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Copies of Telegrams Regarding the Special Commission Investigating the Gaekwar of Baroda's Administration

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About this record

Telegrams concerning the Special Commission which was enquiring into questions of maladministration by the Gaekwar of Baroda (Malharrao). The telegrams are primarily between Sir Lewis Pelly, Special Commissioner at Baroda; Captain Evelyn Baring, Private Secretary to the Viceroy; and Charles Umpherston Aitchison, Foreign Secretary to the Government of India.

The telegrams relate to two matters:

- Arrangements for Sir Richard Meade to take over responsibility at Baroda from Sir Lewis Pelly and for the succession to the title of Gaekwar of Baroda.
- Confidential Telegrams concerning Sir Dinkar Rao, in which conversations relating to Sir Dinkar Rao's concerns over the future of the native administration of Baroda and the process for the succession of a new Gaekwar should the current Gaekwar (Malharrao) be found guilty of maladministration and removed from power are discussed. These telegrams are between Sir Lewis Pelly and the Viceroy of India (Thomas George Baring, Second Baron Northbrook) through Captain Evelyn Baring, the Private Secretary to the Viceroy.

Telegram from Henry Cleveland, Bombay to Sir Lewis Pelly, Suez [1r] (1/2)

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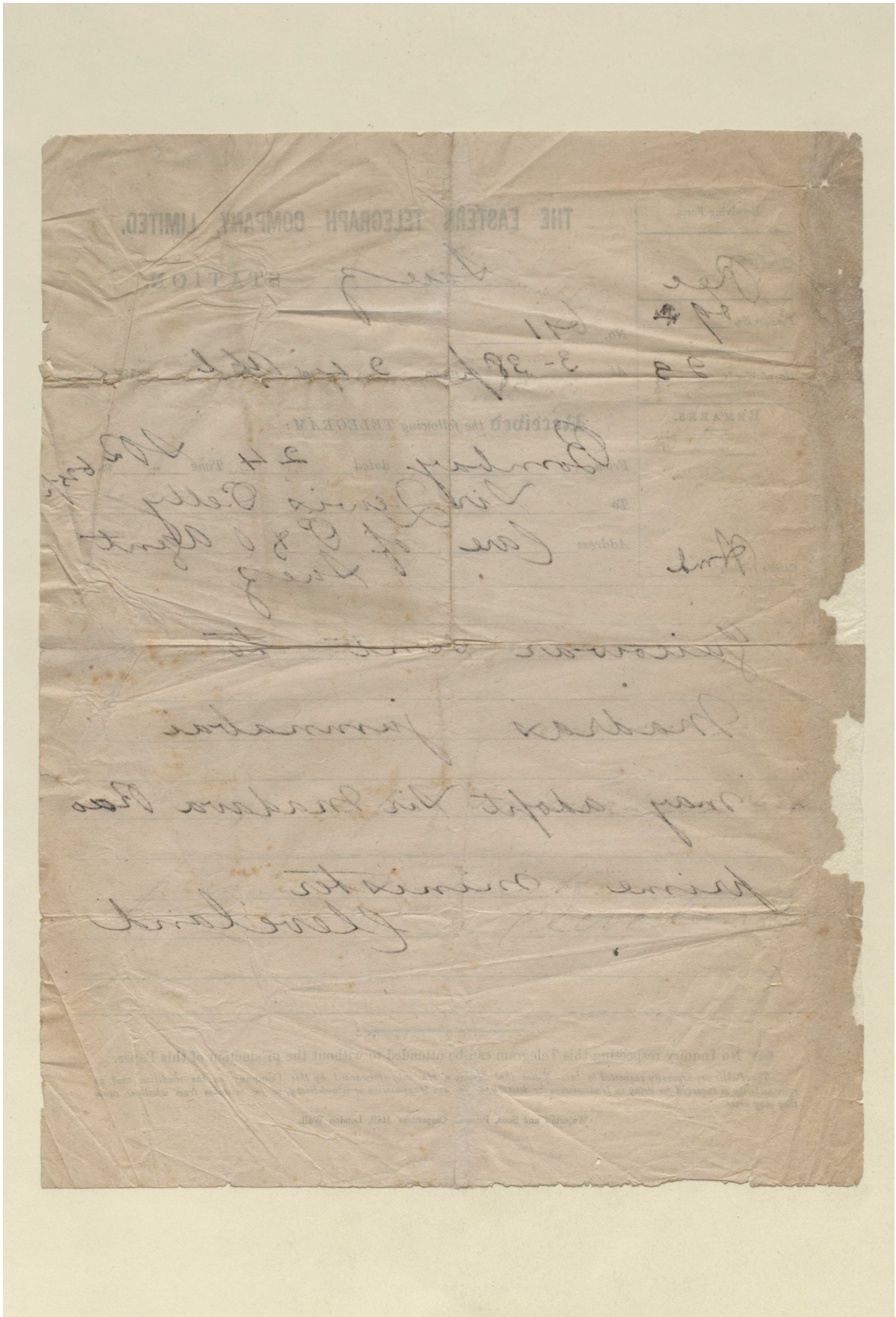
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	From Bombay	dated 24 Time 11 m.
	To	Sir Lewis Pelly
	Address	Care of P & O Agent Suez
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*Guowar sent to
Madras Jumnabai
may adopt Sir Madava Rao
prime minister
Cleveland*

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Telegram from Sir Richard Meade, Poona [Pune] to Sir Lewis Pelly, Baroda [2r]
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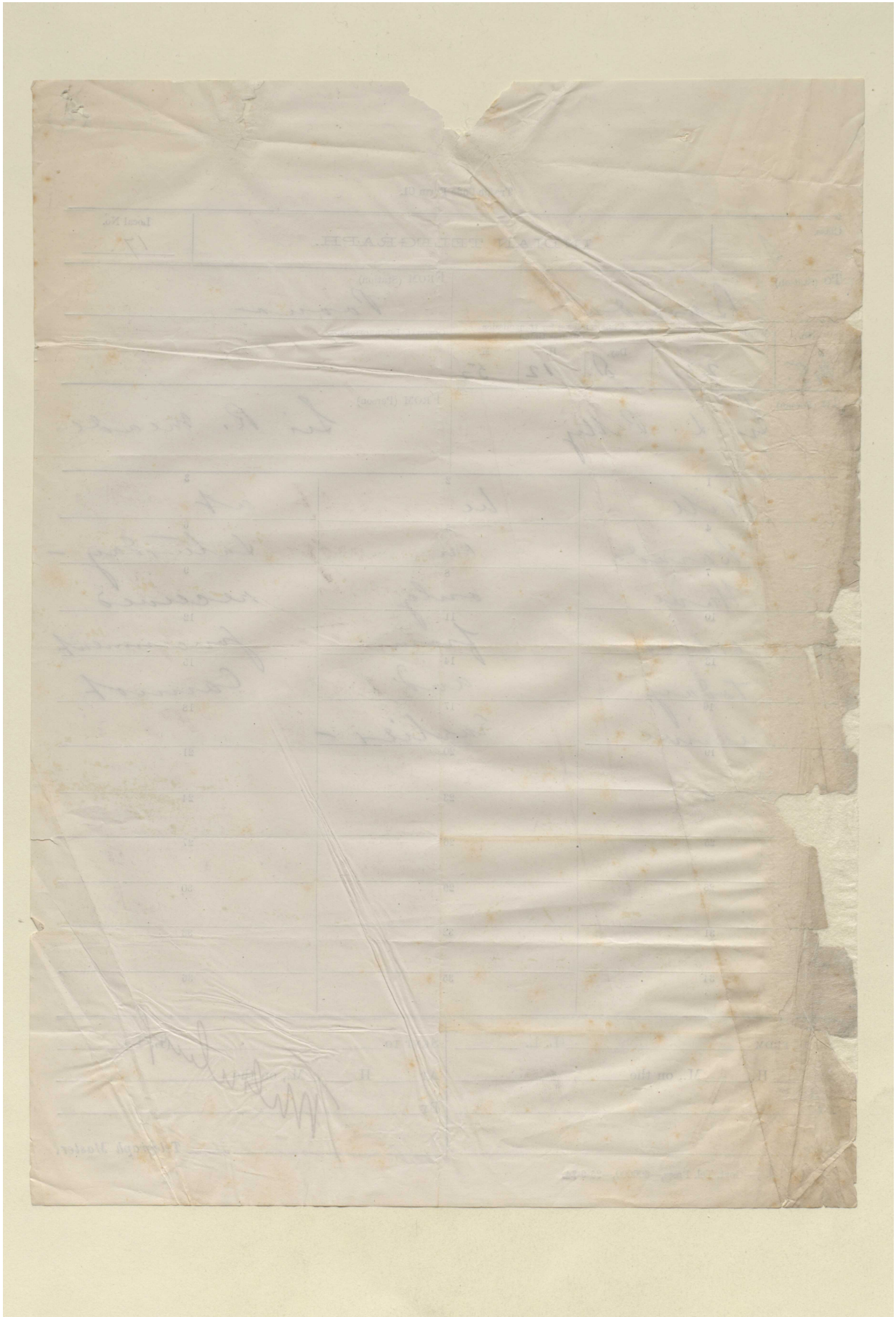
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TO (Person) Sir L. Pelly			FROM (Person) Sir R. Meade.		
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Will	be	at	7	8	9
Baroda	on	Saturday -	10	11	12
Have	only	received	13	14	15
orders	from	Government	16	17	18
today.	and	cannot	19	20	21
arrive	earlier -		22	23	24
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			28	29	30
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			34	35	36
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AT H. M., on the			AT H. M., on the		
BY			BY <i>M. S. Meade</i>		
Date			Telegraph Master.		

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Telegram from Sir Richard Meade, Poona [Pune] to Sir Lewis Pelly, Baroda [2v]
(2/2)



Telegram from Sir Richard Meade, Poona [Pune] to Sir Lewis Pelly, Baroda [3r]
(1/2)

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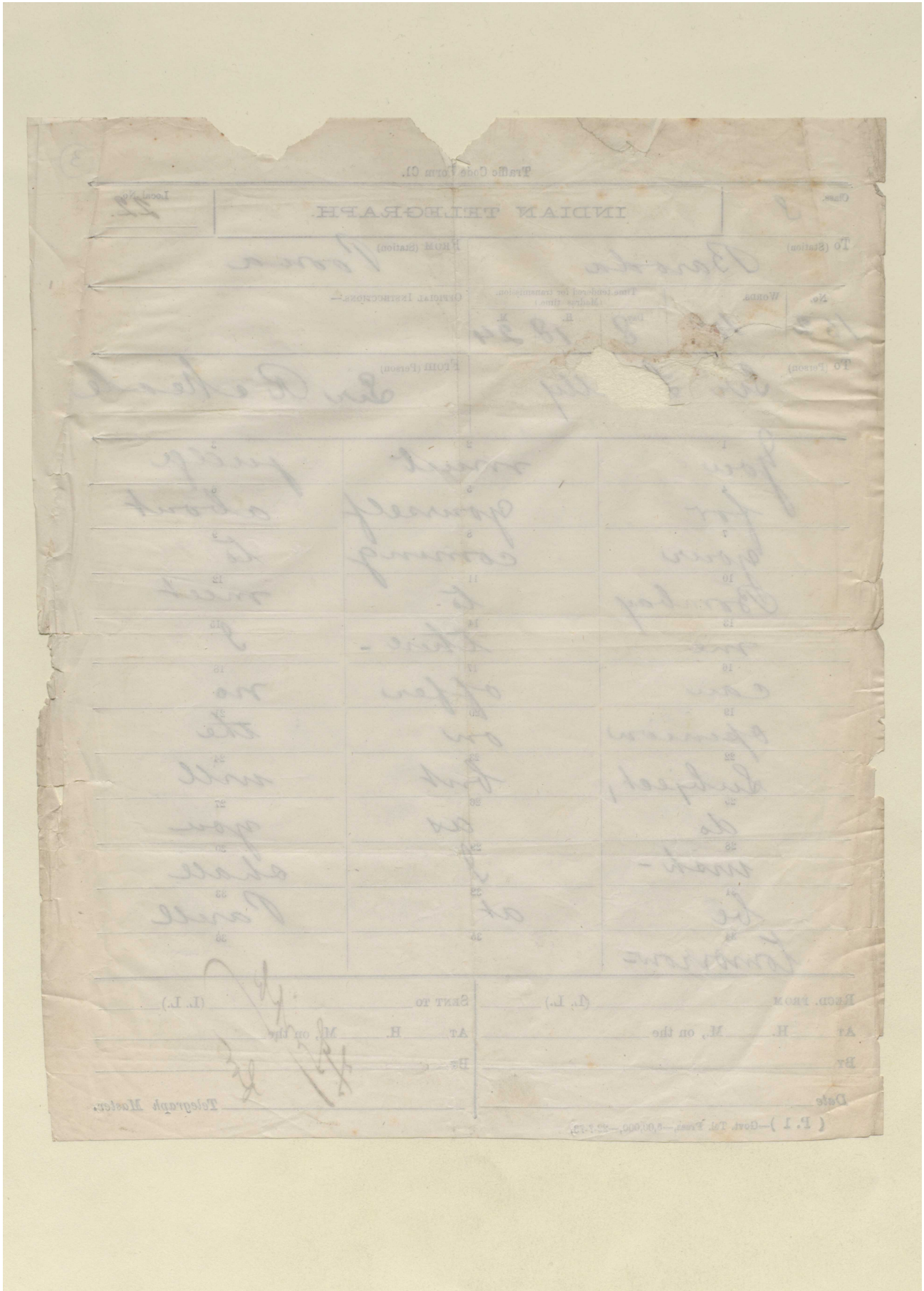
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No. <i>152</i>	WORDS. <i>40</i>	Time tendered for transmission. (Madras time.)		OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS.—
		Day <i>8</i>	H. <i>18</i>	M. <i>24</i>
To (Person) <i>Sir L Pelly</i>	FROM (Person) <i>Sir R Meade</i>			

1 <i>you</i>	2 <i>must</i>	3 <i>judge</i>
4 <i>for</i>	5 <i>yourself</i>	6 <i>about</i>
7 <i>your</i>	8 <i>coming</i>	9 <i>to</i>
10 <i>Bombay</i>	11 <i>to</i>	12 <i>meet</i>
13 <i>me</i>	14 <i>there.</i>	15 <i>I</i>
16 <i>can</i>	17 <i>offer</i>	18 <i>no</i>
19 <i>opinion</i>	20 <i>on</i>	21 <i>the</i>
22 <i>subject,</i>	23 <i>but</i>	24 <i>will</i>
25 <i>do</i>	26 <i>as</i>	27 <i>you</i>
28 <i>wish-</i>	29 <i>I</i>	30 <i>shall</i>
31 <i>be</i>	32 <i>at</i>	33 <i>Parell</i>
34 <i>tomorrow</i>	35	36

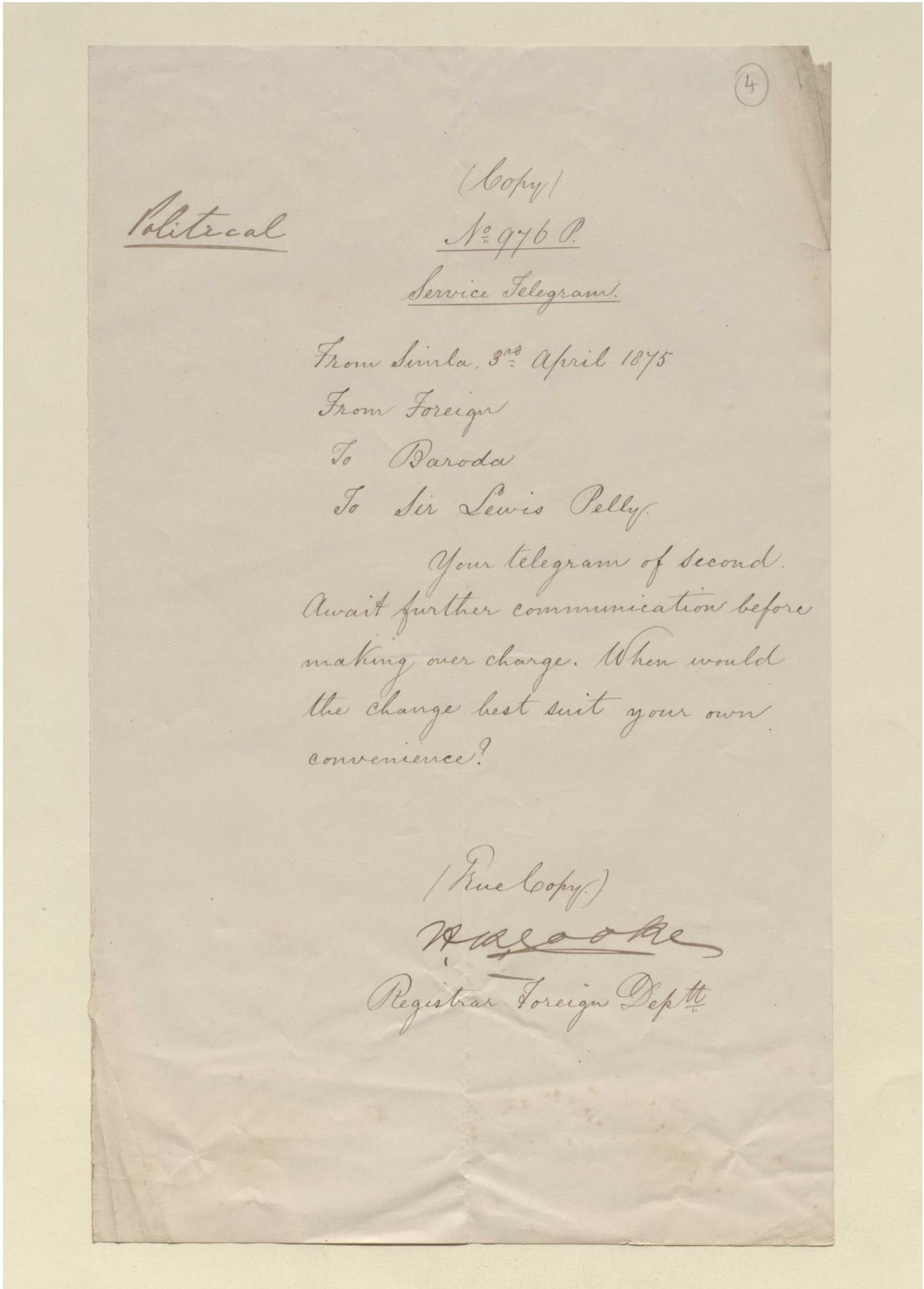
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Date _____	_____ Telegraph Master.

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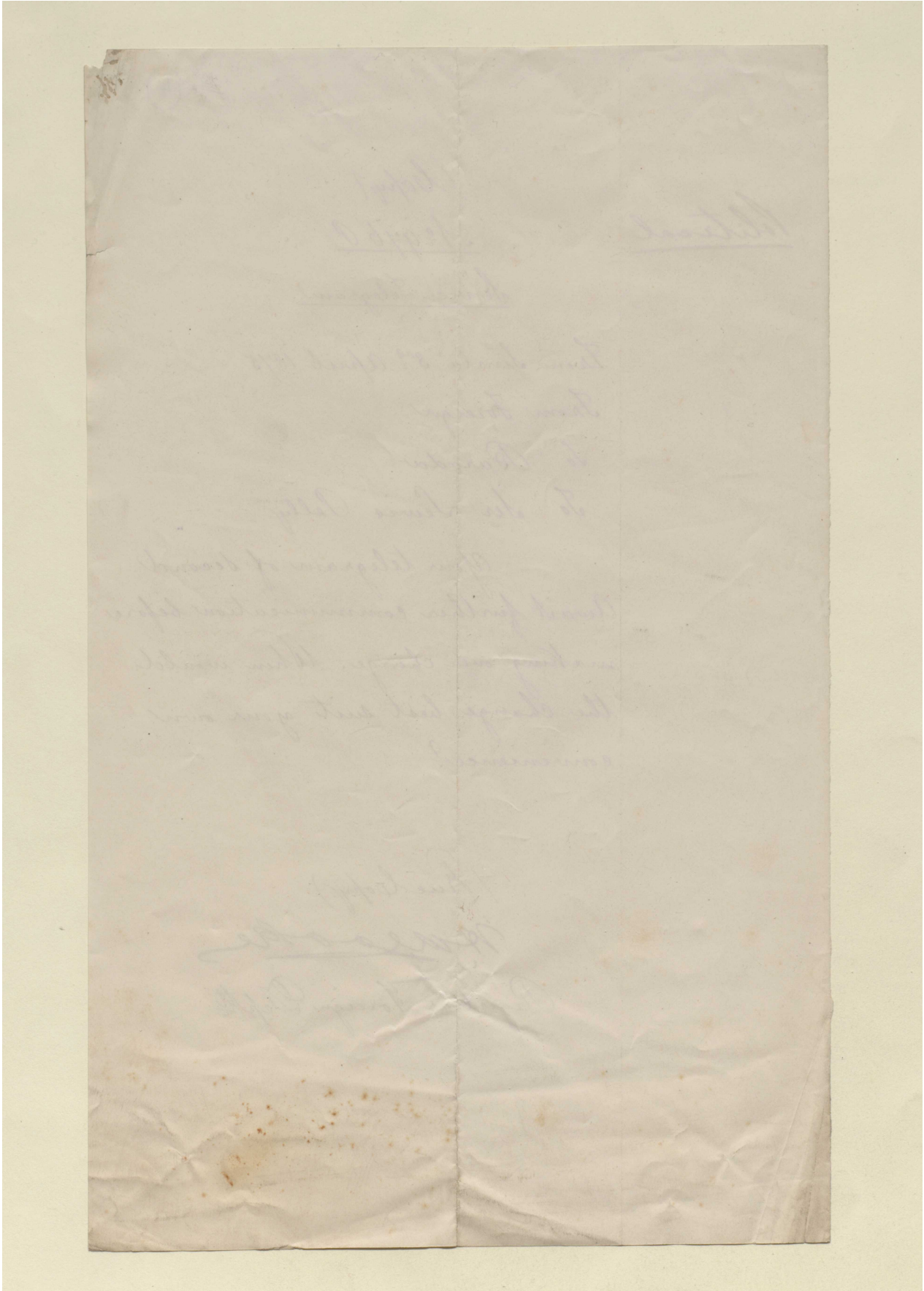
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Copy of service telegram No.976P from the Foreign Secretary to the Government of
India (Charles Umpherston Aitchison), Simla to Sir Lewis Pelly, Baroda [4r]
(1/2)



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Telegram from the Foreign Secretary to the Government of India (Charles Umpherston Aitchison), Simla to Sir Lewis Pelly, Baroda [5r] (1/2)

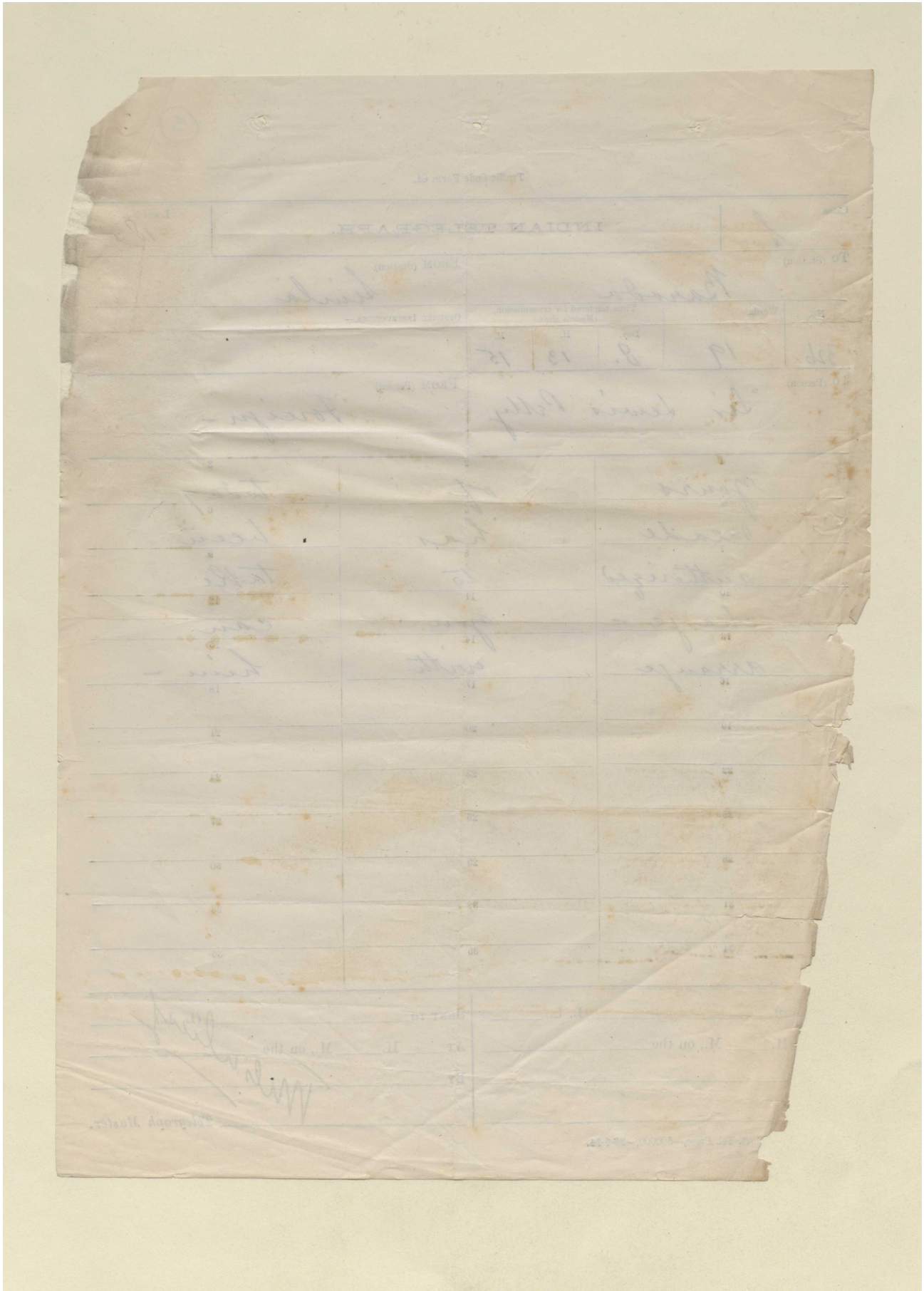
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Baroda			Simla		
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		8.	13	15	
TO (Person)			FROM (Person)		
Sir Lewis Pelly			Foreign—		
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4	5	6			
7	8	9			
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13	14	15			
16	17	18			
19	20	21			
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25	26	27			
28	29	30			
31	32	33			
34	35	36			
FROM (L. L.)			SENT TO (L. L.)		
H. M., on the			AT H. M., on the		
			By <i>M. S. Aitchison</i>		
			Telegraph Master.		

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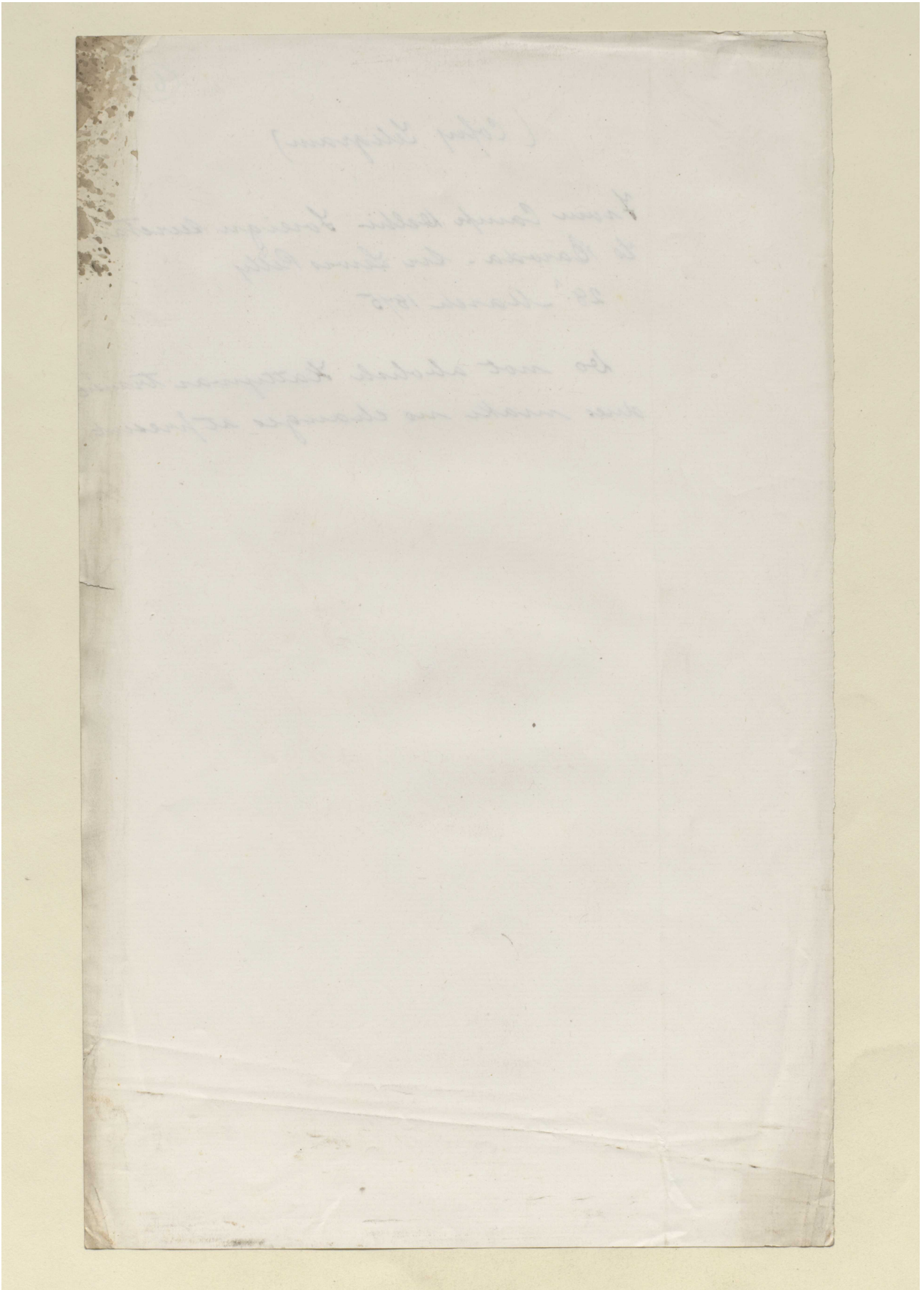
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From Camp Delhi. Foreign Secretary
to Baroda. Sir Lewis Pelly.

28th March 1875.

Do not abolish Kattywar transit
dues make no changes at present.

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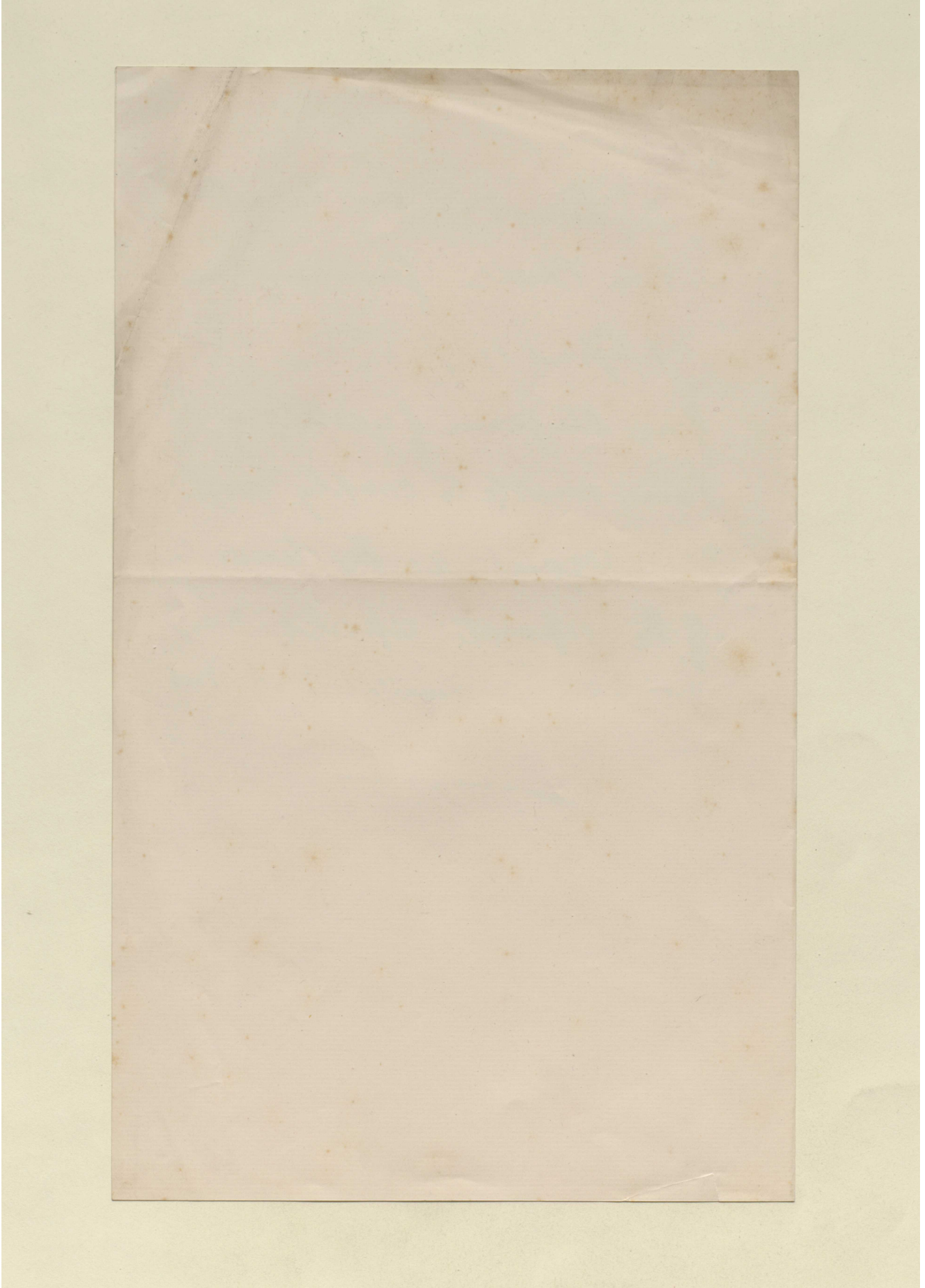


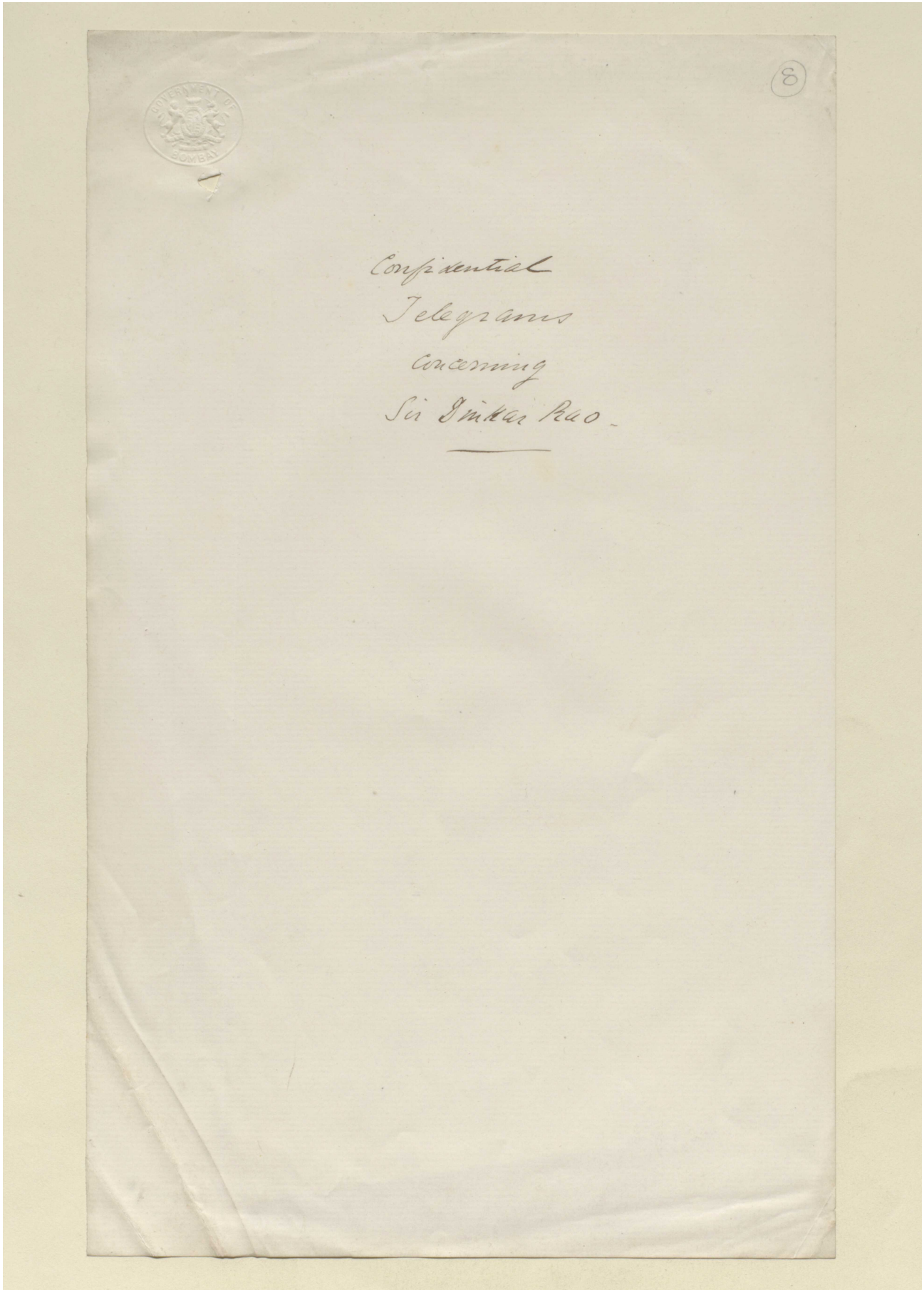
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To Baroda Sir Lewis Pelly
From Parell Governor
1 April 1875

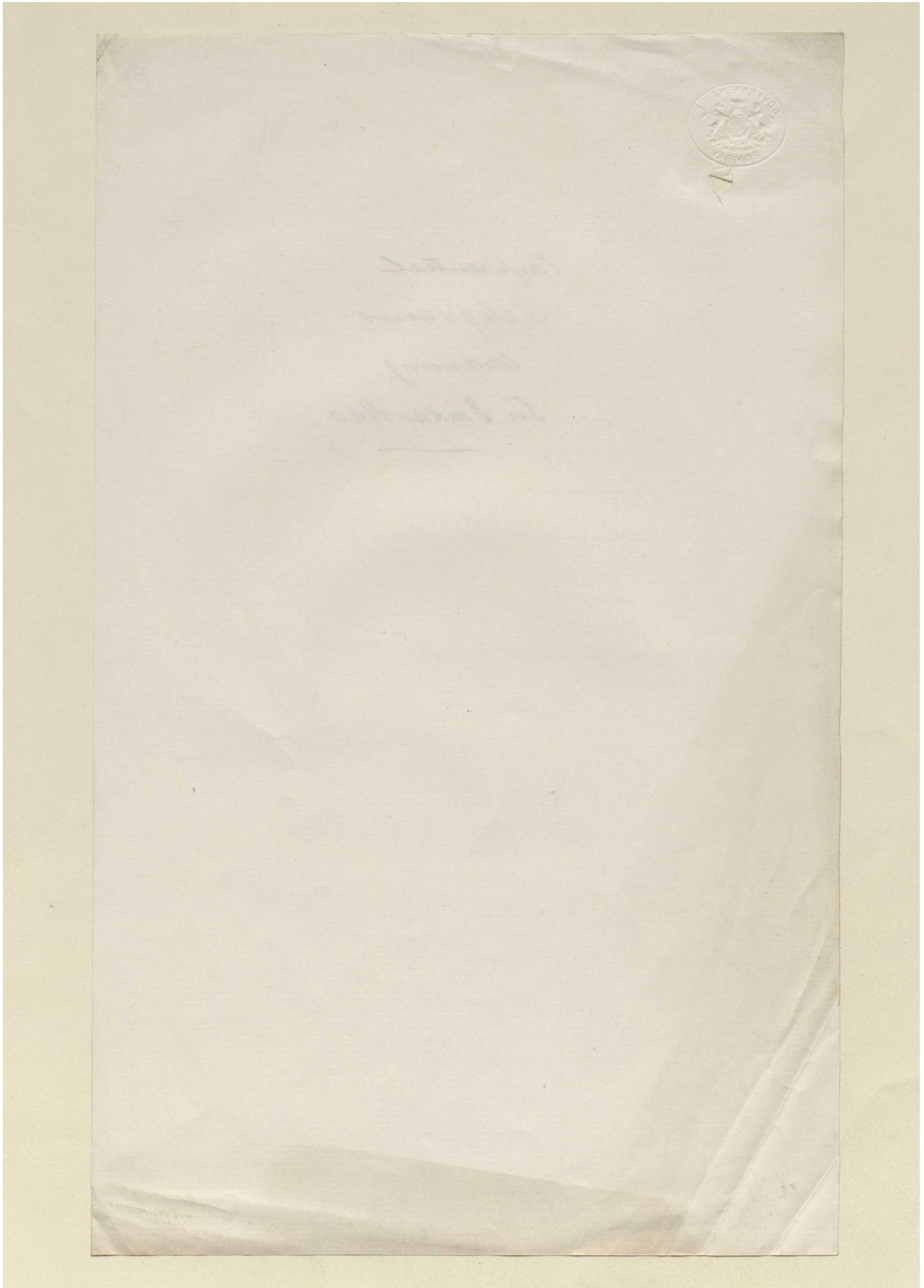
Your telegram of yesterday.
I am unable to comply with
your request as the tenor
of the separate reports has
not been communicated to me.

Copy Telegram from the Governor of Bombay (Philip Edmond Wodehouse), Parell to
Sir Lewis Pelly, Baroda [7v] (2/2)





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of Baroda's Administration [8v] (16/30)



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Copy Telegram

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To Calcutta, Private Secretary, Viceroy
From Baroda, Sir Lewis Pelly.

11 March 1875

Pack will reach you tonight. Please keep contents quite secret. Sir Dinkur Rao is I understand very ill content. The common remark is that he is a Partizan of the Gachwar's. He talks of retiring from Coarship. I fear he infects Sindia. Not one day should be lost in nominating the new Gachwar if so I expect the enquiry be unfavourable to present Gachwar. Everything should be done to prevent risk of agitation or mischief of intriguers. I do not intend to let a man leave Baroda until native administration restored. When may I expect Sir Madhava Rao. I think Defence understand Prosecution case very strong and will endeavor to appeal to Parliament and Peeps. When Native Administration

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appointed I should be glad to proceed on
Furlough as I require rest. Is it possible
that Sinker Rao has got hold of
question of regrant by Sumud. If so
I think that this may explain much.



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Viceroy (Captain Evelyn Baring), Calcutta [10r] (1/2)

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To Calcutta, Private Secretary to Viceroy
From Baroda, Sir Lewis Pelly -

11. March 1875

Sir Dinkar Rao of his own accord has just paid me a confidential visit and after many explanations & assurances intimated confidentially and under the promise that I would not communicate his words to any one here that if I would remain at Baroda a few months after restoration of Native Administration he would be prepared to remain also as Dewan and in case of my health failing he would continue until completion of one year provided Mr. Gidderstone succeeded me but that he could not accept with any other Officer. I have met Sir Dinkar most kindly explained to him the importance and delicacy of the present situation and the high trust reposed in him. I hope he may

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May now keep straight. Please keep
this telegram in your own desk.

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To Baroda, Sir Lewis Pelly
From Calcutta P. S. G. G.

12 March 1875

Sir Dinkur Rao saw Gaugibar (sic)
before accepting the Office of Member of
the Commission and asked assurance that
in any event a Native Administration
in the full sense of the word should be
retained. This assurance was given. Sir
Dinkur said that he disliked being concerned
in a *Carpendale* (sic) inquiry and fearing that his
dignity and position would be affected if it
were supposed that he was sent to Baroda
in the capacity of a judge only. Sir Dinkur
wished also to be consulted if a fresh administration
became necessary. The Secretary said that before
the inquiry was completed he could not enter
into a question regarding future arrangements
but that G. M. S. J. (sic) would be glad in
the

The court of the deposition of the present Gachwan
to have the advantage of Sir Dinkar's opinion
and that he had (sic) on that account
Sir Dinkar remain at Baroda for a
short time after the completion of the
inquiry with a view to his advising on
the new Administration - Viceroy understood
that Sir Dinkar had no personal object
in view. If he should speak to you
again you will tell him that you
know what passed and can say no more
and that it would not ~~be~~ (sic) to
enter into a communication with him as
to the future pending conclusion of the
Commission of which he is a member.

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Governor General (Captain Evelyn Baring), Calcutta [12r] (1/2)

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To Calcutta P. S. G. G.-
From Baroda Sir Lewis Pelly-

15th March 1875

I returned Sir Dinkar's visit last evening and had a pleasant interview. My language was requested by your telegram. What Sir Dinkar really wants is to be consulted and give a weighty opinion concerning the coming Native Administration succession &c. He would like after Commission to have a few days' rest and then come to Baroda as Minister with me as A. G. G. I most kindly but firmly informed him that pending conclusion of Commission I cannot discuss matters but that if on coming to be a Commissioner he will telegraph to me I shall be happy to meet him at Bombay or elsewhere and give every consideration to his experienced advice

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a dine regarding the future of Baroda
State. This seems to satisfy him but
I suspect he is jealous of Sir Madhava
Rao. I trust full of Commission decision
may be reported and afterwards communi-
-cated to me by telegraph.

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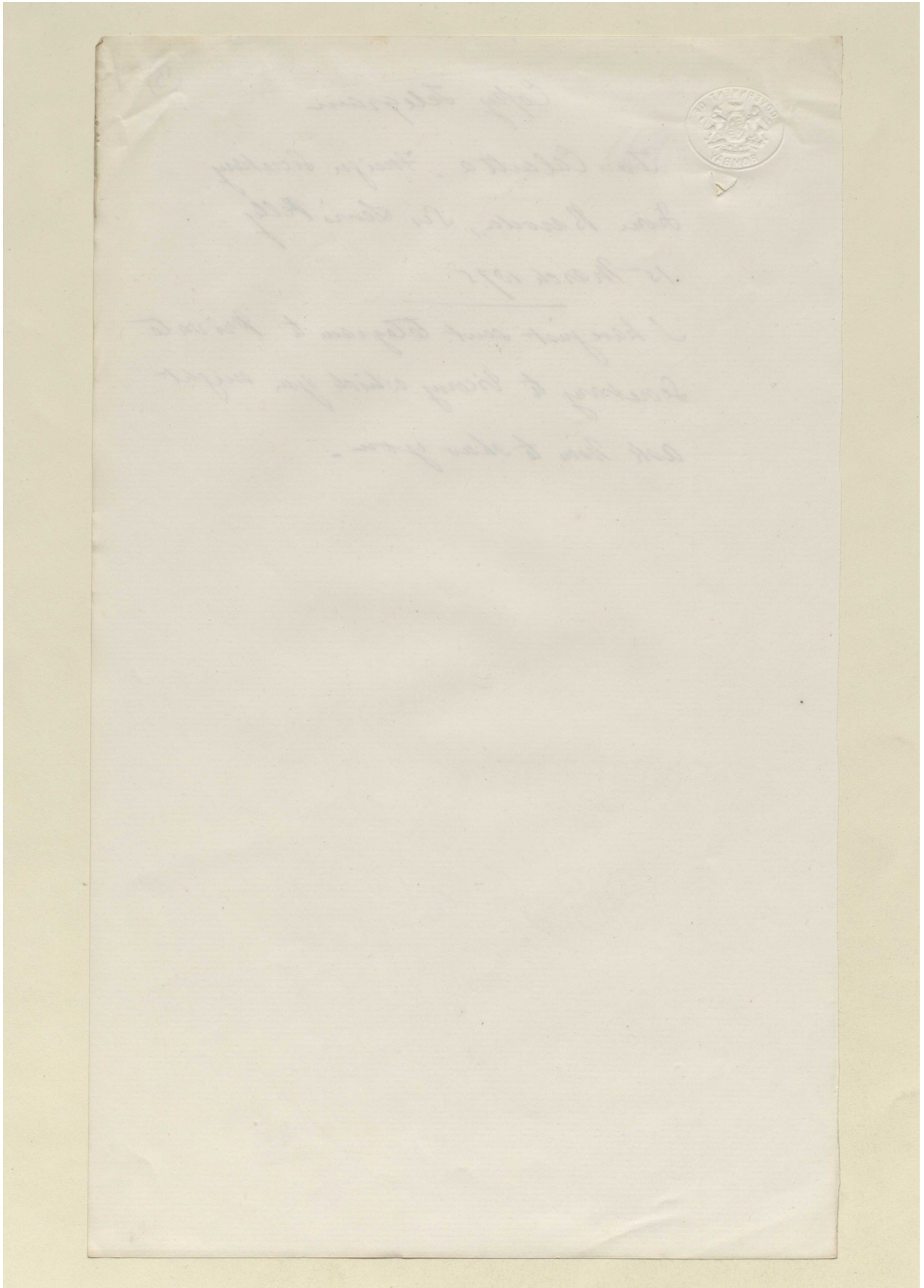
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To Calcutta, Foreign Secretary
From Baroda, Sir Lewis Pelly
15 March 1875

I have just sent telegram to Private
Secretary to Viceroy which you might
ask him to show you -

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Government of India (Charles Umpherston Aitchison), Calcutta [13v] (2/2)



Copy Telegram from the Private Secretary to the Governor General (Captain Evelyn Baring), Allahabad to Sir Lewis Pelly, Baroda [14r] (1/2)

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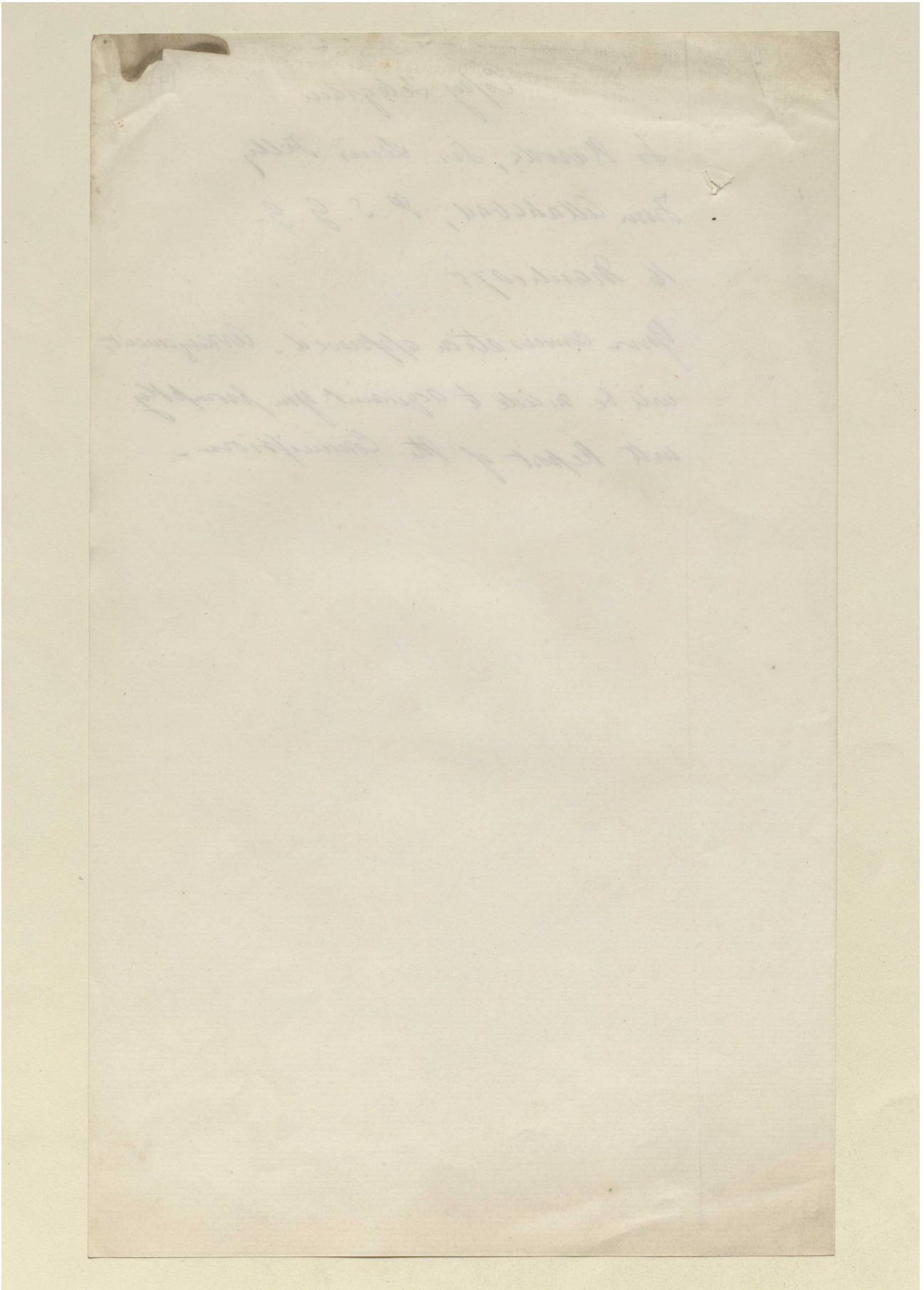
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To Baroda, Sir Lewis Pelly
From Allahabad, P. S. G. G.

16 March 1875

Your conversation approved. Arrangements
will be made to acquaint you personally
with Report of the Commission -

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