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'Confidential Telegrams and Correspondence Concerning Scindia - 1875'

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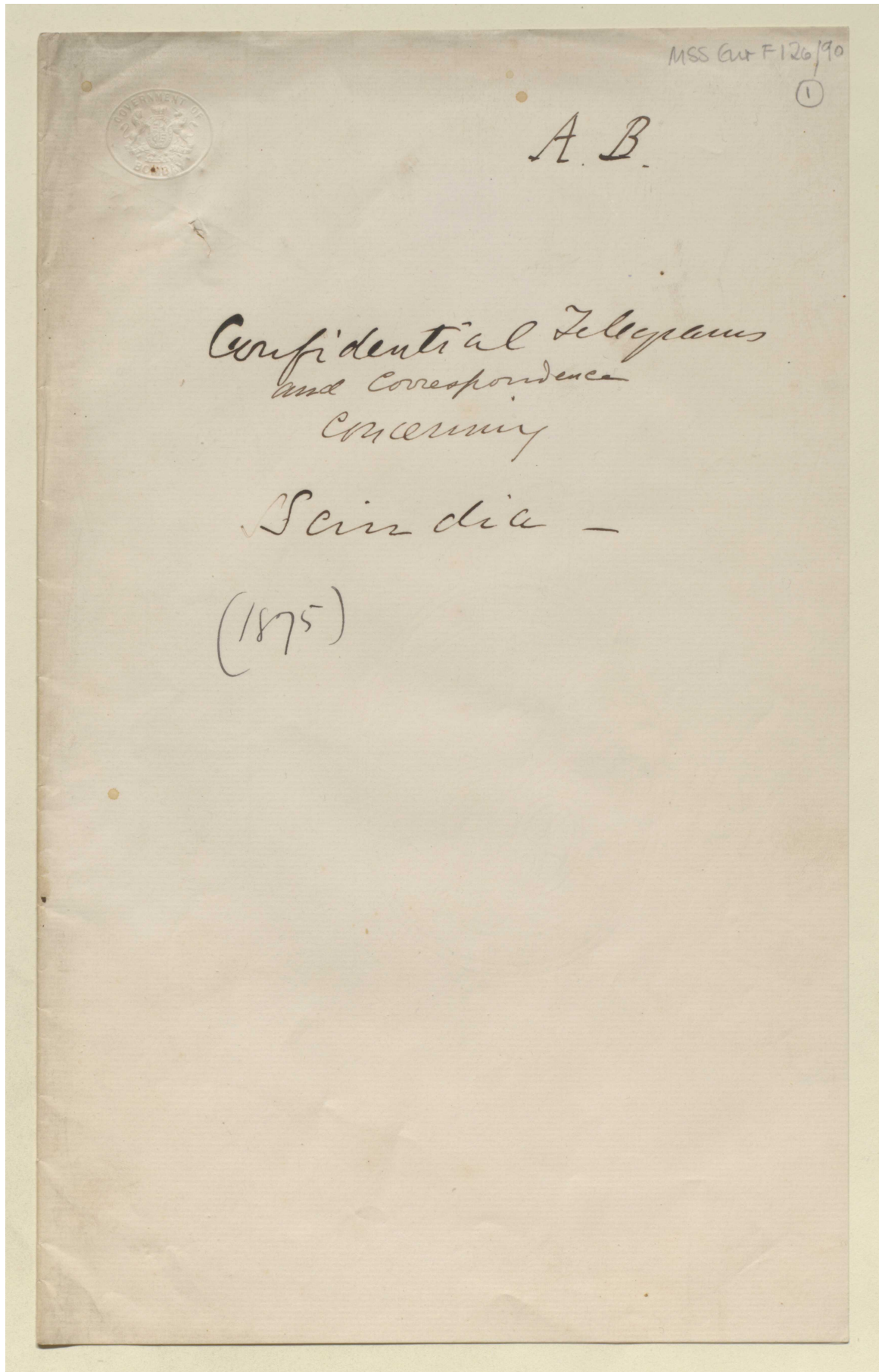


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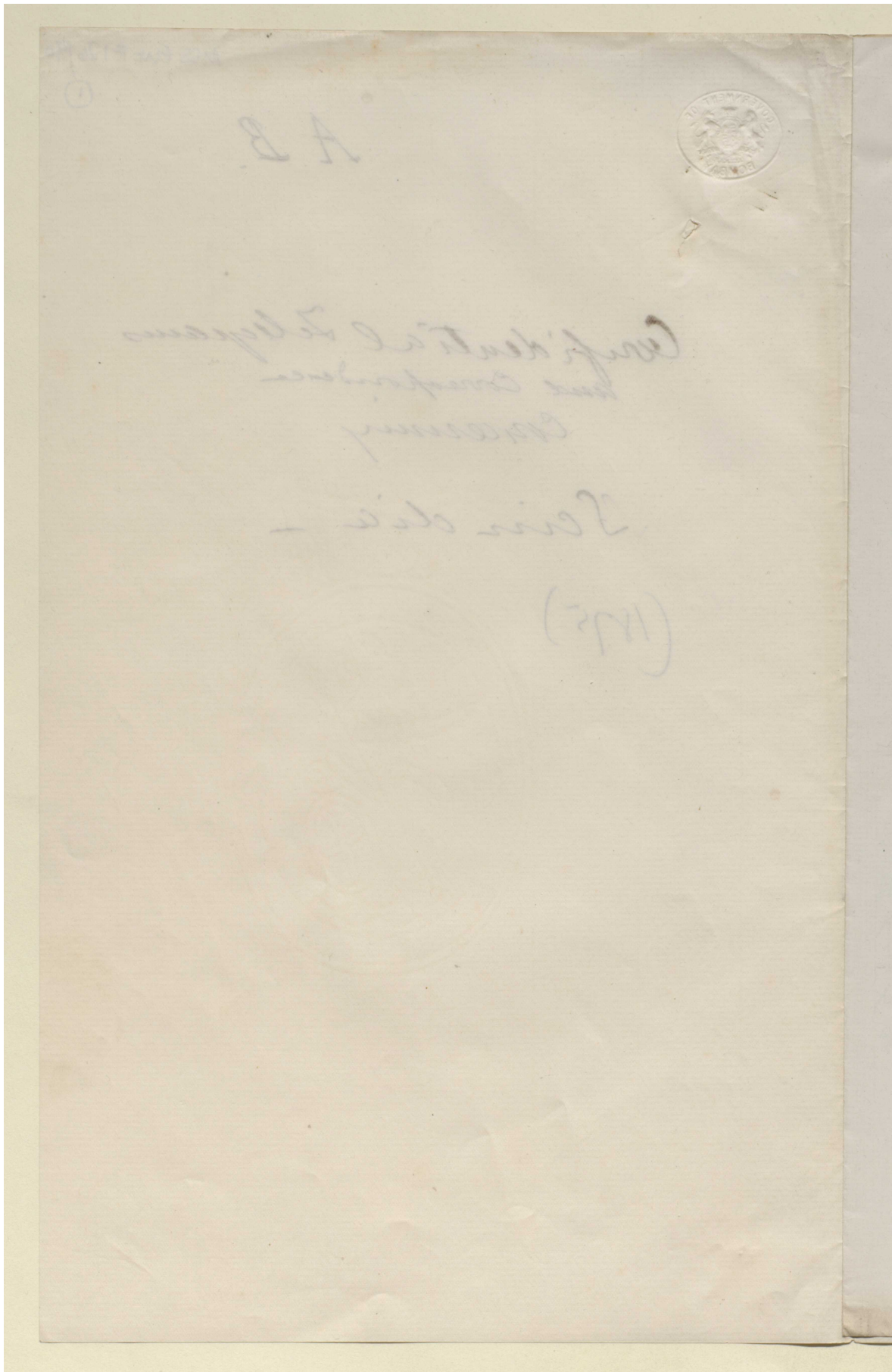
Copies of correspondence and telegrams concerning the visit of Maharaja Scindia (Jayajirao Scindia) to Baroda in order to participate in the Special Commission set up to investigate the Gaekwar, Malharrao's administration of the Baroda state.

The correspondence is between Sir Lewis Pelly, Agent to the Governor General and Special Commissioner at Baroda, and Charles Umpherston Aitchison, Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department.

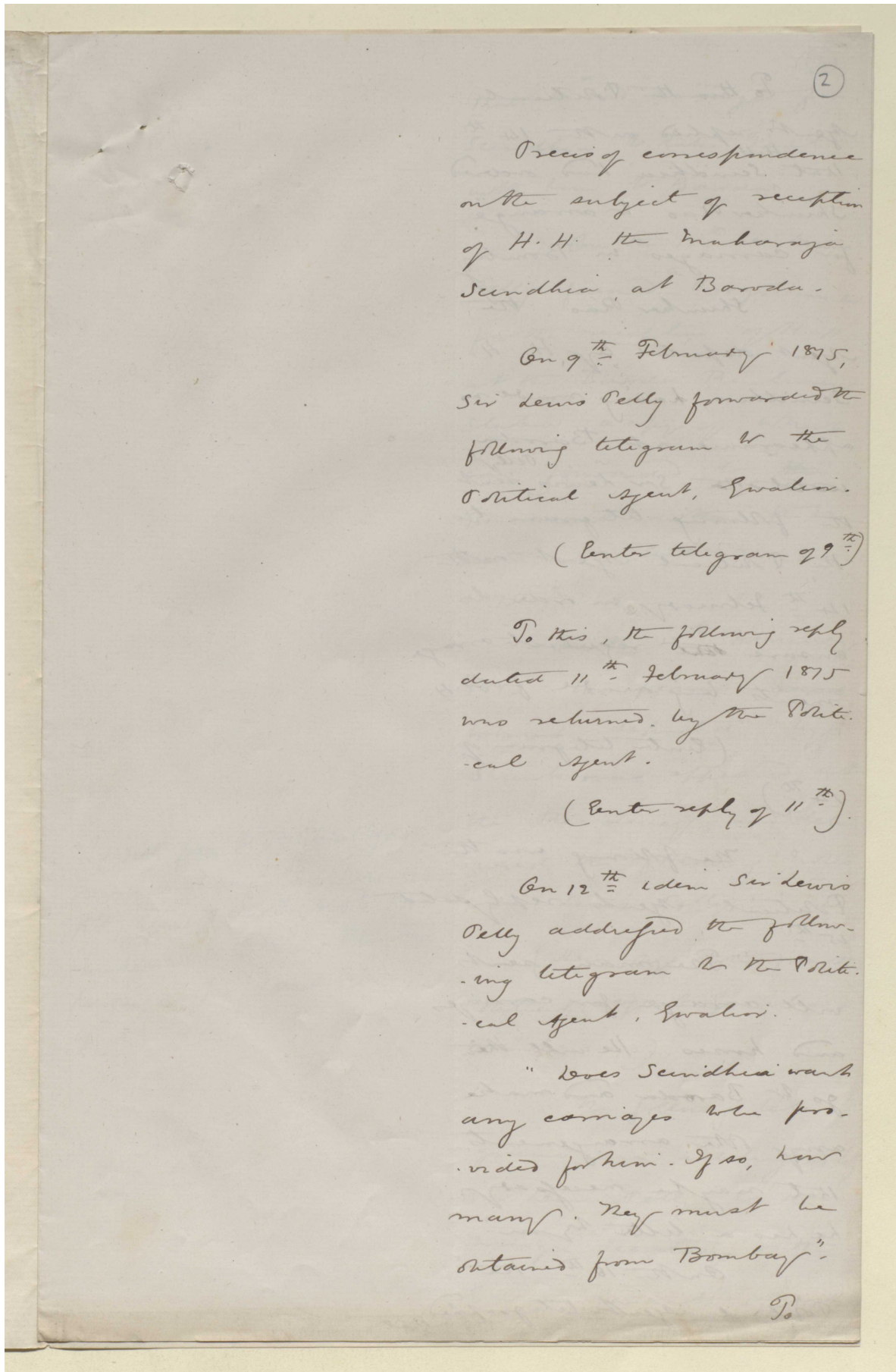
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'Precis of correspondence on the subject of reception of H.H. the Maharaja of Scindhia [Scindia] at Baroda' [2r] (1/12)



'Precis of correspondence on the subject of reception of H.H. the Maharaja of Scindhia [Scindia] at Baroda' [2v] (2/12)

To this the Political Agent replied on the 14th H.H. that Scindhia had ordered Shunkar Das to arrange for carriages in Bombay.

Shunkar Das, the Agent deputed by H. H. Scindhia, having made no appearance at Baroda ^{Delly} ~~was~~ the Sir Lewis sent the following telegram to the Political Agent on the 14th February, in order to ensure ~~that~~ ^{the} request arrangements being made for H.H.

(Enter telegram of 14th).

The following was the Political Agent's reply dated 15th.

"The man sent will arrange for carriages and horses. He will then go to Baroda and make any other arrangements that may be necessary. He has a letter by me."

On the 16th the Political Agent telegraphed that

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that he had "arranged for
Scindhia to take Tent
with him to Baroda"

On the 17th Sir Lewis
Delly framed a Programme
for the reception of H.H.
at the Baroda Railway
Station, a copy of which
was forwarded to the
Government on the same
date with letter No 22 of
1875.

On the 18th February
1875 two persons ~~sent~~
~~by~~ ~~sent~~ ~~by~~
Shankerrao appeared at
the Residency, and deli-
vered the following notes
to Sir Lewis Delly.

(Here copy notes from the
Political Agent Swanton's
Shankerrao).

The following tele-
grams were addressed by
Sir Lewis Delly to the
Foreign Secretary & the
Governor General's Agent
Indore

x? a note from the Political Agent
Swanton introducing Shankerrao
H.H.'s Agent & another note from
Shankerrao introducing these two
persons as his (Shankerrao's)
agents

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Indore.

(Enter telegrams)

On the same date
the following telegrams
passed between Sir Lewis
Pelly & General Lecky.

(Here enter telegrams)

On the 19th the following
reply was recd from the
Foreign Secretary to Sir
Lewis Pelly's telegram
of the 18th.

"Your telegram of
18th. Shunkernoo not
known here - Your arrange-
ments for Scindhia will
no doubt be quite right.
Agent Govt. Genl for Central
India will be informed."

On the 20th Idem
the following telegram was
recd from General Lecky.

(Here enter tele-
gram of 20th).

This was followed
on 21st by ~~the~~ another tele-
gram as follows.

(Here

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(Here enter telegram of 21st).

On the 22nd Feb when all arrangements for H.H.'s public reception at the Baroda Railway Station had been completed, #

The following tele-grams were sent to Major Bannerman. (Here enter tele-gram of 22nd).

In the course of the same day a person calling himself Sec-etary to Shambhoo Das Sahib appeared at the Residency & stated that H. H. Maharaja Scin-dhia wished to get down at the nearest station to Jalor, 7 m from Baroda. Inakoorpora. The man brought no credentials either from H. H. Scindhia or the Political Agent; ~~but~~ ~~the~~ ~~last~~ ~~was~~ ~~not~~ ~~sub-~~ ~~scribed~~ ~~nor~~ ~~had~~ ~~any~~ ~~communication~~ ~~been~~ ~~recd~~ ~~from~~ ~~Major~~ ~~Bann-~~ ~~man.~~ ~~The~~ ~~British~~ ~~Officer~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~subject~~ ~~accompanying~~ ~~H. H.~~ ~~There~~ ~~was~~ ~~no~~ ~~made~~ ~~road~~ ~~between~~ ~~Etola~~ ~~&~~ ~~Inakoorpora~~ ~~as~~ ~~there~~ ~~was~~ ~~between~~ ~~Baroda~~ ~~Station~~

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Station & Mumbai; &
~~at this time~~ at the time
how at which the in-
formation was conveyed, it
and have been highly im-
convenient, ~~and~~ ^{if not} im-
possible, to alter the
arrangements made.

The agent was
informed that Sir Lewis
Pelly was unable to
recognize any communi-
cation not made through
the Political agent; & a
copy of the Programme
framed for H.H.'s reception
was sent to Shunkarrao
~~H.H. Scindhia's agent who~~
with the following letter

(Here enter the
letter dated 22nd July).

To this letter the following
reply was sent, not by
Shunkarrao, but by
~~Shunkarrao~~ ^{Shunkarrao} his
Secy.

(Here enter the
reply)
Sir Lewis Pelly

'Precis of correspondence on the subject of reception of H.H. the Maharaja of
Scindhia [Scindia] at Baroda' [5r] (7/12)

at once despatched the
following telegram to
Major Bannerman.

(Here enter the
Telegram)

~~After telegram~~
~~was sent shortly after~~
~~wards~~

The following was
Major Bannerman's reply
(Lenta copy)

His Highness arrived at
the Railway Station at the
time appointed, & Sir
Lewis Kelly visited H. H.
at the Indraprastha Pa-
lane immediately after
his arrival there. The
visit was returned by H.
H. the next morning, &
during H. H.'s stay at
Baroda, all the requisite
arrangements were made
to meet
for H. H.'s convenience &
comfort. Busbar carriages
were placed at H. H.'s dis-
posal & a Tent was pitched

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for H.H. near the build-
-ing and ~~so~~ ~~so~~ for
the sitting of the Com-
-mission, - addition to
special accommodations
provided - the building it-
self for H.H. to retire -

H.H. Scindhia was
to have paid a farewell
visit at the Presidency
on the evening of the 17th
March 1875, & complete
arrangements were made;
but H.H. being unwell, the
visit did not take
place.

H.H. at first in-
Baroda
tended to leave on the
morning of Friday the
29th March at 7 o'clock,
but subsequently changed
the hour to 6 P.M. & the
following programme
was ~~fixed~~ ^{fixed} by
detailing the
Sir Lewis Kelly of arrange-
ments to be made ^{on the}
occasion of
H.H.'s departure.

* to 7.30 p.m. & then to 6 p.m.
* after each change of the hour, fresh
arrangements had to be made with the
Presidency authorities

(Here enter copy of
Programme)

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10.30 A.M.

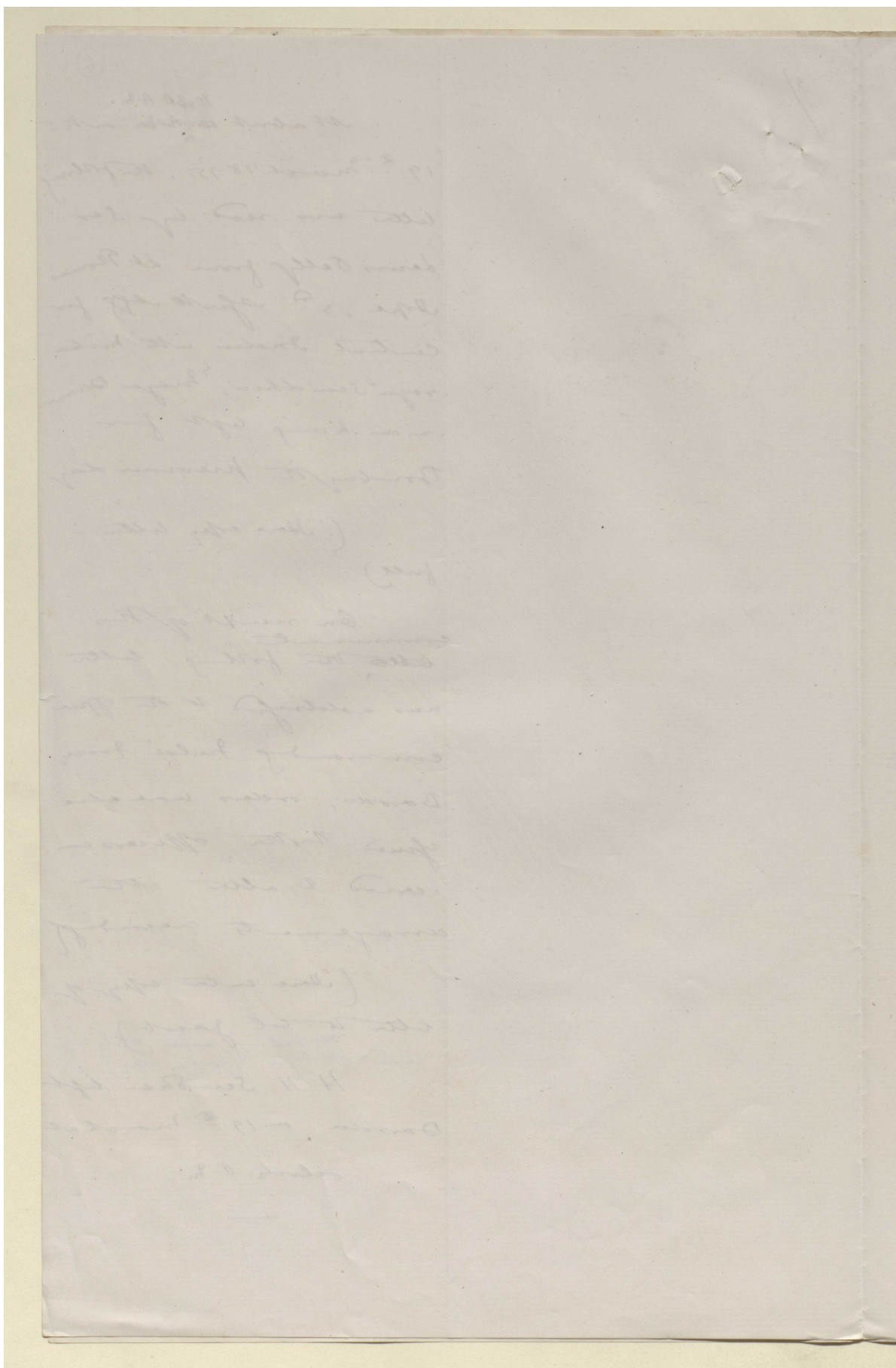
At about ~~10.30~~ ^{10.30} A.M. on the
19th March 1875, the following
letter was recd by Sir
Lewis Dally from Lt Thomas
Hope, 3rd Regt Artillery for
Central India with Maha-
raja Scindhia, Major Danner
man having left for
Bombay the previous day.

(Here copy letter in
full)

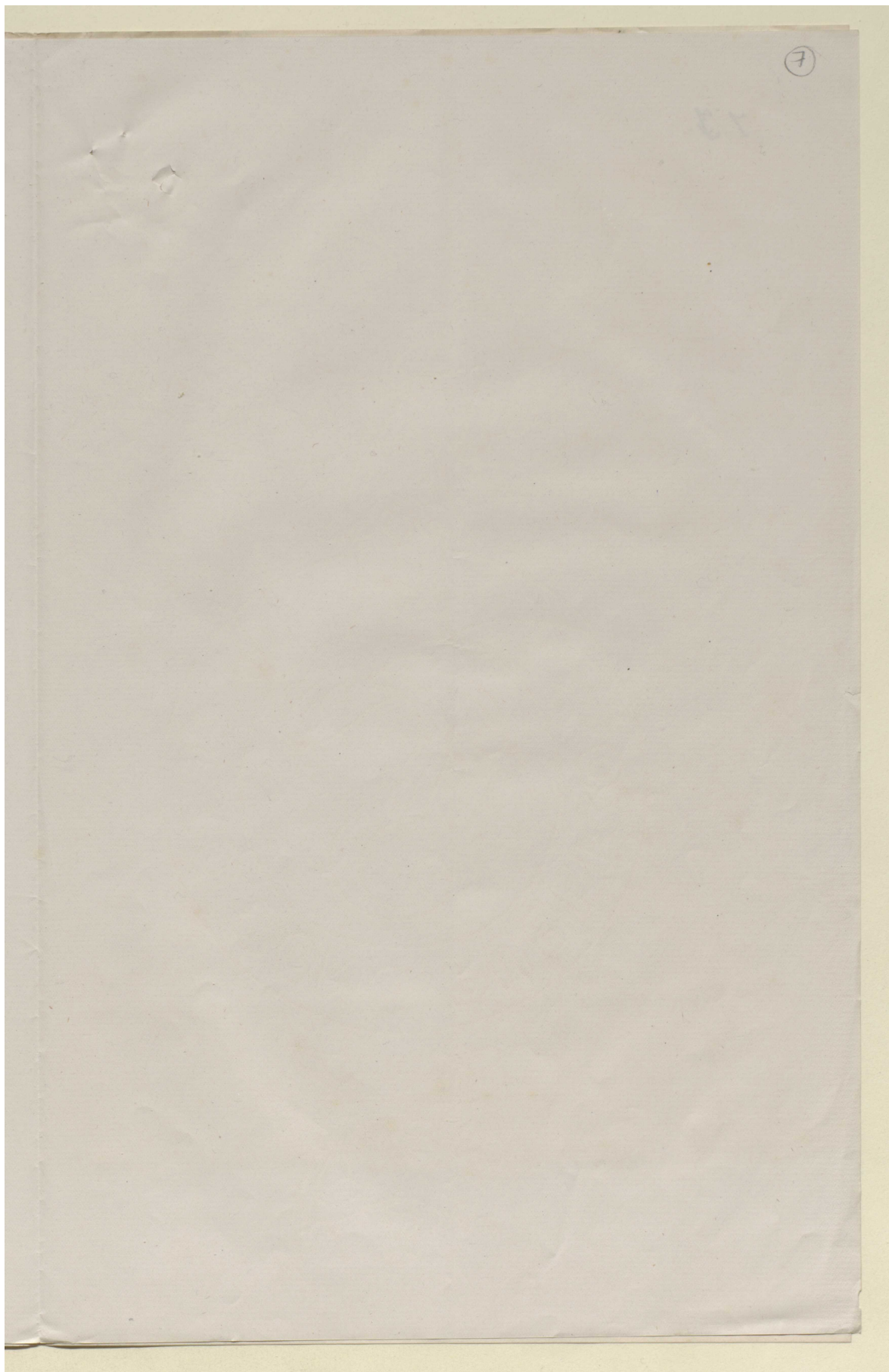
On receipt of this
communication
the following letter
was addressed to the Officer
commanding Field Force,
Baroda, orders were also
issued to the Officers con-
cerned to alter the
arrangements accordingly.

(Here enter copy of
letter to Col Jacob)
The following letter reply was
sent to Lt Hope (enclosed copy)
H.H. Scindhia left
Baroda on 19th March at
about 5 P.M.

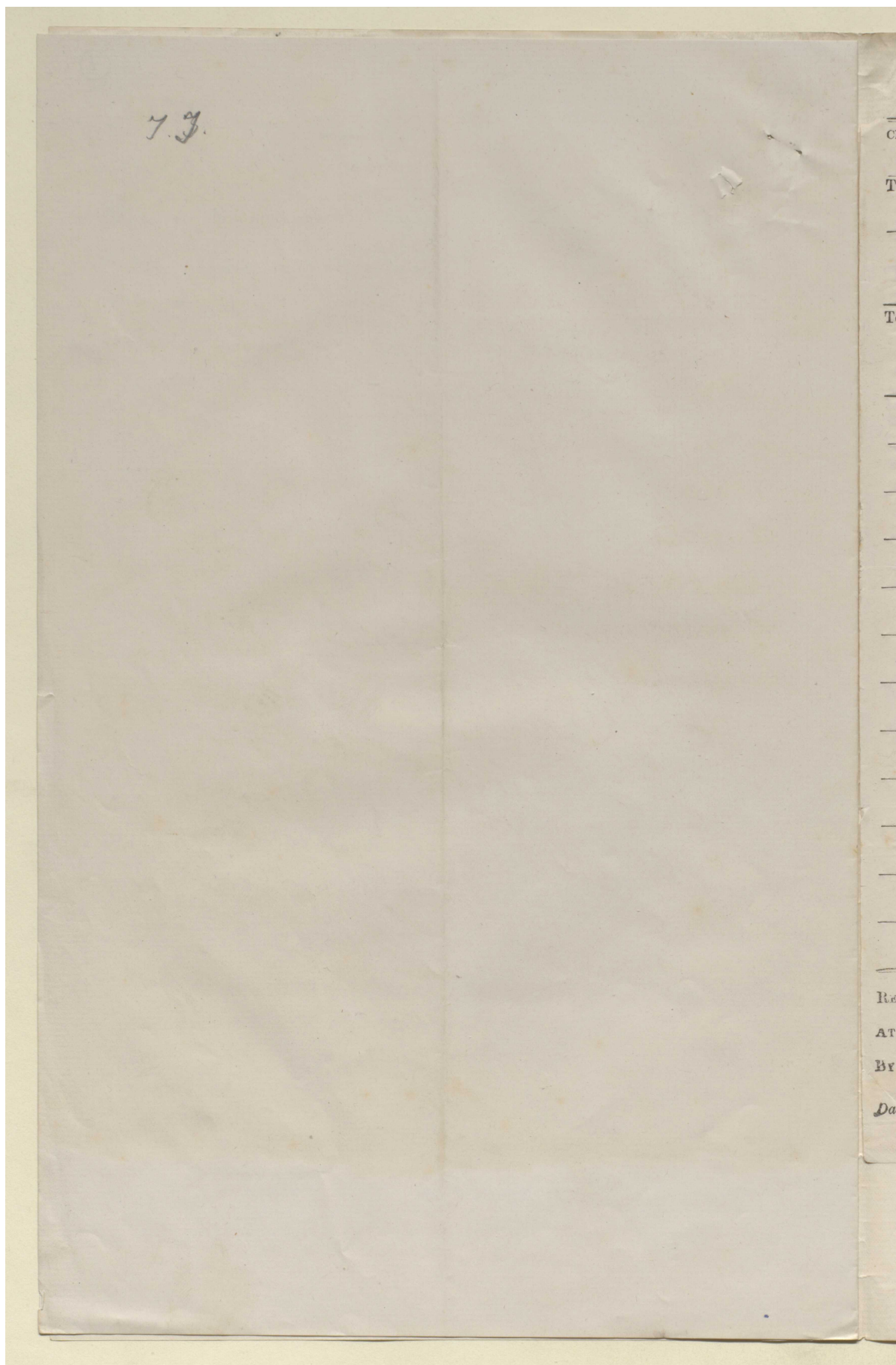
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**'Precis of correspondence on the subject of reception of H.H. the Maharaja of
Scindhia [Scindia] at Baroda' [7r] (11/12)**



'Precis of correspondence on the subject of reception of H.H. the Maharaja of
Scindhia [Scindia] at Baroda' [7v] (12/12)



Telegram from the Foreign Secretary, Calcutta to Sir Lewis Pelly, Baroda [8r]
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Traffic Code Form C1.

Class. <i>1000</i>		INDIAN TELEGRAPH.		Local No. <i>1403</i>	
To (Station) <i>Baroda</i>			FROM (Station) <i>Calcutta</i>		
No. <i>9784</i>	Words. <i>104</i>	Time tendered for transmission. (Madras time.)		OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS.—	
		Day. <i>24</i>	H. <i>23</i>	M. <i>39</i>	
To (Person) <i>Sir Lewis Pelly</i>			FROM (Person) <i>Foreign</i>		

<i>your</i> <i>Today.</i> <i>regrets</i> <i>public</i> <i>Consequent</i> <i>attempt to</i> <i>of</i> <i>Could</i> <i>be</i> <i>greater</i> <i>be</i> <i>withdrawal</i>	<i>Telegram</i> <i>Viceroy</i> <i>necessity</i> <i>enquiry</i> <i>Scandal.</i> <i>poison</i> <i>British</i> <i>not</i> <i>overlooked</i> <i>Scandal</i> <i>Caused</i> <i>than</i>	<i>of</i> <i>deeply</i> <i>for</i> <i>and</i> <i>But</i> <i>representative</i> <i>Crown</i> <i>possibly</i> <i>and</i> <i>would</i> <i>by</i>
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RECD. FROM _____ (L. L.) _____		SENT TO _____ (L. L.) _____	
AT _____ H. _____ M., on the _____		AT _____ H. _____ M., on the _____	
BY _____		BY <i>N. L. L.</i>	
Date <i>25-2-75</i>		_____ Telegraph Master.	

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Traffic Code Form C1.

Class.		INDIAN TELEGRAPH.				Local No. 403	
To (Station)				FROM (Station)			
No.	Words.	Time tendered for transmission. (Madras time.)			OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS.—		
		Day.	H.	M.			
To (Person)				FROM (Person)			

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proceeding unless Guikwar
acknowledges guilt+ while
fully appreciating the
motives of His
Highness maharaja Sindia
in desiring to
communicate with Guikwar,
viceroys Entertains
decided opinion a
it would be
quite inconsistant with
the position of

RECD. FROM (L. L.)	SENT TO (L. L.)
AT H. M., on the	AT H. M., on the
By	By
Date 25-2-75	Telegraph Master.

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Telegram from the Foreign Secretary, Calcutta to Sir Lewis Pelly, Baroda [9v]
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INDIAN TELEGRAPH

Local No. 1163

From (Station) Calcutta

To (Station) Baroda

Time taken for transmission (minutes) 11

From (Person) Sir Lewis Pelly

To (Person) Foreign Secretary

RECEIVED FROM

AT 11

BY 11

DATE 21-5-71

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Telegram from the Foreign Secretary, Calcutta to Sir Lewis Pelly, Baroda [10r]
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		Day.	H.	M.			
To (Person)				FROM (Person)			

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any	member	of
the	Commissioners	to
hold	Such	a
Communication	and	that
the	intentions	of
His	Highness	in
particular	would	Certainly
be	misunderstood	by
all	parties	concerned x
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RECD. FROM _____ (L. L.) _____ AT _____ H. _____ M., on the _____ BY _____ Date <i>21-2-75</i>	SENT TO _____ (L. L.) _____ AT _____ H. _____ M., on the _____ BY <i>M. Pelly</i> _____ Telegraph Master.
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(6/6)

Telegram from Sir Lewis Pelly, Baroda to the Foreign Secretary, Calcutta [11r]
(1/2)

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT. (11)

To (STATION) *Calcutta* FROM (STATION) *Baroda* MONTHLY No. _____

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<i>X S.</i>	<i>133</i>	<i>126</i> <i>122</i>	<i>24th 15 58</i>	

(Addressee's Name.) *Foreign (Secretary)*

(Ditto Address.)

*His Highness Sindia has spoken to me very earnestly concerning the inexpediency of continuing the com-
Proceedings. He says he is connected with the Gu-
and feels the public scandal keenly. He says
under any circumstances the Gaekwar con-
replaced on the Gaddie - and Sindia is ve-
that he may be permitted to see the Guikow
private interview and recommend him to abide
explained to Sindia the delicacy of his position
Commissioner, and my doubt whether Government
stop or intervene in the Commissioner's proceedings
His Highness is so earnest on the point of disgrace
public scandal and so strongly presses me to telegraph
to the Viceroy that I do so*

*True Copy
F. Triph
6/7/90*

Sender's Name *Sir Lewis Pelly -*

Received from _____	Station _____	Transmitted to _____	Station _____
at _____ H. _____ M., on the _____ 186 _____		at _____ H. _____ M., on the _____ 186 _____	
by _____	Signaller.	by _____	Signaller.
Note of delay _____			

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Receiving. Telegraph Office. Peon Book No.

Telegraph Mas

N. B. — The message should be continued on the back, should this side not suffice. In this case the Sender's name which is at the end of the message will of course appear on the back ONLY, and the blank spaces at foot for Signaller's particulars of sending, &c., must also be filled in on the back ONLY.

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(2/2)

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

To (Station) *Calcutta* From (Station) *Baroda*

Serial	Number	Number of words and figures	Date and hour received for transmission by sender	Official Instructions
103	103	103	103	103

(Address) *Foreign Secretary (Calcutta)*

(Signature) *Sir Lewis Pelly*

Sender's Name *Sir Lewis Pelly*

Received from	Station	Transmitted to	Station
at H. M., on the 186		at H. M., on the 186	
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Note of delay			

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Confidential letter from Sir Lewis Pelly, Baroda to Charles Umpherston
Aitchison, Foreign Secretary to the Government of India [12r] (1/8)

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Comptroller
7 Sec.
Sir
Reference to my
telegram of the 12th inst.
and to your tel of the 13th inst.
I have the
honour of submitting that
on Monday morning last
I explained to H. H. Kitchener
the meaning of your
tel. above referred to.
I understood H. H.
in reply to say that he

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Aitchison, Foreign Secretary to the Government of India [12v] (2/8)

He deeply regretted the
scandal that must
attach to the present
inquiry before the Commission
that he thought every effort
to be attained if the pretension
at his (Ludhian) suggestion abridged
while on the other hand
considerable inconvenience might
ensue in the event of the
charges against the pretension
not being proved.

Further understood
H N to say that it was
possible he might address

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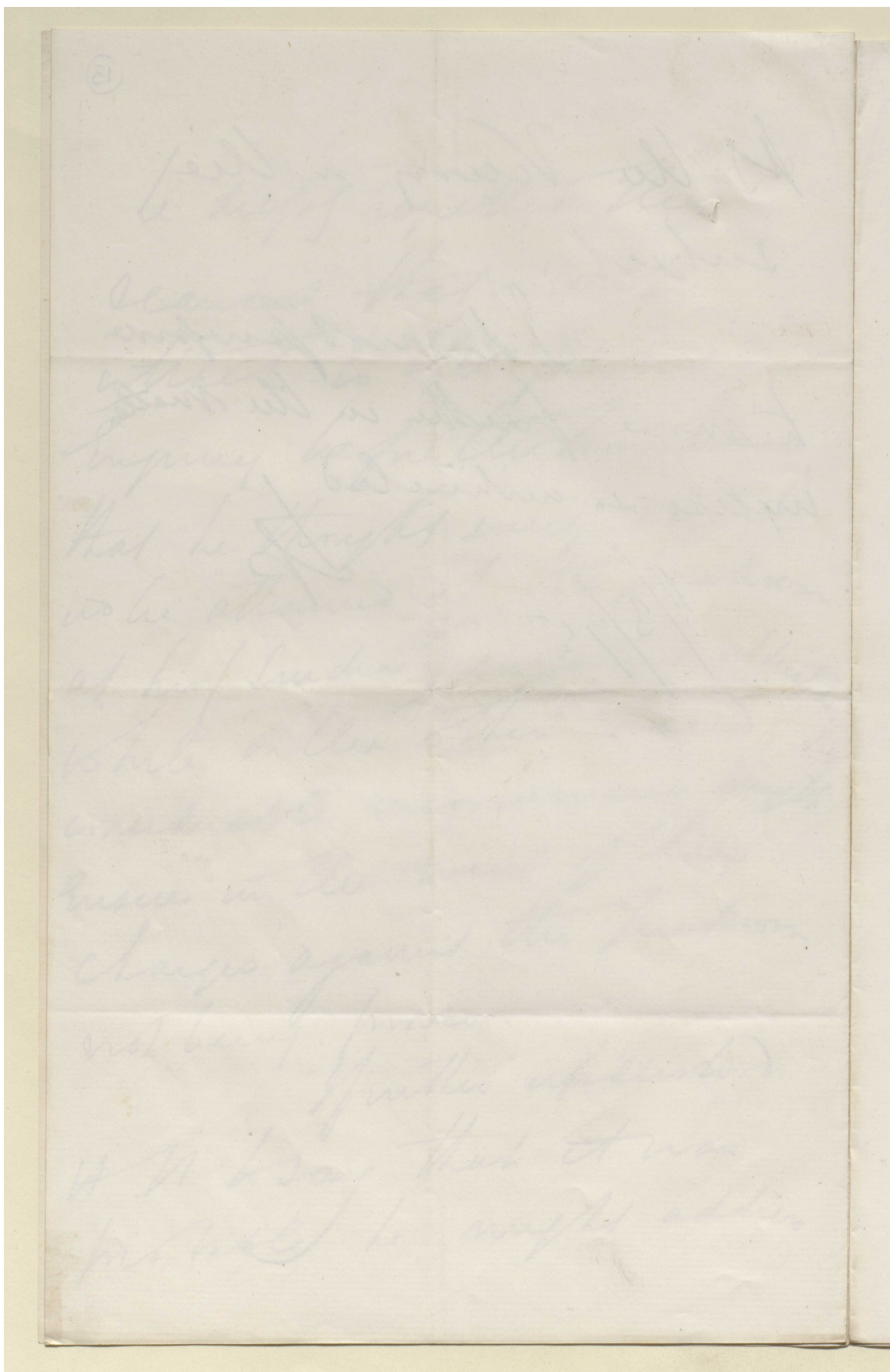
As the Viceroy in the
subject.

I do not propose
to move further in the matter
unless so instructed

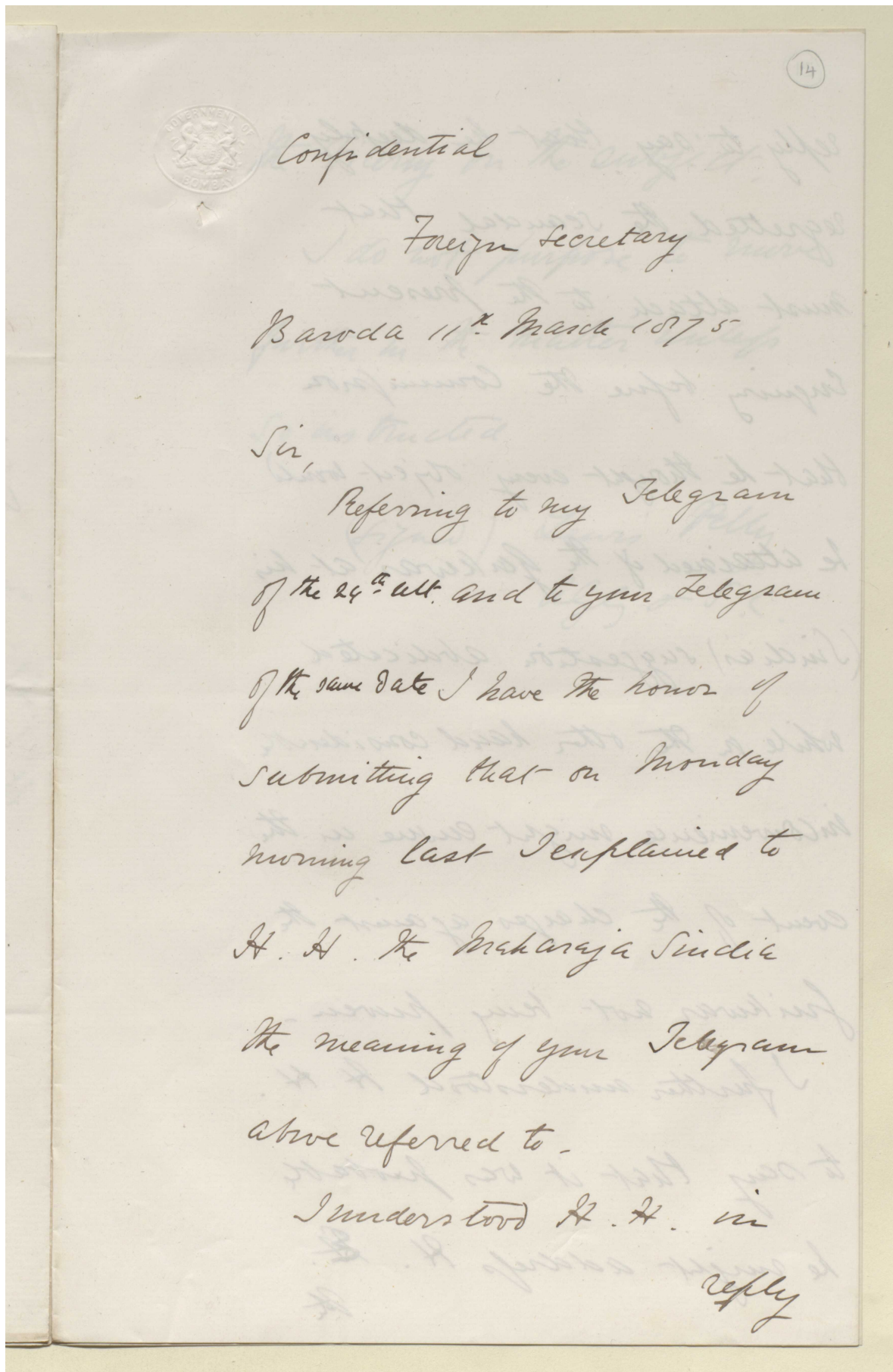
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Aitchison, Foreign Secretary to the Government of India [13v] (4/8)



Confidential letter from Sir Lewis Pelly, Baroda to Charles Umpherston
Aitchison, Foreign Secretary to the Government of India [14r] (5/8)



reply to say that he deeply
regretted the scandal that
must attach to the present
Enquiry before the Commission
that he thought every object would
be attained if the Gaikwar at his
(Sindia's) suggestion abdicated
while on the other hand considerable
inconvenience might arise in the
event of the charges against the
Gaikwar not being proven.

I further understood H. H.
to say that it was probable
he might address H. H.
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Aitchison, Foreign Secretary to the Government of India [15r] (7/8)

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The Vicary on the subject:

I do not purpose to move
further in the matter unless
so instructed

(signed) Lewis Pelly
Agly. & S.C.

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Aitchison, Foreign Secretary to the Government of India [15v] (8/8)

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 reply to Sir Lewis Pelly, Baroda to Charles Umpherston
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 must attach to the present
 inquiry before the Commission
 that he thought every effort would
 be attended of the Government at his
 (Sir Lewis) suggestion abdicated
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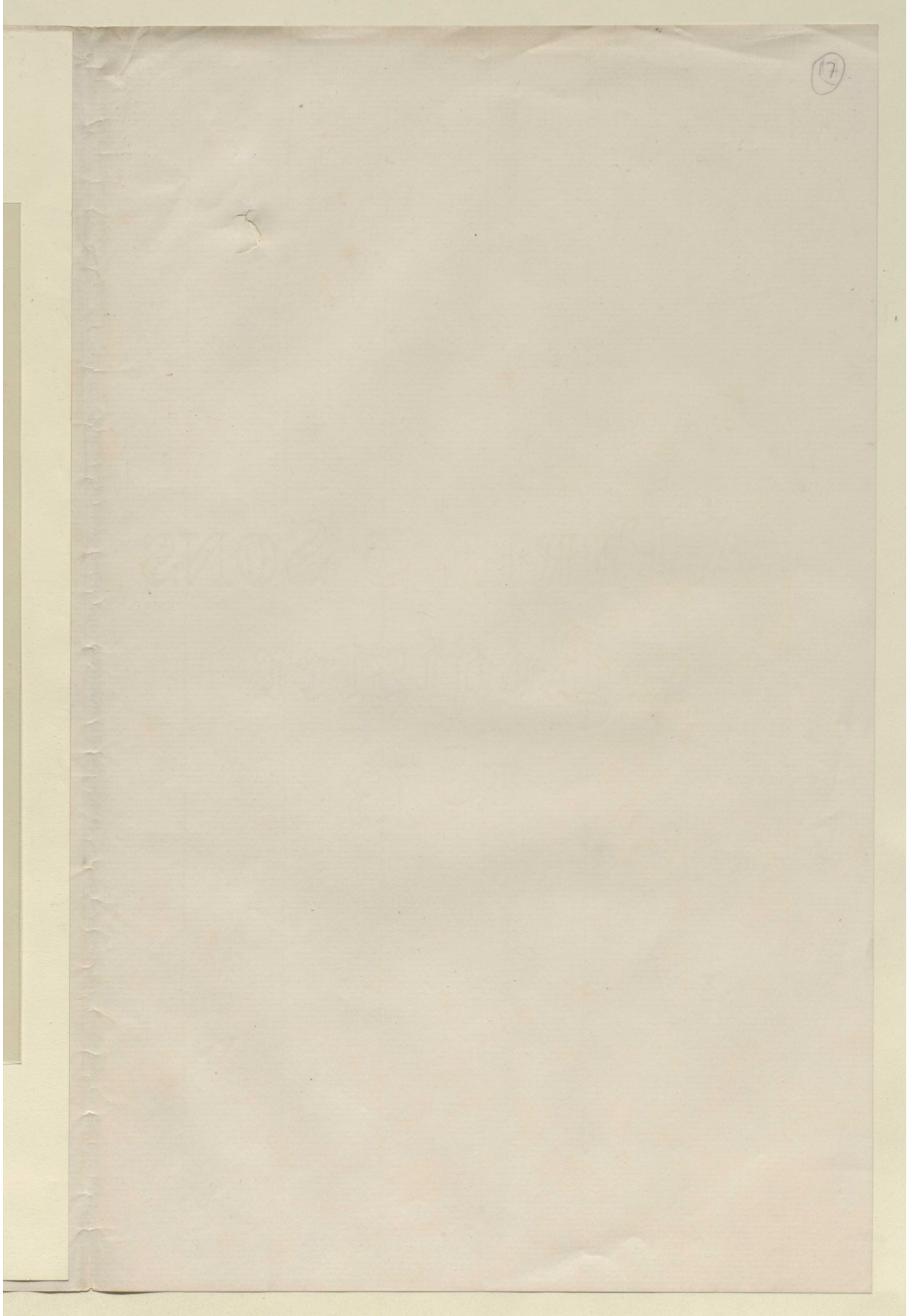
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