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'private letters from [John] Jacob, [Sir Henry] Green and [Sir William] Merewether while I was in England'

Holding Institution	British Library: India Office Records and Private Papers
Reference	Mss Eur F126/1
Date(s)	1854-1923 (CE, Gregorian)
Written in	English in Latin
Extent and Format	1 file, 59 items (308 folios)
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About this record

The correspondence focuses primarily on the work and lives of the individuals corresponding with Lewis Pelly, with a key emphasis on Sind where General John Jacob, Sir Henry Green and Sir William Lockyer Merewether were all appointed to for periods of their career.

The correspondence itself covers the period 1854-1861, however there are also pencil notes written by Lewis Pelly (most likely sometime after his retirement from the India Office in 1877) and an original file label for the correspondence 'Personal letters from Ld Lytton, Ld Northbrook, Gen J Jacob, Sir W Merewether & others 1858-78' (folio 3).

Subjects discussed in the correspondence include the ongoing troubles in India following the Indian Mutiny of 1857; the organisation of the Sind Irregular Horse; matters in Afghanistan and Persia; the British press's lack of interest in Indian affairs; religion; and the Indian Army.

Approximately half of the correspondence in the file consists of enclosures to General John Jacob's letters and is his correspondence with individuals including Sir Henry Bartle Frere, Sir James Outram and Ross Balfour Moore. Other enclosures include letters to the Editor of *The Times* , and copies of official correspondence regarding Major Frederic John Goldsmid.

The later correspondence from 1860 to 1861 relates to Pelly's journey through Persia and Afghanistan and

focuses on methods of ensuring that Pelly receives letters and telegrams en-route and also discussing matters from Aghanistan that may have an impact on India and its frontiers.

The correspondence from Lord Lytton and Lord Northbrook among others related to Sir Lewis's appointment in Baroda and the deposition of the Gaekwar of Baroda both of which Sir Lewis considered to be sensitive subjects and which was removed from the collection at the request of Lady Pellyfollowing its deposit with the India Office in 1923 (folio 2).

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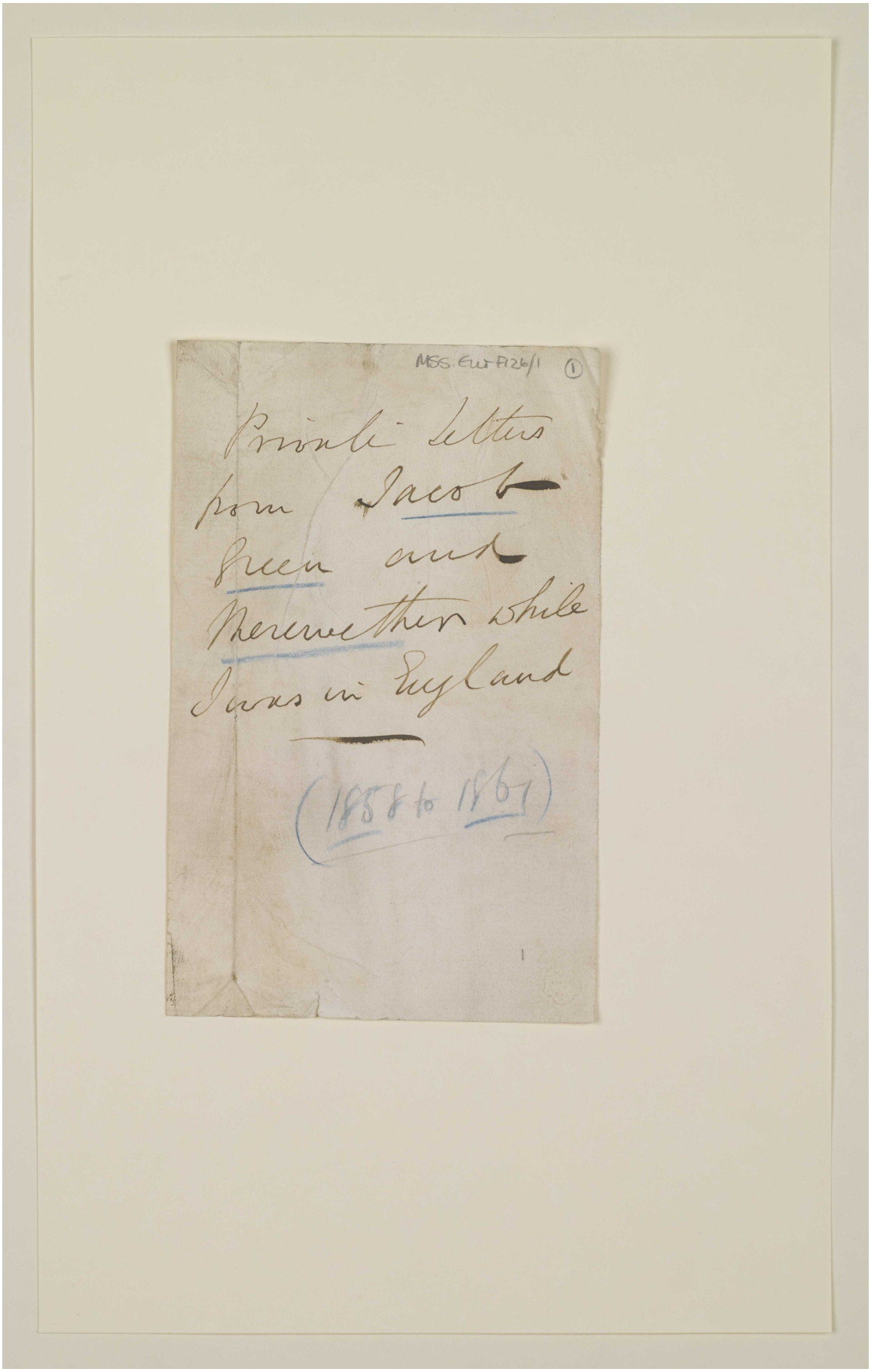

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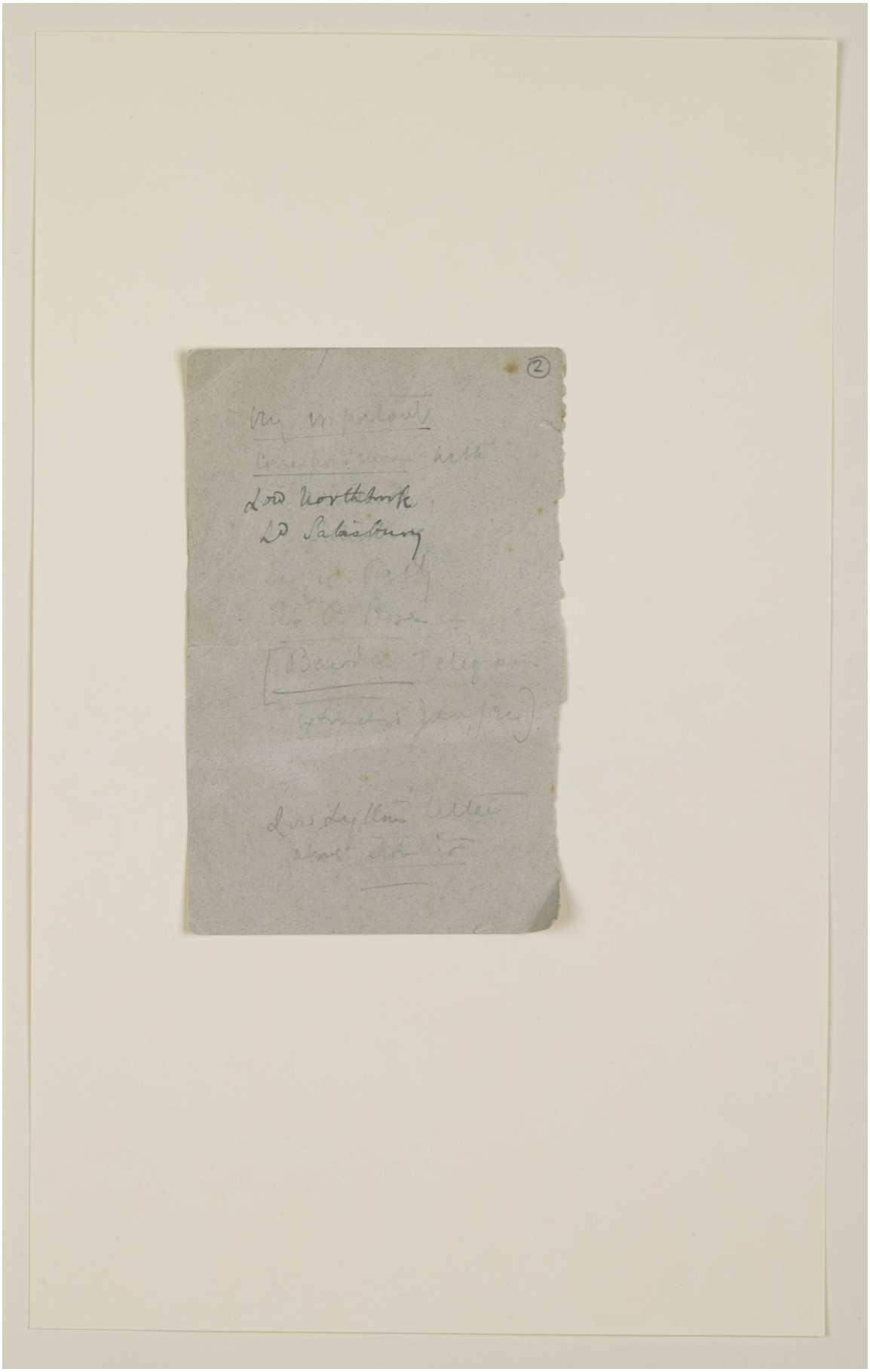

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Personal letters from Ld. Lytton
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Sir W. Merewether & others
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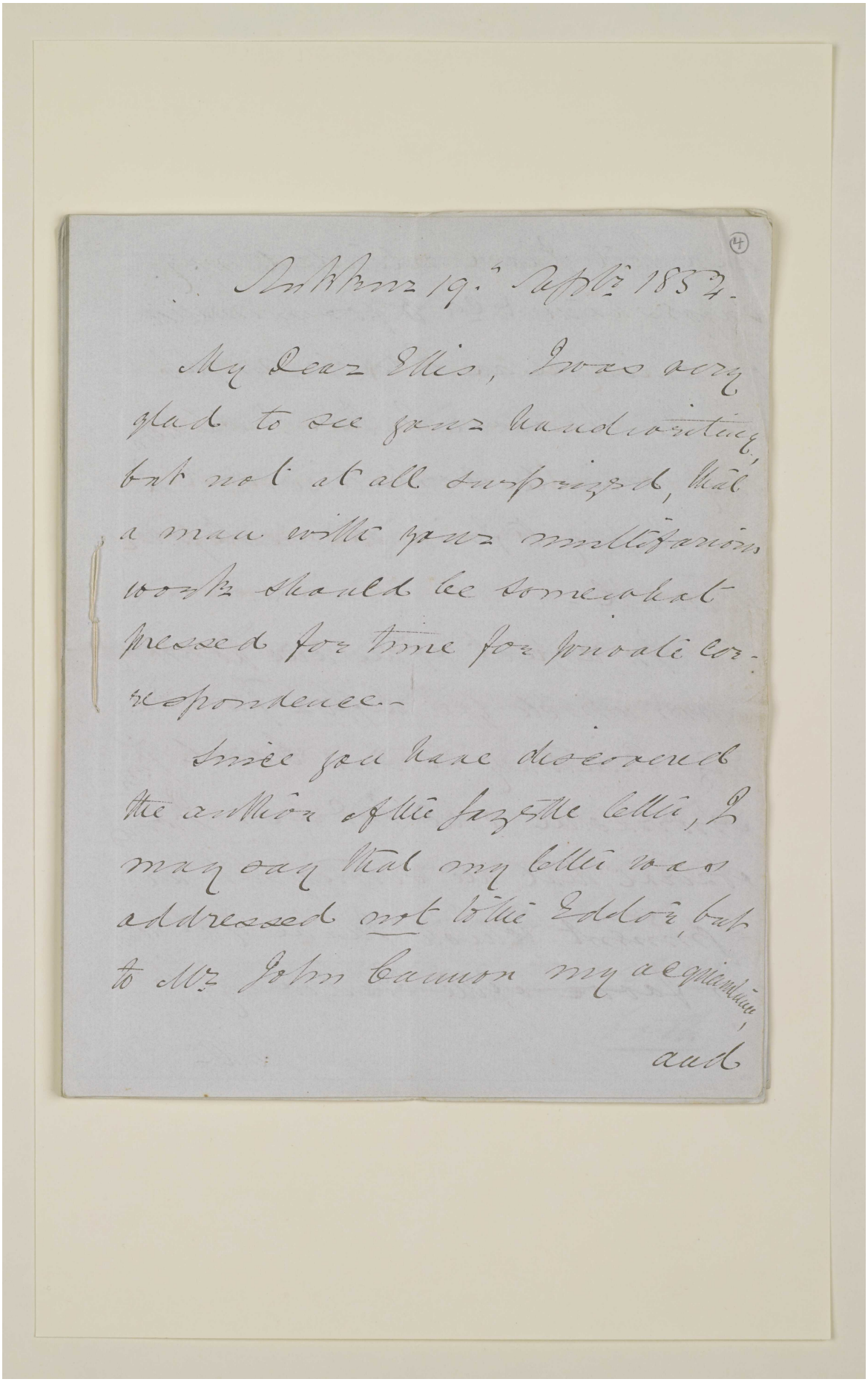

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Sukkur 19th Septr 1857.

My Dear Ellis, I was very glad to see your handwriting, but not at all surprized, that a man with your multifarious work should be somewhat pressed for time for private correspondence.

Since you have discovered the author of the Gazette letter, I may say that my letter was addressed not to the Editor, but to Mr John Cannon my acquaintance, and

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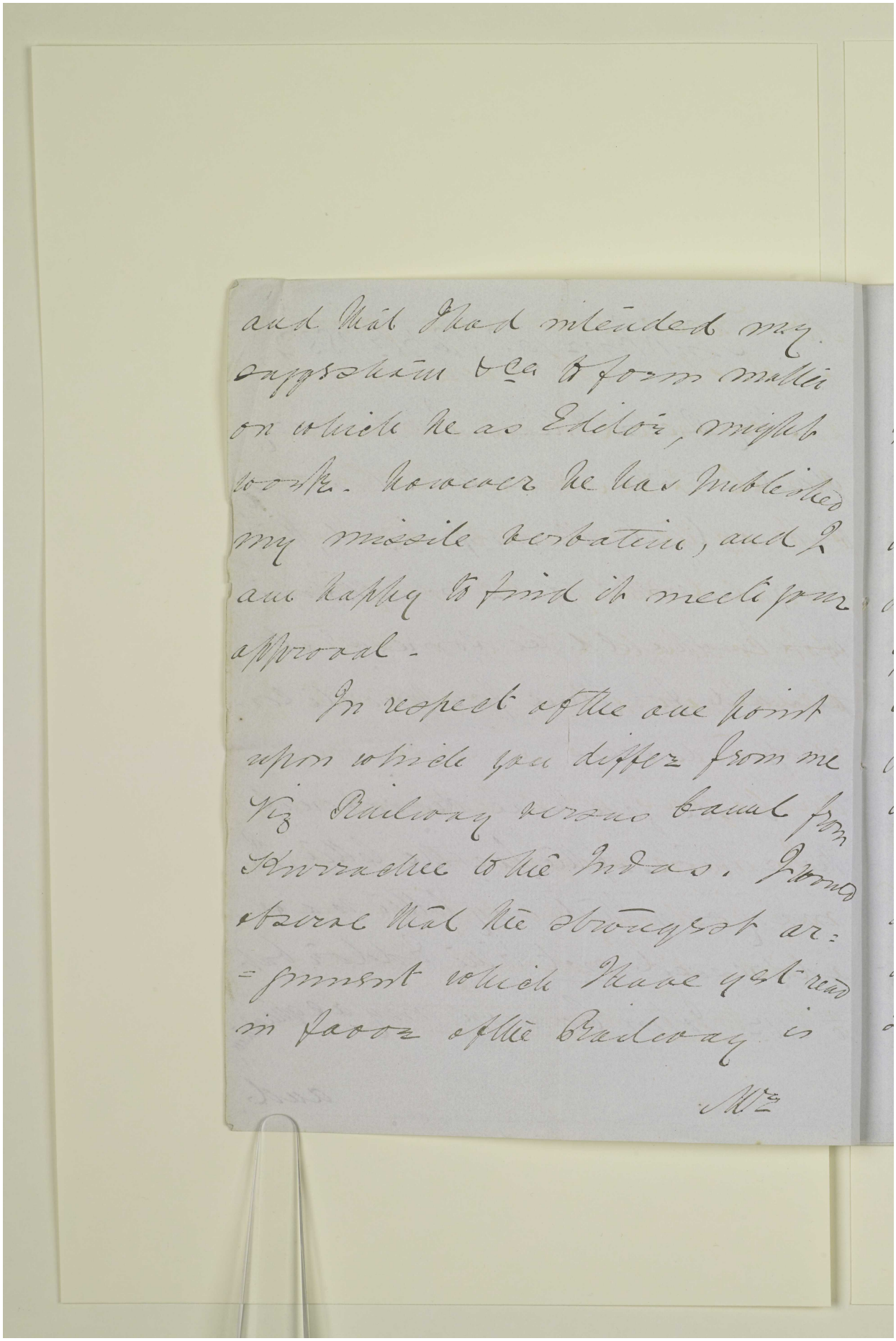

and that I had intended my suggestion &ca to form matter on which he as Editor, might work. However he has published my missile verbatim, and I am happy to find it meets your approval.

In respect of the one point upon which you differ from me viz Railway versus Canal from Kurrachee to the Indus. I would observe that the strongest argument which I have yet read in favor of the Railway is

Mr

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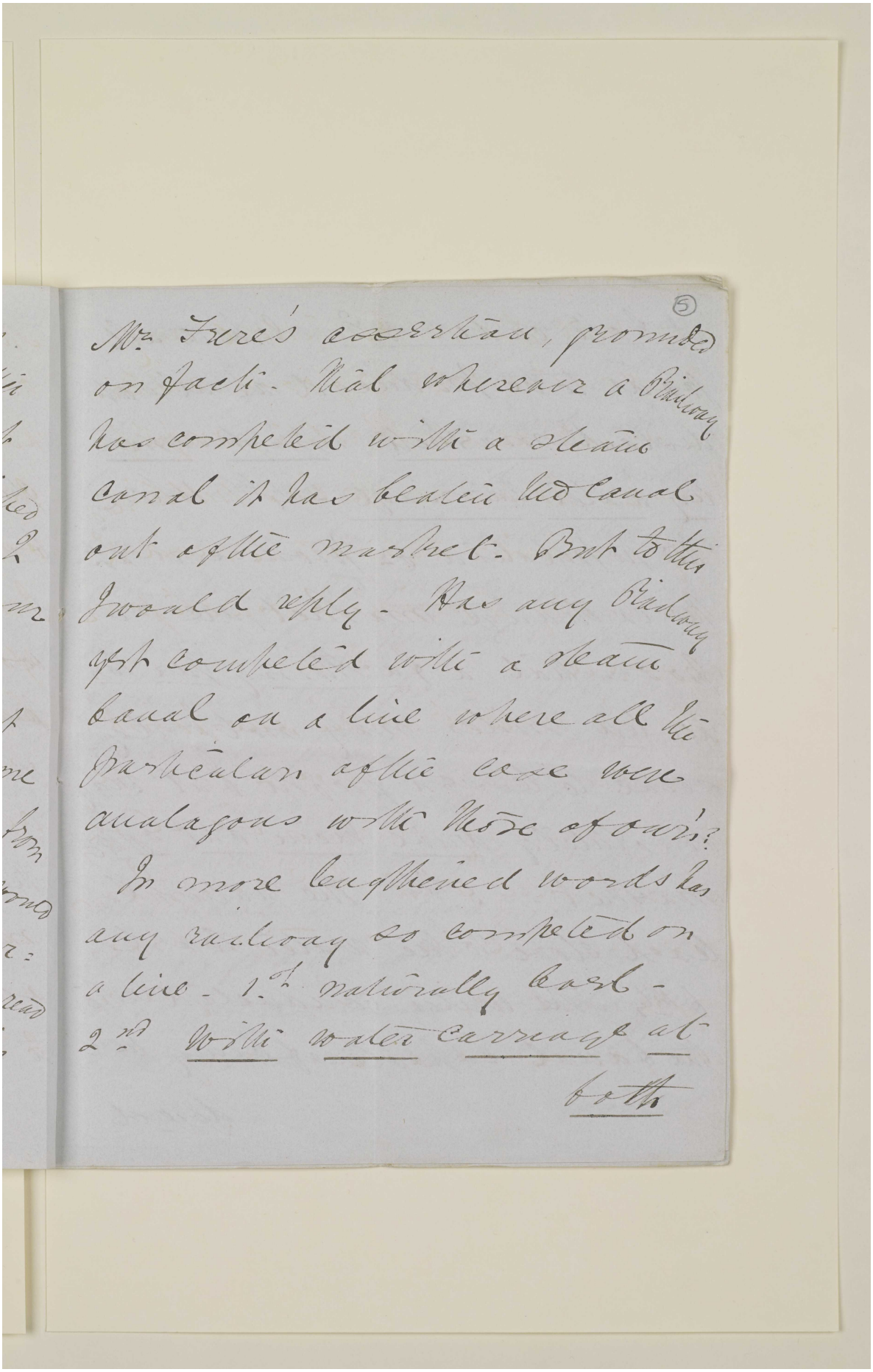

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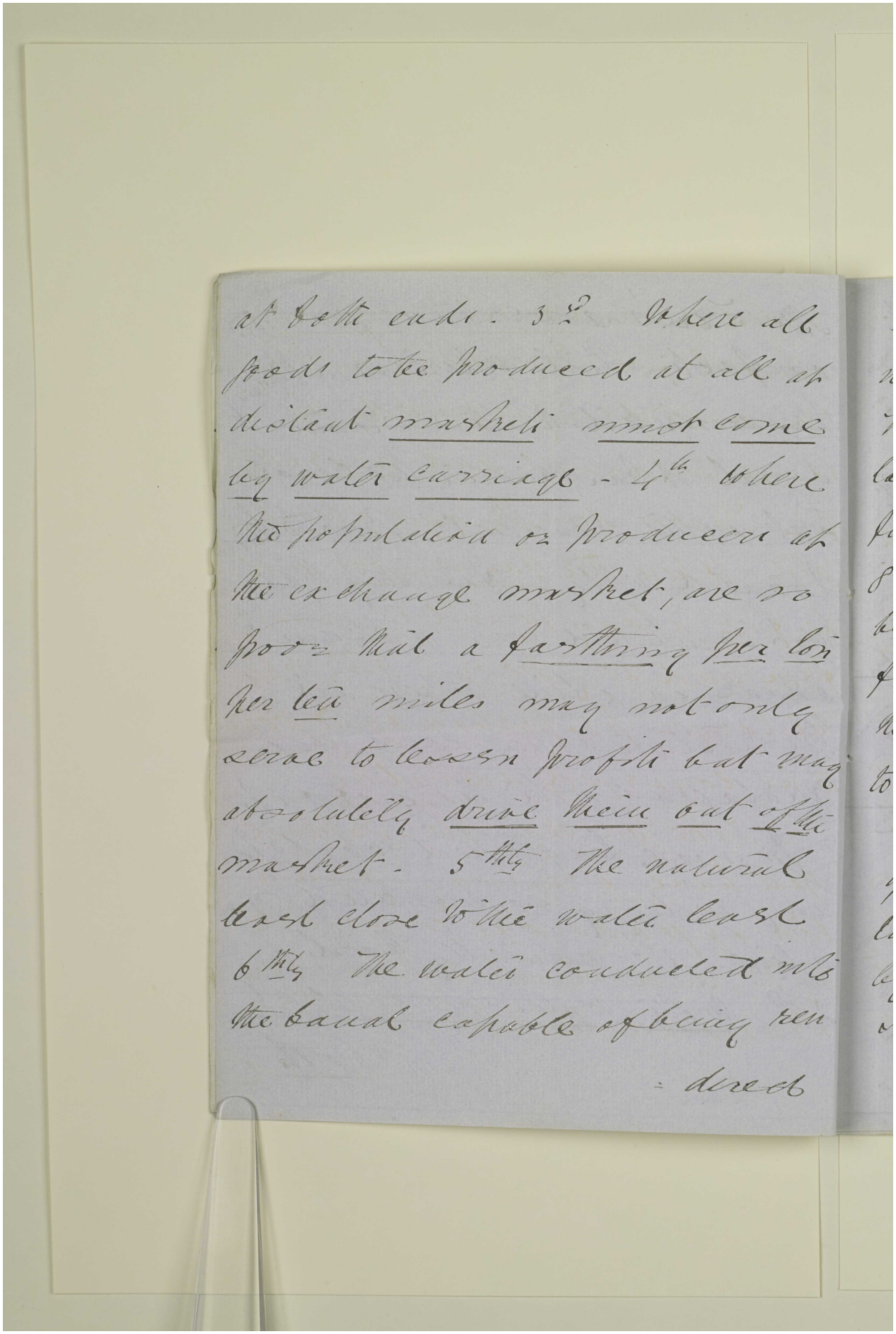
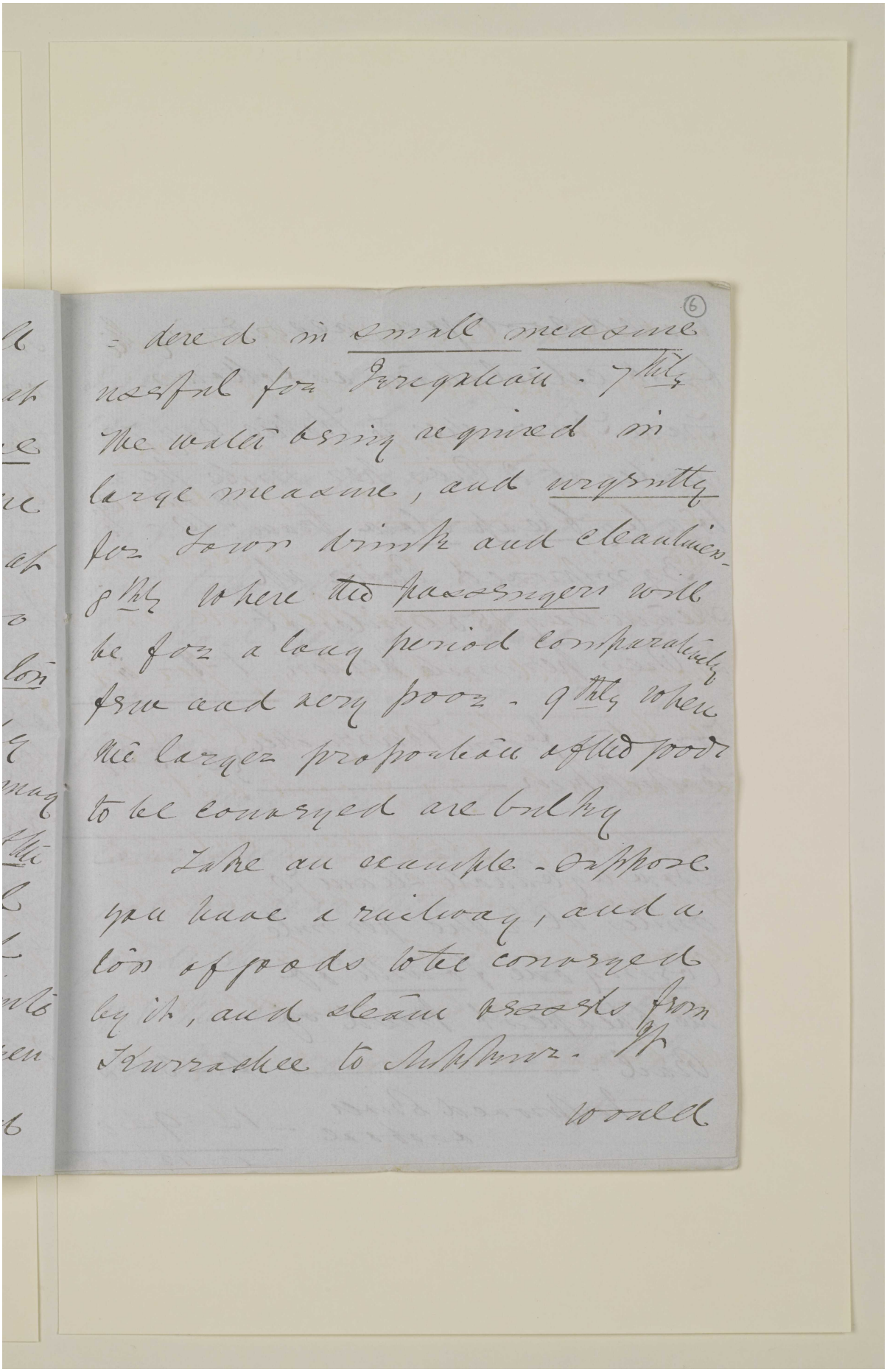
Mr. Frere's assertion, grounded on fact. That wherever a Railway has competed with a steam canal it has beaten the canal out of the market. But to this I would reply. Has any Railway yet competed with a steam canal on a line where all the particulars of the case were analagous with those of ours?

In more lengthened words has any railway so competed on a line. 1st naturally level. 2nd With water carriage at both



at both ends. 3rd Where all goods to be produced at all the distant markets must come by water carriage - 4th Where the population or produce at the exchange market, are so poor as that a farthing per ton per ten miles may not only cease to leave profit but may absolutely drive them out of the market. 5th The natural best close to the water least 6th The water conducted into the canal capable of being rendered



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-dered in small measure
useful for Irrigation. 7thly
The water being required in
large measure, and urgently
for Town drink and cleanliness.
8thly where the passengers will
be for a long period comparatively
few and very poor. 9thly when
the larger proportion of the goods
to be conveyed are bulky

Take an example. Suppose
you have a railway, and a
lot of goods to be conveyed
by it, and steam vessels from
Kurrachee to Sukkur. It
would

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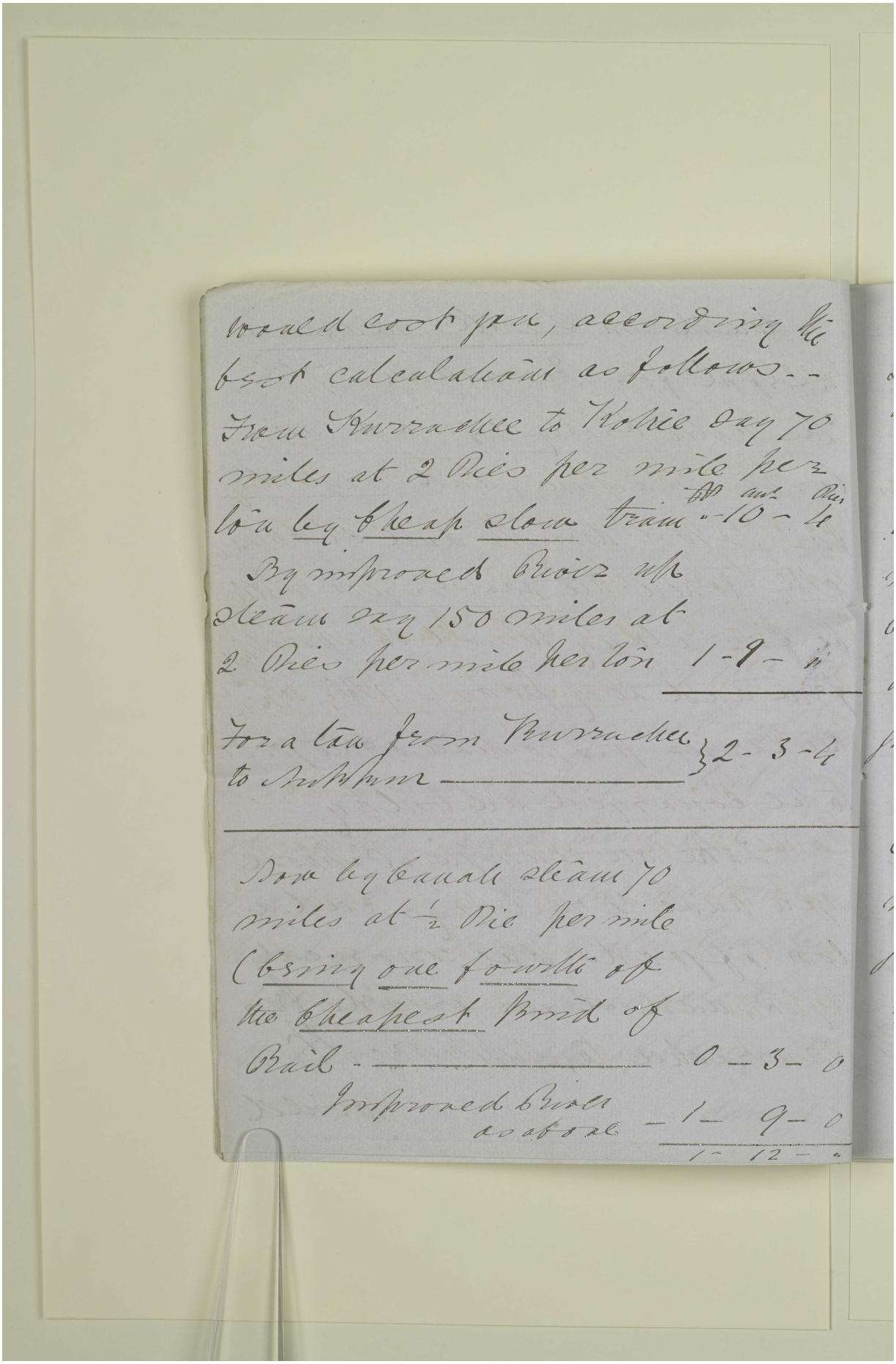


would cost you, according the best calculation as follows.--

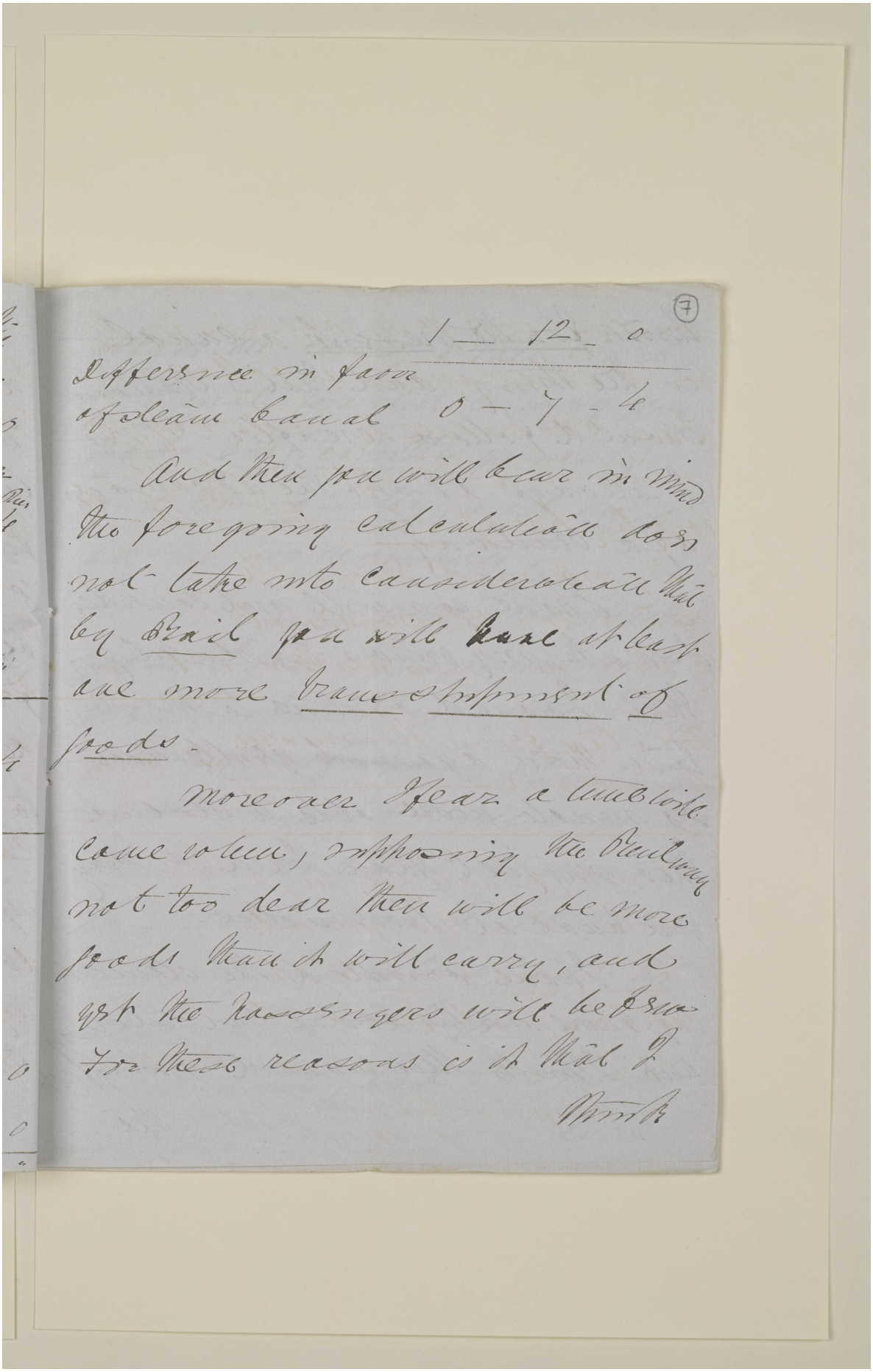
From Kurrachee to Kohee say 70 miles at 2 Dies per mile per ton by cheap slow train .. 10 - 4

	Rs	Ans	Dies
By improved River up steam say 150 miles at 2 Dies per mile per ton	1	9	"
For a ton from Kurrachee to Sukkur	2	3	4

Now by Canal steam 70 miles at ½ Die per mile (being one fourth of the cheapest kind of Rail - | 0 | 3 | 0

Improved River as above | 1 | 9 | 0

1 - 12 - "



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	1 — 12 — 0
Difference in favor of steam canal	0 — 7 — 4

And then you will bear in mind the foregoing calculation does not take into consideration that by Rail you will have at least one more transshipment of goods.

Moreover I fear a time will come when, supposing the Railway not too dear then will be more goods than it will carry, and yet the passengers will be few. For these reasons is it that I

think

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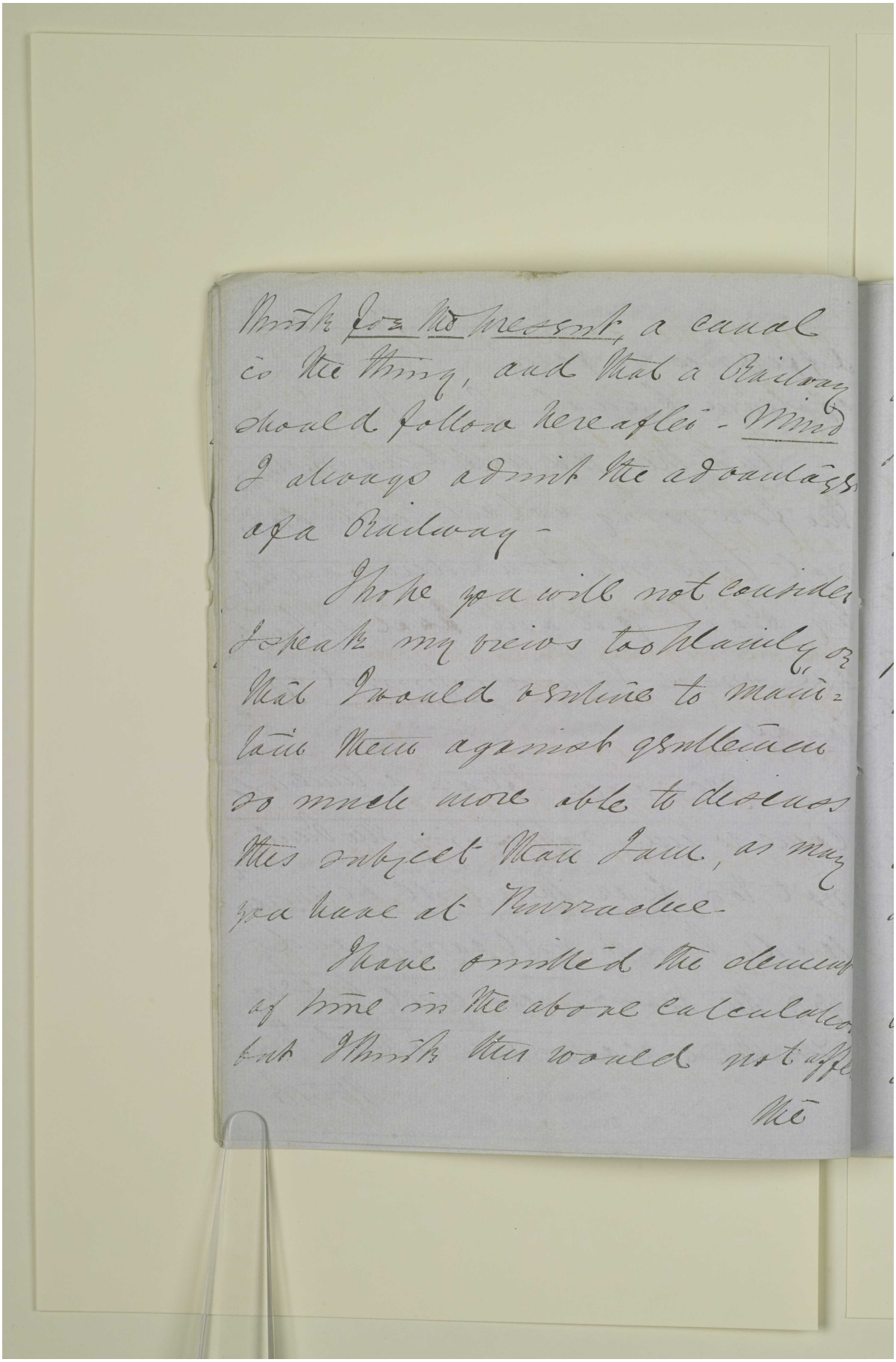

think for the present, a canal is the thing, and that a Railway should follow hereafter - Mind I always admit the advantages of a Railway -

I hope you will not consider I speak my views too plainly, or that I would venture to maintain them against gentlemen so much more able to discuss this subject than I am, as may you have at Kurrachee -

I have omitted the element of time in the above calculation but I think this would not affect the

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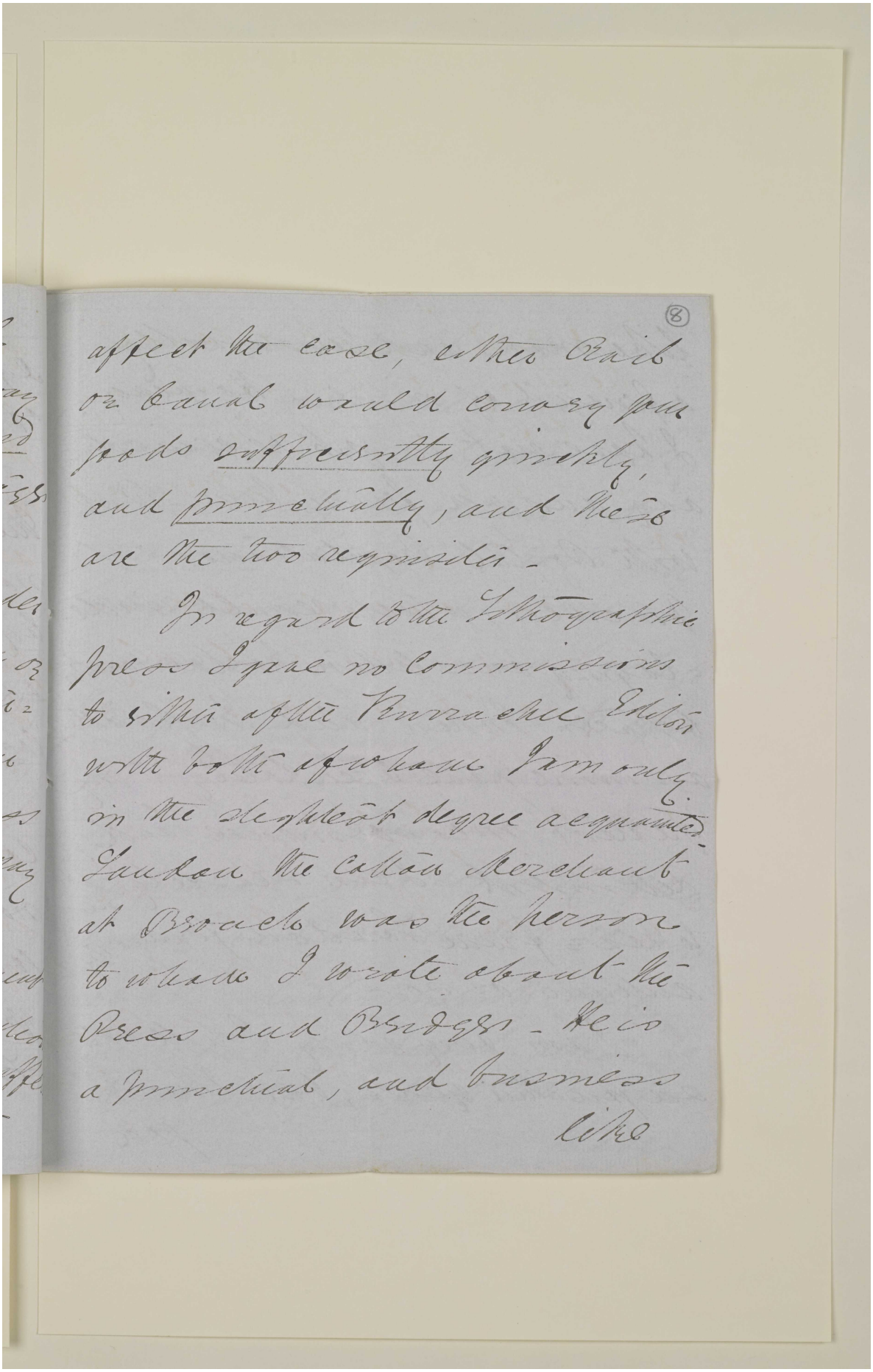

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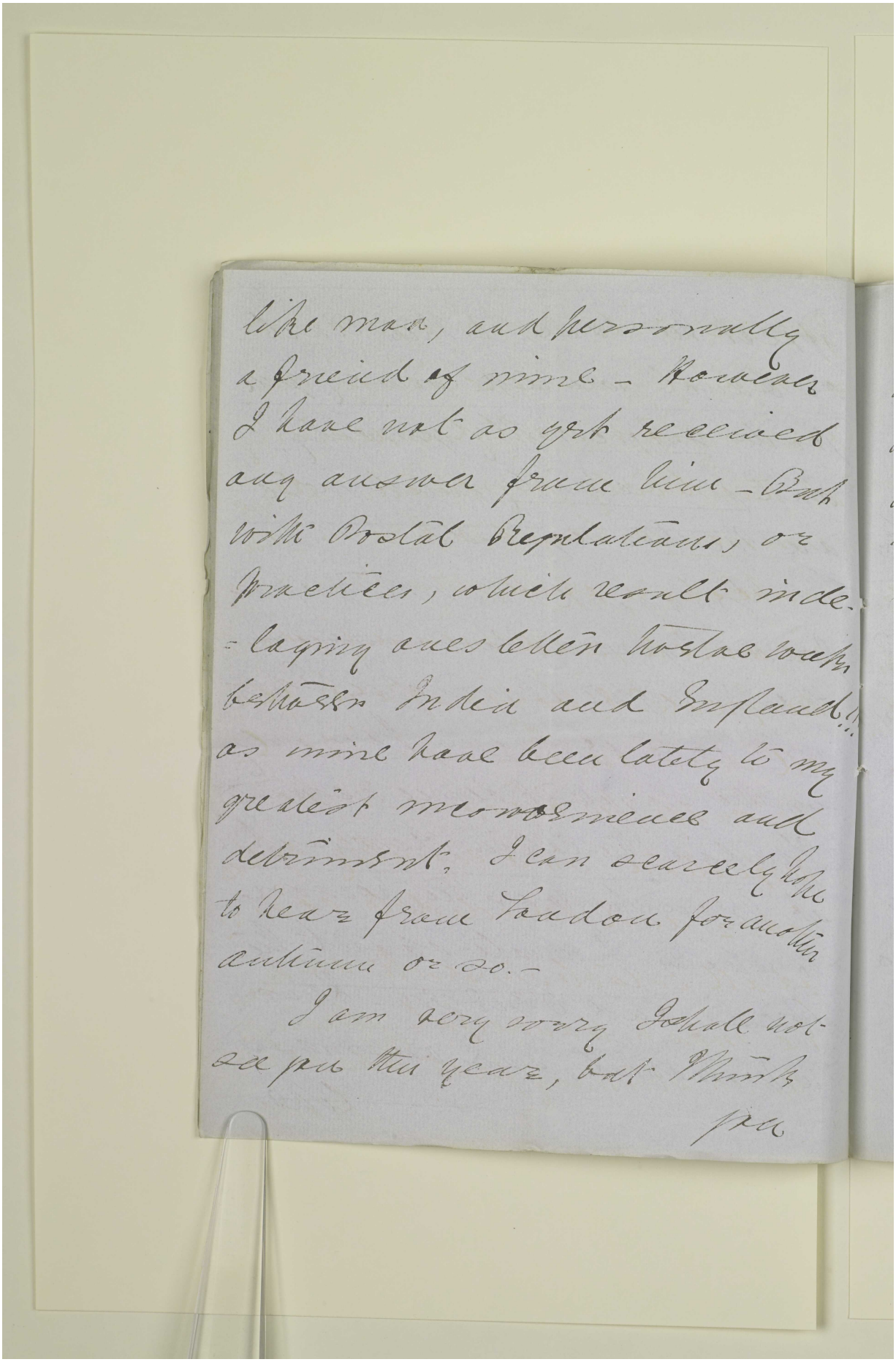
affect the case, either Rail or Canal would convey your goods sufficiently quickly, and punctually, and these are the two requisites.

In regard to the Lithographic press I gave no Commissions to either of the Kurrachee Editors with both of whom I am only in the slightest degree acquainted. Landau the Cotton Merchant at Broach was the person to whom I wrote about the Press and Bridges. He is a punctual, and business like



like man, and personally
a friend of mine - However
I have not as yet received
any answer from him - But
with Postal Regulations, or
practices, which result inde-
-laying ones letter twelve weeks
between India and England!!
as mine have been lately to my
greatest inconvenience and
detriment. I can scarcely hope
to hear from London for another
autumn or so.-

I am very sorry I shall not
see you this year, but I think
you

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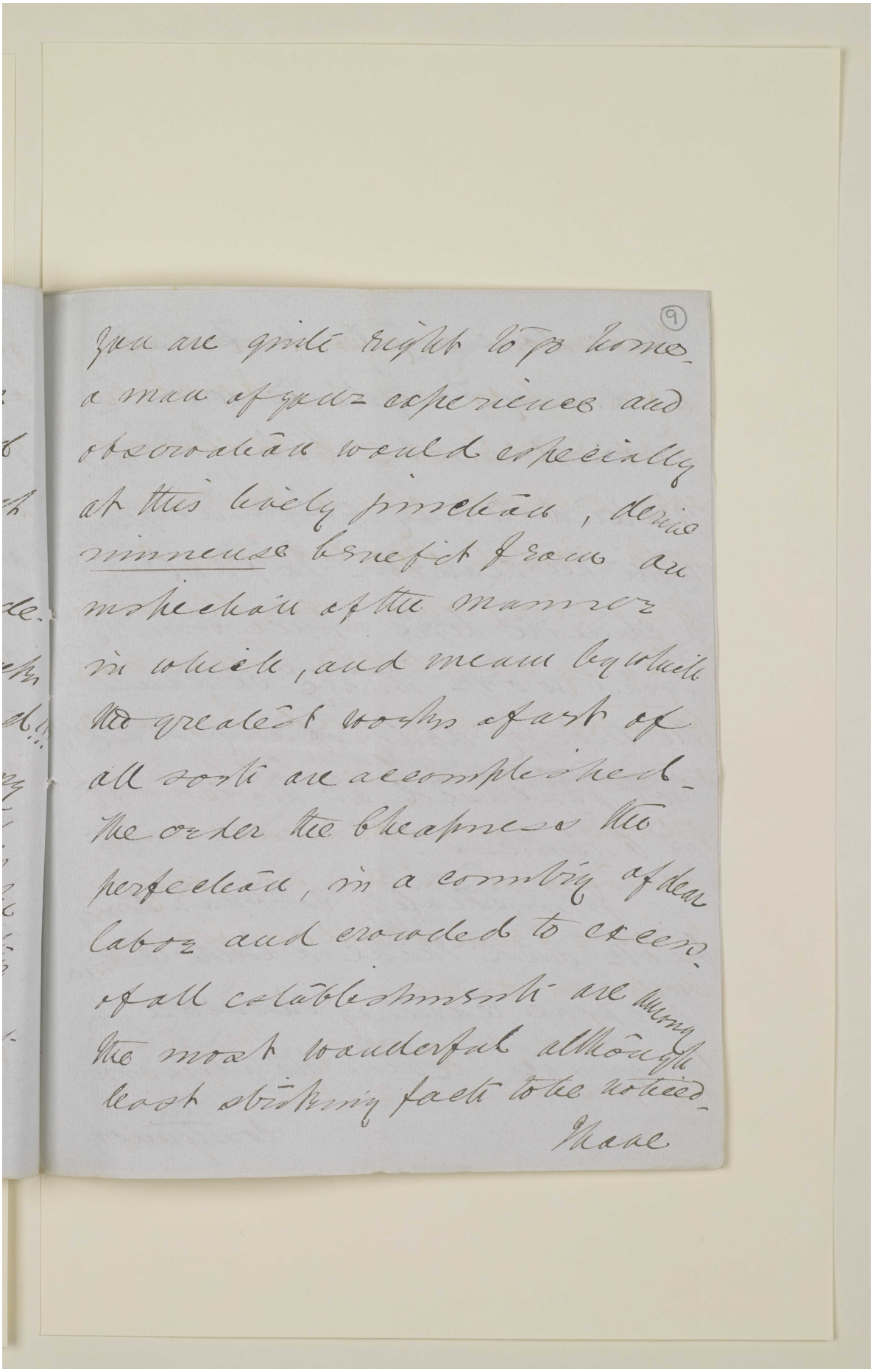

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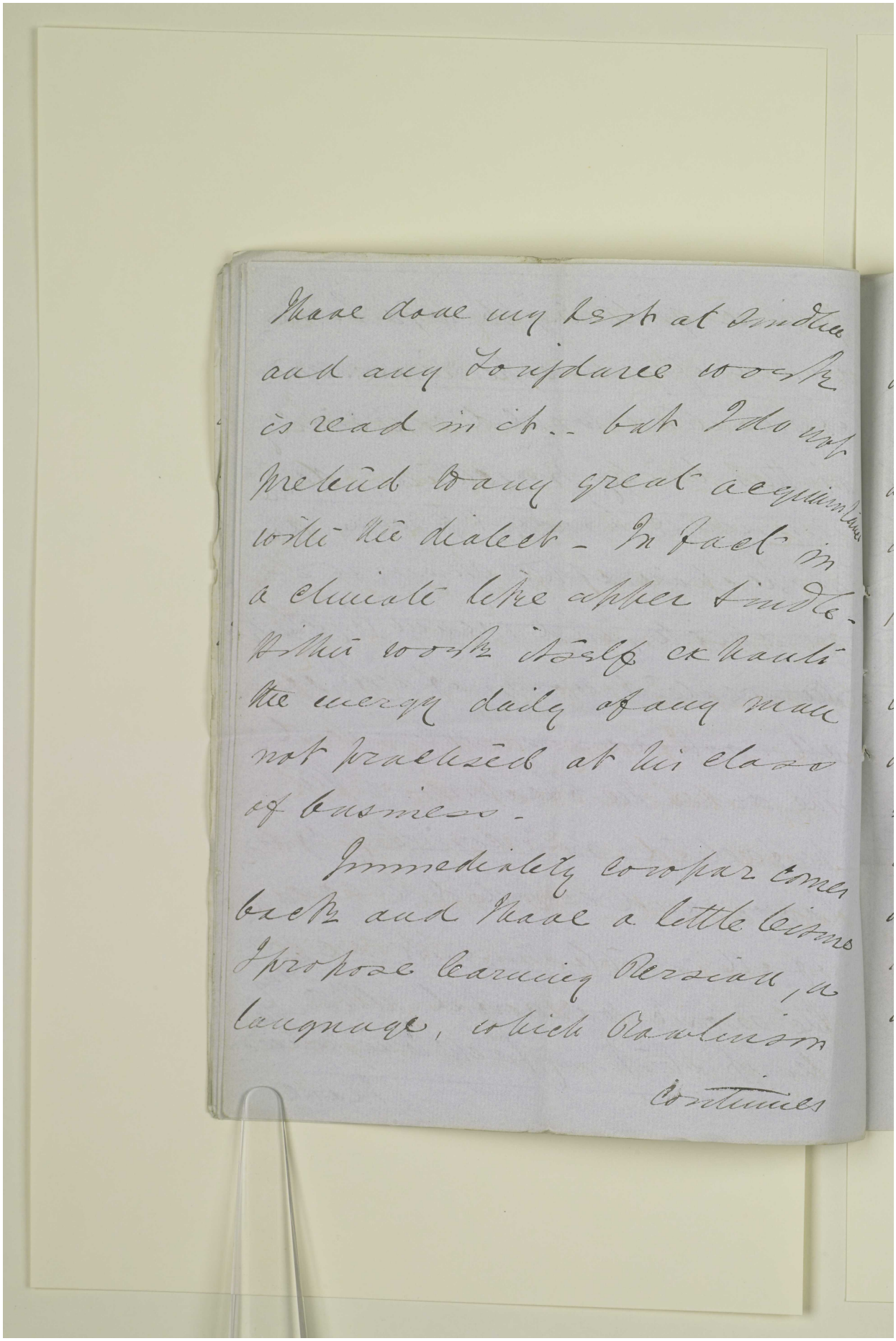
You are quite right to go home
a man of your experience and
observation would especially
at this lively juncture, derive
immense benefit & can
no where obtain upon the manner
in which, and means by which
the greatest works of art of
all sorts are accomplished -
the order the cheapness the
perfection, in a country of dear
labor and crowded to excess
of all establishments are among
the most wonderful although
least striking facts to be noticed -

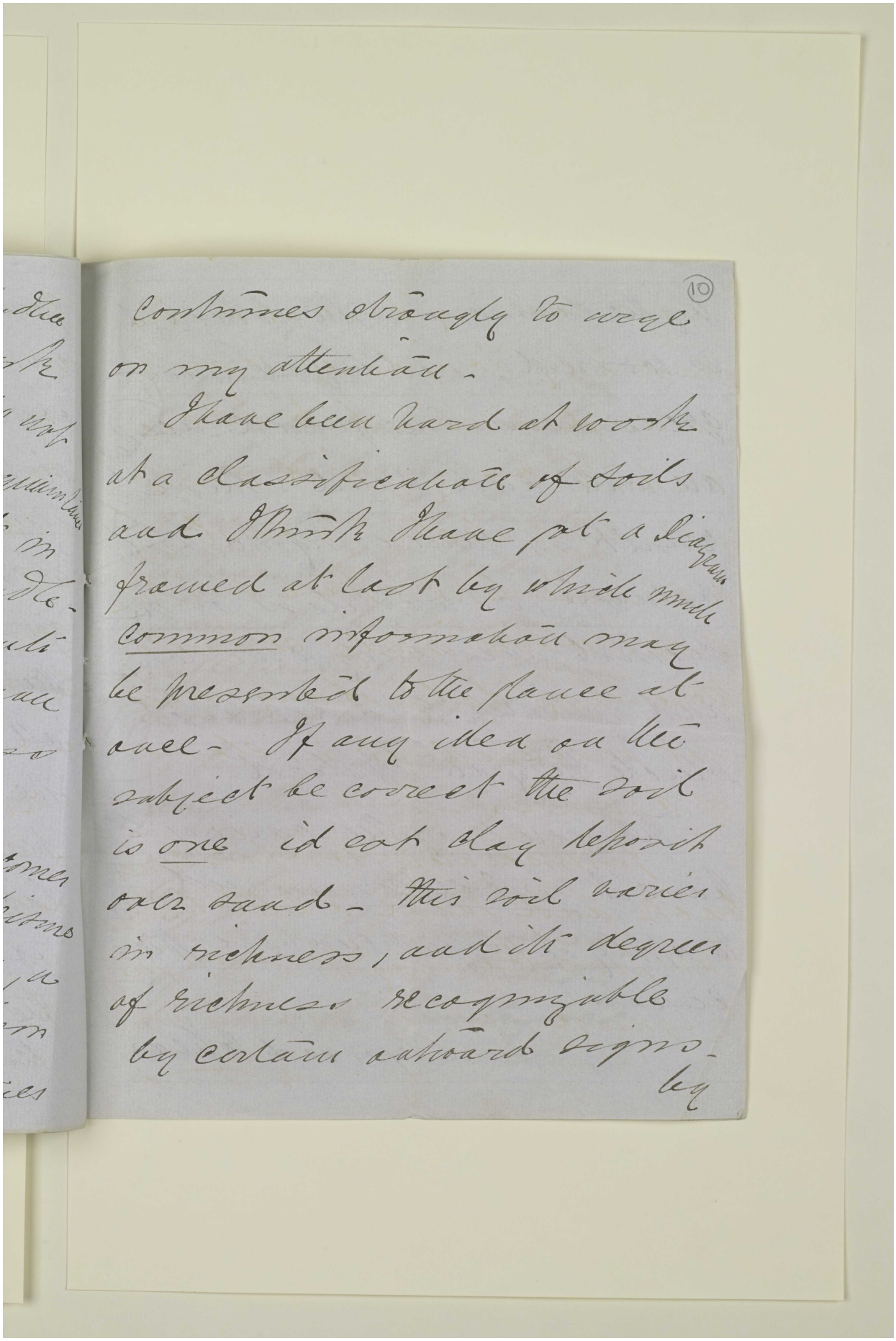
Thank



I have done my best at Sindhee
and any Sonjdaree work
is read in it.. but I do not
pretend to any great acquaintance
with the dialect - In fact in
a climate like upper Sindhee -
Either work itself exhausts
the energy daily of any man
not practised at his class
of business -

Immediately Cowpar comes
back and I have a little leisure
I propose learning Persian, a
language, which Rawlinson

continues



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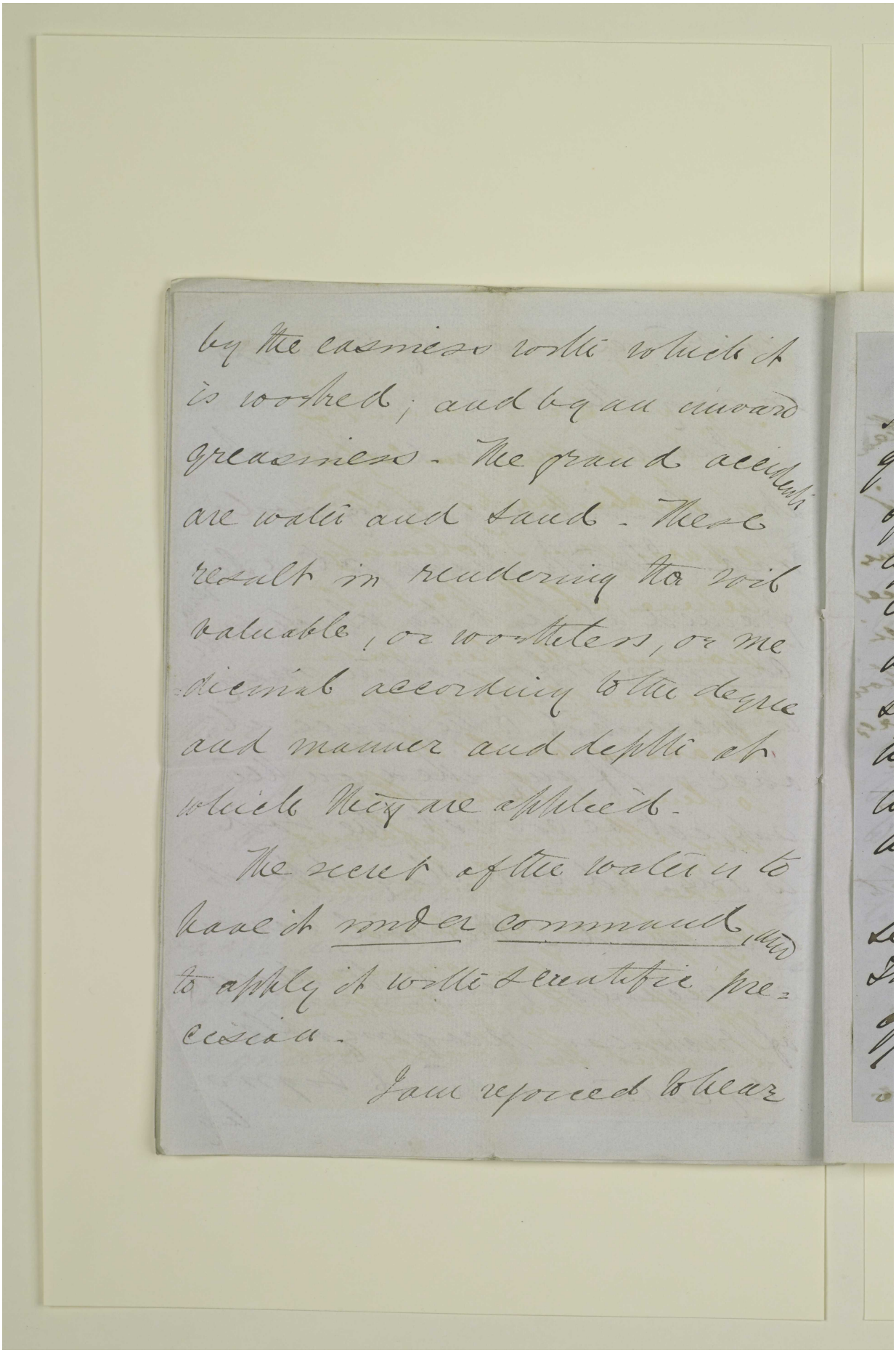
continues strongly to urge
on my attention.

I have been hard at work
at a classification of soils
and I think I have got a diagram
framed at last by which much
common information may
be presented to the face at
once. If any idea on the
subject be correct the soil
is one id est clay beneath
over sand. This soil varies
in richness, and its degree
of richness recognizable
by certain outward signs.

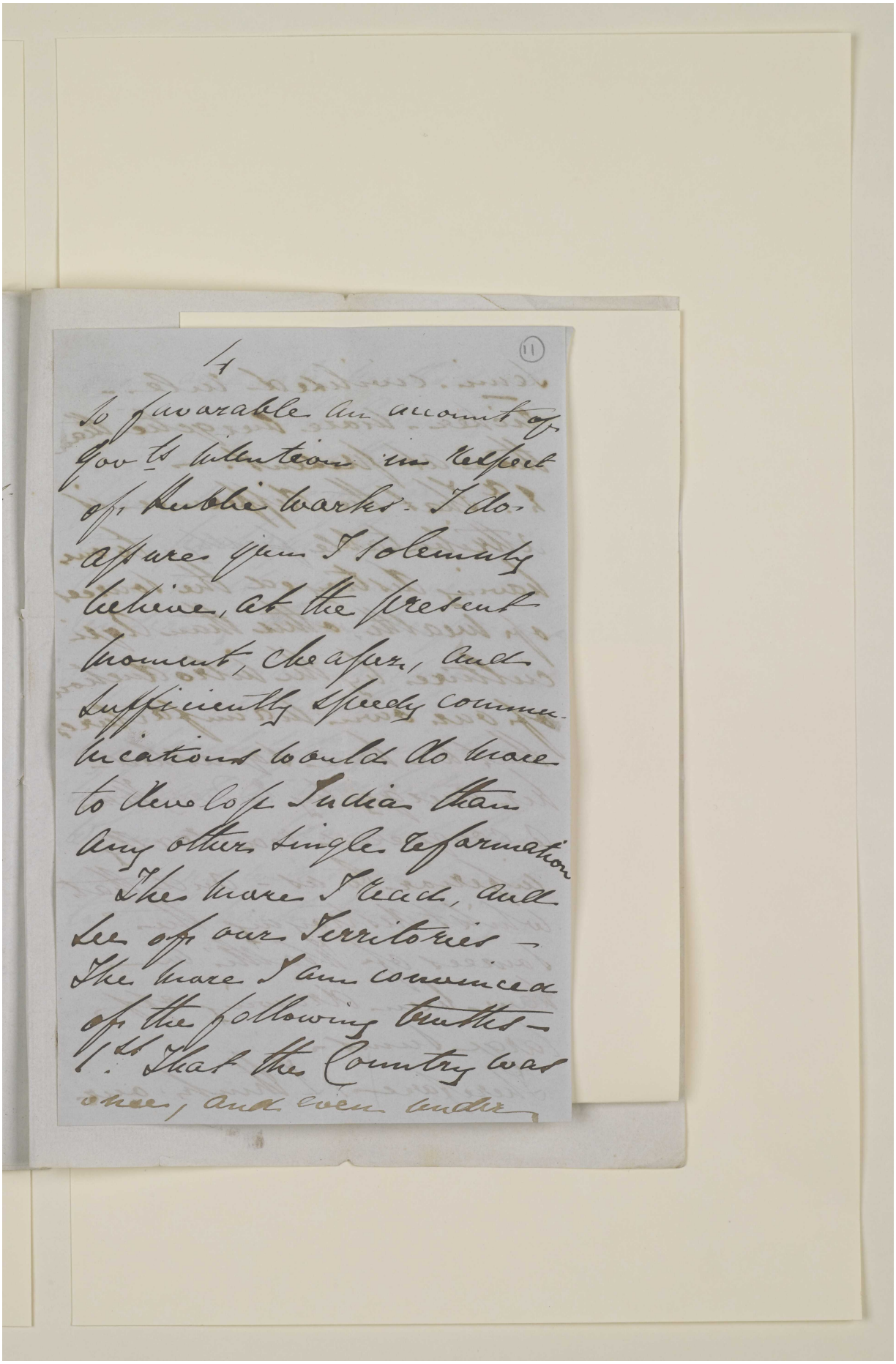
by



by the easiness with which it is worked; and by an inward greasiness. The grand accidents are water and sand. These result in rendering the soil valuable, or worthless, or medicinal according to the degree and manner and depth at which they are applied.

The secret of the water is to have it under command, and to apply it with scientific precision.

I am rejoiced to hear



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so favorable an account of
Govts intention in respect
of Public works. I do
assure you I solemnly
believe, at the present
moment, cheaper, and
sufficiently speedy commu-
nications would do more
to develop India than
any other single reformation
The more I read, and
see of our Territories —
The more I am convinced
of the following truths —
1st That the Country was
once, and even under

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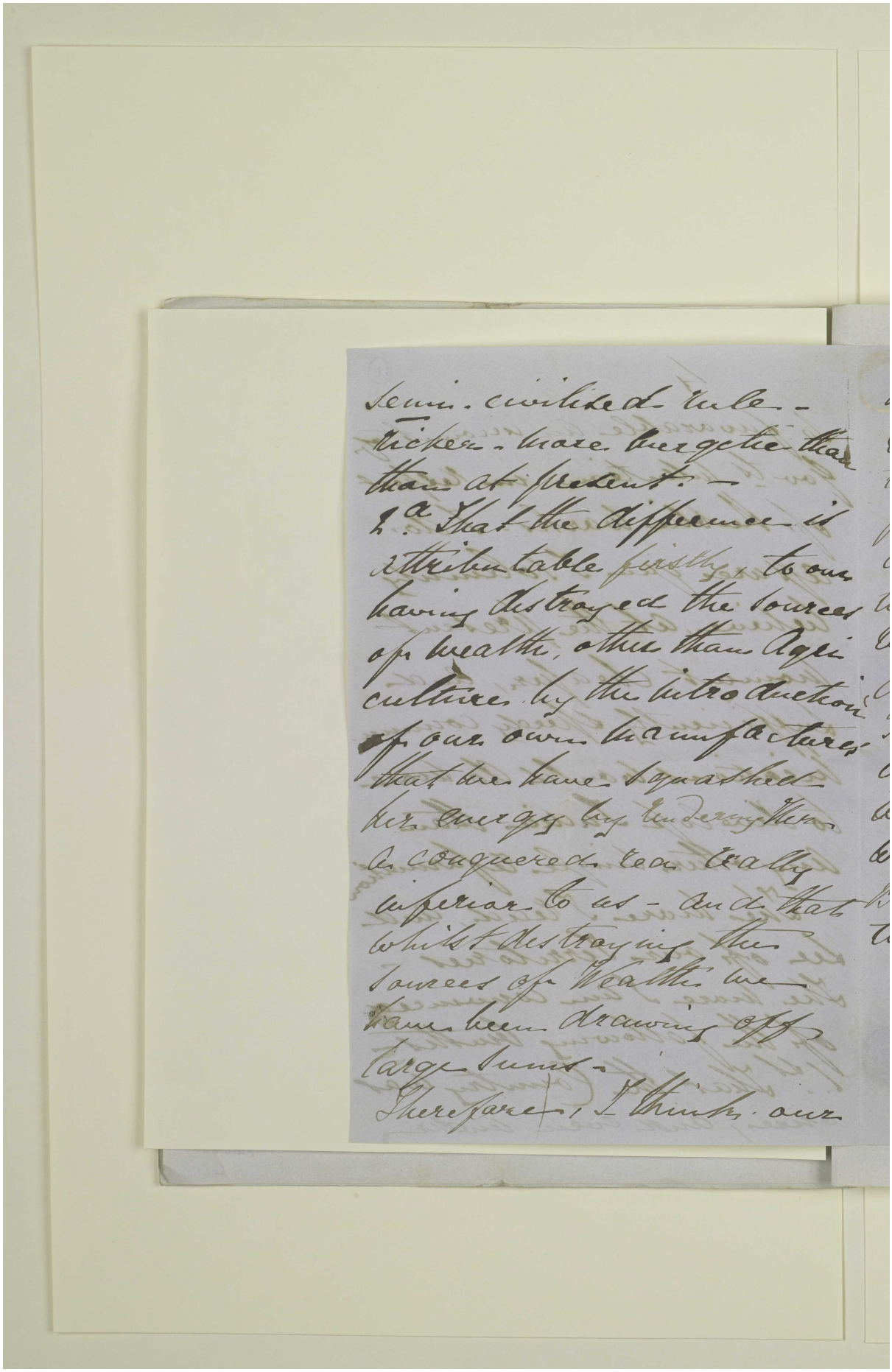

semi-civilised rule -
richer - more energetic than
than at present. -
2.a That the difference is
attributable firstly, to our
having destroyed the sources
of wealth, other than Agri
culture by the introduction
of our own manufactures
that we have squashed
her energy by rendering her
a conquered rea really
inferior to us - and that
whilst destroying the
sources of Wealth we
have been drawing off
large sums -
Therefore, I think our

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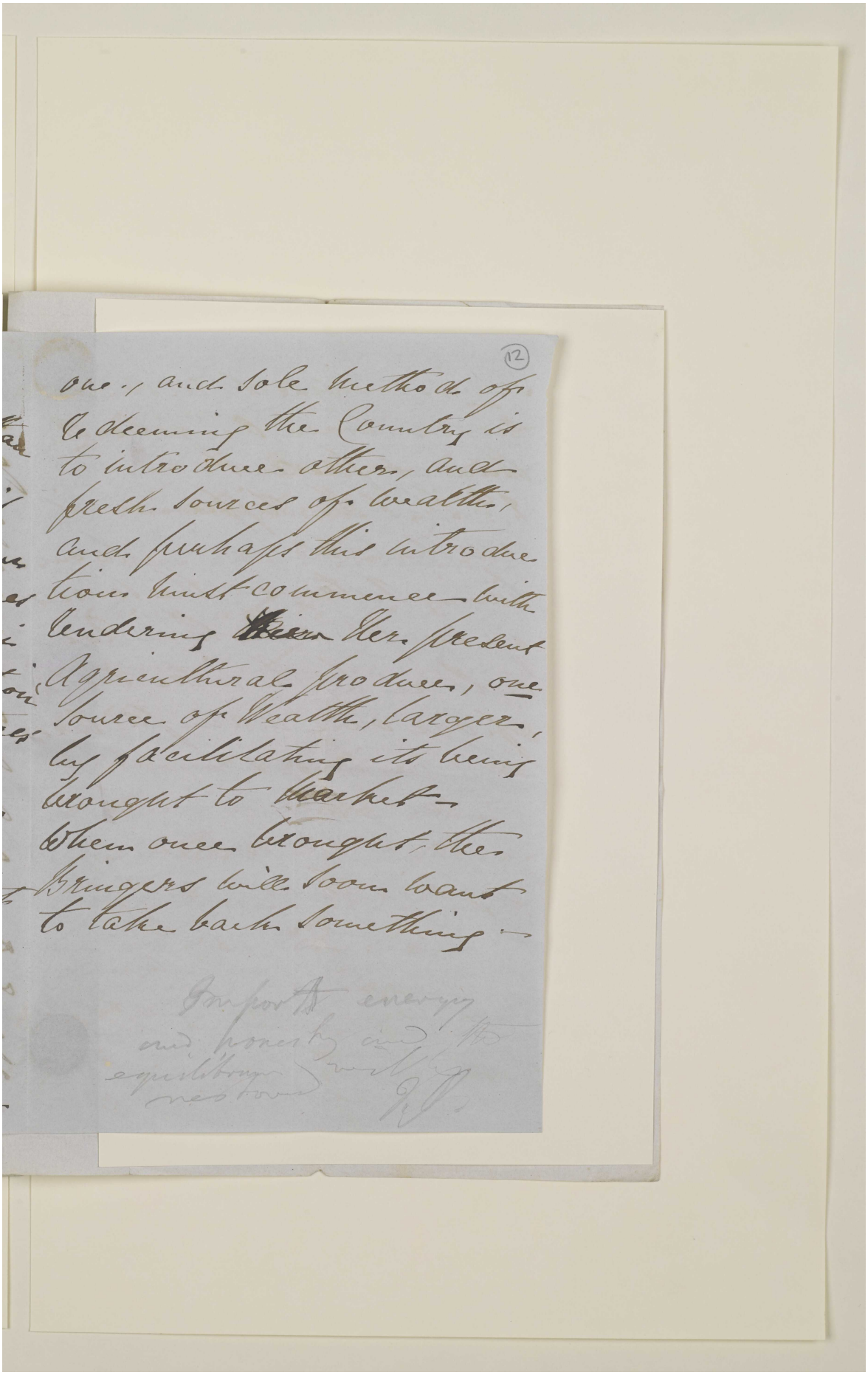
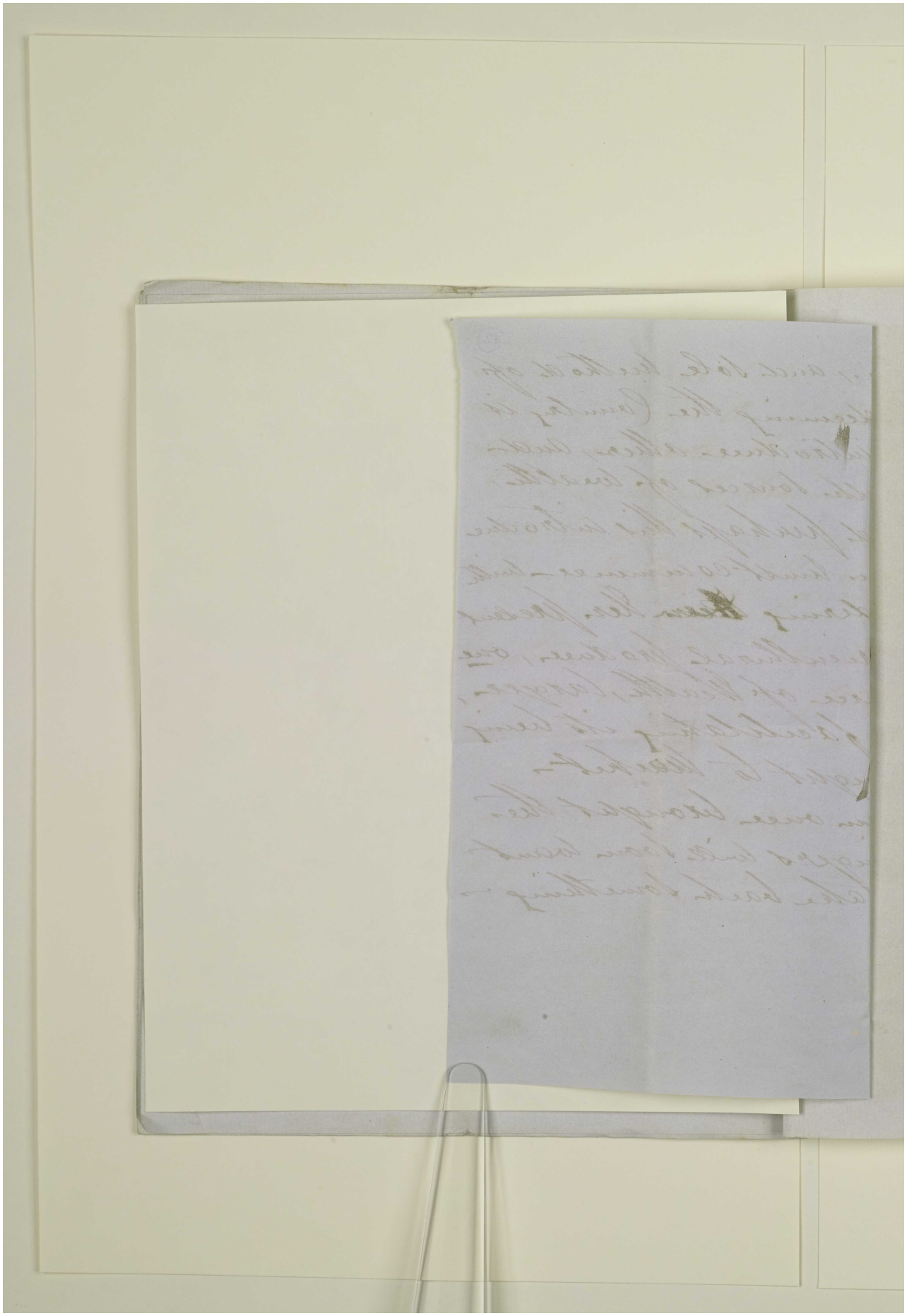


one, and sole method of
redeeming the Country is
to introduce other, and
fresh sources of wealth,
and perhaps this introduc-
tion must commence with
rendering [illegible] her present
Agricultural produce, one
source of Wealth, larger,
by facilitating its being
brought to Market.
When once brought, the
Bringers will soon want
to take back something.



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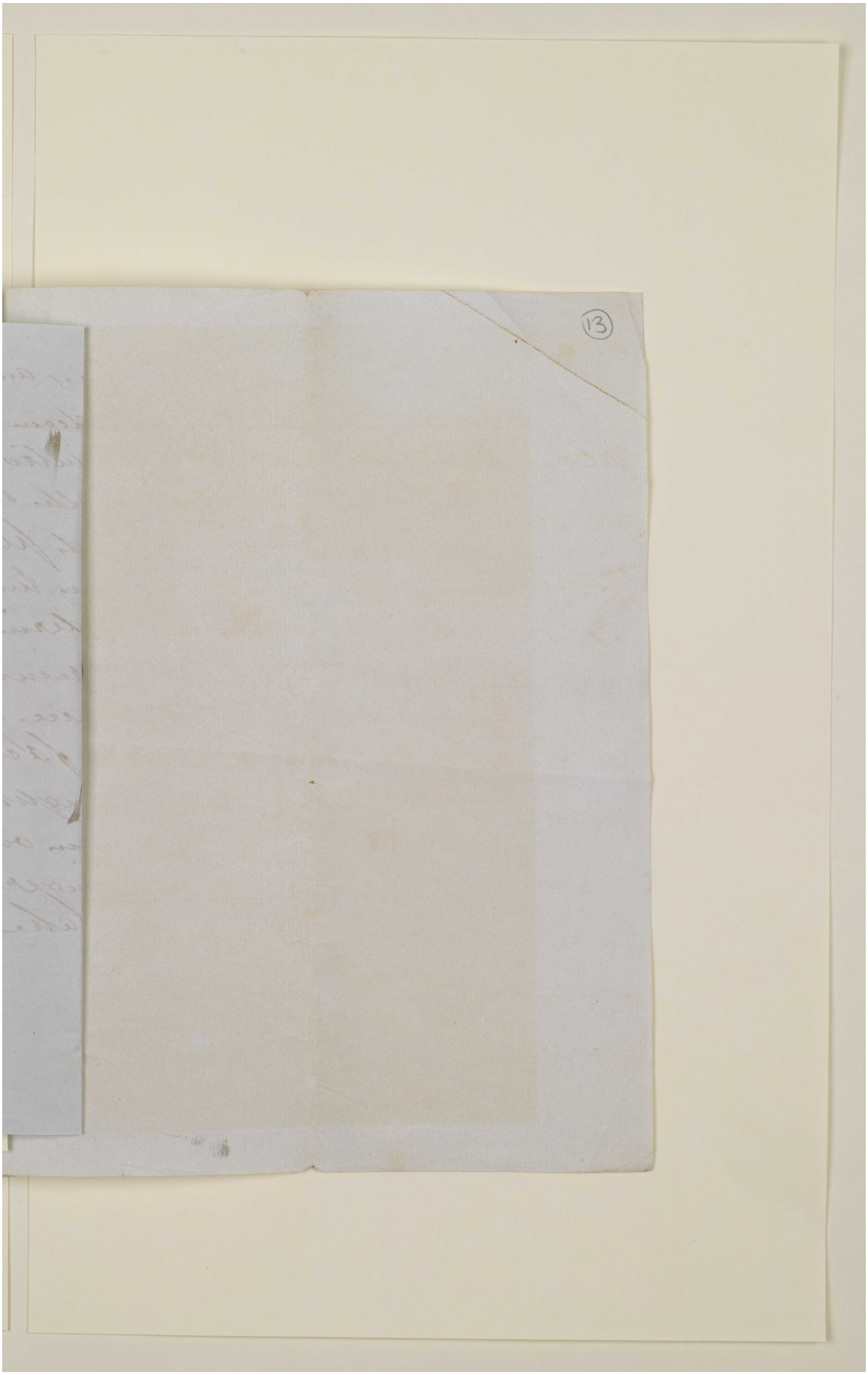

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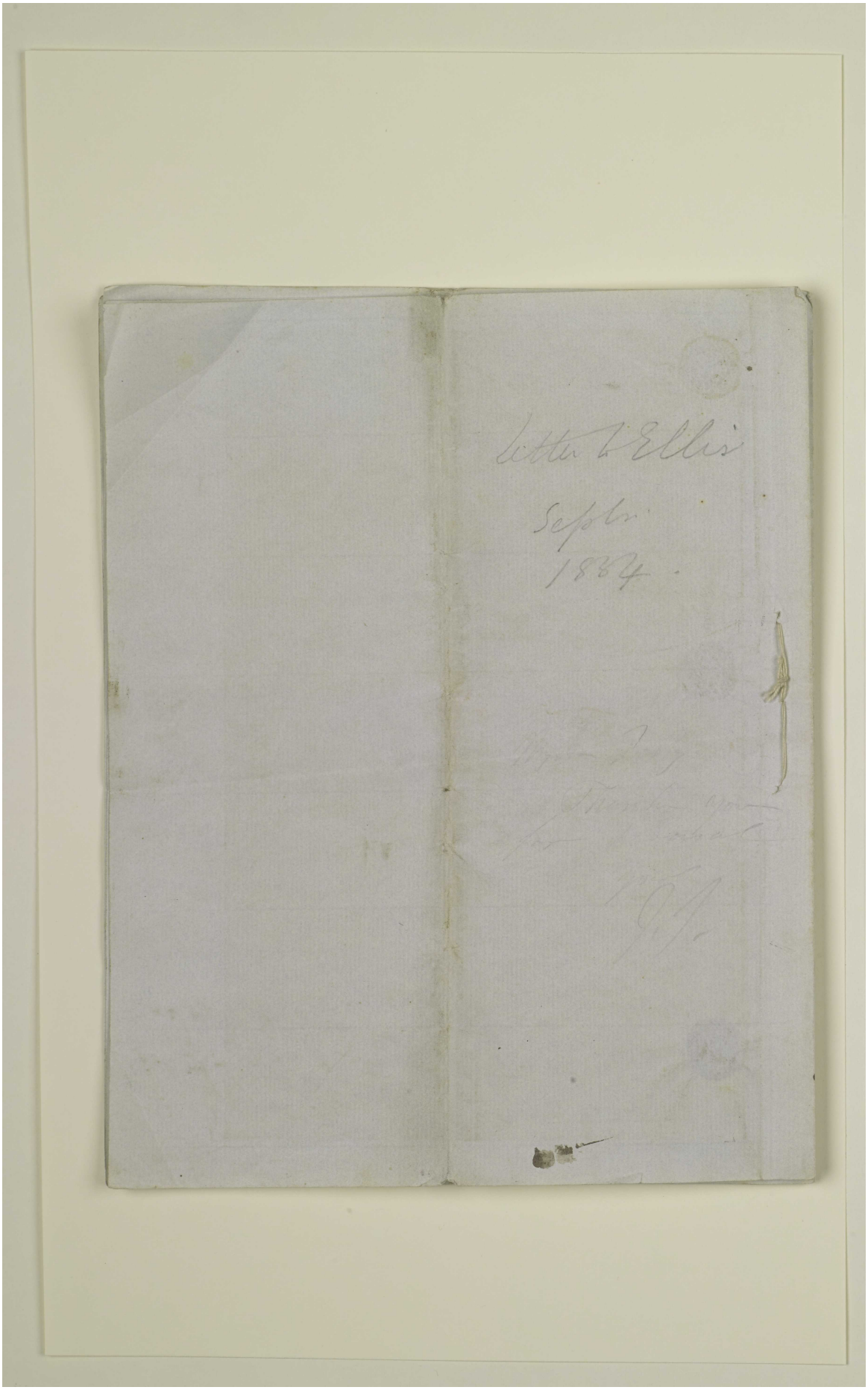

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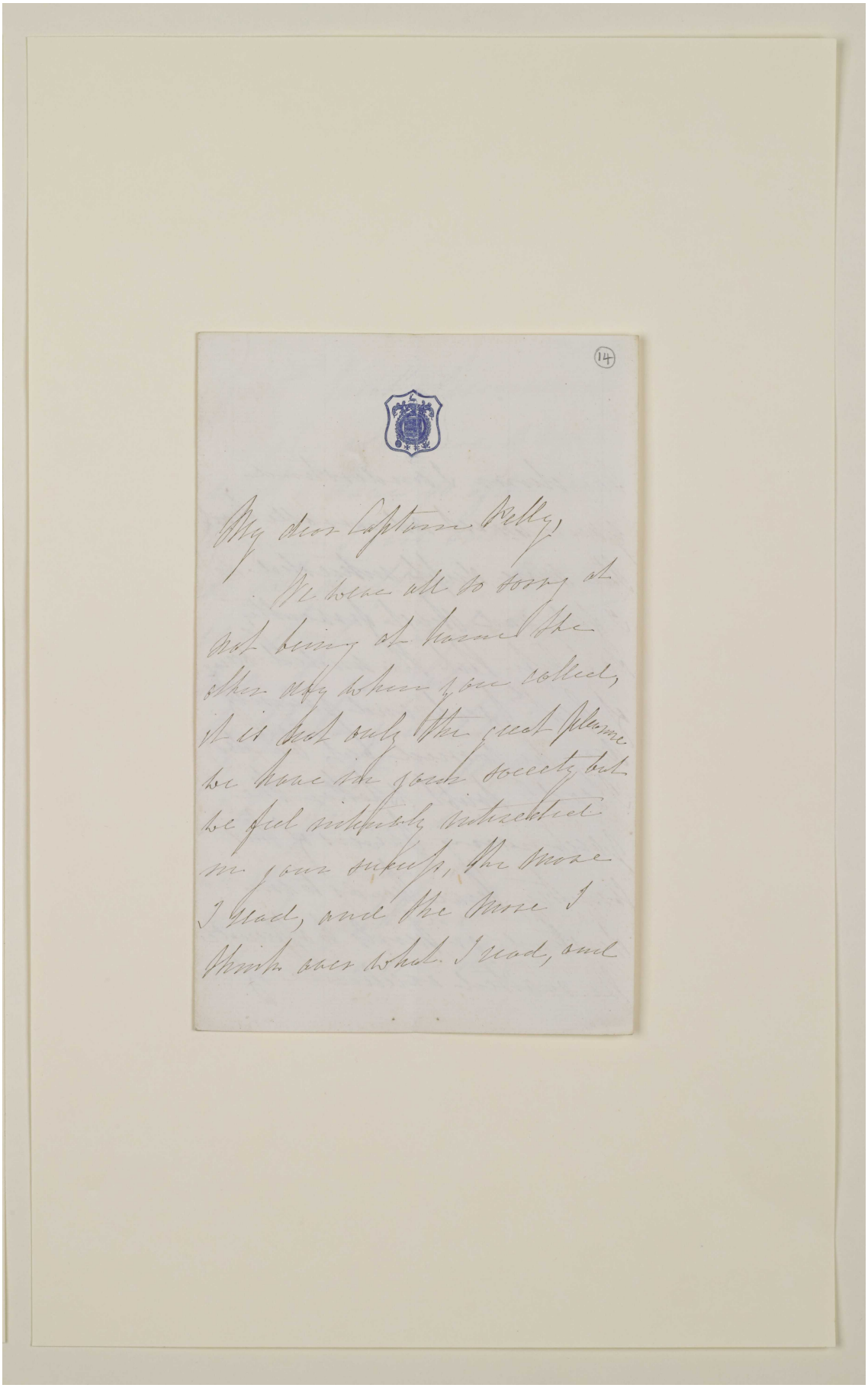

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My dear Captain Pelly,

We were all so sorry at not being at home the other day when you called, it is not only the great pleasure we have in your society but we feel intensely interested in your success, the more I read, and the more I think over what I read, and

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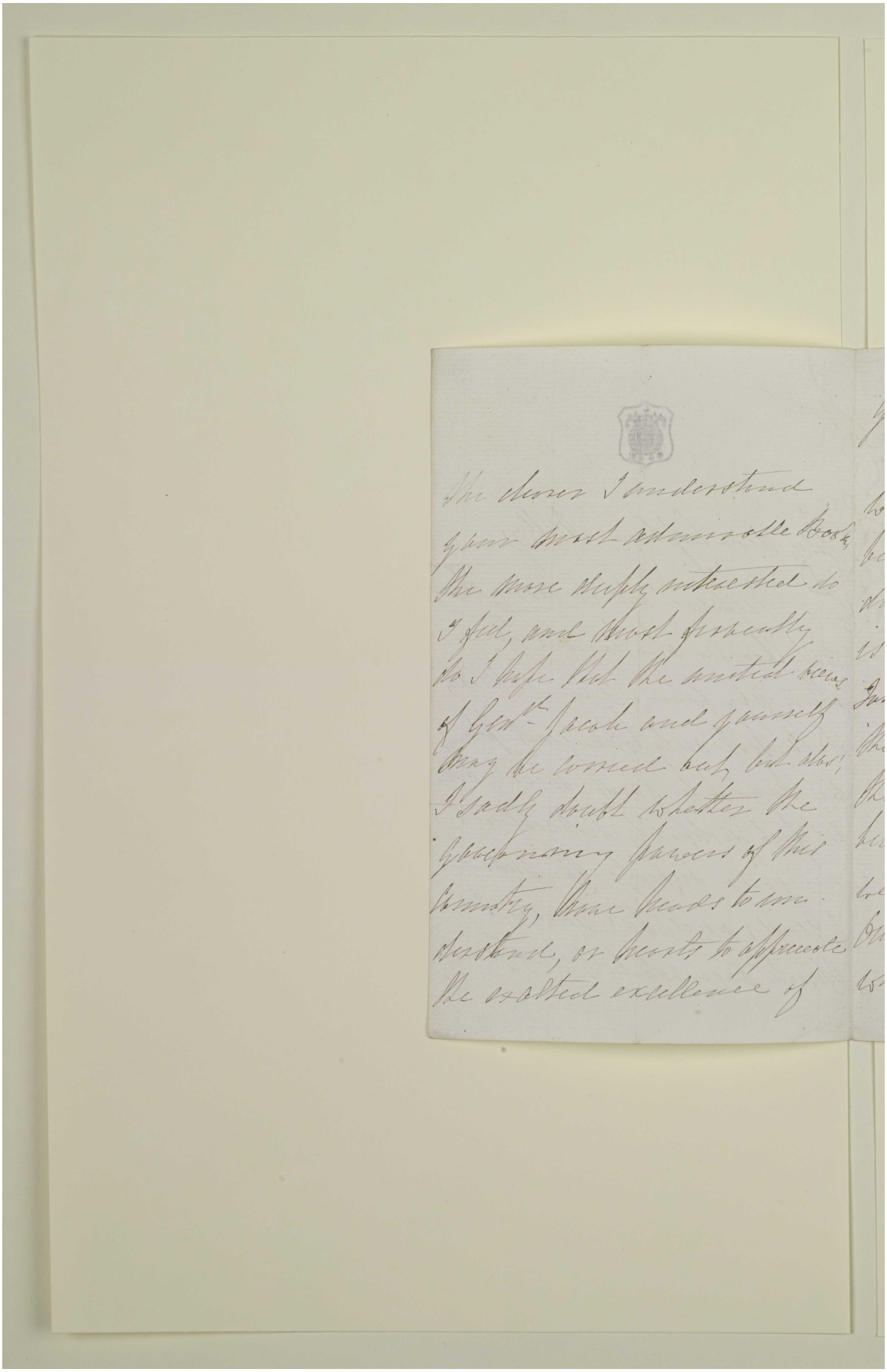

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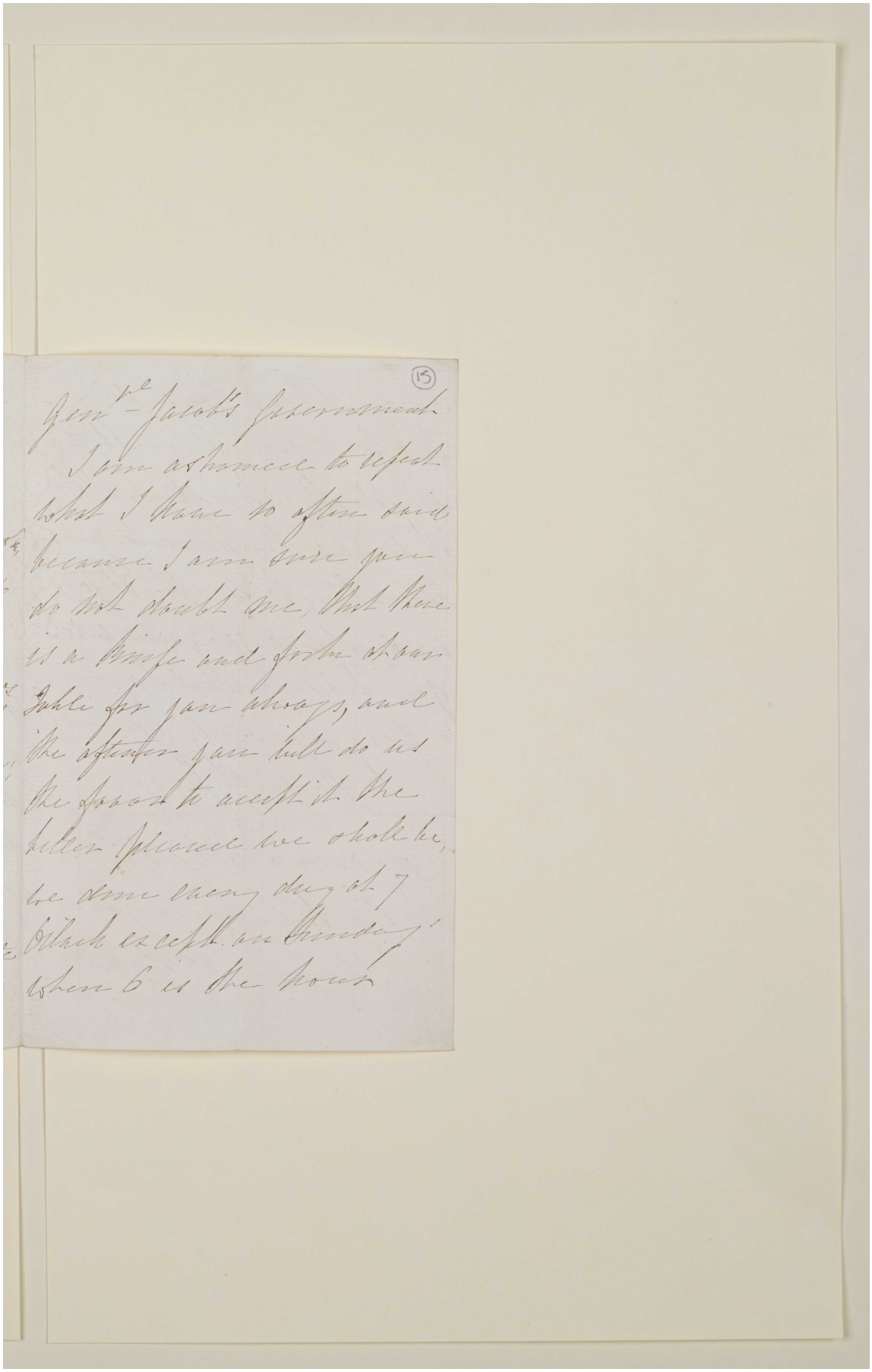

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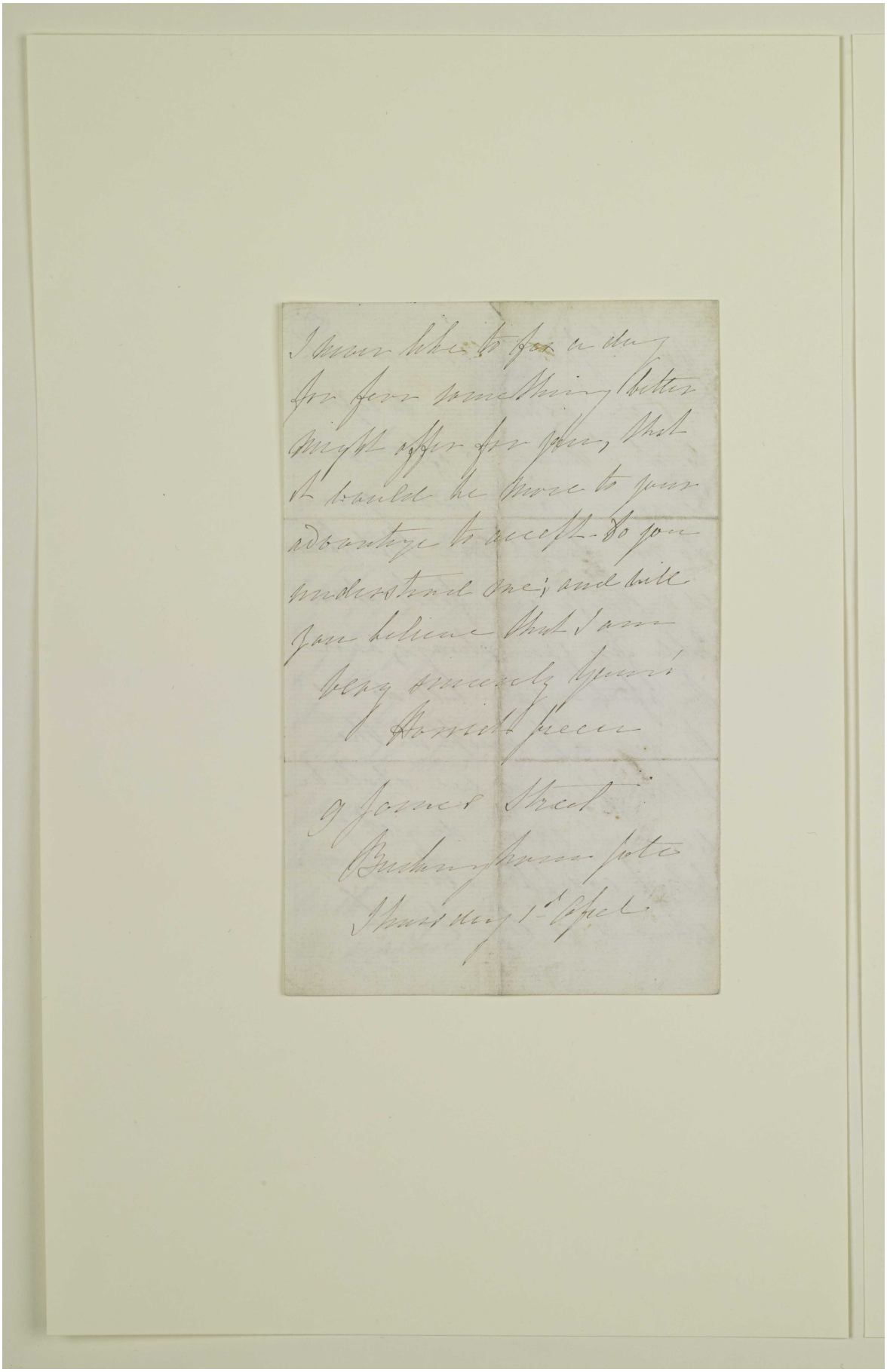
I am ashamed to repeat what I have so often said because I am sure you do not doubt me, that there is a knife and fork at our Table for you always, and the oftener you will do us the favor to accept it the better pleased we shall be, we dine every day at 7 O'clock except on Sunday when 6 is the hour



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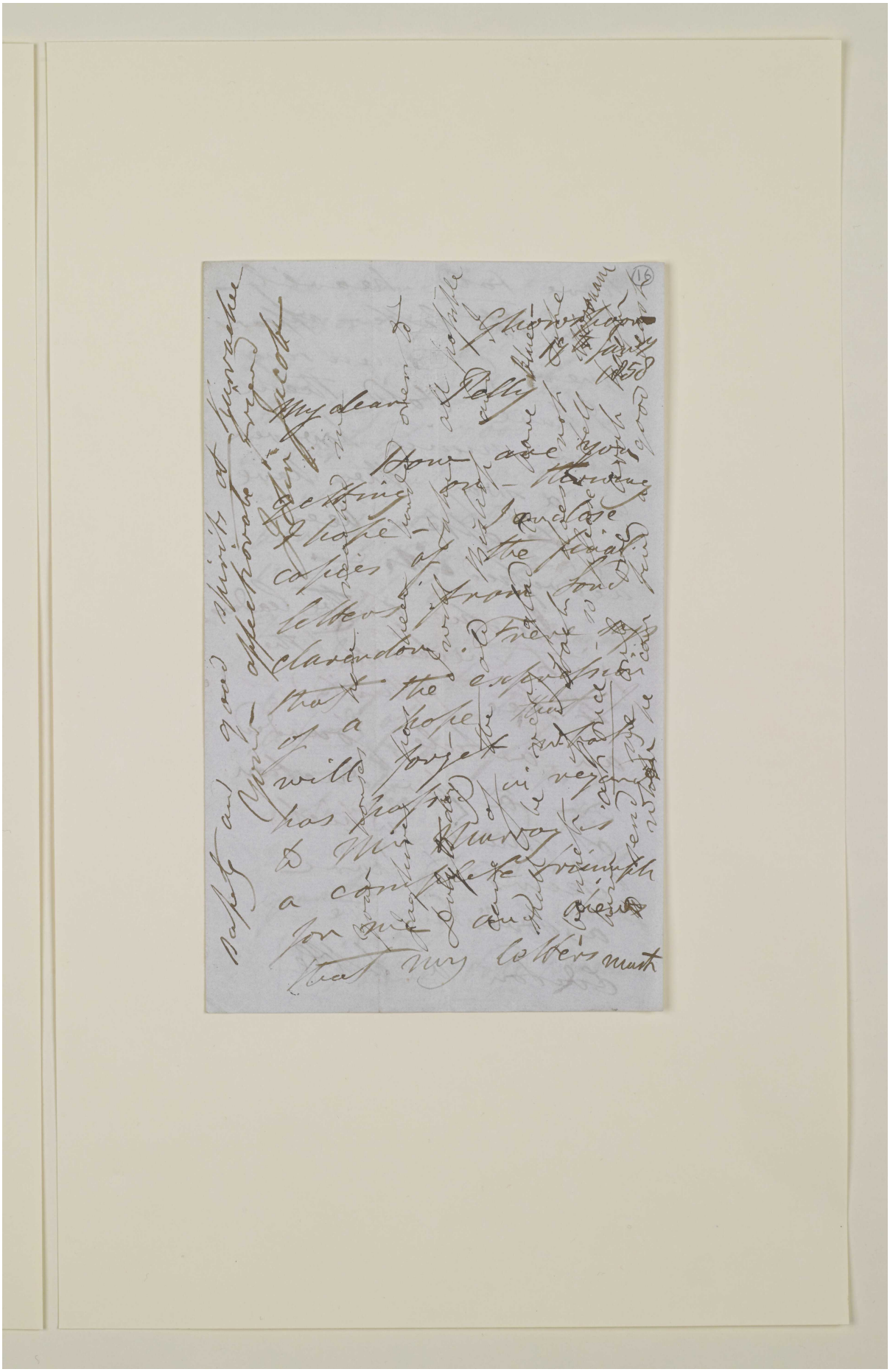

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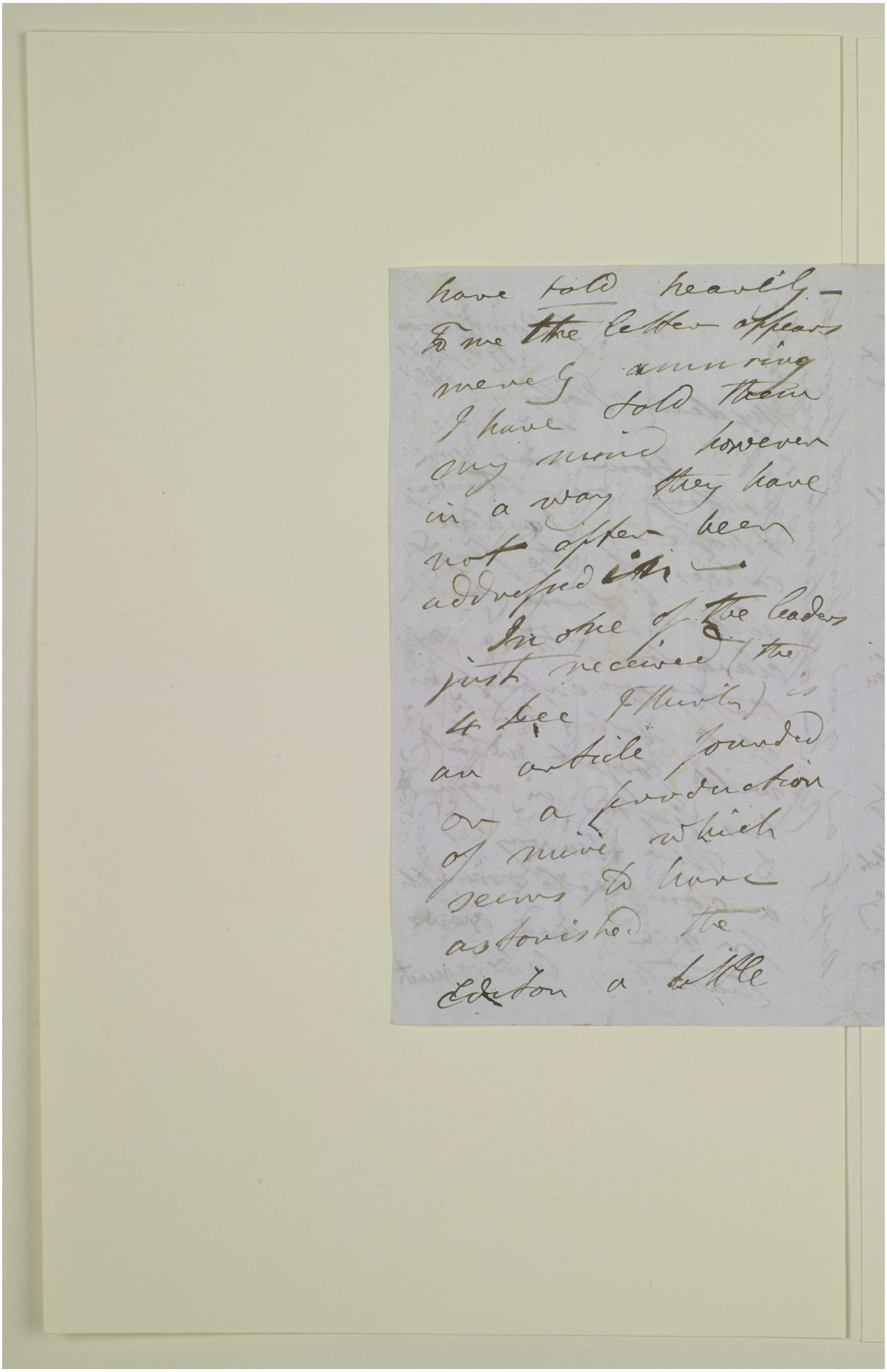
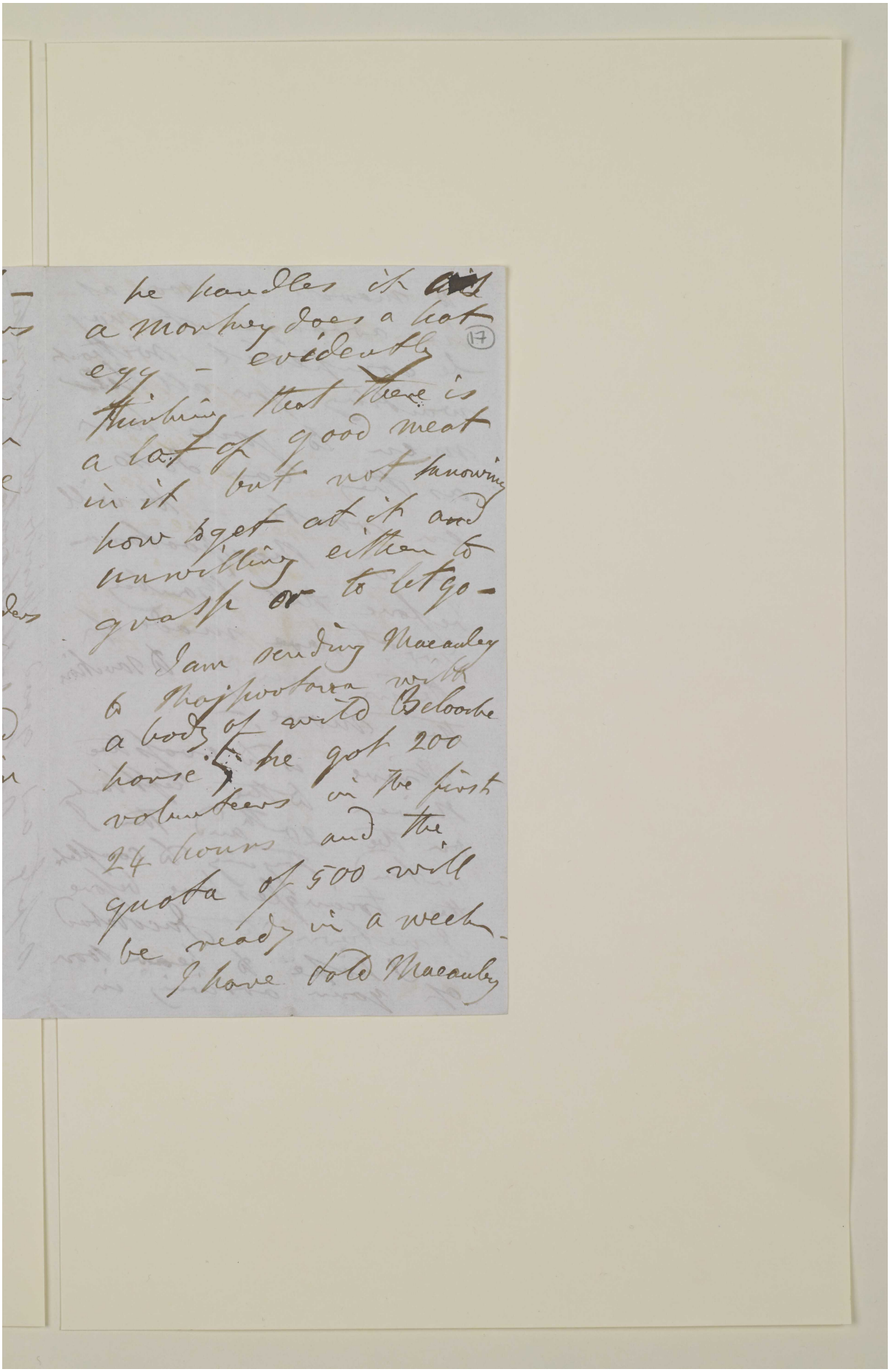


have told heavily —
To me the letter appears
merely amusing
I have told them
my mind however
in a way they have
not often been
addressed in —
In one of the leaders
just received (the
4 Dec I think) is
an article founded
on a production
of mine which
seems to have
astonished the
Editor a little



he handles it and
a monkey does a hot
egg - evidently
thinking that there is
a lot of good meat
in it but not knowing
how to get at it and
unwilling either to
grasp or to let go -

I am sending Macaulay
to Majpootana with
a body of wild Beloochee
horse; he got 200
volunteers in the first
24 hours and the
quota of 500 will
be ready in a week -
I have told Macaulay

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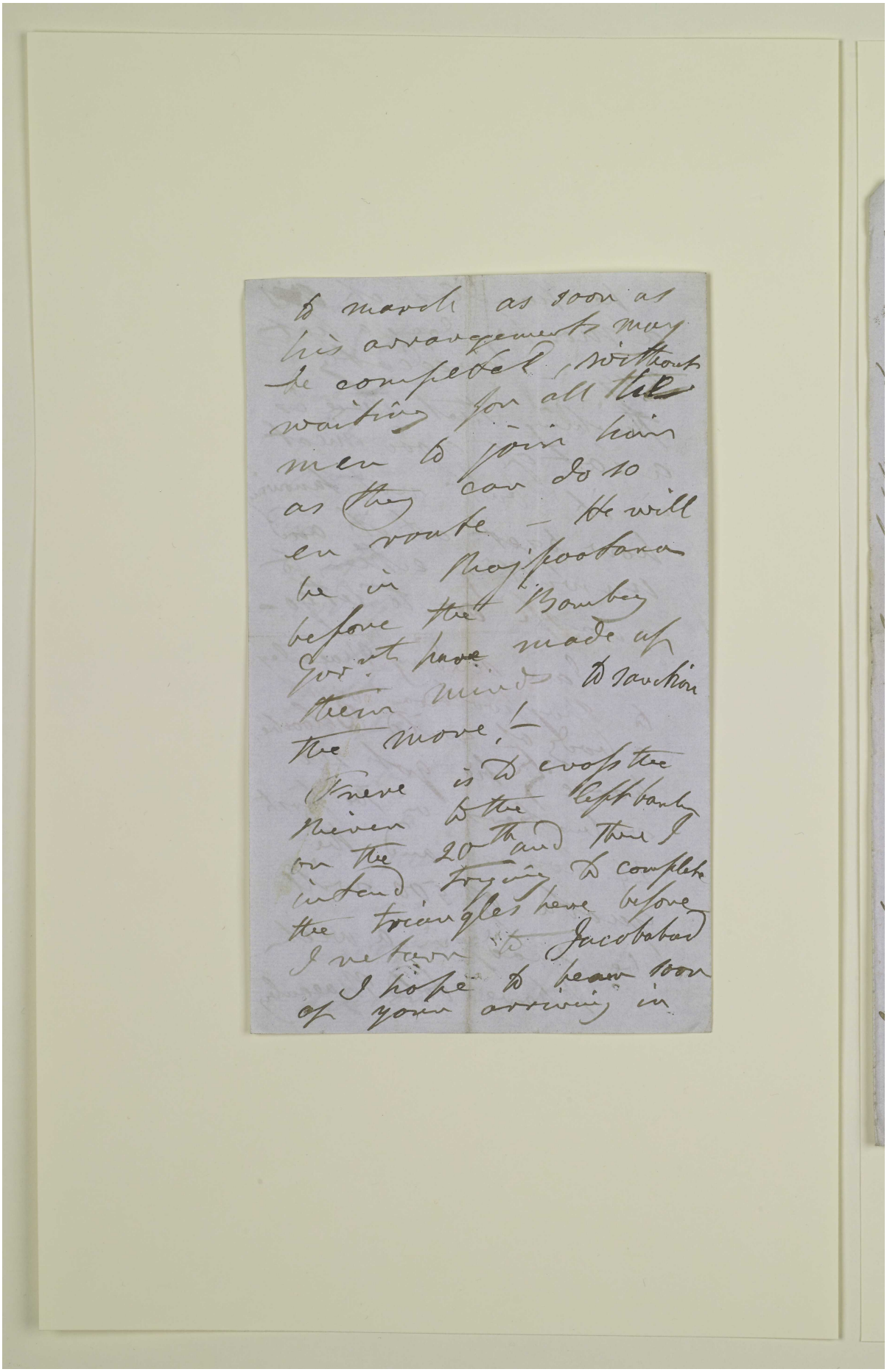

to march as soon as
his arrangements may
be completed, without
waiting for all the
men to join him
as they can do so
en route — He will
be in Rajpootana
before the Bombay
Govt. have made up
their minds to sanction
the move! —
There is to cross the
Sheren to the left bank
on the 20th and there I
intend trying to complete
the triangles here before
I return to Jacobabad
I hope to hear soon
of your arriving in

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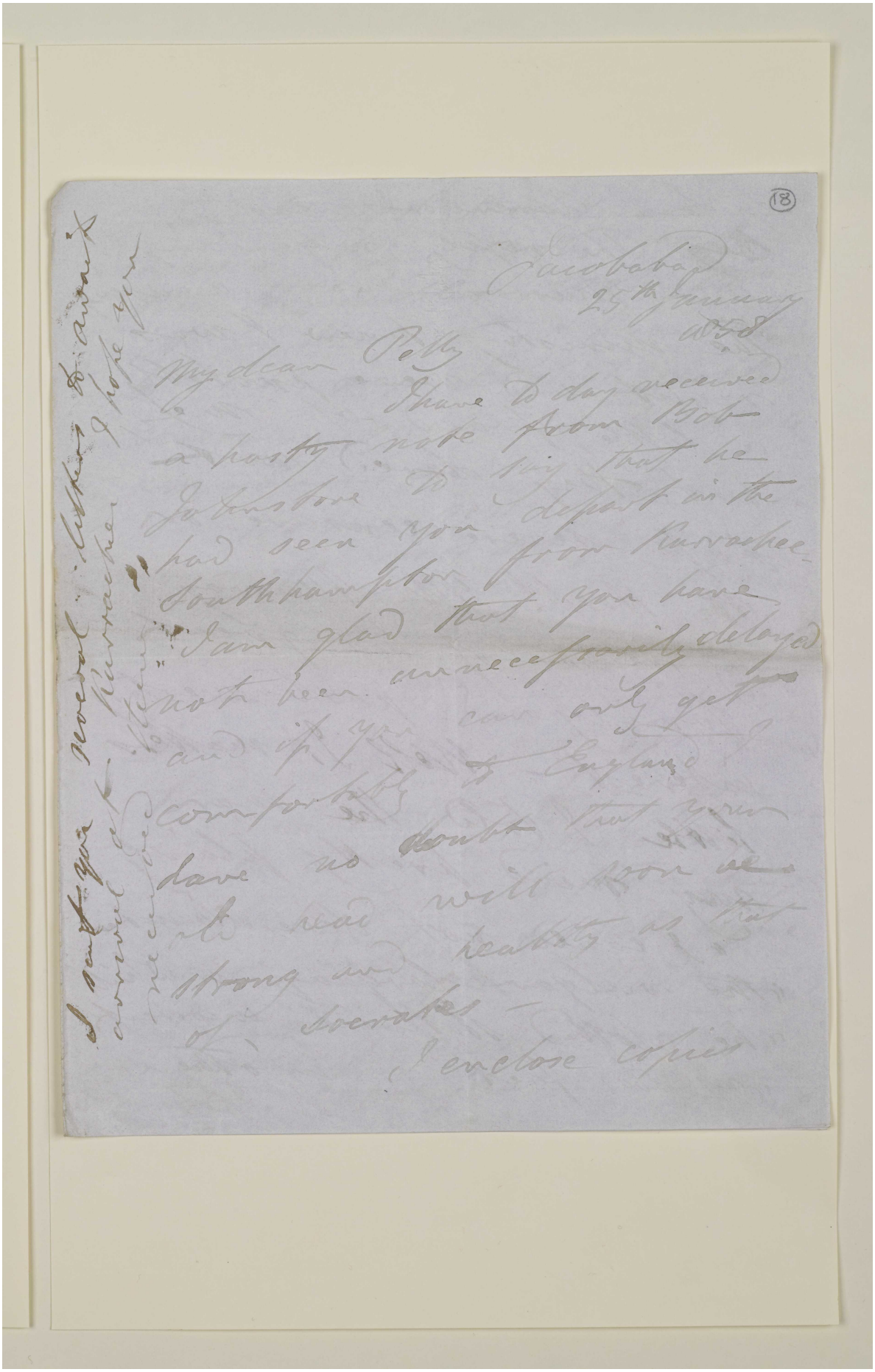

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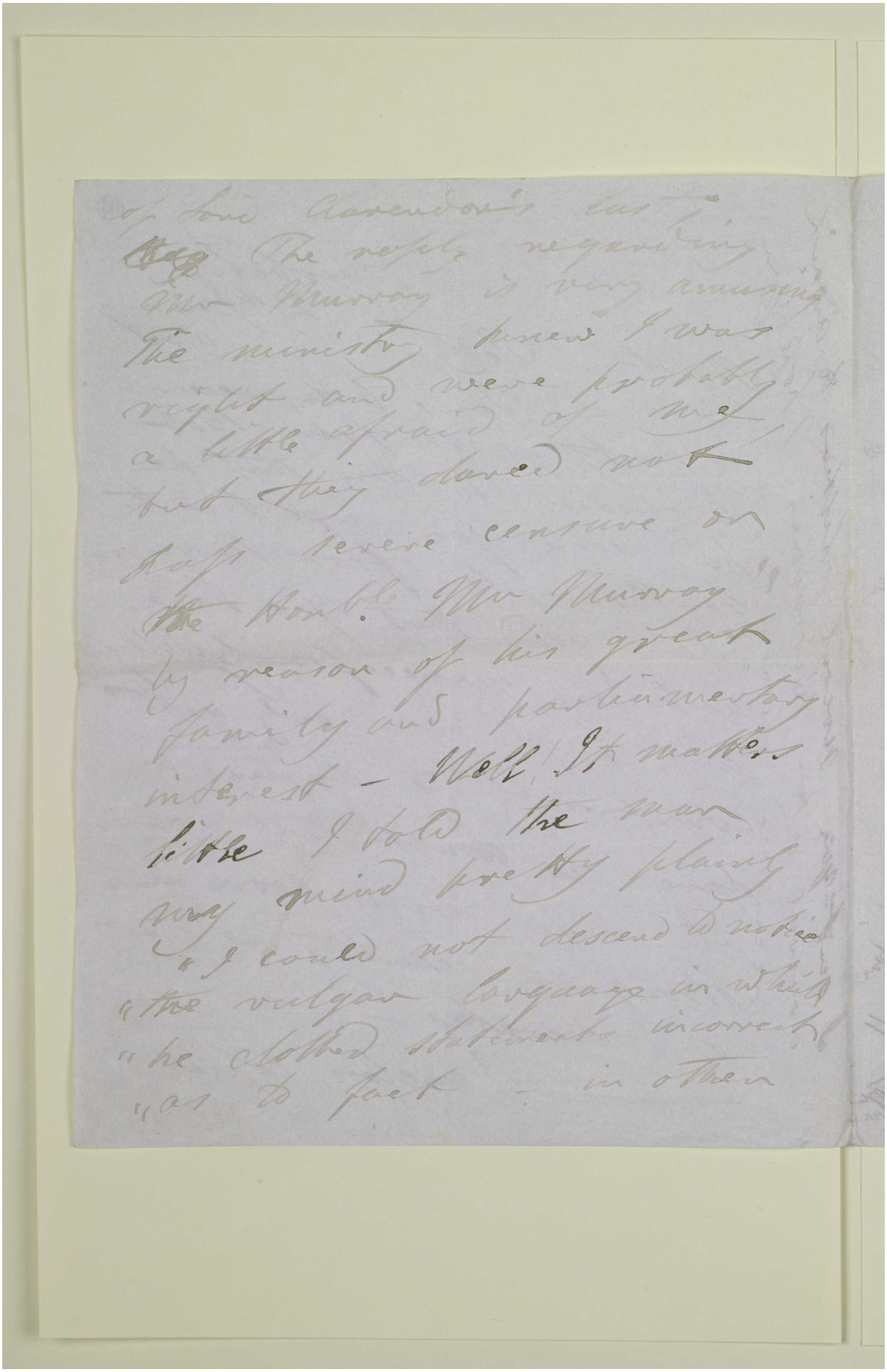

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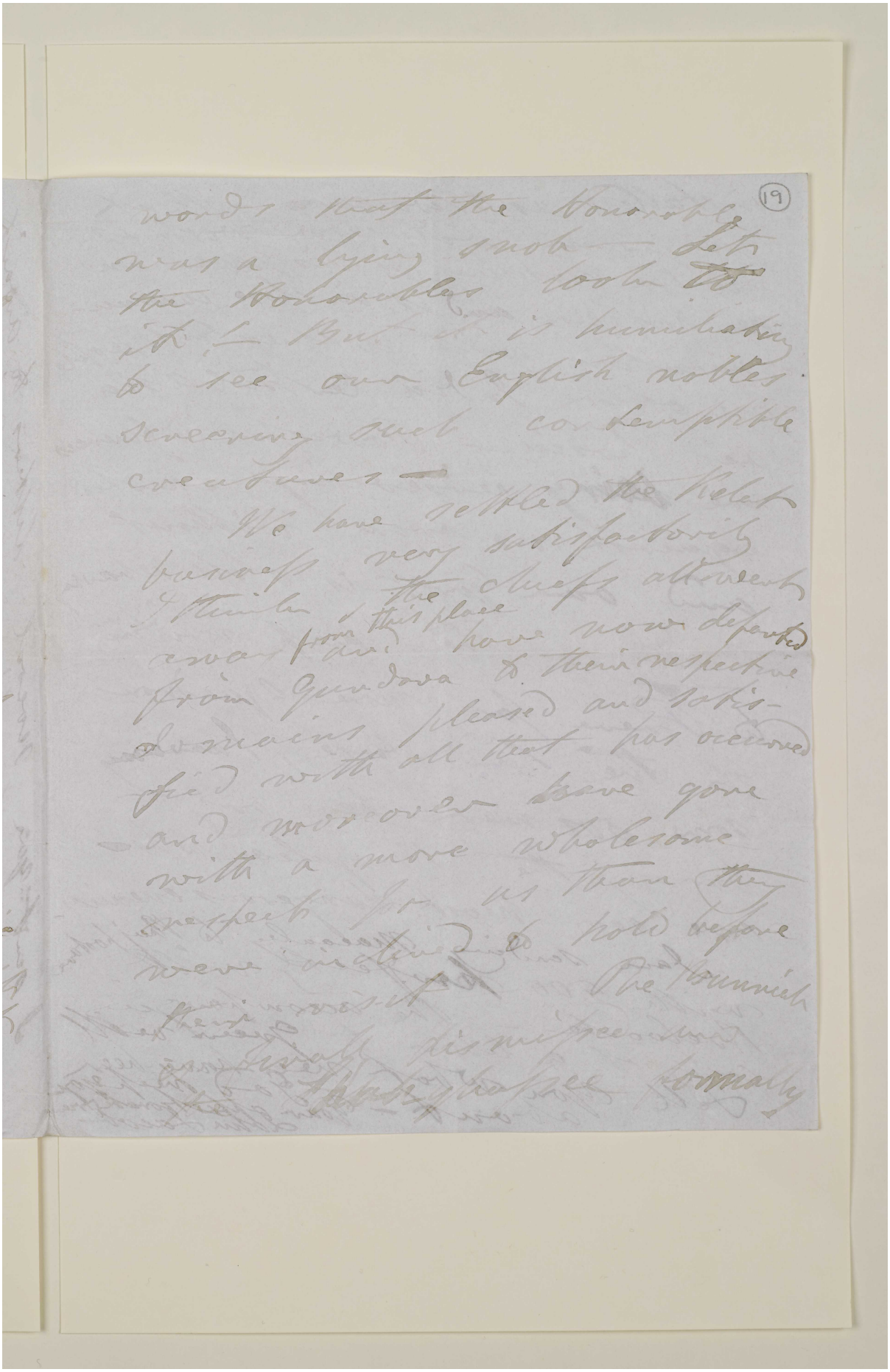

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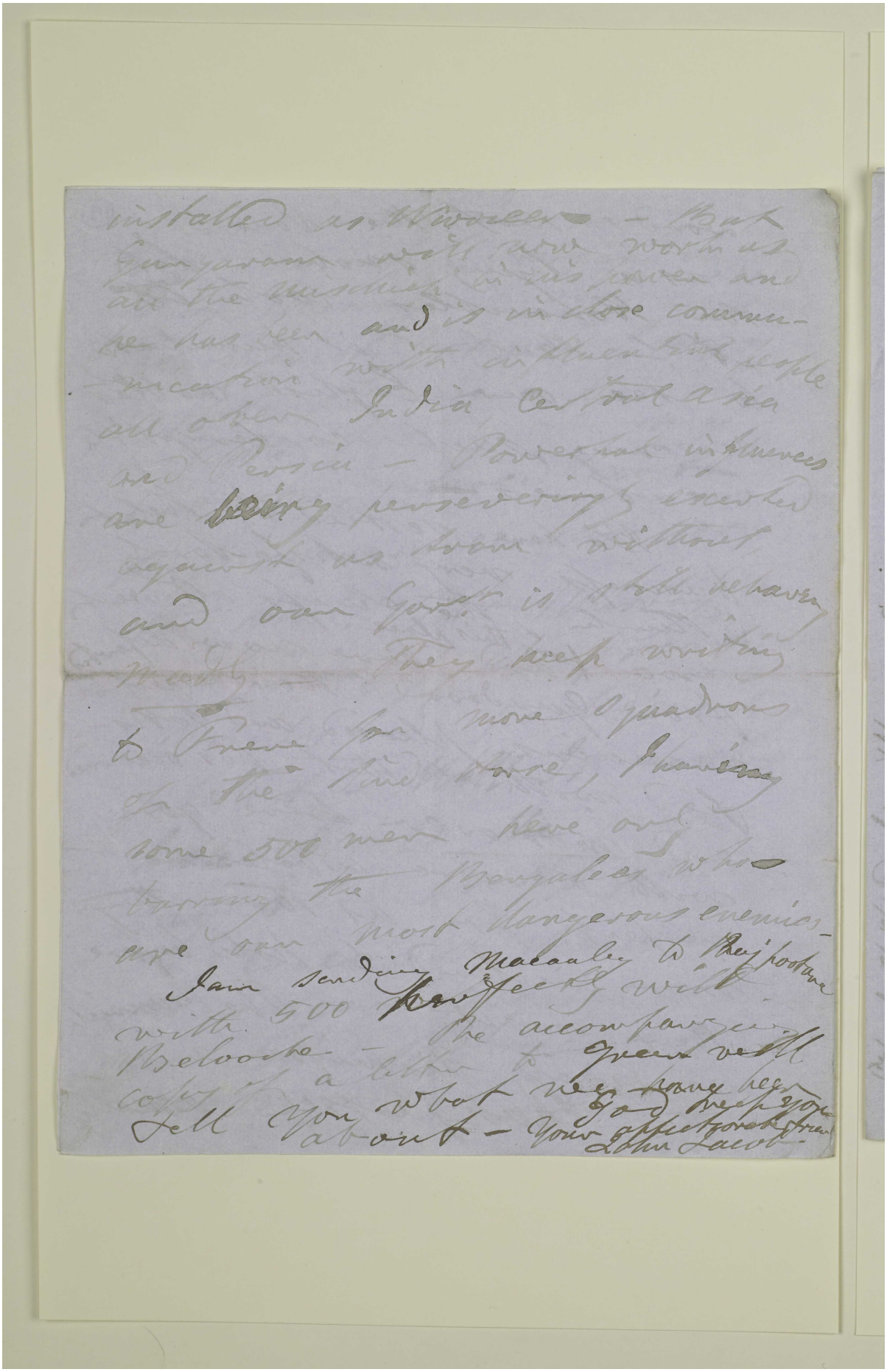

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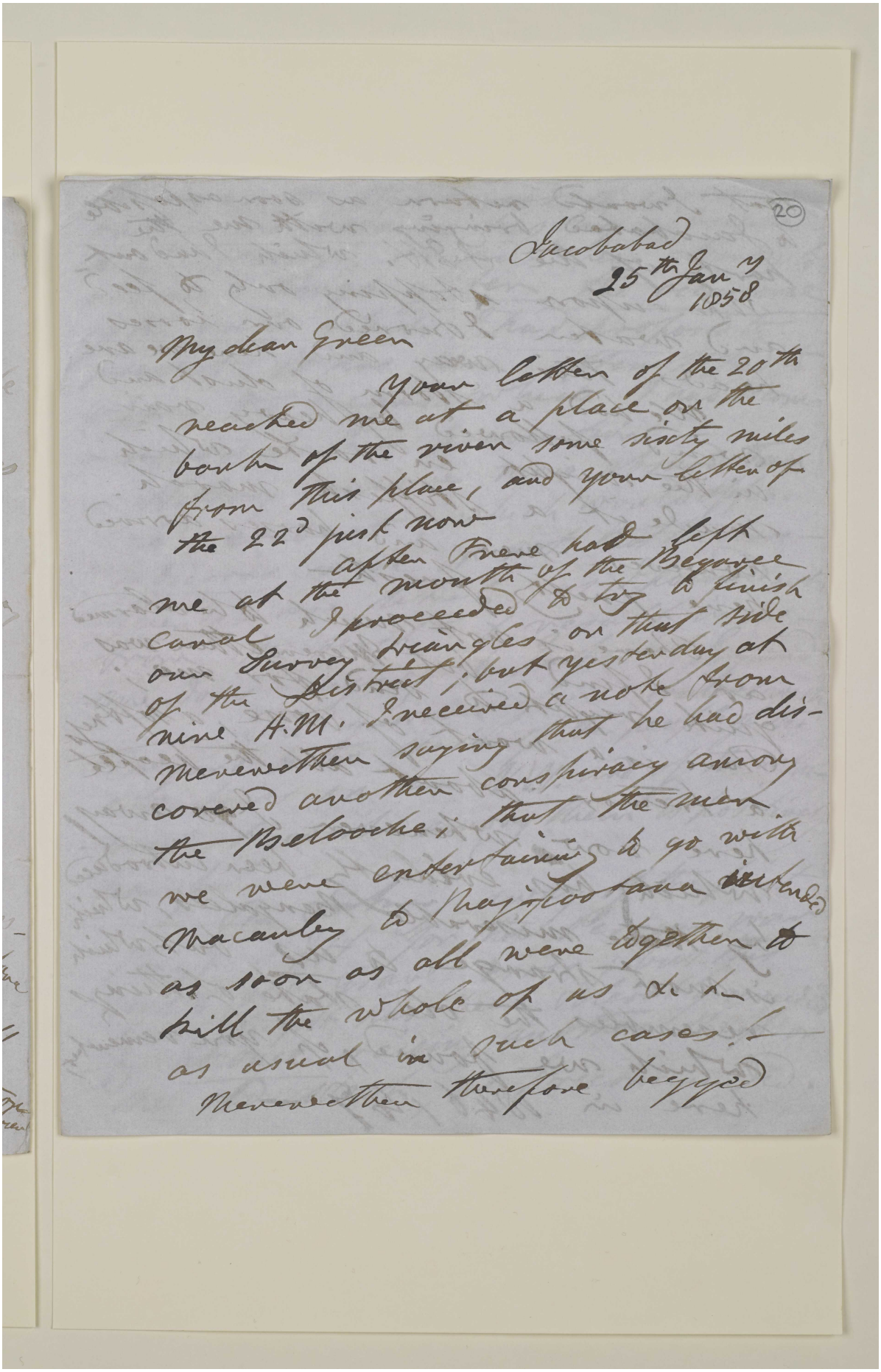


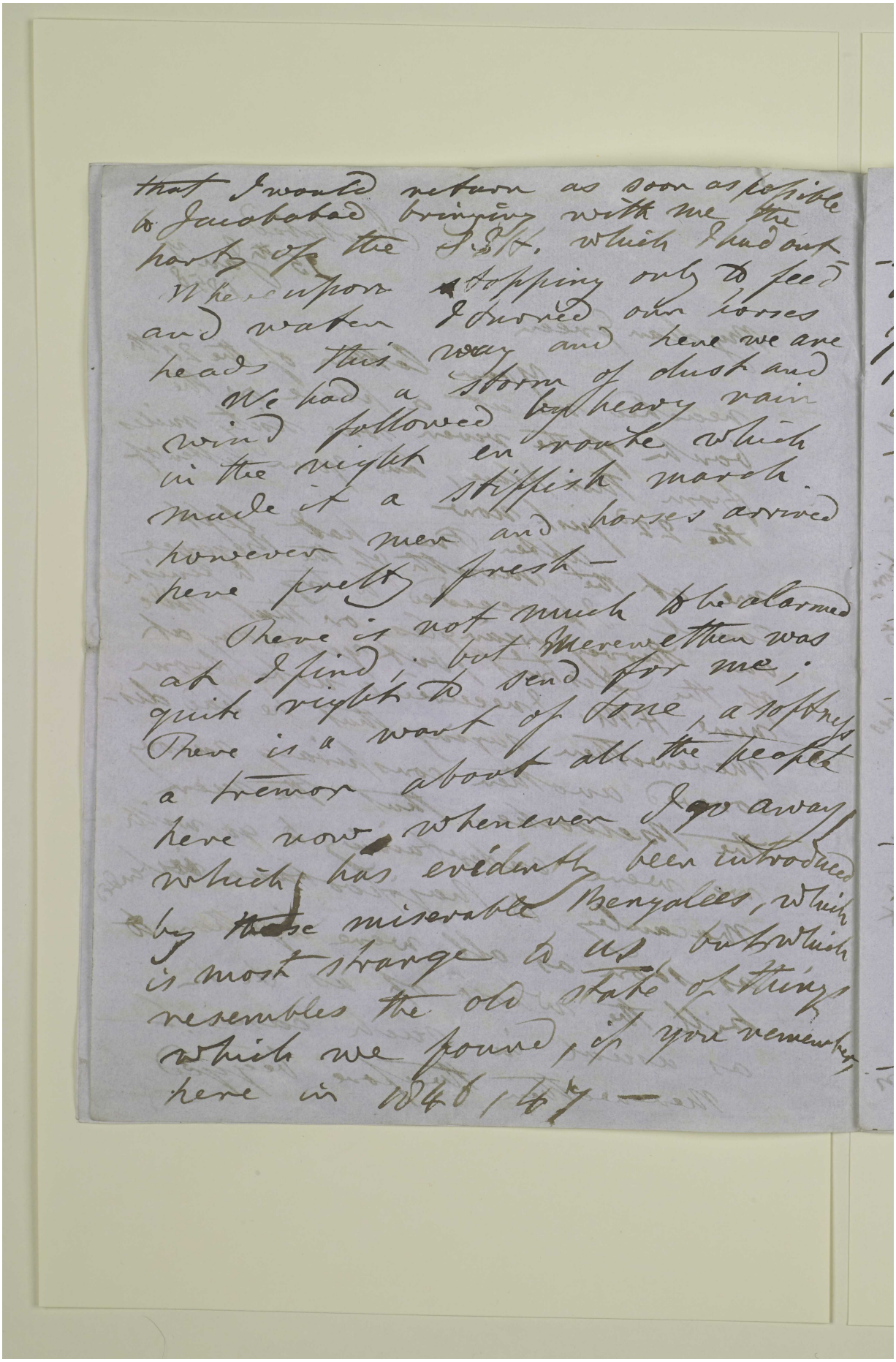
Jacobabad
25th Jany
1858

My dear Green

Your letter of the 20th reached me at a place on the bank of the river some sixty miles from this place, and your letter of the 22d just now

After Frere had left me at the mouth of the Begaree canal I proceeded to try to finish our Survey triangles on that side of the District; but yesterday at nine A.M. I received a note from Merewethen saying that he had discovered another conspiracy among the Belooche; that the men we were entertaining to go with Macauley to Rajpootana intended as soon as all were together to kill the whole of us &c &c as usual in such cases.

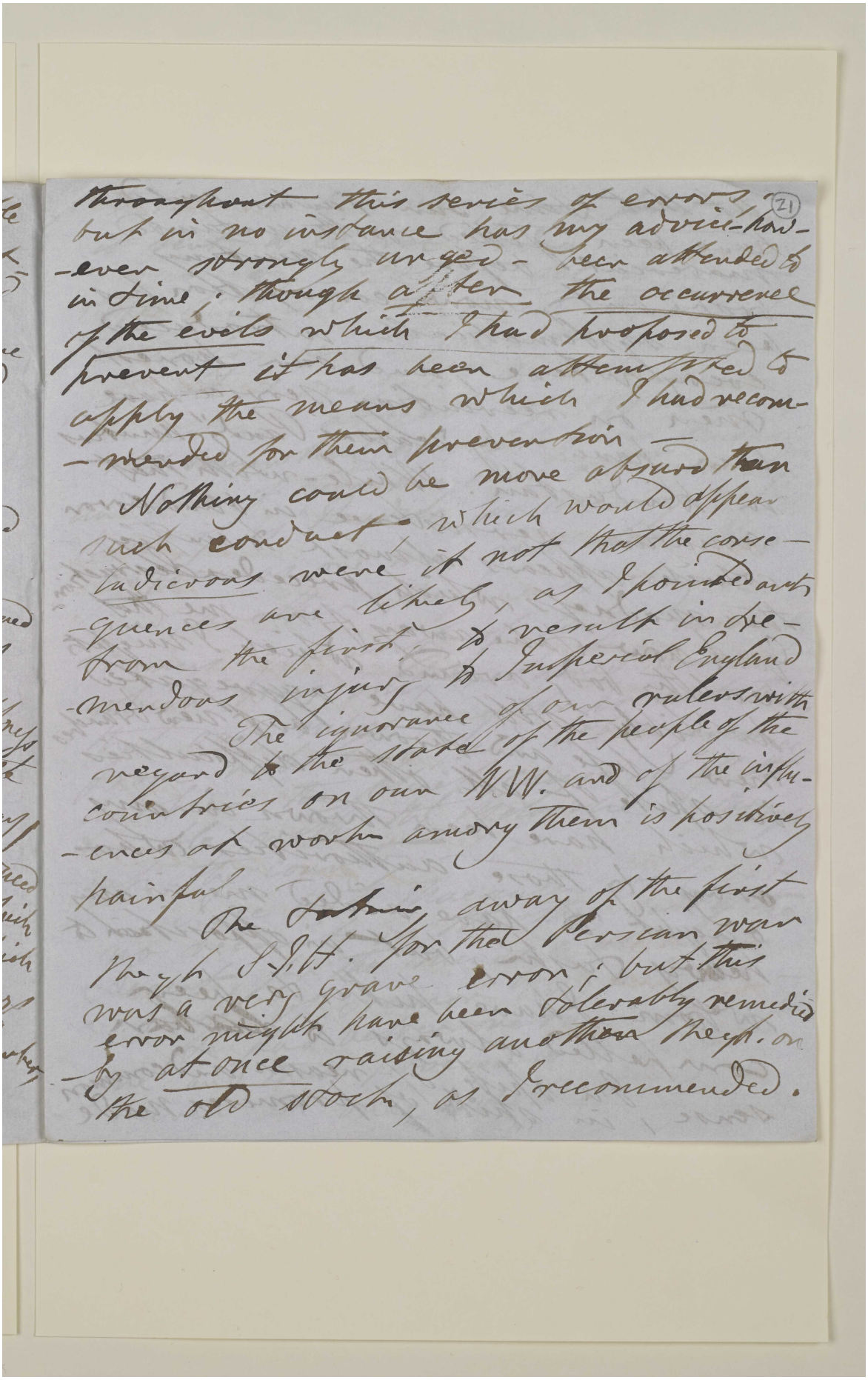
Merewethen therefore begged



that I would return as soon as possible to Jacobabad bringing with me the party of the S.S.H. which I had out. Whereupon stopping only to feed and water I turned our horses heads this way and here we are.

We had a storm of dust and wind followed by heavy rain in the night en route which made it a stiffish march. however men and horses arrived here pretty fresh—

There is not much to be alarmed at I find; but Merewethen was quite right to send for me; There is a want of tone, a softness a tremor about all the people here now, whenever I go away which has evidently been introduced by these miserable Bengalees, which is most strange to us but which resembles the old state of things which we found, if you remember, here in 1846, 47—

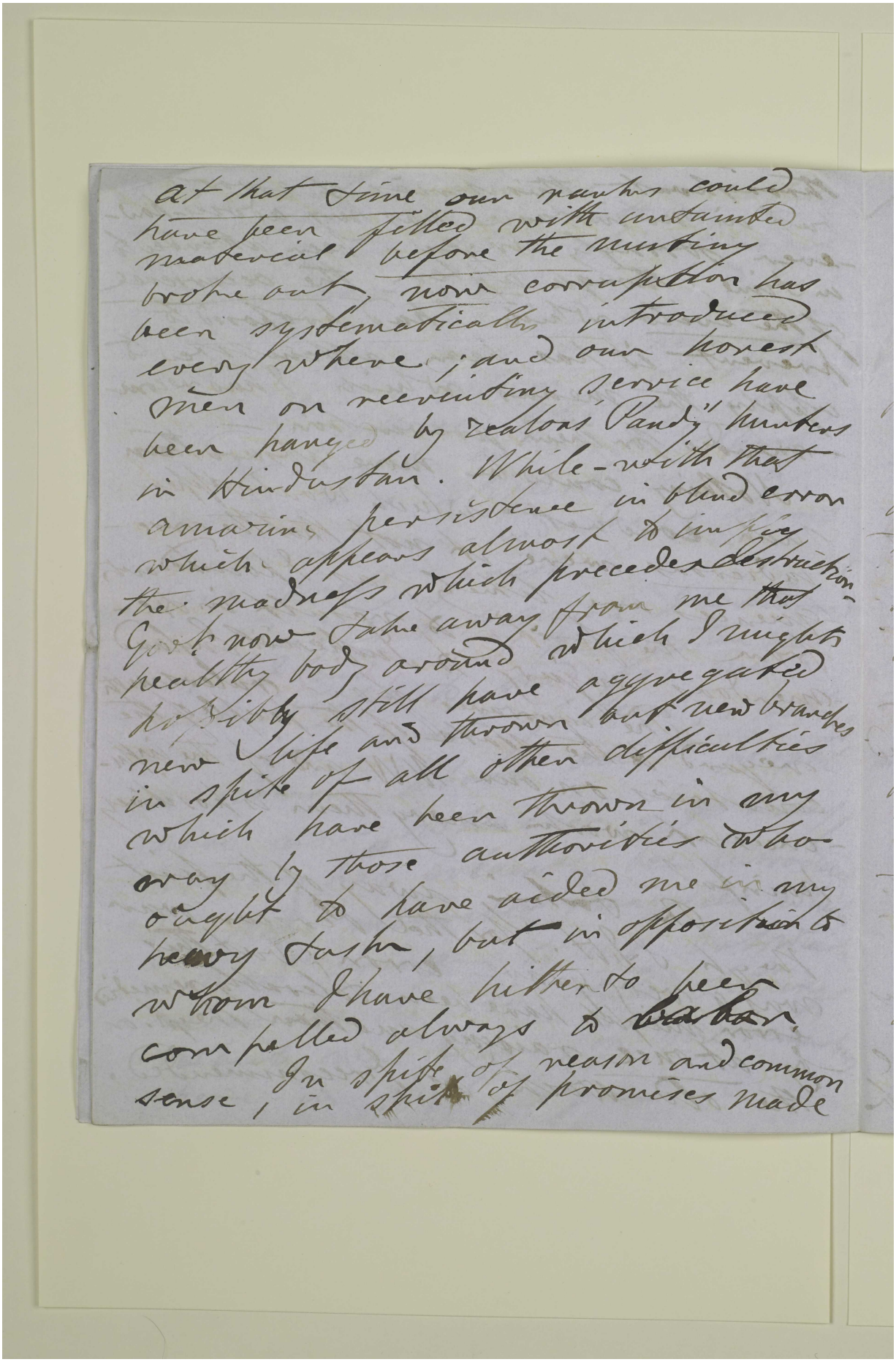


throughout this series of errors, (21)
but in no instance has my advice-how-
-ever strongly urged - been attended to
in time; though after the occurrence
of the evils which I had proposed to
prevent it has been attempted to
apply the means which I had recom-
-mended for their prevention.

Nothing could be more absurd than
such conduct, which would appear
ludicrous were it not that the conse-
-quences are likely, as I pointed out
from the first, to result in tre-
-mendous injury to Imperial England.

The ignorance of our rulers with
regard to the state of the people of the
countries on our N.W. and of the influ-
-ences at work among them is positively
painful.

The ~~taking~~ away of the first
Regt. S.I.H. for the Persian war
was a very grave error; but this
error might have been tolerably remedied
by at once raising another Regt. on
the old stock, as I recommended.



at that time our ranks could have been filled with untamed material before the mutiny broke out, now corruption has been systematically introduced every where; and our honest men on recruiting service have been hanged by zealous "Pandy" hunters in Hindustan. While with that amazing persistence in blind error which appears almost to inspire the madness which precedes destruction God now take away from me that wealthy body around which I might perhaps still have aggregated new life and thrown out new branches in spite of all other difficulties which have been thrown in my way by those authorities who ought to have aided me in my heavy task, but in opposition to whom I have hitherto been compelled always to labour. In spite of reason and common sense, in spite of promises made

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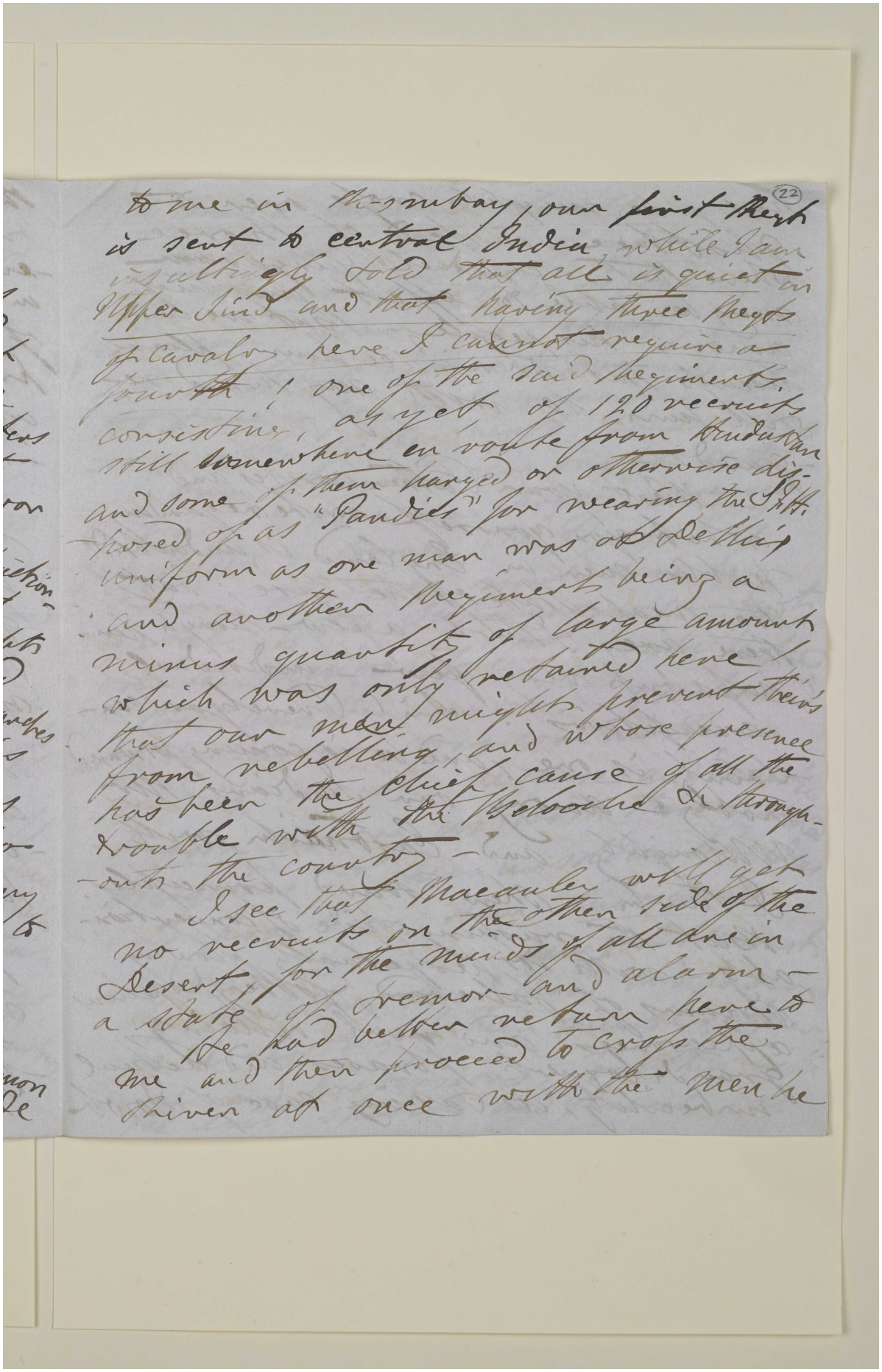

to me in Bombay, our first Regt
is sent to central India, while I am
insultingly told that all is quiet in
Upper Sind and that having three Regts
of Cavalry here I cannot require a
fourth; one of the said Regiments
consisting, as yet, of 120 recruits
still somewhere en route from Hindustan
and some of them hanged or otherwise dis-
-posed of as "Pandies" for wearing the S.F.H.
uniform as one man was at Delhi;
and another Regiment being a
minus quantity of large amount
which was only retained here
that our men might prevent their's
from rebelling, and whose presence
has been the chief cause of all the
trouble with the Beloochee & through-
-out the country —

I see that Macauley will get
no recruits on the other side of the
Desert, for the minds of all are in
a state of tremor and alarm —

He had better return here to
me and then proceed to cross the
River at once with the men he

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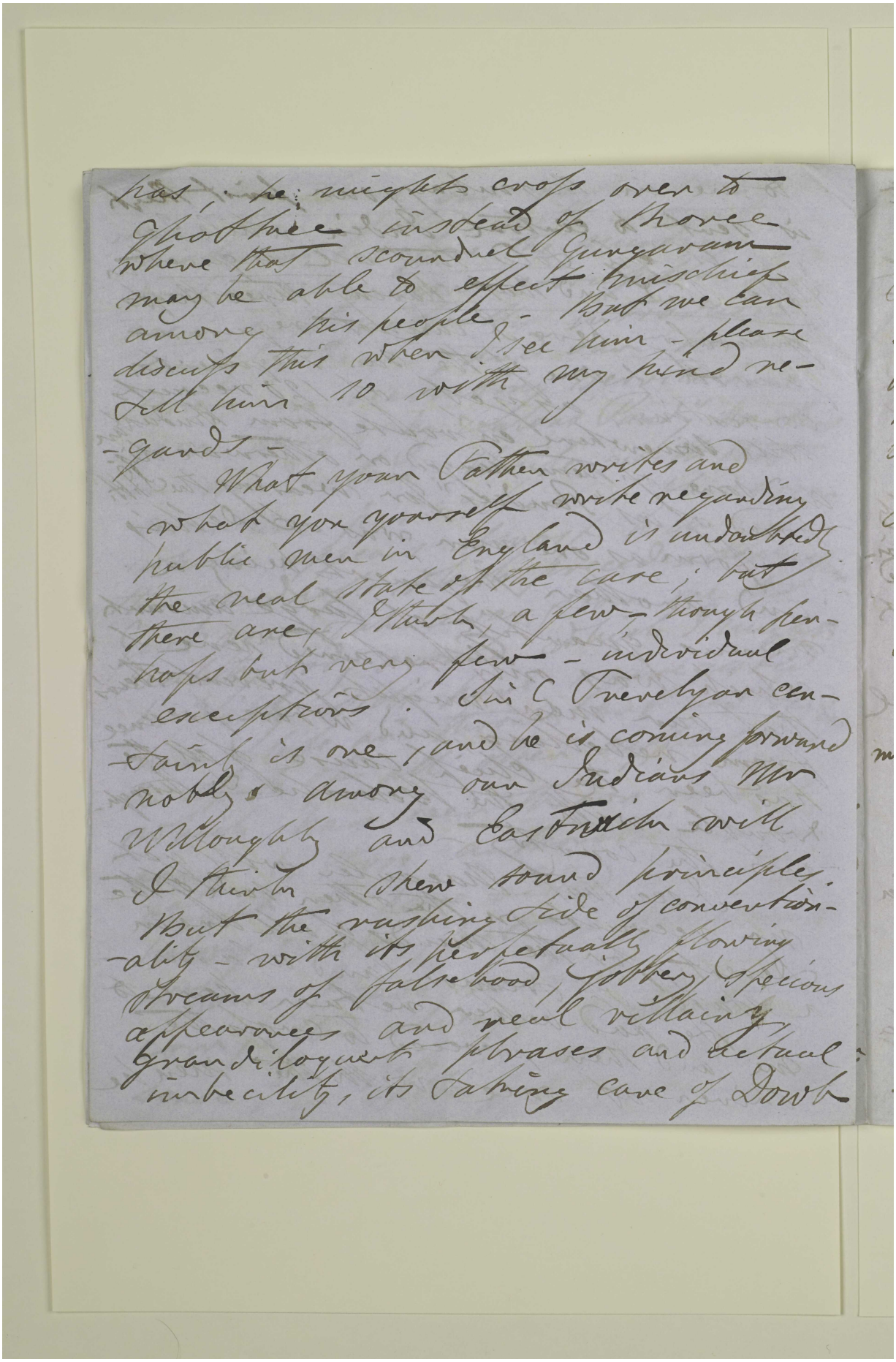
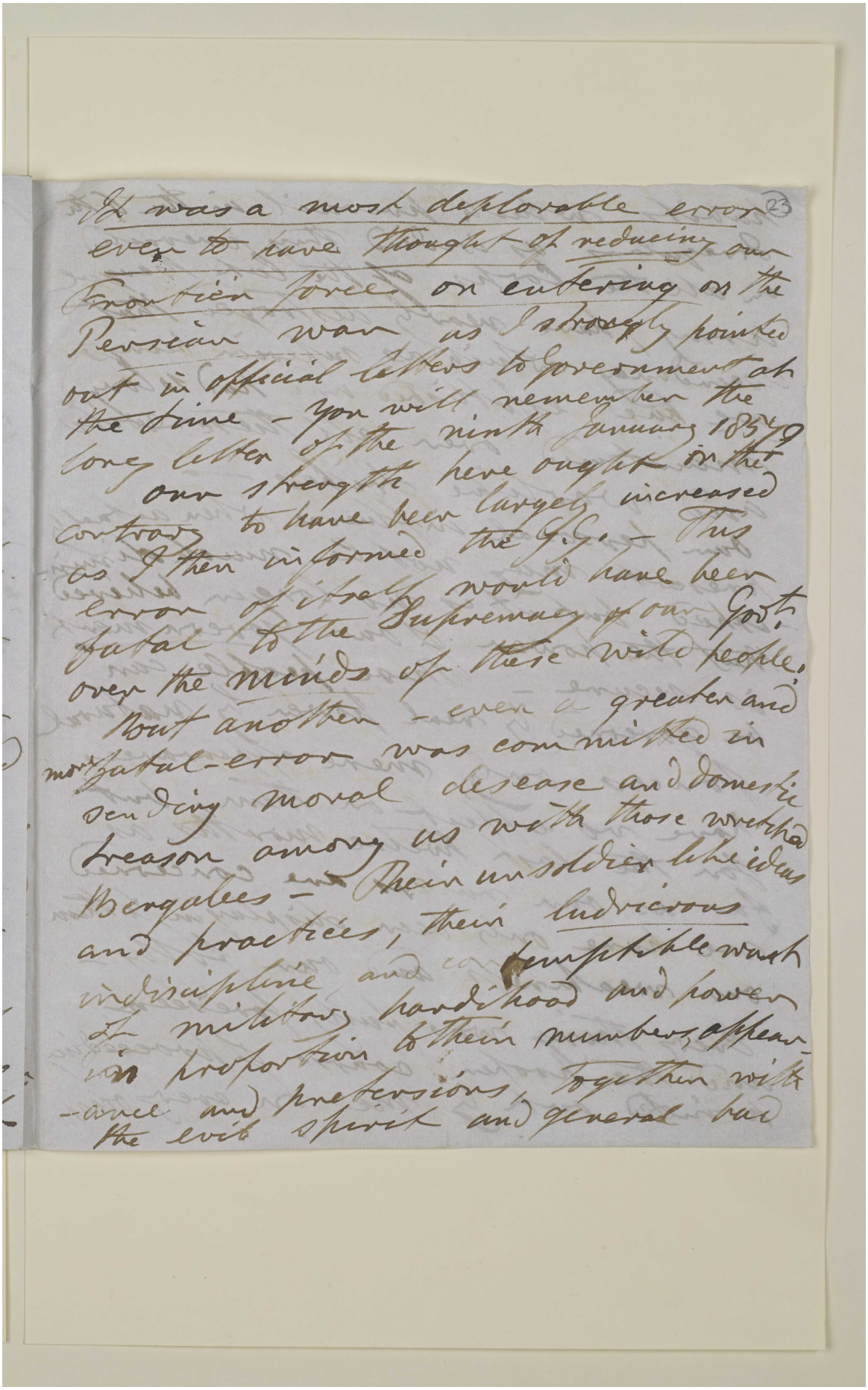
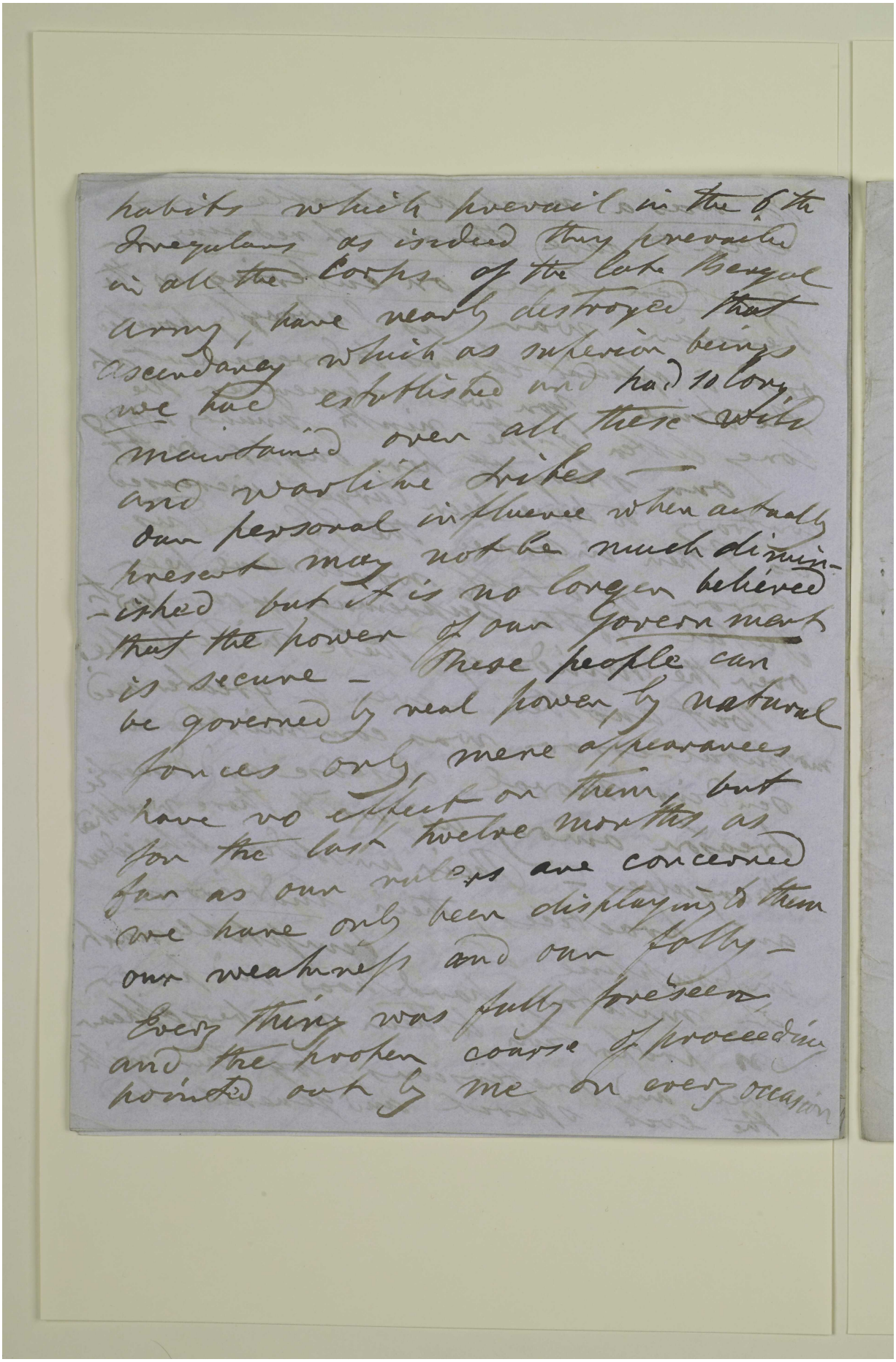


has; he might cross over to Ghotkee instead of Shoree where that scoundrel Gungaram may be able to effect mischief among his people. But we can discuss this when I see him - please tell him so with my kind regards -

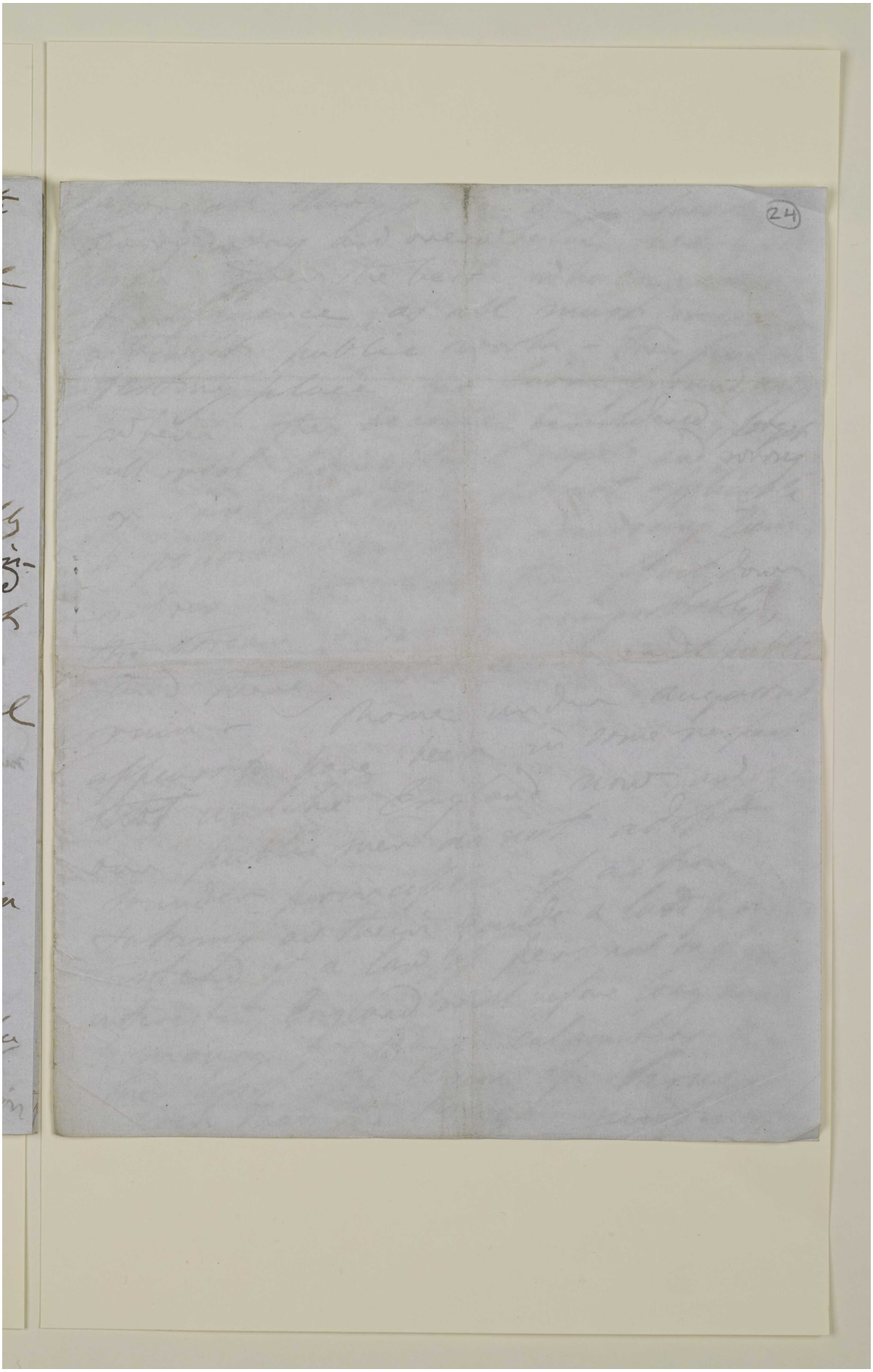
What your Father writes and what you yourself write regarding public men in England is undoubtedly the real state of the case; but there are, I think, a few, though perhaps but very few - individual exceptions. Sir C Trevelyan certainly is one, and he is coming forward nobly. Among our Indians Mr Willoughby and Eastwick will I think shew sound principles. But the rushing tide of conventionality - with its perpetually flowing streams of falsehood, jobbery, specious appearances and real villainy, grandiloquent phrases and actual imbecility, its taking care of Dowb



It was a most deplorable error (23)
ever to have thought of reducing our
Frontier force on entering on the
Persian war as I strongly pointed
out in official letters to Government at
the time - You will remember the
long letter of the ninth January 1857
our strength here ought in the
contrary to have been largely increased
as I then informed the G.G. - Thus
error of itself would have been
fatal to the Supremacy of our Govt.
over the minds of these wild people.
But another - even a greater and
more fatal error was committed in
sending moral disease and domestic
treason among us with those wretched
Bengalees - Their unsoldierlike ideas
and practices, their ludicrous
indiscipline and contemptible want
of military hardihood and power
in proportion to their numbers, appear-
-ance and pretensions, together with
the evil spirit and general bad



habits which prevail in the 6th Irregulars as indeed they prevail in all the Corps of the late Bengal army, have nearly destroyed that ascendancy which as superior beings we have established and had to keep maintained over all these wild and warlike tribes — Our personal influence when actually present may not be much diminished but it is no longer believed that the power of our Government is secure — These people can be governed by real power by natural forces only, mere appearances have no effect on them, but for the last twelve months, as far as our relations are concerned we have only been displaying to them our weakness and our folly — Every thing was fully foreseen, and the proper course of proceeding pointed out by me on every occasion



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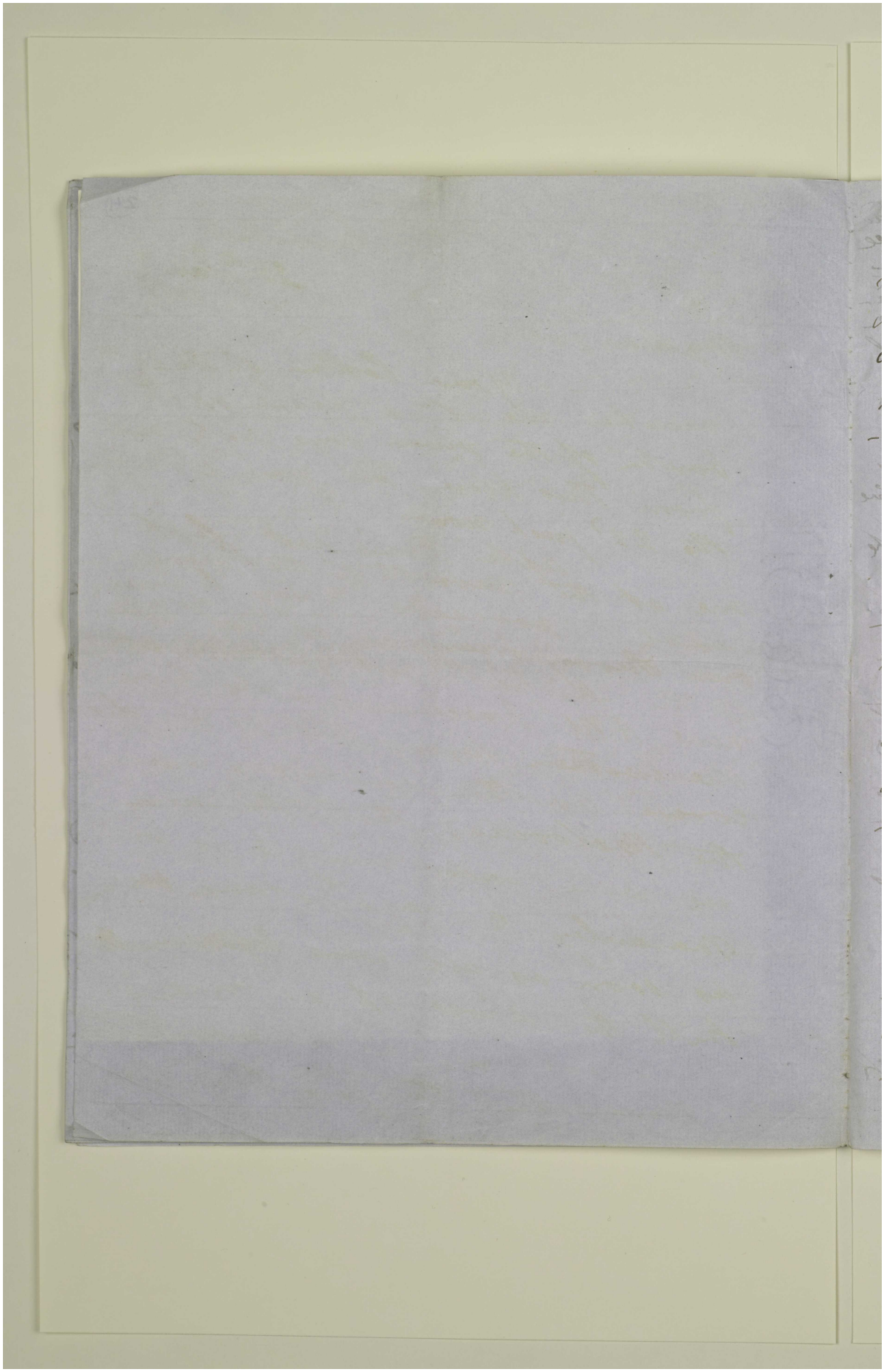

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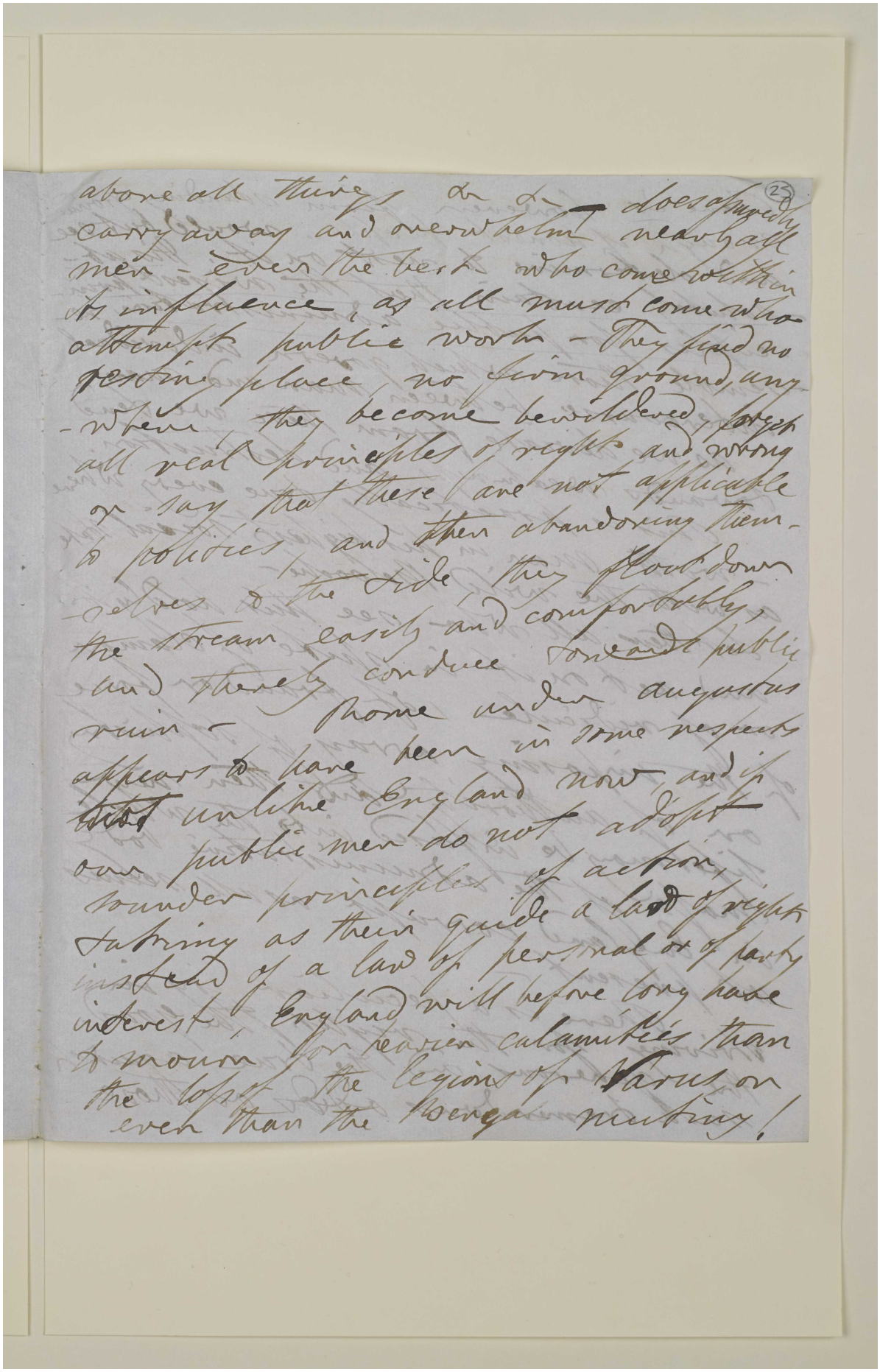

above all things &c &c — does assuredly
carry away and overwhelm nearly all
men — even the best — who come within
its influence, as all must come who
attempt public work — They find no
resting place, no firm ground, any-
-where, they become bewildered, forget
all real principles of right and wrong
or say that these are not applicable
to politics, and then abandoning them-
-selves to the tide, they float down
the stream easily and comfortably,
and thereby conduce towards public
ruin — Rome under Augustus
appears to have been in some respects
~~that~~ unlike England now, and if
our public men do not adopt
sounder principles of action,
taking as their guide a law of right
instead of a law of personal or of party
interest, England will before long have
to mourn for heavier calamities than
the loss of the legions of Varus or
even than the Bengal mutiny!

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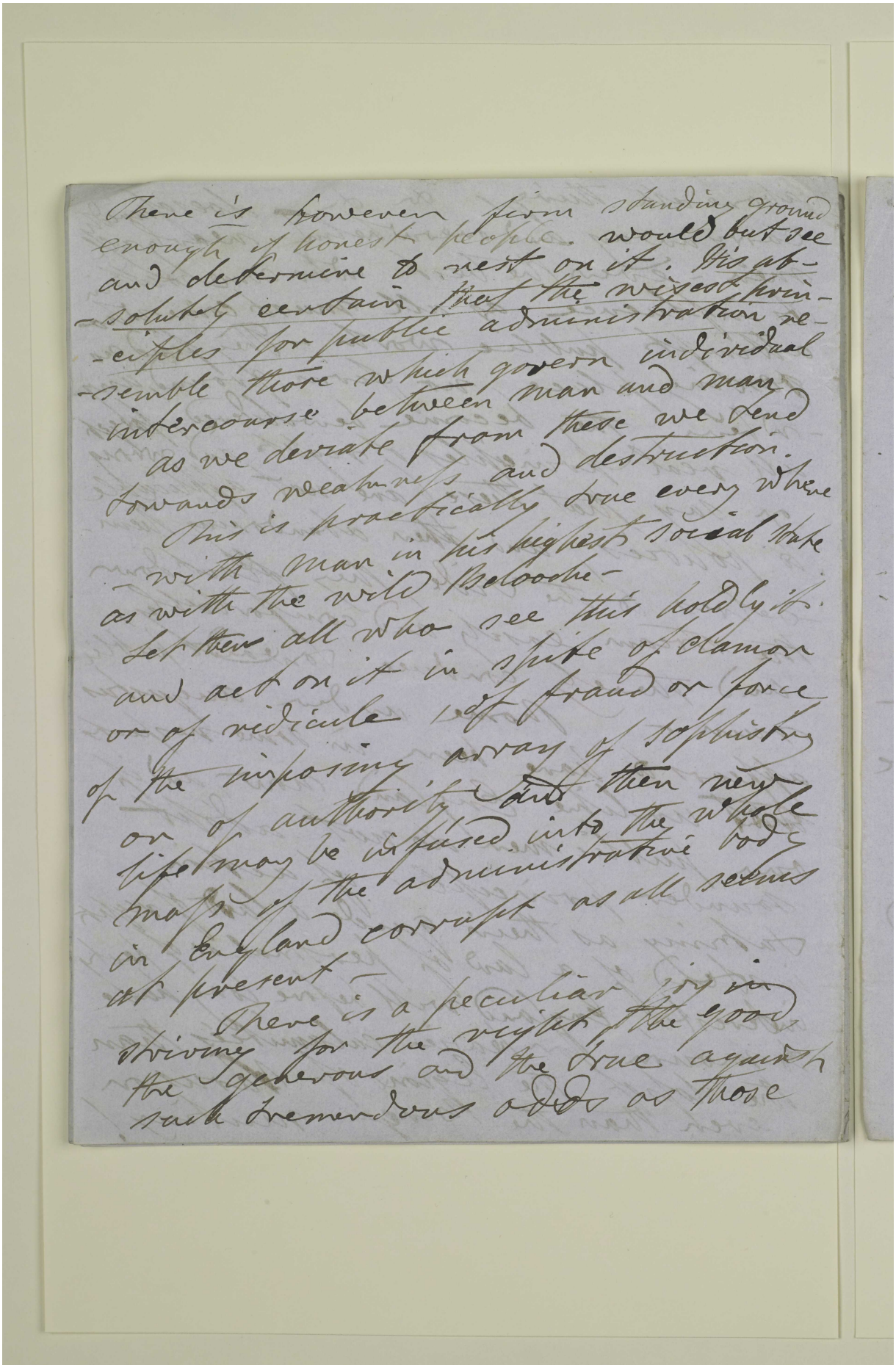
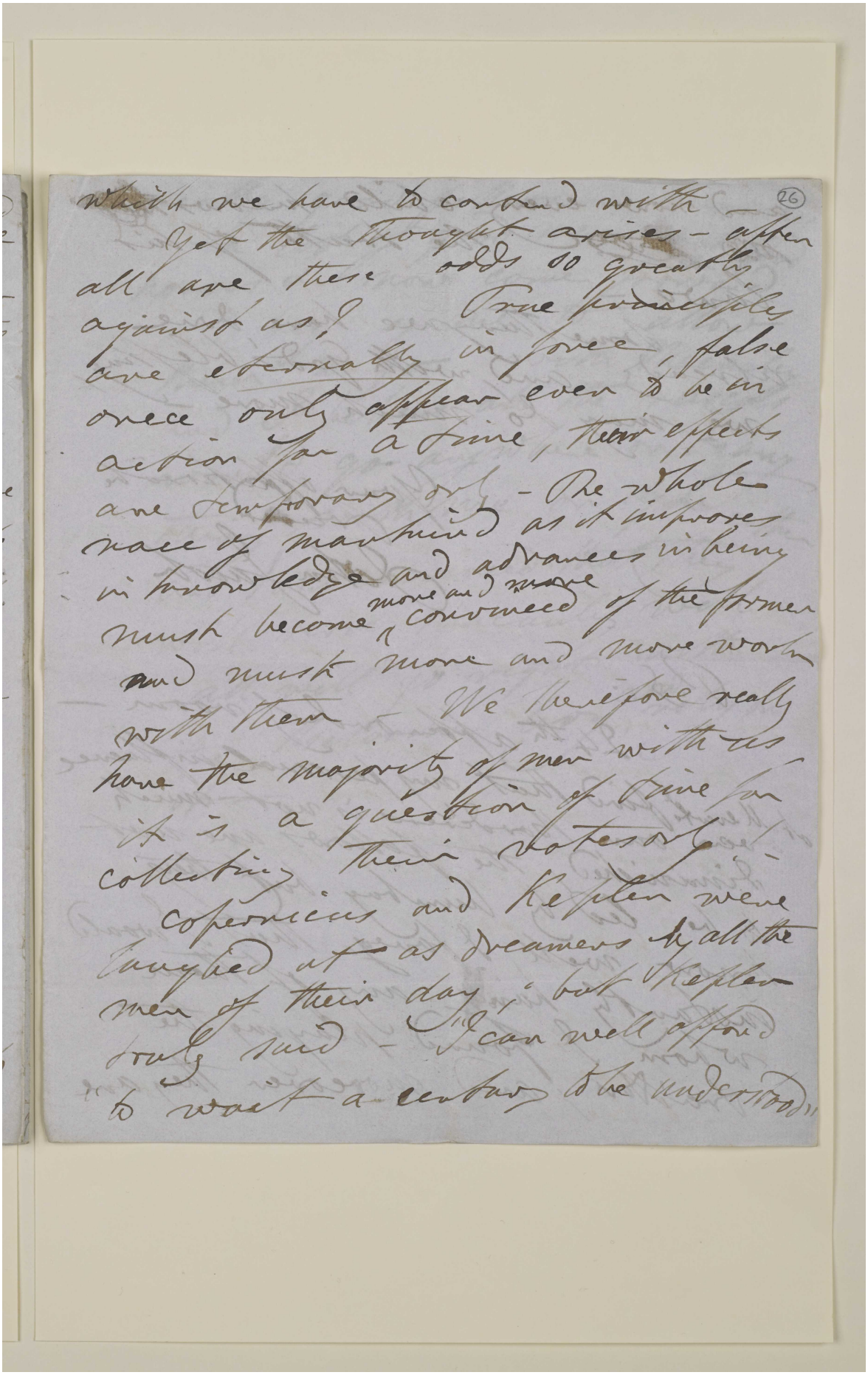
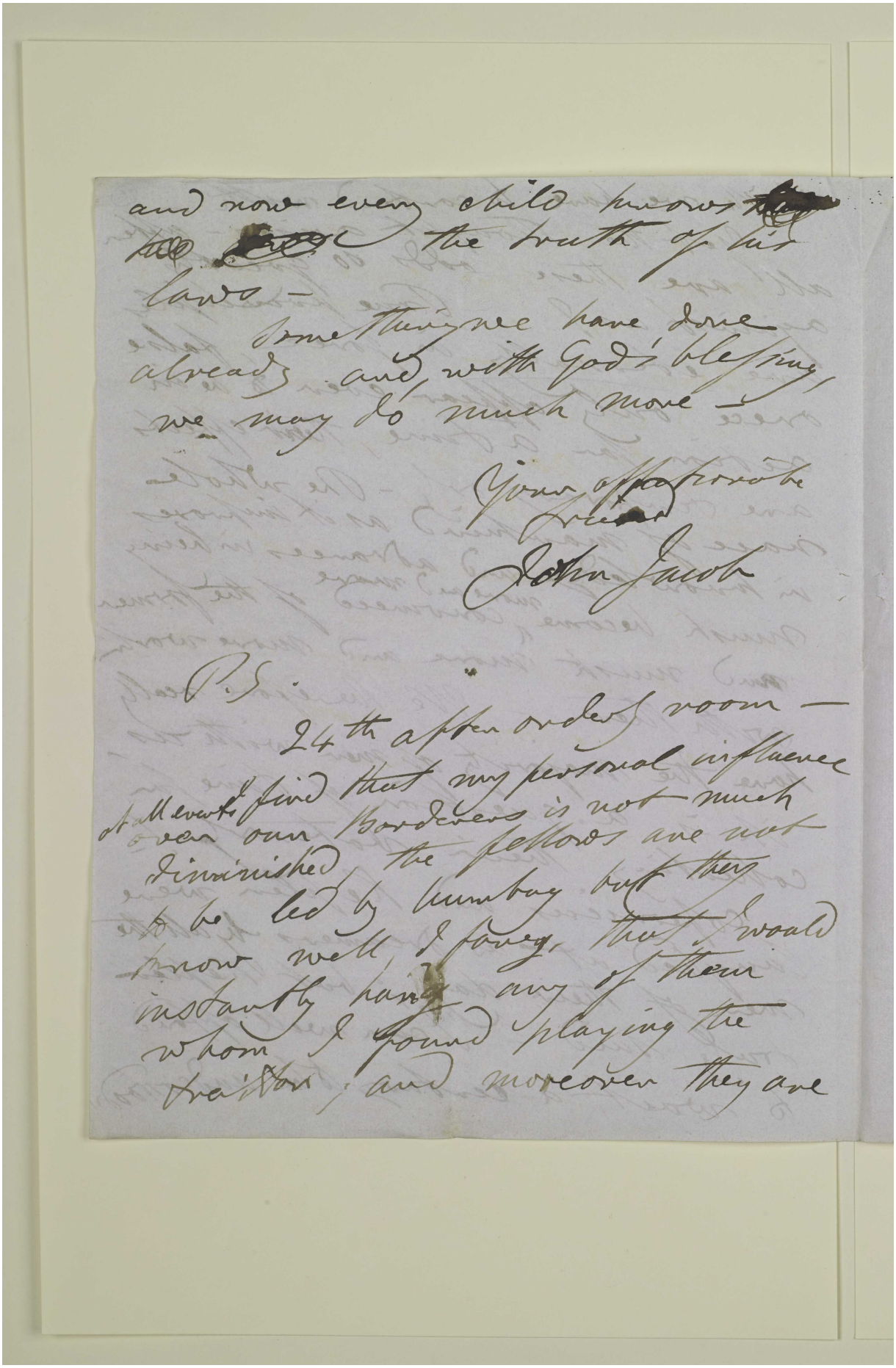


There is however firm standing ground enough if honest people would but see and determine to rest on it. It is absolutely certain that the wisest principles for public administration resemble those which govern individual intercourse between man and man as we deviate from these we tend towards weakness and destruction. This is practically true every where with man in his highest social state as with the wild Beloochee Let them all who see this boldly it and act on it in spite of clamour or of ridicule / of fraud or force of the imposing array of sophistry or of authority and then new life may be infused into the whole mass of the administrative body in England corrupt as all seems at present

There is a peculiar joy in striving for the right & the good the generous and the true against such tremendous odds as those



which we have to contend with — (26)
Yet the thought arises — after
all are there odds so great
against us? True principles
are eternally in force, false
ones only appear even to be in
action for a time, their effects
are temporary only — The whole
race of mankind as it improves
in knowledge and advances in being
must become more and more convinced of the former
and must more and more work
with them — We therefore really
have the majority of men with us —
it is a question of time for
collecting their votes only —
Copernicus and Kepler were
laughed at as dreamers by all the
men of their day; but Kepler
truly said — "I can well afford
to wait a century to be understood"



and now every child knows [illegible] the truth of his laws —

Something we have done already and, with God's blessing, we may do much more —

Your affectionate friend
John Jacob

P.S.

24th after orderly room —

At all events I find that my personal influence over our Borderers is not much diminished, the fellows are not to be led by humbug but they know well, I fancy, that I would instantly hang any of them whom I found playing the traitor; and moreover they are

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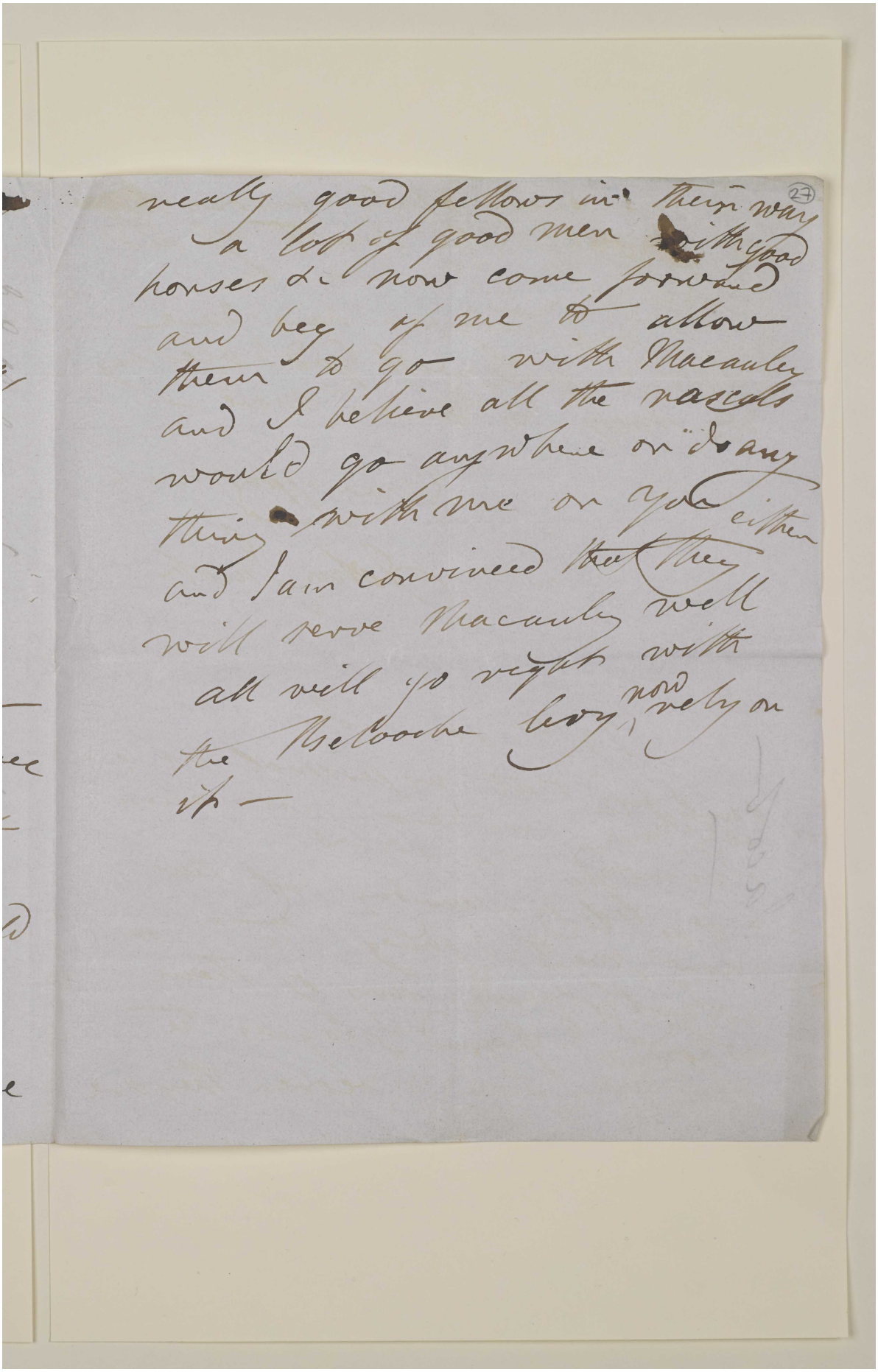

really good fellows in their way
a lot of good men with good
horses &c. Now come forward
and beg of me to allow
them to go with Macaulay
and I believe all the rascals
would go anywhere or do any
thing with me or you either
and I am convinced that they
will serve Macaulay well
all will go right with
the Belooche boy, now rely on
it —

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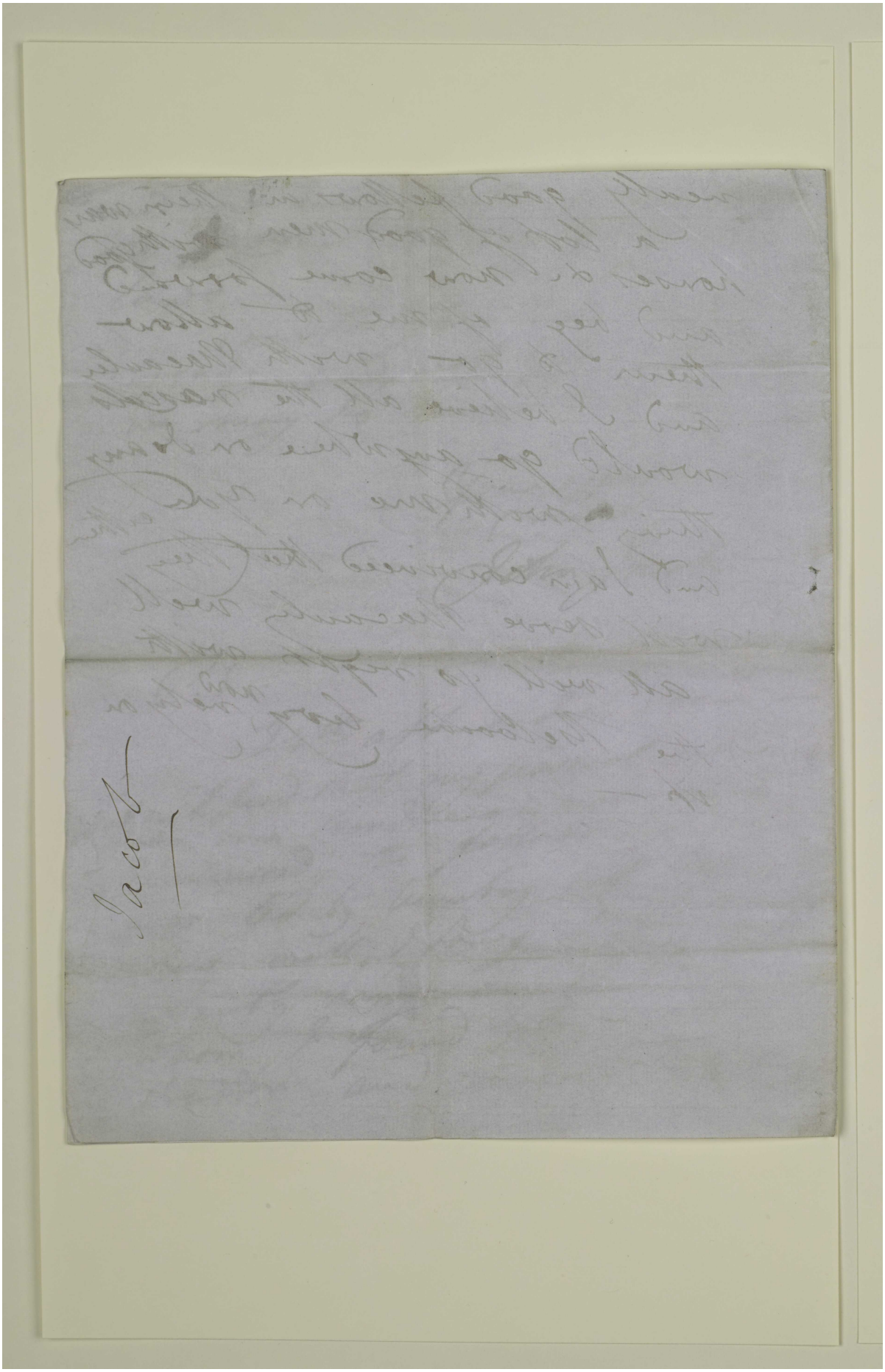

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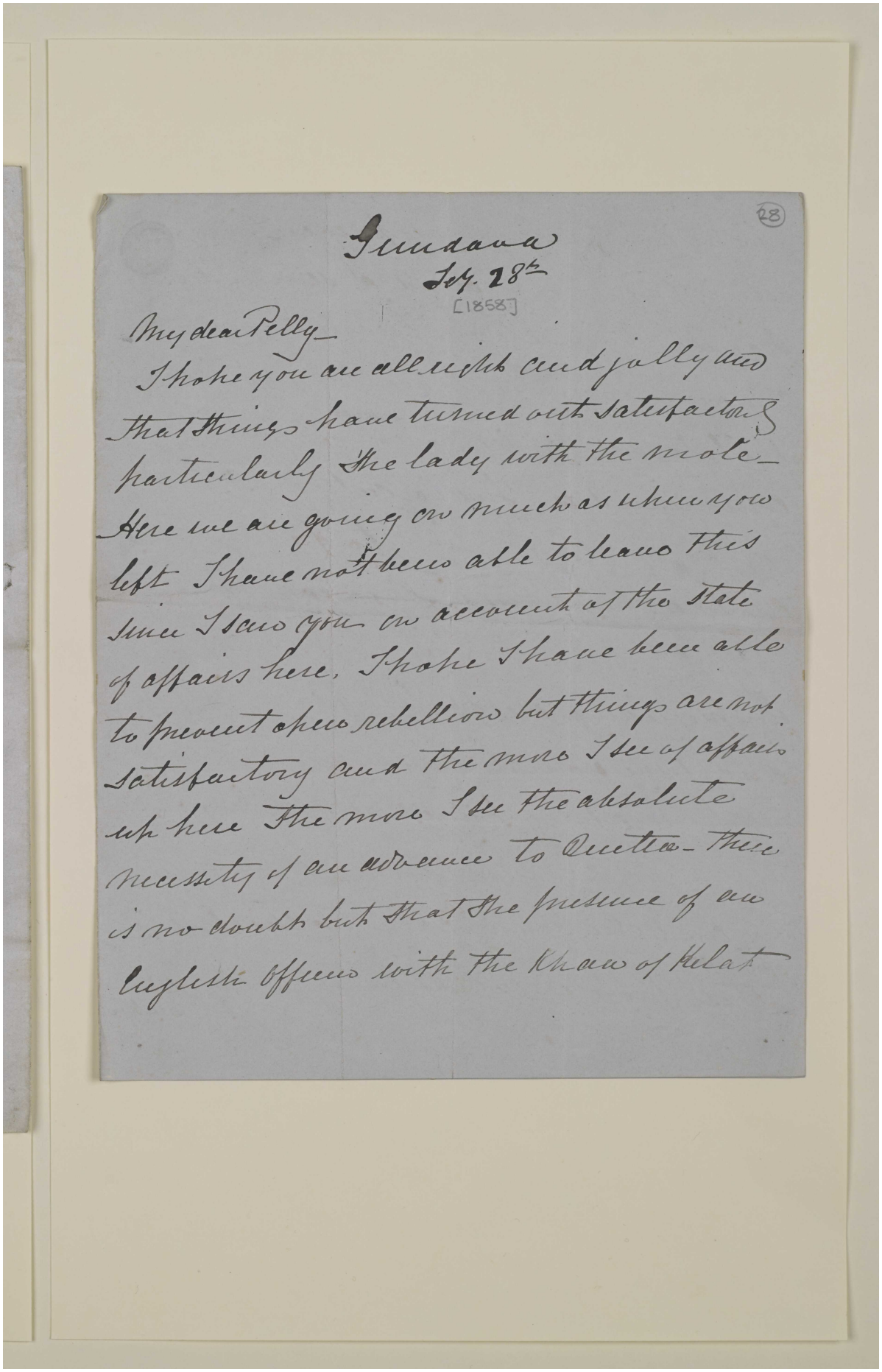

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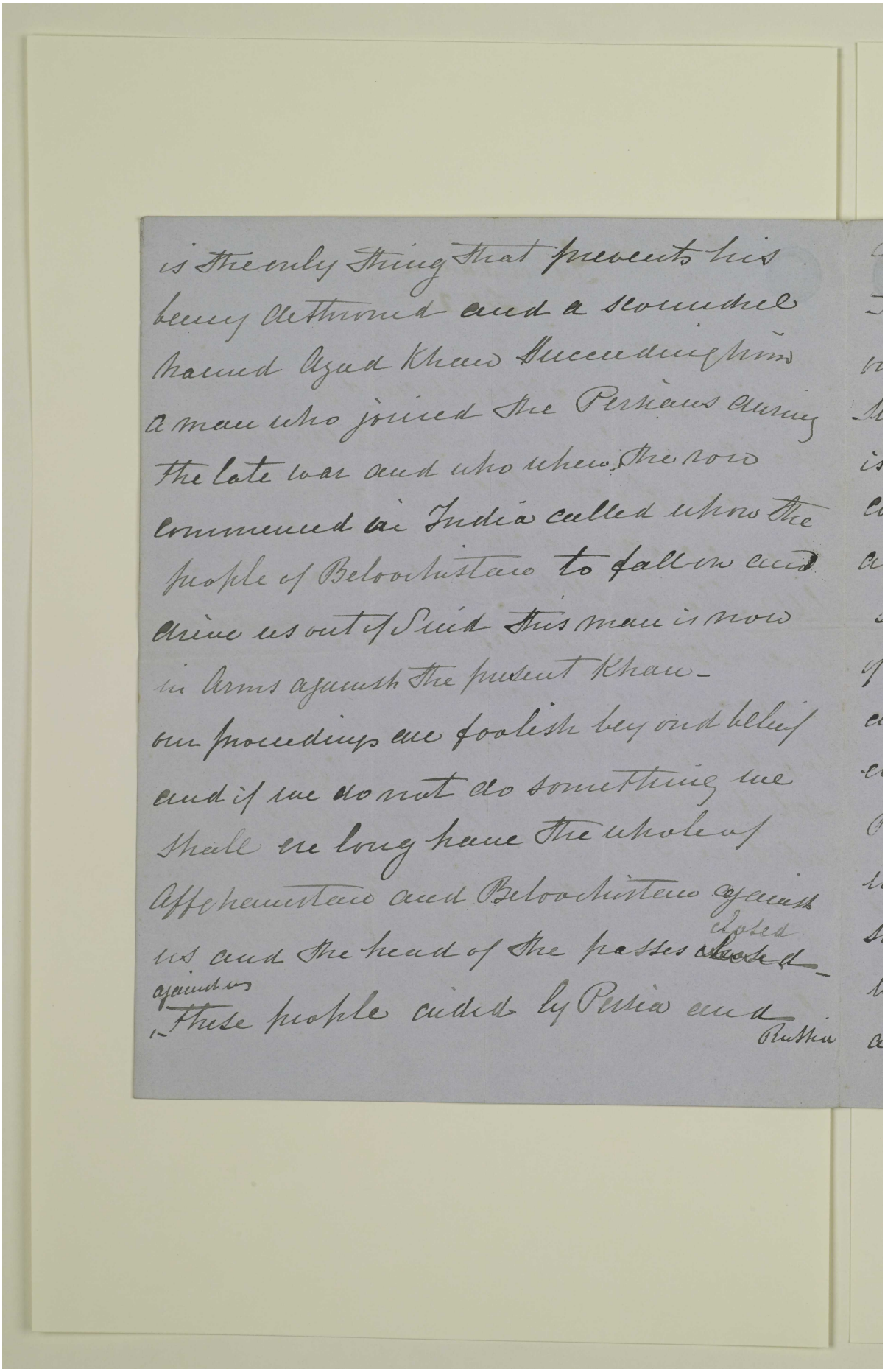
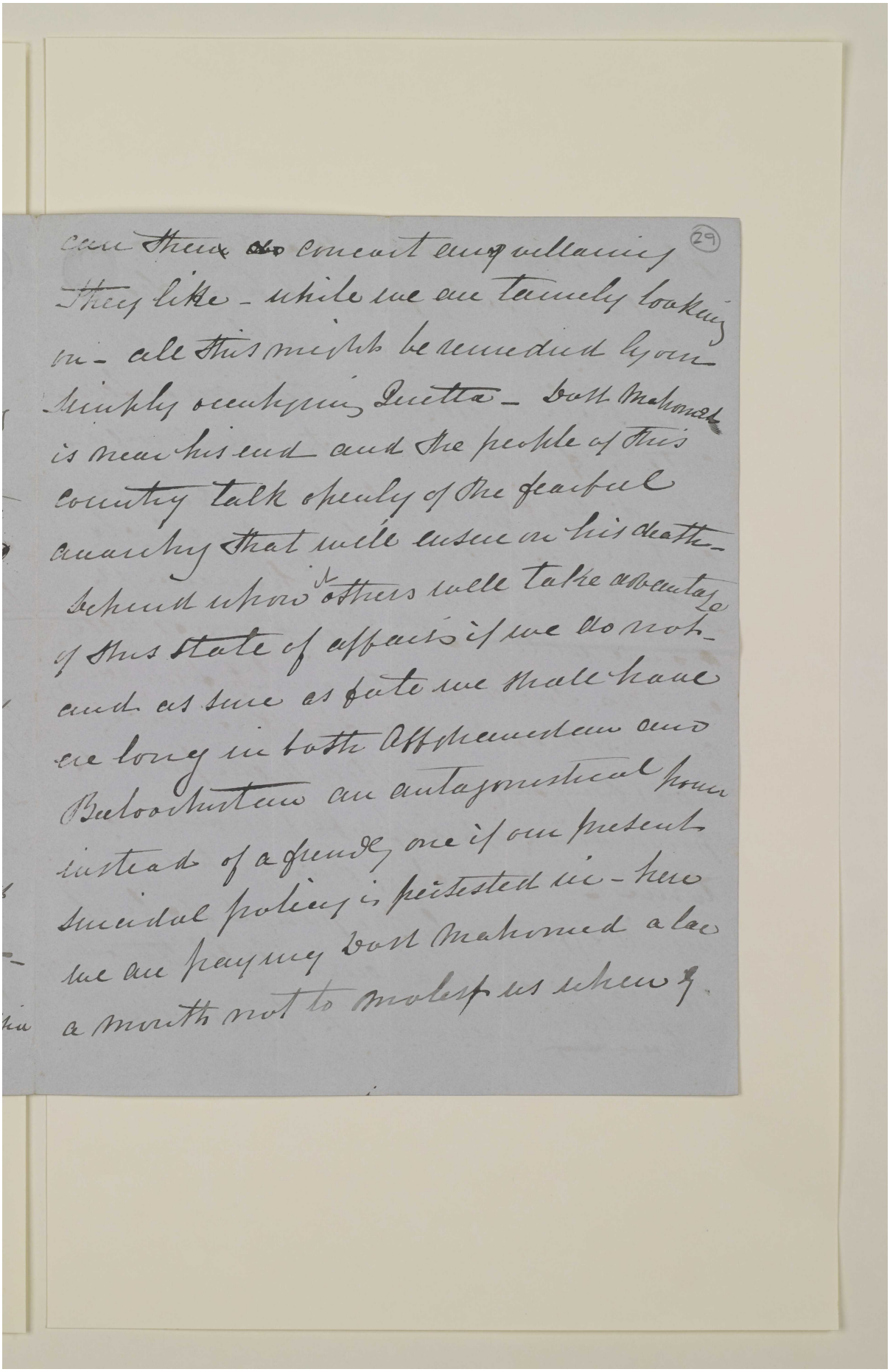
Gundava
July 28th
[1858]

My dear Pelly

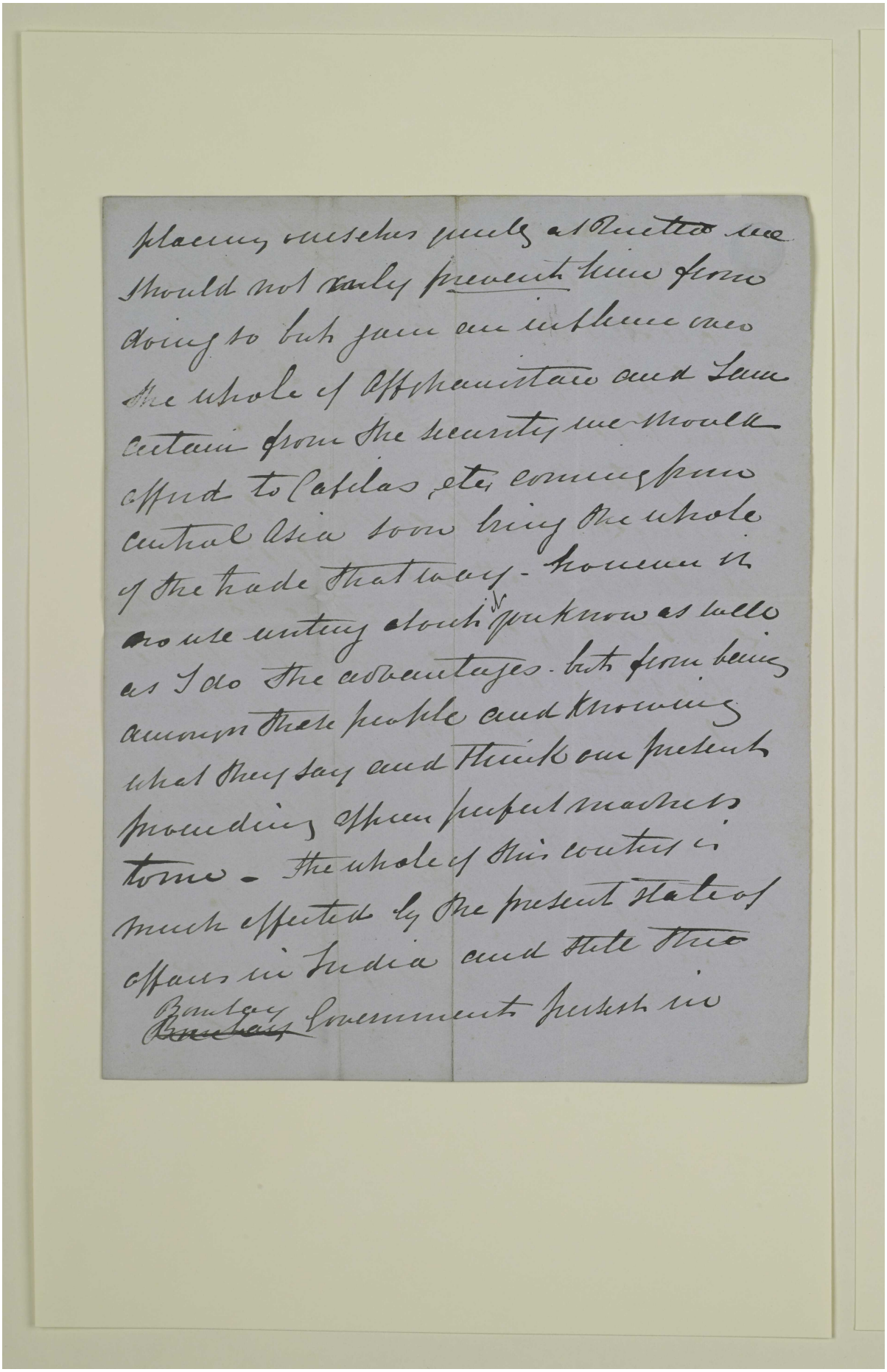
I hope you are all right and jolly and that things have turned out satisfactorily particularly the lady with the mole. Here we are going on much as when you left. I have not been able to leave this since I saw you on account of the state of affairs here. I hope I have been able to prevent open rebellion but things are not satisfactory and the more I see of affairs up here the more I see the absolute necessity of an advance to Quetta. There is no doubt but that the presence of an English officer with the Khan of Kelat



is the only thing that prevents his
being dethroned and a scoundrel
named Ajud Khan succeeding him
a man who joined the Persians during
the late war and who when the row
commenced in India called upon the
people of Beloochistan to fall on and
drive us out of Sind this man is now
in arms against the present Khan—
our proceedings are foolish beyond belief
and if we do not do something we
shall ere long have the whole of
Affghanistan and Beloochistan against
us and the head of the passes closed
against us
These people aided by Persia and Russia



can these do concert any villainy
They like - while we are tamely looking
on - all this might be remedied by our
simply occupying Quetta - Dost Mahomed
is near his end and the people of this
country talk openly of the fearful
anarchy that will ensue on his death -
behind whom others will take advantage
of this state of affairs if we do not -
and as sure as fate we shall have
one long in both Affghanistan and
Beloochistan an antagonistical power
instead of a friendly one if our present
suicidal policy is persisted in - here
we are paying Dost Mahomed a lac
a month not to molest us when if



placing ourselves quite at Quetta we
should not only prevent him from
doing so but gain an influence over
the whole of Affghanistan and I am
certain from the security we should
afford to Cafilas, etc. coming from
central Asia soon bring the whole
of the trade that way - however it
no use writing about it you know as well
as I do the advantages - but from being
among these people and knowing
what they say and think our present
proceeding appear perfect madness
to me - the whole of this country is
much affected by the present state of
affairs in India and still the
~~Bombay~~ Bombay Government persist in

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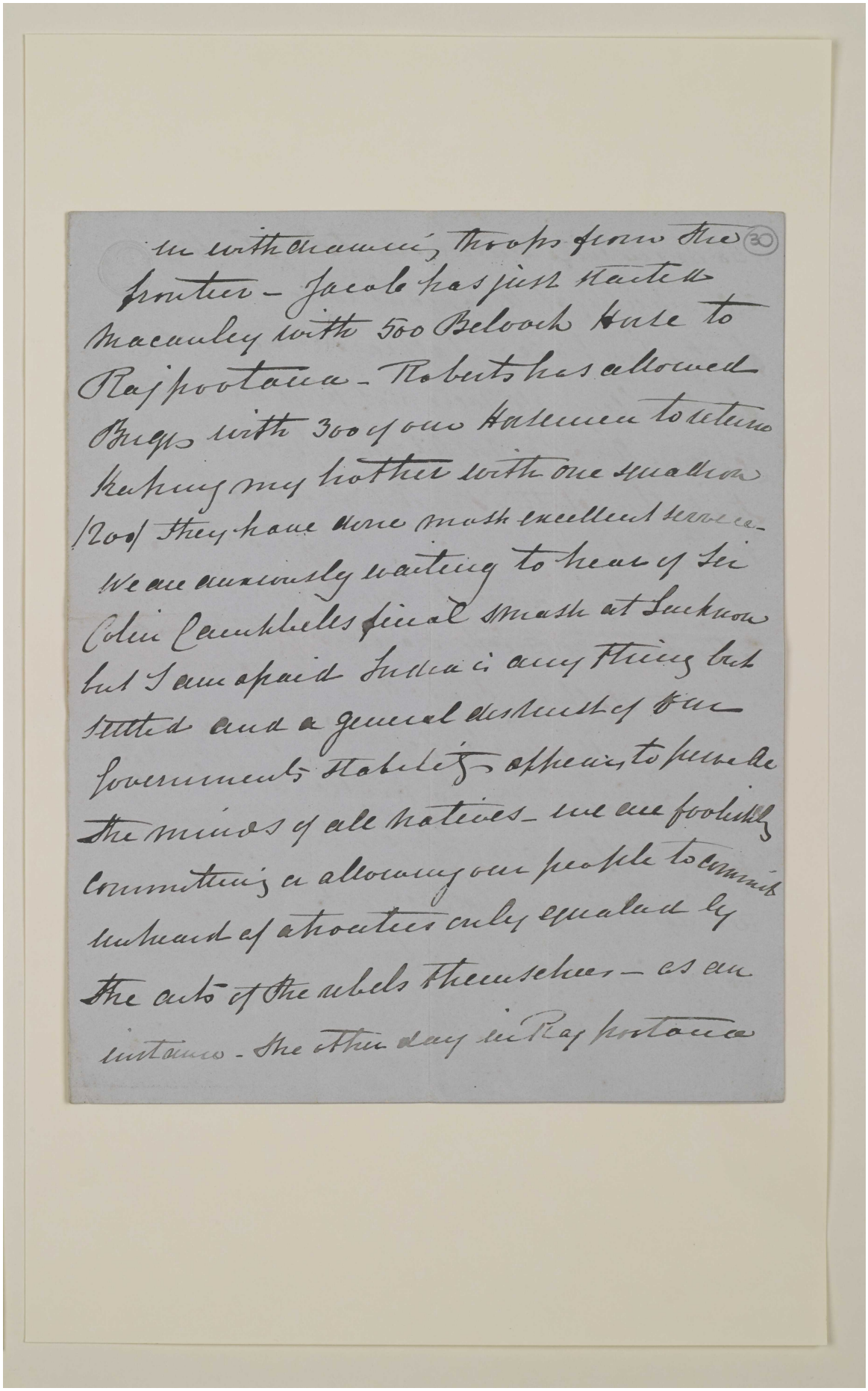

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in withdrawing troops from the
frontier - Jacob has just started
Macauley with 500 Belooch Horse to
Rajpootana - Roberts has allowed
Briggs with 300 of our Horsemen to return
keeping my brother with one squadron
(200) they have done most excellent service -
We are anxiously waiting to hear of Sir
Colin Campbells final smash at Lucknow
but I am afraid India is any thing but
settled and a general distrust of our
Governments stability appears to pervade
the minds of all natives - we are foolishly
committing or allowing our people to commit
unheard of atrocities only equaled by
the acts of the rebels themselves - as an
instance - the other day in Rajpootana

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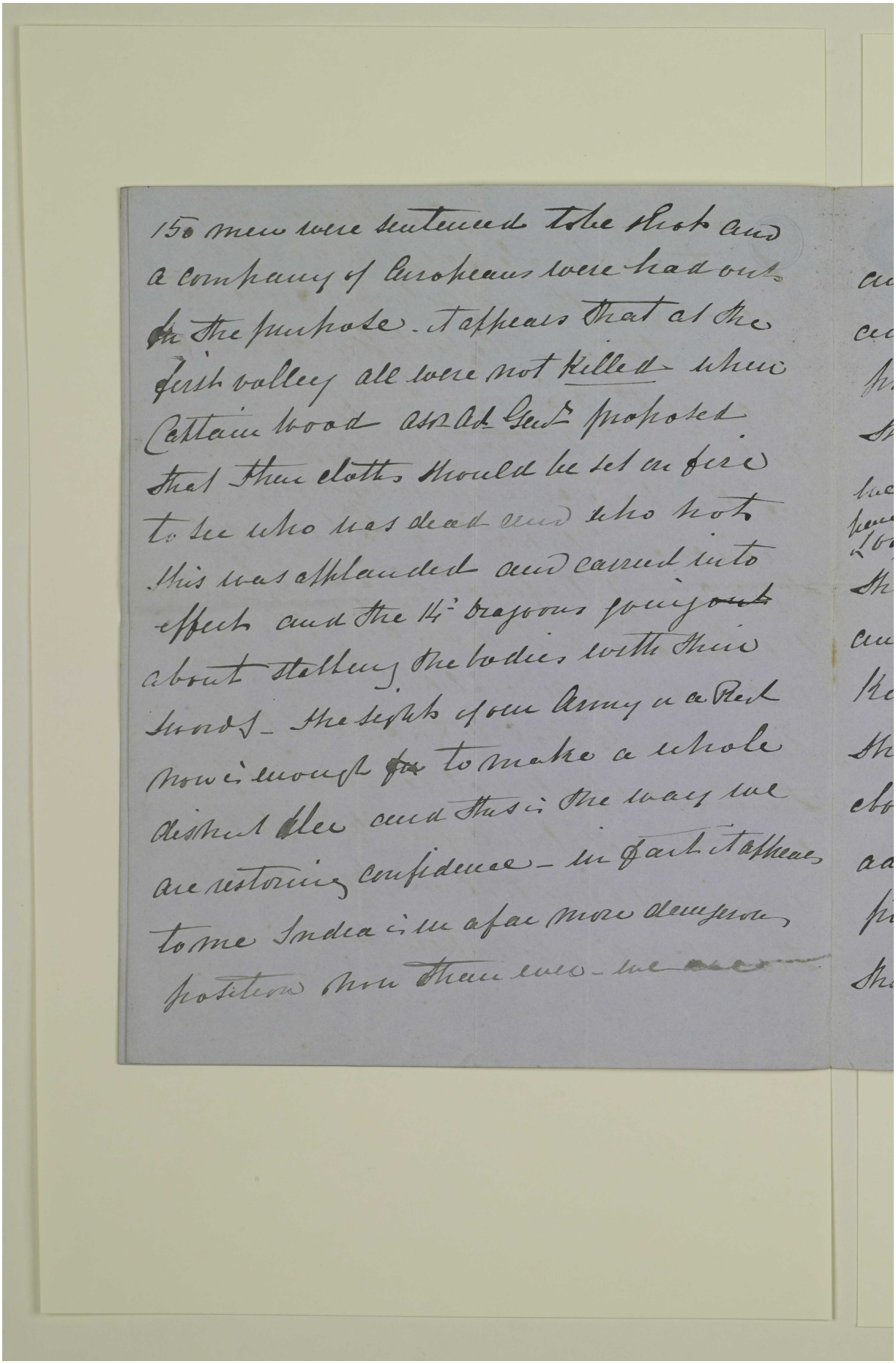
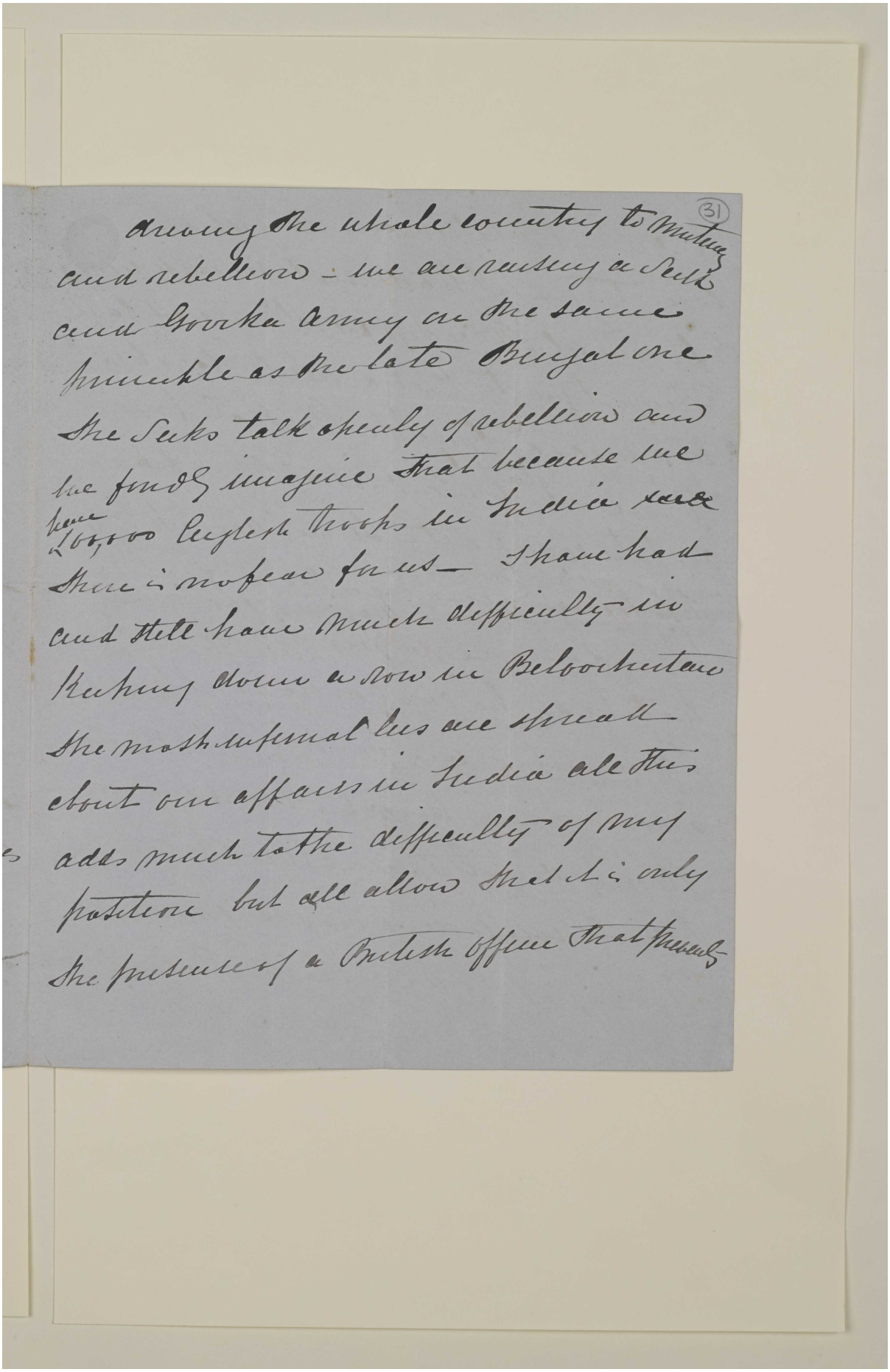


150 men were sentenced to be shot and
a company of Europeans were had out
for the purpose. It appears that at the
first volley all were not killed when
Captain Wood Asst Ad Genl proposed
that their cloths should be set on fire
to see who was dead and who not
this was applauded and carried into
effect and the 14th Dragoons going ~~out~~
about stalking the bodies with their
swords. The sight of our Army or a Red
now is enough ~~for~~ to make a whole
district flee and this is the way we
are restoring confidence. In fact it appears
to me India is in a far more dangerous
position now than ever. We ~~are~~



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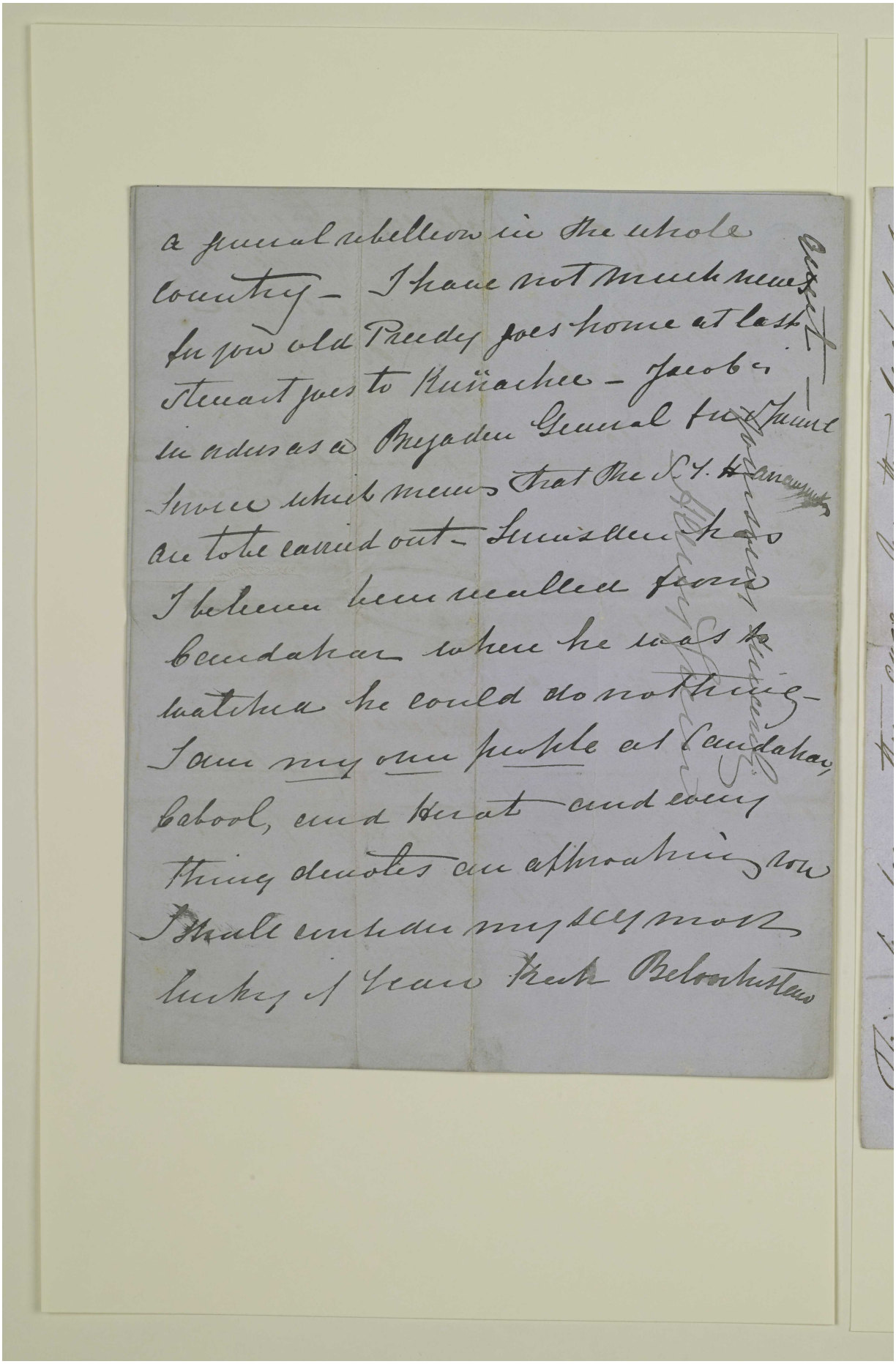
among the whole country to Mutiny
and rebellion - we are raising a Sikh
and Goorka army on the same
principle as the late Bengal one
the Sikhs talk openly of rebellion and
the fools imagine that because we
have 60,000 English troops in India now
there is no fear for us - I have had
and still have much difficulty in
keeping down a row in Beloochistan
the most infernal lies are spread
about our affairs in India all this
adds much to the difficulty of my
position but all allow that it is only
the presence of a British officer that prevents



a general rebellion in the whole
country – I have not much news
for you old Preedy goes home at last
Stewart goes to Kurrachee – Jacob is
in orders as a Brigaden General for Sprint
Service which means that the S.Y. Arrangements
are to be carried out – Lewis Allen has
I believe been recalled from
Candahar where he was so
watched he could do nothing –
I am my own people at Candahar,
Cabool, and Herat and every
thing denotes an approaching row
I shall consider my self most
lucky if I can keep Beloochistan

Cut –

Yours sincerely
Henry Green

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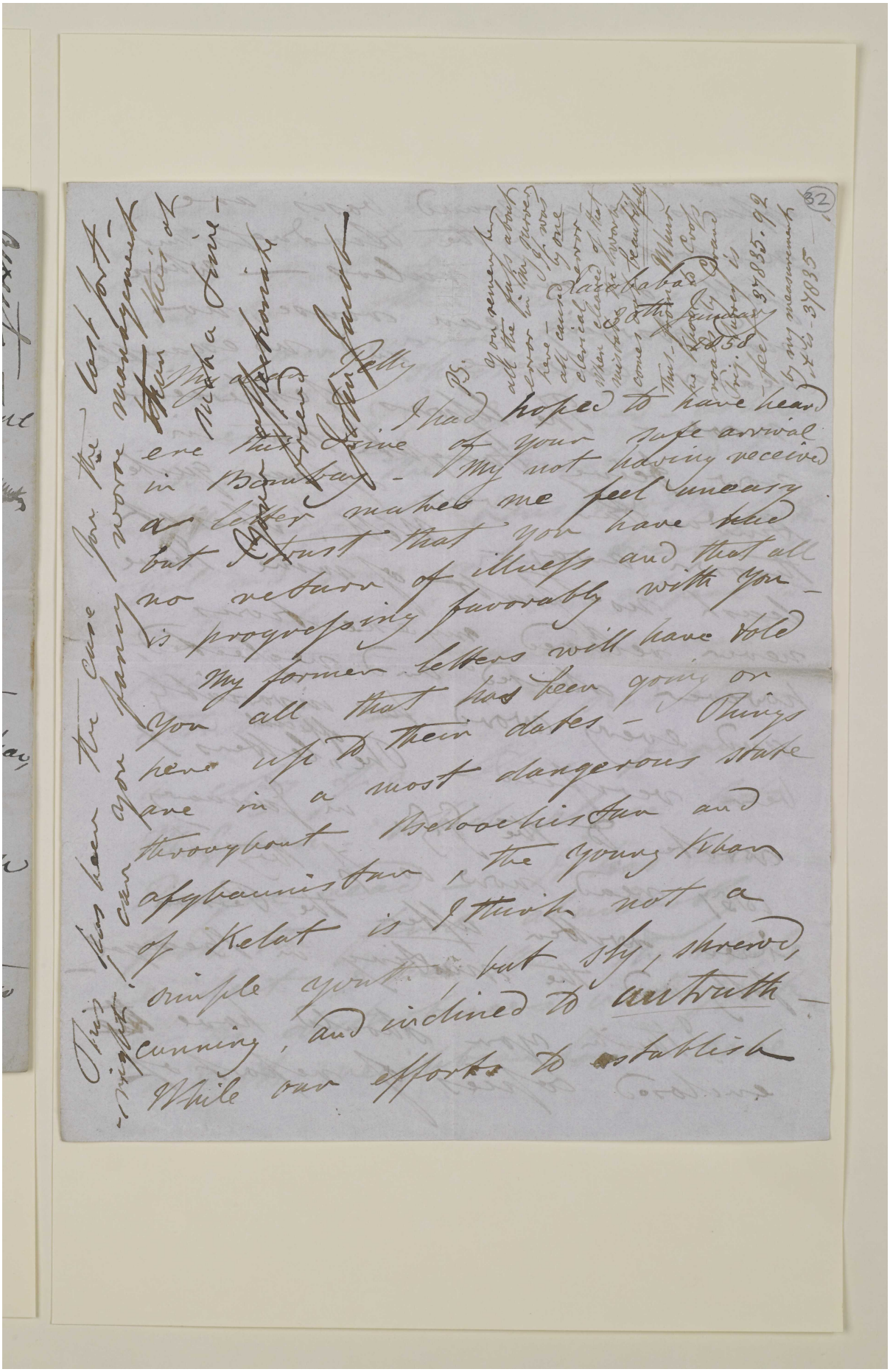

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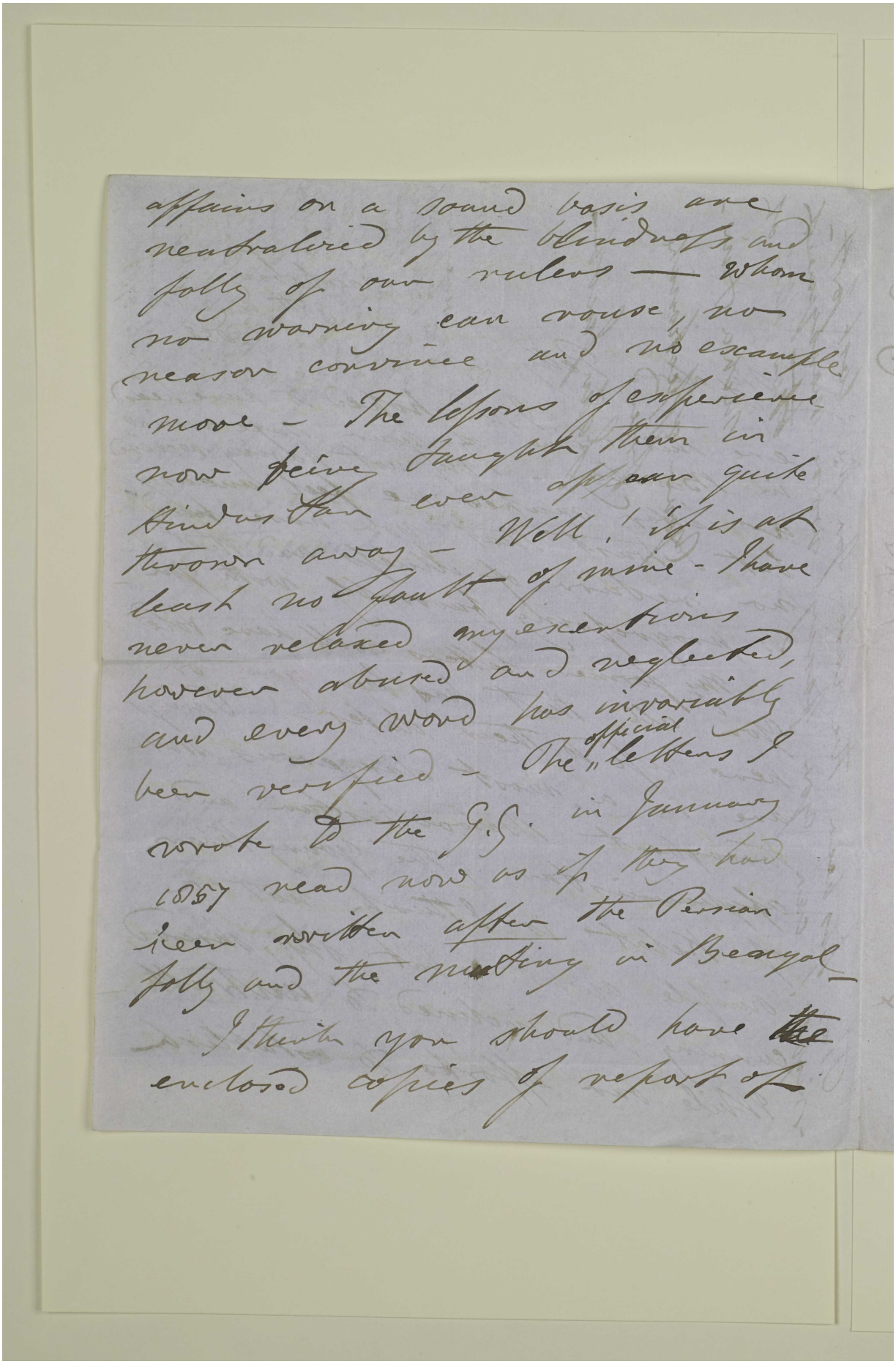
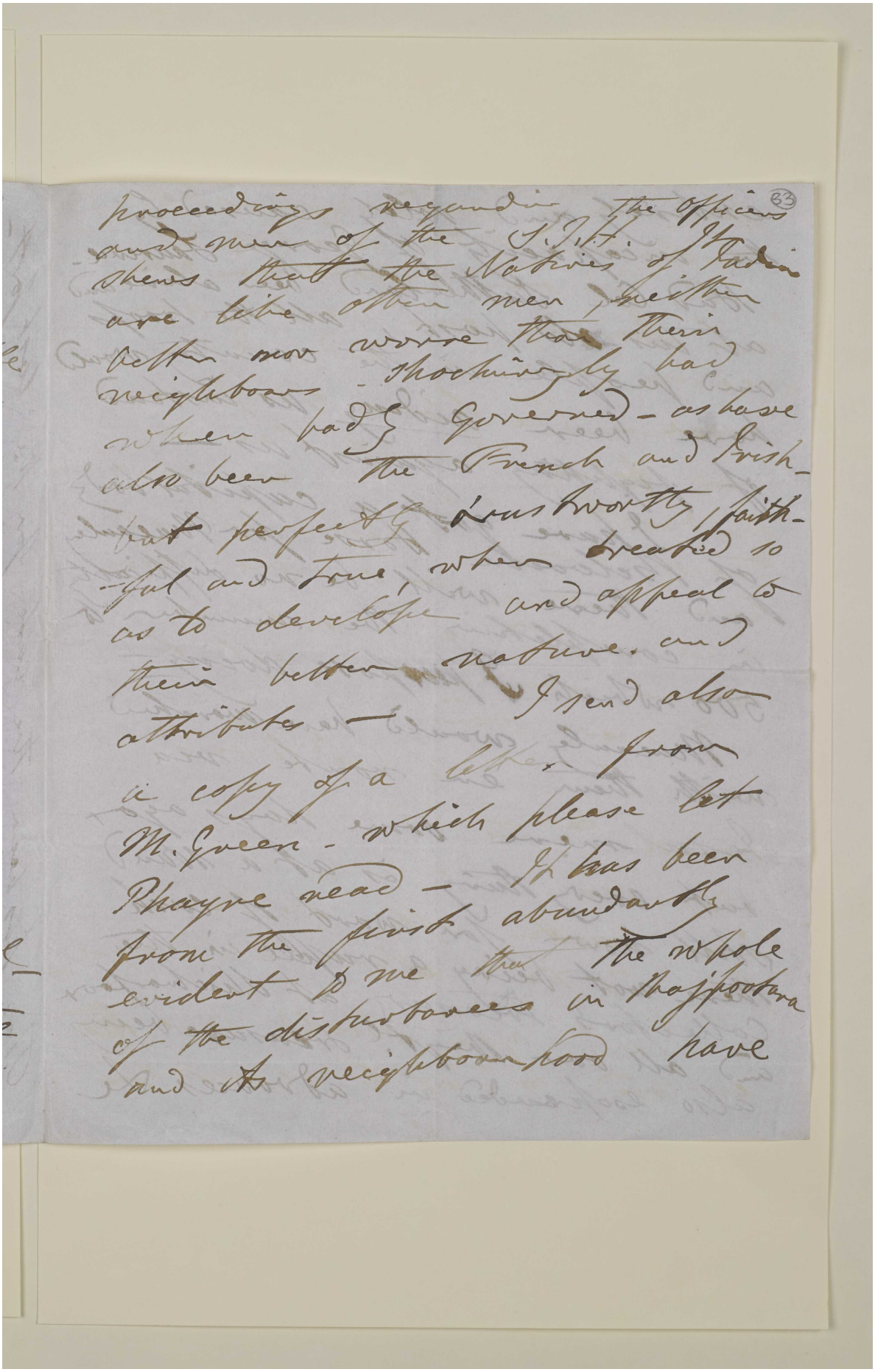
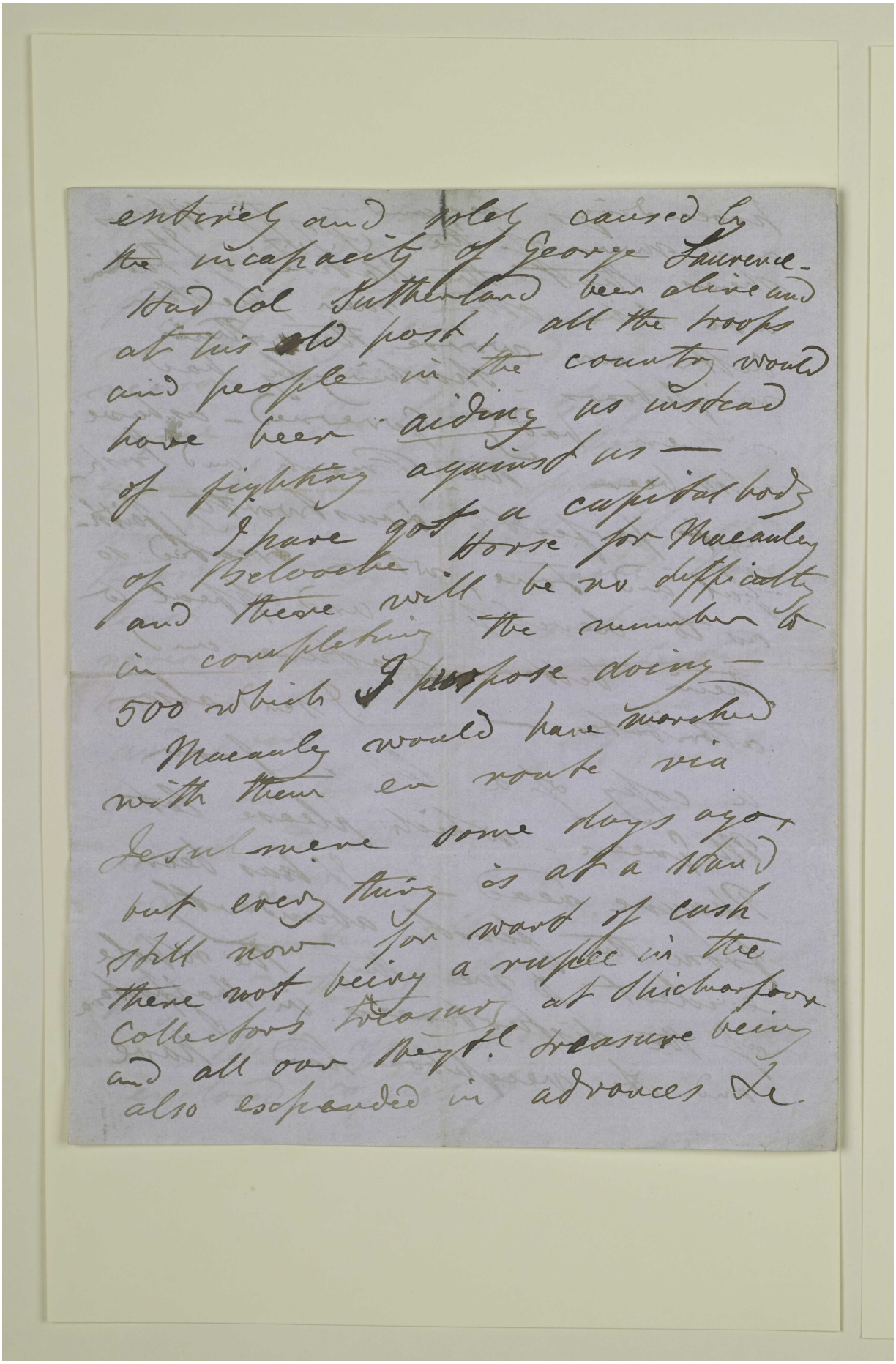


affairs on a sound basis are
neutralized by the blindness and
folly of our rulers — whom
no warning can rouse, no
reason convince and no example
move — The lessons of experience
now being taught them in
Hindustan ever appear quite
thrown away — Well! it is at
least no fault of mine — I have
never relaxed my exertions
however abused and neglected,
and every word has invariably
been verified — The "official" letters I
wrote to the G.G. in January
1857 read now as if they had
been written after the Persian
folly and the mutiny in Bengal —
I think you should have the
enclosed copies of report of



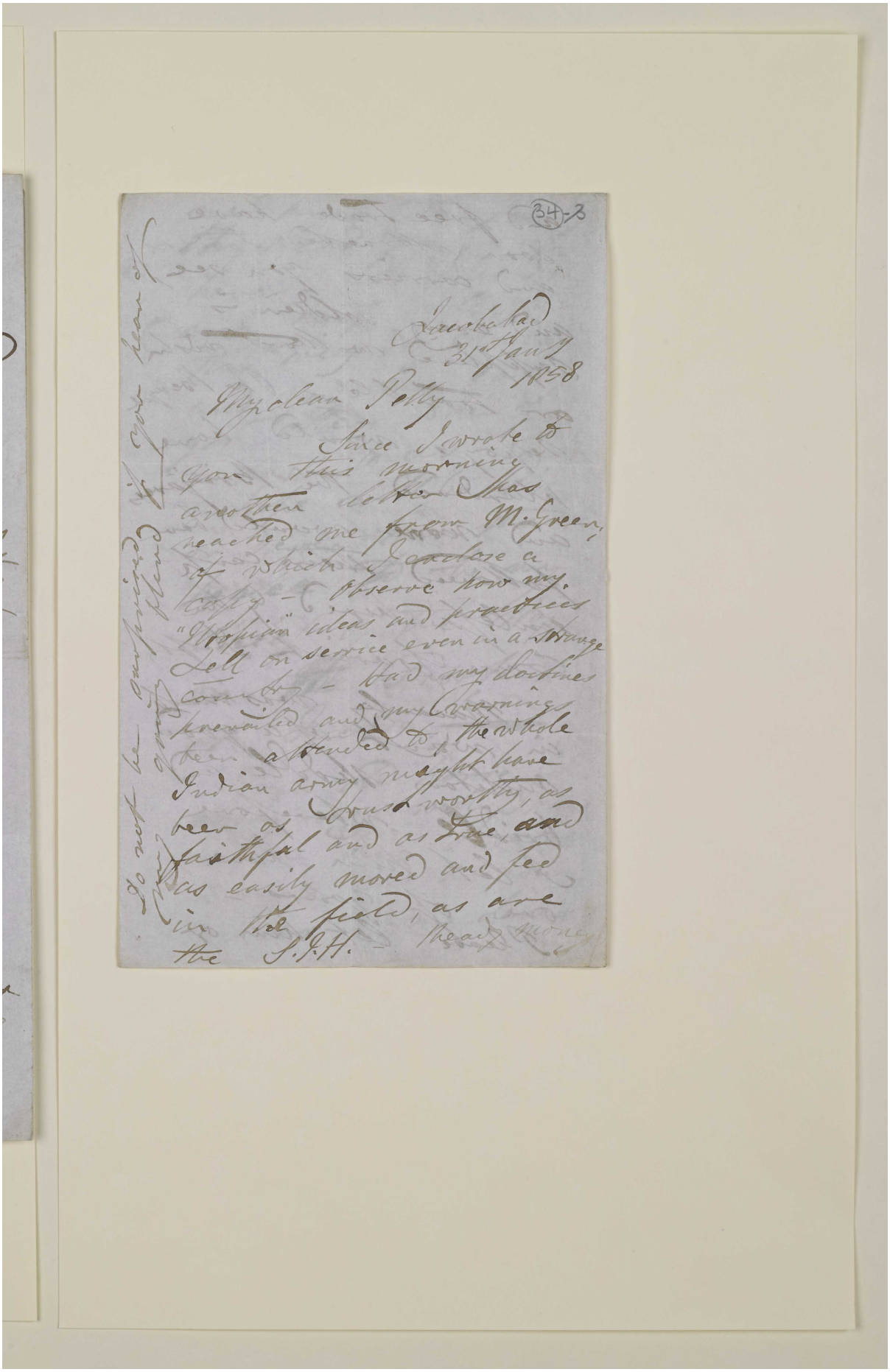
proceedings regarding the officers
and men of the S.J.H. shews that the Natives of India
are like other men, neither
better nor worse than their
neighbours - shockingly bad
when badly Governed - as have
also been the French and Irish -
but perfectly trustworthy, faith-
-ful and true, when treated so
as to develope and appeal to
their better nature. and
attributes —
I send also
a copy of a letter from
M. Green - which please let
Phayre read — It has been
from the first abundantly
evident to me that the whole
of the disturbances in Nagpoora
and its neighbourhood have



anxiety and toil caused by the incapacity of George Lawrence. Had Col Sutherland been alive and at his old post, all the troops and people in the country would have been aiding us instead of fighting against us —

I have got a capital body of Beloochee horse for Macaulay and there will be no difficulty in completing the number to 500 which I purpose doing —

Macaulay would have marched with them en route via Jesulmere some days ago, but every thing is at a stand still now for want of cash there not being a rupee in the Collector's treasury at Shikarpoor and all our Regtl treasure being also expended in advances &c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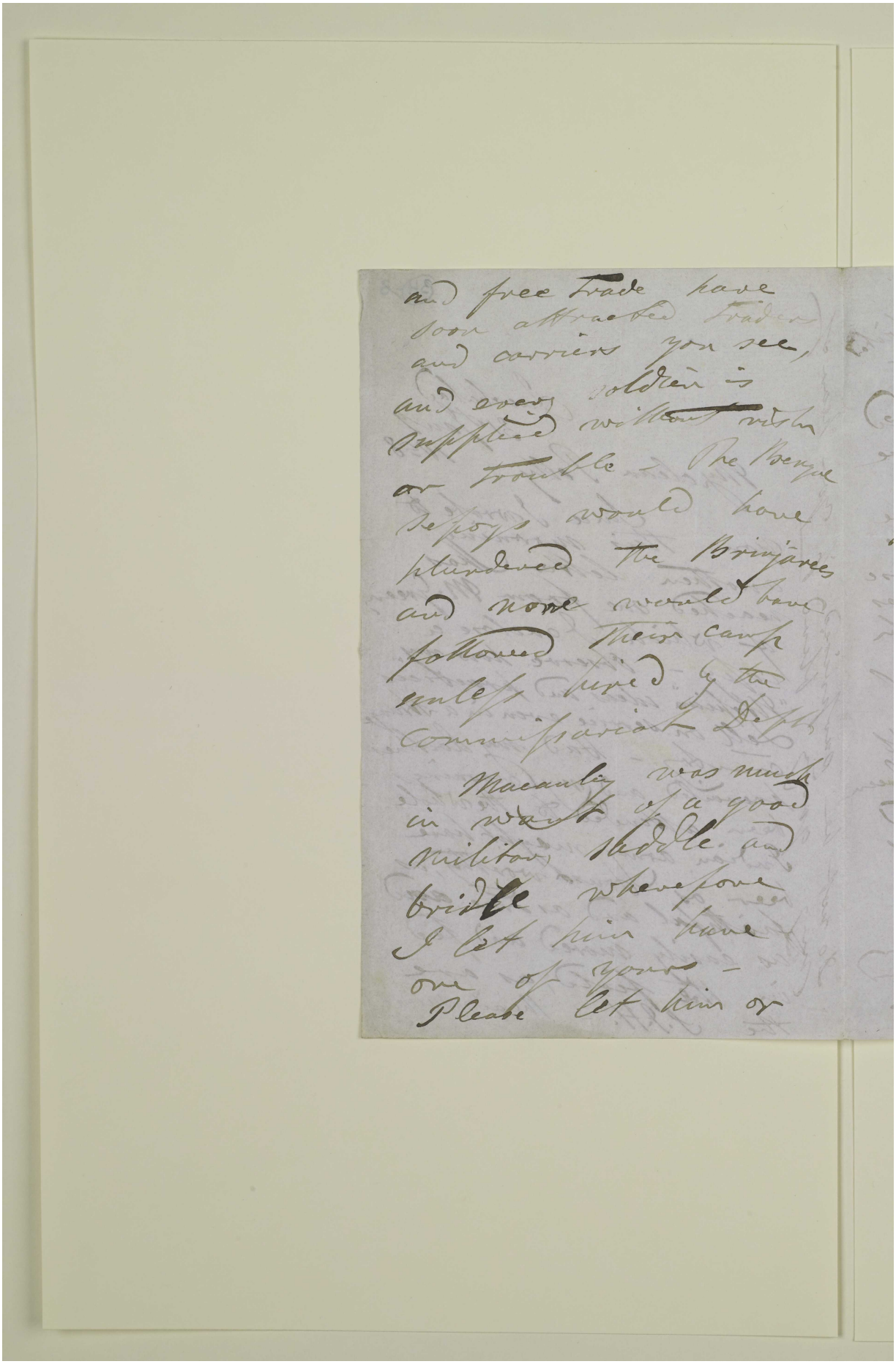
Jacobabad
31st Jany
1858
My dear Pelly
Since I wrote to
you this morning
another letter has
reached me from M. Green,
of which I enclose a
Observe how my
"Utopian" ideas and practices
tell on service even in a strange
country - had my doctrines
prevailed and my warnings
been attended to, the whole
Indian army might have
been as trustworthy, as
faithful and as true, and
as easily moved and fed
in the field, as are
the S.P.H.



and free trade have
soon attracted traders
and carriers you see,
and every soldier is
supplied without risk
or trouble - The Bengal
Sepoys would have
plundered the Brinjarees
and none would have
followed their camp
unless hired by the
Commissariat Deptt

Macauley was much
in want of a good
military saddle and
bridle wherefore
I let him have
one of yours -
Please let him or

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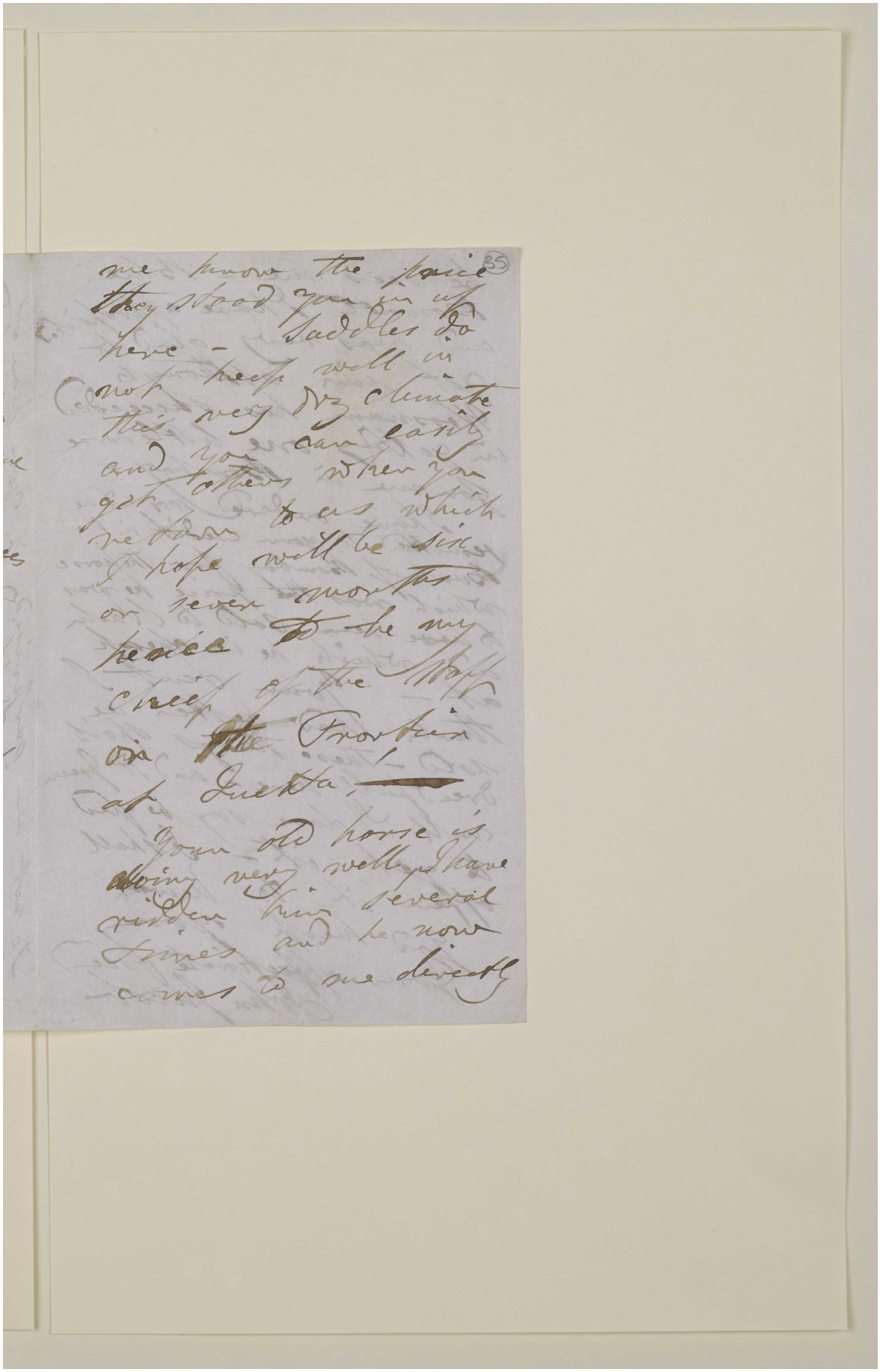

me know the price
they stood you in up
here - Saddles do
not keep well in
this very dry climate
and you can easily
get others when you
return to us which
I hope will be six
or seven months
hence to be my
chief of the Staff
on the Frontier
at Quetta,

Your old horse is
doing very well, I have
ridden him several
times and he now
comes to me directly

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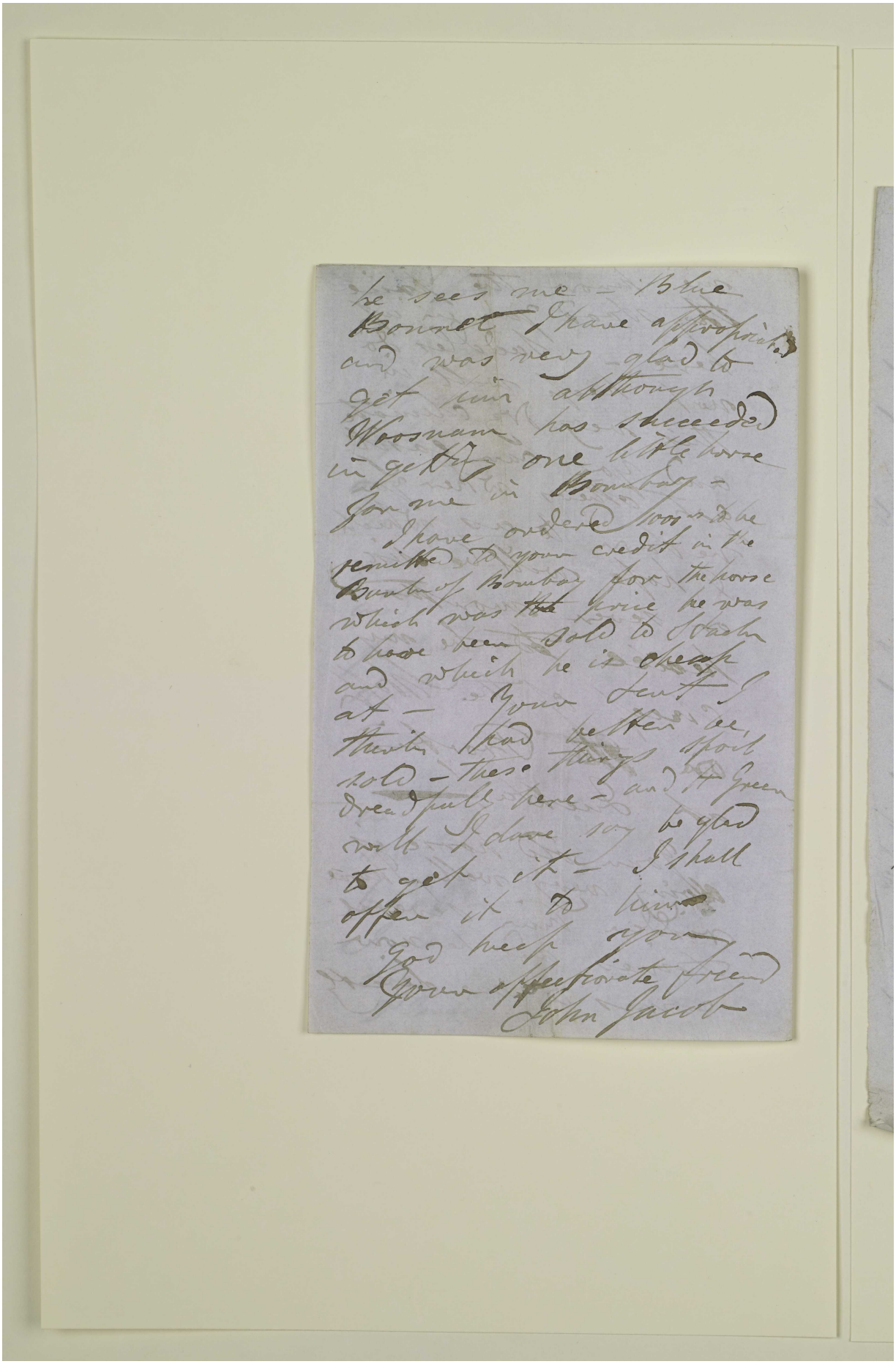

he sees me — Blue
Bonnet I have appropriated
and was very glad to
get him although
Woosnam has succeeded
in getting one little horse
for me in Bombay —
I have ordered 1000 rs to be
remitted to your credit in the
Bank of Bombay for the horse
which was the price he was
to have been sold to Stack
and which he is cheap
at — Your tent I
think had better be
sold — these things spoil
dreadfully here — and H Green
will I dare say be glad
to get it — I shall
offer it to him.
God keep you
Your affectionate friend
John Jacob

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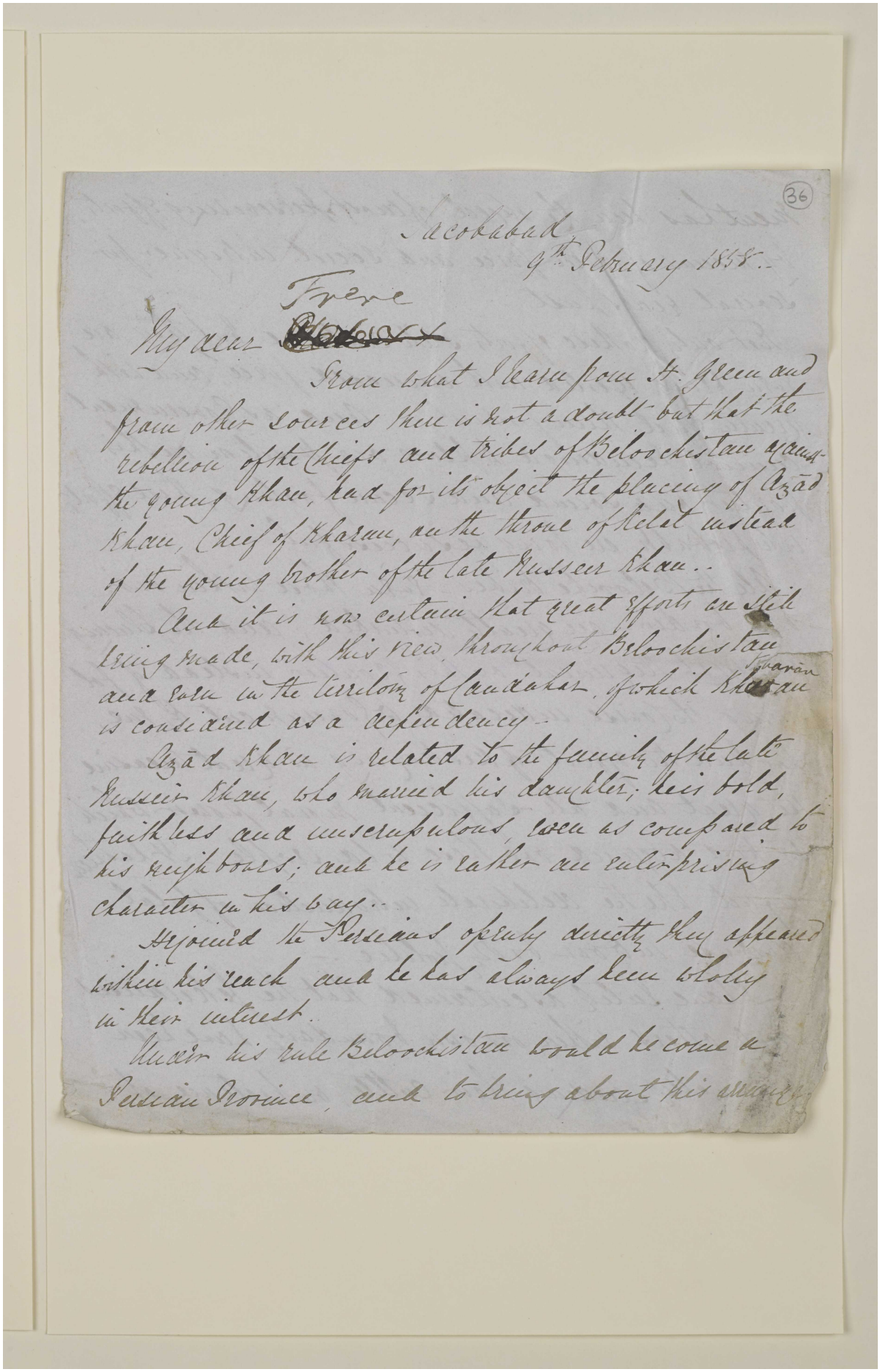

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Jacobabad
9th February 1858.

My dear Frere

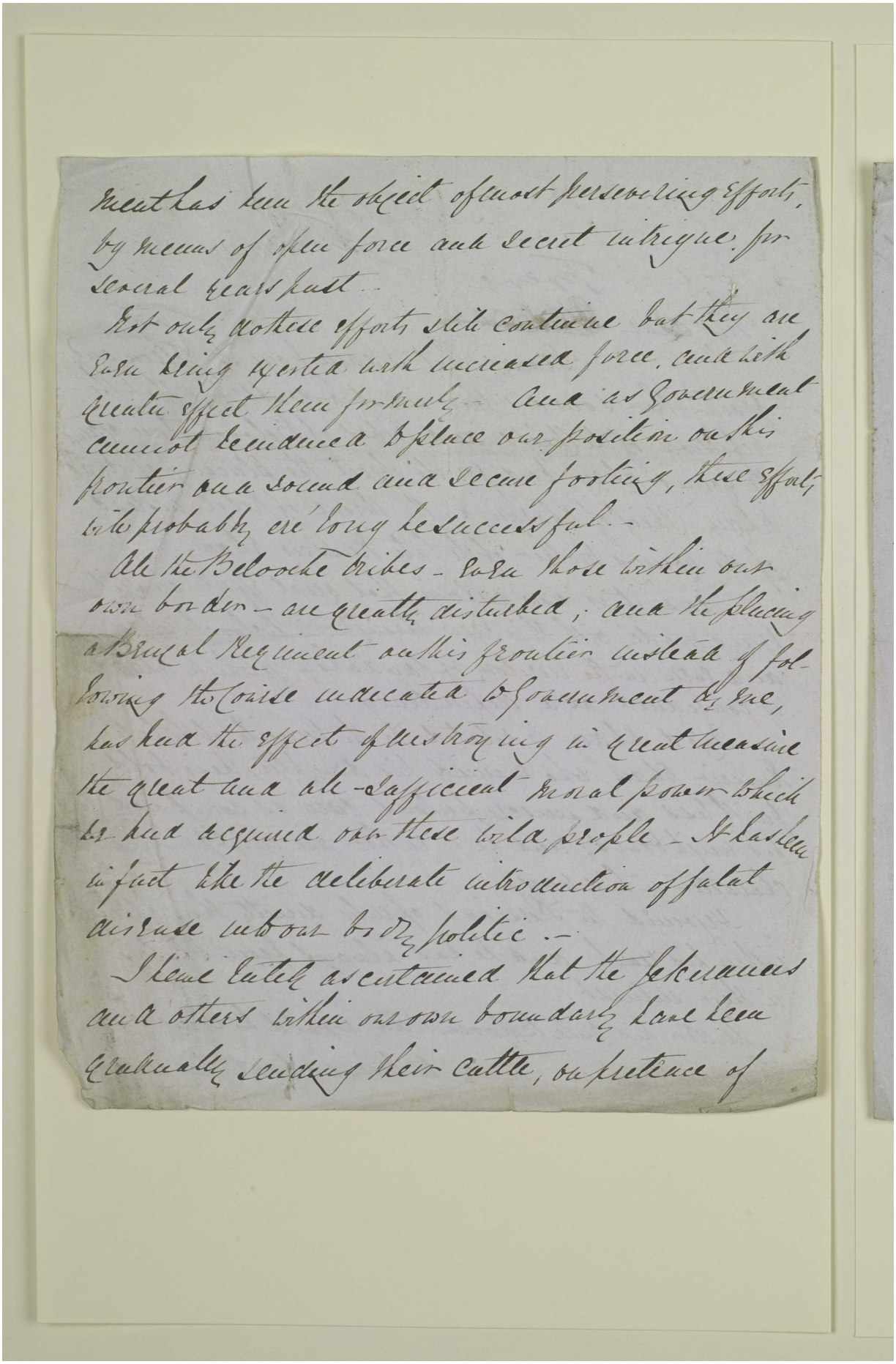
From what I learn from H. Green and from other sources there is not a doubt but that the rebellion of the Chiefs and tribes of Beloochistan against the young Khan, had for its object the placing of Azād Khan, Chief of Kharan, on the throne of Kelat instead of the young brother of the late Nusseer Khan.

And it is now certain that great efforts are being made, with this view, throughout Beloochistan and Cabul in the territory of Candahar, of which Kharan is considered as a dependency.

Azād Khan is related to the family of the late Nusseer Khan, who married his daughter; he is bold, faithless and unscrupulous, even as compared to his neighbours; and he is rather an enterprising character in his way.

He joined the Persians openly directly they appeared within his reach and he has always been wholly in their interest.

Under his rule Beloochistan would become a Persian Province, and to bring about this measure



ment has been the object of most persevering efforts, by means of open force and secret intrigue, for several years past.

Not only do these efforts still continue but they are even being exerted with increased force, and with greater effect than formerly. And as Government cannot be induced to place our position on this frontier on a sound and secure footing, these efforts will probably ere long be successful.

All the Belooche tribes - even those within our own border - are greatly disturbed; and the placing a Bengal Regiment on this frontier instead of following the course indicated to Government by me, has had the effect of destroying in great measure the great and all-sufficient moral power which we had acquired over these wild people. It has been in fact like the deliberate introduction of fatal disease into our body politic.

I have lately ascertained that the Jekeranees and others within our own boundary have been gradually sending their cattle, on pretence of

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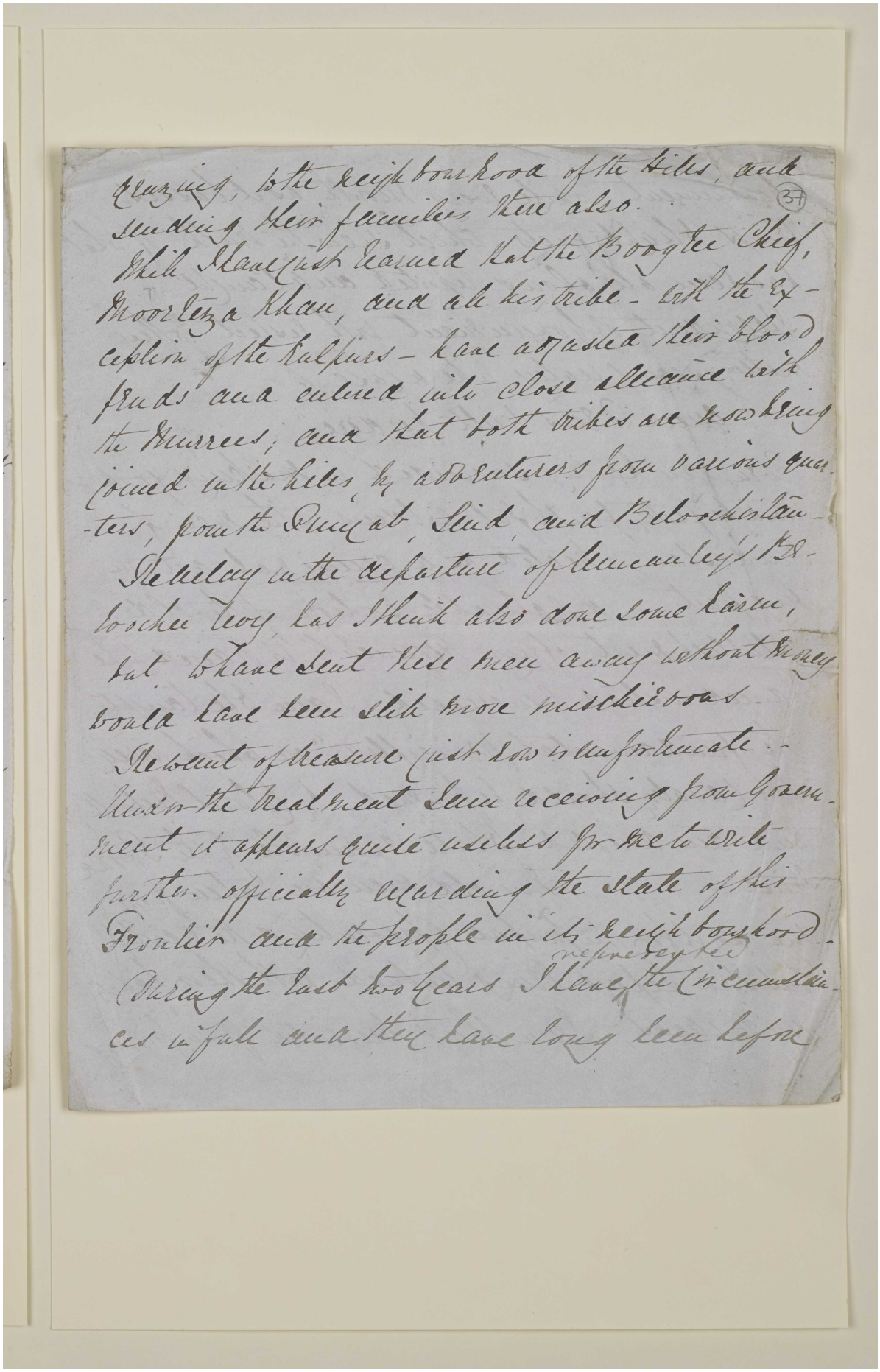

grazing, to the neighbourhood of the Hills, and sending their families there also.

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While I have just learned that the Boogtee Chief, Moorteza Khan, and all his tribe - with the exception of the Kulpurs - have adjusted their blood feuds and entered into close alliance with the Murrees; and that both tribes are now being joined in the hills, by adventurers from various quarters, from the Punjab, Sind, and Beloochistan -

The delay in the departure of Lincanley's Beloochee levy, has I think also done some harm, but, to have sent these men away without money would have been still more mischievous -

The want of treasure just now is unfortunate. - Under the treatment I am receiving from Government it appears quite useless for me to write further officially regarding the state of this Frontier and the people in its neighbourhood. -

During the last two years I have represented the circumstances in full and they have long been before

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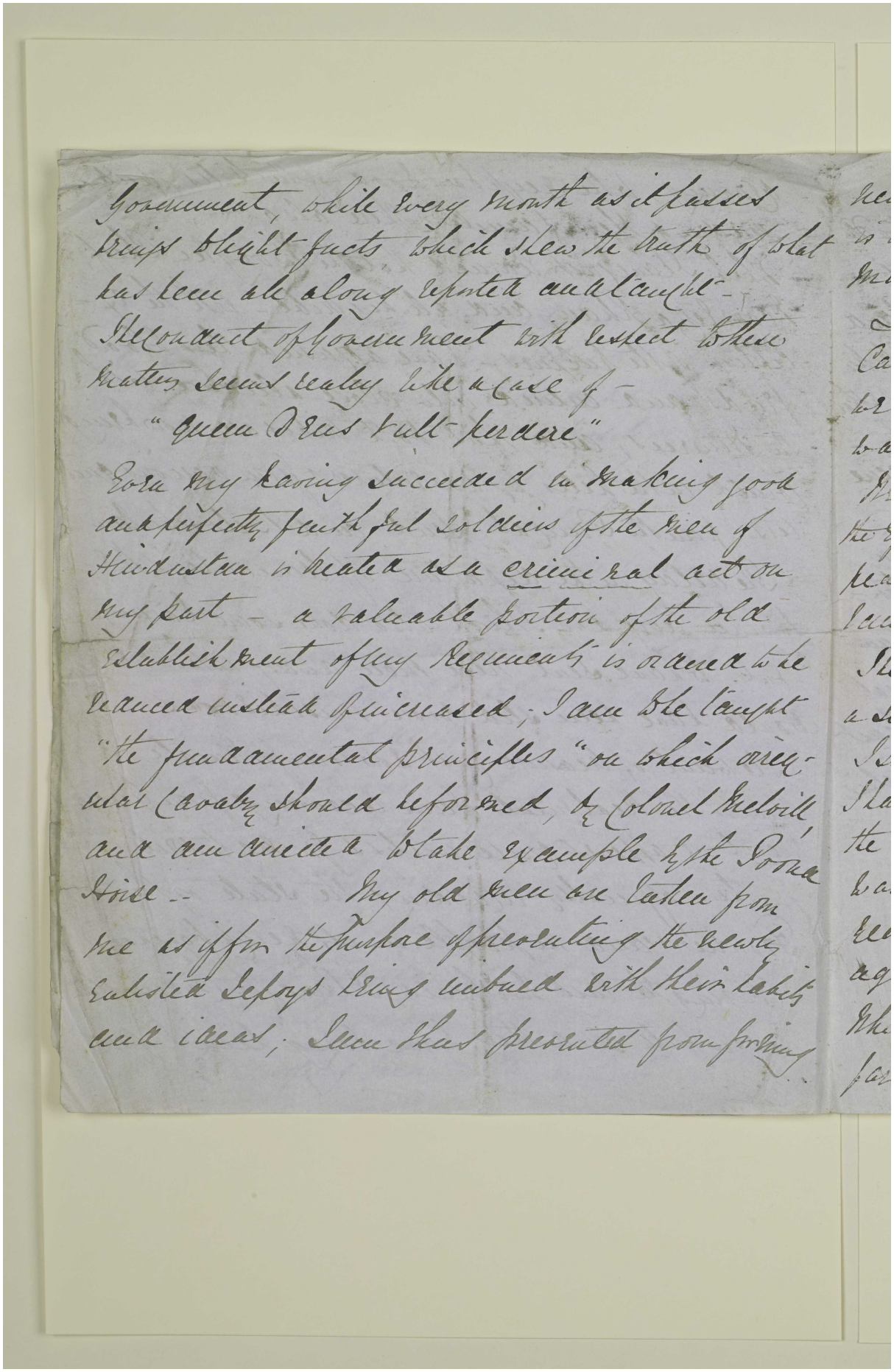

Government, while every month as it passes brings to light facts which shew the truth of what has been all along reported and taught -
The conduct of Government with respect to these matters seems really like a case of -
"Quem Deus vult perdere"
Even my having succeeded in making good and perfectly faithful soldiers of the men of Hindustan is treated as a criminal act on my part - a valuable portion of the old establishment of my Regiments is ordered to be reduced instead of increased; I am to be taught "the fundamental principles" on which irregular Cavalry should be formed, by Colonel Melvill, and am directed to take example by the Poona Horse -- My old men are taken from me as if for the purpose of preventing the newly enlisted Sepoys being imbued with their habits and ideas; I am thus prevented from forming

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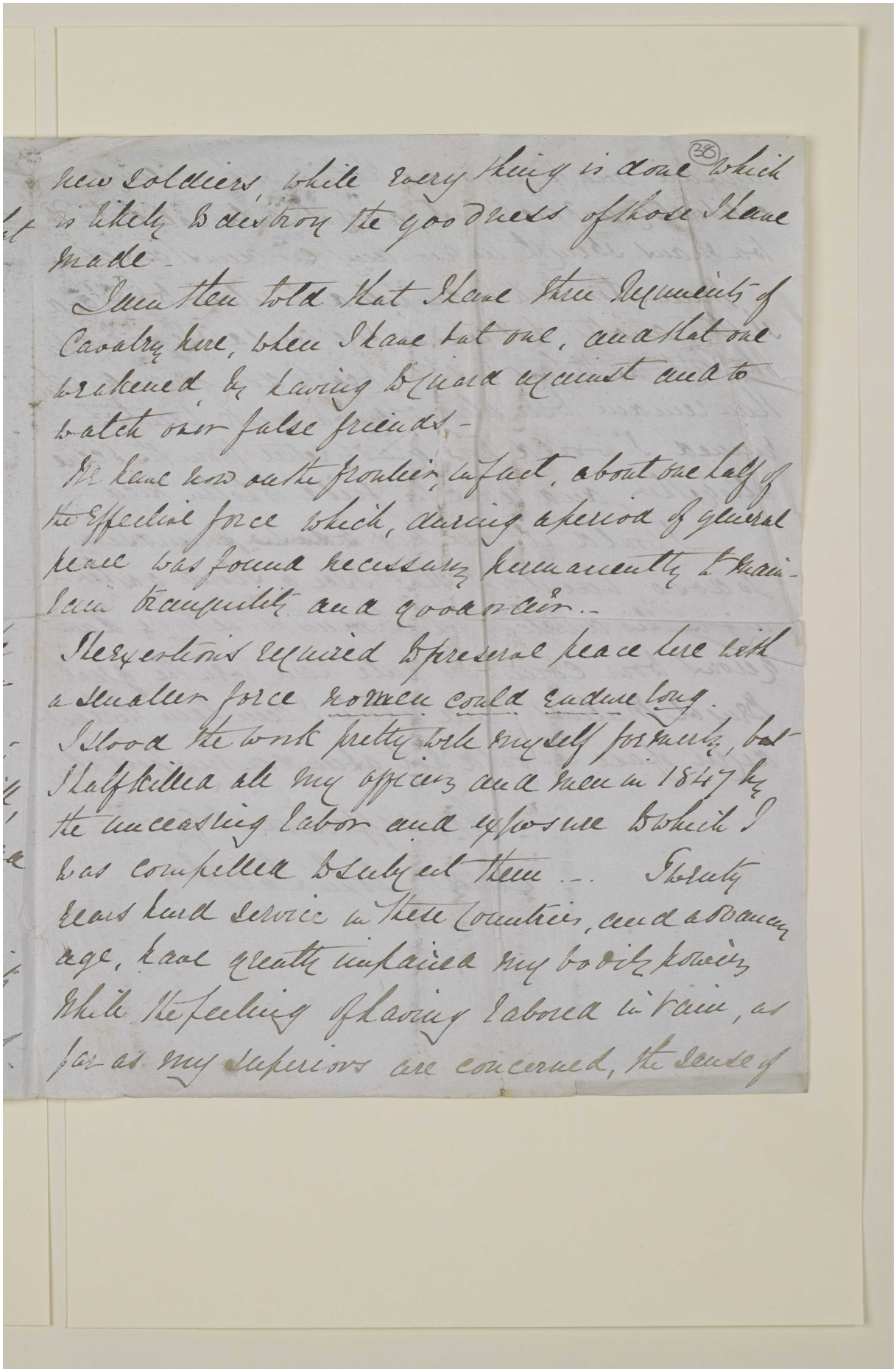


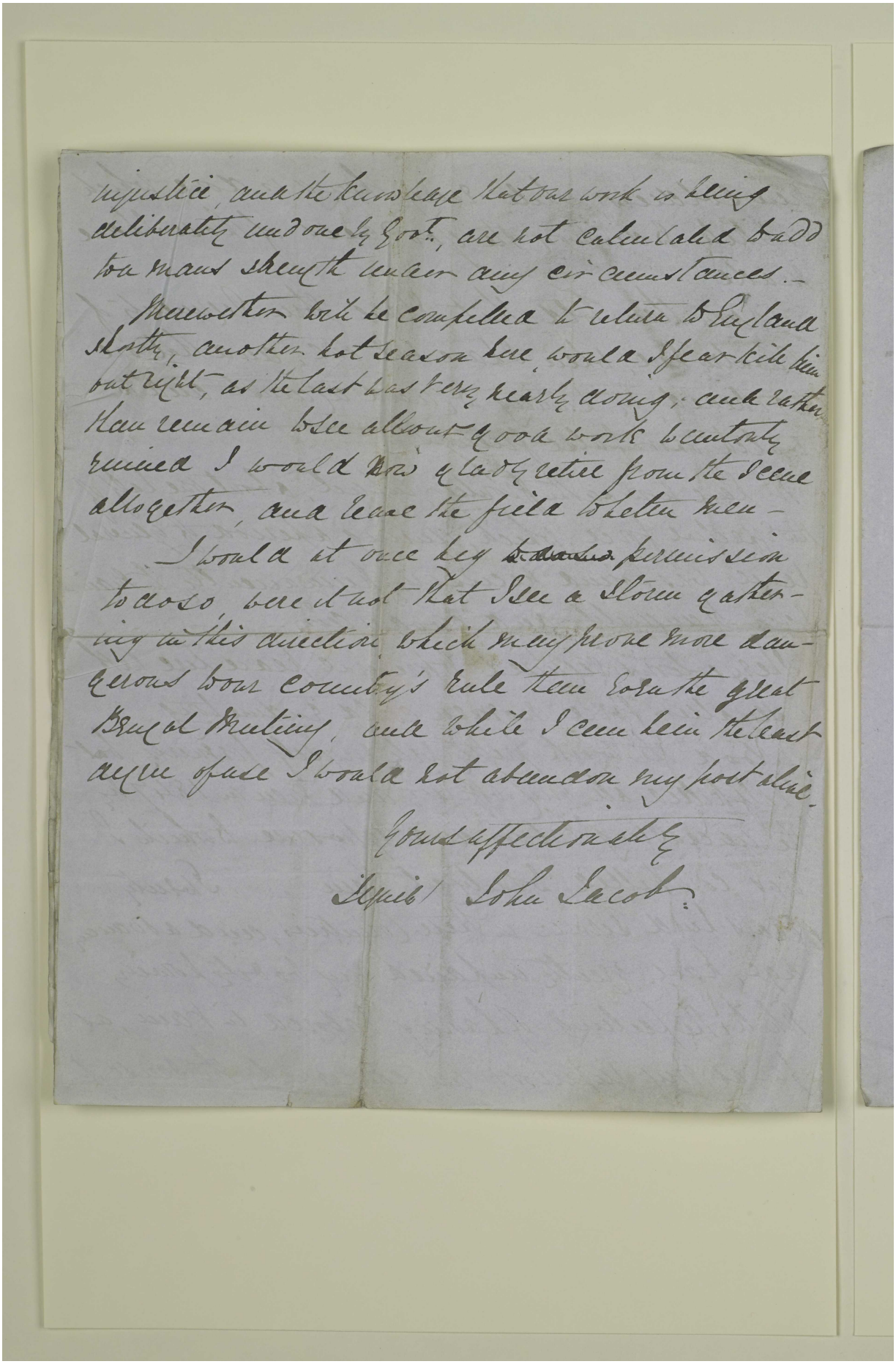
new soldiers, while every thing is done which is likely to destroy the goodness of those I have made.

I am then told that I have three Regiments of Cavalry here, when I have but one, and that one weakened by having to guard against and to watch over false friends.

We have now on the frontier, in fact, about one half of the effective force which, during a period of general peace was found necessary permanently to maintain tranquility and good order.

The exertions required to preserve peace here with a smaller force no men could endure long.

I stood the work pretty well myself formerly, but I half killed all my officers and men in 1847 by the unceasing labor and exposure to which I was compelled to subject them. Twenty years hard service in these countries, and advancing age, have greatly impaired my bodily powers while the feeling of having labored in vain, as far as my superiors are concerned, the sense of



injustice, and the knowledge that our work is being deliberately undone by Govt., are not calculated to add to a mans strength under any circumstances.—

Meanwether will be compelled to return to England shortly, another hot season here would I fear kill him out right, as the last was very nearly doing; and rather than remain to see all our good work wantonly ruined I would now gladly retire from the scene altogether, and leave the field to better men—

I would at once beg ~~to do so~~ permission to do so, were it not that I see a storm gathering in this direction which may prove more dangerous to our country's rule than even the great Bengal Mutiny, and while I can be in the least degree of use I would not abandon my post alive.

Yours affectionately

Signed John Jacob.

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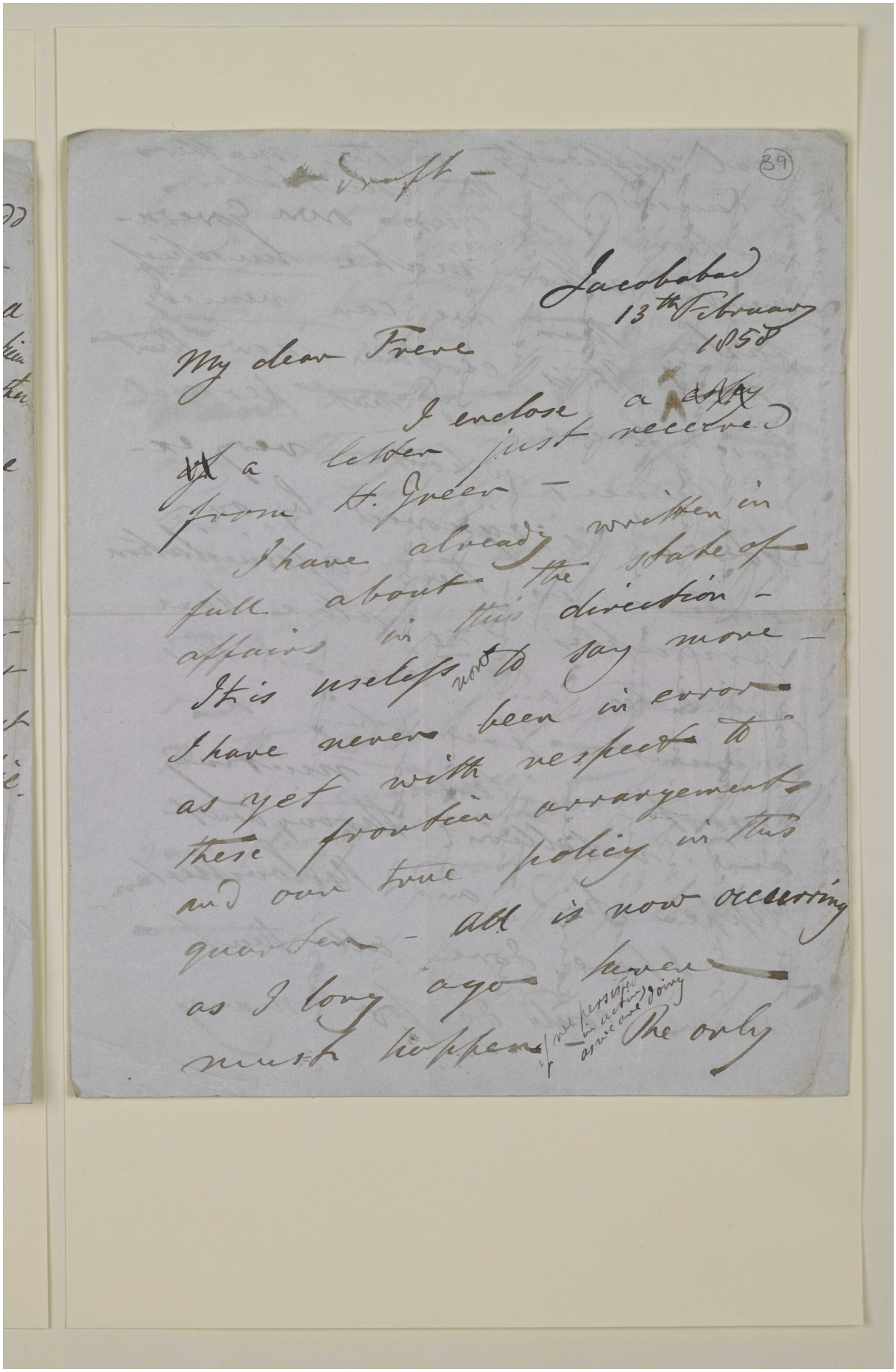

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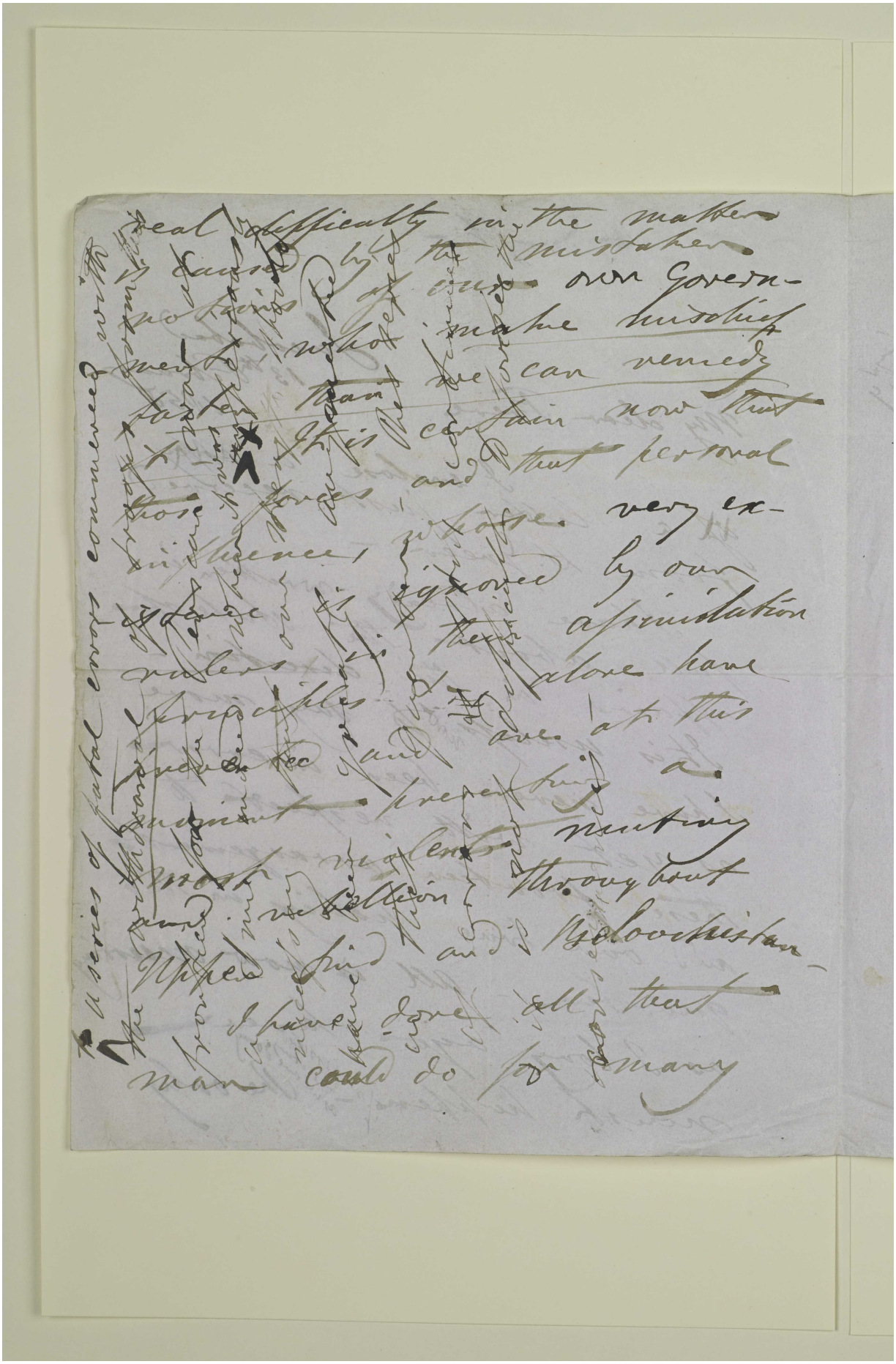
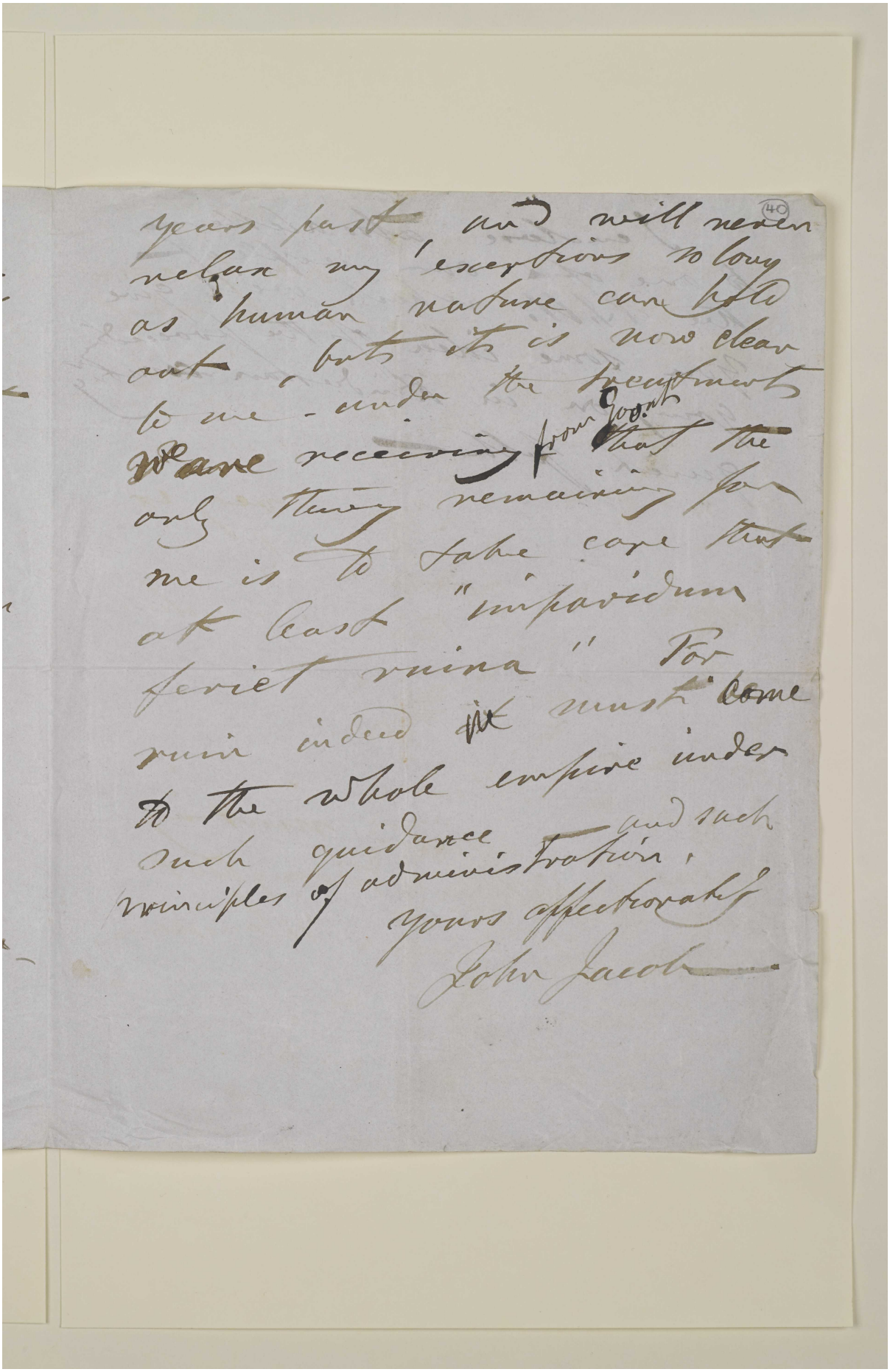
Jacobabad
13th February
1858

My dear Frere

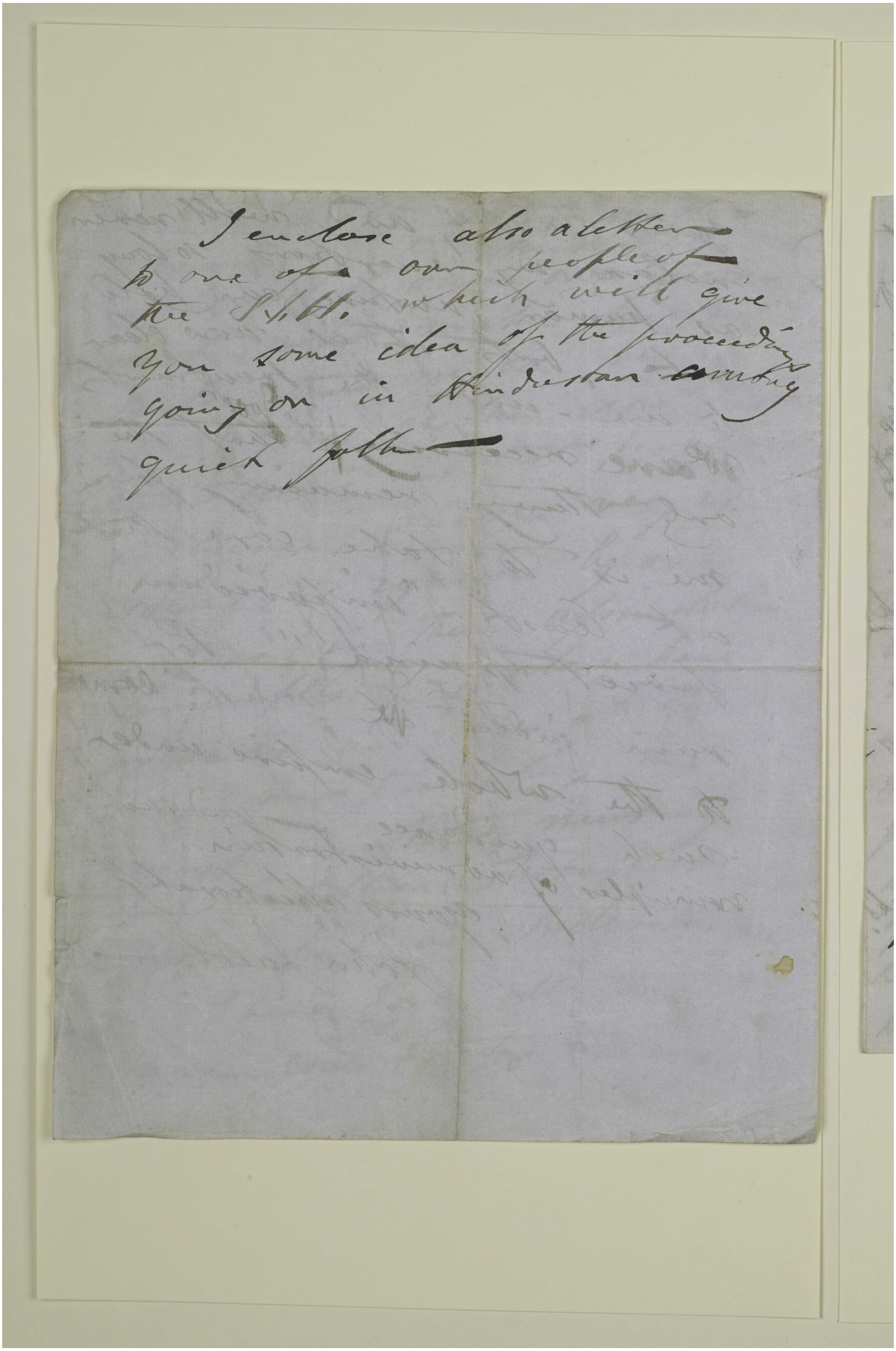
I enclose a ~~copy~~ ~~of~~ a letter just received from H. Green —

I have already written in full about the state of affairs in this direction — It is useless now to say more — I have never been in error as yet with respect to these frontier arrangements and our true policy in this quarter — All is now occurring as I long ago have must happen if we persisted in acting as we are doing — The only





years past and will never
relax my exertions so long
as human nature can hold
out, but it is now clear
to me - under the treatment
we are receiving from you that the
only thing remaining for
me is to take care that
at least "imperium
Soviet ruina" For
ruin indeed it must come
to the whole empire under
such guidance and such
principles of administration.
Yours affectionately
John Jacob



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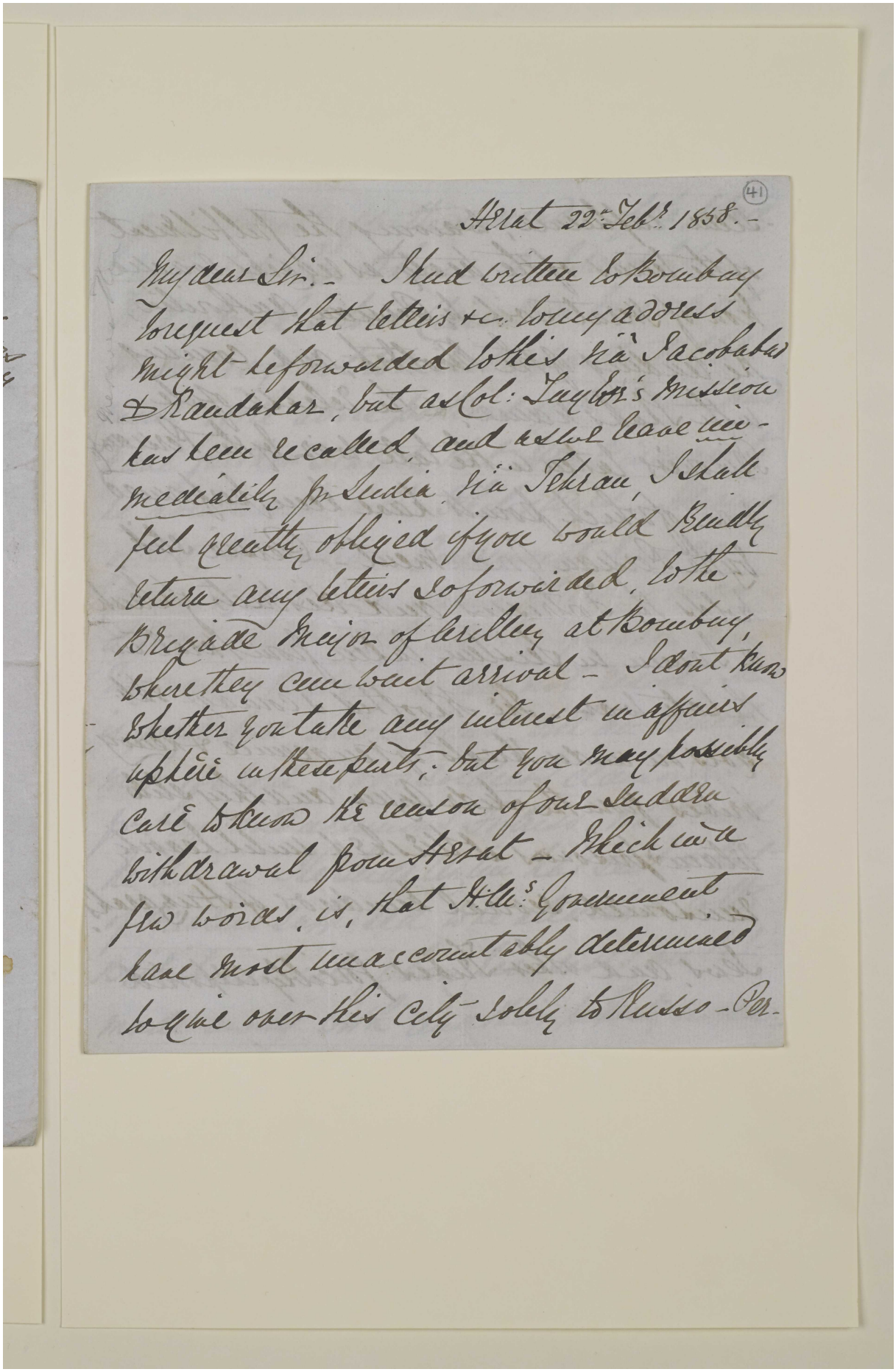

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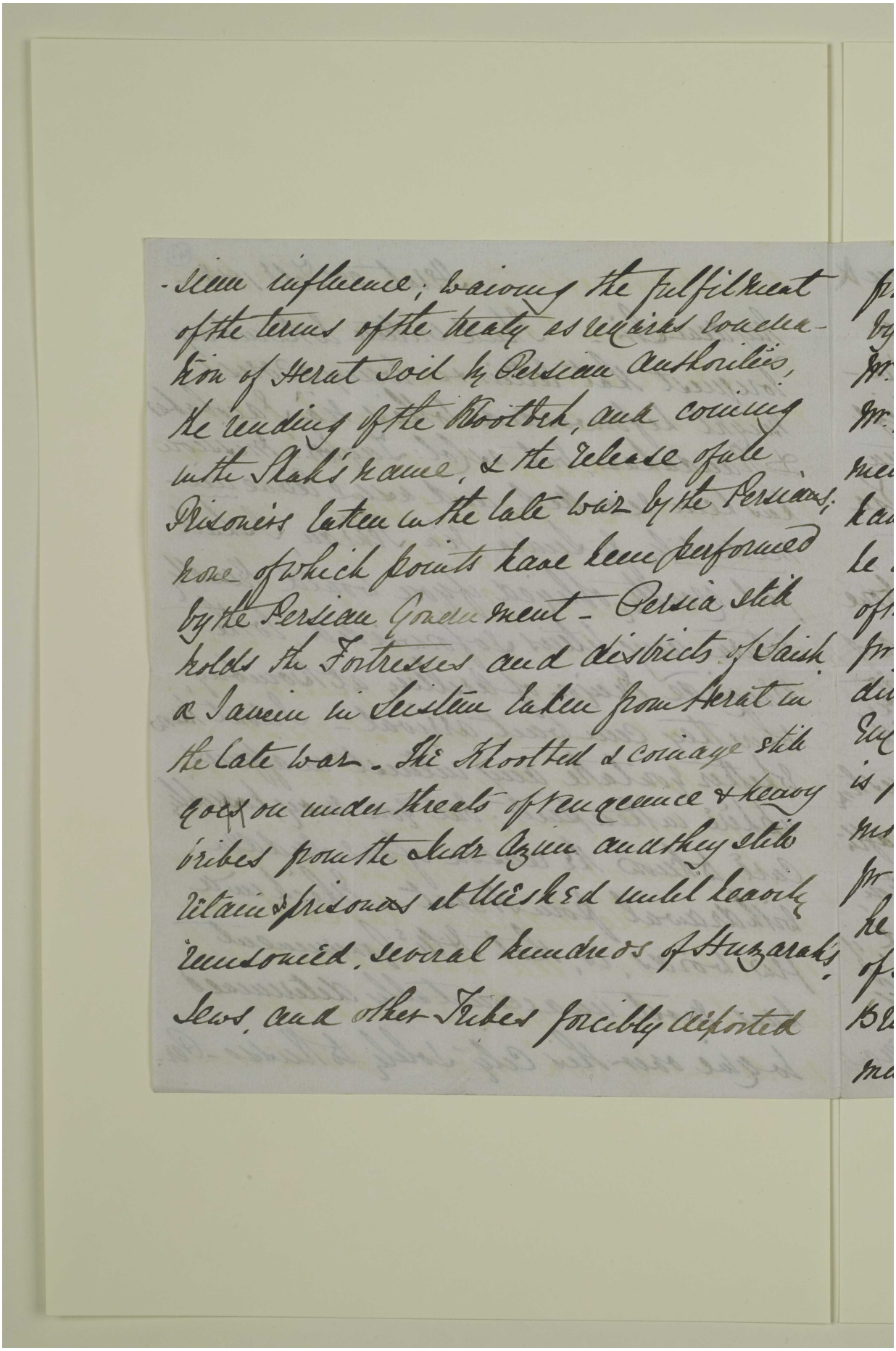
Herat 22nd Febr. 1858.-

My dear Sir.- I had written to Bombay to request that letters &c. to my address might be forwarded to this via Jacobabad & Kandahar, but as Col: Taylor's mission has been recalled, and as we leave immediately for India, via Tehran, I shall feel greatly obliged if you would kindly return any letters so forwarded, to the Brigade Major of Artillery at Bombay, where they can wait arrival - I dont know whether you take any interest in affairs upheré in these parts; but you may possibly care to know the reason of our sudden withdrawal from Herat - Which in a few words, is, that H.M.s Government have most unaccountably determined to give over this city solely to Russo-Per-



-sian influence; waiving the fulfilment
of the terms of the treaty as regards evacua-
tion of Herat soil by Persian authorities,
the rending of the Khootbeh, and coining
in the Shah's name, & the release of all
Prisoners taken in the late war by the Persians;
none of which points have been performed
by the Persian Government - Persia still
holds the Fortresses and districts of Saish
& Jawein in Seistan taken from Herat in
the late war. The Khootbeh & coinage still
goes on under threats of vengeance & heavy
bribes from the Sudr Azim and they still
retain as prisoners at Meshed until heavily
ransomed, several hundreds of Huzarah's
Sews, and other Tribes forcibly deported

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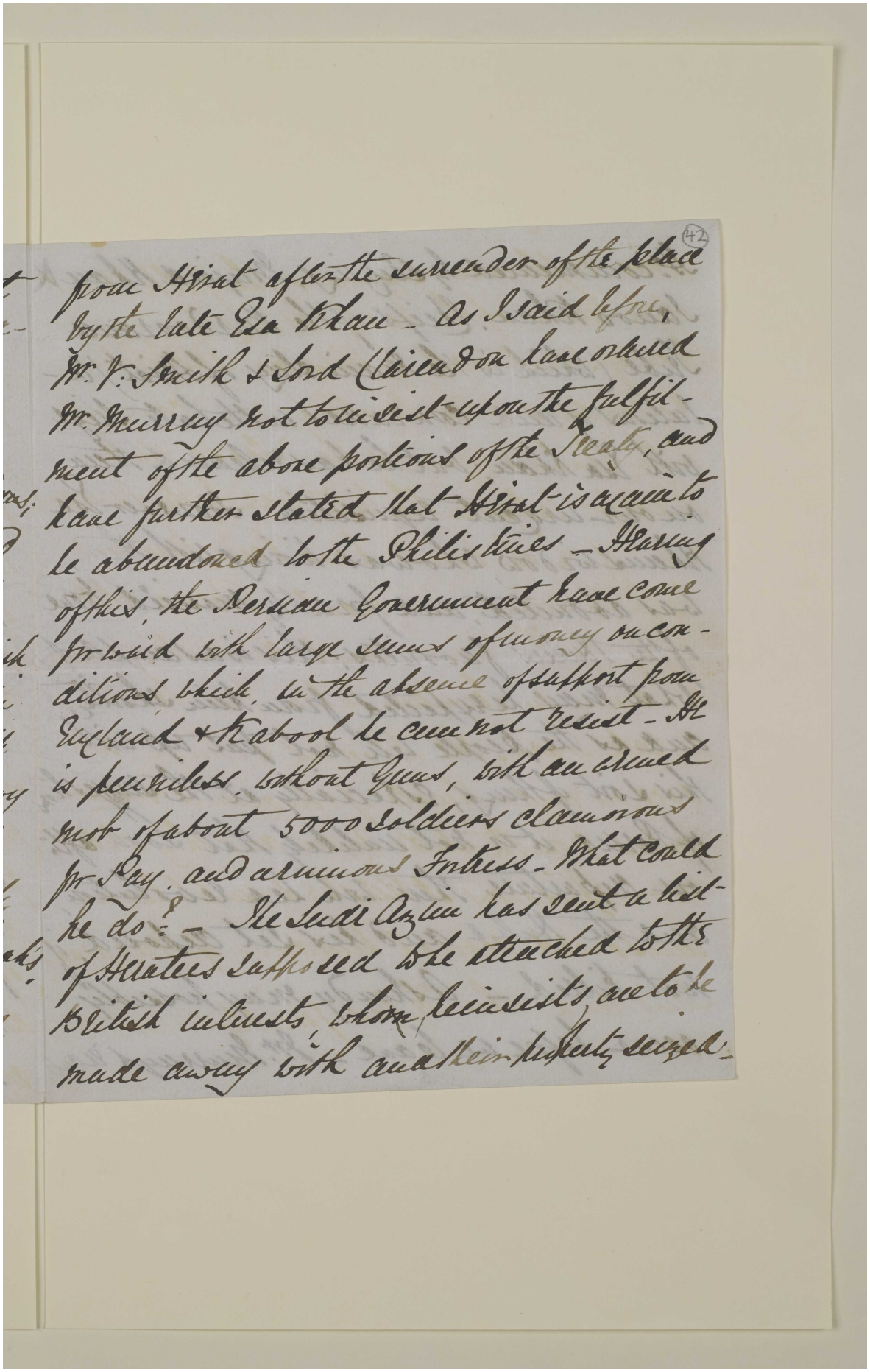
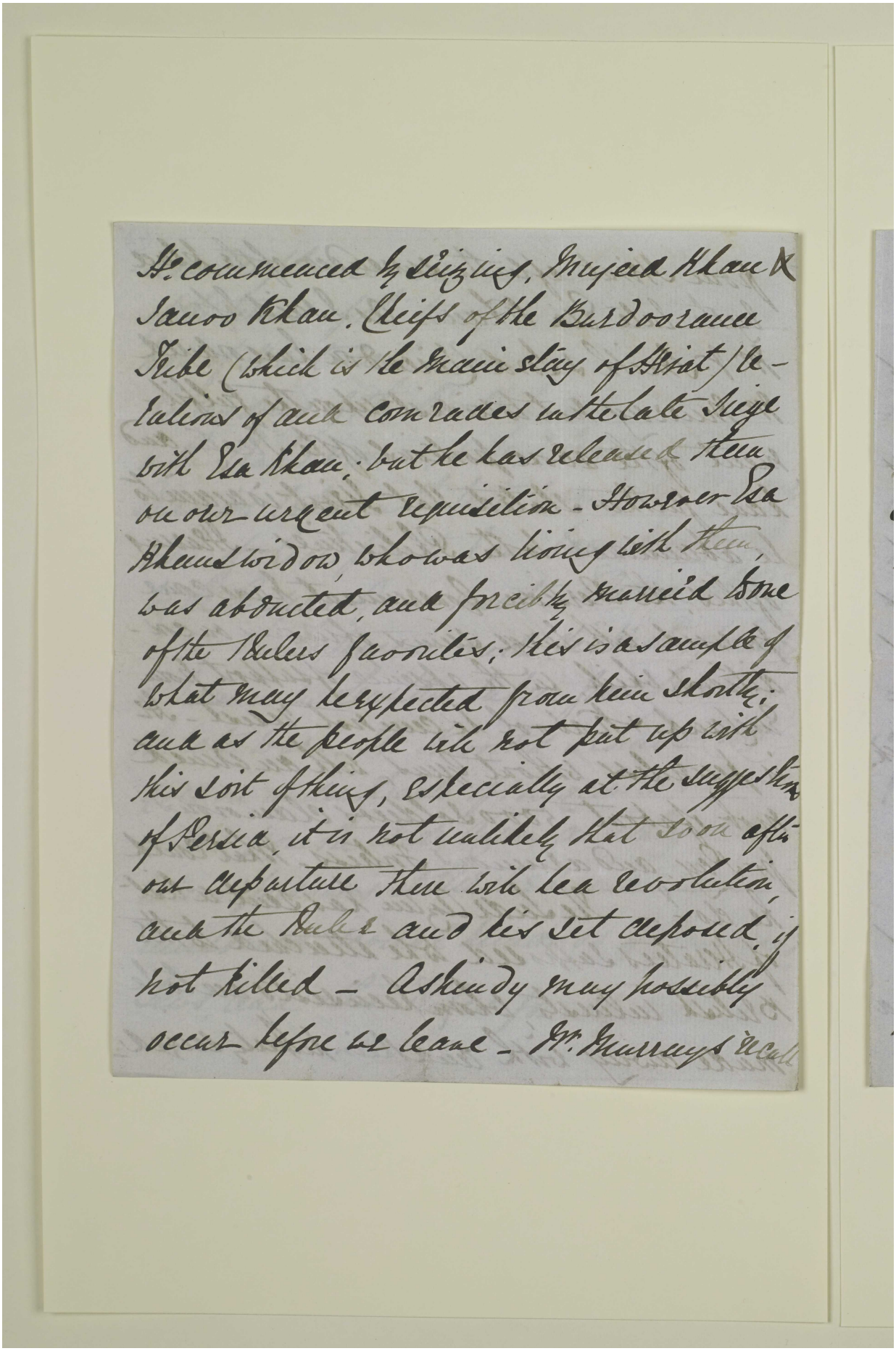
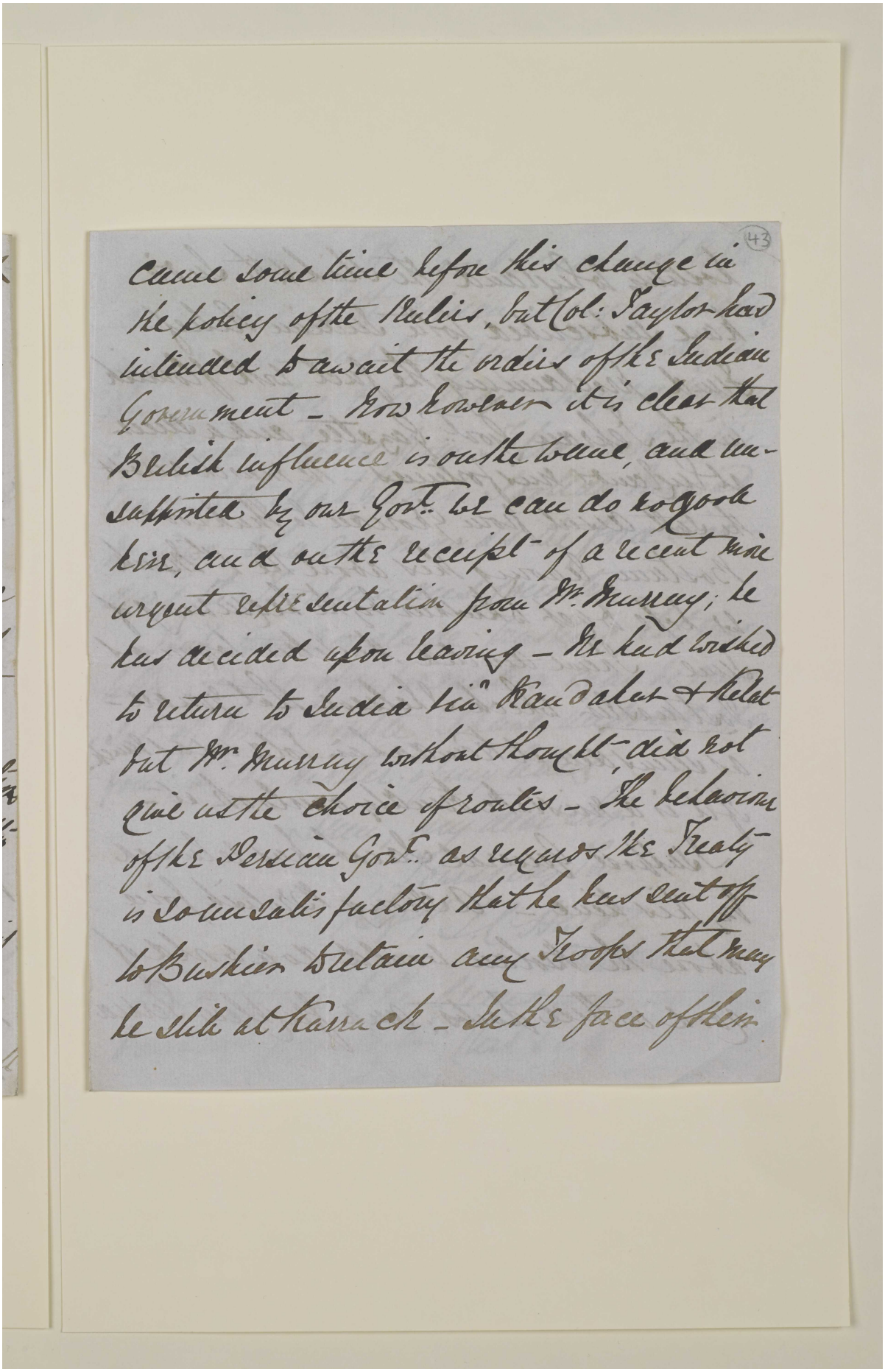


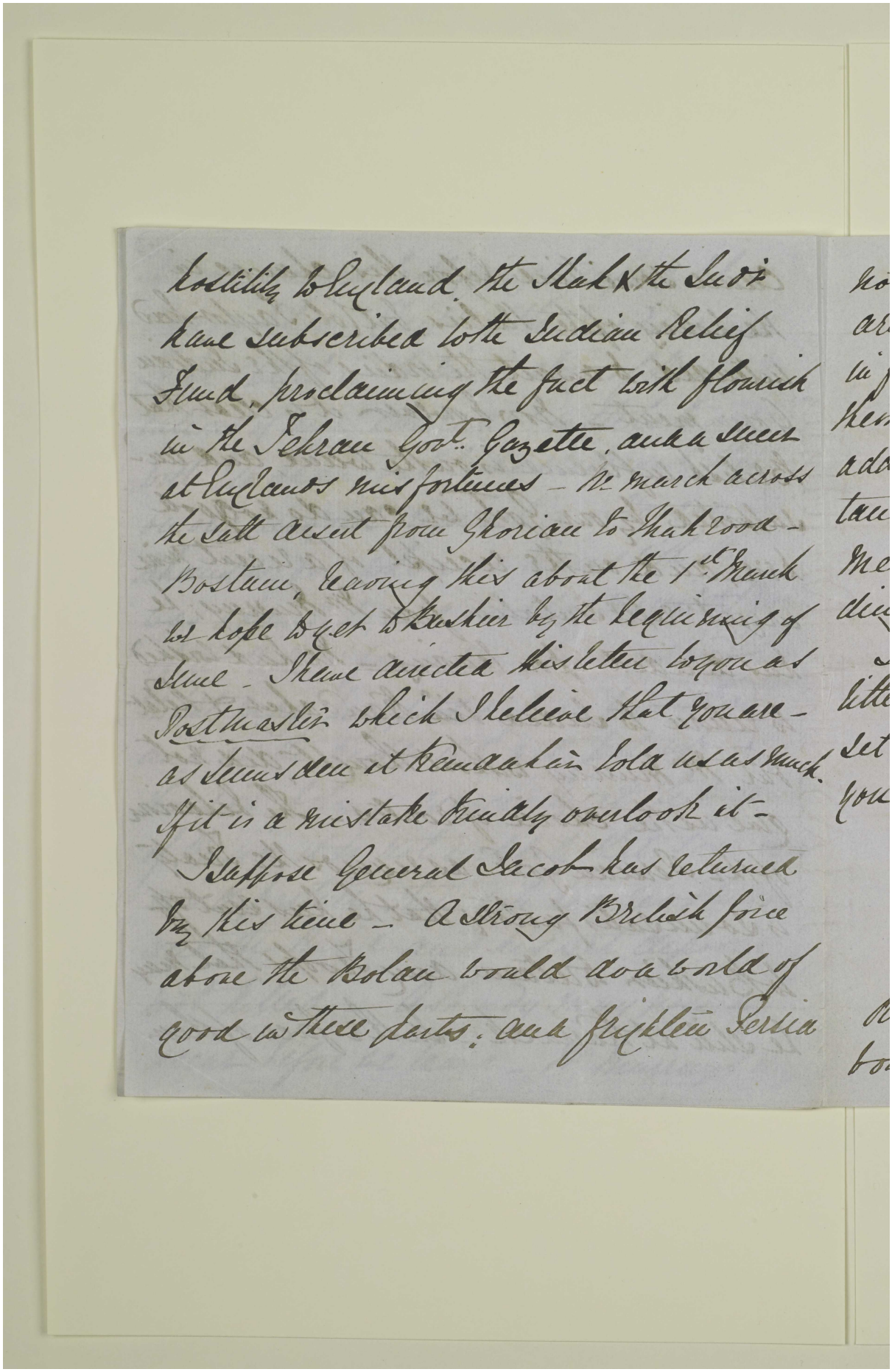
from Herat after the surrender of the place
by the late Esa Khan - As I said before,
Mr. V. Smith & Lord Clarendon have ordered
Mr. Murray not to insist upon the fulfil-
ment of the above portions of the Treaty, and
have further stated that Herat is again to
be abandoned to the Philistines - Hearing
of this, the Persian Government have come
forward with large sums of money on con-
ditions which, in the absence of support from
England & Kabool he cannot resist - He
is penniless, without Guns, with an armed
mob of about 5000 soldiers clamorous
for Pay, and ruinous Fortress - What could
he do? - The Sudr Azim has sent a list
of Heratees supposed to be attached to the
British interests, whom, he insists, are to be
made away with and their property seized -



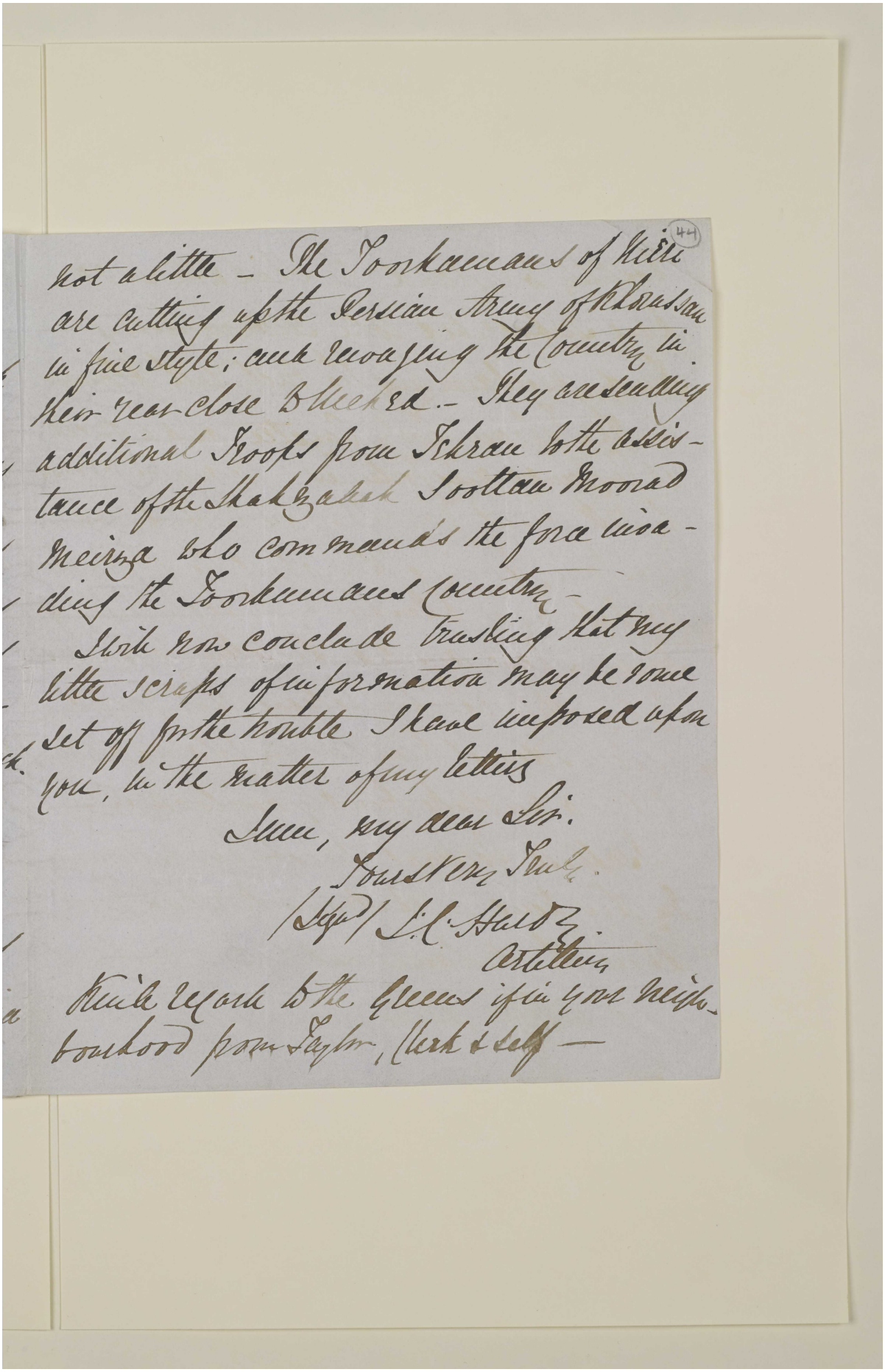
He commenced by seizing, Mujeed Khan &
Janoo Khan, Chiefs of the Burdoorance
Tribe (which is the main stay of Heirat) re-
lations of and comrades in the late Siege
with Esa Khan; but he has released them
on our urgent requisition - However Esa
Khan's widow, who was living with them,
was abducted, and forcibly married to one
of the Rulers favorites; this is a sample of
what may be expected from him shortly;
and as the people will not put up with
this sort of thing, especially at the suggestion
of Persia, it is not unlikely that soon after
our departure there will be a revolution,
and the Ruler and his set deposed, if
not killed - A shindy may possibly
occur before we leave - Mr. Murray's recall



came some time before this change in the policy of the Rulers, but Col: Taylor had intended to await the orders of the Indian Government - Now however it is clear that British influence is on the wane, and unsupported by our Govt. we can do no good here, and on the receipt of a recent more urgent representation from Mr. Murray; he has decided upon leaving - He had wished to return to India via Kandahar & Kelat but Mr. Murray without thought did not give us the choice of routes - The behaviour of the Persian Govt. as regards the Treaty is so unsatisfactory that he has sent off to Bushier to retain any Troops that may be still at Karrack - In the face of their



hostility to England. the Shah & the Indr
have subscribed to the Indian Relief
Fund, proclaiming the fact with flourish
in the Tehran Govt. Gazette, and a sneer
at Englands misfortunes - We march across
the salt desert from Ghorian to Shahrood -
Bostam, leaving this about the 1st March
we hope to get to Bushier by the beginning of
June - I have directed this letter to you as
Postmaster which I believe that you are -
as Sumsden at Kandahar told us as much.
If it is a mistake kindly overlook it -
I suppose General Jacob has returned
by this time - A strong British force
above the Bolan would do a world of
good in these parts: and frighten Persia



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not a little – The Toorkamans of Nieri are cutting up the Persian Army of Khorassan in fine style; and ravaging the Country in their rear close to Meshed. – They are sending additional Troops from Tehran to the assistance of the Shahzadah Soottan Moorad Meirza who commands the force invading the Toorkamans Country –

I will now conclude trusting that my little scraps of information may be some set off for the trouble I have imposed upon you, in the matter of my letters

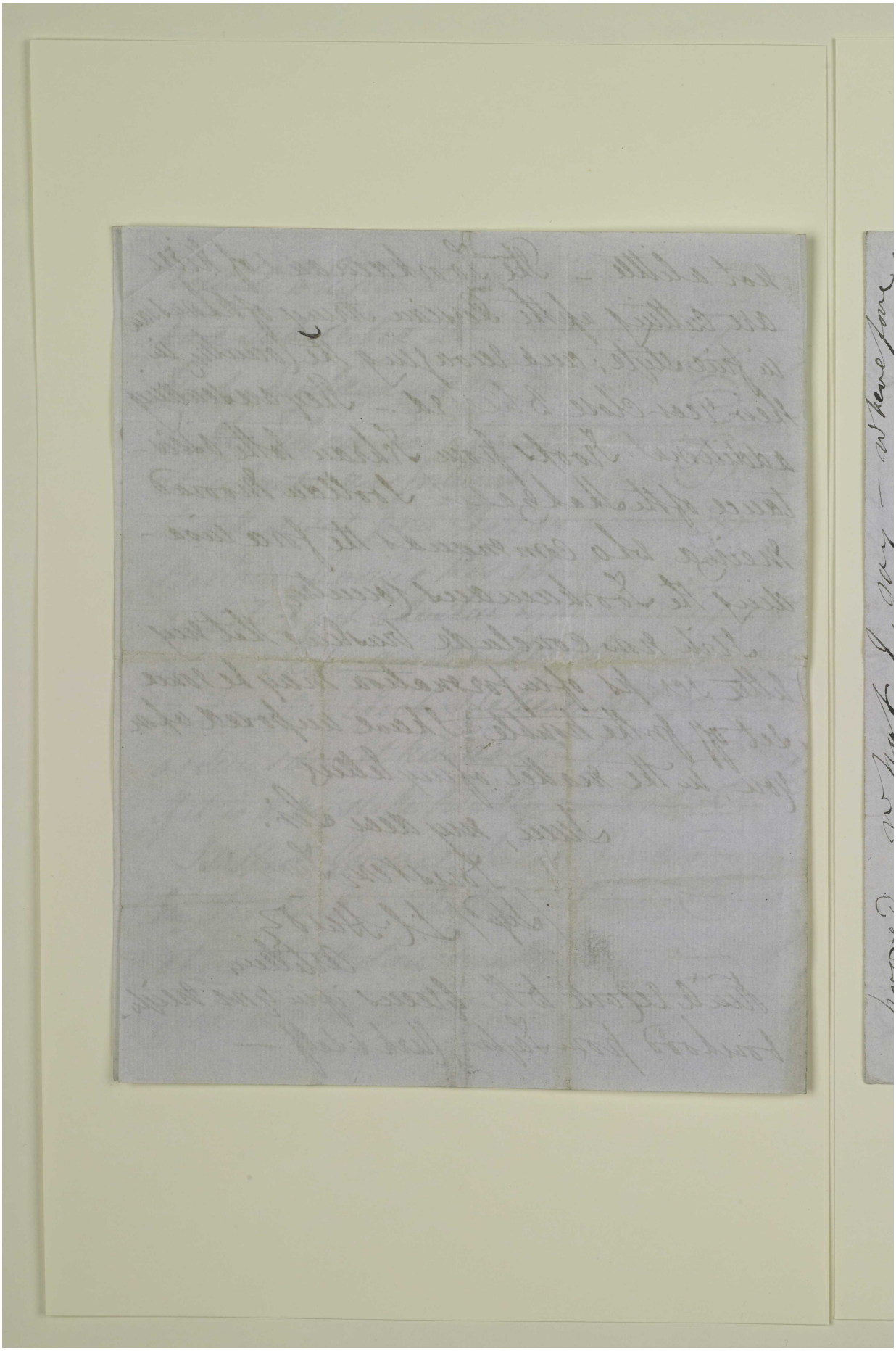
Sum, my dear Sir.

Yours very Truly.

(Signd) J. C. Hardy

Artillery

Kind regards to the Greens if in your neighbourhood from Taylor, Clerk & self –



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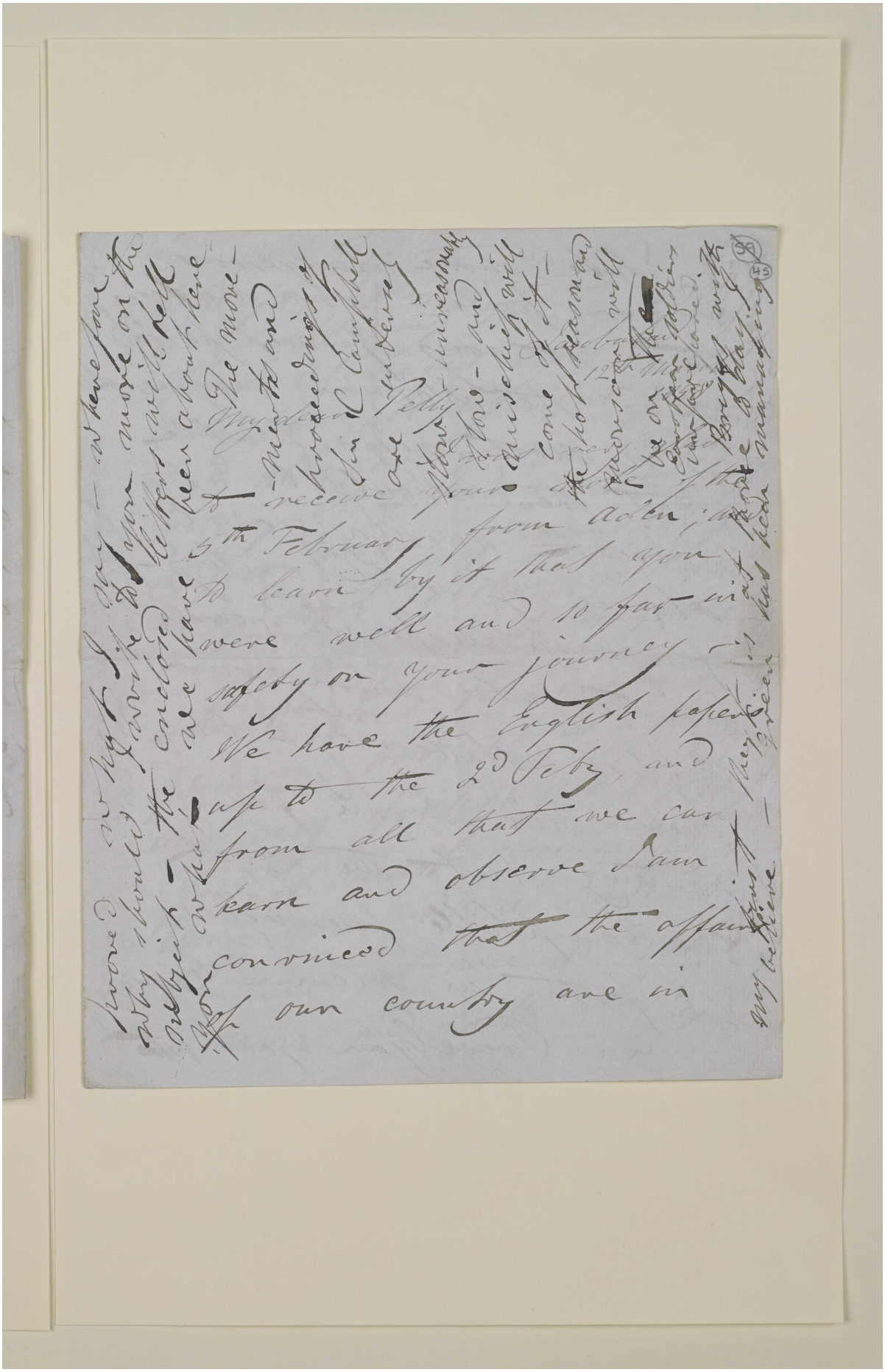

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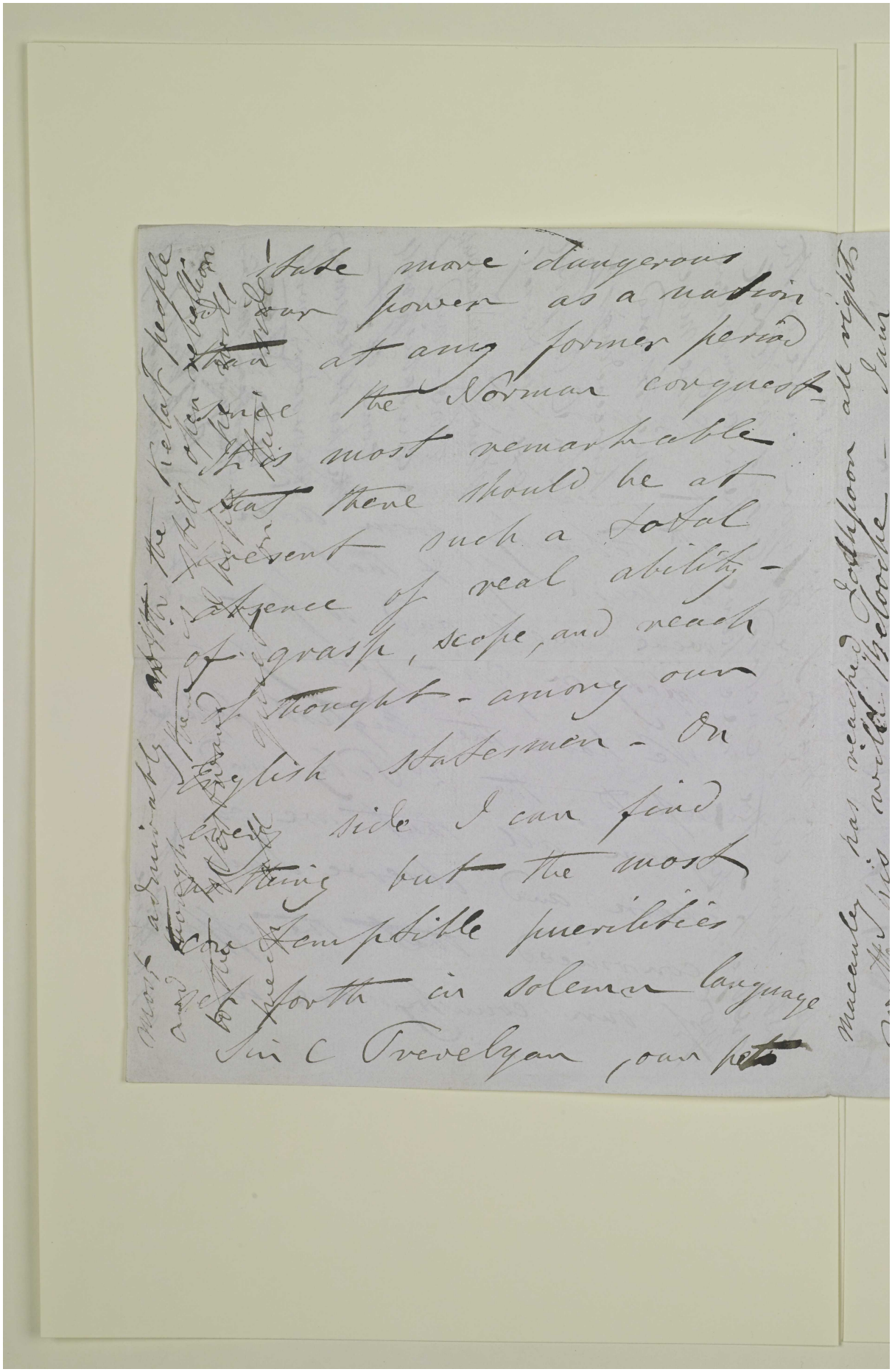

state more dangerous
our power as a nation
than at any former period
since the Norman conquest.
It is most remarkable
that there should be at
present such a total
absence of real ability -
of grasp, scope, and reach
of thought - among our
English statesmen - On
every side I can find
nothing but the most
contemptible puerilities
set forth in solemn language
Sir C Trevelyan, our pet

most admirably with the Relat people
and though there is still open rebellion
to the Nor Grand Hope he will
reach [illegible] side -

Macauley has reached Jodhpoor all rights
on the his will Belooche - I am

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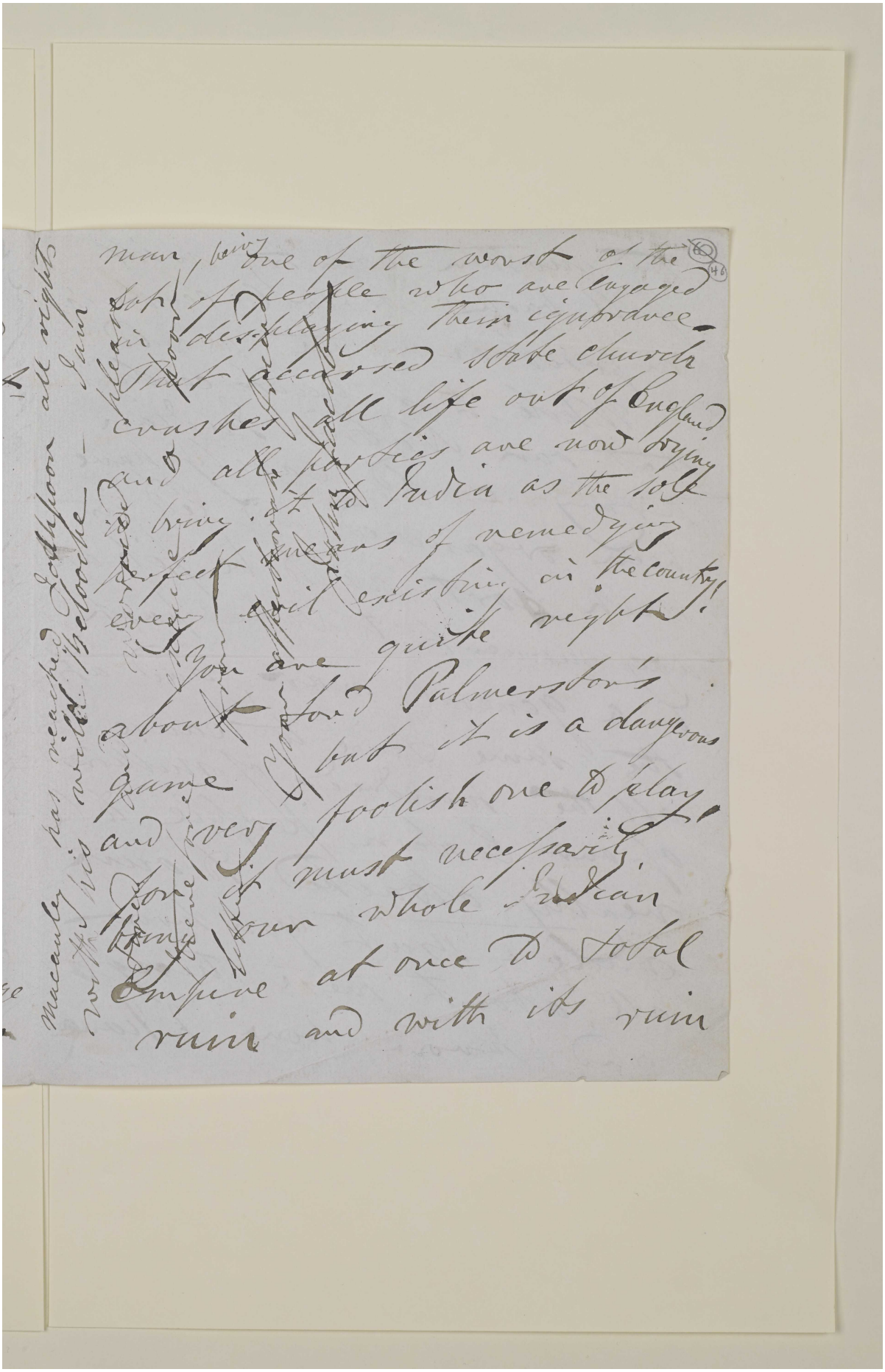

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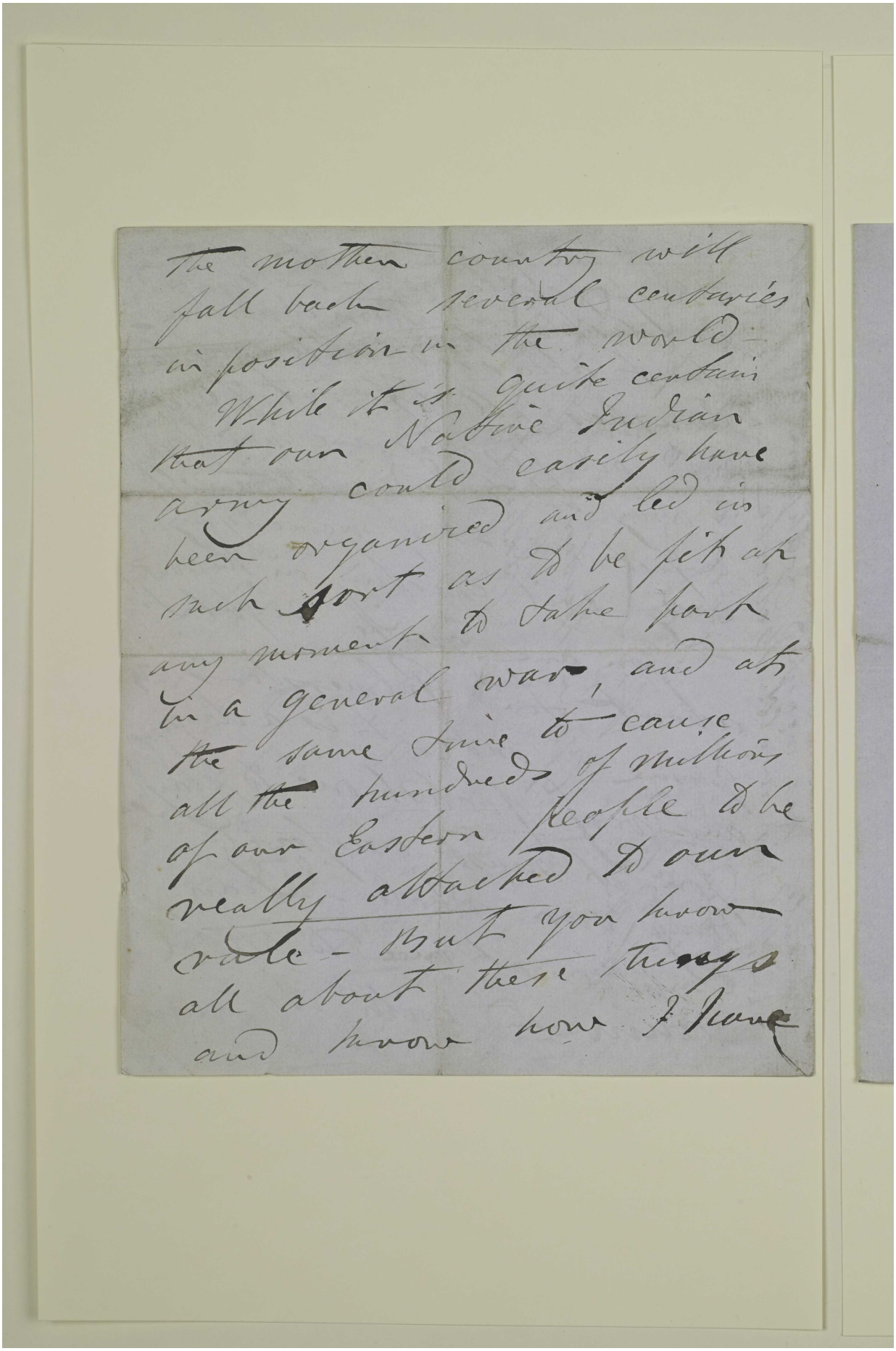
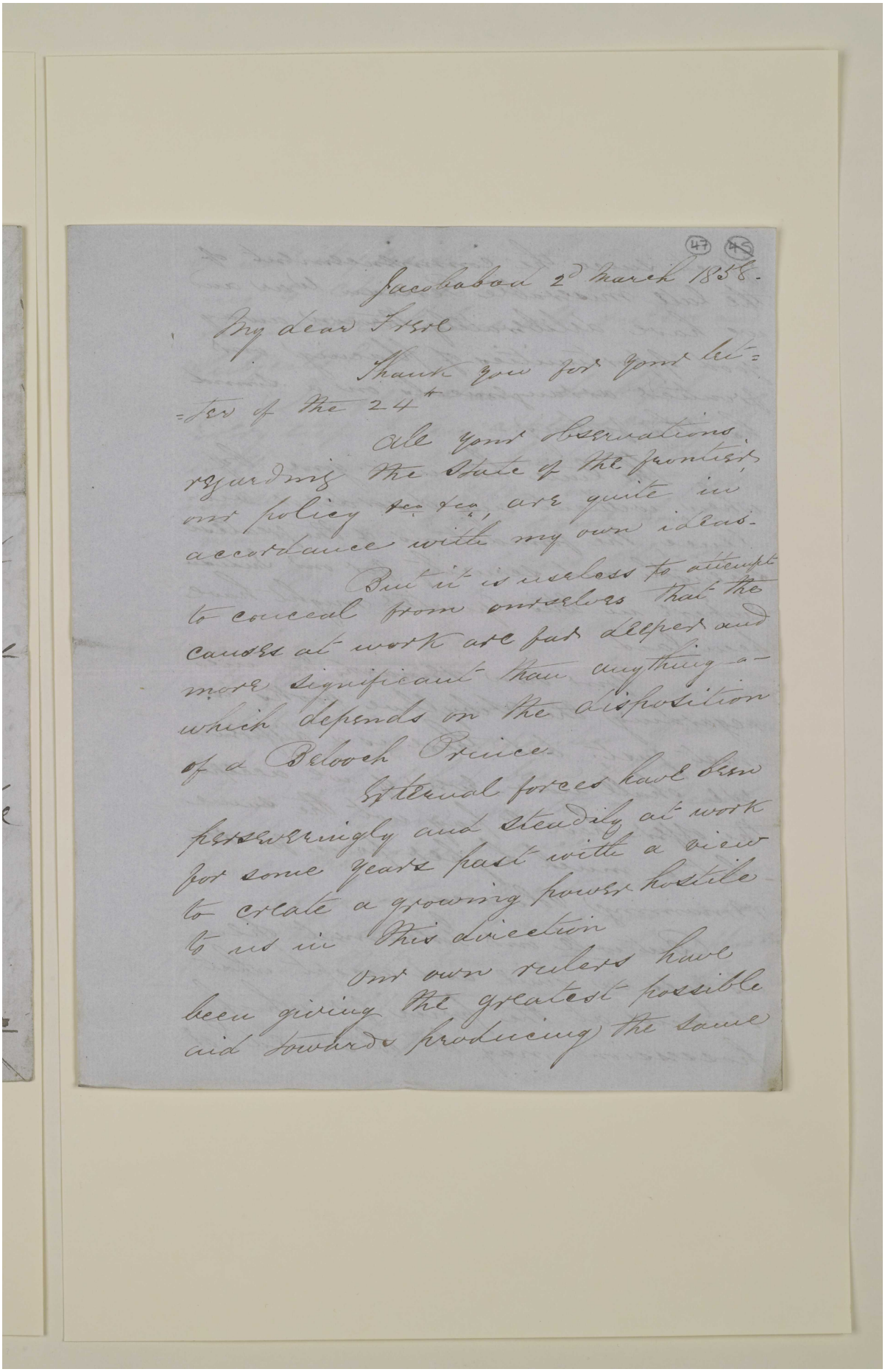


the mother country will
fall back several centuries
in position in the world -
While it is quite certain
that our Native Indian
army could easily have
been organised and led in
such sort as to be fit at
any moment to take part
in a general war, and at
the same time to cause
all the hundreds of millions
of our Eastern people to be
really attached to our
rule - but you know
all about these things
and know how I have



Jacobabad 2d March 1858.

My dear Frere

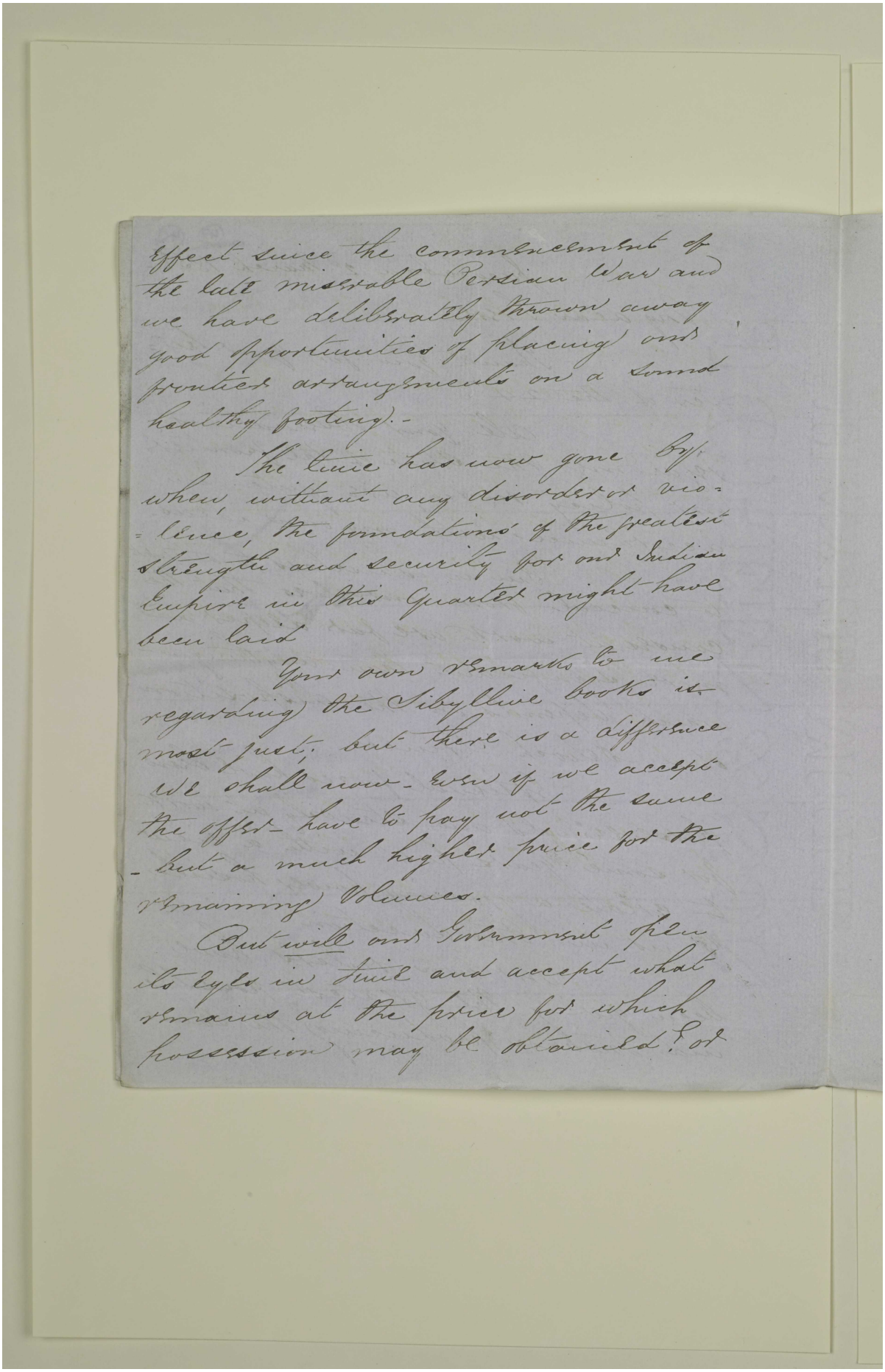
Thank you for your let=
=ter of the 24th

All your observations
regarding the State of the frontier
our policy &c &c, are quite in
accordance with my own ideas.

But it is useless to attempt
to conceal from ourselves that the
causes at work are far deeper and
more significant than anything a=
which depends on the disposition
of a Beloch Prince.

External forces have been
perseveringly and steadily at work
for some years past with a view
to create a growing power hostile
to us in this direction

Our own rulers have
been giving the greatest possible
aid towards producing the same

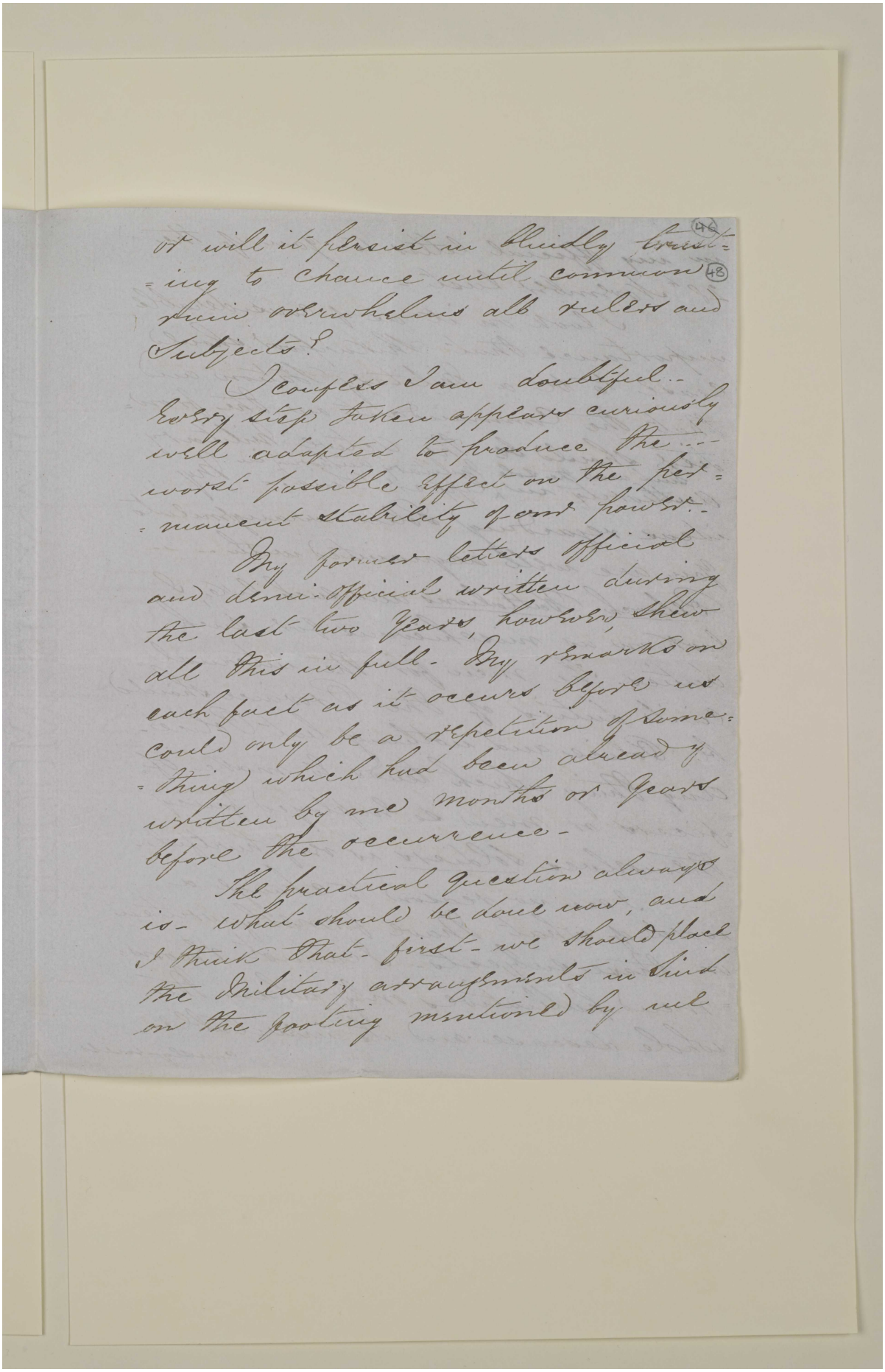


effect since the commencement of the late miserable Persian War and we have deliberately thrown away good opportunities of placing our frontier arrangements on a sound healthy footing.-

The time has now gone by when, without any disorder or violence, the foundations of the greatest strength and security for our Indian Empire in this Quarter might have been laid

Your own remarks to me regarding the Sibylline books is most just; but there is a difference we shall now - even if we accept the offer - have to pay not the same but a much higher price for the remaining Volumes.

But will our Government open its eyes in time and accept what remains at the price for which possession may be obtained? Or

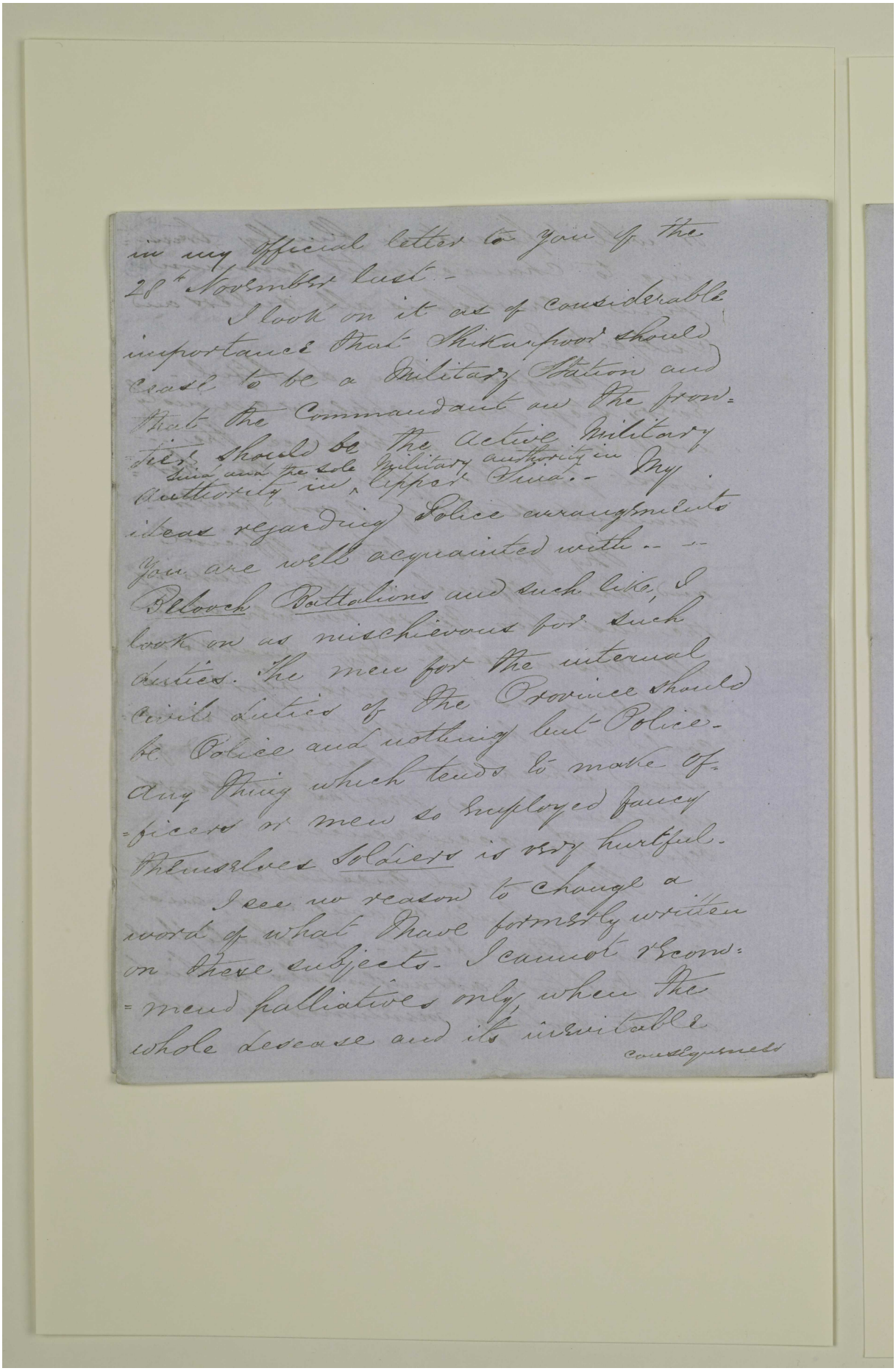


or will it persist in blindly trust-
-ing to chance until common
ruin overwhelms alb rulers and
Subjects?

I confess I am doubtful.-
Every step taken appears curiously
well adapted to produce the ...
worst possible effect on the per-
-manent stability of our power.-

My former letters official
and demi-official written during
the last two years, however, shew
all this in full. My remarks on
each fact as it occurs before us
could only be a repetition of some-
-thing which had been already
written by me months or years
before the occurrence.-

The practical question always
is- what should be done now, and
I think that- first- we should place
the Military arrangements in Ind
on the footing mentioned by me



in my official letter to you of the 28th November last.-

I look on it as of considerable importance that Shikarpoor should cease to be a Military Station and that the Commandant on the frontier should be the active Military authority in Sind and the sole Military authority in Upper Sind.- My ideas regarding Police arrangements you are well acquainted with.- -

Belooch Battalions and such like, I look on as mischievous for such duties. The men for the internal civil duties of the Province should be Police and nothing but Police. Any thing which tends to make officers or men so employed fancy themselves Soldiers is very hurtful.

I see no reason to change a word of what I have formerly written on these subjects. I cannot recommend palliatives only when the whole desease and its inevitable consequences

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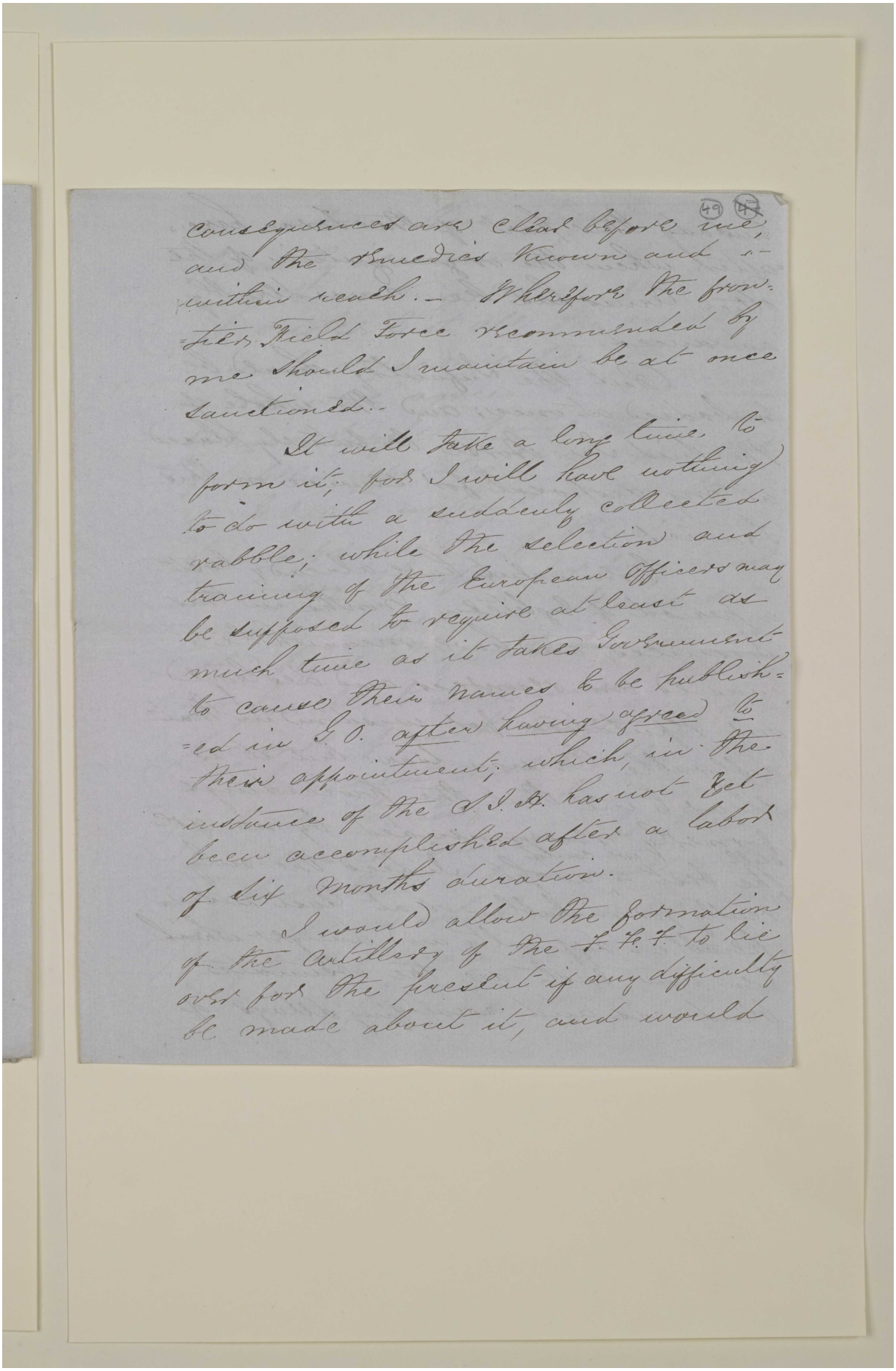

consequences are clear before me, and the remedies known and within reach.— Wherefore the frontier Field Force recommended by me should I maintain be at once sanctioned.—

It will take a long time to form it; for I will have nothing to do with a suddenly collected rabble; while the selection and training of the European Officers may be supposed to require at least as much time as it takes Government to cause their names to be published in G.O. after having agreed to their appointment; which, in the instance of the S.I.H. has not yet been accomplished after a labor of six months duration.

I would allow the formation of the Artillery of the F.F.F. to lie over for the present if any difficulty be made about it, and would

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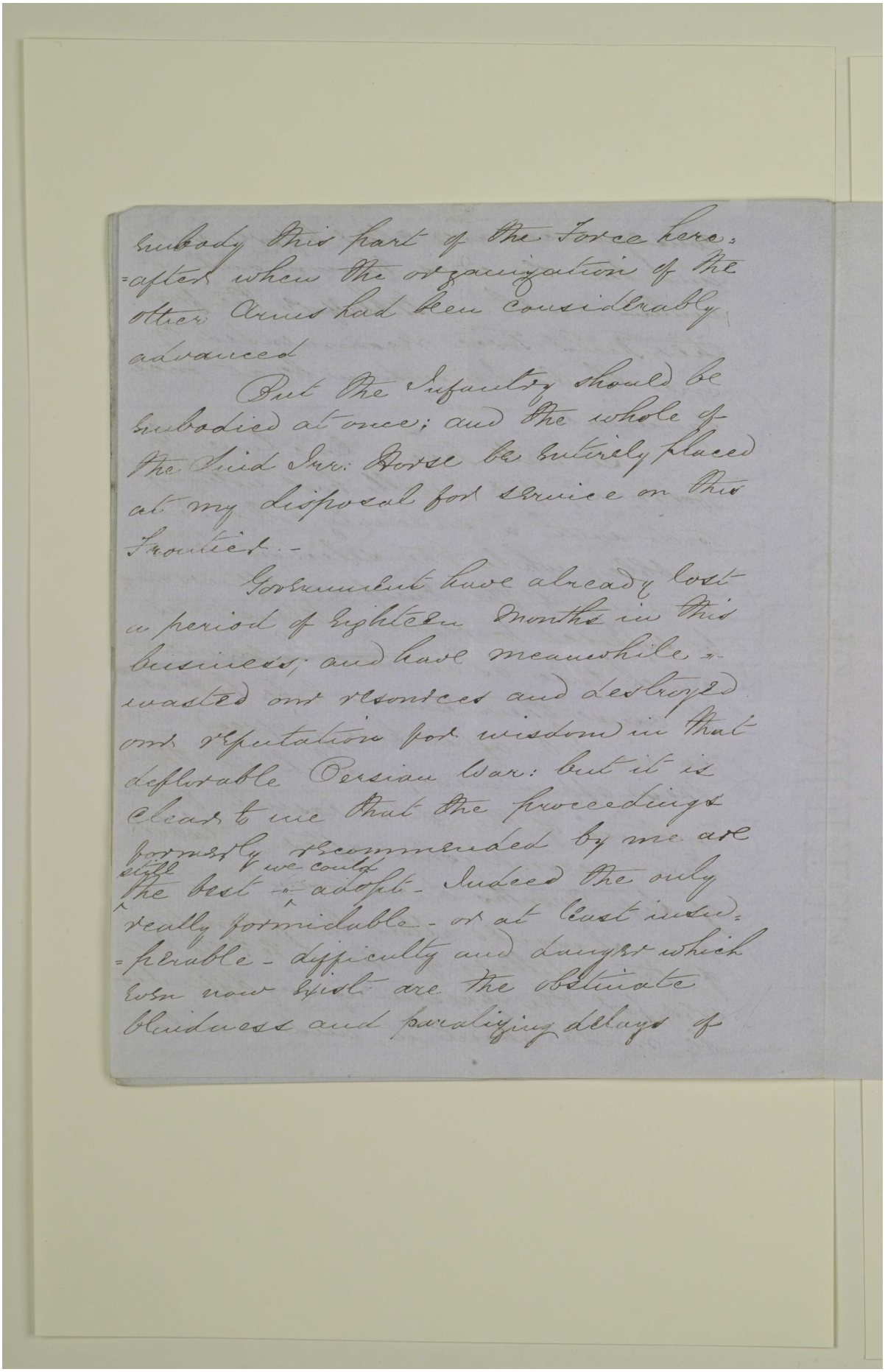
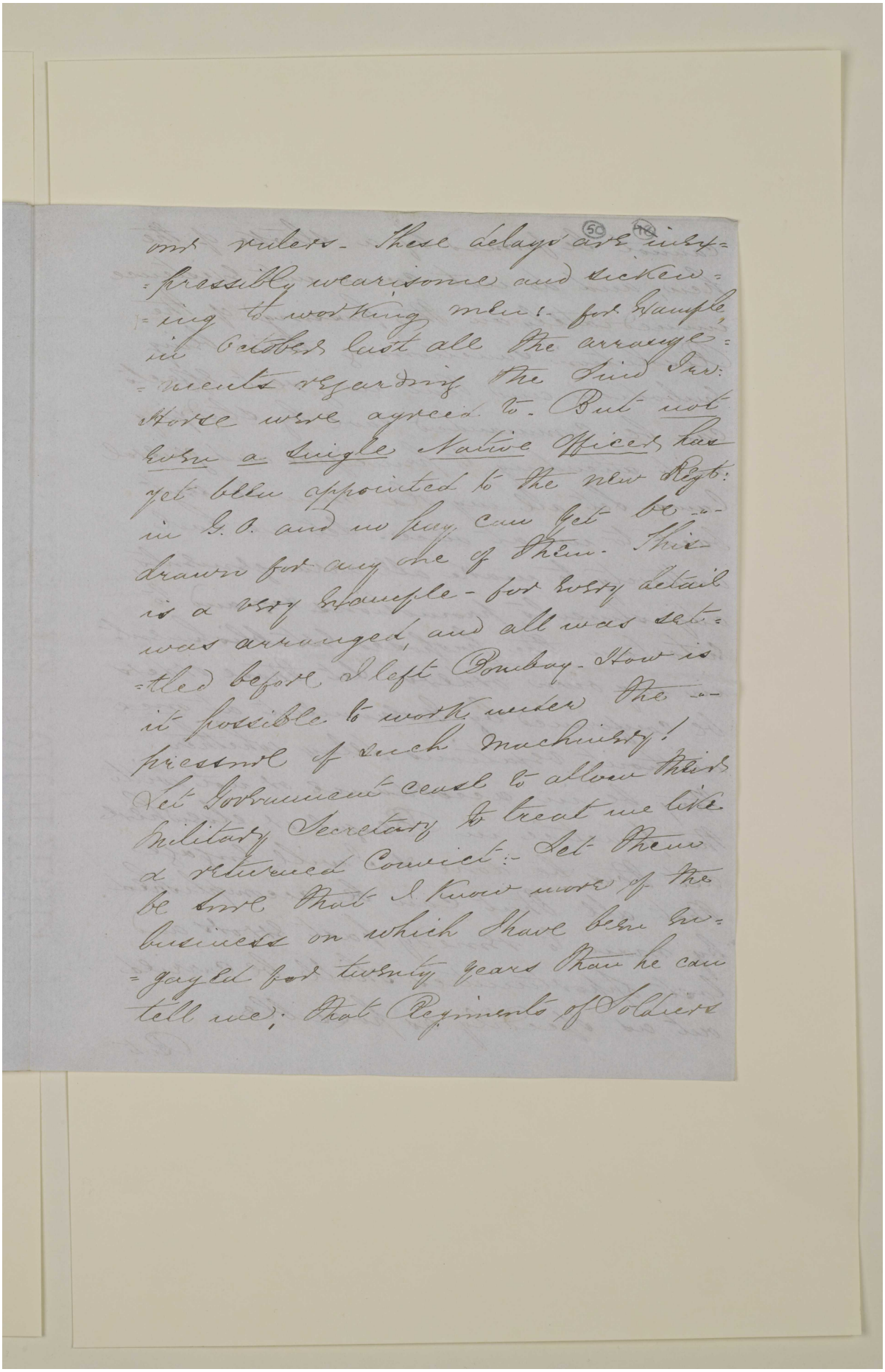


embody this part of the Force here = after when the organization of the other Arms had been considerably advanced

But the Infantry should be embodied at once; and the whole of the said Irr: Force be entirely placed at my disposal for service on the Frontier. -

Government have already lost a period of Eighteen Months in this business; and have meanwhile = wasted our resources and destroyed our reputation for wisdom in that deplorable Persian war: but it is clear to me that the proceedings formerly recommended by me are still the best we could adopt - Indeed the only really formidable - or at least insurmountable - difficulty and danger which even now exist are the obstinate blindness and paralizing delays of



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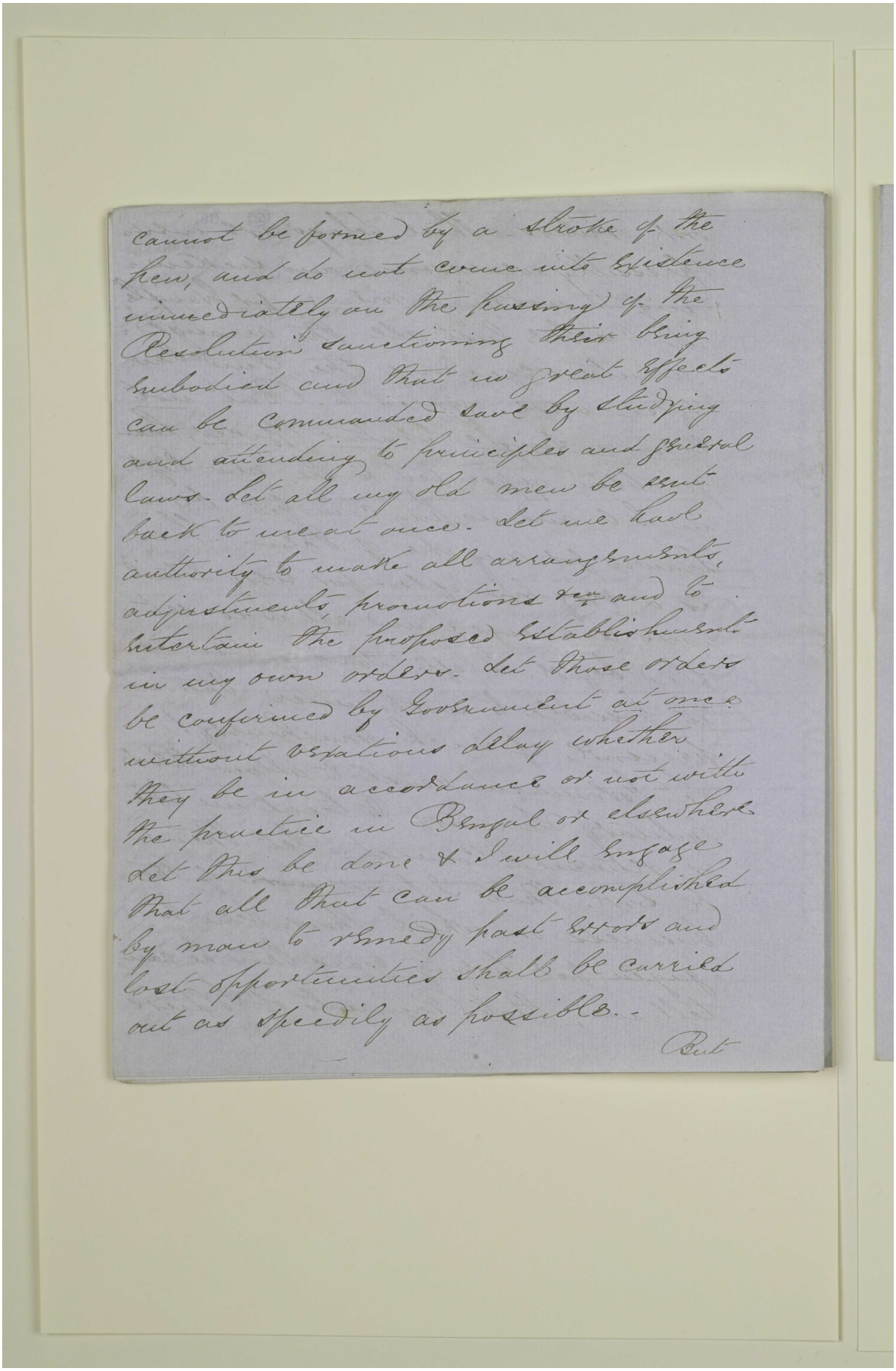
our rulers. These delays are inex=
=pressibly wearisome and sicken=
=ing to working men:- for Example,
in October last all the arrange=
=ments regarding the Sind Irr:
Horse were agreed to. But not
even a single Native Officer has
yet been appointed to the new Regt:
in G.O. and no pay can yet be
drawn for any one of them. This
is a very Example - for every detail
was arranged, and all was set=
=tled before I left Bombay. How is
it possible to work under the
pressure of such machinery!
Let Government cease to allow their
Military Secretary to treat me like
a returned Convict:- Let them
be sure that I know more of the
business on which I have been en=
=gaged for twenty years than he can
tell me; that Regiments of Soldiers



cannot be formed by a stroke of the
pen, and do not come into existence
immediately on the passing of the
Resolution sanctioning their being
embodied and that no great effects
can be commanded save by studying
and attending to principles and fixed
laws. Let all my old men be sent
back to me at once. Let me have
authority to make all arrangements,
adjustments, promotions &c and to
entertain the proposed establishments
in my own orders. Let those orders
be confirmed by Government at once
without vexatious delay whether
they be in accordance or not with
the practice in Bengal or elsewhere
Let this be done & I will engage
that all that can be accomplished
by man to remedy past errors and
lost opportunities shall be carried
out as speedily as possible.

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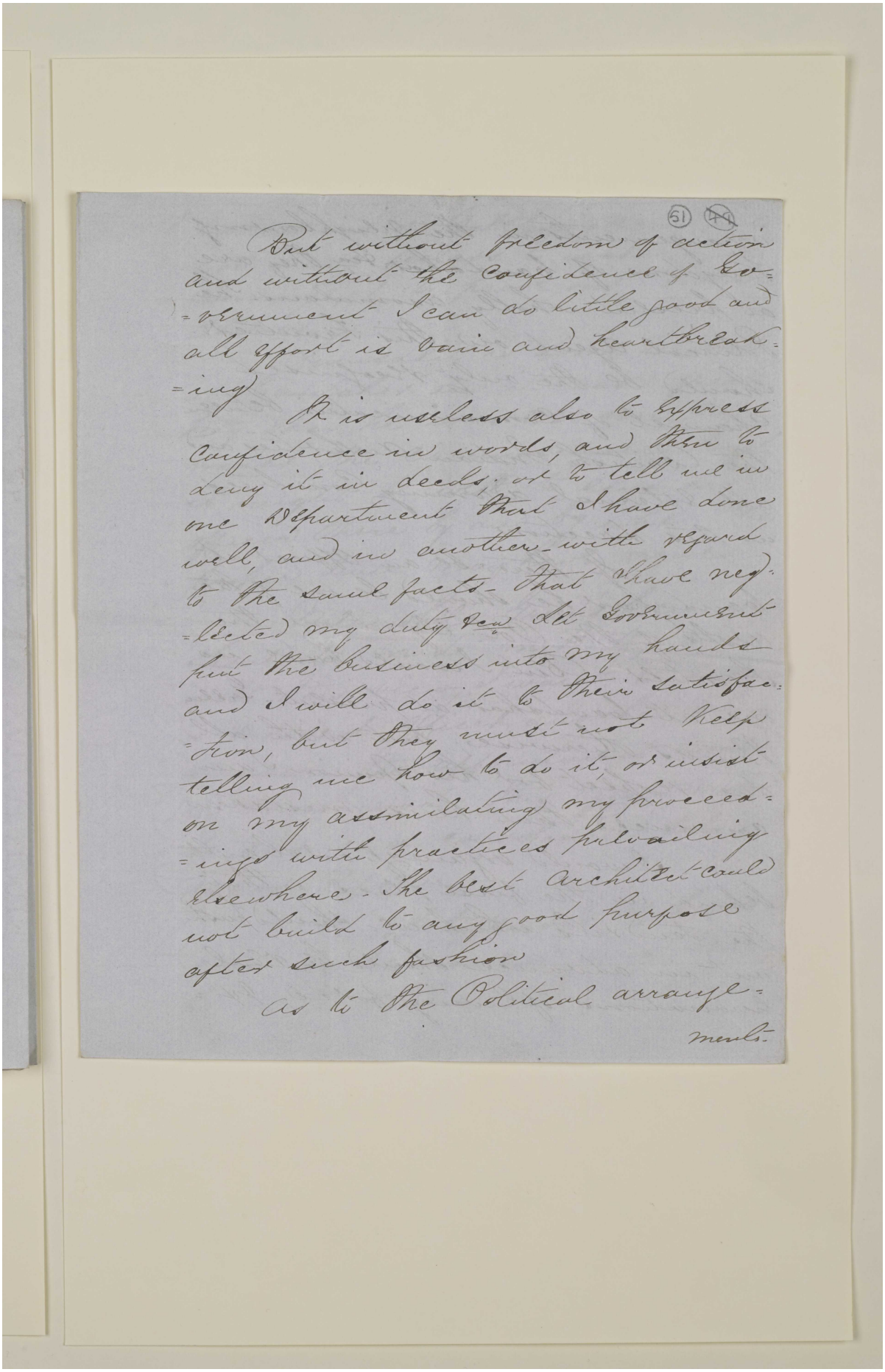
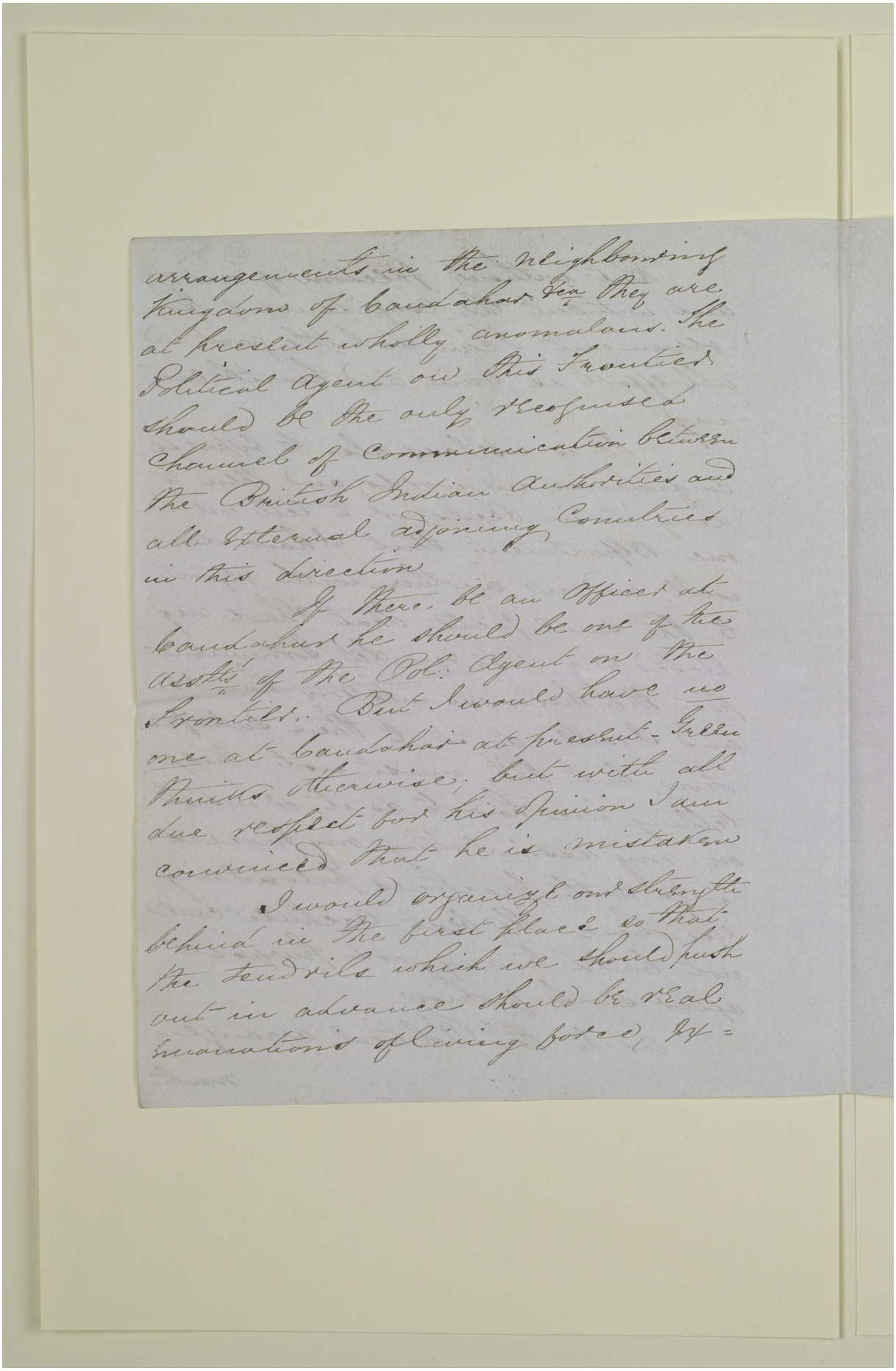


But without freedom of action and without the confidence of Government I can do little good and all effort is vain and heartbreaking

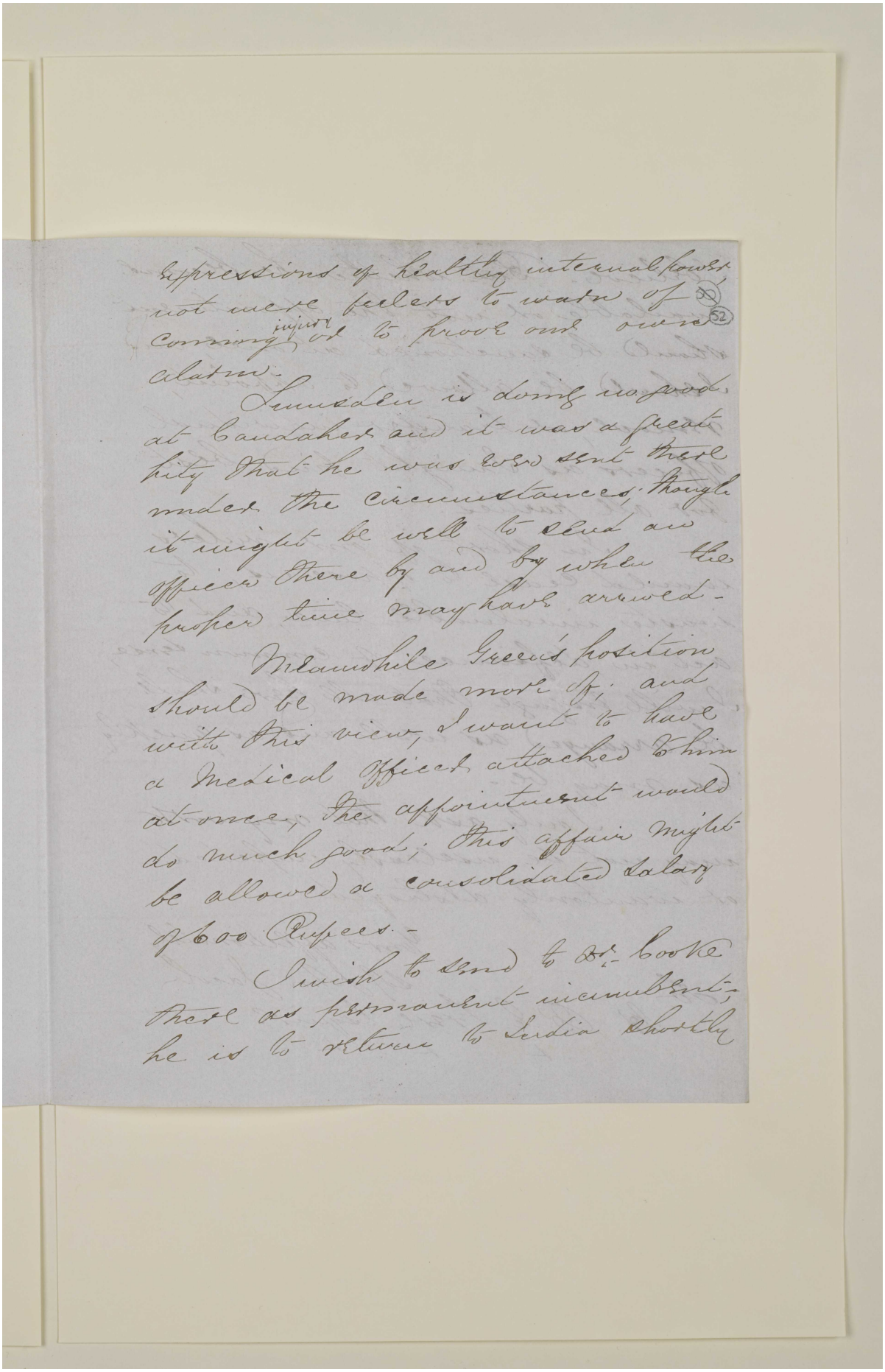
It is useless also to express confidence in words, and then to deny it in deeds, or to tell me in one Department that I have done well, and in another - with regard to the same facts - that I have neglected my duty. Let Government put the business into my hands and I will do it to their satisfaction, but they must not help telling me how to do it, or insist on my assimilating my proceedings with practices prevailing elsewhere. The best architect could not build to any good purpose after such fashion as to the Political arrangements.



arrangements in the neighbouring
Kingdoms of Candahar &c. They are
at present wholly anomalous. The
Political Agent on this Frontier
should be the only recognised
Channel of communication between
the British Indian authorities and
all External adjoining Countries
in this direction

If there be an Officer at
Candahar he should be one of the
Asstts of the Pol: Agent on the
Frontier. But I would have no
one at Candahar at present - Green
thinks otherwise, but with all
due respect for his opinion I am
convinced that he is mistaken

I would organize our strength
behind in the first place so that
the tendrils which we should push
out in advance should be vital
emanations of living force, &c =

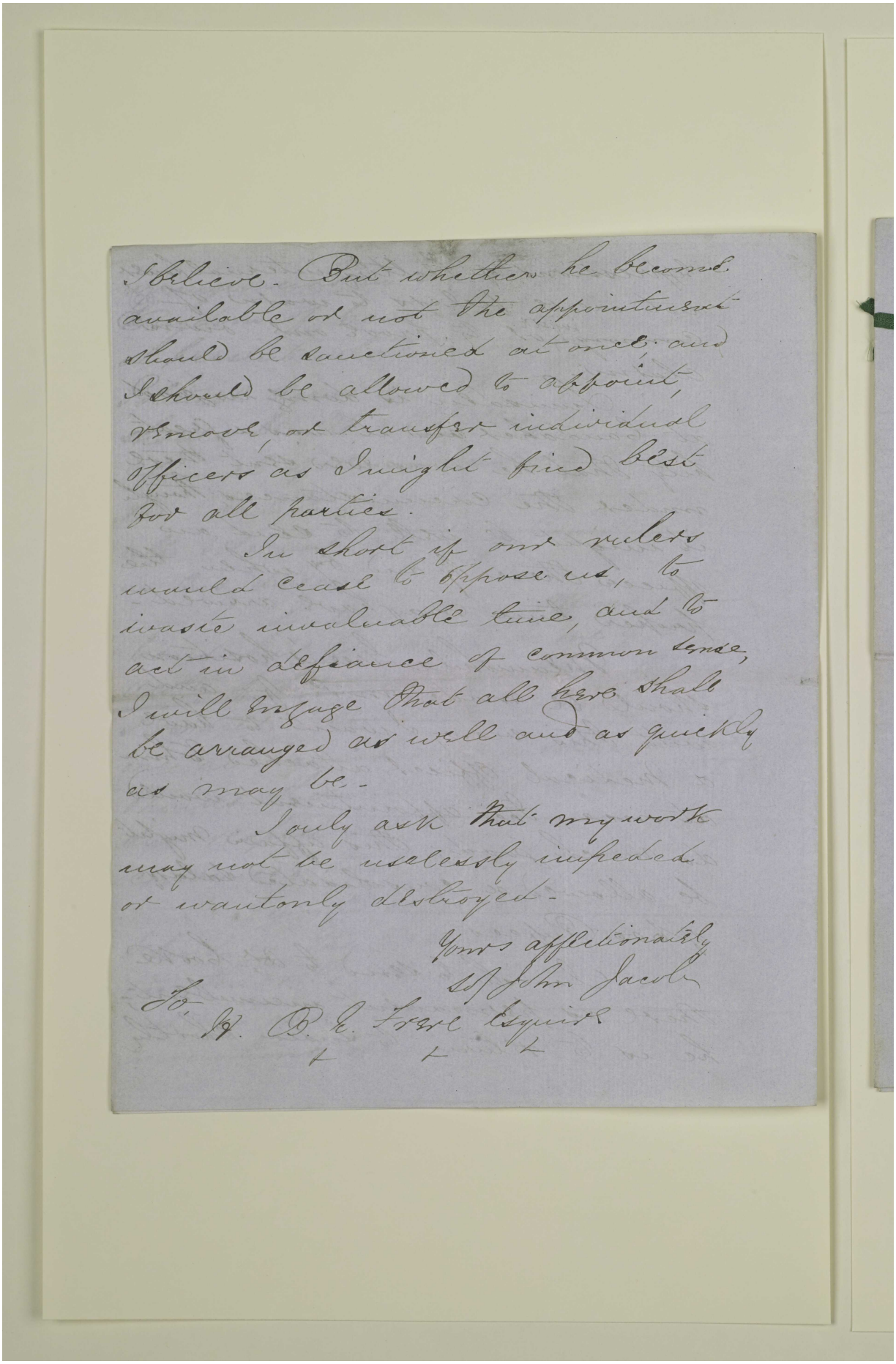


expressions of healthy internal power not mere feelers to warn of coming injury or to prove our own alarm.

Lumsden is doing no good at Candahar and it was a great pity that he was ever sent there under the circumstances; though it might be well to send an officer there by and by when the proper time may have arrived.

Meanwhile Green's position should be made more of; and with this view, I want to have a Medical Officer attached to him at once; the appointment would do much good; this affair might be allowed a consolidated salary of 600 Rupees.

I wish to send to Dr. Cooke there as permanent incumbent; he is to return to India shortly



I believe. But whether he becomes available or not the appointment should be sanctioned at once; and I should be allowed to appoint, remove, or transfer individual officers as I might find best for all parties.

In short if our rulers would cease to oppose us, to waste invaluable time, and to act in defiance of common sense, I will engage that all here shall be arranged as well and as quickly as may be.

I only ask that my work may not be uselessly impeded or wantonly destroyed.

Yours affectionately
(Sd) John Jacob

To
H. B. E. Frere Esquire

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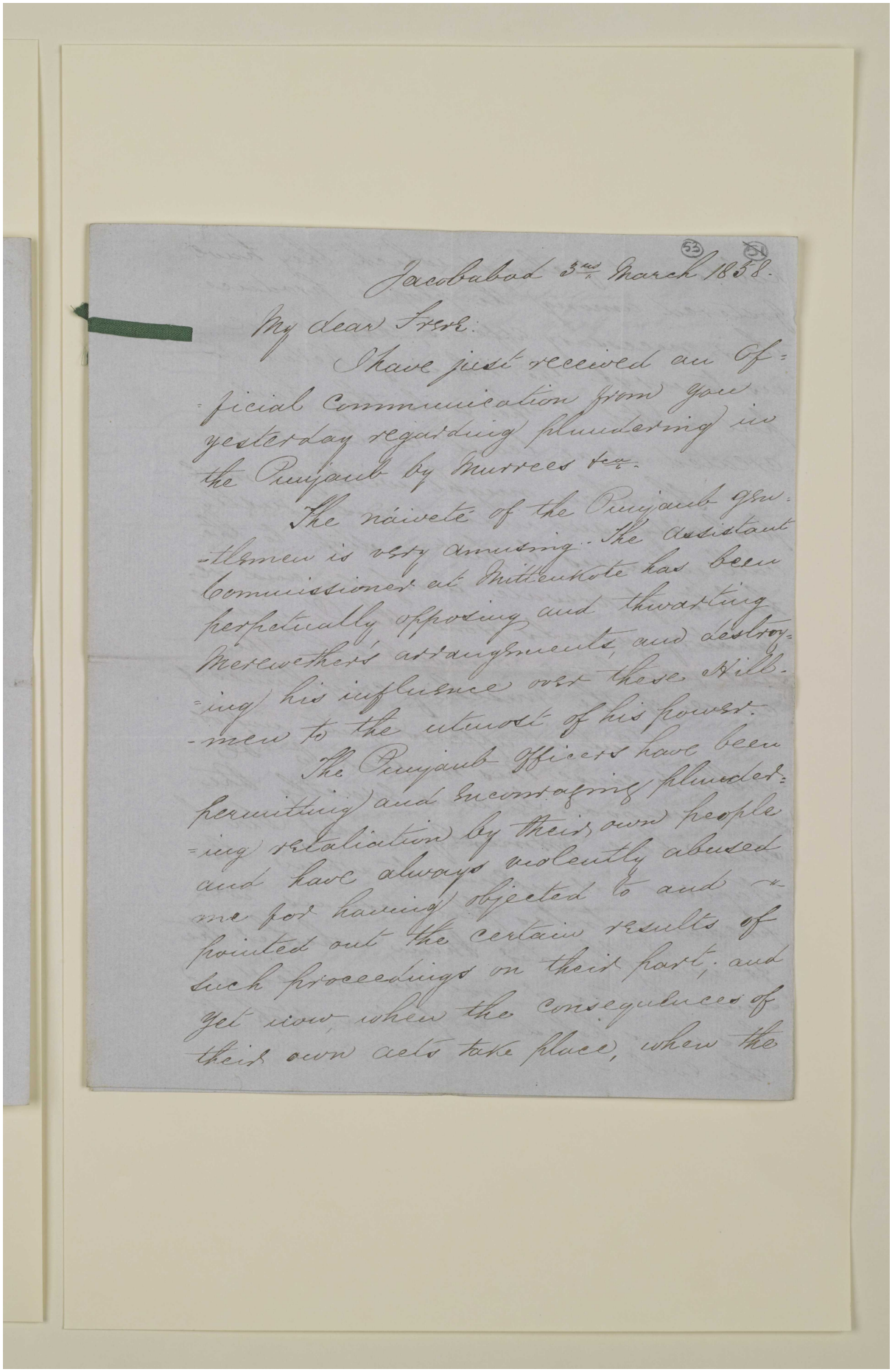


Jacobabad 3rd March 1858.

My dear Frere:

I have just received an Official Communication from you yesterday regarding plundering in the Punjaub by Murrees &c.

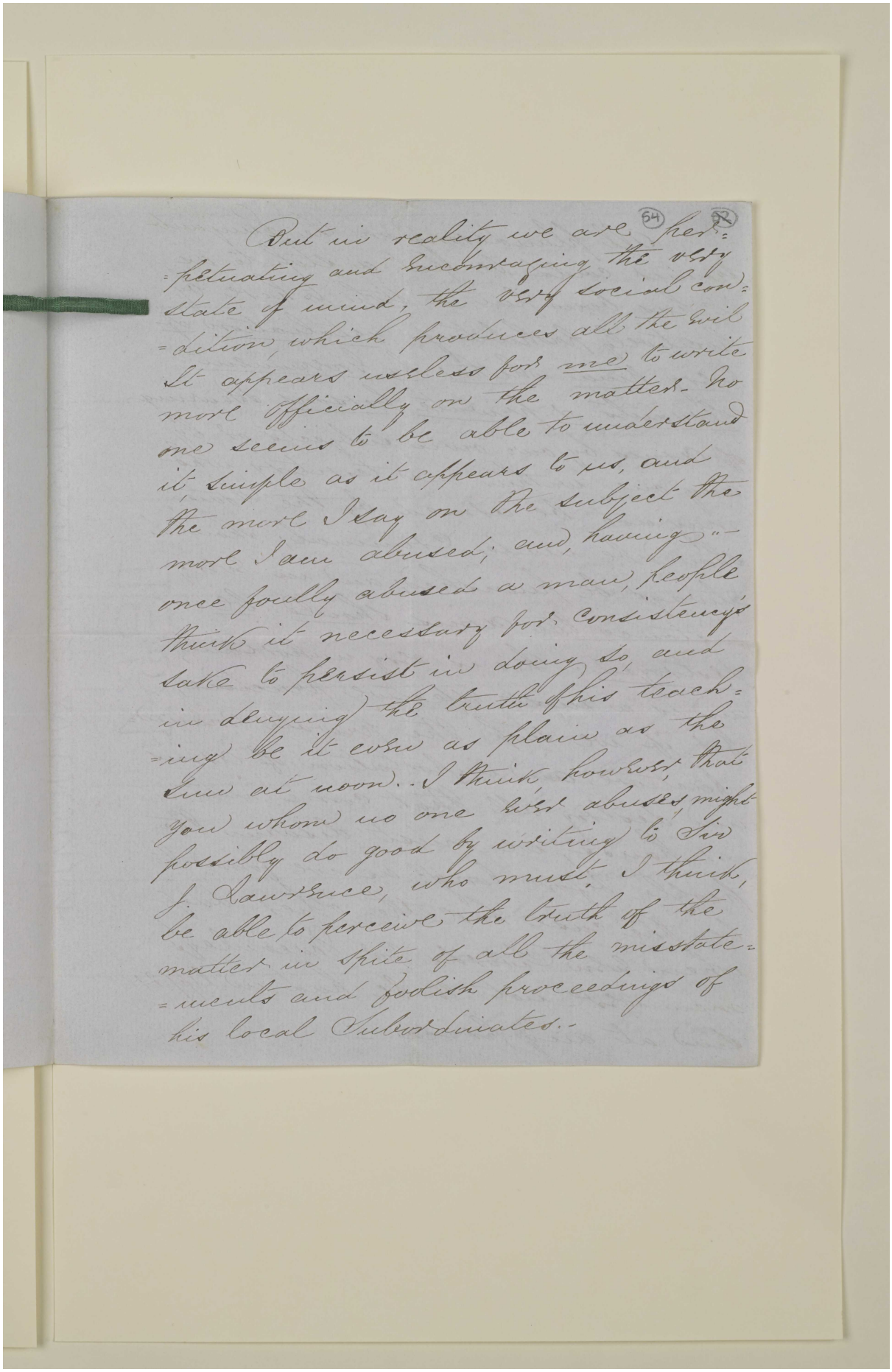
The naiveté of the Punjaub gentlemen is very amusing. The Assistant Commissioner at Mittenkote has been perpetually opposing and thwarting Merewether's arrangements, and destroying his influence over these Hillmen to the utmost of his power.

The Punjaub Officers have been permitting and encouraging plundering retaliation by their own people and have always violently abused me for having objected to and pointed out the certain results of such proceedings on their part; and yet now, when the consequences of their own acts take place, when the

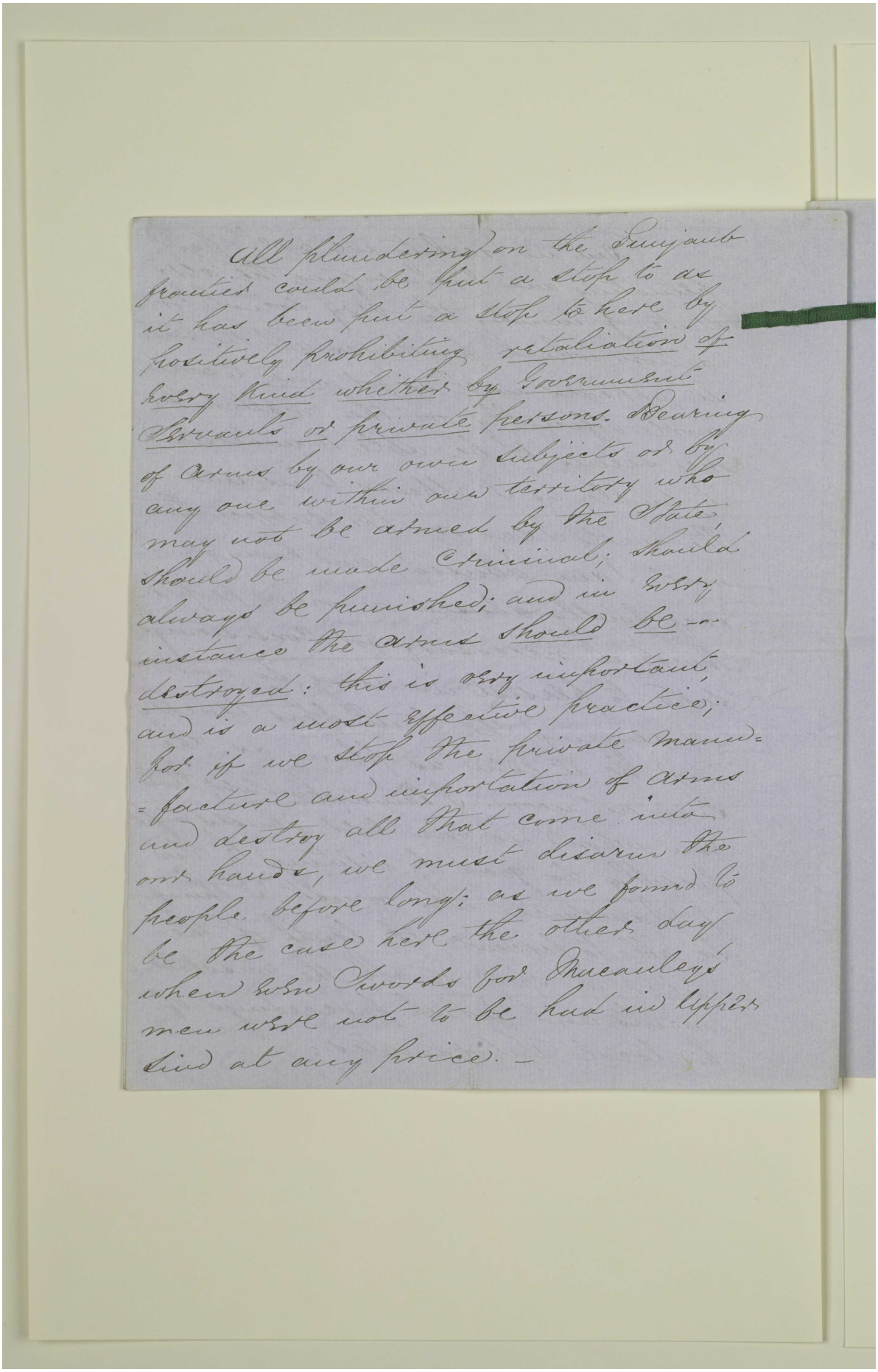
habits and feelings which they have fostered among the people produce their necessary effects, they desire us to urge the Khan of Kelat to put a stop to the evils they have created or at least continued.-

The Khan might with far more propriety, and indeed most justly call upon us to put a stop to the habits of private warfare and re-taliatory inroads from the Punjaub side which are undoubtedly the cause of the mischief complained of.

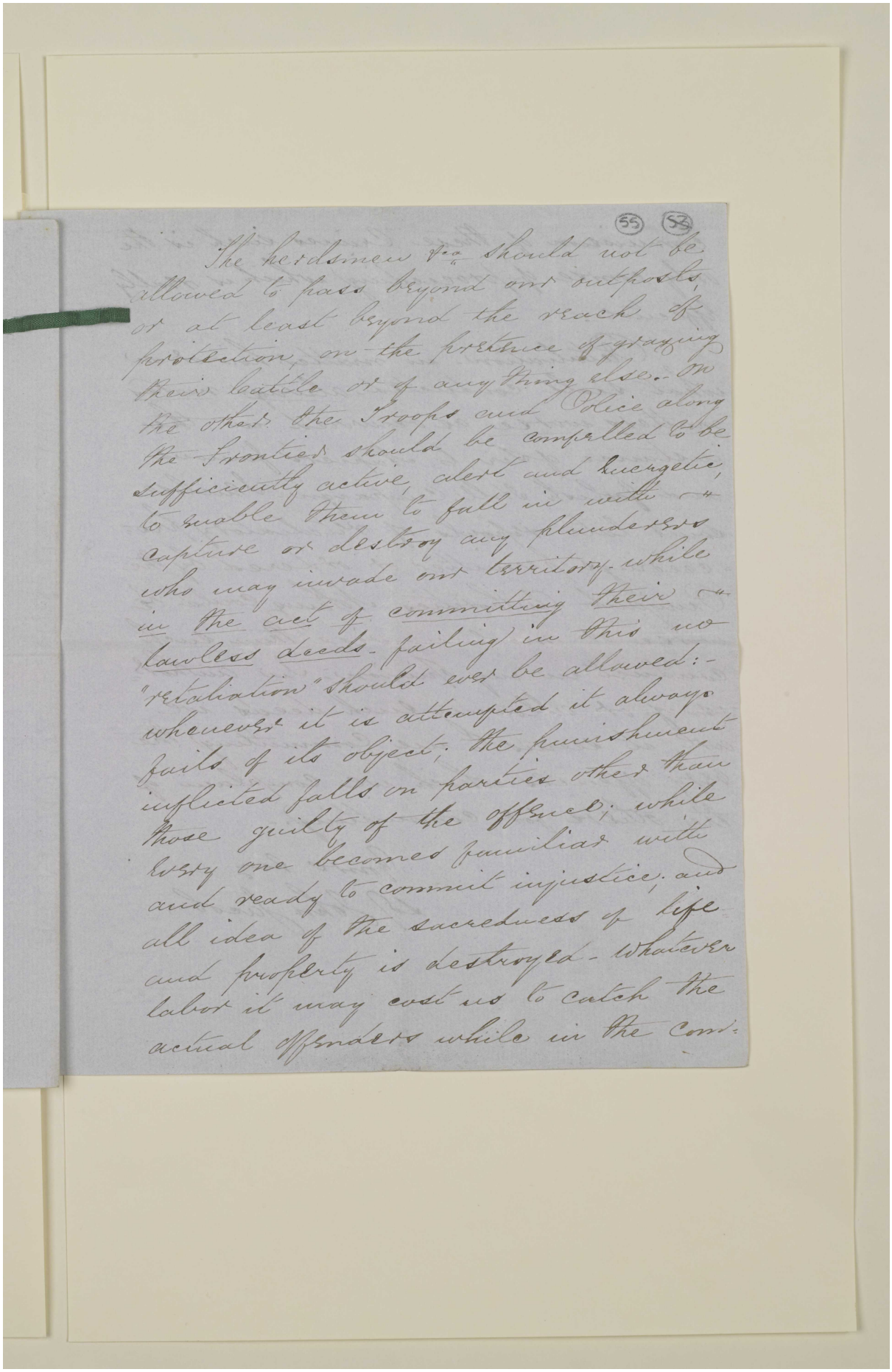
But it appears quite impos-sible to cause this matter to be understood. It was exactly the same here formerly, under Sir C. Napiers arrangements, when the predatory tribes plunder us we go and plunder them, whether the same parties or not no matter! and thus it is hoped to put a stop to the evil.-



But in reality we are perpetuating and encouraging the very state of mind, the very social condition, which produces all the evil. It appears useless for me to write more officially on the matter. No one seems to be able to understand it simple as it appears to us, and the more I say on the subject the more I am abused; and, having once foully abused a man, people think it necessary for consistency's sake to persist in doing so, and in denying the truth of his teaching be it even as plain as the sun at noon. I think, however, that you whom no one ever abuses, might possibly do good by writing to Sir J. Lawrence, who must, I think, be able to perceive the truth of the matter in spite of all the misstatements and foolish proceedings of his local Subordinates.



All plundering on the Punjaub frontier could be put a stop to as it has been put a stop to here by positively prohibiting retaliation of every kind whether by Government Servants or private persons. Bearing of arms by our own subjects or by any one within our territory who may not be armed by the State, should be made criminal; should always be punished; and in every instance the arms should be destroyed: this is very important, and is a most effective practice; for if we stop the private manufacture and importation of arms and destroy all that come into our hands, we must disarm the people before long: as we found to be the case here the other day when even Swords for Macauley's men were not to be had in upper sind at any price. –



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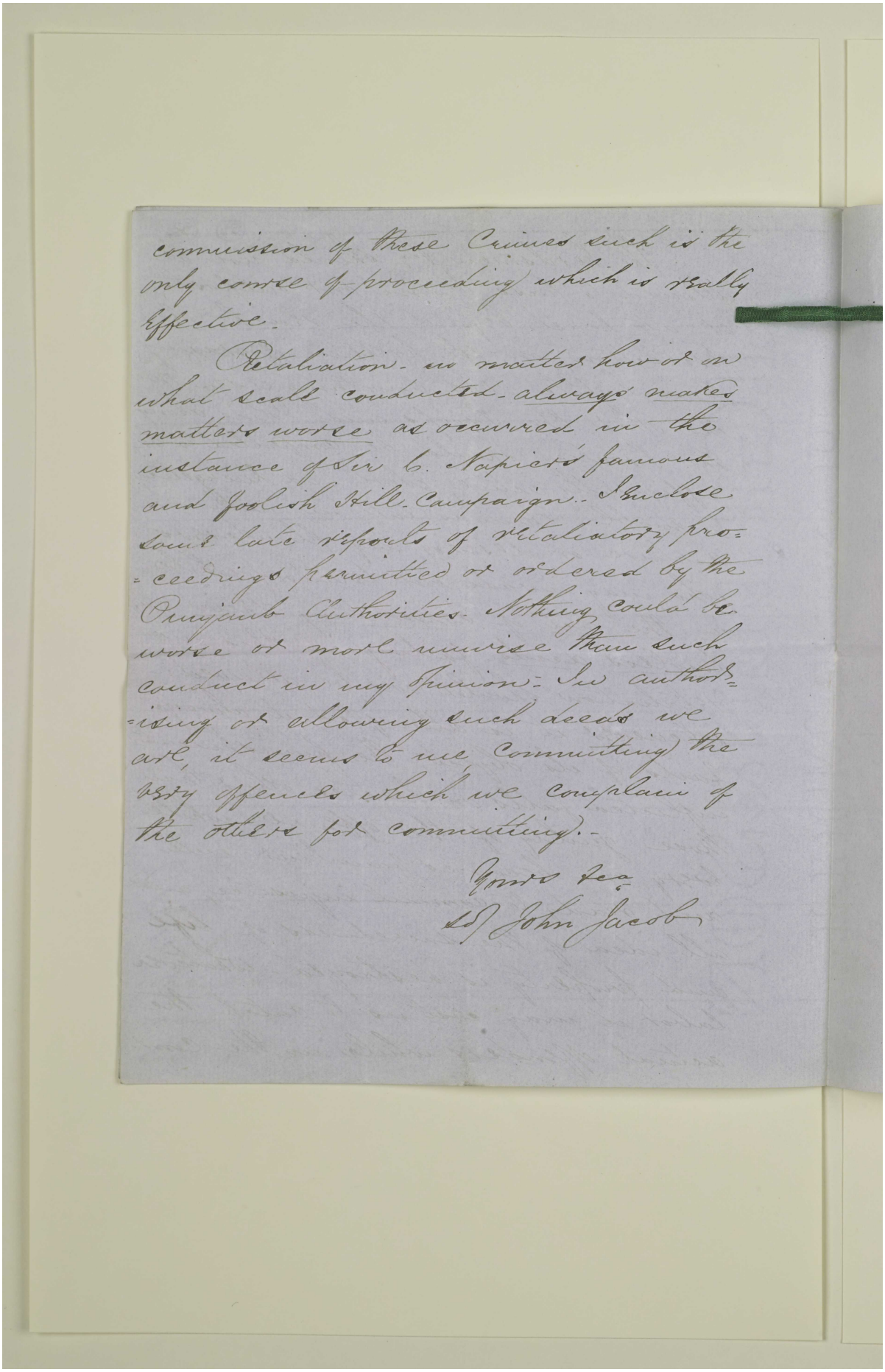
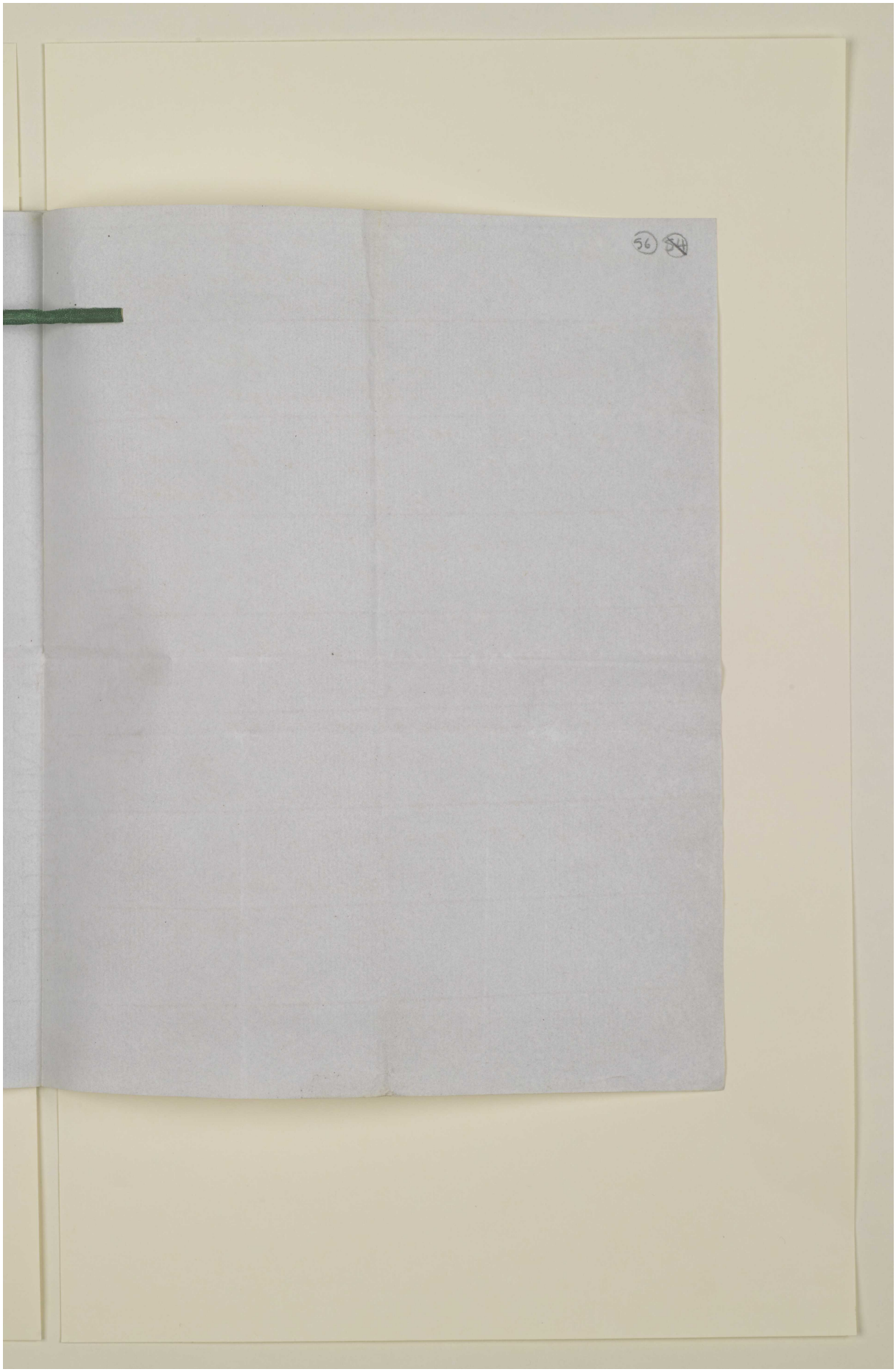
The herdsmen &c should not be allowed to pass beyond our outposts, or at least beyond the reach of protection, on the pretence of grazing their cattle or of any thing else. So that the Troops and Police along the Frontier should be compelled to be sufficiently active, alert and energetic, to enable them to fall in with & capture or destroy any plunderers who may invade our territory, while in the act of committing their lawless deeds. Failing in this no "retaliation" should ever be allowed:- whenever it is attempted it always fails of its object; the punishment inflicted falls on parties other than those guilty of the offence; while every one becomes familiar with and ready to commit injustice, and all idea of the sacredness of life and property is destroyed. Whatever labor it may cost us to catch the actual offenders while in the com-



commission of these Crimes such is the only course of proceeding which is really effective.

Retaliation - no matter how or in what scale conducted - always makes matters worse as occurred in the instance of Sir C. Napier's famous and foolish Hill Campaign. I enclose some late reports of retaliatory proceedings permitted or ordered by the Punjaub Authorities. Nothing could be worse or more unwise than such conduct in my opinion: In authorising or allowing such deeds we are, it seems to me committing the very offences which we complain of the others for committing.

Yours &c.
(Sd) John Jacob



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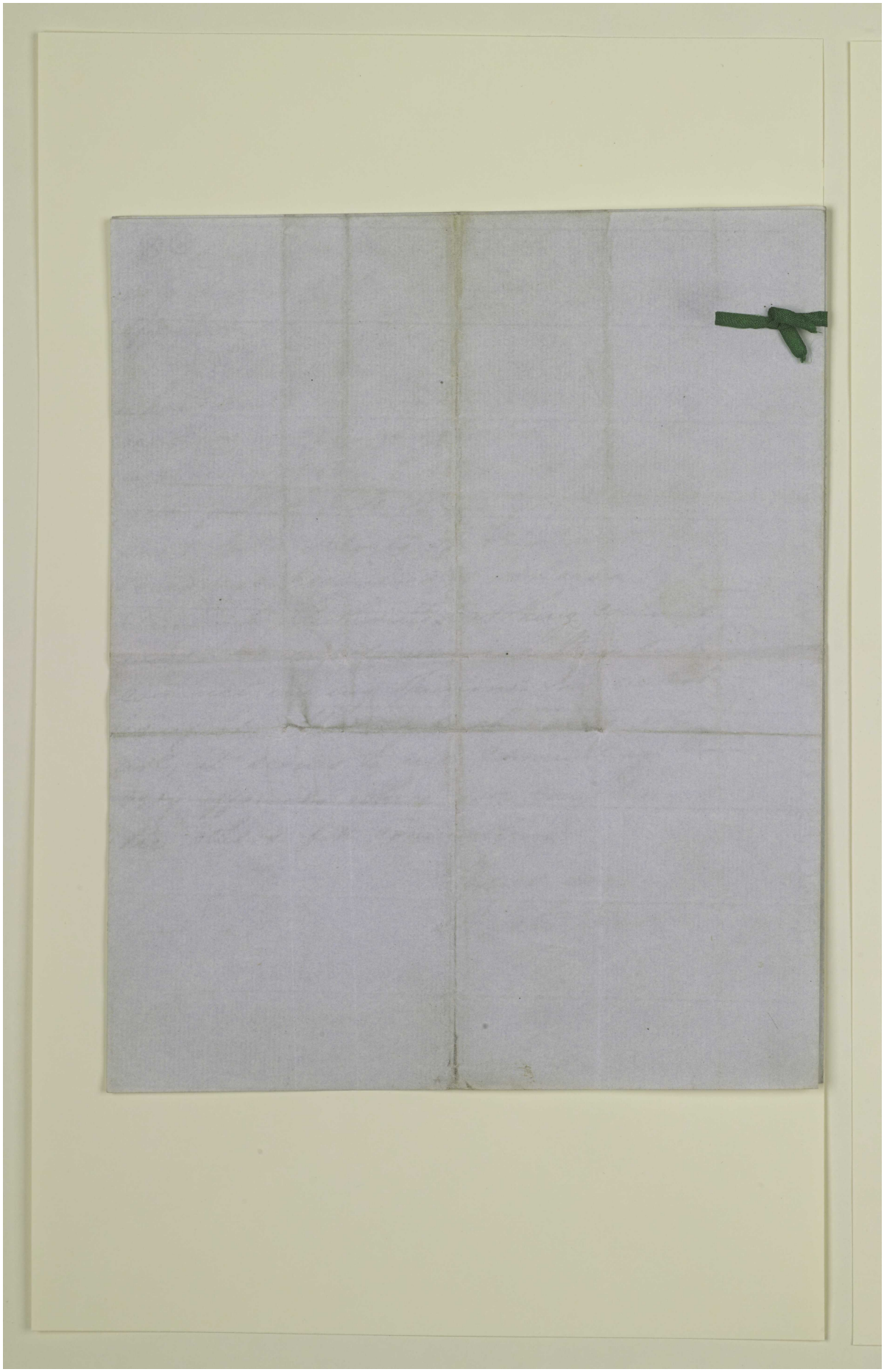

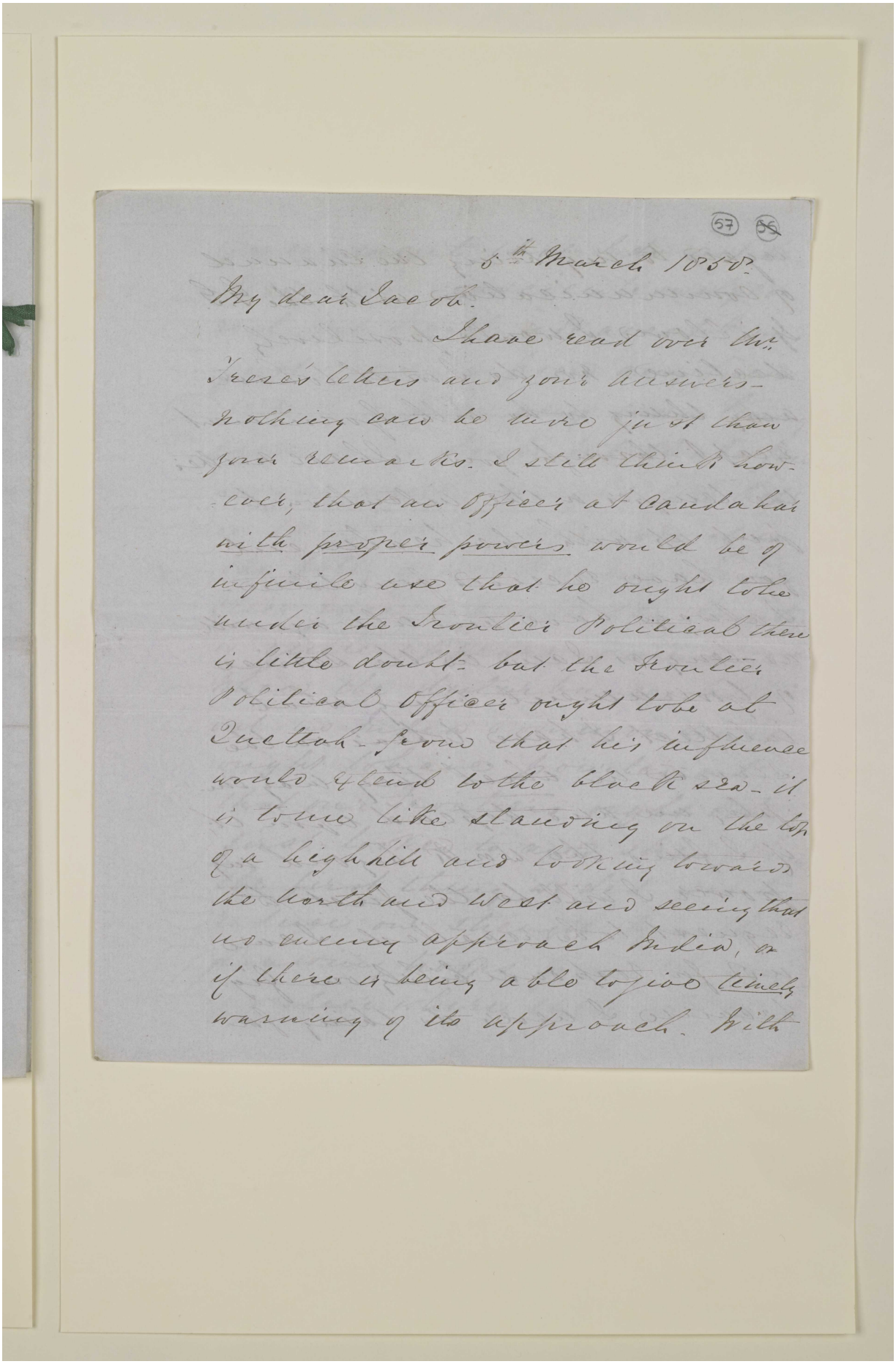

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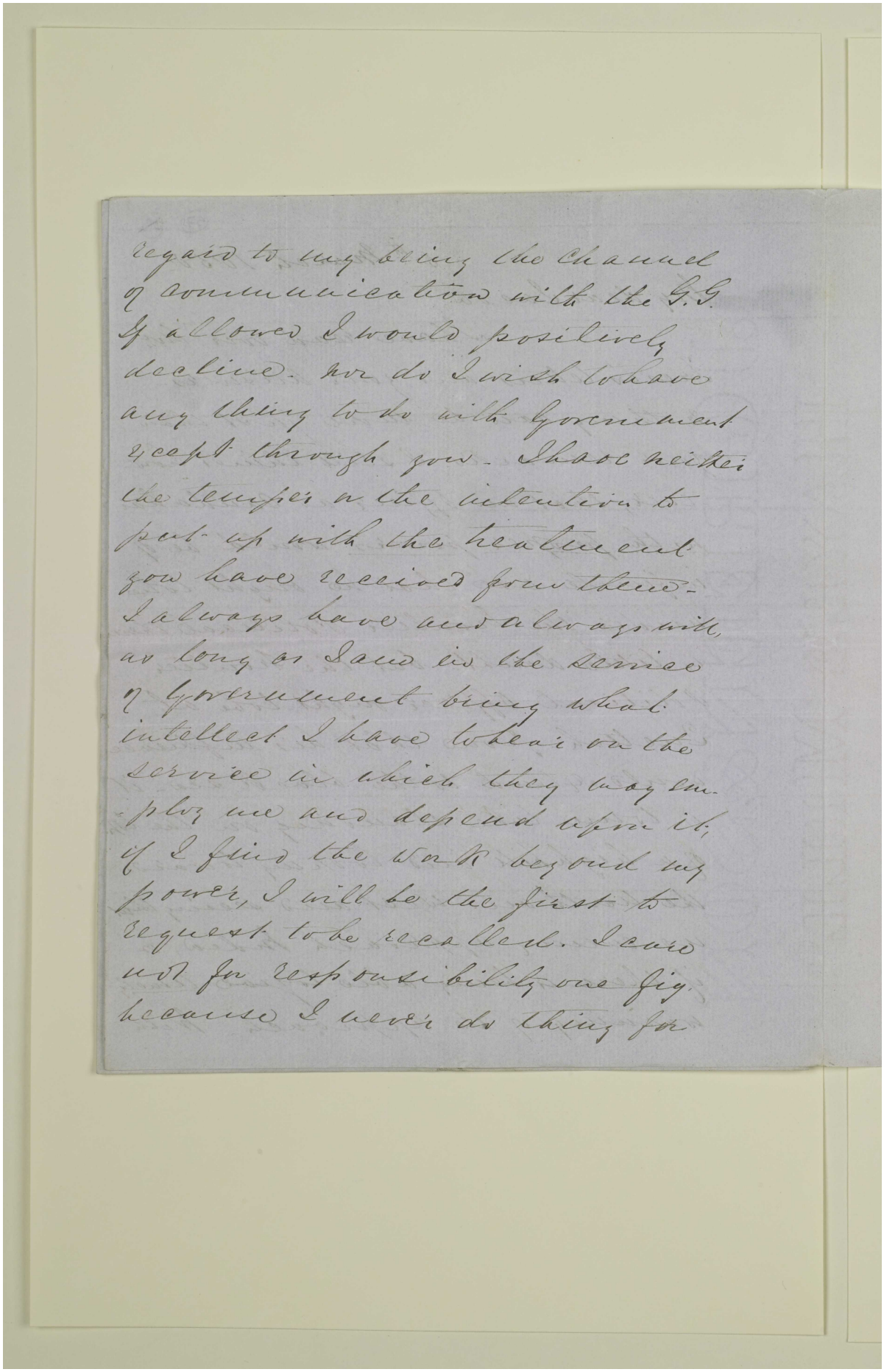
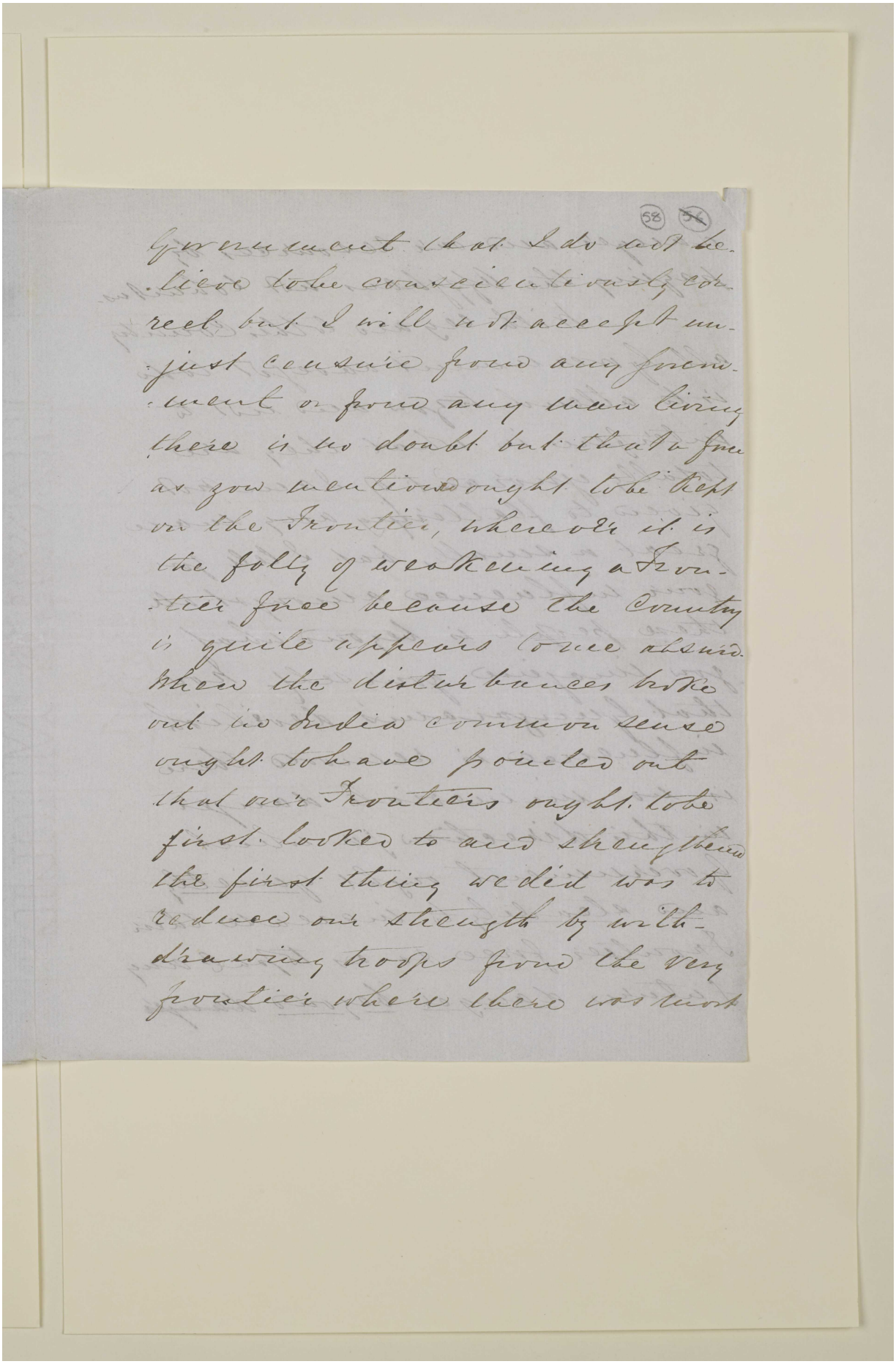
6th March 1850.

My dear Jacob.

I have read over the French letters and your answers - nothing can be more just than your remarks. I still think however, that an Officer at Candahar with proper powers would be of infinite use that he ought to be under the Frontier Political there is little doubt - but the Frontier Political Officer ought to be at Quetta - from that his influence would extend to the Black Sea - it is true like standing on the top of a high hill and looking towards the North and West and seeing that no enemy approach India, or if there is being able to give timely warning of its approach. With



regard to my being the channel
of communication with the G.G.
If allowed I would positively
decline. Nor do I wish to have
any thing to do with Government
except through you. I have neither
the temper nor the intention to
put up with the treatment
you have received from them.
I always have and always will,
as long as I am in the service
of Government bring what
intellect I have to bear on the
service in which they may em-
ploy me and depend upon it,
if I find the work beyond my
power, I will be the first to
request to be recalled. I am
not for responsibility one fig,
because I never do thing for



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Government that I do not be-
-lieve to be conscientiously cor-
-rect but I will not accept un-
-just censure from any Govern-
-ment or from any man living
there is no doubt but that a force
as you mentioned ought to be kept
on the Frontier, wherever it is
the folly of weakening a Fron-
-tier force because the Country
is quite appears to me absurd.
When the disturbances broke
out in India common sense
ought to have pointed out
that our Frontiers ought to be
first looked to and strengthened
the first thing we did was to
reduce our strength by with-
drawing troops from the very
frontier where there was most

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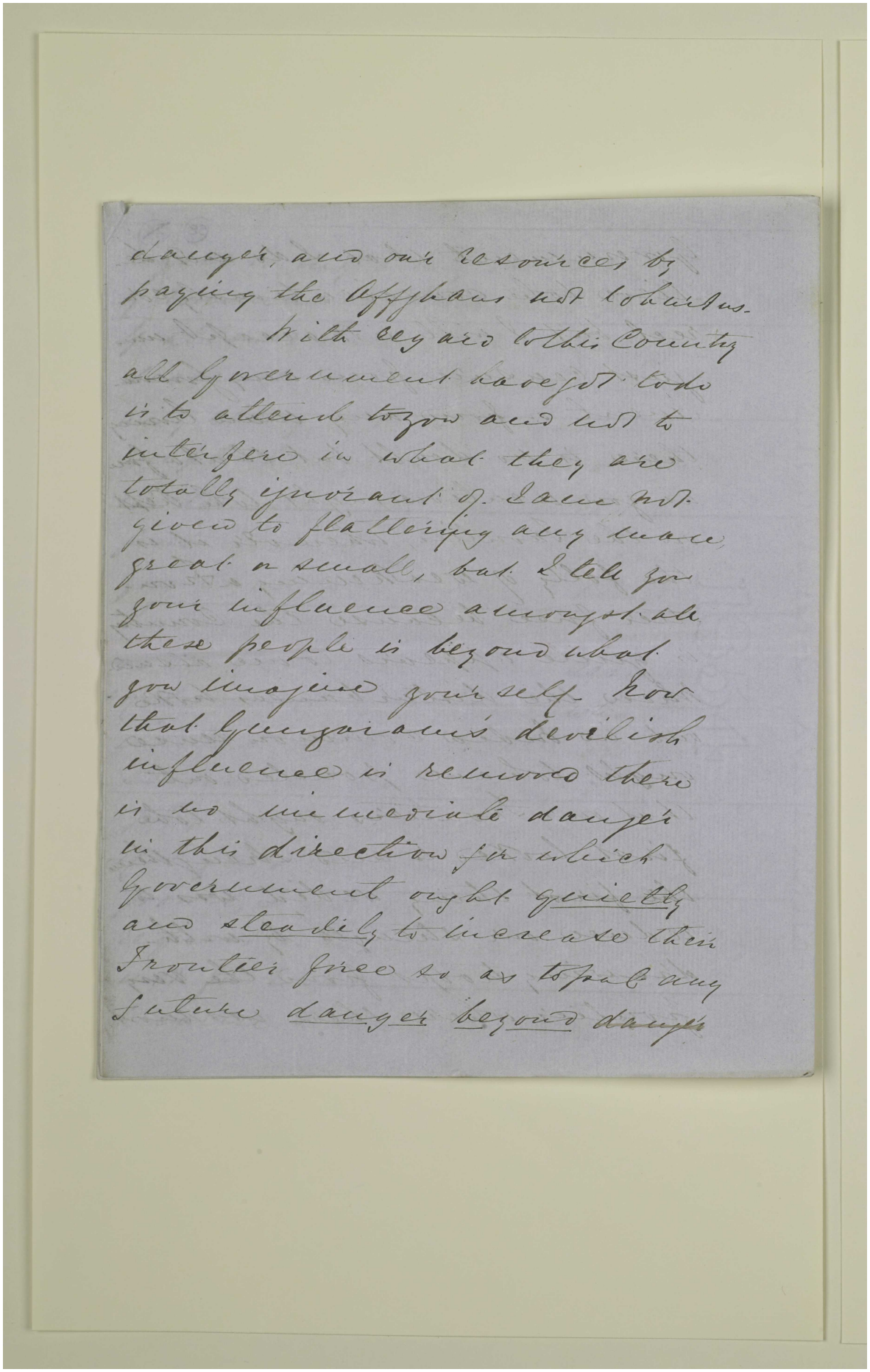

danger, and our resources by paying the Affghans not Cohurtus.

With regard to this Country all Government have got to do is to attend to you and not to interfere in what they are totally ignorant of. I am not given to flattering any man, great or small, but I tell you your influence amongst all these people is beyond what you imagine yourself. Now that Gungaram's devilish influence is removed there is no immediate danger in this direction for which Government ought quietly and steadily to increase their Frontier force so as to put any future danger beyond danger

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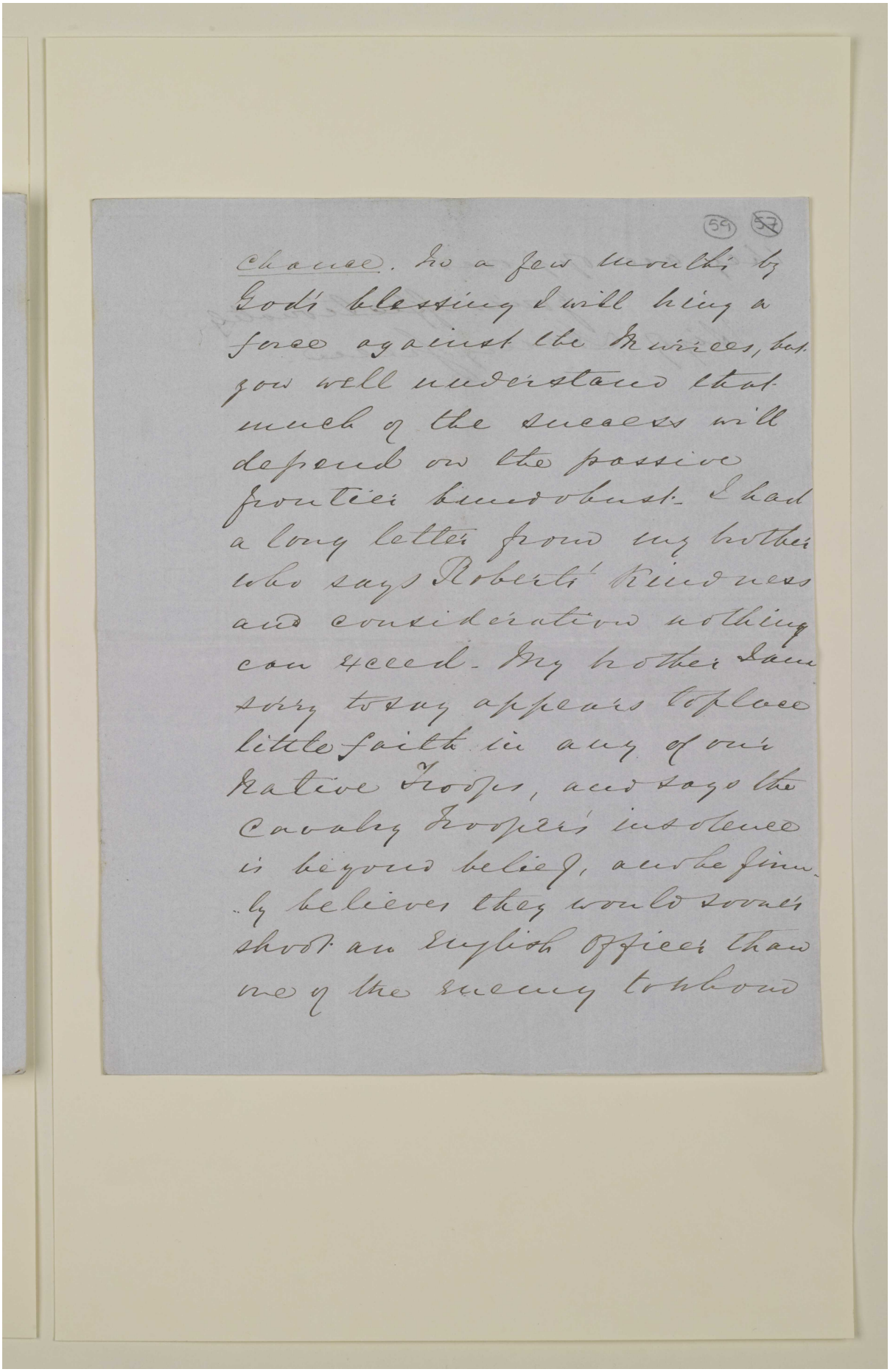

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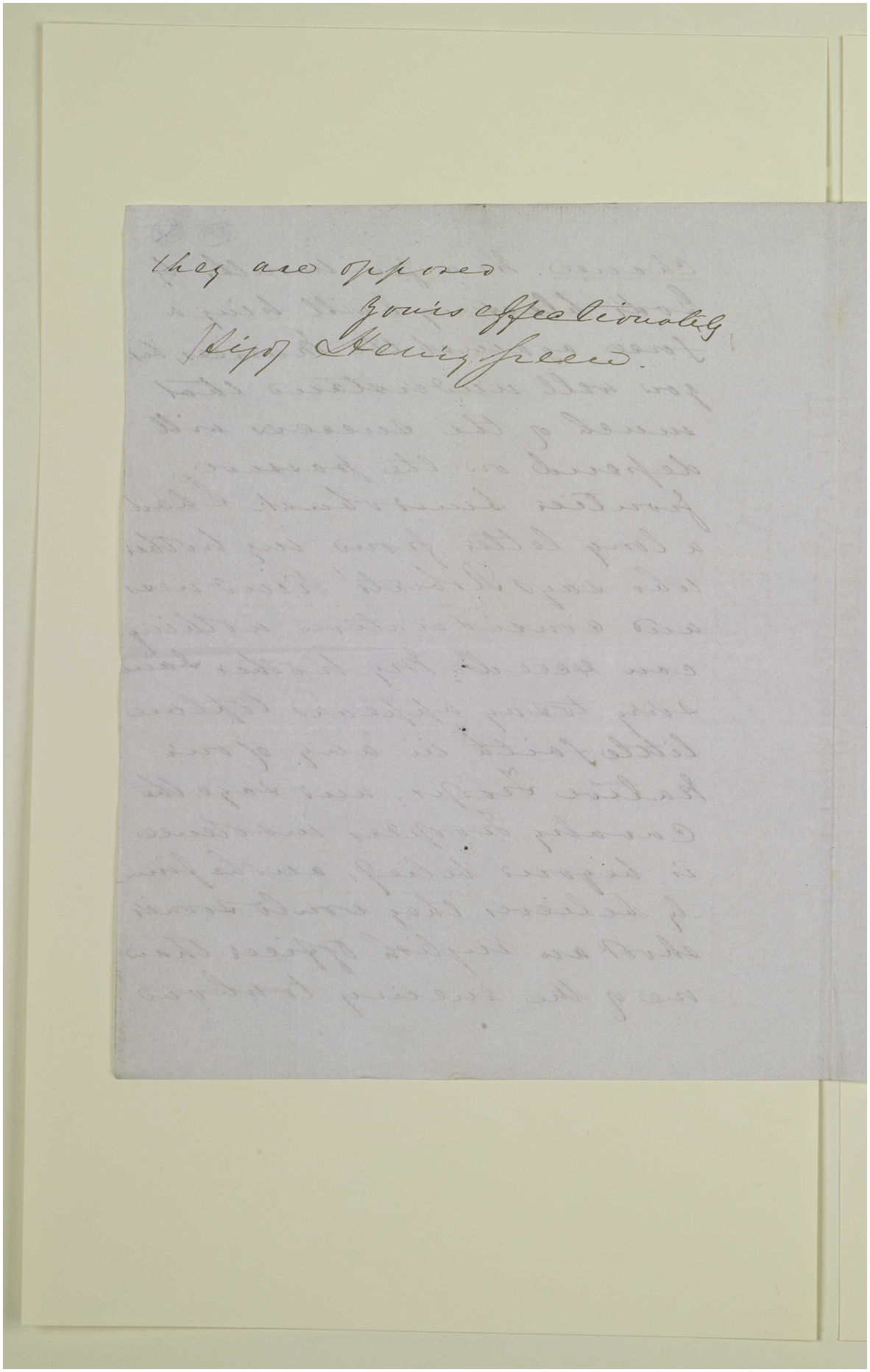
chance. In a few months by God's blessing I will bring a force against the Russians, but you well understand that much of the success will depend on the passive frontiers behaviour. I had a long letter from my brother who says Robert's kindness and consideration nothing can exceed. My brother Sam sorry to say appears to place little faith in any of our Native troops, and says the Cavalry troopers insolence is beyond belief, and he firmly believes they would soon shoot an English Officer than one of the enemy to abscond



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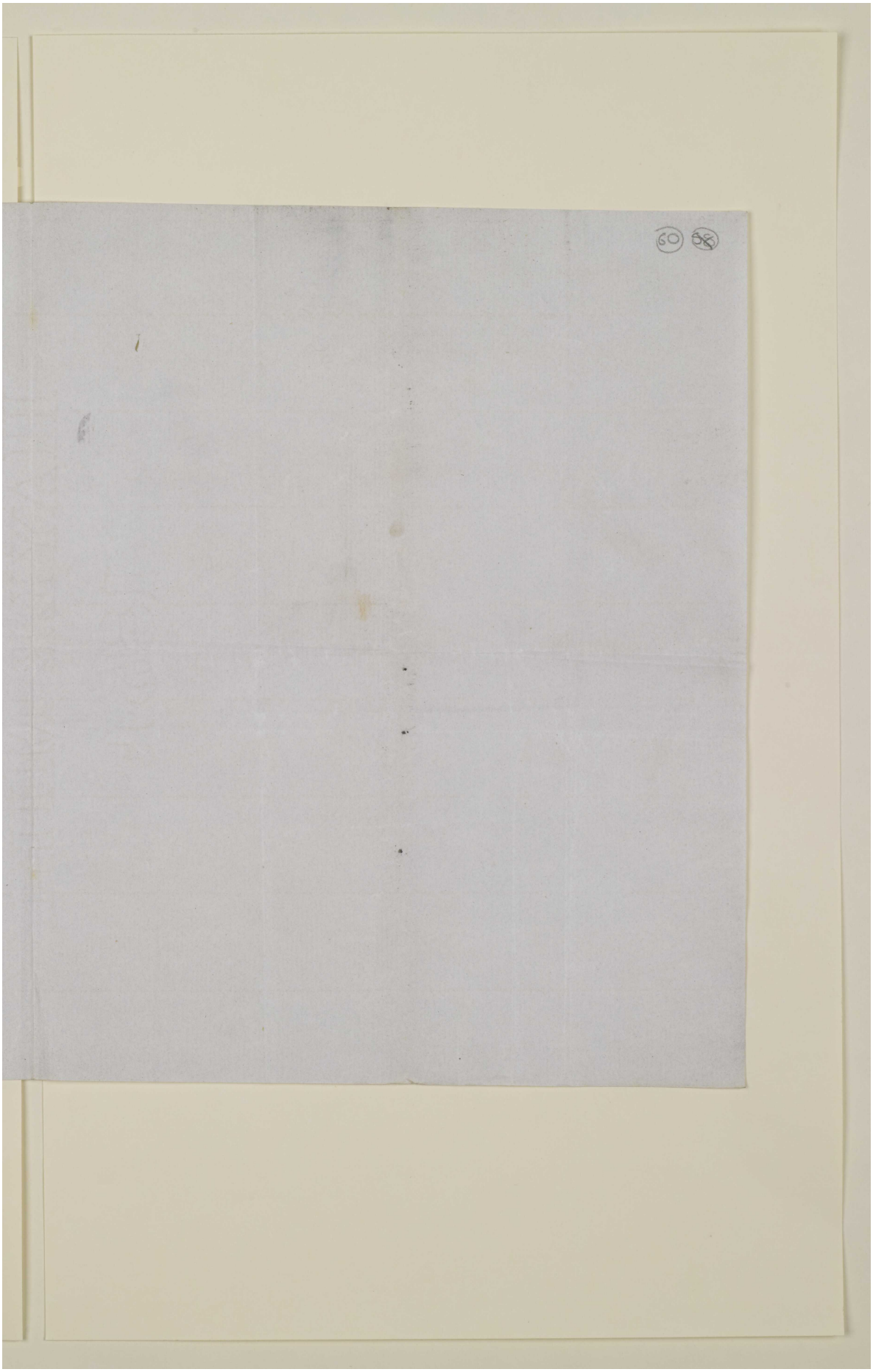

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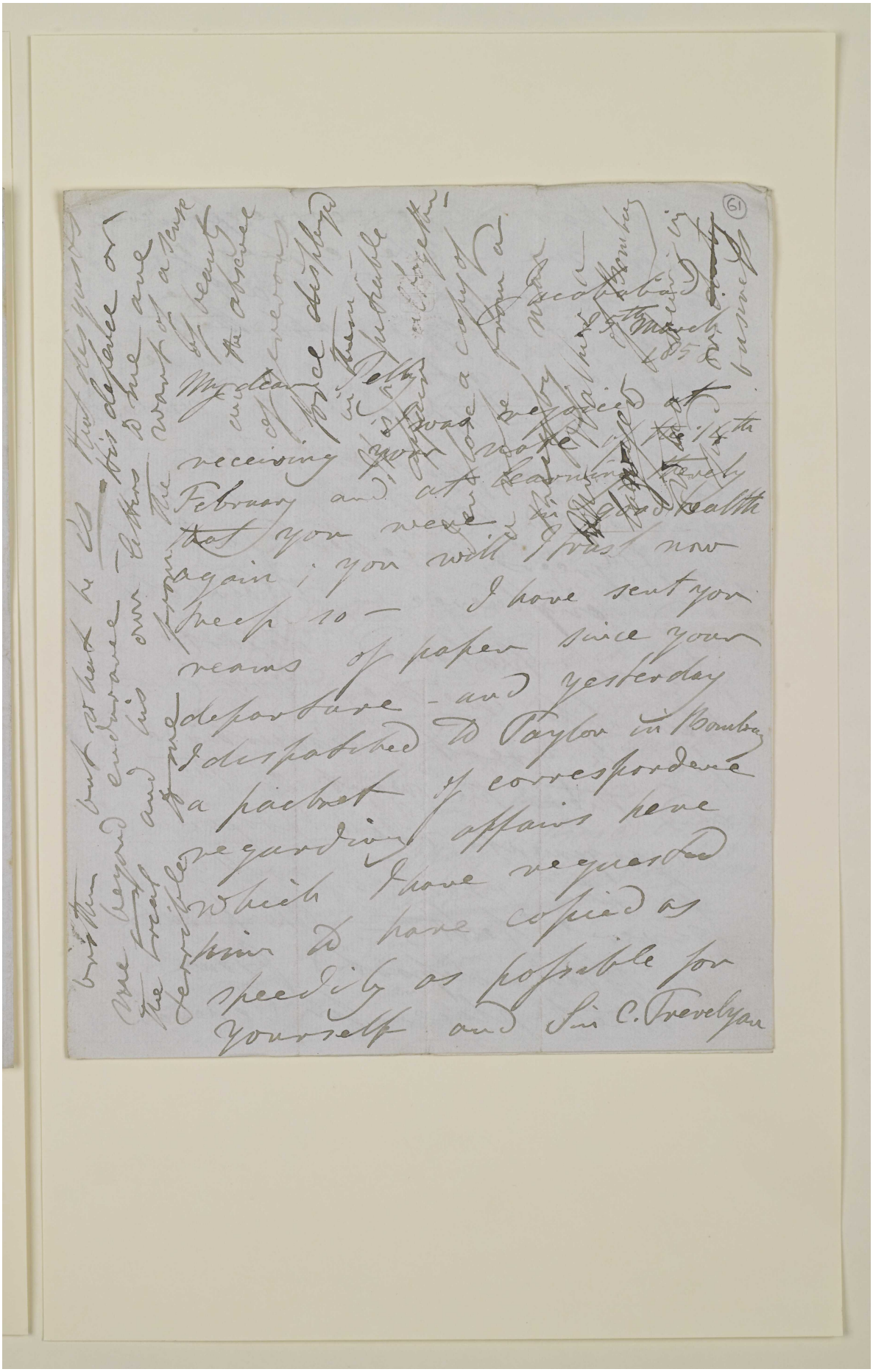

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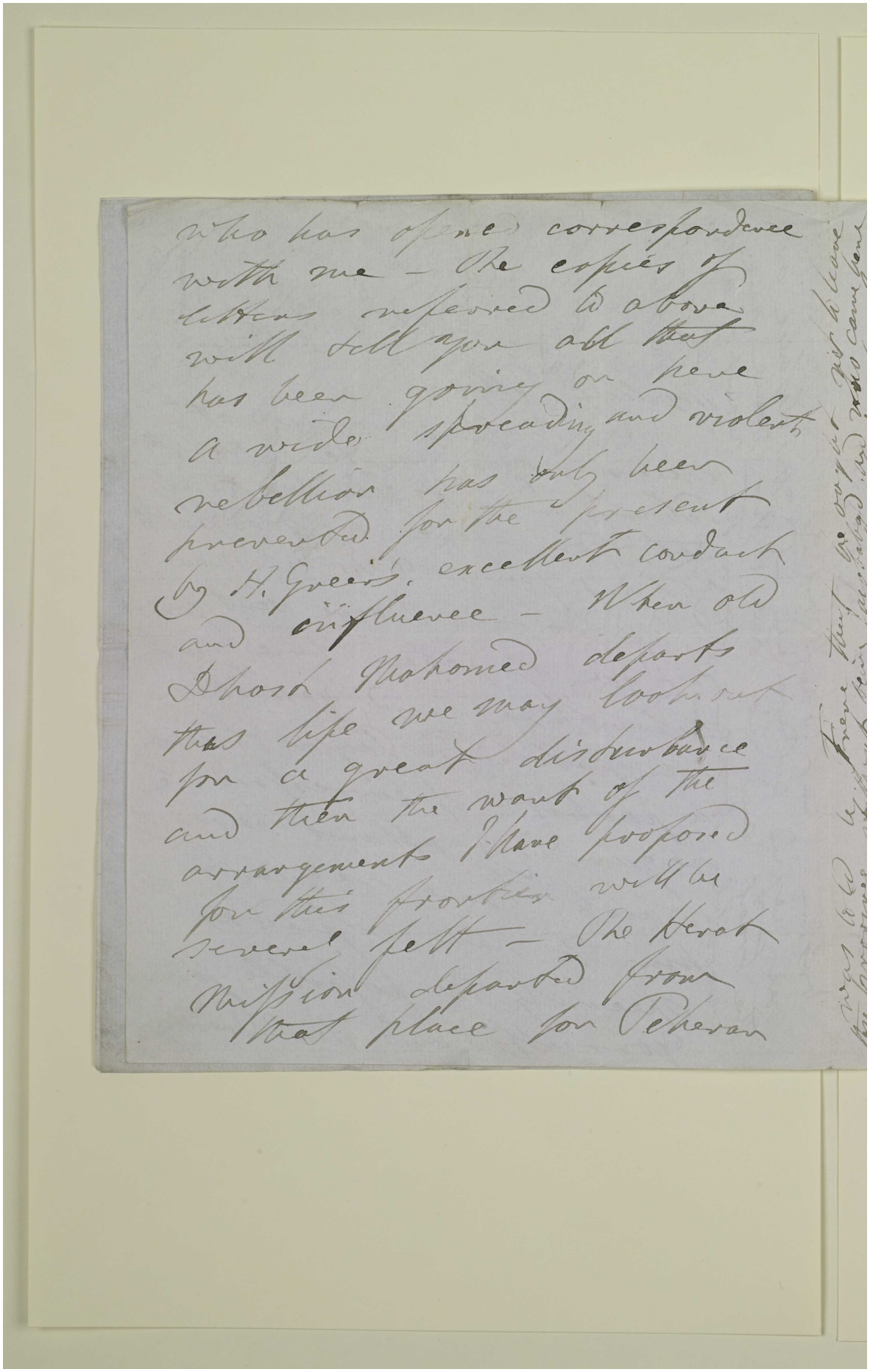
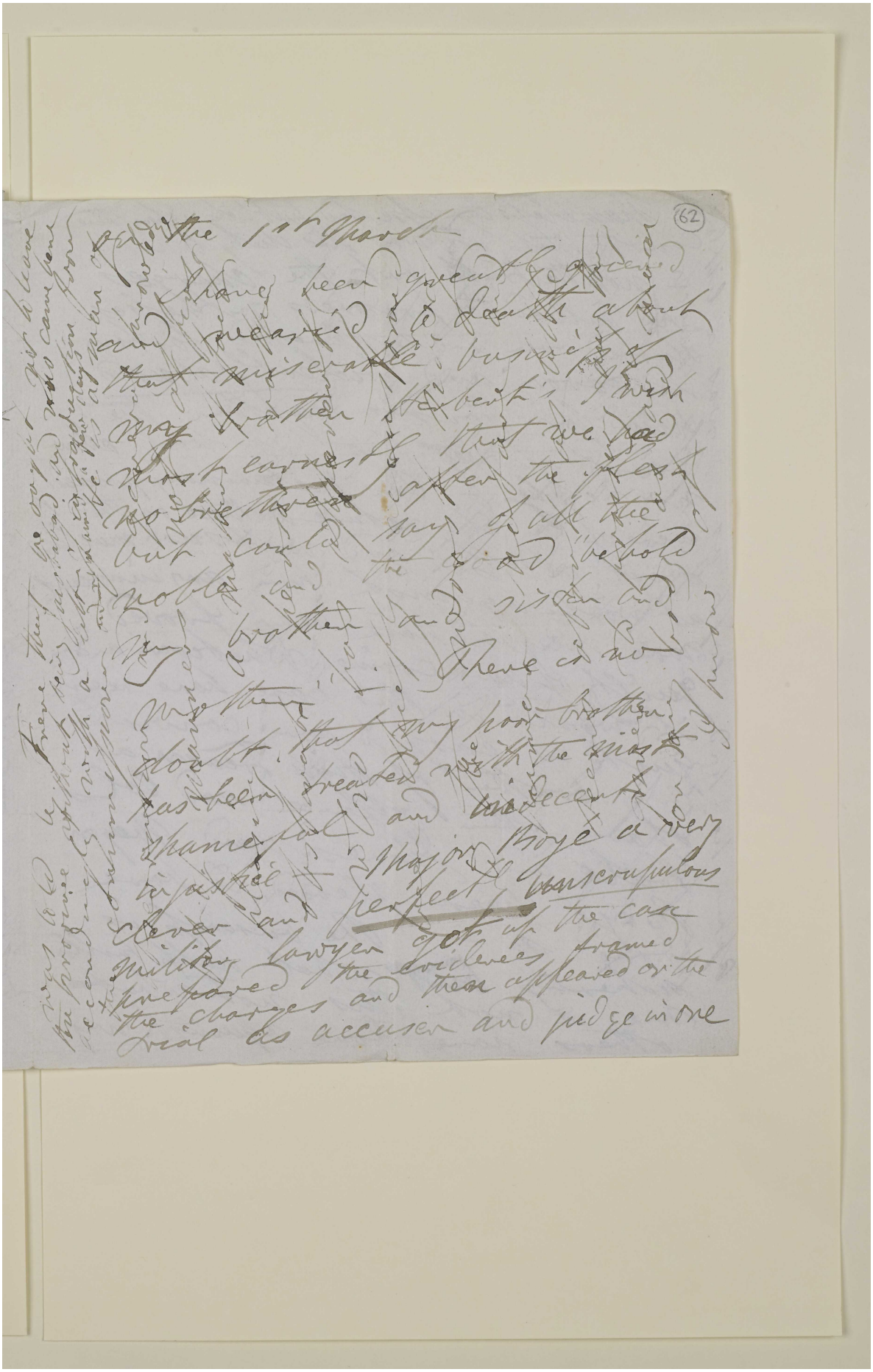


who has of late corresponded with me – the copies of letters referred to above will tell you all that has been going on here a wide spreading and violent rebellion has only been prevented for the present by H. Grees excellent conduct and influence – When old Ghoul Mahomed departs this life we may look out for a great disturbance and then the want of the arrangements I have proposed for this frontier will be severely felt – The Herat Mission departed from that place for Teheran



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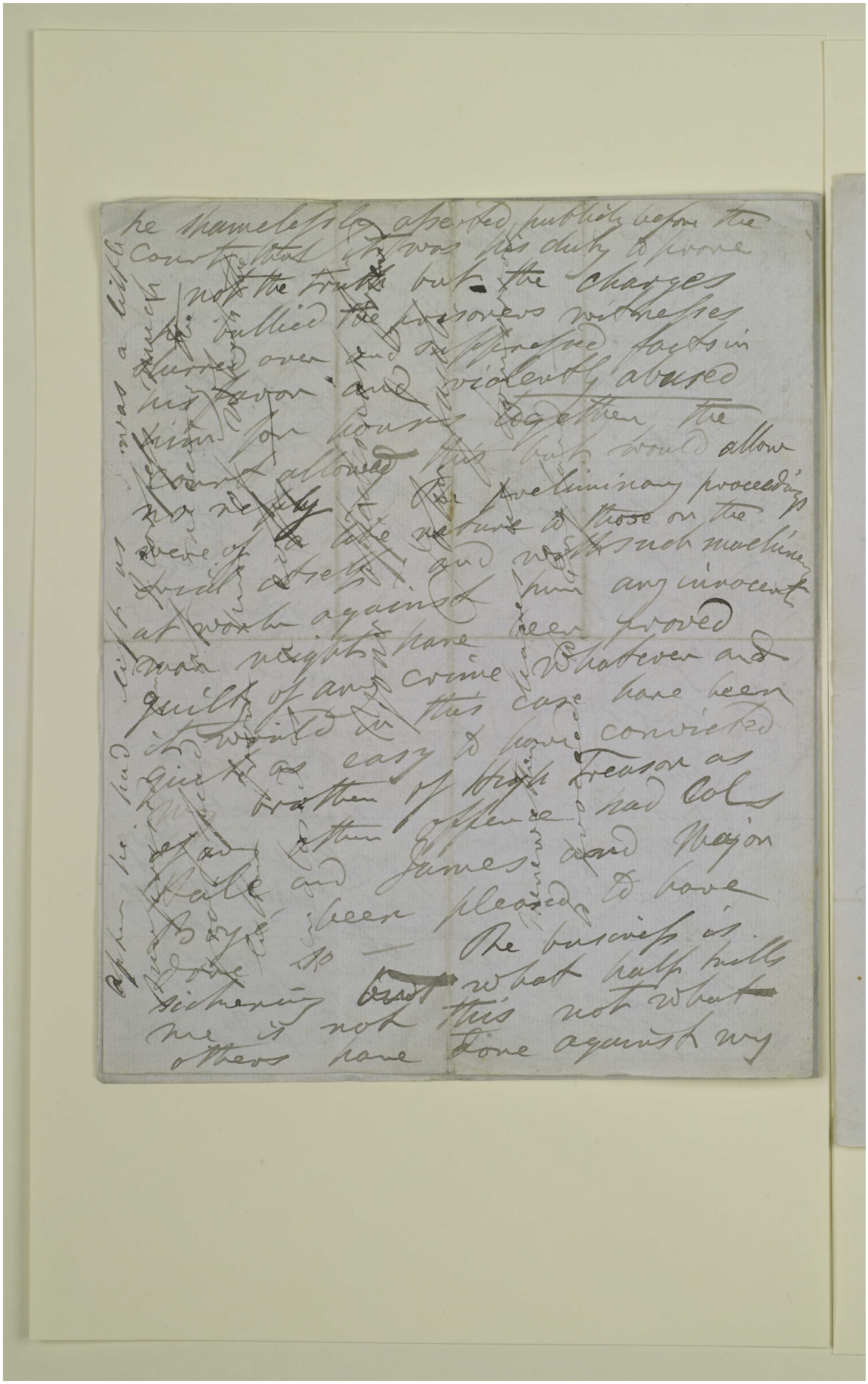

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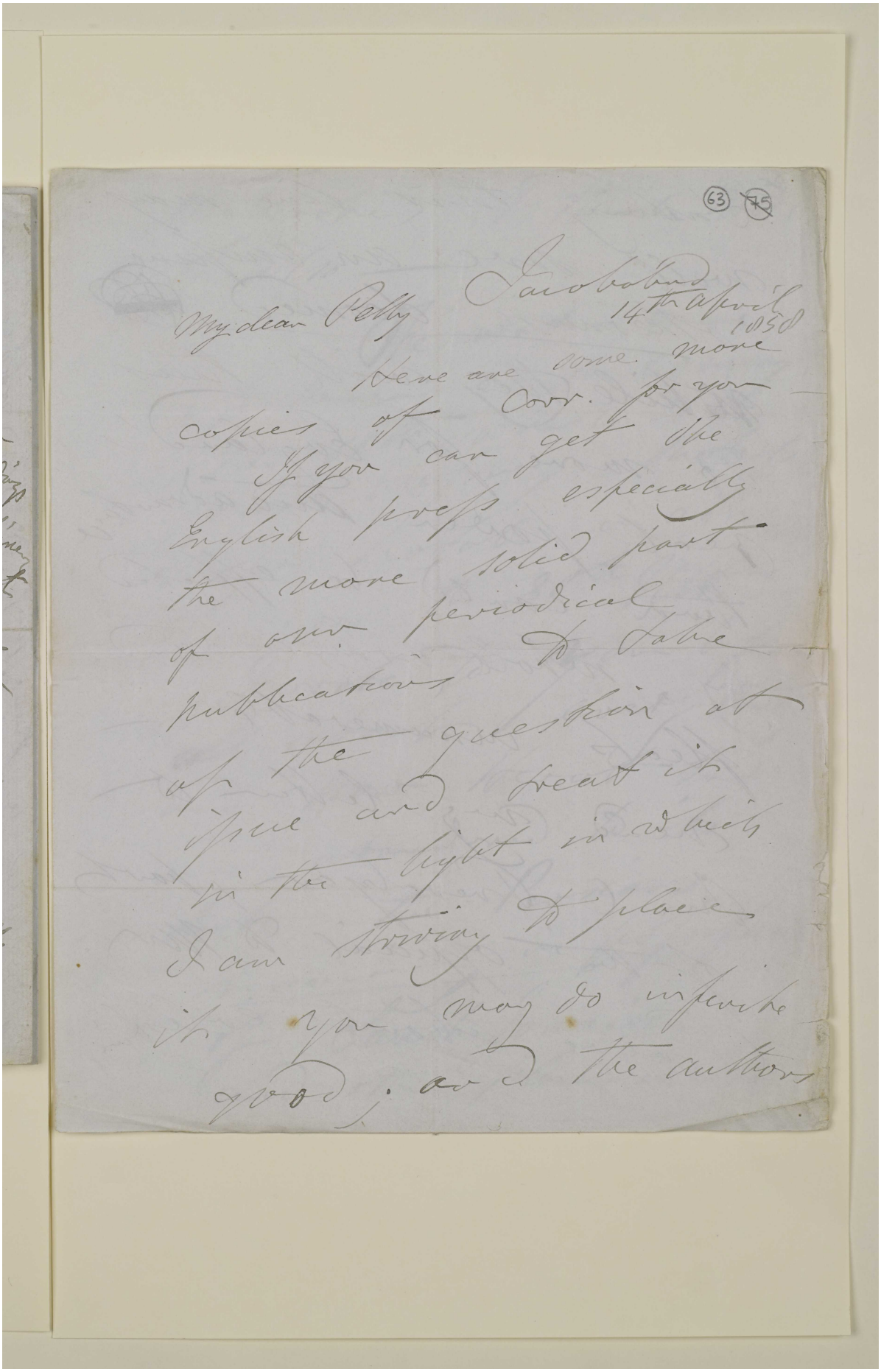

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My dear Pelly Jacobabad
14th April
1858

Here are some more
copies of Corr. for you
If you can get the
English press especially
the more solid part
of our periodical
publications to take
up the question at
issue and treat it
in the light in which
I am striving to place
it you may do infinite
good; and the authors

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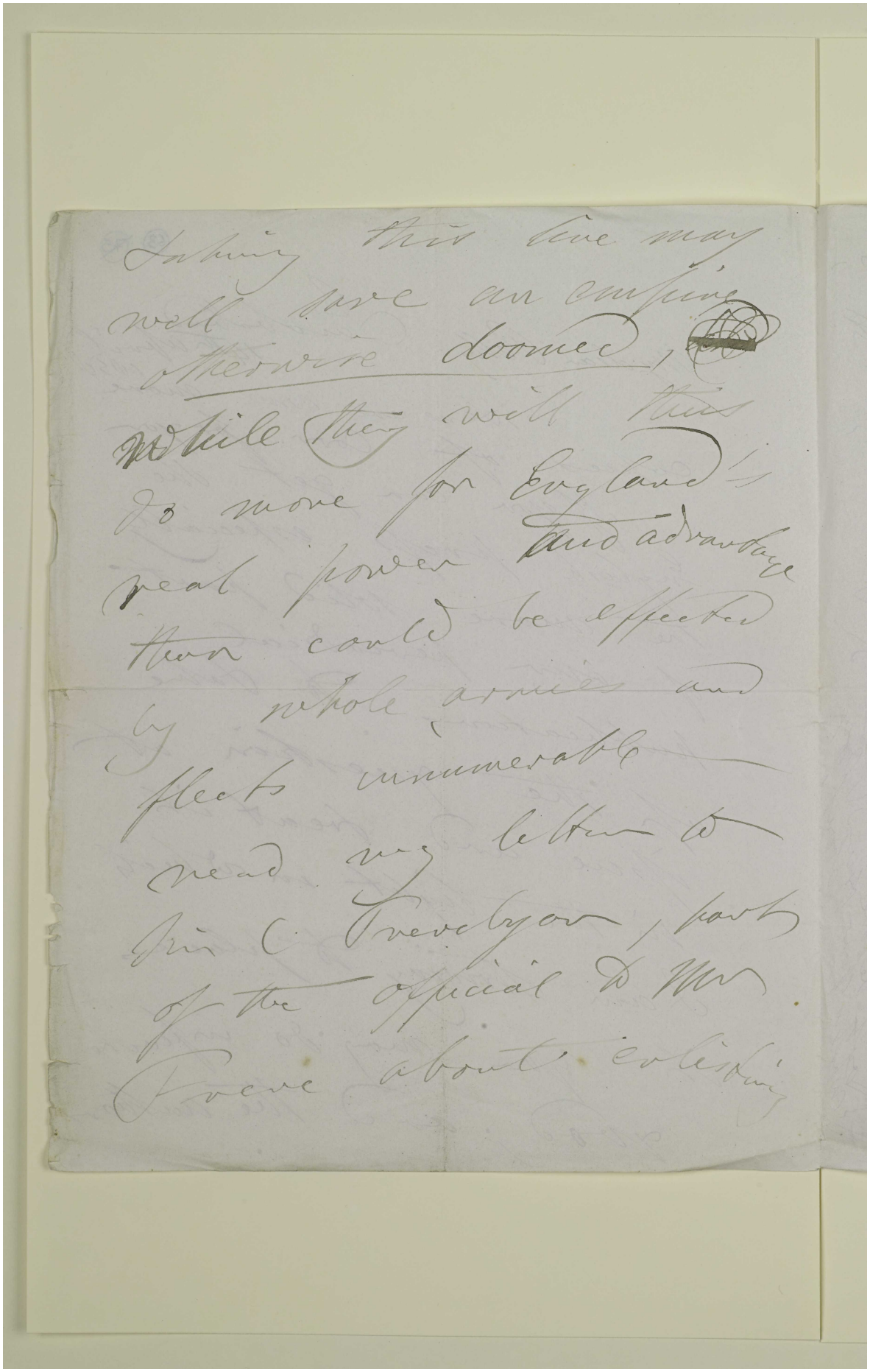

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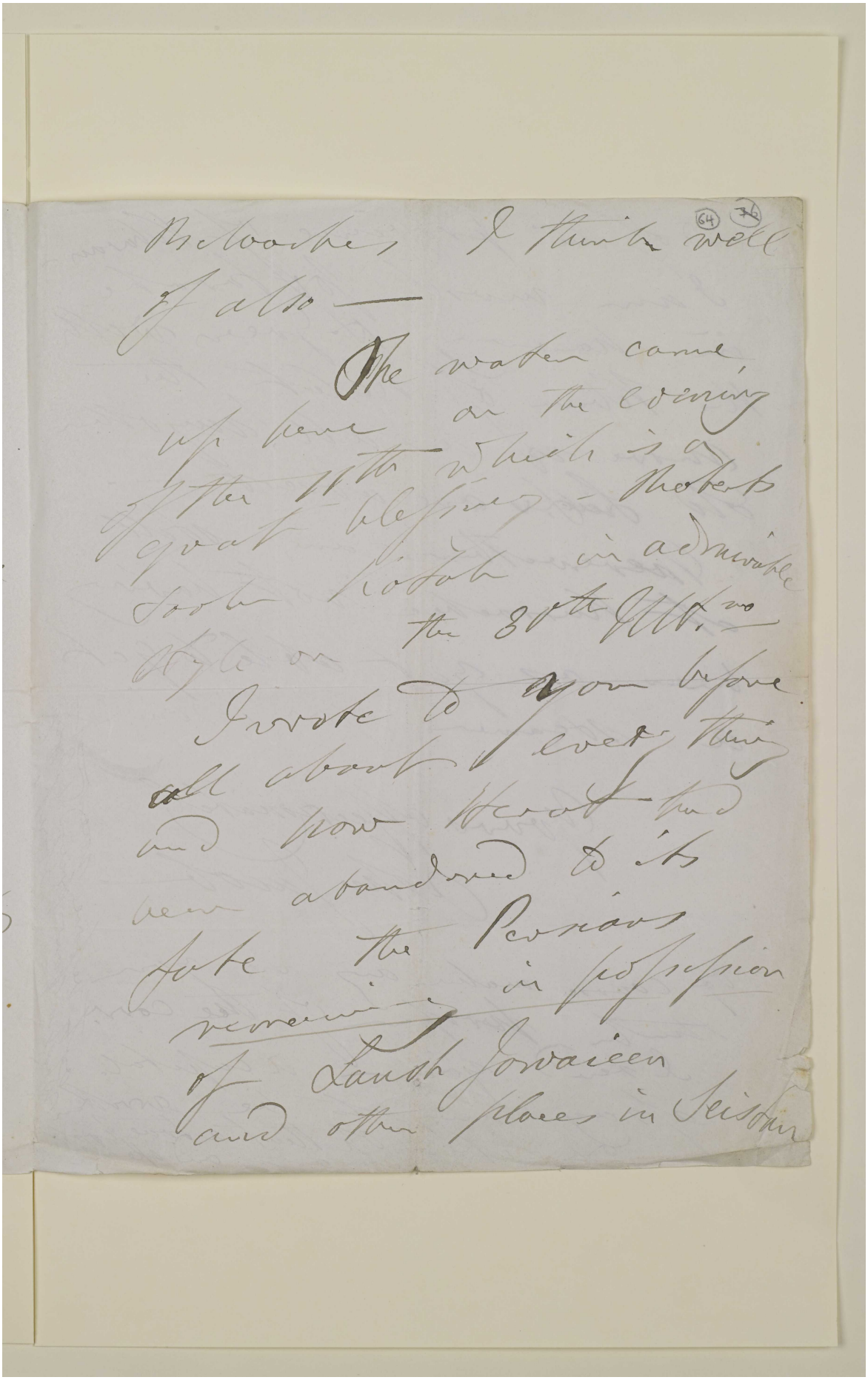

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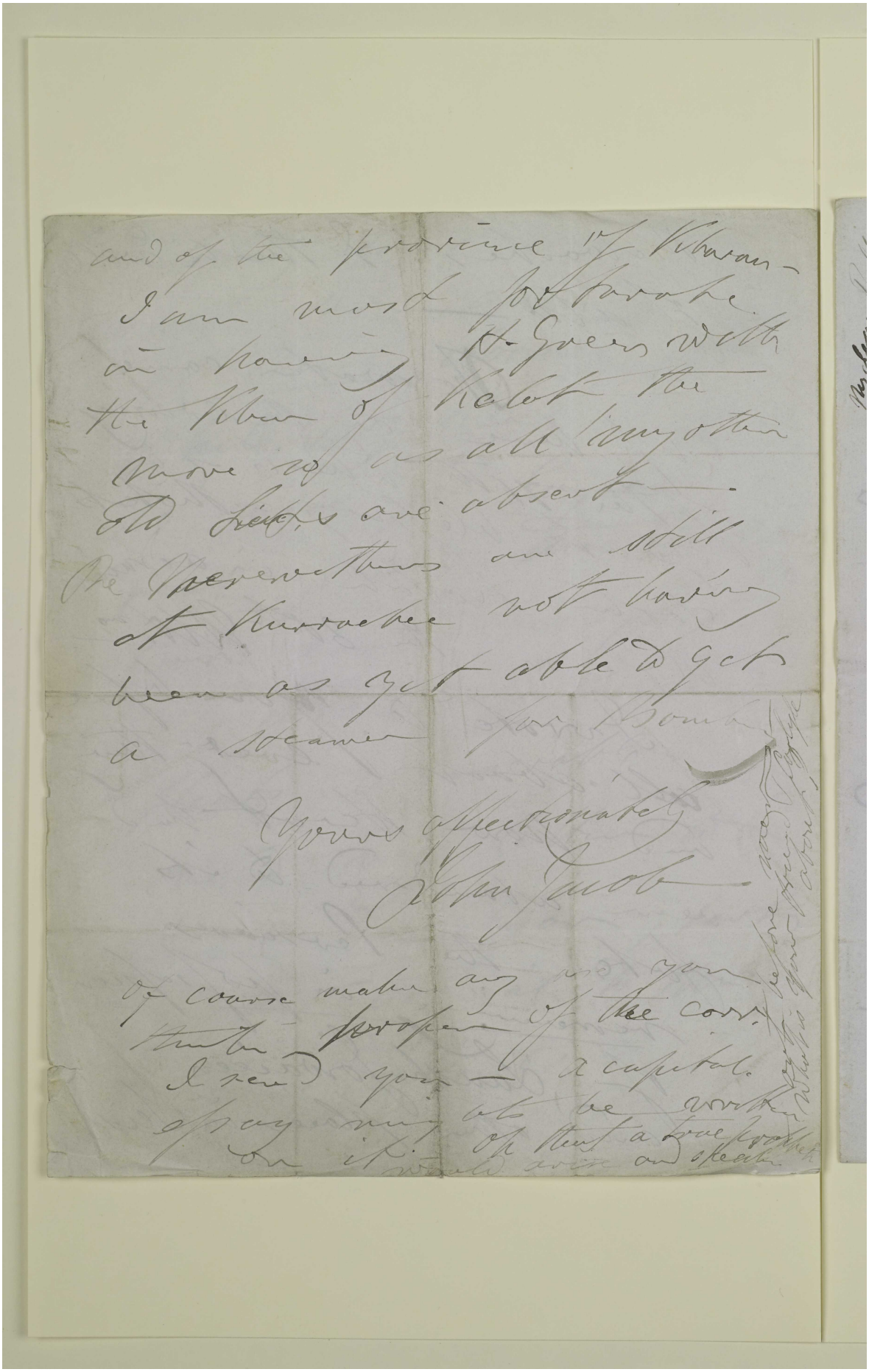

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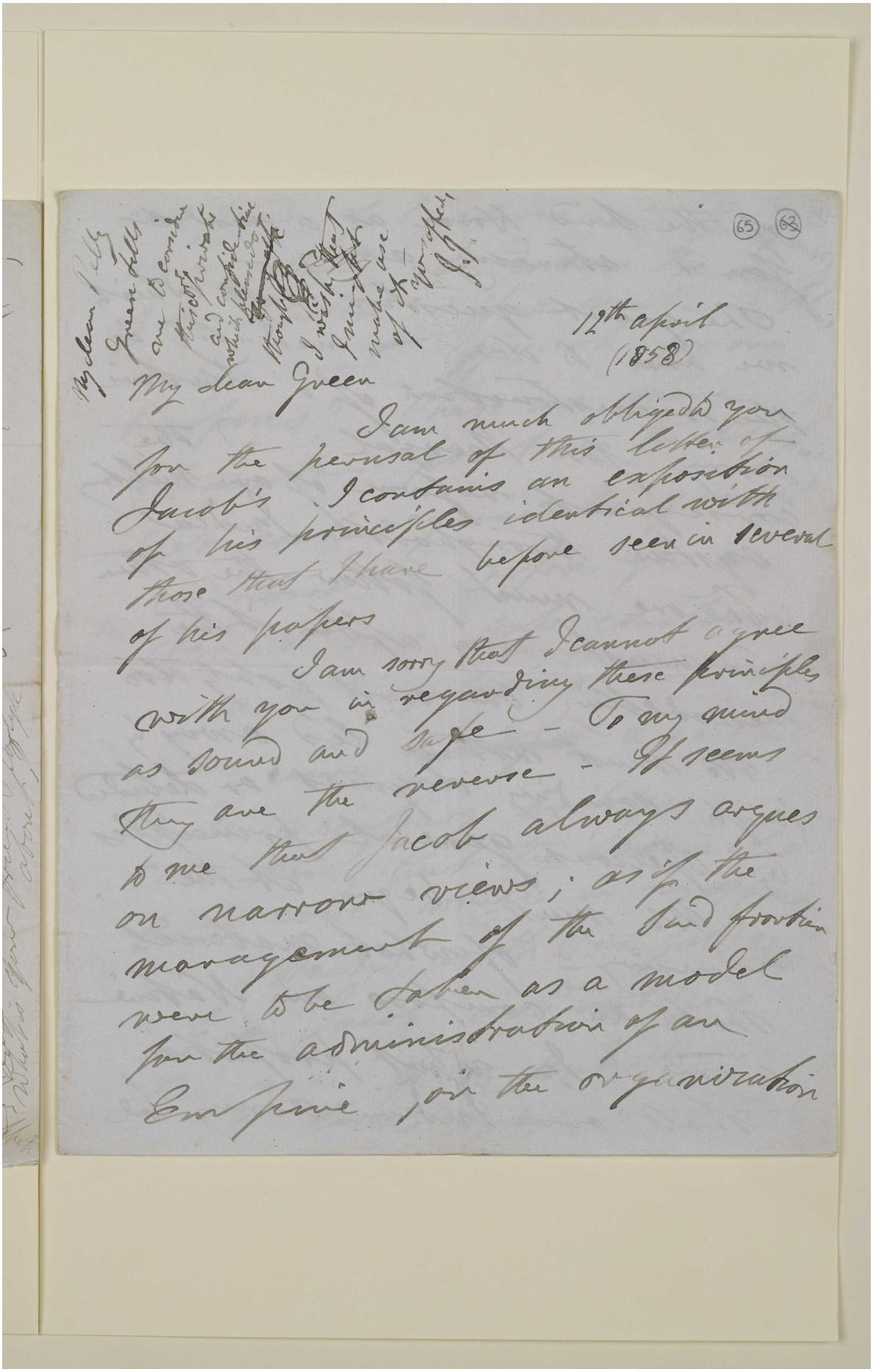

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12th April
(1858)

My dear Green

I am much obliged to you for the perusal of this letter of Jacob's. It contains an exposition of his principles identical with those that I have before seen in several of his papers.

I am sorry that I cannot agree with you in regarding these principles as sound and safe. To my mind they are the reverse. It seems to me that Jacob always argues on narrow views; as if the management of the Sind frontier were to be taken as a model for the administration of an Empire, or the organization

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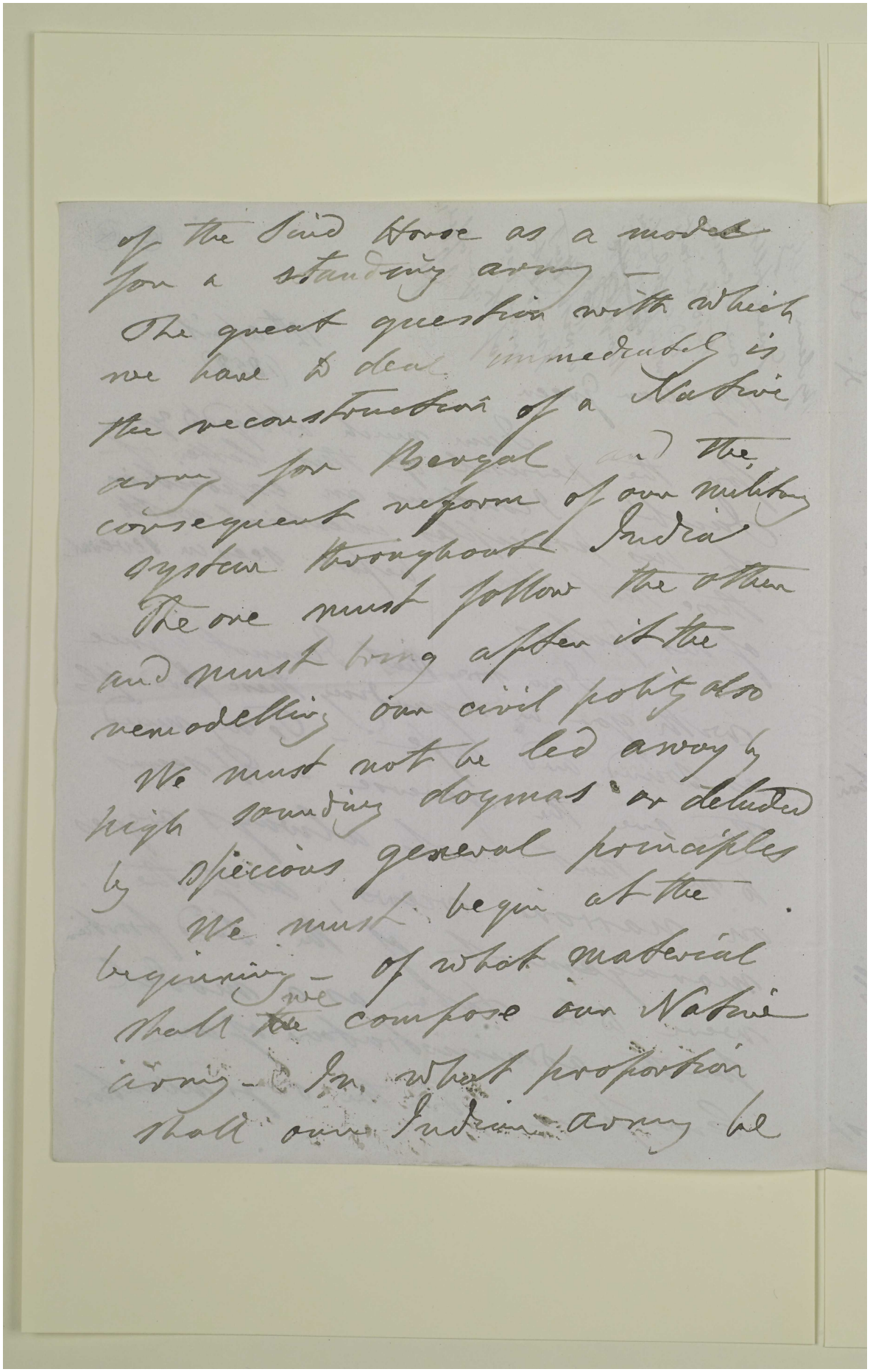
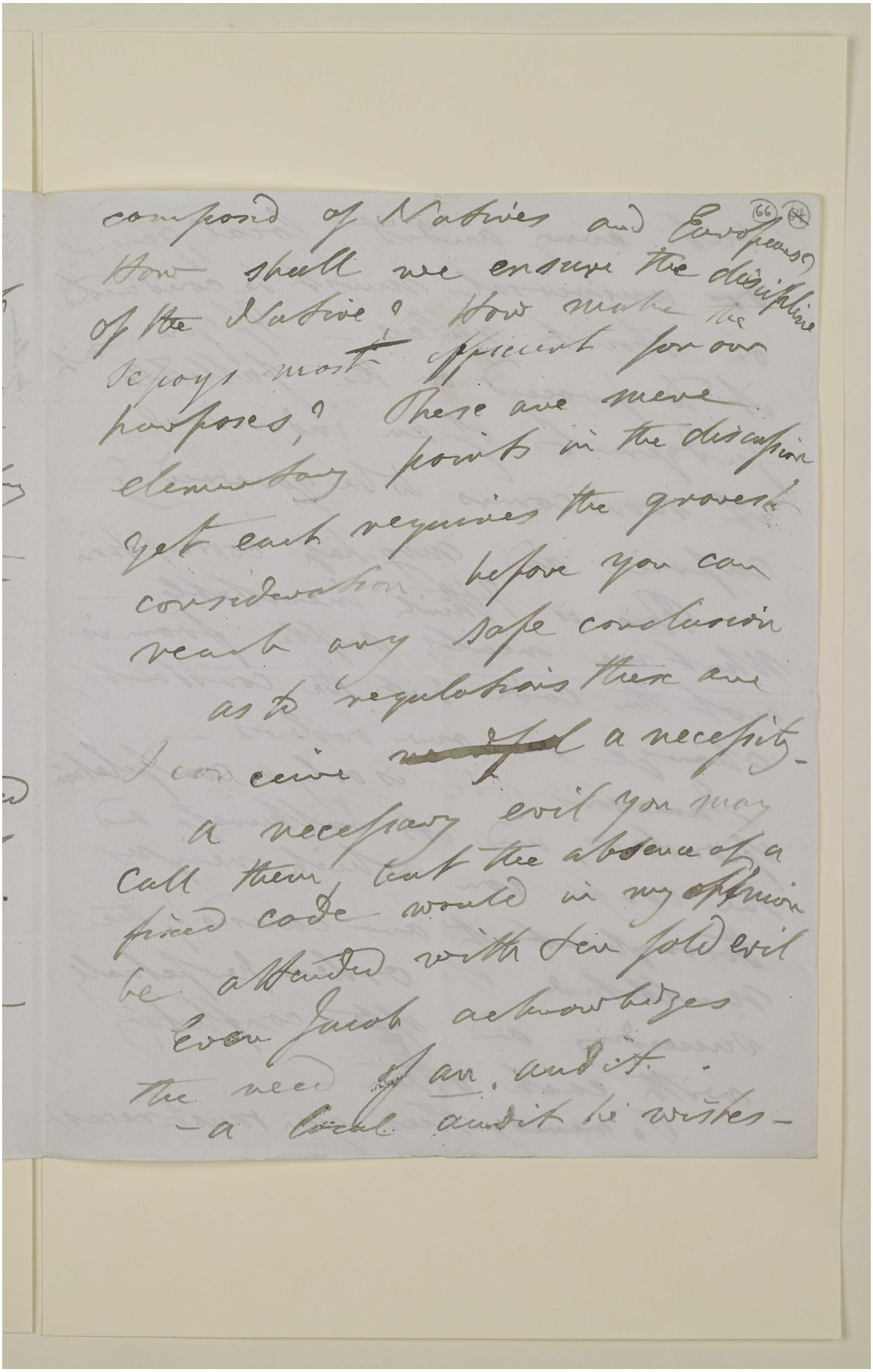
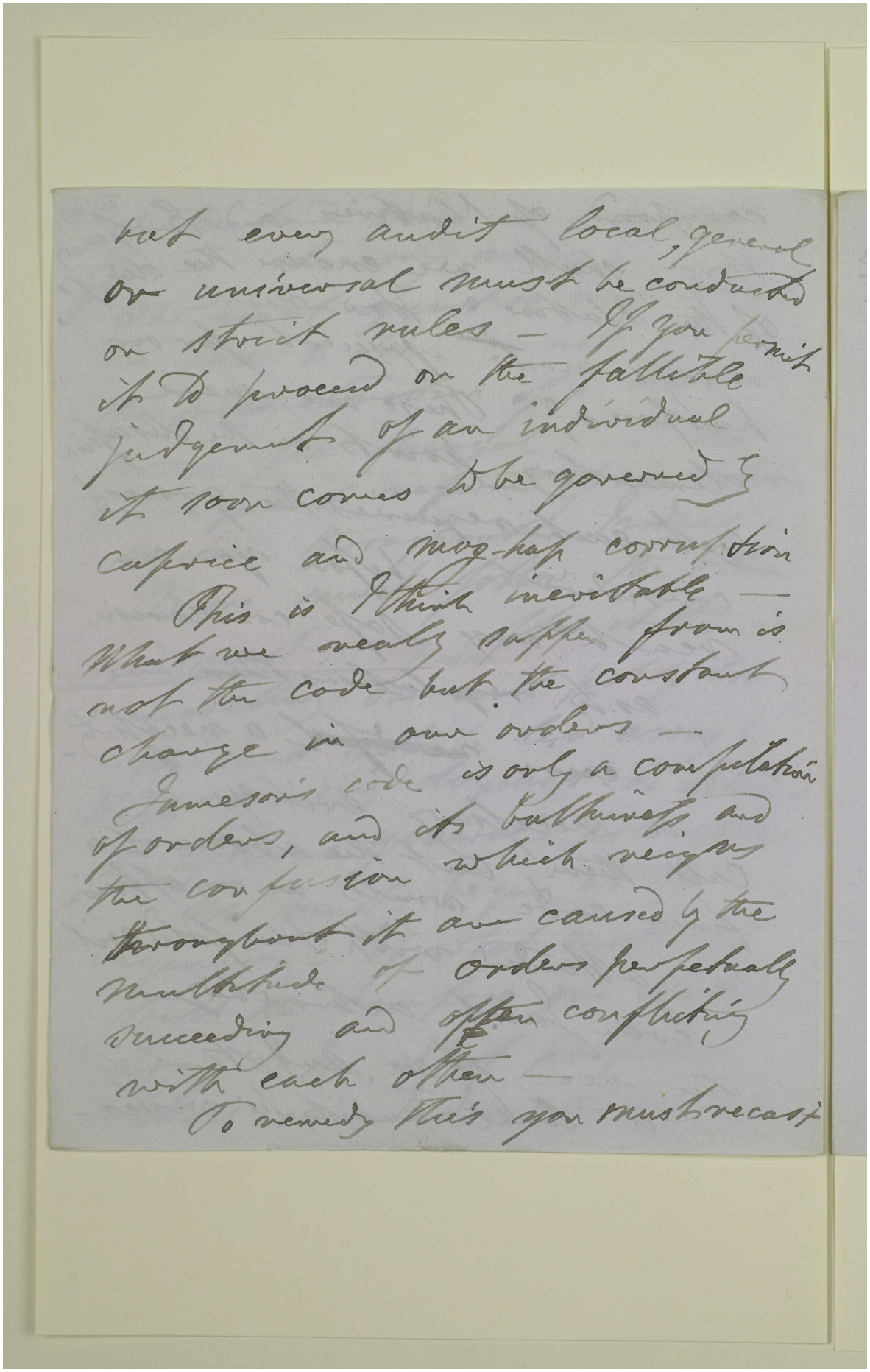


of the said House as a model
for a standing army —
The great question with which
we have to deal immediately is
the reconstruction of a Native
army for Bengal and the
consequent reform of our military
system throughout India
The one must follow the other
and must bring after it the
remodelling our civil polity also
We must not be led away by
high sounding dogmas or deluded
by specious general principles
We must begin at the
beginning — of what material
shall we compose our Native
army — In what proportion
shall our Indian army be

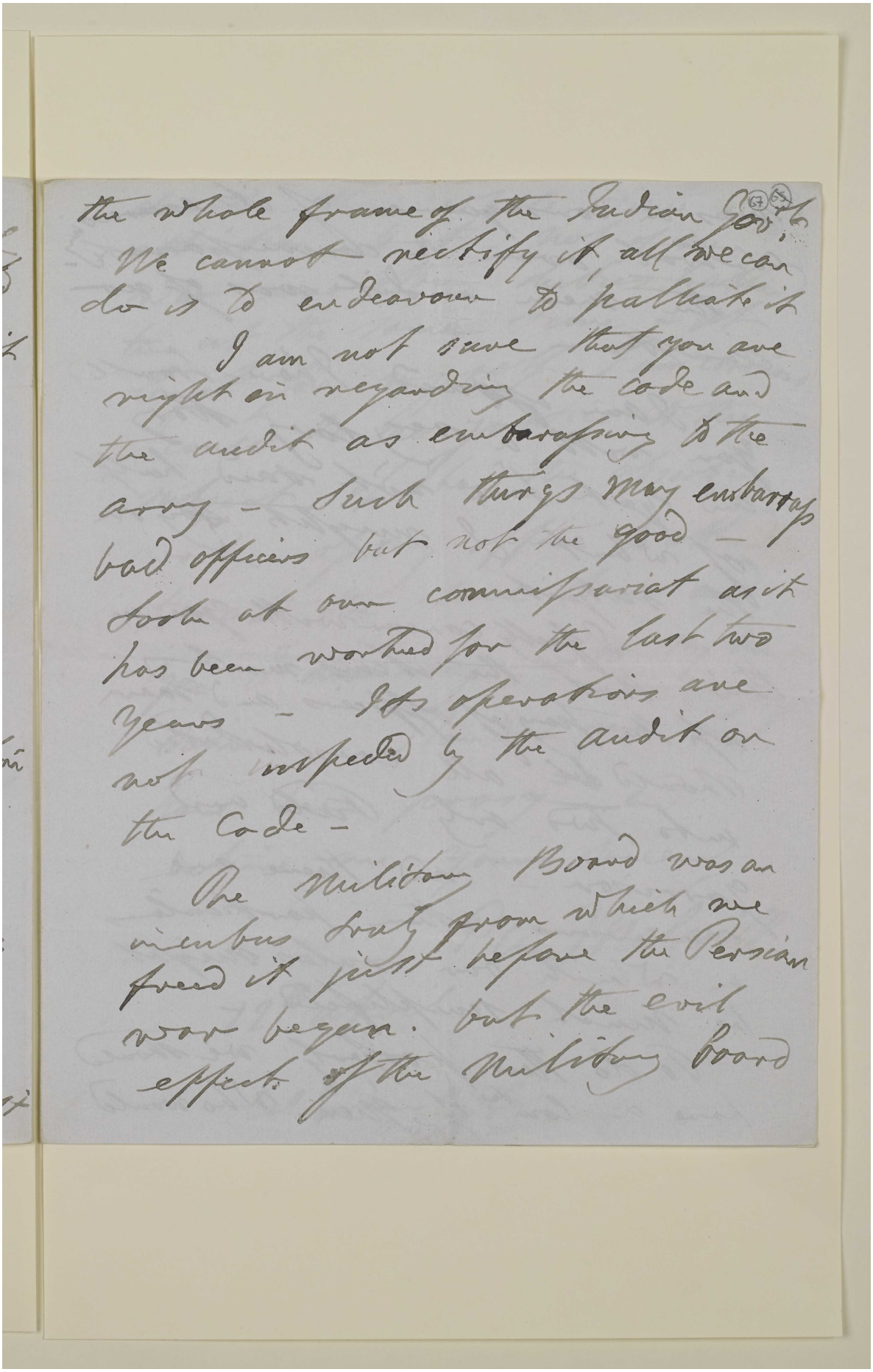


composed of Natives and Europeans? How shall we ensure the discipline of the Native? How make the troops most efficient for our purposes? These are mere elementary points in the discussion yet each requires the gravest consideration before you can reach any safe conclusion as to regulations there are I conceive a necessity - a necessary evil you may call them, but the absence of a fixed code would in my opinion be attended with far more evil even such acknowledges the necessity of an audit - a strict audit he wishes -

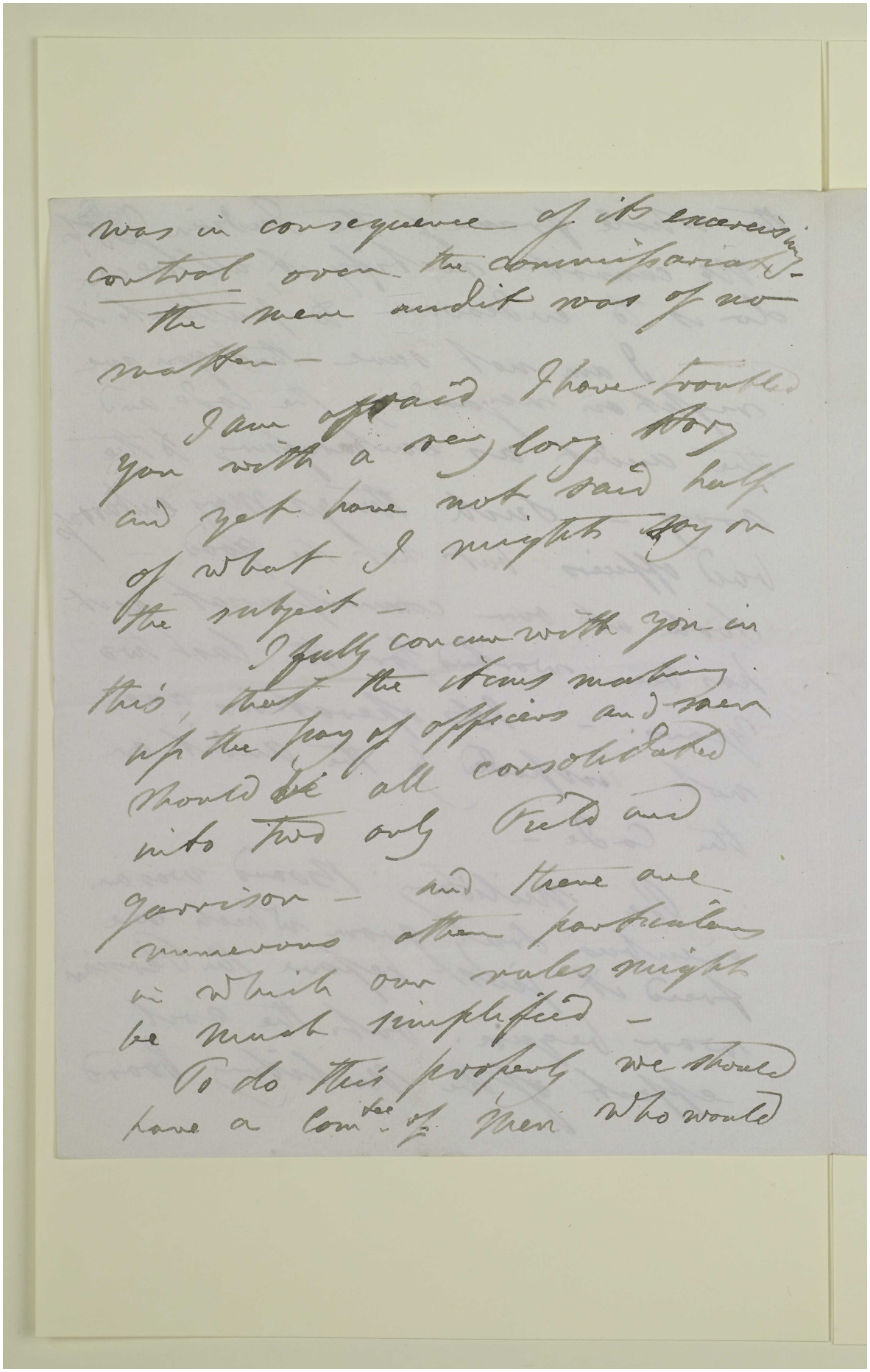


but every audit local, general or universal must be conducted on strict rules — If you permit it to proceed on the fallible judgement of an individual it soon comes to be governed by caprice and mog-hab corruption This is I think inevitable — What we really suffer from is not the code but the constant change in our orders — Jamesons code is only a compilation of orders, and its badness and the confusion which reigns throughout it are caused by the multitude of orders perpetually succeeding and often conflicting with each other —

To remedy this you must recast



the whole frame of the Indian Govt.
We cannot rectify it all we can
do is to endeavour to palliate it
I am not sure that you are
right in regarding the code and
the audit as embarrassing to the
army - such things may embarrass
bad officers but not the good -
look at our commissariat as it
has been worked for the last two
years - Its operations are
not inspected by the audit or
the Code -
The Military Board was an
invention only from which we
freed it just before the Persian
war began. but the evil
effects of the Military Board

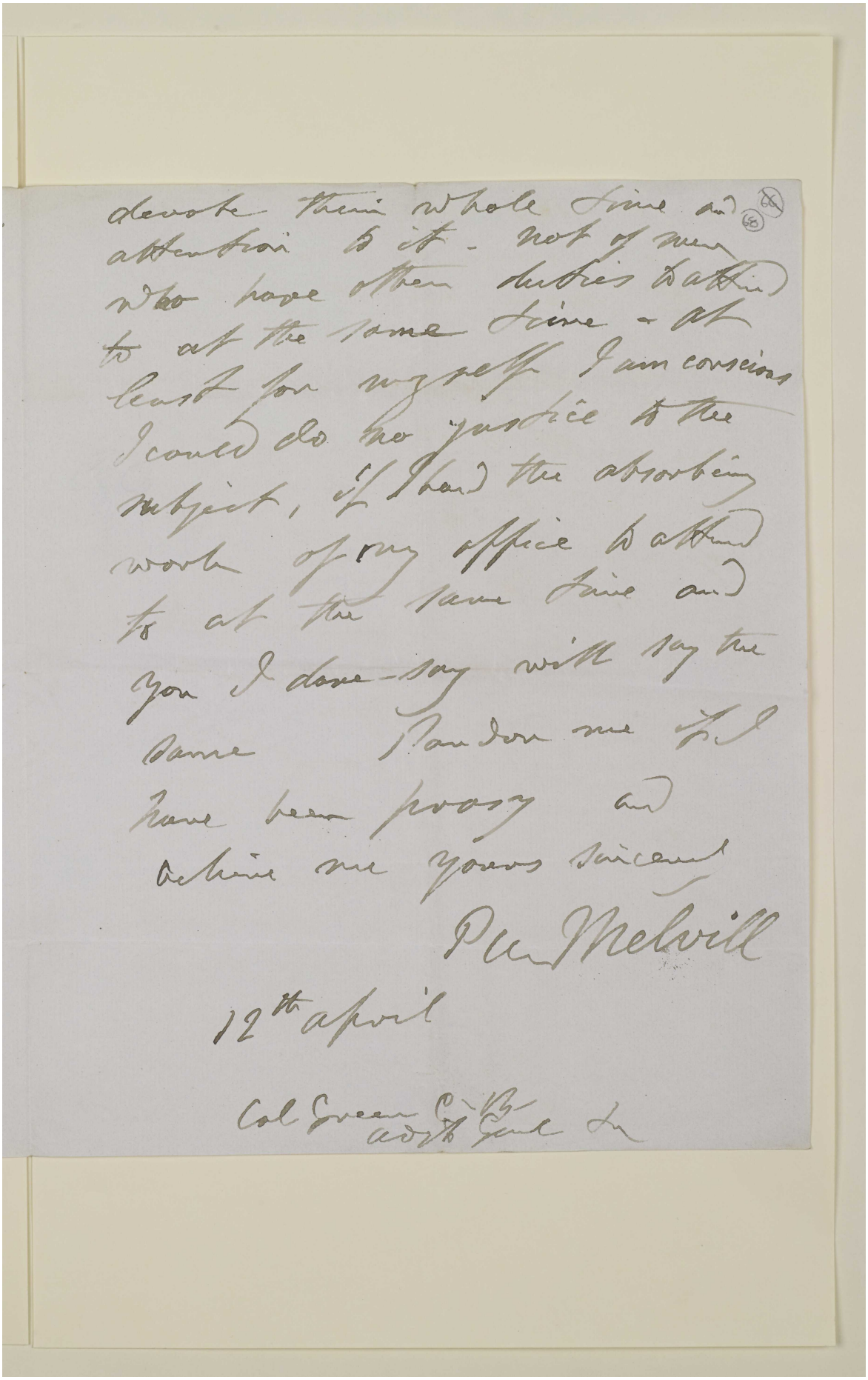


was in consequence of its excessive
control over the Commissariat -
the mere audit was of no
matter -

I am afraid I have troubled
you with a very long story
and yet have not said half
of what I might say on
the subject -

I fully concur with you in
this, that the items making
up the pay of officers and men
should be all consolidated
into two only Rate and
Garrison - and there are
numerous other particulars
in which our rules might
be much simplified -

To do this properly we should
have a Com.ee of men who would



devote their whole time and attention to it - not of men who have other duties to attend to at the same time - at least for myself I am conscious I could do no justice to the subject, if I had the absorbing work of my office to attend to at the same time and you I dare-say will say the same Pardon me if I have been prosy and believe me yours sincerely

Pen Melvill

12th April

Col Green C.B.
adjt Genl Sn

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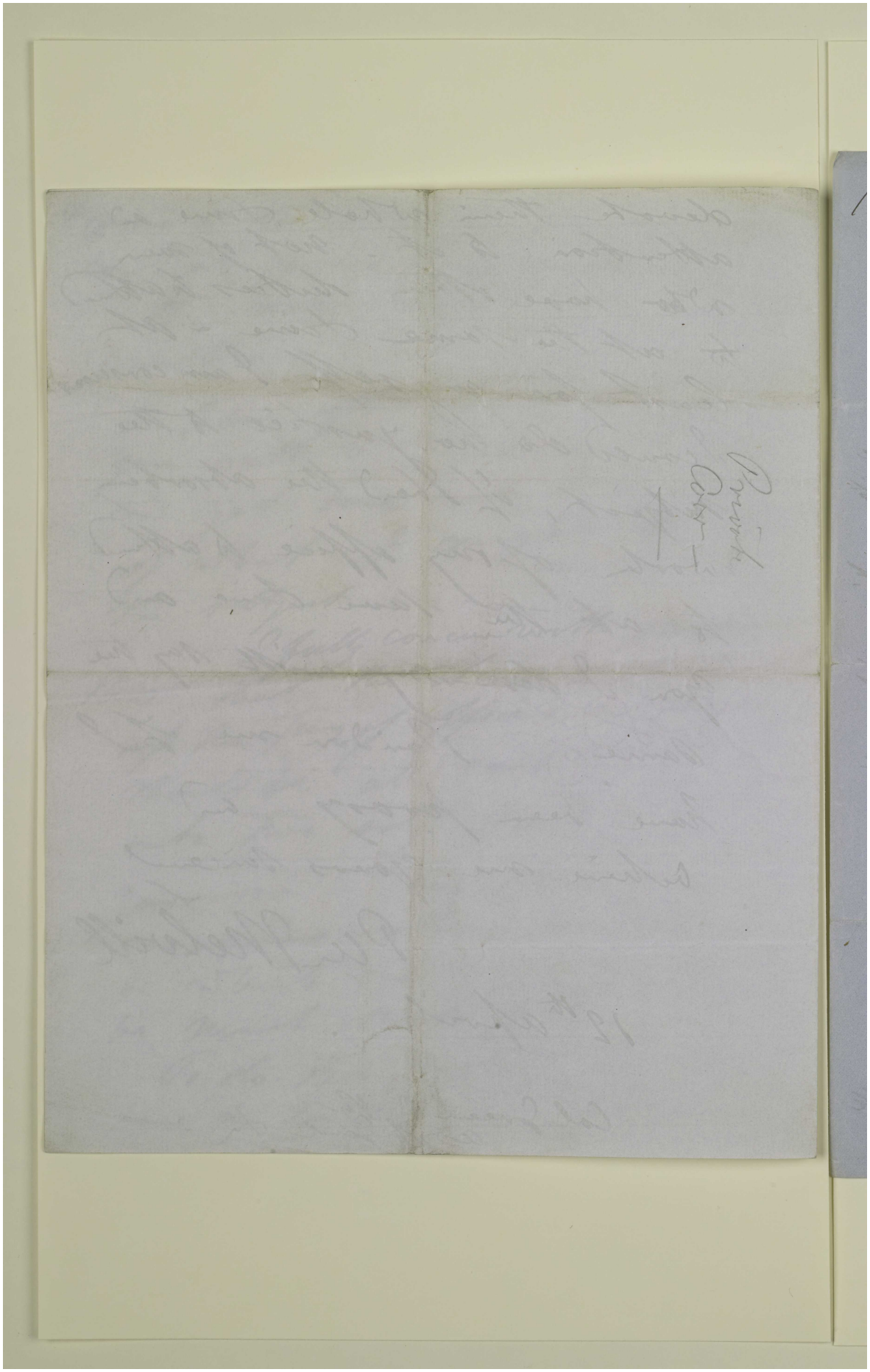

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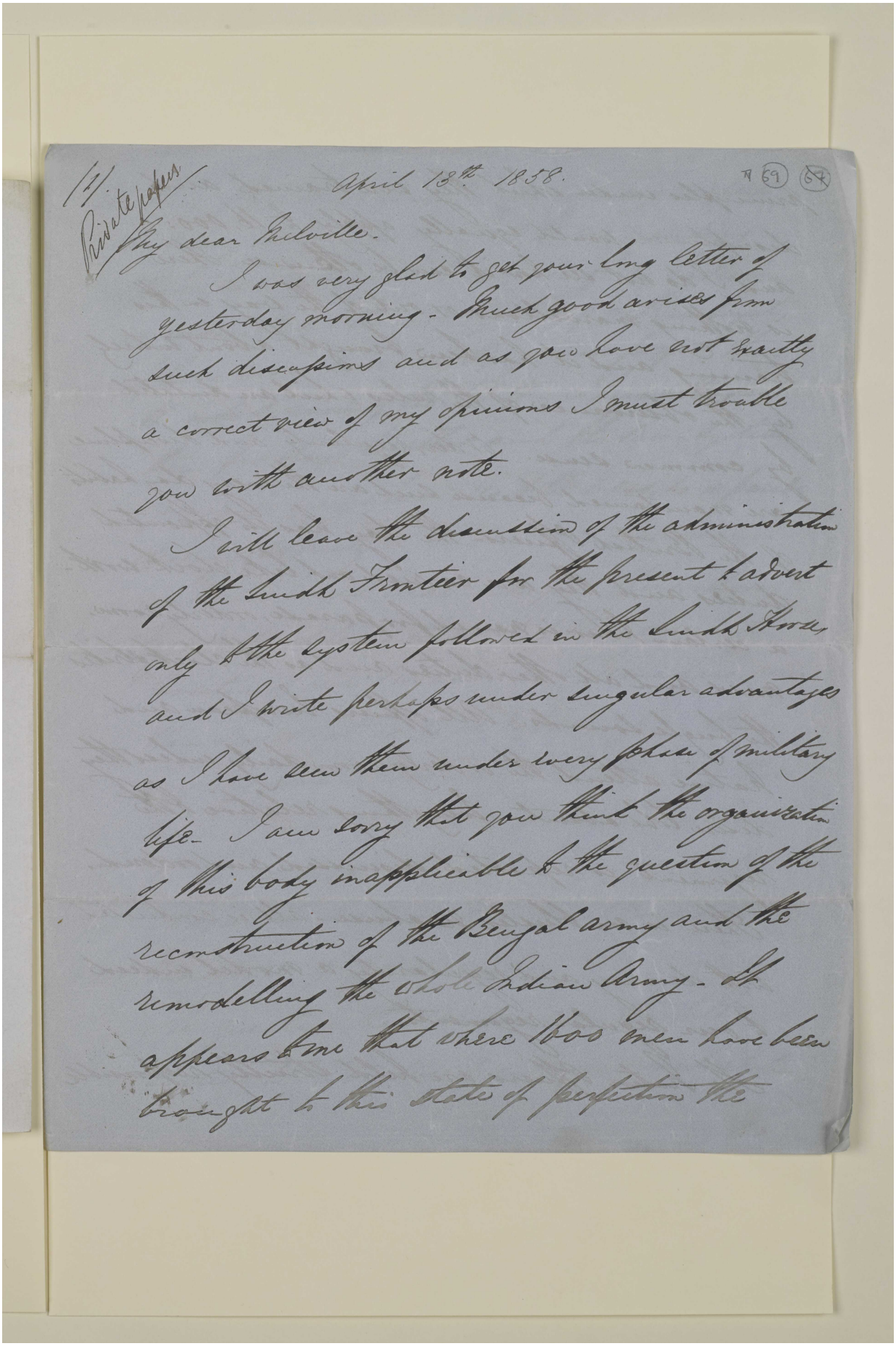
Letter from John Jacob, Jacobabad to Lewis Pelly [69r] (13/28)



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April 13th 1858.

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My dear Melville.

I was very glad to get your long letter of yesterday morning. Much good arises from such discussions and as you have not exactly a correct view of my opinions I must trouble you with another note.

I will leave the discussion of the administration of the Sindh Frontier for the present to advert only to the system followed in the Sindh Horse, and I write perhaps under singular advantages as I have seen them under every phase of military life. I am sorry that you think the organization of this body inapplicable to the question of the reconstruction of the Bengal army and the remodelling the whole Indian Army. It appears to me that where 1600 men have been brought to this state of perfection the

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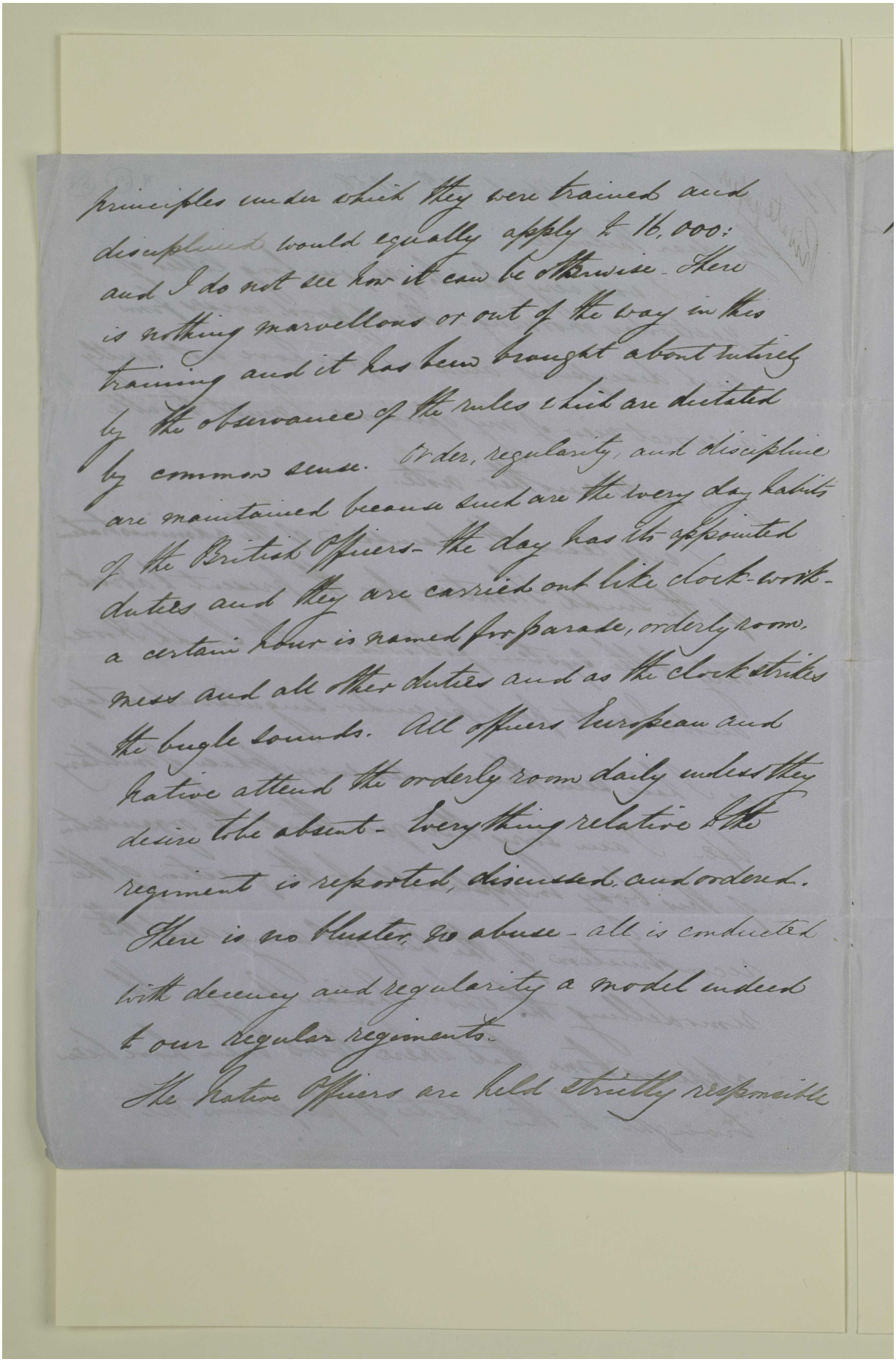

principles under which they were trained and disciplined would equally apply to 16,000: and I do not see how it can be otherwise. There is nothing marvellous or out of the way in this training and it has been brought about entirely by the observance of the rules which are dictated by common sense. Order, regularity, and discipline are maintained because such are the every day habits of the British Officers. The day has its appointed duties and they are carried out like clock-work. a certain hour is named for parade, orderly room, mess and all other duties and as the clock strikes the bugle sounds. All officers European and Native attend the orderly room daily unless they desire the absent. Everything relative to the regiment is reported, discussed and ordered. There is no bluster, no abuse - all is conducted with decency and regularity a model indeed to our Regular regiments.

The Native Officers are held strictly responsible

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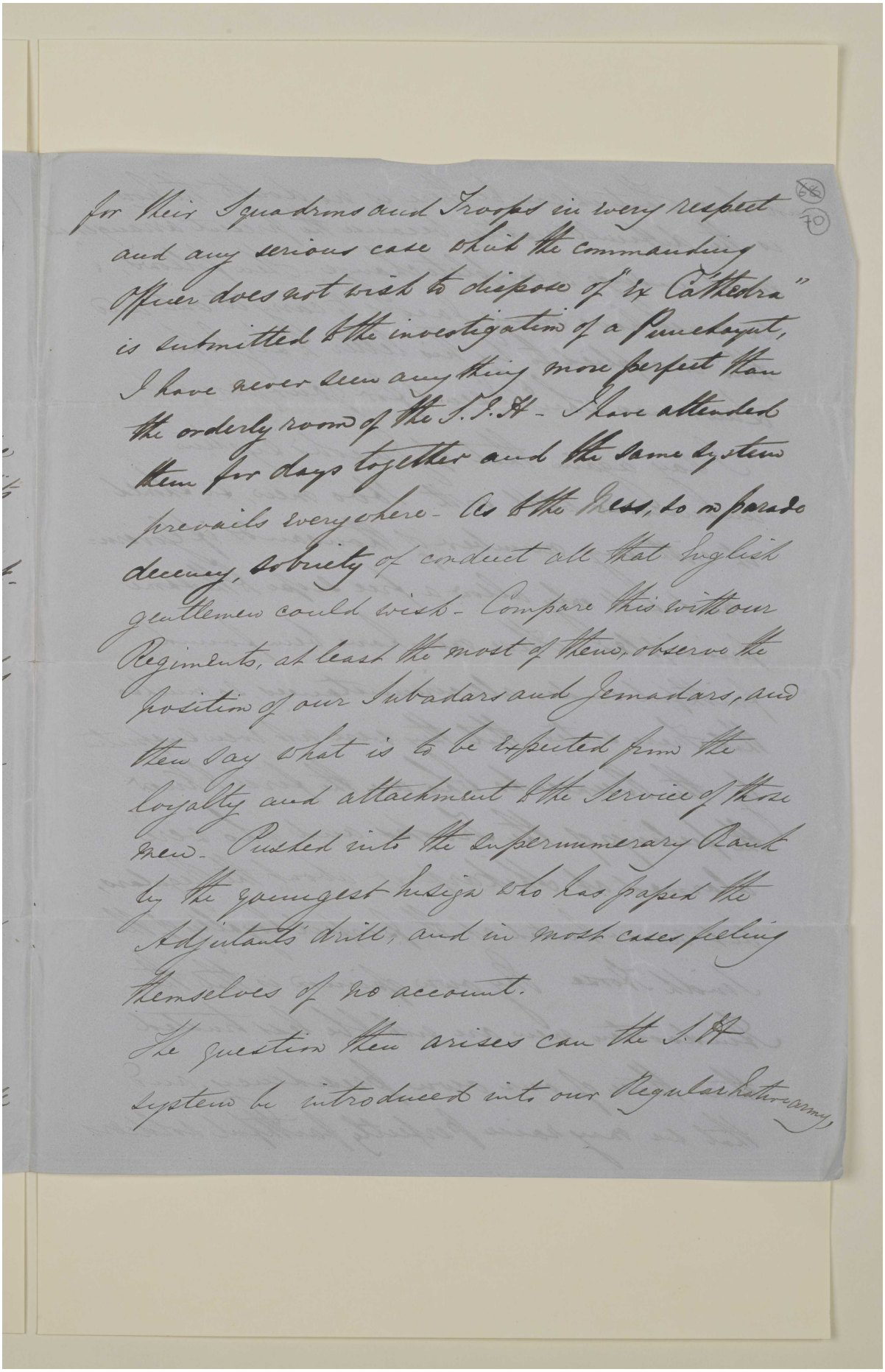

for their Squadrons and Troops in every respect and any serious case which the commanding officer does not wish to dispose of "ex Cathedra" is submitted to the investigation of a Punchayat, I have never seen anything more perfect than the orderly room of the S.S.F. - I have attended them for days together and the same system prevails everywhere - As to the Mess, to no parade decency, sobriety of conduct all that English gentlemen could wish - Compare this with our Regiments, at least the most of them, observe the position of our Subadars and Jemadars, and then say what is to be expected from the loyalty and attachment to the Service of these men - Pushed into the supernumerary Rank by the youngest Ensign who has passed the Adjutants' drill, and in most cases feeling themselves of no account.

The question then arises can the S.F. system be introduced into our Regular Native army,

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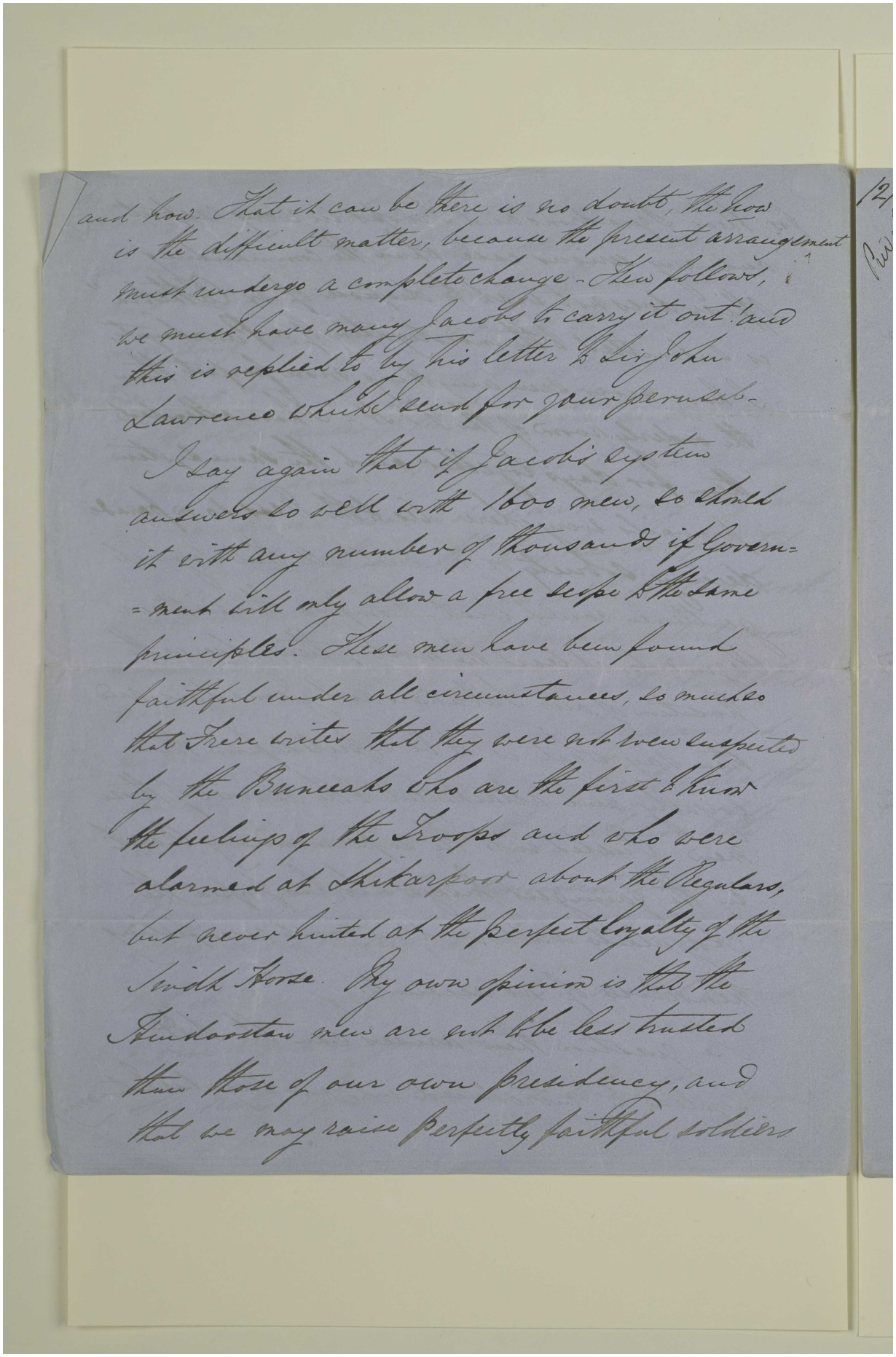
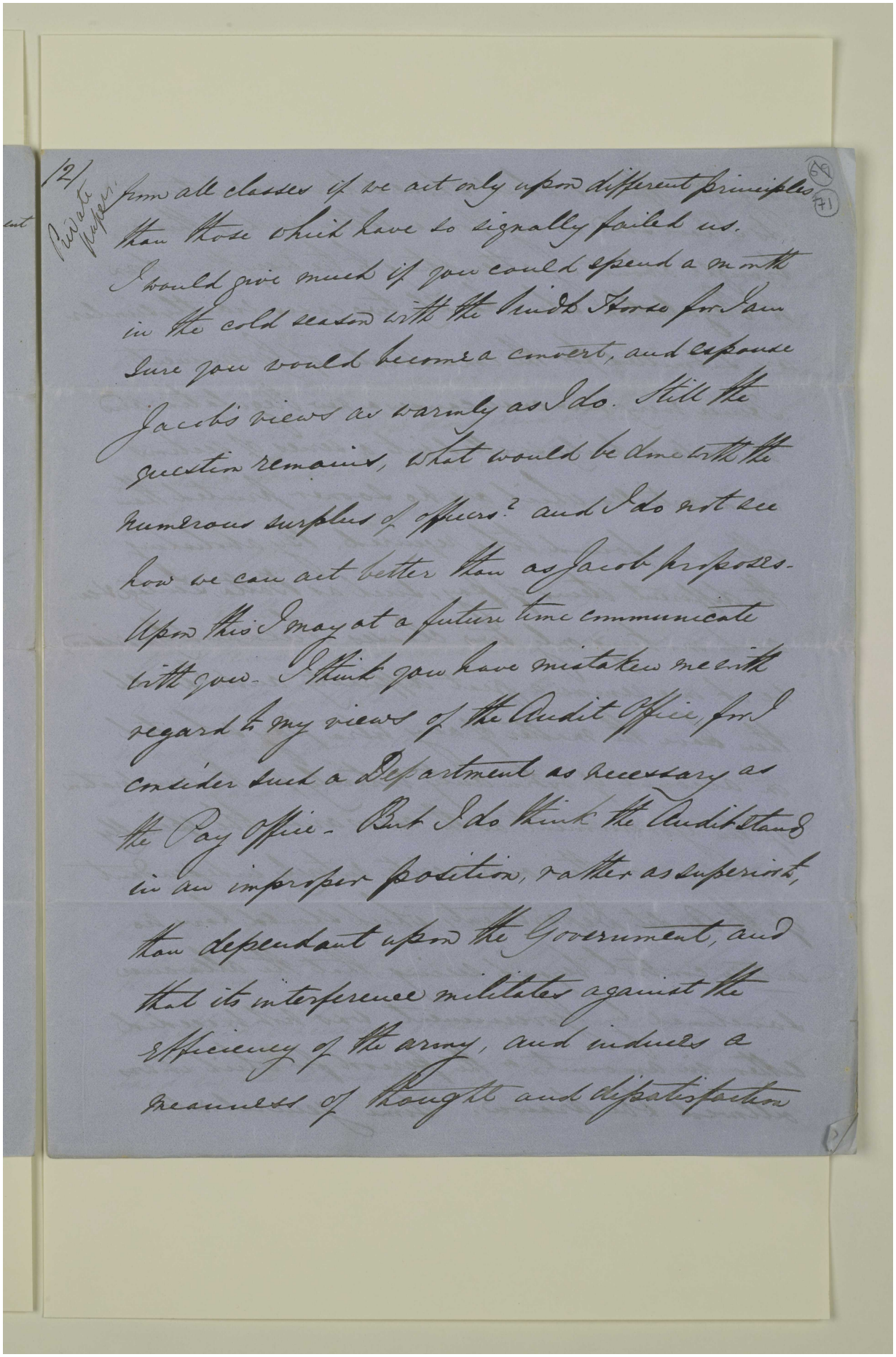


and how. That it can be there is no doubt, the how is the difficult matter, because the present arrangement must undergo a complete change - How follows, we must have many Jacobs to carry it out. And this is replied to by his letter to Sir John Lawrence which I send for your perusal.

I say again that if Jacobi system answers to sell with 1000 men, so should it with any number of thousands if Government will only allow a free scope to the same principles. These men have been found faithful under all circumstances, so much so that I here write that they were not even suspected by the Baneeahs who are the first to know the feelings of the Troops and who were alarmed at Shikarpoor about the Regulars, but never hinted at the perfect loyalty of the Sindh Horse. My own opinion is that the Hindoostan men are not the less trusted than those of our own presidency, and that we may raise perfectly faithful soldiers



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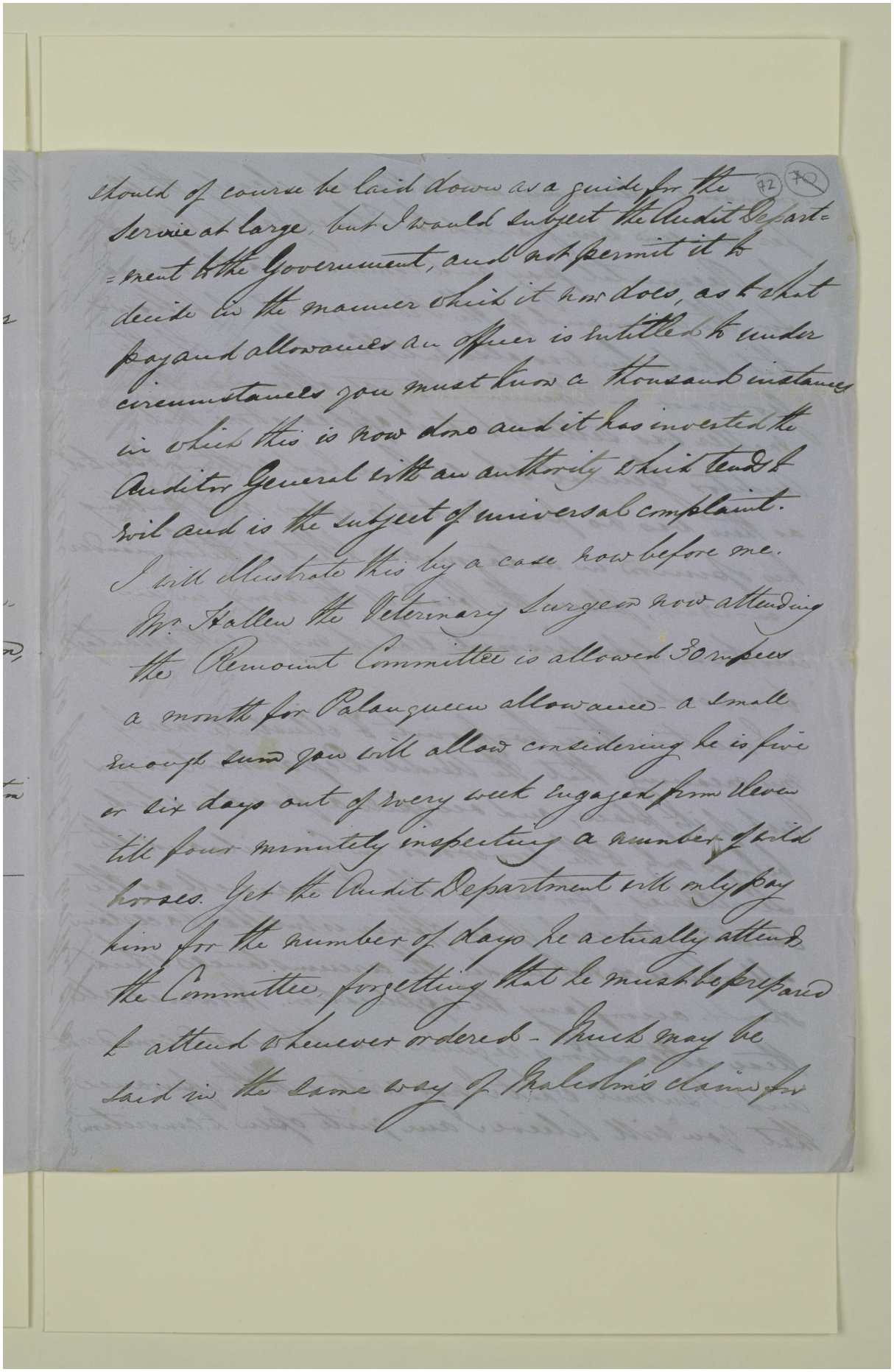
from all classes if we act only upon different principles than those which have so signally failed us. I would give much if you could spend a month in the cold season with the Sindh Horse for I am sure you would become a convert, and espouse Jacob's views as warmly as I do. Still the question remains, what would be done with the numerous surplus of officers? and I do not see how we can act better than as Jacob proposes. Upon this I may at a future time communicate with you. I think you have mistaken me with regard to my views of the Audit Office, for I consider such a Department as necessary as the Pay Office. But I do think the Audit stands in an improper position, rather as superior to, than dependant upon the Government, and that its interference militates against the efficiency of the army, and induces a meanness of thought and dipatisfaction

among the officers which should have no existence.
As I have said in my former letter much of this is
brought about by attempting to tie everything down
to Regulation, when hardly two cases exactly similar
are submitted for the consideration of Government.
Hence every new case causes a new Regulation and
the code is daily swelled into a series of sections
and articles which are no sooner printed than
others are found to be required. By abolishing
the different items of pay, such as Batta, Tentage &c.
and making only two classes Field and Garrison,
we at once remove a great difficulty, and should
then have the matter of any extra pay solicited
on account of extra duty entirely for the consideration
of the Government as the cases arise, to be specially
considered on their own merits, entirely independant
of the Audit Department, which should have no
active control beyond seeing that the allowance
sanctioned by Government was not exceeded
either in amount, or the period for which it was
allowed to be drawn. Some general rules



should of course be laid down as a guide for the
Service at large, but I would subject the Audit Depart=
=ment to the Government, and not permit it to
decide in the manner which it now does, as to what
pay and allowances an officer is entitled to under
circumstances you must know a thousand instances
in which this is now done and it has invested the
Auditor General with an authority which tends to
evil and is the subject of universal complaint.
I will illustrate this by a case now before me.
Mr. Hallen the Veterinary Surgeon now attending
the Remount Committee is allowed 30 rupees
a month for Palanqueen allowance - a small
enough sum you will allow considering he is five
or six days out of every week engaged from eleven
till four minutely inspecting a number of wild
horses. Yet the Audit Department will only pay
him for the number of days he actually attends
the Committee, forgetting that he must be prepared
to attend whenever ordered - Much may be
said in the same way of Malcolm's claim for

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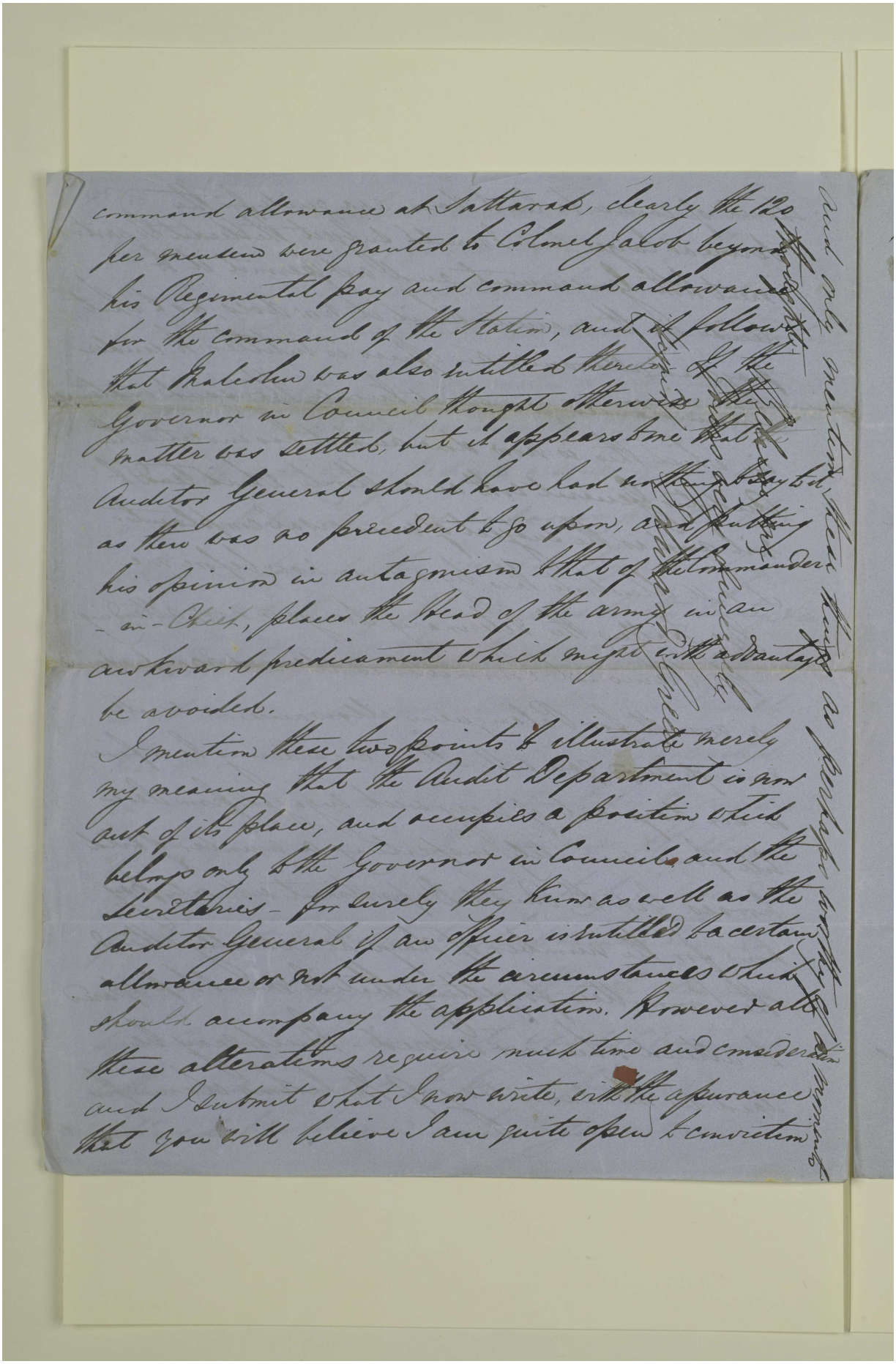

command allowance at Sattarah, clearly the 120 per mensem were granted to Colonel Jacob beyond his Regimental pay and command allowance for the command of the Station, and it follows that Malcolm was also entitled thereto. If the Governor in Council thought otherwise the matter was settled, but it appears to me that the Auditor General should have had nothing to say to it, as there was no precedent to go upon, and putting his opinion in antagonism to that of the Commander-in-Chief, places the Head of the army in an awkward predicament which might with advantage be avoided.

I mention these two points to illustrate merely my meaning that the Audit Department is now out of its place, and occupies a position which belongs only to the Governor in Council and the Secretaries - for surely they know as well as the Auditor General if an officer is entitled to a certain allowance or not under the circumstances which should accompany the application. However all these alterations require much time and consideration and I submit what I now write, with the assurance that you will believe I am quite open to conviction

and only mention these things as perhaps worthy of a moment

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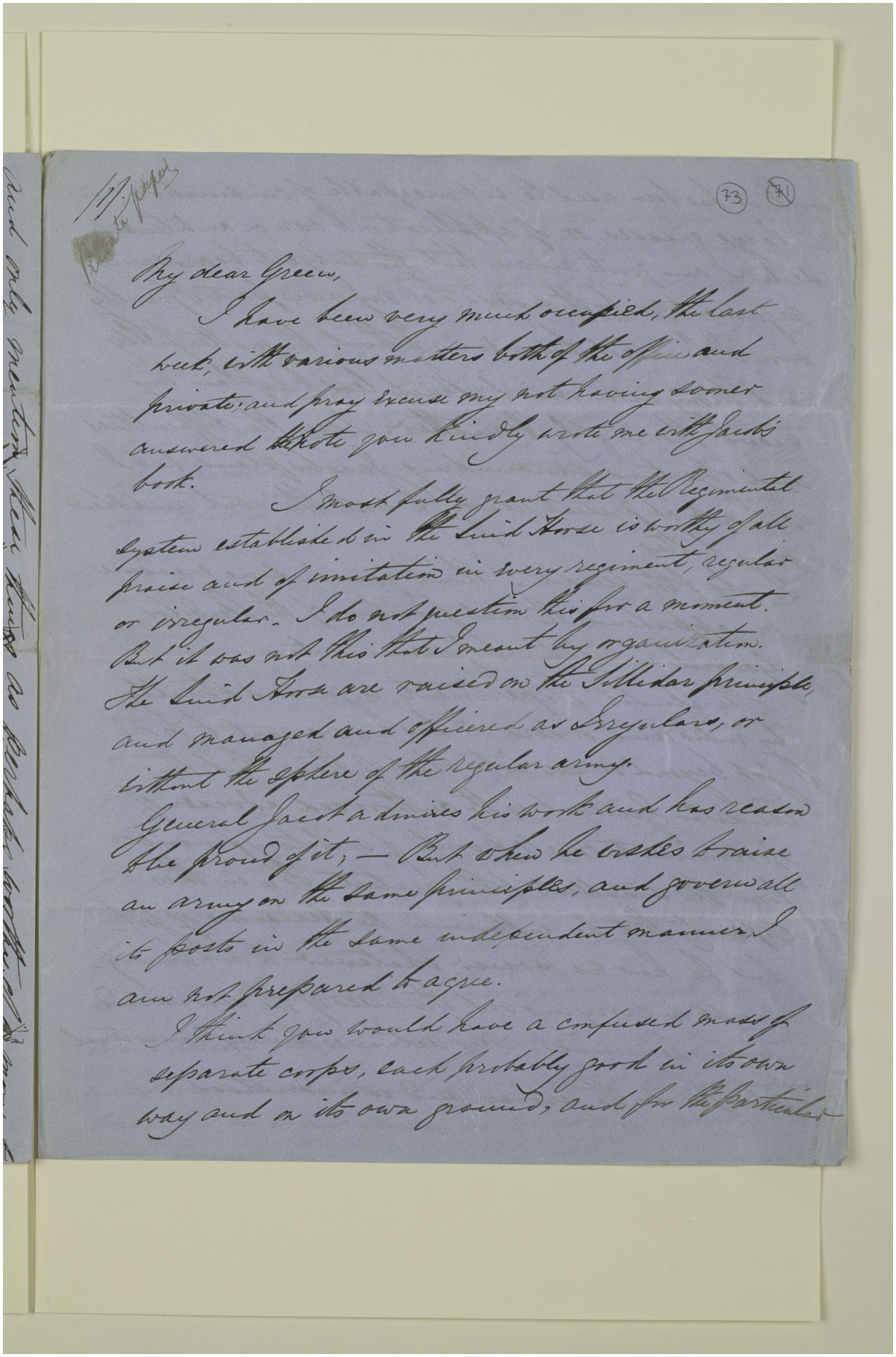

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My dear Green,

I have been very much occupied, the last week, with various matters both of the office and private; and pray excuse my not having sooner answered the note you kindly wrote me with Jacob's book.

I most fully grant that the Regimental system established in the Irregular Force is worthy of all praise and of imitation in every regiment, regular or irregular. I do not question this for a moment. But it was not this that I meant by organization. The Irregular Force are raised on the Silladar principle, and managed and officered as Irregulars, or without the sphere of the regular army.

General Jacob admires his work and has reason to be proud of it; — But when he wishes to raise an army on the same principles, and govern all its posts in the same independent manner, I am not prepared to agree.

I think you would have a confused mass of separate corps, each probably good in its own way and on its own ground, and for the particular

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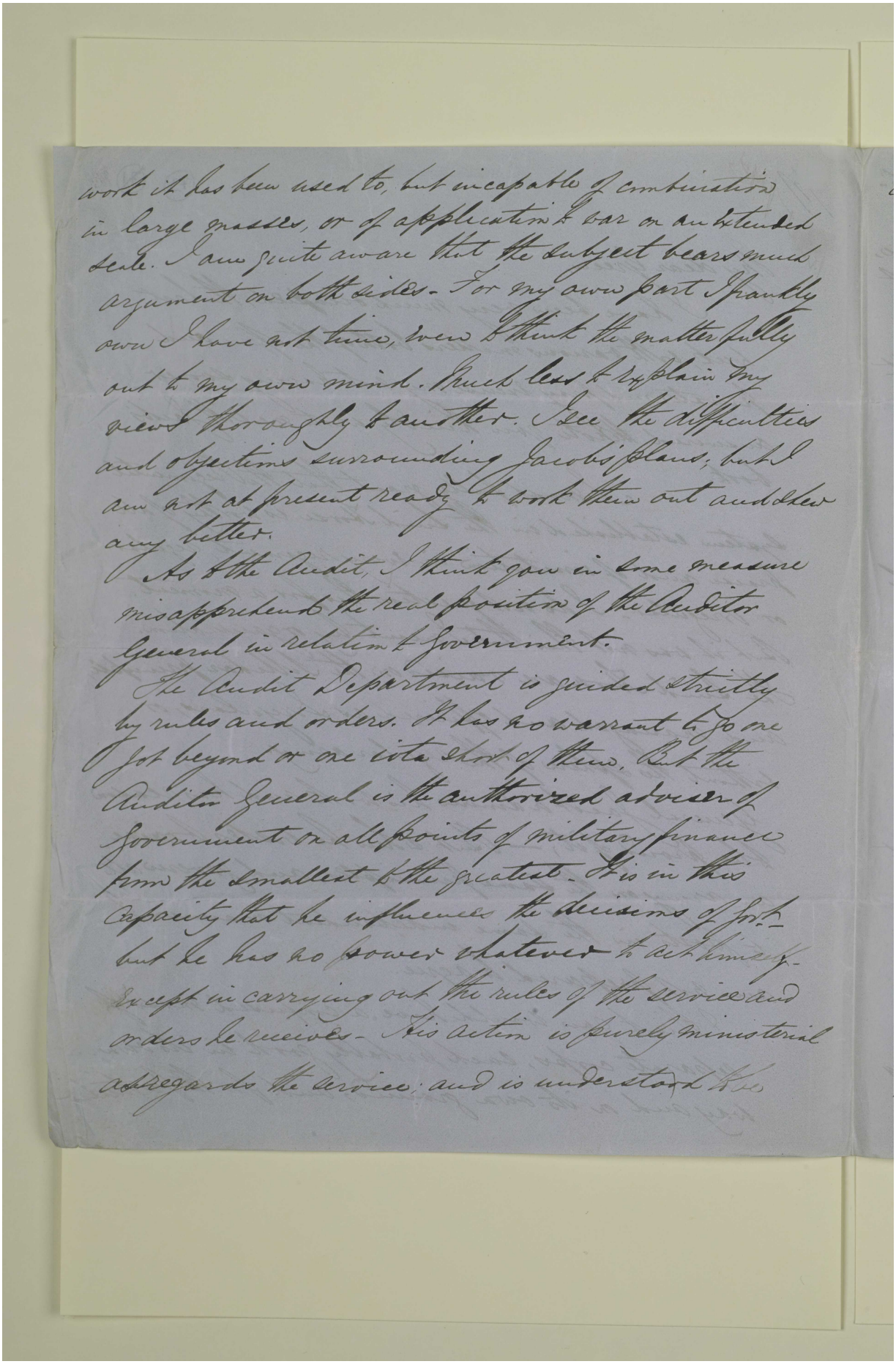
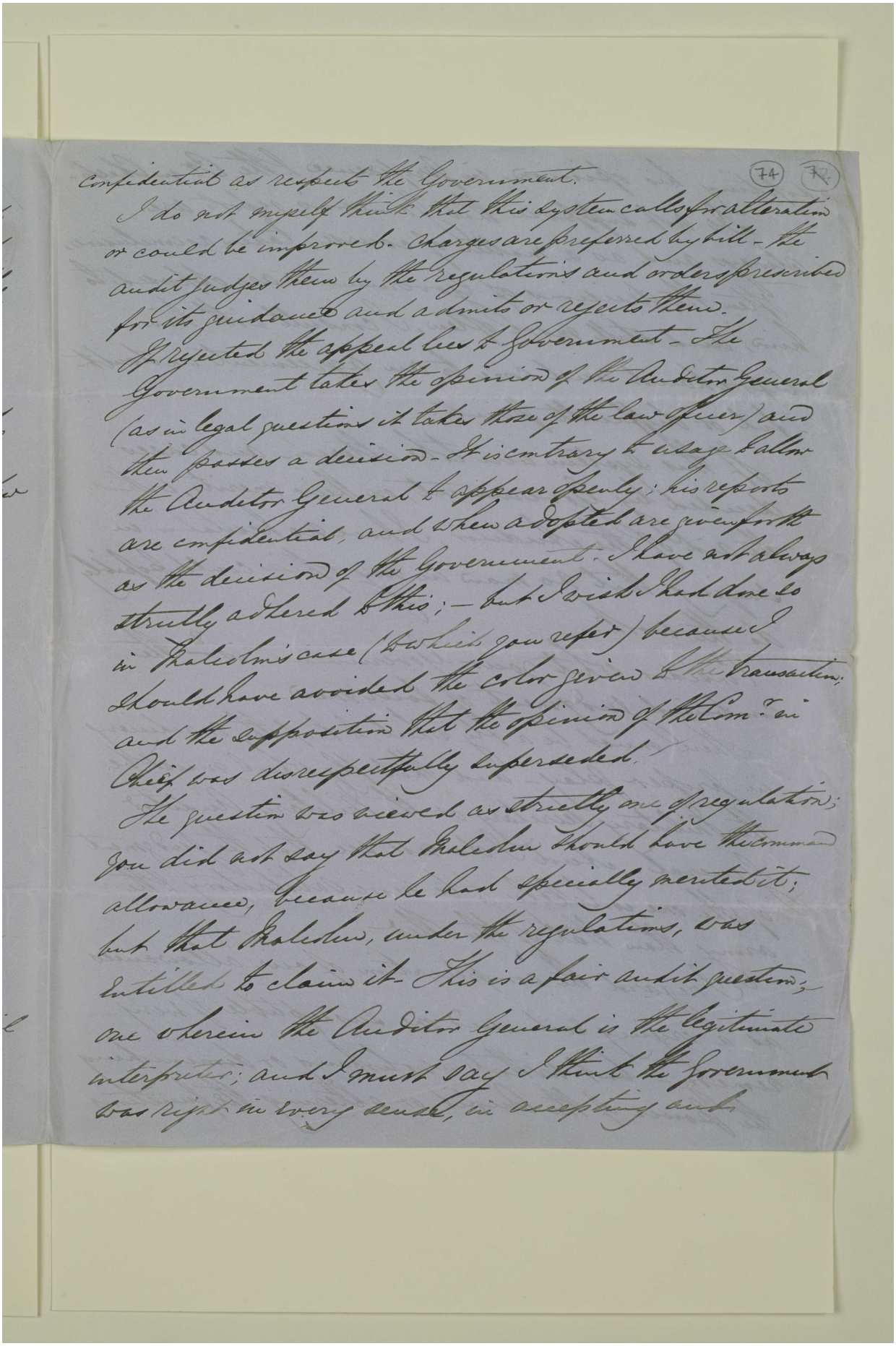


work it has been used to, but incapable of combination in large masses, or of application to bear on an extended scale. I am quite aware that the subject bears much argument on both sides. For my own part I frankly own I have not time, even to think the matter fully out to my own mind. Much less to explain my views thoroughly to another. I see the difficulties and objections surrounding Jacobs plans, but I am not at present ready to work them out and do not any better.

As to the Audit, I think you in some measure misapprehend the real position of the Auditor General in relation to Government.

The Audit Department is guided strictly by rules and orders. It has no warrant to go one jot beyond or one iota short of them. But the Auditor General is the authorized adviser of Government on all points of military finance from the smallest to the greatest. It is in this capacity that he influences the decisions of Govt. but he has no power whatever to act himself. except in carrying out the rules of the service and orders he receives. His action is purely ministerial as regards the services, and is understood to



confidential as respects the Government.

I do not myself think that this system calls for alteration or could be improved. Charges are preferred by bill – the audit judges them by the regulations and orders prescribed for its guidance and admits or rejects them.

If rejected the appeal lies to Government – the Government takes the opinion of the Auditor General (as in legal questions it takes those of the law officer) and then passes a decision – It is contrary to usage to allow the Auditor General to appear openly; his reports are confidential, and when adopted are given forth as the decision of the Government. I have not always strictly adhered to this; – but I wish I had done so in Khaleem's case (as this you report) because I should have avoided the color given to the transaction; and the supposition that the opinion of the Com.r in Chief was disrespectfully superseded.

The question was viewed as strictly one of regulation; you did not say that Khaleem should have the increased allowance, because he had specially merited it; but that Khaleem, under the regulations, was entitled to claim it. This is a fair audit question; one wherein the Auditor General is the legitimate interpreter; and I must say I think the Government was right in every sense, in accepting and

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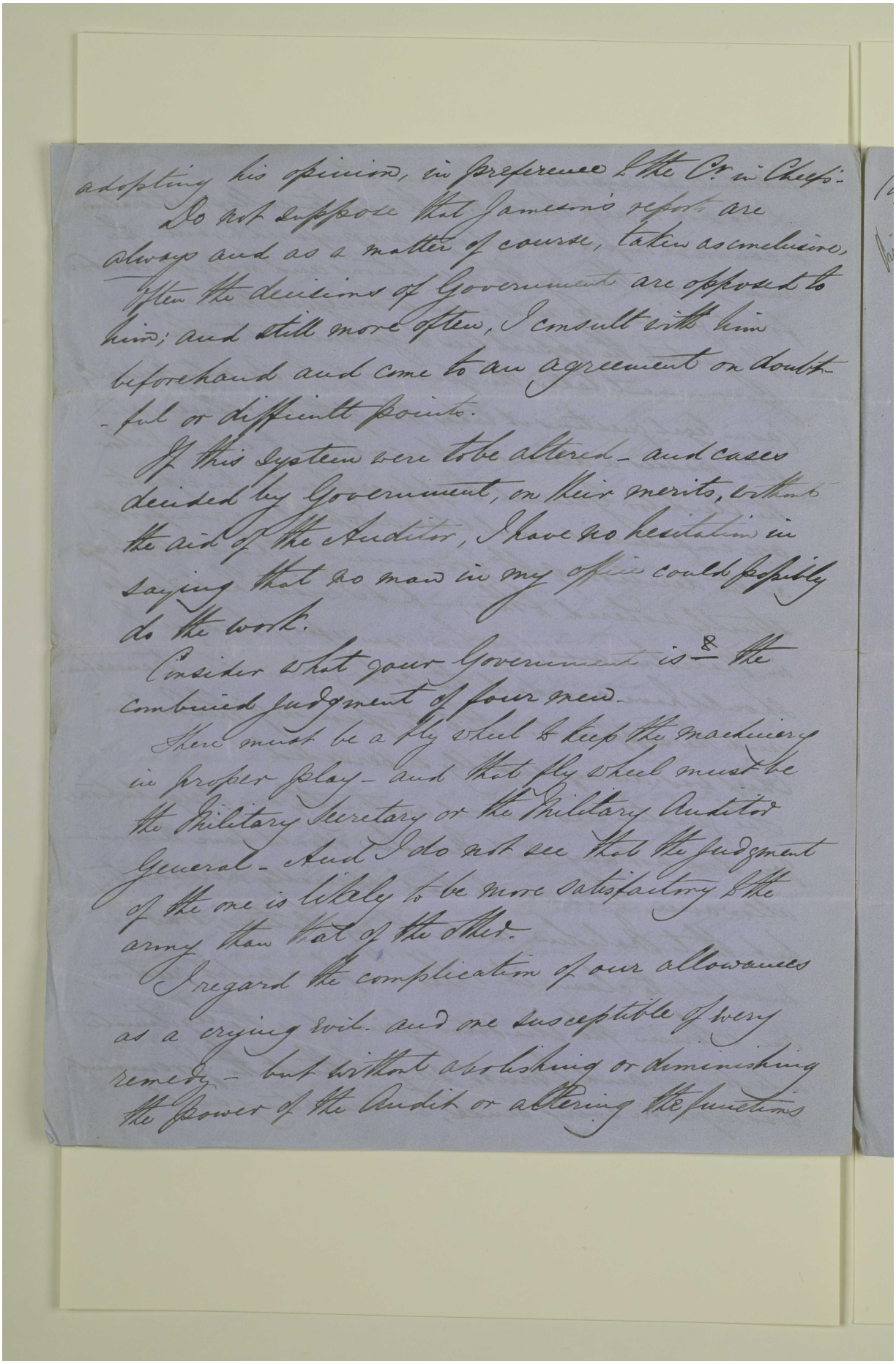

adopting his opinion, in preference to the Cr. in Chiefs.

Do not suppose that Jameson's reports are always and as a matter of course, taken as conclusive, often the decisions of Government are opposed to him; and still more often, I consult with him beforehand and come to an agreement on doubtful or difficult points.

If this system were to be altered - and cases decided by Government, on their merits, without the aid of the Auditor, I have no hesitation in saying that no man in my office could possibly do the work.

Consider what your Government is & the combined judgment of four men.

There must be a fly wheel to keep the machinery in proper play - and that fly wheel must be the Military Secretary or the Military Auditor General - And I do not see that the judgment of the one is likely to be more satisfactory to the army than that of the other.

I regard the complication of our allowances as a crying evil. and one susceptible of every remedy - but without abolishing or diminishing the power of the Audit or altering the functions

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Letter from John Jacob, Jacobabad to Lewis Pelly [75r] (25/28)

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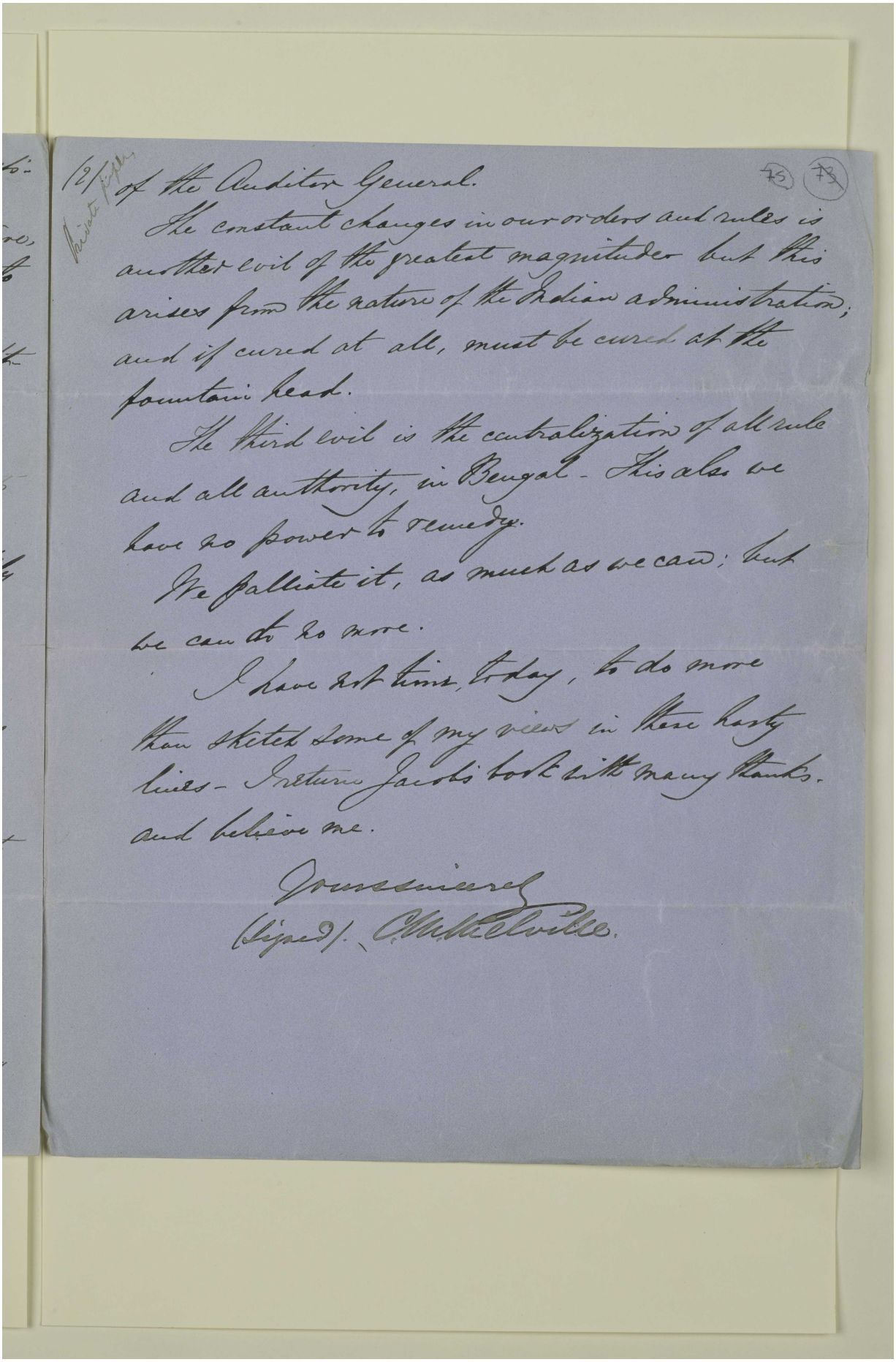

The constant changes in our orders and rules is another evil of the greatest magnitude but this arises from the nature of the Indian administration; and if cured at all, must be cured at the fountain head.

The third evil is the centralization of all rule and all authority, in Bengal - This also we have no power to remedy.

We palliate it, as much as we can; but we can do no more.

I have not time, today, to do more than sketch some of my views in these hasty lines - I return Jacob's book with many thanks. and believe me.

Yours sincerely
(Signed). C. M. Melville.

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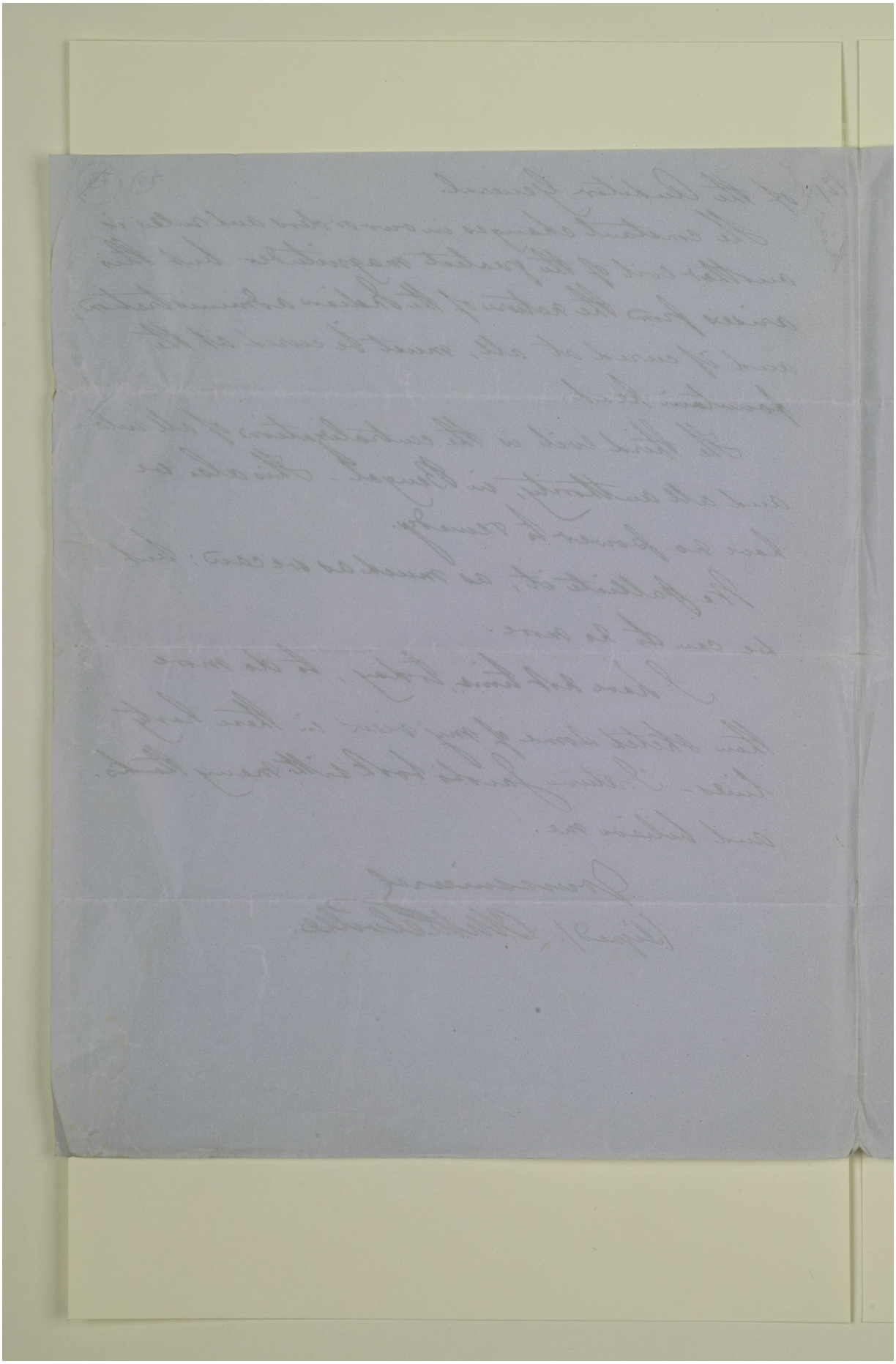

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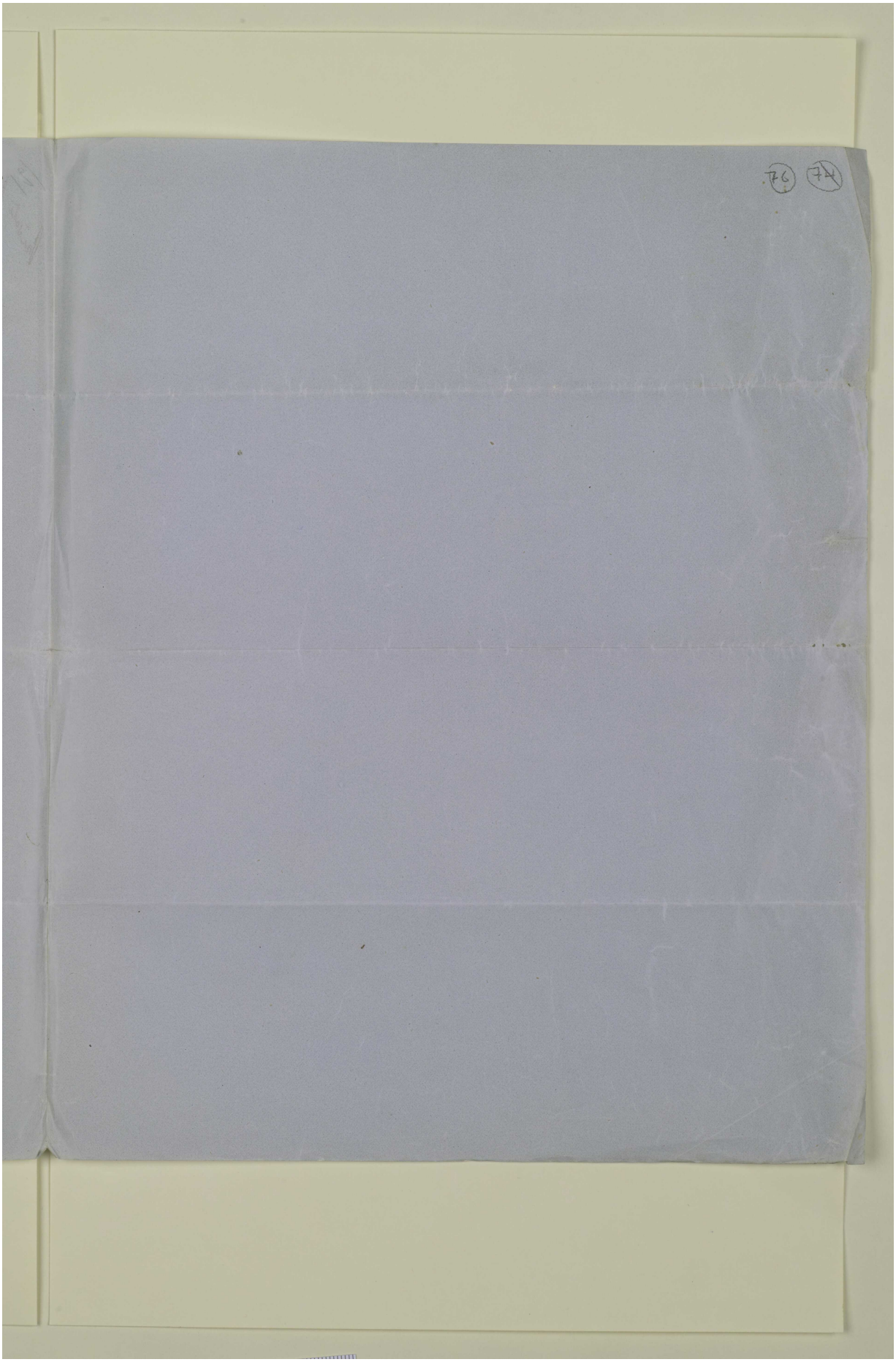

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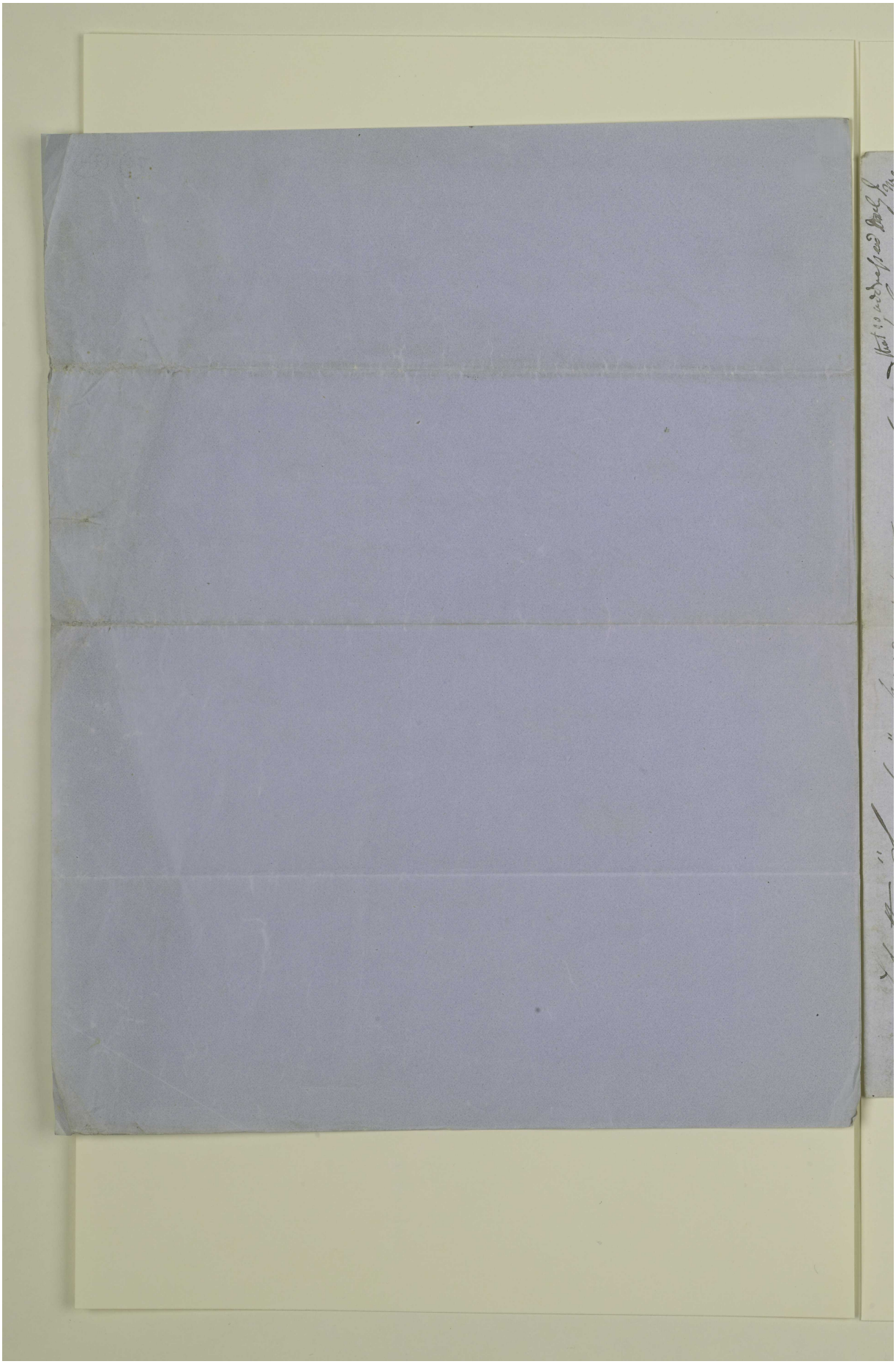

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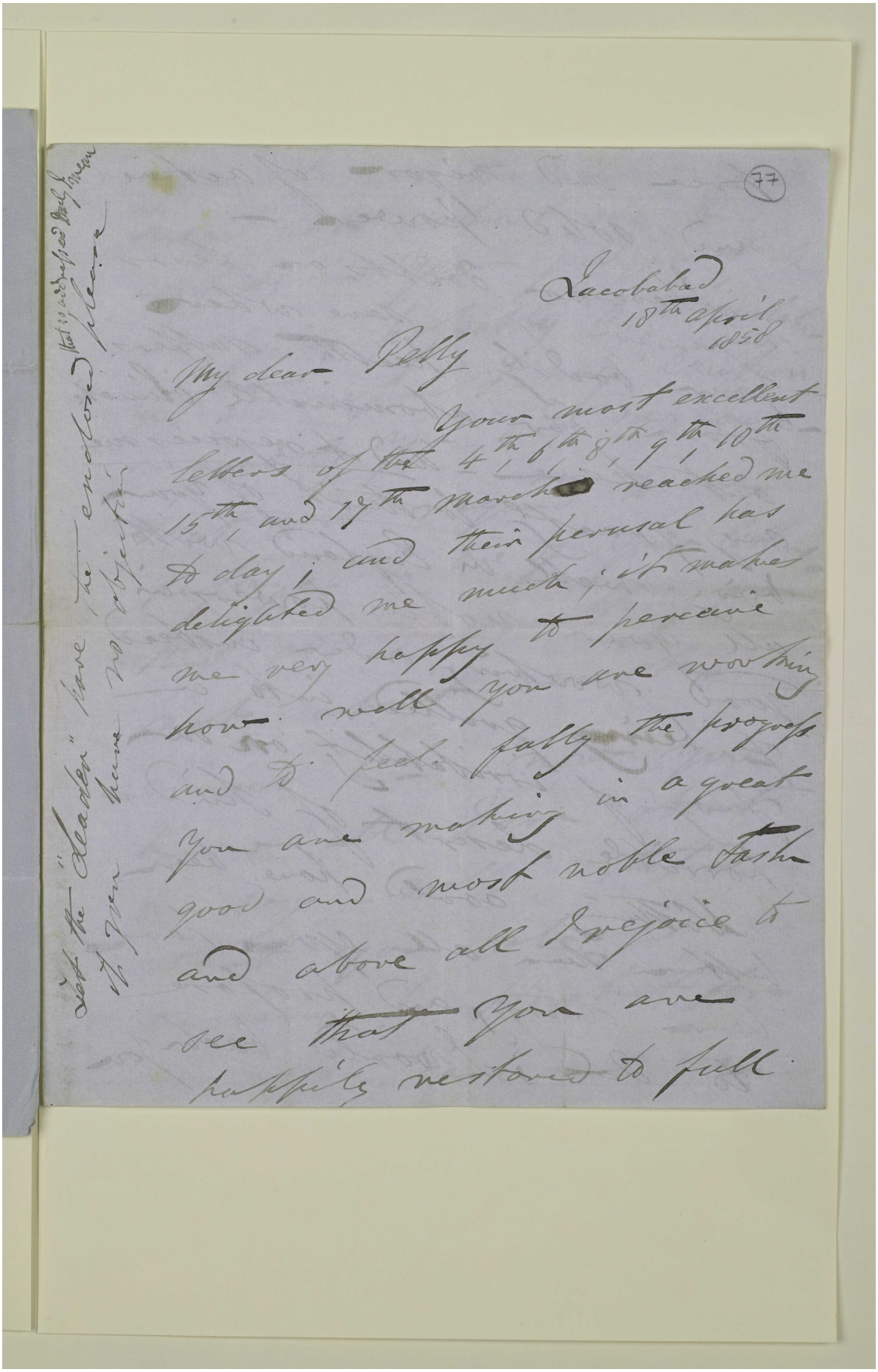

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Jacobabad
18th April
1858

My dear Pelly

Your most excellent letters of the 4th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 15th, and 17th March reached me to day; and their perusal has delighted me much; it makes me very happy to perceive how well you are working and to feel fully the progress you are making in a great good and most noble task and above all I rejoice to see that you are happily restored to full

Let the "Leader" have the enclosed (that is addressed Daily Mem) if you have no objection

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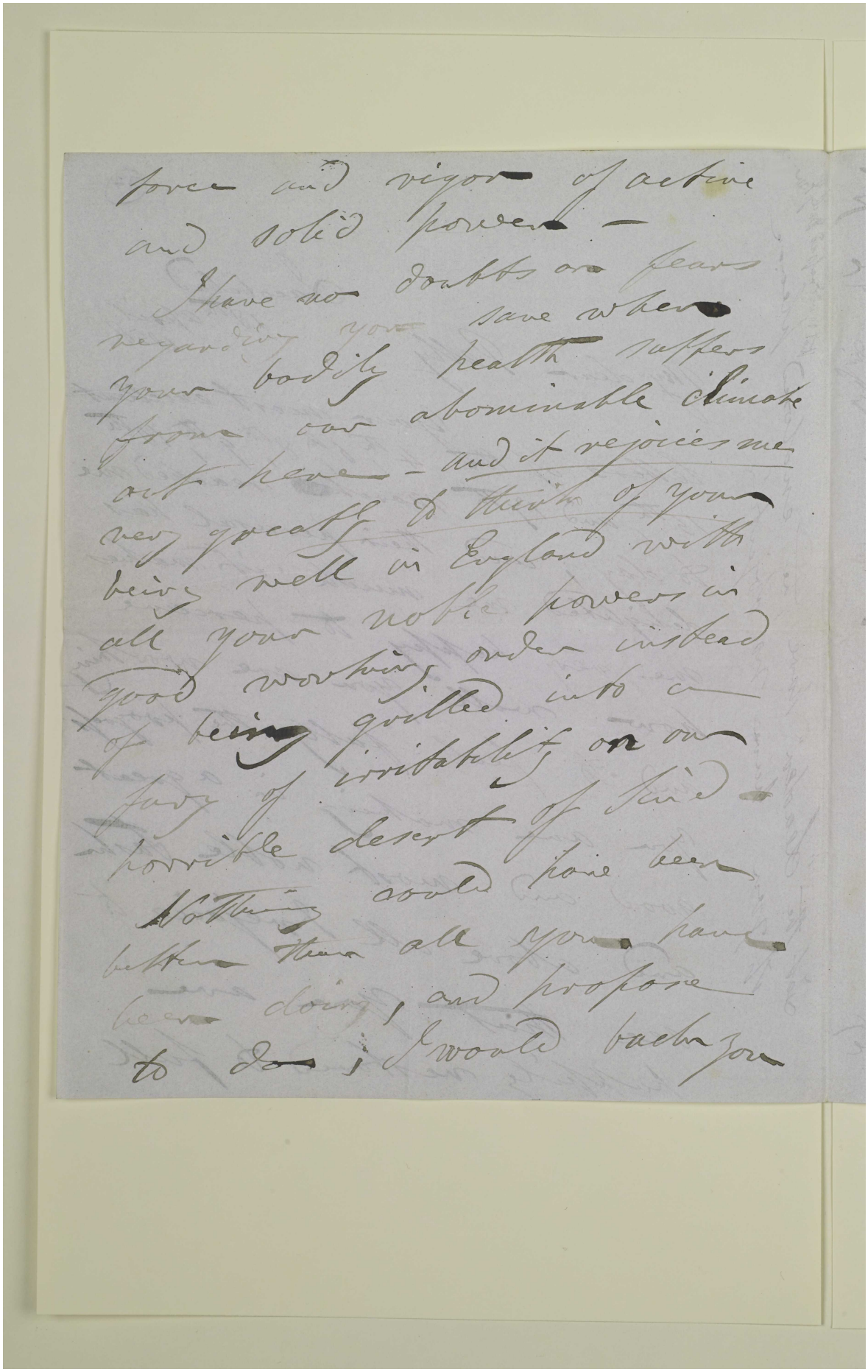

force and vigor of active
and solid power —
I have no doubts or fears
regarding you save when
your bodily health suffers
from our abominable climate
out here — and it rejoices me
very greatly to think of your
being well in England with
all your noble powers in
good working order instead
of being grilled into a
fury of irritability on our
horrible desert of Sind —
Nothing could have been
better than all you have
been doing, and propose
to do; I would back you

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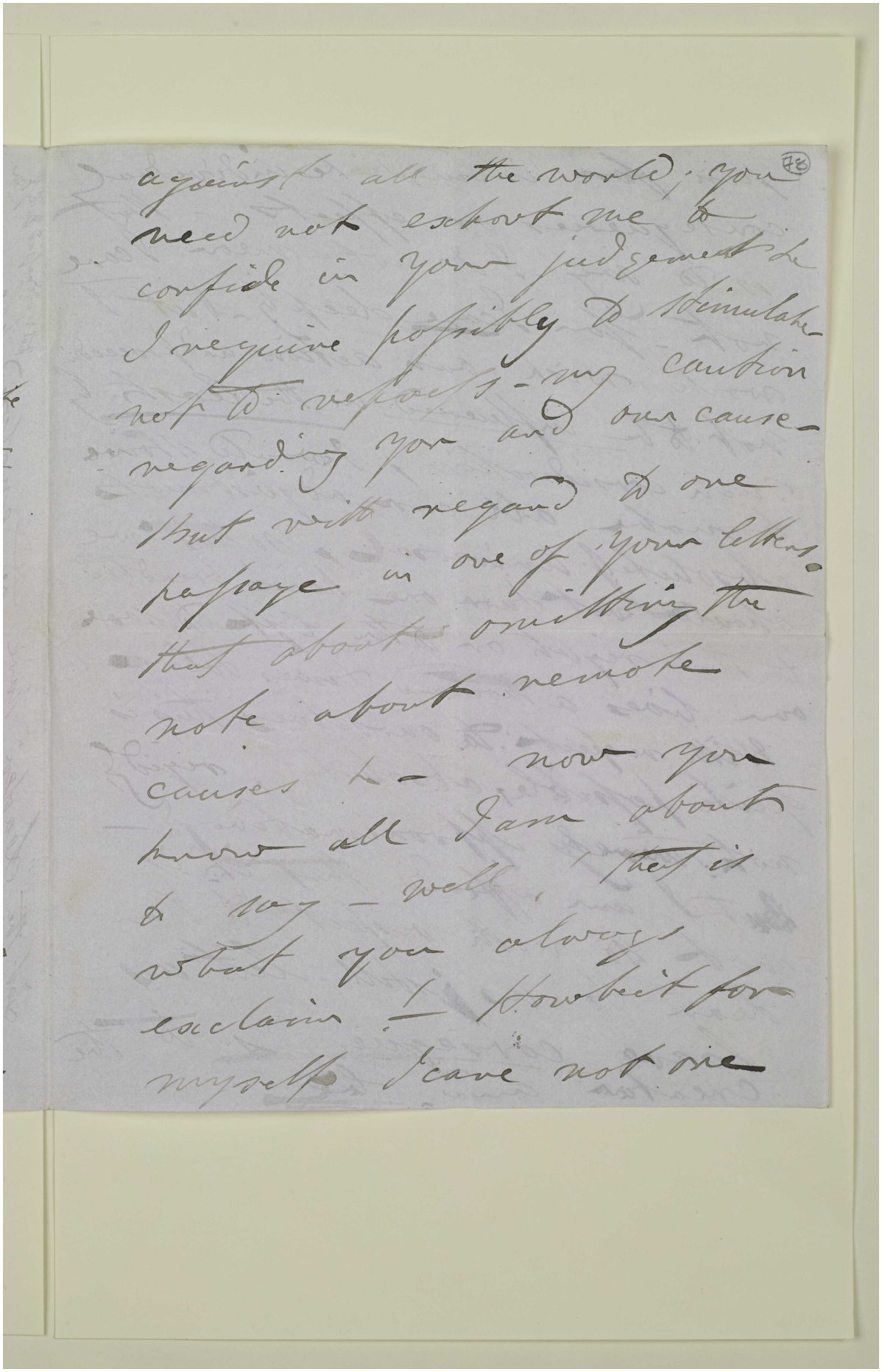
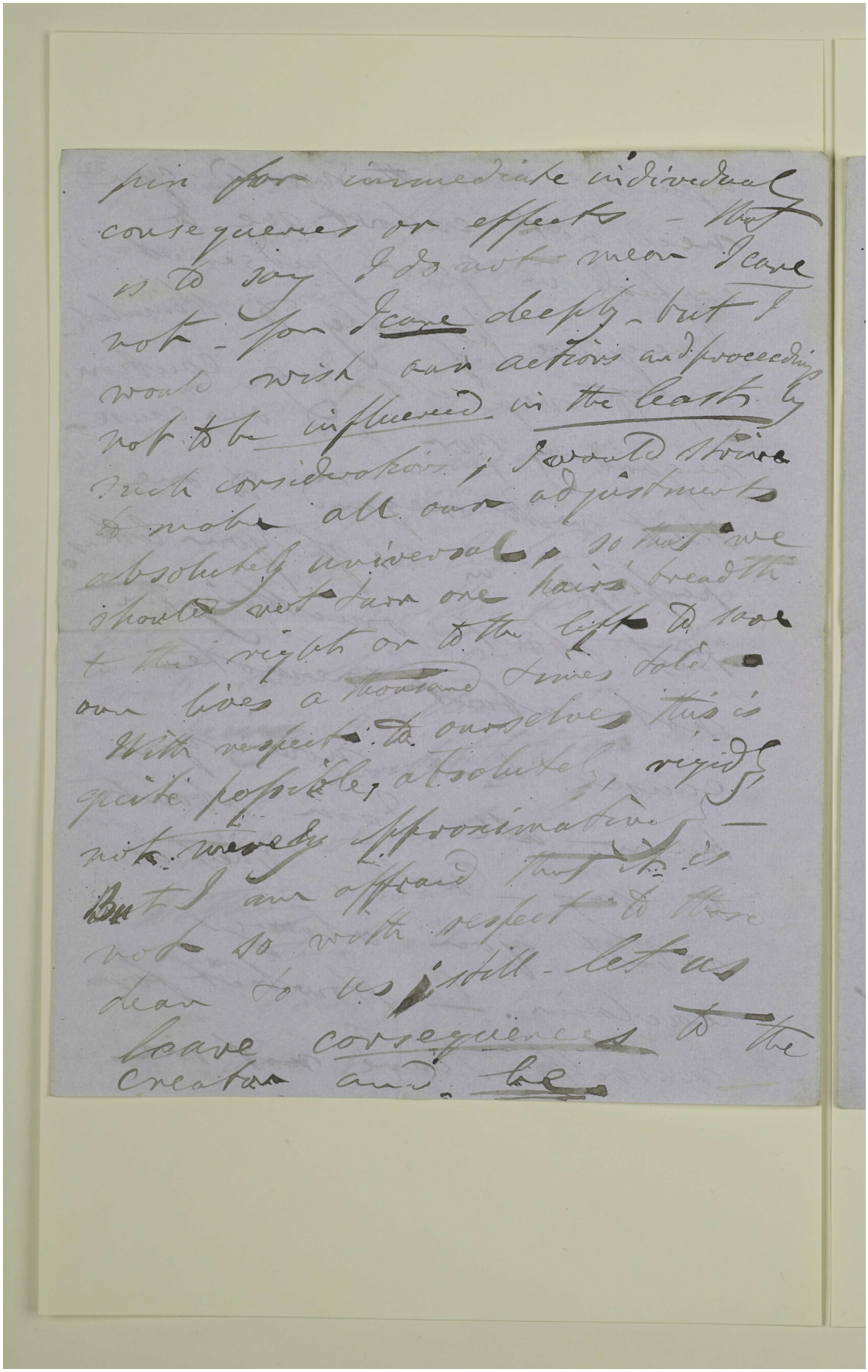


against all the world, you (78)
need not exhort me to
confide in your judgement &
I require possibly to stimulate
not to repress - my caution
regarding you and our cause -
but with regard to one
passage in one of your letters.
that about omitting the
note about remote
causes &c - now you
know all I am about
& say - well, that is
what you always
exclaim! Howbeit for
myself I care not one



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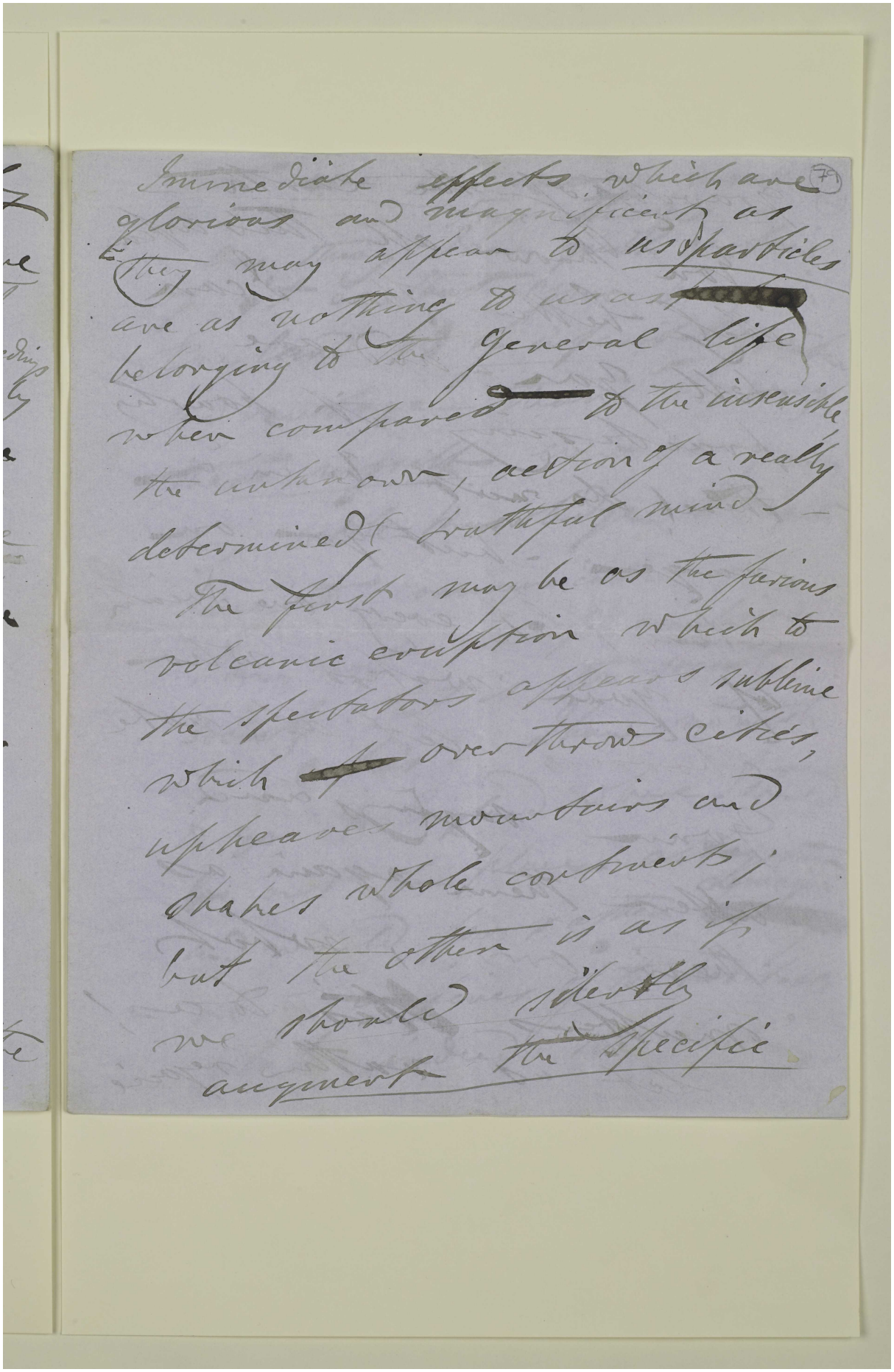

Immediate effects which are glorious and magnificent as they may appear to us & particles are as nothing to us as [redacted] belonging to the general life when compared [redacted] to the insensible the unknown, action of a really determined (truthful mind) —

The first may be as the furious volcanic eruption which to the spectators appears sublime which [redacted] overthrows cities, upheaves mountains and shakes whole continents; but the other is as if we should silently augment the specific

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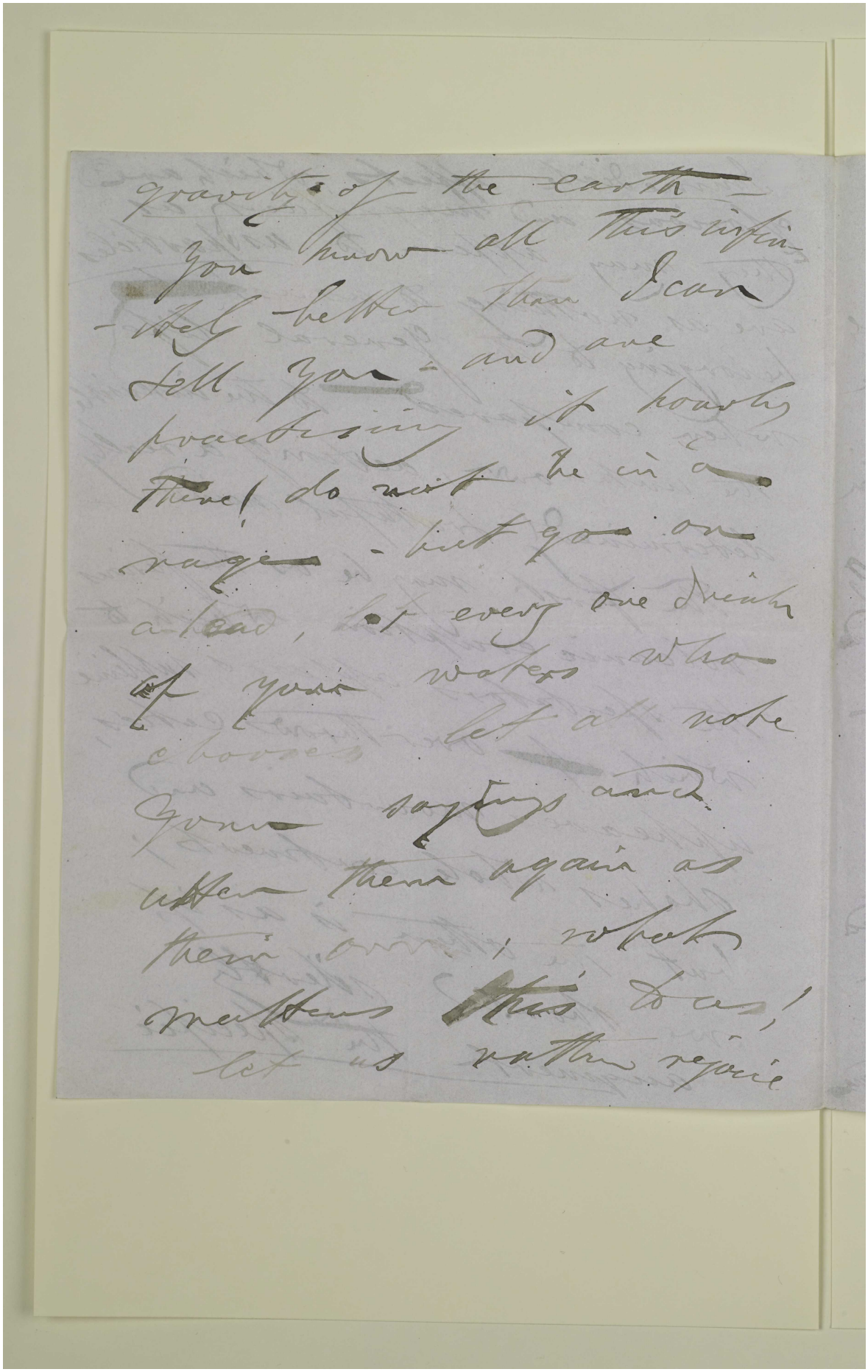

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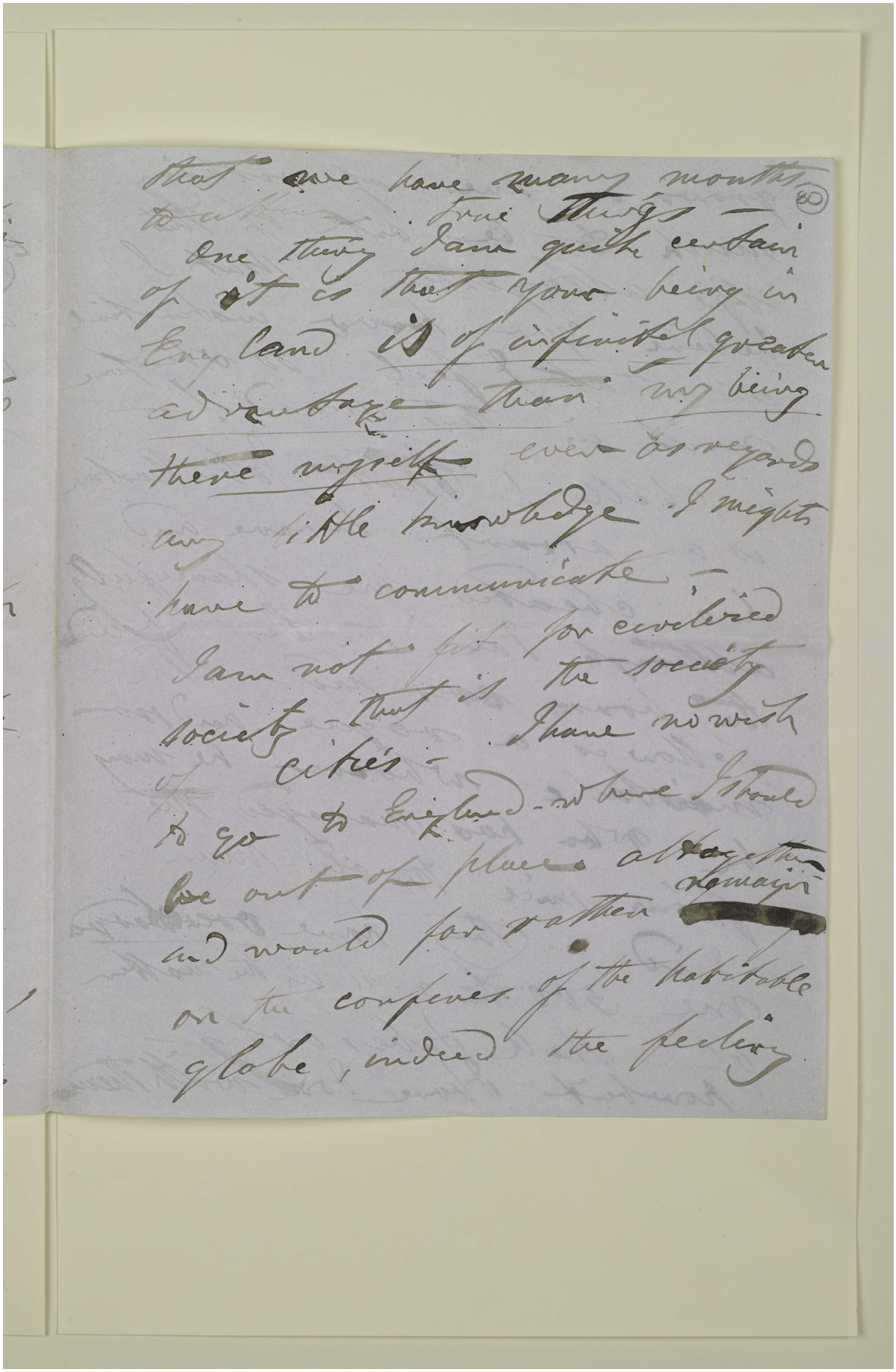
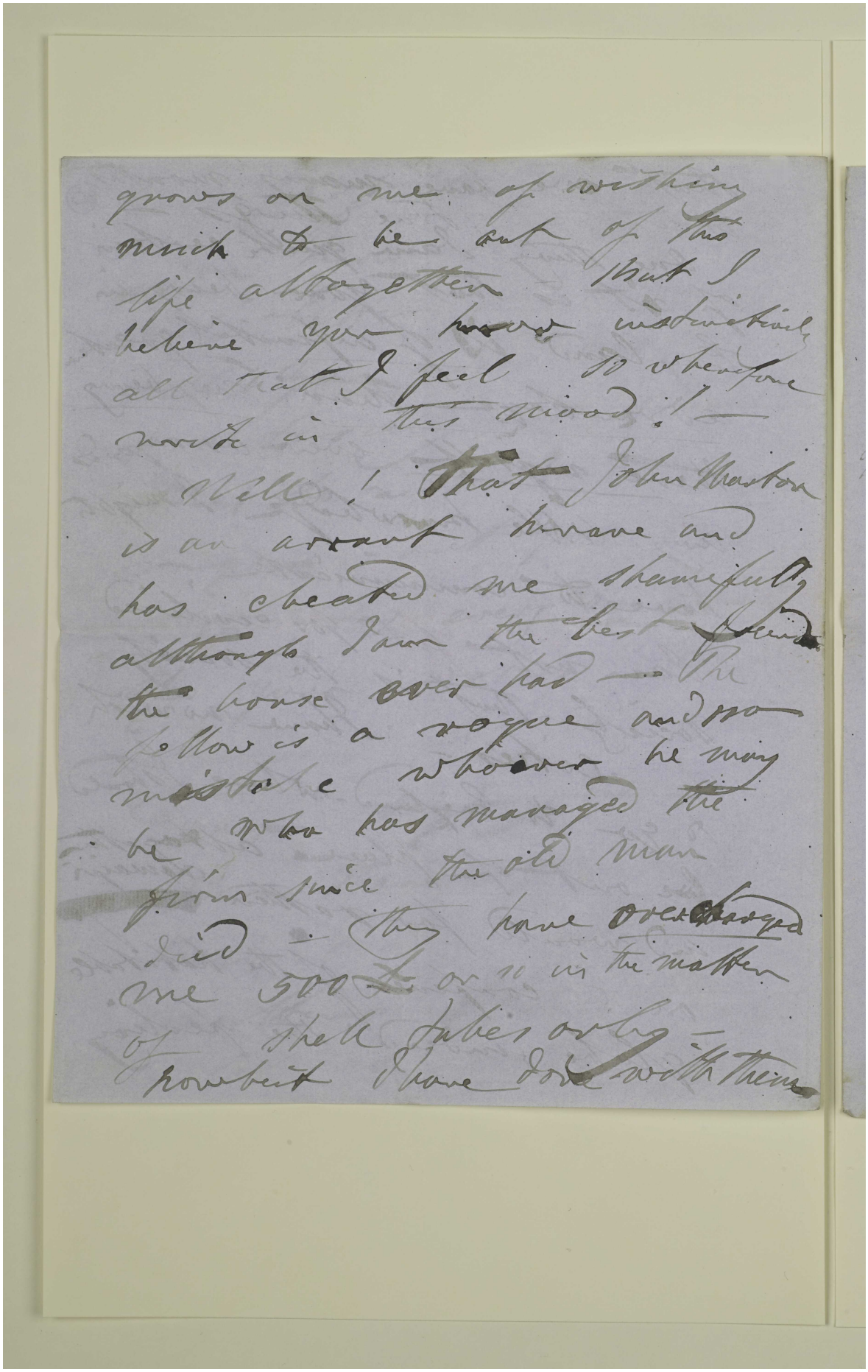


that we have many months
to [illegible] true things —
One thing I am quite certain
of it is that your being in
England is of infinitely greater
advantage than my being
there myself even as regards
any little knowledge I might
have to communicate —
I am not fit for civilized
society — that is the society
of cities — I have no wish
to go to England — where I should
be out of place — altogether
and would far rather remain
on the confines of the habitable
globe, indeed the feeling



grows on me of wishing
much to be out of this
life altogether But I
believe you have instinctively
all that I feel so wherefore
write in this mood! —
Well! That John Marton
is an arrant knave and
has cheated me shamefully
although I am the best friend
the house ever had — The
fellow is a rogue and no
mistake whoever he may
be who has managed the
firm since the old man
died — they have overcharged
me 500 £ or so in the matter
of shell tubes only —
howbeit I have done with them

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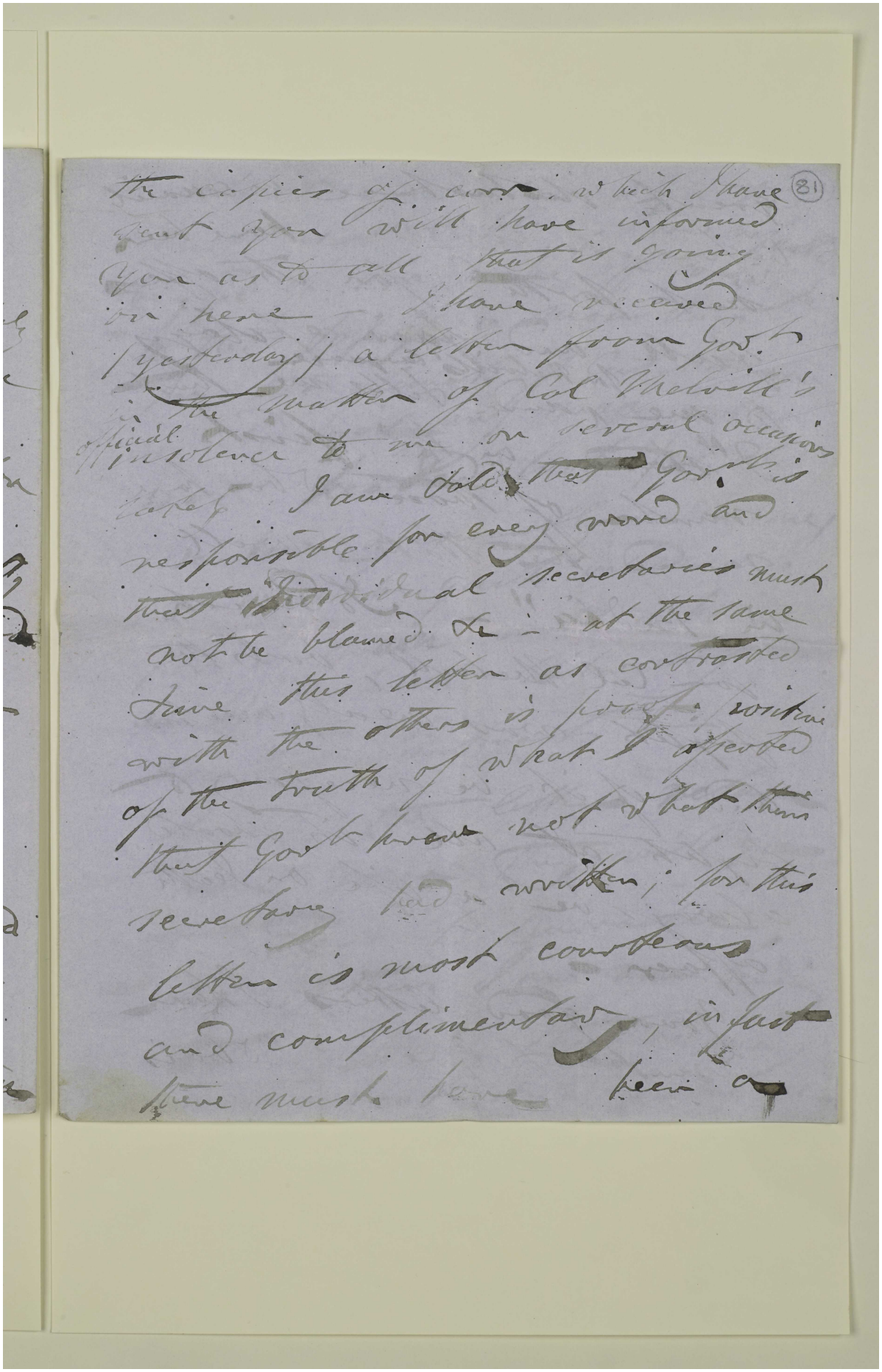
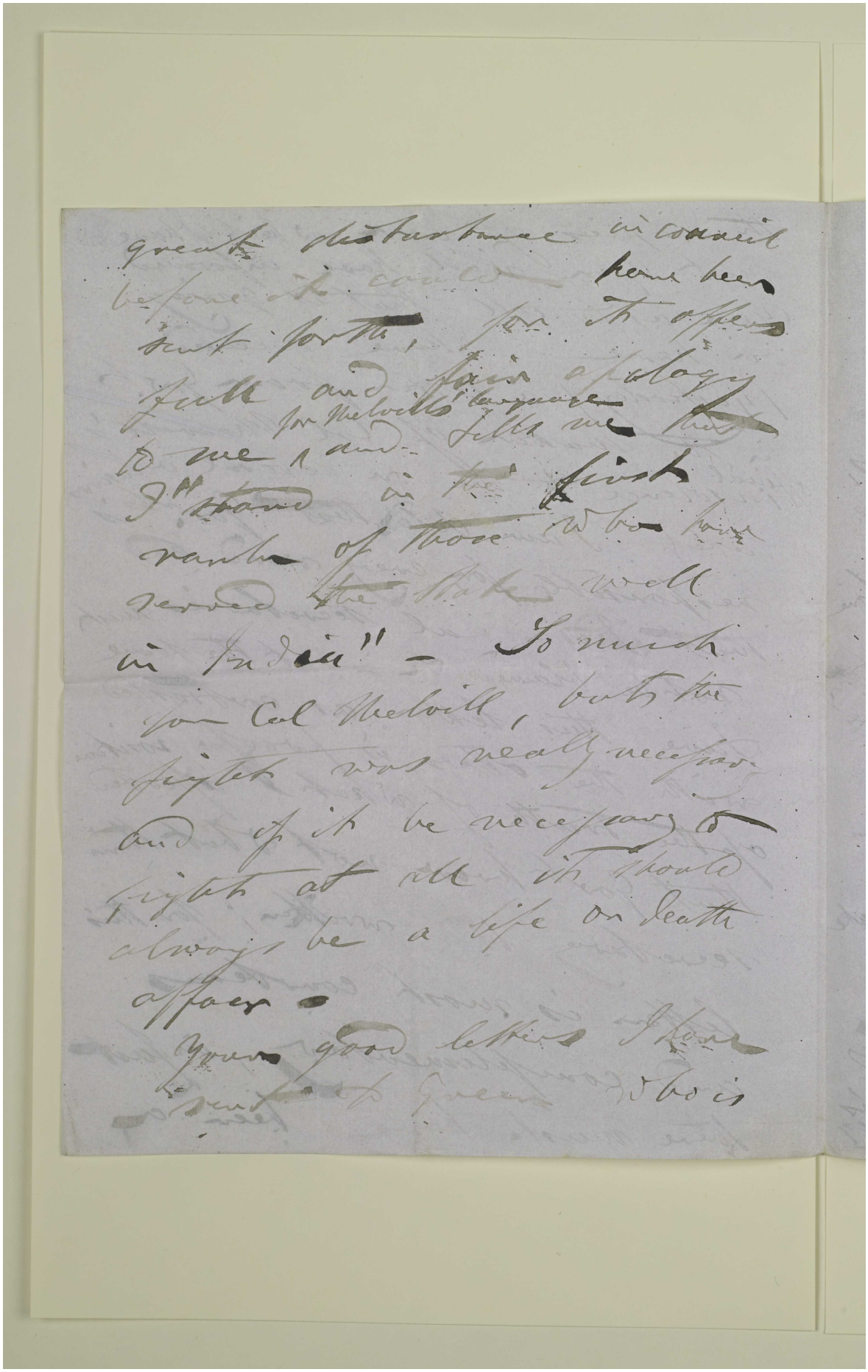


the copies of corr. which I have
sent you will have informed
you as to all that is going
on here. I have received
yesterday a letter from Govt
in the matter of Col Thelwall's
official insolence to me on several occasions
lately. I am told that Govt is
responsible for every word and
that individual secretaries must
not be blamed &c - at the same
time this letter as contrasted
with the others is proof positive
of the truth of what I asserted
that Govt knew not what their
secretary had written; for this
letter is most courteous
and complimentary, in fact
there must have been a



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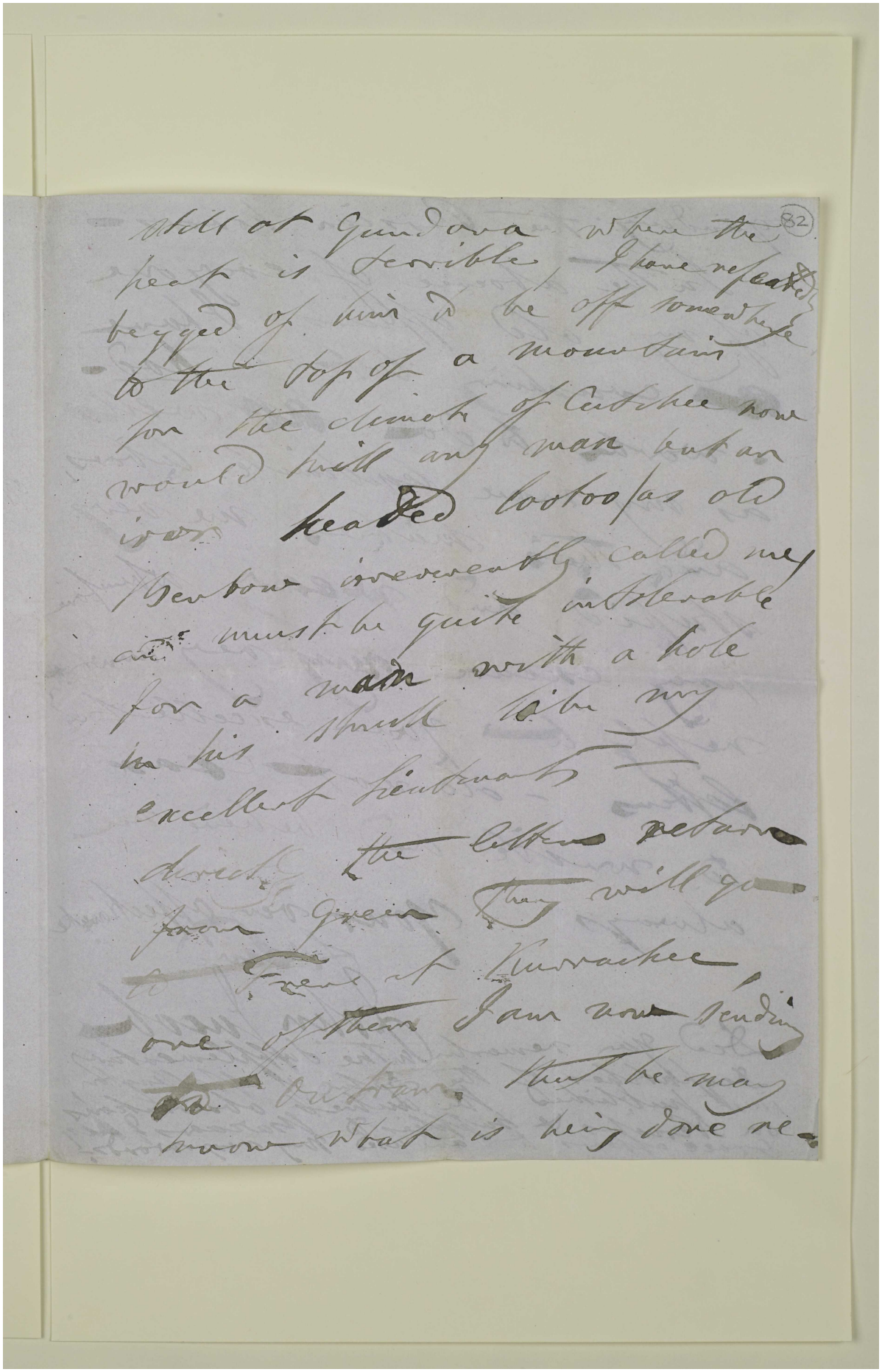

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still at Gundava where the
heat is terrible, I have repeatedly
begged of him to be off somewhere
to the top of a mountain
for the climate of Cutchee now
would kill any man but an
iron headed lootoo/as old
Benbow irreverently called me/
and must be quite intolerable
for a man with a hole
in his skull like my
excellent lieutenants —
directly the letters return
from Green they will go
to Frere at Kurrachee,
one of them I am now sending
to Outram that he may
know what is being done re-

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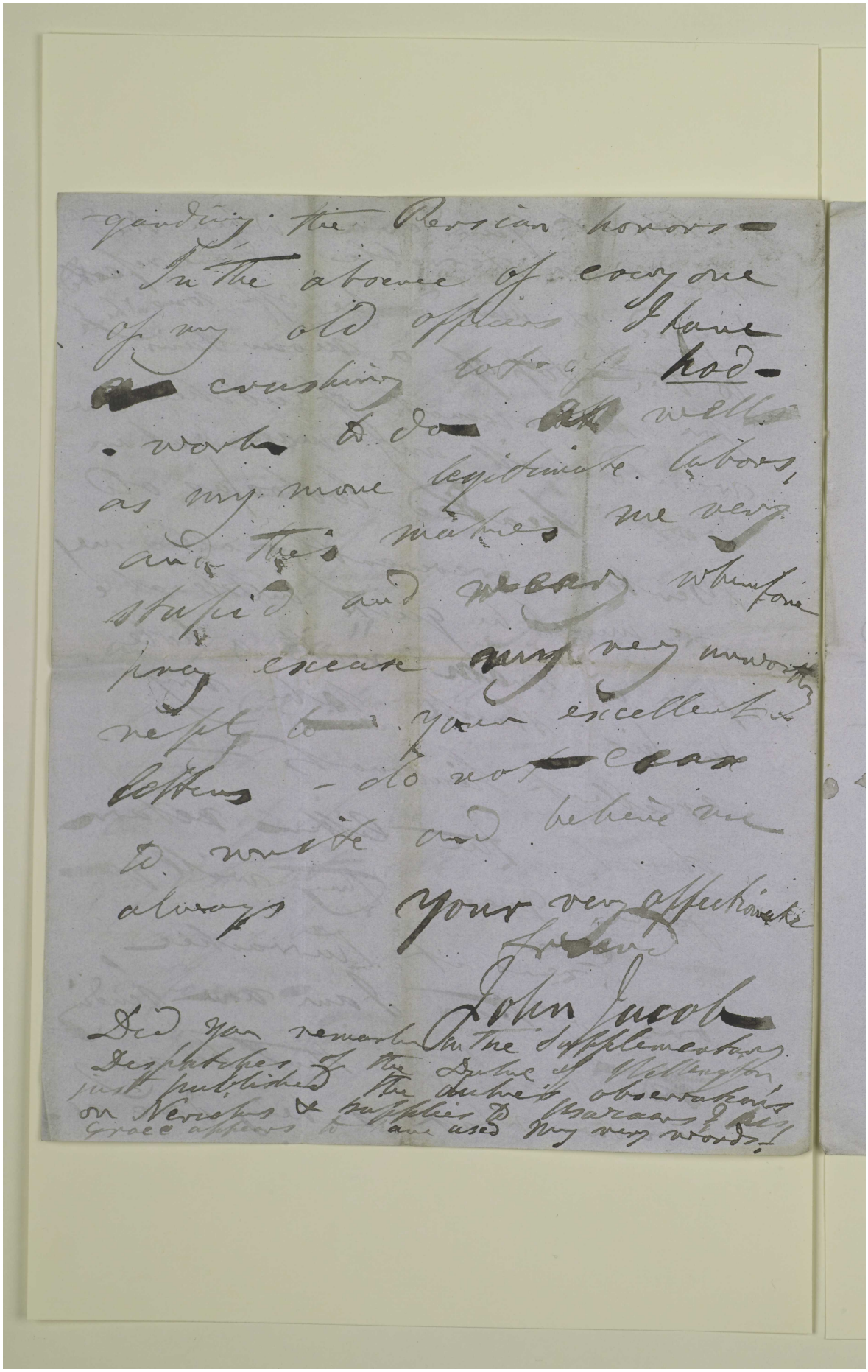

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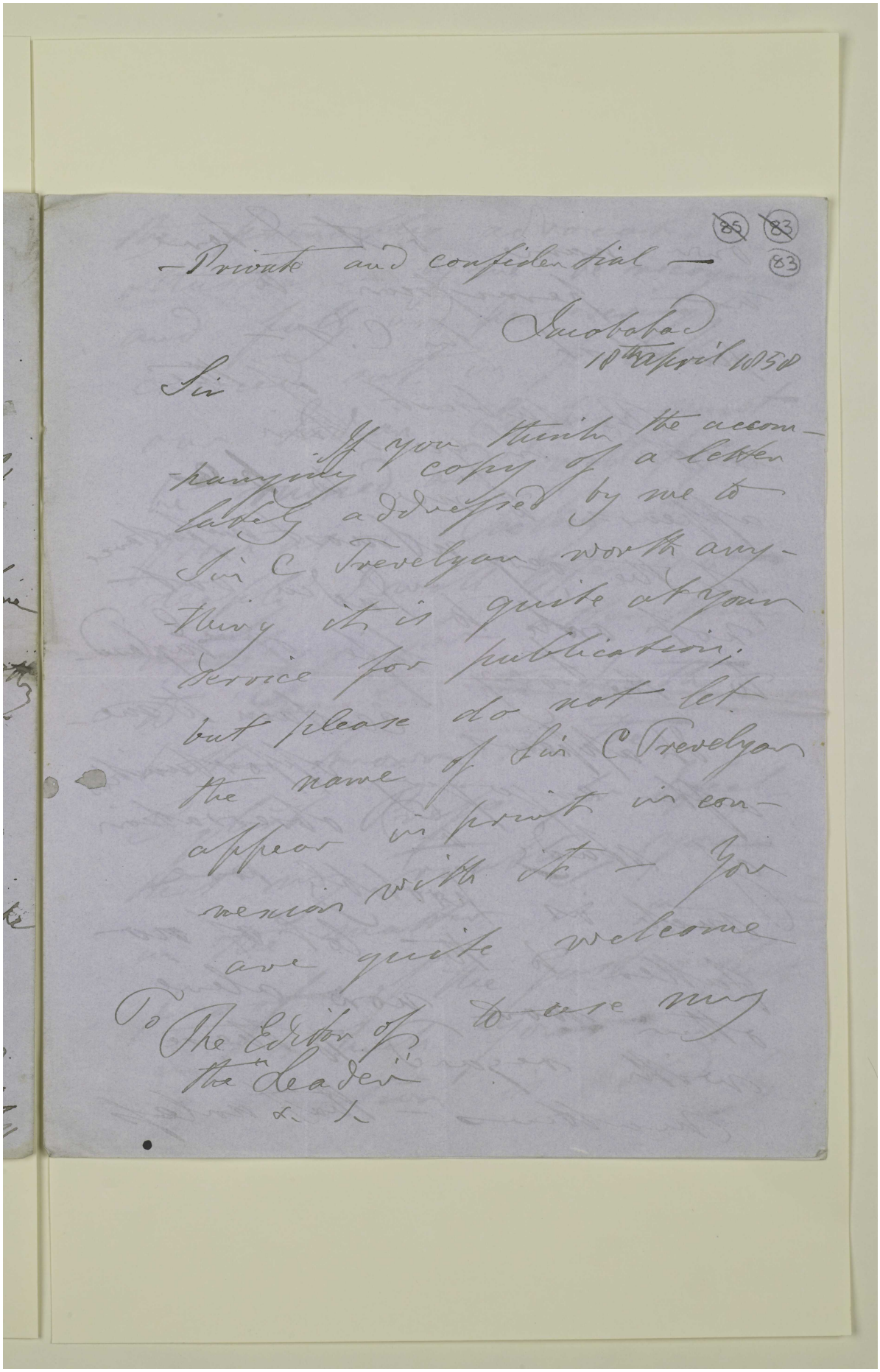


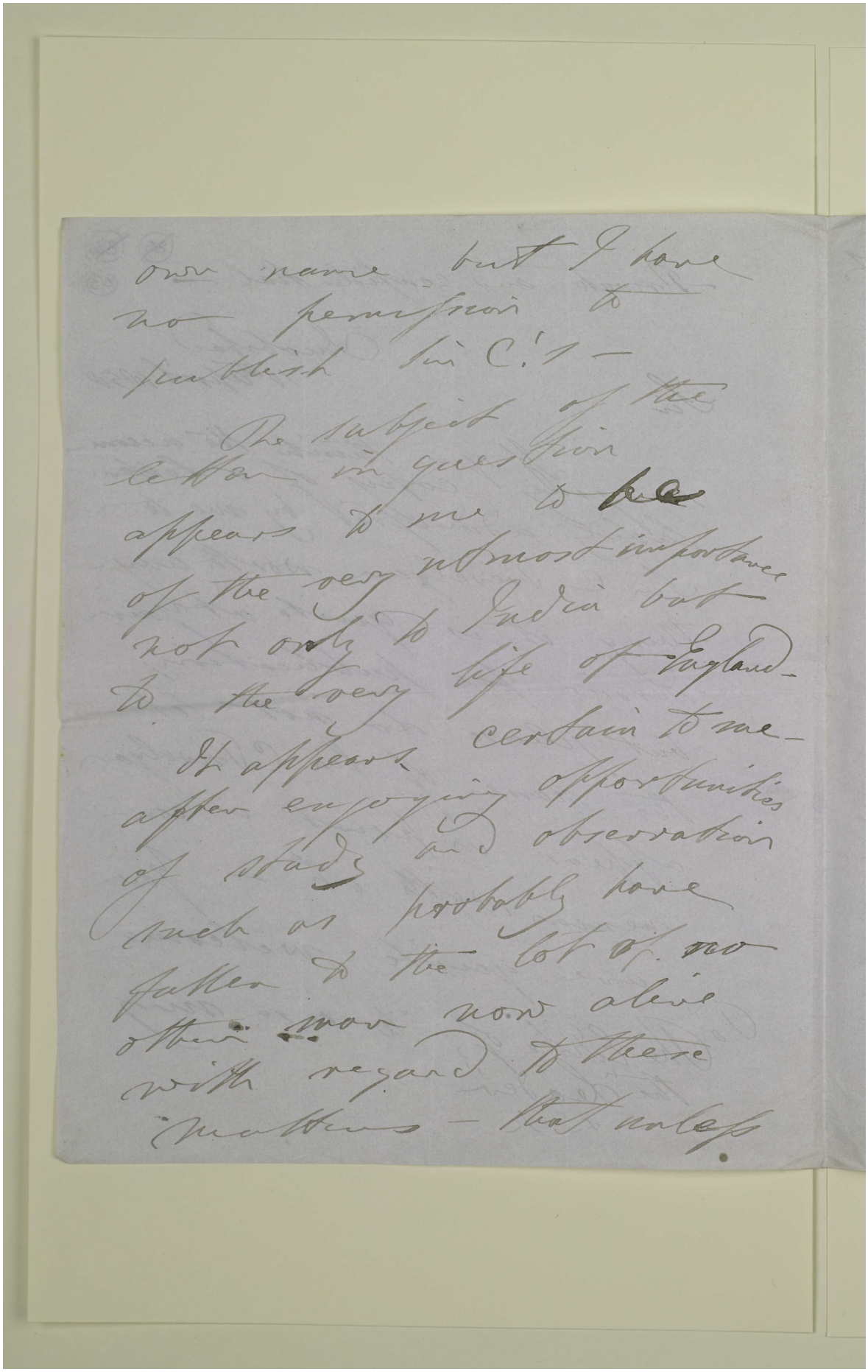
Private and confidential —

Jacobabad
18th April 1850

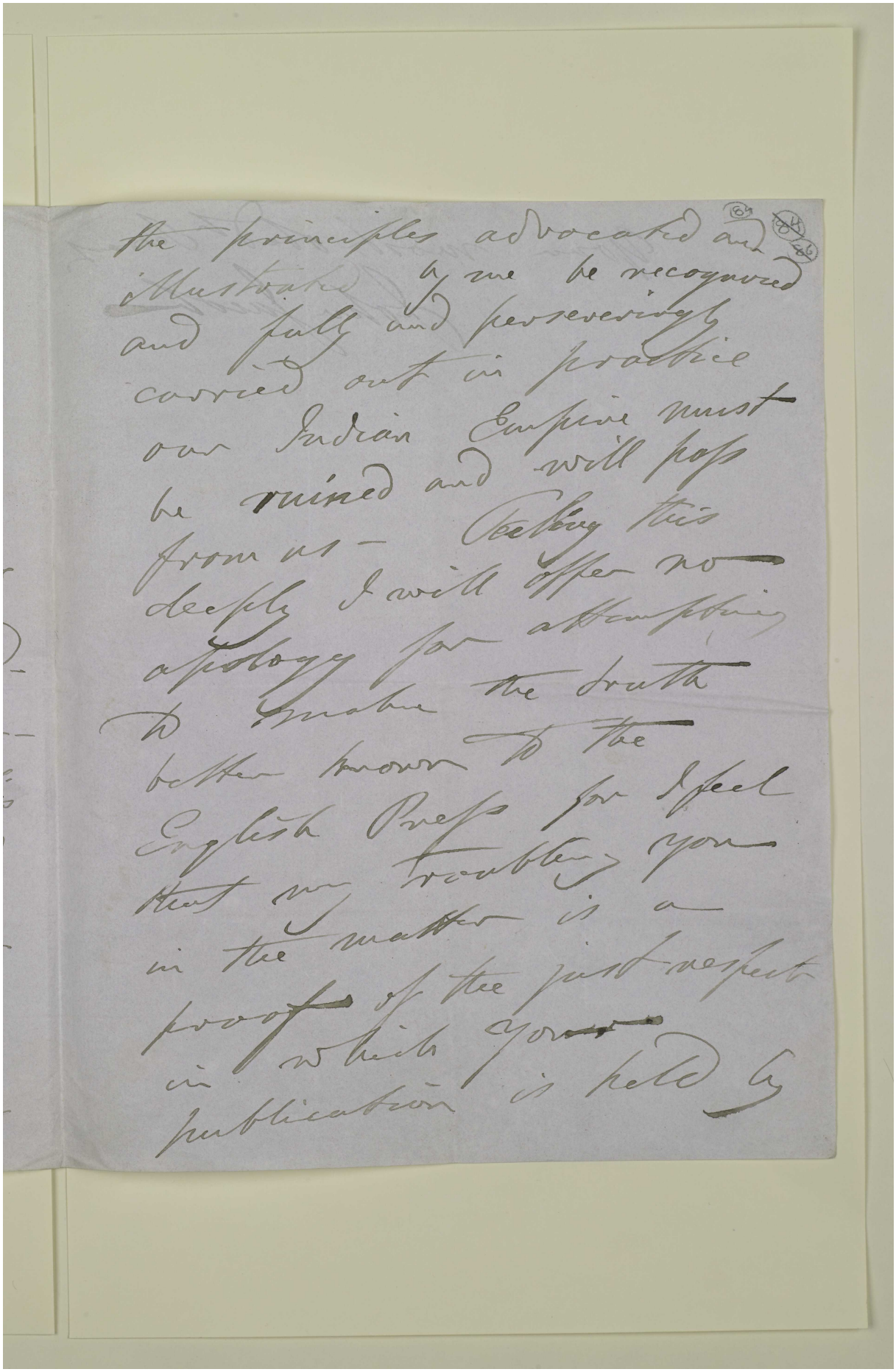
Sir

If you think the accompanying copy of a letter lately addressed by me to Sir C Trevelyan worth anything it is quite at your service for publication; but please do not let the name of Sir C Trevelyan appear in print in connexion with it — You are quite welcome to use my

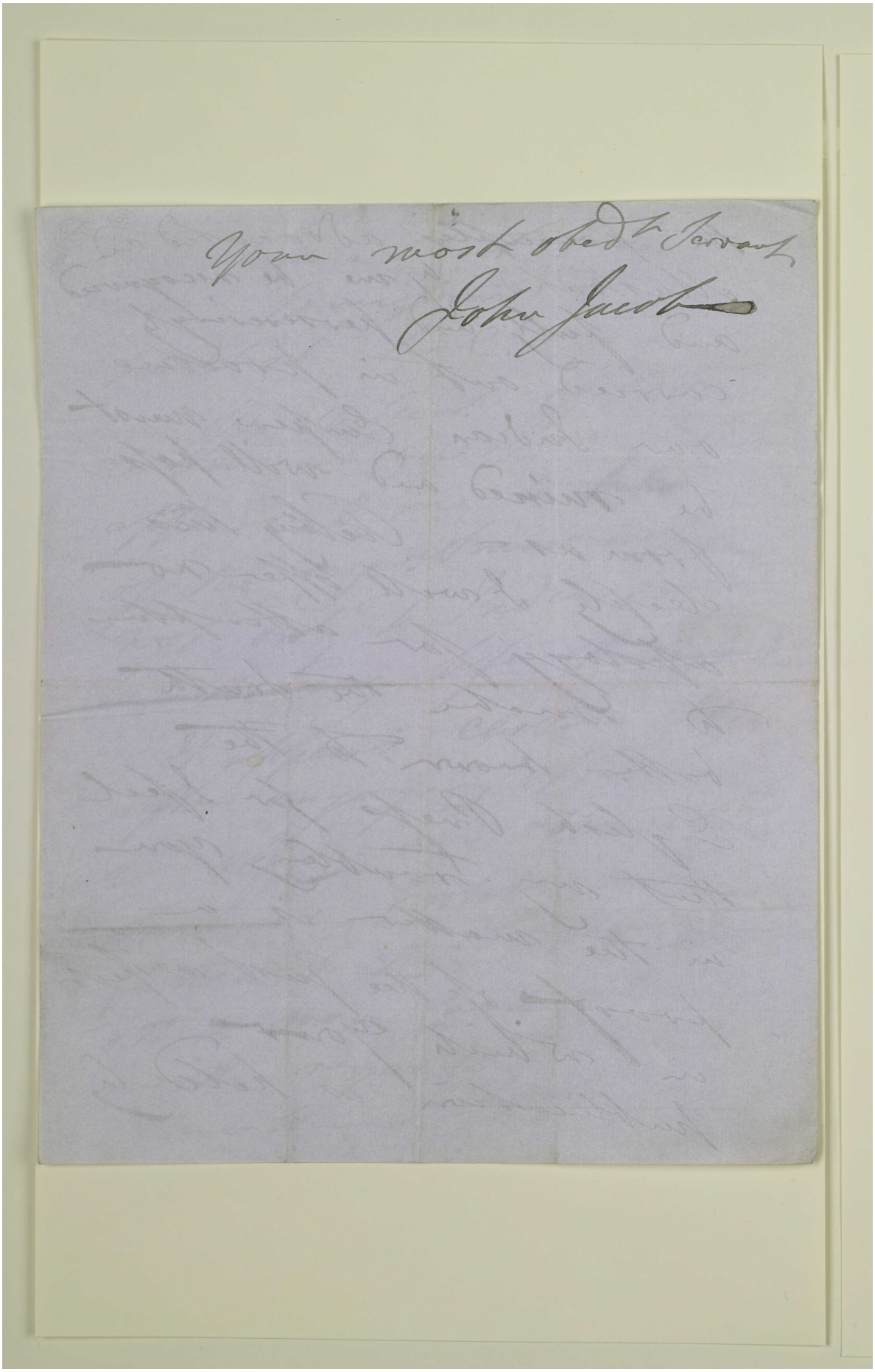
To The Editor &c
the "Leader"
&c &c



own name but I have
no permission to
publish his C.'s —
The subject of the
letter in question
appears to me to be
of the very utmost importance
not only to India but
to the very life of England —
It appears certain to me —
after enjoying opportunities
of study and observation
such as probably have
fallen to the lot of no
other man now alive
with regard to these
matters — that unless



the principles advocated and illustrated by me be recognized and fully and perseveringly carried out in practice our Indian Empire must be ruined and will pass from us — Feeling this deeply I will offer no apology for attempting to make the truth better known to the English Press for I feel that my troubling you in the matter is a proof of the just respect in which your publication is held by



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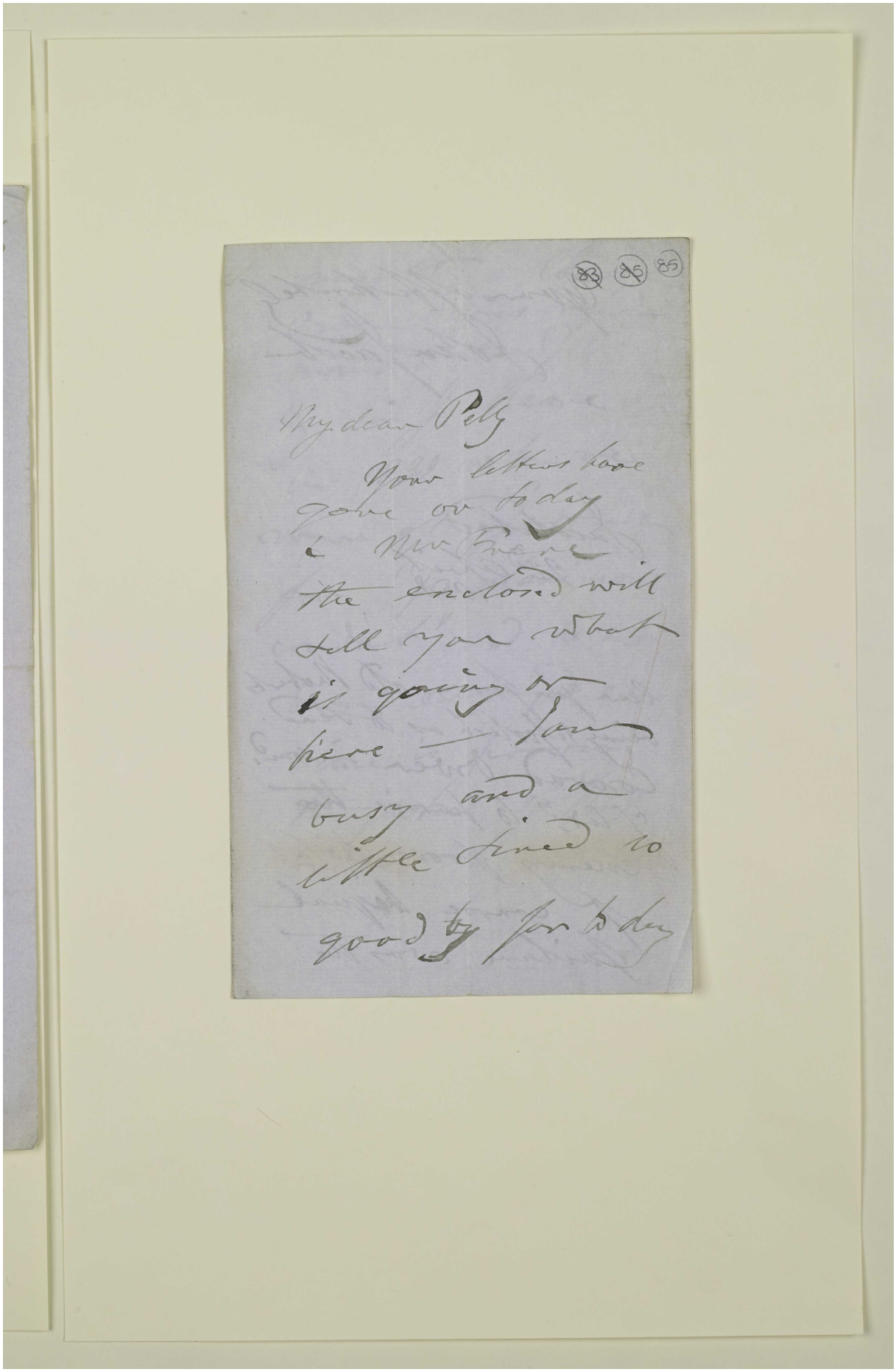
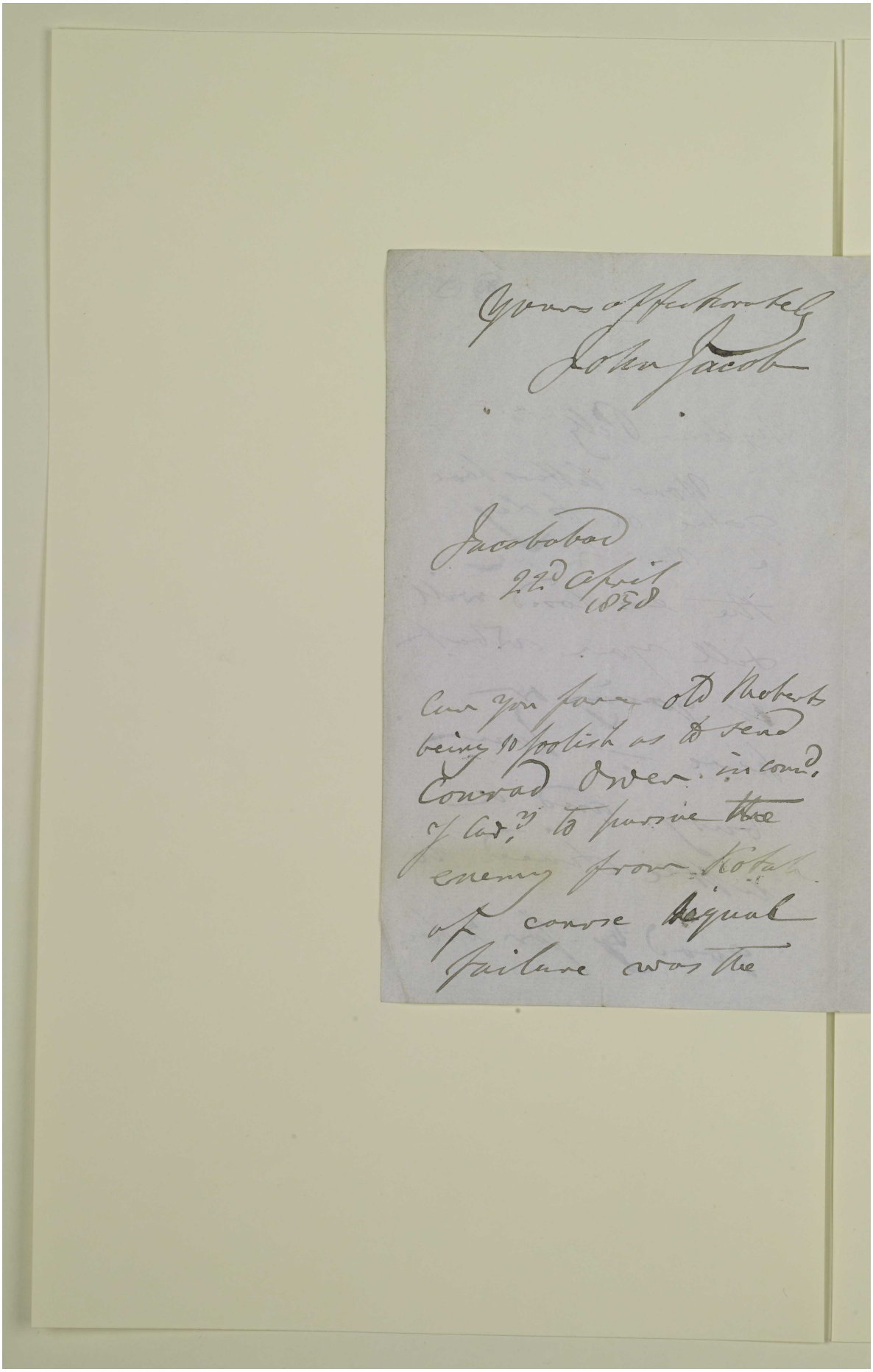


My dear Pelly

Your letters have come on to day & Mrs Frere the enclosed will tell you what is going on here — I am very busy and a little tired so good by for to day



Yours affectionately
John Jacob

Jacobabad
22d April
1858

Can you force old Roberts
being so foolish as to send
Conrad Owen in comd.
of Cav.y to pursue the
enemy from Kotah
of course Sequal
failure was the

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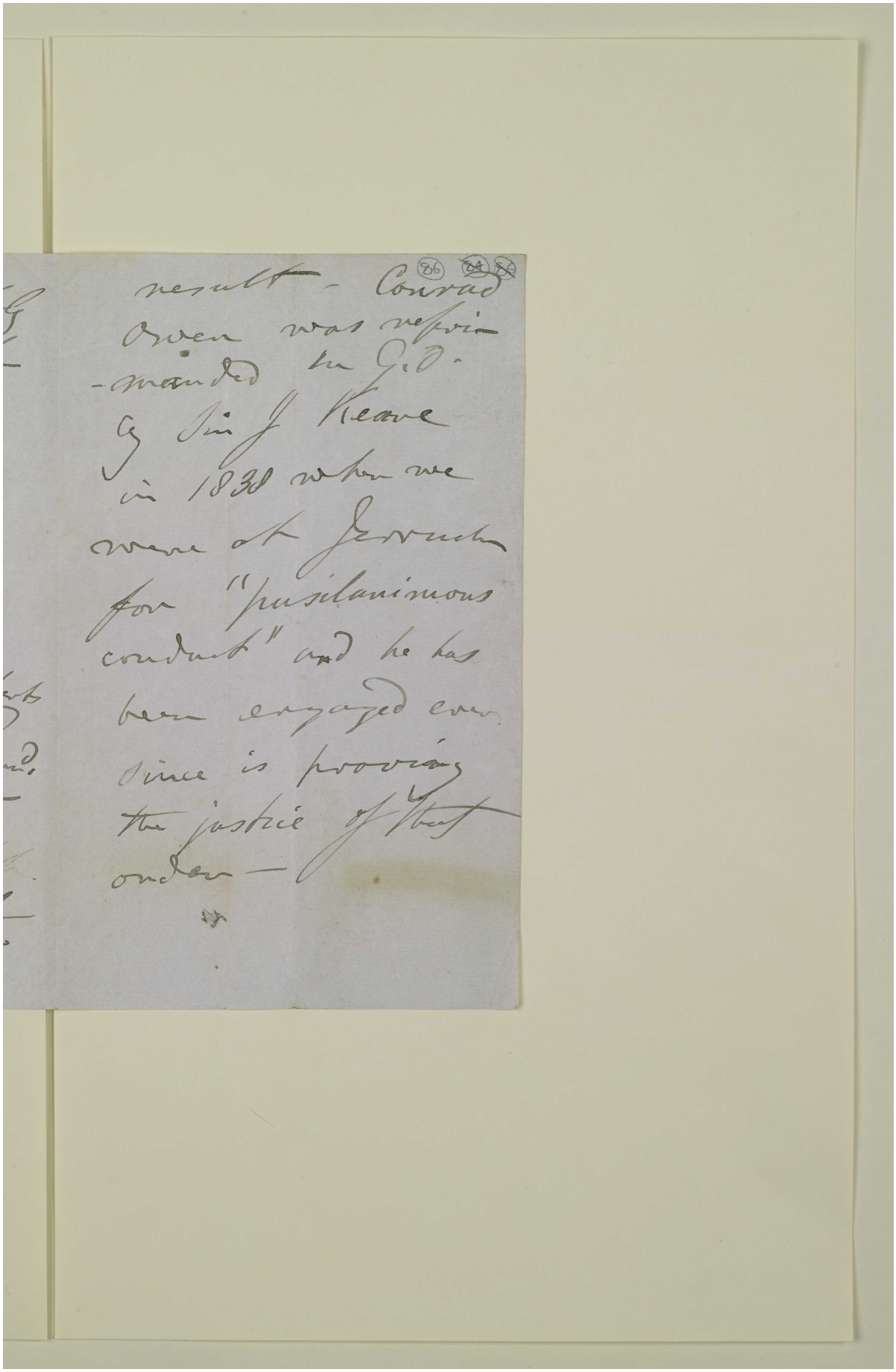

result - Conrad
Owen was repri-
-manded by G.O.
by Sir J Keane
in 1838 when we
were at Jerruch
for "pusilanimous
conduct" and he has
been engaged ever
since is proving
the justice of that
order -

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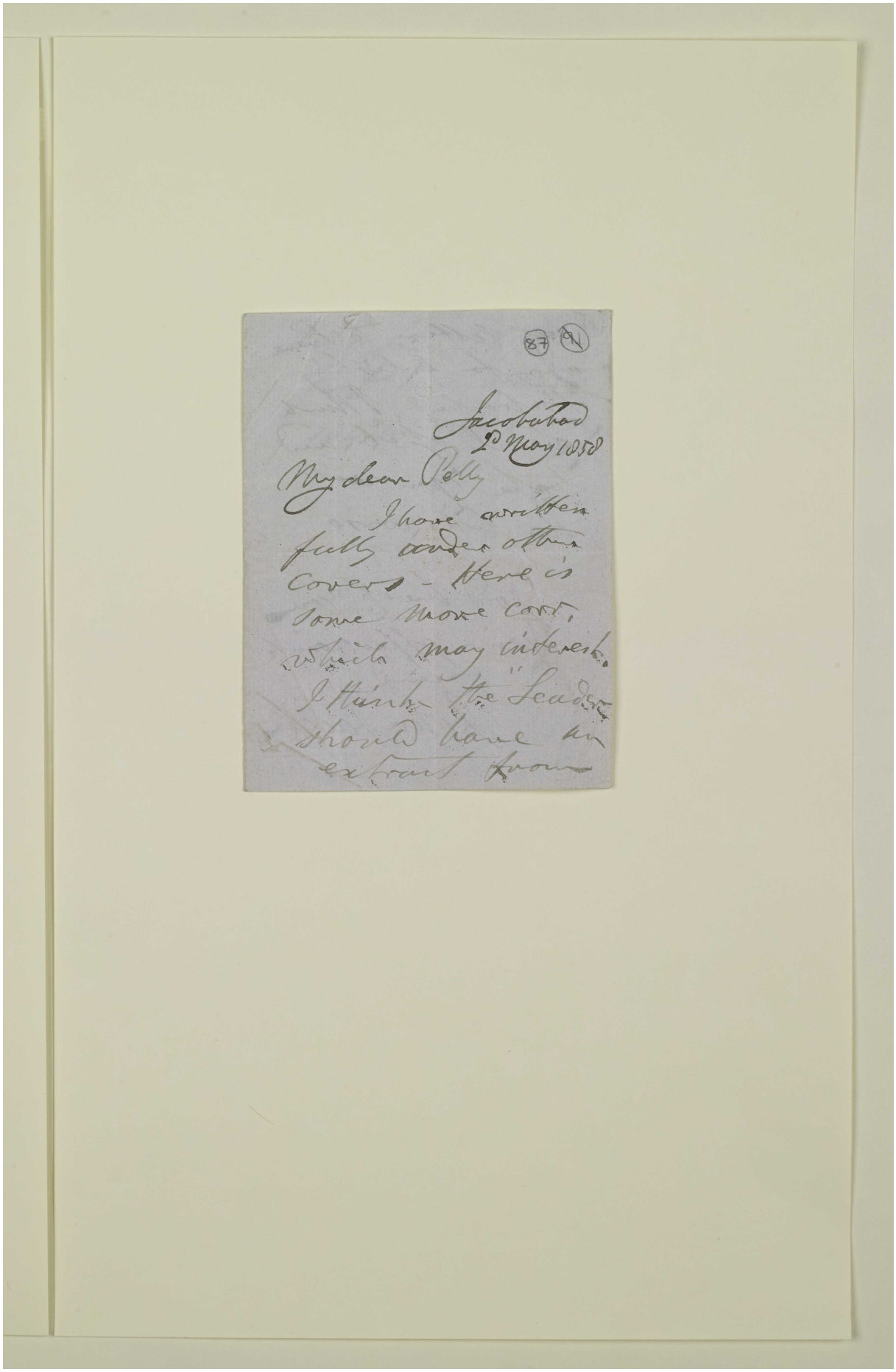

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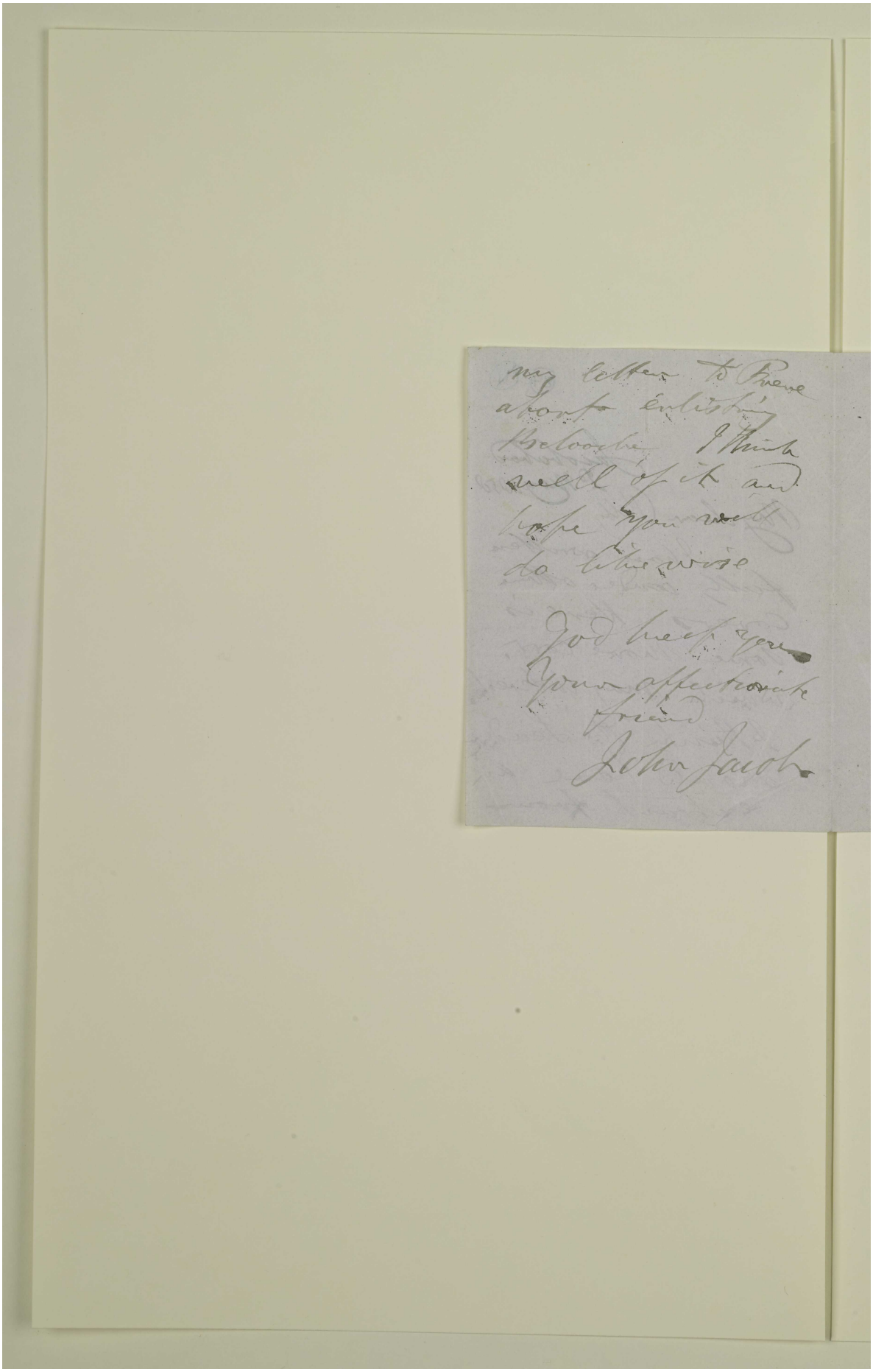
Jacobabad
2d May 1858

My dear Pelly

I have written fully under other Covers - Here is some more cont, which may interest. I think the "Leader" should have an extract from



my letter to Prome
about enlisting
Belooches. I think
well of it and
hope you will
do likewise

God bless you
Yours affectionate
friend
John Jacob

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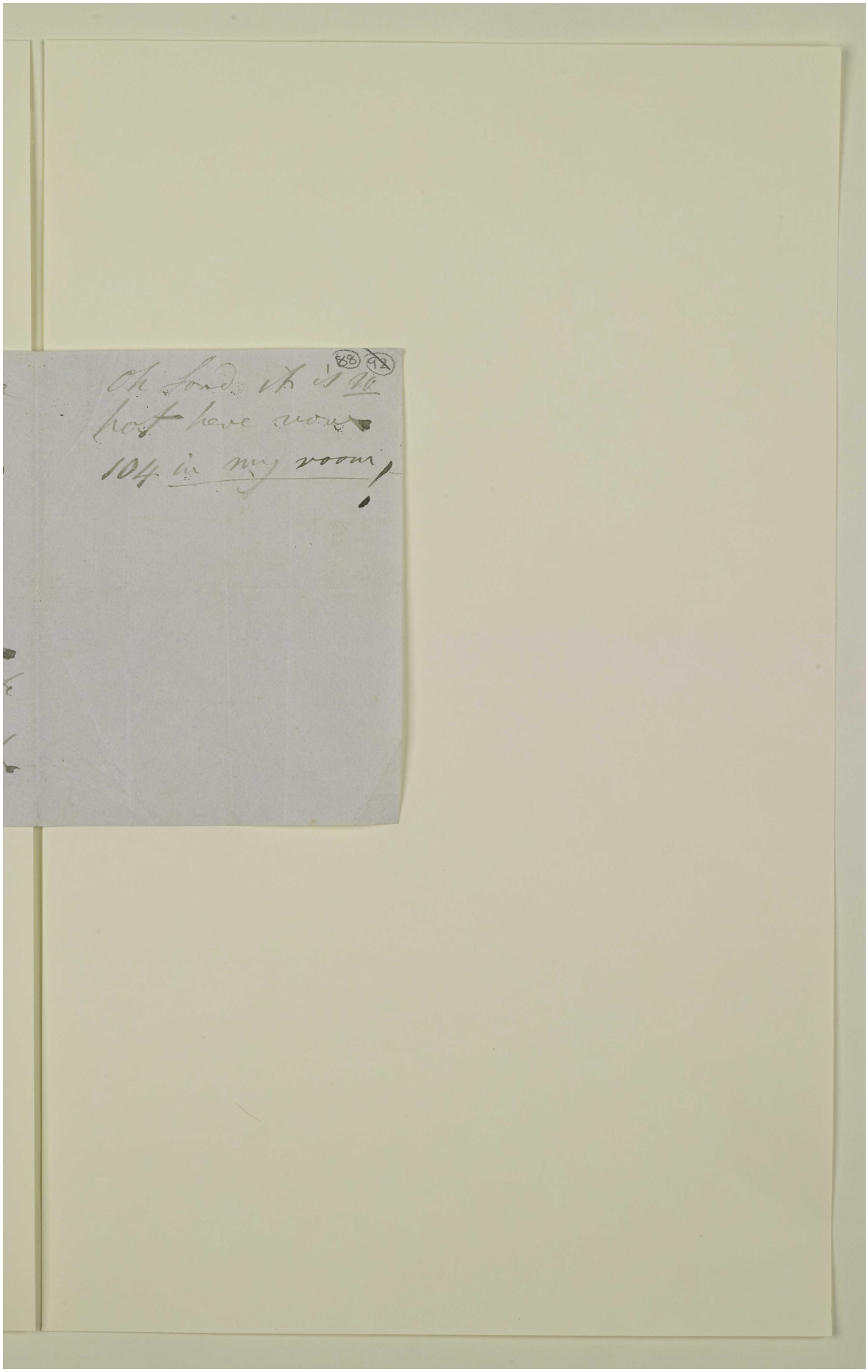

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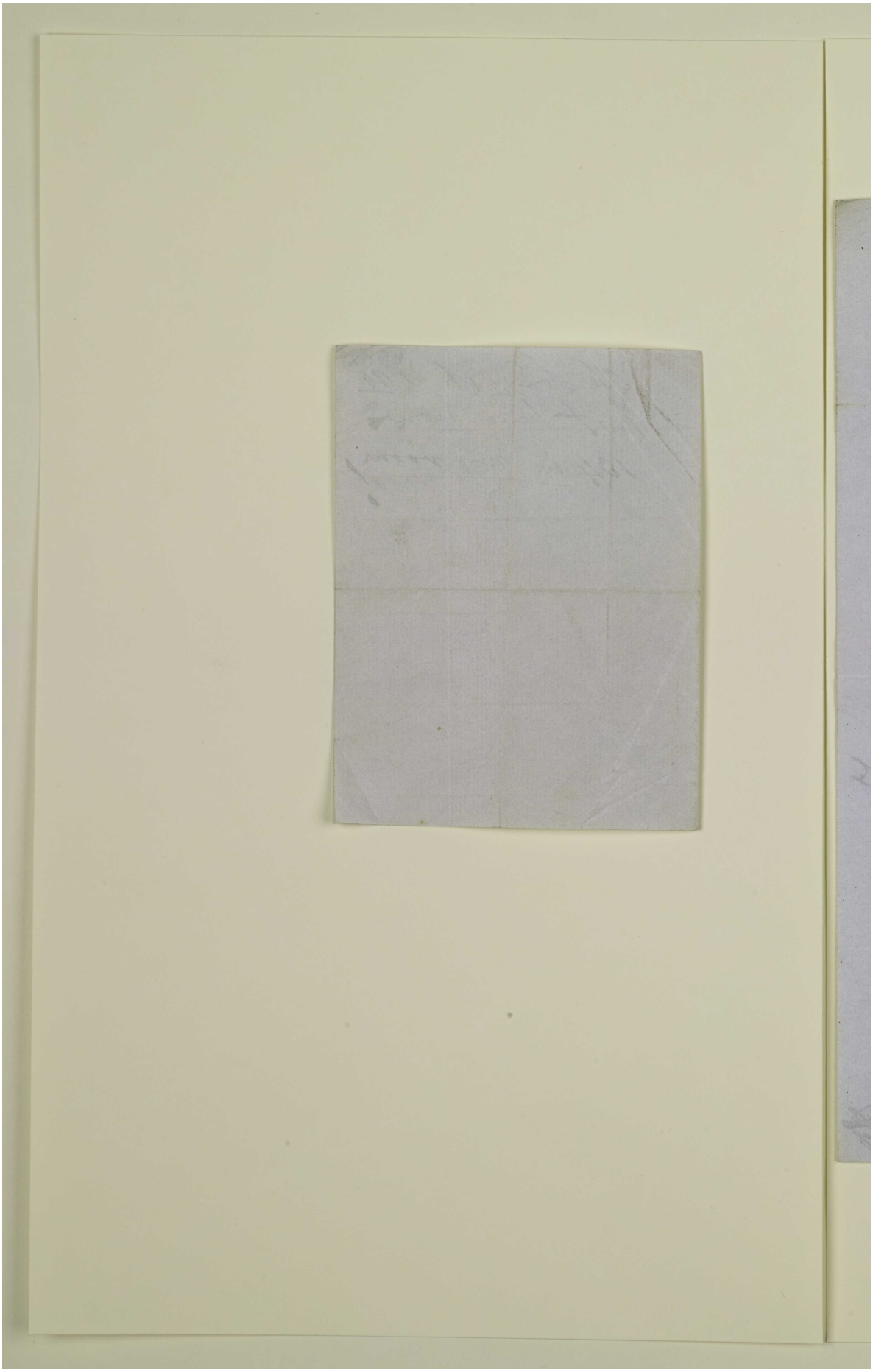

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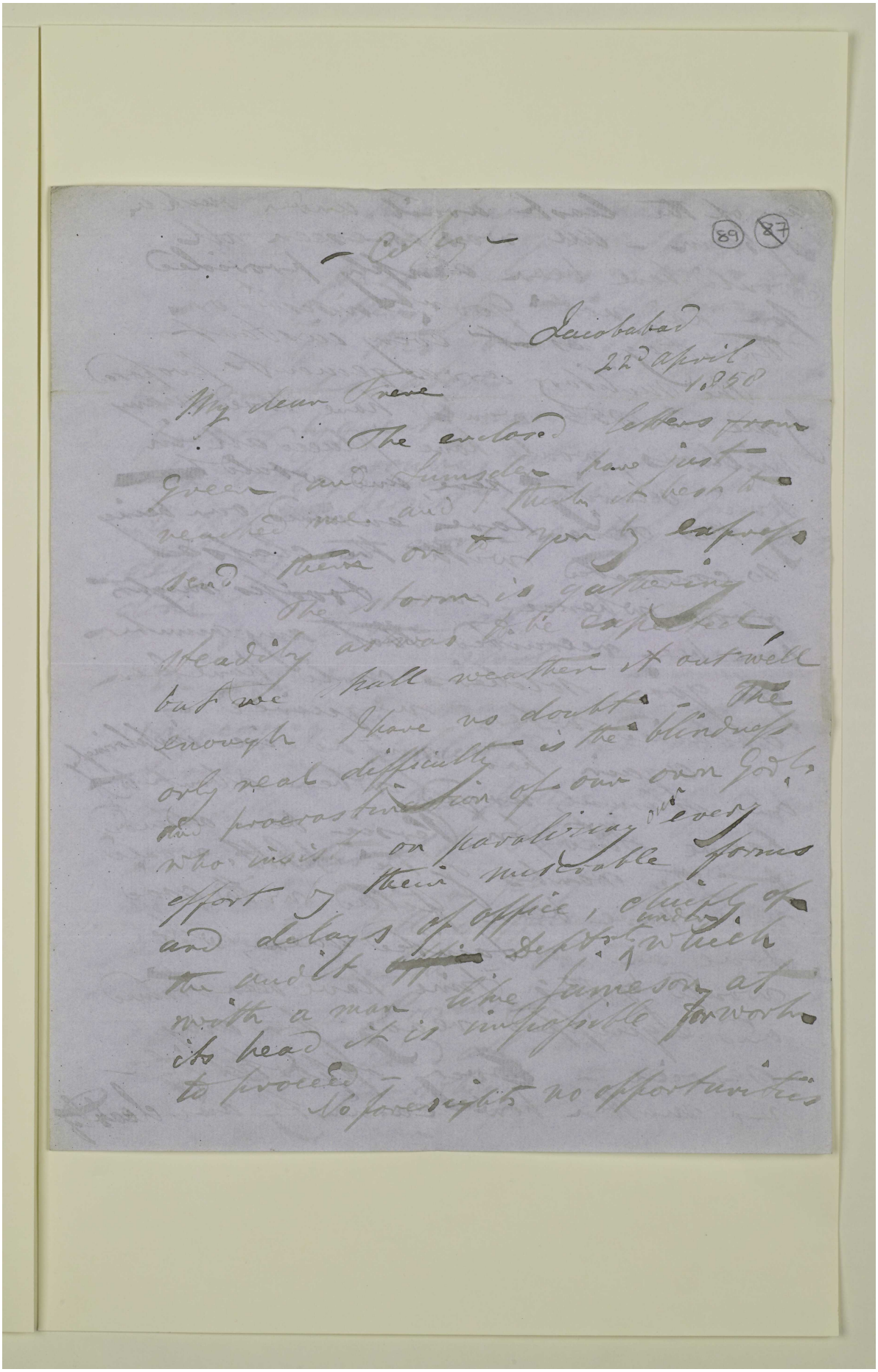

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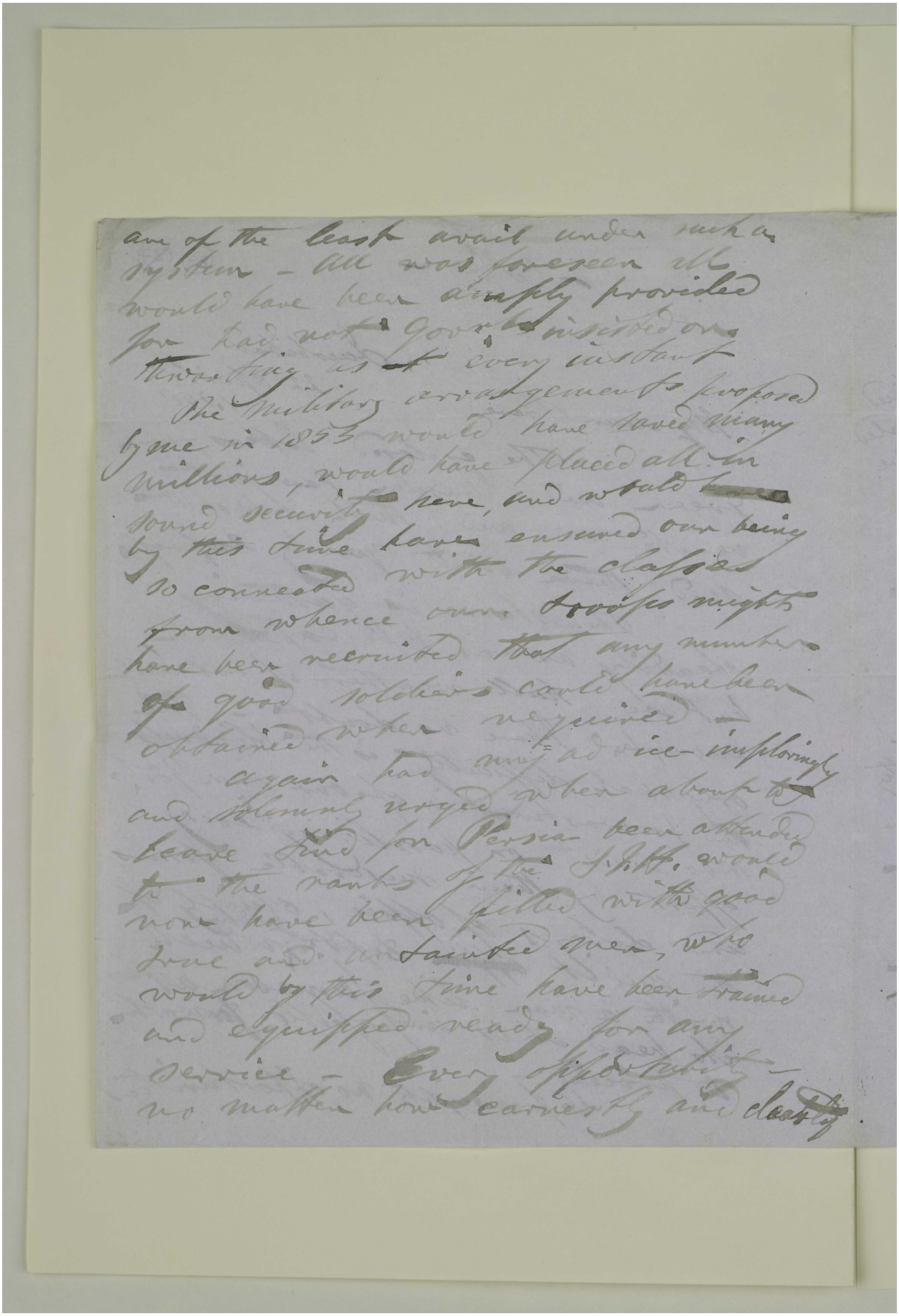
Jacobabad
22d April
1858

My dear Frere

The enclosed letters from Green and Lumsden have just reached me and I think it best to send them on to you by express.

The storm is gathering steadily as was to be expected but we shall weather it out well enough I have no doubt. The only real difficulty is the blindness and procrastination of our own Govt. who insist on paralizing our every effort by their miserable forms and delays of office, chiefly of the audit ~~office~~ Deptt. under which with a man like Jameson at its head it is impossible for work to proceed.

No foresight no opportunities



are of the least avail under such a
system - All was foreseen all
would have been amply provided
for had not Govt. insisted on
thwarting us at every instant
The Military arrangements proposed
by me in 1853 would have saved many
millions, would have placed all in
sound security here, and would
by this time have ensured our being
so connected with the classes
from whence our troops might
have been recruited that any number
of good soldiers could have been
obtained when required -
again had my advice - imploringly
and solemnly urged when about to
leave Sind for Persia been attended
to the ranks of the S.I.H. would
now have been filled with good
true and untainted men, who
would by this time have been trained
and equipped ready for any
service - Every opportunity -
no matter how earnestly and clearly

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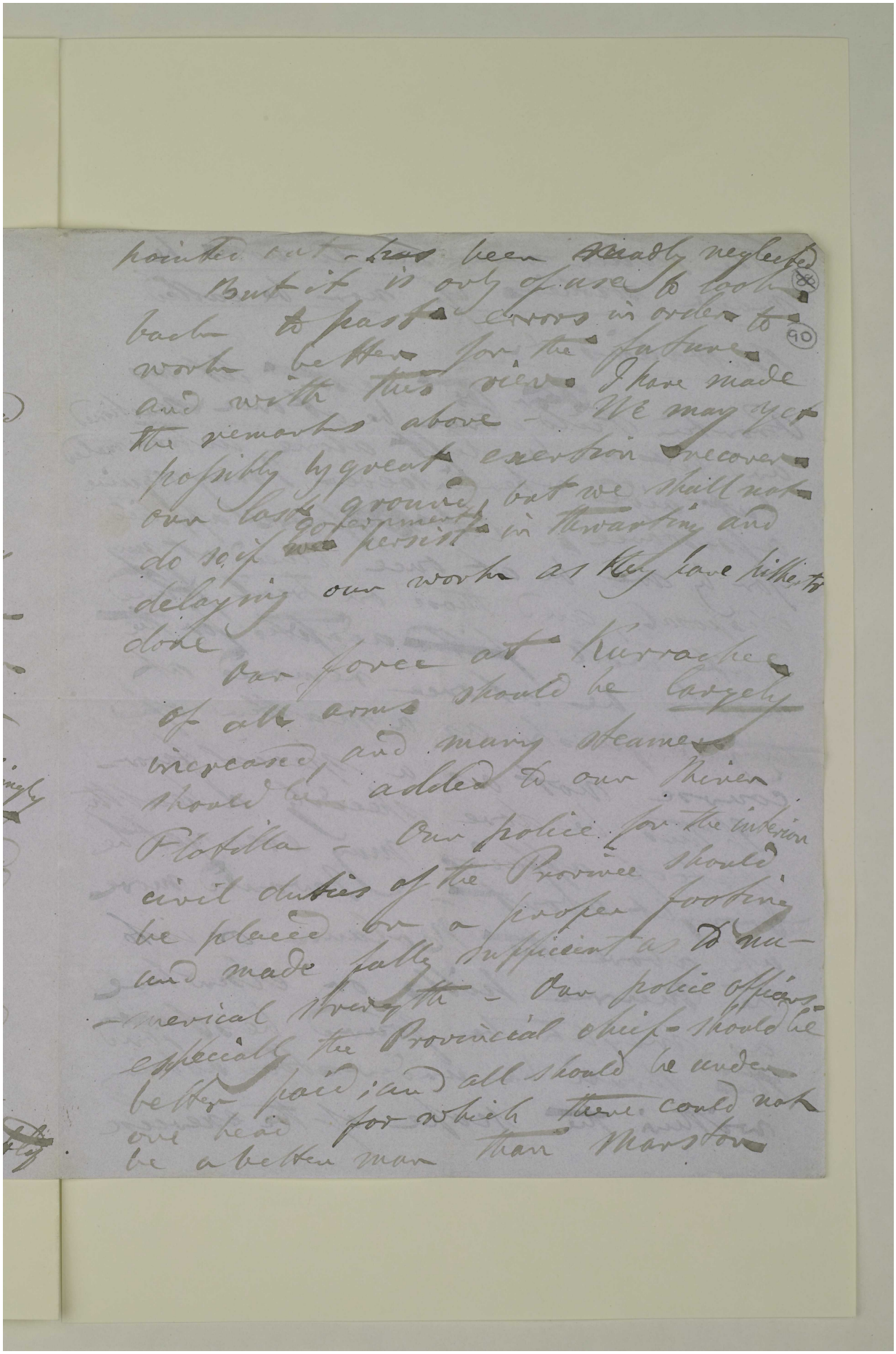
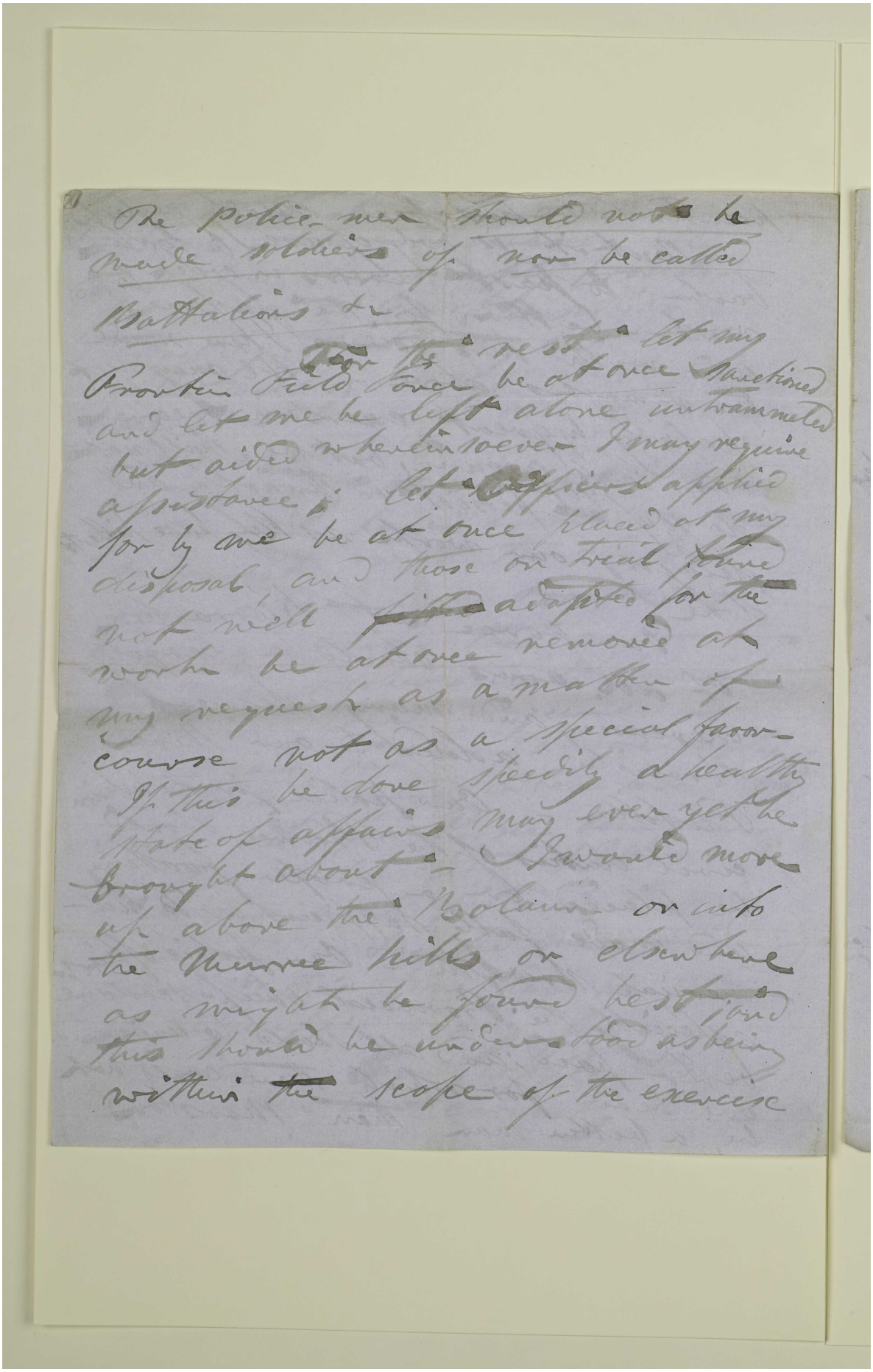


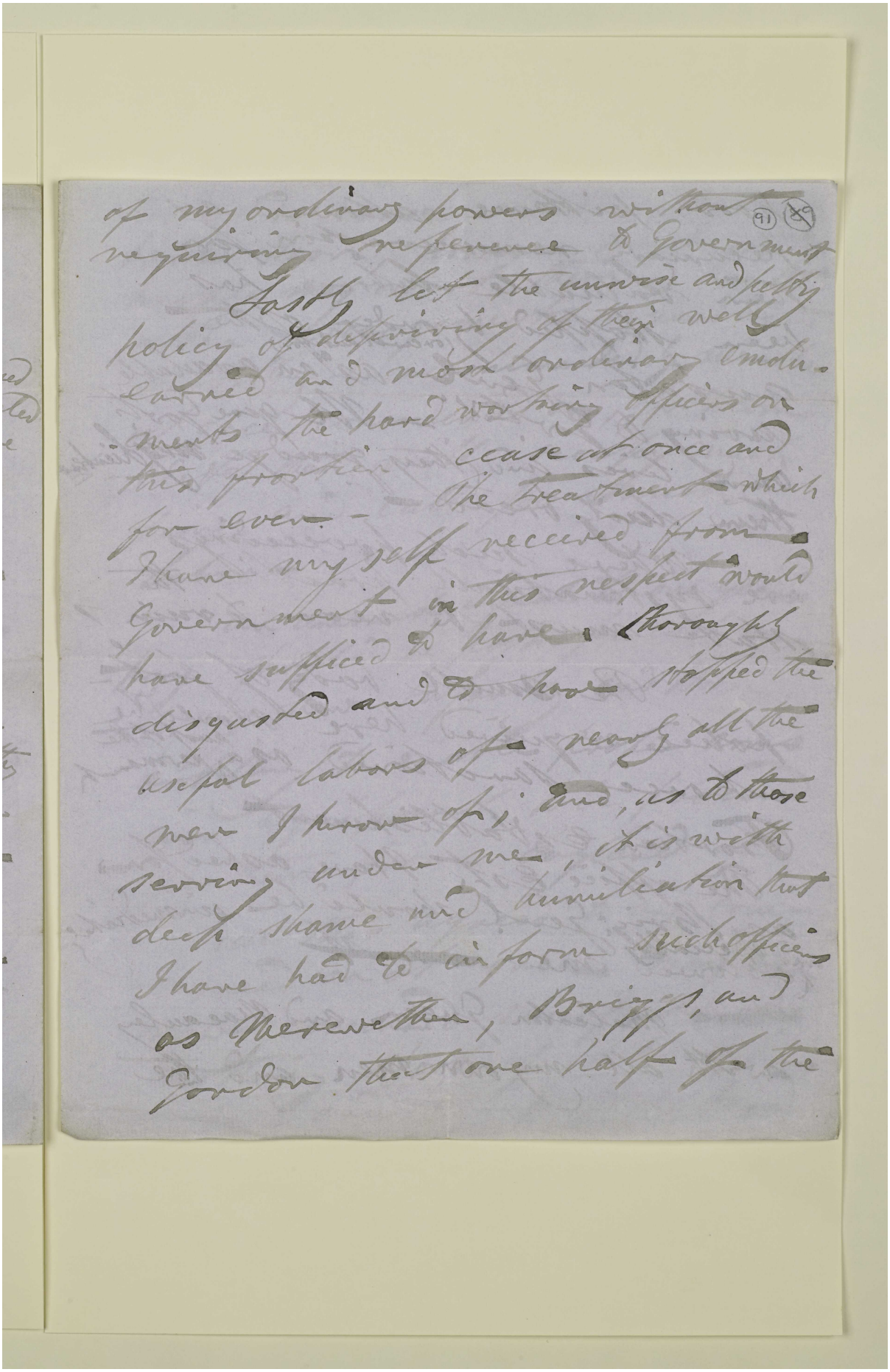
pointed out - has been steadily neglected
But it is only of use to look
back to past errors in order to
work better for the future -
and with this view I have made
the remarks above - We may yet
possibly by great exertion recover
our lost ground, but we shall not
do so if Government persist in thwarting and
delaying our works as they have likewise
done
Our force at Kurrachee
of all arms should be largely
increased, and many steamers
should be added to our River
Flotilla - Our police for the interior
civil duties of the Province should
be placed on a proper footing
and made fully sufficient as to nu-
-merical strength - Our police officers
especially the Provincial chiefs should be
better paid and all should be under
one head for which there could not
be a better man than Marston



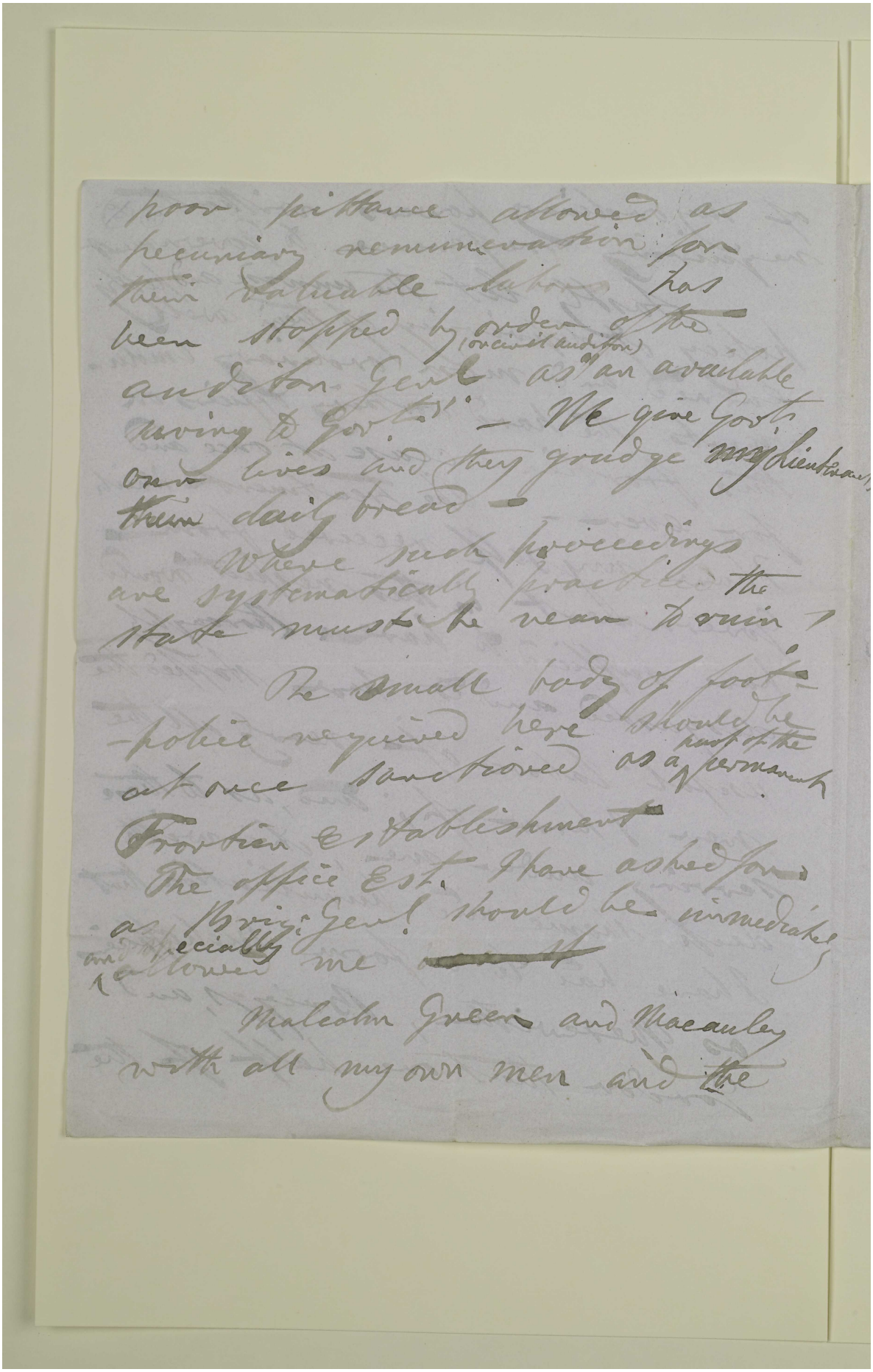
The police men should not be made soldiers of nor be called Battalions &c

For the rest let my Frontier Field Force be at once sanctioned and let me be left alone untrammeled but aided wherein soever I may require assistance. Let officers applied for by me be at once placed at my disposal, and those or treat those not well adapted for the work be at once removed at my request as a matter of course not as a special favour.

If this be done speedily a healthy state of affairs may ever yet be brought about. I would move up above the Bolan or into the Murree hills or elsewhere as might be found best and this would be understood as being within the scope of the exercise



of my ordinary powers without
requiring reference to Government
Lastly lest the unwise and petty
policy of depriving of their well
earned and most ordinary emolu-
ments the hard working officers on
this frontier cease at once and
for ever - the treatment which
I have myself received from
Government in this respect would
have sufficed to have thoroughly
disgusted and to have stopped the
useful labors of nearly all the
men I know of. And, as those
serving under me, it is with
deep shame and humiliation that
I have had to inform such officers
as Merewether, Briggs, and
Jordon that one half of the



poor pittance allowed as pecuniary remuneration for their valuable labors has been stopped by order of the auditor Genl (or civil auditor) as "an available saving to Govt." — We give Govt. our lives and they grudge my Lieutenant their daily bread —

Where such proceedings are systematically practiced the state must be near to ruin?

The small body of foot-police required here should be at once sanctioned as a part of the permanent Frontier Establishment

The office Est. I have asked for as Brig. Genl should be immediately and specially allowed me ~~[illegible]~~

Malcolm Green and Macauley with all my own men and the

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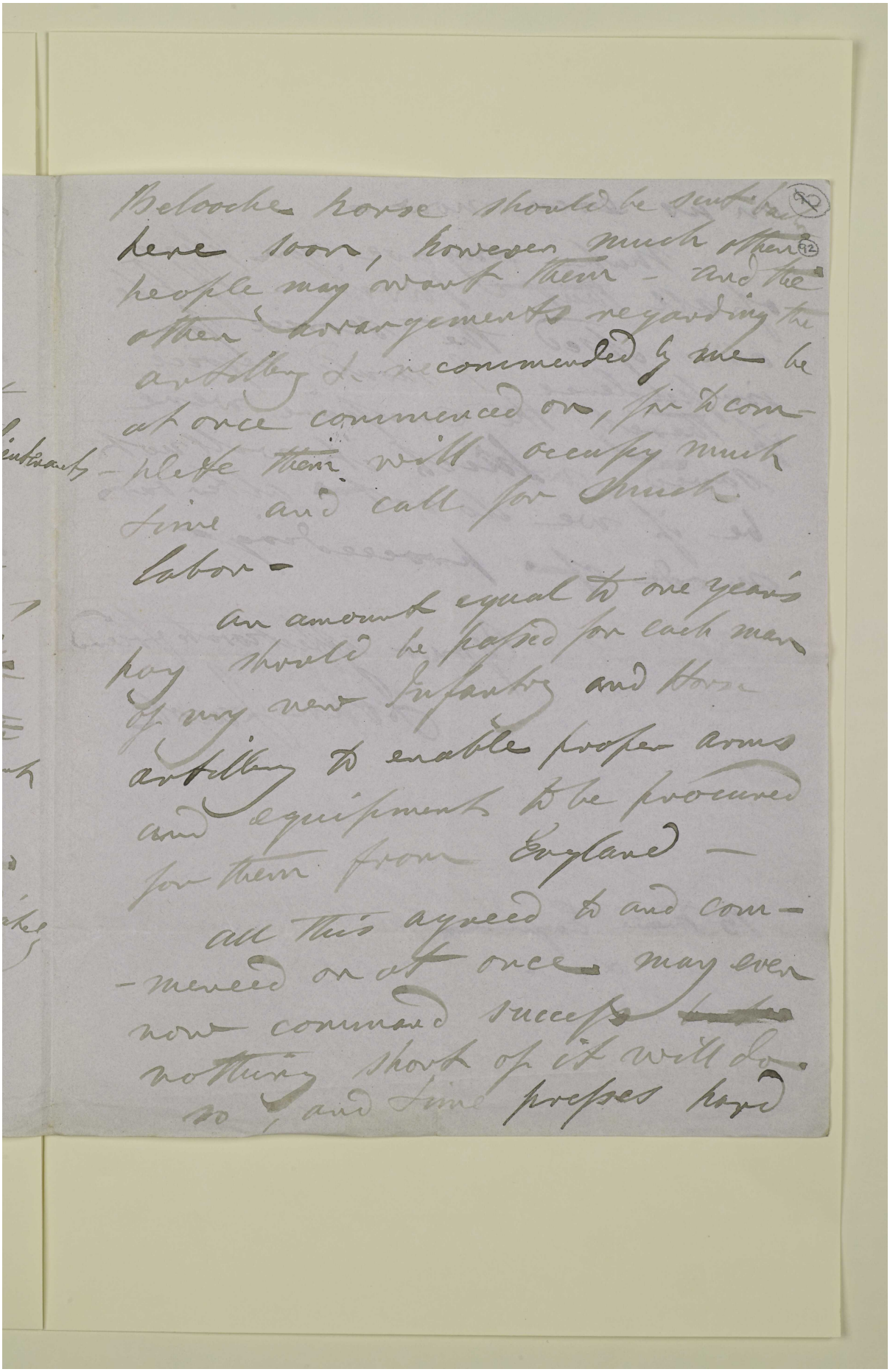
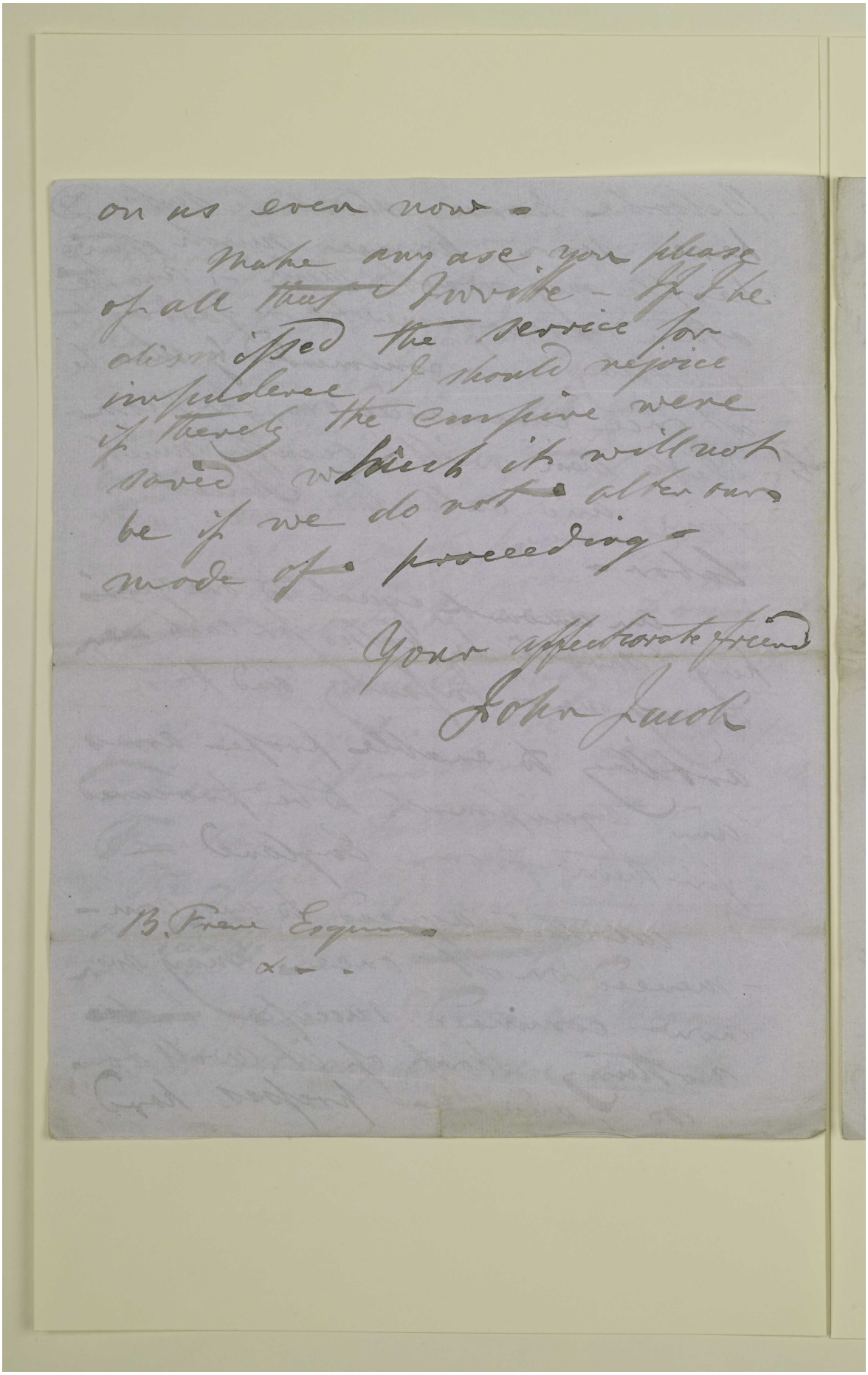


Beloochee horse should be sent
here soon, however much others
people may want them - and the
other arrangements regarding the
artillery be commended by me be
at once commenced on, for it com-
-plete them will occupy much
time and call for much
labor -

An amount equal to one years
pay should be passed for each man
of any new Infantry and Horse
artillery to enable proper arms
and equipment to be procured
for them from England -

All this agreed to and com-
-menced on at once may even
now command success
nothing short of it will do
so, and time presses hard



on us even now.

Make any use you please of all that I write - If I be dismissed the service for impudence I should rejoice if thereby the empire were saved which it will not be if we do not alter our mode of proceeding.

Your affectionate friend
John Jacob

B. Frere Esquire
&c.

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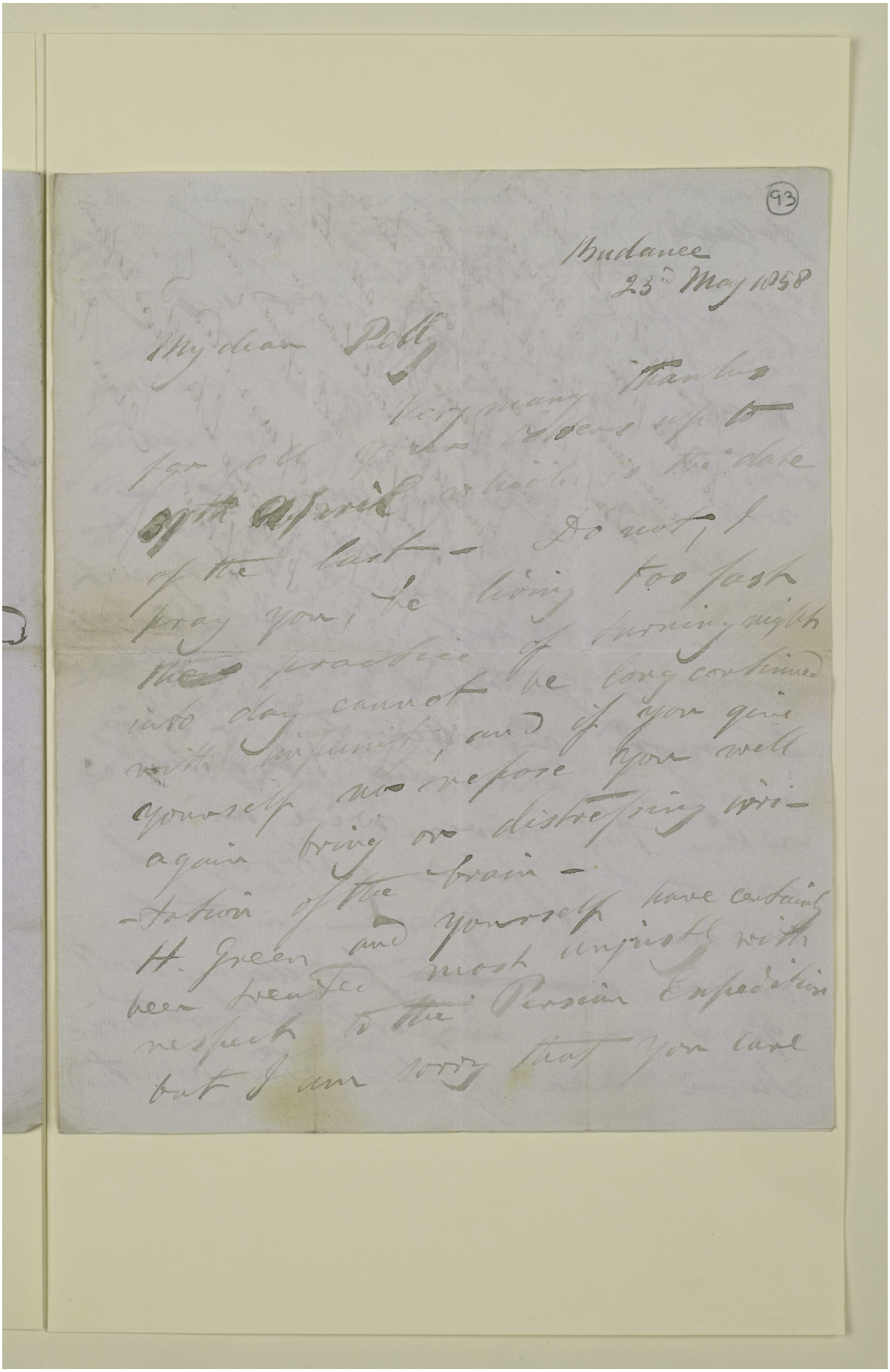

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Budanee
23rd May 1858

My dear Pelly

Very many thanks for all your letters up to 29th April which is the date of the last — Do not, I pray you, be living too fast the practice of turning night into day cannot be long continued with impunity, and if you give yourself no repose you will again bring on distressing irritation of the brain —

H. Green and yourself have certainly been treated most unjustly with respect to the Persian Expedition but I am sorry that you care

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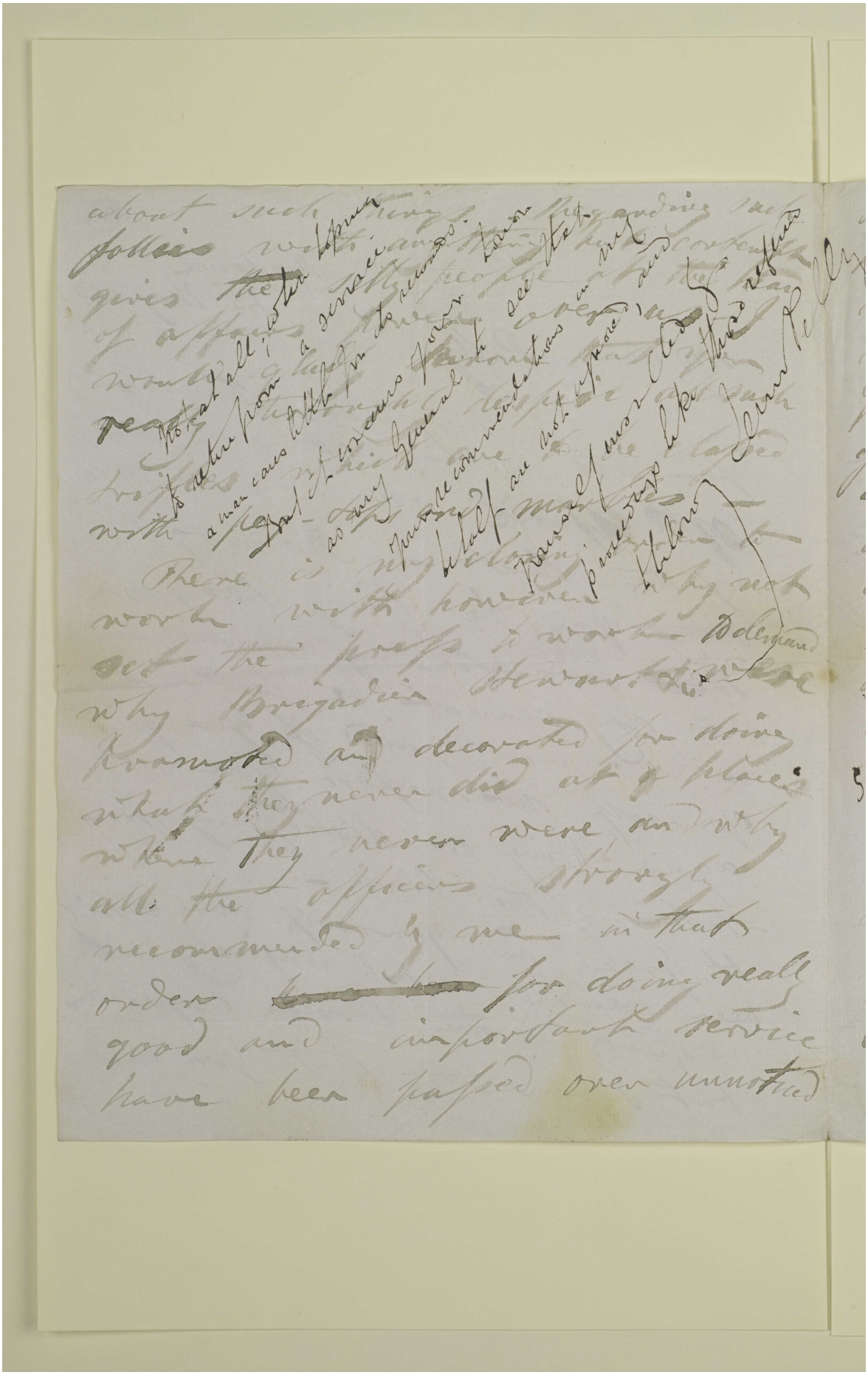

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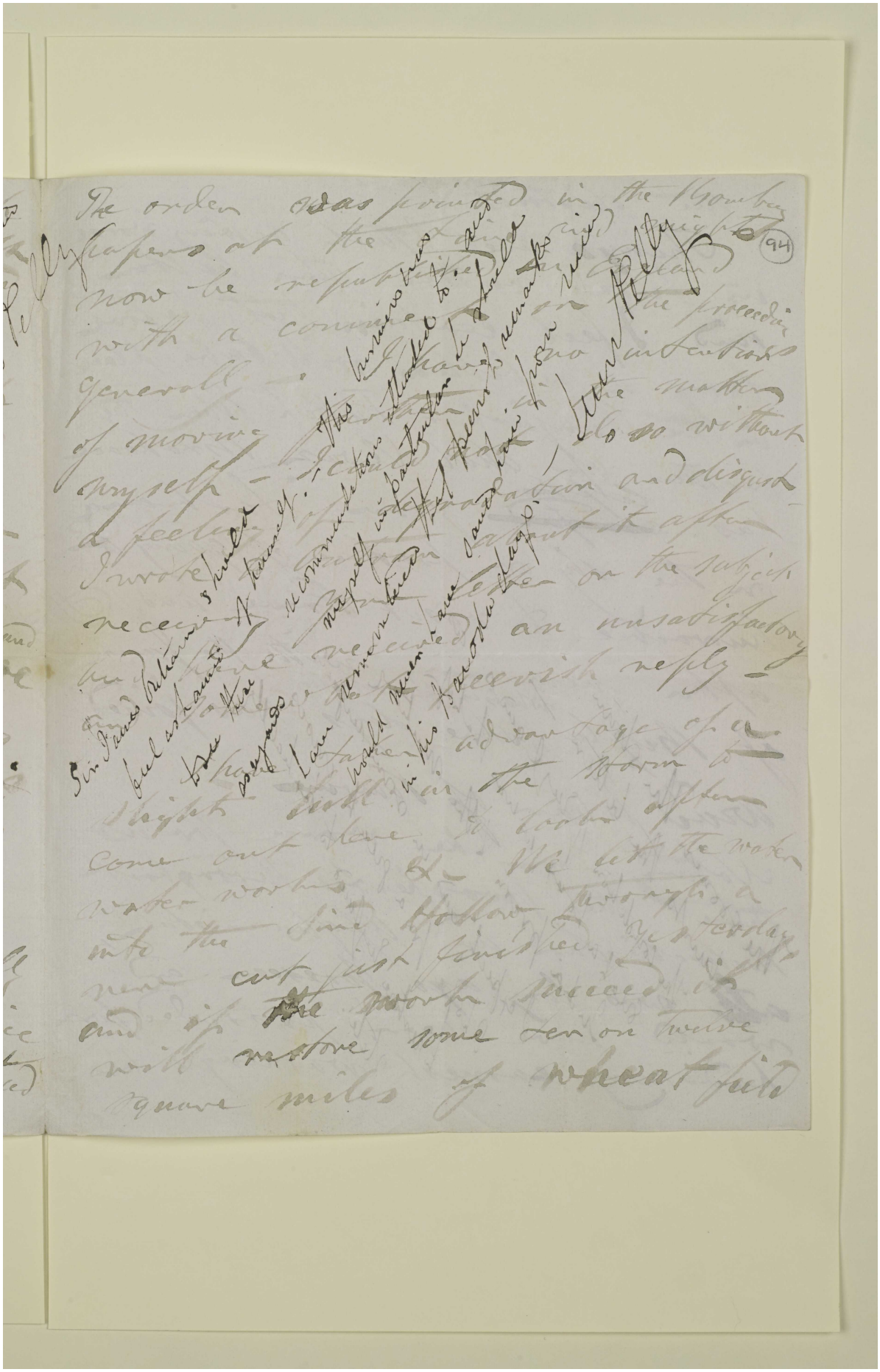

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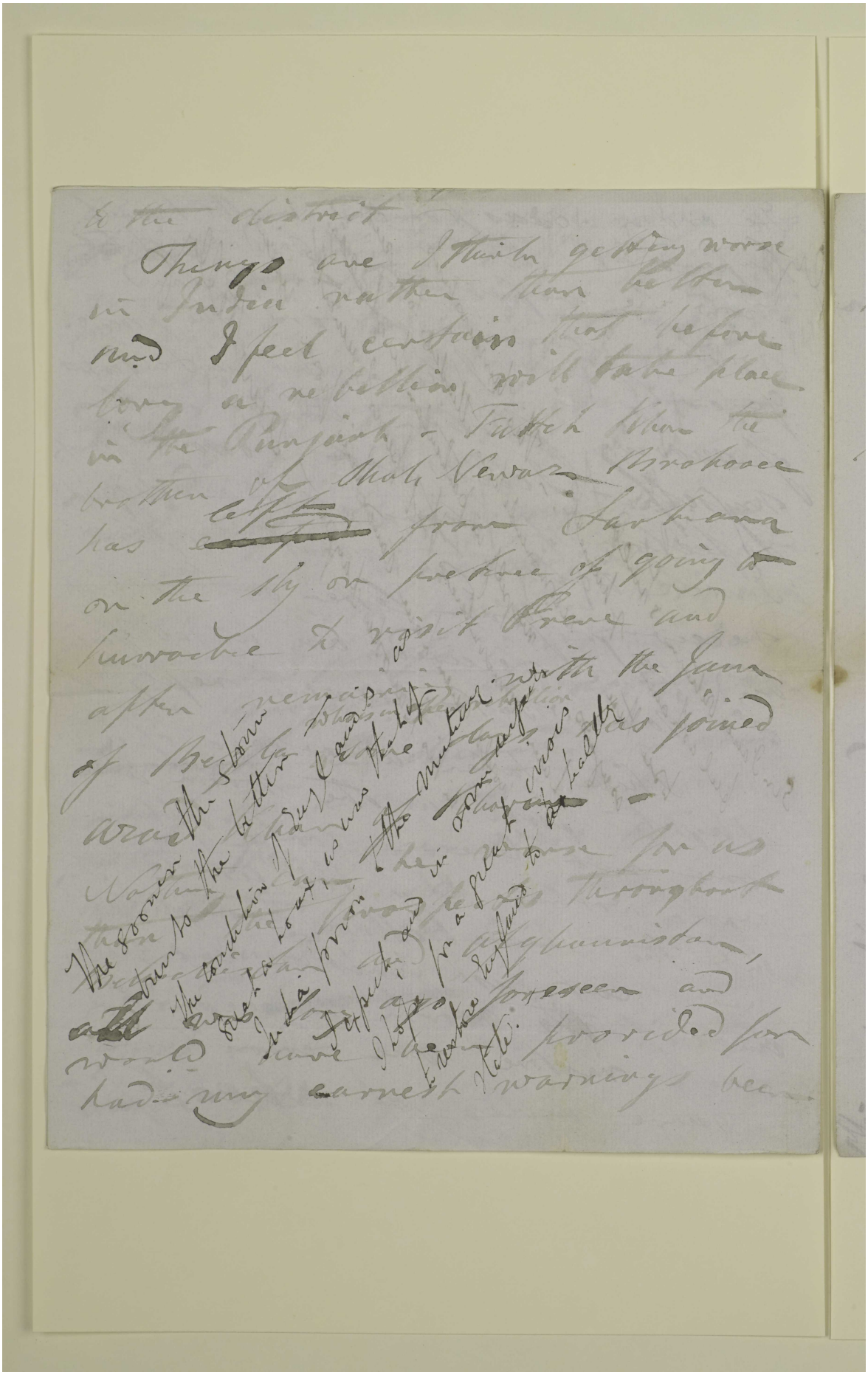

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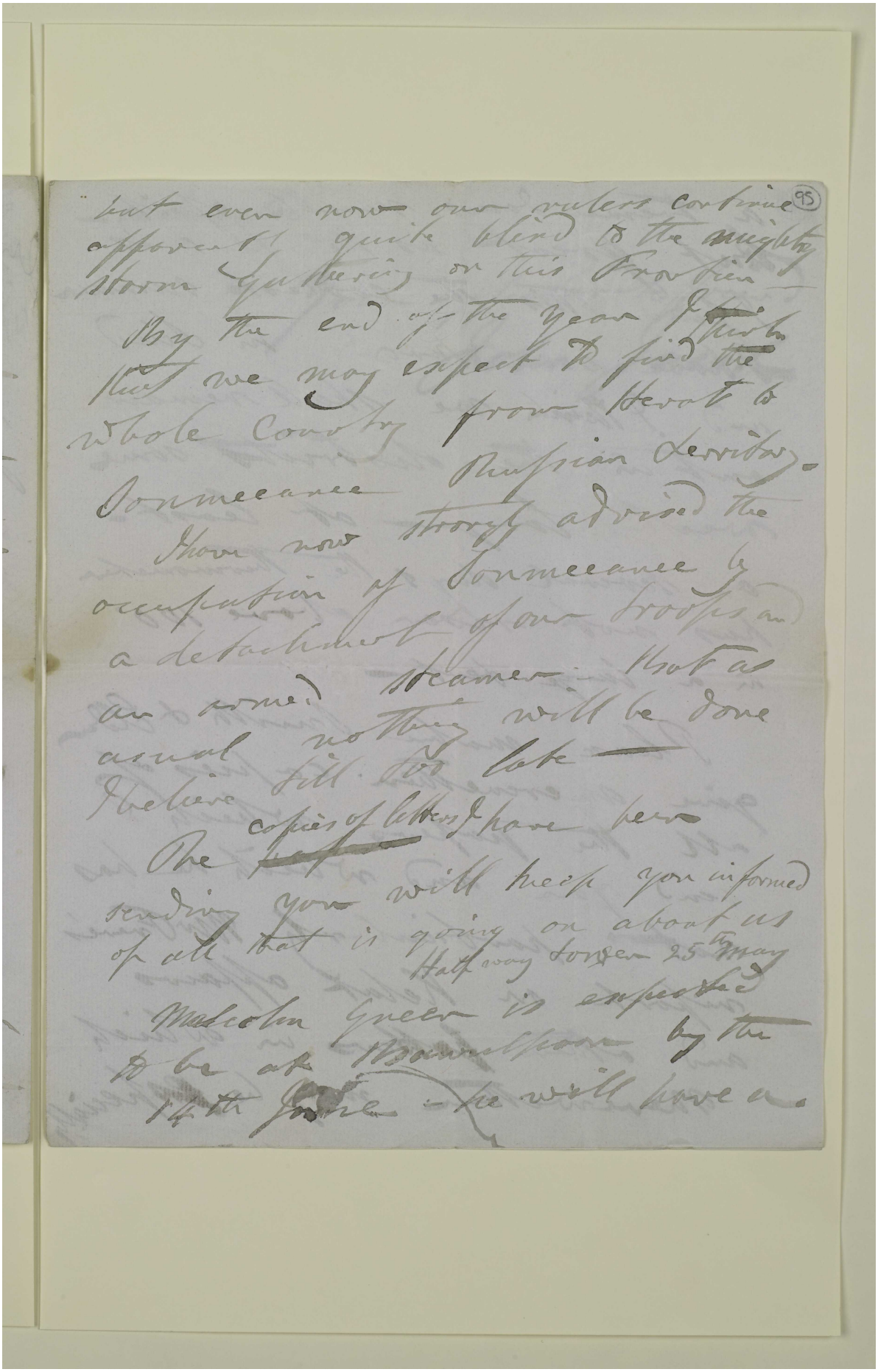
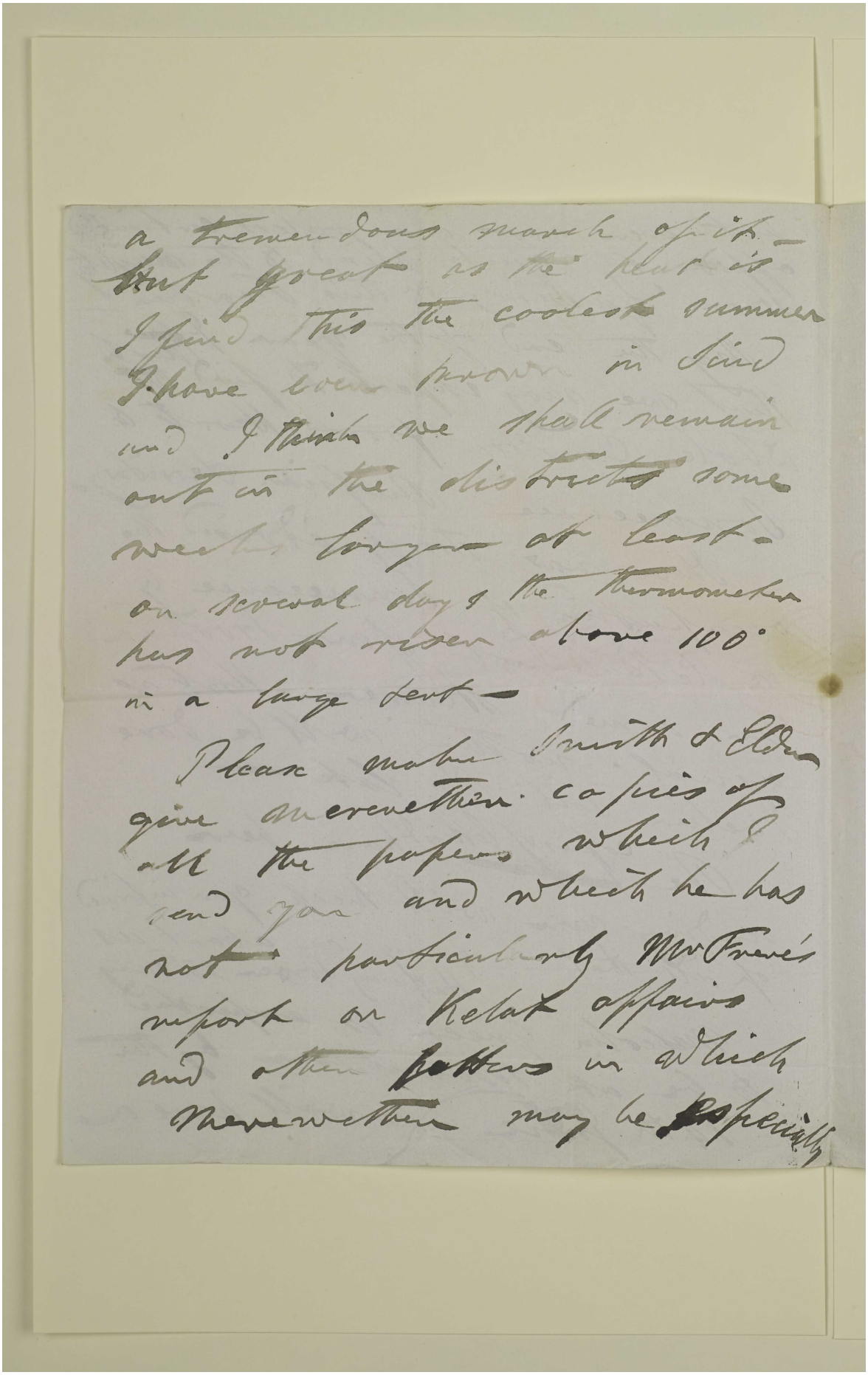
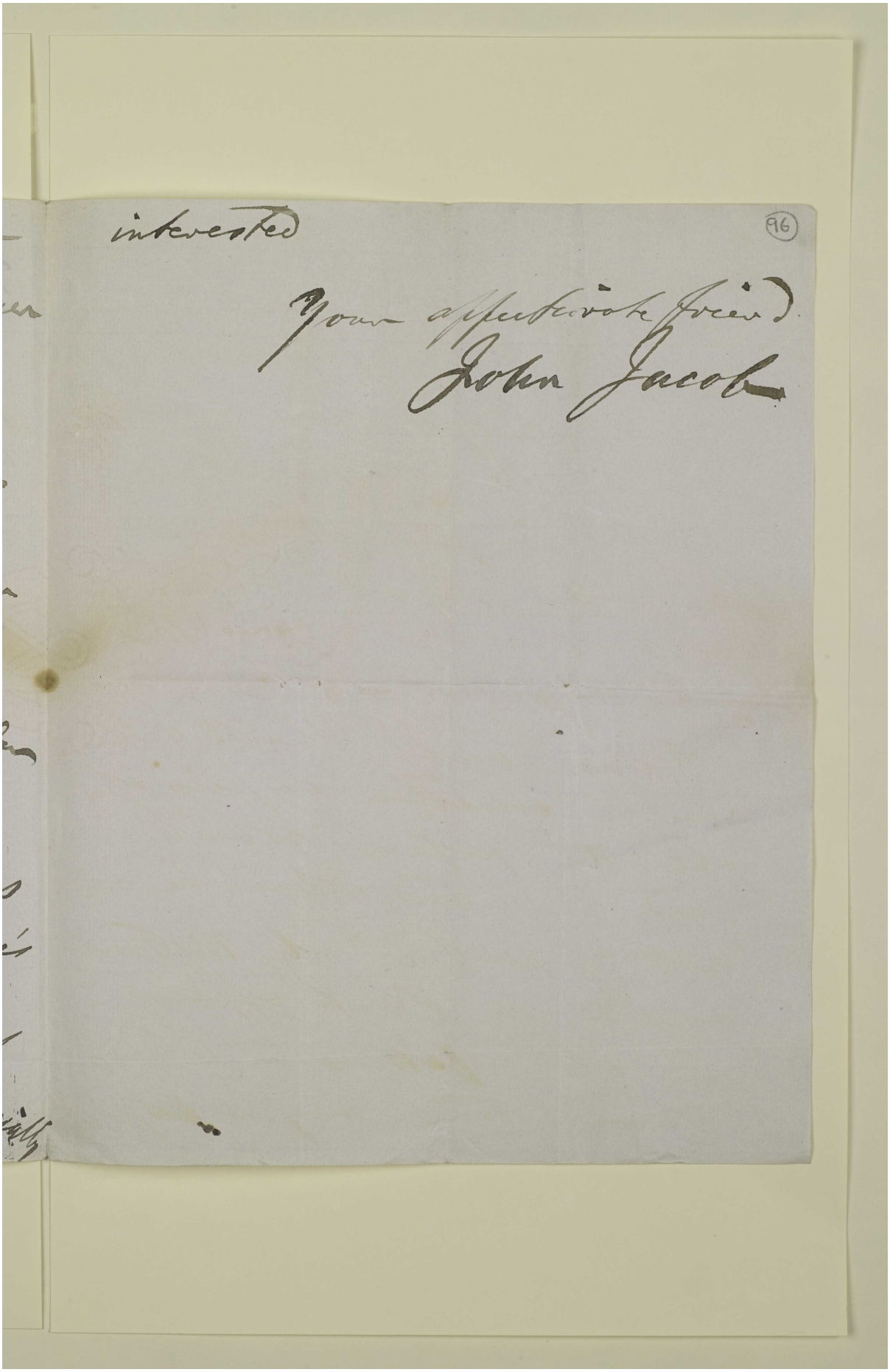


but even now our rulers continue (95)
apparently quite blind to the mighty
storm gathering on this frontier —
By the end of the year I think
that we may expect to find the
whole country from Herat to
Sonmeeanee Russian territory —
Have now strongly advised the
occupation of Sonmeeanee by
a detachment of our troops as
an armed steamer. Not as
usual nothing will be done
I believe till too late —
The copies of letters I have been
sending you will keep you informed
of all that is going on about us
Halfway between 25 May
Malcolm Green is expected
to be at Bawalpore by the
14th June — he will have a



a tremendous march of it. But great as the heat is I find this the coolest summer I have been known in Sind and I think we shall remain out in the districts some weeks longer at least. On several days the thermometer has not risen above 100° in a large tent.

Please make Smith & Elder give me every other copies of all the papers which I send you and which he has not particularly Mr Frere's report on Kelat affairs and other letters in which Mr Frere may be specially



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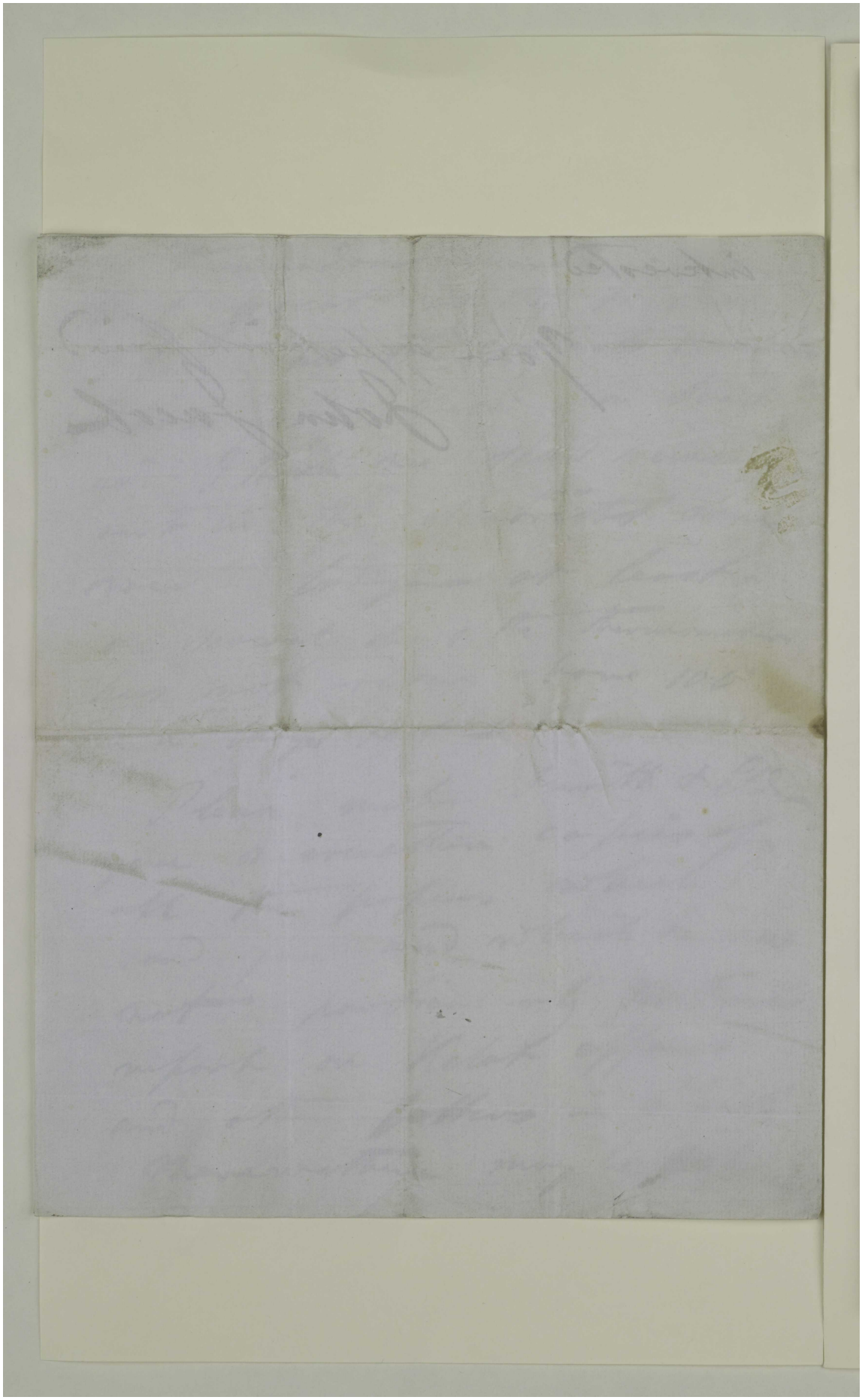

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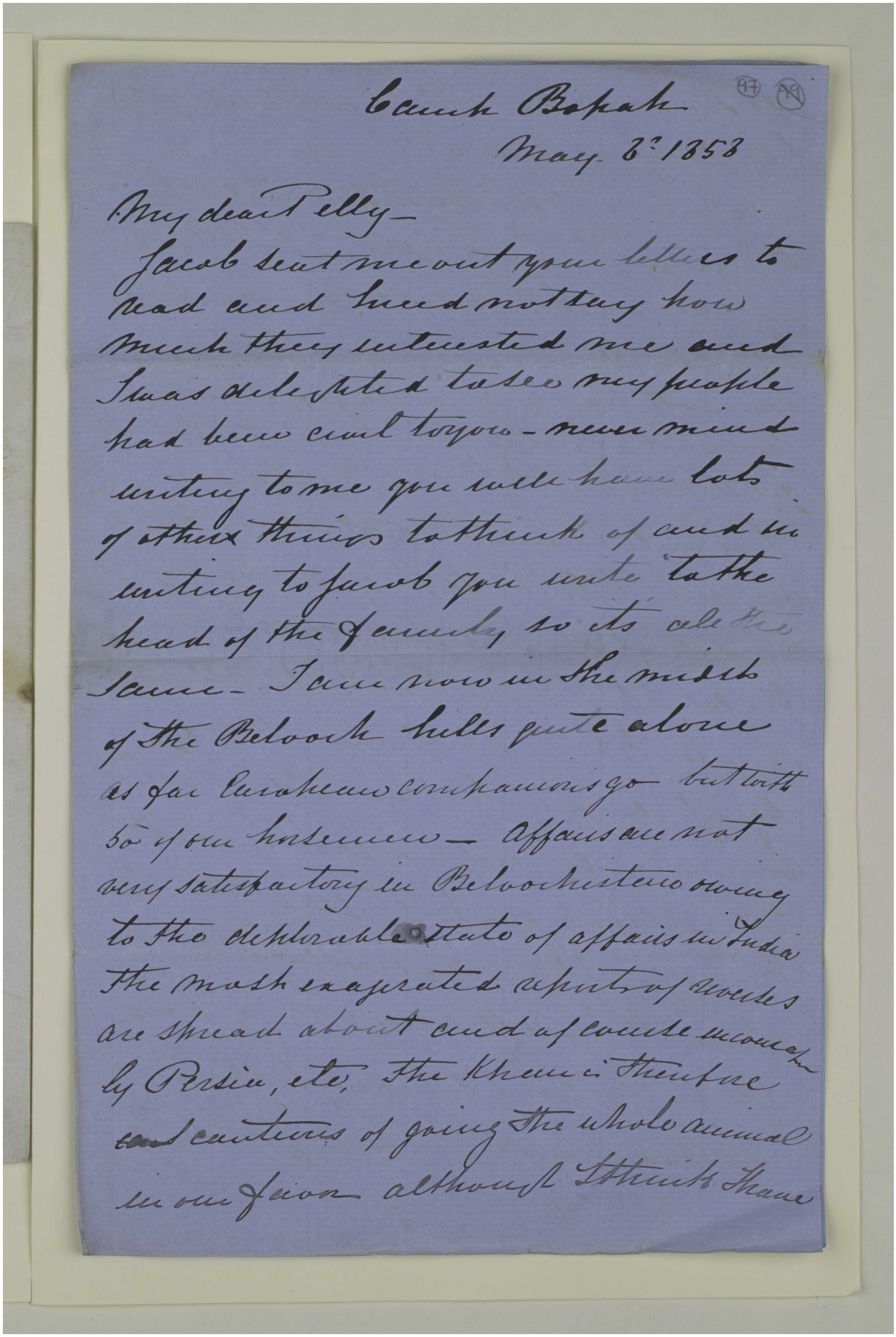
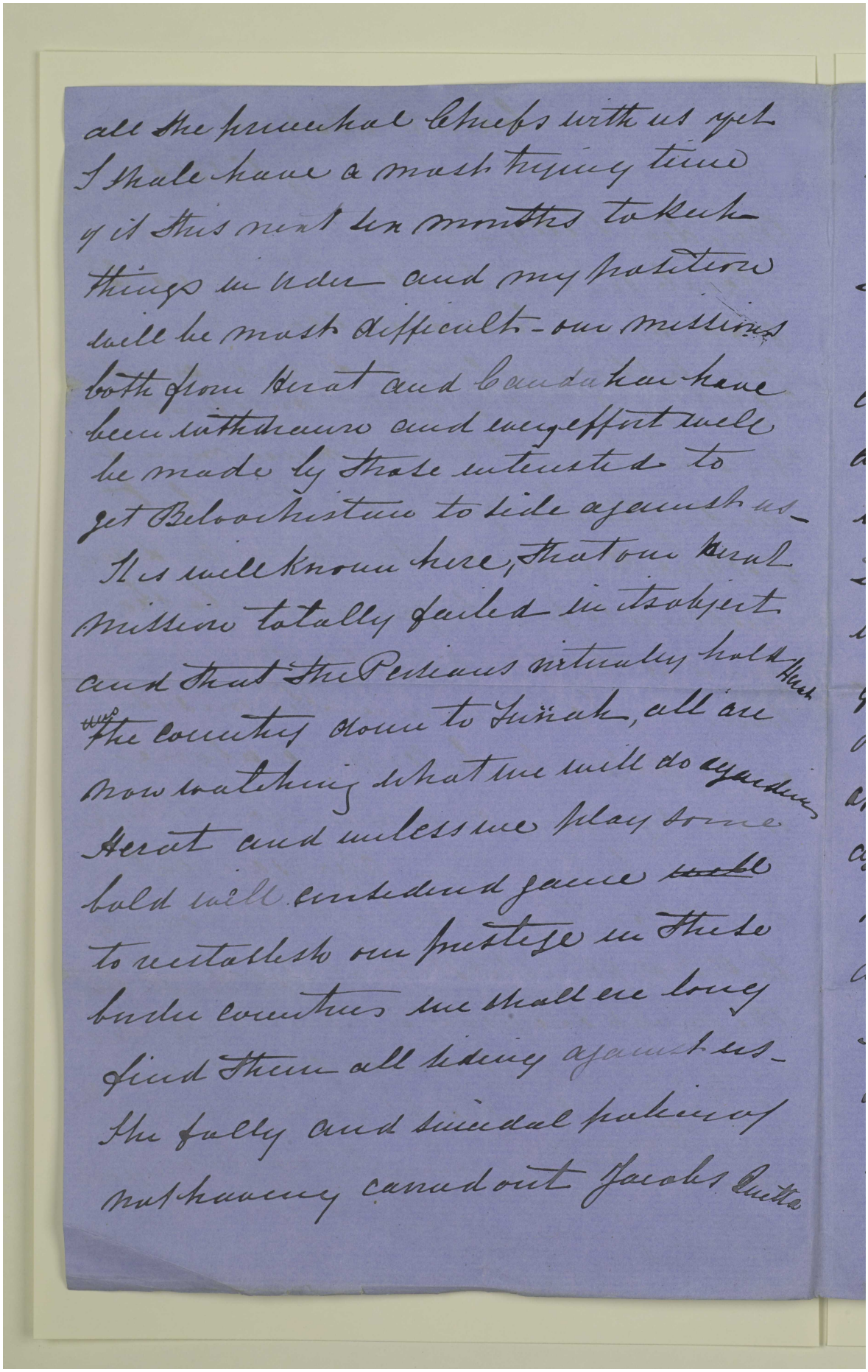
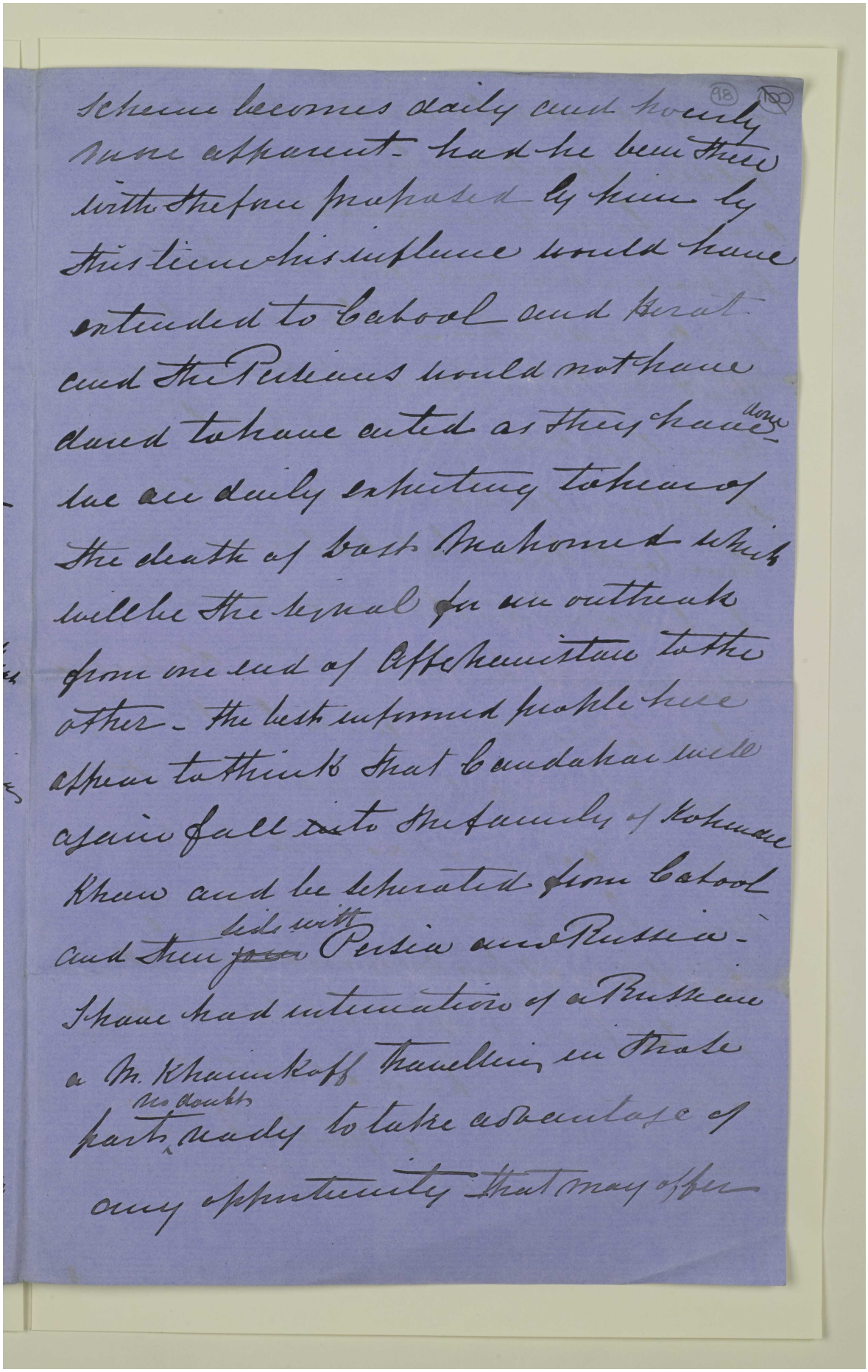


Camp Bopah
May 8th 1858

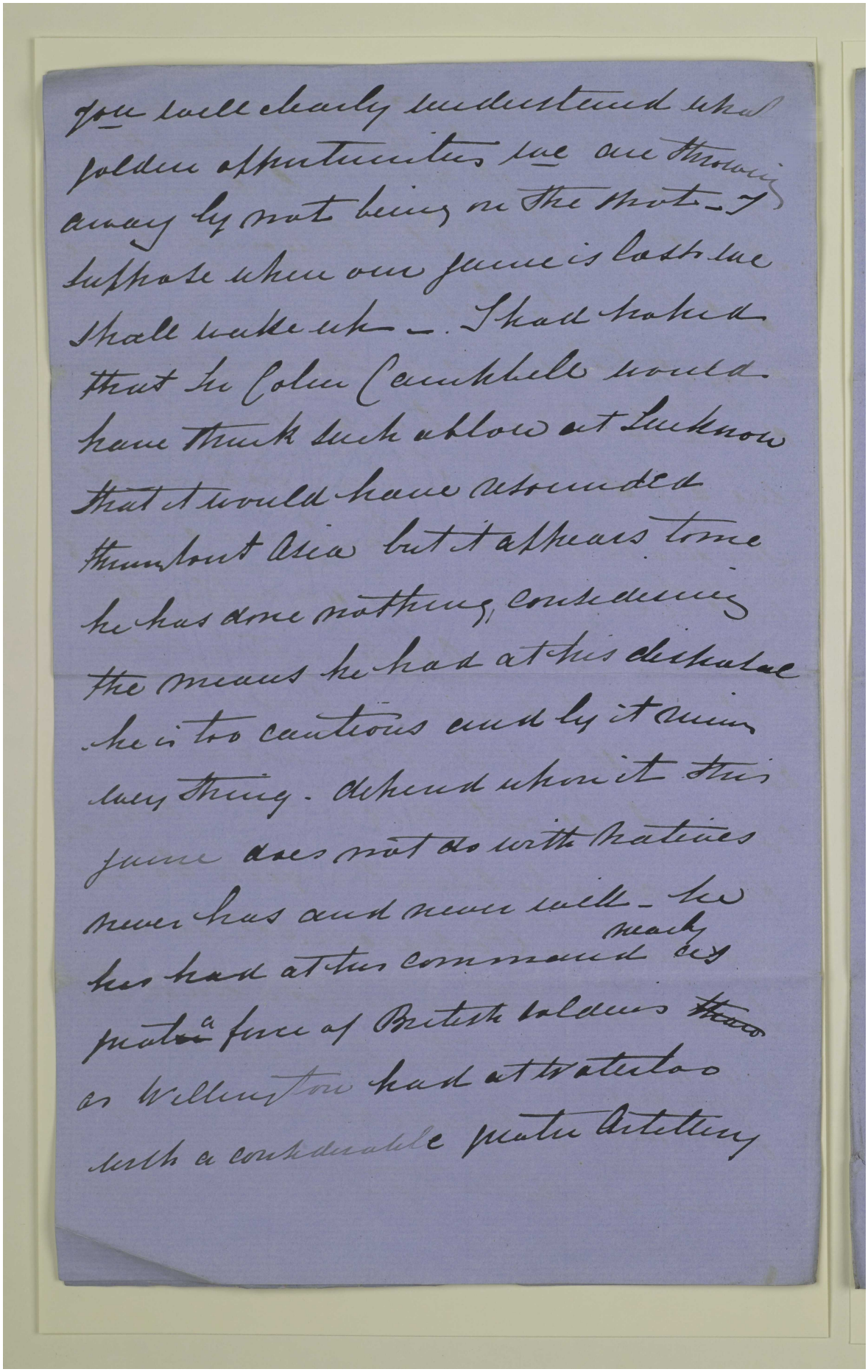
My dear Pelly—
Jacob sent me out your letters to read and I need not say how much they interested me and I was delighted to see my people had been cruel to you—never mind writing to me you will have lots of other things to think of and in writing to Jacob you write to the head of the family so it's all the same— I am now in the midst of the Beloochi hills quite alone as far Europeans companions go but both so of your horsemen— Affairs are not very satisfactory in Beloochistan owing to the deplorable state of affairs in India The most exaggerated reports of losses are spread about and of course encouraged by Persia, etc. The Khan is therefore cautious of going the whole animal in our favor although I think I have



all the principal Chiefs with us yet
I shall have a most trying time
of it this next six months to keep
things in order and my position
will be most difficult - our missions
both from Herat and Candahar have
been withdrawn and every effort will
be made by those interested to
get Beloochistan to side against us -
It is well known here, that our Herat
mission totally failed in its object
and that the Persians virtually hold Herat
the country down to Sunah, all are
now watching what we will do regarding
Herat and unless we play some
bold will considered game ~~well~~
to reestablish our prestige in these
border countries we shall ere long
find them all siding against us -
The folly and sinceal policy of
not having carried out Jacobs Quetta



scheme becomes daily and hourly more apparent - had he been there with the force proposed by him by this time his influence would have extended to Cabool and Herat and the Persians would not have dared to have acted as they have done - we are daily expecting to hear of the death of Dost Mahomed which will be the signal for an outbreak from one end of Affghanistan to the other - the best informed people here appear to think that Candahar will again fall ~~into~~ to the family of Kohendil Khan and be seperated from Cabool and then ~~join~~ sides with Persia and Russia - I have had intimation of a Russian a M. Khanikoff travelling in those parts no doubt ready to take advantage of any opportunity that may offer



you will clearly understand what
golden opportunities we are throwing
away by not being on the spot - I
suppose when our game is lost we
shall wake up -. I had hoped
that Sir Colin Campbell would
have struck such a blow at Lucknow
that it would have resounded
throughout Asia but it appears to me
he has done nothing, considering
the means he had at his disposal
he is too cautious and by it ruins
every thing. depend upon it this
game does not do with natives
never has and never will - he
has had at his command nearly as
great a force of British soldiers ~~than~~
as Wellington had at Waterloo
with a considerable greater Artillery

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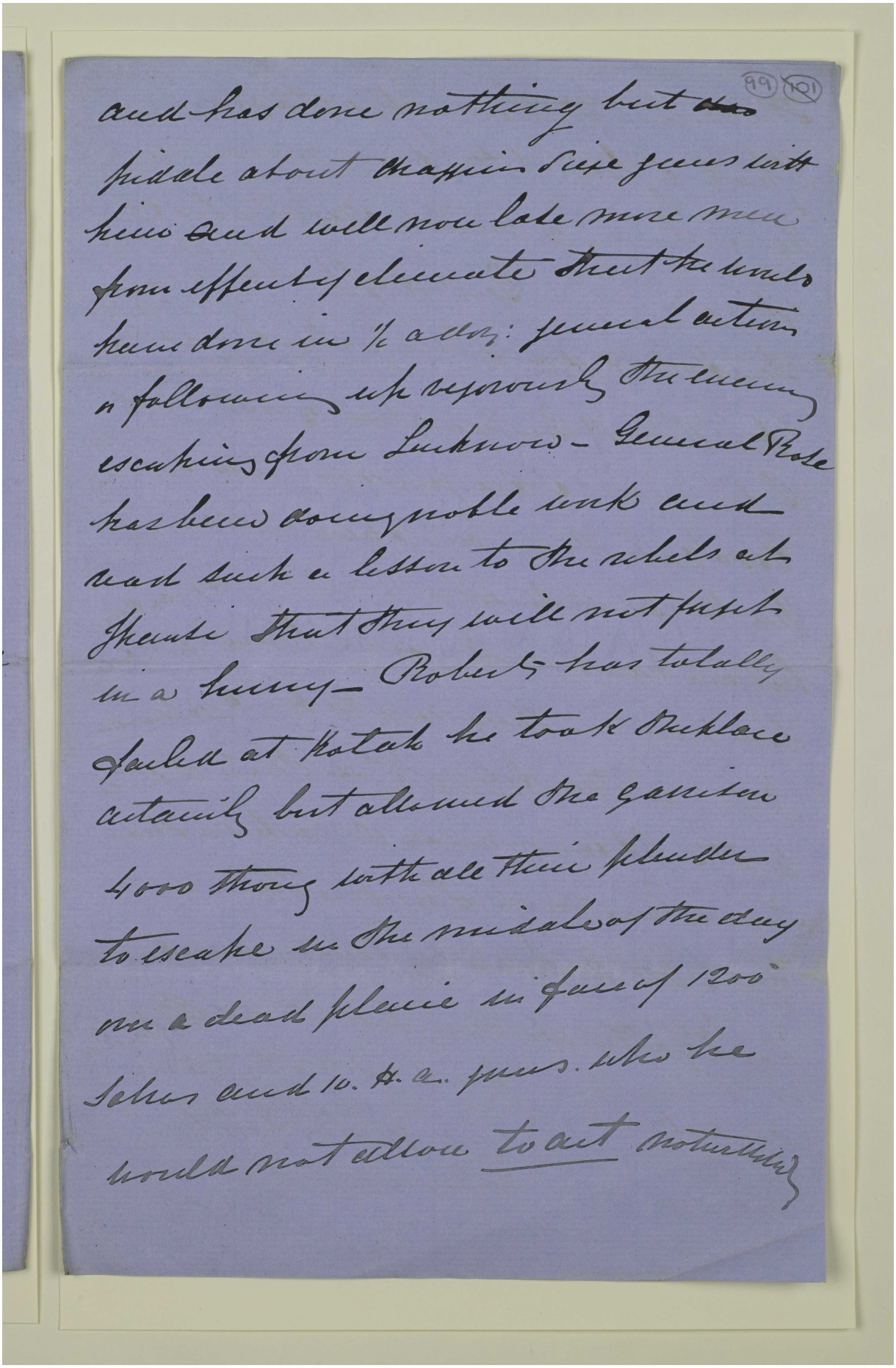

and has done nothing but ~~[illegible]~~
piddle about chapping six guns with
him and will now lose more men
from effects of climate that he would
have done in ½ a day: general action
or following up vigorously the enemy
escaping from Lucknow – General Rose
has been doing noble work and
read such a lesson to the rebels at
Jhansi that they will not forget
in a hurry – Roberts has totally
failed at Kotah he took the place
certainly but allowed the garrison
4000 strong with all their plunder
to escape in the midale of the day
over a dead plaine in face of 1200
Sahas and 10. H. A. guns. who he
would not allow to act notwithstanding

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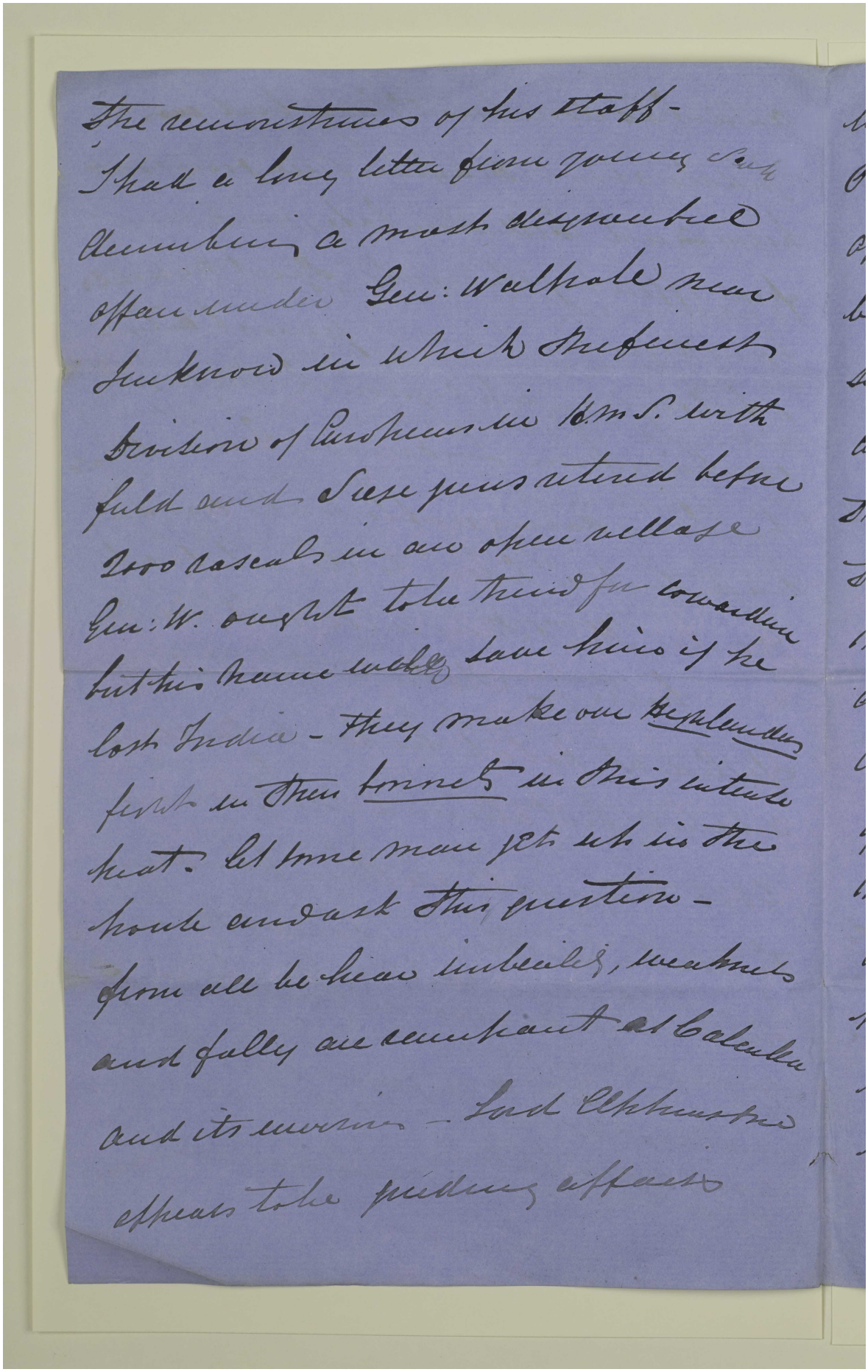

the remonstrances of his staff -
I had a long letter from young Scott
describing a most disgraceful
affair under Gen: Walpole near
Jenkowa in which the finest
Division of Europeans in H.M.S. with
field and Siege guns retired before
2000 rascals in an open village
Gen: W. ought to be tried for cowardice
but his name will save him if he
lost India - they make our Highlanders
fight in their bonnets in this intense
heat. Let some man get up in the
house and ask this question -
from all be hear imbecility, weakness
and folly are rampant at Calcutta
and its environs - Lord Elphinstone
appears to be guiding affairs

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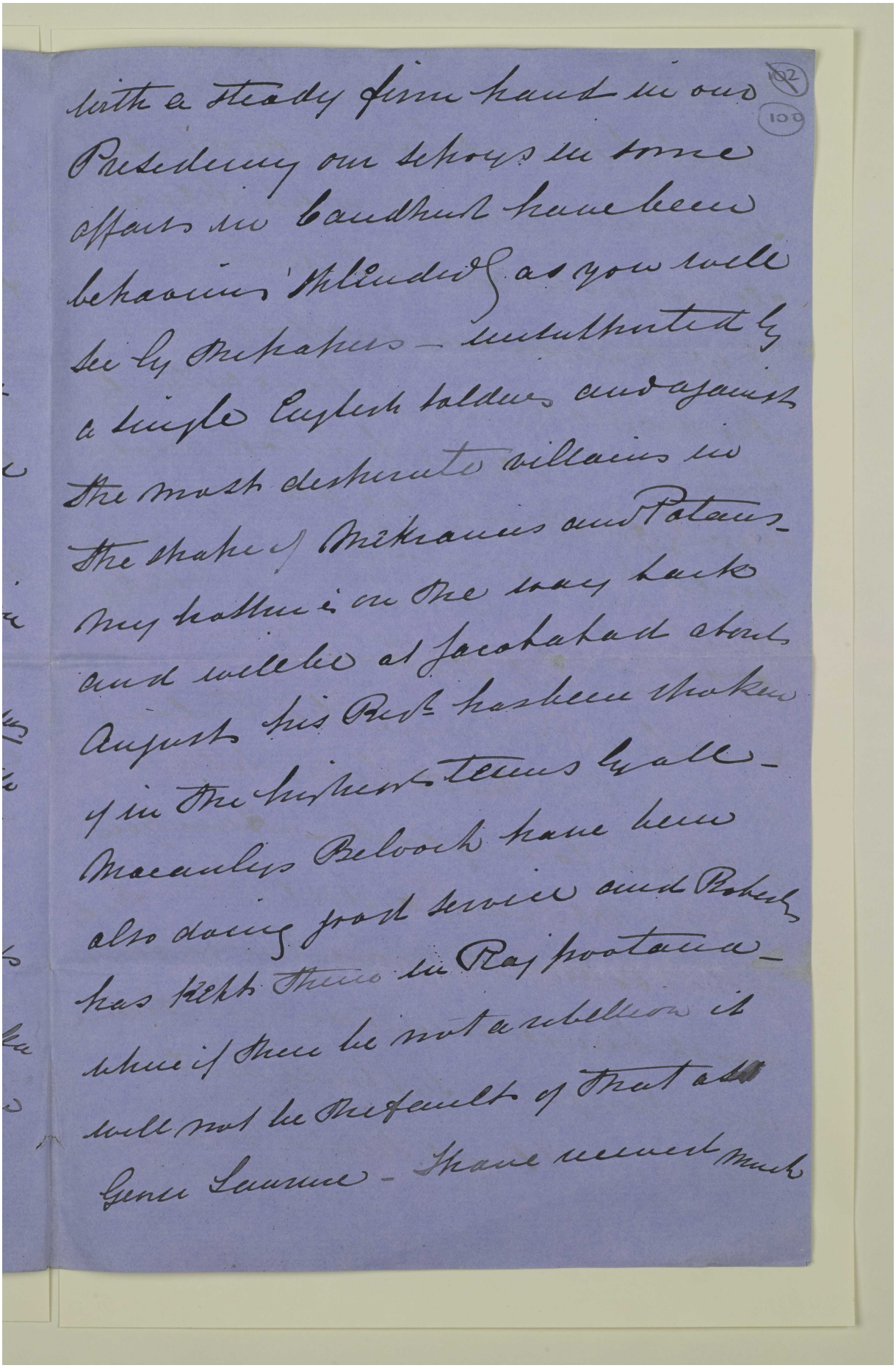

with a steady firm hand in our
Presidency our sepoys in some
affairs in Candhurst have been
behaving splendidly as you will
see by the papers — unsupported by
a single English soldier and against
the most desperate villains in
the shape of Mekranees and Patans —
my brother is on the way back
and will be at Jacobabad about
August his Rest has been shaken
of in the highest terms by all —
Macaulys Belooch have been
also doing good service and Roberts
has kept them in Rajpootana —
where if there be not a rebellion it
will not be the fault of that as
Genl Lawrence — I have received much

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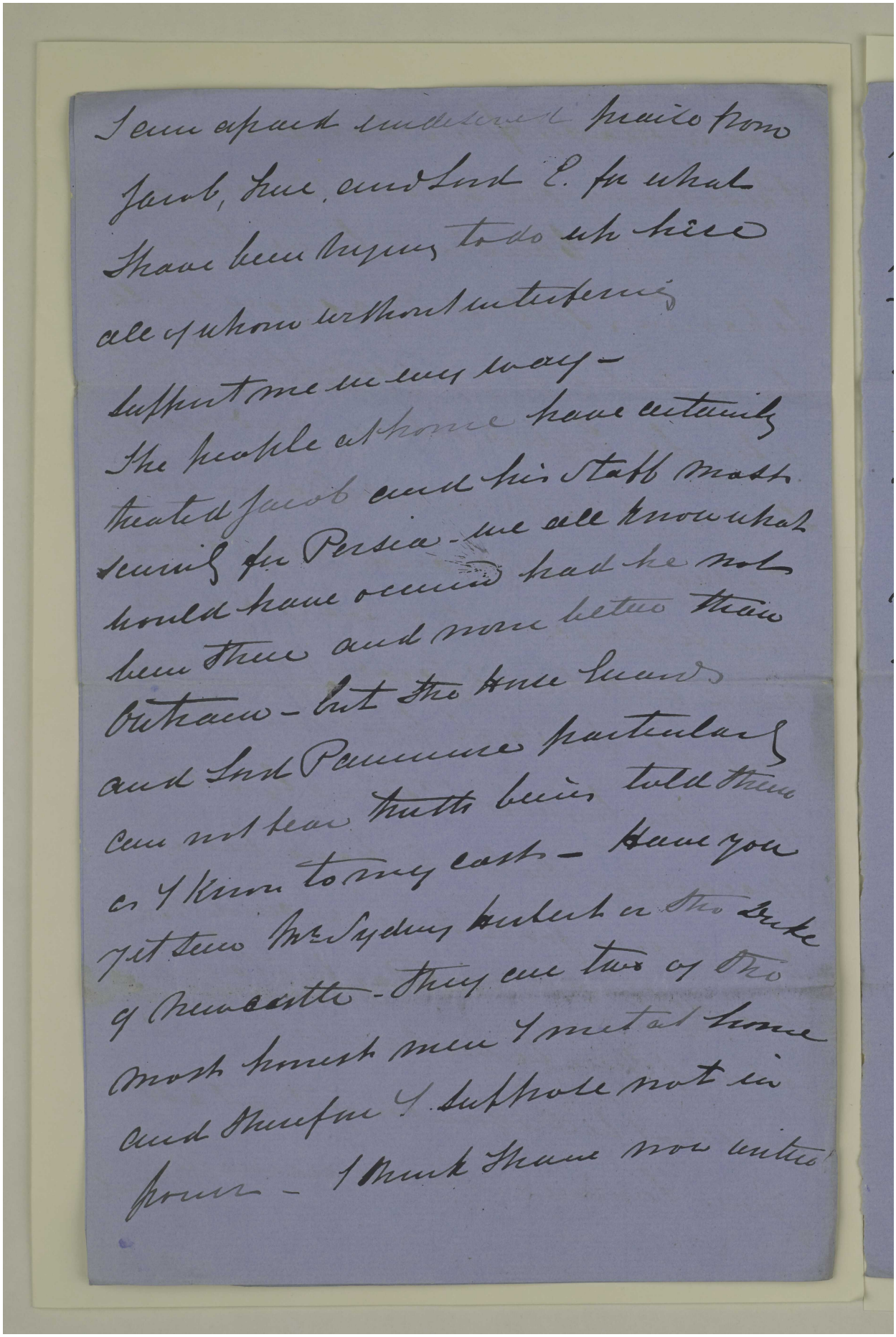
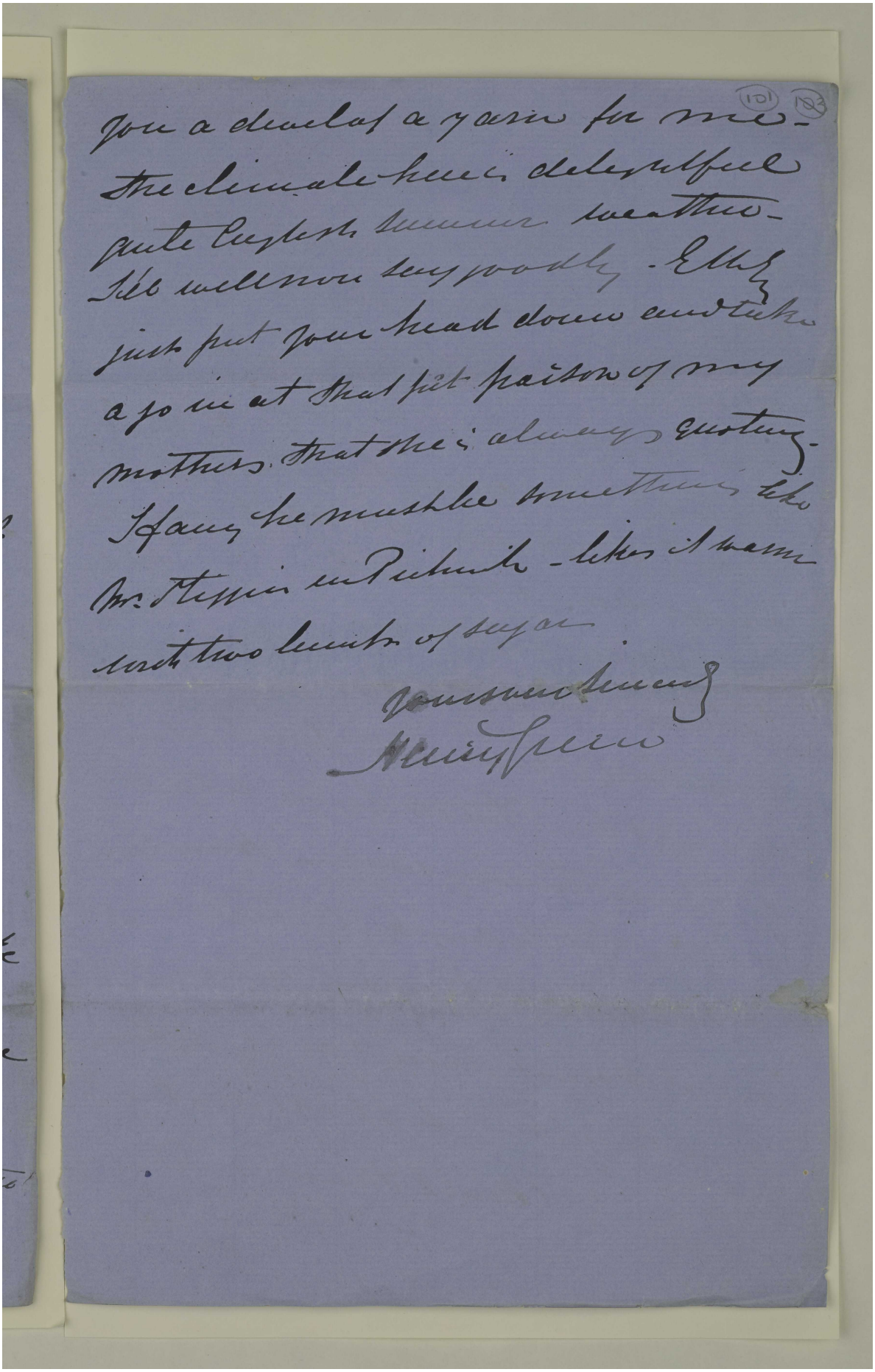


I am afraid undeserved praise from
Jacob, Lee, and Lord E. for what
I have been trying to do wh here
all of whom without interfering
support me in every way —
The people at home have certainly
treated Jacob and his staff most
scurvily for Persia — we all know what
would have occurred had he not
been there and none better than
Outram — but the House Guards
and Lord Panmure particularly
can not bear truth being told them
as I know to my cost — Have you
yet seen Mr Sydney Herbert or the Duke
of Newcastle — they are two of the
most honest men I met at home
and therefore I suppose not in
power — I think I have now written



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you a deal of a yarn for me -
the climate here is delightful
quite English summer weather -
I'll well now say goodly - Ellen
just put your head down and take
a go in at that pit prison of my
mothers that she is always quoting -
I fancy he must be something like
Mr. Stiggins in Pickwick - likes it warm
with two lumps of sugar.

Yours very sincerely
Henry Green

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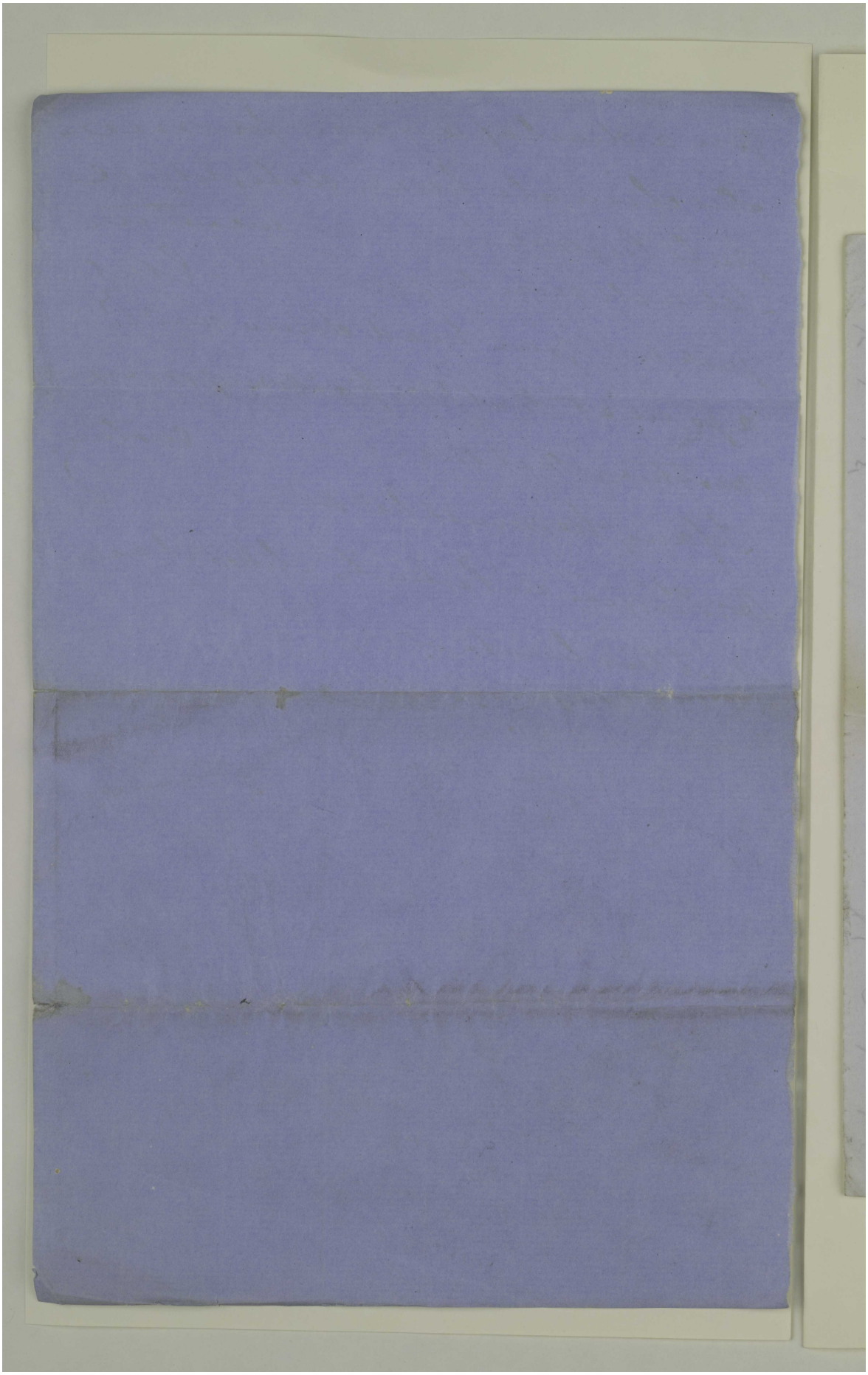

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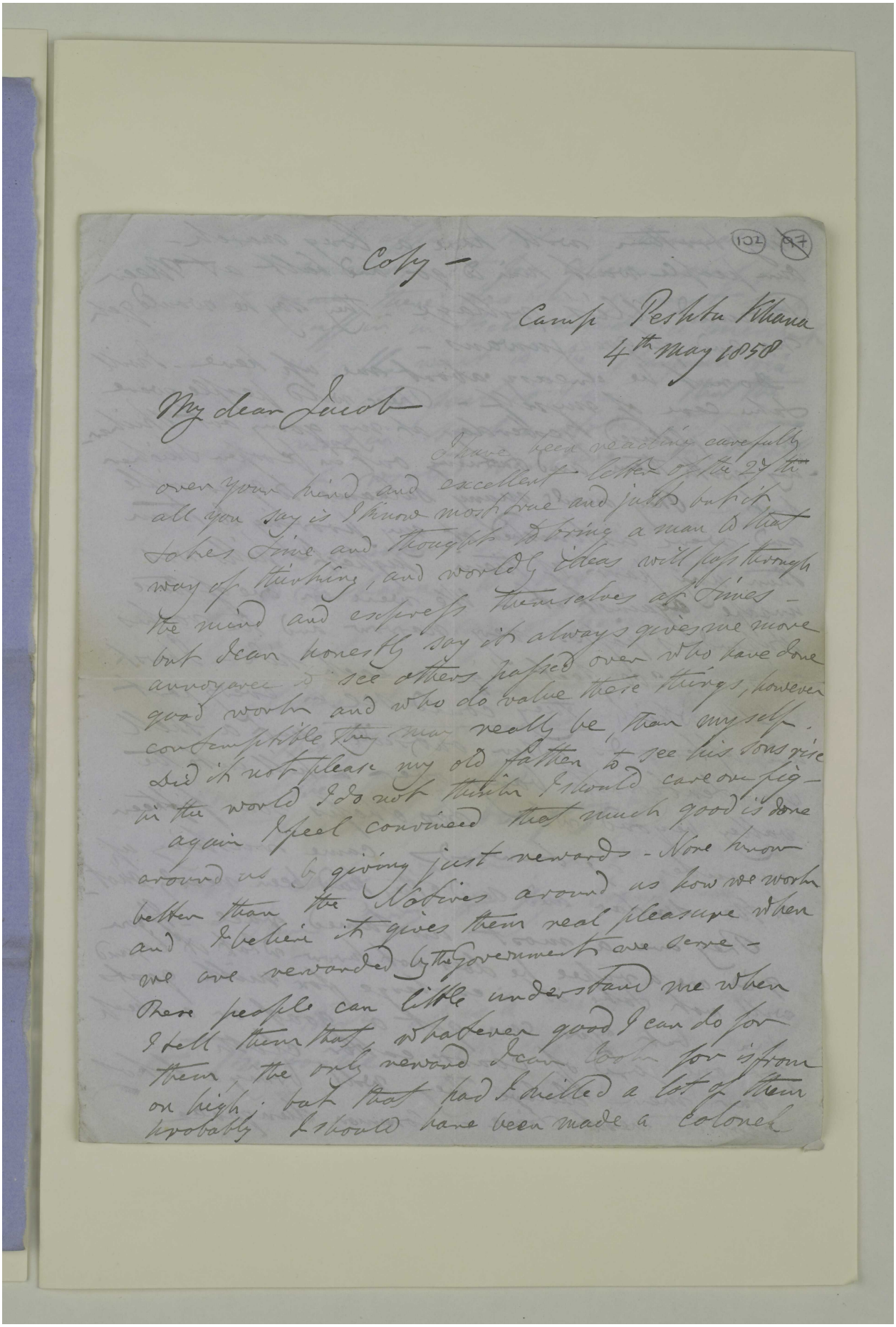

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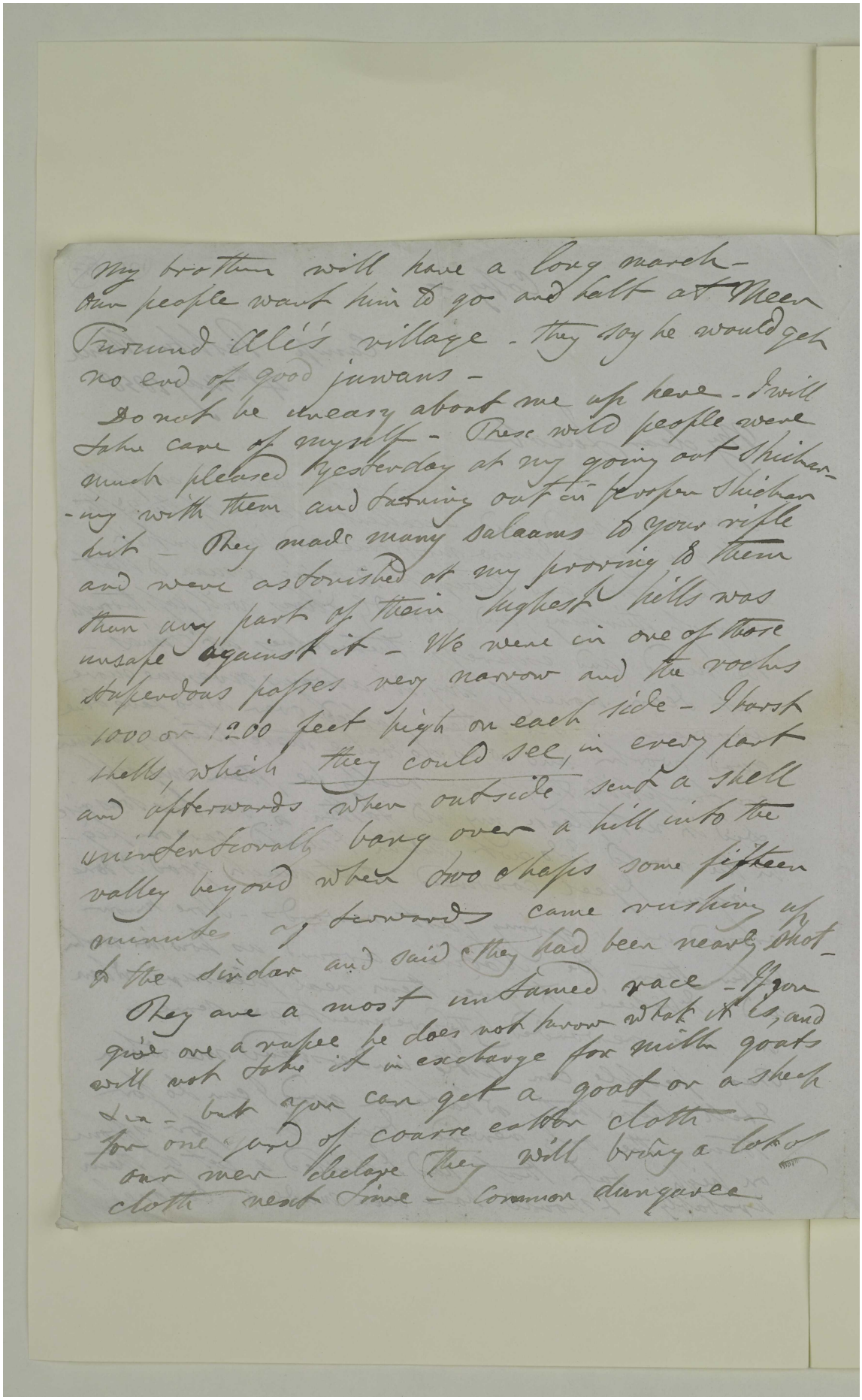
Camp Peshtu Khana
4th May 1858

My dear Jacob

I have been reading carefully over your kind and excellent letter of the 29th all you say is I know most true and just but it takes time and thought to bring a man to that way of thinking, and worldly ideas will pop through the mind and express themselves at times – but I can honestly say it always gives me more annoyance to see others passed over who have done good work and who do value these things, however contemptible they may really be, than myself. Did it not please my old father to see his sons rise in the world I do not think I would care one fig – again I feel convinced that much good is done around us by giving just rewards – None know better than the Natives around us how we work and I believe it gives them real pleasure when one are rewarded by the Government we serve – These people can little understand me when I tell them that, whatever good I can do for them, the only reward I can look for is from on high; but that said I believe a lot of them probably I should have been made a Colonel



My brother will have a long march -
Our people want him to go and halt at Meer
Turund Ali's village - they say he would get
no end of good juwans -
Do not be uneasy about me up here - I will
take care of myself - These wild people were
much pleased yesterday at my going out Shichar-
-ing with them and turning out in proper Shichar
dit - They made many salaams to your rifle
and were astonished at my proving to them
than any part of their highest hills was
unsafe against it - We were in one of those
stupendous passes very narrow and the rocks
1000 or 1200 feet high on each side - I burst
shells, which they could see, in every part
and afterwards when outside sent a shell
unintentionally bang over a hill into the
valley beyond when two chaps some fifteen
minutes afterwards came rushing up
to the sindar and said they had been nearly shot -
They are a most untamed race - If you
give one a rupee he does not know what it is, and
will not take it in exchange for milk goats
&c - but you can get a goat or a sheep
for one yard of coarse cotton cloth -
our men declare they will bring a lot of
cloth next time - common dungaree

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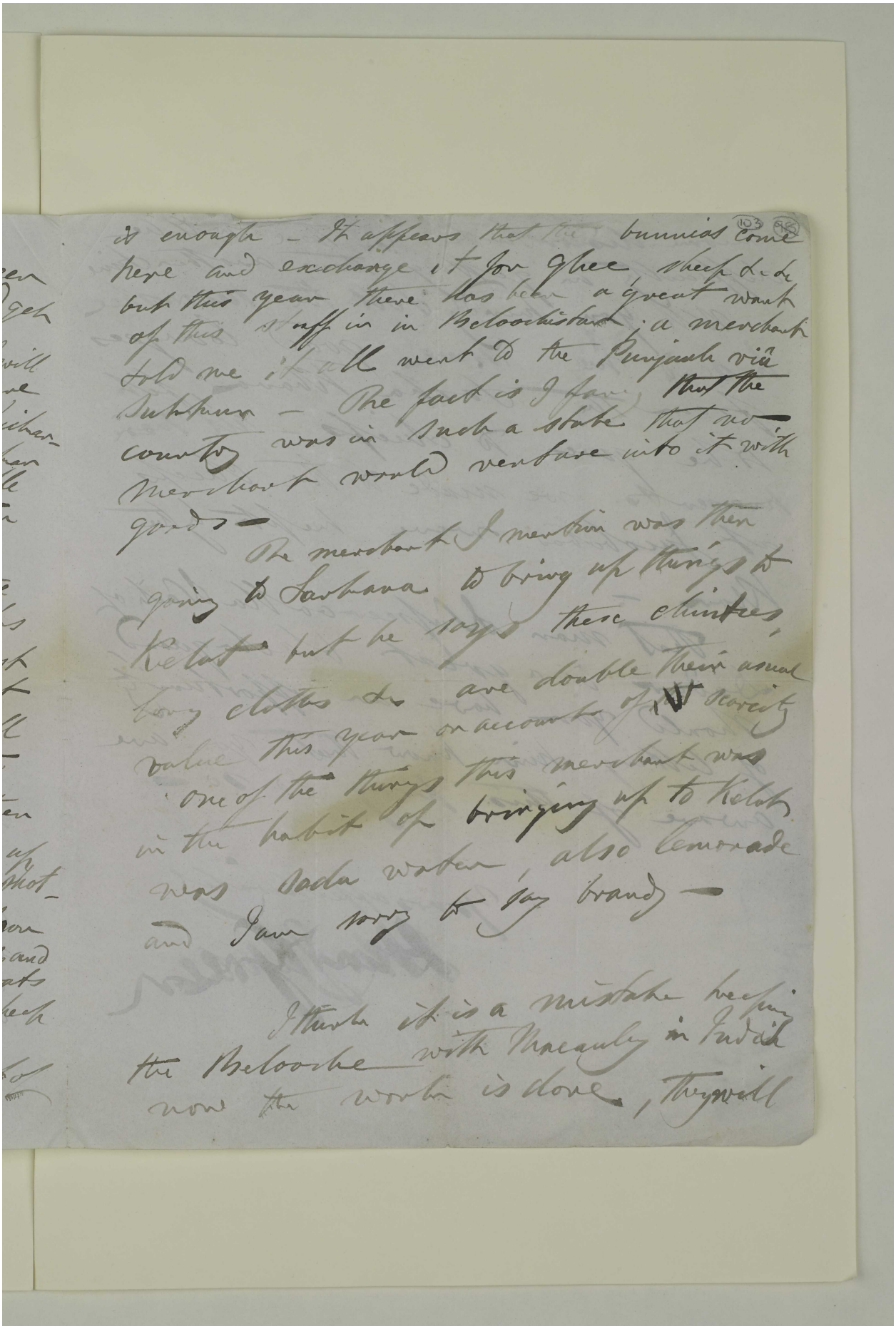
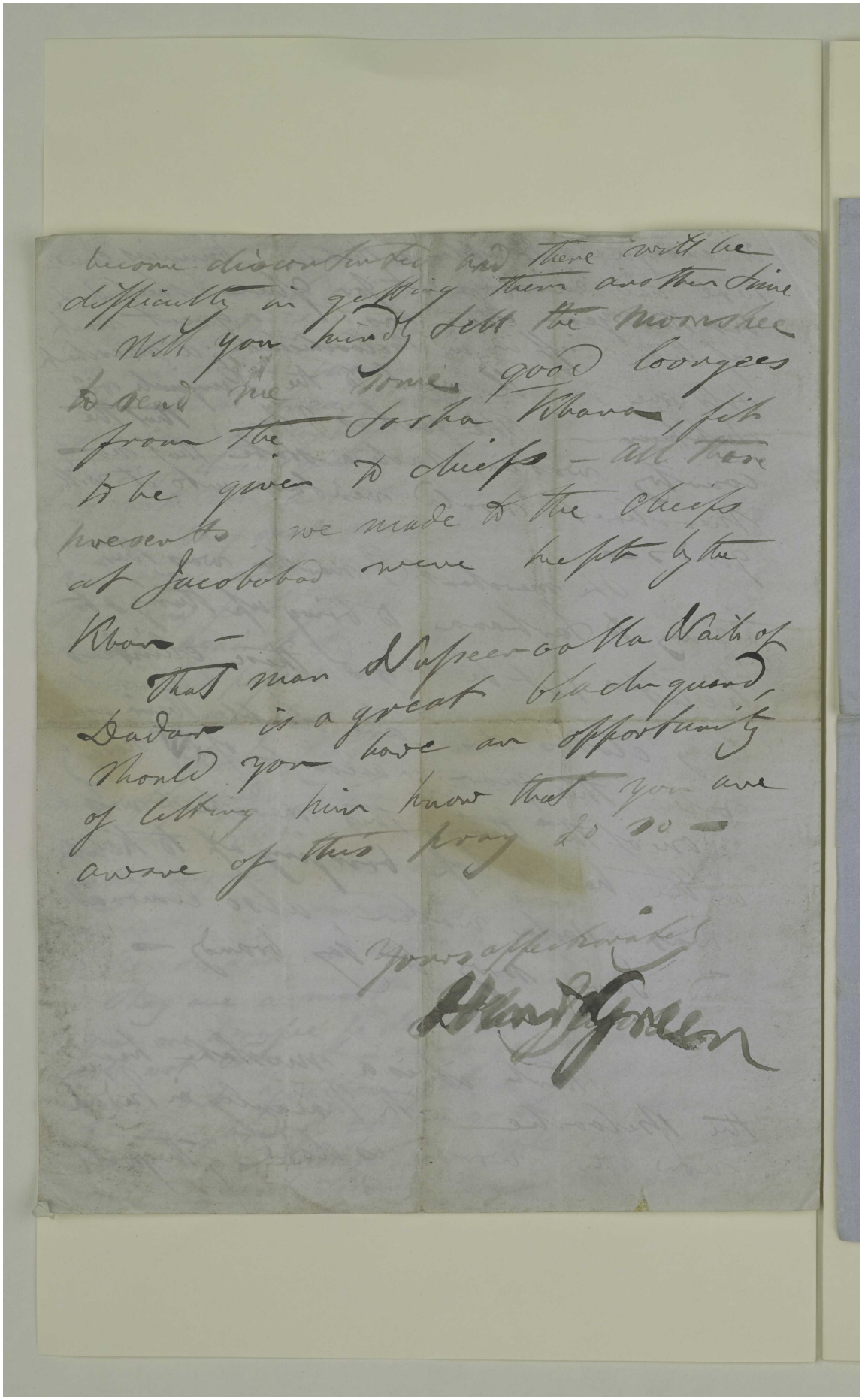


is enough — It appears that the bunnias come here and exchange it for ghee sheep &c &c but this year there has been a great want of this stuff in in Beloochistan; a merchant told me it all went to the Punjaub viâ Sukkur — The fact is I fancy that the country was in such a state that no merchant would venture into it with goods —

The merchant I mention was then going to Sarhana to bring up things to Kelat but he says these chintzes, long cloths &c are double their usual value this year on account of scarcity

One of the things this merchant was in the habit of bringing up to Kelat was soda water, also lemonade and I am sorry to say brandy —

I think it is a mistake keeping the Beloochee with Macauly in India now the work is done, they will



become discontented and there will be difficulty in getting them another time

Will you kindly sell the moonshee to send me some good loongees from the Sasha Khana, fit to be given to chiefs — all those presents we made to the chiefs at Jacobabad were kept by the Khan —

That man Nusseer-oolla Naik of Dadar is a great blackguard, should you have an opportunity of letting him know that you are aware of this pray do so —

Yours affectionately

Henry Green

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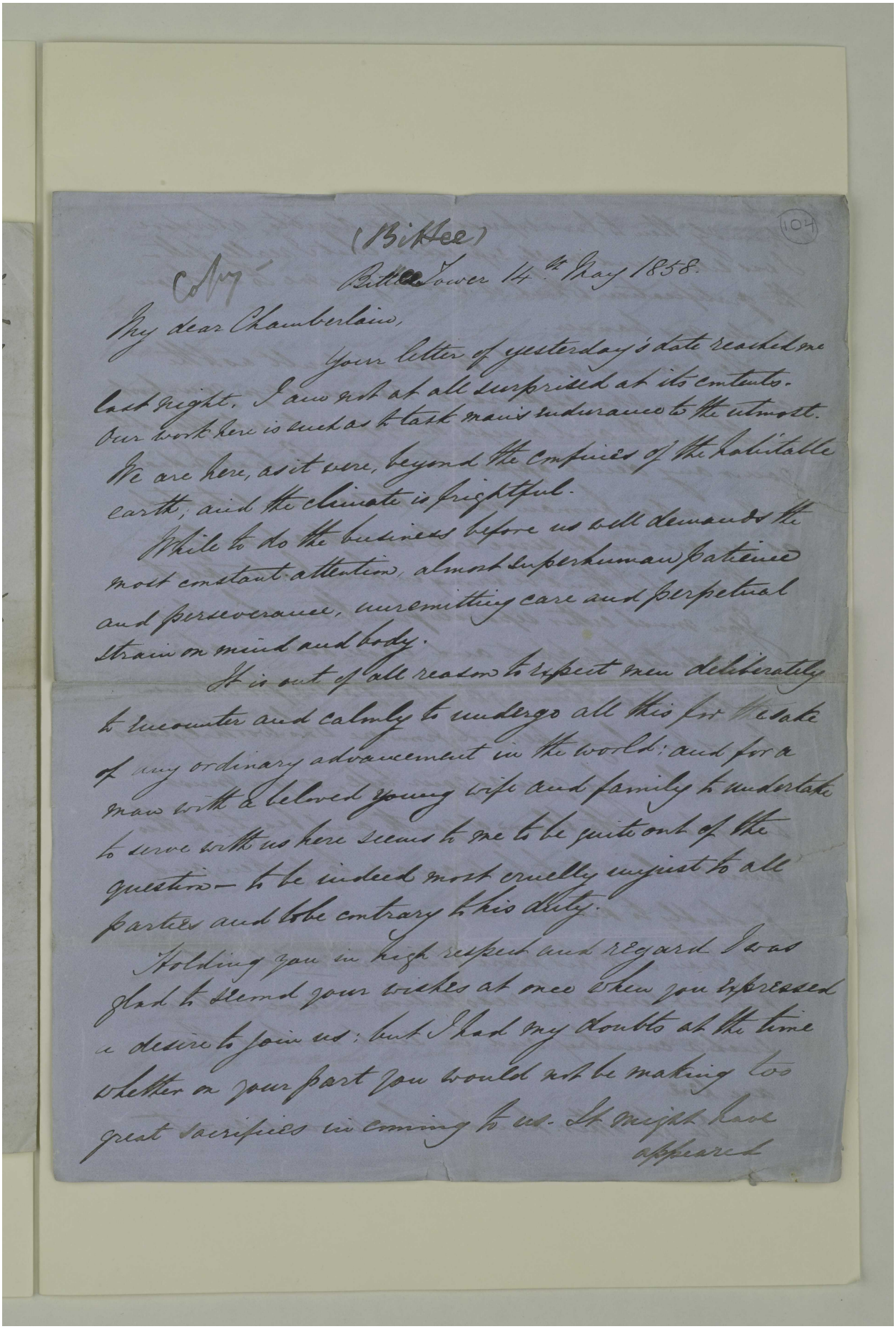

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Bittee Tower 14th May 1858.

My dear Chamberlain,

Your letter of yesterday's date reached me last night. I am not at all surprised at its contents. Our work here is such as to task man's endurance to the utmost. We are here, as it were, beyond the confines of the habitable earth, and the climate is frightful.

While to do the business before us will demand the most constant attention, almost superhuman patience and perseverance, unremitting care and perpetual strain on mind and body.

It is out of all reason to expect men deliberately to encounter and calmly to undergo all this for the sake of any ordinary advancement in the world; and for a man with a beloved young wife and family to undertake to serve with us here seems to me to be quite out of the question — to be indeed most cruelly unjust to all parties and to be contrary to his duty.

Holding you in high respect and regard I was glad to attend your wishes at once when you expressed a desire to join us; but I had my doubts at the time whether on your part you would not be making too great sacrifices in coming to us. It might have appeared

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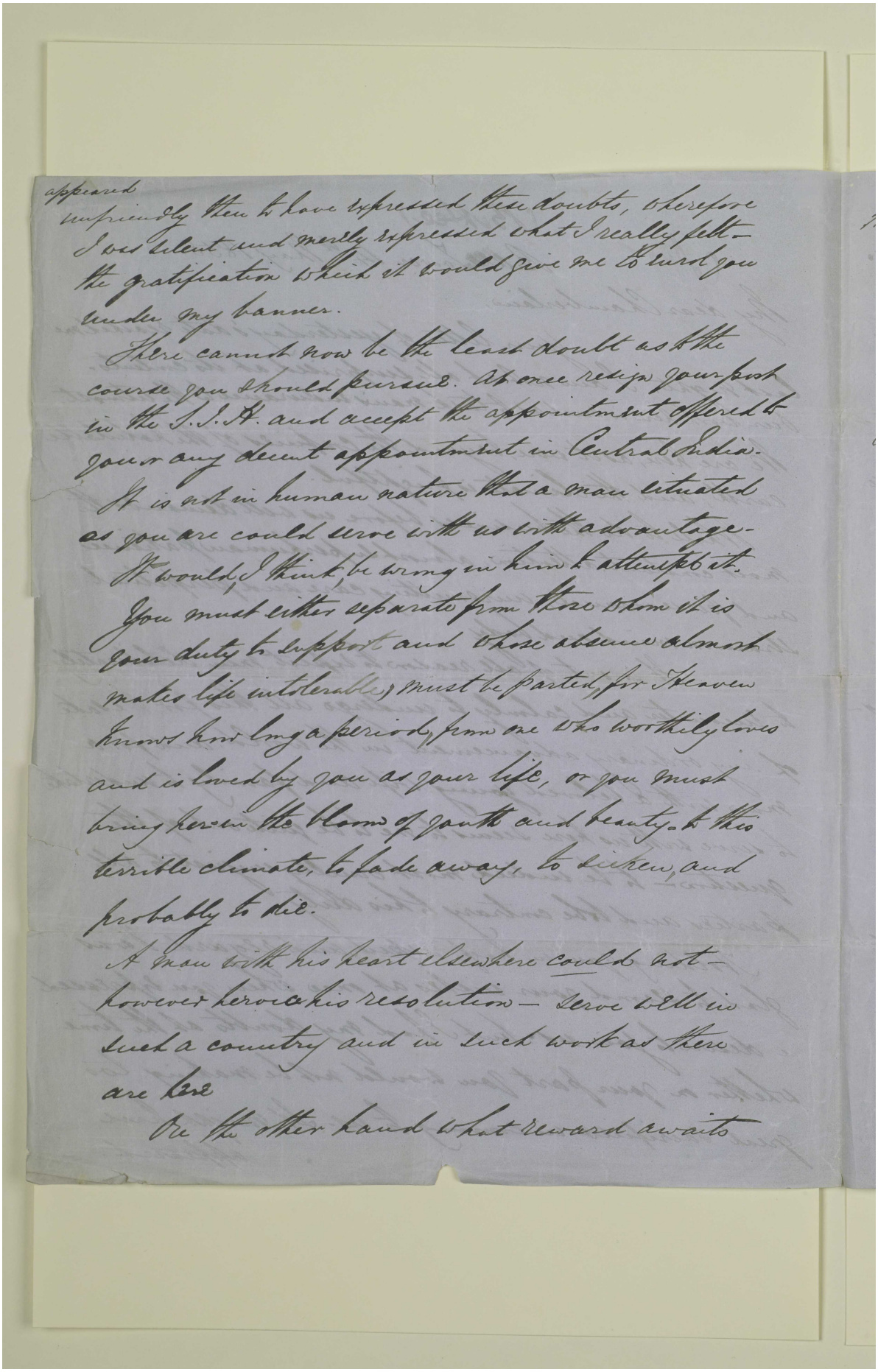

appeared
unfriendly then to have expressed these doubts, therefore
I was silent and merely expressed what I really felt—
the gratification which it would give me to have you
under my banner.

There cannot now be the least doubt as to the
course you should pursue. At once resign your post
in the S. S. N. and accept the appointment offered to
you or any decent appointment in Central India.

It is not in human nature that a man situated
as you are could serve with us with advantage.

It would, I think, be wrong in him to attempt it.

You must either separate from those whom it is
your duty to support and whose absence almost
makes life intolerable, must be parted, for Heaven
knows how long a period, from one who worthily loves
and is loved by you as your life, or you must
bring here in the bloom of youth and beauty to this
terrible climate, to fade away, to sicken, and
probably to die.

A man with his heart elsewhere could not—
however heroic his resolution— serve well in
such a country and in such work as there
are here

On the other hand what reward awaits

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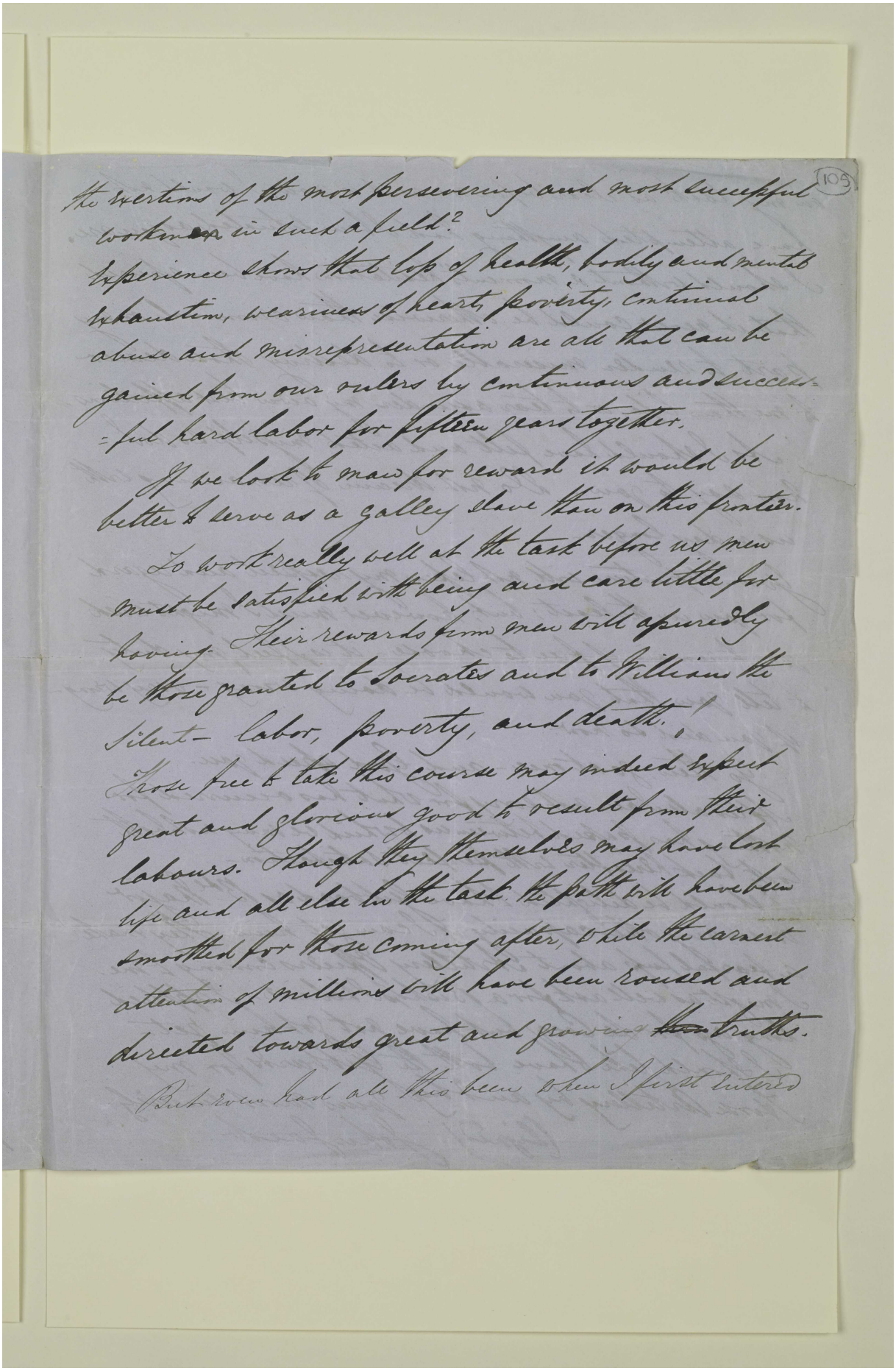


the exertions of the most persevering and most successful workmen in such a field?

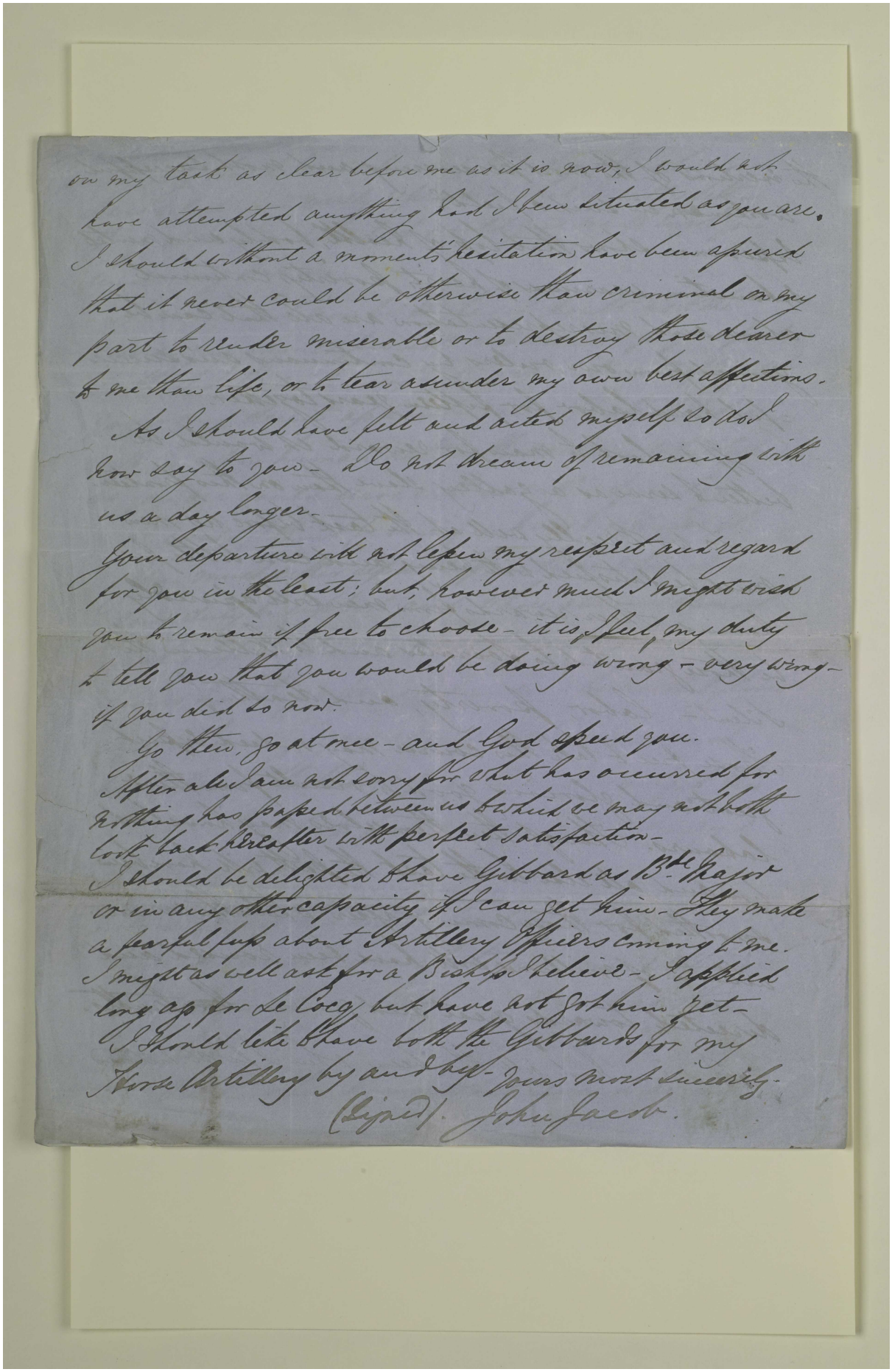
Experience shows that loss of health, bodily and mental exhaustion, weariness of heart, poverty, continual abuse and misrepresentation are all that can be gained from our rulers by continuous and successful hard labor for fifteen years together.

If we look to man for reward it would be better to serve as a galley slave than on this frontier.

To work really well at the task before us men must be satisfied with being and care little for having. Their rewards from men will assuredly be those granted to Socrates and to William the Silent — labor, poverty, and death.

Those free to take this course may indeed expect great and glorious good to result from their labours. Though they themselves may have lost life and all else in the task the path will have been smoothed for those coming after, while the earnest attention of millions will have been roused and directed towards great and growing ~~un~~ truths.

But how had all this been when I first entered



on my task as clear before me as it is now, I would not have attempted anything had I been situated as you are. I should without a moments hesitation have been assured that it never could be otherwise than criminal on my part to render miserable or to destroy those dearer to me than life, or to tear asunder my own best affections.

As I should have felt and acted myself so do I now say to you - Do not dream of remaining with us a day longer.

Your departure will not lessen my respect and regard for you in the least; but, however much I might wish you to remain if free to choose - it is I feel my duty to tell you that you would be doing wrong - very wrong - if you did so now.

Go then, go at once - and God speed you.

After all I am not sorry for what has occurred for nothing has passed between us but which we may not both look back hereafter with perfect satisfaction -

I should be delighted to have Gibbard as Bde Major or in any other capacity if I can get him - They make a fearful fuss about Artillery Officers coming to me. I might as well ask for a Bishop I believe - I applied long ago for de Cocq but have not got him yet - I should like to have both the Gibbards for my Horse Artillery by and bye - Yours most sincerely.

Signed. John Jacob.

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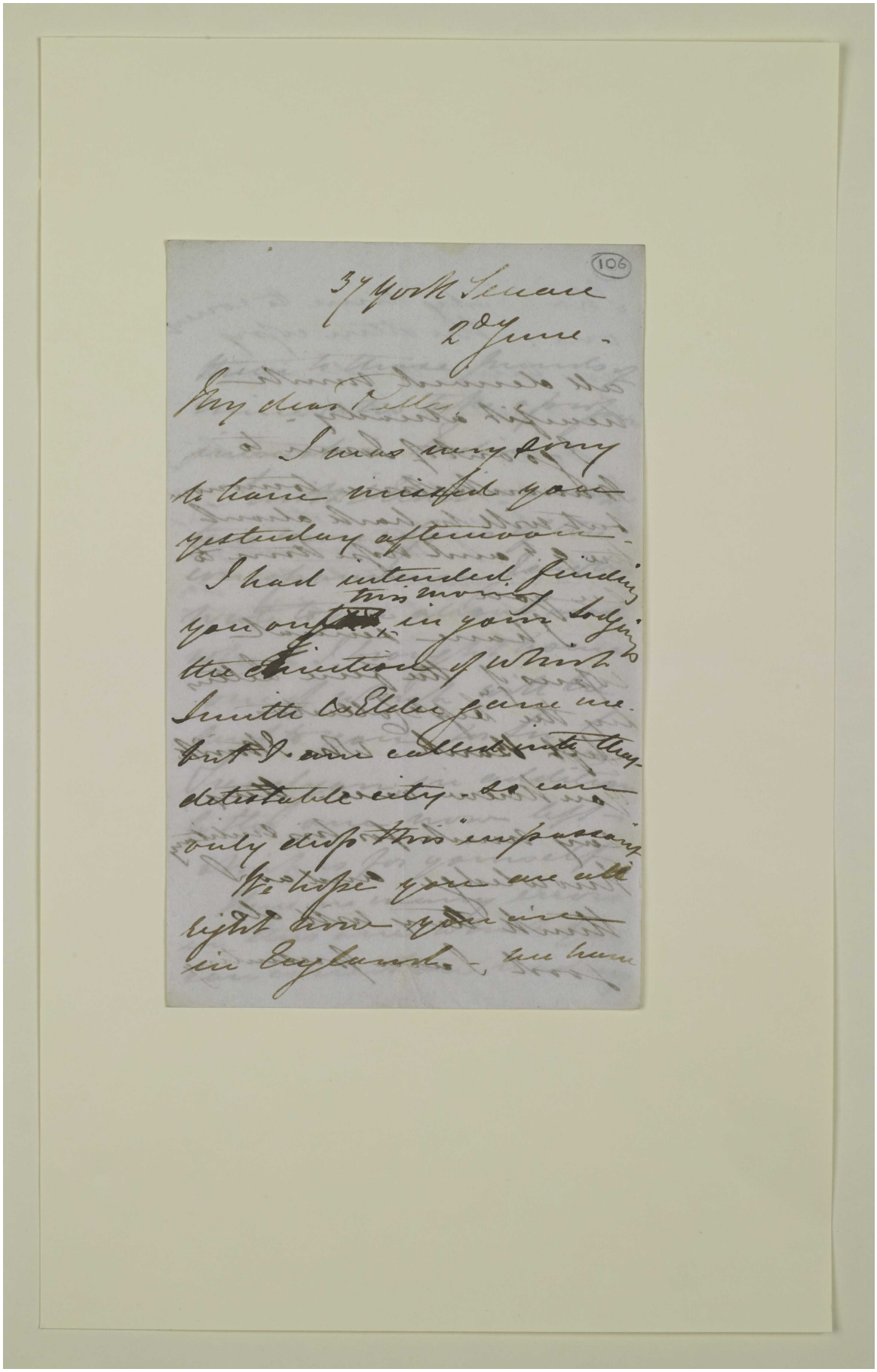

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37 York Terrace
2d June.

My dear Pelly,

I was very sorry to have missed you yesterday afternoon. I had intended finding you out this morning in your lodgings the direction of which Smith & Elder gave me. but I am called into that detestable city. so can only drop this in passing. We hope you are all right now you are in England. we have

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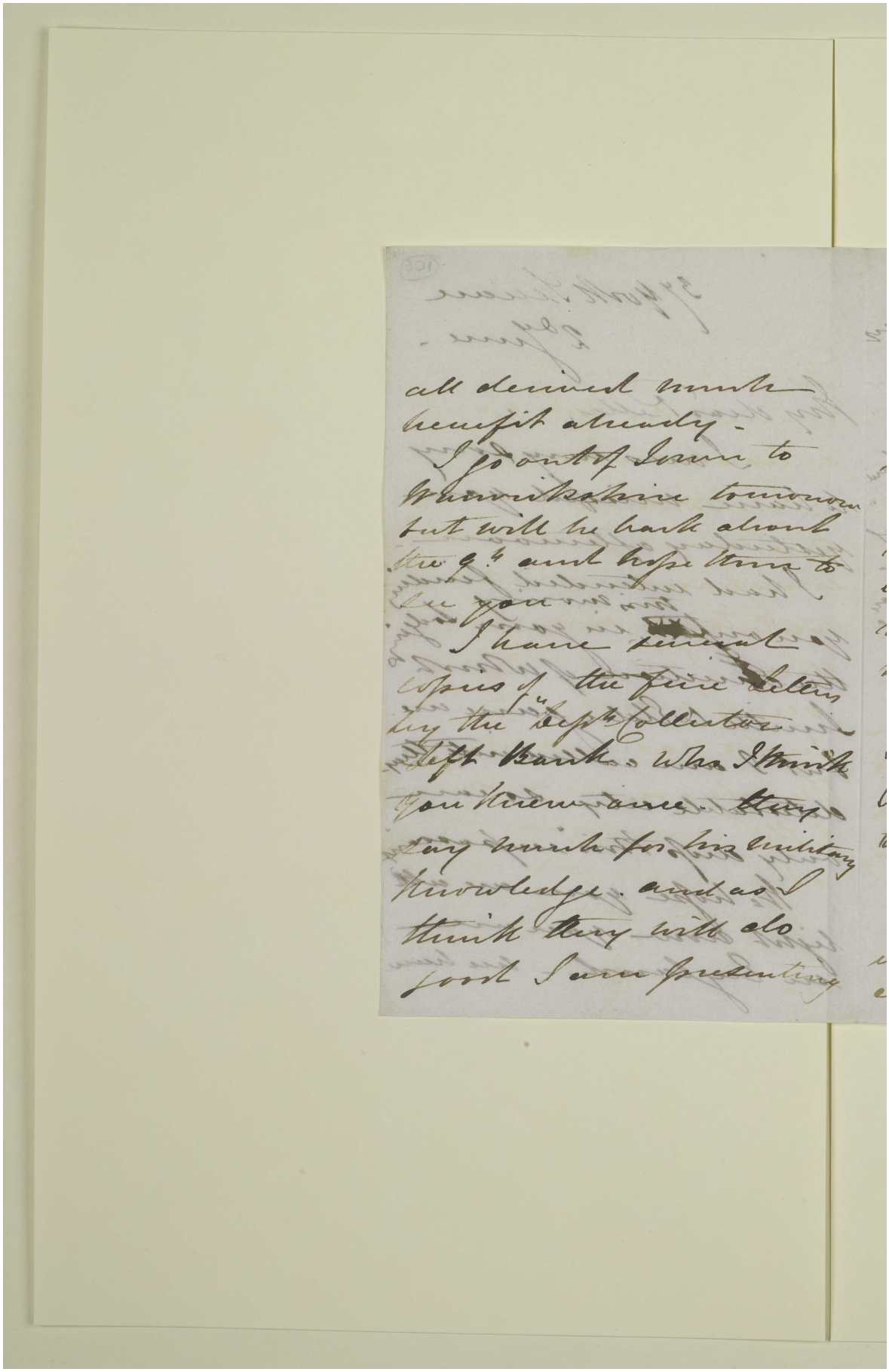

all derived much
benefit already -
I go out of Town to
Warwickshire tomorrow
but will be back about
the 9th and hope then to
see you
I have several
copies of the fine letters
by the Dept Collector
Left Bank. Who I think
you knew once. they
say much for his military
knowledge. and as I
think they will do
good I am presenting

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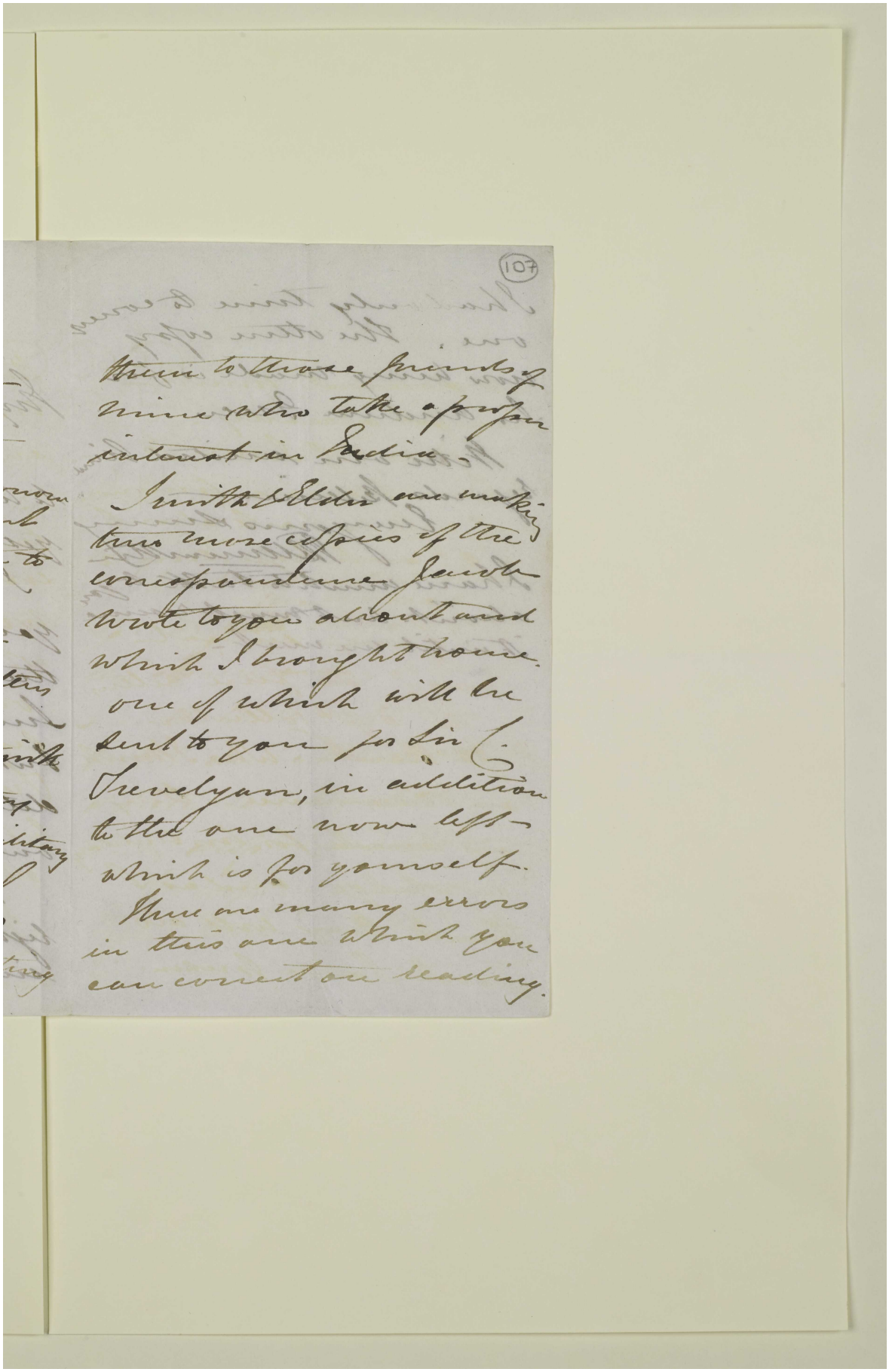
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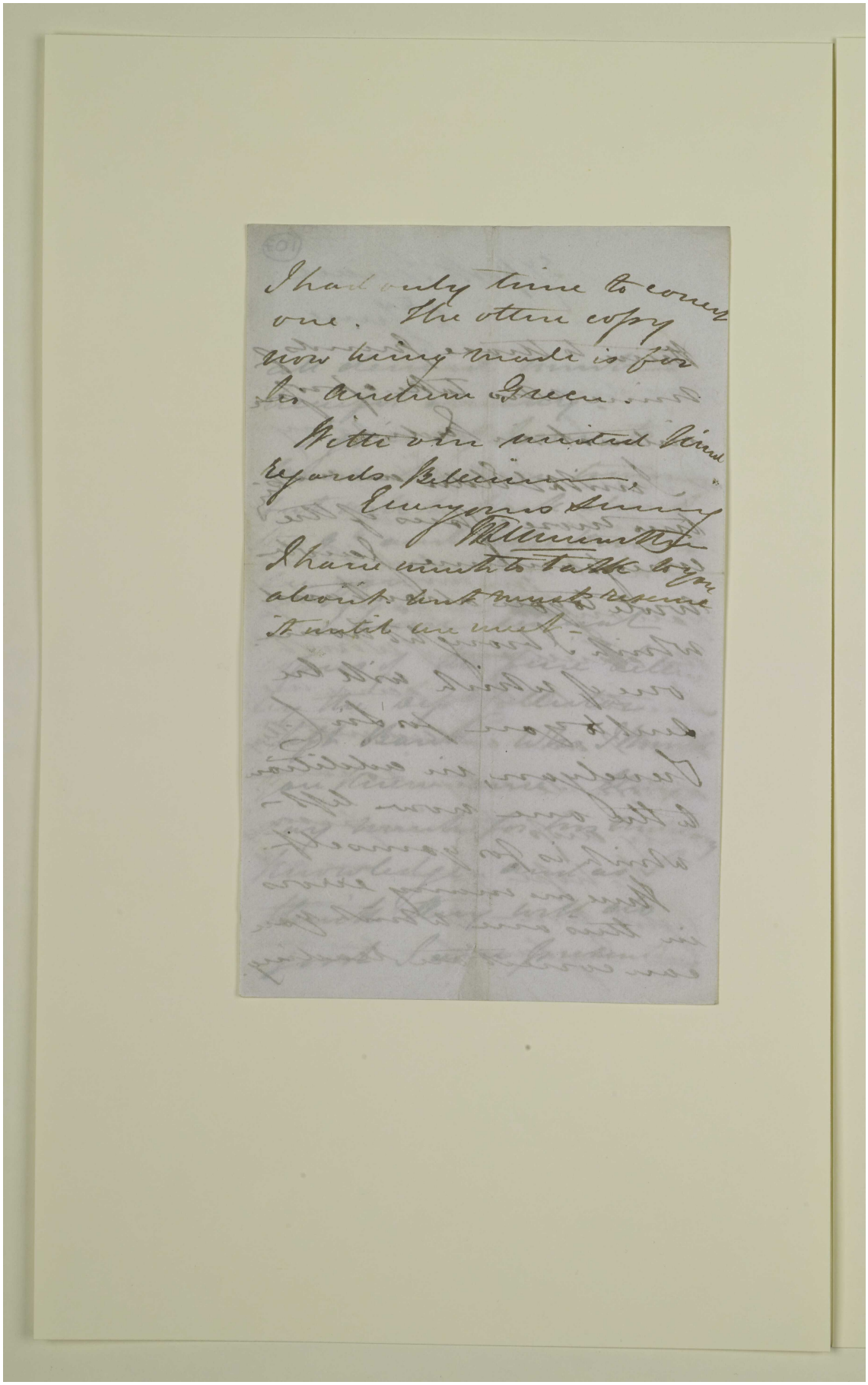
them to those friends of
mine who take a proper
interest in India.
Smith & Elder are making
two more copies of the
correspondence I sent
wrote to you about and
which I brought home.
one of which will be
sent to you for Sir G.
Trevelyan, in addition
to the one now left
which is for yourself.
There are many errors
in this one which you
can correct on reading.



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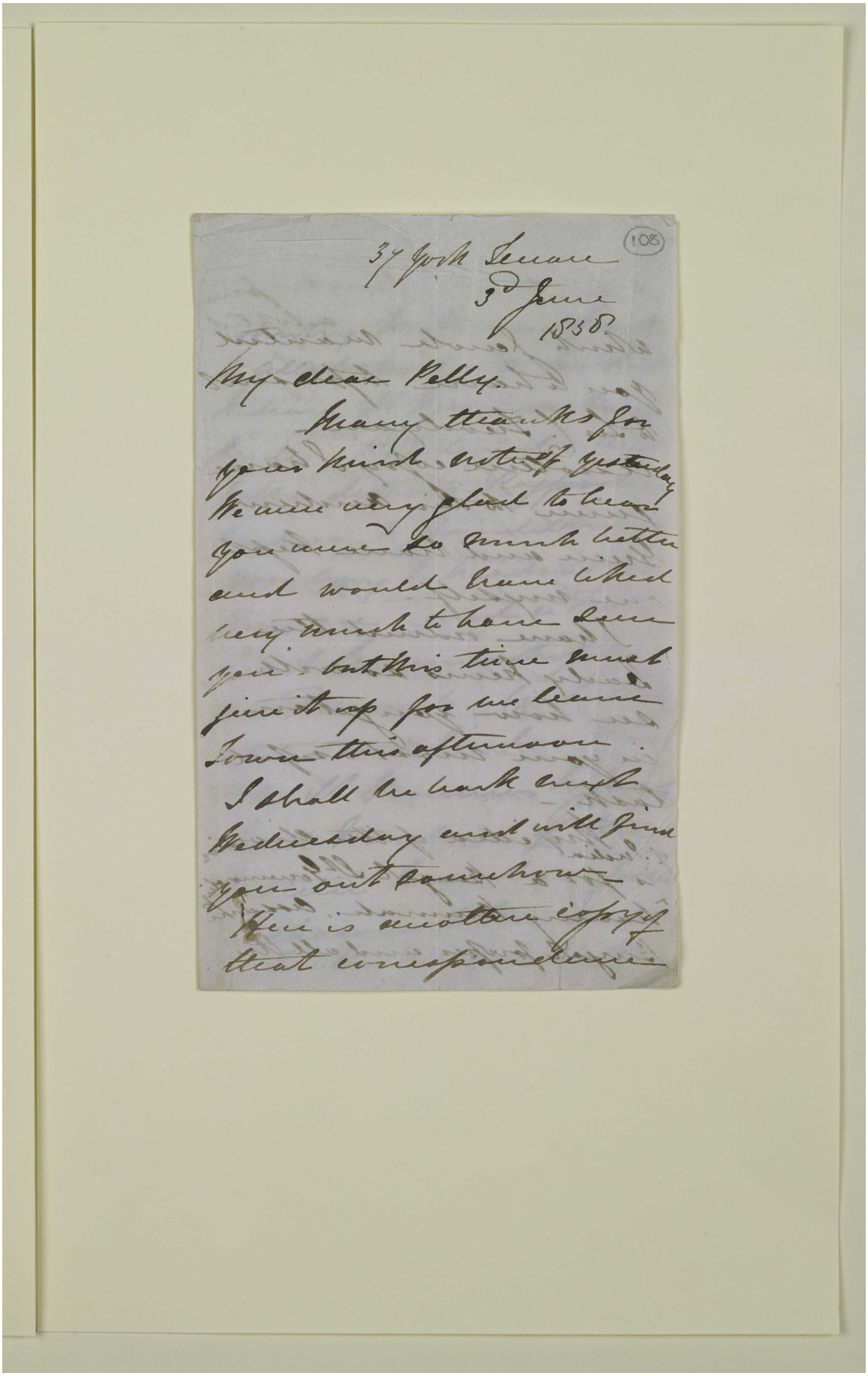

37 York Terrace
9th June
1838.

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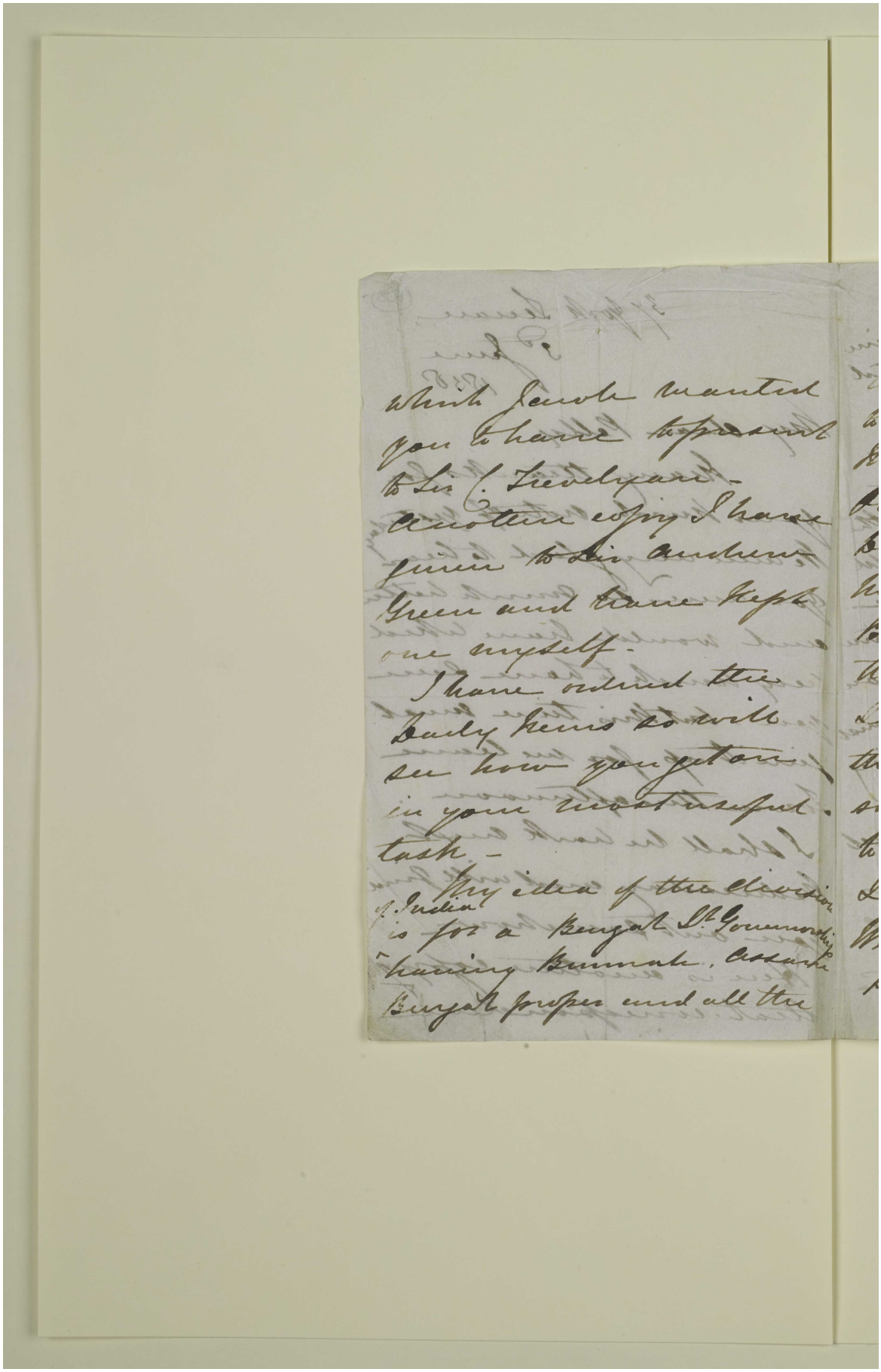
My dear Pelly.

Many thanks for your kind note of yesterday. We were very glad to hear you were so much better and would have called very much to have seen you - but this time must give it up for we leave Town this afternoon. I shall be back next Wednesday and will find you out somehow -

Here is another copy of that correspondence -



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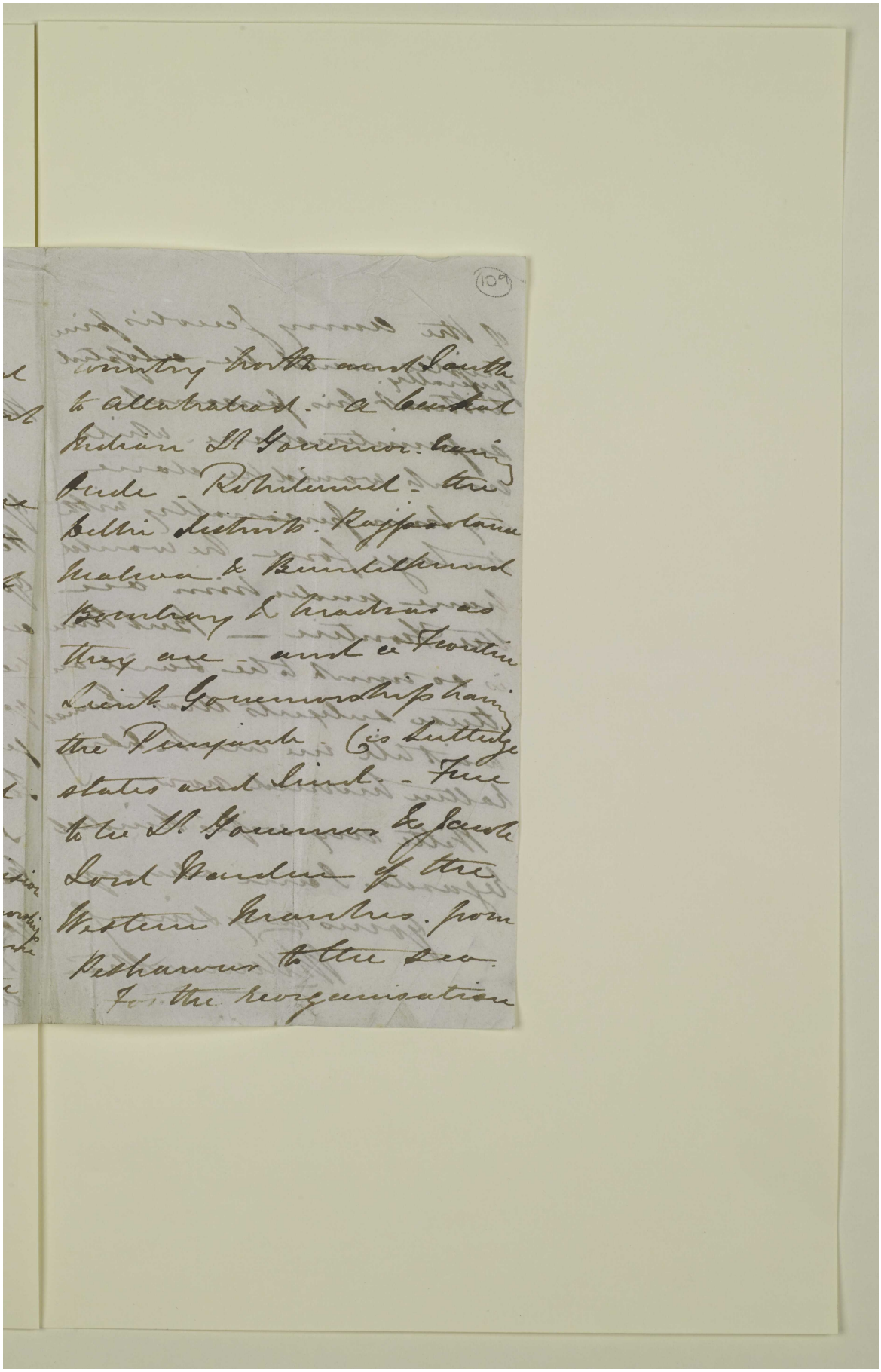

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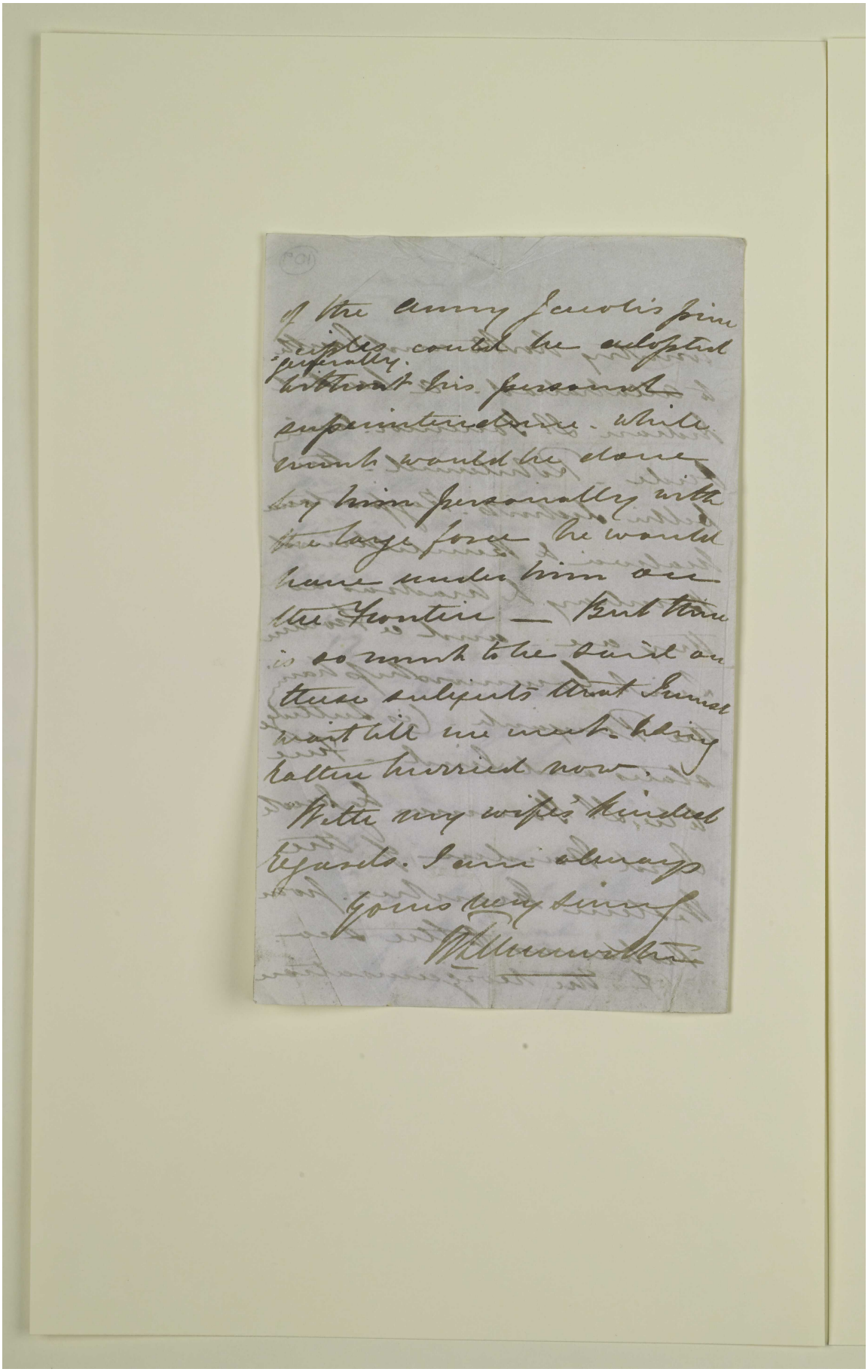
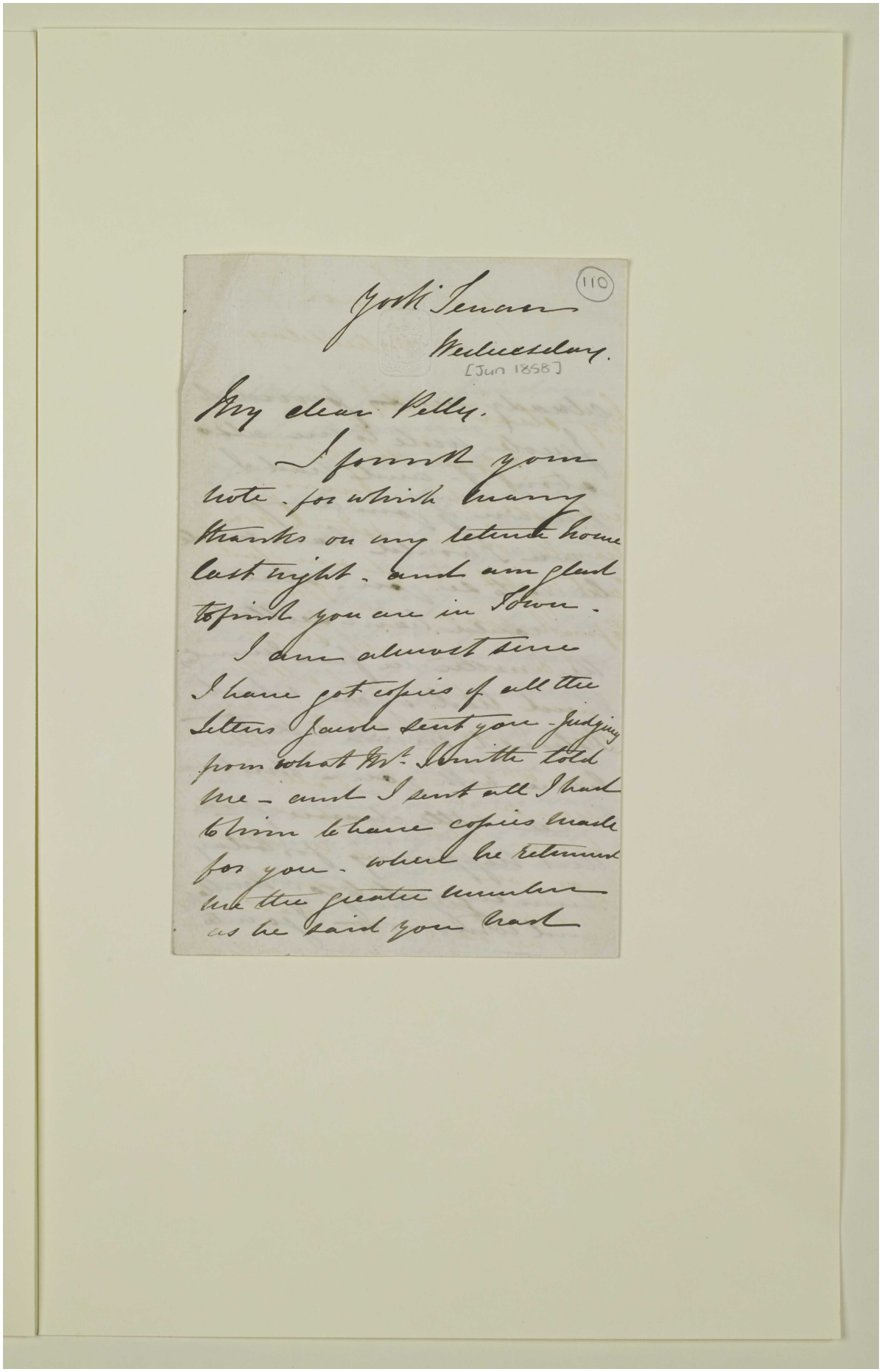


of the Army Jacob's principles could be adopted generally without his personal superintendence. While much would be done by him personally with the large force he would have under him on the Frontier — But there is so much to be said on these subjects that I must wait till we meet. Being rather hurried now.

With my wife's kindest regards. I am always

Yours very sincerely

W. Merewether



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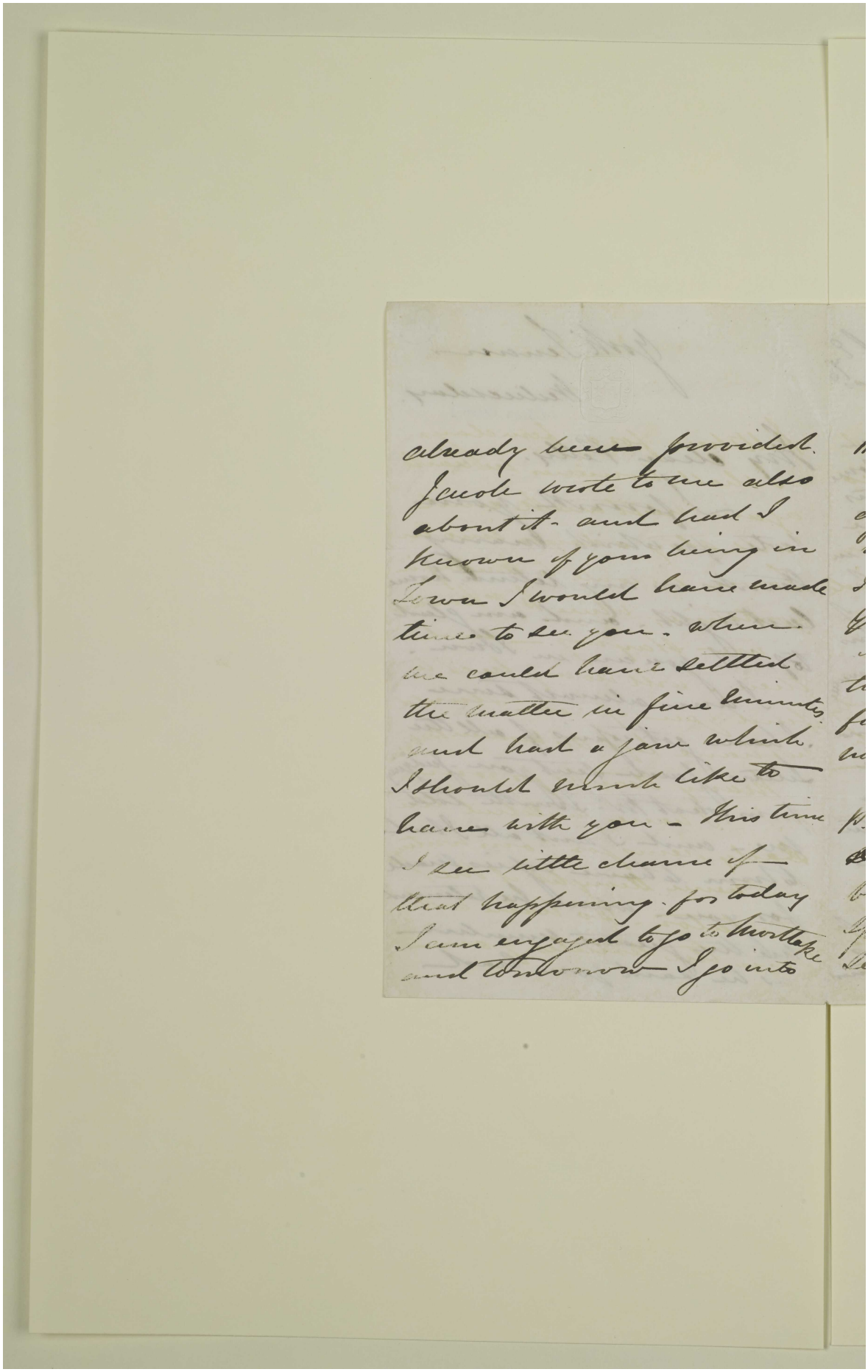
York Terrace
Wednesday.
[Jun 1858]

My dear Pelly.

I found your note - for which many thanks on my return home last night - and am glad to find you are in town.

I am almost sure I have got copies of all the letters I have sent you - judging from what Mr. Smith told me - and I sent all I had to him to have copies made for you - when he returns the greater number as he said you had



already been provided.
Jacob wrote to me also
about it - and had I
known of your being in
Town I would have made
time to see you - when
we could have settled
the matter in five minutes
and had a jaw which
I should much like to
have with you - This time
I see little chance of
that happening - for today
I am engaged to go to Mortlake
and tomorrow I go into

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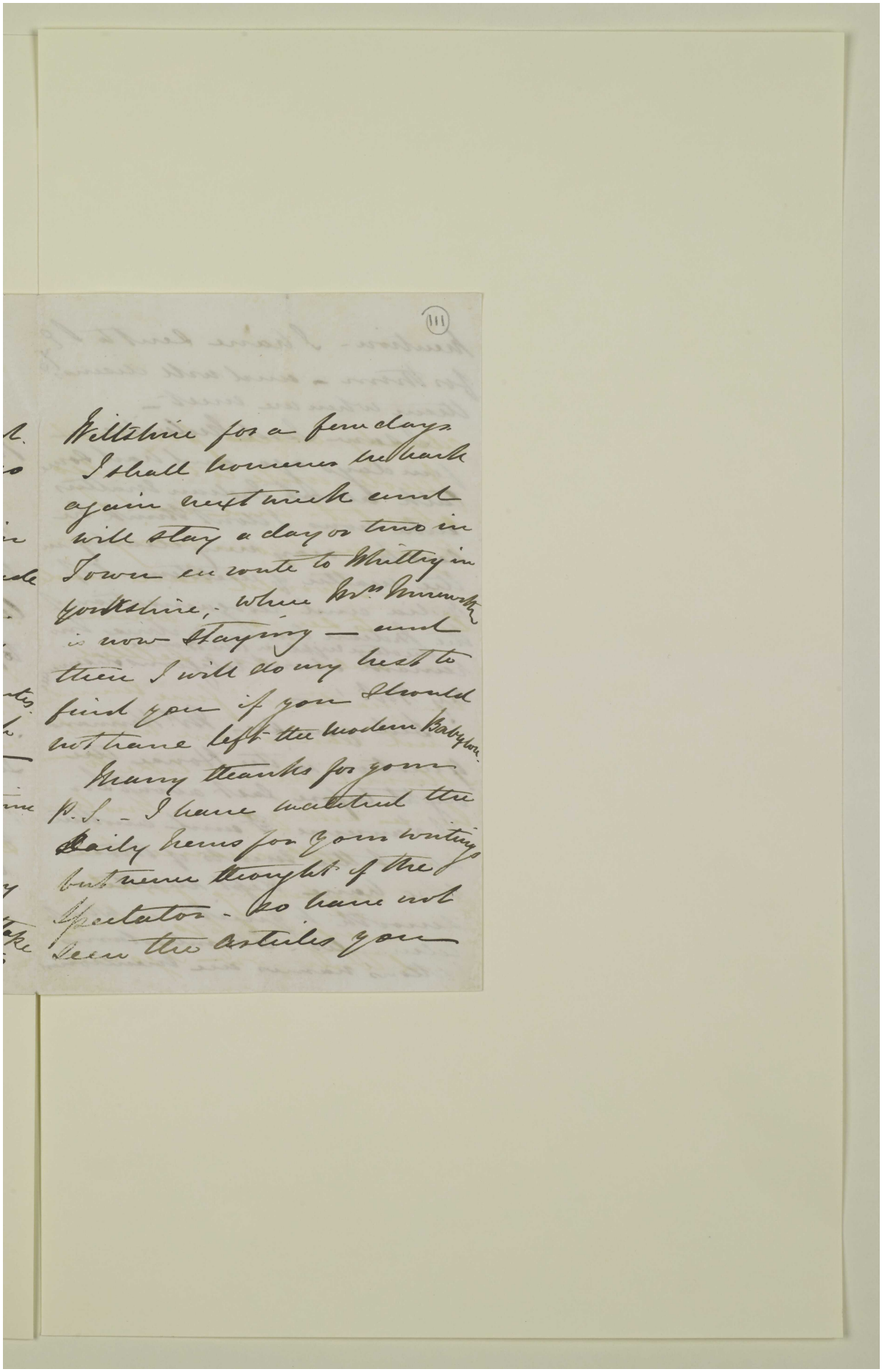
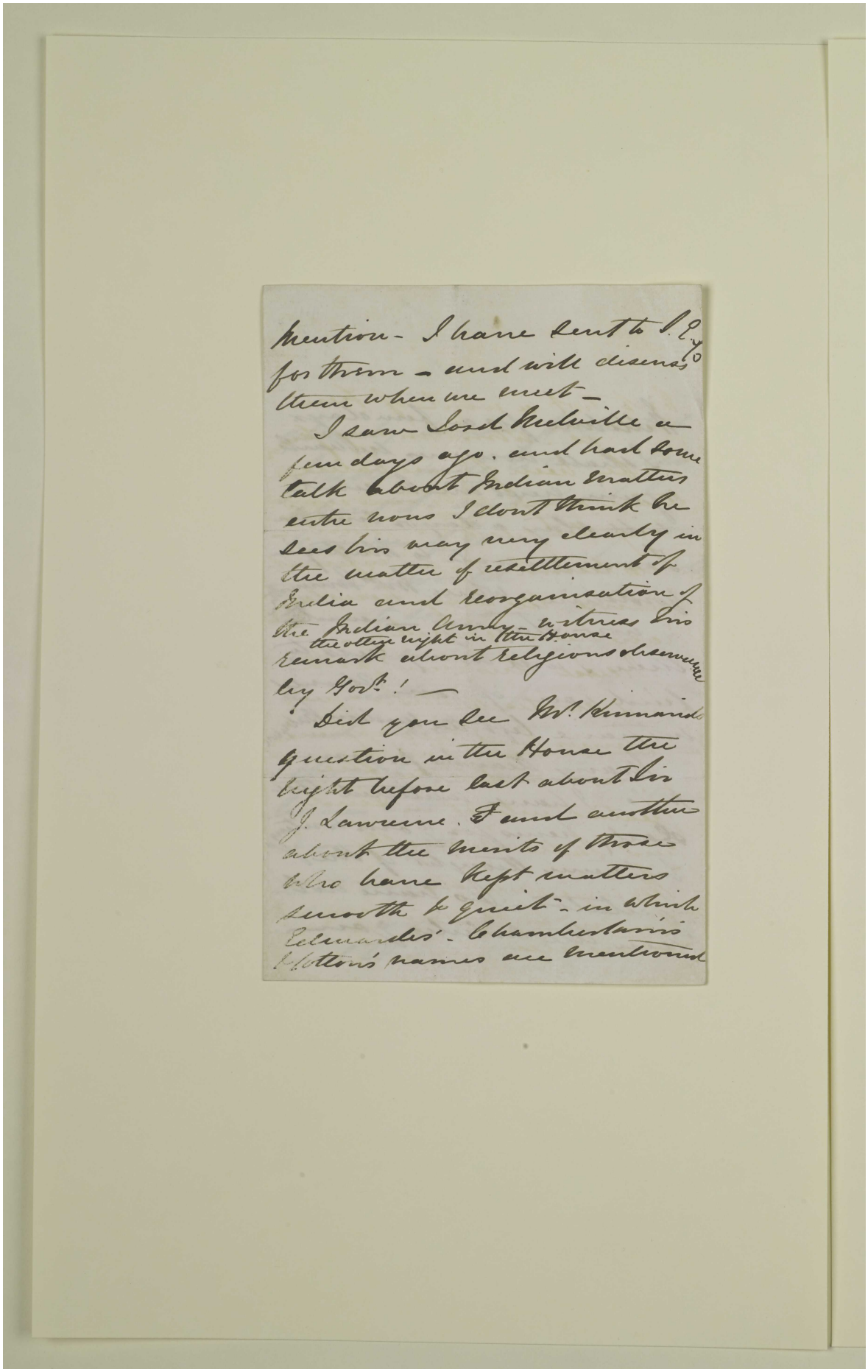


Wiltshire for a few days
I shall however return
again next week and
will stay a day or two in
Town en route to Whitby in
Yorkshire, where Mrs Merewether
is now staying — and
there I will do my best to
find you if you should
not have left the modern Babylon.
Many thanks for your
P.S. — I have watched the
Daily News for your writing
but never thought of the
Spectator — so have not
seen the articles you



mention - I have sent to I. E. for them - and will discuss them when we meet -

I saw Lord Melville a few days ago. and had some talk about Indian matters entre nous I dont think he sees his way very clearly in the matter of resettlement of India and reorganisation of the Indian Army - witness his remark about religious observance the other night in the House by Govt.! -

Did you see Mr. Kinnaird's question in the House the night before last about Sir J. Lawrence. & and another about the merits of those who have kept matters smooth & quiet - in which Edwardes' - Chamberlain's & Hotton's names are mentioned

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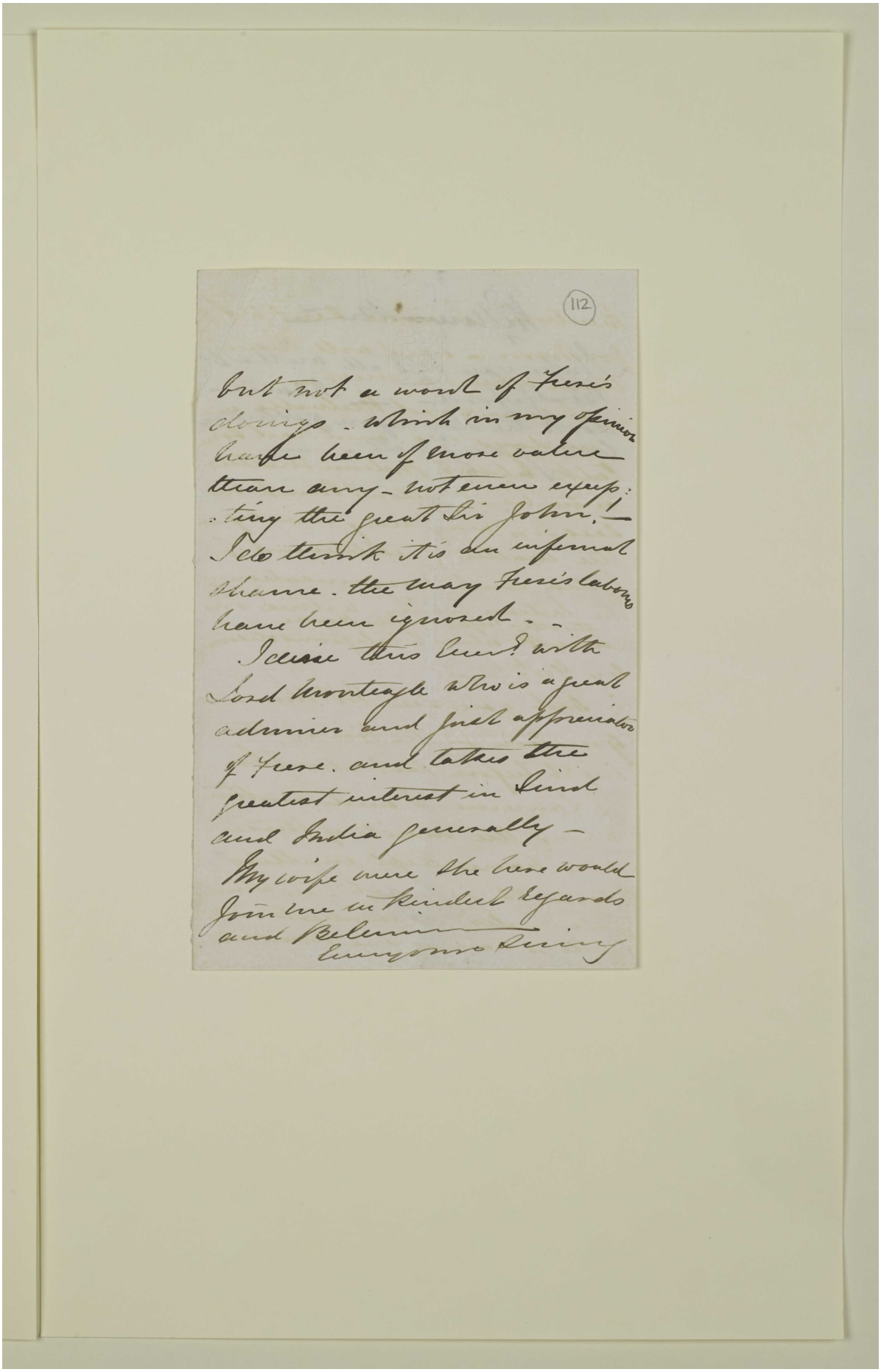

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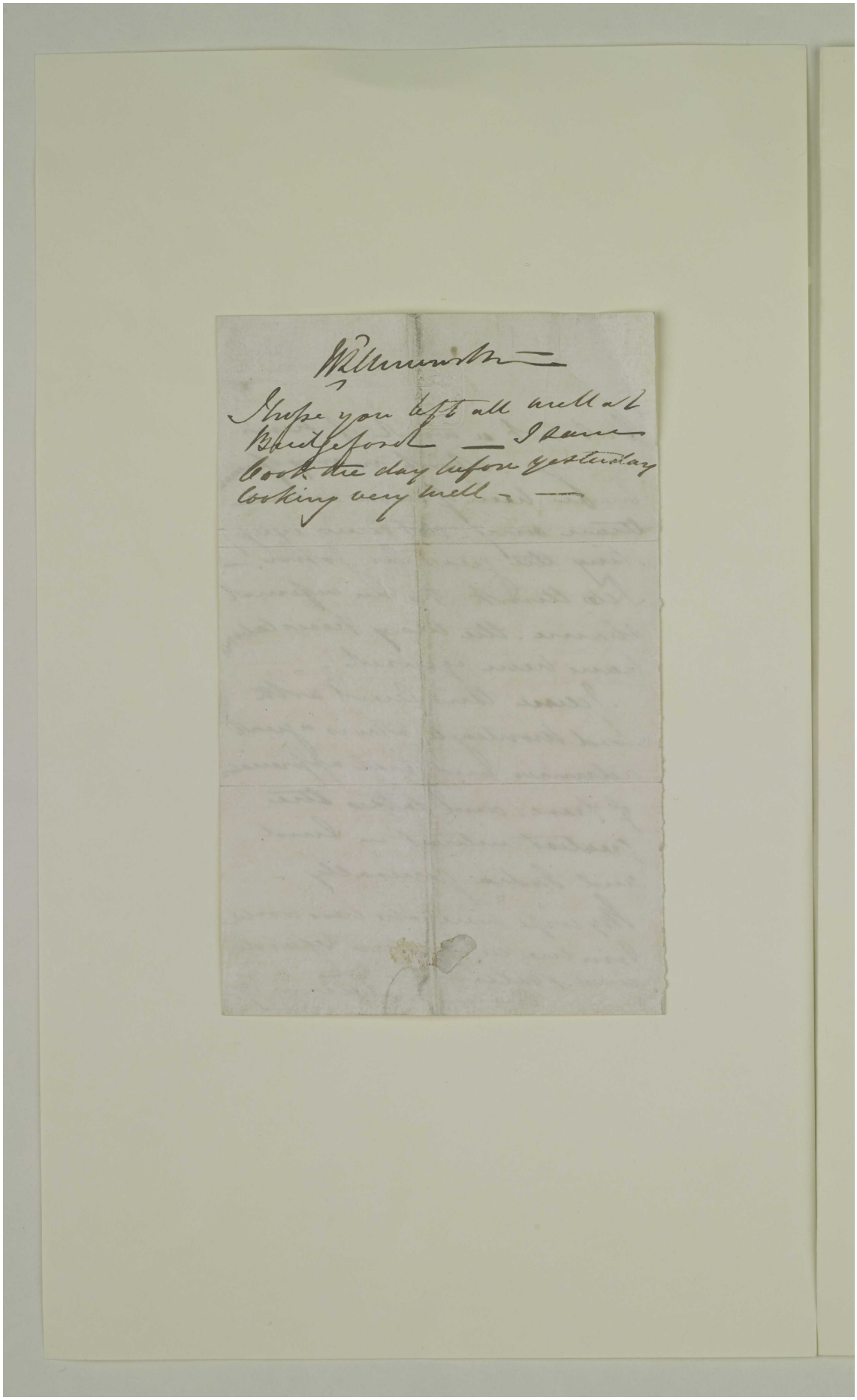
but not a word of Frere's
doings - which in my opinion
have been of more value
than any - not even excep:
:ting the great Sir John! -
I do think it is an infernal
shame - the may Frere's labours
have been ignored - -
I dine this Ever.g with
Lord Monteagle who is a great
admirer and just appreciator
of Frere. and takes the
greatest interest in Sind
and India generally -
My wife were she here would
join me in kindest regards
and Believe
Everyone Sincerely



Wm Merewether

I hope you left all well at Bridgeford — I saw Cook the day before yesterday looking very well — —

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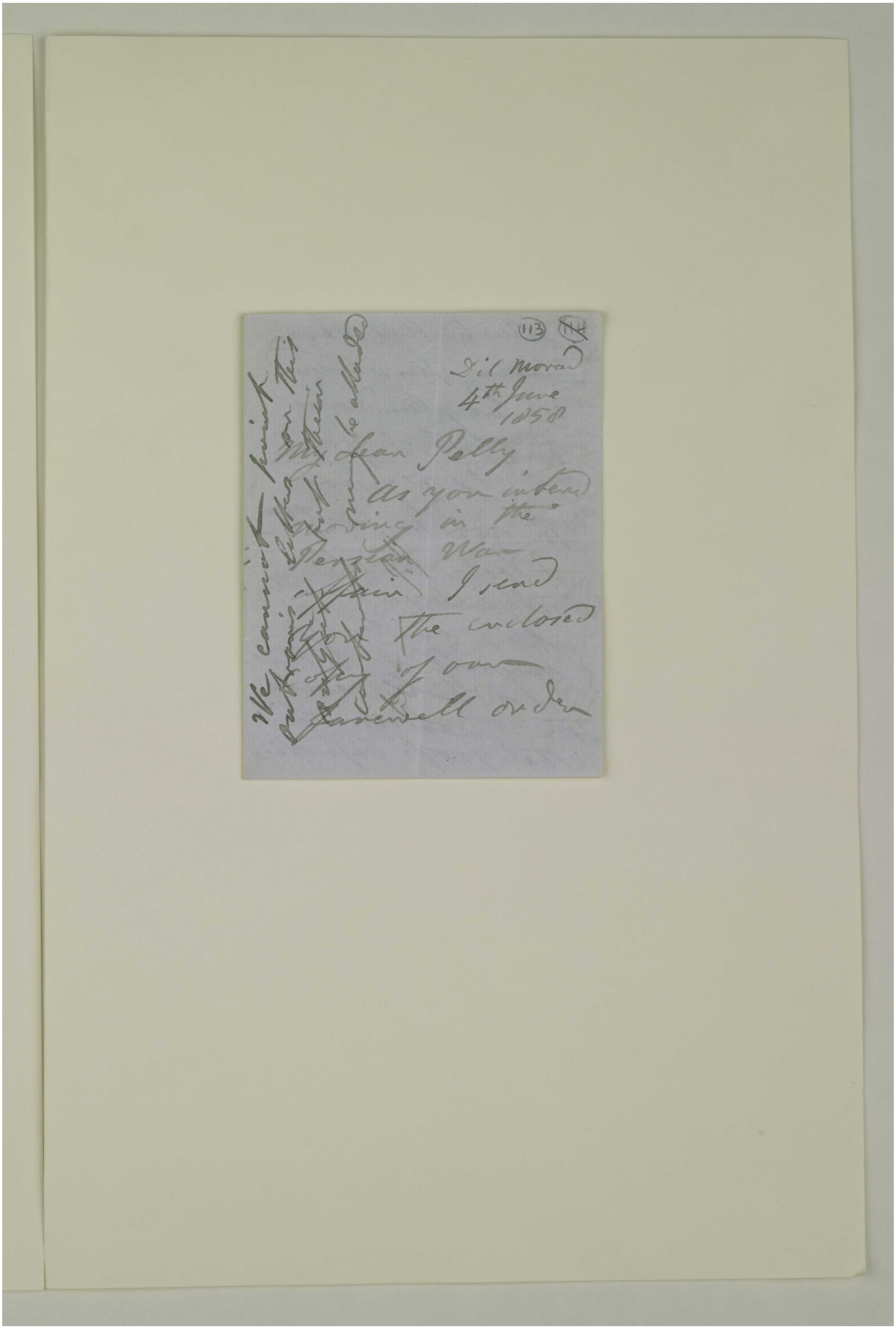

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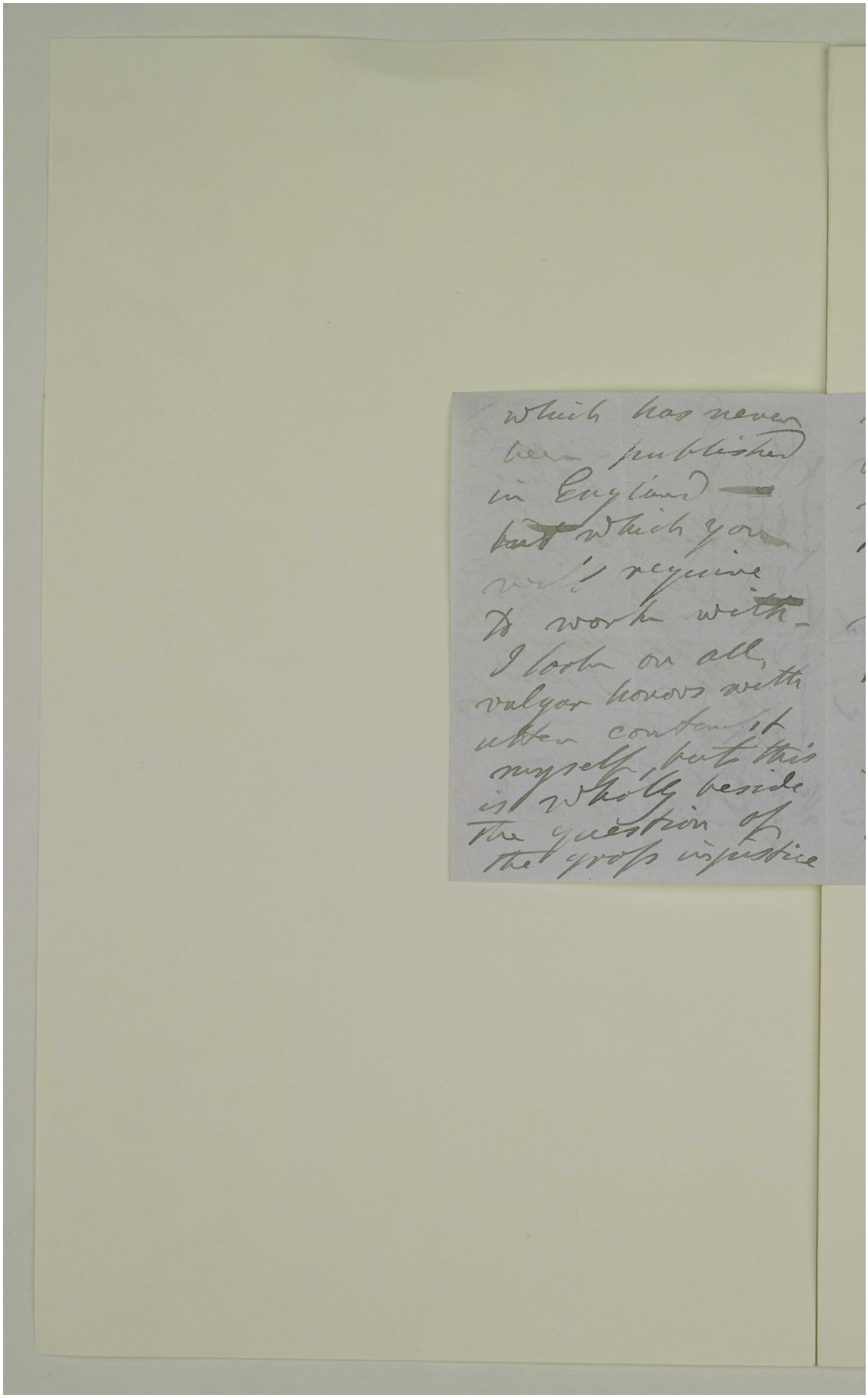

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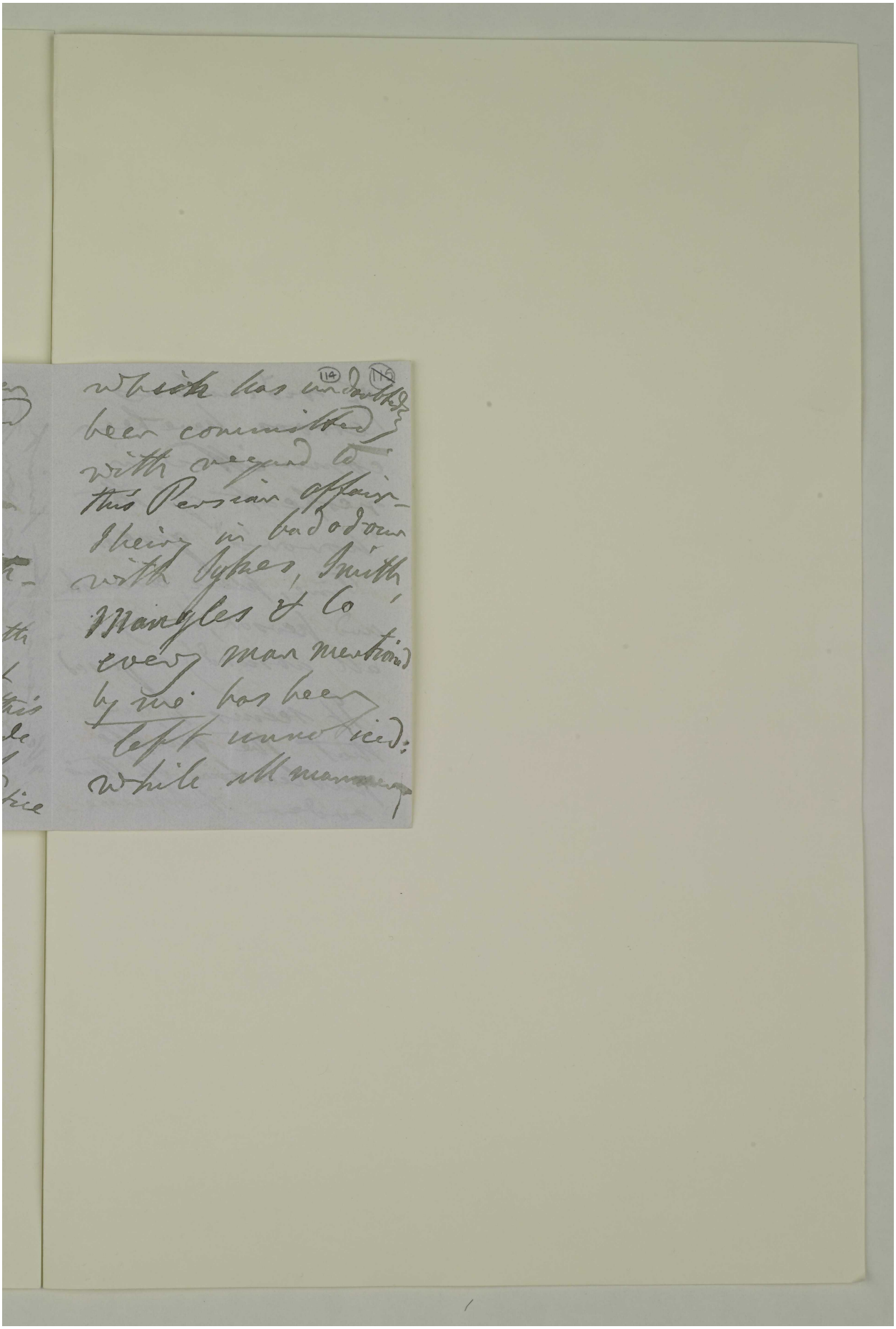

which has undoubtedly
been committed
with regard to
this Persian affair -
I being in bad odour
with Sykes, Smith,
Mangles & Co
every man mentioned
by me has been
left unnoticed:
while all manner

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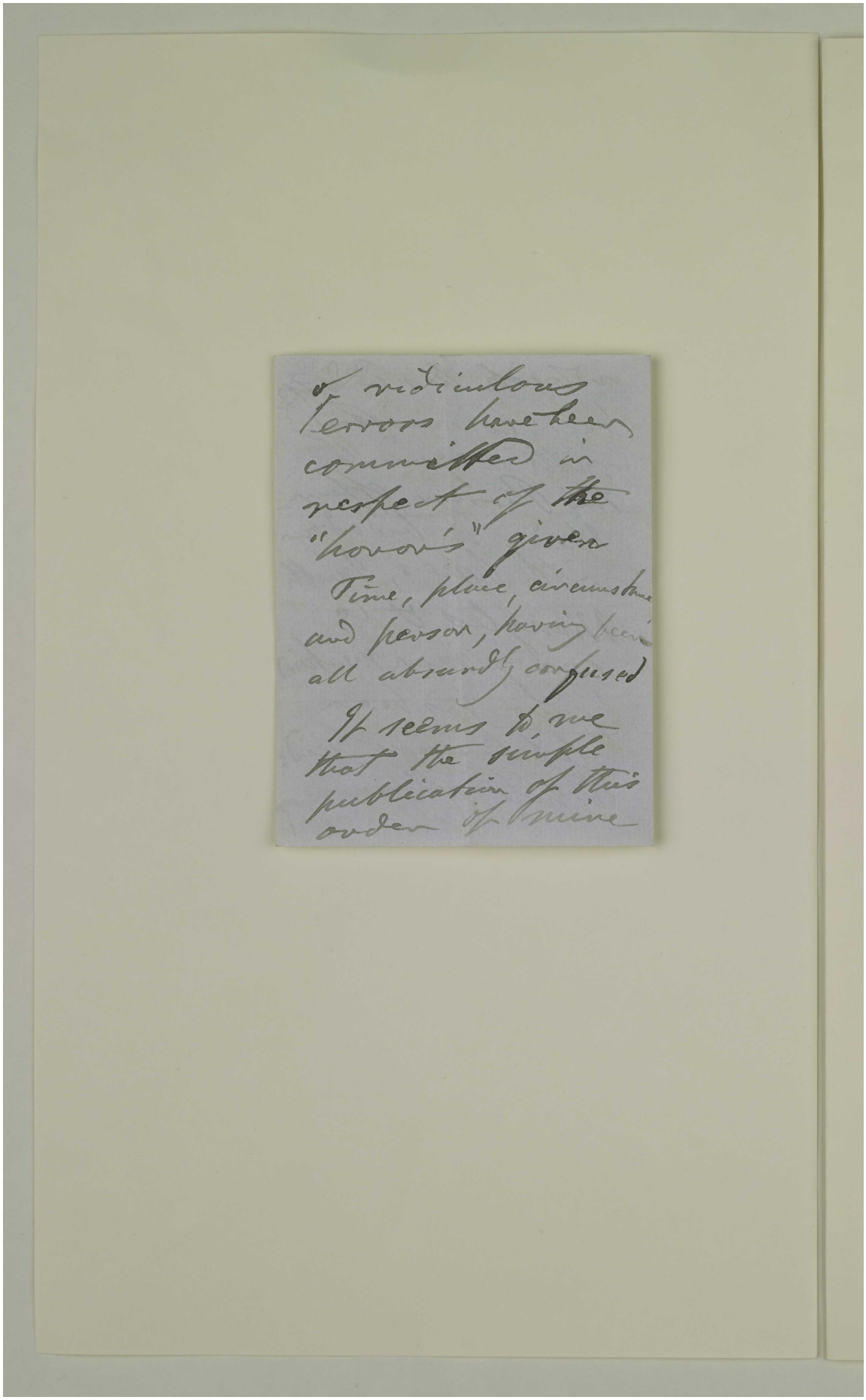

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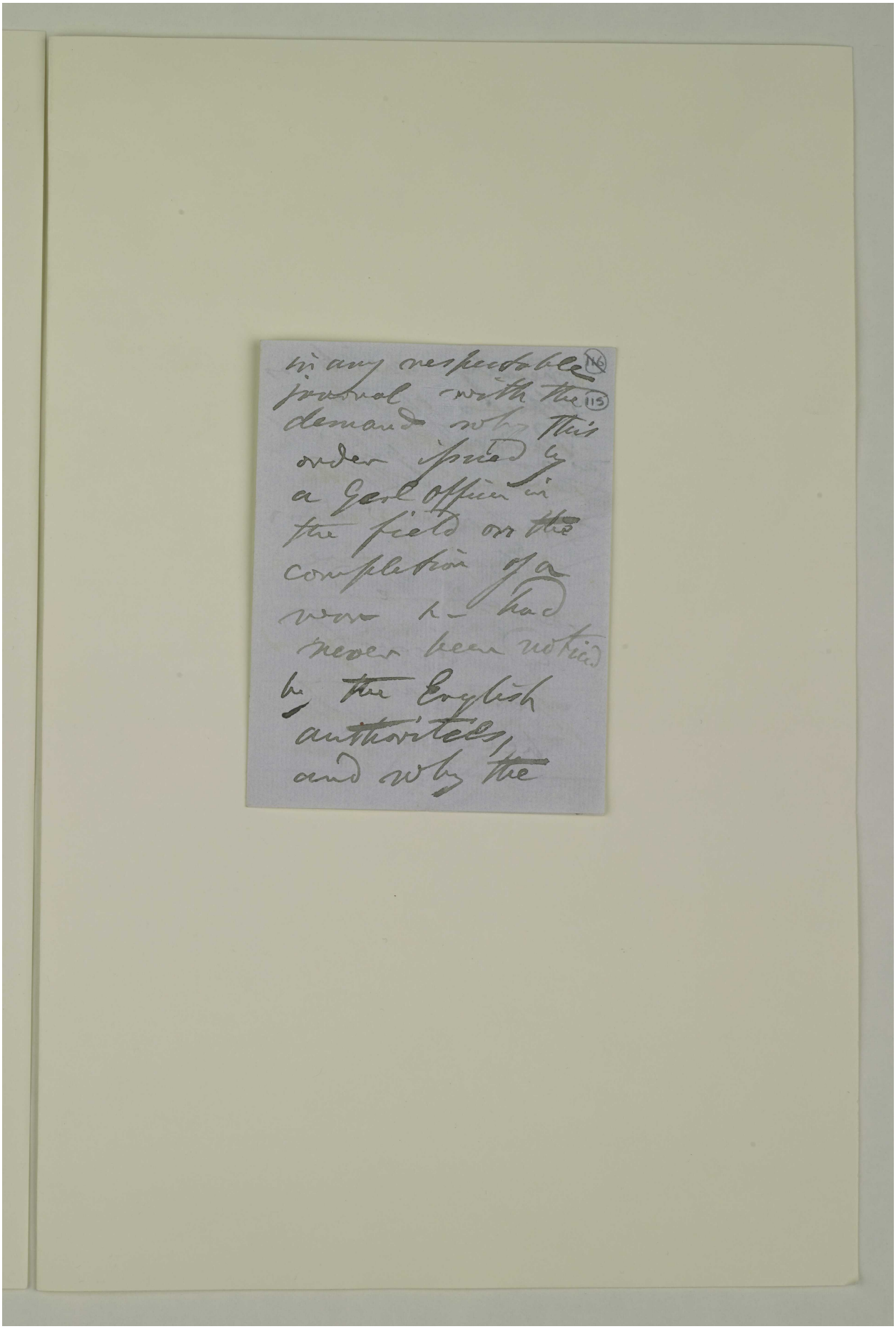

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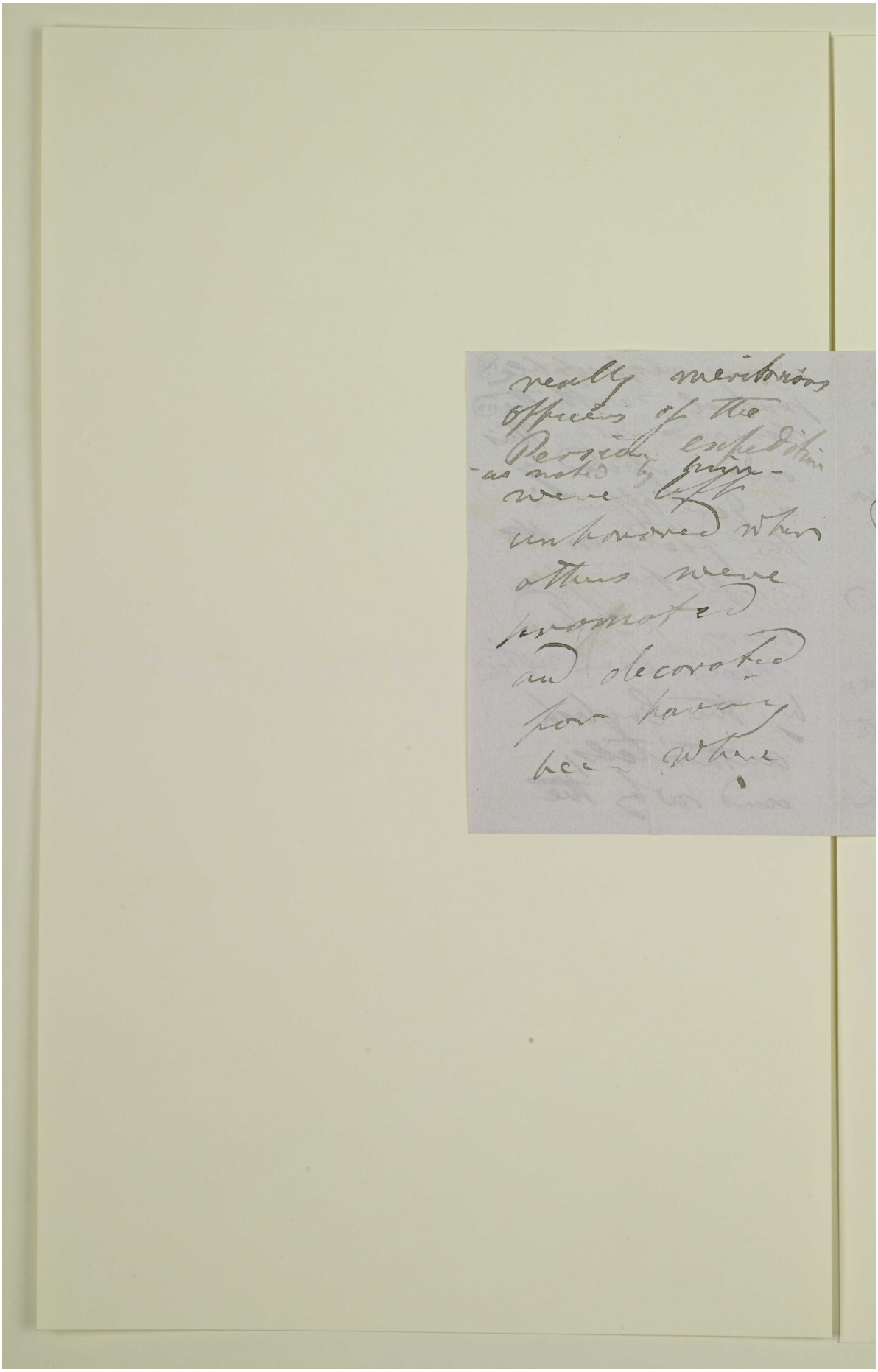

really meritorious
officers of the
Persian expedition
-as noted by him-
were left
unhonored when
others were
promoted
and decorated
for having
been where

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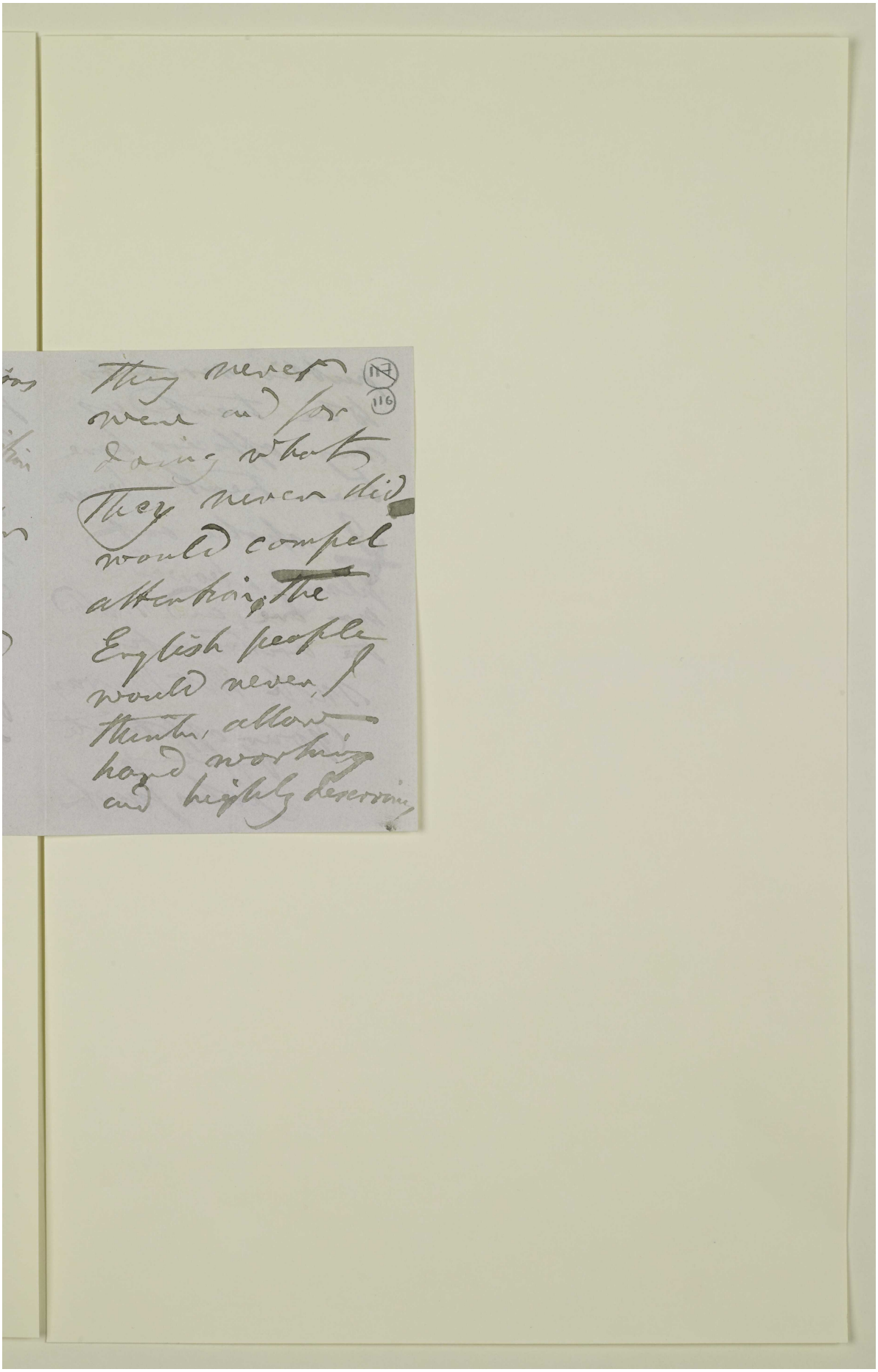

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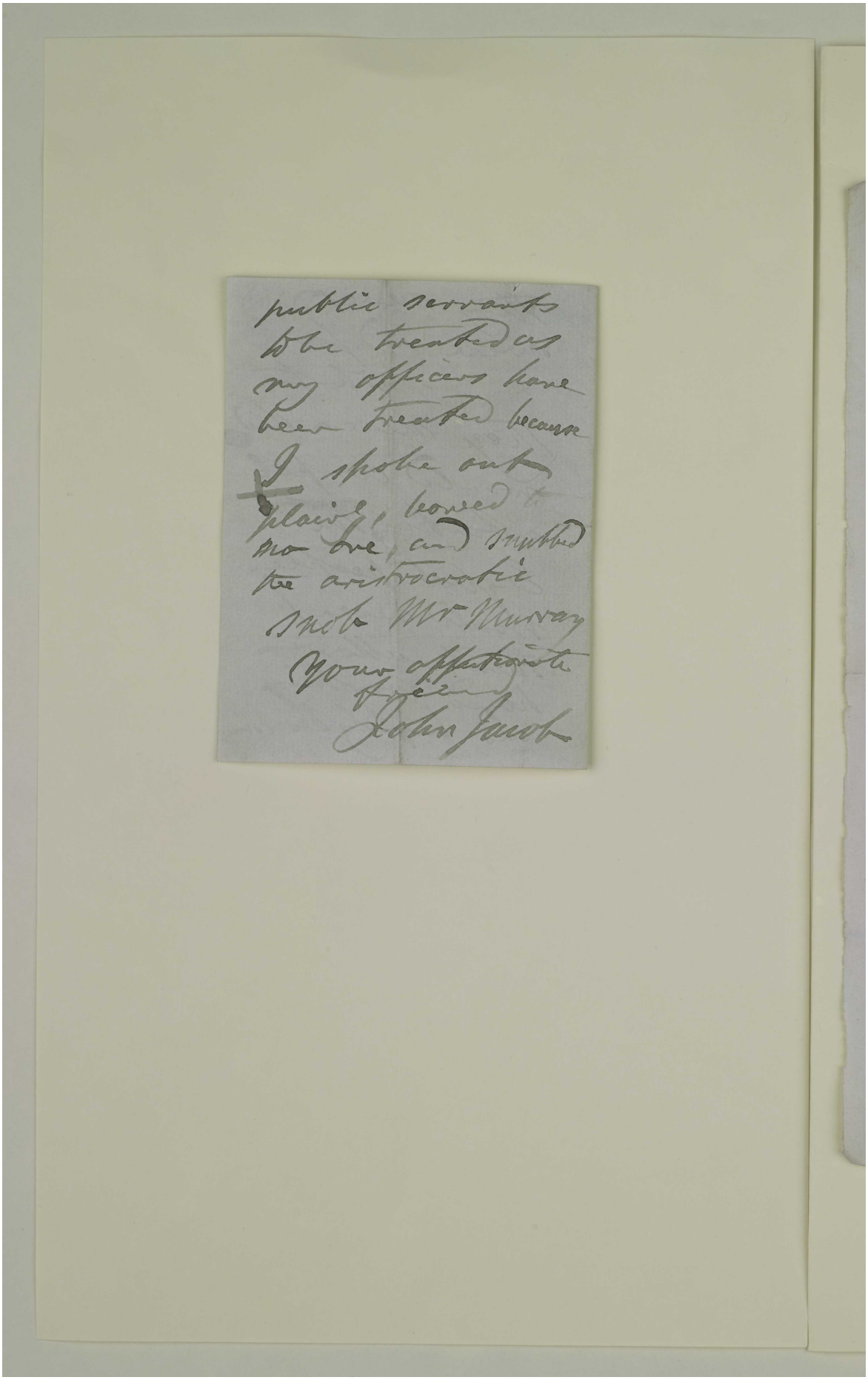

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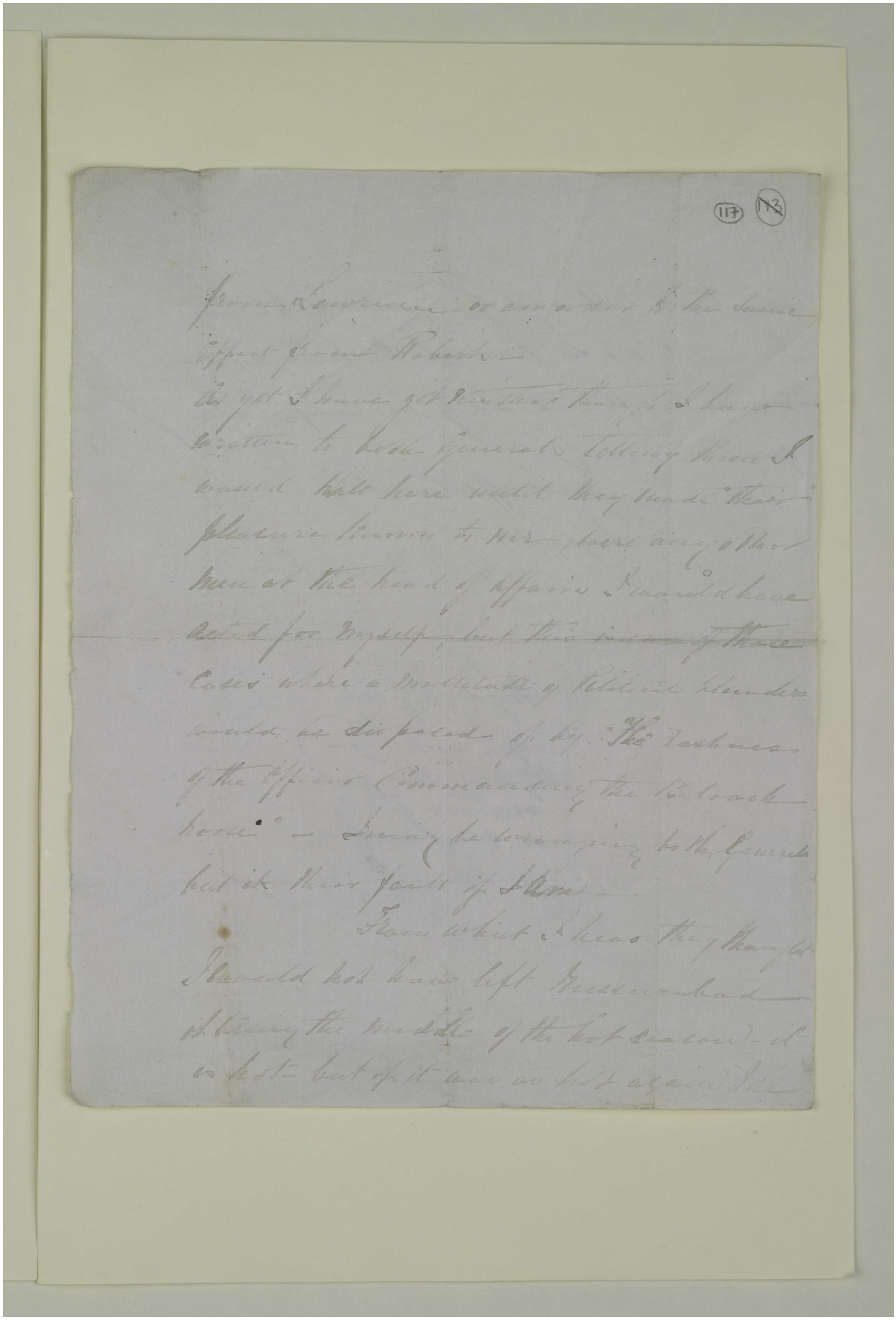

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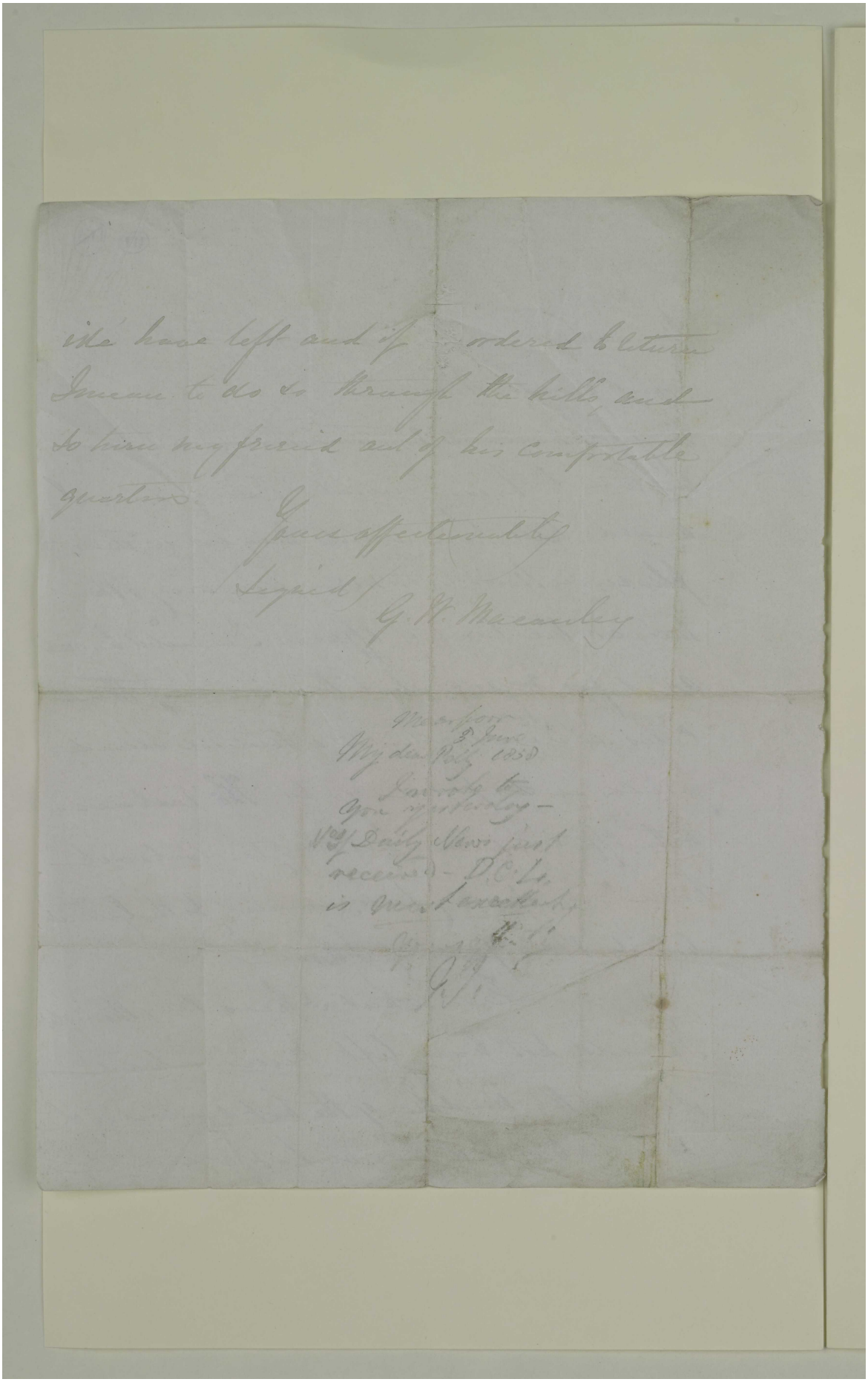

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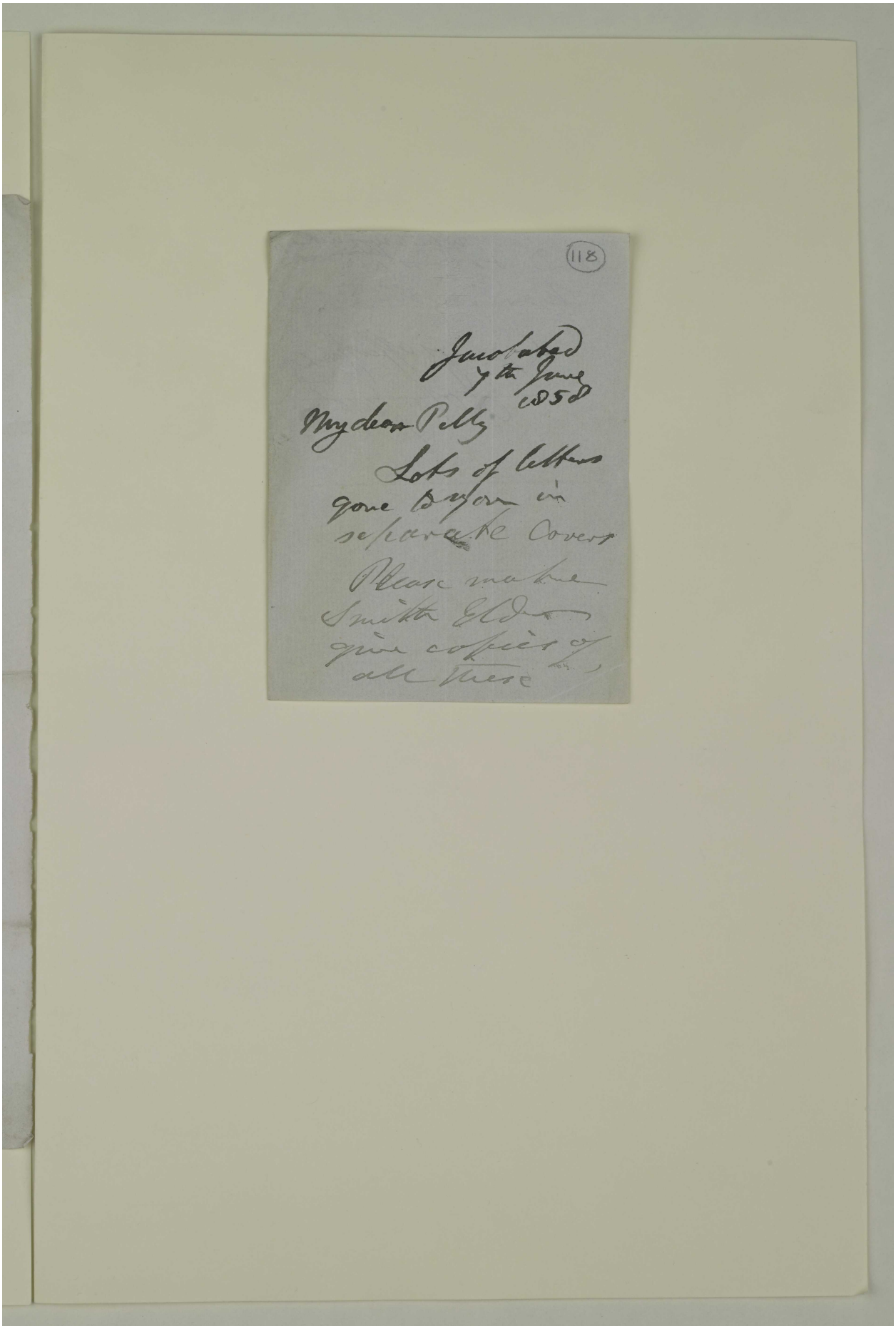

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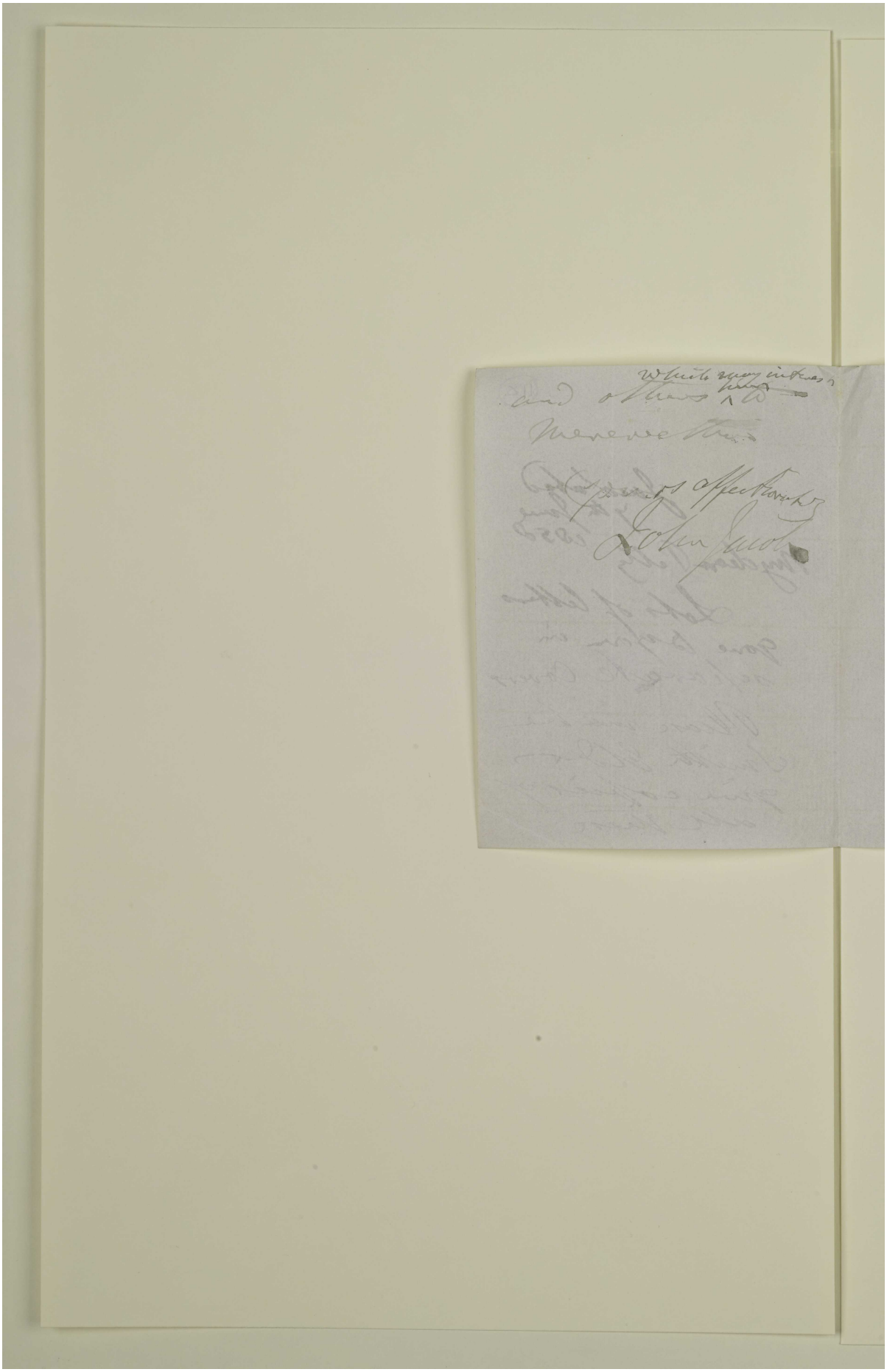

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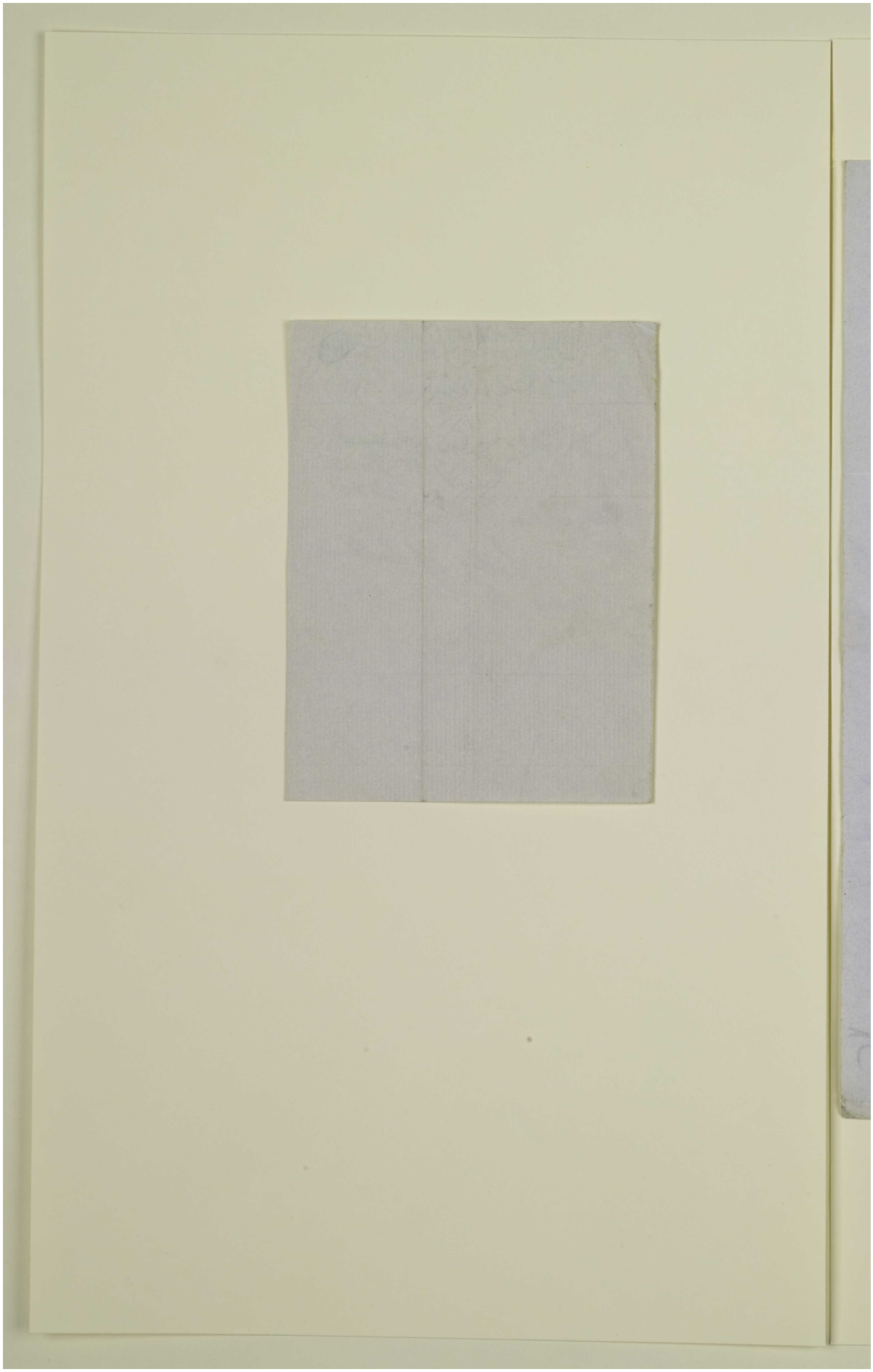

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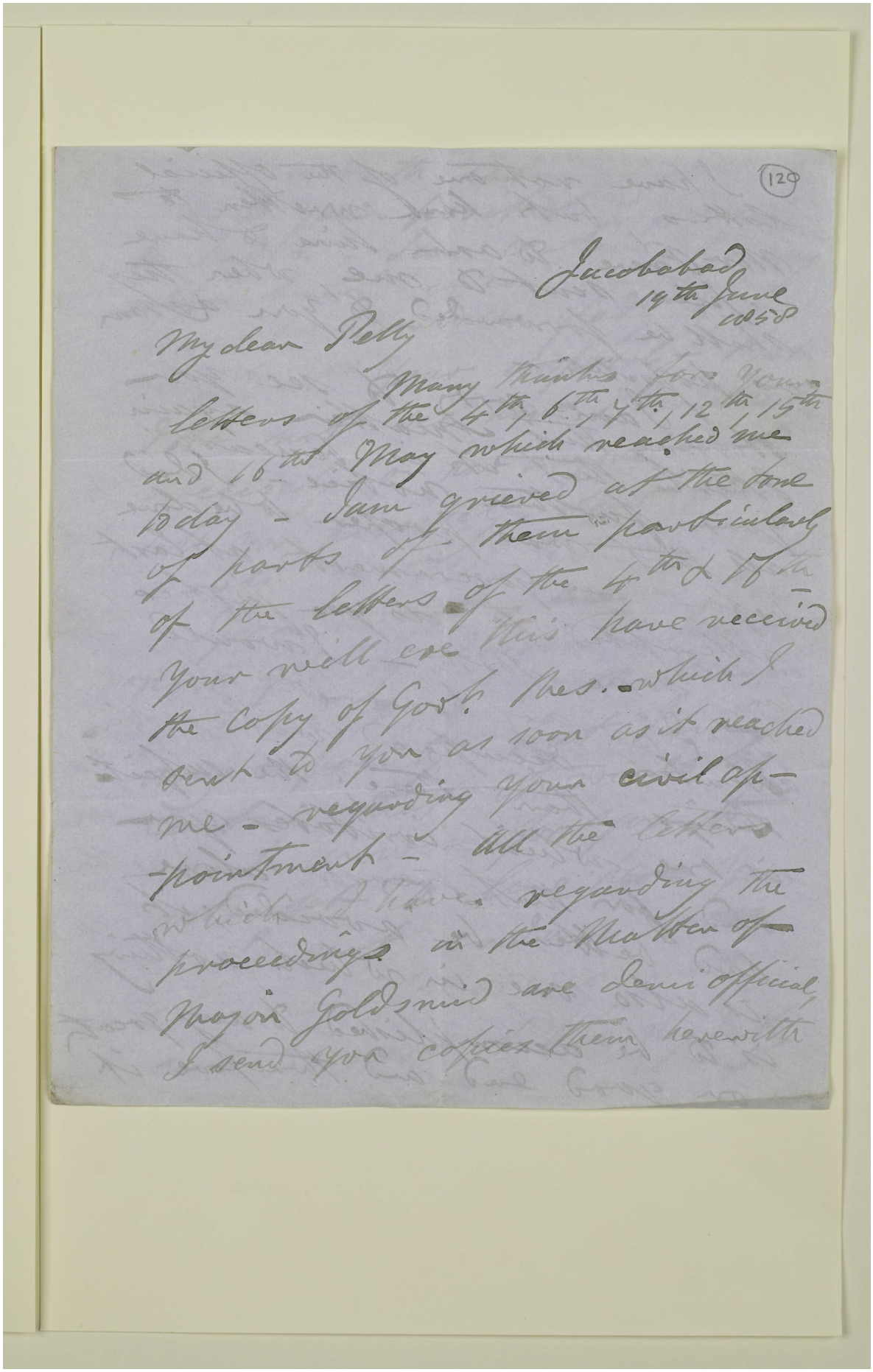

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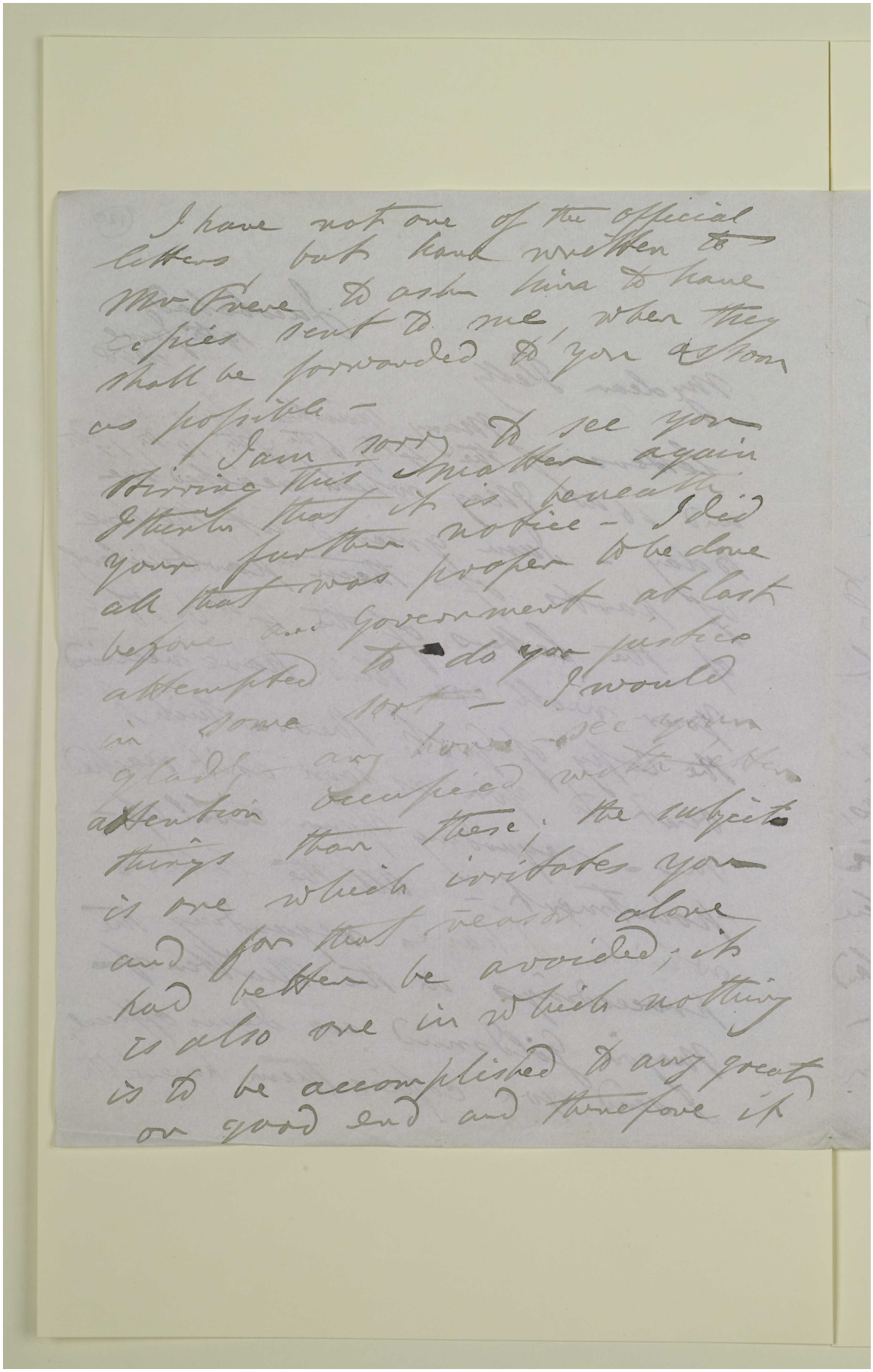
Jacobabad
19th June
1858

My dear Pelly

Many thanks for your letters of the 4th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 15th and 16th May which reached me today - I am grieved at the tone of parts of them particularly of the letters of the 4th & 7th - Your will see that I have received the copy of Govt Res. - which I sent to you as soon as it reached me - regarding your civil appointment - All the letters which I have regarding the proceedings in the Matter of Major Goldsmid are demi official, I send you copies them herewith



I have not one of the official
letters but have written to
Mr Frere to ask him to have
copies sent to me, when they
shall be forwarded to you as soon
as possible —
I am sorry to see you
stirring this matter again
I think that it is beneath
your further notice — I did
all that was proper to be done
before and Government at last
attempted to do you justice
in some sort — I would
gladly any hour see your
attention occupied with better
things than these; the subject
is one which irritates you
and for that reason alone
had better be avoided; it
is also one in which nothing
is to be accomplished to any great
or good end and therefore it

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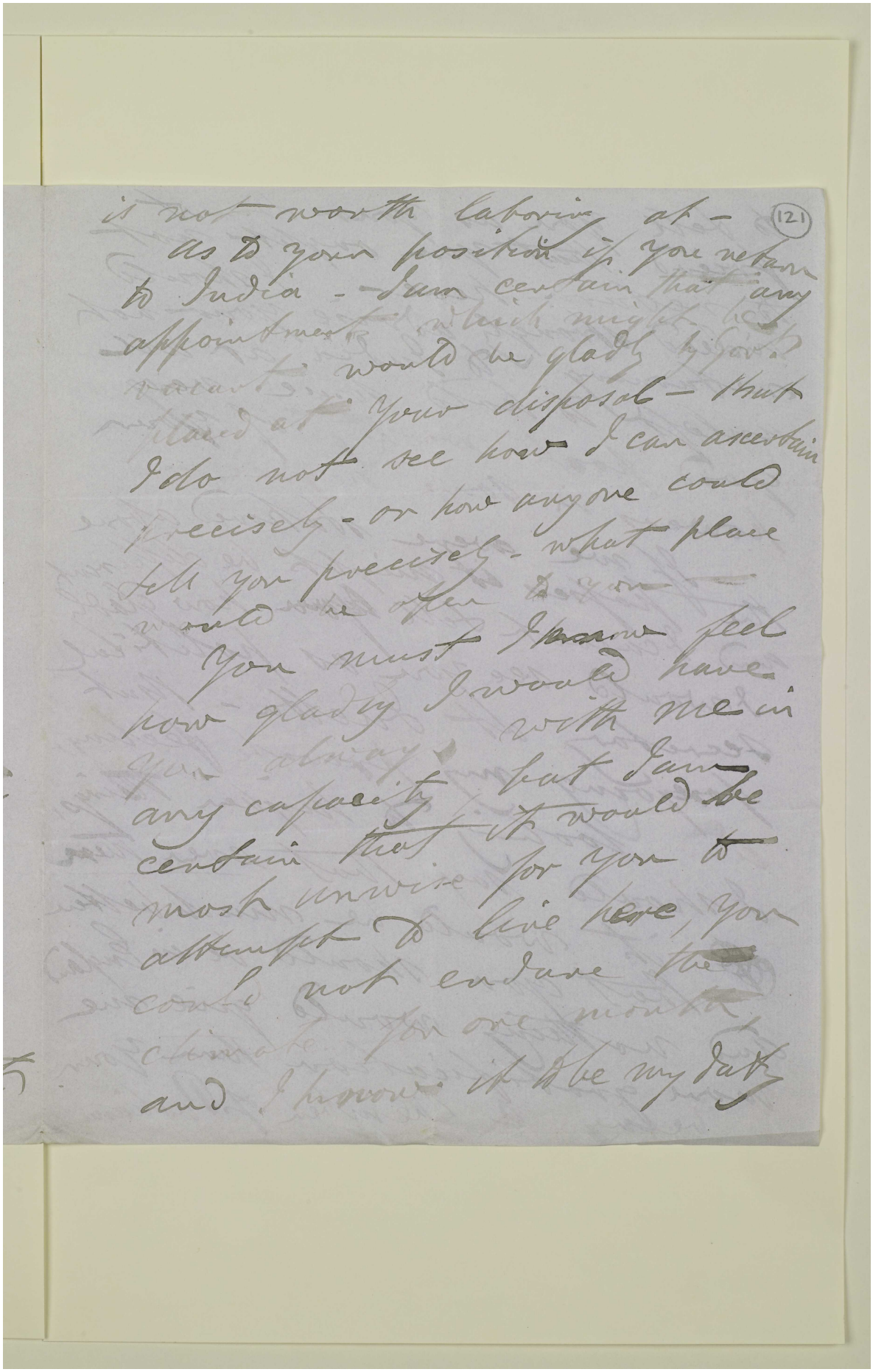

is not worth laboring at -
as to your position if you return
to India - I am certain that any
appointment which might be
vacant I would be glad to give
at your disposal - but
I do not see how I can ascertain
precisely - or how anyone could
tell you precisely - what place
you may be offered -
You must I know feel
how gladly I would have
you always with me in
any capacity but I am
certain that it would be
most unwise for you to
attempt to live here, you
could not endure the
climate for one month
and I know it to be my duty

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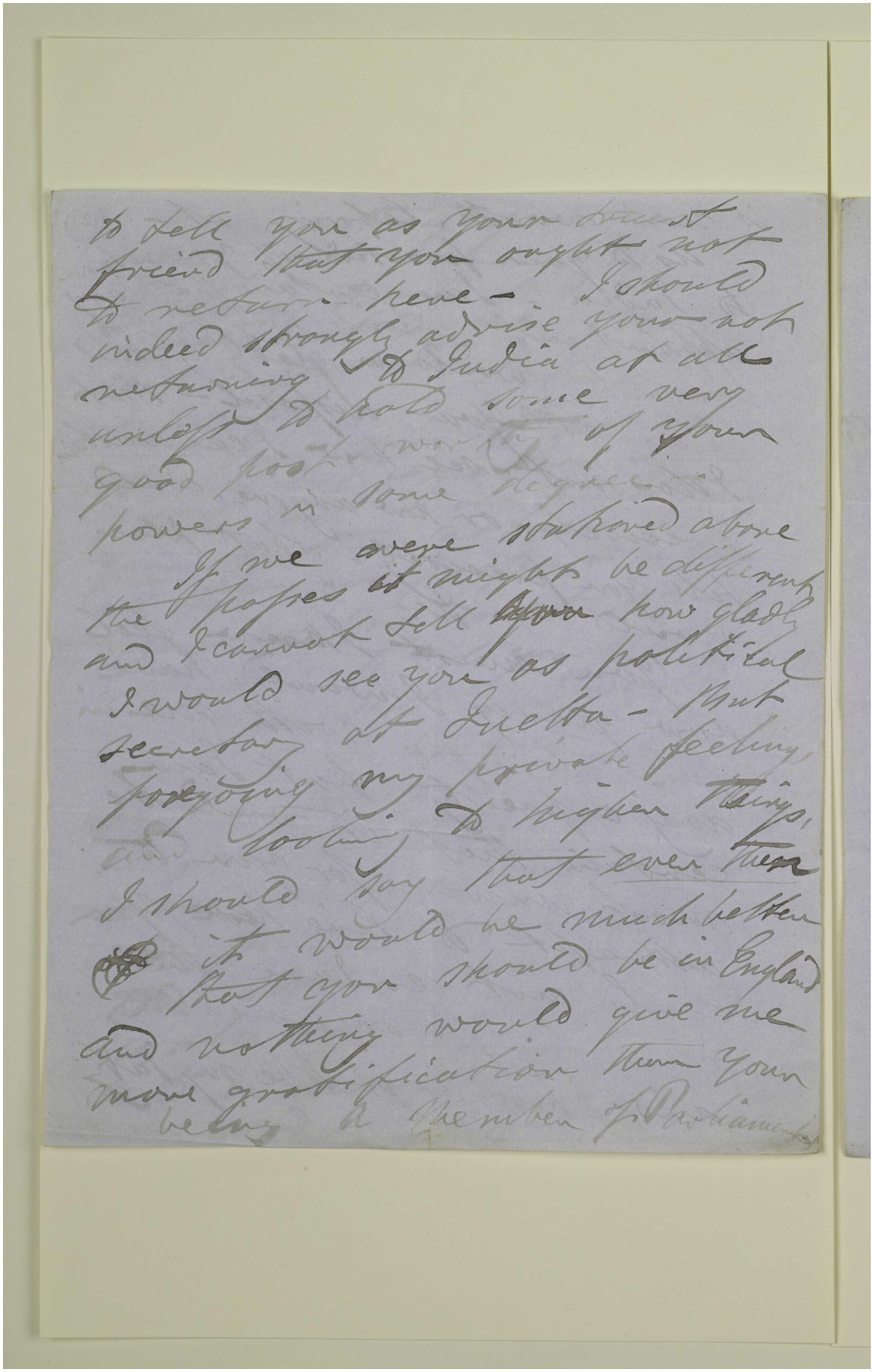

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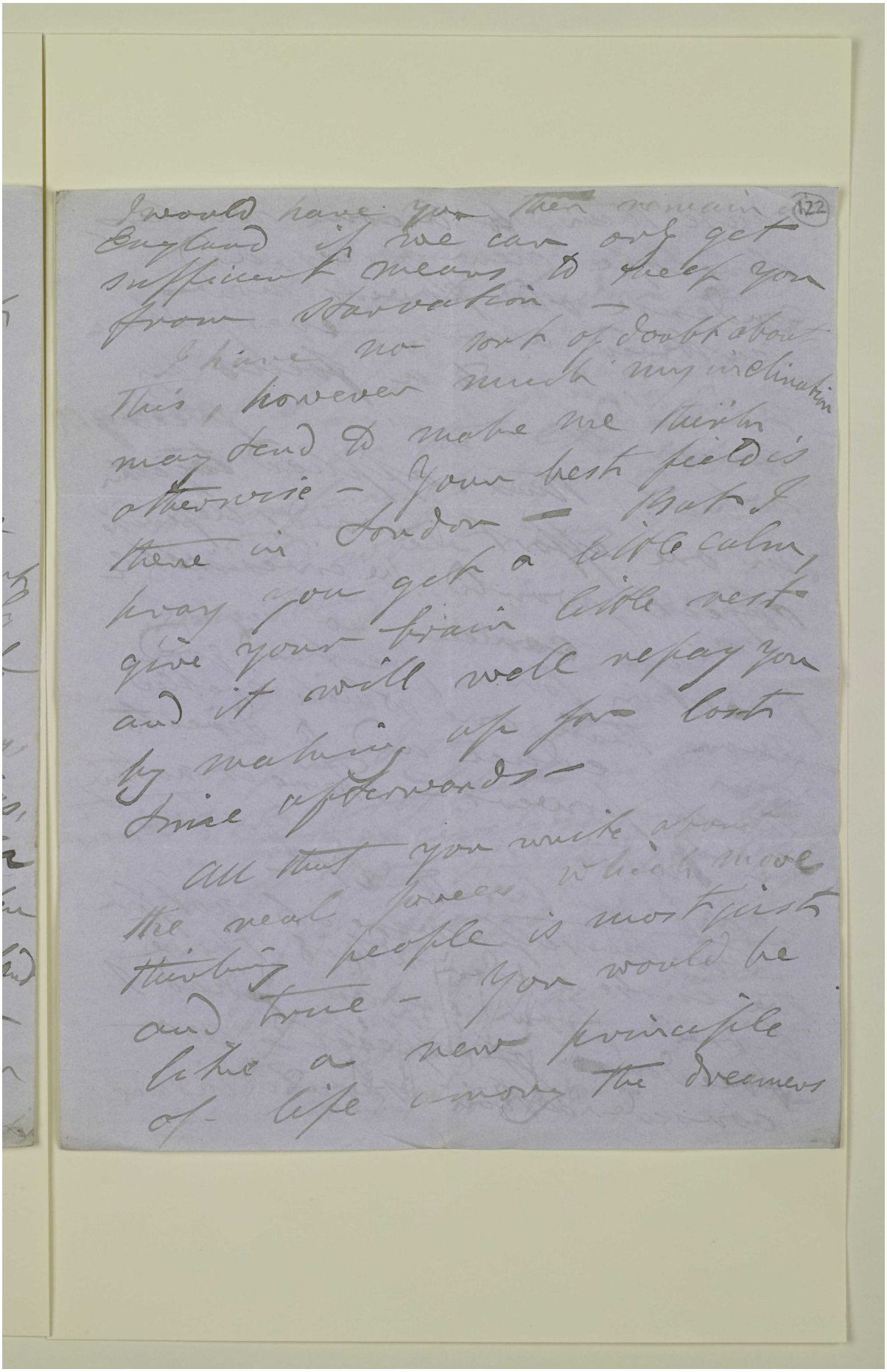

I would have you then remain in England if we can only get sufficient means to keep you from starvation — I have no sort of doubt about this, however much my inclination may lead to make me think otherwise — Your best field is there in London — But I pray you get a little calm, give your brain a little rest and it will well repay you by making up for lost time afterwards —

All that you write about the real causes which move thinking people is most just and true — You would be like a new principle of life among the dreamers

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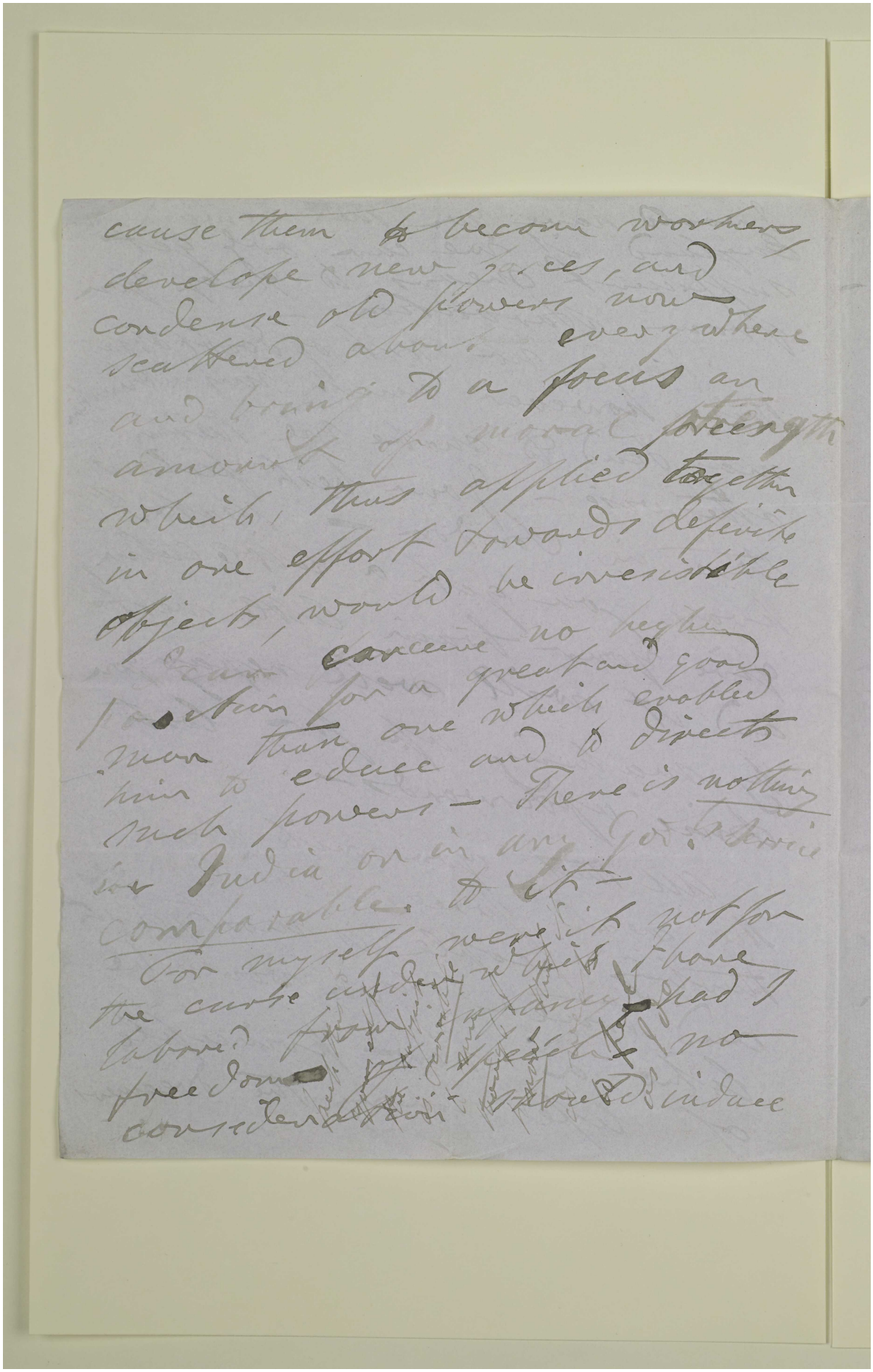

cause them to become workers,
develope new forces, and
condense old powers now
scattered about everywhere
and bring to a focus an
amount of moral strength
which, thus applied together
in one effort towards definite
objects, would be irresistible
Can conceive no higher
position for a great and good
man than one which enabled
him to educe and to direct
such powers — There is nothing
in India or in any Govt. service
comparable to it —
For myself were it not for
the curse under which I have
labored from infancy, had I
freedom of speech, no
consideration should induce

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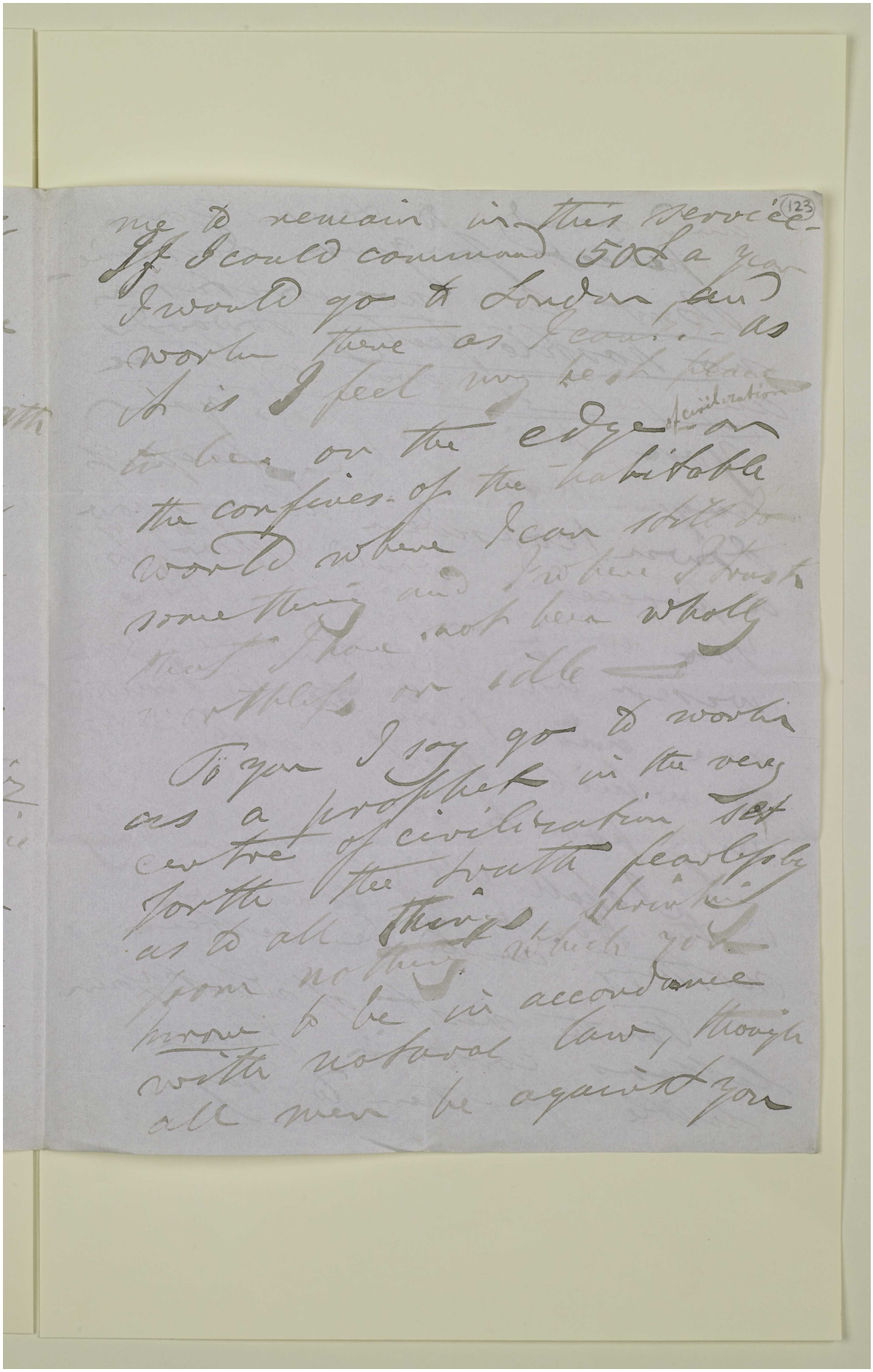

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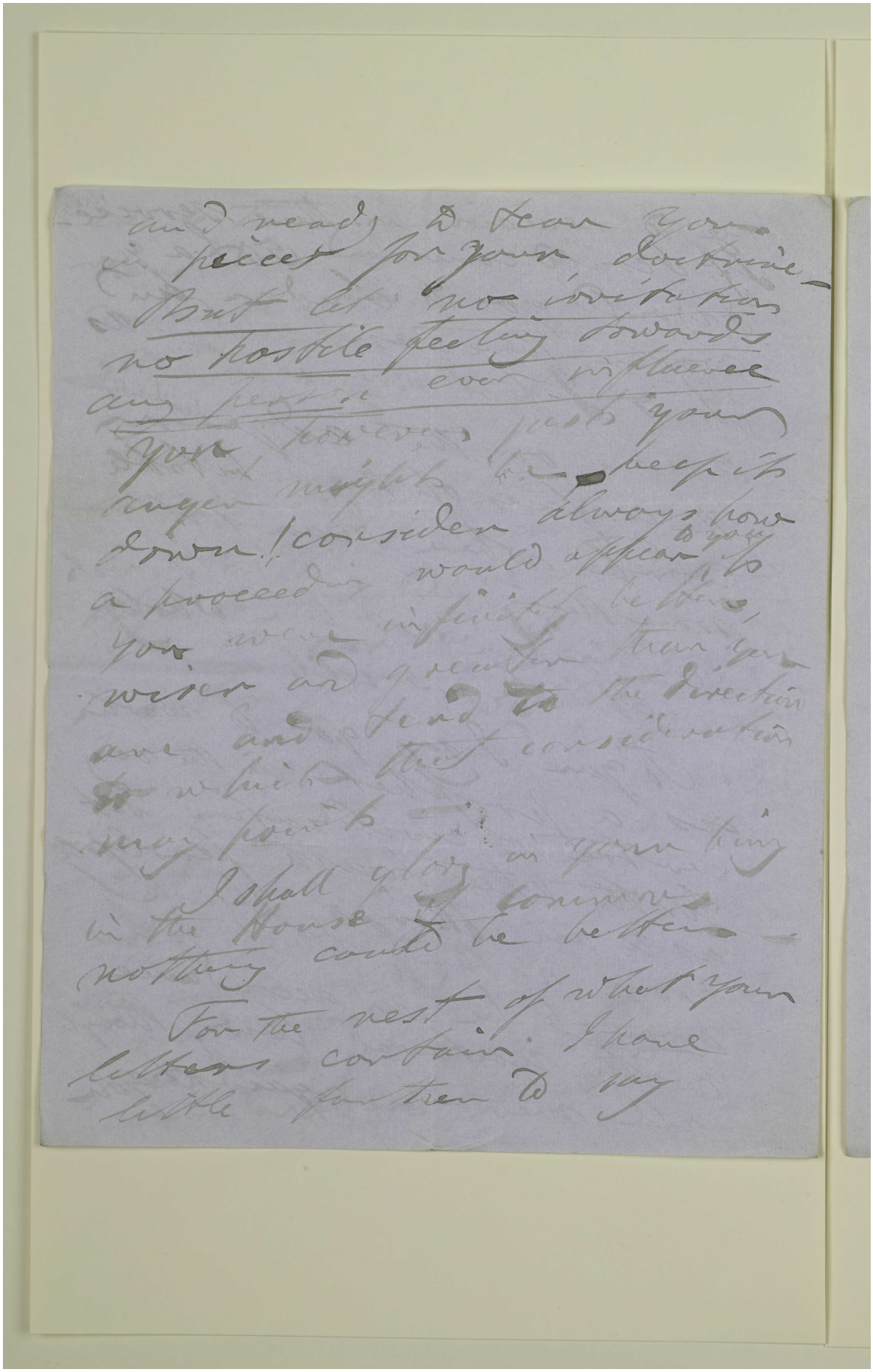

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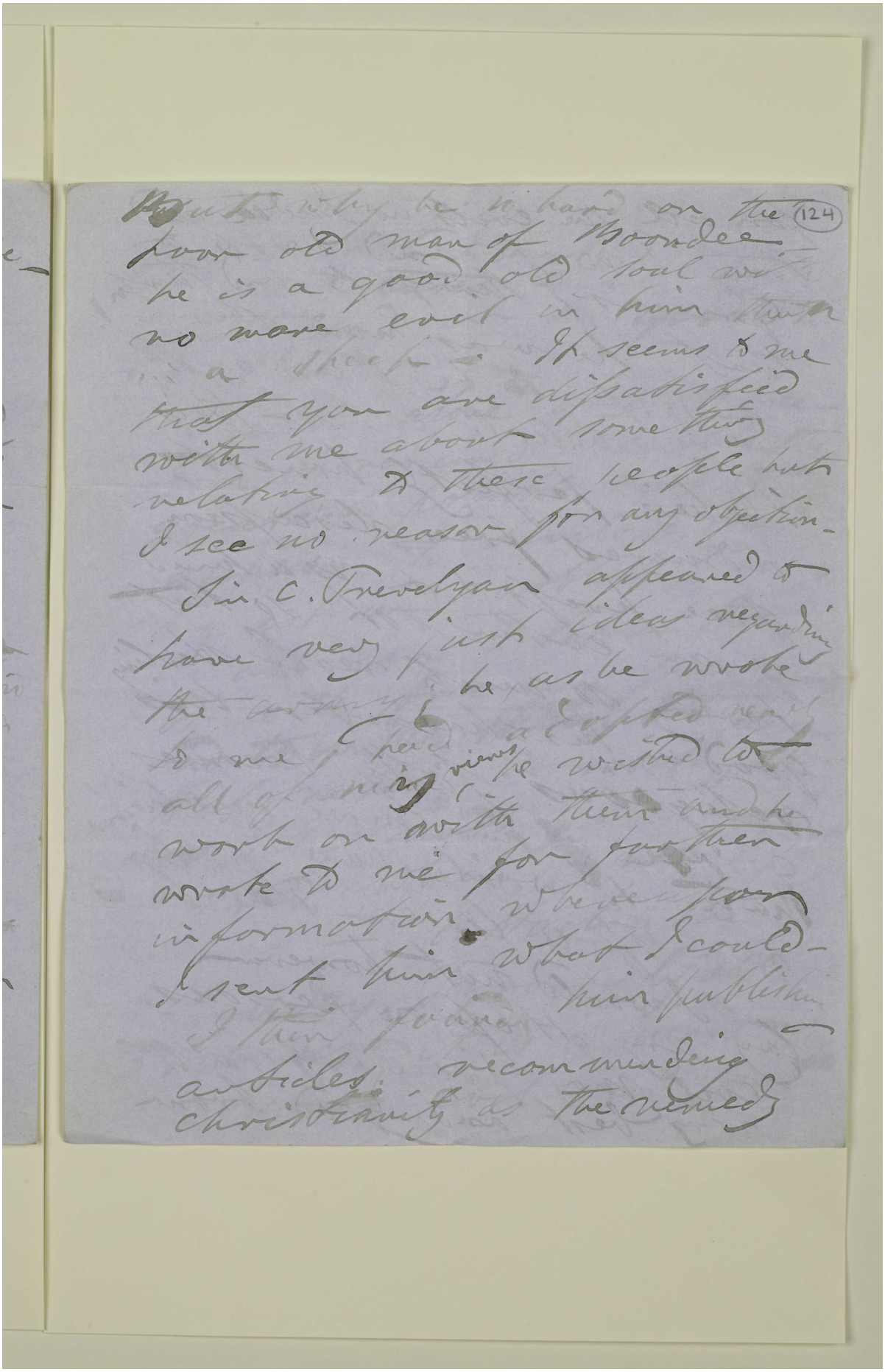

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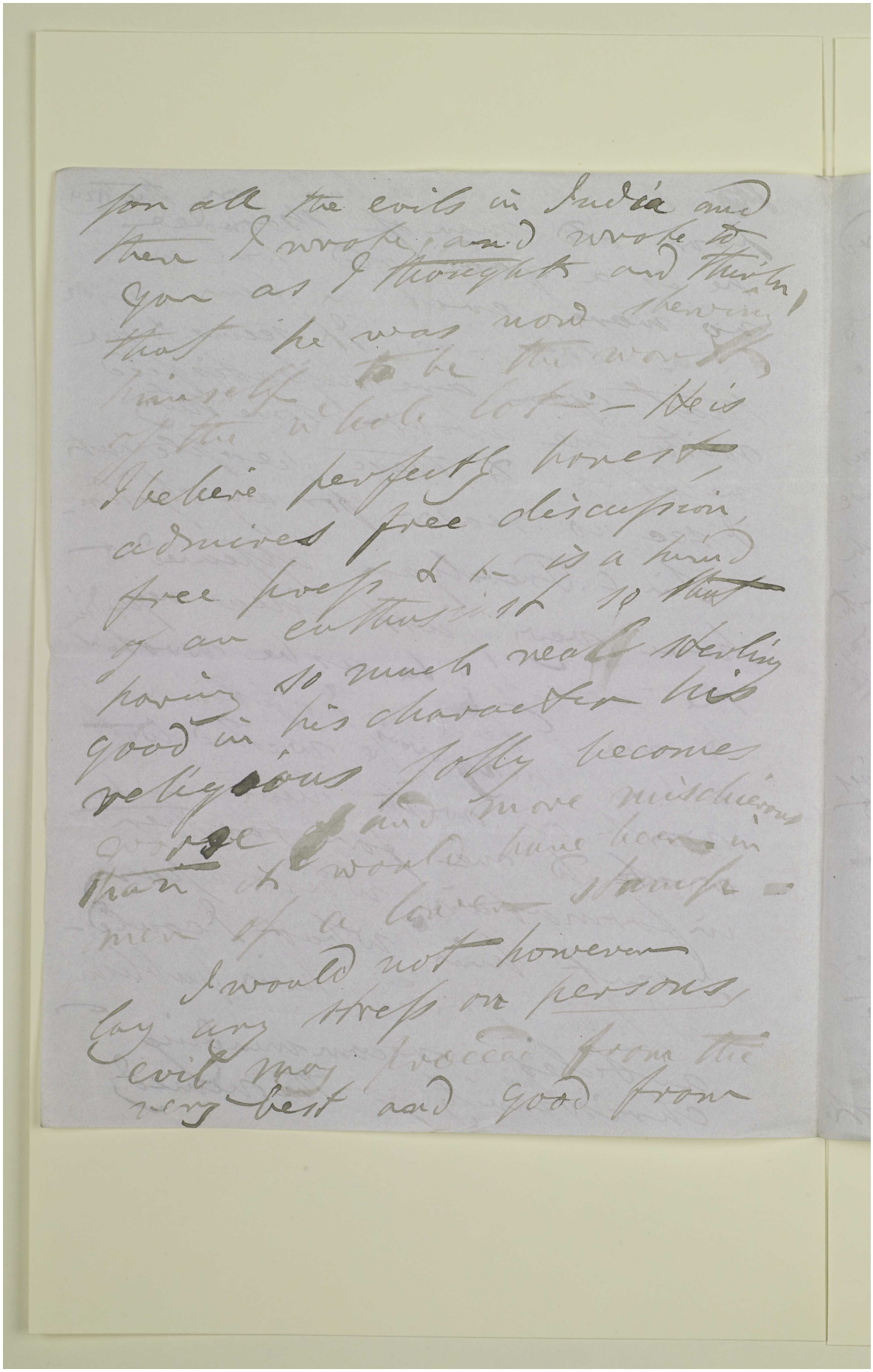

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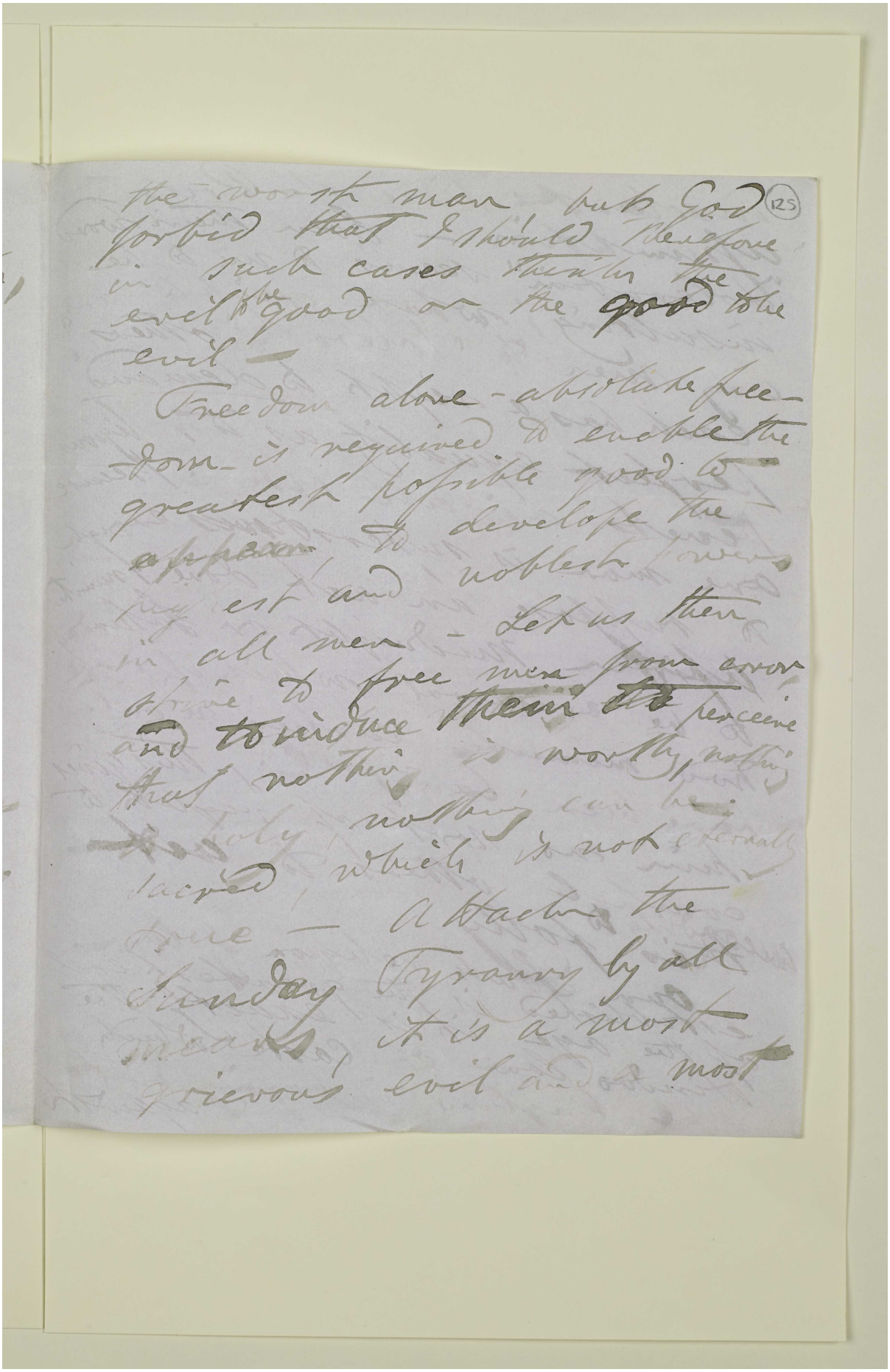

the worst man but God forbid that I should therefore in such cases think the evil to be good or the good to be evil —

Freedom alone - absolute freedom - is required to enable the greatest possible good to appear, to develope the highest and noblest powers in all men - Let us then strive to free men from error and to induce them to perceive that nothing is worthy, nothing is holy, nothing can be sacred, which is not eternally true — Attack the Sunday Tyranny by all means, it is a most grievous evil and a most

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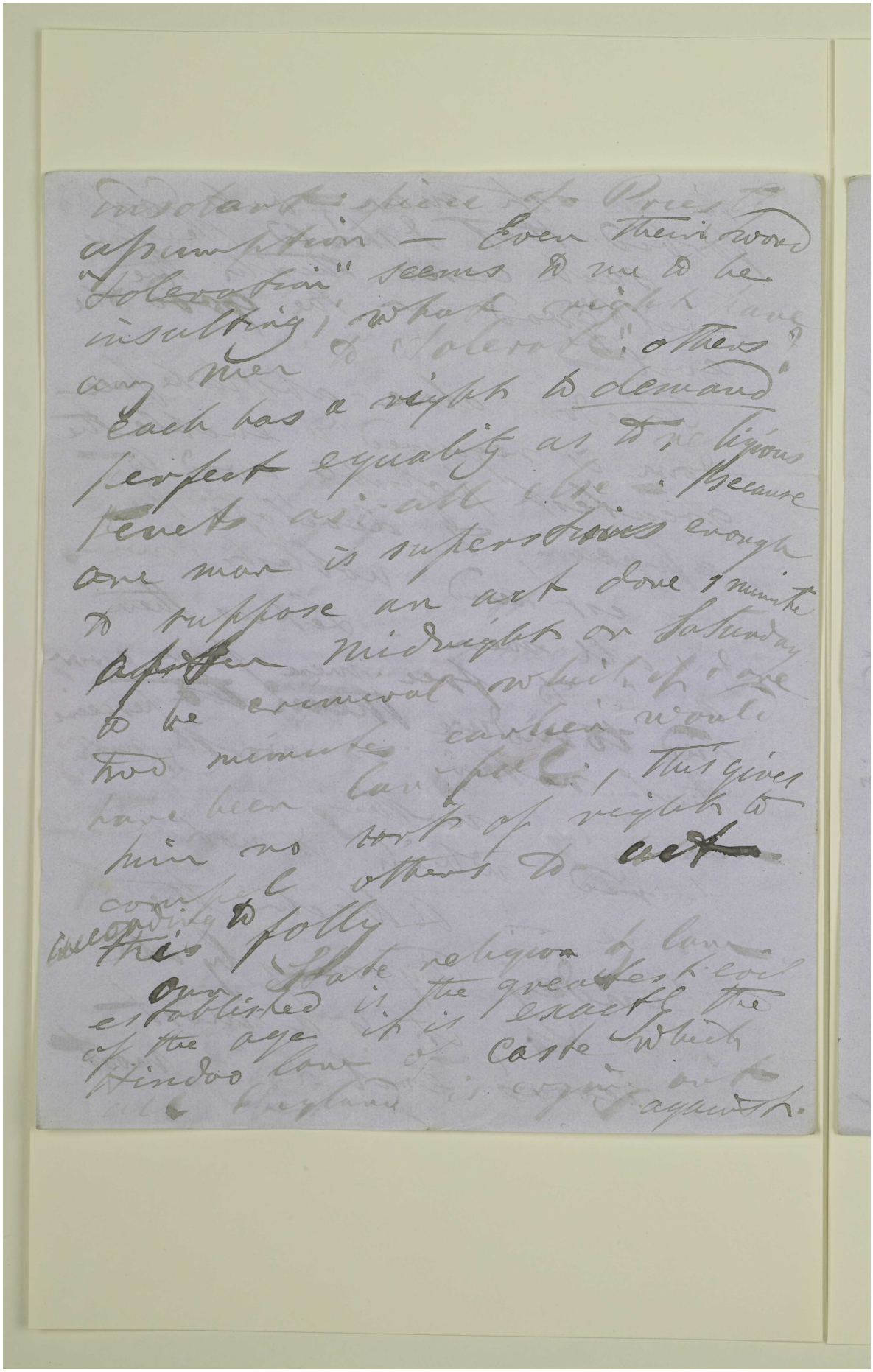

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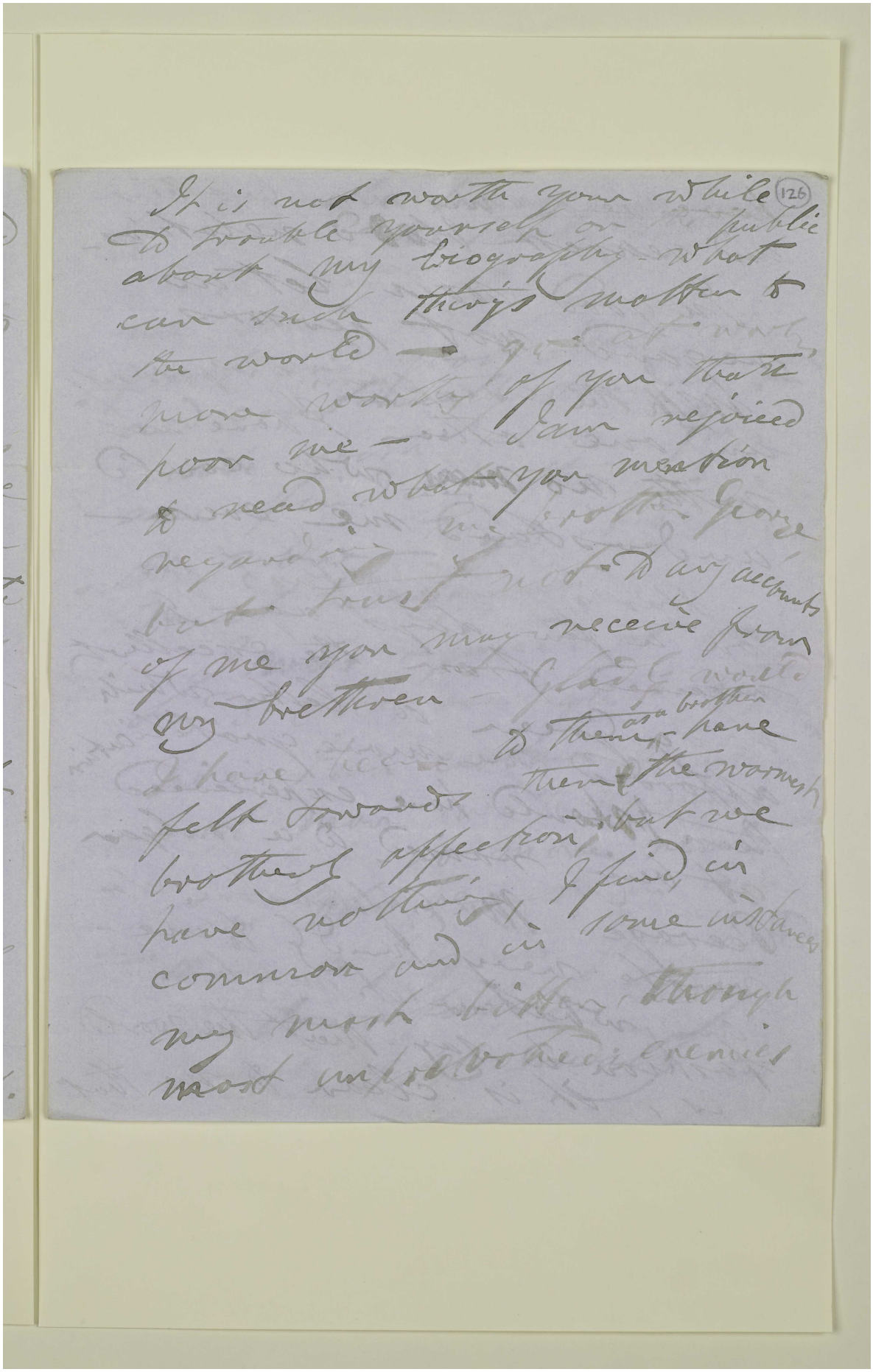

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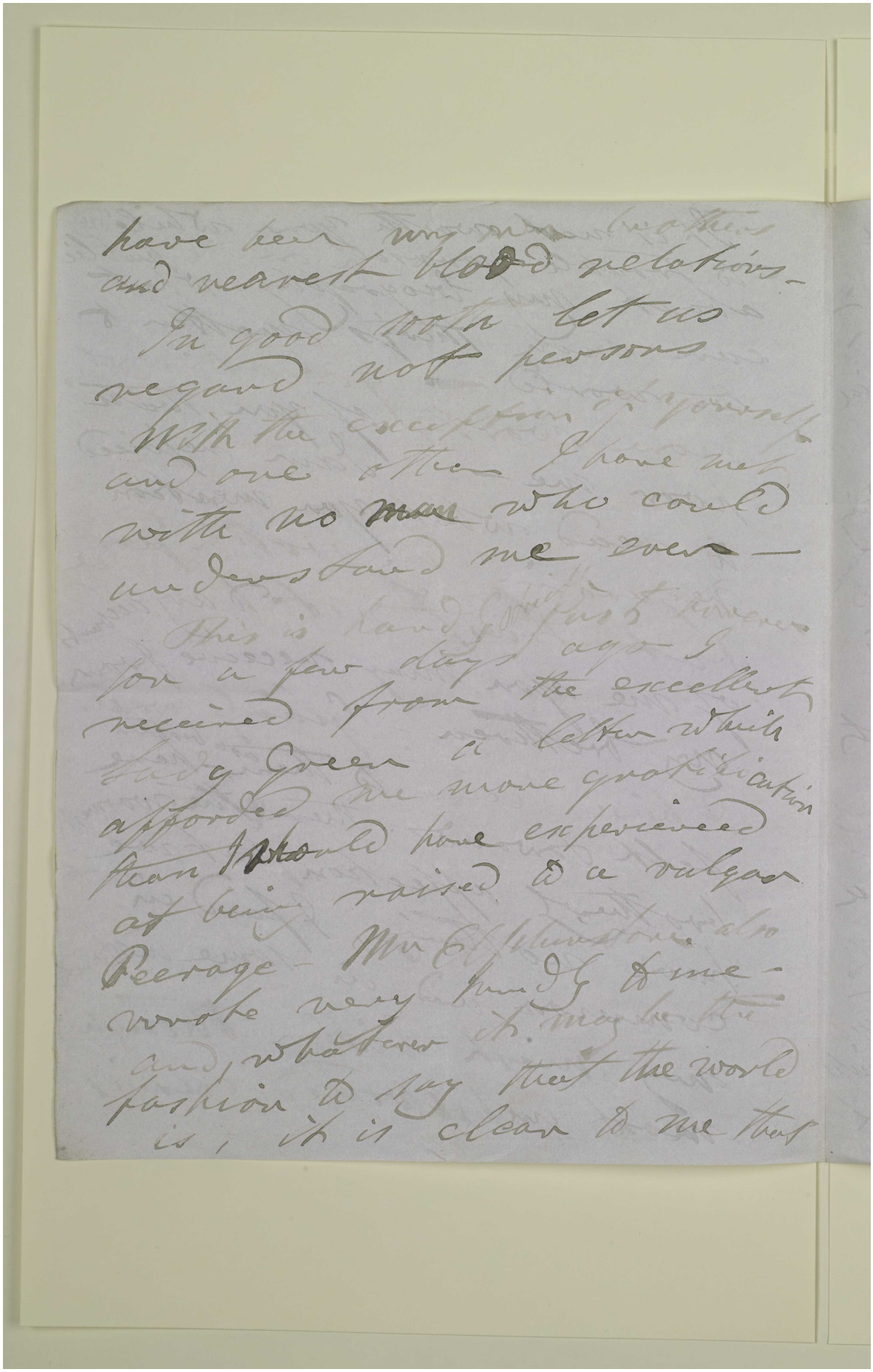

have been very [illegible] brothers
and nearest blood relations -
In good sooth let us
regard not persons
With the exception of yourself
and one other I have met
with no ~~man~~ who could
understand me even -
This is hard & strictly just however
for a few days ago I
received from the excellent
Lady Green a letter which
afforded me more gratification
than I should have experienced
at being raised to a vulgar
Peerage - Mr Elphinstone also
wrote very kindly to me -
and whatever it may be the
fashion to say that the world
is, it is clear to me that

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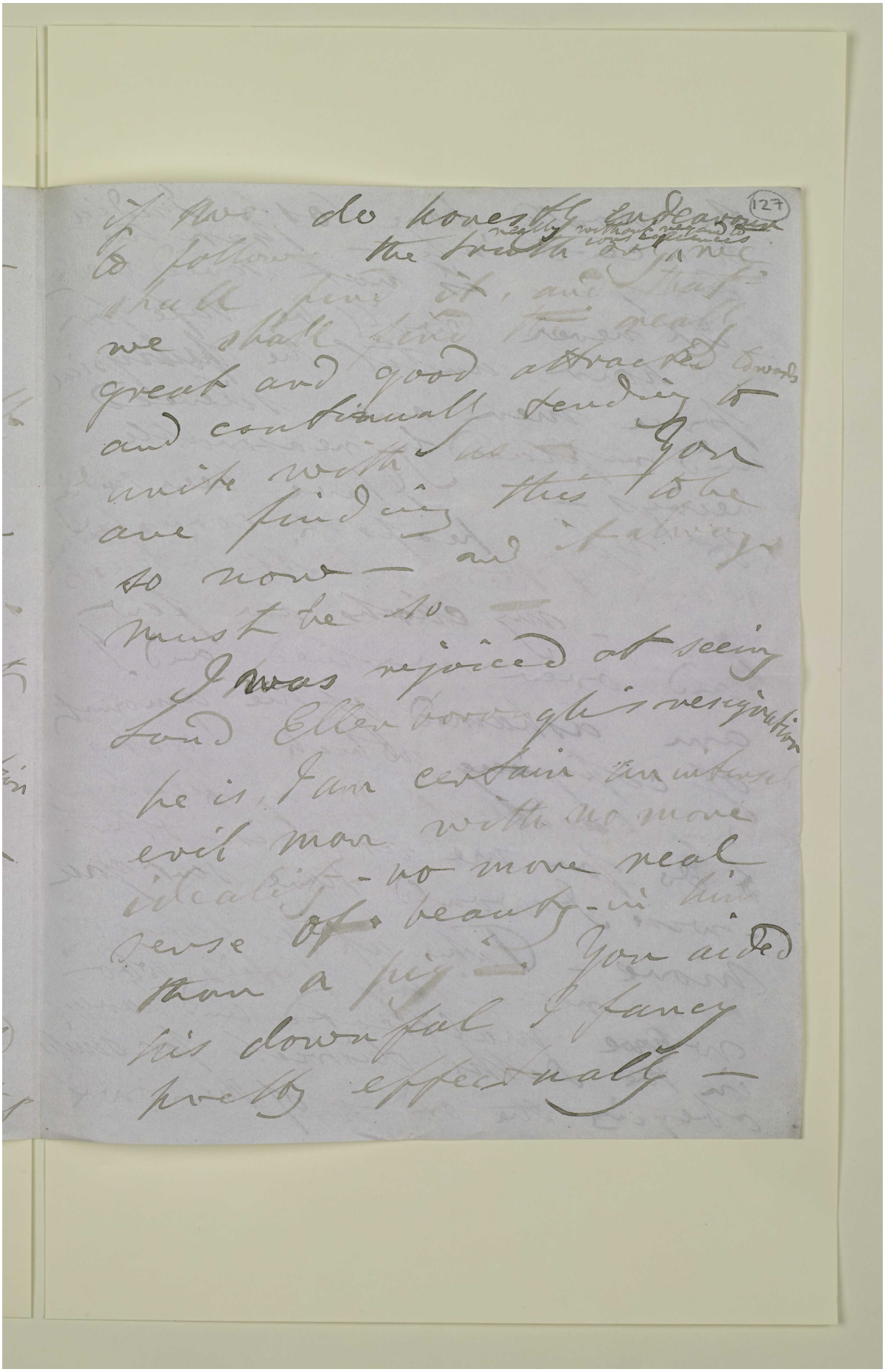

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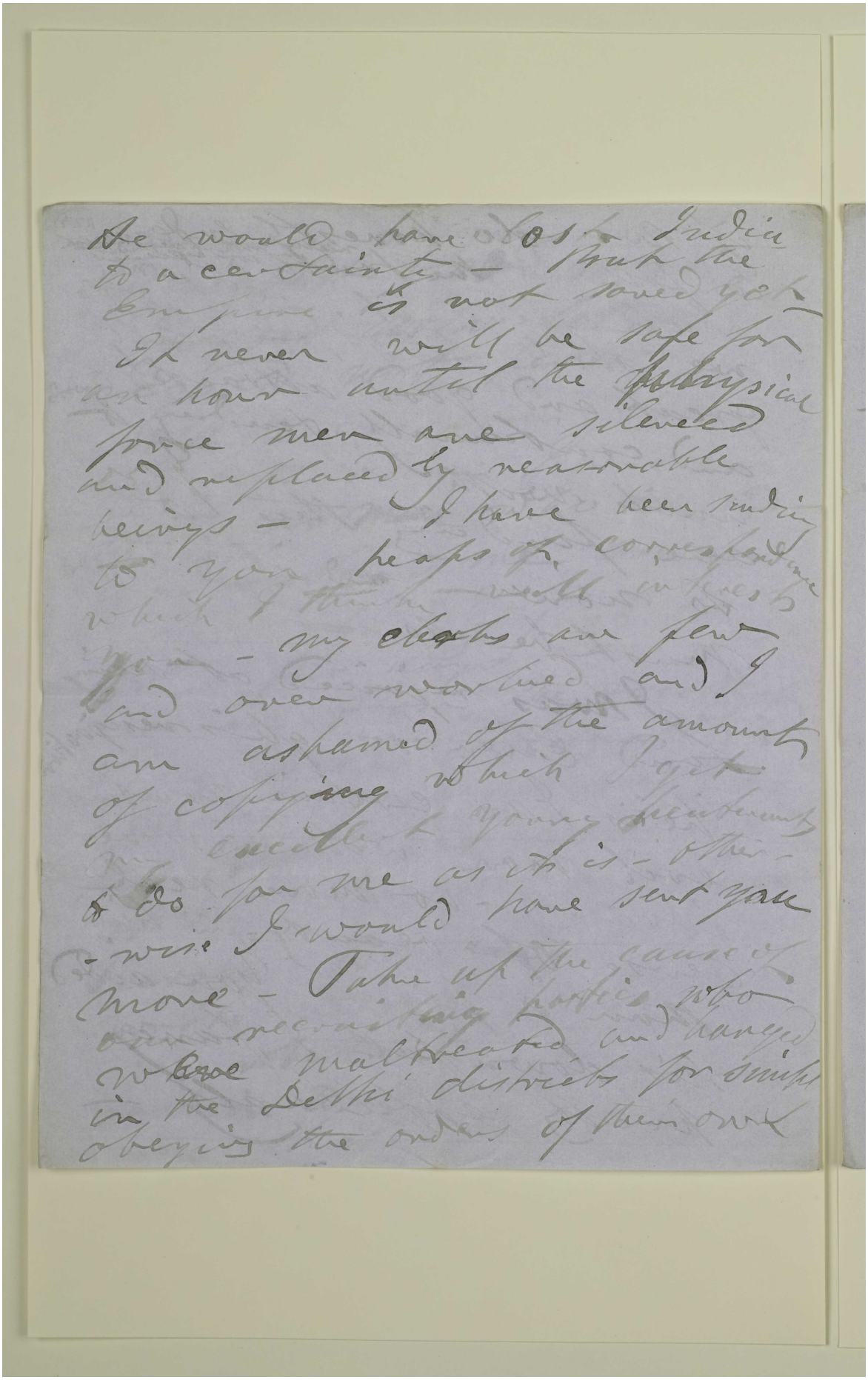

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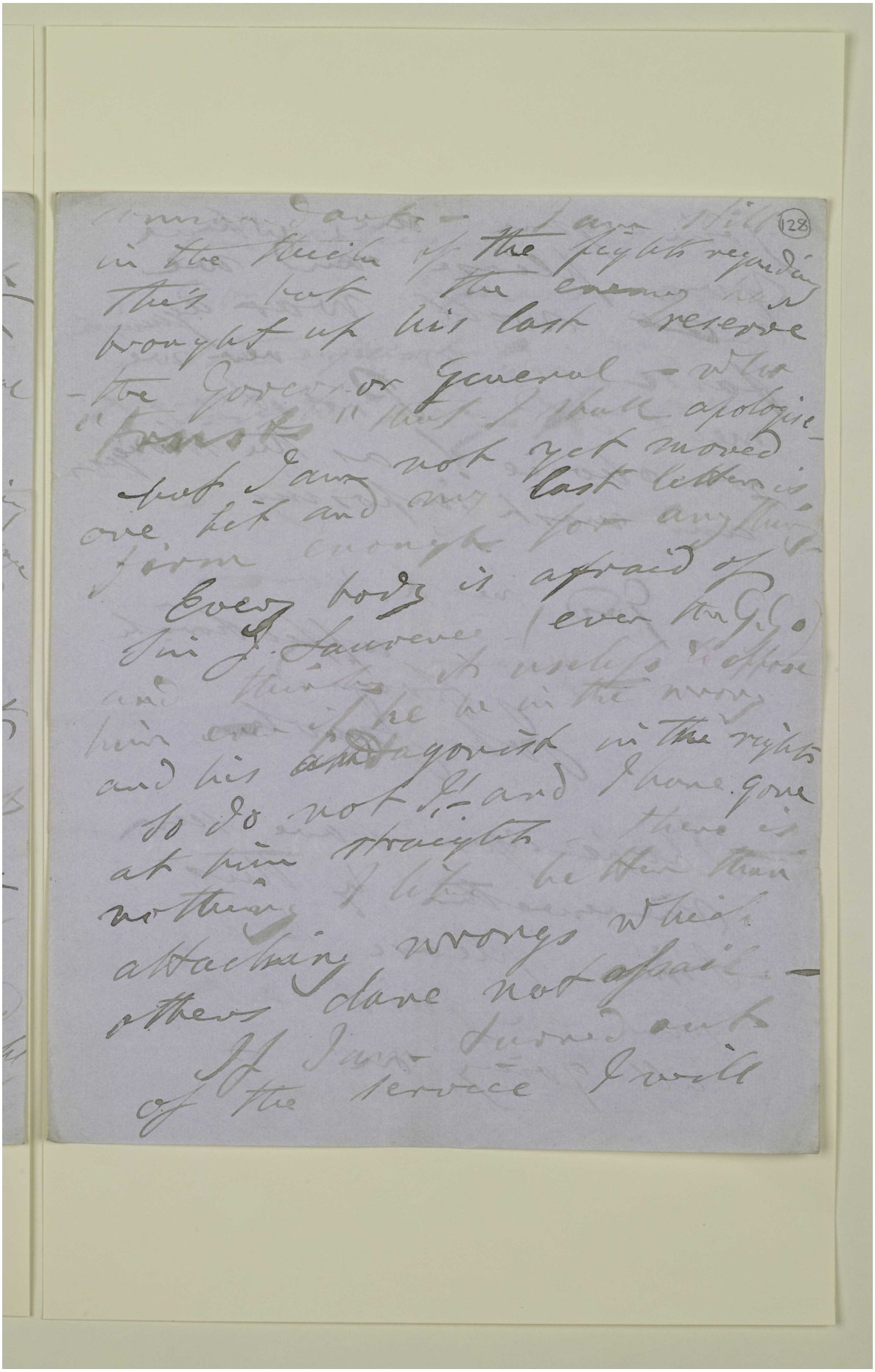

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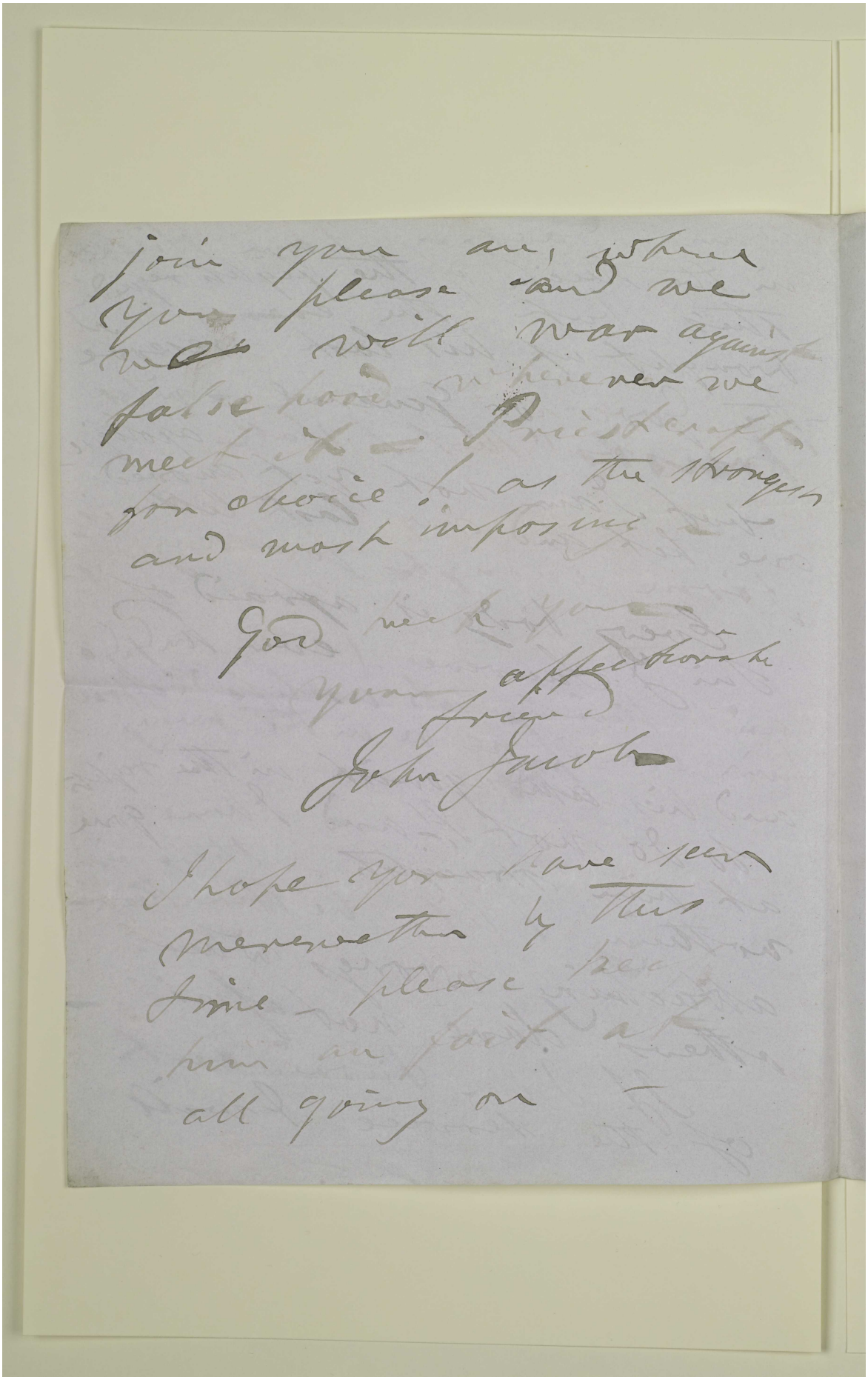

join you an, where
you please and we
will war against
false hood wherever we
meet it — Priestcraft
for choice! as the strongest
and most imposing

God neck you
your affectionate
friend
John Jacob

I hope you have seen
merewether by this
time — please
him an fait at
all going on —

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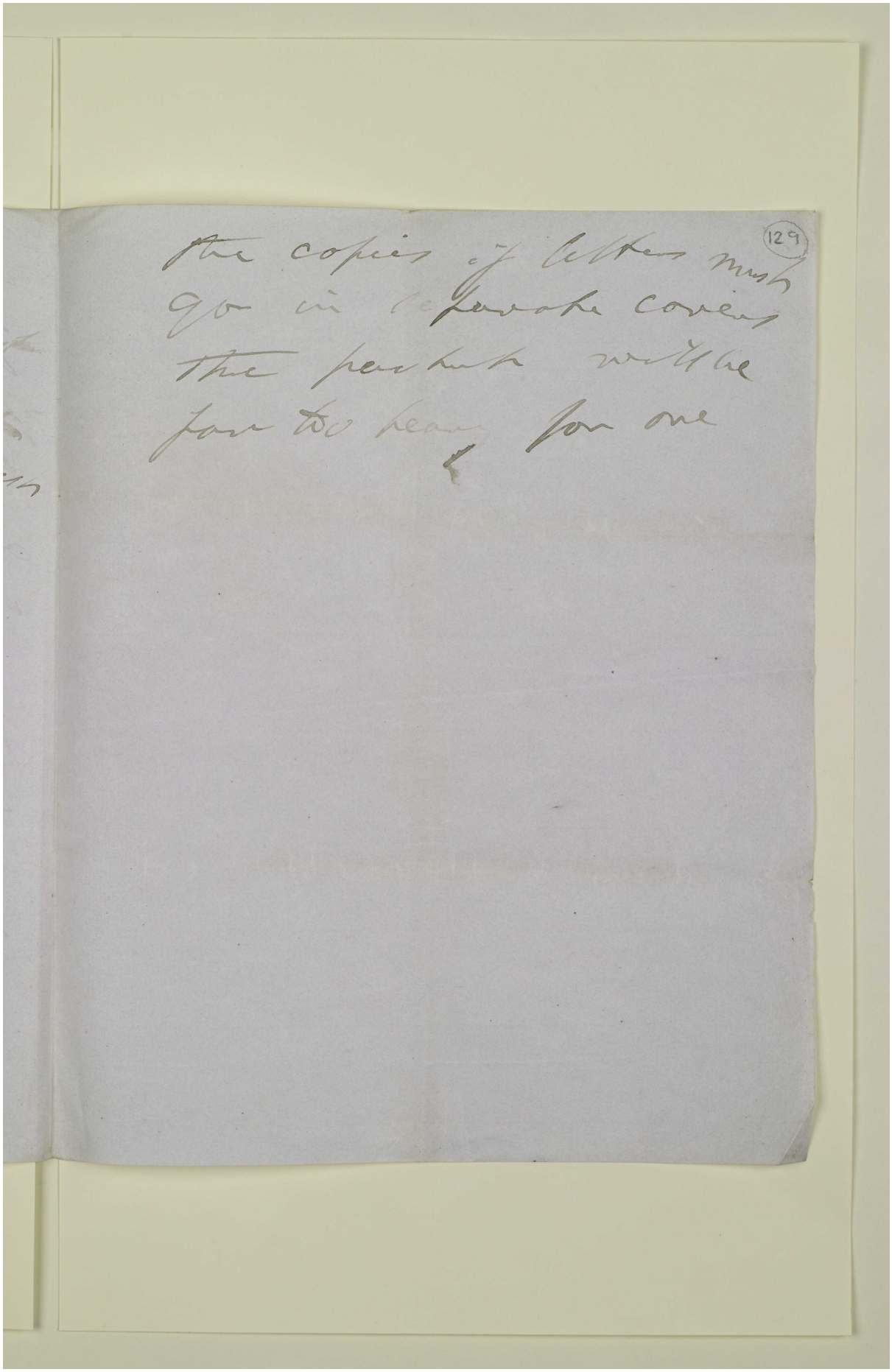

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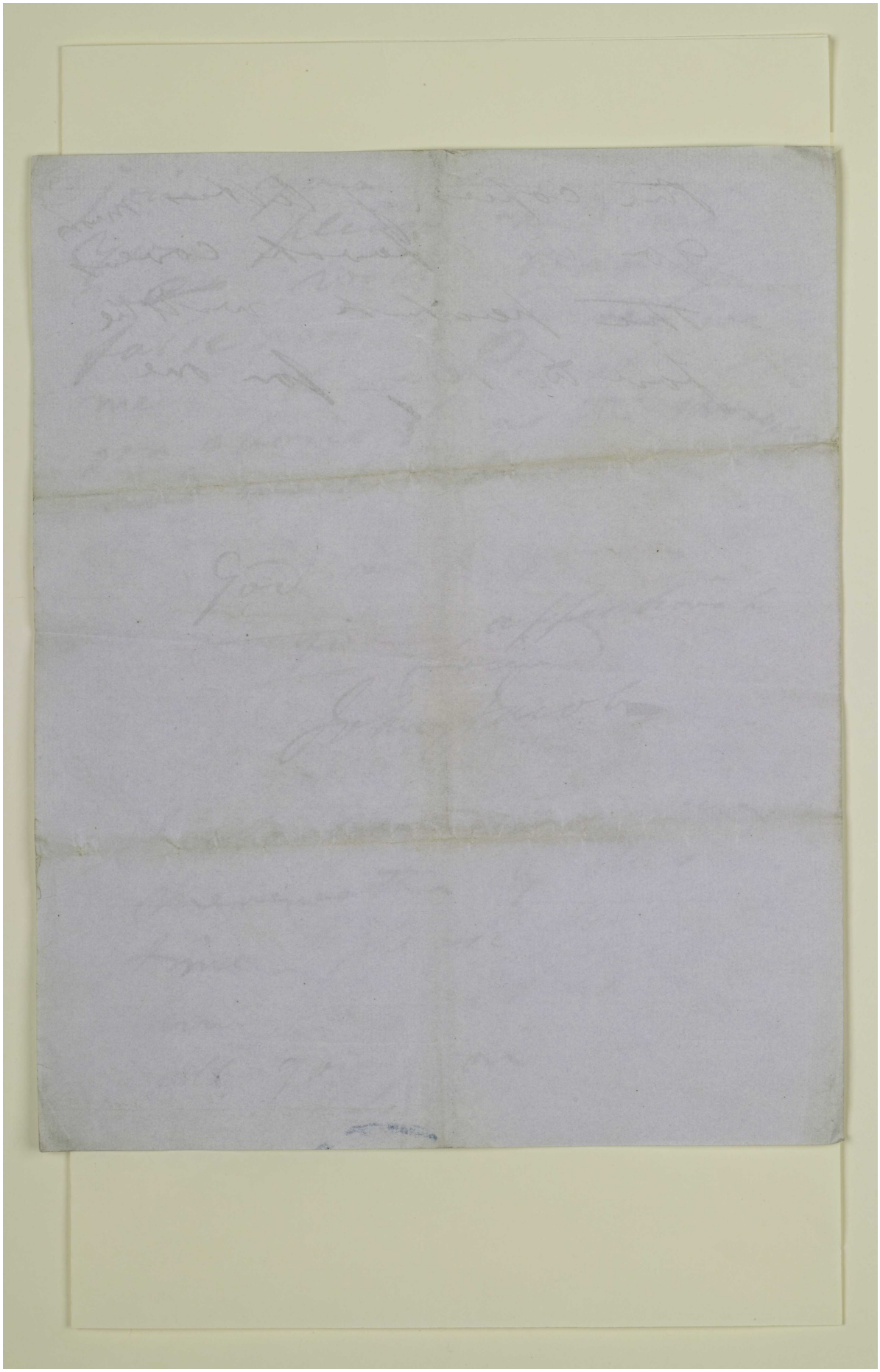

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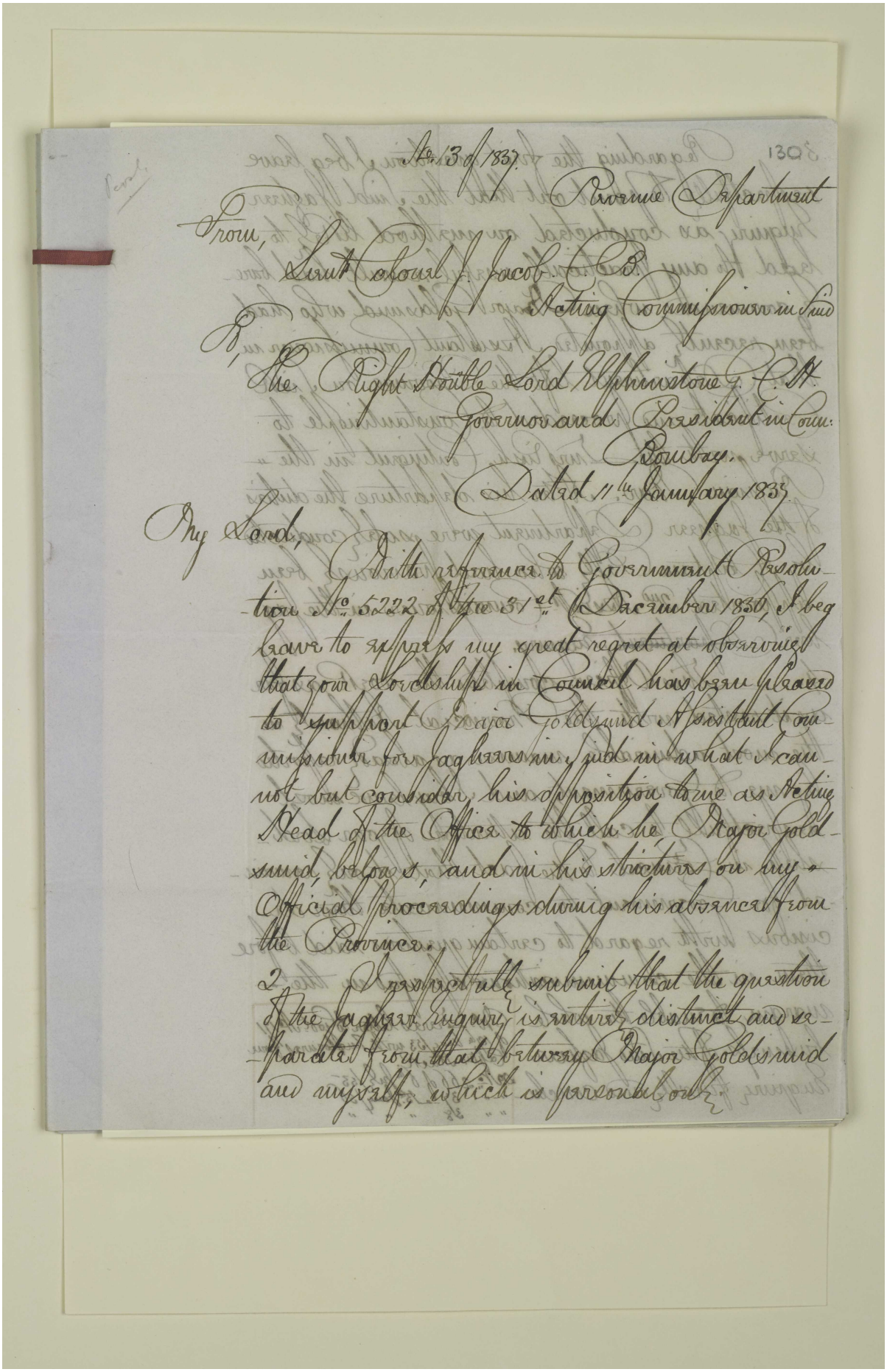

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Revenue Department

From,

Lieut. Colonel J. Jacob C.B.

Acting Commissioner in Sind

To,

The Right Honble Lord Elphinstone G.C.H.

Governor and President in Council

Bombay.

Dated 11th January 1837.

My Lord,

With reference to Government Resolution No. 5222 of the 31st December 1836, I beg leave to express my great regret at observing that your Lordship in Council has been pleased to support Major Goldsmid Assistant Commissioner for Jaghires in Sind in what I cannot but consider his opposition to me as Acting Head of the Office to which he Major Goldsmid belongs, and in his strictures on my Official proceedings during his absence from the Province.

2 I respectfully submit that the question of the Jaghire inquiry is entirely distinct and separate from that between Major Goldsmid and myself, which is personal only.

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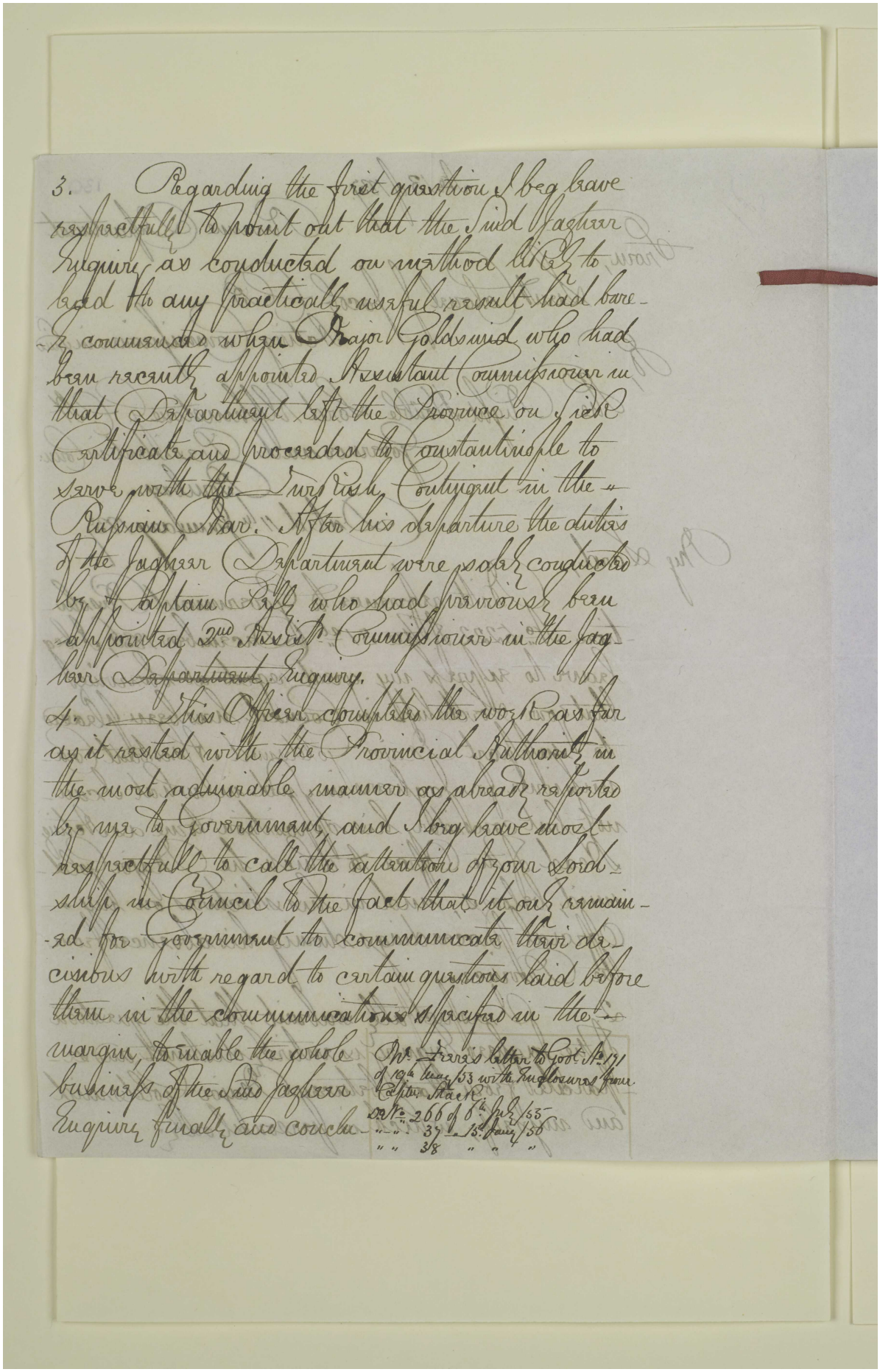

3. Regarding the first question I beg leave respectfully to point out that the Sind Jagheer Enquiry as conducted on method likely to lead to any practically useful result had barely commenced when Major Goldsmid who had been recently appointed Assistant Commissioner in that Department left the Province on Sick Certificate and proceeded to Constantinople to serve with the Turkish Contingent in the Russian War. After his departure the duties of the Jagheer Department were solely conducted by Captain Pelly who had previously been appointed 2nd Assist. Commissioner in the Jagheer ~~Department~~ Enquiry.

4. This Officer completed the work as far as it rested with the Provincial Authority in the most admirable manner as already reported by me to Government, and I beg leave most respectfully to call the attention of your Lordship in Council to the fact that it only remained for Government to communicate their decisions with regard to certain questions laid before them in the communications specified in the margin, to enable the whole business of the Sind Jagheer Enquiry finally and conclu-

Mr. Frere's letter to Govt. No. 171 of 19th May/53 with Enclosures from Captn. Stack.
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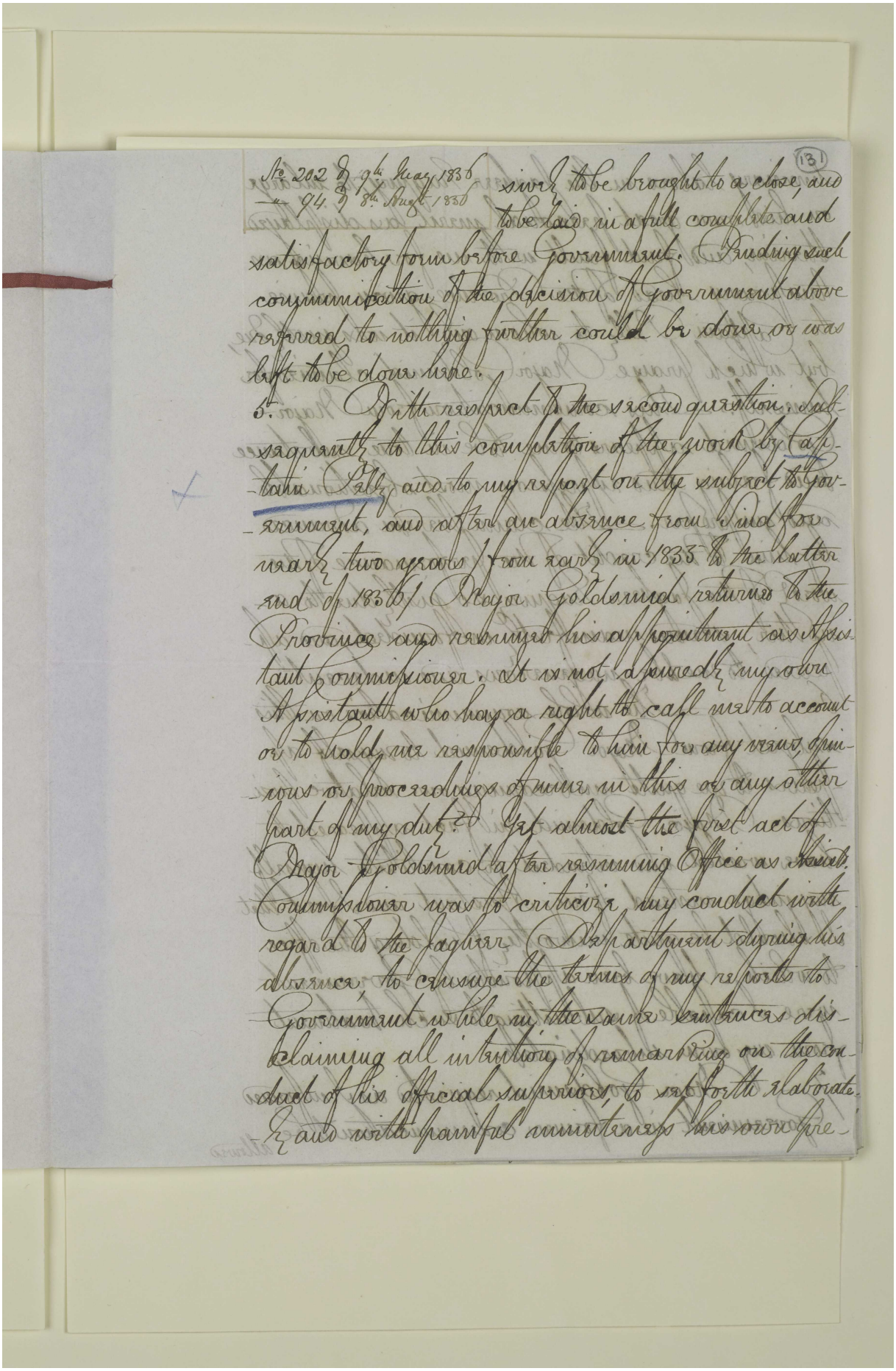

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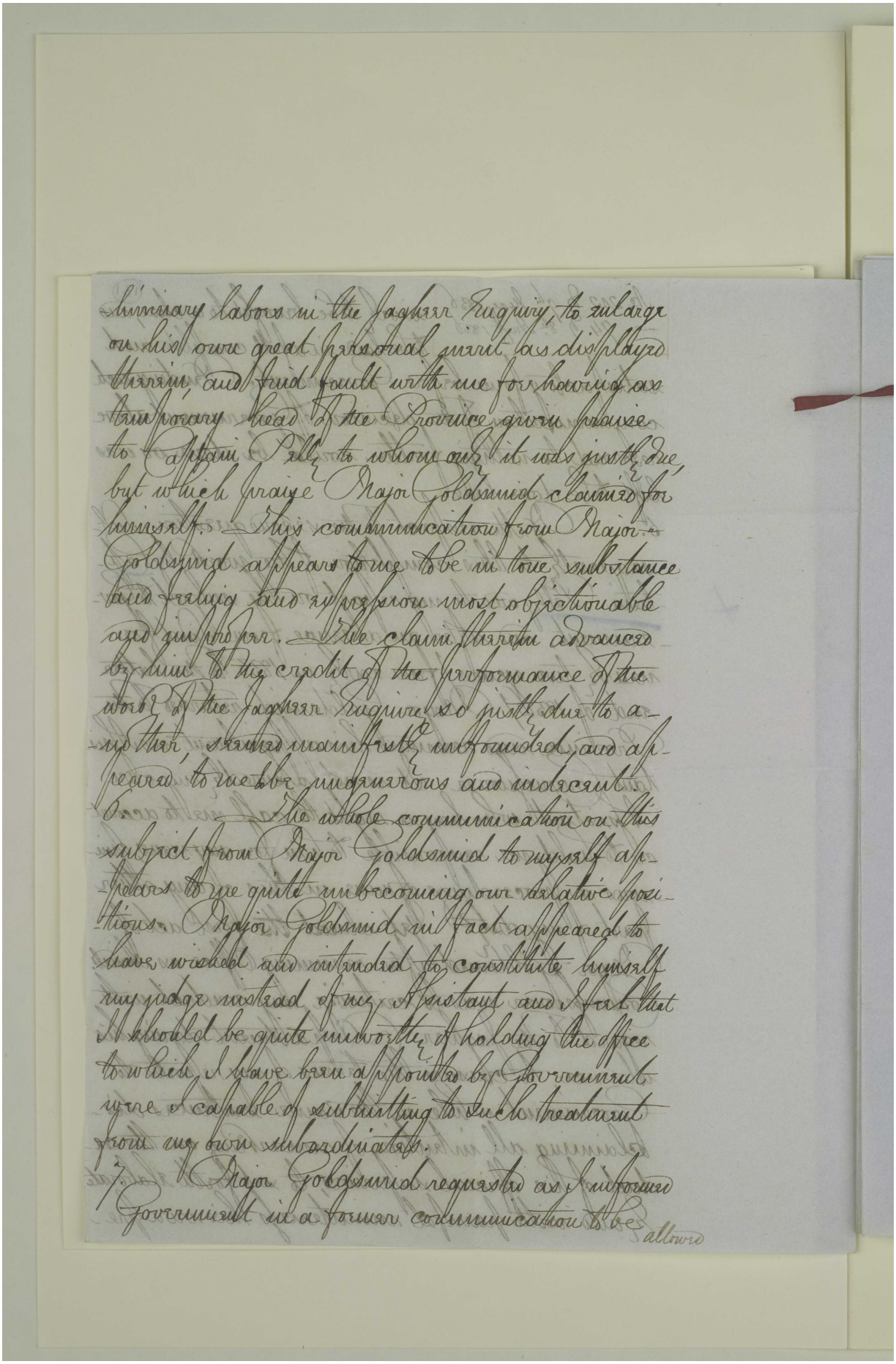
sively to be brought to a close, and to be laid in a full complete and satisfactory form before Government. Pending such communication of the decision of Government above referred to nothing further could be done or was left to be done here.

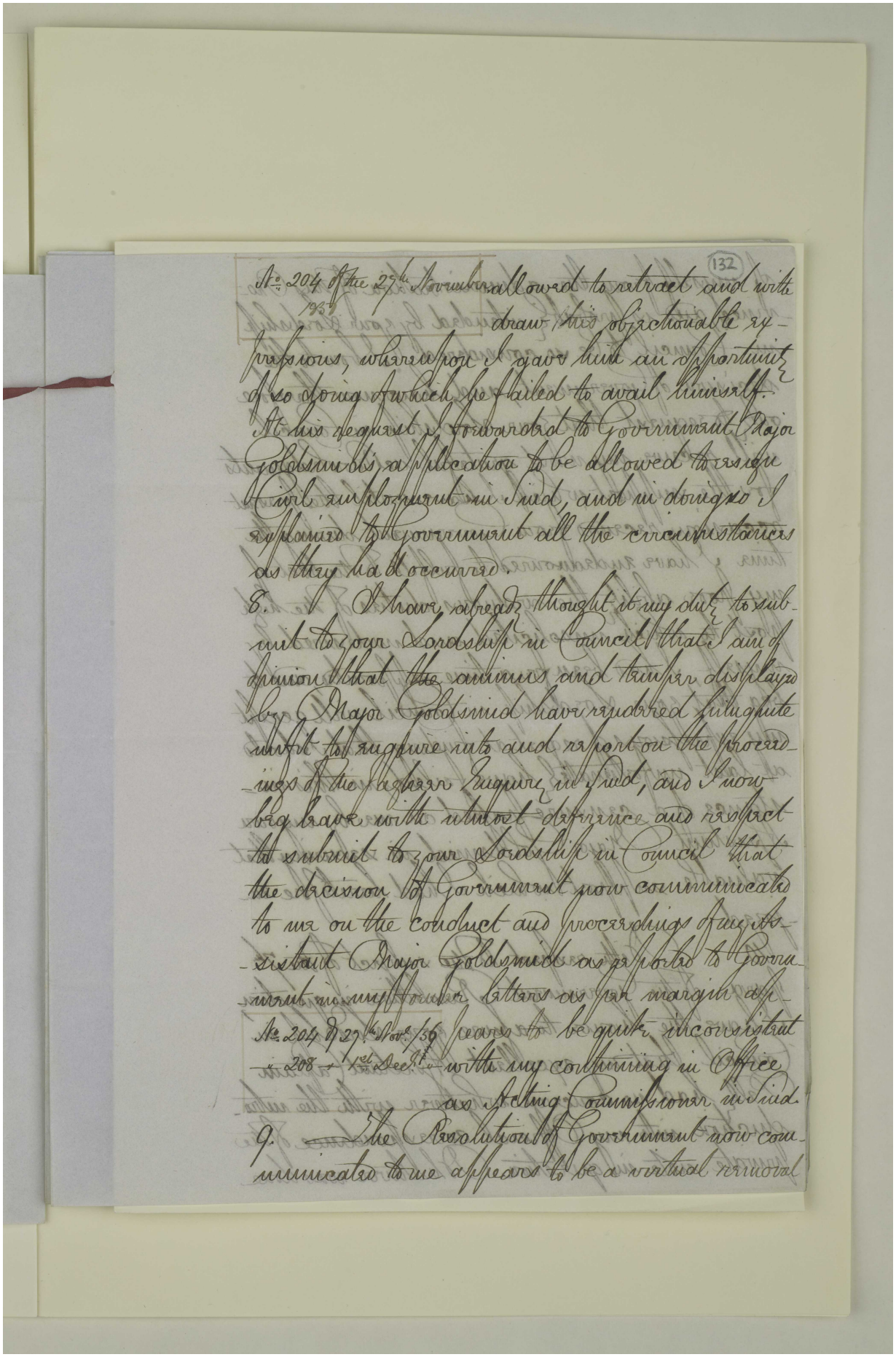
5. With respect to the second question. Subsequently to this completion of the work by Captain Pelly and to my report on the subject to Government, and after an absence from Sind for nearly two years (from early in 1833 to the latter end of 1836) Major Goldsmid returned to the Province and resumed his appointment as Assistant Commissioner. It is not assuredly my own Assistant who has a right to call me to account or to hold me responsible to him for any views, opinions or proceedings of mine in this or any other part of my duty? Yet almost the first act of Major Goldsmid after resuming Office as Assistant Commissioner was to criticize my conduct with regard to the Jagheer Department during his absence, to censure the terms of my reports to Government while in the same sentences disclaiming all intention of remarking on the conduct of his official superiors, to set forth elaborately and with painful minuteness his own pre-



luminary labors in the Jaghire Enquiry, to enlarge on his own great personal merit has displayed therein, and find fault with me for having as temporary head of the Province given praise to Captain Pelly to whom only it was justly due but which praise Major Goldsmid claimed for himself. This communication from Major Goldsmid appears to me to be in true substance and relying and expression most objectionable and improper. The claim therein advanced by him to the credit of the performance of the work of the Jaghire Enquiry so justly due to another, seems manifestly unfounded, and appeared to me to be ungenerous and indecent.

6. The whole communication on this subject from Major Goldsmid to myself appears to me quite unbecoming our relative positions. Major Goldsmid in fact appeared to have wished and intended to constitute himself my judge instead of my Assistant and I feel that I should be quite unworthy of holding the office to which I have been appointed by Government were I capable of submitting to such treatment from my own subordinates.

7. Major Goldsmid requests as I informed Government in a former communication to be allowed



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allowed to retract and withdraw his objectionable expressions, whereupon I gave him an opportunity of so doing of which he failed to avail himself. At his request I forwarded to Government Major Goldsmid's application to be allowed to resign Civil employment in Sind, and in doing so I explained to Government all the circumstances as they had occurred.

8. I have already thought it my duty to submit to your Lordship in Council that I am of opinion that the animus and temper displayed by Major Goldsmid have rendered him quite unfit to enquire into and report on the proceedings of the Jagheer Enquiry in Sind, and I now beg leave with utmost deference and respect to submit to your Lordship in Council that the decision of Government now communicated to me on the conduct and proceedings of my Assistant Major Goldsmid as reported to Government in my former letters as per margin appears to be quite inconsistent with my continuing in Office as Acting Commissioner in Sind.

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9. The Resolution of Government now communicated to me appears to be a virtual removal

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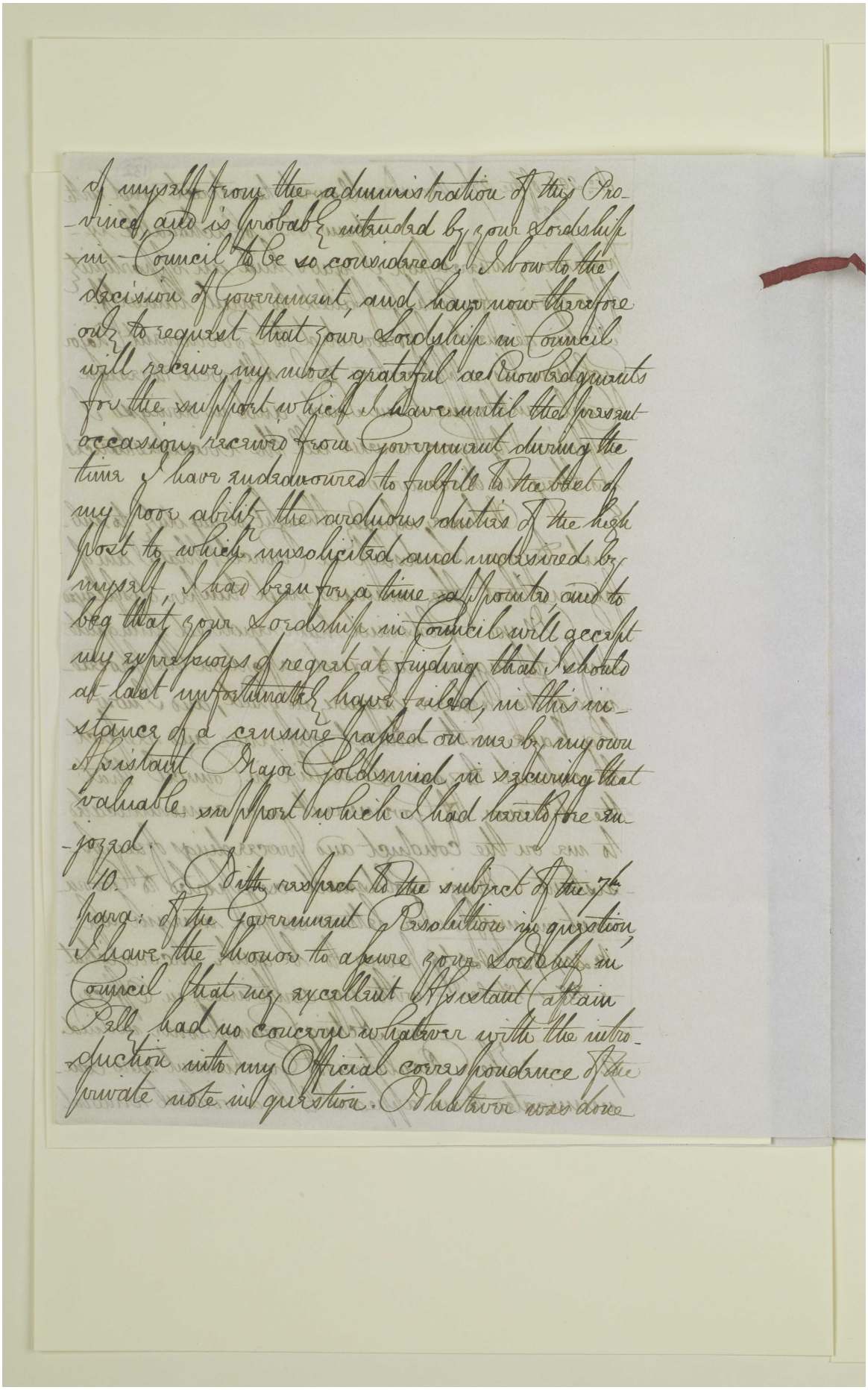

of myself from the administration of this Province, and is probably intended by your Lordship in Council to be so considered. I bow to the decision of Government and have now therefore only to request that your Lordship in Council will receive my most grateful acknowledgments for the support which I have until the present occasion received from Government during the time I have endeavoured to fulfill to the best of my poor ability the arduous duties of the high post to which unsolicited and undesired by myself I had been for a time appointed and to beg that your Lordship in Council will accept my expressions of regret at finding that I should at last unfortunately have failed, in this instance of a censure passed on me by my own Assistant Major Goldsmid in securing that valuable support which I had hitherto enjoyed.

10. With respect to the subject of the 7th para: of the Government Resolution in question I have the honor to assure your Lordship in Council that my excellent Assistant Captain Pelly had no concern whatever with the introduction into my Official correspondence of the private note in question. Whatever was done

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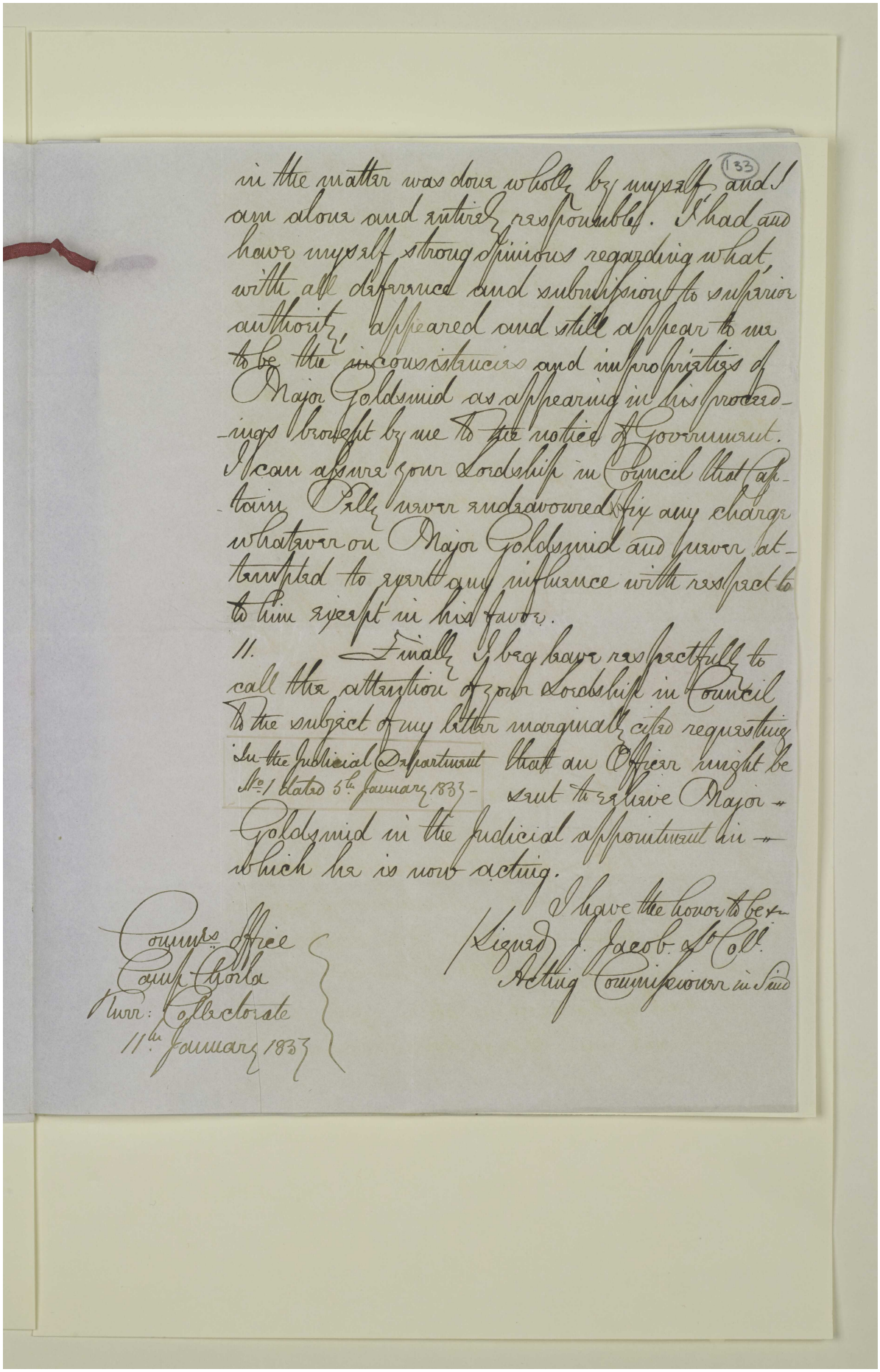


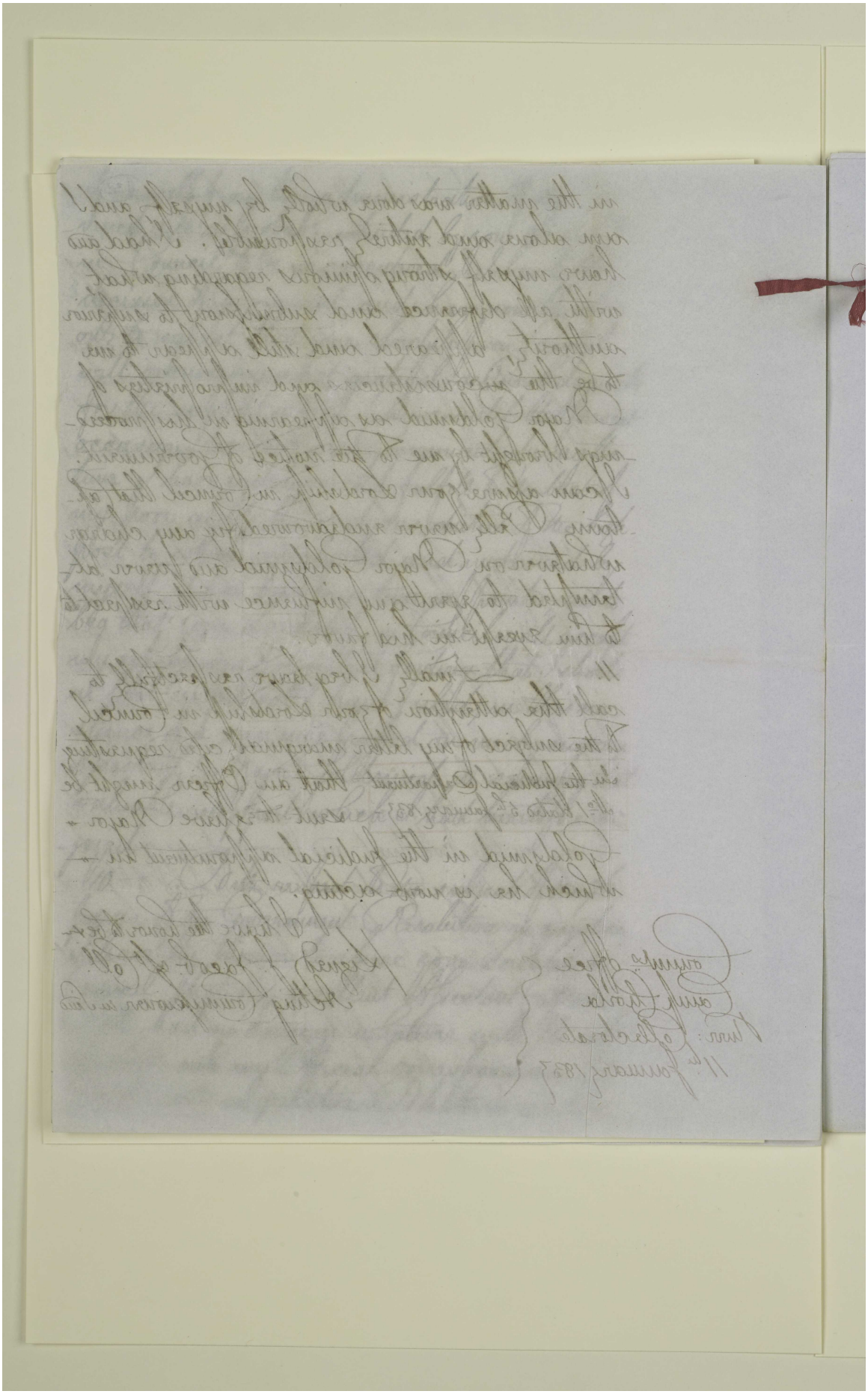
in the matter was done wholly by myself and I am alone and entirely responsible. I had and have myself strong opinions regarding what, with all deference and submission to superior authority, appeared and still appear to me to be the inconsistencies and improprieties of Major Goldsmid as appearing in his proceedings brought by me to the notice of Government. I can assure your Lordship in Council that Captain Pelly never endeavoured to fix any charge whatever on Major Goldsmid and never attempted to exert any influence with respect to to him except in his favor.

11. Finally I beg leave respectfully to call the attention of your Lordship in Council to the subject of my letter marginally cited requesting that an Officer might be sent to relieve Major Goldsmid in the Judicial appointment in which he is now acting.

In the Judicial Department No. 1 dated 5th January 1833 -

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed J. Jacob. Lt Coll.
Acting Commissioner in Sind

Commrs. Office
Camp Chorla
Turr: Collectorate
11th January 1833



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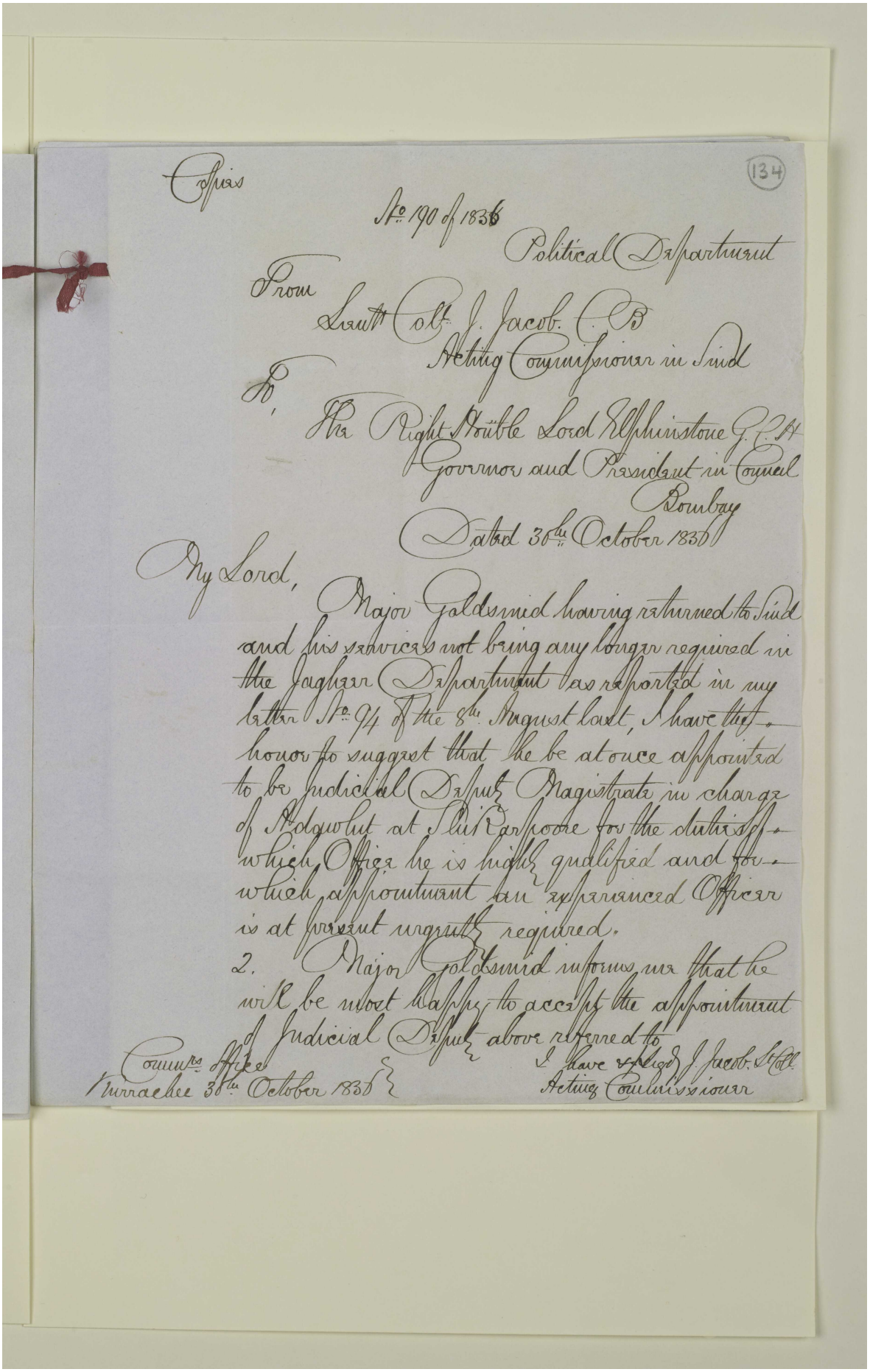

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Political Department

From

Lieut.t Col.t J. Jacob. C.B

Acting Commissioner in Sind

To,

The Right Honble Lord Elphinstone G.C.H

Governor and President in Council

Bombay

Dated 30th October 1836

My Lord,

Major Goldsmid having returned to Sind and his services not being any longer required in the Jaghier Department as reported in my letter No. 94 of the 8th August last, I have the honor to suggest that he be at once appointed to be Judicial Assist.t Magistrate in charge of Kotgwhut at Shikarpoore for the duties of which Office he is highly qualified and for which appointment an experienced Officer is at present urgently required.

2. Major Goldsmid informs me that he will be most happy to accept the appointment of Judicial Assist.t above referred to

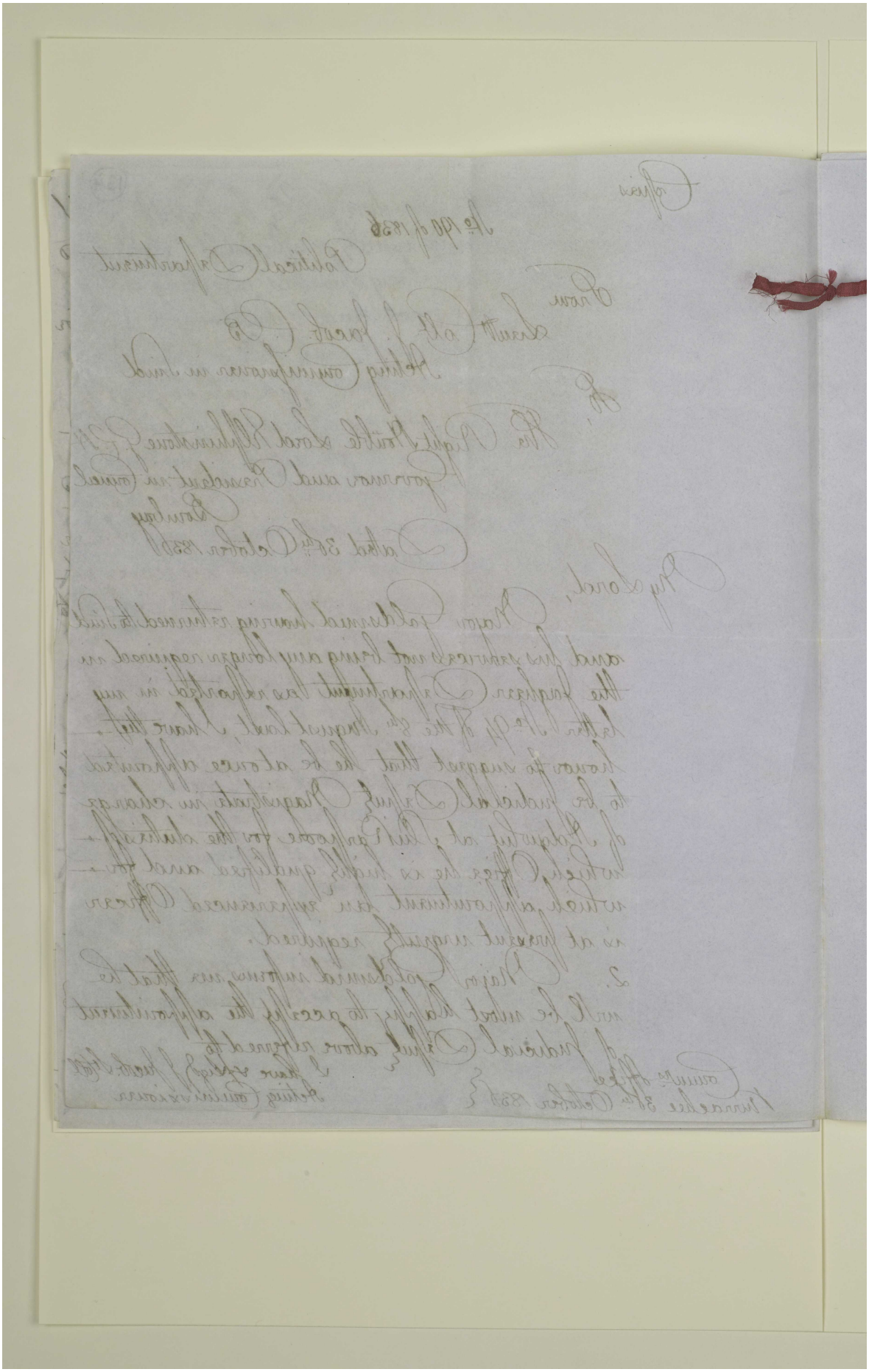
I have &c.

J. Jacob. Lt Col.

Acting Commissioner

Commrs Office

Kurrachee 30th October 1836



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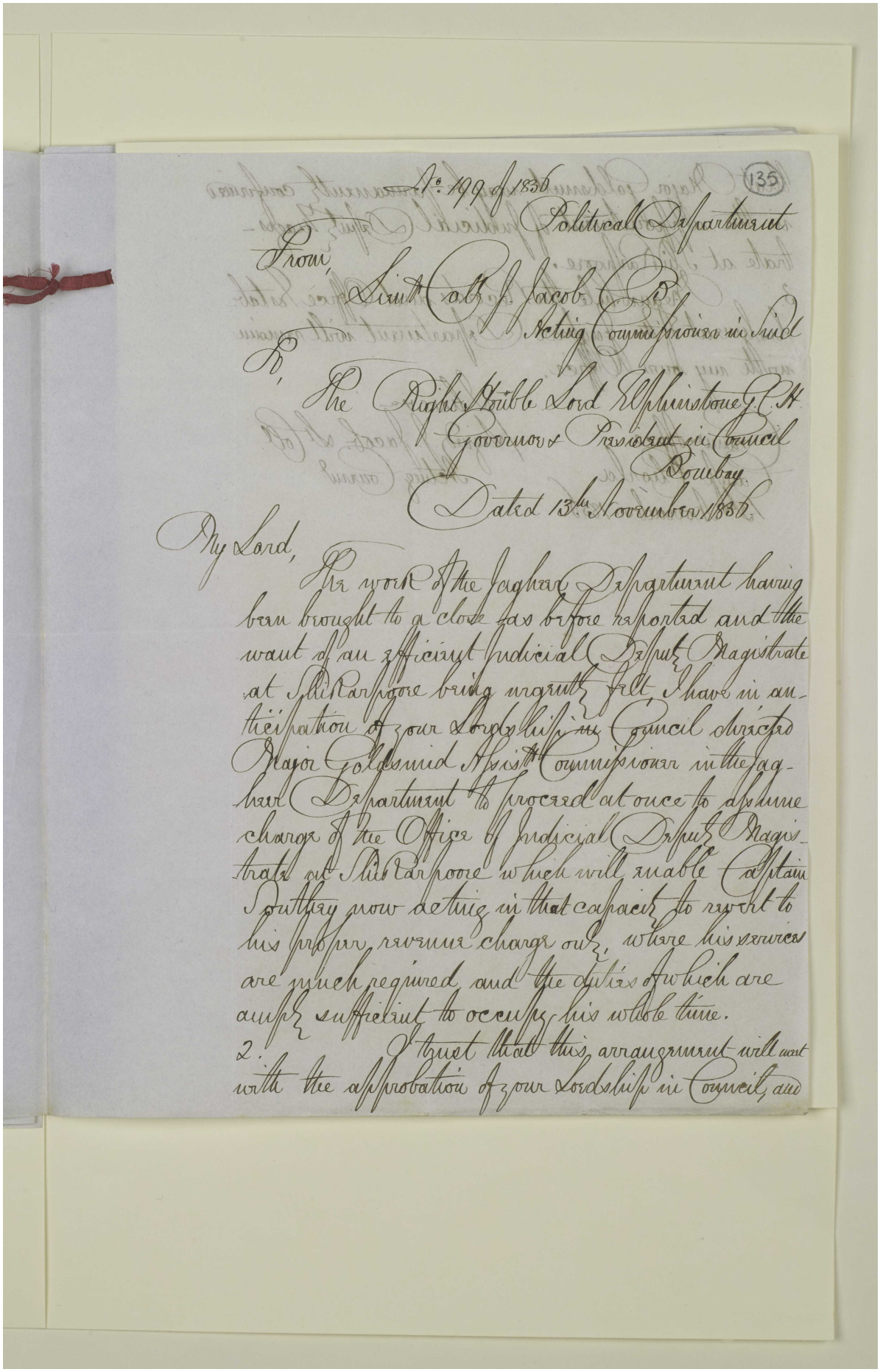

Lieut. Colt. J. Jacob C.B.
Acting Commissioner in Sind

To,

The Right Honble Lord Elphinstone G.C.H.
Governor & President in Council
Bombay

Dated 13th November 1836

My Lord,

The work of the Jagheer Department having been brought to a close as before reported and the want of an efficient Judicial Deputy Magistrate at Shikarpoore being urgently felt, I have in anticipation of your Lordship in Council directed Major Goldsmid Assistt Commissioner in the Jagheer Department to proceed at once to assume charge of the Office of Judicial Deputy Magistrate at Shikarpoore which will enable Captain Southey now acting in that capacity to revert to his proper revenue charge only, where his services are much required, and the duties of which are amply sufficient to occupy his whole time.

2. I trust that this arrangement will meet with the approbation of your Lordship in Council, and

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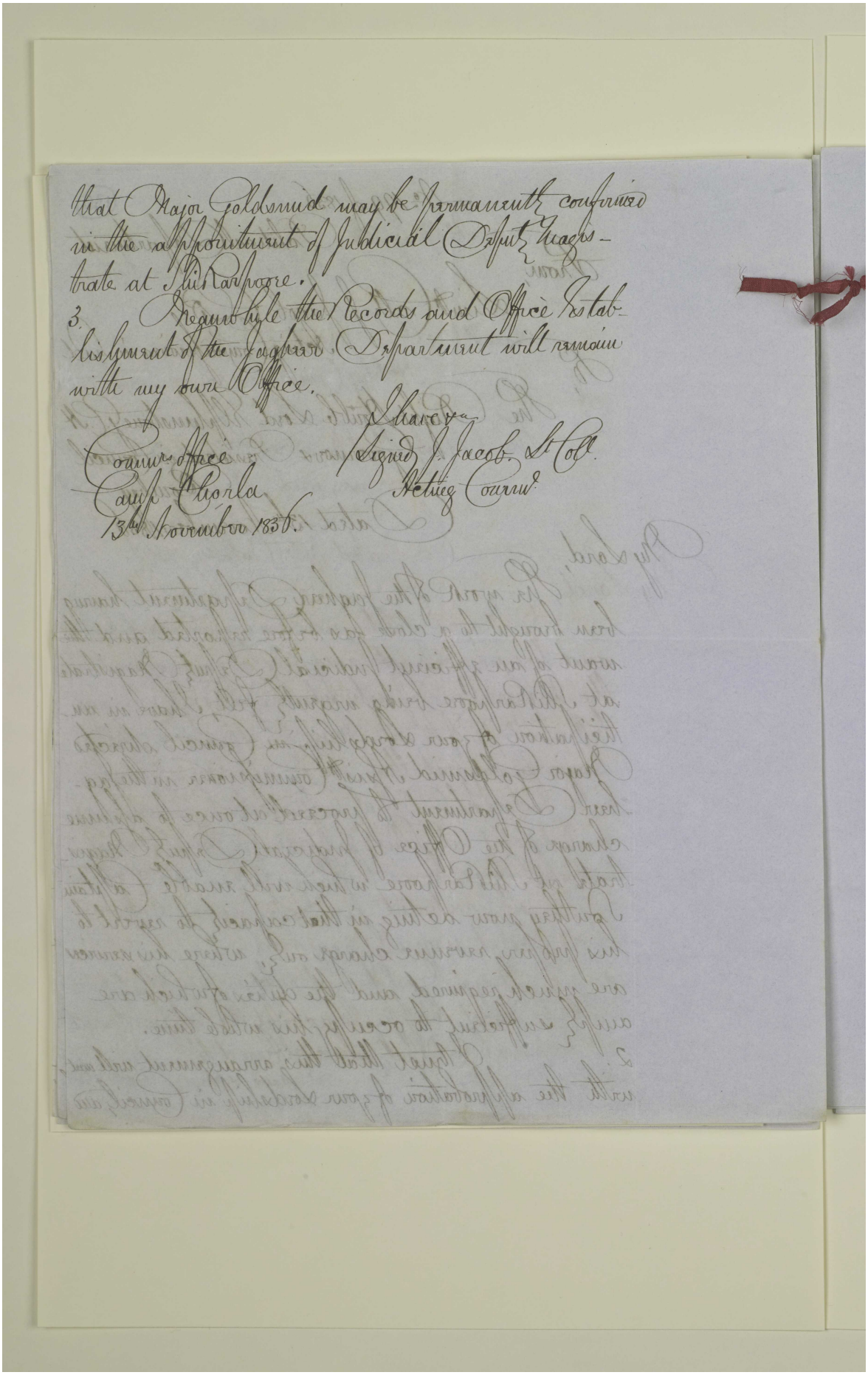

that Major Goldsmid may be permanently confirmed in the appointment of Judicial Deputy Magistrate at Shikarpoore.

3. Meanwhile the Records and Office Establishment of the Jagheer Department will remain with my own Office.

Shave &c.
Signed J. Jacob. Lt Coll.
Acting Commr.

Commrs Office
Camp Chorla
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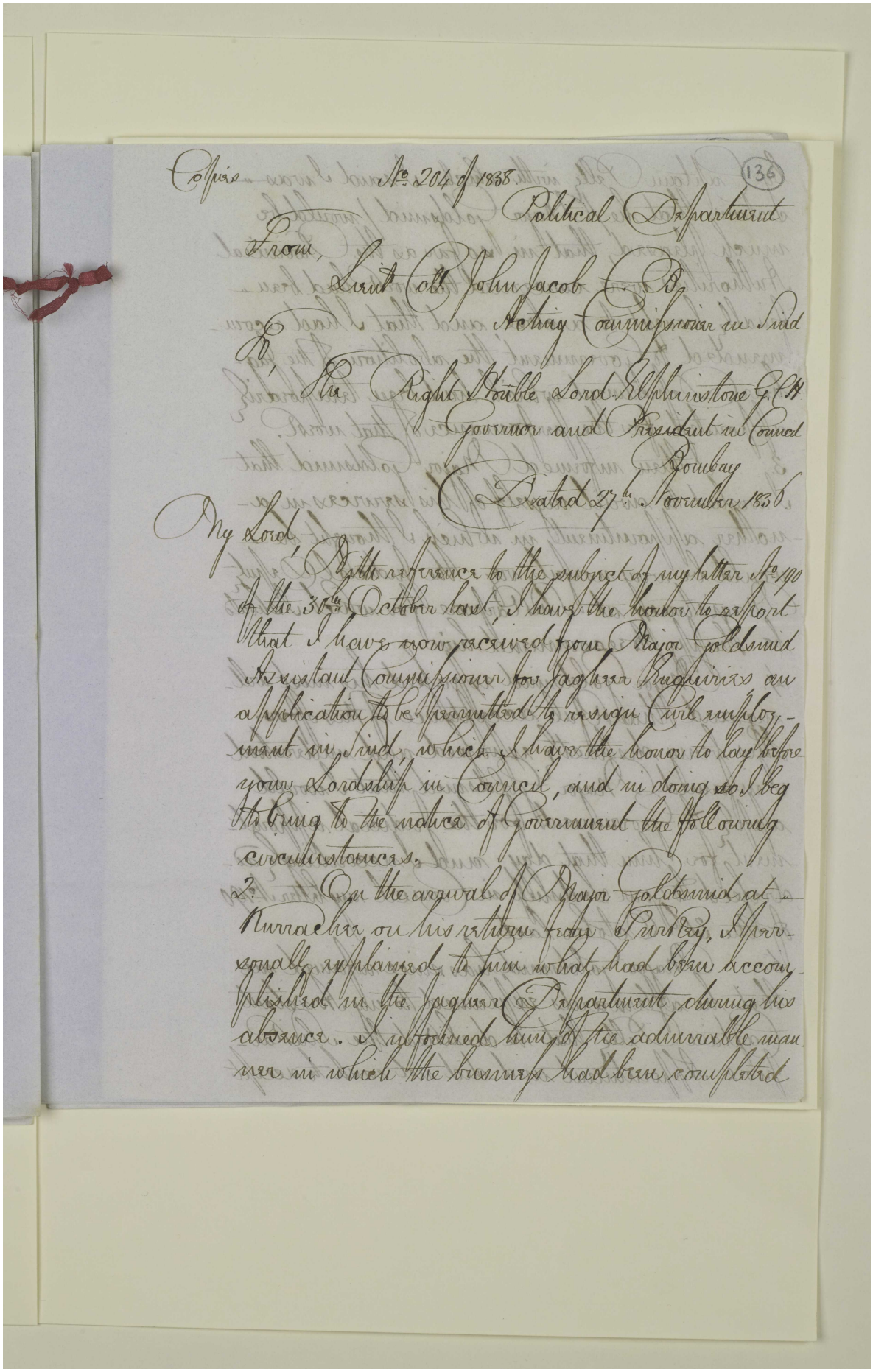

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Political Department

From,

Lieut. Col. John Jacob C.B.
Acting Commissioner in Sind

To,

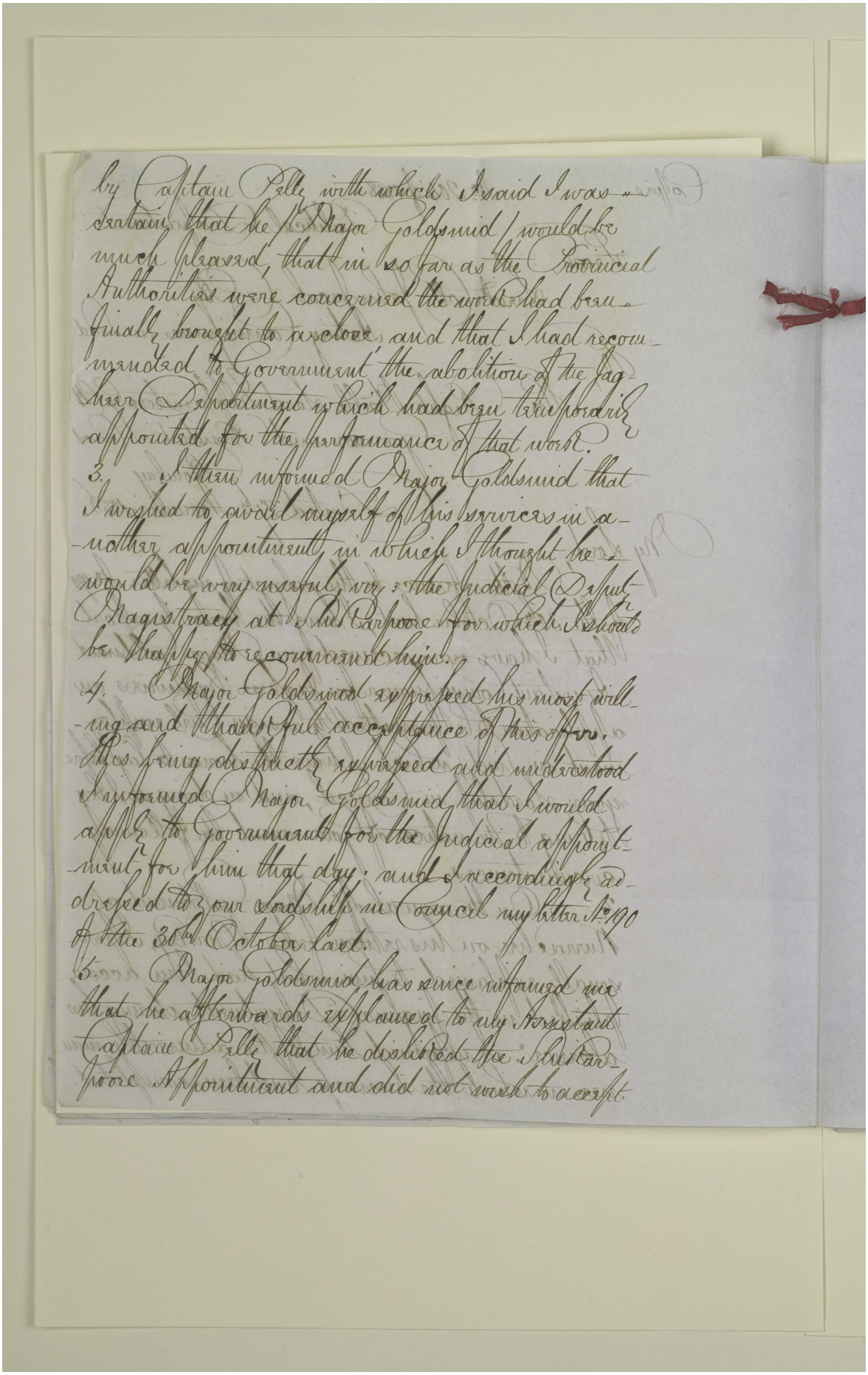
The Right Honble Lord Elphinstone G.C.H.
Governor and President in Council
Bombay

Dated 27th. November 1838

My Lord,

With reference to the subject of my letter No. 190 of the 30th October last, I have the honor to report that I have now received from Major Goldsmid Assistant Commissioner for Jaghire Enquiries an application to be permitted to resign the employment in Sind, which I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council, and in doing so I beg to bring to the notice of Government the following circumstances.

2. On the arrival of Major Goldsmid at Nurrachee on his return from Cutch, I personally explained to him what had been accomplished in the Jaghire Department during his absence. I returned him my thanks for the admirable manner in which the business had been completed



by Captain Pelly with which I said I was
certain that he (Major Goldsmid) would be
much pleased, that in so far as the Provincial
Authorities were concerned the work had been
finally brought to a close and that I had recom-
mended to Government the abolition of the Jag-
heer Department which had been temporarily
appointed for the performance of that work.

3. I then informed Major Goldsmid that
I wished to avail myself of his services in a-
nother appointment in which I thought he
would be very useful, viz: the Judicial Assist
Magistracy at Shikarpoore for which I should
be happy to recommend him.

4. Major Goldsmid expressed his most will-
ing and thankful acceptance of this offer.
His being distinctly expressed and understood
I informed Major Goldsmid that I would
apply to Government for the Judicial appoint-
ment for him that day: and accordingly ad-
dressed to your Lordship in Council my letter No 190
of the 30th October last.

5. Major Goldsmid has since informed me
that he afterwards explained to my Assistant
Captain Pelly that he disliked the Shikar-
poore Appointment and did not wish to accept

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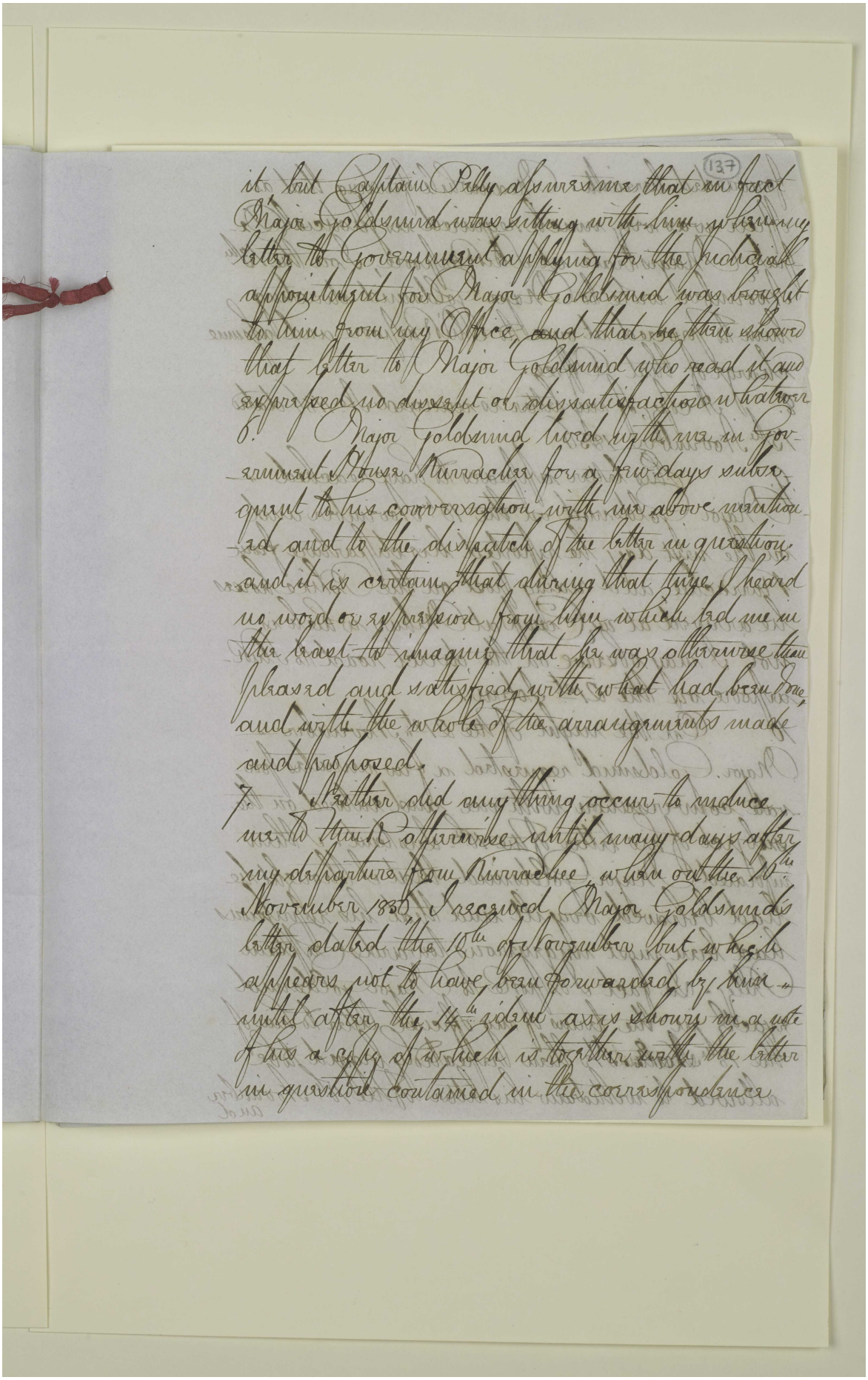
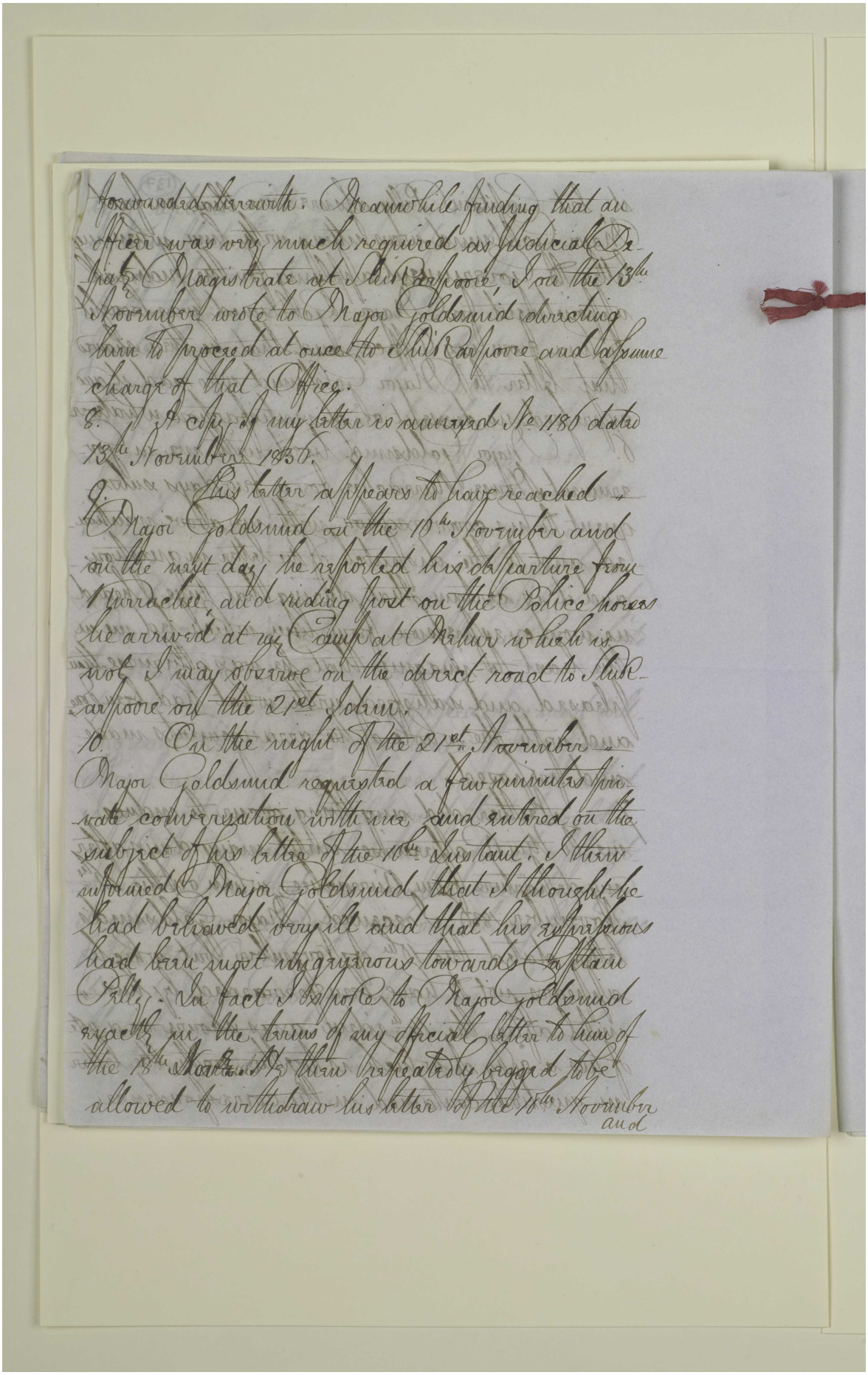


it but Captain Pelly assuredly that in fact Major Goldsmid was sitting with him writing a letter to Government applying for the Judicial appointment for Major Goldsmid was brought to him from my Office, and that he then showed that letter to Major Goldsmid who read it and expressed no dissent or dissatisfaction whatever. Major Goldsmid lived with me in Government House Kurrachee for a few days subsequent to this conversation with me above mentioned and prior to the dispatch of the letter in question, and it is certain that during that time I heard no word or expression from him which led me in the least to imagine that he was otherwise than pleased and satisfied with what had been done and with the whole of the arrangements made and proposed.

7. Neither did any thing occur to induce me to think otherwise until many days after my departure from Kurrachee when on the 16th November 1850 I received Major Goldsmid's letter dated the 15th of November but which appears not to have been forwarded by him until after the 14th idem as is shown in a note of his a copy of which is together with the letter in question contained in the correspondence

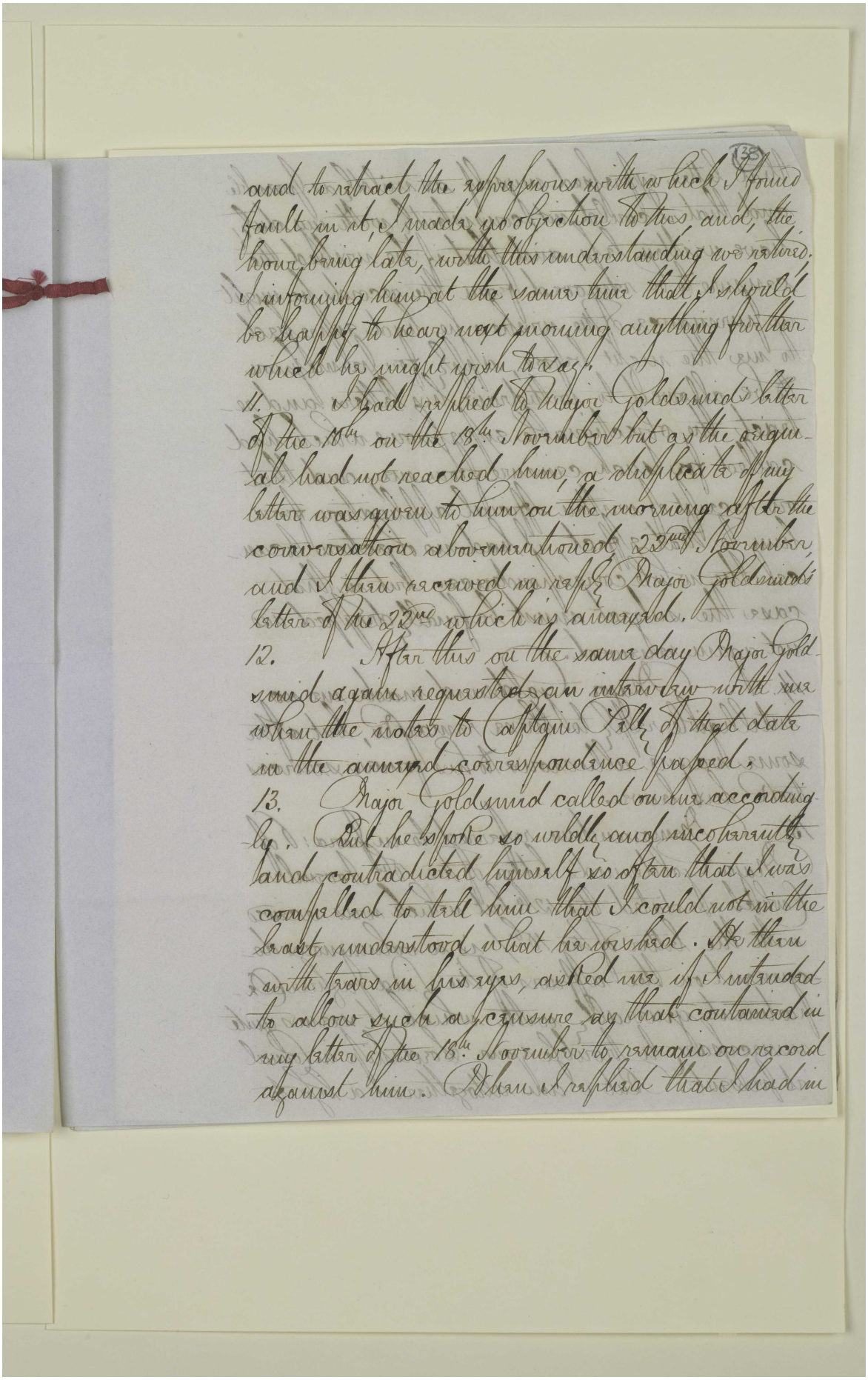


forwarded herewith. Meanwhile finding that an officer was very much required as Judicial Magistrate at Shikarpoore, I on the 13th November wrote to Major Goldsmid directing him to proceed at once to Shikarpoore and assume charge of that Office.

8. A copy of my letter is annexed No 1180 dated 13th November 1850.

9. This letter appears to have reached Major Goldsmid on the 15th November and on the next day he reported his departure from Hyderabad, and riding post on the Police horses he arrived at my Camp at Mahur which is not I may observe on the direct road to Shikarpoore on the 21st Instant.

10. On the night of the 21st November Major Goldsmid requested a few minutes private conversation with me and entered on the subject of his letter of the 10th instant. I then informed Major Goldsmid that I thought he had behaved very ill and that his suspicions had been most ungenerous towards Captain Pelly. In fact I spoke to Major Goldsmid exactly in the terms of my official letter to him of the 18th March. He then repeatedly begged to be allowed to withdraw his letter of the 15th November and



and to retract the expressions with which I found fault in it, I made no objection to this and, the hour being late, with this understanding we retired, informing him at the same time that I should be happy to hear next morning anything further which he might wish to say.

11. I had replied to Major Goldsmid's letter of the 16th on the 18th November but as the original had not reached him, a duplicate of my letter was given to him on the morning after the conversation above mentioned 22nd November, and I then received my reply to Major Goldsmid's letter of the 22nd which is annexed.

12. After this on the same day Major Goldsmid again requested an interview with me when the notes to Captain Pelly of that date in the annexed correspondence passed.

13. Major Goldsmid called on me accordingly. But he spoke so wildly and incoherently and contradicted himself so often that I was compelled to tell him that I could not in the least understand what he required. He then with tears in his eyes, asked me if I intended to allow such a censure as that contained in my letter of the 18th November to remain on record against him. When I replied that I had in

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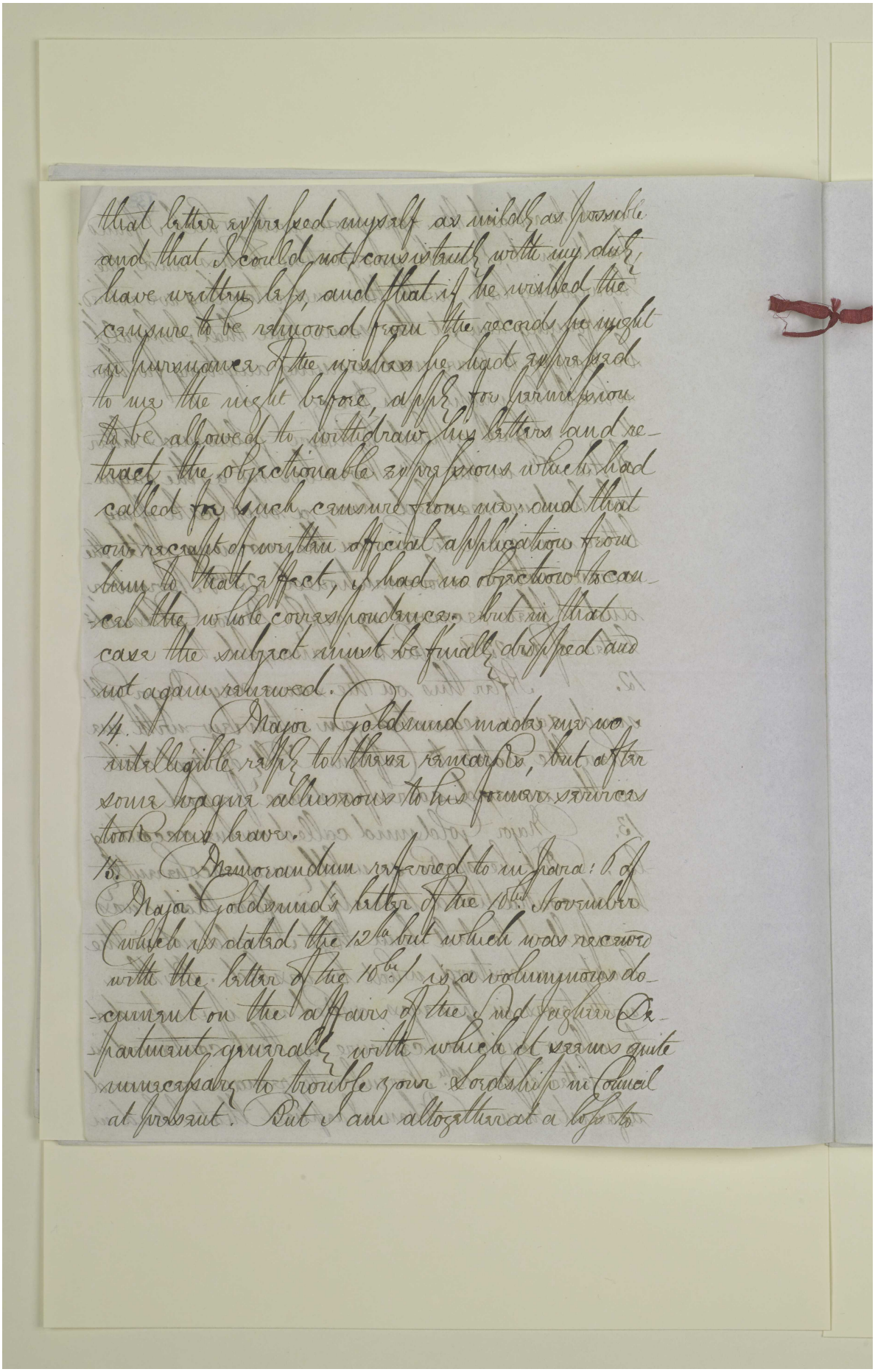

that letter expressed myself as mildly as possible and that I could not consistently with my duty have written less, and that if he wished the censure to be removed from the records he might in pursuance of the wishes he had expressed to me the night before apply for permission to be allowed to withdraw his letters and retract the objectionable expressions which had called for such censure from me, and that on receipt of a written official application from him to that effect, I had no objection to cancel the whole correspondence. But in that case the subject must be finally dropped and not again renewed.

14. Major Goldsmid made me no intelligible reply to these remarks, but after some vague allusions to his former services took his leave.

15. Memorandum referred to in para: 9 of Major Goldsmid's letter of the 20th November which is dated the 12th but which was received with the letter of the 16th, is a voluminous document on the affairs of the Sind Sagar Department generally with which it seems quite unnecessary to trouble your Lordship in detail at present. But I am altogether at a loss to

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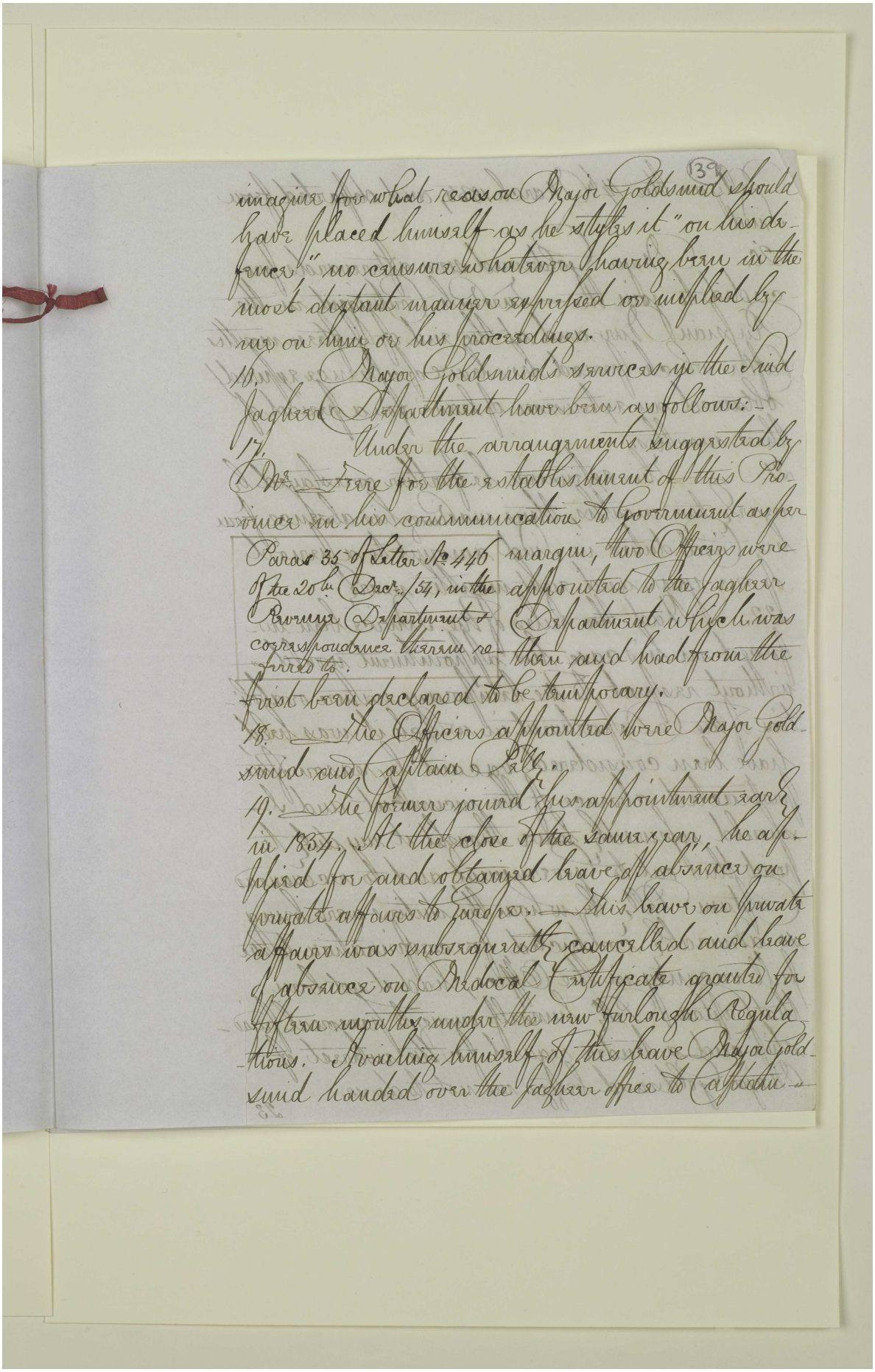

imagine for what reason Major Goldsmid should have placed himself as he styles it "on his defence," no censure whatever having been in the most distant manner expressed or implied by me on him or his proceedings.

16. Major Goldsmid's services in the Sind Jagheer Department have been as follows:-

17. Under the arrangements suggested by Mr. Frere for the establishment of this Province in his communication to Government as per margin, two Officers were appointed to the Jagheer Department which was then and had from the first been declared to be temporary.

Paras 35 of Letter No. 446 of the 20th Decr./54, in the Revenue Department & correspondence therein referred to.

18. The Officers appointed were Major Goldsmid and Captain Pelly.

19. The former joined his appointment early in 1854. At the close of the same year, he applied for and obtained leave of absence on private affairs to Europe. This leave on private affairs was subsequently cancelled and leave of absence on Medical Certificate granted for fifteen months under the new furlough Regulations. Availing himself of this leave Major Goldsmid handed over the Jagheer office to Captain

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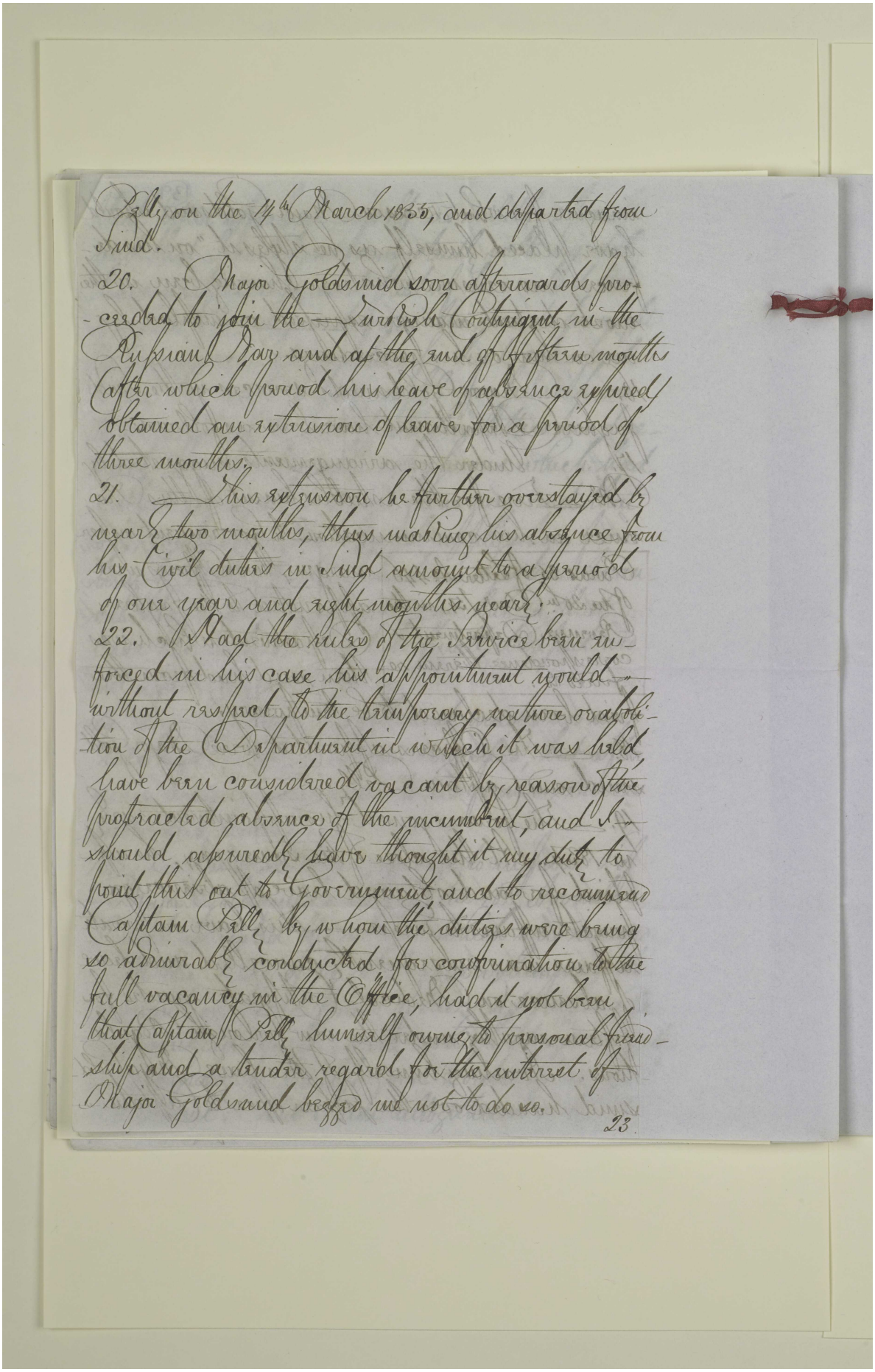

Pelly on the 14th March 1835, and departed from
Sind.

20. Major Goldsmid soon afterwards pro-
ceeded to join the Turkish contingent in the
Persian War and at the end of fifteen months
(after which period his leave of absence expired)
obtained an extension of leave for a period of
three months.

21. This extension he further overstayed by
nearly two months, thus making his absence from
his Civil duties in Sind amount to a period
of one year and eight months nearly.

22. Had the rules of the Service been en-
forced in his case his appointment would
(without respect to the temporary nature or abol-
tion of the Department in which it was held
have been considered vacant by reason of the
protracted absence of the incumbent, and I
should assuredly have thought it my duty to
point this out to Government and to recommend
Captain Pelly by whom the duties were being
so admirably conducted, for confirmation to the
full vacancy in the Office, had it not been
that Captain Pelly himself owing to personal friend-
ship and a tender regard for the interest of
Major Goldsmid begged me not to do so.

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Letter from John Jacob, Jacobabad to Lewis Pelly [140r] (41/48)

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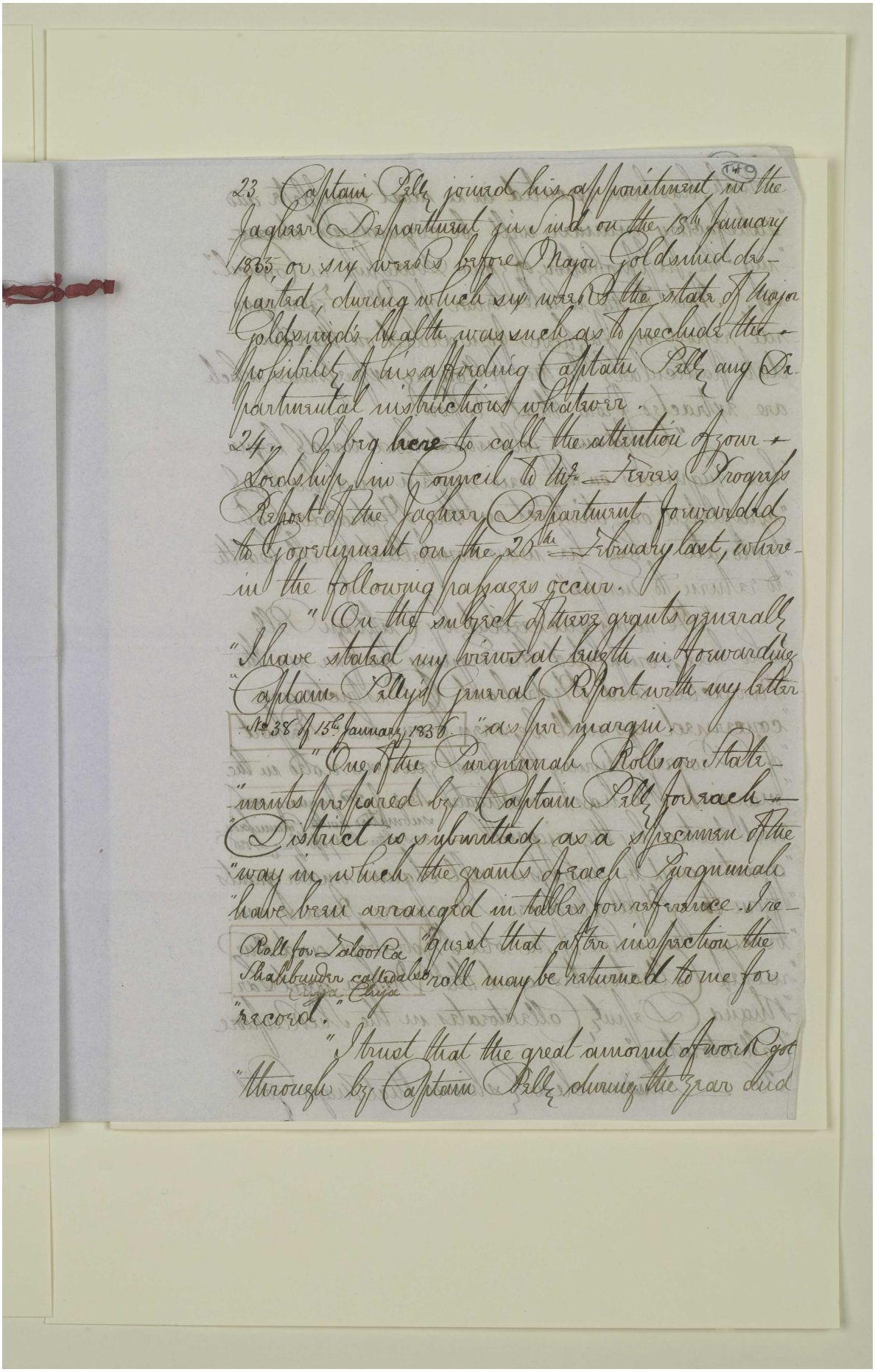


23 Captain Pelly joined his appointment in the Jagheer Department in Sind on the 18th January 1835, or six weeks before Major Goldsmid departed, during which six weeks the state of Major Goldsmid's health was such as to preclude the possibility of his affording Captain Pelly any Departmental instructions whatever.

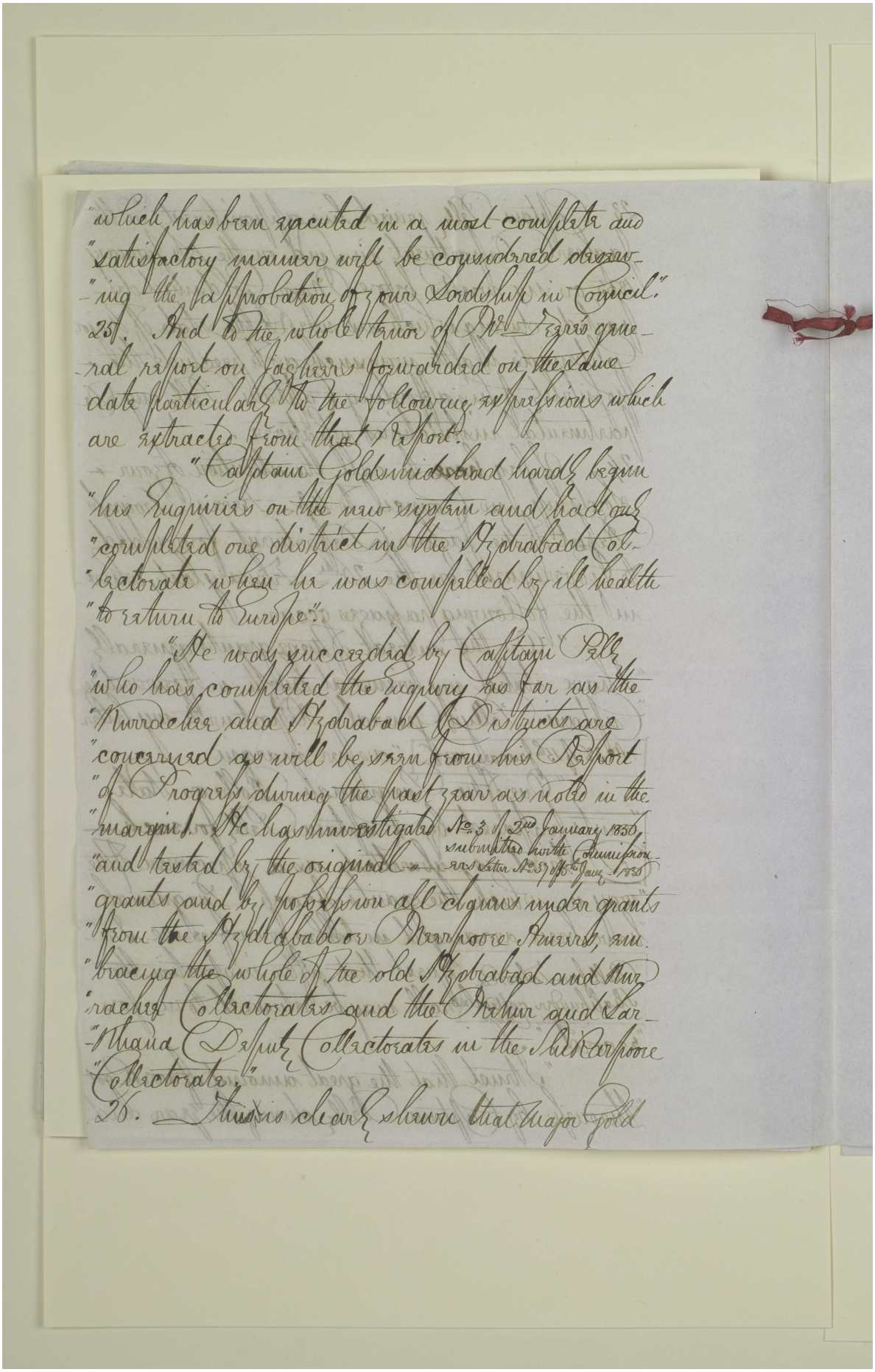
24. I beg here to call the attention of your Lordship in Council to Mr. Freres Progress Report of the Jagheer Department forwarded to Government on the 20th February last, wherein the following passages occur.

"On the subject of these grants generally "I have stated my views at length in forwarding "Captain Pelly's General Report with my letter No 38 of 15th January 1836 "as per margin.

"One of the Purgunnah Rolls or State-"ments prepared by Captain Pelly for each "District is submitted as a specimen of the "way in which the grants of each Purgunnah "have been arranged in tables for reference. I re-"quest that after inspection the roll may be returned to me for "record."

Roll for Talooka Shahbunder called also Chija Chija

"I trust that the great amount of work got "through by Captain Pelly during the year and



"which has been executed in a most complete and
"satisfactory manner will be considered deserv-
-ing the approbation of your Lordship in Council."
25. And to the whole tenor of Mr Frere's gene-
-ral report on Jagheers forwarded on the same
date particularly to the following expressions which
are extracted from that Report.

"Captain Goldsmid had hardly begun
"his Enquiries on the new system and had only
"completed one district in the Hydrabad Col-
"lectorate when he was compelled by ill health
"to return to Europe."

"He was succeeded by Captain Pelly
"who has completed the Enquiry as far as the
"Kurrachee and Hydrabad Districts are
"concerned as will be seen from his Report
"of Progress during the past year as noted in the
"margin. He has investigated No. 3 of 2nd January 1856, submitted with Commissioners Letter No. 37 of 15th Jany 1856
"and tested by the original
"grants and by possession all claims under grants
"from the Hydrabad or Meerpoore Ameers, em-
"bracing the whole of the old Hydrabad and Kur-
"rachee Collectorates and the Mehur and Sar-
-khana Deputy Collectorates in the Shikarpoore
"Collectorate."

26. This is clearly shewn that Major Gold

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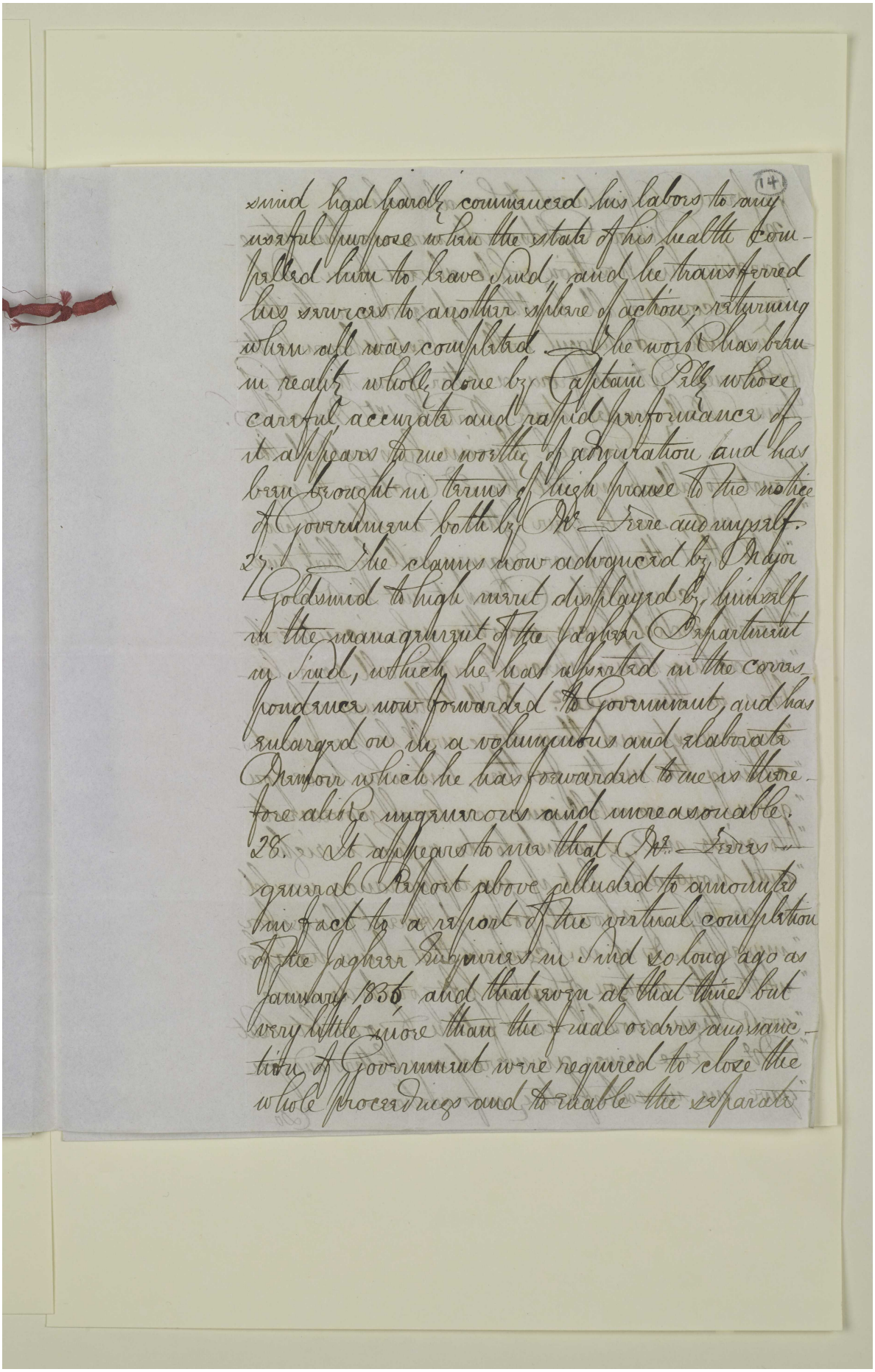

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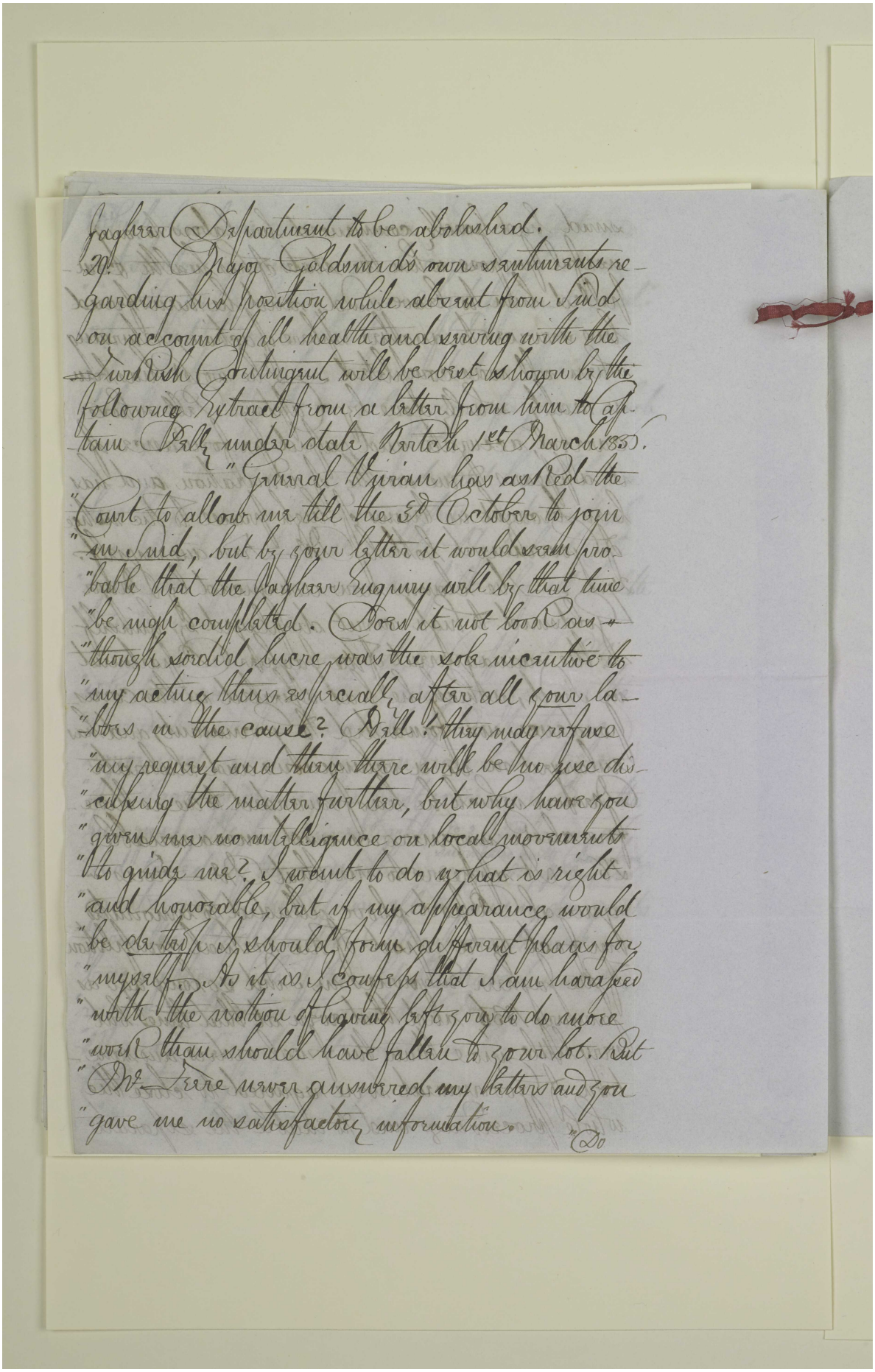
Sind had scarcely commenced his labors to any useful purpose when the state of his health compelled him to leave Sind, and he transferred his services to another sphere of action, returning when all was completed. The work has been in reality wholly done by Captain Pelly whose careful accurate and rapid performance of it appears to me worthy of admiration and has been brought in terms of high praise to the notice of Government both by Mr. Frere and myself.

27. The claims now advanced by Major Goldsmid to high merit displayed by himself in the management of the Jaghir Department in Sind, which he has alluded in the correspondence now forwarded to Government, and has enlarged on in a voluminous and elaborate Memoir which he has forwarded to me is therefore also unnecessary and unreasonable.

28. It appears to me that Mr. Frere's general Report above alluded to amounts in fact to a report of the virtual completion of the Jaghir Enquiries in Sind so long ago as January 1850 and that even at that time but very little more than the final orders and sanction of Government were required to close the whole proceedings and to enable the separate



Jagheer Department to be abolished.

20. Major Goldsmid's own sentiments regarding his position while absent from Sind on account of ill health and serving with the Turkish Contingent will be best shown by the following Extract from a letter from him to Captain Pelly under date Kertch 1st March 1855.

"General Vivian has asked the "Court to allow me till the 3d October to join "in Sind, but by your letter it would seem pro-"bable that the Jagheer Enquiry will by that time "be nigh completed. Does it not look as "though sordid lucre was the sole incentive to "my acting thus especially after all your la-"bors in the cause? Well! they may refuse "my request and then there will be no use dis-"cussing the matter further, but why have you "given me no intelligence on local movements "to guide me? I want to do what is right "and honorable, but if my appearance would "be de trop I should form different plans for "myself. As it is I confess that I am harassed "with the notion of having left you to do more "work than should have fallen to your lot. But "Mr Frere never answered my letters and you "gave me no satisfactory information.

"Do

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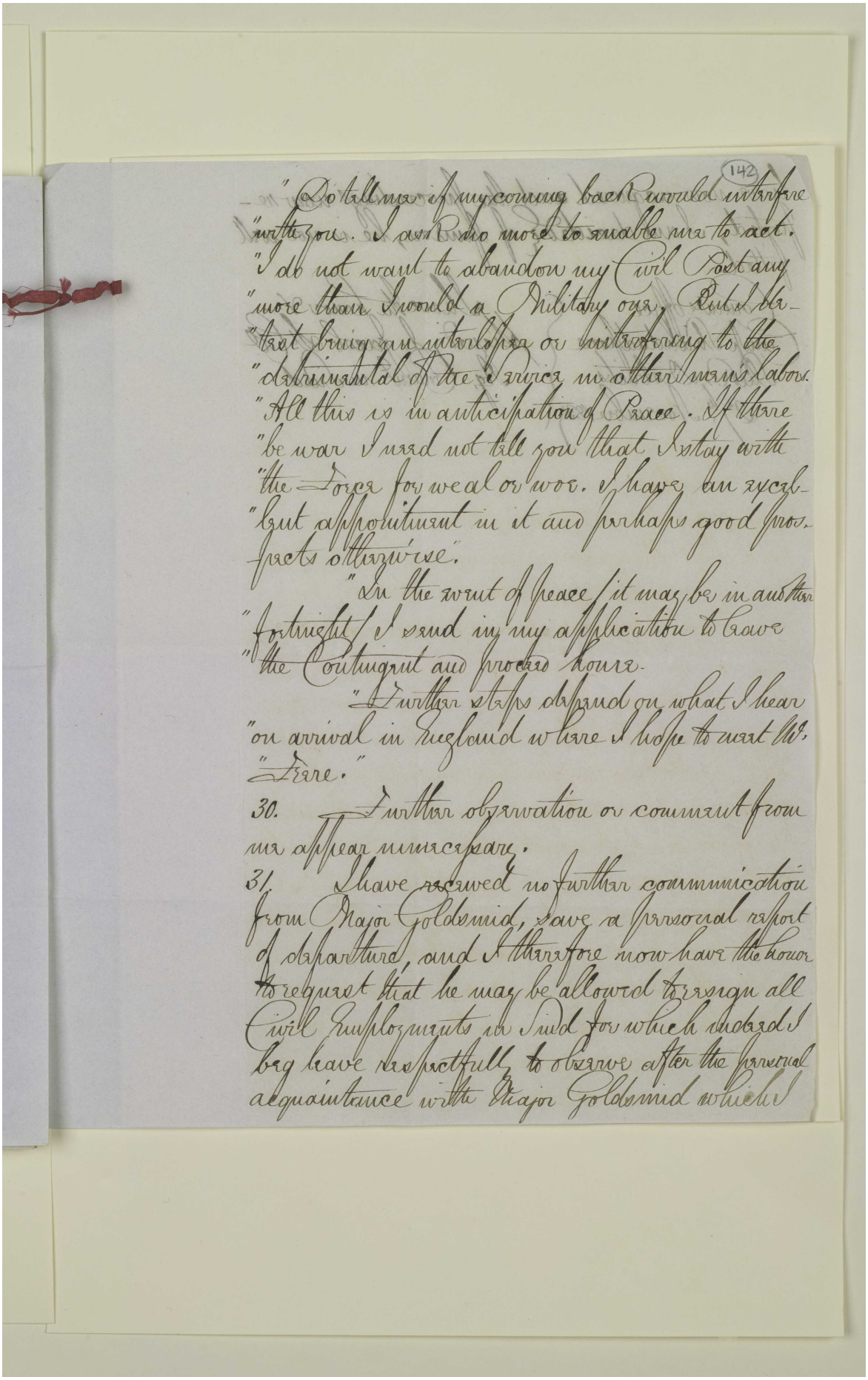

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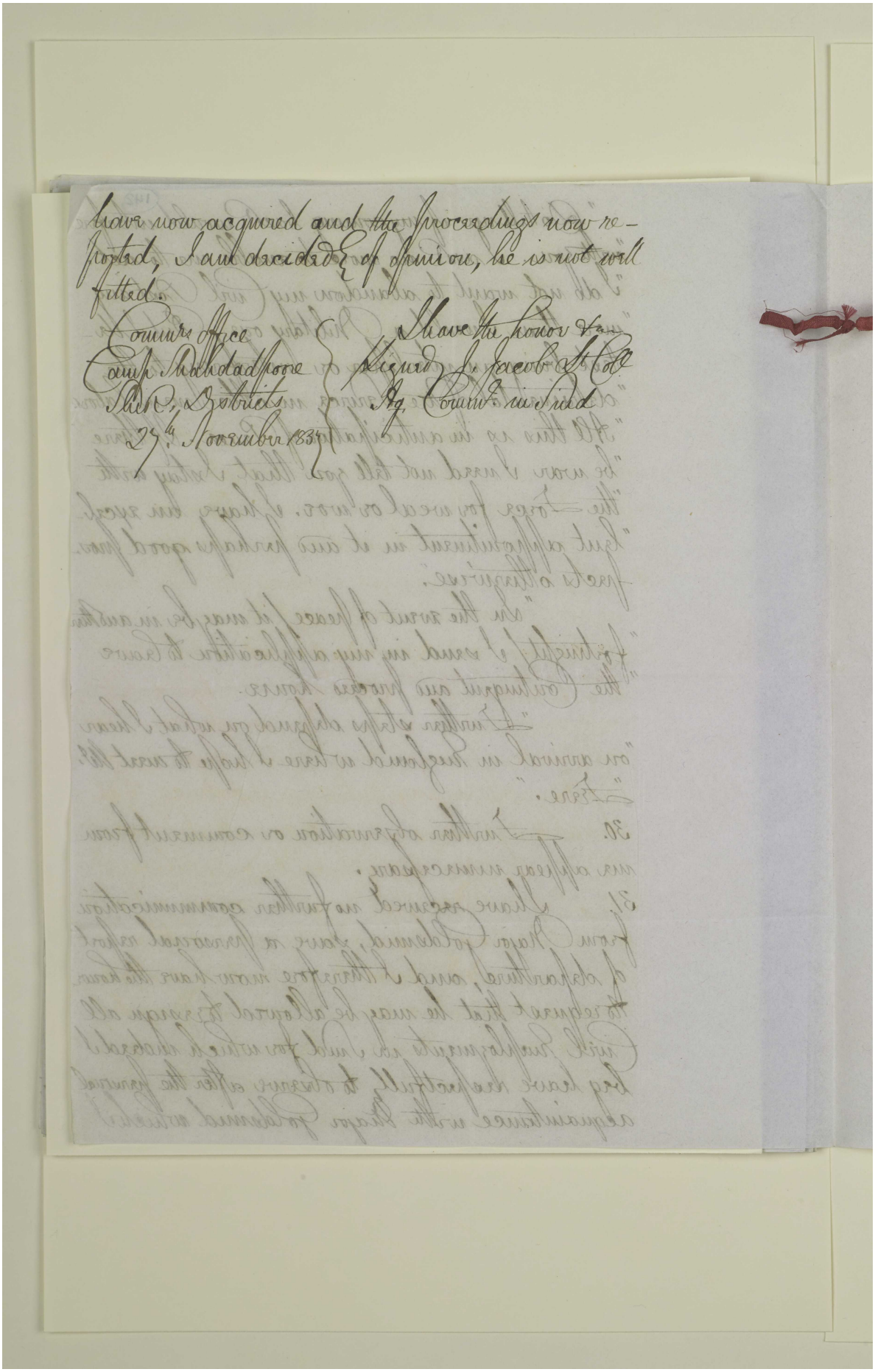
"Do tell me if my coming back would interfere
"with you. I can do no more to enable me to act.
"I do not want to abandon my Civil Post any
"more than I would a Military one, But I be-
"lieve being an interloper or interfering to the
"detrimental of the Service in other Mans labors.
"All this is in anticipation of Peace. If there
"be war I need not tell you that I stay with
"the Force for weal or woe. I have an excel-
"lent appointment in it and perhaps good pros-
pects otherwise.

"In the event of peace it may be in another
"fortnight I send in my application to leave
"the Country and proceed home.

"Further steps depend on what I hear
"on arrival in England where I hope to meet Mr.
"Frere."

30. Further observation or comment from me appear unnecessary.

31. I have received no further communication from Major Goldsmid, save a personal report of departure, and I therefore now have the honor to request that he may be allowed to resign all Civil Employments in Sind for which indeed I beg leave respectfully to observe after the personal acquaintance with Major Goldsmid which I



have now acquired and the proceedings now reported, I am decidedly of opinion, he is not well fitted.

Commrs Office
Camp Mahdadpoore
Sher, Districts
27th November 1835

I have the honor &c.
Signed J. Jacob Lt Col
Ag. Commr in Sind

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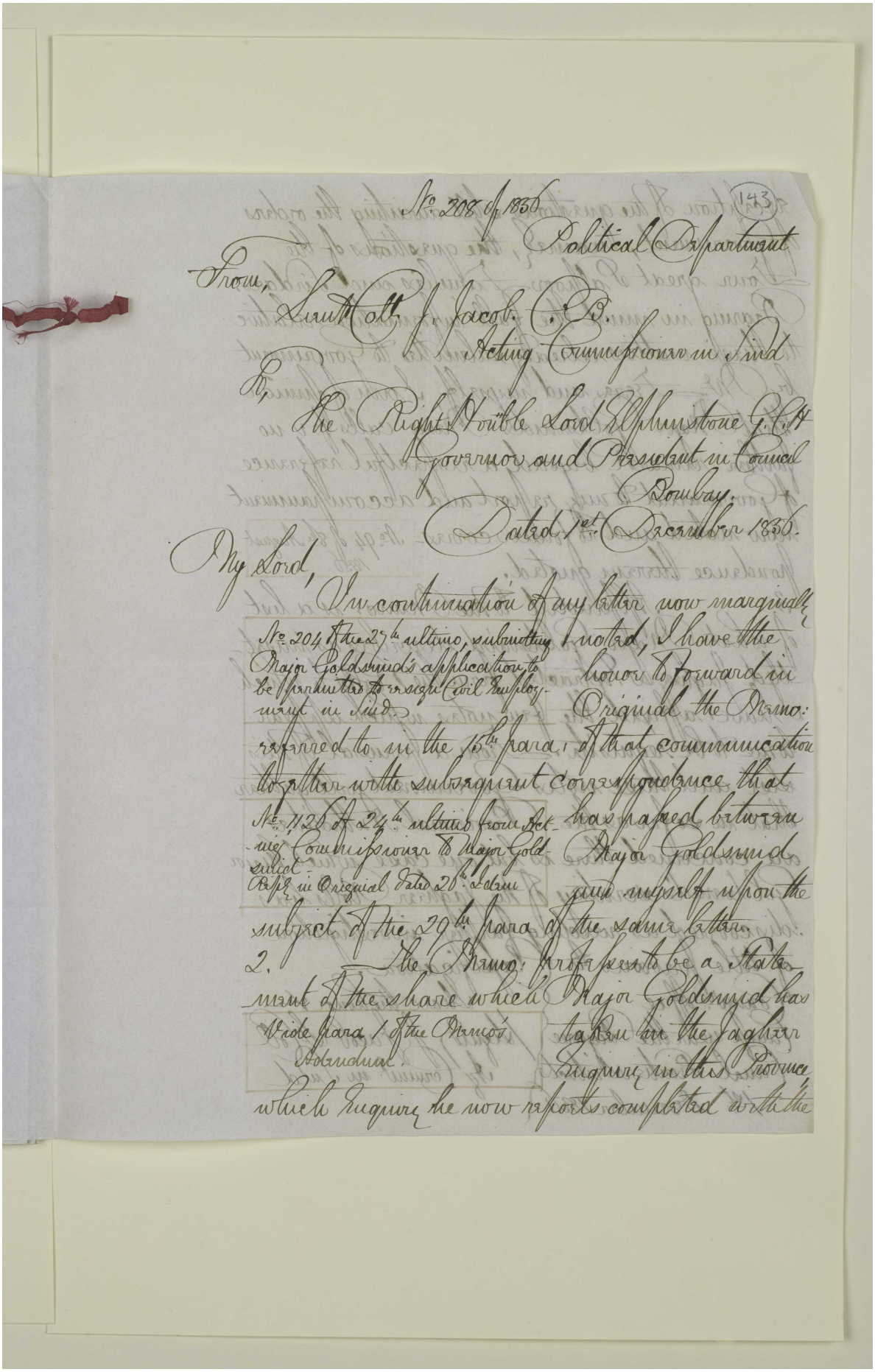

No. 208 of 1856 (143)

Political Department

From,

Lieut. Colt. J. Jacob. C.B.
Acting Commissioner in Sind

To,

The Right Hon'ble Lord Elphinstone G.C.H.
Governor and President in Council
Bombay.

Dated 1st December 1856.

My Lord,

In continuation of my letter now marginally noted, I have the honor to forward in Original the Memo: referred to in the 15th para: of that communication together with subsequent correspondence that has passed between Major Goldsmid and myself upon the subject of the 29th para of the same letter.

No. 204 of the 27th ultimo, submitting Major Goldsmid's application to be permitted to resign Civil Employment in Sind.

No. 1126 of 24th ultimo from Acting Commissioner to Major Goldsmid.
Repy in Original dated 26th Idem

2. The Memo: professes to be a Statement of the share which Major Goldsmid has taken in the Jagheer Enquiry in this Province which Enquiry he now reports completed with the

Vide para 1 of the Memo's Adendum.

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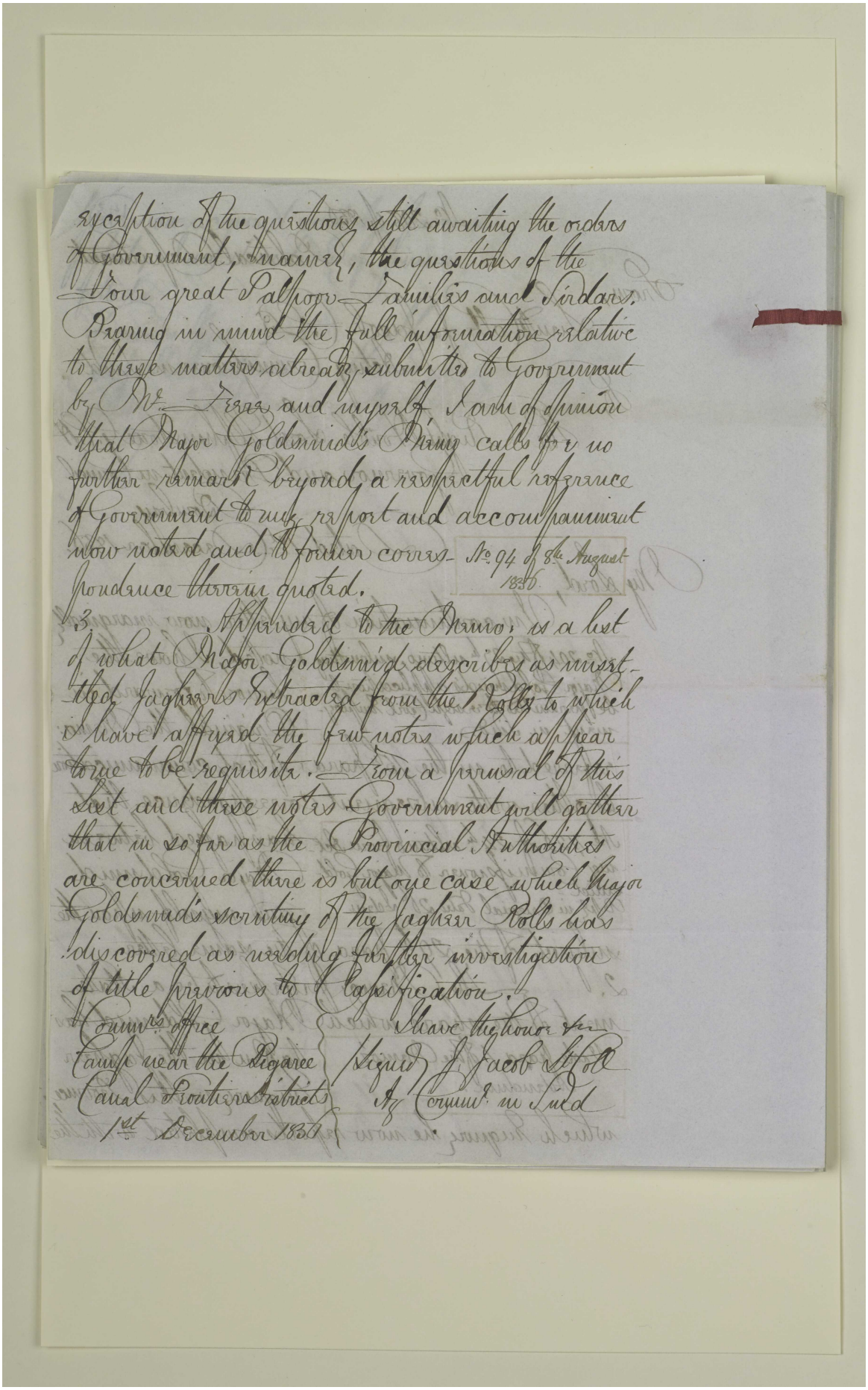

exception of the questions still awaiting the orders of Government, namely, the questions of the Four great Palpoor Families and Sirdars. Bearing in mind the full information relative to these matters already submitted to Government by Mr. Frere and myself, I am of opinion that Major Goldsmid's Memo calls for no further remark beyond a respectful reference of Government to my report and accompaniment now noted and to former correspondence therein quoted. No. 94 of 8th August 1856.

3. Appended to the Memo. is a list of what Major Goldsmid describes as unsettled Jagheers Extracted from the Rolls to which I have affixed the few notes which appear to me to be requisite. From a perusal of this List and these notes Government will gather that in so far as the Provincial Authorities are concerned there is but one case which Major Goldsmid's scrutiny of the Jagheer Rolls has discovered as needing further investigation of title previous to Classification.

Commrs. office
Camp near the Pigaree
Canal Frontier Districts
1st December 1856

I have the honor &c
(Signed) J. Jacob Lt Coll
Ag Commr. in Sind

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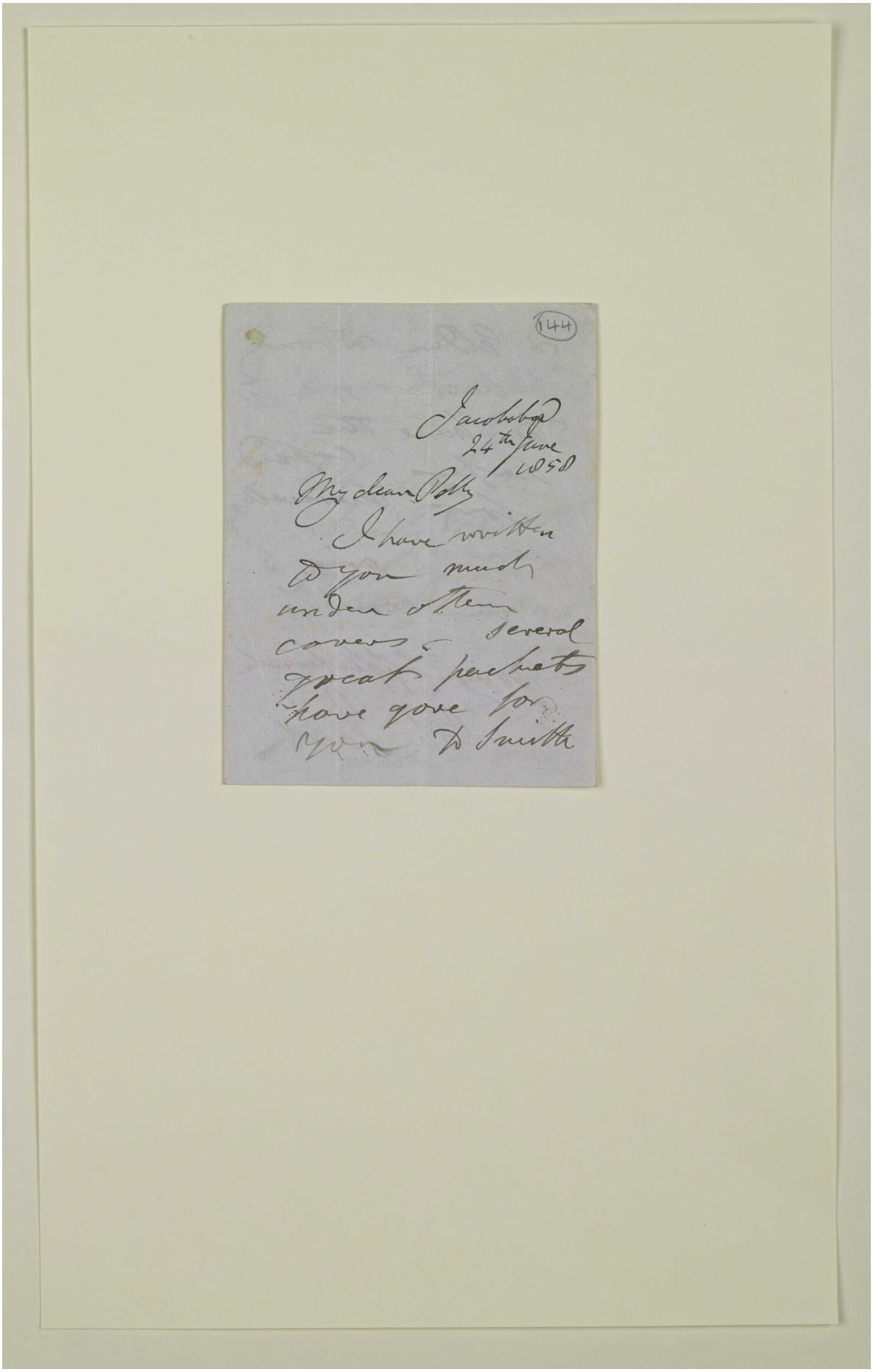

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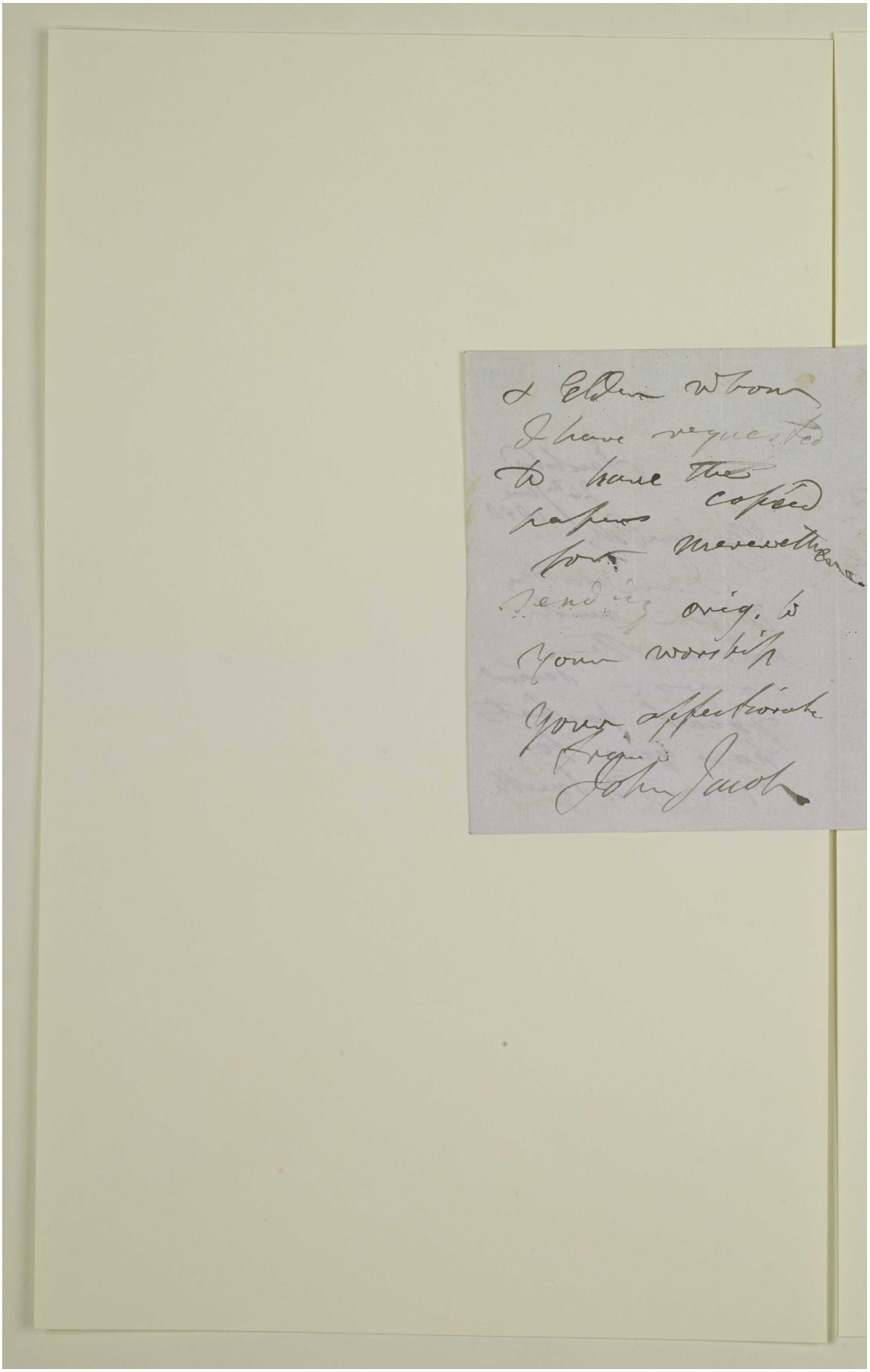

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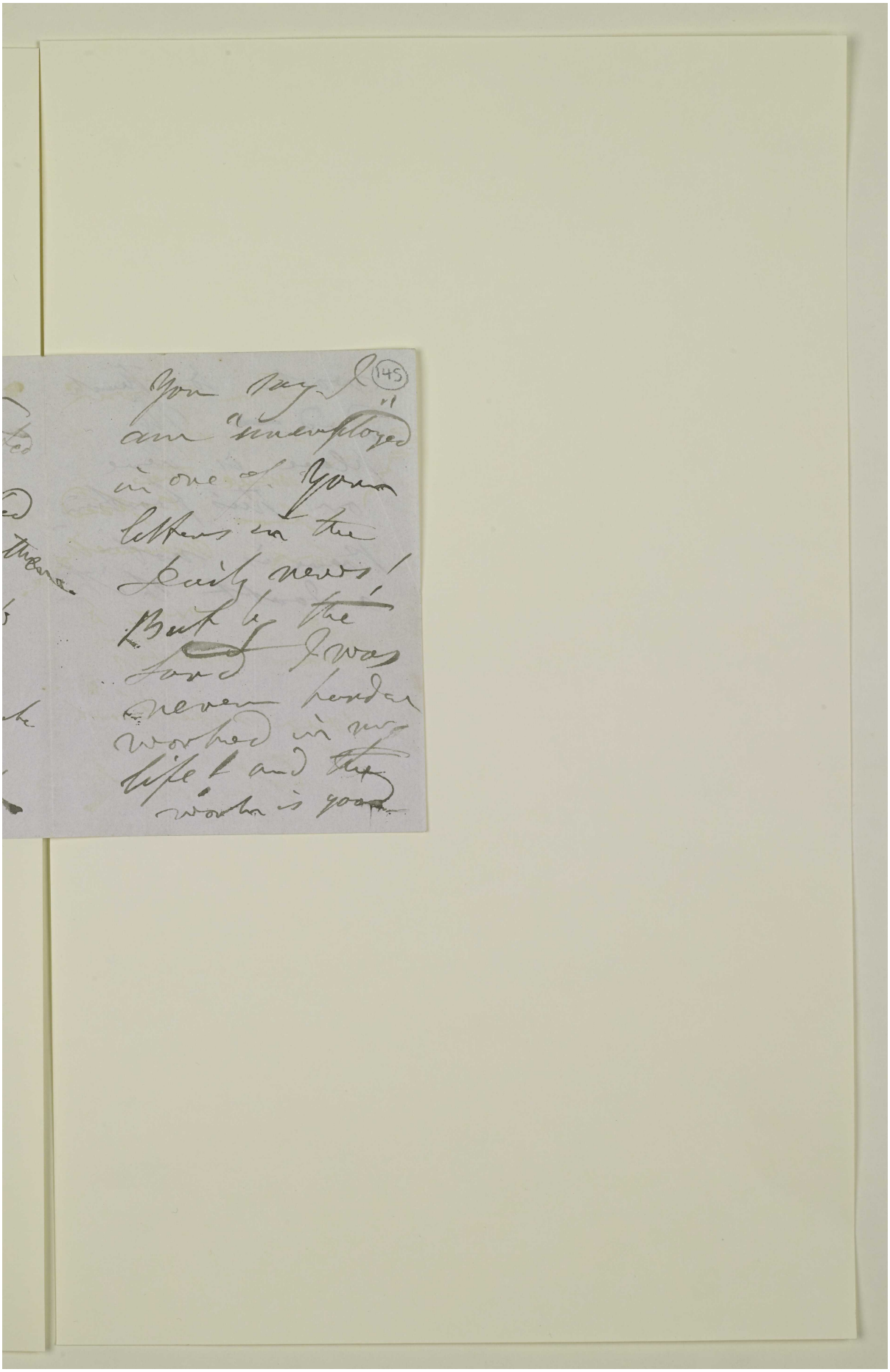

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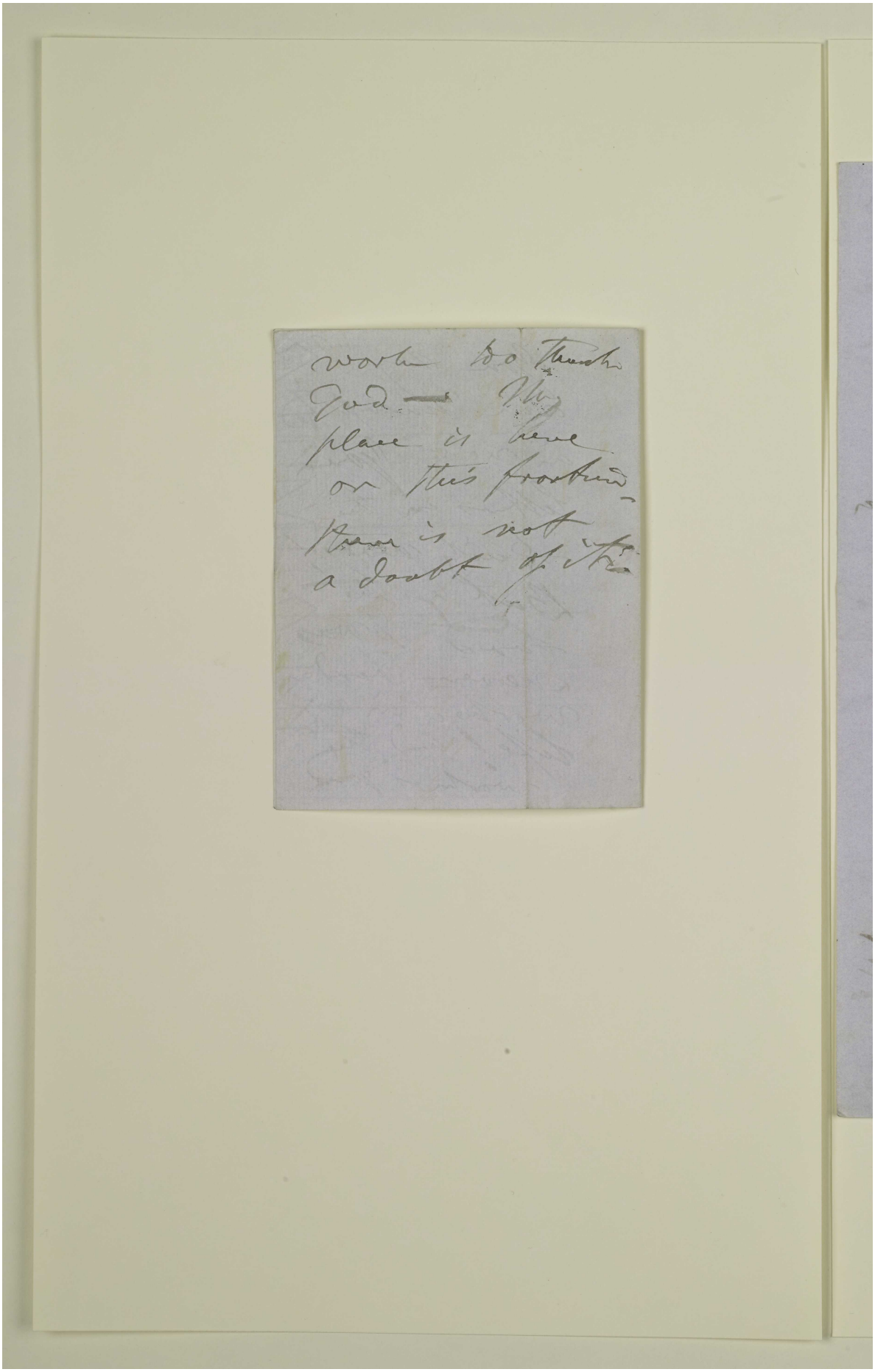

work to thank
God — My
place is here
on this frontier —
there is not
a doubt of it —

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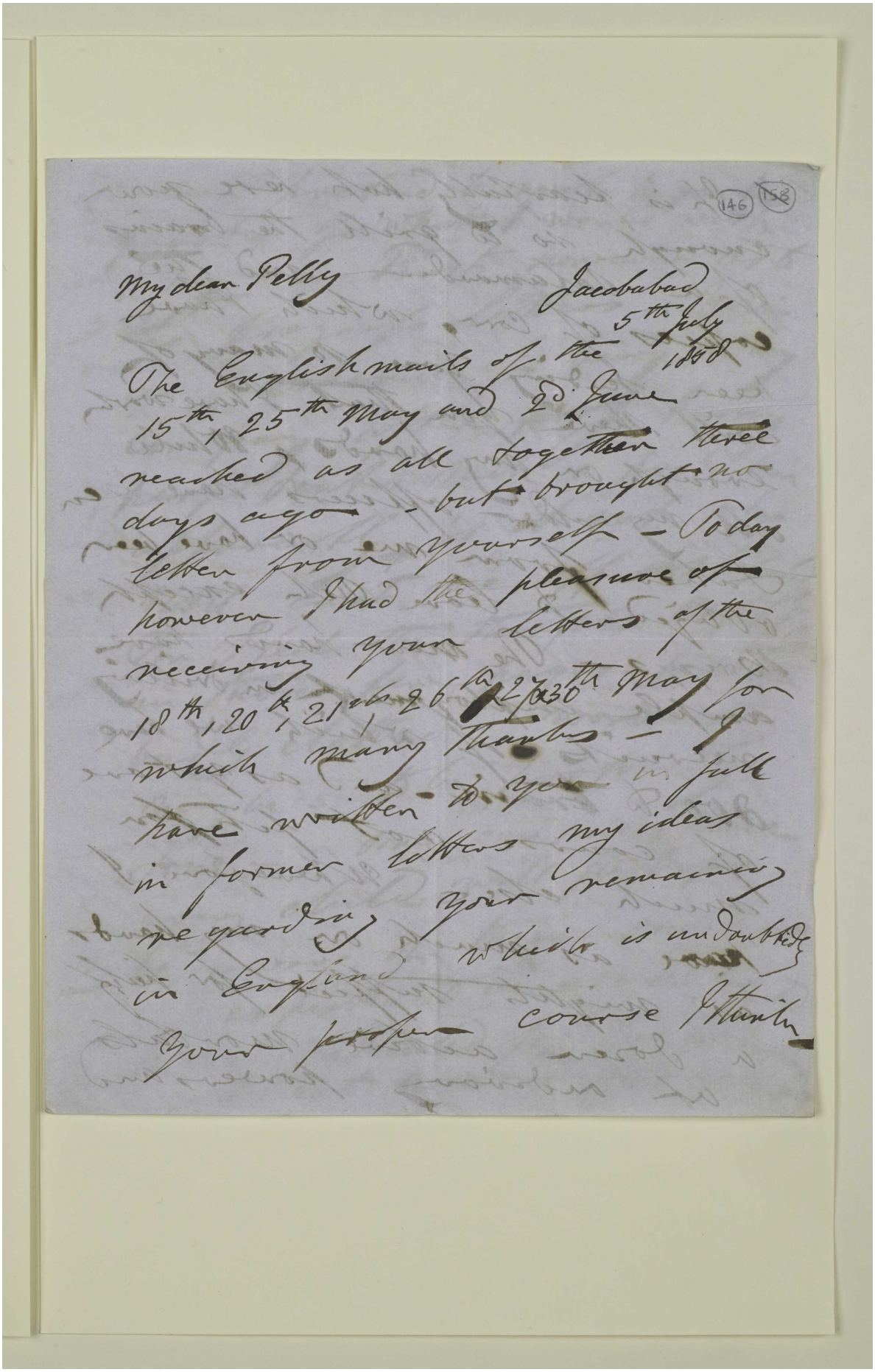
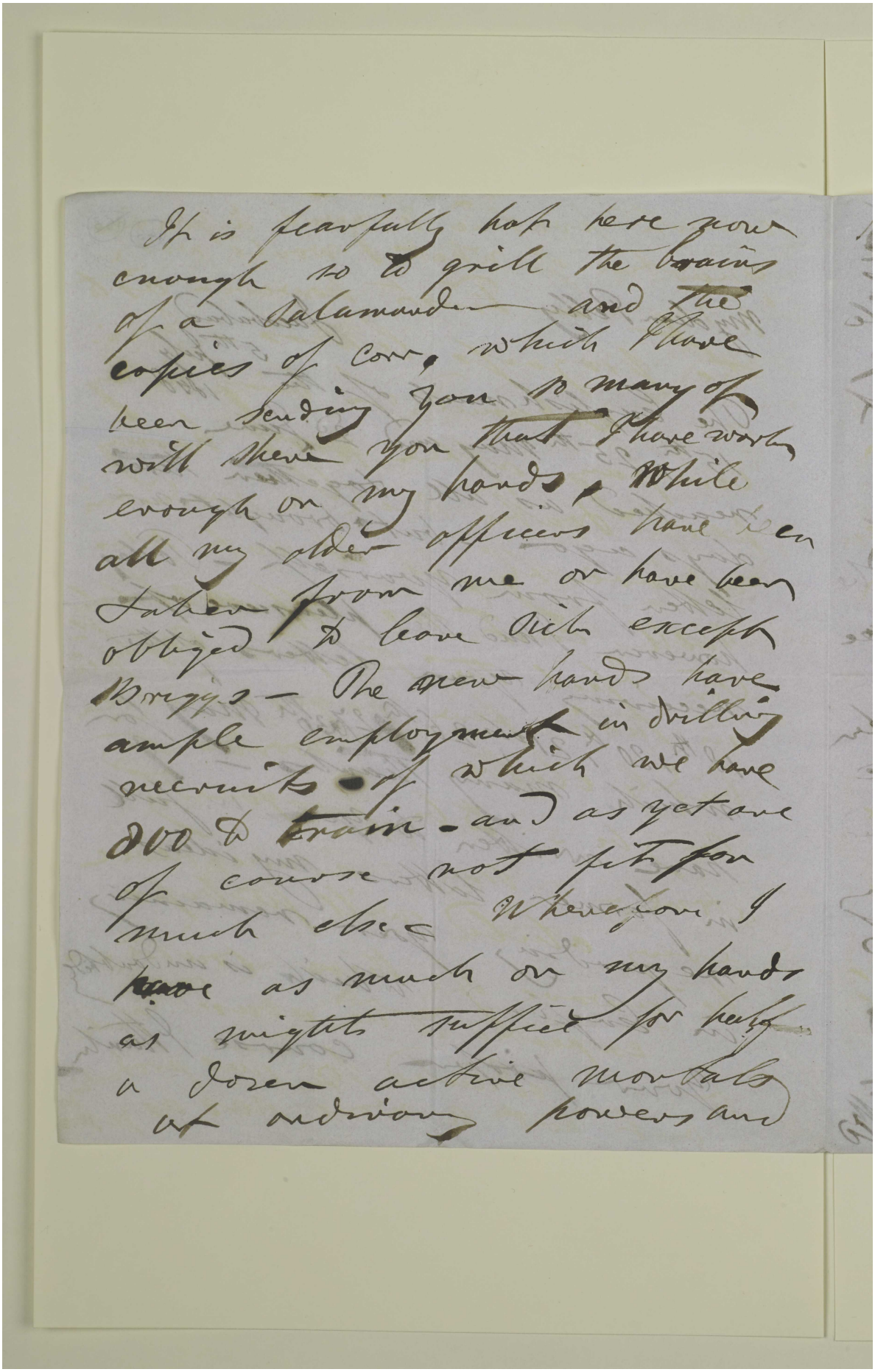


My dear Pelly

Jacobabad
5th July
1850

The English mails of the
15th, 25th May and 2d. June
reached us all together three
days ago - but brought no
letter from yourself - To day
however I had the pleasure of
receiving your letters of the
18th, 20th, 21st & 26th & 27th & 30th May for
which many thanks - I
have written to you in full
in former letters my ideas
regarding your remaining
in England which is undoubtedly
your proper course I think



It is fearfully hot here now
enough so to grill the brains
of a salamander and the
copies of corr, which I have
been sending you so many of
will shew you that I have work
enough on my hands, while
all my older officers have been
taken from me or have been
obliged to leave sick except
Briggs — The new hands have
ample employment in drilling
recruits of which we have
800 to train — and as yet are
of course not fit for
much else — Wherefore I
have as much on my hands
as might suffice for half
a dozen active mortals
at ordinary powers and

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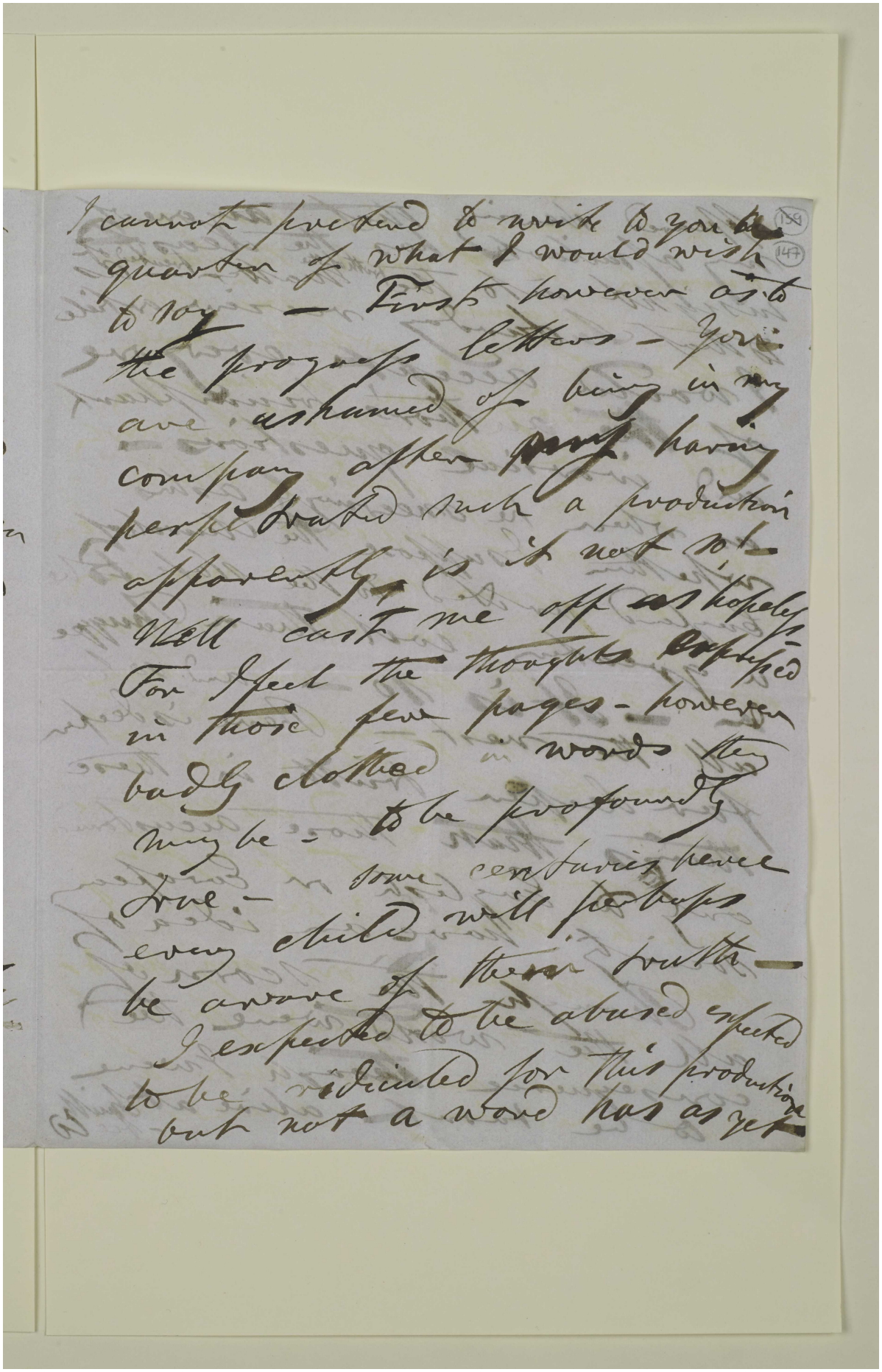
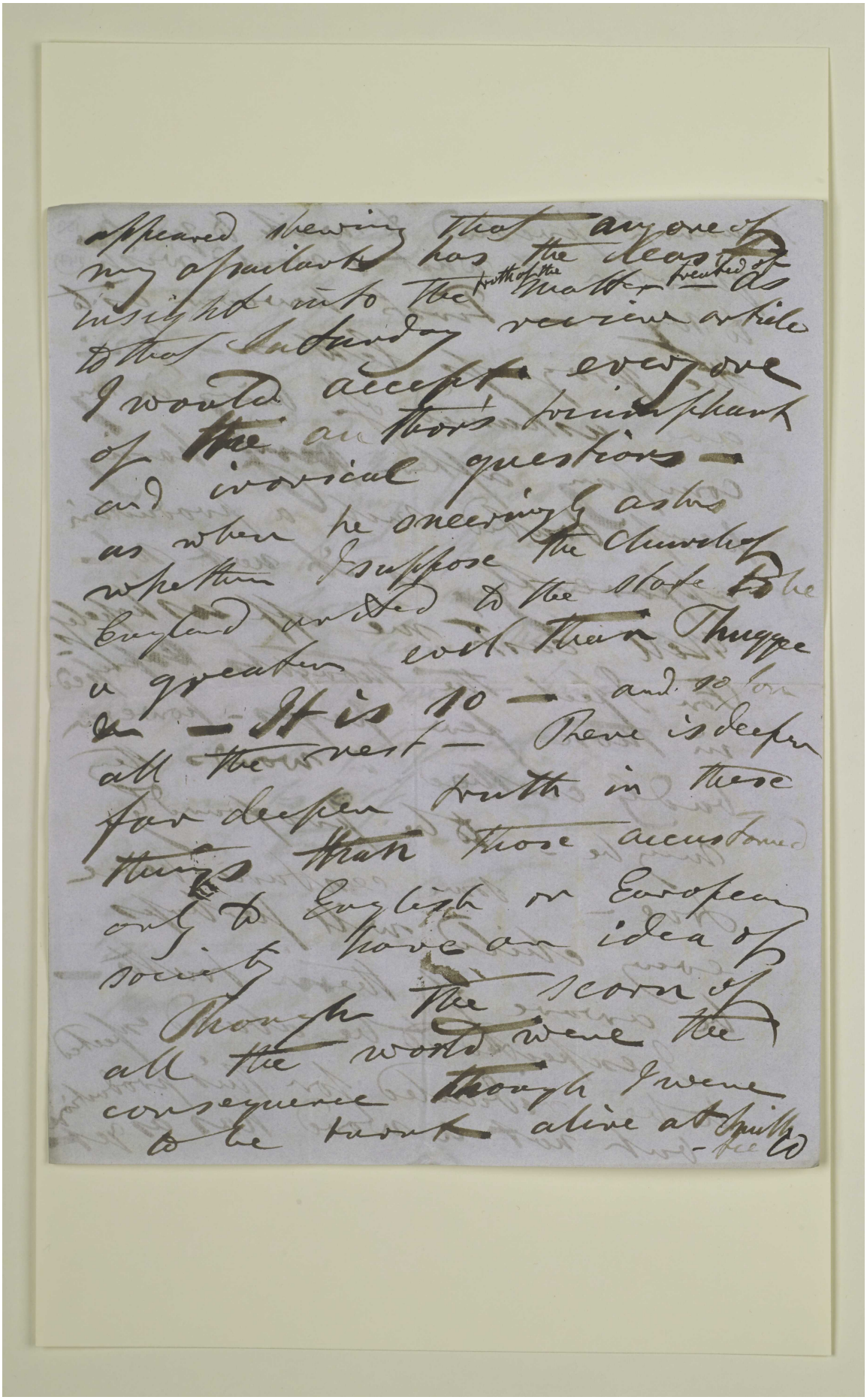


I cannot pretend to write to you a quarter of what I would wish to say — First however as to the prospects letters — you are ashamed of being in my company after having perpetrated such a production apparently — is it not so — Well cast me off as hopeless For I feel the thoughts expressed in those few pages — however badly clothed in words they may be — to be profoundly true — some centuries hence every child will perhaps be aware of their truth — I expected to be abused expected to be ridiculed for this production but not a word has as yet



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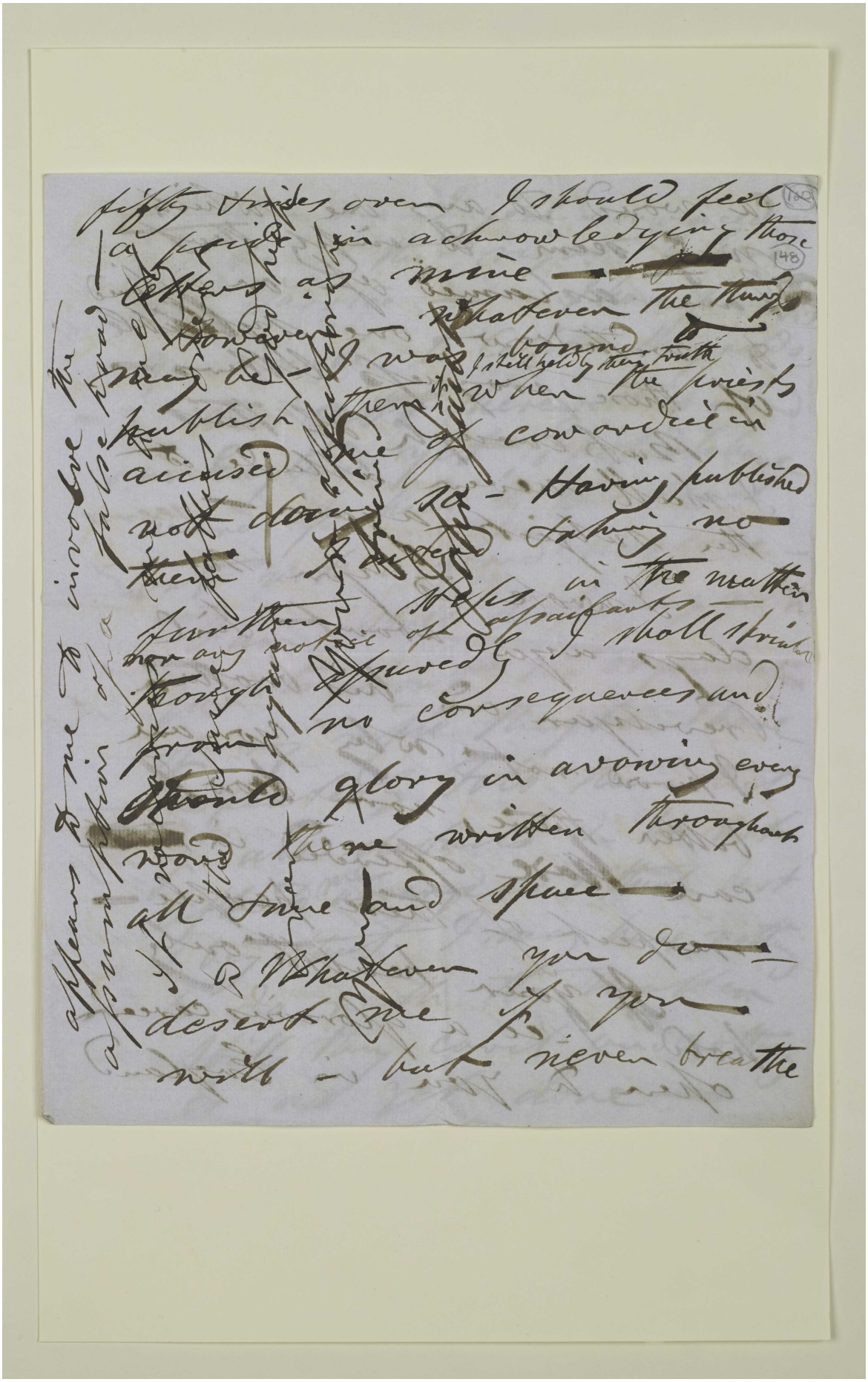

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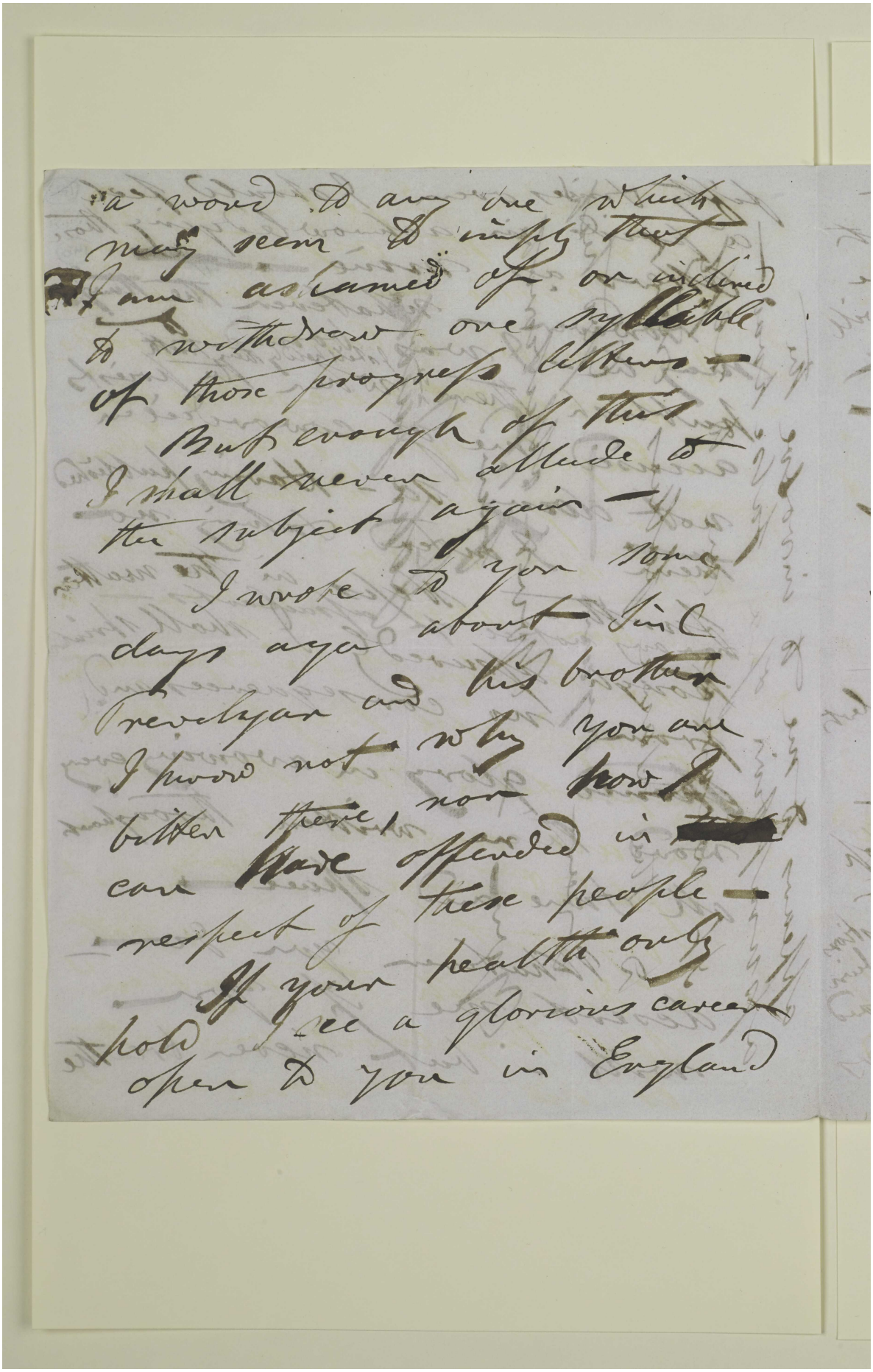
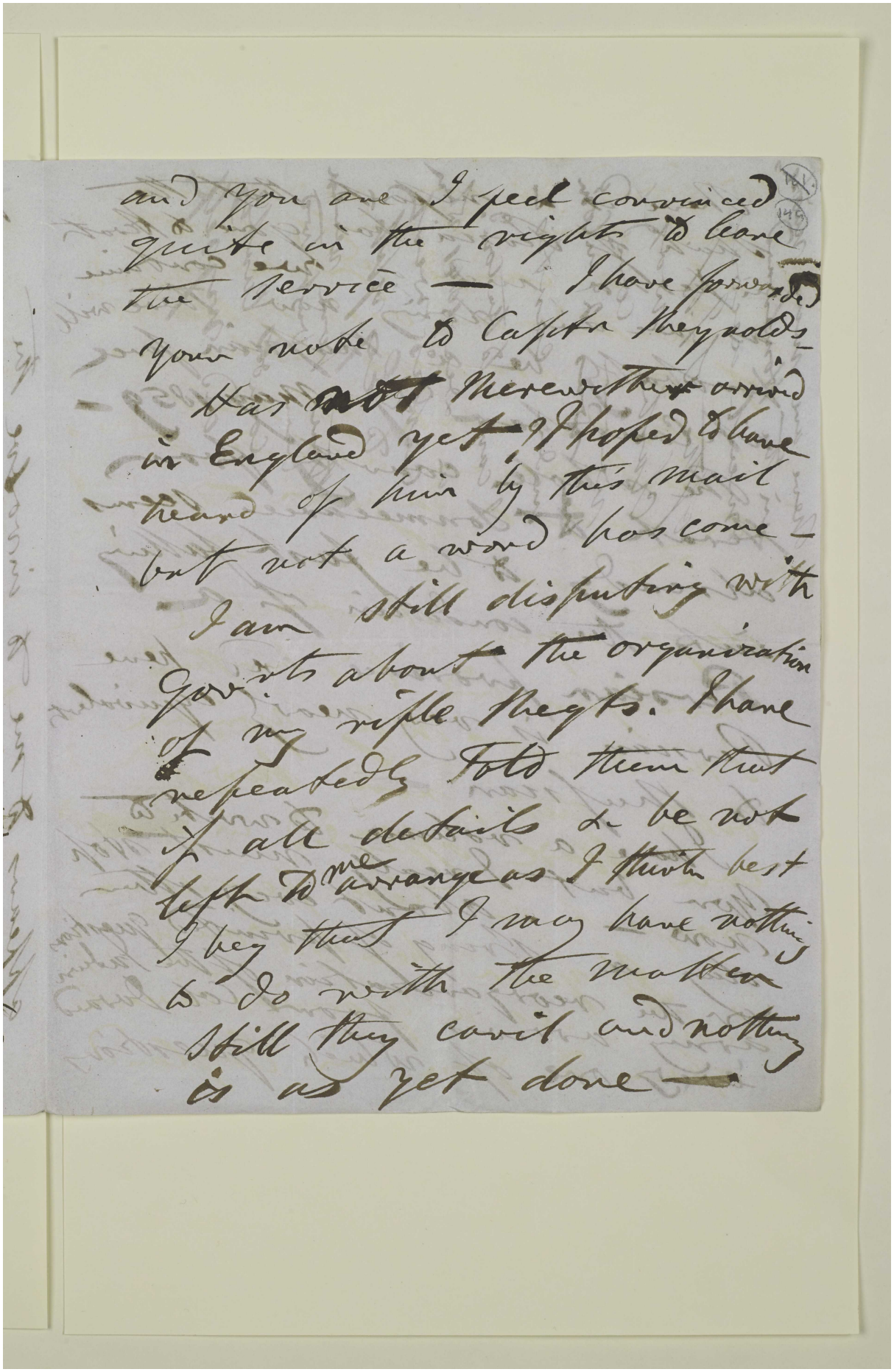
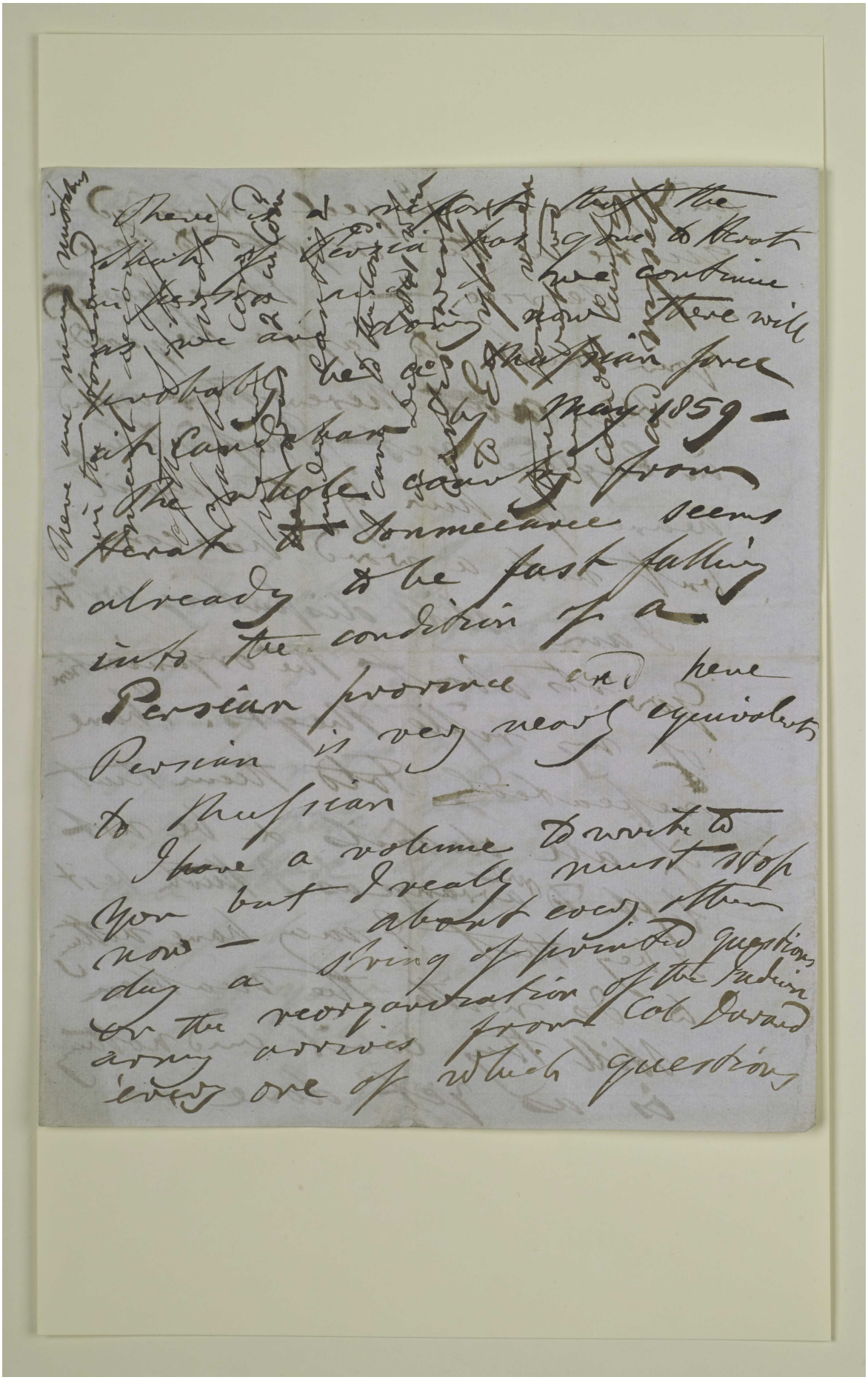


a word. To any one which may seem to imply that I am ashamed of or inclined to withdraw one syllable of those progress letters — But enough of this. I shall never allude to the subject again —

I wrote to you some days ago about Sir C Trevelyan and his brother. I know not why you are bitter there, nor how I can have offended in respect of these people — If your health only hold out I see a glorious career open to you in England



and you are I feel convinced
quite in the rights to leave
the service — I have forwarded
your note to Captn Reynolds —
Has ~~not~~ Merewether arrived
in England yet? I hoped to have
heard of him by this mail
but not a word has come —
I am still disputing with
Govrts about the organization
of my rifle Regts. I have
repeatedly told them that
if all details &c be not
left to me arrange as I think best
I beg that I may have nothing
to do with the matter
Still they cavil and nothing
is as yet done —



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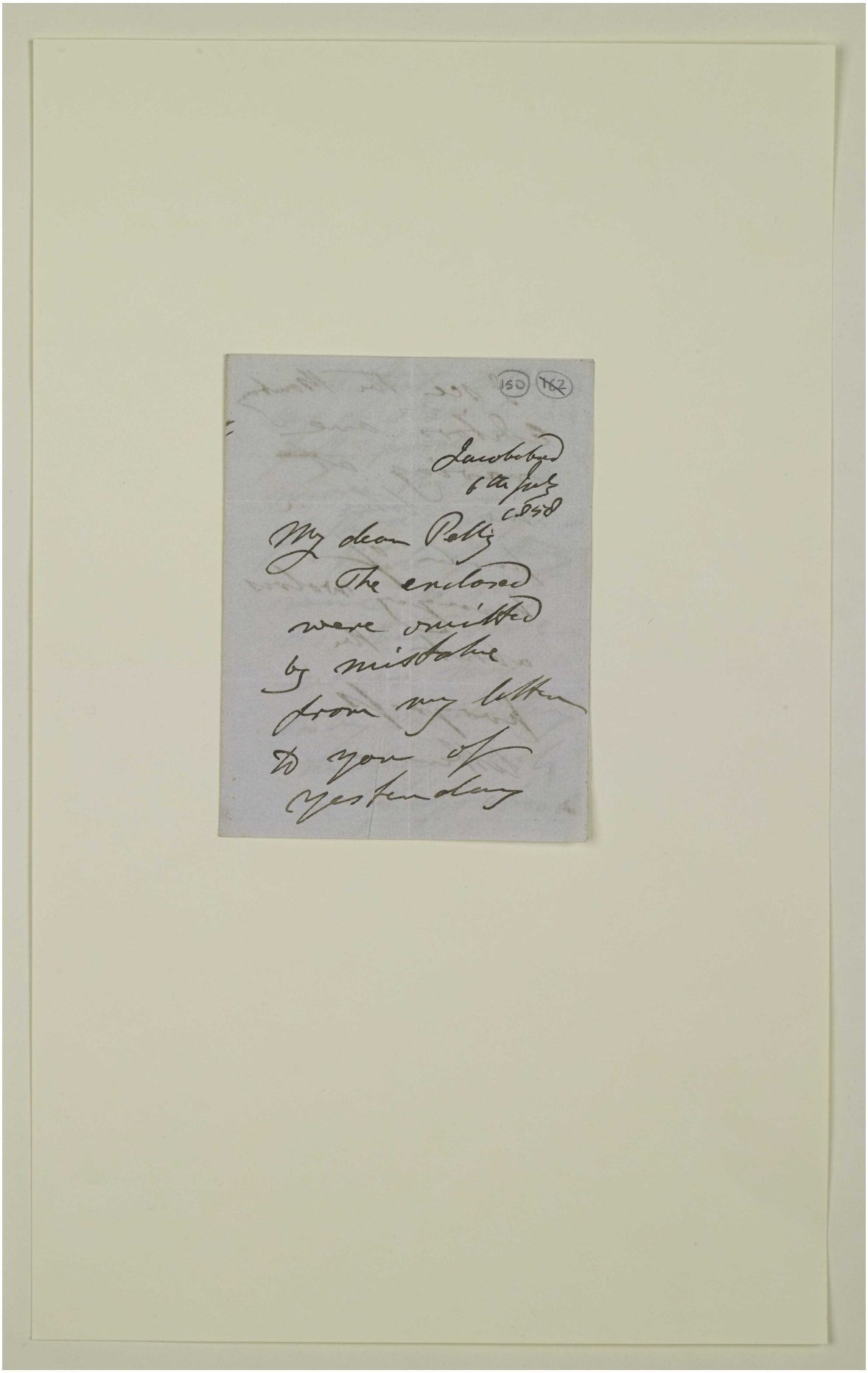

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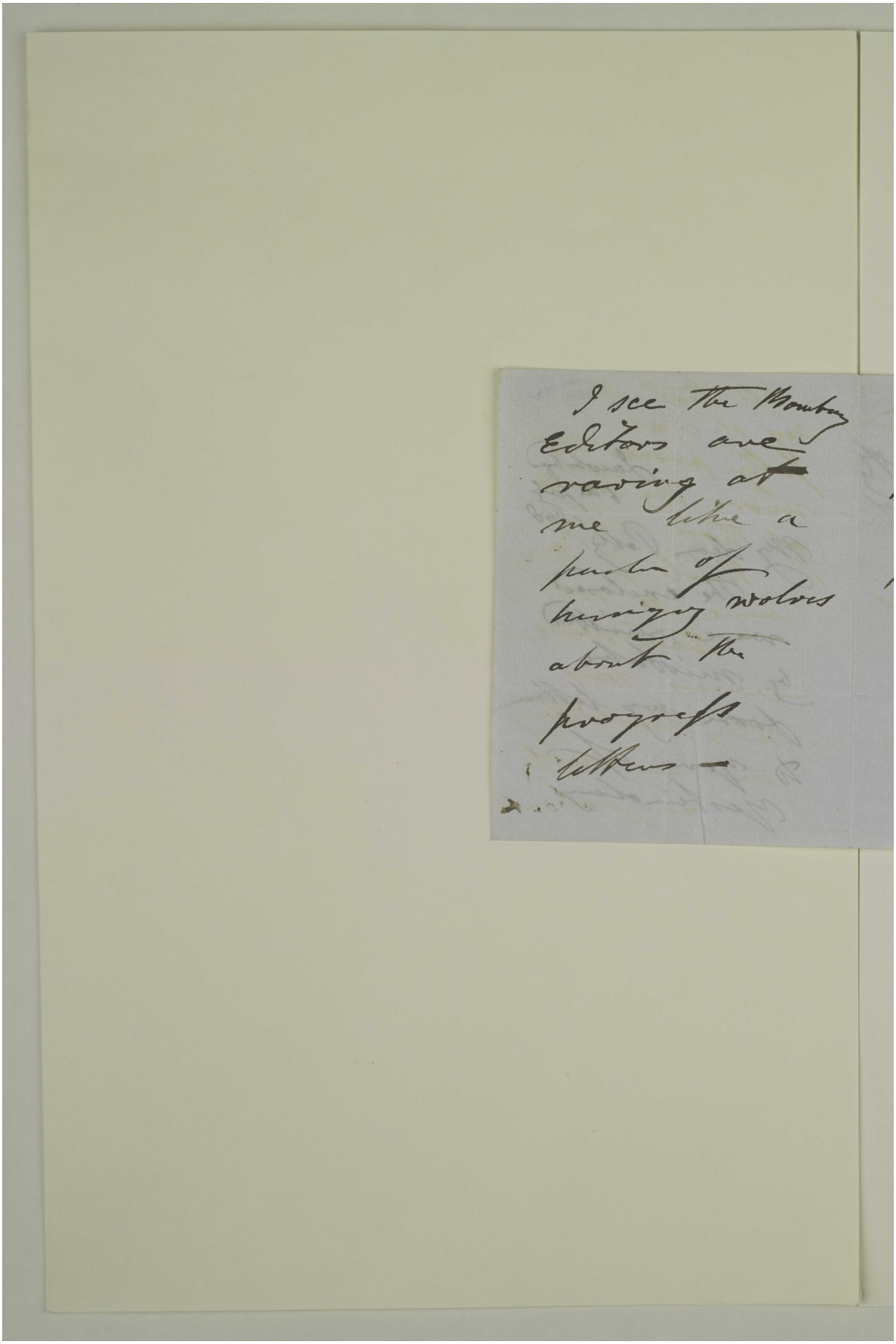
I see the Bombay
Editors are
raving at
me like a
pack of
hungry wolves
about the
progress
letters —

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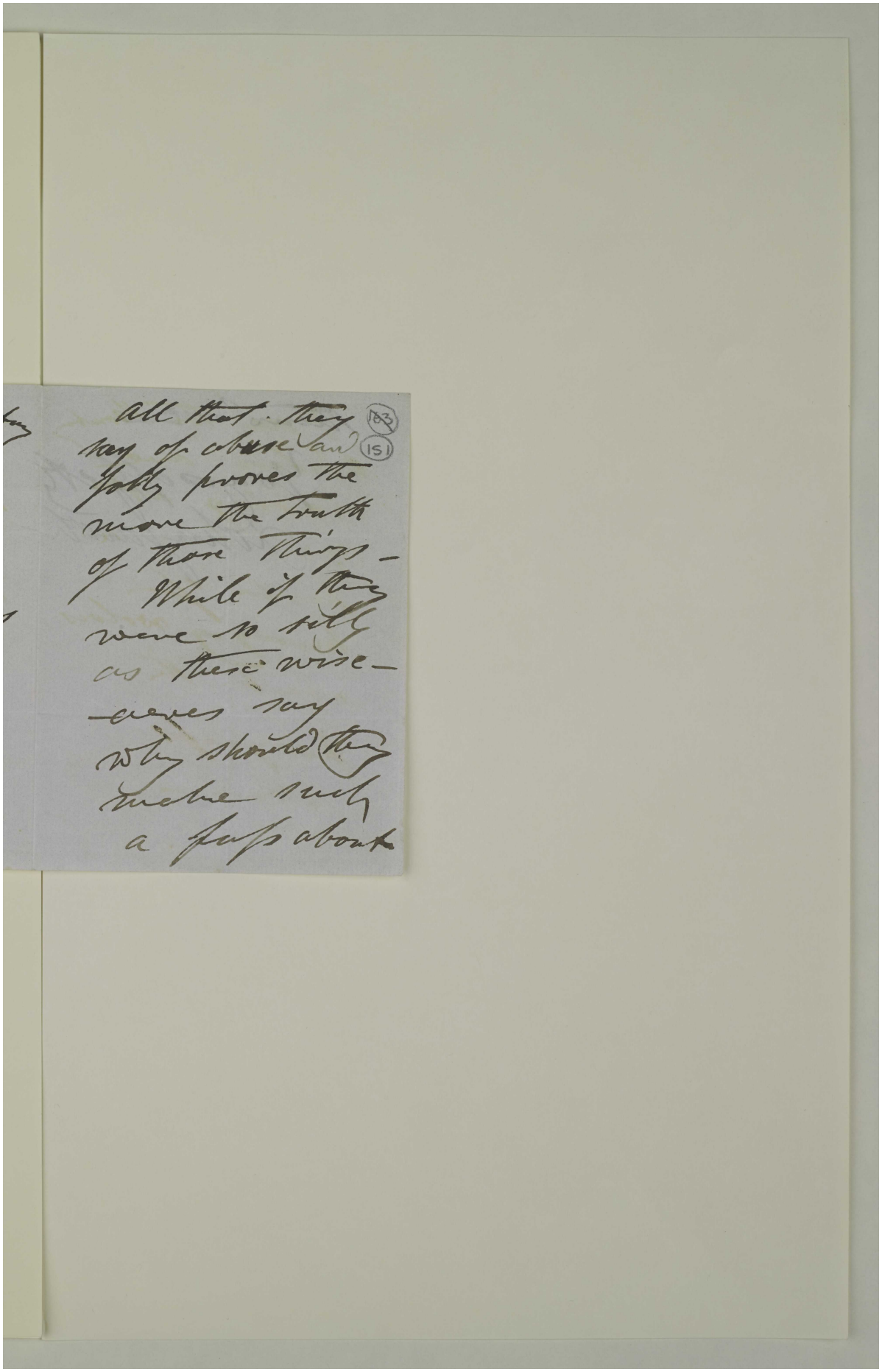

all that they
say of abuse and
folly proves the
more the truth
of those things —
While if they
were so silly
as these wise-
-aeres say
why should they
make such
a fuss about

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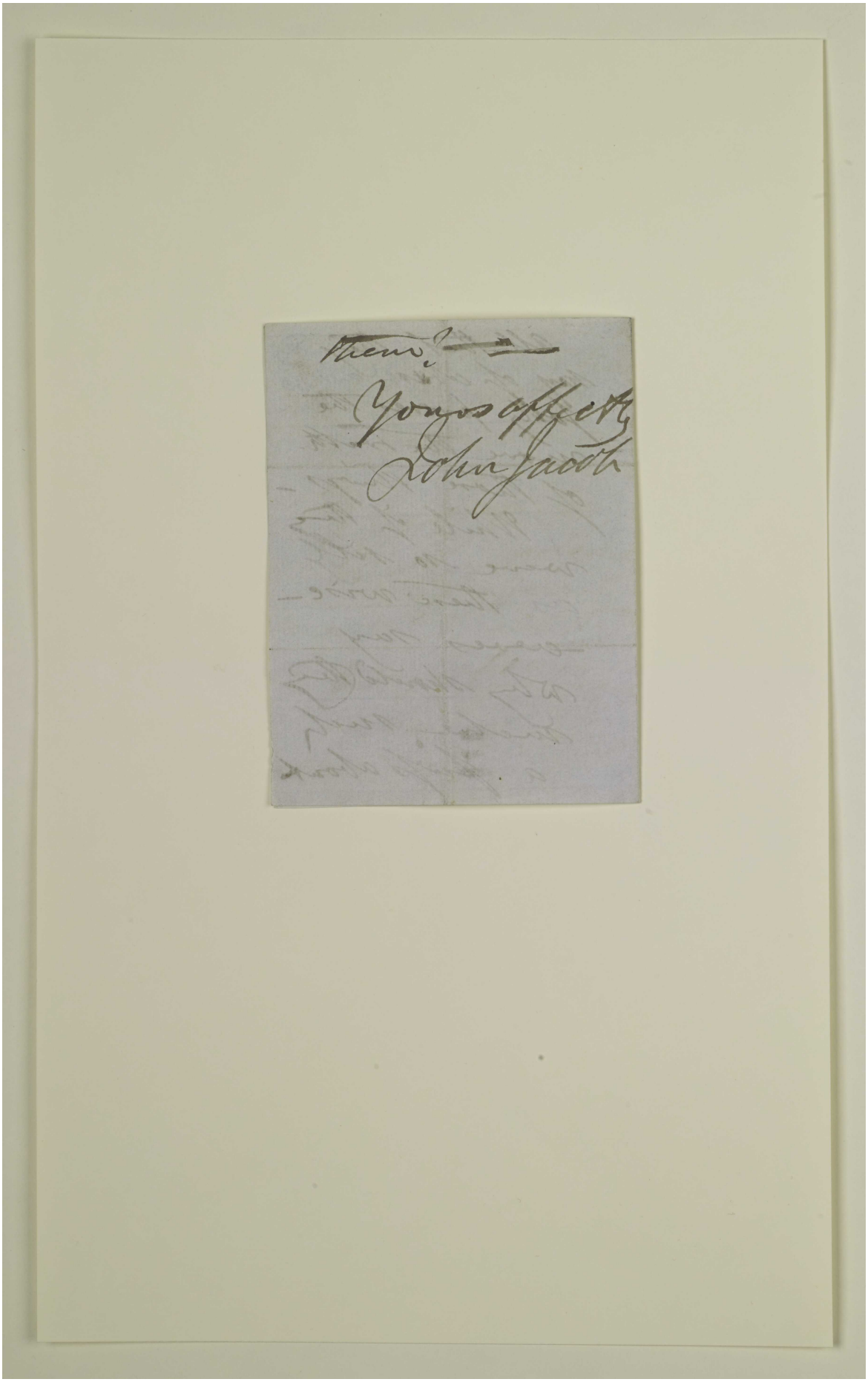

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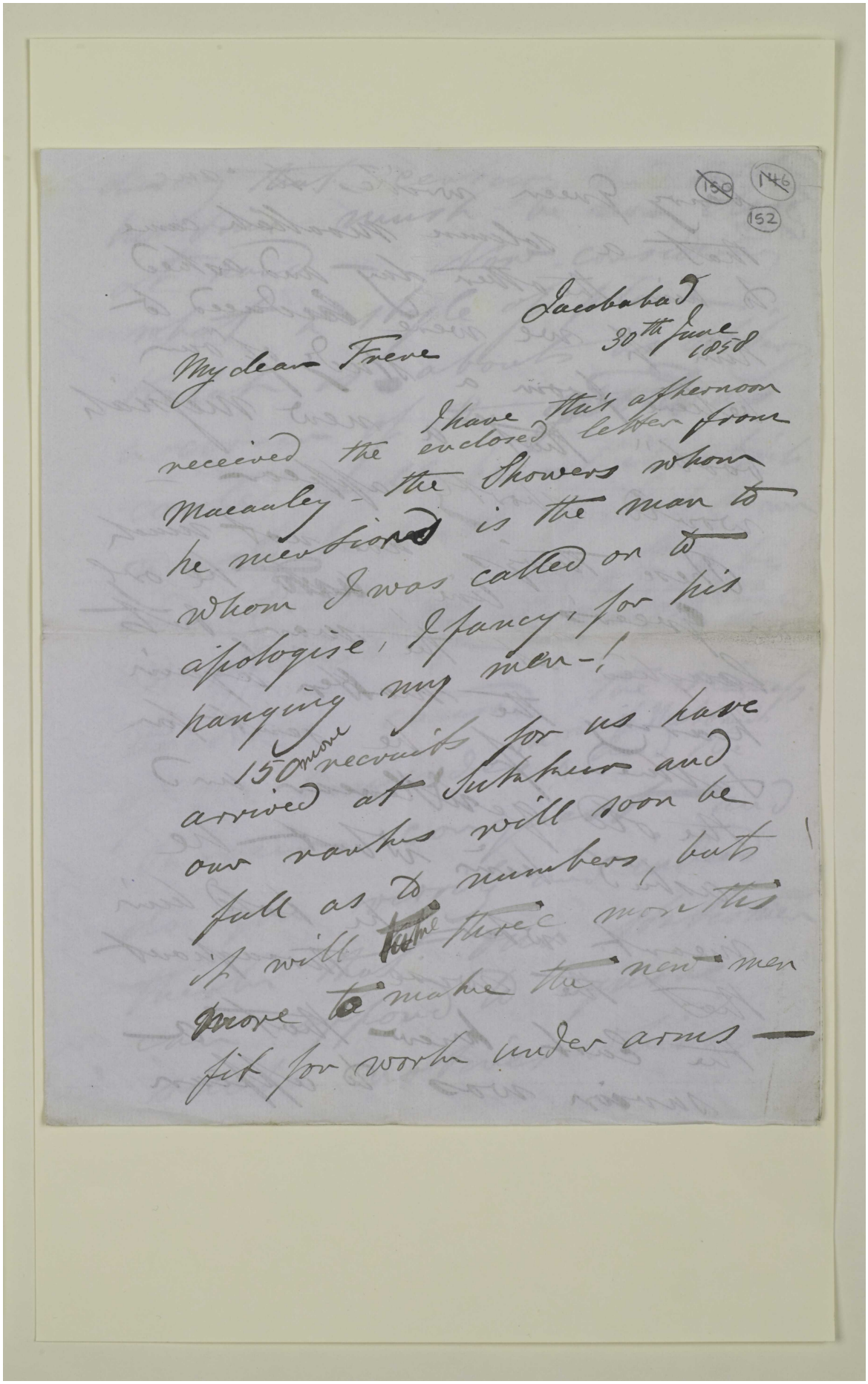

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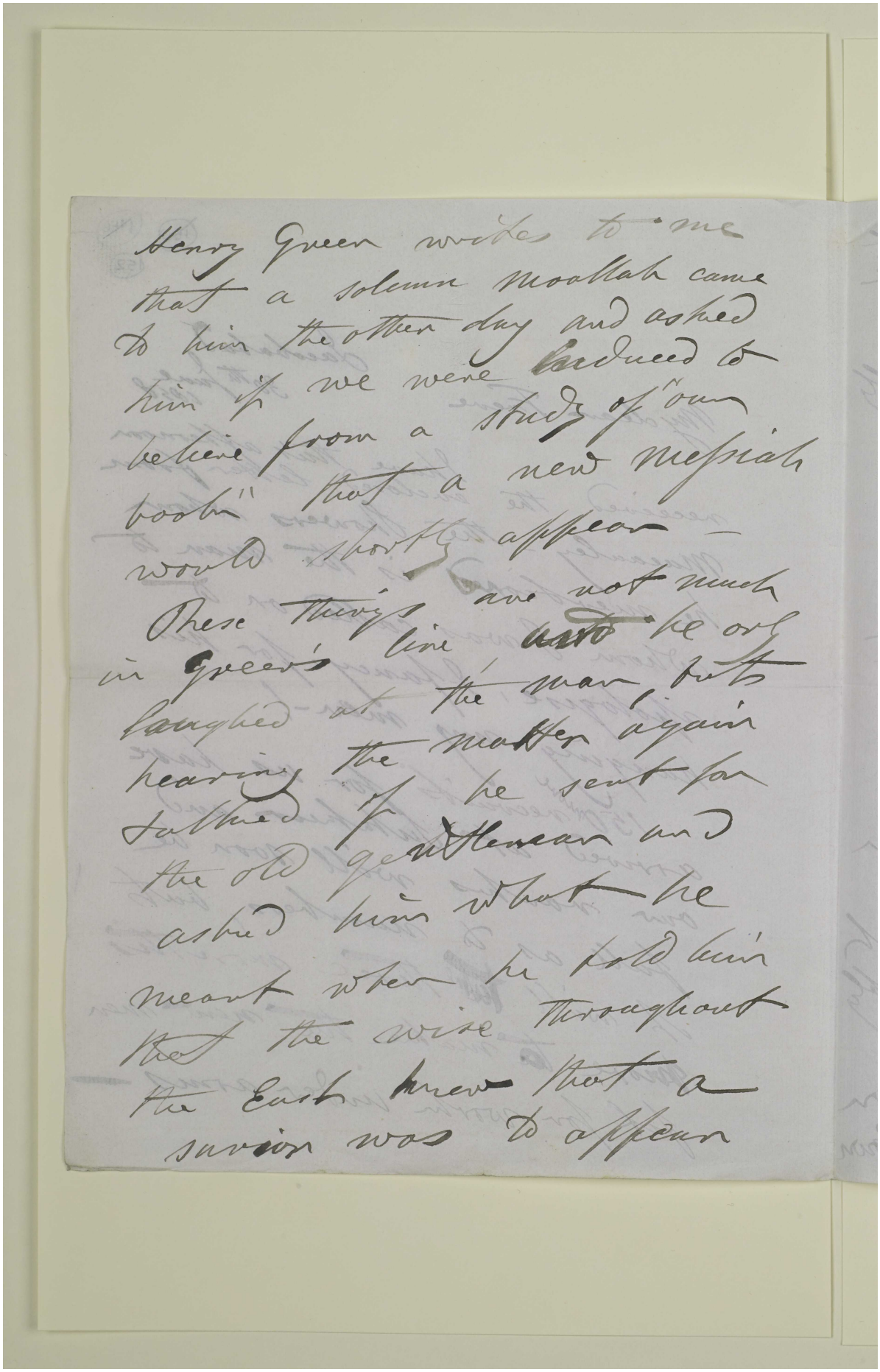
Jacobabad
30th June 1858

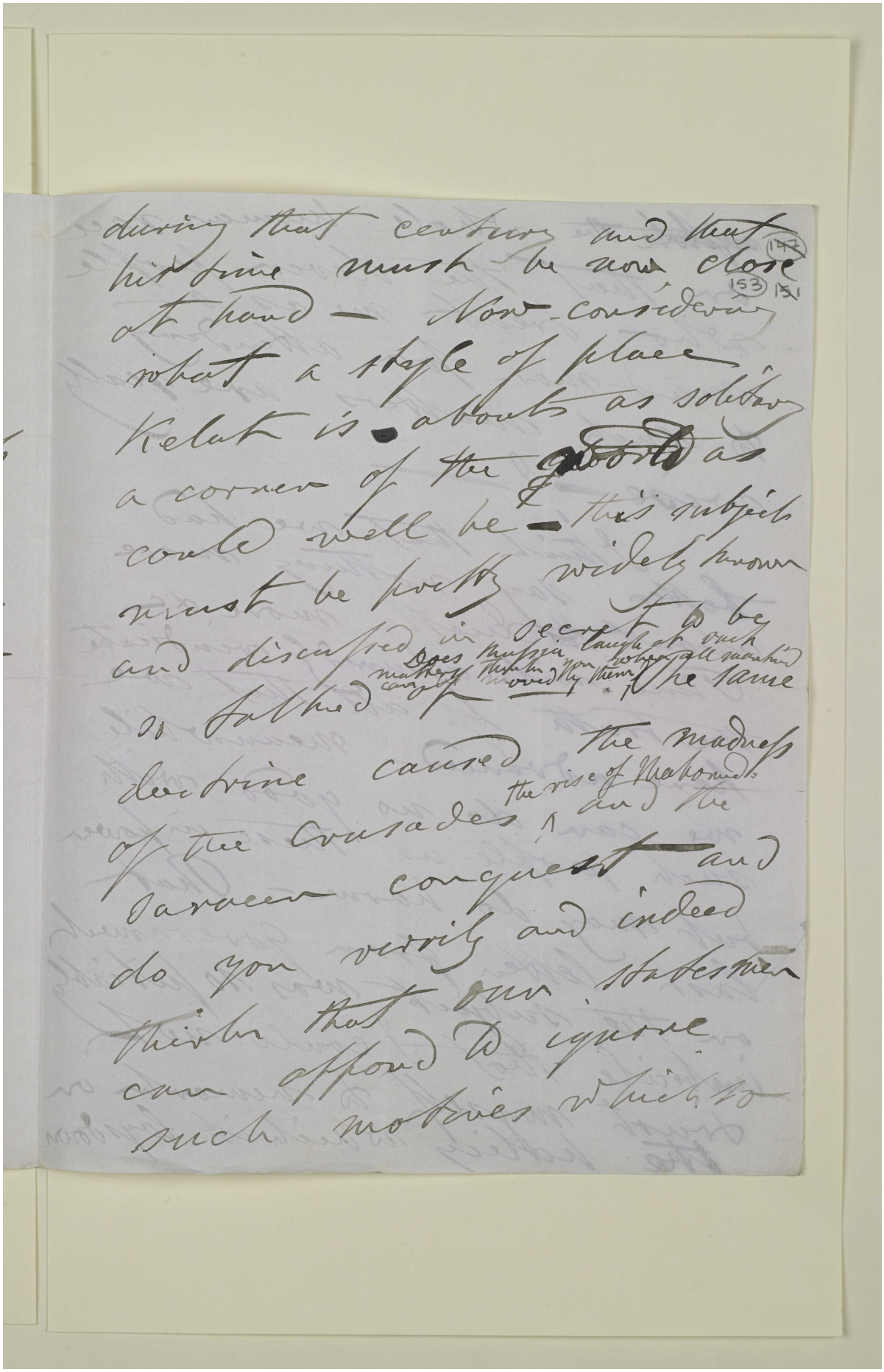
My dear Freve

I have this afternoon received the enclosed letter from Macaulay - the Showers whom he mentions is the man to whom I was called on to apologise, I fancy, for his hanging my men -!

150 more recruits for us have arrived at Subzkur and our ranks will soon be full as to numbers, but it will take three months more to make the men fit for work under arms —



Henry Green writes to me that a solemn moollah came to him the other day and asked him if we were endeavouring to believe from a study of our books that a new Messiah would shortly appear — These things are not much in Green's line and he only laughed at the man, but hearing the matter again talked of he sent for the old gentleman and asked him what he meant when he told him that the wise throughout the East knew that a saviour was to appear



during that century and that
hit time must be now close
at hand — Now considering
what a style of place
Kelat is about as solitary
a corner of the world as
could well be — this subject
must be pretty widely known
and discussed in secret to be
so talked of — Does Mussin laugh at such matters think you when all mankind can be moved by them? The same
doctrine caused the madness
of the Crusades, the rise of Mahomed and the
Saracen conquest and
do you verily and indeed
think that our statesmen
can afford to ignore
such motives which so

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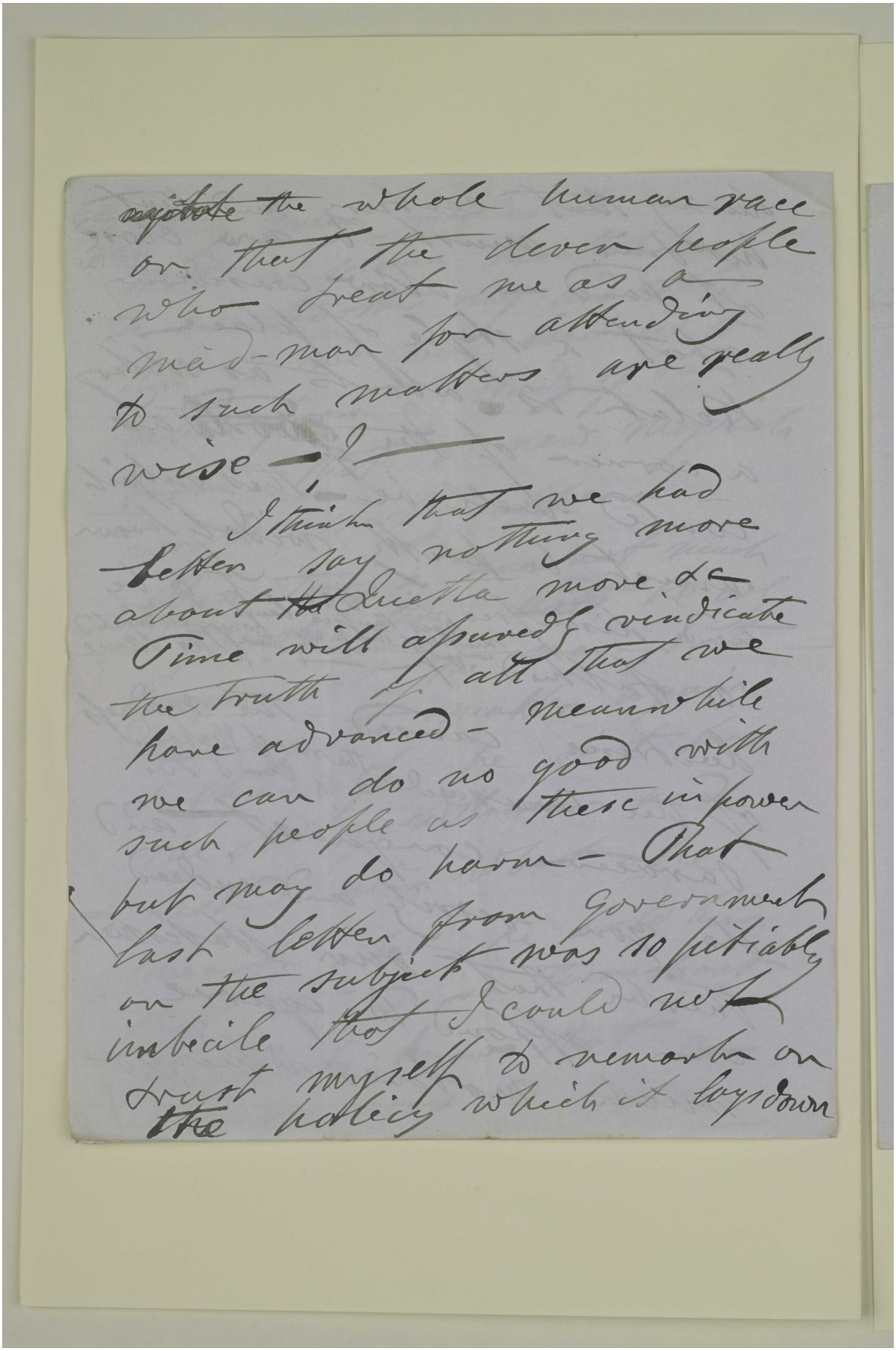

~~[illegible]~~ the whole human race
or that the dever people
who treat me as a
mad-man for attending
to such matters are really
wise —?

I think that we had
better say nothing more
about ~~the~~ Quetta more &c
Time will assuredly vindicate
the truth of all that we
have advanced — meanwhile
we can do no good with
such people as these in power
but may do harm — That
last letter from Government
on the subject was so pitiably
imbecile that I could not
trust myself to remark on
the policy which it lays down

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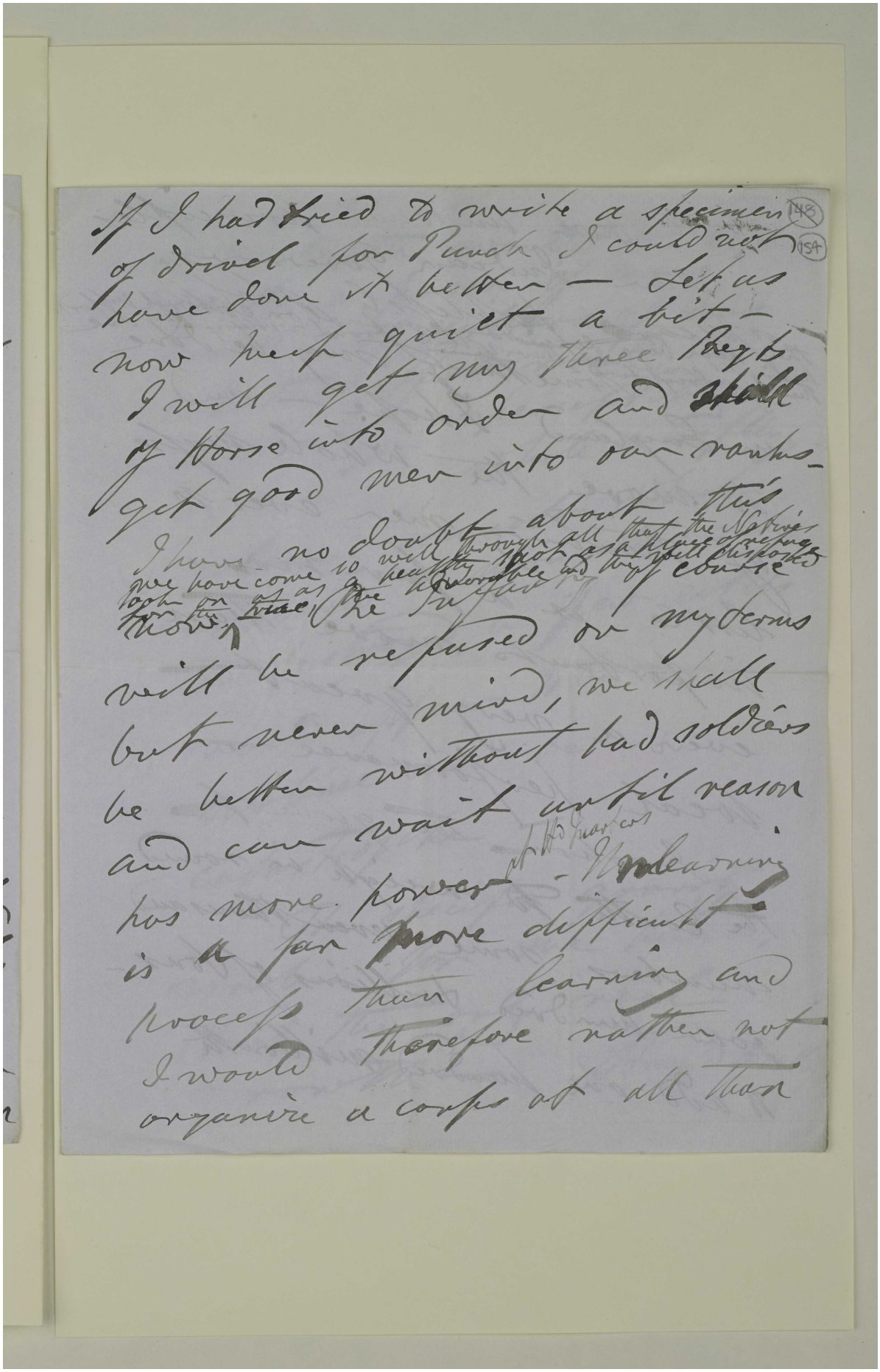

If I had tried to write a specimen of drivel for Punch I could not have done it better — Let us now keep quiet a bit — I will get my three Regts of Horse into order and shall get good men into our ranks — I have no doubt about this now, we have come so well through all that the Natives look on as as a healthy spot as a place of refuge for the true, the honorable and the well disposed. The Infantry of course will be refused on my terms but never mind, we shall be better without bad soldiers and can wait until reason has more power at Hd Quarters — Unlearning is a far more difficult process than learning and I would therefore rather not organize a corps at all than

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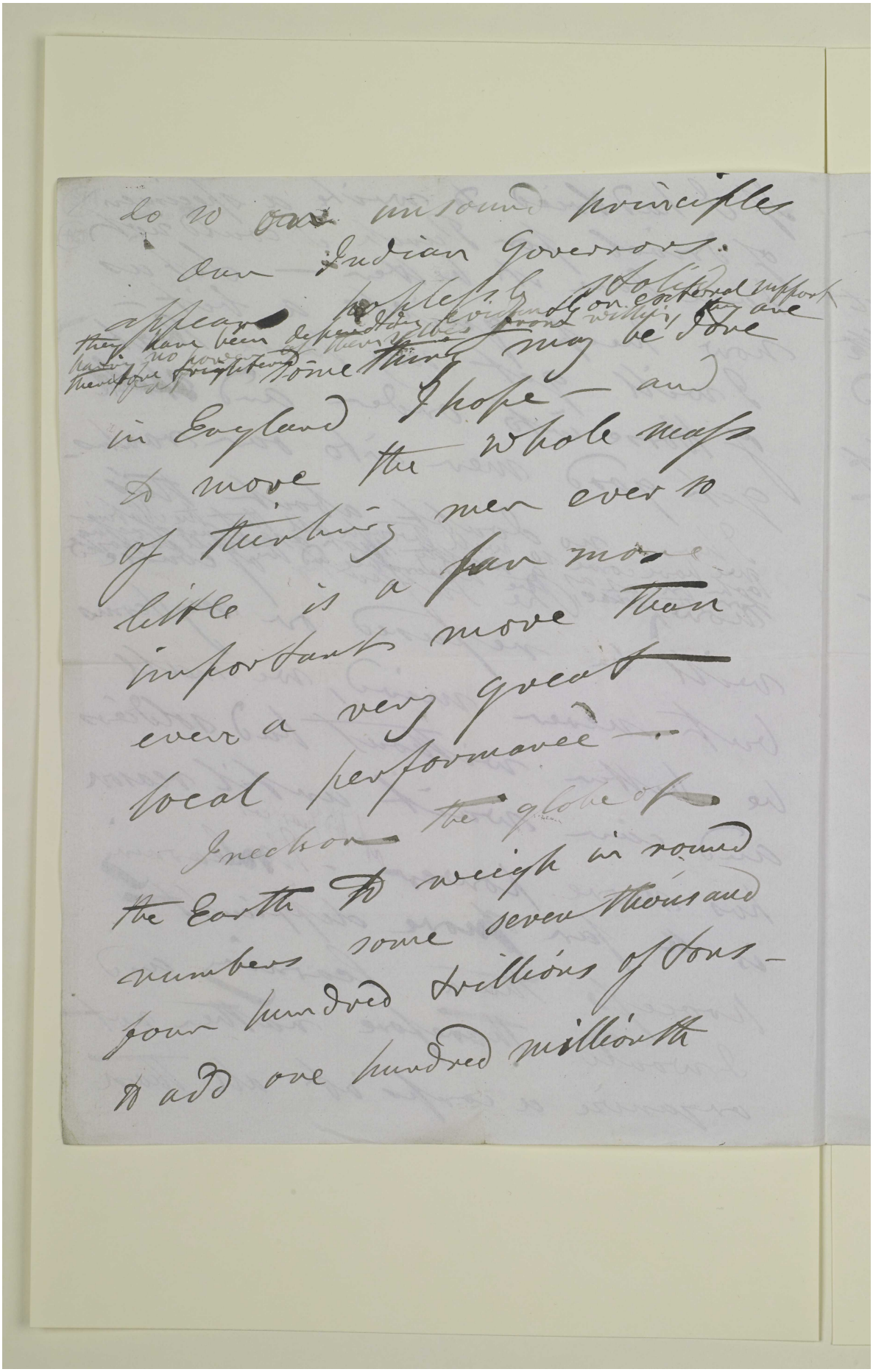

do so on unsound principles
our Indian Governors.
appear hopelessly stolid
they have been depending evidently on external support
having no power of their selves from within, they are
therefore frightened
Something may be done
in England I hope — and
to move the whole mass
of thinking men ever so
little is a far more
important move than
even a very great
local performance —
I reckon the globe of
the Earth to weigh in round
numbers some seven thousand
four hundred trillions of tons —
to add one hundred millionth

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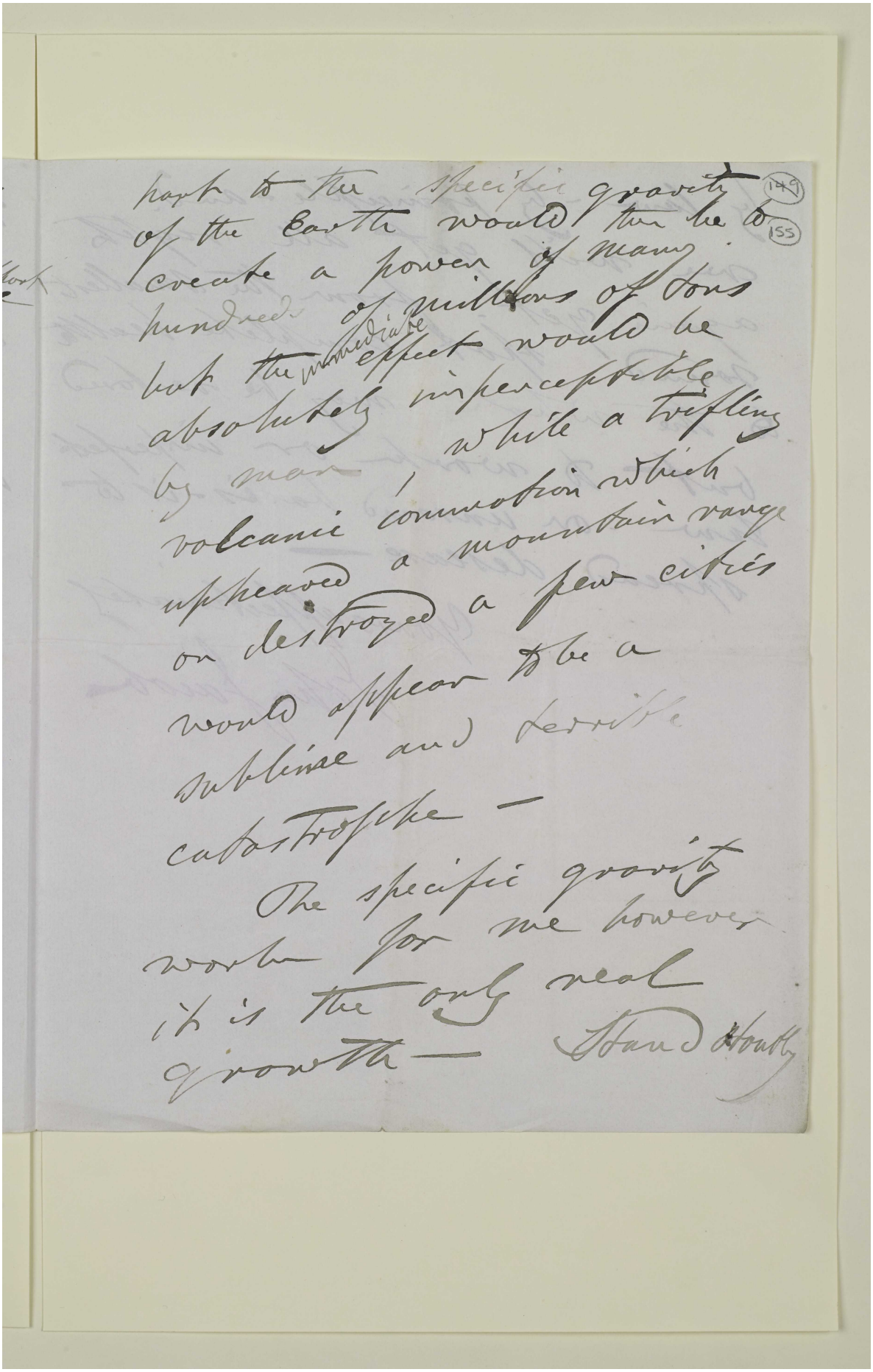

part to the specific gravity
of the Earth would then be to
create a power of many
hundreds of millions of tons
but the immediate effect would be
absolutely imperceptible
by man, while a trifling
volcanic commotion which
upheaved a mountain range
or destroyed a few cities
would appear to be a
sublime and terrible
catastrophe —

The specific gravity
work for me however
it is the only real
growth — Stand Hourly

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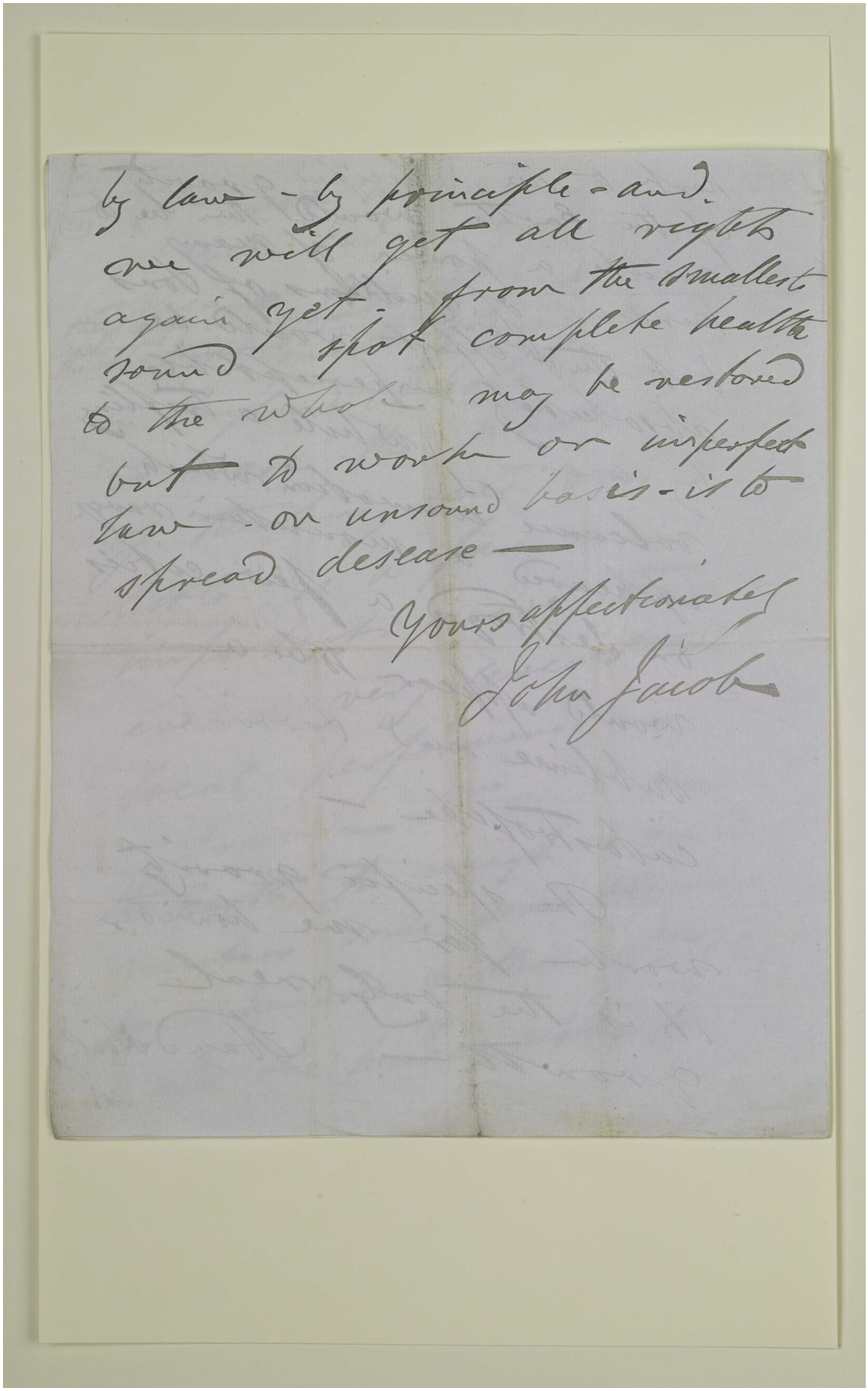
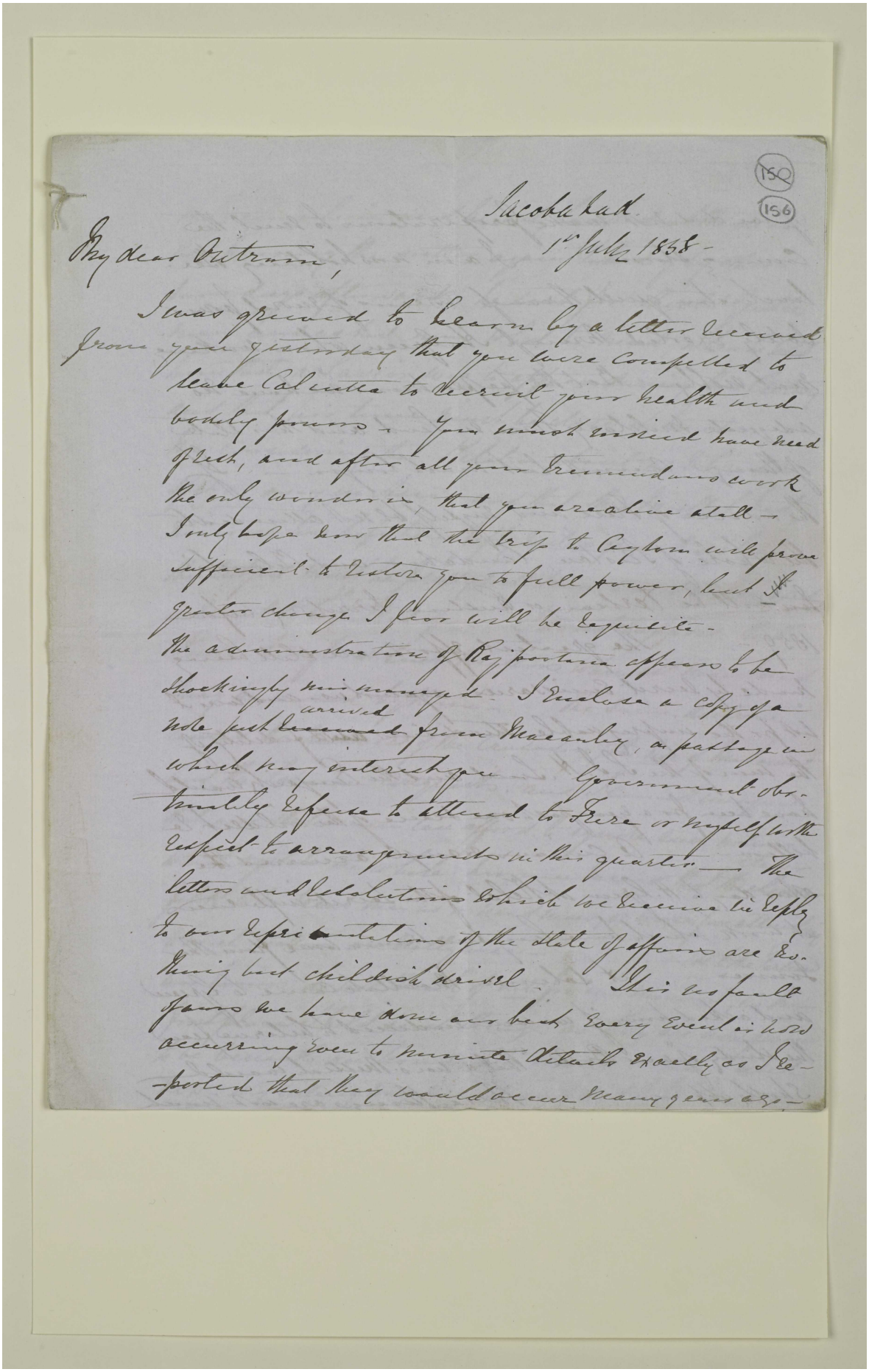


by law - by principle - and
one will get all rights
again yet - from the smallest
round spot complete health
to the whole may be restored
but to work on imperfect
law - on unsound basis - is to
spread desease —

Yours affectionately
John Jacob



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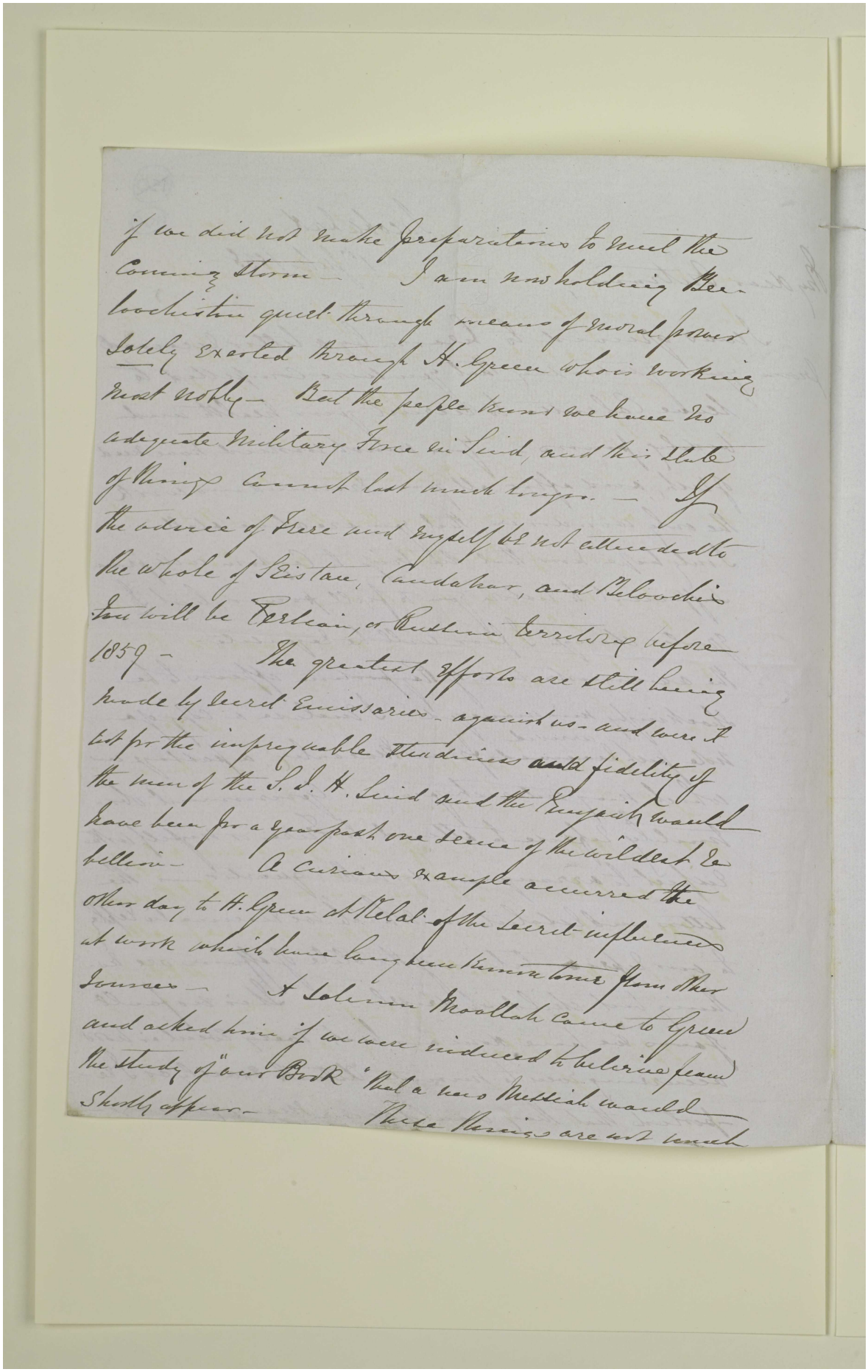
Jacobabad
1st July 1858 -

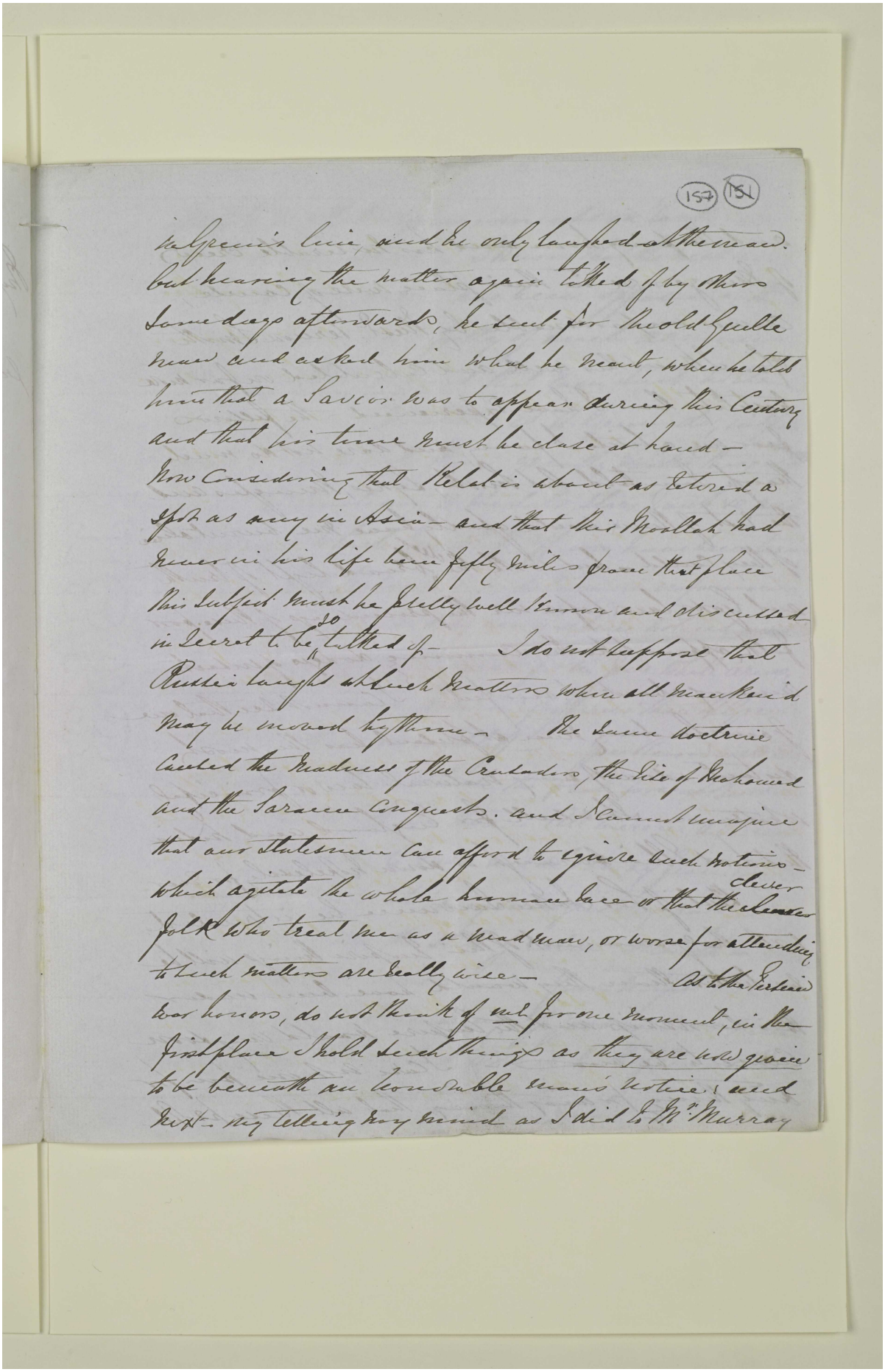
My dear Outram,

I was grieved to learn by a letter received from you yesterday that you were compelled to leave Calcutta to recruit your health and bodily powers - You must indeed have need of rest, and after all your tremendous work the only wonder is, that you are alive at all - I only hope now that the trip to Ceylon will prove sufficient to restore you to full power, but greater change I fear will be requisite -
The administration of Rajpootana appears to be shockingly mismanaged - I enclose a copy of a note just ~~received~~ arrived from Macaulay, a passage in which may interest you - Government obstinately refuse to attend to Frere or myself with respect to arrangements in this quarter - The letters and resolutions which we receive in reply to our representations of the state of affairs are nothing but childish drivel - It is no fault of ours we have done our best. Every event is now occurring even to minute details exactly as I reported that they would occur many years ago -

Note from John Jacob, Jacobabad to Lewis Pelly [156v] (14/28)



if we did not make preparations to meet the coming storm — I am now holding Beloochistan quiet through means of moral power solely exerted through H. Green who is working most nobly — But the people know we have no adequate military force in Sind, and this state of things cannot last much longer. — If the advice of Frere and myself be not attended to the whole of Seistan, Candahar, and Beloochistan will be Persian, or Russian territory before 1859 — The greatest efforts are still being made by secret Emissaries — against us — and were it not for the impregnable steadiness and fidelity of the men of the S. I. H. Sind and the Punjaub would have been for a year past one scene of the wildest rebellion — A curious example occurred the other day to H. Green at Kelat of the secret influences at work which have long been known to me from other sources — A solemn Moollah came to Green and asked him if we were induced to believe from the study of "our Book" that a new Messiah would shortly appear — These things are not much



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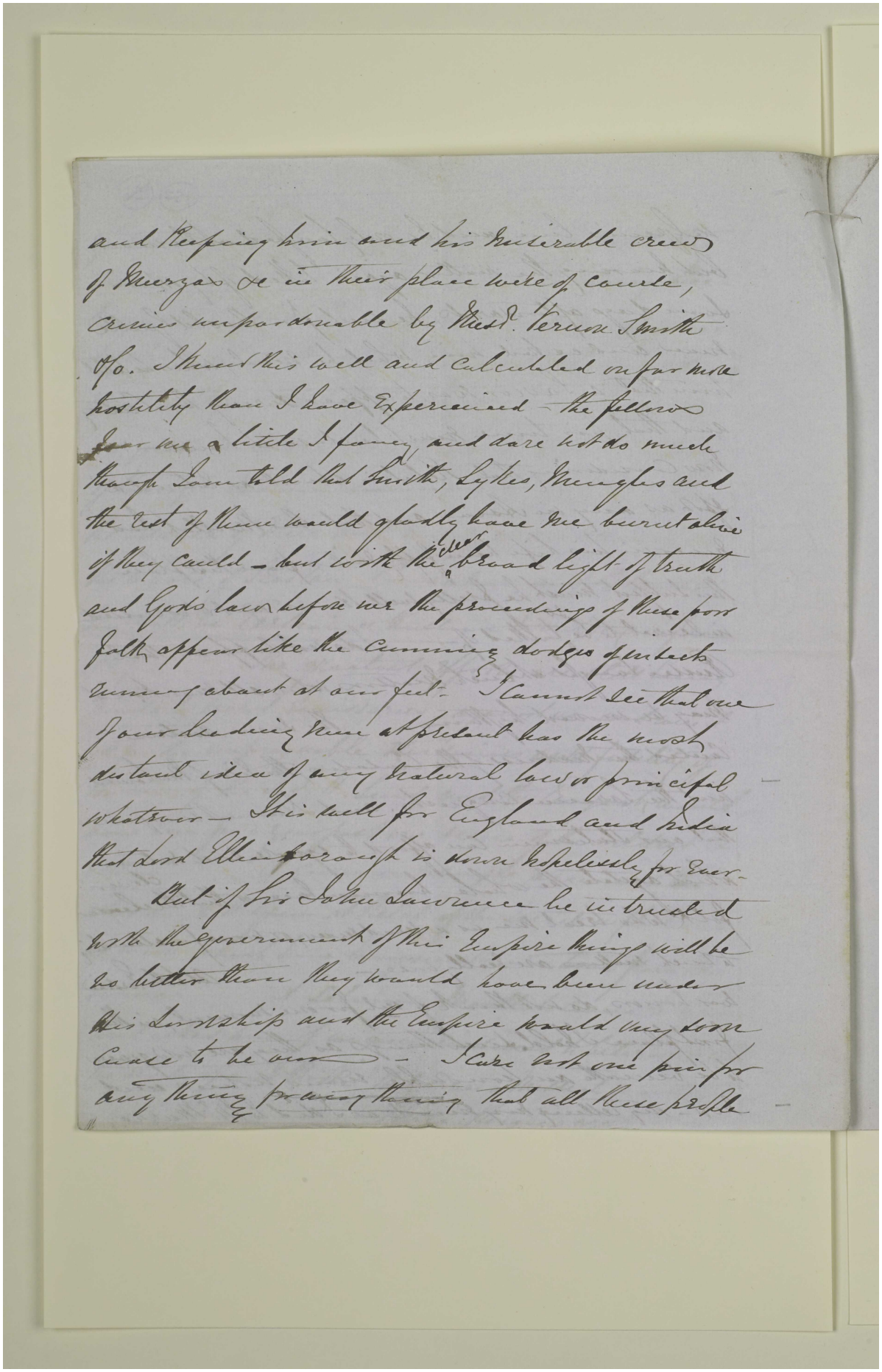
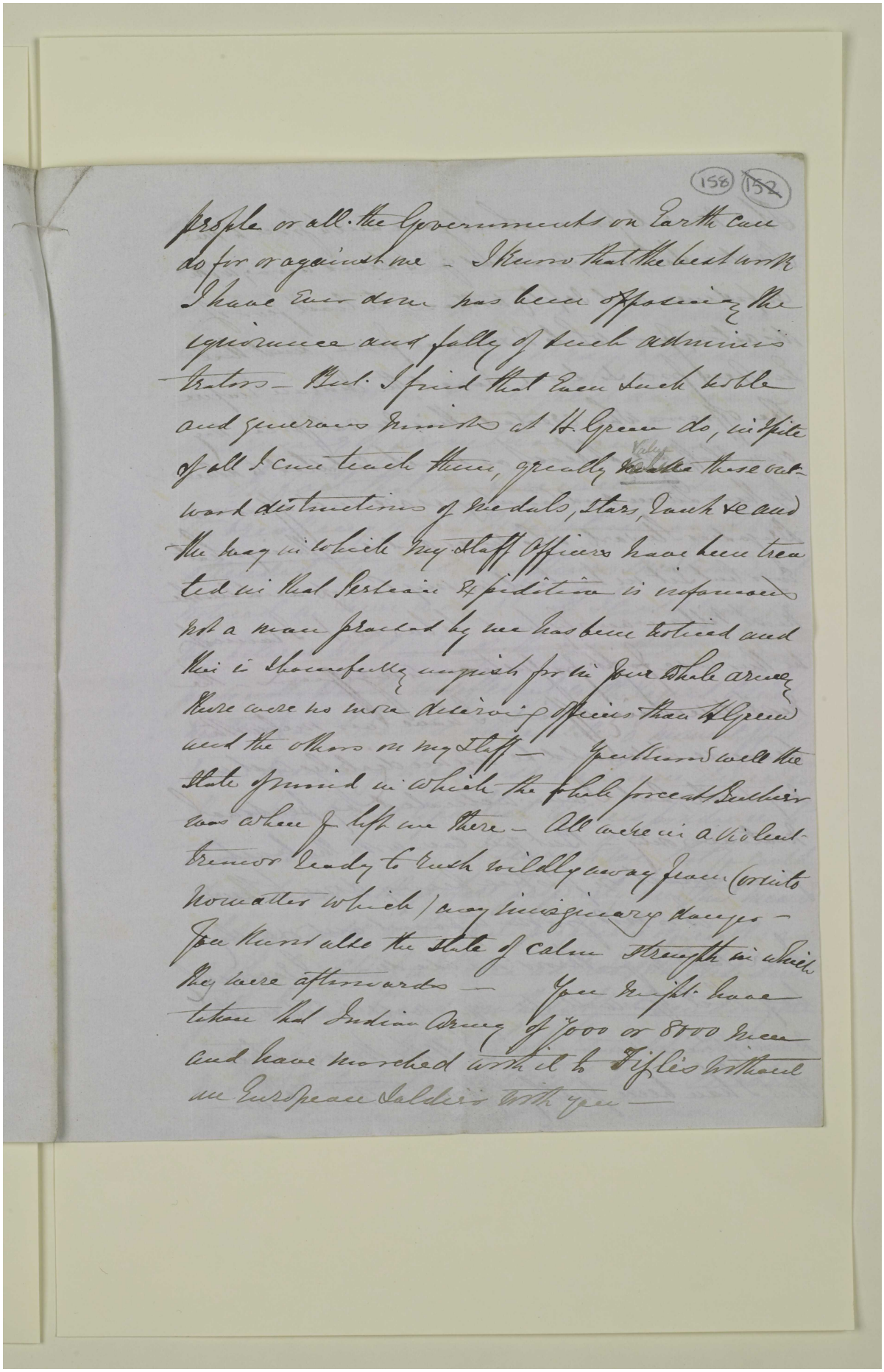
in Green's line, and he only laughed at the man.
but hearing the matter again talked of by others
some days afterwards, he sent for the old Gulle
man and asked him what he meant, when he told
him that a Savior was to appear during this Century
and that his time must be close at hand —
Now considering that Kelat is about as retired a
spot as any in Asia — and that this Moollah had
never in his life been fifty miles from that place
this subject must be pretty well known and discussed
in secret to be so talked of — I do not suppose that
Russia laughs at such matters when all mankind
may be moved by them — The same doctrine
caused the madness of the Crusaders, the rise of Mahomed
and the Saracen conquests. and I cannot imagine
that our statesmen can afford to ignore such notions —
which agitate the whole human race or that the clever
folk who treat me as a mad man, or worse for attending
to such matters are really wise — As to the Persian
war honors, do not think of me for one moment, in the
first place I hold such things as they are now given
to be beneath an honorable man's notice; and
next — my telling my mind as I did to Mr Murray



and Keeping him and his miserable crew
of Guerzas &c in their place were of course,
crimes unpardonable by Revd. Vernon Smith
&c. I must this well and calculated on for more
hostility than I have Experienced - the fellow
fear me a little I fancy and dare not do much
though I am told that Smith, Lyles, Menzies and
the rest of them would gladly have me burnt alive
if they could - but with the broad light of truth
and Gods laws before me the proceedings of these poor
folk appear like the cunning dodges of jackals
running about at our feet - I cannot see that our
poor leading man at present has the most
distant idea of any natural laws or principal
whatever - It is well for England and India
that Lord Ellenborough is gone hopelessly for ever -
But if Sir John Lawrence be entrusted
with the government of this Empire things will be
no better than they would have been under
this Lordship and the Empire would very soon
cease to be ours - I care not one pin for
any thing or every thing that all these petty



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people or all the Governments on Earth can do for or against me — I know that the best work I have ever done has been opposing the ignorance and folly of such administrators — But I find that even such noble and generous minds at H. Green do, in spite of all I can teach them, greatly ~~make~~ value these outward distinctions of medals, stars, rank &c and the way in which my staff Officers have been treated in that Persian Expedition is infamous not a man praised by me has been noticed and this is shamefully unjust for in your whole army there were no more deserving officers than H Green and the others on my staff — You know well the state of mind in which the whole forcent Bushire was when I left me there — All were in a violent tremor ready to rush wildly away from (or into no matter which) any imaginary danger — You know also the state of calm strength in which they were afterwards — You might have taken that Indian Army of 7000 or 8000 men and have marched with it to Tiflis without an European Soldier with you —

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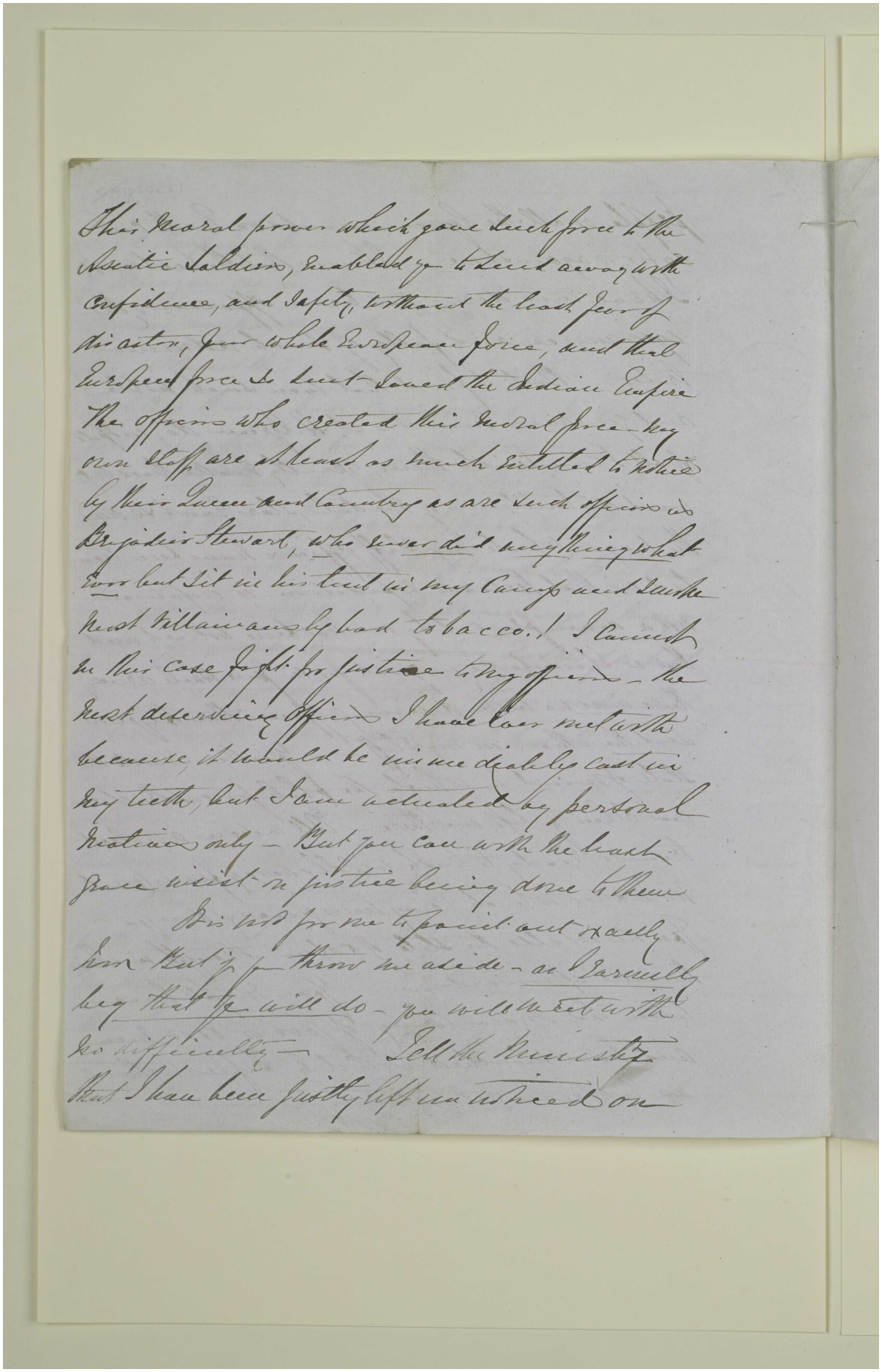

This moral power which gave such force to the Asiatic Soldiers, enabled you to send away with confidence, and safety, without the least fear of disaster, your whole European force, and that European force so sent saved the Indian Empire. The officers who created this moral force — my own staff are at least as much entitled to notice by their Queen and Country as are such officers as Brigadier Stewart, who never did anything what ever but sit in his tent in my Camp and smoke most villainously bad tobacco.! I cannot in this case fight for justice to my officers — the most deserving officers I have ever met with because it would be immediately cast in my teeth, but I am actuated by personal motives only — But you can with the least grace insist on justice being done to them.

It is not for me to point out exactly how but if you throw me aside — as I earnestly beg that you will do — you will meet with no difficulty — Tell the Minister that I have been justly left unnoticed on

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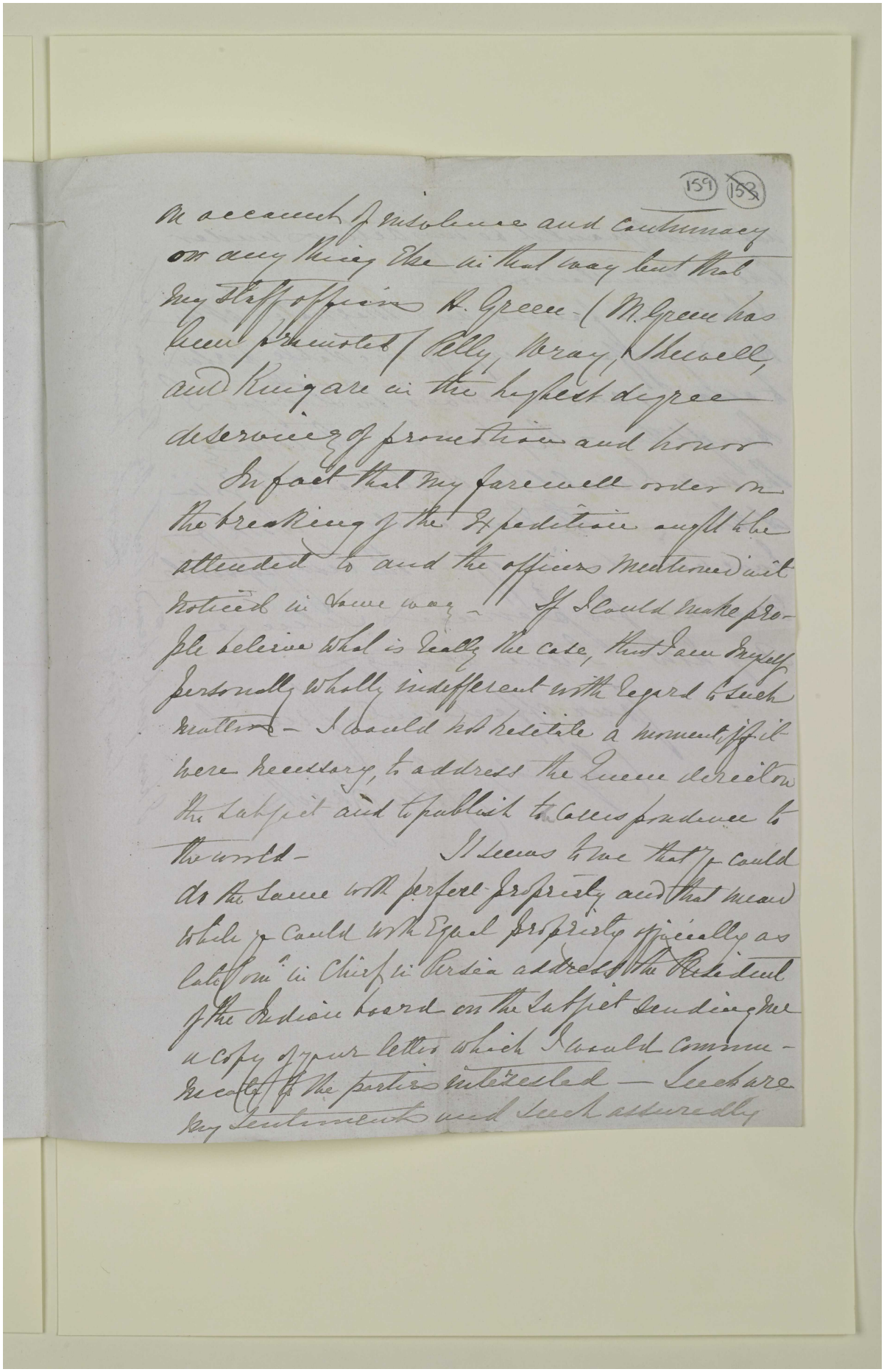

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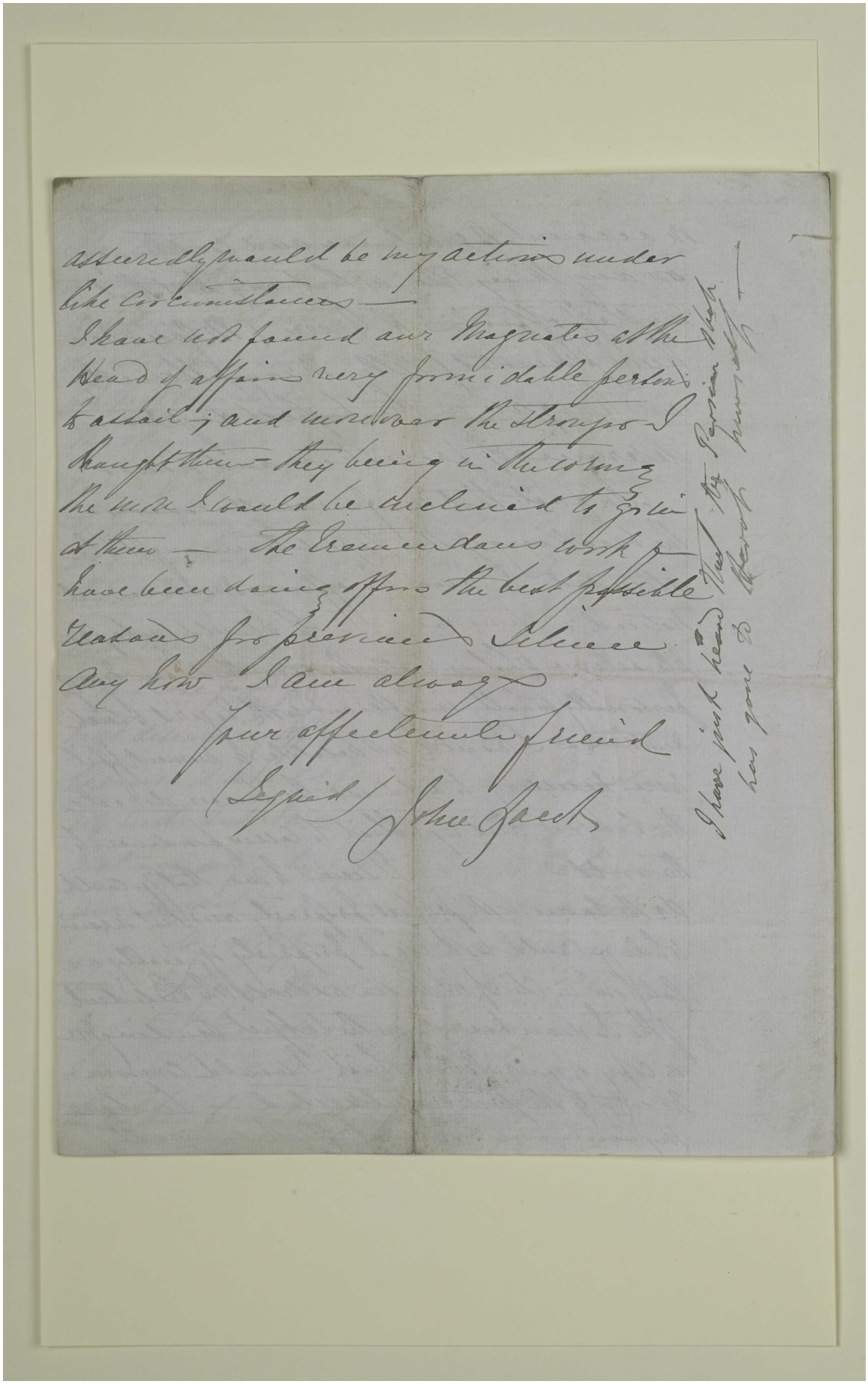
on account of insolence and contumacy
or any thing else in that way but that
my staff officers Lt. Greene (M. Greene has
been promoted) Pelly, Gray, Sewell,
and Keir are in the highest degree
deserving of promotion and honor

In fact that my farewell order on
the breaking up of the Expedition must be
attended to and the officers mentioned suitably
noticed in some way — If I could make peo-
ple believe what is really the case, that I am myself
personally wholly indifferent with regard to such
matters — I should not hesitate a moment if it
were necessary, to address the Queen direct on
the subject and to publish to all mankind to
the world — It seems to me that you could
do the same with perfect propriety and that mean
while you could with equal propriety officially as
Political in Chief in Persia address the President
of the Indian Board on the subject sending me
a copy of your letter which I would communi-
cate to the parties interested — Such are
my sentiments and such assuredly



assuredly would be my actions under like circumstances —

I have not found our Magnates at the Head of affairs very formidable persons to assail; and moreover the stronger I thought them — they being in the wrong the more I would be inclined to go in at them — The tremendous work I have been doing offers the best possible reasons for previous silence. Any how I am always

Your affectionate friend

(Signed) John Jacob

I have just heard that the Persian Wah has gone to Herat himself —

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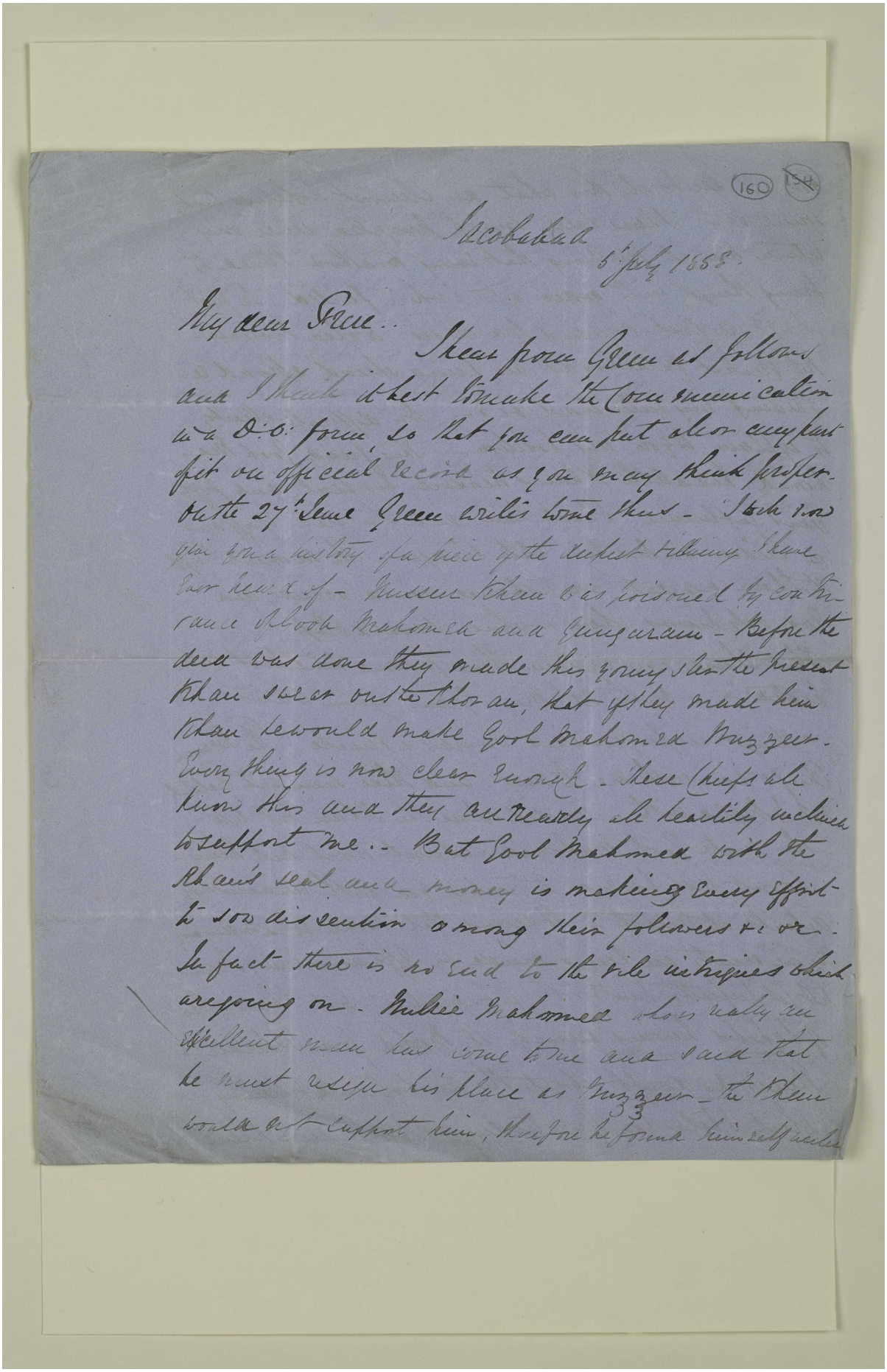
Jacobabad
5th July 1858.

My dear Frere..



I hear from Green as follows and I think it best to make the communication in a D.O. form, so that you can put also any part of it on official record as you may think proper. On the 27th Jane Green writes to me thus - "I will now give you a history of a piece of the deepest villainy I have ever heard of - Nusseer Khan was poisoned by contrivance of Gool Mahomed and Gungaram - Before the deed was done they made this young ster the present Khan swear on the Khoran, that if they made him Khan he would make Gool Mahomed Wuzzeer. Every thing is now clear enough - these Chiefs all know this and they are nearly all heartily inclined to support me.. But Gool Mahomed with the Khan's seal and money is making every effort to sow dissention among their followers &c &c. In fact there is no end to the vile intrigues which are going on - Nullee Mahomed who is really an excellent man has come to me and said that he must resign his place as Wuzzeer - the Khan would not support him, therefore he found himself unable

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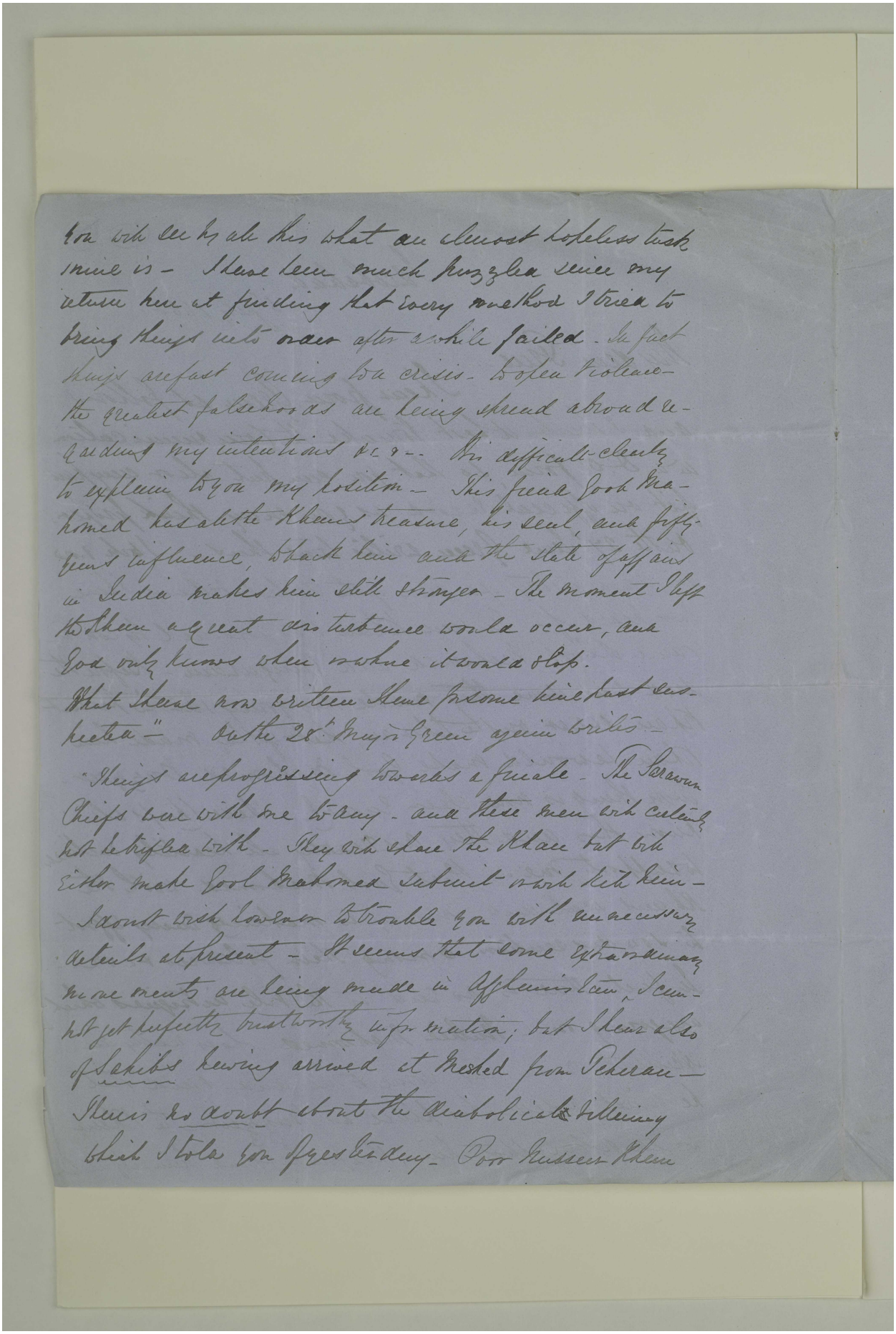

you will see by all this what an almost hopeless task mine is - I have been much puzzled since my return here at finding that every method I tried to bring things into order after a while failed. In fact things are fast coming to a crisis - to open violence - the greatest falsehoods are being spread abroad regarding my intentions &c &c - It is difficult clearly to explain to you my position - This fiend Gool Mahomed has all the Khans treasure, his seal, and fifty years influence, to back him and the state of affairs in India makes him still stronger - The moment I left the Khan a great disturbance would occur, and God only knows when or where it would stop.

What I have now written I have for some time past suspected" - On the 28th Major Green again writes -

"Things are progressing towards a finale - The Sarawan Chiefs were with me to any - and these men will certainly not be trifled with - They will spare the Khan but will either make Gool Mahomed submit or will kill him - I don't wish however to trouble you with unnecessary details at present - It seems that some extraordinary movements are being made in Afghanistan, I cannot get perfectly trustworthy information; but I hear also of Sahibs having arrived at Meshed from Teheran - There is no doubt about the diabolical villainy which I told you of yesterday - Poor Nusseer Khan

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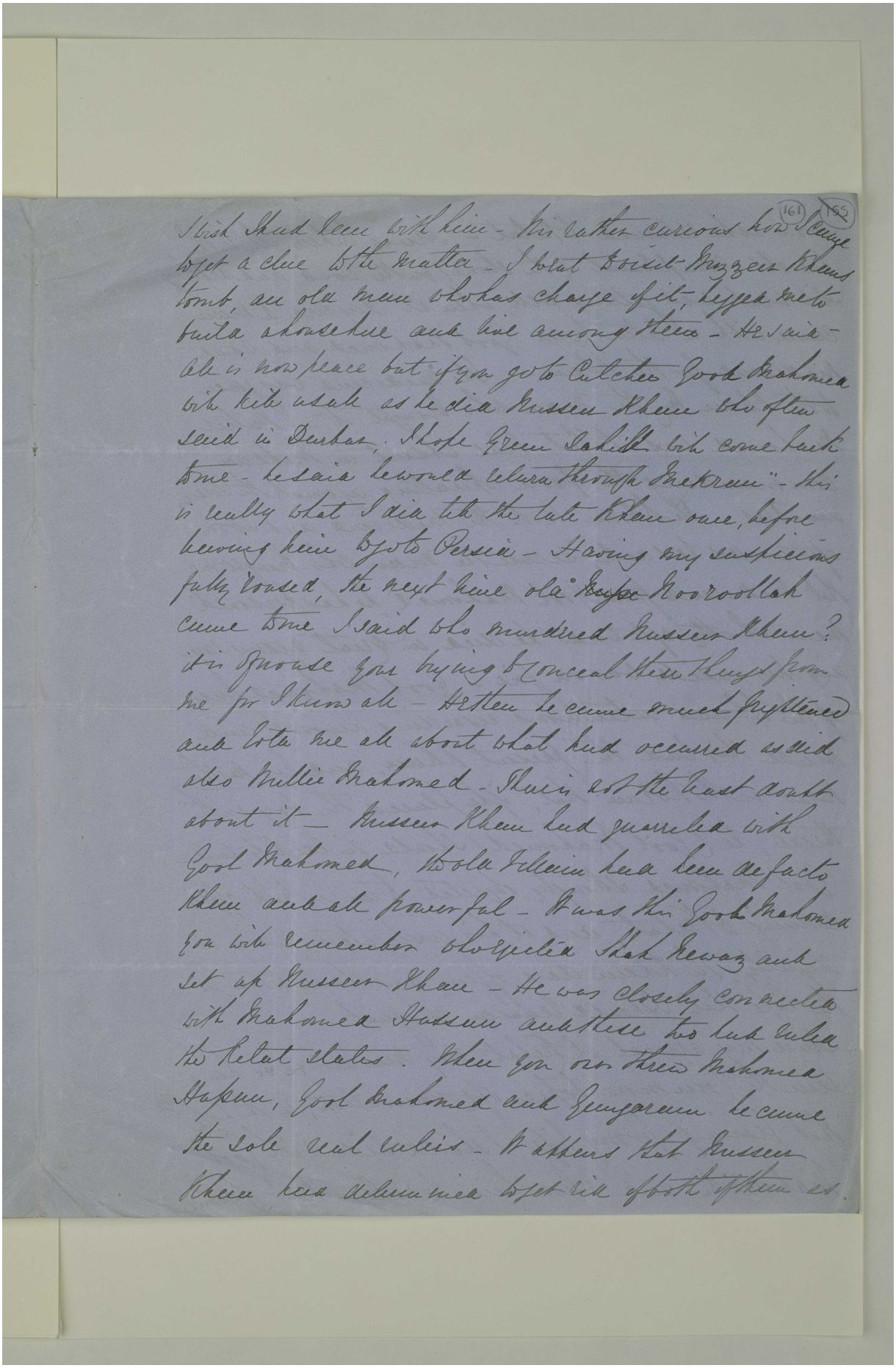

I wish I had been with him - Mr rather curious how I came to get a clue to the matter - I went to visit Mozzeer Khans tomb, an old man who has charge of it, begged me to build a house here and live among them - He said - All is now peace but if you go to Cutchee Gool Mahomed will kill us all as he did Nusseer Khan who often said in Durbar, I hope Green Sahib will come back to me - he said he would return through Mekran" - this is really what I did tell the late Khan once, before leaving him to go to Persia - Having my suspicions fully roused, the next time old ~~Nuss~~ Nooroollah came to me I said who murdered Nusseer Khan? it is of no use your trying to conceal these things from me for I know all - He then became much frightened and told me all about what had occurred as did also Nullie Mahomed - There is not the least doubt about it - Nusseer Khan had quarreled with Gool Mahomed, the old villain had been de facto Khan and all powerful - It was this Gool Mahomed you will remember who ejected Shah Newaz and set up Nusseer Khan - He was closely connected with Mahomed Hassan and these two had ruled the Kelat states. When you over threw Mahomed Hassan, Gool Mahomed and Gungaram became the sole real rulers - It appears that Nusseer Khan had determined to get rid of both of them as

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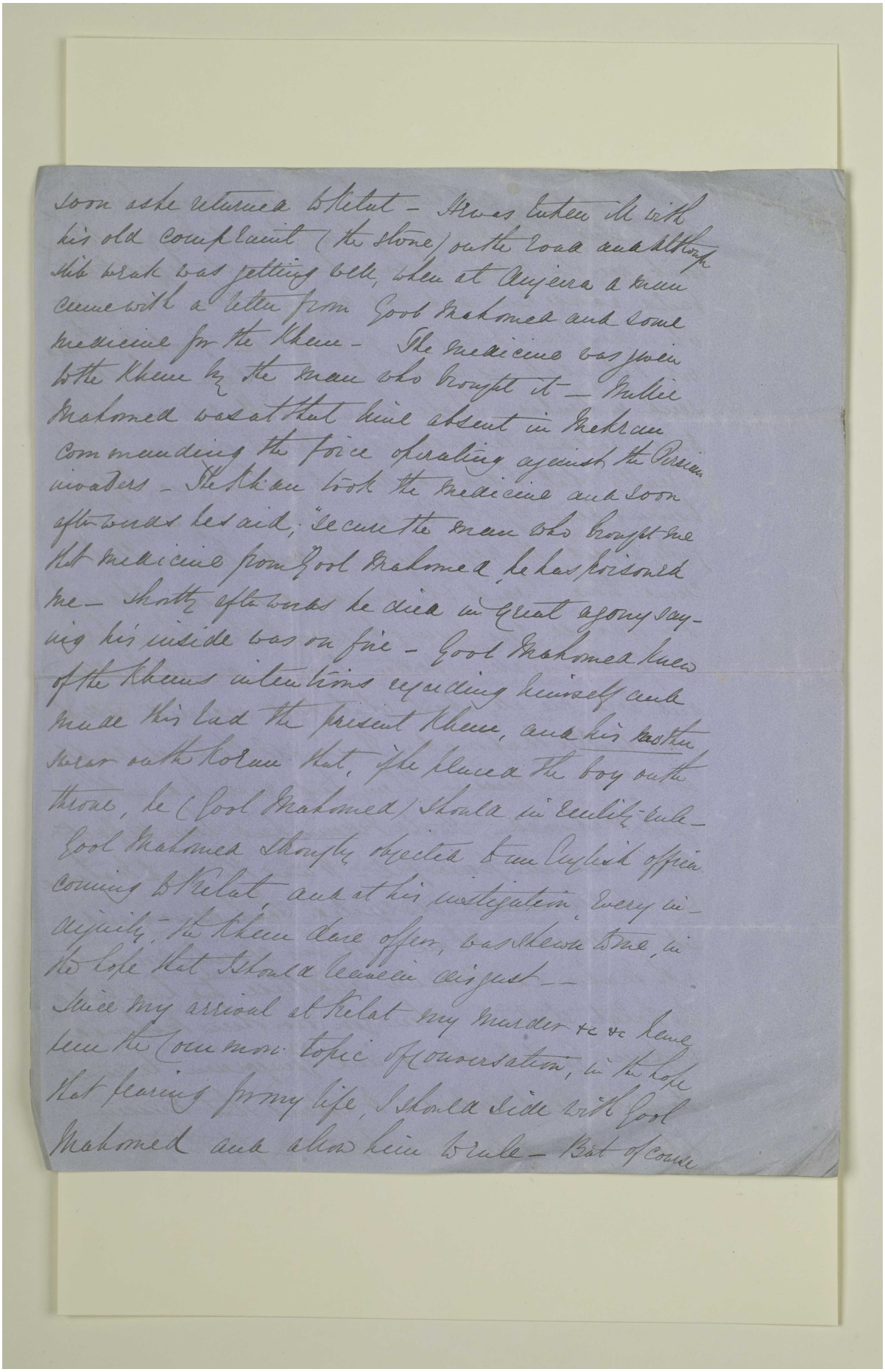
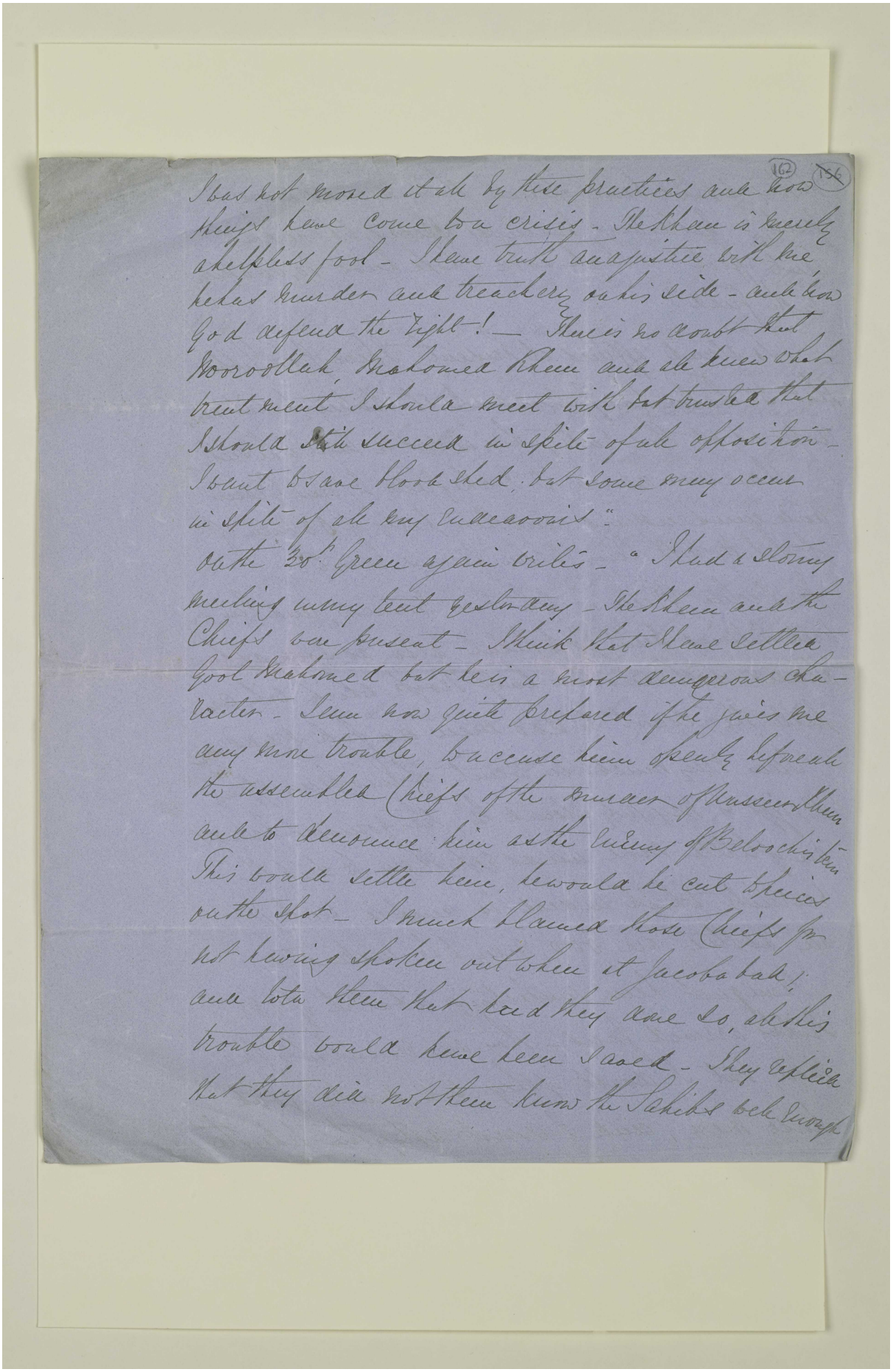


soon as he returned to Kelat - He was taken ill with his old complaint (the stone) on the road and although still weak was getting well, when at Anjeera a man came with a letter from Gool Mahomed and some medicine for the Khan - The medicine was given to the Khan by the man who brought it - Nullie Mahomed was at that time absent in Mekran commanding the force operating against the Persian invaders - The Khan took the medicine and soon afterwards he said, "secure the man who brought me that medicine from Gool Mahomed, he has poisoned me - shortly afterwards he died in great agony saying his inside was on fire - Gool Mahomed knew of the Khans intentions regarding himself and made this lad the present Khan, and his mother swear on the Koran that, if he placed the boy on the throne, he (Gool Mahomed) should in reality rule - Gool Mahomed strongly objected to an English officer coming to Kelat, and at his instigation, every indignity, the Khan dare offer, was shewn to me, in the hope that I should leave in disgust --

Since my arrival at Kelat my murder &c &c have been the common topic of conversation, in the hope that fearing for my life, I should side with Gool Mahomed and allow him to rule - But of course



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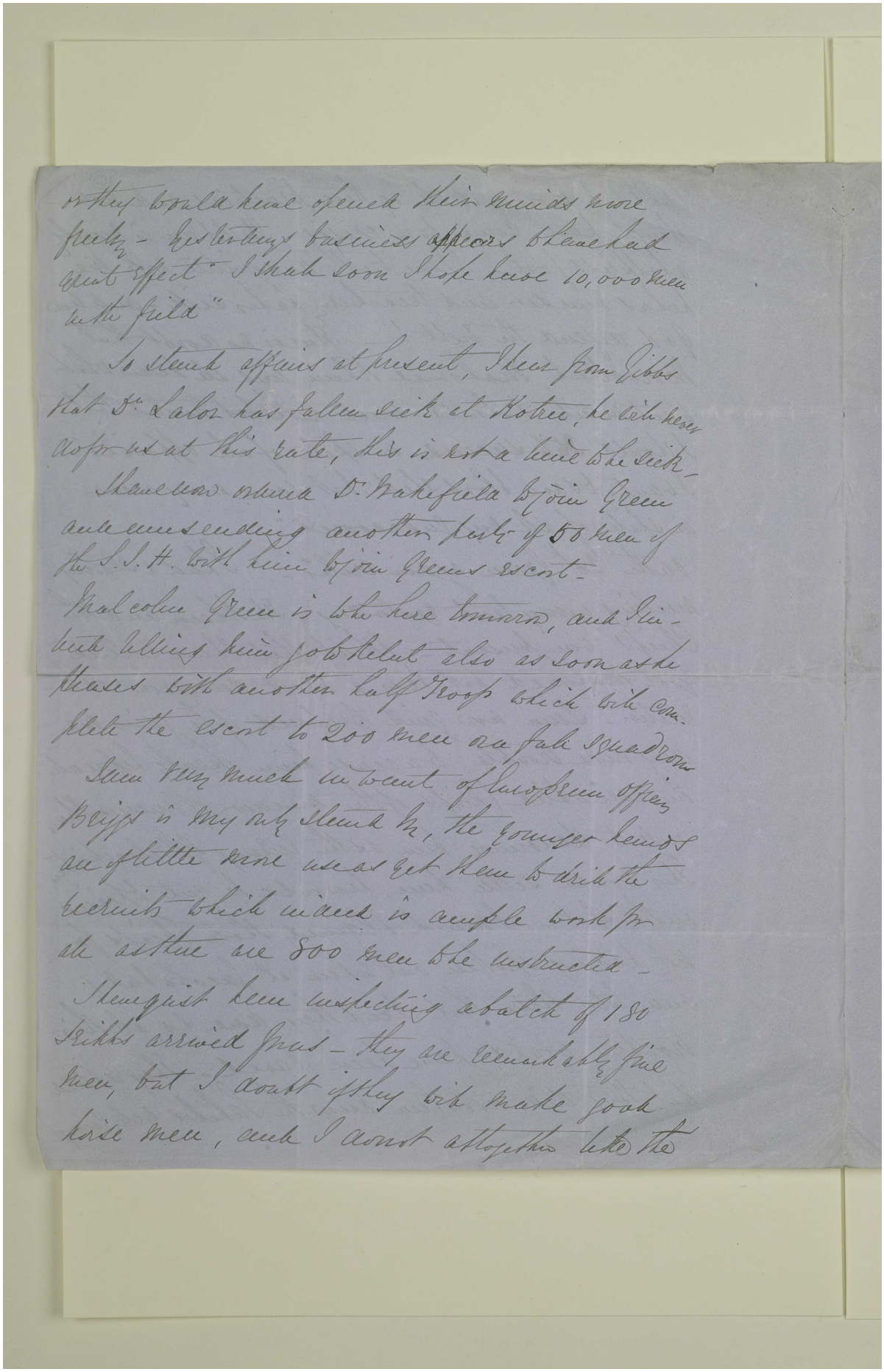
I was not moved at all by these practices and now things have come to a crisis - The Khan is merely a helpless fool - I have truth and justice with me he has murder and treachery on his side - and now God defend the right! - There is no doubt that Mooroollah, Mahomed Khan and all knew what treatment I should meet with but trusted that I should still succeed in spite of all opposition - I want to save blood shed; but some may occur in spite of all my endeavours".

On the 30th Green again writes - "I had a stormy meeting in my tent yesterday - The Khan and the Chiefs were present - I think that I have settled Gool Mahomed but he is a most dangerous character - I am now quite prepared if he gives me any more trouble, to accuse him openly before all the assembled Chiefs of the murder of Nusseer Khan and to denounce him as the enemy of Beloochistan - This would settle him, he would be cut to pieces on the spot - I much blamed those Chiefs for not having spoken out when at Jacobabad; and told them that had they done so, all this trouble would have been saved - They replied that they did not then know the Sahibs well enough



or they would have opened their minds more freely - Yesterdays business appears to have had great effect" I shall soon I hope have 10,000 men in the field"

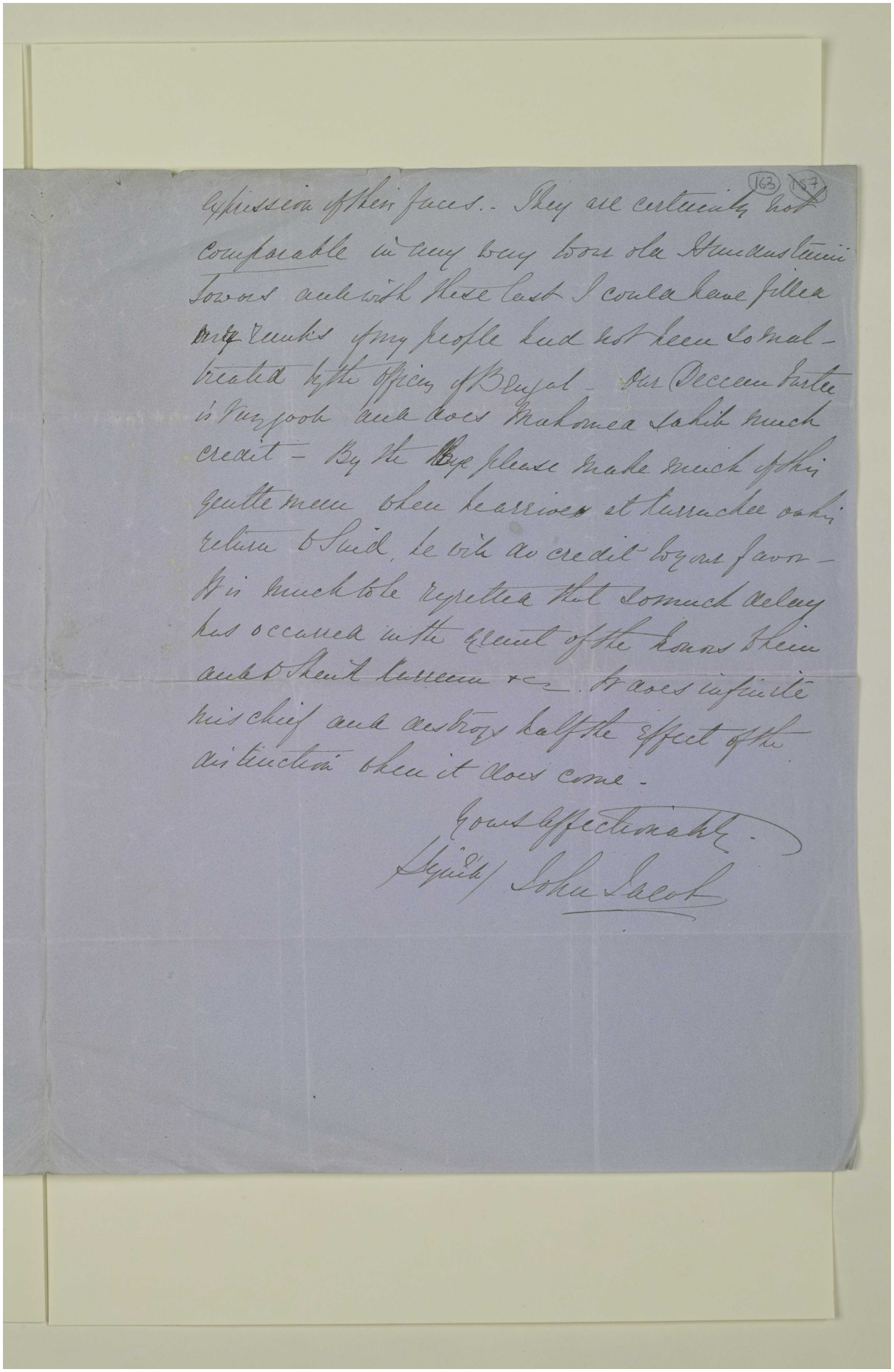
So stand affairs at present, I hear from Gibbs that Dr. Lalor has fallen sick at Kotree, he will never do for us at this rate, this is not a time to be sick -

I have now ordered Dr. Wakefield to join Green and am sending another party of 50 men of the S.I.H. with him to join Greens escort -

Malcolm Green is to be here tomorrow, and I intend telling him go to Kelat also as soon as he pleases with another half troop which will complete the escort to 200 men or a full squadron

I am very much in want of European officers Briggs is my only stand by, the younger hands are of little more use as yet than to drill the recruits which indeed is ample work for all as there are 800 men to be instructed -

I have just been inspecting a batch of 180 Sikhs arrived from - they are remarkably fine men, but I doubt if they will make good horse men, and I do not altogether like the



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expression of their faces. They are certainly not comparable in any way to our old Hindustanee Sowars and with these last I could have filled my ranks of my people had not been so mal-treated by the Officers of Bengal. Our Deccan Turtee is very good and does Mahomed Sahib much credit. By the Bye please make much of this gentleman when he arrives at Kurrachee on his return to Sind, he will do credit to your favor. It is much to be regretted that so much delay has occurred in the grant of the honors to him and to Sheik Kurreem &c. It does infinite mischief and destroys half the effect of the distinction when it does come.

Yours affectionately.

(Signed) John Jacob

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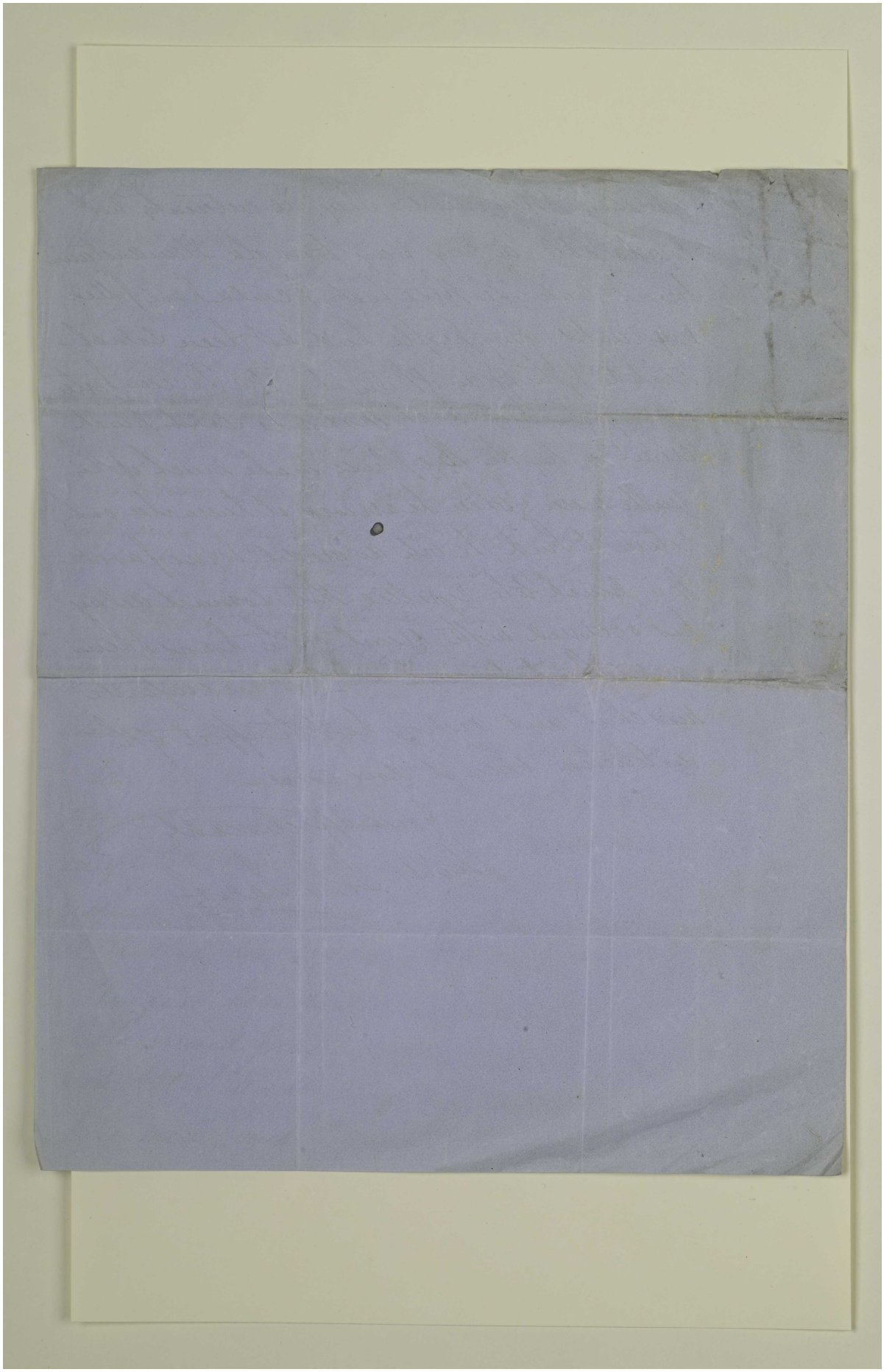

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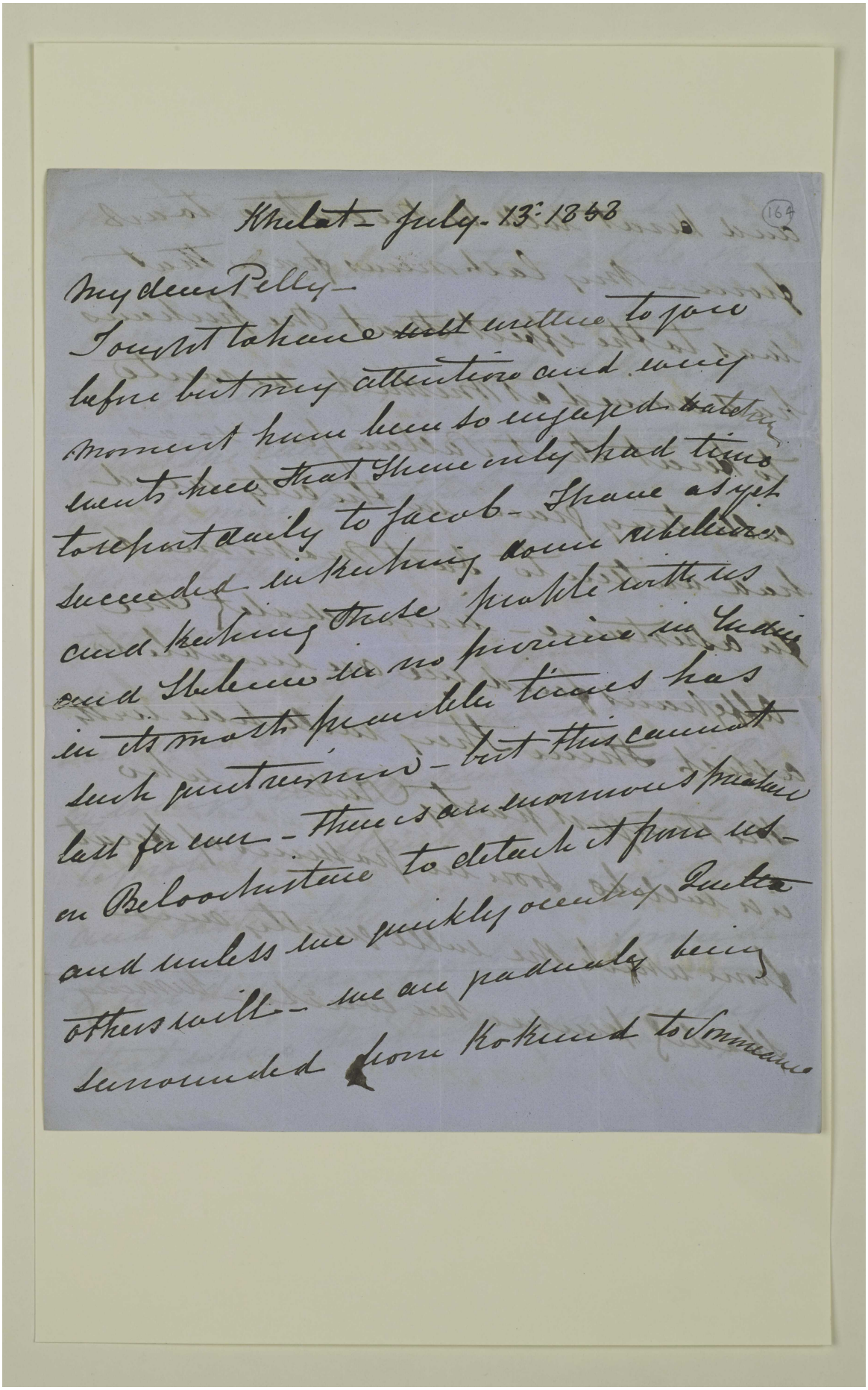

Khelat – July 13: 1858

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My dear Pelly –

I ought to have ~~will~~ written to you before but my attention and every moment have been so engaged watching events here that I have only had time to report daily to Jacob – I have as yet succeeded in keeping down rebellion and keeping these people with us and I believe in no province in India in its most peaceable times has such quiet reigned – but this cannot last for ever – there is an enormous pressure on Beloochistan to detach it from us – and unless we quickly occupy Quetta others will – we are gradually being surrounded from Kokund to Sonmeanee

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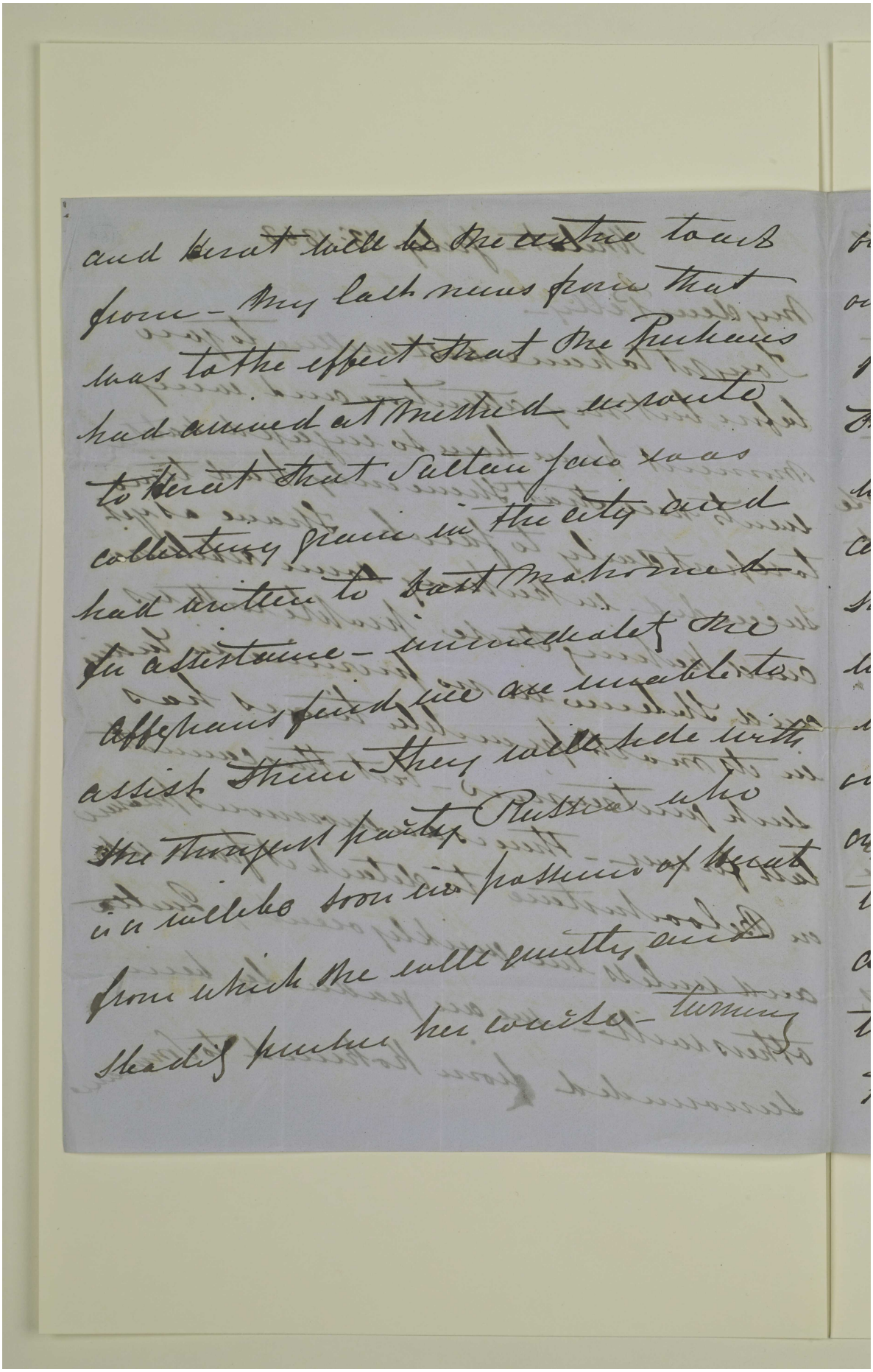
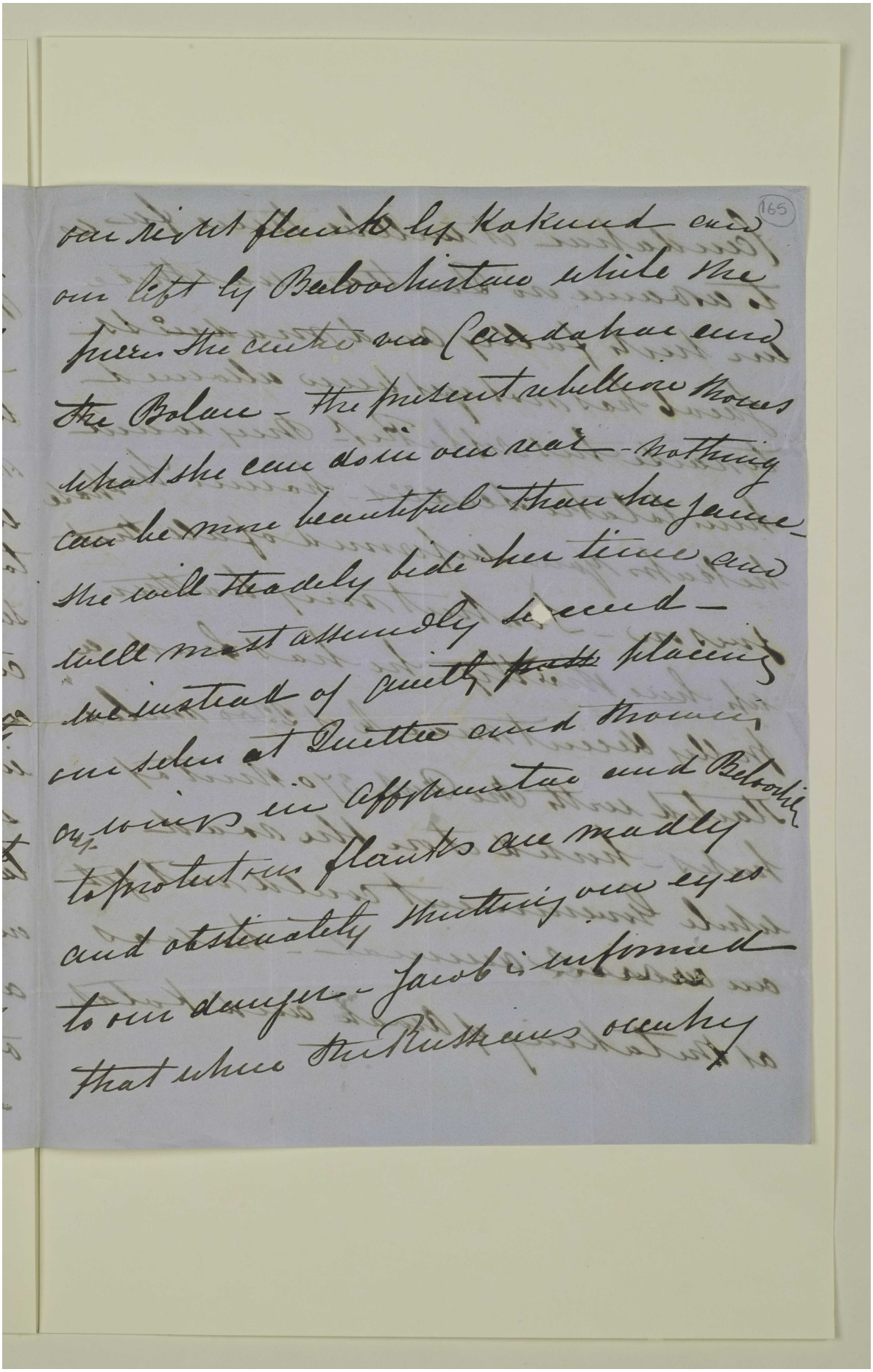


and Herat will be the centre to act
from - My last news from that
was to the effect that the Persians
had arrived at Meshed en route
to Herat that Sultan Jan was
collecting grain in the city and
had written to Dost Mahomed
for assistance - immediately the
Affghans find we are unable to
assist them they will side with
the strongest party Russia who
is will be soon in possession of Herat
from which she will quietly and
steadily pursue her course - turning



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our right flank by Kokund and
our left by Beloochistan while the
pieces the centre via Candahar and
the Bolan - the present rebellion shows
what she can do in our rear - nothing
can be more beautiful than her game -
she will steadily bide her time and
well most assuredly succeed -
we instead of quietly ~~[illegible]~~ placing
our selves at Quetta and throwing
our wings in Affghanistan and Beloochistan
to protect our flanks are madly
and obstinately shutting our eyes
to our danger - Jacob is informed
that when the Russians occupy

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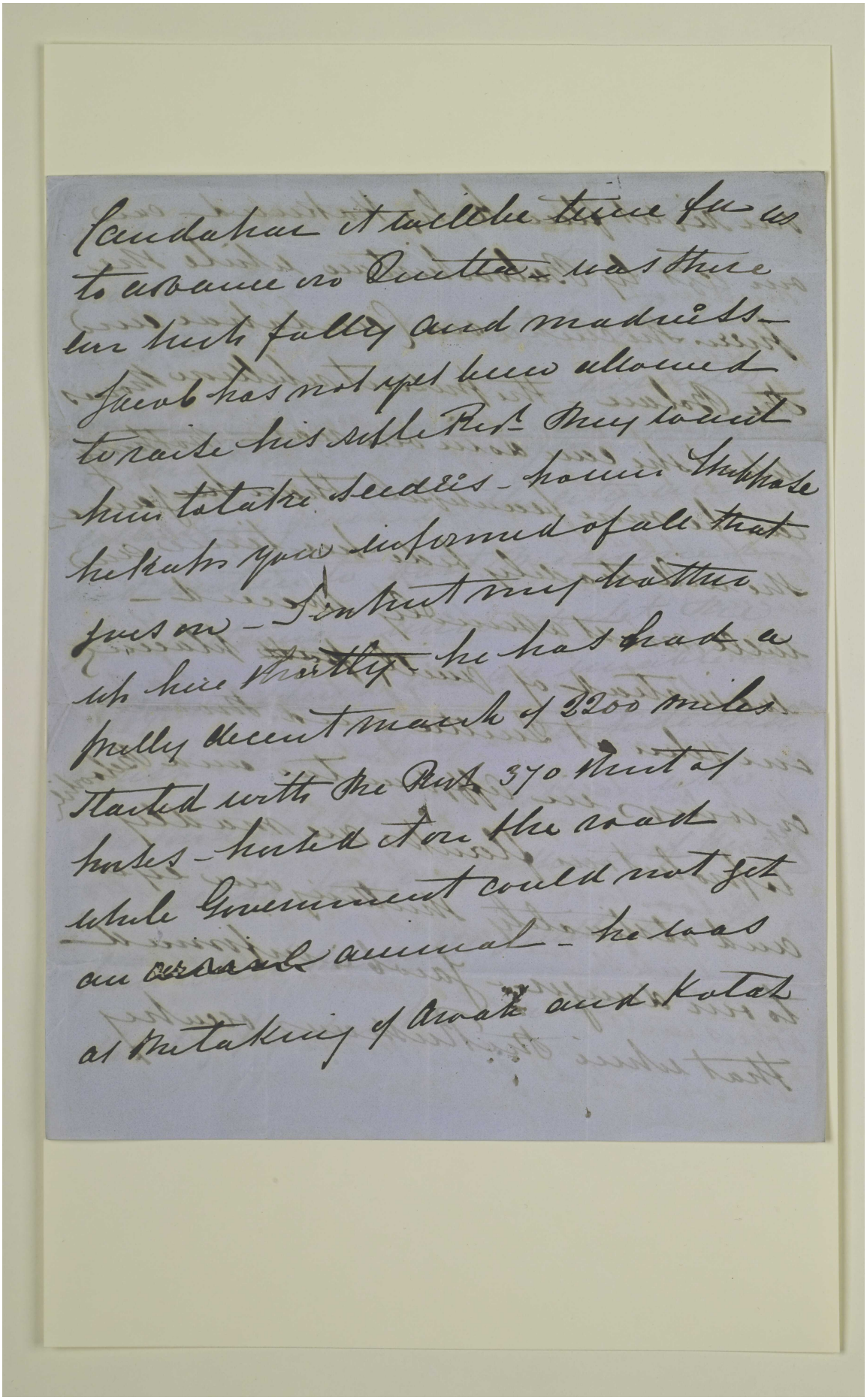

Candahar it will be time for us
to advance on Quetta - was there
our hurts fully and madness -
Jacob has not yet been allowed
to raise his rifle Regt. they want
him to take seedies - however Shiphase
he keeps you informed of all that
goes on - I contract my brother
up here shortly - he has had a
pretty decent march of 2200 miles
started with the Regt. 370 short of
horses - horsed it on the road
while Government could not get
an ~~[illegible]~~ animal - he was
at the taking of Arwah and Kotah

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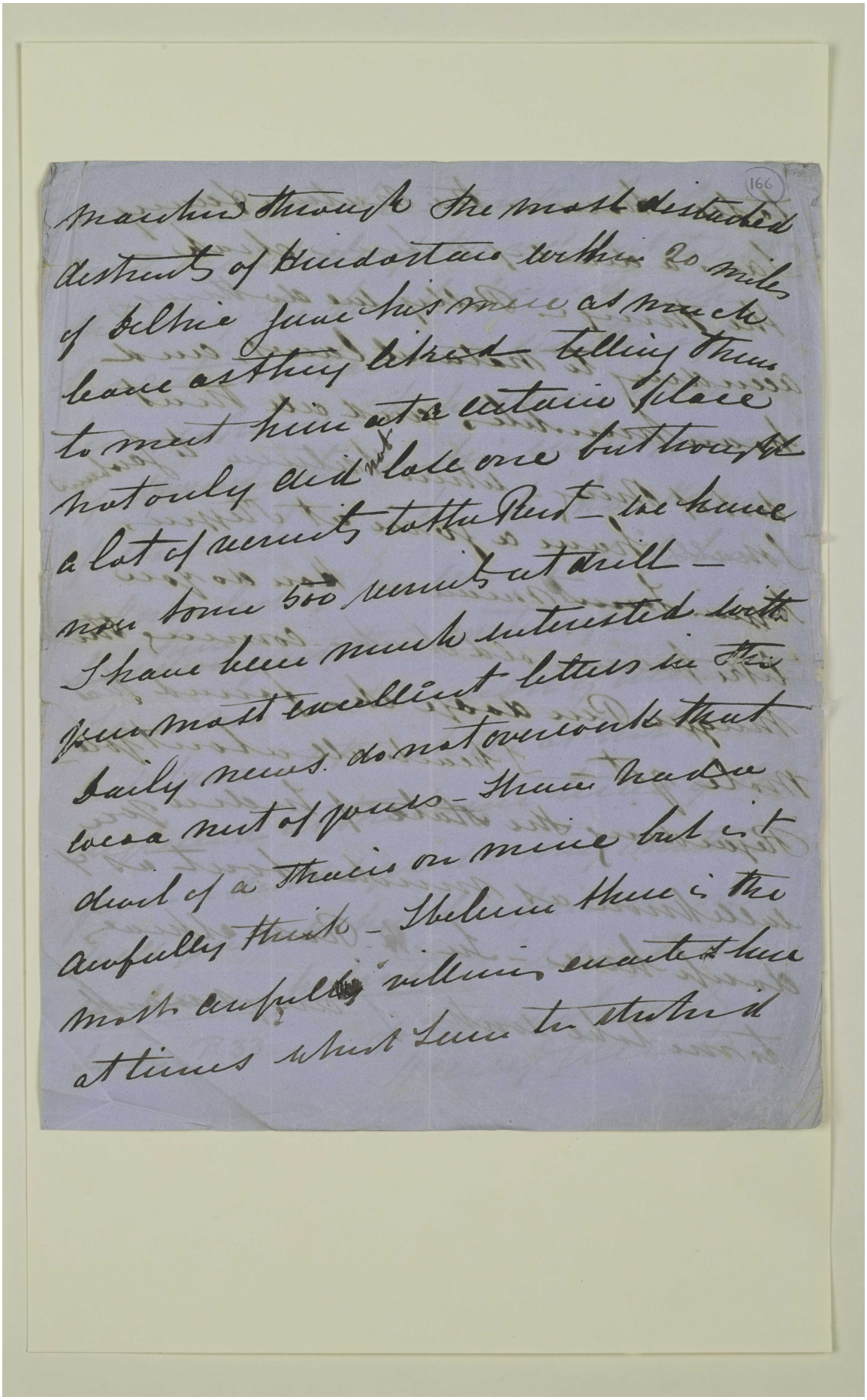

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marches through the most distracted
districts of Hindostan within 20 miles
of Delhi gave his mere as much
leave as they liked telling them
to meet him at a certain place
not only did not lose one but brought
a lot of recruits to the Regt — we have
now some 500 recruits at drill —
I have been much interested with
your most excellent letters in the
daily news. do not overwork that
coco a nut of yours — I have had a
devil of a strain on mine but is t
awfully thick — I believe there is the
most awfully villains enacted here
at times which I am to stretch

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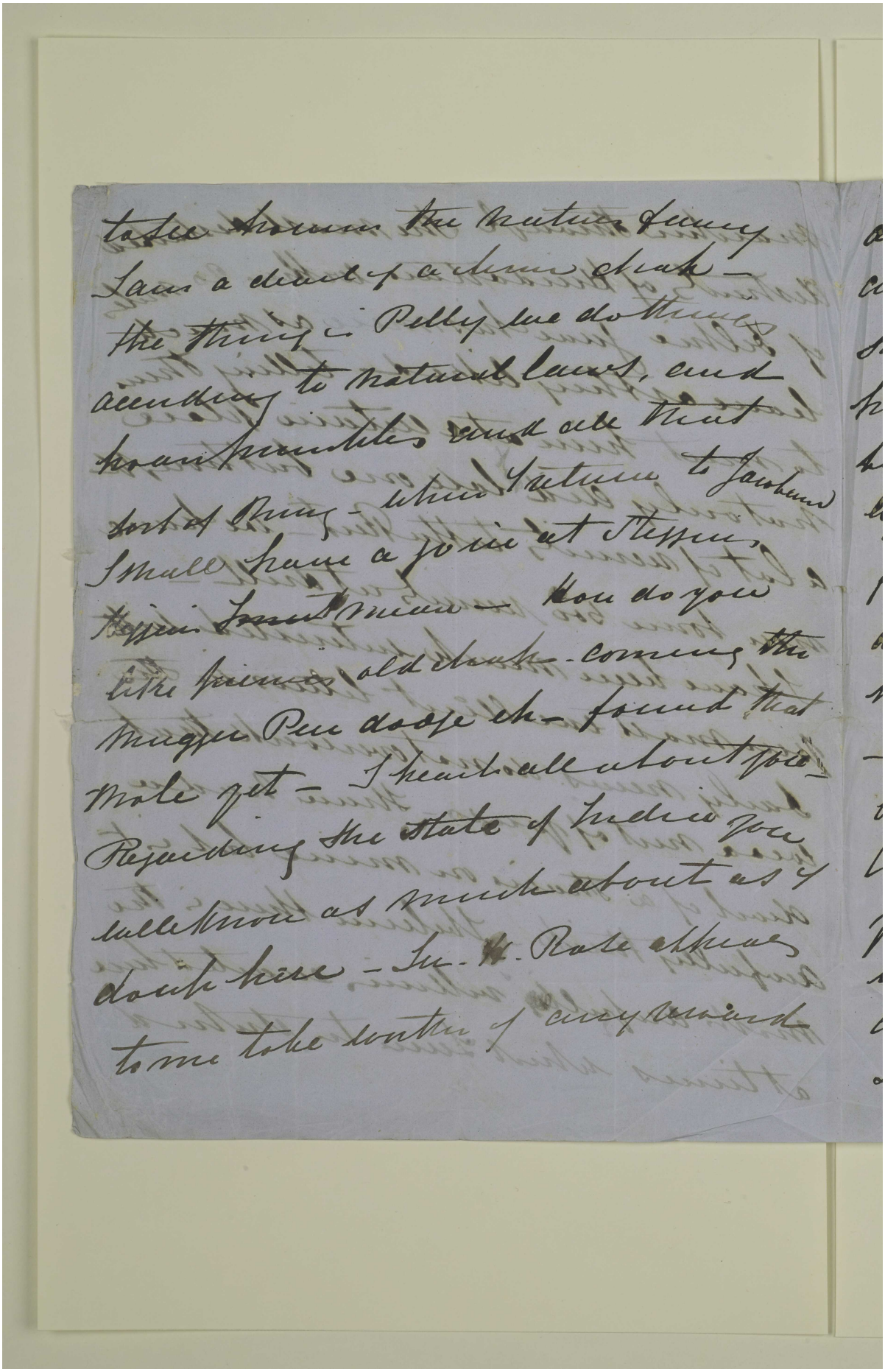

to see however the nature of every
I am a deal of a chum chah —
the thing is Pelly we do things
according to natural laws, and
hoan principles and all that
sort of thing — when I return to Jacobabad
I shall have a joie at Stephens
Hyssin I must mean — How do you
like Jemmie old chah — coming the
Mugger Pen dodge eh — found that
mole yet — I heard all about you —
Regarding the state of India you
will know as much about as I
doubt here — Sir H. Rose appears
to me to be worthy of any reward

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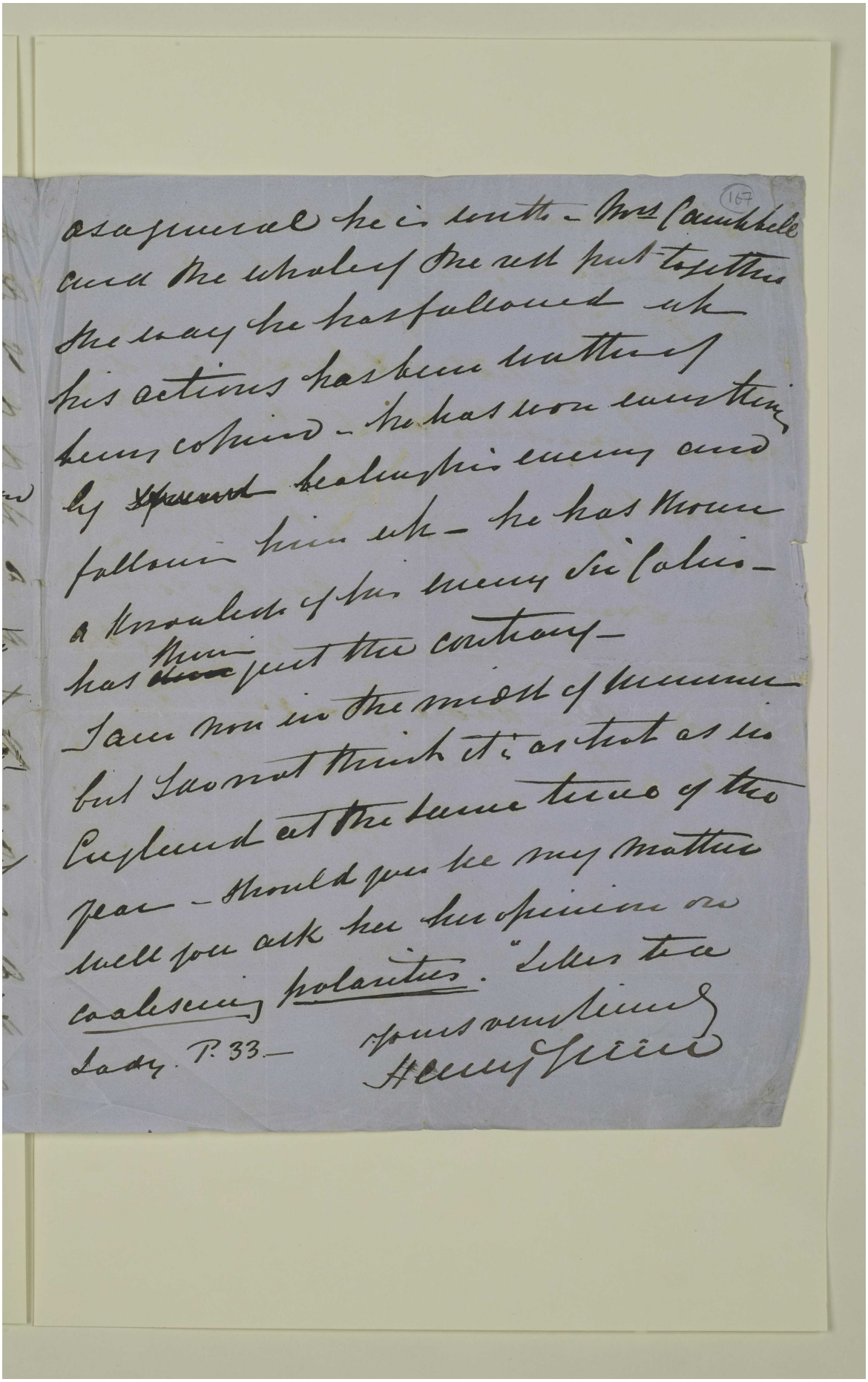

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as a general he is with – Mrs Campbell
and the whole of the rest put together
the way he has followed up
his actions has been worthy of
being copied – he has won everything
by ~~[illegible]~~ healing his enemy and
following him up – he has shown
a knowledge of his enemy Sir Colin –
has ~~done~~ shown just the contrary –
I am now in the midst of summer
but I do not think it is as hot as in
England at the same time of the
year – should you see my mother
well you ask her her opinion on
coalescing polarities. "Letters to a
Lady. P. 33 –

Yours very sincerely
Henry Green

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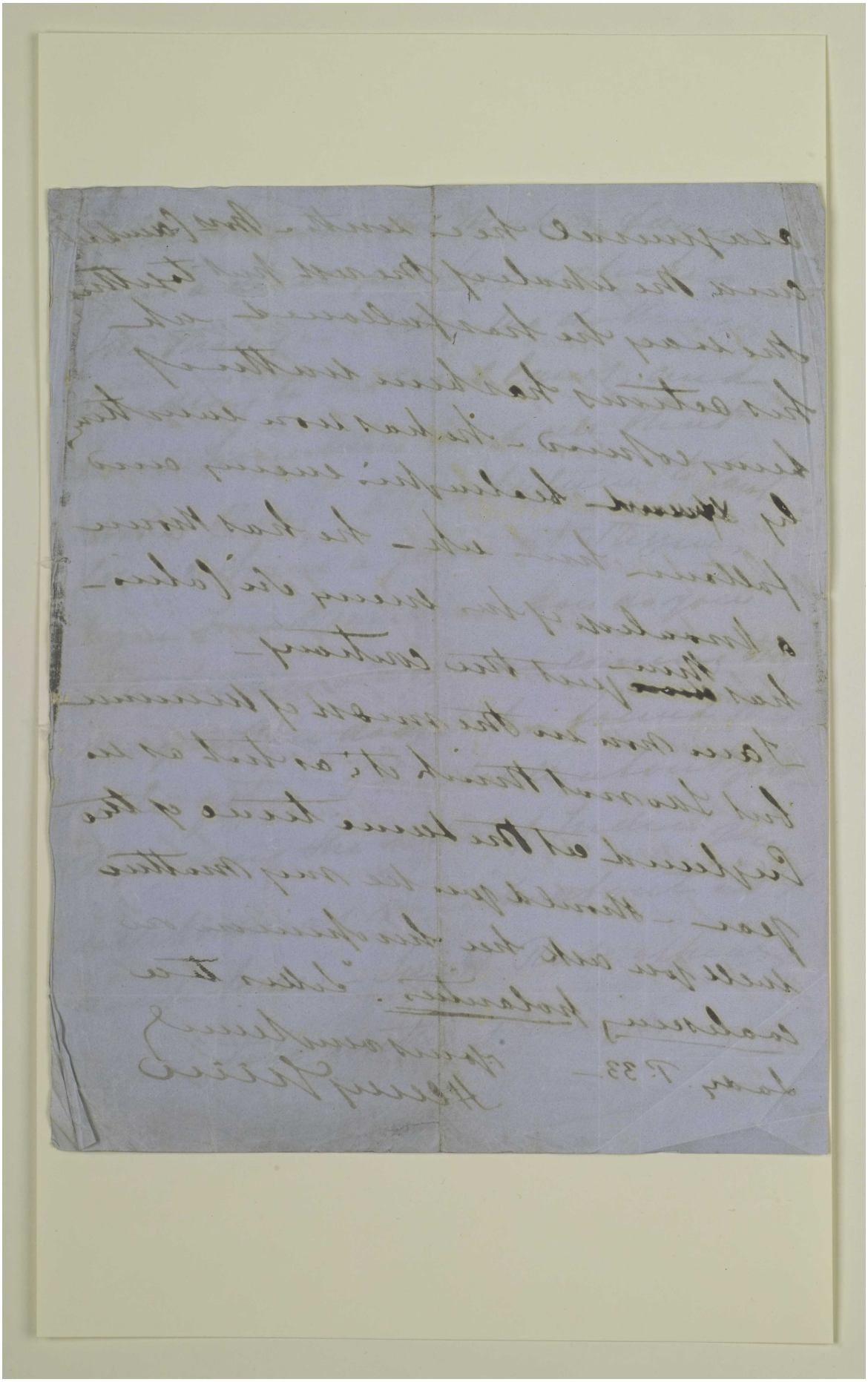

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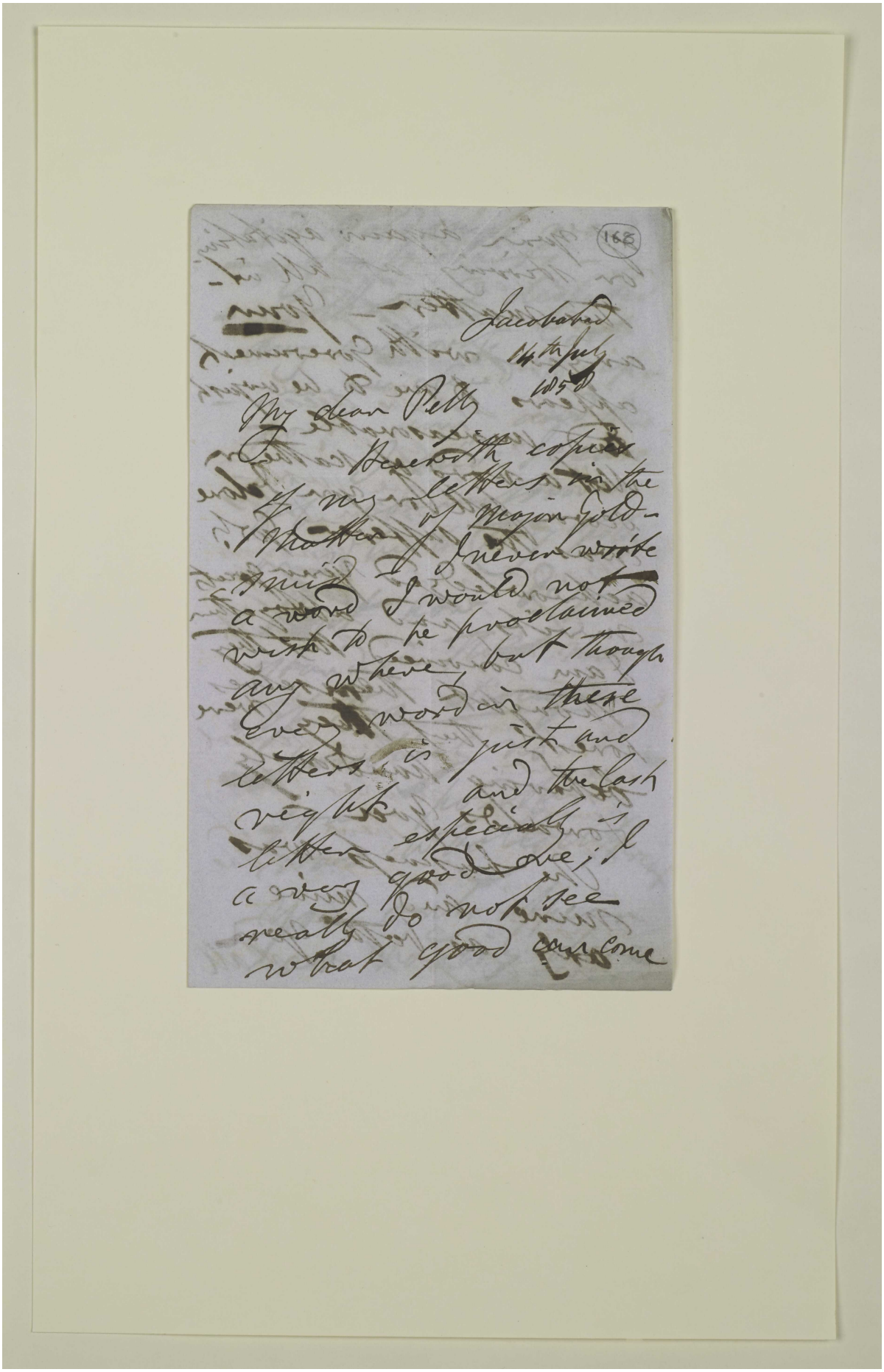

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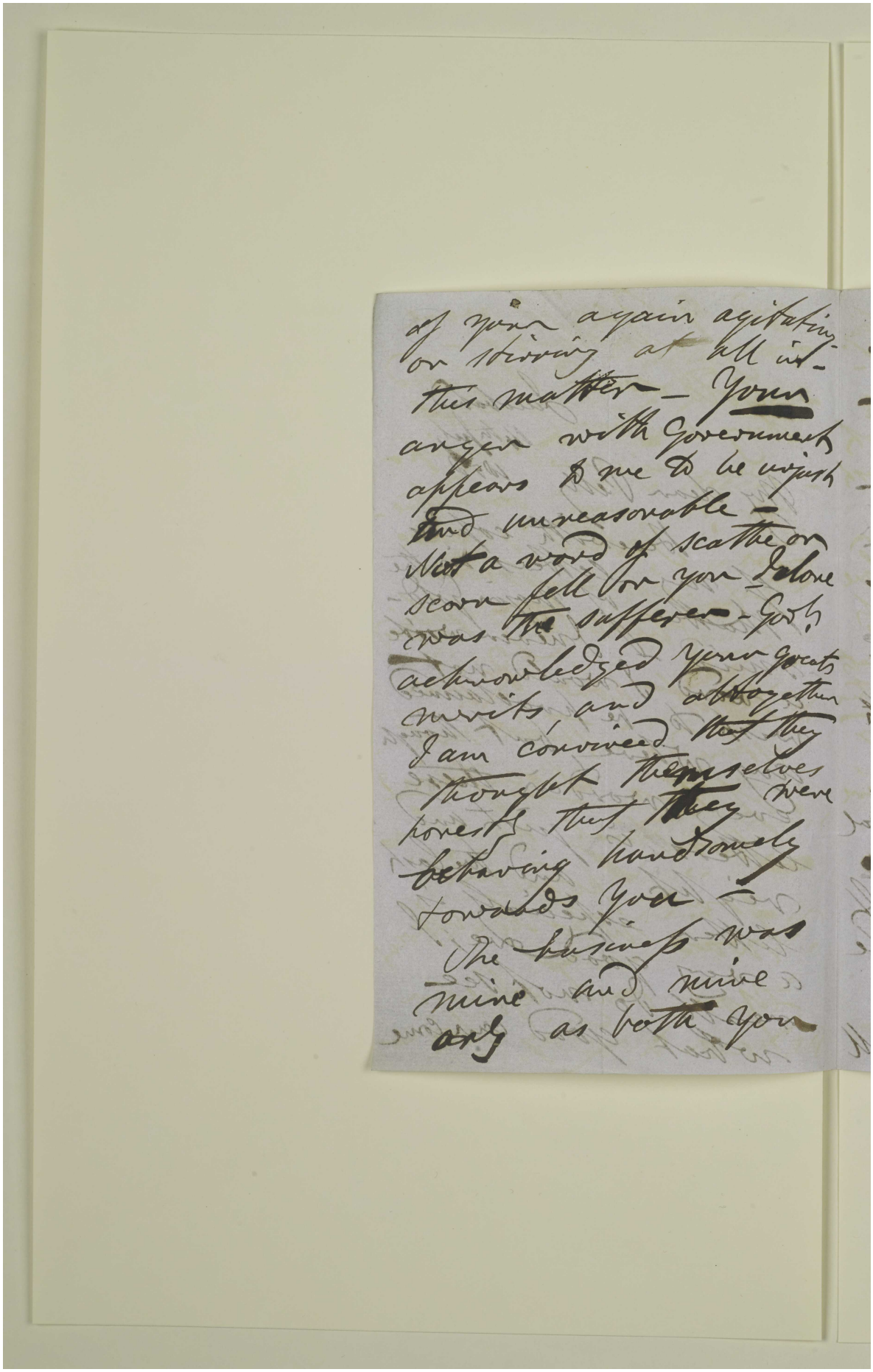

of your again agitating
or stirring at all in-
this matter — Your
anger with Government
appears to me to be unjust
and unreasonable —
Not a word of scathe or
scorn fell on you — I alone
was the sufferer — Gov.t
acknowledged your great
merits, and altogether
I am convinced that they
thought themselves were
losers that they
behaving handsomely
towards you —
The business was
mine and mine
only as both you

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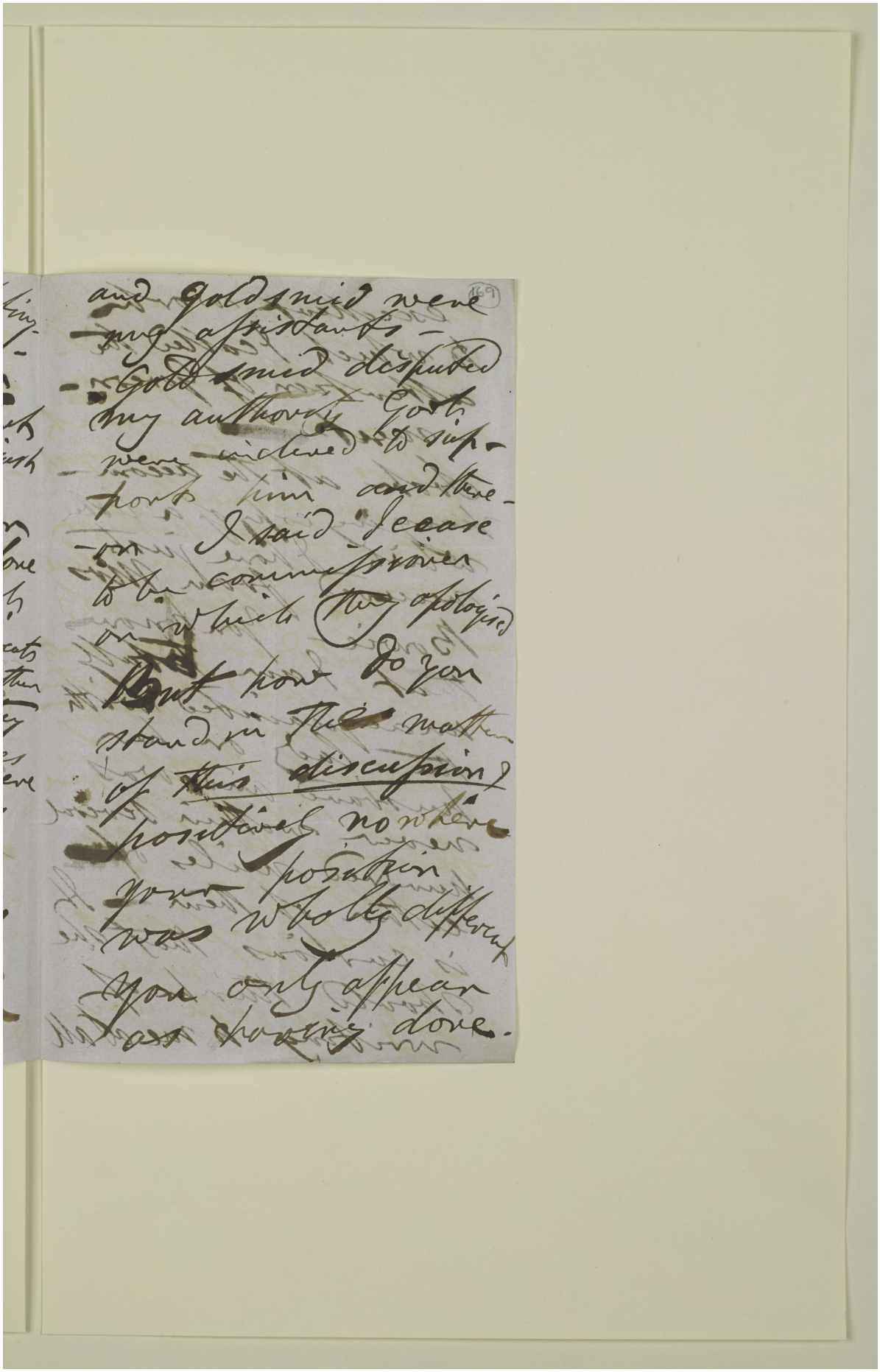

and Goldsmid were
my assistants —
Goldsmid disputed
my authority Govt.
were inclined to sup-
port him and there-
-on I said I cease
to be commissioner
on which they apologised
But how do you
stand in the matter
of this discussion?
positively nowhere
your position
was wholly different
you only appear
as having done.

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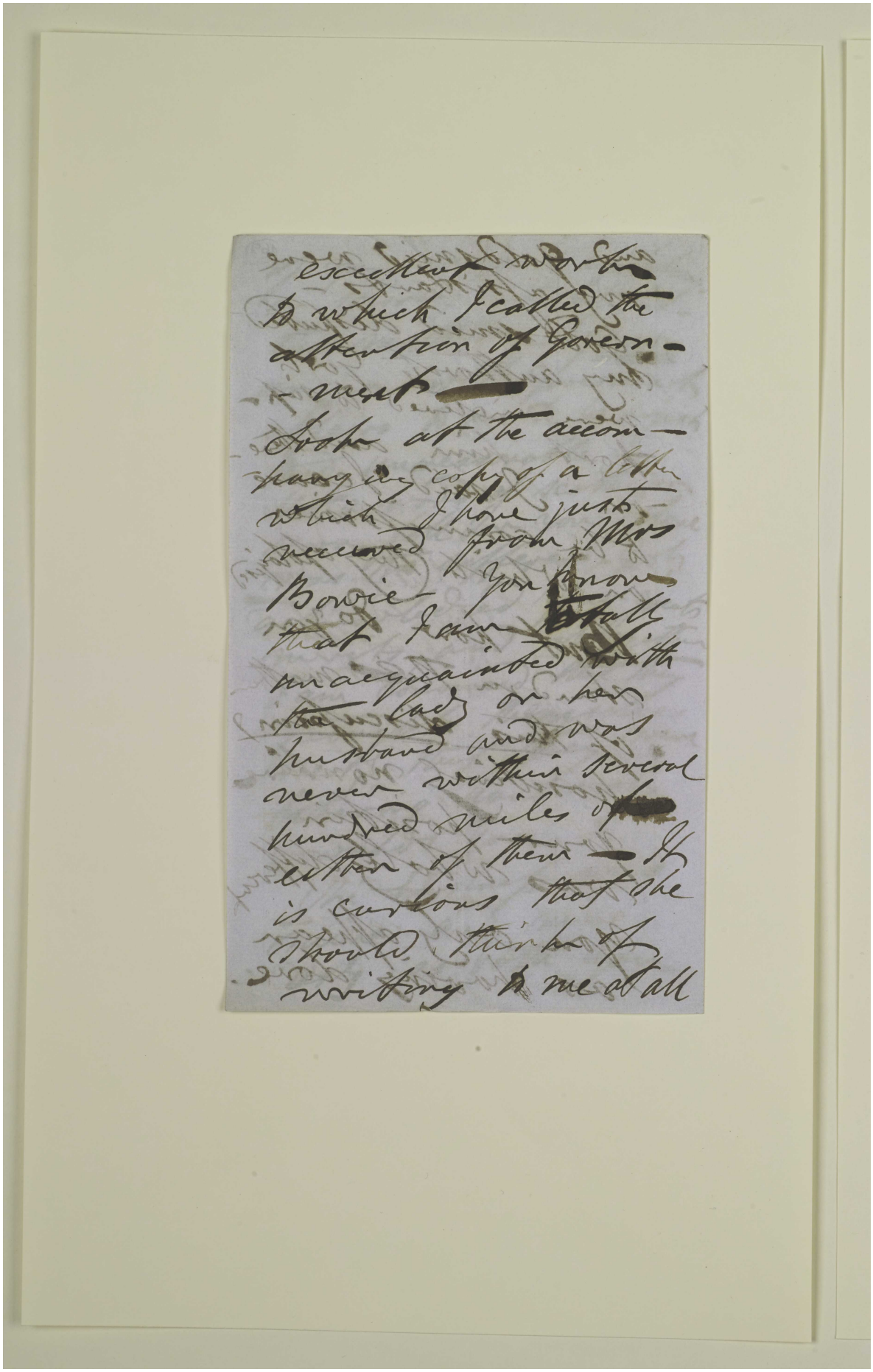
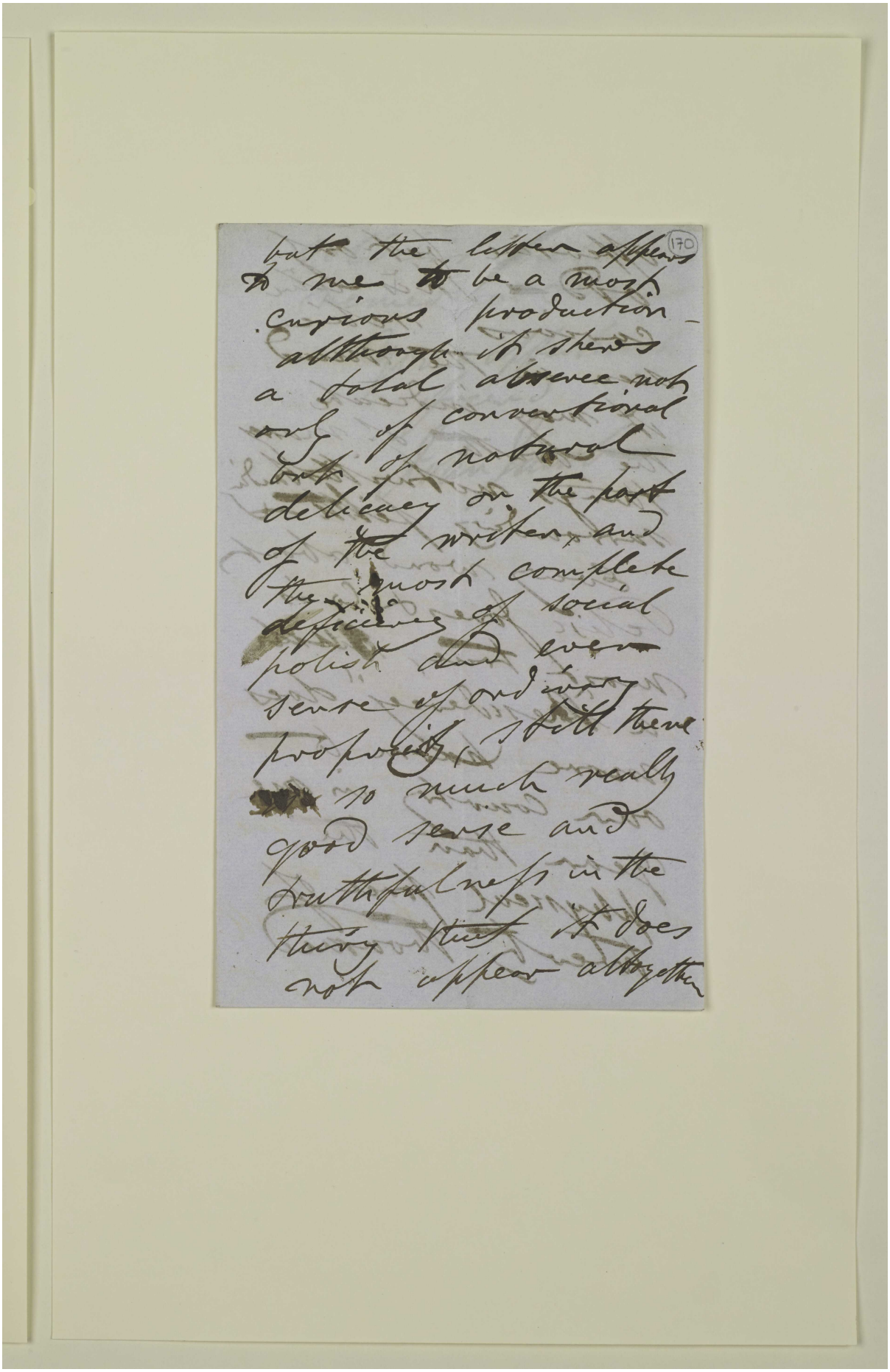
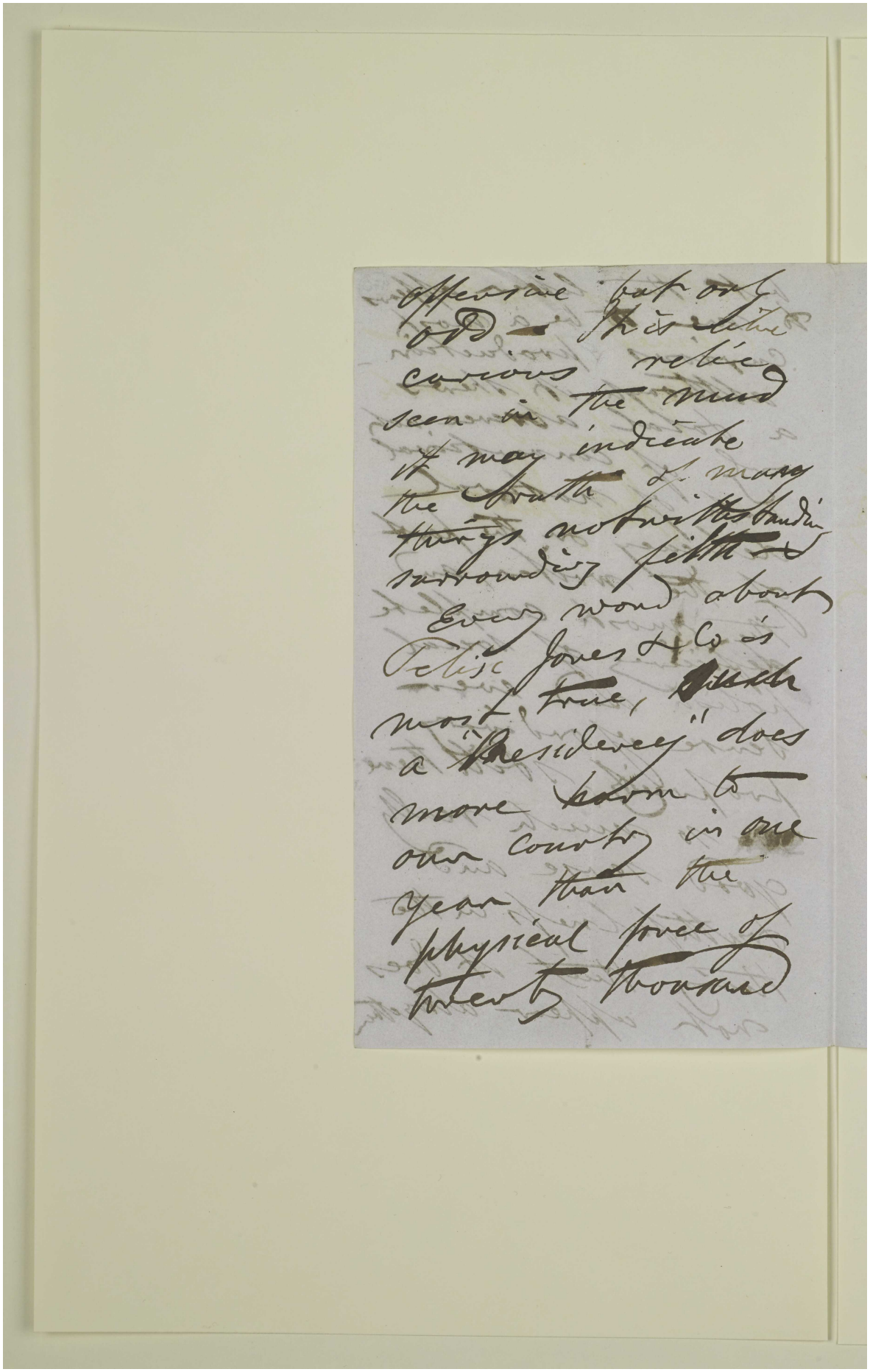


excellent work
to which I called the
attention of Govern-
ment.
Look at the accom-
panying copy of a letter
which I have just
received from Mrs
Bowie — You know
that I am totally
unacquainted with
the lady or her
husband and was
never within several
hundred miles of
either of them — It
is curious that she
should think of
writing to me at all



but the letter appears to me to be a most curious production although it shews a total absence not only of conventional but of natural delicacy on the part of the writer, and the most complete deficiency of social polish and even sense of ordinary propriety, still there is much really good sense and truthfulness in the thing that it does not appear altogether



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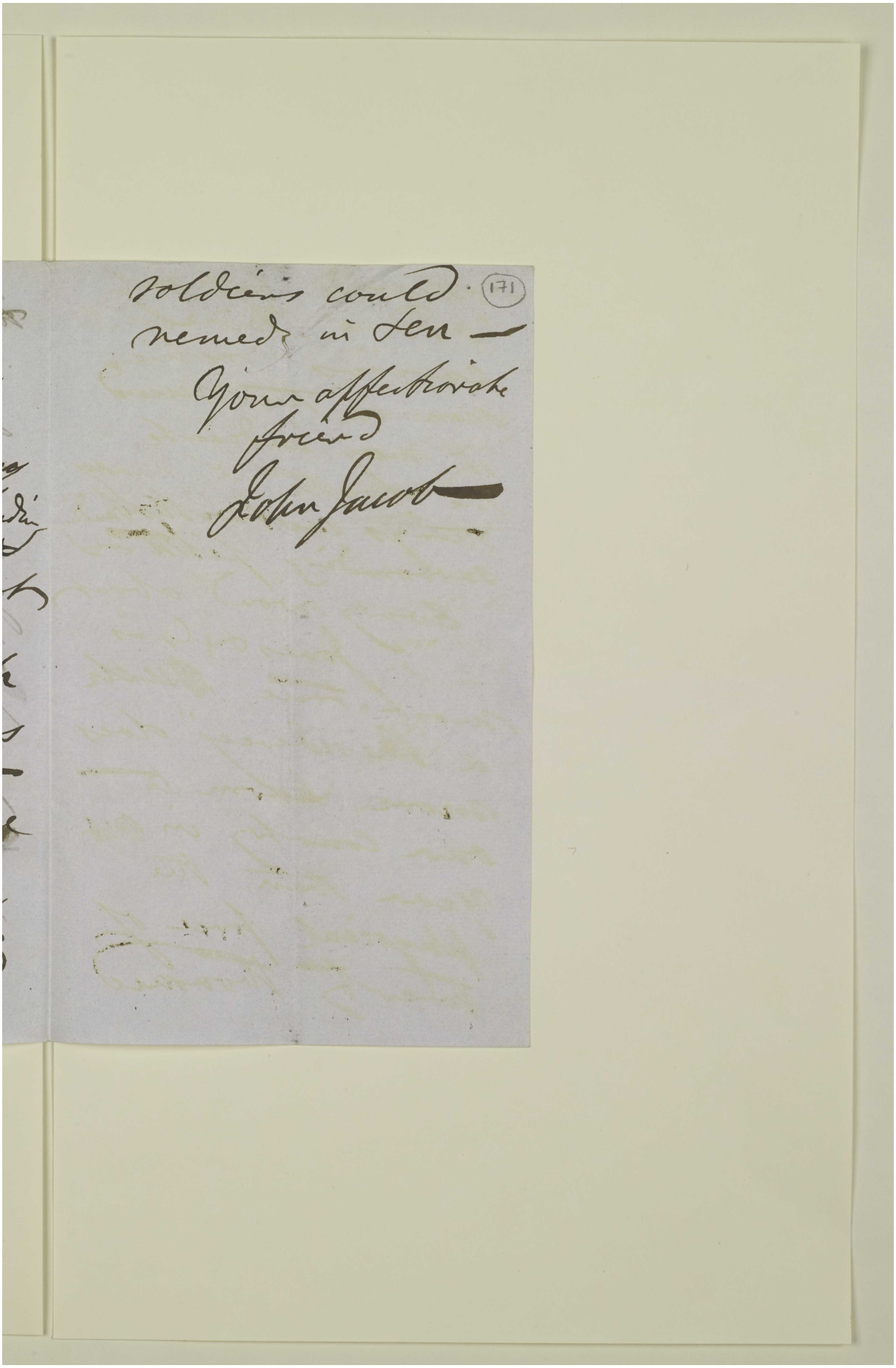

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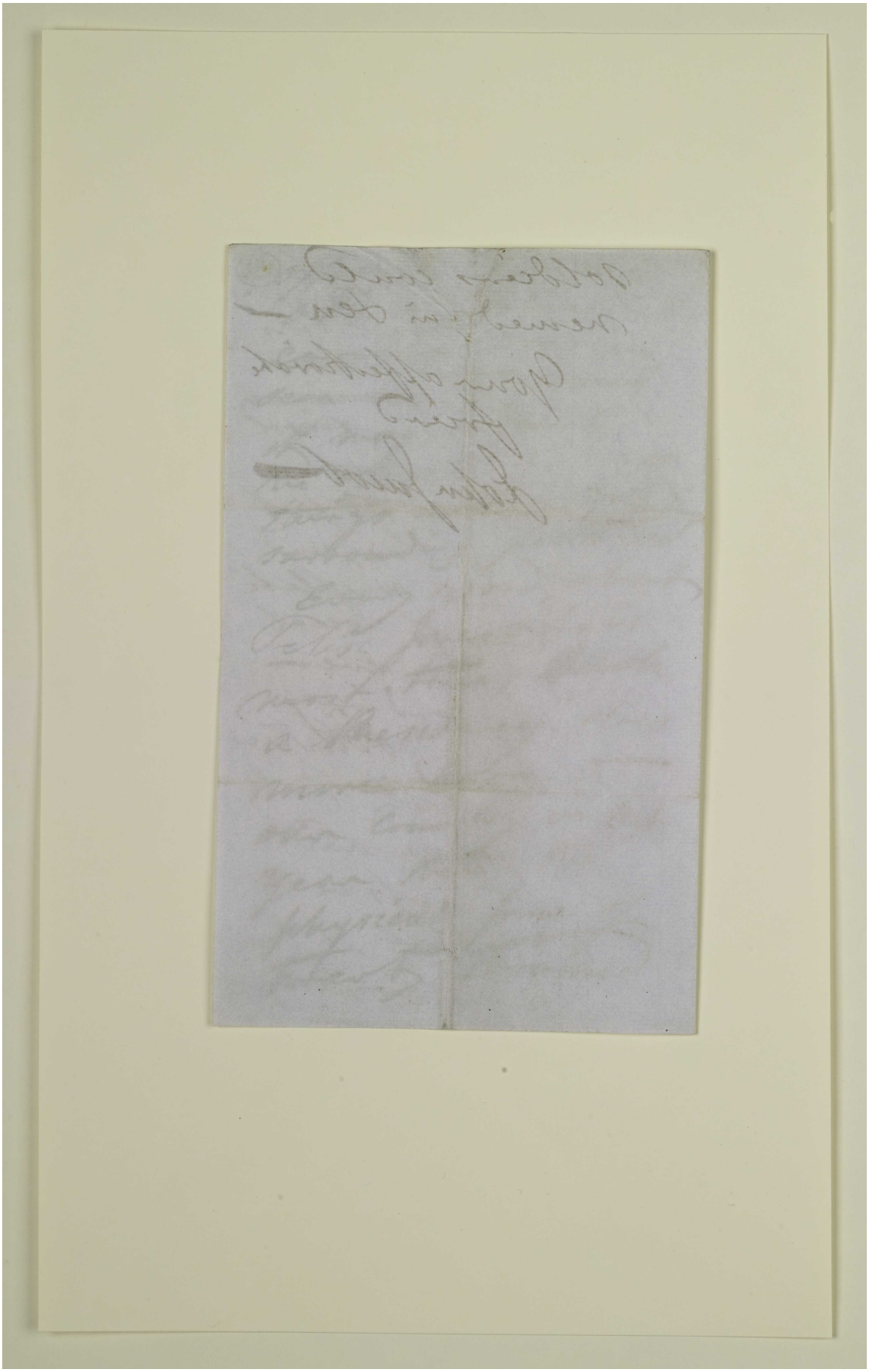

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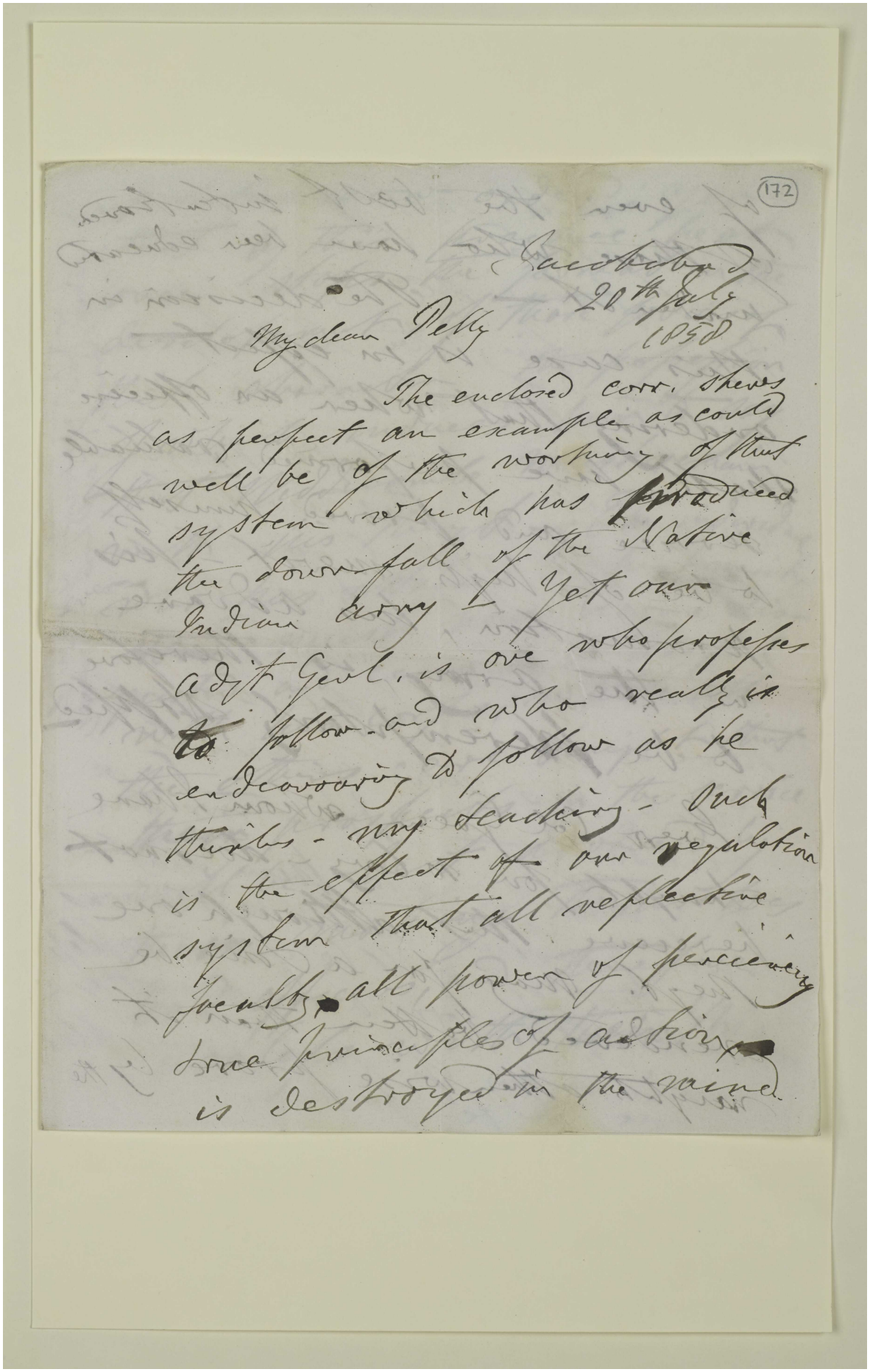

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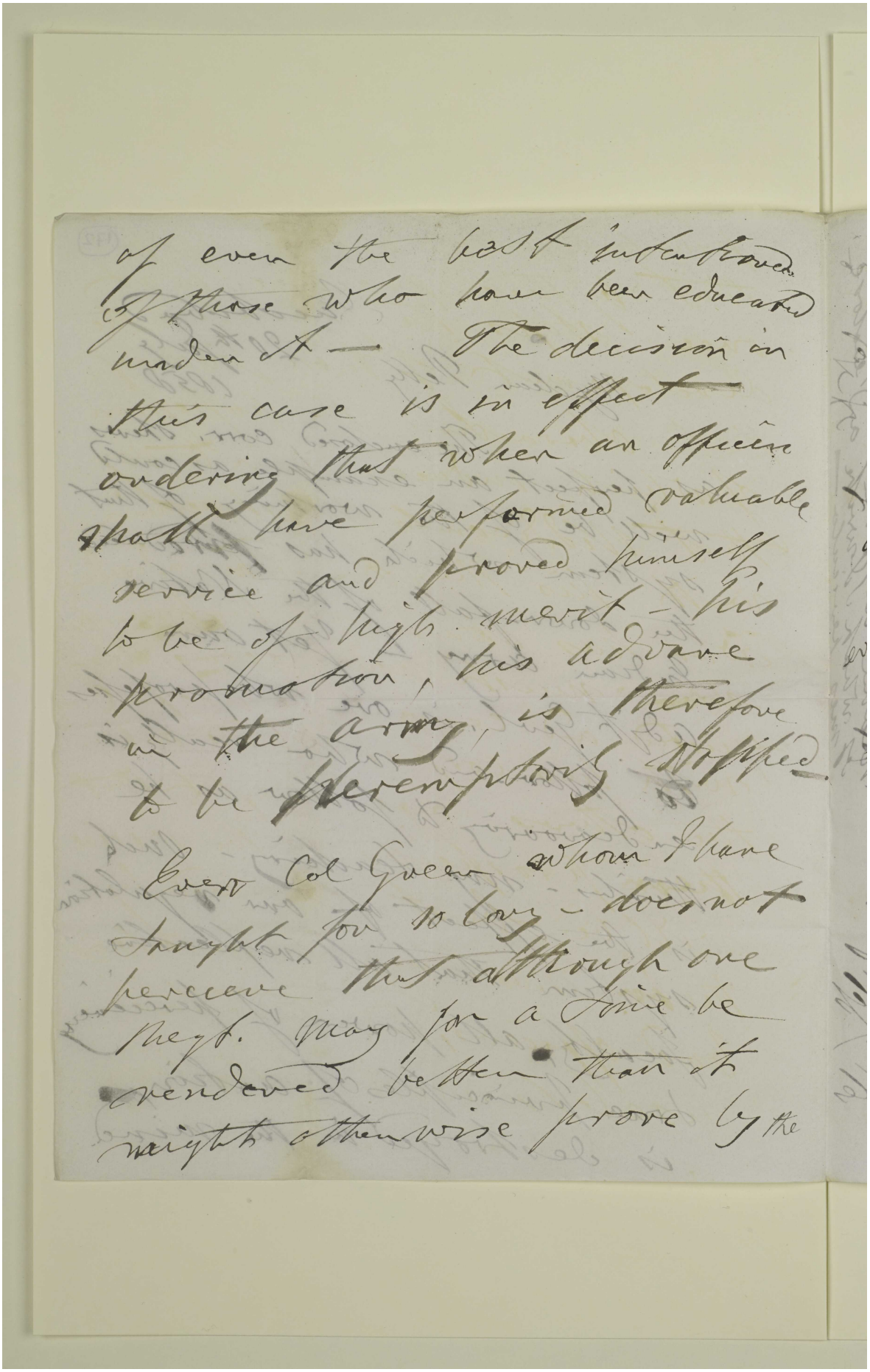
Jacobabad
20th July
1858

My dear Pelly

The enclosed corr. shews as perfect an example as could well be of the working of that system which has produced the downfall of the Native Indian Army — Yet our adjt Genl. is one who professes to follow — and who really is endeavouring to follow as he teaches — my teaching — and is the effect of our regulation system that all reflective faculty, all power of perceiving true principles of action is destroyed in the mind



of even the least industrious of those who have been educated under A— The decision in this case is in effect ordering that when an officer shall have performed valuable service and proved himself to be of high merit — his promotion, his advance in the army, is therefore to be peremptorily stopped.

Even Col Green whom I have taught for so long — does not perceive that although one Regt. may for a time be rendered better than it might otherwise prove by the

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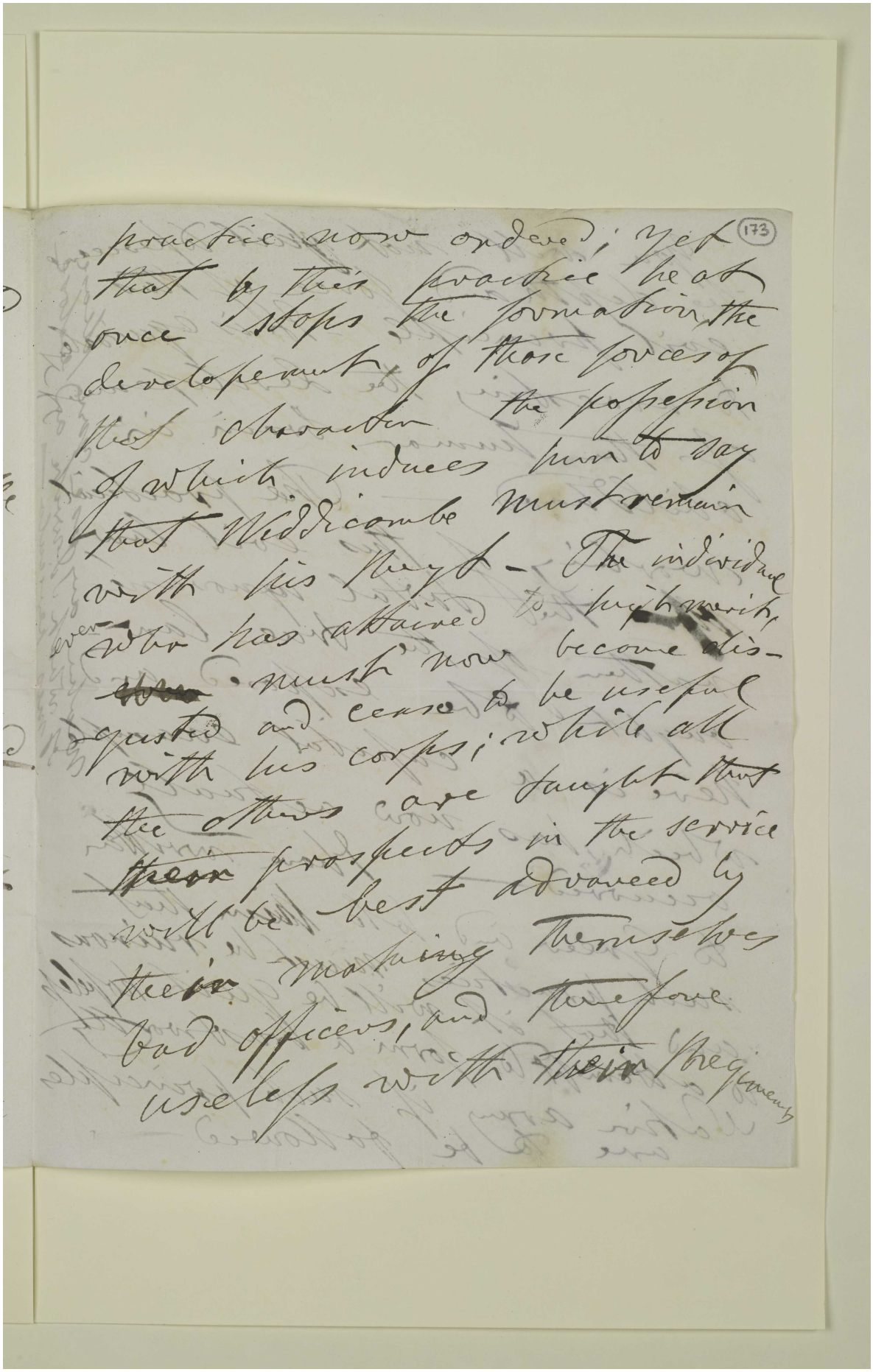

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practice now ordered; yet
that by this practice he at
once stops the formation, the
developement of those forces of
that character the possession
of which induces him to say
that Widdicombe must remain
with his Regt. — The individual
even who has attained to high merit,
~~[illegible]~~ must now become dis-
gusted and cease to be useful
with his corps; while all
the others are taught that
~~their~~ prospects in the service
will be best advanced by
their making themselves
bad officers, and therefore
useless with ~~their~~ Regiments

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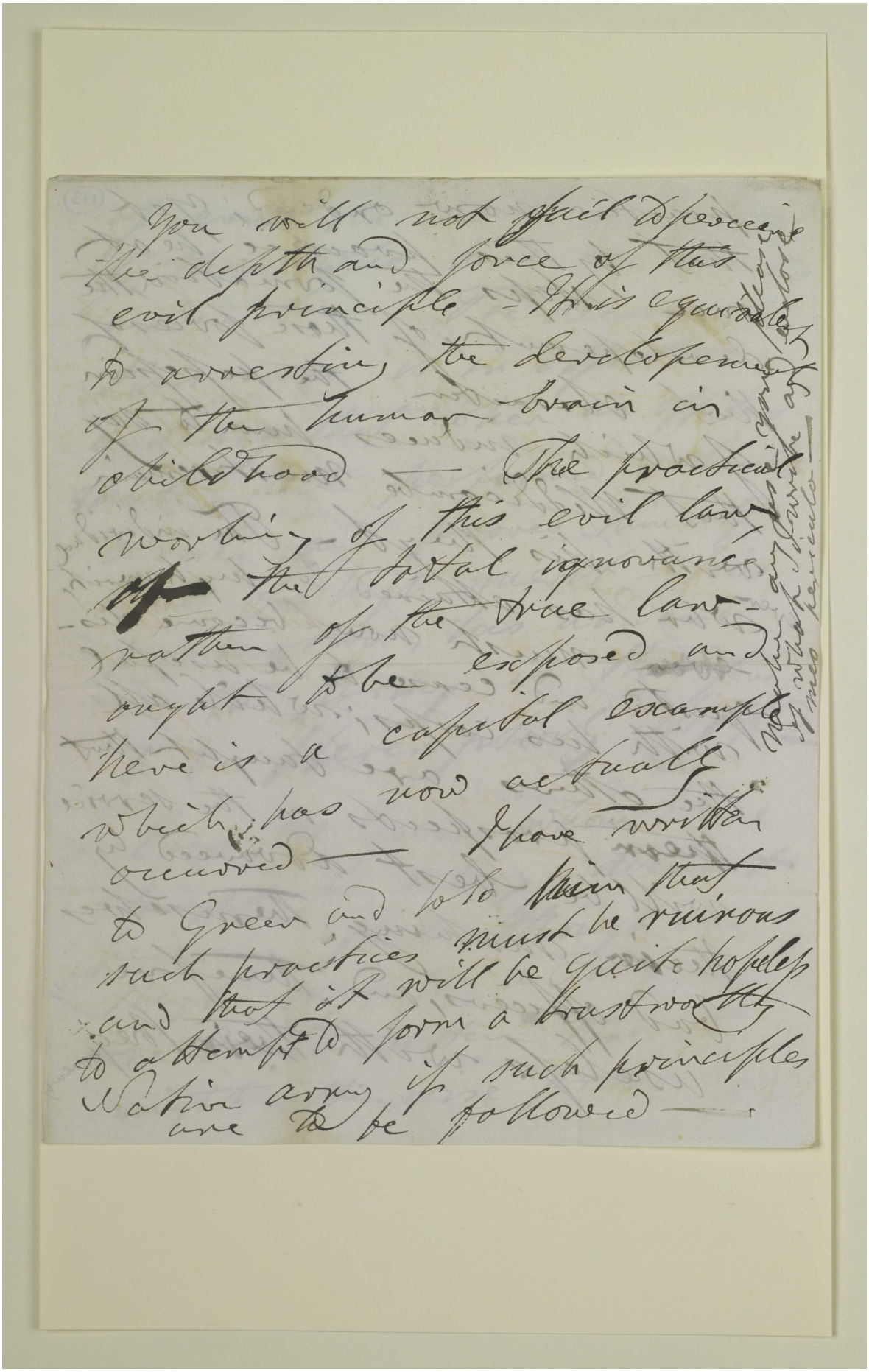
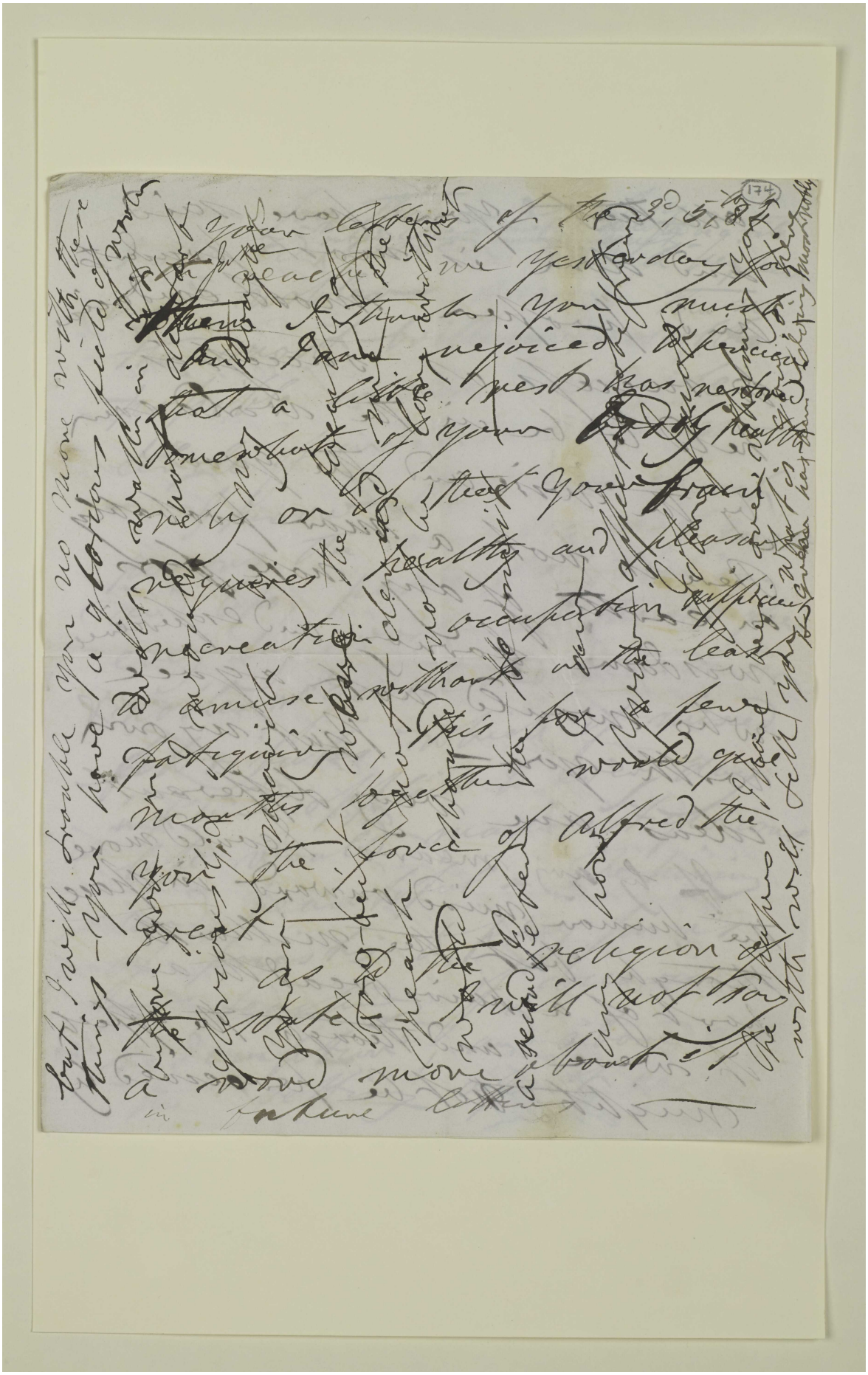


You will not fail to perceive the depth and force of this evil principle - It is equally to arrest in the development of the human brain in childhood — The practical working of this evil law, the fatal ignorance of the true law — pattern of the ought to be exposed and here is a capital example which has now actually occurred — I have written to Green and to Main that such practices must be ruinous and that it will be quite hopeless to attempt to form a trustworthy Native army if such principles are to be followed —



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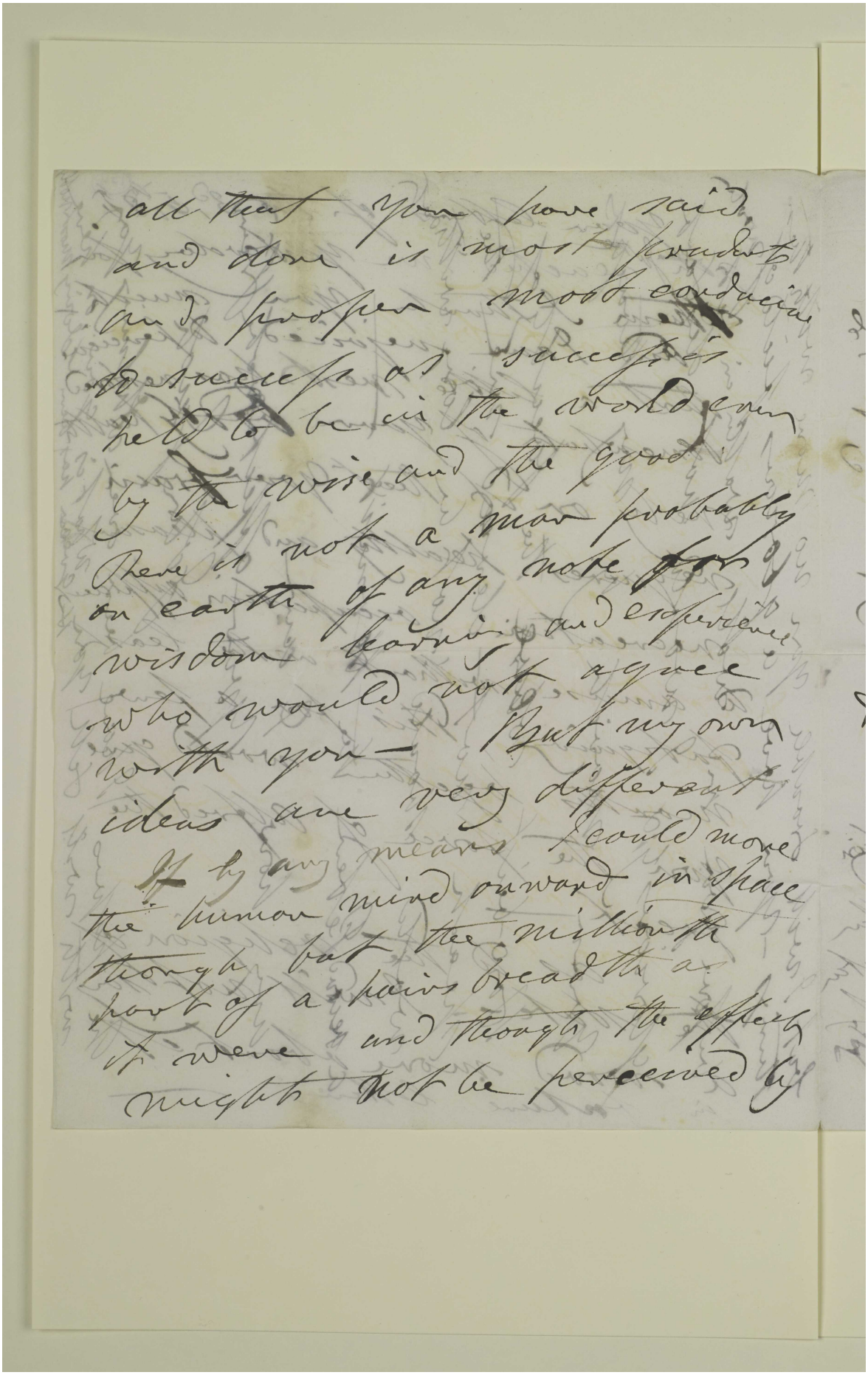
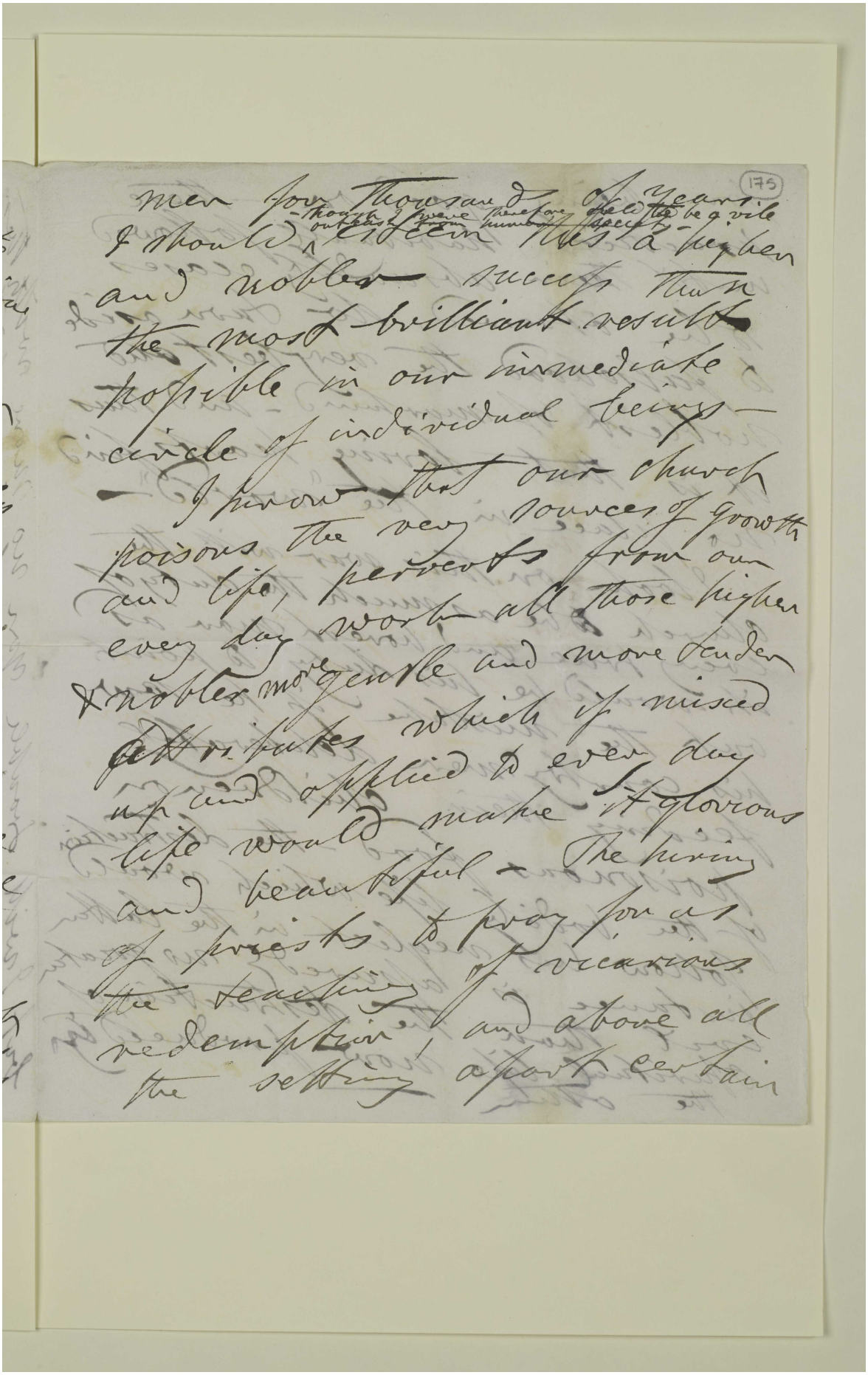


all that you have said and done is most prudent and proper most conducive to success as success is held to be in the world even by the wise and the good. There is not a man probably on earth of any note for wisdom learning and perseverance who would not agree with you— But my own ideas are very different If by any means I could move the human mind onward in space though but the millionth part of a hairs breadth as it were and though the effect might not be perceived by



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men for thousands of years
I should — though I were therefore held to be a vile outcast from human society — esteem this a higher
and nobler success than
the most brilliant result
possible in our immediate
circle of individual beings —
I know that our church
poisons the very sources of growth
and life, perverts from our
every day work all those higher
& nobler more gentle and more tender
attributes which if mixed
up and applied to every day
life would make it glorious
and beautiful — The hiring
of priests to pray for us
the teaching of vicarious
redemption, and above all
the setting apart certain

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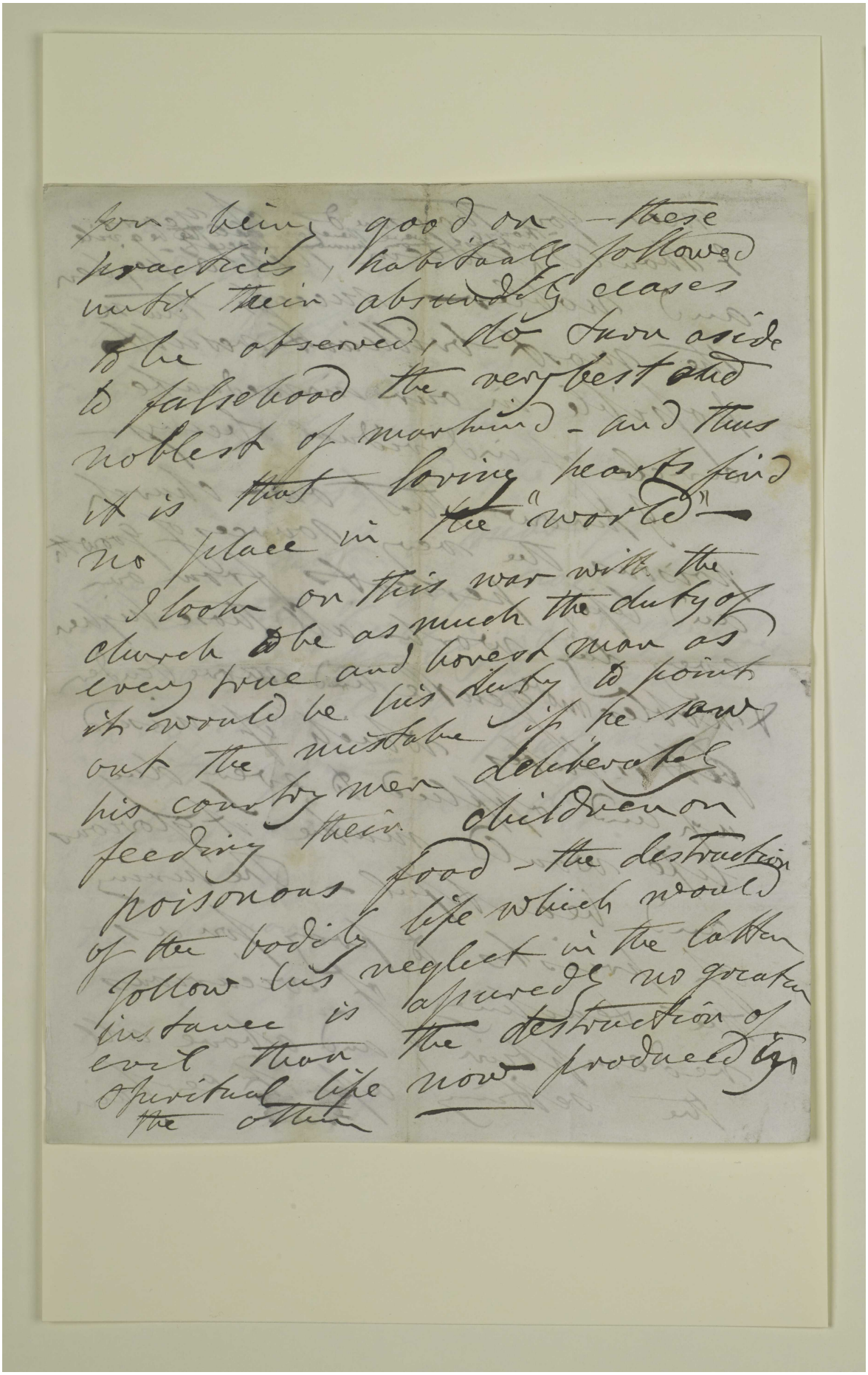

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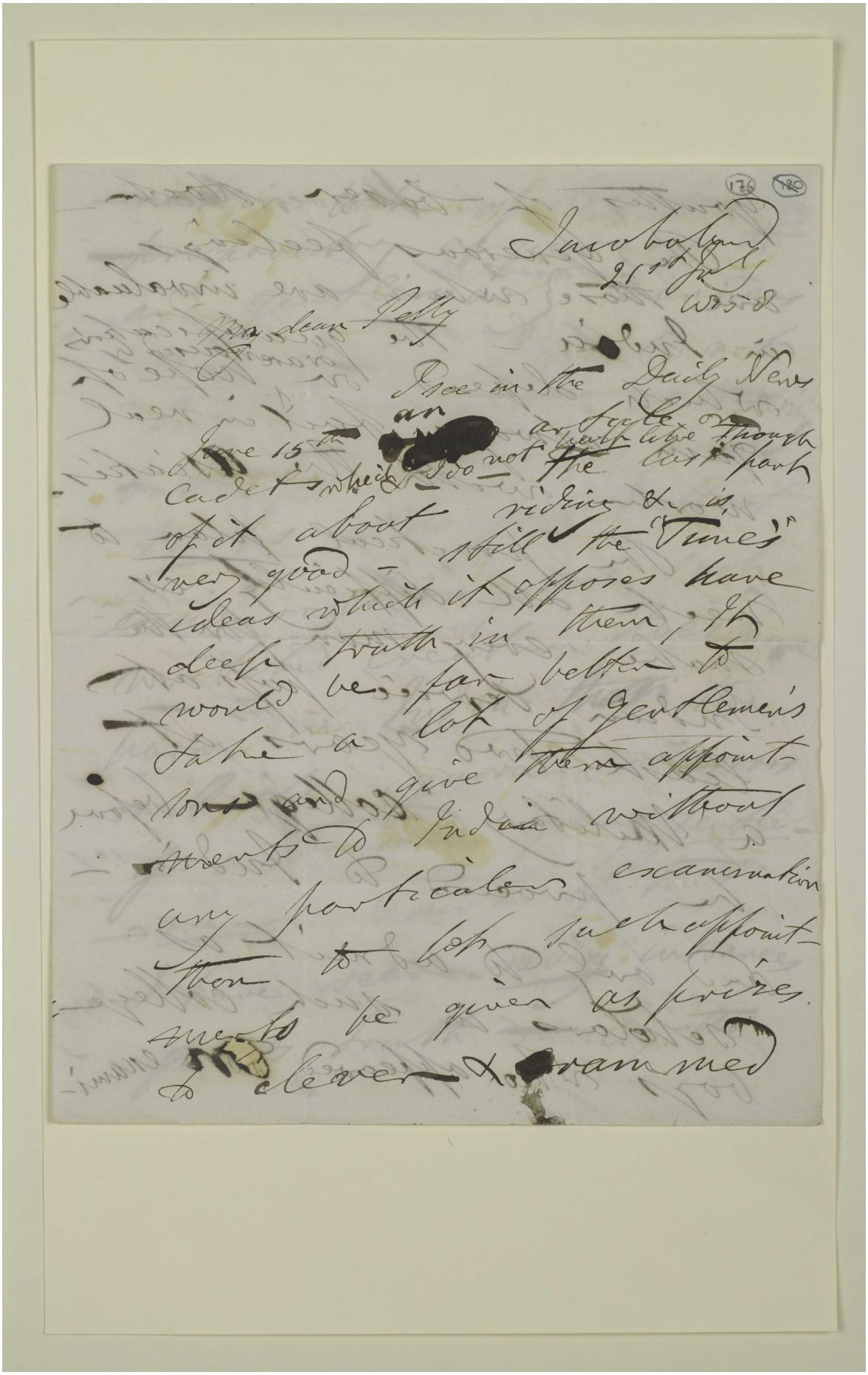

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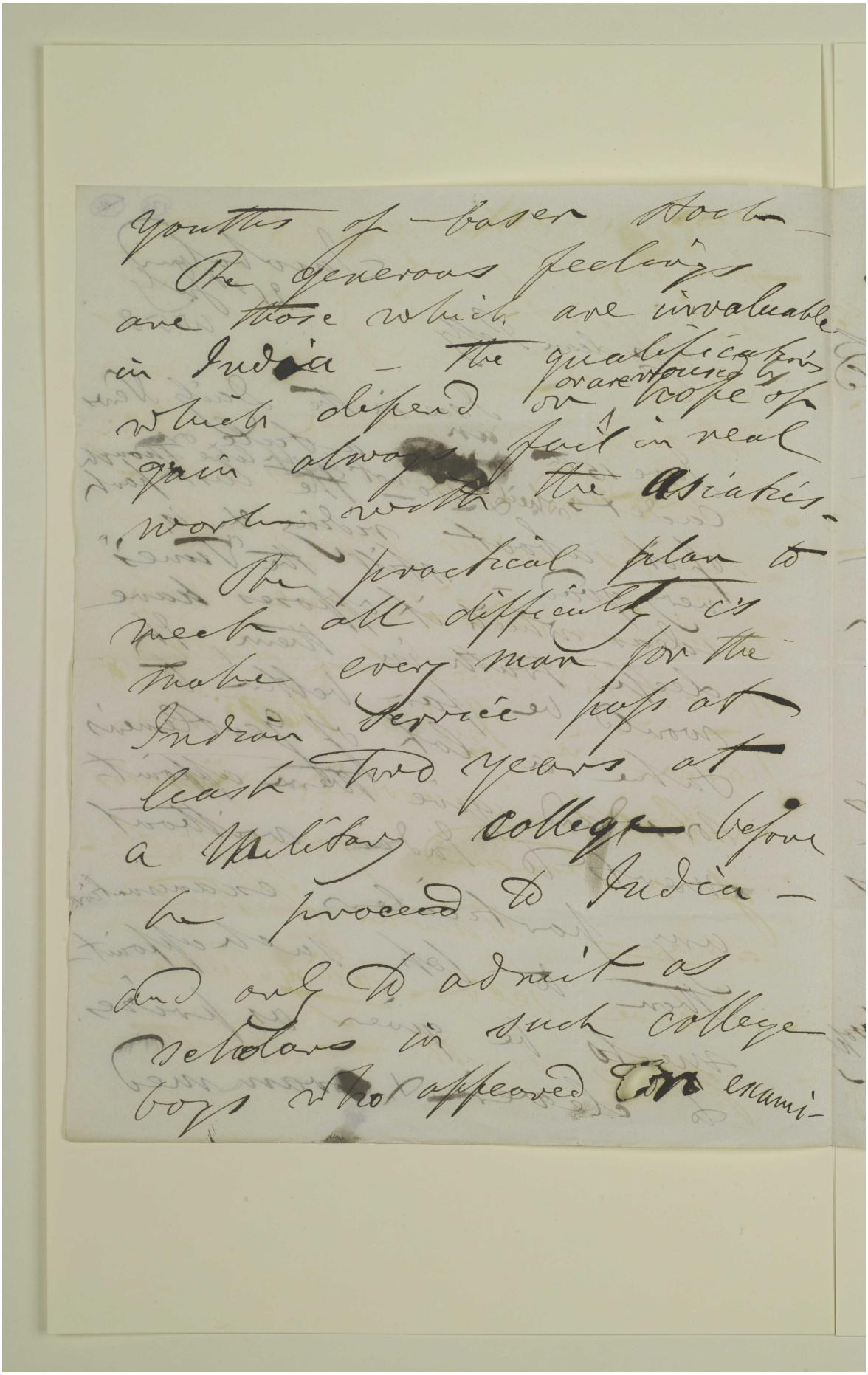

youths of baser stock —
The generous feelings
are those which are invaluable
in India — the qualifications
which depend on or are roused by hope of
gain always fail in real
work with the Asiatics —
The practical plan to
meet all difficulty is
make every man for the
Indian service pass at
least two years at
a Military college before
he proceed to India —
and only to admit as
scholars in such college
boys who appeared on exami-

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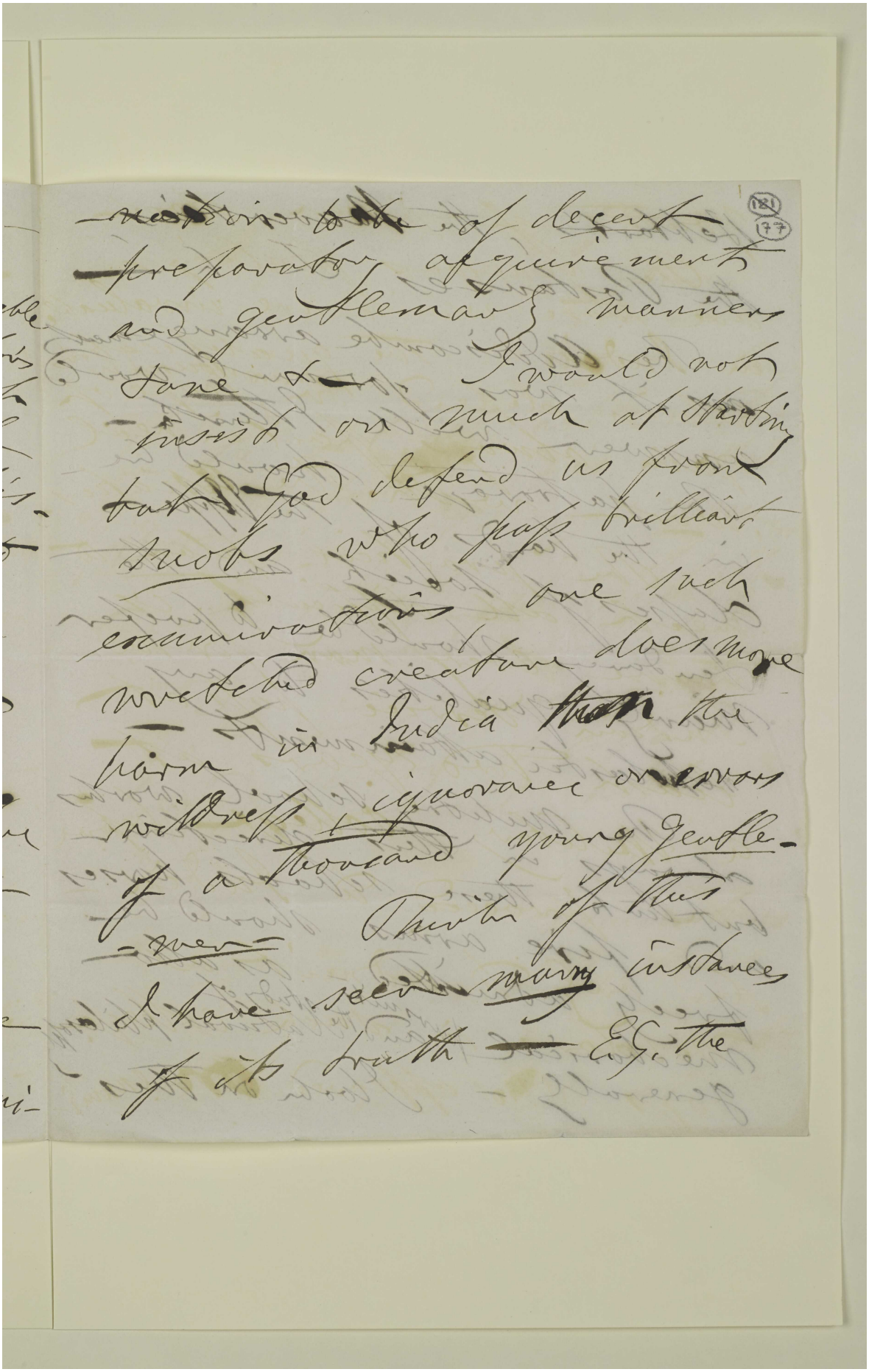

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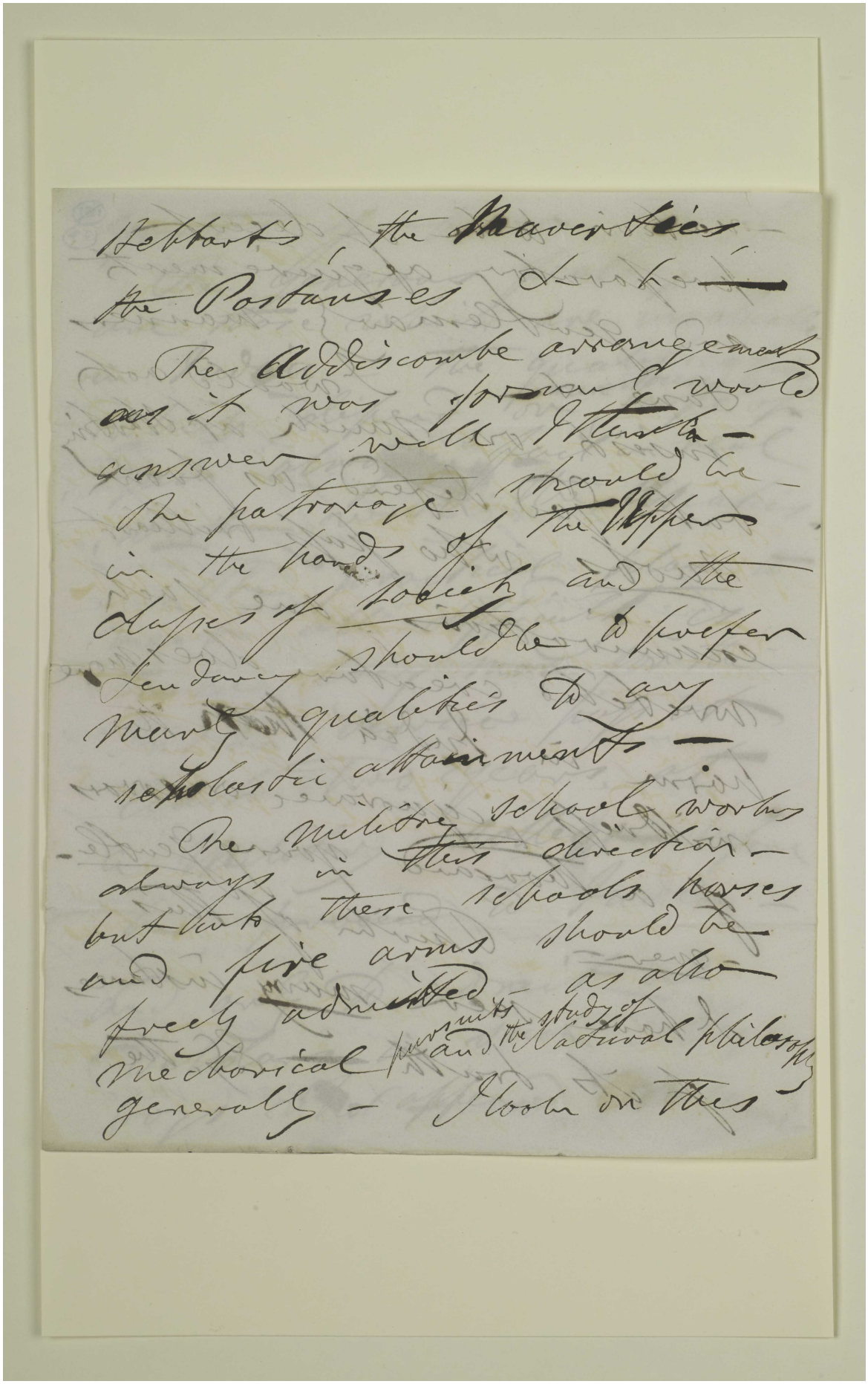

Hebbart's, the Naverties,
the Postanses &c &c —
The Addiscombe arrangement
as it was formerly would
answer well I think —
The patronage should be
in the hands of the Upper
classes of Society and the
tendency should be to prefer
mainly qualities to any
scholastic attainments —
The military school works
always in this direction —
but into these schools horses
and fire arms should be
freely admitted as also
mechanical pursuits and the study of Natural philosophy
generally — I look on this

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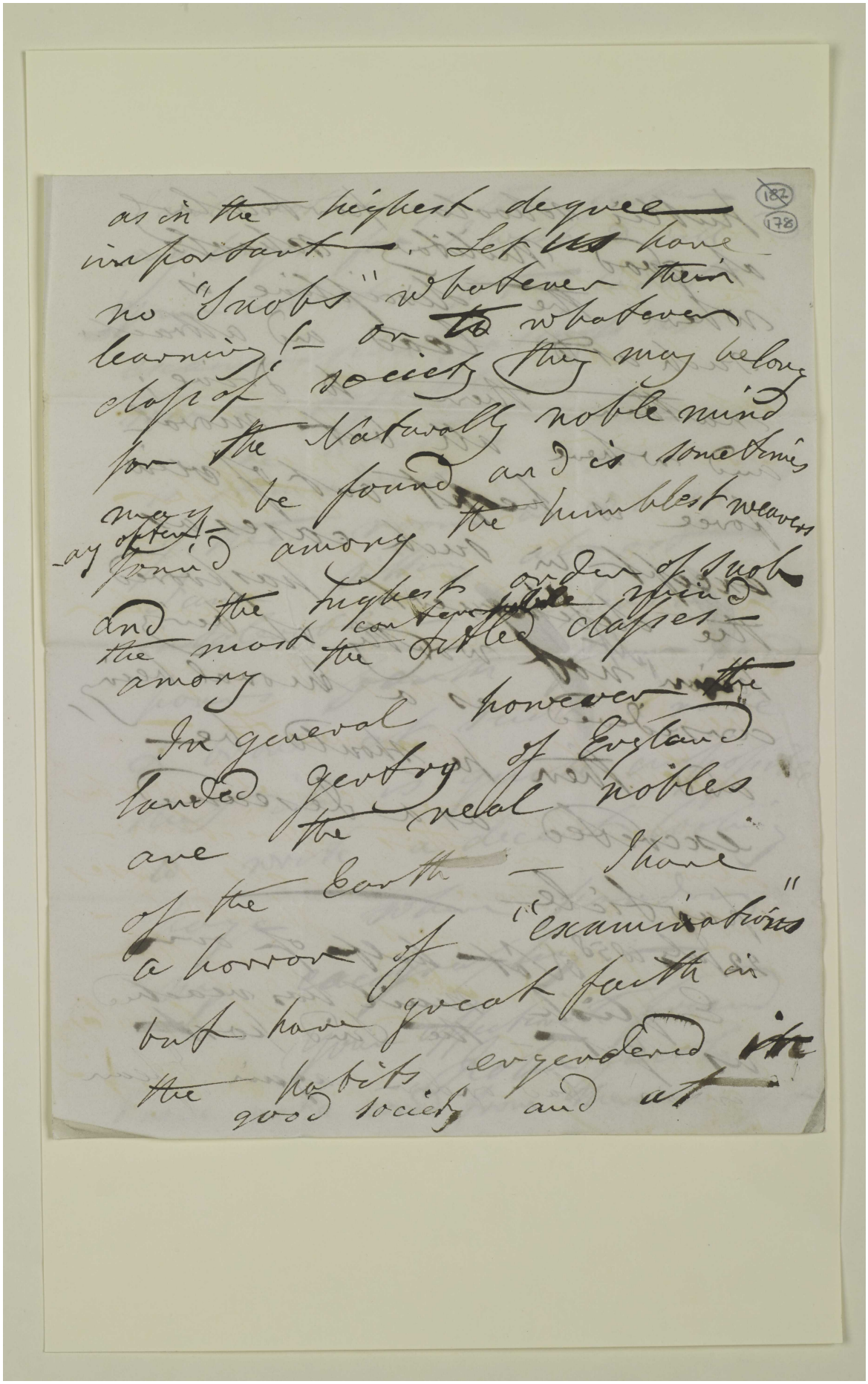
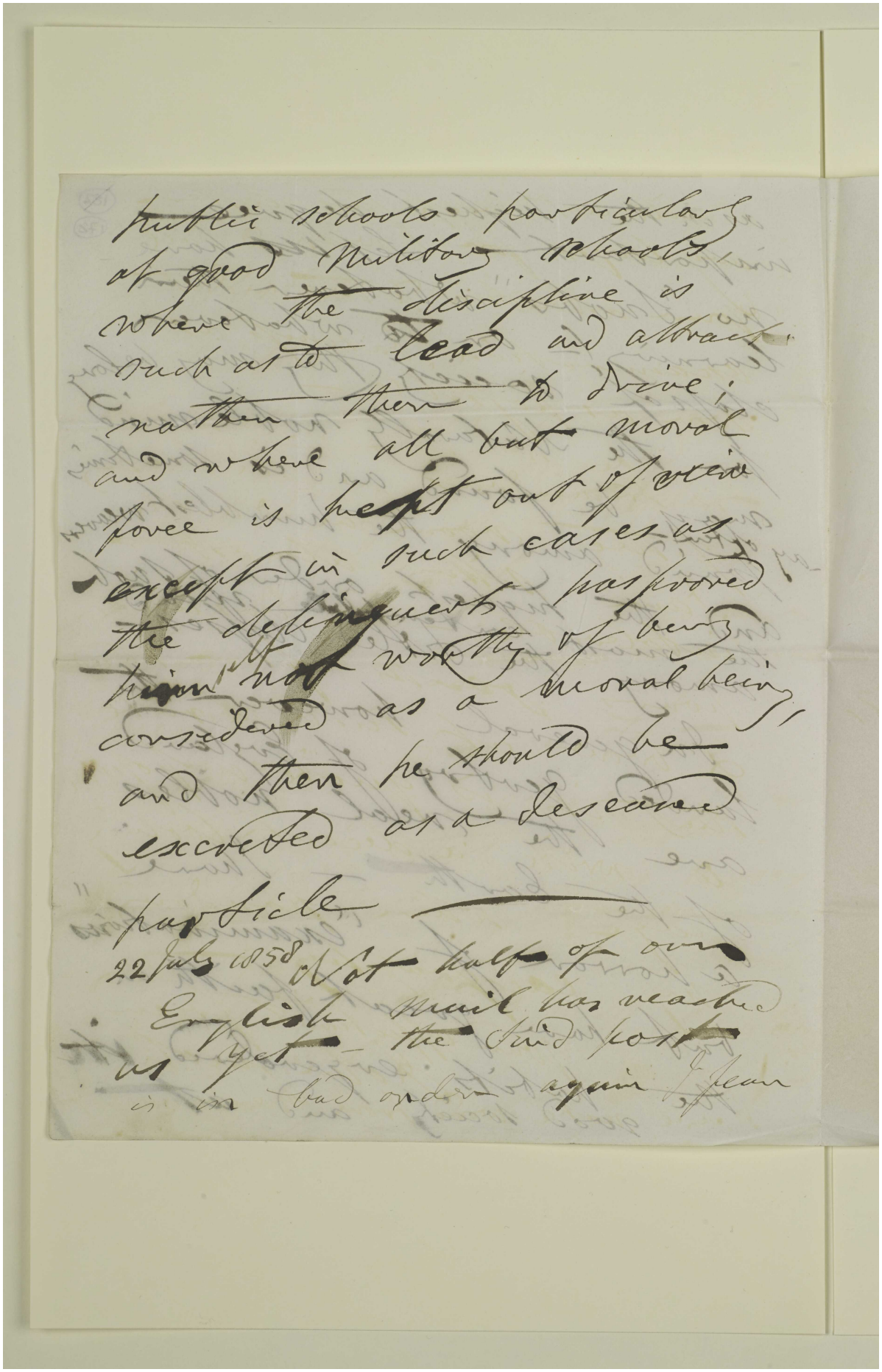


as in the highest degree
important. Let us have
no "snobs" whatever their
learning — or whatever
class of society they may belong
for the Naturally noble mind
may be found and is sometimes
found among the humblest weavers
and the highest order of snob
the most contemptible classes —
among

In general however the
landed gentry of England
are the real nobles
of the Earth — I have
a horror of "examinations"
but have great faith in
the habits engendered in
good society and at



public schools particularly
at good military schools
where the discipline is
such as to lead and attract
rather than to drive;
and where all but moral
force is kept out of view
except in such cases as
the delinquent has proved
him self not worthy of being
considered as a moral being,
and then he should be
excreted as a deseased
particle

22 July 1858 Not half of our
English mail has reached
us yet — the Sind post
is in bad order again I fear

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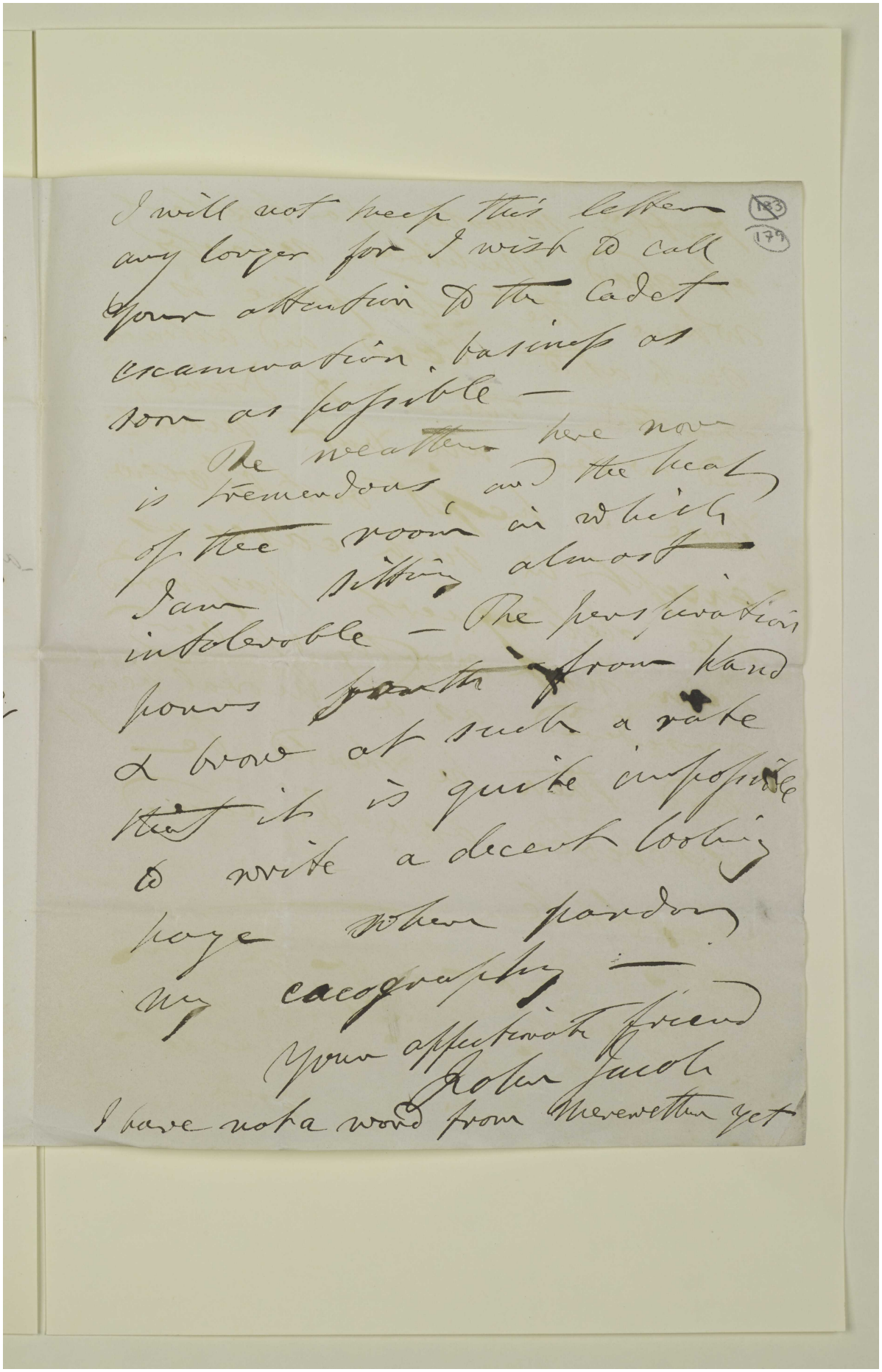
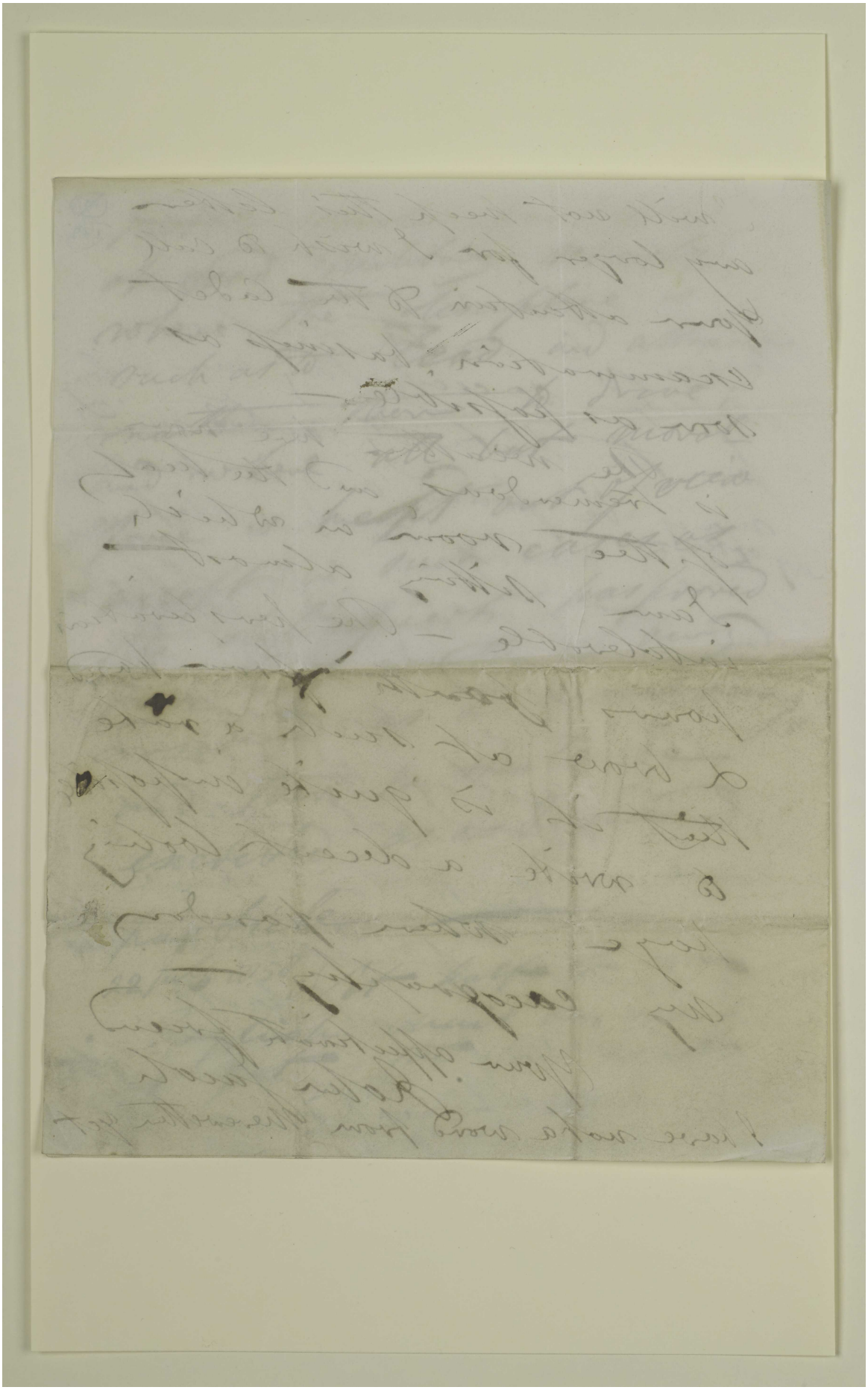


I will not keep this letter any longer for I wish to call your attention to the cadet examination business as soon as possible —

The weather here now is tremendous and the heat of the room in which I am sitting almost intolerable — The perspiration pours from my hand & brow at such a rate that it is quite impossible to write a decent looking page when handing in my cacography —

Your affectionate friend
John Jacob

I have not a word from Merewether yet



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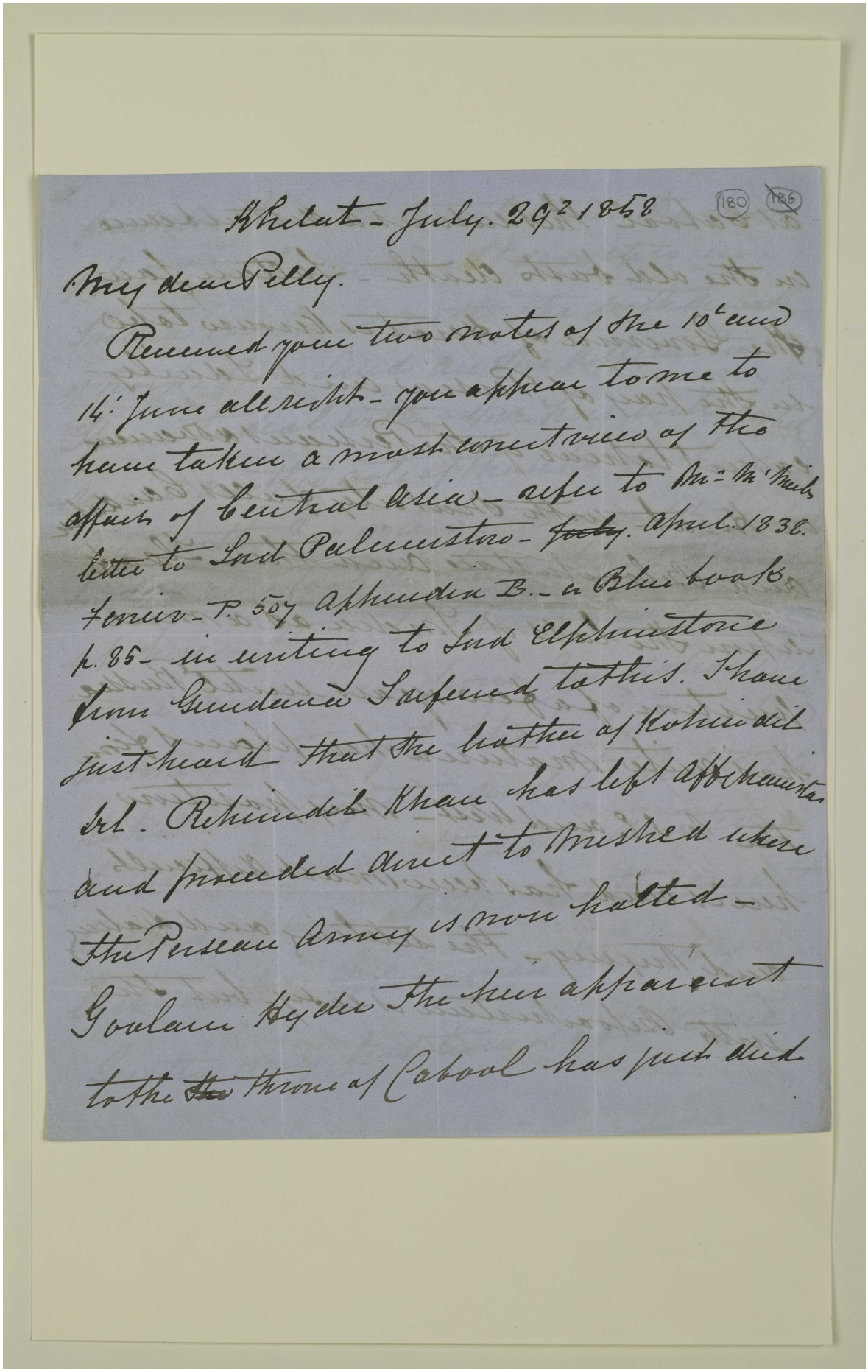

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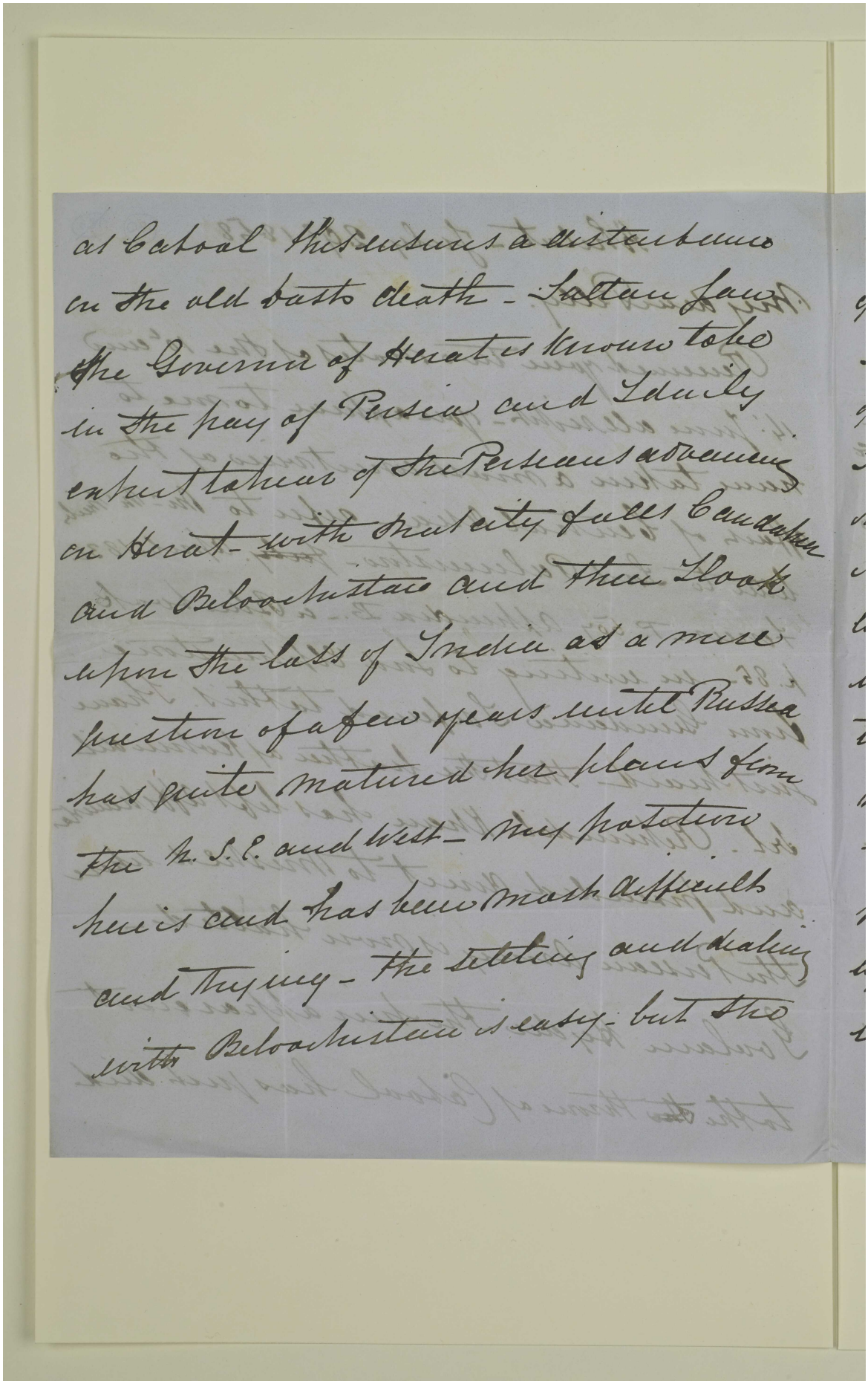
My dear Pelly.

Received your two notes of the 10th and 14th June all right - you appear to me to have taken a most correct view of the affairs of Central Asia - refer to Mr. McNeils letter to Lord Palmerston - ~~July~~. April. 1838. Fenier - P. 507 Appendix B. - a Blue book p. 85 - in writing to Lord Elphinstone from Gundava I referred to this. I have just heard that the brother of Kohindil Sel. Rehimdil Khan has left Affghanistan and proceeded direct to Meshed where the Persean Army is now halted - Goolam Hyder the heir apparent to the ~~the~~ throne of Cabool has just died.



as Cabool this ensures a disturbance
on the old Dosts death - Sultan Jan
the Governor of Herat is known to be
in the pay of Persia and I daily
expect to hear of the Persians advancing
on Herat - with that city falls Candahar
and Beloochistan and then I look
upon the loss of India as a mere
question of a few years until Russia
has quite matured her plans from
the N. S. E. and West - my position
here is and has been most difficult
and trying - the settling and dealing
with Beloochistan is easy - but the

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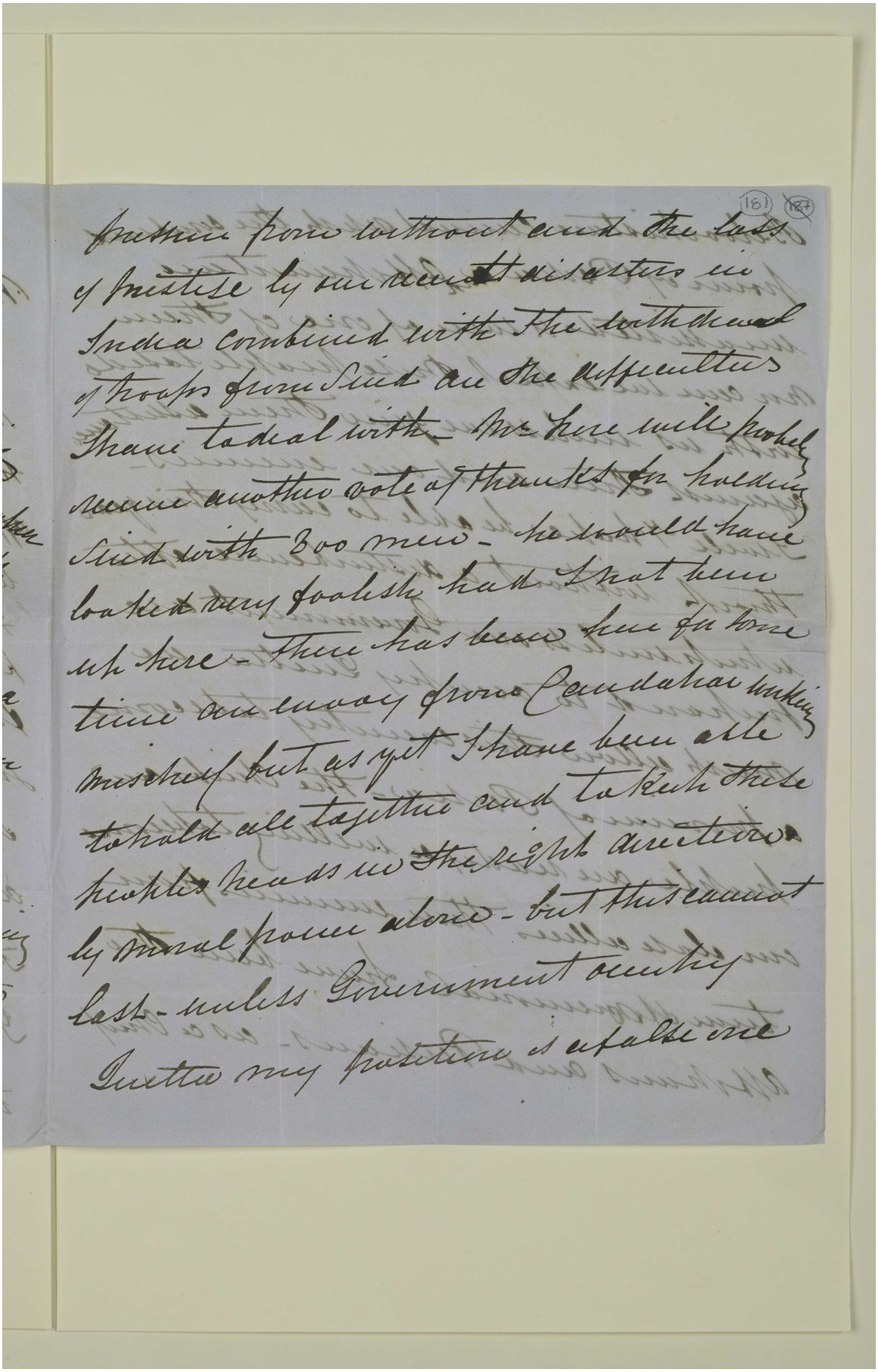

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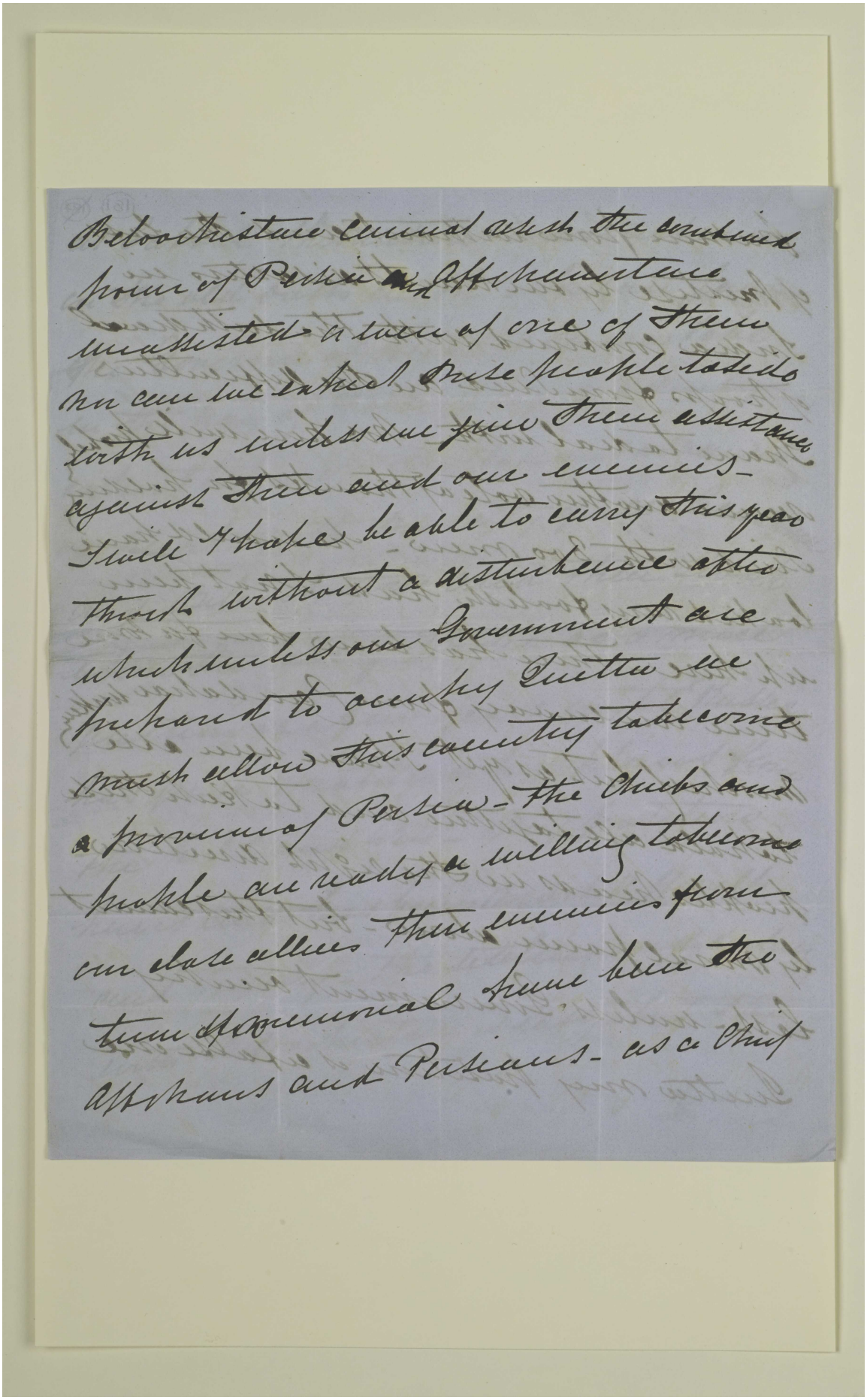

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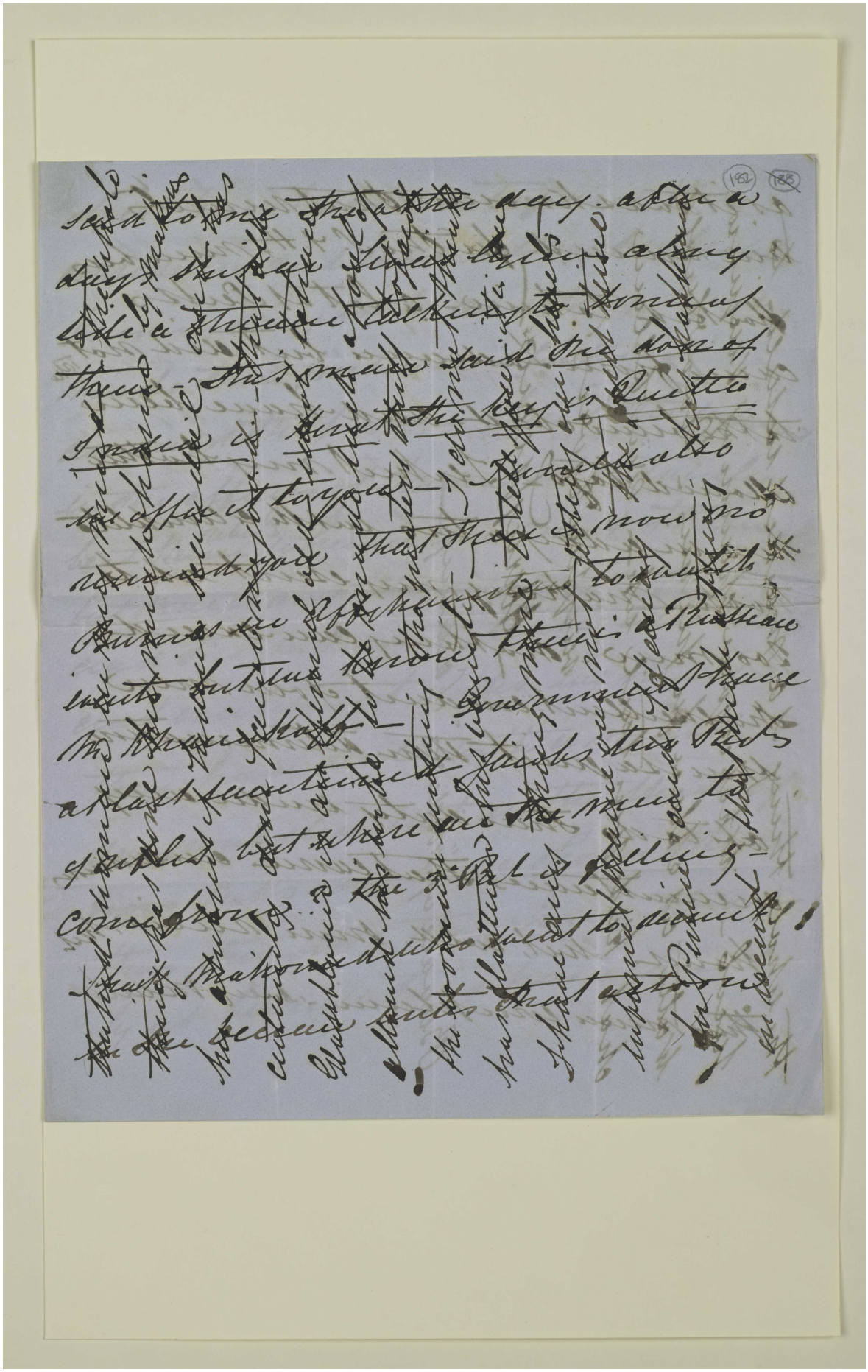

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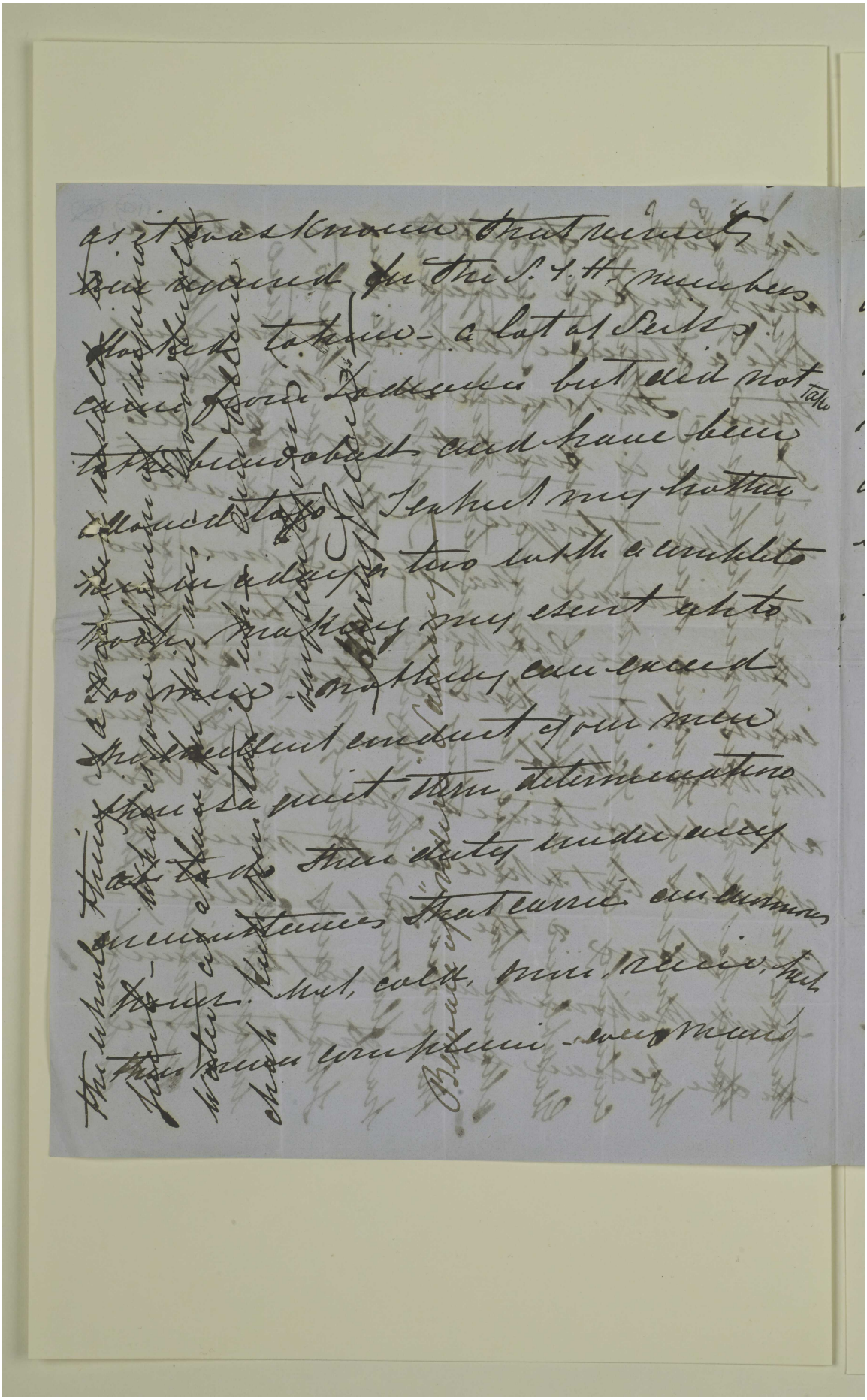

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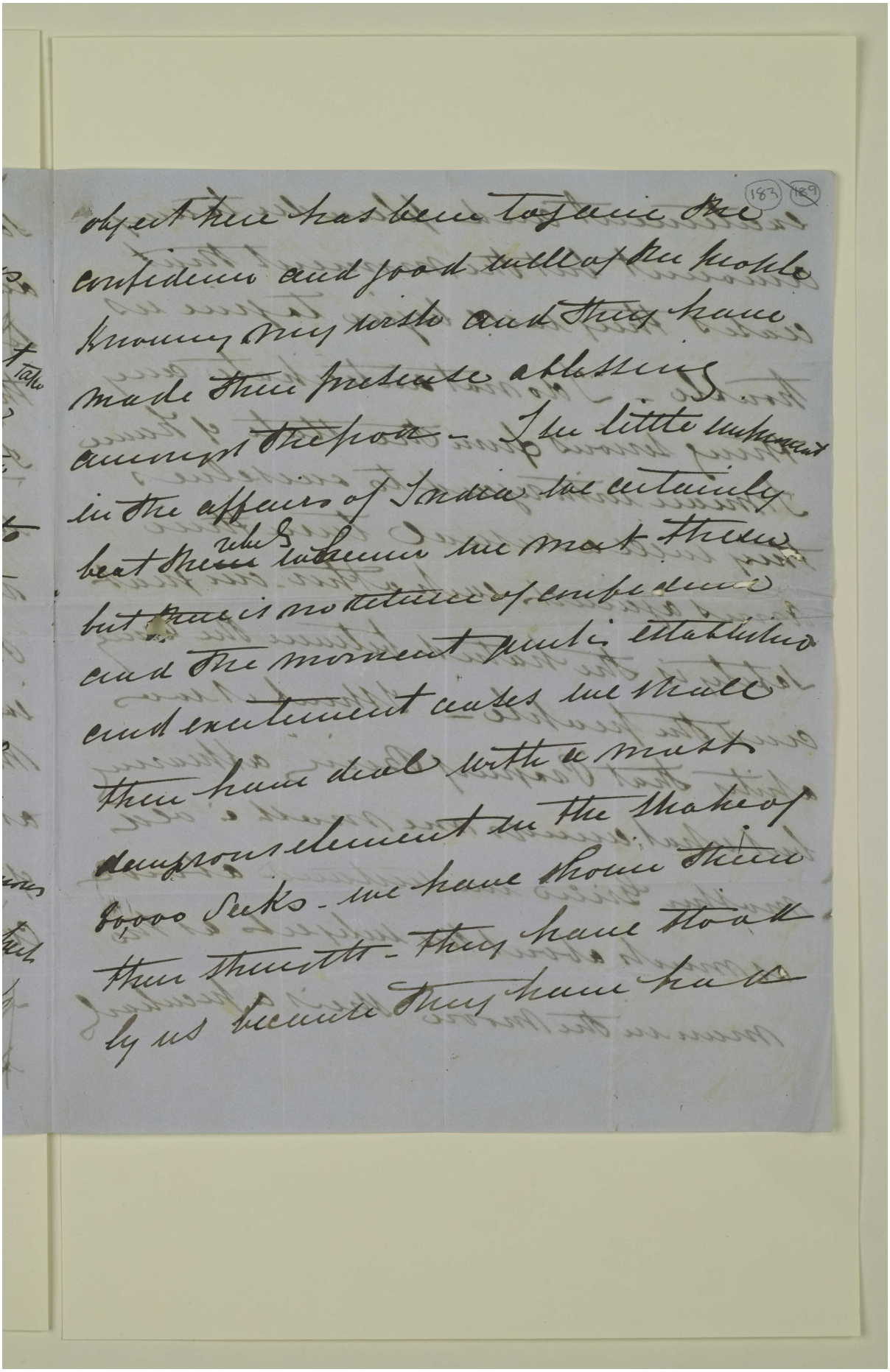

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object here has been to gain the
confidence and good will of the people
knowing my wish and they have
made their presence a blessing
amongst the poor - I see little improvement
in the affairs of India we certainly
beat the rebels whenever we meet them
but there is no return of confidence
and the moment quiet is established
and excitement ceases we shall
then have deal with a most
dangerous element in the shape of
80,000 Seeks - we have shown them
their strength - they have stood
by us because they have had

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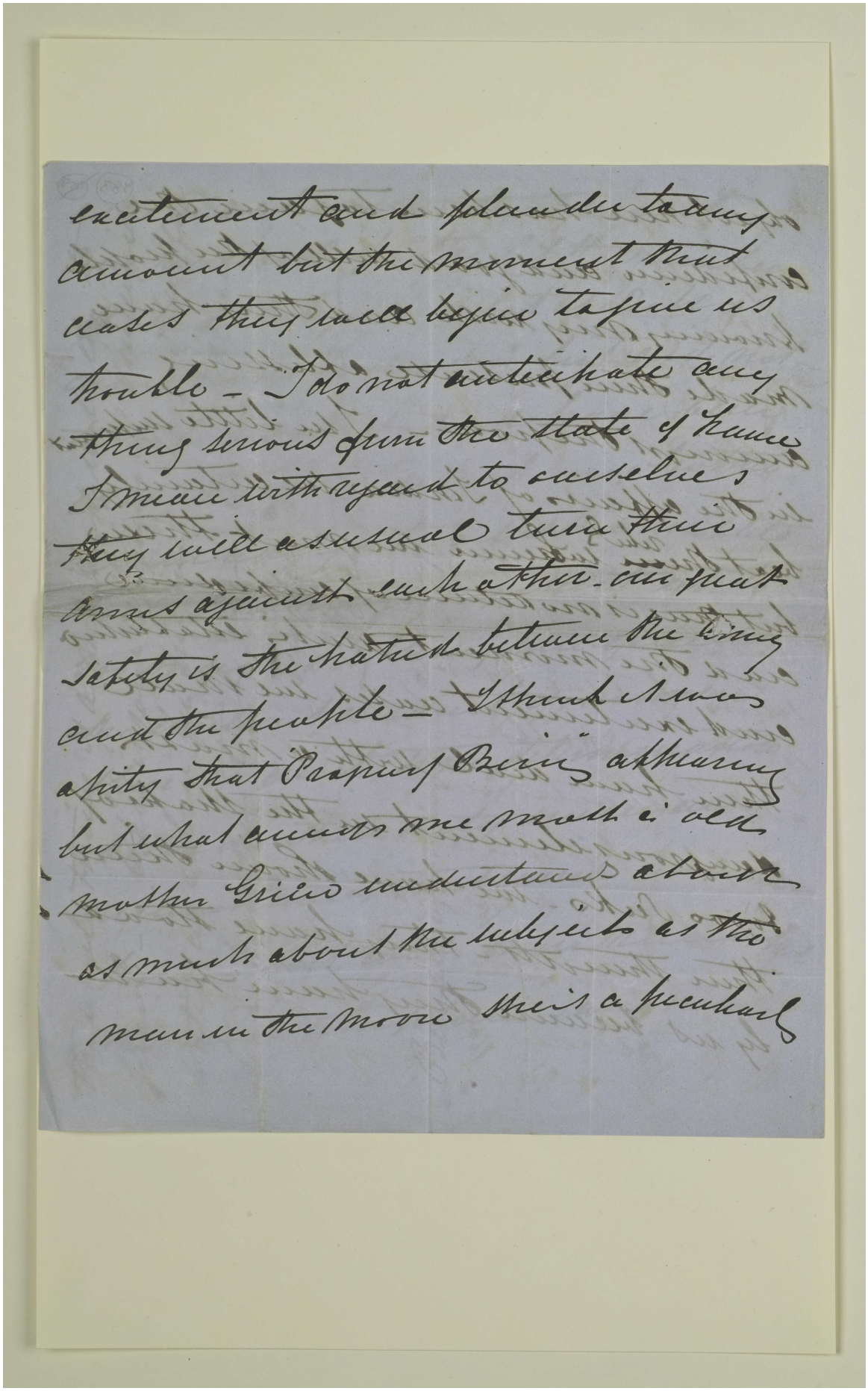

excitement and plunder to any
amount but the moment that
ceases they will begin to give us
trouble – I do not anticipate any
thing serious from the state of Lawn
I mean with regard to ourselves
they will as usual turn their
arms against each other – our great
safety is the hatred between the King
and the people – I think it was
a pity that Prosper Bering appearing
but what annoys me most is old
mother Grieve understands about
as much about the subject as the
man in the moon she's a peculiar

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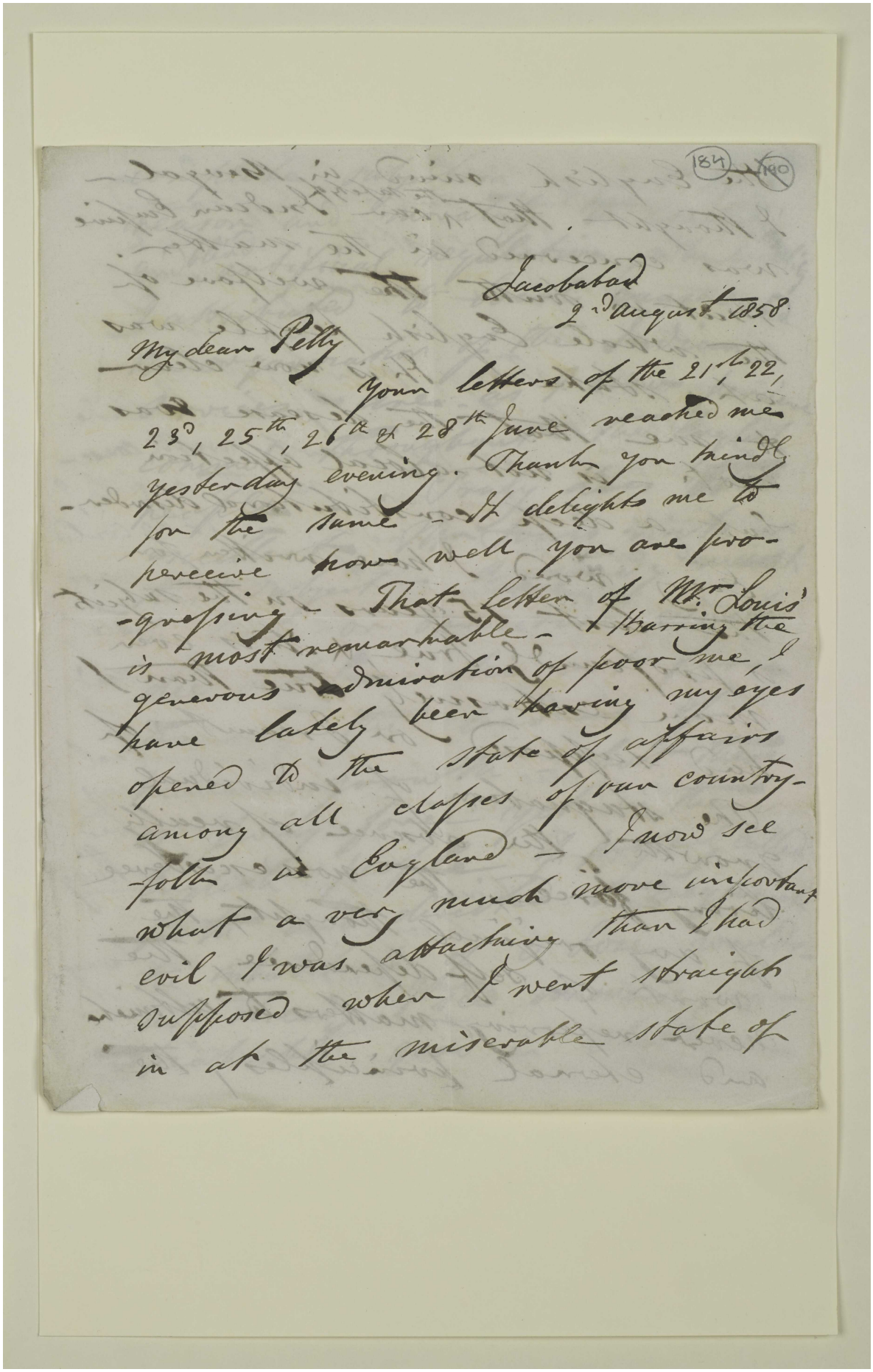

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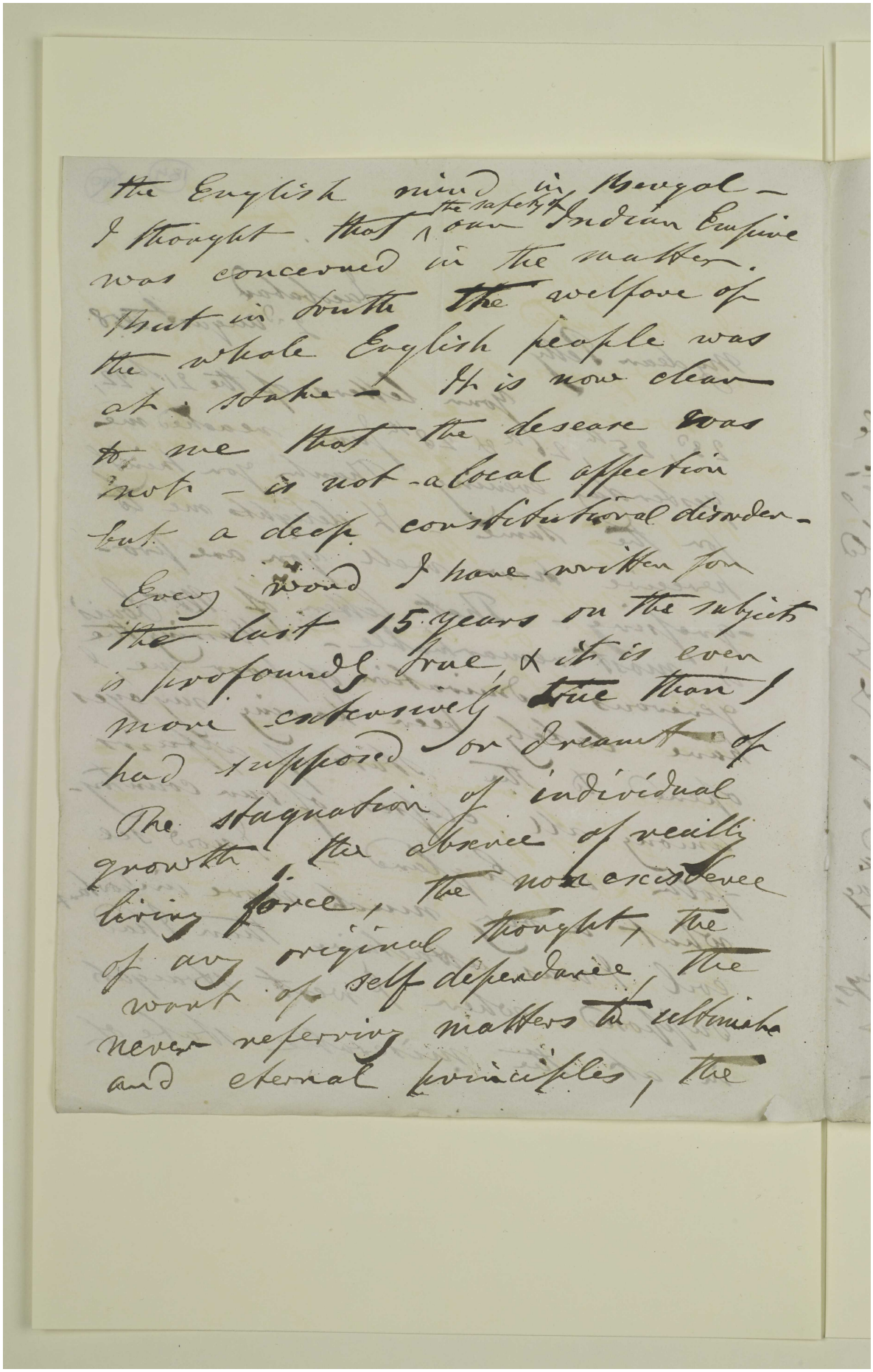
Jacobabad
2nd August 1858

My dear Pelly

Your letters of the 21st, 22, 23d, 25th, 26th & 28th June reached me yesterday evening. Thanks you kindly for the same — It delights me to perceive how well you are progressing — That letter of Mr. Louis' is most remarkable — Barring the generous admiration of poor me, I have lately been having my eyes opened to the state of affairs among all classes of our countrymen in England — I now see what a very much more important evil I was attacking than I had supposed when I went straight in at the miserable state of



the English mind in Bengal —
I thought that the safety of our Indian Empire
was concerned in the matter.
But in truth the welfare of
the whole English people was
at stake — It is now clear
to me that the desease was
not — is not a local affection
but a deep constitutional disorder —
Every word I have written for
the last 15 years on the subjects
is profoundly true, & it is even
more extensively true than I
had supposed or dreamt of
The stagnation of individual
growth, the absence of really
living force, the non existence
of any original thought, the
want of self dependance, the
never referring matters to ultimate
and eternal principles, the

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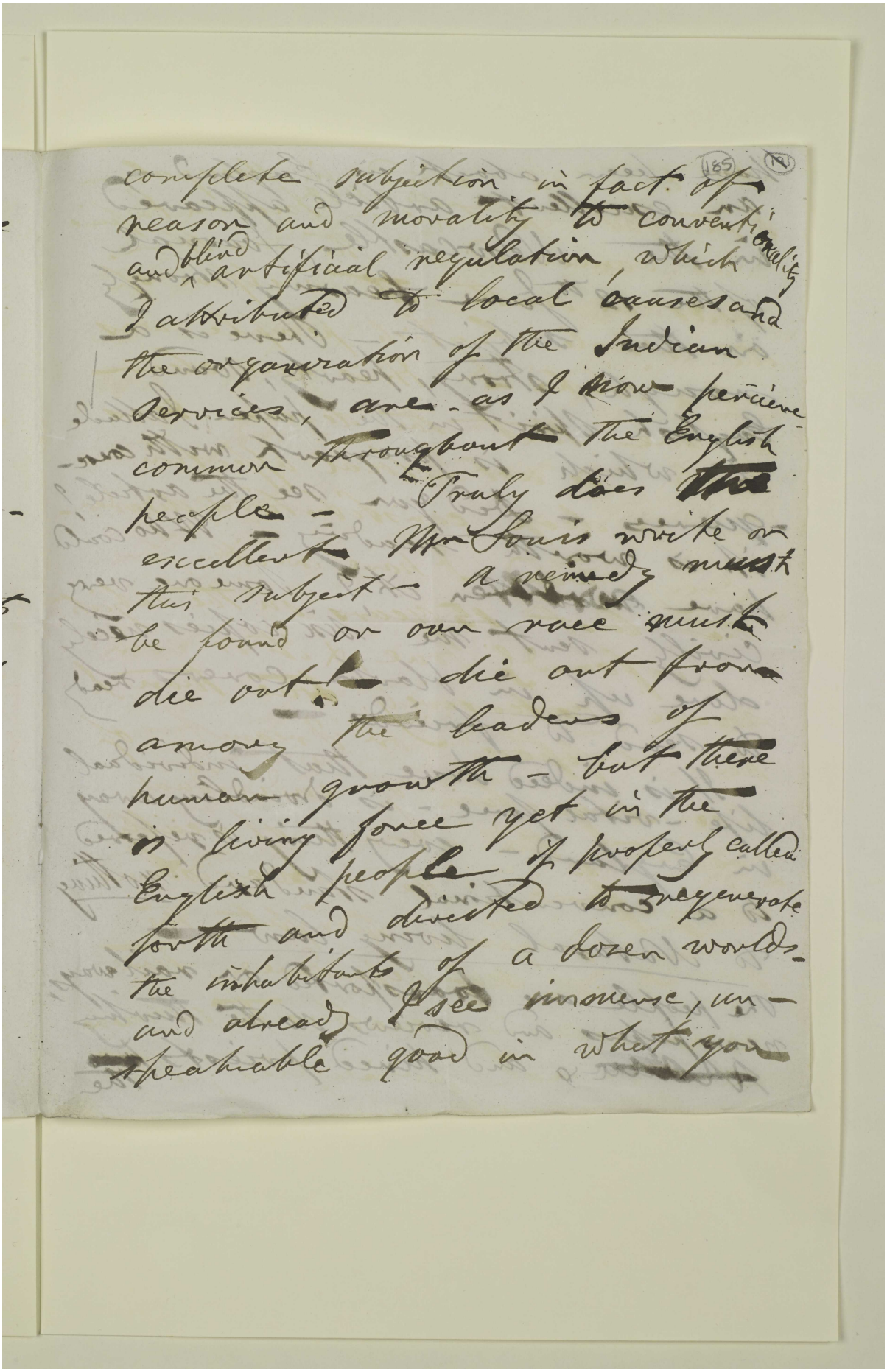
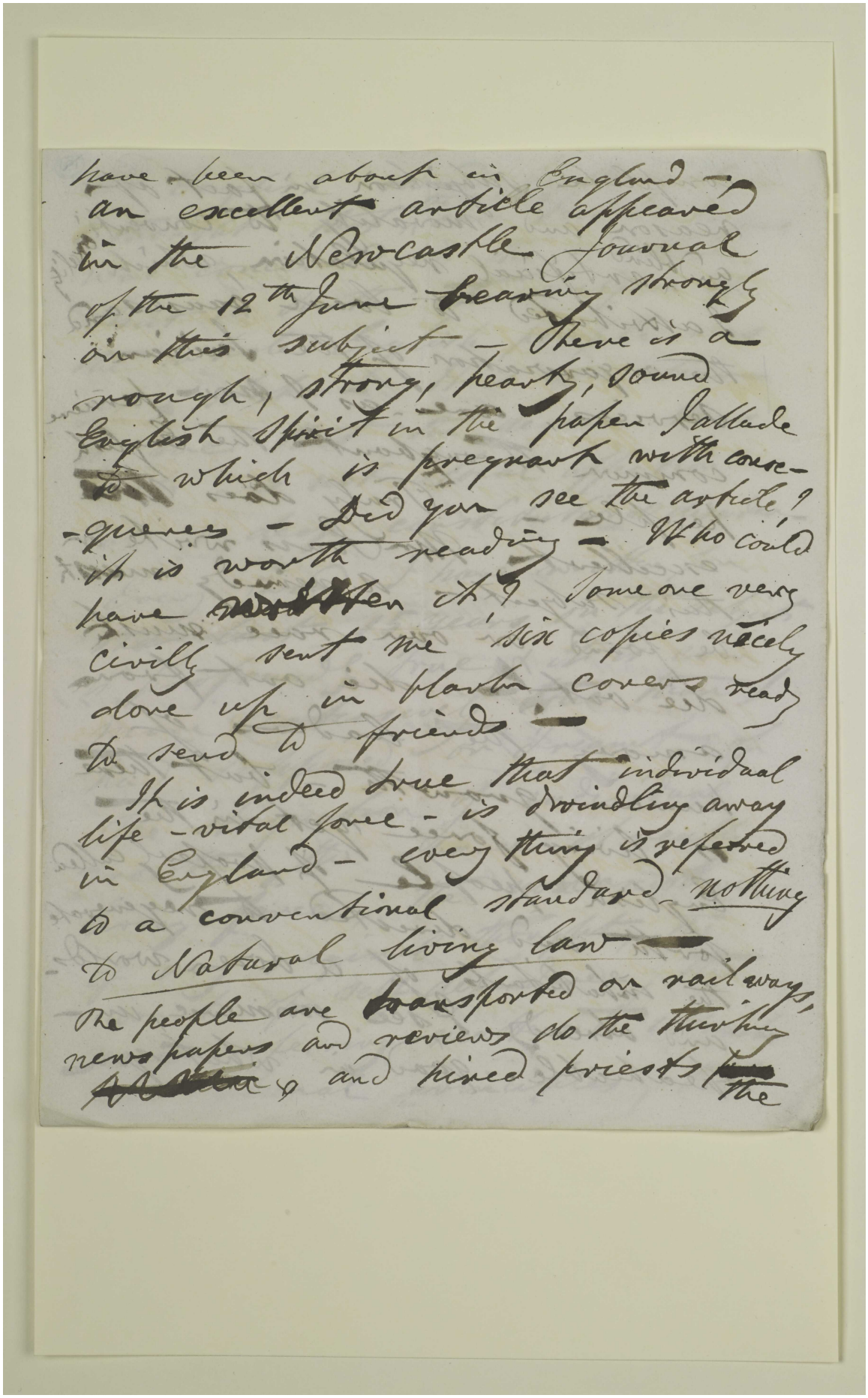
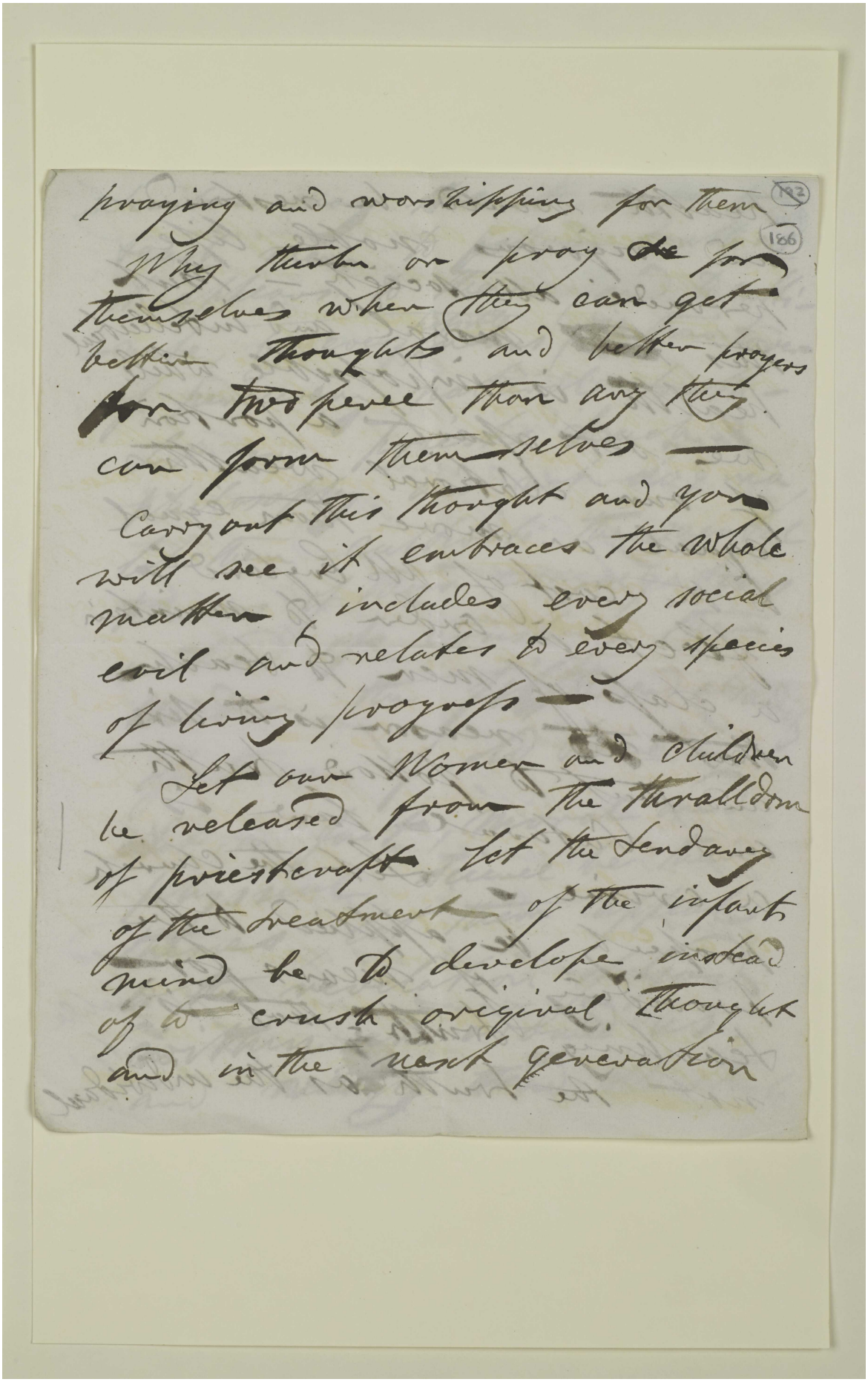


complete subjection in fact of reason and morality to conventionality and blind artificial regulation which I attributed to local causes and the organization of the Indian services, are as I now perceive common throughout the English people — Truly does the excellent Mr Louis write on this subject — a remedy must be found or our race must die out — die out from among the leaders of human growth — but there is living force yet in the English people if properly called forth and directed to regenerate the inhabitants of a dozen worlds — and already I see immense, unspeakable good in what you



have been about in England — an excellent article appeared in the Newcastle Journal of the 12th June treating strongly on this subject — There is a rough, strong, hearty, sound English spirit in the paper I allude to which is pregnant with common-sense — Did you see the article? It is worth reading — Who could have written it? Some one very civilly sent me six copies neatly done up in plain covers ready to send to friends —

It is indeed true that individual life — vital force — is dwindling away in England — every thing is referred to a conventional standard — nothing to Natural living law — The people are transported on railways, newspapers and reviews do the thinking and hired priests the

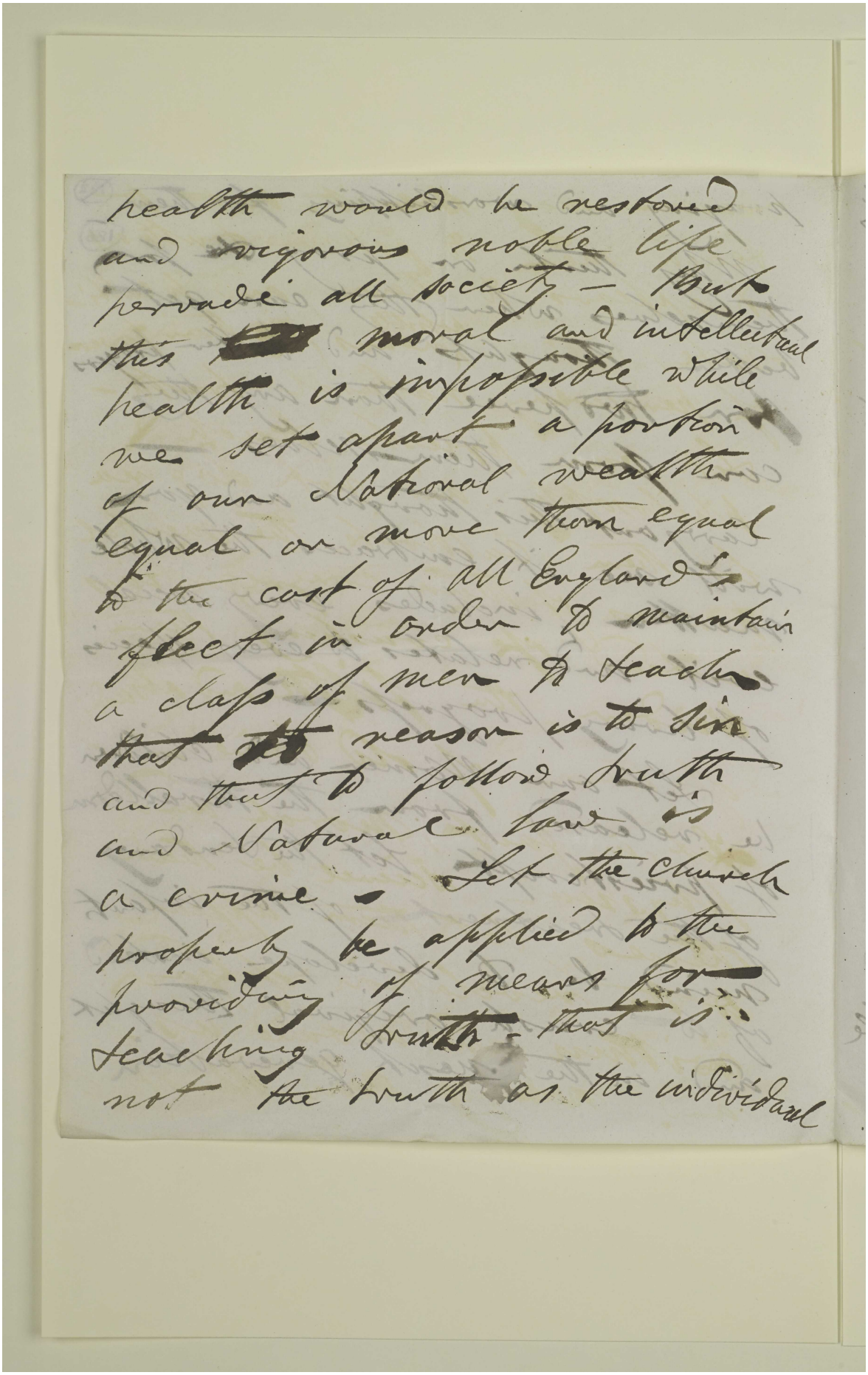


praying and worshipping for them

Why thirdly or pray for themselves when they can get better thoughts and better prayers for two pence than any they can form themselves —

Carry out this thought and you will see it embraces the whole matter includes every social evil and relates to every species of living progress —

Let our Women and children be released from the thralldom of priestcraft let the tendency of the treatment of the infant mind be to develope instead of to crush original thought and in the next generation



health would be restored and vigorous noble life pervade all society — But this moral and intellectual health is impossible while we set apart a portion of our National wealth equal or more than equal to the cost of all England's fleet in order to maintain a class of men to teach that reason is to sin and that to follow truth and Natural law is a crime — Let the Church properly be applied to the providing of means for teaching truth — that is not the truth as the individual

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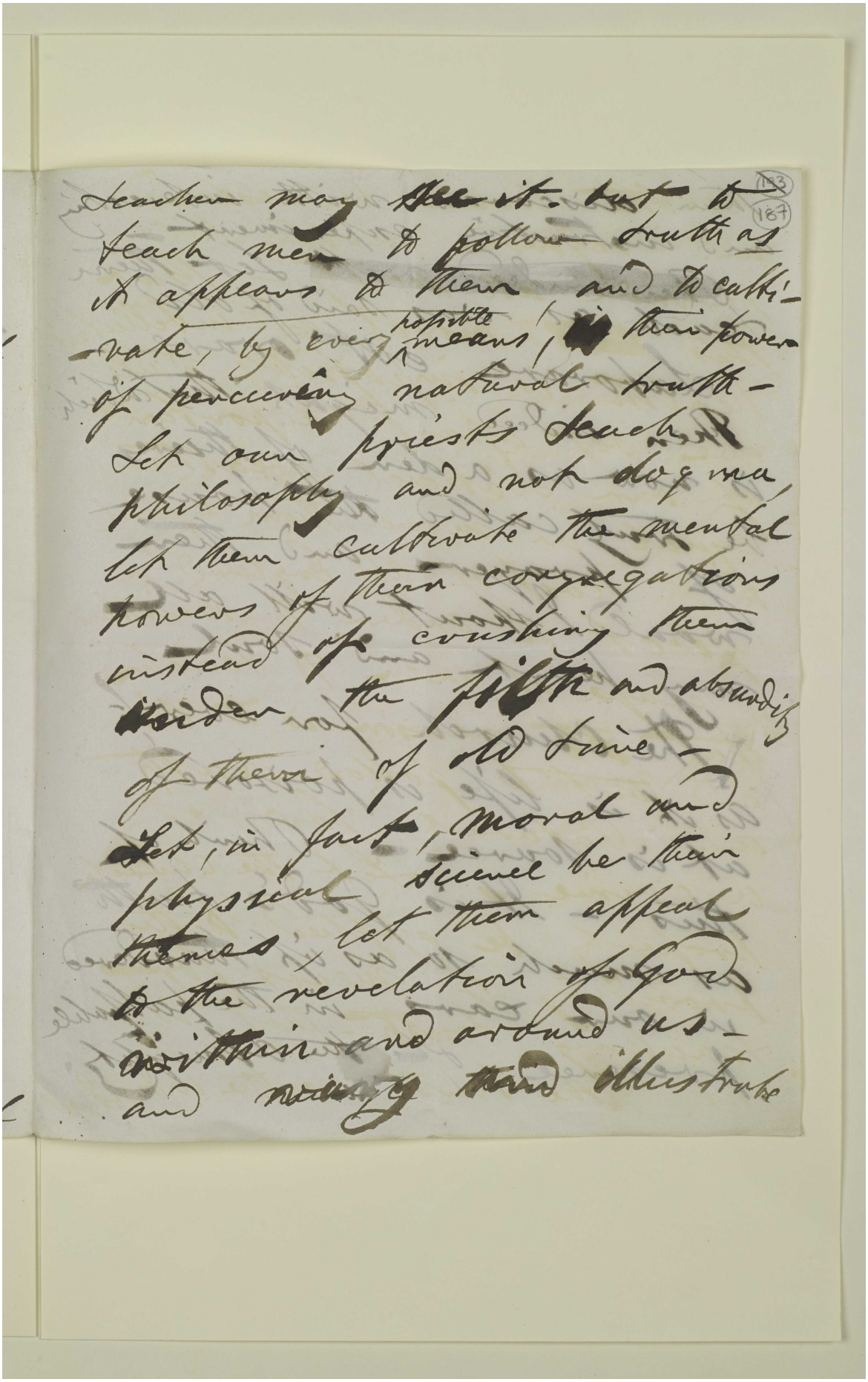
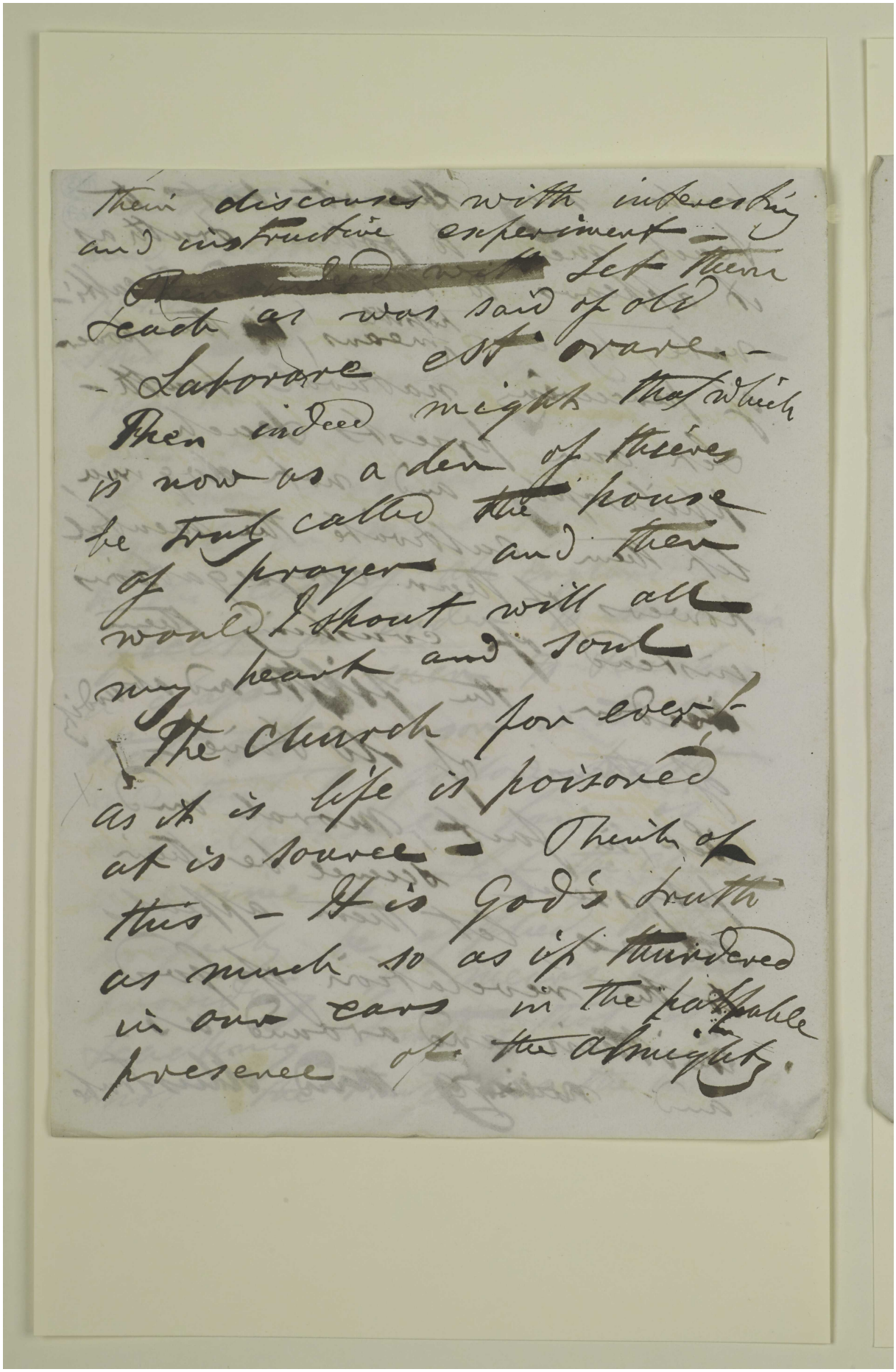


teachers may see it. but to
teach men to follow truth as
it appears to them and to cultiv-
vate, by every possible means, their powers
of perceiving natural truth -
Let our priests teach
philosophy and not dogma,
let them cultivate the mental
powers of their congregations
instead of crushing them
under the filth and absurdity
of their old lore -
Let, in fact, moral and
physical science be their
themes, let them appeal
to the revelation of God
within and around us -
and nothing but illustrate



their discourses with interesting
and instructive experiment —
~~[illegible]~~ Let them
teach as was said of old
— Laborare est orare —
Then indeed might that which
is now as a den of thieves
be truly called the house
of prayer and then
would I shout will all
my heart and soul
The church for ever!
as it is life is poisoned
at is source — Think of
this — It is God's truth
as much so as if thundered
in our ears in the palpable
presence of the almighty.

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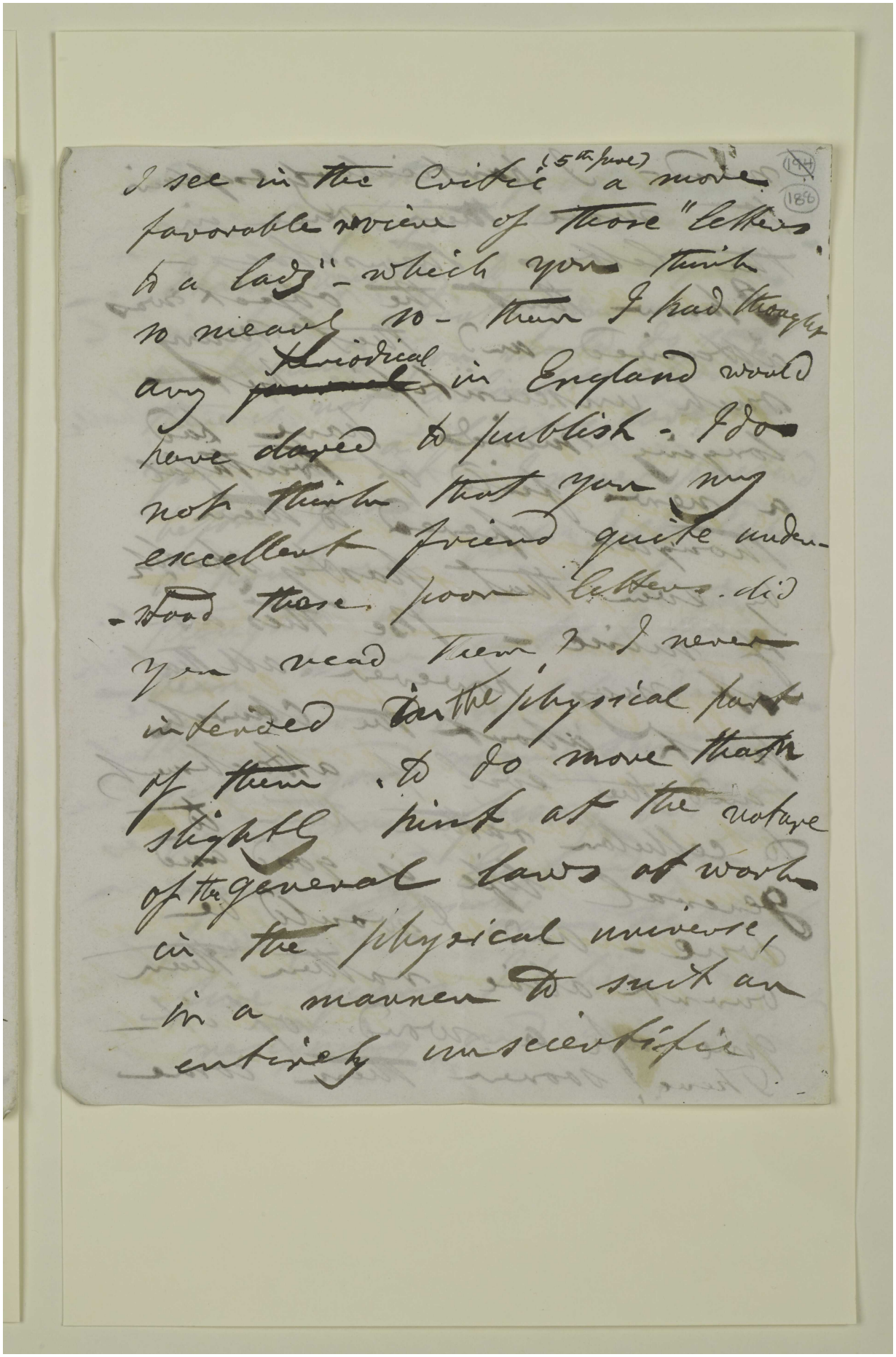
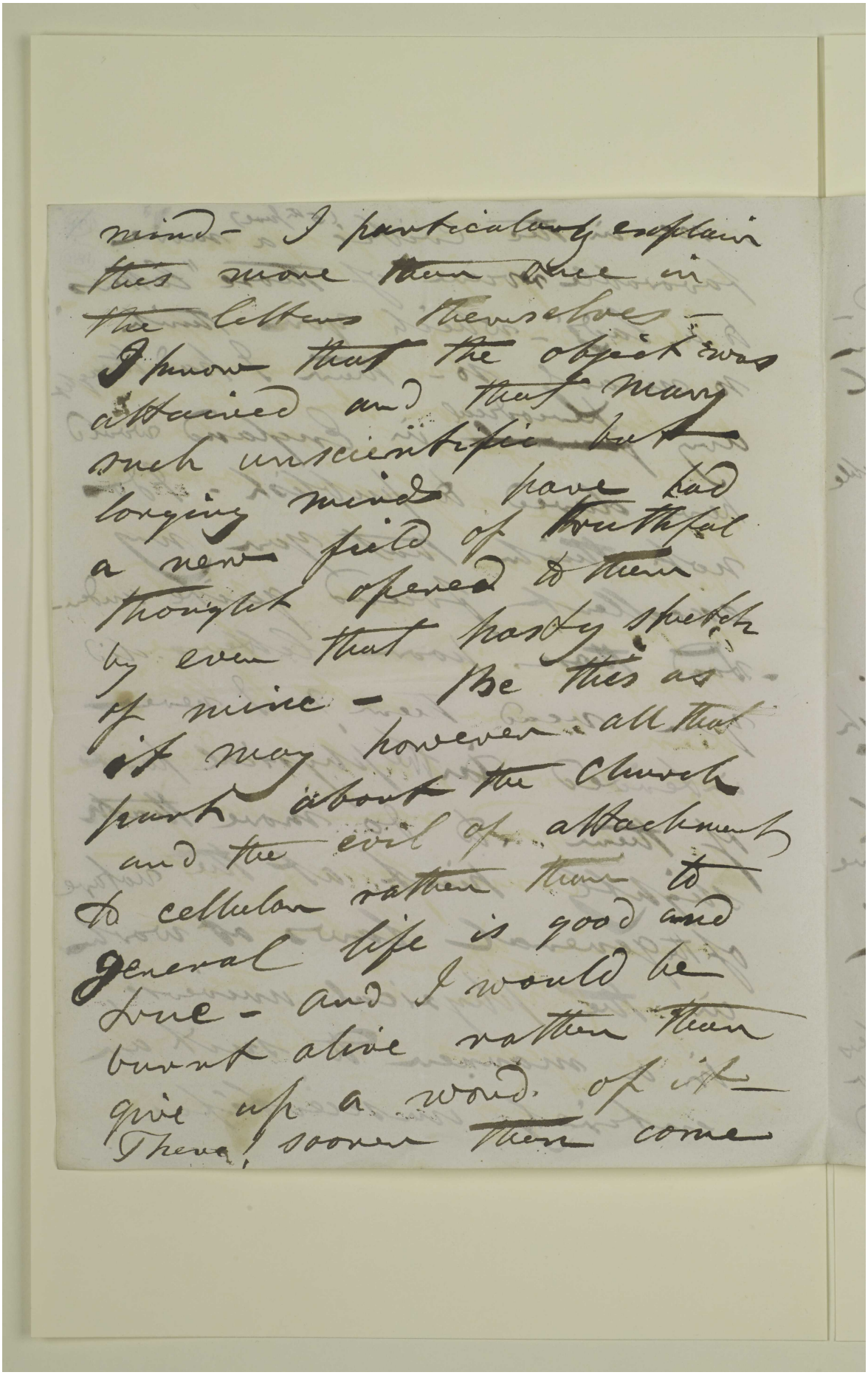


I see in the Critic (5th June) a more favorable notice of those "Letters to a Lady" - which you think so meant so - then I had thought any Theological in England would have dared to publish - I do not think that your my excellent friend quite understood those poor letters. did you read them? & I never intended in the physical part of them. to do more than slightly hint at the nature of the general laws at work in the physical universe, in a manner to such an entirely unscientific



mind - I particularly explain
this more than once in
the letters themselves -
I know that the object was
attained and that many
such unscientific but
longing minds have had
a new field of truthful
thought opened to them
by even that hasty sketch
of mine - Be this as
it may however all that
part about the Church
and the evil of attachment
to cellular rather than to
general life is good and
true - and I would be
burnt alive rather than
give up a word of it -
There! sooner then come

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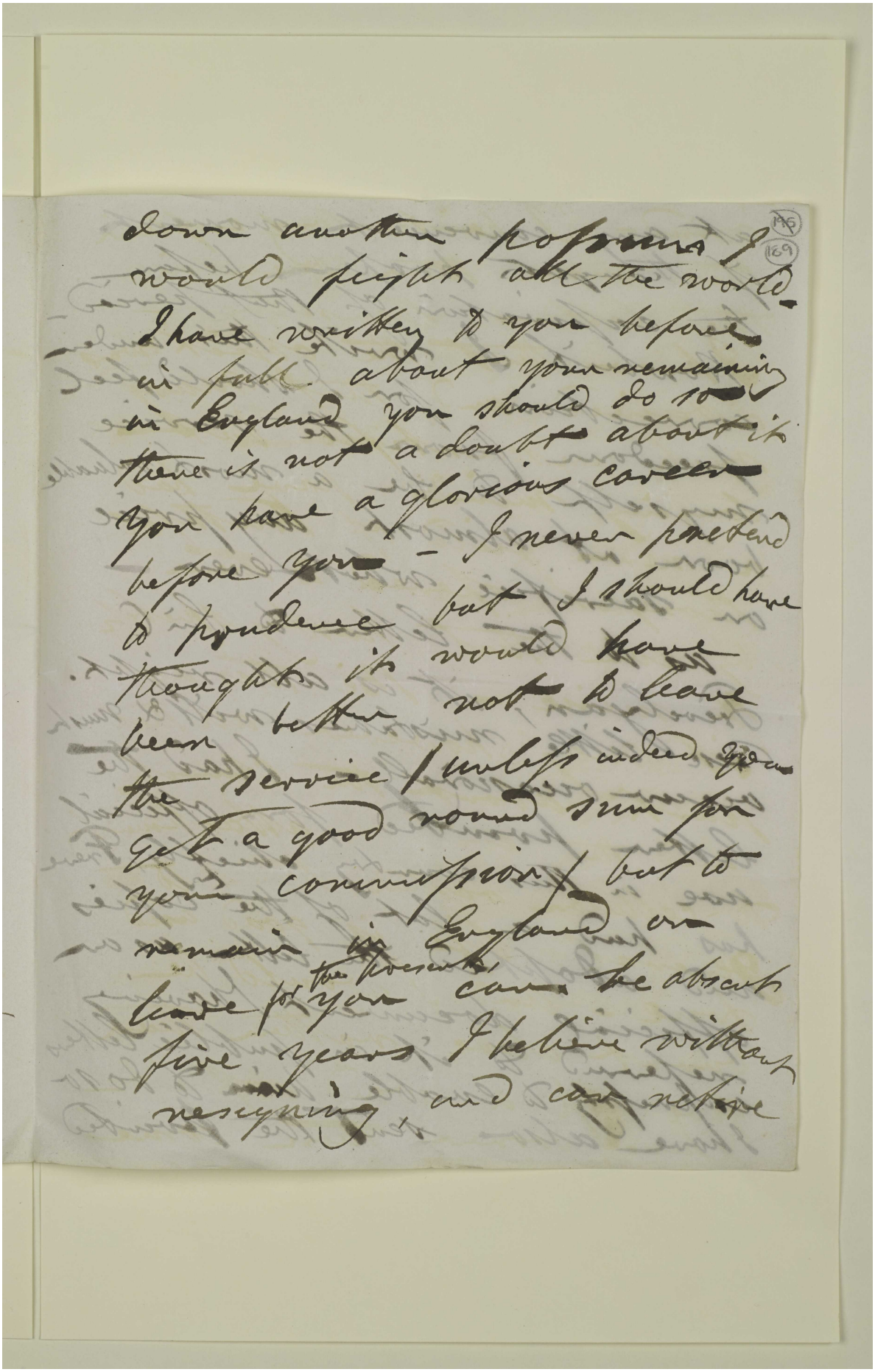

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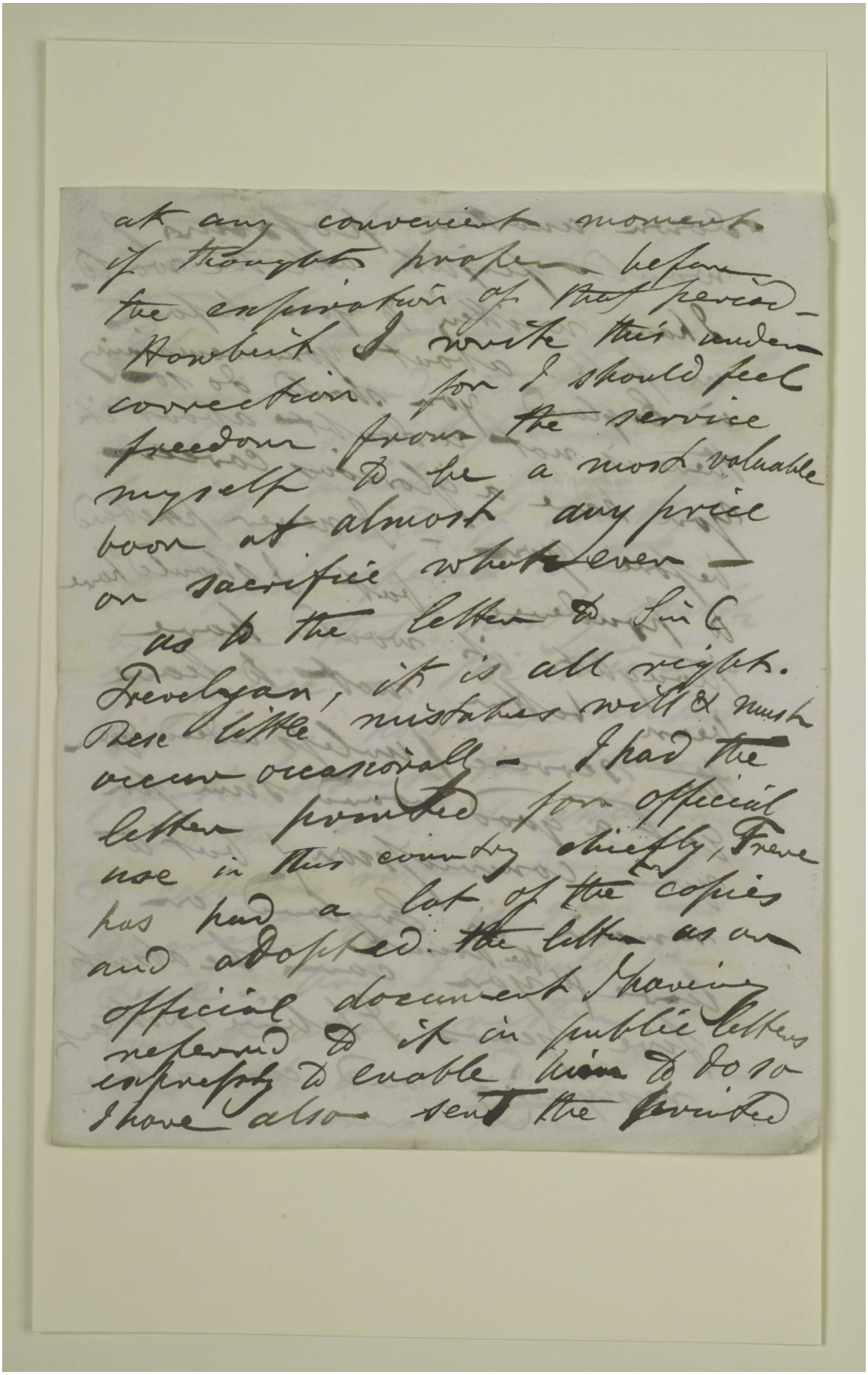
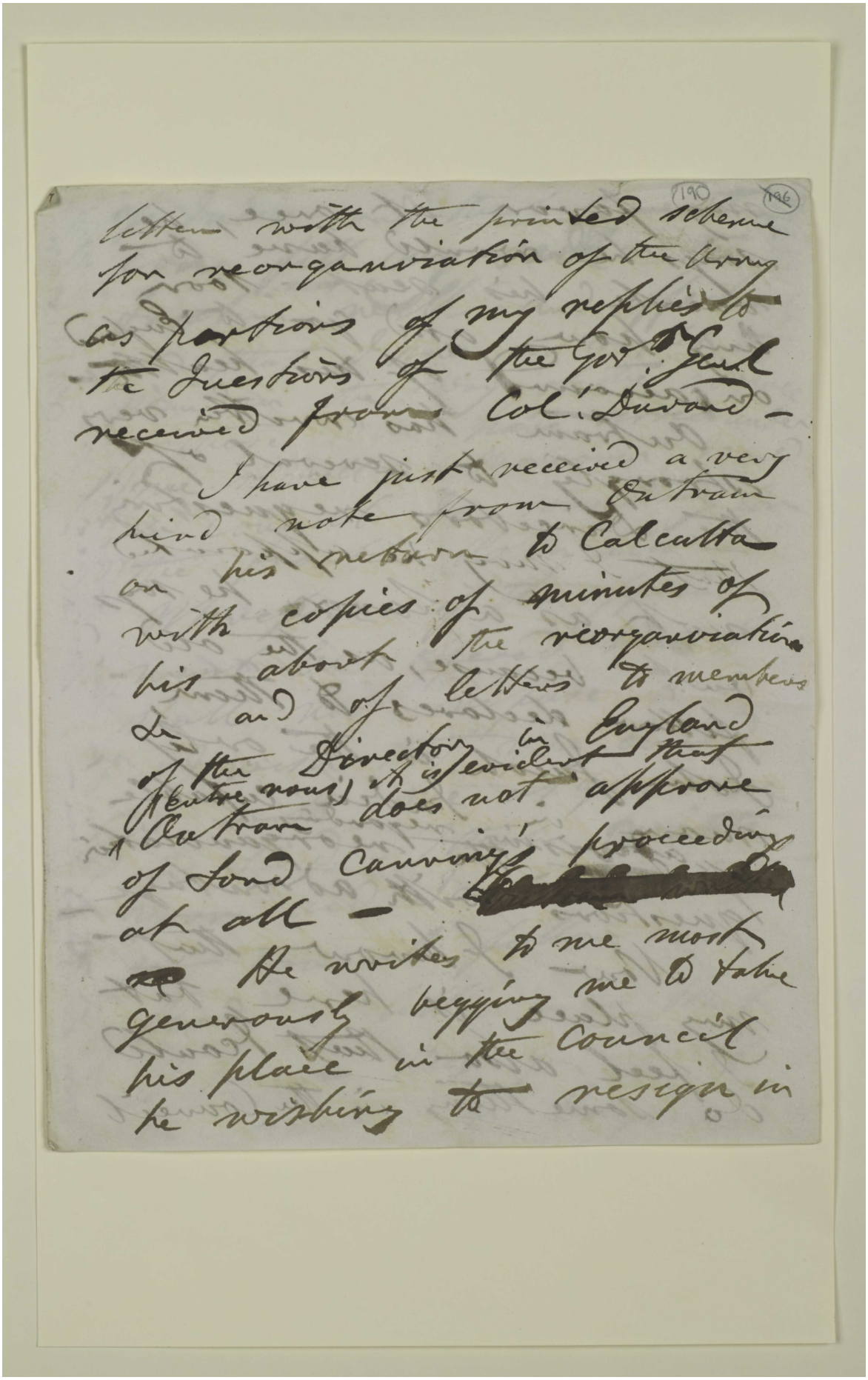
down another possum I
would fight all the world.
I have written to you before
in full about your remaining
in England you should do so
there is not a doubt about it
you have a glorious career
before you — I never pretend
to prudence but I should have
thought it would have
been better not to leave
the service (unless indeed you
get a good round sum for
your commission) but to
remain in England on
leave for the present, you can be absent
five years I believe without
resigning, and can retire



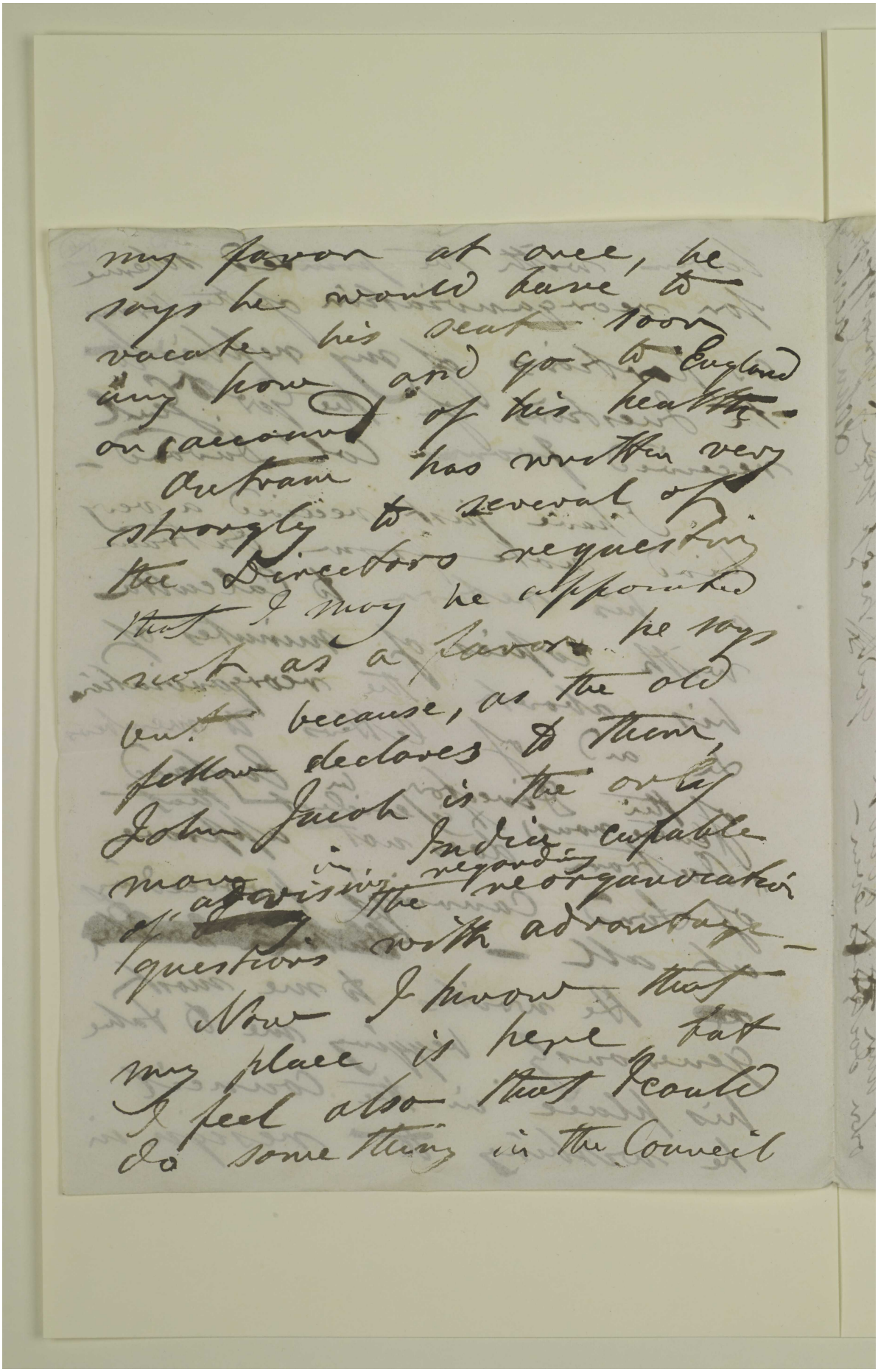
at any convenient moment.
I thought proper before
the expiration of that period -
Nowbeit I write this under
correction for I should feel
freedom from the service
myself to be a most valuable
boon at almost any price
or sacrifice whatever -
as to the letter to Sir G.
Trevelyan, it is all right.
Rare little mistakes will & must
occur occasionally - I had the
letter printed for official
use in this country chiefly, Frere
has had a lot of the copies
and adopted the letter as an
official document. Having
referred to it in public letters
expressly to enable him to do so
I have also sent the printed



letters with the printed scheme
for reorganization of the Army
as portions of my replies to
the Questions of the Govt. Genl
received from Col. Durand –

I have just received a very
kind note from Outram
on his return to Calcutta
with copies of minutes of
his about the reorganization
&c and of letters to members
of the Directory in England
(Entre nous) it is evident that
Outram does not approve
of Lord Canning's proceedings
at all –

He writes to me most
generously begging me to take
his place in the Council
he wishing to resign in



my favor at once, he
says he would have to
vacate his seat soon
any how and go to England
on account of his health.
Outram has written very
strongly to several of
the Directors requesting
that I may be appointed
not as a favor he says
but because, as the old
fellow declares to them,
John Jacob is the only
man in India capable
of advising regarding the reorganization
questions with advantage —
Now I know that
my place is here but
I feel also that I could
do something in the Council

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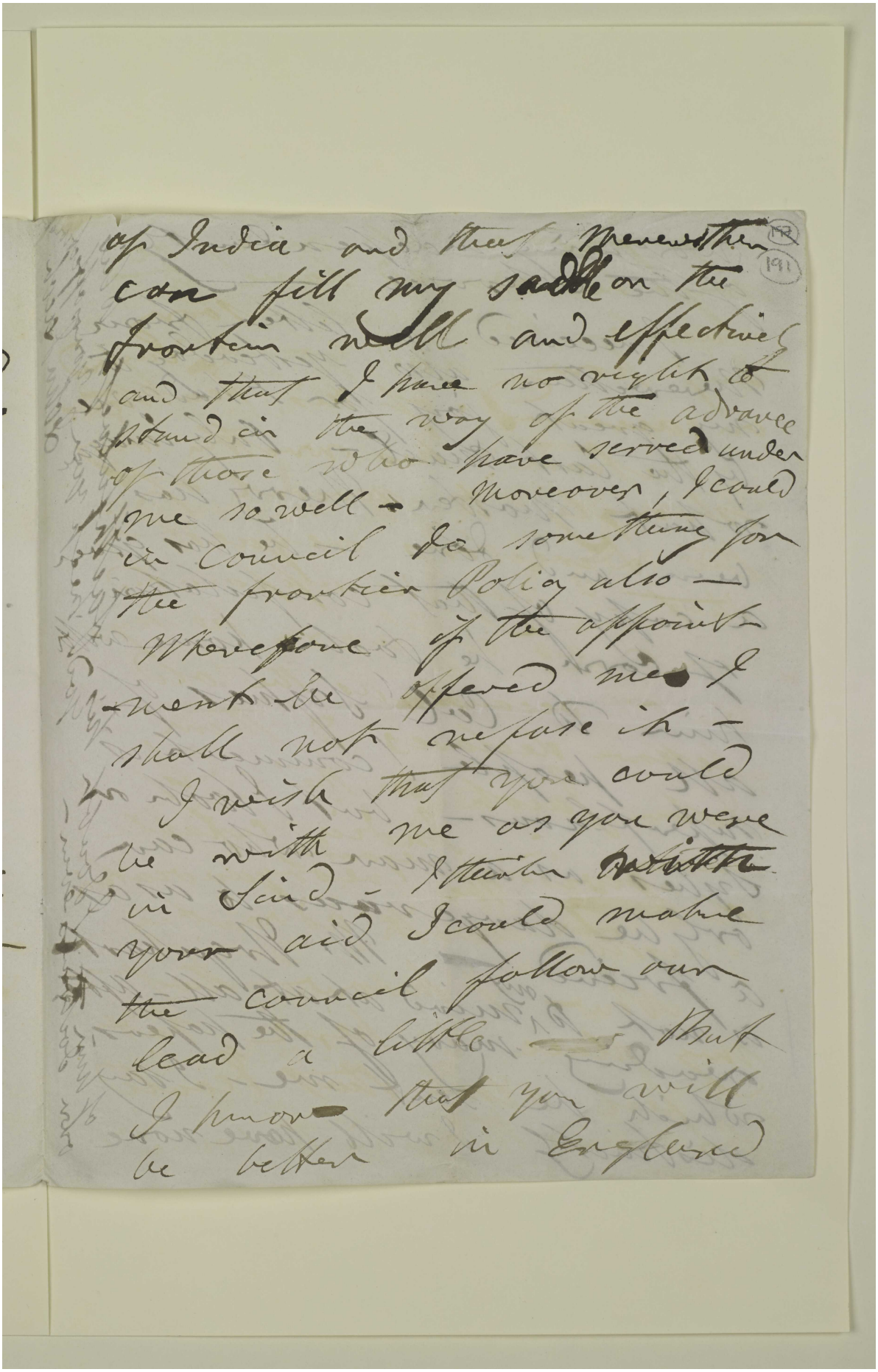
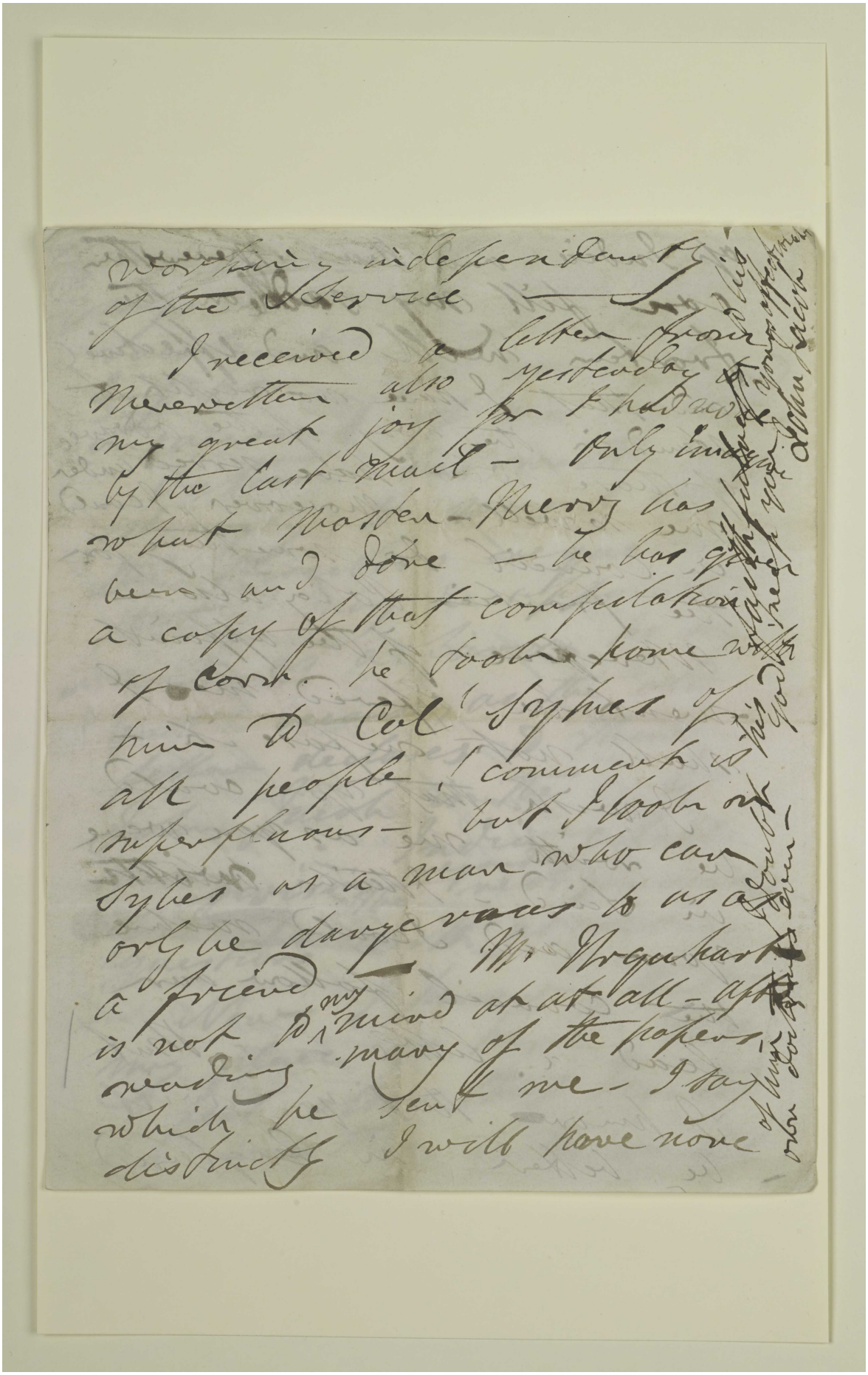


of India and that I never then can fill my saddle on the frontier well and effectively and that I have no right to stand in the way of the advance of those who have served under me so well — Moreover, I could in Council do something for the frontier Policy also — Wherefore if the appointment be offered me I shall not refuse it — I wish that you could be with me as you were in Sind — I think without your aid I could make the Council follow our lead a little — But I know that you will be better in England



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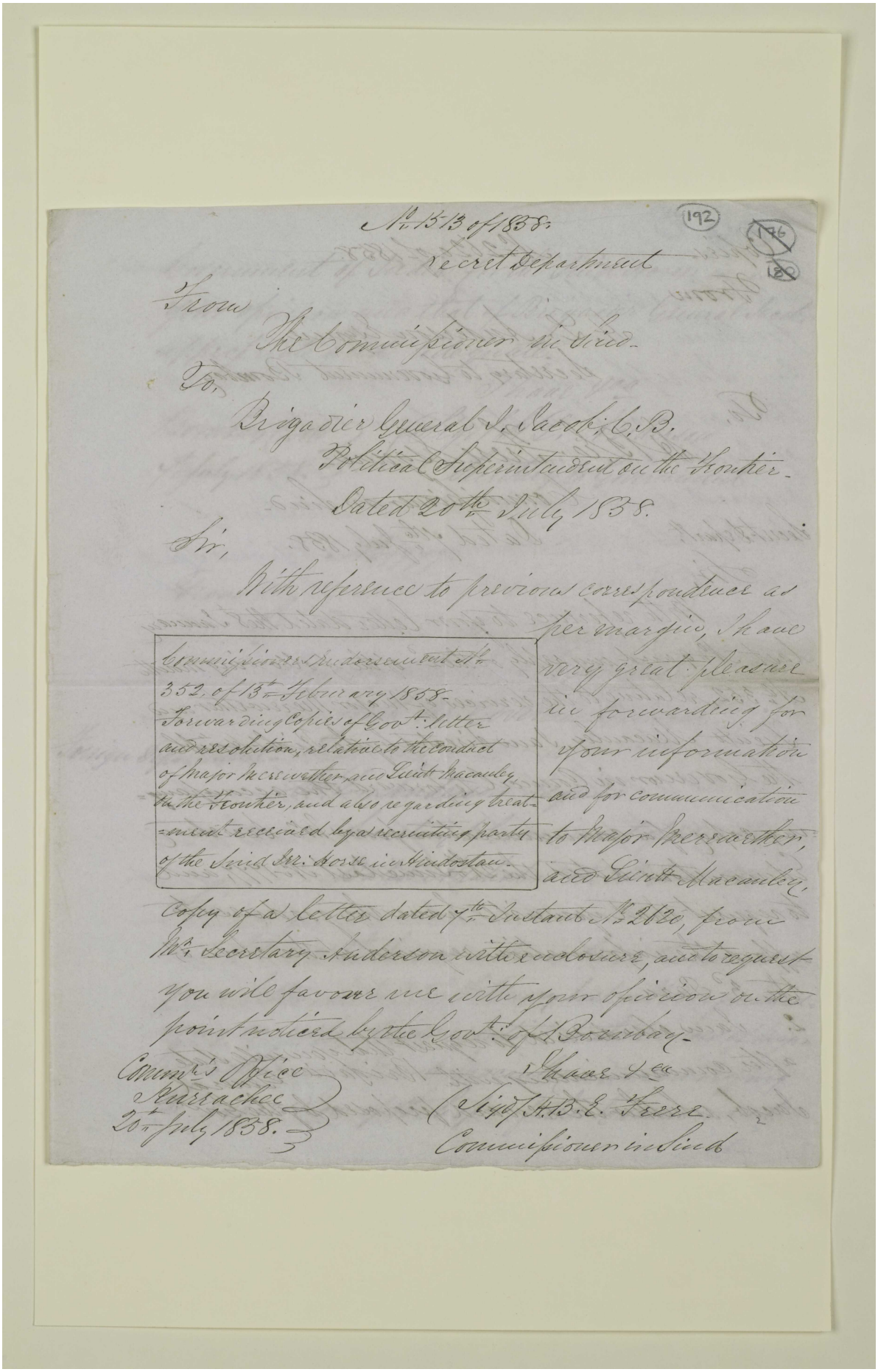

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Secret Department

From

The Commissioner in Sind.

To,

Brigadier General J. Jacob, C.B.

Political Superintendent on the Frontier.

Dated 20th July 1858.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence as per margin, I have very great pleasure in forwarding for your information and for communication to Major Merewether, and Lieut. Macauley, copy of a letter dated 7th Instant No. 2620, from Mr. Secretary Anderson with enclosure, and to request you will favour me with your opinion on the point noticed by the Govt. of Bombay.

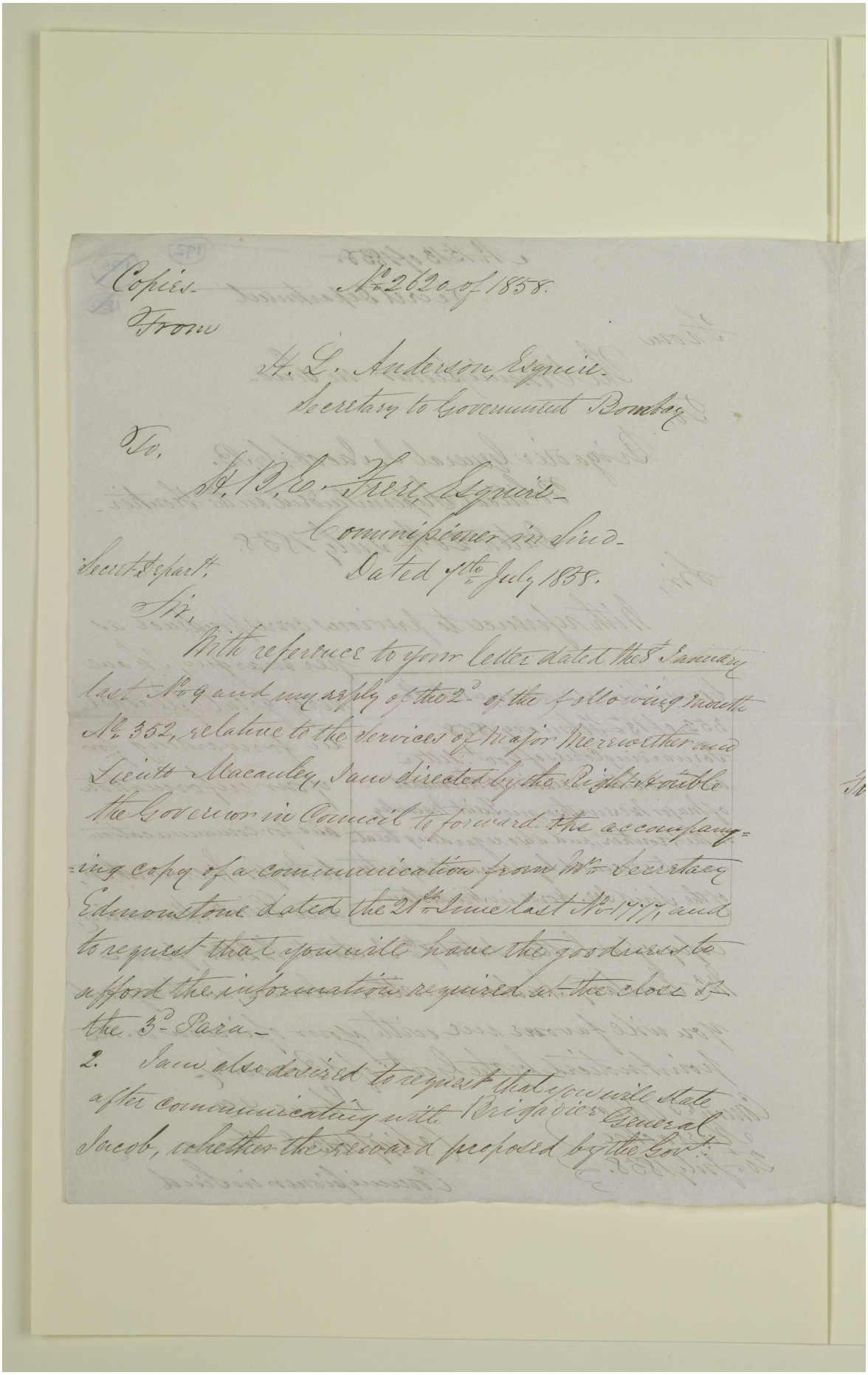
Commissioners Endorsement No. 352, of 13th February 1858. Forwarding Copies of Govt. letter and resolution, relative to the conduct of Major Merewether and Lieut. Macauley, on the Frontier, and also regarding treatment received by a recruiting party of the Sind Irr. Horse in Hindostan.

I have &ca

(Sigd) H.B.E. Frere

Commissioner in Sind

Commr's Office
Kurrachee
20th July 1858.



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From

H. L. Anderson, Esquire.
Secretary to Government Bombay

To,

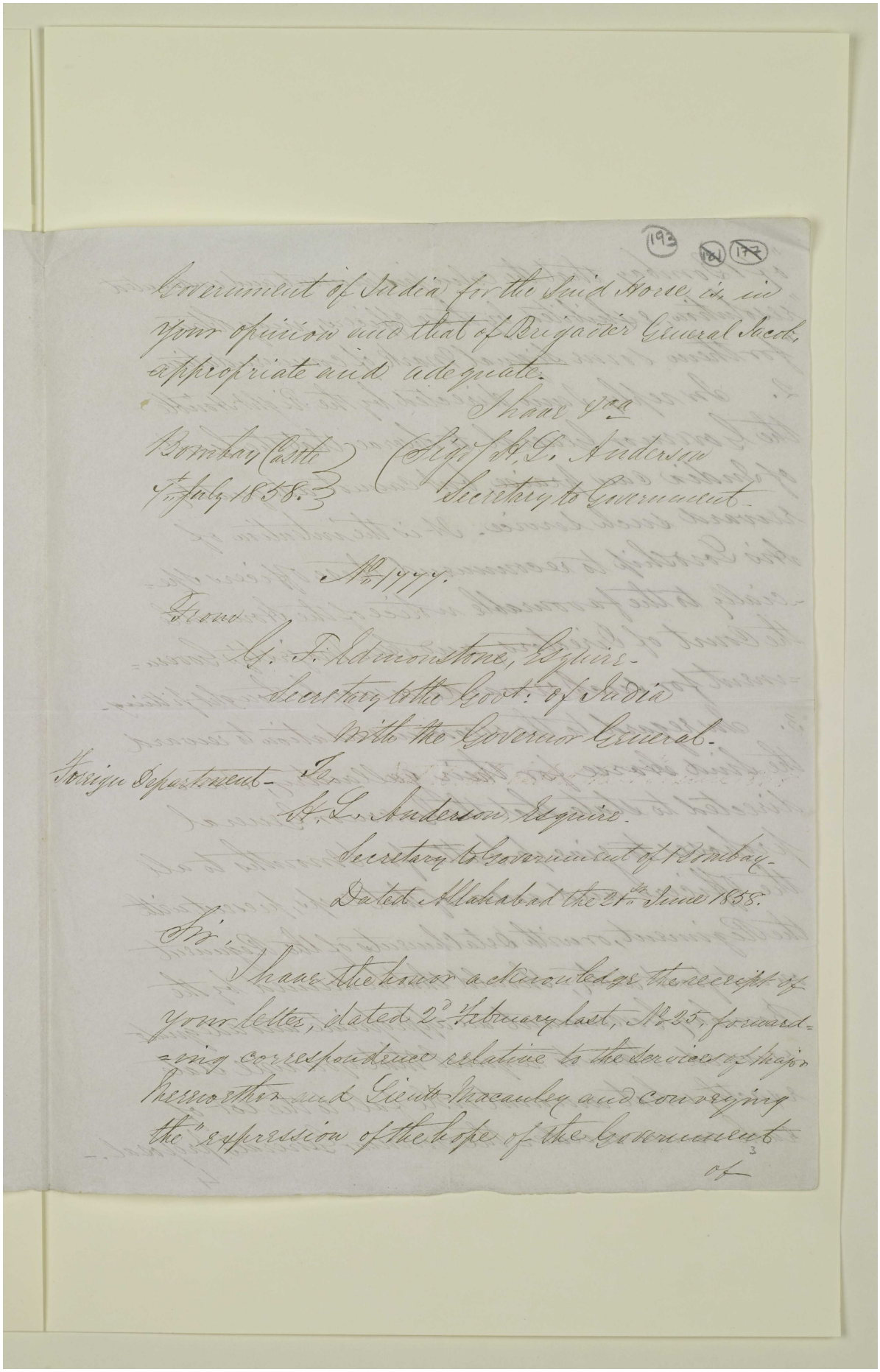
H. B. E. Frere, Esquire.
Commissioner in Sind.

Secret. Depart.t Dated 7th July 1858.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 8th January last No. 9 and my reply of the 2d of the following month No. 352, relative to the services of Major Merewether and Lieut. Macauley, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to forward the accompanying copy of a communication from Mr. Secretary Edmonstone dated the 21st June last No. 1777, and to request that you will have the goodness to afford the information required at the close of the 3d Para.

2. I am also desired to request that you will state after communicating with Brigadier General Jacob, whether the reward proposed by the Govt.



Government of India for the said Horse is, in
your opinion and that of Brigadier General Jacob,
appropriate and adequate.

I have &c.
(Sigd) H. L. Anderson
Secretary to Government.

Bombay Castle
4th July 1858.

No 1777.

From

G. F. Edmonstone, Esquire.
Secretary to the Govt. of India
with the Governor General.

Foreign Department.

To

H. L. Anderson, Esquire.
Secretary to Government of Bombay.
Dated Allahabad the 21st June 1858.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter, dated 2nd February last, No 25, forward-
-ing correspondence relative to the services of Major
Heriot and Lieut. Macauley and conveying
the expression of the hope of the Government
of

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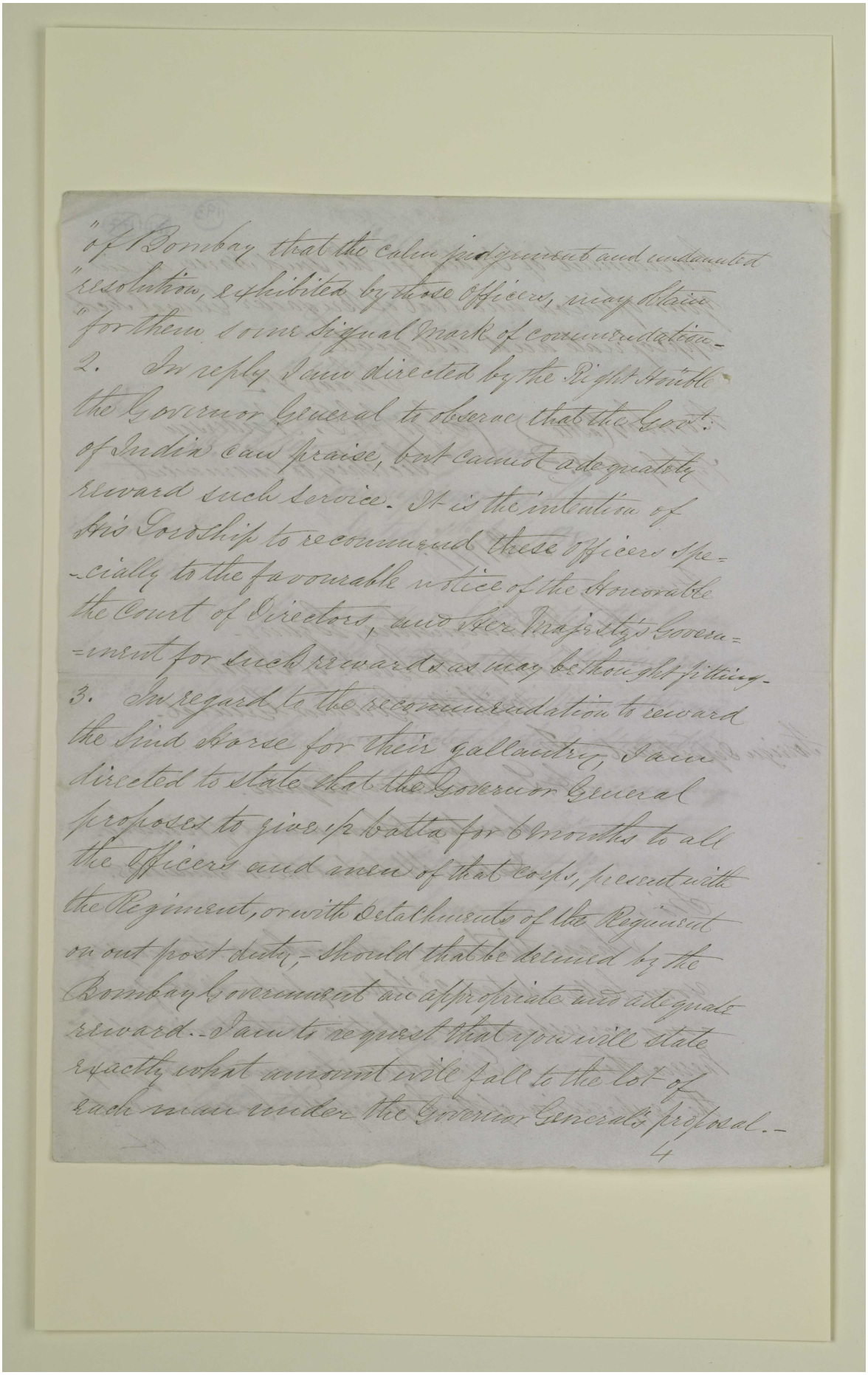

"of Bombay that the calm judgment and undaunted
"resolution, exhibited by those officers, may obtain
"for them some Signal Mark of commendation."
2. In reply I am directed by the Right Honble
the Governor General to observe that the Govt.
of India can praise, but cannot adequately
reward such service. It is the intention of
His Lordship to recommend these officers Spe-
-cially to the favourable notice of the Honorable
the Court of Directors, and Her Majesty's Govern-
-ment for such Rewards as may be thought fitting.
3. In regard to the recommendation to reward
the kind Bearer for their gallantry, I am
directed to state that the Governor General
proposes to give Batta for 6 months to all
the Officers and men of that corps, present with
the Regiment, or with detachments of the Regiment
on out post duty, - should that be deemed by the
Bombay Government an appropriate and adequate
reward. - I am to request that you will state
exactly what amount will fall to the lot of
each man under the Governor General's proposal. -
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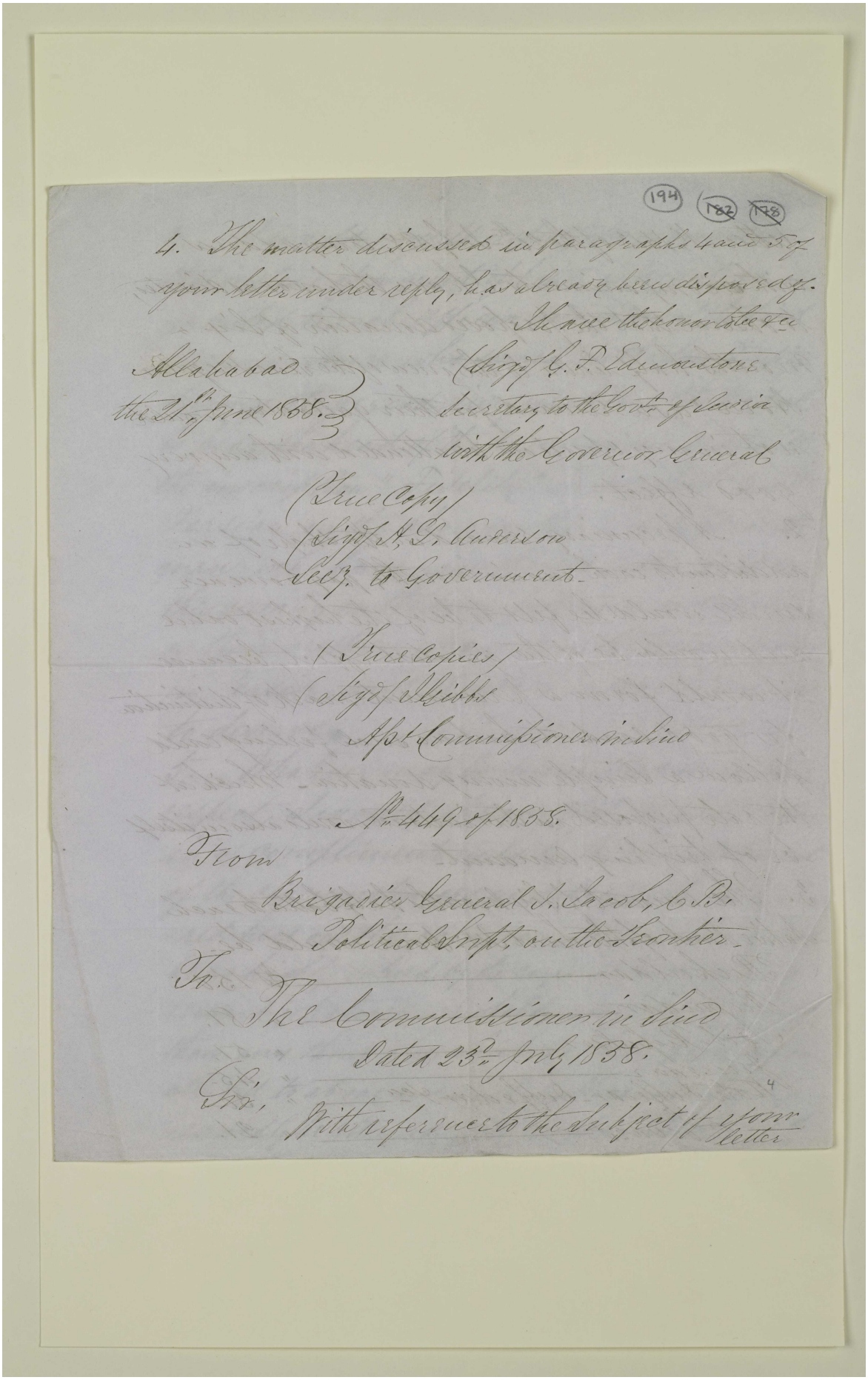

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4. The matter discussed in paragraphs 4 and 5 of your letter under reply, has already been disposed of. I have the honor to be &c

Allahabad
the 21st June 1838.

(Sign'd) G. T. Edmonstone
Secretary to the Govt of India
with the Governor General

True Copy
(Sign'd) H. L. Anderson
Sec'y to Government.

True Copies
(Sign'd) Wibbe
Asst Commissioner in Sind

No 449 of 1838.

From

Brigadier General J. Jacob, C.B.
Political Agent on the Frontier.

To

The Commissioner in Sind
Dated 23rd July 1838.

Sir,

With reference to the subject of your letter

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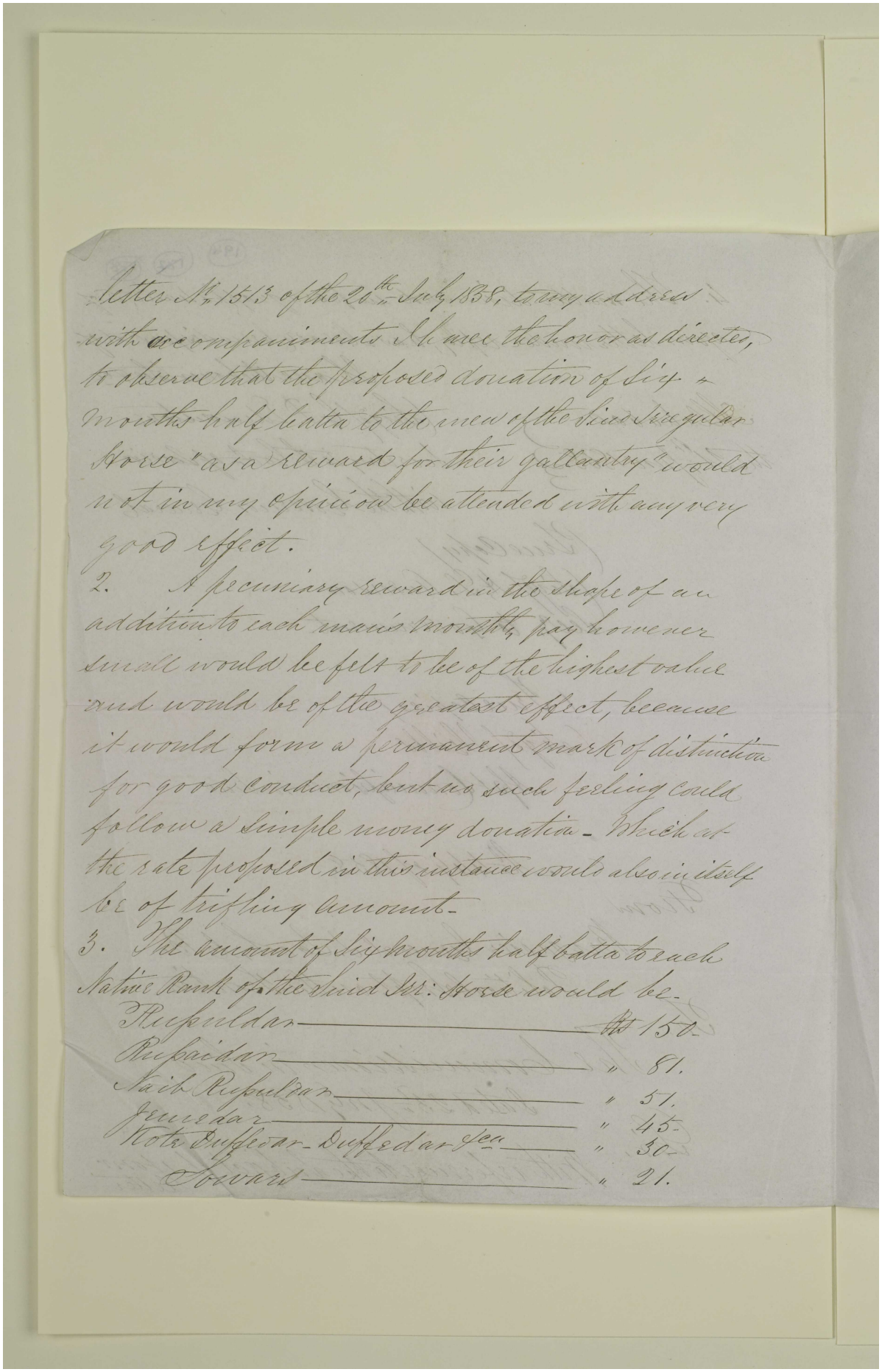

letter No 1513 of the 26th July 1858, to my address with accompaniments I have the honor as directed, to observe that the proposed donation of Six Months half batta to the men of the third Irregular Horse "as a reward for their gallantry" would not in my opinion be attended with any very good effect.

2. A pecuniary reward in the shape of an addition to each man's monthly pay however small would be felt to be of the highest value and would be of the greatest effect, because it would form a permanent mark of distinction for good conduct, but no such feeling could follow a simple money donation - Which at the rate proposed in this instance would also in itself be of trifling amount -

3. The amount of Six Months half batta to each Native Rank of the third Irr: Horse would be.

Risaldar	Rs	150-
Risaldar	"	81.
Said Risaldar	"	51.
Jemedar	"	45-
Kote Duffedar - Duffedar Jem	"	30-
Trooper	"	21.

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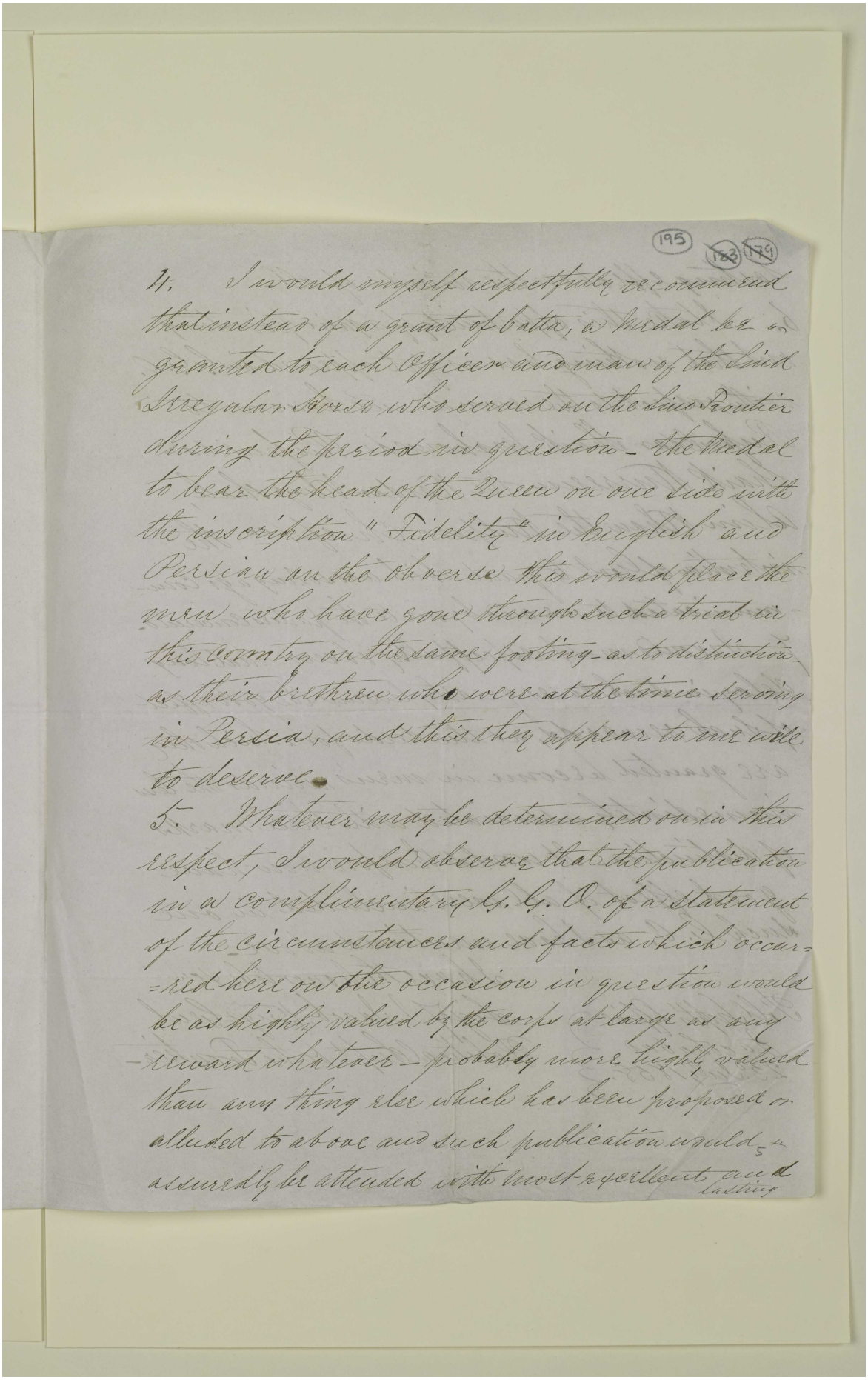

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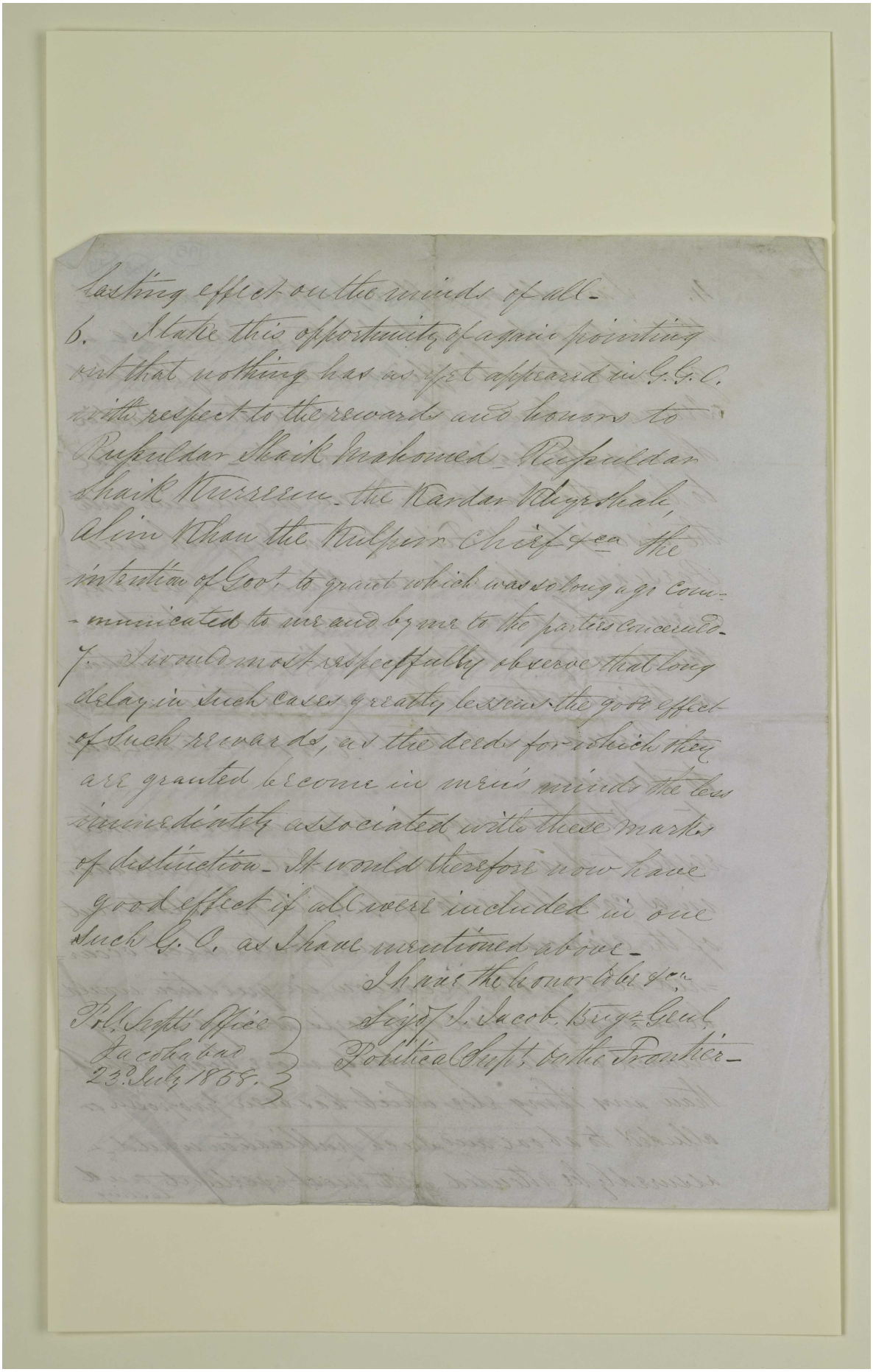
7. I would myself respectfully recommend that instead of a grant of batta, a medal be granted to each officer and man of the Sind Irregular Horse who served on the Sind Frontier during the period in question – the medal to bear the head of the Queen on one side with the inscription "Fidelity" in English and Persian on the obverse this would place the men who have gone through such a trial in this country on the same footing as to distinction as their brethren who were at the time serving in Persia, and this they appear to me well to deserve.

5. Whatever may be determined on in this respect, I would observe that the publication in a complimentary G. G. O. of a statement of the circumstances and facts which occurred here on the occasion in question would be as highly valued by the corps at large as any reward whatever – probably more highly valued than any thing else which has been proposed or alluded to above and such publication would assuredly be attended with most excellent and lasting



lasting effect on the minds of all-

6. I take this opportunity of again pointing out that nothing has as yet appeared in G.G.O. with respect to the rewards and honors to Rupuldar Shaik Mahomed - Rupuldar Shaik Kurreem - the Kardar Khyrshah, Alim Khan the Kulpur Chief &ca the intention of Govt. to grant which was so long ago communicated to me and by me to the parties concerned-

7. I would most respectfully observe that long delay in such cases greatly lessens the good effect of such rewards, as the deeds for which they are granted become in men's minds the less immediately associated with these marks of distinction- It would therefore now have good effect if all were included in one such G. O. as I have mentioned above-

I have the honor to be &ca

Sig^d J. Jacob. Brig^r Genl.
Political Supt. on the Frontier-

Pol. Supt's Office
Jacobabad
23^d July 1858.



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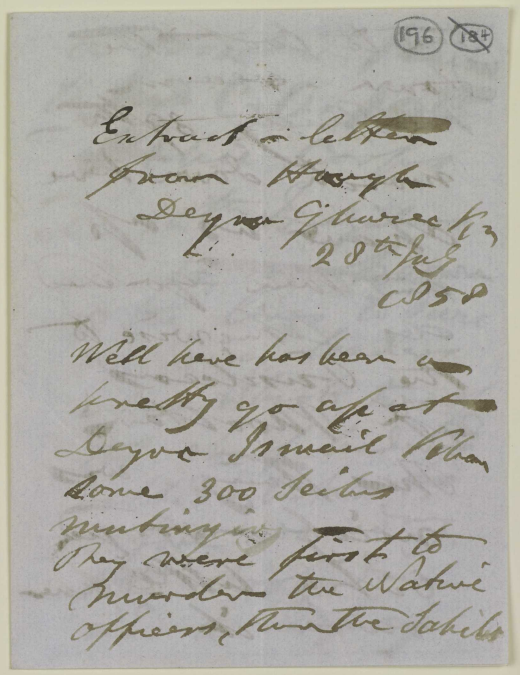

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Extract a letter
from Hough
Deyra Ghazee Kan
28th July
1858

Well here has been a
pretty go up at
Deyra Ismail Khan
some 300 Seikhs
mutinying
They were first to
murder the Native
officers, then the Sahibs

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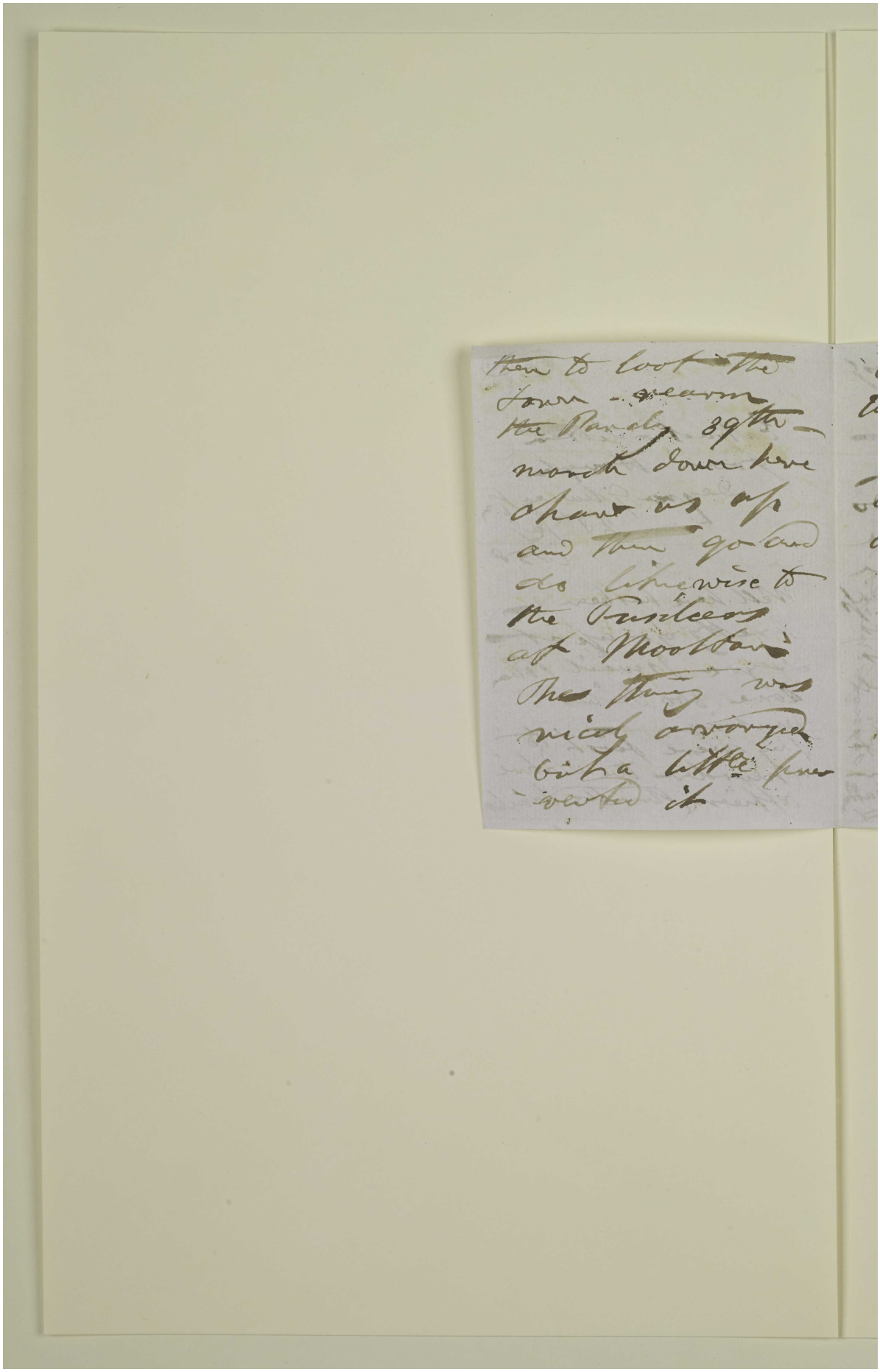

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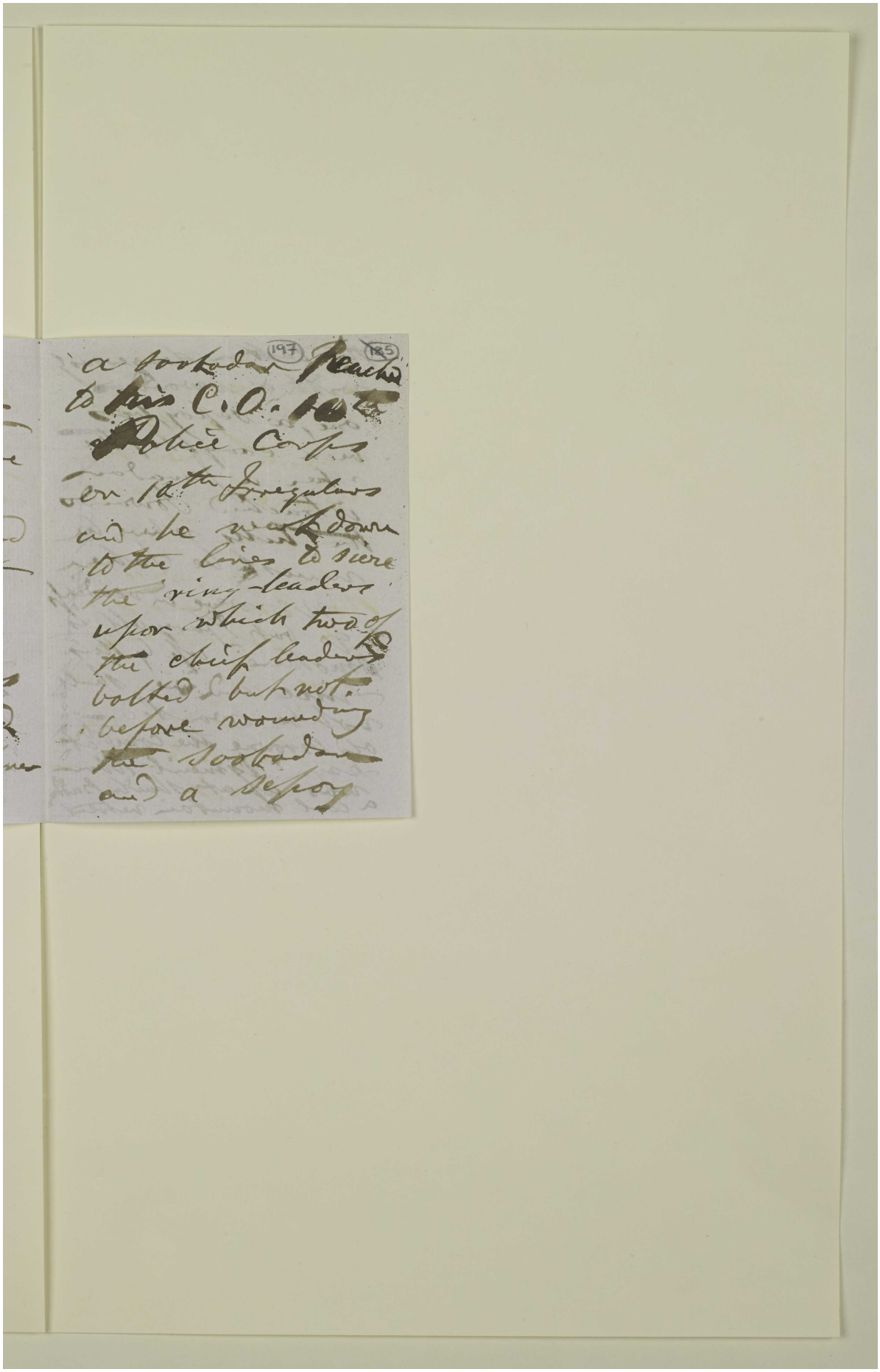

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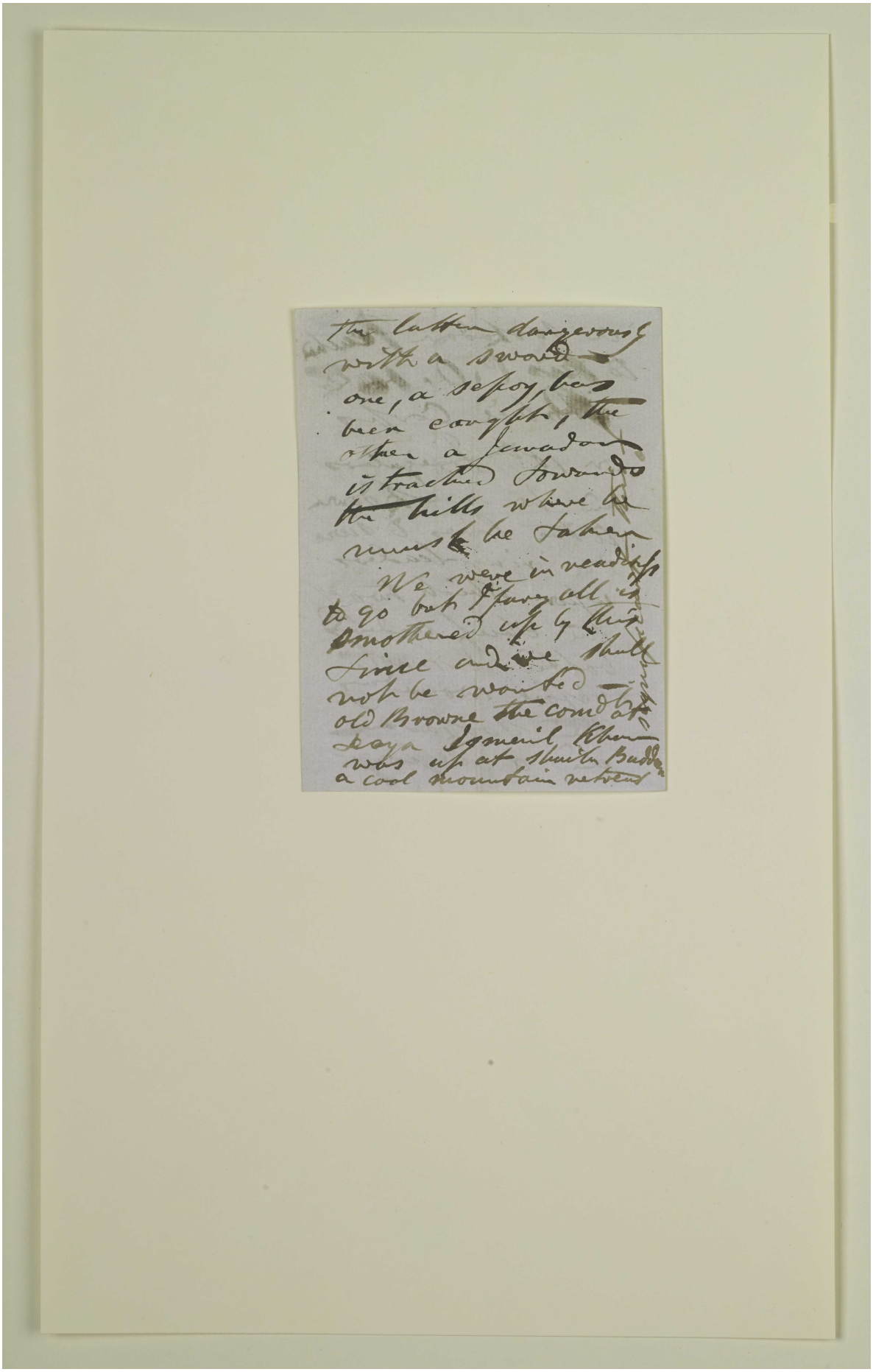

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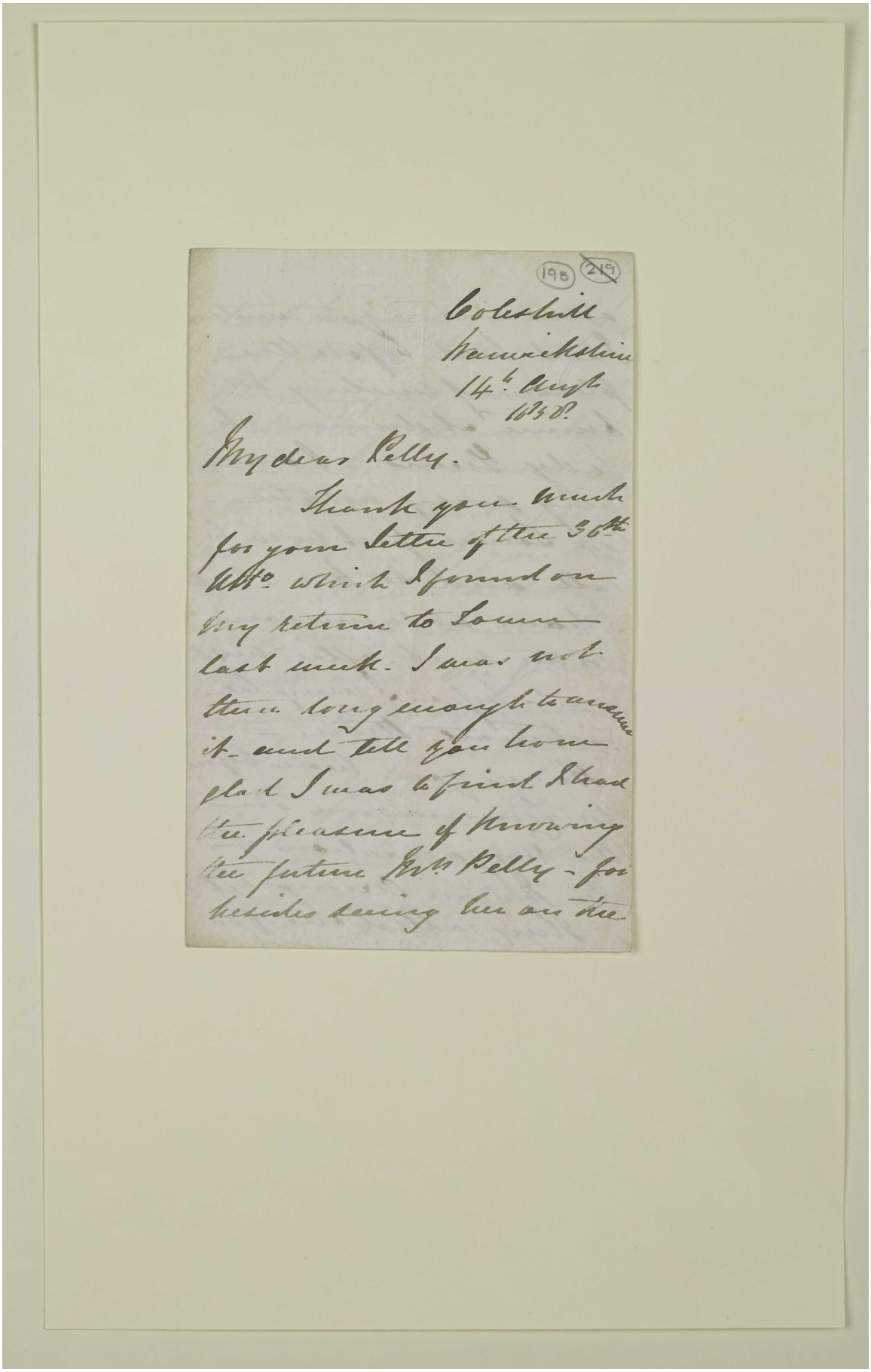

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Coleshill
Warwickshire
14th Augt
1838.

My dear Pelly.

Thank you much for your Letter of the 30th Ult^o which I found on my return to Town last week. I was not there long enough to answer it - and tell you how glad I was to find I had the pleasure of knowing the future Mrs Pelly - for besides seeing her on the

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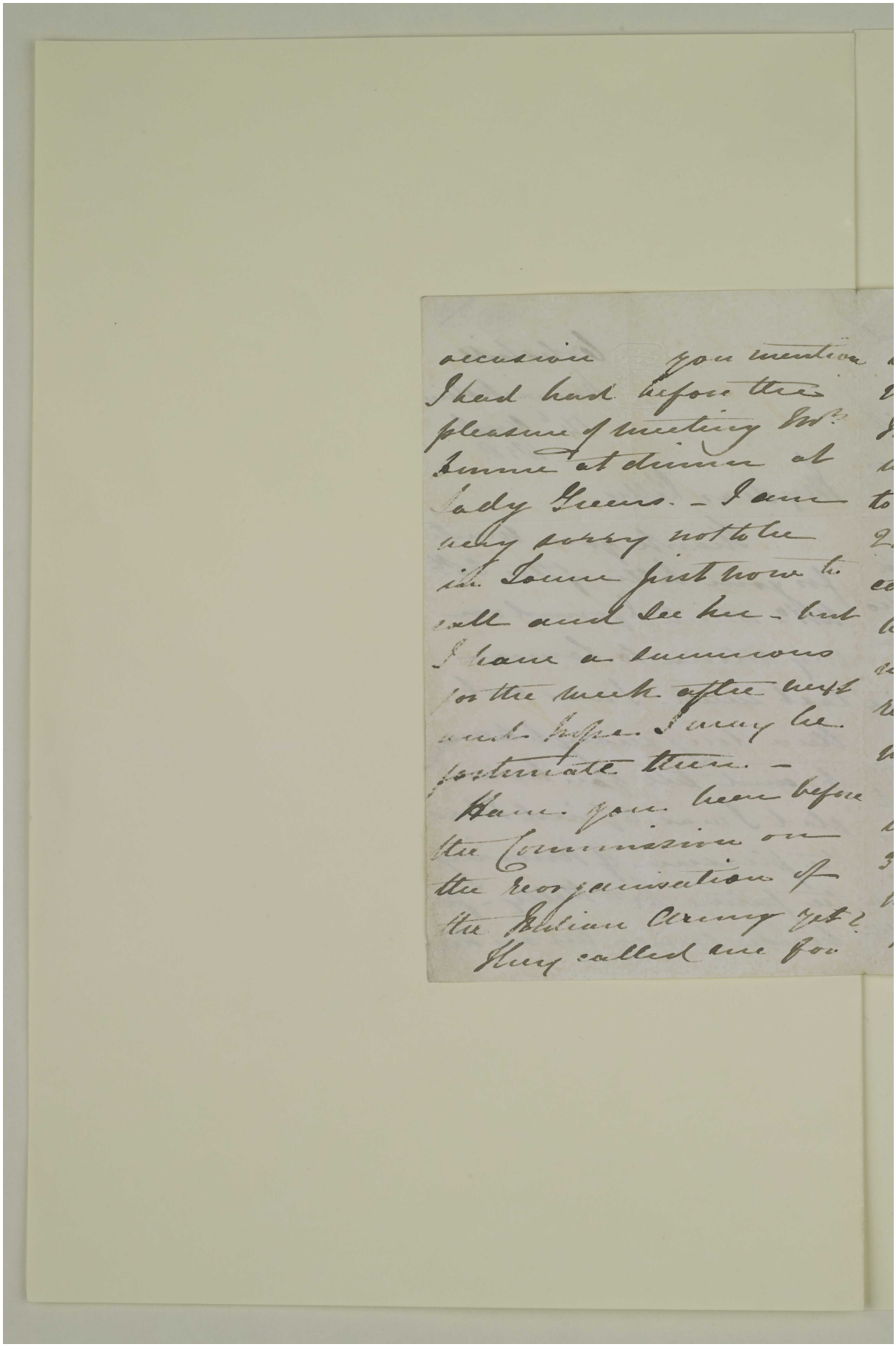
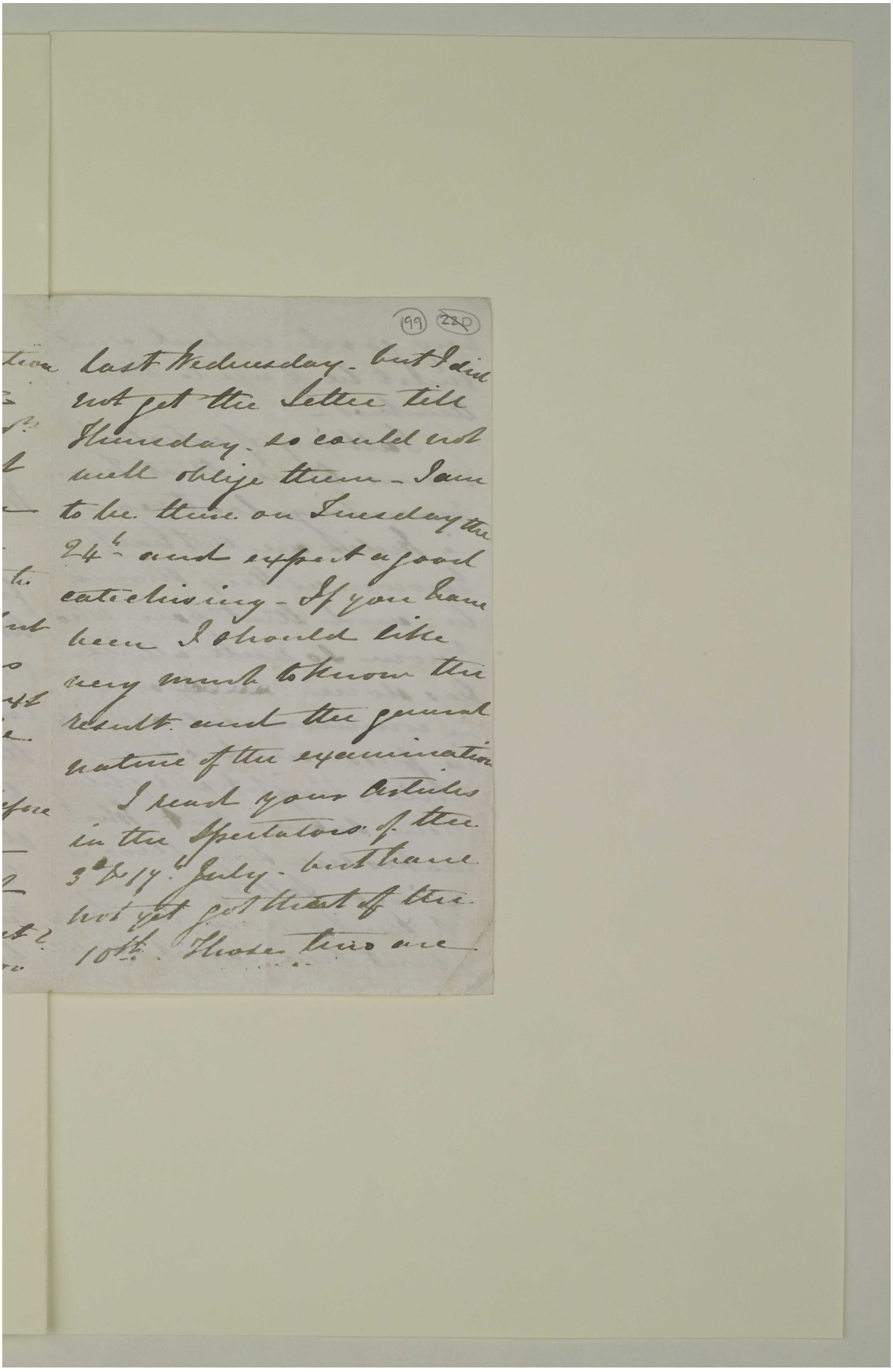
[198v] (2/12)



occasion you mention
I had had before the
pleasure of meeting Mrs
Bonne at dinner at
Lady Greens. – I am
very sorry not to be
in Town just now to
call and see her – but
I have a summons
for the week after next
and hope I may be
fortunate then. –
Have you been before
the Commission on
the reorganisation of
the Indian Army yet?
They called me for



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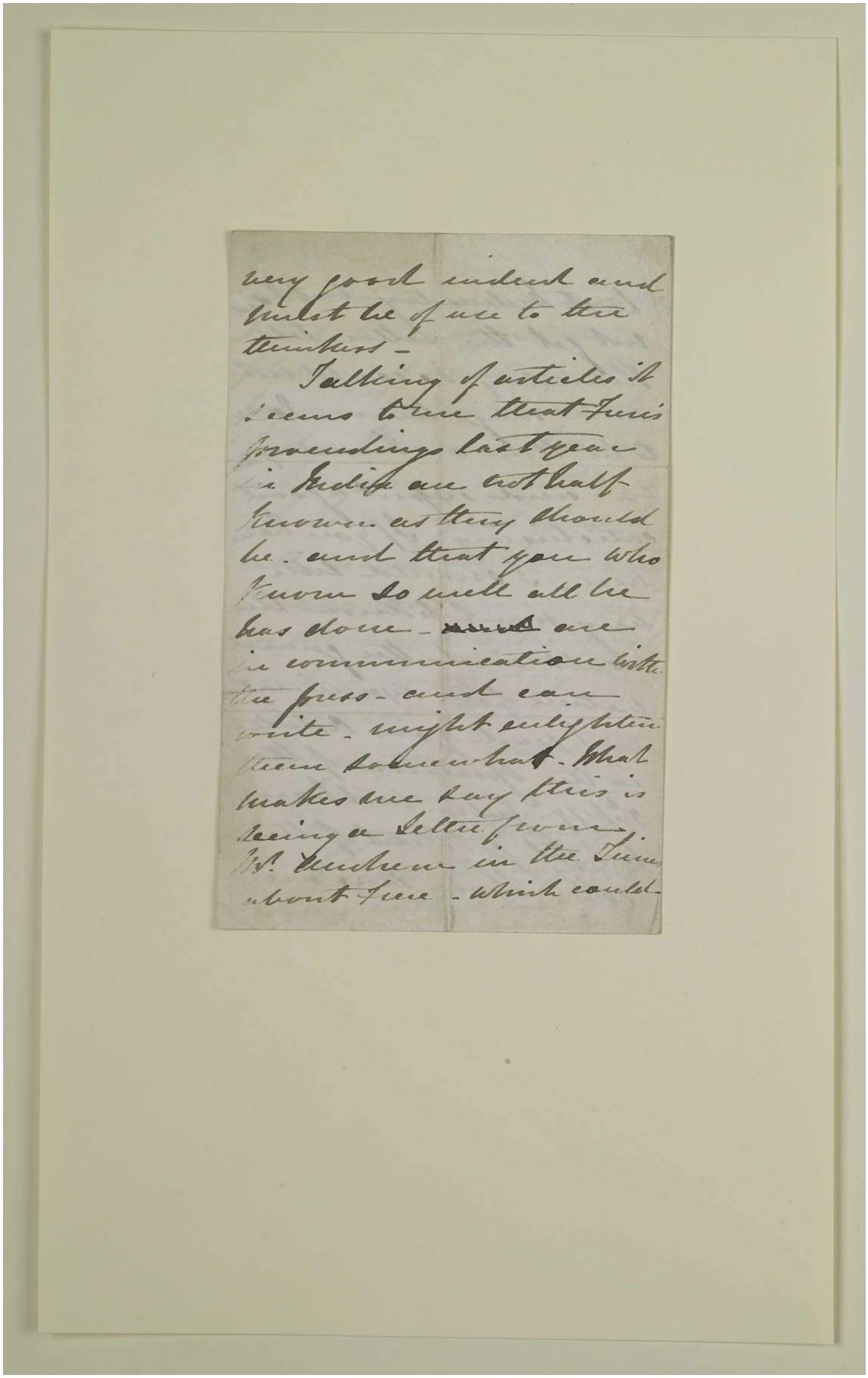
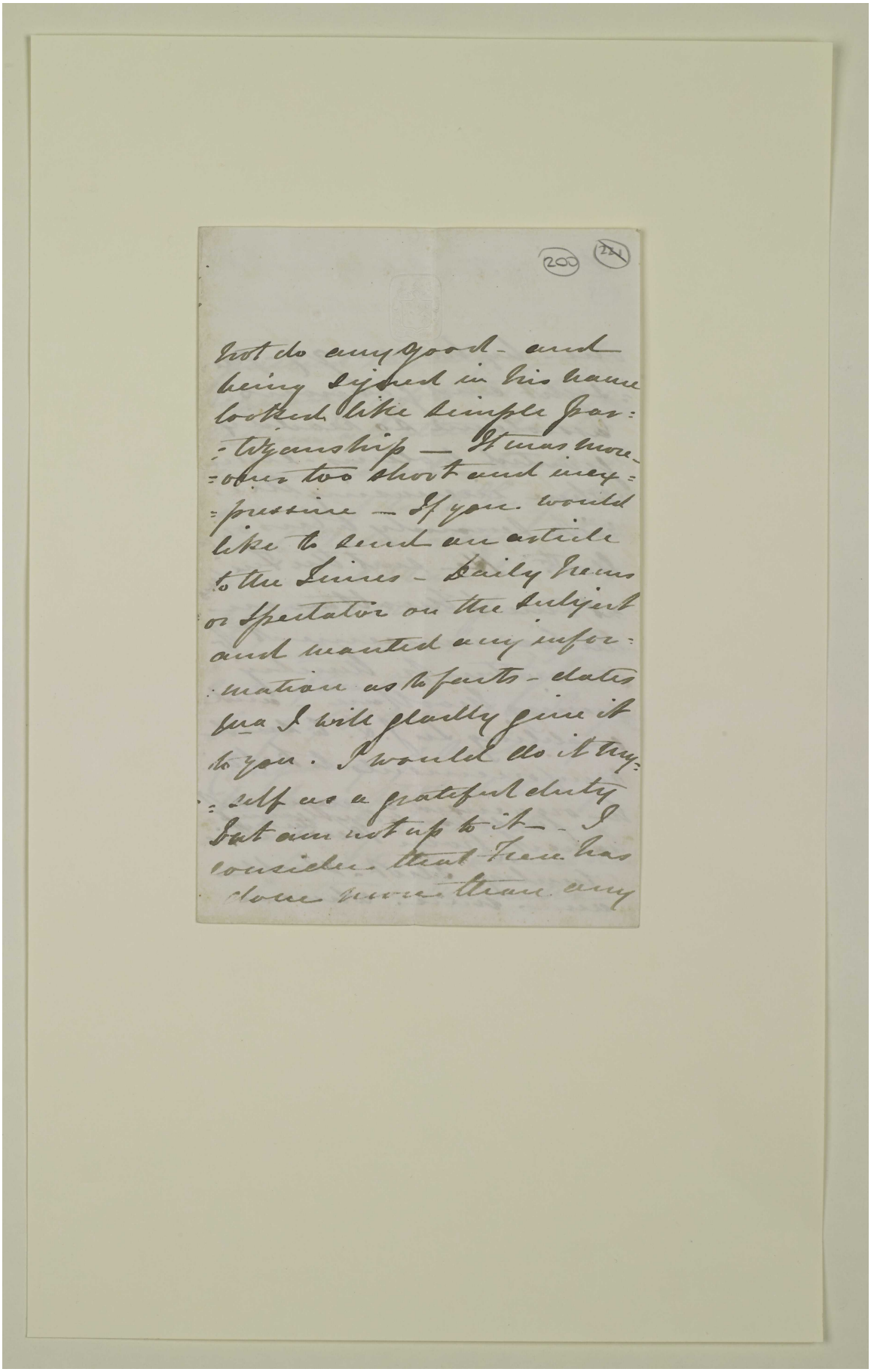
tion last Wednesday - but I did
not get the letter till
Thursday - so could not
well oblige them - I am
to be there on Sunday the
24th and expect a good
catechising - If you have
been I should like
very much to know the
result and the general
nature of the examination
I read your Articles
in the Spectators of the
3rd & 14th July - but have
not yet got that of the
10th. Those two are



very good indeed and
must be of use to the
thinkers -
Talking of articles it
seems to me that Fere's
proceedings last year
in India are not half
known as they should
be - and that you who
know so well all he
has done - ~~[illegible]~~ are
in communication with
the press - and can
write - might enlighten
them somewhat - What
makes me say this is
seeing a letter from
Mr. Andrew in the Times
about Fere - which could



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not do any good - and
being signed in his name
looked like simple par:
:tizanship — It was more-
:over too short and inex:
:pressive — If you would
like to send an article
to the Times - Daily News
or Spectator on the subject
and wanted any infor:
:mation as to facts - dates
&c I will gladly give it
to you. I would do it my:
:self as a grateful duty
but am not up to it — I
consider that Free has
done more than any

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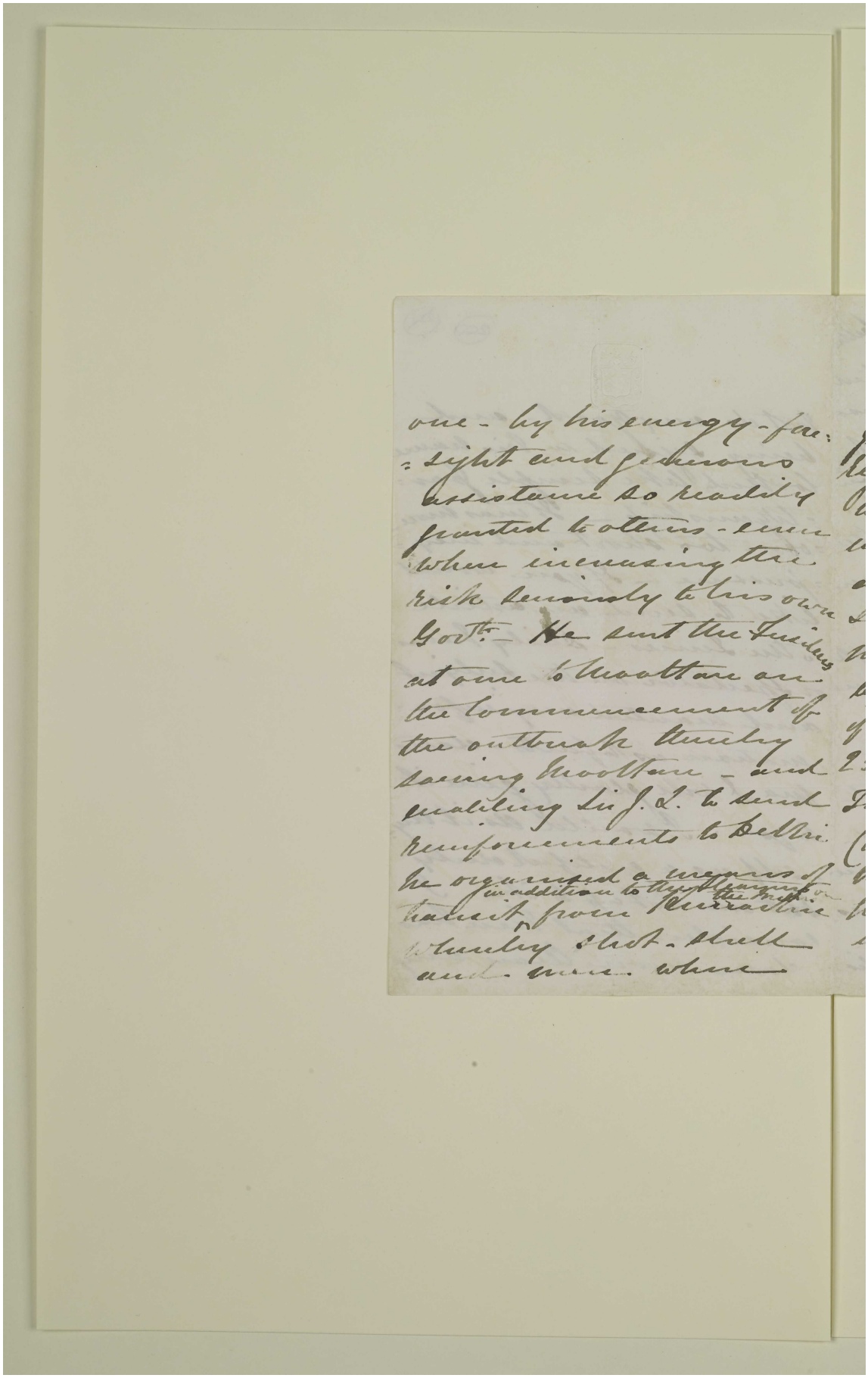

one - by his energy - fore-
-sight and generous
assistance so readily
granted to others - even
when increasing the
risk seriously to his own
Govt. - He sent the Insidens
at once to Moultan on
the commencement of
the outbreak thereby
saving Moultan - and
enabling Sir J. L. to send
reinforcements to Delhi.
He organised a means of
transit in addition to the Steamers on the Indus from Kurrachee
whereby shot - shell
and men where

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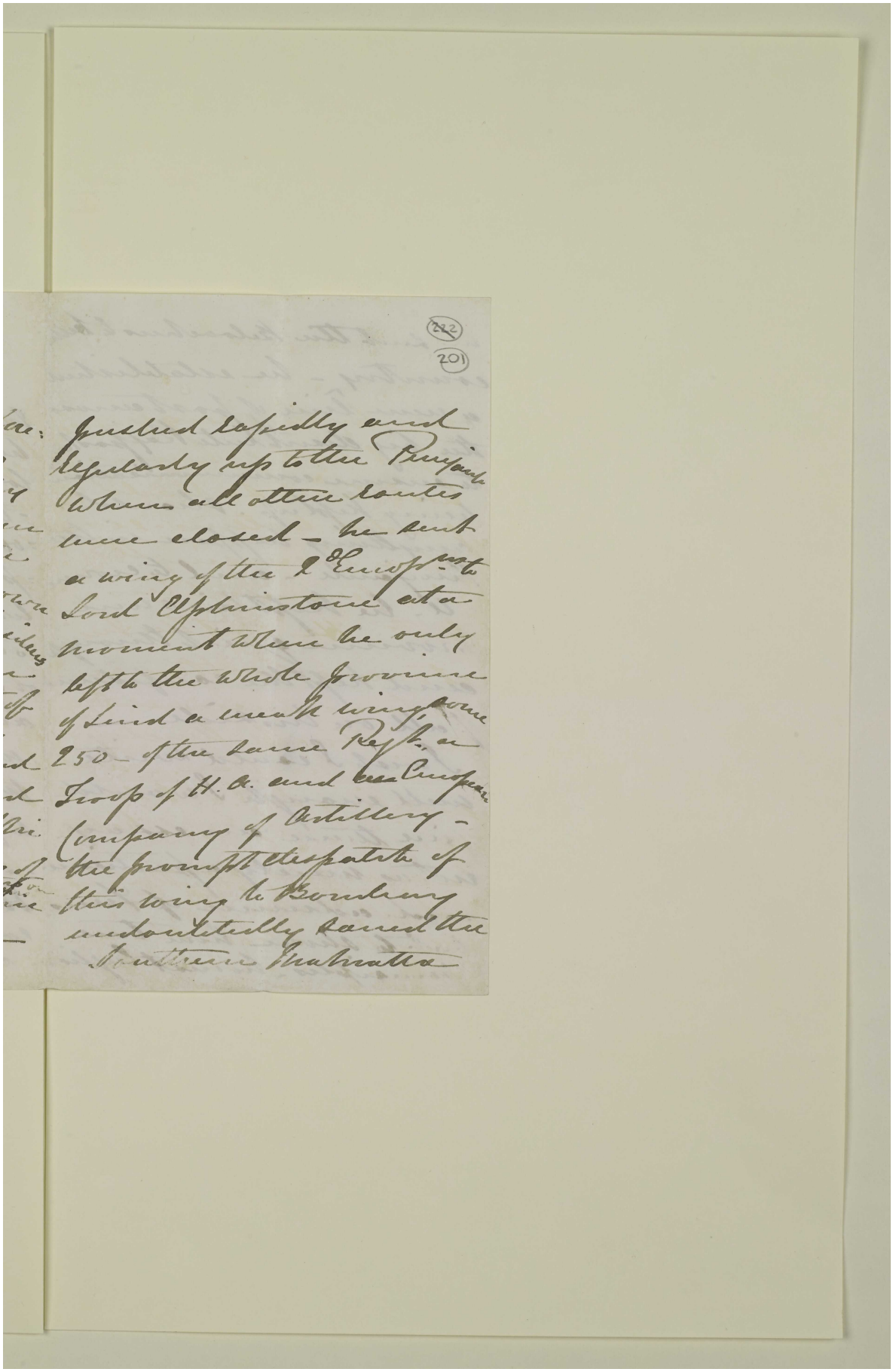

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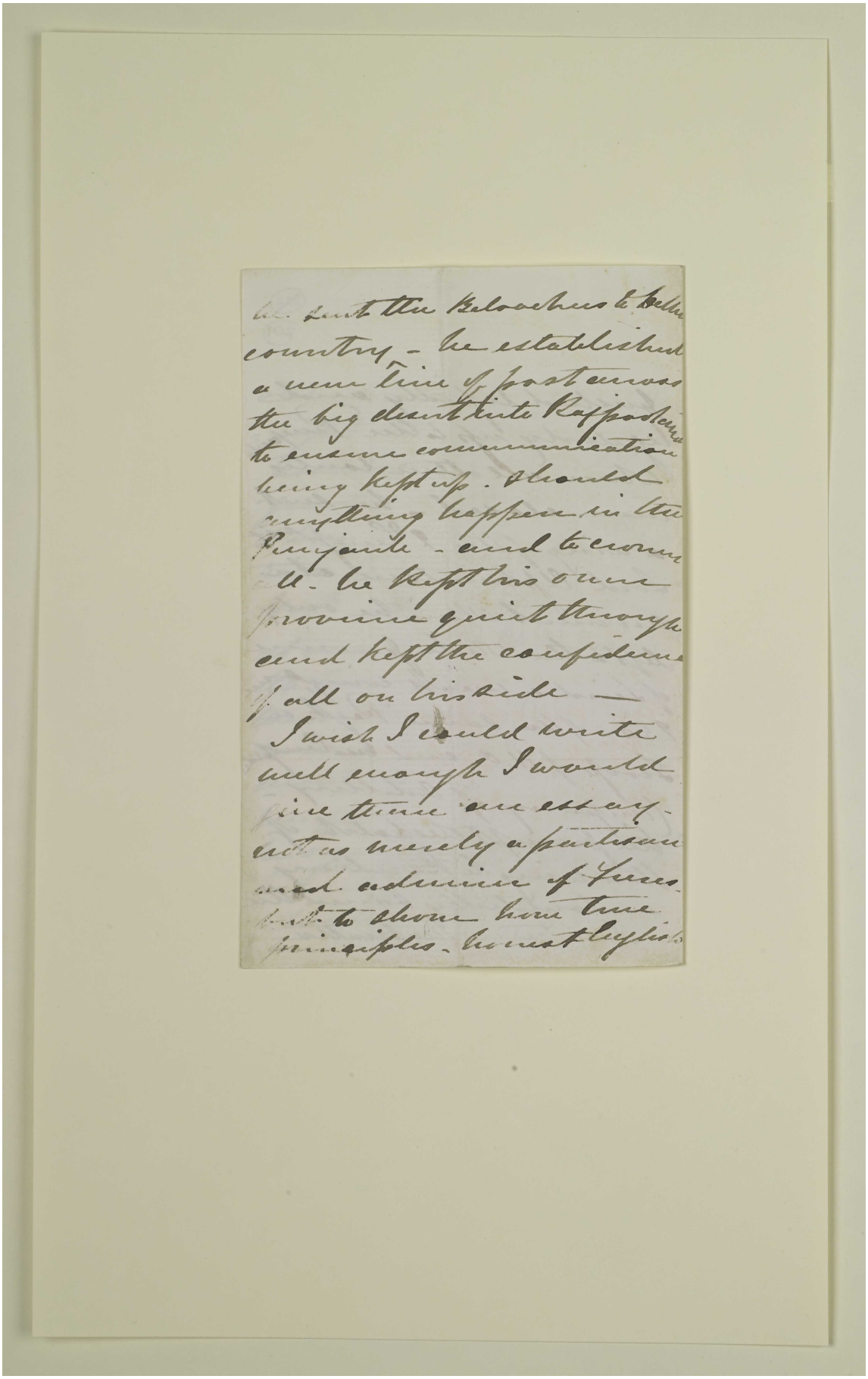

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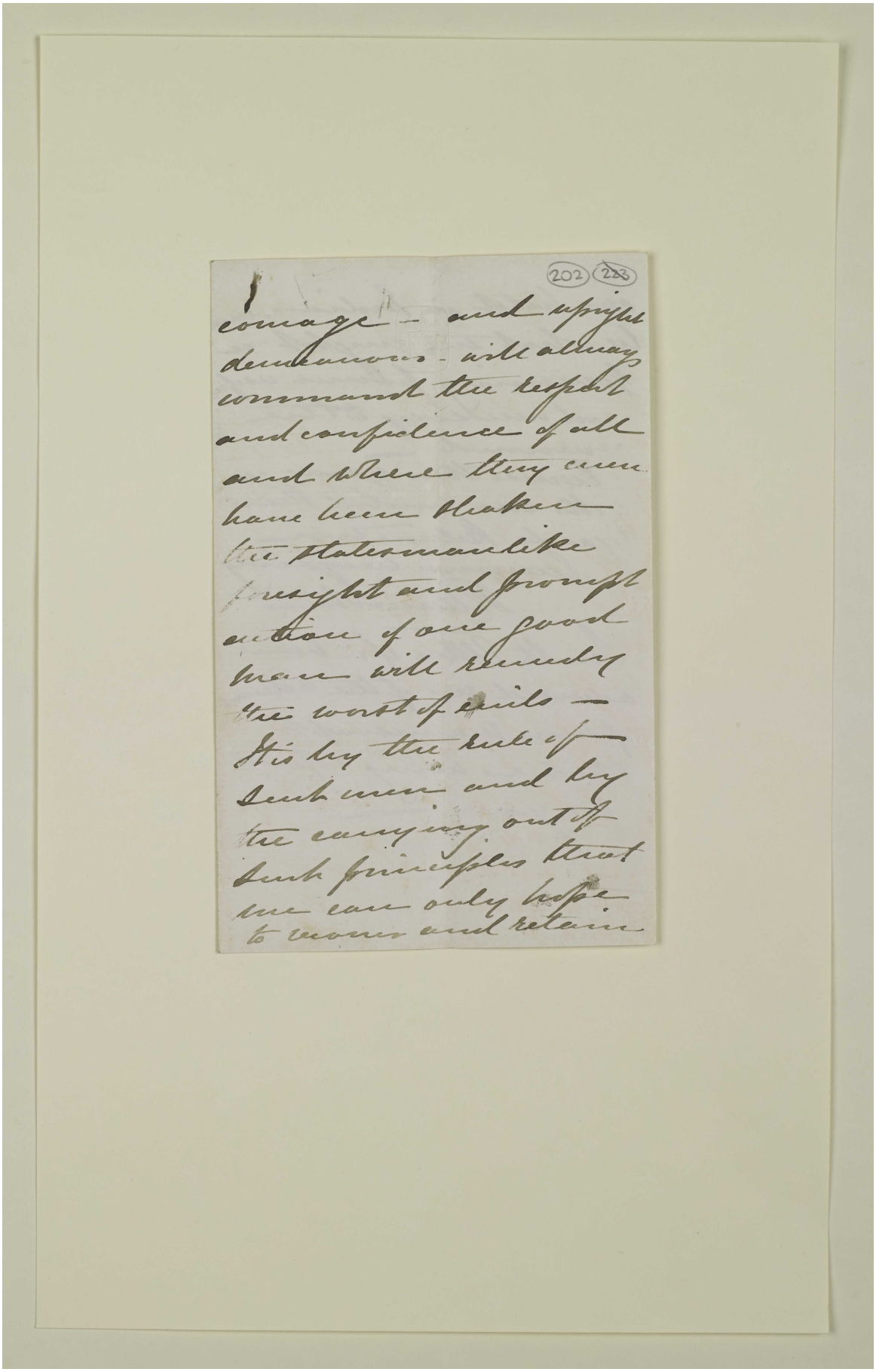

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courage – and upright
demeanour – will always
command the respect
and confidence of all
and where they even
have been shaken
the statesmanlike
foresight and prompt
action of one good
man will remedy
the worst of evils –
It is by the rule of
Justice and by
the carrying out of
such principles that
we can only hope
to secure and retain

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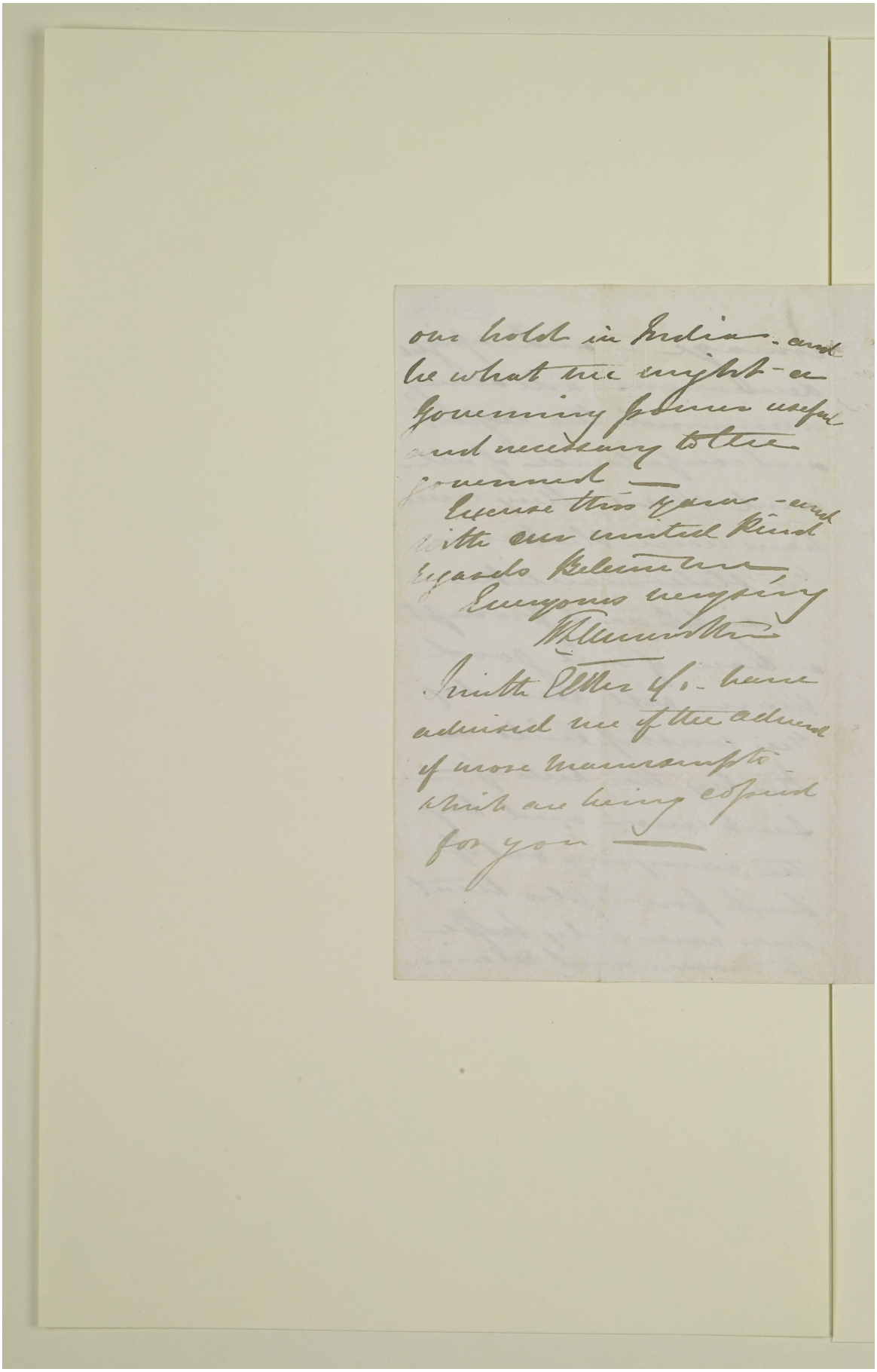

our hold in India - and
be what we might - a
Governing power useful
and necessary to the
governed —
Excuse this year - and
with our united kind
regards Believe me,
Everyone's very sincerely
W L Merewether

Smith Elder & Co - have
advised me of the advent
of more manuscripts -
which are being copied
for you —

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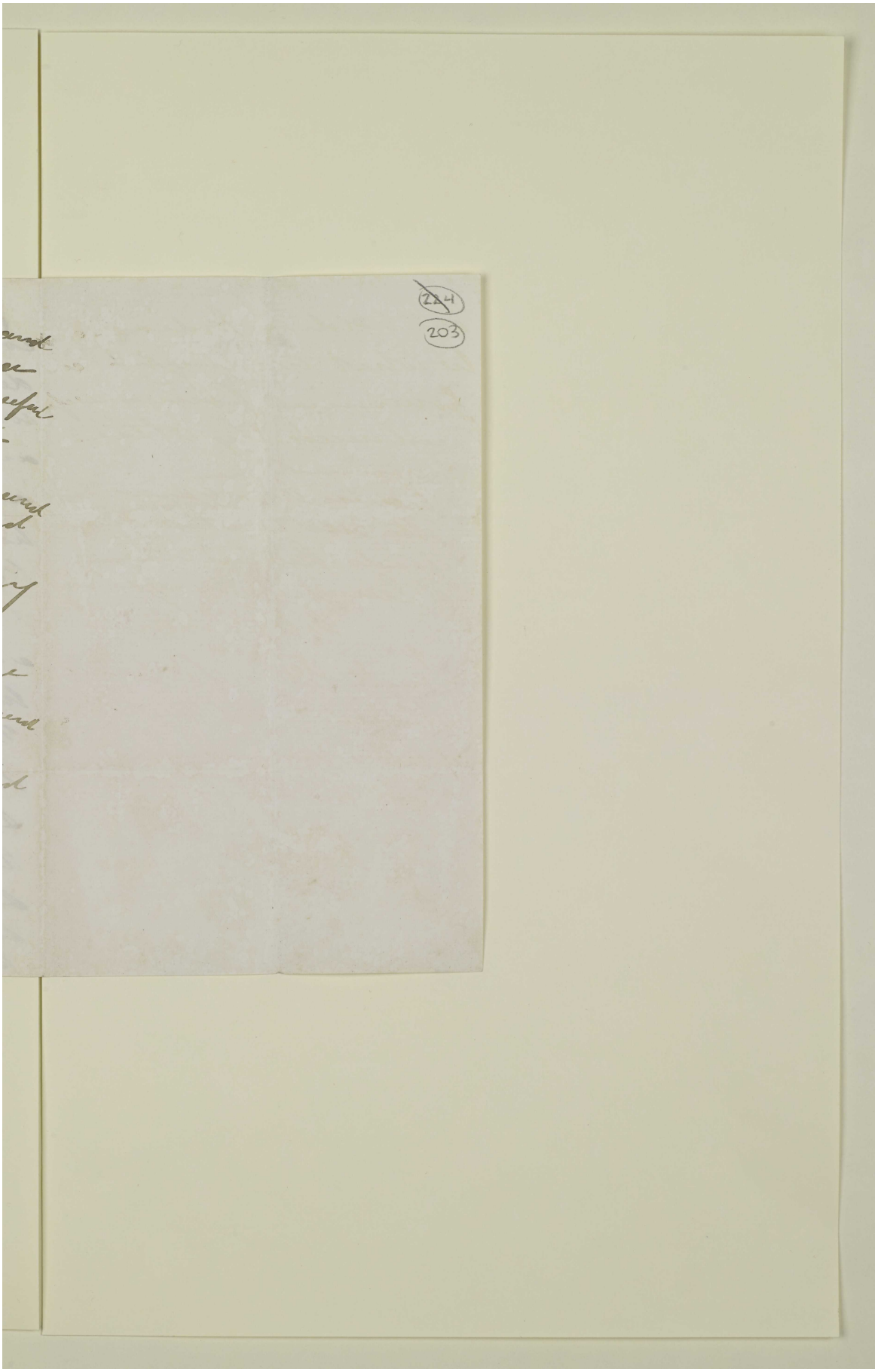

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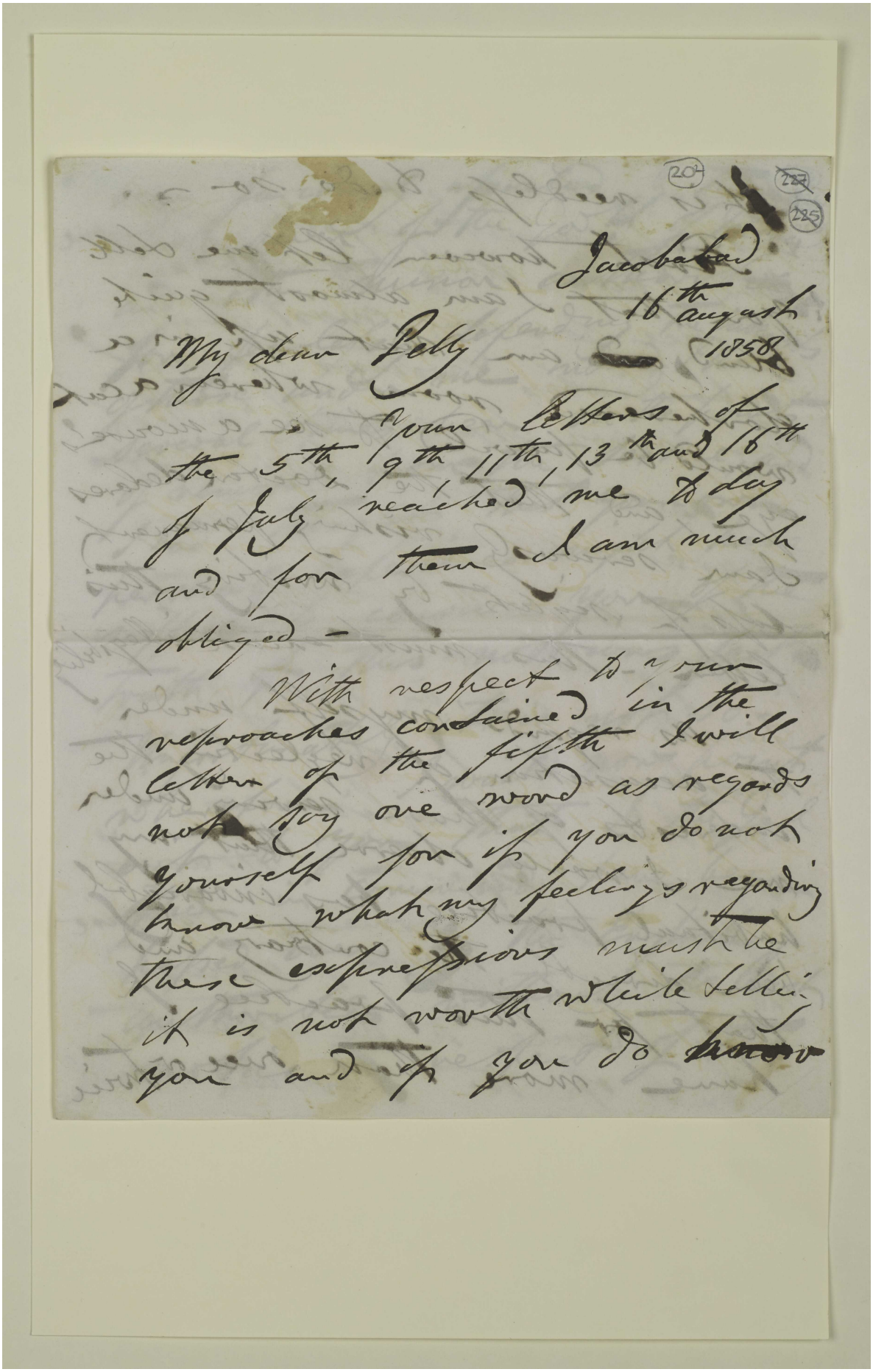

Jacobabad
16th augusth
1858

My dear Pelly

Your letters of the 5th, 9th 11th, 13th and 16th July reached me to day and for them I am much obliged -

With respect to your reproaches contained in the letter of the fifth I will not say one word as regards yourself for if you do not know what my feelings regarding these expressions must be it is not worth while telling you and if you do know

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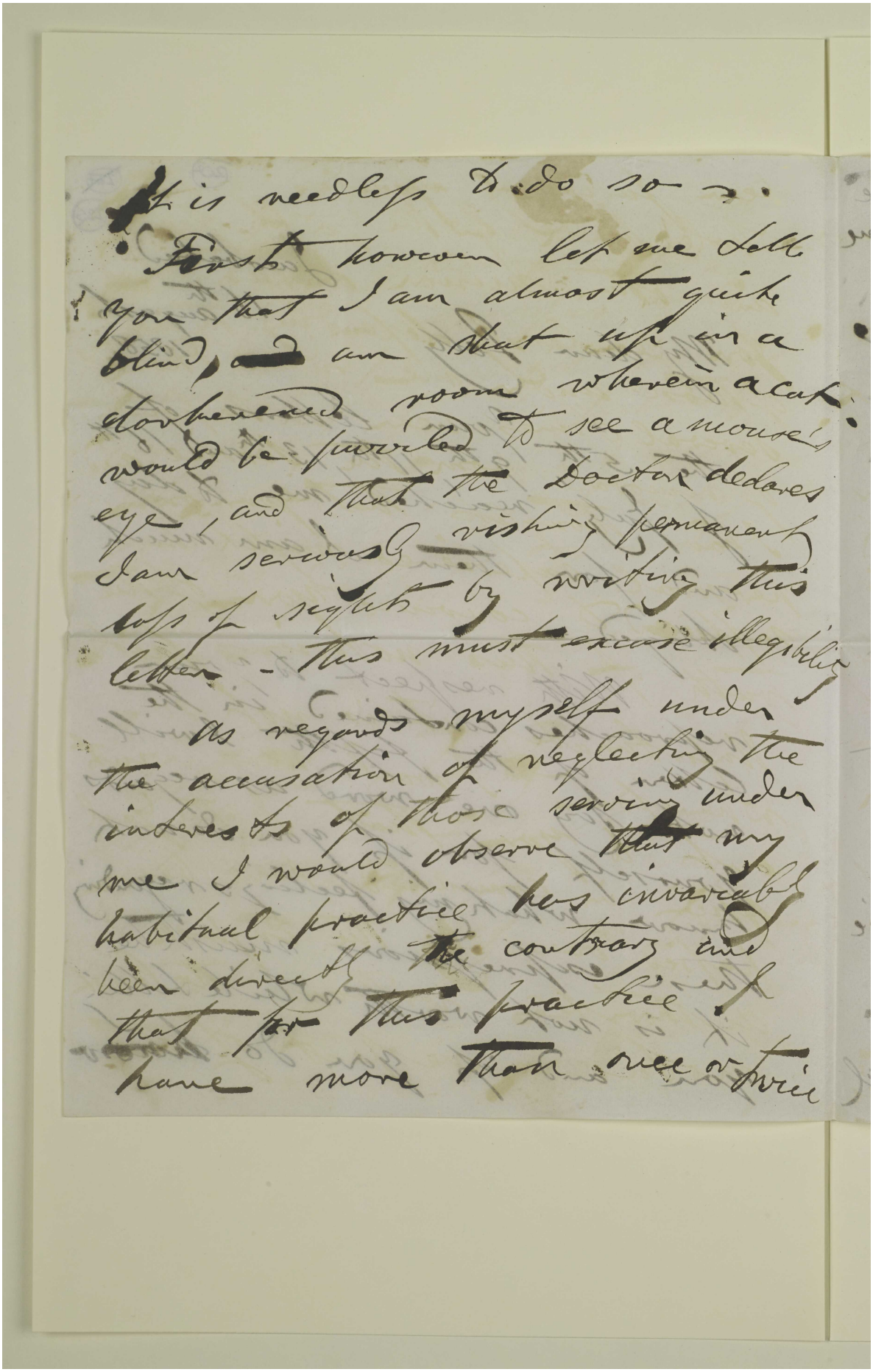
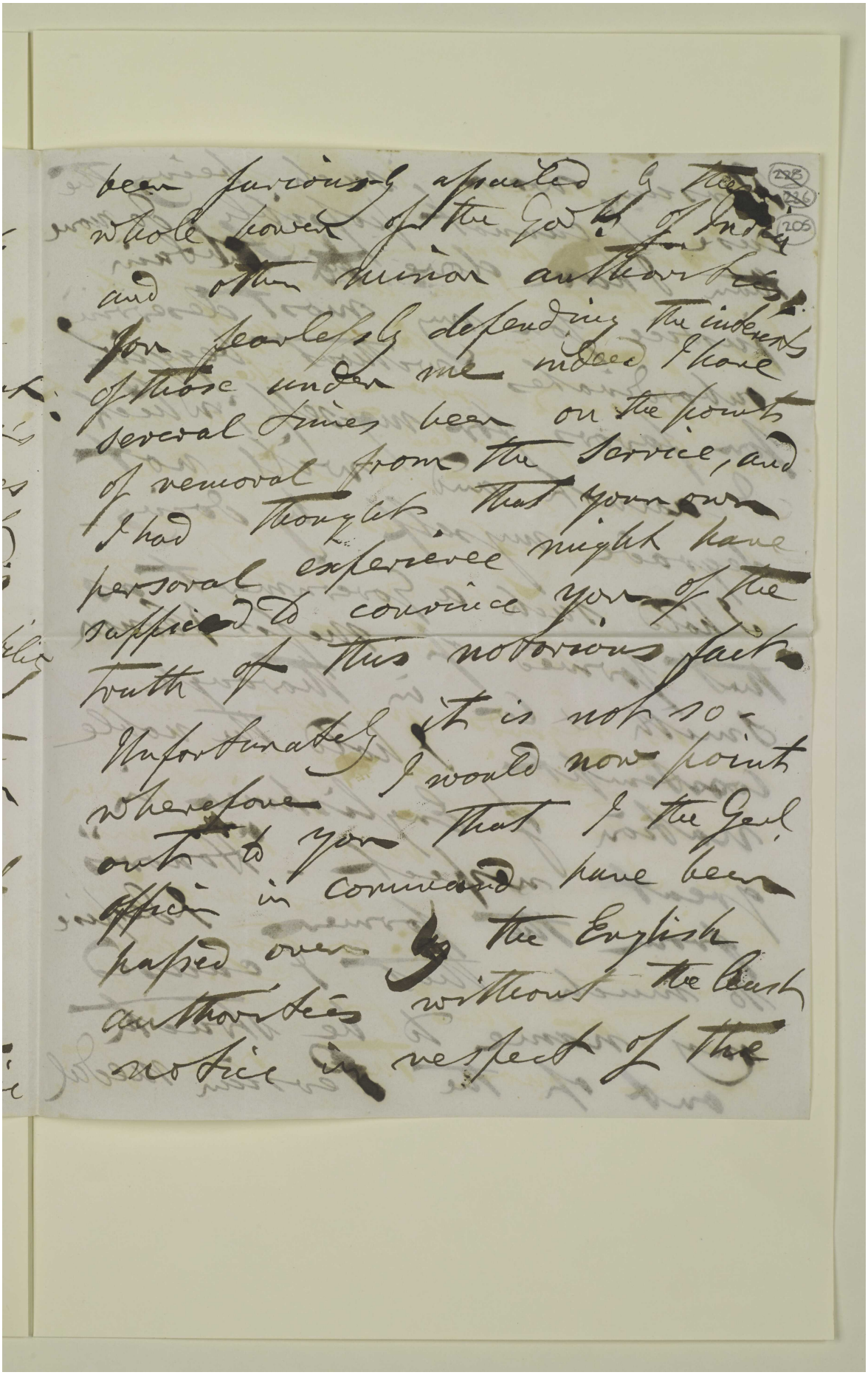
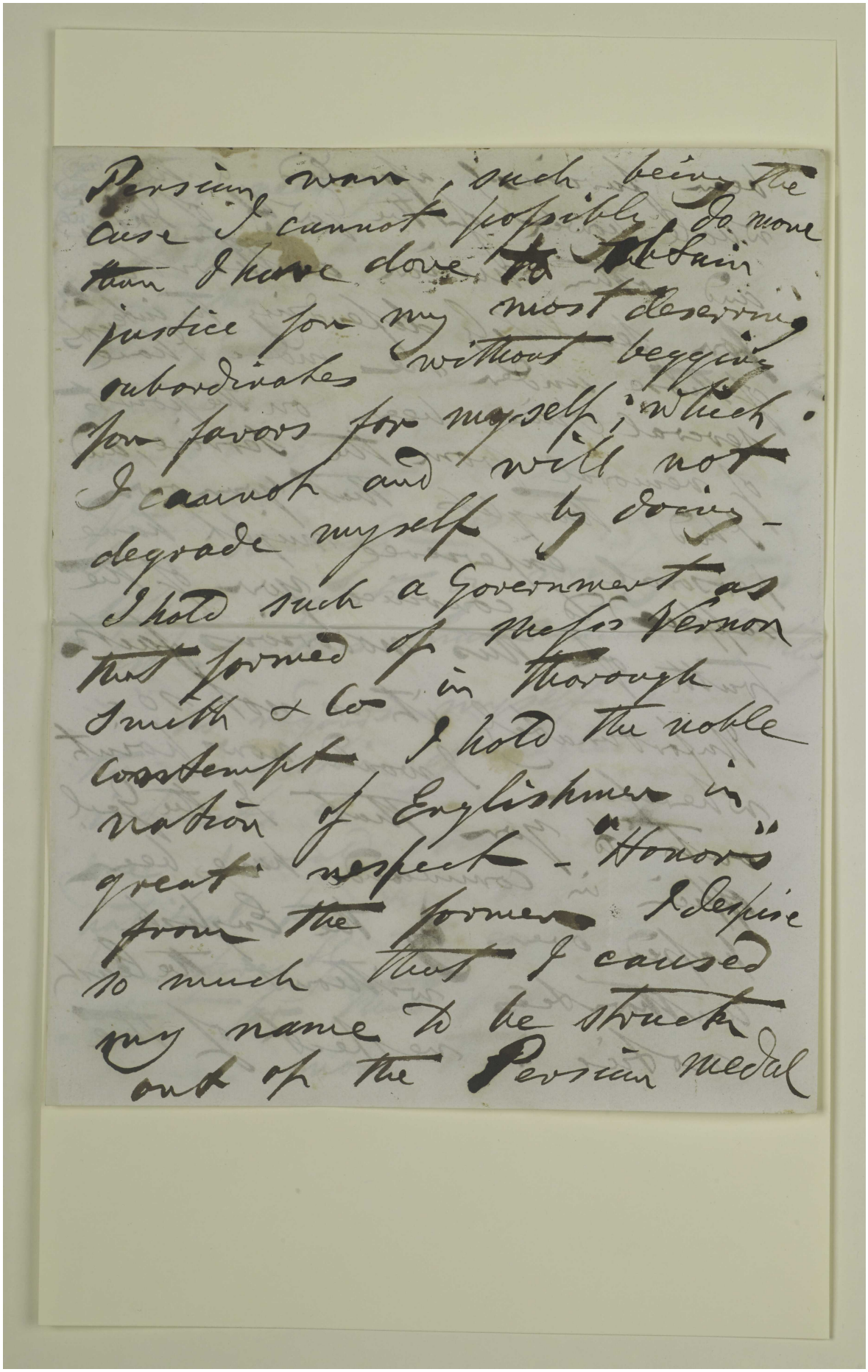


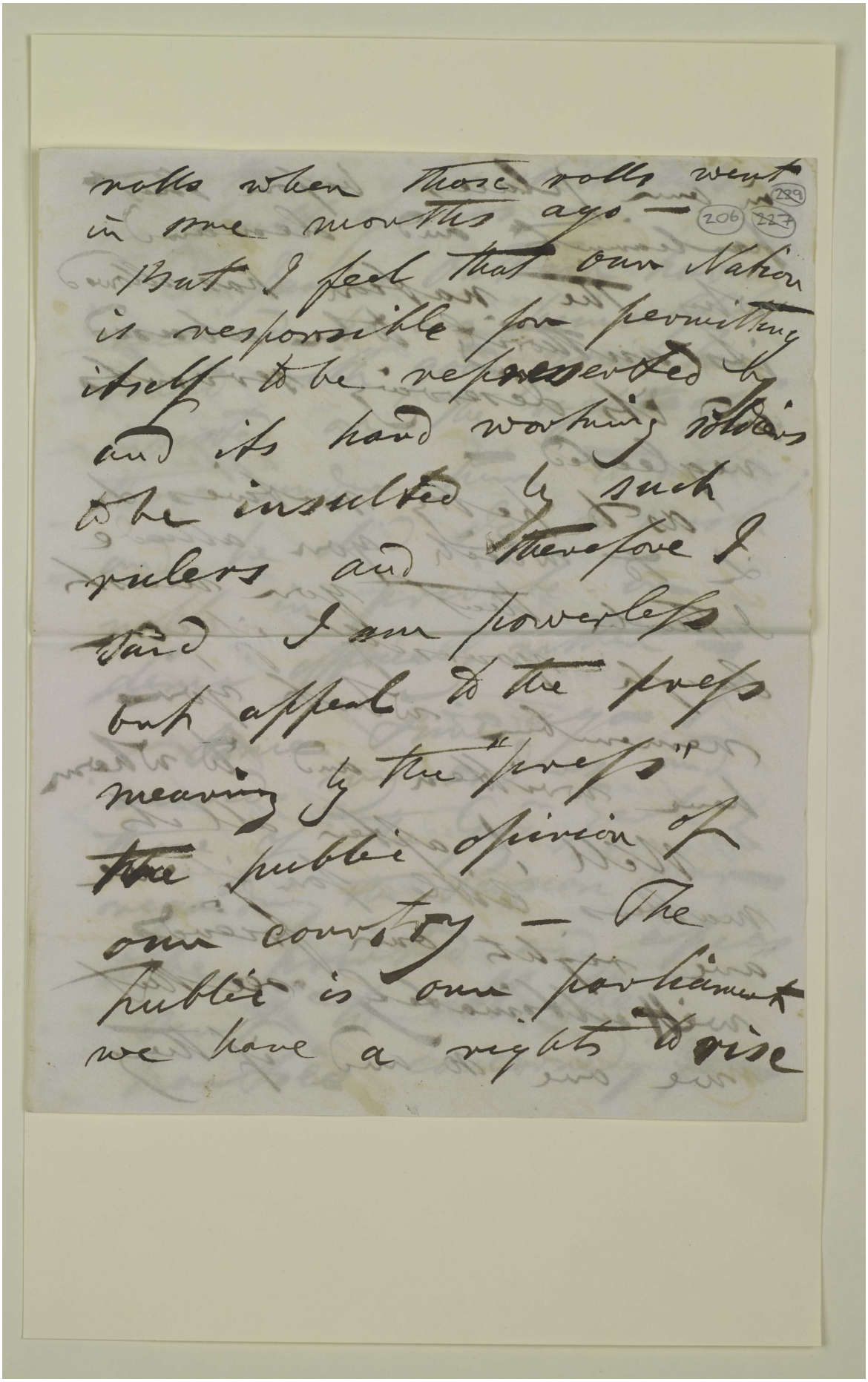
It is needless to do so.
First however let me tell you that I am almost quite blind, I am shut up in a darkened room wherein a cat would be invisible & see a mouse's eye, and that the Doctor declares I am seriously risking permanent loss of sight by writing this letter. This must excuse illegibility.
As regards myself under the accusation of neglecting the interests of those serving under me I would observe that my habitual practice has invariably been directly the contrary and that for this practice I have more than once or twice



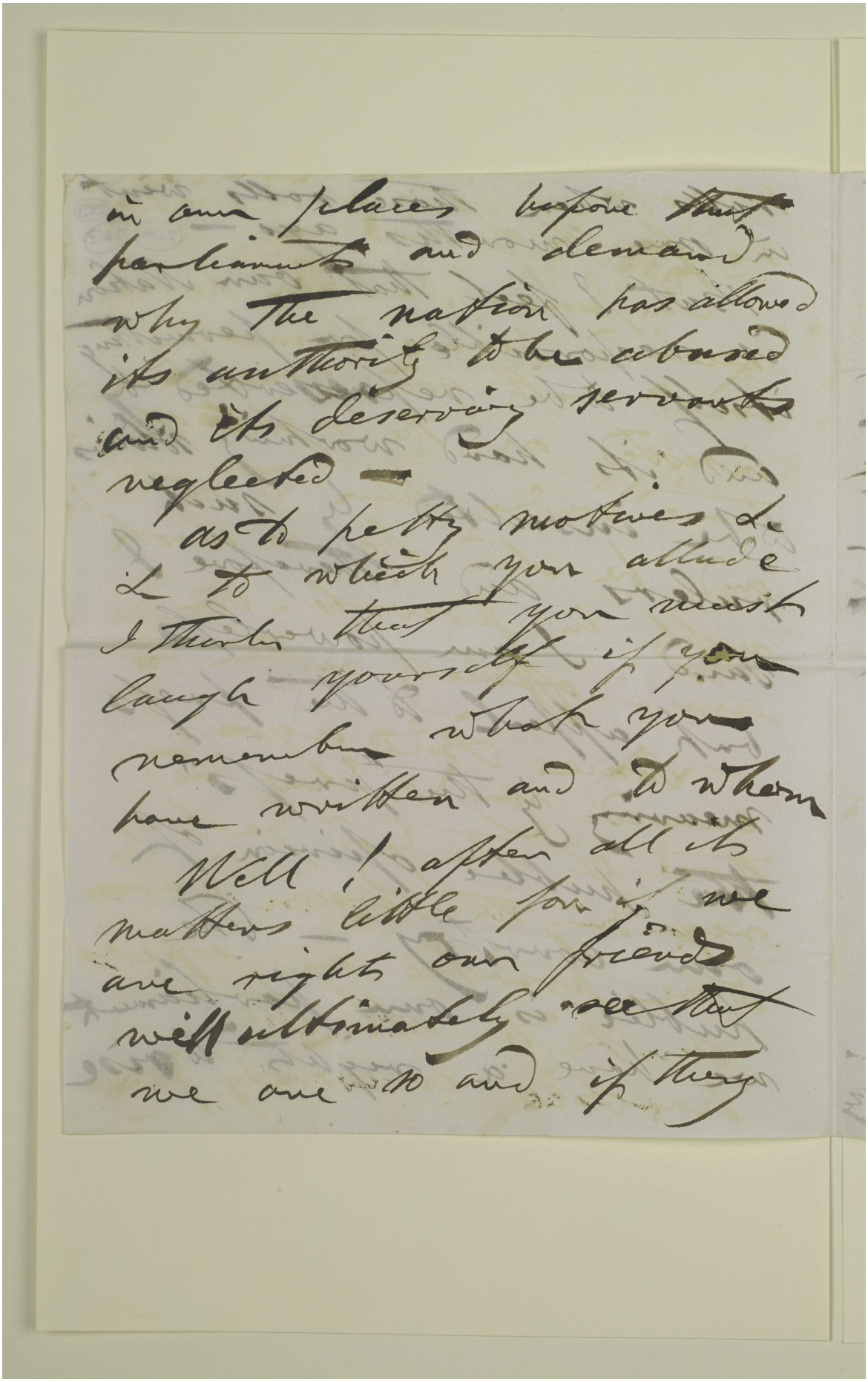
been furiously assailed by the
whole power of the Govt of India
and other minor authorities
for fearlessly defending the interests
of those under me indeed I have
several times been on the point
of removal from the service, and
I had thought that your own
personal experience might have
sufficed to convince you of the
truth of this notorious fact.
Unfortunately it is not so -
wherefore I would now point
out to you that I the Genl
officer in command have been
passed over by the English
authorities without the least
notice or respect to the



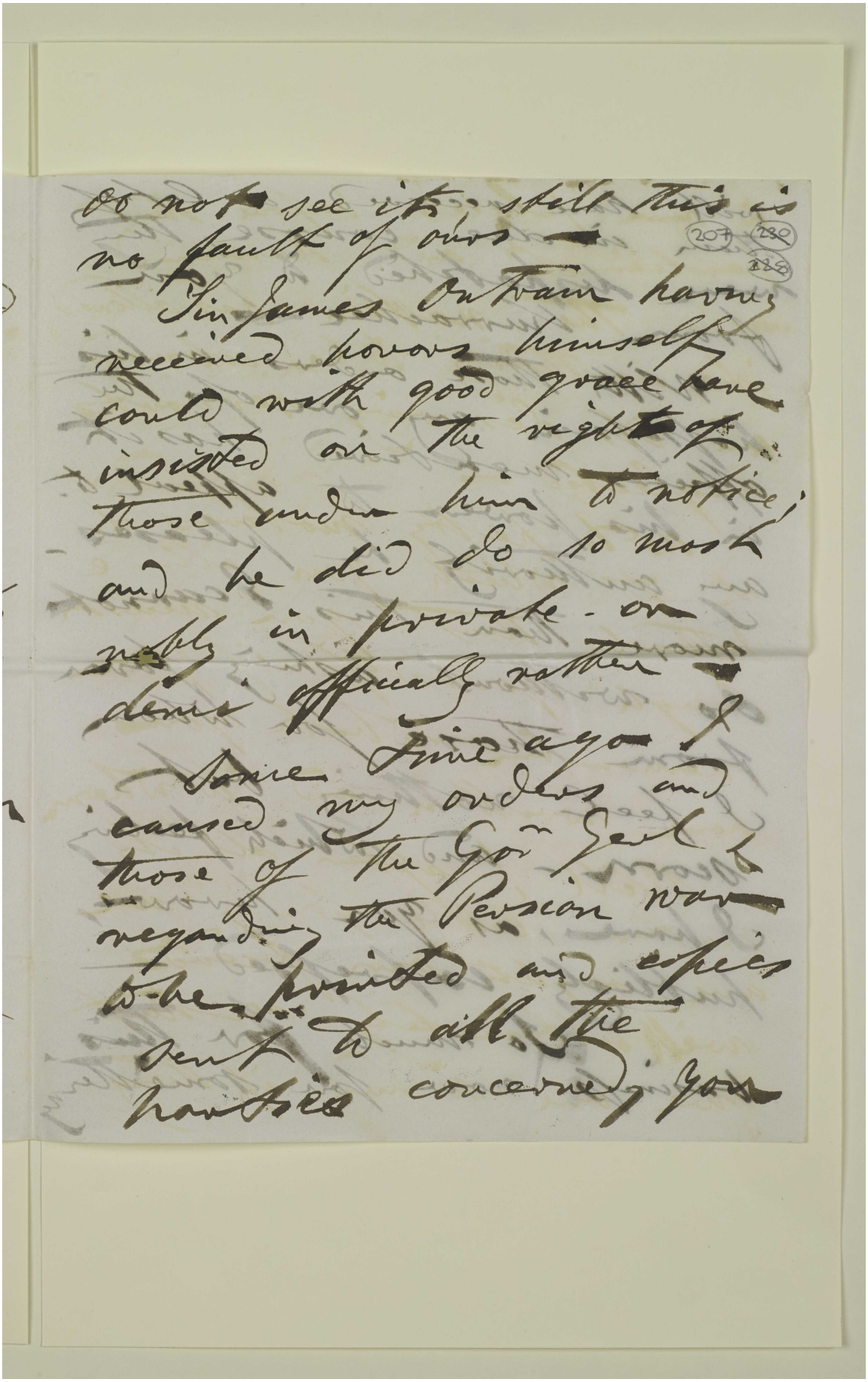
Persian war, such being the
case I cannot possibly do more
than I have done to obtain
justice for my most deserving
subordinates without begging
for favors for myself; which
I cannot and will not
degrade myself by doing -
I hold such a Government as
that formed of Messrs Vernon
Smith & Co in thorough
contempt I hold the noble
nation of Englishmen in
great respect - "Honors"
from the former I despise
so much that I caused
my name to be struck
out of the Persian medal



rolls when those rolls went
in some months ago — 206 227 229
But I feel that our Nation
is responsible for permitting
itself to be represented by
and its hard working soldiers
to be insulted by such
rulers and therefore I
said I am powerless
but appeal to the press
meaning by the "press"
the public opinion of
our country — The
public is our parliament
we have a rights to rise



in our places before that
parliament and demand
why the nation has allowed
its authority to be abused
and its deserving servants
neglected —
as to petty motives &c.
& to which you allude
I think that you must
laugh yourself if you
remember what you
have written and to whom
Well! after all its
matters little for if we
are right our friends
will ultimately see that
we are so and if they



do not see it; still this is
no fault of ours —

Sir James Outram having
received honors himself
could with good grace have
insisted on the right of
those under him to notice;
and he did do so most
nobly in private - or
demi officially rather —

Some time ago I
caused my orders and
those of the Govr Genl &
regarding the Persian war
to be printed and copies
sent to all the
parties concerned; you

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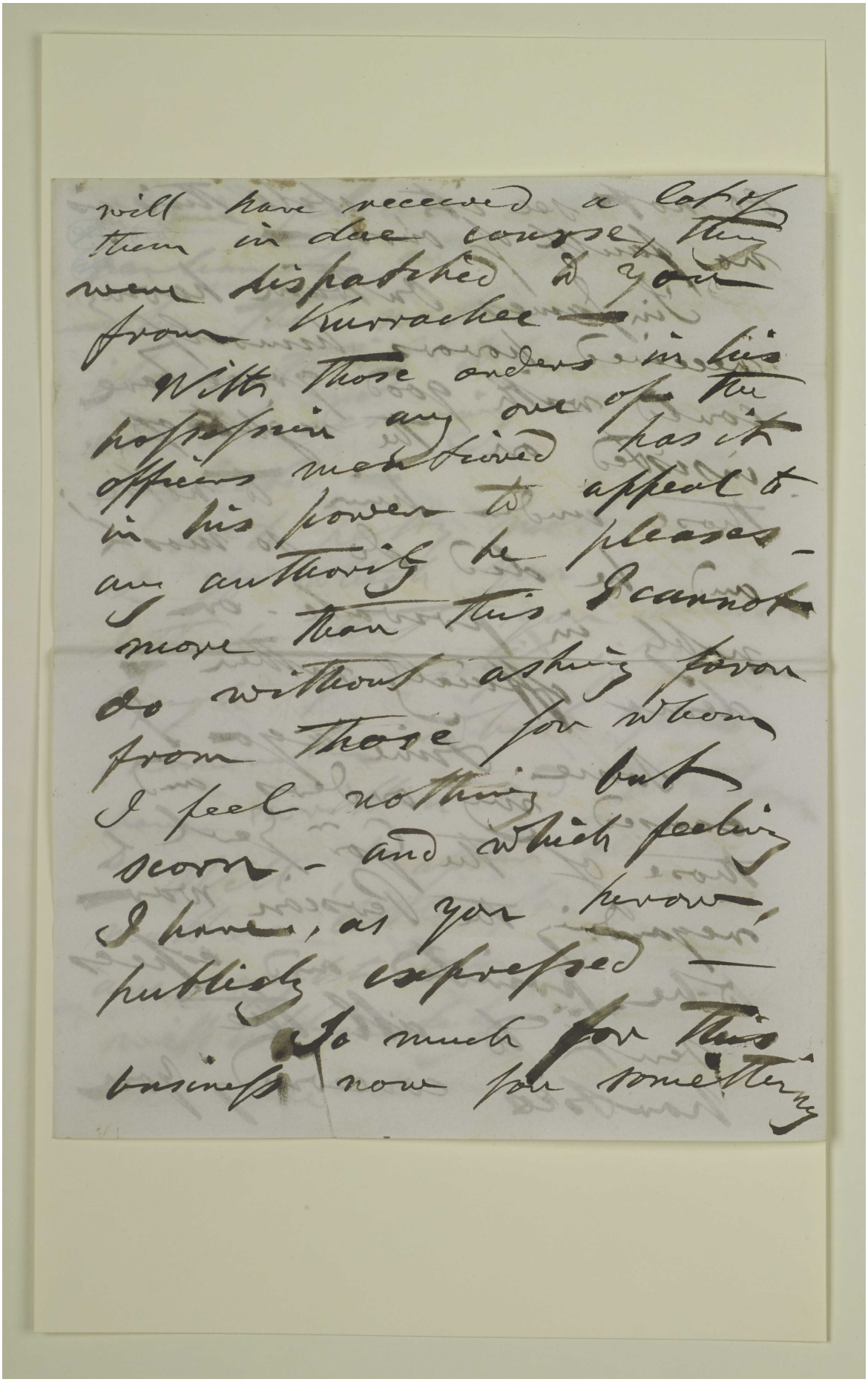

will have received a letter from me in due course, then were dispatched to you from Kurrachee — With those orders in his possession any one of the officers mentioned has it in his power to appeal to an authority he pleases — I cannot more than this do without asking favor from those for whom I feel nothing but scorn — and which feeling I have, as you know, publicly expressed —

So much for this business now for something

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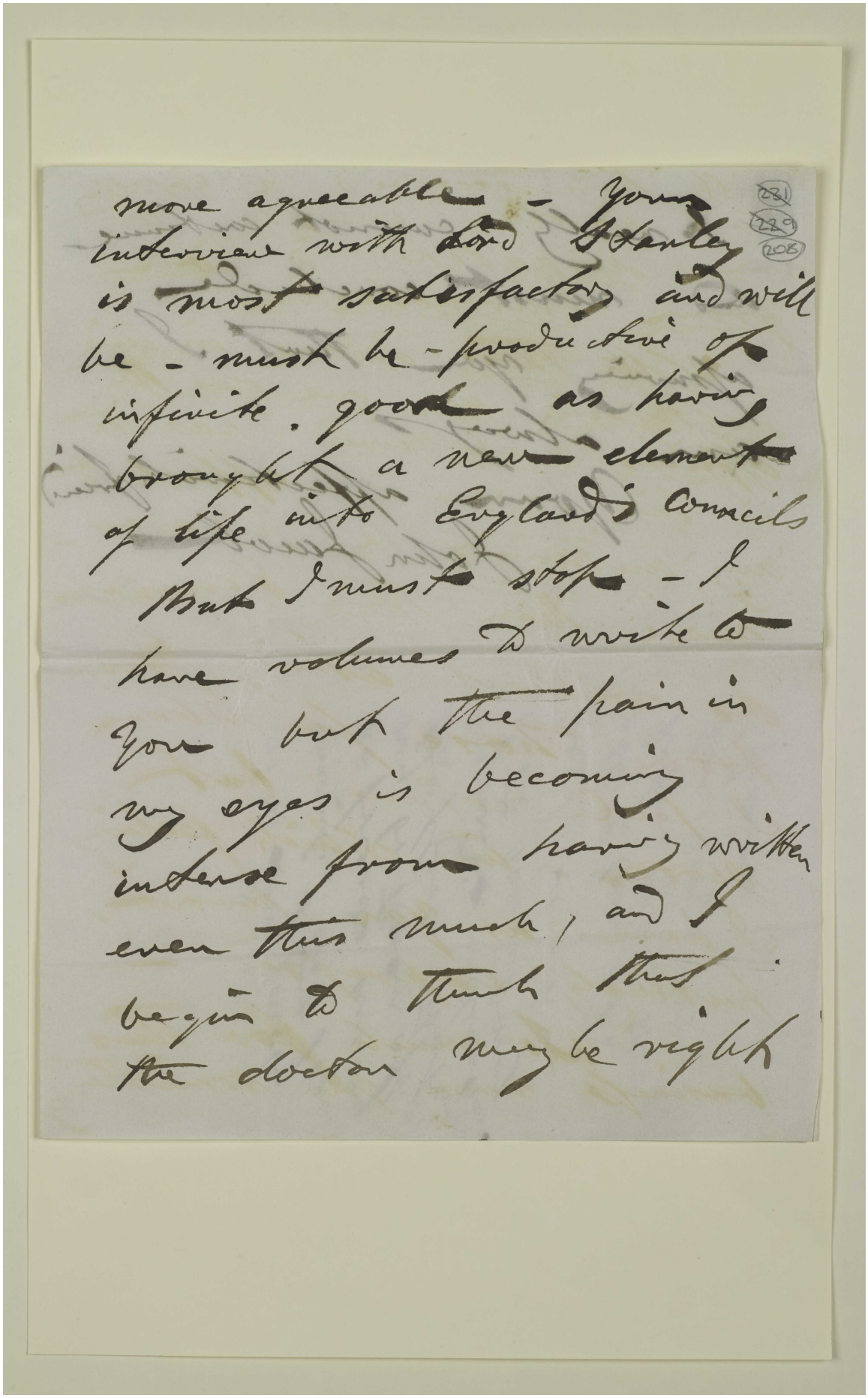
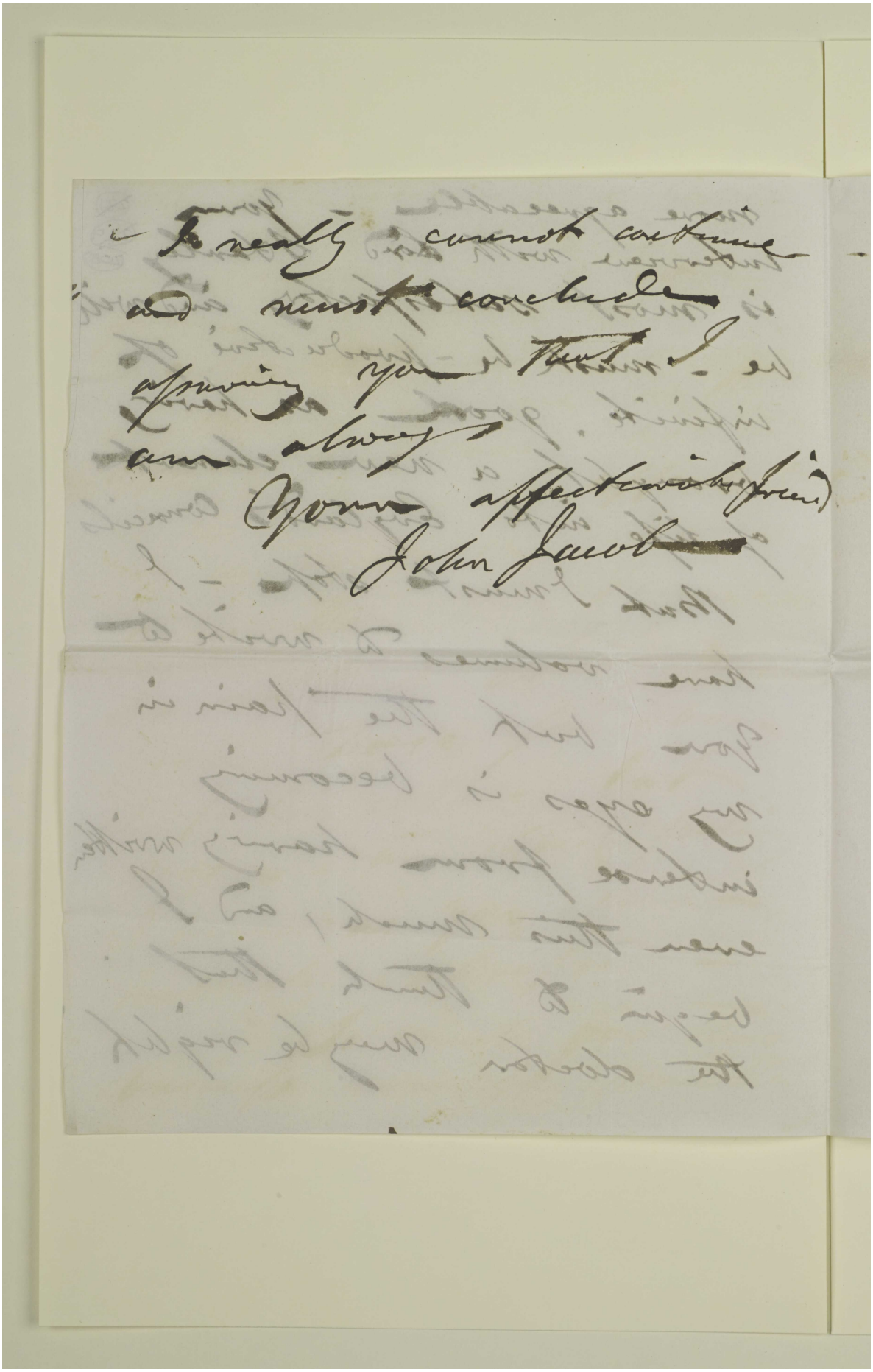


more agreeable – Your interview with Lord Stanley is most satisfactory and will be – must be – productive of infinite good as having brought a new element of life into England's councils But I must stop – I have volumes to write to you but the pain in my eyes is becoming intense from having written even thus much, and I begin to think that the doctor may be right



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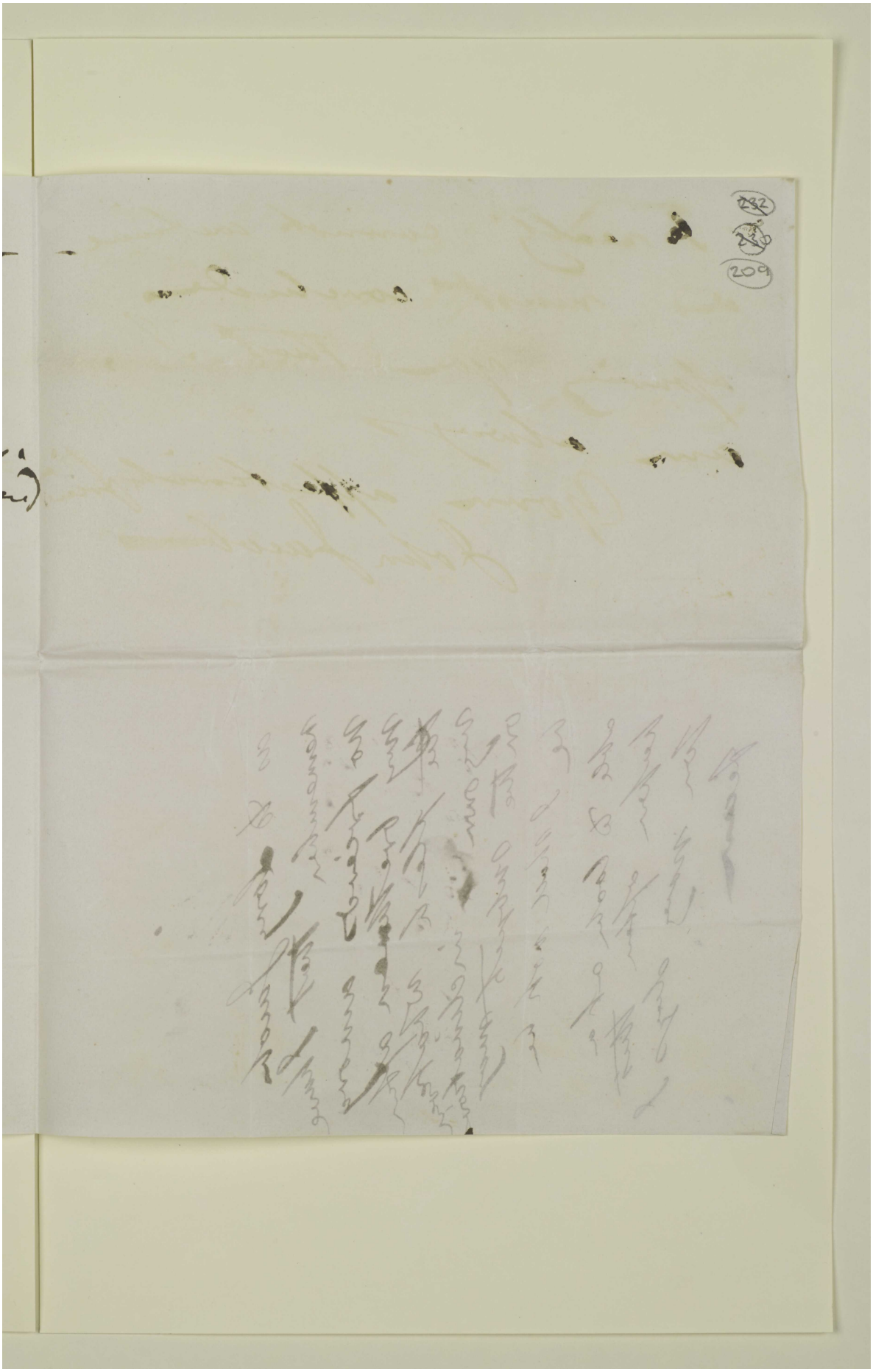

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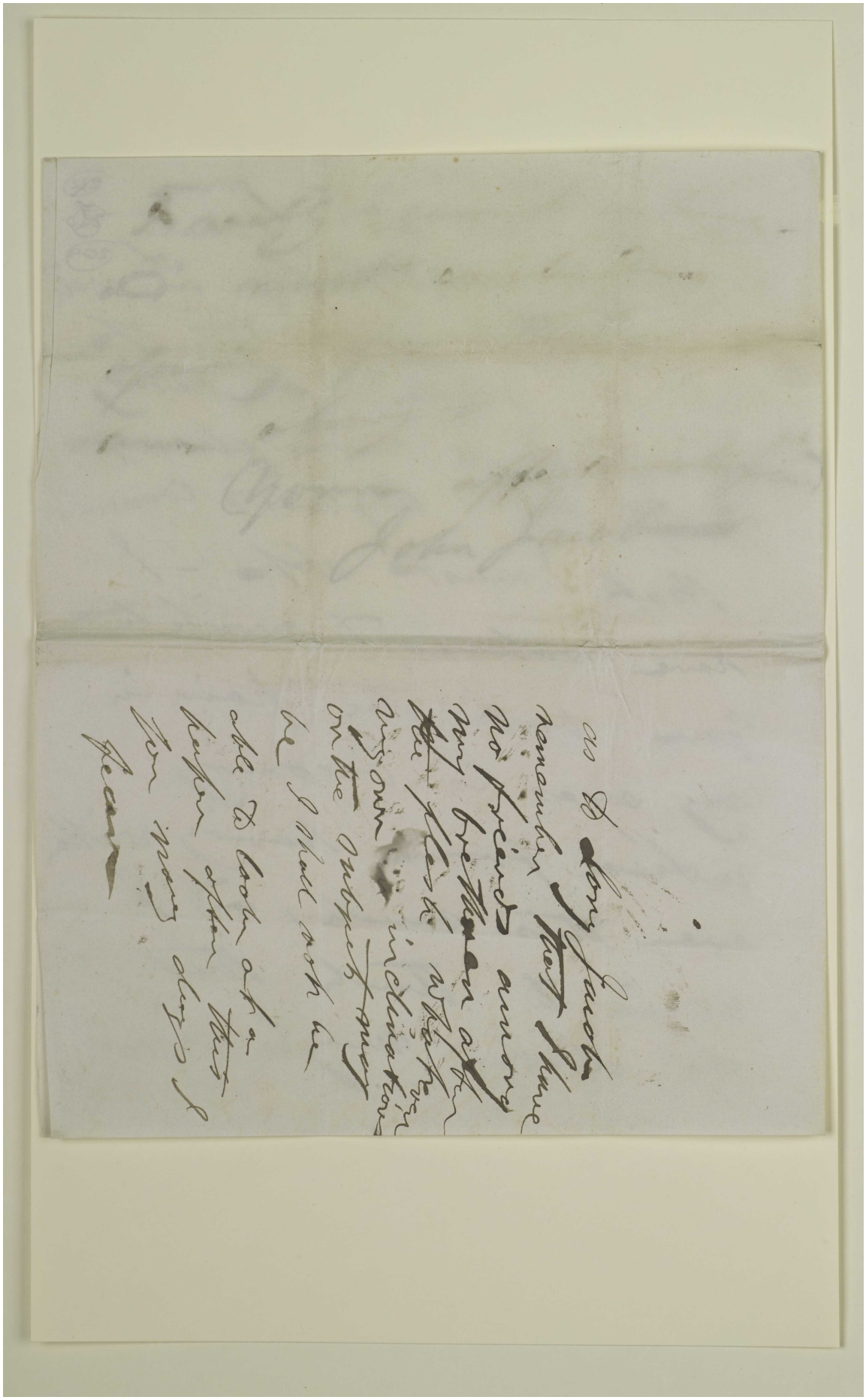

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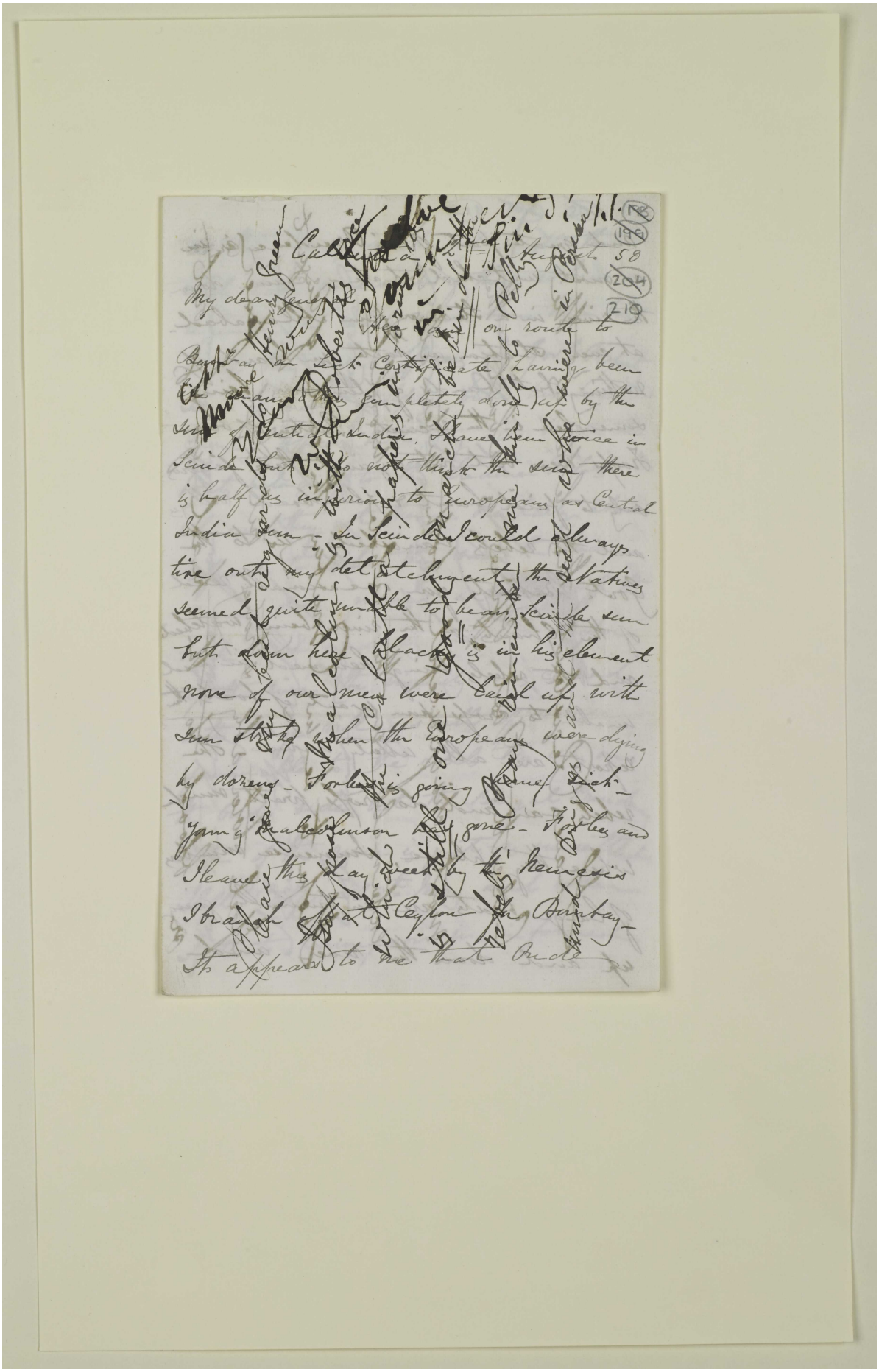

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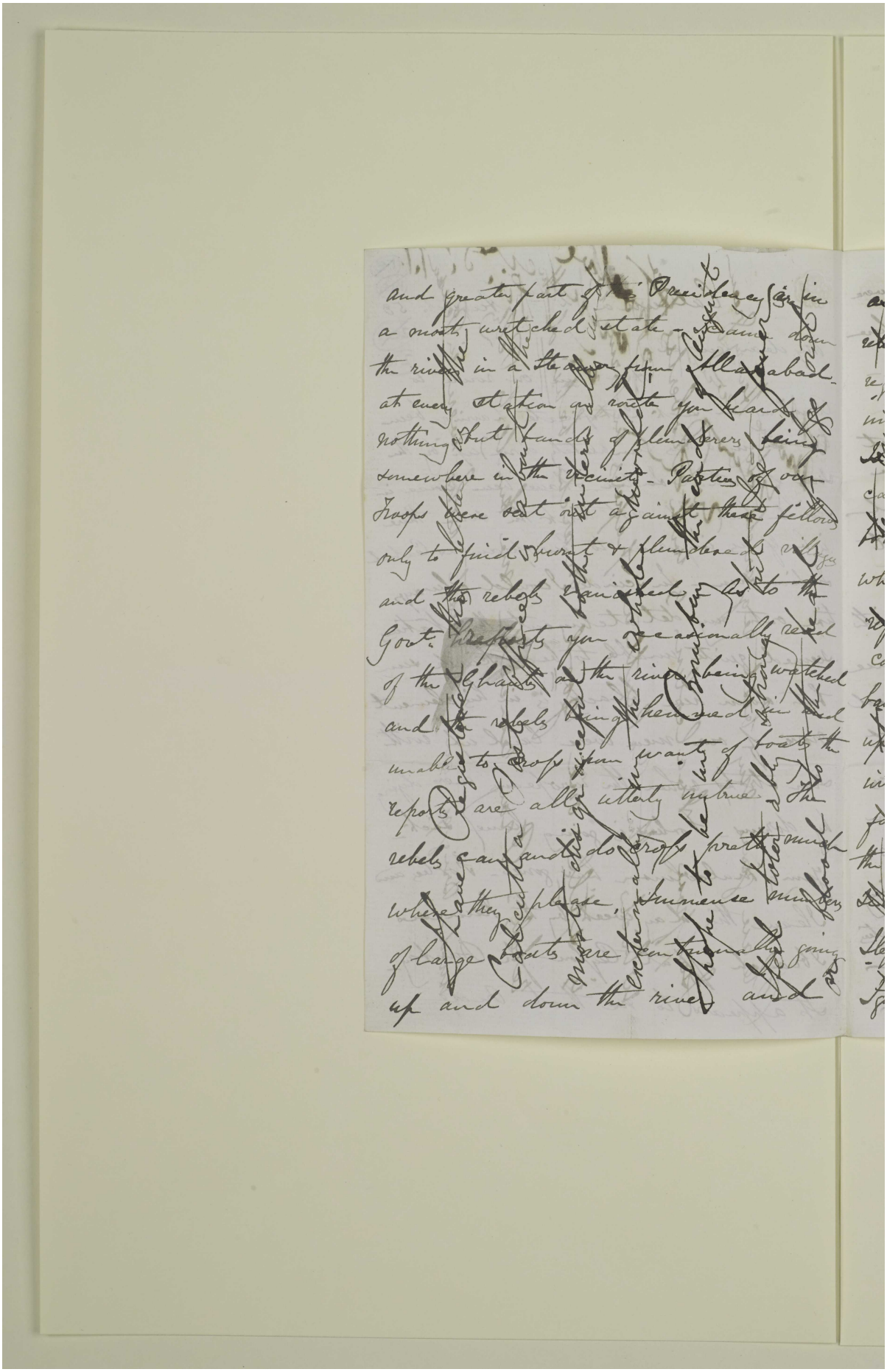

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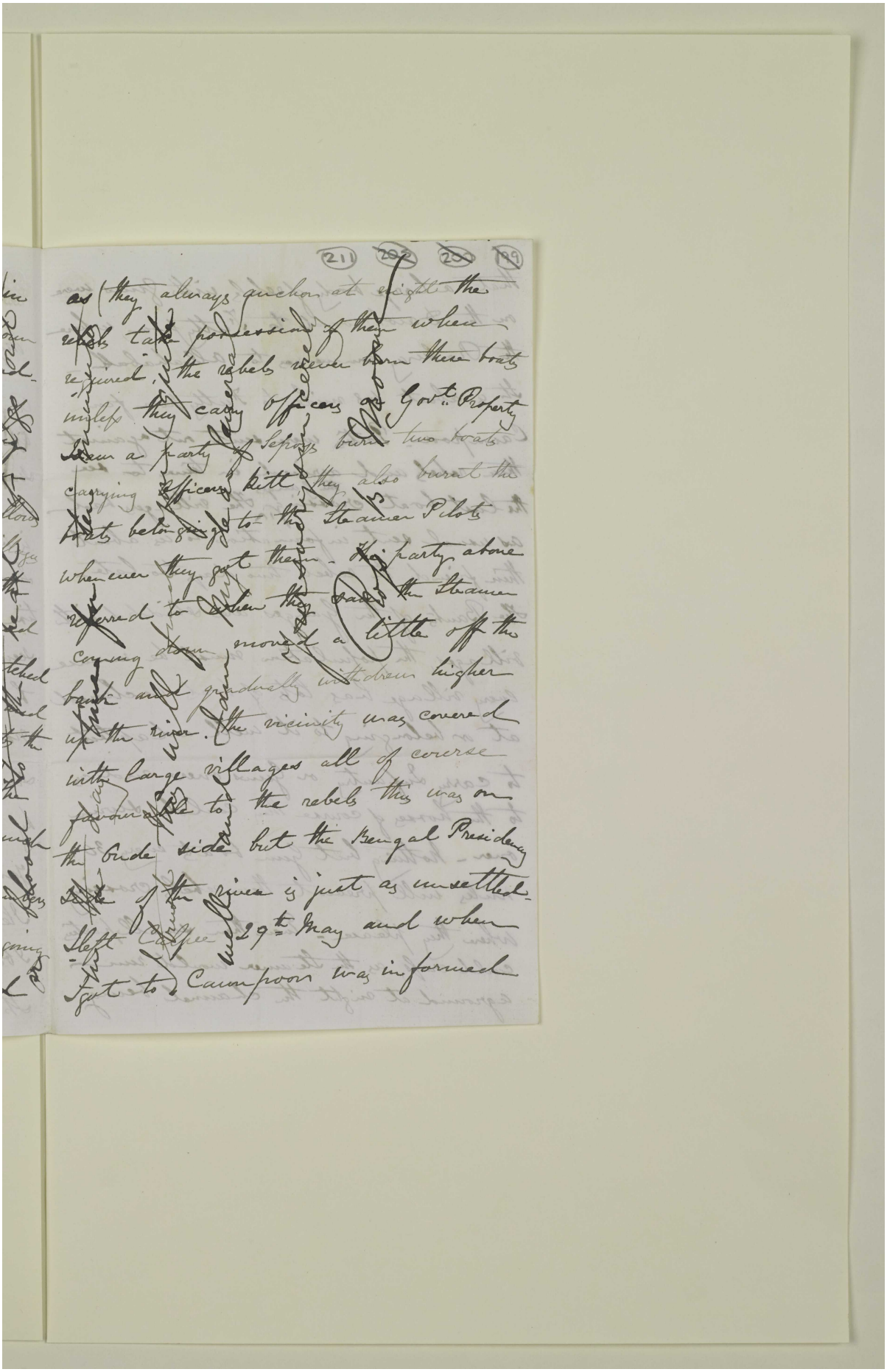

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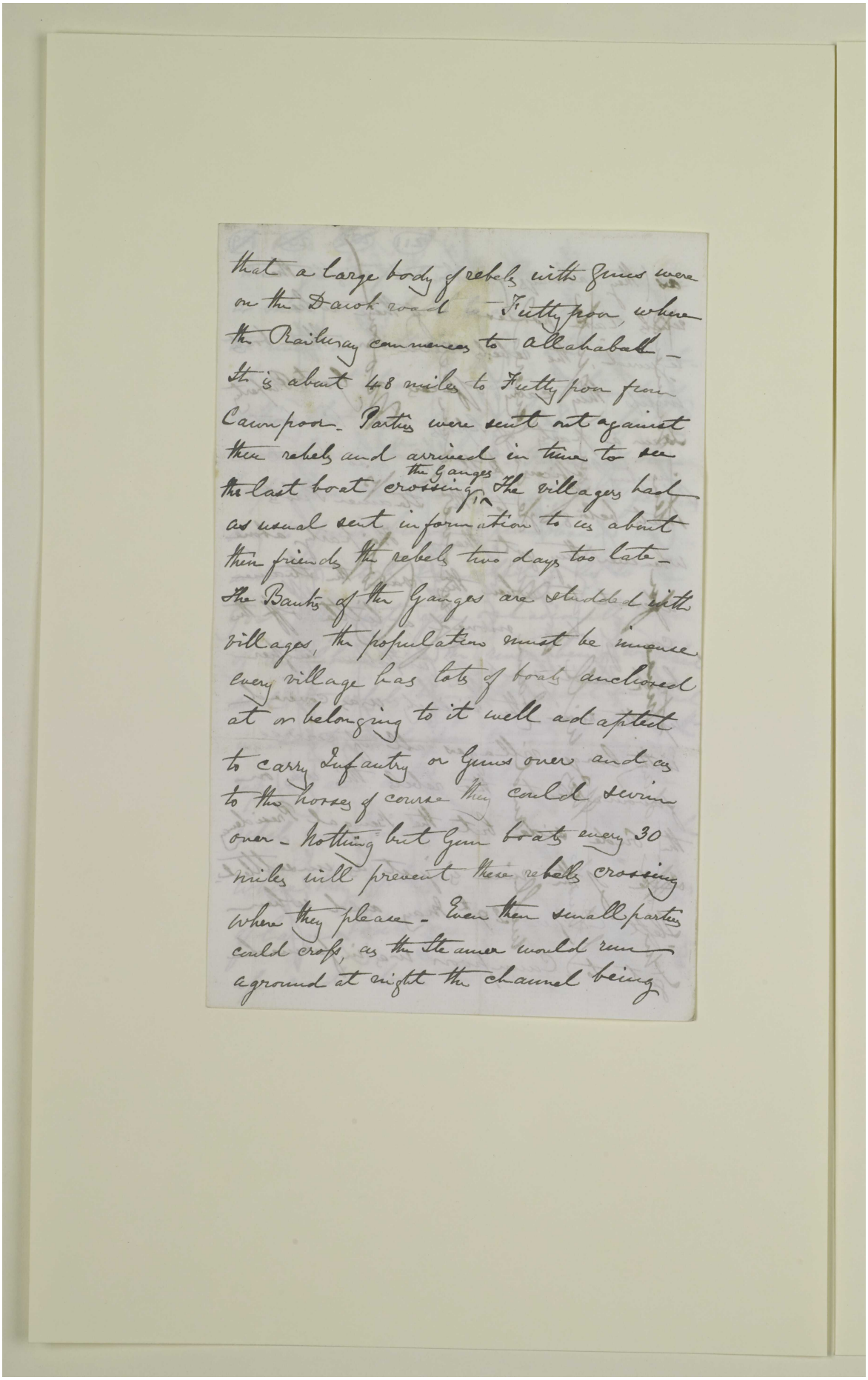

that a large body of rebels with Guns were on the Dawk road Futtypoor, where the Railway commences to Allahabad — It is about 48 miles to Futtypoor from Cawnpoor — Parties were sent out against these rebels and arrived in time to see the last boat crossing the Ganges. The villagers had as usual sent information to us about their friends the rebels two days too late — The Banks of the Ganges are studded with villages, the population must be immense every village has lots of boats anchored at or belonging to it well adapted to carry Infantry or Guns over and as to the horses of course they could swim over — Nothing but Gun boats every 30 miles will prevent these rebels crossing where they please — Even then small parties could cross, as the Steamer would run aground at night the channel being

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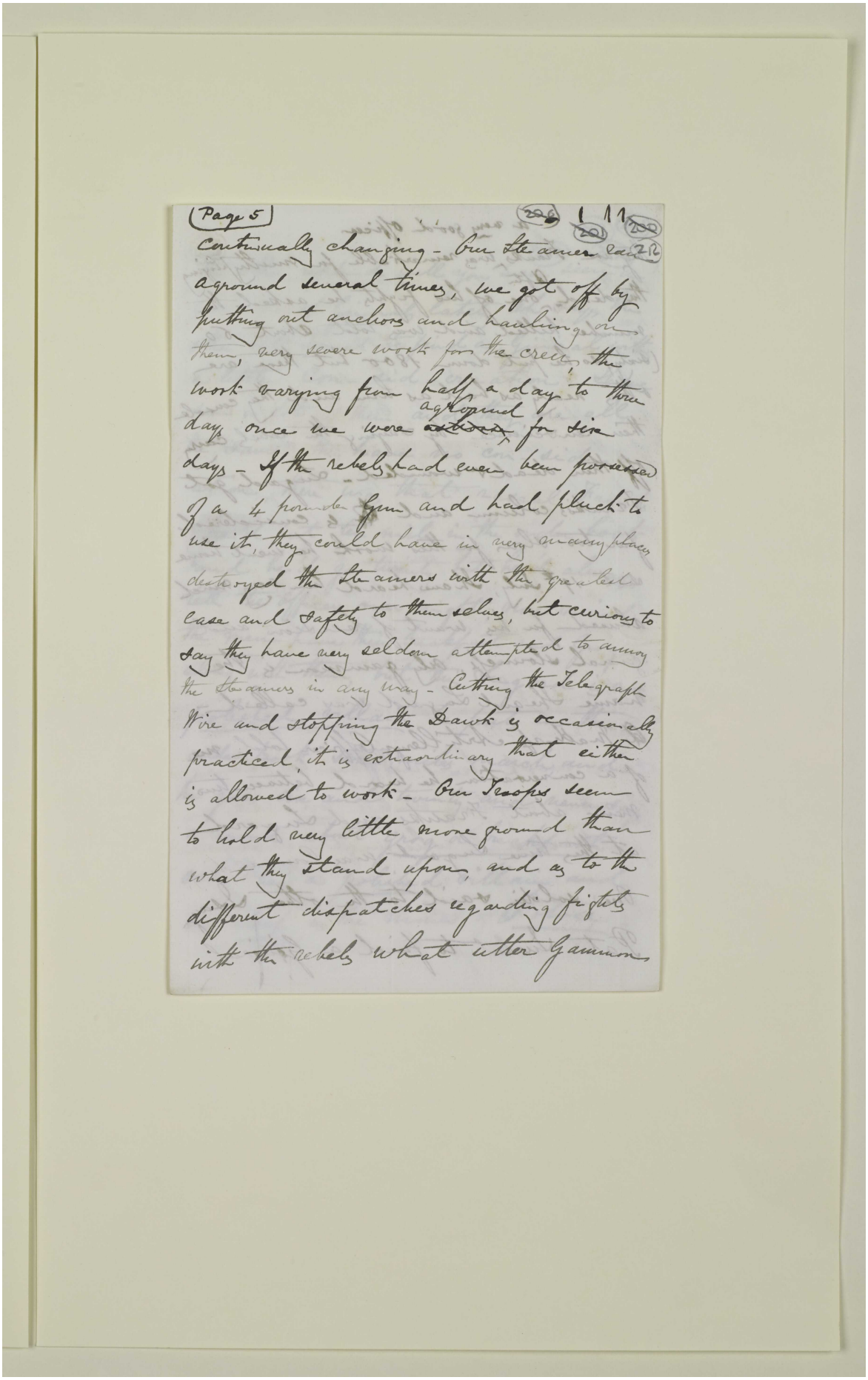

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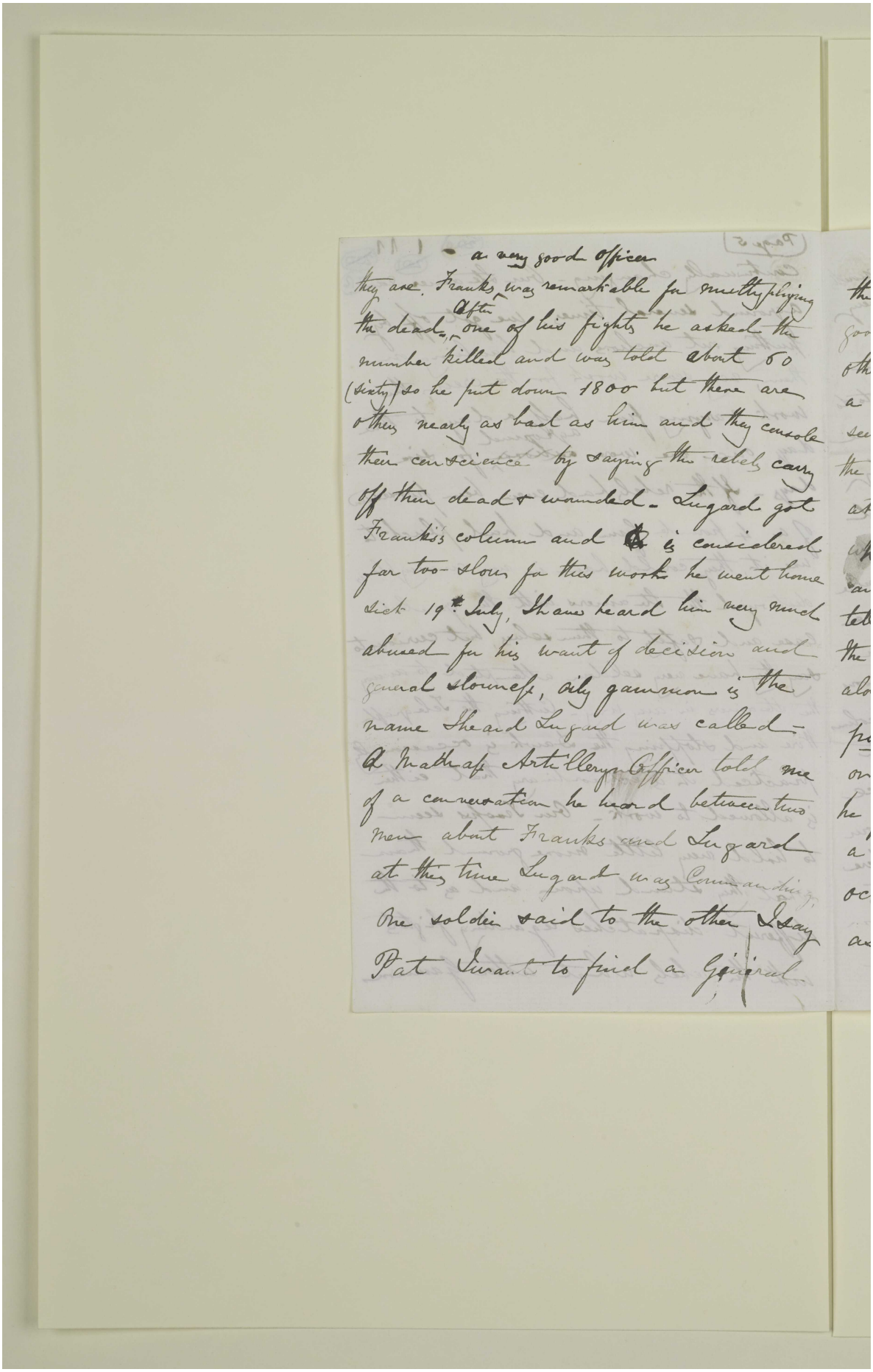
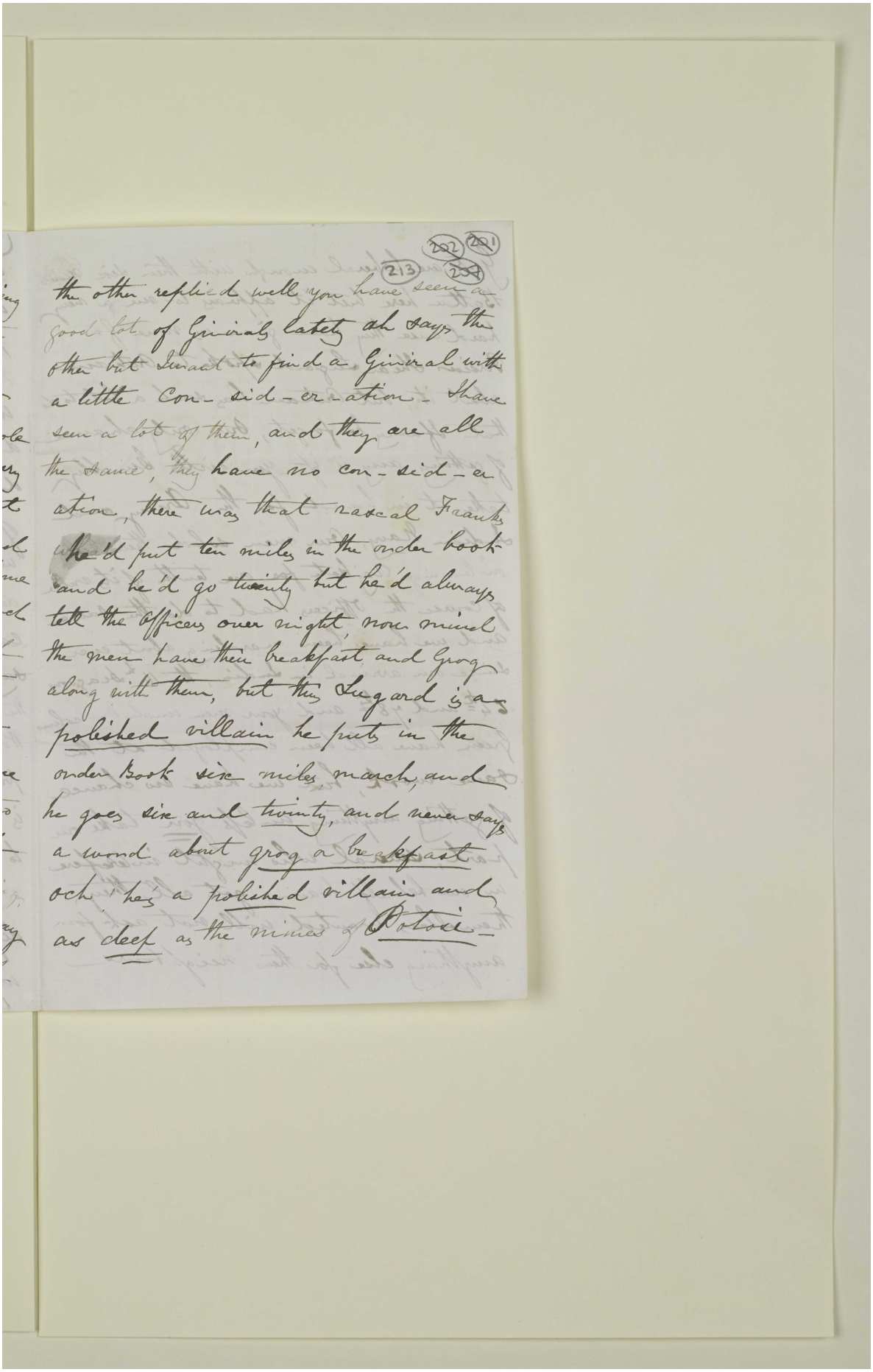
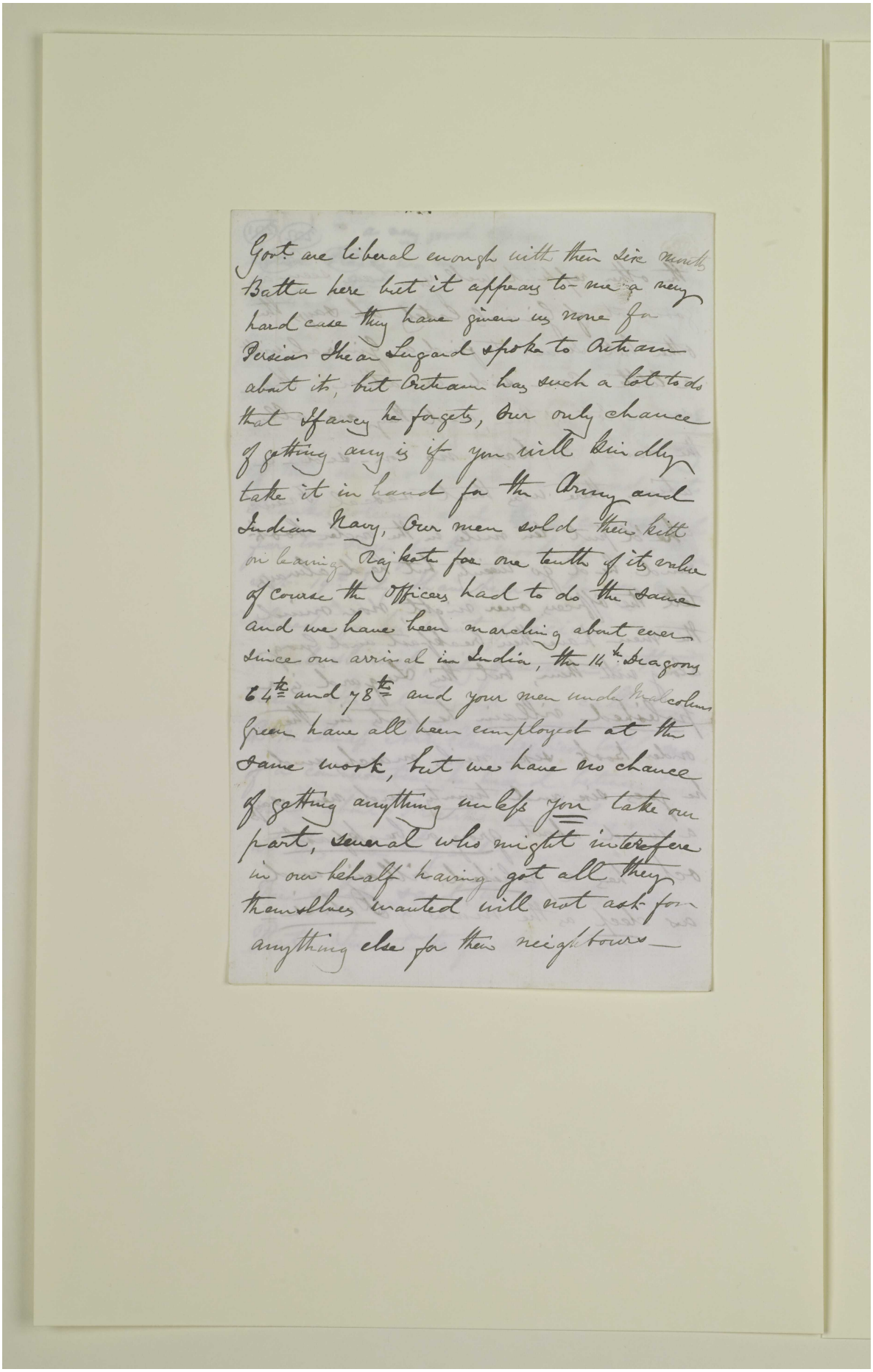
Continually changing - Our Steamer ran aground several times, we got off by putting out anchors and hauling on them, very severe work for the crew, the work varying from half a day to three days, once we were aground for six days - If the rebels had ever been possessed of a 4 pounder gun and had pluck to use it, they could have in very many places destroyed the Steamers with the greatest ease and safety to themselves, but curious to say they have very seldom attempted to annoy the Steamers in any way - Cutting the Telegraph Wire and stopping the Dawk is occasionally practiced, it is extraordinary that either is allowed to work - Our Troops seem to hold very little more ground than what they stand upon, and as to the different dispatches regarding fights with the rebels what utter Gammon



a very good Officer
they are. Franks was remarkable for smelling flying
the dead. Often one of his fights he asked the
number killed and was told about 60
(sixty) so he put down 1800 but there are
others nearly as bad as him and they console
their conscience by saying the rebels carry
off their dead & wounded. Lugard got
Franks's column and ✱ is considered
far too slow for this work he went home
sick 19th July. I have heard him very much
abused for his want of decision and
general slowness, oily gammon is the
name I heard Lugard was called.
A Madras Artillery Officer told me
of a conversation he heard between two
men about Franks and Lugard
at this time Lugard was Commanding
One soldier said to the other I say
Pat I want to find a General



the other replied well you have seen a good lot of Giminals lately ah says the other but I want to find a Giminal with a little Con-sid-er-ation- I have seen a lot of them, and they are all the same, they have no con-sid-er ation, there was that rascal Franks he'd put ten miles in the order book and he'd go twenty but he'd always tell the officers over night, now mind the men have their breakfast and Grog along with them, but this Sugard is a polished villain he puts in the order book six miles march, and he goes six and twenty, and never says a word about grog or breakfast och he's a polished villain and as deep as the mines of Potosi-



Govt. are liberal enough with their six months Batta here but it appears to me a very hard case they have given us none for Persia. Shear Lugard spoke to Outram about it, but Outram has such a lot to do that Ifancy he forgets, Our only chance of getting any is if you will kindly take it in hand for the Army and Indian Navy, Our men sold their kitt on leaving Rajkote for one tenth of its value of course the Officers had to do the same and we have been marching about ever since our arrival in India, the 14th Dragoons 64th and 78th and your men under Malcolm Green have all been employed at the same work, but we have no chance of getting anything unless you take our part, several who might interefere in our behalf having got all they themselves wanted will not ask for anything else for their neighbours—

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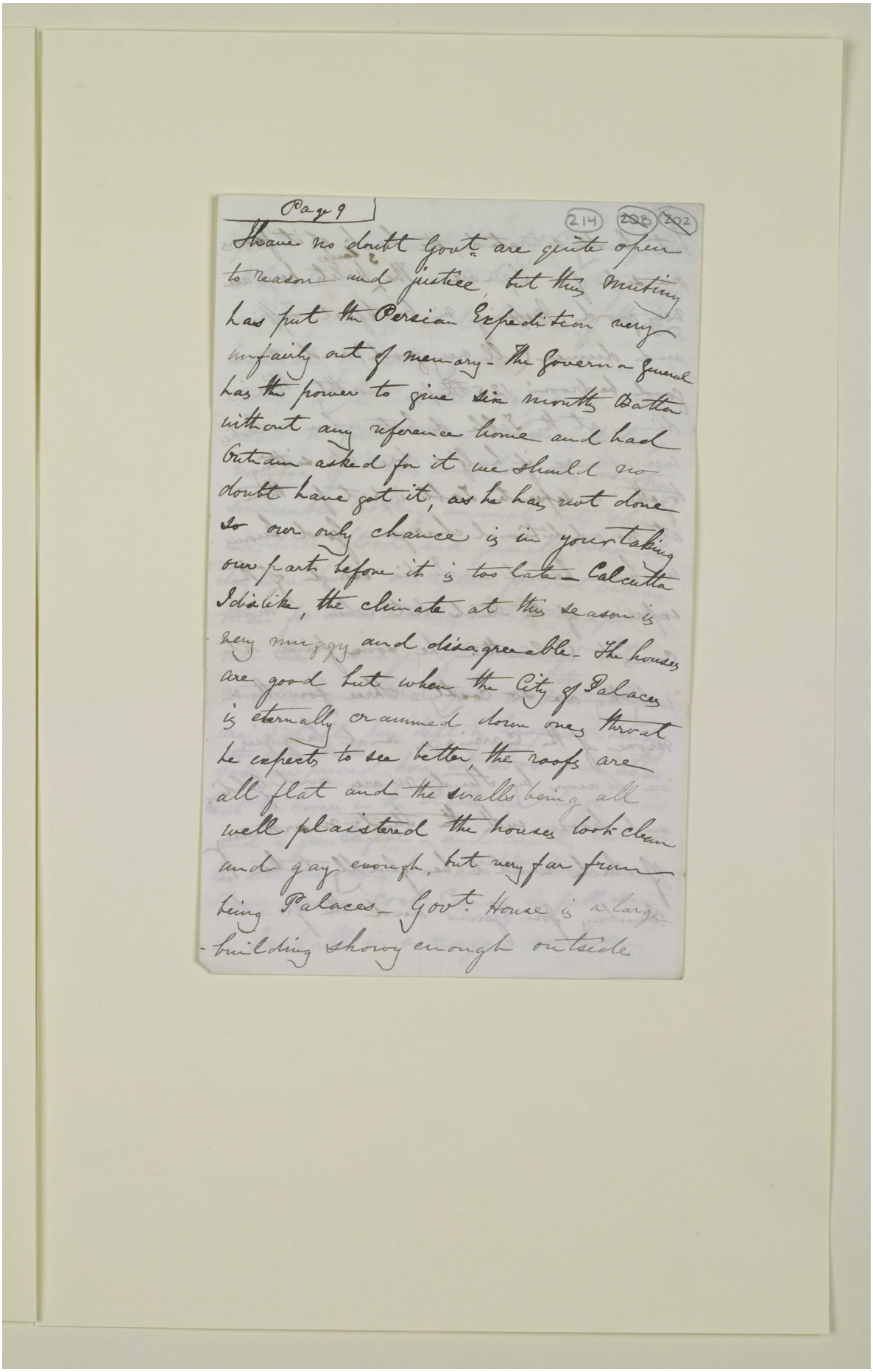

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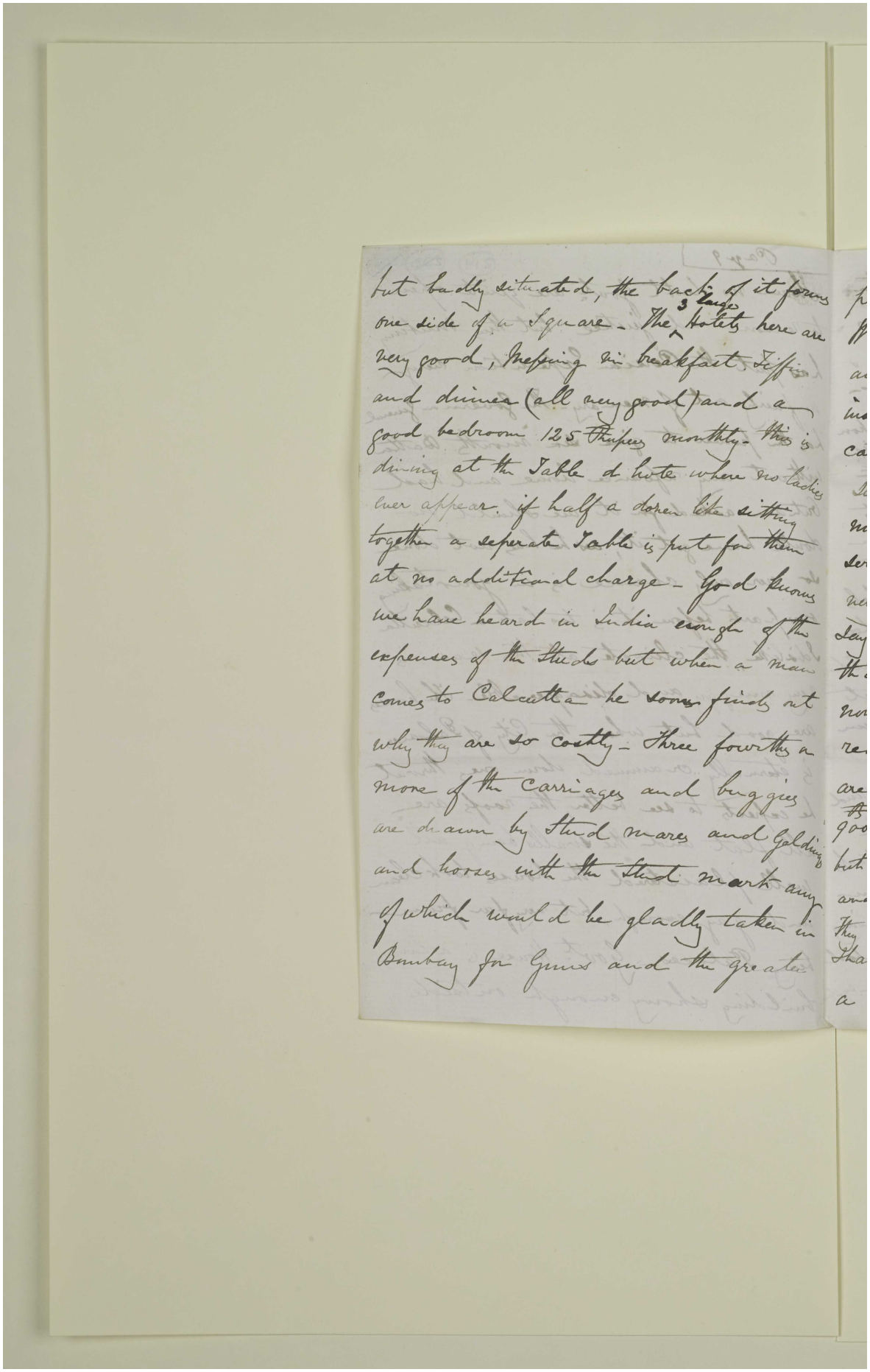
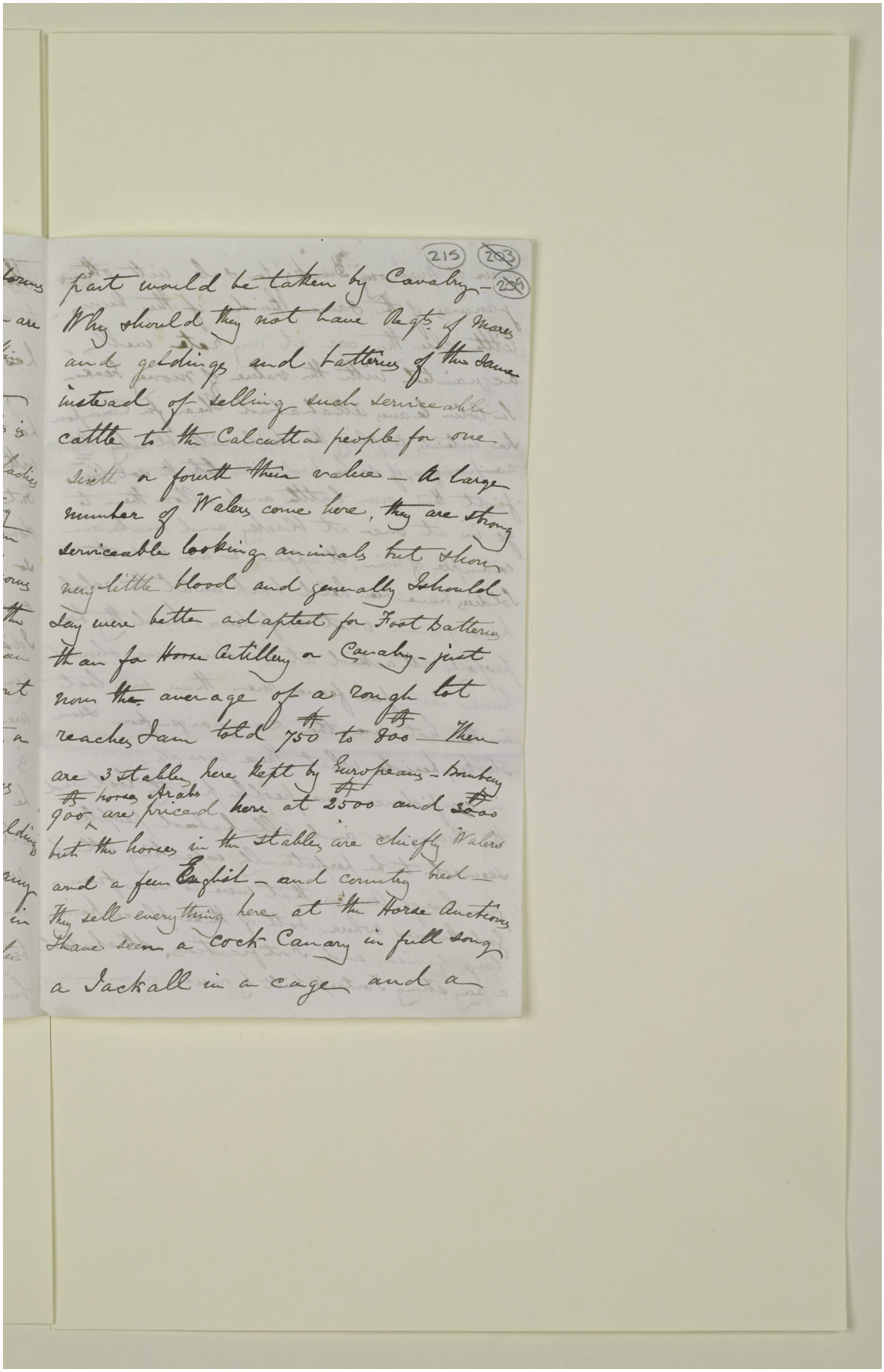
I have no doubt Govt are quite open to reason and justice, but this meeting has put the Persian Expedition very unfairly out of memory. The Governor General has the power to give six months Batta without any reference home and had Govt: asked for it we should no doubt have got it, as he has not done so our only chance is in your taking our part before it is too late. Calcutta I dislike, the climate at this season is very muggy and disagreeable. The houses are good but when the City of Palaces is eternally crammed down ones throat he expects to see better, the roofs are all flat and the walls being all well plaistered the houses look clean and gay enough, but very far from being Palaces. Govt: House is a large building showy enough outside



but badly situated, the back of it forms
one side of a Square. The 3 Hotels here are
very good, messing in breakfast, Tiffin
and dinner (all very good) and a
good bedroom 125 Rupees monthly. This is
dining at the Table d hote where no ladies
ever appear. if half a dozen like sitting
together a seperate Table is put for them
at no additional charge. God knows
we have heard in India enough of the
expenses of the Studs but when a man
comes to Calcutta he soon finds out
why they are so costly. Three fourths a
more of the carriages and buggies
are drawn by Stud mares and Gelding
and horses with the stud mark any
of which would be gladly taken in
Bombay for Guns and the greater



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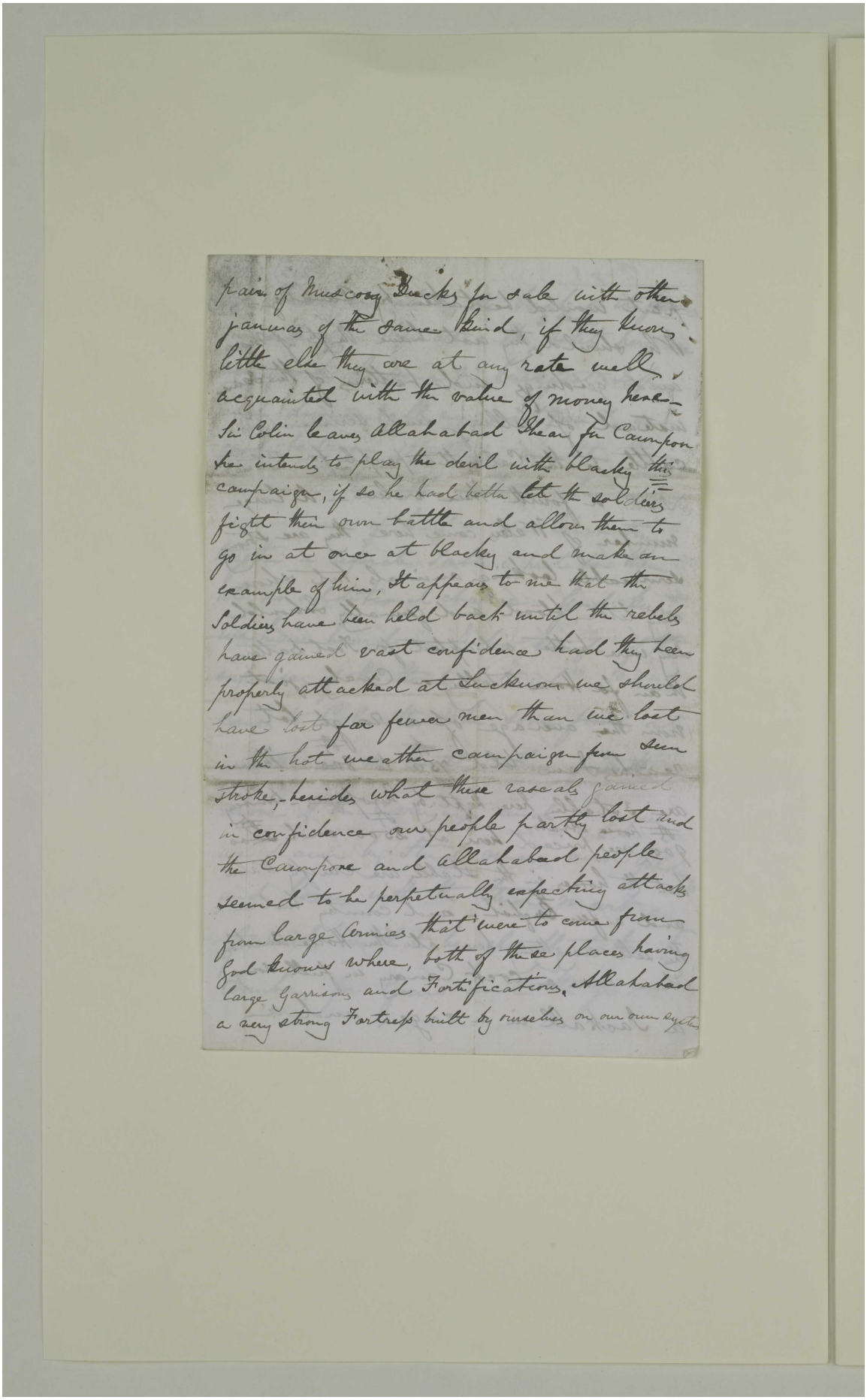
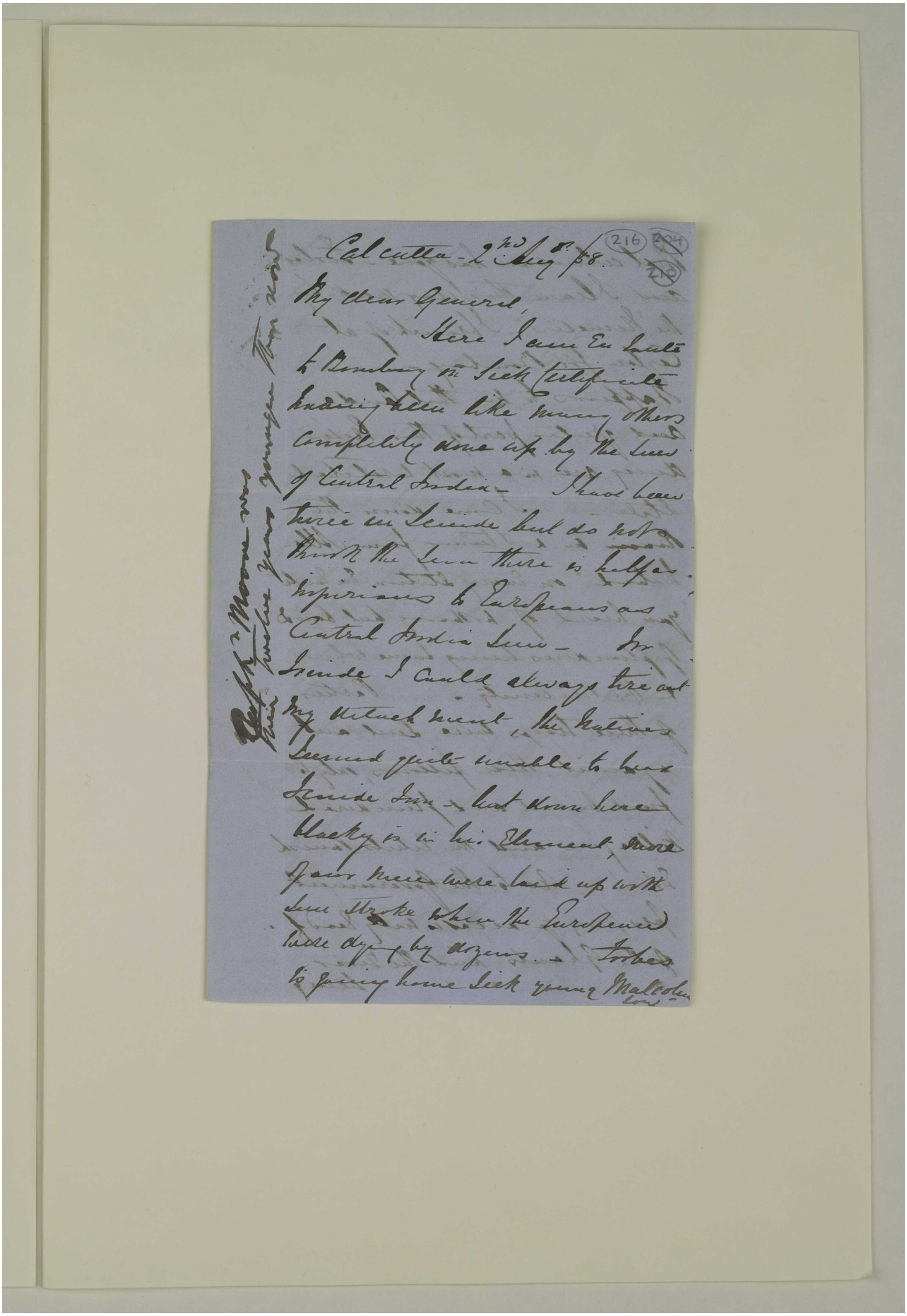
part would be taken by Cavalry — Why should they not have Regts. of Mares and geldings and batteries of the same instead of selling such serviceable cattle to the Calcutta people for one sixth or fourth their value — A large number of Walers come here, they are strong serviceable looking animals but show very little blood and generally I should say were better adapted for Foot Batteries than for Horse Artillery or Cavalry — just now the average of a rough lot reaches I am told 750 to 800 — There are 3 stables here kept by Europeans — Bombay 900 horses Arabs are priced here at 2500 and 3000 but the horses in the stables are chiefly Walers and a few English — and country bred — They sell everything here at the Horse Auctions I have seen a cock Canary in full song a Jackall in a cage and a



pair of Muscovy Ducks for sale with other
fancies of the same kind, if they know
little else they are at any rate well
acquainted with the value of money here.
Sir Colin leaves Allahabad shortly for Campore
he intends to play the devil with Blackey this
campaign, if so he had better let the soldiers
fight their own battle and allow them to
go in at once at Blackey and make an
example of him, It appears to me that the
Soldiers have been held back until the rebels
have gained vast confidence had they been
properly attacked at Lucknow we should
have lost far fewer men than we lost
in the hot weather campaign from sun
stroke, besides what these rascals gained
in confidence our people partly lost and
the Campore and Allahabad people
seemed to be perpetually expecting attacks
from large Armies that were to come from
God knows where, both of these places having
large Garrisons and Fortifications, Allahabad
a very strong Fortress built by ourselves on our own system



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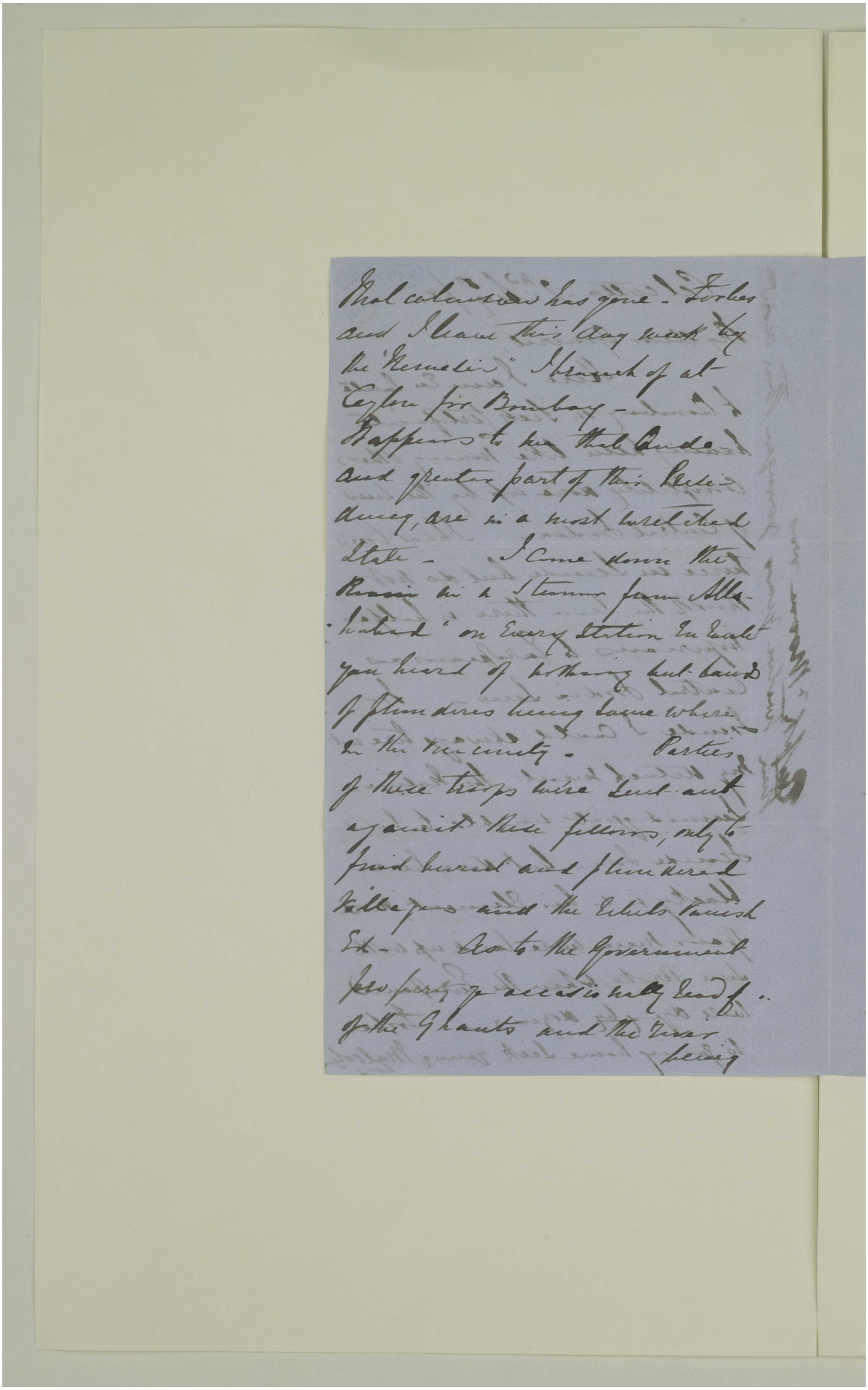
My dear General,

Here I am en route to Bombay on sick certificate having been like many others completely done up by the sun of Central India - I have been twice in Scinde but do not think the sun there is half as injurious to Europeans as Central India sun - In Scinde I could always tire out my detachment, the Natives seemed quite unable to bear Scinde sun - but down here blacky is in his Element, more of our men were laid up with sun stroke when the Europeans were dying by dozens. - Forbes is going home sick young Malcolm son

Capt. Moore was their twelve years younger than now



that calculation has gone - Forbes
and I leave this day week by
the "Nemesis" I branch of at
Ceylon for Bombay -
It appears to me that Oude
and greater part of this Resi-
dency, are in a most wretched
State - I come down the
Ravi in a Steamer from Alla-
habad" on Every Station En route
you heard of nothing but bands
of plunderers being some where
in the vicinity - Parties
of these troops were sent out
against these fellows, only to
find burnt and plundered
Villages and the rebels vanish
Ed - As to the Government
property you occasionally read of
of the Grants and the river
being

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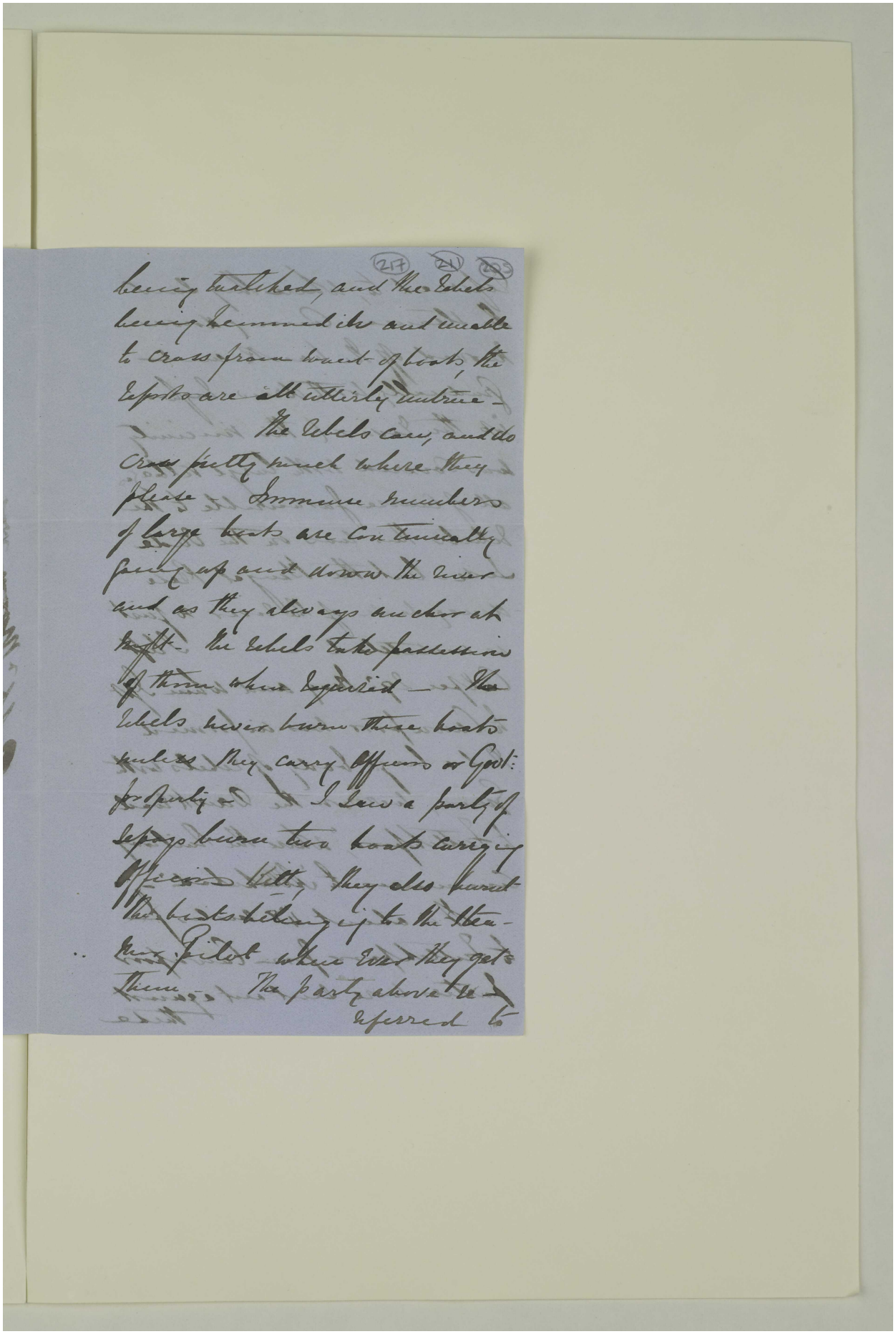

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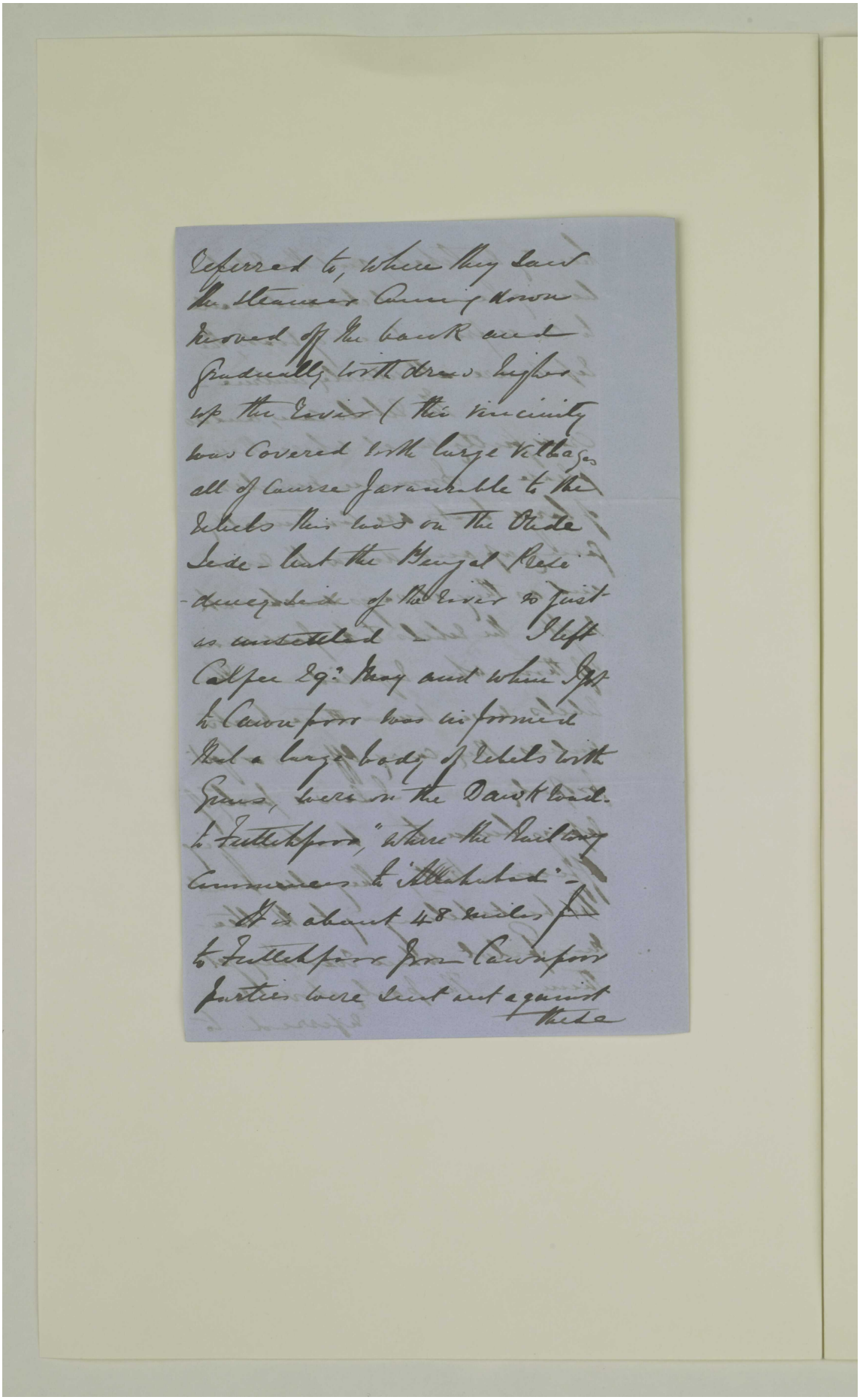
being watched, and the rebels
being hemmed in and unable
to cross from want of boats, the
reports are all utterly untrue —
The rebels can, and do
cross pretty much where they
please — Immense numbers
of large boats are continually
going up and down the river
and as they always anchor at
night — the rebels take possession
of them when required — The
rebels never burn these boats
unless they carry Officers or Govt:
property — I saw a party of
Sepoys burn two boats carrying
Officers kitty, they also burnt
the boats belonging to the Steam-
mer Pilot where ever they get
them — The party above re-
referred to



referred to, where they saw
the steamer coming down
moved off the bank and
gradually withdrew higher
up the river (this vicinity
was covered with large villages
all of course favourable to the
rebels this was on the Oude
side - but the Bengal Resi-
-dency side of the river is just
as unsettled - I left
Calpee 29th May and when I got
to Cawnpoor was informed
that a large body of rebels with
guns, were on the Dawk road
to Futtehpoor, "where the railway
commences to 'Allahabad' -
It is about 48 miles
to Futtehpoor from Cawnpoor
parties were sent out against
these

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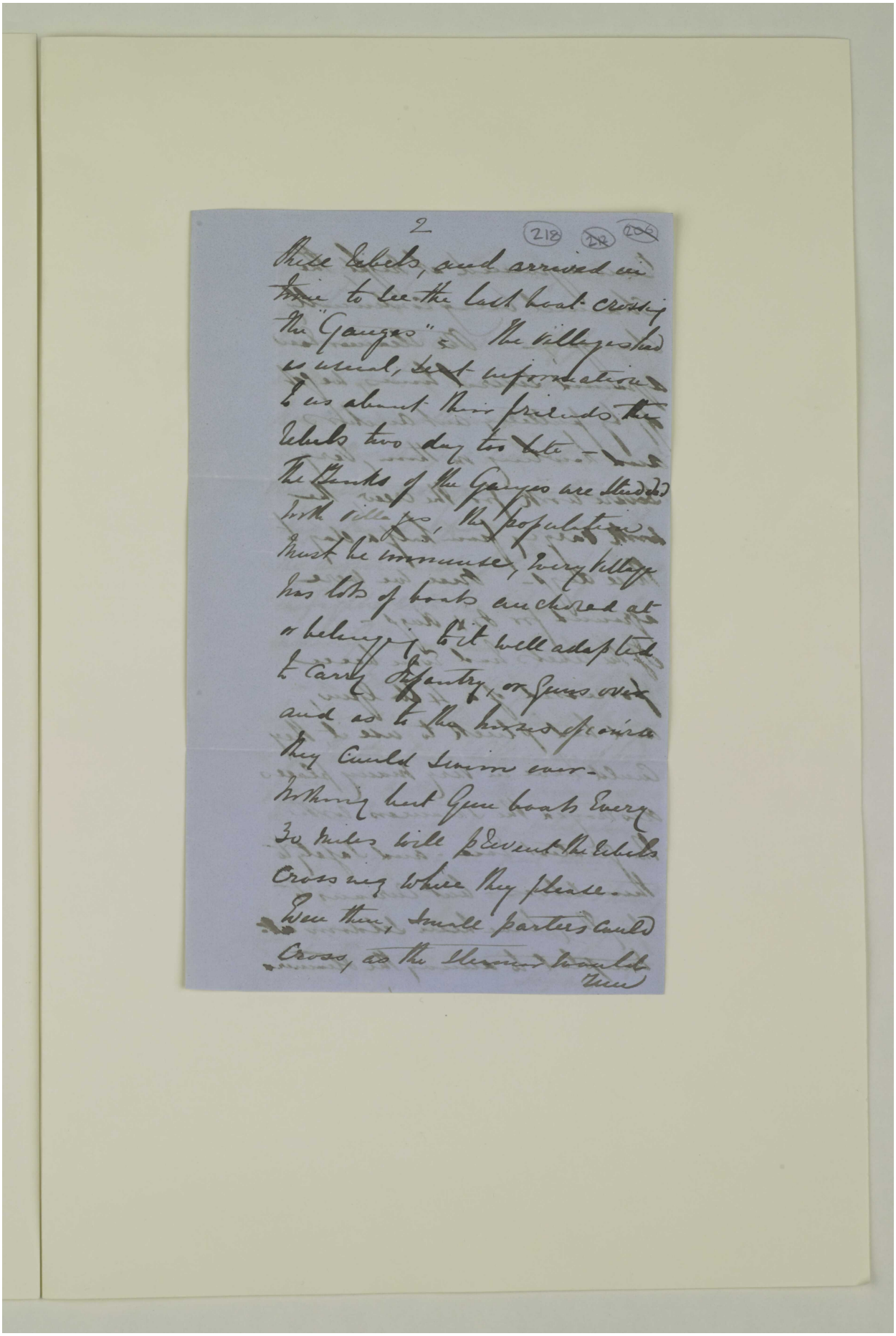

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these rebels, and arrived in time to see the last boat crossing the "Ganges". The villages had as usual, sent information to us about their friends the rebels two day too late. The Banks of the Ganges are studded with villages, the population must be immense, every village has lots of boats anchored at or belonging to it well adapted to carry Infantry, or Guns over and as to the horses of course they could swim over. Nothing but Gun boats every 30 miles will prevent the rebels crossing where they please. Even then, small parties could cross, as the steamer would

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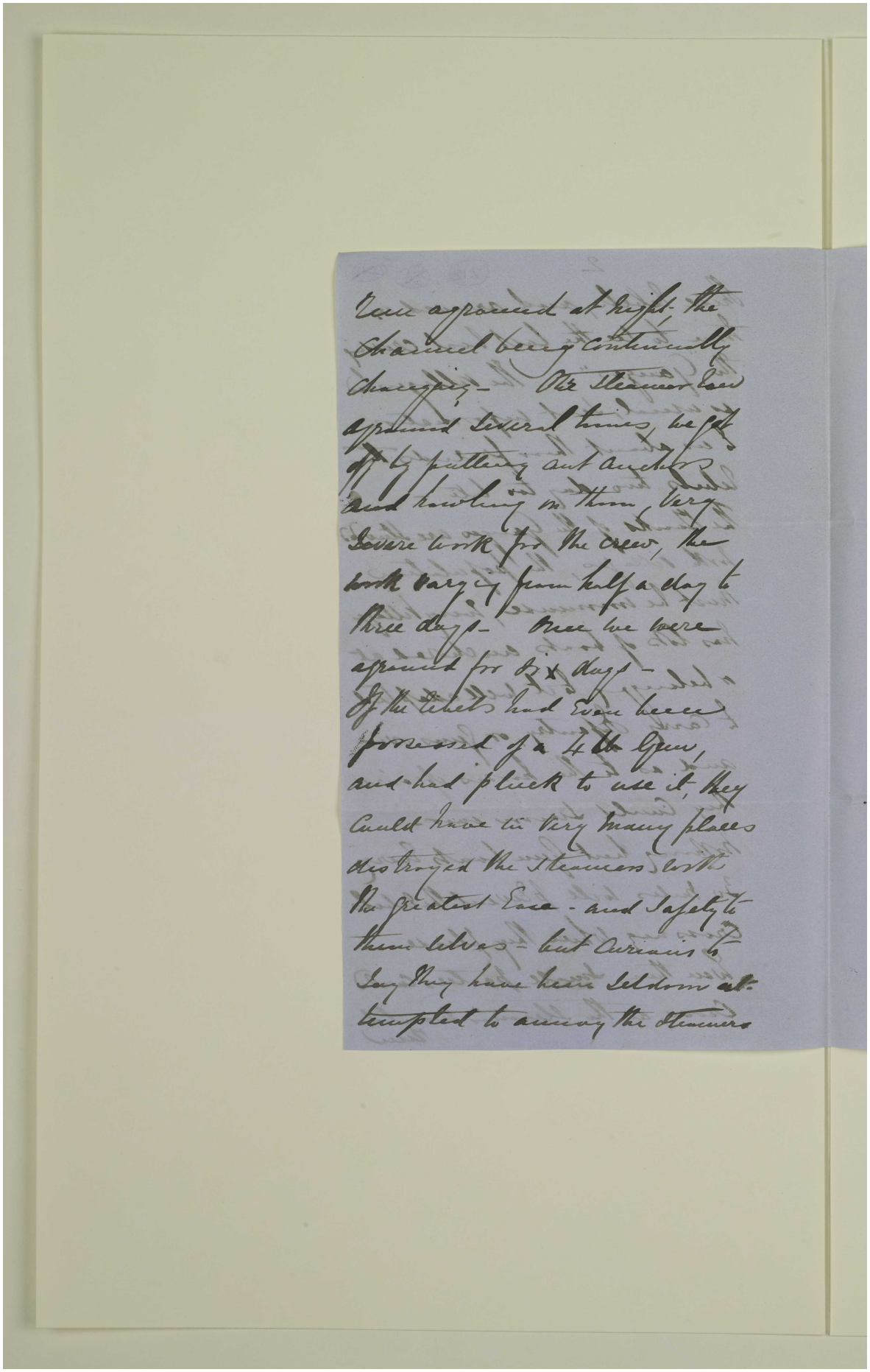

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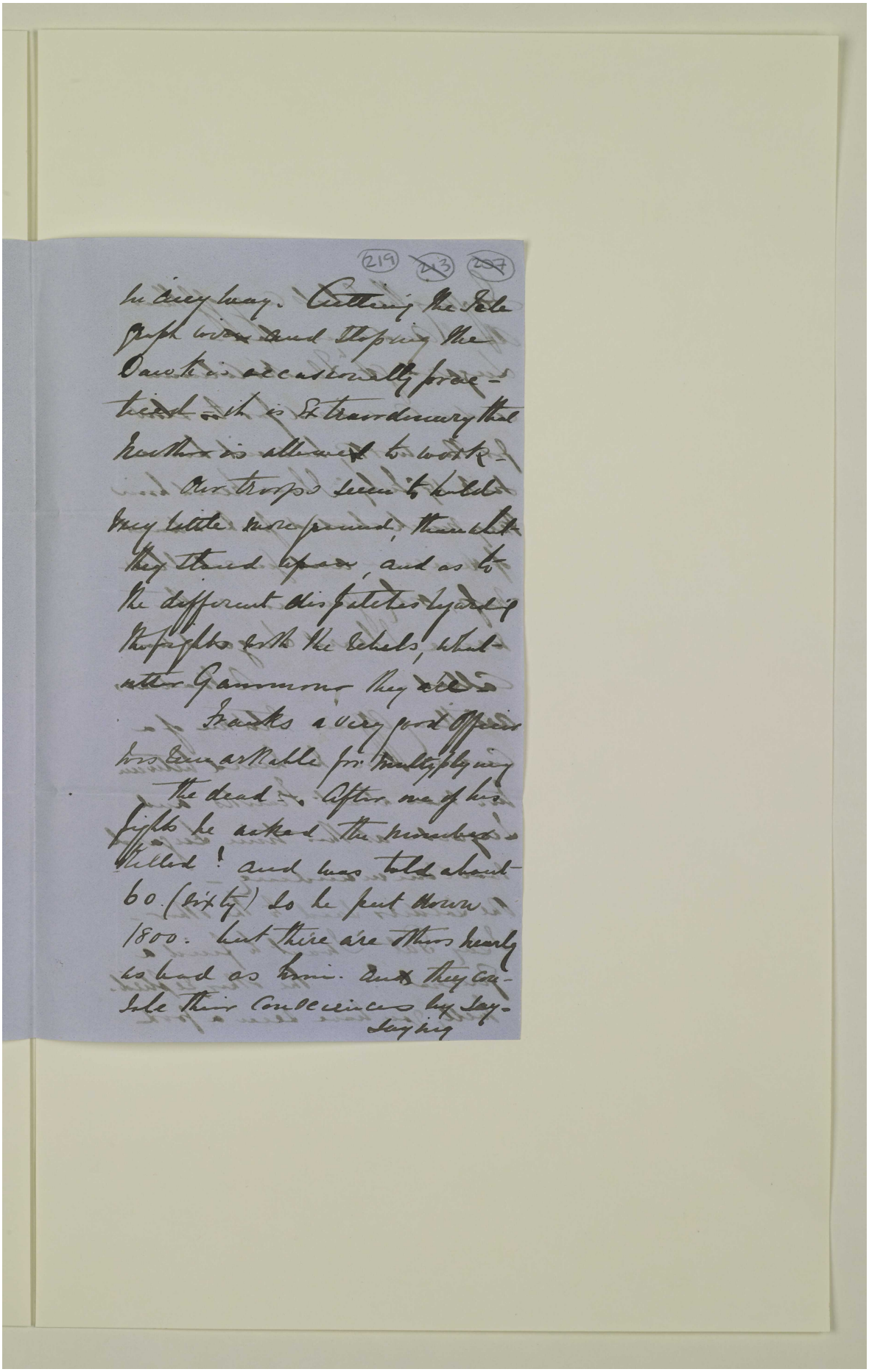
possessed of a 4 lb Gun,
and had pluck to use it, they
could have in very many places
destroyed the steamers with
the greatest ease - and safety to
themselves - but curious to
say they have been seldom at-
tempted to annoy the steamers



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ticed — it is extraordinary that
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very little more ground, than what
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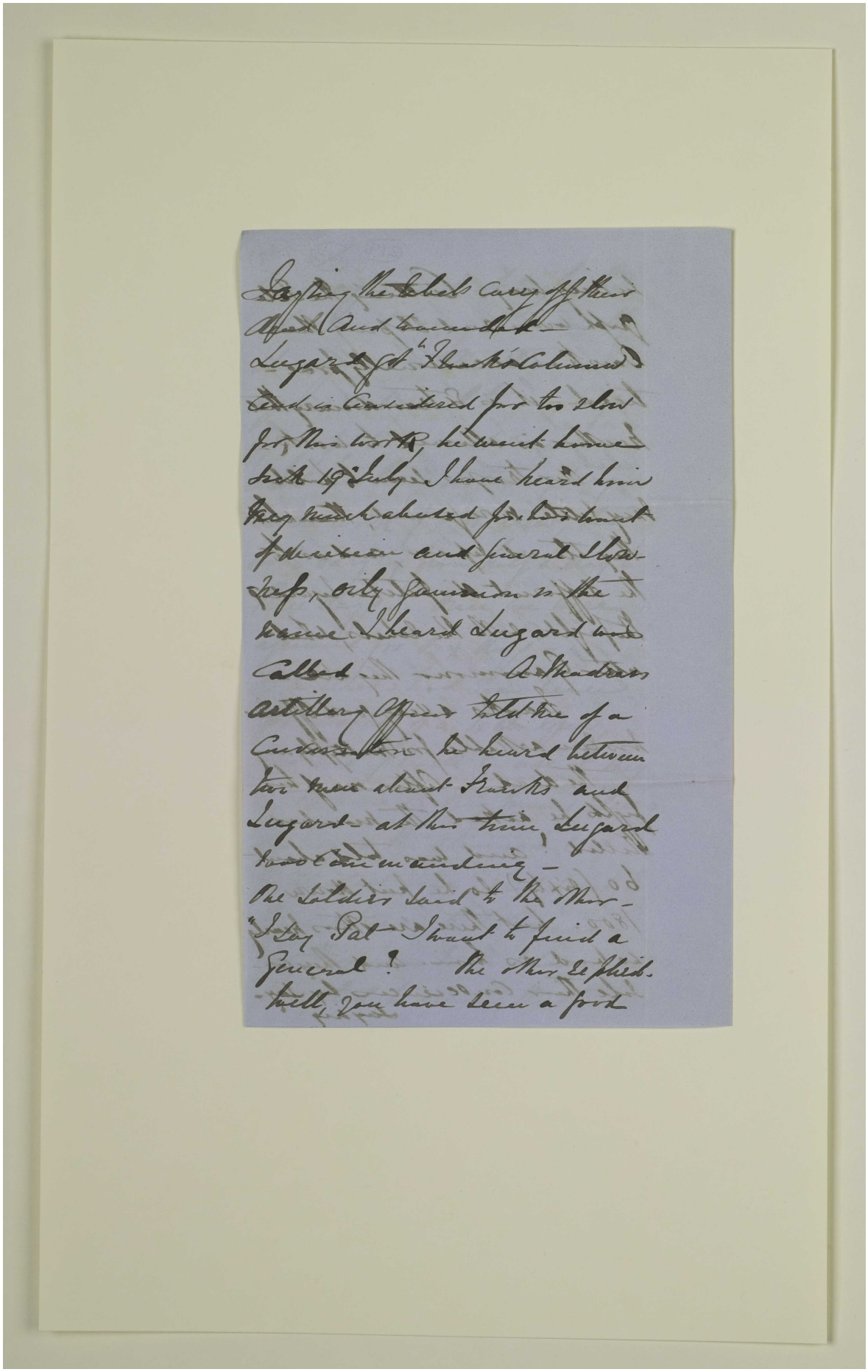

Laying the rebels carry off their
Dead and wounded —
Lugard got "Franks Column"
and is considered for too slow
for this work, he went home
sick 19th July. I have heard him
very much abused for his want
of decision and general slow-
ness, only gammon is the
name I heard Lugard was
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conversation he heard between
two men about Franks and
Lugard — at this time Lugard
was commanding —
One soldier said to the other —
"I say Pat I want to find a
General? The other replied.
Well, you have seen a good

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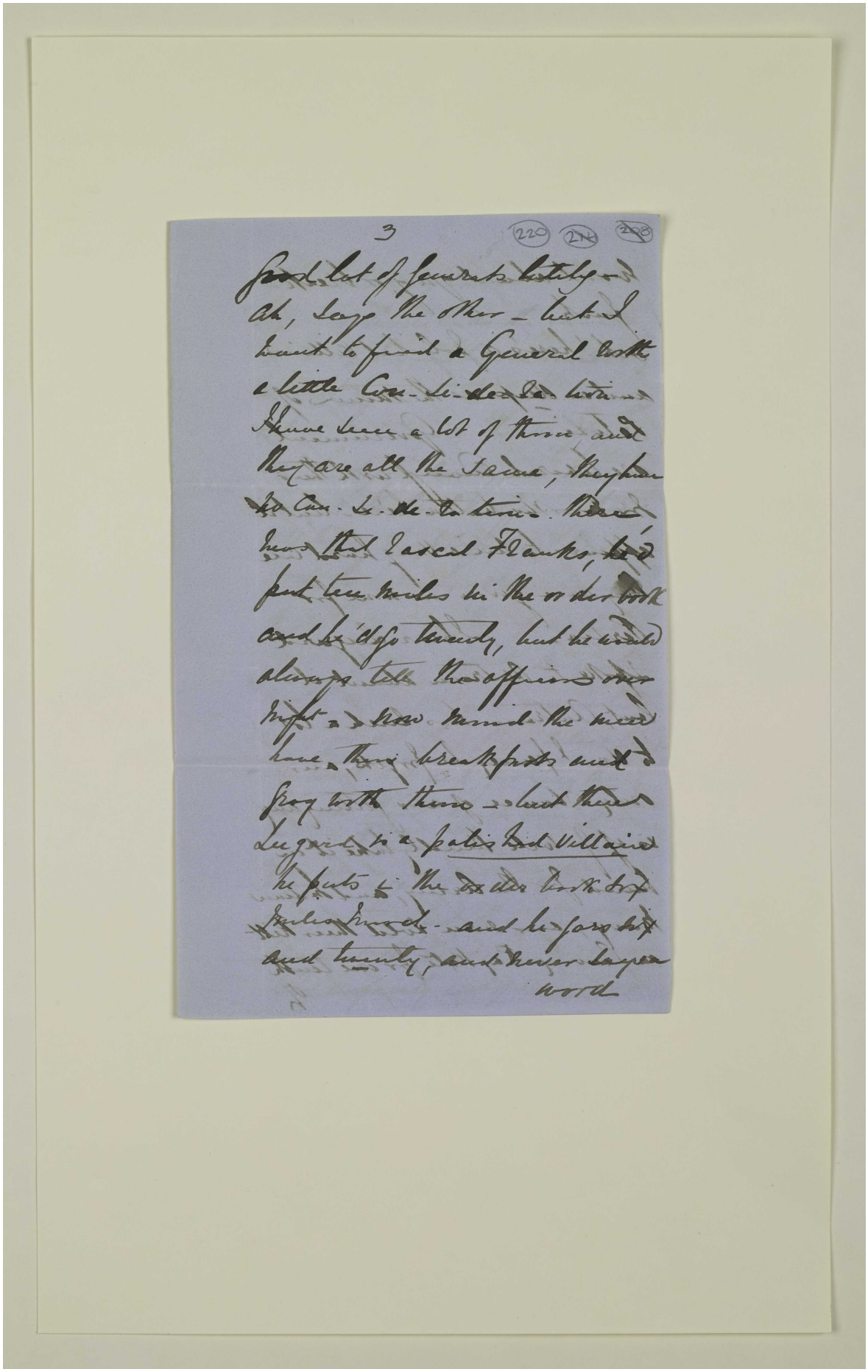

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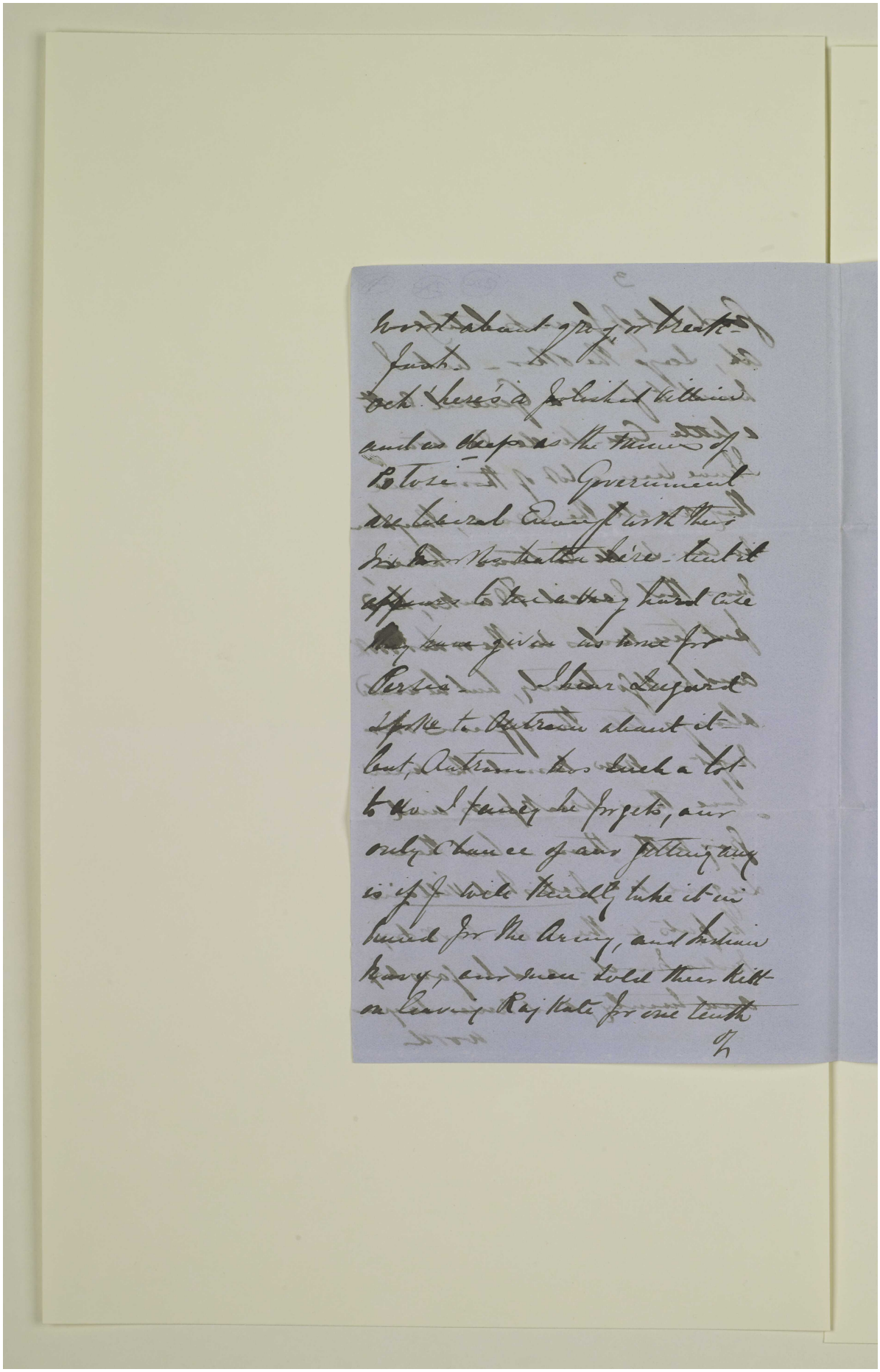

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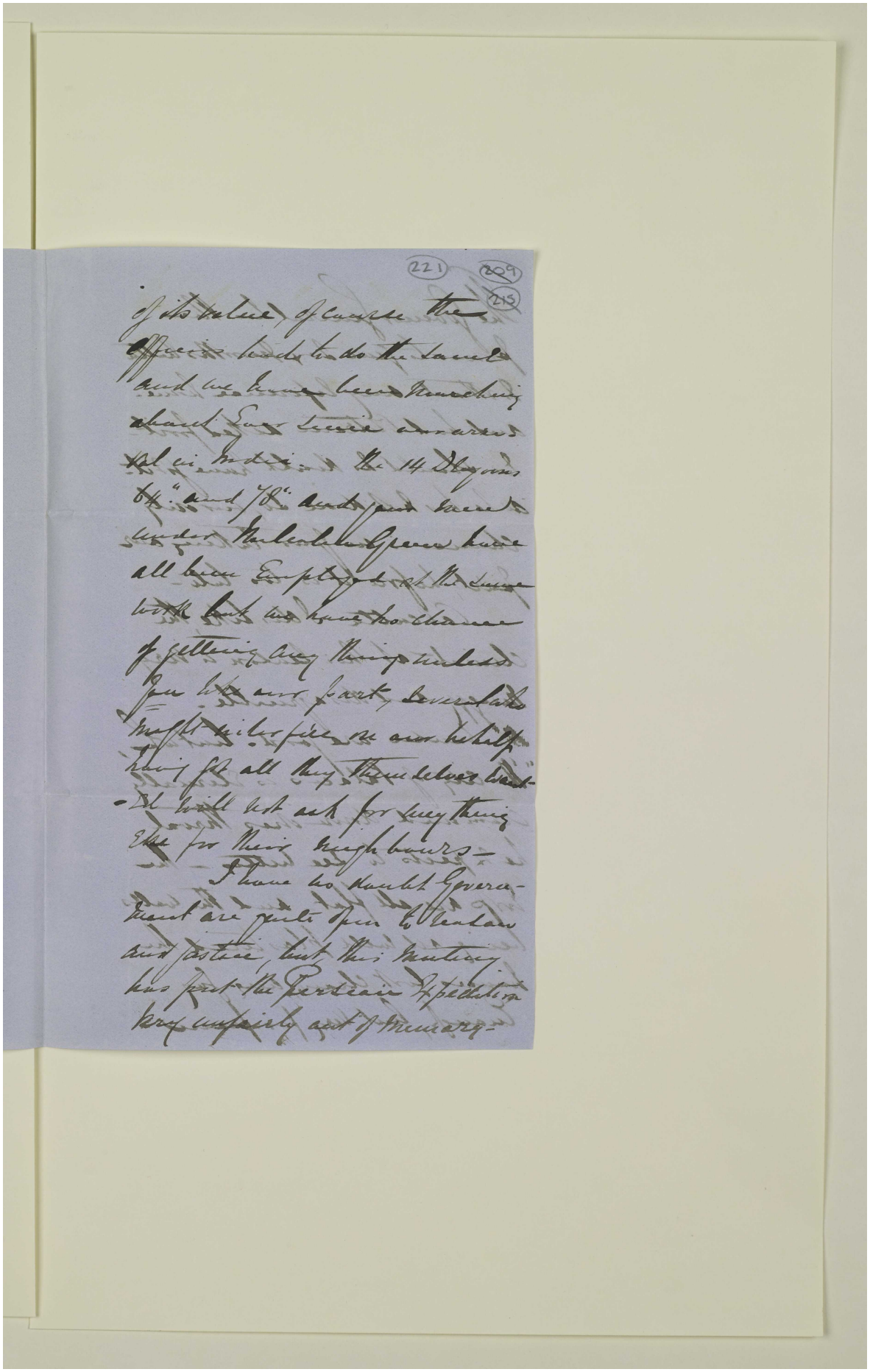

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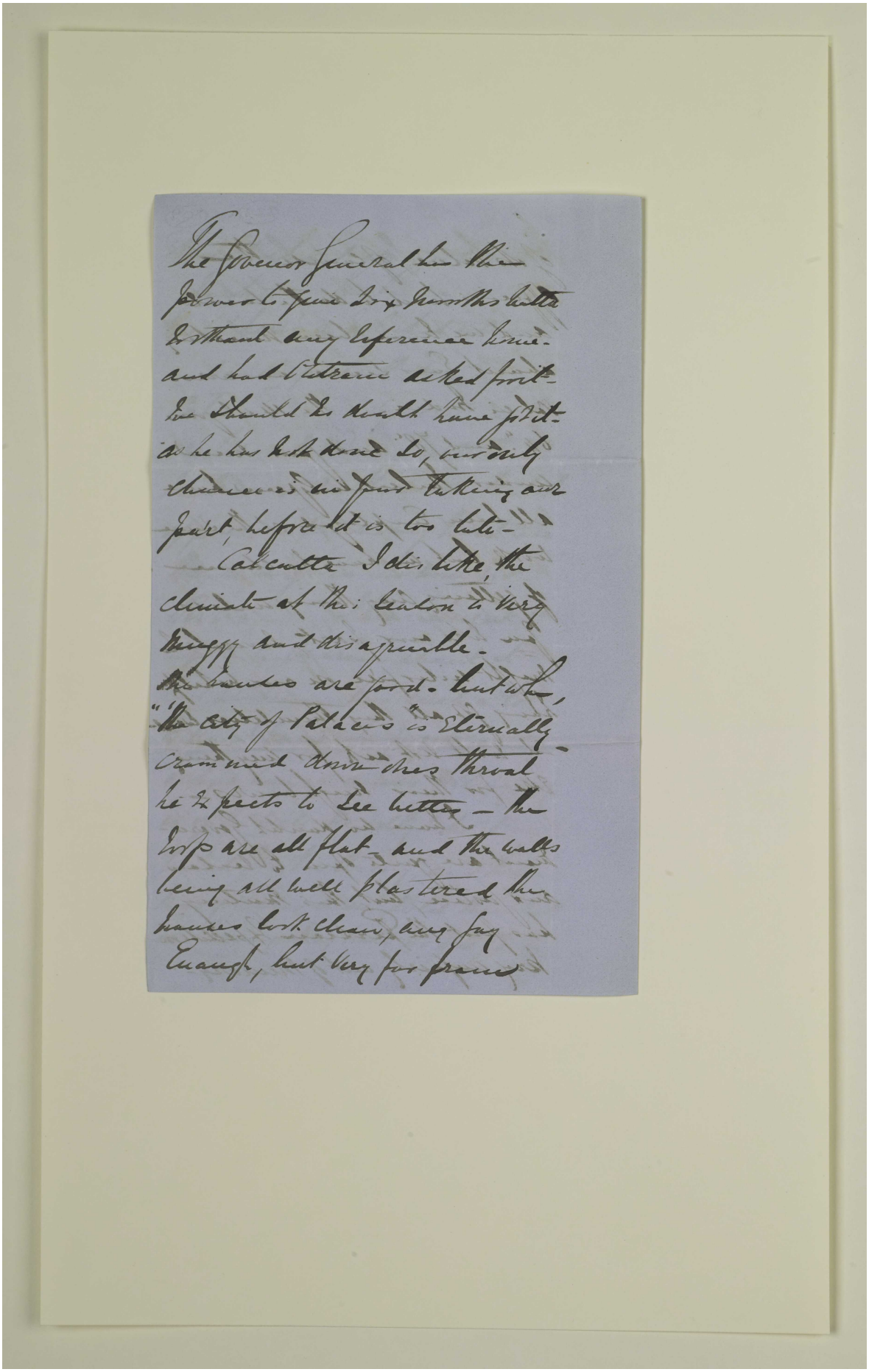

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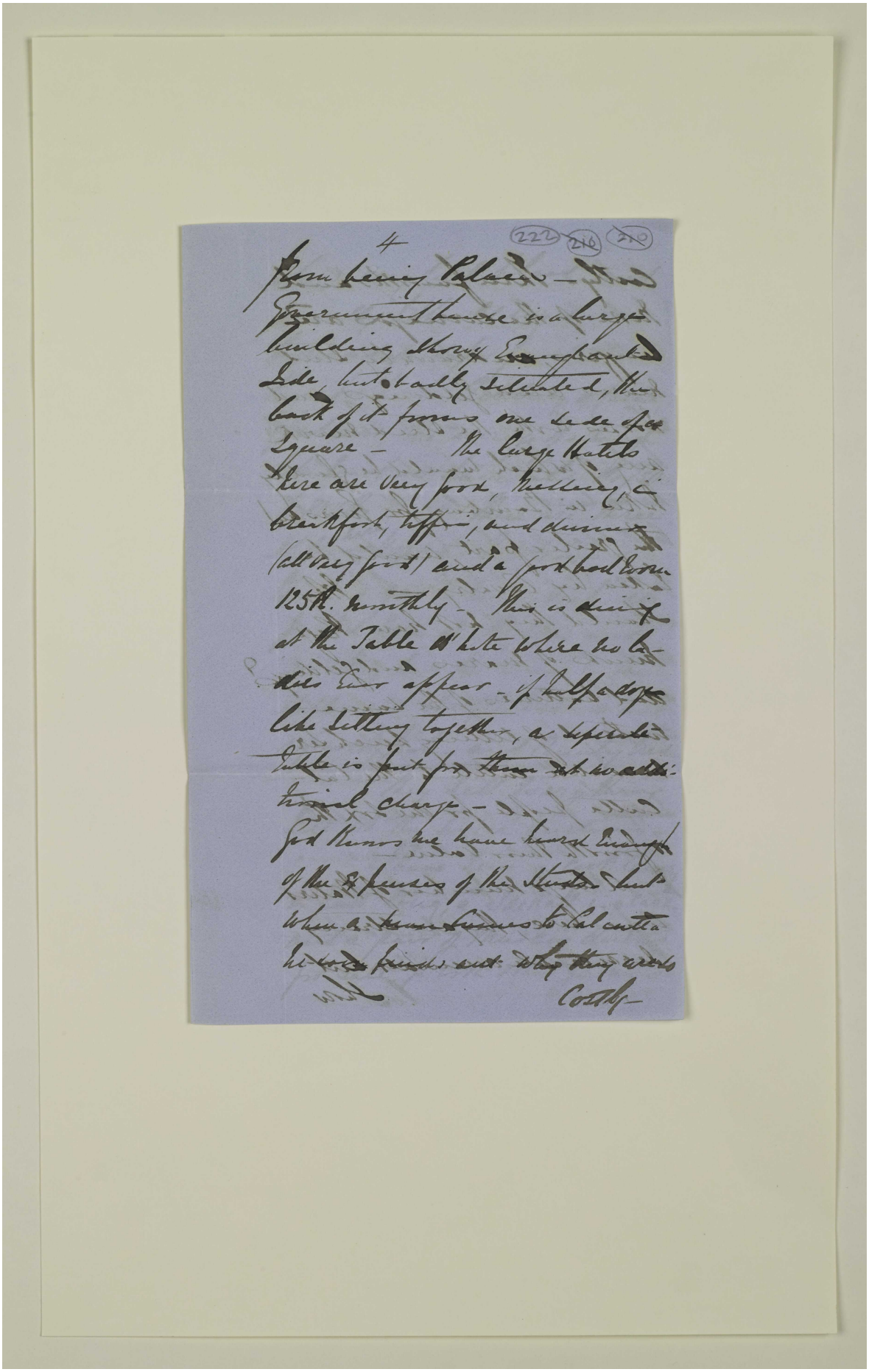

from being Palace — The
Government house is a large
building shown Evangelical
Side, but badly situated, the
back of it forms one side of a
Square — The large Hotels
here are very good, messing, i
breakfast, tiffin, and dinner
(all very good) and a good bed room
125R. monthly — This is dining
at the Table d'hote where no la-
dies ever appear — if half a dozen
like sitting together, a seperate
table is put for them at no addi-
tional charge —
God knows we have heard Enough
of the expenses of the Studies but
when a man comes to Calcutta
he soon finds out why they are so
Costly —

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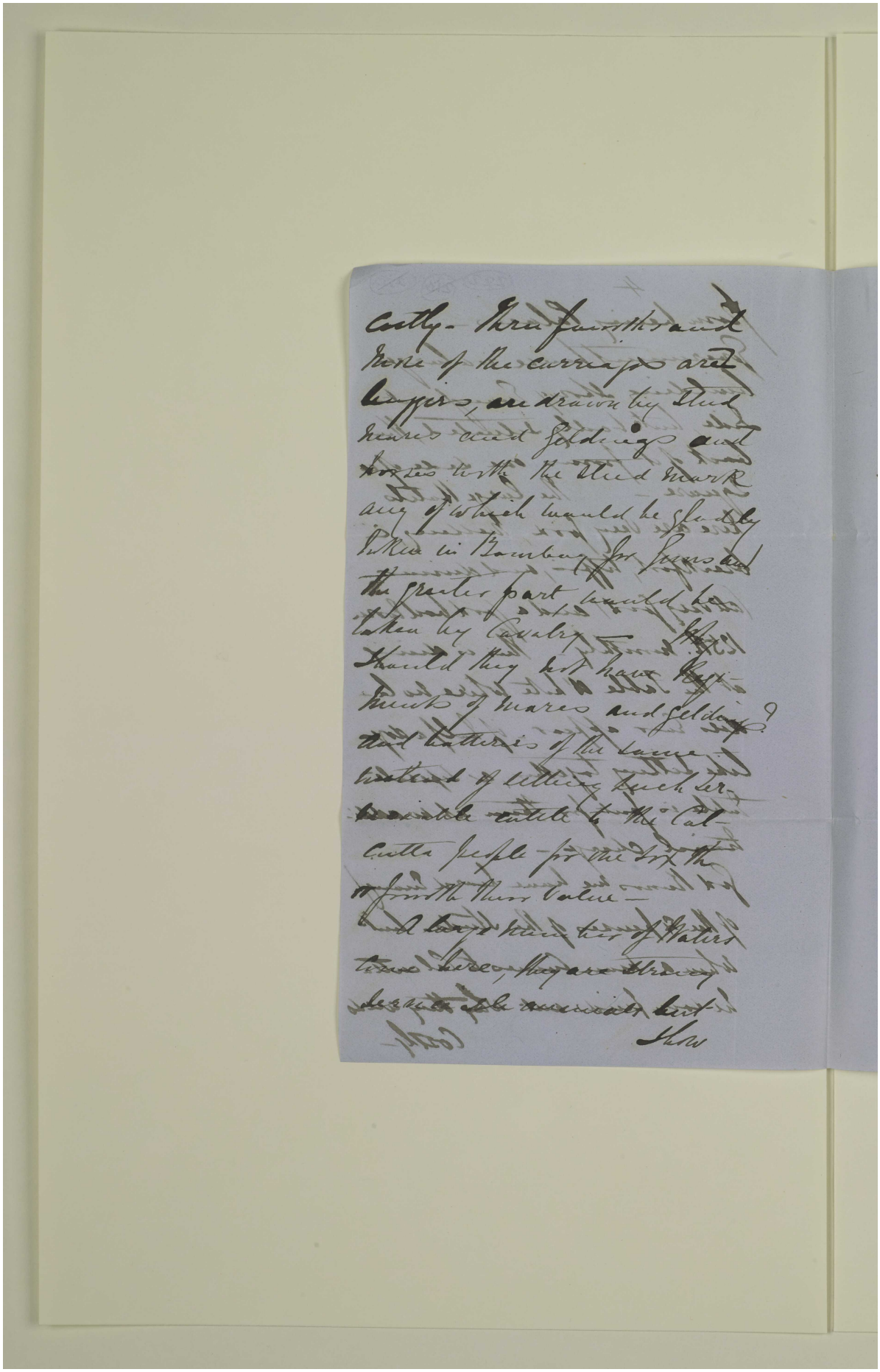

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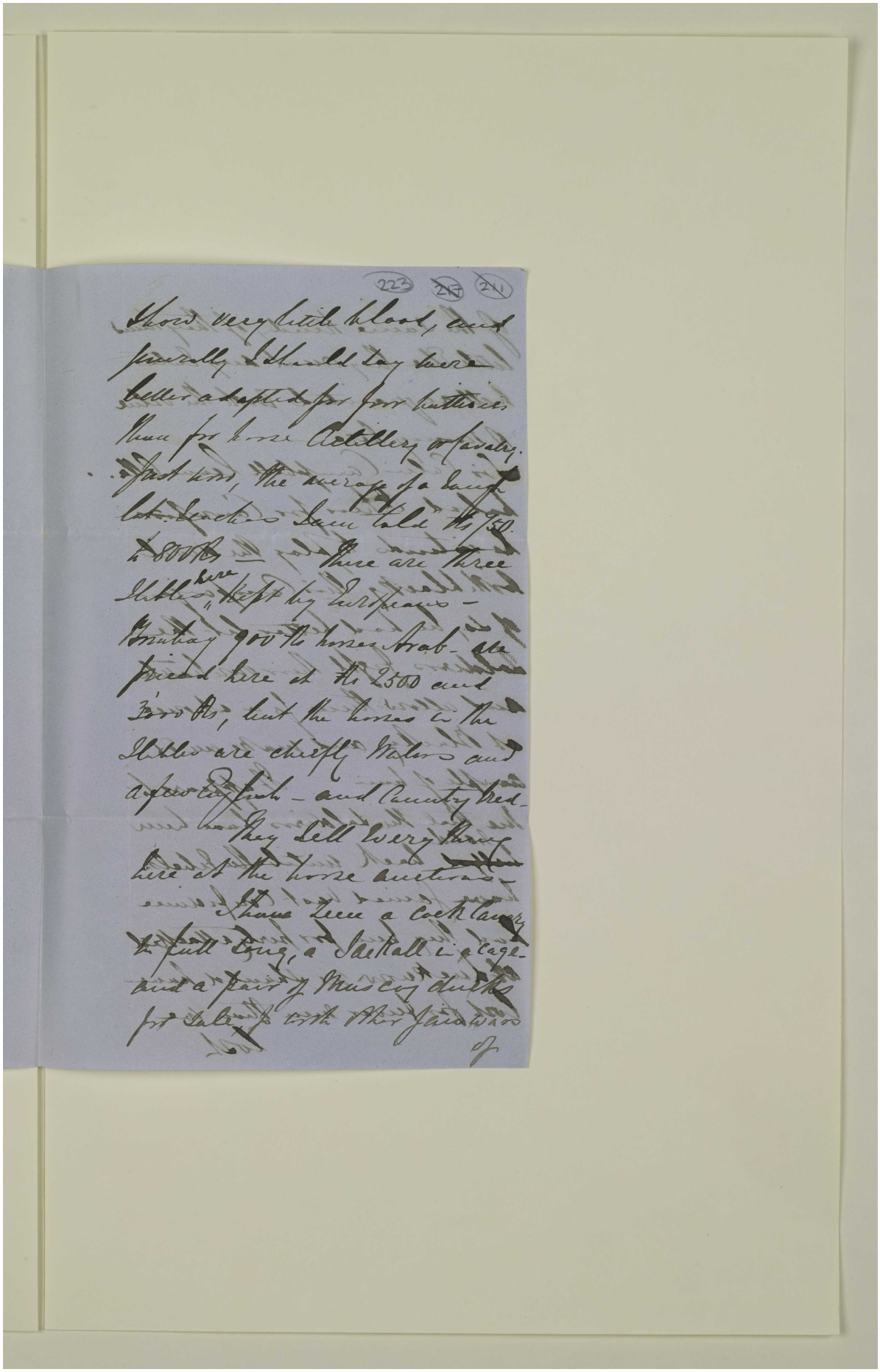

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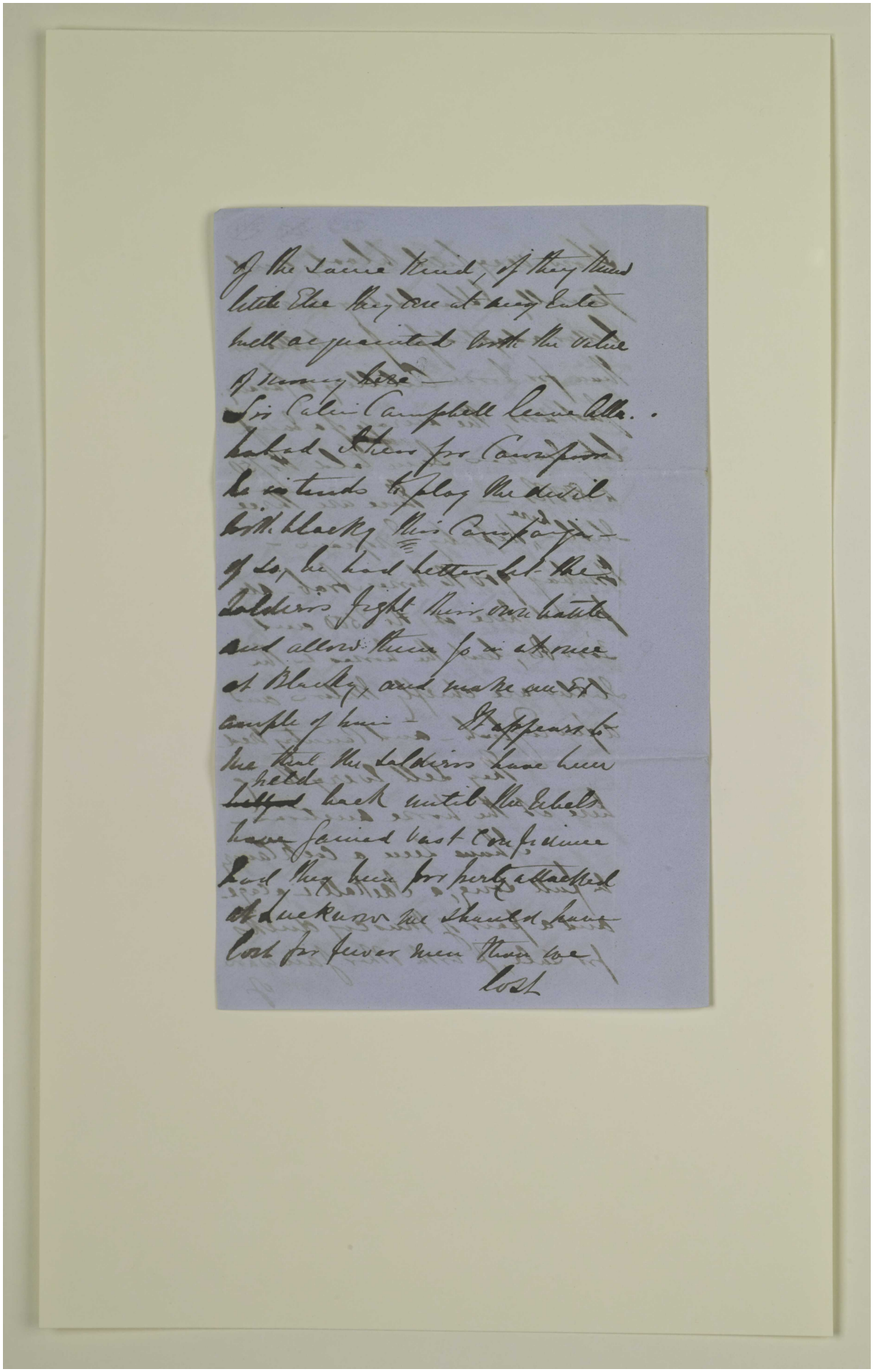
Show very little blood, and
generally I should say were
better adapted for poor buttoners
than for horse Artillery or Cavalry.
Just now, the average of a single
lot Leaches Sam told Rs 750.
to 800 Rs — There are three
Stables here kept by Europeans —
Bombay 900 Rs horses Arab — are
priced here at Rs 2500 and
3000 Rs, but the horses in the
Stables are chiefly Walers and
a few English — and Country bred —
They sell everything
here at the horse auctions —
I have seen a cock Canary
in full song, a Jackall in a cage —
and a pair of Muscoy ducks
for sale, & with other Jaunwars
of



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little else they are at any rate
well acquainted with the value
of money here —
Sir Colin Campbell leave Alla-
habad I hear for Cawnpore
he intends to play the devil
with blacky this campaign —
if so, he had better let the
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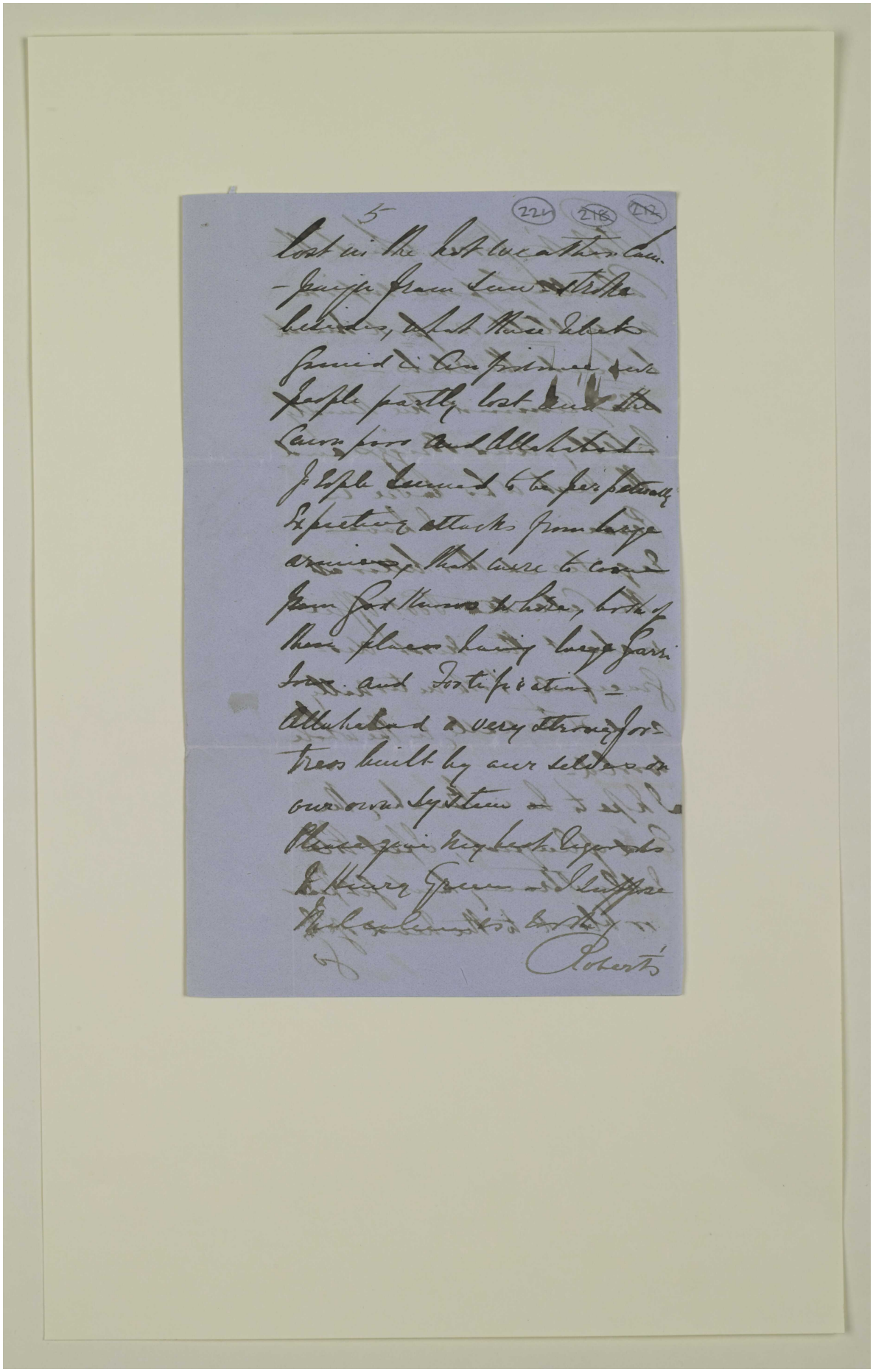

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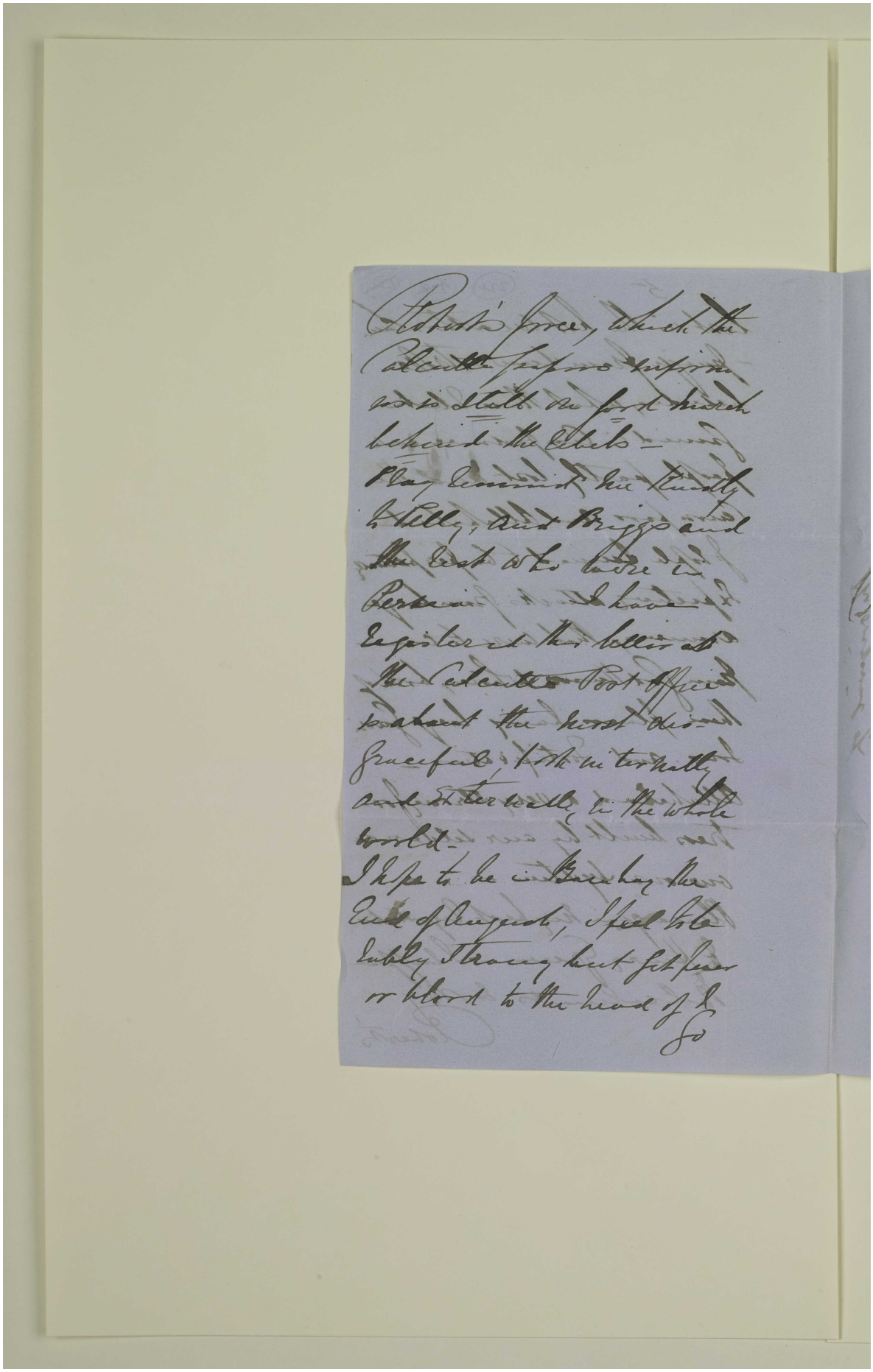

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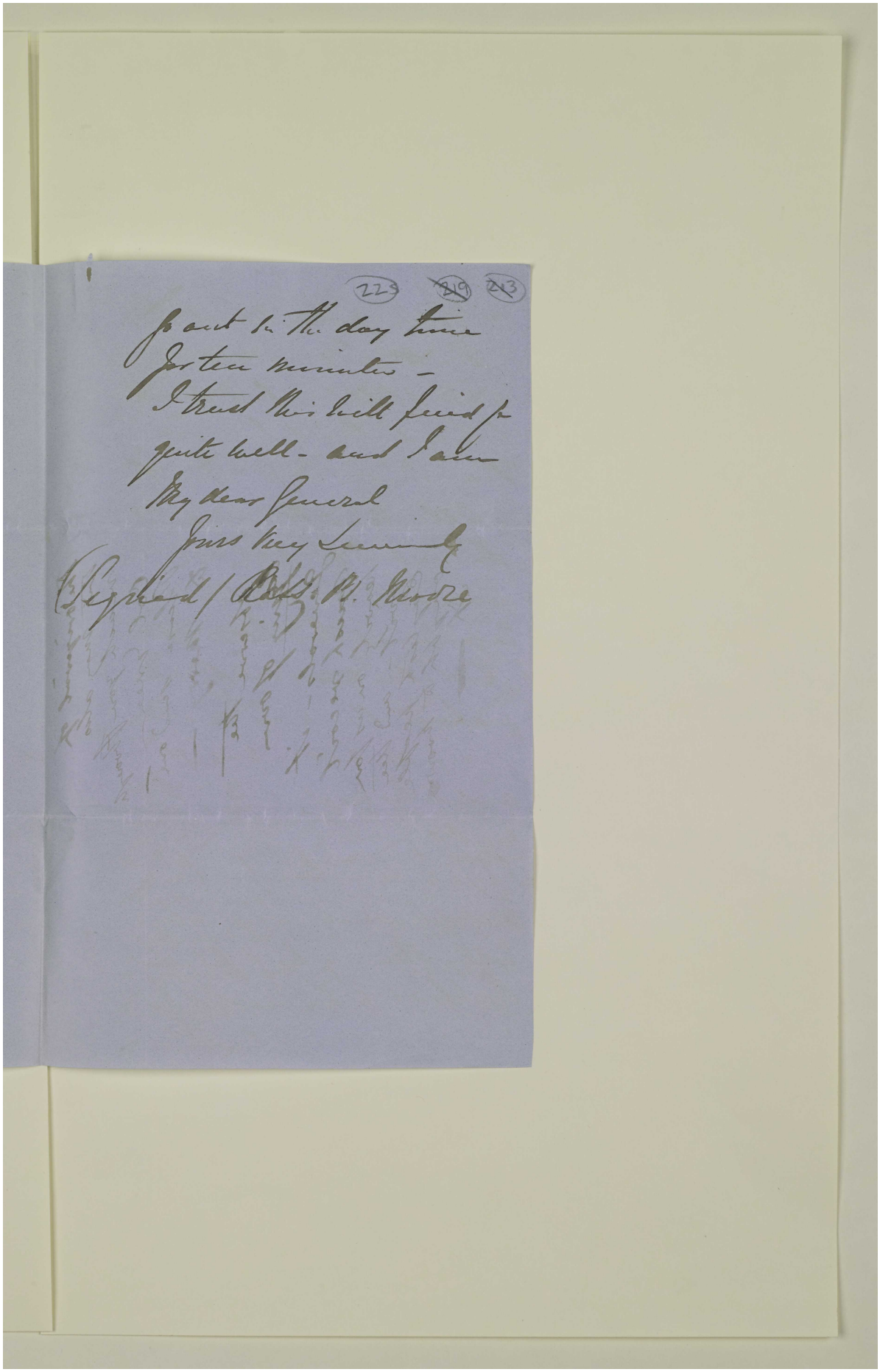

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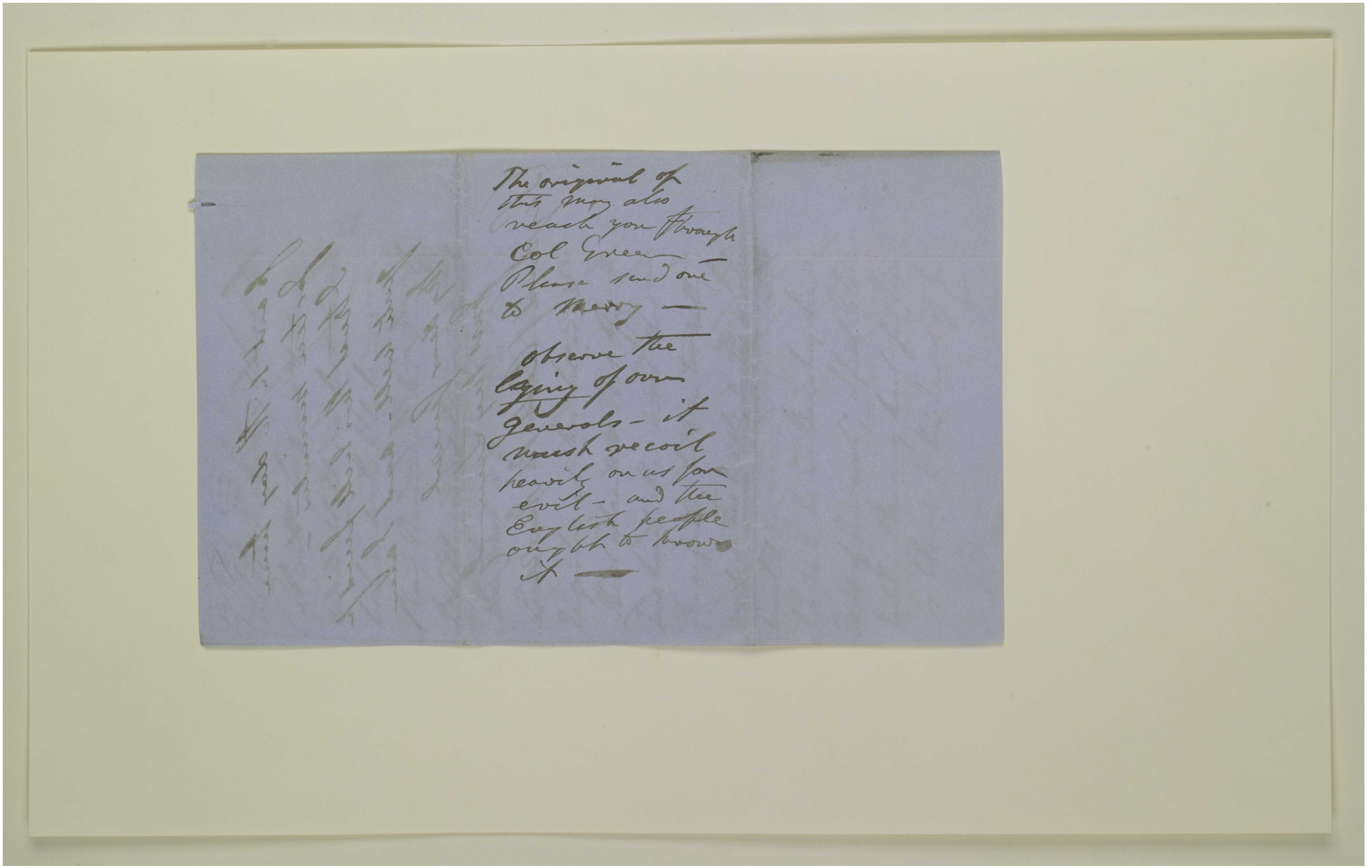

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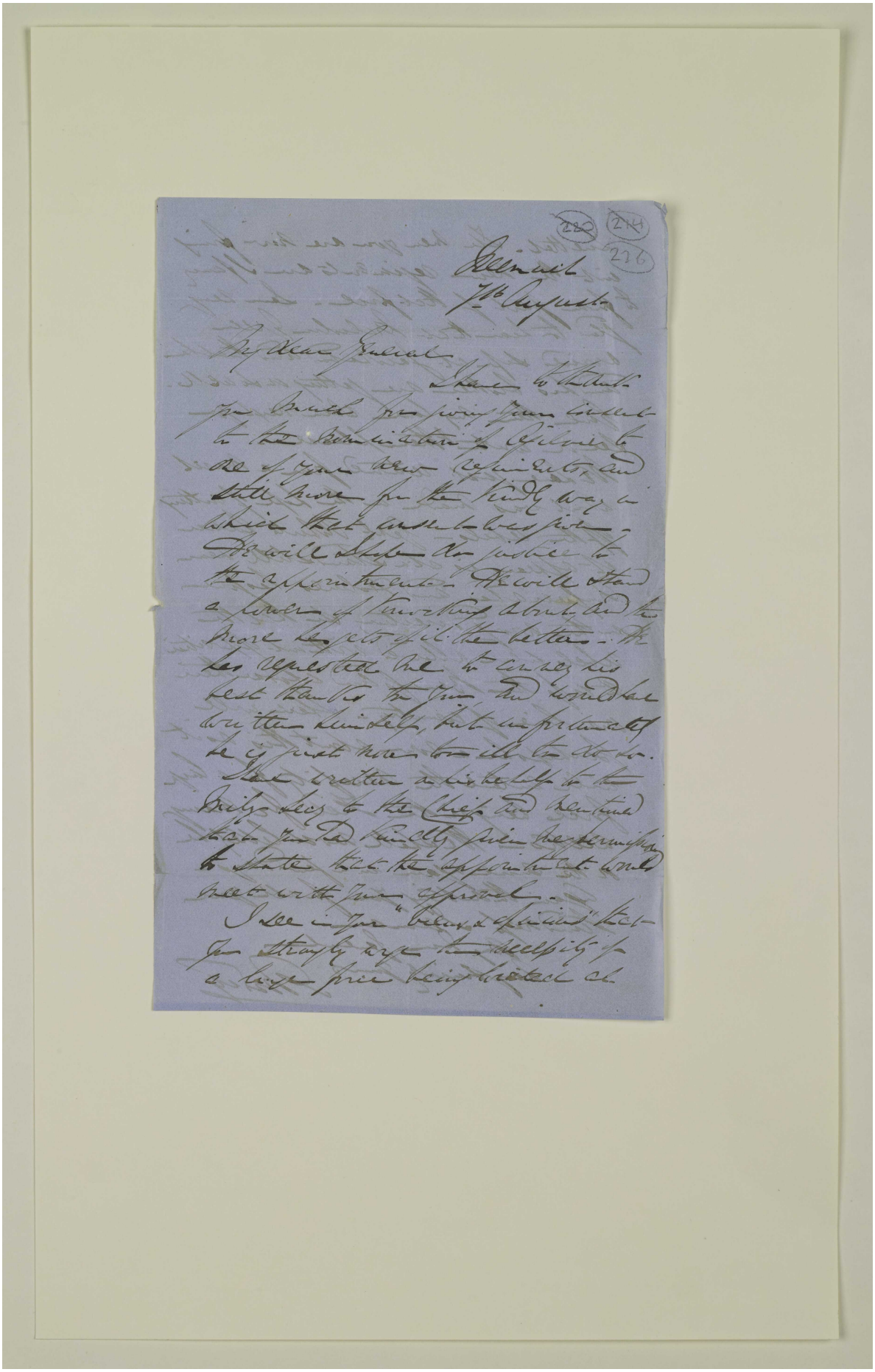

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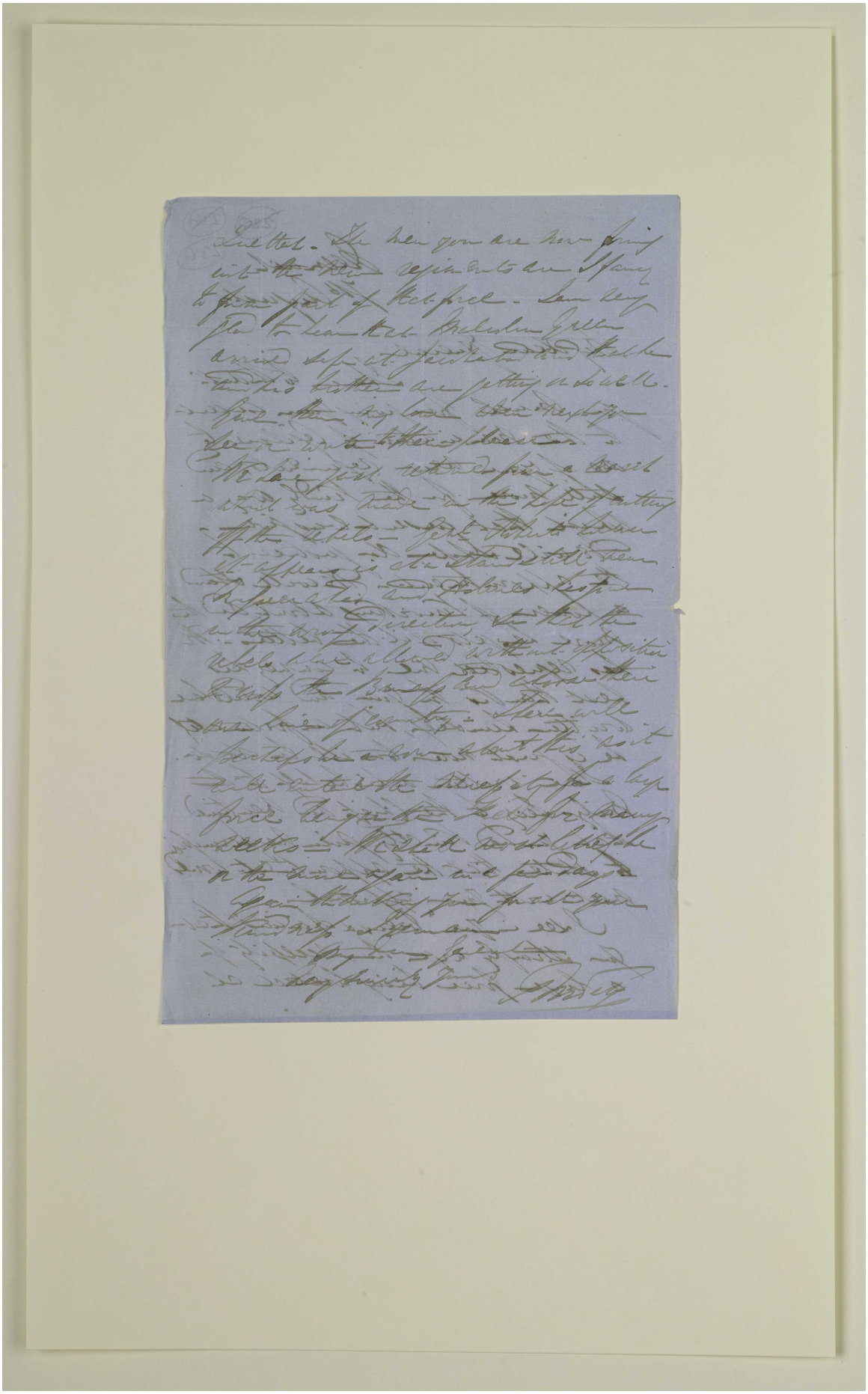

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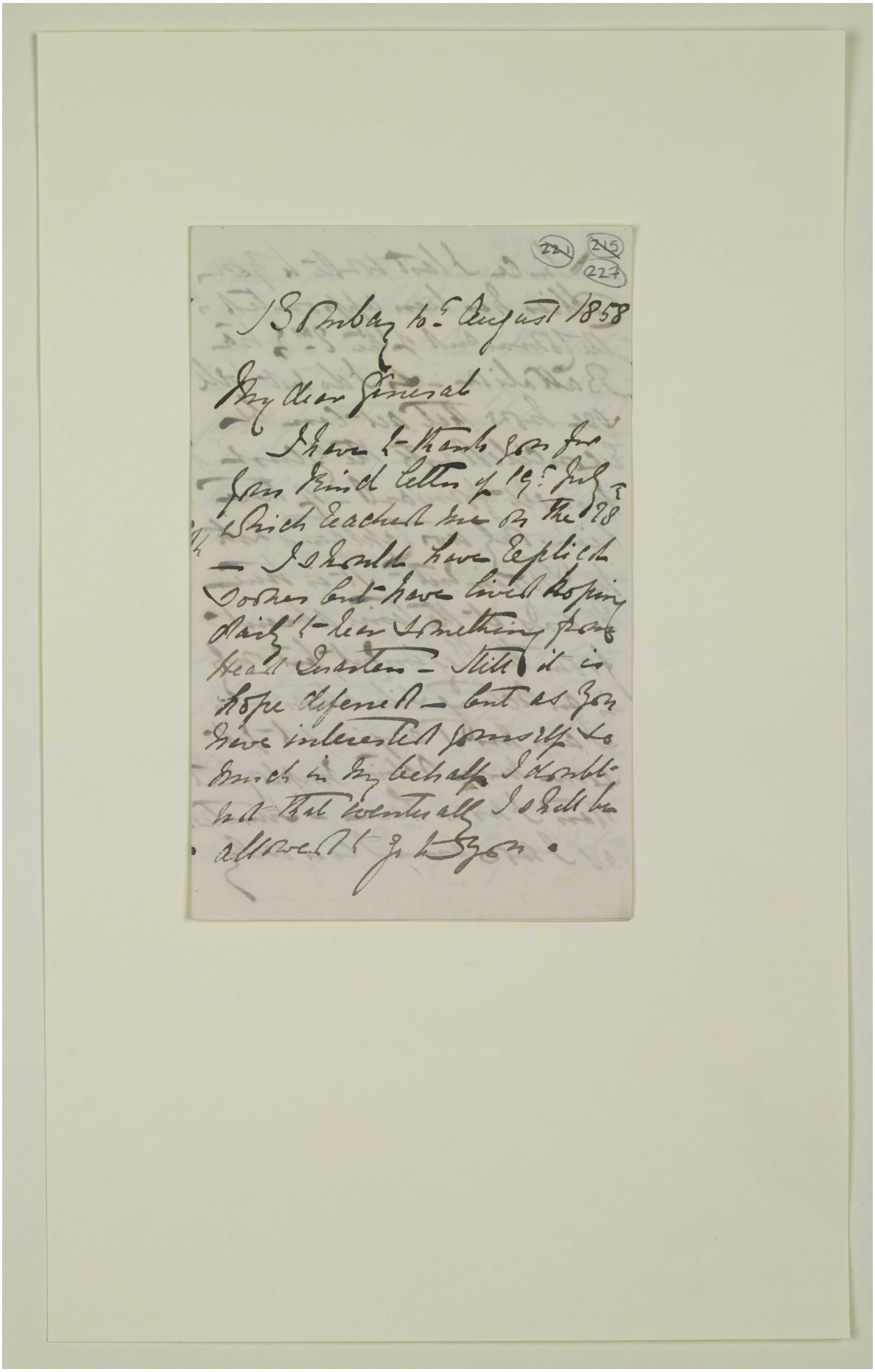

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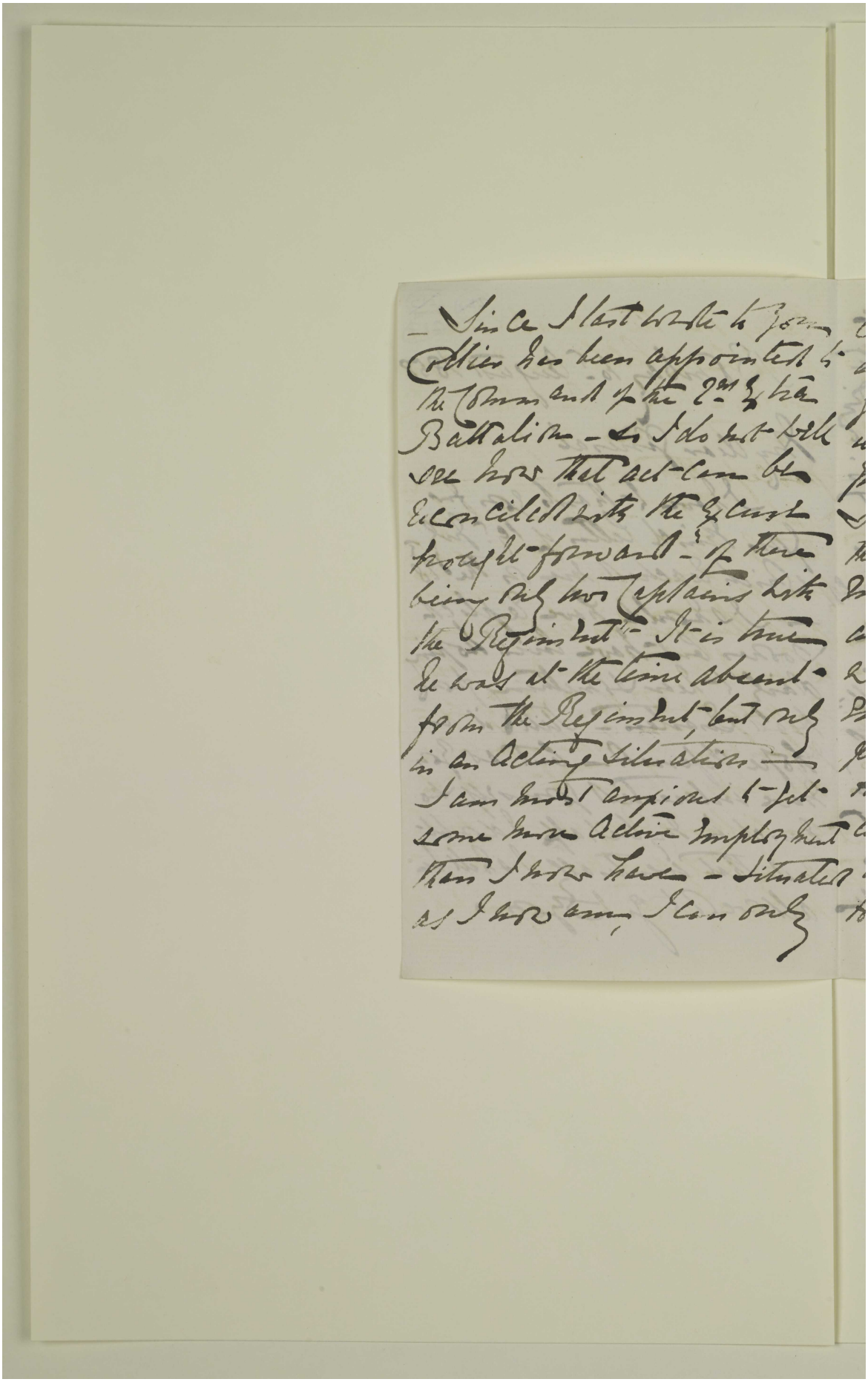
Bombay 10th August 1858

My dear General

I have to thank you for your kind letter of 19th July which reached me on the 28th — I should have replied sooner but have lived hoping daily to hear something from Head Quarters — Still it is hope deferred — but as you have interested yourself so much in my behalf I doubt not that eventually I shall be allowed to go to you.



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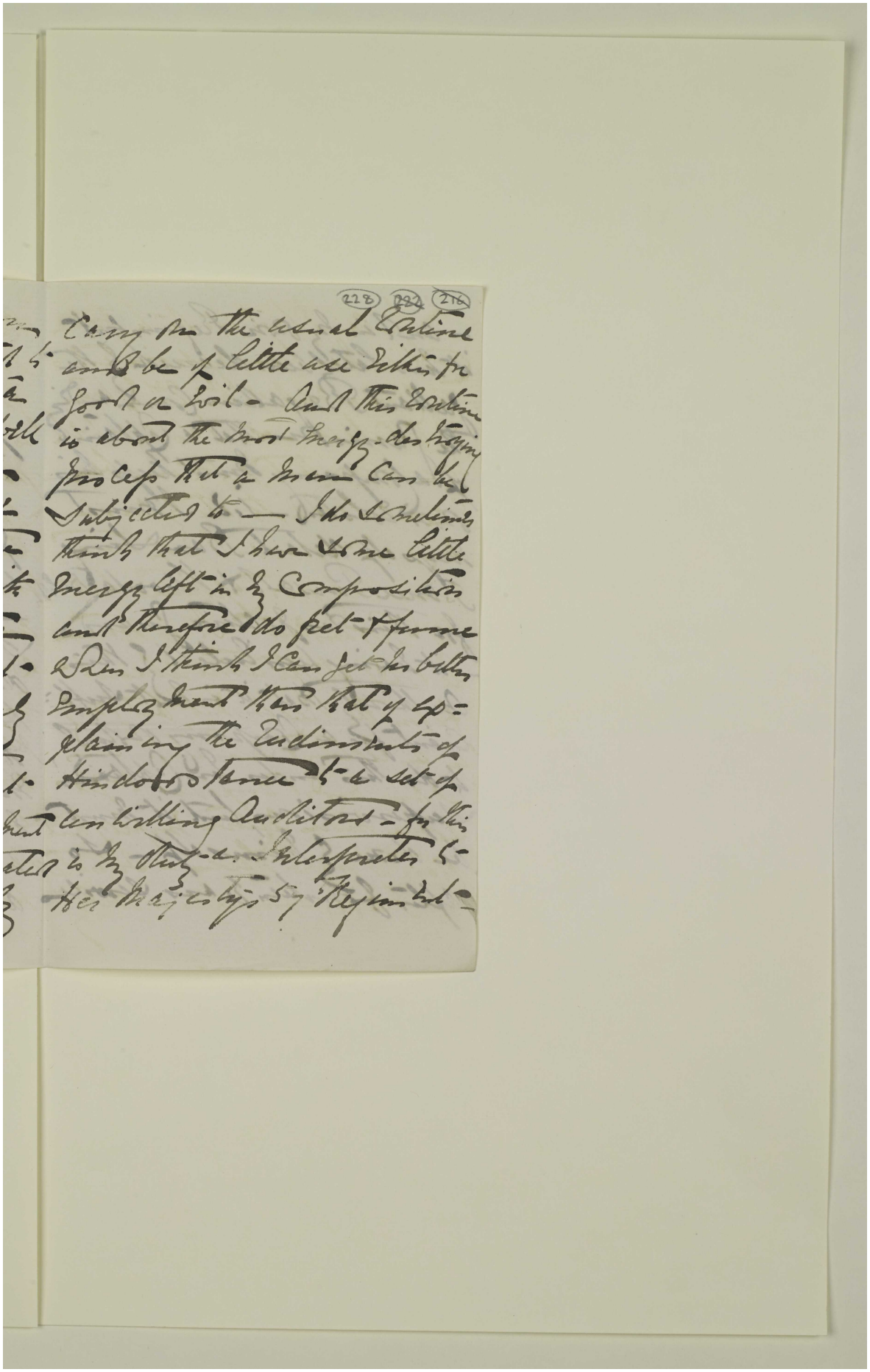

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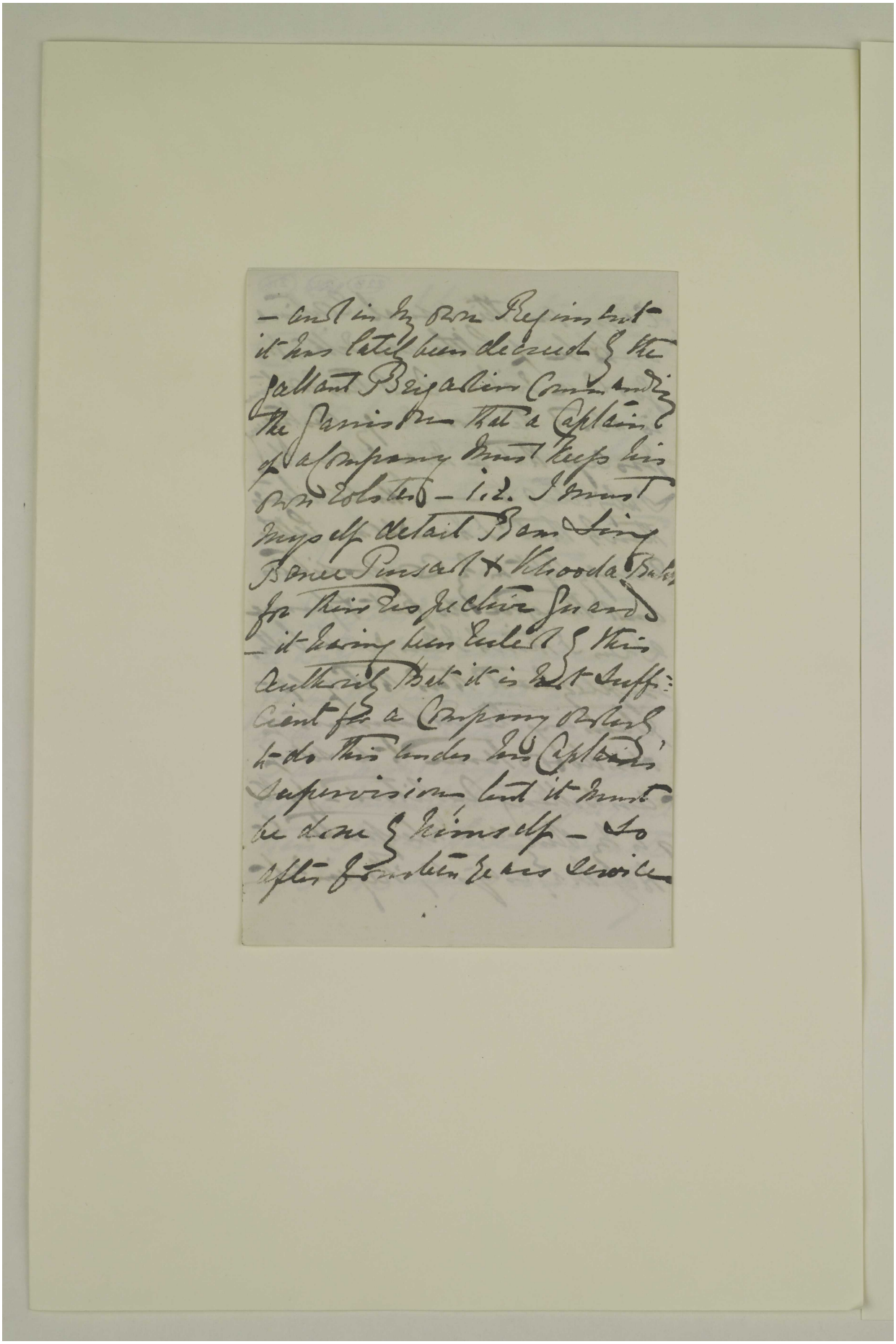

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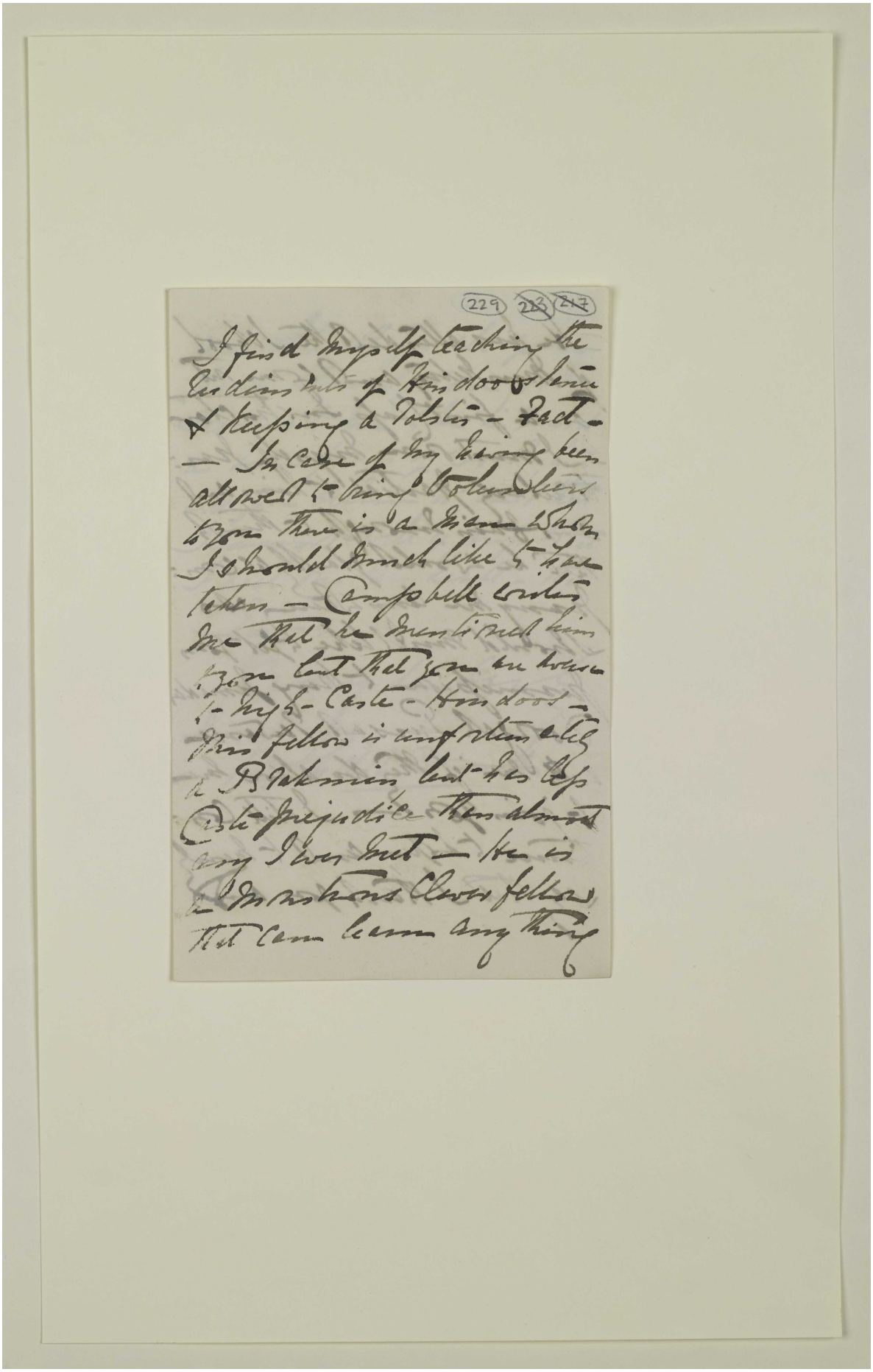

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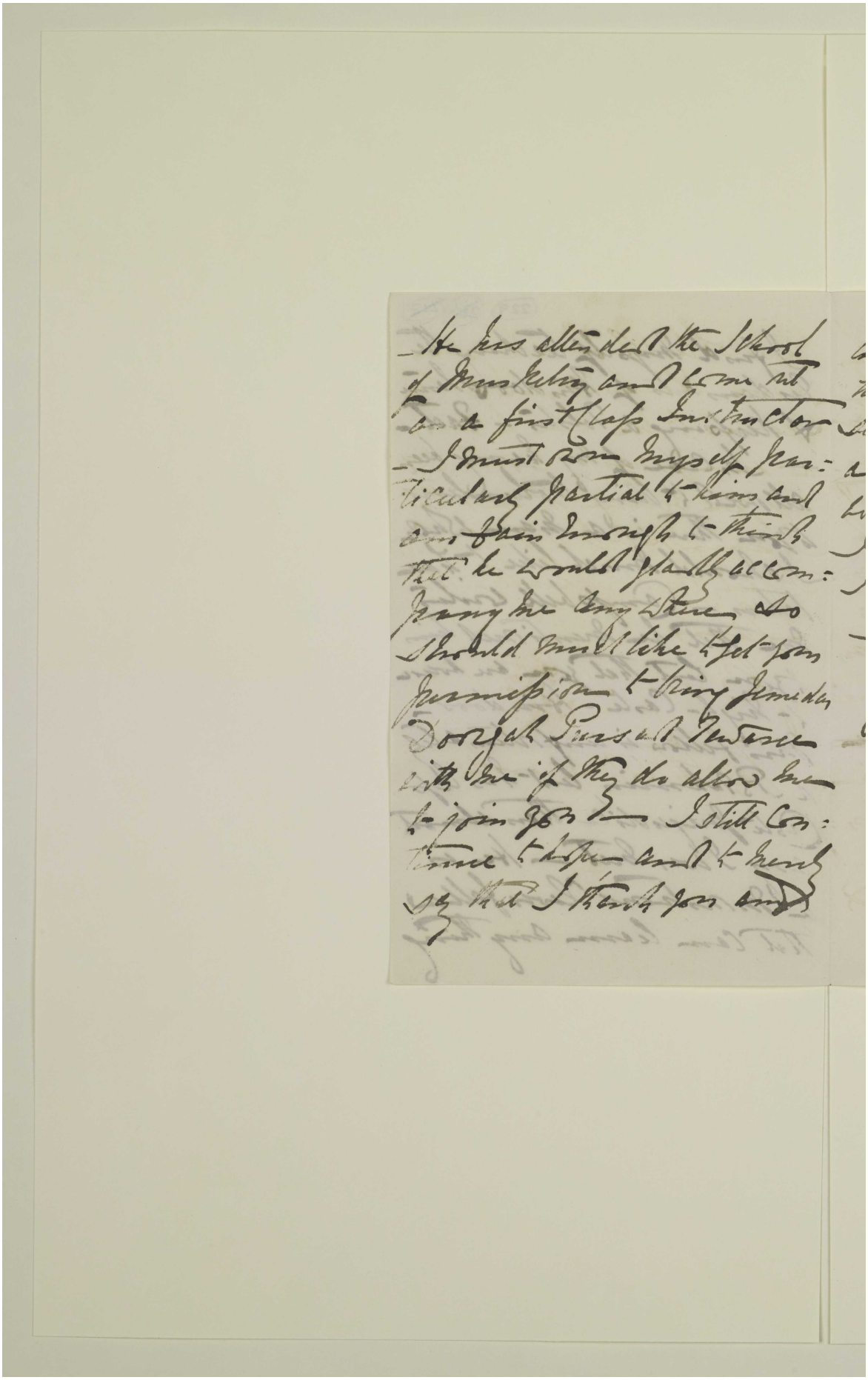
I find myself teaching the
rudiments of Hindoostanee
& keeping a Tolster - Fact -
— In case of my having been
allowed to bring Volunteers
to you there is a man whom
I should much like to have
taken — Campbell writes
me that he mentioned him
to you but that you are averse
to high-Caste-Hindoos —
This fellow is unfortunately
a Brahmin but has less
Caste prejudice than almost
any I ever met — He is
a monstrous clever fellow
that can learn anything



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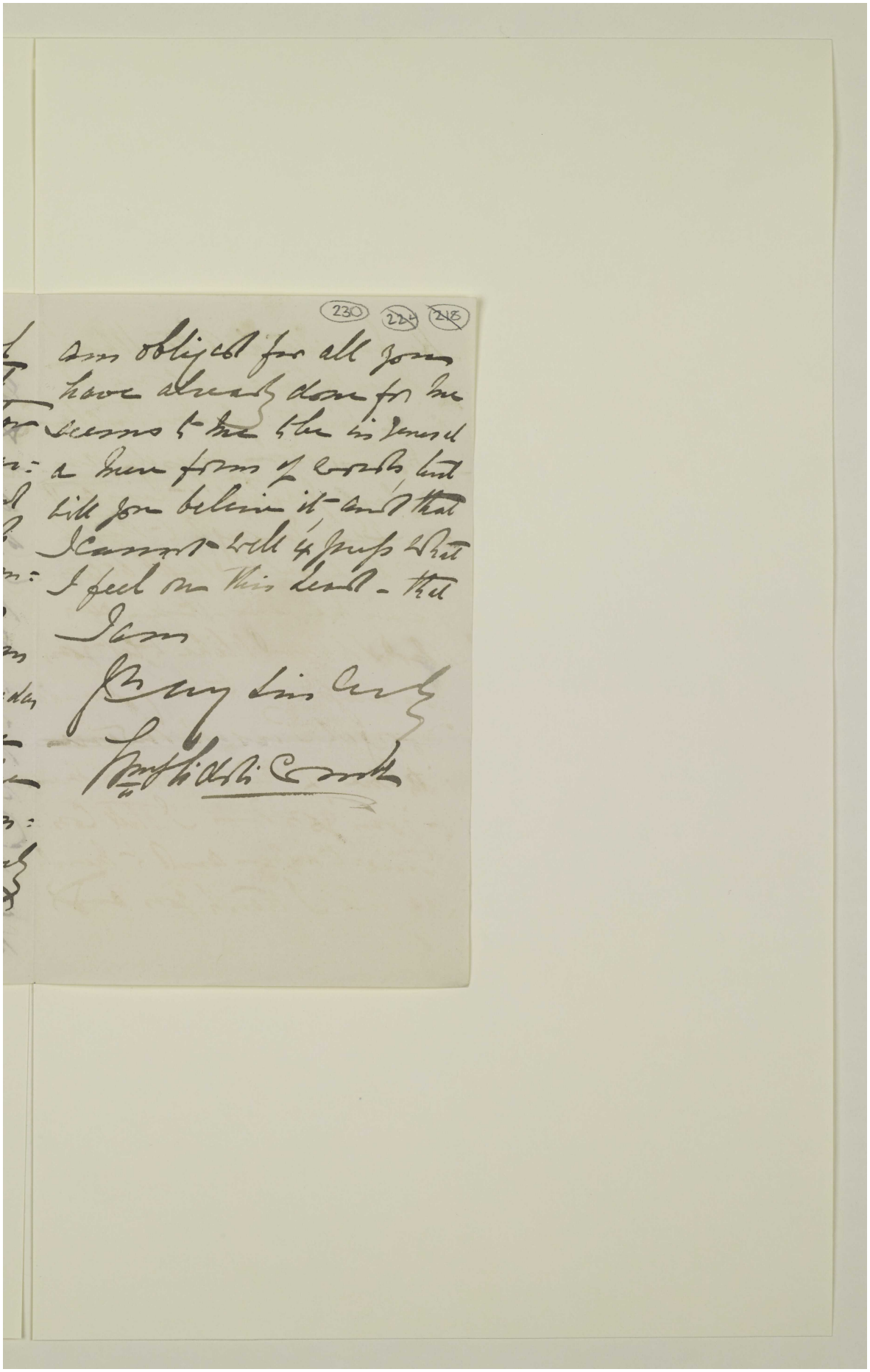

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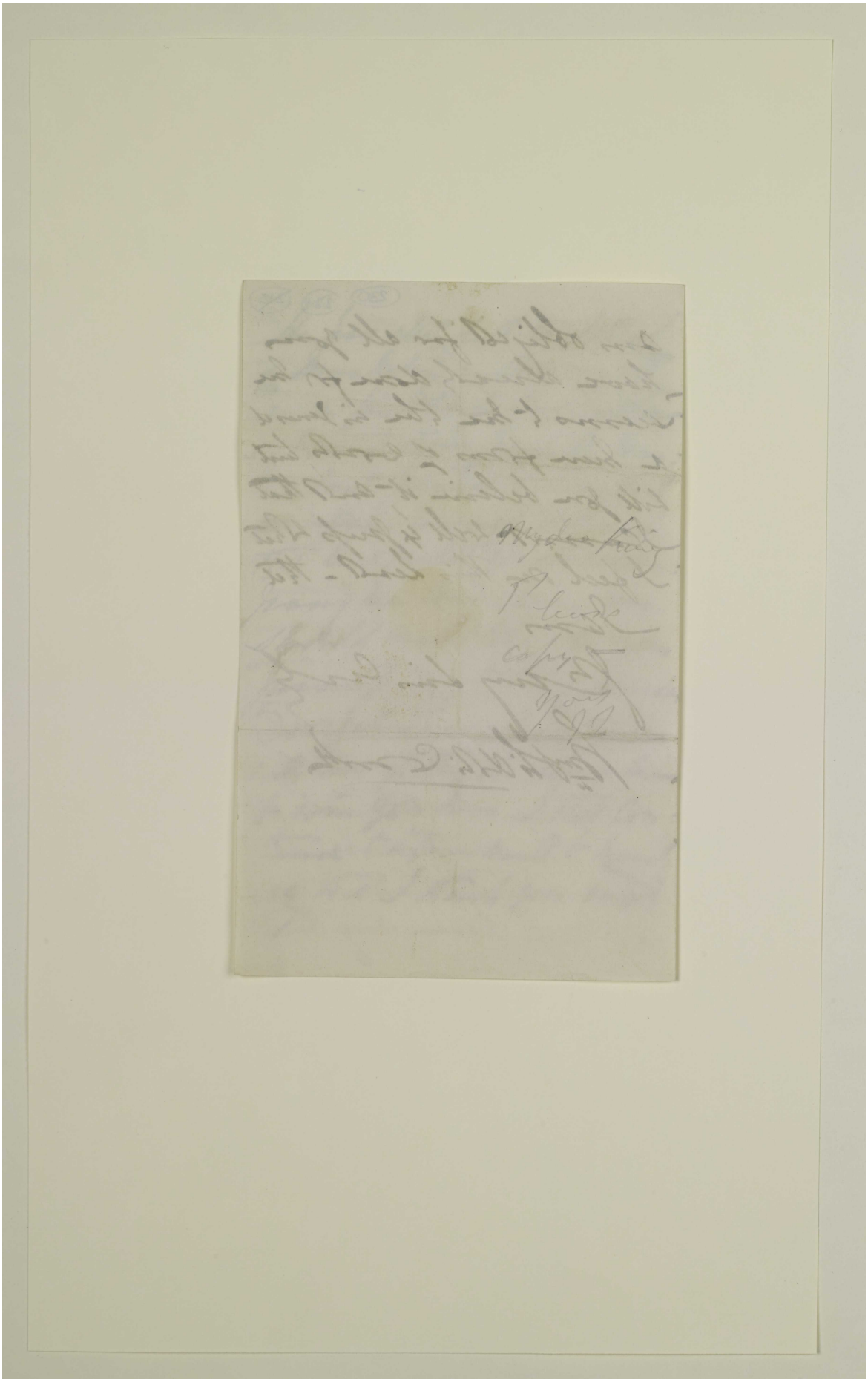

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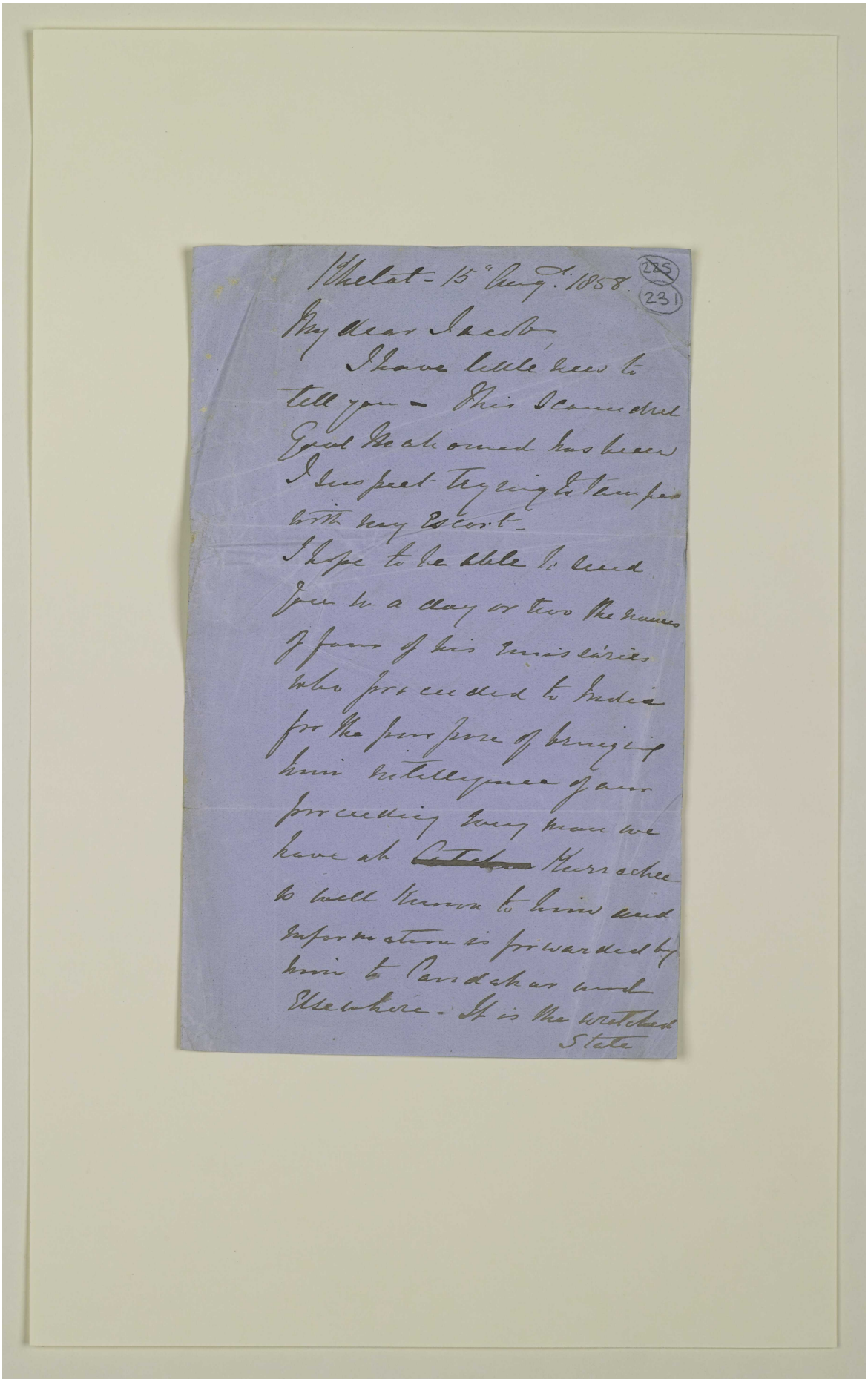

Khelat - 15th Aug.t 1858.

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My dear Jacob,

I have little new to tell you - This Scoundrel Goal Mahomed has been I suspect trying to tamper with my Escort -

I hope to be able to send you in a day or two the names of four of his emissaries who proceeded to India for the purpose of bringing him intelligence of our proceeding every man we have at ~~Cutchee~~ Kurrachee is well known to him and information is forwarded by him to Candahar and Elsewhere - It is the wretched State

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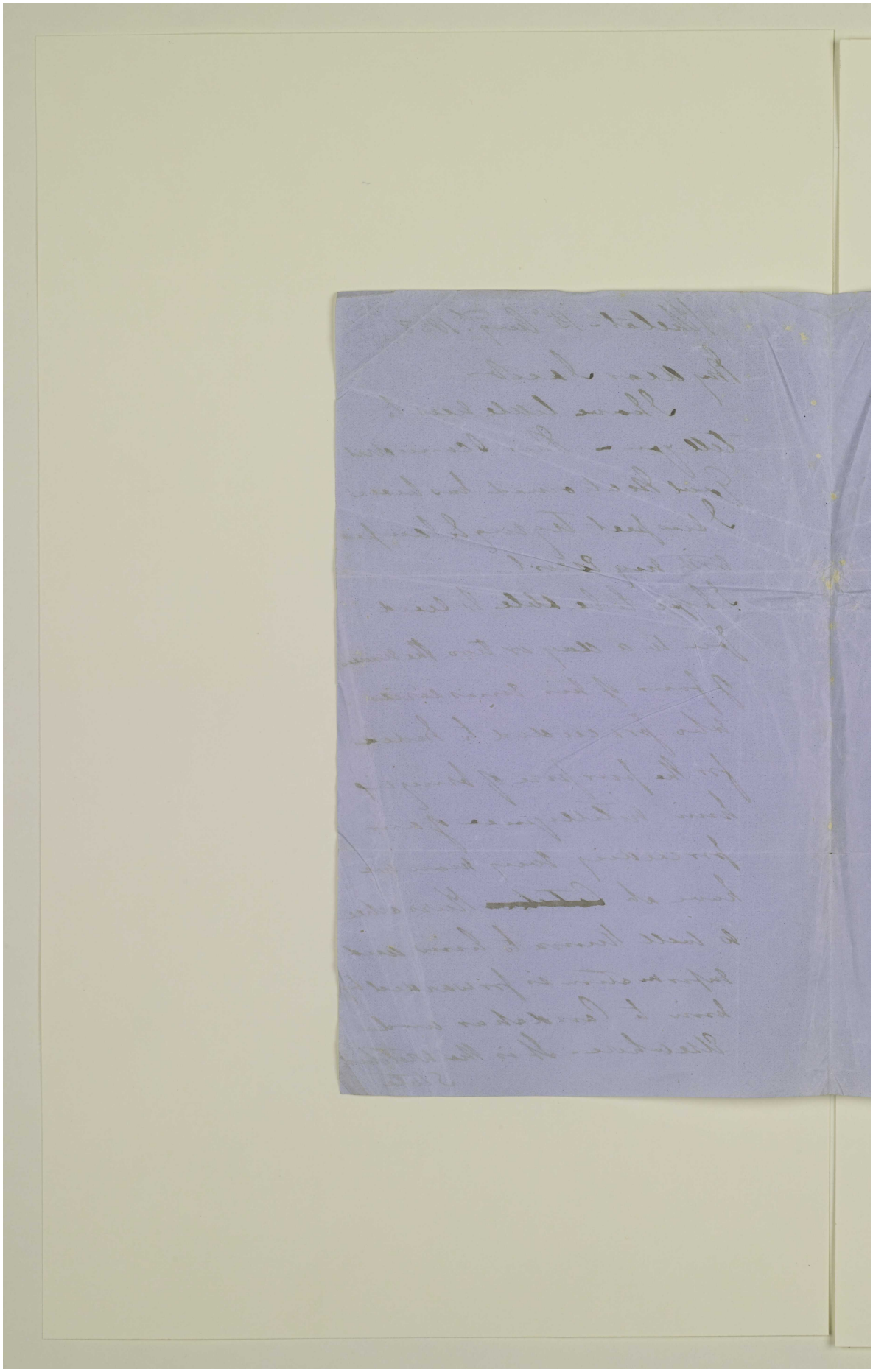

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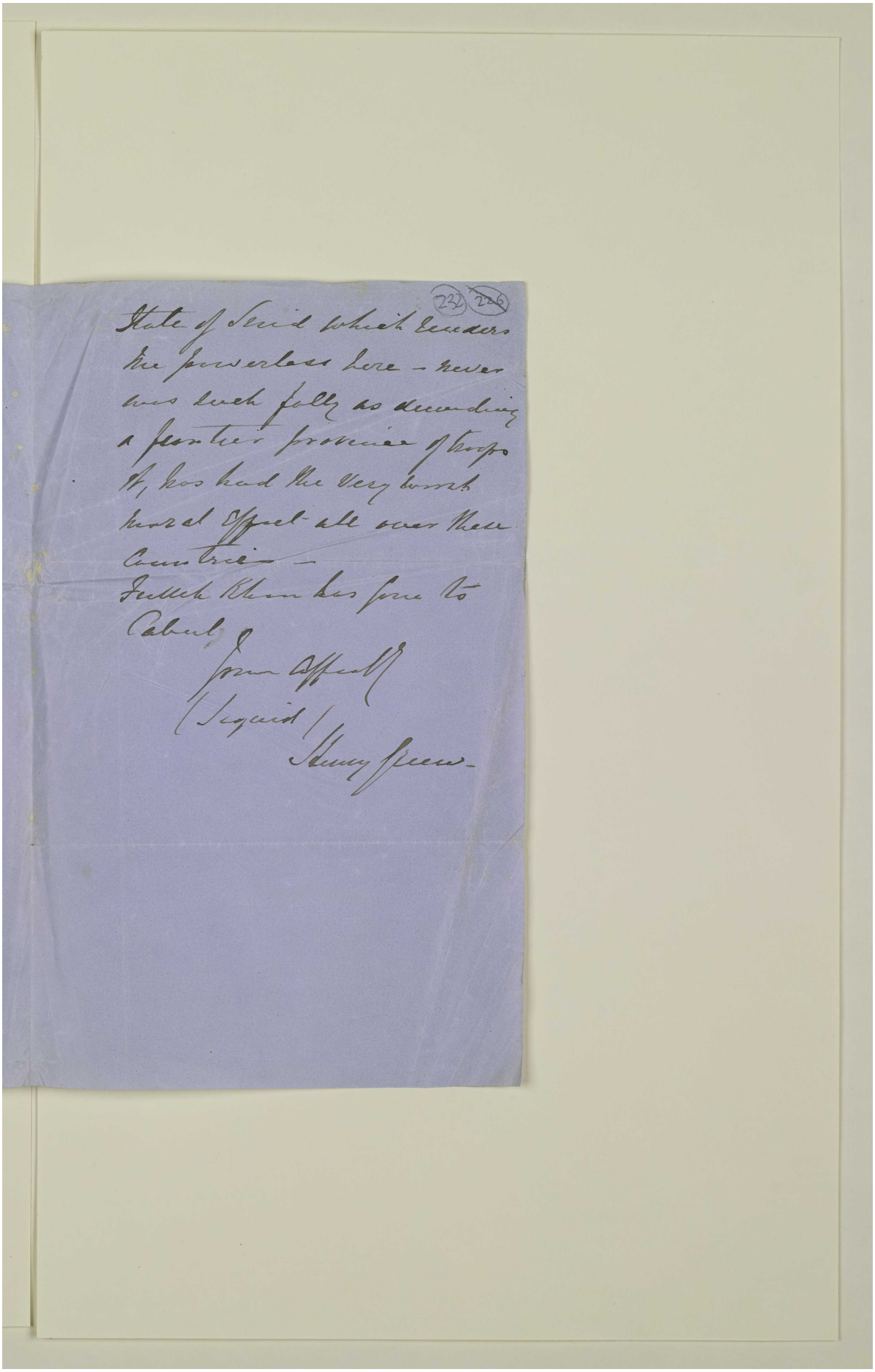

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State of Sind which renders
me powerless here - never
was such folly as denuding
a frontier province of troops
It, has had the very worst
moral effect all over these
countries -
Futteh Khan has gone to
Cabul.

Your Affect.
(Signed)
Henry Green -

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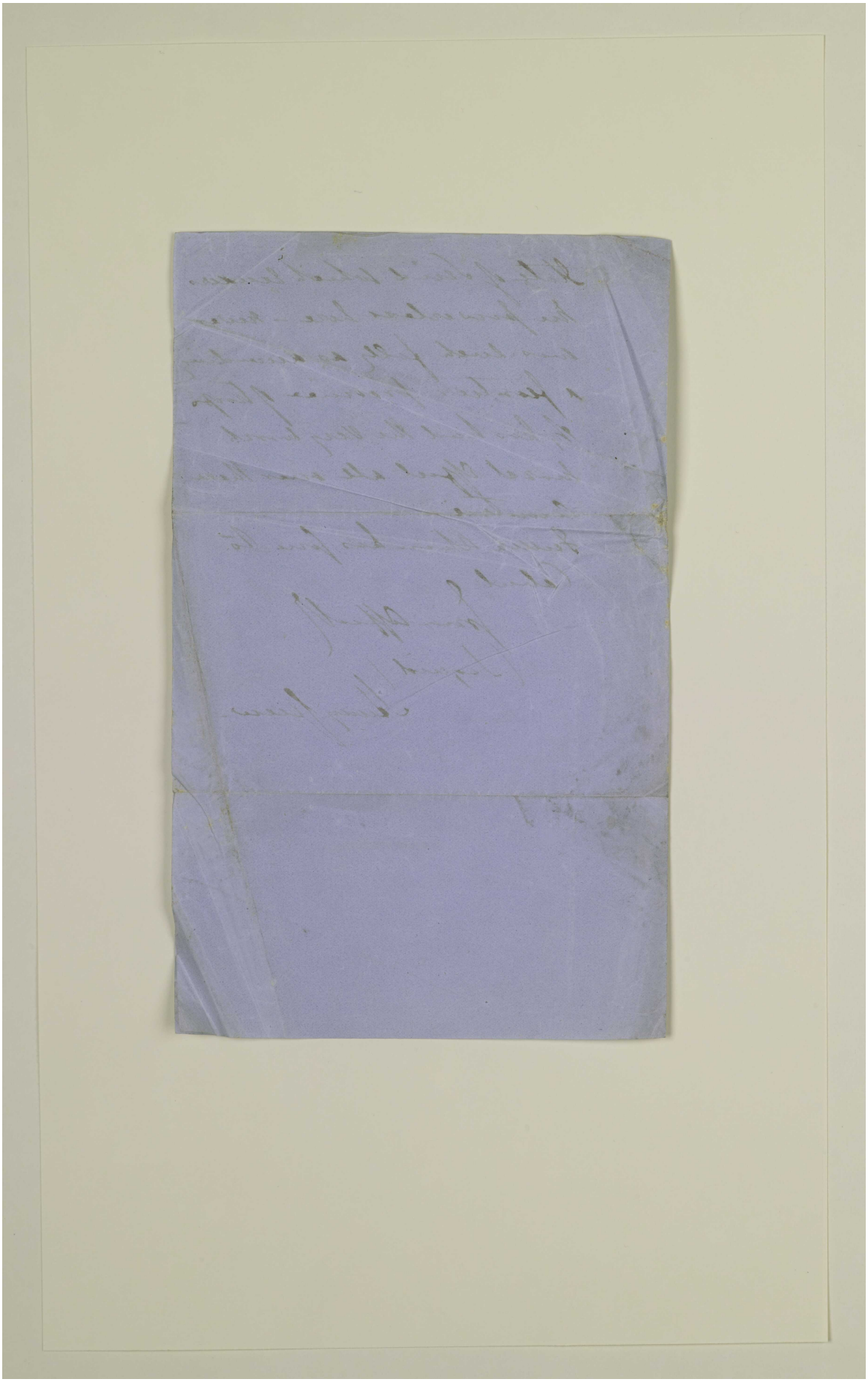

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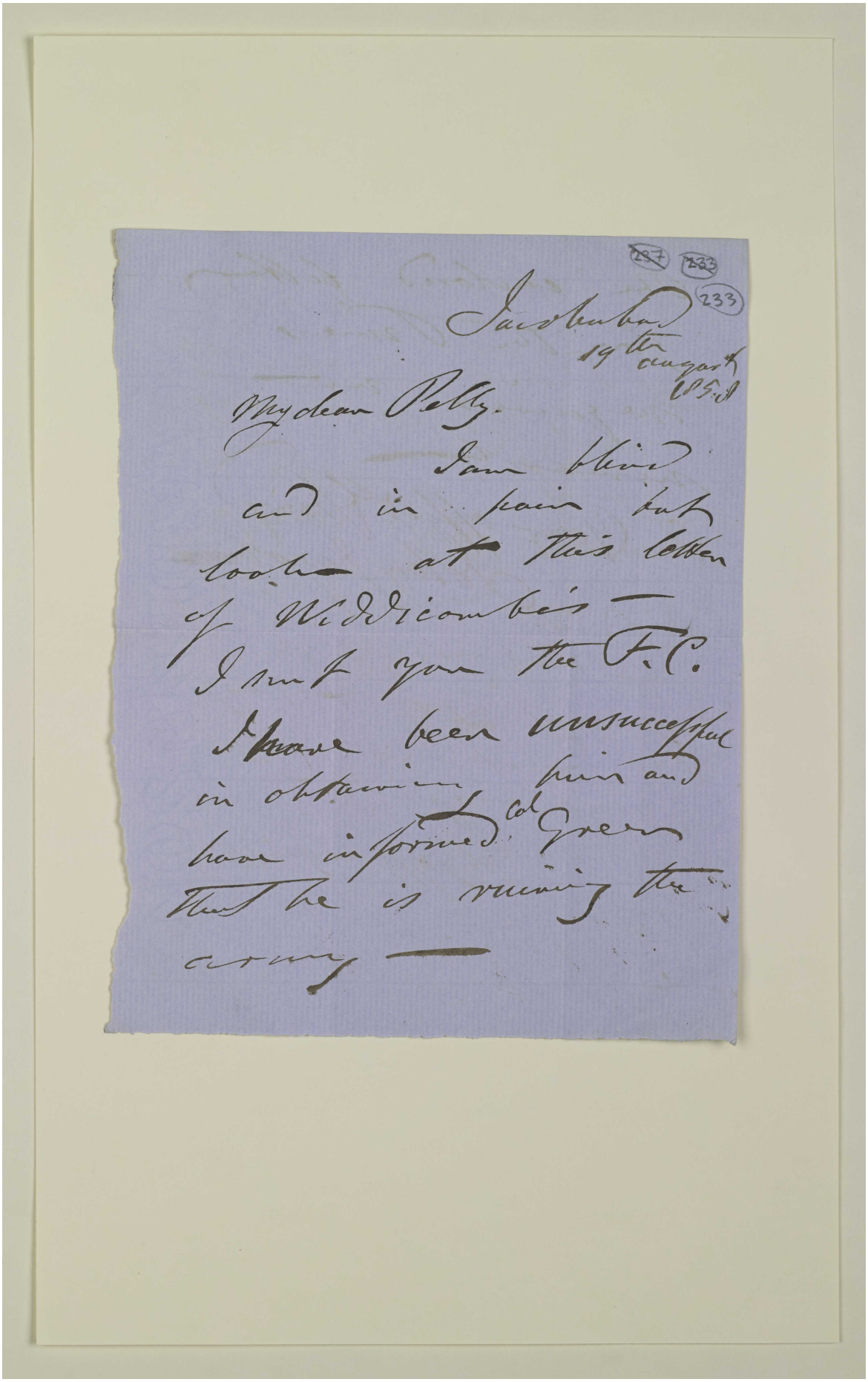

Jacobabad
19th August
1853

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My dear Pelly.

I am blind and in pain but took at this letter of Middlecombe's — I sent you the F.C. I have been unsuccessful in obtaining him and have informed Col Green that he is running the army —

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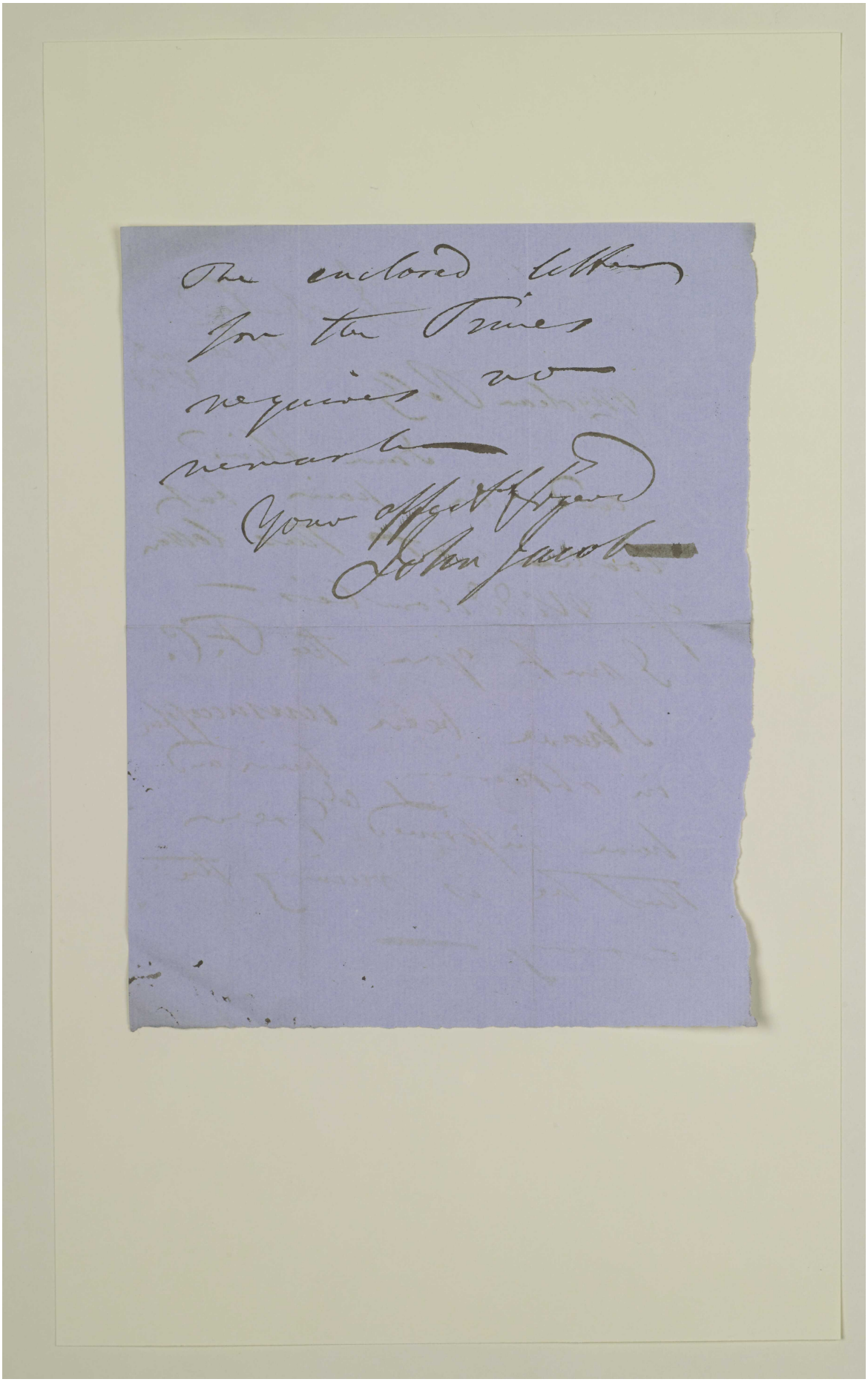

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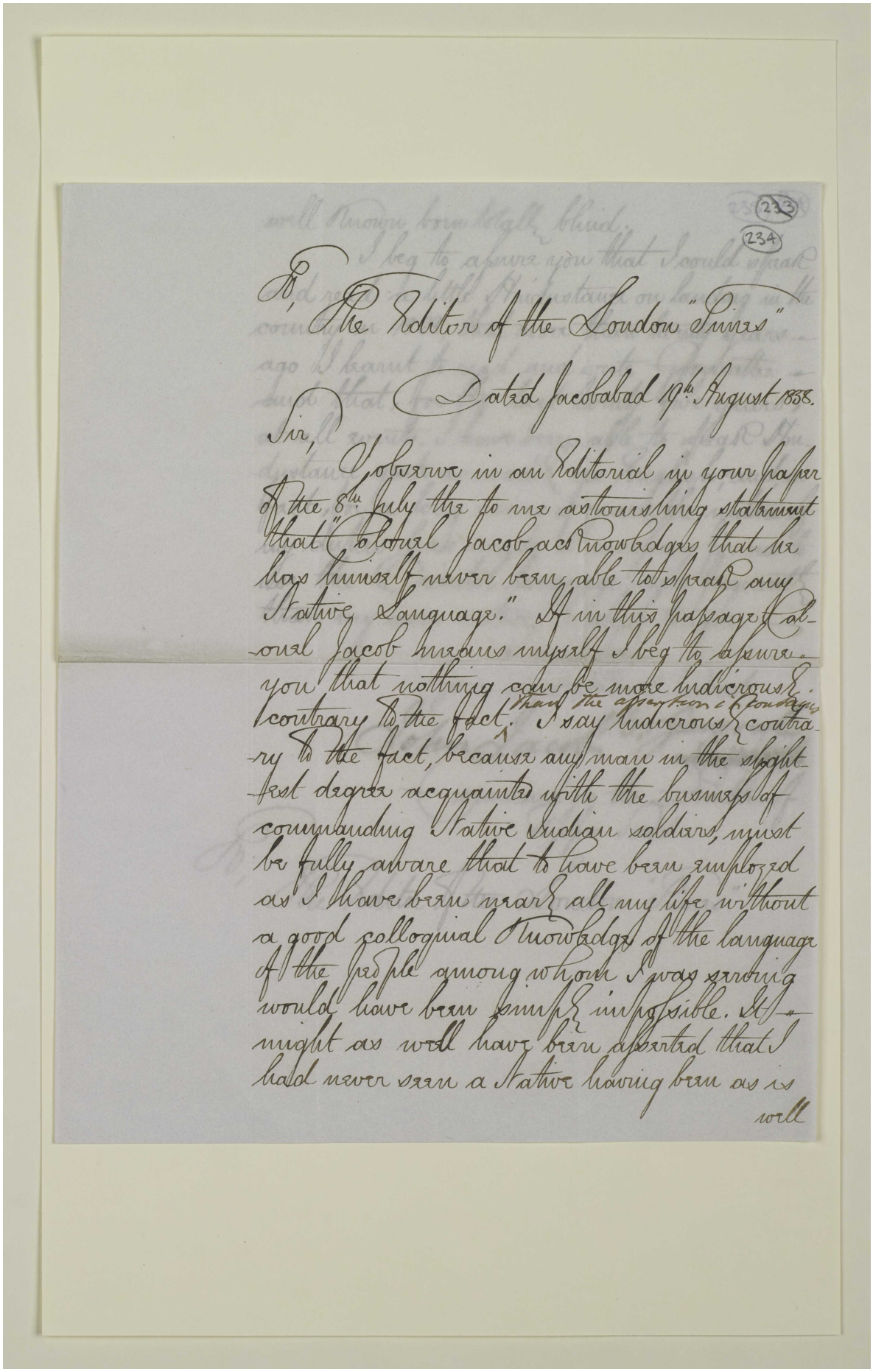

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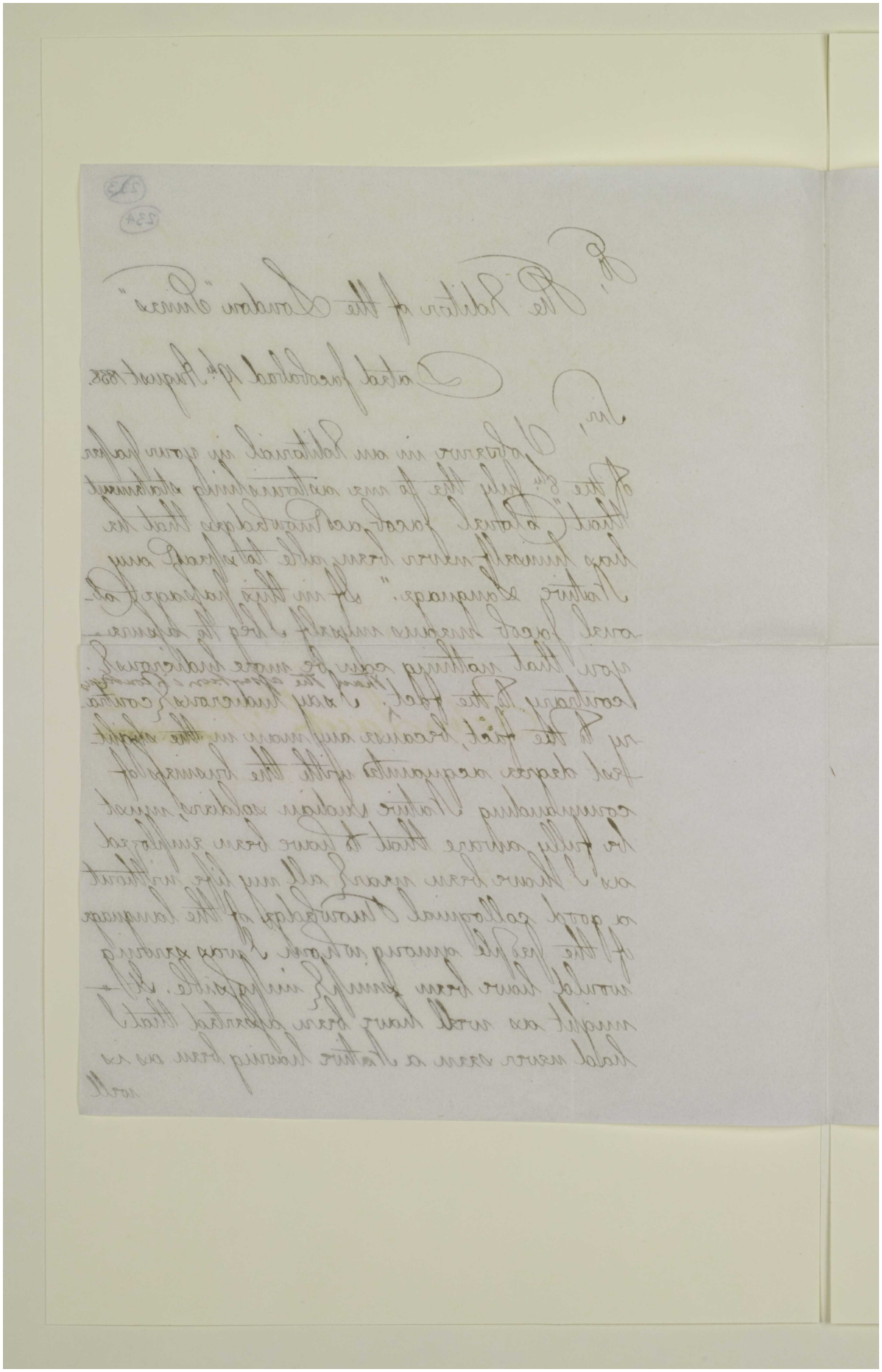
Dated Jacobabad 19th August 1858.

Sir,

I observe in an Editorial in your paper of the 8th July the to me astounding statement that "Colonel Jacob acknowledges that he has himself never been able to speak any Native Language." If in this passage Colonel Jacob means myself I beg to assure you that nothing can be more ludicrous & contrary to the fact than the assertion I say ludicrous & contrary to the fact, because any man in the slightest degree acquainted with the business of commanding Native Indian soldiers, must be fully aware that to have been employed as I have been nearly all my life without a good colloquial knowledge of the language of the people among whom I was serving would have been simply impossible. It might as well have been asserted that I had never seen a Native having been as is well



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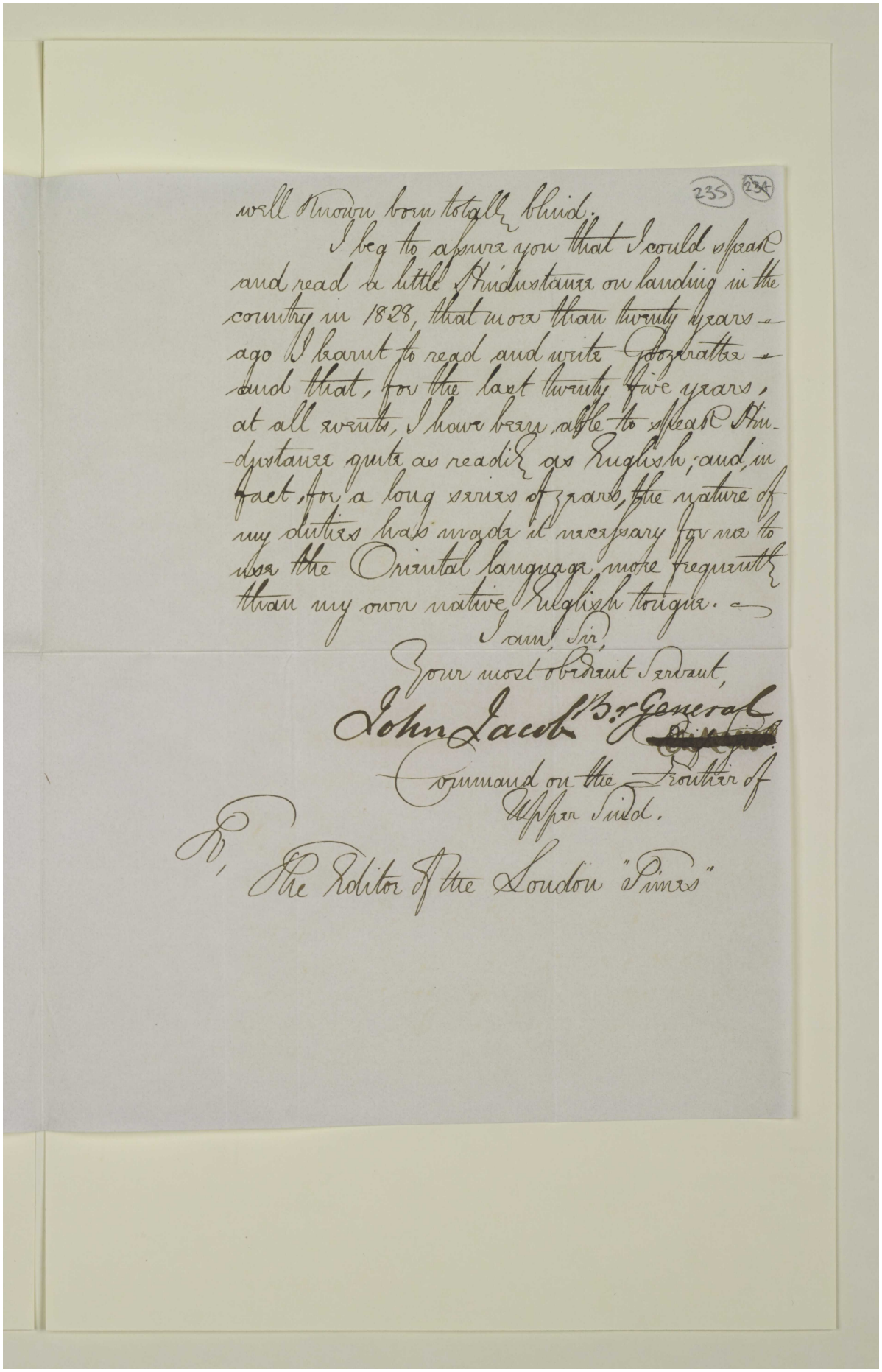

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I beg to assure you that I could speak and read a little Hindustanee on landing in the country in 1828, that more than twenty years ago I learnt to read and write Goozerattee and that, for the last twenty five years, at all events, I have been able to speak Hindustanee quite as readily as English; and, in fact, for a long series of years, the nature of my duties has made it necessary for me to use the Oriental language more frequently than my own native English tongue.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

John Jacob Br. General ~~[illegible]~~

Command on the Frontier of Upper Sind.

To,

The Editor of the London "Times"

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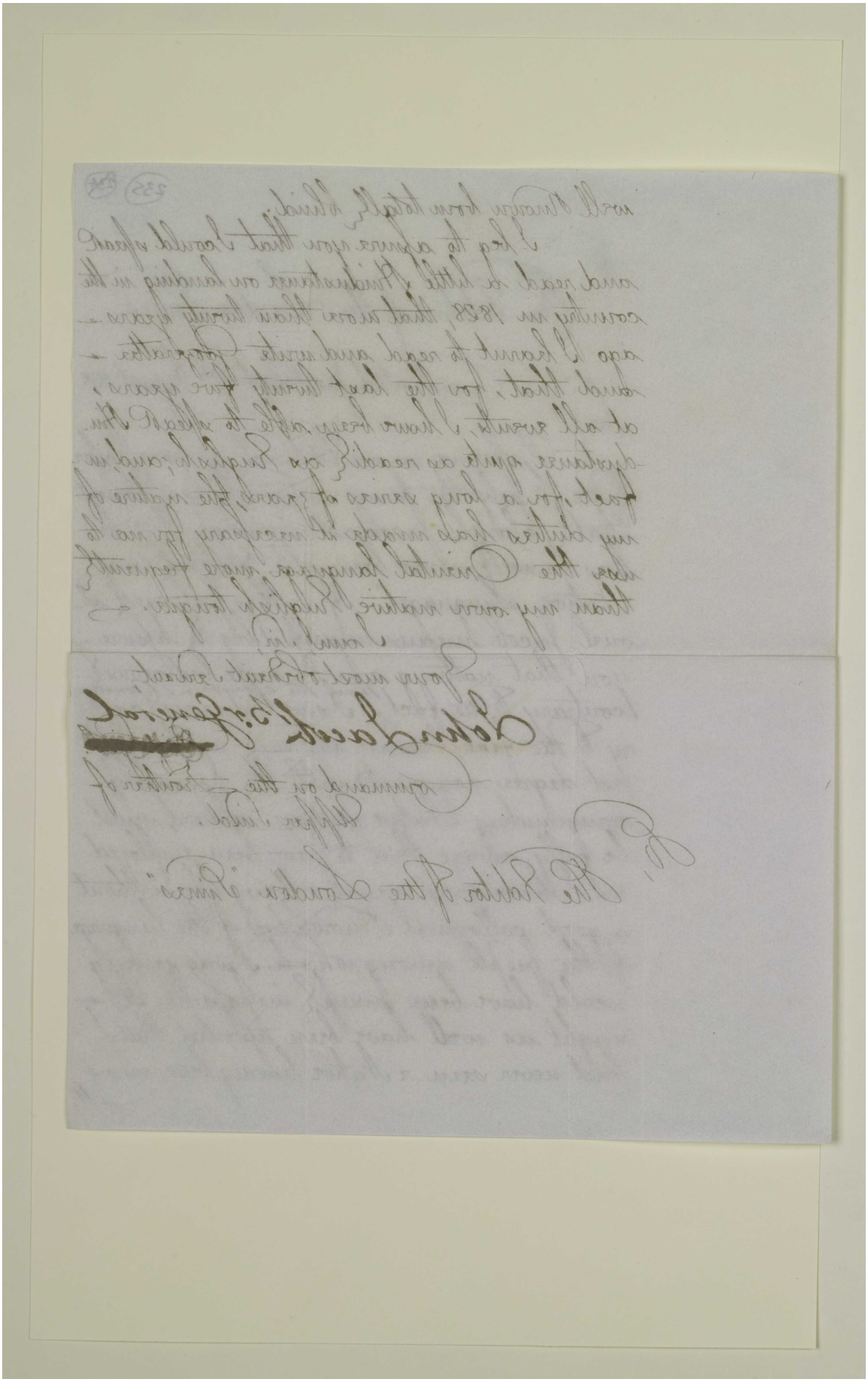

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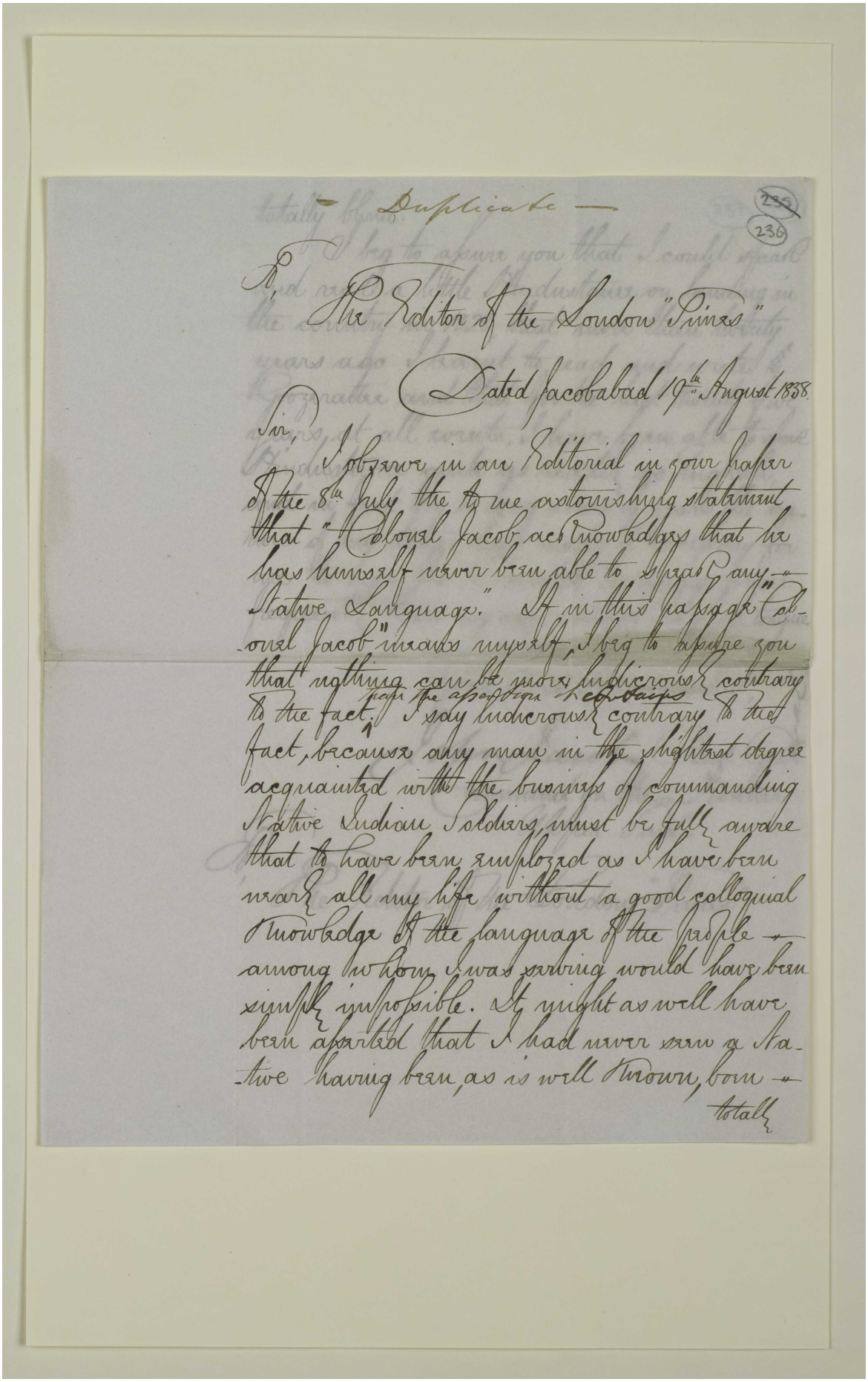

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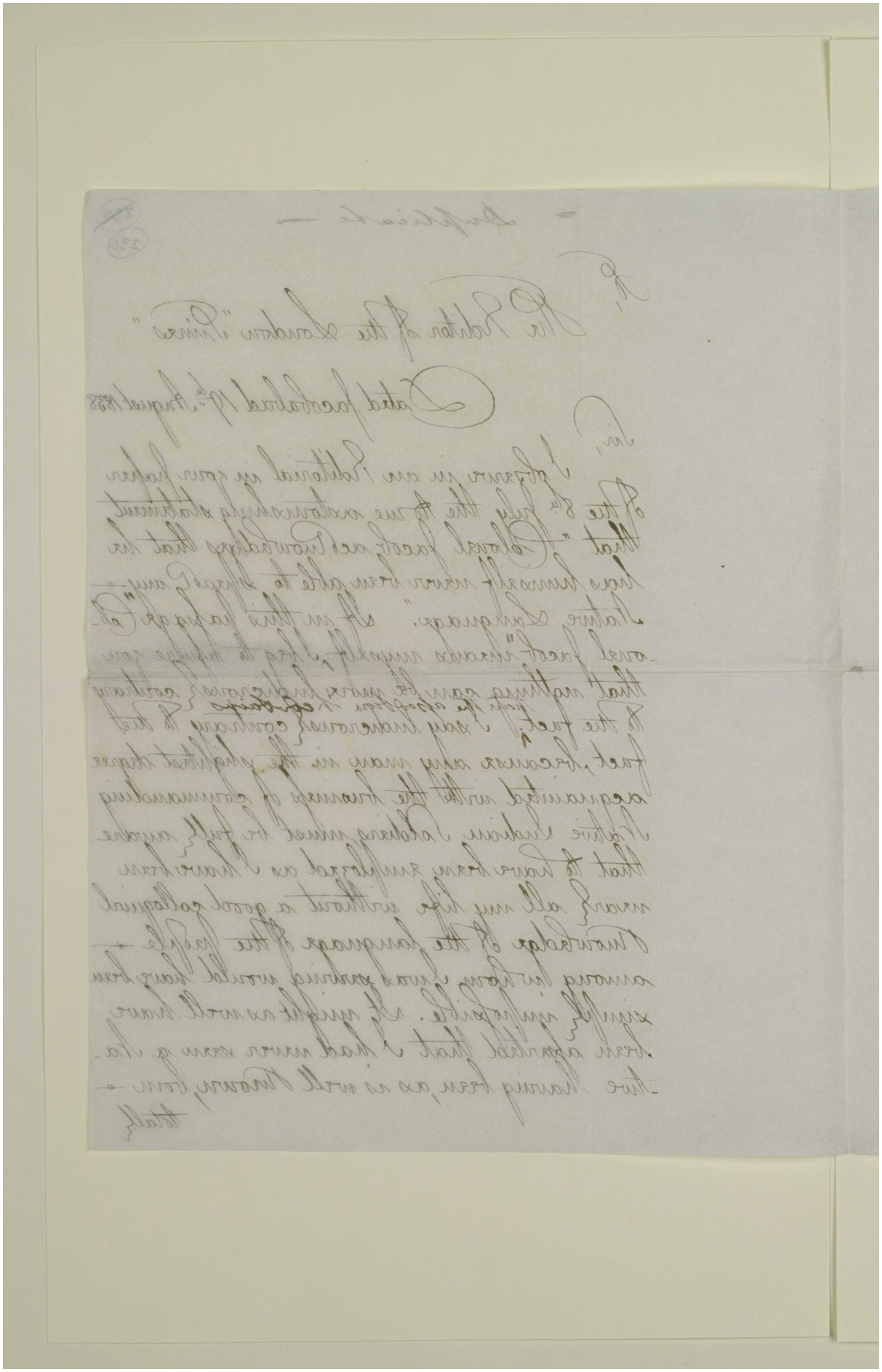

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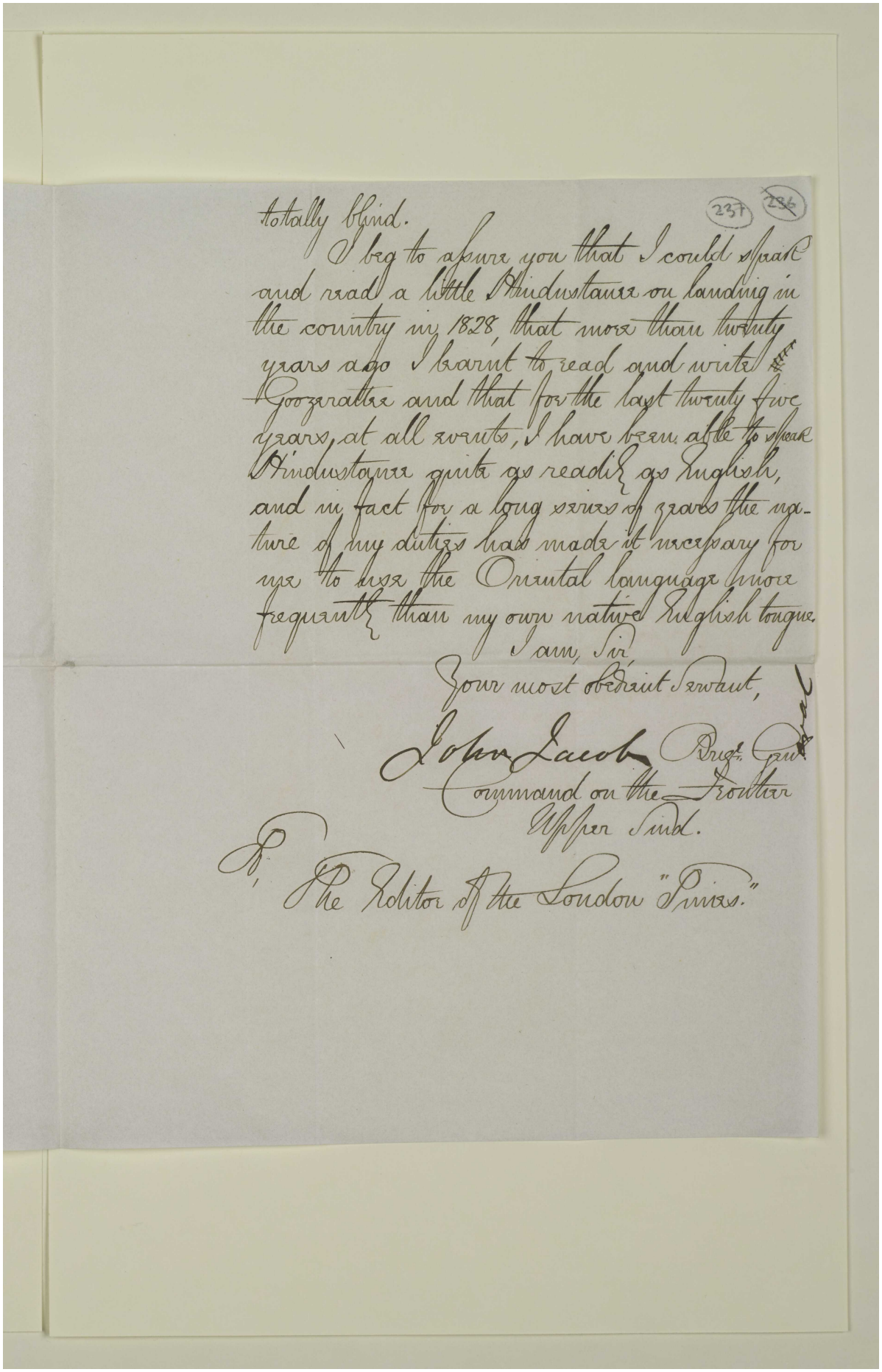

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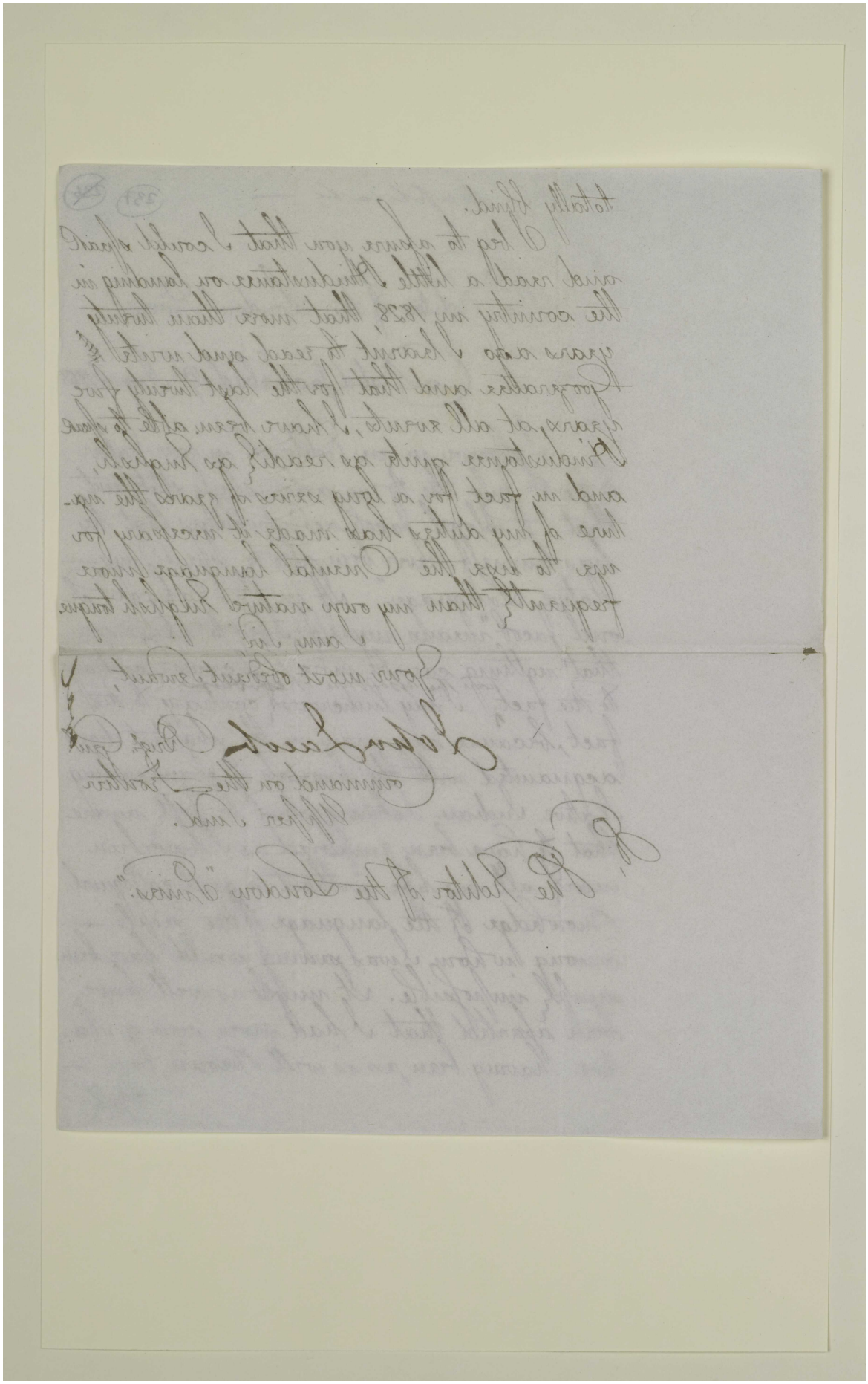

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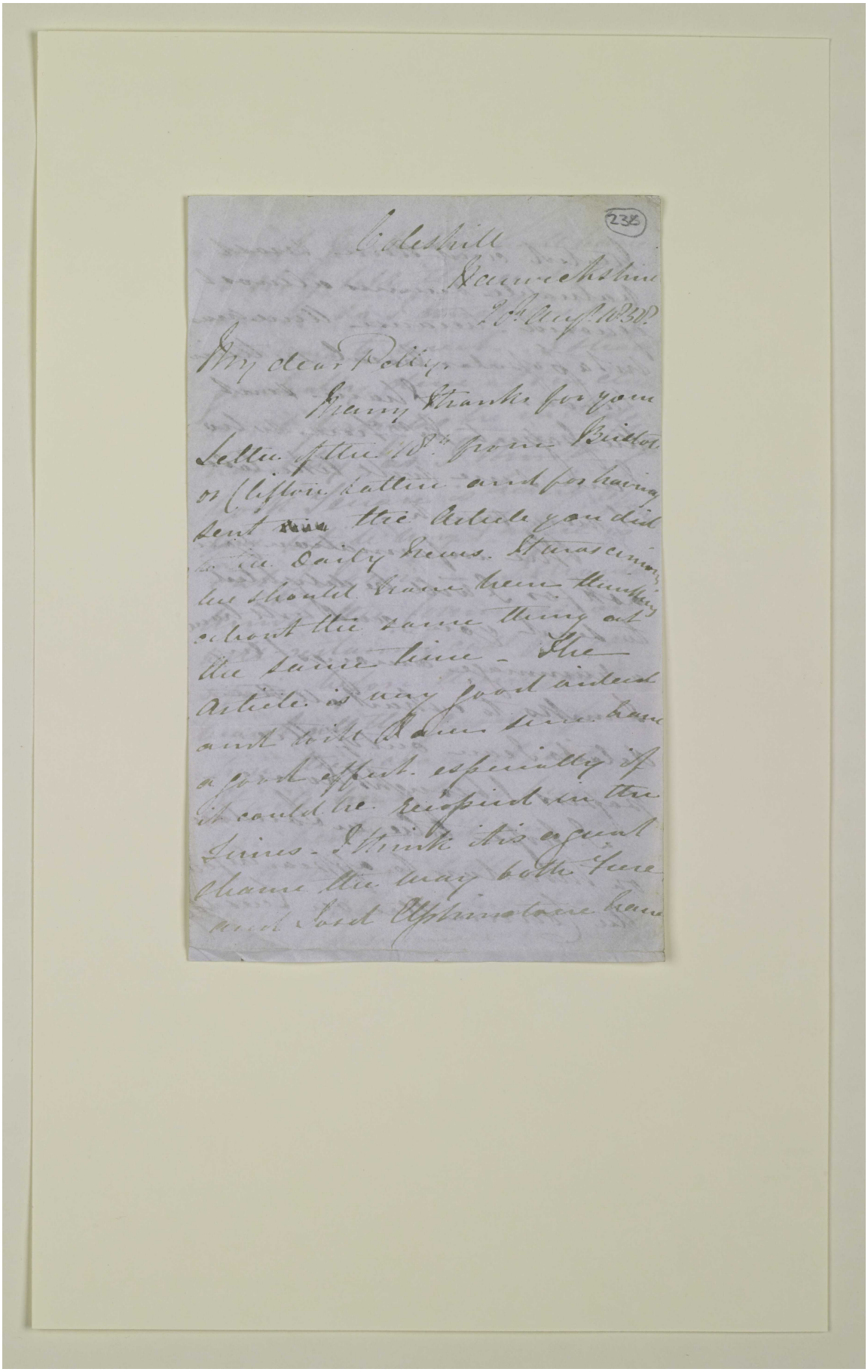

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Coleshill
Warwickshire
20th Aug. 1838.

My dear Pelly,

Many thanks for your Letter of the 18th from Bristol or Clifton Latter and for having sent ~~him~~ the Article you did to the Daily News. It was curious he should have been thinking about the same thing at the same time. The Article is very good indeed and will I am sure have a good effect especially if it could be reprinted in the Times. I think it is a great chance the way both here and Lord Elphinstone have

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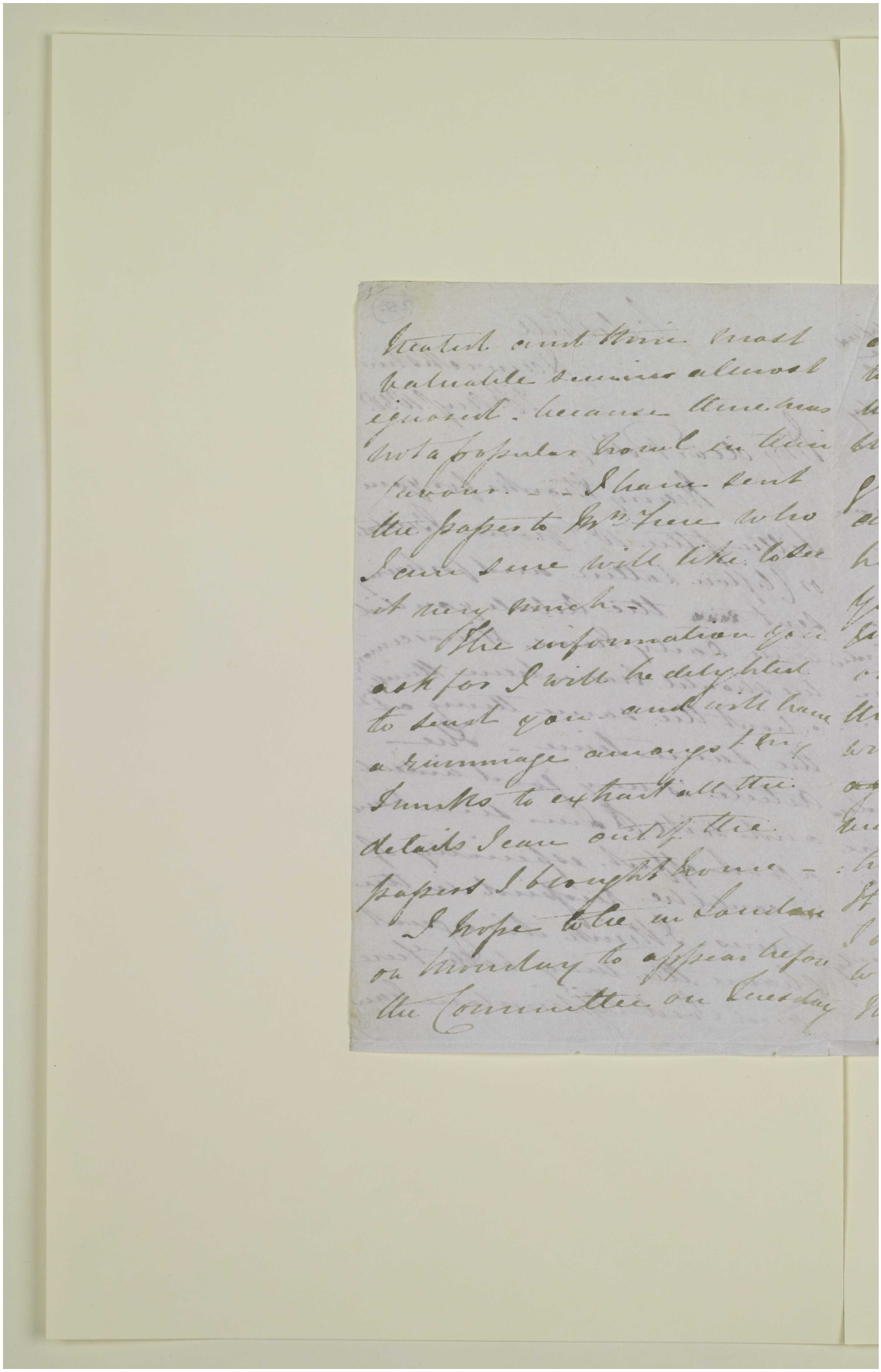

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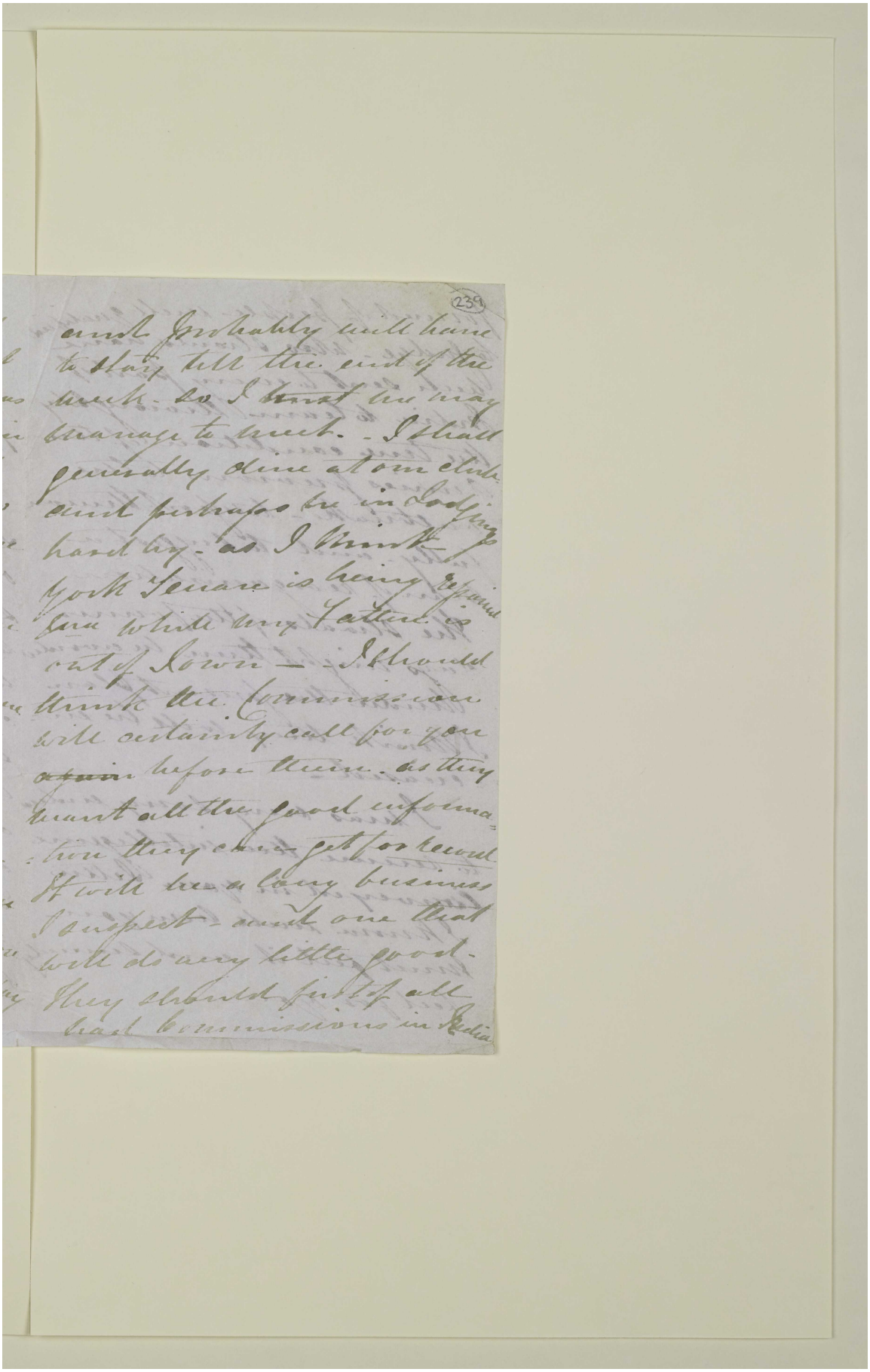

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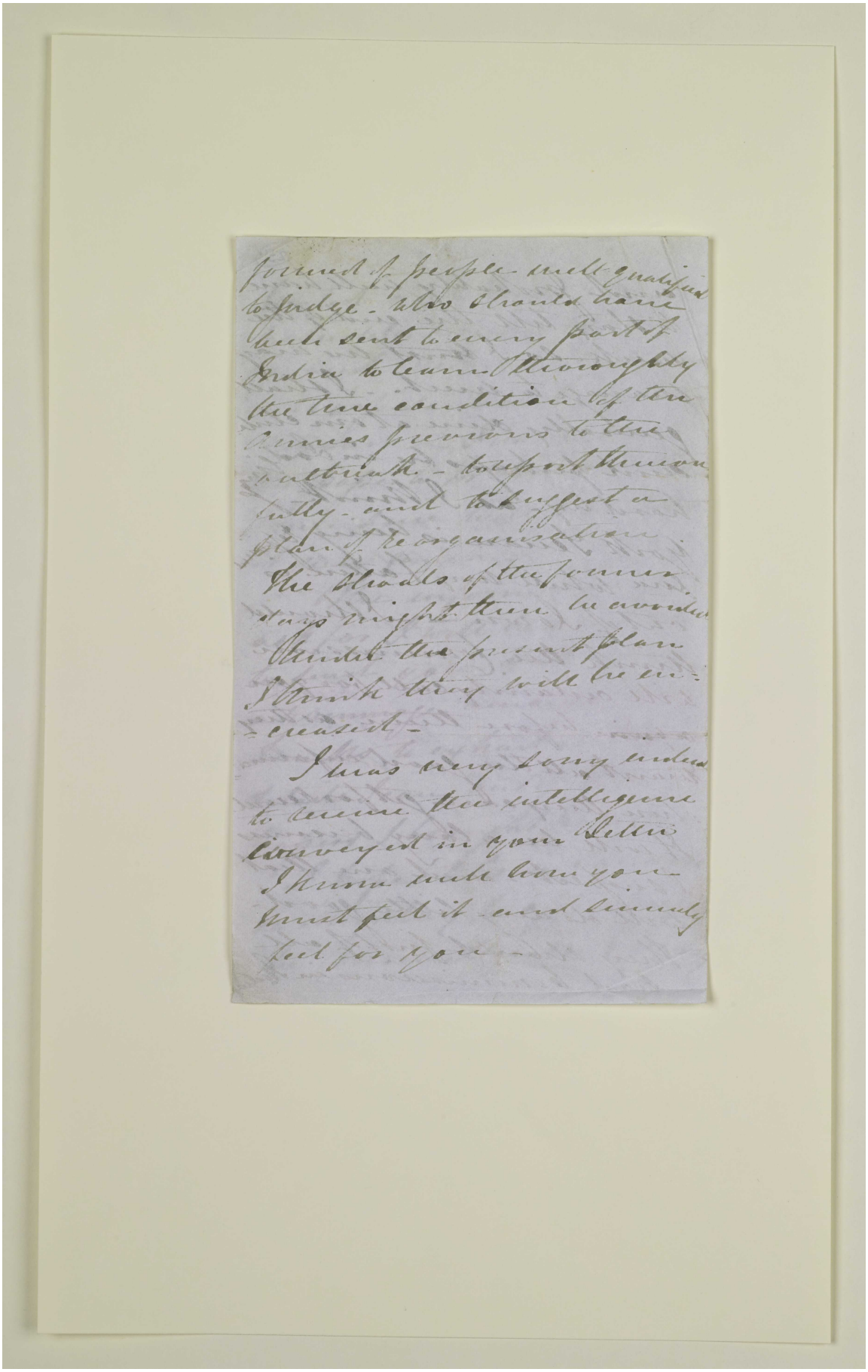
and I probably will have
to stay till the end of the
week. so I trust we may
manage to meet. - I shall
generally dine at our club
and perhaps be in Lodging
hard by - as I think
York Square is being repaired
just while my Father is
out of town — I should
think the Commissioners
will certainly call for you
before them. as they
want all the good informa-
tion they can get for record
It will be a long business
I suspect - and one that
will do very little good.
They should first of all
have Commissions in India



formed of people well qualified to judge. Also should have such sent to every part of India to learn thoroughly the true condition of the Armies previous to the outbreak - to report thereon fully - and to suggest a plan of Reorganisation. The details of the former days might then be considered. Should the present plan I think they will be unnecessary -

I was very sorry indeed to receive the intelligence conveyed in your Letter I know well how you must feel it and sincerely feel for you -

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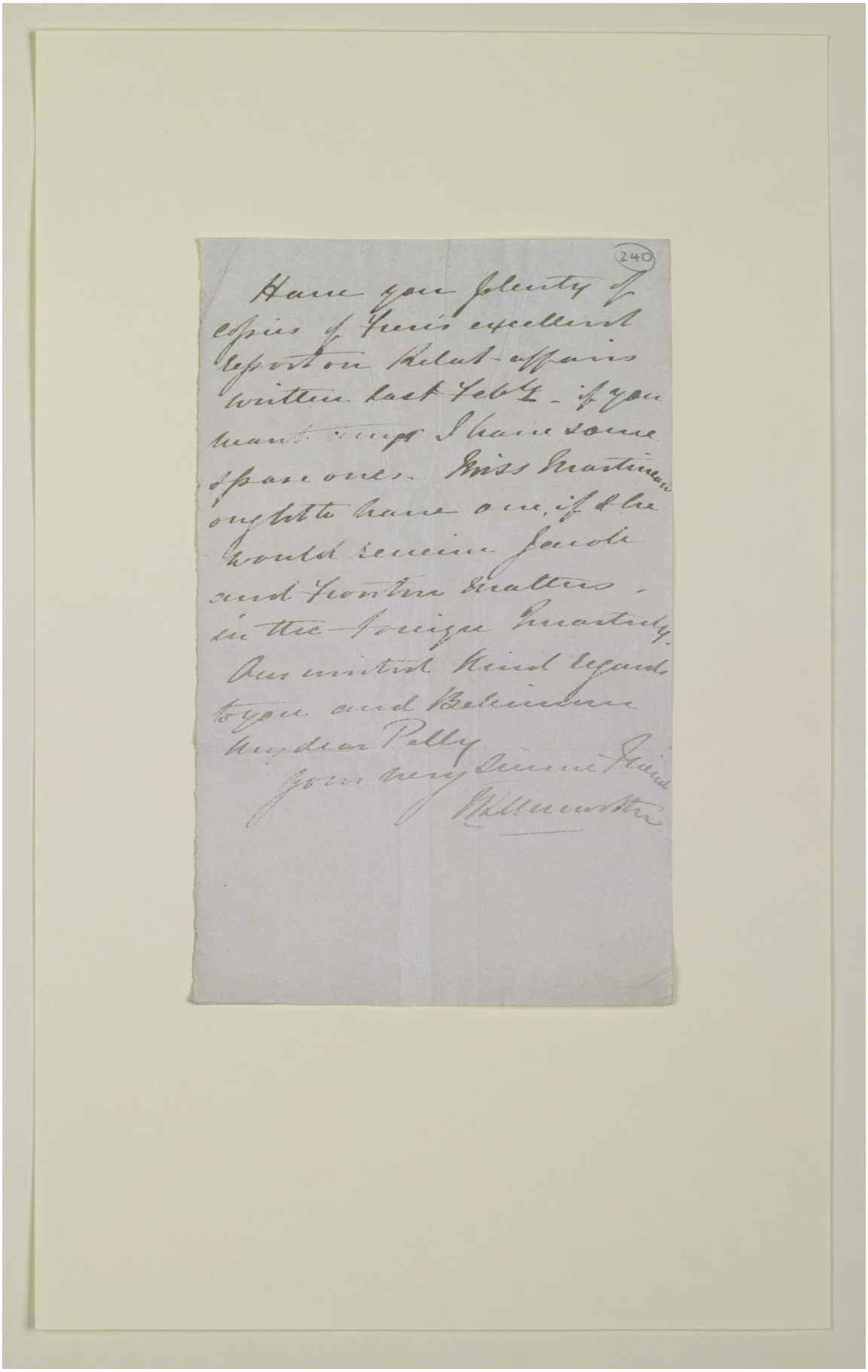

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Have you plenty of
copies of Frere's excellent
report on Kelat-affairs
written last Feby - if you
want any I have some
spare ones. Miss Martineau
ought to have one, if she
would receive Jacob
and Frontier matters -
in the Foreign Quarterly.
Our united kind regards
to you and Belinda
My dear Pelly
Your very sincere friend
W L Merewether

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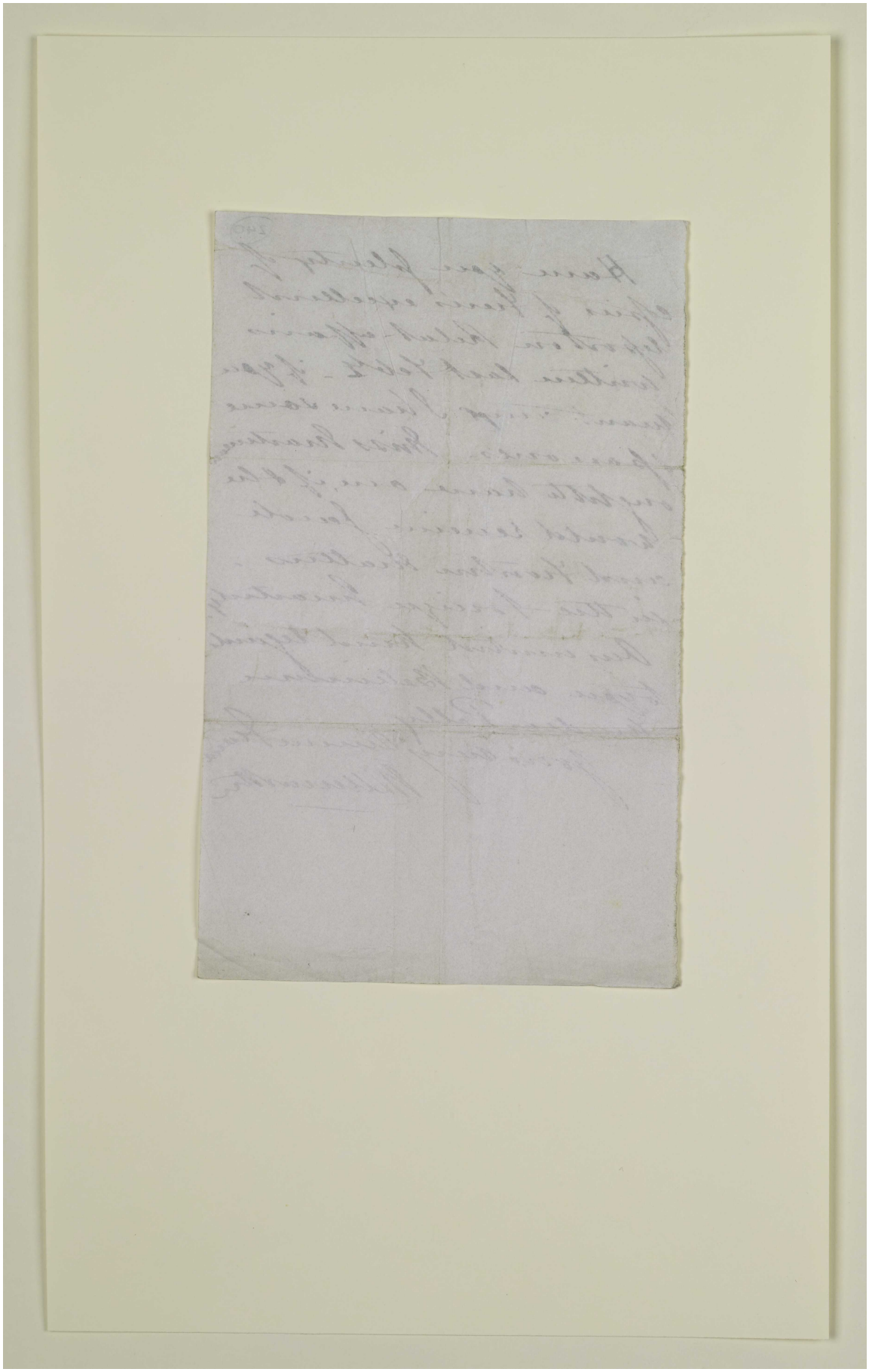

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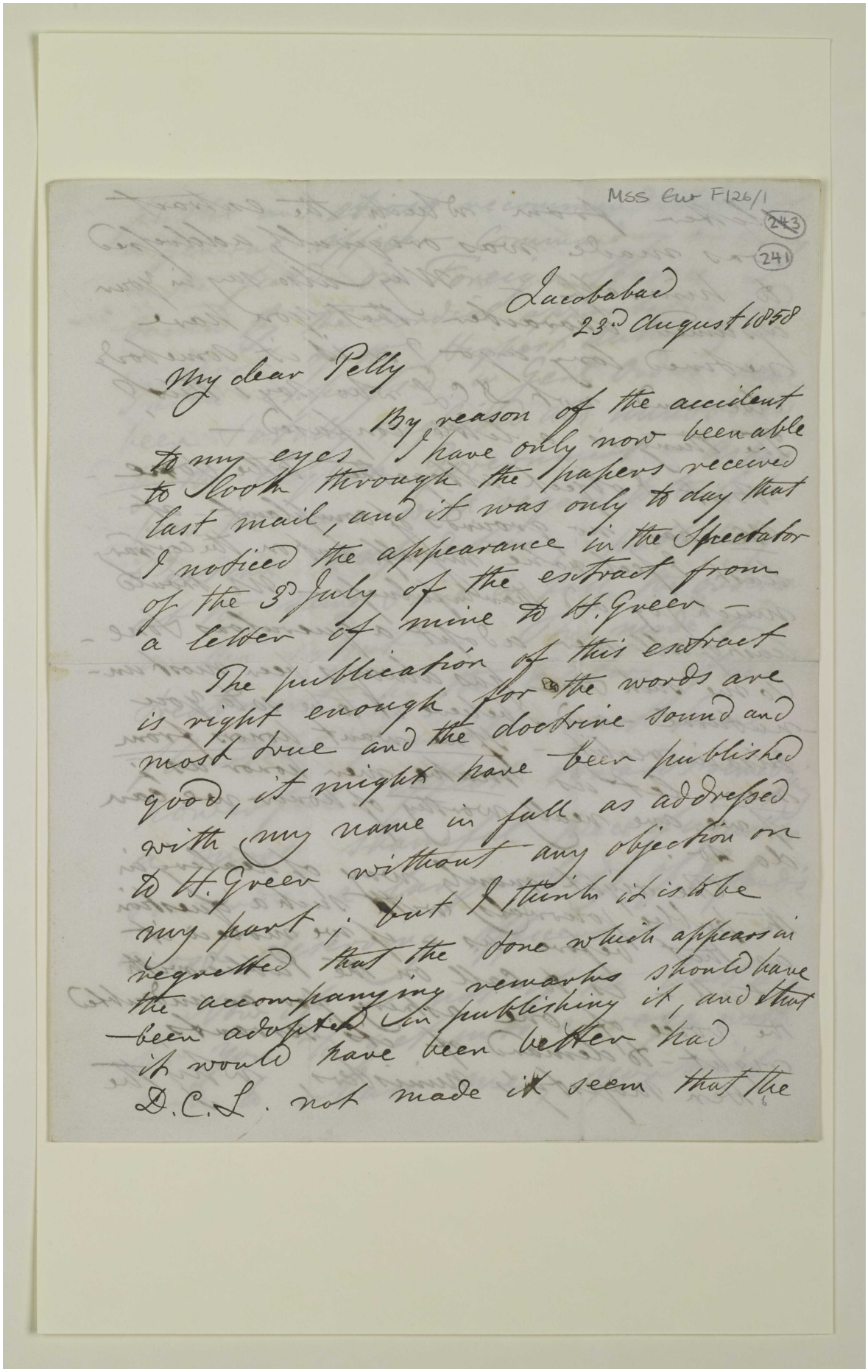

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Jacobabad
23rd August 1858

My dear Pelly

By reason of the accident to my eyes I have only now been able to look through the papers received last mail, and it was only to day that I noticed the appearance in the Spectator of the 3d July of the extract from a letter of mine to H. Green —

The publication of this extract is right enough for the words are most true and the doctrine sound and good, it might have been published with my name in full as addressed to H. Green without any objection on my part, but I think it is to be regretted that the tone which appears in the accompanying remarks should have been adopted in publishing it, and that it would have been better had D.C.L. not made it seem that the

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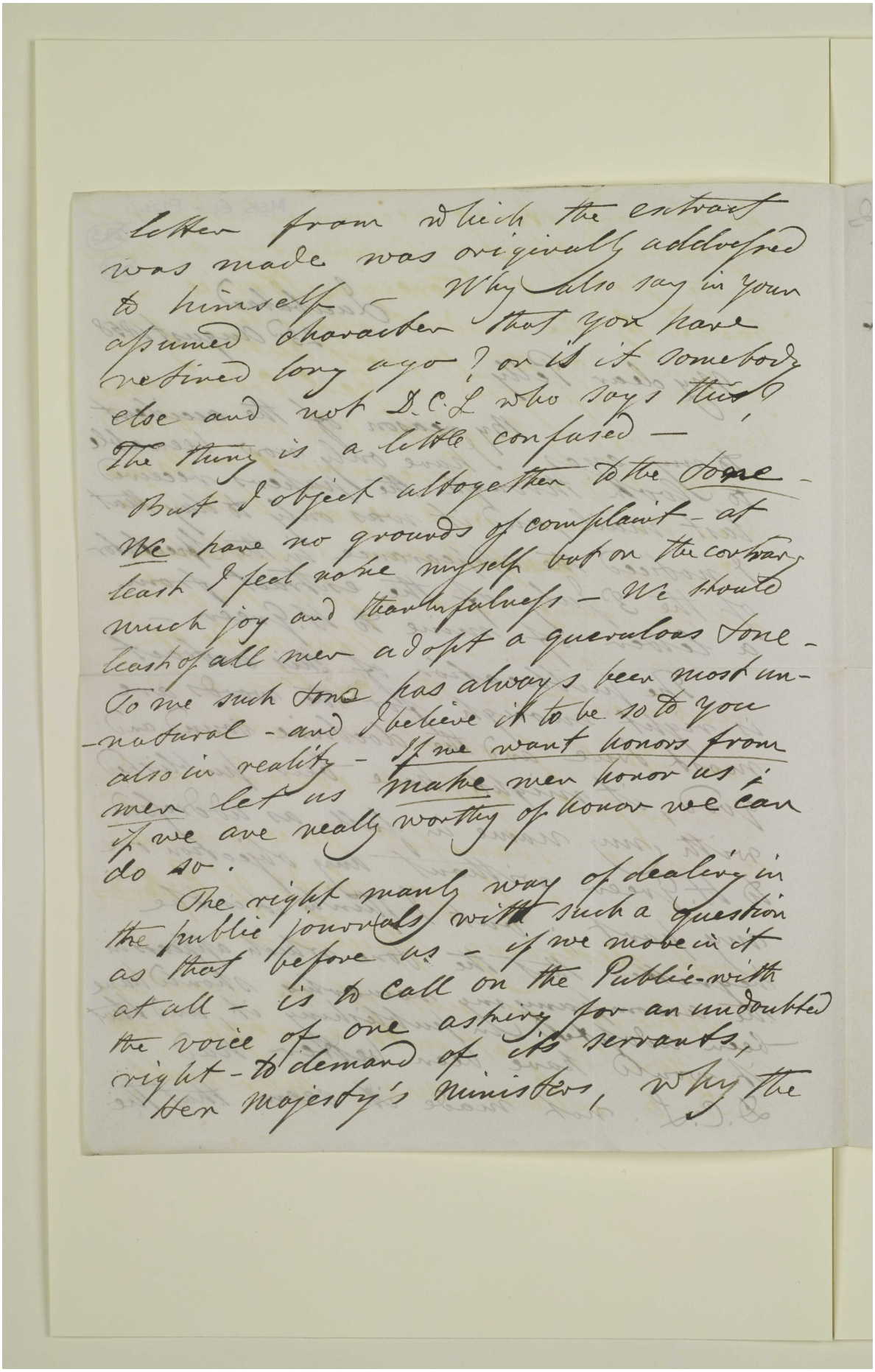

letter from which the extract was made was originally addressed to himself — Why also say in your assumed character that you have retired long ago? or is it somebody else and not D.C.L who says this? The thing is a little confused —

But I object altogether to the tone — We have no grounds of complaint — at least I feel none myself but on the contrary much joy and thankfulness — We should least of all ever adopt a querulous tone — To me such tone has always been most unnatural — and I believe it to be so to you also in reality — If we want honors from men let us make men honor us — if we are really worthy of honor we can do so.

The right manly way of dealing in the public journals with such a question as that before us — if we move in it at all — is to call on the Public with the voice of one asking for an undoubted right — to demand of its servants, Her Majesty's Ministers, why the

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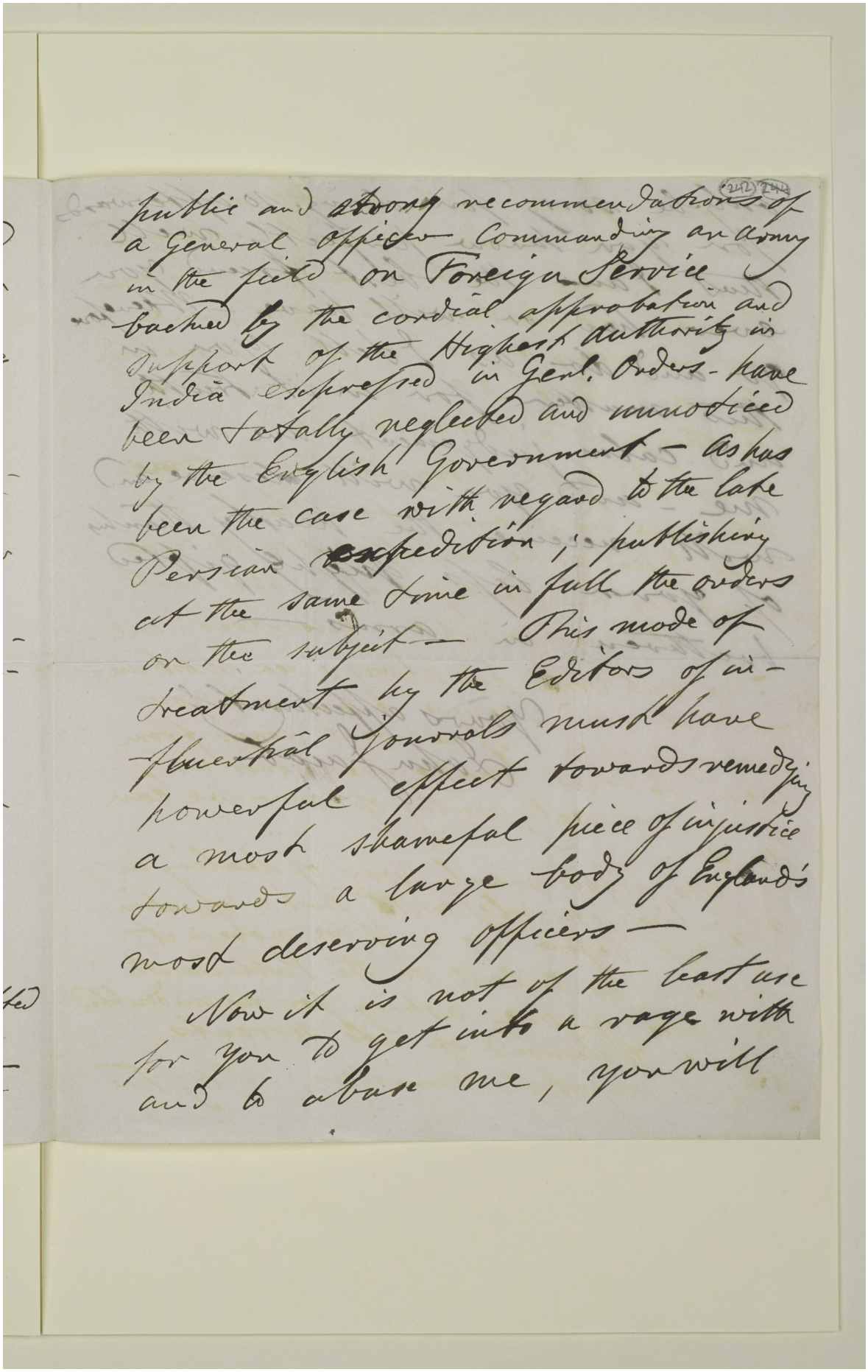
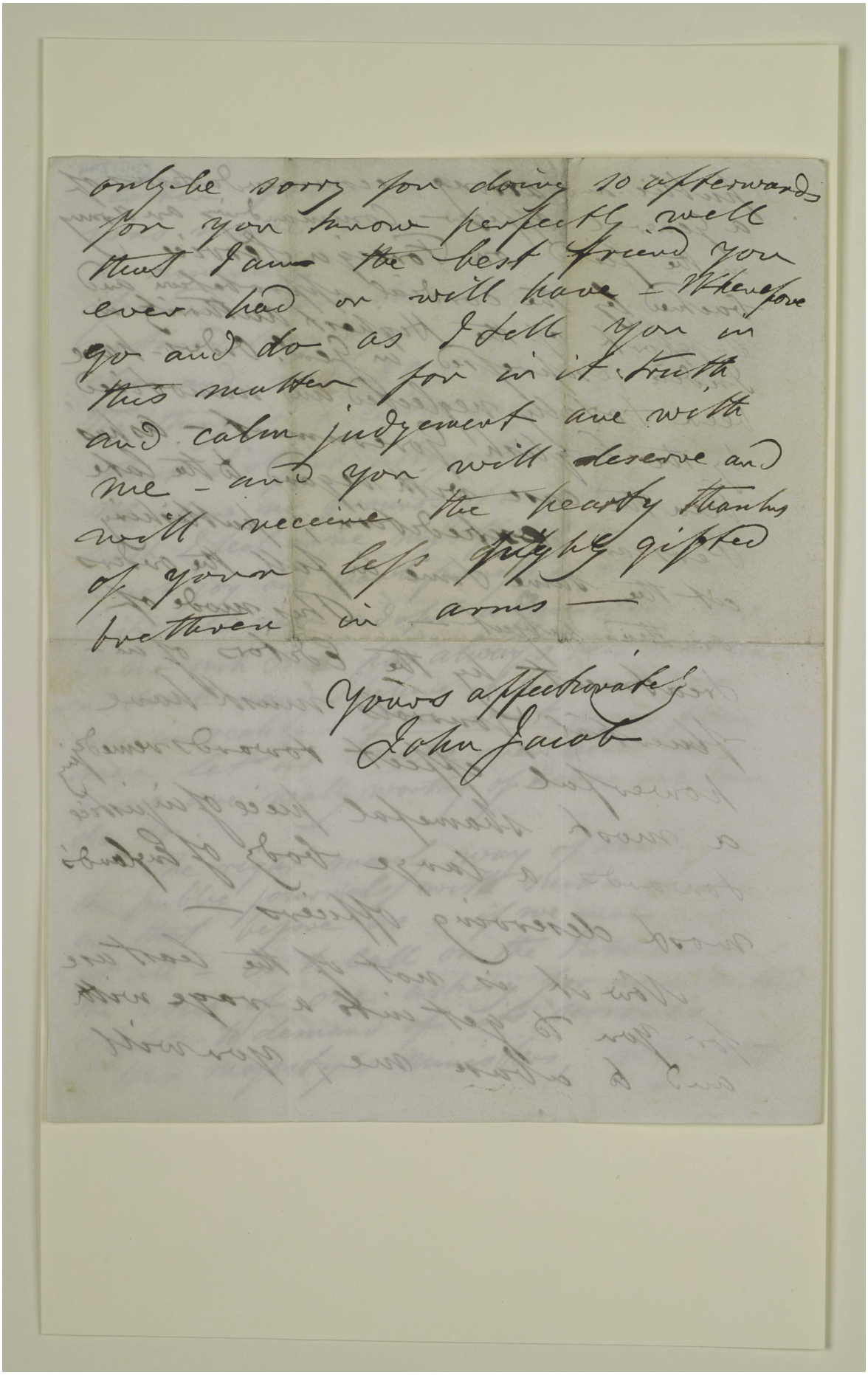


public and strong recommendations of
a General Officer Commanding an Army
in the field on Foreign Service
backed by the cordial approbation and
support of the Highest Authority in
India expressed in Gen. Orders - have
been totally neglected and unnoticed
by the English Government - as has
been the case with regard to the late
Persian expedition; publishing
at the same time in full the orders
on the subject - This mode of
treatment by the Editors of in-
fluential Journals must have
powerful effect towards remedying
a most shameful piece of injustice
towards a large body of England's
most deserving Officers -

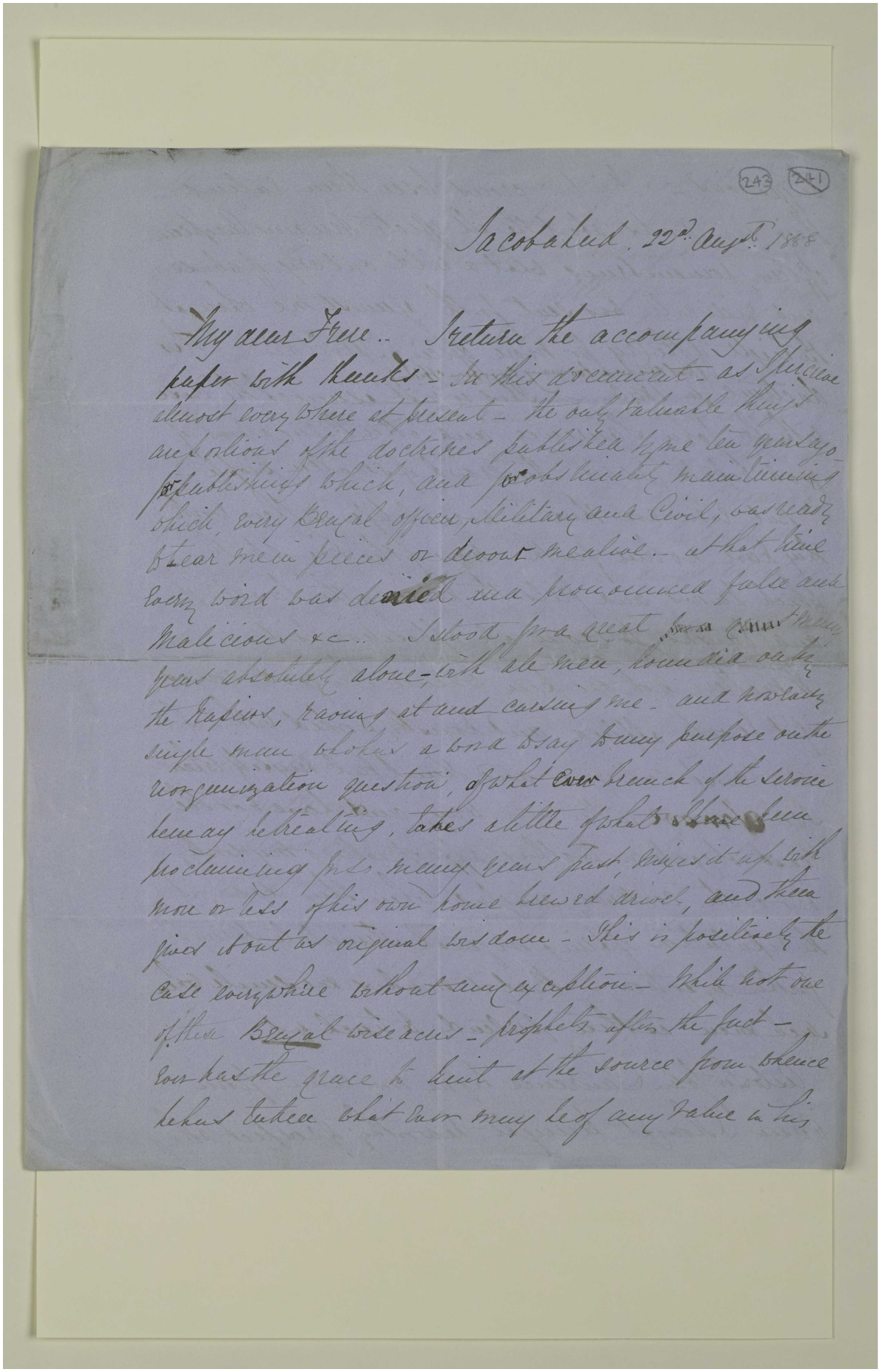
Now it is not of the least use
for you to get into a rage with
and to abuse me, you will



only be sorry for doing so afterwards for you know perfectly well that I am the best friend you ever had or will have – Therefore go and do as I tell you in this matter for in it truth and calm judgement are with me – and you will deserve and will receive the hearty thanks of your less highly gifted brethren in arms —

Yours affectionately
John Jacob

Letter from John Jacob, Jacobabad to Lewis Pelly [243r] (5/8)



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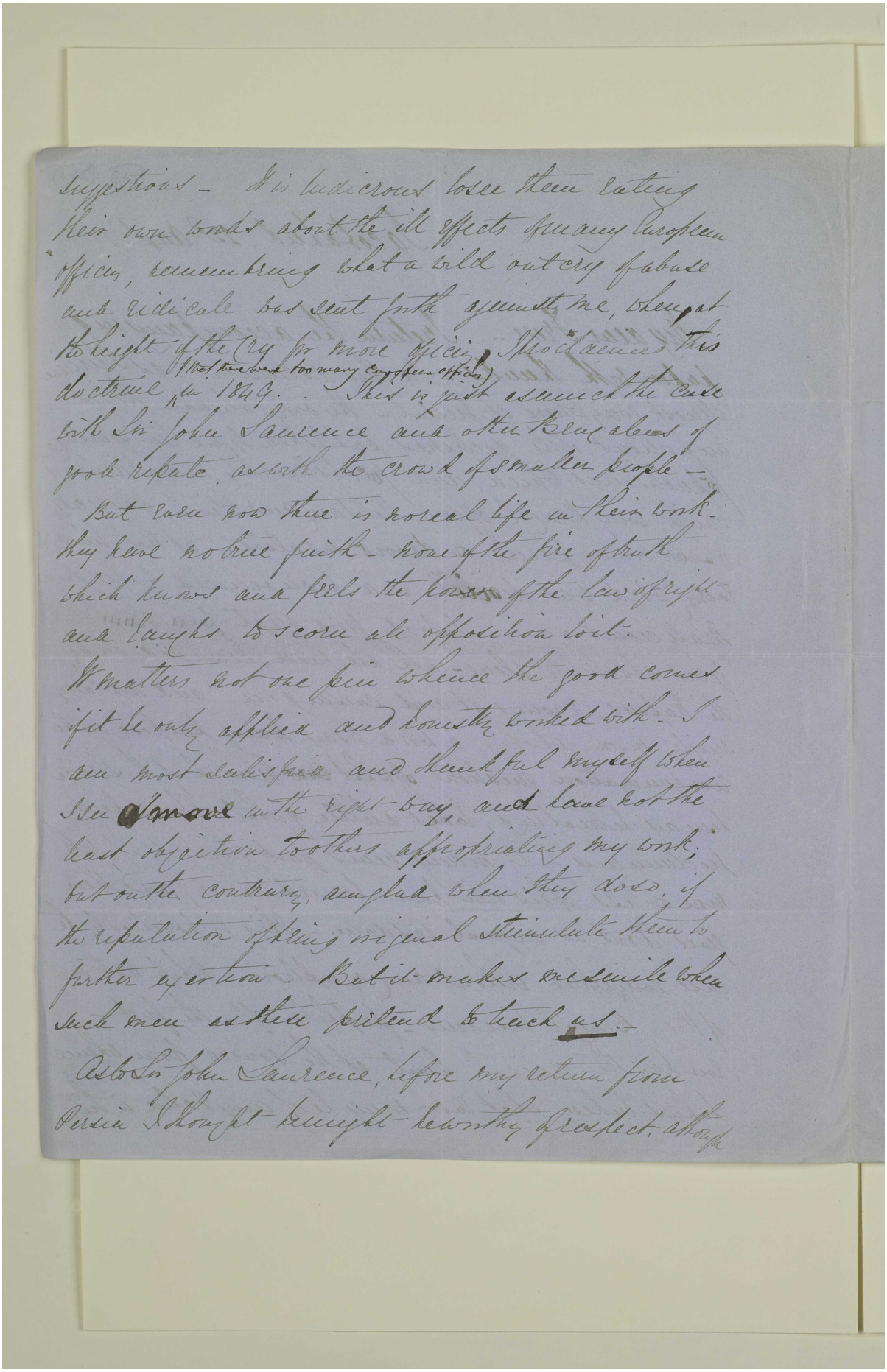
Jacobabad. 22d Augt. 1868

My dear Frere.. I return the accompanying paper with thanks - In this document - as I perceive almost everywhere at present - the only valuable things are portions of the doctrines published by me ten years ago for publishing which, and for obstinately maintaining which, every Bengal officer, Military and Civil, was ready to tear me in pieces or devour me alive - at that time every word was denied and pronounced false and Malicious &c.. I stood for a great many years absolutely alone - with all men, hounded only the Napiers, raving at and cursing me - and now every single man who has a word to say to my purpose on the reorganization question, of what ever branch of the service he may be treating, takes a little of what I have been proclaiming for so many years past, mixes it up with more or less of his own home brewed drivel, and then gives it out as original wisdom - This is positively the case everywhere without any exception - While not one of these Bengal wiseacres - prophets after the fact - ever has the grace to hint at the source from whence he has taken what ever may be of any value in his



suggestions – It is ludicrous to see them eating their own words about the ill effects of many European officers, remembering what a wild outcry of abuse and ridicule was sent forth against me, when, at the height of the cry for more officers, I proclaimed this doctrine (that there were too many European officers) in 1849. This is just as much the case with Sir John Lawrence and other Bengalees of good repute, as with the crowd of smaller people –

But even now there is no real life in their work – they have no true faith – none of the fire of truth which knows and feels the power of the law of right and laughs to scorn all opposition to it.

It matters not one pin whence the good comes if it be only applied and honestly worked with – I am most satisfied and thankful myself when I see a move in the right way, and have not the least objection to others appropriating my work; but on the contrary, am glad when they do so, if the reputation of being original stimulate them to further exertion – But it makes me smile when such men as these pretend to teach us. –

As to Sir John Lawrence, before my return from Persia I thought he might be worthy of respect, although

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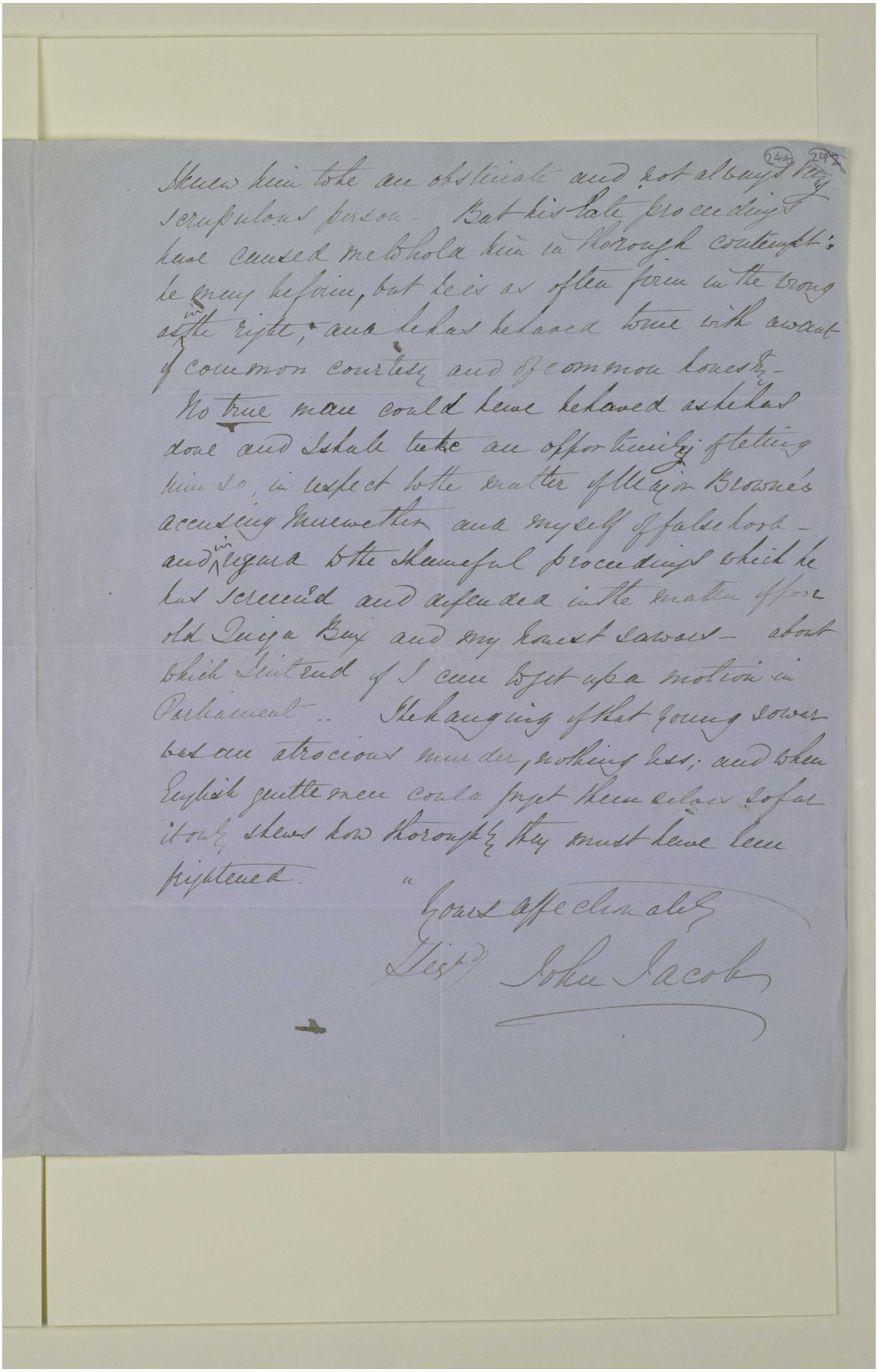

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I knew him to be an obstinate and not always very scrupulous person. But his late proceedings have caused me to hold him in thorough contempt: he may be firm, but he is as often firm in the wrong as in the right; and he has behaved to me with a want of common courtesy and of common honesty.

No true man could have behaved as he has done and I shall take an opportunity of letting him so, in respect to the matter of Major Browne's accusing Murewether and myself of falsehood — and in regard to the shameful proceedings which he has screened and defended in the matter of poor old Quiza Bux and my honest sowars — about which I intend of I can to get up a motion in Parliament. The hanging of that young sowar was an atrocious murder, nothing less; and when English gentlemen could forget themselves so far it only shews how thoroughly they must have been frightened.

Yours affectionately

Sign^d John Jacob

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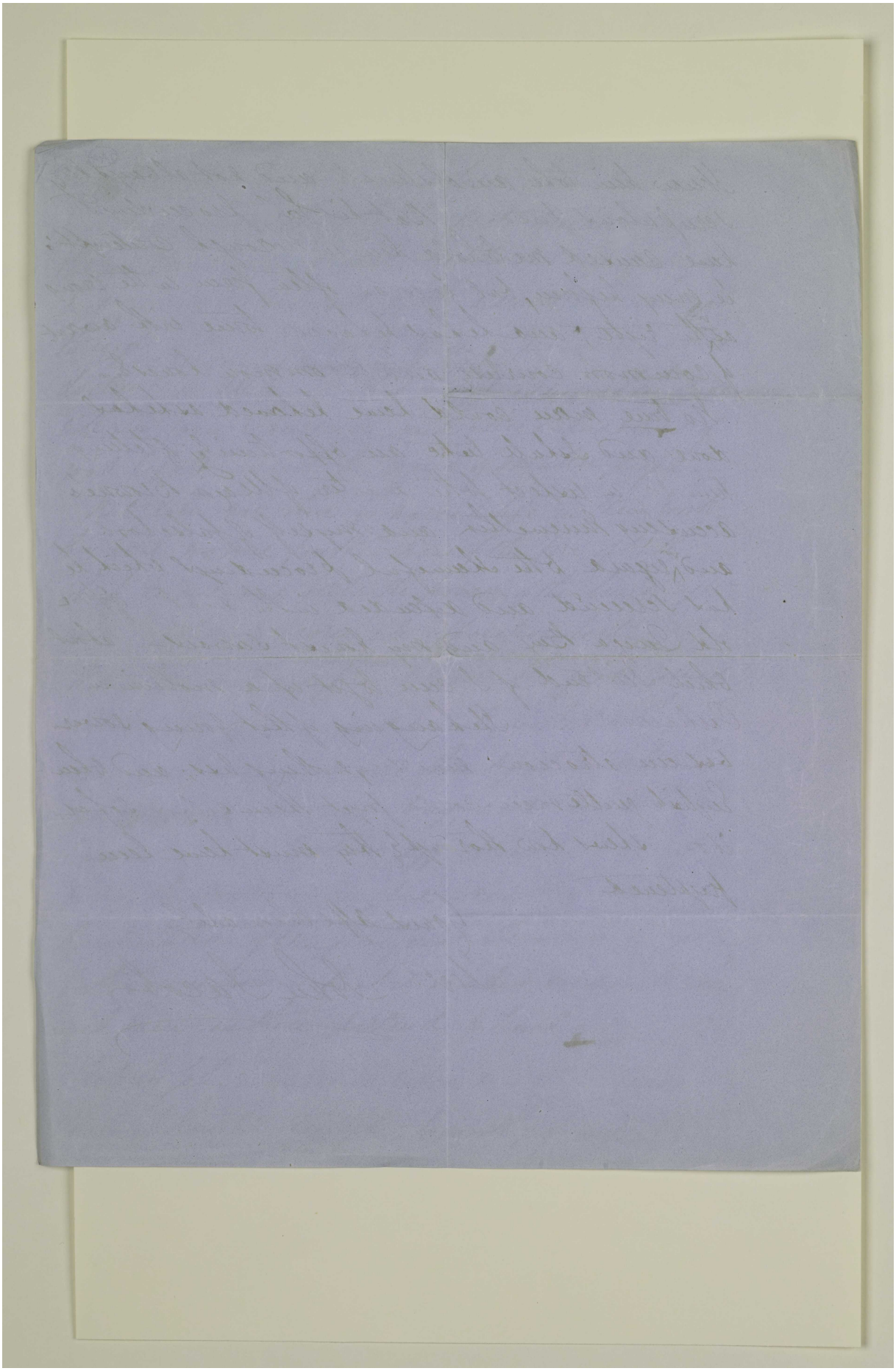

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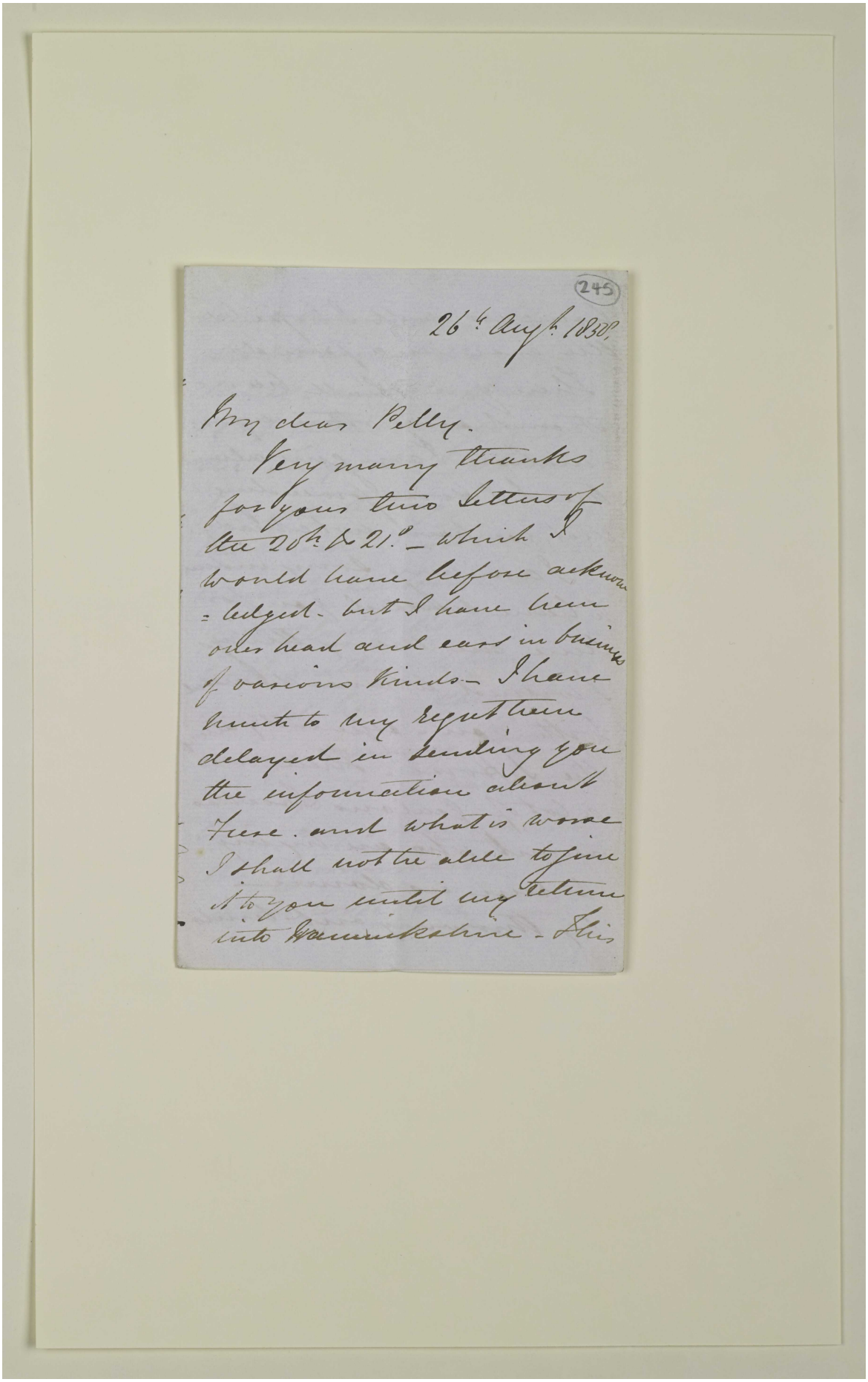

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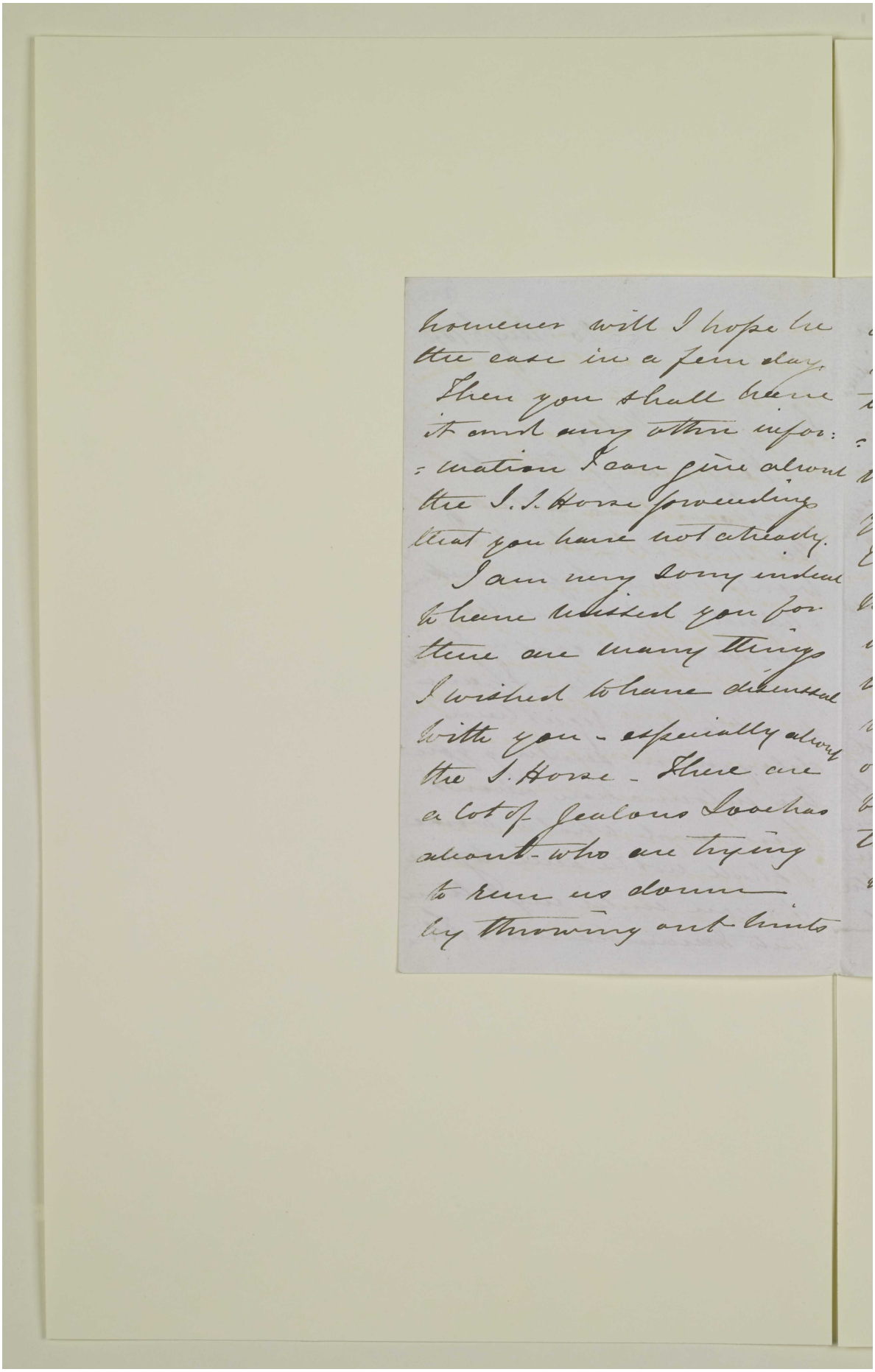
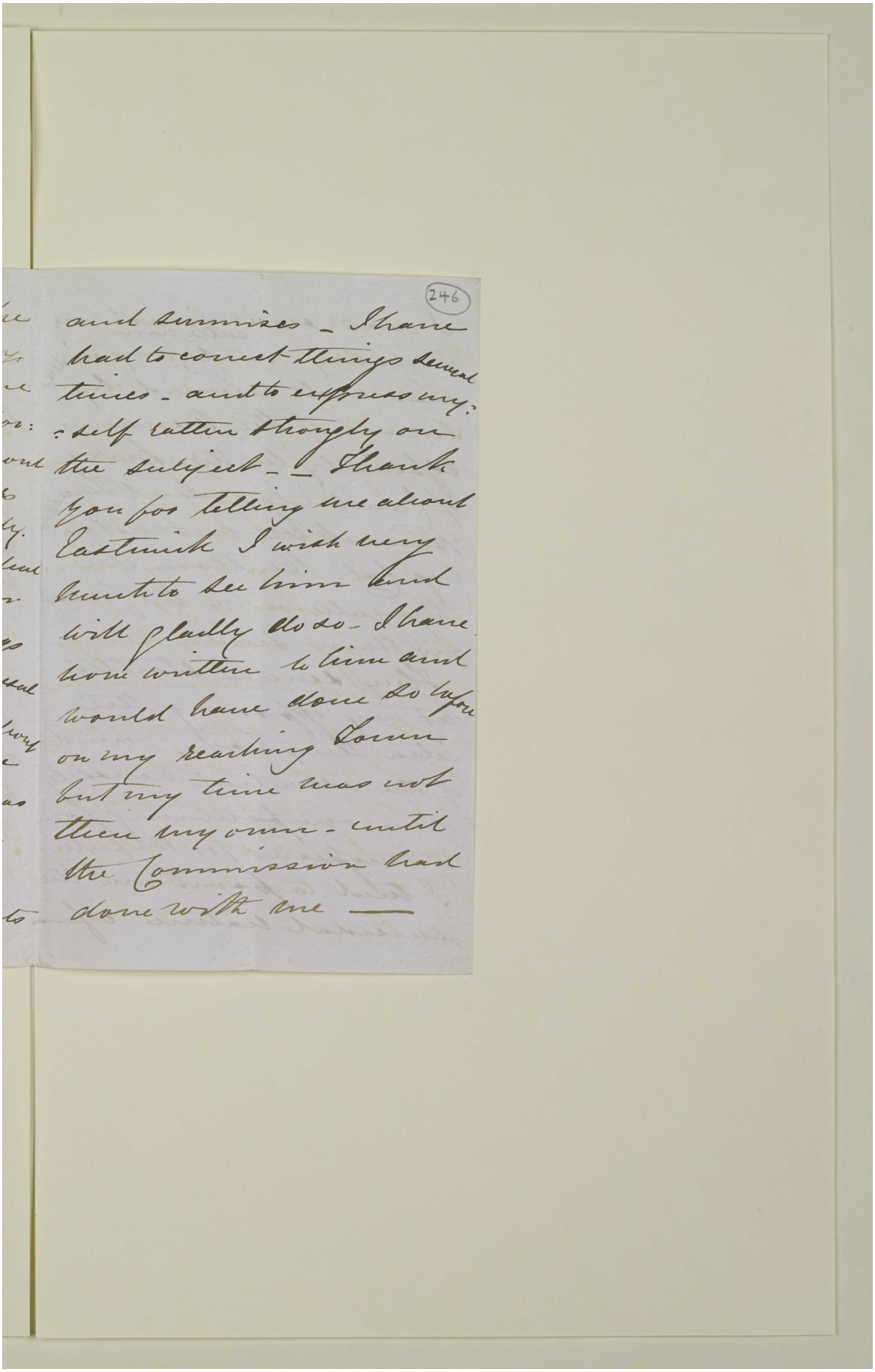
26th Augt. 1830

My dear Pelly.

Very many thanks for your two letters of the 20th & 21st. – which I would have before acknowledged. but I have been over head and ears in business of various kinds – I have much to my regret been delayed in sending you the information about Tees. and what is worse I shall not be able to give it to you until my return into Warwickshire. This



however will I hope be
the case in a few days.
Then you shall have
it and any other infor-
-mation I can give about
the S.S. Horse proceedings
that you have not already.
I am very sorry indeed
to have missed you for
there are many things
I wished to have discussed
with you - especially about
the S. Horse - There are
a lot of jealous people
about - who are trying
to run us down -
by throwing out hints



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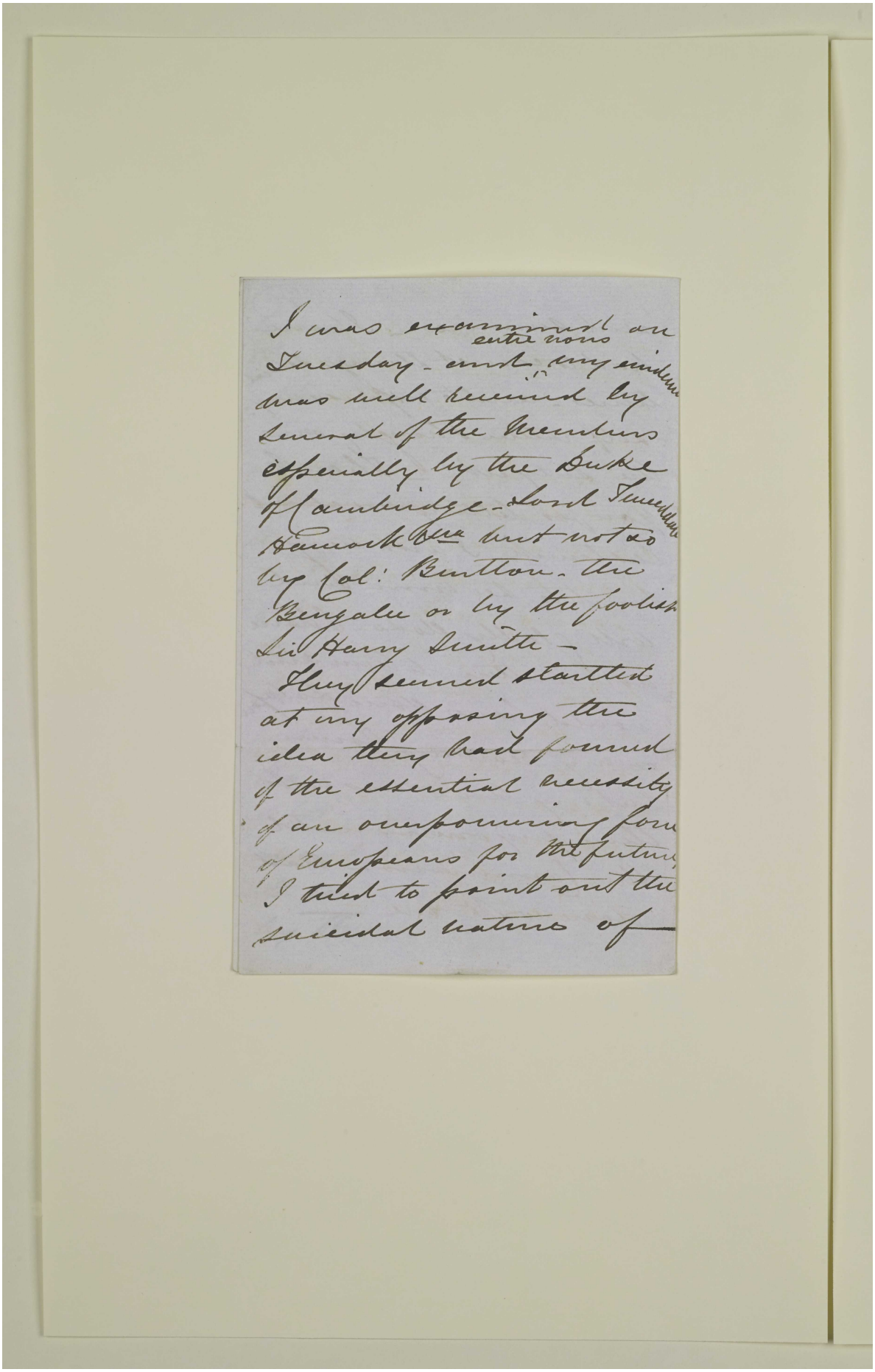
and surmises – I have had to correct things several times – and to express myself rather strongly on the subject – I thank you for telling me about Eastwick I wish very much to see him and will gladly do so – I have now written to him and would have done so before on my reaching Simla but my time was not then my own – until the Commission had done with me —



I was examined on
Tuesday - and entre nous my evidence
was well received by
several of the members
especially by the Duke
of Cambridge - Lord Tweedale
Hancock &c but not so
by Col: Burton - the
Bengalee or by the foolish
Sir Harry Smith -
They seemed startled
at my opposing the
idea they had formed
of the essential necessity
of an overpowering force
of Europeans for the future
I tried to point out the
suicidal nature of

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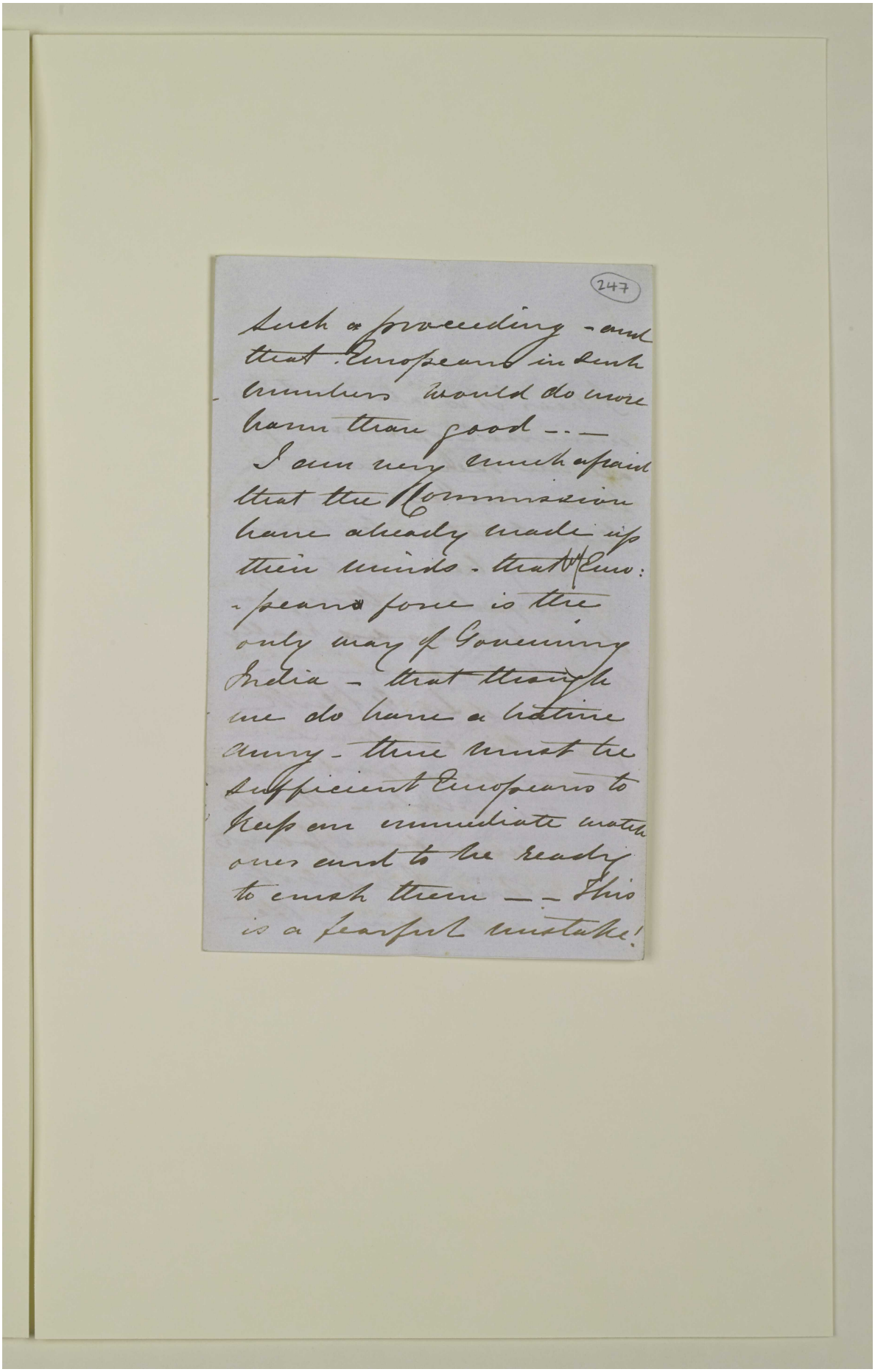

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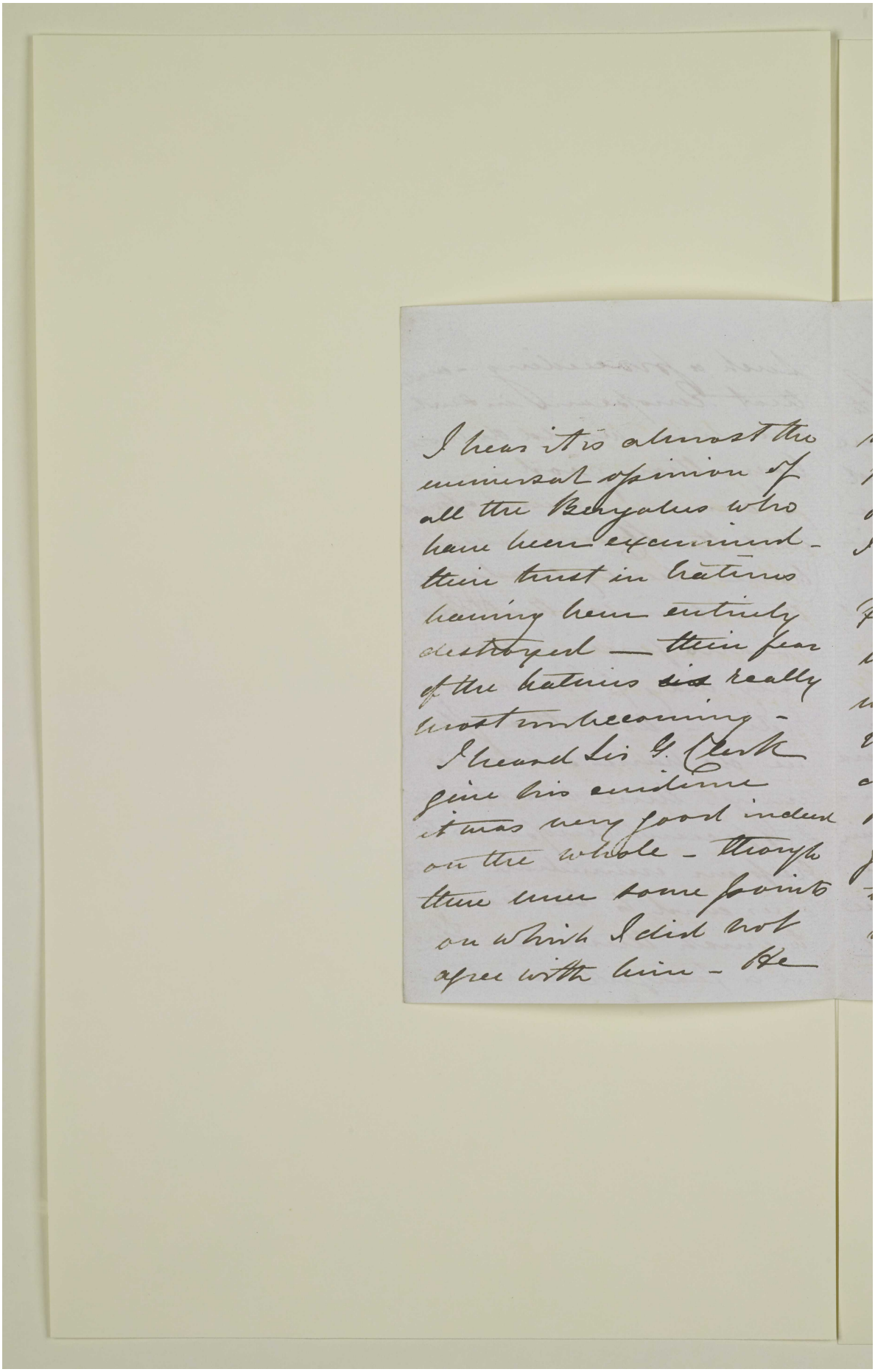
such a proceeding - and
that Europeans in such
numbers would do more
harm than good - -
I am very much afraid
that the Commission
have already made up
their minds - that Euro-
-pean force is the
only way of Governing
India - that though
we do have a native
army - there must be
sufficient Europeans to
keep an immediate watch
over and to be ready
to crush them - - This
is a fearful mistake!



I hear it is almost the
universal opinion of
all the Bengalees who
have been examined -
their trust in Natives
having been entirely
destroyed — their fear
of the Natives ~~is~~ really
most unbecoming -
I heard Sir G. Clerk
give his evidence
it was very good indeed
on the whole - though
there were some points
on which I did not
agree with him - He

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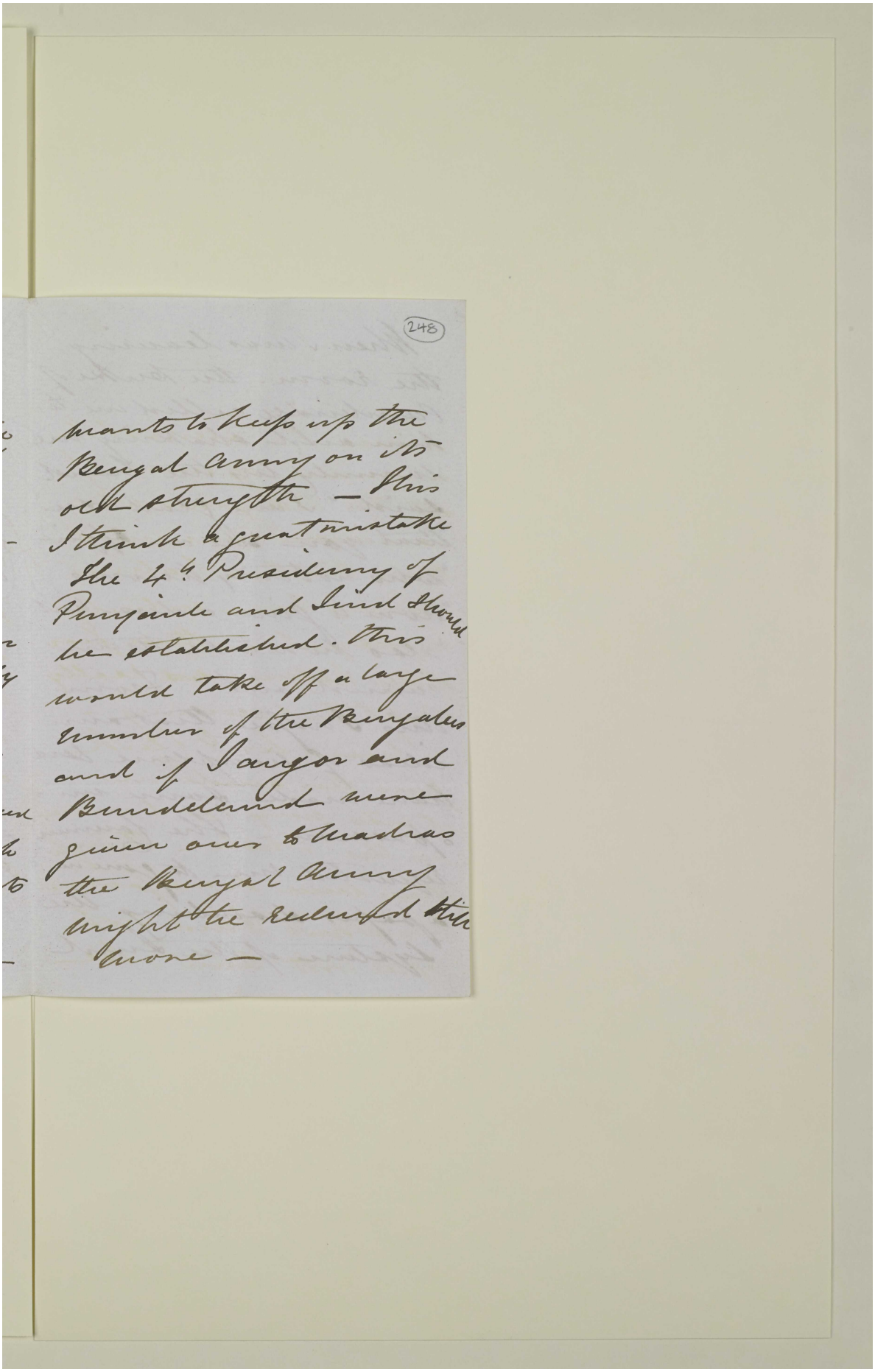

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wants to keep up the
Bengal army on its
old strength — This
I think a great mistake
the 4th Presidency of
Punjaub and Sind should
be established. This
would take off a large
number of the Bengalees
and if Saugor and
Bundelcund were
given over to Madras
the Bengal army
might be reduced still
more —

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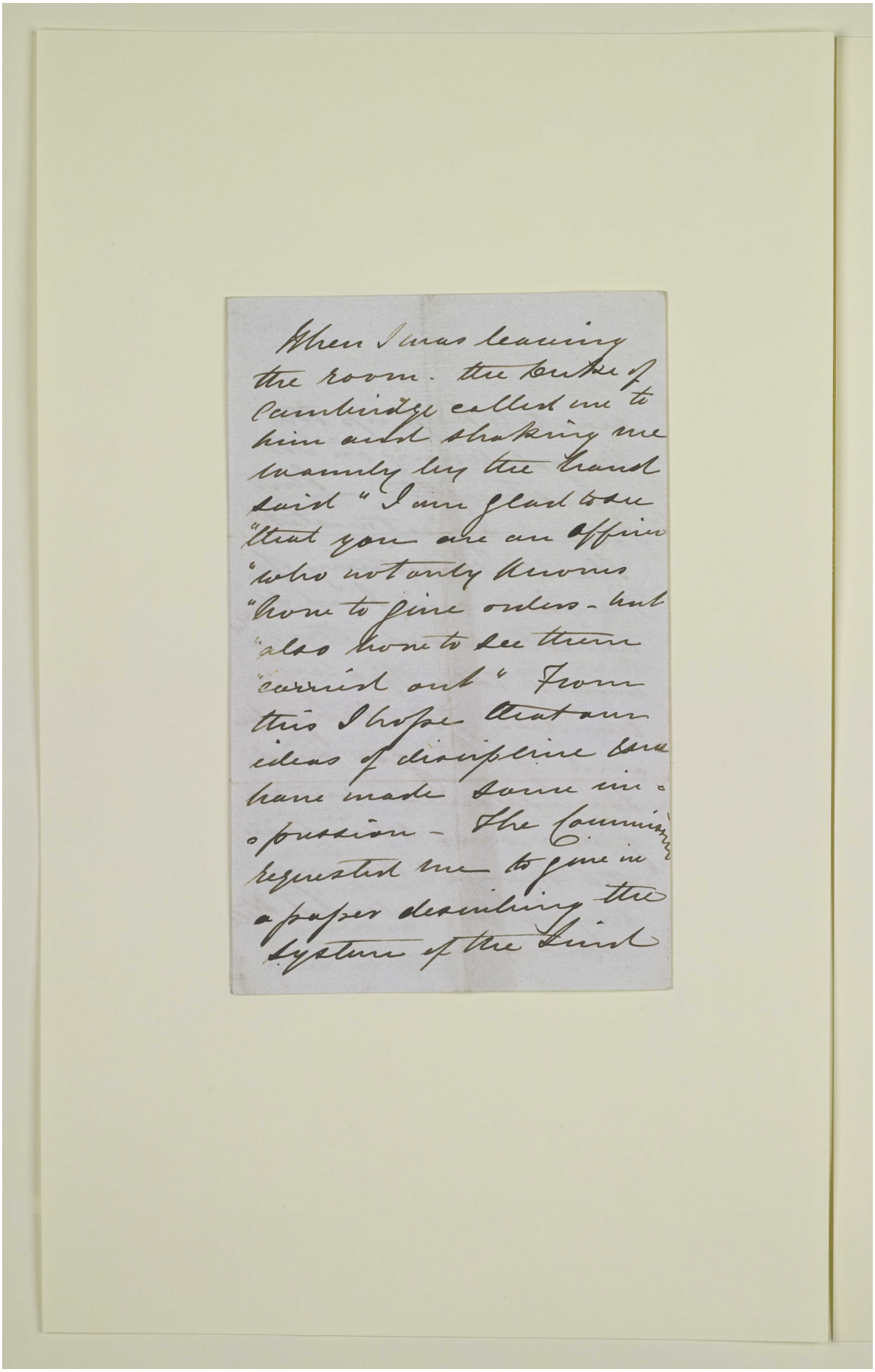

When I was leaving
the room. the Duke of
Cambridge called me to
him and shaking me
warmly by the hand
said "I am glad to see
"that you are an officer
"who not only knows
"how to give orders - but
"also how to see them
"carried out" From
this I hope that our
ideas of discipline have
have made some im-
pression - The Commissioner
requested me to give in
a paper describing the
system of the Sind

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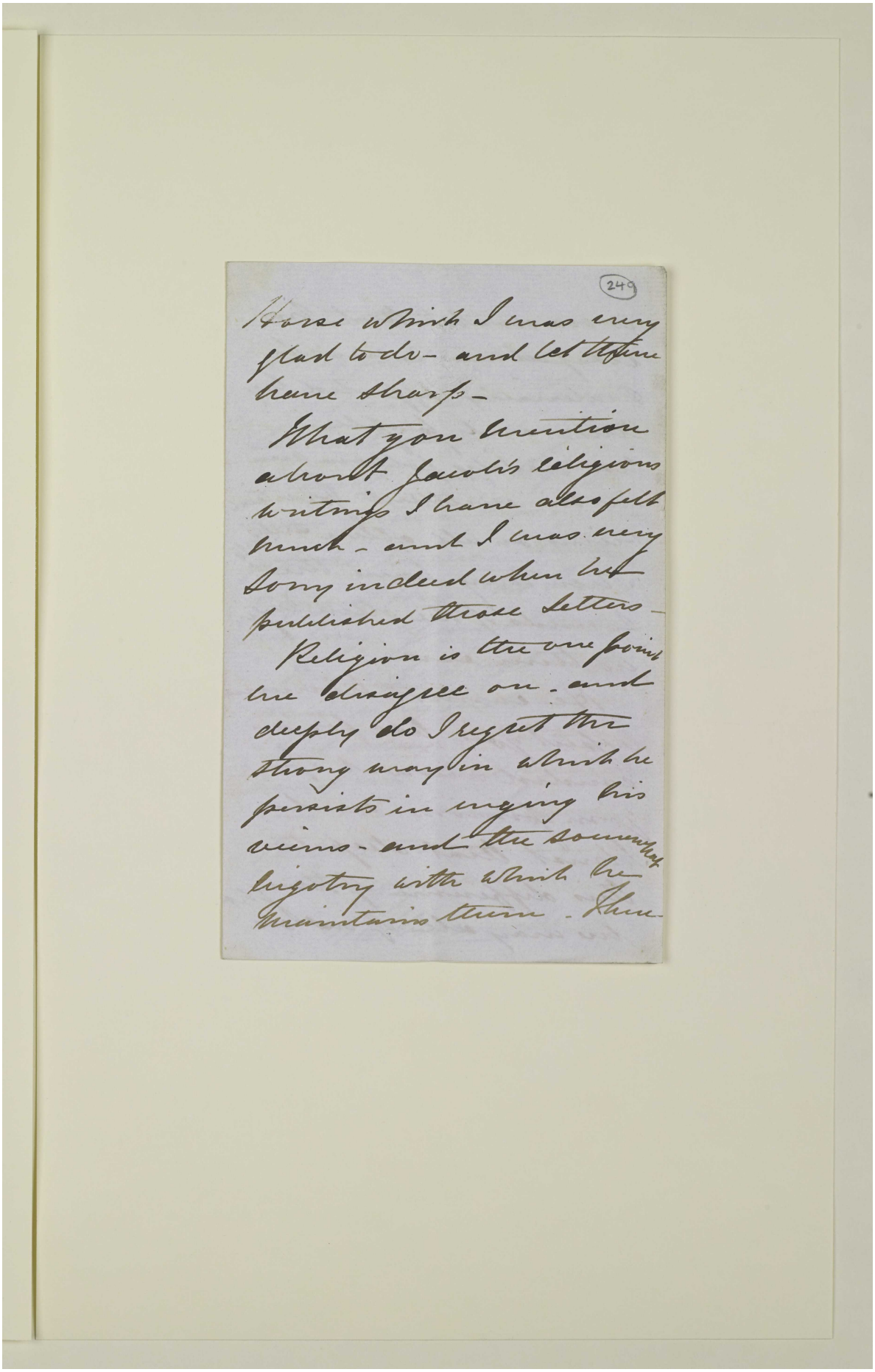

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Horse which I was very glad to do - and let them have sharp -

What you mention about Jacob's religious writings I have also felt much - and I was very sorry indeed when he published those letters -

Religion is the one point we disagree on - and deeply do I regret the strong way in which he persists in urging his views - and the somewhat bigotry with which he maintains them - There

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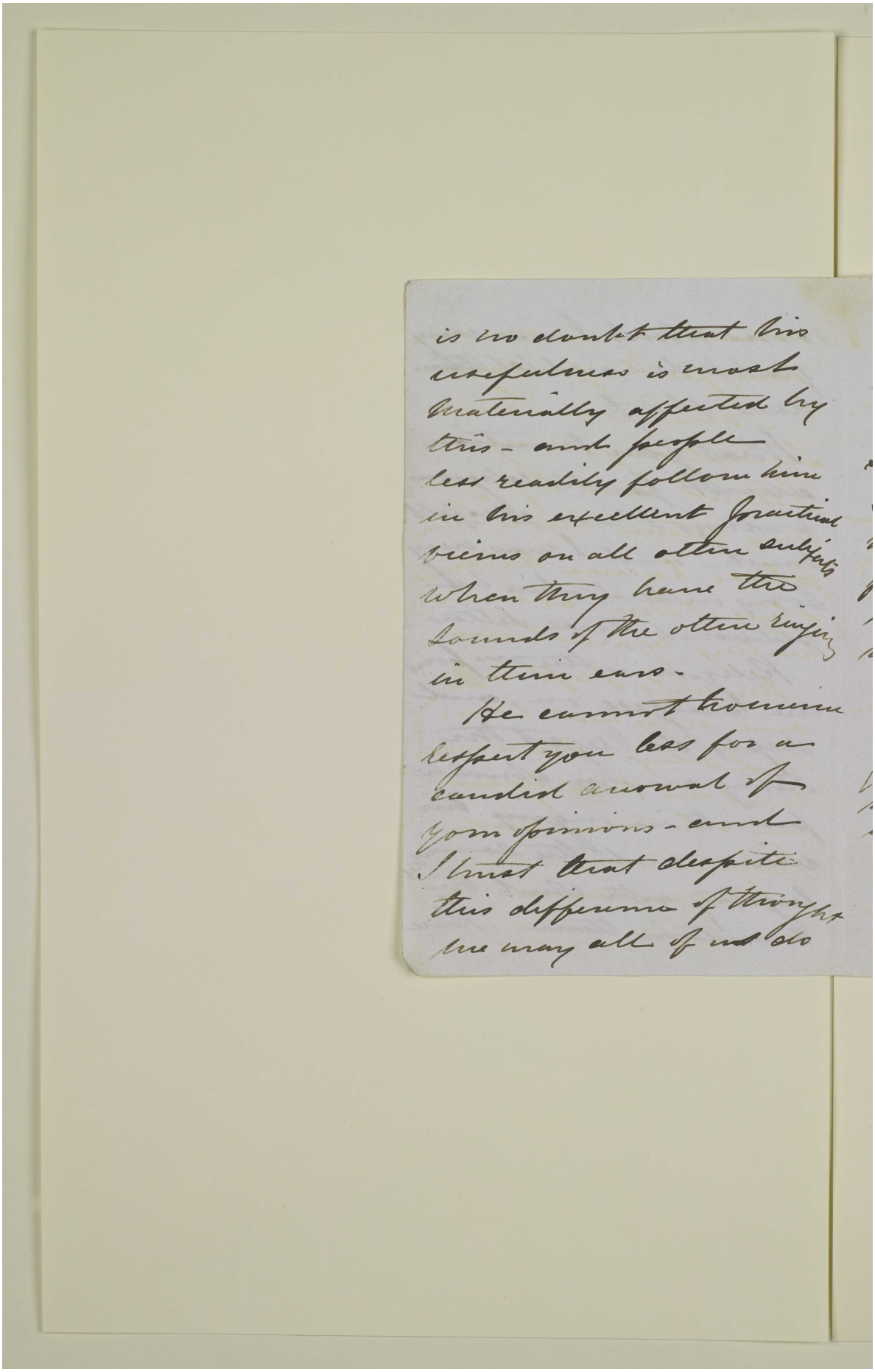
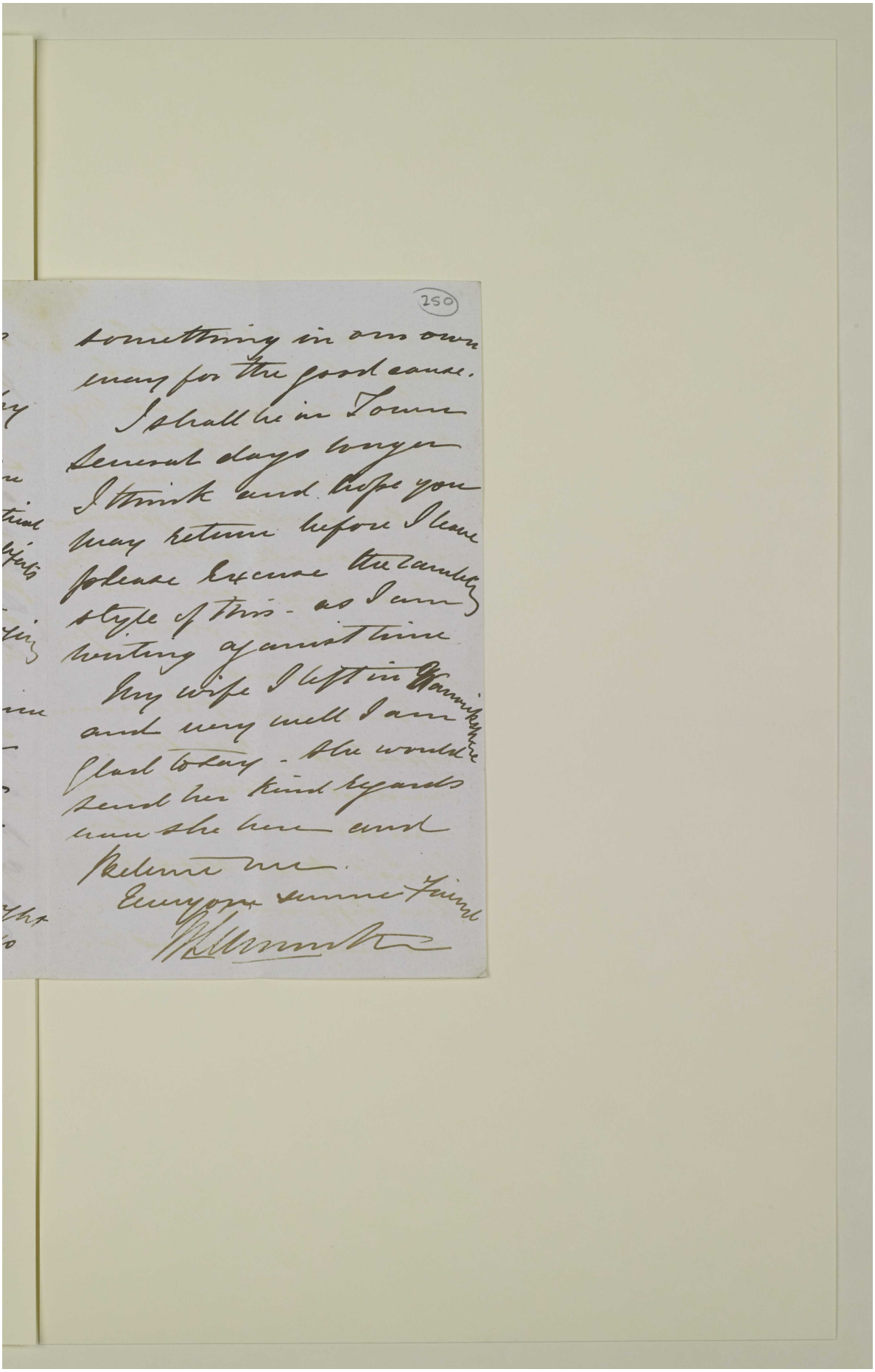


is no doubt that his
usefulness is much
materially affected by
this - and people
less readily follow him
in his excellent practical
views on all other subjects
when they have the
sounds of the other injury
in their ears.
He cannot however
respect you less for a
candid avowal of
your opinions - and
I trust that despite
this difference of things
we may all of us do



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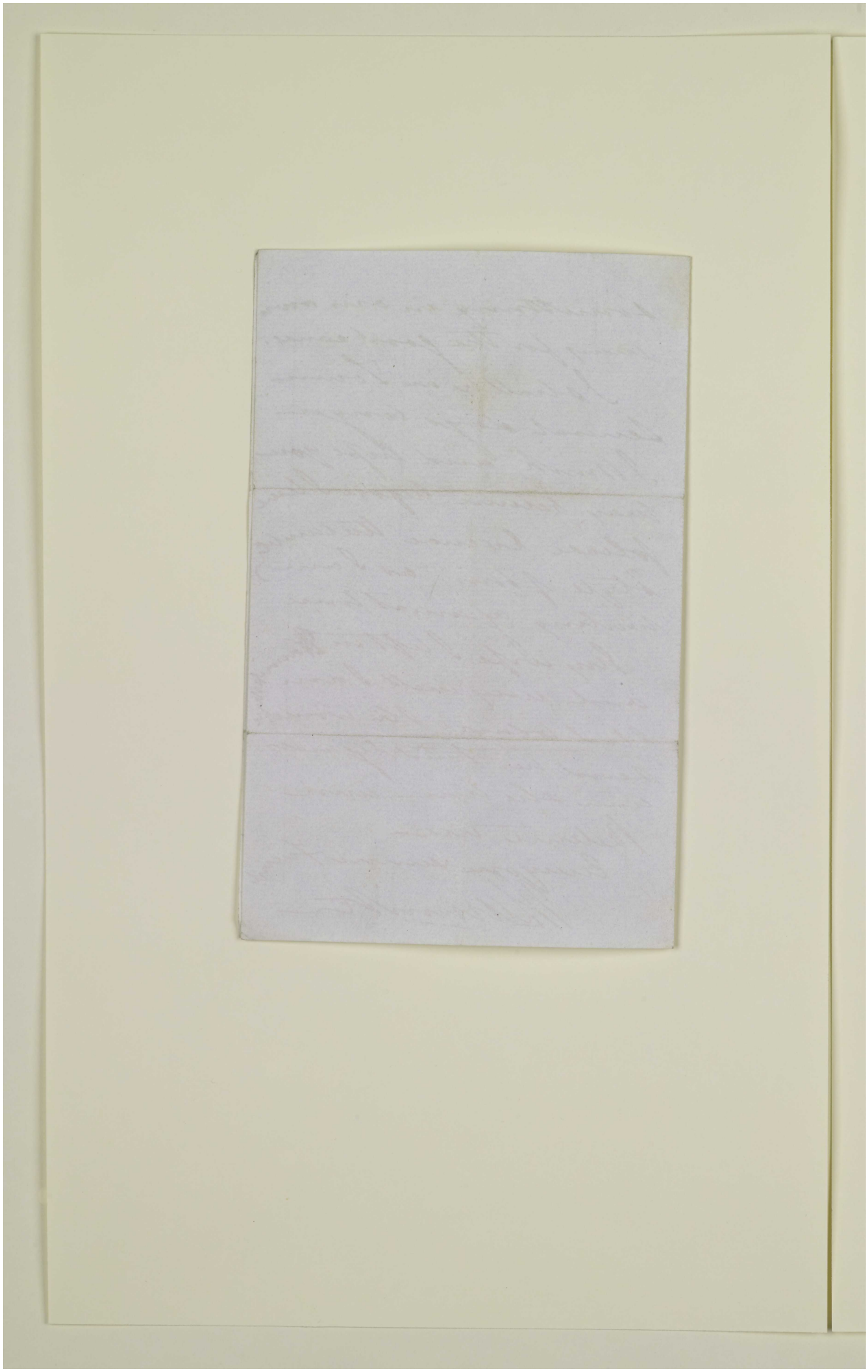
something in our own
way for the good cause.
I shall be in Town
several days longer
I think and hope you
may return before I leave
please excuse the careless
style of this - as I am
hunting against time
My wife I left in Warwickshire
and very well I am
glad to say. She would
send her kind regards
were she here and
believe me
Ever your sincere friend
W Merewether



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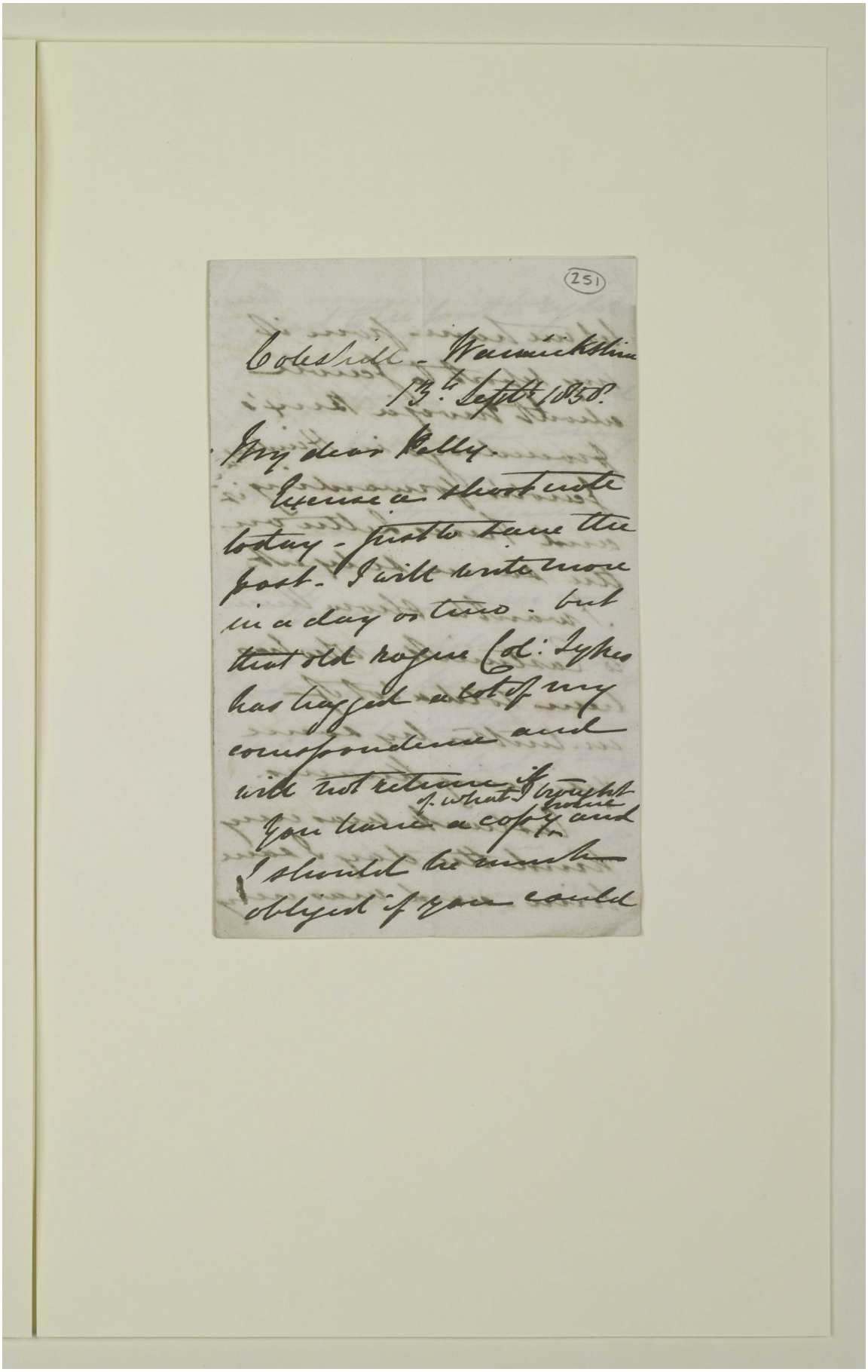

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Coleshill - Warwickshire
13th Septr 1838.

My dear Pelly.

Excuse a short note today - just to save the post - I will write more in a day or two - but that old rogue Col: Sykes has hagged a lot of my correspondence and will not return it.

You have a copy of what I brought home and I should be much obliged if you could

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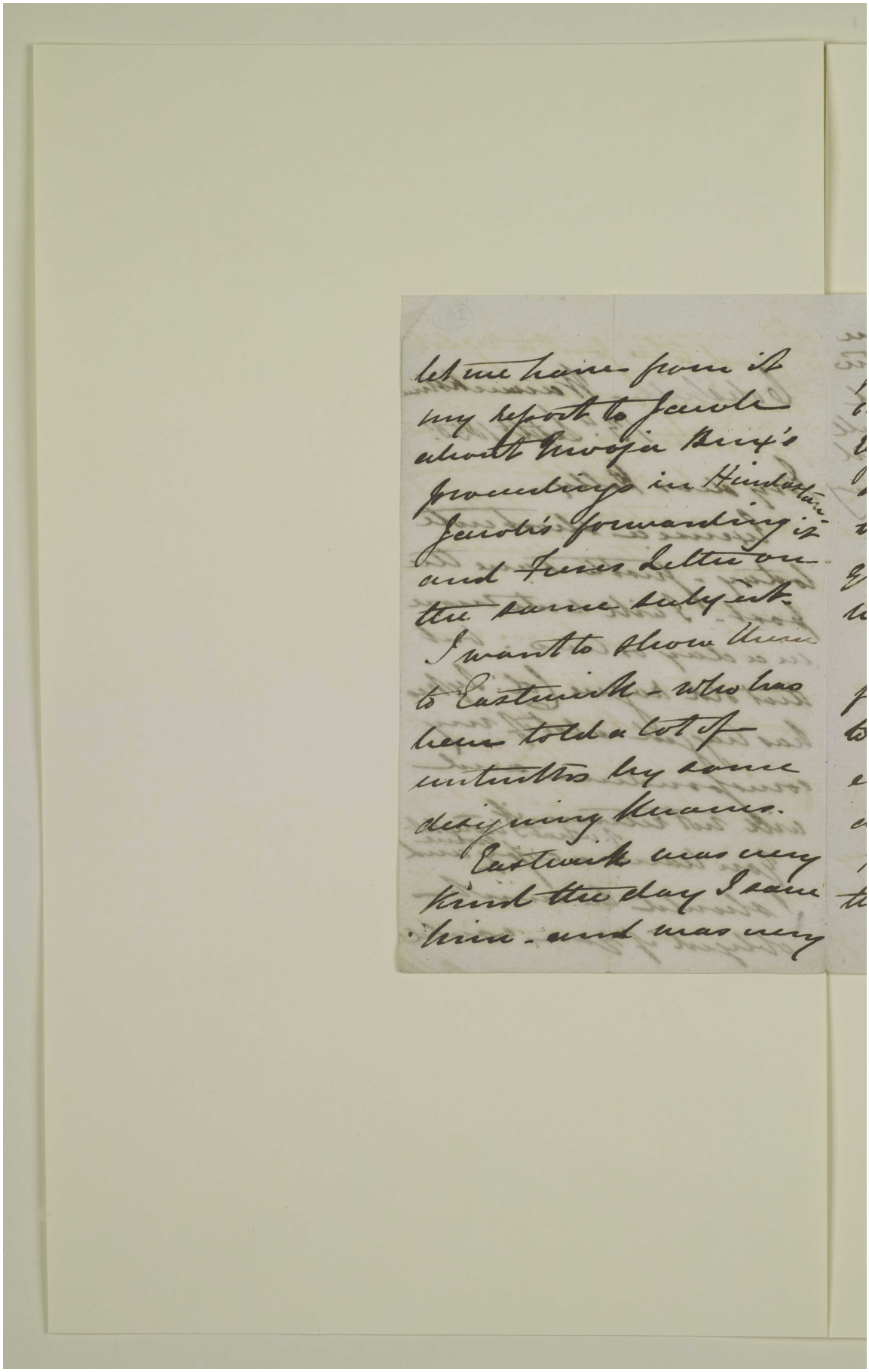

let me have from it
my report to Jacob
about Mooja Bux's
proceedings in Hindostan.
Jacob's forwarding it
and Freres Letter on
the same subject.
I want to show them
to Eastwick - who has
been told a lot of
untruths by some
designing knaves.
Eastwick was very
kind the day I saw
him - and was very

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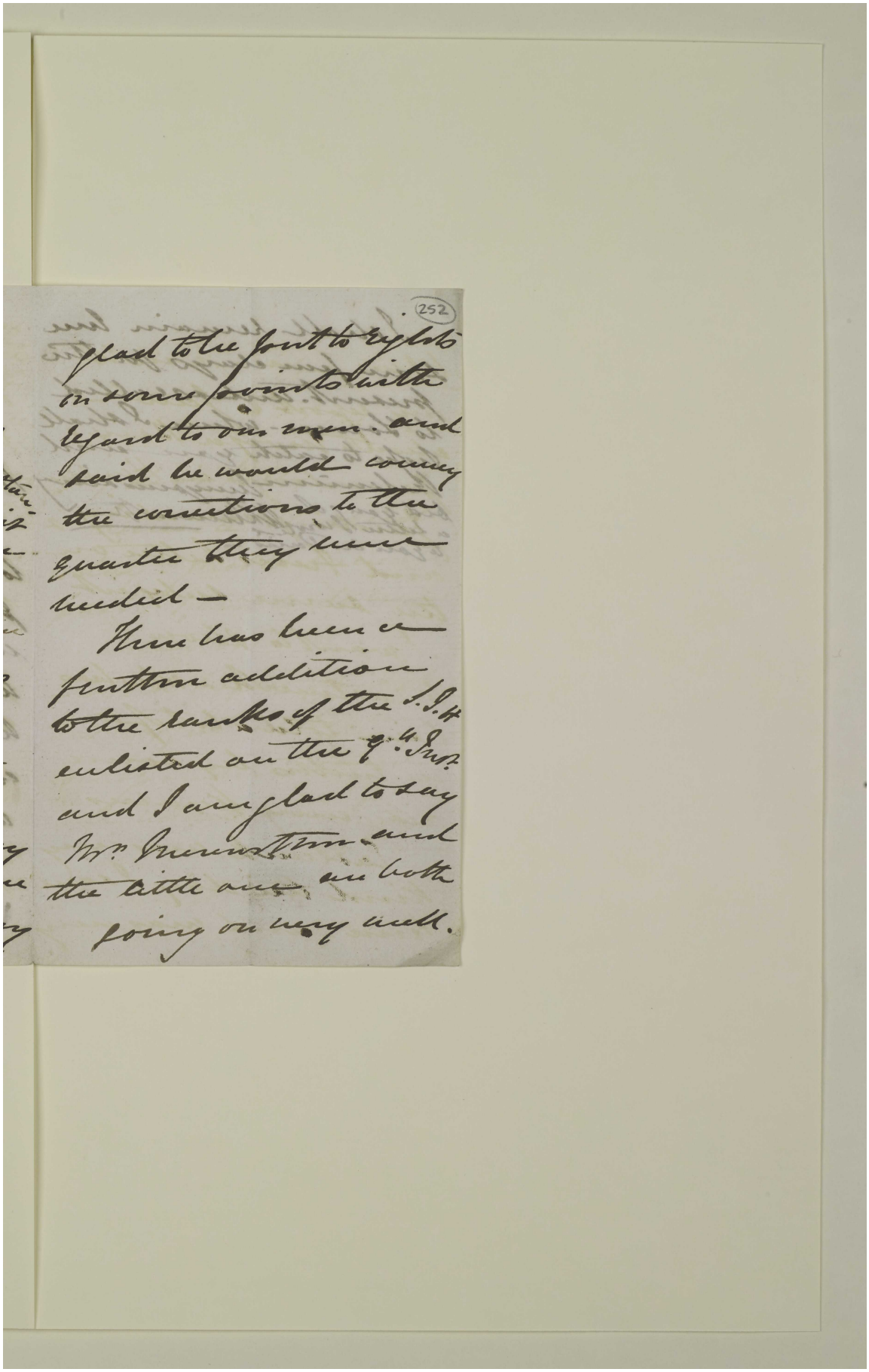

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glad to be put to rights
on some points with
regard to our men. and
said he would convey
the corrections to the
quarter they were
needed —

There has been a
further addition
to the ranks of the S.I.H
enlisted on the 9th Inst.
and I am glad to say
Mrs Merewether and
the little one are both
going on very well.

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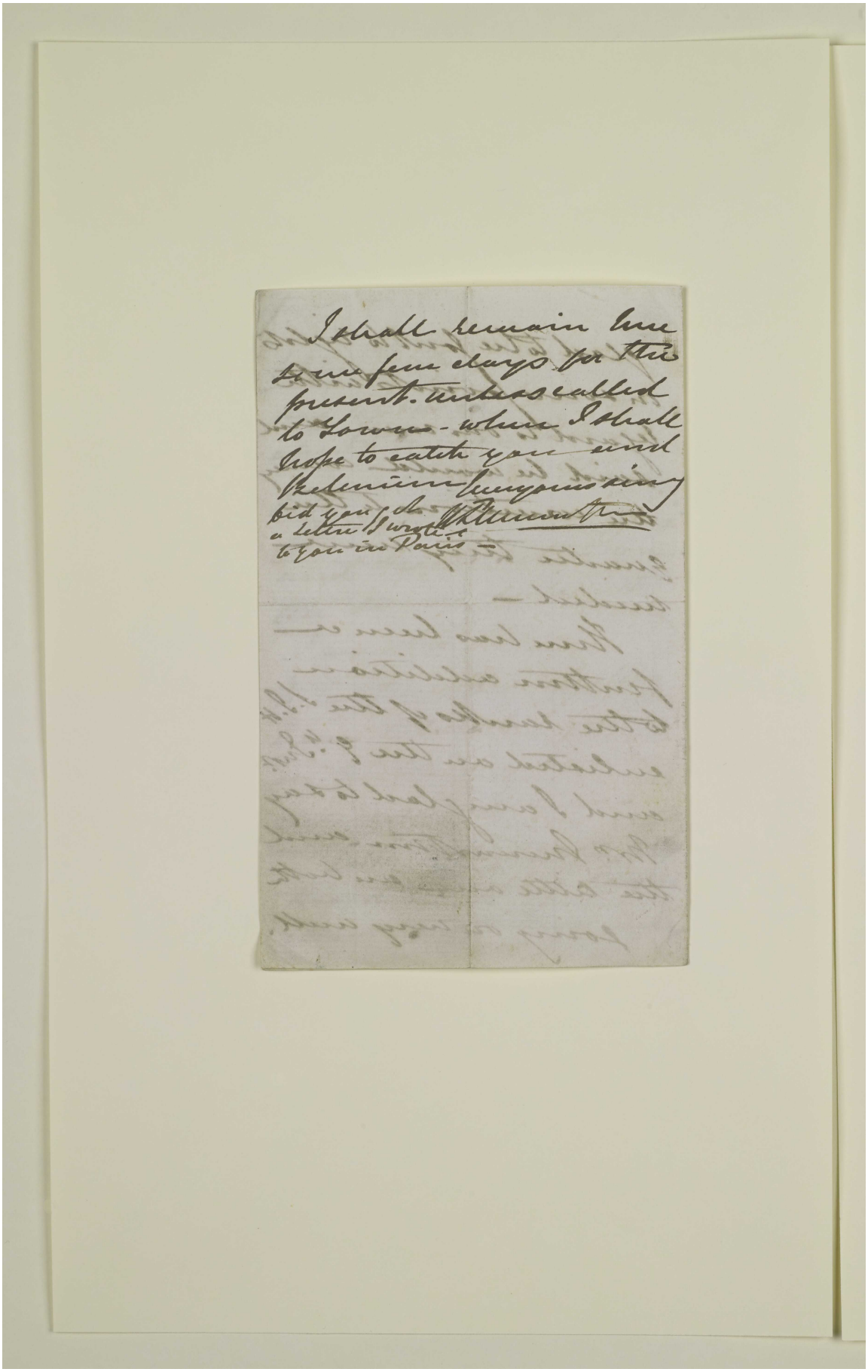

I shall remain here
some few days for the
present. unless called
to Town - when I shall
hope to catch you and
Belemium Everyone sing
bid you [illegible]
a letter I wrote
to you in Paris -

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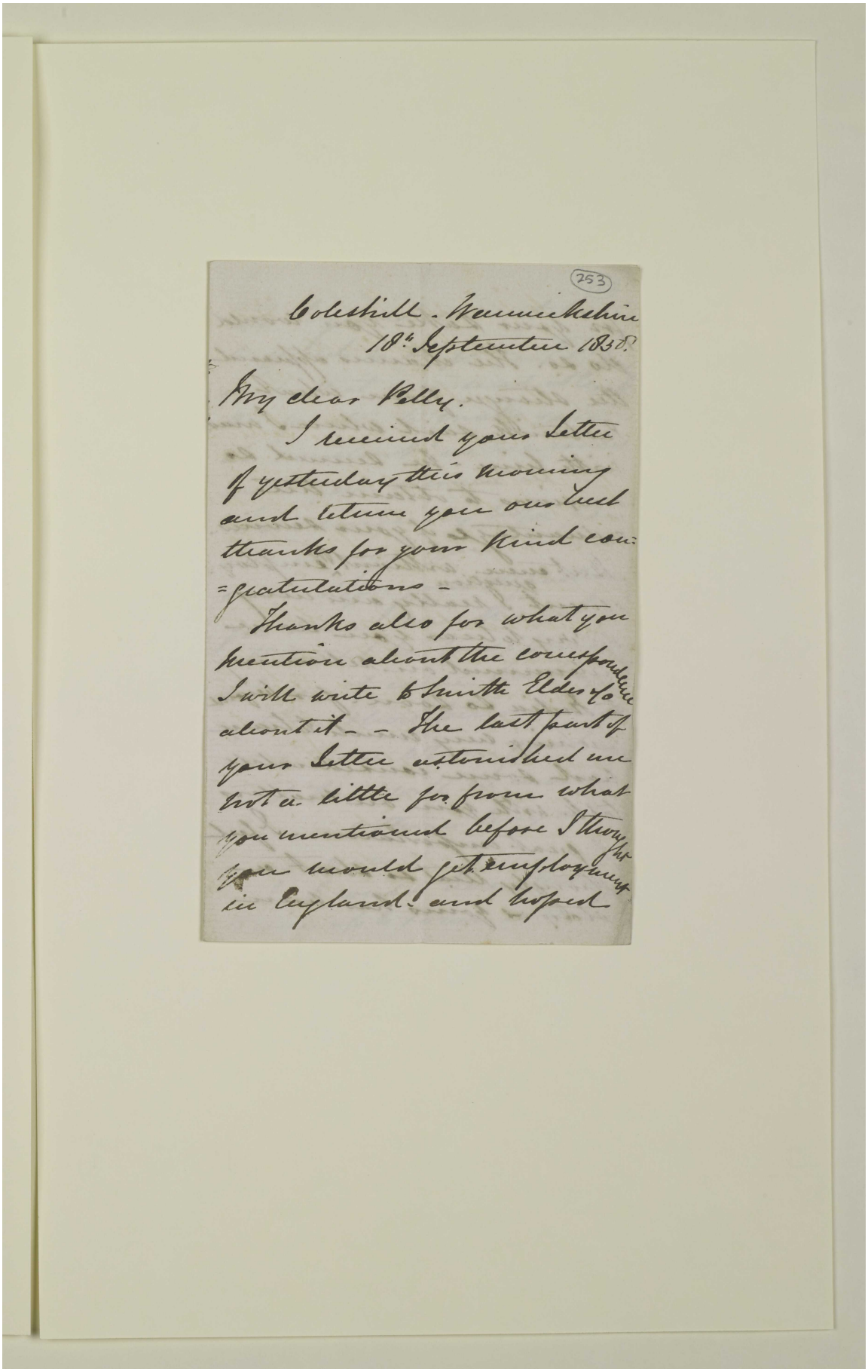

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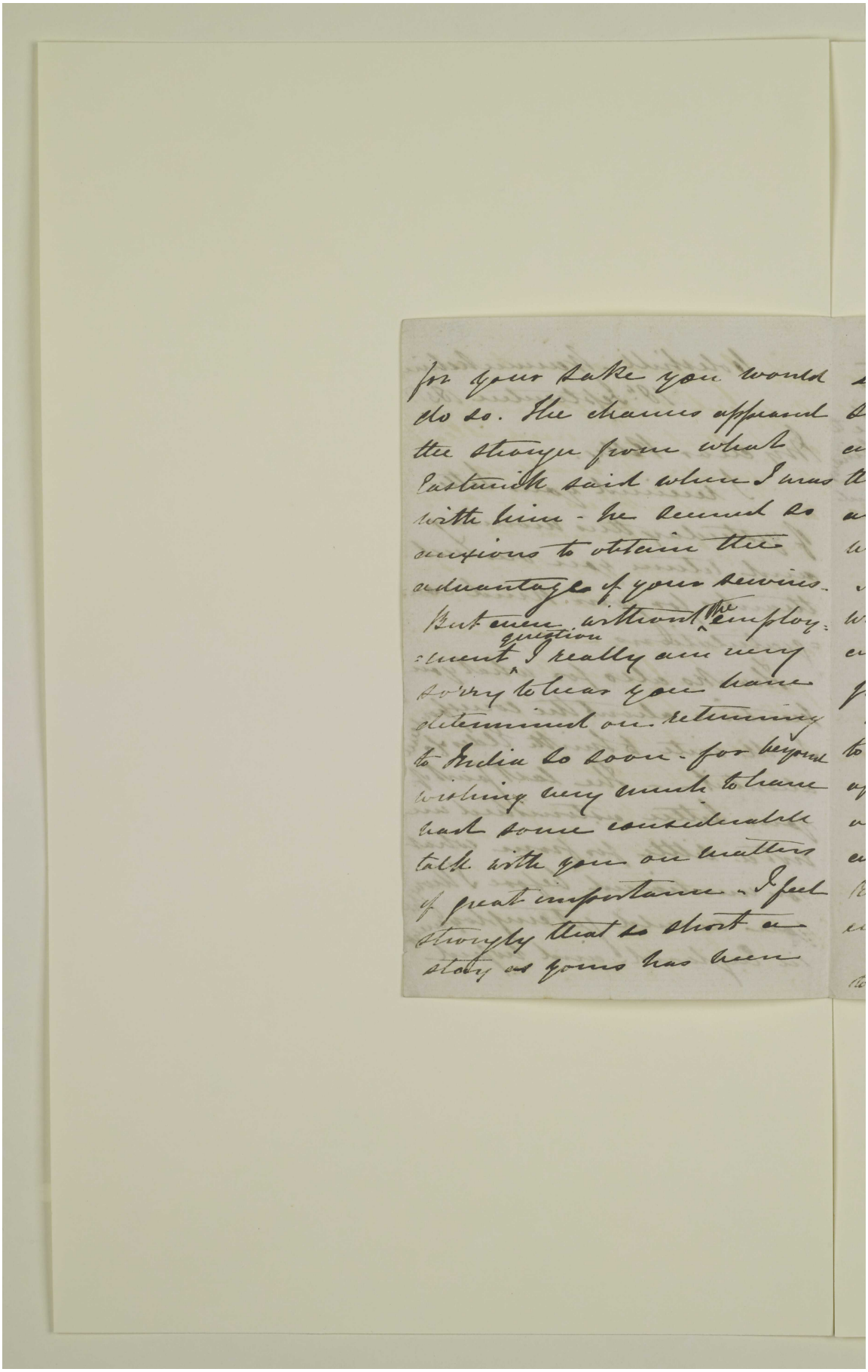
Coleshill. Warwickshire
18th September 1838.

My dear Pelly.

I received your Letter of yesterday this morning and return you our best thanks for your kind con= =gratulations -

Thanks also for what you mention about the correspondence I will write to Smith Elder & Co about it - - The last part of your Letter astonished me not a little for from what you mentioned before I thought you would get employment in England and hoped



for your sake you would
do so. The chances appear
the stronger from what
Lastwick said when I was
with him - he seemed so
anxious to obtain the
advantages of your services.
But even without employ-
ment I really am very
sorry to hear you have
determined on returning
to India so soon - for beyond
wishing very much to have
had some considerable
talk with you on matters
of great importance - I feel
strongly that so short an
stay as yours has been

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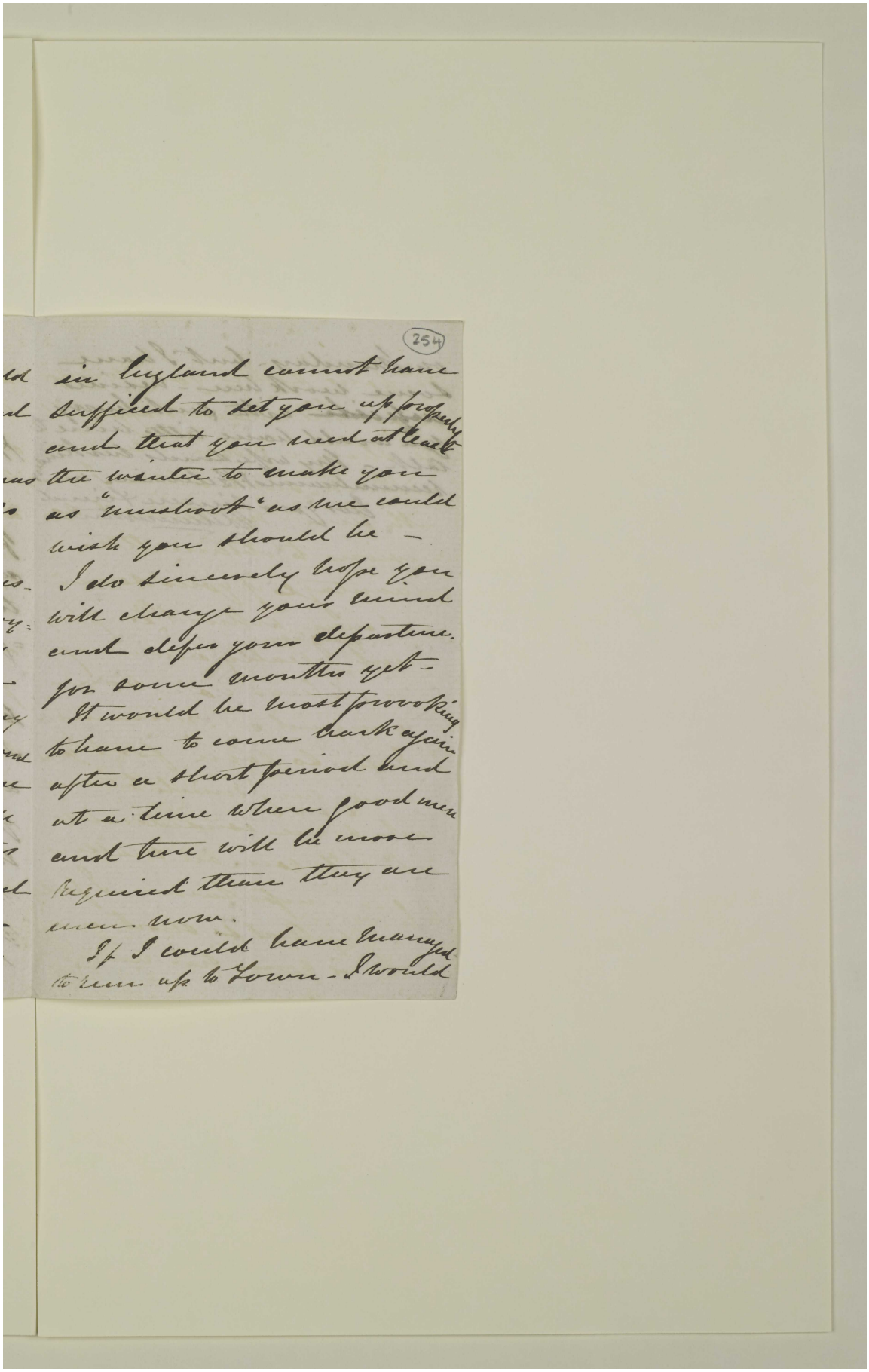

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in England cannot have
sufficed to let you up properly
and that you need at least
the winter to make you
as "mudsoot" as we could
wish you should be –
I do sincerely hope you
will change your mind
and defer your departure.
for some months yet –
It would be most provoking
to have to come back again
after a short period and
at a time when good men
and true will be more
required than they are
even now.
If I could have managed
to run up to Town – I would

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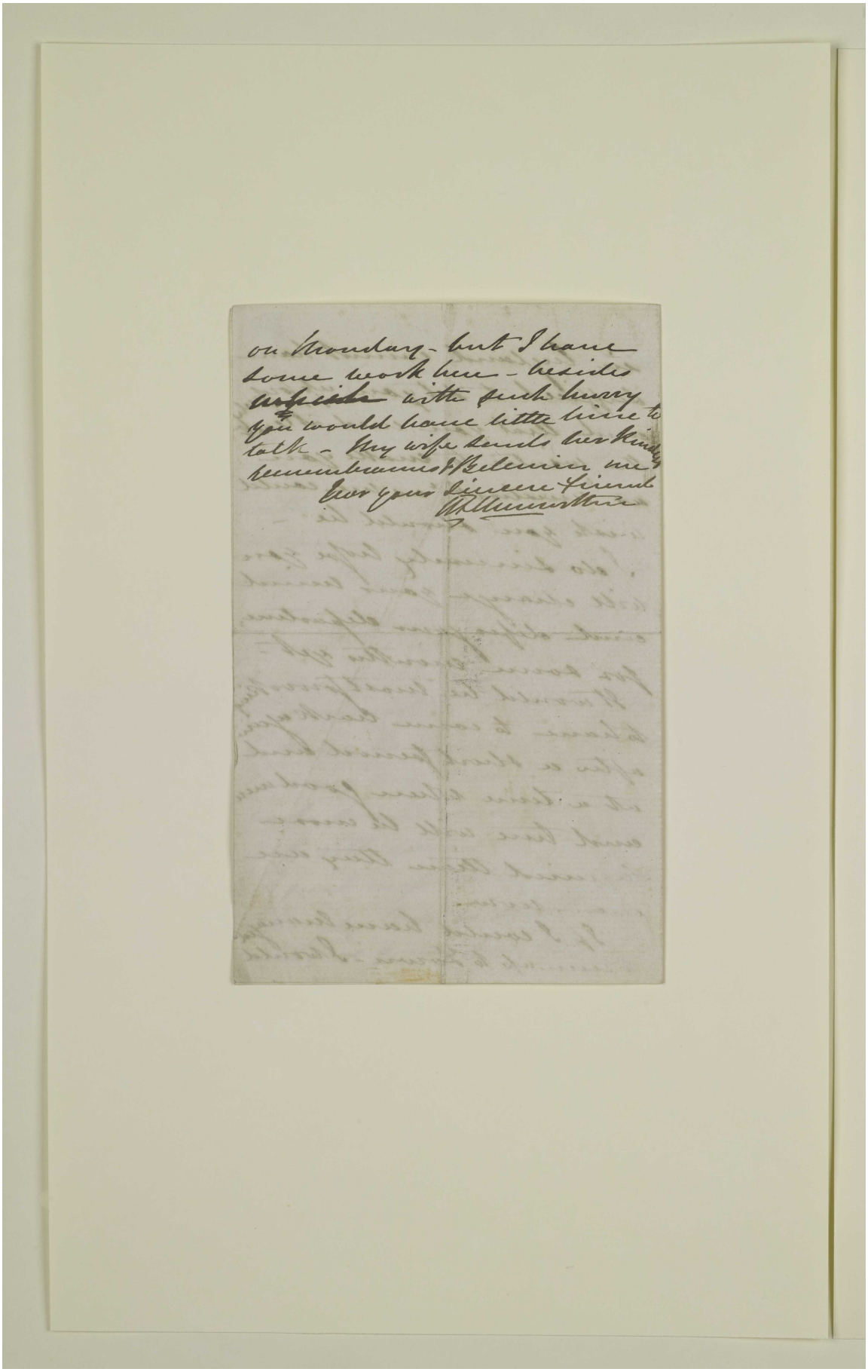

on Monday - but I have
some work here - besides
~~[illegible]~~ with such hurry
you would have little time to
talk - My wife sends her kind
remembrances & Believe me
Ever your sincere friend
W L Merewether

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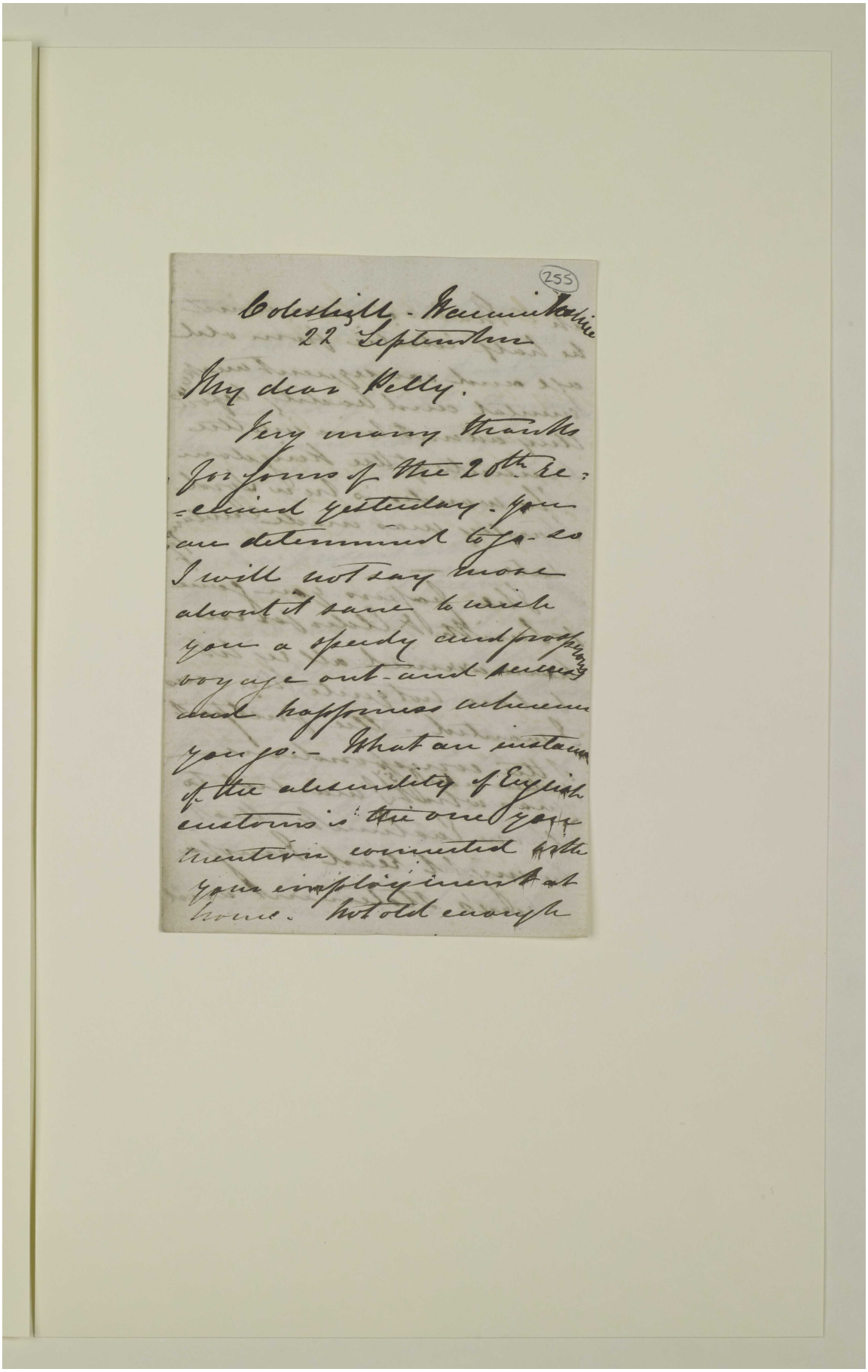

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Coleshill - Warwickshire
22 September

My dear Pelly.

Very many thanks for yours of the 20th. received yesterday. You are determined to go - so I will not say more about it save to wish you a speedy and prosperous voyage out - and success and happiness wherever you go. - What an instance of the absurdity of English customs is the one you mention connected with your employment at home. Not old enough

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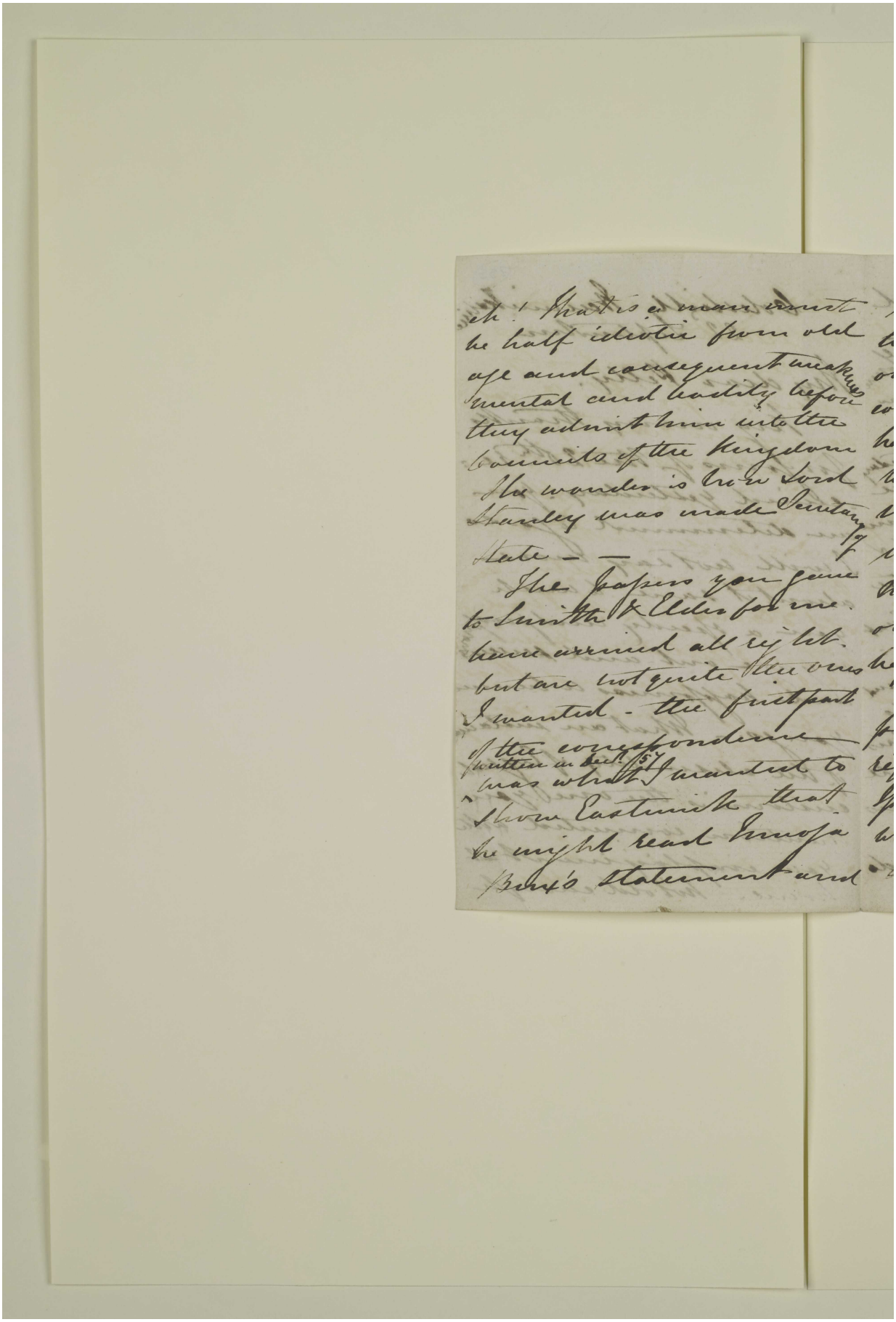
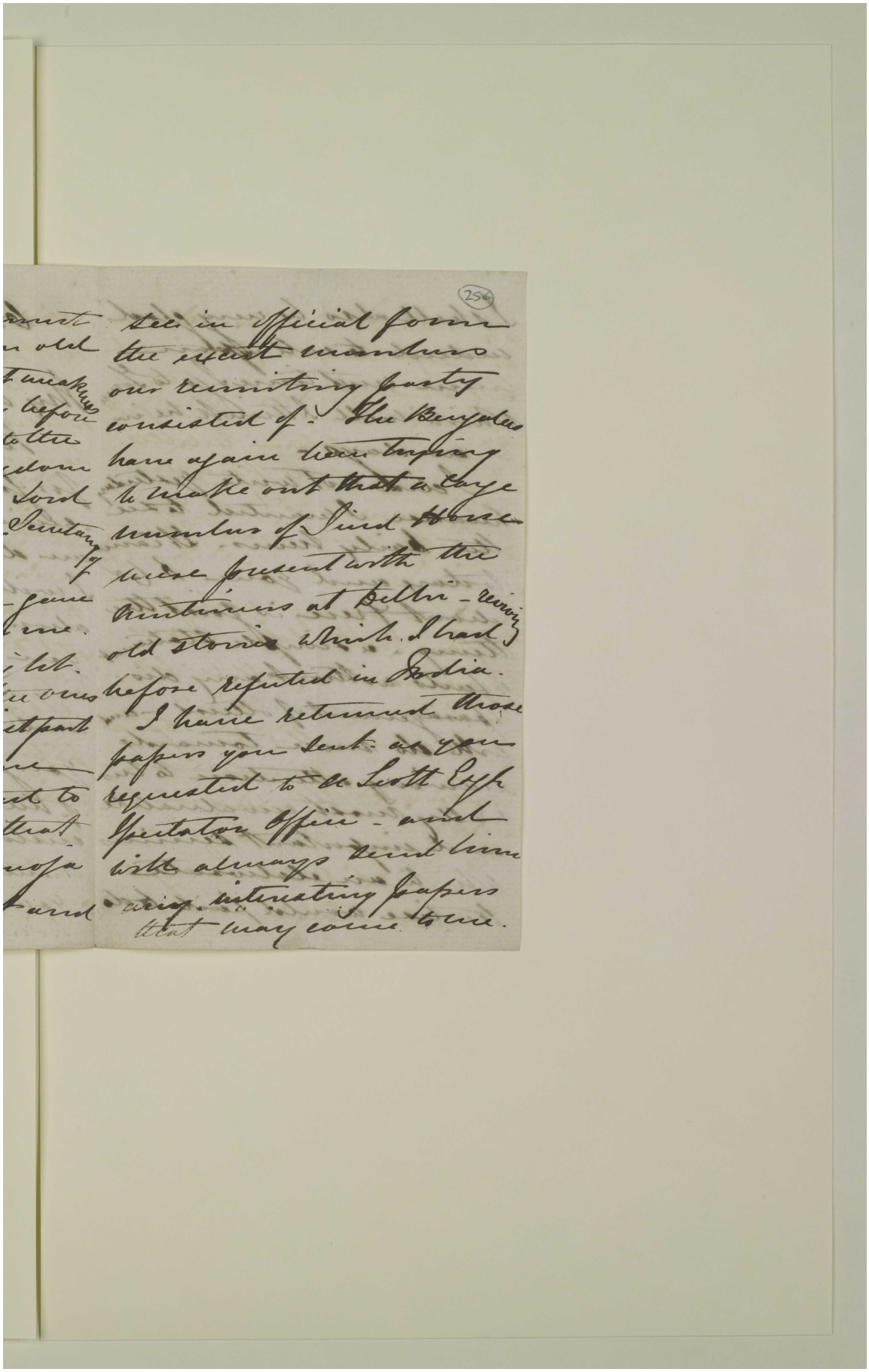


ch! That is a man must
be half idiotic from old
age and consequent weakness
mental and bodily before
they admit him into the
councils of the Kingdom
The wonder is how Lord
Stanley was made Secretary of
State — —
The papers you gave
to Smith & Elder for me
have arrived all right.
but are not quite the ones
I wanted - the first part
of the correspondence
written in Sect. 57
was what I wanted to
show Eastwick that
he might read Innoja
Bux's statement and



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see in official form
the exact numbers
our remitting party
consisted of. The Bengalees
have again been trying
to make out that a large
number of Tind Horse
were present with the
mutineers at Delhi - reviving
old stories which I had
before refuted in India.
I have returned those
papers you sent - as you
requested to A Scott Esqr
Spectator Office - and
will always send him
any interesting papers
that may come to me.

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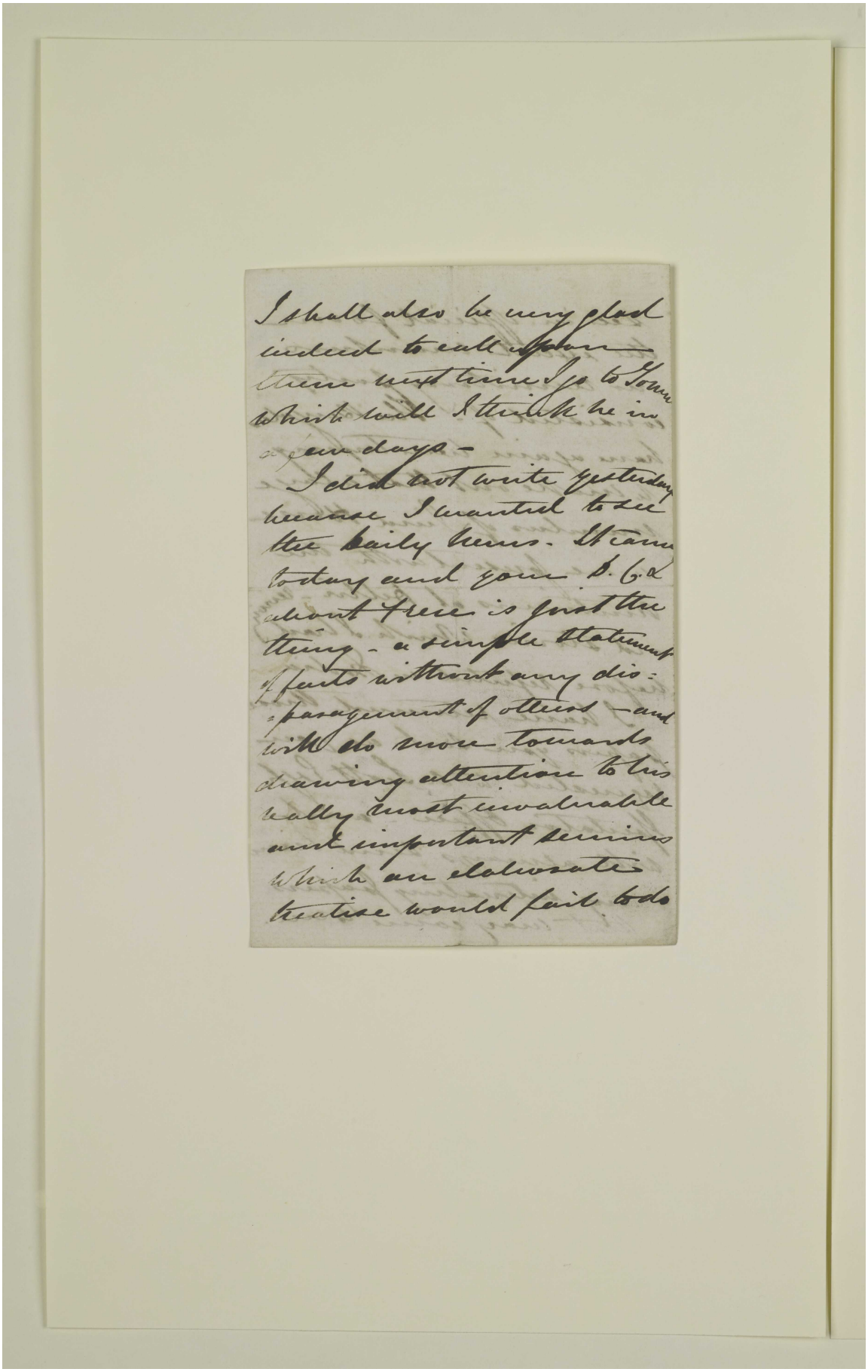

I shall also be very glad
indeed to call upon
them next time I go to Town
which will I think be in
a few days -
I did not write yesterday
because I wanted to see
the Daily News. It came
today and your B.C.L
about Frere is just the
thing - a simple statement
of facts without any dis:
-paragement of others - and
will do more towards
drawing attention to his
really most invaluable
and important services
which an elaborate
treatise would fail to do

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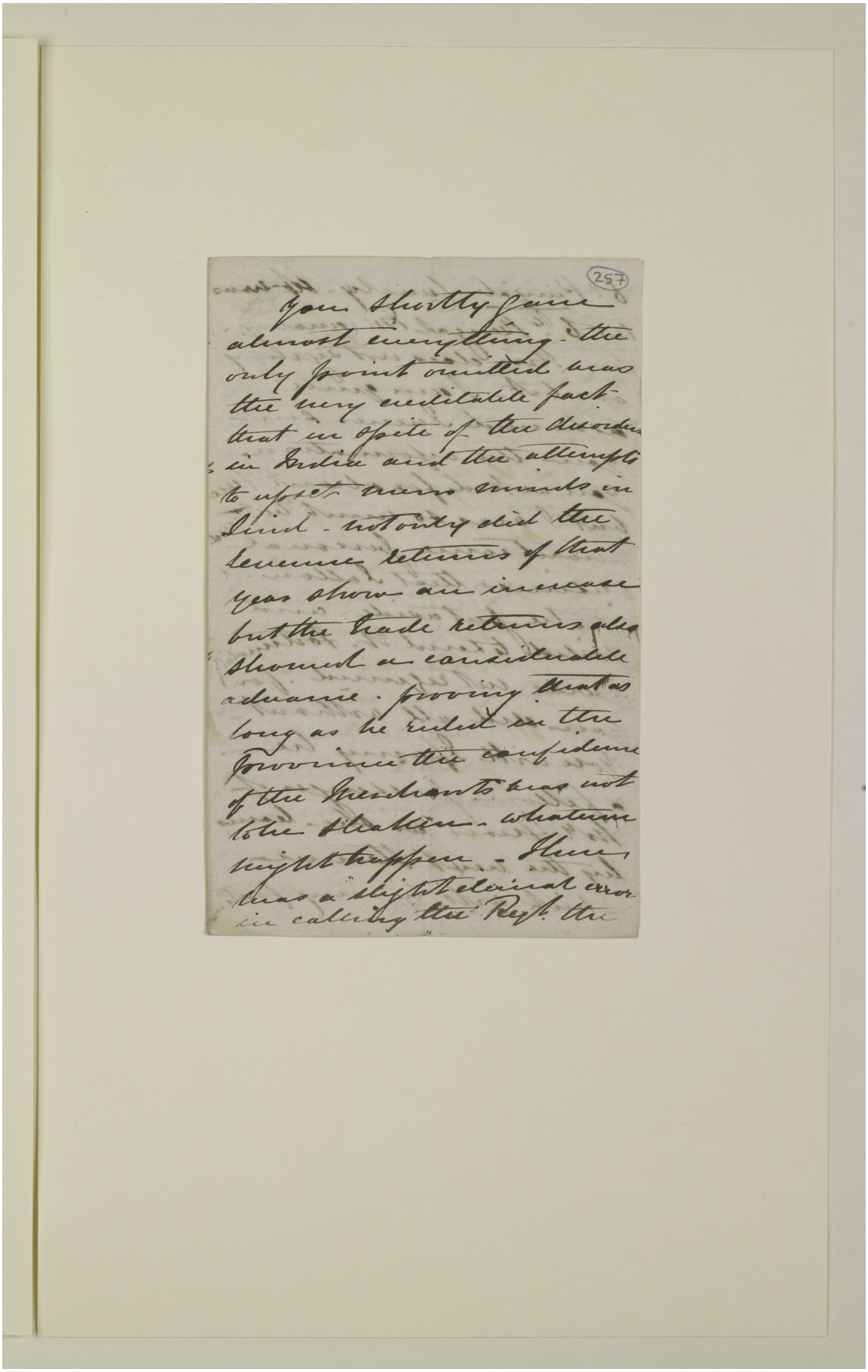

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You shortly gave
almost everything - the
only point omitted was
the very creditable fact
that in spite of the disorders
in India and the attempts
to upset mens minds in
Sind - not only did the
revenue returns of that
year show an increase
but the trade returns also
showed a considerable
advance - proving that as
long as he ruled in the
province the confidence
of the Merchants was not
to be shaken - whatever
might happen - There
was a slight clerical error
in calling the Regt. the

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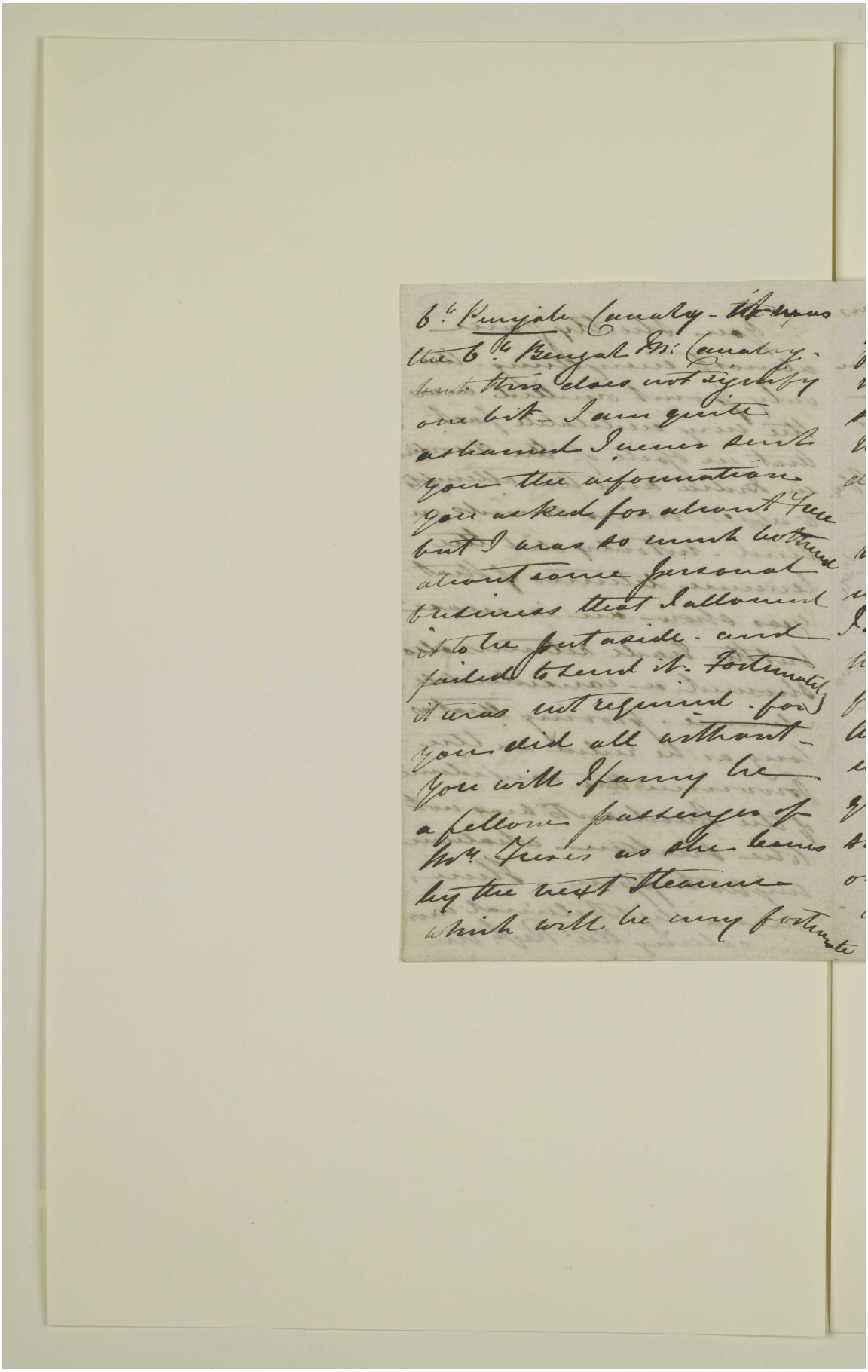

6th Bengal Cavalry - it was
the 6th Bengal Mr. Cavalry -
but this does not signify
one bit - I am quite
ashamed I never sent
you the information
you asked for about Frere
but I was so much bothered
about some personal
business that I allowed
it to be put aside - and
failed to send it - Fortunately
it was not required - for
you did all without -
You will I fancy be
a fellow passenger of
Mr. Frere's as she leaves
by the next Steamer
which will be very fortunate

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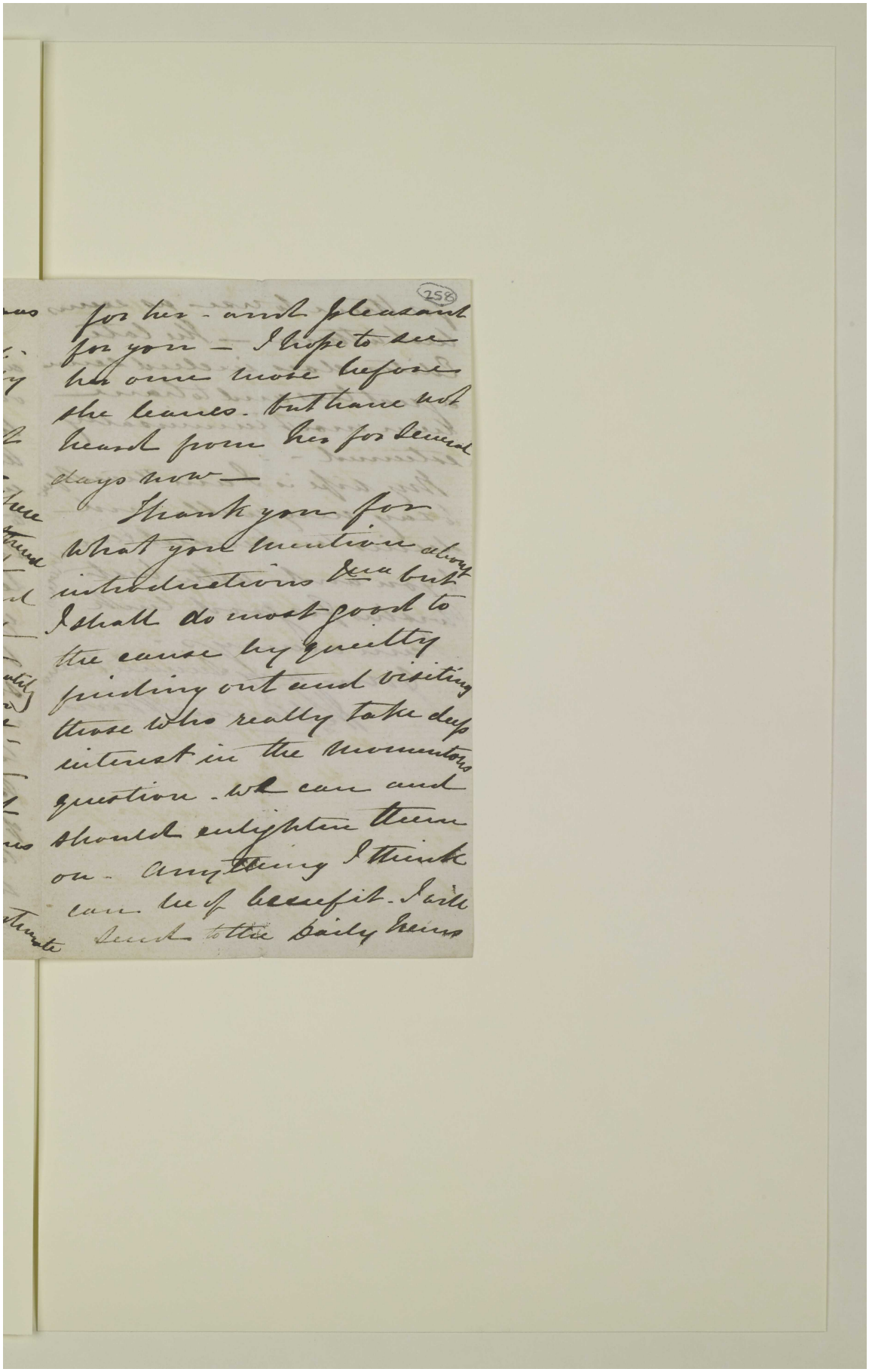
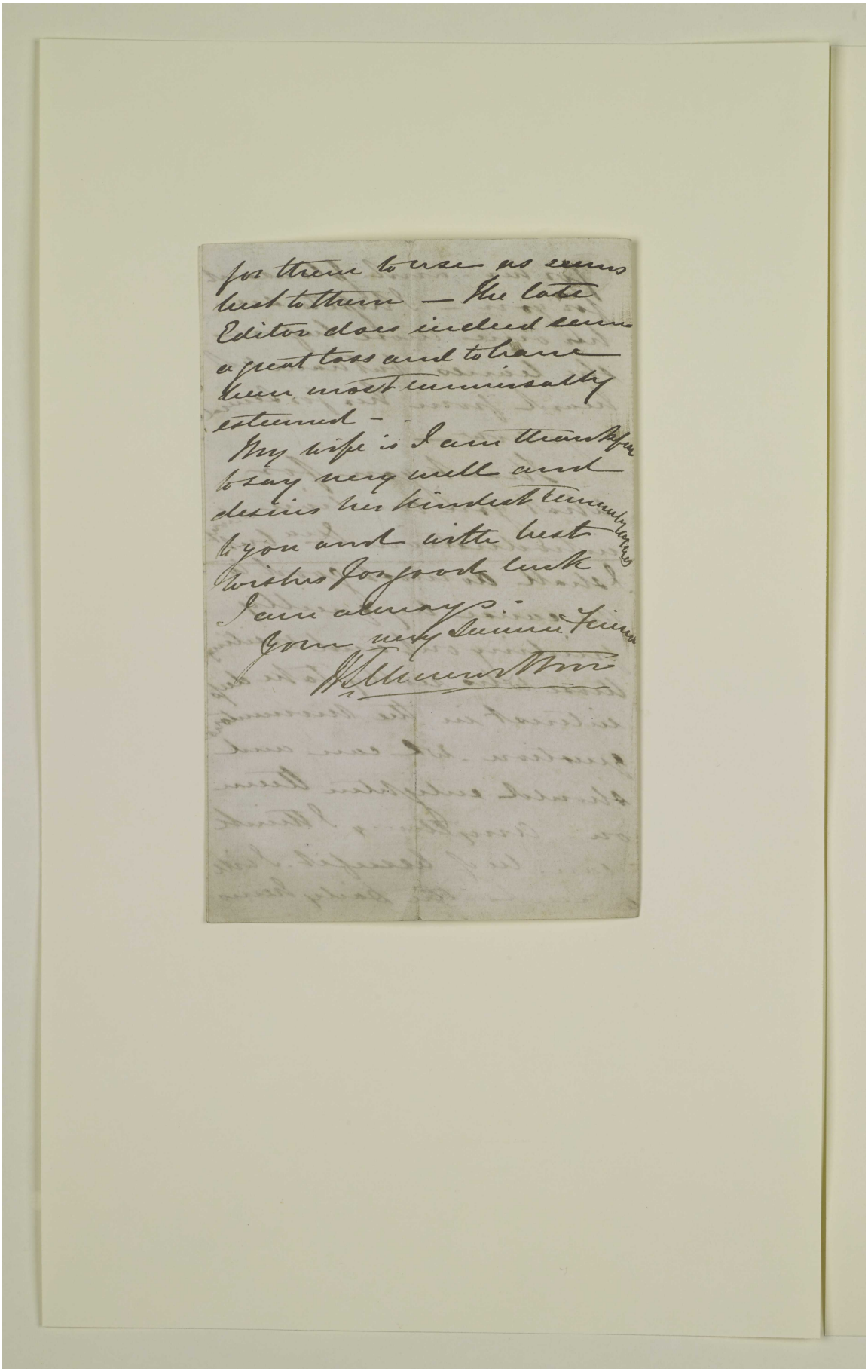


for her - and pleasant
for you - I hope to see
her once more before
the leaves. but have not
heard from her for several
days now —

Thank you for
what you mention about
introductions &c but
I shall do most good to
the cause by quietly
finding out and visiting
those who really take deep
interest in the movements
question. We can and
should enlighten them
on - anything I think
can be of benefit. I sent
sent to the Daily News



for them to use as seems
best to them — The late
Editor does indeed seem
a great loss and to have
been most universally
esteemed — —
My wife is I am thankful
to say very well and
desires her kindest remembrances
to you and with best
wishes for good luck
I am always
Your very Sincere Friend
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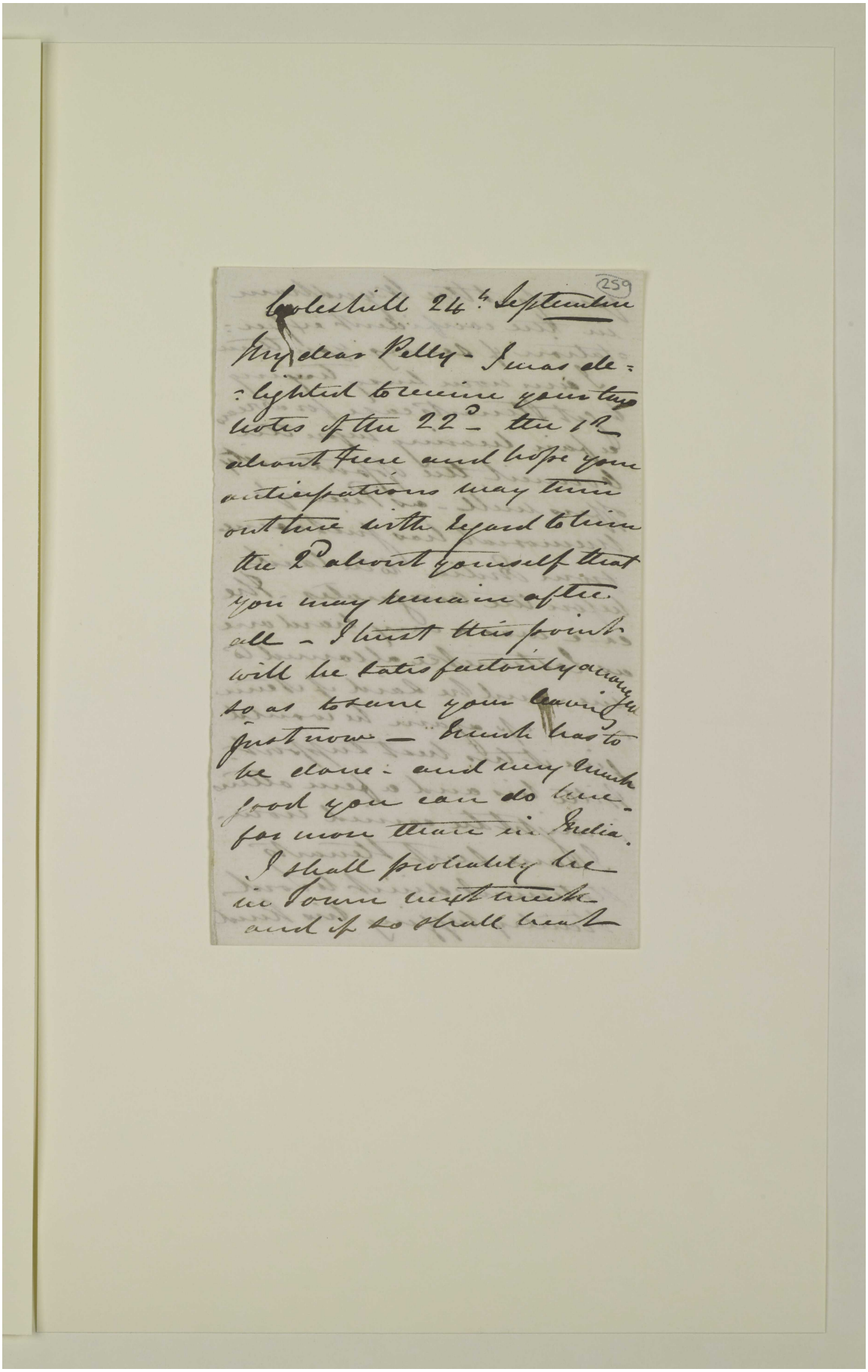

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Coleshill 24th September

My dear Pelly - I was de-
-lighted to receive your two
notes of the 22d - the 1st
about Fere and hope your
anticipations may turn
out true with regard to him
the 2d about yourself that
you may remain after
all - I trust this point
will be satisfactorily arranged
so as to save your leaving
just now - Much has to
be done - and very much
good you can do here -
for more than in India.
I shall probably be
in Town next week
and if so shall beat

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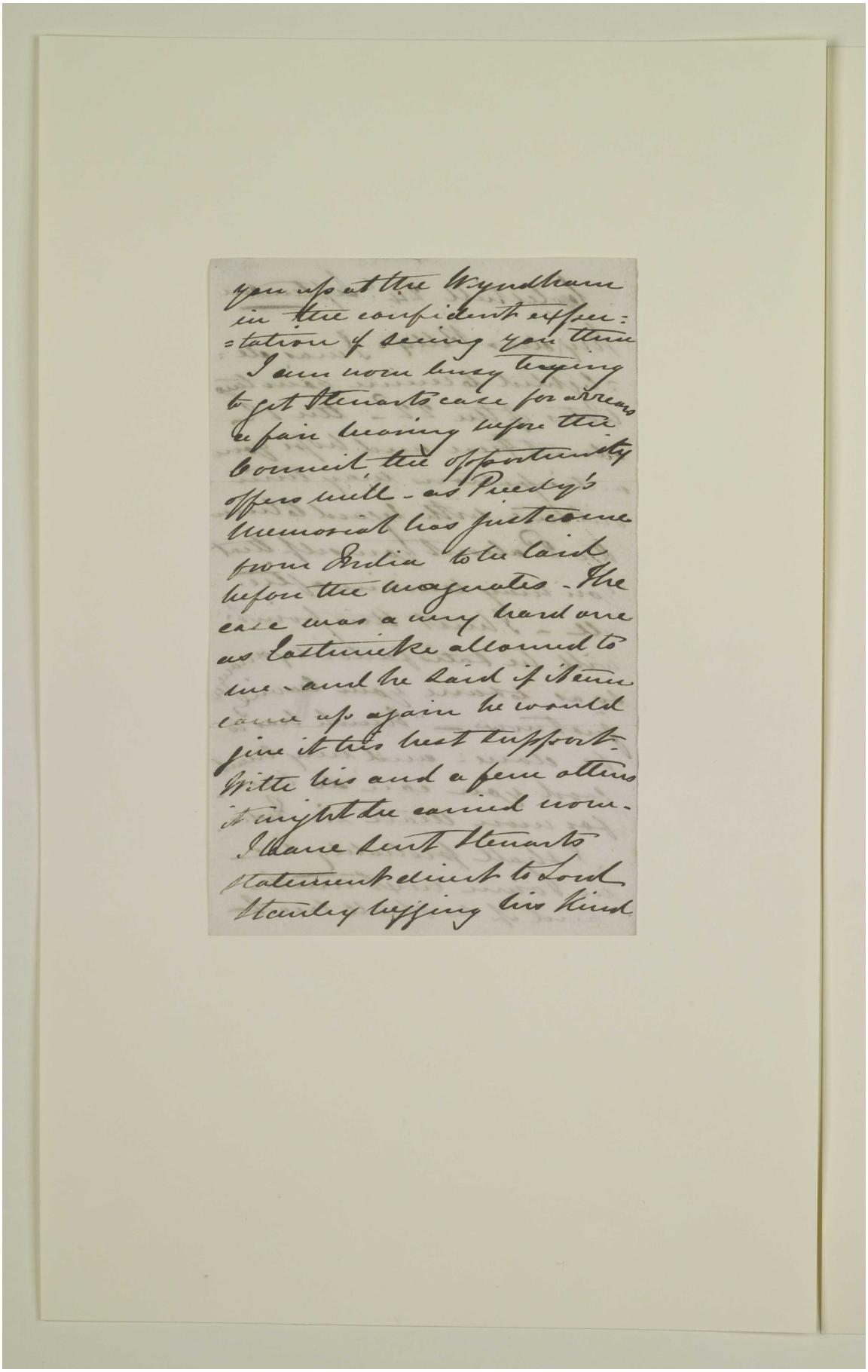

you up at the Wyndham
in the confident expec-
-tation of seeing you there
I am now busy trying
to get Stewarts case for arrears
a fair hearing before the
Council, the opportunity
offers well - as Preedy's
Memorial has just come
from India to be laid
before the magnates - The
case was a very hard one
as Eastwicke allowed to
me - and he said if it were
come up again he would
give it his best support.
With his and a few others
it might be carried now -
I have sent Stewarts
statement direct to Lord
Stanley begging his kind

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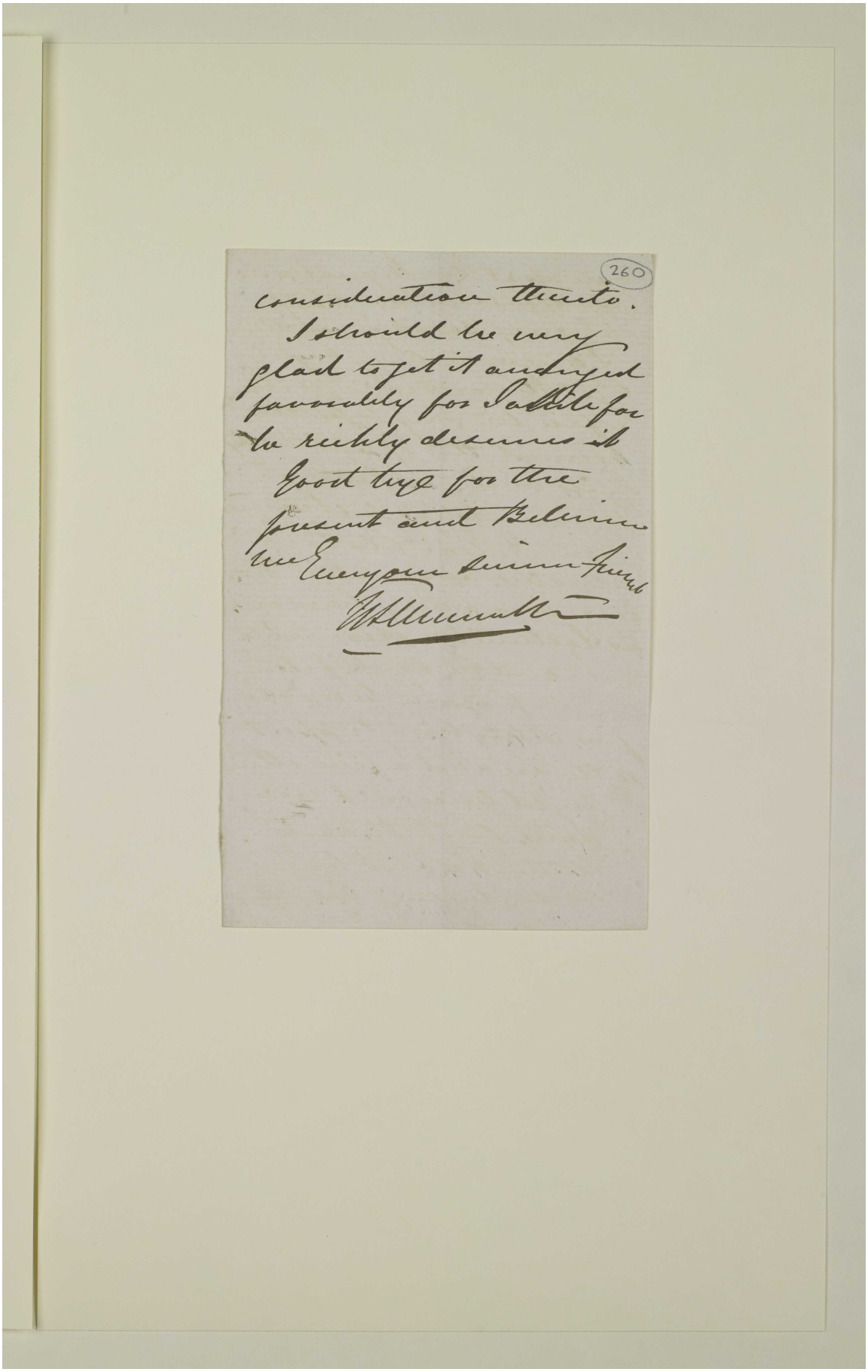
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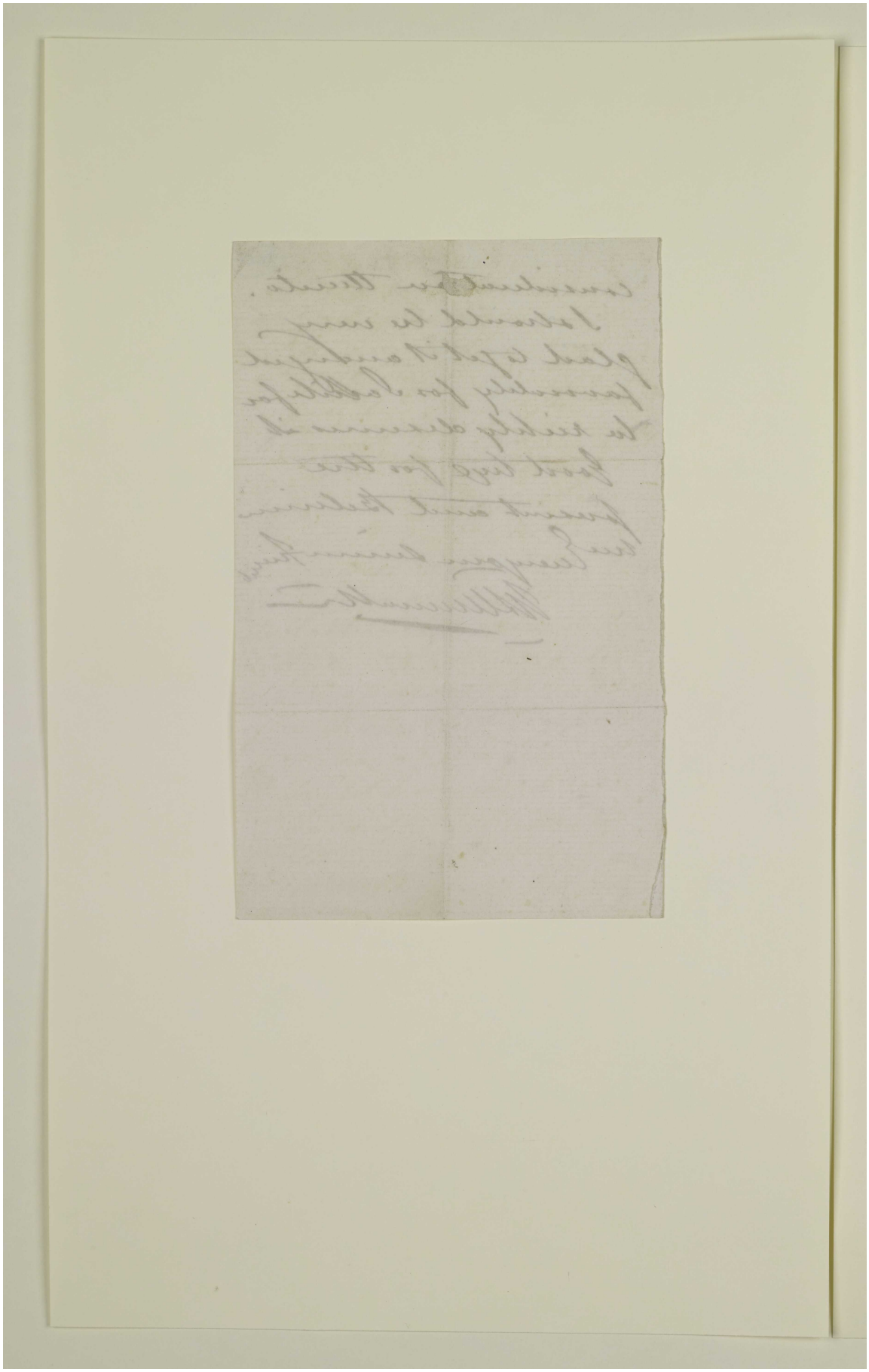
consideration thereto.
I should be very
glad to get it answered
favourably for I think for
be richly deserves it
Good bye for the
present and Believe
me Ever your sincere friend



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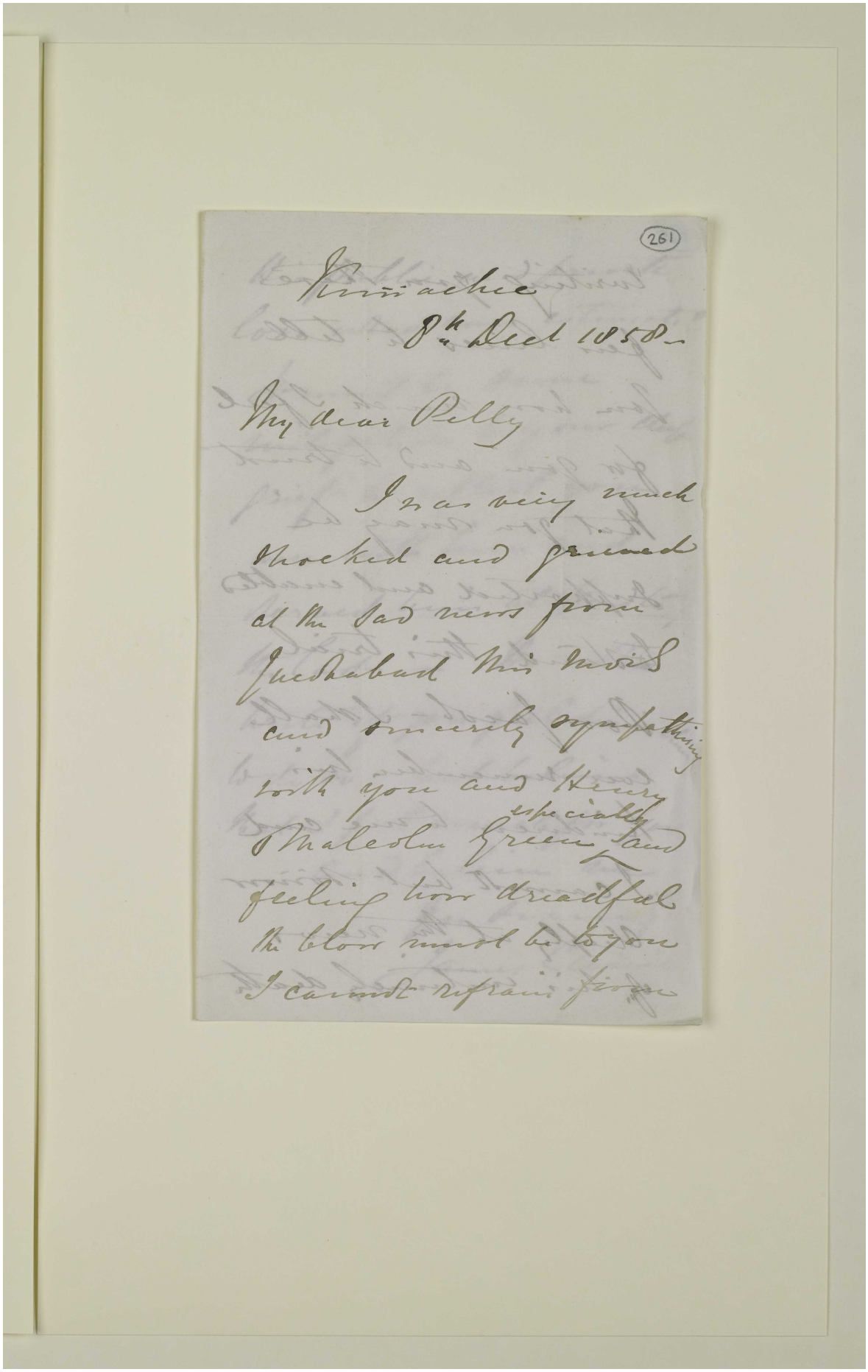

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Kurrachee
8th Decr 1858

My dear Pelly

I was very much shocked and grieved at the sad news from Jeedhabad this mail and sincerely sympathising with you and Henry & Malcolm Green especially and feeling how dreadful the blow must be to you I cannot refrain from

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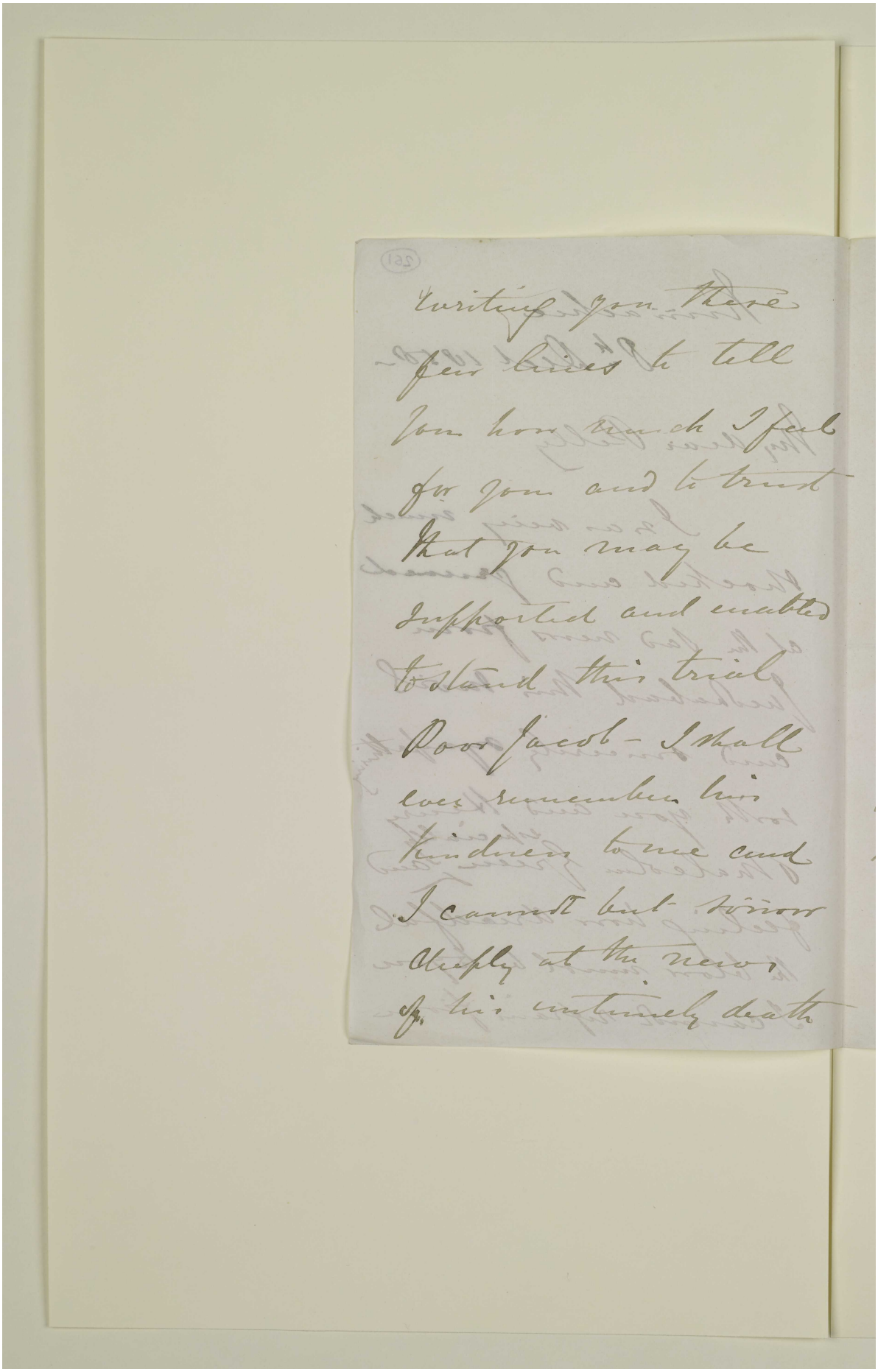
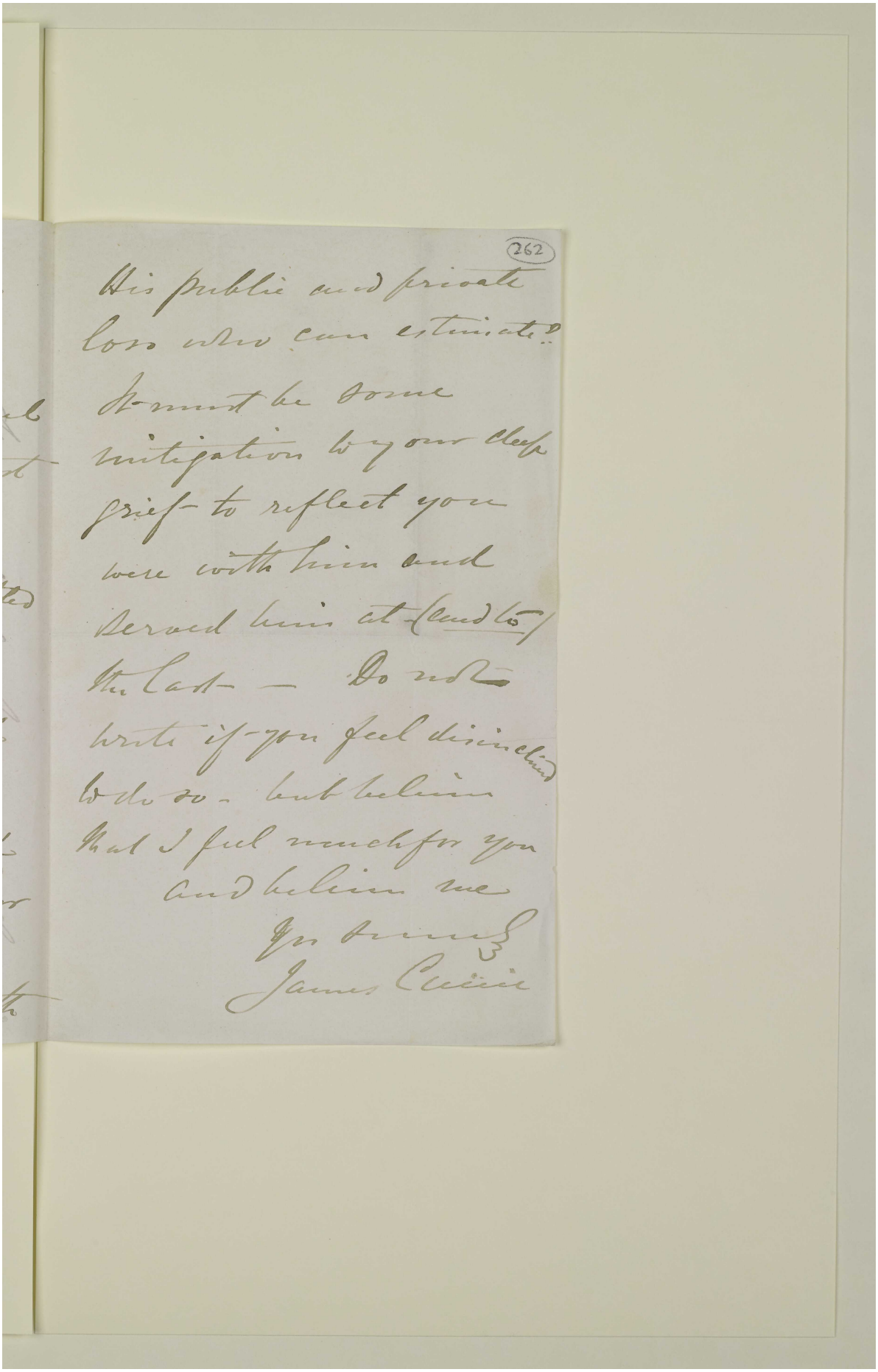


writing you these few lines to tell you how much I feel for you and to trust that you may be supported and enabled to stand this trial. Poor Jacob - I shall ever remember his kindness to me and I cannot but wonder deeply at the news of his untimely death



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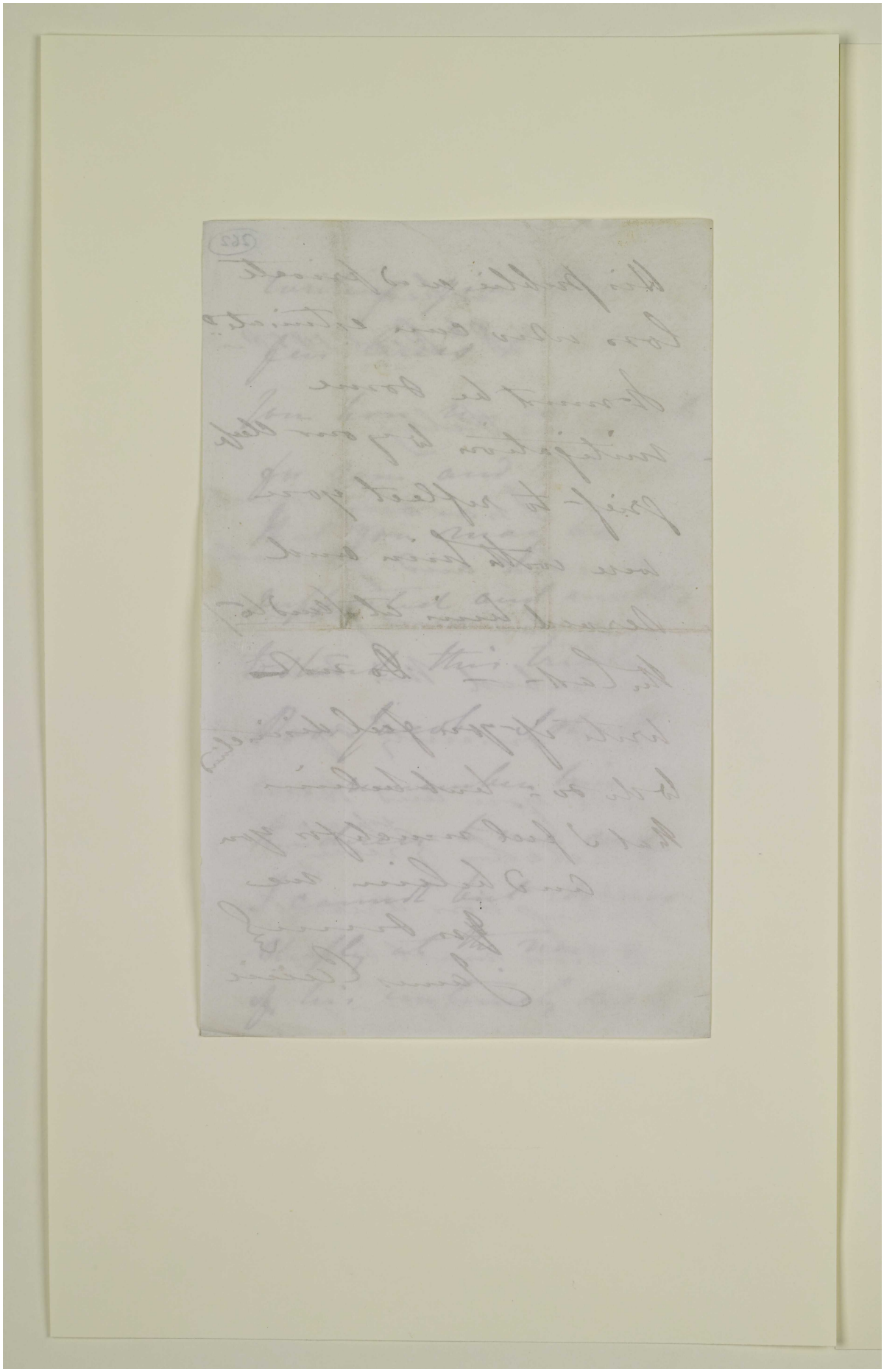
His public and private
loss who can estimate?
It must be some
mitigation to your deep
grief to reflect you
were with him and
served him at (and to)
the last — Do not
write if you feel disinclined
to do so — but believe
that I feel much for you
and believe me
Yr truly
James Currie



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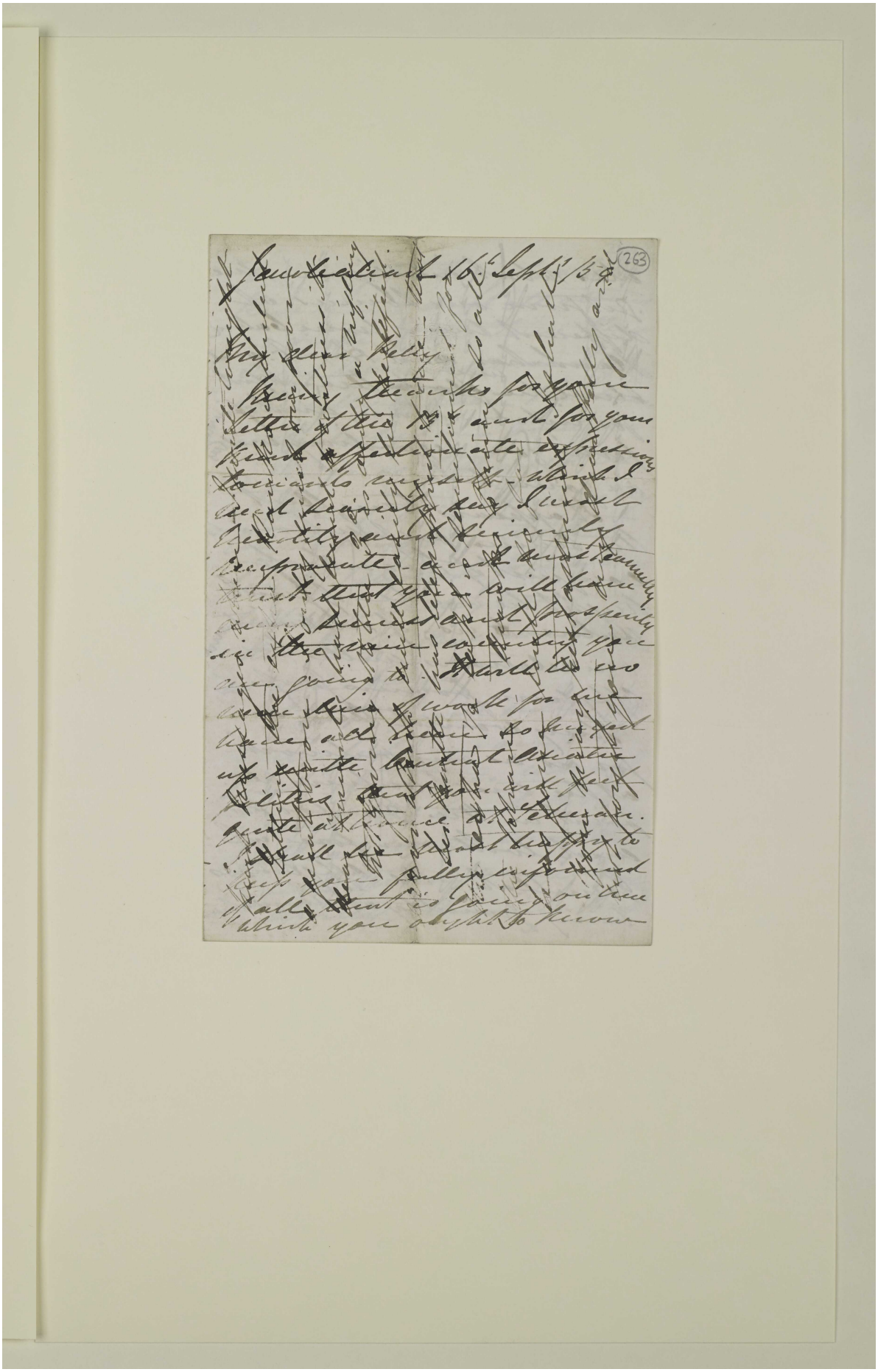

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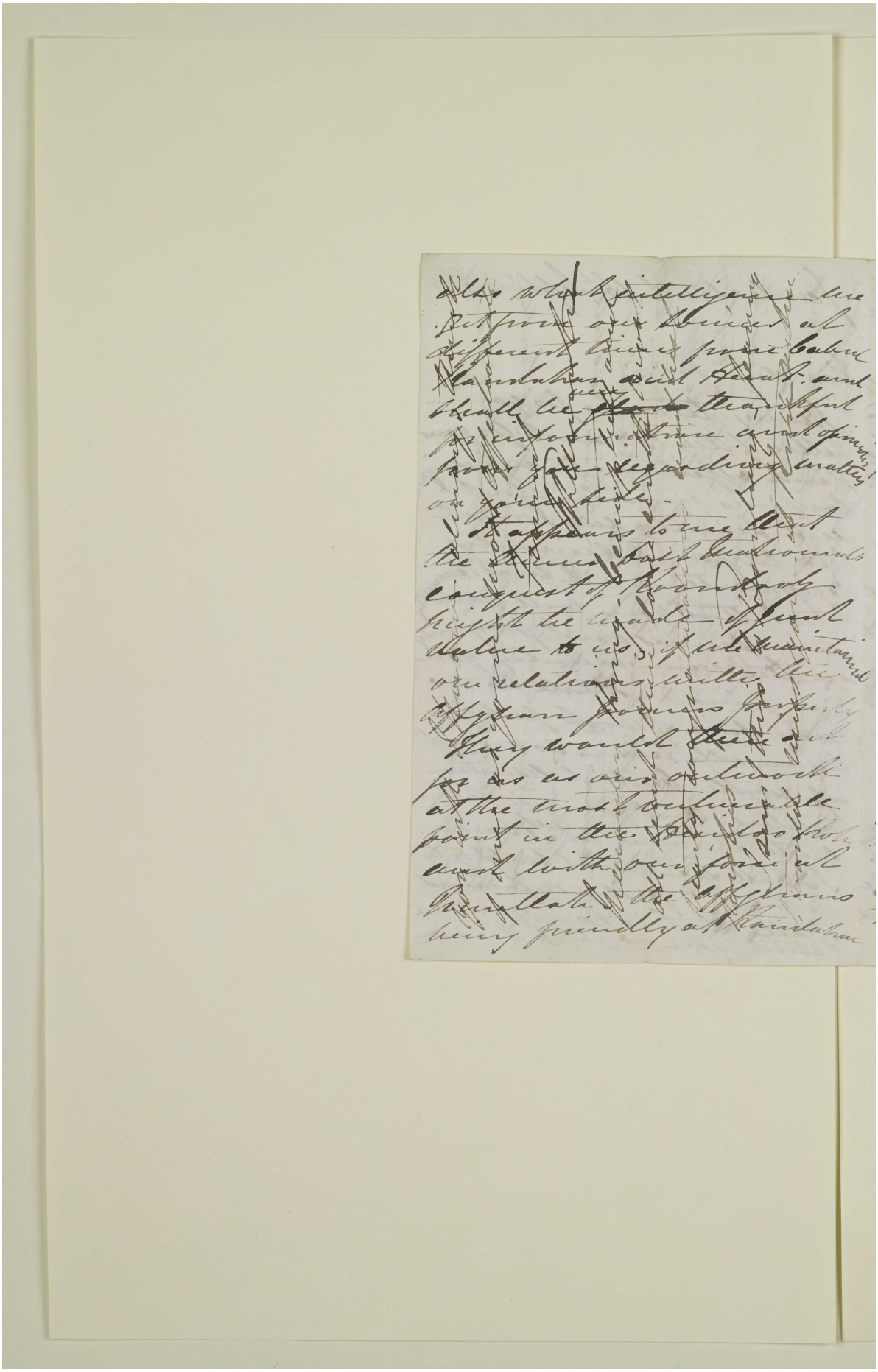

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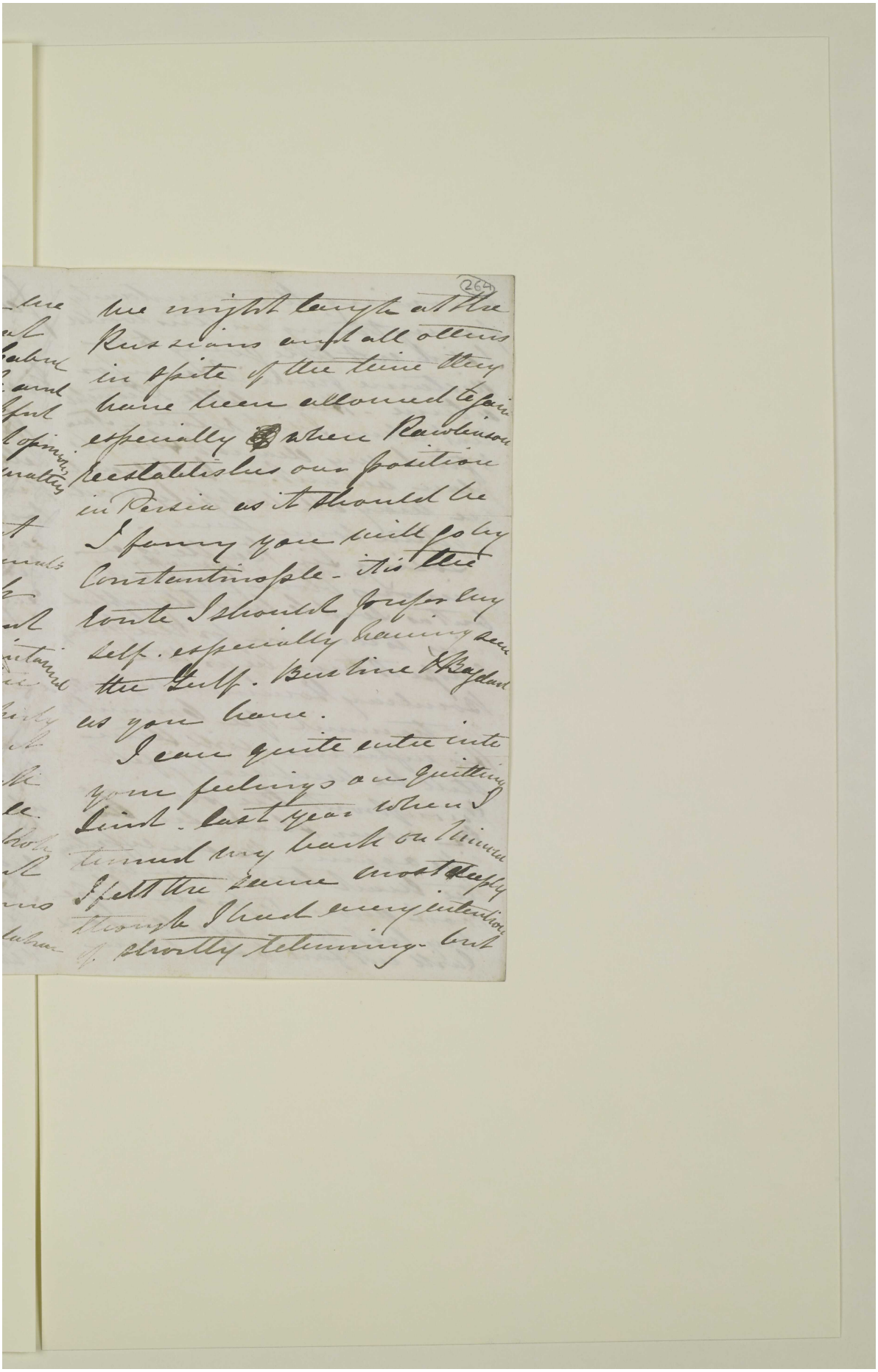

we might laugh at the
Russians and all others
in spite of the time they
have been allowed to gain
especially when Rawlinson
reestablishes our position
in Persia as it should be
I fancy you will go by
Constantinople - it is the
route I should prefer my
self. especially having seen
the Gulf. Bushire & Bagdad
as you have.
I can quite entre into
your feelings on quitting
Sind. last year when I
turned my back on Minnow
I felt the same most deeply
though I had every intention
of shortly returning - but

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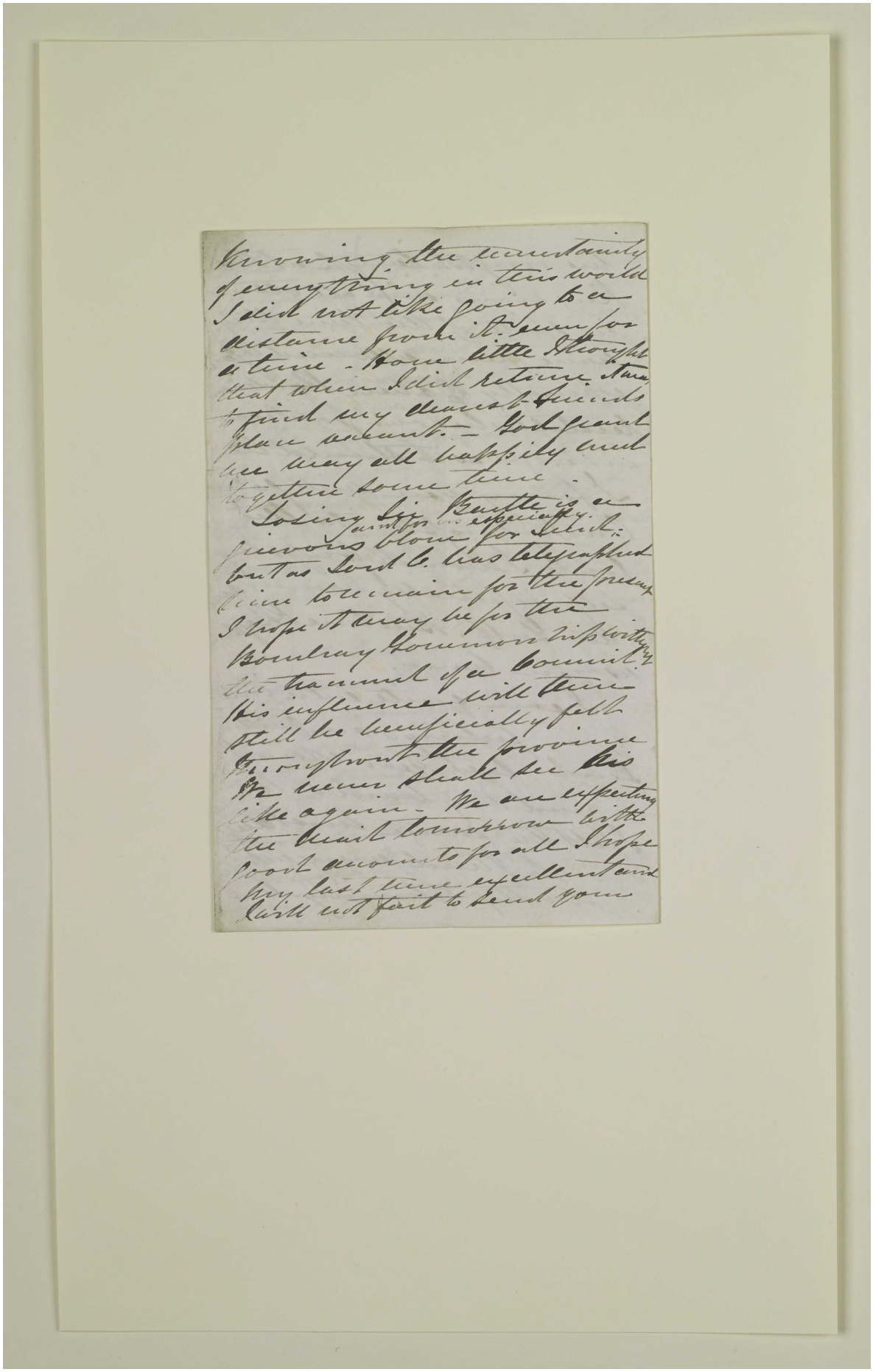

knowing the uncertainty
of everything in this world
I did not like going to a
distance from it even for
a time. How little I thought
that when I did return it was
to find my dearest friends
place vacant. — God grant
we may all happily meet
together some time.
Losing Sir Bartle is a
grievous blow for Sind and for us especially.
but as Lord C. has telegraphed
him to remain for the present
I hope it may be for the
Bombay Governor his with
the transmit of a Commit.
His influence will then
still be beneficially felt
throughout the province
We never shall see his
like again. We are expecting
the mail tomorrow with
good accounts for all I hope
My last time excellent and
I will not fail to send your

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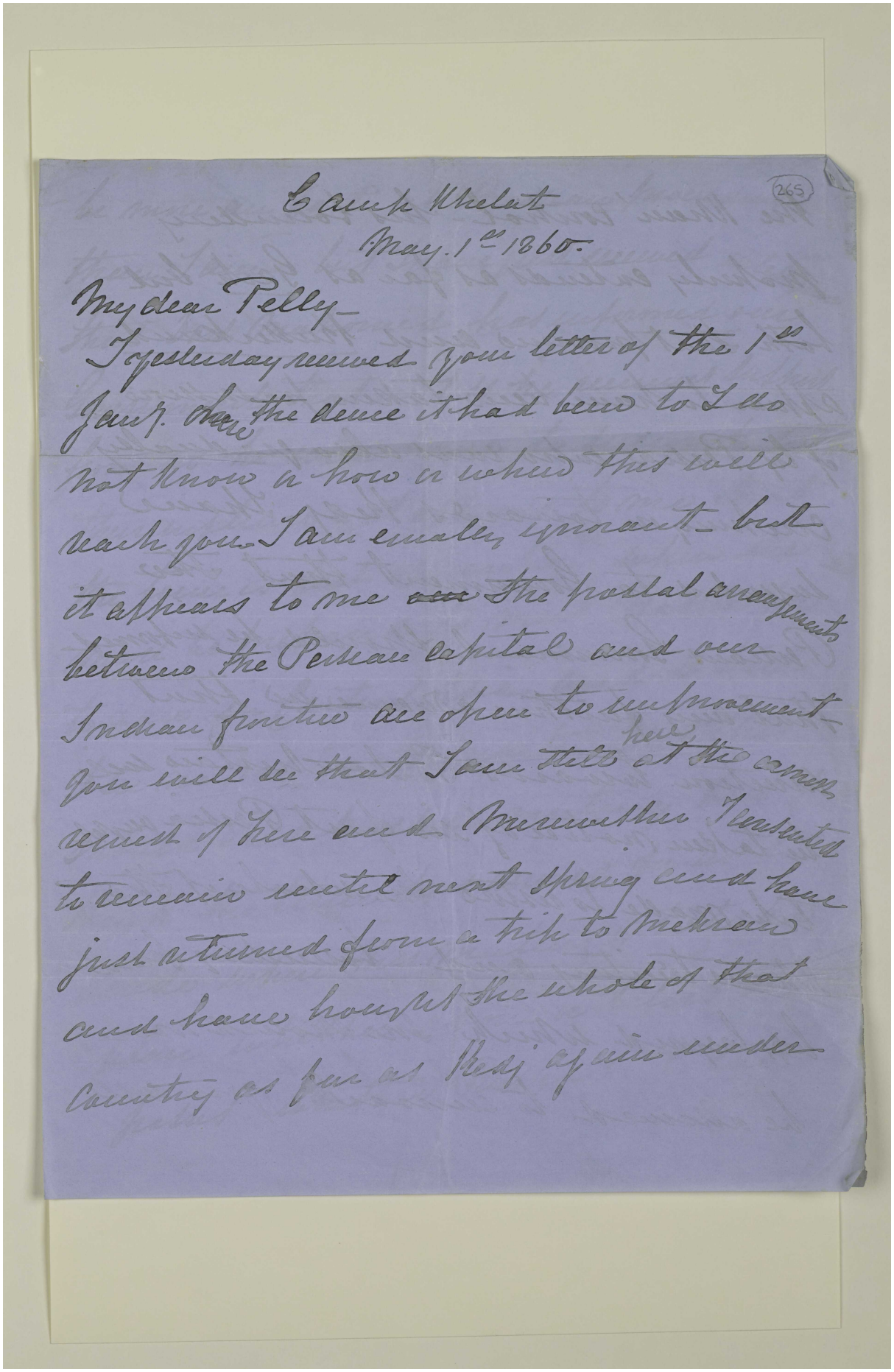

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Camp Khelat
May. 1st 1860.

My dear Pelly—

I yesterday received your letter of the 1st Jany. where the deuce it had been to I do not know or how or when this will reach you. I am equally ignorant— but it appears to me ~~our~~ the postal arrangements between the Persian capital and our Indian frontier are open to improvement— you will see that I am still here at the earnest request of here and Meruwether I consented to remain until next spring and have just returned from a trip to Mekran and have bought the whole of that country as far as Redj again under

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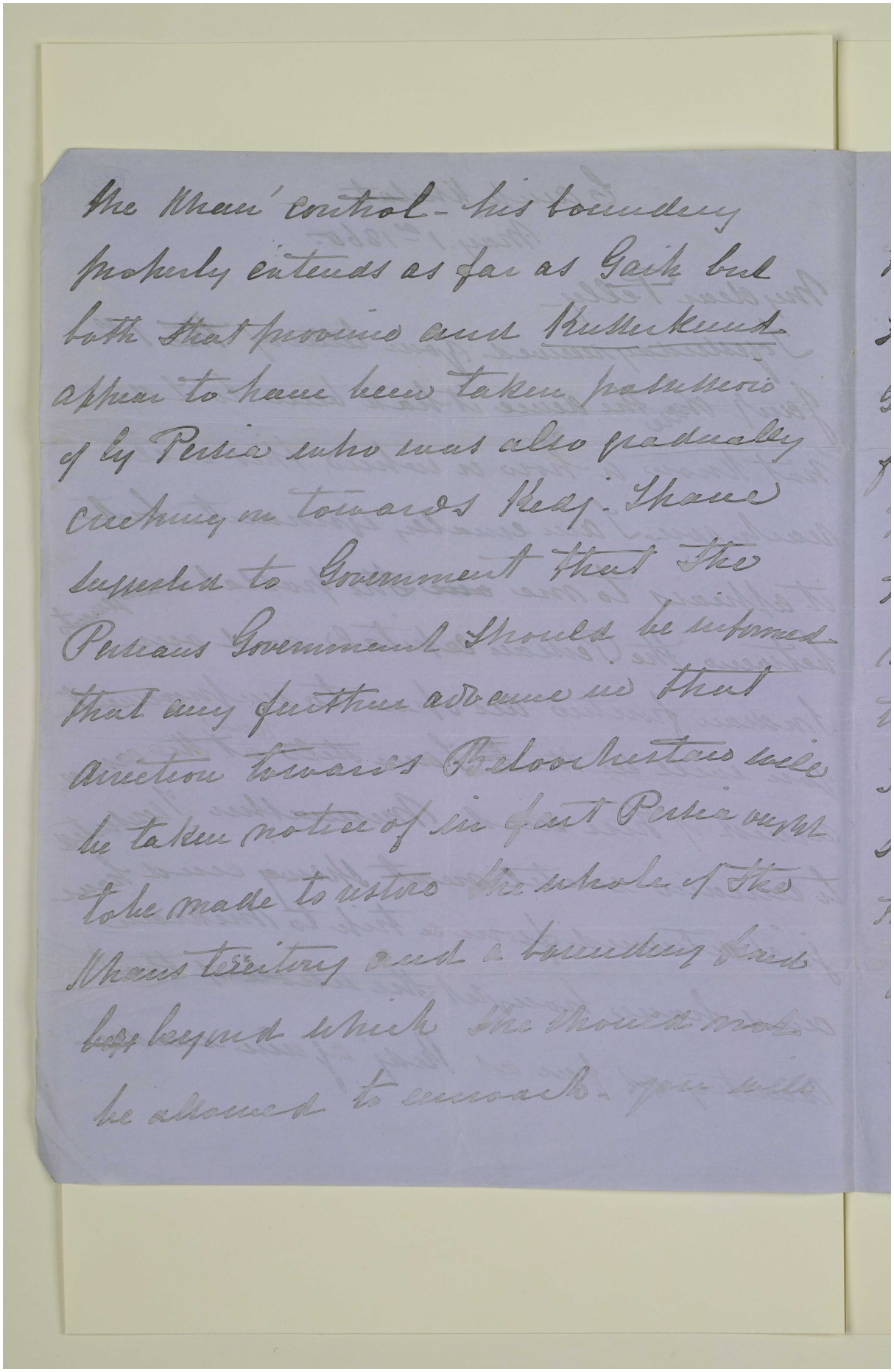

the Khan' control - his boundary properly extends as far as Gaik but both that province and Kusserkund appear to have been taken possession of by Persia who was also gradually creeping on towards Kedj. I have suggested to Government that the Persians Government should be informed that any further advance in that direction towards Beloochistan will be taken notice of in fact Persia ought to be made to restore the whole of the Khans territory and a boundary fixed ~~beyo~~ beyond which she should not be allowed to encroach - you will

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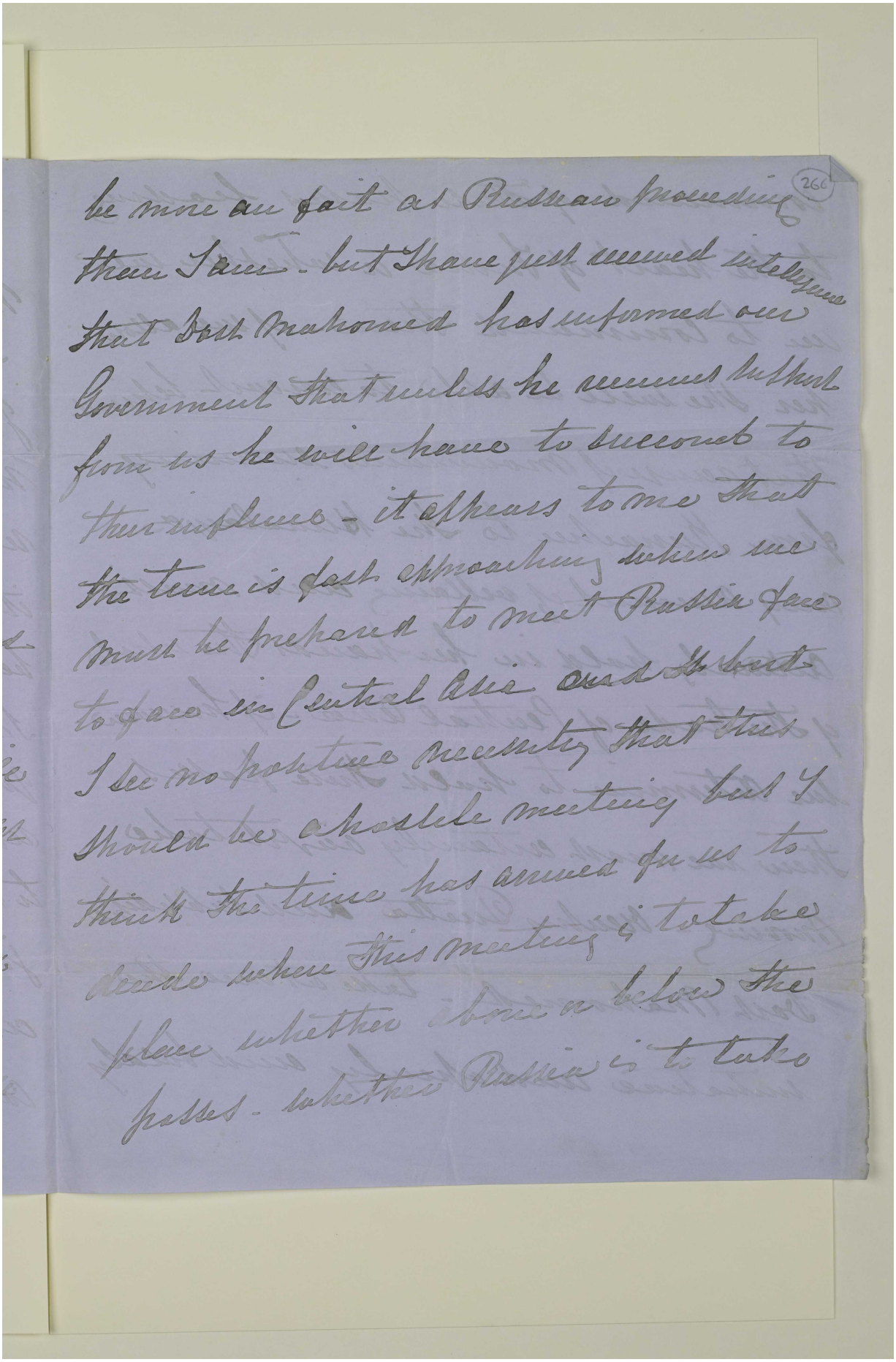
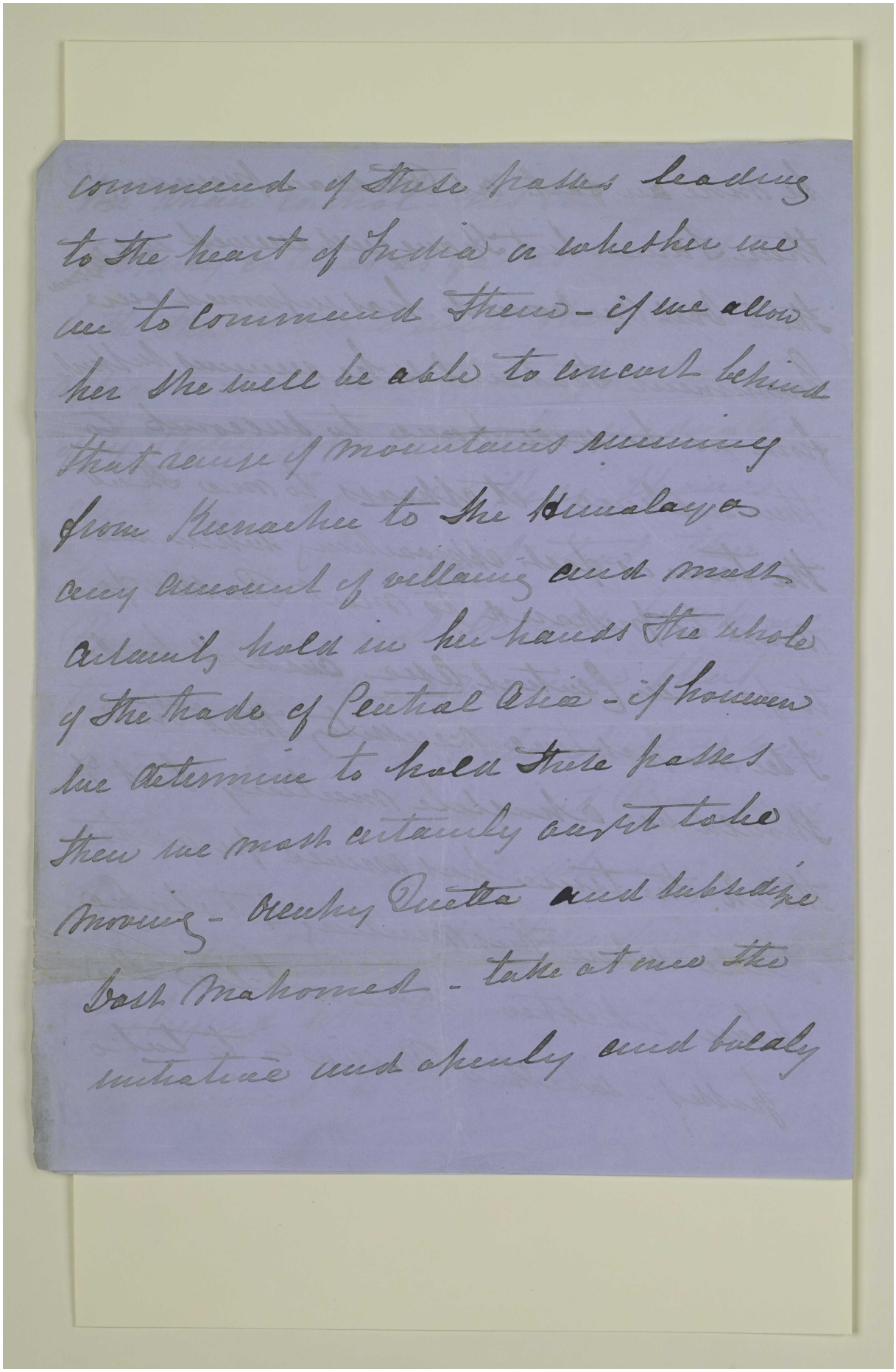


be more on fait at Russian proceedings
than I am - but I have just received intelligence
that Dost Mahomed has informed our
Government that unless he receives support
from us he will have to succumb to
their influence - it appears to me that
the time is fast approaching when we
must be prepared to meet Russia face
to face in Central Asia and the best
I see no posture necessity that there
should be a hostile meeting but I
think the time has arrived for us to
decide where this meeting is to take
place whether here or below the
passes - whether Russia is to take



command of these passes leading
to the heart of India or whether we
are to command them - if we allow
her she will be able to concert behind
that range of mountains running
from Kurrachee to the Himalaya
any amount of villainy and most
certainly hold in her hands the whole
of the trade of Central Asia - if however
we determine to hold these passes
then we most certainly ought to be
moving - occupy Quetta and subsidize
Dost Mahomed - take at once the
initiative and openly and boldly

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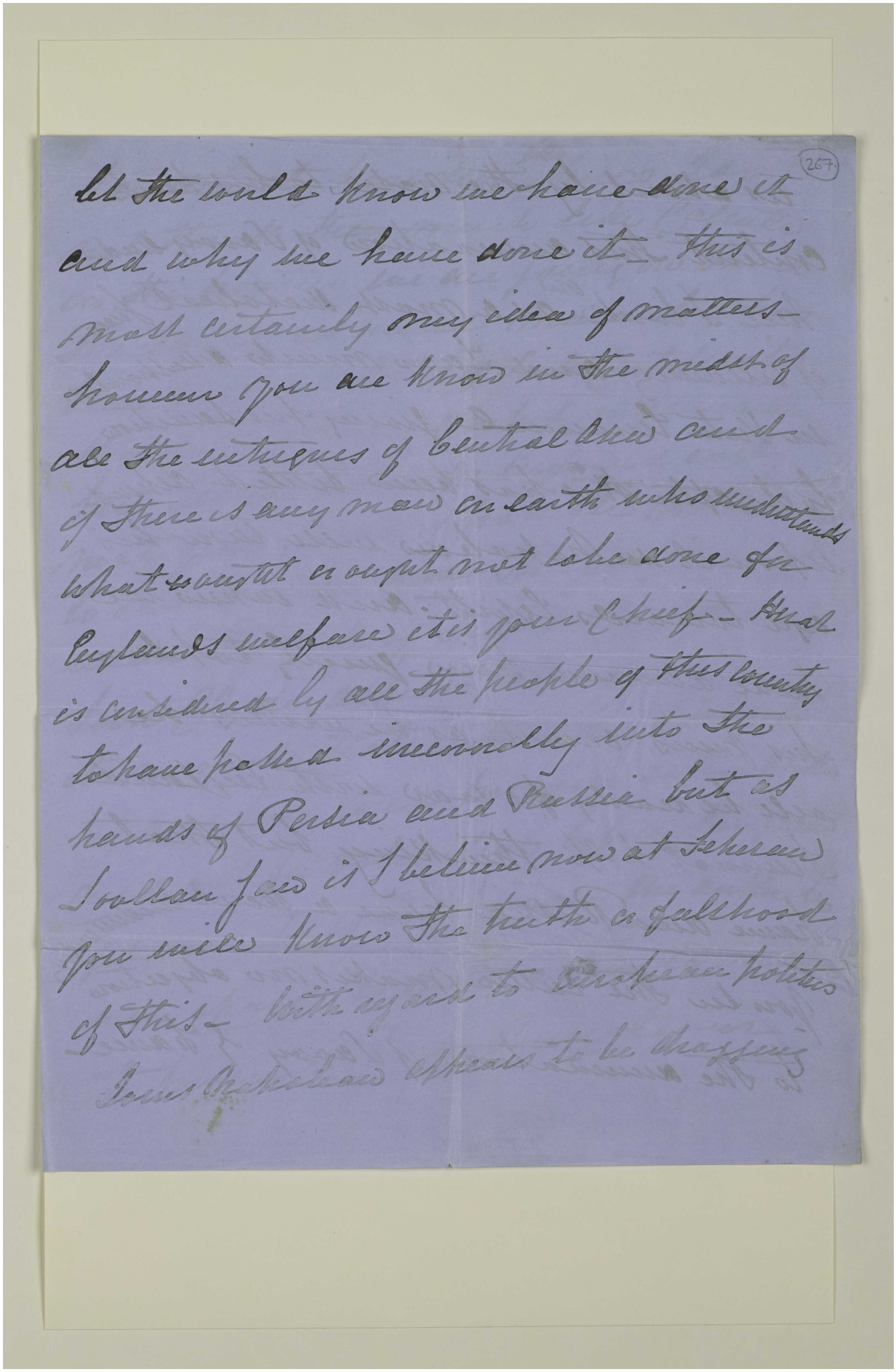

let the world know we have done it
and why we have done it — this is
most certainly my idea of matters —
however you are know in the midst of
all the intrigues of Central Asia and
if there is any man on earth who understands
what ought or ought not to be done for
Englands welfare it is your Chief — Herat
is considered by all the people of this country
to have passed irrecoverably into the
hands of Persia and Russia but as
Soollan Jan is I believe now at Teheran
you will know the truth or falshood
of this — With regard to European politics
Louis Napoleon appears to be dragging

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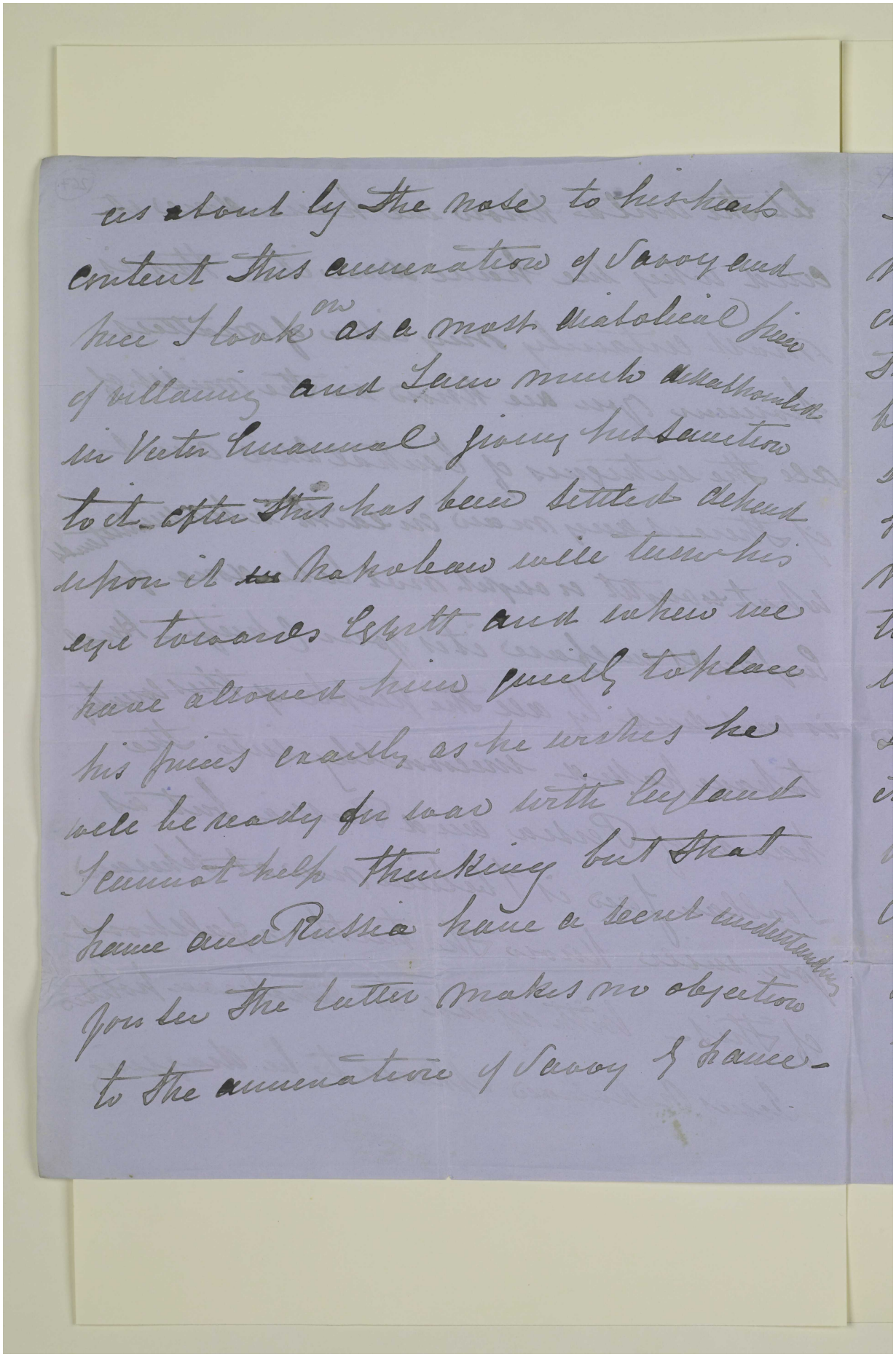

as about by the nose to his heart
content this annexation of Savoy and
Nice I look on as a most diabolical piece
of villainy and I am much dissatisfied
in Victor Emanuel giving his sanction
to it. after this has been settled depend
upon it ~~the~~ Napoleon will turn his
eye towards Egypt and when we
have allowed him quietly to place
his pieces exactly as he wishes he
will be ready for war with England
I cannot help thinking but that
France and Russia have a secret understanding
you see the latter makes no objection
to the annexation of Savoy & France -

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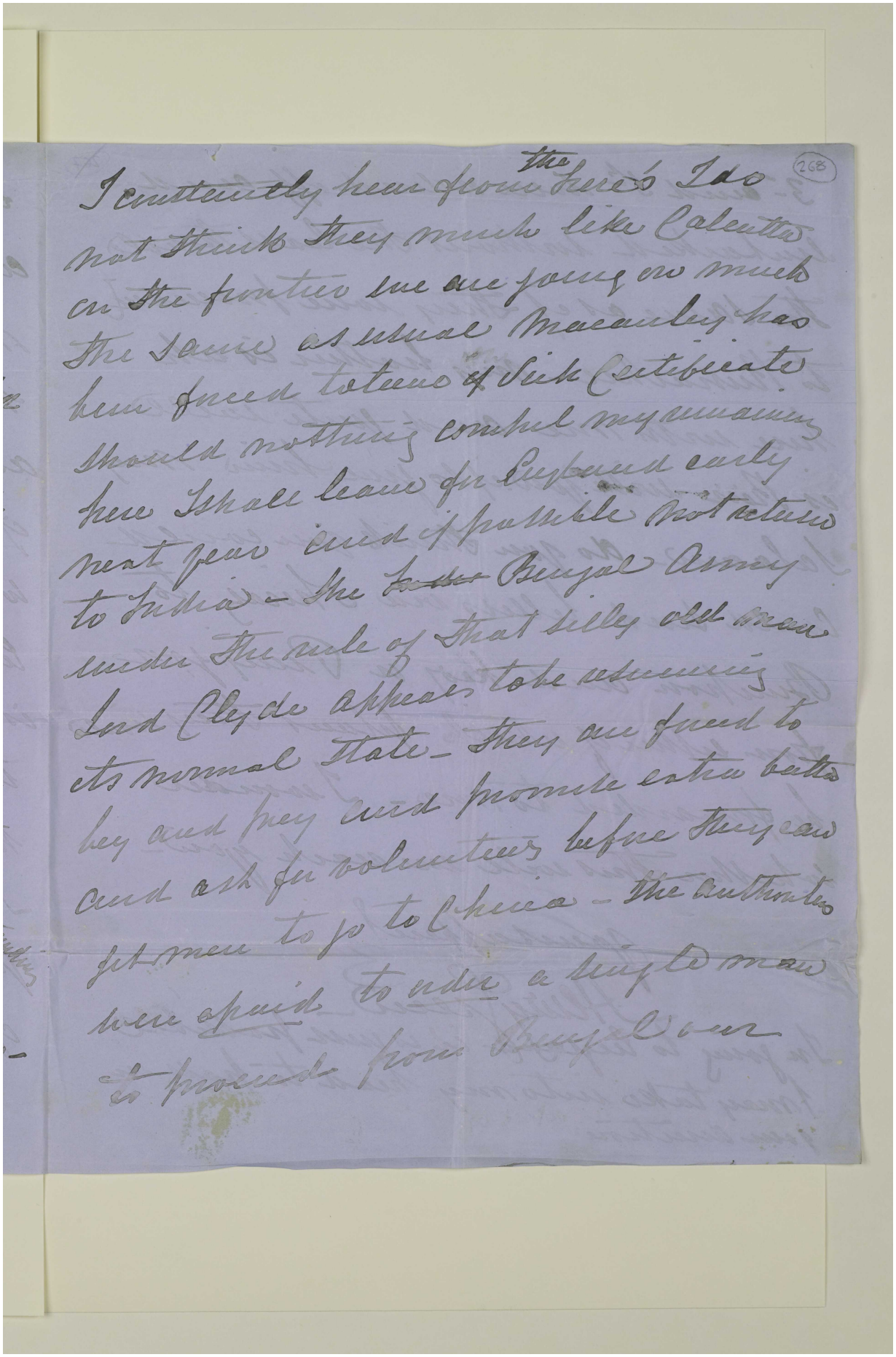

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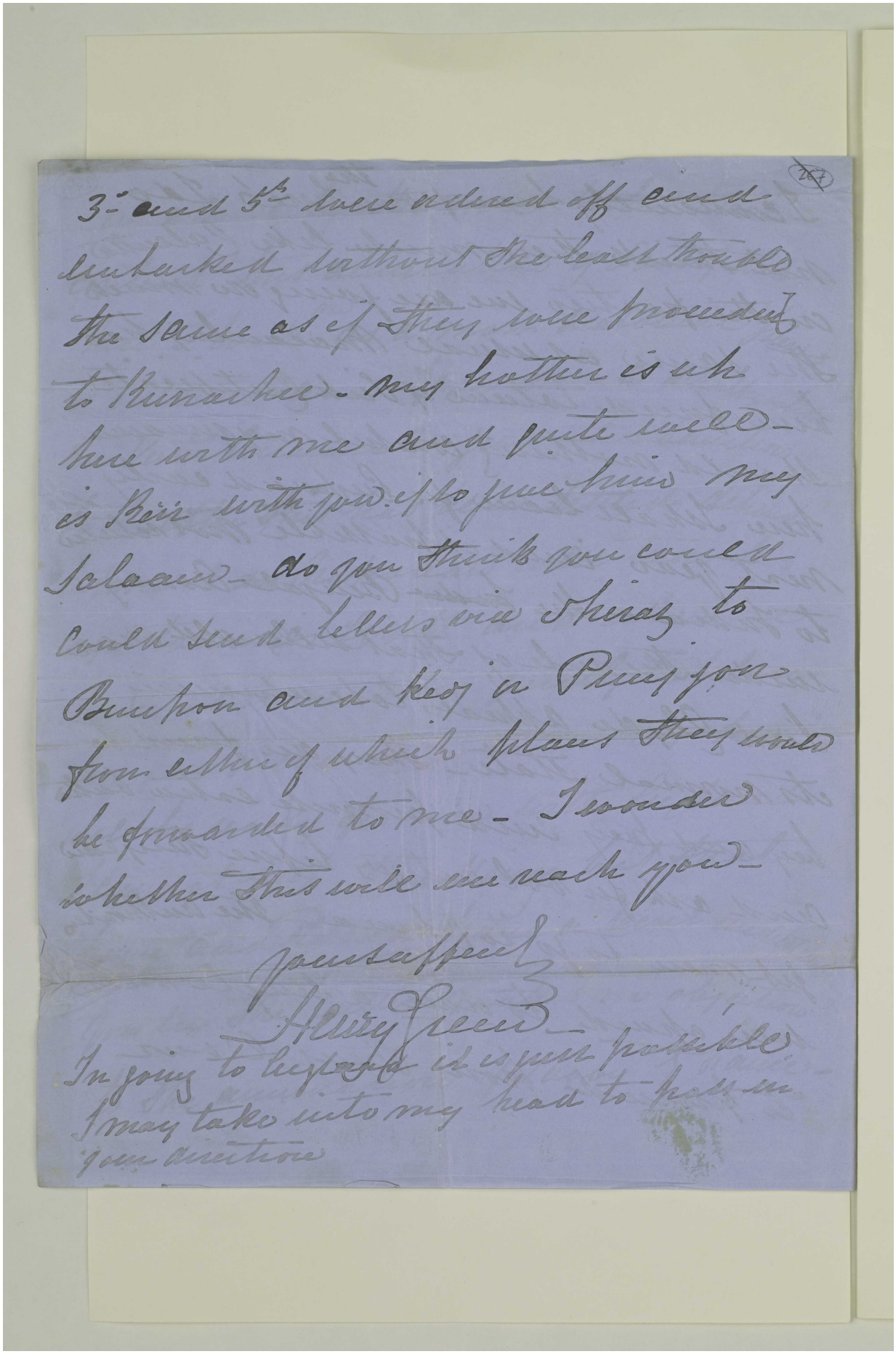
I constantly hear from the here's I do
not think they much like Calcutta
on the frontier we are going on much
the same as usual Macauley has
been forced to leave of Sick Certificate
should nothing compel my remaining
here I shall leave for England early
next year and if possible not return
to India - the ~~Indian~~ Bengal Army
under the rule of that silly old man
Lord Clyde appears to be resuming
its normal state - they are forced to
beg and pray and promise extra batta
and ask for volunteers before they can
get men to go to China - the authorities
were afraid to order a single man
to proceed from Bengal over



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3rd and 5th were ordered off and embarked without the least trouble the same as if they were proceeding to Kurrachee - my brother is wh here with me and quite well - is Keir with you if so give him my Salaam - do you think you could could send letters via Shiraz to Bunpoor and Kedj or Pinj you from either of which places they would be forwarded to me - I wonder whether this will ever reach you -

Yours affectly

Henry Green

In going to England it is just possible I may take into my head to pass in your direction

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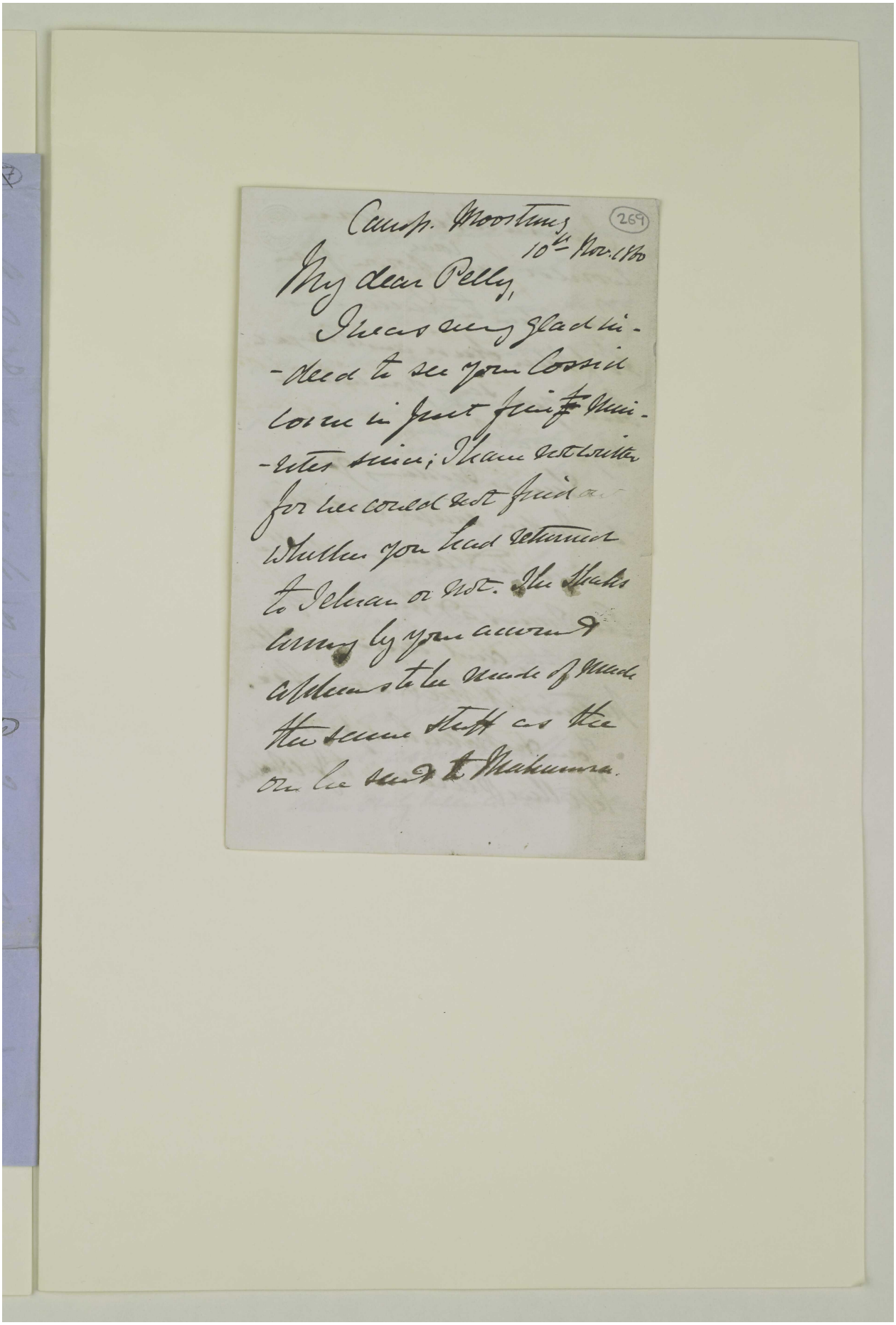

Camp. Moostung
10th Nov. 1860

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My dear Pelly,

I was very glad in-
-deed to see your Cossid
come in just five minu-
-tes since; I have not written
for we could not find out
whether you had returned
to Jehran or not. The Shahs
army by your account
appears to be made of much
the same stuff as the
one he sent to Mahumra.

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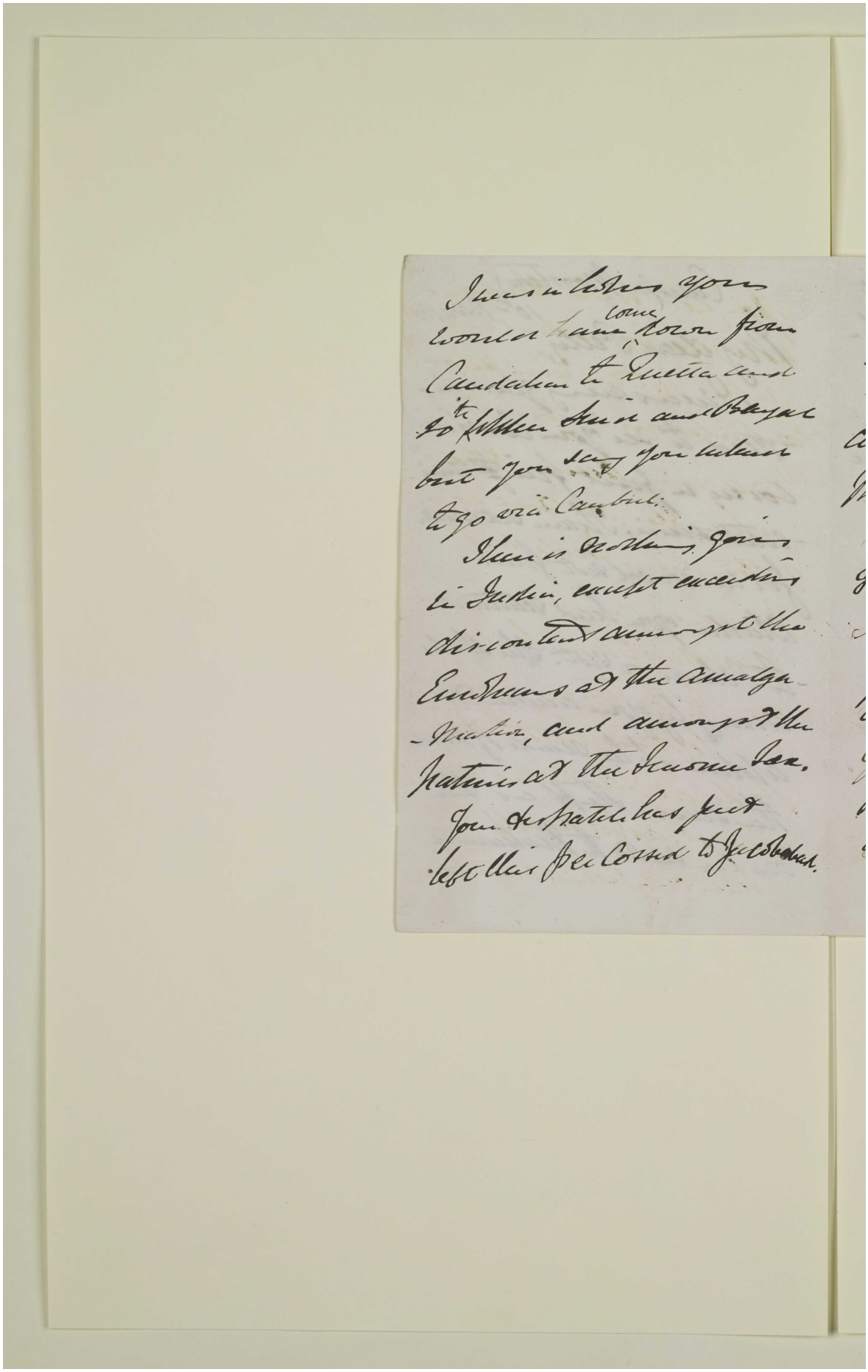

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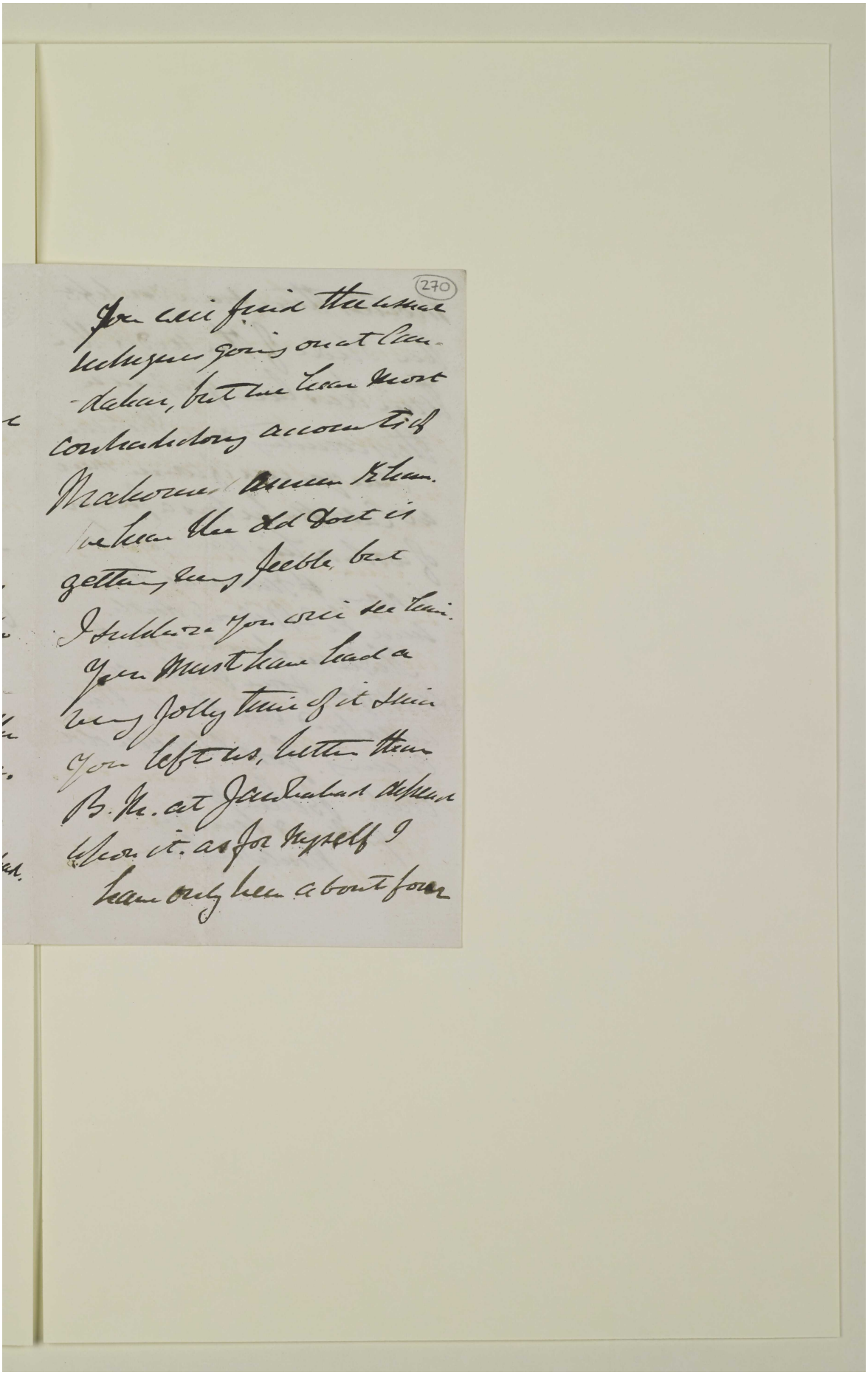

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You will find the usual
intrigues going on at Can-
-dahar, but we hear most
contradictory accounts of
Mahomed Ameen Khan.
We hear the old Dost is
getting very feeble, but
I suppose you will see him.
You must have had a
very jolly time of it since
you left us, better than
B. M. at Jandrabad depend
upon it. as for myself I
have only been about four

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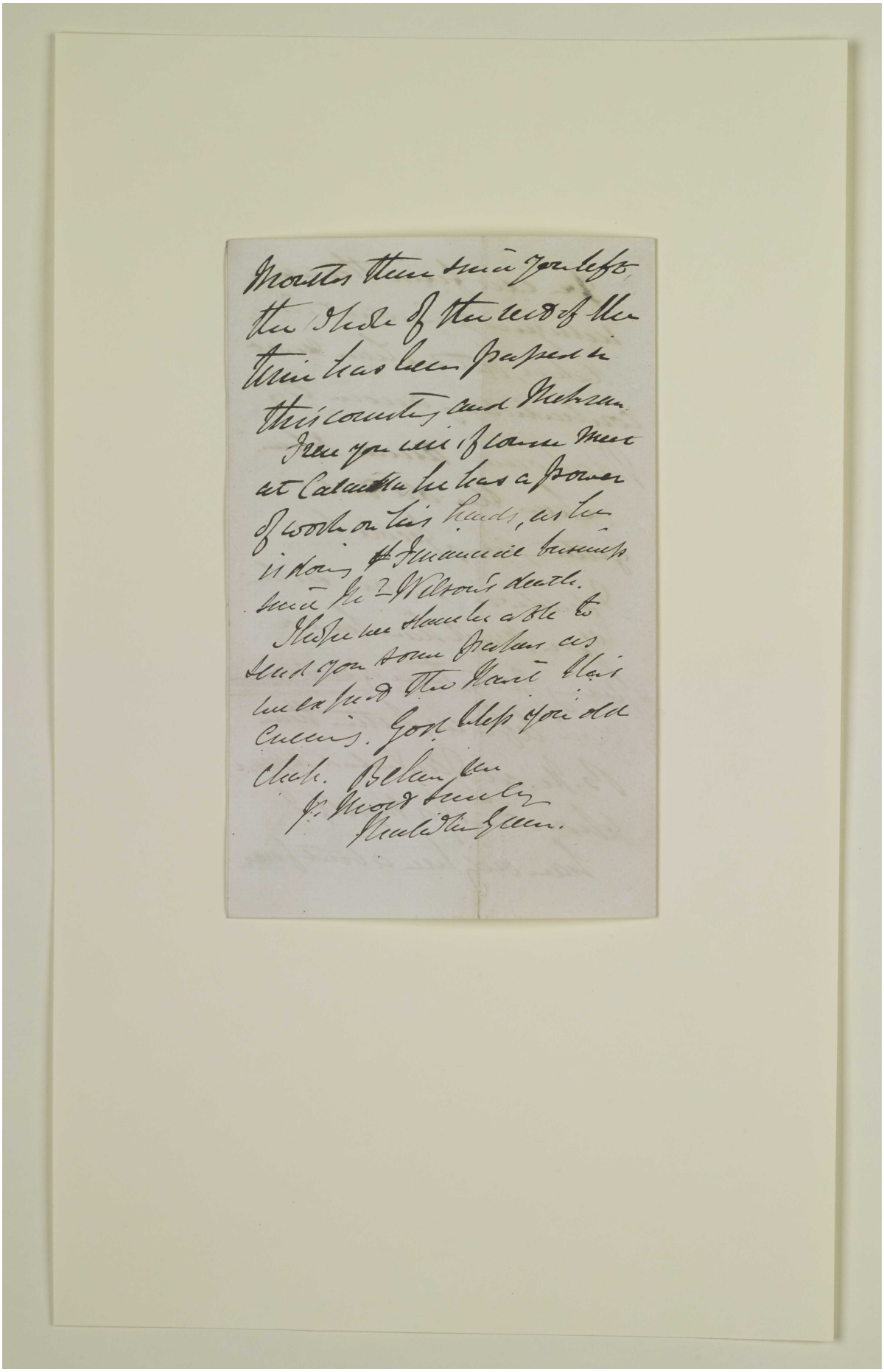

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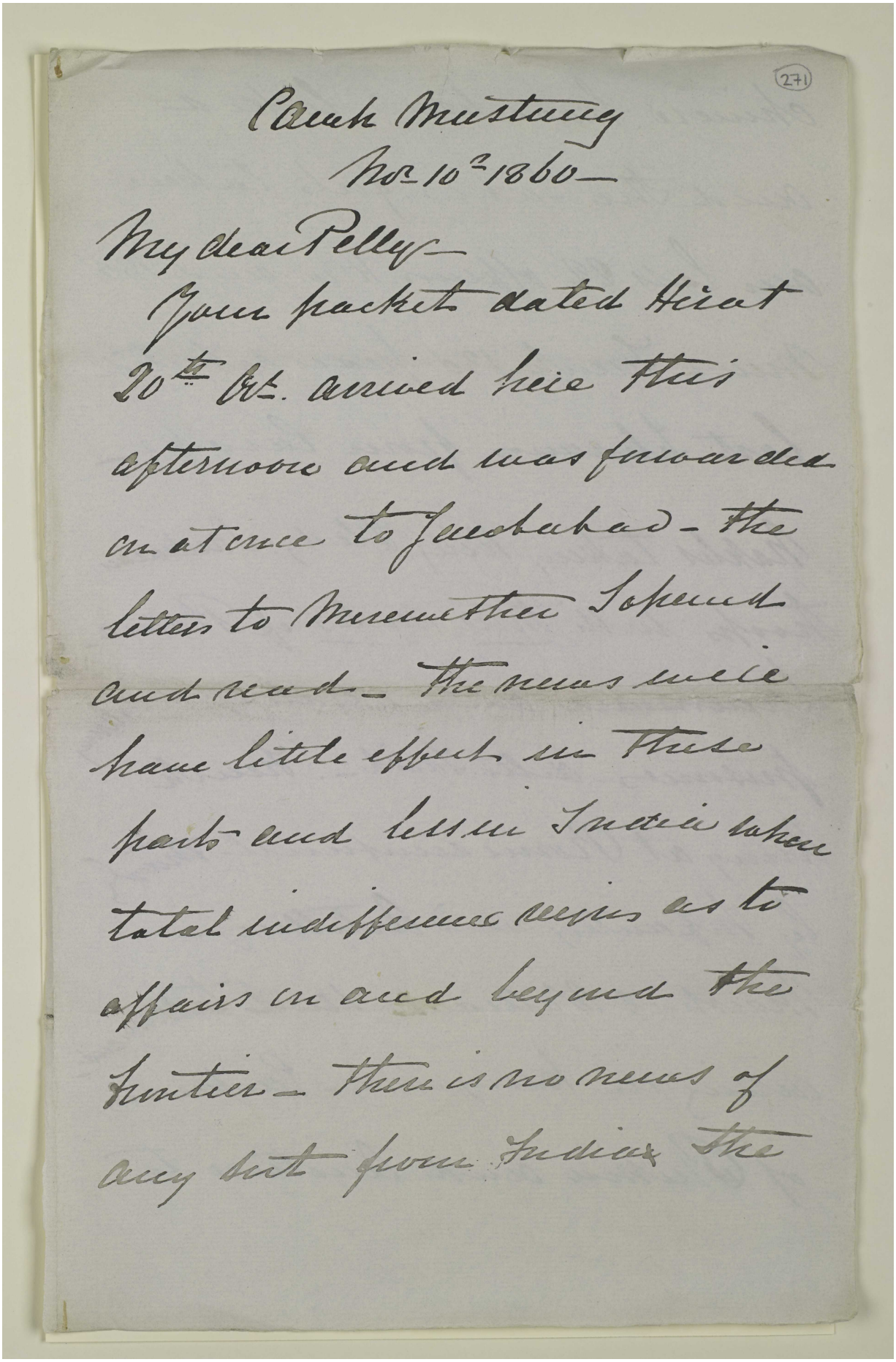

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Camp Mustung
Nov. 10th 1860 —

My dear Pelly —

Your packet dated Hirat 20th Oct. arrived here this afternoon and was forwarded on at once to Jacobabad — the letters to Merewether I opened and read — the news will have little effect in these parts and less in India when total indifference reigns as to affairs on and beyond the frontier — there is no news of any sort from India the

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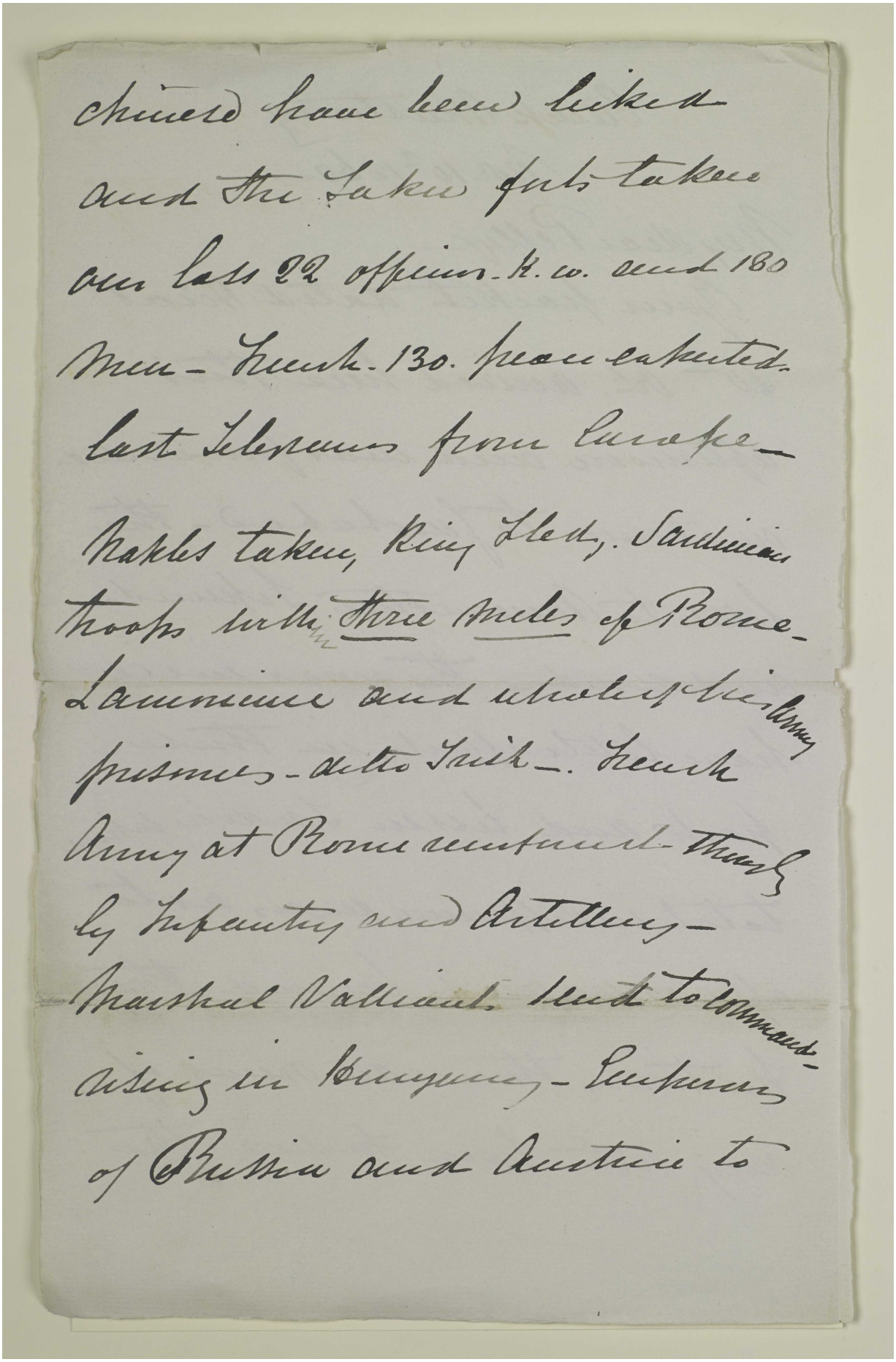

chinese have been licked
and the Taku forts taken
our loss 22 officers - K. W. and 180
men - French - 130. peace expected -
last Telegrams from Europe -
Naples taken, King Fled, Sardinian
troops within three miles of Rome -
Lamoricine and whole of his Army
prisoners - ditto Irish -. French
Army at Rome reinforced - thoroughly
by Infantry and Artillery -
Marshal Vallianti sent to command -
rising in Hungary - Emperors
of Russia and Austria to

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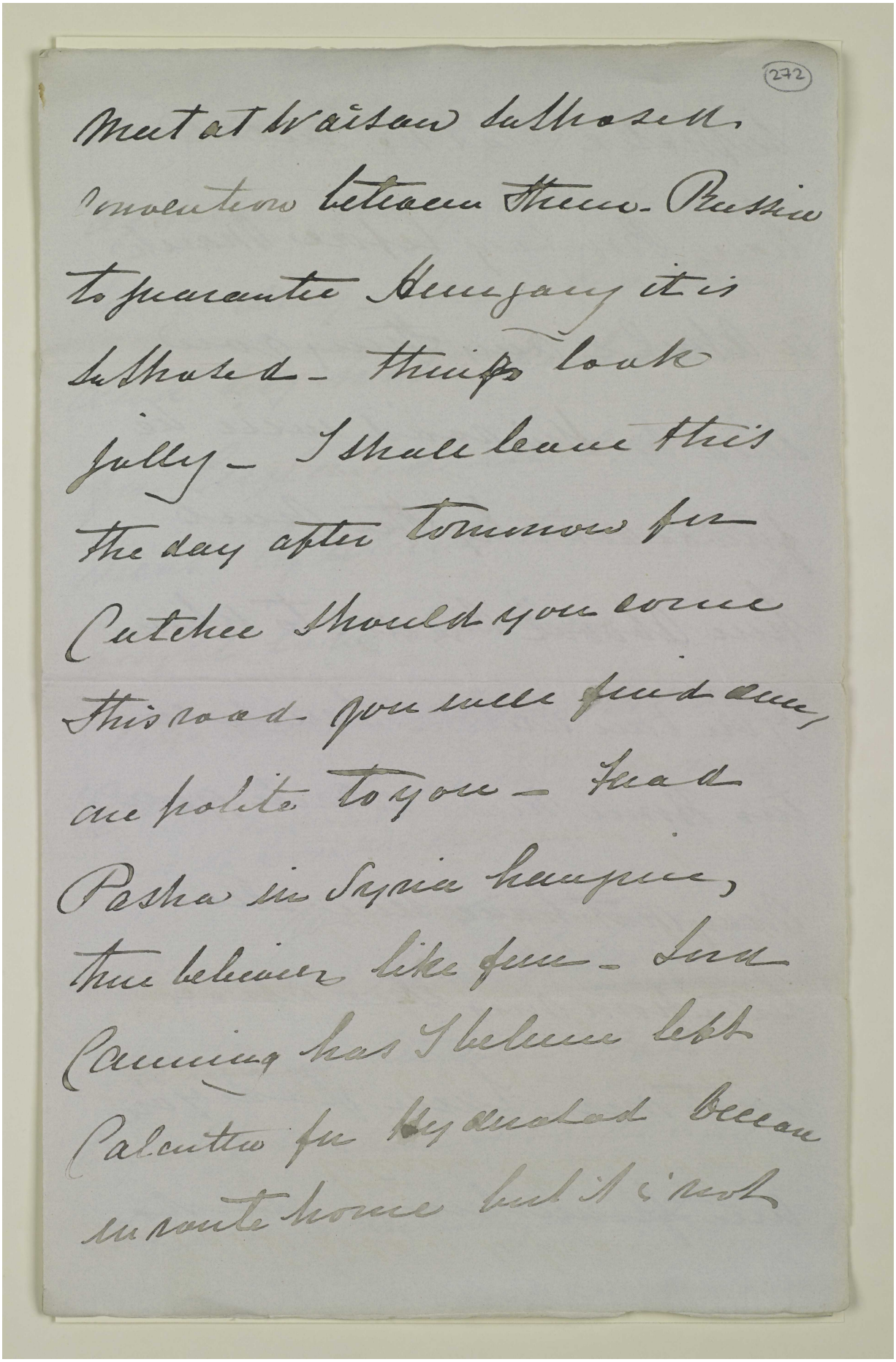

Meet at Warsaw is shosed
convention between them - Russia
to guarantee Hungary it is
is shosed - things look
jolly - I shall leave this
the day after tomorrow for
Cutchee should you come
this road you will find dem,
are polite to you - Fuad
Pasha in Syria hangin,
true believers like fun - Lord
Canning has I believe left
Calcutta for Hyderabad because
en route home but it is not

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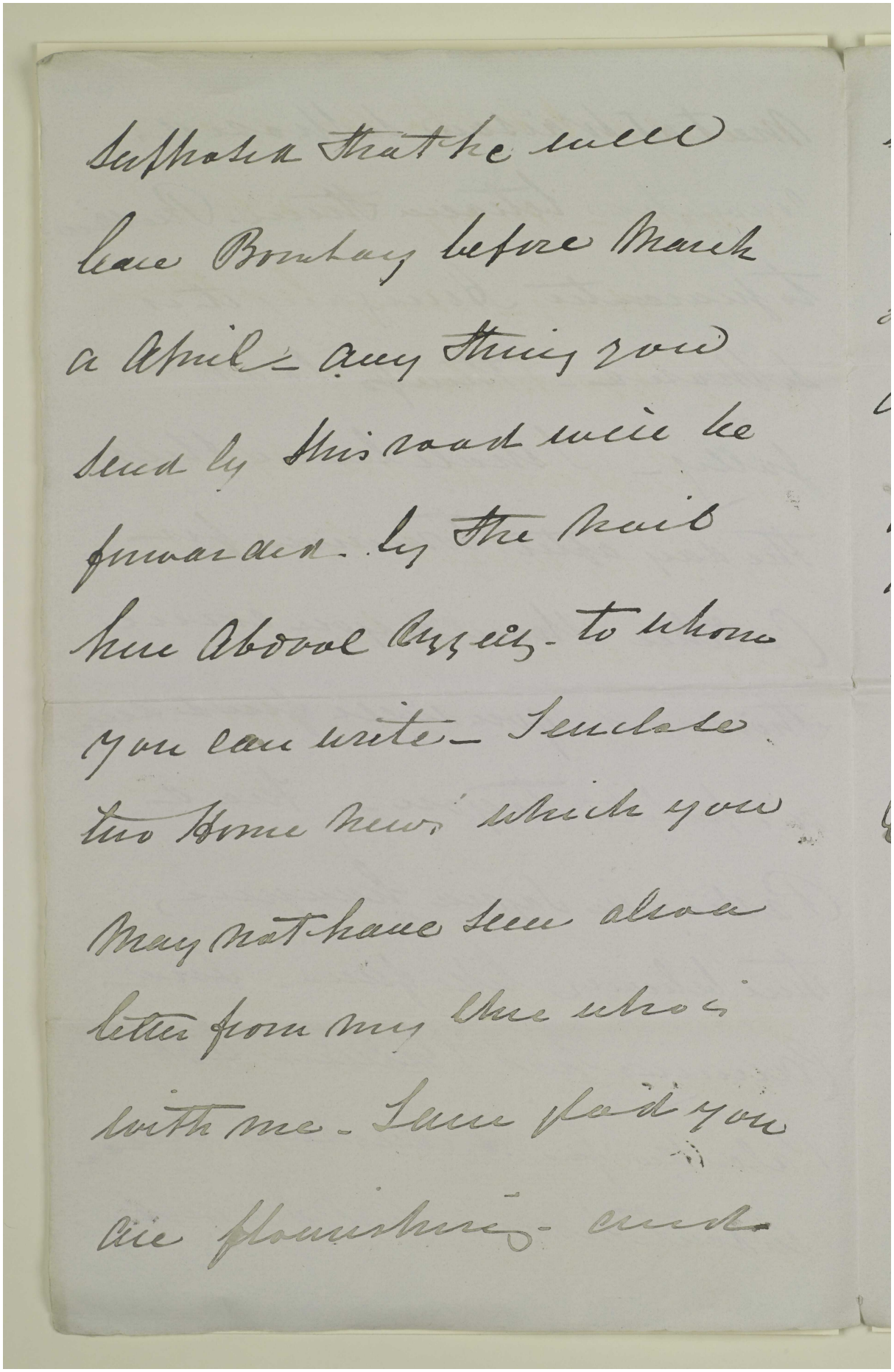
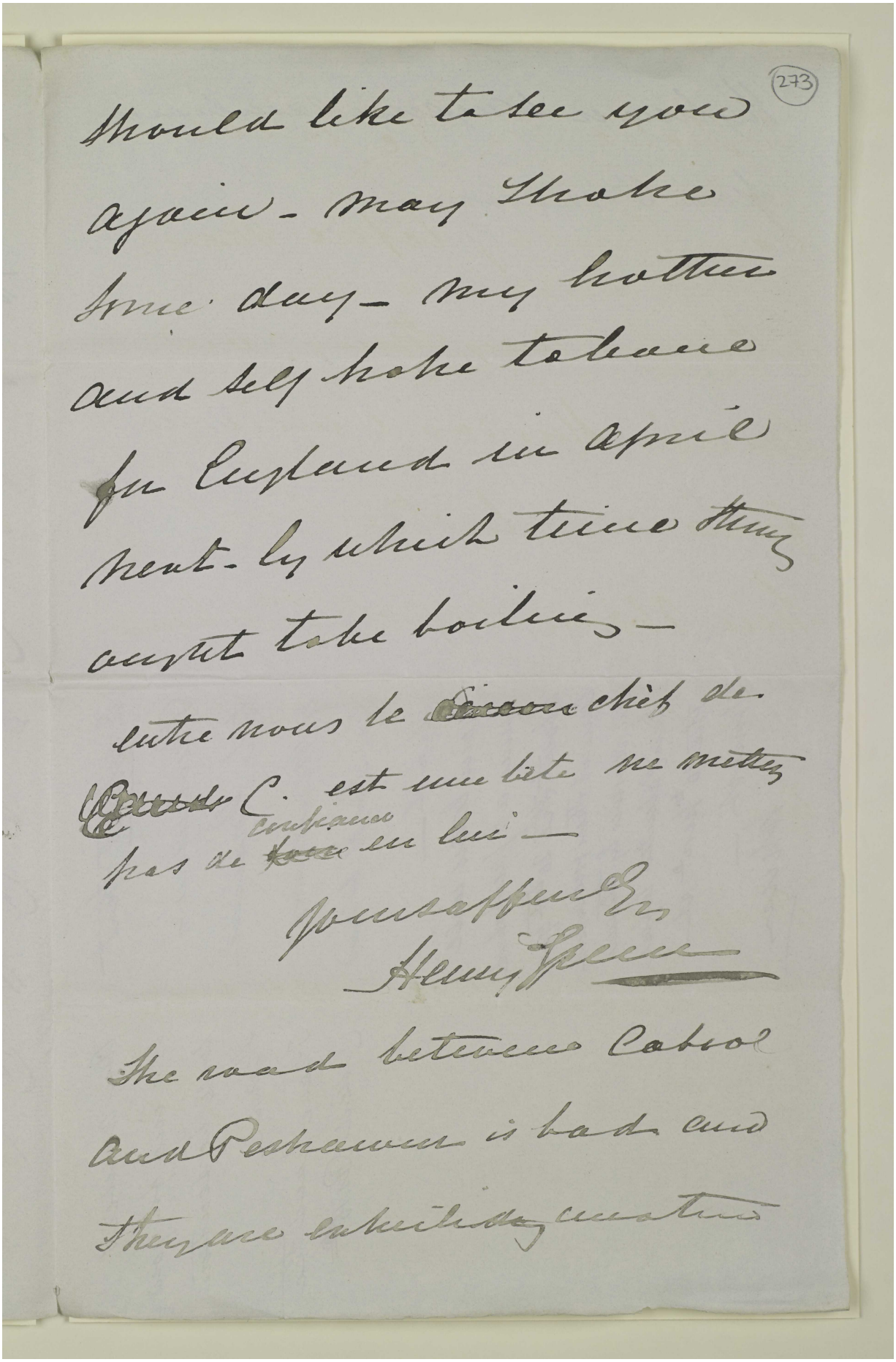


supposed that he will
leave Bombay before March
a April - any thing you
send by this road will be
forwarded by the mail
here Abdool Rizzeez - to whom
you can write - I enclose
two Home news which you
may not have seen also a
letter from my Chee who is
with me - I am glad you
are flourishing - and



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should like to see you
again - may I hope
some day - my brother
and self hope to leave
for England in April
next - by which time they
ought to be boiling -

entre nous le ~~[illegible]~~ chef de
~~[illegible]~~ C. est une bête ne mettez
pas de ~~[illegible]~~ confiance en lui -

Yours affectly
Henry Green

The road between Cabool
and Peshawur is bad and
they are exhibiting [illegible]

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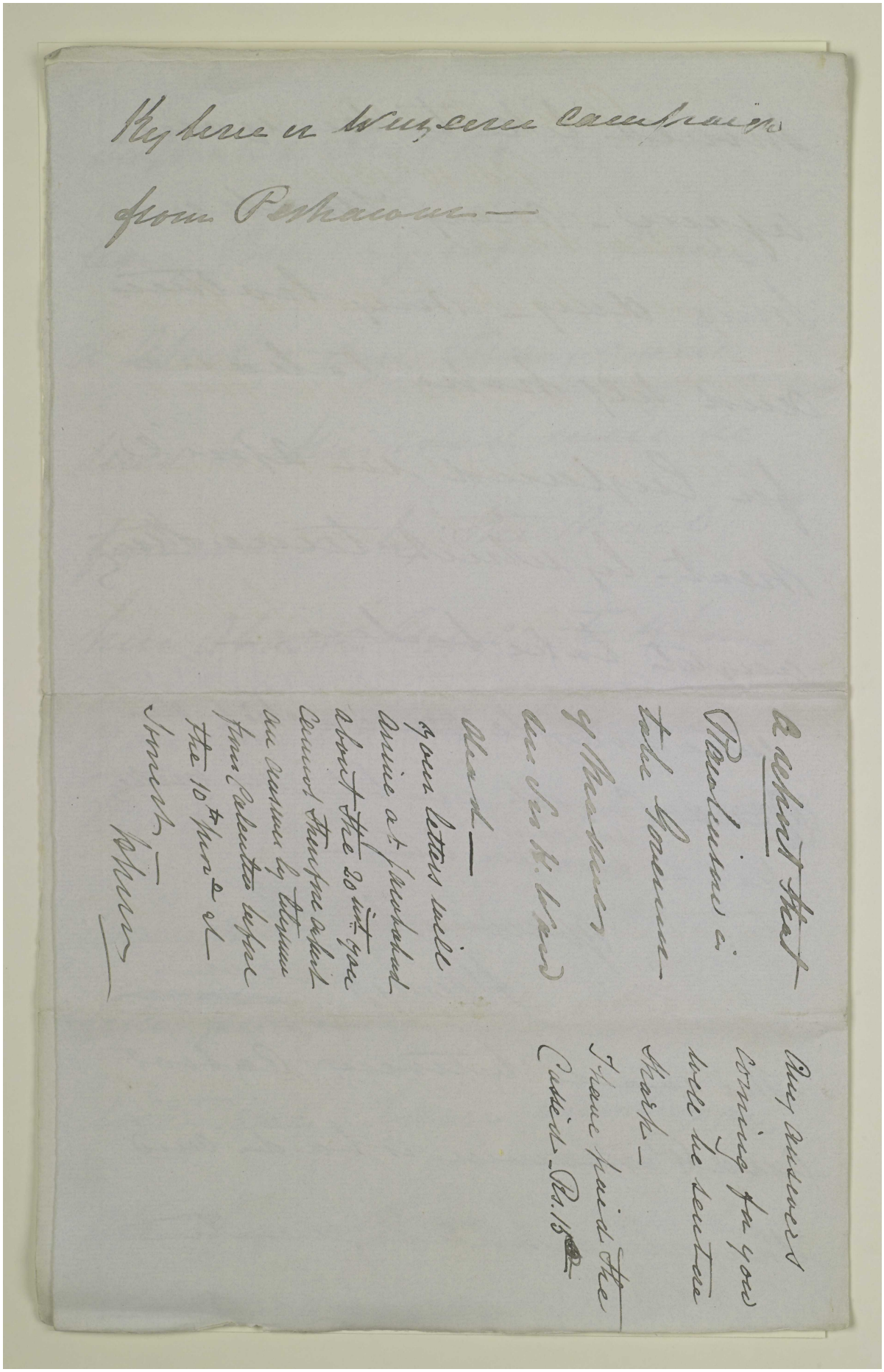

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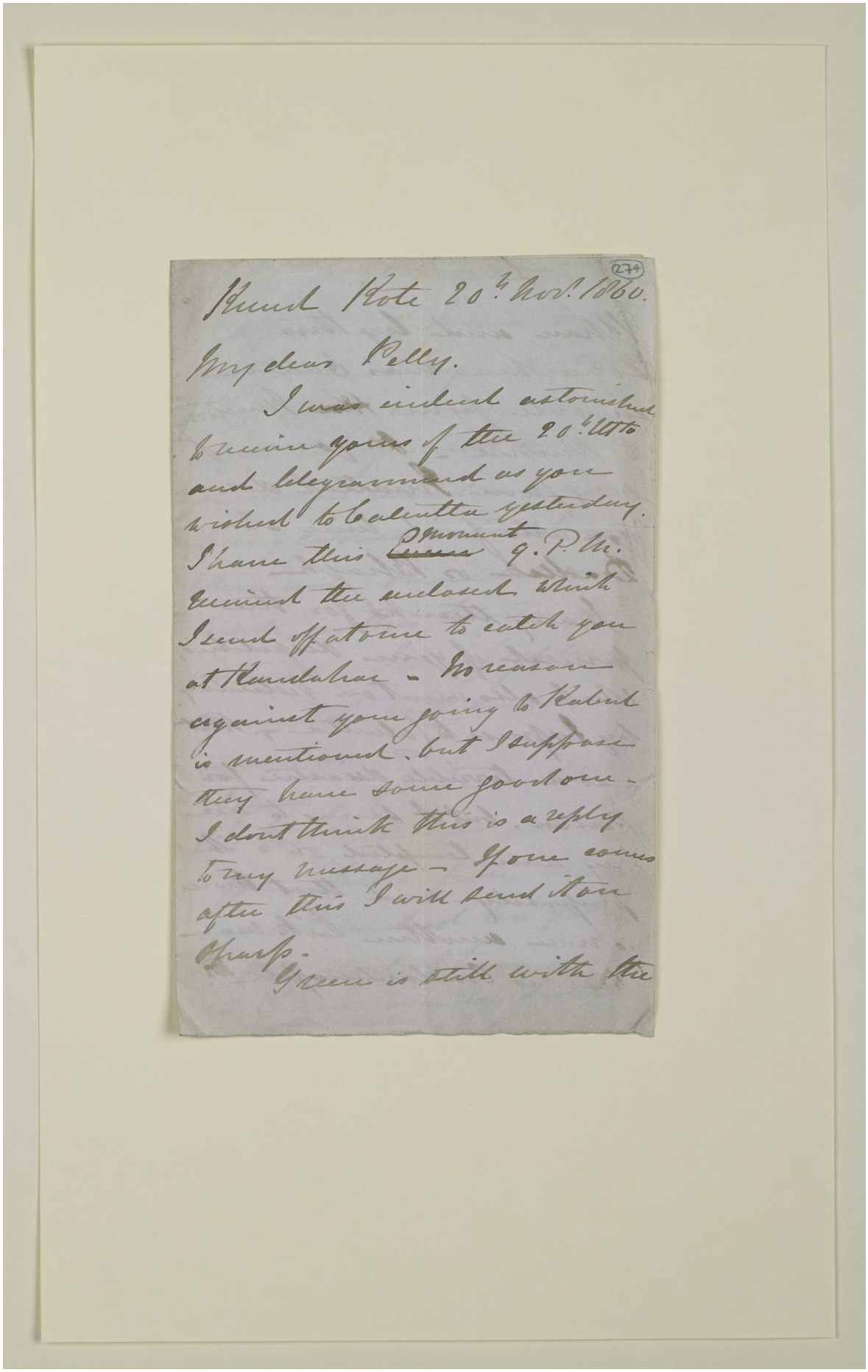

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Kund Kote 20th Nov. 1860.

My dear Pelly.

I was indeed astonished to receive yours of the 20th Utto and telegrammed as you wished to Calcutta yesterday. I have this ~~[illegible]~~ moment 9. P.M. received the enclosed which I send off at once to catch you at Kandahar - No reason against your going to Kabul is mentioned. but I suppose they have some good one - I dont think this is a reply to my message - If one comes after this I will send it on sharp.

Green is still with the

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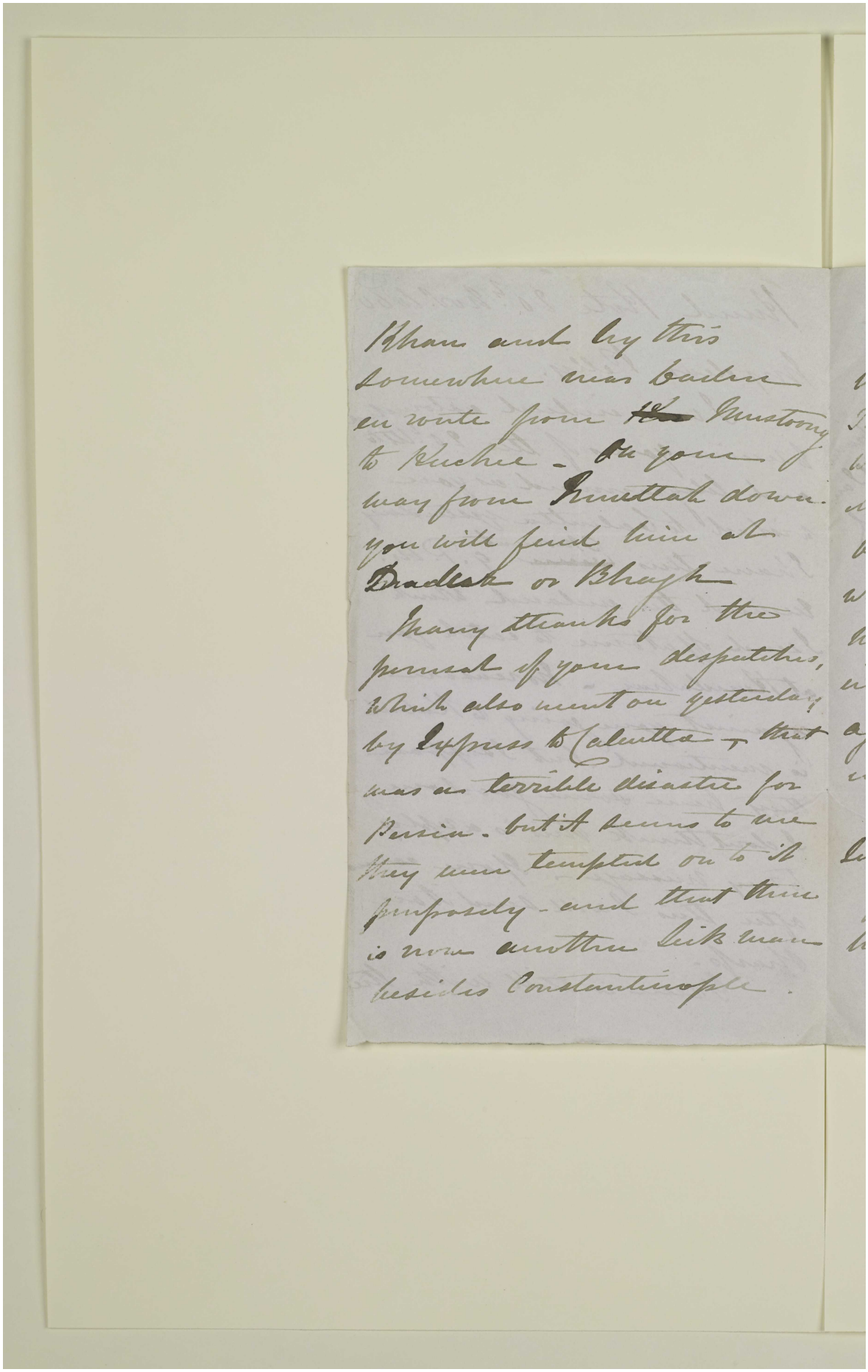

Khan and by this
somewhere near Cadree
en route from ~~the~~ Mustoong
to Kuchee - On your
way from Inuttah down
you will find him at
Dadesh or Bhagh
Many thanks for the
perusal of your despatches,
which also went on yesterday
by Express to Calcutta - that
was a terrible disaster for
Persia. but it seems to me
they were tempted on to it
purposely - and that there
is now another Sick man
besides Constantinople.

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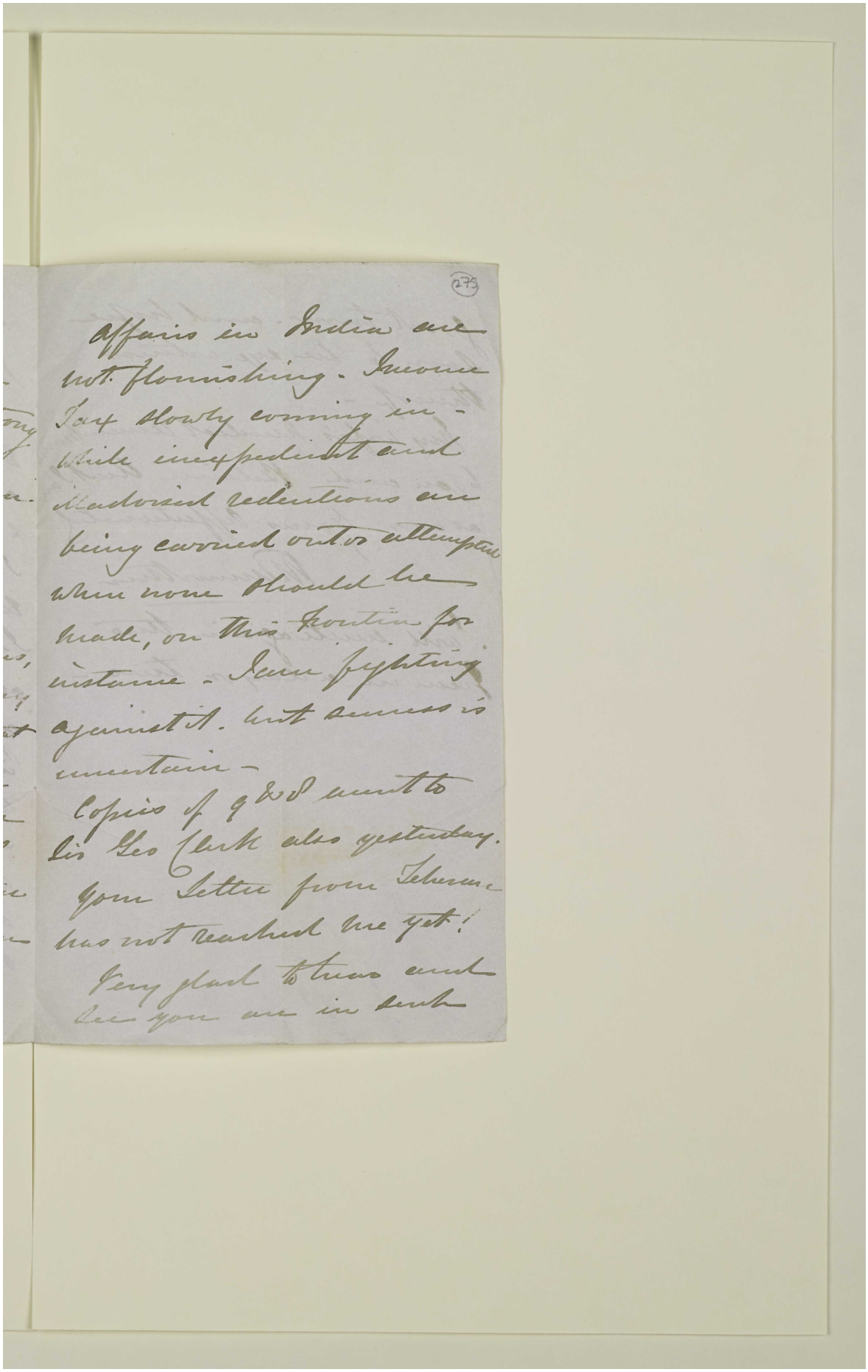

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Affairs in India are not flourishing. Income Tax slowly coming in - while inexpedient and illadvised reductions are being carried out or attempted when none should be made, on this frontier for instance - I am fighting against it. but success is uncertain -

Copies of 9 & 8 went to Sir Geo Clark also yesterday.

Your letter from Teheran has not reached me yet!

Very glad to hear and see you are in such

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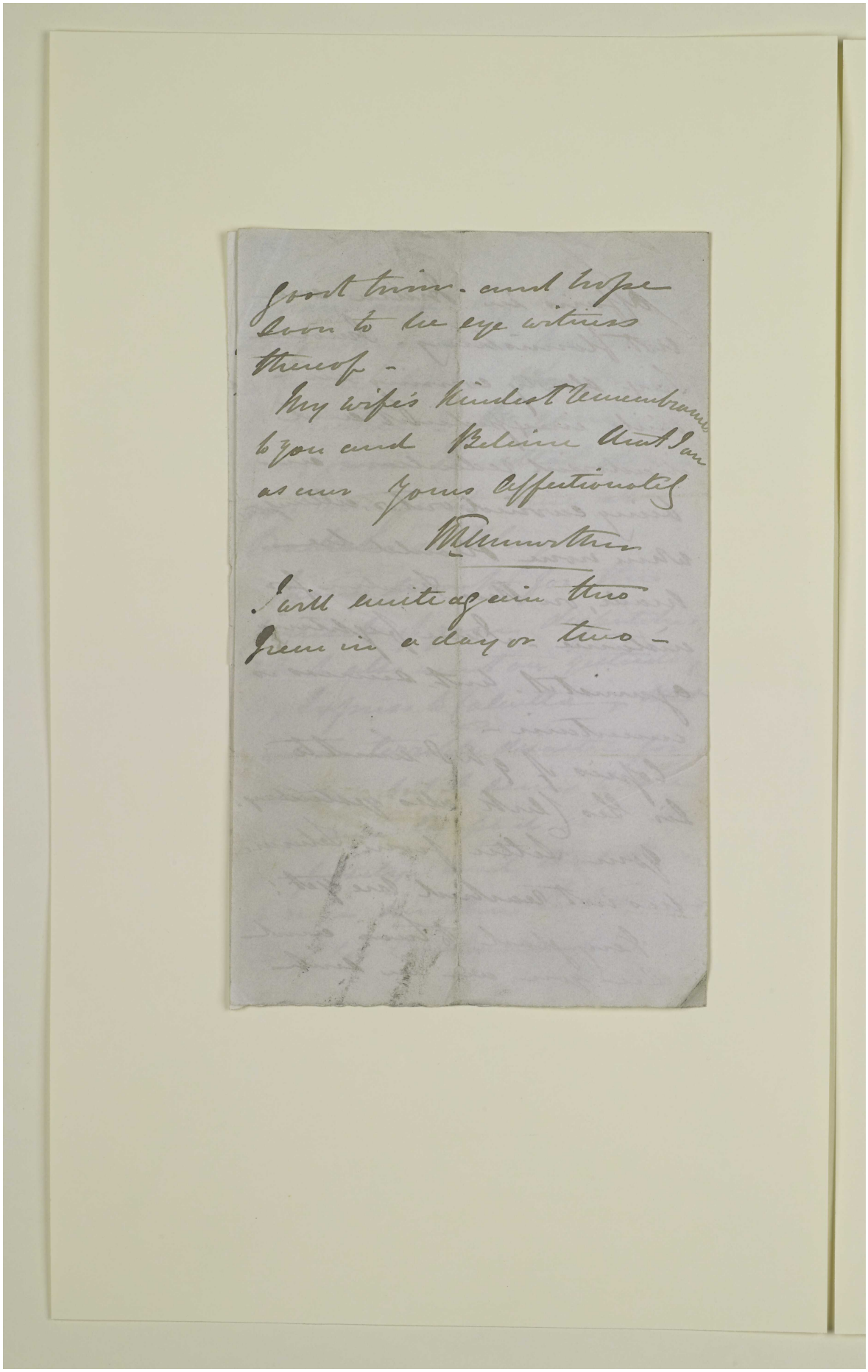

good time. and hope
soon to be eye witness
thereof -
My wife's kindest remembrance
to you and Beleine that I am
as ever Yours Affectionately
W Merewether

I will write again two
Green in a day or two -

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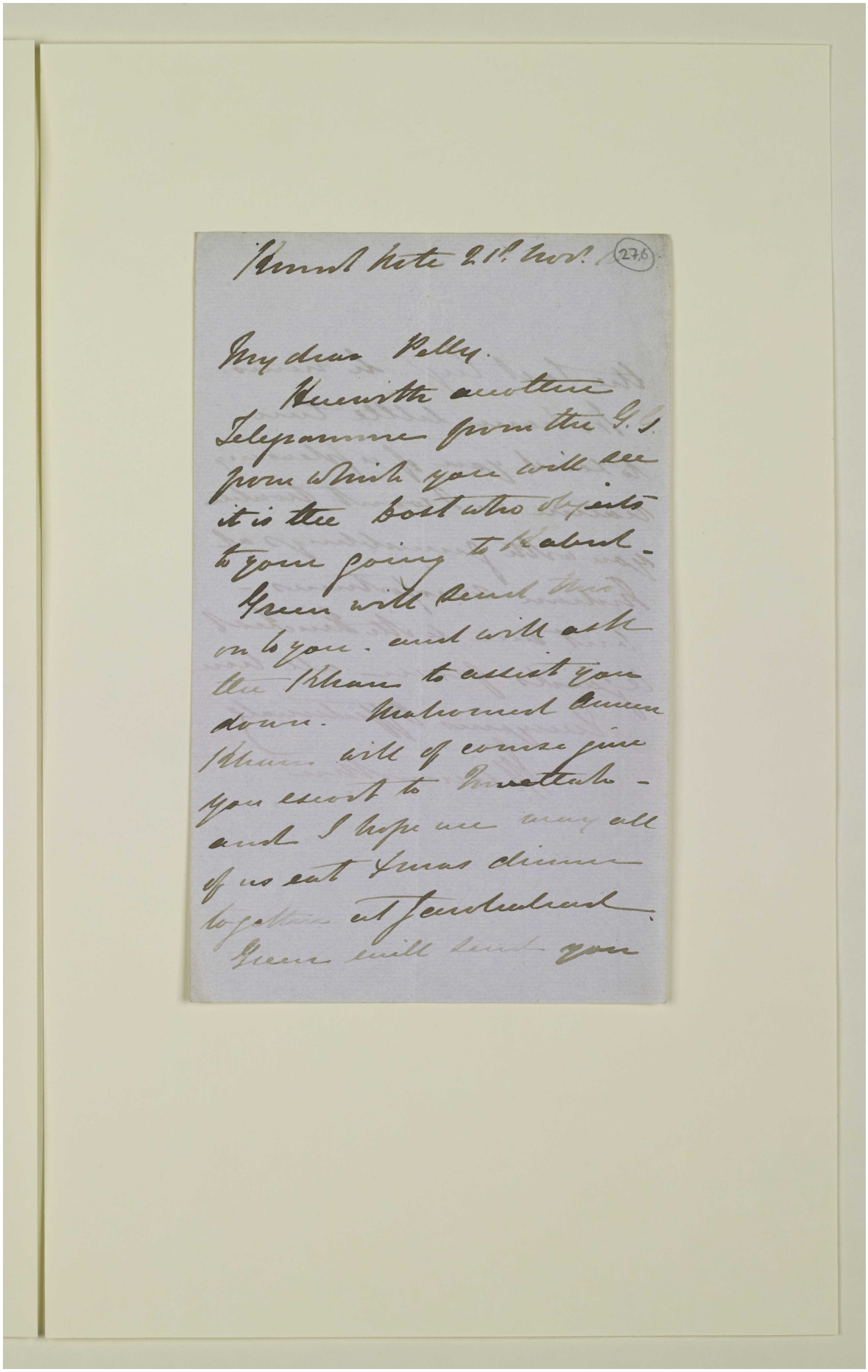

Kund Kote 21st Nov. (276)

My dear Pelly.

Herewith another Telegramme from the G.S. from which you will see it is the Bost who objects to your going to Kabul. Green will send this on to you. and will ask the Khan to assist you down. Mahomed Ameen Khan will of course give you escort to Muettah - and I hope we may all of us eat Xmas dinner together at Jarohabad. Green will send you

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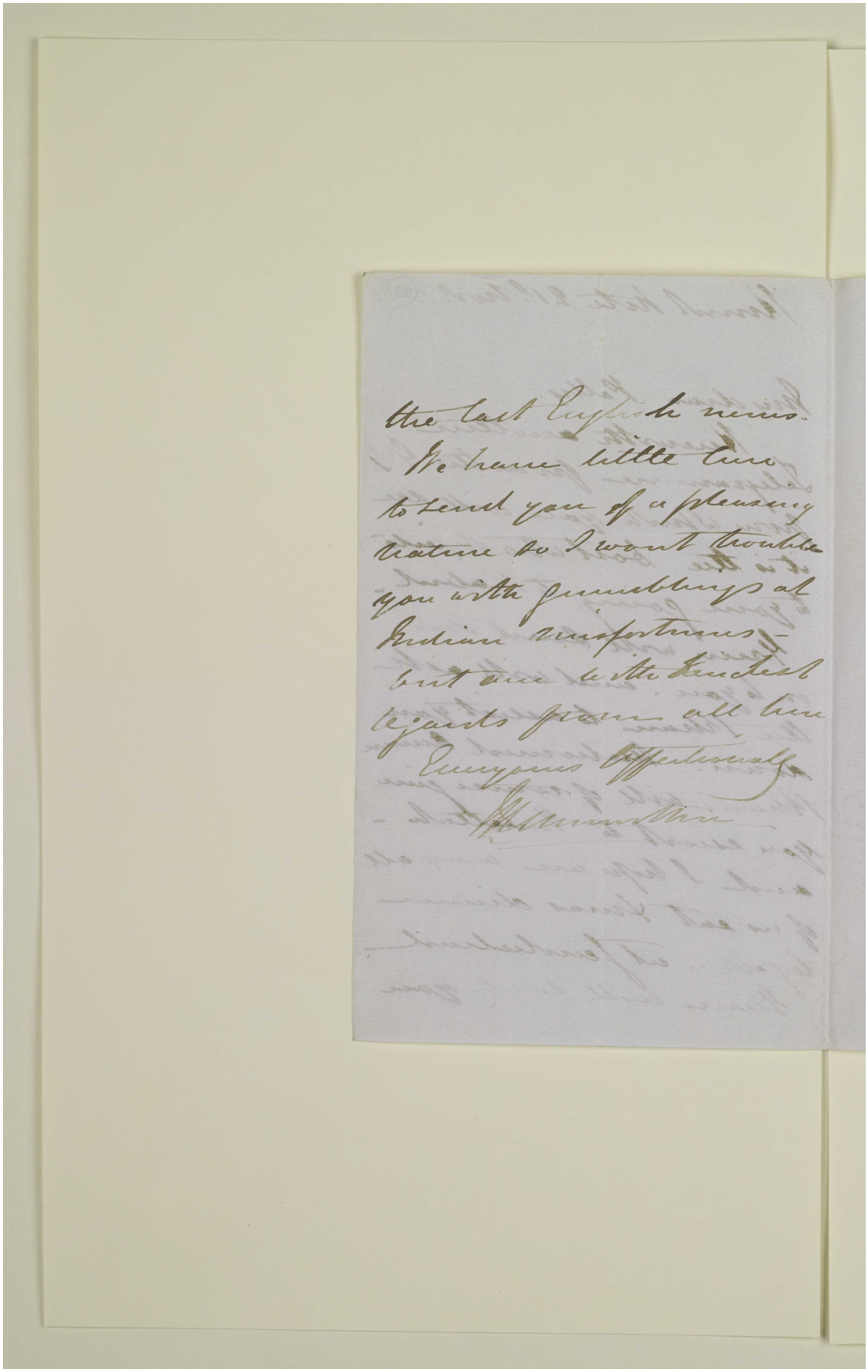

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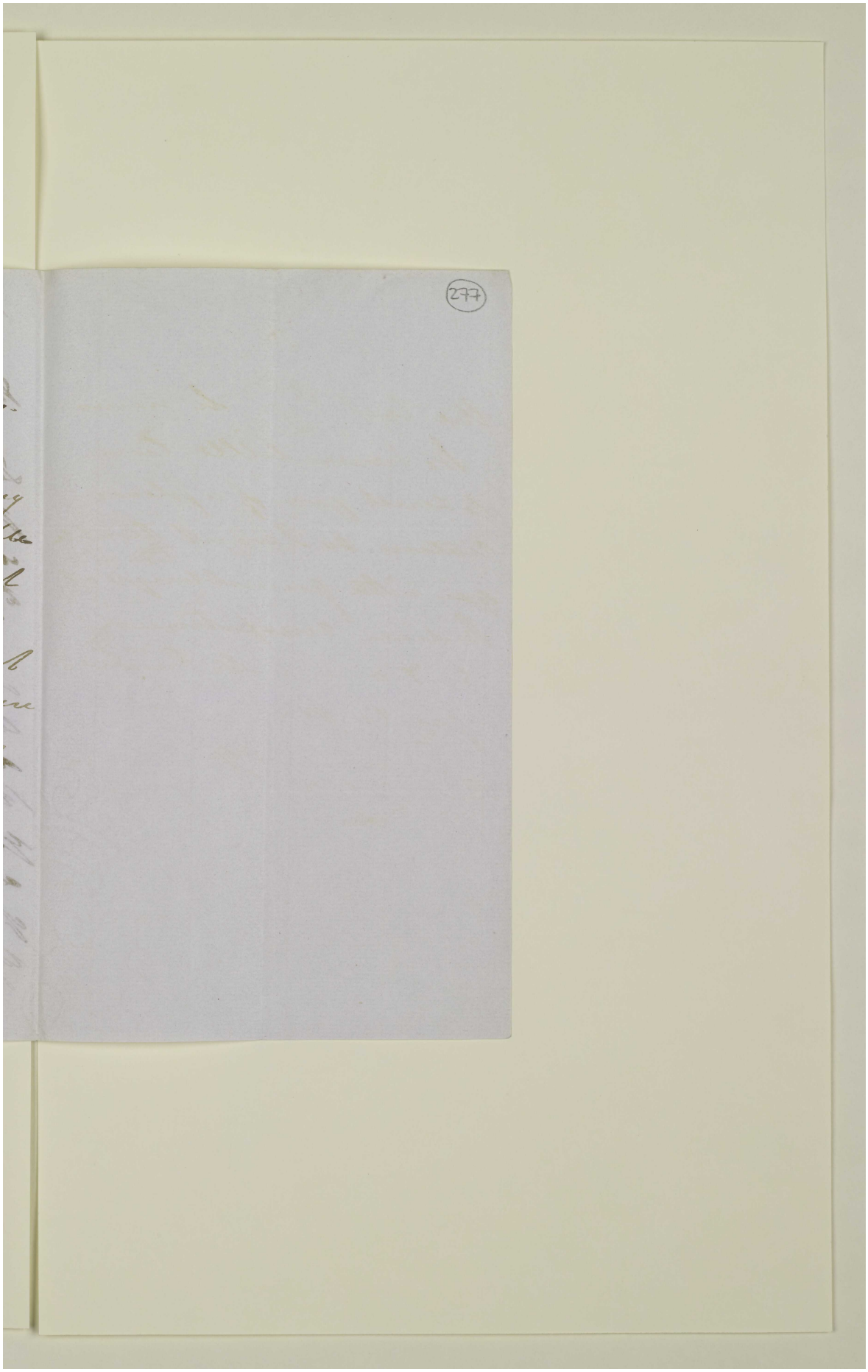

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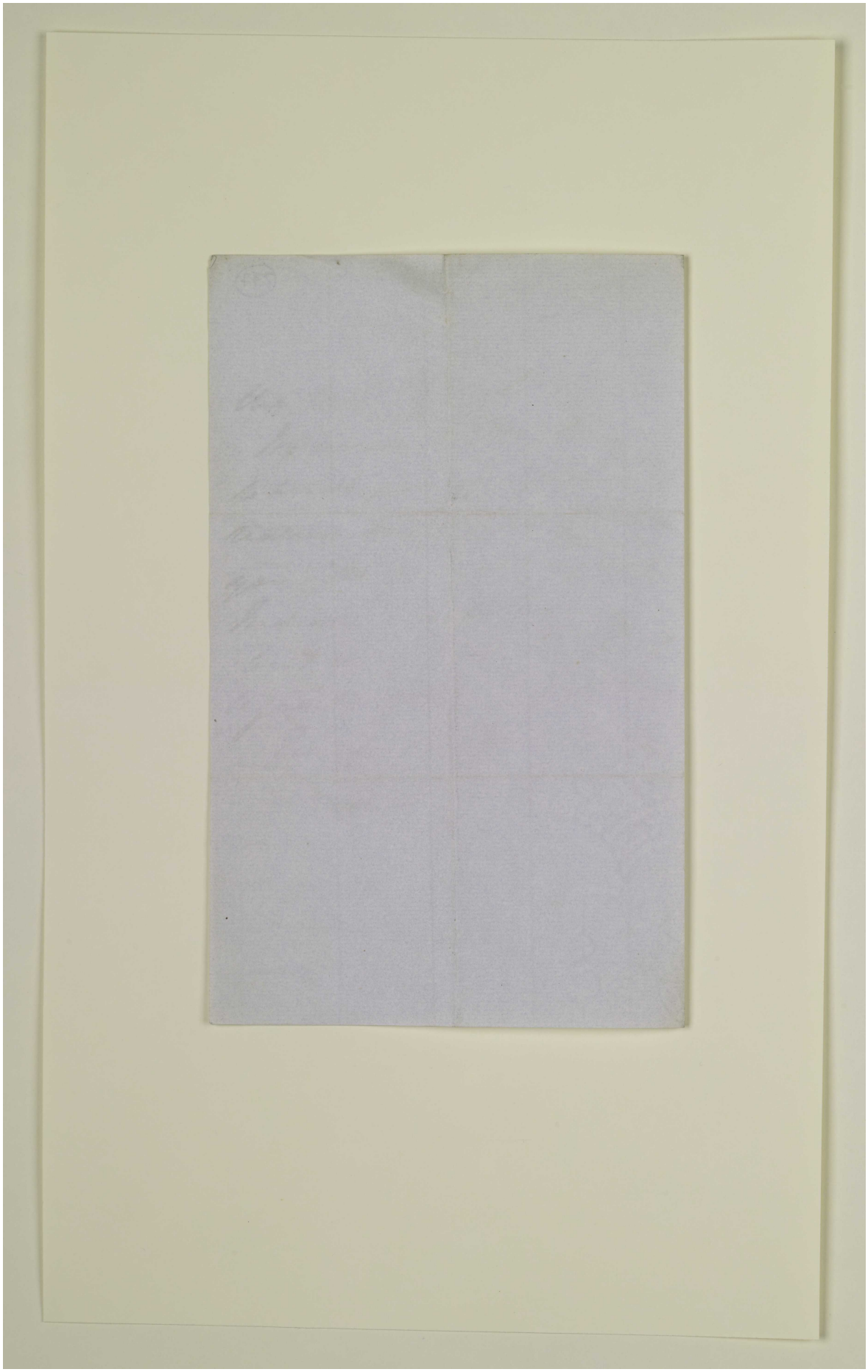

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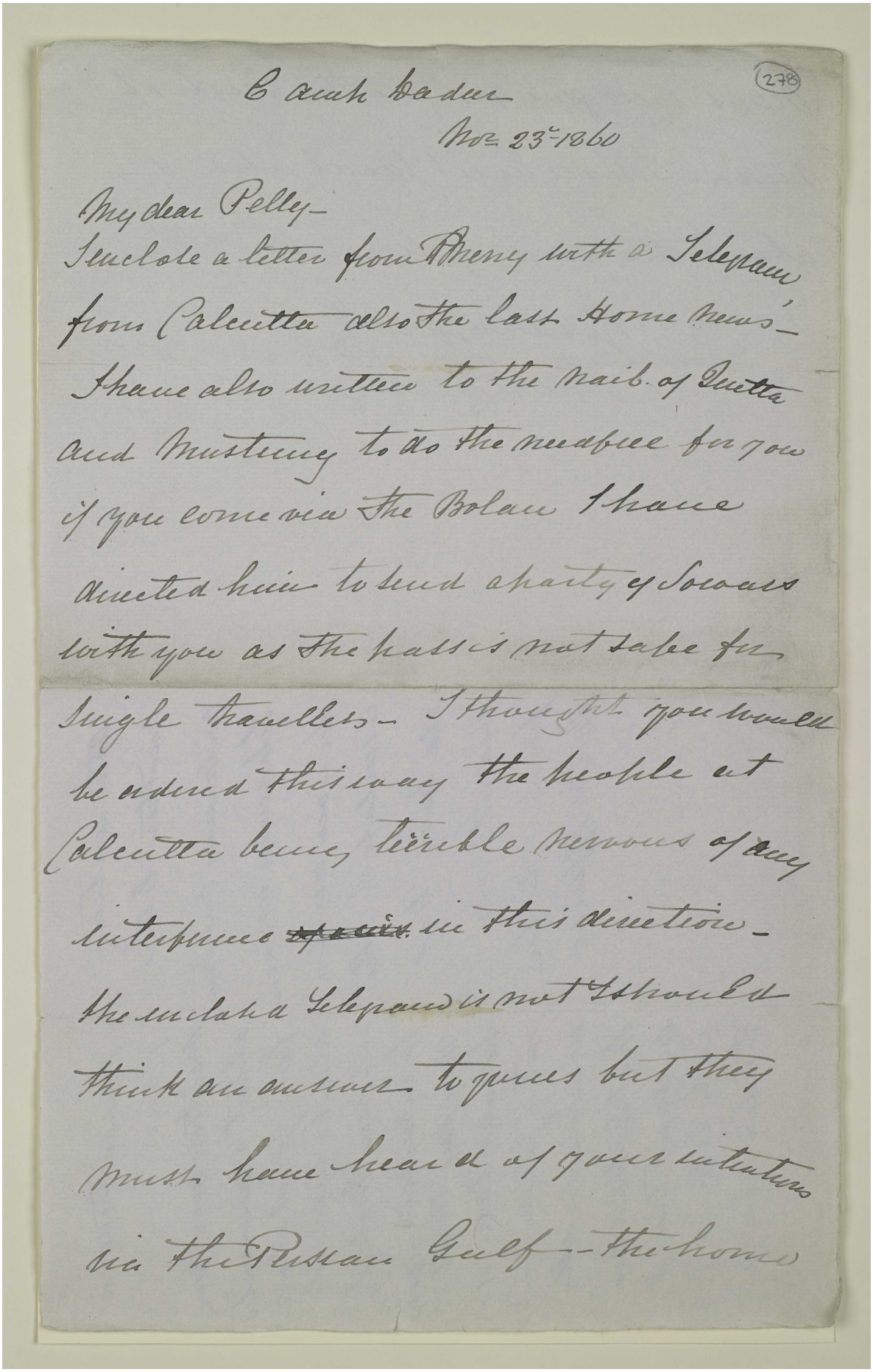

Camp Badur
Nov. 23rd 1860

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My dear Pelly—
I enclose a letter from Rheny with a Telegram from Calcutta also the last Home news'—
I have also written to the Naib of Quetta and Mustung to do the needful for you if you come via the Bolan I have directed him to send a party of Sowars with you as the pass is not safe for single travellers— I thought you would be ordered this way the people at Calcutta being terribly nervous of any interference ~~of~~ in this direction—
The enclosed Telegram is not I should think an answer to yours but they must have heard of your intentions via the Persian Gulf— the home

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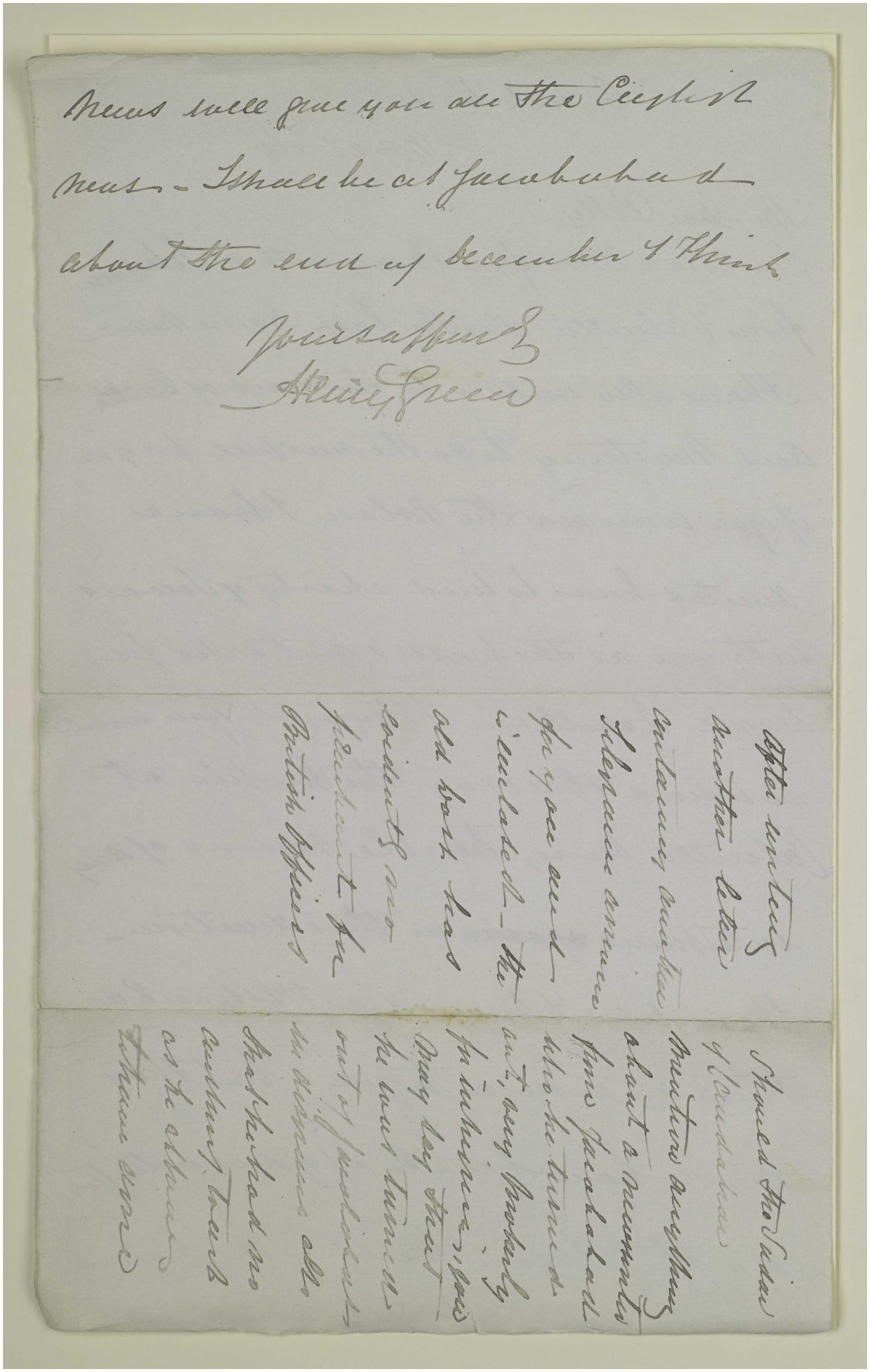
news will give you all the English news - I shall be at Jacobabad about the end of December I think



Yours affectly
Henry Green

After writing another letter containing another telegram announce for you and I enclosed - the old boss has evidently no pleasant for British Officers

Should the Sadar of Jacobabad mention anything about a reconnoitre from Jacobabad who he turned out, very properly for inquiries, you may say that he was turned out of Jacobabad in disgrace all that he had no authority to act as he chose to have done

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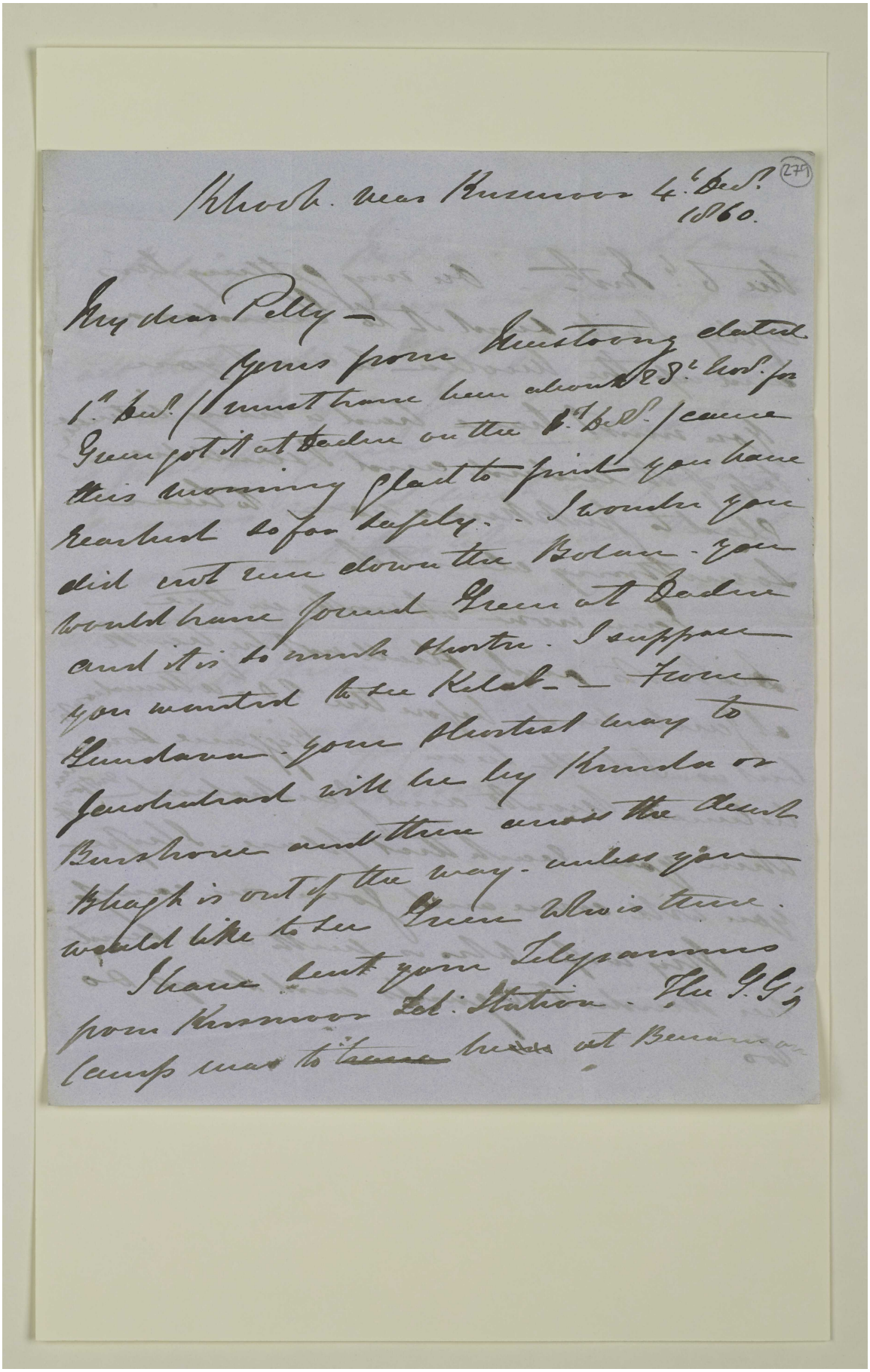

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Khoob. near Kusmoor 4th Decr. 1860.

My dear Pelly —

Yours from Mustoong dated 1st Decr. (must have been about 28th Novr. for Green got it at Dadur on the 1st Decr.) came this morning glad to find you have reached so far safely. I wonder you did not run down the Bolan. You would have found Green at Dadur and it is so much shorter. I suppose you wanted to see Kelat — From Gundava your shortest way to Jacobabad will be by Kunda or Burshore and there across the desert Bhagh is out of the way. unless you would like to see Green who is there.

I have sent your Telegrams from Kusmoor Tel: Station. The G.G.'s Camp was to ~~have~~ be at Benares on

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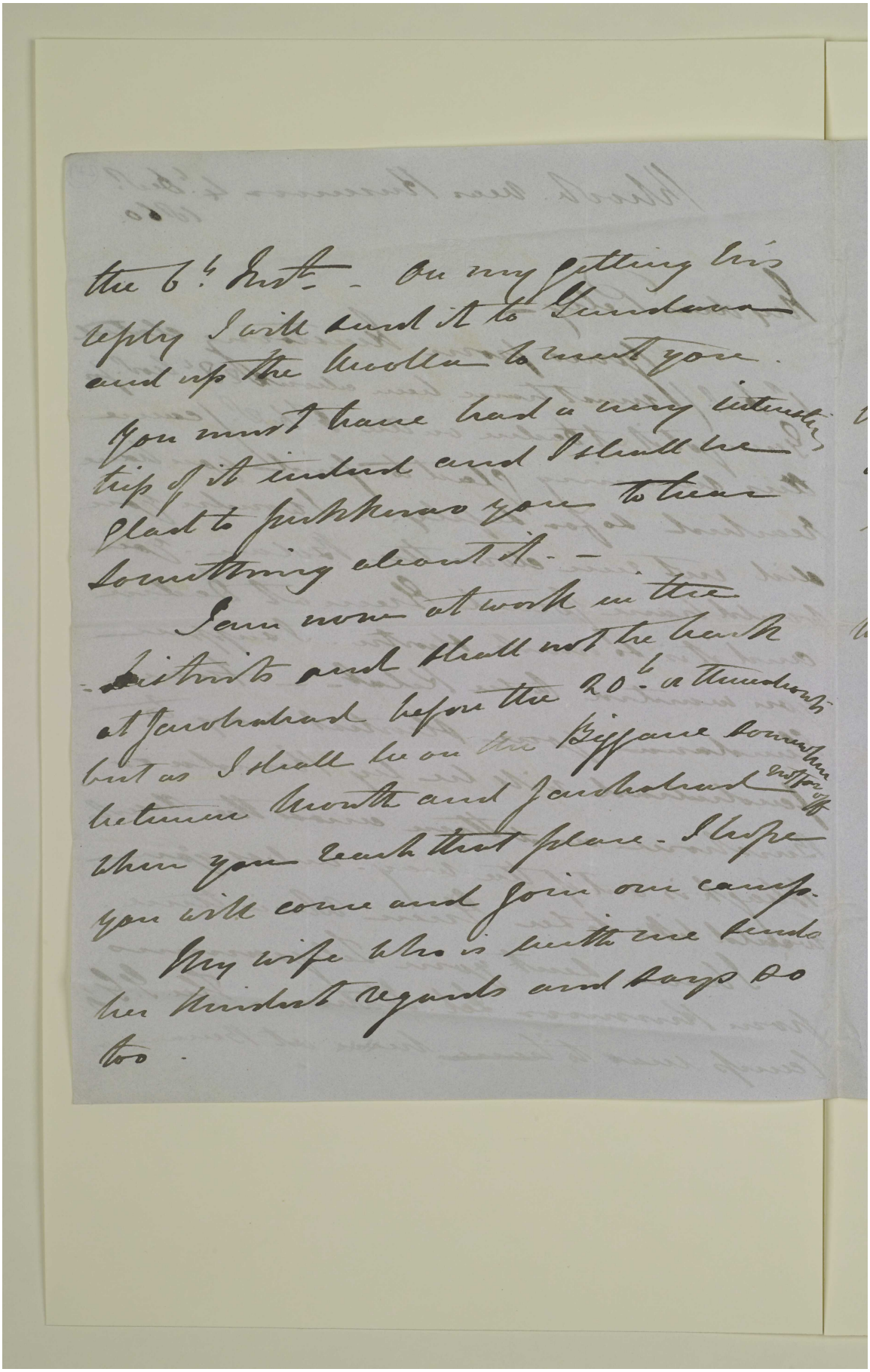

the 6th Inst. – On my getting his reply I will send it to Gundava and up the Moolla to meet you.

You must have had a very interesting trip of it indeed and I shall be glad to pukkerao you to hear something about it. –

I am now at work in the Districts and shall not be back at Jarohahad before the 20th. a thousand to but as I shall be on the Biggane somewhere between Mouth and Jarohahad not far off when you reach that place. I hope you will come and join our camp.

My wife who is with me sends her kindest regards and says so too.

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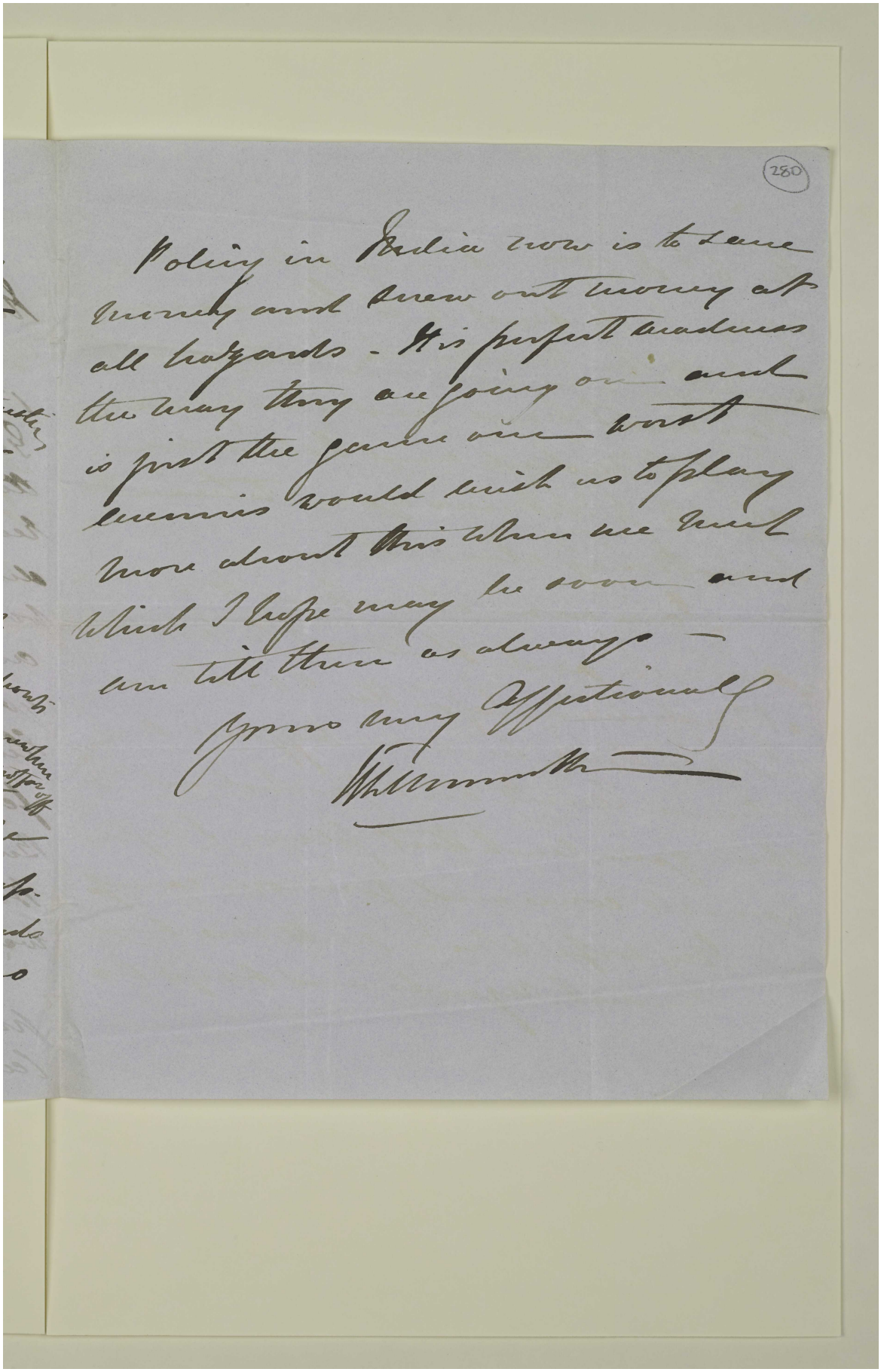

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Policy in India now is to save money and screw out money at all hazards - It is perfect madness the way they are going on and is just the game one worst enemies would wish us to play more about this when we meet which I hope may be soon and am till then as always -

Yours very Affectionately

W Merewether

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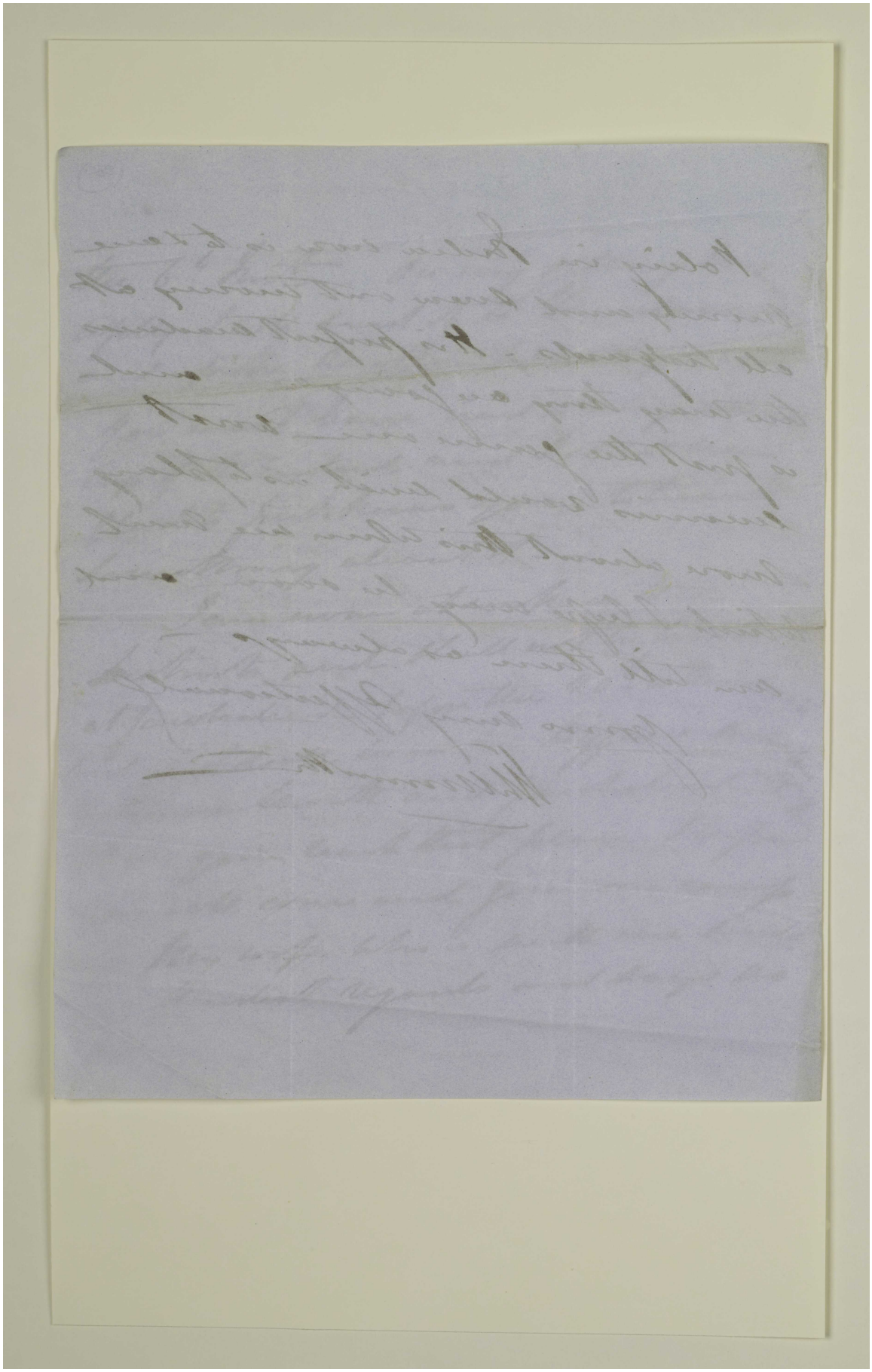

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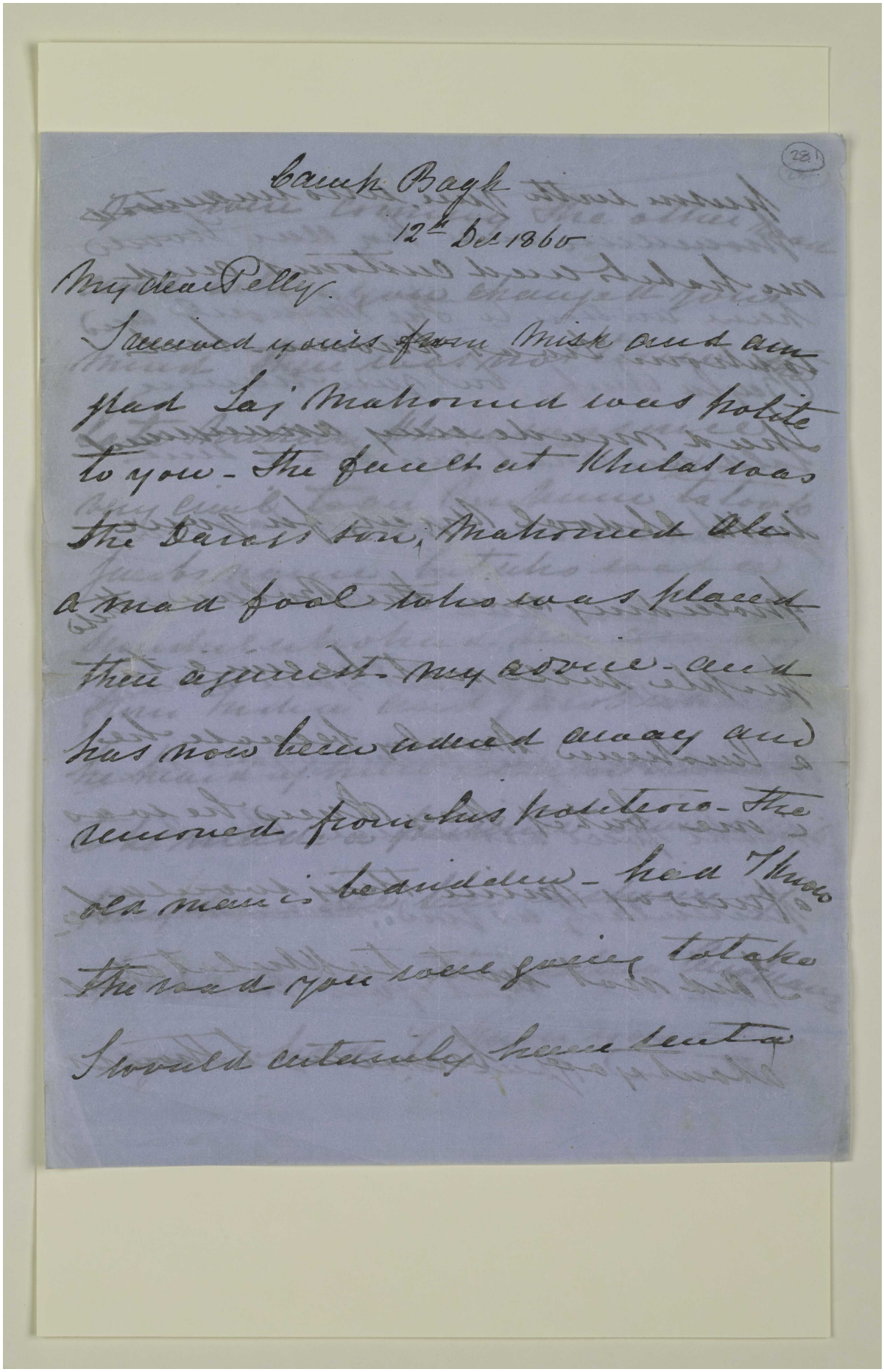
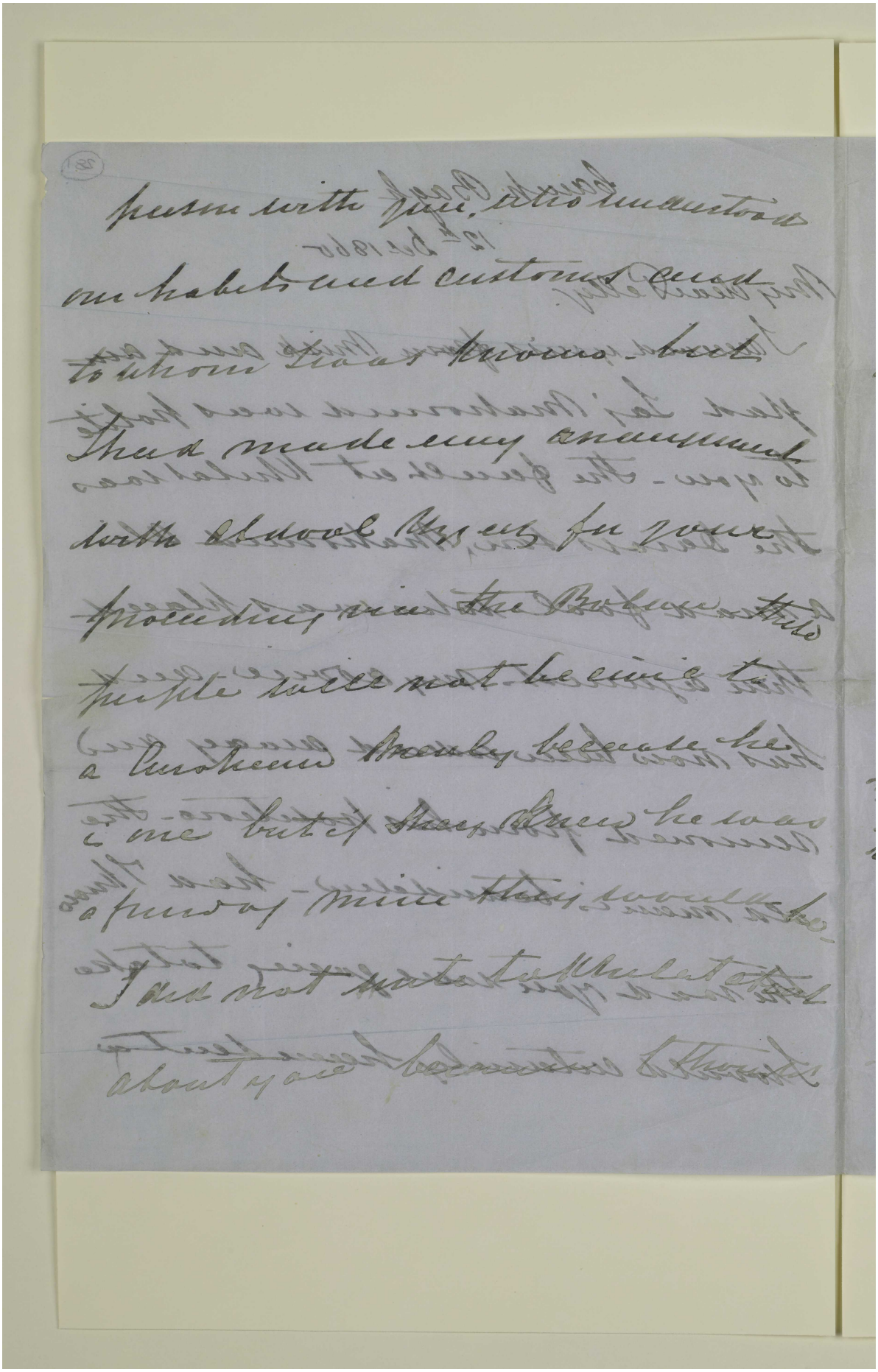
Camp Bagh
12th Dec 1860



My dear Pelly.

I received yours from Misk and am glad Saj Mahomed was polite to you - The fault at Khelat was the Daross son, Mahomed Ali a mad fool who was placed there against my advice - and has now been ordered away and removed from his position - the old man is bedridden - had I know the road you were going to take I would certainly have sent a



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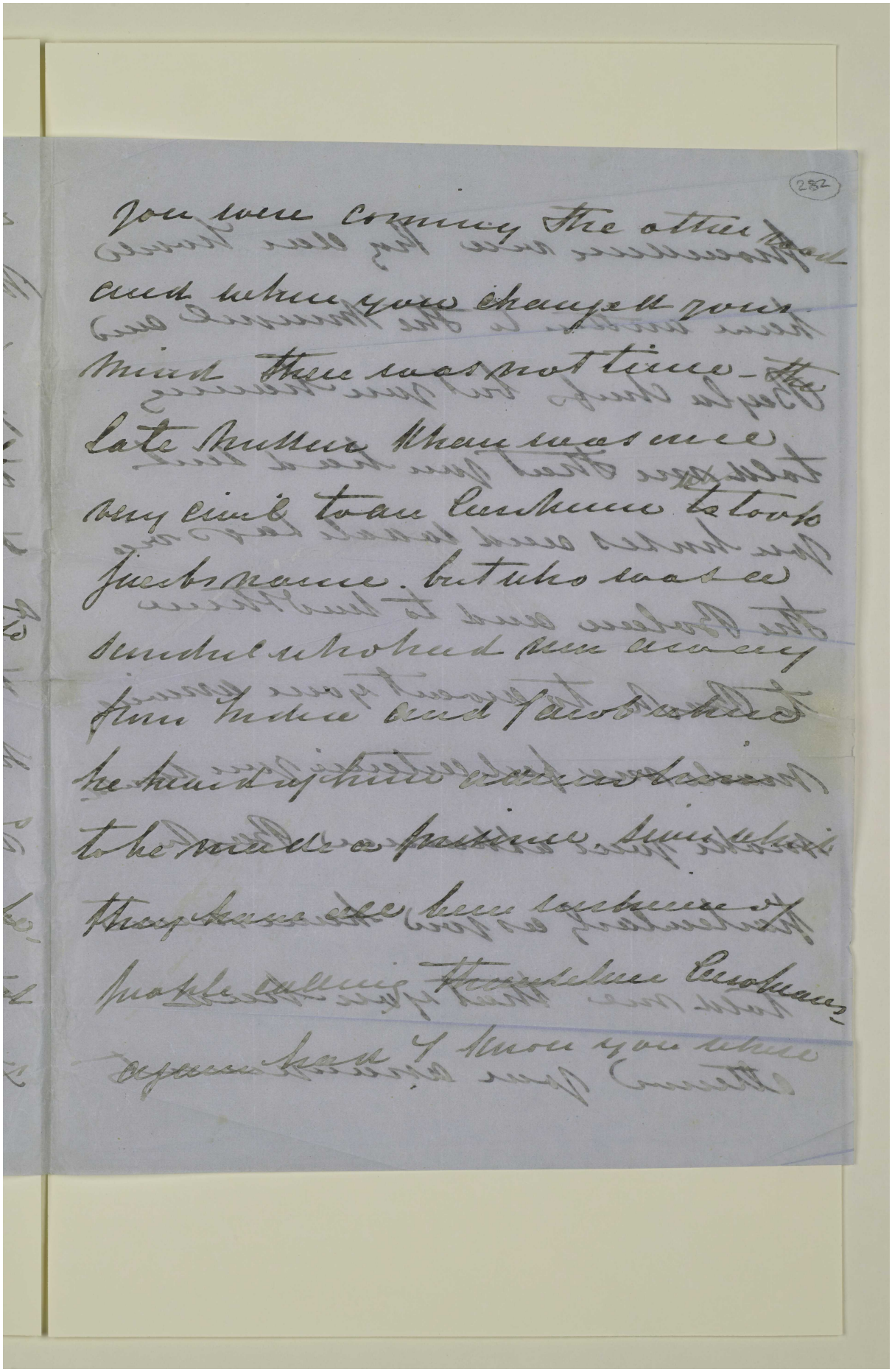

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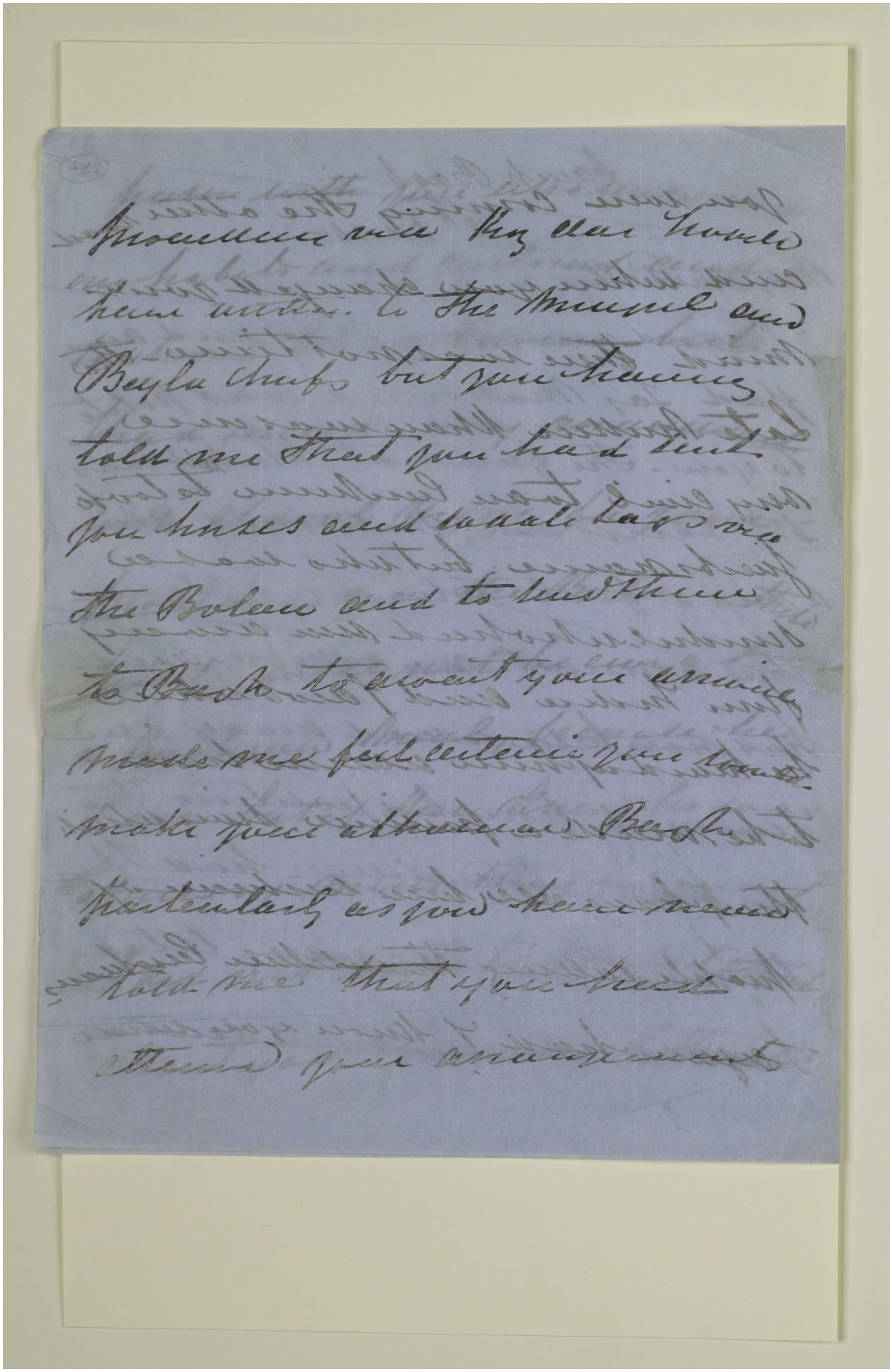

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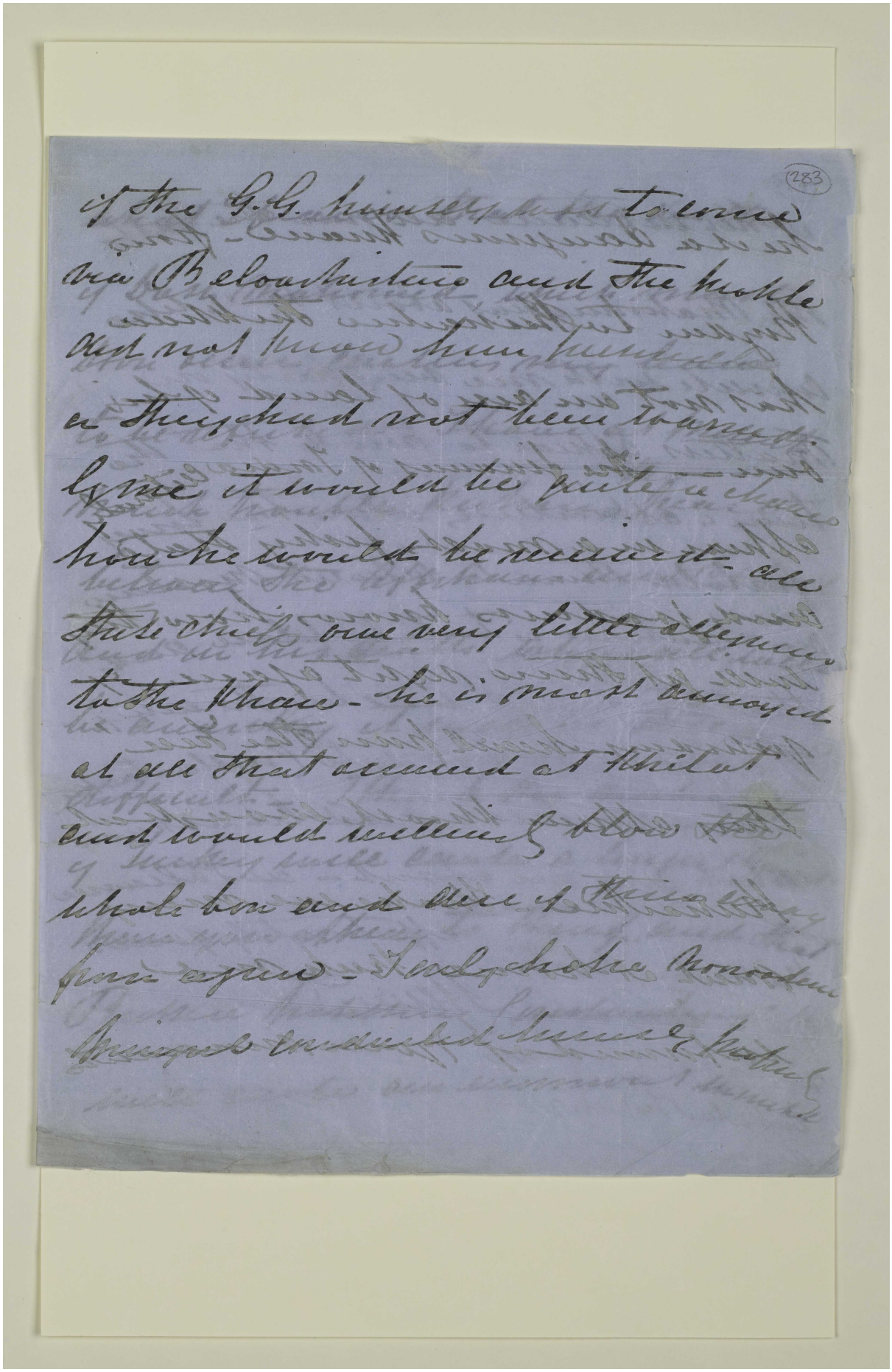

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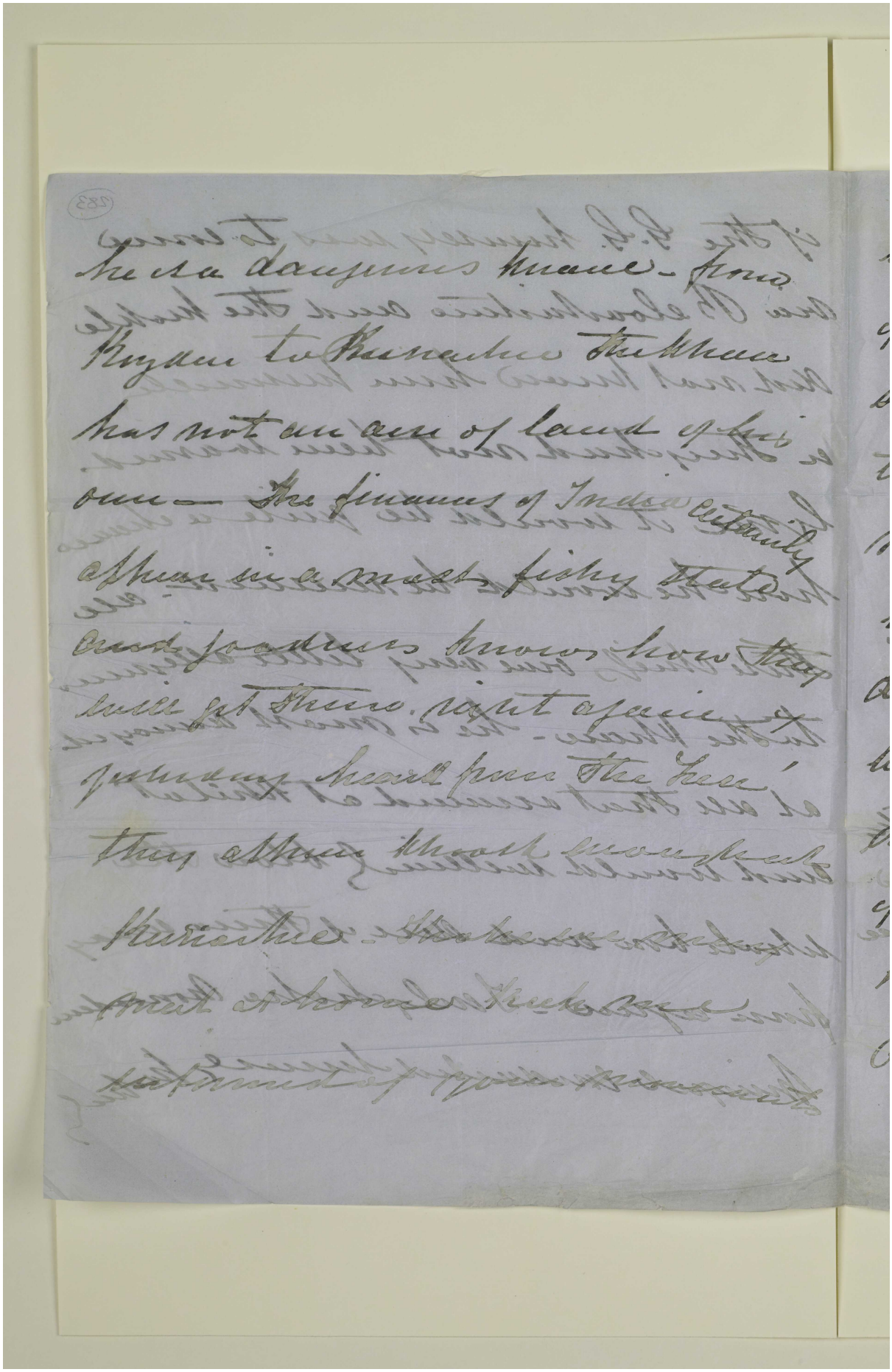

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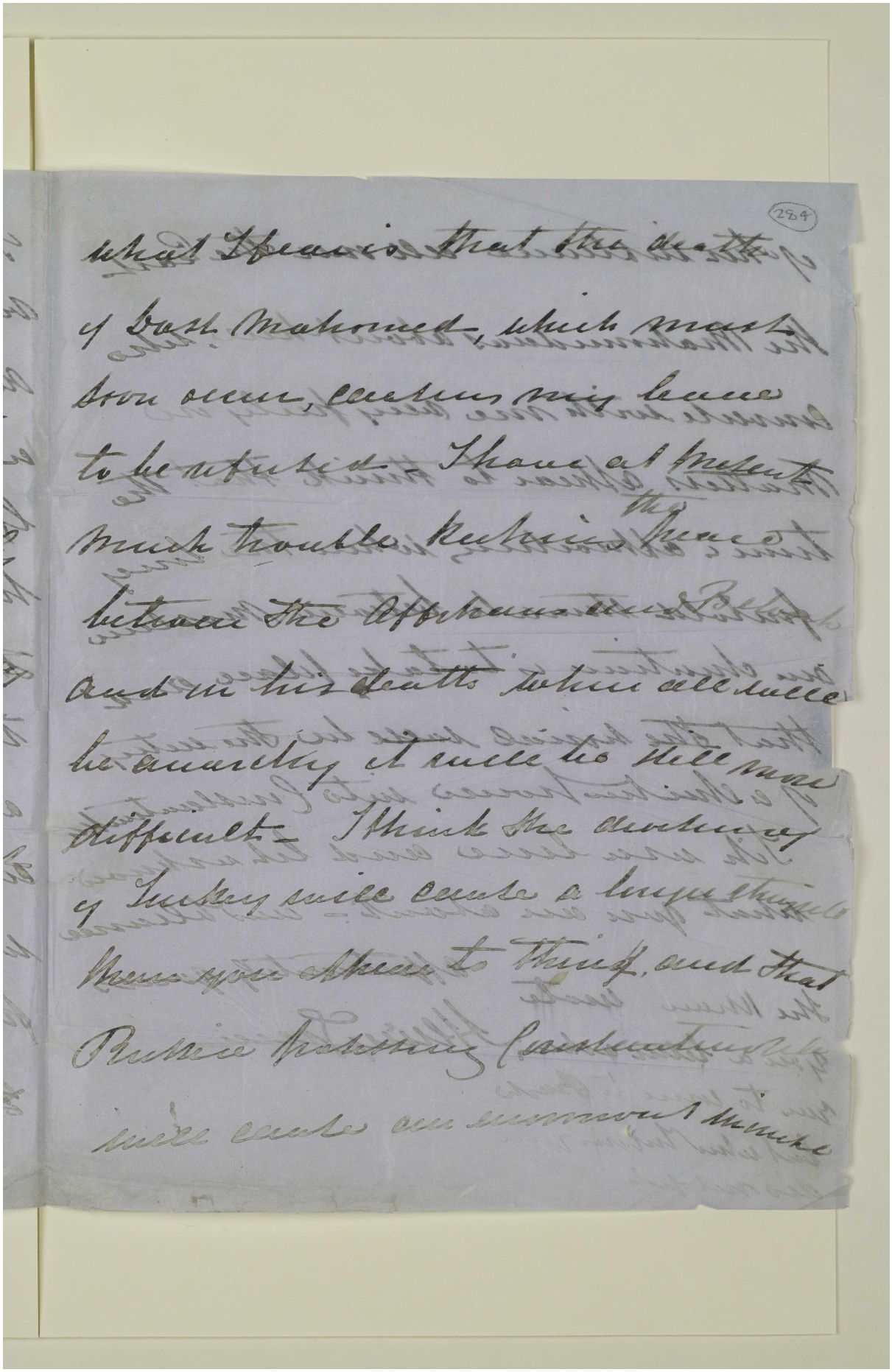

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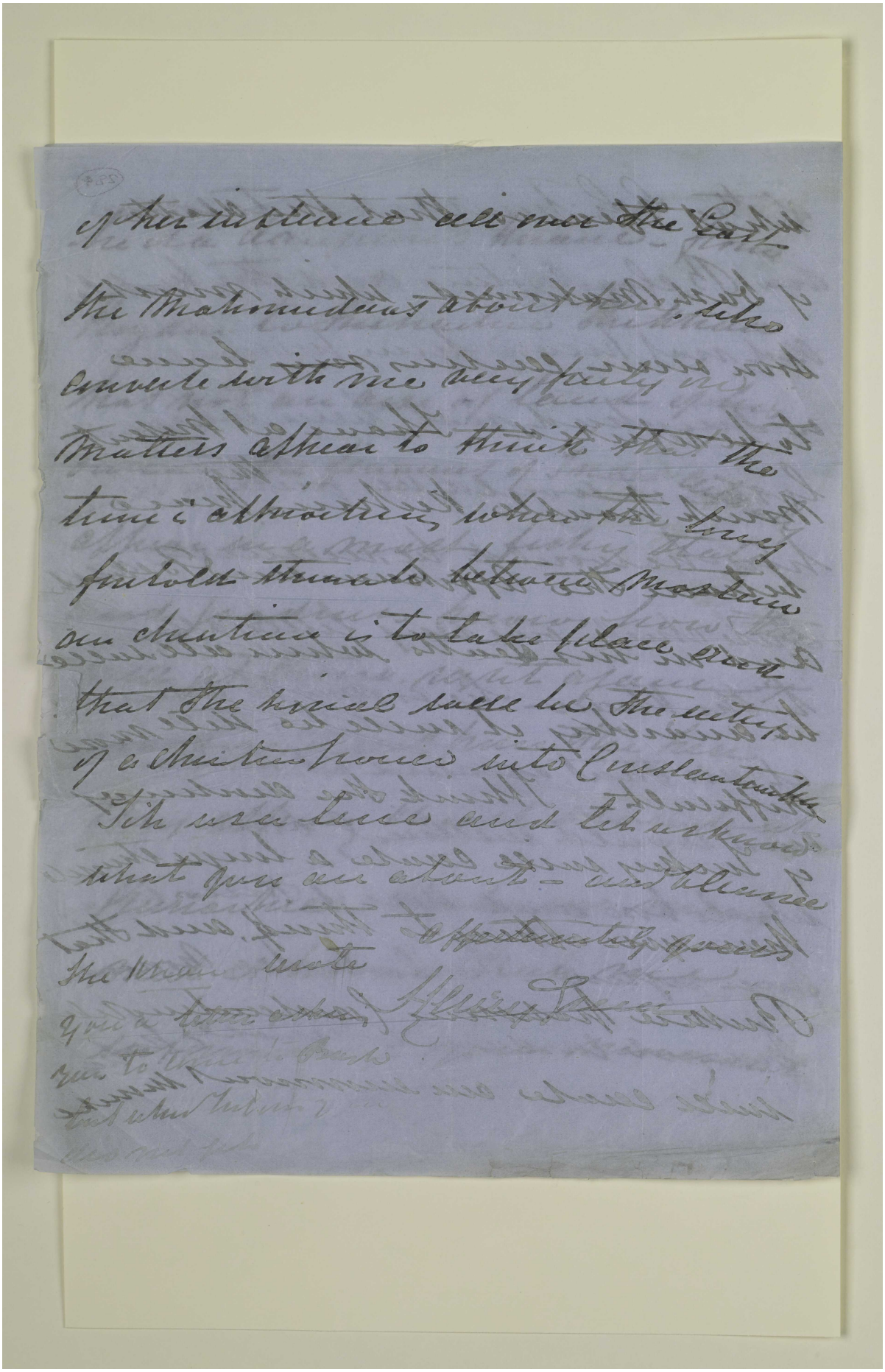

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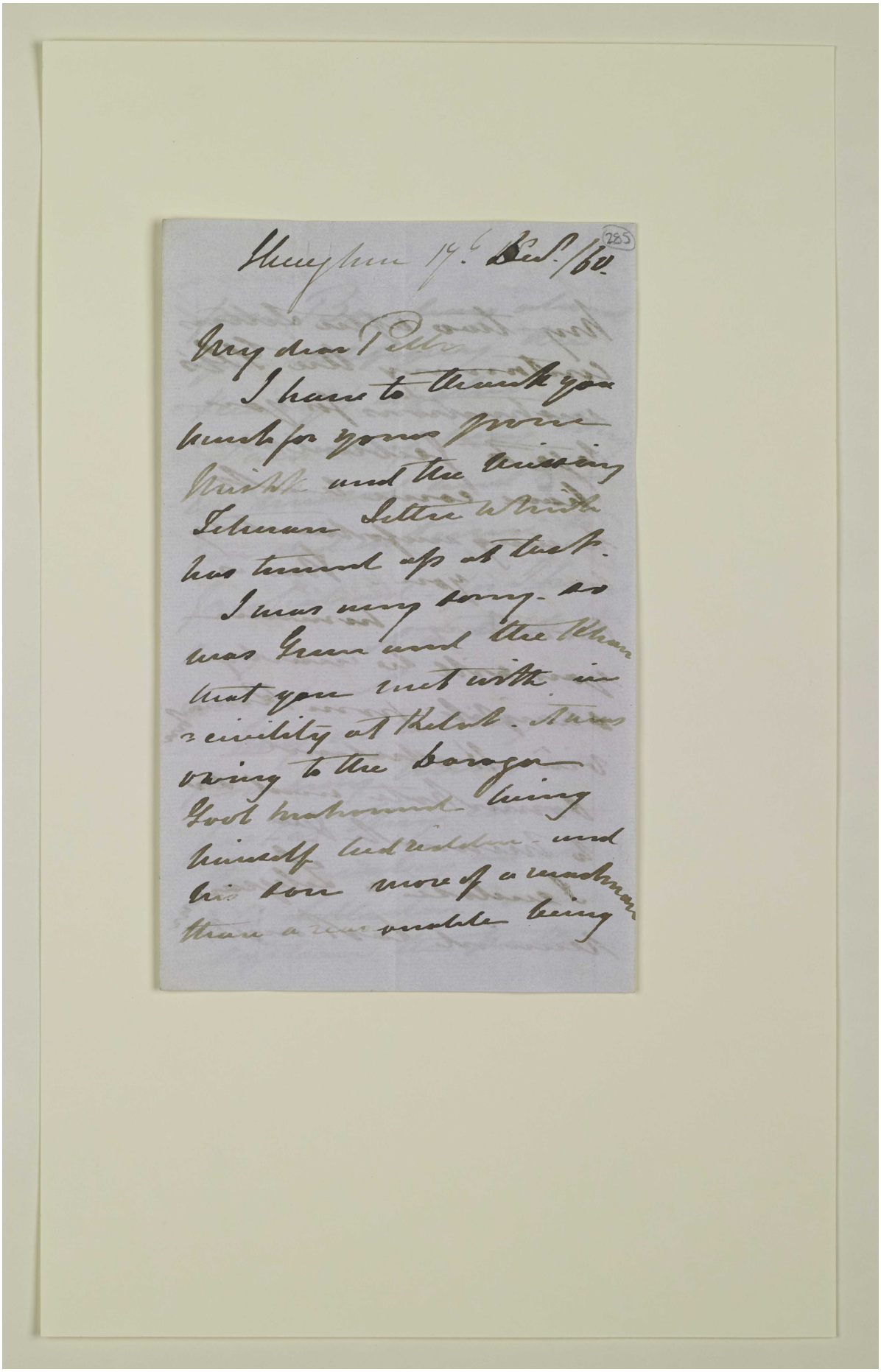

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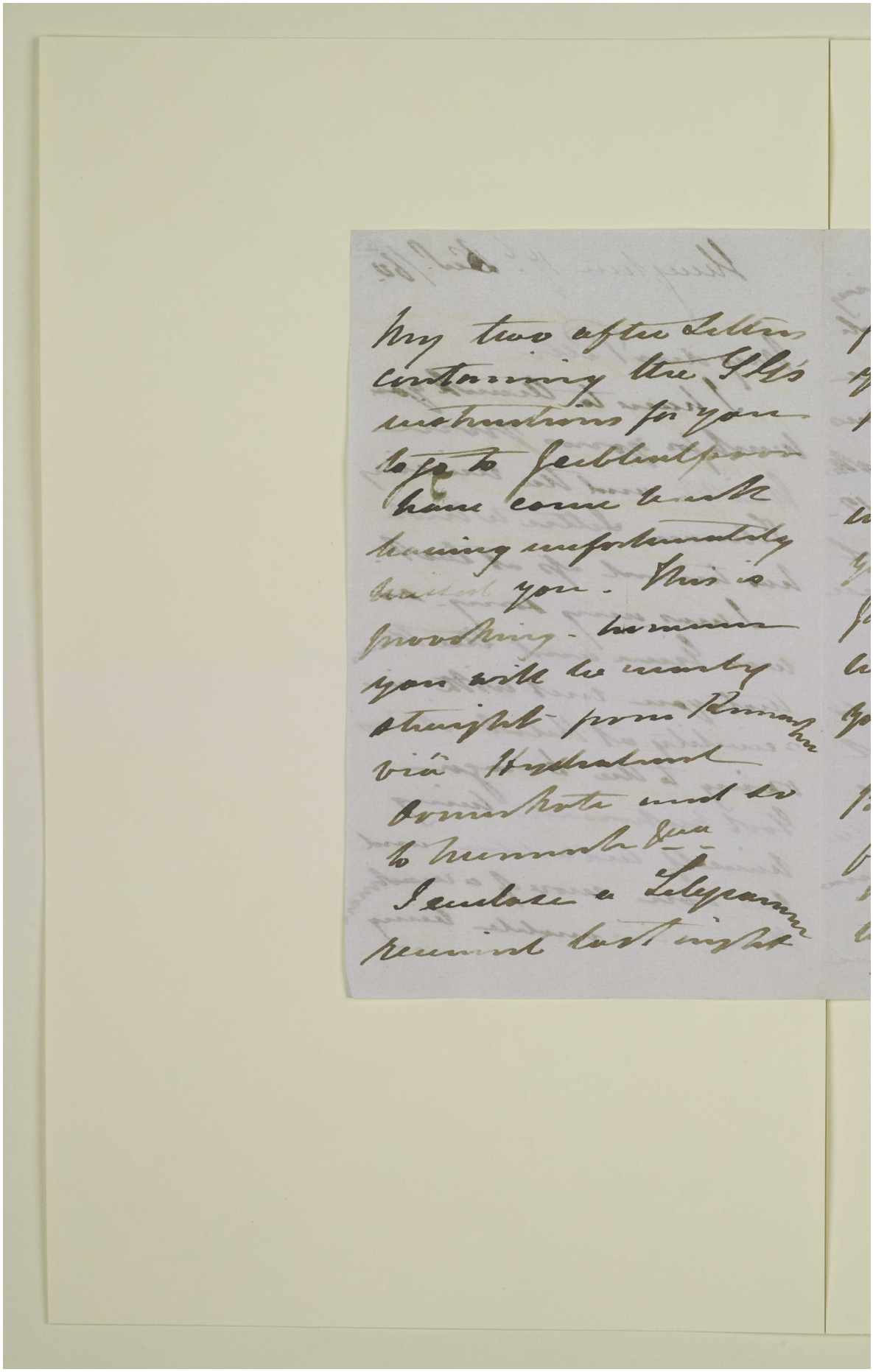

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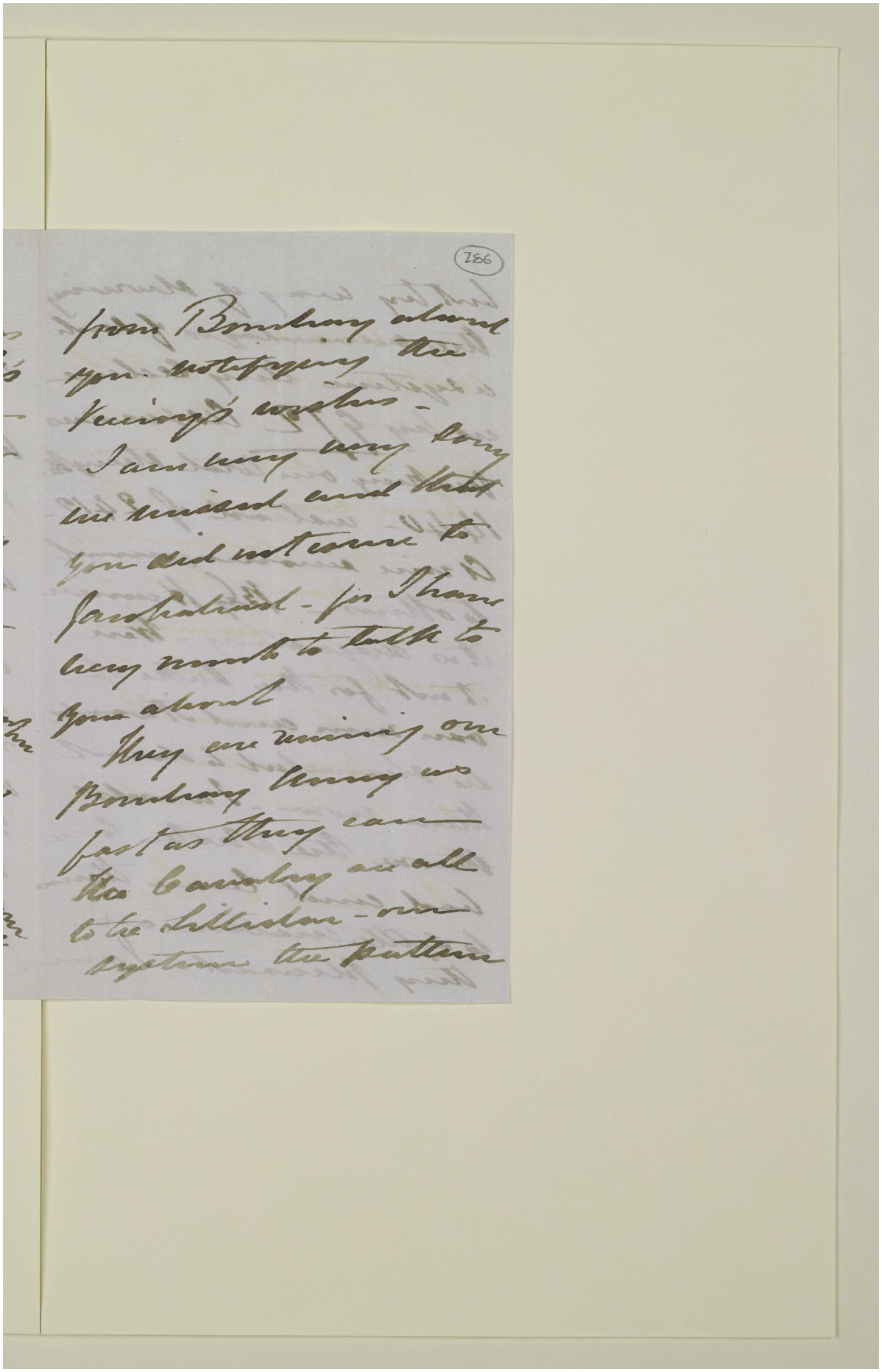
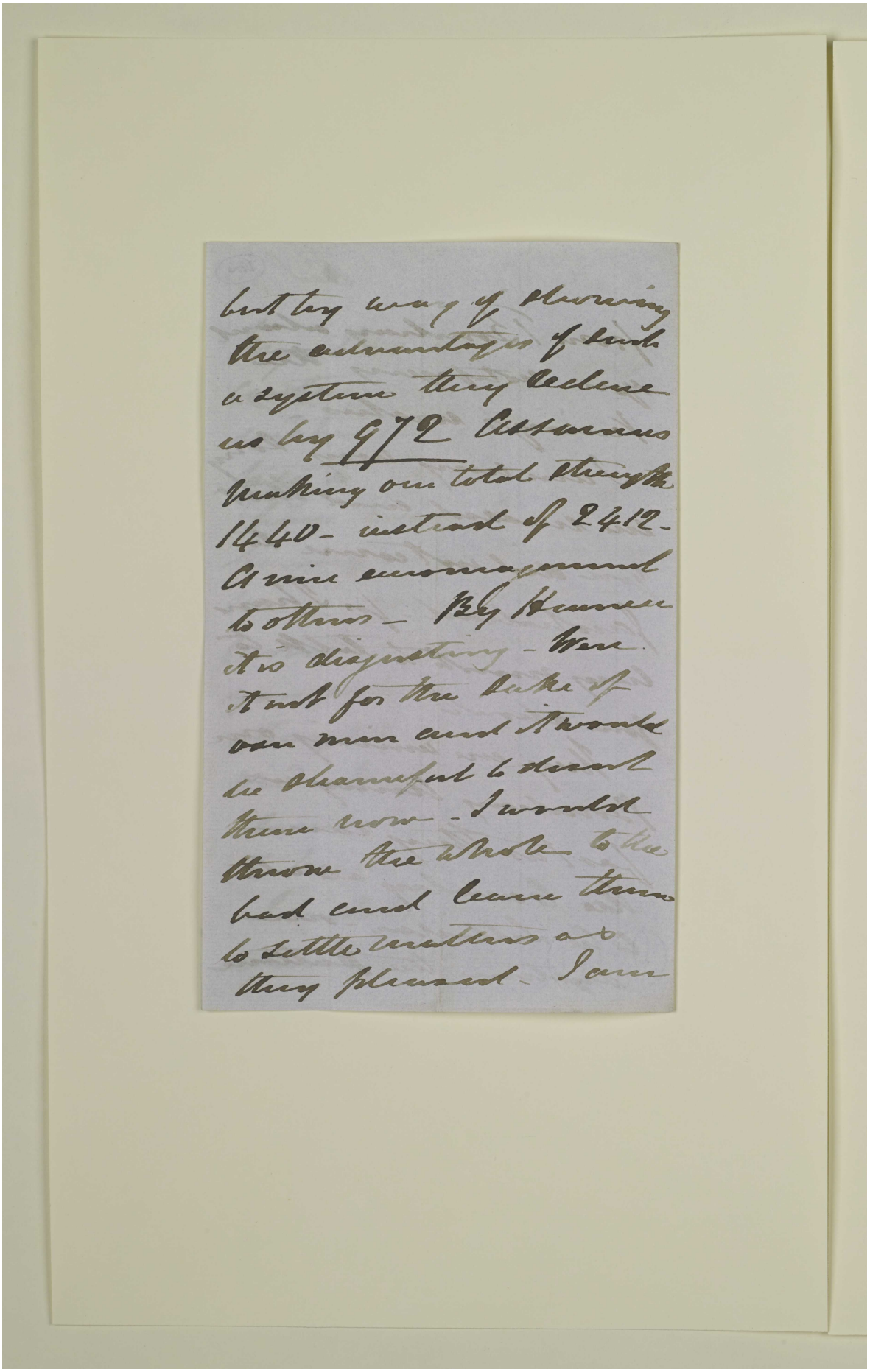
from Bombay about
you. notifying the
Viceroy's wishes -
I am very very sorry
we missed and that
you did not come to
Jarokahad - for I have
very much to talk to
you about
They are raising our
Bombay Army as
fast as they can
the Cavalry are all
to be Lillidar - our
system the pattern





but by way of showing
the advantages of such
a system they reduce
us by 972 Assamees
making our total strength
1440 - instead of 2412 -
A nice encouragement
to others - By Heaven
it is disgusting - Were
it not for the sake of
our men and it would
be shameful to desert
them now - I would
throw the whole to the
bad and leave them
to settle matters as
they pleased - I am

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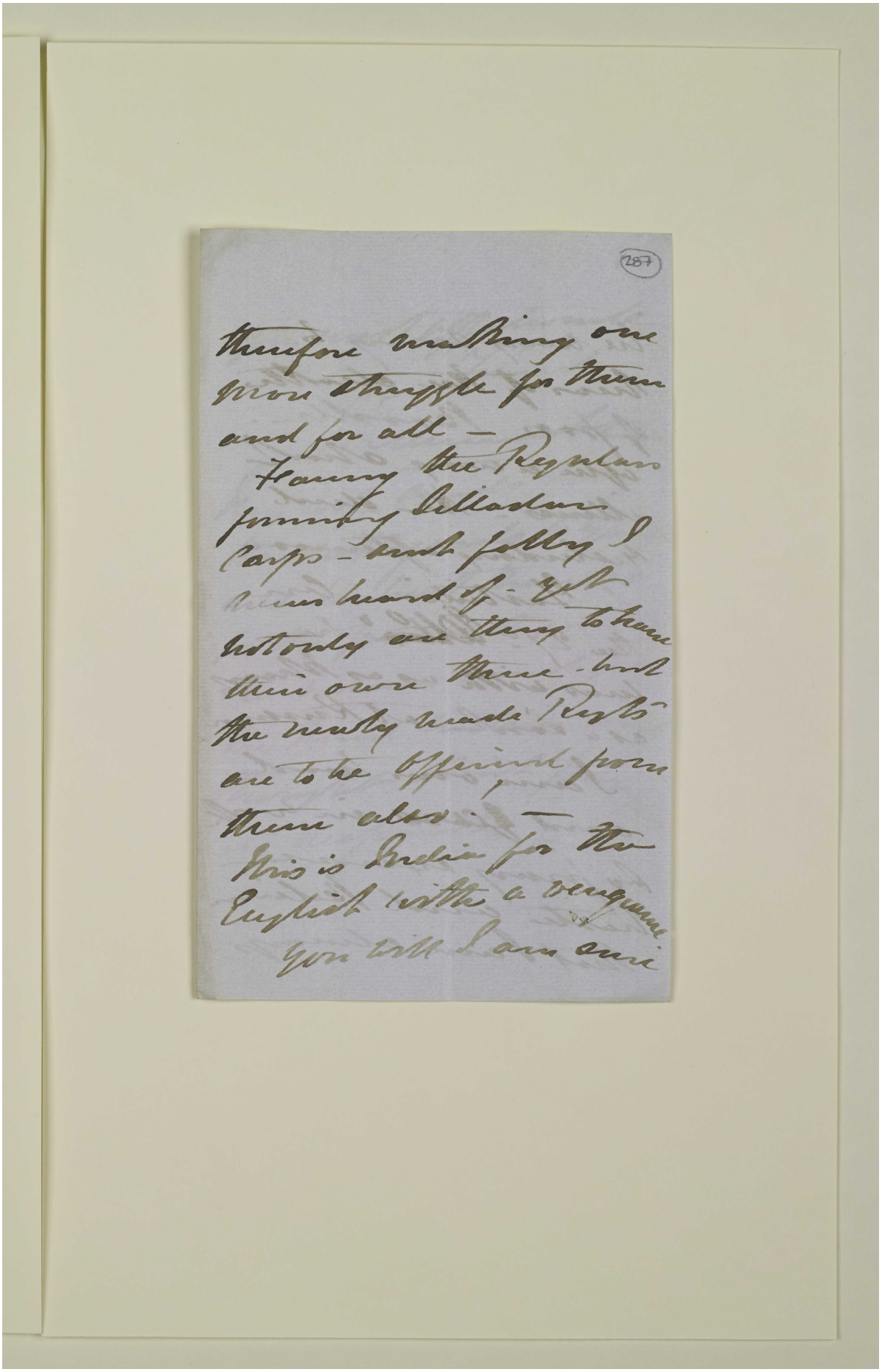

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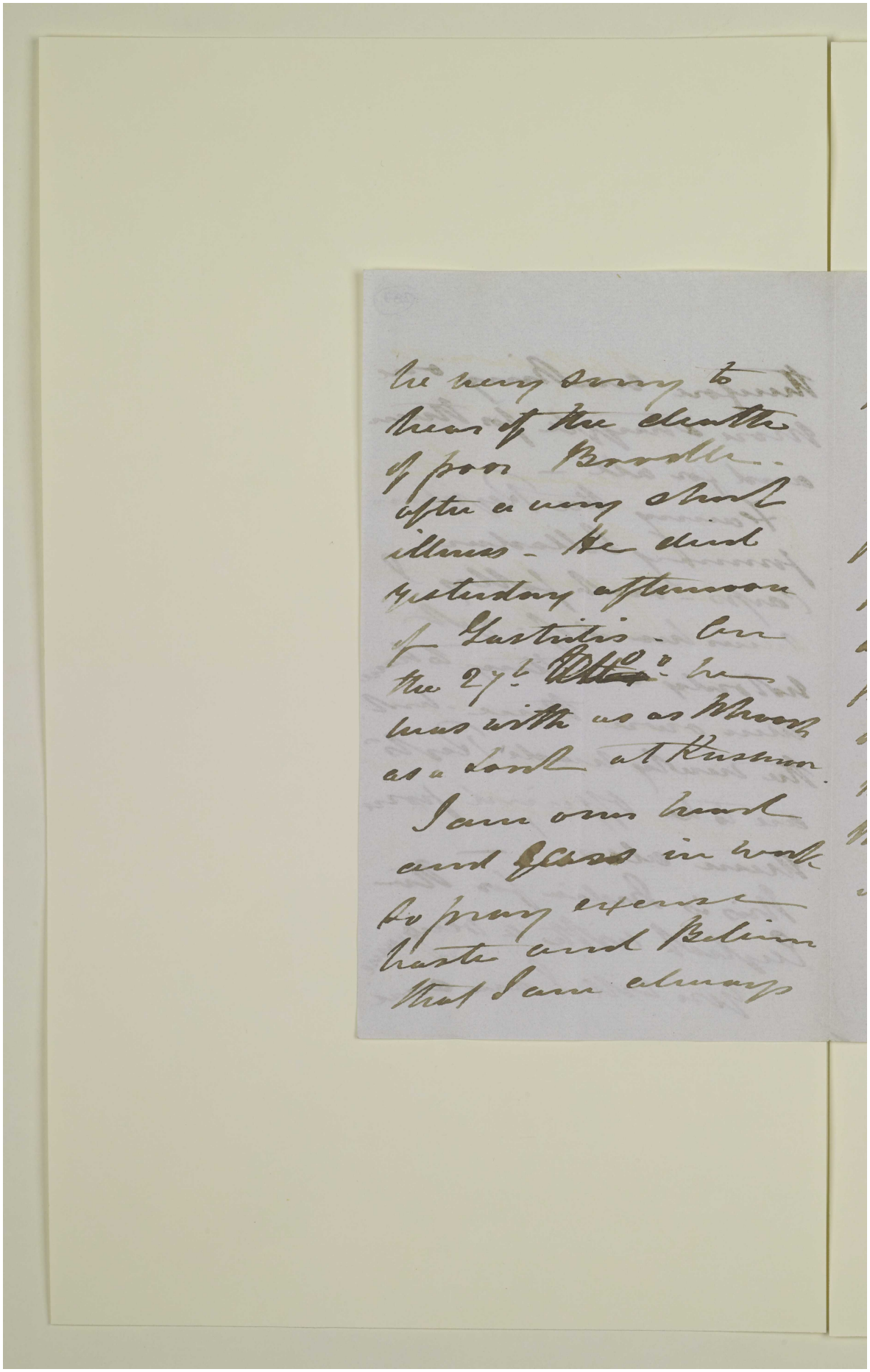
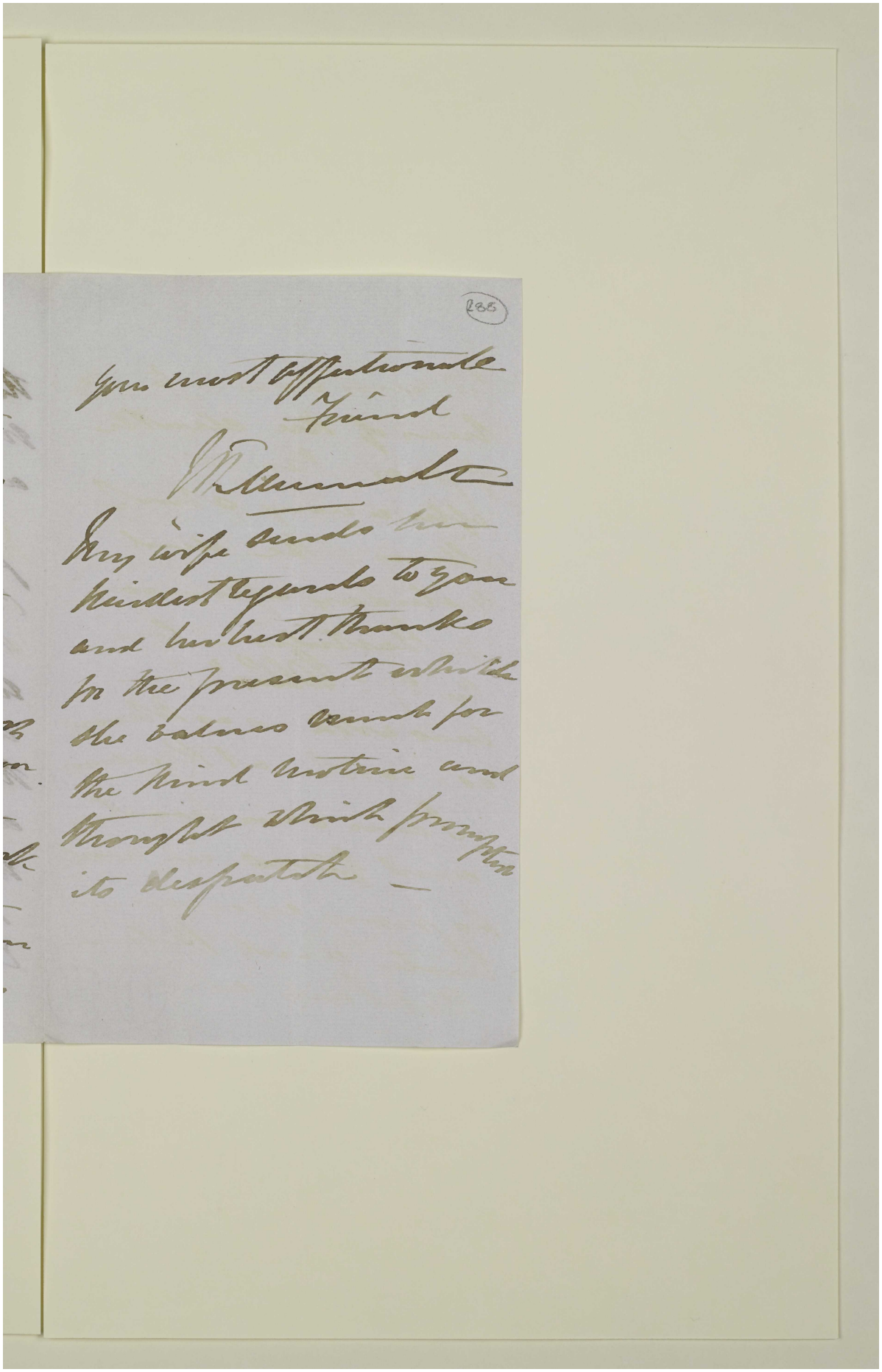


be very sorry to
hear of the death
of poor Boodle.
after a very short
illness - He died
yesterday afternoon
of Gastritis - On
the 27th ~~Octo~~ Oct. he
was with us as Whoosh
as a Lord at Kushmoor.
I am over head
and ~~[illegible]~~ in work
so pray excuse
haste and Believe
that I am always



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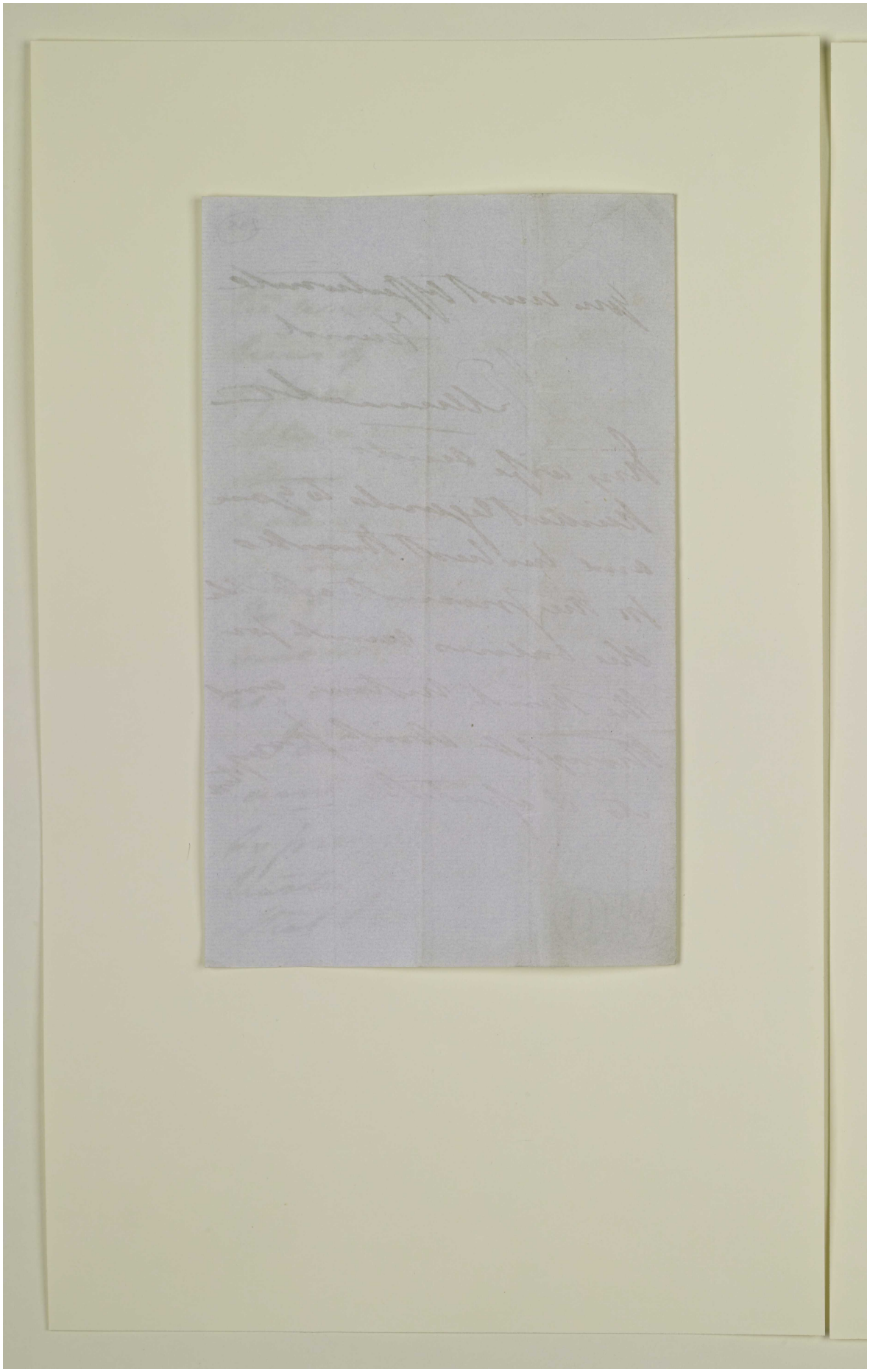

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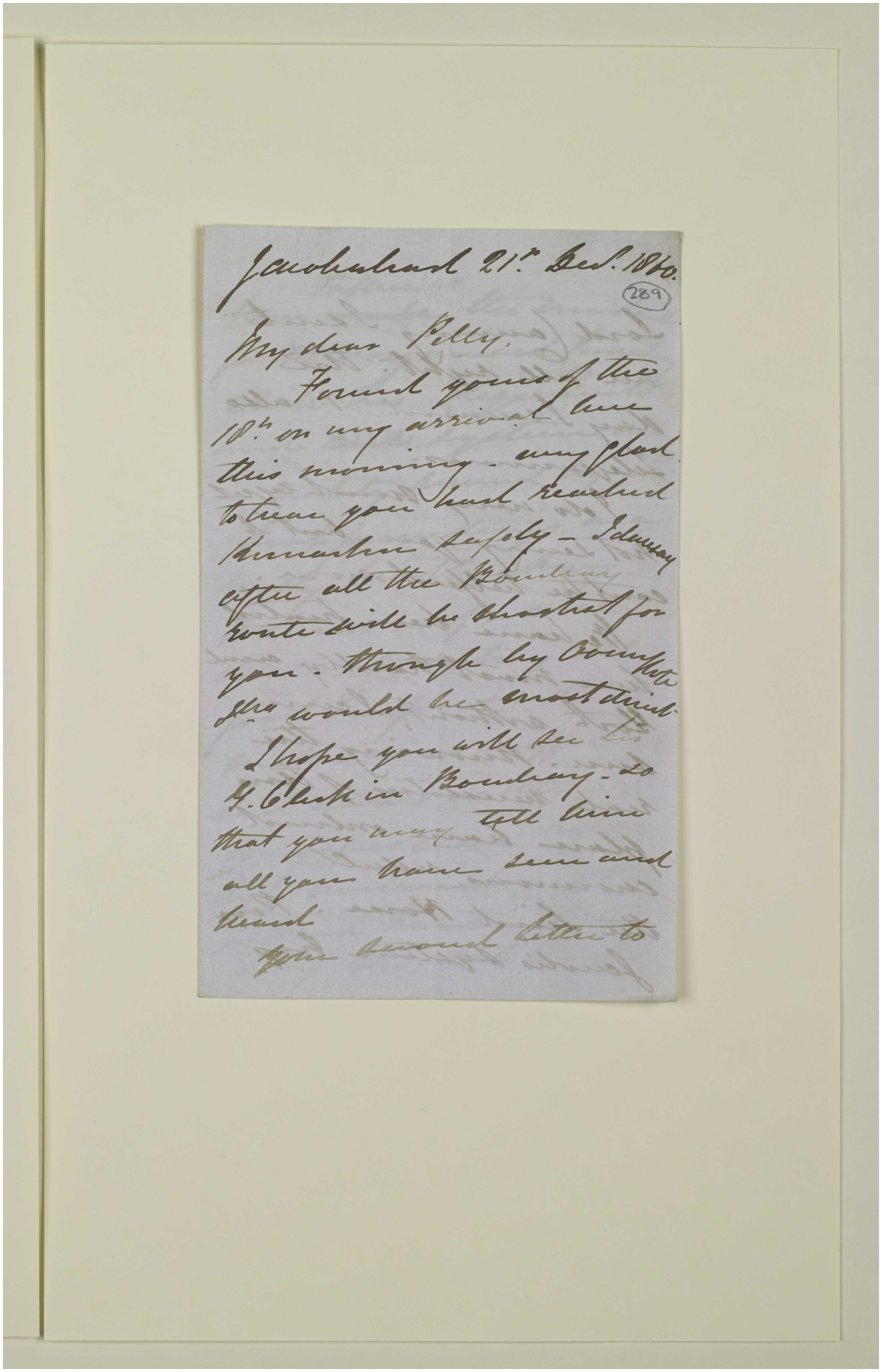
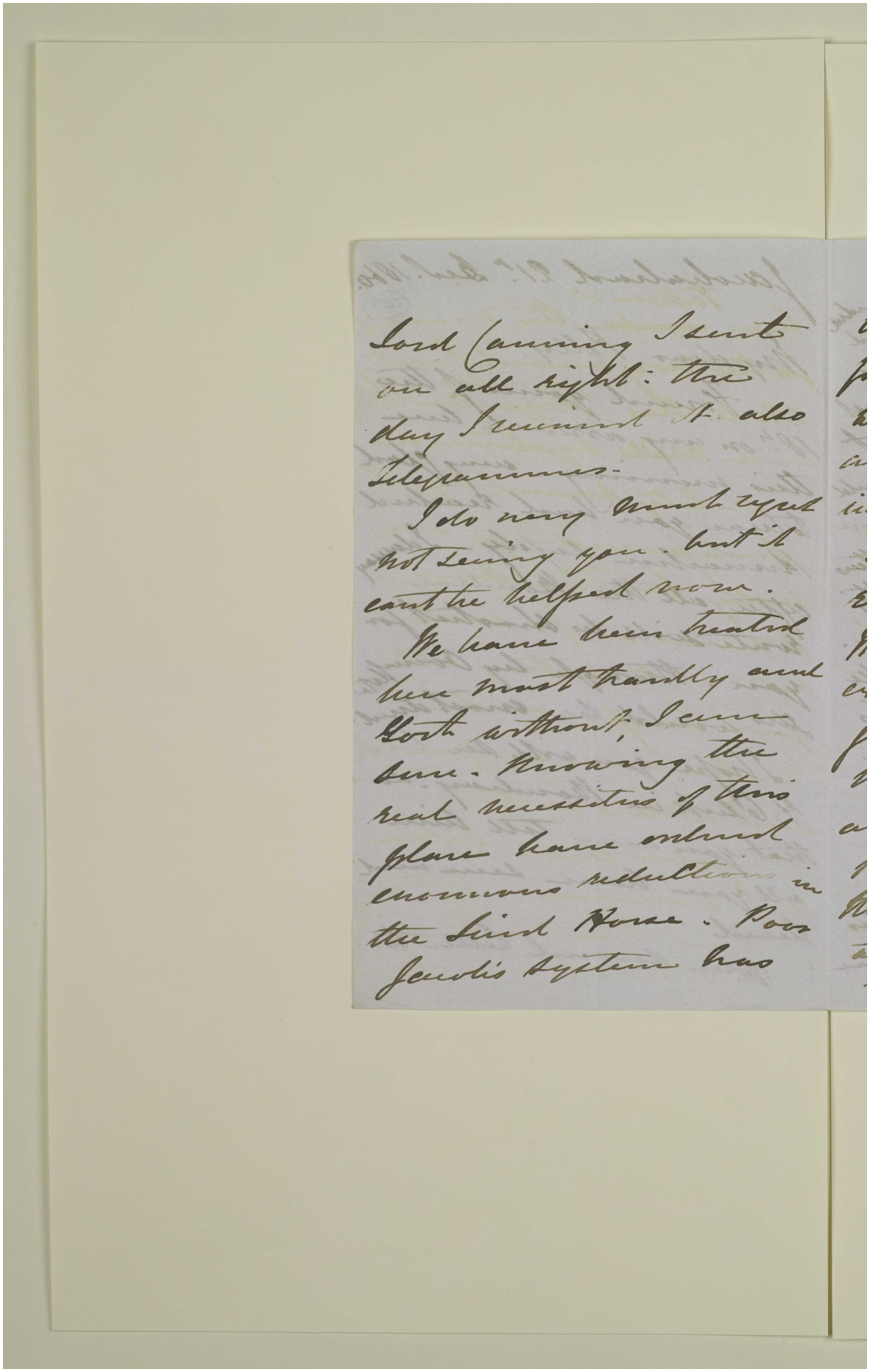
My dear Pelly,



Found yours of the 18th on my arrival here this morning - very glad to hear you had reached Kumachee safely - I dare say after all the Bombay route will be shortest for you - though by Oomukote Jha would be most direct.

I hope you will see Sir G. Clerk in Bombay - so that you may tell him all you have seen and heard

Your second letter to



Lord Canning I sent
on all right: the
day I received it. also
Telegrammes.
I do very much regret
not seeing you. but it
cant be helped now.
We have been treated
here most hardly and
Govt. without, I am
sure. knowing the
real necessities of this
place have ordered
enormous reductions in
the Sind Horse. Poor
Jacob's system has

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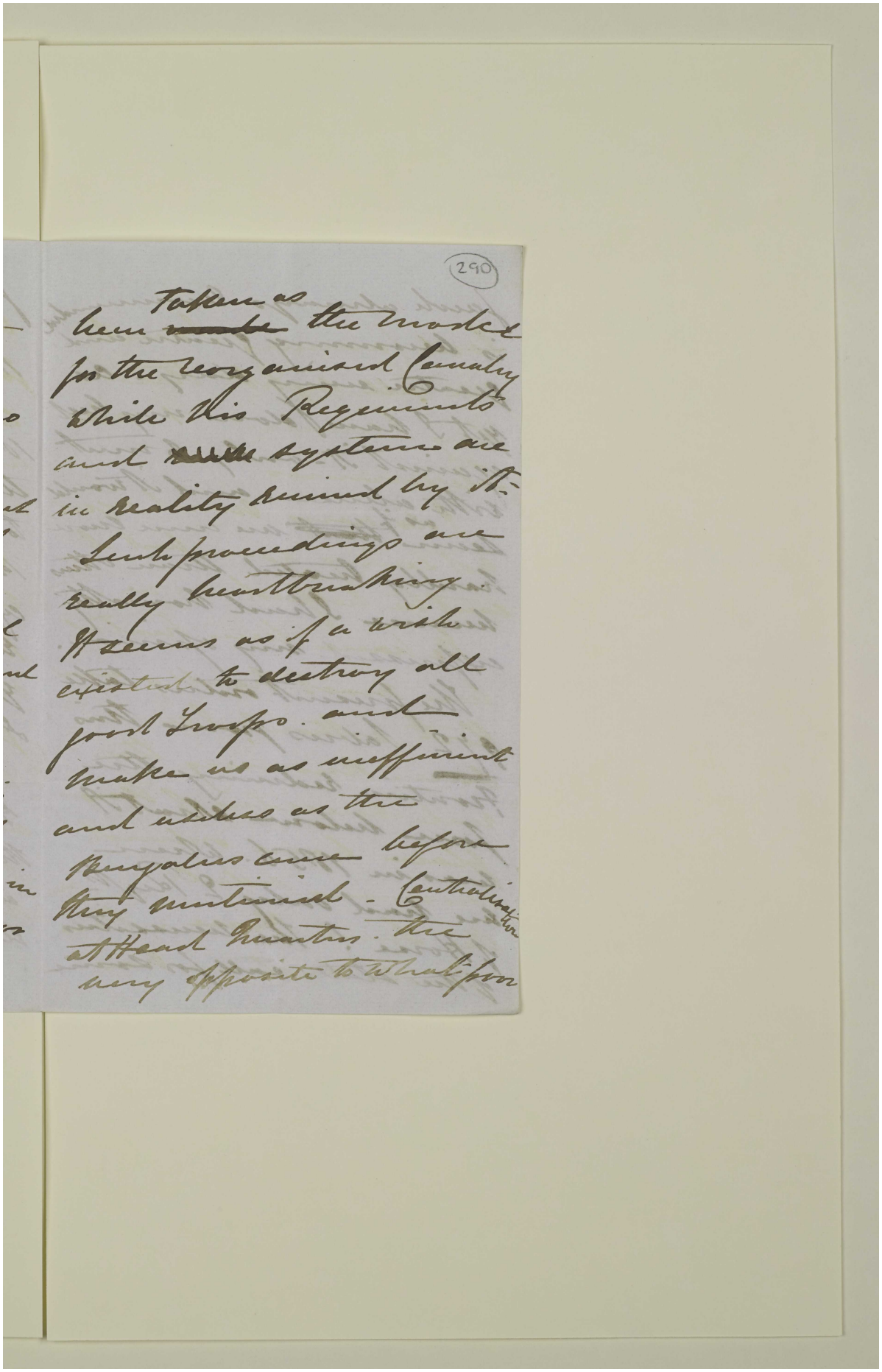

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been ~~made~~ taken as the model
for the reorganised Cavalry
while his Regiments
and ~~[illegible]~~ systems are
in reality ruined by it.
Such proceedings are
really heartbreaking.
It seems as if a wish
existed to destroy all
good Troops. and
make us as inefficient
and useless as the
Bengalees came before
they mutinied. Centralisation
at Head Quarters. the
very opposite to what poor

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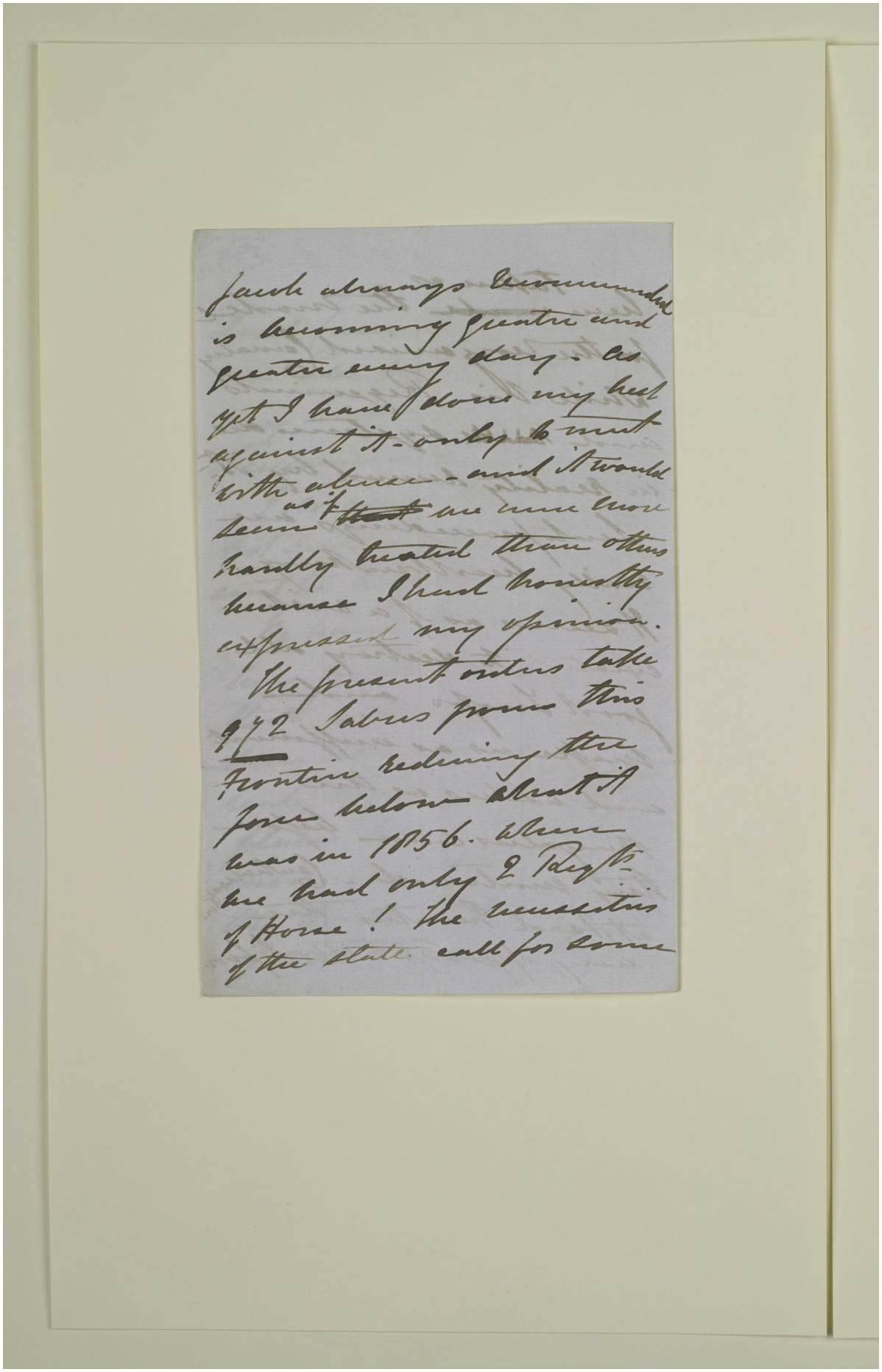

Jacob always recommended
is becoming greater and
greater every day - as
yet I have done my best
against it - only to meet
with abuse - and it would
seem as if ~~that~~ we were more
hardly treated than others
because I had honestly
expressed my opinion.
The present orders take
972 Sabres from this
Frontier reducing the
force below what it
was in 1856. when
we had only 2 Regts.
of Horse! The necessities
of the state call for some

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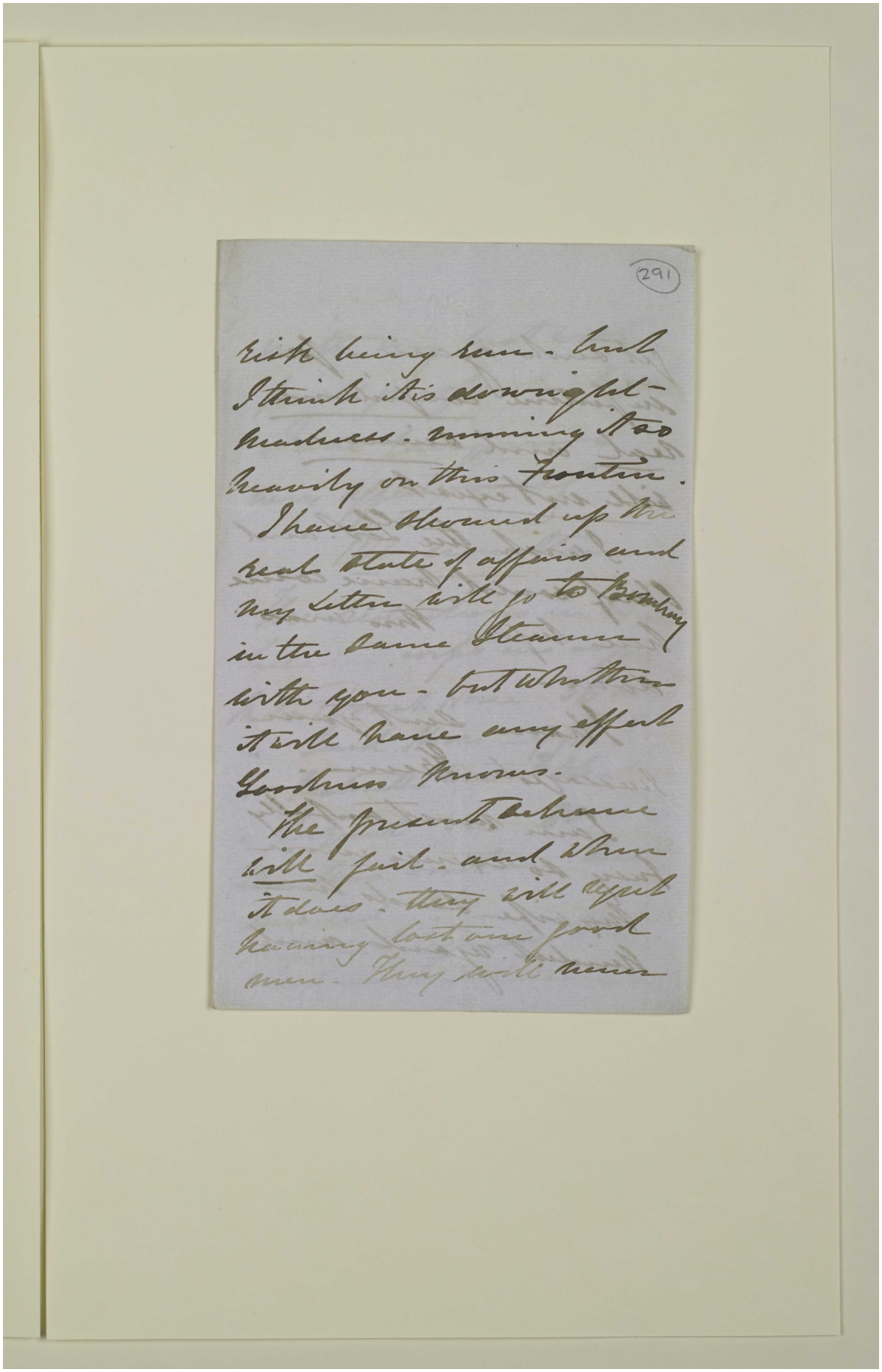
risk being run - but
I think it is downright-
madness - running it so
heavily on this frontier.
I have showed up the
real state of affairs and
my letter will go to Bombay
in the same steamer
with you - but whether
it will have any effect
Goodness knows.
The present scheme
will fail - and when
it does - they will repeat
having lost our good
men - They will never



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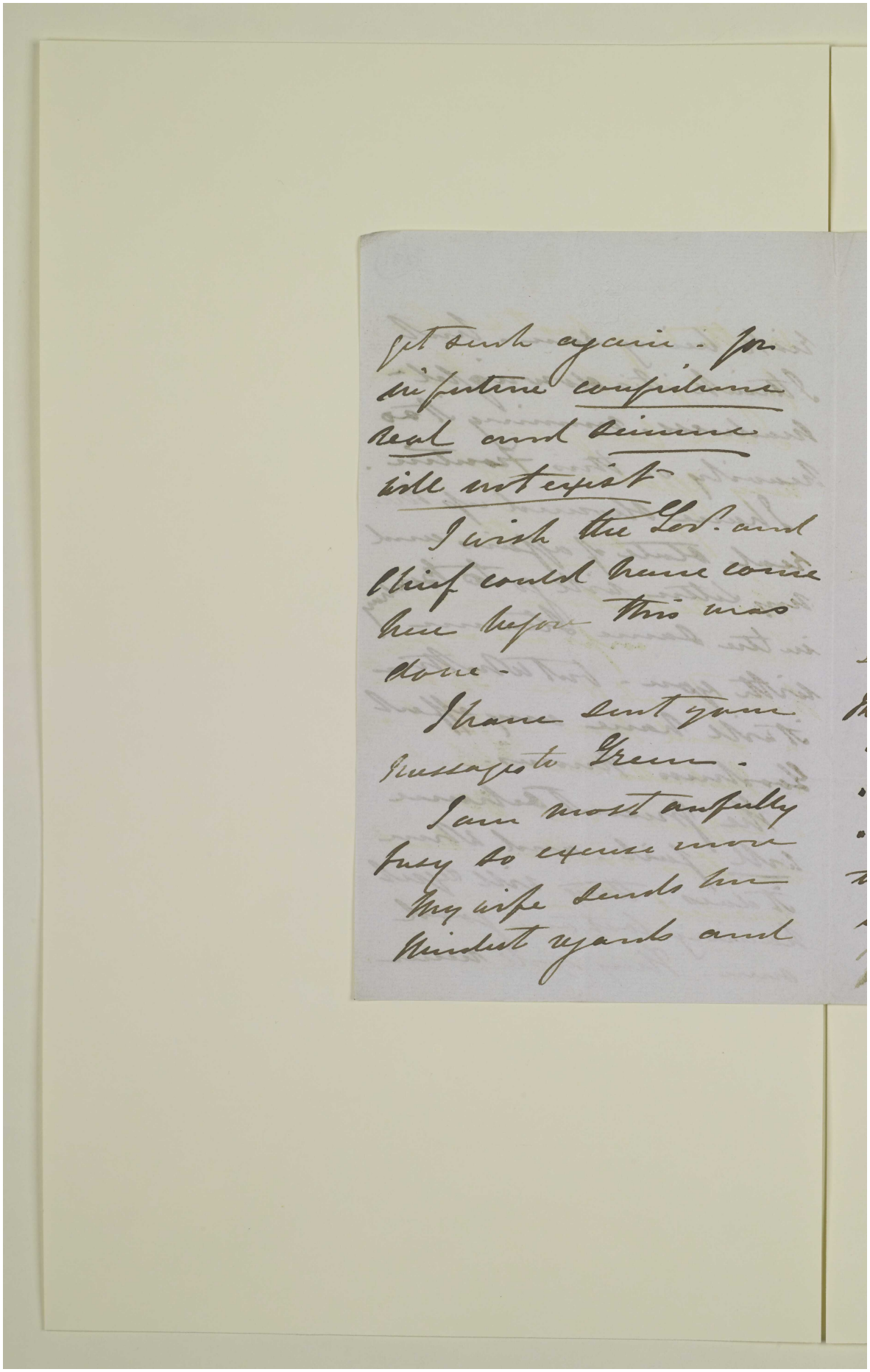

get such again. for
in future confidence
real and sincere
will not exist

I wish the Lord and
Chief could have come
here before this was
done.

I have sent your
messages to Green.

I am most awfully
busy so excuse more
My wife sends her
kindest regards and

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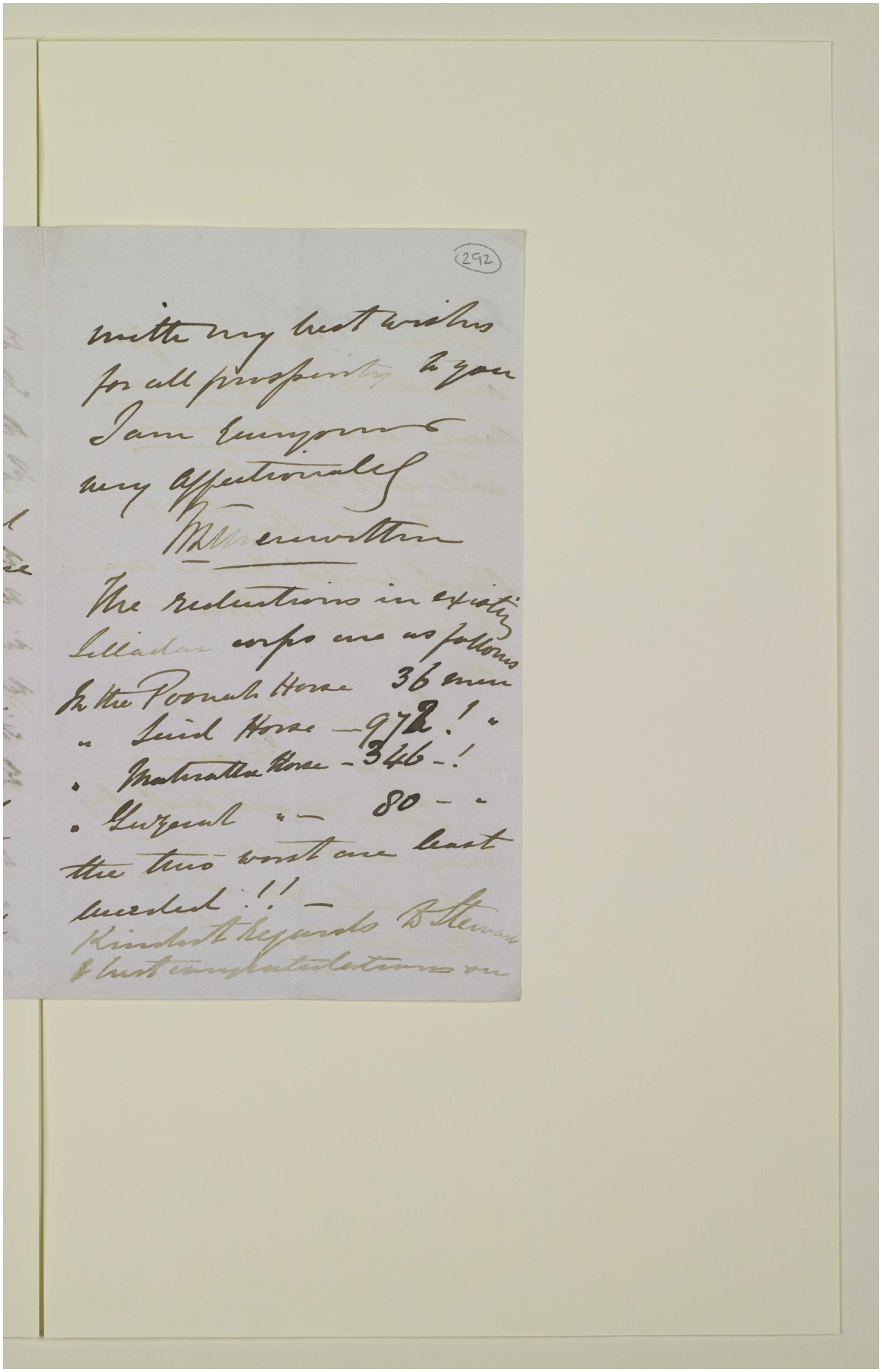

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with my best wishes
for all prosperity to you
I am Ever yours
very Affectionately
W. Merewether

The reductions in existing
Silladar corps are as follows
In the Poonah Horse 36 men
" Sind Horse — 972 ! "
" Mahratta Horse — 346 — !
" Guzerat " — 80 — "
the two worst are least
needed !! —
Kindest regards to Stewart
& best congratulations on

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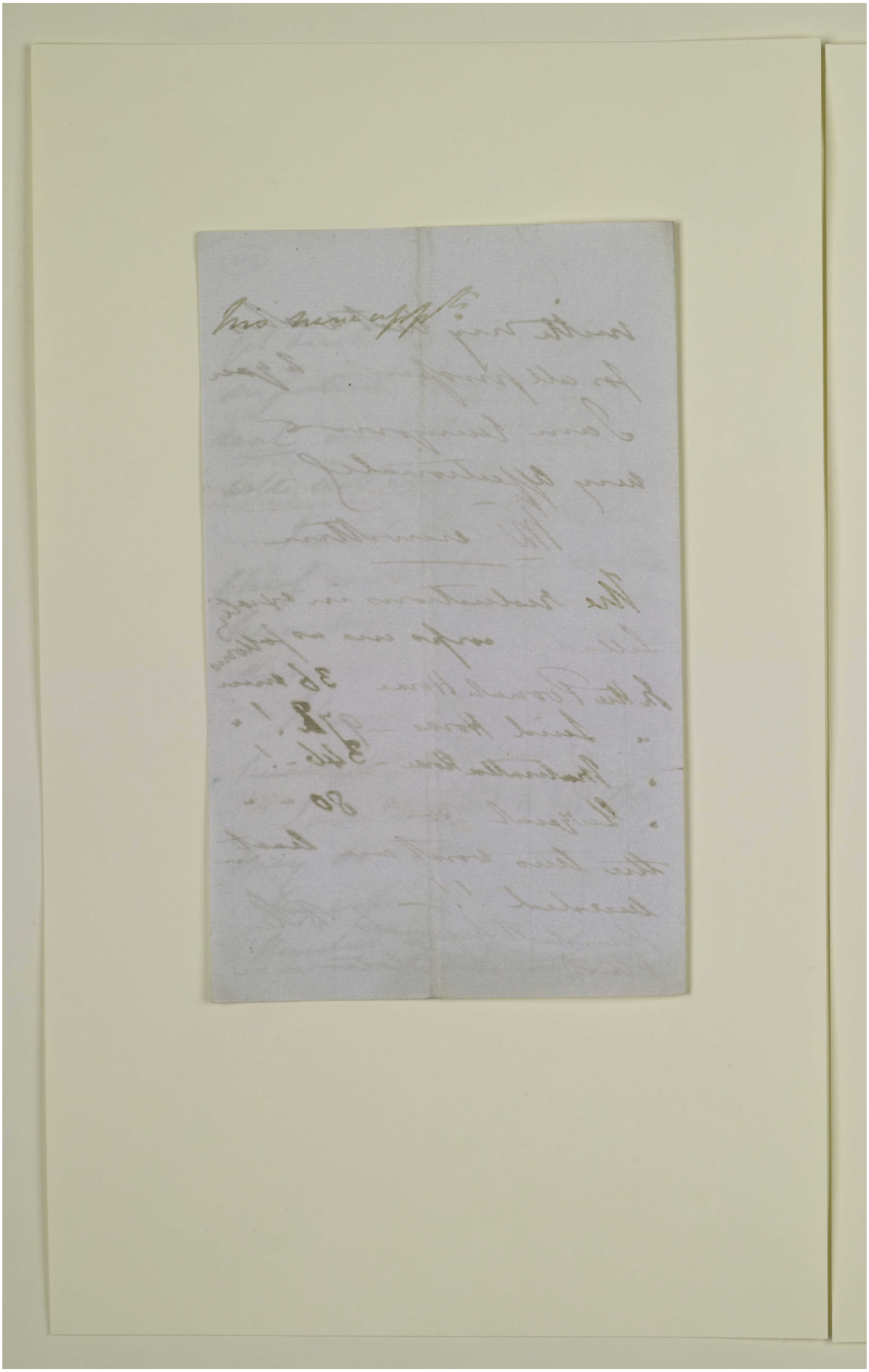

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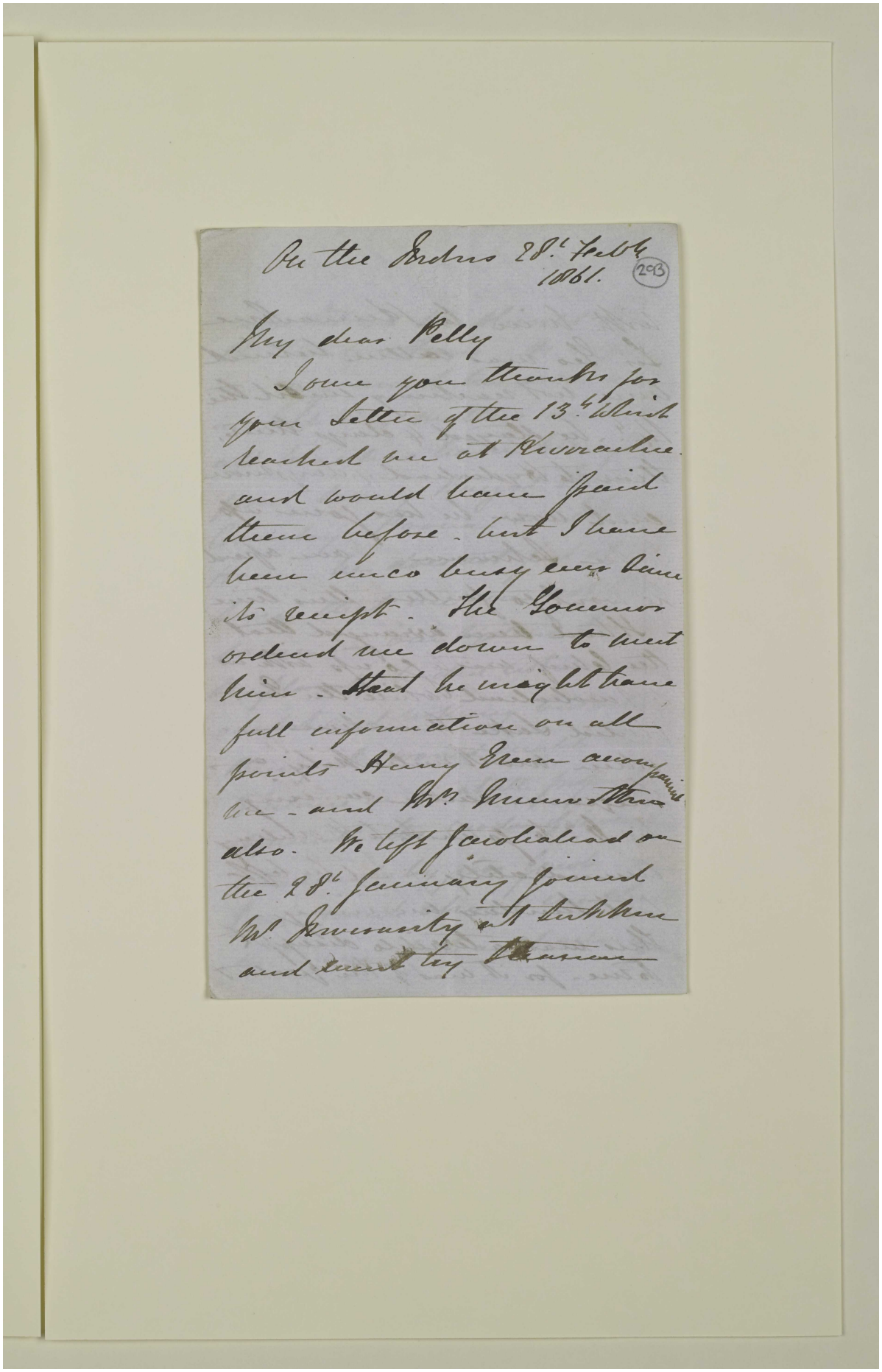

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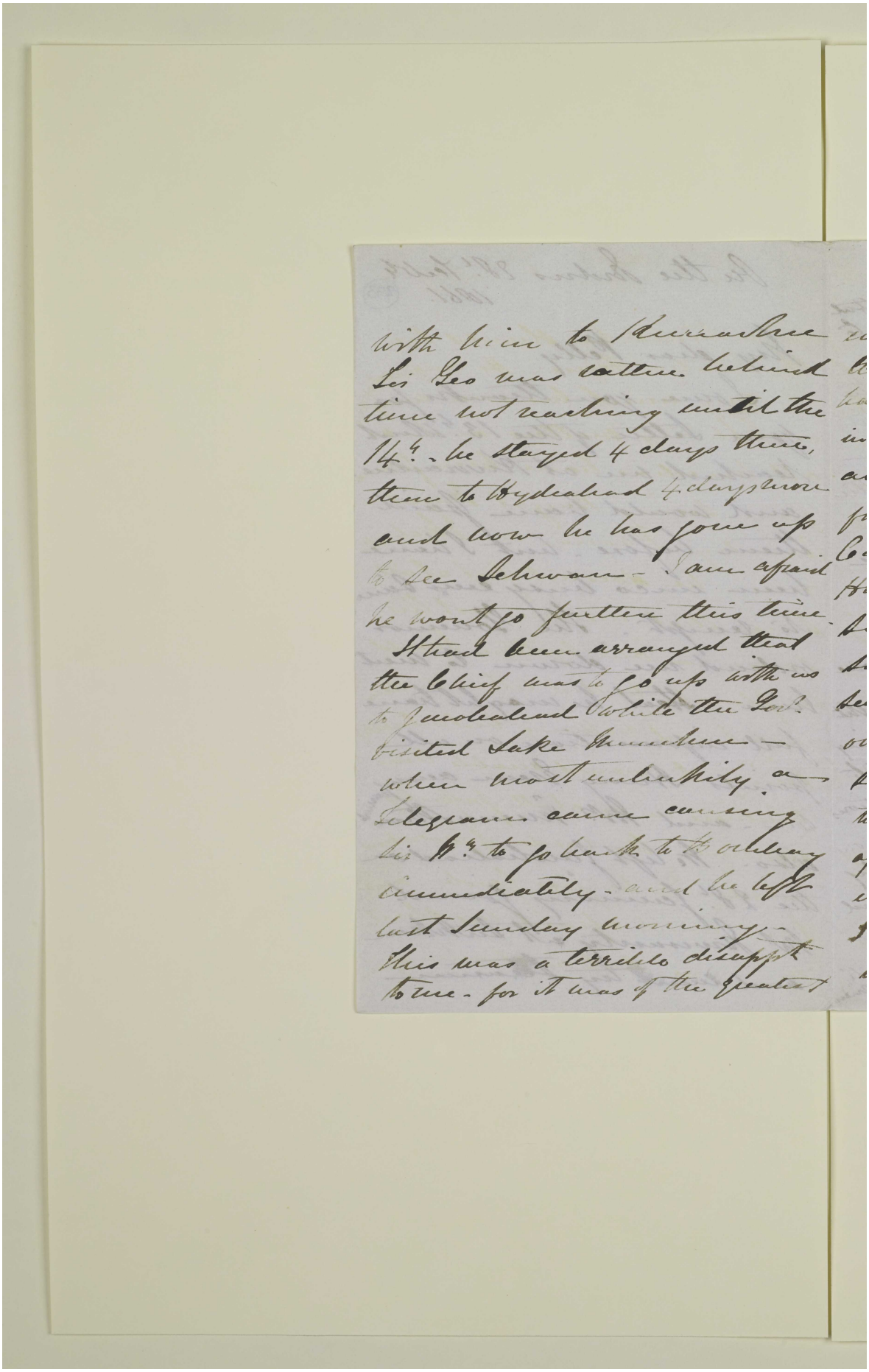
My dear Pelly

I owe you thanks for your letter of the 13th which reached me at Kurrachee and would have paid them before - but I have been unco busy ever since its receipt. The Governor ordered me down to meet him - that he might have full information on all points Henry Green accompanied me - and Mr Merewether also. We left Jacobabad on the 28th January joined Mr Inversity at Sukkur and went by Shaman



with him to Kurrachee
Sir Geo was rather behind
time not reaching until the
14th. he stayed 4 days there,
then to Hyderabad 4 days more
and now he has gone up
to see Sehwan - I am afraid
he wont go further this time.
It had been arranged that
the Chief was to go up with us
to Jacobabad while the Govt.
visited Sake Munchee -
when most unlucky a
Telegram came causing
Sir Wm. to go back to Bombay
immediately - and he left
last Sunday morning -
This was a terrible disappt.
to me - for it was of the greatest

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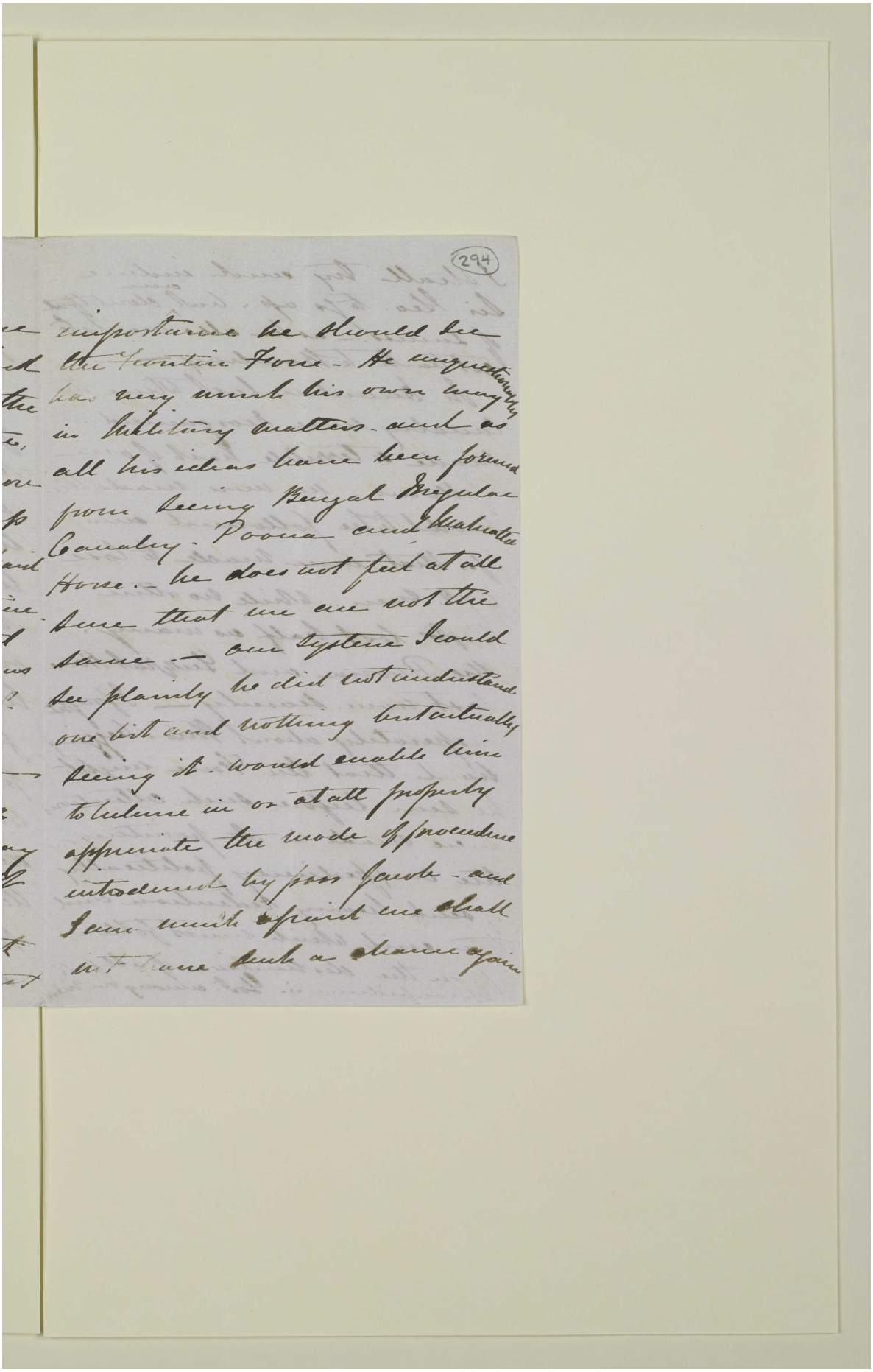

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importance he should be
the Frontier Force - He unquestionably
has very much his own way
in publishing matters - and as
all his ideas have been formed
from seeing Bengal Irregular
Cavalry - Poona and Ahmednuggur
Horse - he does not feel at all
sure that we are not the
same - our system I could
see plainly he did not understand
one bit and nothing but actually
seeing it would enable him
to determine in or at all properly
appreciate the mode of procedure
introduced by you Jacob - and
I am much afraid we shall
not have such a chance again

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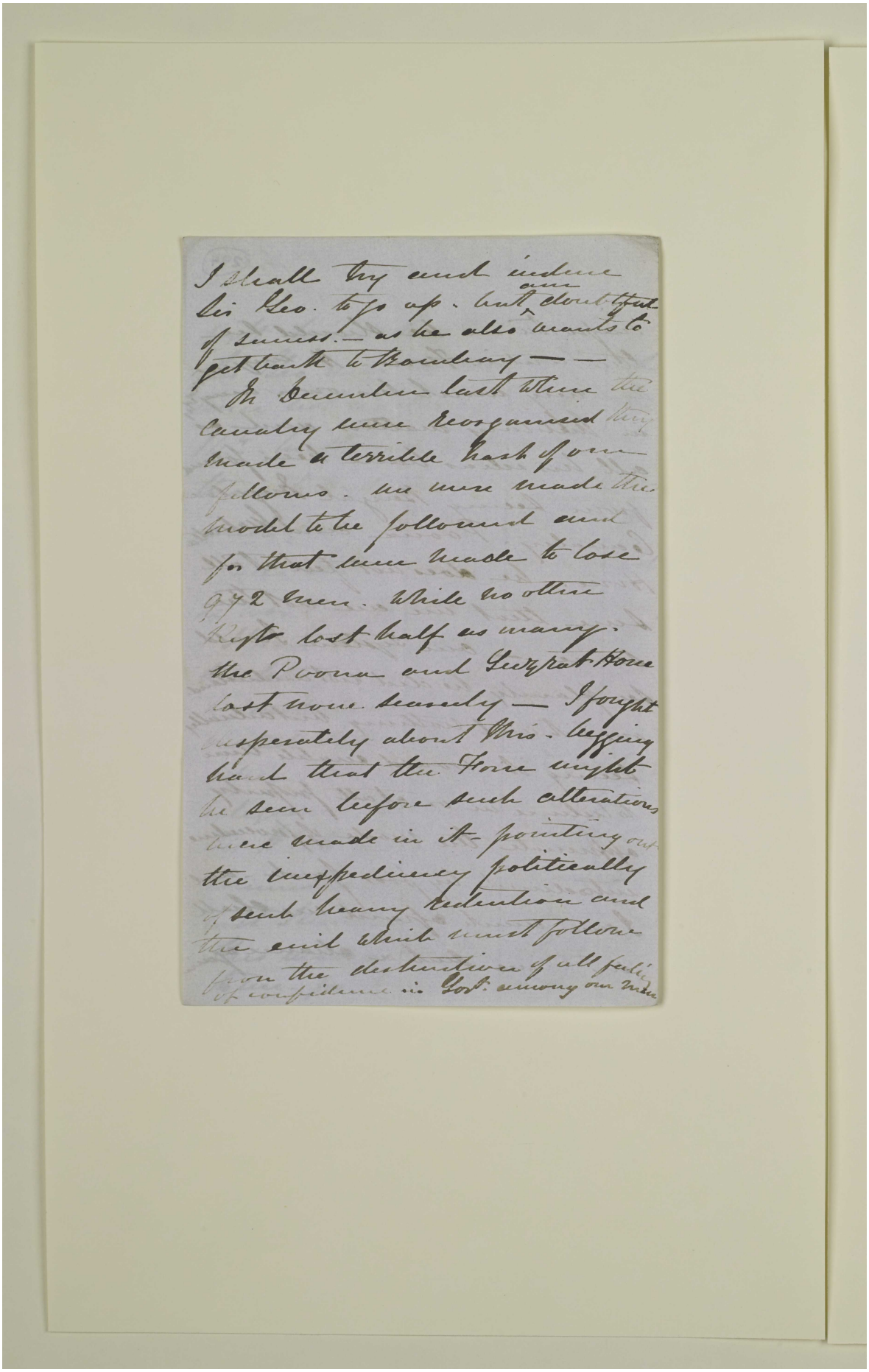

I shall try and induce
Sir Geo. to go up. but am doubtful
of success.— as he also wants to
get back to Bombay — —
In December last when the
Cavalry were reorganised they
made a terrible hash of our
fellows. we were made the
model to be followed and
for that were made to lose
972 men. while no other
Regts lost half as many.
the Poona and Guzrat Horse
lost none scarcely — I fought
desperately about this. begging
hard that the Force might
be seen before such alterations
were made in it — pointing out
the inexpediency politically
of such heavy reduction and
the evil which must follow
from the destruction of all feeling
of confidence in Govt. among our men

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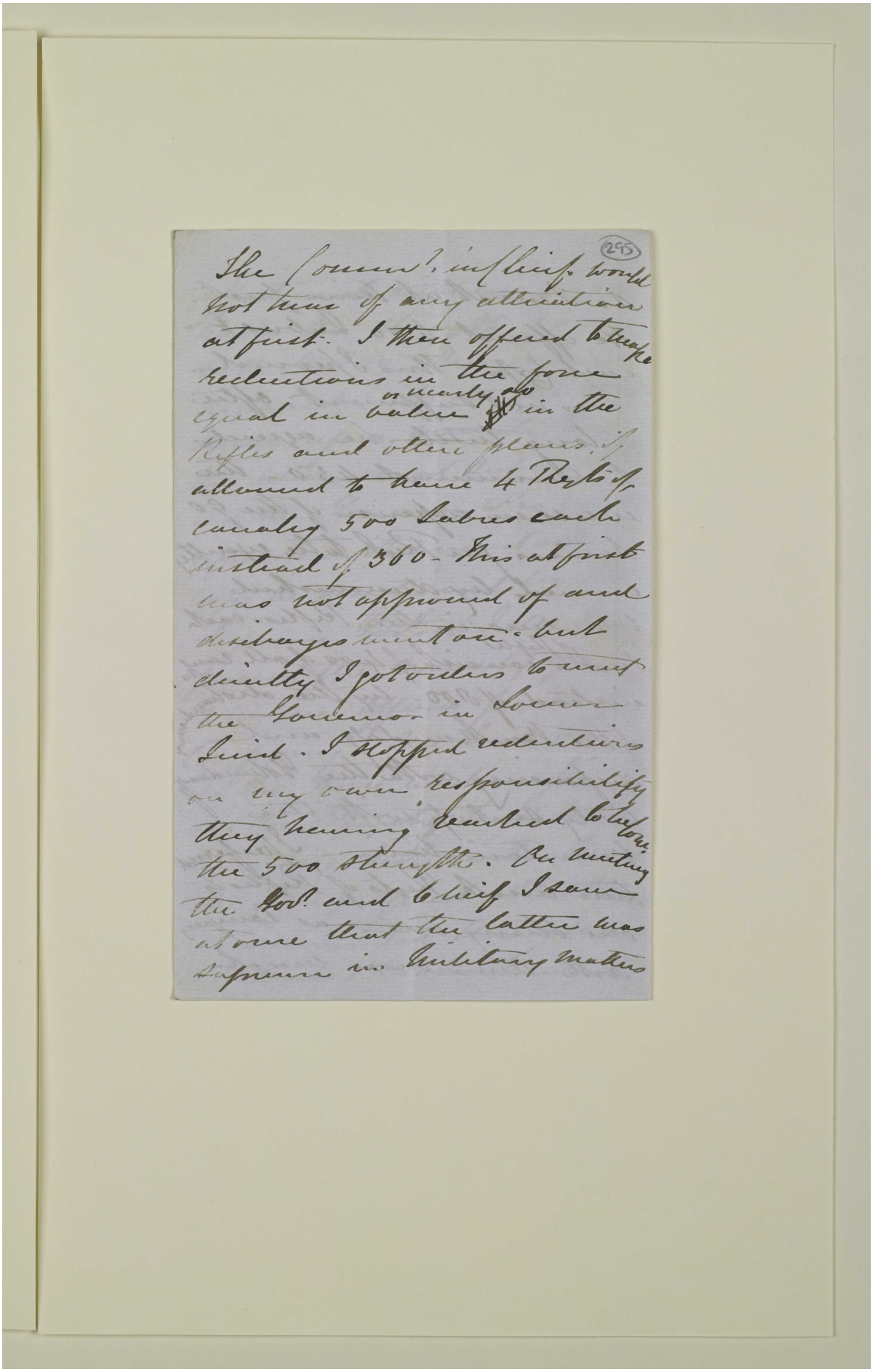
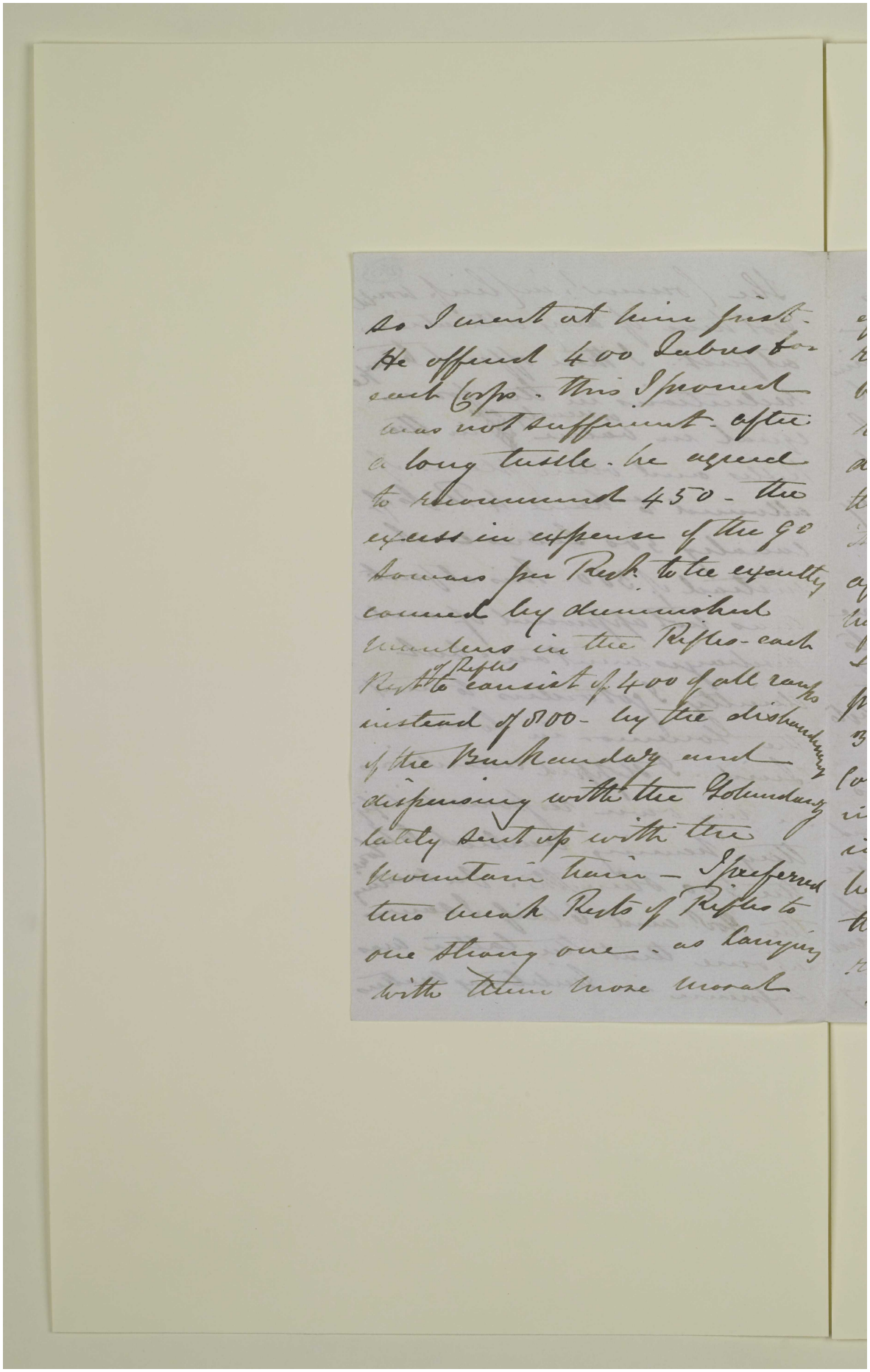


The Commr. in Chief would not hear of any attention at first. I then offered to make reductions in the force equal in value or nearly so in the Rifles and other plans, if allowed to have 4 Regts of cavalry 500 Sabres each instead of 360 - This at first was not approved of and discharges went on: but directly I got orders to meet the Governor in Lower Sind. I stopped reductions on my own responsibility they having reached to below the 500 strength. On meeting the Govr. and Chief I saw at once that the latter was supreme in Military matters



so I went at him first.
He offered 400 Sabres for
each Corps. this I proved
was not sufficient. after
a long tussle. he agreed
to recommend 450 - the
excess in expense of the 90
Sowars per Regt. to be exactly
covered by diminished
numbers in the Rifles - each
Regt of Rifles to consist of 400 of all ranks
instead of 800 - by the disbandering
of the Burkandazy and
dispensing with the Golundazy
lately sent up with the
Mountain train - I preferred
two weak Regts of Rifles to
one strong one - as carrying
with them more moral

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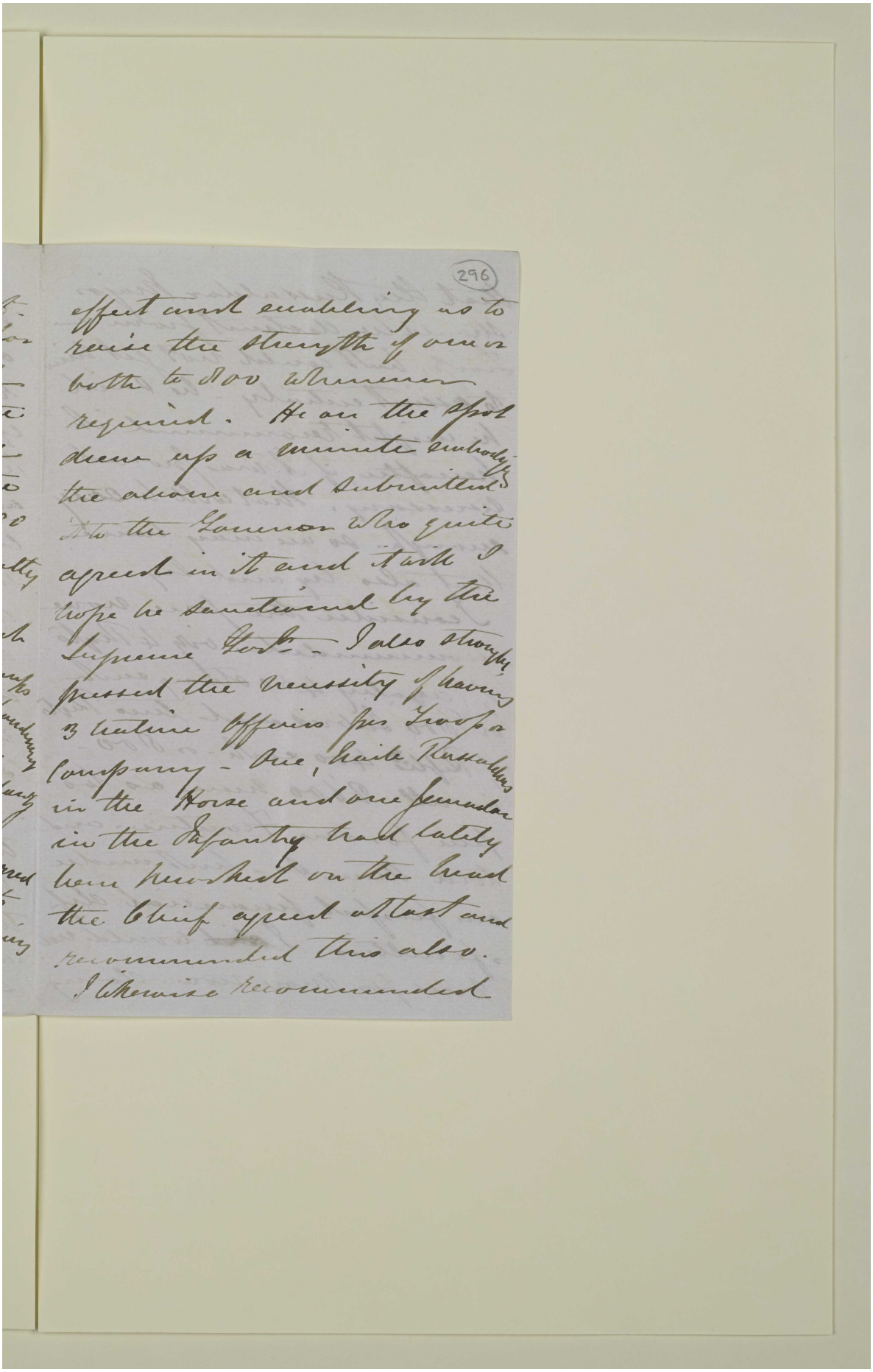

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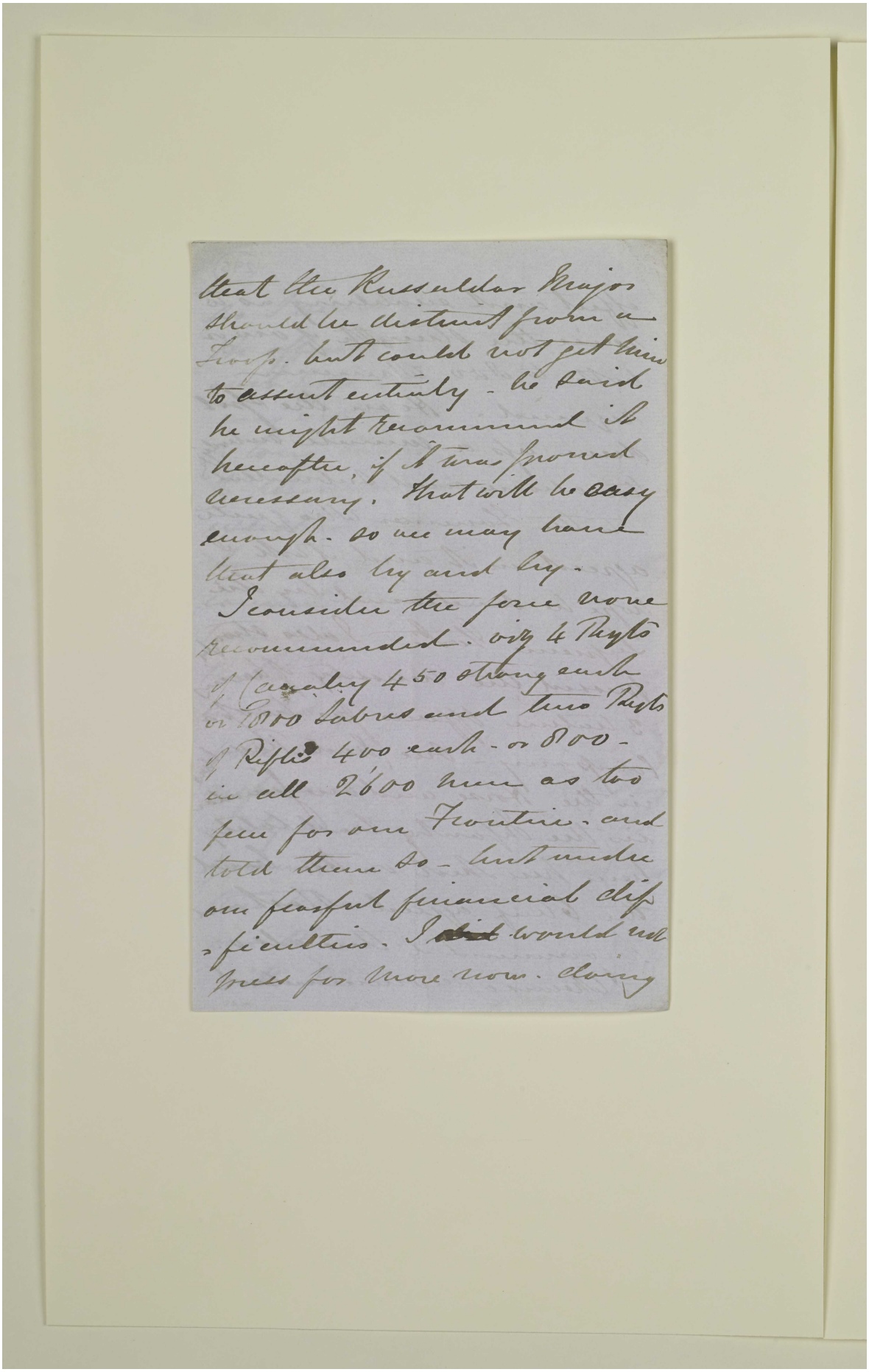
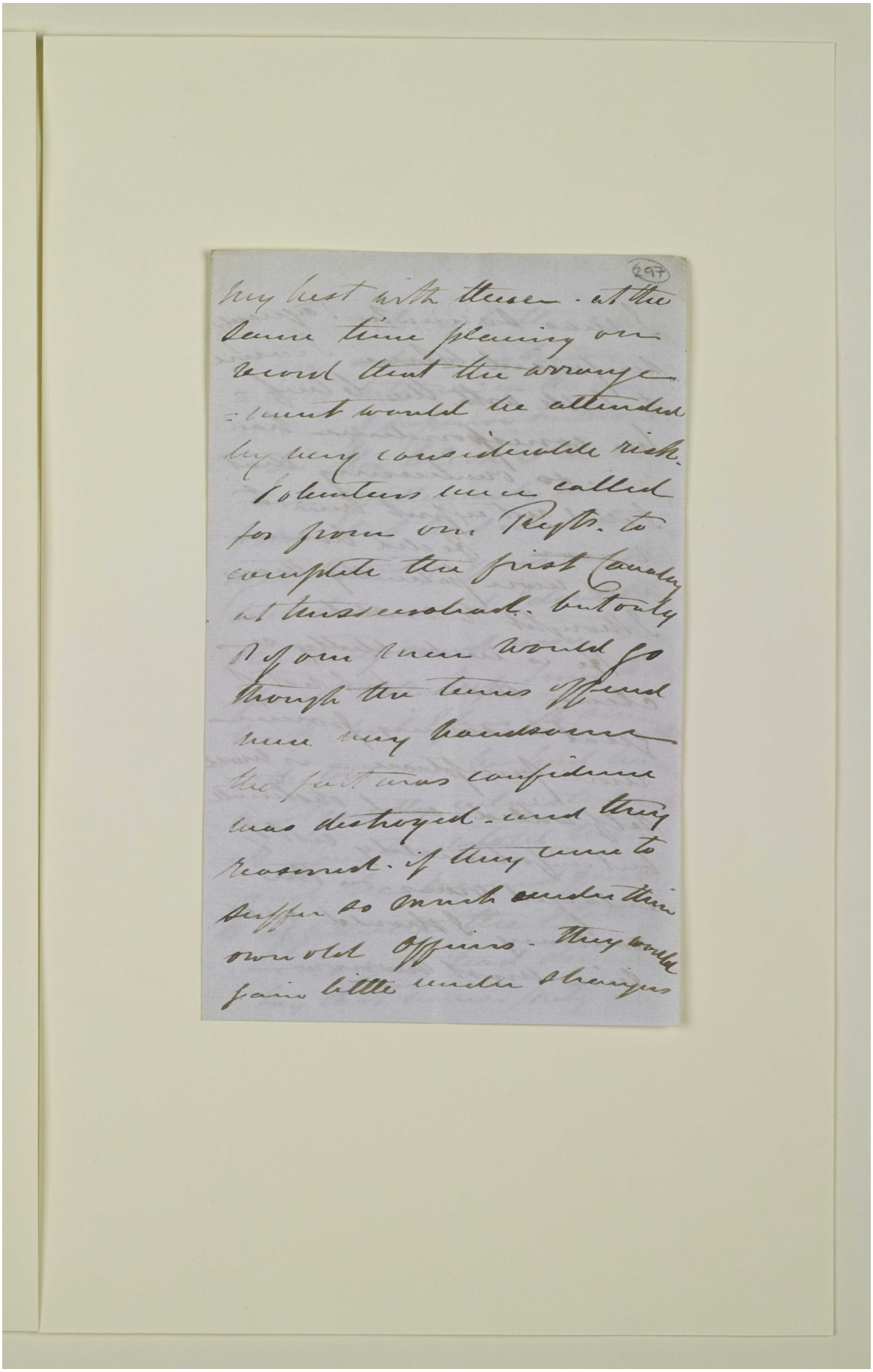
effect and enabling us to raise the strength of one or both to 800 whenever required. He on the spot drew up a minute embodying the above and submitted it to the Governor who quite agreed in it and it will I hope be sanctioned by the Supreme Govt. - I also strongly pressed the necessity of having 3 native Officers per Troop or Company - One, Naib Russaldars in the Horse and one Jemadar in the Infantry had lately been knocked on the head the Chief agreed at last and recommended this also.

I likewise recommended



that the Russuldar Majors should be distinct from a Troop. but could not get him to assent entirely. he said he might recommend it hereafter, if it was proved necessary. that will be easy enough. so we may have that also by and by.

I consider the force now recommended. viz 4 Platts of Cavalry 450 strong each or 1800 Sabres and two Platts of Rifles 400 each - or 800 - in all 2600 men as too few for our Frontier - and told them so - but under our present financial difficulties. I would not press for more now. closing



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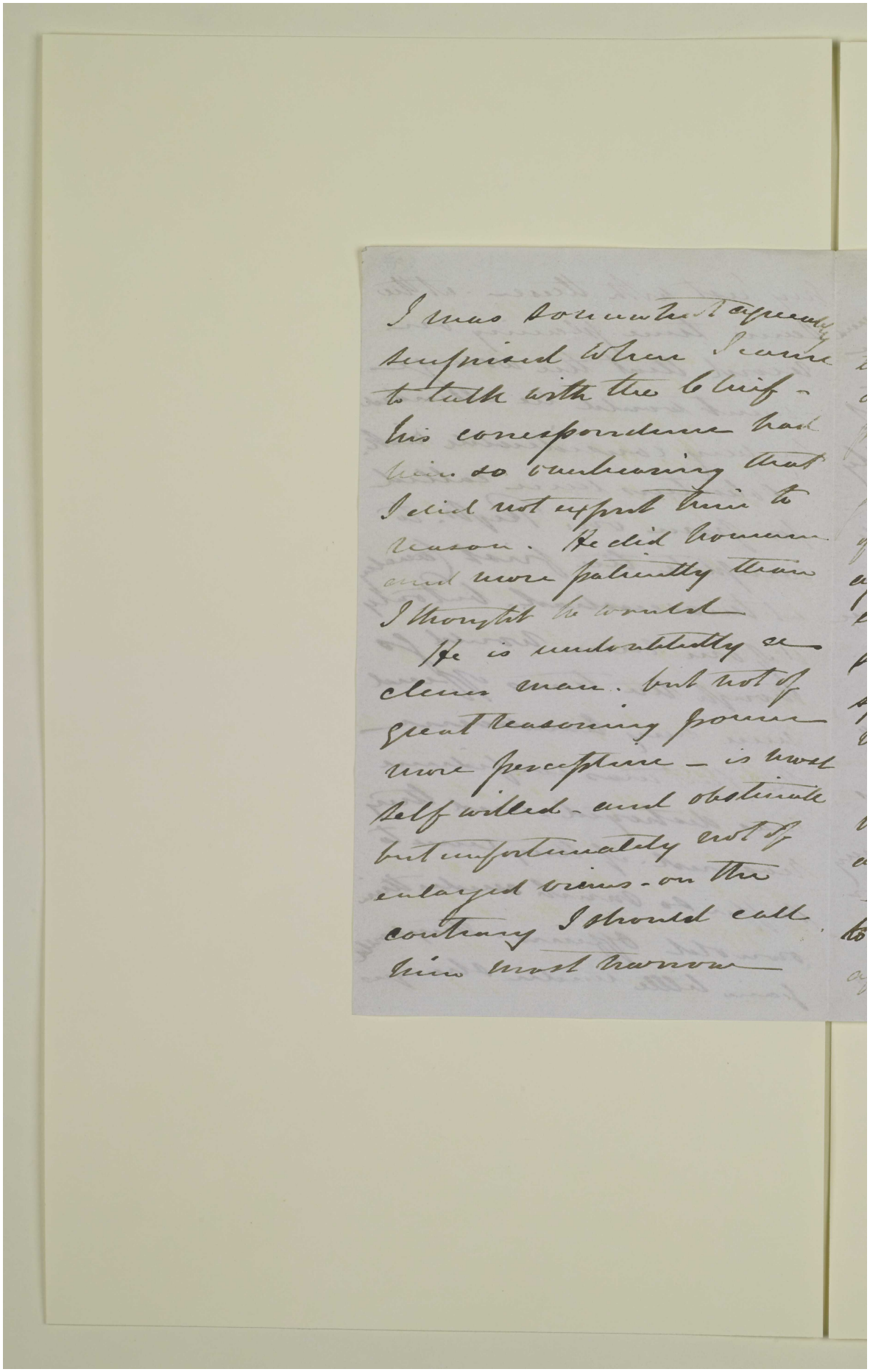
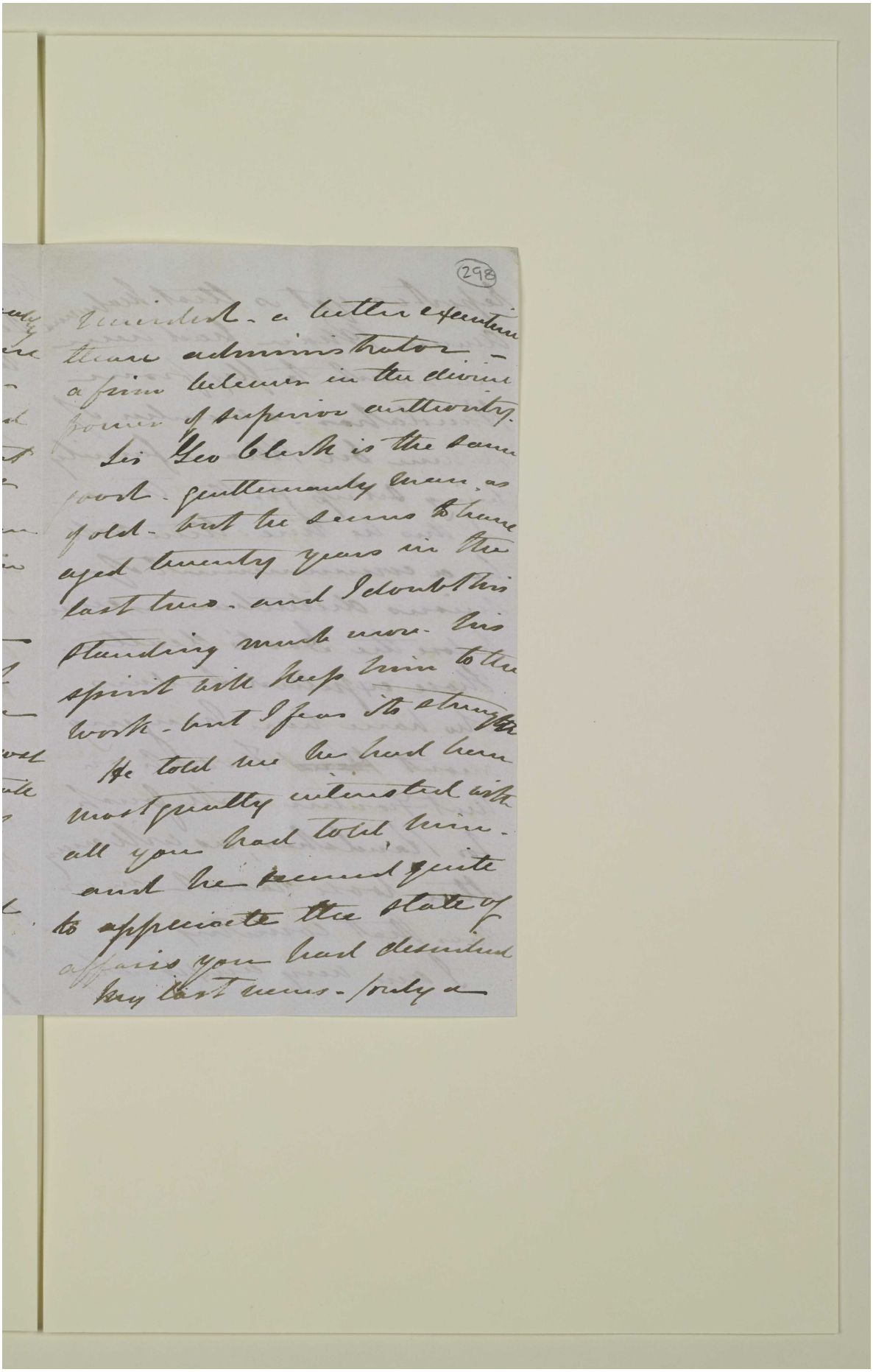
my best with these - at the
same time placing on
record that the arrange-
-ment would be attended
by very considerable risk.
Volunteers were called
for from our Regts. to
complete the first Cavalry
at Hussenabad. but only
8 of our men would go
though the terms offered
were very handsome
the fact was confidence
was destroyed - and they
reasoned. if they were to
suffer so much under their
own old Officers - they would
gain little under strangers



I was somewhat agreeably surprised when I came to talk with the Chief - his correspondence had led me to anticipate that I did not expect him to reason. He did however and more patiently than I thought he would

He is undoubtedly a clever man. but not of great reasoning power more perceptive - is most self willed - and obstinate but unfortunately not of enlarged views - on the contrary I should call him most narrow



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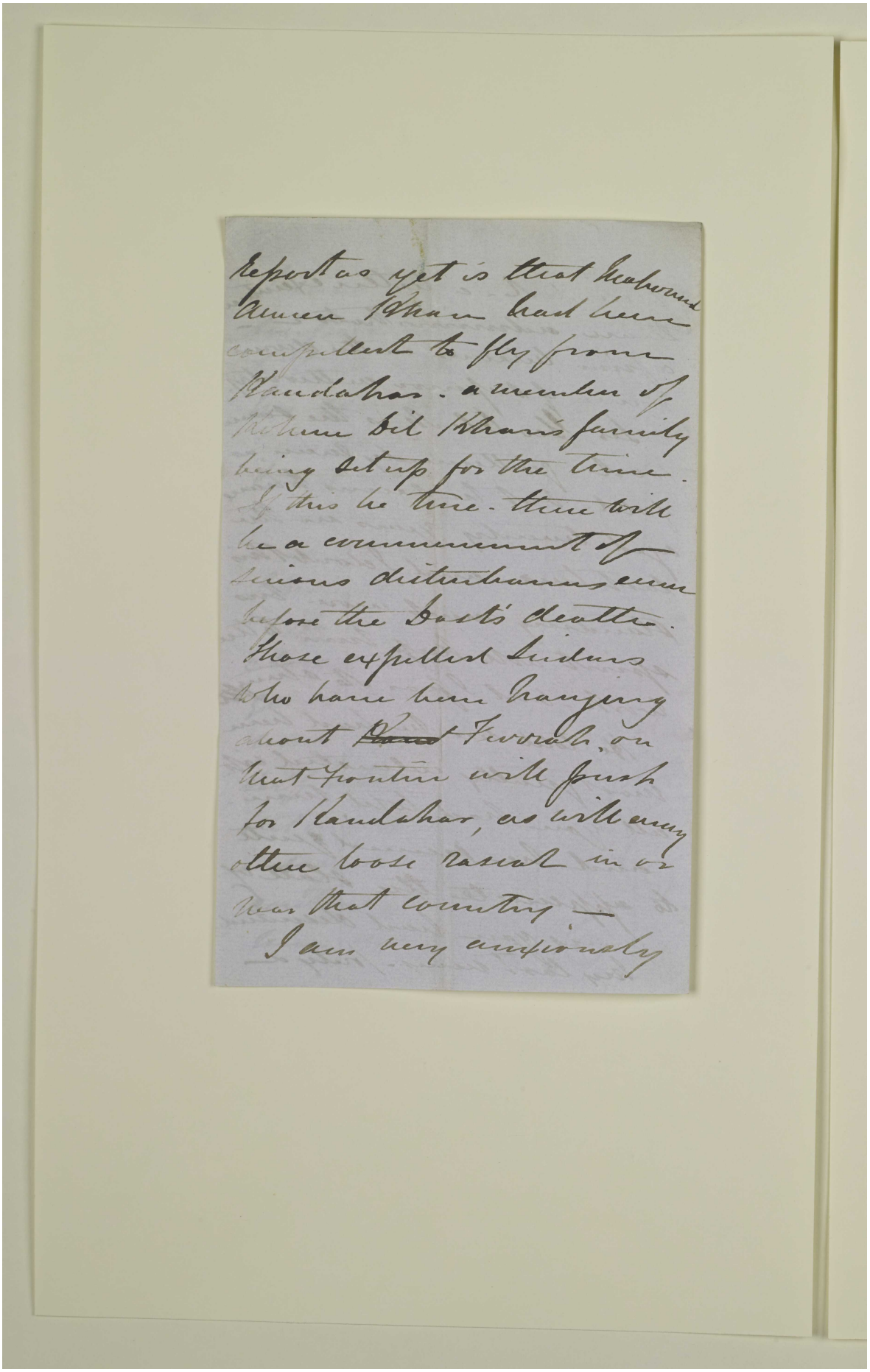
Minded - a better executive
than administrator -
a firm believer in the divine
power of superior authority.
Sir Geo Clerk is the same
good - gentlemanly man, as
of old - but he seems to have
aged twenty years in the
last two - and I doubt his
standing much more - his
spirit will keep him to the
work - but I fear its strength
He told me he had been
most greatly interested with
all you had told him -
and he seemed quite
to appreciate the state of
affairs you had described
my last news - / only a



report as yet is that Mahomed
Ameen Khan had been
compelled to fly from
Kandahar. a member of
Kohun Dil Khan's family
being set up for the time.
If this be true - there will
be a commencement of
serious disturbances even
before the Dost's death.
Those expelled Sirdars
who have been hanging
about ~~[illegible]~~ Fevorah, on
that frontier will push
for Kandahar, as will every
other loose rascal in or
near that country —
I am very anxiously

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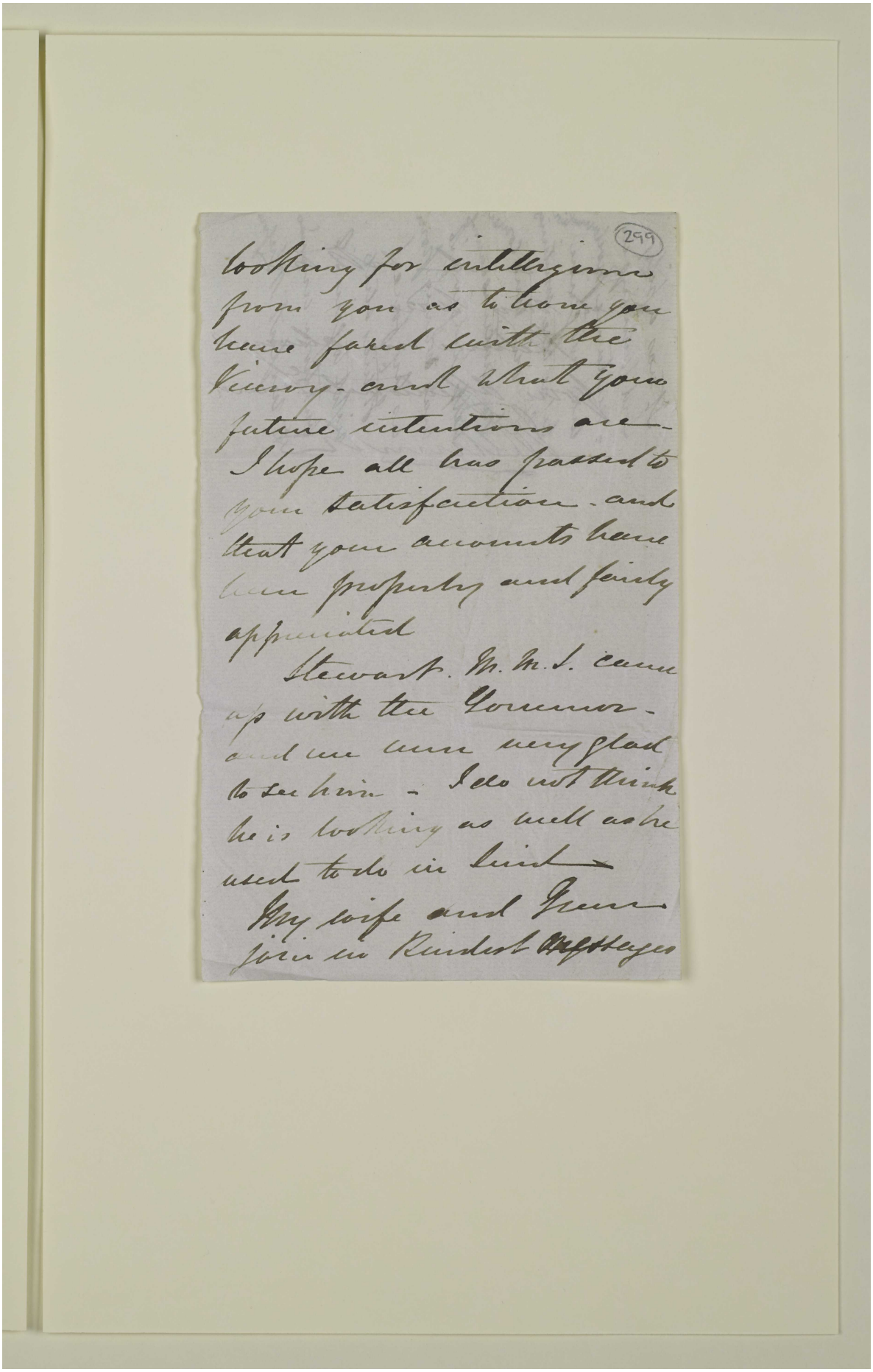

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looking for intelligence
from you as to how you
have fared with the
Viceroy - and what your
future intentions are -
I hope all has passed to
your satisfaction - and
that your accounts have
been properly and fairly
appreciated

Stewart. M. M. S. came
up with the Governor -
and we were very glad
to see him - I do not think
he is looking as well as he
used to do in Sind -

My wife and Gem
join in Kindest messages

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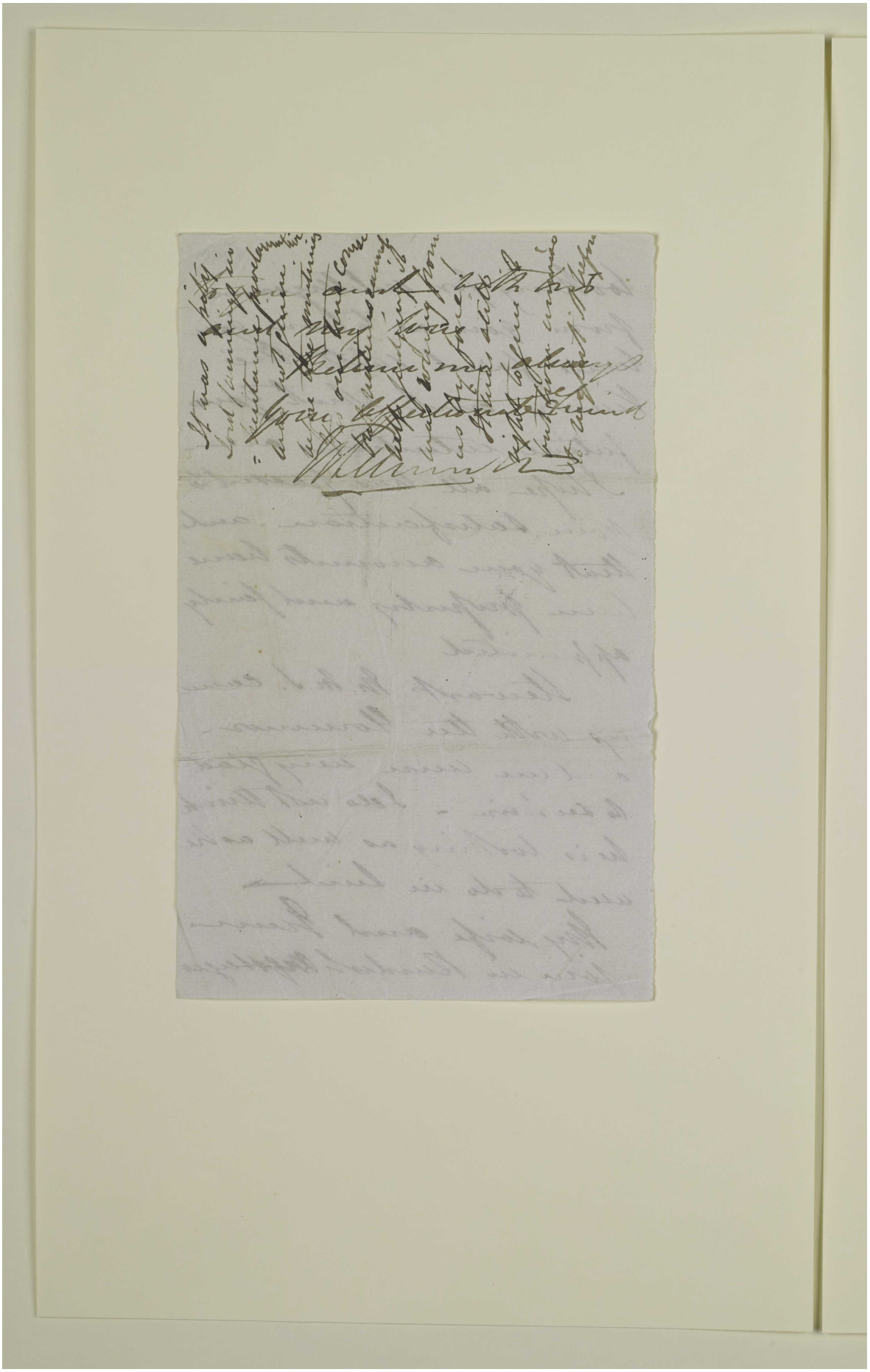

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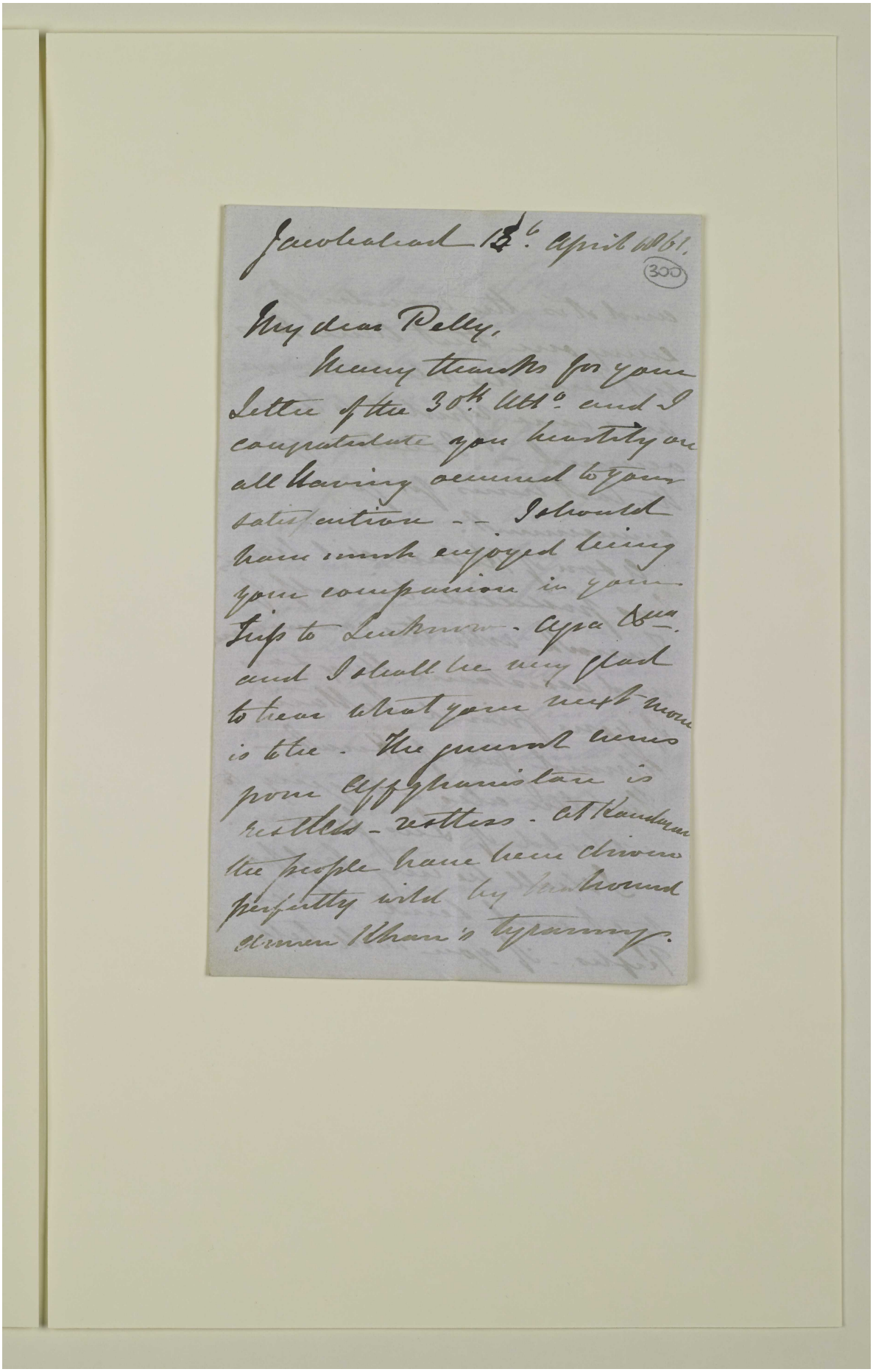

Jacobabad 13th April 1861.

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My dear Pelly,

Many thanks for your Letter of the 30th Ult^o. and I congratulate you heartily on all having occurred to your satisfaction -- I should have much enjoyed being your companion in your Trip to Lucknow - Agra &c^a. and I shall be very glad to hear what your next move is to be. The general news from Affghanistan is restless - restless. At Kandahar the people have been driven perfectly wild by Mahomed Amen Khan's tyranny.

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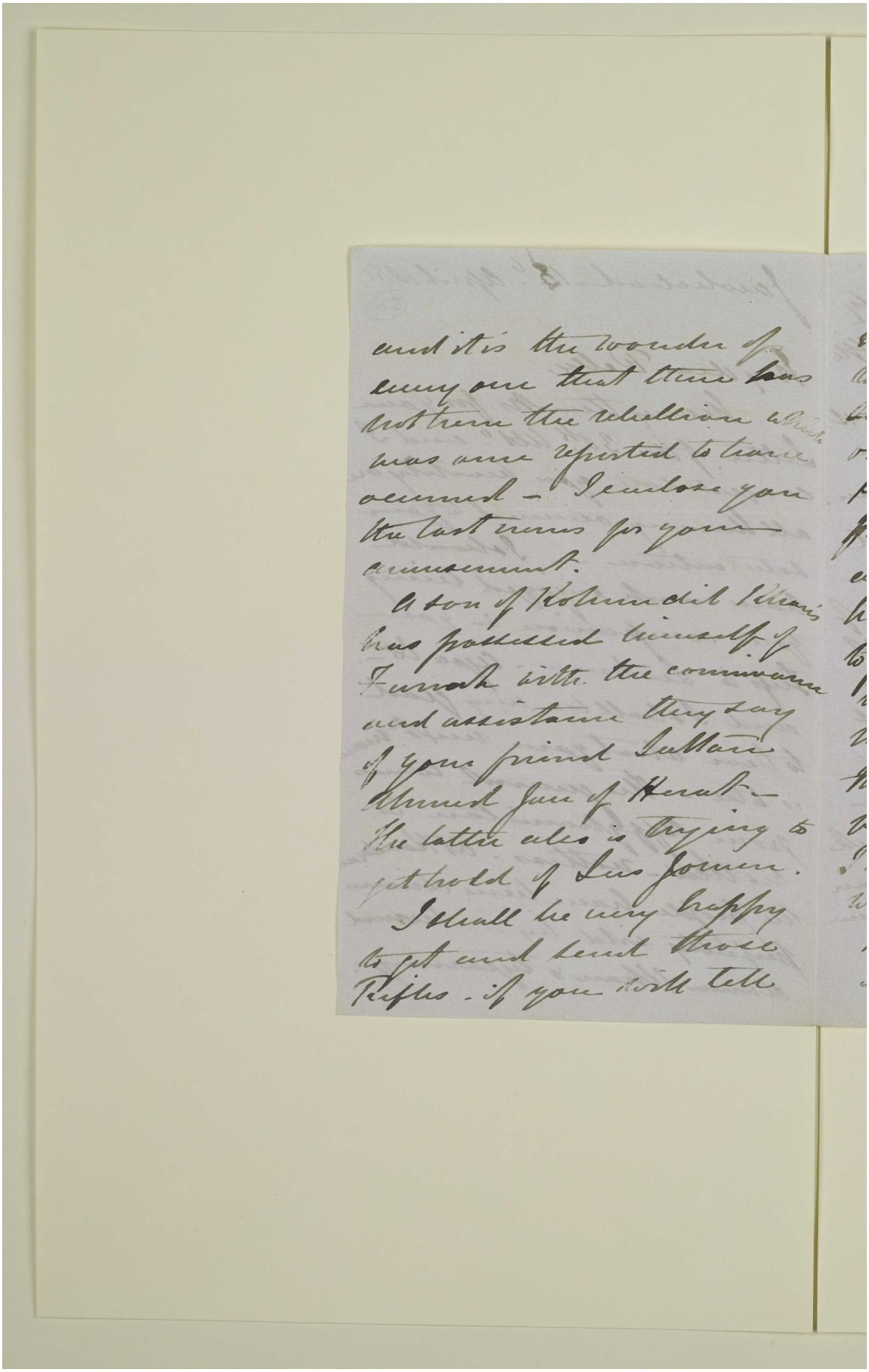

and it is the wonder of every one that there has not been the rebellion which was once reported to have occurred — I enclose you the last news for your amusement.

A son of Kohundil Khan's has possessed himself of Furrah with the connivance and assistance they say of your friend Sultan Ahmed Jan of Herat — The latter also is trying to get hold of Sus Jomen.

I shall be very happy to get and send those Rifles - if you will tell

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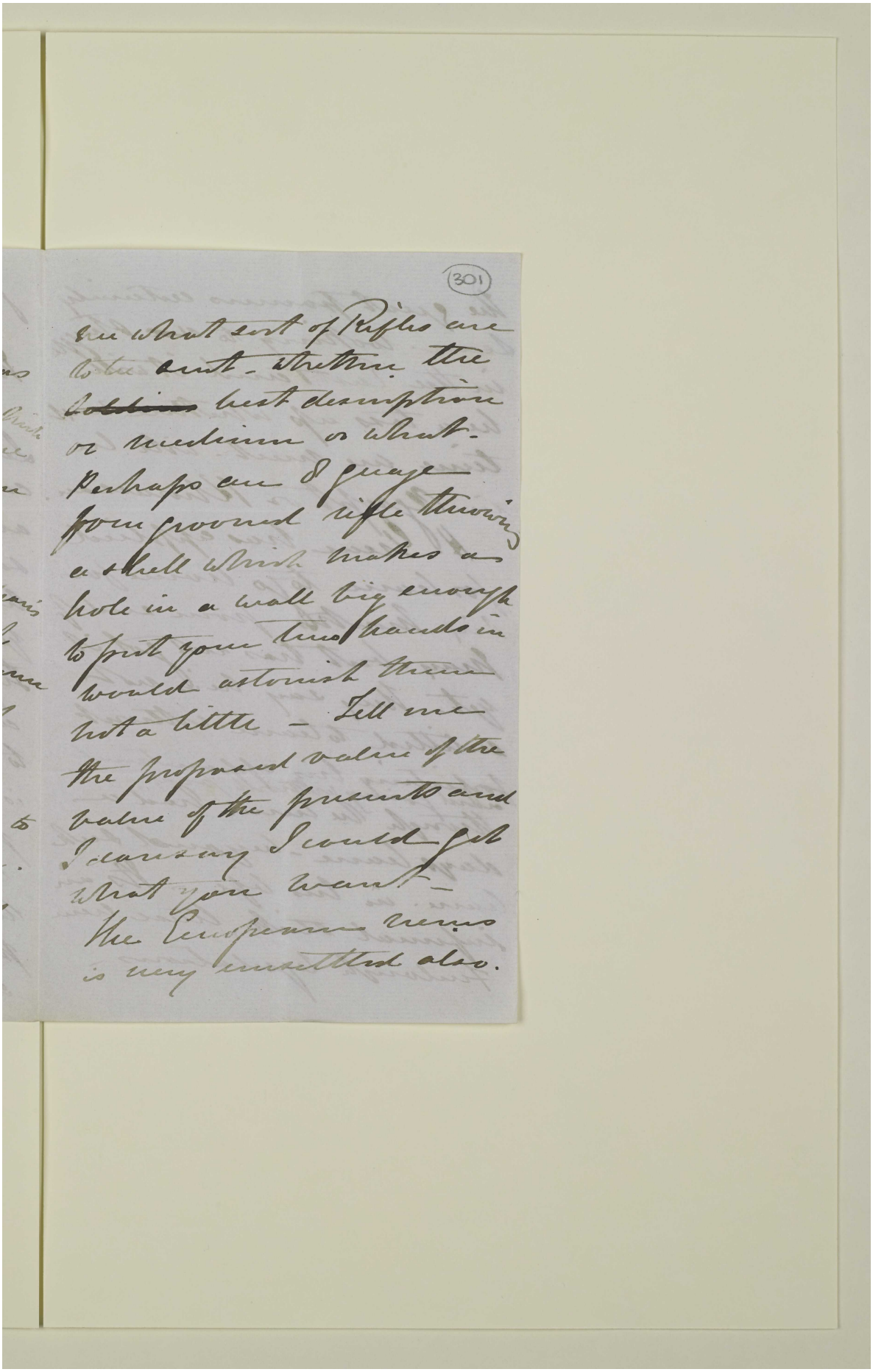

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me what sort of Rifles are
to be sent - whether the
~~soldiers~~ best description
or medium or what -
Perhaps an 8 guage
four grooved rifle throwing
a shell which makes a
hole in a wall big enough
to put your two hands in
would astonish them
not a little - Tell me
the proposed value of the
value of the presents and
I dare say I could get
what you want -
The European news
is very unsettled also.

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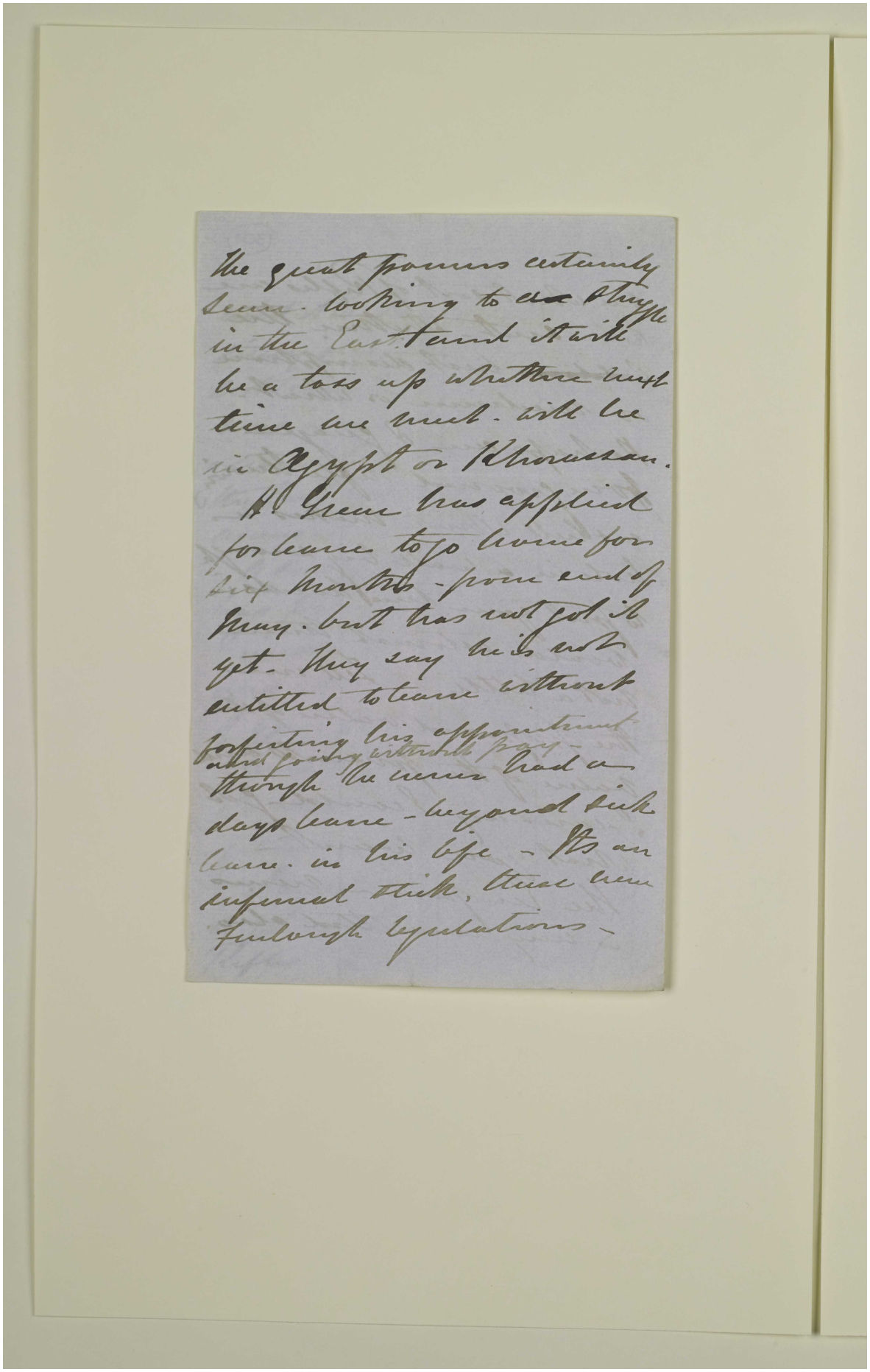

the great powers certainly
seem looking to a struggle
in the East. and it will
be a toss up whether next
time we meet. will be
in Agypt or Khorassan.
H. Green has applied
for leave to go home for
six months - from end of
May. but has not got it
yet. They say he is not
entitled to leave without
forfeiting his appointment
and going without pay -
though he never had a
days leave - beyond sick
leave. in his life - Its an
infernal stick, these new
Furlough regulations -

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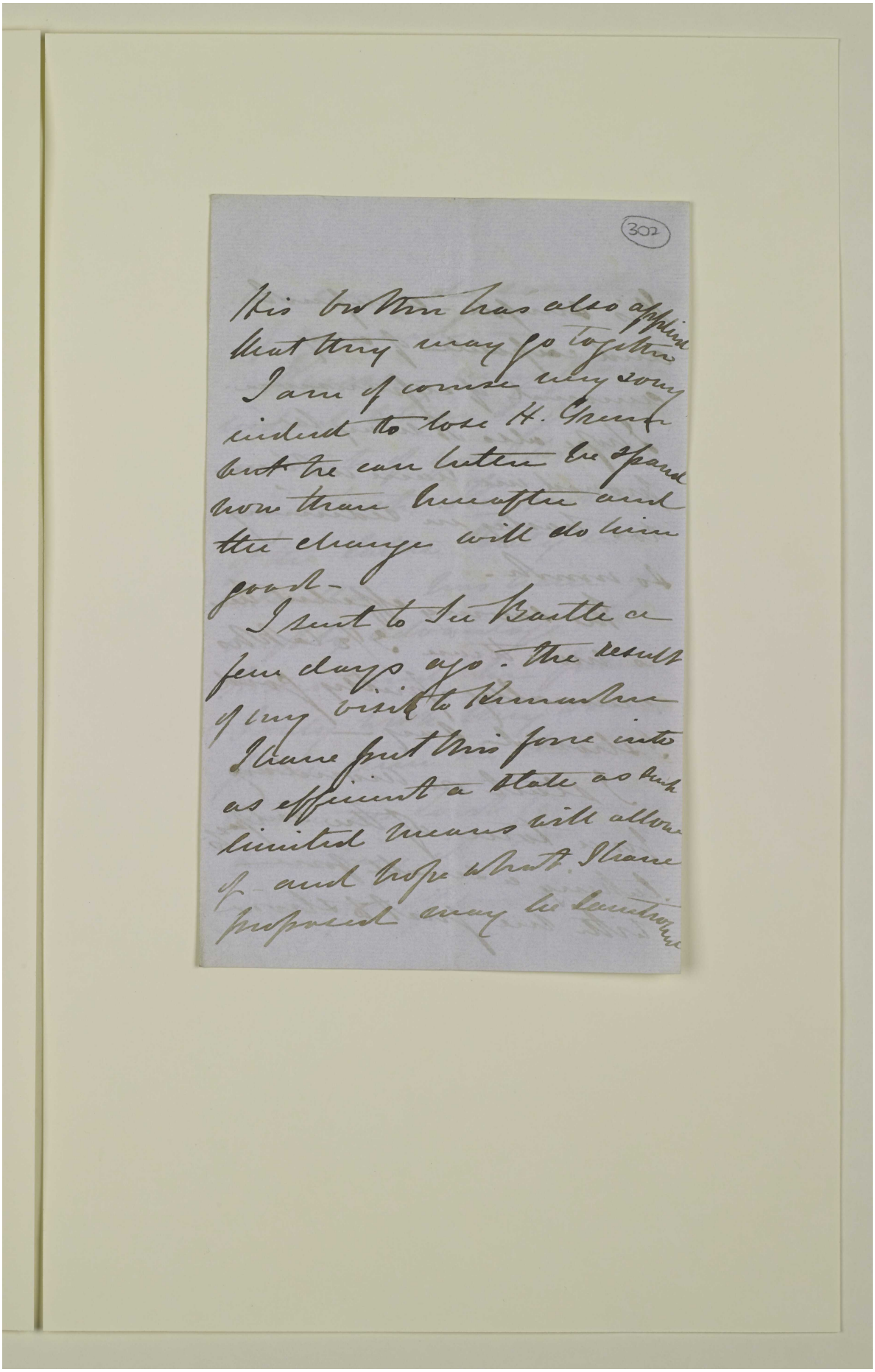

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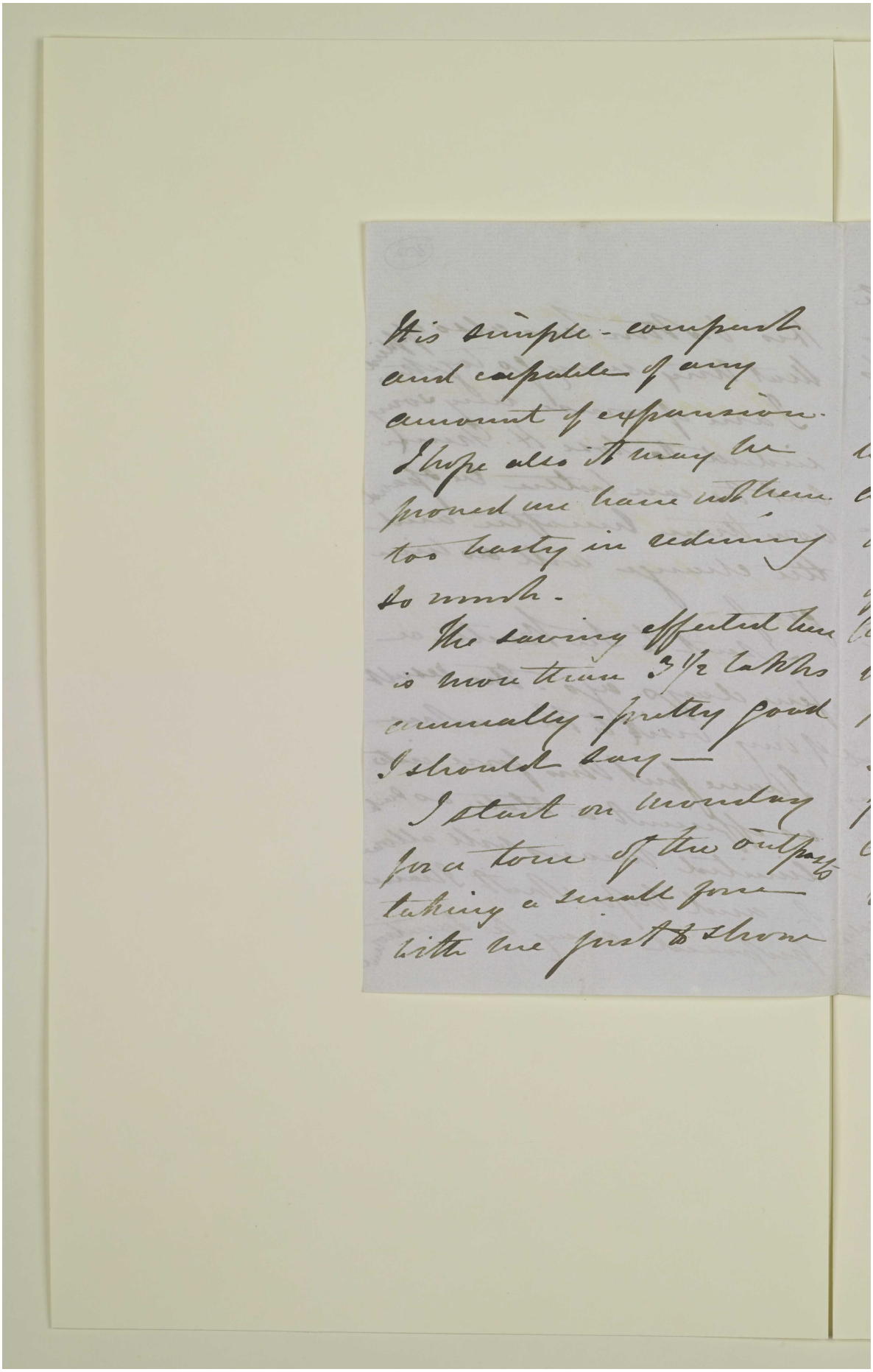
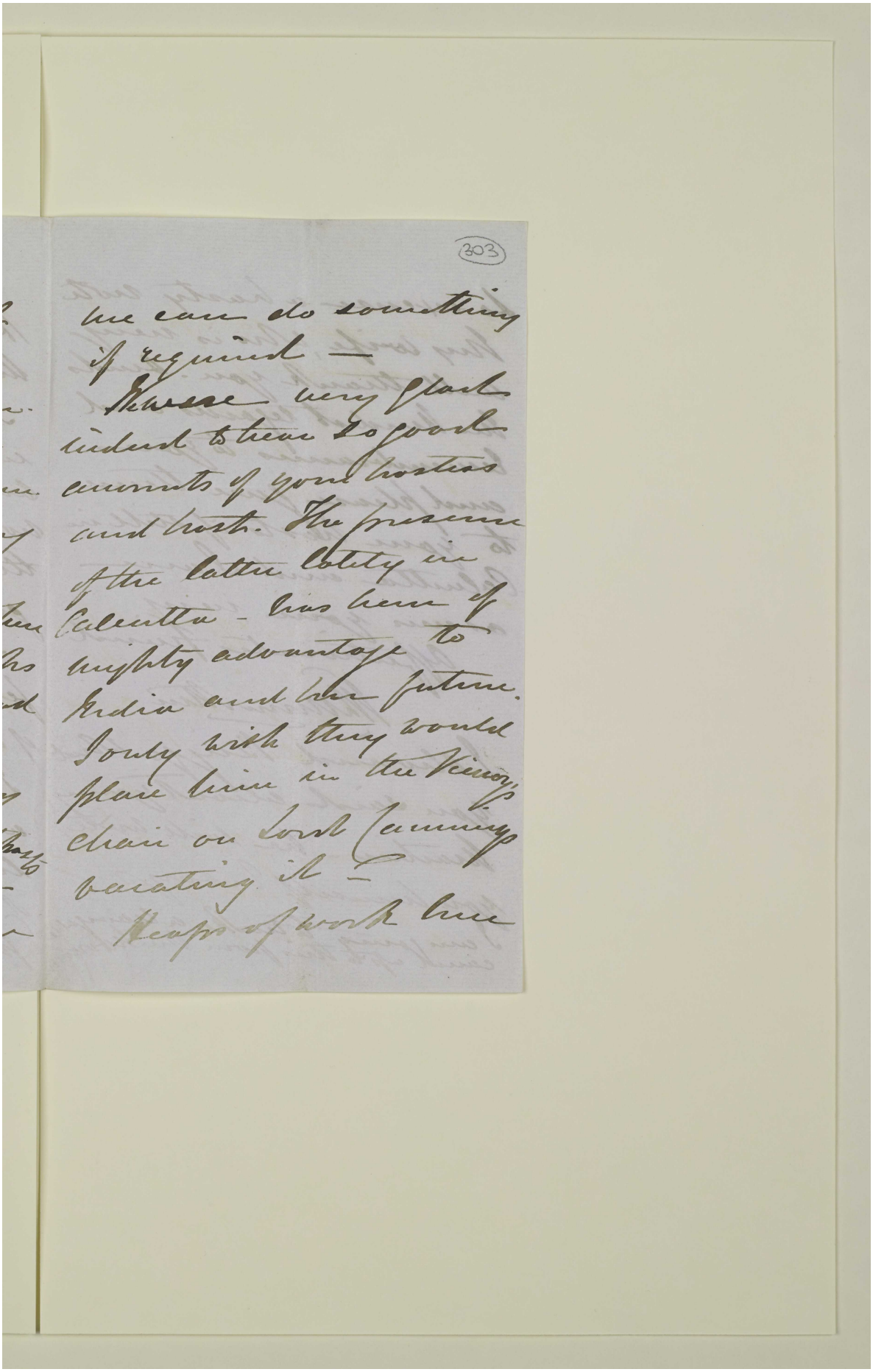
His brother has also applied
that they may go together
I am of course very sorry
indeed to lose H. Green
but he can better be spared
now than hereafter and
the change will do him
good -
I sent to Sir Bartle a
few days ago - the result
of my visit to Kumarhee
I have put this force into
as efficient a state as such
limited means will allow
of - and hope what I have
proposed may be sanctioned



His simple - compact
and capable of any
amount of expansion.
I hope also it may be
proved we have not been
too hasty in reducing
so much.
The saving effected here
is more than 3½ Lakhs
annually - pretty good
I should say —
I start on Monday
for a tour of the outposts
taking a small force
with me just to show



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we can do something
if required —
I were very glad
indeed to hear so good
accounts of your hostess
and host. The presence
of the latter lately in
Calcutta - has been of
mighty advantage to
India and her future.
I only wish they would
place him in the Viceroy's
chair on Lord Cannings
vacating it —
Heaps of work here

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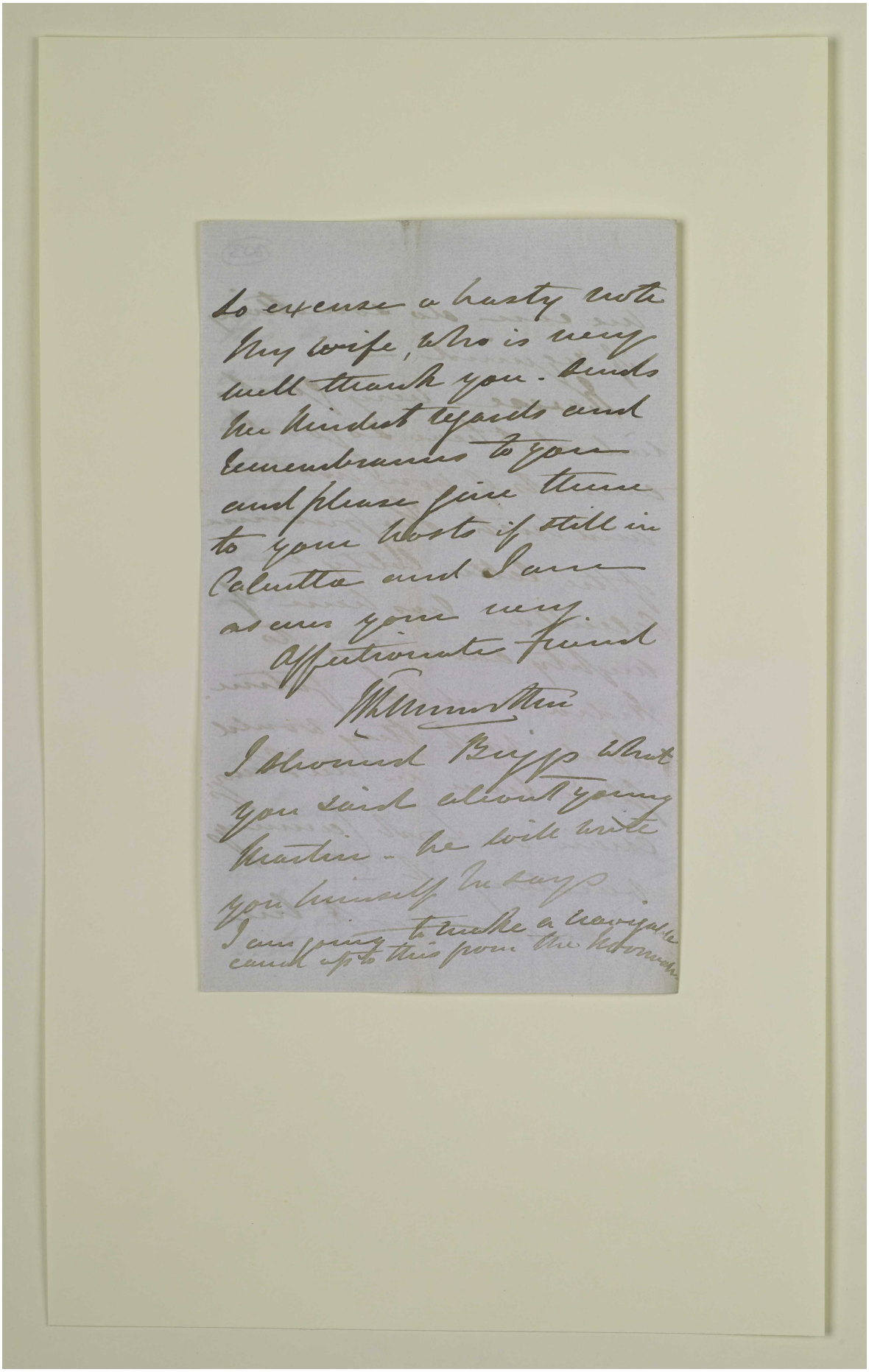

So excuse a hasty note
My wife, who is very
well thank you. Sends
her kindest regards and
remembrances to you
and please give them
to your hosts if still in
Calcutta and I am
as ever your very
Affectionate friend
W. Merewether
I showed Biggs what
you said about young
Martin - he will write
you himself he says
I am going to make a navigable
canal up to this from the Koorwah

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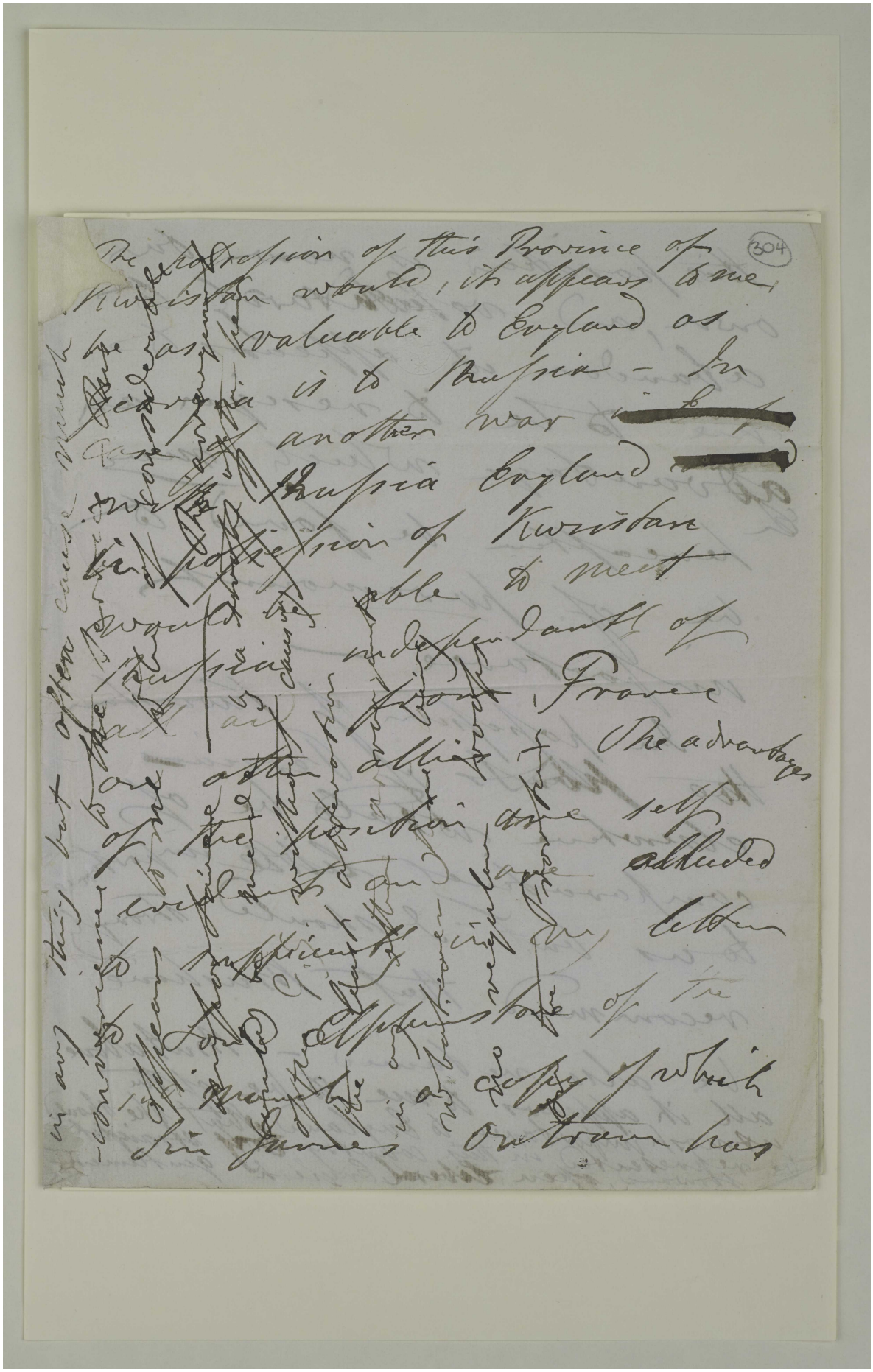

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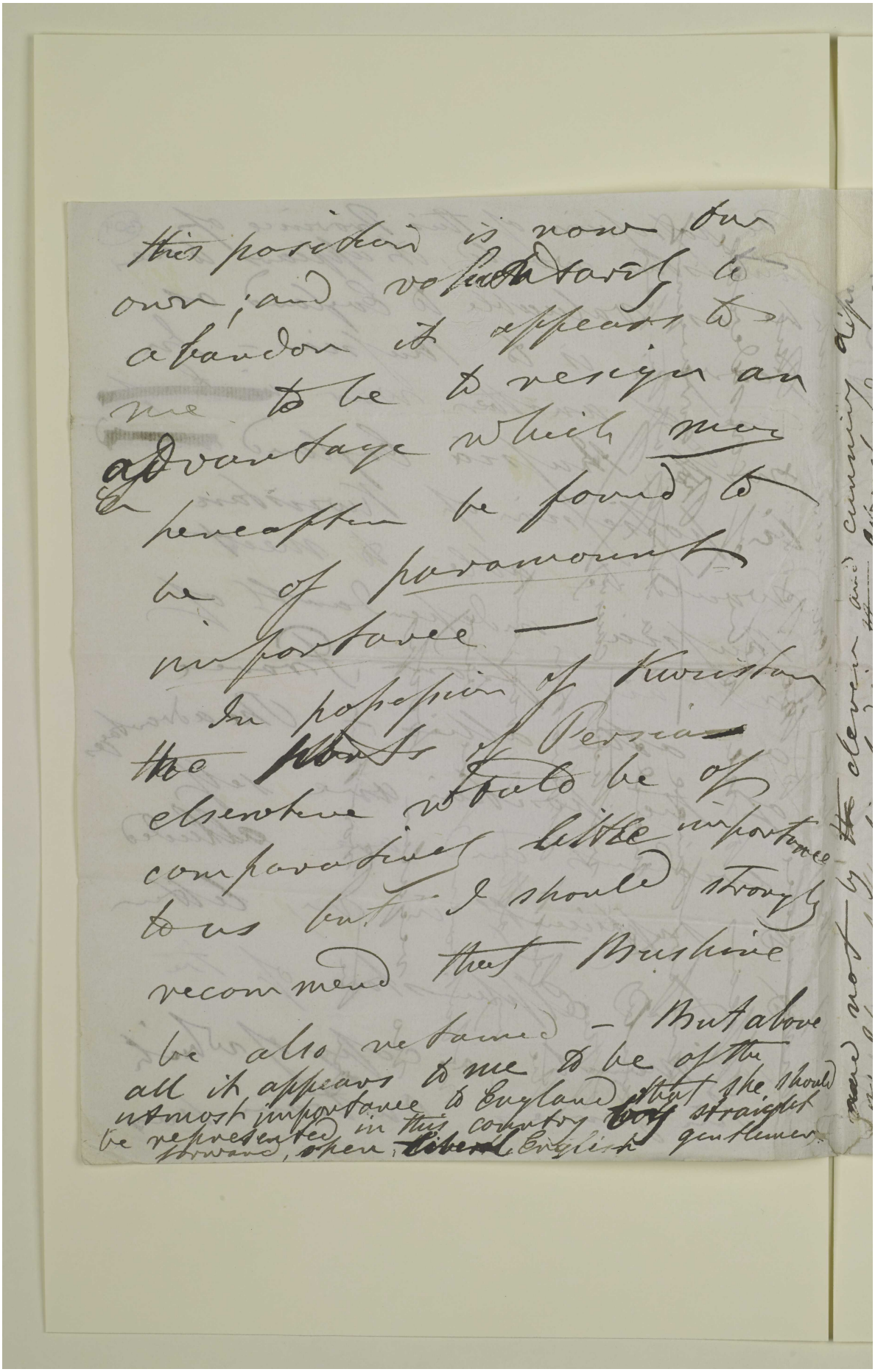

this paradise is now our own, and voluntarily to abandon it appears to me to be to resign an advantage which may hereafter be found to be of paramount importance —

In possession of Kurrachee the Ports of Persia — elsewhere would be of comparatively little importance to us but. I should strongly recommend that Bushire be also retained — But above all it appears to me to be of the utmost importance to England that she should be represented in this country by straight forward, open, liberal English gentlemen.

Part of a letter written by John Jacob [305r] (3/4)

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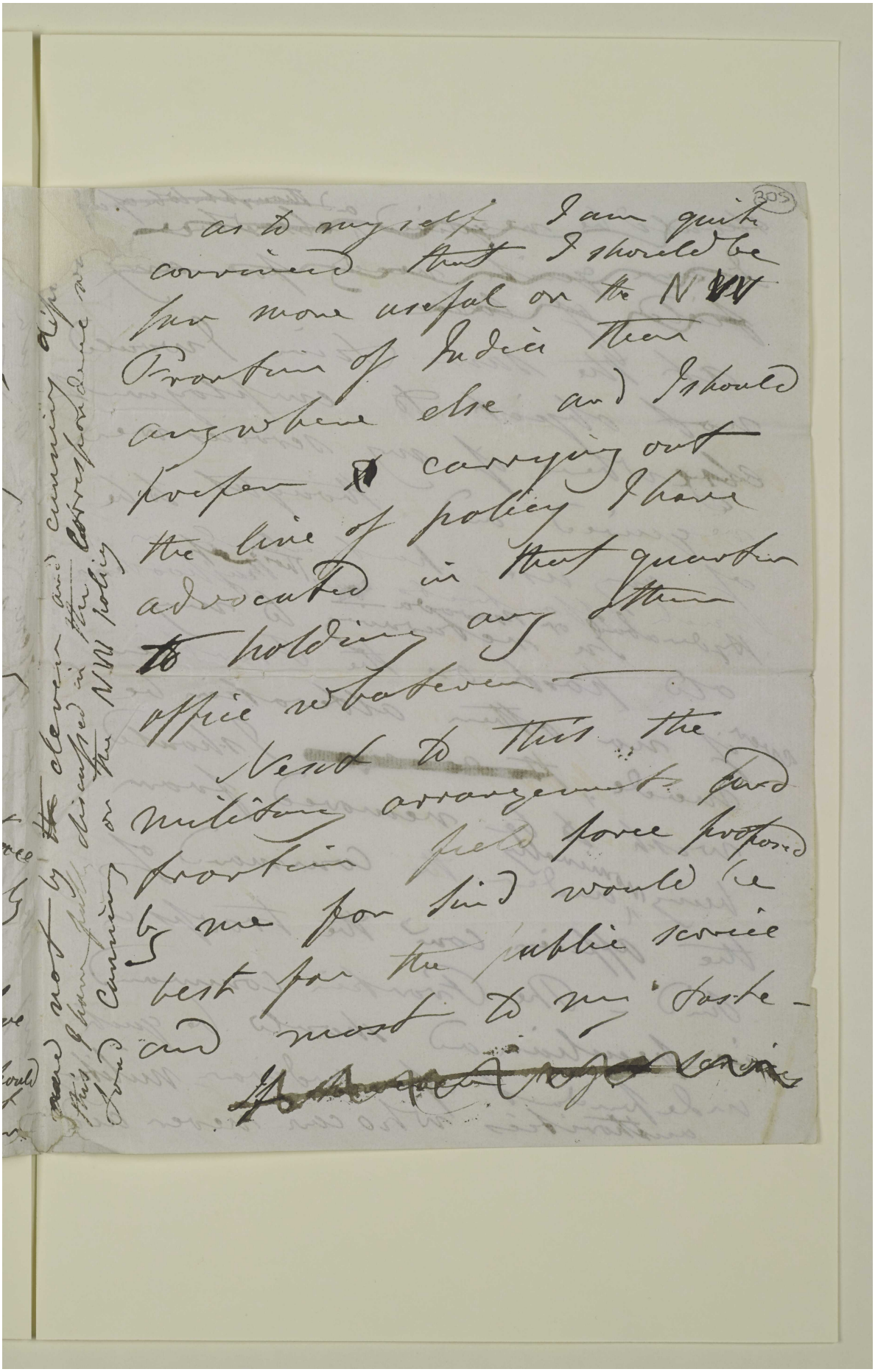


as to myself I am quite
convinced that I should be
far more useful on the NW
Frontier of India than
anywhere else and I should
prefer carrying out
the line of policy I have
advocated in that quarter
to holding any other
office whatever —

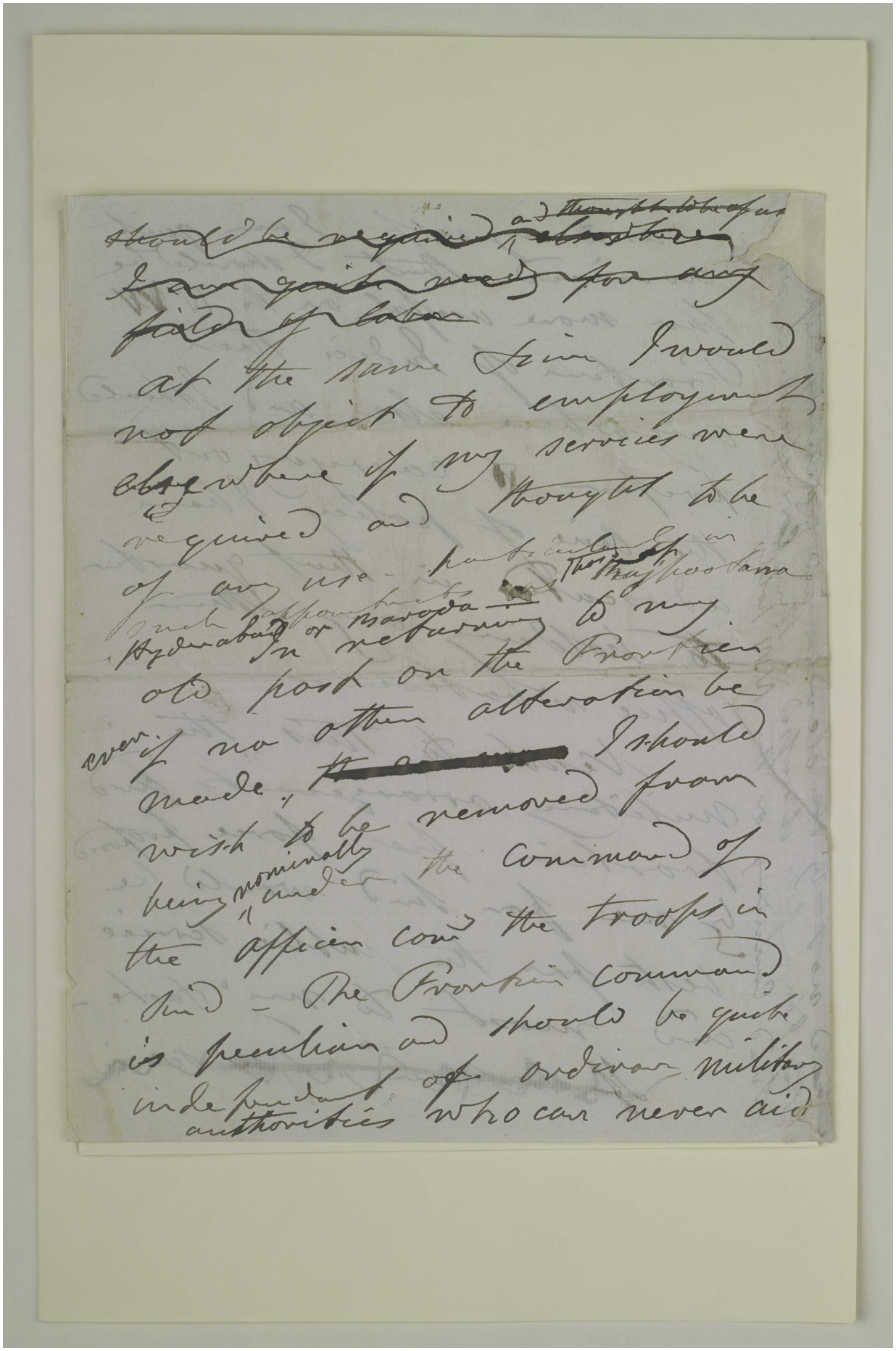
Next to this the
military arrangements and
frontier field force proposed
by me for Sind would be
best for the public service
and most to my taste —

~~[illegible]~~

and not by the clever and cunning dip
this I have fully discussed in the correspondence we
found cunning on the NW policy

Part of a letter written by John Jacob [305v] (4/4)

~~should be required and thought to be of use~~
~~I am quite ready for any~~
~~field of labor~~



at the same time I would
not object to employment
elsewhere if my services were
required and thought to be
of any use — particularly in
such appointments as those of Hyderabad or Baroda — Rajpootana
In returning to my
old post on the Frontier
even if no other alteration be
made, ~~[illegible]~~ I should
wish to be removed from
being nominally under the command of
the officer com^d the troops in
Sind — The Frontier command
is peculiar and should be quite
independent of ordinary military
authorities who can never aid

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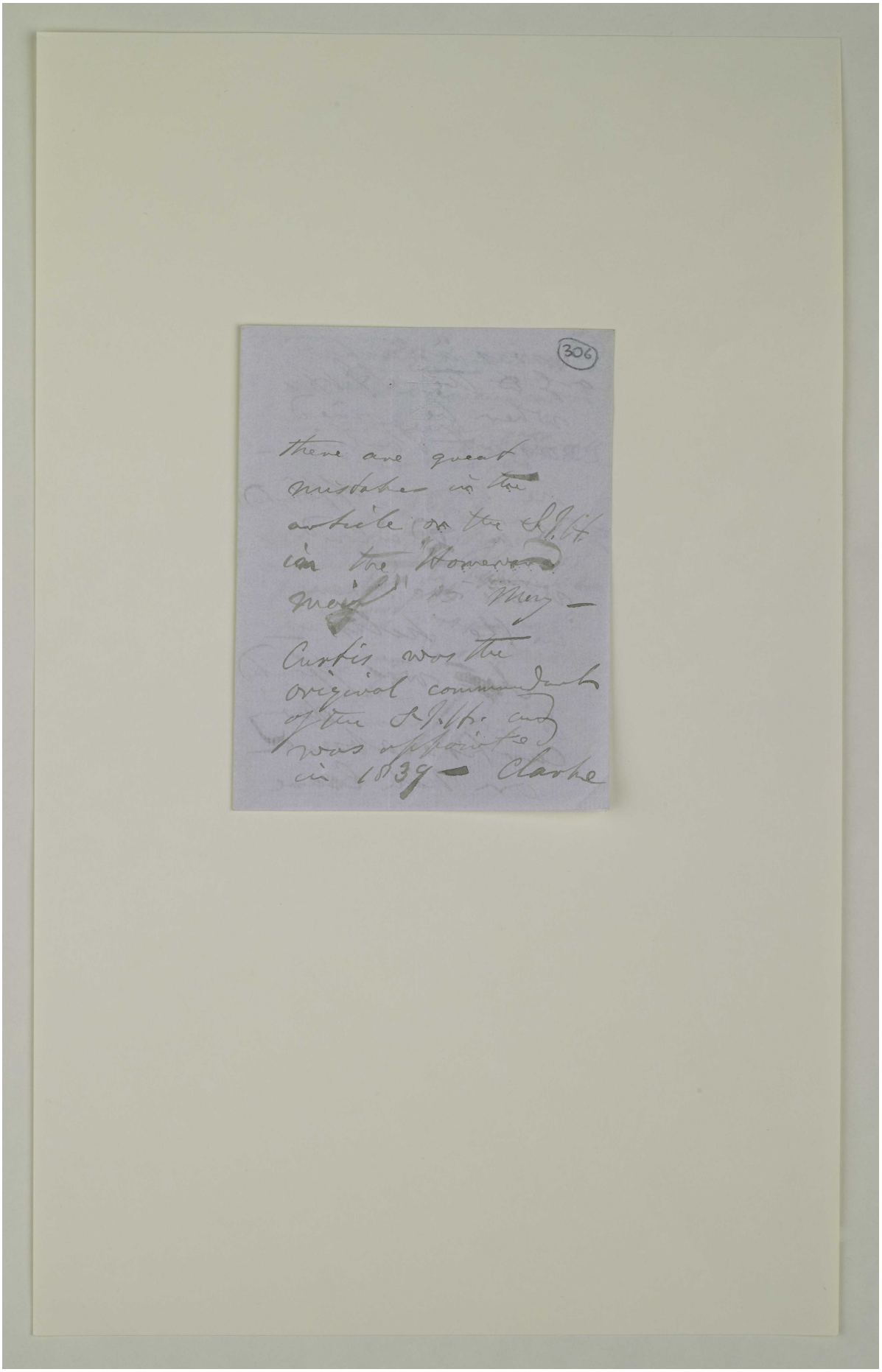

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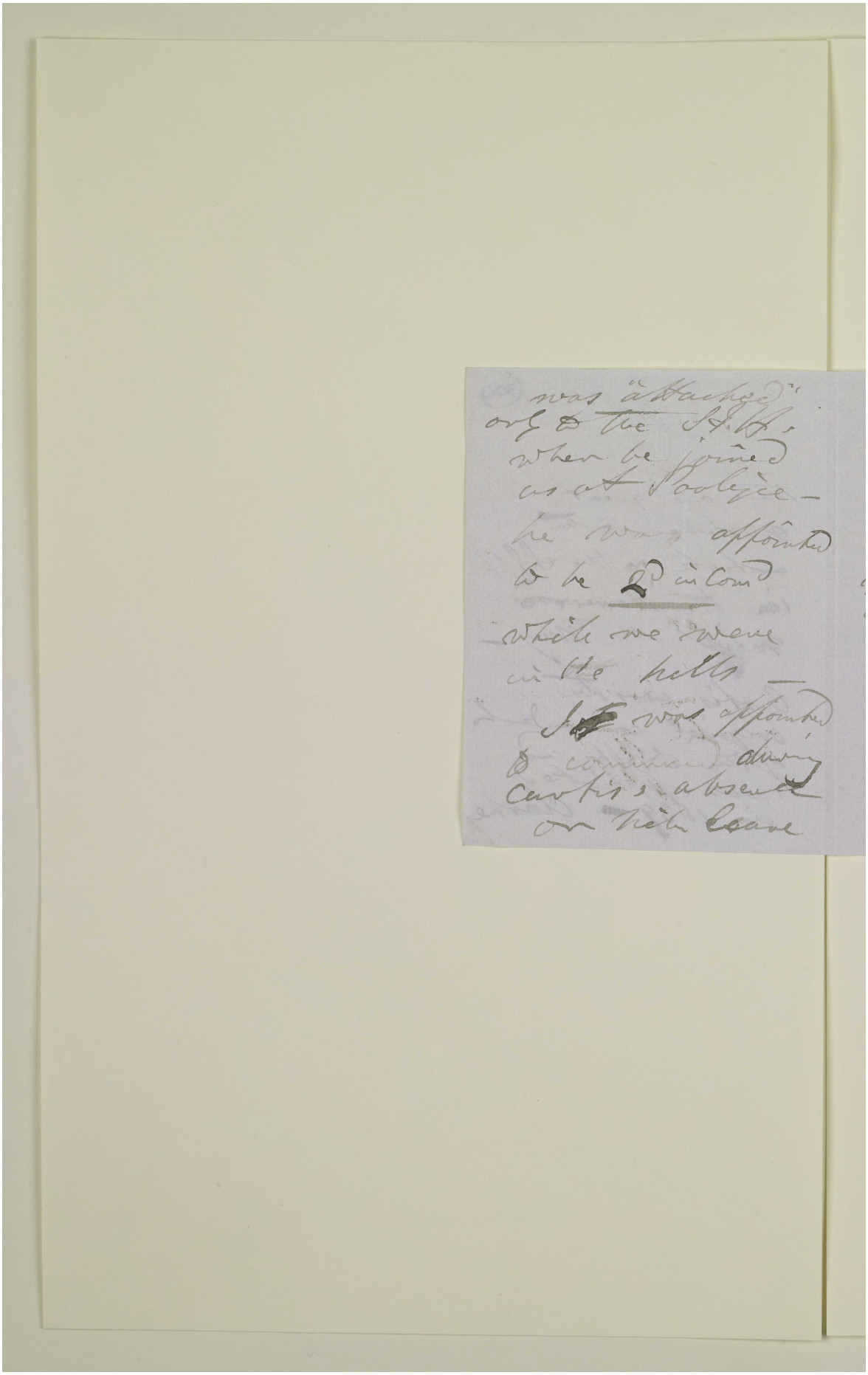

was "attached"
only to the S.H.H.,
when he joined
us at Poolejee —
he was appointed
to be 2d in Comd
while we were
in the hills —
I was appointed
to command during
Curtis's absence
on his leave

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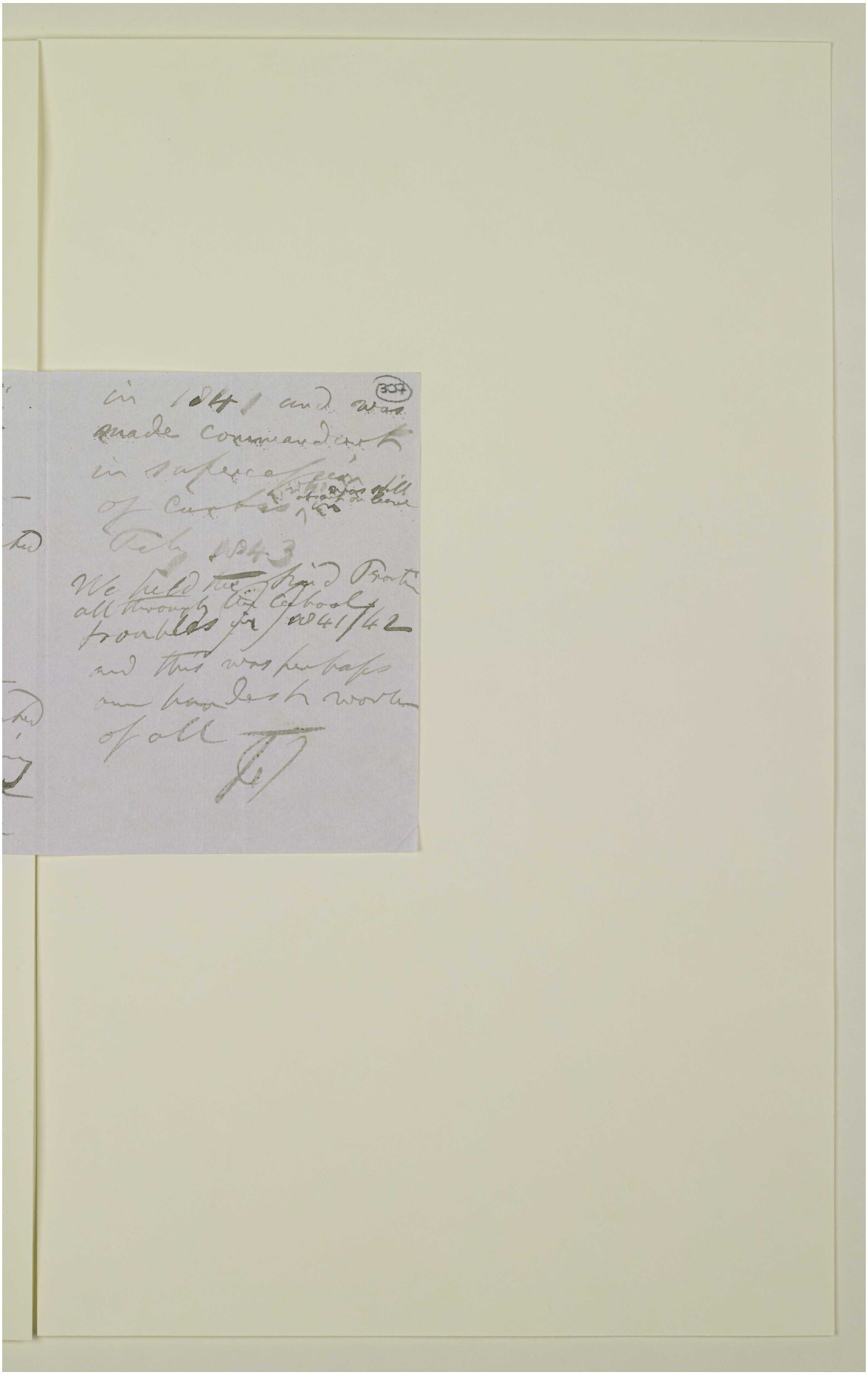

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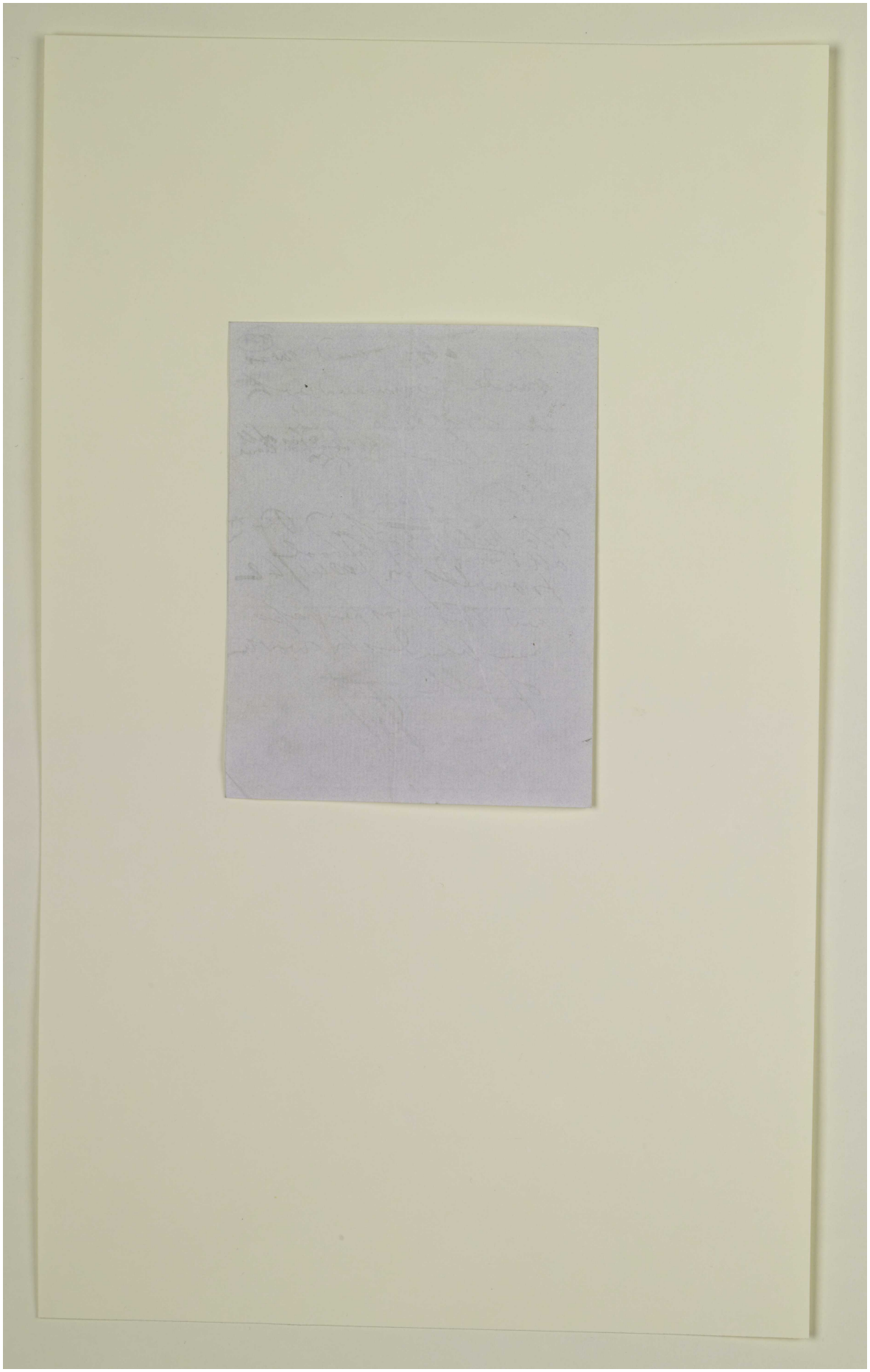

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