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Memorandum from Lewis Pelly to Sir Richard Meade, his successor at Baroda, regarding the administration and organisation of the Residency

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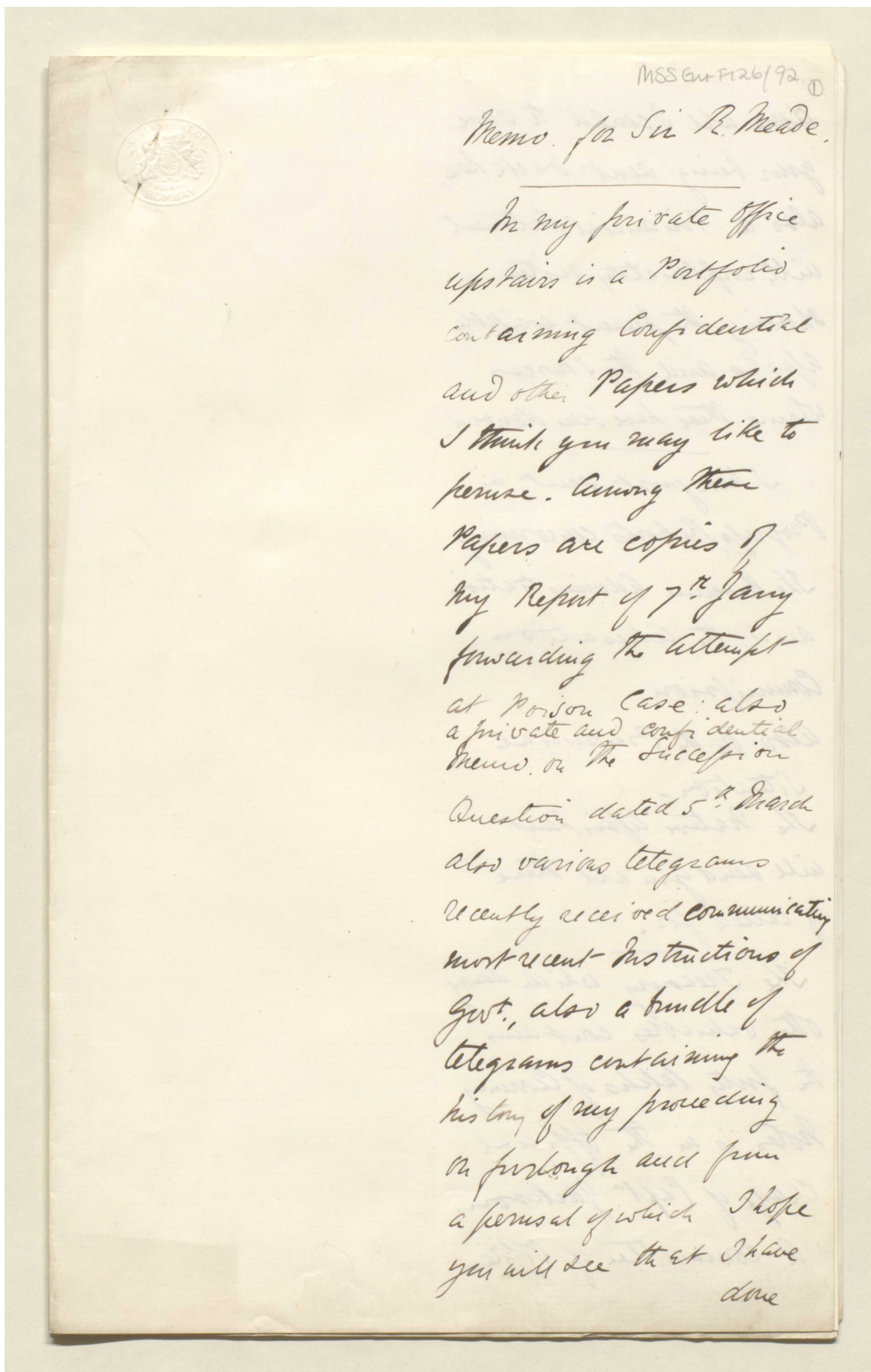


About this record

The following matters are detailed in the memorandum:

- The organisation of Lewis Pelly's private office, giving the location of various confidential and important papers kept there, along with the cypher code for confidential correspondence.
- The submission of progress reports regarding revenue administration.
- Captain Jackson having charge of the treasury and of the palace, with assistance from officers of the Gaekwar, with seals having been placed across the doors to various rooms.
- Mr Bentley of the New Bank of Bombay being in Baroda to examine the accounts current between the Gaekwar's state and bankers or shops.
- The question of a carpet bag full of jewels found at the railway station about to be taken out of Baroda state, which the Gaekwar's daughter has made claim to, but which need to be inspected in order to determine whether they belong to her or the state.
- A file on all prisoners and witnesses under detention or surveillance.

- The Khureeta the Viceroy addressed to the Gaekwar regarding his arrest.
- Details on the military force in Baroda including the names/numbers of all regiments posted there and details of Pelly's intentions with regards to these forces.
- An account opened with the Baroda treasury for outlays connected with the Enquiry Commission.
- The rules for individuals wishing to access the Palaces or other places belonging to the Gaekwar.
- His Highness the Gaekwar still being in the charge of Dr. Seward and the rules regarding individuals' access to him.
- The ownership of the furniture at the Residency, the memorandum references an appended list of furniture (not enclosed).
- The Gaekwar's Sword.
- Pelly's views on the local people, their need for time to deal with all that has happened and the question of revenue settlement.
- Regular troops under General Devine's command which have been kept under Pelly's orders and separate from the military and other departments of state.



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done all I could to save
your being sent back here,
also a Financial Statement
with explanatory notes
showing the present available
assets and the sources
whence these have been derived.

I have just sent in
Progress Reports concerning
The Revenue Administration
and the Abolition
Commission

Also on the Financial
Situation -

The Native Assistant
will send you all these
if called for.

The Treasury which among
other valuables contains
the forty lakhs of Currency
Notes is in the official
charge of Capt. Jackson.

A Committee of Officers

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appeared on the 6th inst. &
reported on the contents of
the Treasury. Their Report
with the Transmuting Letter
of Capt. Jackson is on
record in the Office.

My Confidential Records
concerning the counts &c
of the past four months
are in files in my
Private Office and are
in charge of the Confidential
Clerk who seems to me
to be a diligent & good
man -

W. Bentley of the
New Bank of Bombay
who has been examining
some of the accounts current
between the Gachwas State
& Bankers or Shops is
now in Baroda & I
have requested him to wait
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on you. All the ~~Gachwari~~
Banks & Papers & Cash
&c in the Gachwari's Banks
& Shops at Bombay were
impounded in Jan'y under
telegraphic instructions
from Govt. and the adjustment
of all outstanding accounts
between the State and the
several Banks & Shops at
Bombay & some other
Stations here with the approval
of Govt. been entrusted to
the new Bank of Bombay.

Mr. Kibbey would explain
details to you on this matter
as well as other matters connected
with the Administration.

The Charge of the Palace
has been in the hands of
Capt. Jackson the Head of
the Police & of various Officers
of the Gachwari's who were
found

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found in charge at the time of the arrest. Seals have been placed on all the doors of the Jewel rooms and other apartments: these are not opened unless in the presence of an Officer of the Committee the person responsible for the particular ~~apartment~~ apartment & an Officer of the Gaekwar's. An apartment opened is also always resealed under similar precautions. Capt. Jackson reports weekly that he has examined the seals & found them correct.

Two carpet bags containing jewellery claimed by the Gaekwar's daughter Kambhaje were discovered by the Police at the Railway Station on the point of being exported from Baroda Territories

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and are now in the Residency
Treasury under the seal of
Her Highness's Khandan.

The State Officer in charge
of the State jewels alleges
that a large portion of these
jewels are the property of
the State but that he cannot
determine all necessary
details unless after an examination
of the jewel rooms. I have
thought it inexpedient that
this examination should have
place until after the reestablishment
of a Native Administration.
A report of proceedings in this
matter is on record.

The State seal is deposited
in the Treasury where I have
intended it should remain
pending reestablishment of
Native Rule: thus preventing
the Seal being misused in
the

the in terms.

In the Puffin above
referred to is a file of all
the prisoners & intercesses now
under detention in surveillance
together with the addresses of
Jews under which they are
detained & the opinions of the
Admiral General on the several
cases. I have had this
compilation put together
concisely for your use.

A Khurecta which the
Viceroy addressed to the
Governor in reply to one from
H. A. announcing his marriage
with Lunmebare was delayed
by me in transit & is now
in the table in my private
office, as is also a medal
intended for H. A. and
received from the exhibition
in London. The detention
of the Khurecta has been
approved

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Approved by Govt.

The Military Force at Baroda is at the disposal of the A.G. & S.C. & no troops can be moved unless at his desire. Reinforcements are in readiness at Poona which will be immediately sent on requisition of the A.G. The present force

consists of

~~One Battery R. A.~~
~~Detachment of R. Fusiliers~~

Two half Batteries R. A.

Detachment R. Fusiliers say

420 strong -

Squadron of Native Cavalry

1st Lancers

9th Reg. N. I.

22nd Reg. N. I.

My intention had been to keep the forces above at

Baroda until establishment of Native Administration & then to let the half Battery ^{recently}

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recently arrived from England
to withdraw and to
reduce the total of British
Artillery & Infantry to such
numbers as could be conveniently
accommodated in the recently
repaired Barracks, say
a total strength of 350 men.
New permanent lines are
being erected for the 9th Reg^t?
& in the event of the Force
here being hereafter reduced
to one Regiment Reg^t? the new
lines will become available
as the old lines of the 22nd?
have I believe been condemned
as unhealthy. ~~It~~

There is a file concerning
military movements in my
private office.

A separate account is
opened with the Baroda
Treasury concerning outlays
connected with the Commission
G.P.

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Mr. Motiram the head of
the Baroda Treasury would
explain all financial details
to you.

All persons are prohibited
by notification from
entering the Palaces & other
places belonging to the Government
unless on business & under
authority.

The persons of H. H. & the
Udair in charge of D. Seward
and the rules & regulations relating to
H. H. have been approved by
Govt. & will be found in
record in my Private Office.

The furniture in the Residency
belongs in part to Govt. in
part to the Parsee Shopkeeper
Dadabhai & in part to
the Raj. That belonging to
the Raj was bought when
we assumed charge of the State
and

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and is in the public reception
rooms. It would have to be
returned on our making over
the State.

The Jaekirani sword passed
into my hands after the arrest
& has now been placed in a box
which is deposited in the Treasury
pending further orders from
Govt.

The more I see of the people
the less I am inclined to hurry
either a Revenue Settlement or
an Alienation Commission. Some
questions concerning the Sirdars
and Silladars and other military
clashes must be taken up but
for the rest I think the people
require breathing time after
all they have suffered.

However my recent reports
which the Native Agent
will show you briefly
summarise my views on
these matters.

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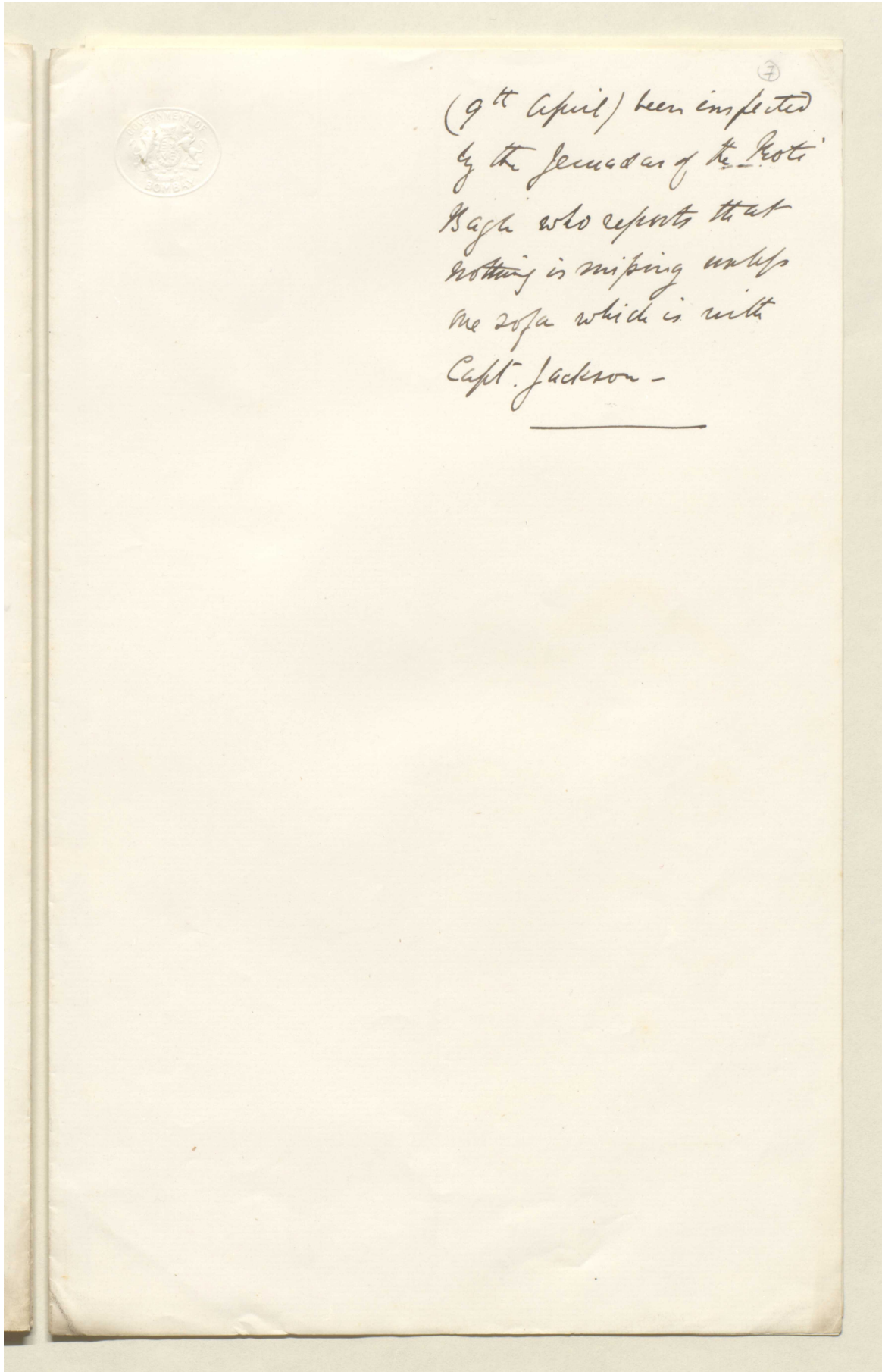
Containing cypher code
is in the table in my private
~~and see I have made~~
Office. The key I have handed
~~over to Mr. Pichey for~~
you in person.
~~transference to you.~~

Troops under Genl. Devine
I have found it convenient
to keep Genl. Devine & the
Regular Troops under his
command directly under my
own orders and apart from
the Military & other Departments
of the State. I have found
this method answers very well.

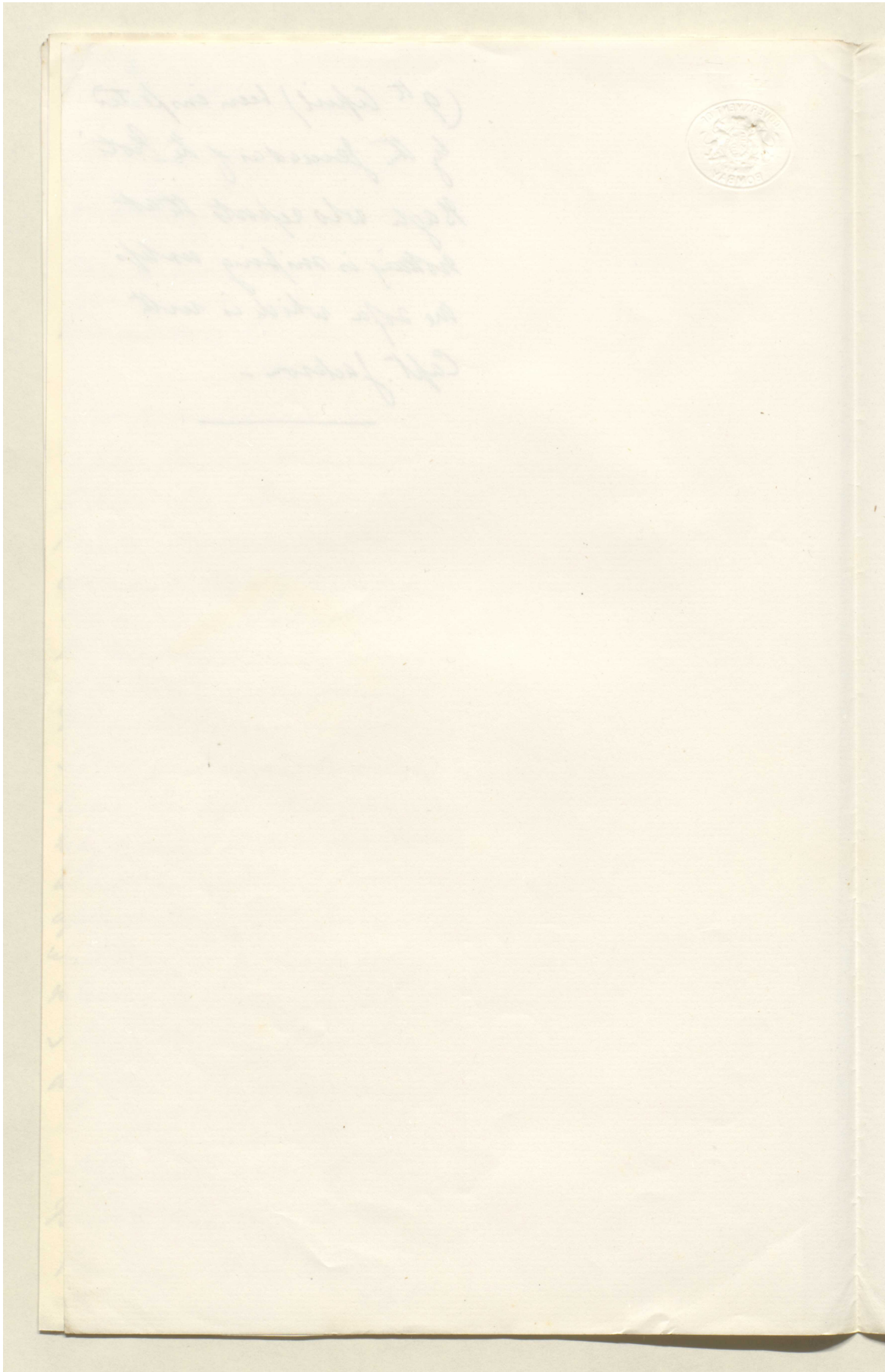
Today Genl. Devine has expressed
to me his hope that you
may maintain the same system
towards him. When I first
approved change Genl. Devine
used to report in person every
morning but more recently
I have told him to report
only when occasion requires.

Appended is a list of the
Baroda furniture in the
Residency. It has today
1916

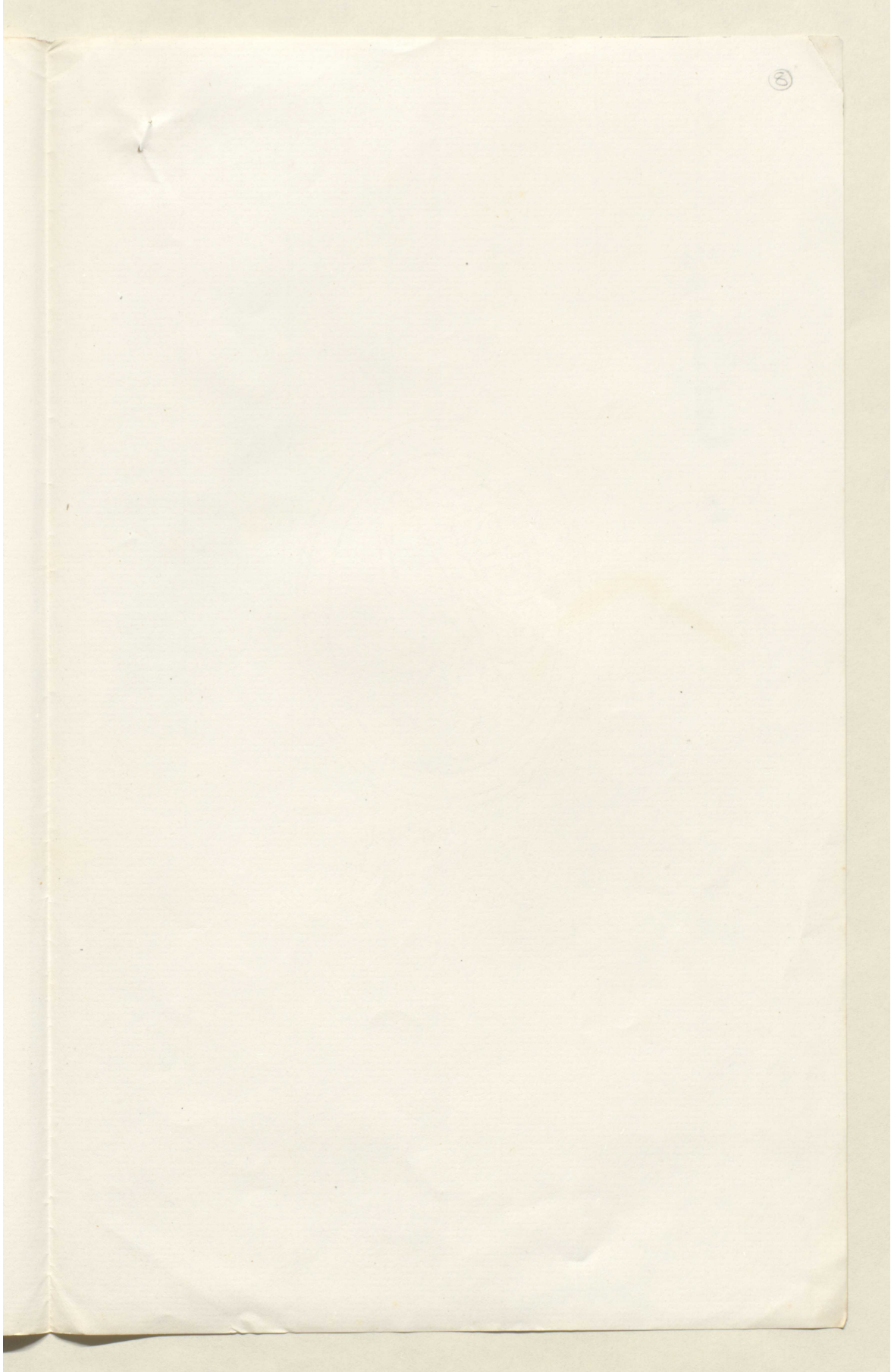
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