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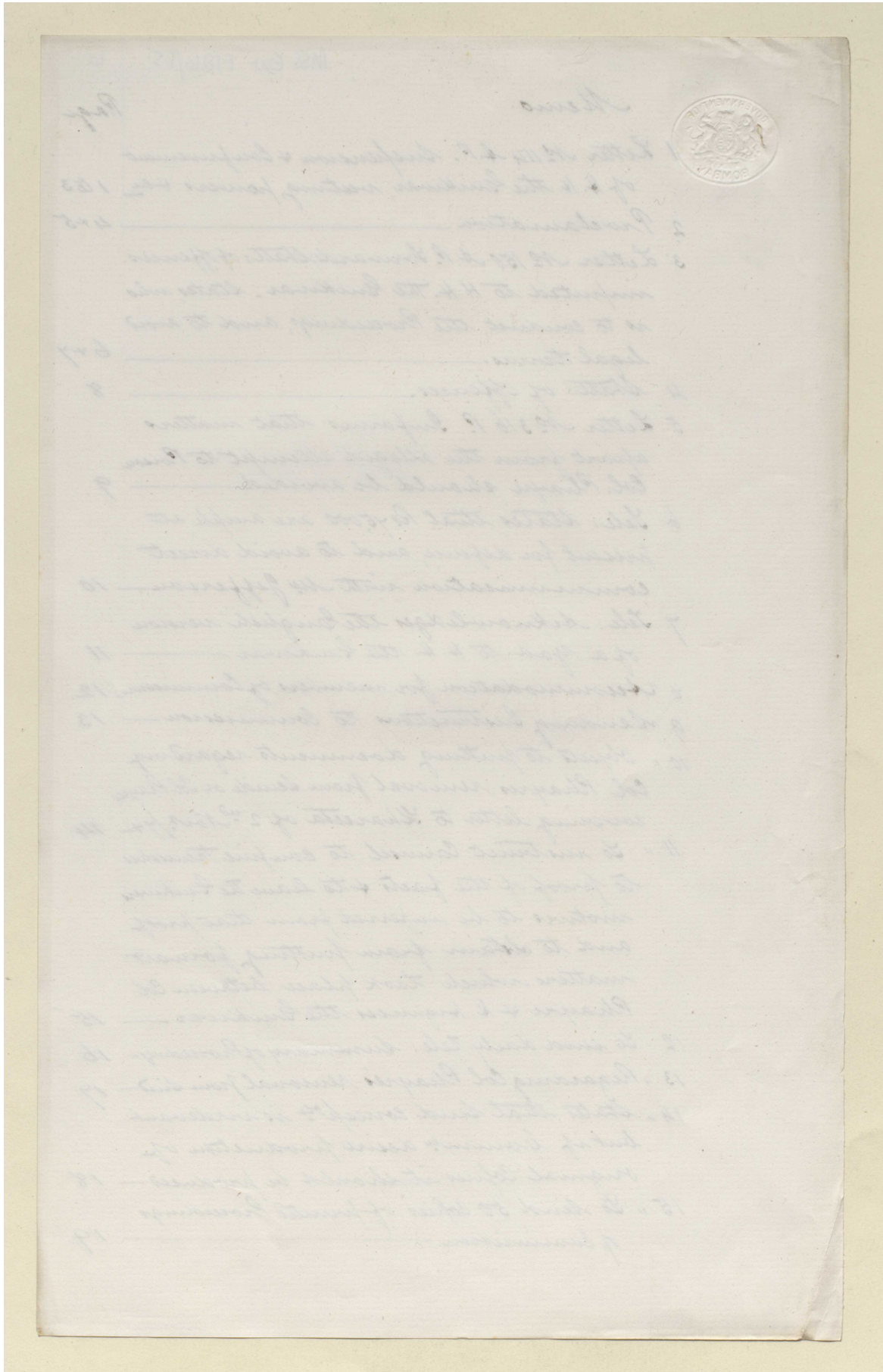
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Copies of official telegrams and correspondence relating to the proclamation by Government of the arrest of the Gaekwar of Baroda (Malharrao) on suspicion of the attempted murder of Colonel Robert Phayre; the Commission's relocation to Bombay in March 1875; its conclusions which differed between the European and Indian members of the Commission; instructions for the continued detainment of the Gaekwar until the Government of India had decided on how to handle the outcome of the Commission; and reports by Lewis Pelly to the Viceroy of India (Thomas George Baring, Second Baron Northbrook) on the financial administration of the state and the improvements he had made, including detailed statements for Government's information.

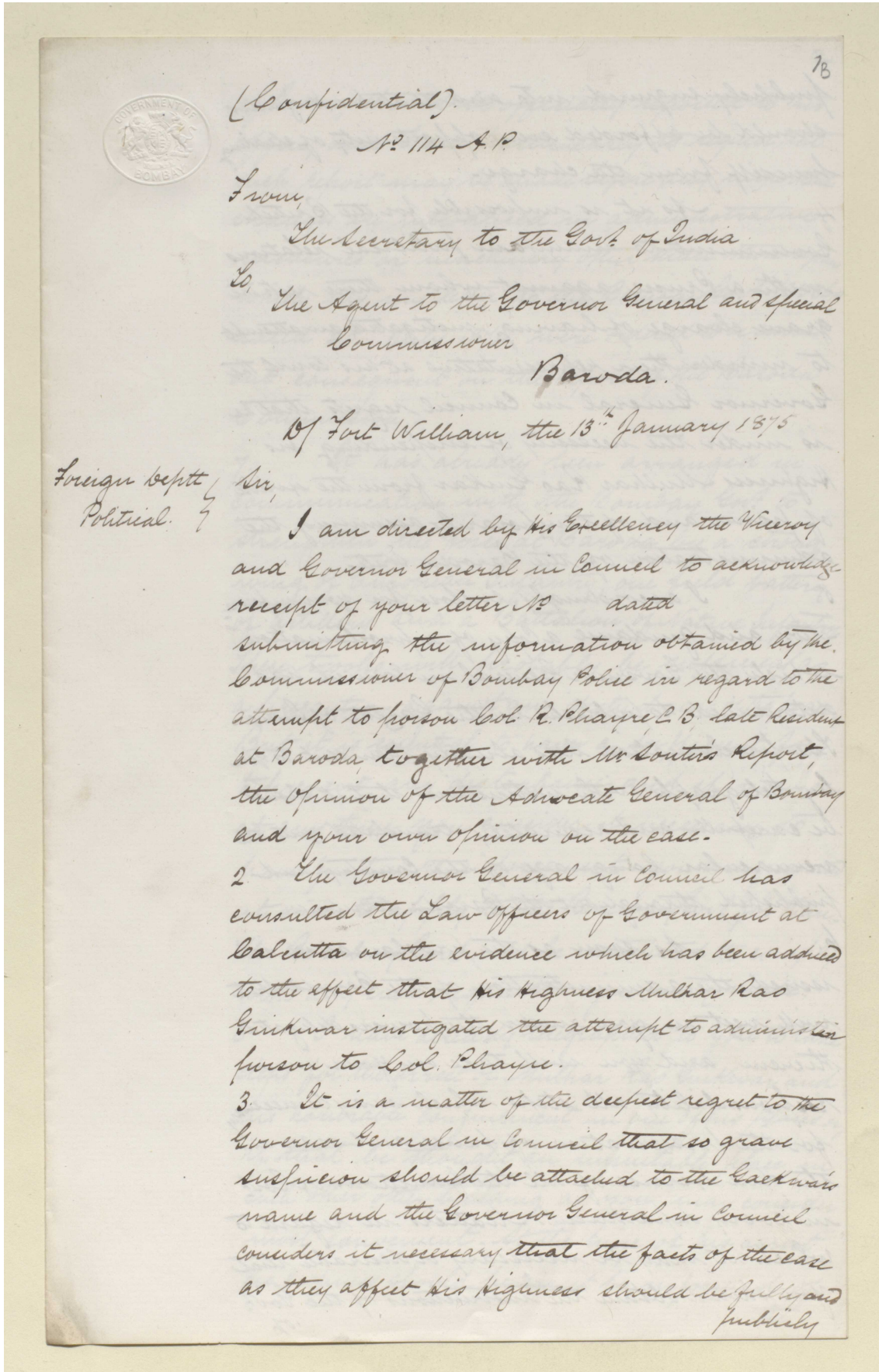
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publicly enquired into and that His Highness should be afforded every opportunity of clearing himself from the charge.

4. As it is impossible for the British Government to maintain political relations with a Prince against whom there rests the grave charge of having instigated an attempt to murder their representative at his court, the Governor General in Council regrets that he is under the necessity of suspending His Highness Mulhar Rao Sunkar from the exercise of power and of temporarily assuming the administration of the Baroda State.

5. I accordingly enclose for your information and guidance a copy of a proclamation which the Governor General in Council has determined to publish in the Gazette of India. The proclamation has already been sent to you by telegraph with instructions that it should be carefully and accurately translated into the vernacular language of the Country and published throughout the Baroda territories.

6. As soon as the proclamation is issued the administration of the Baroda State will rest in you under the powers delegated therein, and you will take on your own responsibility all steps which may be necessary for the preservation of peace and order and the due exercise of all the functions of Govt in every department. Matters in regard to which it may be necessary or desirable that you should obtain the instructions of the Govt of

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of India, should be officially reported to this office, and I am particularly to request that such report may be made before any important changes are introduced in administrative measures or machinery other than those referred which, in my letter to the Bombay Govt. No 1586, dated 25th July 1844, were ordered to be carried out, consequent on the Report of the Baroda Commission.

7. It has already been arranged in communication with the Bombay Govt. to strengthen the force at Baroda by a strong wing of European Infantry, one field battery of Artillery and a Battalion of Native Infantry. These troops will probably be sufficient as a precaution against any disturbance of the peace. But it is essential to have a sufficient force to prevent any disturbance and if now or at any time you consider it necessary to have further re-inforcements, you are requested at once to apply to the Bombay Govt. for them. The Bombay Govt. will be instructed to comply with any such requisition you may make.

8 I have already telegraphed to you to take steps for the arrest of Mulhar Rao Ginkwar and his honorable confinement in one of his places, or if that be thought an unsuitable place, in such other other ^{suitable} building as you may consider most convenient. At the time of his arrest his Highness should be ~~assured~~ be informed of the
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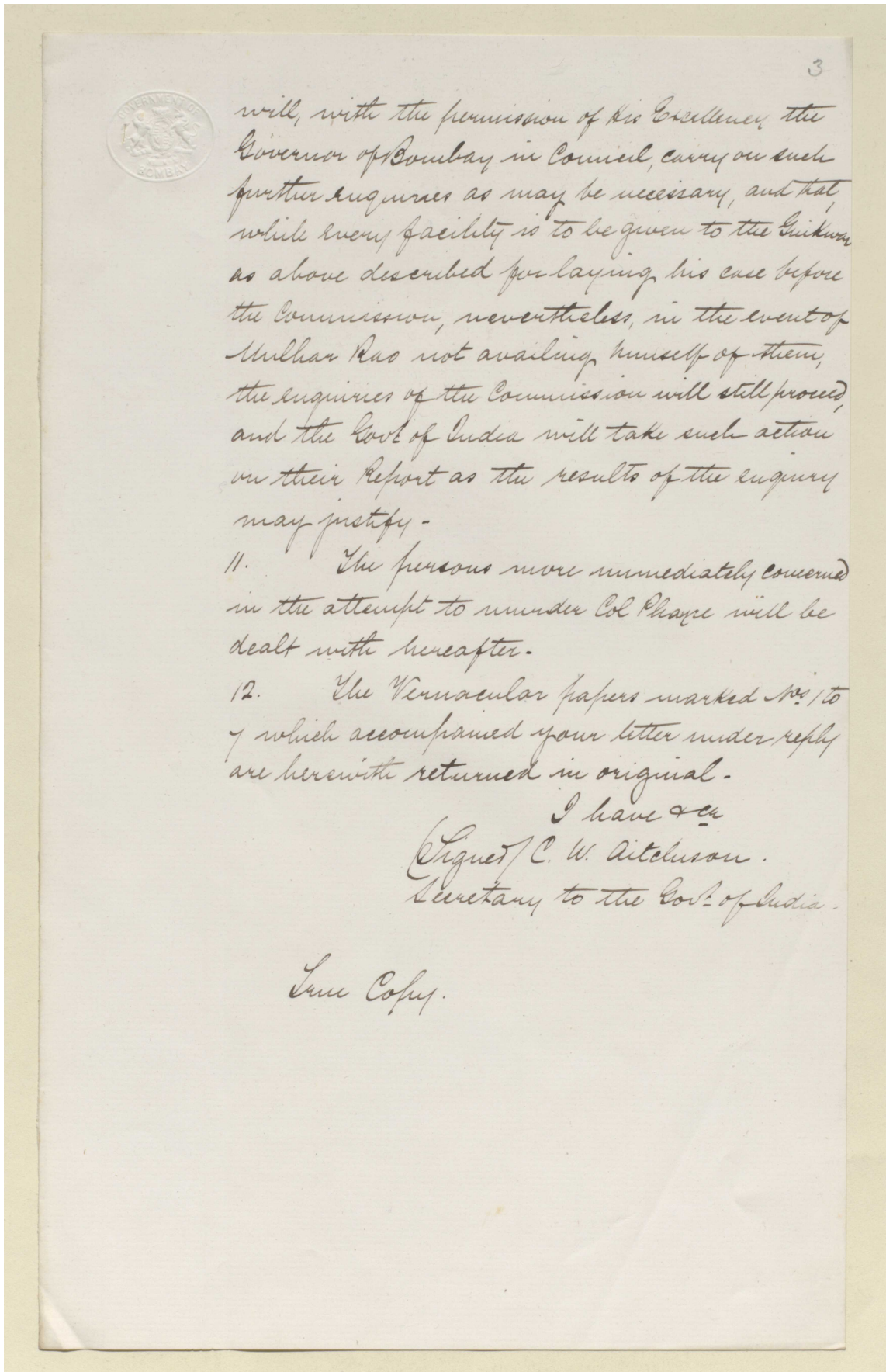
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the charge against him. His Excellency in Council desires that every consideration be shown to Mulhar Rao and that his confinement should not be stricter than may in your opinion be necessary to insure the proper investigation of the case which will be conducted by a Commission to be appointed hereafter. When the Commission is formed you will afford the Guikwar every facility for appearing before it either in person or by Counsel. You will also afford him every opportunity for submitting to the Commission any statements or explanations he may wish to make and for bringing before the Commission any witnesses or evidence he may desire to produce. You will further permit under proper precautions any one to have access to His Highness whom he may wish to consult or to employ in the preparation of his case.

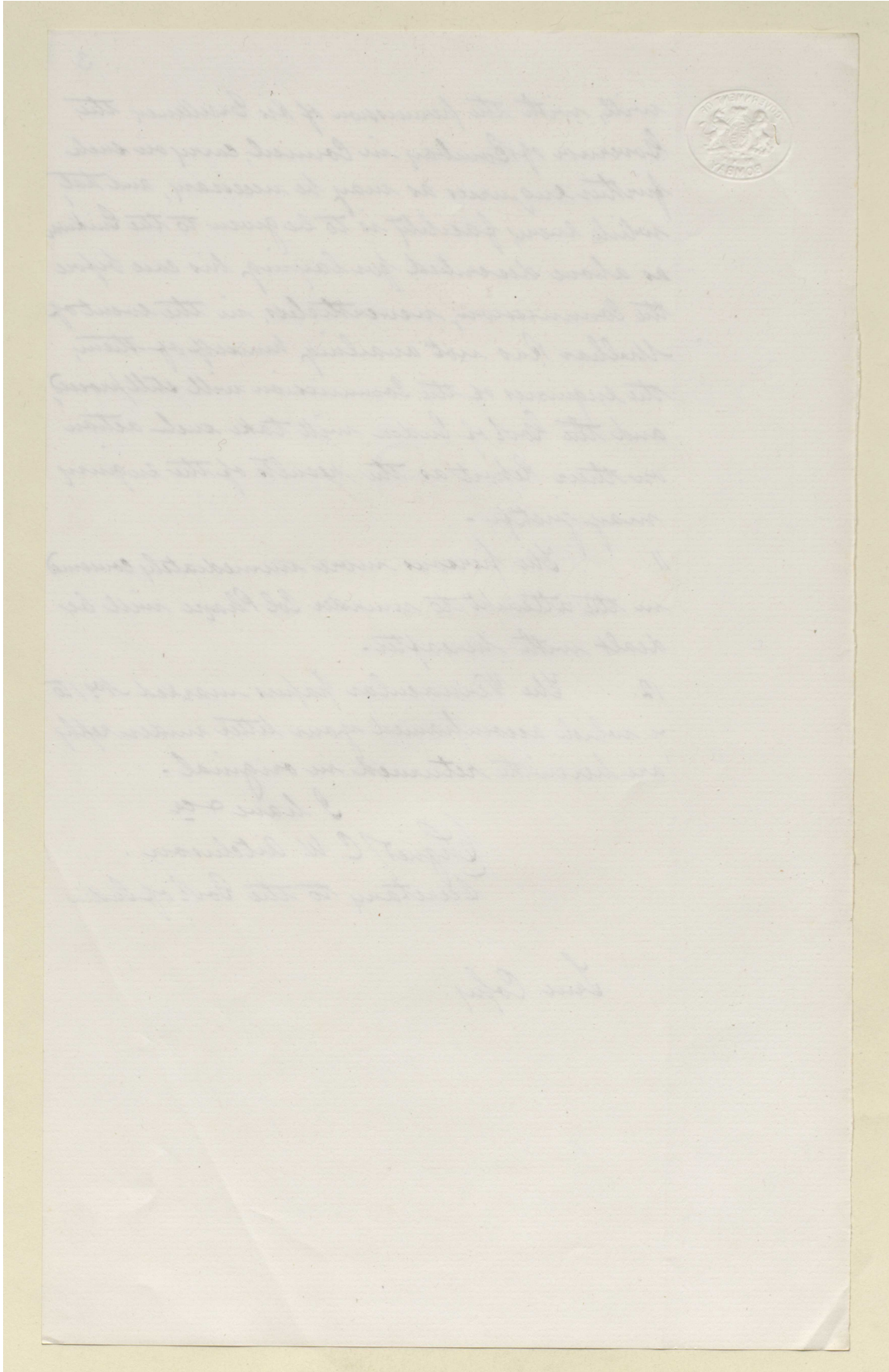
9. Care should be taken to prevent the witnesses from being tampered with and generally such precautionary measures should be adopted as you may consider necessary to ensure the case being fully and fairly laid before the Court.

10. The orders of His Excellency in Council relative to the constitution and procedure of the Commission will be communicated to you hereafter. In the meantime I am to say that the Commissioner of Bombay Police will,

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Proclamation

Fort William
The 13th January 1875

To all to whom it may concern.

Be it known that Whereas an attempt has been made at Baroda to poison Col R. Phayre C. B. the late British Resident at the Court of His Highness the Guikwar and evidence has been adduced to the effect that His Highness Mulhar Rao Guikwar instigated the said attempt to administer poison to Col. Phayre.

And Whereas to instigate such attempt would be a high crime against Her Majesty the Queen, and a breach of the condition of loyalty to the Crown under which Mulhar Rao Guikwar is recognized as the Ruler of the Baroda State, and moreover such an attempt would be an act of hostility against the British Govt, and it is necessary fully and publicly to enquire into the truth of the charge and to afford His Highness Mulhar Rao Guikwar every opportunity of freeing himself from the grave suspicion which attaches to him;

And Whereas in consequence thereof it is necessary to suspend Mulhar Rao Guikwar

Guikwar from the exercise of power
and to make other arrangements for
the administration of the Baroda State;

It is hereby notified that from
this date the Viceroy and Governor General
of India in Council temporarily assumes
the administration of the Baroda state,
and delegates all the powers necessary for
the conduct of the administration to the
Agent to the Governor General and Special
Commissioner at Baroda. The Administra-
-tion will be conducted as far as possible
in accordance with the usages, customs
and laws of the Country.

All Sardars, Inamdars, Zemindars
and inhabitants of the Baroda territories,
and all officers and persons whatsoever in
the Civil and Military service of the
Baroda State or liable to be called upon
for such service are hereby required to
submit to the authority of and render
obedience to the said Agent to the Governor
General and Special Commissioner during
such time as the State may be under the
administration of the British Government.

In accordance with the gracious
intimation made to the Princes and Chiefs
of India that it is the desire of Her Majesty
the Queen that their governments should
be

Proclamation issued by order of the Viceroy and Governor General in Council,
Fort William [Calcutta] [5r] (3/4)

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be perpetuated and the representation
and dignity of their Houses should be
continued, a Native Administration will
be re-established in such manner as
may be determined upon after the
conclusion of the enquiry and after
consideration of the results which such
enquiry may elicit.

By order of the Viceroy and Governor
General of India in Council.

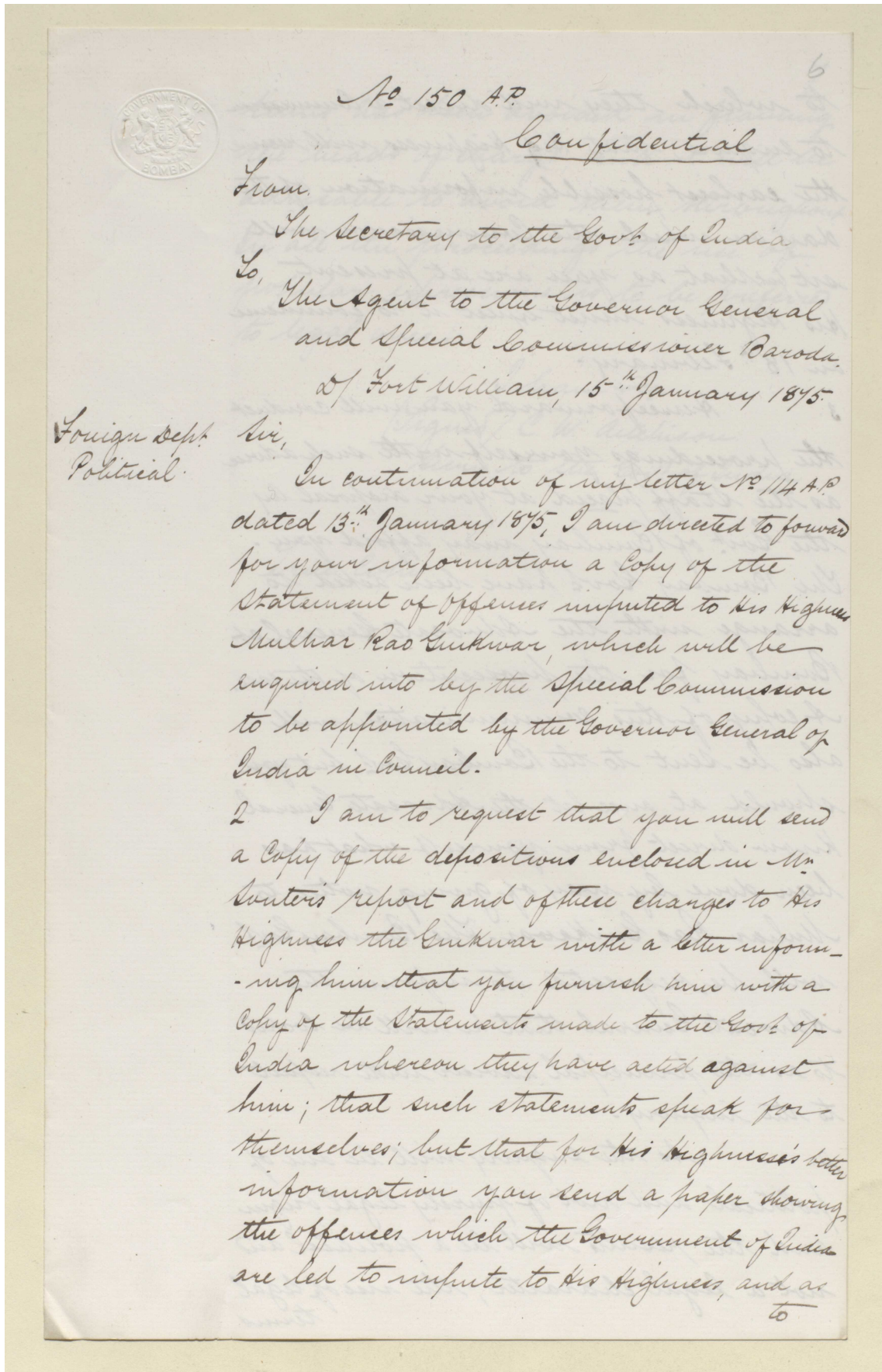
(Signed) C. W. Aitchison
Secy. to the Govt. of India
in the Foreign Departt.

True Copy.

Proclamation issued by order of the Viceroy and Governor General in Council,
Fort William [Calcutta] [5v] (4/4)

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to which they will direct a Commission to enquire; that His Highness will receive the earliest possible information of the day on which the Commission will sit, but that as you are at present His Highness must expect it to commence on 18th February.

3. Henceforward you will conduct the proceedings yourself with such advice as the Staff placed at your disposal by the Govt. of Bombay may afford you. The Bombay Govt. have been asked to arrange with the Advocate General at Bombay for the prosecution of the case. A copy of this communication will also be sent to the Bombay Govt. but you should at once let the Advocate General know direct from yourself what has been done by way of giving notice to Mulhar Rao Guikwar. The Bombay Govt. will be requested to inform the Advocate General that he will be looked to as the principal adviser with respect to the inquiry.

4. As the enquiry will be one of political and not of purely legal origin and the results will be a political and not a legal character, the use of legal terms

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terms has been avoided in framing
the heads of charge, and it will be
advisable to avoid them throughout.
In all the proceedings the use of
popular expressions is to be preferred
to legal ones.

I have &c
(Signed) C. W. Aitchison.
Secretary to the Govt. of India

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[The following text is a transcription of the handwritten letter shown in the image. The handwriting is in cursive and somewhat faded.]

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th February.

2. In reference to the subject of the Bombay Loan, I have to inform you that the Government of India have decided to arrange with the Advertiser General Bombay for the prosecution of the loan.

3. A copy of this communication will also be sent to the Bombay Govt. but you should at once let the Advertiser General know direct from yourself what has been done by way of giving notice to Mr. Macleod. The Bombay Govt. will be requested to inform the Advertiser General that he will be looked to as the principal adviser with respect to the inquiry.

4. As the inquiry will be one of political and not of purely legal origin and the results will be a political and not a legal decision, the use of legal terms

'Statement of Offences imputed by the Government of India to His Highness Mulhar
Rao Guikwar and to be enquired into by Special Commission' [8r] (1/2)

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Offences imputed by the
Govt. of India to H.H. Mulhar
Rao Guikwar and to be enquired
into by Special Commission.

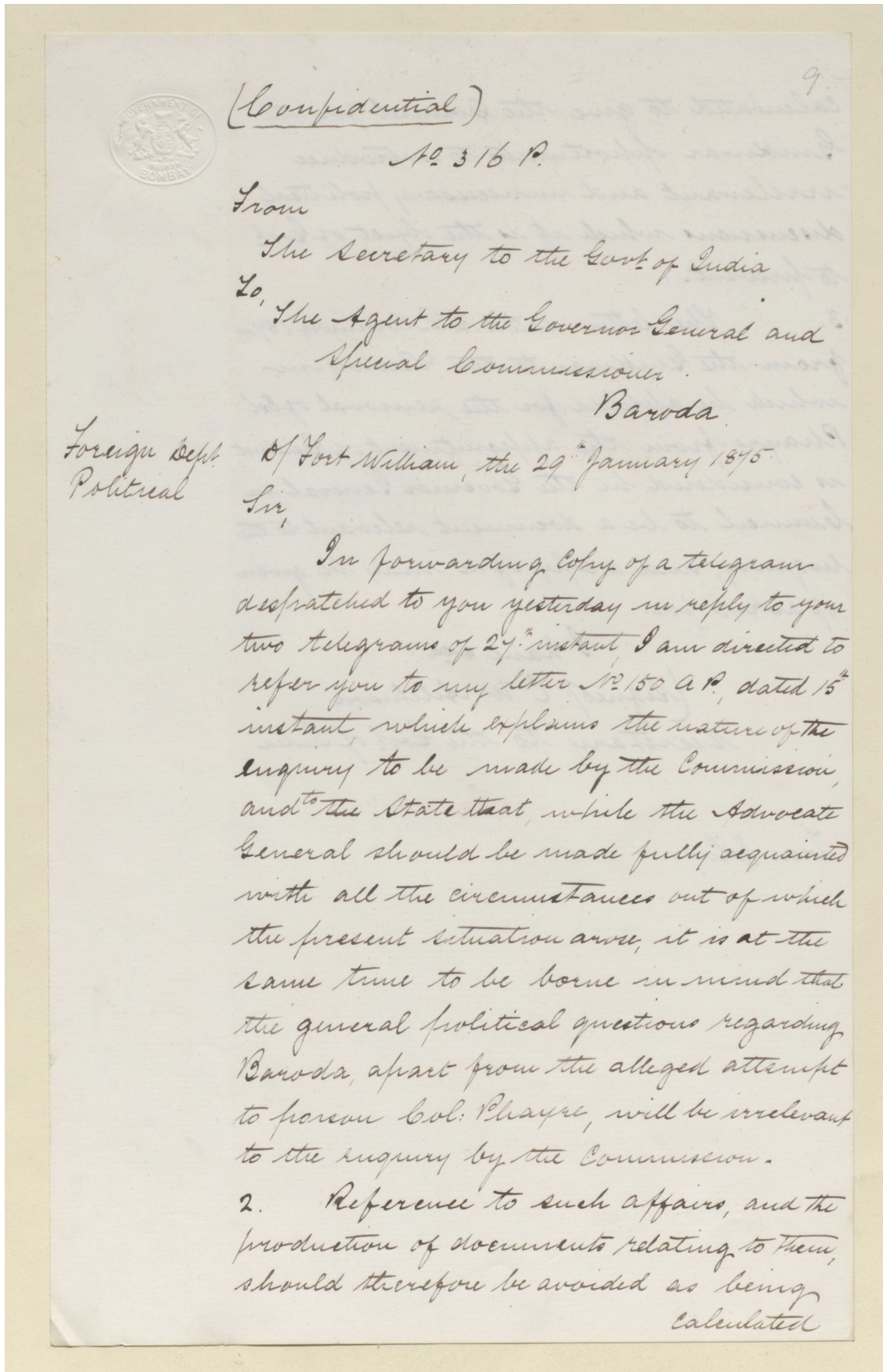
- I. That the said Mulhar
Rao Guikwar did by his agents
and in person hold secret
communication for improper
purposes with some of the
servants employed by Col.
Phayre the Resident at Baroda,
or attached to the Residency.
- II That the said Mulhar
Rao Guikwar gave bribes
to some of the servants, or
caused such bribes to be given.
- III That his purposes in
hold such communications
and giving such bribes were
to use the said servants as
spies upon Col. Phayre and
thereby improperly to obtain
information of secrets, and
to cause injury to Col. Phayre,
or to remove him by means
of prison.
- IV That in fact an attempt
to

'Statement of Offences imputed by the Government of India to His Highness Mulhar
Rao Guikwar and to be enquired into by Special Commission' [8v] (2/2)

to prison Col. Phayre was
made by persons instigated
thereto by the said Mulhar
Rao Guikwar.

Signed C. A. Aitchison
Secretary to the Govt. of India

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calculated to give the Council for the Guikwar opportunity to introduce irrelevant and unnecessary political discussions which it is the object of Govt. to prevent.

3. The letter dated 2nd November 1844, from the Guikwar to the Viceroy in which he applied for the removal of Col. Playne from the appointment of Resident, is considered by the Governor General in Council to be a document relevant to the inquiry, and a copy of it may be given if asked for.

I have seen
(Signed) C. W. Aitchison
Secretary to the Govt. of India

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No 298 P
Service Telegram.
From Calcutta 28th January 1875.
From Foreign Secretary
To Baroda.
To Sir Lewis Pelly.

Your two telegrams of 27th seventy five thousand ample at present. With every desire to afford Guikwar full means of defence Govt cannot consider application for more without full reasons for application stated in writing.

If defence ask for statements taken by Col. Pleyre you can give those forming Appendix A of his letter to Bombay 379 dated 17th November but not appendix B. or other enclosures. You can also give further statements sent in his letter to Bombay 384 dated 23rd November. But do not give Residents opinions or any letters or correspondence with Bombay.

Government see no reason to change line of policy or orders as to enquiry. As regards their proceedings the Commission will receive full instructions before enquiry commences.

Reply to Jefferson's application should be made through our solicitor. Avoid
direct

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direct communication with Jepperson.
Forward all Solicitor's letters and replies
for information of Government.

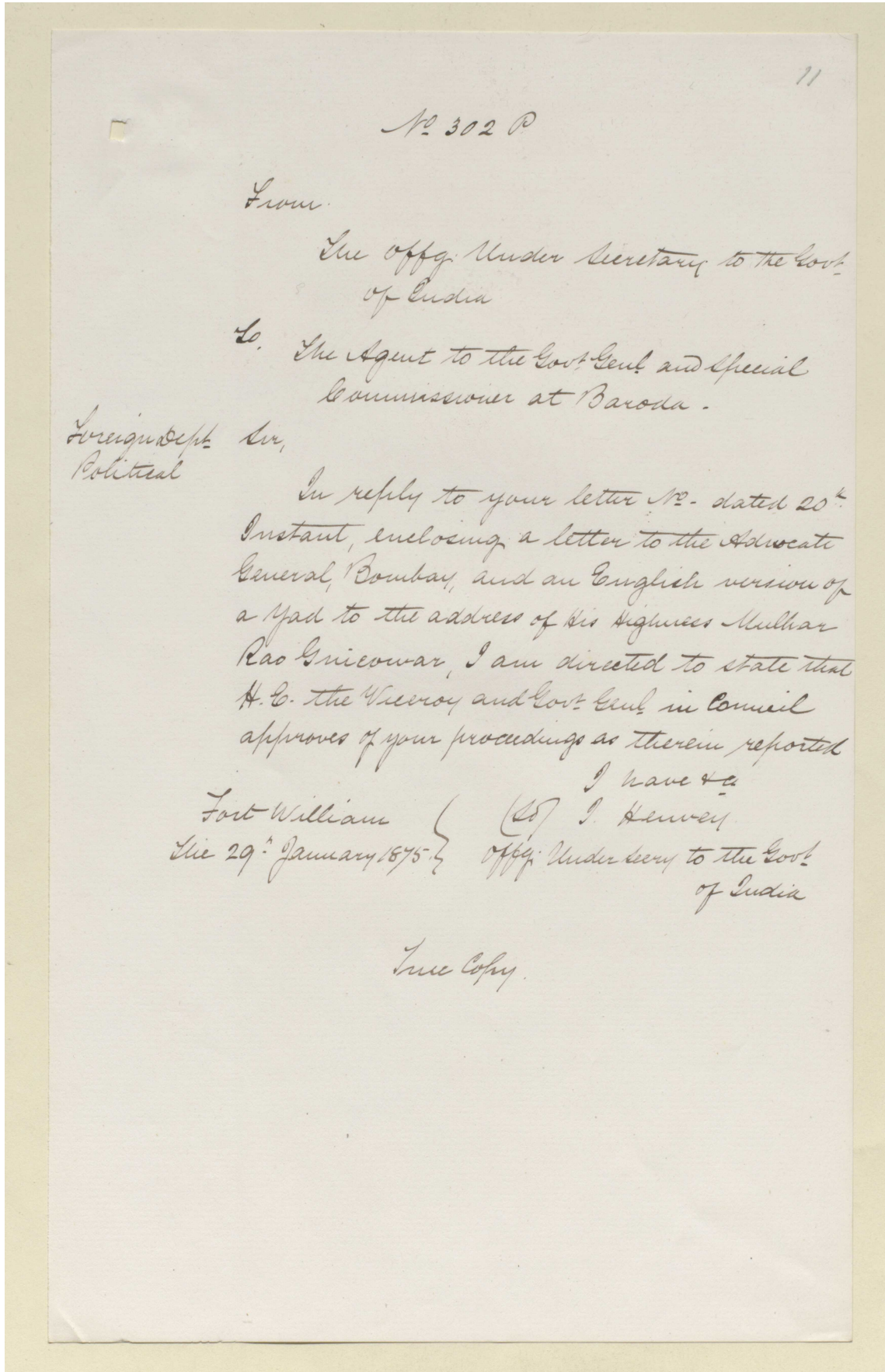


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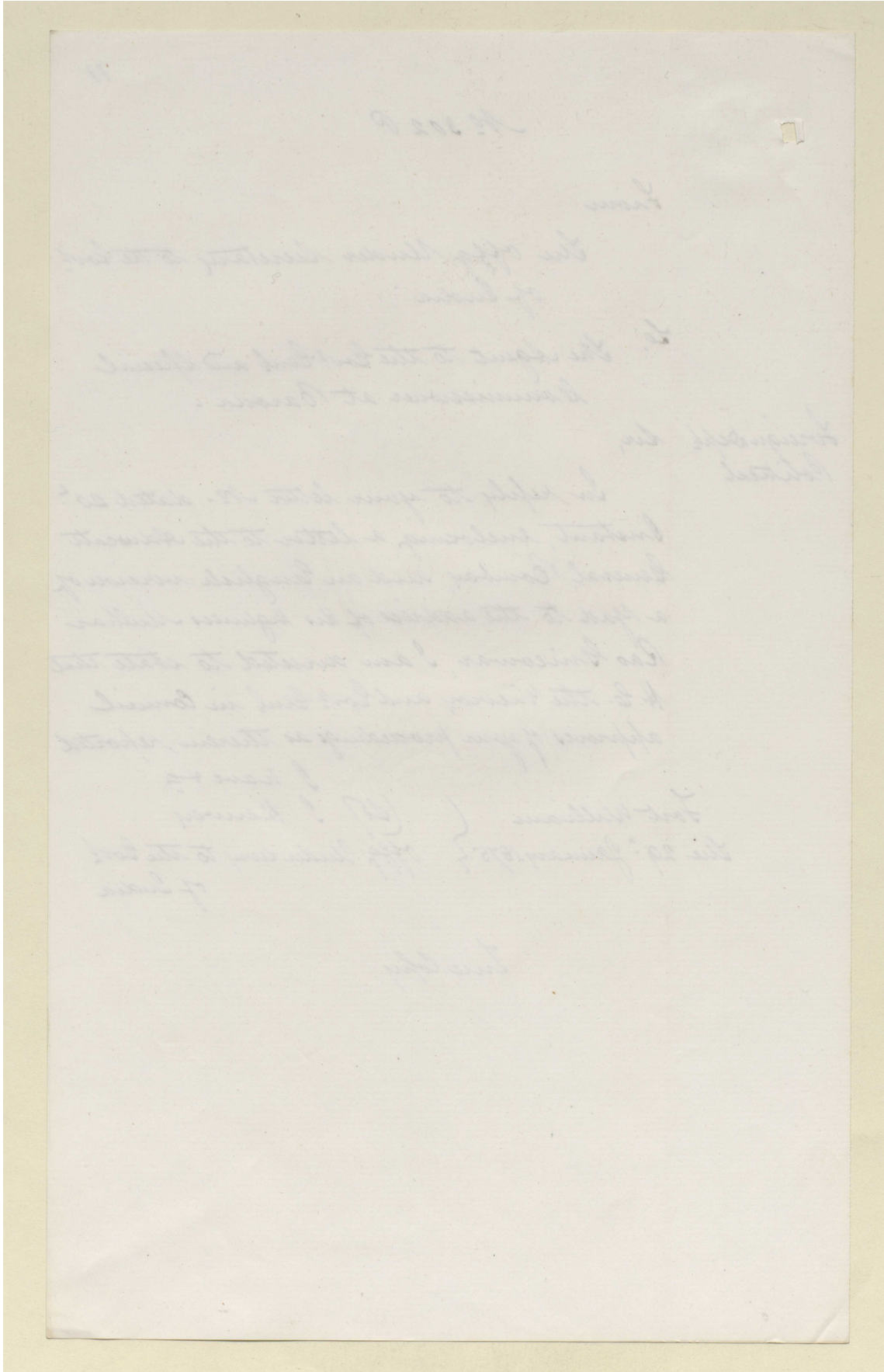
(Sd) H. H. Cooke.
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Letter No.302P from Frederick Henvey, the Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Fort William to Lewis Pelly, the Agent to the Governor General and Special Commissioner at Baroda [11r] (1/2)



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Service Telegram

From Calcutta 9th February 1875.

From Foreign Secretary.

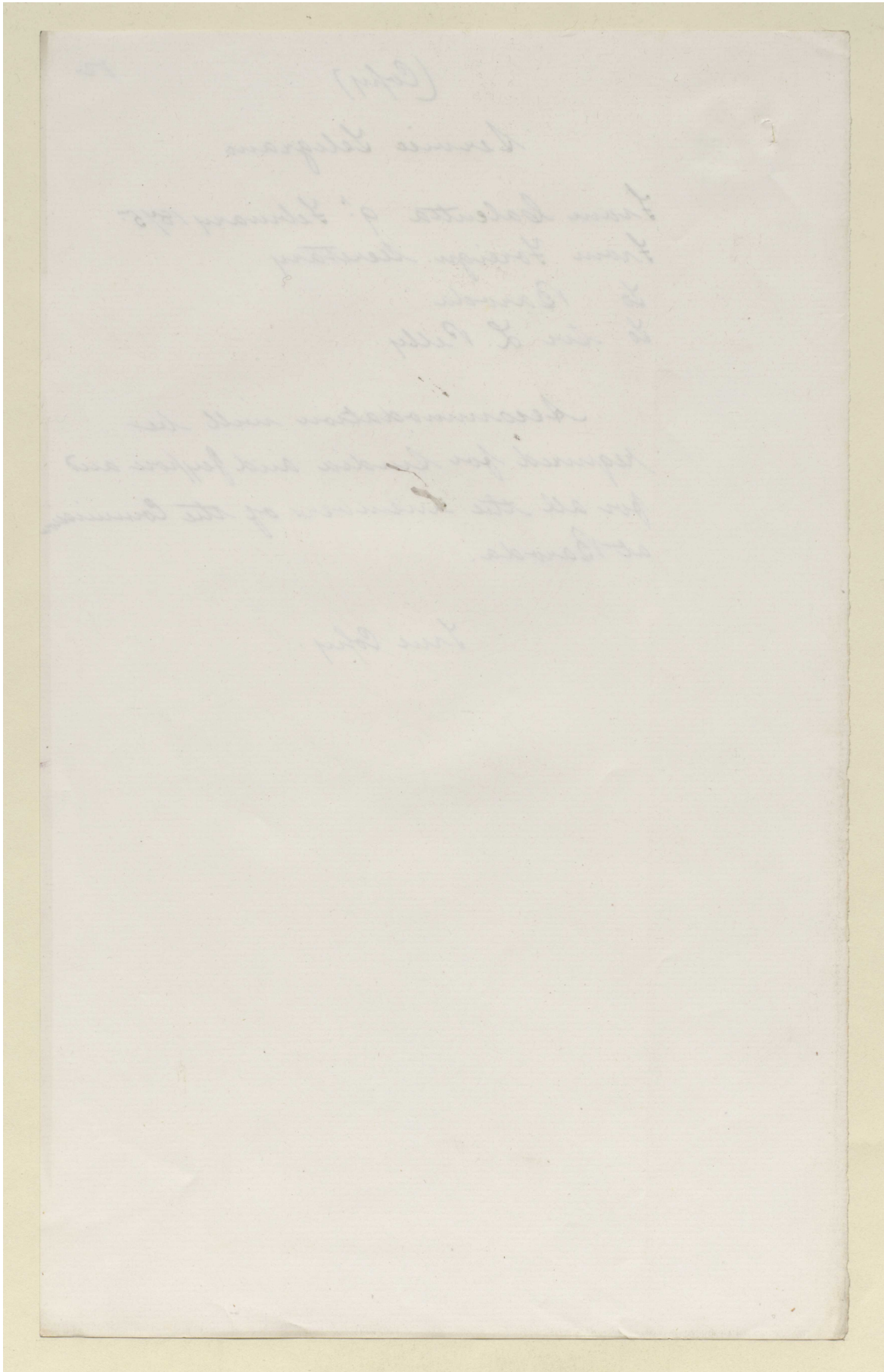
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To Sir L. Pelly.

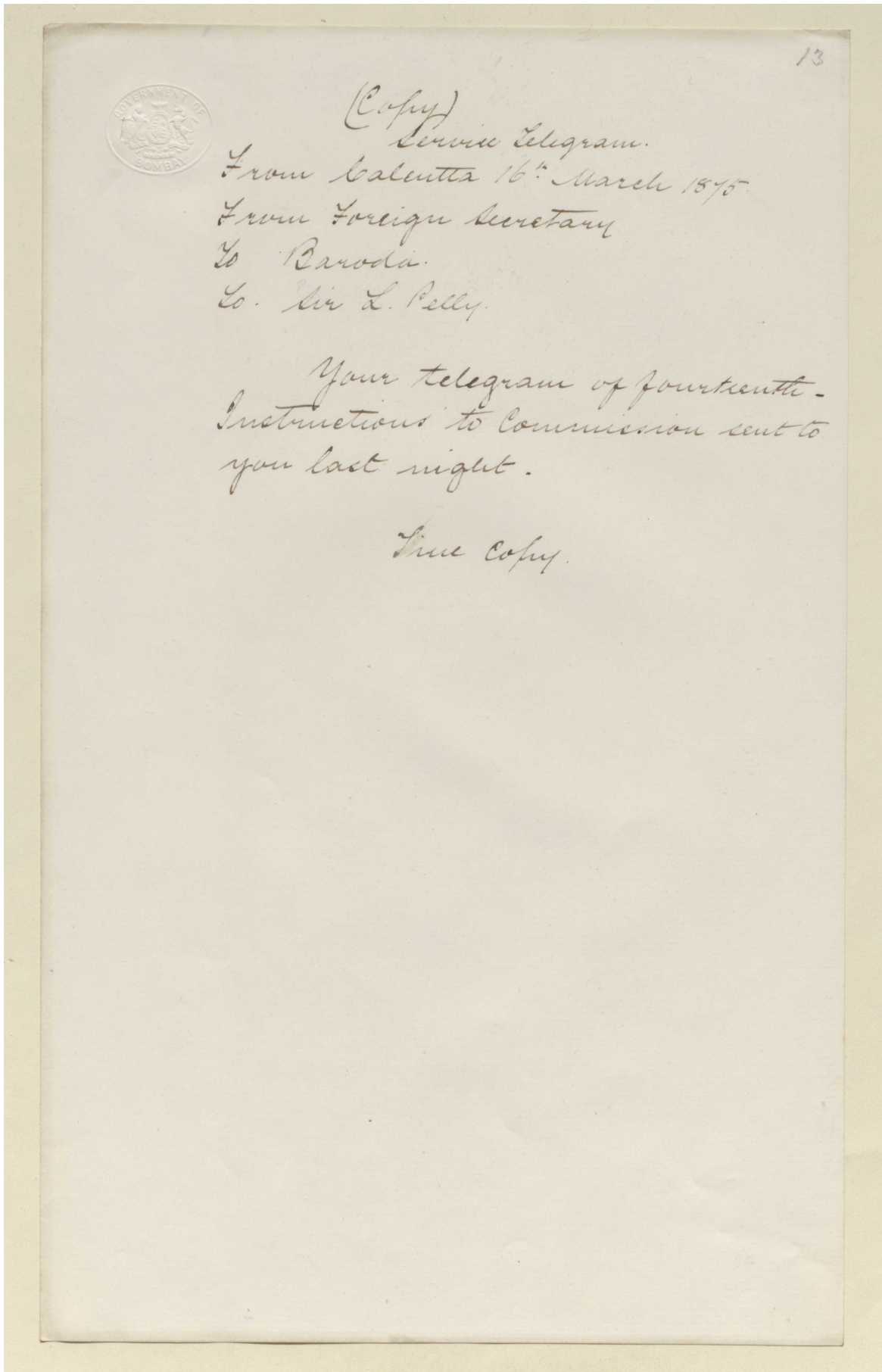
Accommodation will be required for Sindia and Jeypos and for all the members of the Commission at Baroda.

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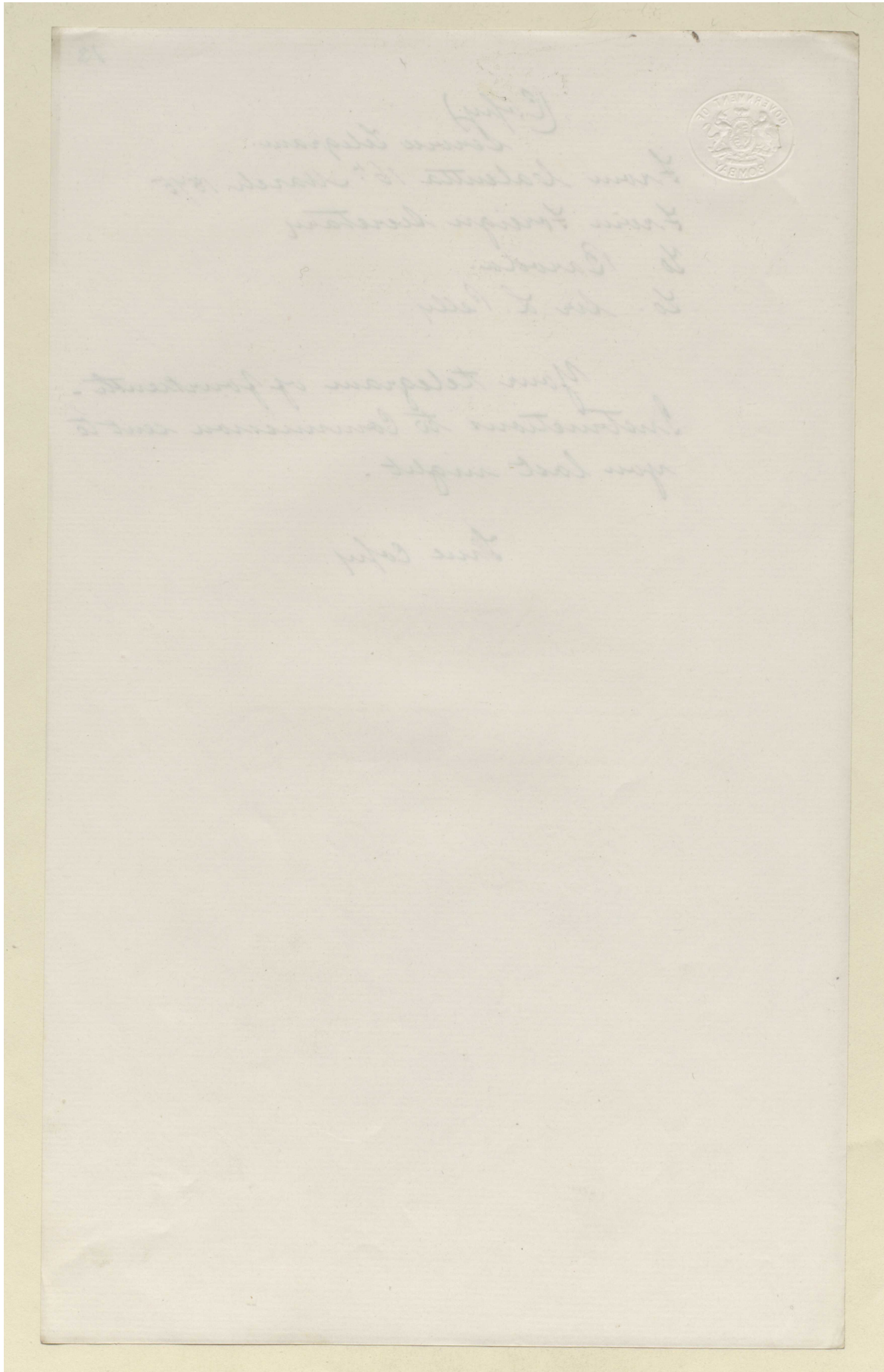
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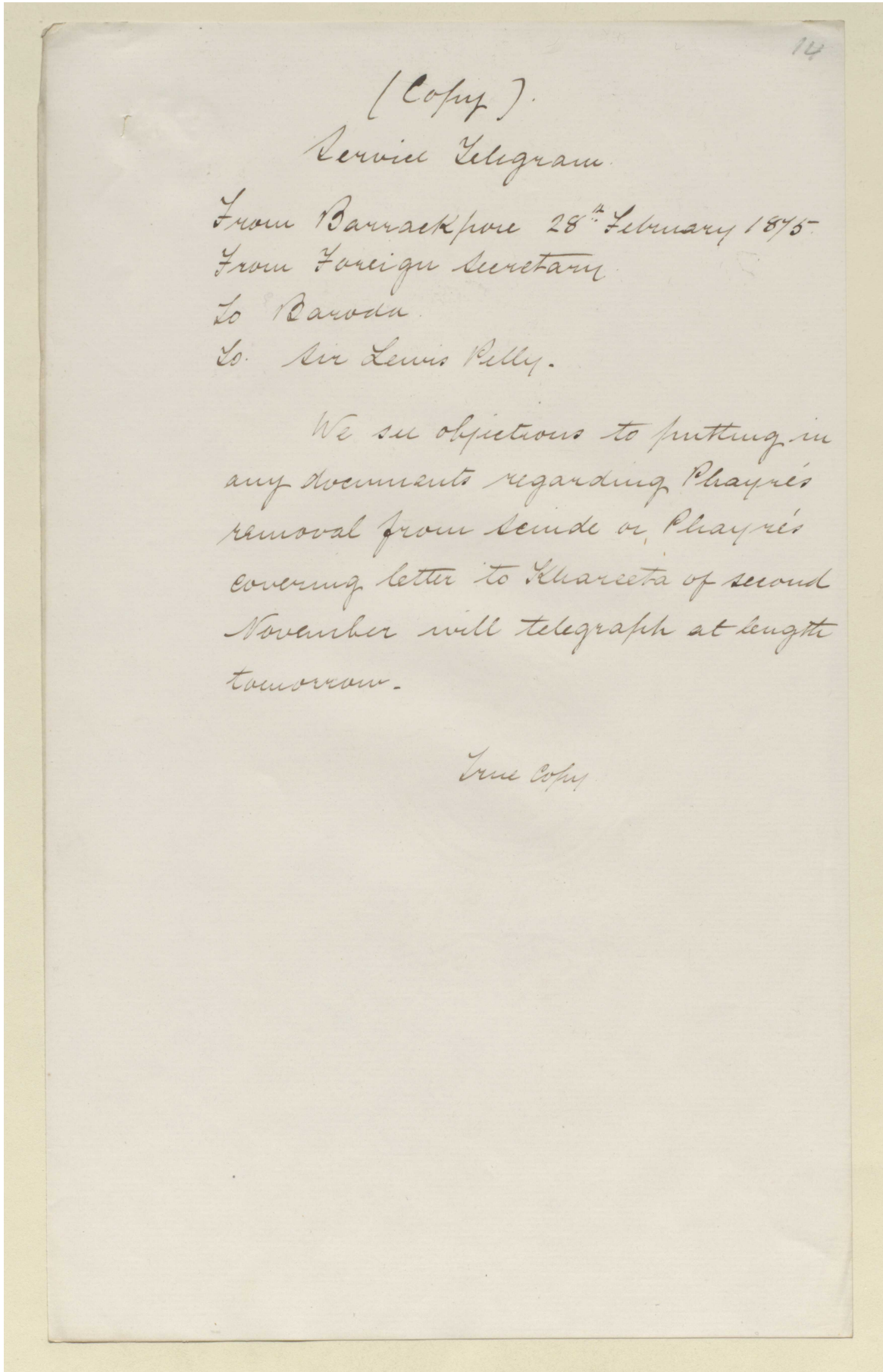
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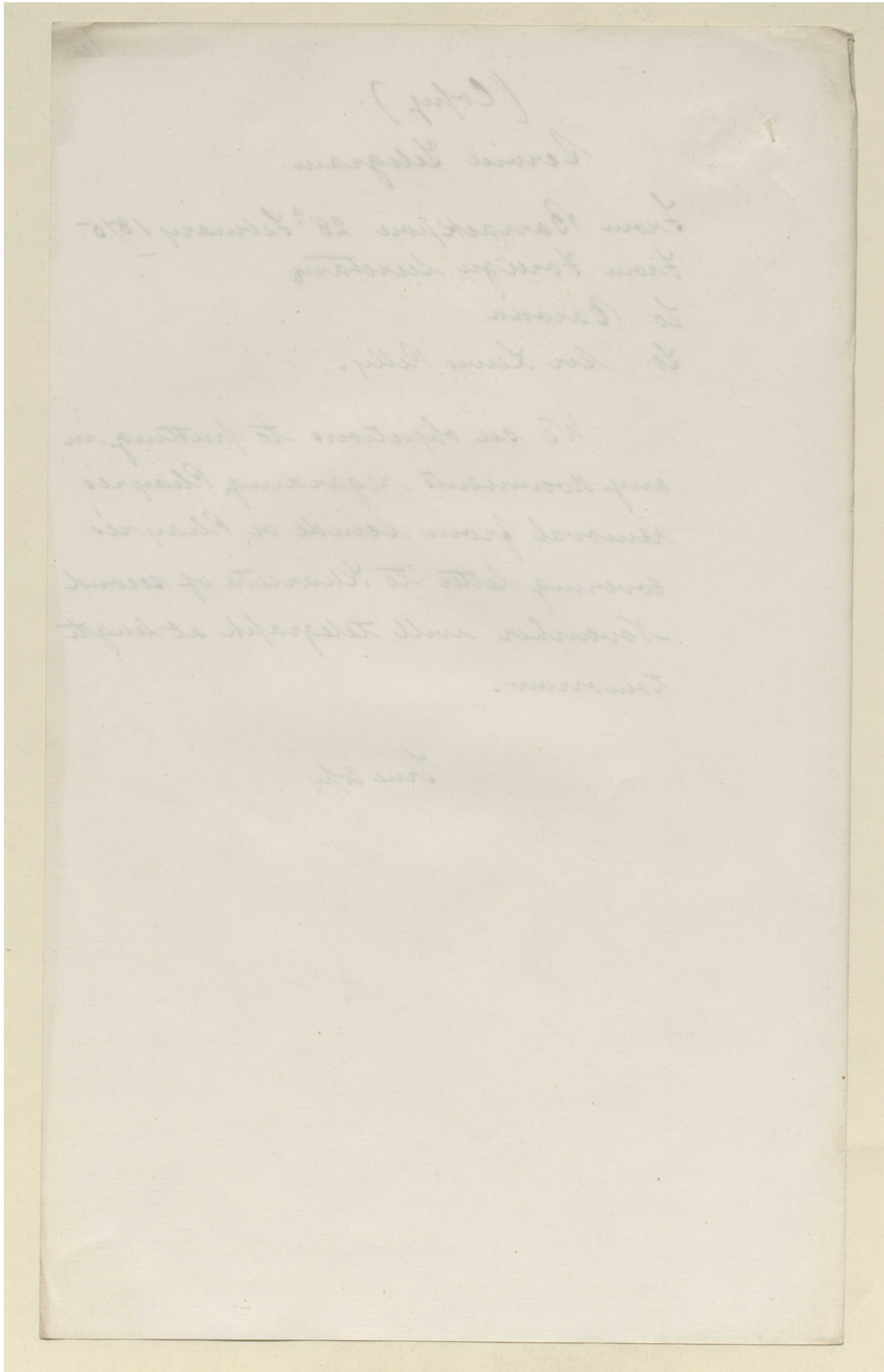
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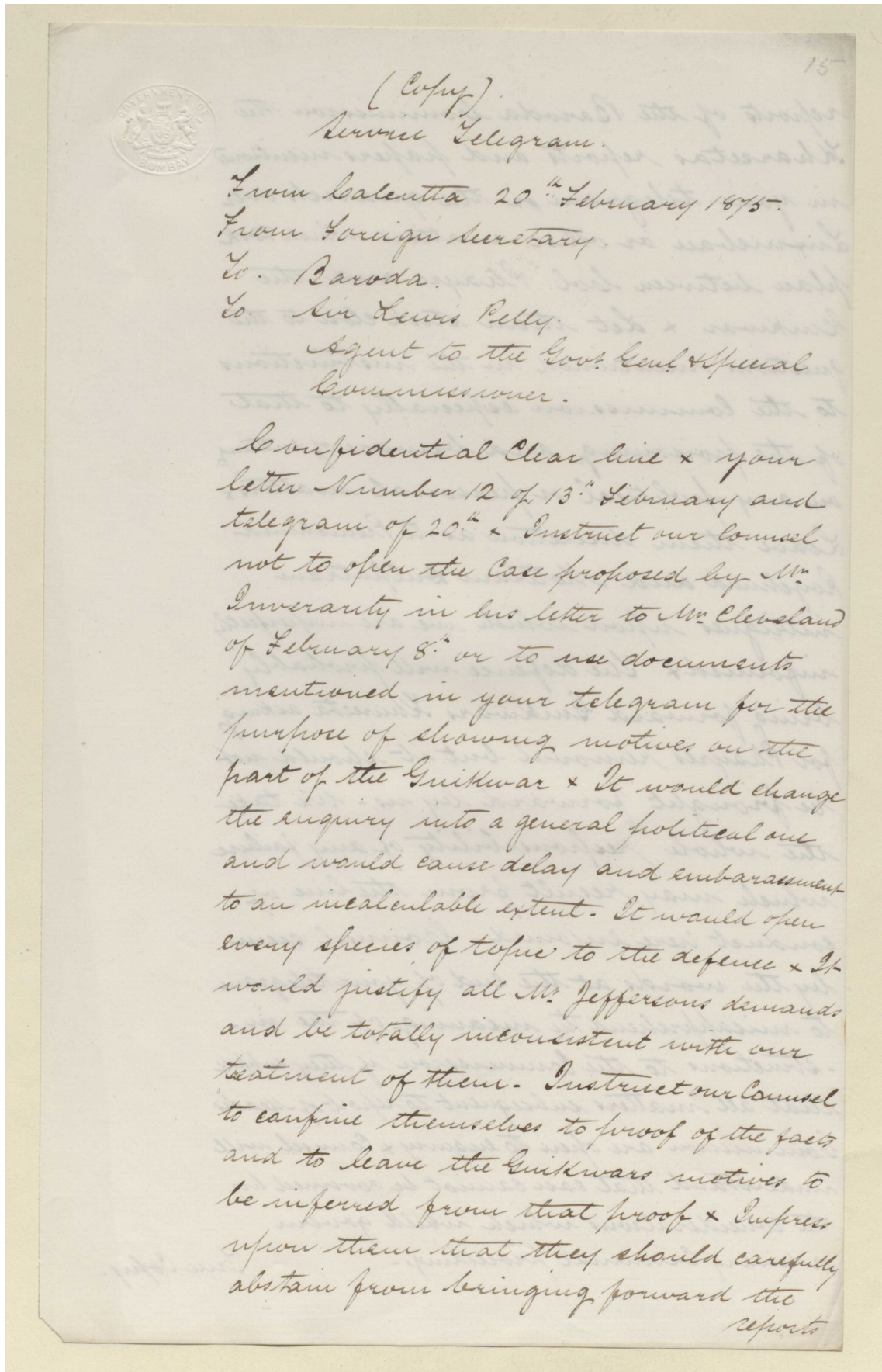
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reports of the Baroda Commission the
Tharacetas reports and papers mentioned
in your telegram or the quarrels over
Lansmebau or other matters which took
place between Col. Phayre and the
Guikwar & let them stick close to the
questions mentioned in the instructions
to the Commission especially to that
of the poisoning and beware of entering
on any political or personal matters.
Leave them discretion as to Prenchund
Rajchund and Motiram Dulputram
intrigues upon which we are imperfectly
informed. The defence will probably
bring forward Guikwar's Tharacetas asking
for Phayre's removal but it should not
be brought forward by us. We take
the whole responsibility of any failure
which may result from the line of
conduct here enjoined. Council seem
by the words at the end of your telegram
to misapprehend the meaning of the in-
structions to the Commission if they suppose
that all matters subsequent to report of Meade's
Commission are open to enquiry & Council will
understand that case cannot be governed by
the considerations which would govern
ordinary Criminal proceedings. True Copy.

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Service Telegram.

From Calcutta 24th February 1875.

From Foreign Secretary

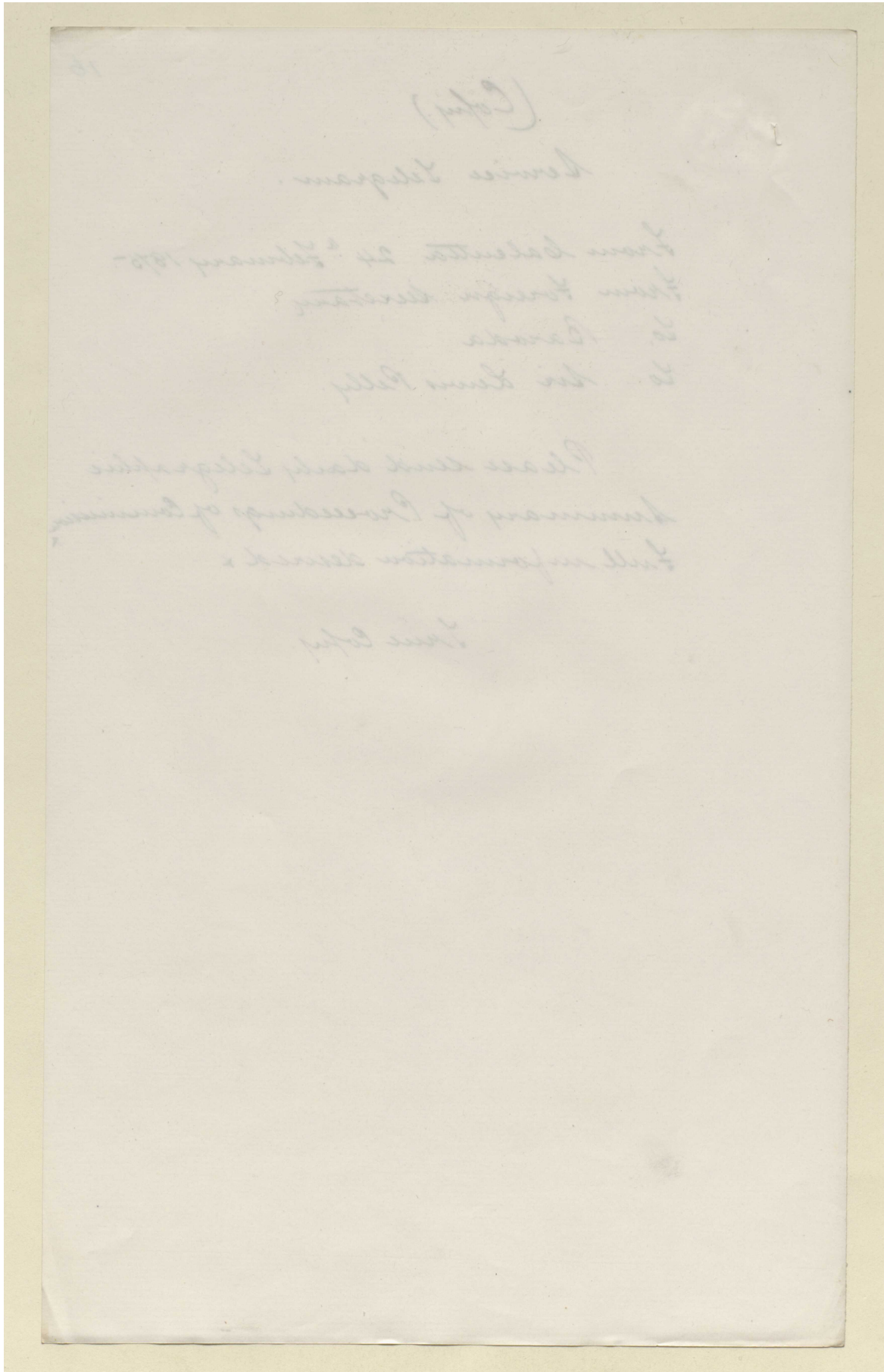
To Baroda

To Sir Lewis Pelly.

Please send daily Telegraphic
Summary of Proceedings of Commission.
Full information desired x

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Service Telegram

From Calcutta 1st March 1845

From Foreign Secretary

To Baroda

To Sir Lewis Pelly

Clear Line. Phayre's departure from
Sindh has no practical bearing on the
present question. He must be left to tell
his own story we cannot put in any
documents upon the subject. It is true
that Phayre was virtually removed from
appointment in Sindh owing to differences
with Sir William Merrett but that
no disgrace was attached to removal is
shown by his appointment by Bombay
Government shortly afterwards to more
important post at Baroda. This could be
proved by Phayre on re-examination or by
any one connected with Bombay Government.
We cannot see any object in putting in
Phayre's letter covering the Khairta of 2nd
November. If defence wish to show
irritation between Phayre and Gackwar that
is our case and it seems to be abundantly
shown or may be admitted if defence wish
to show that Gackwar had a more legitimate
mode of getting rid of Phayre the covering
letter is no answer to such a suggestion.

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The only answer if it be necessary to make one is that the legitimate course was being pursued not by the Lachmar but by his minister against his inclination & the correspondence does not prove anything of this kind and so far as we know it can only be proved by Phayre or Sadat-hoy we think that the evidence you refer to should not be put in & It is irrelevant and enters into a quantity of irritation personal and political matters which are better kept out of the discussion if when a full report of the evidence comes before Government it appears that Phayre has been unjustly attacked we will take care to set him right & Scoble appears to us to have behaved quite rightly both in making his objection to the cross-examination and in leaving the matter in the hands of the President -

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Service Telegram.

From Calcutta 3rd March 1876-

From Foreign Secretary

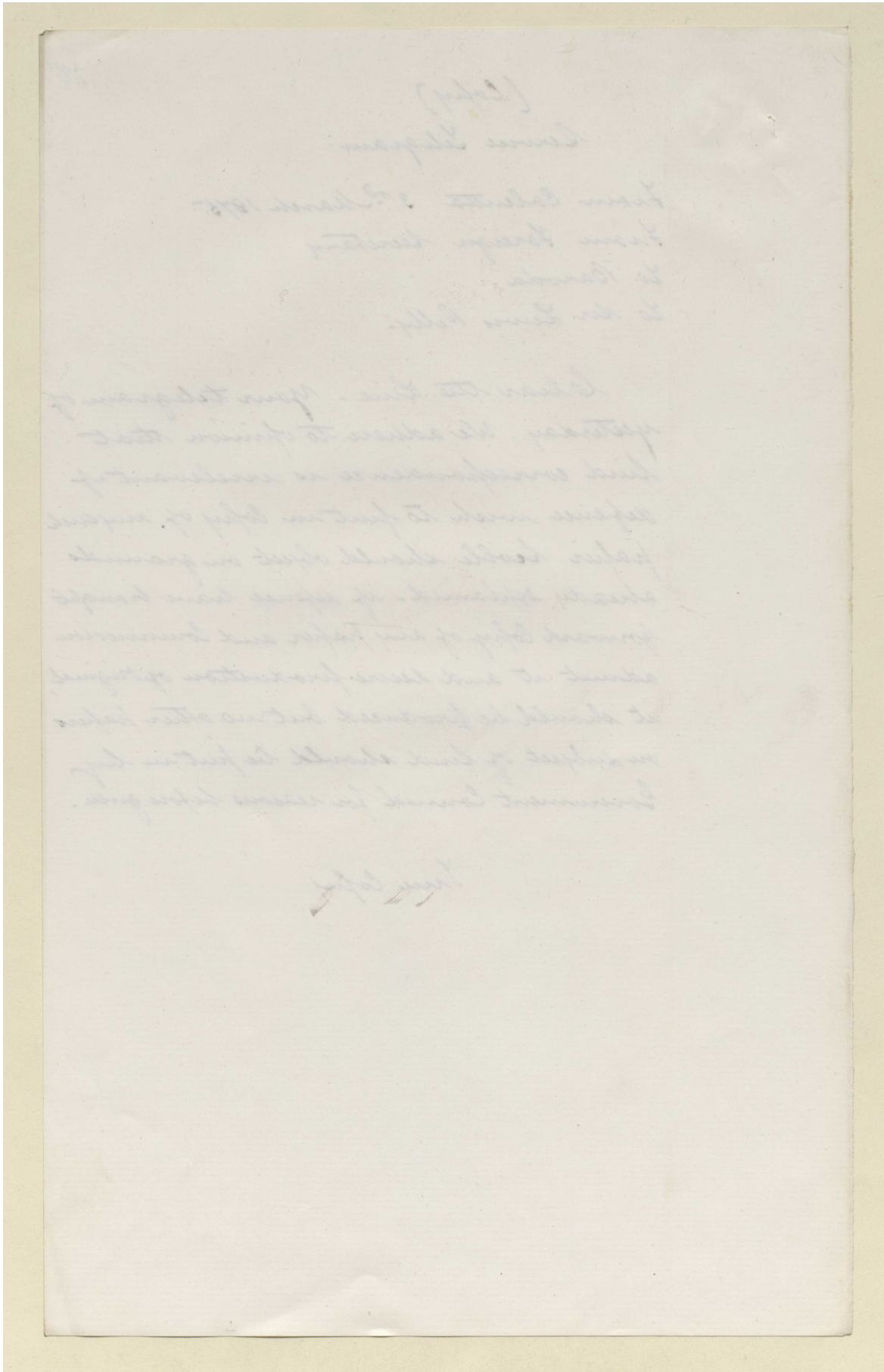
To Baroda.

To Sir Lewis Pelly.

Clear the line - your telegram of yesterday. We adhere to opinion that kind correspondence is irrelevant if defence wish to put in copy of any such paper Scoble should object on grounds already explained. if defence have brought forward copy of any paper and Commission admit it and desire production of original, it should be produced but no other papers on subject of kind should be put in by Government Council for reasons before given.

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Copy of a service telegram No.811P from the Foreign Secretary, Calcutta to Sir
Lewis Pelly, Baroda [19r] (1/2)

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No 811 P

Service Telegram.

From Calcutta 4th March 1845-

From Foreign Secretary

To Baroda

To Sir L. Pelly.

Please send 50 Copies of printed
proceedings of Commission from 23rd
to 26th February inclusive - and hereafter
same number of Copies of further
proceedings -

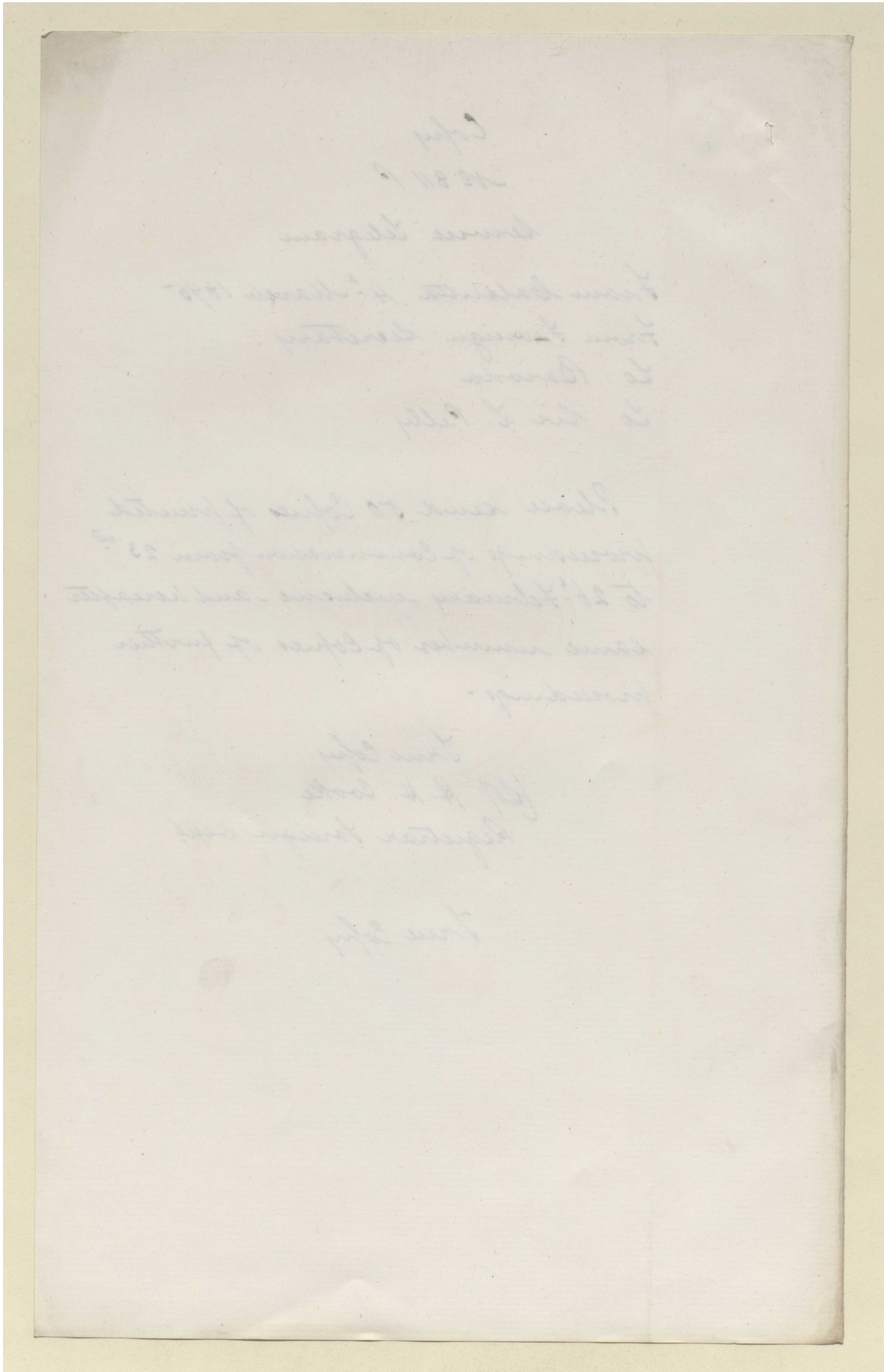
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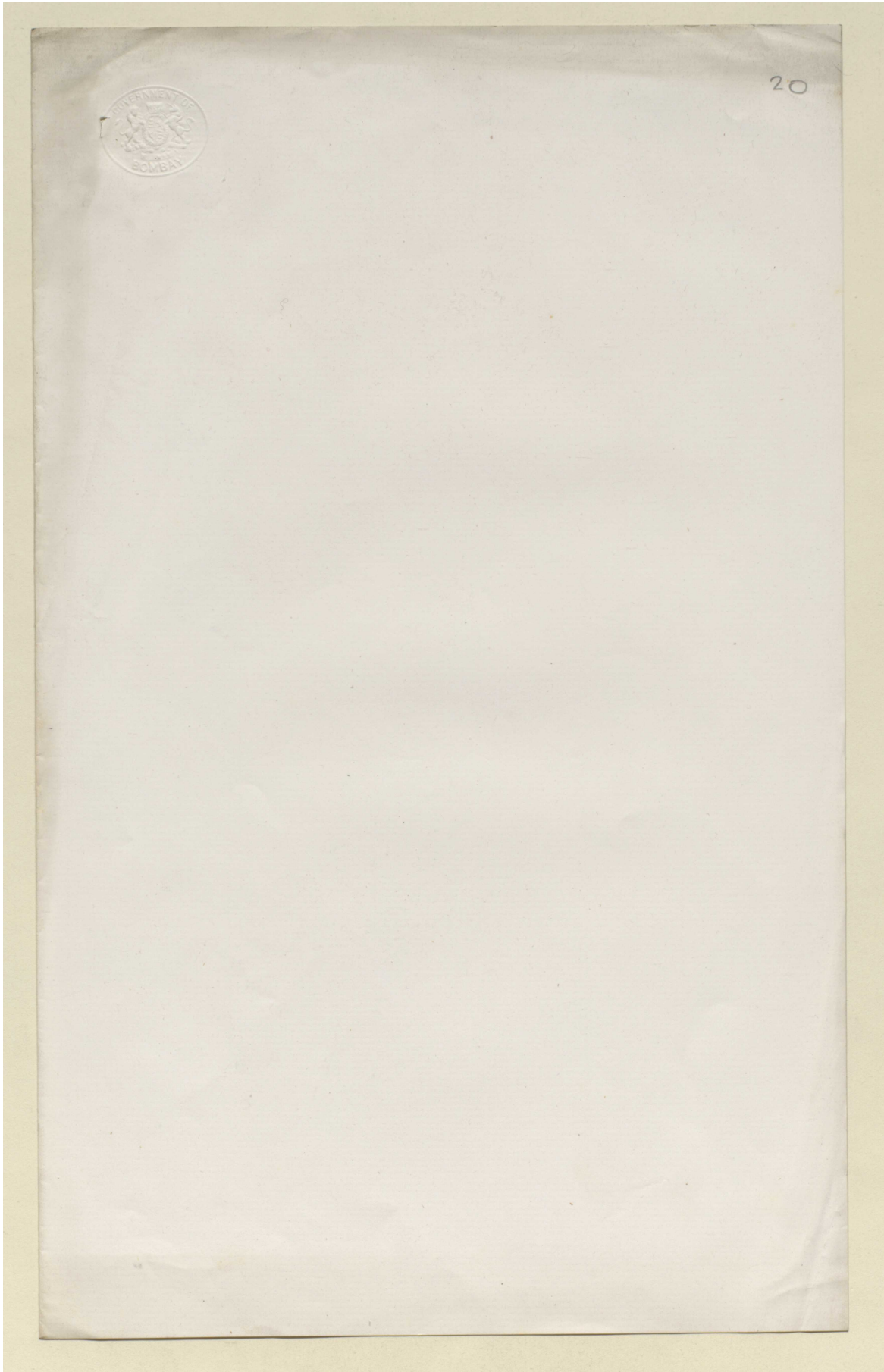
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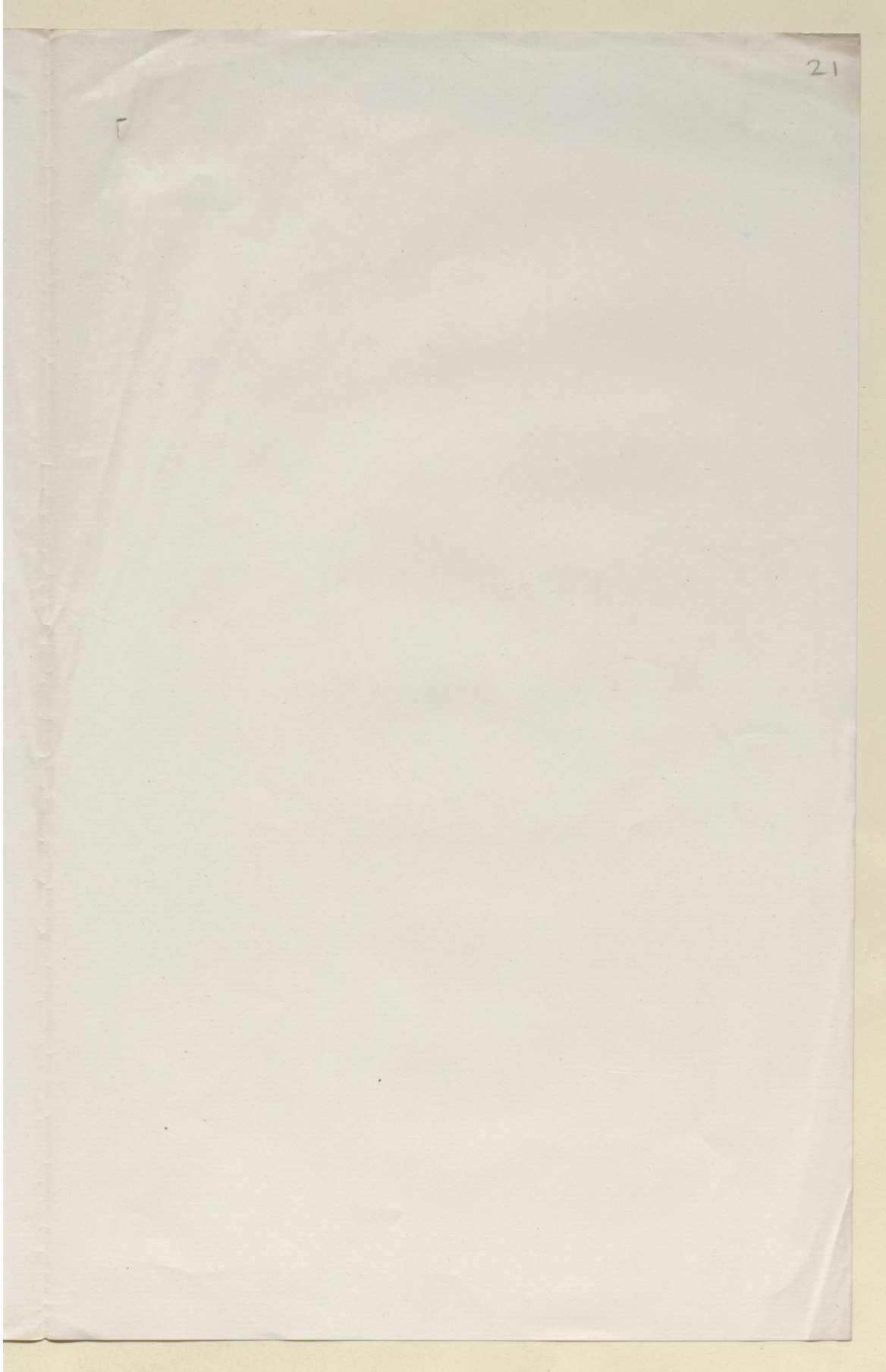
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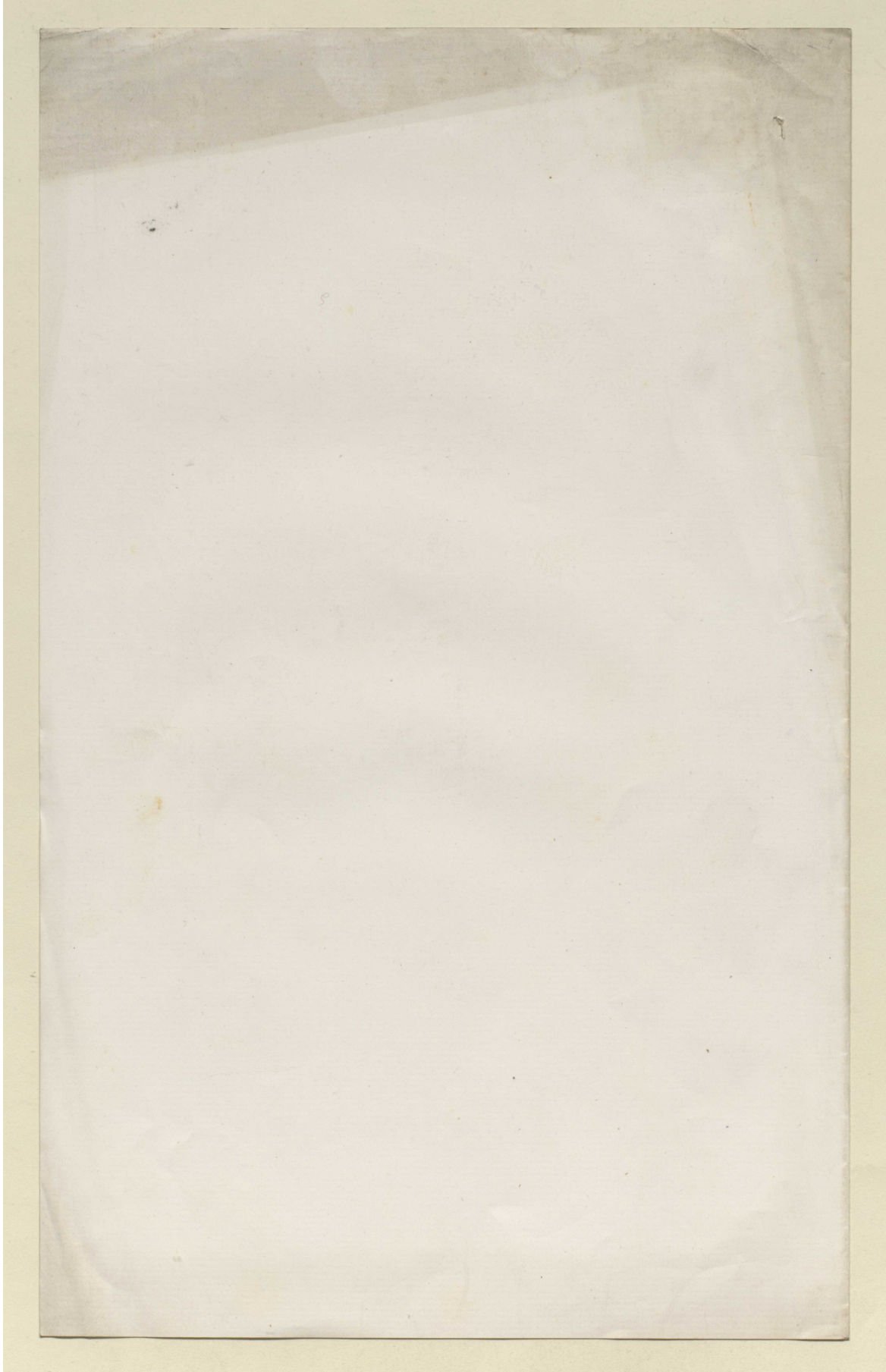
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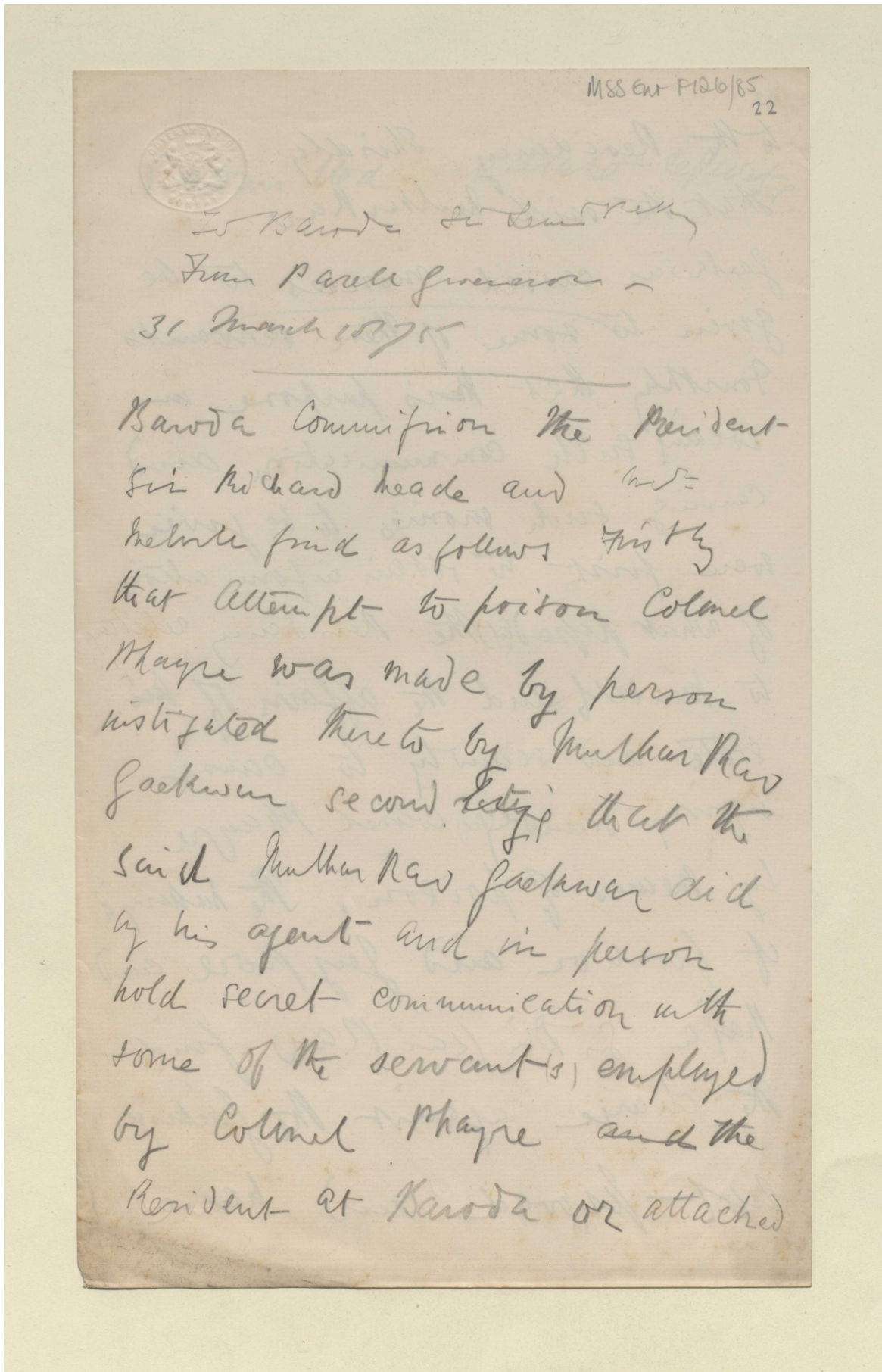


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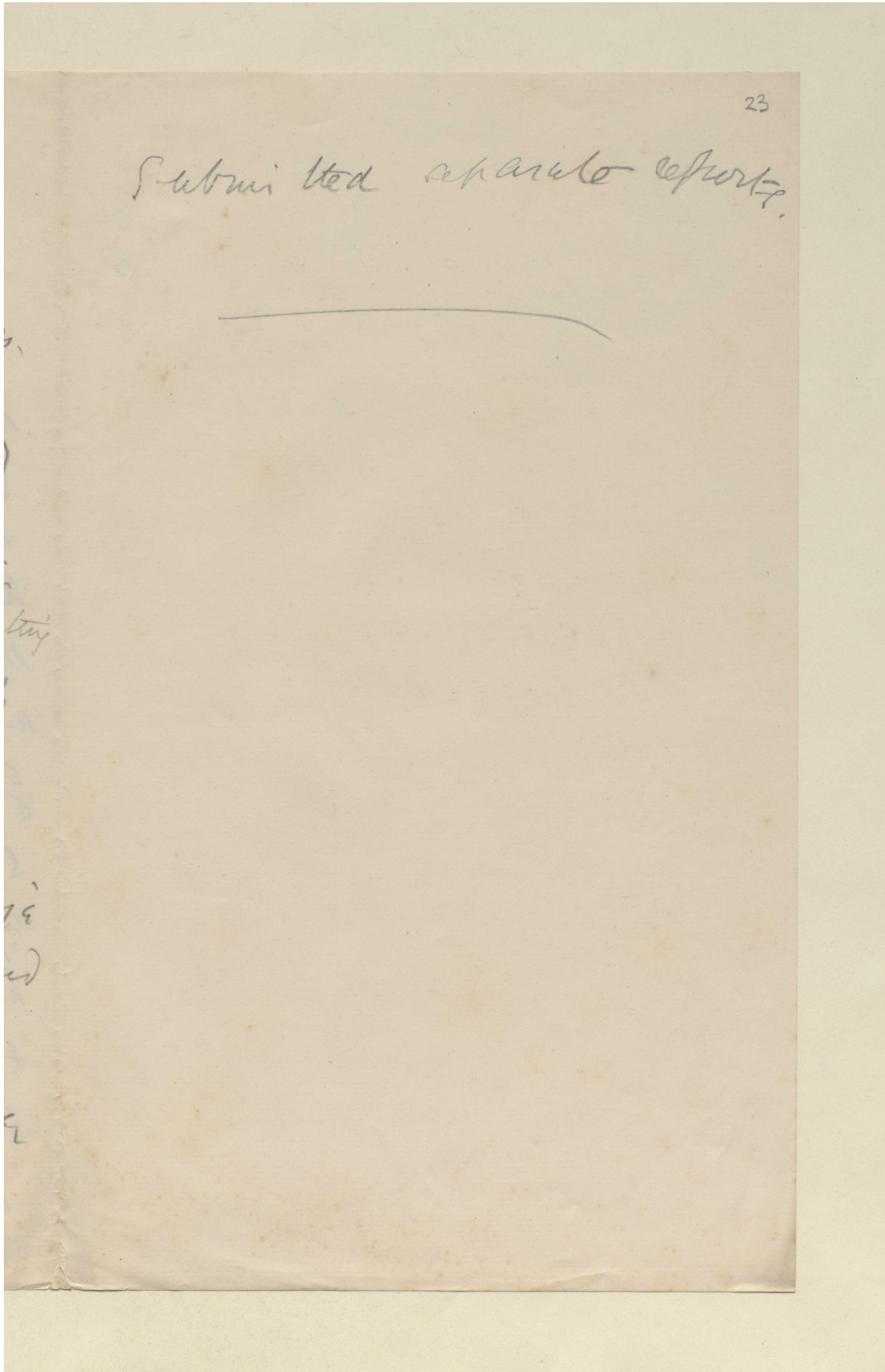
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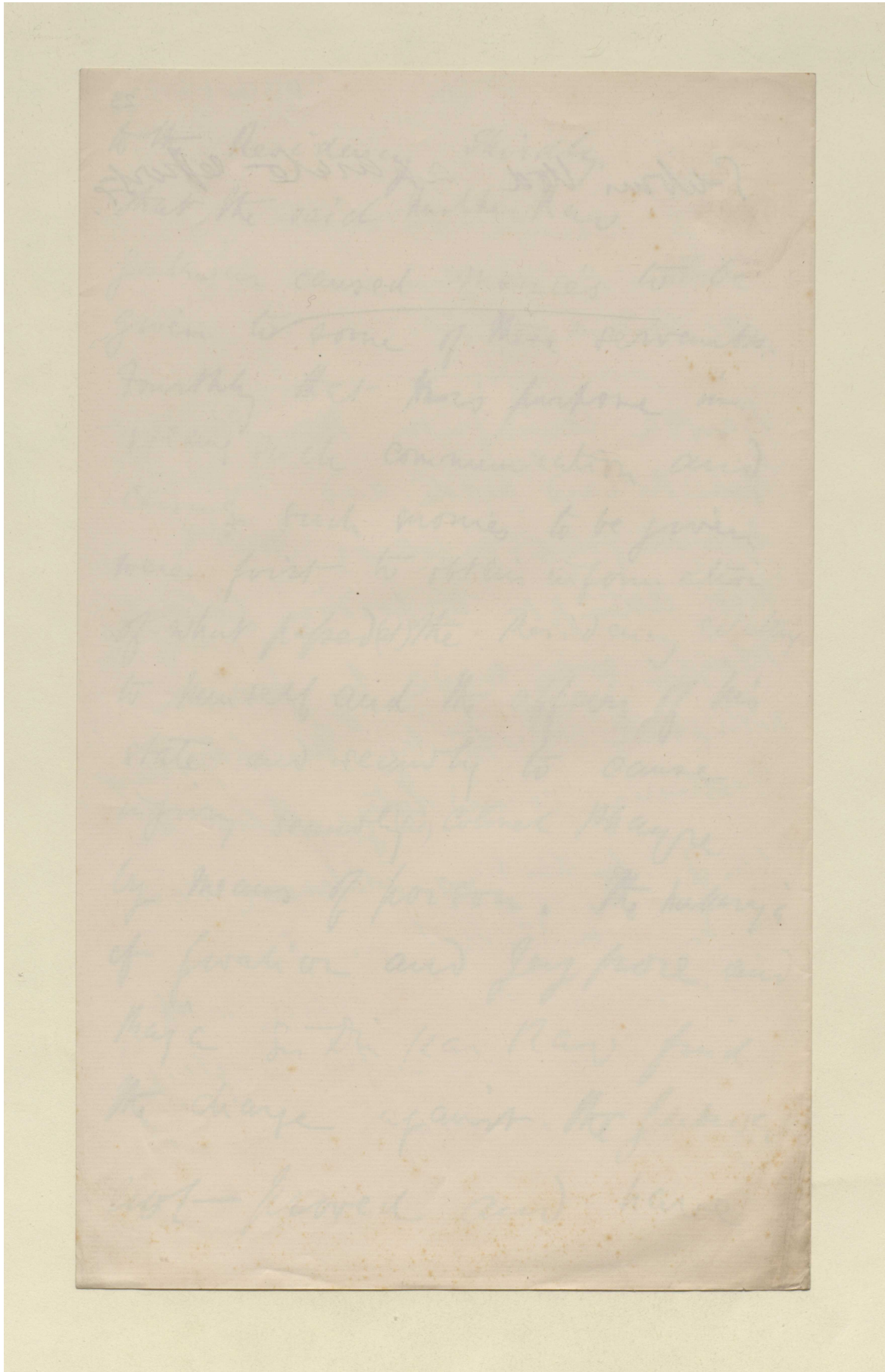


to the Residency Thirdly
that the said Rukhkar
Jadwar caused monies to be
given to some of these servants.
Fourthly that his purpose in
holding such communication and
causing such monies to be given
were first to obtain information
of what passed at the Residency relating
to himself and the affairs of his
state and secondly to cause
injury scandalously Colonel Phayre
by means of poison. The makers
of Swatior and Jajpore and
Major Sirdi Kar Rao find
the charge against the Jadwar
not-proved and have

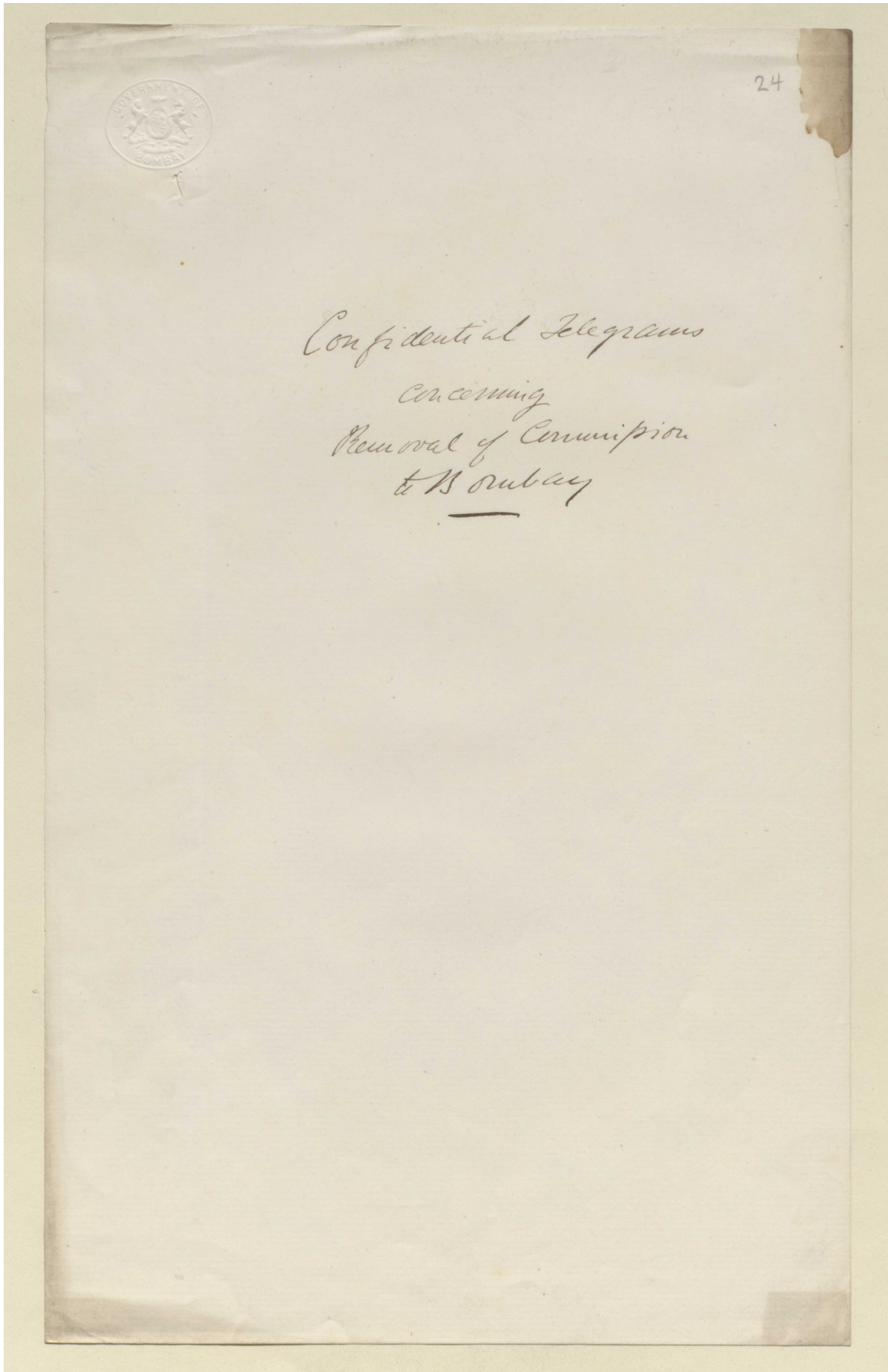
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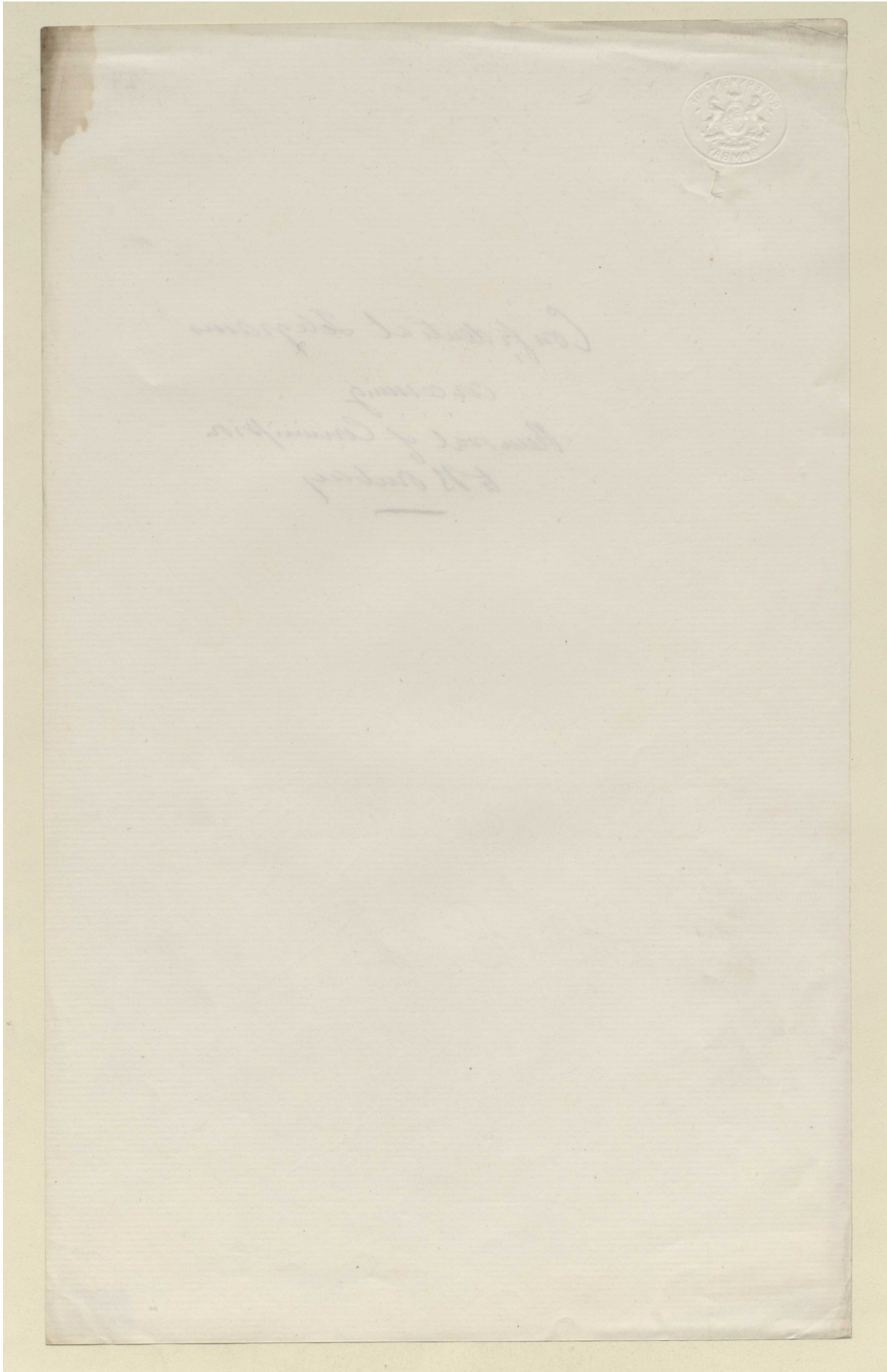
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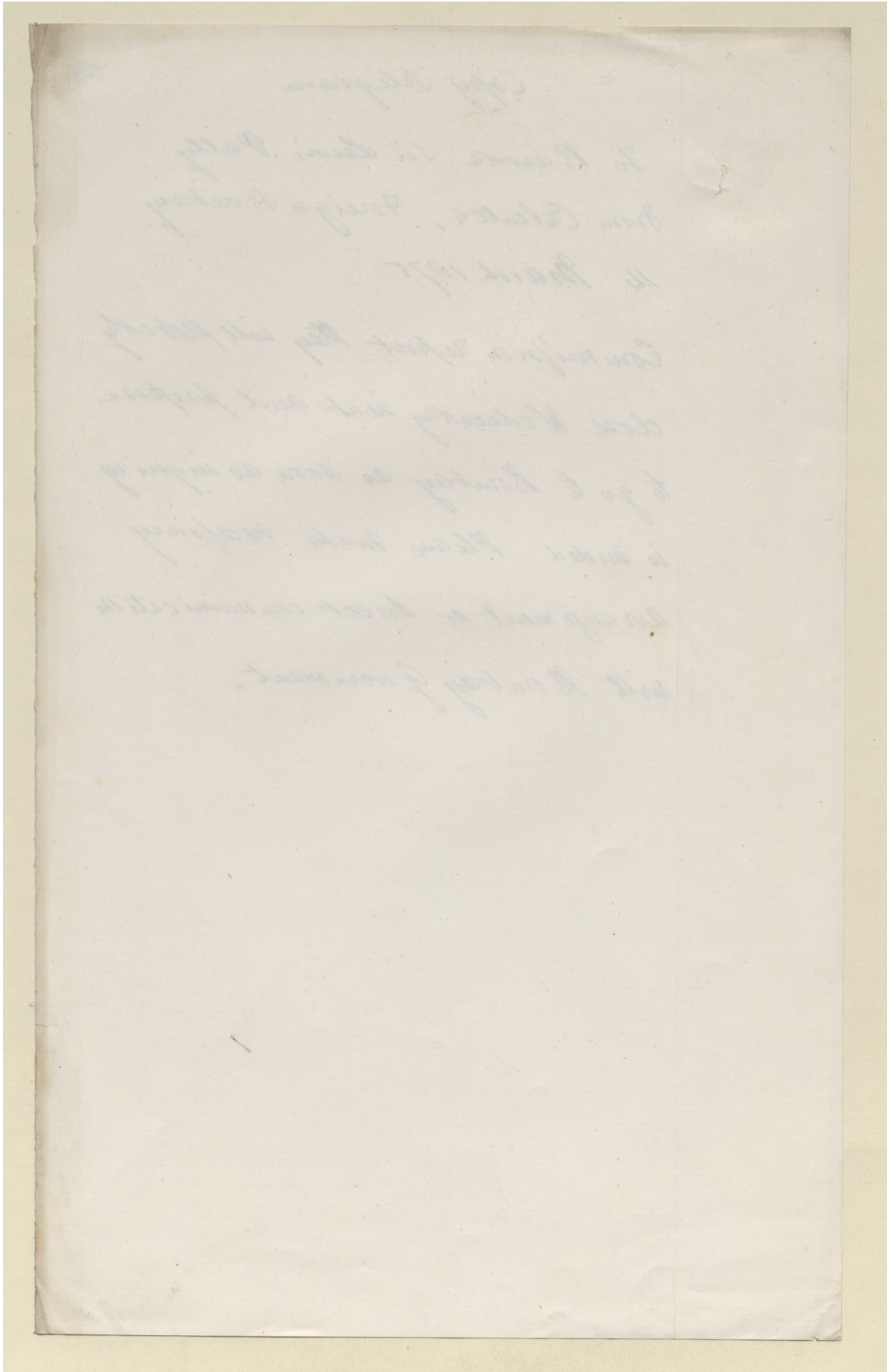
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To Baroda Sir Lewis Pelly
From Calcutta, Foreign Secretary
14 March 1875

Commission report they will probably
close Wednesday next and propose
to go to Bombay as soon as inquiry
is ended. Please make necessary
arrangement in direct communication
with Bombay Government.

'Confidential Telegrams concerning Removal of Commission to Bombay' [25v] (4/8)



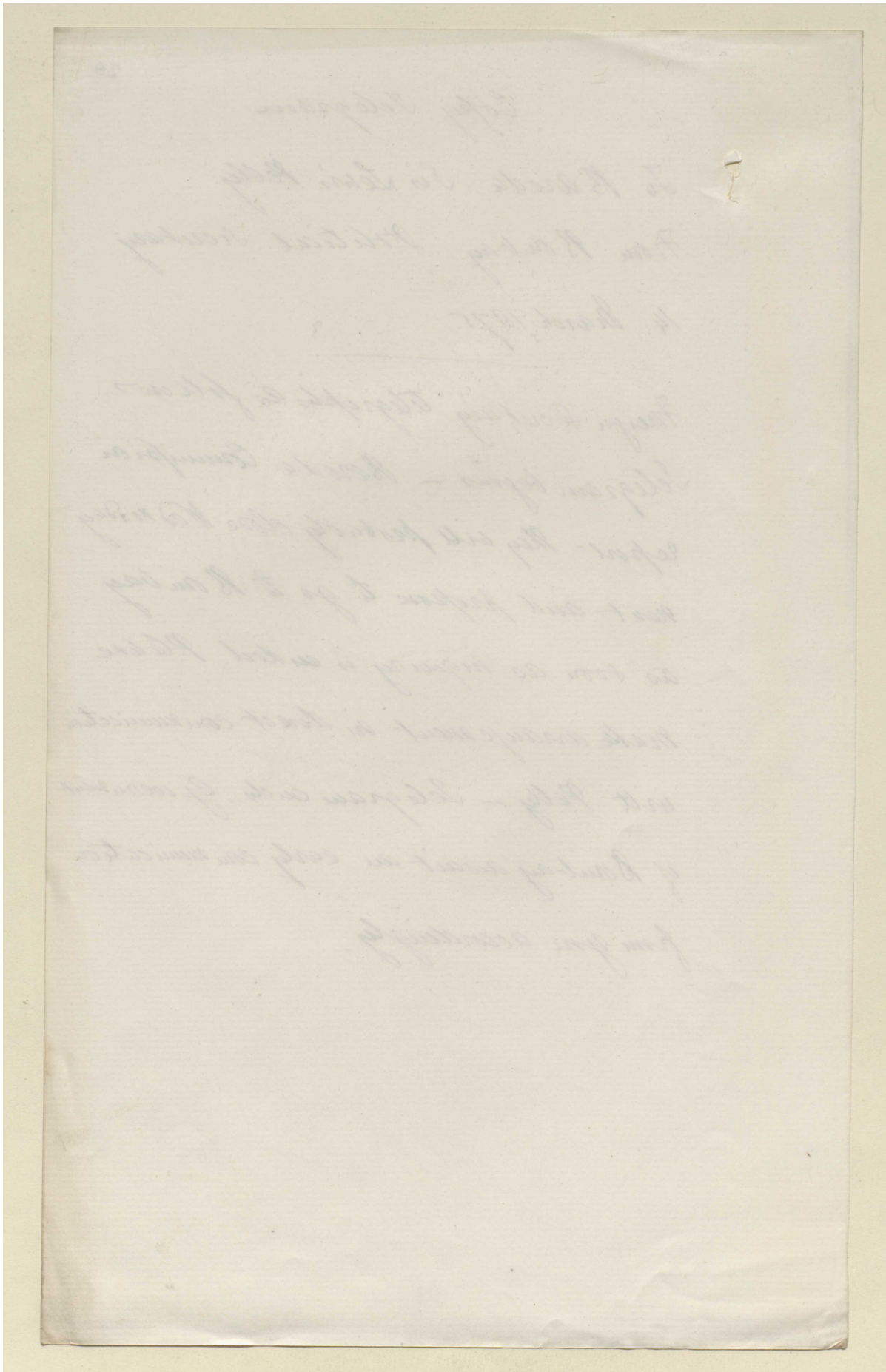
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To Baroda Sir Lewis Pelly
From Bombay Political Secretary
14 March 1875

Foreign Secretary telegraphs as follows.
Telegram begins - Baroda Commission
report - they will probably close Wednesday
next and propose to go to Bombay
as soon as inquiry is ended. Please
make arrangement in direct communication
with Pelly - Telegram ends. Government
of Bombay await an early communication
from you accordingly.

'Confidential Telegrams concerning Removal of Commission to Bombay' [26v] (6/8)



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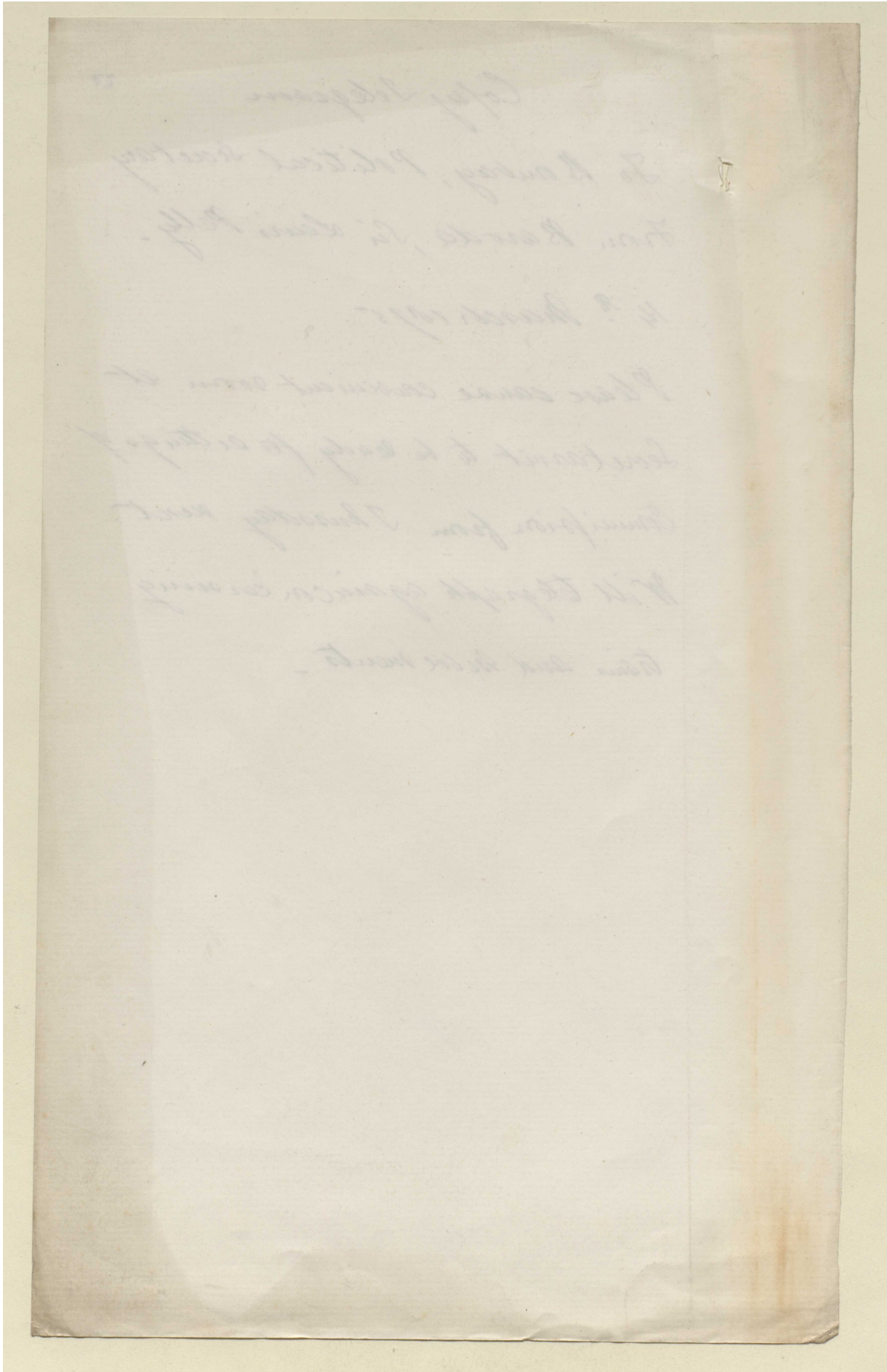
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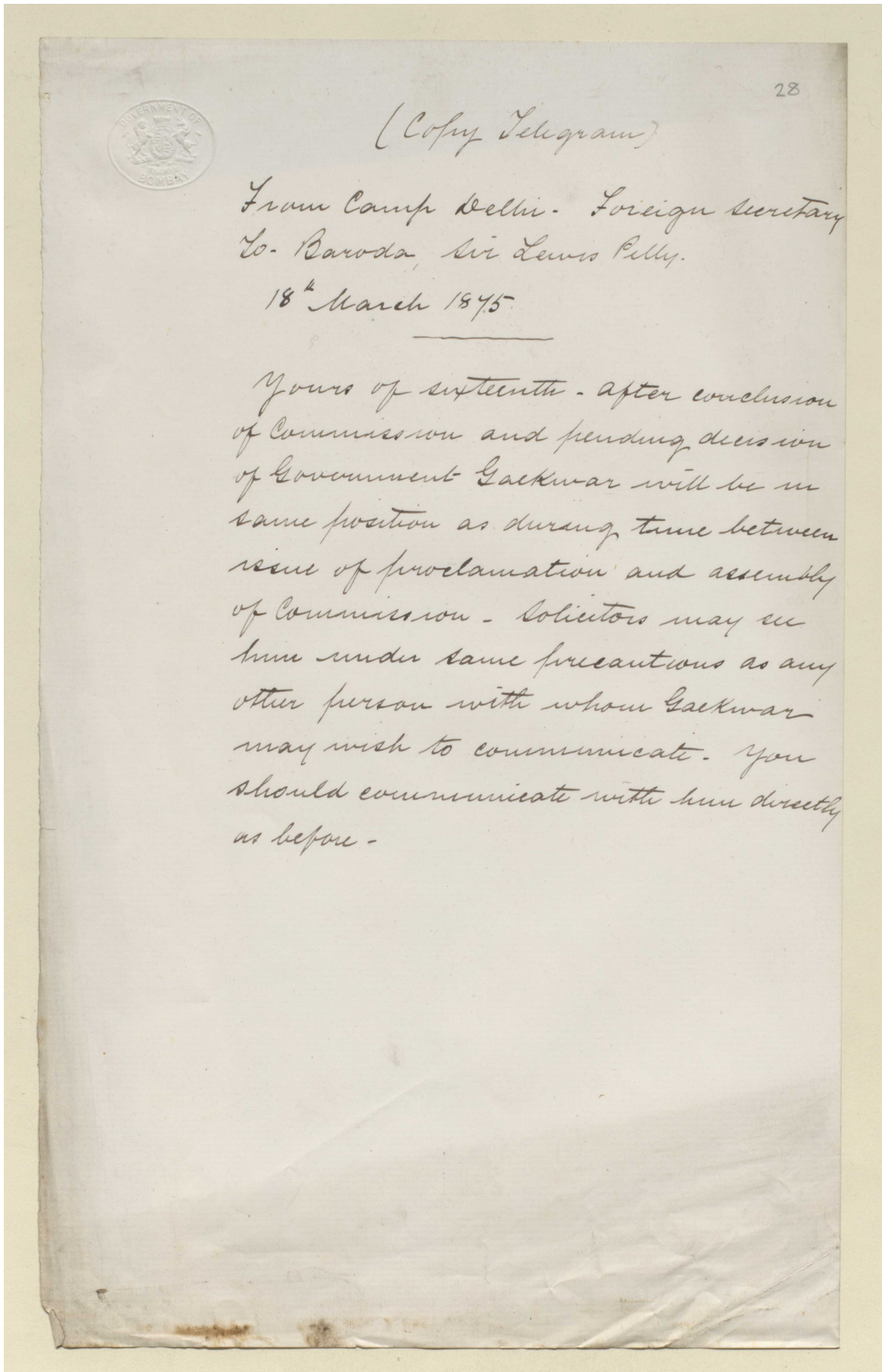
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Please cause convenient room at
Secretariat to be ready for sittings of
Commission from Thursday next.

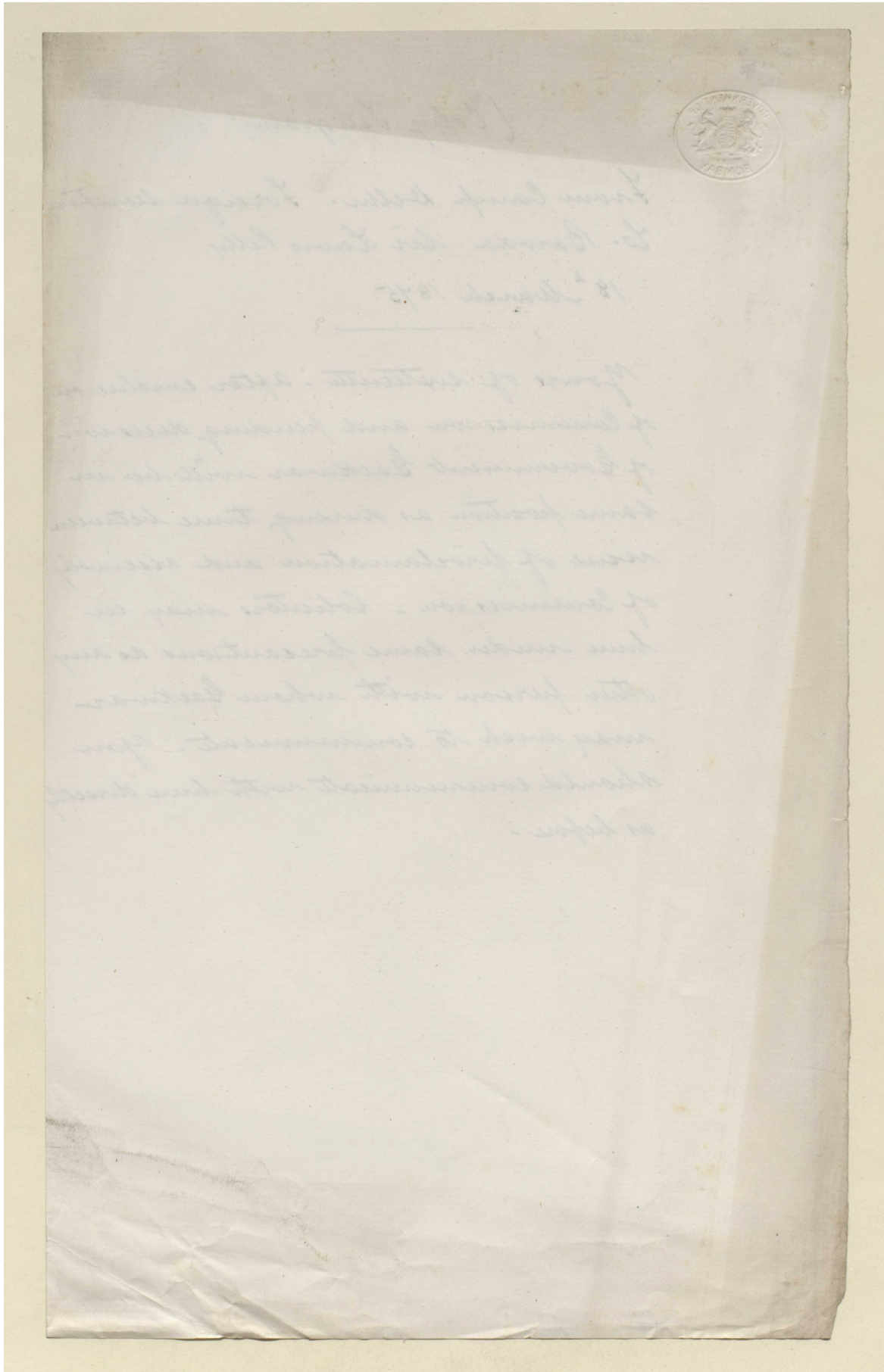
Will telegraph again concerning
trains and movements.

'Confidential Telegrams concerning Removal of Commission to Bombay' [27v] (8/8)





Copy Telegram from the Foreign Secretary, Camp Delhi to Sir Lewis Pelly, Baroda
[28v] (2/2)



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Copy Telegram

From Calcutta, Foreign Secretary
To Baroda, Sir Lewis Pelly

14 January 1875

Take legal steps through solicitor
to Govt of Bombay to impound all
money of Gaekwar in any Bank
in Bombay by notice to the Banker
or such other legal proceedings as may
be advised. Government of India claim
them as property of State of Baroda -
Mr Munshi

Please copy the above into the
File concerning the State
Banks - & then return the
above to me

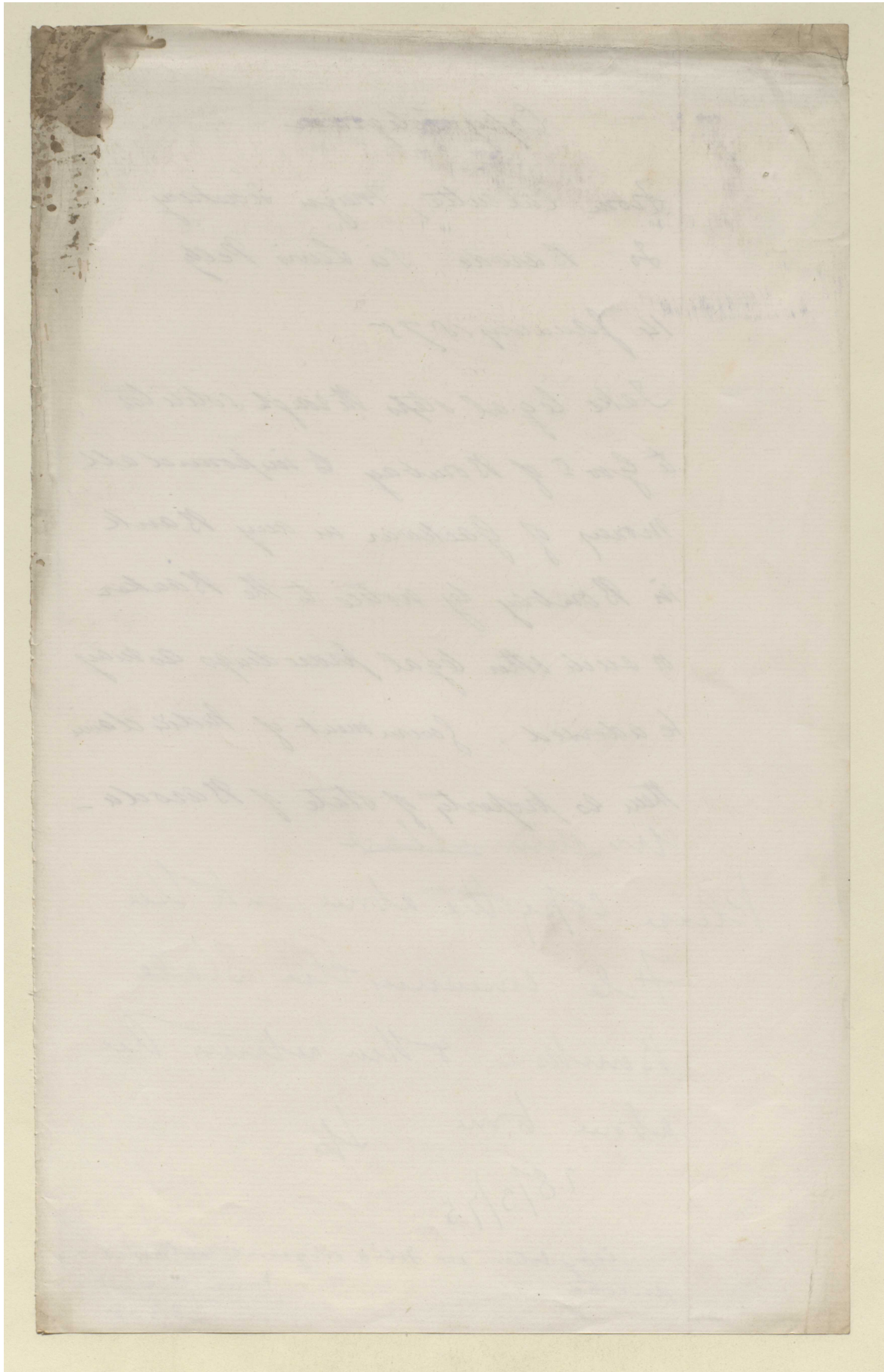
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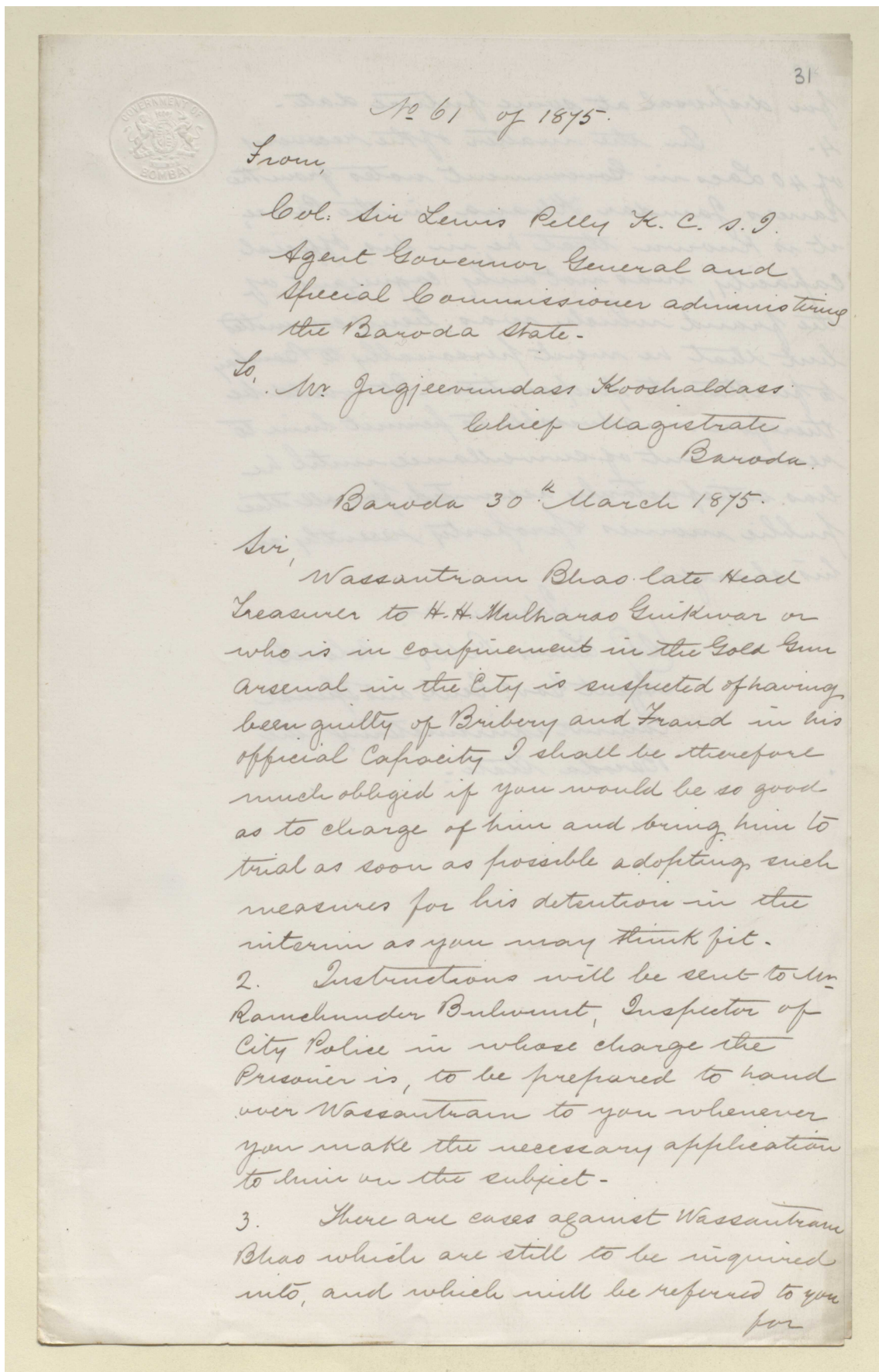
Extract from Telegram
From Calcutta, Foreign Secretary
To Baroda, Sir Lewis Pelly
13 January 1875

Proclamation made. Administration of
Baroda will at once vest in you under powers
delegated in proclamation. Take all steps
necessary for preservation of peace & exercise
of functions of government in every department.
Make no material change in administration
other than under my letter to Bombay 15-86
P. of 25 July without reference to Gov^t.
Every precaution must be taken to prevent
disturbance. If you want troops besides those
already sent apply to Bombay Gov^t who
are instructed to comply. Arrest Gaekwar &
inform him of charge against him at moment
of arrest. When arrested telegraph fact.
Keep him in honorable confinement in one of
His Palaces or such other suitable building
as you think most convenient show him
every consideration. Confinement not
be

Extract from Telegram from the Foreign Secretary, Calcutta to Sir Lewis Pelly,
Baroda [30v] (2/2)

be stricter than necessary to secure proper
investigation. Give him every facility to
prepare his case by counsel or otherwise and
permit under proper precautions persons
to visit him whom he may wish to consult
in preparing his defence. Exclude others.
Be careful to prevent his papers from being
tampered with and generally take such
precautions as you think fit. Full written
instructions by Mr. Souter tonight.

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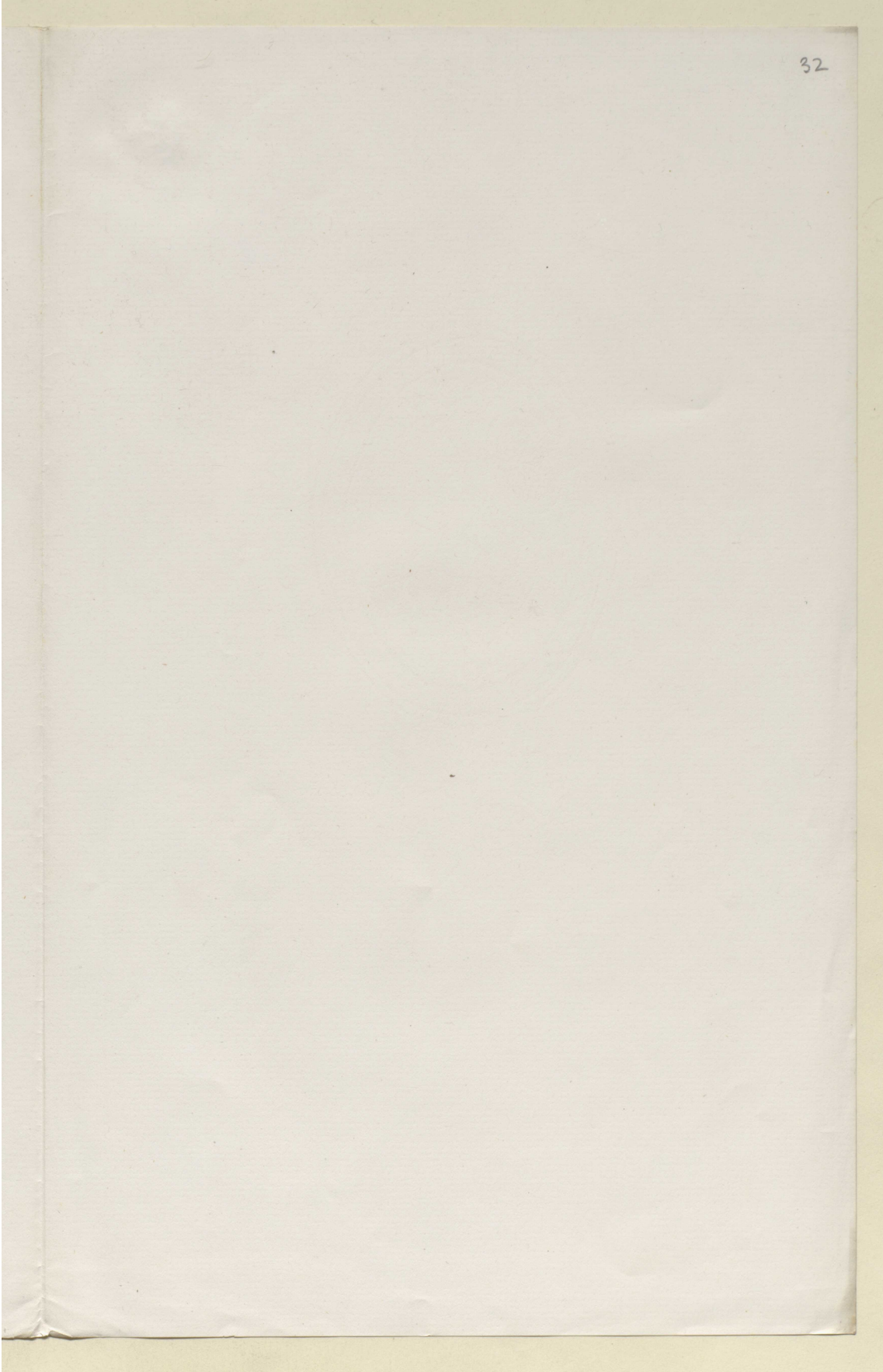


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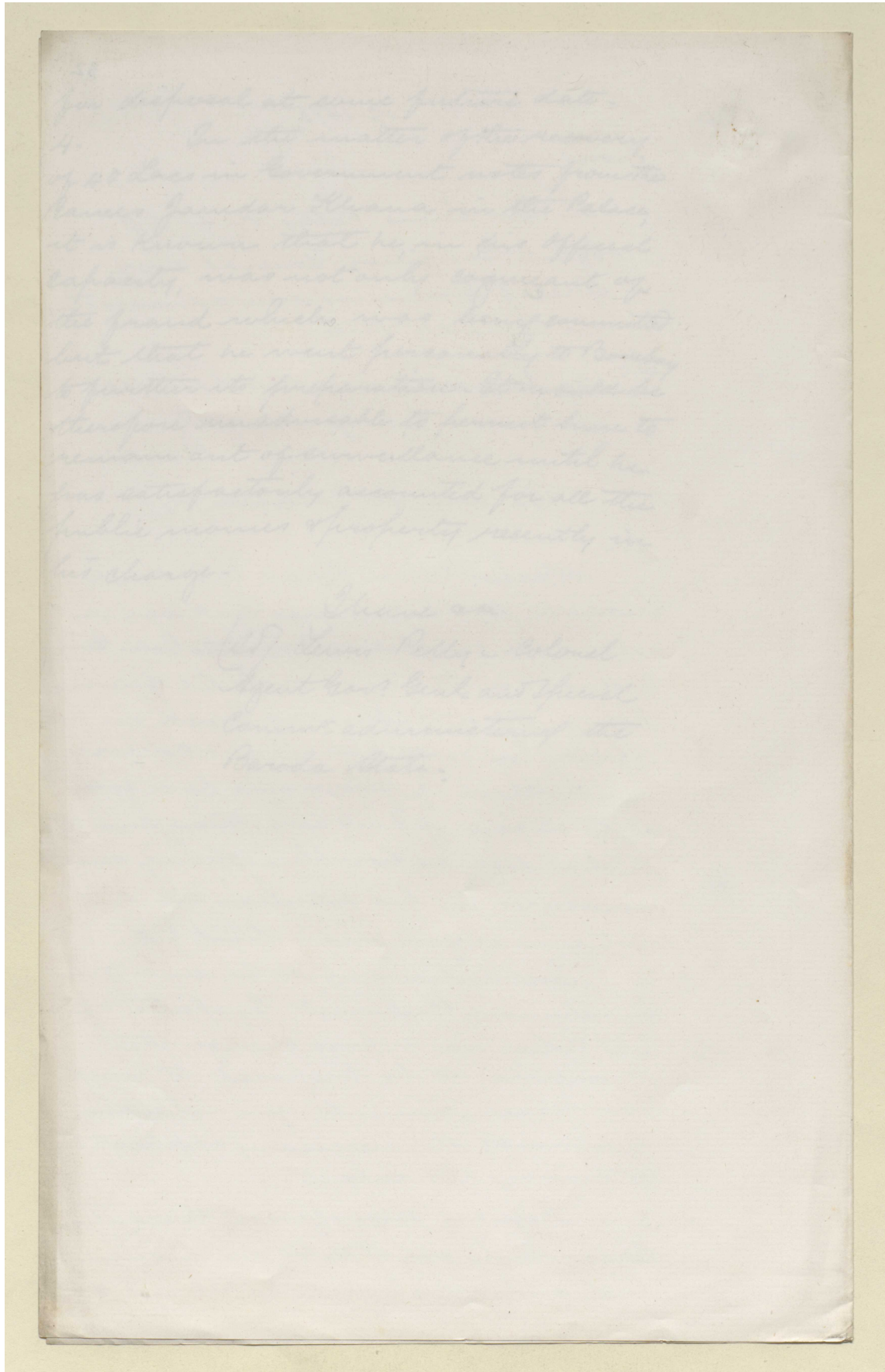
for disposal at some future date -
4. In the matter of the recovery of 40 Lacs in Government notes from the Rames Jandav Khana in the Palace, it is known that he, in his official capacity, was not only cognizant of the fraud which was being committed but that he went personally to Bombay to further its preparation. It would be therefore inadvisable to permit him to remain out of surveillance until he has satisfactorily accounted for all the public monies & property recently in his charge -

I have &c
(Sd) Lewis Pelly - Colonel.
Agent Gov: Genl. and Special
Commr. administering the
Baroda State.

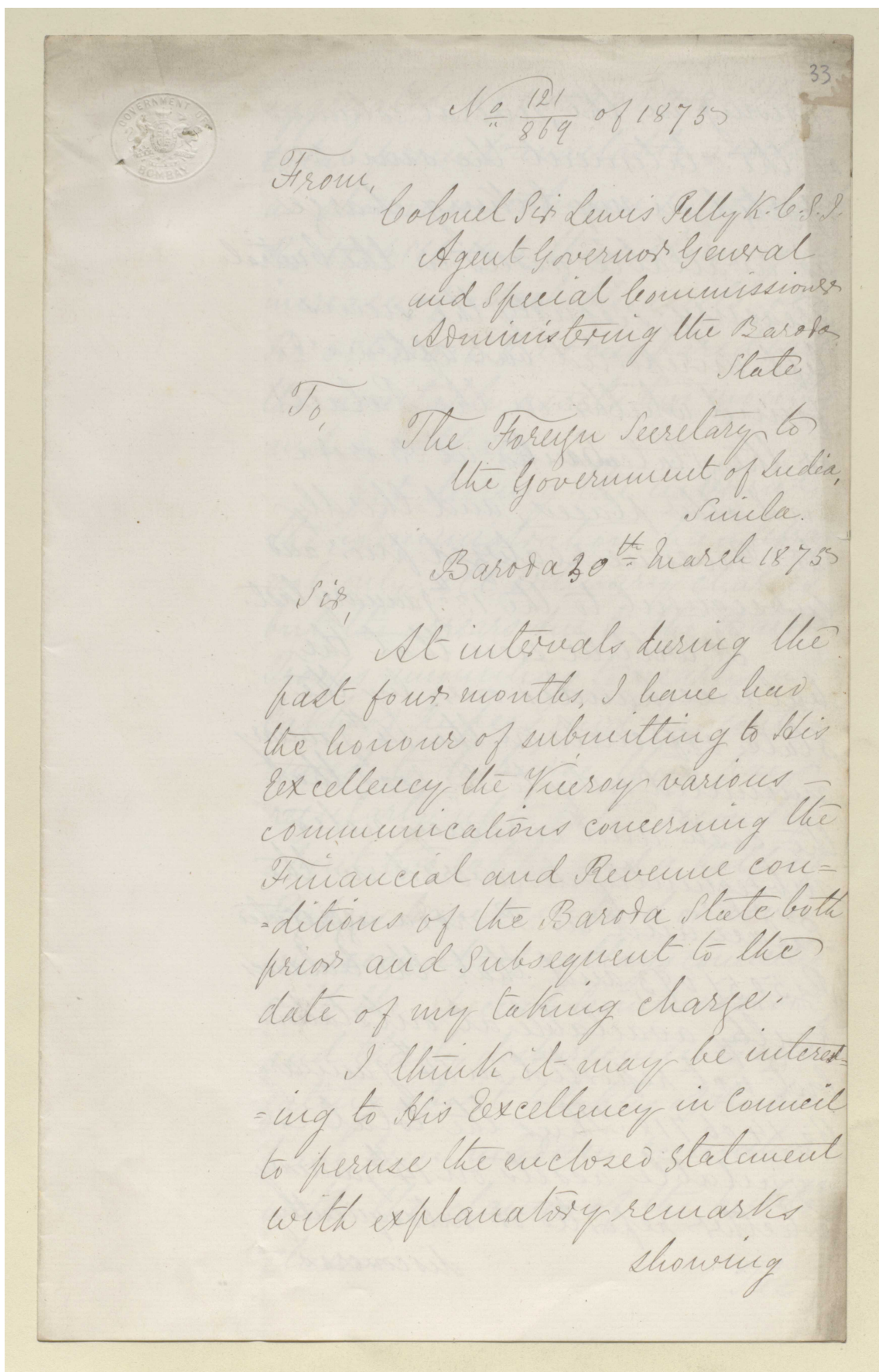
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Kooshaldass, Chief Magistrate, Baroda [32r] (3/4)**



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showing in the several columns
of the statement the sum re-
ported on my taking charge
as available assets in the central
Treasury; secondly the sums
left unreported but afterwards
found whether in the Palace
or the State Banks at Baroda
and other places; and thirdly
the Revenue realized prior and
subsequent to the 13th January last.

It will be seen that the
balance handed over by the
State officials on the 14th January
amounted only to Rs. 2000, that
the cash and currency notes
subsequently discovered in the
Palace and in Baroda aggregated
Rs. 50,51,093, and that the balances
really available at outstations,
but not reported on 14th January
Rs. 14,06,718. Thus the total
available assets on 14th January
whether reported or subsequently
discovered

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aggregated Rs. 64,59,211-7-8. The total present available assets as shown in column 12 aggregate Rs. 69,34,166-14-4, thus showing an increase of available assets of Rs. 5,74,35,526-8 as compared with the available assets two months and a half ago.

Yet during the interval the Administration has defrayed not only all ordinary charges but the arrears due to the Baroda Troops amounting to nearly a lakh of Rupees and has continued to disburse their pay regularly up to date; secondly about two lakhs and a half of Rupees have been paid or advanced on account of outlays connected with the Special Commission, and thirdly disbursements aggregating about 4 lakhs of Rupees have been made in connection with the claims of the military classes

The

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The above increase in assets
has been arrived at not by any
detailed overhauling of the ana-
-lytical and other financial
Statements which the Govern-
-ment of the Gaikwar had pre-
-pared for me and which are
still with me, but simply by
introducing a common sense eco-
-nomy into the disposal of Funds
of the State and by refraining
from meeting demands of an
irregular or unauthorized character.

I have carefully abstained
from interfering with the dis-
-bursements under the heading
of religious charities: those dis-
-bursements are enormous, but
I have deemed it politic to leave
the examination of them to
whatever Native Administration
may be re-established at Baroda.

In conclusion I venture to
hope

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hope His Excellency the Viceroy
and Governor General in Council
may be satisfied under all the
peculiar circumstances of the
case with the Financial situa-
-tion now explained. It will
be borne in mind that the
recent crisis has been met without
any external financial ^{what-}
-ness, and it is most agreeable
to me to avail myself of this
opportunity of acknowledging my
obligations and expressing my
thanks to my First Assistant
Mr. Pichey, Bombay L. S. for his
zealous and efficient aid in
this as in all other departments
of the Baroda Administration.
To Captain Jackson, Assistant
Resident, and to Rao Bahadur
Gyanmud Vithal, ^{Inspector of Police} am parti-
-cularly indebted for the care
and success with which they
examined the Palace and
have

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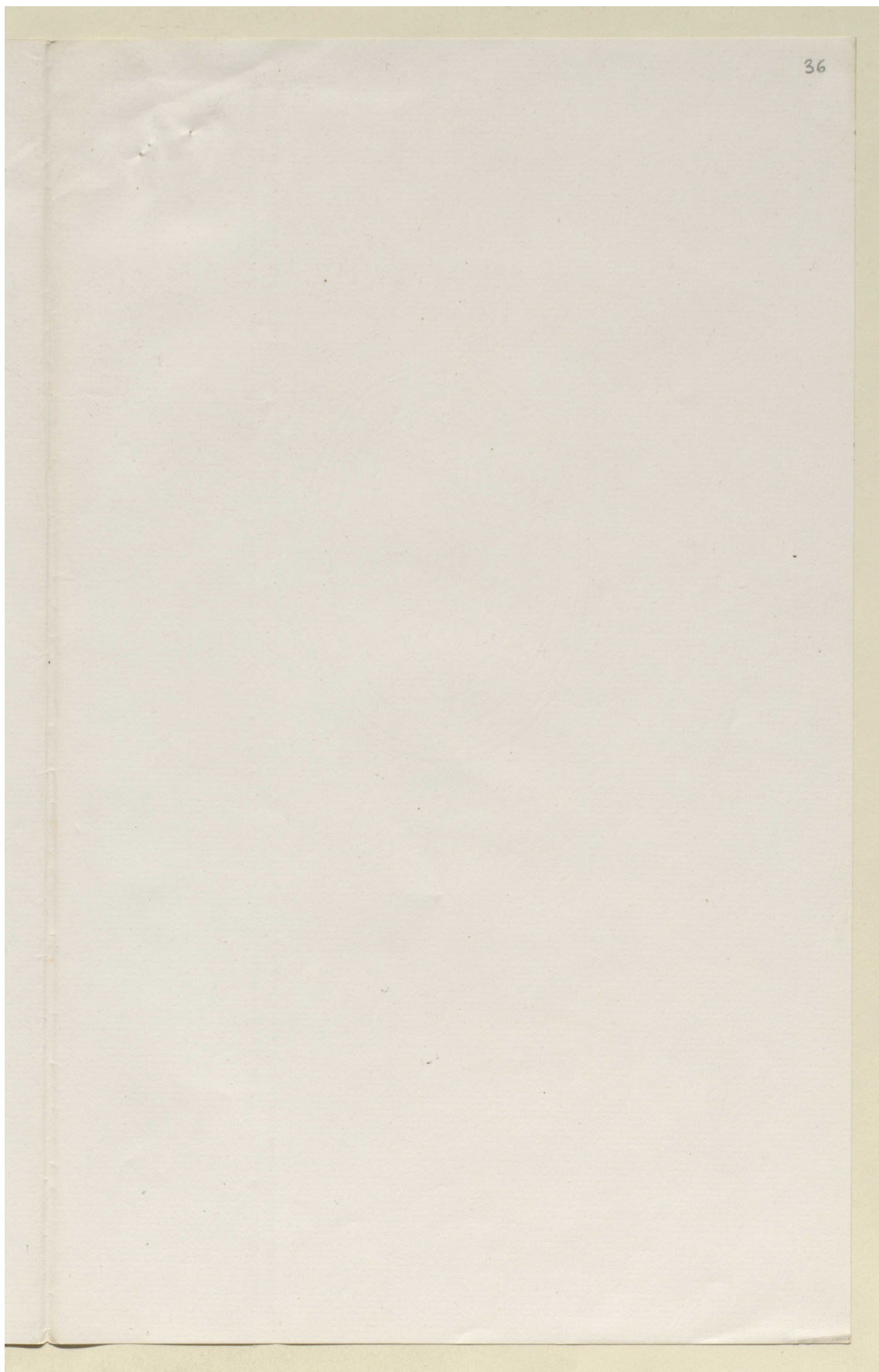
have caused the State property
there deposited to be protected.
Had it not been for the sagacity
with which Gyaanid Kithal
ascertained the fact of a receipt
having been passed for forty
lakhs of Rupees, it is very
doubtful whether the clue by
which I got possession of the
forty lakhs' worth of Bengal
currency notes, might not have
broken in my hand.

I have the honour to

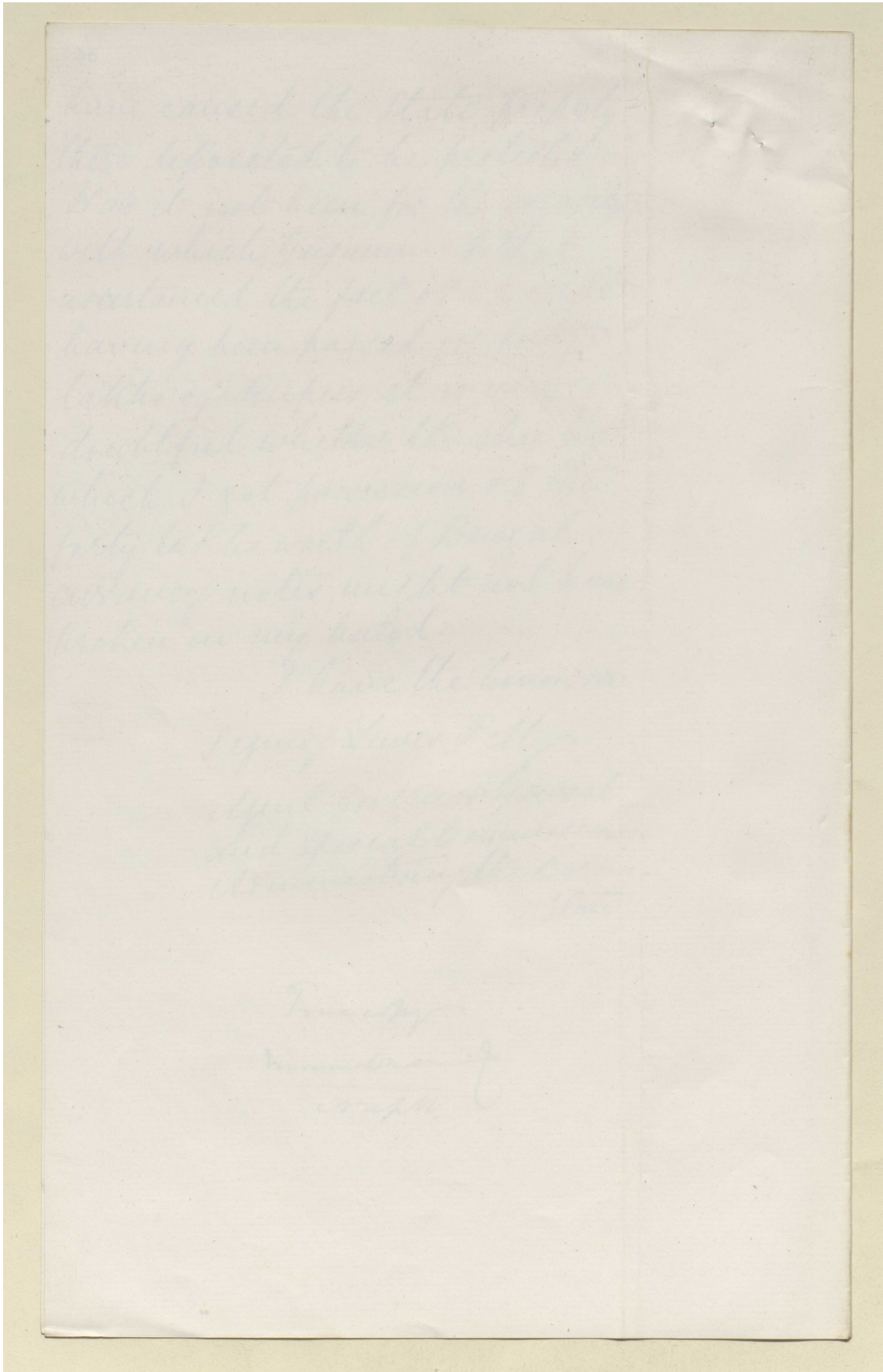
Signed Lewis Pelly
Agent Governor General
and Special Commissioner
Administering the Baroda
State

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managing
W.P.M.

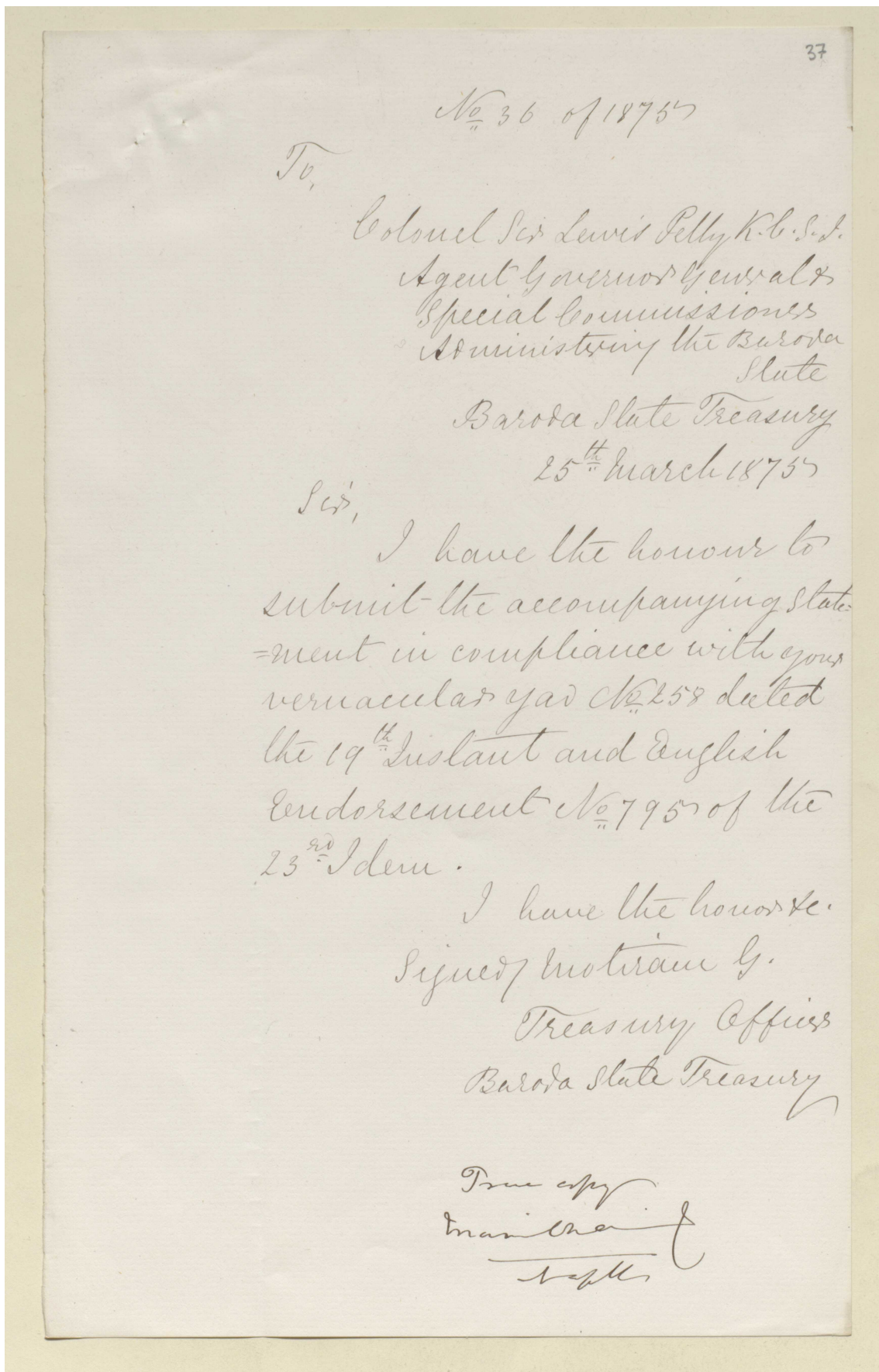
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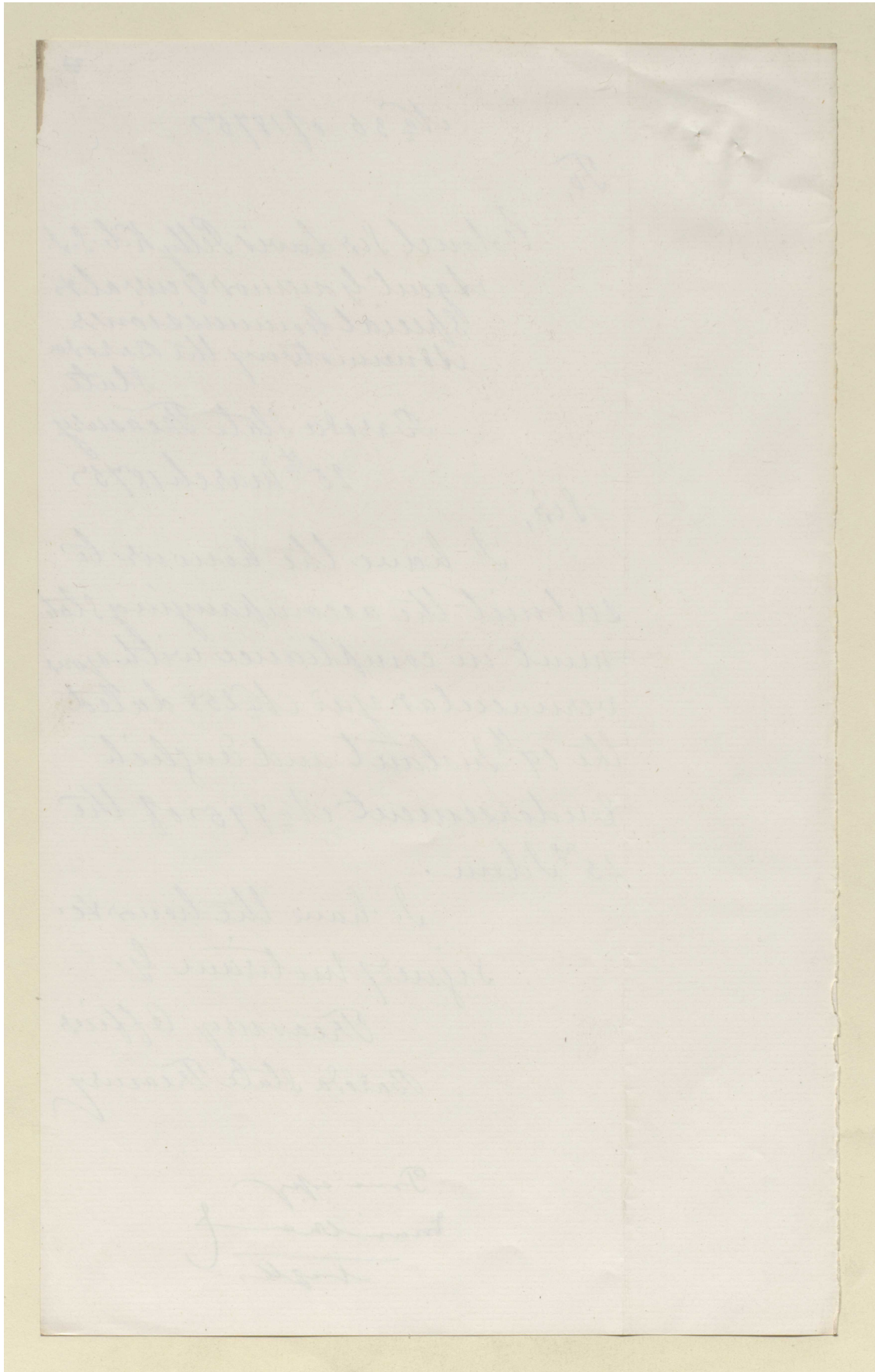
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Statement showing the Receipts & Disbursements of the Baroda State Central Treasury from 13th January to 20th March 1875


Balance handed over by State officials on 13 th January/75	Sums dis- covered in Palace sub-sequent to 13 th January 1875	Balance not reported on 13 th Jan ^y but subsequently covered at outstations	Currency notes dis- covered subsequent to 13 th January 1875	Receipts from 13 th January to 20 th March 1875	Total of columns 2 to 5	Disbursements					Avail-able balance on 20 th March 1875
						charges due prior to 13 th Jan ^y 1875	charges due subsequent to 13 th Jan ^y 1875	Commiss- ion charges	Advances	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2,000	105,093 13 9	14,06,718 10 11	4,00,000	18,77,111 4 9	8,33,492 12 5	5,99,208 12 11	2,44,495 3	2,60,189 13 3	2,99,867 14 8	14,02,758 14 1	69,34,166 14 4

* N.B. for 13th January/75
please read 14th do
Signed Manibhai
N. G. G. G.

True copy
Manibhai
N. G. G. G.

* In cash 29,34,166-14-4
In notes 40,00,000 - " - "
69,34,166-14-4

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Explanatory Memo:-

Column 1. Vide item No 10 in the Statement of estimated balances prepared by R. B. Gajamund Vitthal (Appendix A)

Column 2. The details are as under

Balance of Ganesh Iswhur's State Bank handed over to me on the 28th January 1875 ————— 2,11,989-9-11

— Do — of the other Baroda Firms, vide items Nos 1 to 6 in the Statement of estimated balances prepared by R. Bahadur Gajamund Vitthal (Appendix A) 5,37,823-15-3

— Do — of miscellaneous departments and Karkhanas at Baroda vide items Nos 8-9 & 11 to 26 in — Do — Do — 3,01,280-4-6

Total Rupees 10,51,093-12-9

Column 3. The details are as under

Balance of the surat Firm as per surat collector's letter No 122 of 22nd January/75 ————— 6,345-11-3

— Do — of the Nowzaree Firm

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Firm remitted to me
by the Sooba of -
Nowsaree ————— 4,31,714-10-6

Balance of the Bombay
Parvateekant Firm
remitted to me by
the New Bank of Bombay 1,43,420-6-u

- Do - of - Do - now in
the New Bank of
Bombay as inti-
-mated to me by
Mr. F. W. Buntley — 5,67,256-12-7

- Do - of the Bombay
Nursedass Luxumdass
Firm now in the
New Bank of Bombay
as intimated to me
by — do ————— 1,97,586-2-7

Do. of the Shop at
Sadra ————— 13,088-9-6

— Do — Do — at Deesa 20,668-1-7

— Do — Do — at hekhanta 26,638-4-9

Total Rs. 14,06,718-10-11

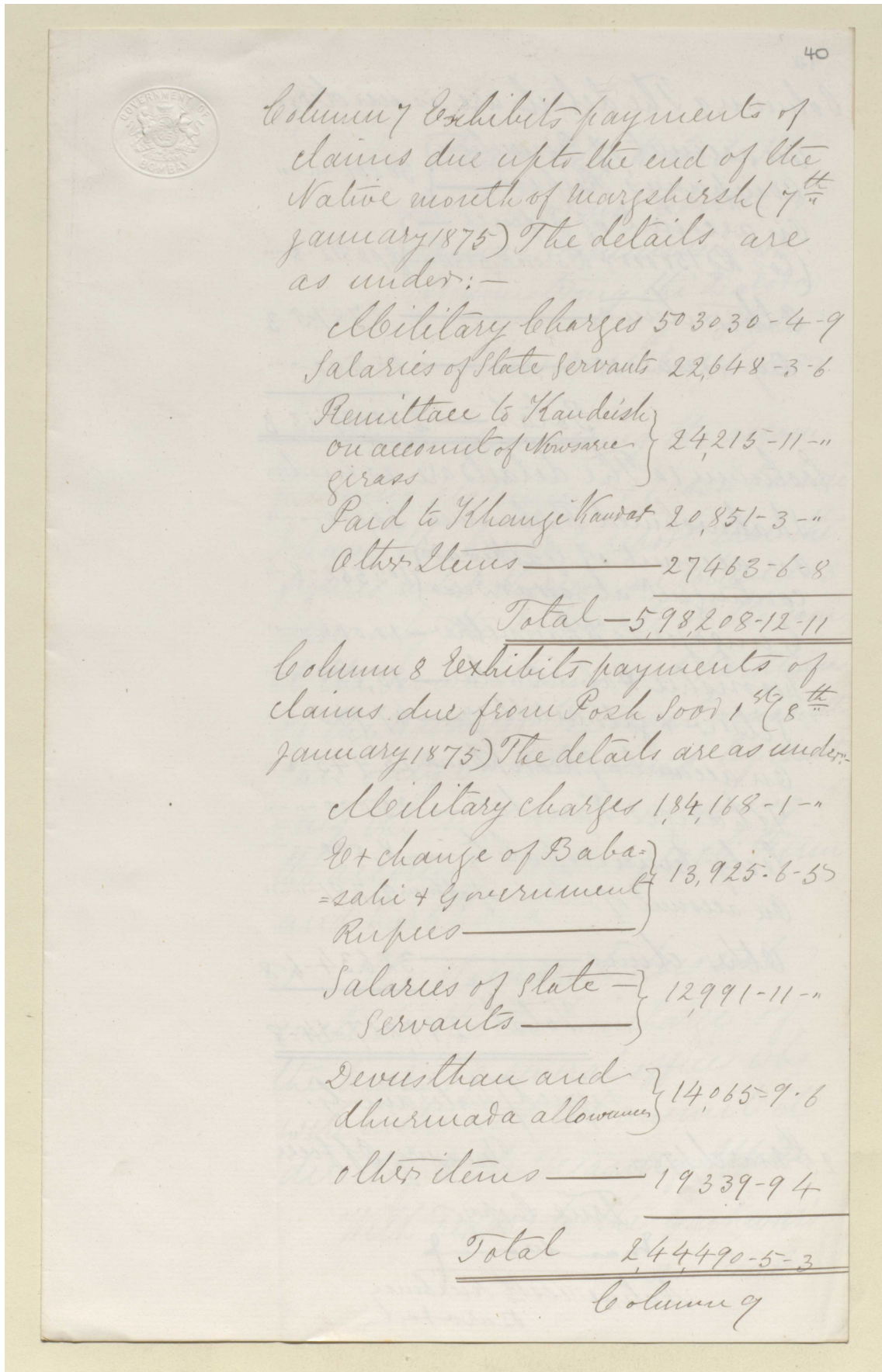
Column 5 - Vernacular orders —
No. 238 of 19th August requires
the Land Revenue Receipts to
be shown distinctly; but the
Remittances

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Remittances from the mahals made in cash or by Hoondies do not exhibit separately the figures of Land Revenue and other receipts and the accounts of all the mahals for the past two months have not yet been received. I have however, requested the Sir Sooba to let me know the amount of Land Revenue collections upto date, and will communicate the same immediately it is received. Certain Hoondies amounting to Rs. 20352 remain to be encashed and brought to account and are not therefore included in this column. The details of the amount shown are as under:-

Remittances from the mahals	16,60,804-2-11
Receipts of Gaus Dana and Persh Kushi	1,09,257-15-6
Tax on carpenters and bricklayers in Baroda city	1,625-13-11
Receipts on account of the Baroda State Banks	47,506-15-6
Judicial Receipts	11,624-11-3
Stamp Receipts	7,961-9-6
Deposits	35,917-3-6
Other small items	2,418-14-6
<u>Total</u>	<u>18,77,111-4-9</u>
	Column 7

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Column 9 The details are as under:-

On account of Prosecution Company's Rupees ————	} 30,000 - 11 - 11
On account of Defence ————	
(Co's Rs 1,50,000 + Baroda Rs 58,812-8-)	} 2,08,812-8-11
Other items ————	
By advances ————	2,787-5-3
	18,590-11-11
<u>Total ————</u>	<u>2,60,189-13-3</u>

Column 10 The details are as under

Shahmohamed Radhameea	20,000-11-11
on account of Gachwad contingent at Sabra + Deesa	} 1,05,562-8-11
Gungajras Khanvelker	
Munushee Habee Bosta	15,000-11-11
Silver & gold artillery	47,945-11-11
On account of Modikhana	25,945-11-11
Ychangee Kaudar	25,000-11-11
City Municipality	8,000-11-11
On account of Salaries of officers	9,781-11-11
Other items ————	32,634-6-8
<u>Total ————</u>	<u>2,99,867-14-8</u>

Signed/Authenticated by

25th March/75 Treasury Office

True Copy

Mamun
Native Asst. Revenue
Baroda

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and Special Commissioner administering the Baroda state to the Foreign Secretary
to the Government of India, Simla [41r] (17/30)

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To,

Sir Lewis Pelly K. C. S. I.
Agent Governor General &
Special Commissioner
Administering the Baroda
State
Baroda 26th March 1875

Sir,

In forwarding the accom-
panying statement of cash balance
I have the honor to report that the
figures noted therein in column 3
show only the estimate of the cash
at the several Firms and Karkhanas
of the Garkwad. The exact amount
can only be determined by count-
ing the coins and examining
the account books of each Firm
and Karkhana.

2. The statement does not
include the cash in charge of
the heads of several offices who
were instructed to transmit it
directly to the Treasury Officers.

With regard to the Garkwad's
ancient

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ancient reserve Fund treasury which contained at the commencement of H. H. Mulharr's regime about Rs 24,00,000 twenty four lakhs and far full of kushor and Rutlee. It is to be submitted that H. H. has exhausted nearly the whole of the reserve Fund which according to the time honoured custom of the Gaikwar's family were kept to meet unforeseen contingencies. The balance of Rs 2000 which now remains in it is shown in the statement.

With regard to the jewel Dept^{ts} the officers in charge of the jewel Dept^{ts} informs me that several jewels and valuables were given in presents or otherwise disposed of by H. H. without keeping a proper account.

I have &c.

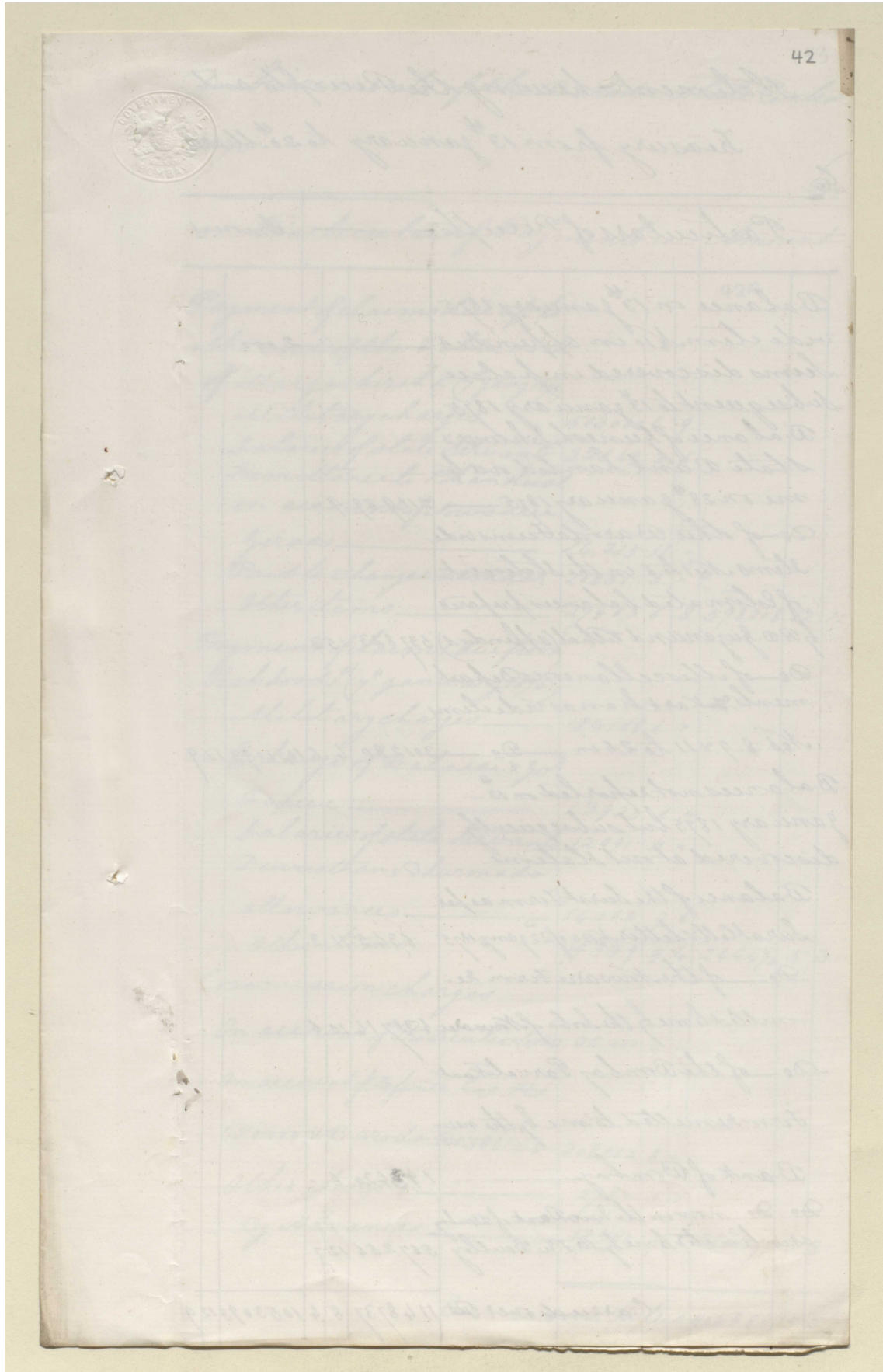
Signed Guyanum Vittal
in Marathi

Forwarded thro' the Treasury Office,
Baroda

Forwarded with my letter No 36
dated 25th March 1875

True copy signed Motiram G.
Treasury Office
Mamraj
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to the Government of India, Simla [42r] (19/30)



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*Statements shewing the Receipts and
Treasury from 13th January to 20th March.*

<i>Particulars of Receipts</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Balance on 13th January 1875 vide item No 10 in appendix A</i>	<i>2,500</i>
<i>Sums discovered in palace subsequent to 13th January 1875</i>	
<i>Balance of Junesh Shikwar's State Bank handed over to me on 28th January 1875 —</i>	<i>2,19,899 ..</i>
<i>Do of the Baroda Firms vide Items Nos 1 to 5 in the Statement of Estimated balances prepared by R.D. Gyanund Vitthal (appendix B)</i>	<i>537,823 153</i>
<i>Do of Miscellaneous Depart- ments, & Karkhanas vide items Nos 8, 9 & 11 to 26 in — Do</i>	<i>201,280 4 6 105,109 3 129</i>
<i>Balances not reported on 13th January 1875 but subsequently discovered at out stations</i>	
<i>Balance of the Surat Firm as per Surat Coll^r's letter No 122 of 22nd Jan^y 1875</i>	<i>8,345 11 3</i>
<i>Do of the Kowsaree Firm re- mitted to me by the Sobha of Kowsaree</i>	<i>4,317 14 10 8</i>
<i>Do of the Bombay Parvalikant Firm remitted to me by the new Bank of Bombay</i>	<i>1,434 20 6 ..</i>
<i>Do Do now in the hands of Bank of Bombay as intimated to me by Mr F. W. Dentley</i>	<i>567,286 127</i>
<i>Carried over</i>	<i>11,48,737 8 4 105,309 3 129</i>

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		42A			
Payment of claims due up to the end of the native month of Margashirsha (7 th Jan'y 1875)					
Military charges	503030	4	9		
Salaries of state servants	22648	3	8		
Remittance to Khandeish on account of towns are					
Girass	24,215	11	"		
Paid to Changee Kamdar	20851	3	"		
Other items	27463	6	8	598208	12 11
Payment of claims due from Poshoodi (7 th Jan'y 1875)					
Military charges	184168	1	"		
Exchange of Babasai & gold					
Rupies	13925	6	5		
Salaries of state servants	12991	11	"		
Deewasthan & Dhurmada allowances	14065	9	8		
Other items	19339	9	4	244490	5 3
Commission charges					
On account of Prosecution	30,000	"	"		
On account of Defence Cos					
1,50000 + Baroda Rs 58812-8-	208812	8	"		
Other items	2787	5	3		
By Advances	18590	"	"	260189	13 3
Carried over Rupies				1102888	15 5

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Brought over Rs	1148737	8	4	1053093	12	9
Balance of the Bombay Messrs Laxmi Chandra's term now in the New Bank of Bombay as intimates to me by Mr F. V. Beutley	197586	2	7			
Balance of the shop at Badra	13088	9	6			
Do Do at Deessa	20668	1	9			
Do Do at Manikwara	26638	4	9	1406718	10	11
Currency Notes discovered sub- sequent to 13 th January 1875				400000		
Receipts from 13 th January to 20 th March 1875						
Remittances from the Mahals in cash and by Moon dies	1860804	2				
On account of Gausdanar Peshkash	109251	15	6			
Tax on carpenters & brick layers in Baroda city	1625	13				
Receipts on account of the Baroda State Banks	47506	15	6			
Judicial Receipts	11624	11	3			
Stamp Do	7961	9	6			
Deposits	35917	3	6			
Other small items	2418	14	5	1877	11	4
Grand Total Rupees				8336923	12	5

True copy
In witness whereof
I have signed
this 20th March 1875

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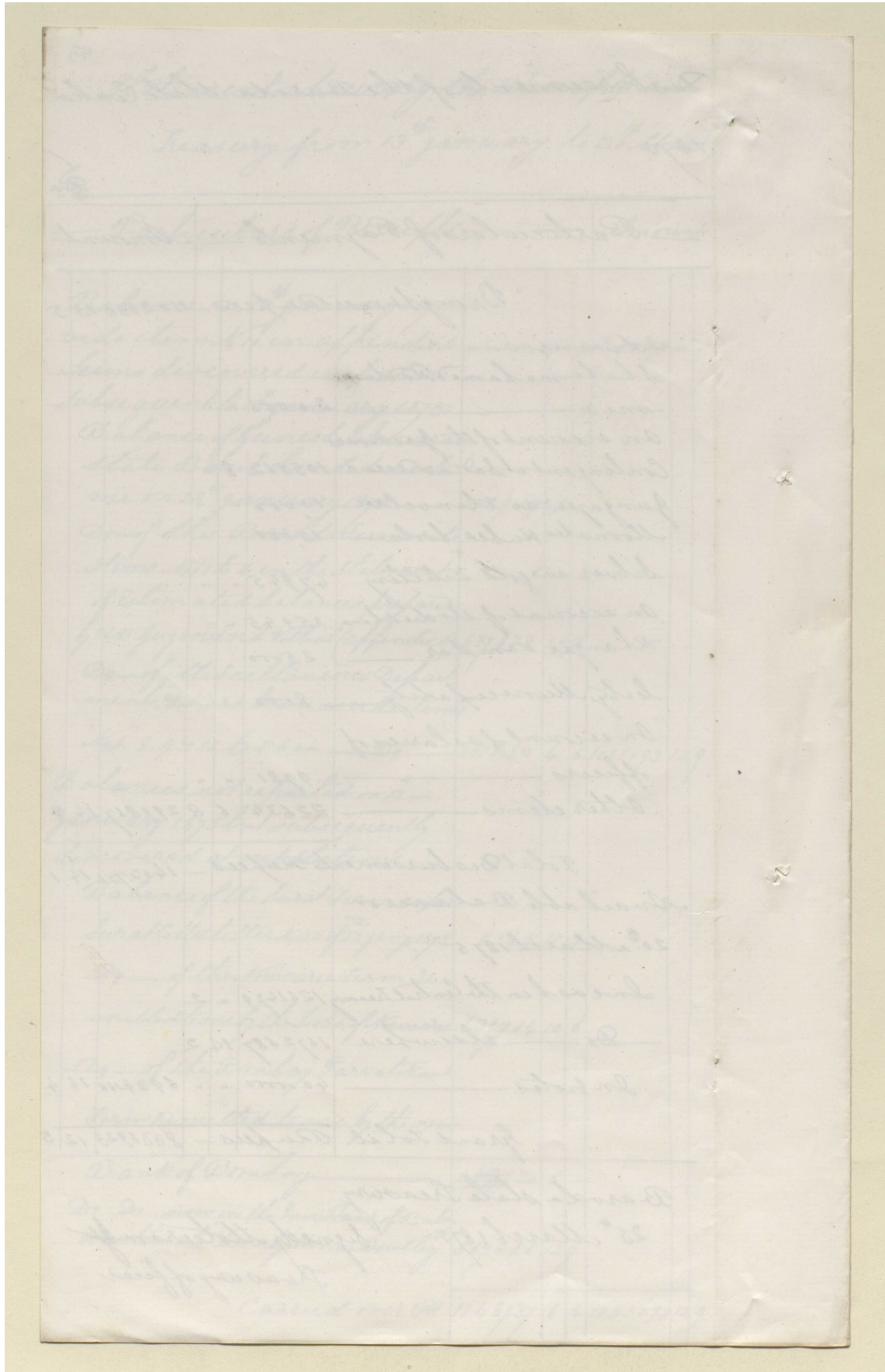
Disbursements of the Baroda State Central
1875

Particulars of Payments	Amount
Brought over Rupees	1102888 15 5
<i>Advances</i>	
Shah Mohamed Radhumia	20000 " "
On account of the Backward Contingent at Baroda & Deesa	105582 8 "
Jungajee Rao Khanvelkar	10000 " "
Moonshah Kubeeloola	15000 " "
Silver and gold artillery	47945 " "
On account of Modetkhana Khangee Kamdar	25945 " "
City Municipality	8000 " "
On account of salaries of officers	9781 " "
Other items	32634 8 8
Total Disbursements Rupees	1402756 14 1
<i>Available Balance on 20th March 1875</i>	
In cash in the Central Treasury	1261479 " 2
Do elsewhere	1072687 14 2
In notes	400000 " " 693416 14 4
Grand Total Rupees	8338923 12 5

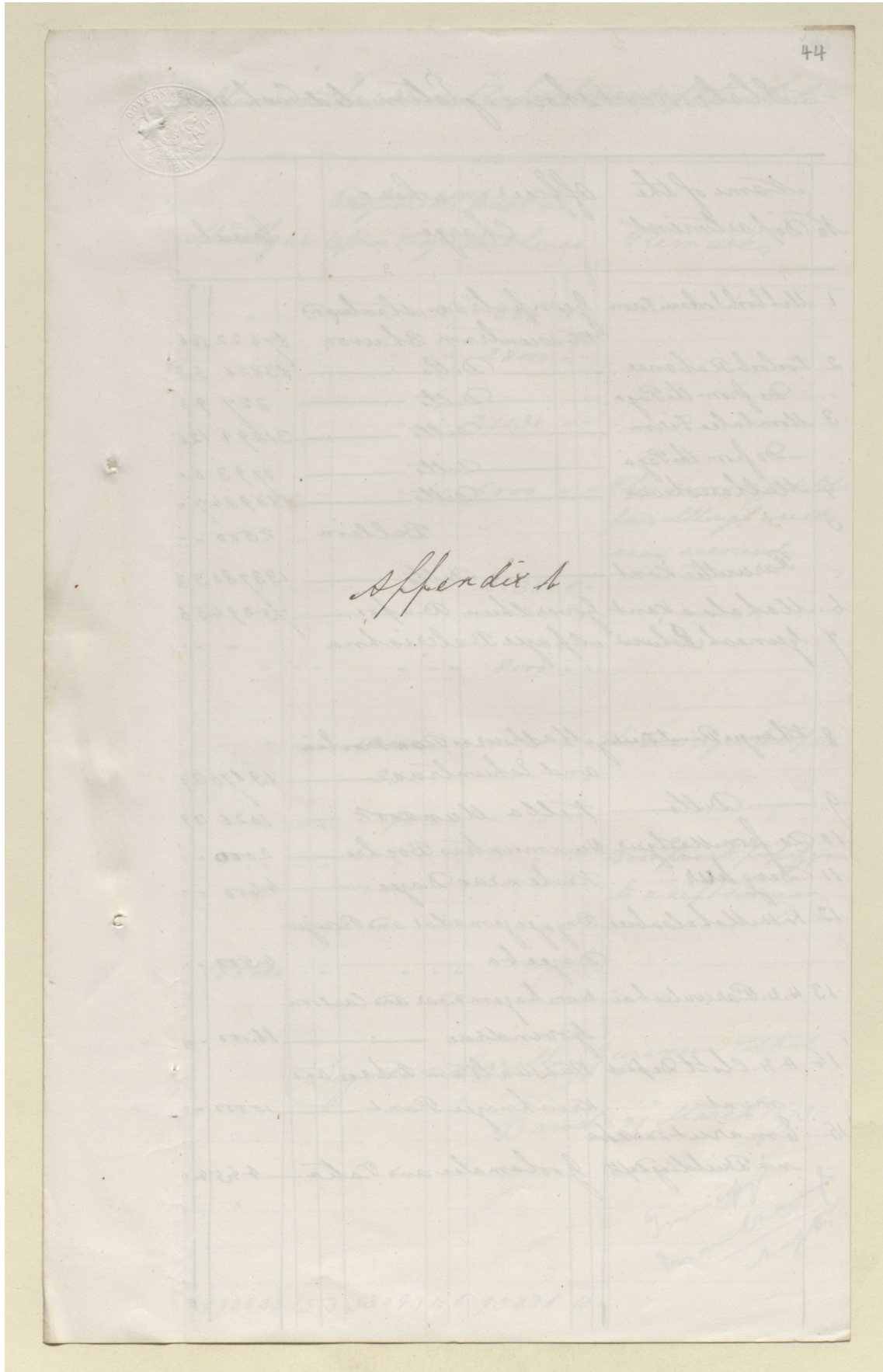
Baroda State Treasury
25th March 1875

Signed Moteeram
Treasury officer

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Statements showing Estimated Cash and

No. Department	Name of the Officer in whose Charge	Cash
1	Mehboob Soobani Firm Jeeputrao and Santuwan Mussuntram Bhauroo	57422 146
2	Koolob Rabanee Do from the Paga	53826 53 327 93
3	Momlalee Firm Do from the Paga	31894 126 1793 6
4	Mulhareshwar	1609847 "
5	Ballion	2500 "
	Parwatee Kant	Ditto 13378033
6	Mahalsakant	Goverdhen Dapoo 7529456
7	Gunesh Chavara	Spaje Balcrishna " "
8	Change Private Treasury Madhwarao Ramkrishna and Chuntroo	19676129
9	Ditto	Killa Munsook 1026 139
10	Do from Madhwar	Munmuntroo Boohre 2000 "
11	Deogher	Keshenrao Dajee 4400 "
12	H.H. Mahalsabare	Bayajee Jemadar and Poojee Dajeeba 4500 "
13	H.H. Parwateebai	Varubajemadar and Caroon Govindrao 16,000 "
14	H.H. Cloth Depart- -ment	Mussuntram Chao and Krishnaje Pant 10000 "
15	Emarut Parkha nia Building Dept	Joolamalee and Tatta 4454 "

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16	Municipality	Gunpatras Ponnaker	300	"
17	Wuzoor Soudaree	Juzjeevundass	28000	"
18	Soozoorat	Gunpatras Mahajan and Khotatal	21131	"
19	Khangujondar Khanna	Kella Dulsook Parukh	6000	"
20	Senafutte	Mashowras Gajte	21380	"
21	Borshaojondar Khana	Ditto	8000	"
22	Charity fund from the Khangee	Ditto	5000	"
23	In the Khangee boxes	Keskes Ramchunder	350	"
24	Ditto	Balerishna Pant	90	"
25	Phicos Boyes treasury	Chentamanrao	"	"
26	Shilakhana Laxumiharee	Gunpatras Steval	150000	"
27	Karkhan's kasker mistry			
28	Luthe Sbars Karkhanas A. Smbaree B. Artillery			
29	Bumlat Khanna			
30	Satajes Karkhan			
31	Kittel Carpenters Karkhana			
32	Block department			

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Bullion in the various Departments of the state

		Proposed to be kept in		Remarks
Madhgar	left in	Targel	Karthanas	
"	"	"	300	"
"	"	"	28000	"
"	"	"	21131	"
"	"	"	6000	This sum is yet to be paid although written as in account.
"	"	"	21380	"
"	"	"	8000	"
"	"	5,000	"	This sum is yet to be paid
"	"	350	"	"
"	"	90	"	"
"	"	"	"	15000 private property given to a kept woman
155000	"	"	"	"

(Signed in Marathi) Gyanun Nitthal
Baroda 28 March 1875

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