at Bagdad
4 and the Acting Resident at Bushire.

3. The Honorable Company's
Cruizer Fury has been for this last Month
past Cruizing between Bushire and
Cariach with dispatches to the ad
dress of General Malcolm from Sir
Harford Jones having reference I ima
gine to the operations which the
General has been directed to pursue
in that quarter but I have not
received any communication from
his Excellency as to the nature of their
Contents.

4. By the enclosed Copy of a
dispatch from the Resident at Bagdad
5. in answer to that which I had the
honor

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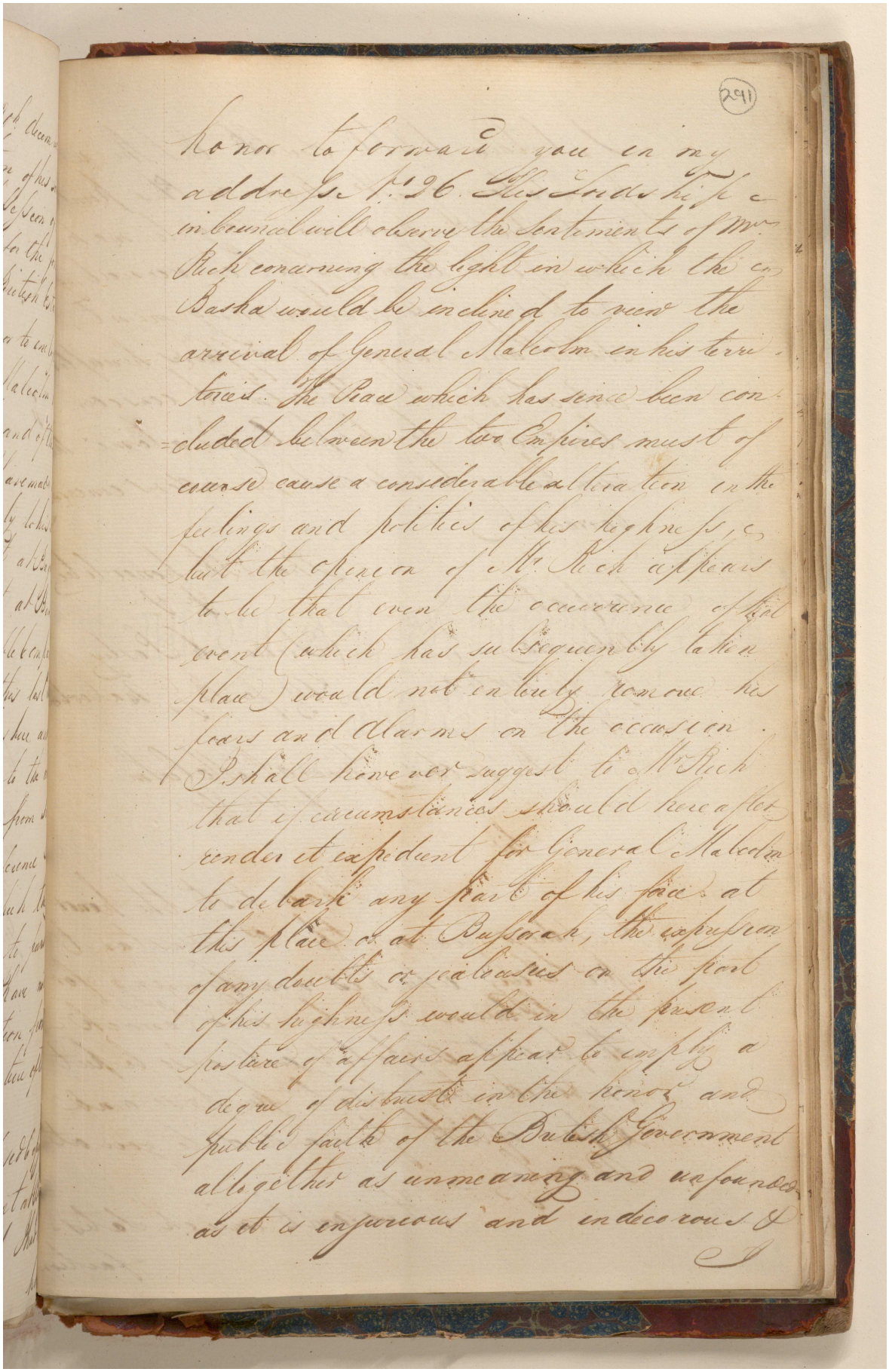

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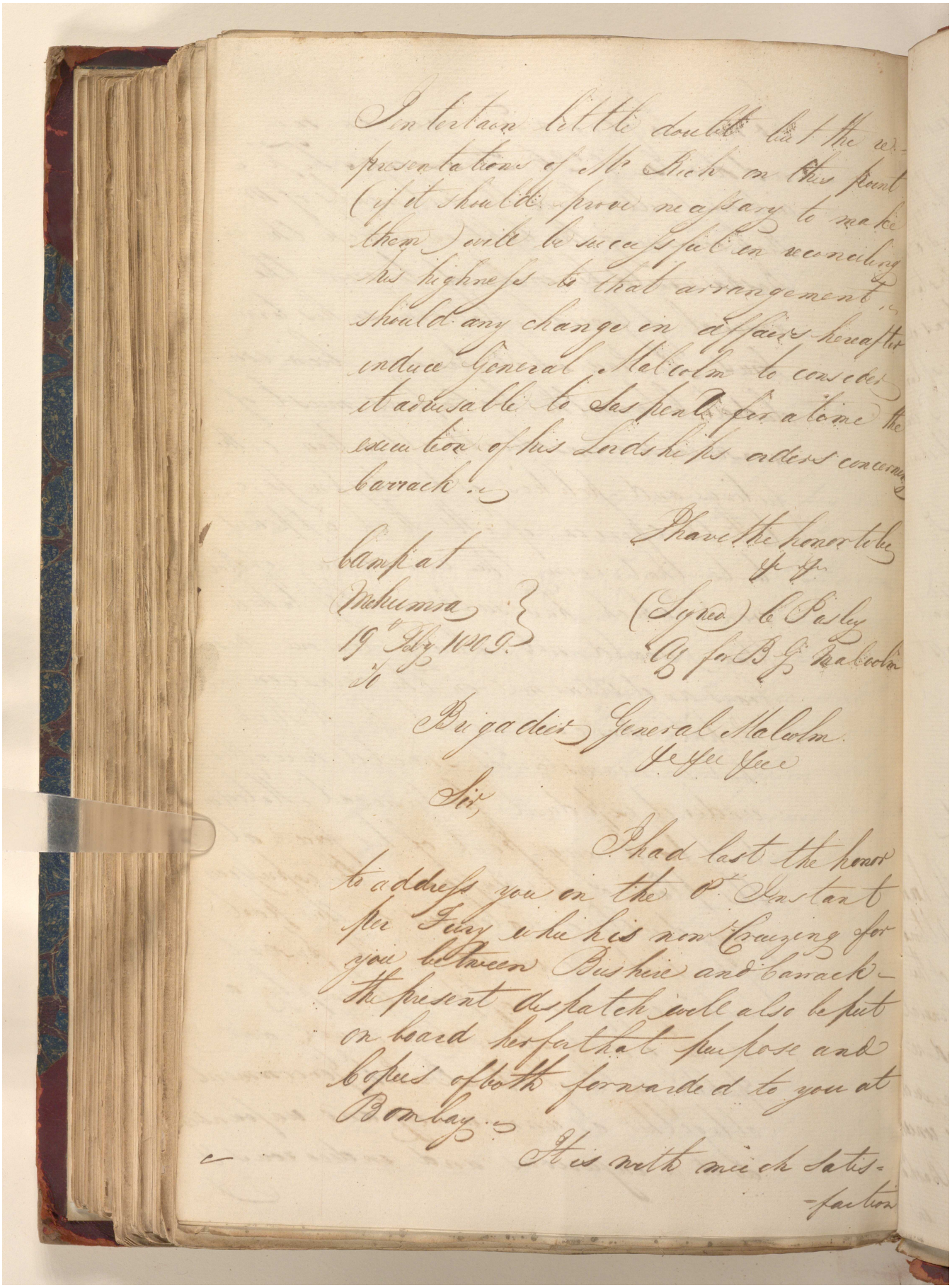
honor to forward you on my
address p. 26. The Lordship
in Council will observe the sentiments of Mr.
Rich concerning the light in which the
Basha would be inclined to view the
arrival of General Malcolm in his terri-
tories. The Peace which has since been con-
cluded between the two Empires must of
course cause a considerable alteration in the
feelings and policies of his highness, &
but the opinion of Mr. Rich appears
to be that even the occurrence of this
event (which has subsequently taken
place) would not entirely remove his
fears and alarms on the occasion.
I shall however suggest to Mr. Rich
that if circumstances should hereafter
render it expedient for General Malcolm
to debark any part of his force at
this place or at Bussorah, the expression
of any doubts or jealousies on the part
of his highness would in the present
posture of affairs appear to imply a
degree of distrust in the honor and
public faith of the British Government
altogether as unmeaning and unfounded
as it is injurious and indecorous &



I entertain little doubt but the representations of Mr Rich on this point (if it should prove necessary to make them) will be successful in reconciling his highness to that arrangement, should any change in affairs hereafter induce General Malcolm to consider it advisable to suspend for a time the execution of his Lordships orders concerning Carrack.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Camp at
Mehumra
19th Feby 1809.
To

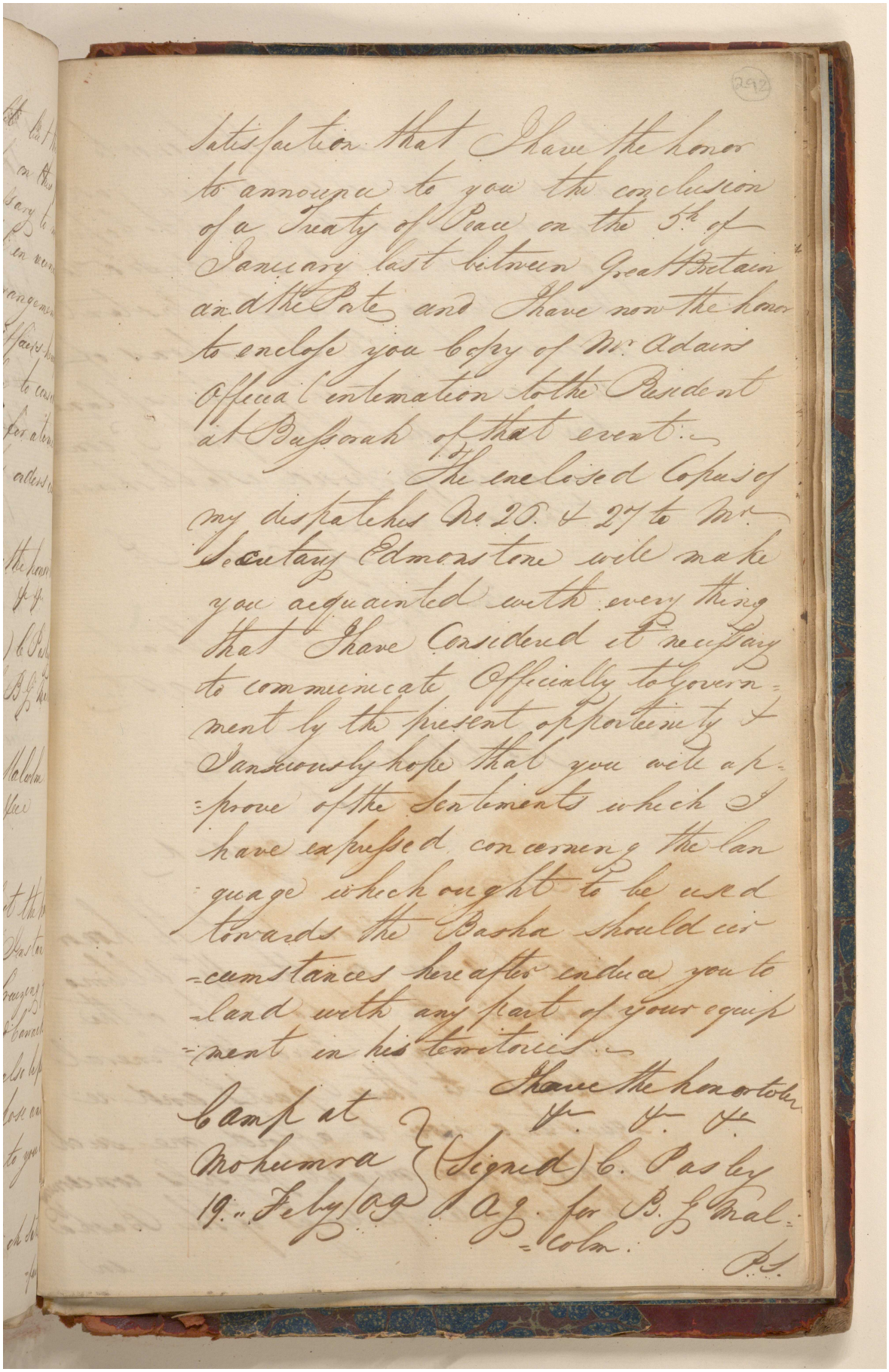
(Signed) C Pasley
Ag for B G Malcolm

Brigadier General Malcolm
&c &c &c

Sir,

I had last the honor to address you on the 8th Instant per Fury which is now Cruizing for you between Bushire and Carrack — the present dispatch will also be put on board her for that purpose and Copies of both forwarded to you at Bombay.

It is with much satis-
-faction



satisfaction that I have the honor to announce to you the conclusion of a Treaty of Peace on the 5th of January last between Great Britain and the Porte and I have now the honor to enclose you Copy of Mr Adairs Official intimation to the Resident at Bussorah of that event.

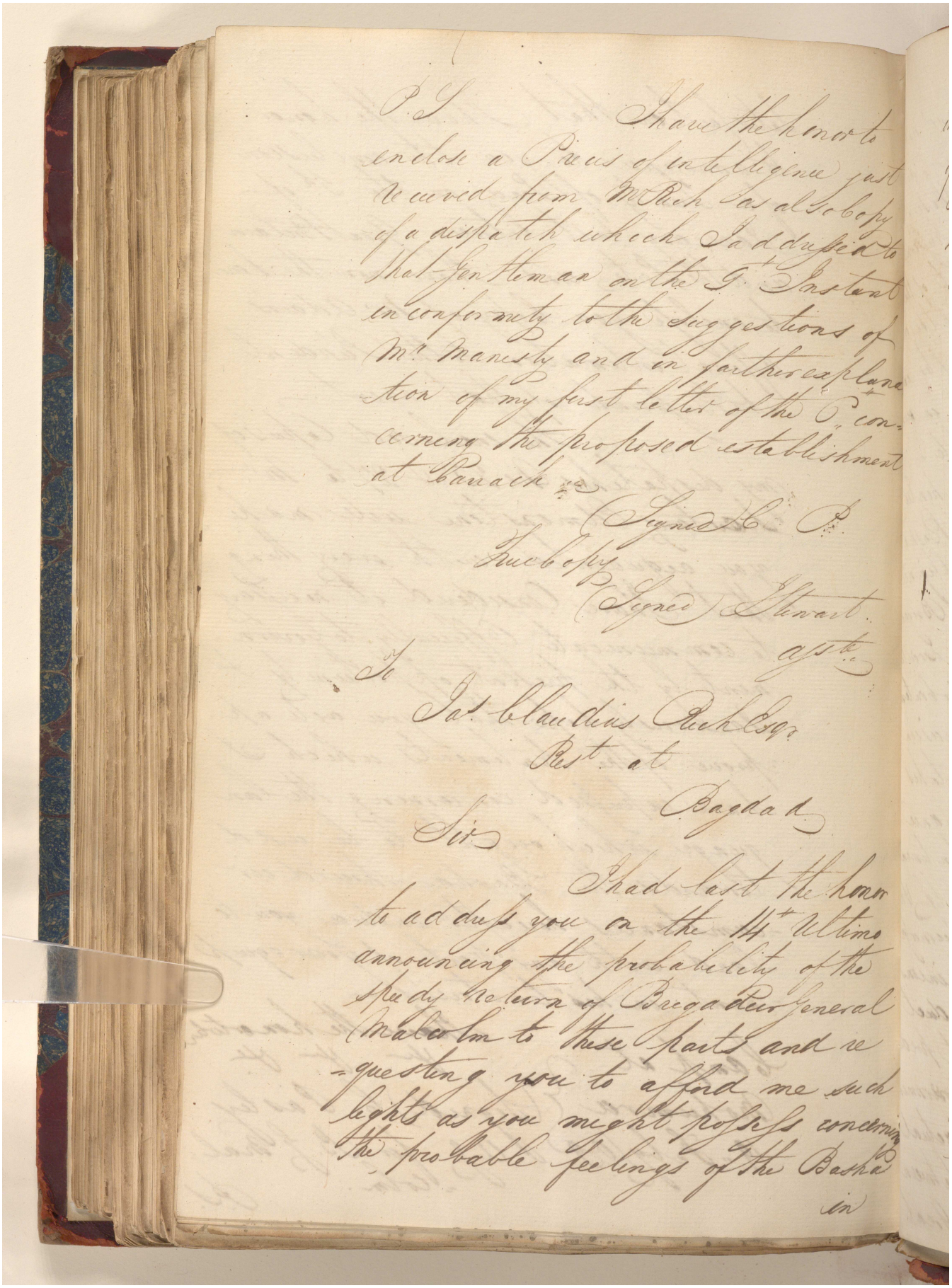
The enclosed Copies of my dispatches No. 26. & 27 to Mr Secretary Edmonstone will make you acquainted with every thing that I have Considered it necessary to communicate Officially to Government by the present opportunity & I anxiously hope that you will approve of the Sentiments which I have expressed concerning the language which ought to be used towards the Basha should circumstances hereafter induce you to land with any part of your equipment in his territories.

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

Camp at Mohumra 19th Feby 1809

(Signed) C. Pasley
A.G. for B. G. Malcolm.

P.S.



P.S. I have the honor to enclose a Precis of intelligence just received from Mr Rich as also copy of a dispatch which I addressed to that Gentleman on the 9th Instant in conformity to the suggestions of Mr Manesty and in farther explanation of my first letter of the 6th concerning the proposed establishment at Carrack &c

(Signed) C. P.

True copy

(Signed) Stewart

asst.

To

Jas. Claudius Rich Esqr

Rest. at

Bagdad

Sir

I had last the honor to address you on the 14th Ultimo announcing the probability of the speedy return of Brigadier General Malcolm to these parts and requesting you to afford me such lights as you might possess concerning the probable feelings of the Basha

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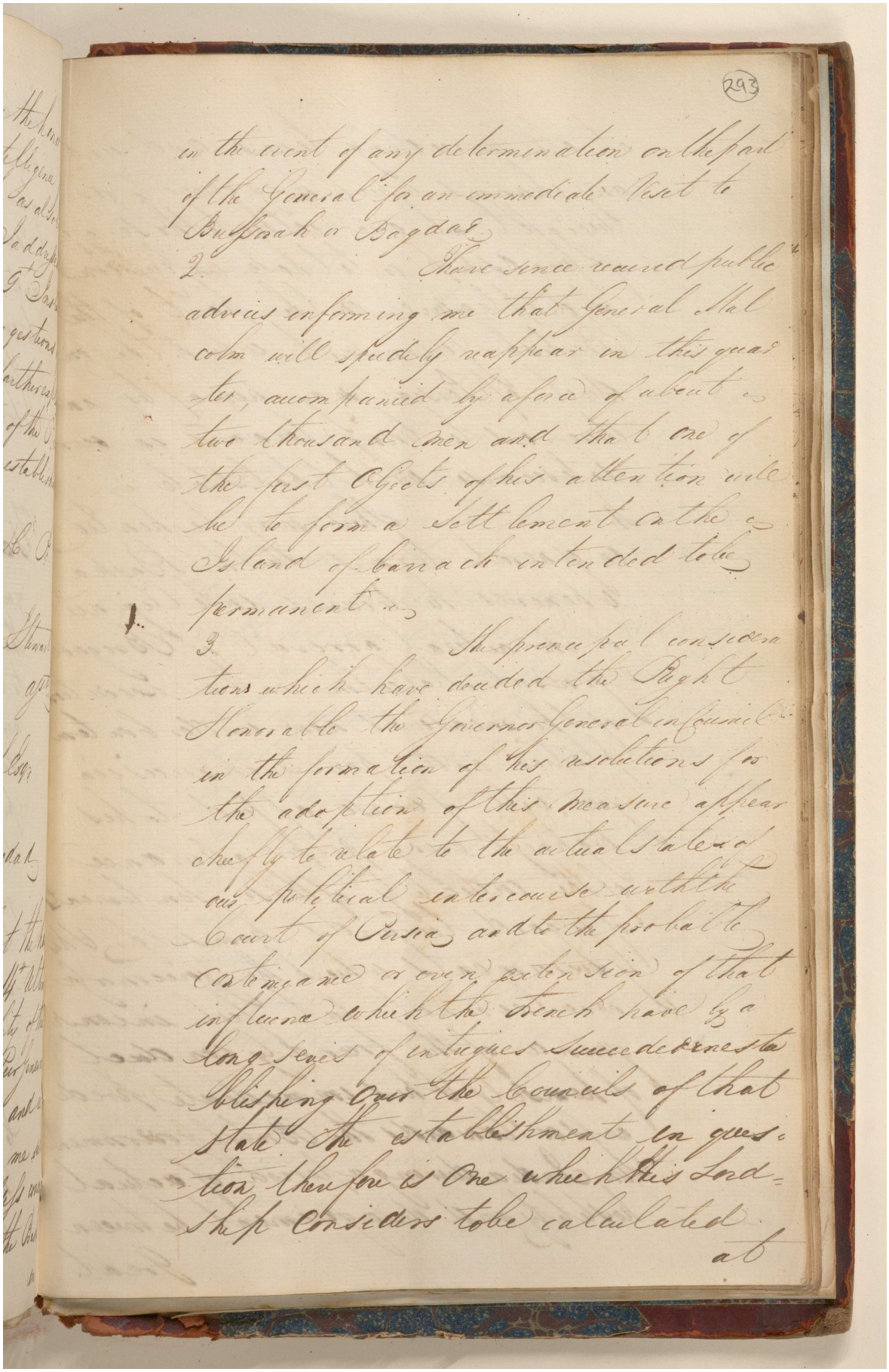

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in the event of any determination on the part of the General for an immediate visit to Bussorah or Bagdad.

2. I have since received public advices informing me that General Malcolm will speedily reappear in this quarter, accompanied by a force of about two thousand men and that one of the first Objects of his attention will be to form a Settlement on the Island of Karrack intended to be permanent.

3. The principal considerations which have decided the Right Honorable the Governor General in forming his resolutions for the adoption of this measure appear chiefly to relate to the actual state of our political intercourse with the Court of Persia and to the probable countenance or even protection of that influence which the French have by a long series of intrigues succeeded in establishing over the Councils of that State. The establishment in question therefore is one which His Lordship considers to be calculated

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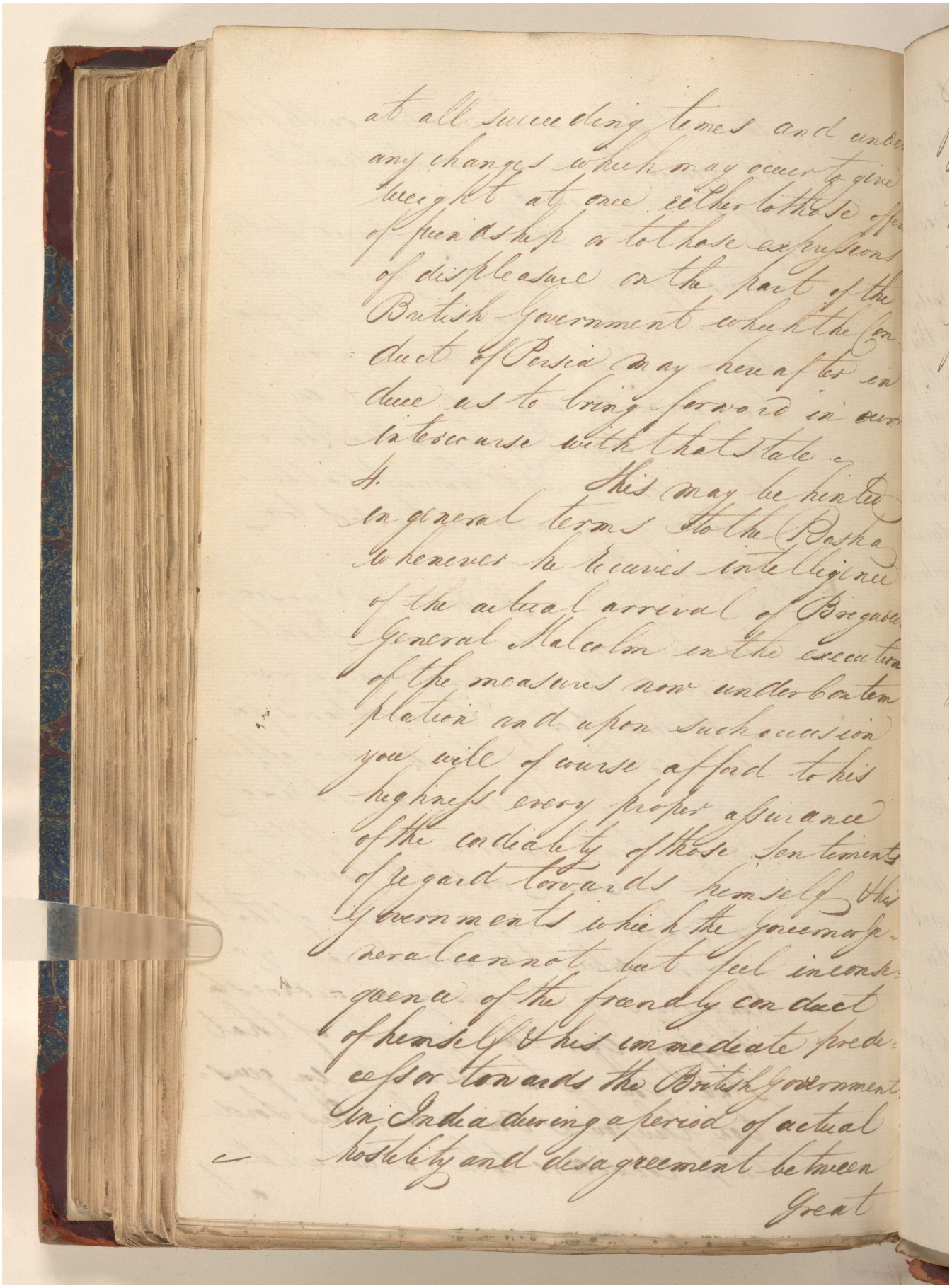
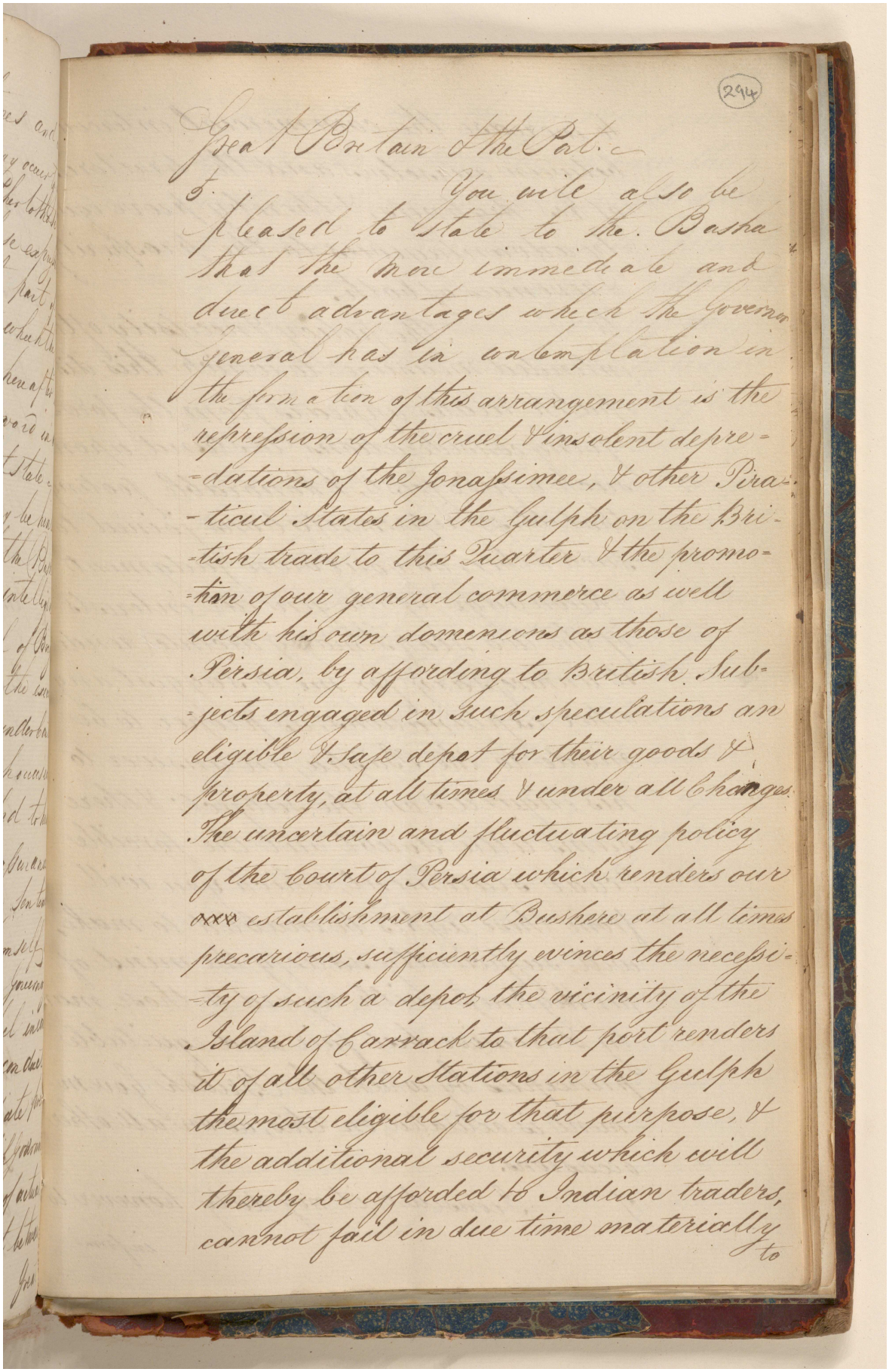


at all succeeding times and under any changes which may occur to give weight at once either to those expressions of displeasure on the part of the British Government which the conduct of Persia may hereafter induce us to bring forward in our intercourse with that State.

4. This may be hinted in general terms to the Pasha whenever he receives intelligence of the actual arrival of Brigadier General Malcolm on the execution of the measures now under contemplation and upon such occasion you will of course afford to his highness every proper assurance of the cordiality of those sentiments of regard towards himself this Government which the Governor General cannot but feel inconsequence of the friendly conduct of himself & his immediate predecessor towards the British Government in India during a period of actual hostility and disagreement between Great



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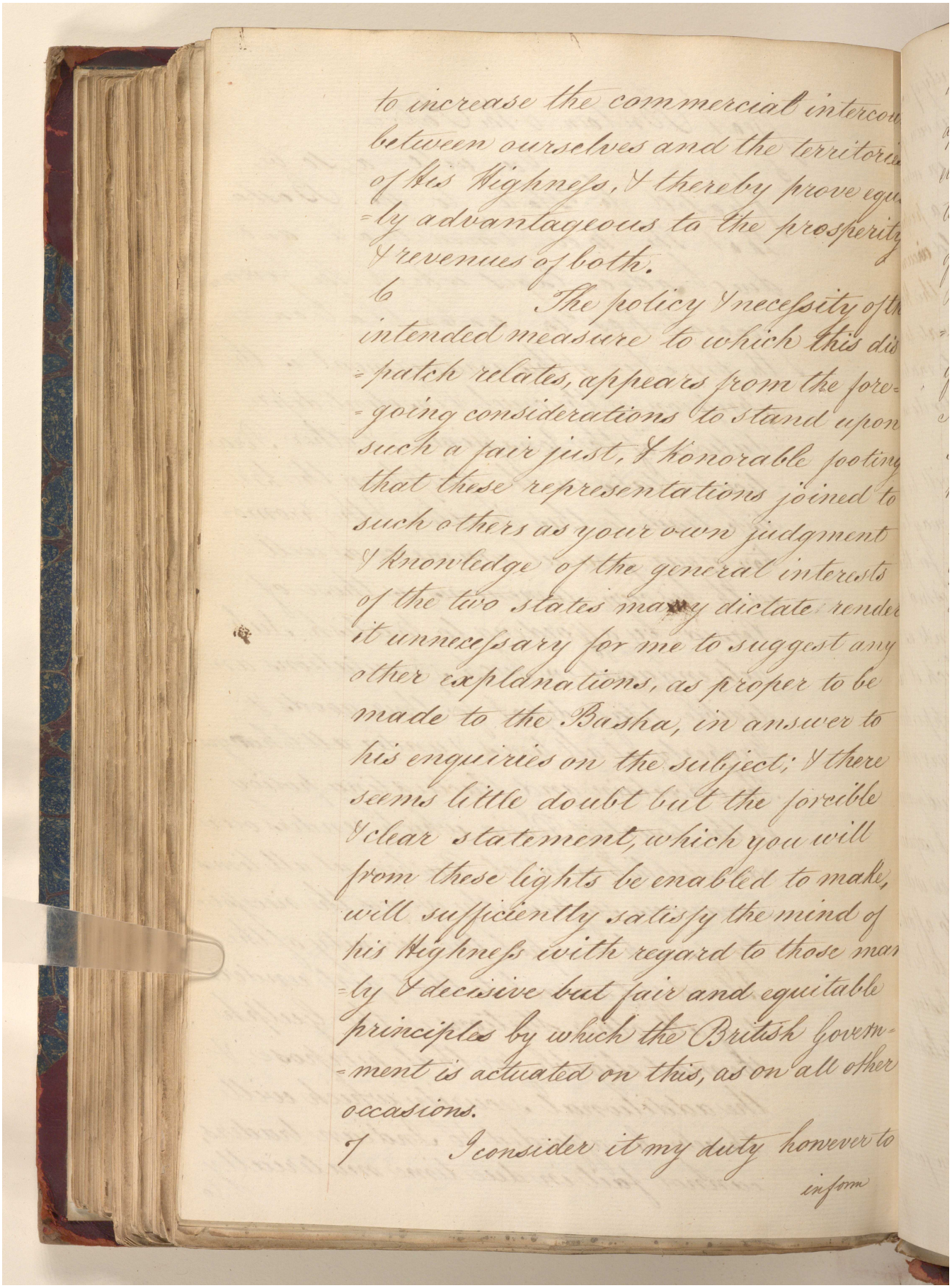
Great Britain & the Pat.

You will also be pleased to state to the Basha that the more immediate and direct advantages which the Governor General has in contemplation in the formation of this arrangement is the repression of the cruel & insolent depredations of the Jonassimee, & other Piratical States in the Gulph on the British trade to this Quarter & the promotion of our general commerce as well with his own domenions as those of Persia, by affording to British Subjects engaged in such speculations an eligible & safe depot for their goods & property, at all times & under all changes. The uncertain and fluctuating policy of the Court of Persia which renders our xxxx establishment at Bushire at all times precarious, sufficiently evinces the necessity of such a depot, the vicinity of the Island of Carrack to that port renders it of all other Stations in the Gulph the most eligible for that purpose, & the additional security which will thereby be afforded to Indian traders, cannot fail in due time materially to



to increase the commercial intercou
between ourselves and the territorie
of his Highness, & thereby prove equ
-ly advantageous to the prosperity
& revenues of both.

6 The policy & necessity of th
intended measure to which this dis
-patch relates, appears from the fore=
-going considerations to stand upon
such a fair just, & honorable footing
that those representations joined to
such others as your own judgment
& knowledge of the general interests
of the two states may dictate render
it unnecessary for me to suggest any
other explanations, as proper to be
made to the Basha, in answer to
his enquiries on the subject; & there
seems little doubt but the forcible
& clear statement, which you will
from those lights be enabled to make,
will sufficiently satisfy the mind of
his Highness with regard to those man
-ly & decisive but fair and equitable
principles by which the British Govern=
-ment is actuated on this, as on all other
occasions.

7 I consider it my duty however to
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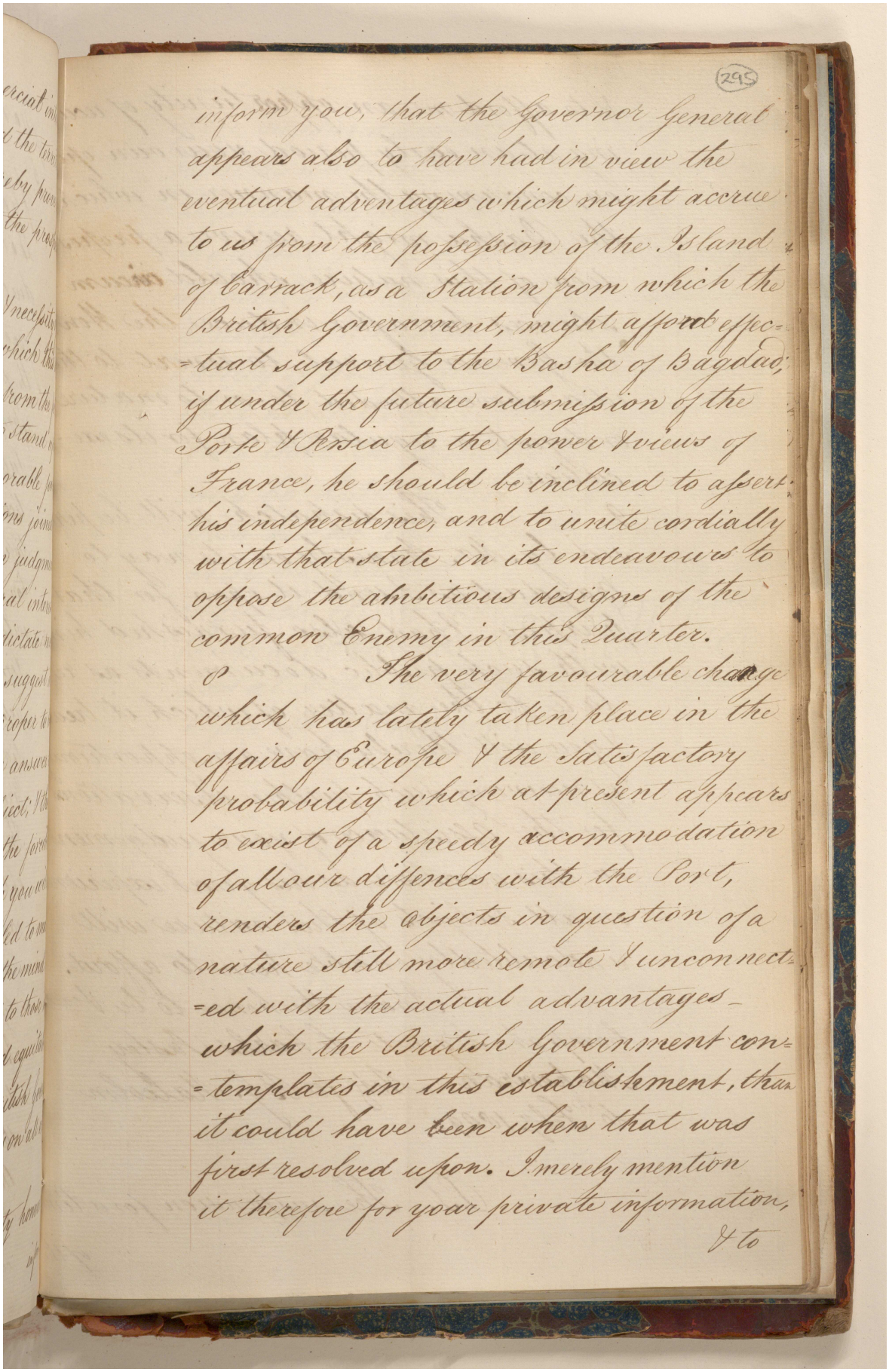

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inform you, that the Governor General appears also to have had in view the eventual advantages which might accrue to us from the possession of the Island of Carrack, as a Station from which the British Government, might afford effec= =tual support to the Basha of Bagdad; if under the future submission of the Porte & Persia to the power & views of France, he should be inclined to asser= his independence, and to unite cordially with that state in its endeavours to oppose the ambitious designs of the common Enemy in this Quarter.

The very favourable change which has lately taken place in the affairs of Europe & the satisfactory probability which at present appears to exist of a speedy accommodation of all our differences with the Port, renders the objects in question of a nature still more remote & unconnect= =ed with the actual advantages which the British Government con= =templates in this establishment, than it could have been when that was first resolved upon. I merely mention it therefore for your private information,

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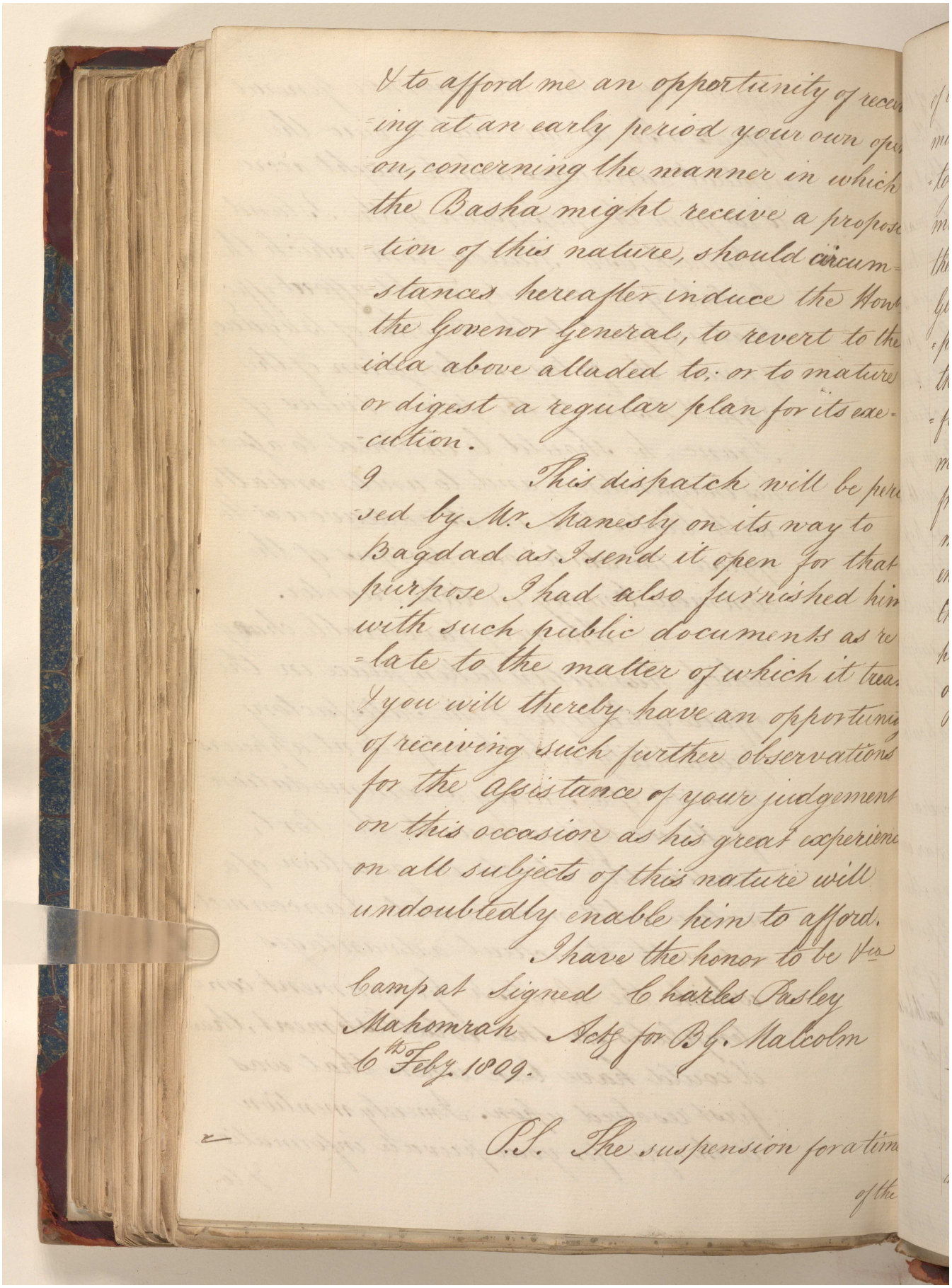


& to afford me an opportunity of receiving at an early period your own opinion, concerning the manner in which the Basha might receive a proposition of this nature, should circumstances hereafter induce the Honble the Govenor General, to revert to the idea above alluded to; or to mature or digest a regular plan for its execution.

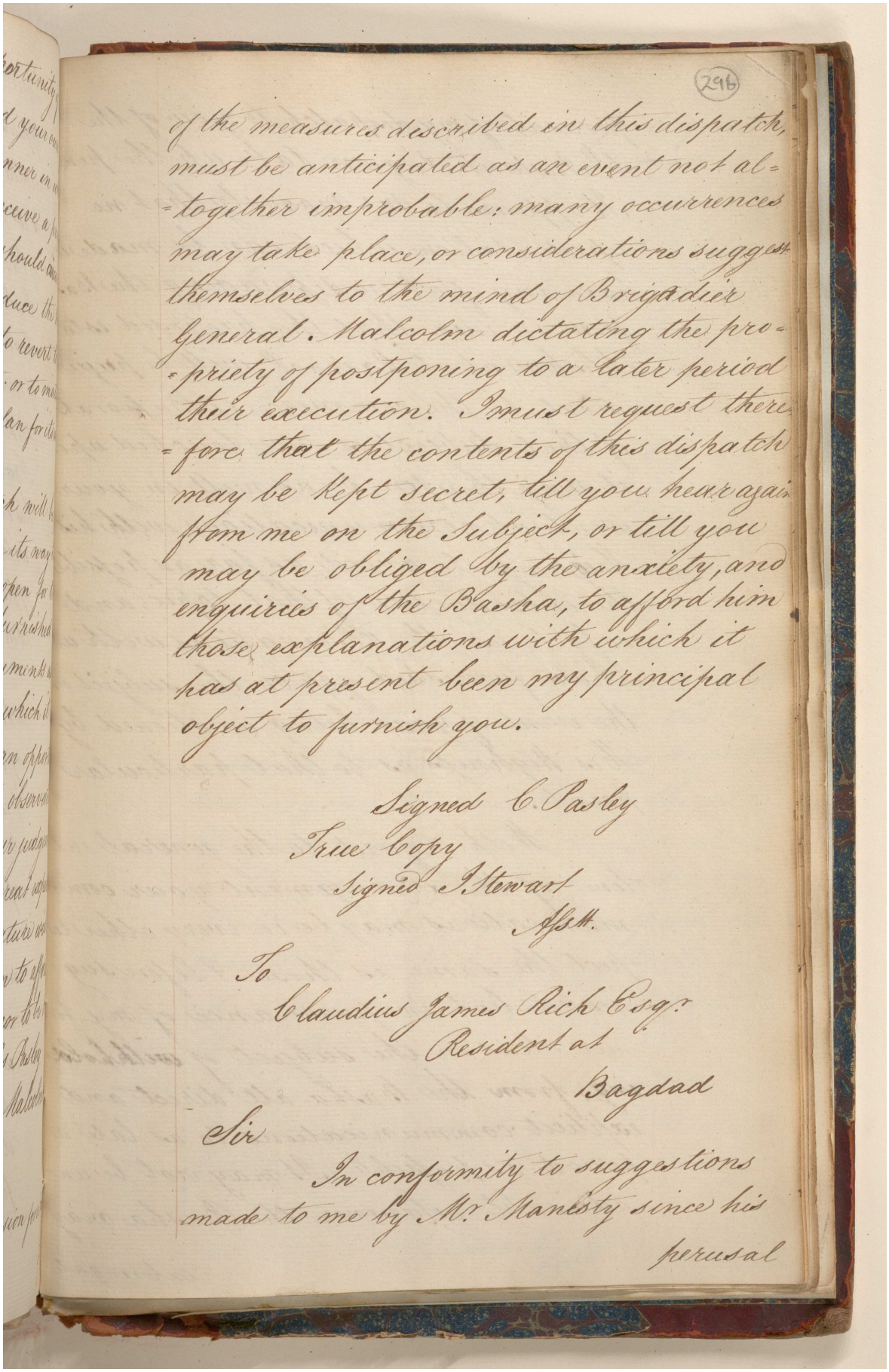
9 This dispatch will be perused by Mr. Manesly on its way to Bagdad as I send it open for that purpose I had also furnished him with such public documents as relate to the matter of which it treats & you will thereby have an opportunity of receiving such further observations for the assistance of your judgement on this occasion as his great experience on all subjects of this nature will undoubtedly enable him to afford.

I have the honor to be &ca

Camp at Signed Charles Pasley
Mahomrah Actg for B.G. Malcolm
6th Feby. 1809.

P.S. The suspension for a time

of the



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of the measures described in this dispatch, must be anticipated as an event not altogether improbable: many occurrences may take place, or considerations suggest themselves to the mind of Brigadier General Malcolm dictating the propriety of postponing to a later period their execution. I must request therefore that the contents of this dispatch may be kept secret, till you hear again from me on the Subject, or till you may be obliged by the anxiety, and enquiries of the Basha, to afford him those explanations with which it has at present been my principal object to furnish you.

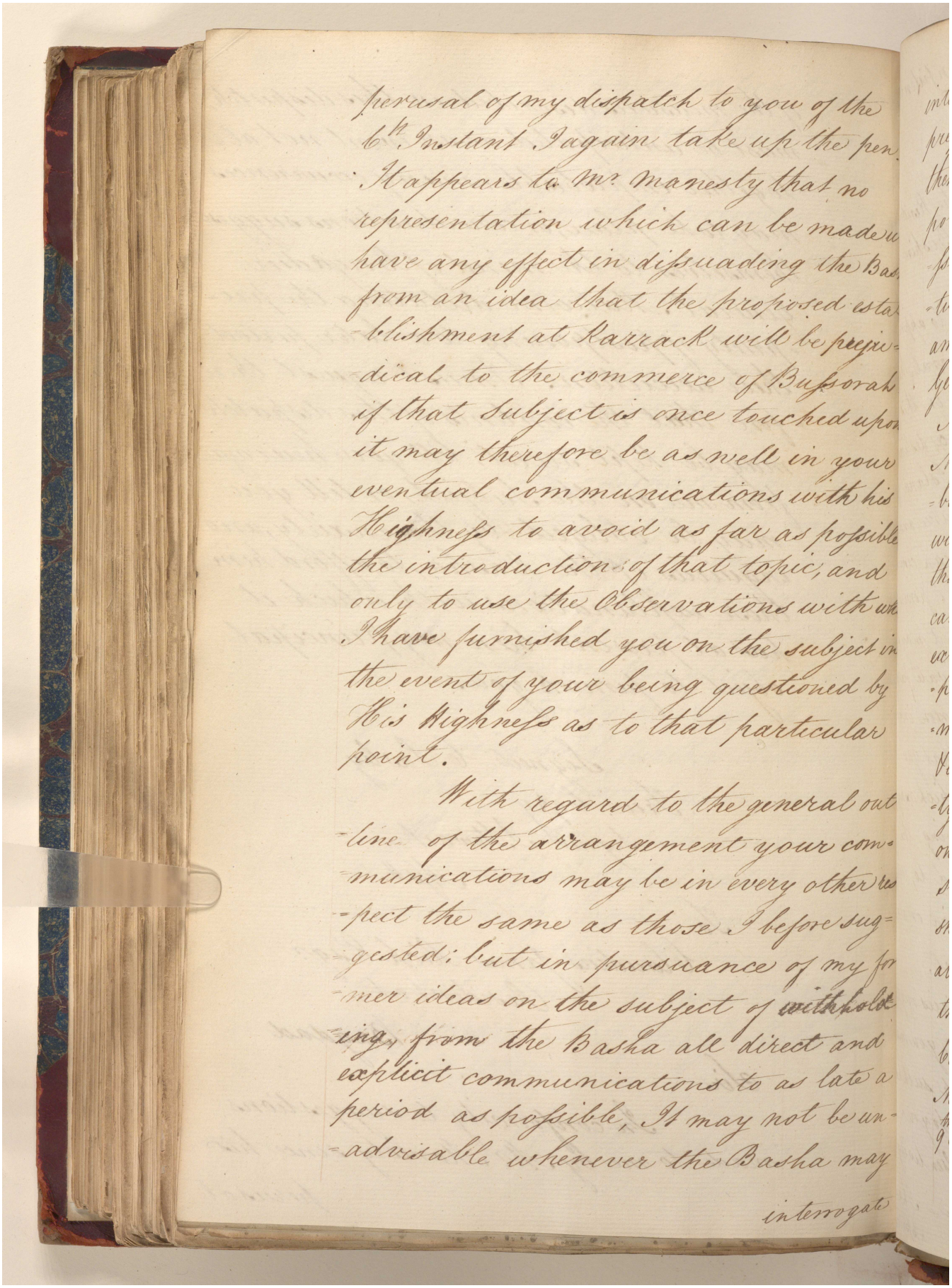
Signed C. Pasley

True Copy
Signed J. Stewart
Agt.

To
Claudius James Rich Esqr.
Resident at
Bagdad

Sir

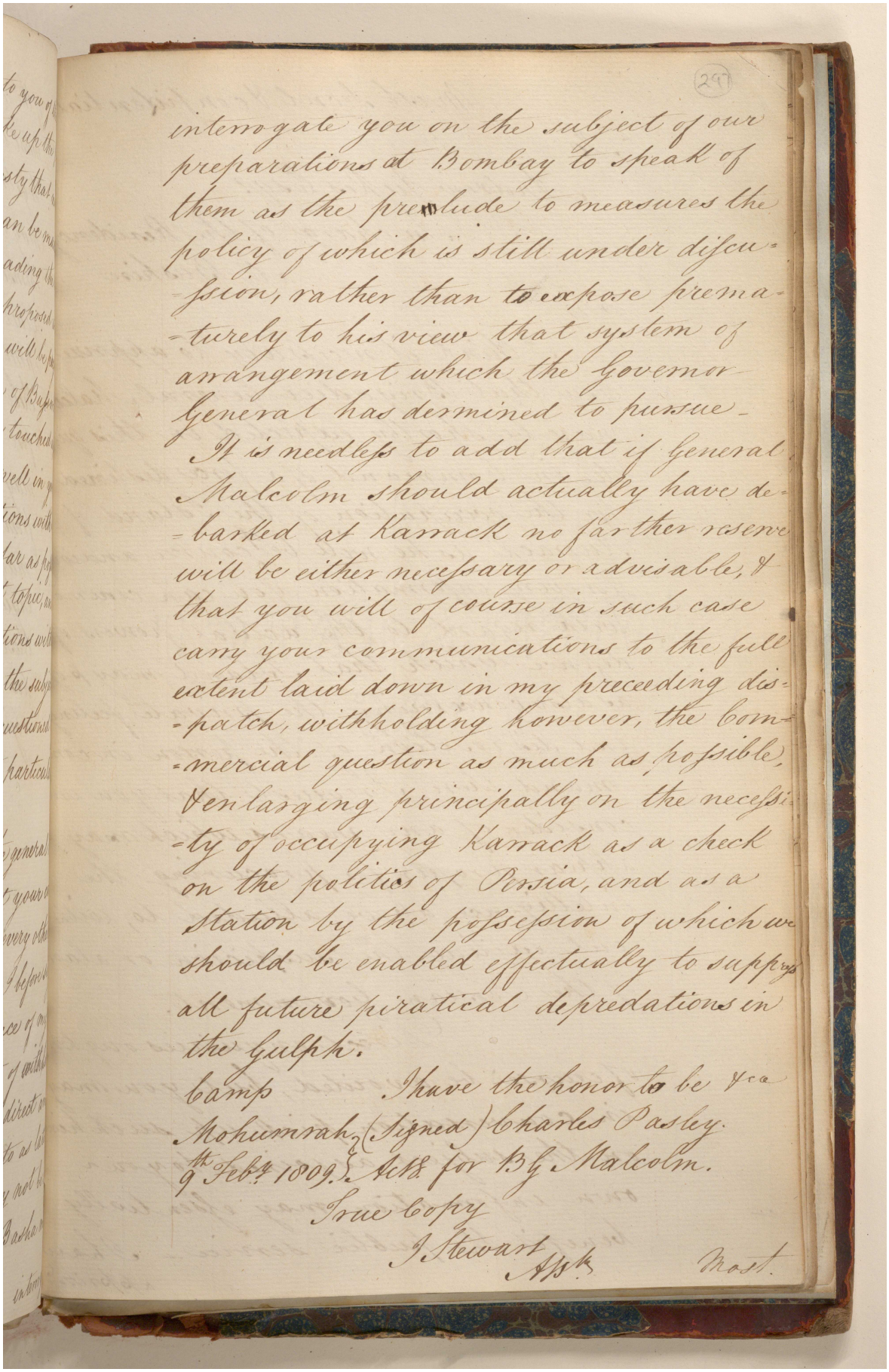
In conformity to suggestions made to me by Mr. Manesty since his perusal



perusal of my dispatch to you of the 6th Instant I again take up the pen. It appears to me manesty that no representation which can be made will have any effect in dissuading the Bash from an idea that the proposed estab-lishment at Karrack will be preju-dical to the commerce of Bussorah if that subject is once touched upon it may therefore be as well in your eventual communications with his Highness to avoid as far as possible the introduction of that topic, and only to use the observations with wh I have furnished you on the subject in the event of your being questioned by His Highness as to that particular point.

With regard to the general out-line of the arrangement your com-munications may be in every other res-pect the same as those I before sug-gested; but in pursuance of my for-mer ideas on the subject of withhold-ing from the Basha all direct and explicit communications to as late a period as possible, It may not be un-advisable whenever the Basha may

interrogate



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interrogate you on the subject of our preparations at Bombay to speak of them as the prelude to measures the policy of which is still under discussion, rather than to expose prematurely to his view that system of arrangement which the Governor General has dermined to pursue.

It is needless to add that if General Malcolm should actually have debarked at Karrack no farther reserve will be either necessary or advisable, & that you will of course in such case carry your communications to the full extent laid down in my preceding dispatch, withholding however, the commercial question as much as possible, & enlarging principally on the necessity of occupying Karrack as a check on the politics of Persia, and as a station by the possession of which we should be enabled effectually to suppress all future piratical depredations in the Gulph.

Camp Mohumrah 9th Febr 1809. I have the honor to be &c (Signed) Charles Pasley. Actg for B.G. Malcolm.

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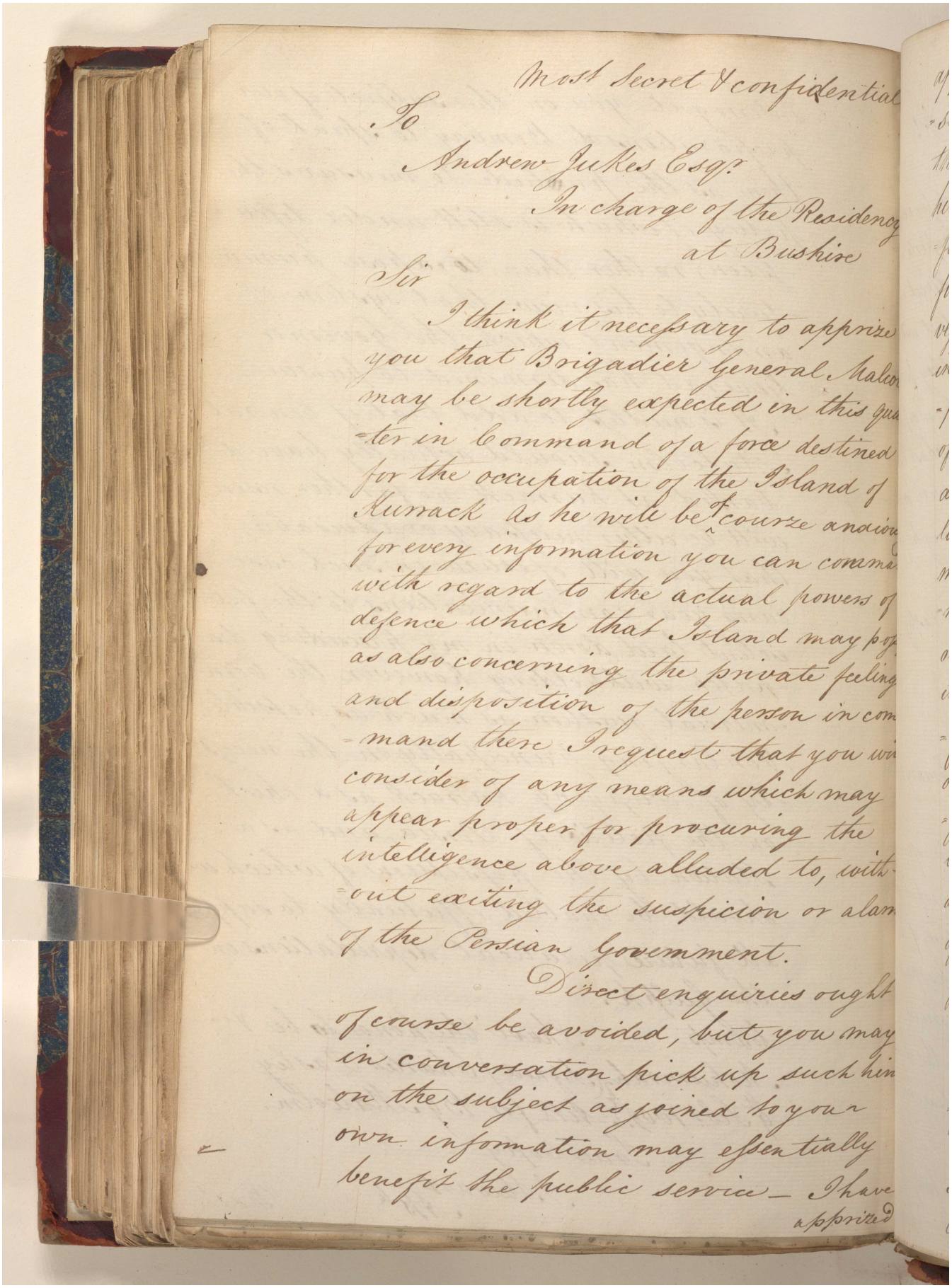

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To

Andrew Jukes Esqr.

In charge of the Residency

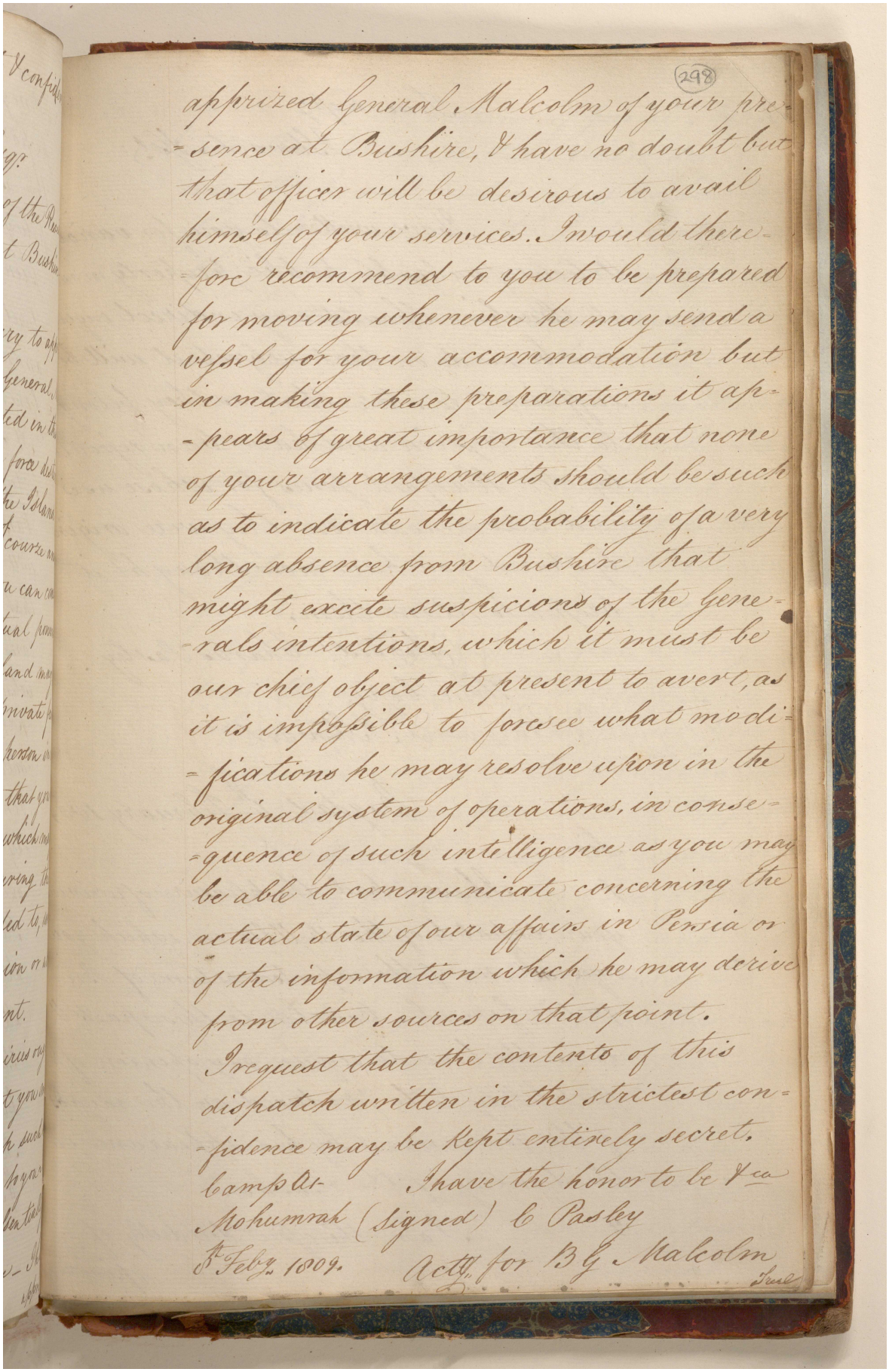
at Bushire

Sir

I think it necessary to apprize you that Brigadier General Malcolm may be shortly expected in this Gulf in Command of a force destined for the occupation of the Island of Kurrack as he will be of course anxious for every information you can communicate with regard to the actual powers of defence which that Island may possess as also concerning the private feelings and disposition of the person in command there I request that you will consider of any means which may appear proper for procuring the intelligence above alluded to, without exciting the suspicion or alarm of the Persian Government.

Direct enquiries ought of course be avoided, but you may in conversation pick up such hints on the subject as joined to your own information may essentially benefit the public service — I have

apprized



apprized General Malcolm of your pre-
-sence at Bushire, & have no doubt but
that officer will be desirous to avail
himself of your services. I would there-
-fore recommend to you to be prepared
for moving whenever he may send a
vessel for your accommodation but
in making these preparations it ap-
-pears of great importance that none
of your arrangements should be such
as to indicate the probability of a very
long absence from Bushire that
might excite suspicions of the Gene-
-rals intentions, which it must be
our chief object at present to avert, as
it is impossible to foresee what modi-
-fications he may resolve upon in the
original system of operations, in conse-
-quence of such intelligence as you may
be able to communicate concerning the
actual state of our affairs in Persia or
of the information which he may derive
from other sources on that point.

I request that the contents of this
dispatch written in the strictest con-
-fidence may be kept entirely secret.

Camp At- I have the honor to be &ca
Mohumrah (Signed) C Pasley
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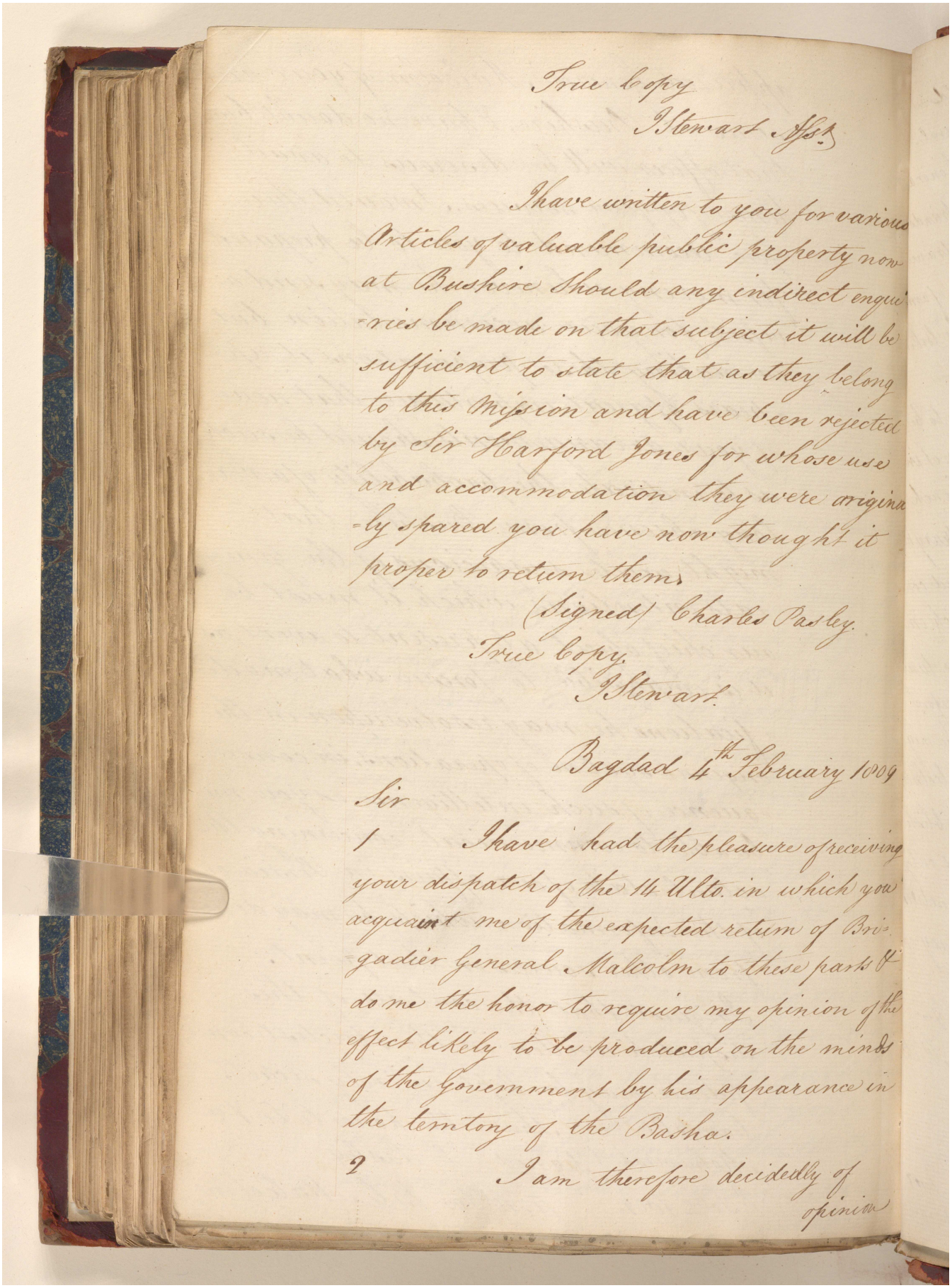

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I have written to you for various Articles of valuable public property now at Bushire Should any indirect enquiries be made on that subject it will be sufficient to state that as they belong to this Mission and have been rejected by Sir Harford Jones for whose use and accommodation they were originally spared you have now thought it proper to return them.

(Signed) Charles Pasley.

True copy.
J Stewart.

Bagdad 4th February 1809

Sir

1 I have had the pleasure of receiving your dispatch of the 16 Ulto. in which you acquaint me of the expected return of Brigadier General Malcolm to these parts & do me the honor to require my opinion of the effect likely to be produced on the minds of the Government by his appearance in the territory of the Basha.

2 I am therefore decidedly of opinion

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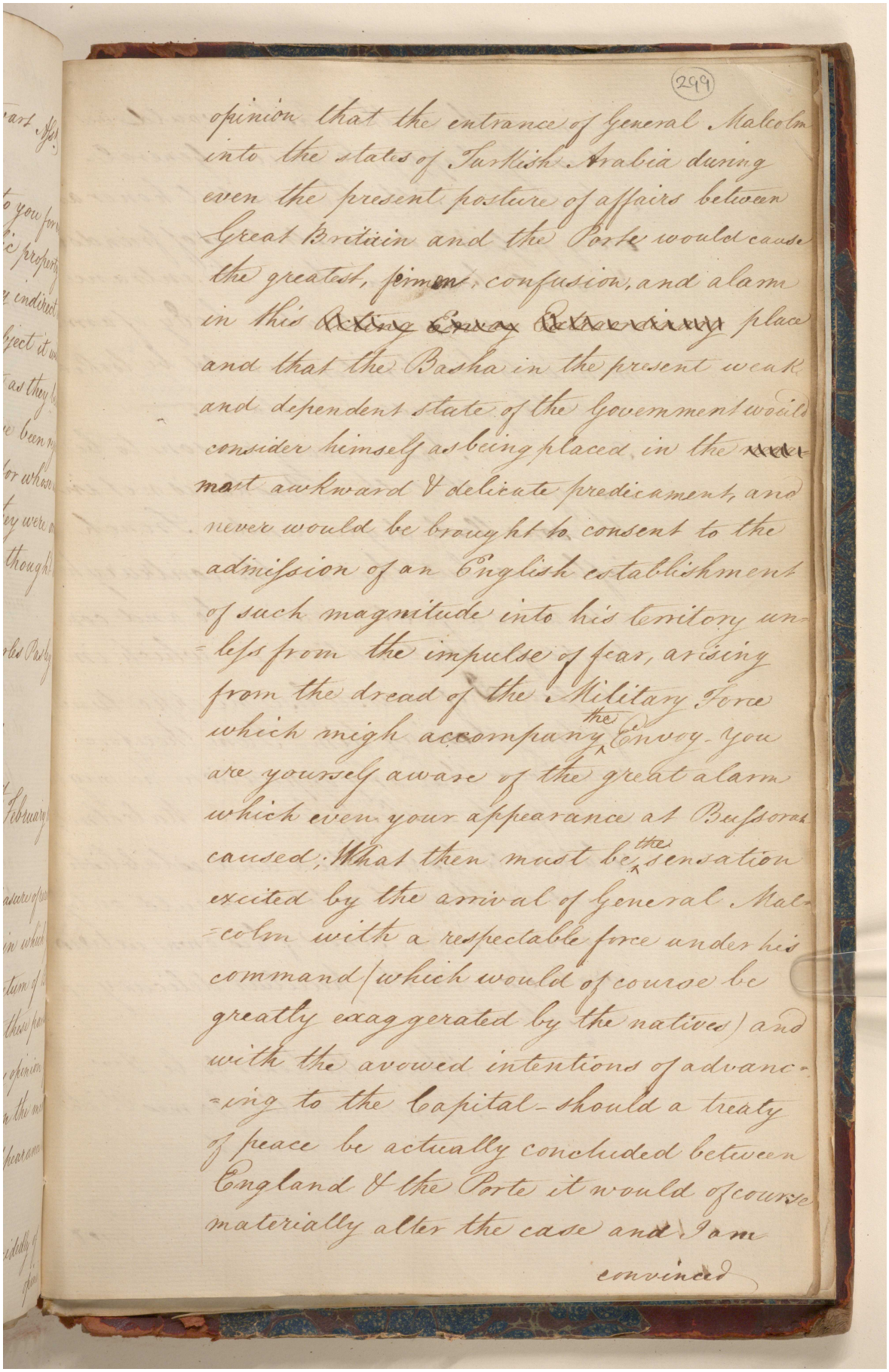

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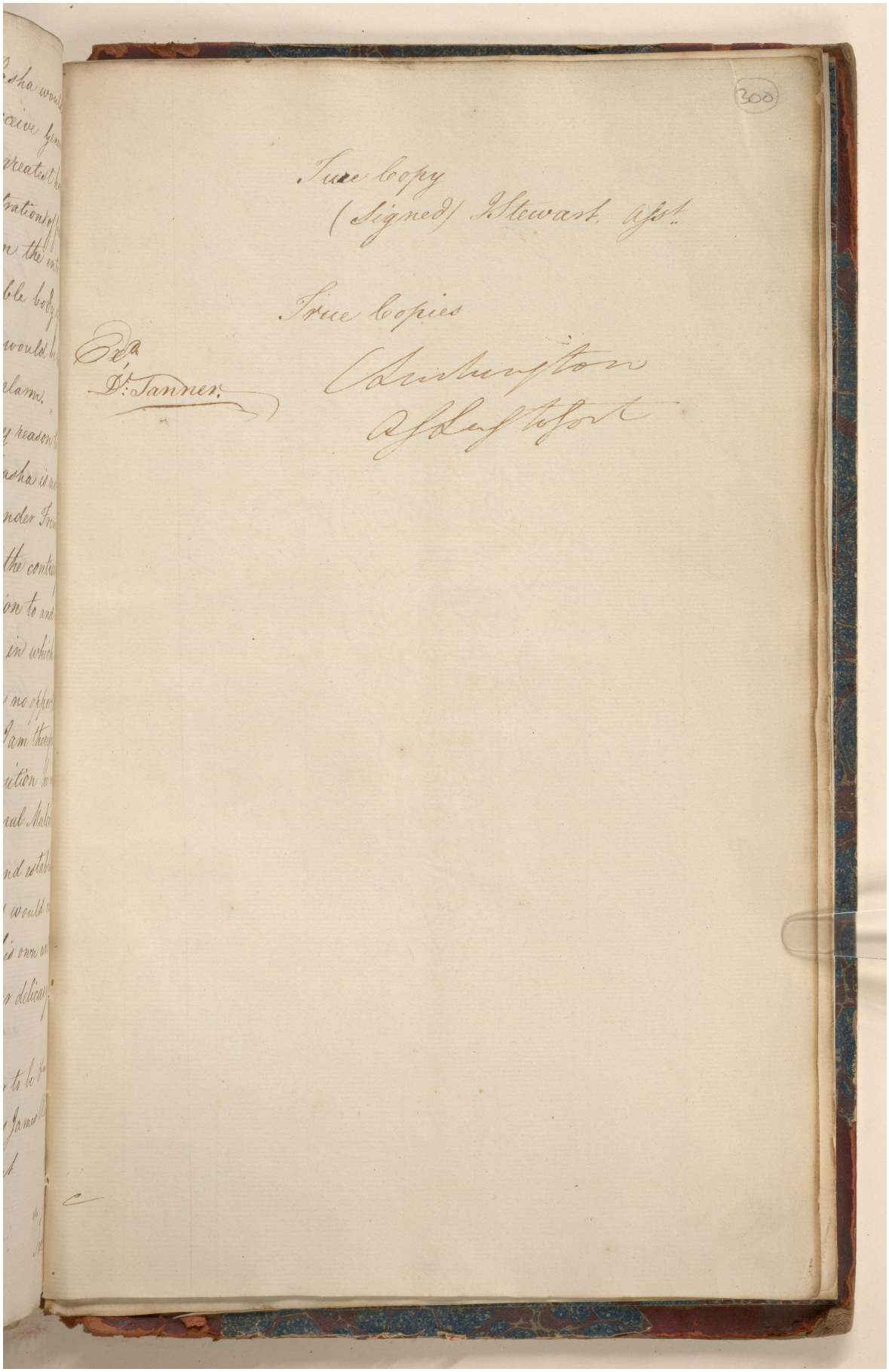
opinion that the entrance of General Malcolm into the states of Turkish Arabia during even the present posture of affairs between Great Britain and the Porte would cause the greatest confusion, and alarm in this place and that the Basha in the present weak and dependent state of the Government would consider himself as being placed in the most awkward & delicate predicament, and never would be brought to consent to the admission of an English establishment of such magnitude into his territory unless from the impulse of fear, arising from the dread of the Military Force which might accompany the Envoy. You are yourself aware of the great alarm which even your appearance at Bussorah caused; What then must be the sensation excited by the arrival of General Malcolm with a respectable force under his command (which would of course be greatly exaggerated by the natives) and with the avowed intentions of advancing to the Capital. Should a treaty of peace be actually concluded between England & the Porte it would of course materially alter the case and I am convinced

convinced that the Pasha would be extreemly happy, to receive General Malcolm with the greatest honor and every possible demonstrations of friendship & respect, but even then the entrance of any very considerable body of armed men into his territory would be looked on with jealousy and alarm.

3 I have every reason to be satisfied that the Pasha is not in the smallest degree under French influence but that on the contrary he entertains a great aversion to and contempt for that nation; in which impression I of course lose no opportunity of strengthening him. I am therefore convinced that any opposition he might make to the wishes of General Malcolm, relative to his reception and establishment in these territories would only proceed from a sense of his own extreme weakness and the peculiar delicacy of his situation.

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) Claudius James Rich
Resident



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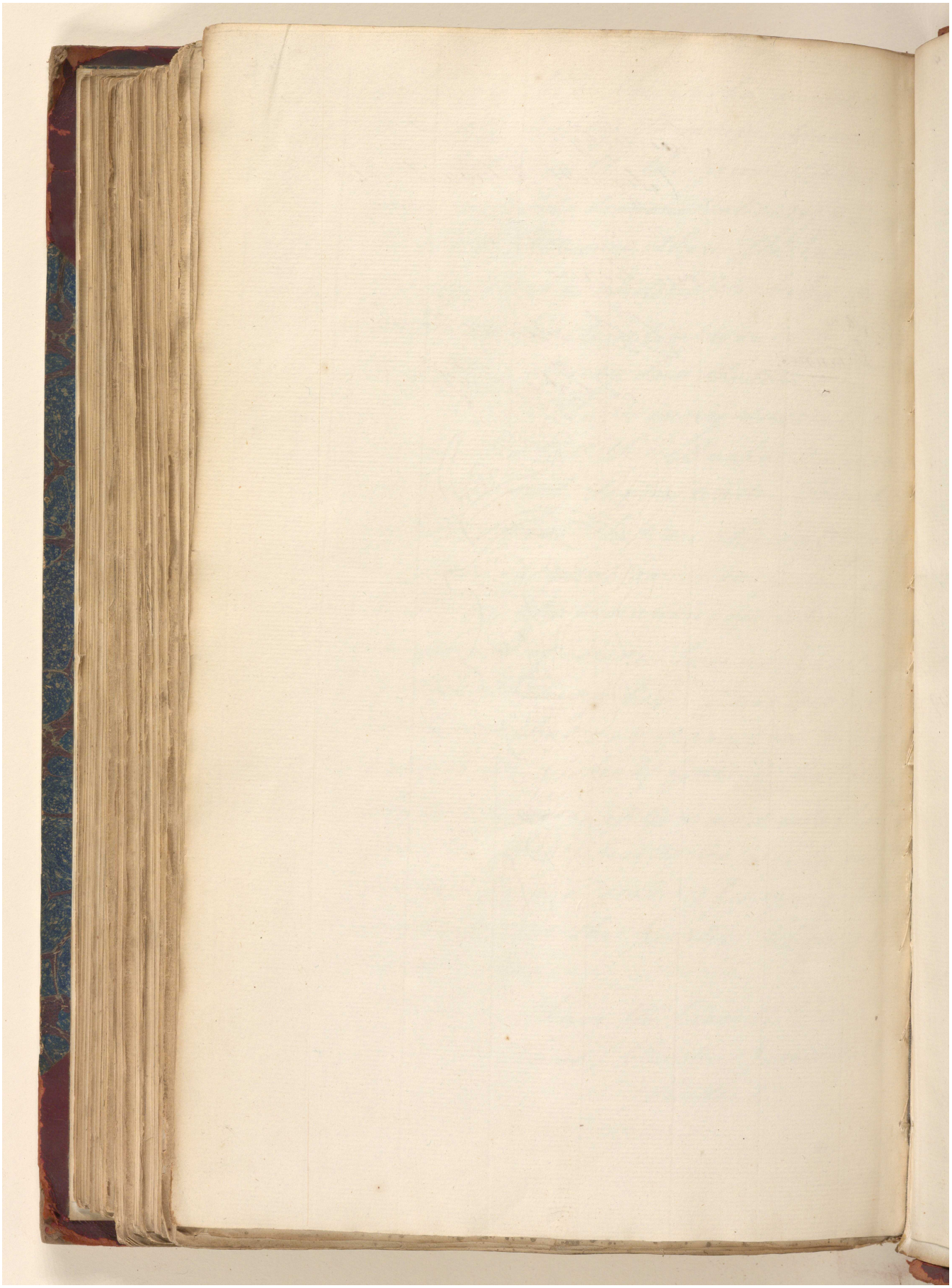

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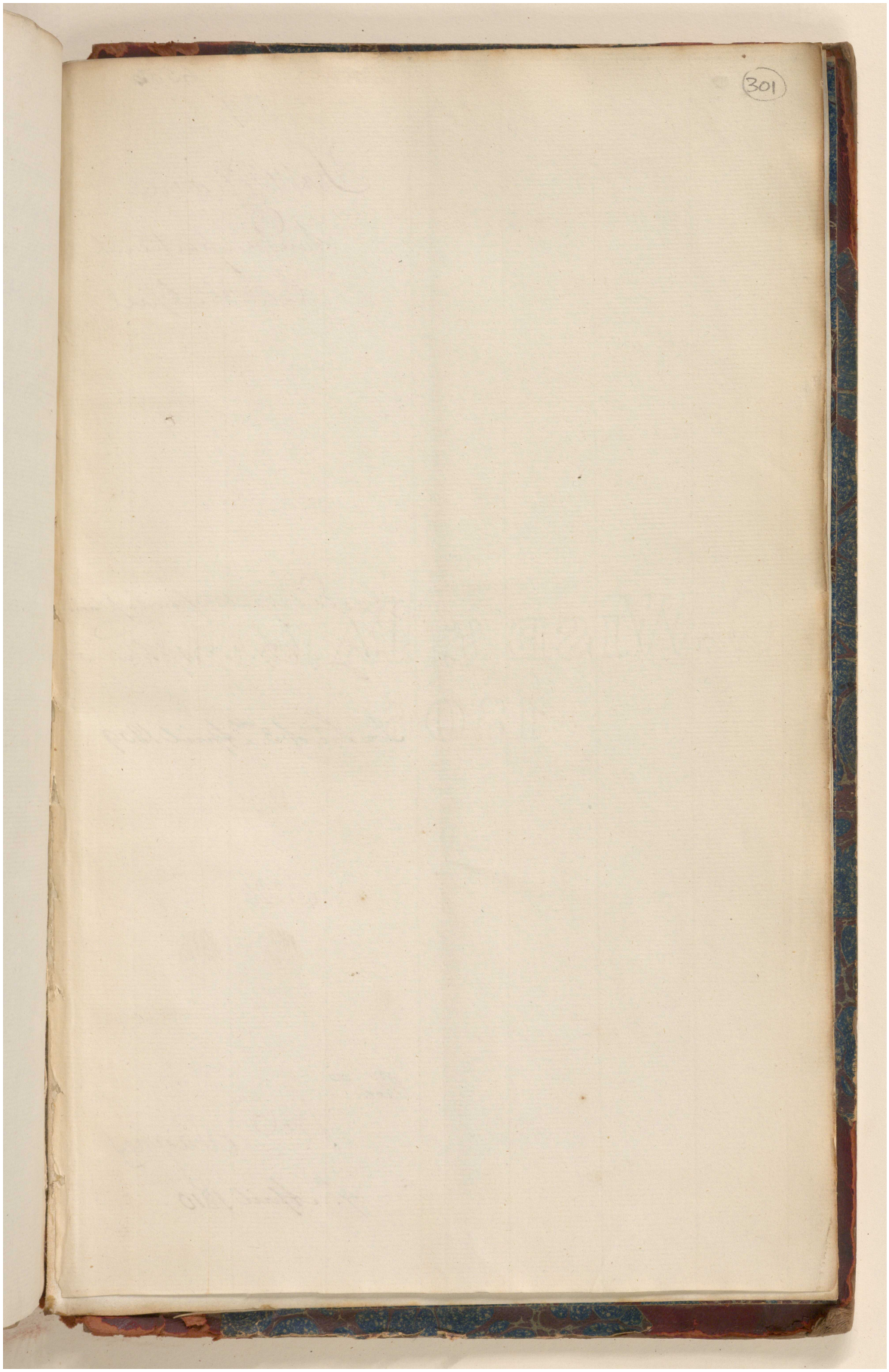
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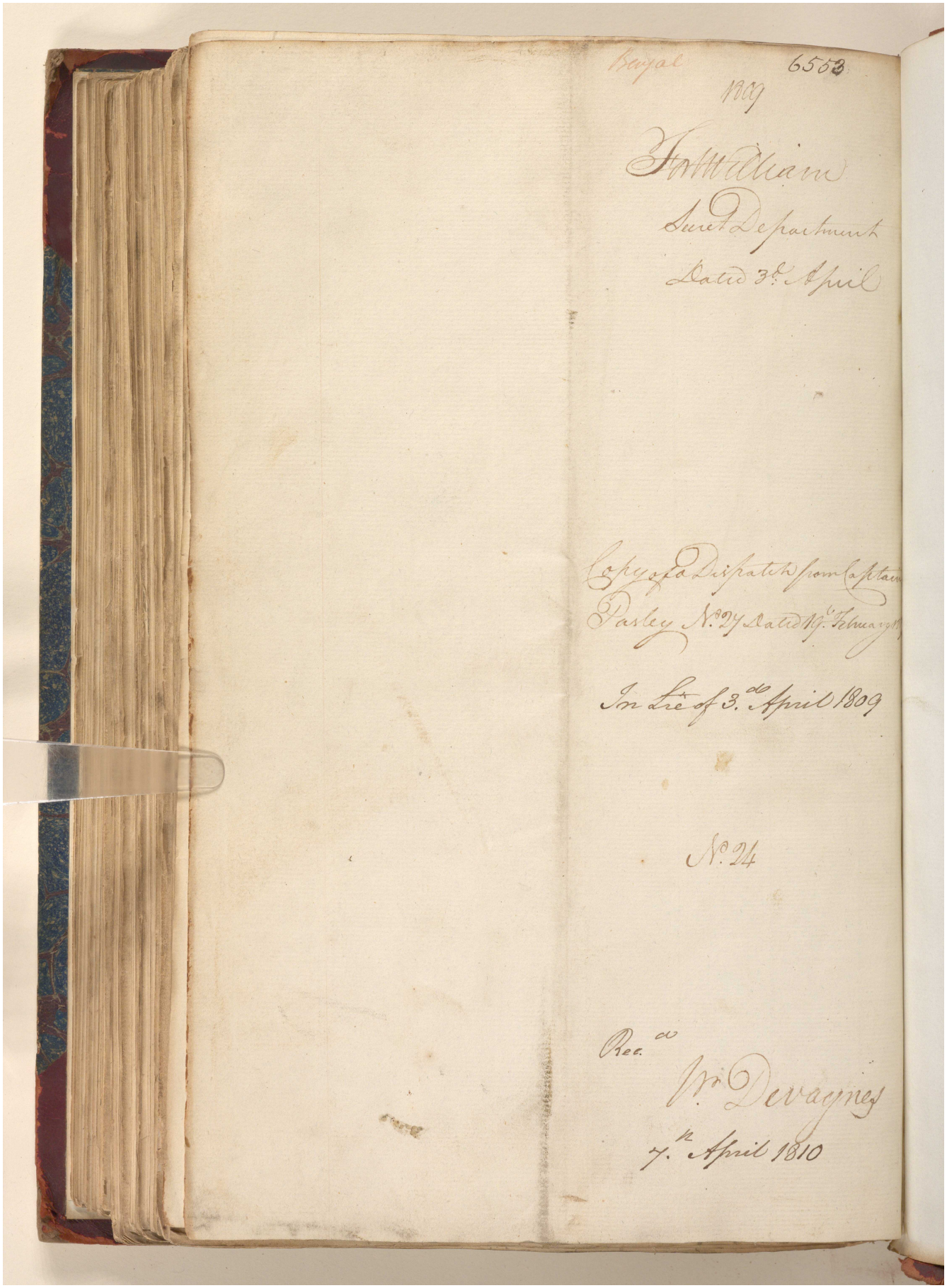
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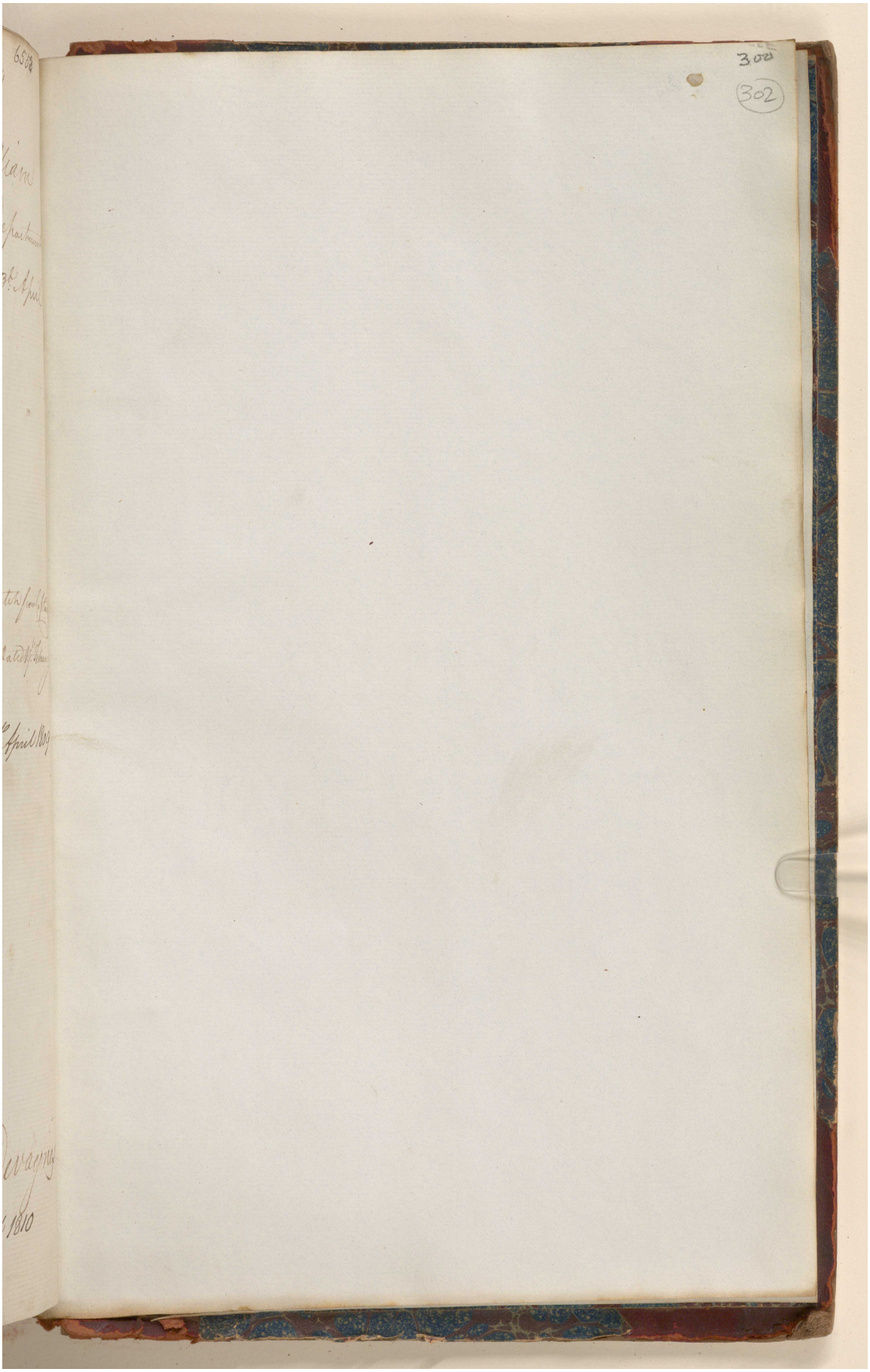

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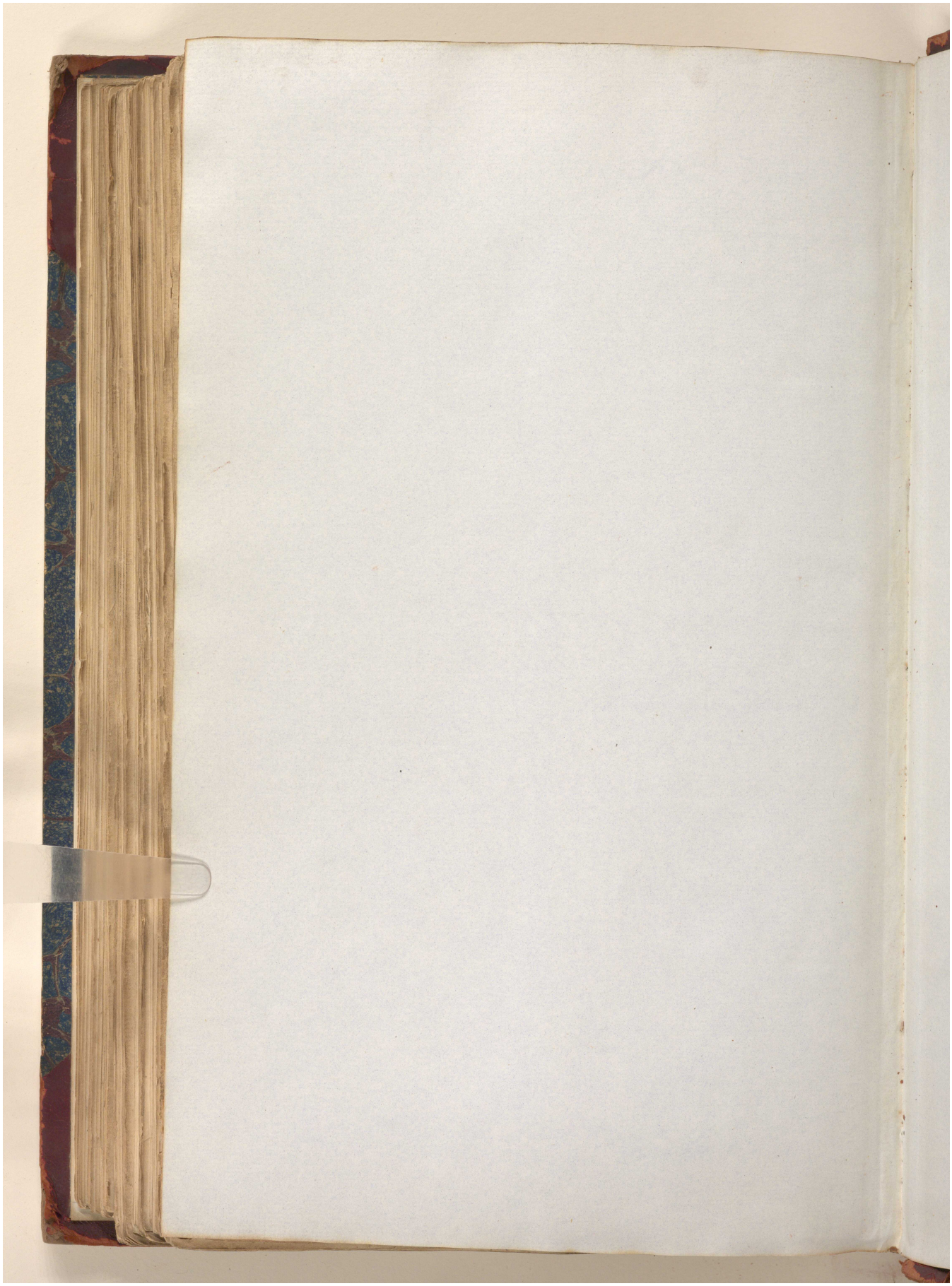

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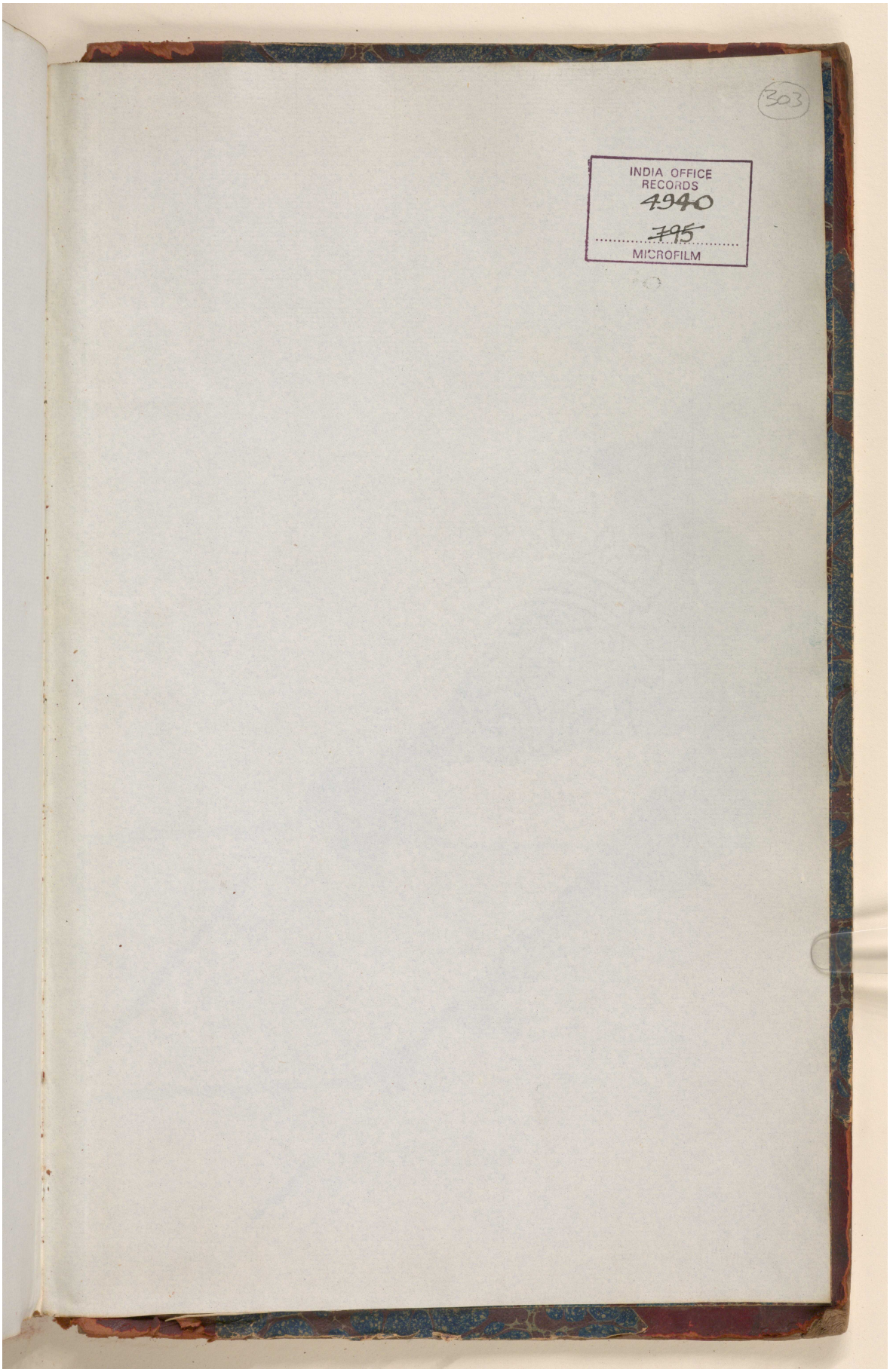

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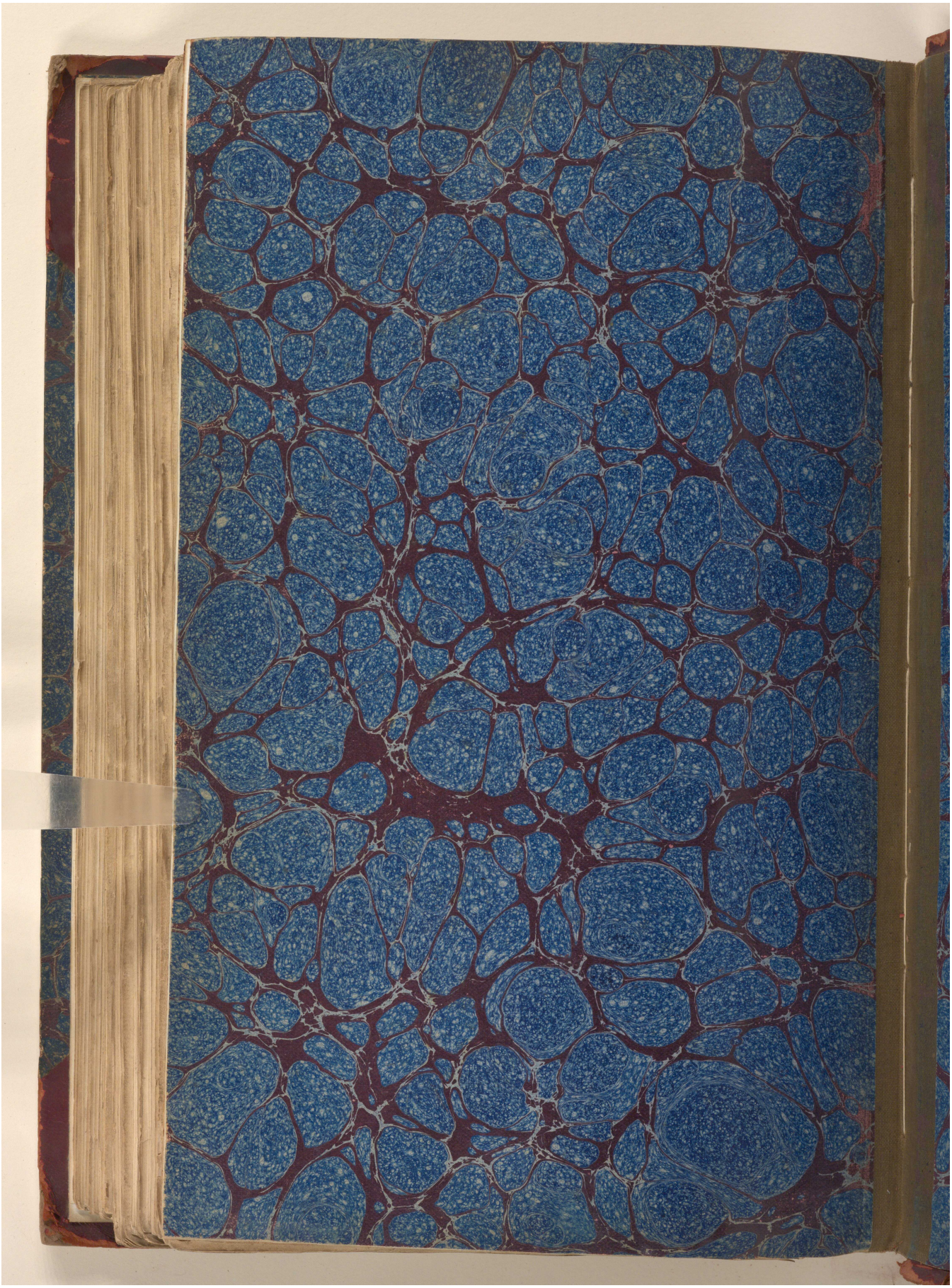

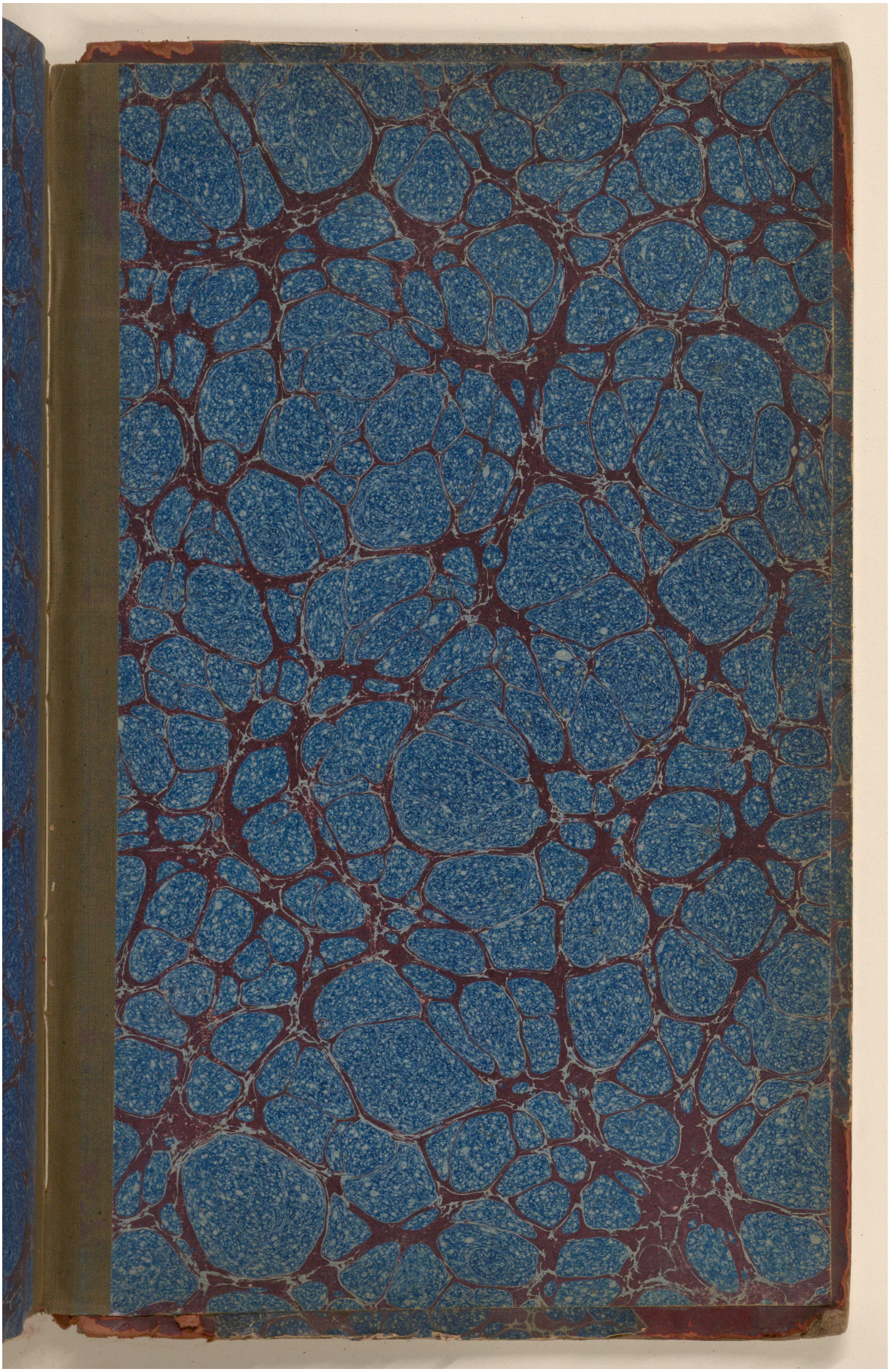

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