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Extracts from Letters acknowledging Pelly's Services to Government which he used as Letters of Testimonial

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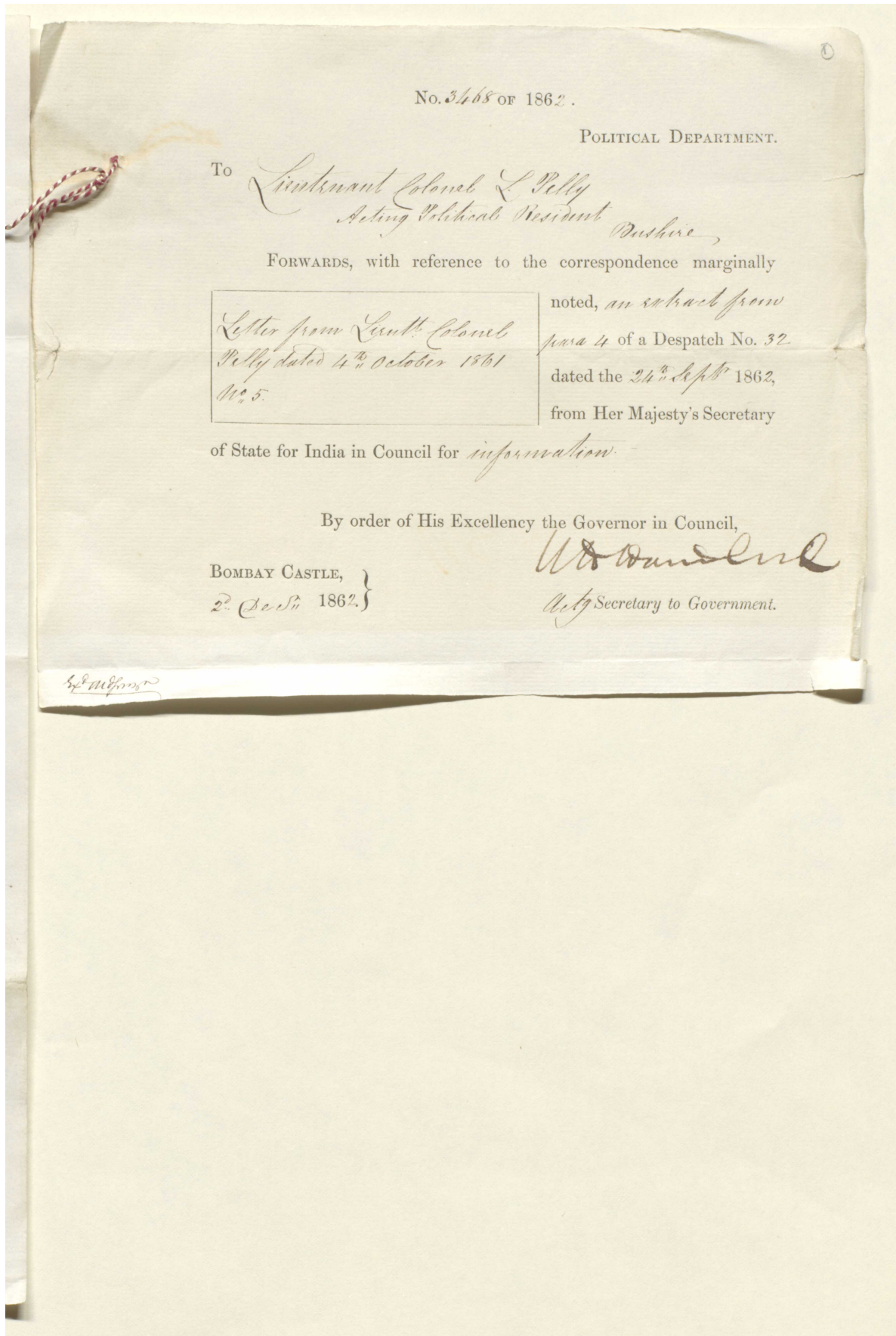


About this record

The file consists of individual extracts from letters, telegrams and reports in which Lewis Pelly's work and services to Government have been praised or highly thought of and which he brought together to be used as testimonials to show the quality of his work for the India Office.

Also enclosed with the file are two booklets of testimonials, one handwritten and one printed which include copies of some of the loose testimonials within the file.

Letter No. 3468 of 1862 from W Wedderburn, Acting Secretary to Government,
Bombay to Lieutenant Colonel Lewis Pelly, Acting Political Resident, Bushire
[1r] (1/4)



No. 3468 of 1862.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

To Lieutenant Colonel L Pelly
Acting Political Resident Bushire

FORWARDS, with reference to the correspondence marginally

Letter from Lieut. Colonel
Pelly dated 4th October 1861
No. 5.

noted, an extract from
para 4 of a Despatch No. 32
dated the 24th Sept 1862,
from Her Majesty's Secretary

of State for India in Council for information.

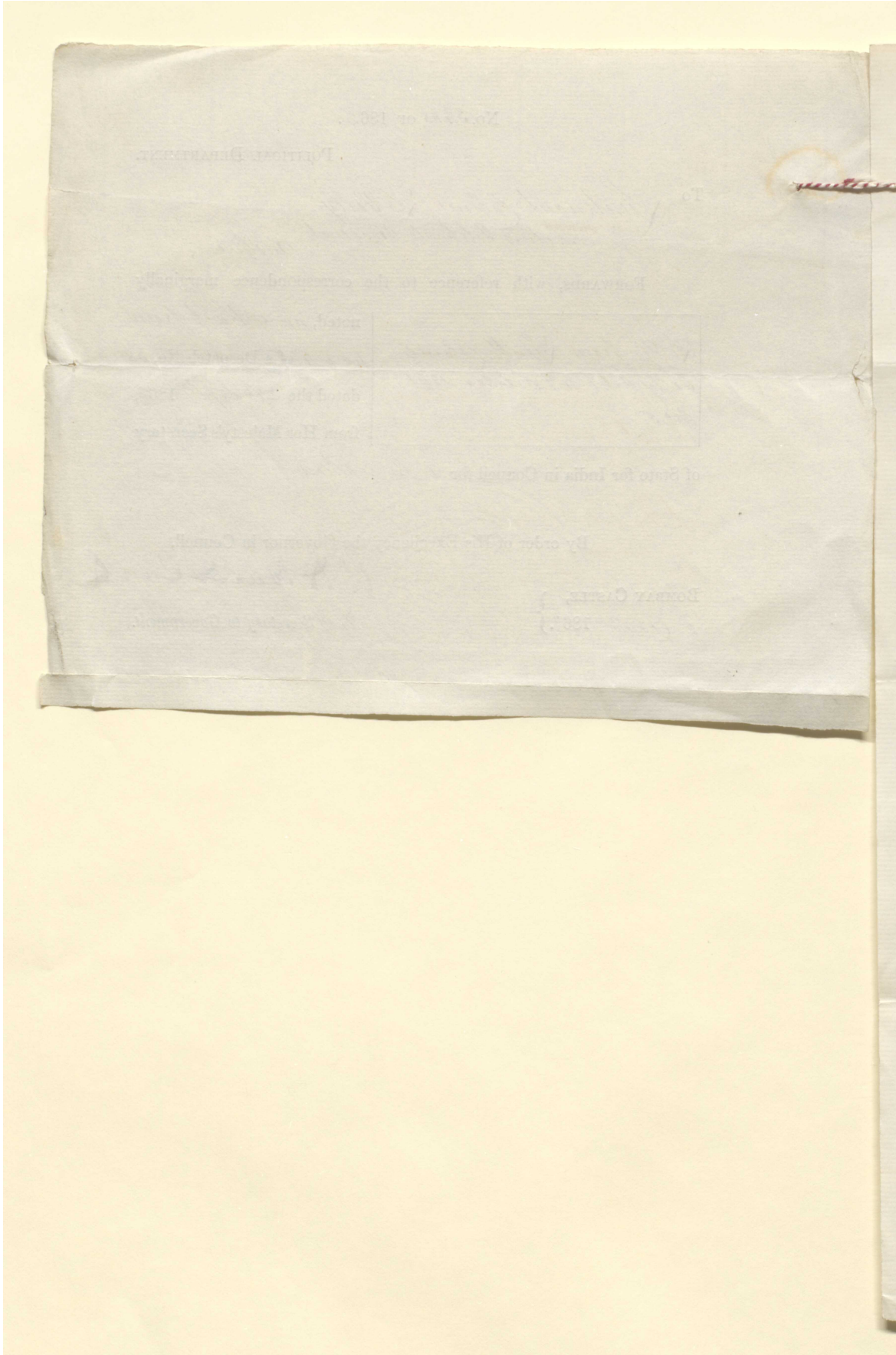
By order of His Excellency the Governor in Council,

BOMBAY CASTLE,
2^d Decr 1862.

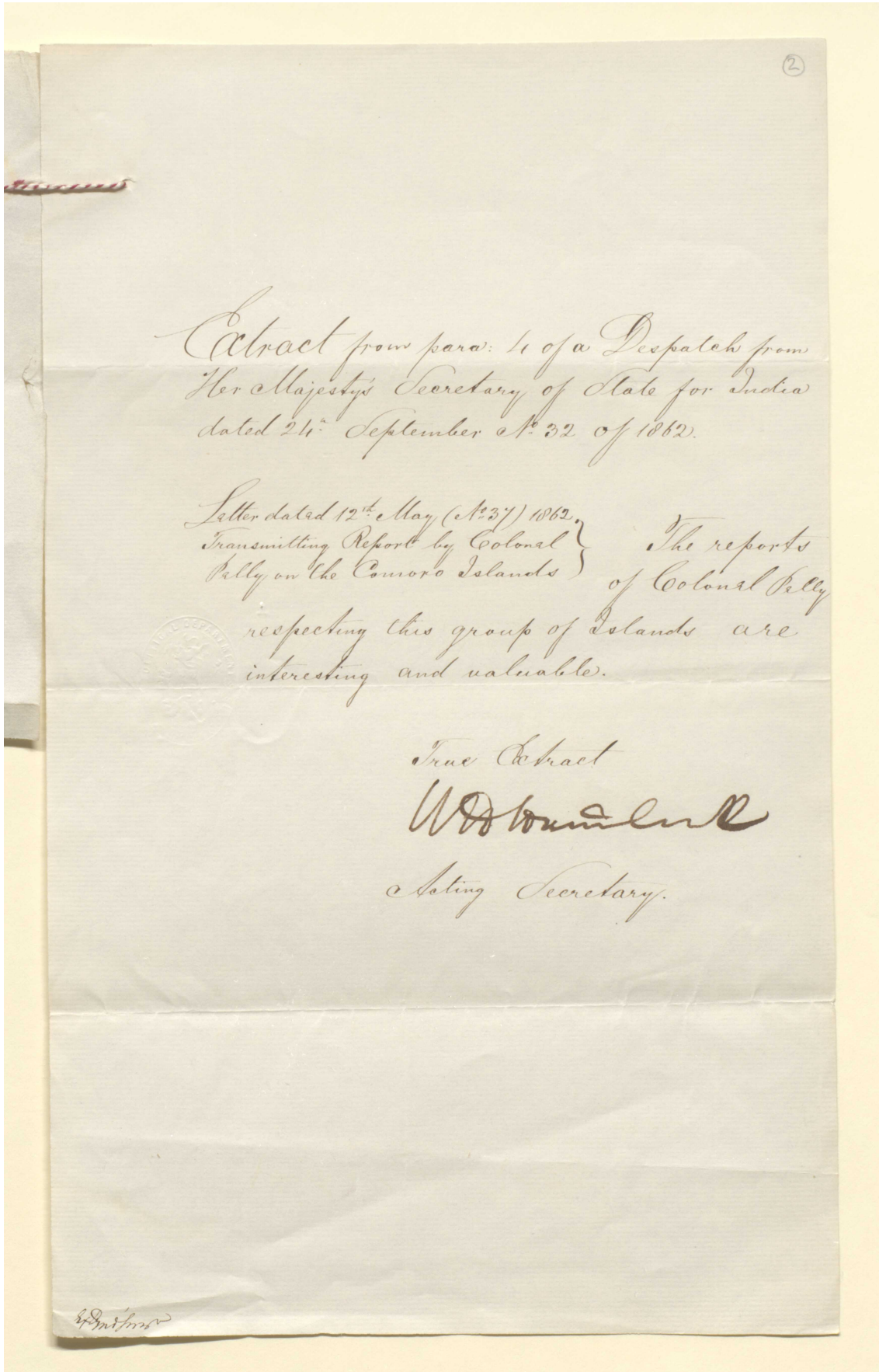
W Wedderburn
Acty Secretary to Government.

W Wedderburn

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[1v] (2/4)



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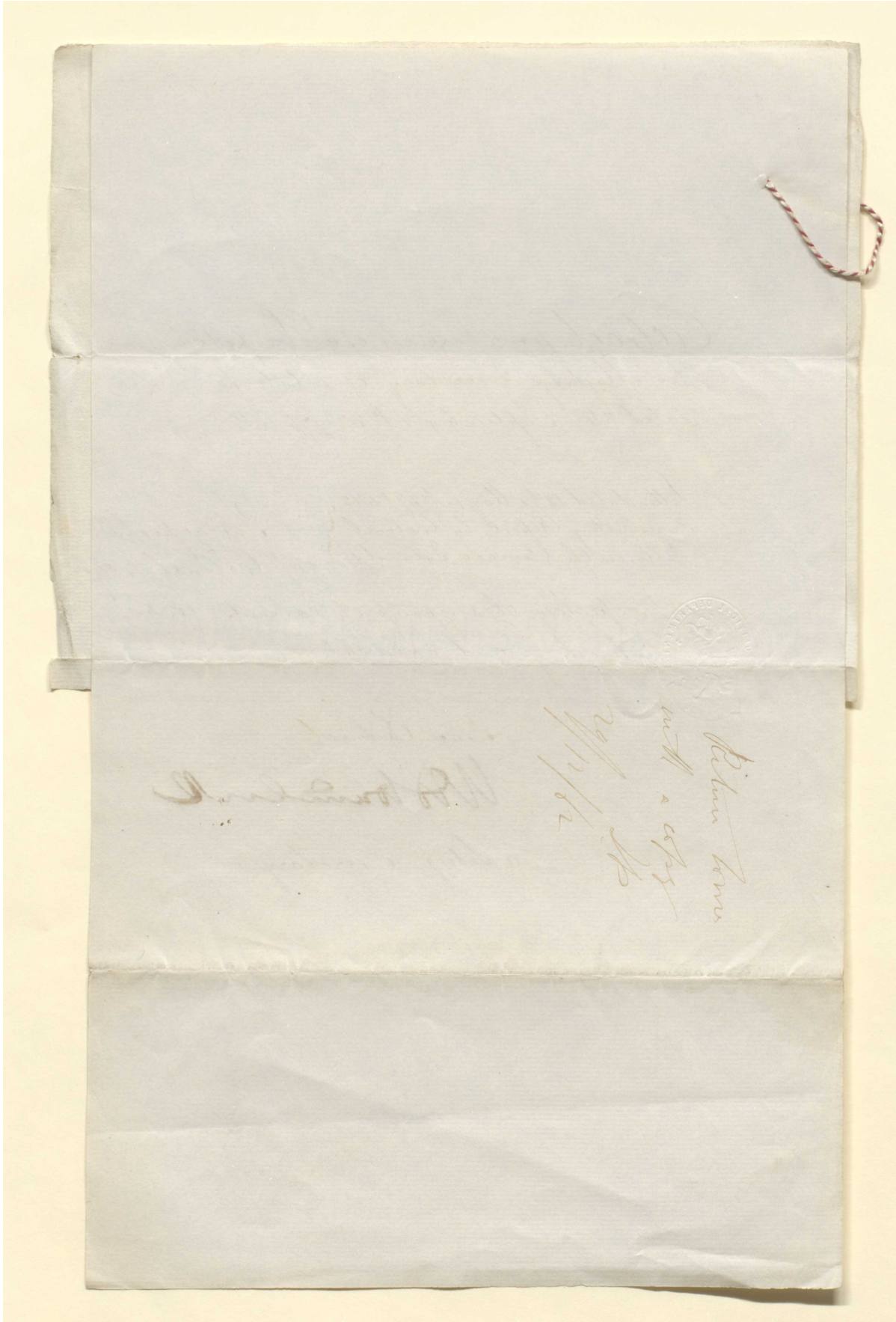


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Extract from para: 1 of a Despatch from
Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India
dated 21st September N^o 32 of 1862.

Letter dated 12th May (N^o 37) 1862,
Transmitting Report by Colonel
Pelly on the Comoro Islands } The reports
of Colonel Pelly
respecting this group of Islands are
interesting and valuable.

True Extract
W Wedderburn
Acting Secretary.

Letter No. 3468 of 1862 from W Wedderburn, Acting Secretary to Government,
Bombay to Lieutenant Colonel Lewis Pelly, Acting Political Resident, Bushire
[2v] (4/4)



Letter No. 151P from Charles Umpherston Aitchison, Secretary to the Government of India, Fort William [Calcutta] to William Wedderburn, Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay [3r] (1/2)

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— No 151 P. —

From
C. U. Aitchison Esquire C. S. I.
Secretary to the Government of India.

To,
W. Wedderburn, Esquire,
Acting Secretary to the Government
of Bombay.

— Foreign Department —
Political

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letters noted in the margin^x, forwarding copies of communications regarding the affairs of Bahrain and Najd in connection with the Turkish operations in the Gulf. —

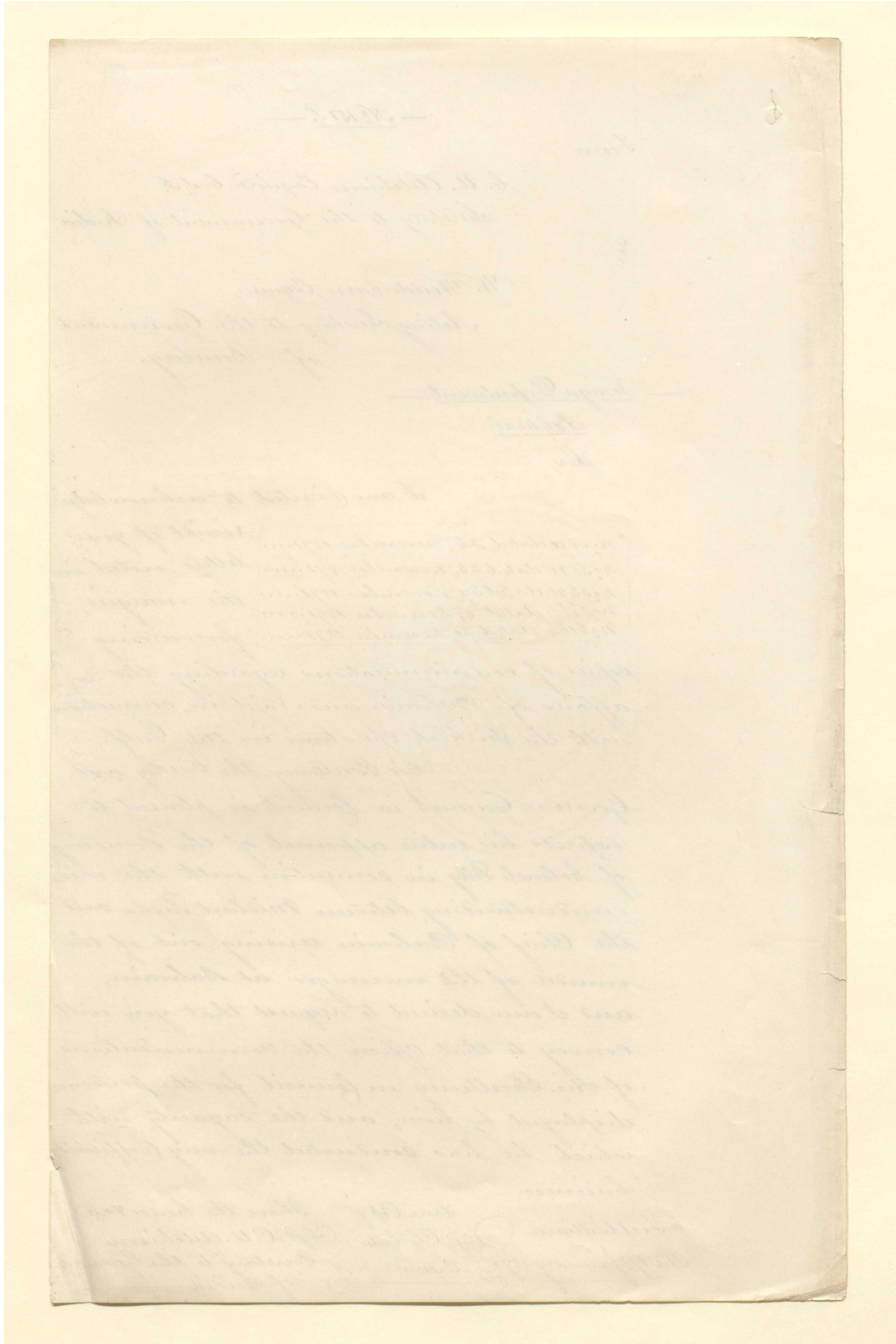
His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council is pleased to express his entire approval of the Proceeding of Colonel Kelly in connection with the misunderstanding between Midlut Pasha and the Chief of Bahrain arising out of the murder of the messenger at Bahrain, and I am desired to request that you will convey to that Officer the Commendations of His Excellency in Council for the prudence displayed by him, and the sagacity with which he has conducted the very difficult business. —

I have the honor &c
C. U. Aitchison
Secretary to the Government of India.

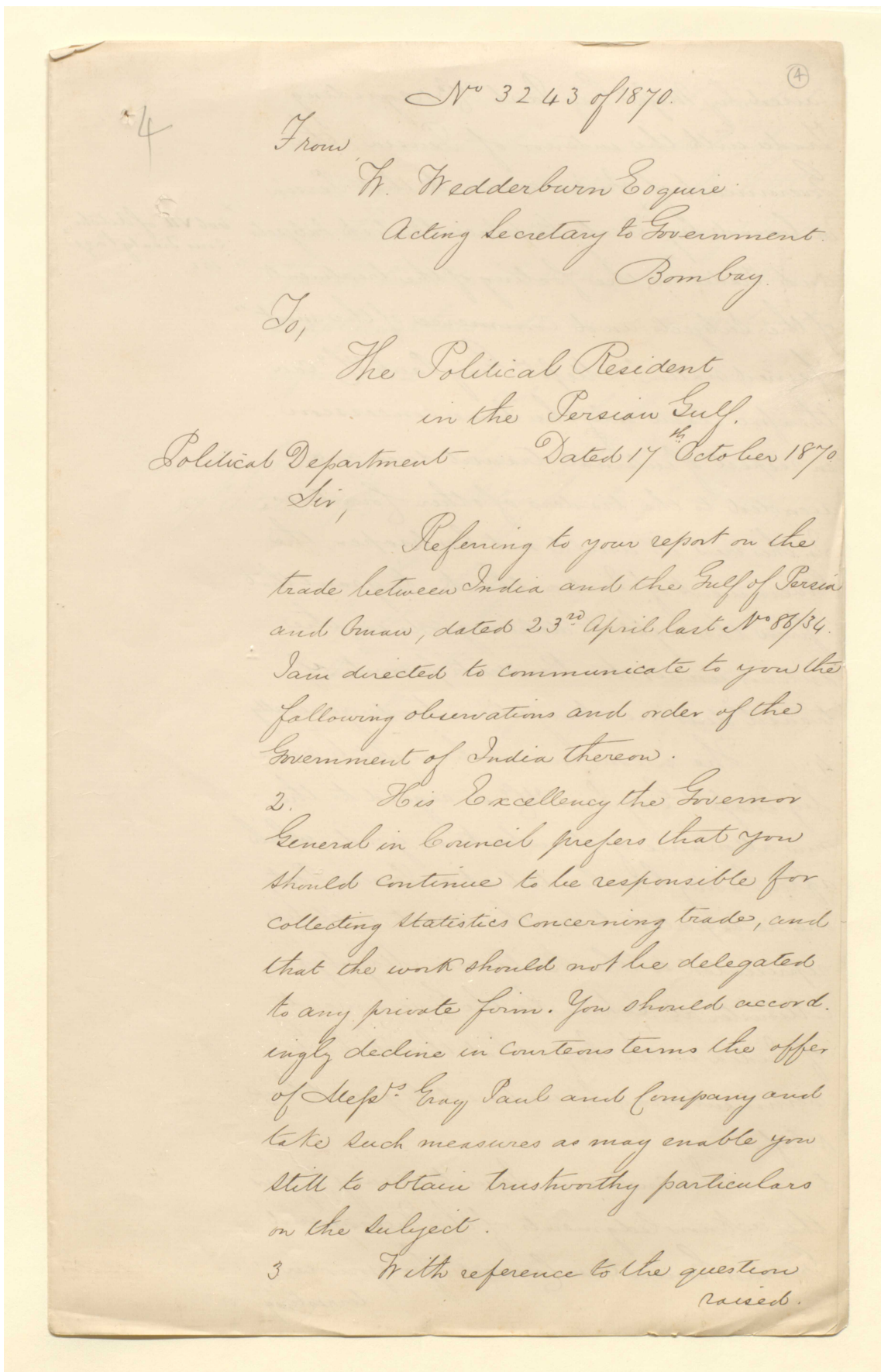
Fort William
The 17th January 1872
Superintendent

^x No 5680 dated 25th November 1871.....
No 5688 dated 25th November 1871.....
No 5691 dated 27th November 1871.....
No 5862 dated 5th December 1871.....
No 6164 dated 20th December 1871.....

Letter No. 151P from Charles Umpherston Aitchison, Secretary to the Government of India, Fort William [Calcutta] to William Wedderburn, Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay [3v] (2/2)



Letter No. 3243 of 1870 from William Wedderburn, Acting Secretary to the
Government of Bombay, to Lewis Pelly, The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf
[4r] (1/4)



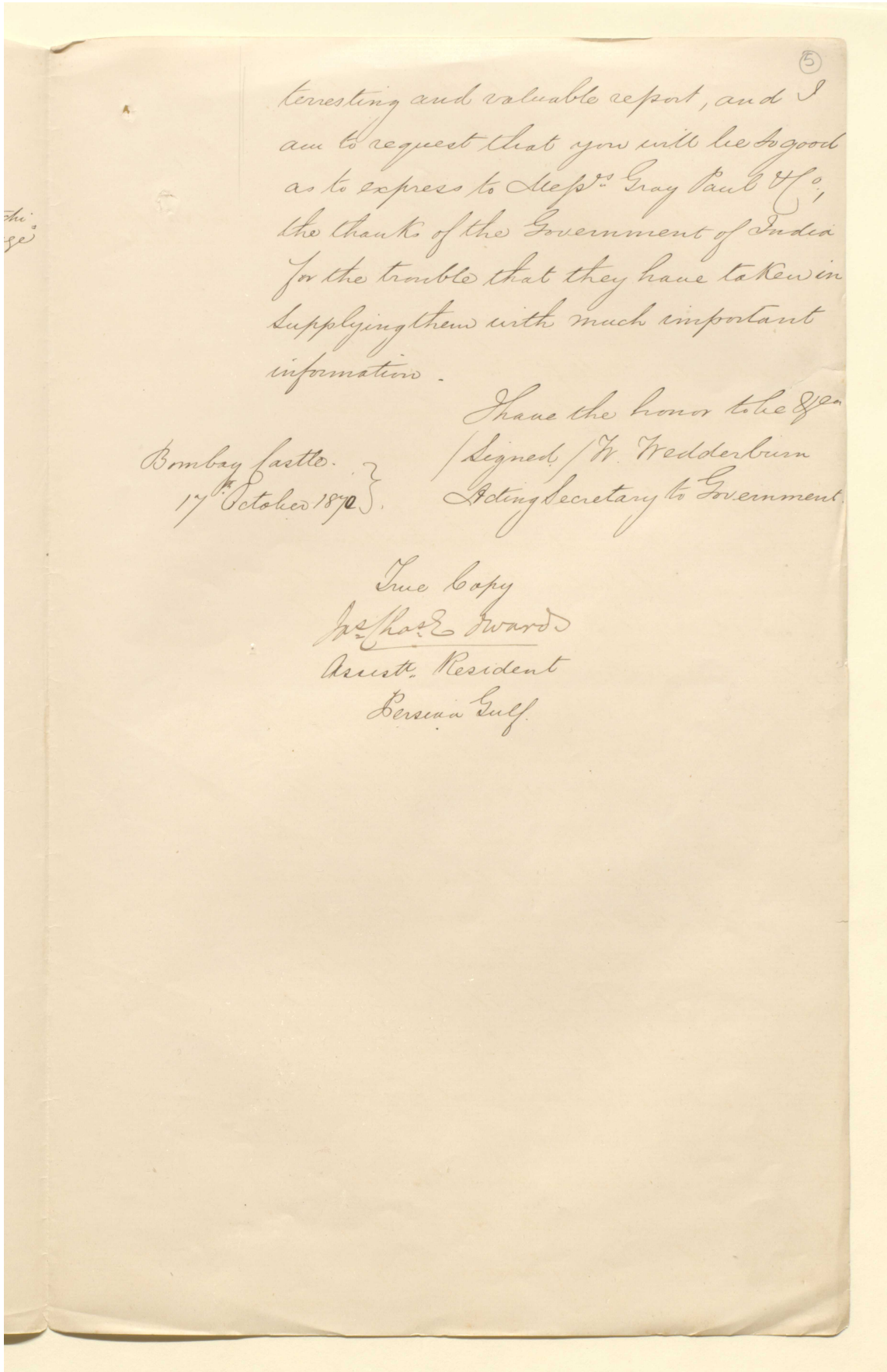
Letter No. 3243 of 1870 from William Wedderburn, Acting Secretary to the
Government of Bombay, to Lewis Pelly, The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf
[4v] (2/4)

raised by Messrs Gray Paul & Co. regarding
Trade with the interior of Persia, the
Government of India remark that Persia
is bound by Treaty to place British Subjects
and Trade on the footing of the treatment
of the Subjects and Commerce of the most
favoured nation. Messrs Gray Paul & Co. can
therefore claim only the same concession
in respect of internal transit dues as are
accorded to the traders of other countries.
In this view it would not be proper, the
Government of India think, to grant that
firm the right to deliver goods in the
interior under the Resident's permit if
transit dues are charged on trade generally

4. The inconvenience brought to notice
by Messrs Gray Paul & Co. in regard to the
now allowance of drawbacks on goods, which
after having been landed at a Persian Port
are re-exported to another mart, will be
represented to Her Britannic Majesty's
Minister at Tehraw by the Government
of India in the hope that the Shah's Go-
vernment may be induced to grant some
relief.

5. In conclusion I am to convey to you
the acknowledgments of the Viceroy and
Governor General in Council for your in-
teresting

Letter No. 3243 of 1870 from William Wedderburn, Acting Secretary to the
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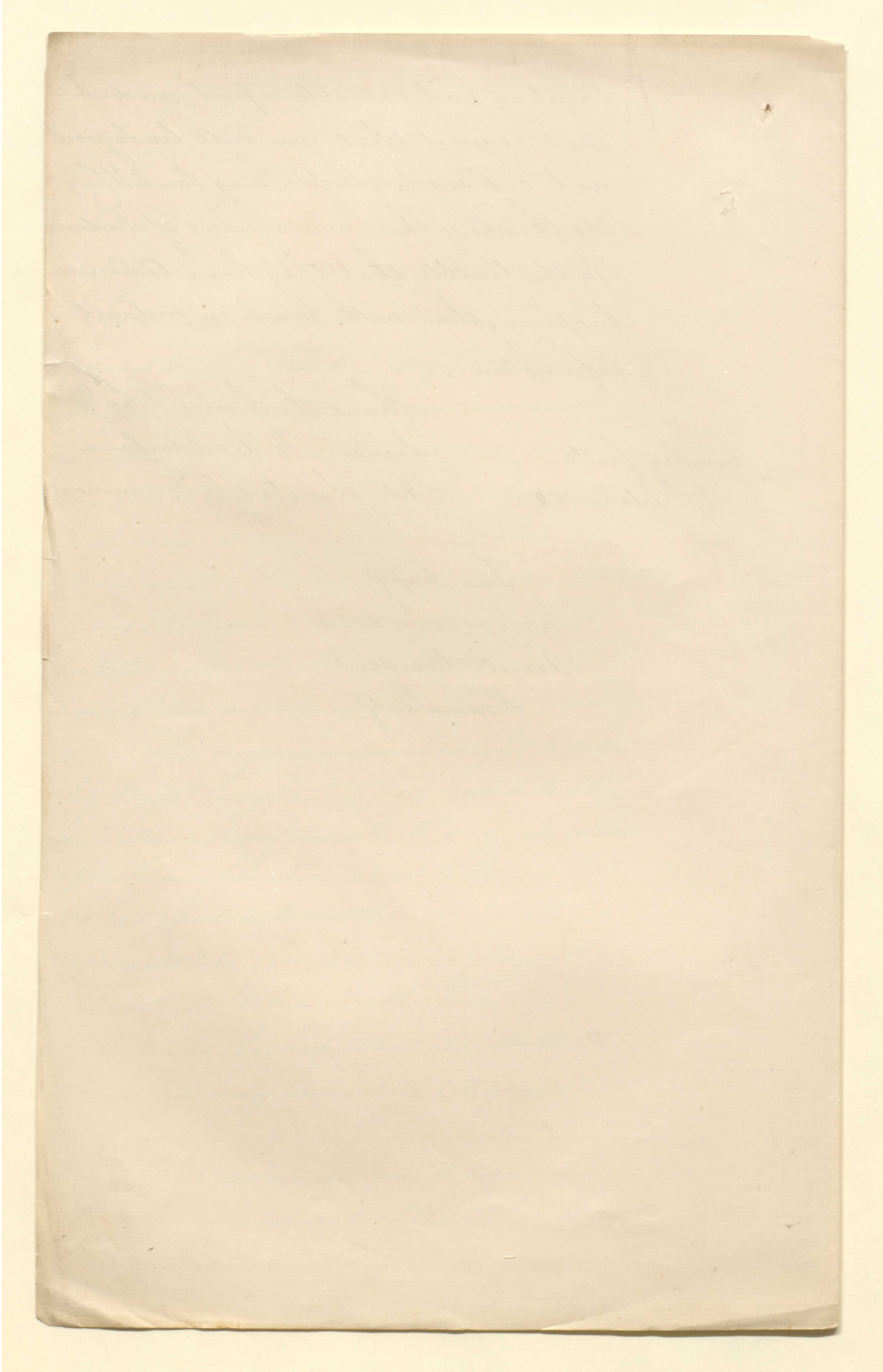
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interesting and valuable report, and I
am to request that you will be good
as to express to Messrs Gray & Co,
the thanks of the Government of India
for the trouble that they have taken in
supplying them with much important
information.

I have the honor to be &c
Signed, W. Wedderburn
Acting Secretary to Government

Bombay Castle.
17th October 1870.

True Copy
As per order
Asst. Resident
Persian Gulf.

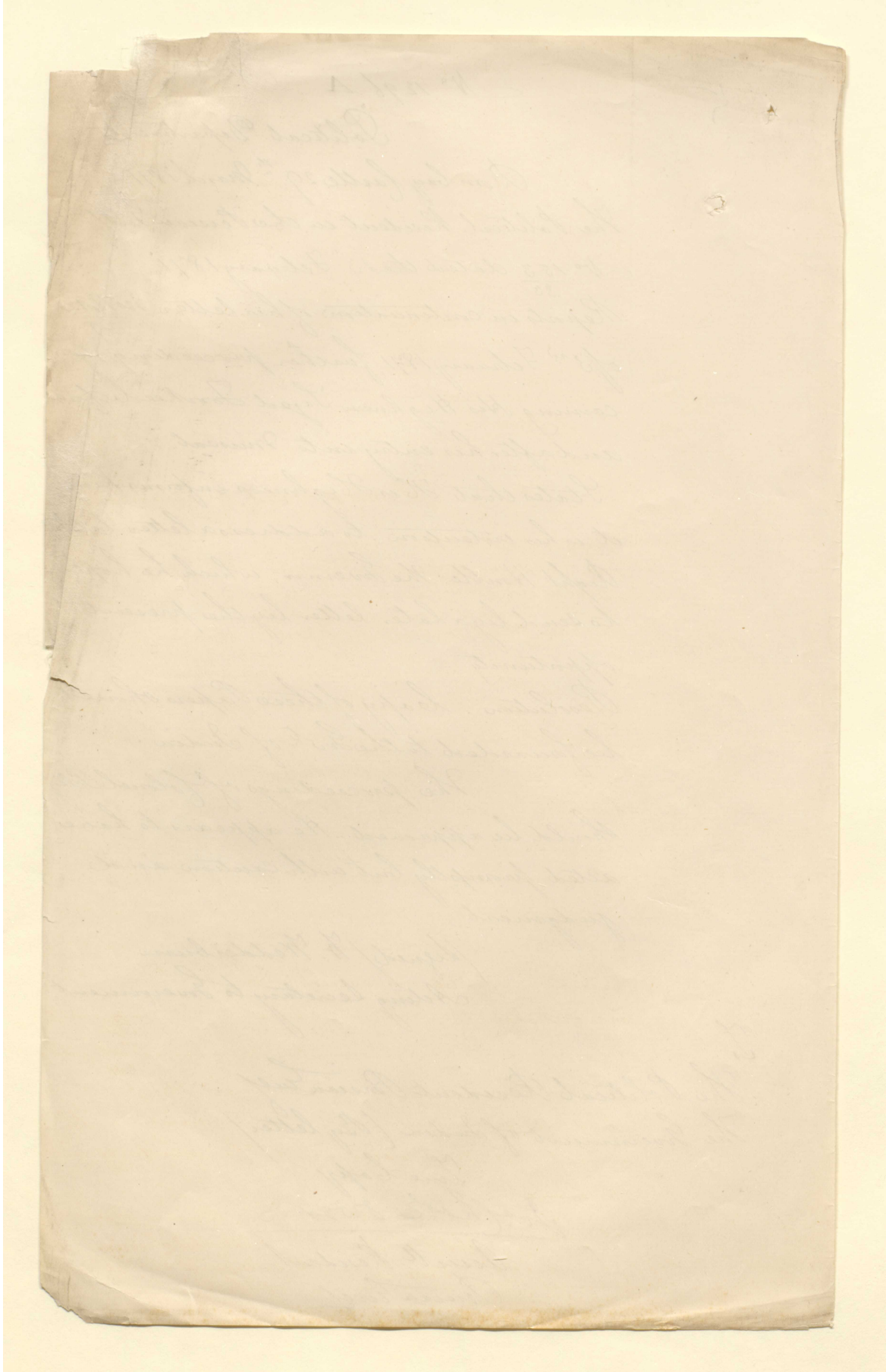
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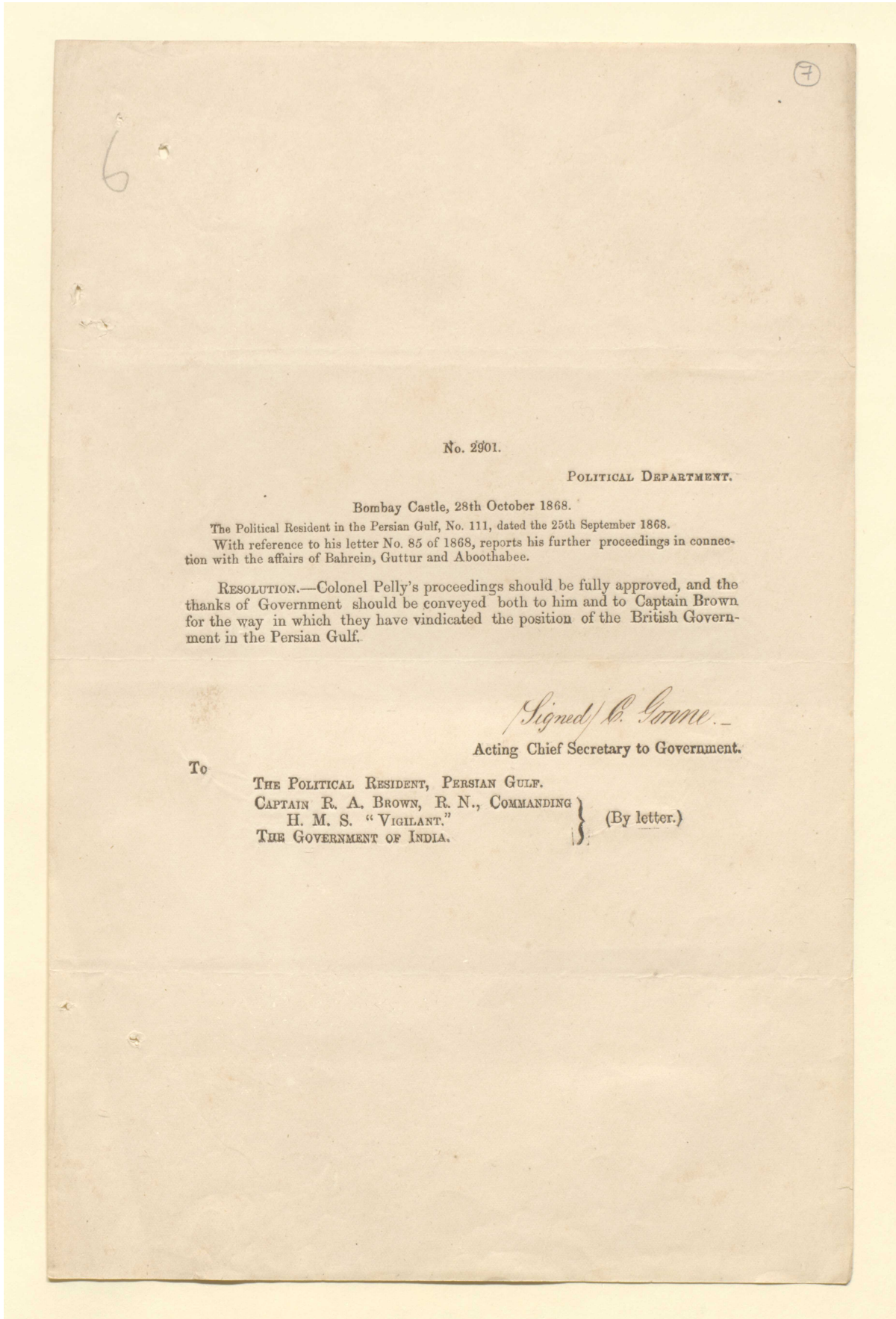
Letter No. 1296A from William Wedderburn, Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to Lewis Pelly, The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf [6r] (1/2)

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N^o 1296 A (6)
Political Department
Bombay Castle 29th March 1871.
The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf
N^o 153 dated the 13th February 1871.
Reports in continuation of his letter N^o 141
of 3rd February 1871, further proceedings con-
cerning His Highness Sayed Feroke before
and after his entry into Muscat.
States that His Highness informs him
it is his intention to address a letter to the
Right Honble: The Governor, which he hopes
to send by a later letter by the present
opportunity.
Resolution. Copy of these Papers should
be forwarded to the Gov^t. of India.
The proceedings of Colonel Pelly
should be approved. He appears to have
acted promptly but with caution and
judgment.
Signed / W. Wedderburn
Acting Secretary to Government.
The
The Political Resident Persian Gulf
The Government of India (By letter)
True copy
Jos. Charles Edwards
Asst. Resident
Persian Gulf

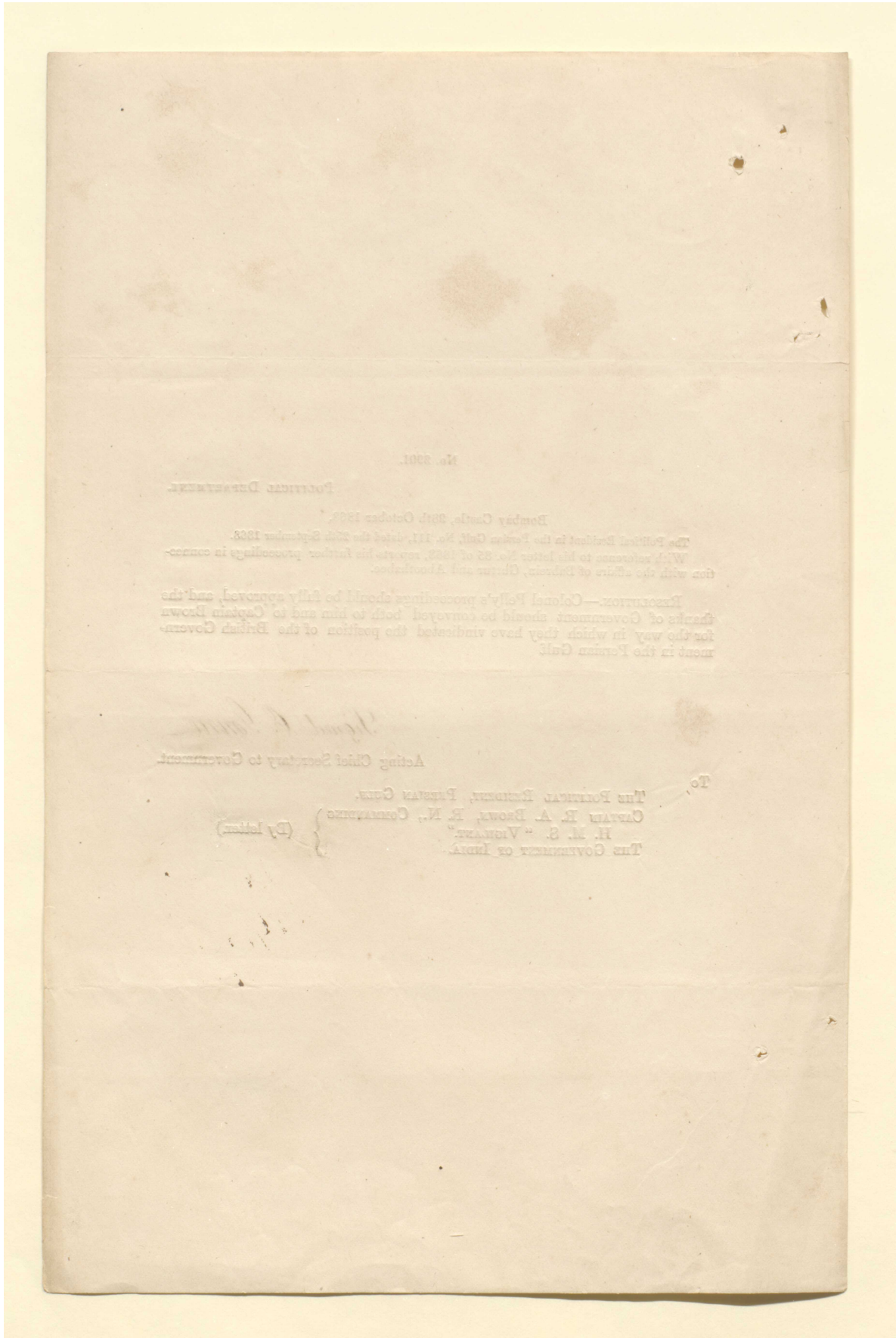
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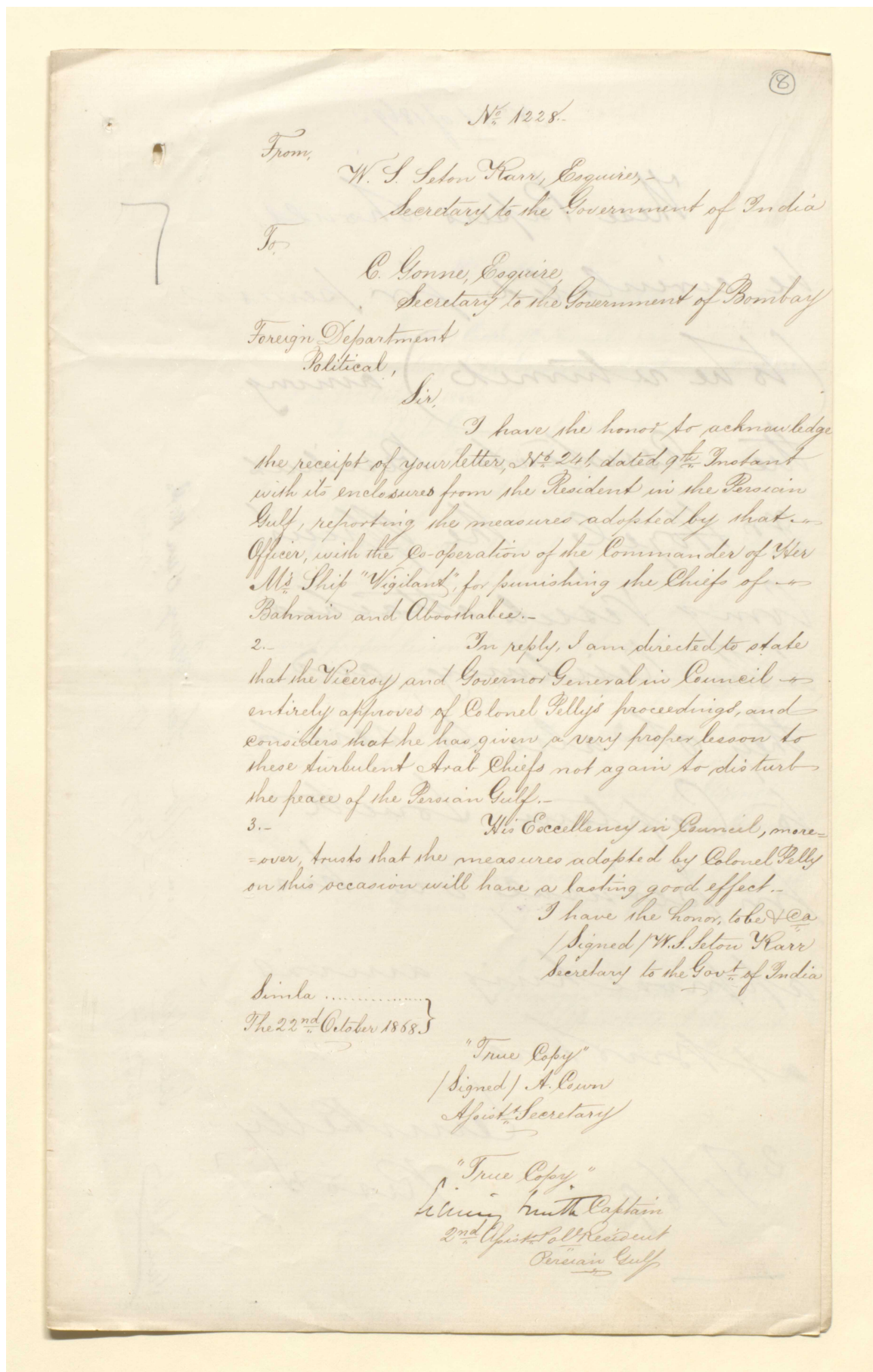
Letter No. 2901 from Charles Gonne, Acting Chief Secretary to Government,
Political Department, Bombay Castle to Lewis Pelly, The Political Resident in
the Persian Gulf [7r] (1/2)



Letter No. 2901 from Charles Gonne, Acting Chief Secretary to Government,
Political Department, Bombay Castle to Lewis Pelly, The Political Resident in
the Persian Gulf [7v] (2/2)



Letter No. 1228 from Walter Scott Seton Karr, Secretary to the Government of India, Simla to Charles Gonne, Secretary to the Government of Bombay [8r] (1/1)



Letter No. 41 of 1869 from Lewis Pelly, Political Resident, Persian Gulf to an undisclosed recipient [8v] (1/1)

No 41 of 1869-

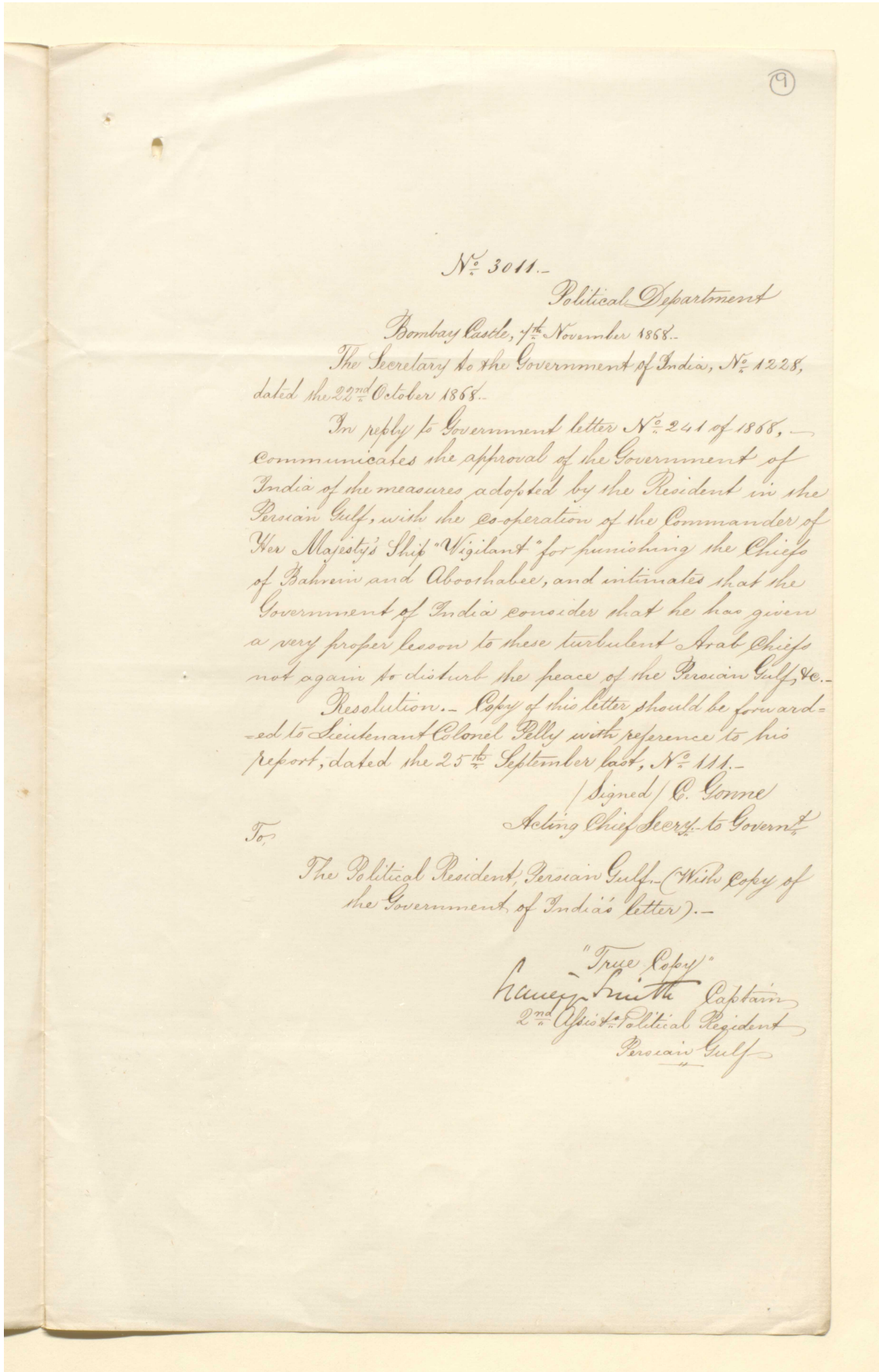
These Papers should
be circulated for perusal
(to be returned) among
the Assistants' Residents
Jr Hoyle, the Officers'
Company Vessels attached
to the Residency, and
they should also be sent
to Captain South
for perusal, on his
approaching arrival
at Bushire

Lewis Pelly
Resident

35/1/69

Seen Mr. Hoyle 17-2-69
Seen Mr. South 1-2-69
Seen Mr. [unclear] 25/1/69
Seen Mr. [unclear]

Letter No. 3011 from Charles Gonne, Acting Chief Secretary to Government,
Political Department, Bombay Castle to Lewis Pelly, The Political Resident,
Persian Gulf [9r] (1/2)



N^o. 3011.-

Political Department

Bombay Castle, 7th November 1858.

The Secretary to the Government of India, N^o. 1228,
dated the 22nd October 1858.

In reply to Government letter N^o. 241 of 1858, —
communicates the approval of the Government of
India of the measures adopted by the Resident in the
Persian Gulf, with the co-operation of the Commander of
Her Majesty's Ship "Vigilant" for punishing the Chiefs
of Bahrain and Aboosabee, and intimates that the
Government of India considers that he has given
a very proper lesson to these turbulent Arab Chiefs
not again to disturb the peace of the Persian Gulf, &c.

Resolution. — Copy of this letter should be forward-
ed to Lieutenant Colonel Pelly with reference to his
report, dated the 25th September last, N^o. 111.

Signed / C. Gonne

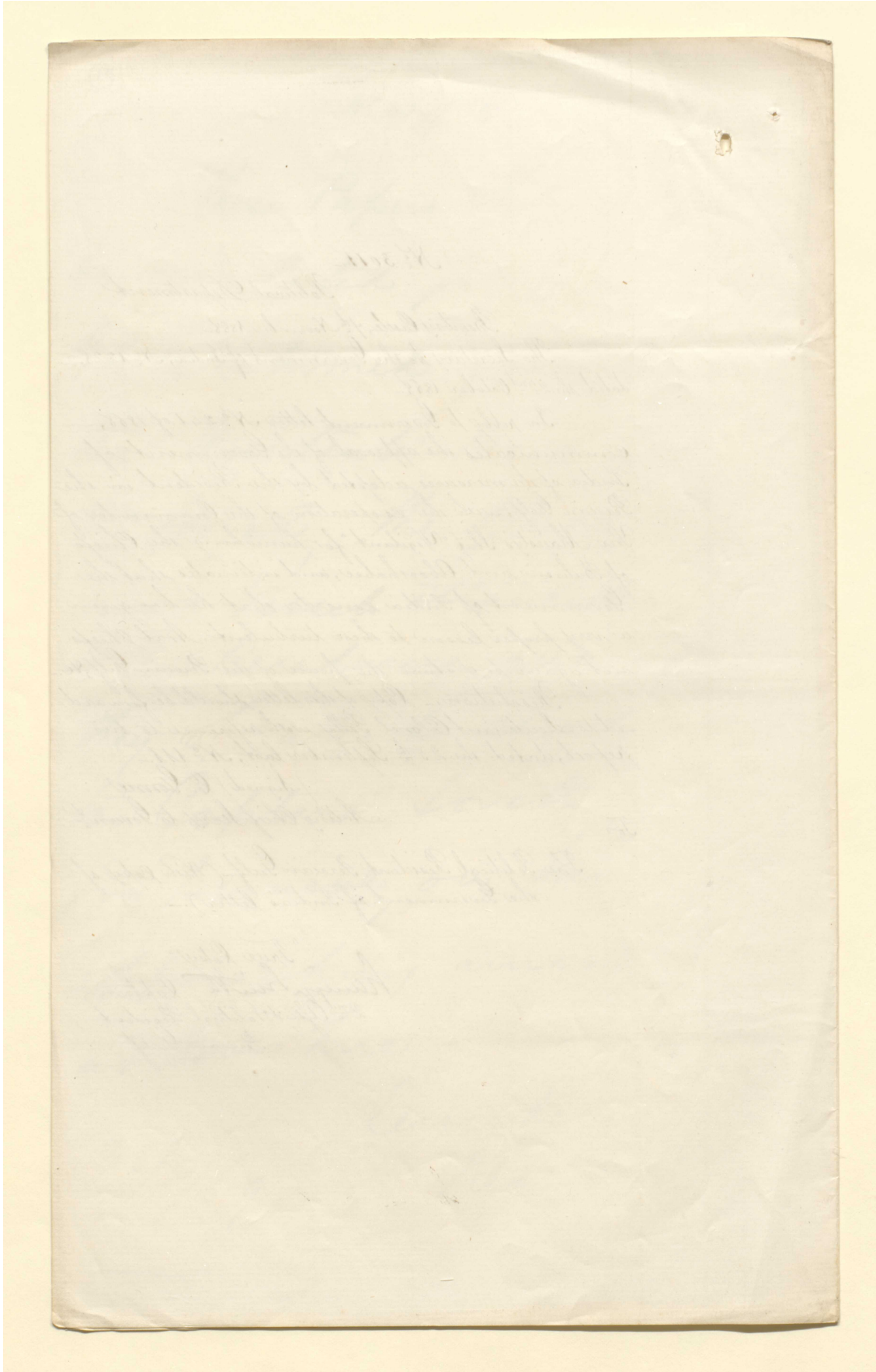
Acting Chief Secretary to Government

To

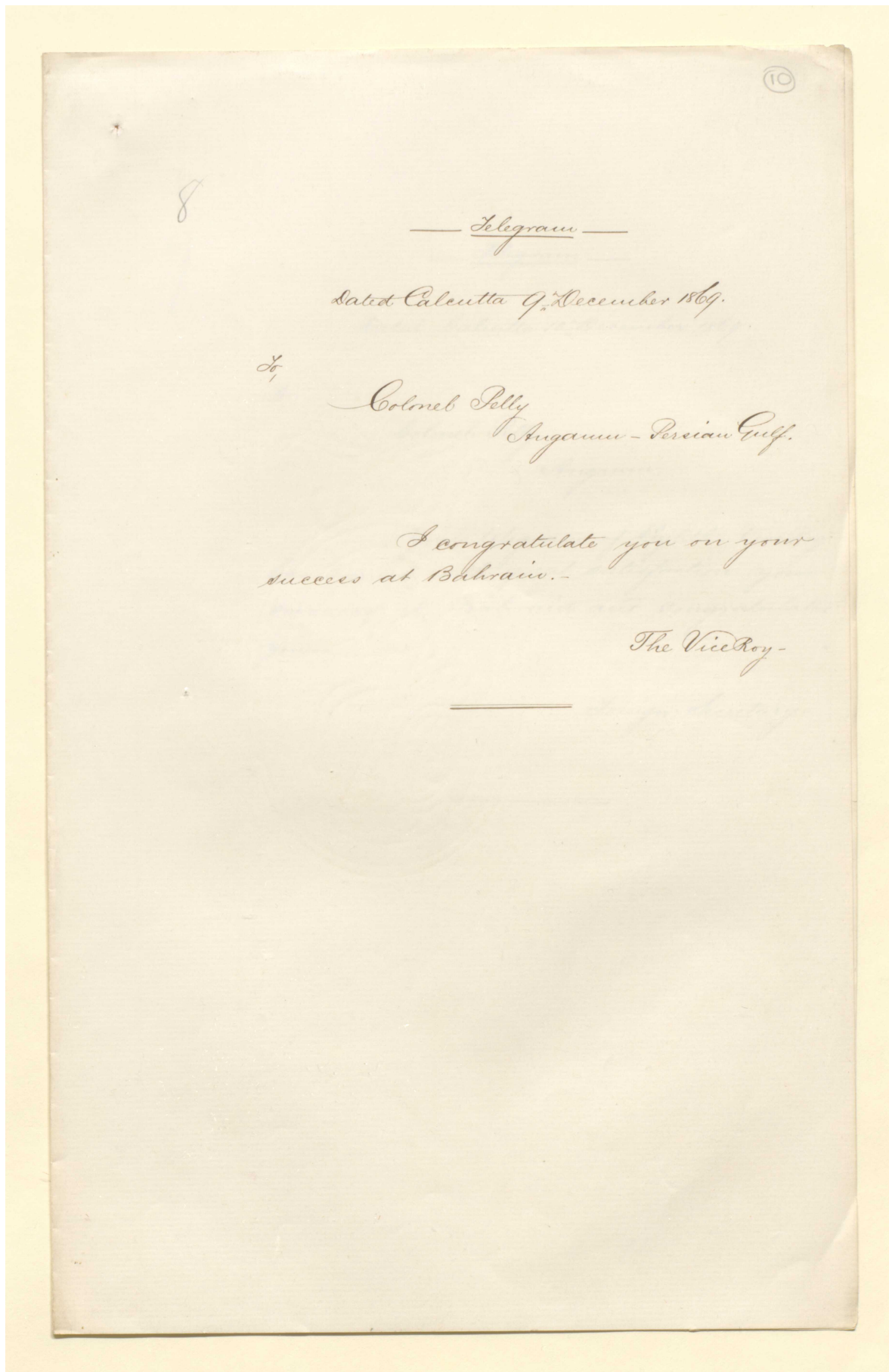
The Political Resident, Persian Gulf. — (With copy of
the Government of India's letter). —

"True Copy"
Lewis Pelly Captain
2nd Officer Political Resident
Persian Gulf

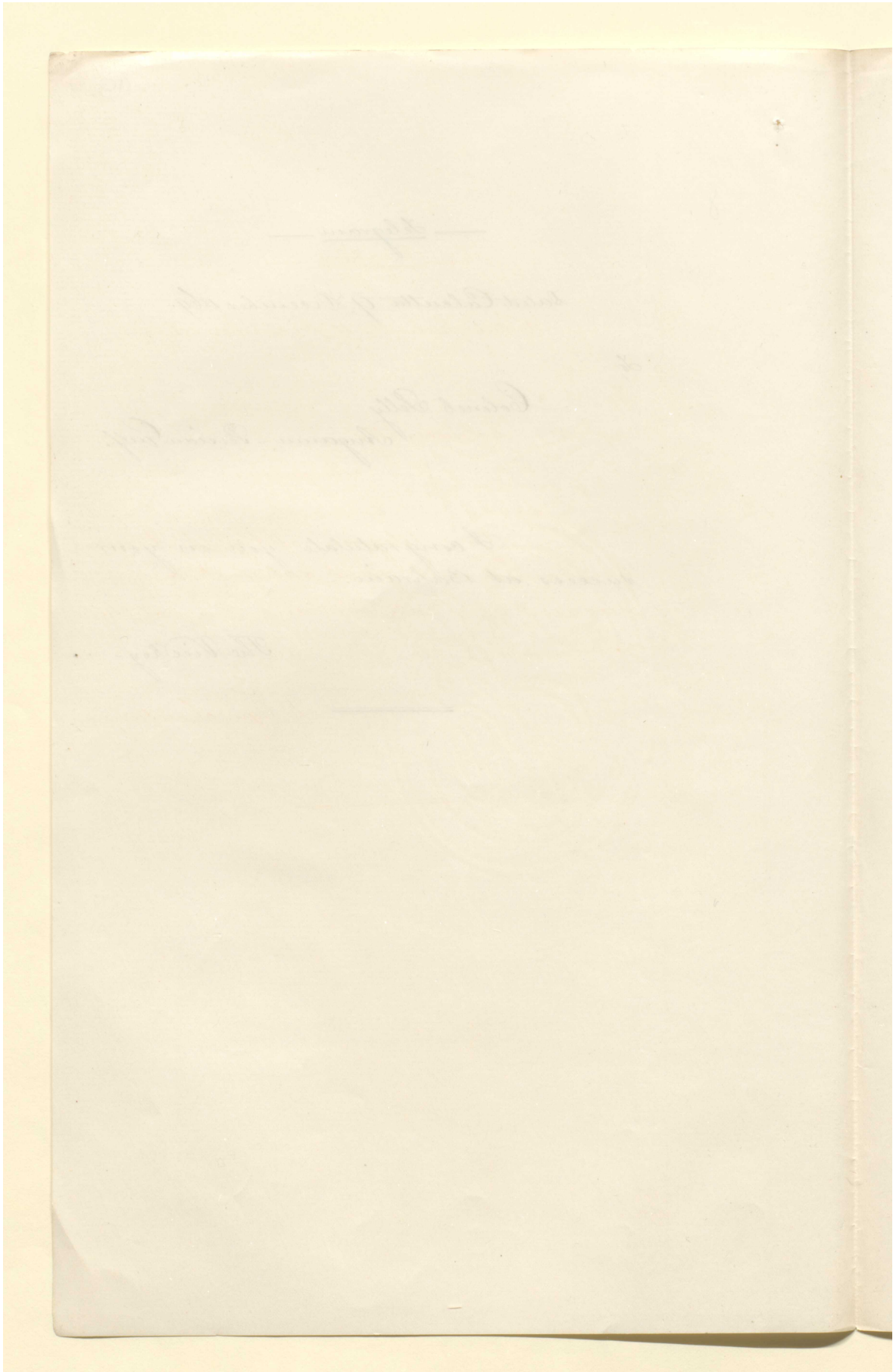
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Political Department, Bombay Castle to Lewis Pelly, The Political Resident,
Persian Gulf [9v] (2/2)



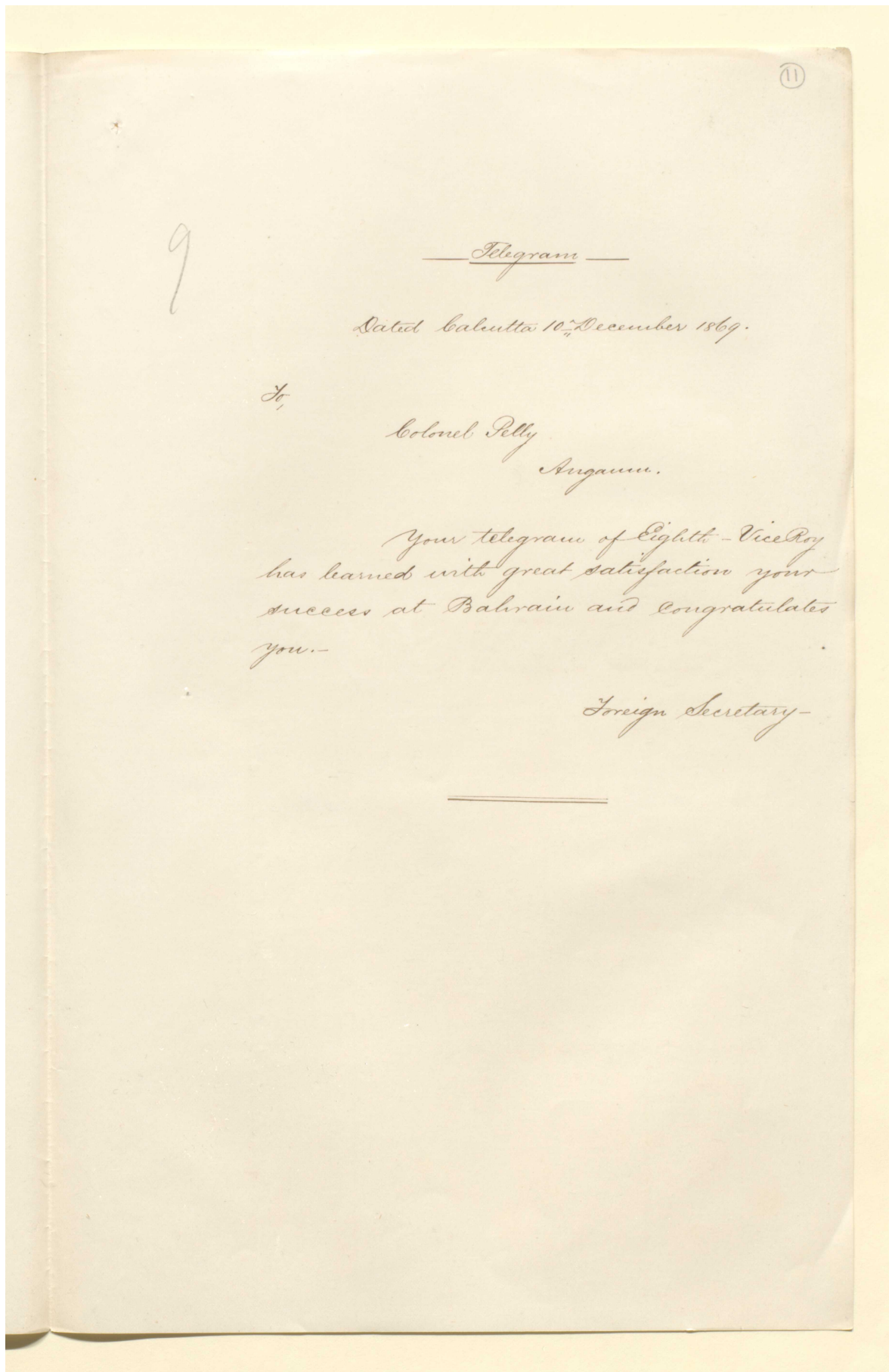
Telegram from The Viceroy, Calcutta to Colonel Pelly, Augaum [Henjam], Persian Gulf [10r] (1/2)



Telegram from The Viceroy, Calcutta to Colonel Pelly, Augaum [Henjam], Persian Gulf [10v] (2/2)



Telegram from The Foreign Secretary, Calcutta to Colonel Pelly, Augaum [Henjam]
[11r] (1/2)



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Telegram

Dated Calcutta 10th December 1869.

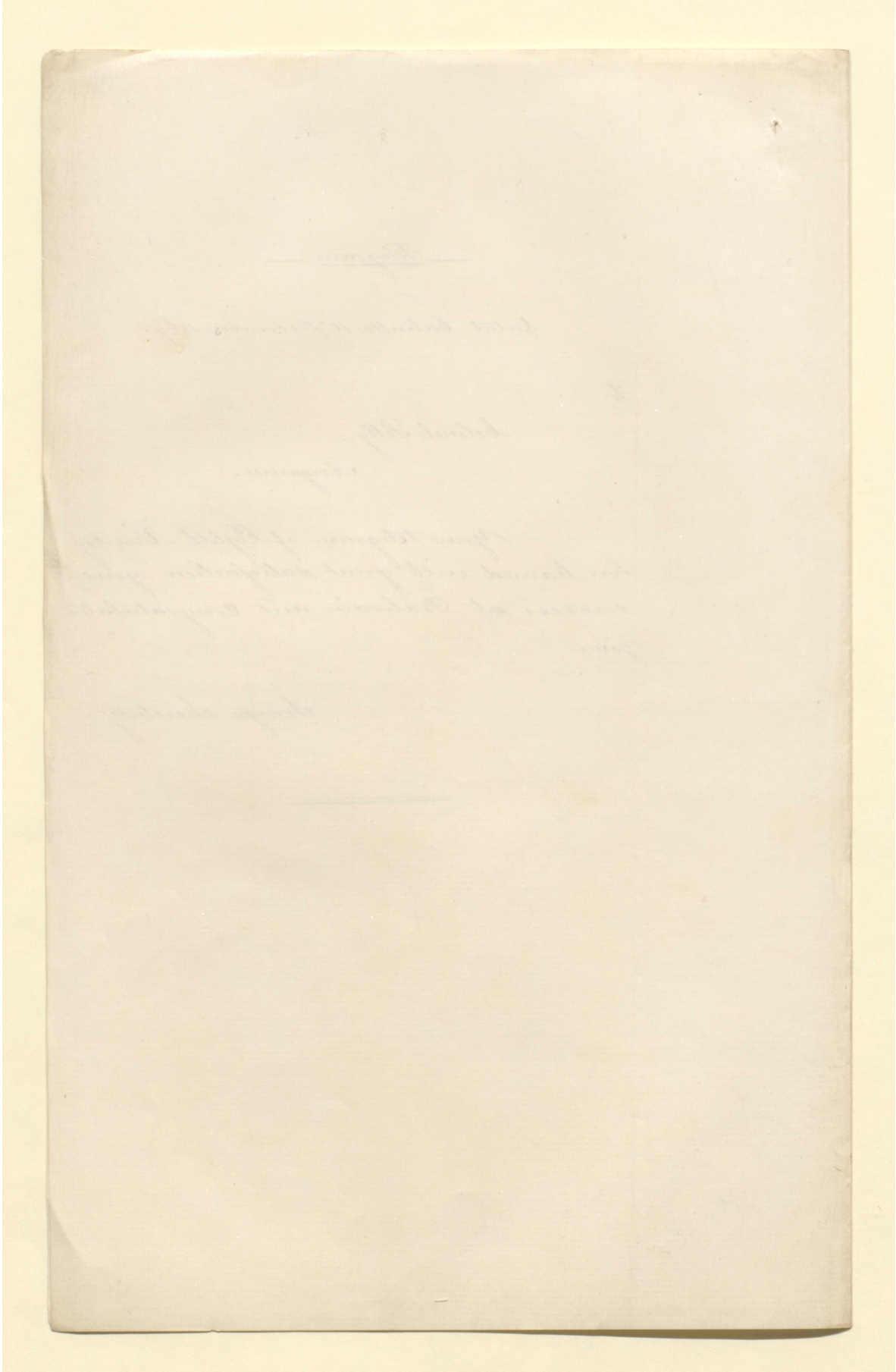
To,

Colonel Pelly
Augaum.

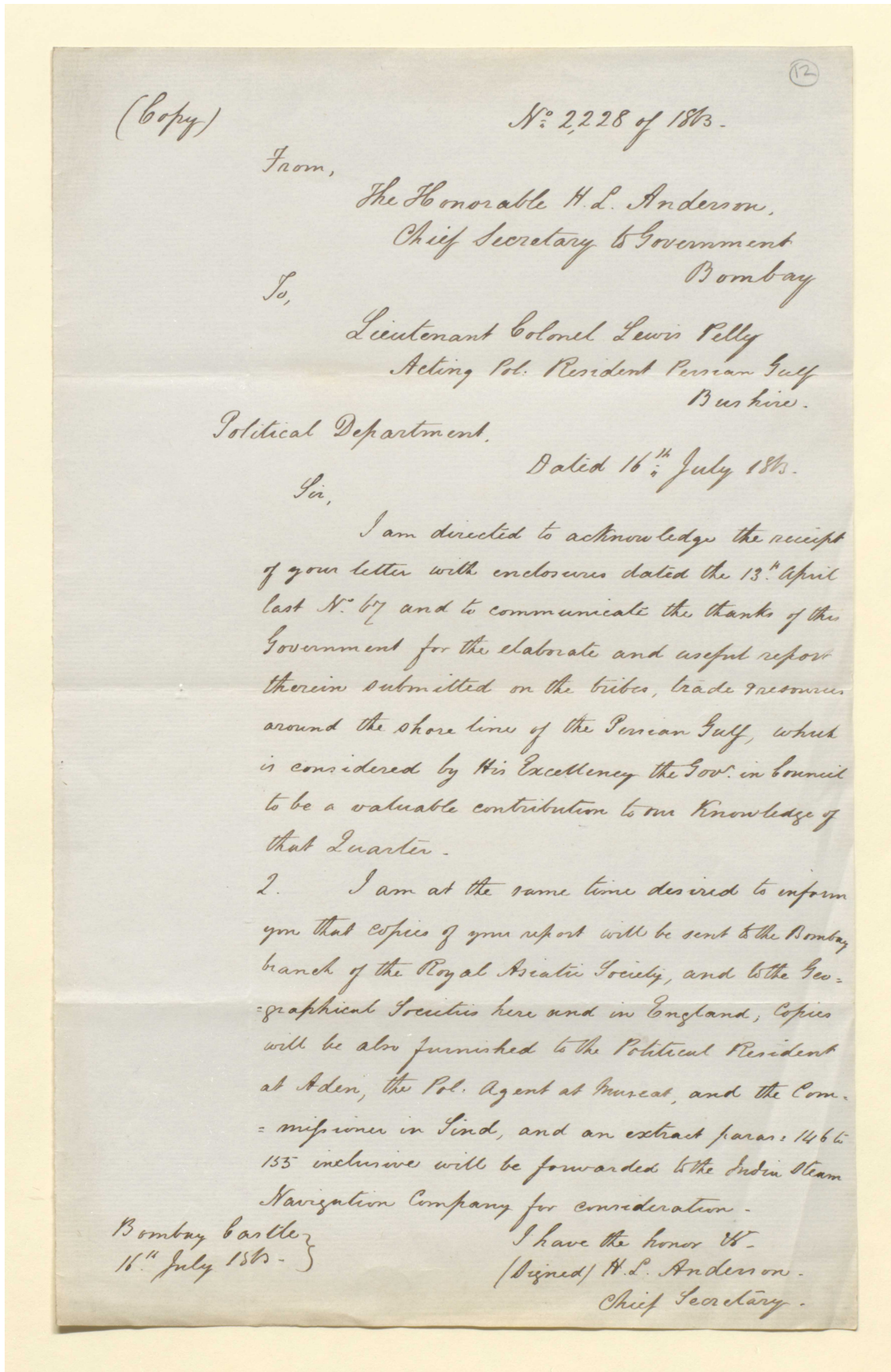
Your telegram of Eighth - Vice Roy
has been read with great satisfaction your
success at Bahrain and congratulates
you.

Foreign Secretary-

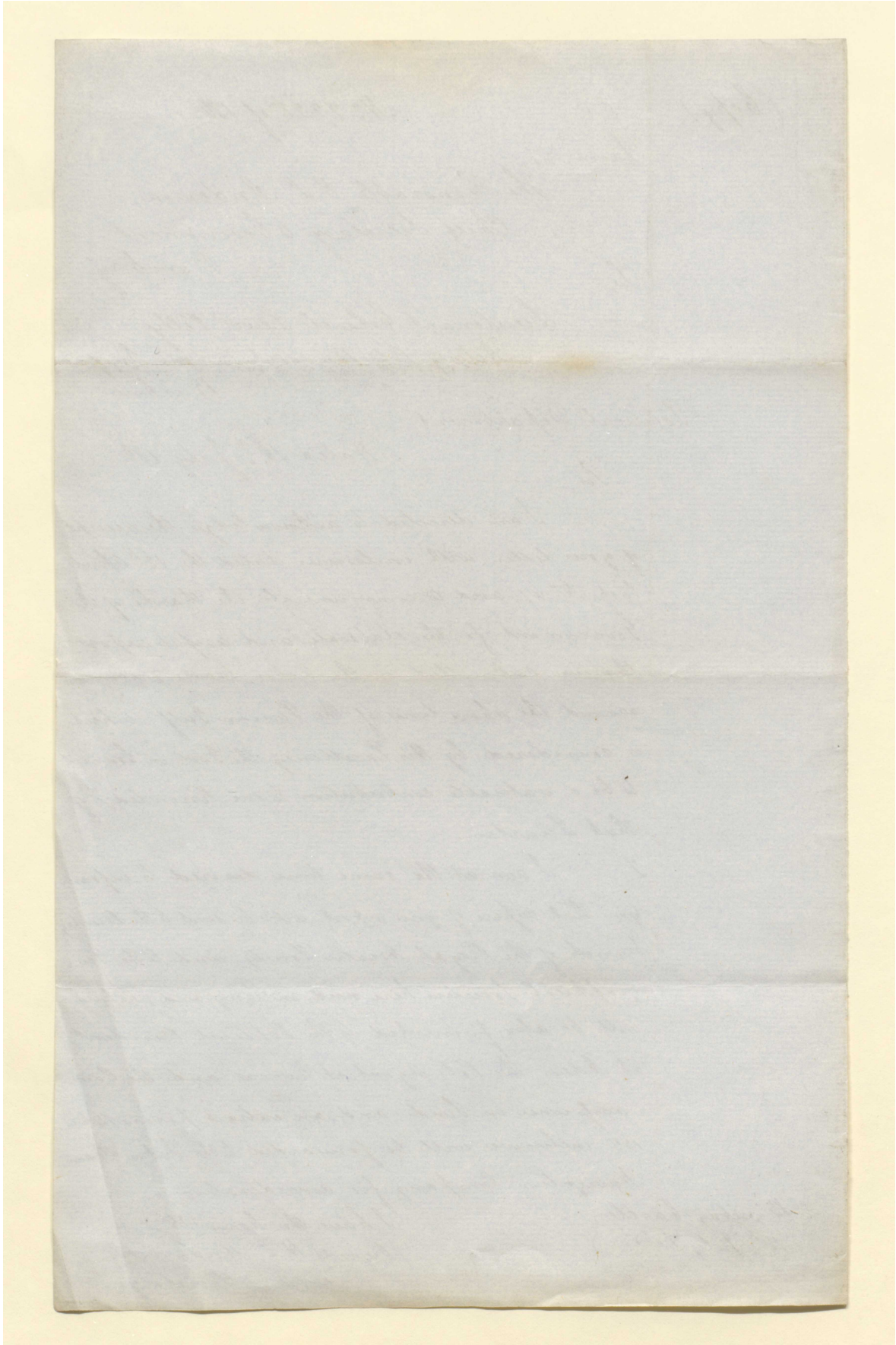
Telegram from The Foreign Secretary, Calcutta to Colonel Pelly, Augaum [Henjam]
[11v] (2/2)



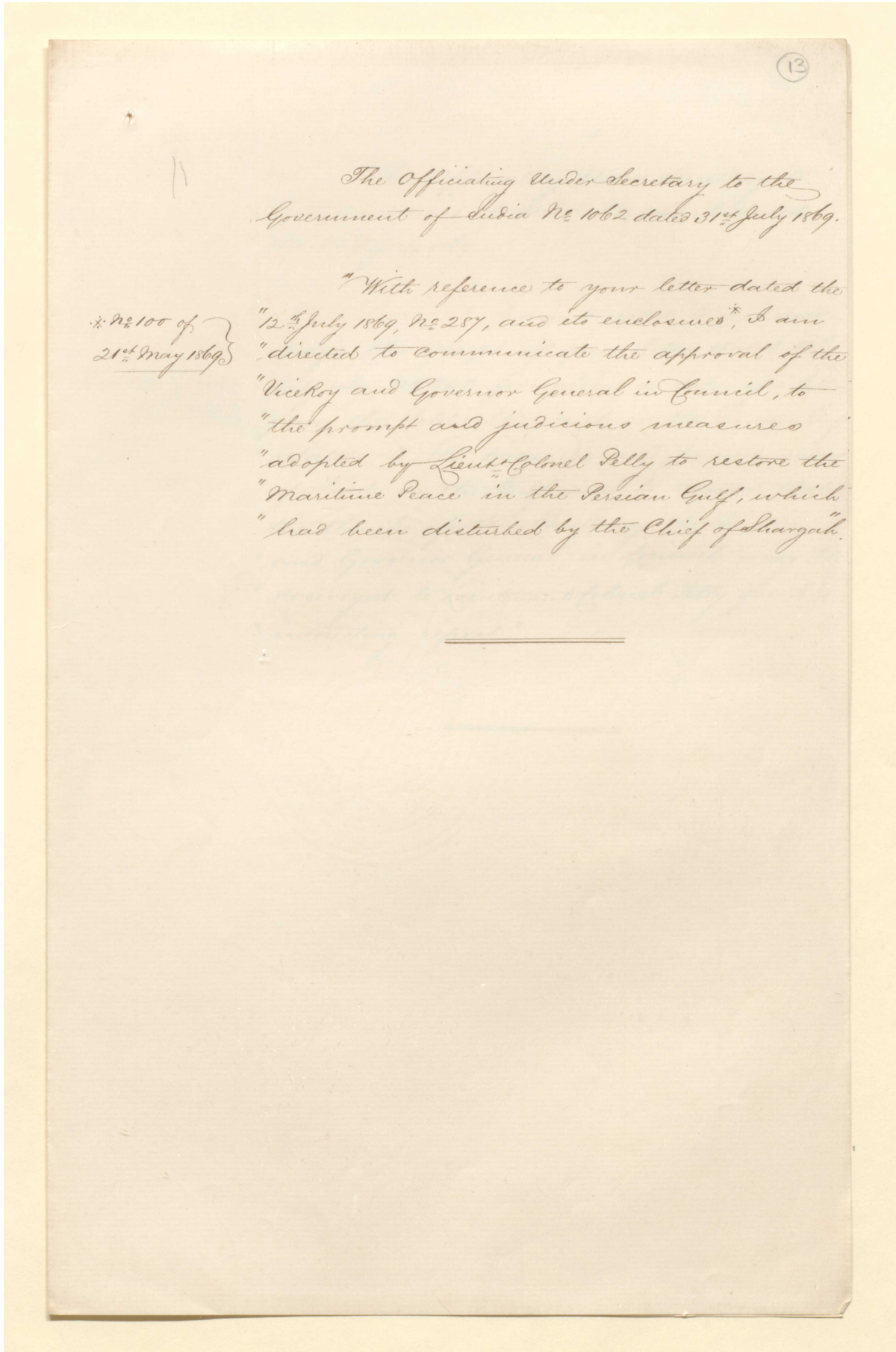
Letter No. 2228 of 1863 from Henry Lacon Anderson, Chief Secretary to
Government, Bombay to Lieutenant Colonel Lewis Pelly, Acting Political Resident
Persian Gulf, Bushire [12r] (1/2)



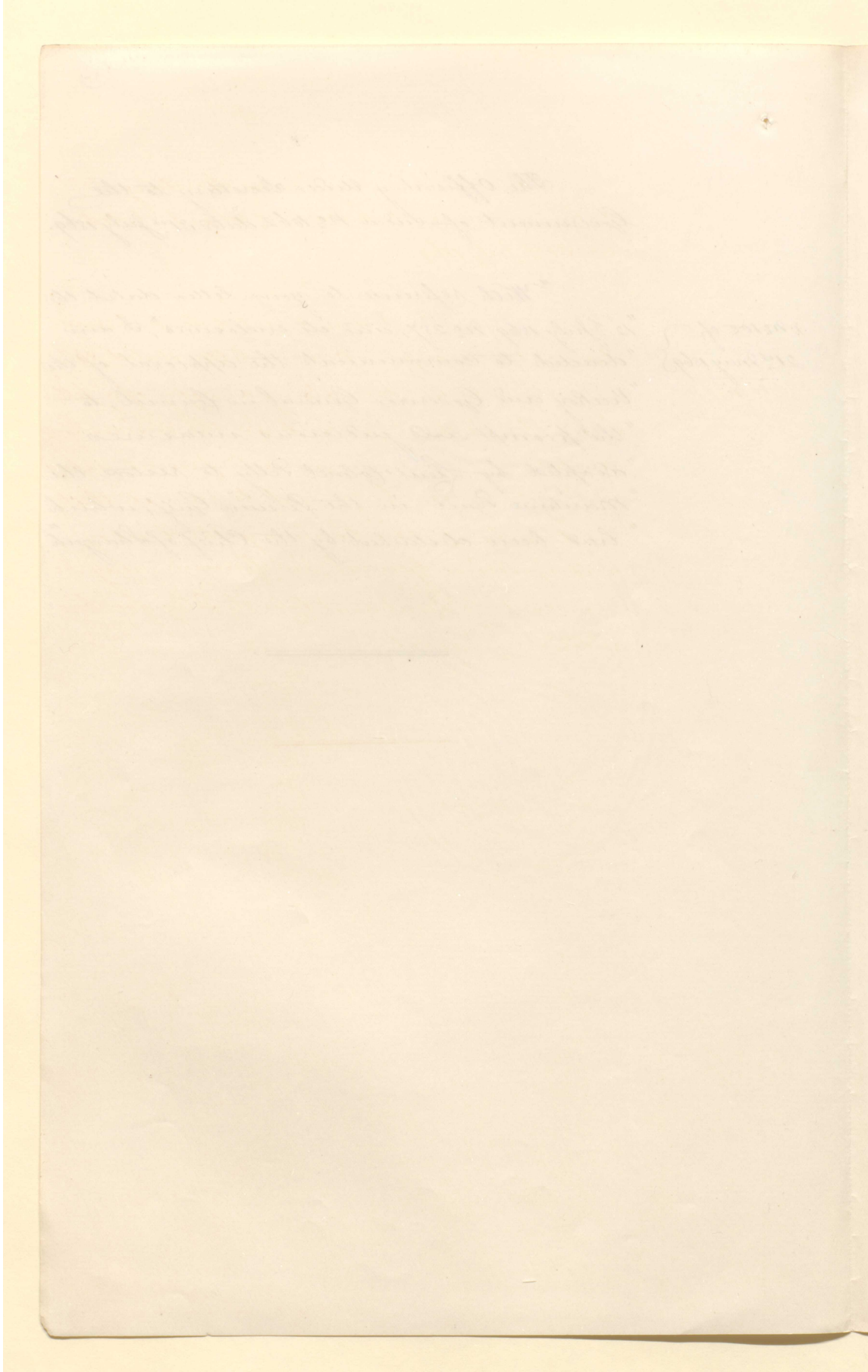
**Letter No. 2228 of 1863 from Henry Lacon Anderson, Chief Secretary to
Government, Bombay to Lieutenant Colonel Lewis Pelly, Acting Political Resident
Persian Gulf, Bushire [12v] (2/2)**



Letter No. 1062 from the Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India
to Lieutenant-Colonel Lewis Pelly [13r] (1/2)



Letter No. 1062 from the Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India
to Lieutenant-Colonel Lewis Pelly [13v] (2/2)



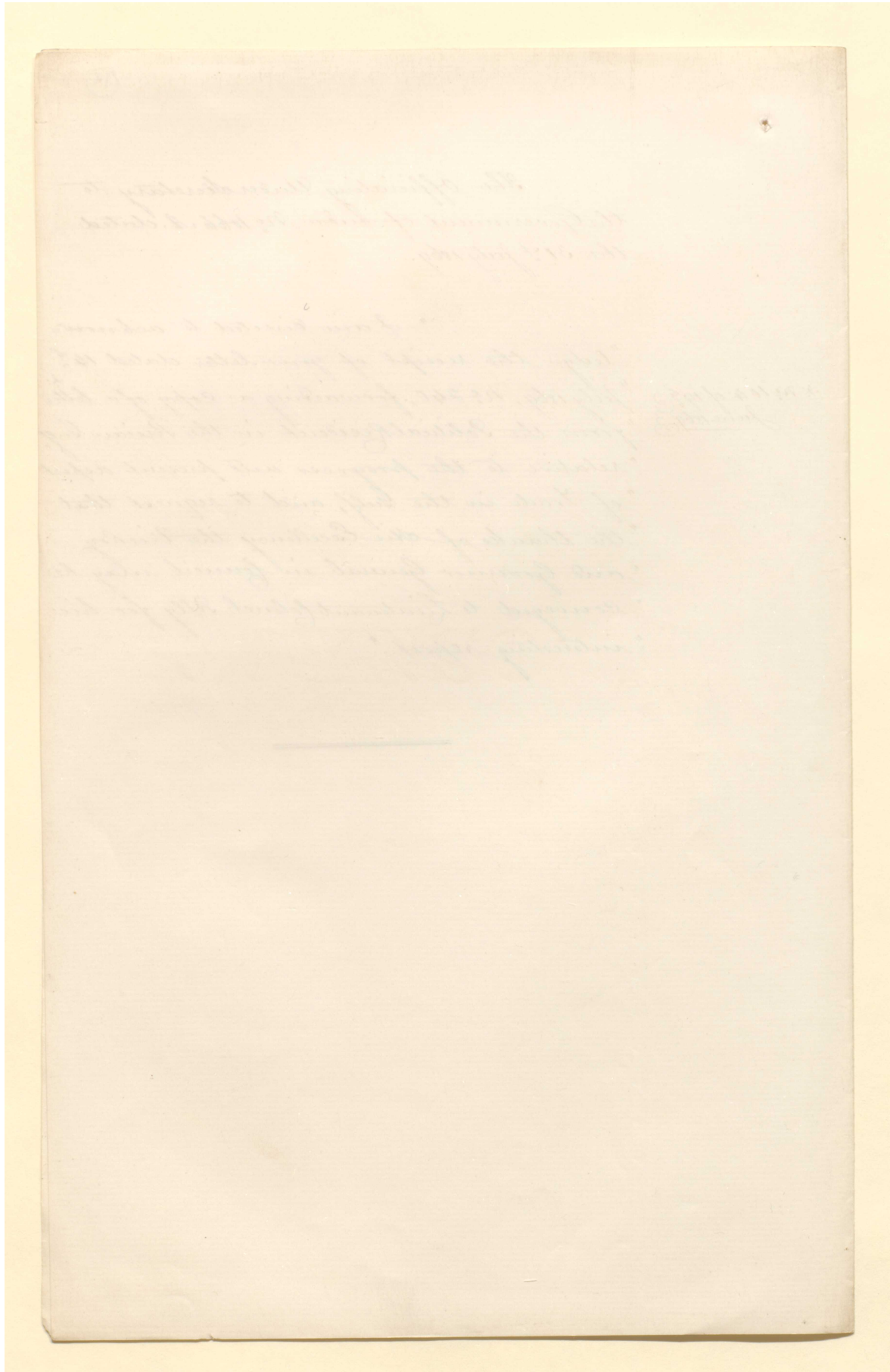
Letter No. 1066A from the Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India
to Lieutenant-Colonel Lewis Pelly [14r] (1/2)

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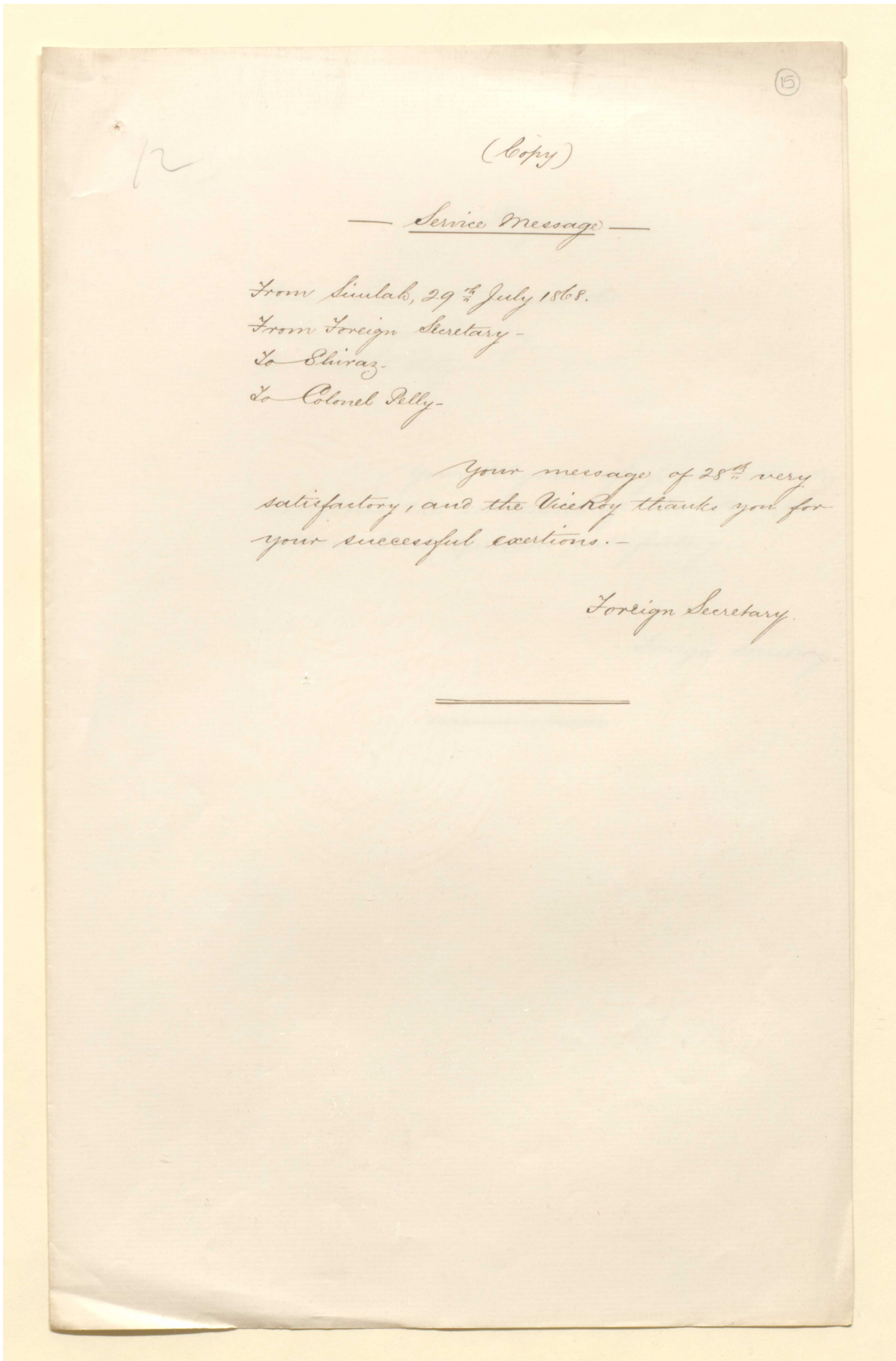
The Officiating Under Secretary to
the Government of India, No. 1066 A. dated
the 31st July 1869.

" I am directed to acknow-
" ledge the receipt of your letter dated 14th
" July 1869, No. 240, forwarding a copy of a letter
* No. 104 of 19th June 1869
" from the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf
" relative to the progress and present aspect
" of Trade in the Gulf, and to request that
" the thanks of His Excellency the Viceroy
" and Governor General in Council may be
" conveyed to Lieutenant Colonel Pelly for his
" interesting report."

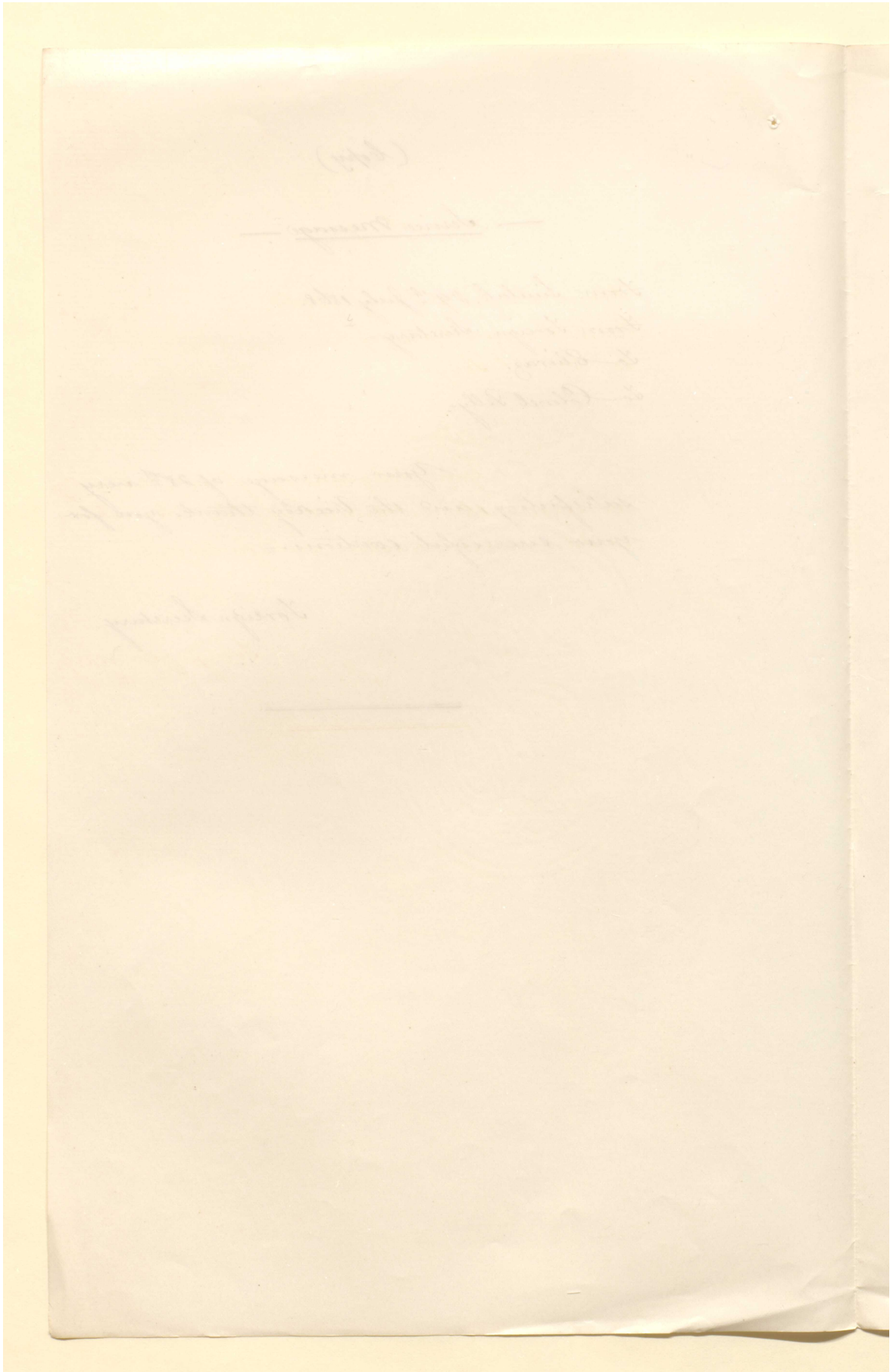
Letter No. 1066A from the Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India
to Lieutenant-Colonel Lewis Pelly [14v] (2/2)



Service Message from the Foreign Secretary, Simlah [Simla] to Colonel Pelly,
Shiraz [15r] (1/2)



Service Message from the Foreign Secretary, Simlah [Simla] to Colonel Pelly,
Shiraz [15v] (2/2)



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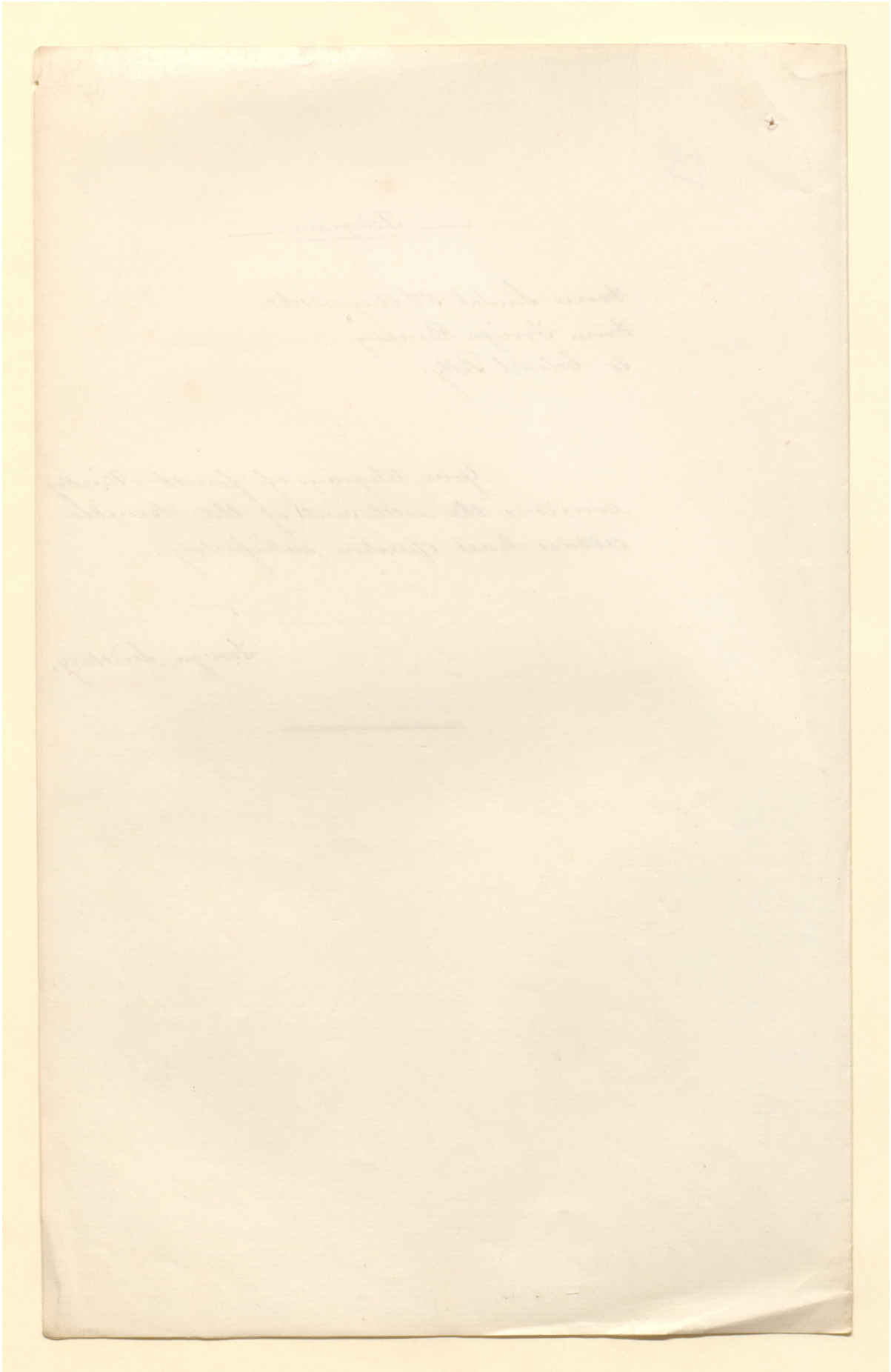
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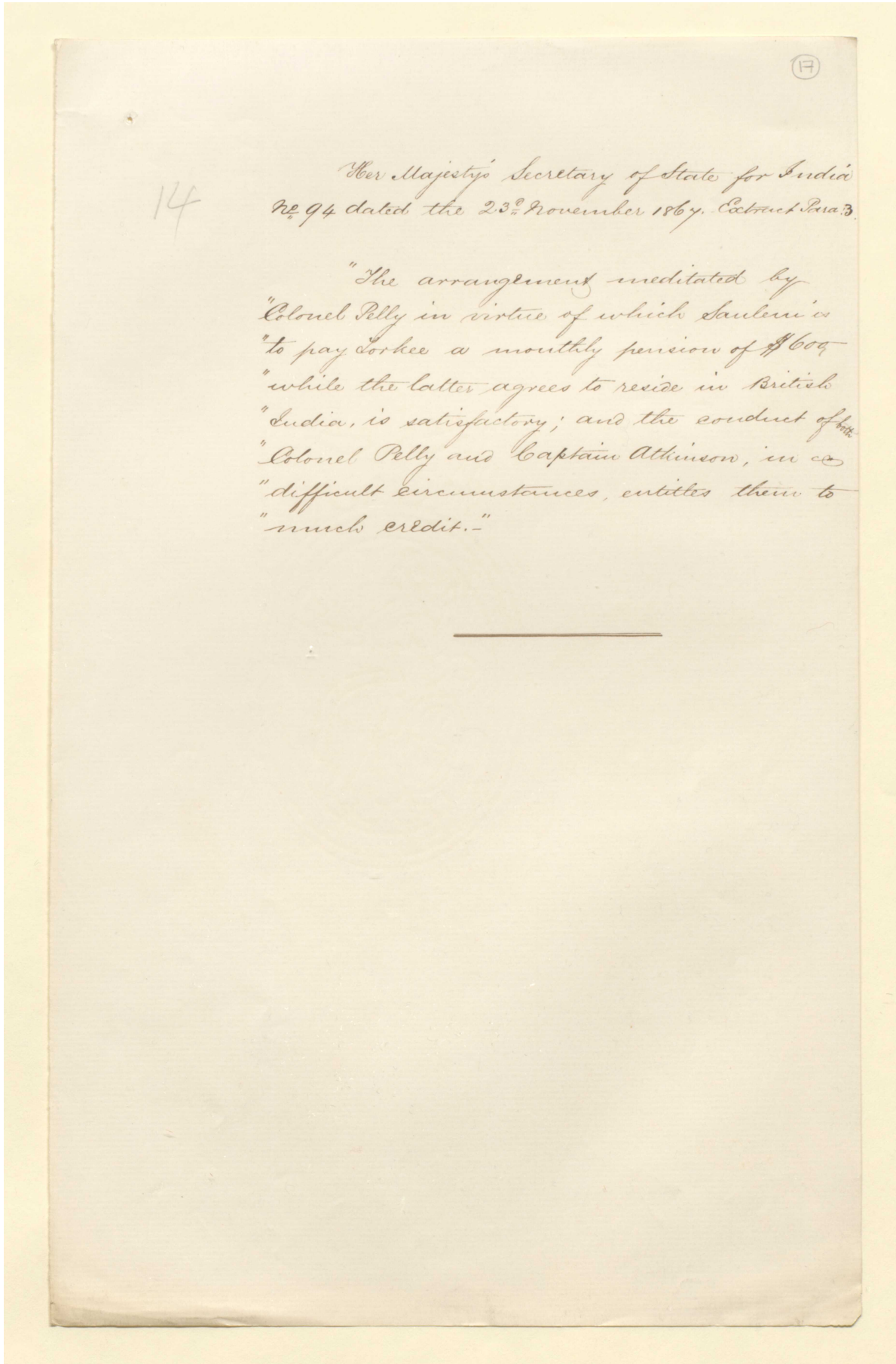
From Simlah, 5th August 1868.
From Foreign Secretary
to Colonel Pelly.—

Your telegram of fourth—Viceroy
considers the settlement of the Bunder
Abbass lease question satisfactory.—

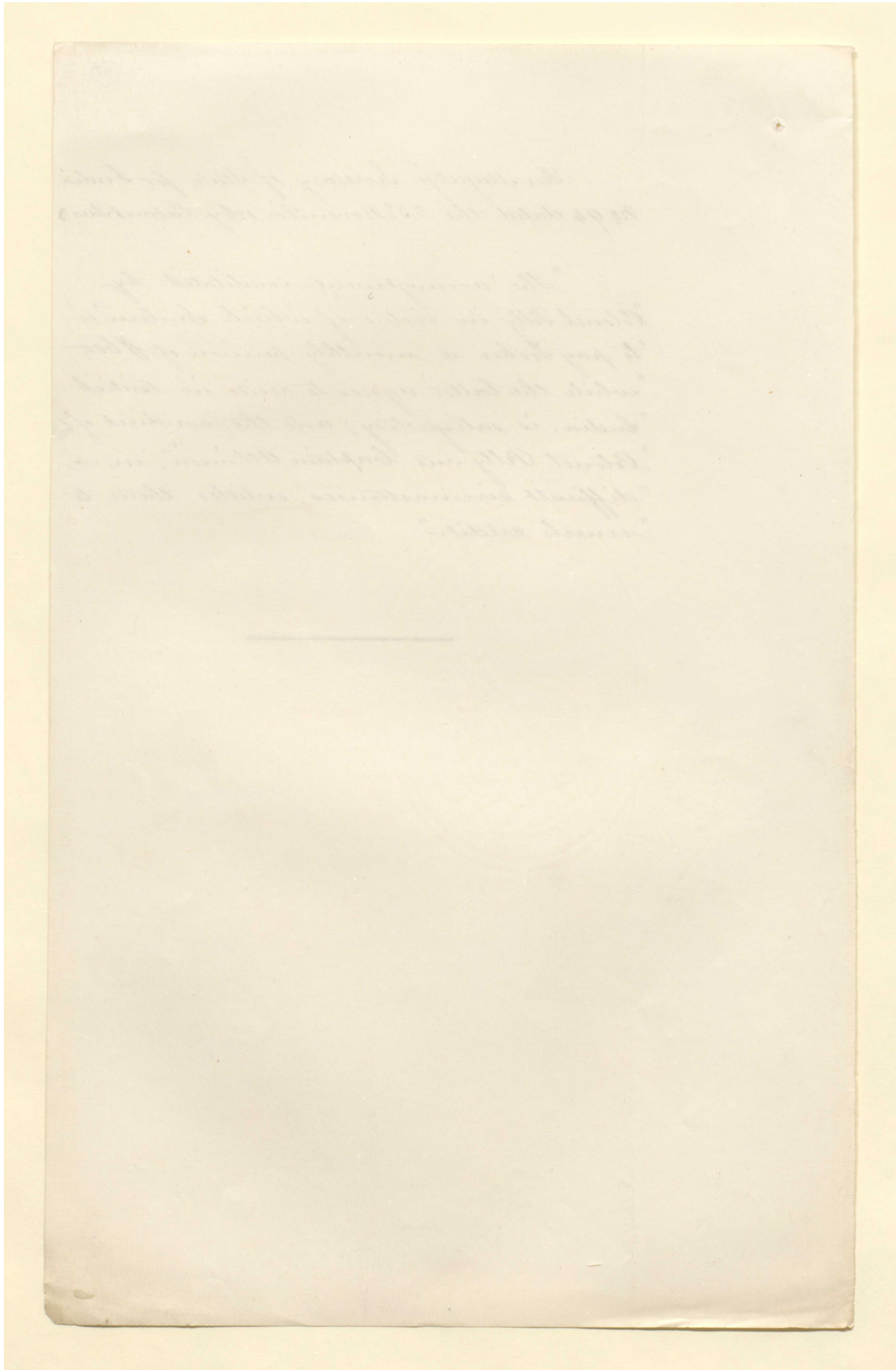
Foreign Secretary.



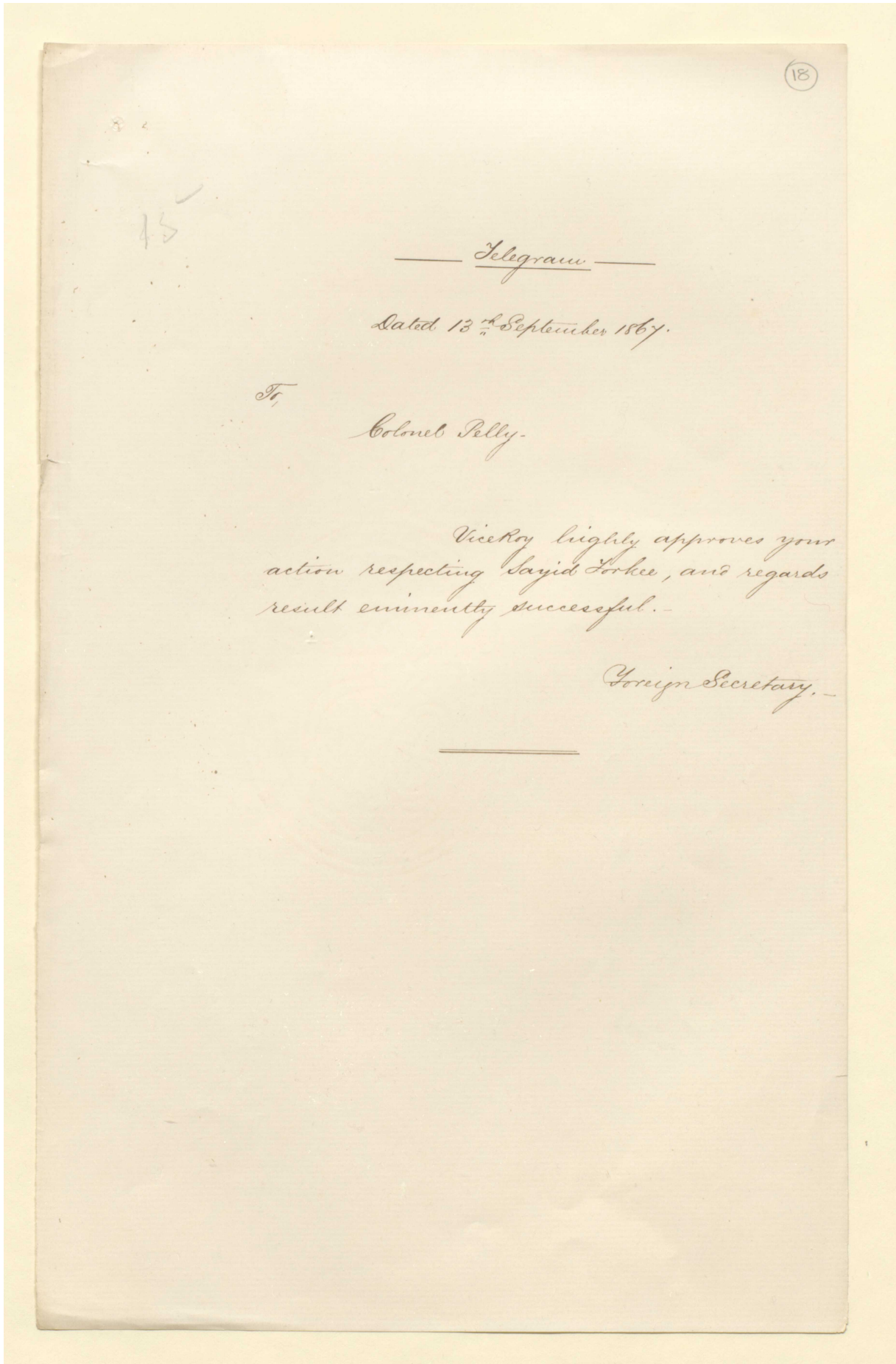
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Colonel Lewis Pelly [17r] (1/2)

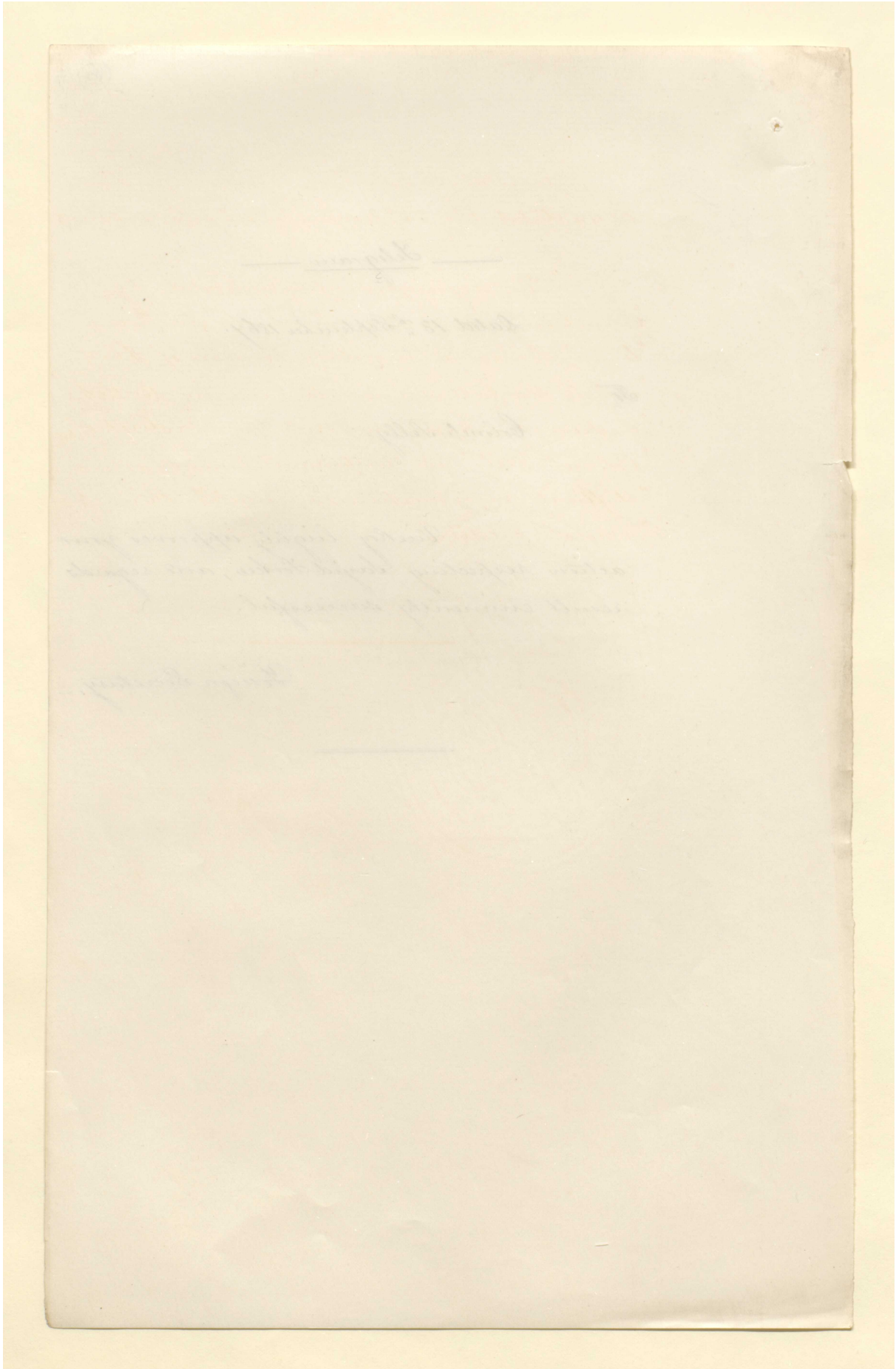


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Colonel Lewis Pelly [17v] (2/2)

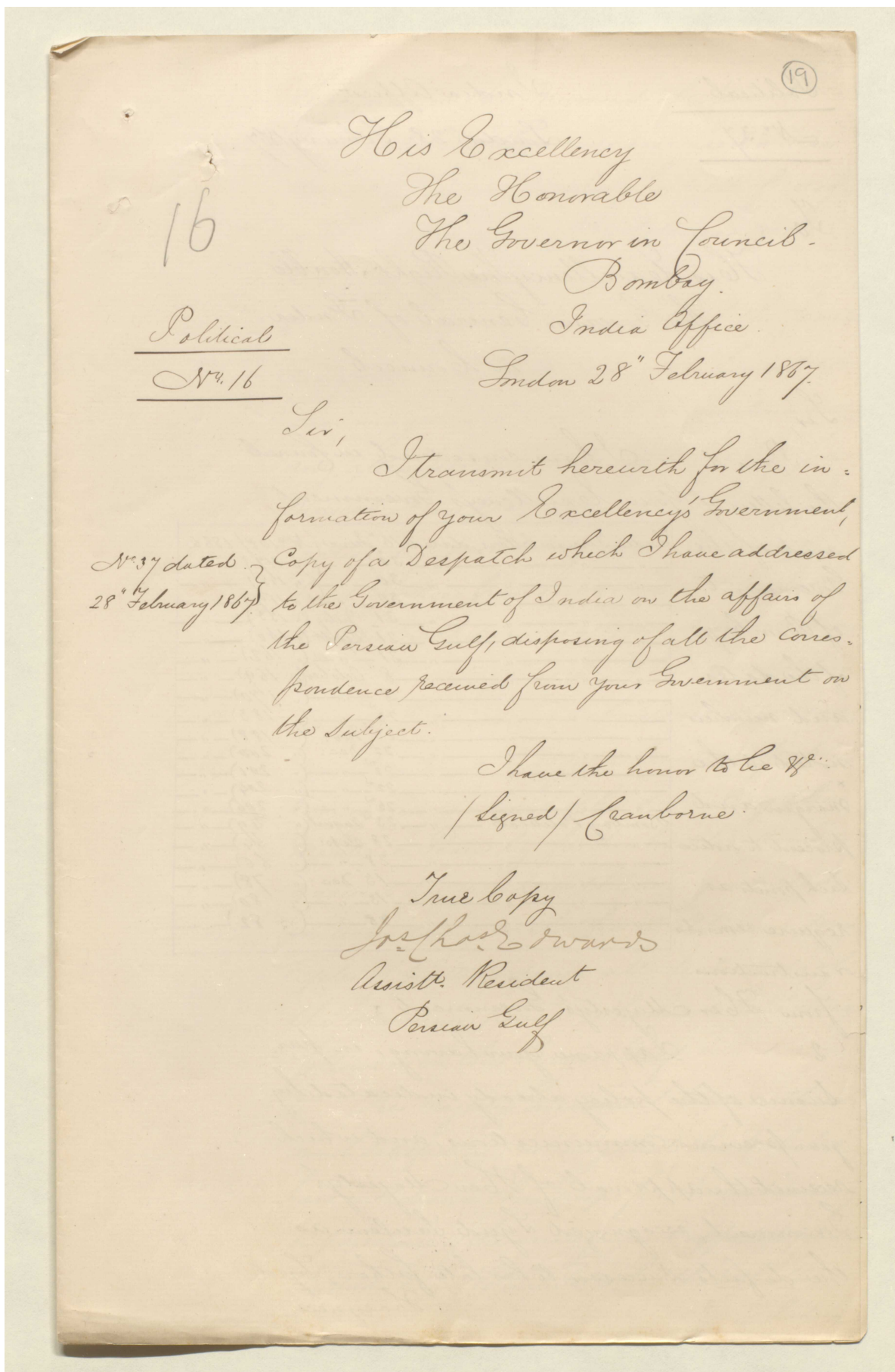


Telegram from the Foreign Secretary to Colonel Pelly [18r] (1/2)





Letter No.16, Political from Lord Cranborne, India Office to The Governor in Council, Bombay [19r] (1/4)



Letter No.16, Political from Lord Cranborne, India Office to The Governor in Council, Bombay [19v] (2/4)

Political
N^o. 37

India Office.
London 28th February 1867

To,
His Excellency The Right Honble.
The Governor General of India.
in Council.

Sir,
Para 1. I have considered in Council
the letters of Your Excellency's Government,
and of the Government
of Bombay;
of the dates
and numbers
noted in the
margin and
proceed to notice
such points as
require remarks
or instructions

India Foreign letters, dated 16 th June (N ^o . 108) 1866.	
" " " " " 30	" " (" 117) "
" " " " " 30	" " (" 118) "
" " " " " 30 th	" " (" 119) "
" " " " " 31	July (" 133) "
" " " " " 27	Sept ^r (" 150) "
" " " " " 27	" (" 162) "
" " " " " 8	October (" 169) "
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" " " " " 22	" (" 204) "
" " " " " 22	" (" 206) "
Bombay Political	" 25 August (" 49) "
" " " " " 28	Sept: (" 64) "
" " " " " 28	" (" 65) "
" " " " " 13	Dec: (" 78) "
" " " " " 13	" (" 80) "
" " " " " 28	" (" 82) "

from Her Majesty's Government -
2. I approve your having, in pur-
suance of the policy already indicated by
your previous communications, and which
received the approval of Her Majesty's
Government, recognized Syud Saulew as
the de facto successor to his late father, Syud
Shaeynee.

Letter No.16, Political from Lord Cranborne, India Office to The Governor in Council, Bombay [20v] (4/4)

lately contending Parties are on a footing of Amity.
This result appears to be, in a great measure,
due to the exertions of the Pol. Resident, and
to the tact and conciliatory demeanor which enable
him to impress on the Wahahees the conviction,
that the British Govt. had no wish for Oman, but
to see its people governed by chiefs of their own choice,
and that their only object in interfering in any
way, is to prevent a possible return to the lawless
and piratical practices of former times -

5 It is unnecessary for me, at the present
time, to express my opinion upon certain measures
taken by Col. Pelley, which have been the subject of
much discussion between your Govt and the Govt of
Bombay. But I cannot let this opportunity pass without
emphatically expressing my concurrence in the
high estimate which both your Excellency and the
Governor of Bombay have formed of the merits of
that distinguished officer.

6 It only remains for Her Majesty's
Govt. to refer to that portion of the Correspondence
under reply which relates to the Island of
Bahrein, and to express their approval of your
having at once informed Mr. Alison that the
British Govt. are not prepared to admit the
Persian pretensions to sovereignty over it.

I have &c.

True Copy / Signed / Cranborne.
(Signed) A. Cowan }
Assistant Secretary.

True copy

Assent Resident
Persian Envoy

Excerpts of letter No.821, Political from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay [21r] (1/2)

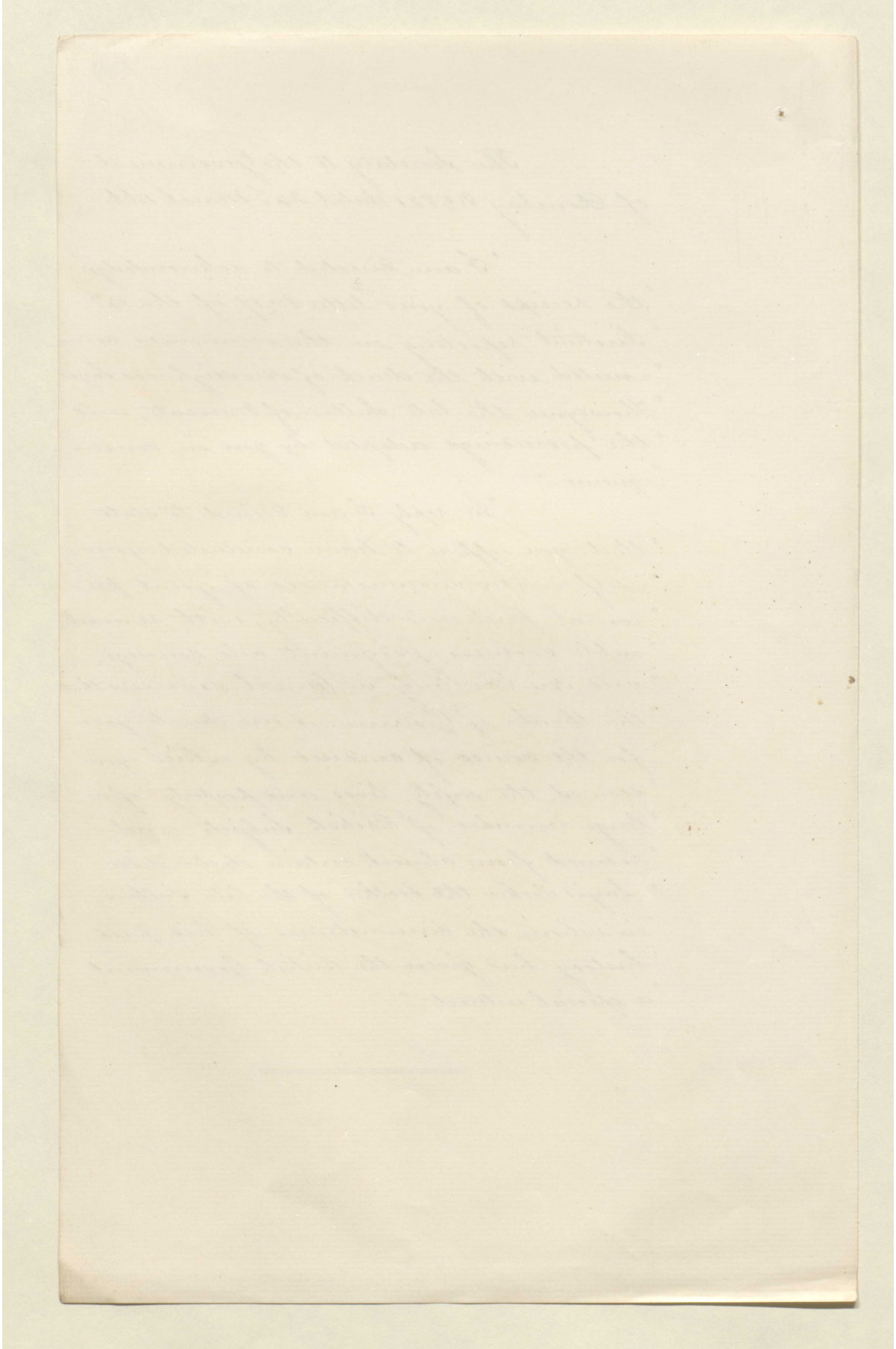
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The Secretary to the Government
of Bombay No. 821 dated 24th March 1866.

"I am directed to acknowledge
"the receipt of your letter No. 17 of the 14th
"Instant reporting on the occurrences con-
"-nected with the death of His Highness Sayid
"Shoueynee the late Sultan of Muscat, and
"the proceedings adopted by you in conse-
"-quence."

"In reply I am desired to state
"that you appear to have conducted your-
"-self under circumstances of great per-
"-sonal peril and difficulty, with remark-
"-able coolness, judgment and courage,
"and His Excellency in Council considers that
"the thanks of Government are due to you
"for the course of conduct by which you
"secured the safety, lives and property of a
"large number of British Subjects and
"rescued from almost certain destruction
"Sayid Cooke the brother of the late Sultan,
"in whom the circumstances of his past
"history had given the British Government
"a special interest."

Excerpts of letter No.821, Political from the Secretary to the Government of
Bombay [21v] (2/2)



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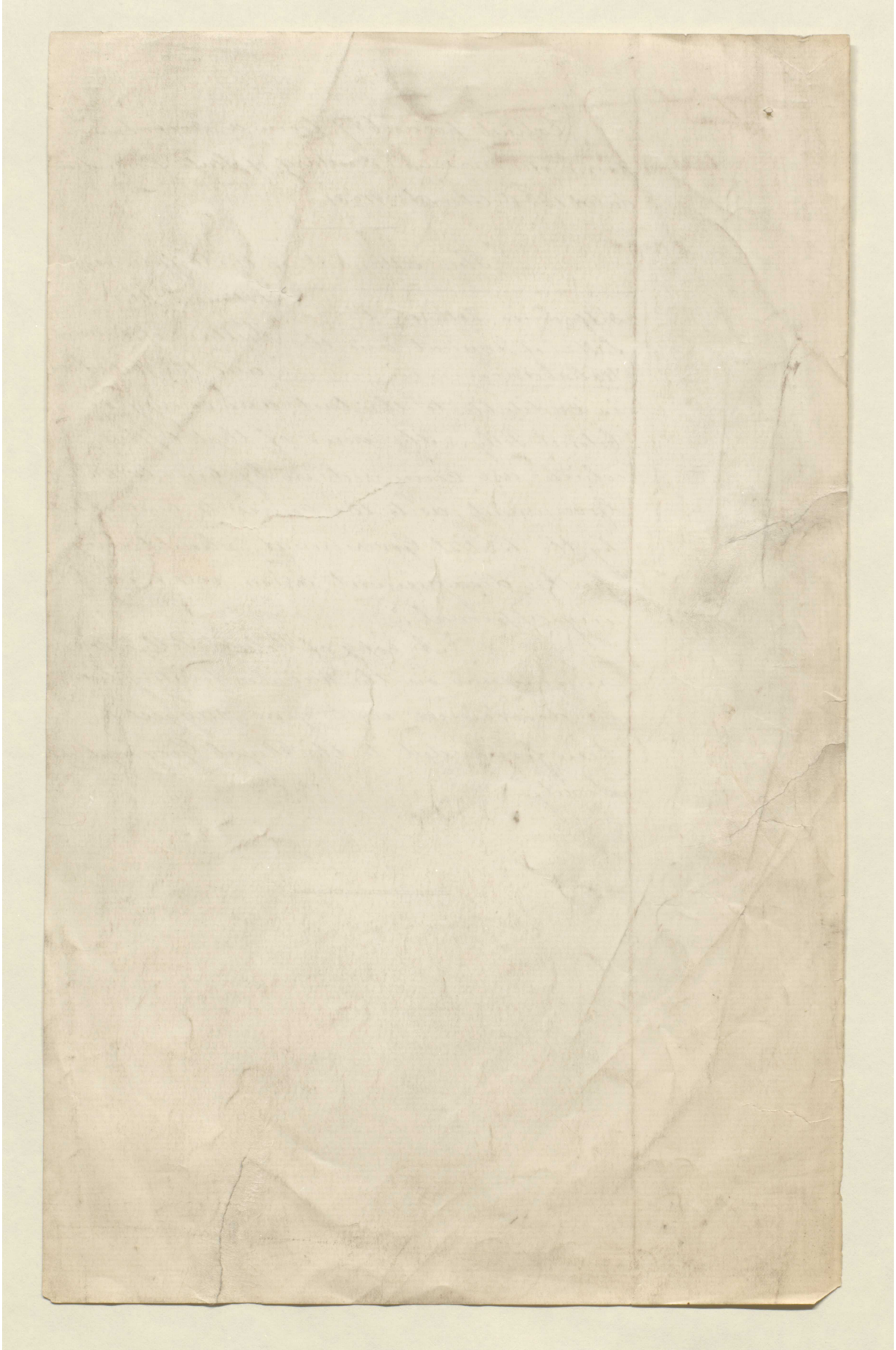
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Extract paras: 687 from a despatch
from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India
dated 16th October 1865. No. 31. -

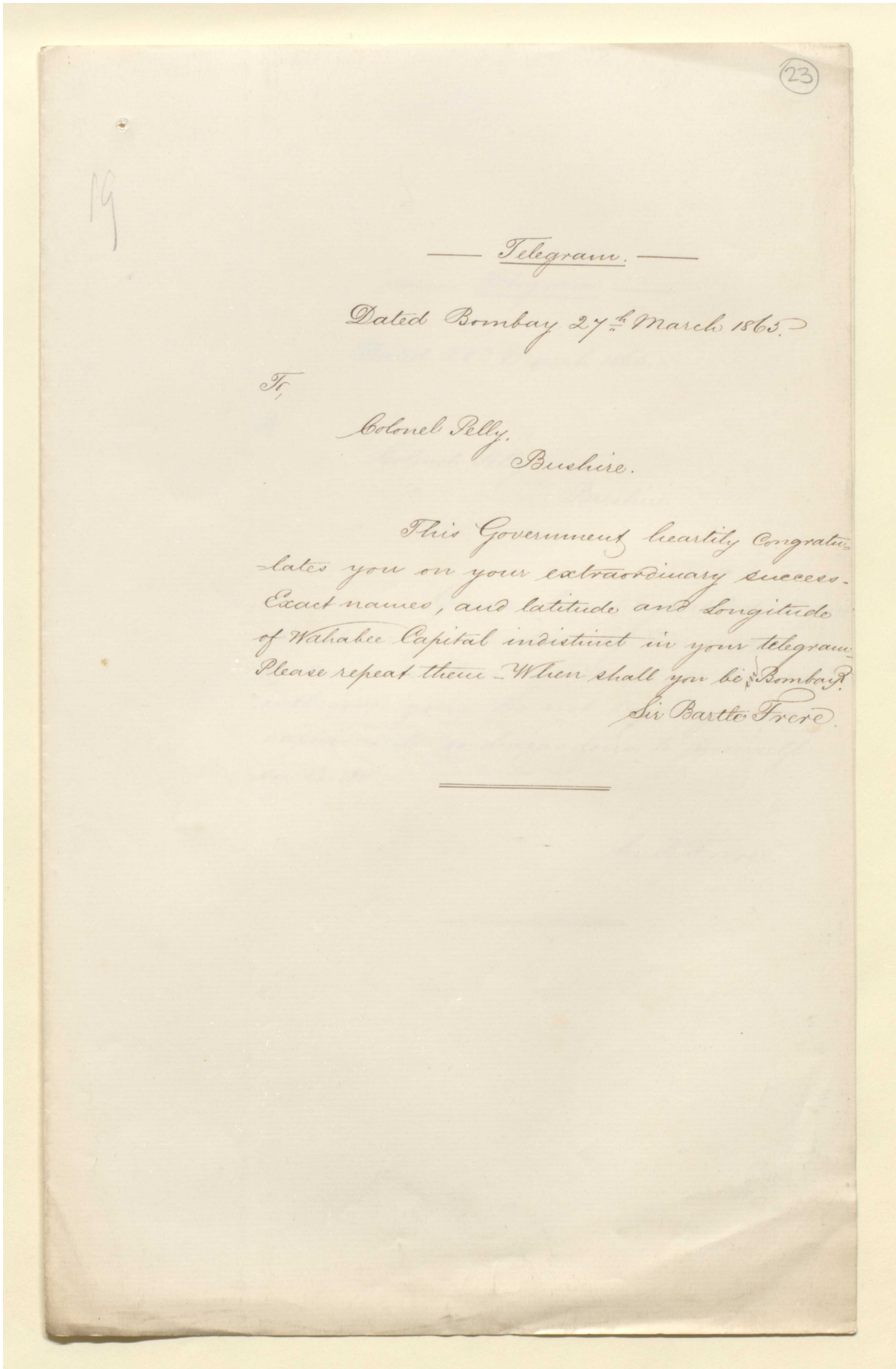
"The settlement of the differences

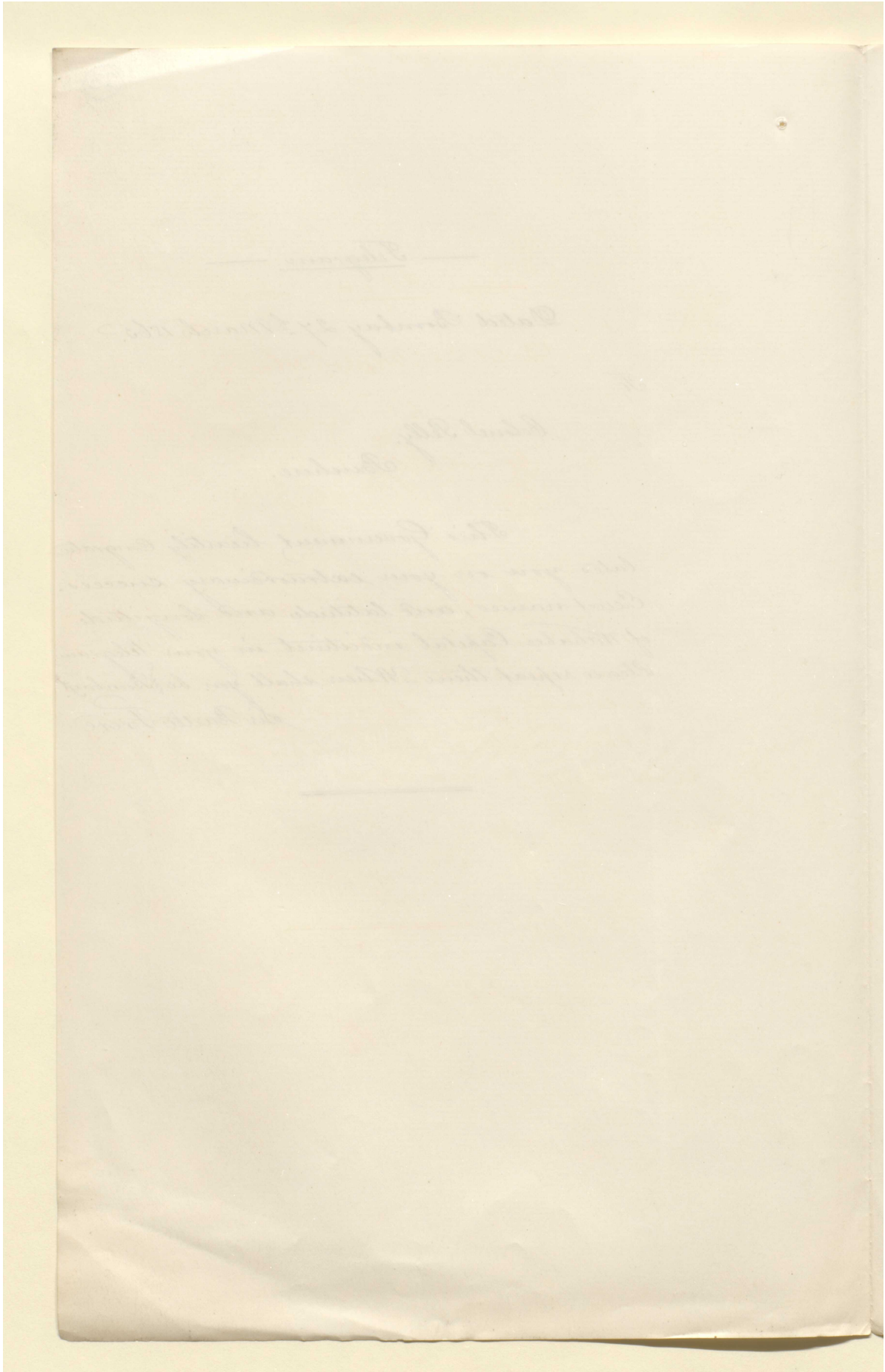
"between the
differences between the Sultan of Muscat and the
Wahabers....." and the Wahabees
"is creditable to the tact and energy of
Colonel Pelly. - The views of that Officer,
which are concurred in by your Excellency's
Government, as to the course to be adopted
by the British Government, should any
further disagreement arise meet with
my approval."

"A copy of Colonel Pelly's me-
morandum on the Wahabee territory has,
in accordance with your suggestion,
been forwarded to the Royal Geographical
Society."



Telegram from Sir Bartle Frere, Bombay to Colonel Pelly, Bushire [23r] (1/2)





Telegram from Sir Bartle Frere to Colonel Pelly, Bushire [24r] (1/2)

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— Telegram —

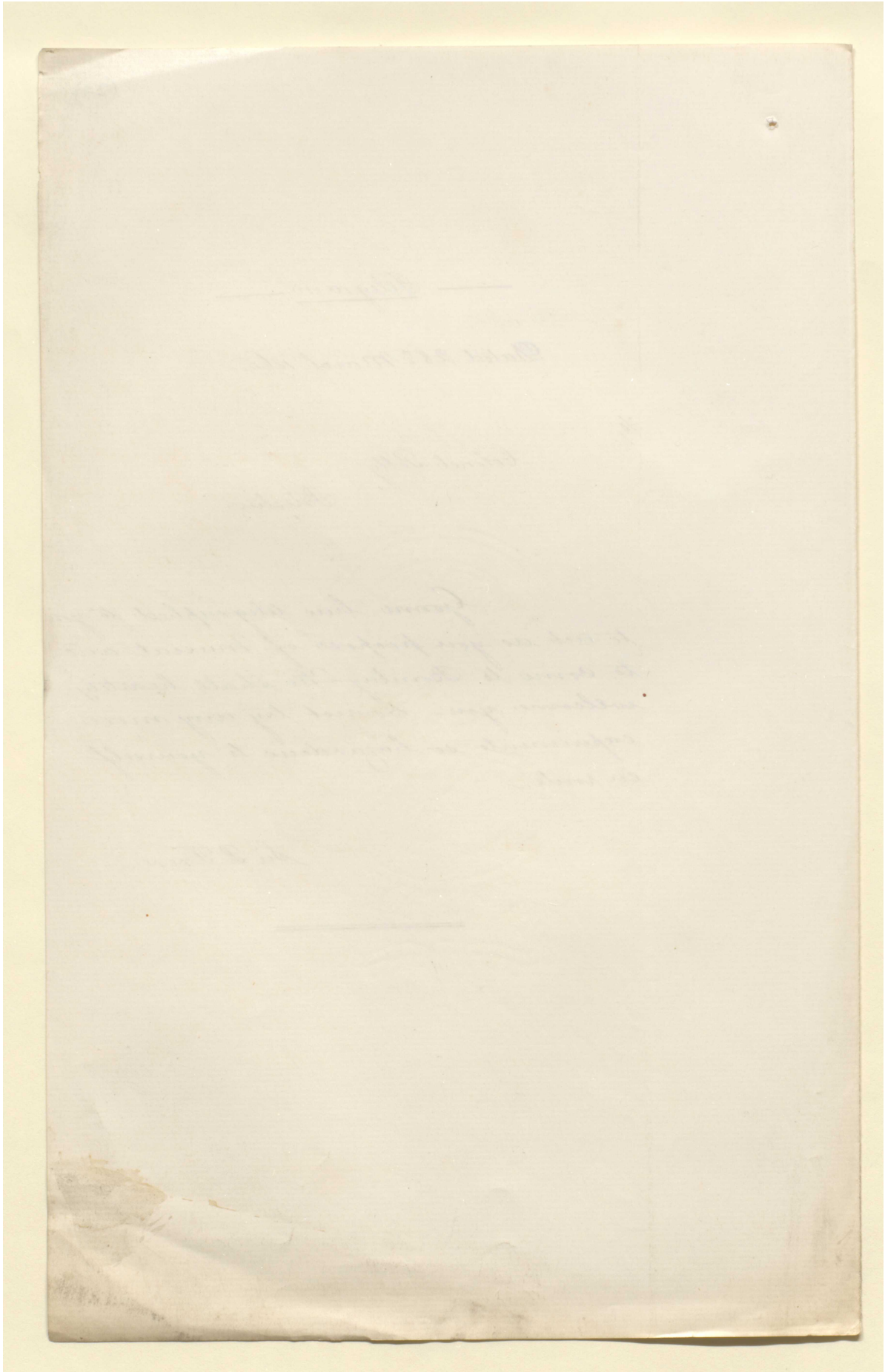
Dated 28th March 1865.-

To,

Colonel Pelly
Bushire

Gomme has telegraphed to you
to act as you propose of Muscat and
to come to Bombay - We shall heartily
welcome you - Do not try any more
experiments so hazardous to yourself
en route.-

Sir B. Frere.-



Extract of letter No. 905 from the Acting Secretary to Government of Bombay
[25r] (1/1)

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The Acting Secretary to Govern-
-ment of Bombay No. 905 dated 11th April 1865.

"I am directed to acknow-
-ledge the receipt of your letter with enclo-
-sures No. 43 dated the 31st December last
"containing information as to the practica-
-bility of the proposed extension of the
"Mekran line of Telegraph."

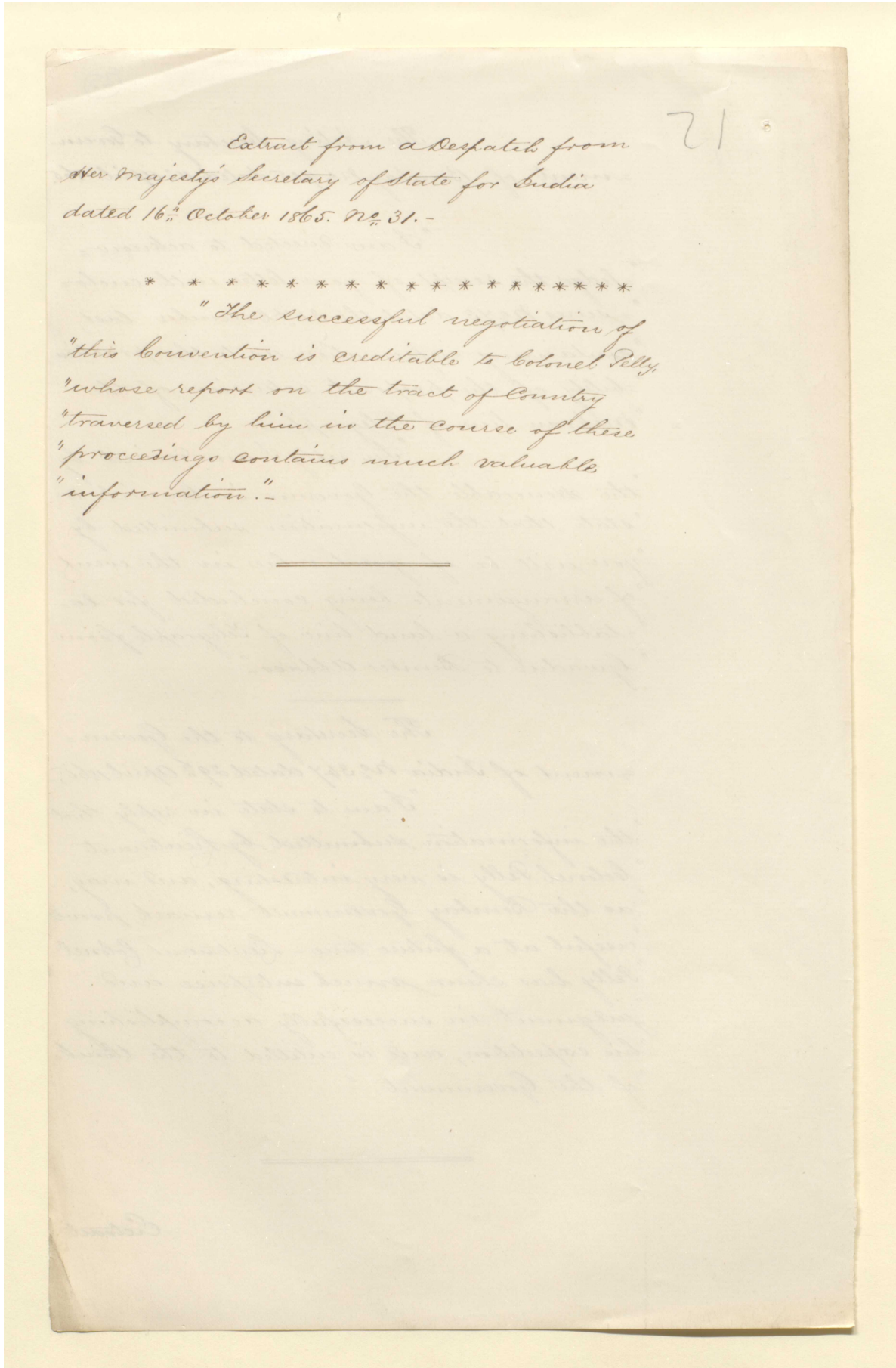
"In reply I am desired by
"the Honorable the Governor in Council to
"state that the information submitted by
"you will be of great value in the event
"of arrangements being concluded for es-
-tablishing a land line of Telegraph from
"Gwadar to Bunder Abbas."

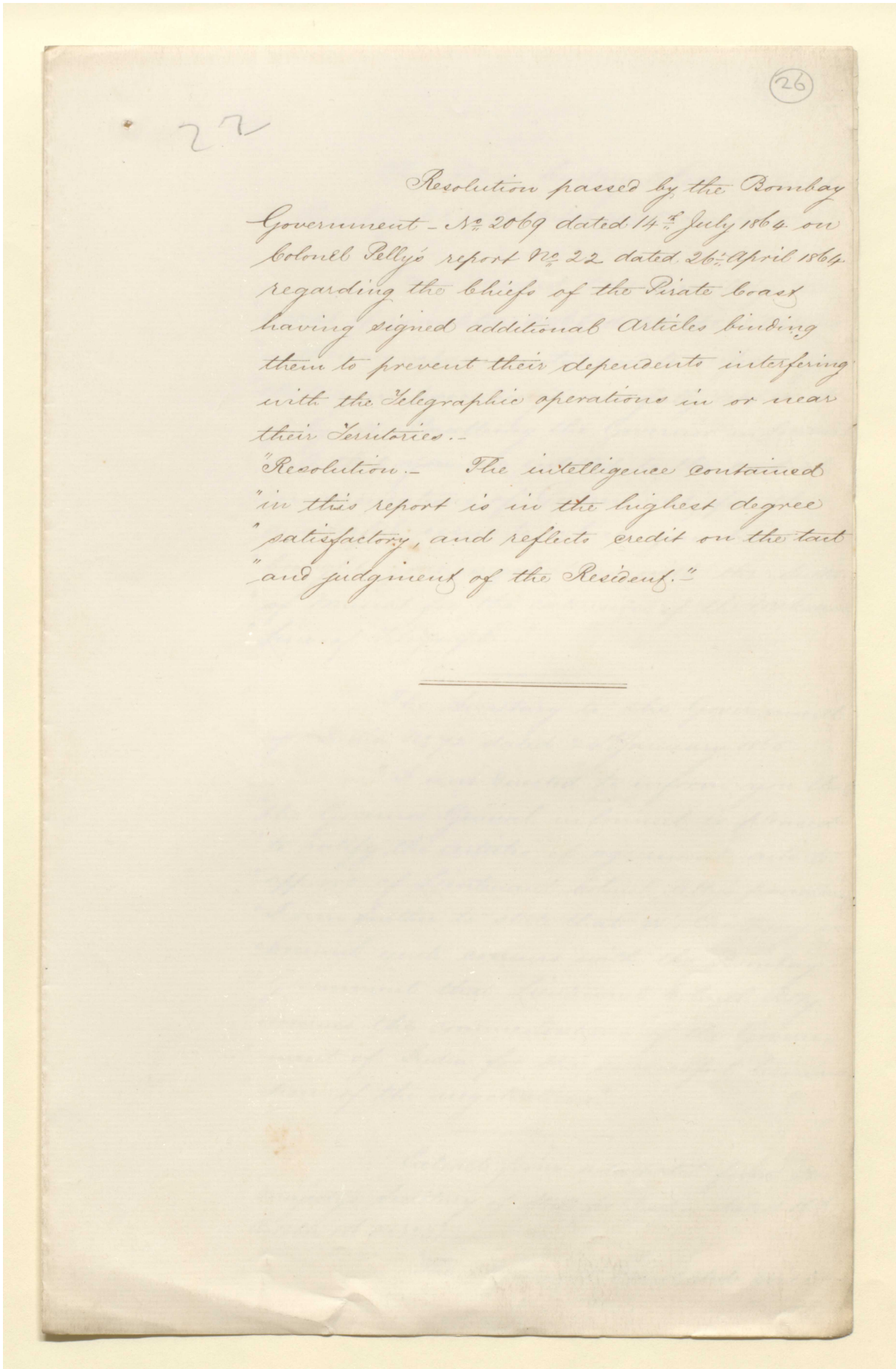
The Secretary to the Govern-
-ment of India No. 347 dated 29th April 1865.

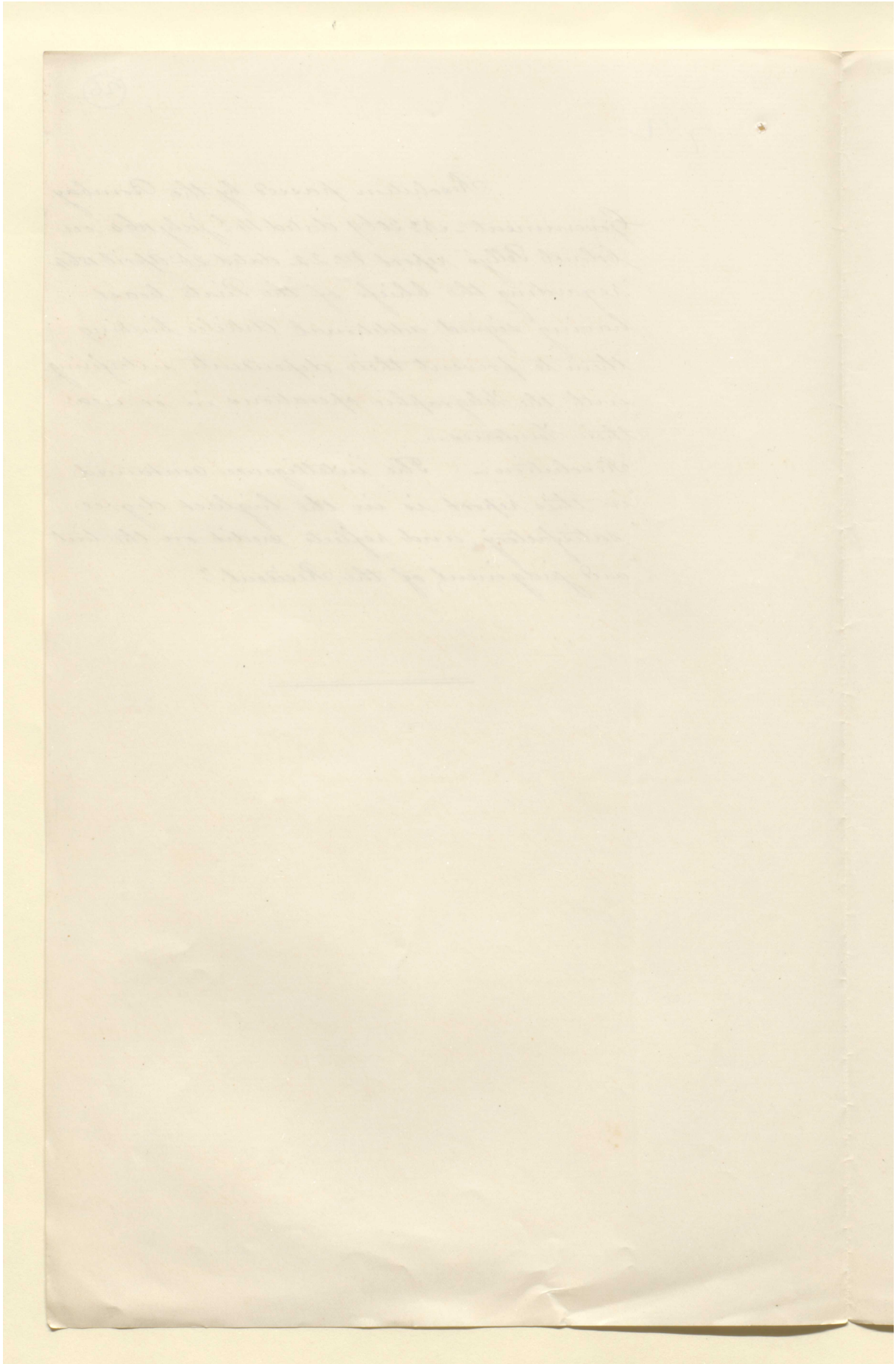
"I am to state in reply that
"the information submitted by Lieutenant
"Colonel Pelly is very interesting, and may,
"as the Bombay Government remark, prove
"useful at a future time - Lieutenant Colonel
"Pelly has shewn much enterprise and
"judgment in successfully accomplishing
"his expedition, and is entitled to the thanks
"of the Government."

Extract

Extract of despatch No. 31 from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India [25v]
(1/1)







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The Acting Secretary to Government
of Bombay No. 3986 dated 31st December 1864.

"I am directed to acknowledge the
"receipt of your letter No. 65 dated the 18th Ultimo,
"with accompaniments, and to inform you
"that your proceedings are fully approved
"of by His Excellency the Governor in Council,
"and that you are entitled to the cordial
"Commendations of Government for the
"successful issue to which you have
"brought your negotiations with the Sultan
"of Muscat for the extension of the Mchran
"Line of Telegraph."

The Secretary to the Government
of India No. 72 dated 24th January 1865.

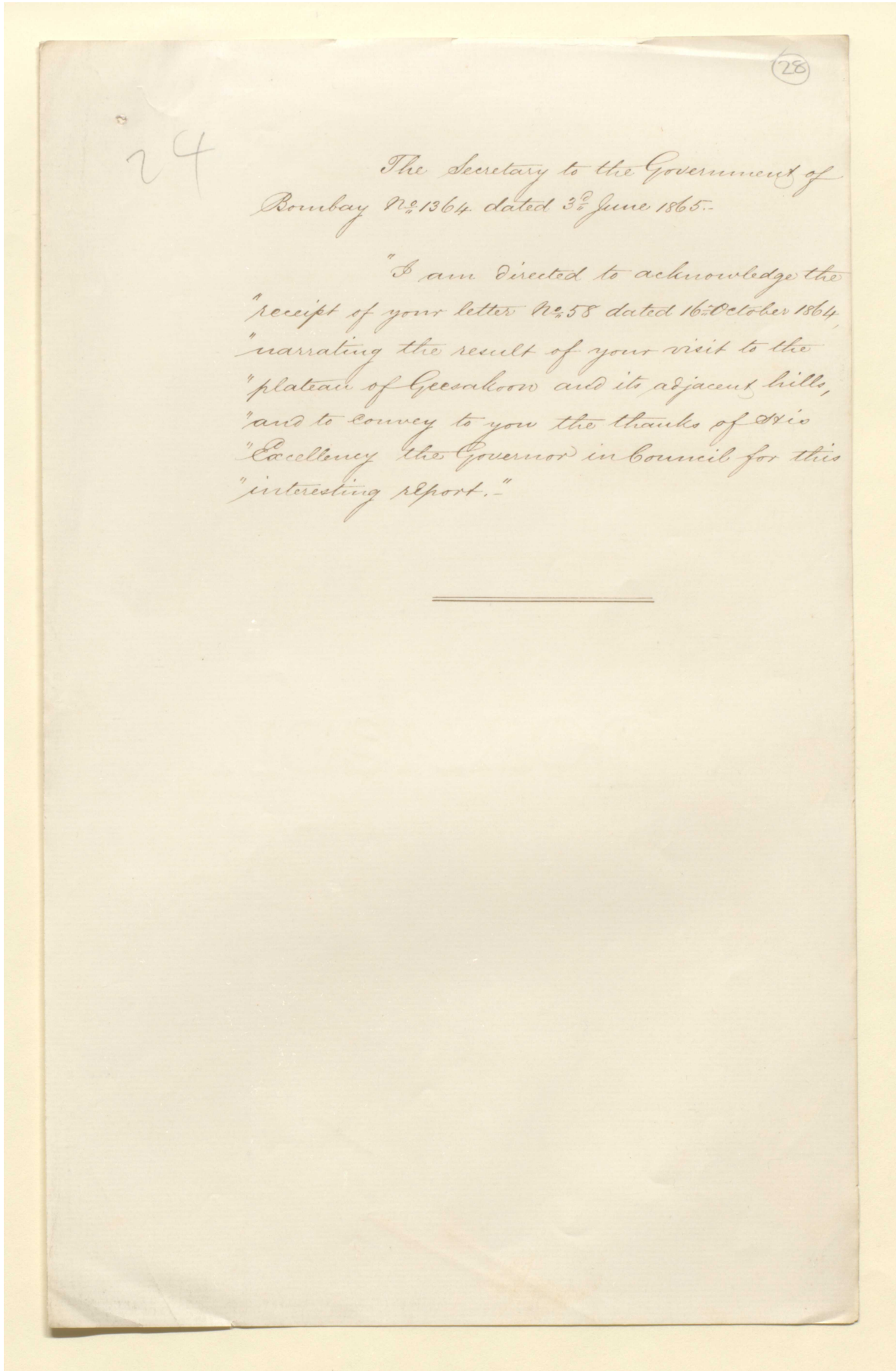
"I am directed to inform you that
"the Governor General in Council is pleased
"to ratify the articles of agreement and to
"approve of Lieutenant Colonel Pelly's proceedings.
"I am further to state that His Excellency in
"Council quite concurs with the Bombay
"Government that Lieutenant Colonel Pelly
"deserves the commendations of the Govern-
"ment of India for the successful termina-
"tion of the negotiations."

Extract from a Despatch from Her
Majesty's Secretary of State for India dated 16th
October 1865 No. 31.

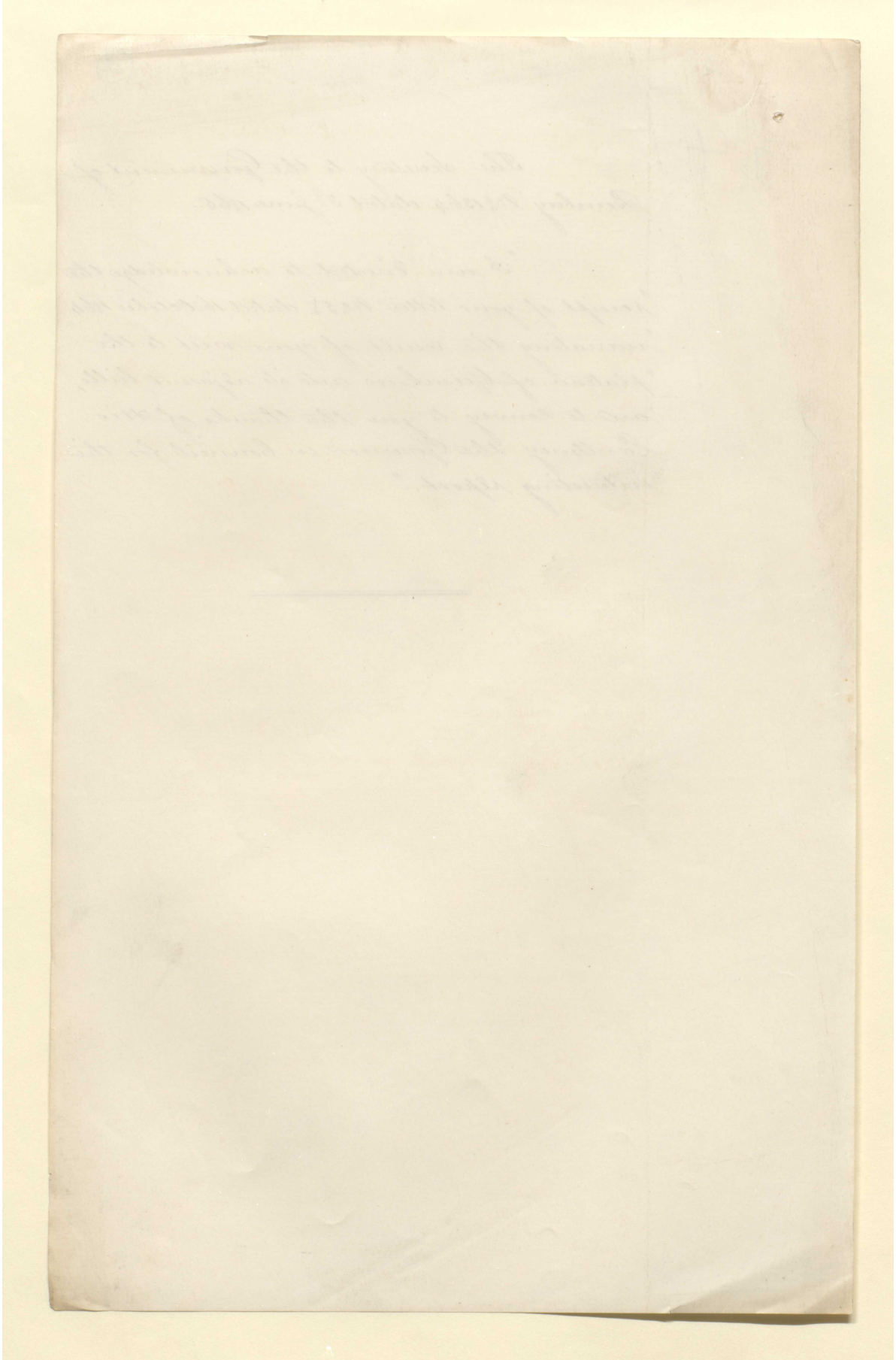
"The Agreement concluded with
"the

Extract of letter No. 31 from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India [27v]
(2/2)

"the Sultan of Muscat, Extension of the landline of
"for the construction telegraph from Gwadar
"and protection of to Bunder Abbas.....
"Telegraph lines in His Highness' dominions,
"is satisfactory, as providing for the extension
"of the Telegraph line from Gwadar to Bunder
"Abbas - The successful negotiation of this
"convention is creditable to Colonel Pelly,
"whose report on the tract of country
"traversed by him in the course of these
"proceedings contains much valuable
"information."



Extract of letter No. 1364 from The Secretary to the Government of Bombay [28v]
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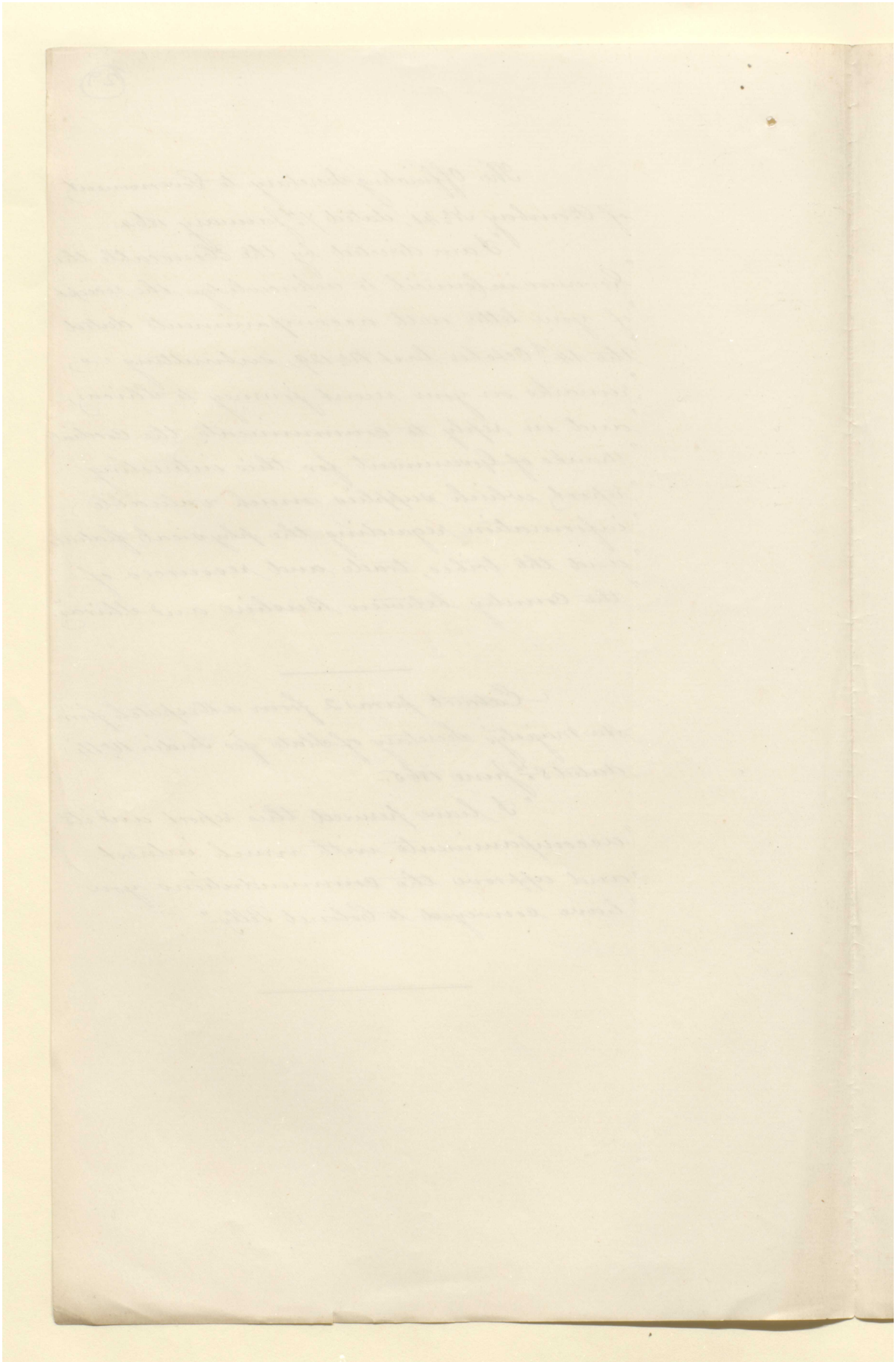
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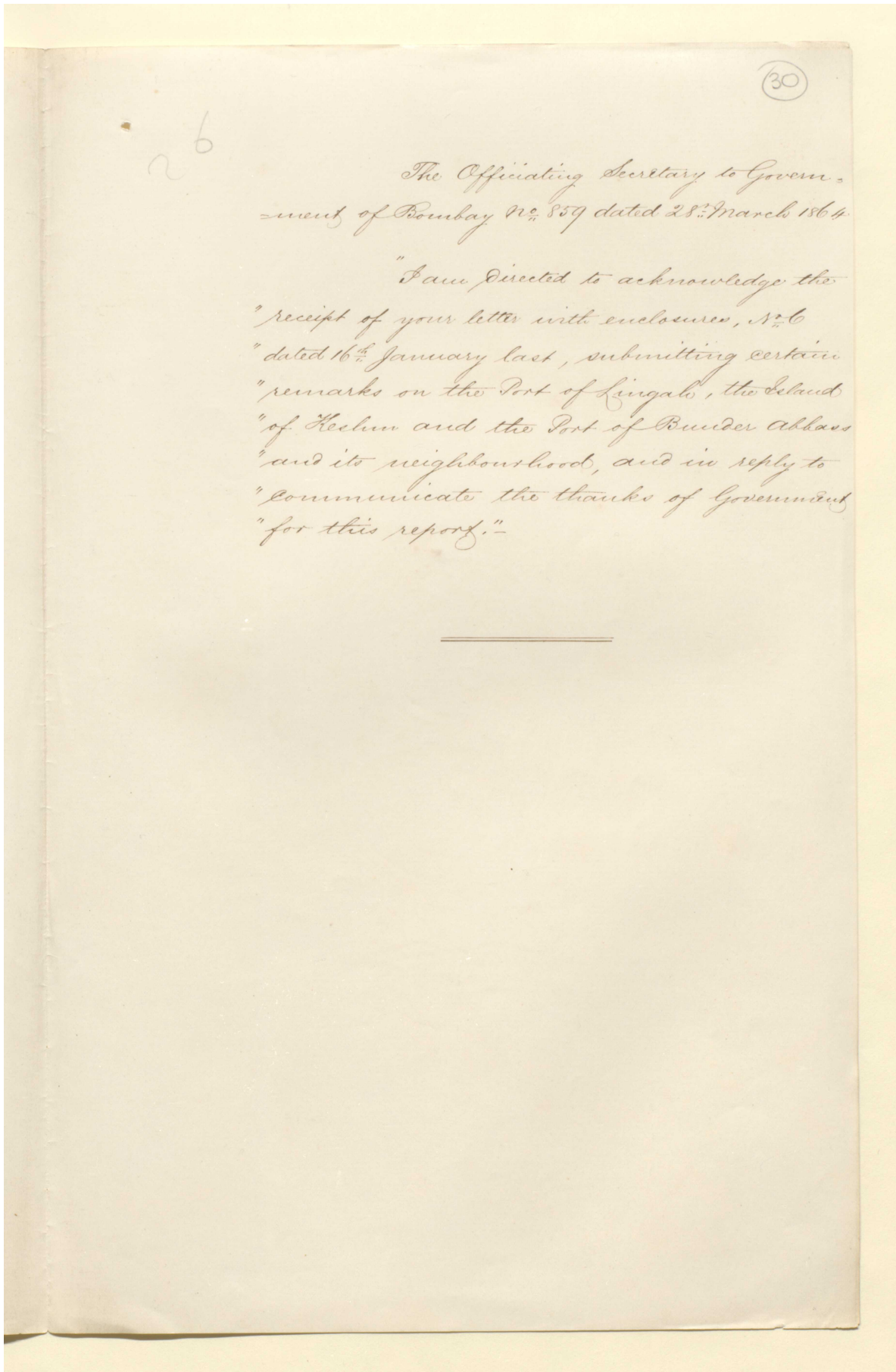
The Officiating Secretary to Government
of Bombay No. 41, dated 7th January 1864.-
"I am directed by the Honorable the
"Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt
"of your letter with accompaniments dated
"the 14th October last No. 129, submitting
"remarks on your recent journey to Shiraz,
"and in reply to communicate the cordial
"thanks of Government for this interesting
"report which supplies much valuable
"information regarding the physical features
"and the tribes, trade and resources of
"the Country between Bushire and Shiraz."

Extract para 2 from a Despatch from
Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India No. 114
dated 8th June 1865.-

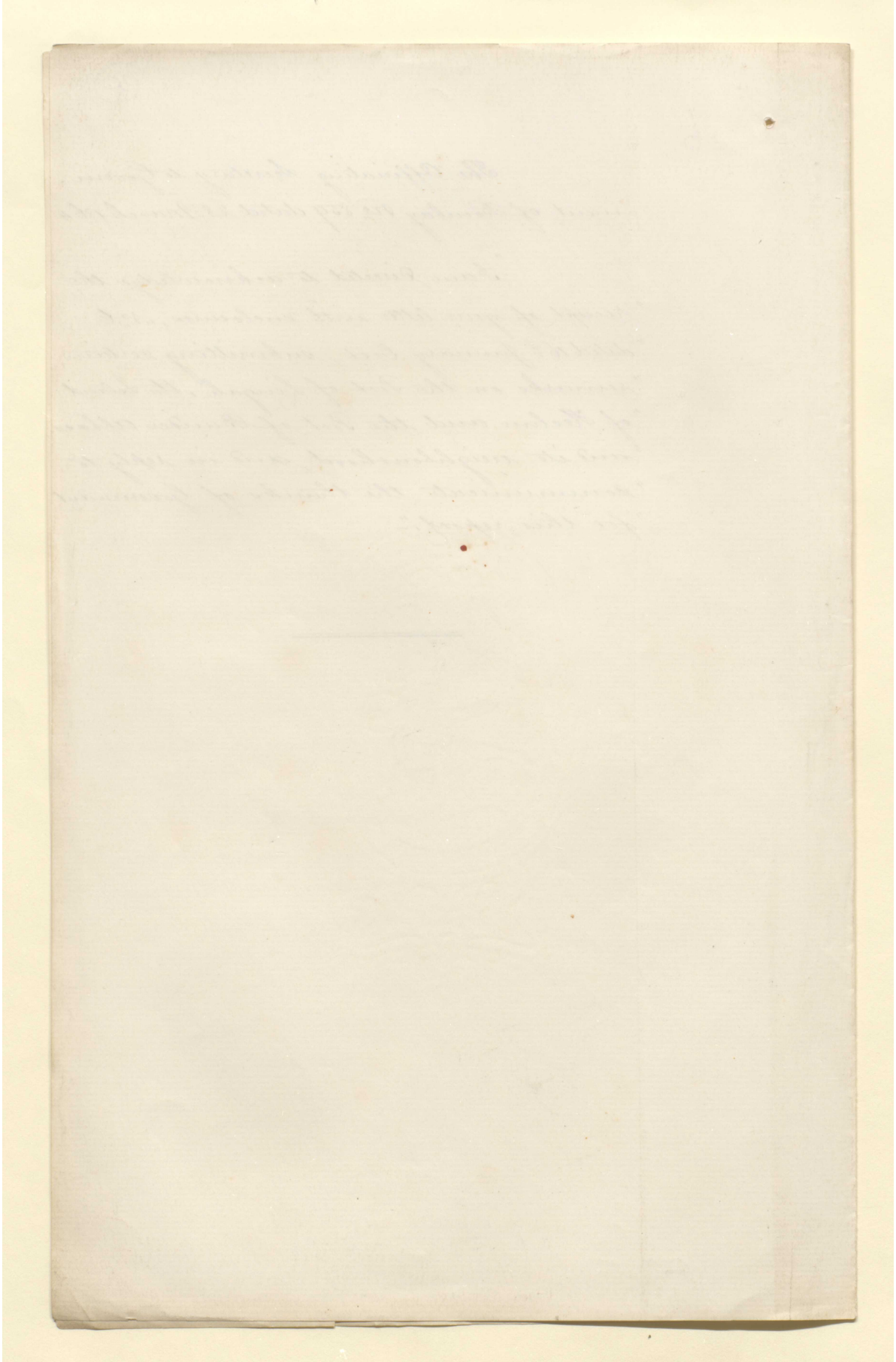
"I have perused this report and its
"accompaniments with much interest,
"and approve the commendations you
"have conveyed to Colonel Pelly."

Extracts from Letters acknowledging Pelly's Services to Government which he used
as Letters of Testimonial [29v] (58/261)





Extract of letter No. 859 from The Officiating Secretary to Government of Bombay
[30v] (2/2)



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The Chief Secretary to the Government
of Bombay, No. 1572, dated the 21st May 1863.

Forwards for information copy of Resolu-
-tion passed by Government on Colonel Selly's
communications Nos. 1A, 2, 4 & 6, A dated 12th
January and 1st and 16th February 1863 sugges-
-ing the concentration of the Political Residency
in the Persian Gulf, the main Telegraph Station,
and a Coal Depot at some spot near Cape
Musendun &c.

Resolution by the Honorable Board dated
13th May 1863. - "These letters like everything that
"proceeds from Colonel Selly's hands have a
"merit apart from their immediate purpose.
"The Government may or may not be able
"to act on the Residents' suggestions, but the
"letters will constitute a valuable contribu-
-tion to our knowledge of the Gulf, and
"will supply facts and considerations,
"which may hereafter exercise an unex-
-pected influence in discussions connected
"with Persian or Arabian complications."
"The Honorable the Governor in Council, does
"not then deem it expedient to take action
"in any way on Colonel Selly's suggestions,
"but in justice to that intelligent and
"able Officer, he will forward copies of his
"communications for the consideration of
"the Government of India."

Extract

Extract of letter No. 1572 from The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay
[31v] (2/2)

Extract from a Despatch from
C. M^o Secretary of State for India N^o 7 dated 9th
February 1864. "The remarks contained
"in this very interesting paper are creditable
"to the intelligence and zeal of Colonel Pelly &c."

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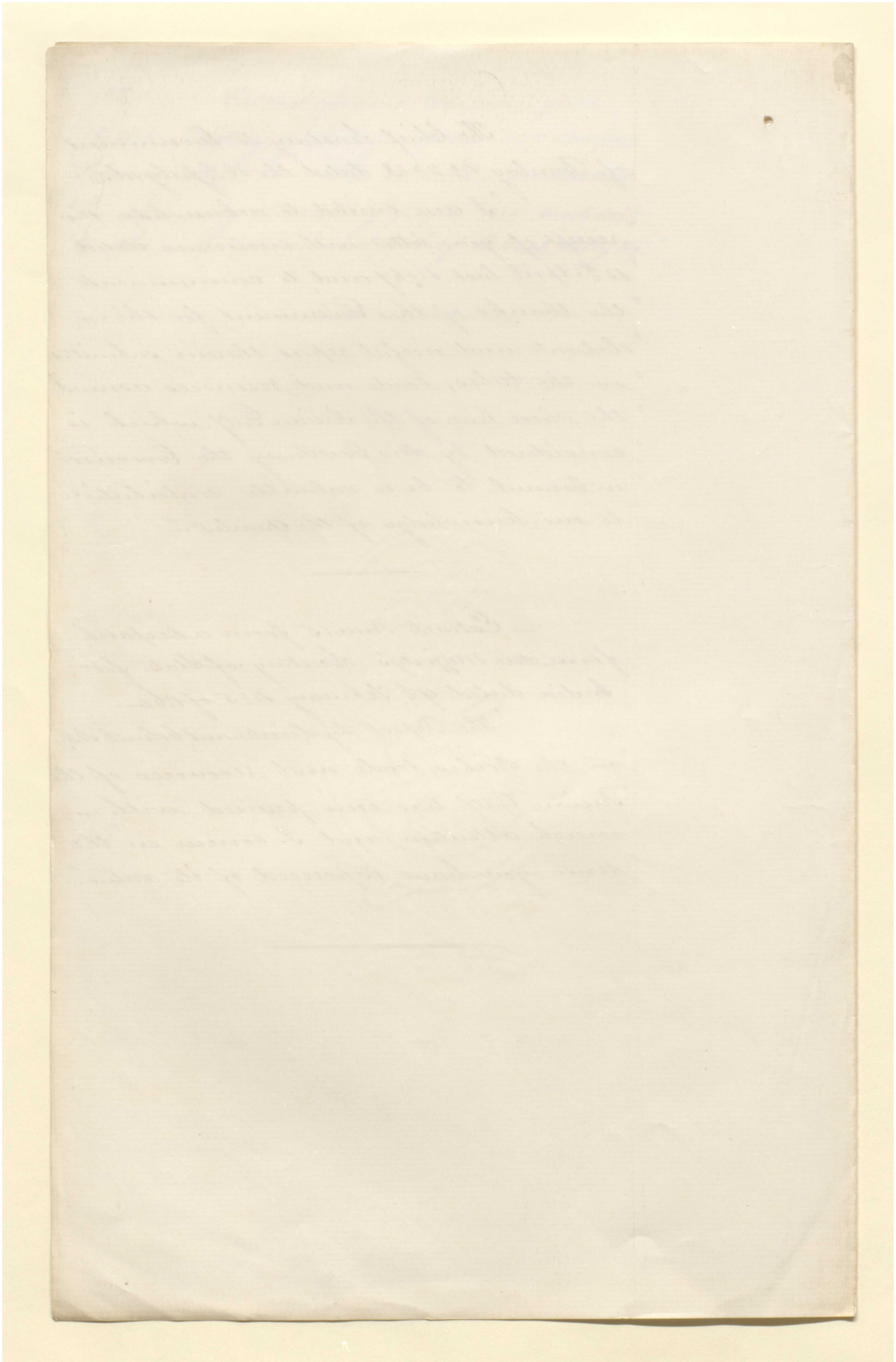
The Chief Secretary to Government
of Bombay No. 2228 dated the 16th July 1863.

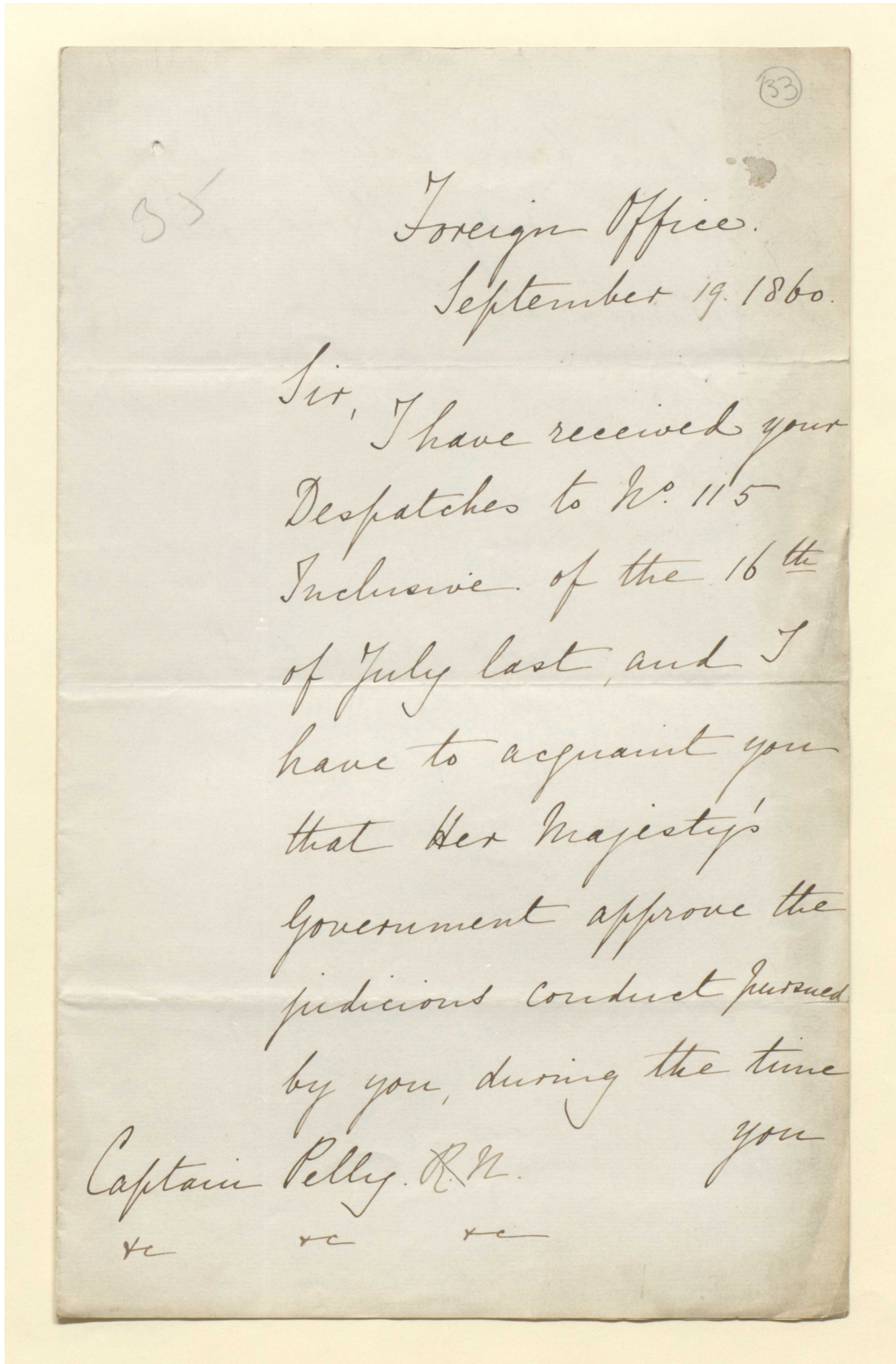
"I am directed to acknowledge the
" receipt of your letter with enclosures dated
" 13th April last No. 67 and to communicate
" the thanks of this Government for the
" elaborate and useful report therein submitted
" on the tribes, trade and resources around
" the shore line of the Persian Gulf which is
" considered by His Excellency the Governor
" in Council to be a valuable contribution
" to our knowledge of the Quarter."

Extract Para: 5 from a Despatch
from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for
India dated 9th February No. 5 of 1864.

"The Report by Lieutenant Colonel Pelly
" on the Tribes, trade and resources of the
" Persian Gulf has been perused with
" much attention, and I concur in the
" sense you have expressed of its value."

Extracts from Letters acknowledging Pelly's Services to Government which he used
as Letters of Testimonial [32v] (64/261)



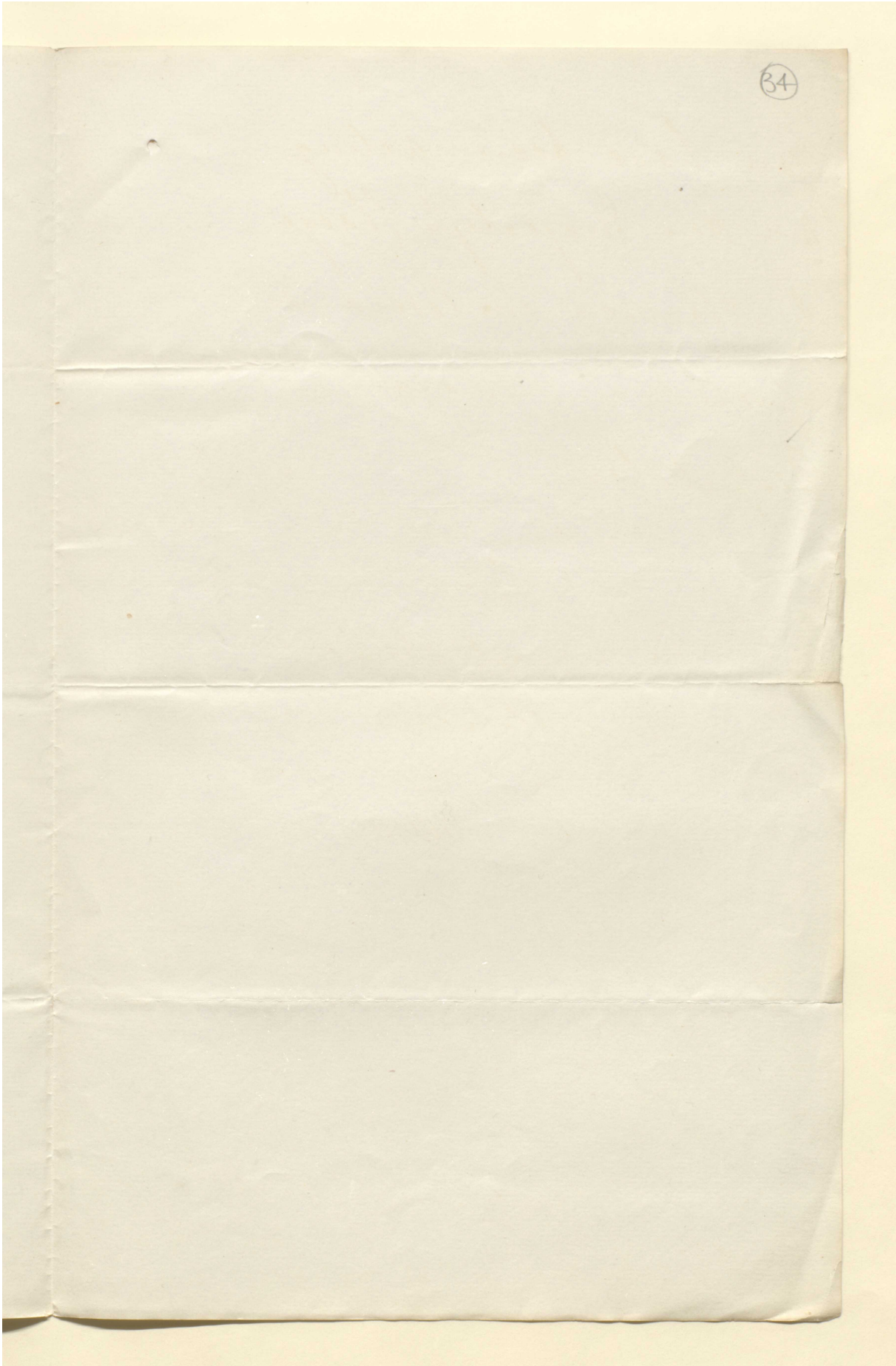


you have been acting
as Her Majesty's Chargé
d' Affaires in Persia, as
reported in those
Despatches.

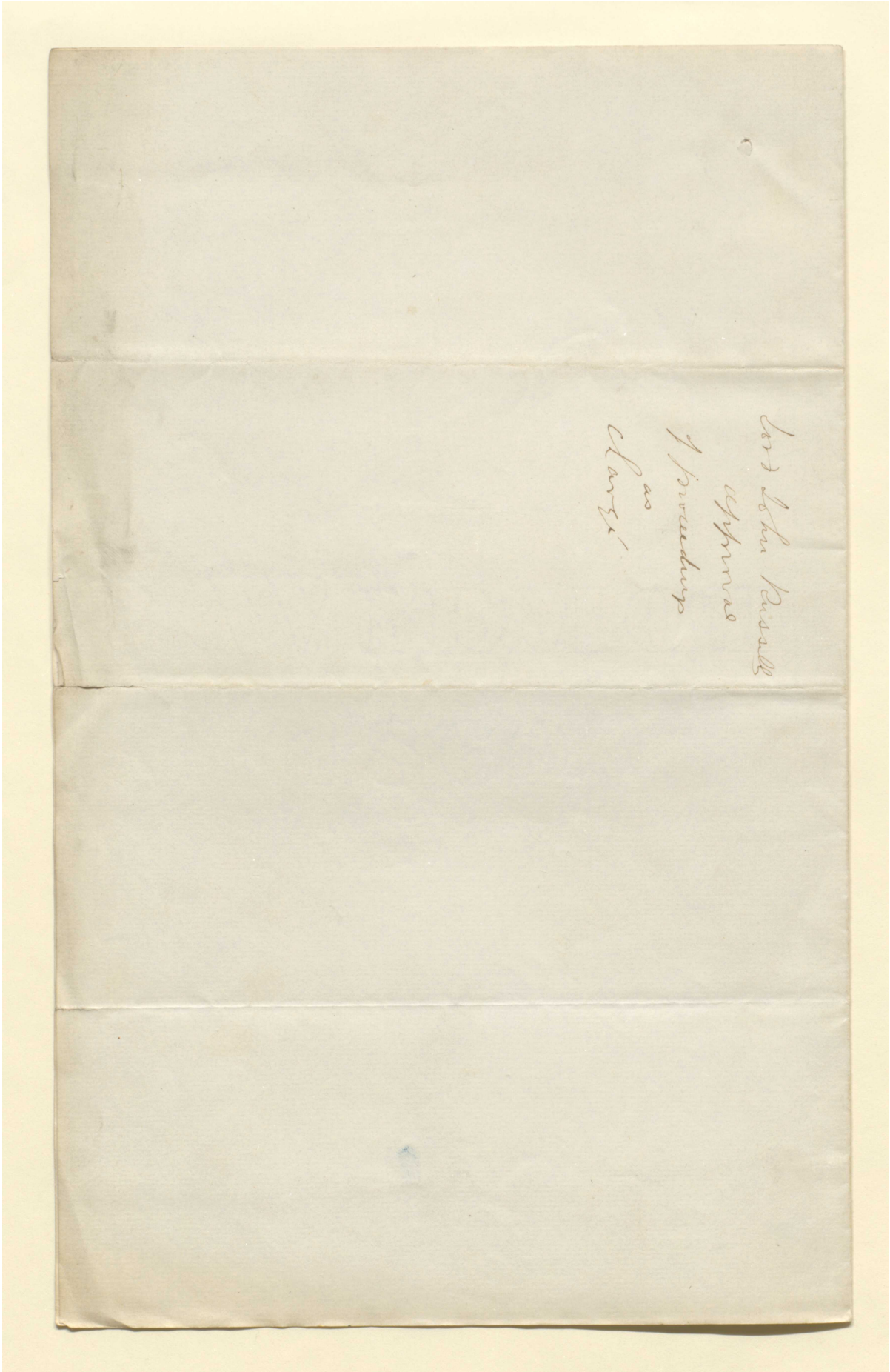
I am,
Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant

Russell

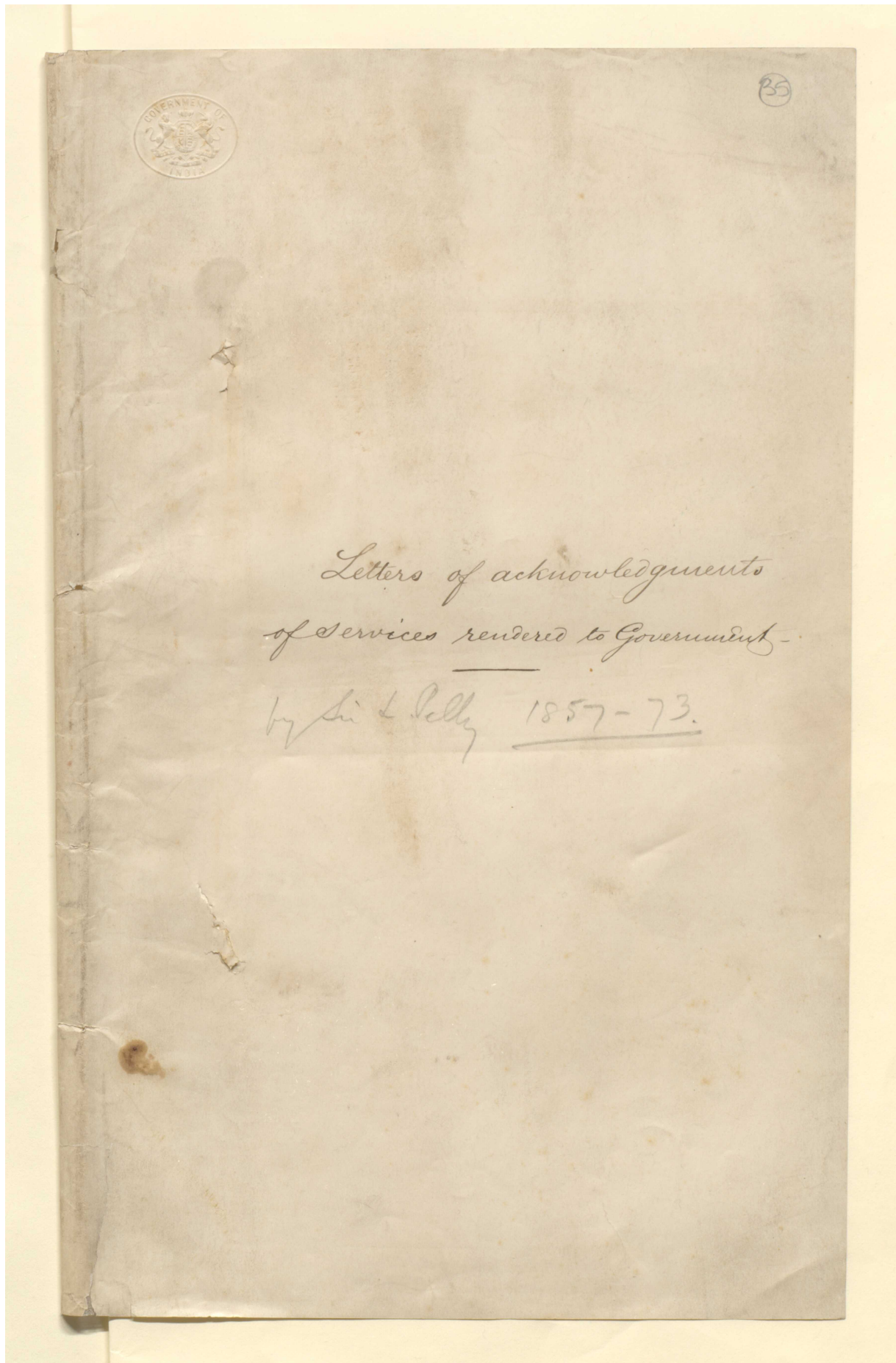


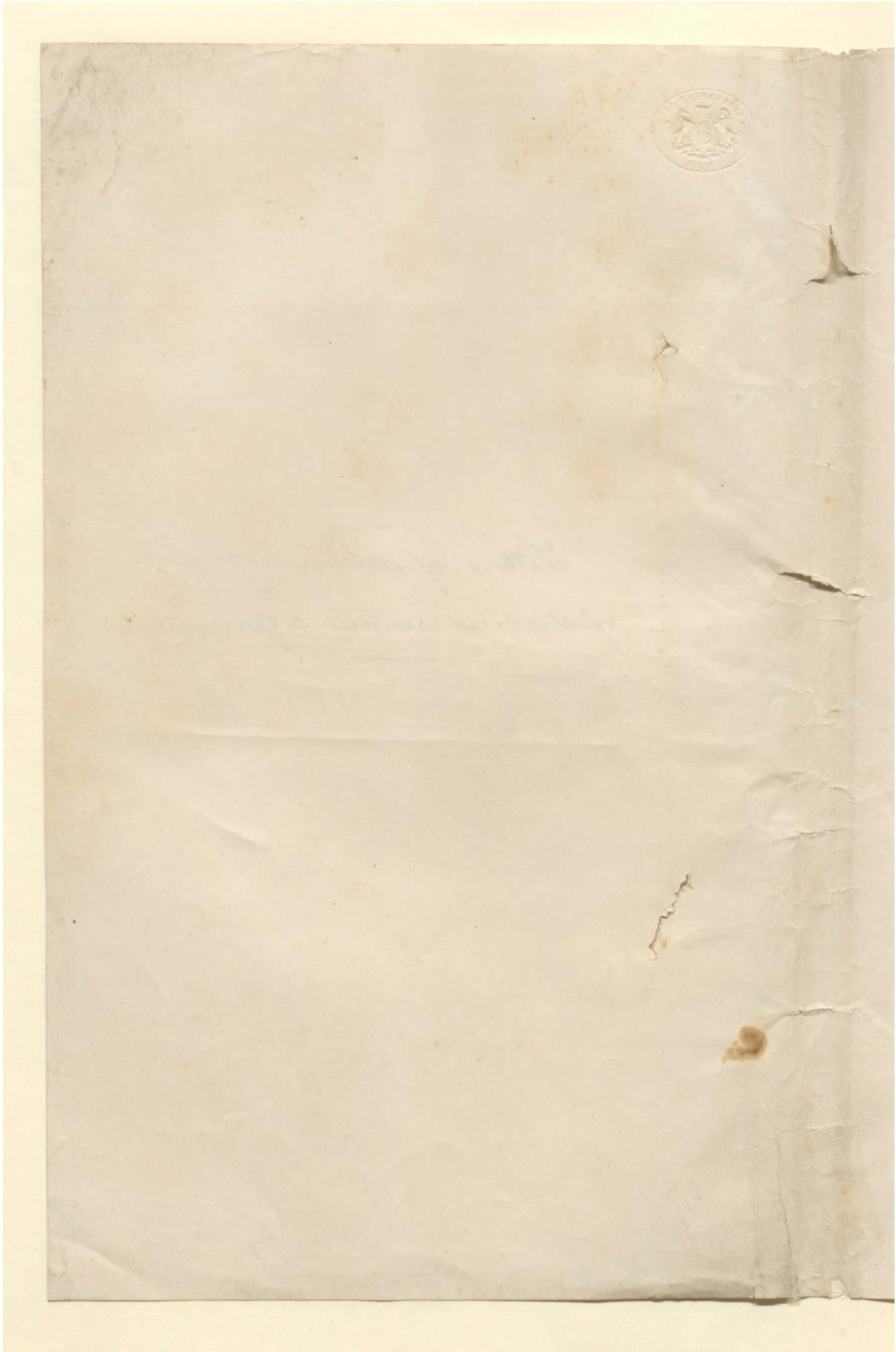
Letter from Lord John Russell, Foreign Office to Captain Pelly [34v] (4/4)

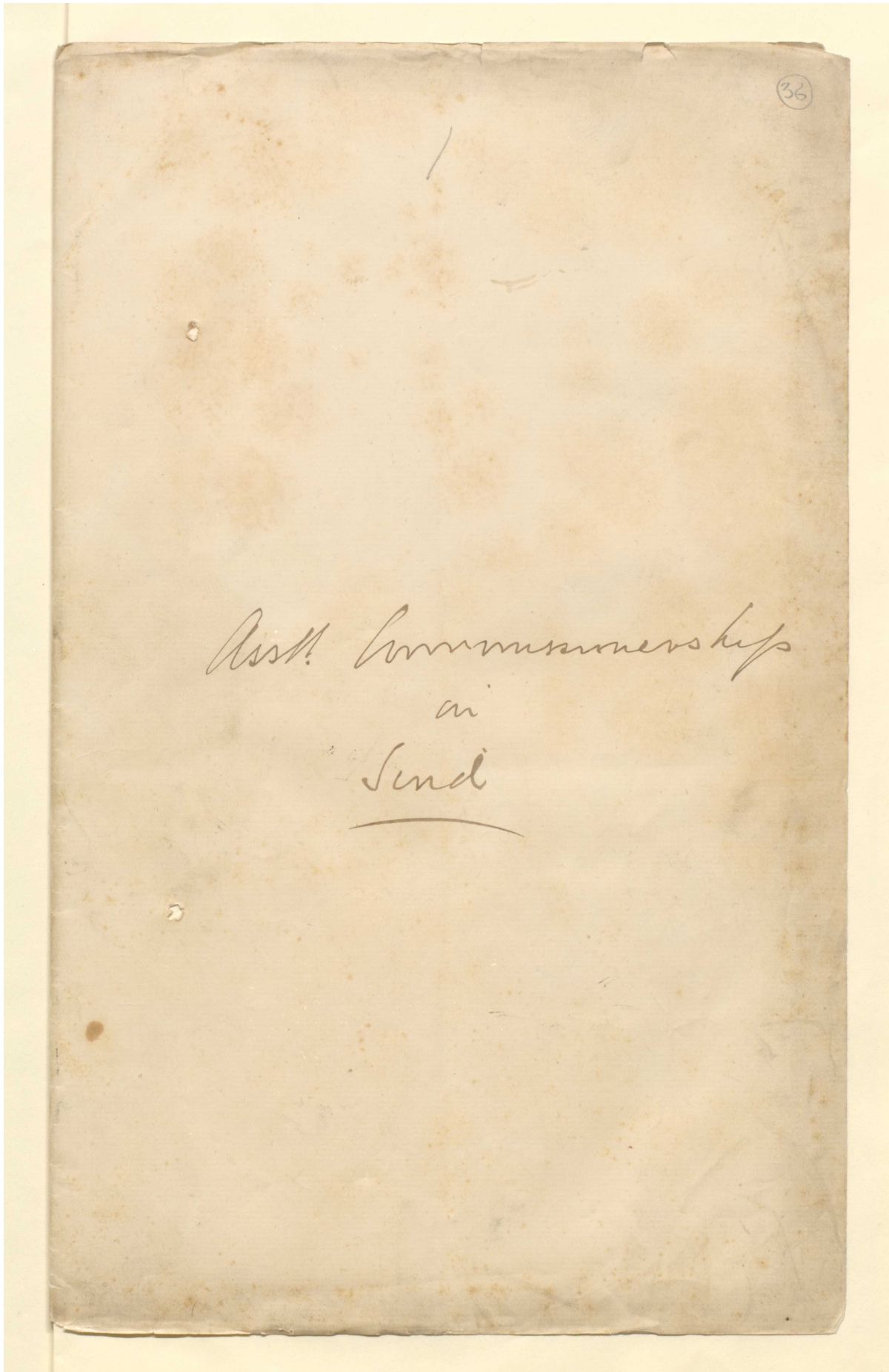


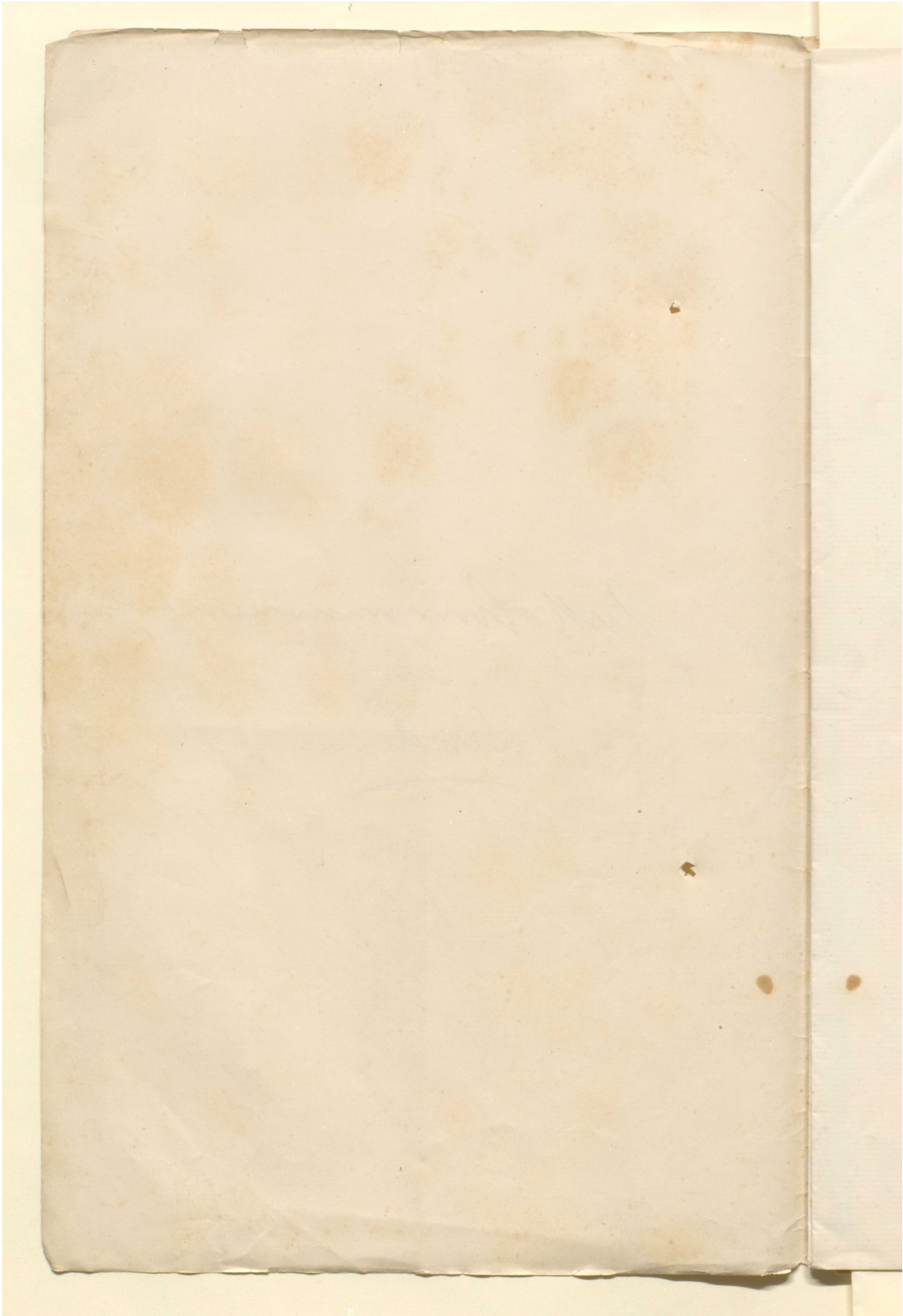
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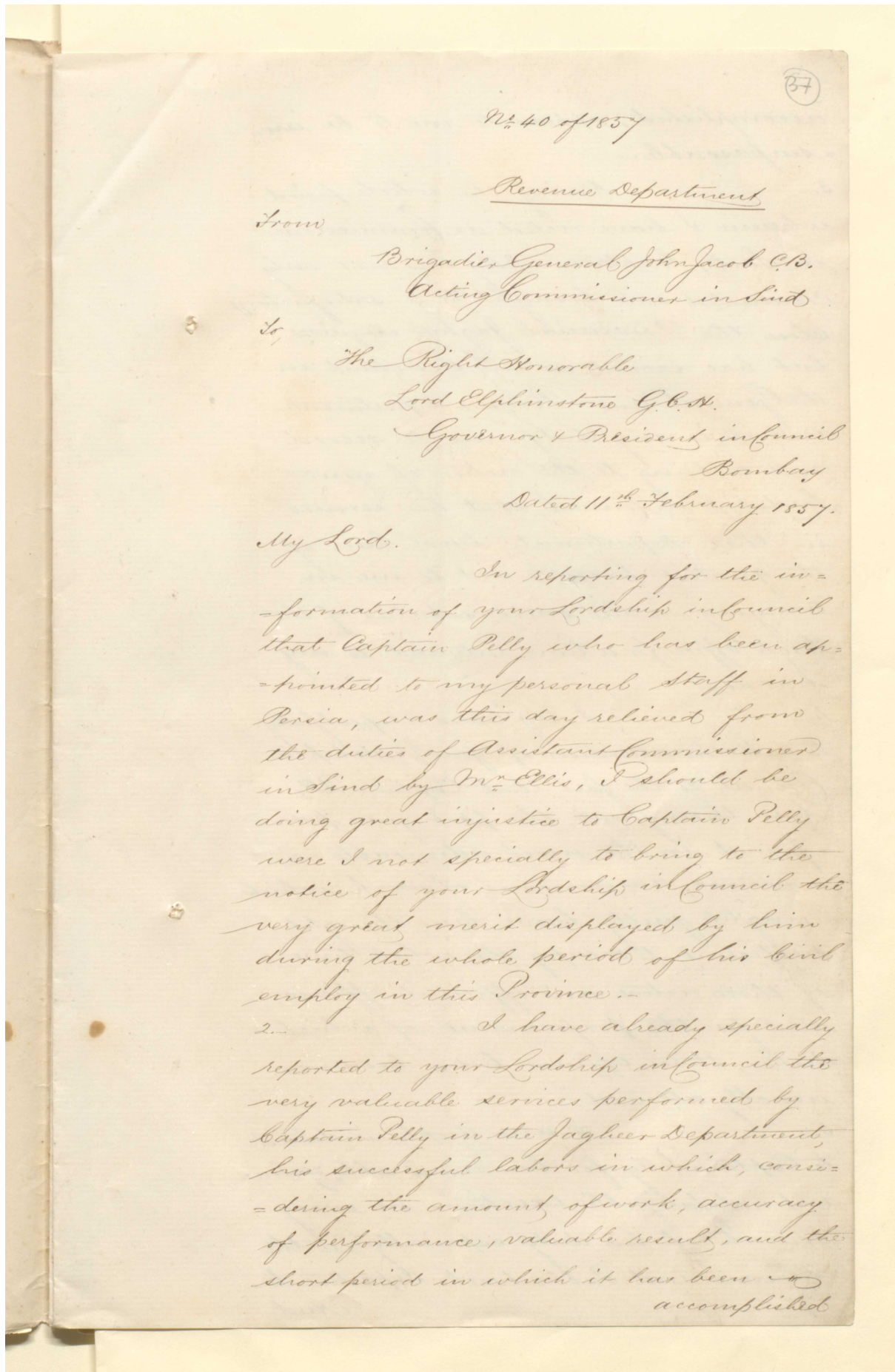












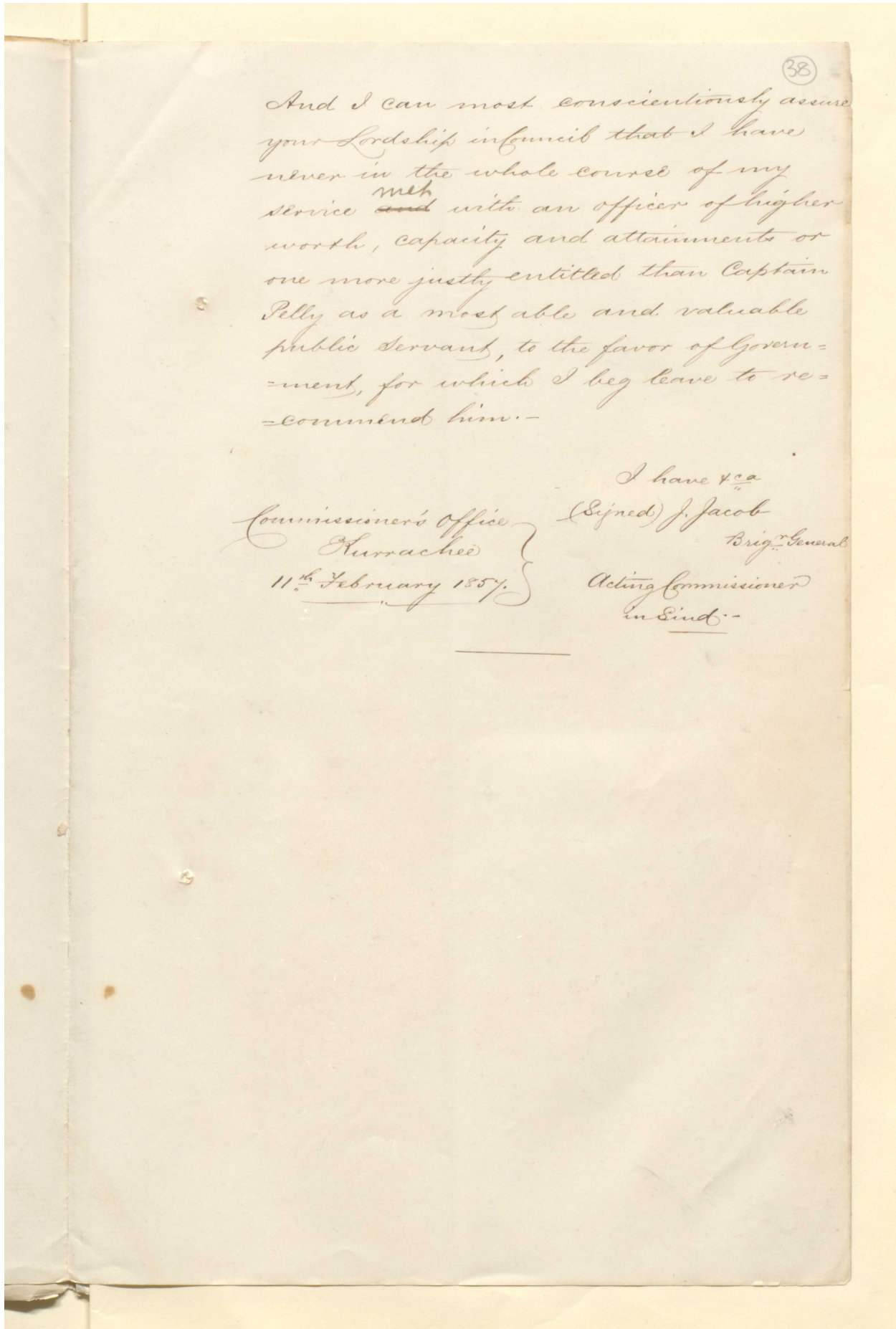
accomplished, appear to me to be un-
-surpassable.-

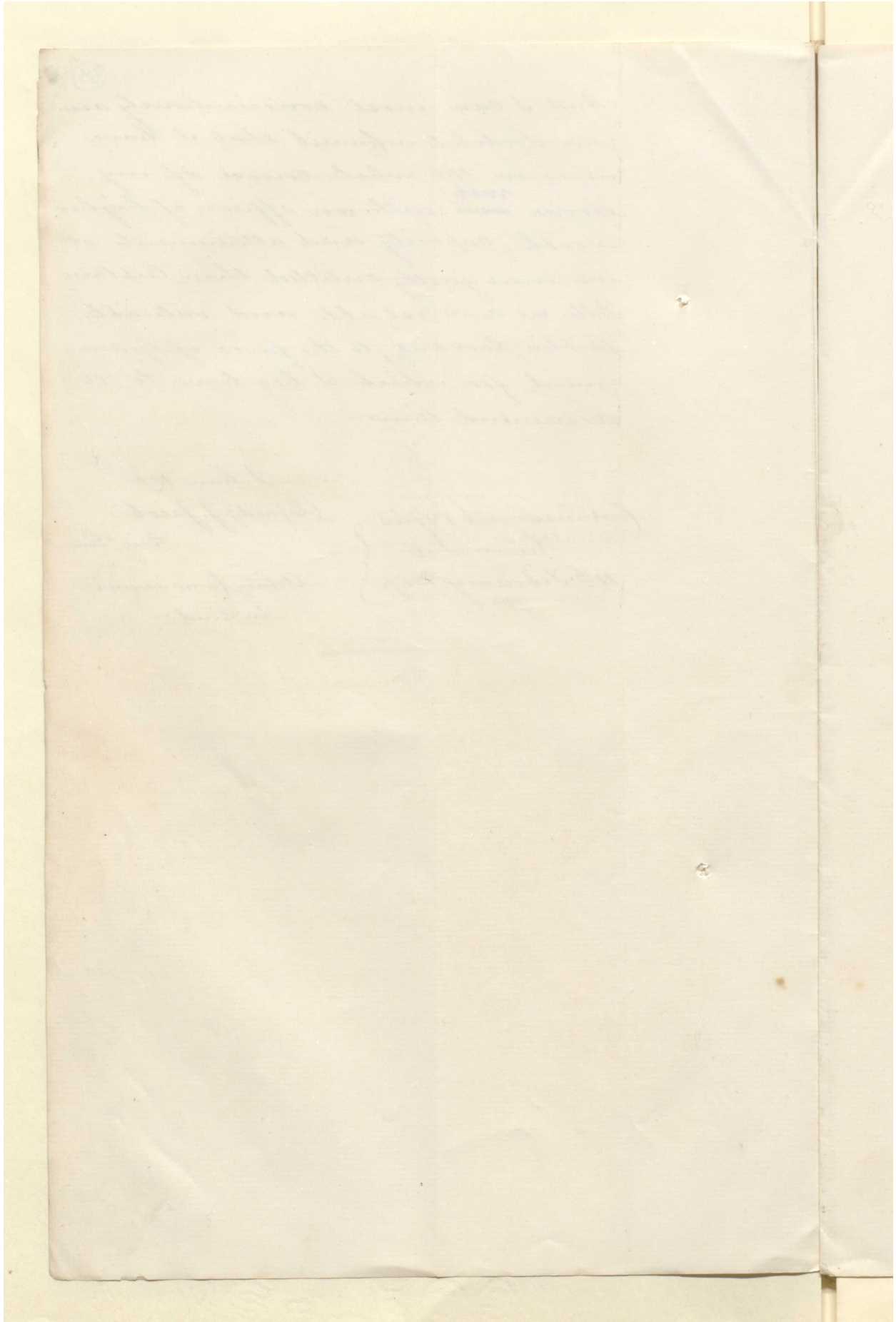
3.- During the whole period
wherein I have acted as Commissioner
in Sind, Captain Pelly has not only
conducted and brought to a satisfactory
close the Provincial Jagheer enquiry,
but has served as my Assistant in
the General and Revenue Departments,
and it is my duty now to record
and to bring to the notice of your
Lordship in Council that his services
in those Departments have been of
the greatest possible aid to me in
carrying on the onerous duties of the
high office for a time entrusted to my
hands.-

4.- I beg leave respectfully
to call the attention of your Lordship in
Council to the fact that Captain Pelly
has throughout the past year per-
-formed in the most admirable
manner, an amount of work, which
might justly have been thought
sufficient to occupy the whole time
of three active and efficient officers,
and for the performance of which
duties, three officers have been
usually allowed.-

5.- I am deeply indebted
to Captain Pelly for his most able, zealous
and indefatigable exertions in every
branch of his duty especially in the
Revenue and Public Works Departments.-

And





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(Copy.)

N^o 879 of 1857.

Dated Bombay Castle 21st February 1857.
Territorial Department
Revenue.

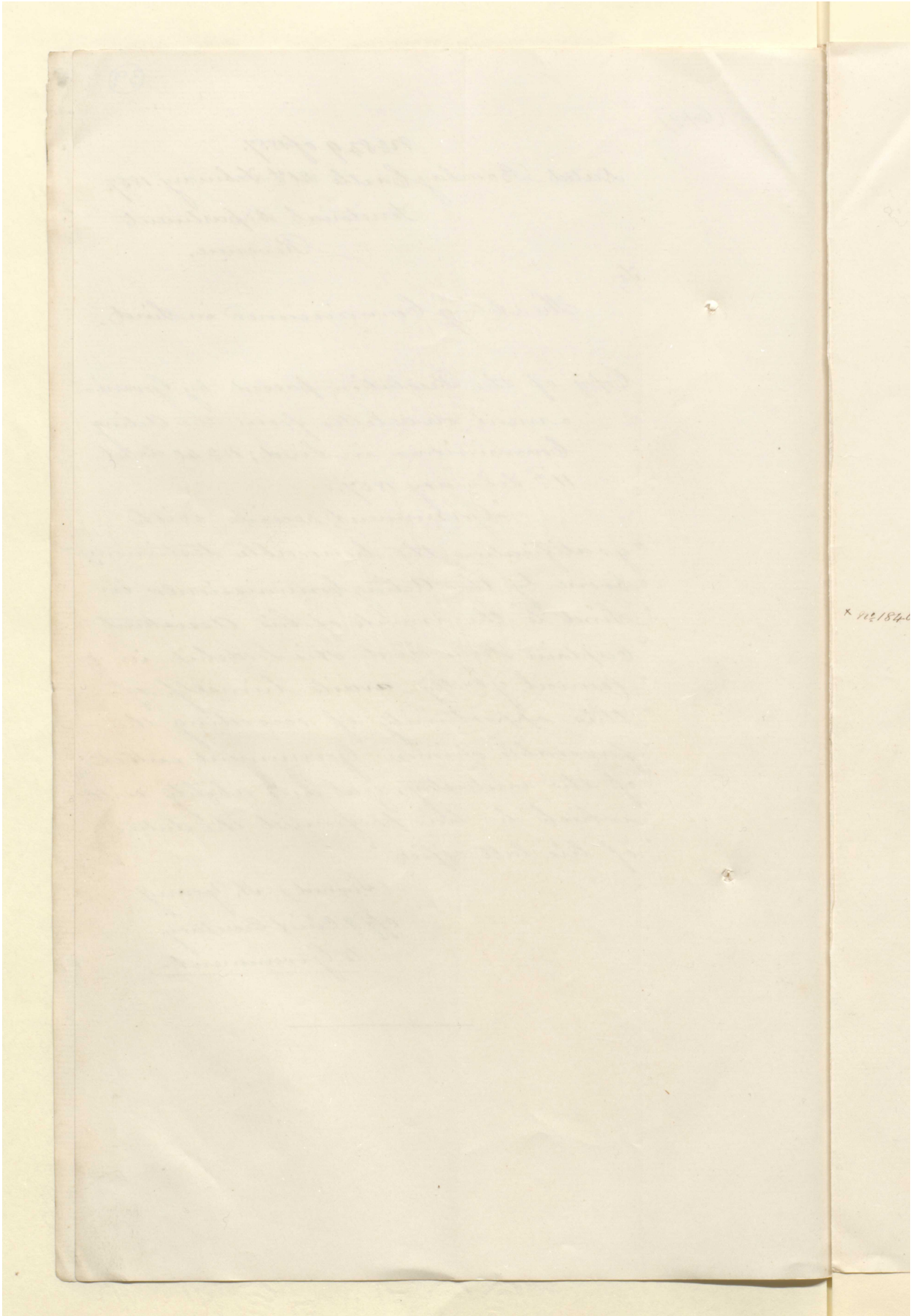
To,

The Acting Commissioner in Sind.

Copy of the Resolution passed by Govern-
ment, on a letter from the Acting
Commissioner in Sind, N^o 40 dated
11th February 1857.-

"Government receive with
"gratification the honorable testimony
"borne by the Acting Commissioner in
"Sind to the merits of his Assistant
"Captain Pelly and His Lordship in
"Council gladly avails himself of
"this opportunity of recording the
"favorable opinion Government entertain
"of the industry, zeal and ability with
"which he has performed the duties
"of his late office."

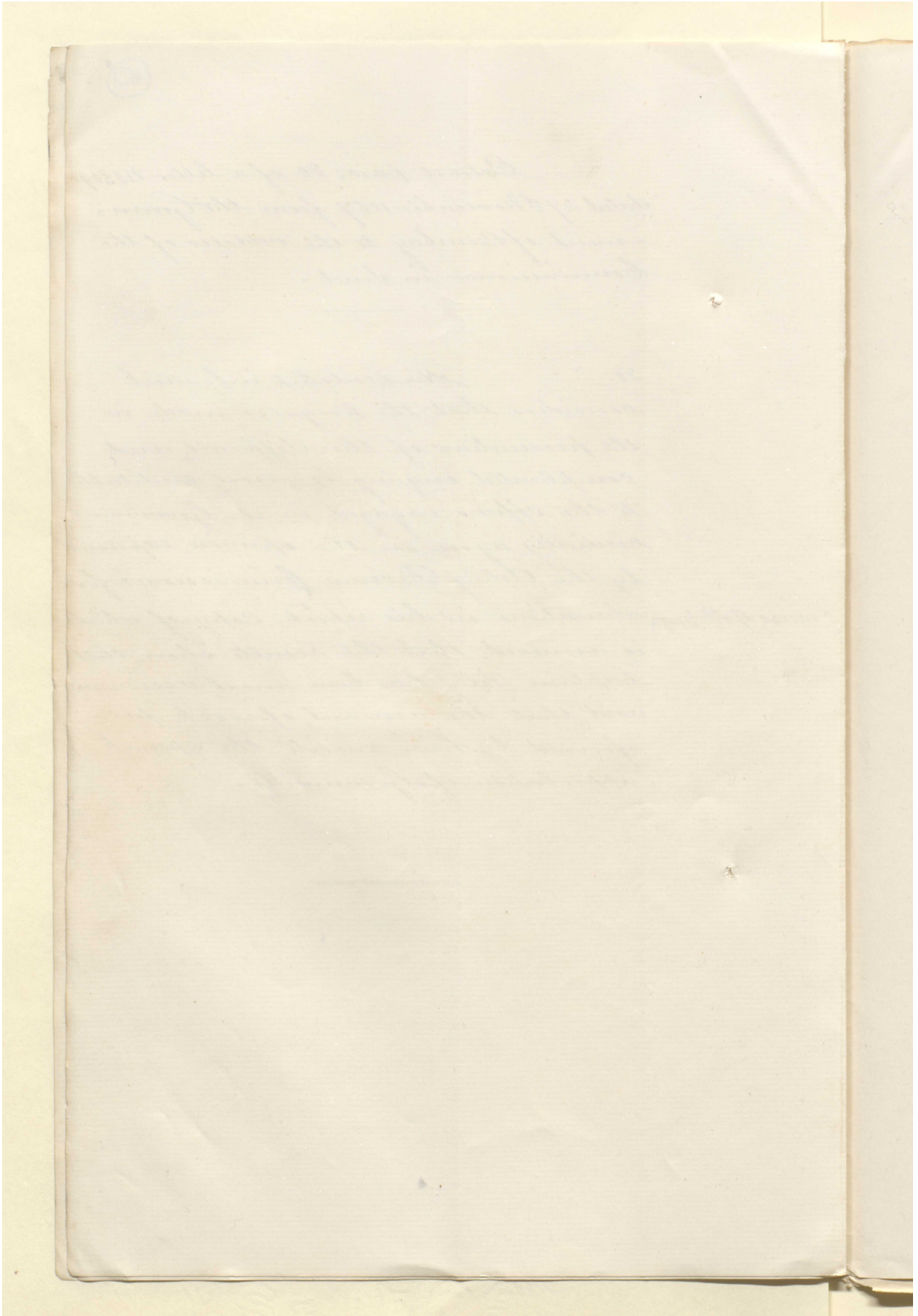
(Signed) W. Young
off^g Chief Secretary
to Government

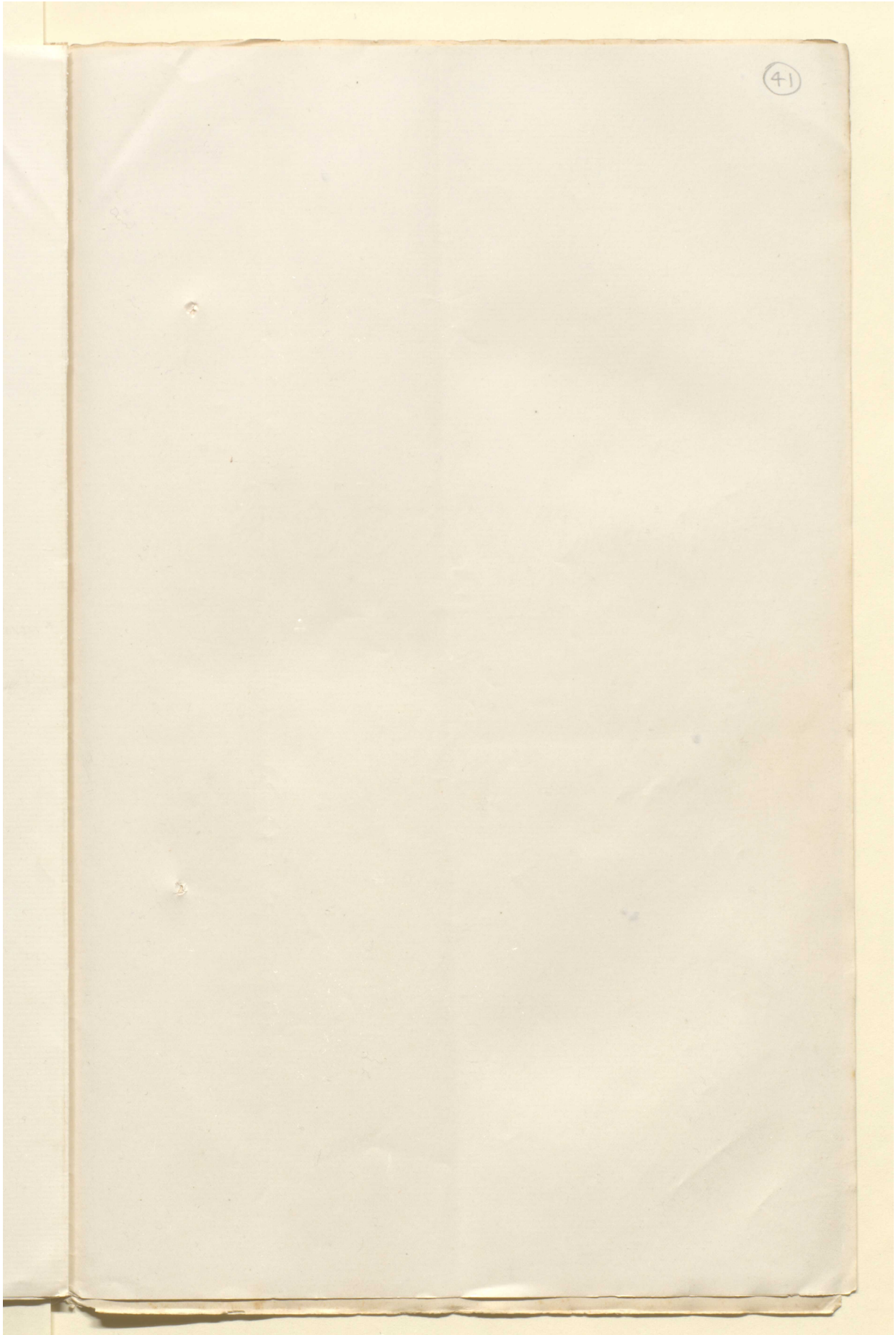


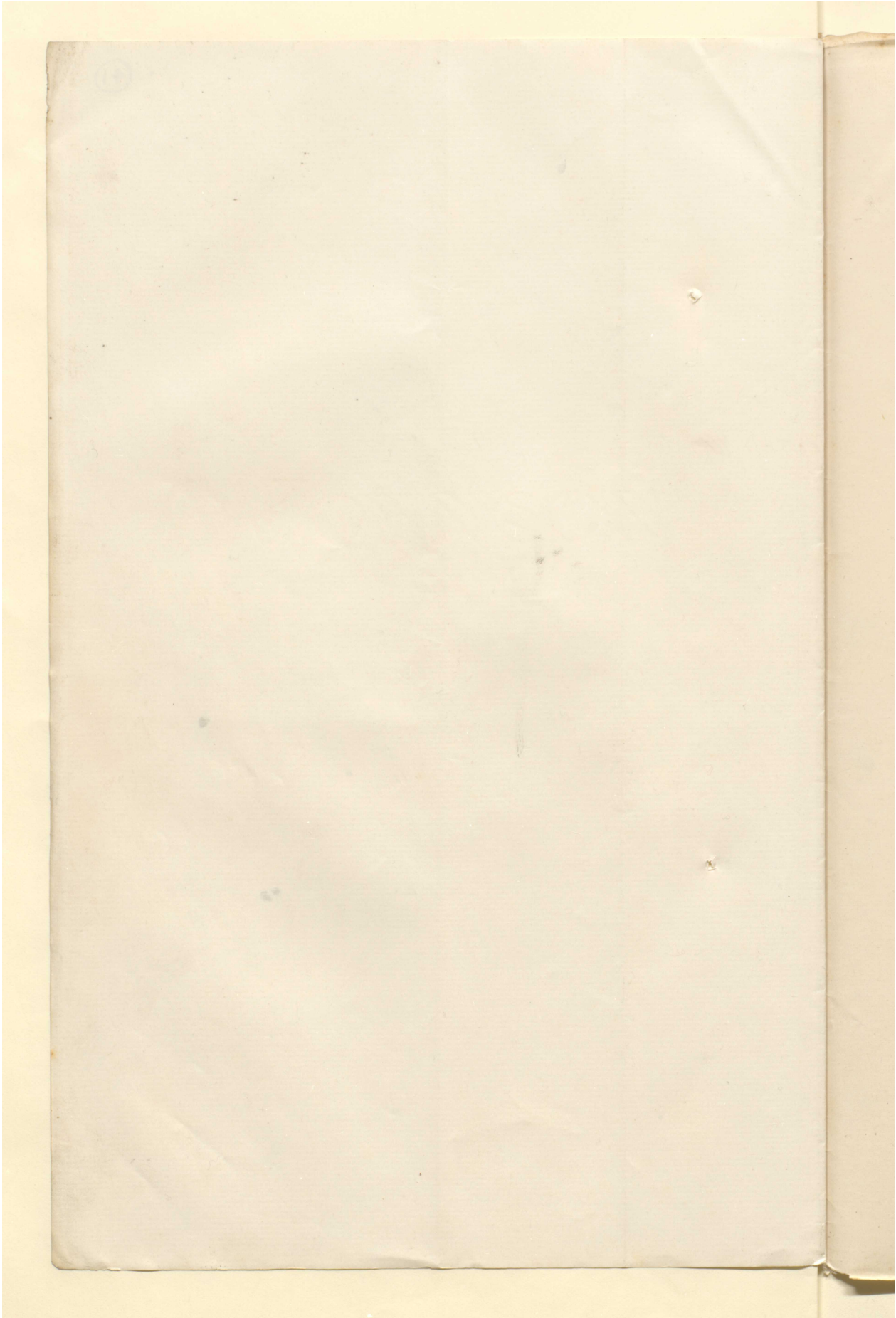
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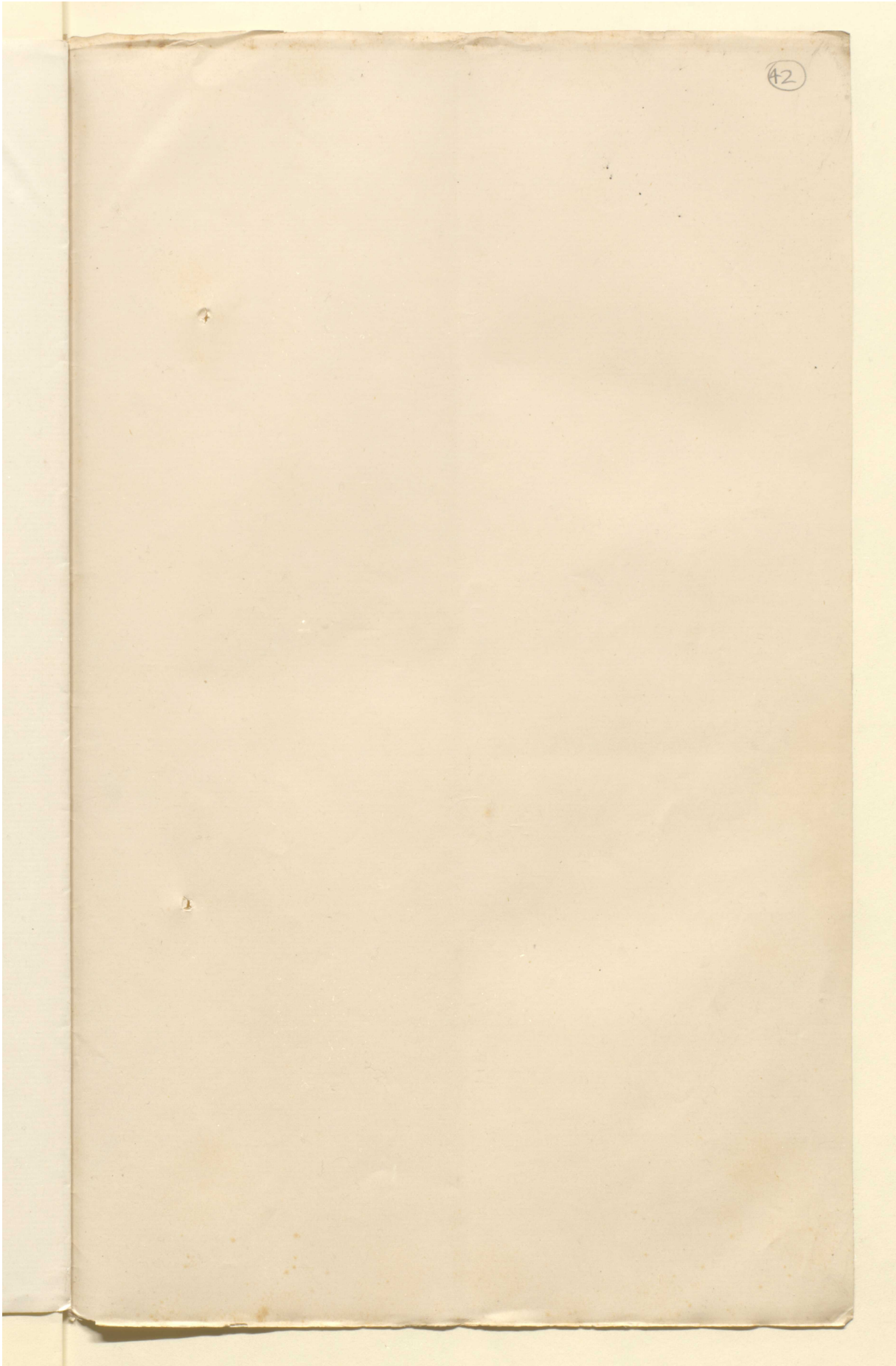
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dated 27th November 1857 from the Govern-
-ment of Bombay to the address of the
Commissioner in Sind -

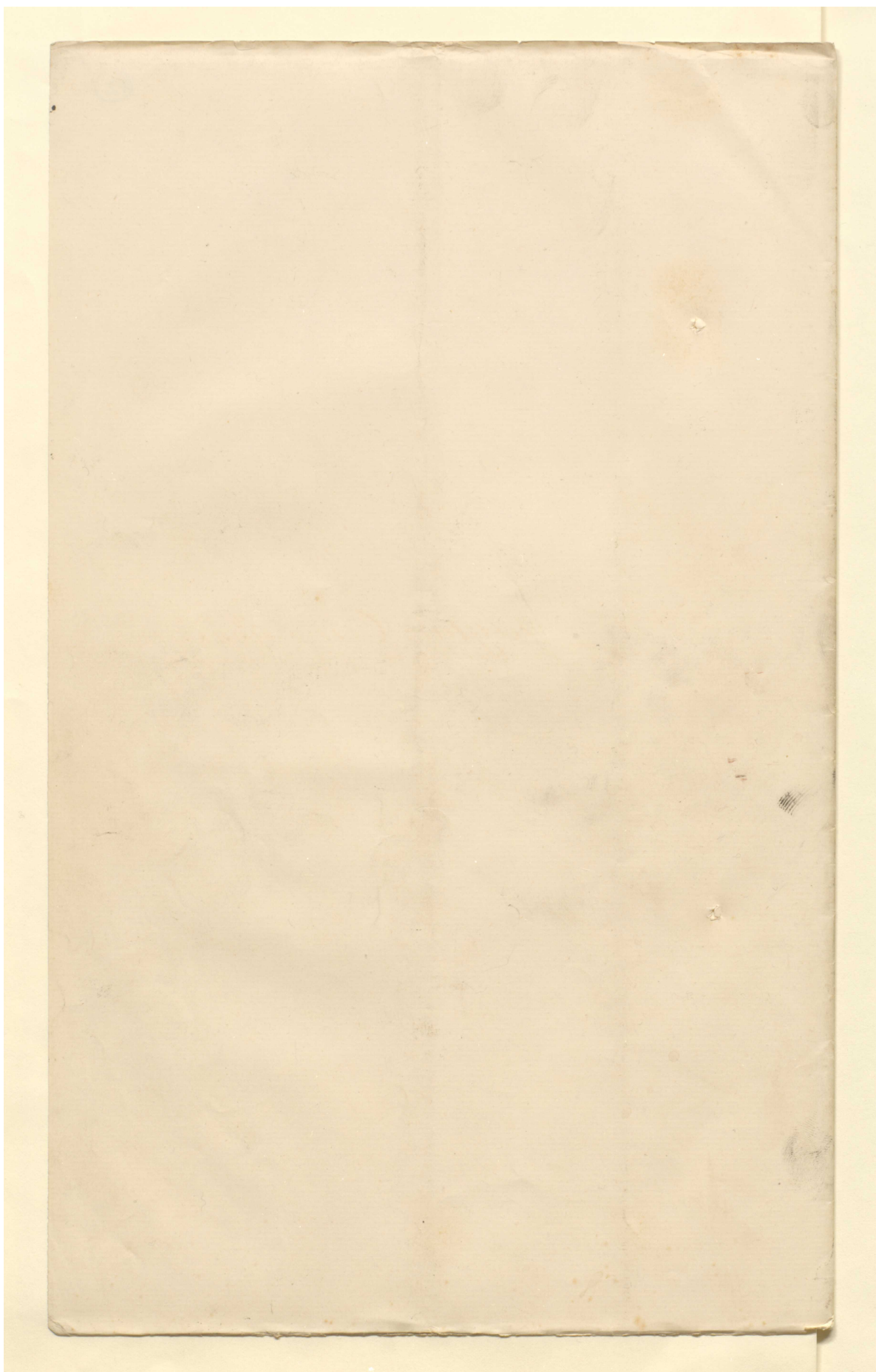
20. His Lordship in Council
considers that the progress made in
the prosecution of this difficult and
complicated enquiry is most creditable
to the officers engaged in it - Government
cordially agree in the opinion expressed
by the Acting Revenue Commissioner for
* no. 1840 of 4th July 1857
alienations in his report, copy of which
is annexed, that the results show that
Captain Pelly has been most assiduous
and that the amount of work per-
-formed by him merits the special
approbation of Government -

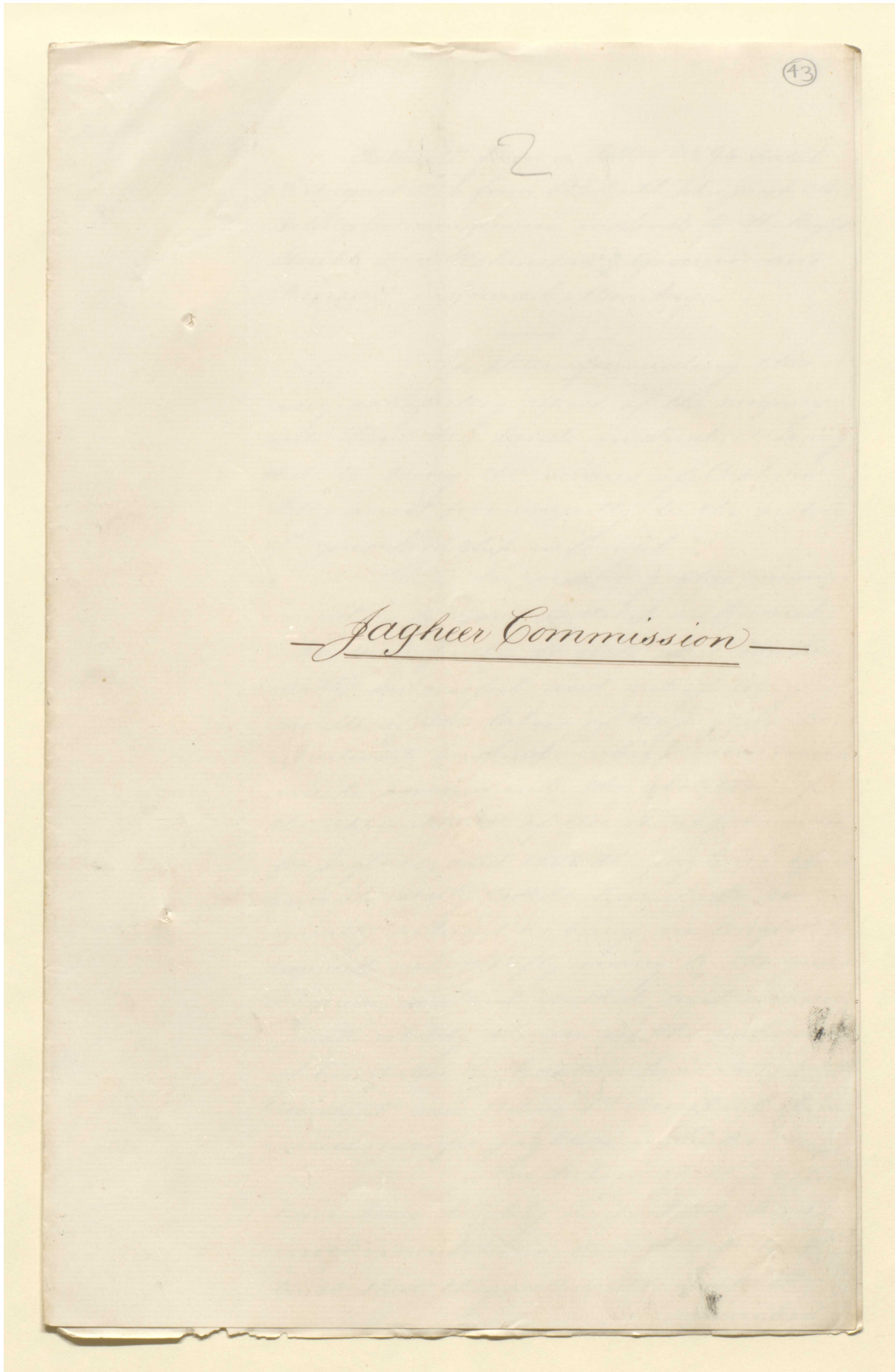


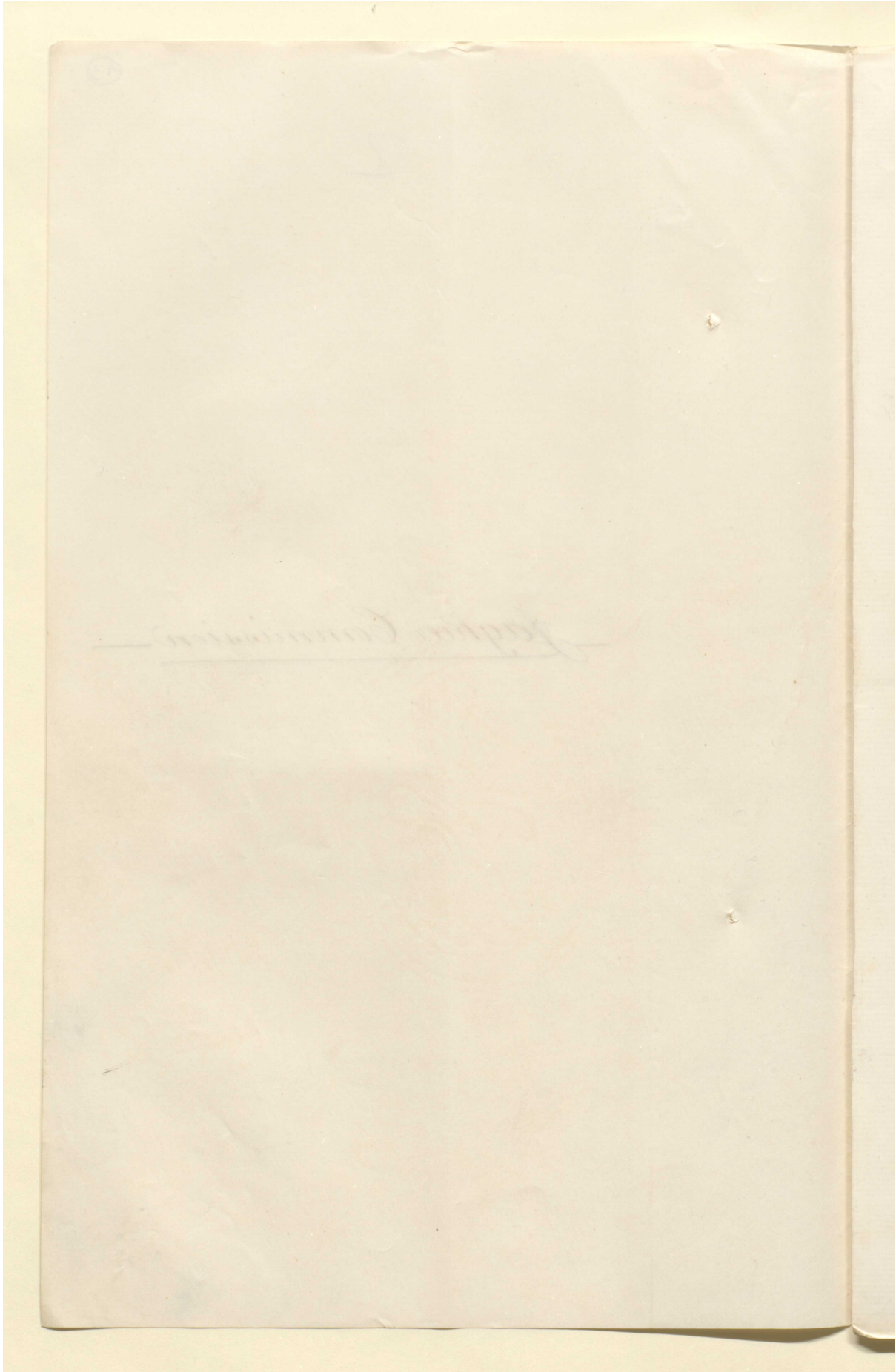












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Extracts from a letter n^o. 94 dated
8th August 1856 from Lt. Colonel John Jacob. C.B.
Acting Commissioner in Sind to The Right
Honorable Lord Elphinstone, Governor and
President in Council - Bombay. -

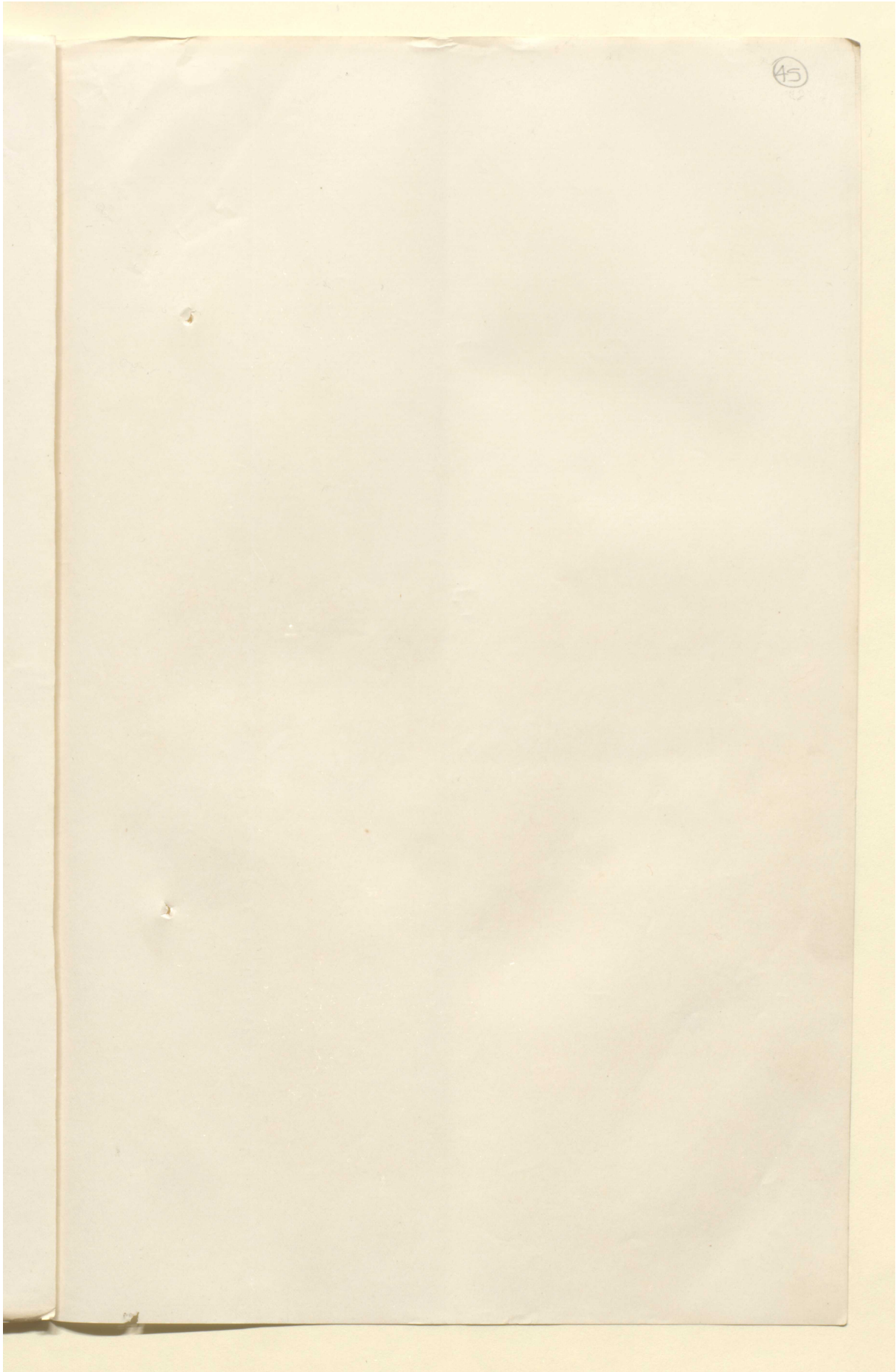
In thus forwarding this
very satisfactory report of the enquiry
into Rent free lands in Sind, it is my
duty to bring the services of Captain
Pelly most prominently to the notice
of your Lordship in Council. -

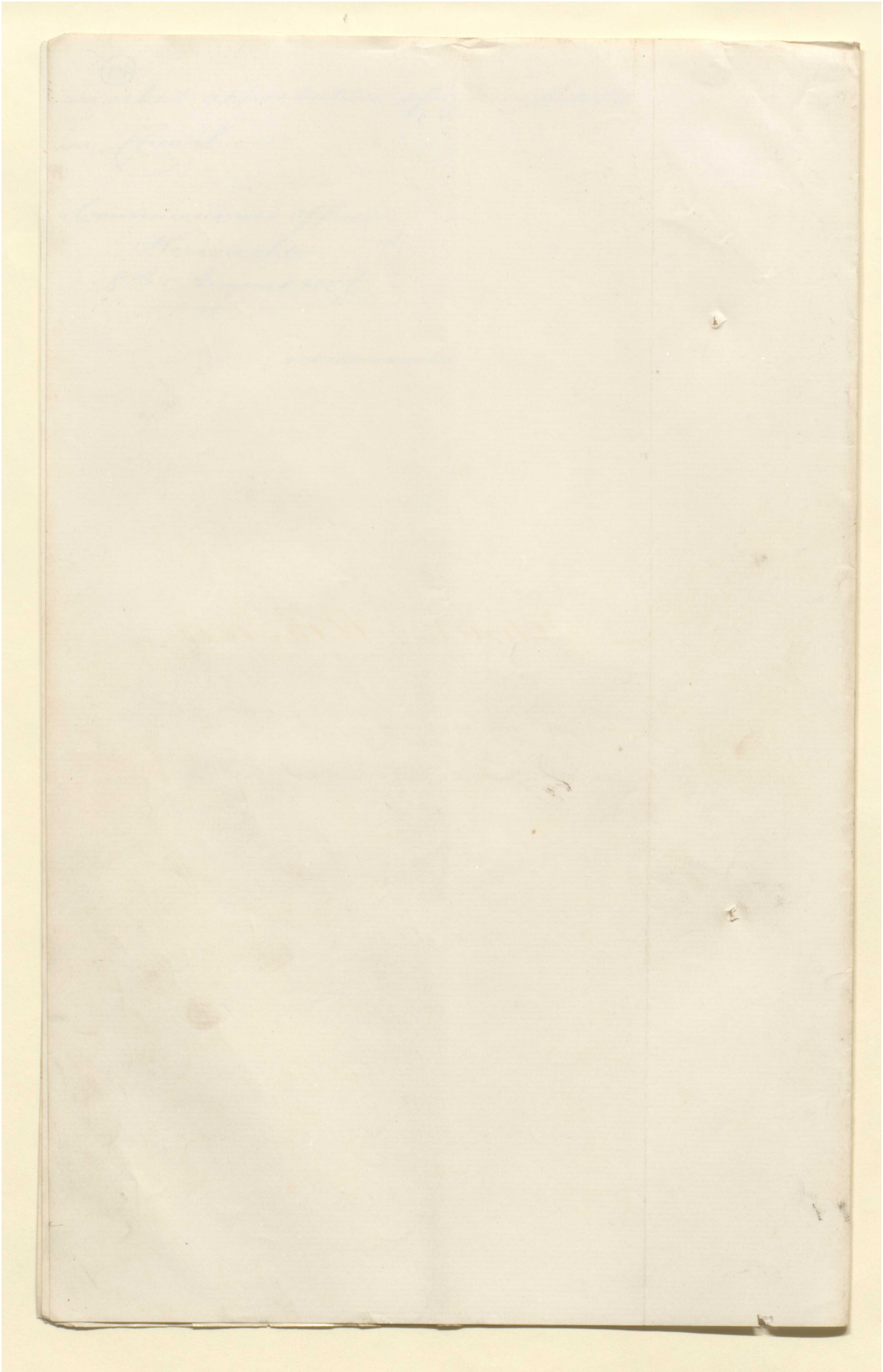
In making this Commu-
-nication to your Lordship in Council,
I beg leave further to state that the per-
-fectly successful and satisfactory
results of the labors of the Jagheer De-
-partment in Sind which now enable
me to recommend the abolition of
the appointment of Assistant Commissioners
for Jagheers, and that the Jagheers' office
and its costly Establishment, be so
greatly reduced as being no longer
required are chiefly owing to the great
diligence, excellent method, and consum-
-mate ability shown in the performance
of his duties by Captain Lewis Pelly 2nd
Assistant and Acting 1st Assistant Com-
-missioner for Jagheers in Sind. -

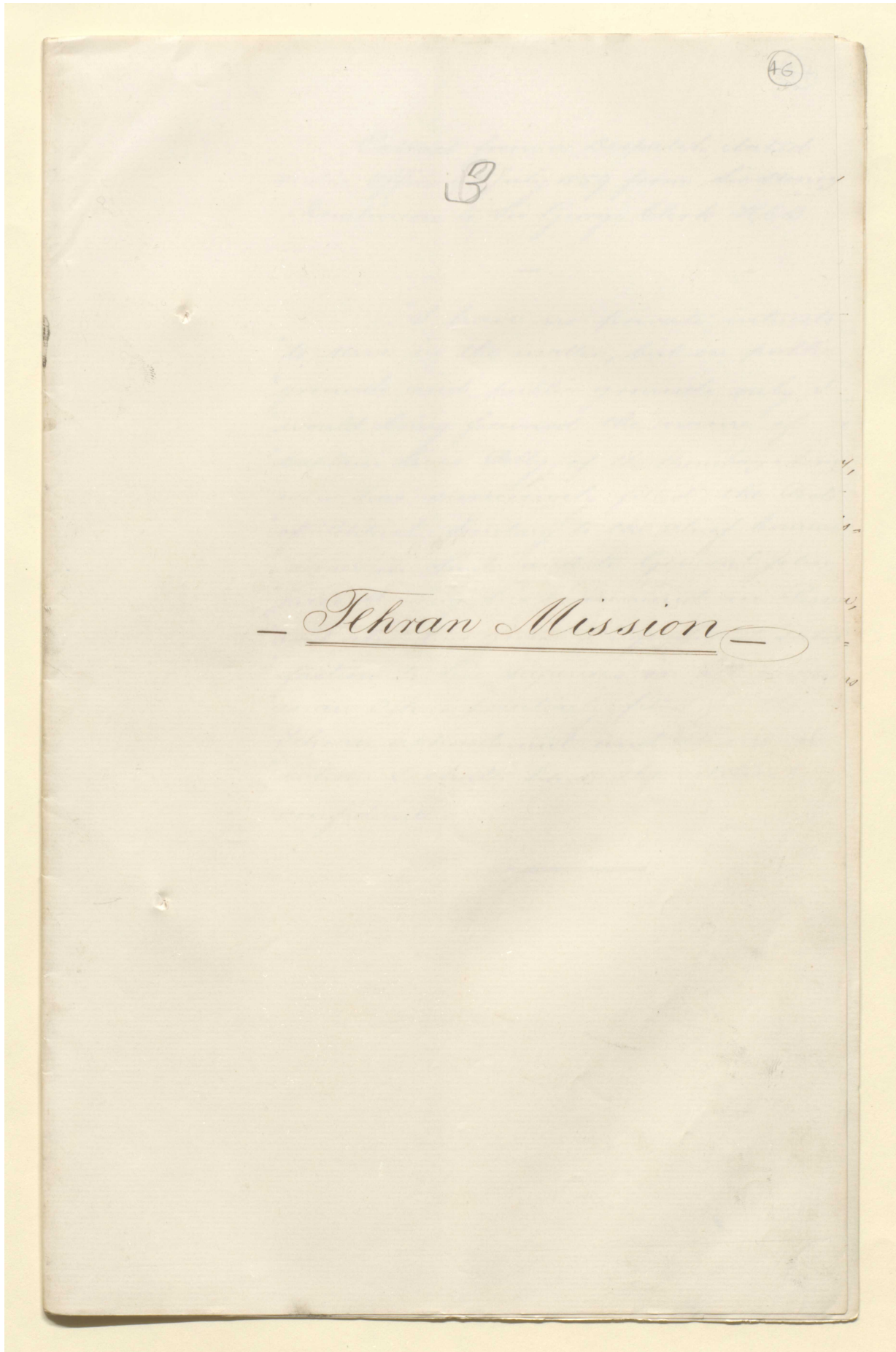
The labors of this officer
have been highly important and
most meritorious, and I respectfully
trust that they will meet with the
marked

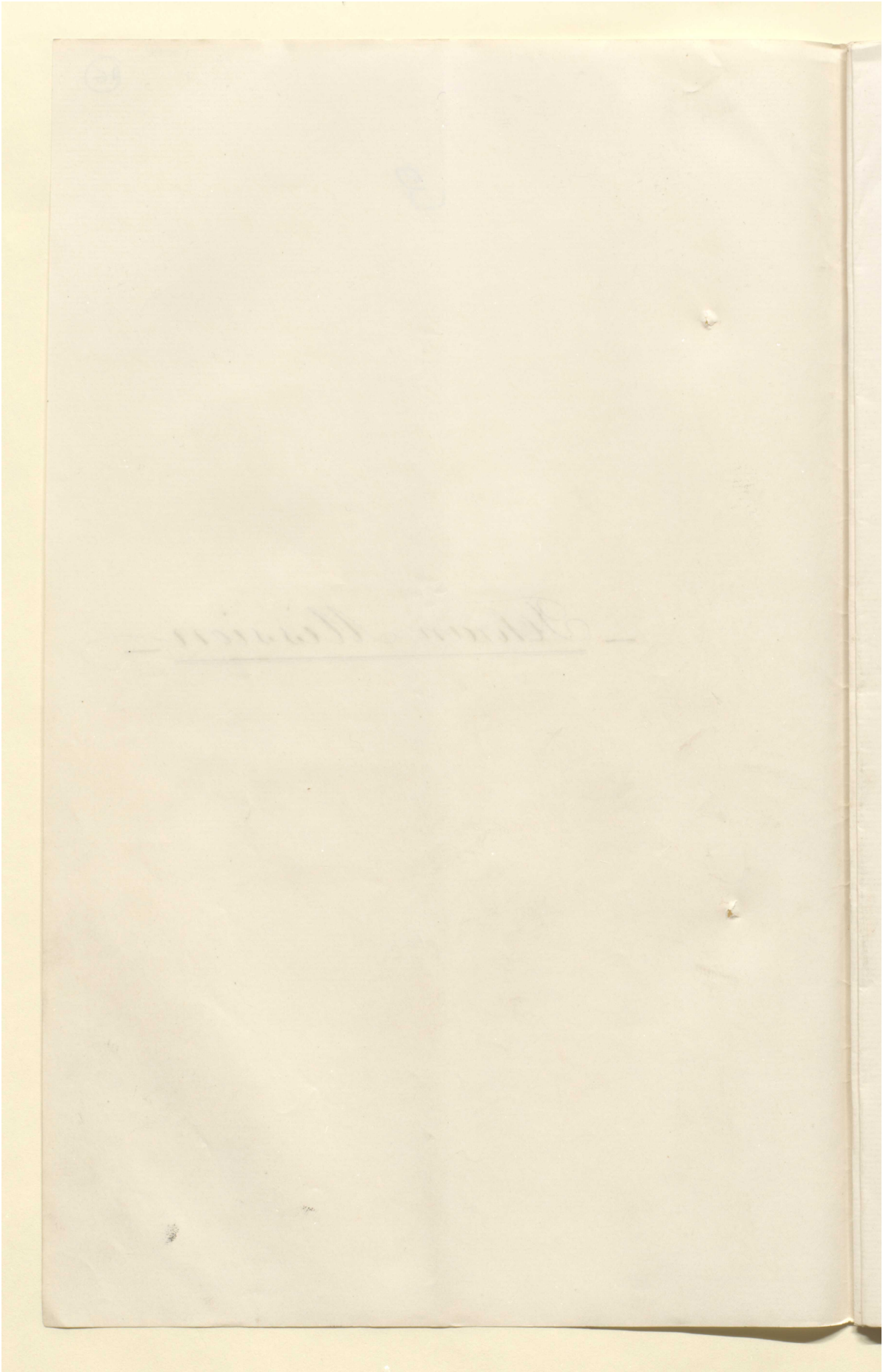
marked approbation of your Lordship
in Council..

Commissioner's office
Hurrahee
8th August 1856





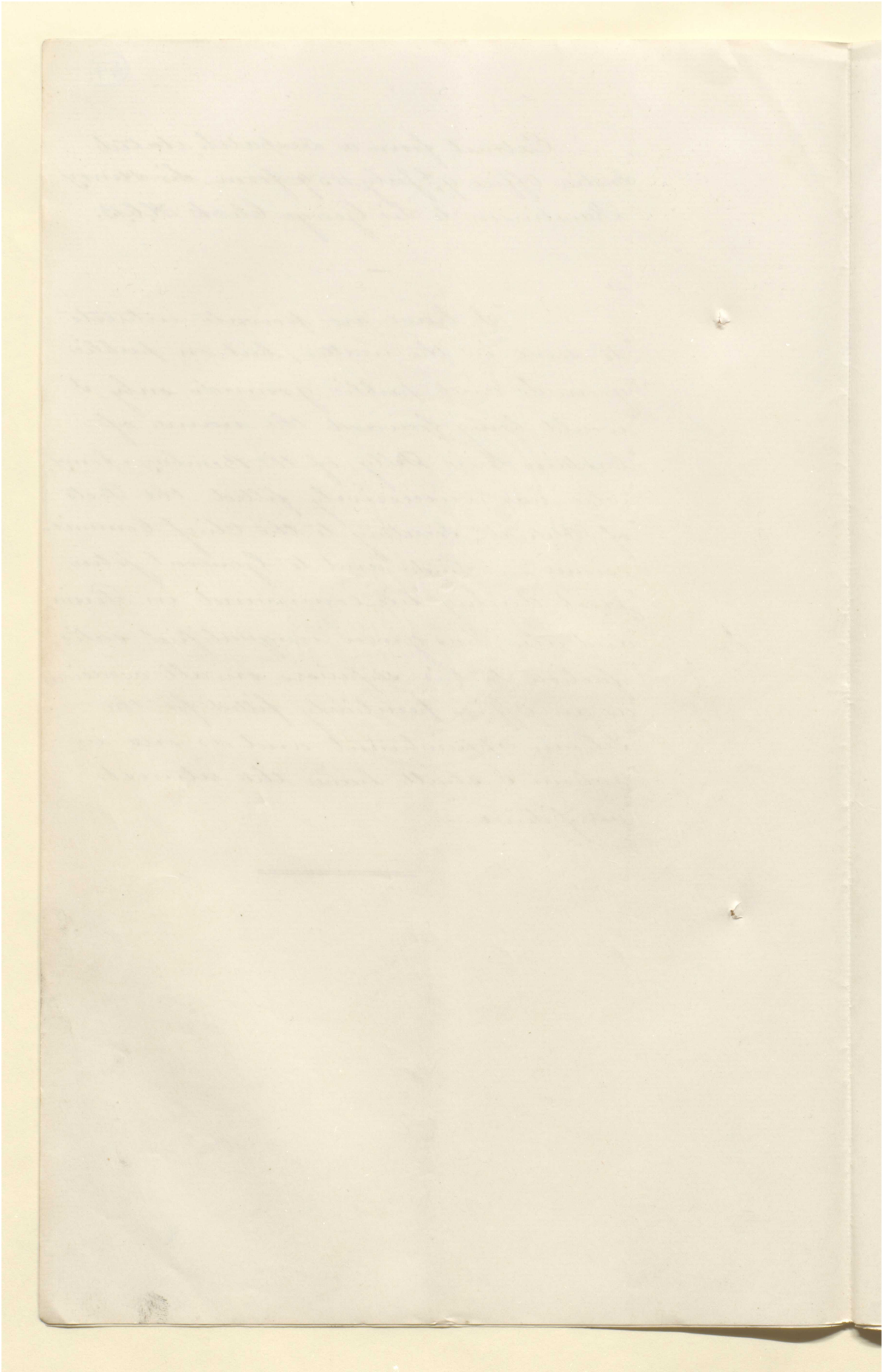




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Extract from a Despatch, dated
India Office 9th July 1859 from Sir Henry
Rawlinson to Sir George Clerk H.C.B.

"I have no private interests
"to serve in the matter, but on public
"grounds and public grounds only, I
"would bring forward the name of
"Captain Lewis Pelly, of the Bombay Army,
"who has successively filled the posts
"of Political Secretary to the Chief Commis-
"-sioner in Sindh and to General John
"Jacob during his command in Persia,
"and also has given unqualified satis-
"-faction to his superiors on all occasions
"as an Officer peculiarly fitted for the
"Sohran appointment and as one in
"whom I shall have the utmost
"confidence."



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India Office
26th July 1859.

Sir,

I am desired by Sir Charles Wood to inform you that he has recommended you to Her Majesty for employment in Persia, as Secretary of Legation, during the absence of Mr. Doria and that he has intimated your appointment to the Government of Bombay from whom you will hold yourself in readiness to receive instructions.

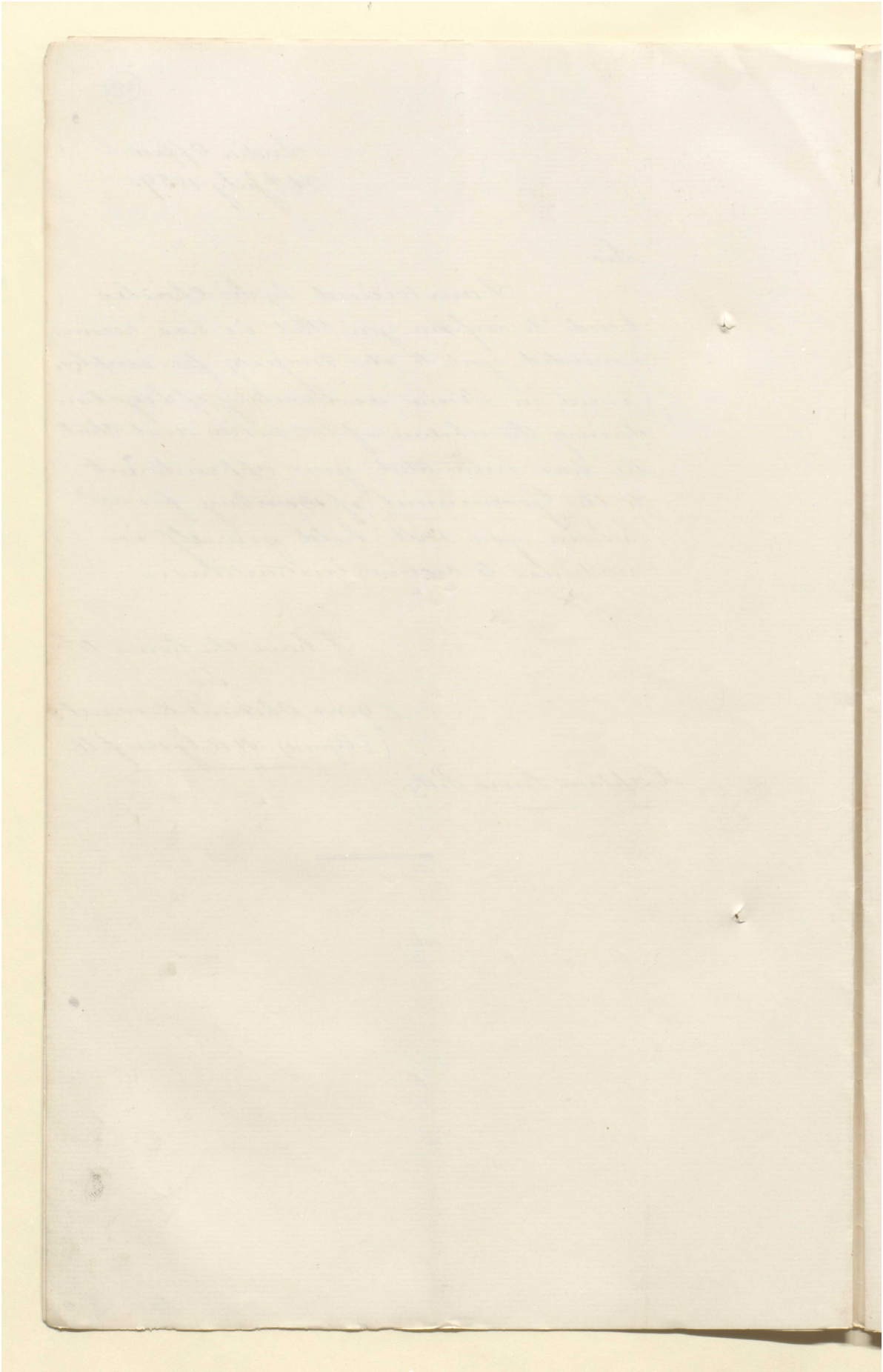
I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant.

(Signed) A. R. Greenfell

Captain Lewis Pelly.



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Foreign Office
September 19th 1860.

Sir,

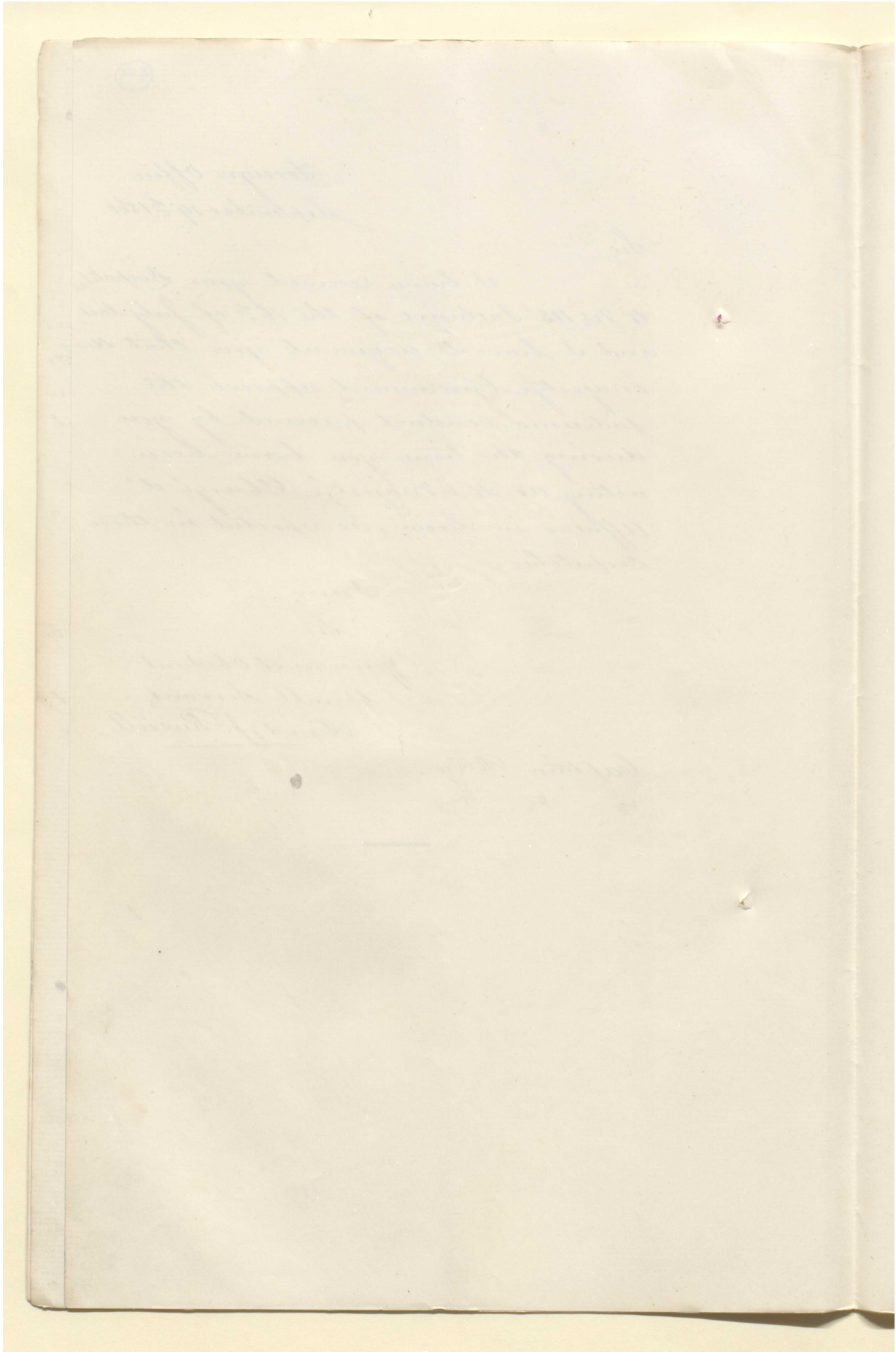
I have received your Despatches to Nos 115 Inclusive of the 16th of July last, and I have to acquaint you that Her Majesty's Government approve the judicious conduct pursued by you, during the time you have been acting as Her Majesty's Charge' d' Affaires in Persia, as reported in those Despatches -

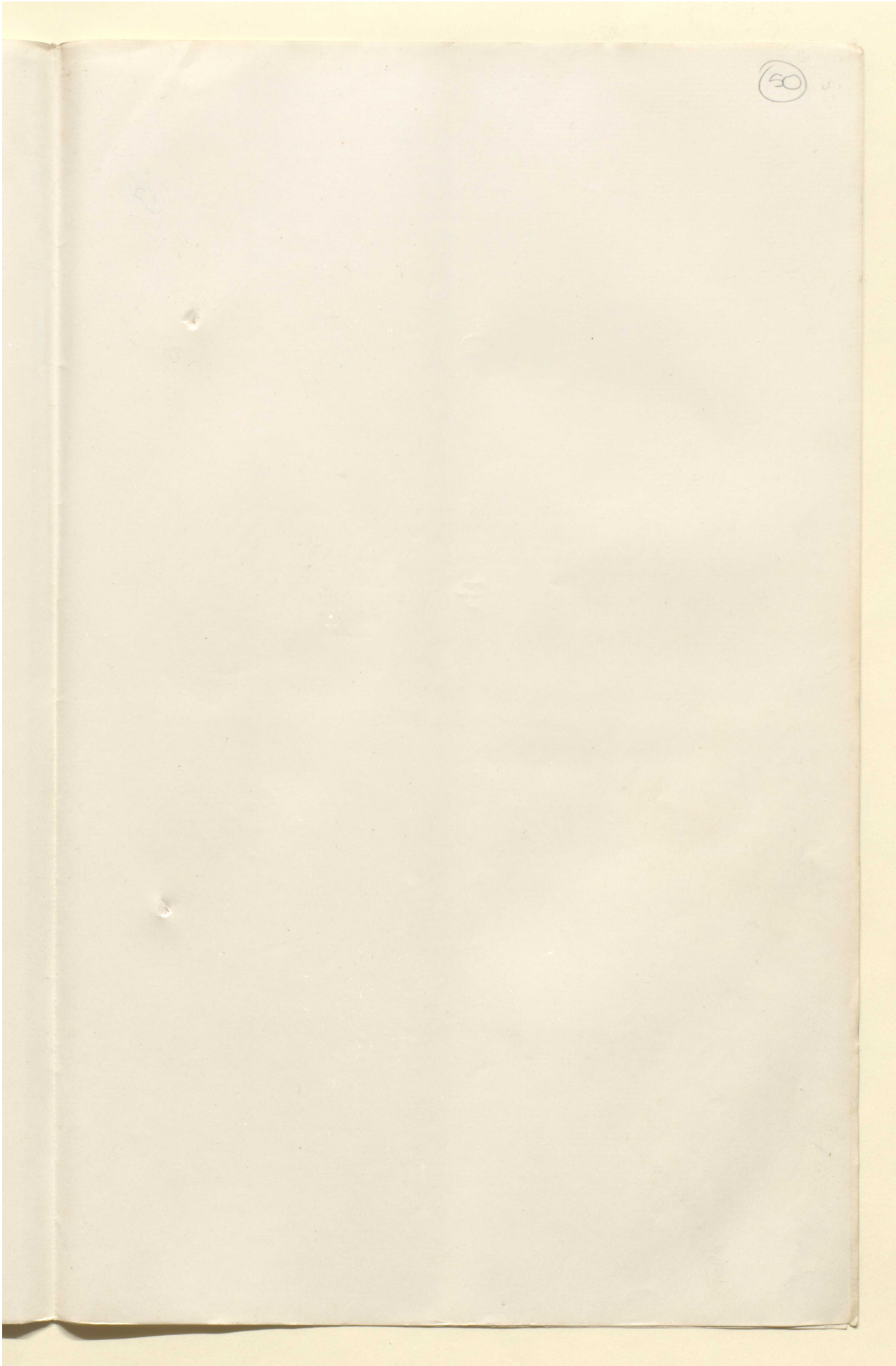
I am,

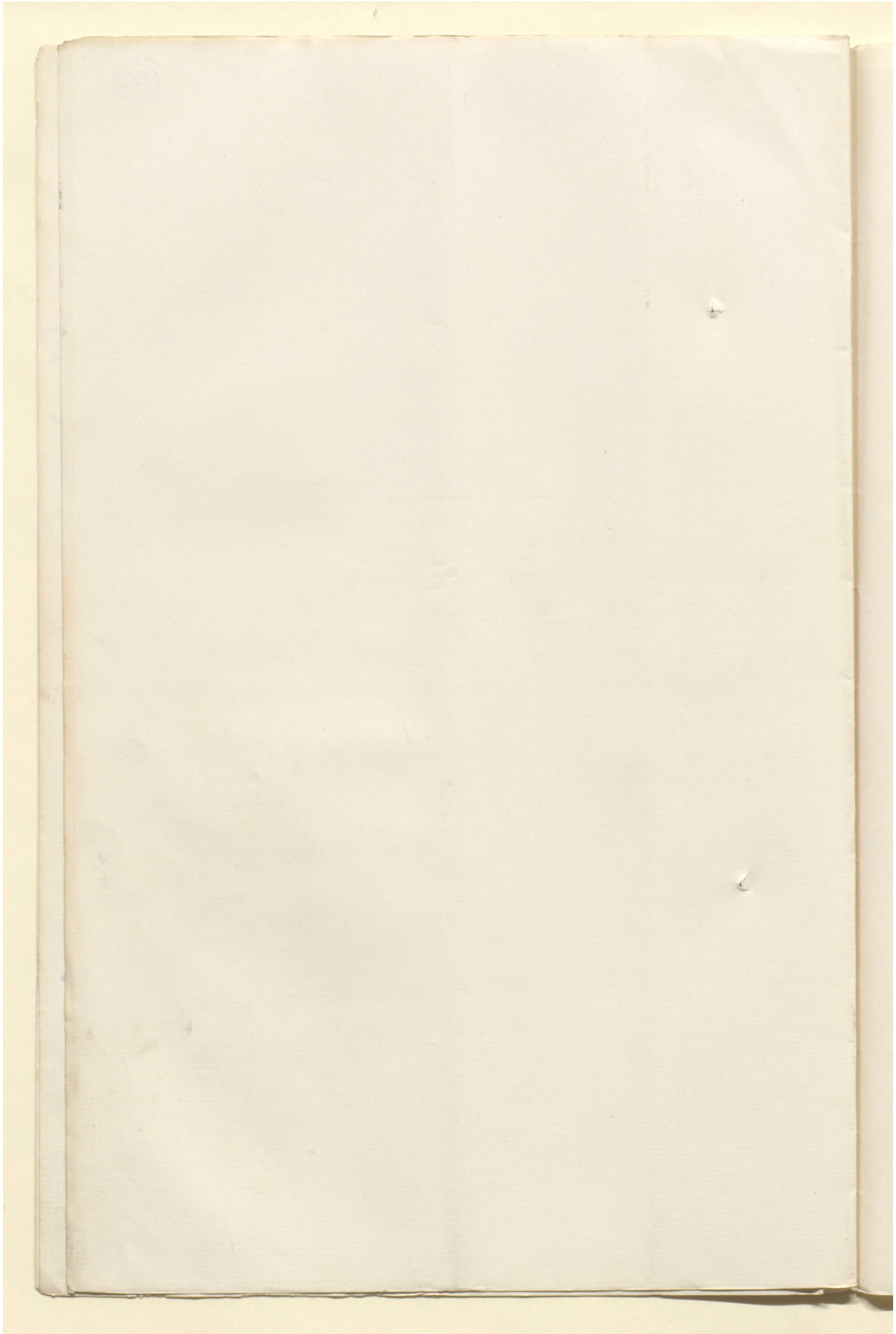
Sir,

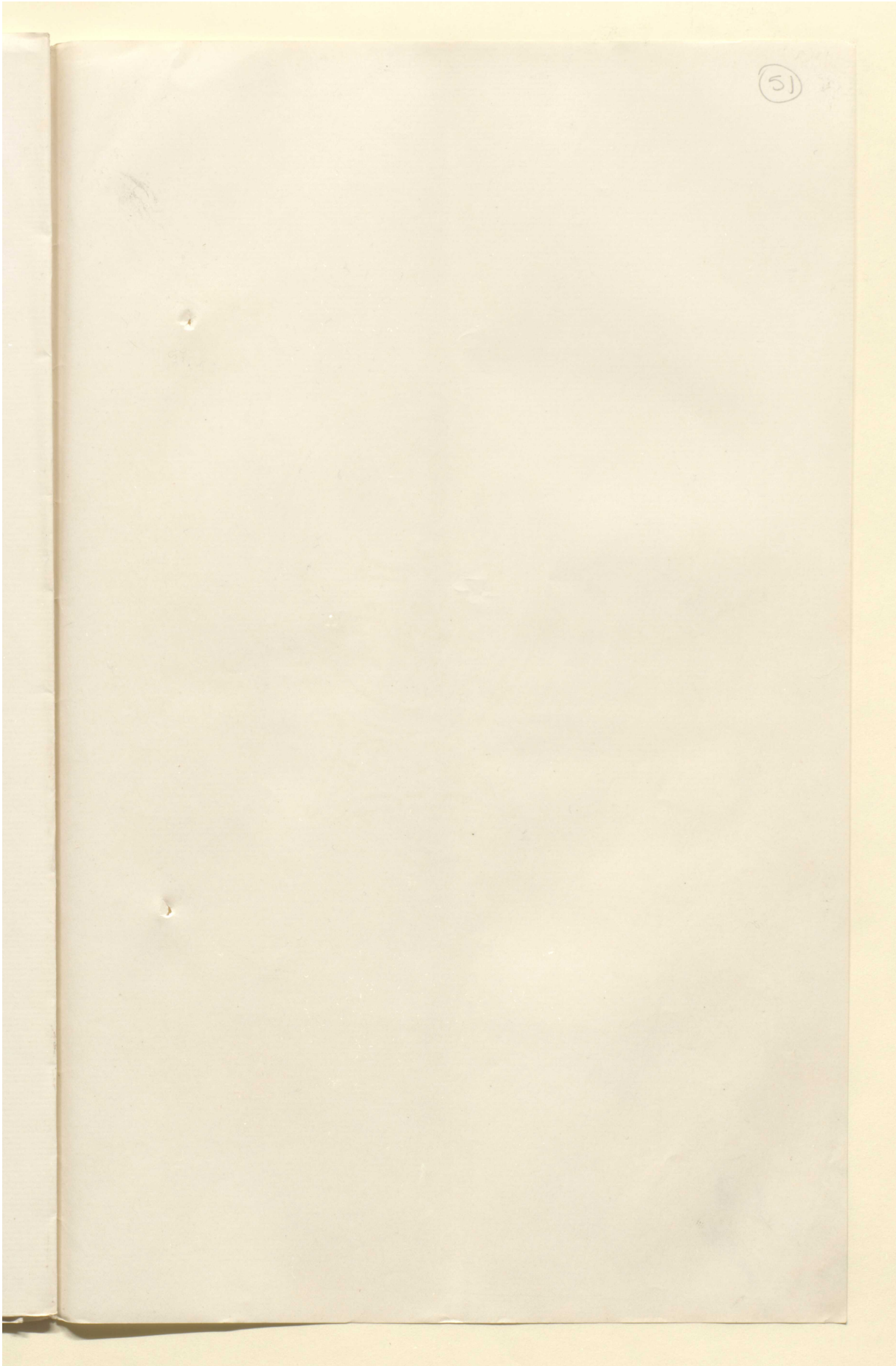
Your most obedient
humble servant
(Signed) J. Russell.

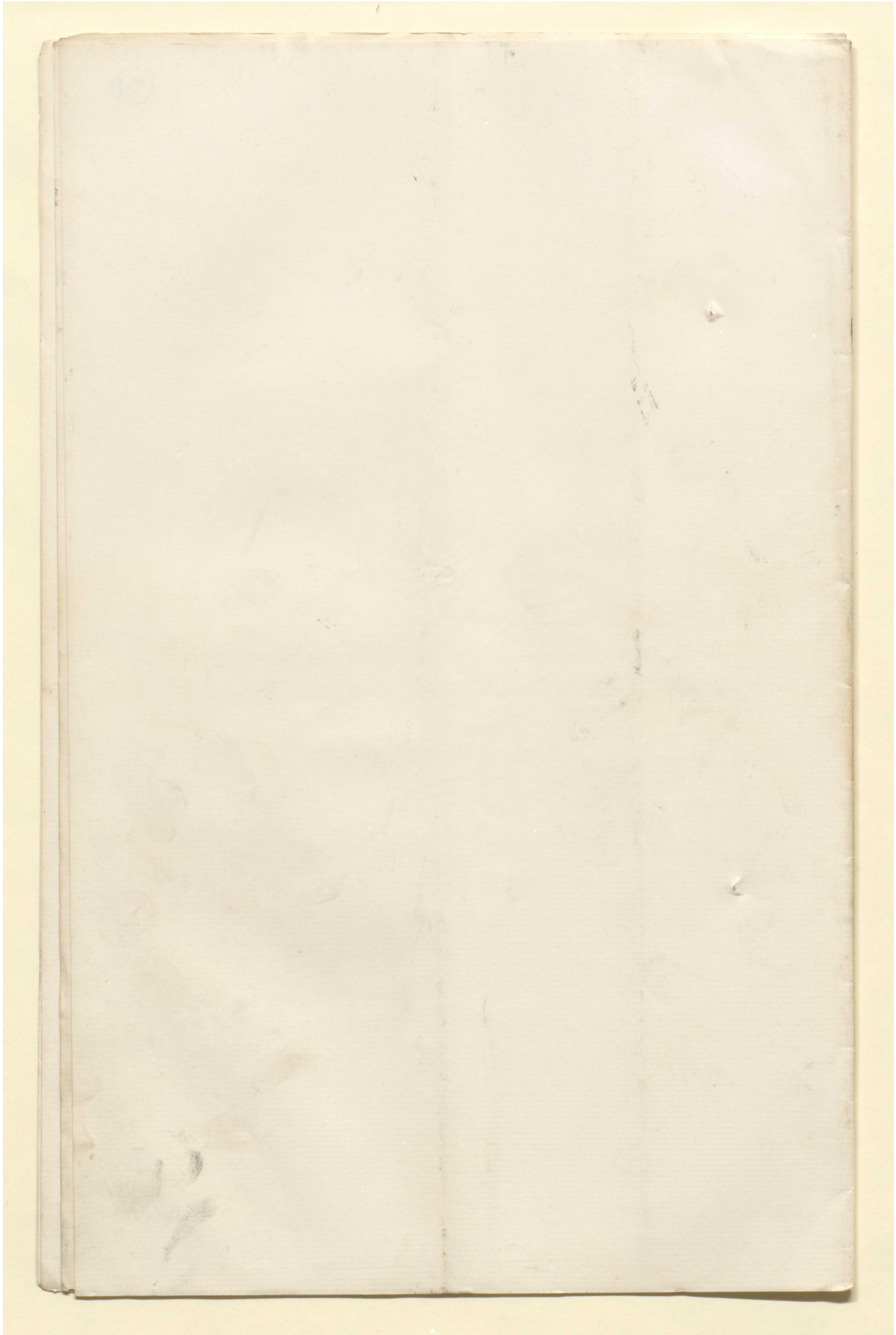
Captain Kelly
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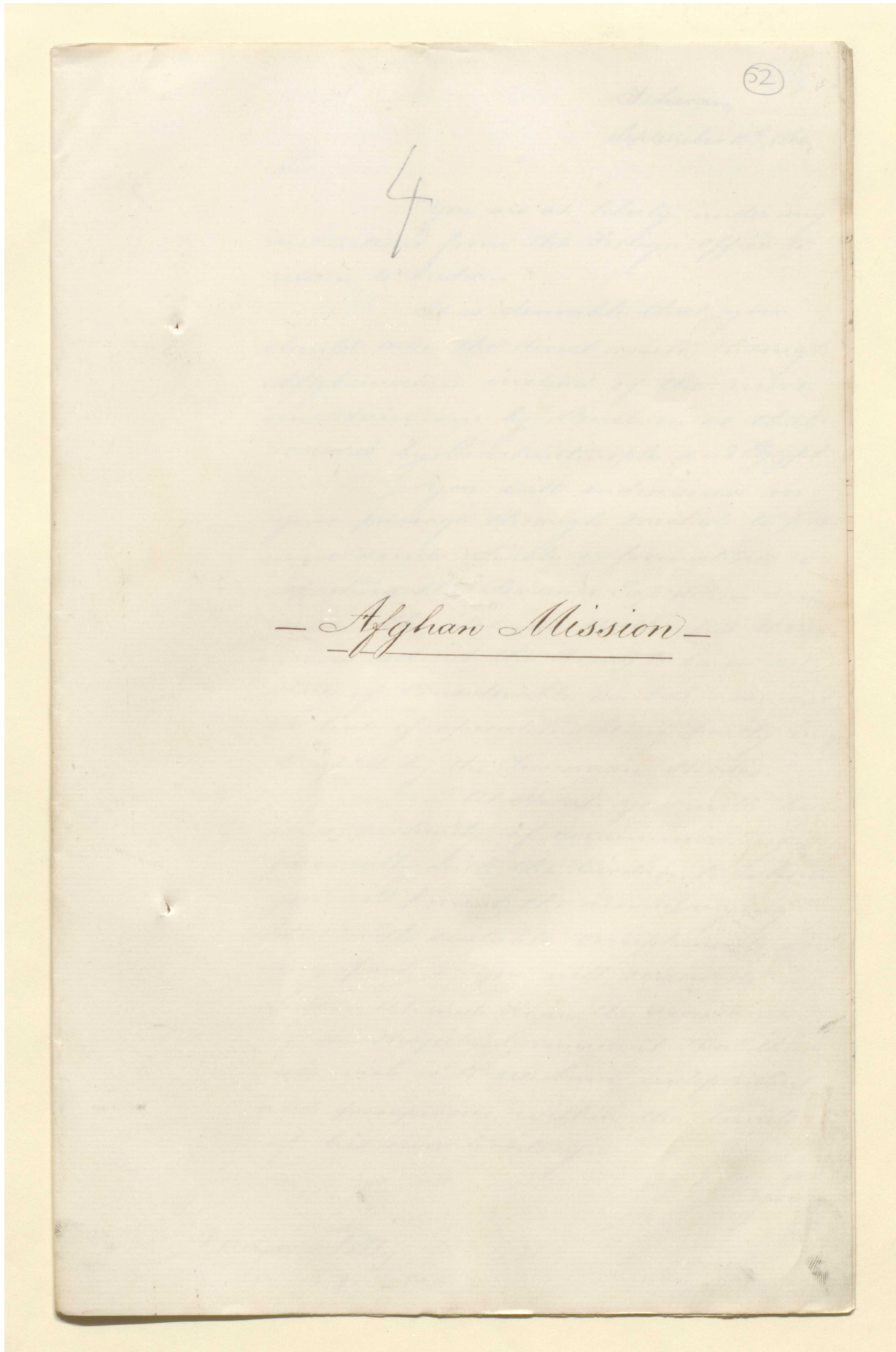


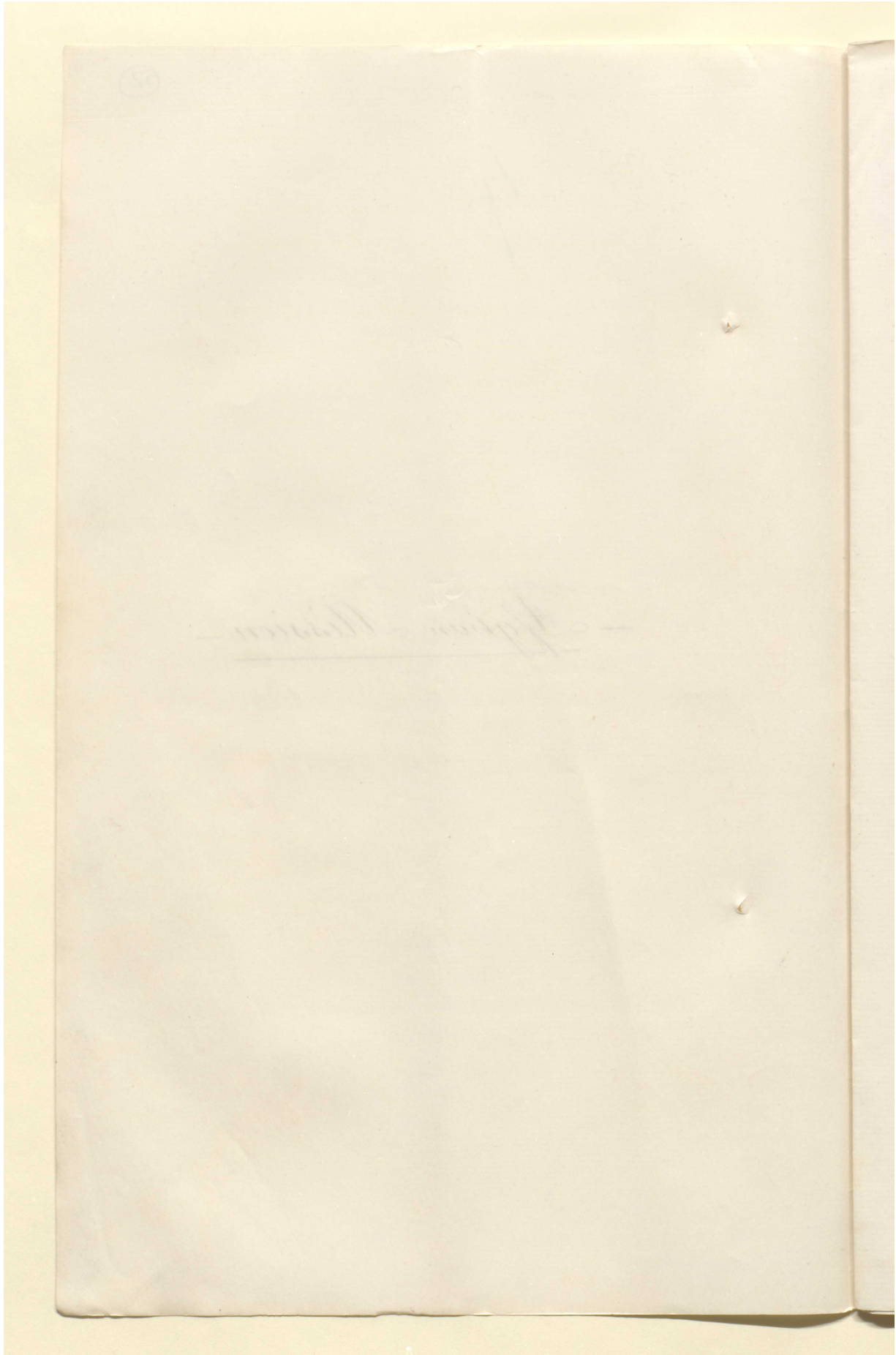












Teheran,

September 10th, 1860.

Sir,

You are at liberty under my instructions from the Foreign Office to return to India.

It is desirable that you should take the direct route through Afghanistan instead of the more uncertain one by Bushire or that round by Constantinople and Egypt.

You will endeavour on your passage through Meshed to procure some reliable information respecting the Persian Expedition against Mero. The Persian Authorities themselves admit the Army to be in a state of considerable embarrassment, its line of operations being partly intercepted by the Turcoman Hordes.

At Herat you will have an opportunity of communicating personally with the Sirdar, to whom you will present the accompanying letter with suitable compliments on my part. You will renew to Sultan Ahmed Khan the assurance of Her Majesty's Government that their sole wish is to see him independent and prosperous within the limits of his own territory.

Yours
Major Pelly
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You will likewise present him with the fowling piece and pair of pistols, now given in your charge, in token of the friendly feelings of the British Government. It is probable that a rifle and sword (forming part of the presents intended for the Birdar) may reach me in time for them to overtake you en route. In that case you will present them simultaneously with the other arms.

In the event of the state of the weather permitting you to proceed onwards by Cabul you will make suitable friendly assurances on the part of Her Majesty's Government to Dost Mahomed Khan, to whom you will likewise present the accompanying letter of introduction on my part, with proper compliments. Should you, however, on reaching Candahar, find yourself overtaken by the winter, you will be at liberty to move onwards by the Bolan Pass through that portion of our frontier already familiar to you.

You will be careful en route to collect all practicable information on the present condition and prospects of Afghanistan. Your access to the archives of this mission has made you fully acquainted with the views of Her Majesty's

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Majesty's Government respecting those
states. I nevertheless enclose to you
for your more perfect guidance, an
extract of the instructions addressed by
the India Office to Sir Henry Rawlinson
under date the 24th August 1859, relative
to that Subject.

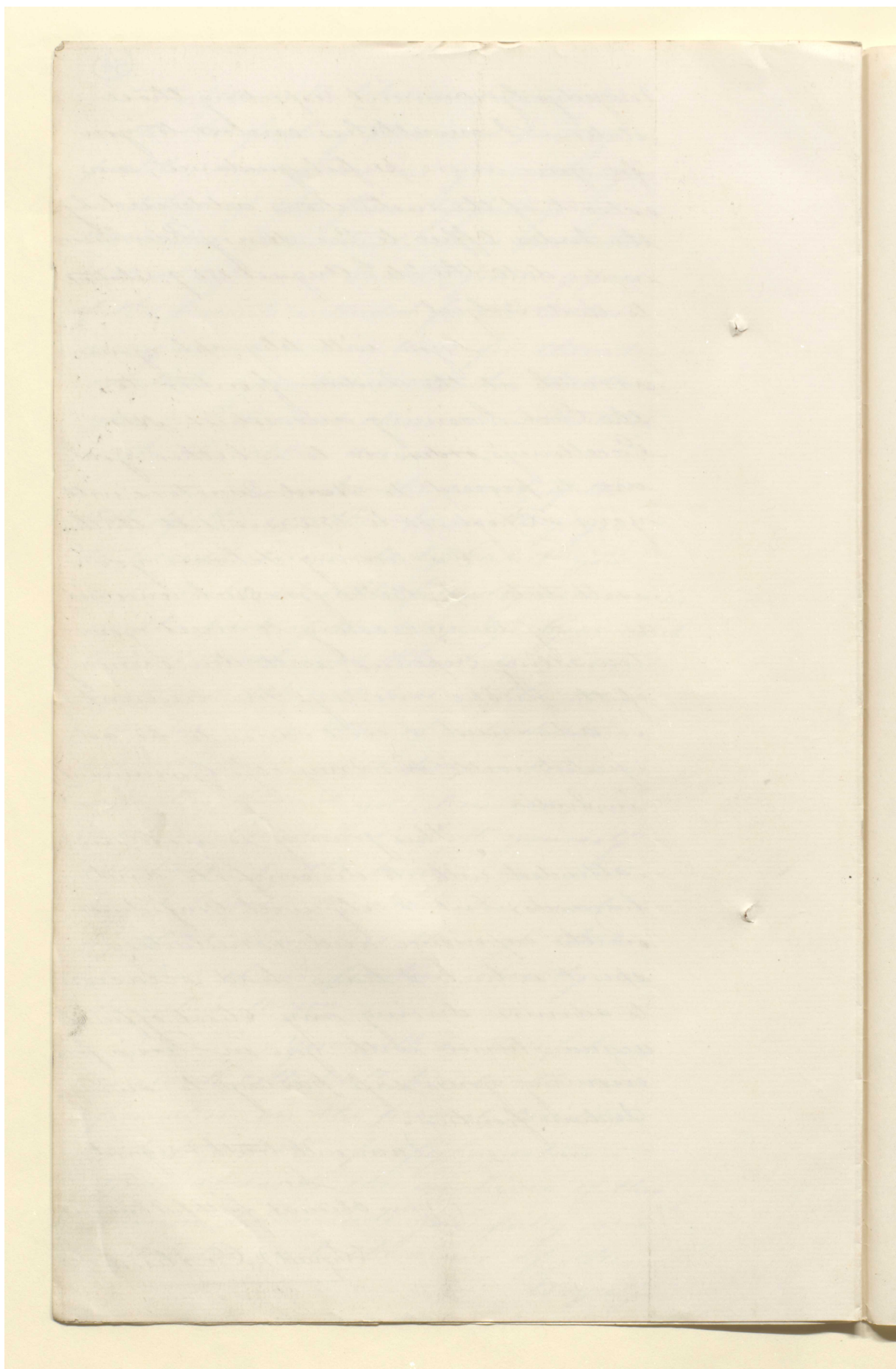
You will telegraph your
arrival at the Indian frontier to
the Earl Canning and solicit His
Excellency's orders as to whether you
are to proceed to Head Quarters with
your Report, or to transmit it thither.

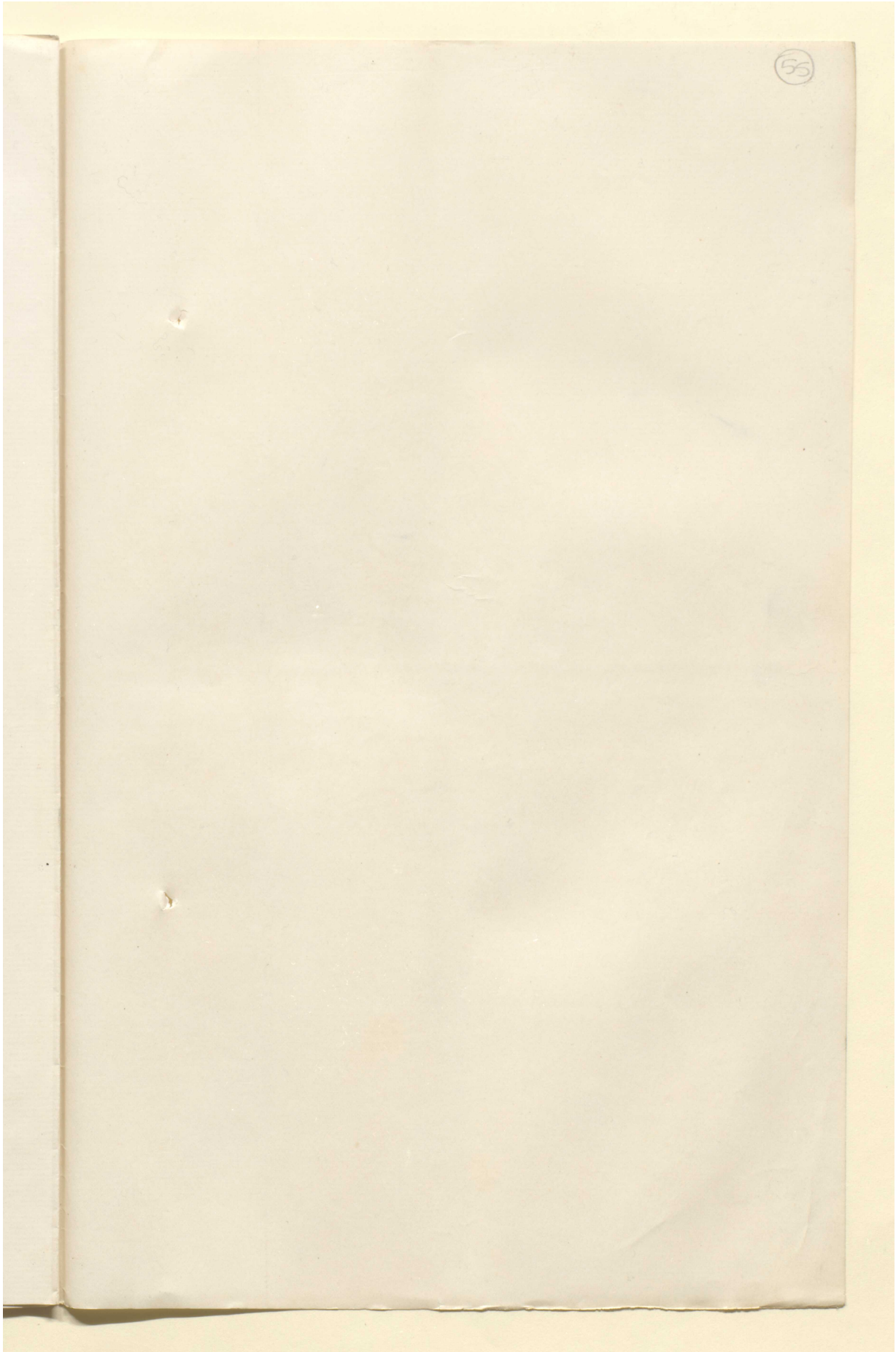
On leaving Tehran you
will take up Bills for such amount
as may be necessary to meet your
travelling Expenses, with due economy
of the public money. The amount
so advanced I will cause to be ad-
-justed with Her Majesty's Government
in India.

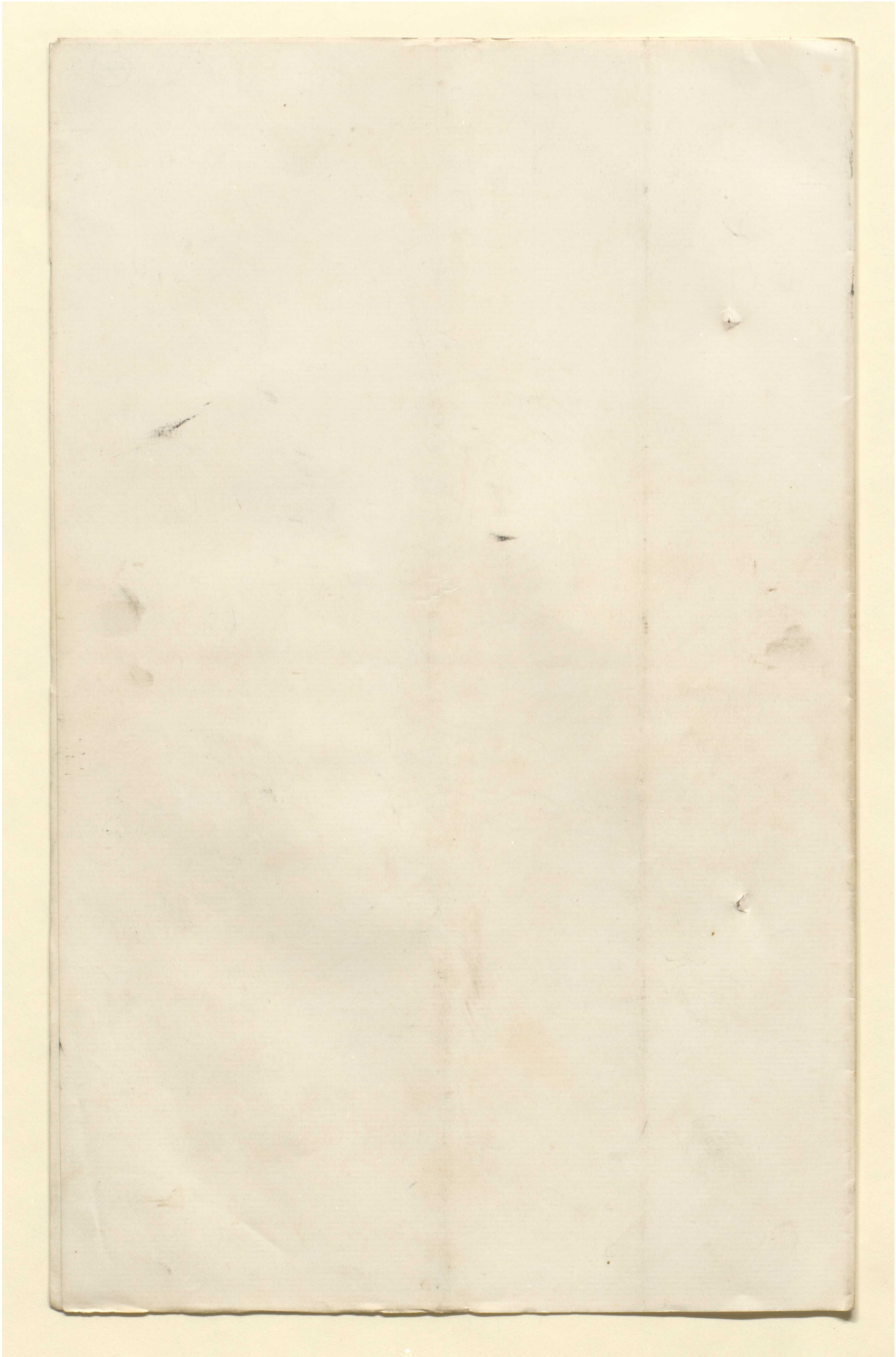
This journey is not un-
-attended with its discomforts and
hazards; but I rely with confidence
on the experience and conciliatory
spirit which I have had occasion
to admire during my short official
acquaintance with you in Persia for
ensuring your safe passage to our
Indian frontier.

I am with truth & regard
Sir

Your obedient, faithful servant
(Signed) C. Alison







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The Chief Secretary to the Govern-
-ment of Bombay, No 1573, dated the
21st May 1863.-

Forwards for information copy
of Resolution passed by Government
on Colonel Pelly's communications Nos
1, 2, A & B dated 12th January and 1st and
16th February 1863 suggesting the concentra-
-tion of the Political Residency in the
Persian Gulf, the main Telegraph
Station, and a Coal Depot at some
spot near Cape Mussendow &c.

Resolution by the Honorable
Board dated 13th May 1863- "These letters
"like everything that proceeds from
"Colonel Pelly's hands have a merit
"apart from their immediate purpose.
"The Government may or may not be
"able to act on the Residents' suggestions,
"but the letters will constitute a valu-
"able contribution to our knowledge
"of the Gulf, and will supply facts
"and considerations, which may hereafter
"exercise an unexpected influence in
"discussions connected with Persian or
"Arabian complications." *****
"The Honorable the Governor in Council
"does not then deem it expedient to
"take action in any way on Colonel
"Pelly's suggestions, but in justice to that
"intelligent and able Officer, he will
"forward copies of his communications
"for

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"for the consideration of the Government
"of India -"

Extract from a Despatch from
H. M^r Secretary of State for India N^o. 7
dated 9th February 1864 -

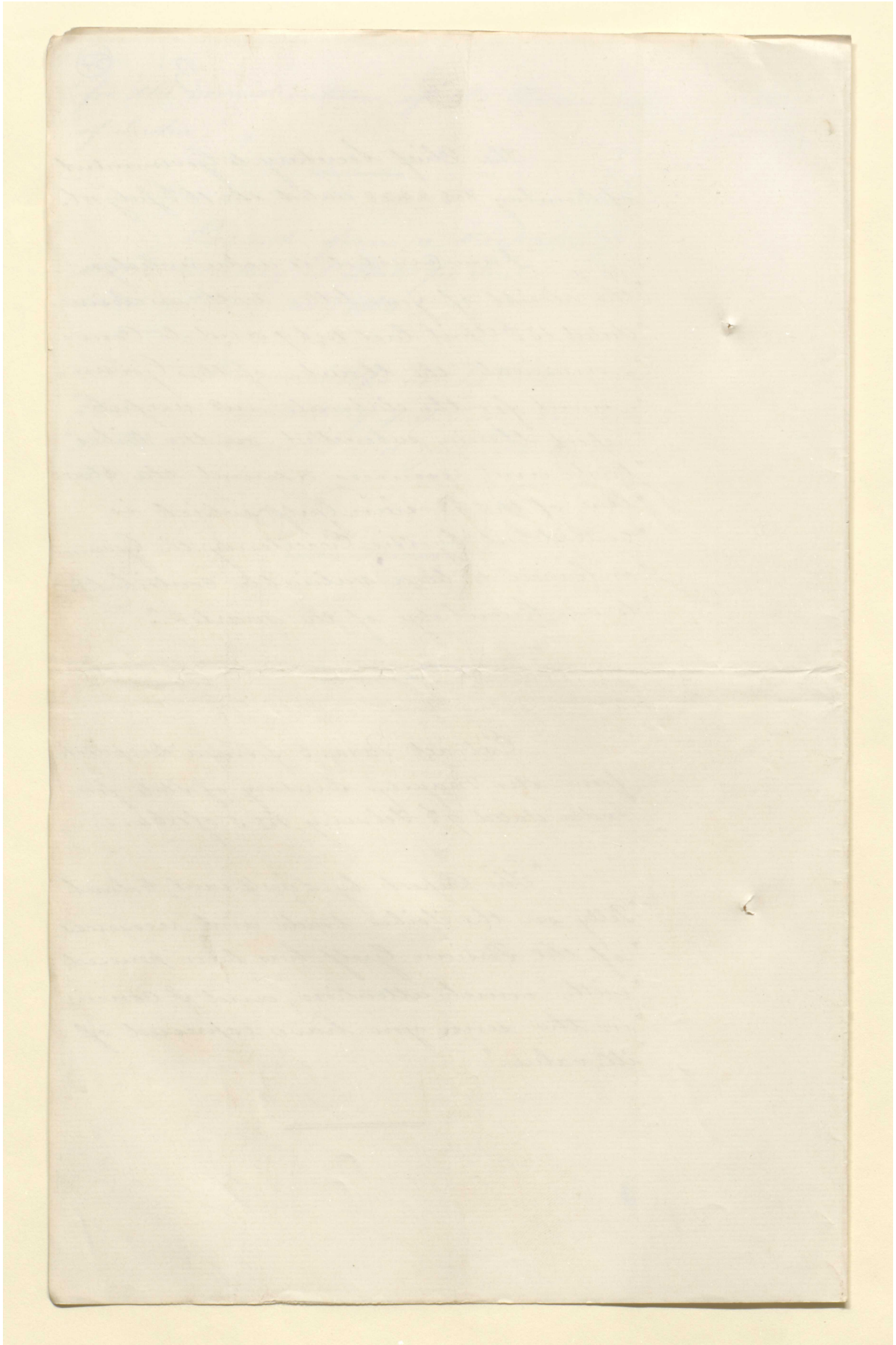
"The remarks contained in
"this very interesting paper are creditable
"to the intelligence and zeal of Colonel
"Dilly &c."

3 (57)
The Chief Secretary to Government
of Bombay No. 2228 dated the 16th July 1863.

"I am directed to acknowledge
"the receipt of your letter with enclosures
"dated 13th April last No. 67 and to Com=
"municate the thanks of this Govern=
"ment for the elaborate and useful
"report therein submitted on the tribes,
"trade and resources around the shore
"line of the Persian Gulf which is
"considered by His Excellency the Governor
"in Council to be a valuable contribution
"to our knowledge of the quarter."

Extract Para: 5 from a Despatch
from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for
India dated 9th February, No. 5 of 1864.

"The Report by Lieutenant Colonel
"Pelly on the Tribes trade and resources
"of the Persian Gulf has been perused
"with much attention, and I concur
"in the sense you have expressed of
"its value."

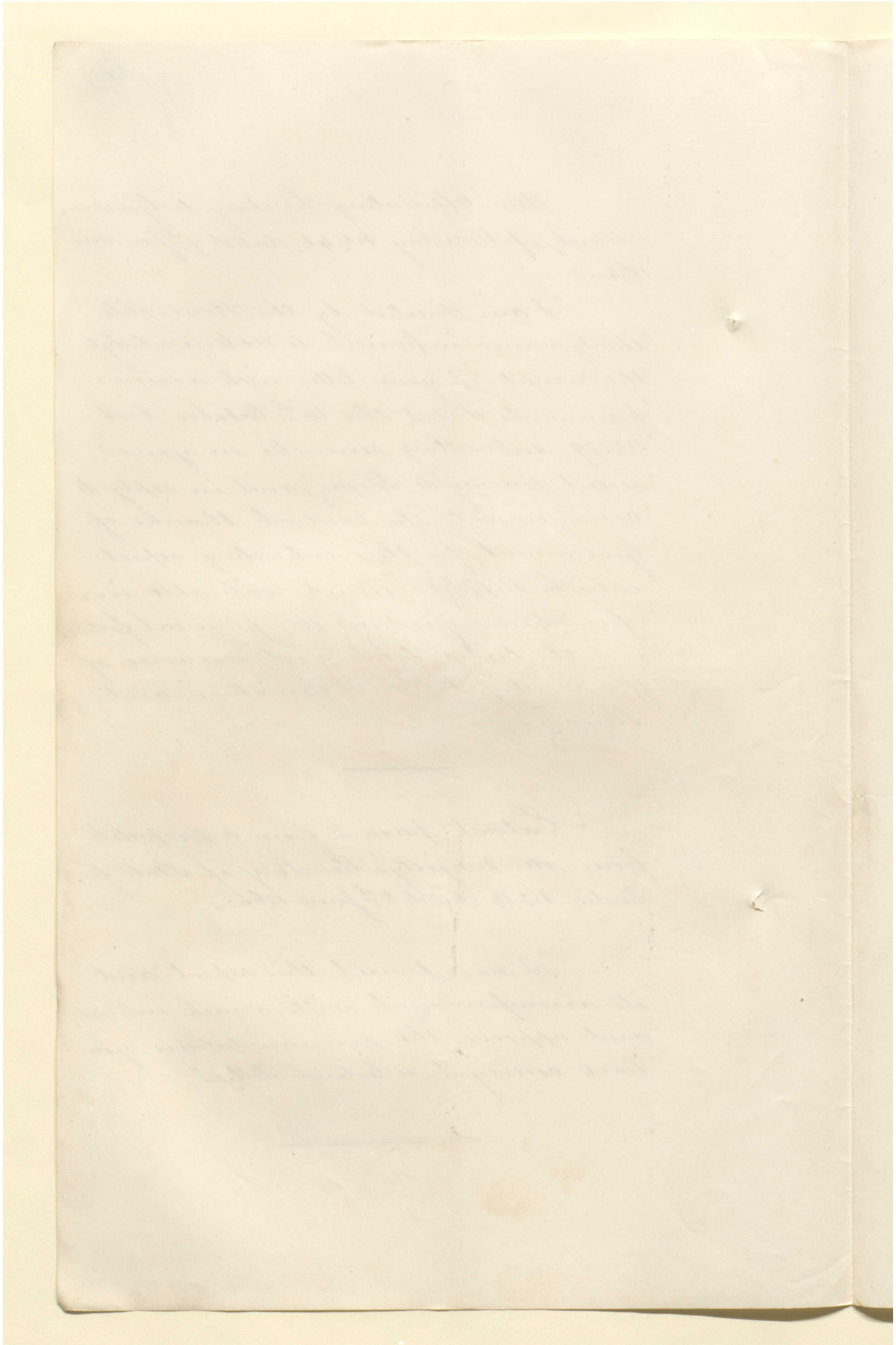


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The Officiating Secretary to Govern-
-ment of Bombay N^o. 41, dated 7th January
1864.-

"I am directed by the Honorable
"the Governor in Council to acknowledge
"the receipt of your letter with accom-
"paniments dated the 14th October last,
"N^o. 129, submitting remarks on your
"recent journey to Shiraz, and in reply to
"communicate the cordial thanks of
"Government for this interesting report
"which supplies much valuable in-
"formation regarding the physical features
"and the tribes, trade and resources of
"the country between Bushire and
"Shiraz."-

Extract para 2 from a Despatch
from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for
India N^o. 14 dated 8th June 1865.-

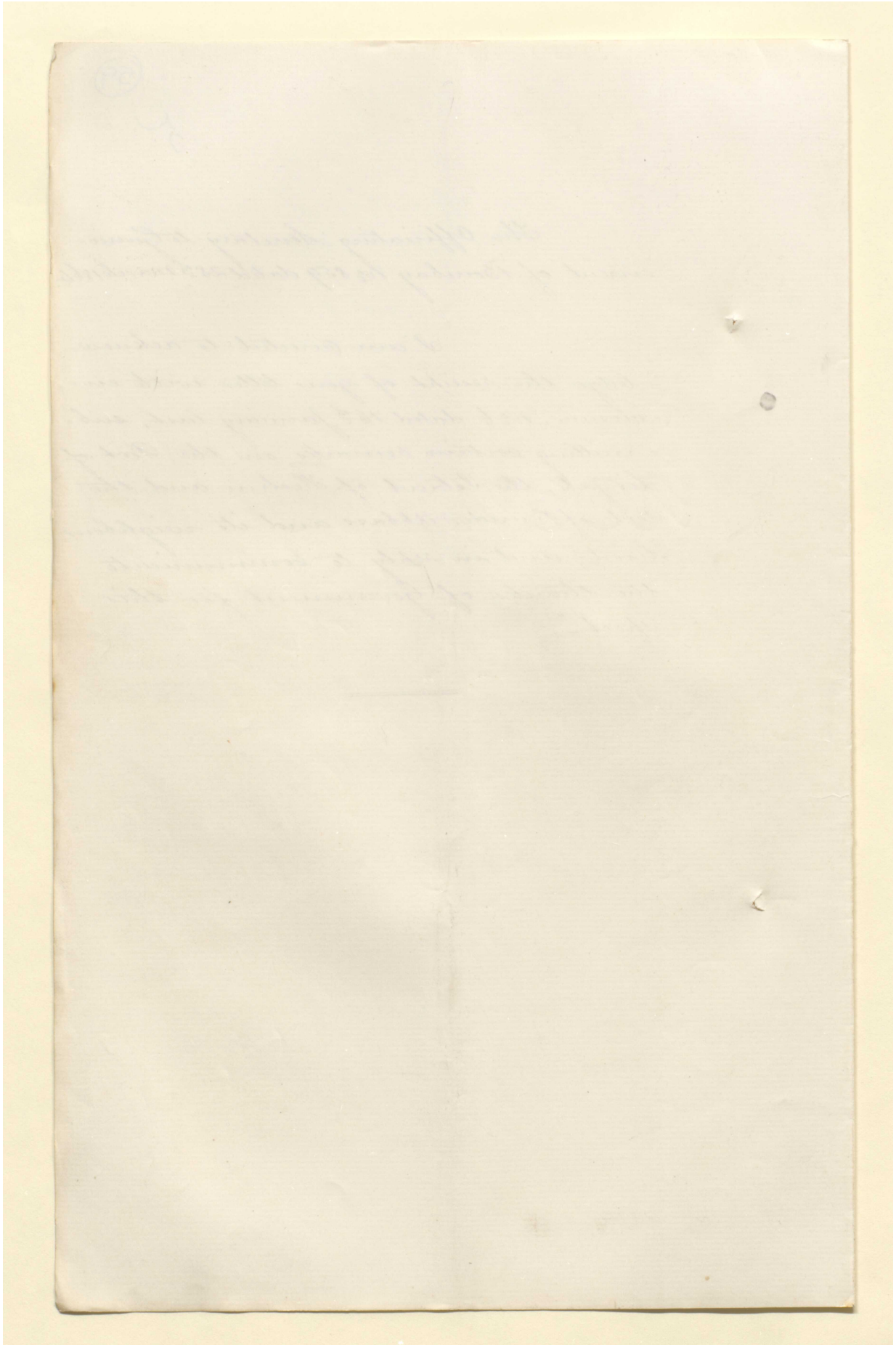
"I have perused this report and
"its accompaniments with much interest,
"and approve the commendations you
"have conveyed to Colonel Pelly."

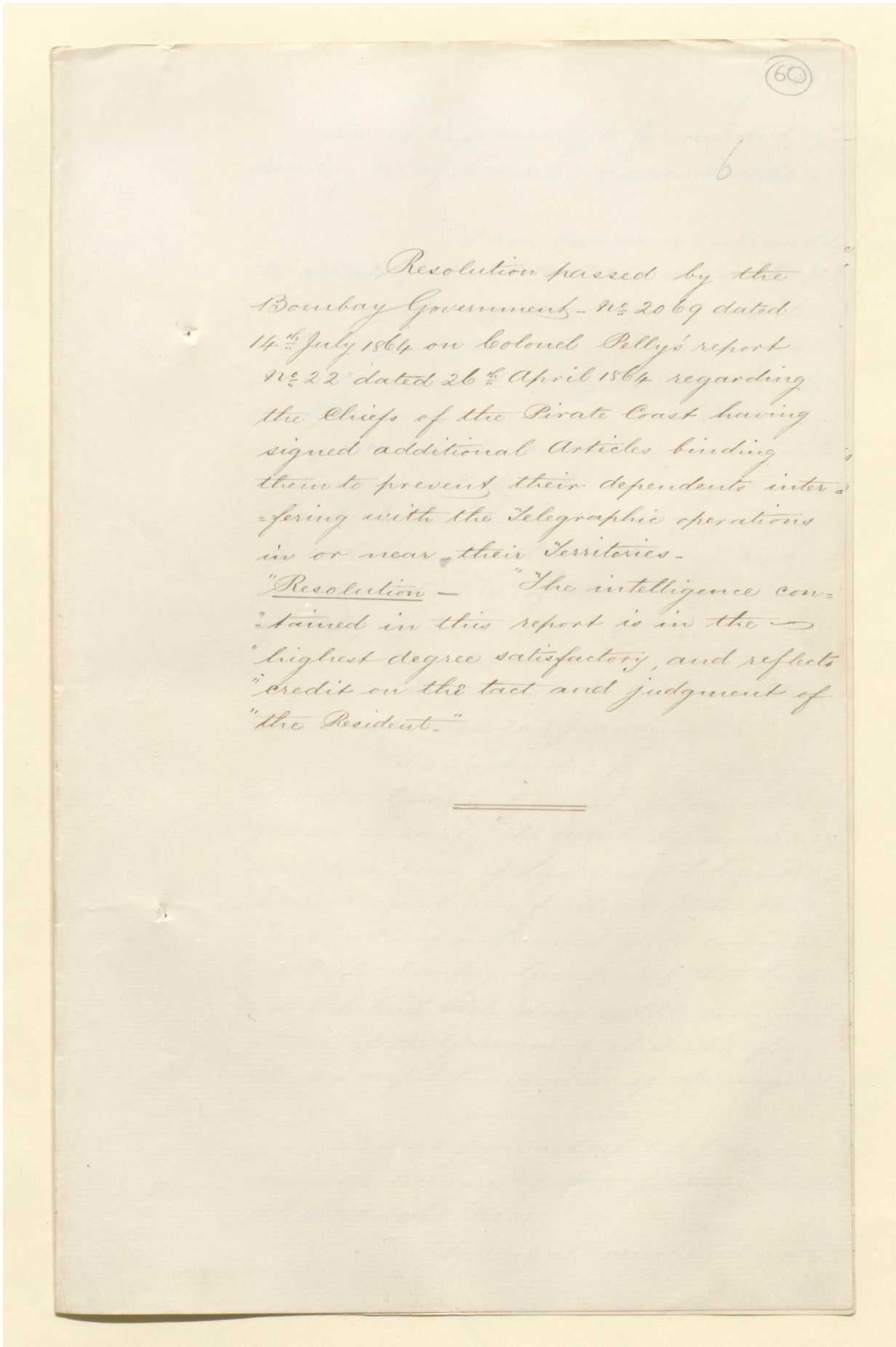


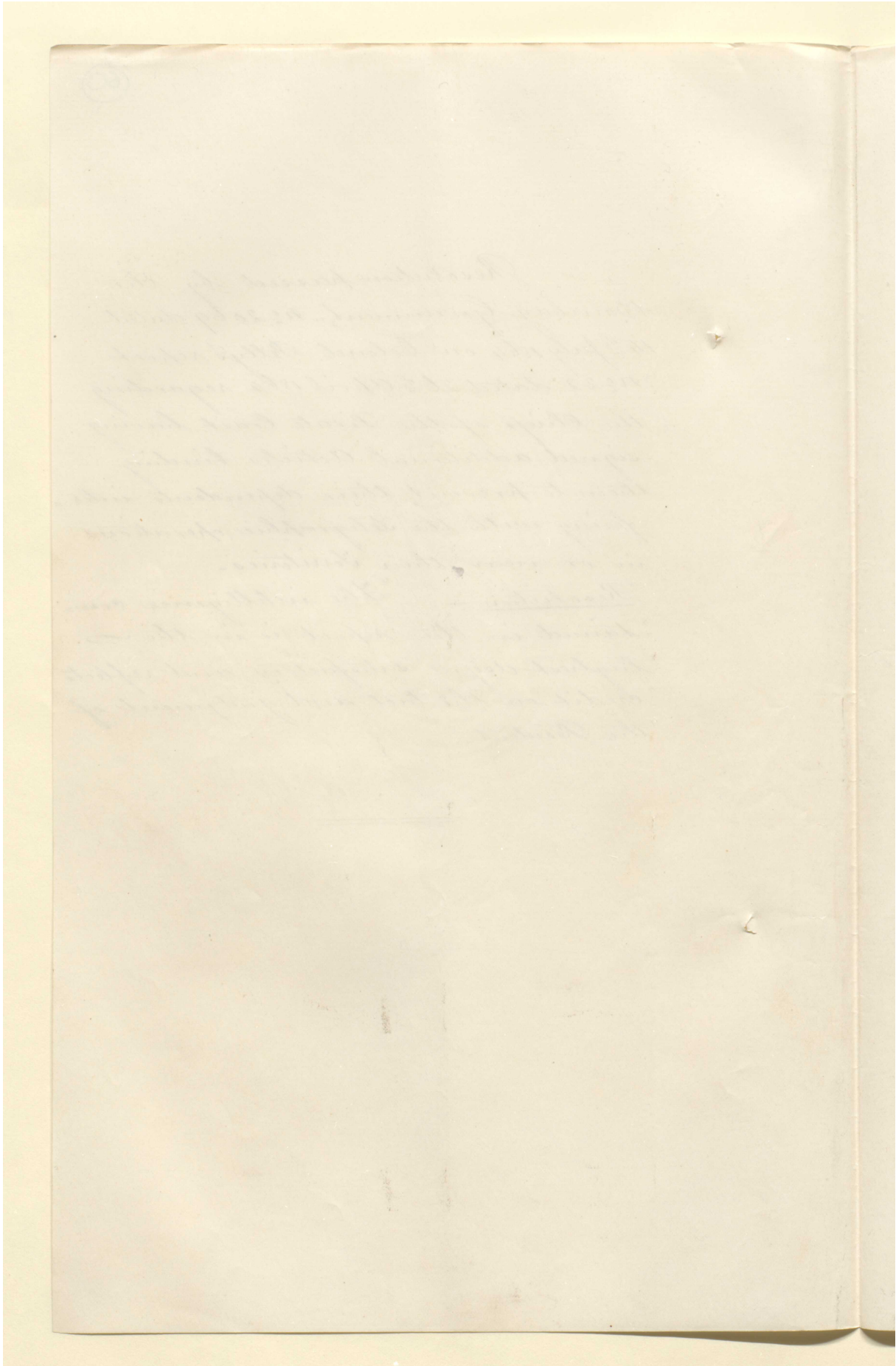
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The Officiating Secretary to Govern-
ment of Bombay No. 859 dated 28th March 1864.

I am directed to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your letter with en-
closures, No. 6 dated 16th January last, sub-
mitting certain remarks on the Port of
Lingah, the Island of Heshim and the
Port of Bunder Abbass and its neighbour-
hood; and in reply to communicate
the thanks of Government for this
report -







7 (61)
The Acting Secretary to Government of
Bombay No. 3986 dated 31st December 1864 -

"I am directed to acknowledge
"the receipt of your letter No. 65 dated the 18th
"ultimo, with accompaniments, and to
"inform you that your proceedings
"are fully approved of by His Excellency
"the Governor in Council, and that you
"are entitled to the cordial commendations
"of Government for the successful issue
"to which you have brought your ne-
"gotiations with the Sultan of Muscat
"for the extension of the Mehran Line
"of Telegraph."

The Secretary to the Government of
India No. 72 dated 24th January 1865.

"I am directed to inform you
"that the Governor General in Council is
"pleased to ratify the articles of agreement
"and to approve of Lieutenant Colonel Pelly's
"proceedings - I am further to state that
"His Excellency in Council quite concurs
"with the Bombay Government that Lieuten-
"ant Colonel Pelly deserves the commenda-
"tions of the Government of India for
"the successful termination of the negotiations."

Extract from a Despatch from Her
Majesty's Secretary of State for India dated
16th October 1865 - No. 31. -

The Agreement concluded with
the

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"the Sultan of Muscat, for the construction and protection of Telegraph lines in His Highness' dominions, is satisfied, as providing for the extension of the Telegraph line from Gwadar to Bunder-Abbas - The successful negotiation of this convention is creditable to Colonel Pelly, whose report on the tact of country traversed by him in the course of these proceedings contains much valuable information."

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— Telegram —

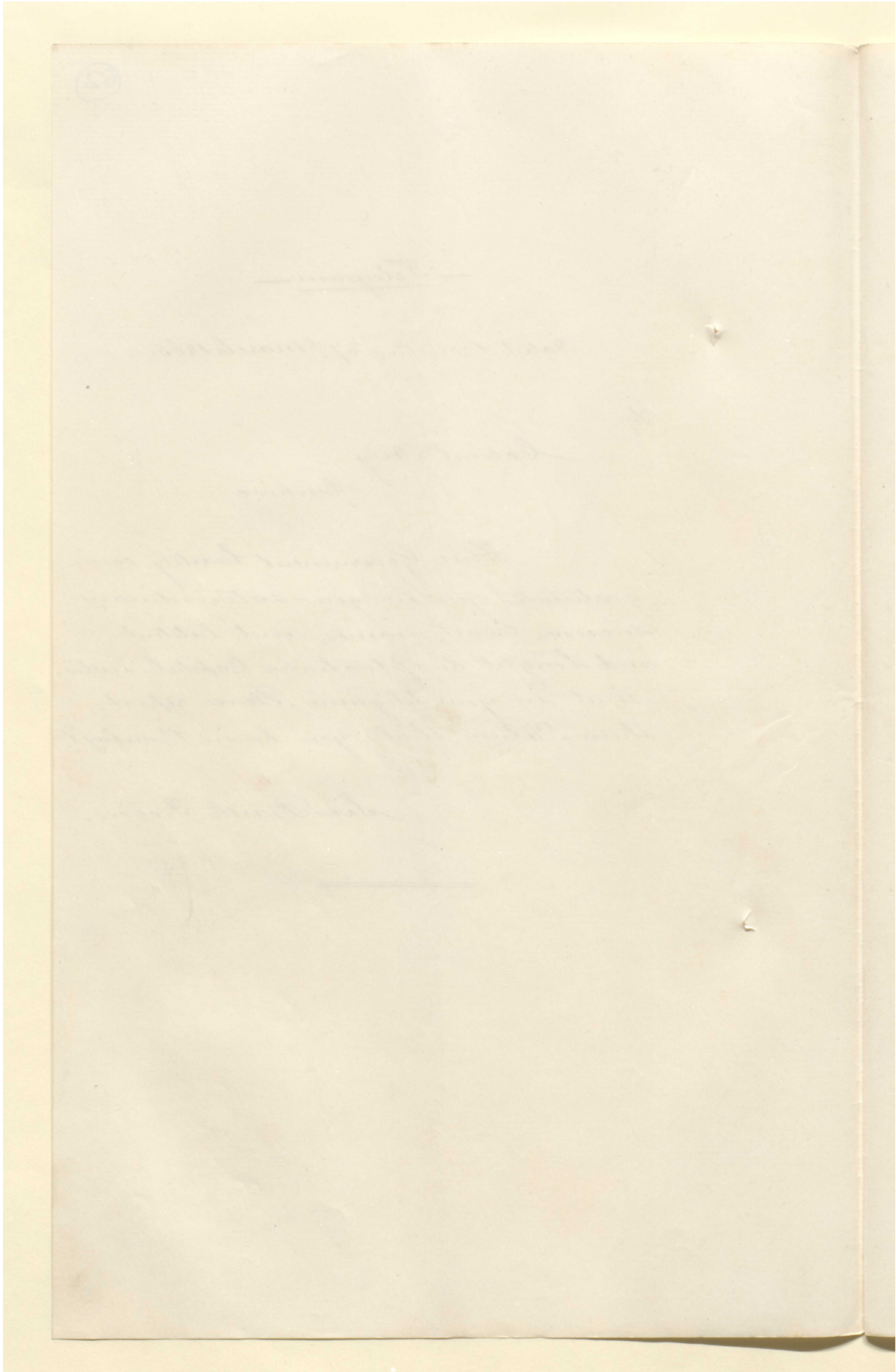
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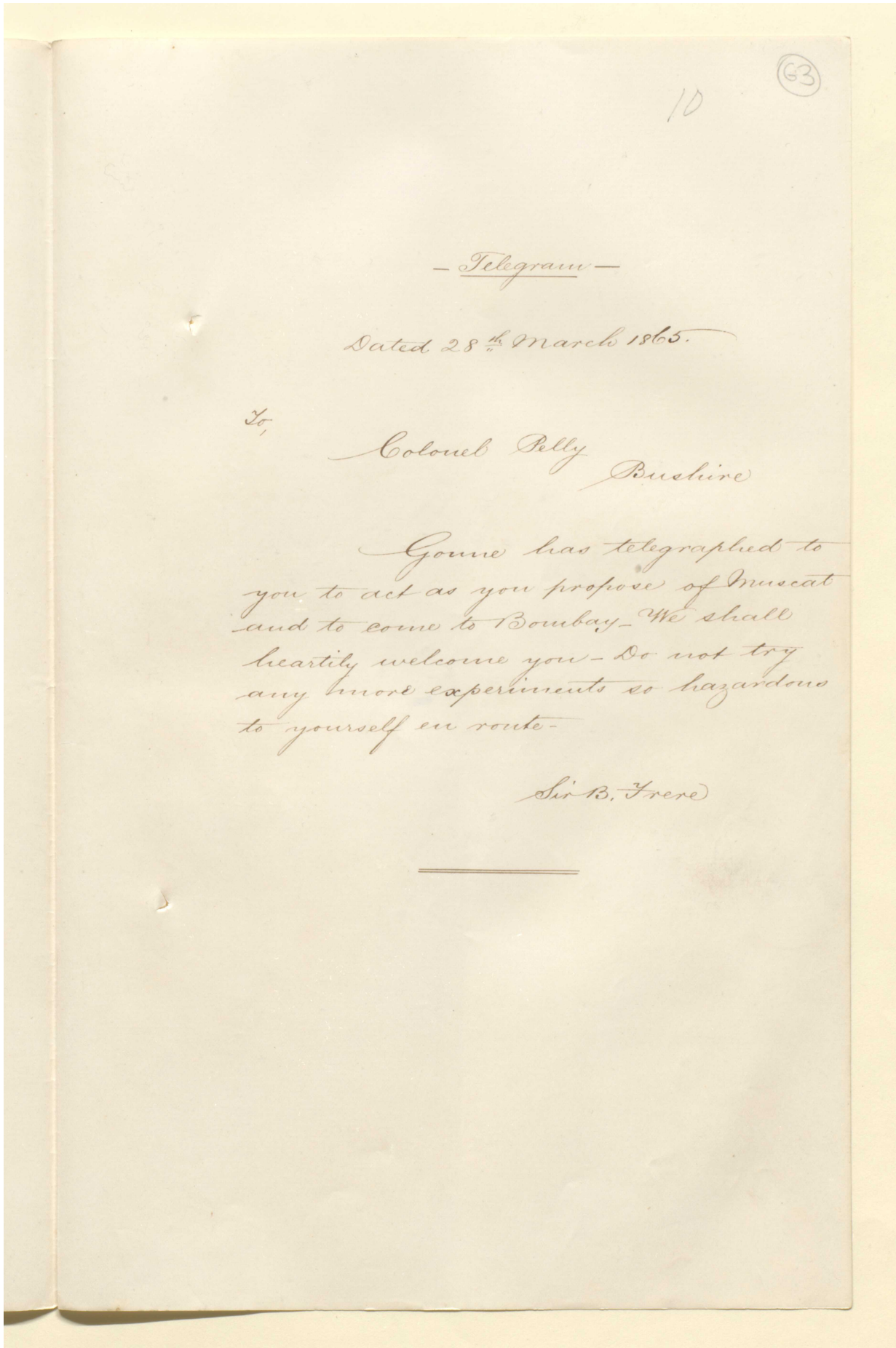
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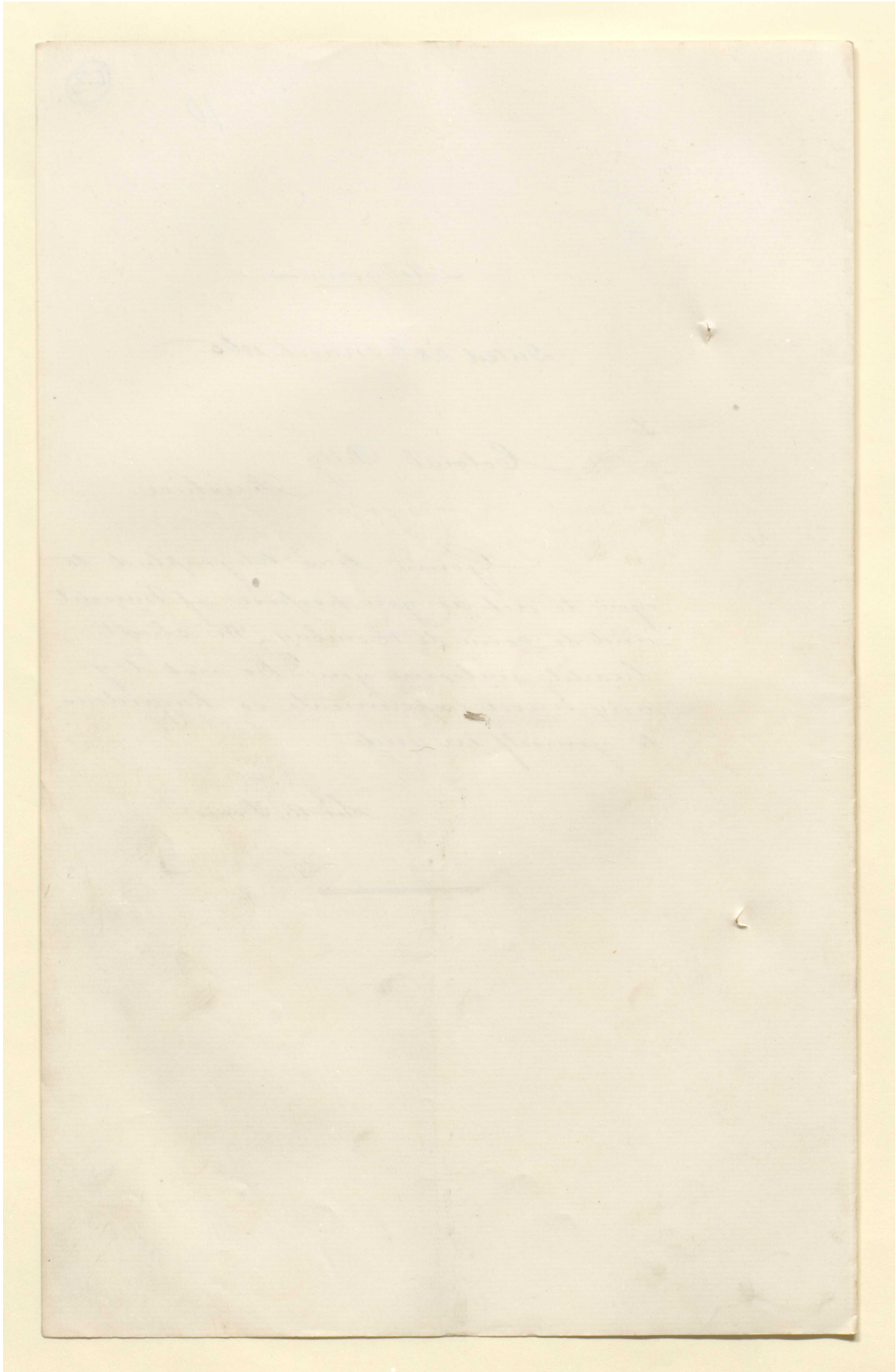
Colonel Pelley
Bushire

This Government heartily con-
-gratulates you on your extraordinary
-success. Exact names, and latitude
and Longitude of Wahabee Capital indis-
-tinct in your telegram. Please repeat
them. When shall you be in Bombay?

Sir Bartle Frere.







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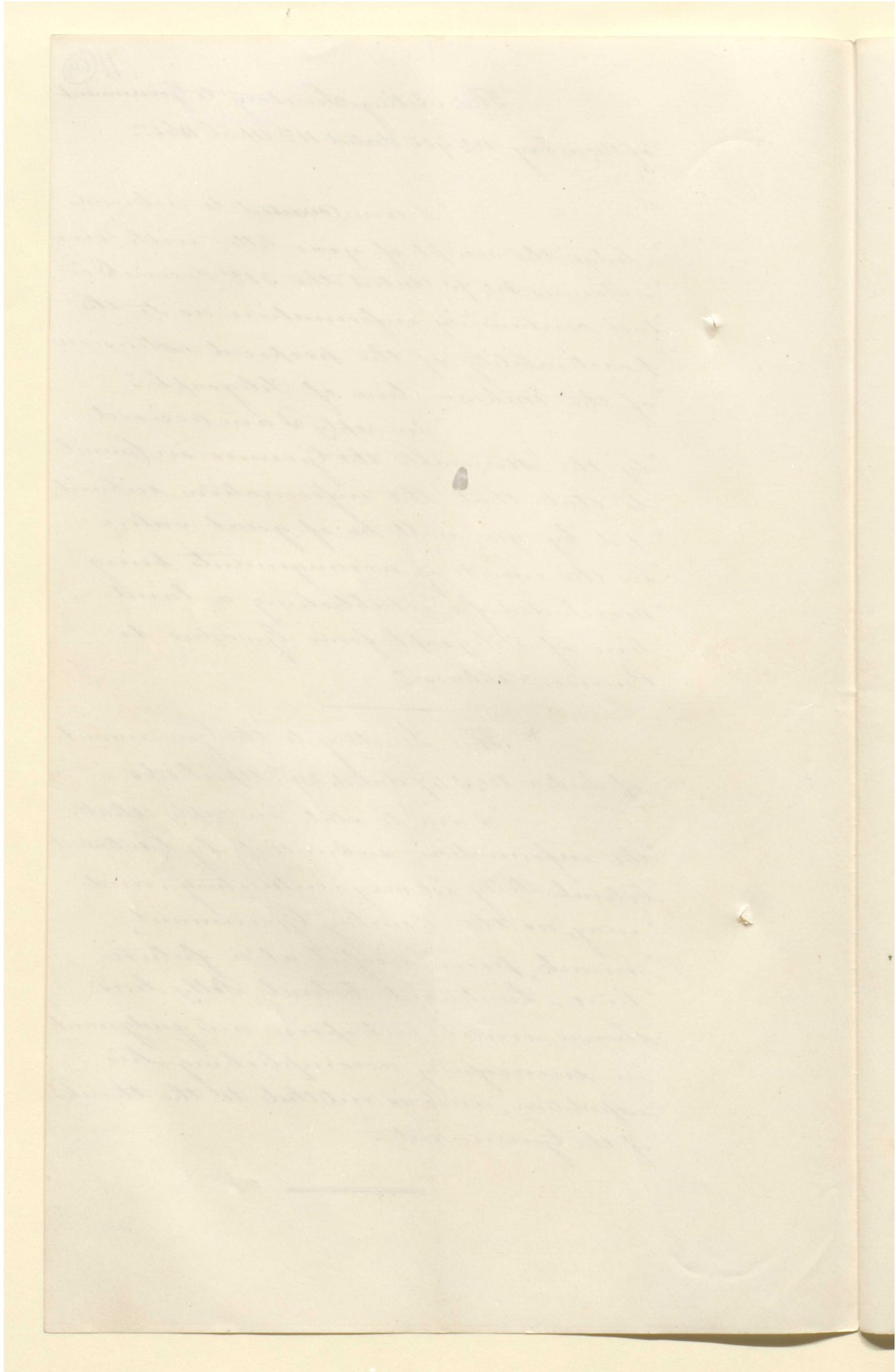
The Acting Secretary to Government
of Bombay No. 905 dated 11th April 1865.-

"I am directed to acknow=
"ledge the receipt of your letter with en=
"losures No. 73 dated the 31st December
"last containing information as to the
"practicability of the proposed extension
"of the Mehran line of Telegraph."

"In reply I am advised
"by the Honorable the Governor in Council
"to state that the information submit=
"ted by you will be of great value
"in the event of arrangements being
"concluded for establishing a land
"line of Telegraph from Gwadar to
"Bunder Abbas."

* The Secretary to the Government
of India No. 347 dated 29th April 1865.-

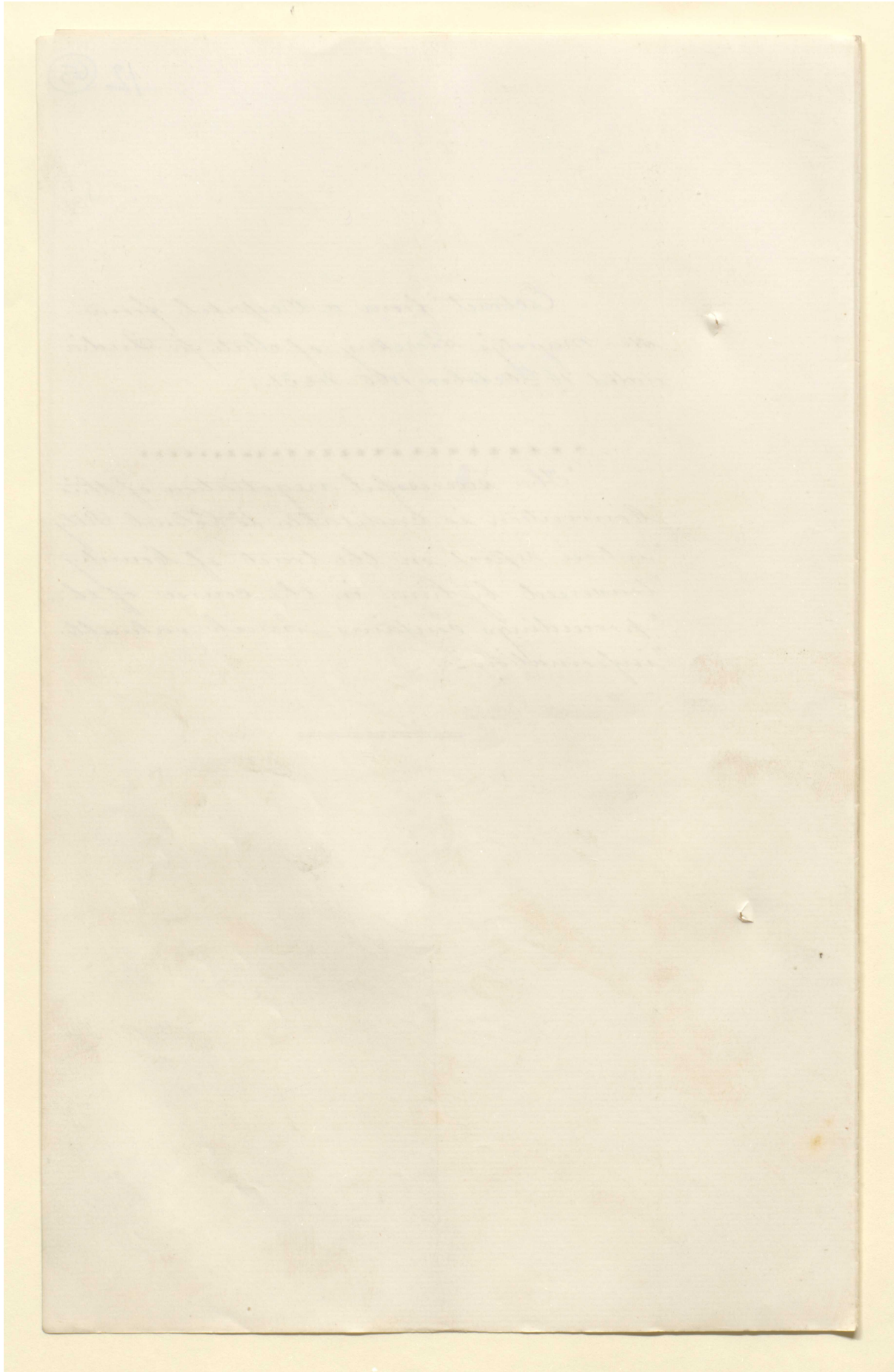
"I am to state in reply that
"the information submitted by Lieutenant
"Colonel Pelly is very interesting, and
"may, as the Bombay Government
"remark, prove useful at a future
"time. Lieutenant Colonel Pelly has
"shewn much enterprise and judgment
"in successfully accomplishing his
"expedition, and is entitled to the thanks
"of the Government."



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Extract from a Despatch from
Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India
dated 16th October 1865 - No 31.-

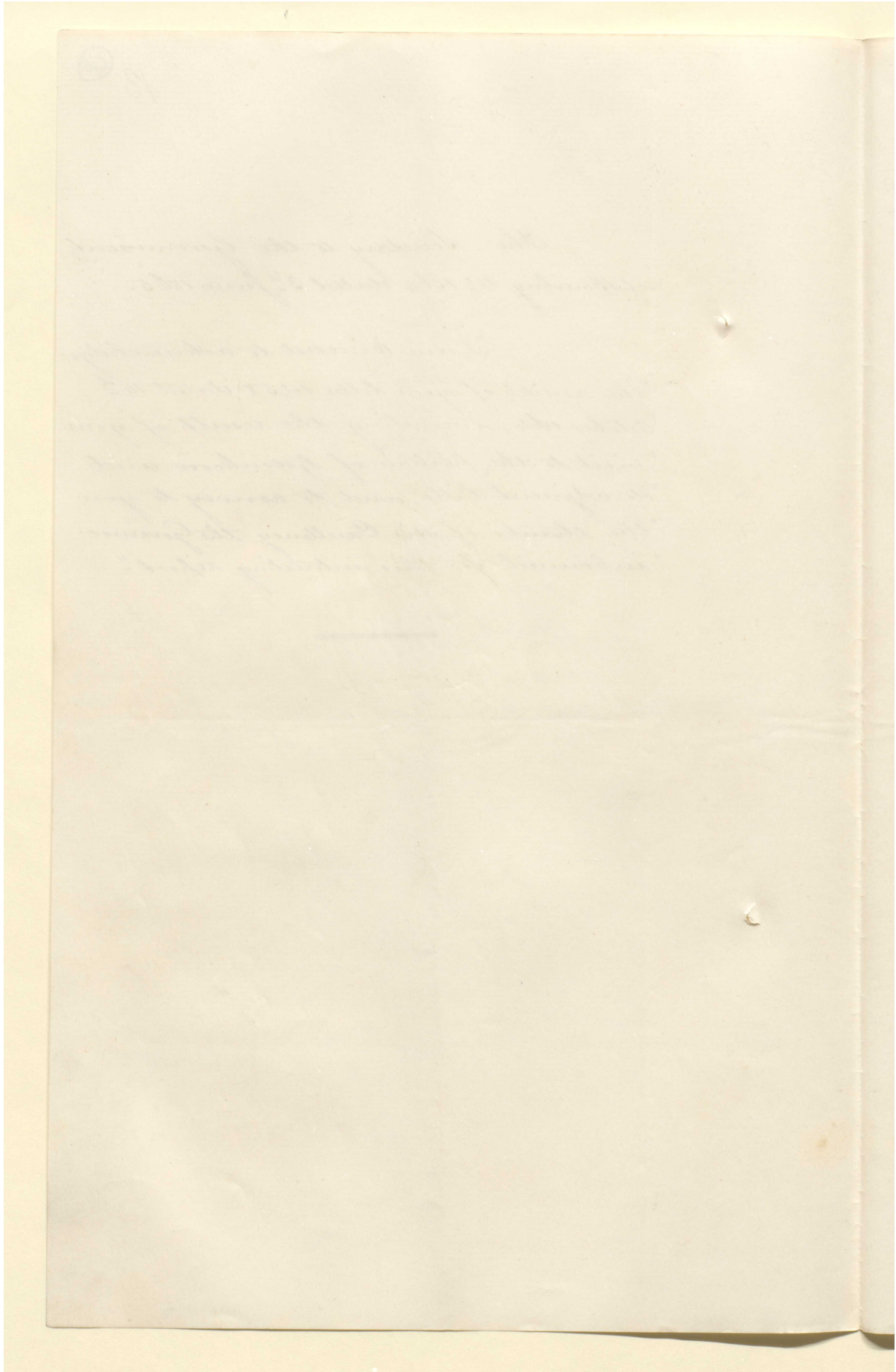
"The successful negotiation of this
"Convention is creditable to Colonel Pelly
"whose report on the tract of Country
"traversed by him in the course of these
"proceedings contains much valuable
"information."

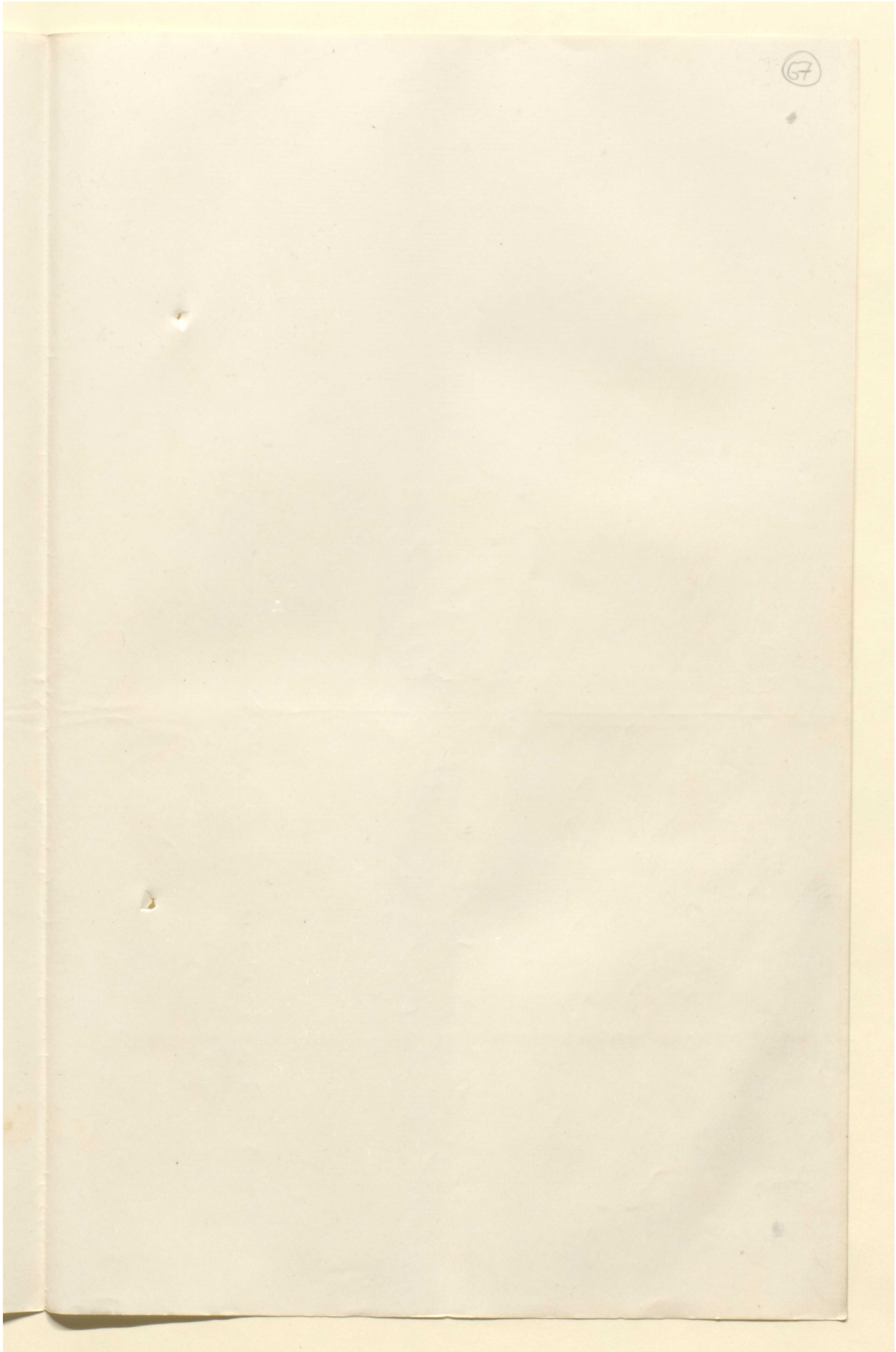


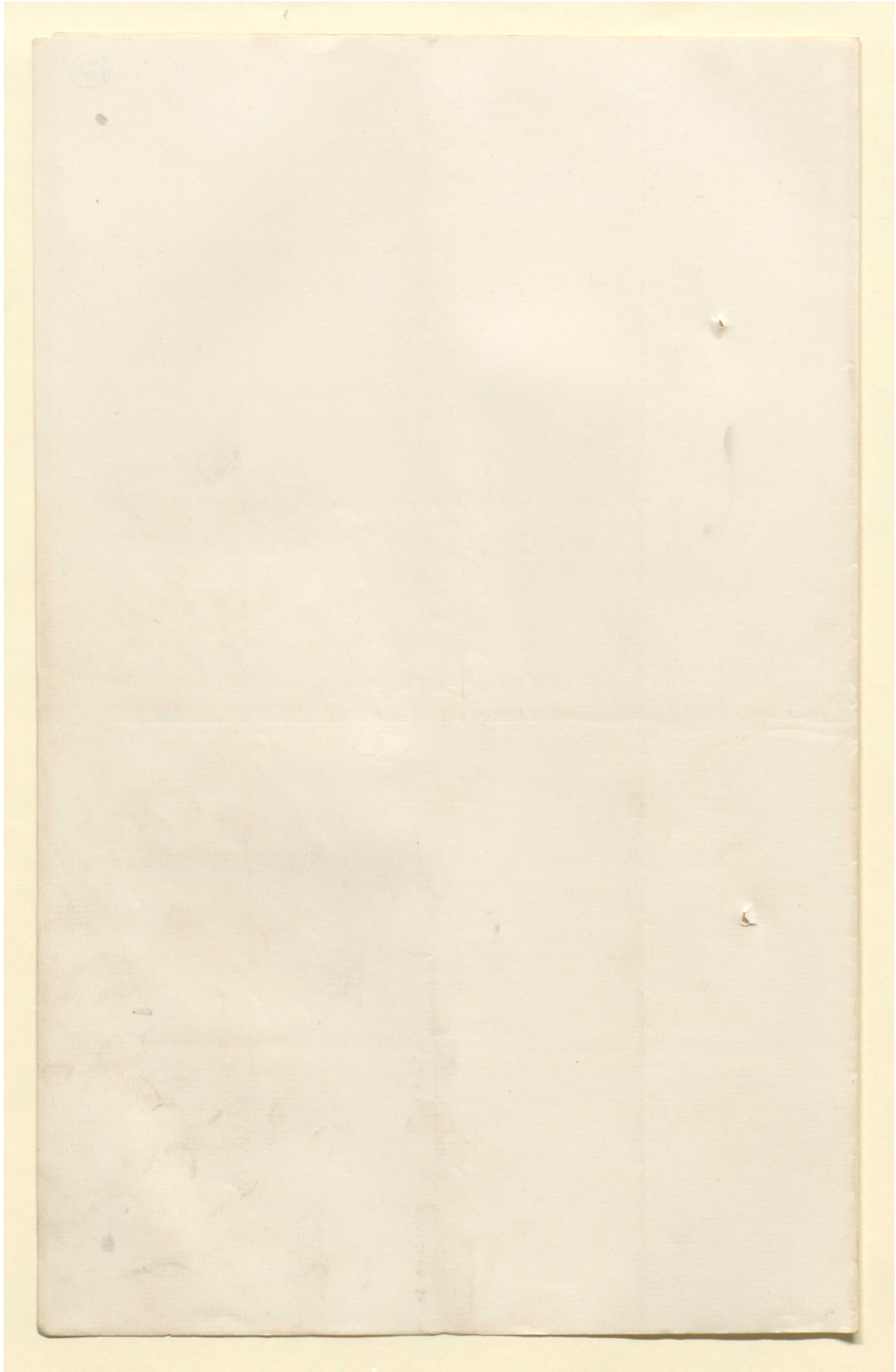
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The Secretary to the Government
of Bombay N^o 1364 dated 3^o June 1865.-

"I am directed to acknowledge
"the receipt of your letter N^o 58 dated 16th
"October 1864, narrating the result of your
"visit to the plateau of Gelsakoon and
"its adjacent hills, and to convey to you
"the thanks of His Excellency the Governor
"in Council for this interesting report."







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Extract paras: 647 from a
Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary
of State for India dated 16th October 1865.
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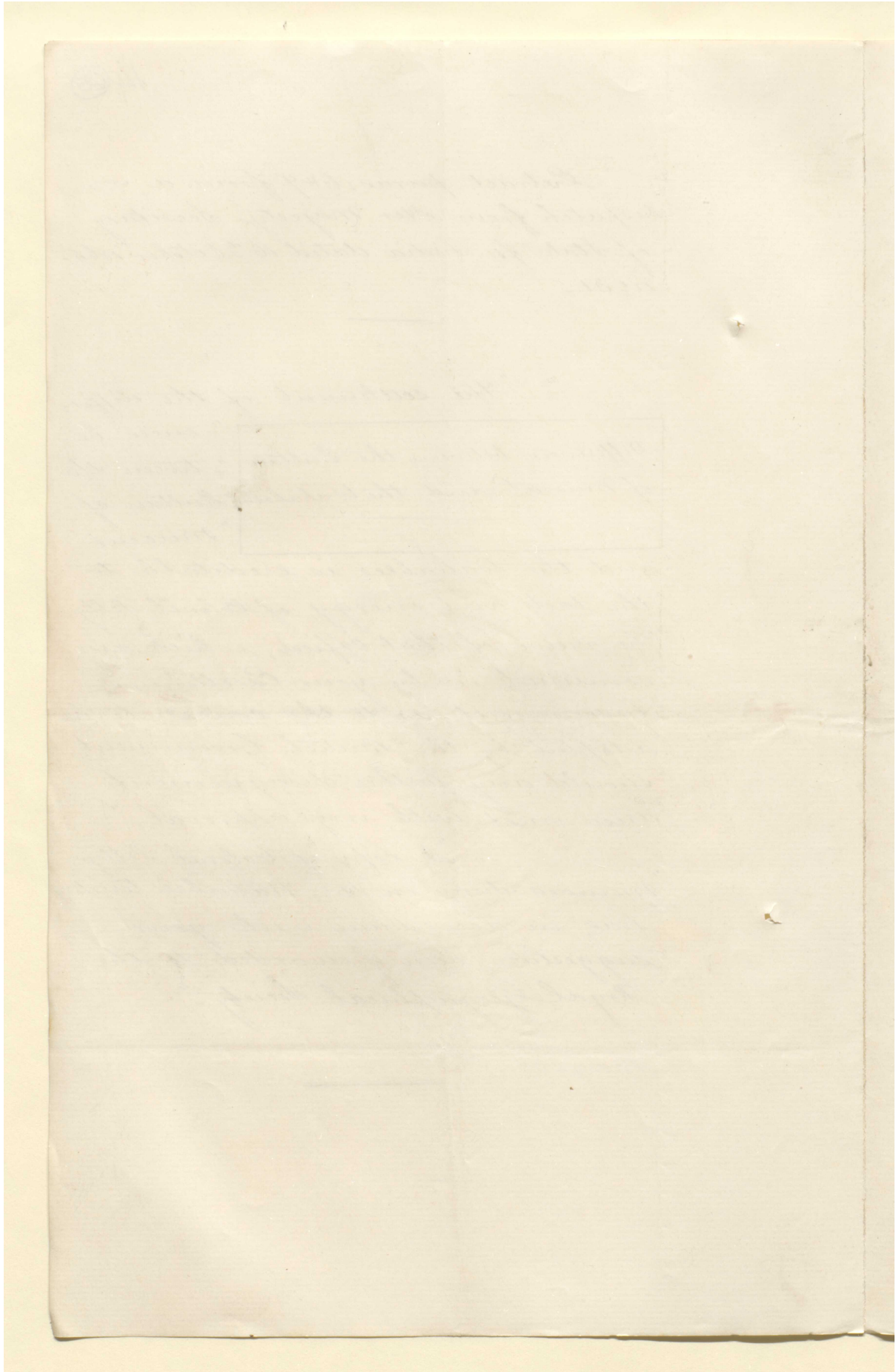
"The settlement of the differ-

Differences between the Sultan
of Muscat and the Wahabees

"ences be-
"tween the
Sultan of
Muscat

"and the Wahabees is creditable to
"the tact and energy of Colonel Pelly.
"The views of that officer, which are
"concurred in by your Excellency's
"Government, as to the course to be
"adopted by the British Government,
"should any further disagreement
"arise meet with my approval."

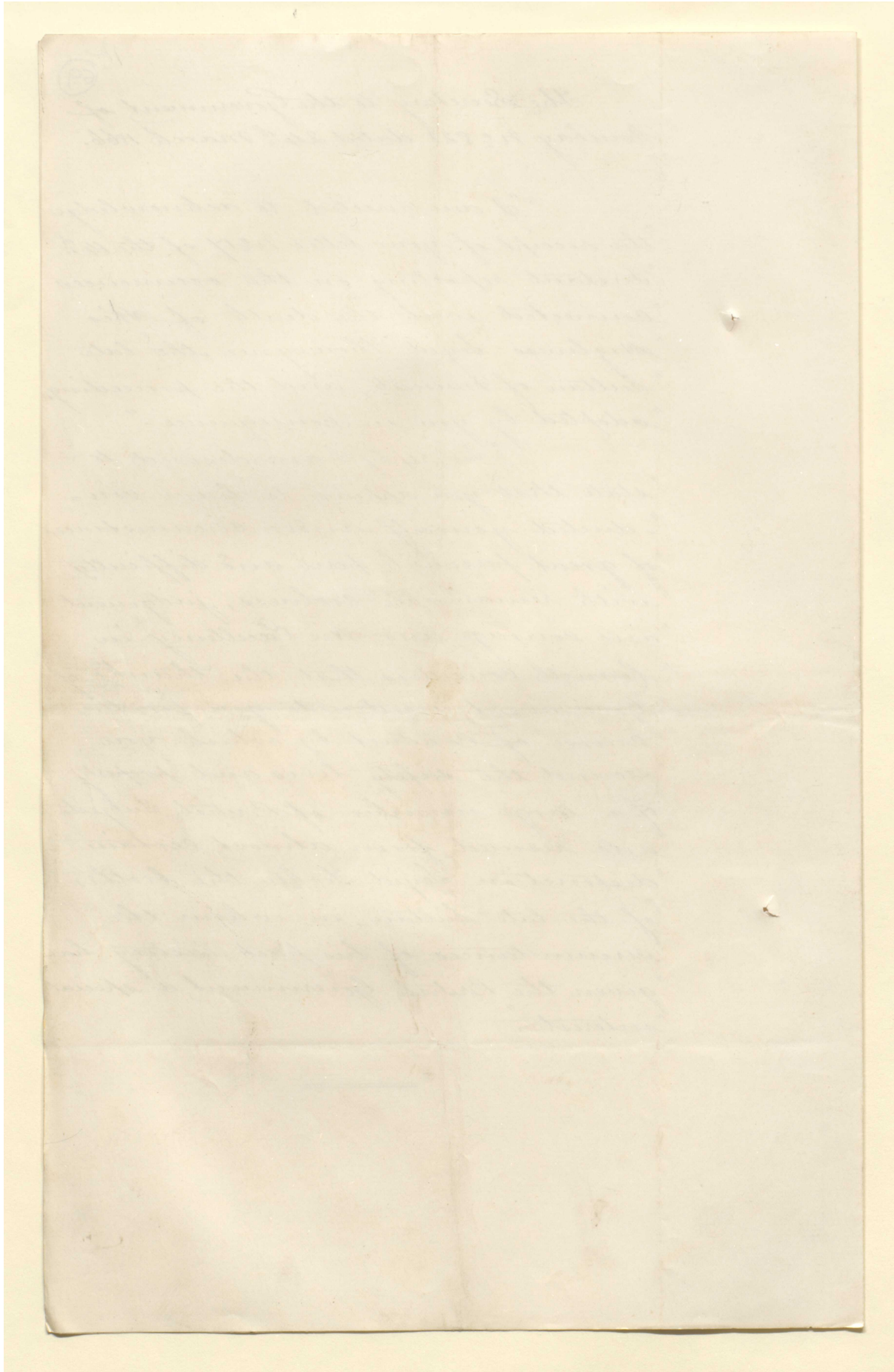
"A copy of Colonel Pelly's
"Memorandum on the Wahabel territory
"has, in accordance with your
"suggestion, been forwarded to the
"Royal Geographical Society."



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The Secretary to the Government of
Bombay N^o 821 dated 24th March 1866.

"I am directed to acknowledge
"the receipt of your letter N^o 17 of the 14th
"Instant reporting on the occurrences
"connected with the death of His
"Highness Seyid Showeynee the late
"Sultan of Muscat, and the proceedings
"adopted by you in consequence -"

"In reply I am desired to
"state that you appear to have con=
"= ducted yourself under circumstances
"of great personal peril and difficulty,
"with remarkable coolness, judgment
"and courage, and His Excellency in
"Council considers that the thanks of
"Government are due to you for the
"course of conduct by which you
"secured the safety, lives and property
"of a large number of British Subjects
"and rescued from almost certain
"destruction Seyid Fokee the brother
"of the late Sultan, in whom the
"circumstances of his past history had
"given the British Government a special
"interest. -"



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His Excellency
The Honorable
The Governor in Council
Bombay

India Office
London 28th February
1867

Political
no 16

Sir,

I transmit herewith for the
information of your Excellency's Government

N^o 37 dated 28th February 1867...

Copy of a
Despatch
which I

have addressed to the Government of India
on the affairs of the Persian Gulf, disposing
of all the correspondence received from
your Government on the Subject.

I have the honor to be
(Signed) Cranborne.

True Copy
(Signed) J. C. Edwards
Assistant Resident
Persian Gulf

Letters of acknowledgment of services rendered to Government [70v] (72/144)

Political 17
No. 37.
India Office.
London 28th February 1867.

His Excellency the Right Honorable
 The Governor General of India
 in Council.

Sir

I have considered in Council
 the letters of your Excellency's Government,

and of the
 Government
 of Bombay,
 of the dates
 and numbers
 noted in
 the margin
 and proceed
 to notice
 such points
 as require
 remarks or

India Foreign letters, dated 16 th June 1866 No. 108.
" " " " " 26 th June 1866 No. 117
" " " " " 30 th June 1866 No. 118
" " " " " 30 th June 1866 No. 119
" " " " " 31 st July 1866 No. 133
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instructions from Her Majesty's Government

2. I approve your having, in
 pursuance of the policy already indicated
 by your previous communications, and
 which received the approval of Her
 Majesty's Government, recognized Syud
 Saulem as the de facto successor to
 his late father, Syud Thocynce on the
 misnomer of Nuscat, Colonel Kelly, &
 however exercised a wise discretion in
 not coupling his visit of recognition
 with a "visit of condolence" as desired
 by Syud Saulem.

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3. A natural consequence of ¹⁸₍₇₁₎
this formal recognition was, that you
were bound to discourage, or at least
not to countenance, any attempts to
expel Syud Saulew from Muscat, you
properly fulfilled this obligation by
prohibiting your Pensioner, Syud Storkee,
from invasion of Muscat, and in
withdrawing your support from him
on his attempting it. When, in addition
to withholding his subsistence allow-
-ance you threatened to regard him
as a public enemy, in the event of his
disturbing the Maritime Peace by further
hostile attempts against his Duplew's
throne you acted in accordance with
the wellknown principle of putting
down all disturbers of the Maritime
peace which we have always followed
in the Persian Gulf.

4. Her Majesty's Government
learn with much satisfaction, not only
that the Wahabees have withdrawn
their Troops from Muscat Territory, in
pursuance of the arrangement effected
under the mediation of Colonel Pelly,
but that the two lately contending
Parties are on a footing of Amity. This
result appears to be, in a great measure
due to the cautions of the Political
Resident, and to the tact and concilia-
-tory demeanour which enable him
to impress on the Wahabees the convic-
-tion, that the British Government
had no wish for Oman, but to see
its

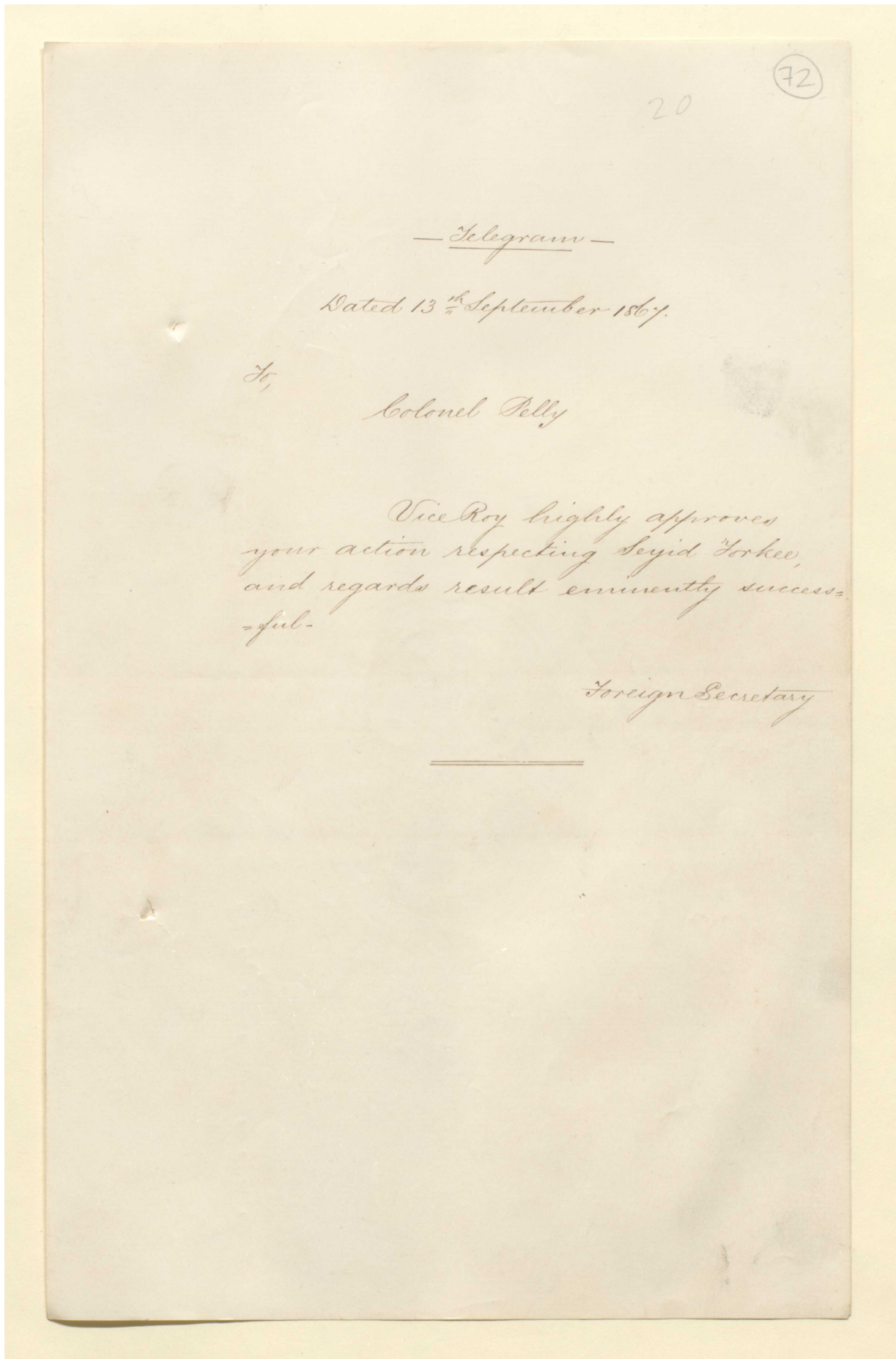
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its people governed by Chiefs of their own choice, and that their only object in interfering in any way is to prevent a possible return to the lawless and piratical practices of former times. -

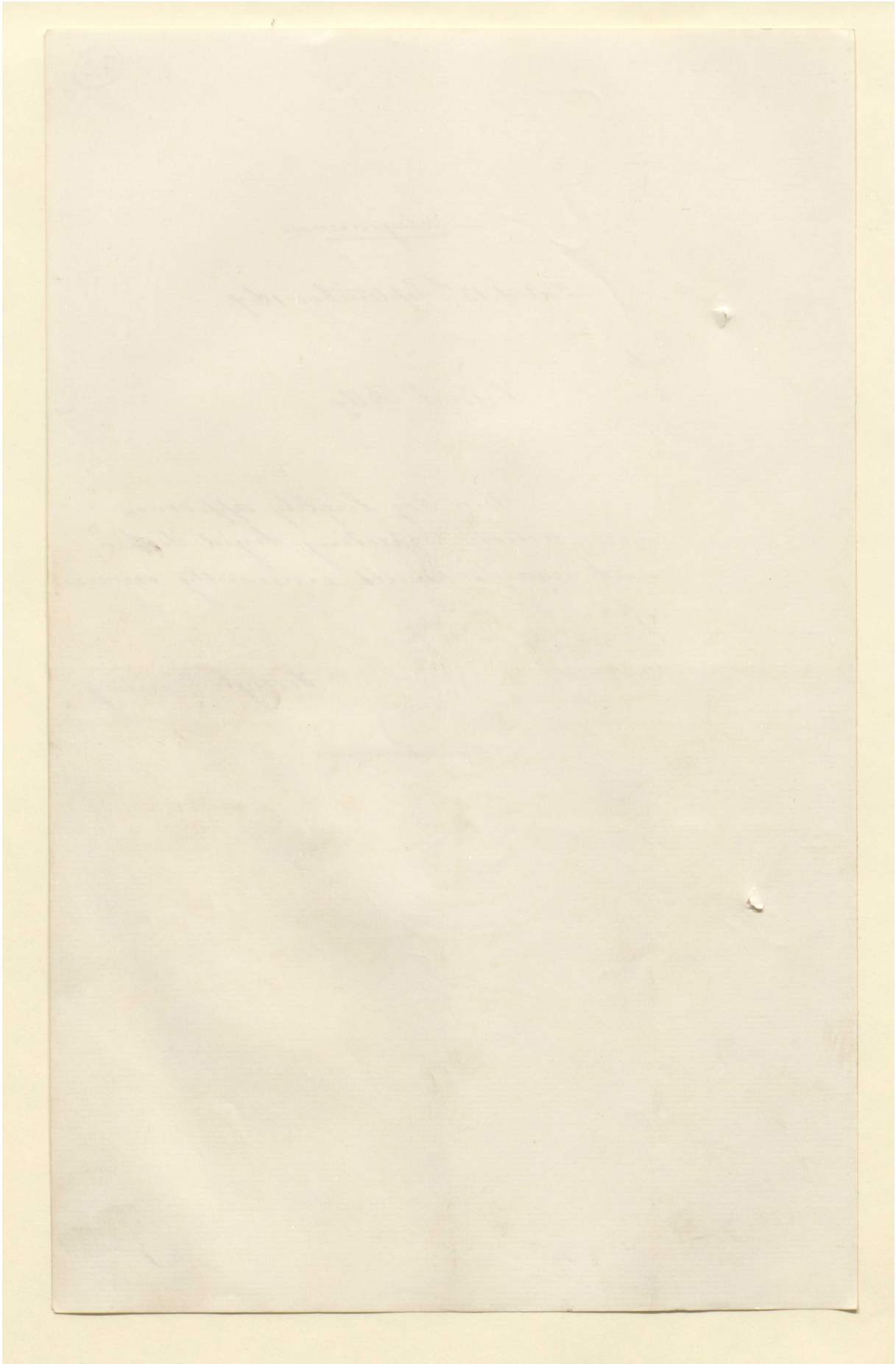
5. - It is unnecessary for me, at the present time, to express my opinion upon certain measures taken by Colonel Bally, which have been the subject of much discussion between your Government and the Government of Bombay. But I cannot let this opportunity pass without emphatically expressing my concurrence in the high estimate which both your Excellency and the Governor of Bombay have formed of the merits of that distinguished officer. -

6. - It only remains for Her Majesty's Government to refer to that portion of the correspondence under reply which relates to the Island of Bahrein, and to express their approval of your having at once informed Mr. Alison that the British Government are not prepared to admit the Persian pretensions to sovereignty over it. -

I have &c
(Signed) Cranborne.

True Copy
(Signed) A. Cowan
Assistant Secretary

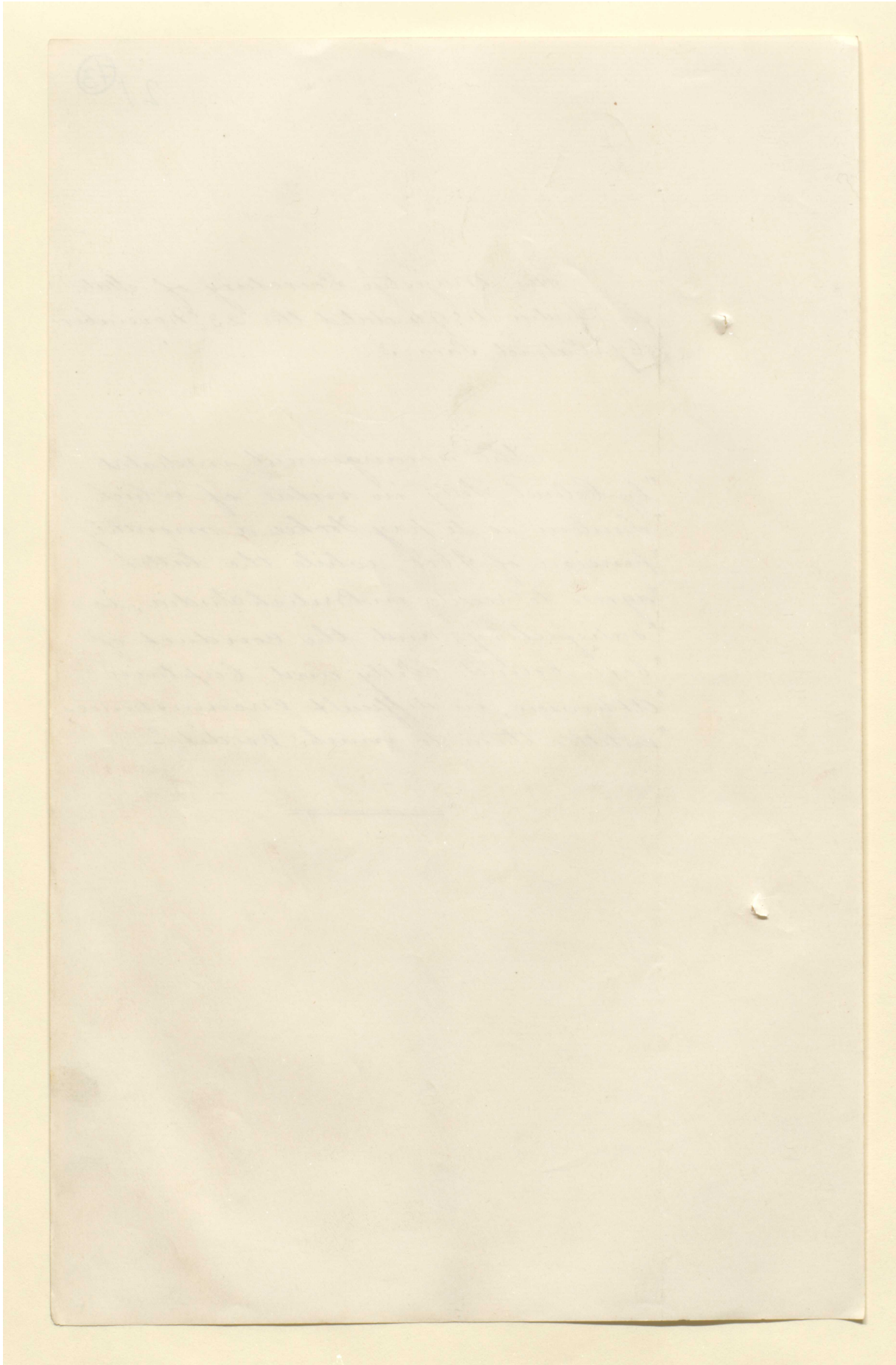




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Her Majesty's Secretary of State
for India No. 94 dated the 23rd November
1867. Extract Para: 3.-

"The arrangement mediated
"by Colonel Pelly in virtue of which
"Saulem is to pay Forkee a monthly
"pension of \$600, while the latter
"agrees to reside in British India, is
"satisfactory; and the conduct of
"both Colonel Pelly and Captain
"Atkinson, in difficult circumstances,
"entitles them to much credit."



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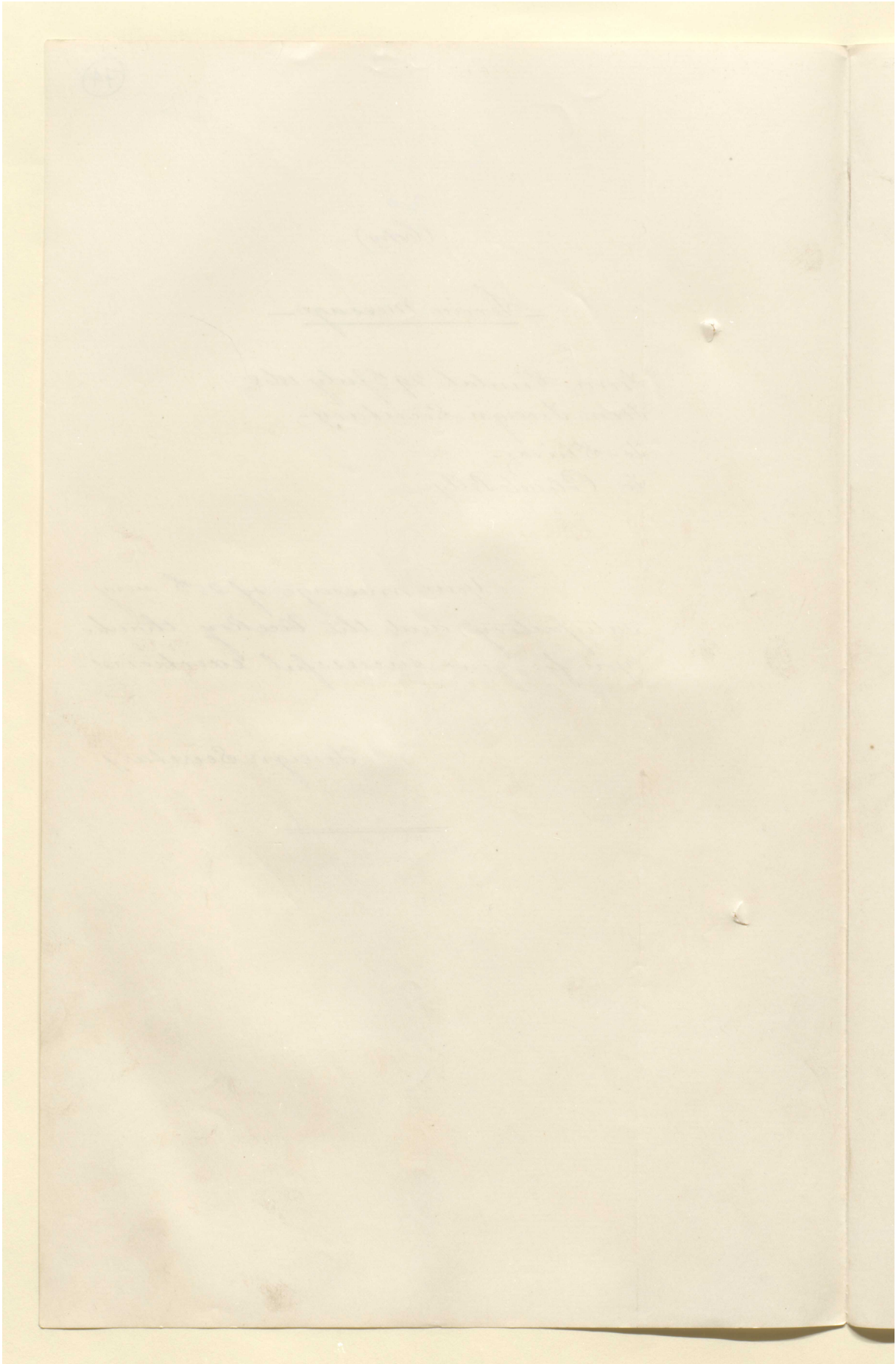
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Service message

From Simlah 29th July 1868.
From Foreign Secretary -
to Shiraz -
to Colonel Pelly -

Your message of 28th very
satisfactory, and the Viceroy thanks
you for your successful exertions -

Foreign Secretary



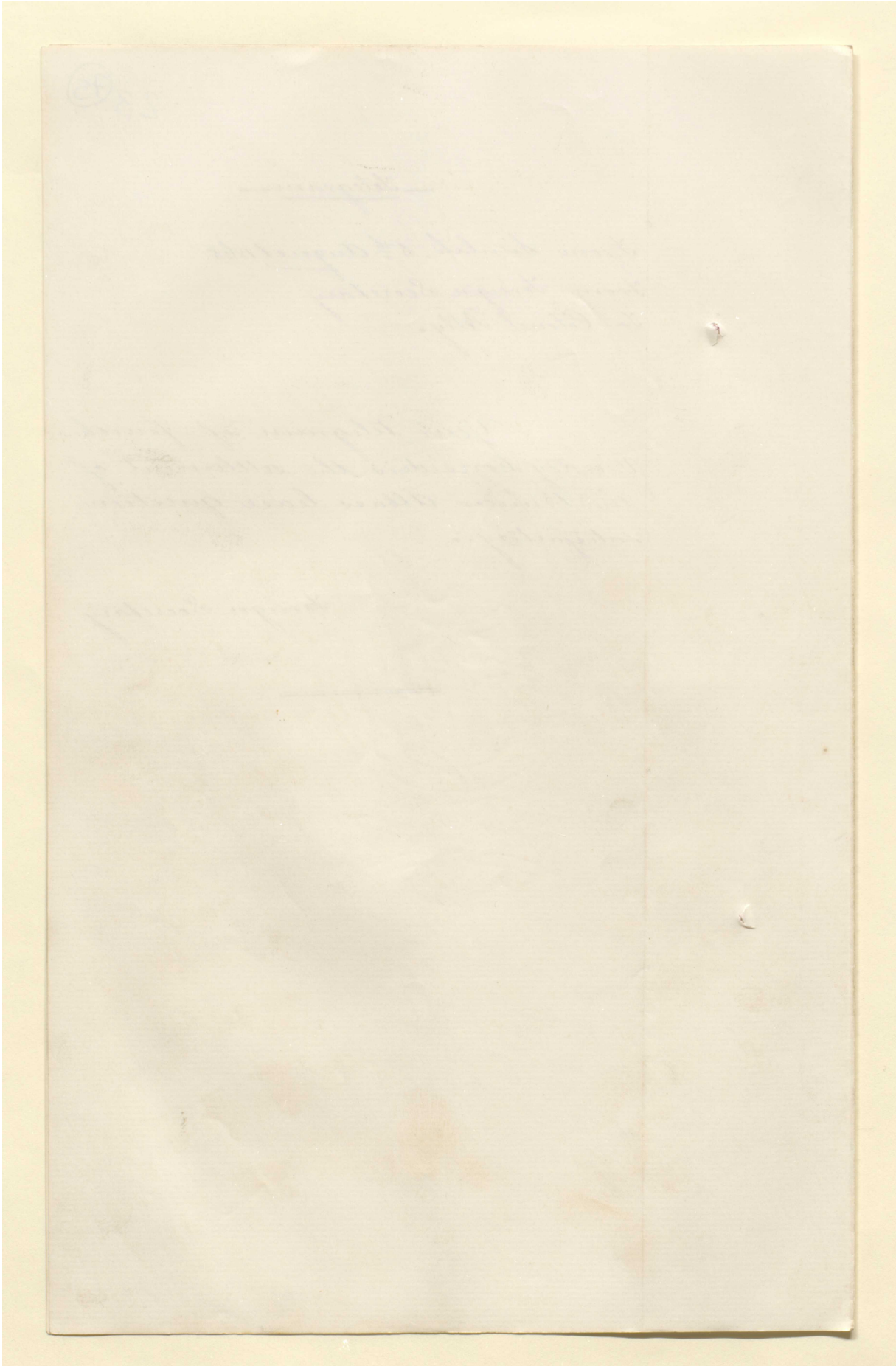
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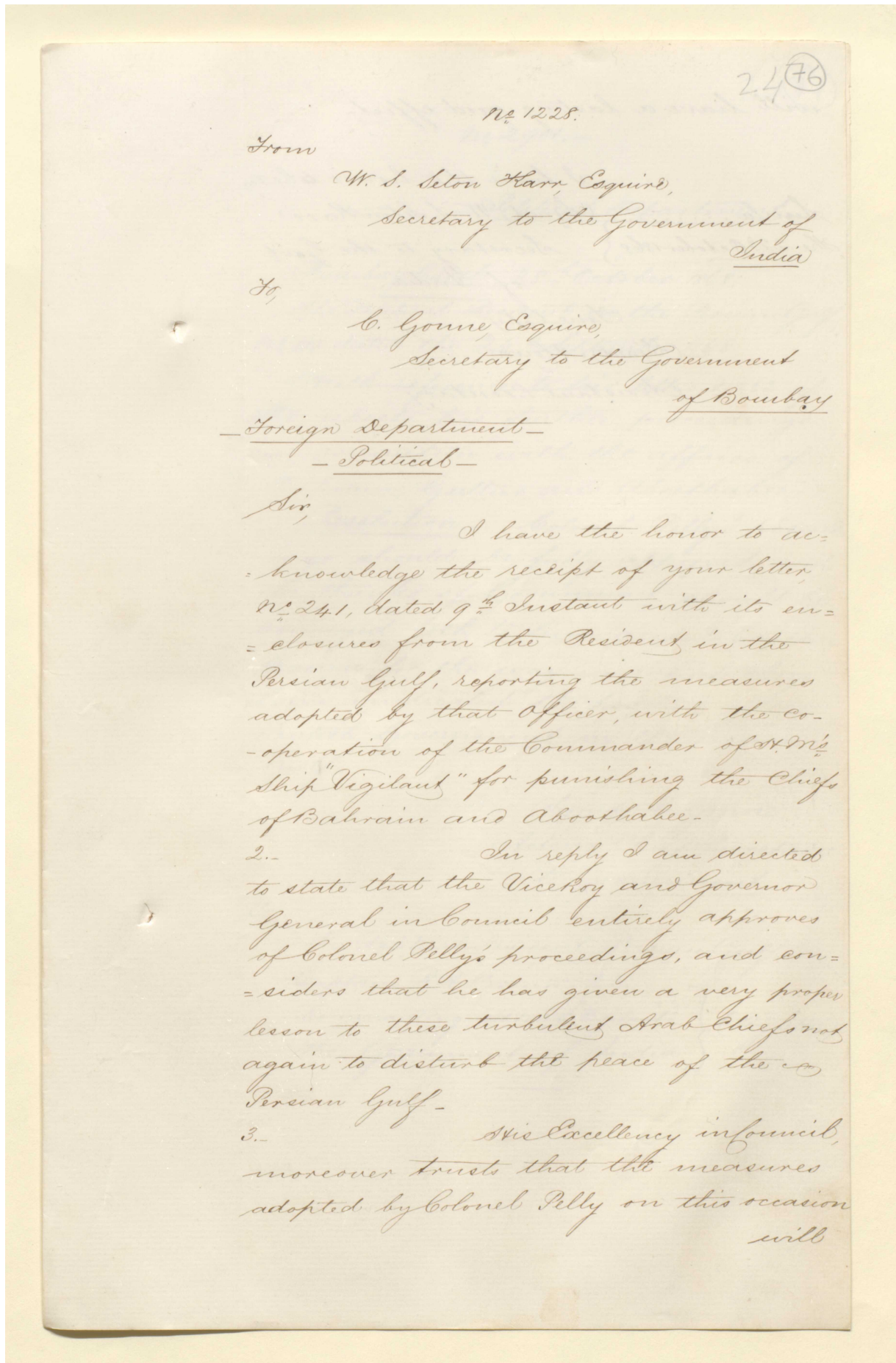
— Telegram —

From Simlah, 5th August 1868.
From Foreign Secretary
to Colonel Pelly—

Your telegram of fourth
Viceroy considers the settlement of
the Bunder Abbas lease question
satisfactory.—

Foreign Secretary





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will have a lasting good effect-

I have the honor to be
Sincere (Signed) W. S. Seton-Karr
The 22^d October 1868 } Secretary to the Gov^t
of India. -

True Copy
(Signed) A. Gwyn.
Assistant Secretary

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No. 2901. —

— Political Department —

Bombay Castle, 28th October 1868.

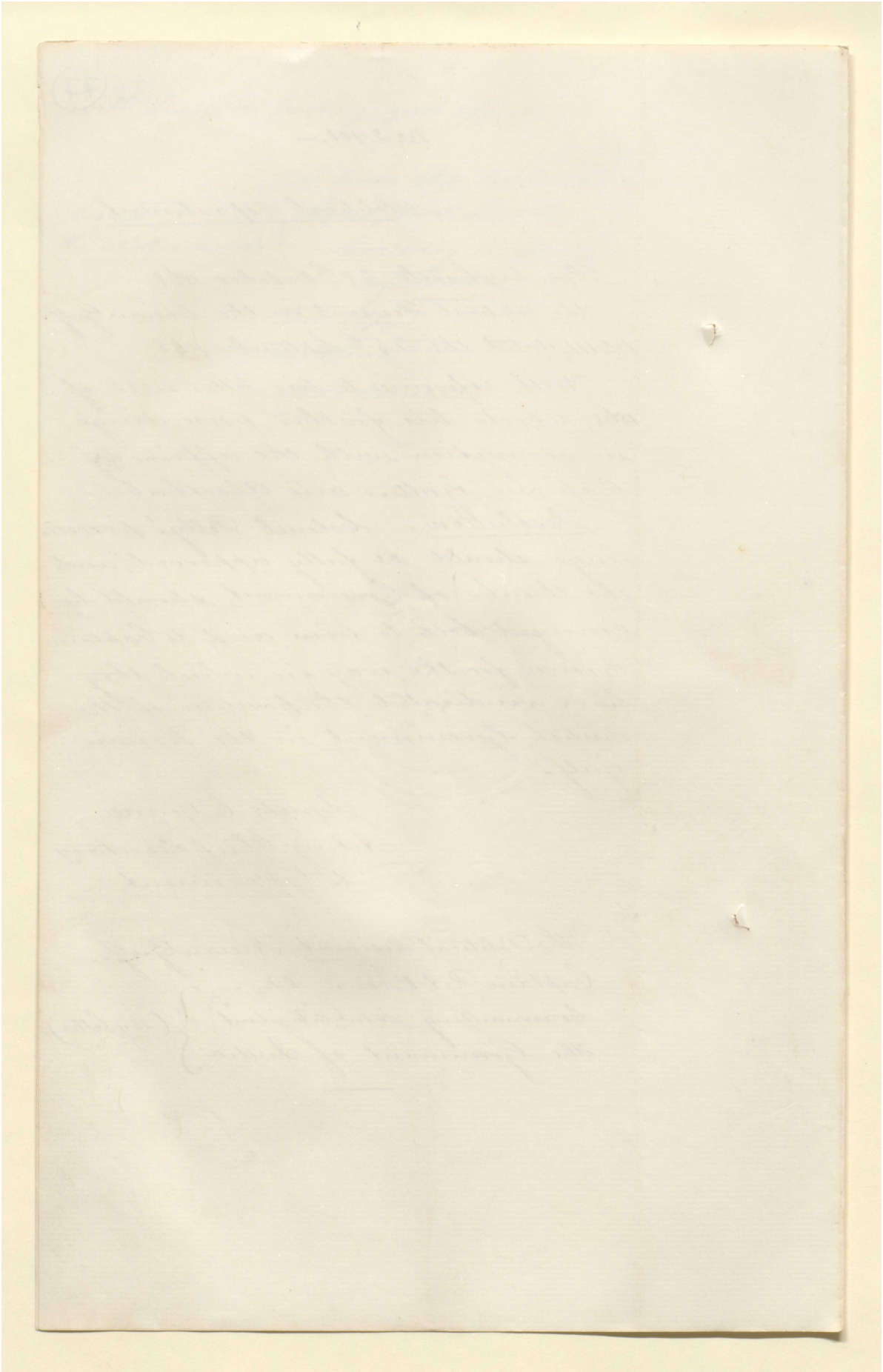
The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf,
No. 111, dated the 25th September 1868.

(With reference to his letter No. 55 of
1868, reports his further proceedings
in connection with the affairs of
Bahrain, Guttur and Abokhabeel-
Resolution.— Colonel Pelly's proceed-
ings should be fully approved, and
the thanks of Government should be
conveyed both to him and to Captain
Brown for the way in which they
have vindicated the position of the
British Government in the Persian
Gulf.

(Signed) C. Gonne.
Acting Chief Secretary
to Government

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The Political Resident, Persian Gulf.
Captain R. B. Brown, R.N., } (By letter)
Commanding H.M.S. "Vigilant" }
The Government of India }

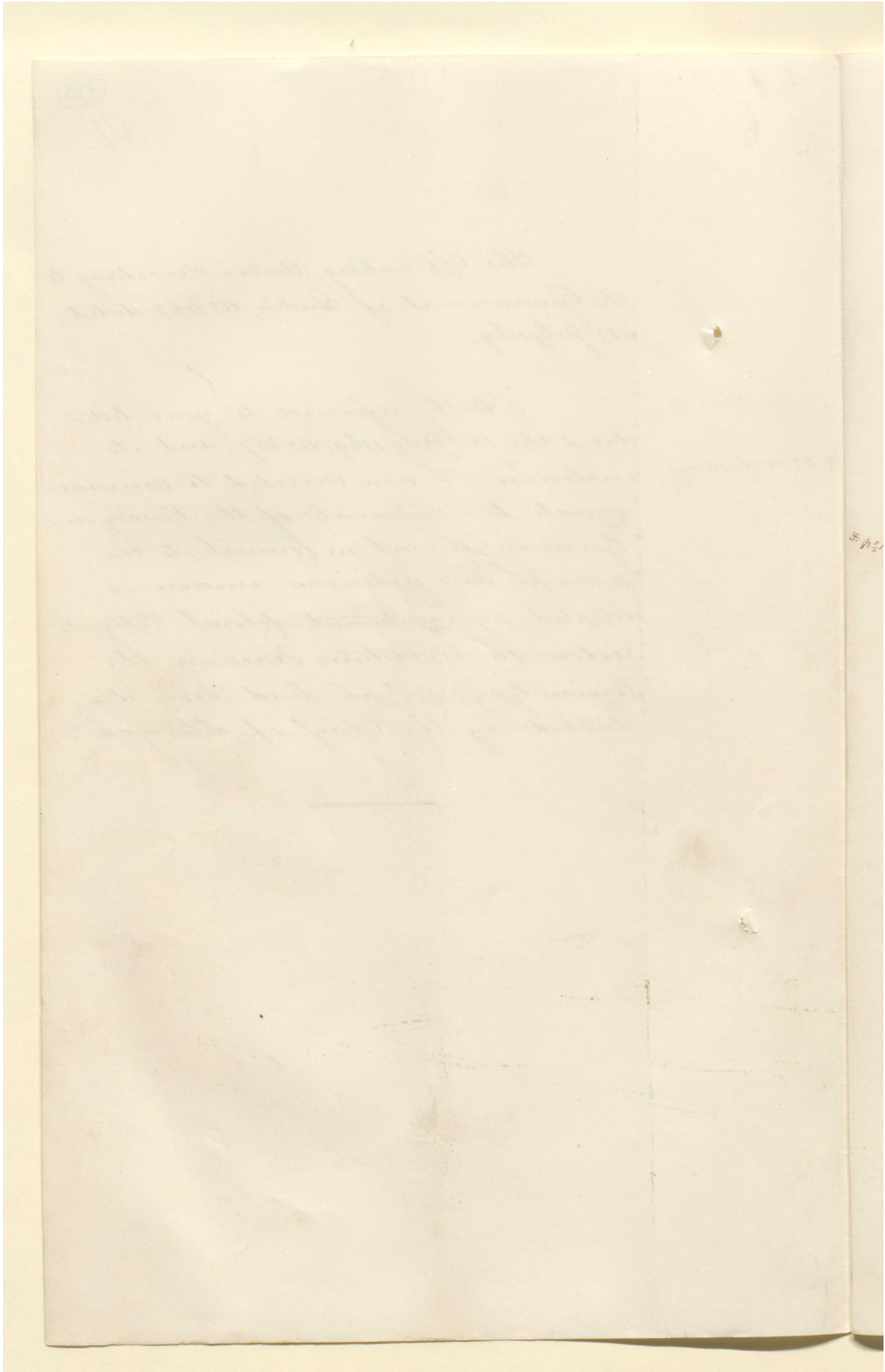


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The Officiating Under Secretary to
the Government of India, N^o 1062 dated
31st July 1869.

* N^o 100 of 21st May 1869

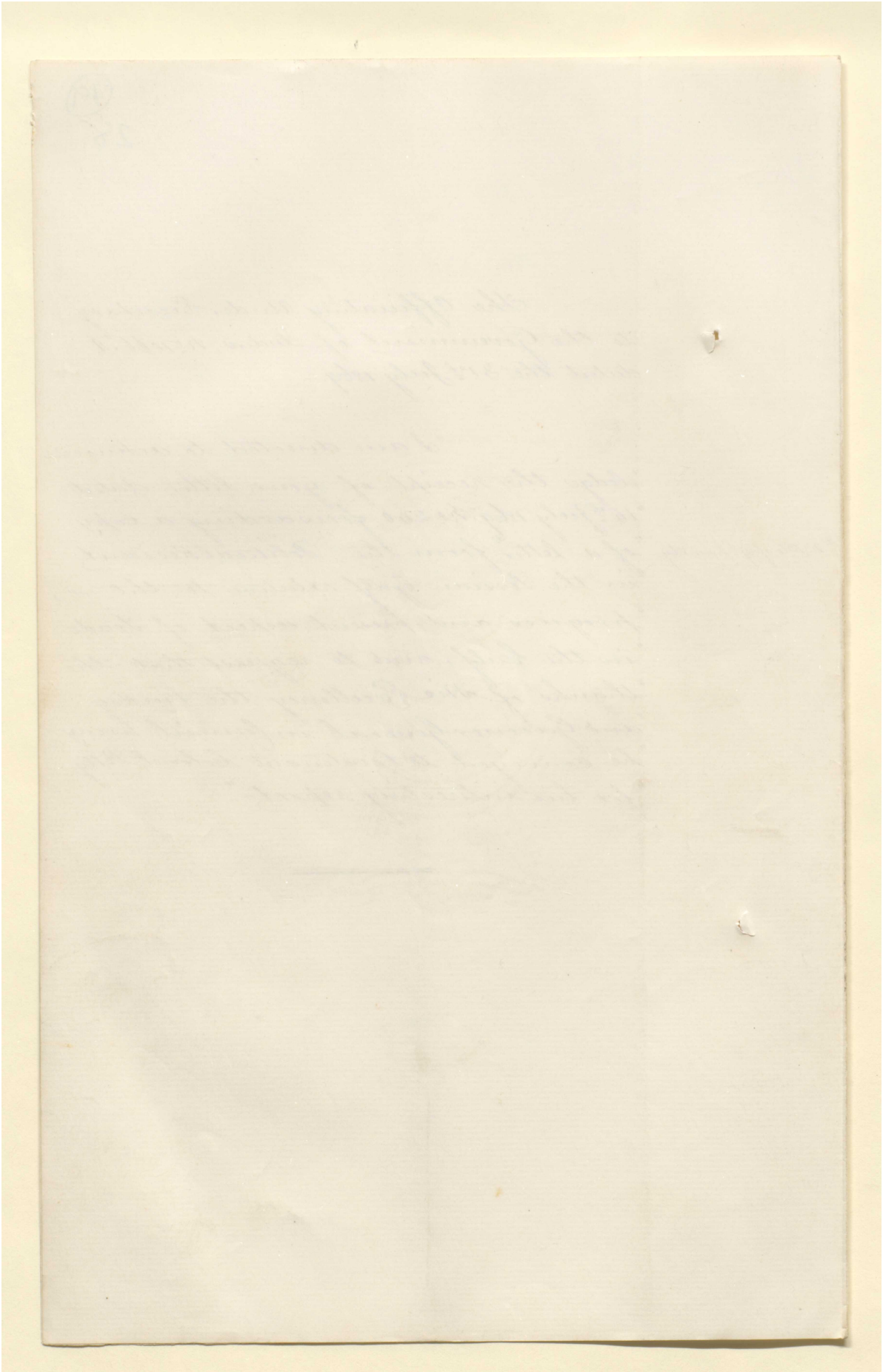
"With reference to your letter
dated the 12th July 1869, N^o 287, and its
enclosures, I am directed to commu-
nicate the approval of the Viceroy and
Governor General in Council, to the
prompt and judicious measures
adopted by Lieutenant Colonel Pelly to
restore the Maritime Peace in the
Persian Gulf, which had been dis-
turbed by the Chief of Shargah."

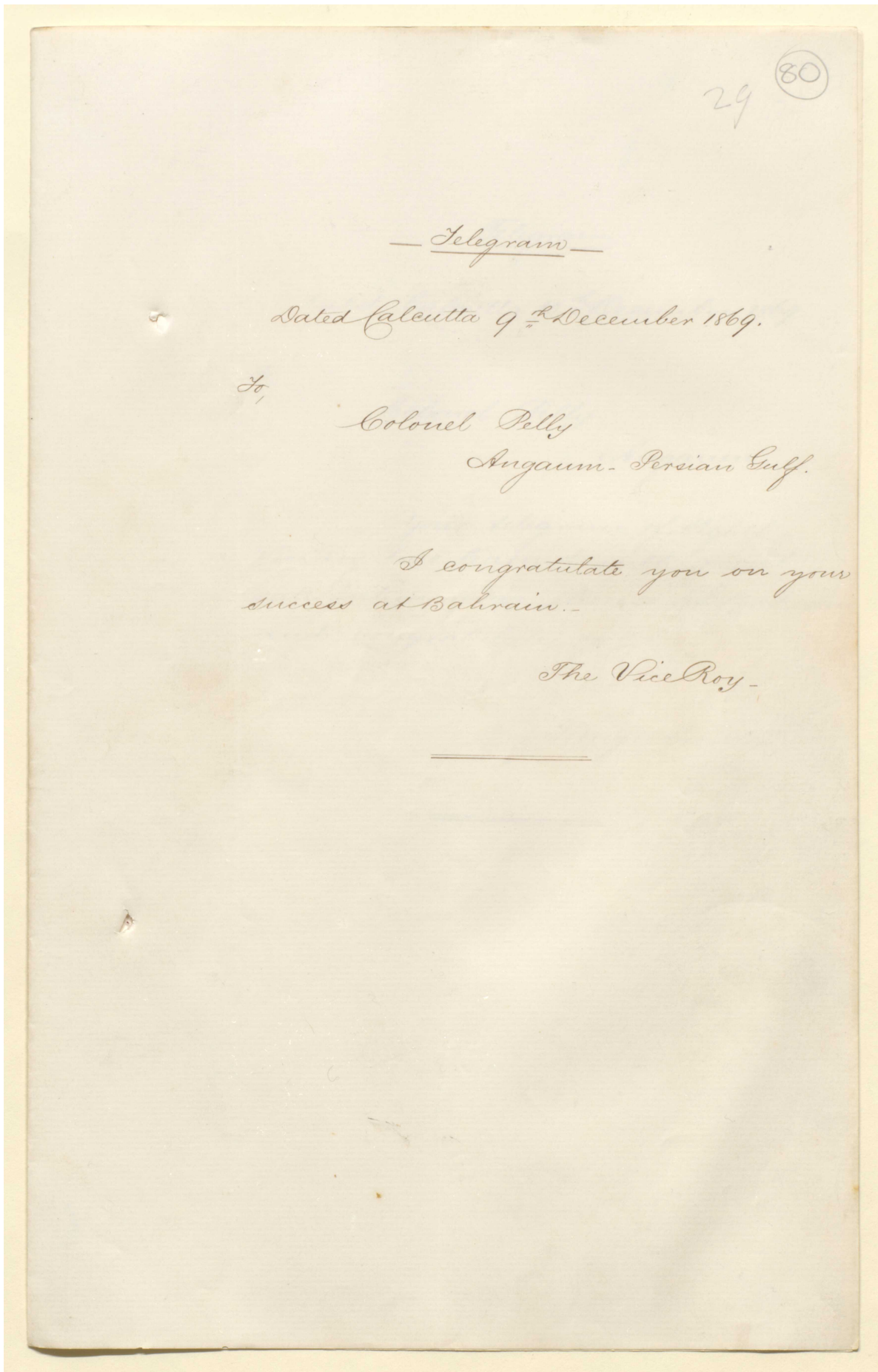


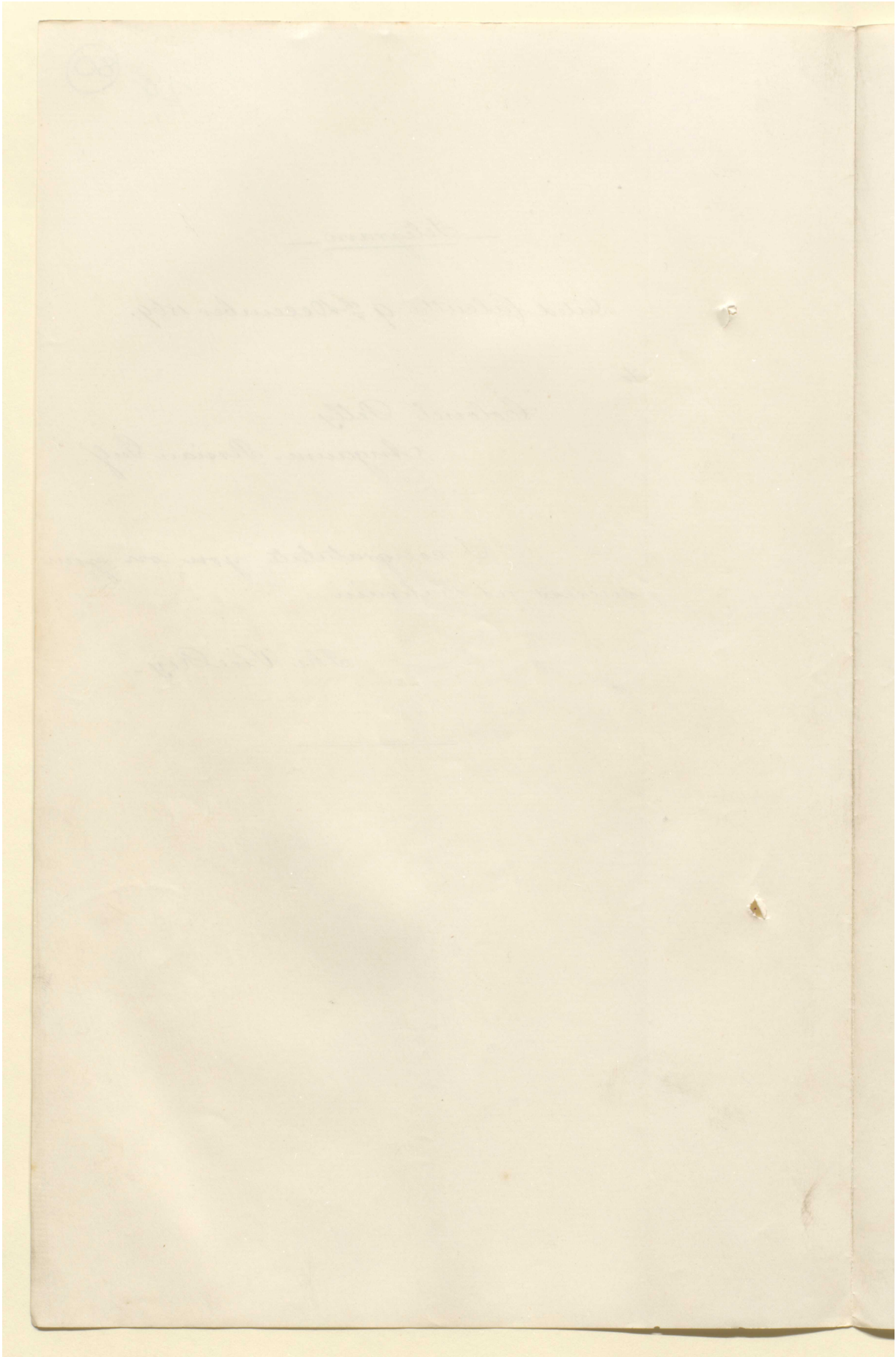
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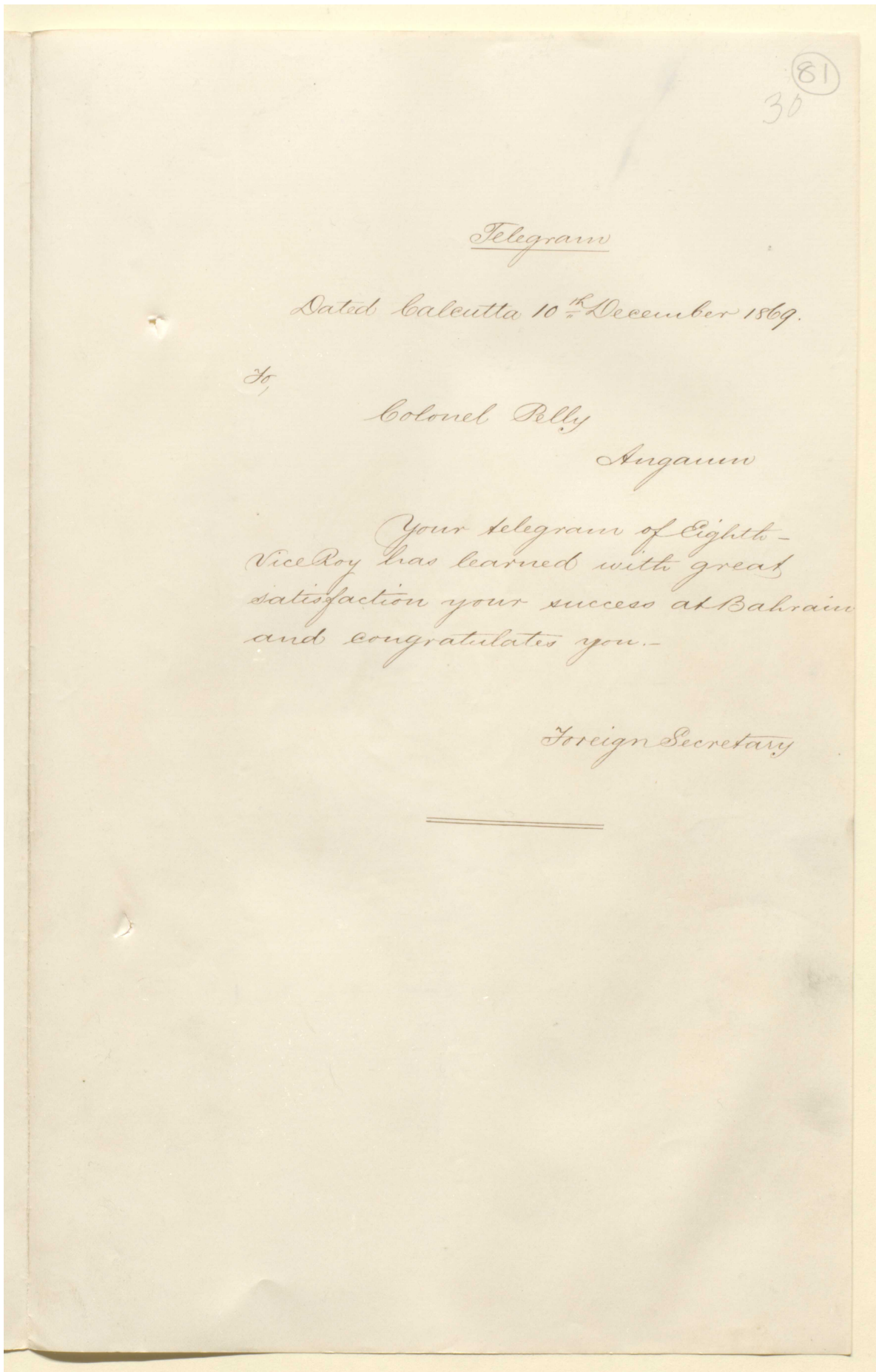
The Officiating Under Secretary
to the Government of India, N^o. 1066 A
dated the 31st July 1869. -

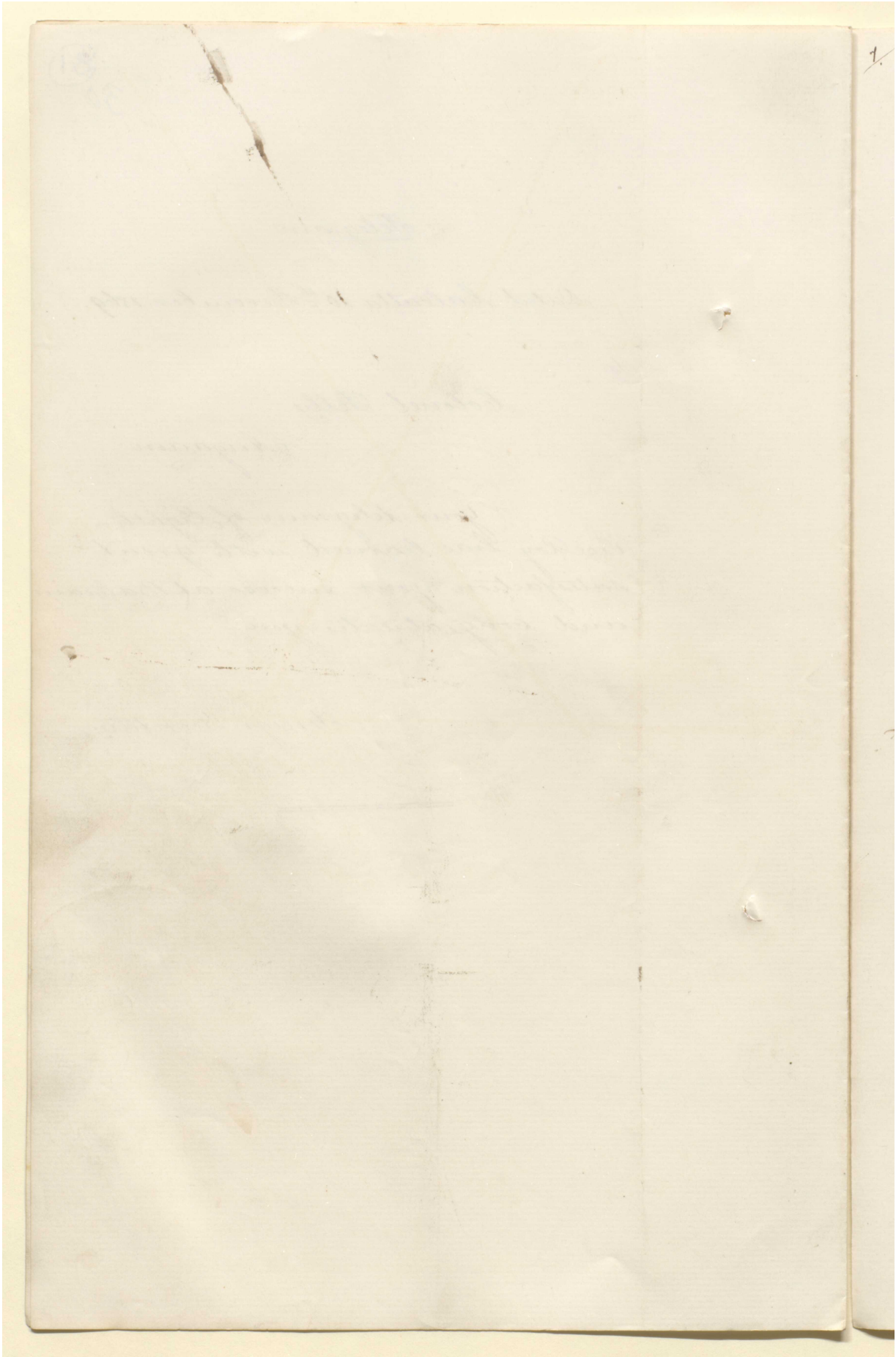
"I am directed to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your letter dated
"14th July 1869, N^o. 240, forwarding a copy
* N^o. 104 of 19th June 1869. - "of a letter* from the Political Resident
"in the Persian Gulf relative to the
"progress and present aspect of Trade
"in the Gulf, and to request that the
"thanks of His Excellency the Viceroy
"and Governor-General in Council may
"be conveyed to Lieutenant Colonel Pelly
"for his interesting report."











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such compensation such persons as
may have implicated themselves in
the purchase of plundered property
at nominal rates. -

I, Esau bin Alee bin Khalifeh, Chief
of Bahrain, do, of my own free will,
agree to the above arrangement. -
Signed and sealed by Esau bin Alee bin Khalifeh.
Signed and sealed in our presence on
the 3rd day of December 1869.

Signed) Louis Pelly Lieut. Colonel
M. P. Political Resident
Persian Gulf

Signed) G. K. Douglas,
Senior Naval Officer of
H. M. S. Ships employed in
the Persian Gulf.

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No. 1574 P., dated 20th January 1870.
From - C. W. Aitchison, Esquire,
Offy. Secy. to the Government of India
Foreign Department.

To,
The Secretary to the Government of
Bombay - Political Department -

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter No. 12, dated 8th
January 1870, giving cover to a report
from Colonel Pelly of his proceedings
for the punishment of the offenders
concerned in the raid upon Bahrain.

2. - In reply I am directed to state
that the Viceroy and Governor General
in

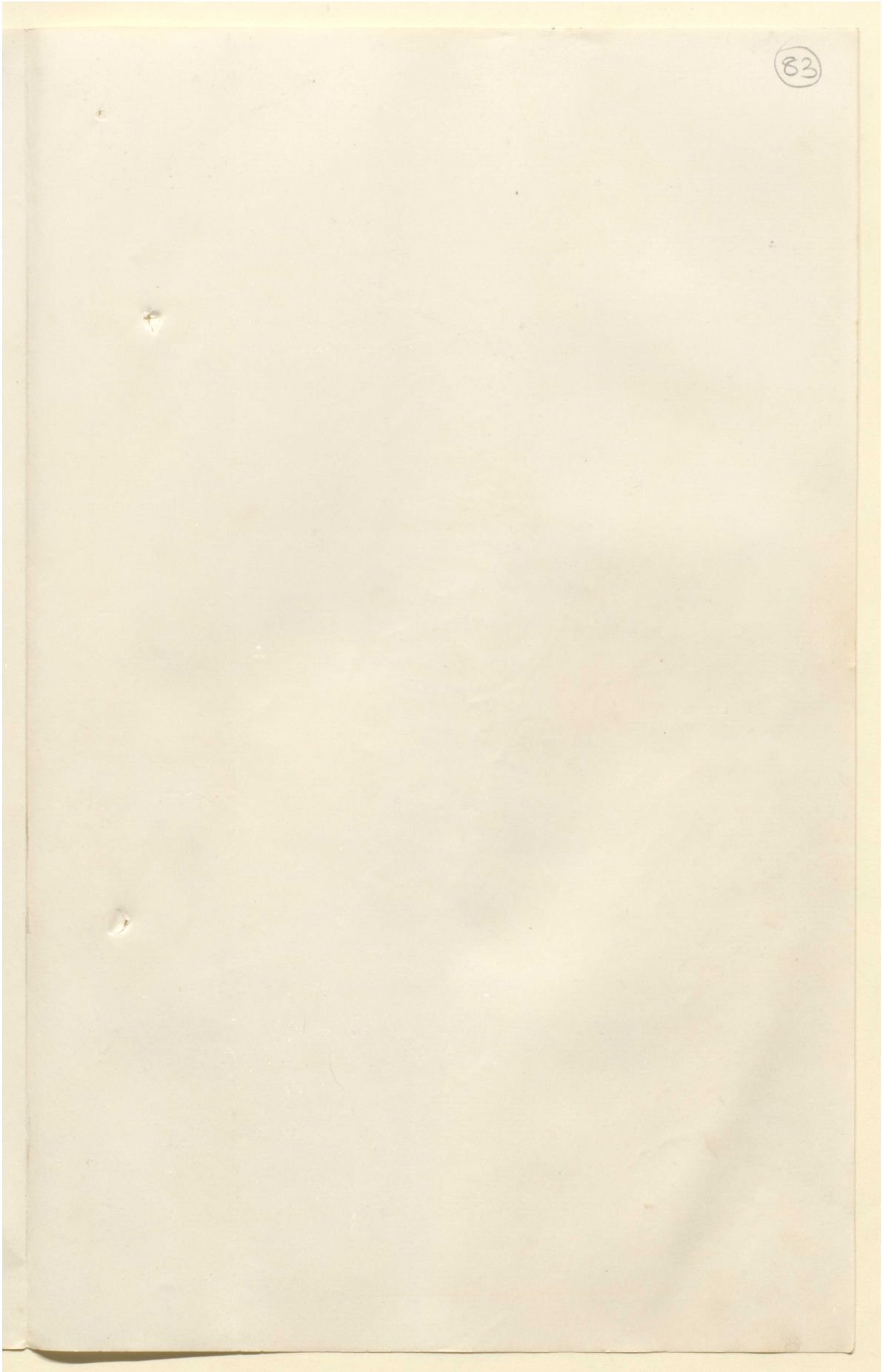
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in Council has perused the report with great interest, and he instructs me to communicate to you his entire approval of Colonel Pelly's proceedings. —

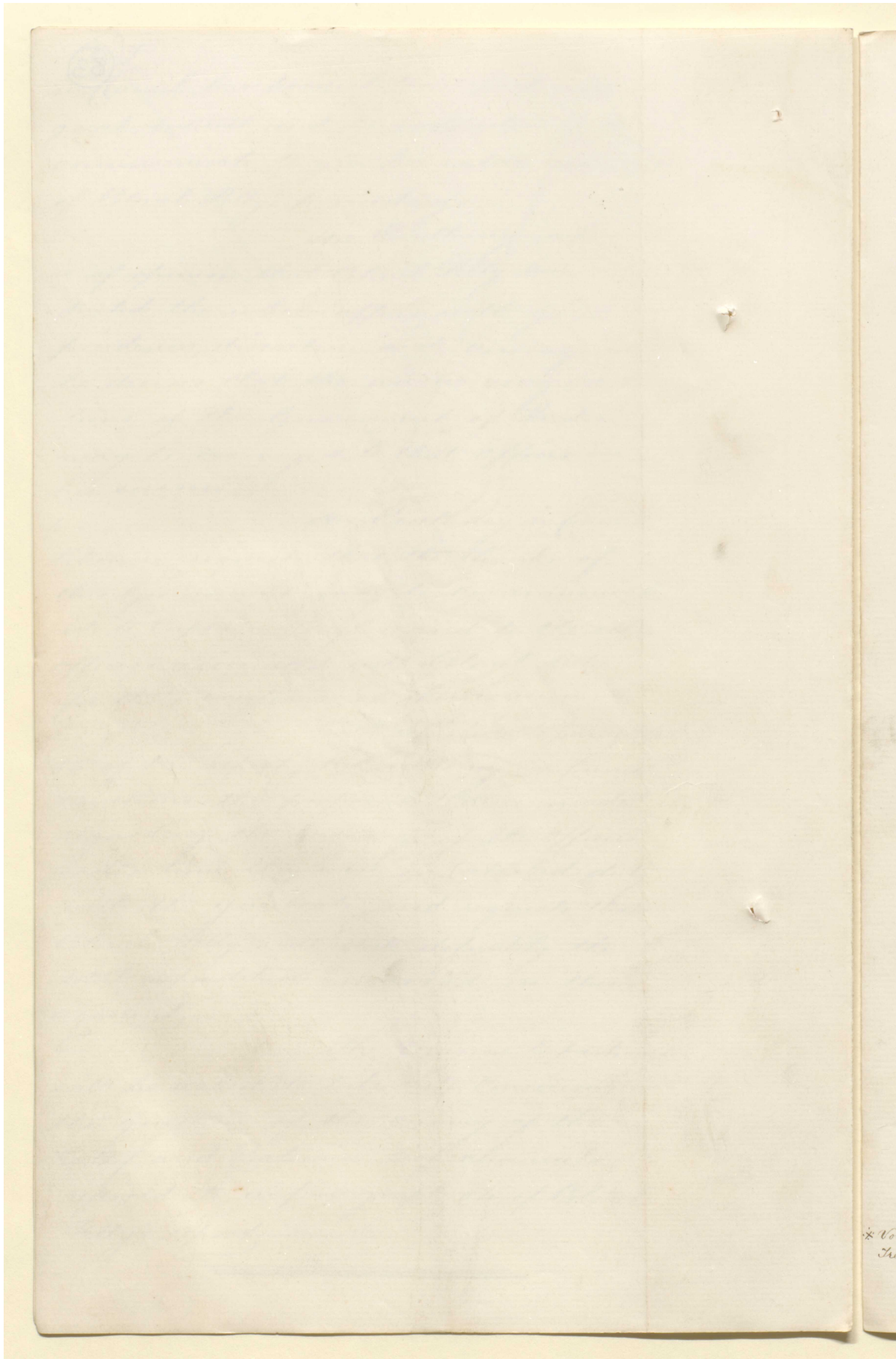
3. — His Excellency in Council is of opinion that Colonel Pelly has conducted the whole affair with great prudence, discretion and courage, and he desires that the warm congratulations of the Government of India may be conveyed to that officer on his success. —

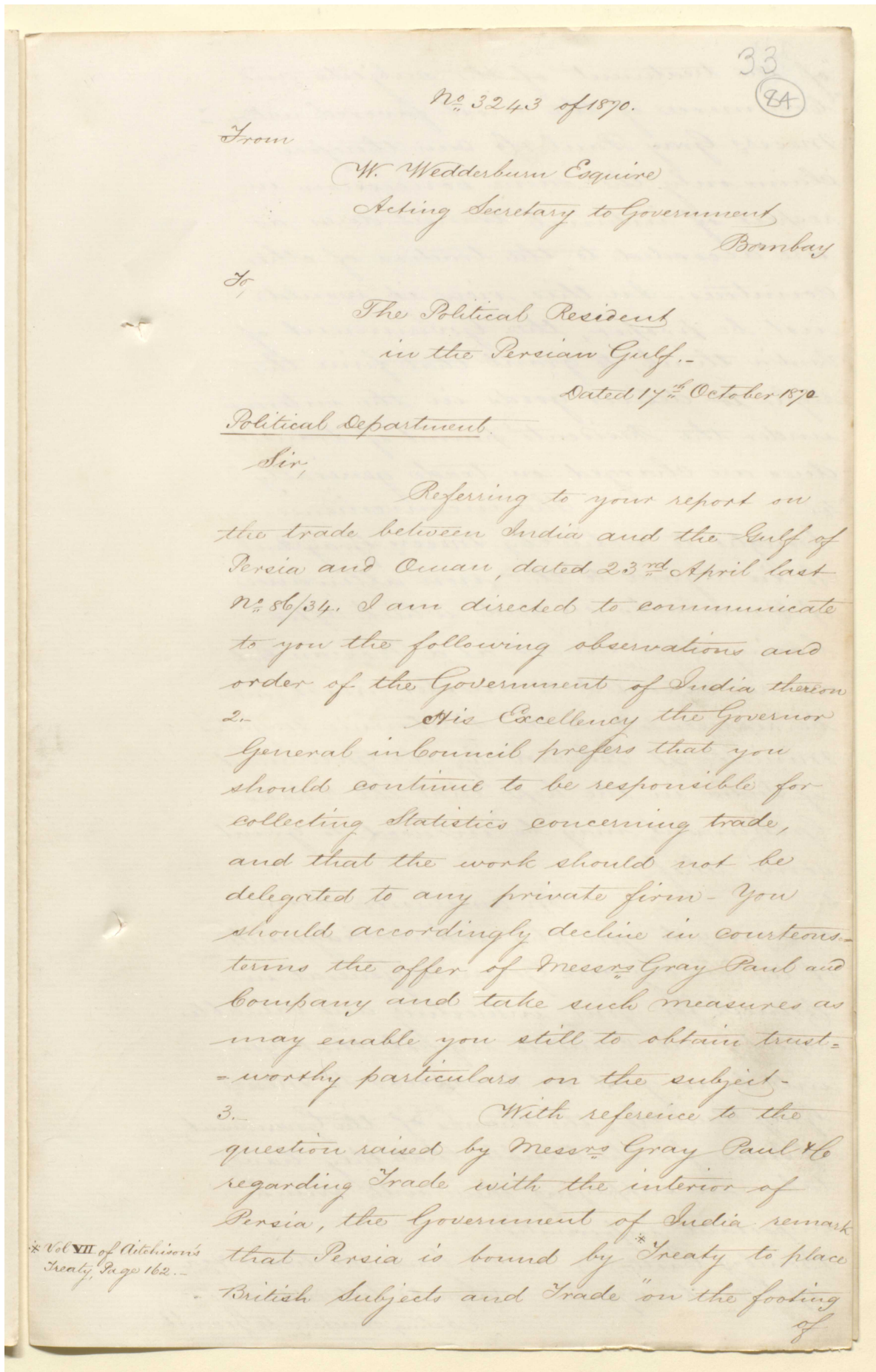
4. — His Excellency in Council likewise requests that the thanks of this Government may be communicated to Captain Douglas and to the other officers associated with Colonel Pelly for their exertions on the occasion. —

5. — With reference to paragraph 55 of the report, His Excellency in Council sanctions the proposal therein made regarding the message of the officers for the time they were on detached duty with the gunboats, and requests that Colonel Pelly will state definitely the total expenditure incurred on this account. —

6. — The Marine Department will be asked to take into consideration the question of the survey of the Kateef and Bahrain reef channels referred to in paragraph 54 of Colonel Pelly's report. —







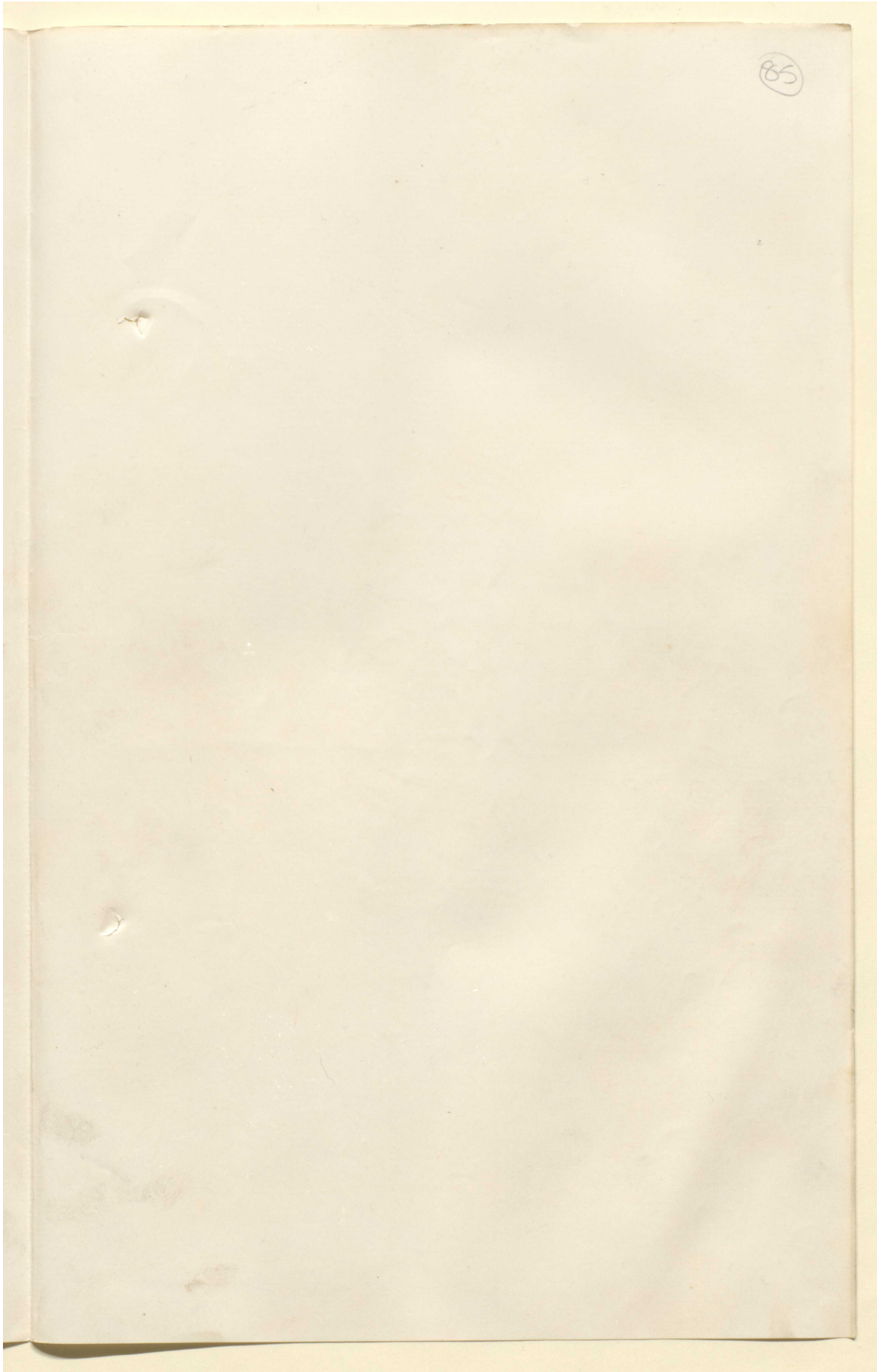
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"of the treatment of the subjects and
"Commerce of the most favored nation."
Messrs Gray Paul & Co can therefore
claim only the same concession in
respect of internal transit dues as
are accorded to the traders of other
countries. - In this view it would
not be proper, the Government of
India think, to grant that firm the
right to deliver goods in the interior
under the Residents' permit if transit
dues are charged on trade generally
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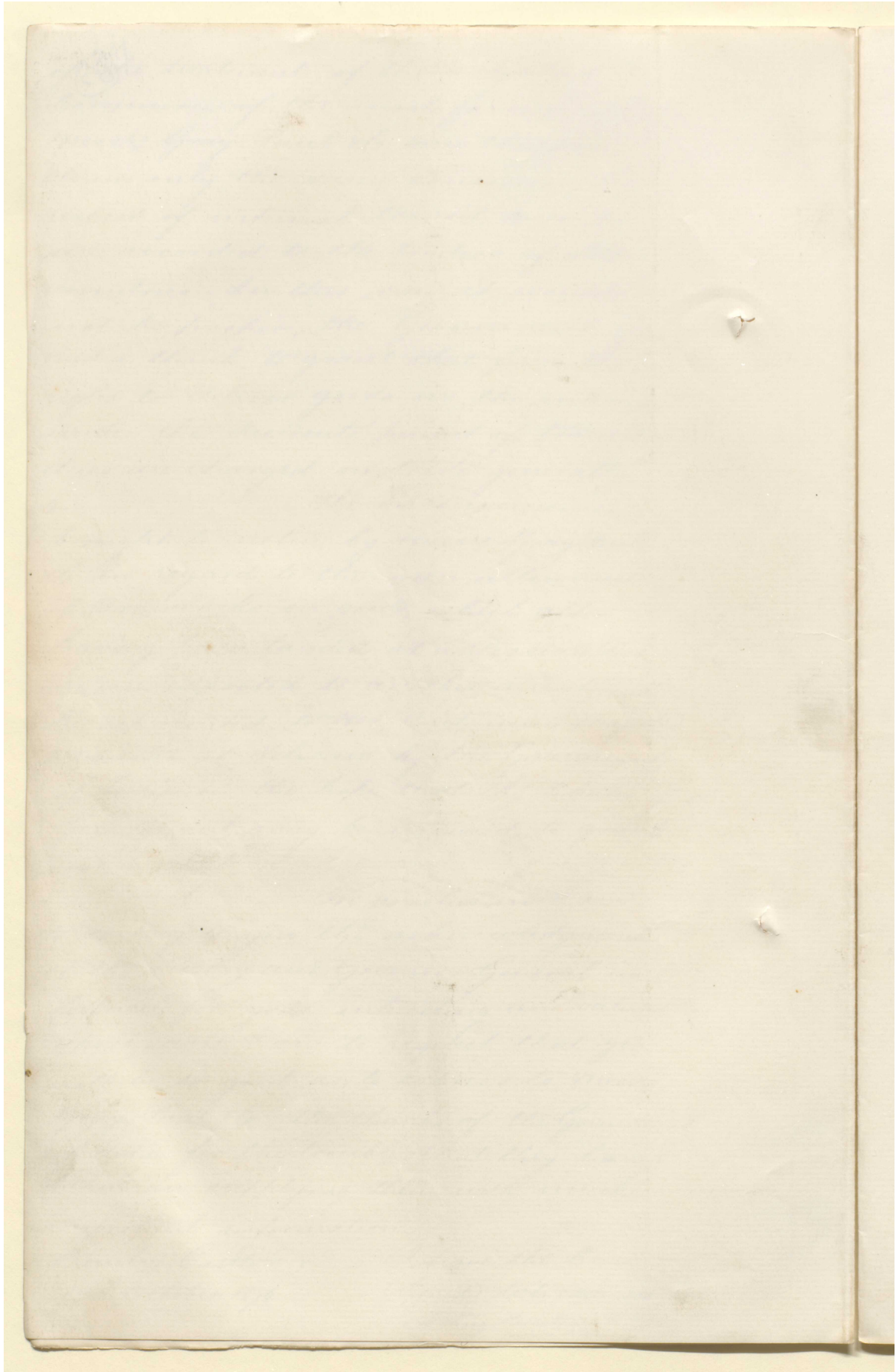
The inconvenience
brought to notice by Messrs Gray Paul
& Co in regard to the non allowance
of Drawbacks on goods, which after
having been landed at a Persian Port,
are re-exported to another mark, will
be represented to Her Britannic Majesty's
Minister at Ichraw by the Government
of India in the hope that the Shah's
Government may be induced to grant
some relief.

5.- In conclusion I am
to convey to you the acknowledgments
of the Viceroy and Governor General in
Council for your interesting and valuable
report, and I am to request that you
will be so good as to express to Messrs
Gray Paul & Co, the thanks of the Government
of India for the trouble that they have
taken in supplying them with much
important information. -

Bombay Castle
17th October 1870

I have the honor &c
(Signed) W. Wedderburn
Acting Secretary to Government





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No 1296 A.

Political Department

Bombay Castle 29th March 1871.

The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf
No 153/33 dated the 13th February 1871.

Reports in continuation of his
letter No 141/29 of 3rd February 1871, further
proceedings concerning His Highness
Seyid Forke before and after his entry
into Muscat. - States that His
Highness informs him it is his inten-
tion to address a letter to the Right
Honorable the Governor, which he hopes
to send by a later letter by the present
opportunity.

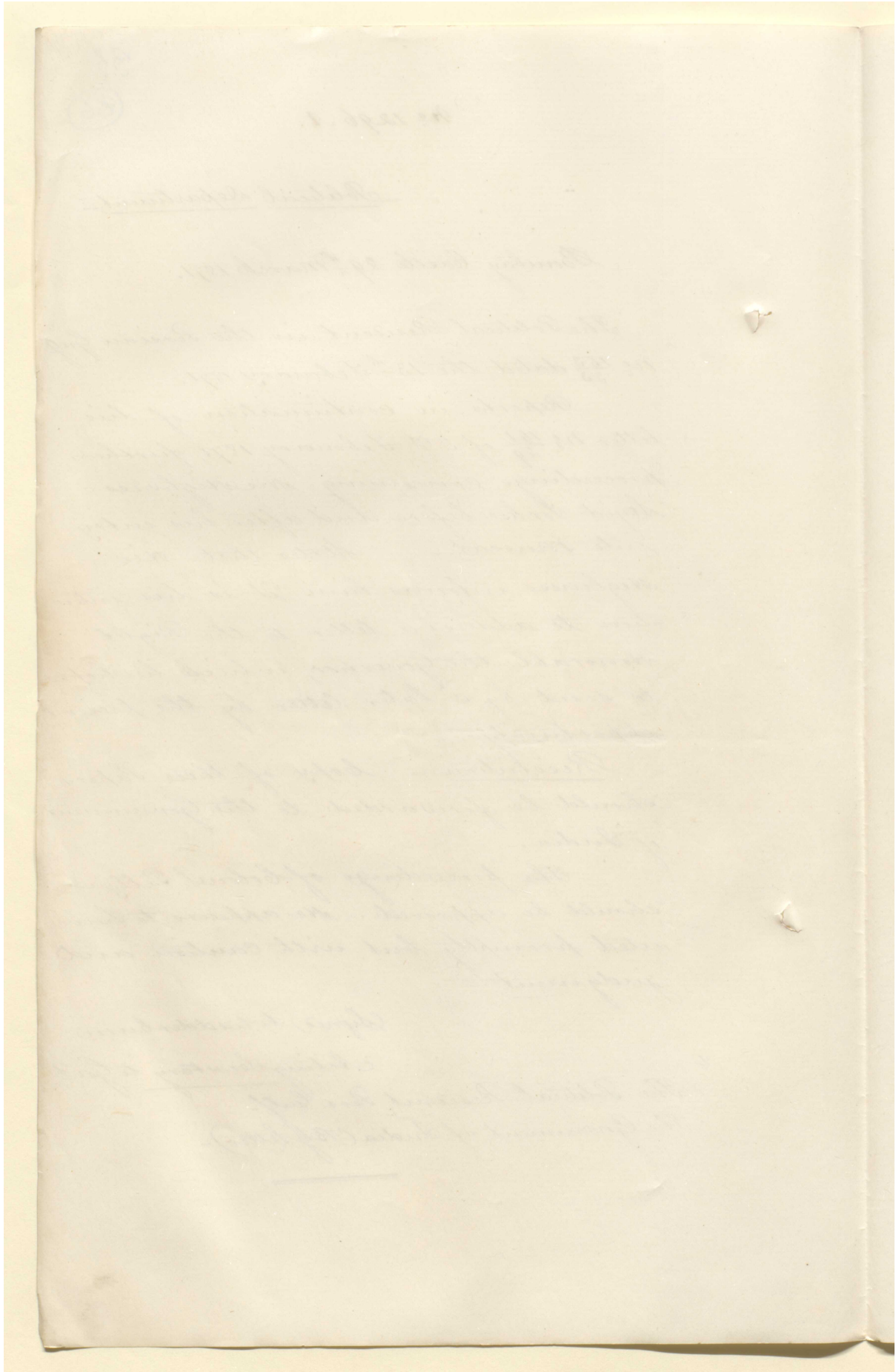
Resolution. - Copy of these Papers
should be forwarded to the Government
of India.

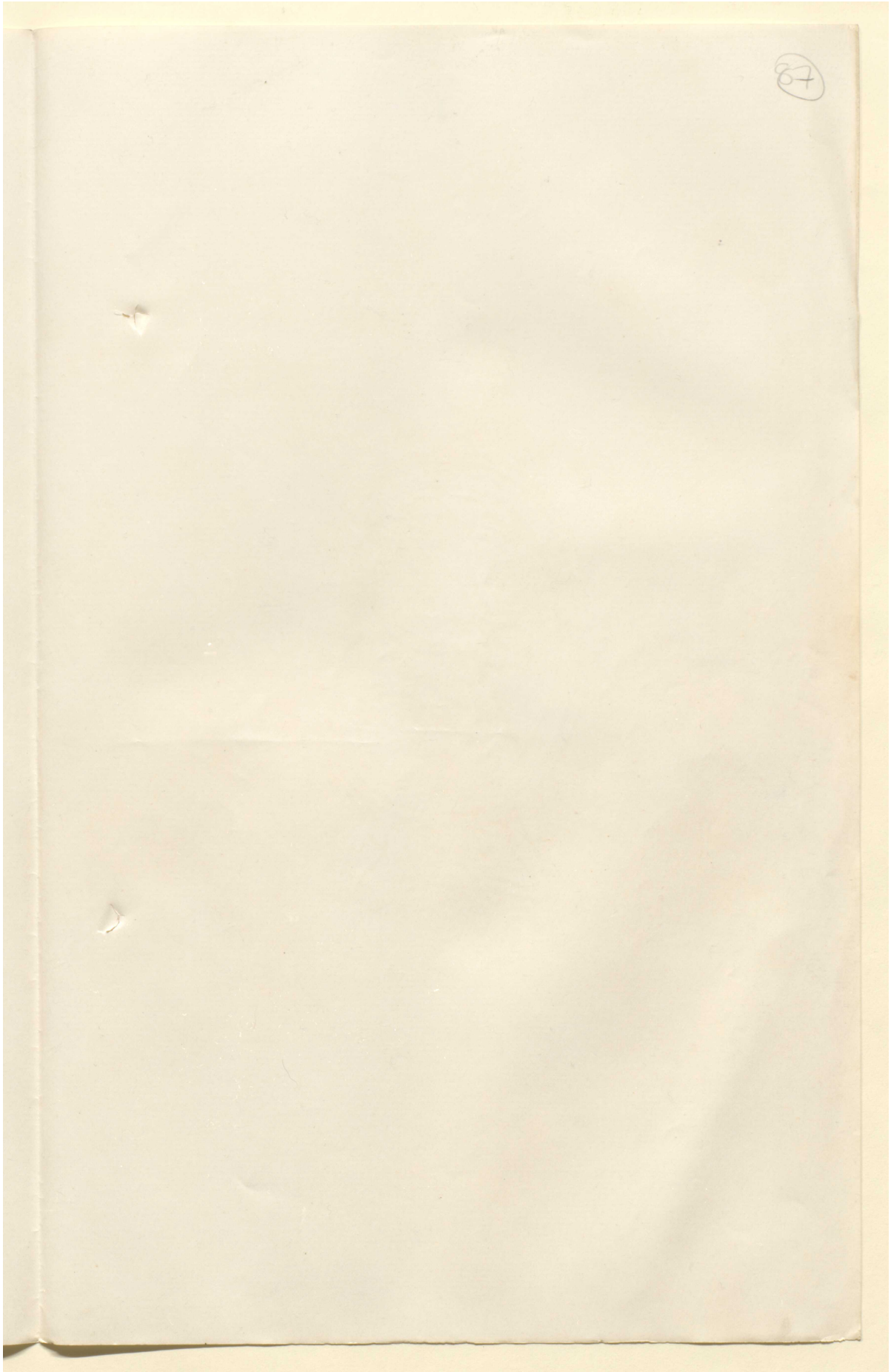
The proceedings of Colonel Pelly
should be approved. - He appears to have
acted promptly but with caution and
judgment.

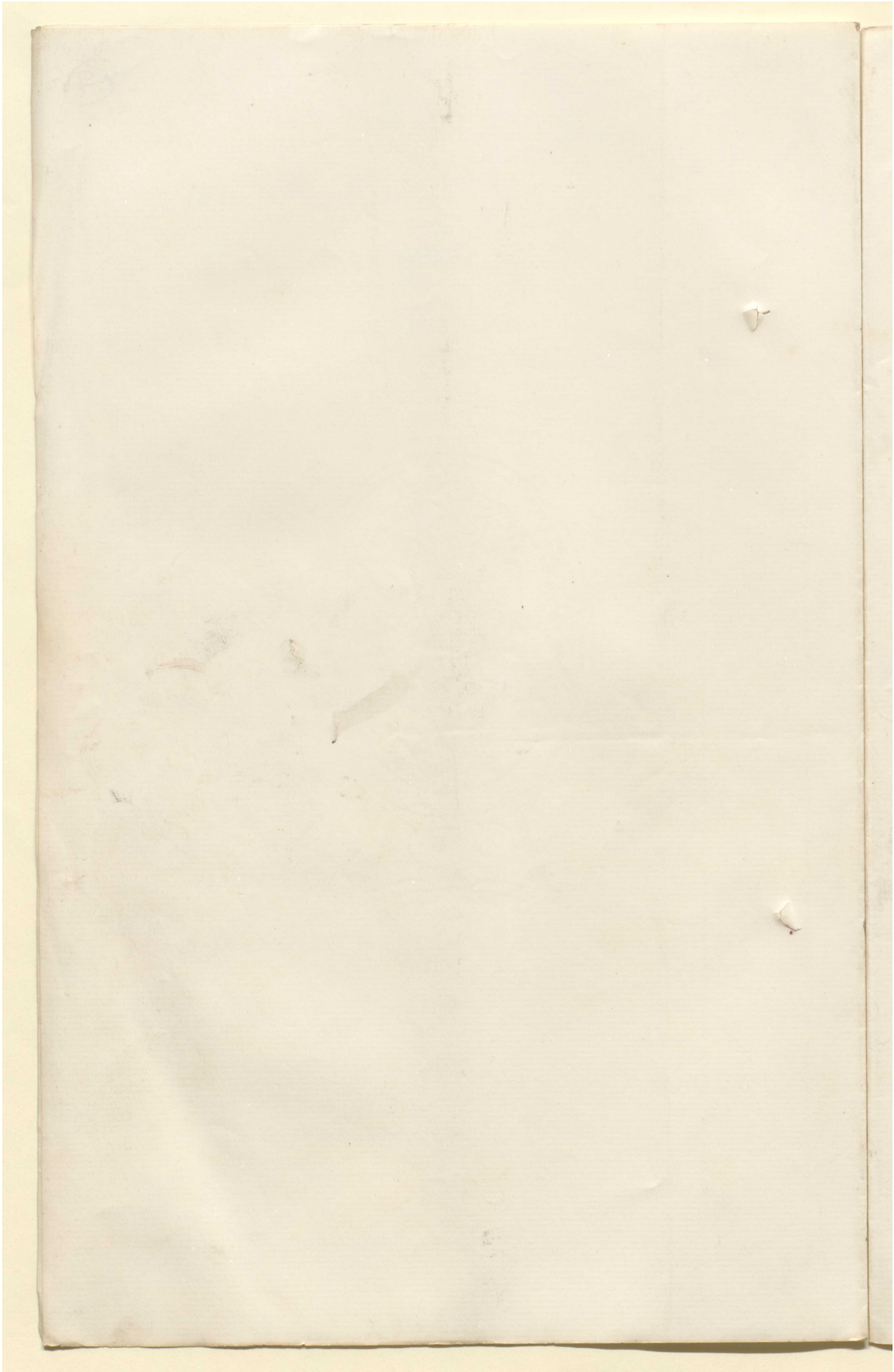
(Signed) W. Wedderburn

Acting Secretary to Gov^t

The Political Resident Pers. Gulf.
The Government of India (By Letter) -







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No. 157 P.

From
C. U. Aitchison Esquire, C. S. I.
Secretary to the Government
of India

To,
W. Wedderburn, Esquire,
Acting Secretary to the Government
of Bombay

— Foreign Department —
— Political. —

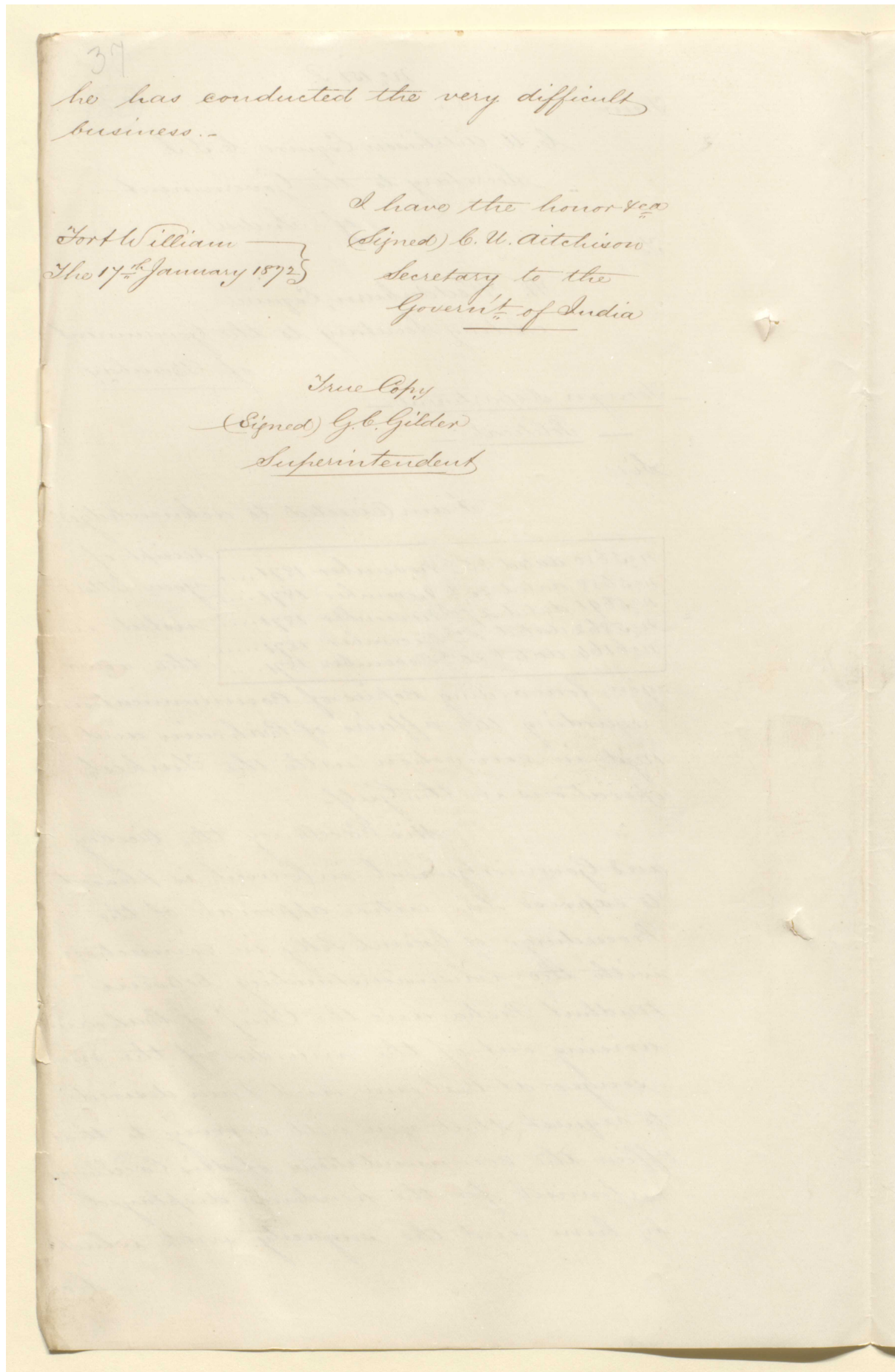
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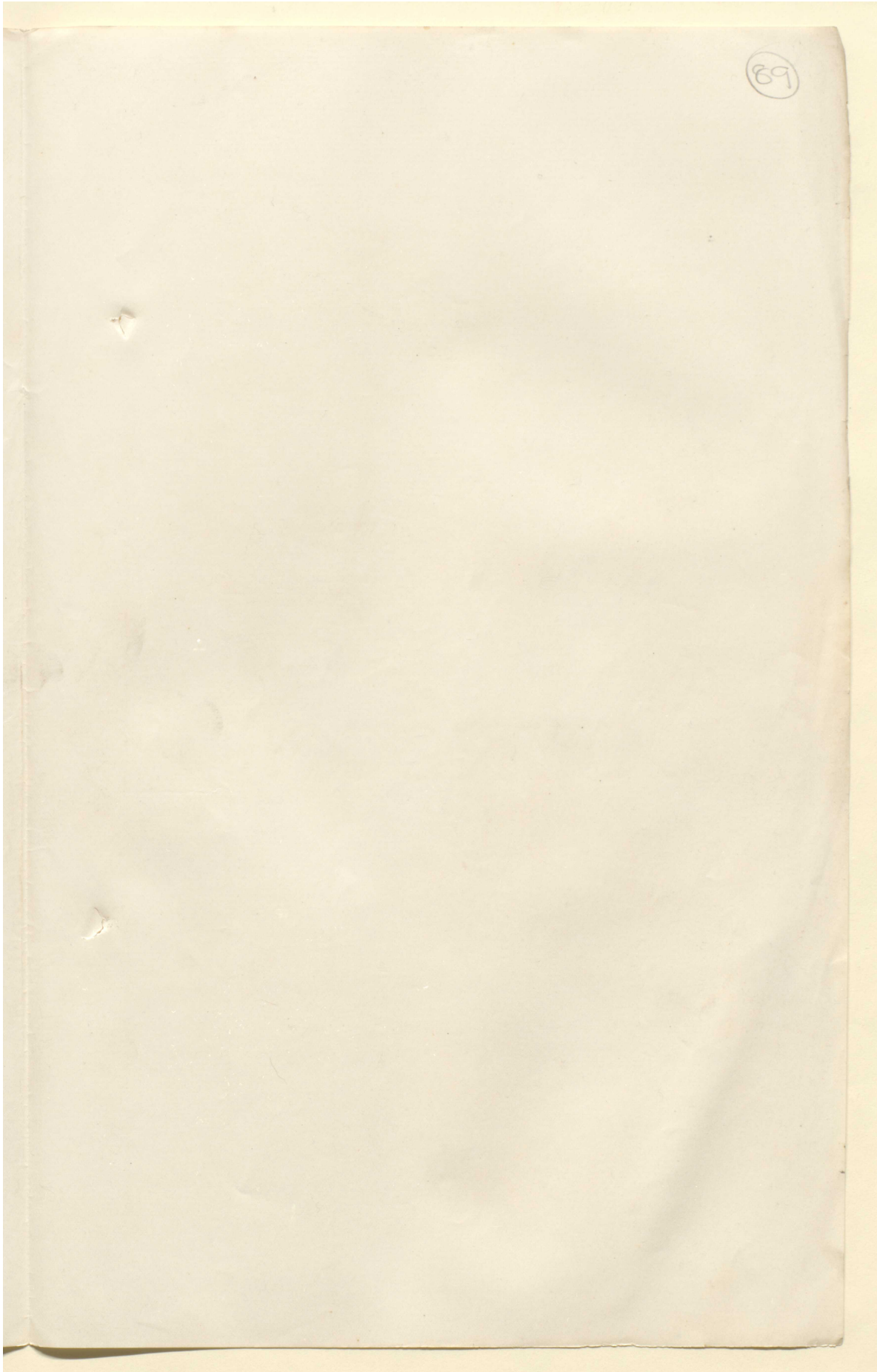
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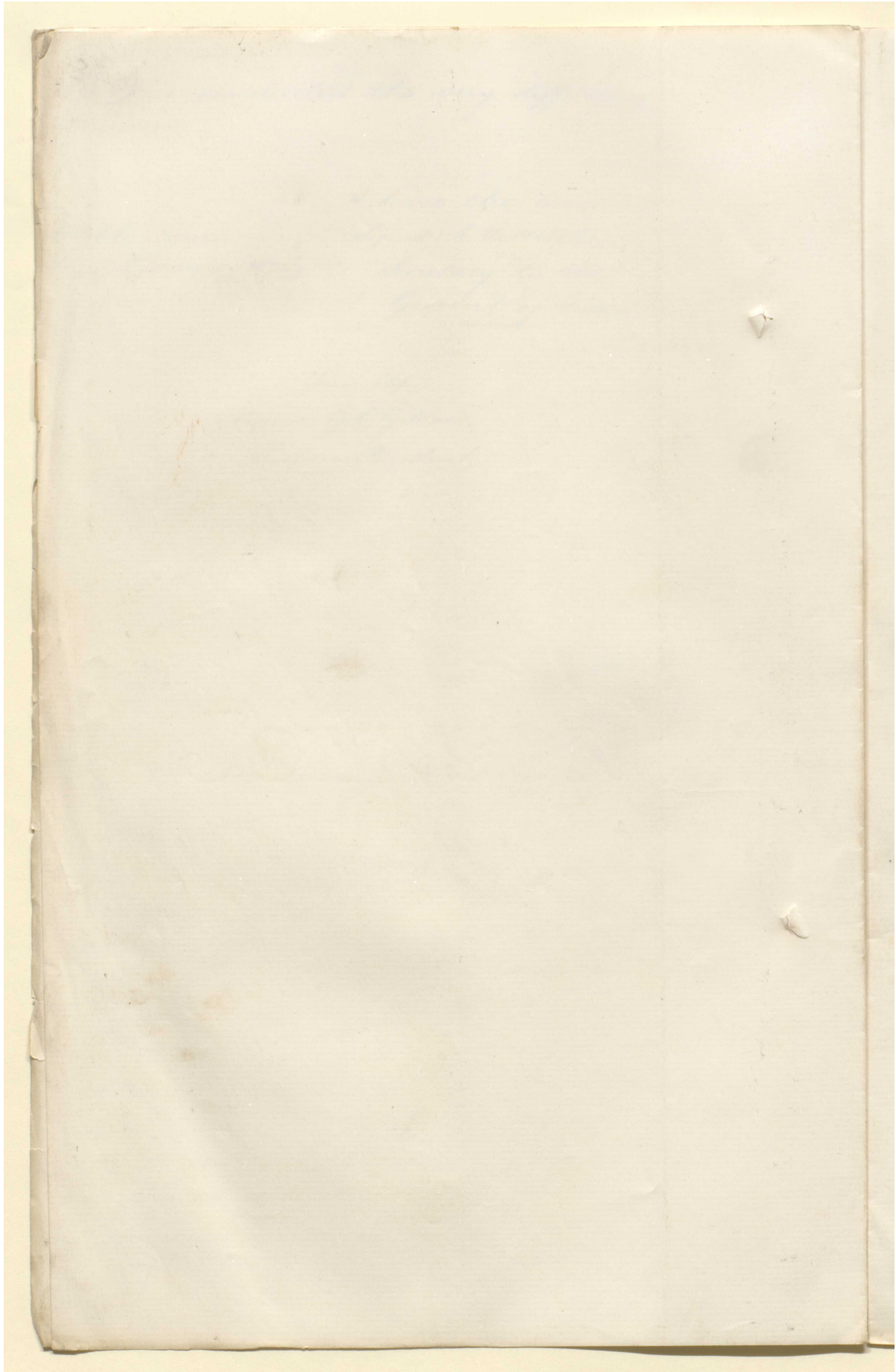
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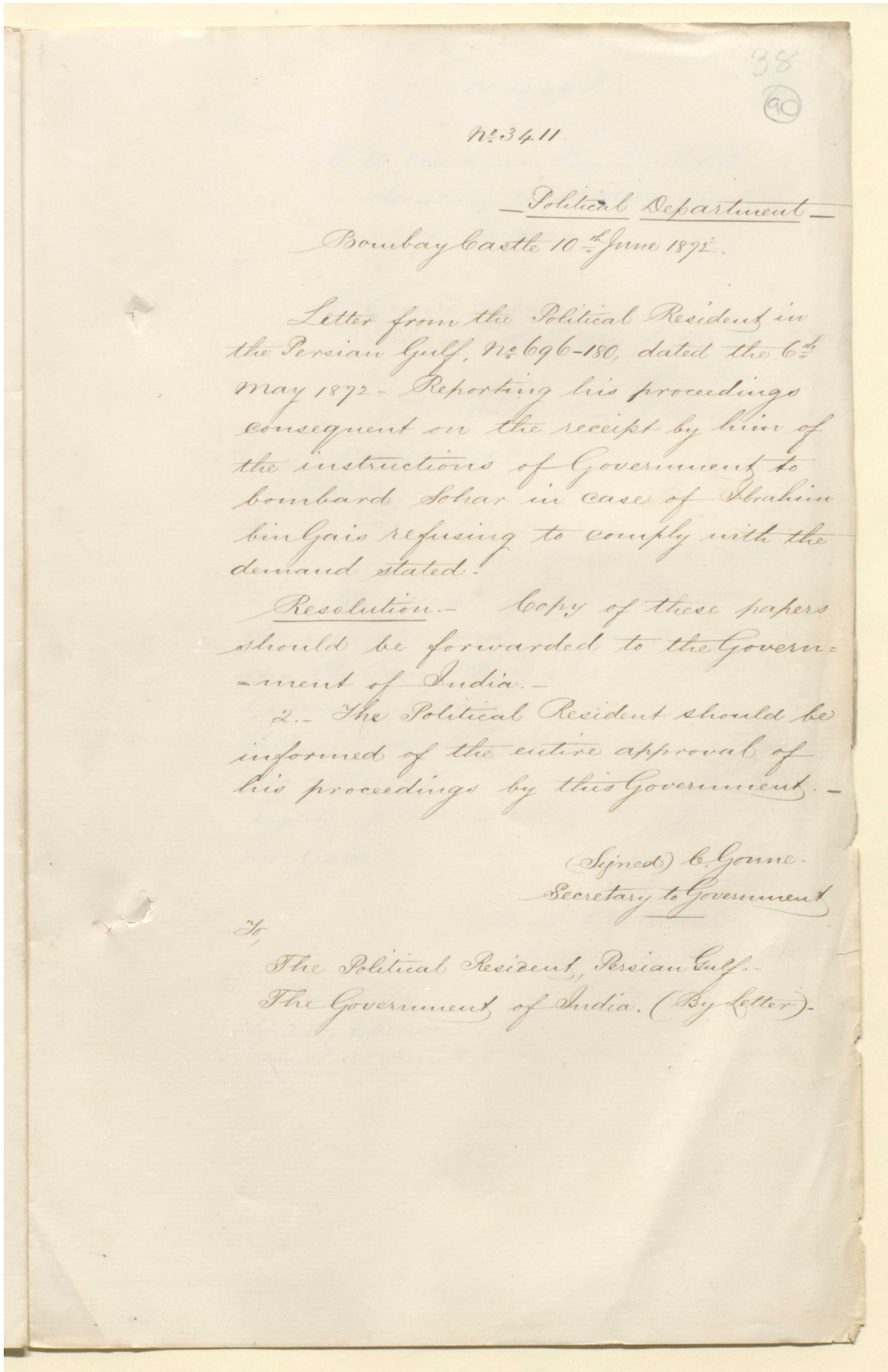
gin, forwarding copies of Communications regarding the affairs of Bahrain and Nejd in connection with the Turkish operations in the Gulf.

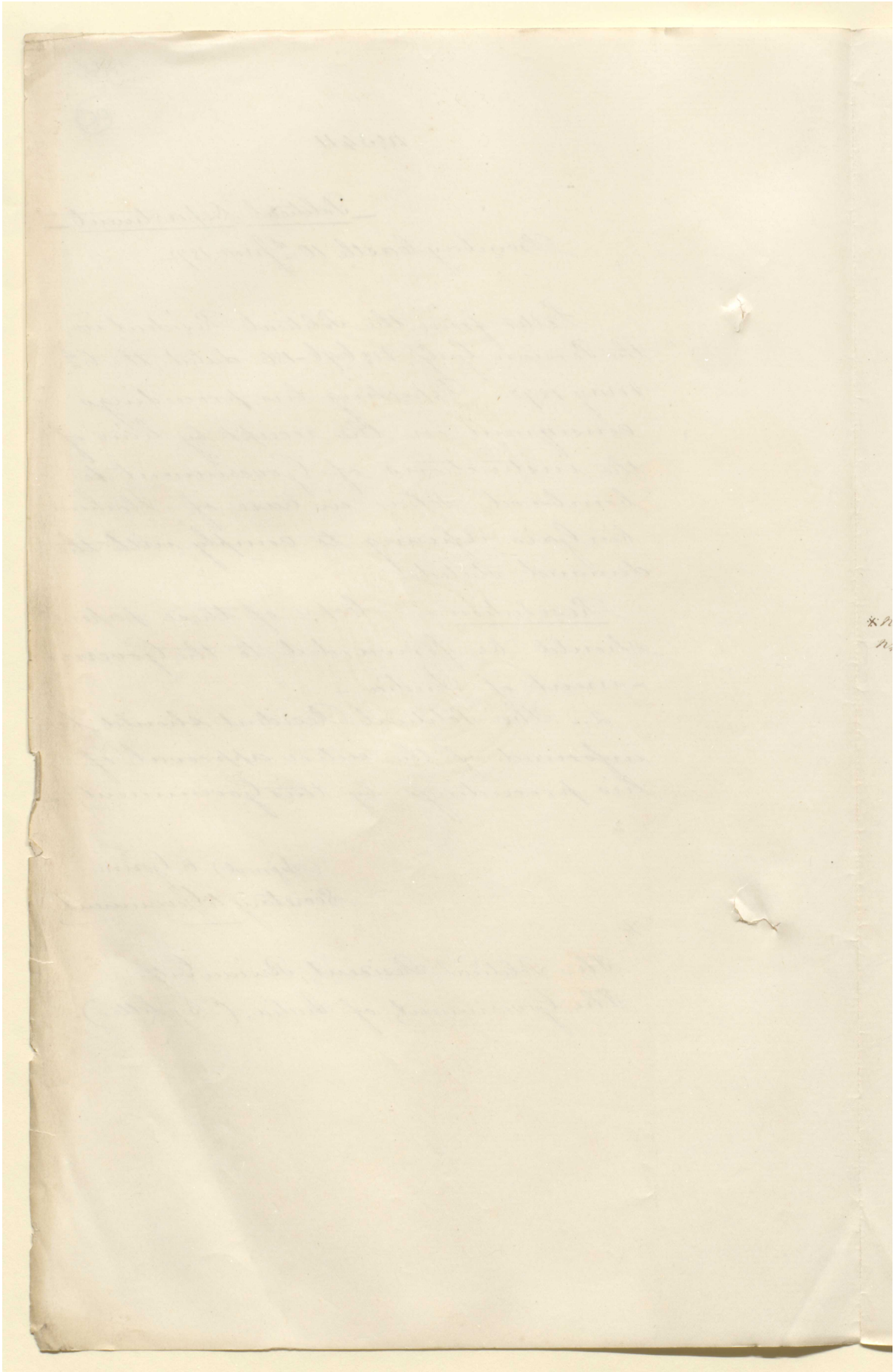
His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council is pleased to express his entire approval of the Proceedings of Colonel Pelly in connection with the misunderstanding between Midhat Pasha and the Chief of Bahrain arising out of the murder of the messenger at Bahrain, and I am desired to request that you will convey to that Officer the commendations of His Excellency in Council for the prudence displayed by him, and the sagacity with which he

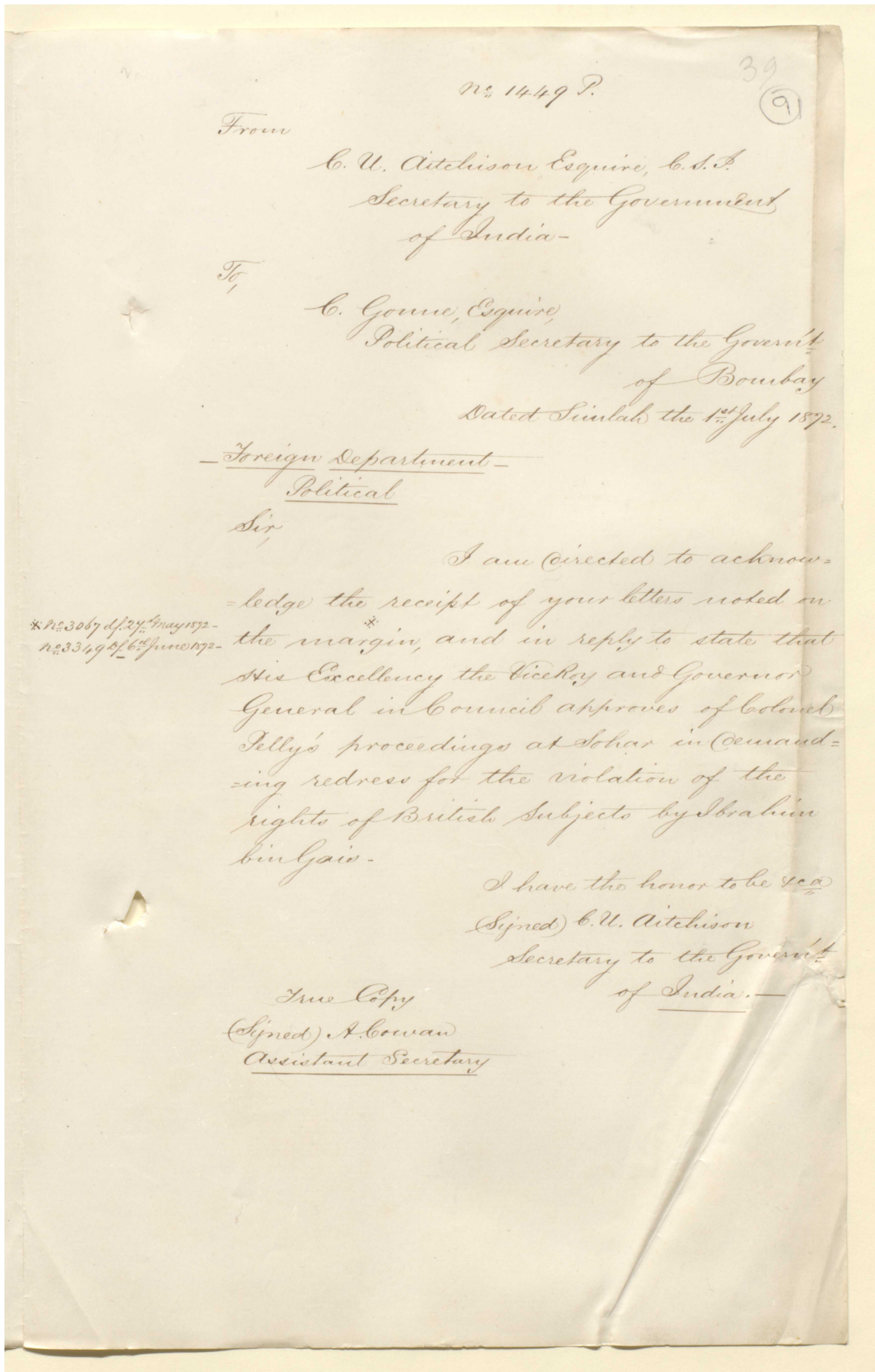


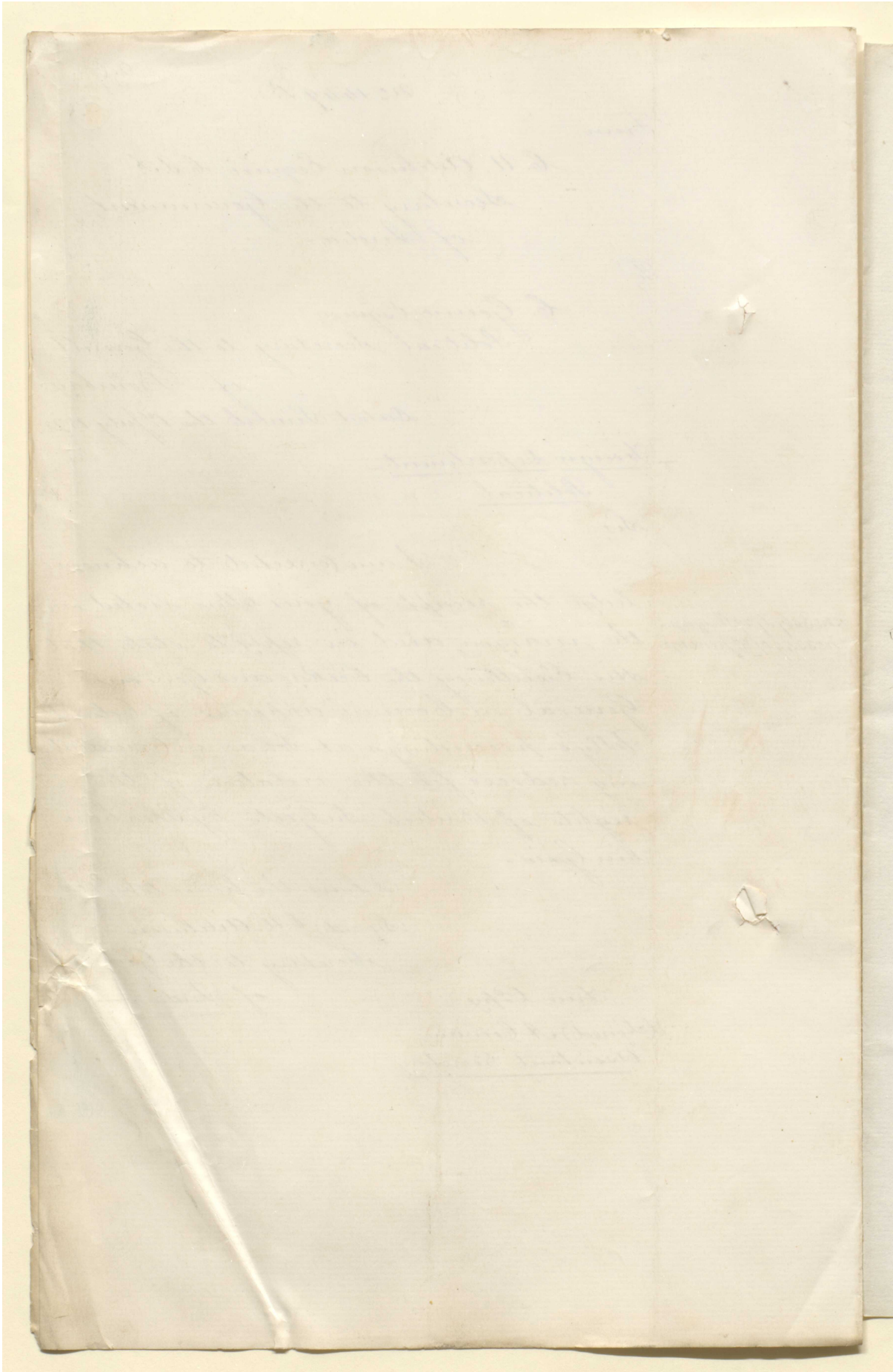


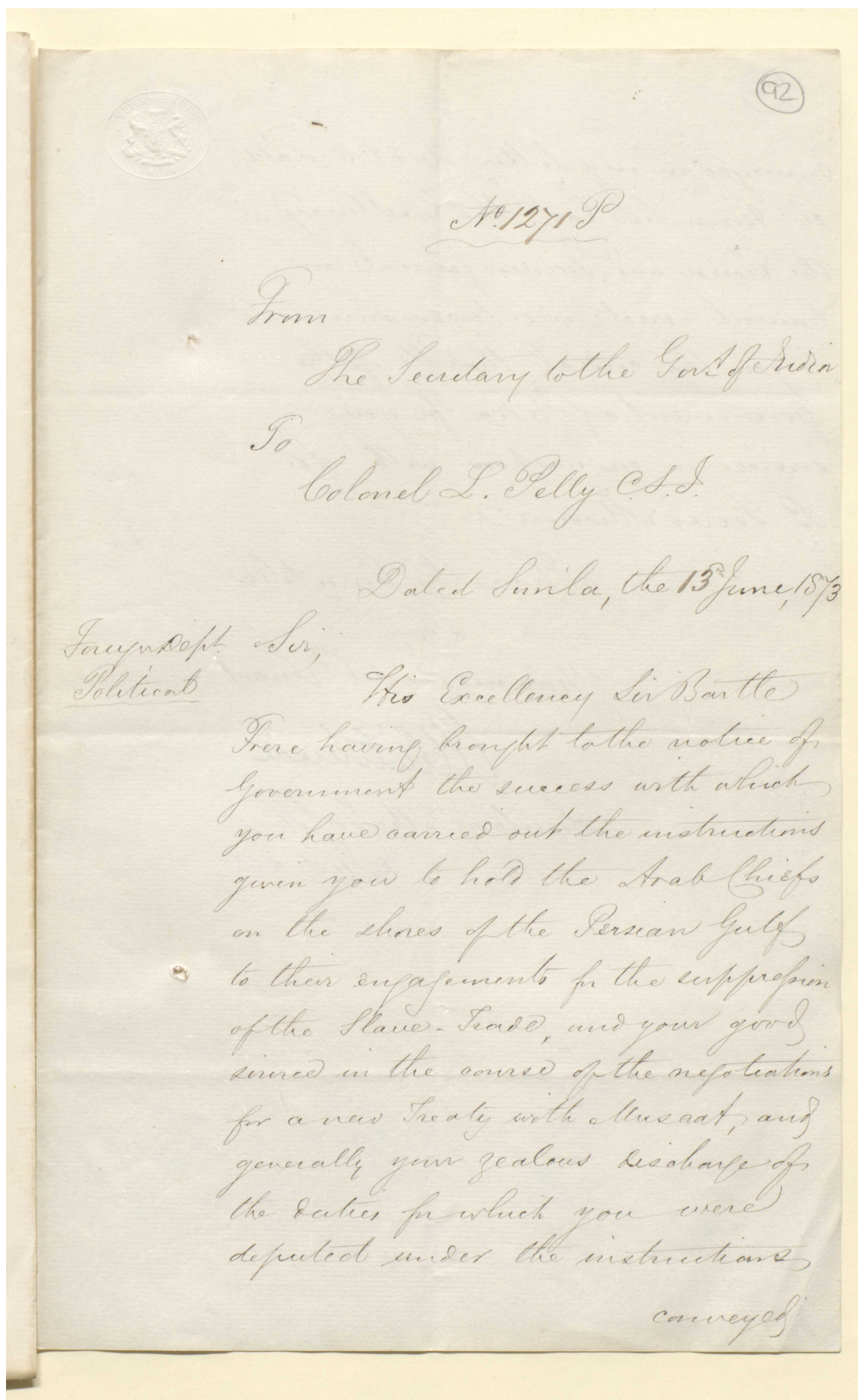








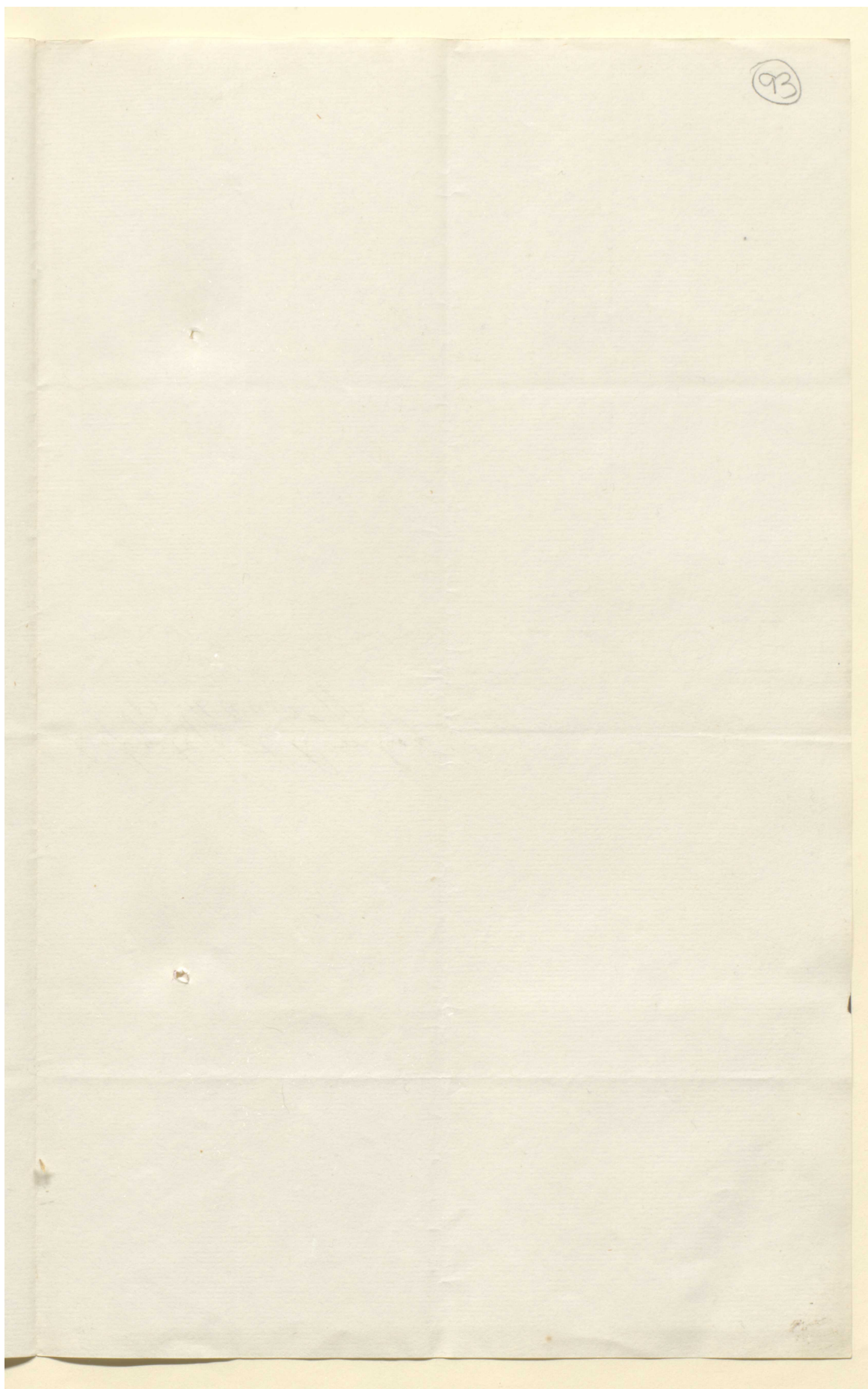


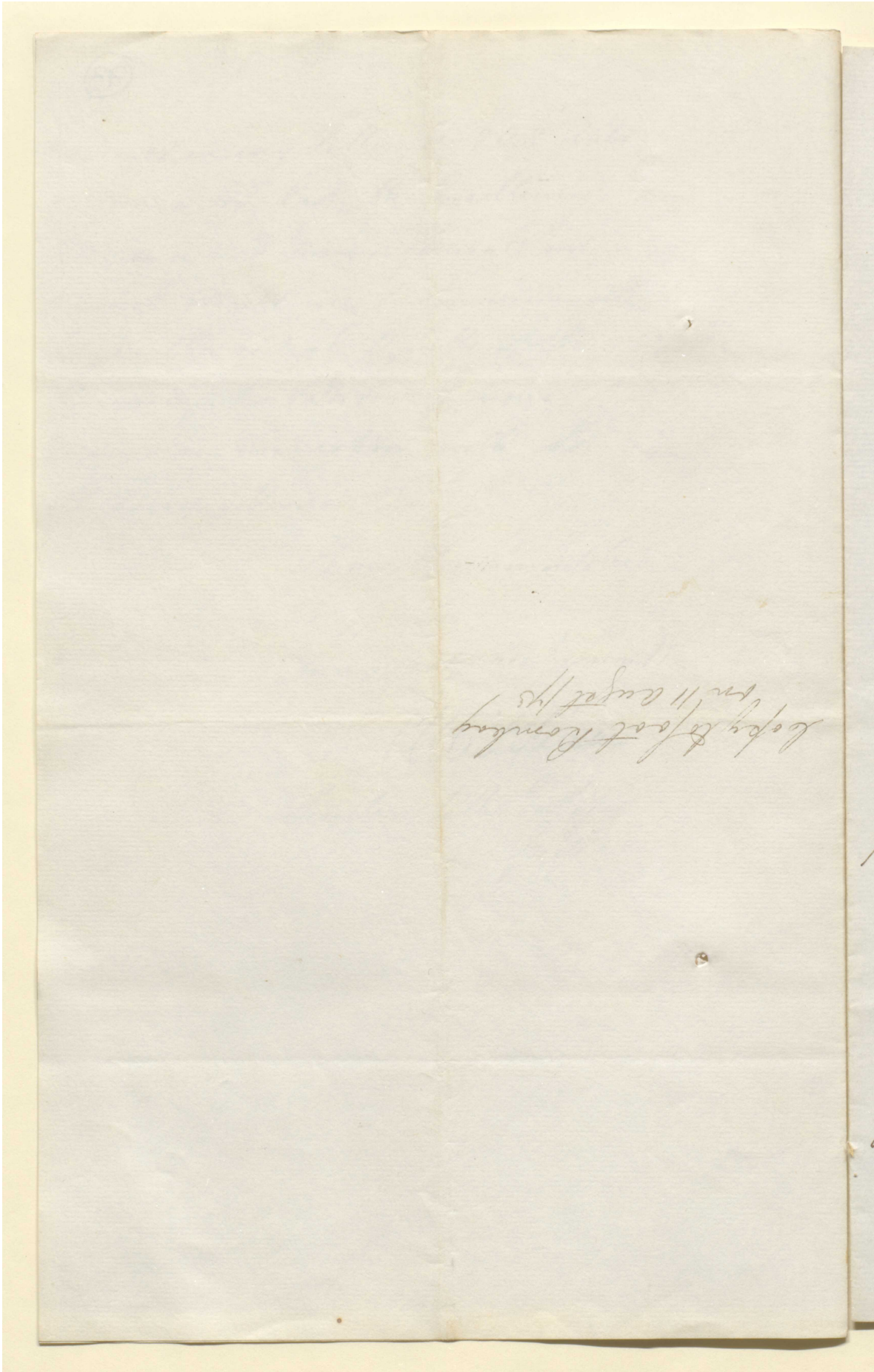


conveyed in my letter No 8 C.S., dated,
16th November last, His Excellency
the Viceroy and Governor General in
Council directs me to communicate
to you the cordial thanks of the
Government of India for your
services in connection with Sir
B. Froese's Mission.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed^t. Servant
A. Whitehead
Secretary to the Gov^t of
India.

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Foreign Office ⁽⁹⁴⁾
July 9. 1873

Sir,

I have much Pleasure in forwarding to you the accompanying Extract from a Letter which I have received from Sir Bartle Frere, and I have at the same Time to express to you the Gratification with which I have read this Testimony to the Value of your Services while employed
Colonel Lewis Pelly C.B. C.S. D. on
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(under F. S. to India Office)

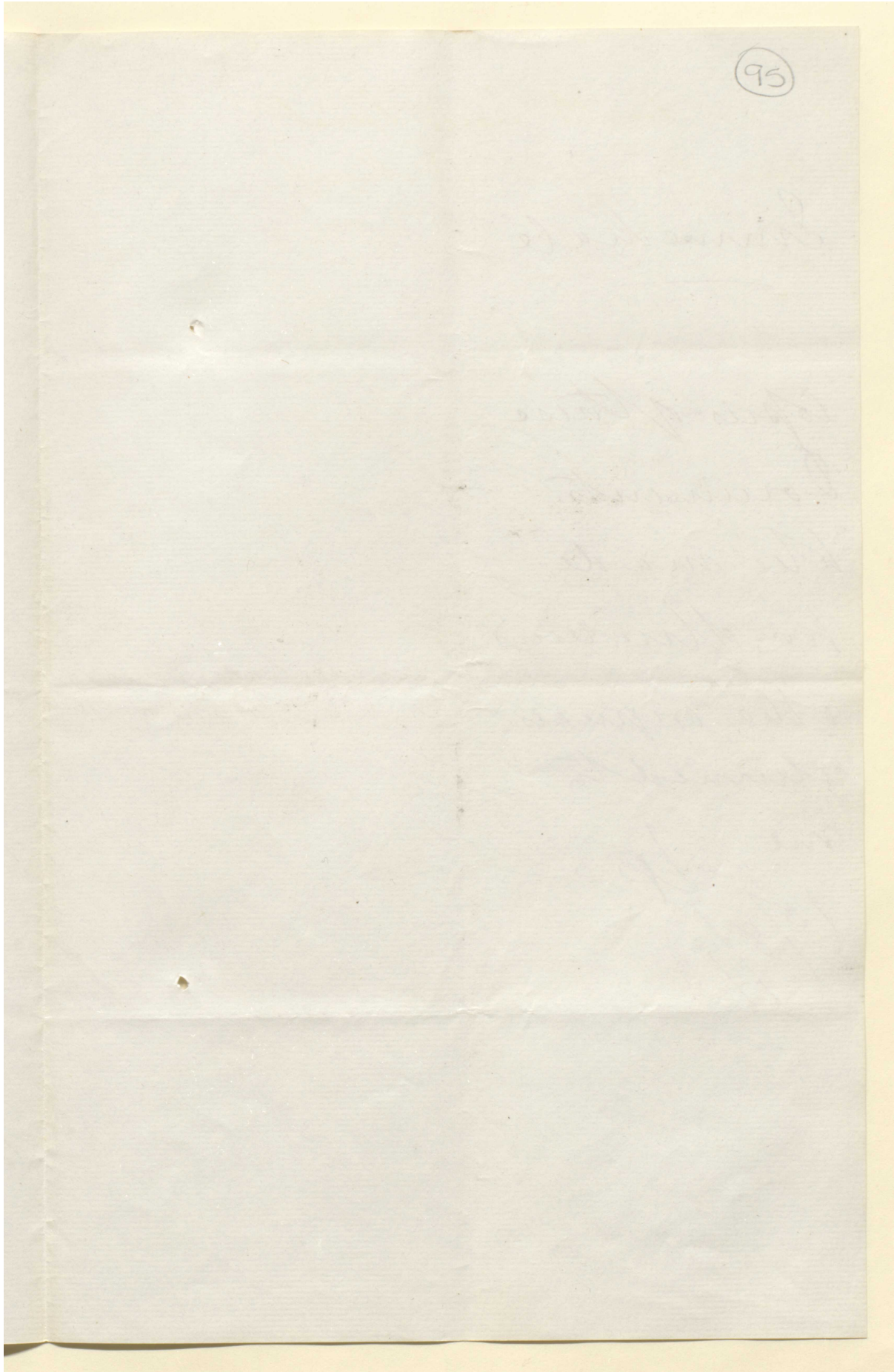
on Sir Bartle Lere's Special
Mission to Zanzibar and Muscat.

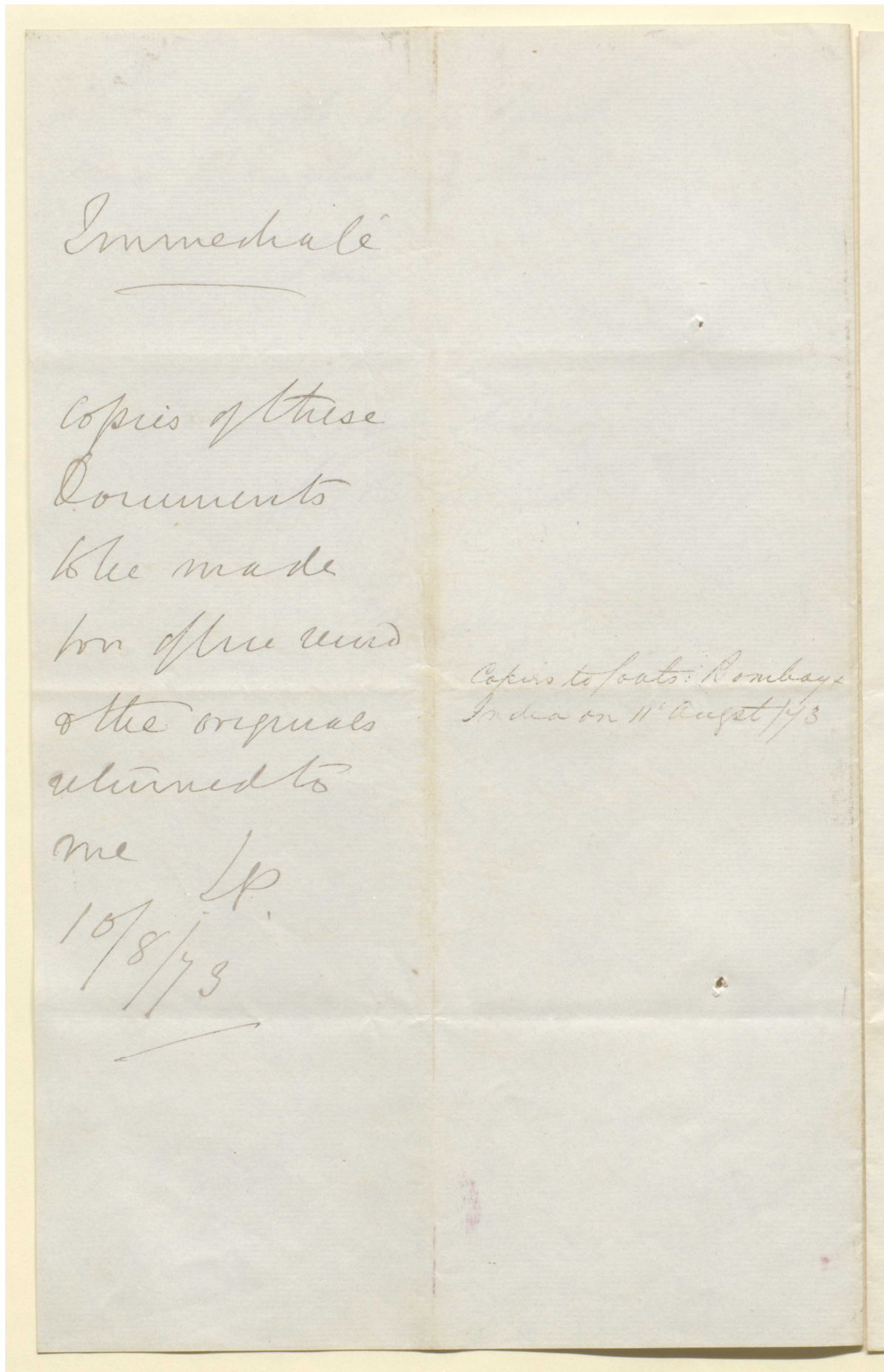
I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant

Granville





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Extract from a letter of Sir Bartle
Frere's to Earl Stanville dated June 30. 1873

" Colonel Pelly was summoned to
Simla by the Viceroy of India, on
Matters unconnected with my Mission
and left me at Bombay -

I forwarded by his hands, for the
Viceroy's Information, complete Copies
of all my public Correspondence as far
as they could be of Interest to the
Government of India; and I requested
Colonel Pelly to furnish to the Viceroy
any further Information or Explanation
which the Documents so sent might be
found to require, and which I had
hoped myself to have afforded had
time permitted me to go on to Simla -

I take this Opportunity of bringing to
Yours

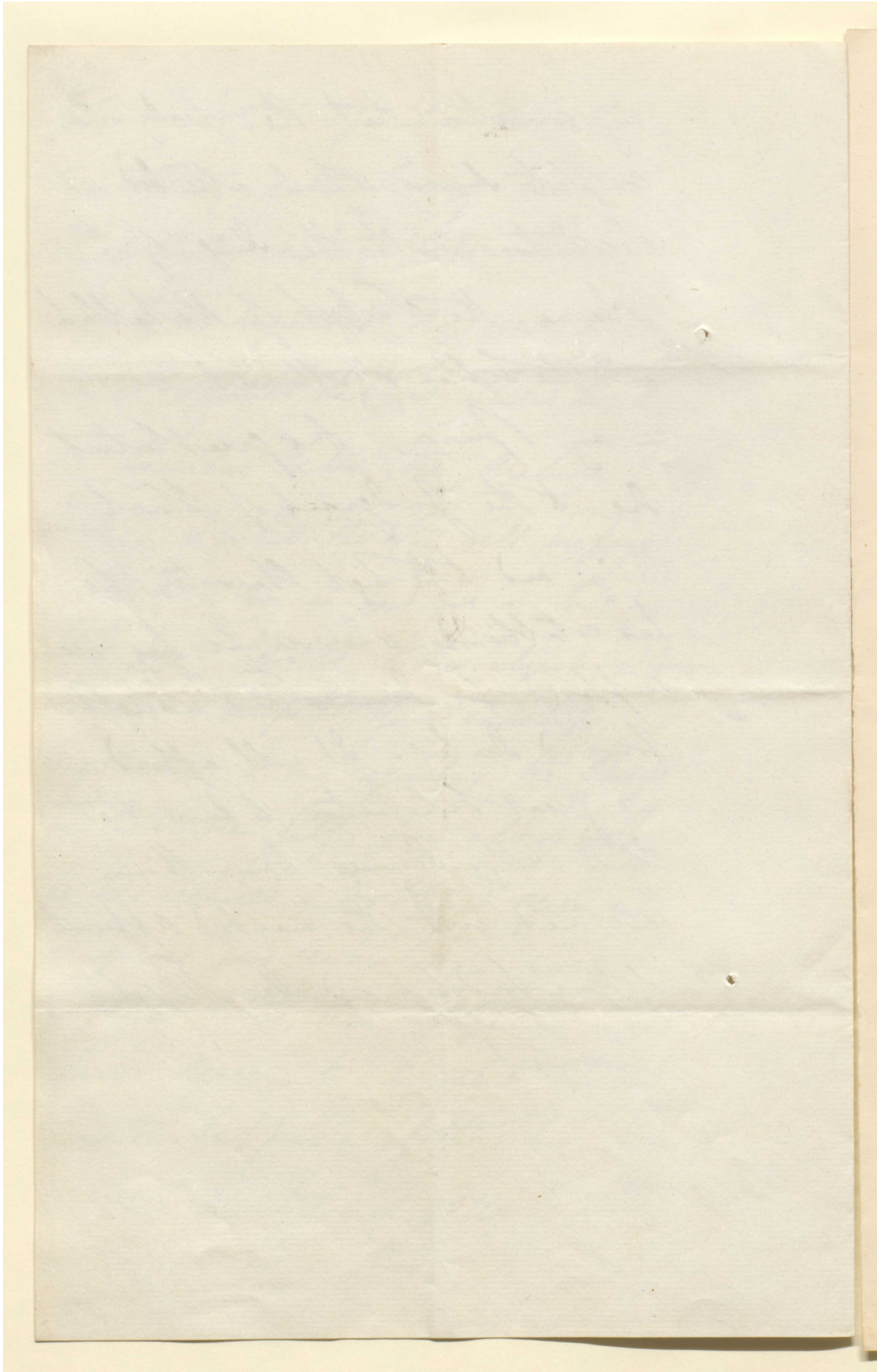
Your Lordships' special Notice the
great Utility of the Services which
Colonel Pelly rendered to the Mission,
not only as regarded the scene of his
former official labours which commenced
at Laribar, but on the Arabian
Coast. I found the way well prepared
by the attention he had for a long
time past devoted to the Subject, and
he had anticipated your Lordships'
Instructions to me regarding the Chiefs
in the Persian Gulf, from all of whom
he had required and obtained agreements
recognising and reiterating, in more
emphatic Terms, their obligations, under
former agreements, to exert themselves
for the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

It is due to Colonel Pelly to state

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my conviction that the speedy and complete success which attended our Negotiations with the King of Johanna, the Wakeeb of Makallah and the Sultan of Muscat, were, in my opinion, to a great extent due to the Judgment of Colonel Pelly, and to the high Character he has established, wherever he has been employed, for firmness and straightforward dealing. It will afford me great Satisfaction to know that Colonel Pelly's Services to my Mission have met with the marked approval of Your Lordship and Her Majesty's Government."





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Mount Abu

10th August 1873

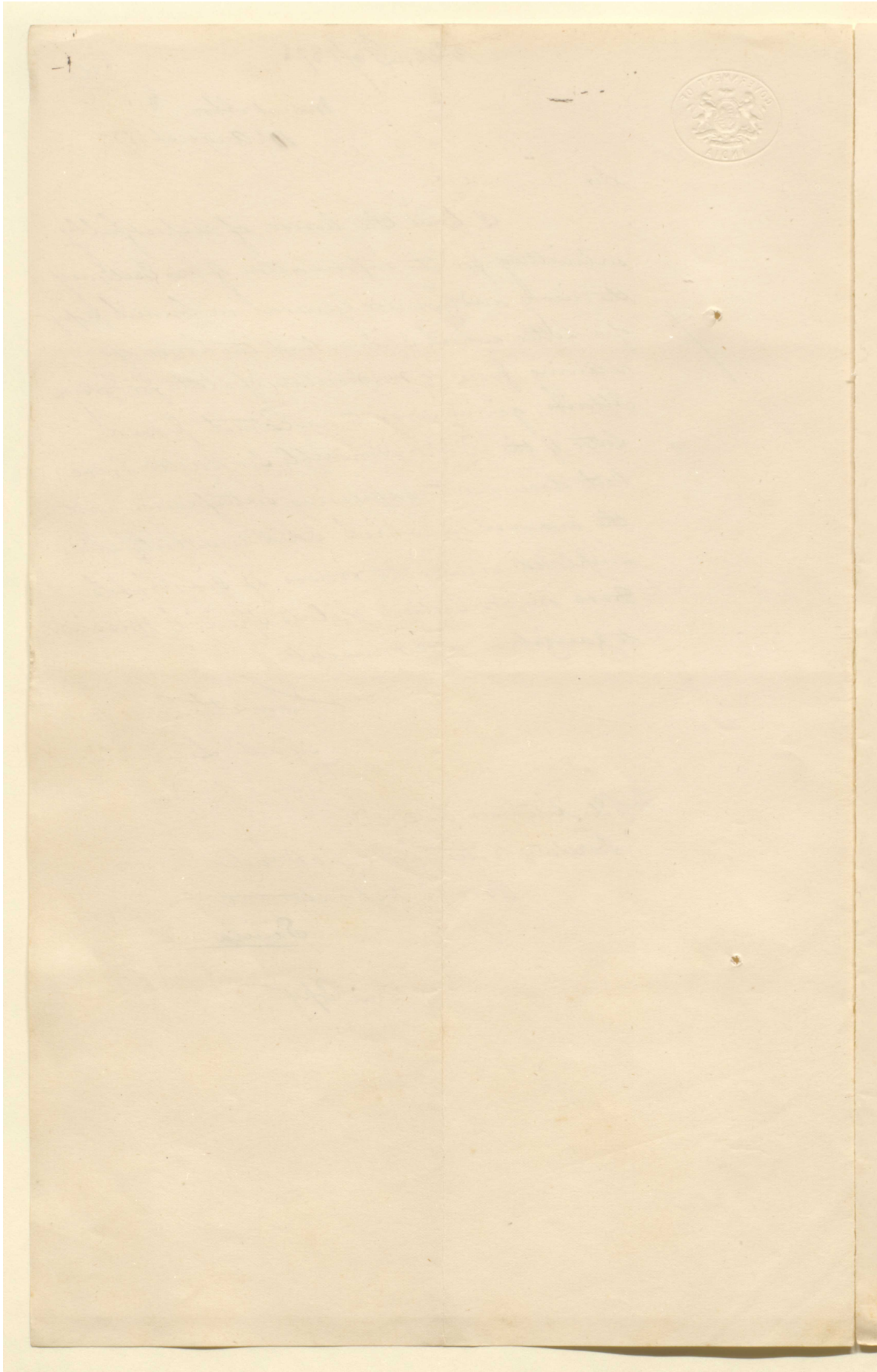
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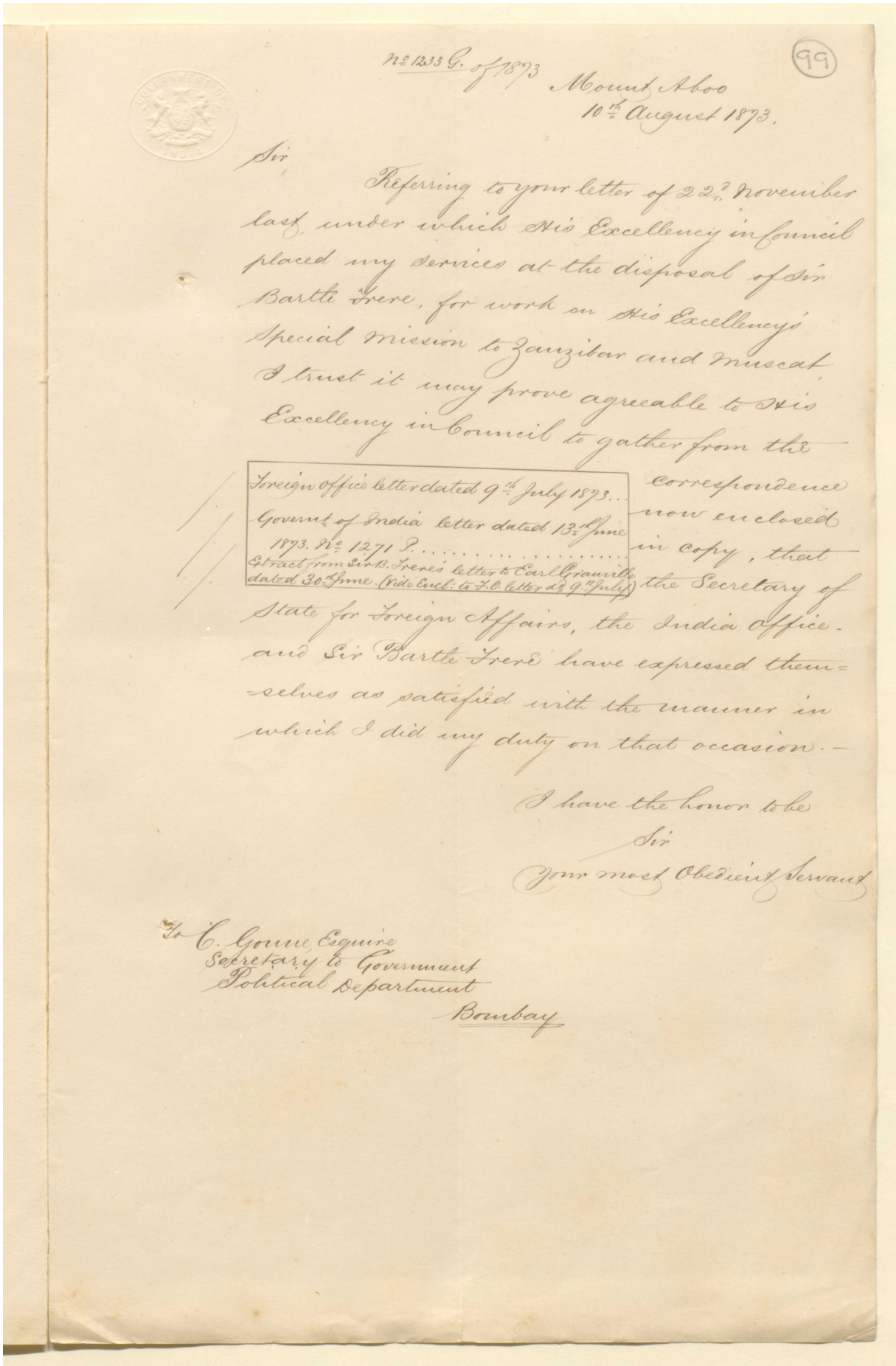
I have the honor of respectfully submitting for the information of your Excellency the Viceroi and Governor General in Council, Copy of a letter which I have had the honor of receiving from H. M. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, giving cover to an Extract from a letter of the Right Honorable Sir Bartle Frere: both documents expressing satisfaction with the manner in which I did my duty while employed under the orders of Sir Bartle Frere on His Excellency's late Special Mission to Zanzibar and Muscat.

I have the honor to
(Signed) Lewis Kelly.

Col. W. Mitchell Esq. C.S.I.
Secretary to the Government of India
Foreign Department.
Bombay

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10th August 1873.

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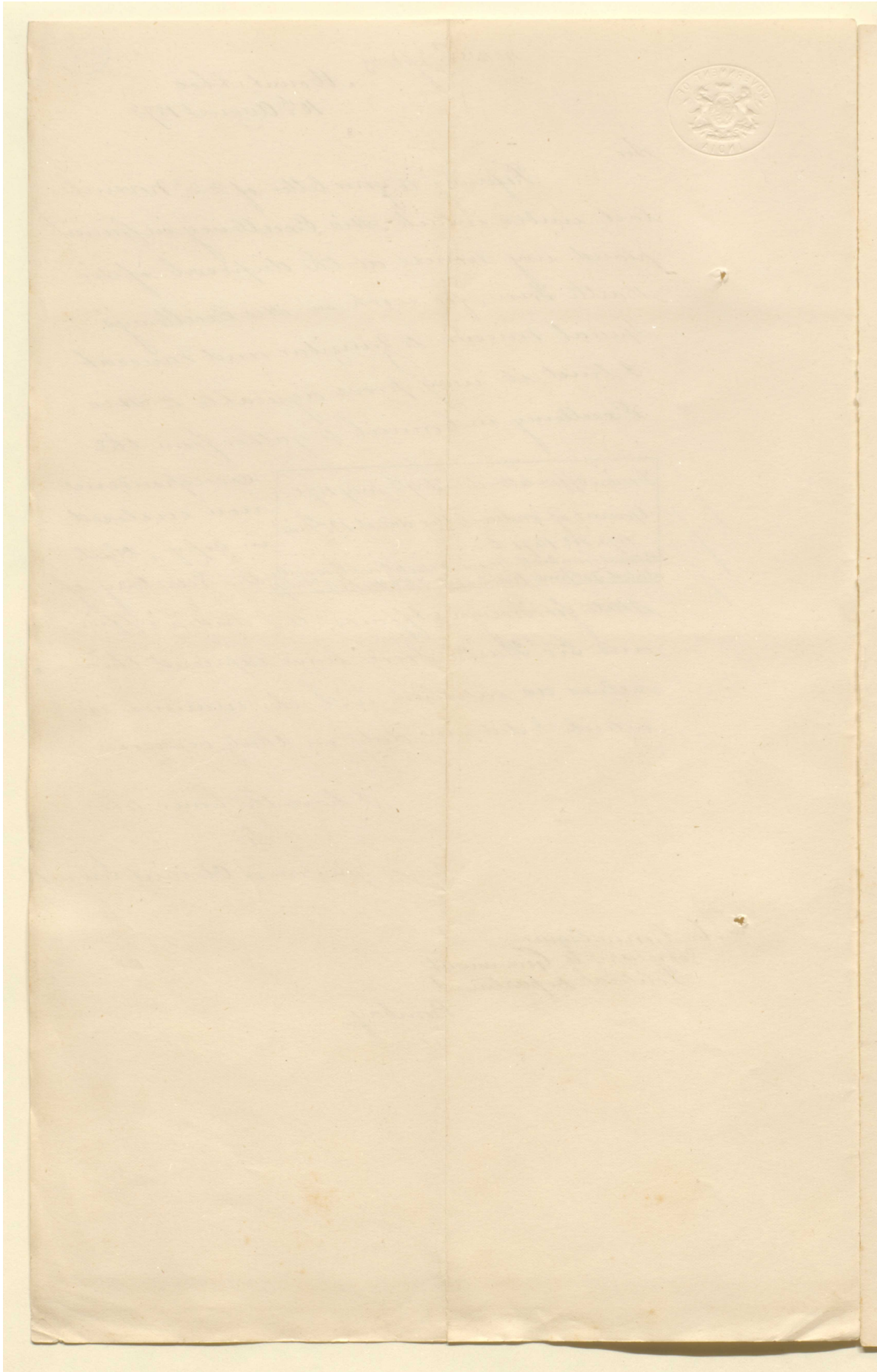


Sir,
Referring to your letter of 22nd November last, under which His Excellency in Council placed my services at the disposal of Sir Bartle Frere, for work on His Excellency's Special Mission to Zanzibar and Muscat, I trust it may prove agreeable to His Excellency in Council to gather from the

Foreign Office letter dated 9th July 1873... correspondence
Government of India letter dated 13th June 1873. No. 1271 P. now enclosed
Extract from Sir B. Frere's letter to Earl Granville dated 30th June. (No. Encl. to F.O. letter d. 9th July) in copy, that
the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the India Office, and Sir Bartle Frere have expressed themselves as satisfied with the manner in which I did my duty on that occasion.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

To C. Courne, Esquire
Secretary to Government
Political Department
Bombay



Keppel
Mount Aboo (100)
10th August 1893

C. Fourné Esq.

Sir

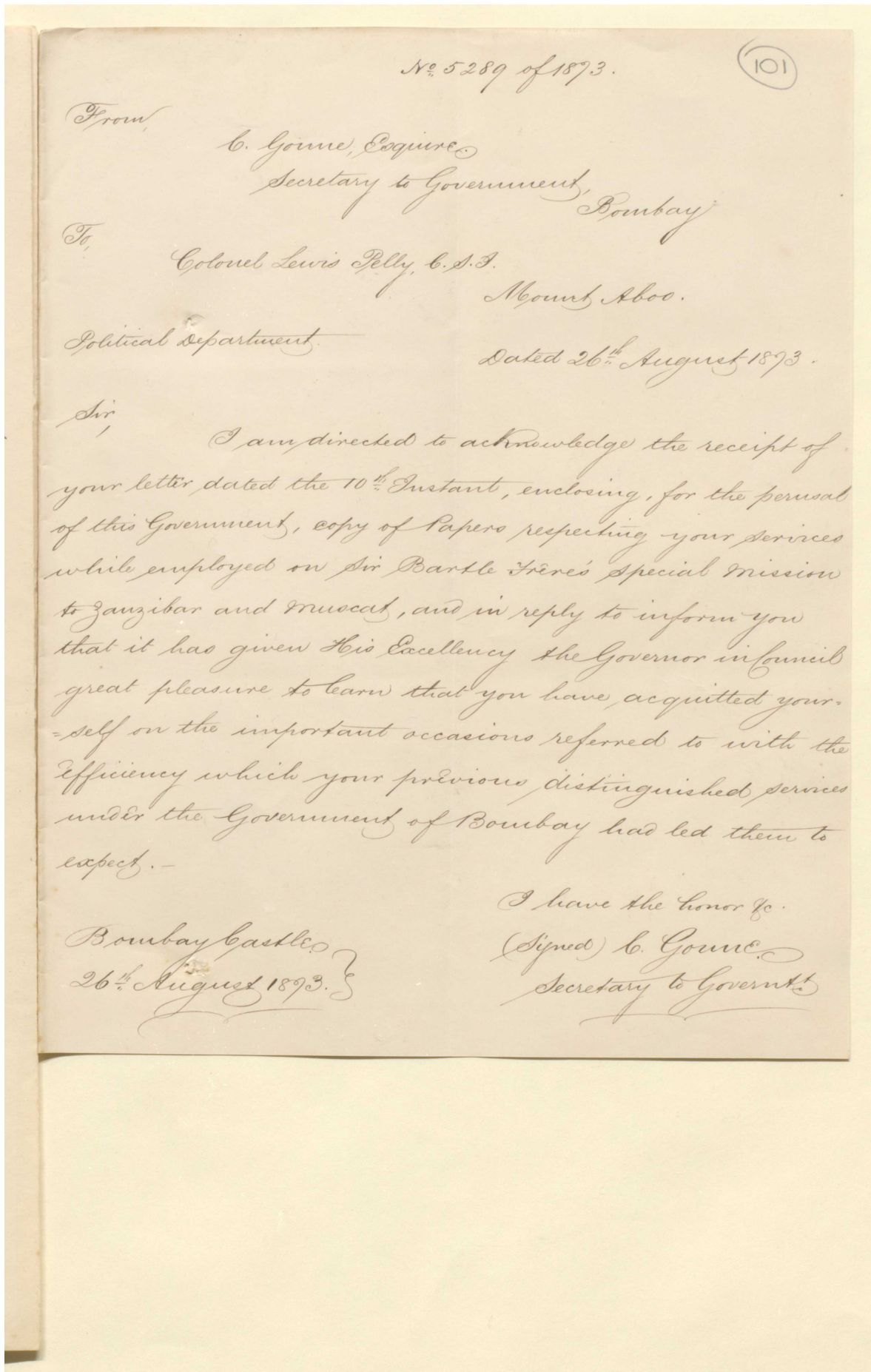
Referring to your letter
of 22. Nov last, under
which H. C. placed
my services at the disposal
of Sir Bartle Lee for
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I trust it may prove
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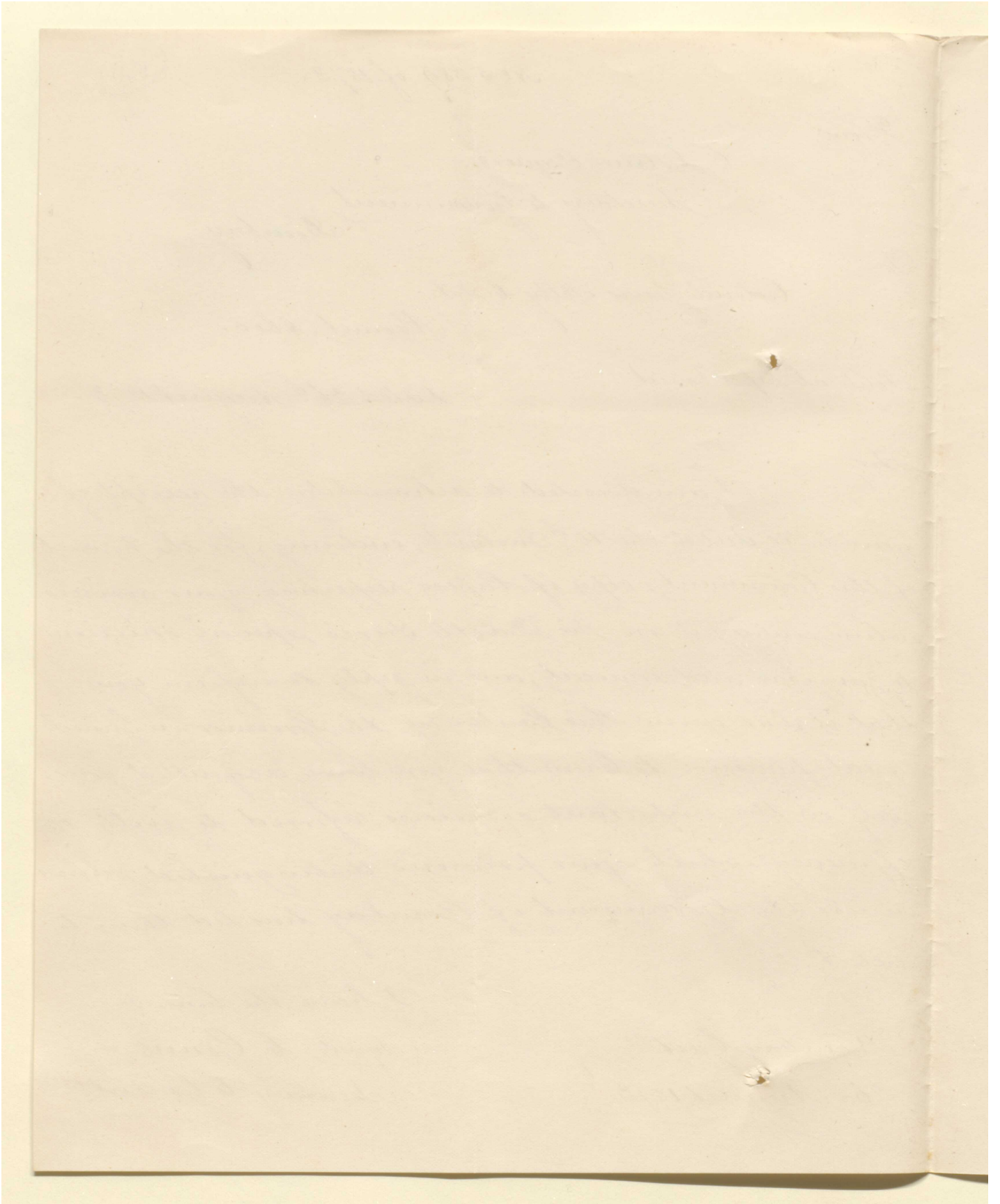
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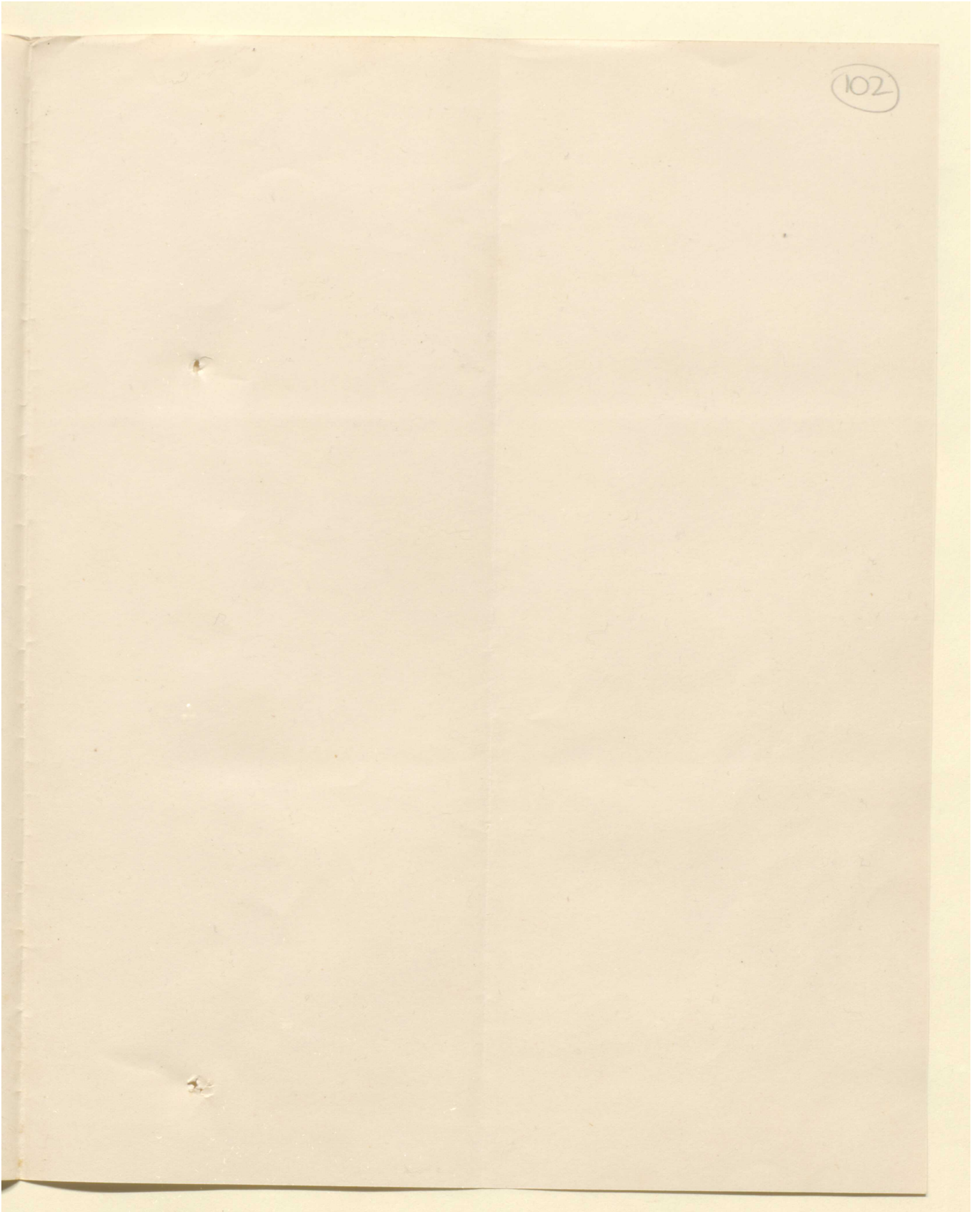
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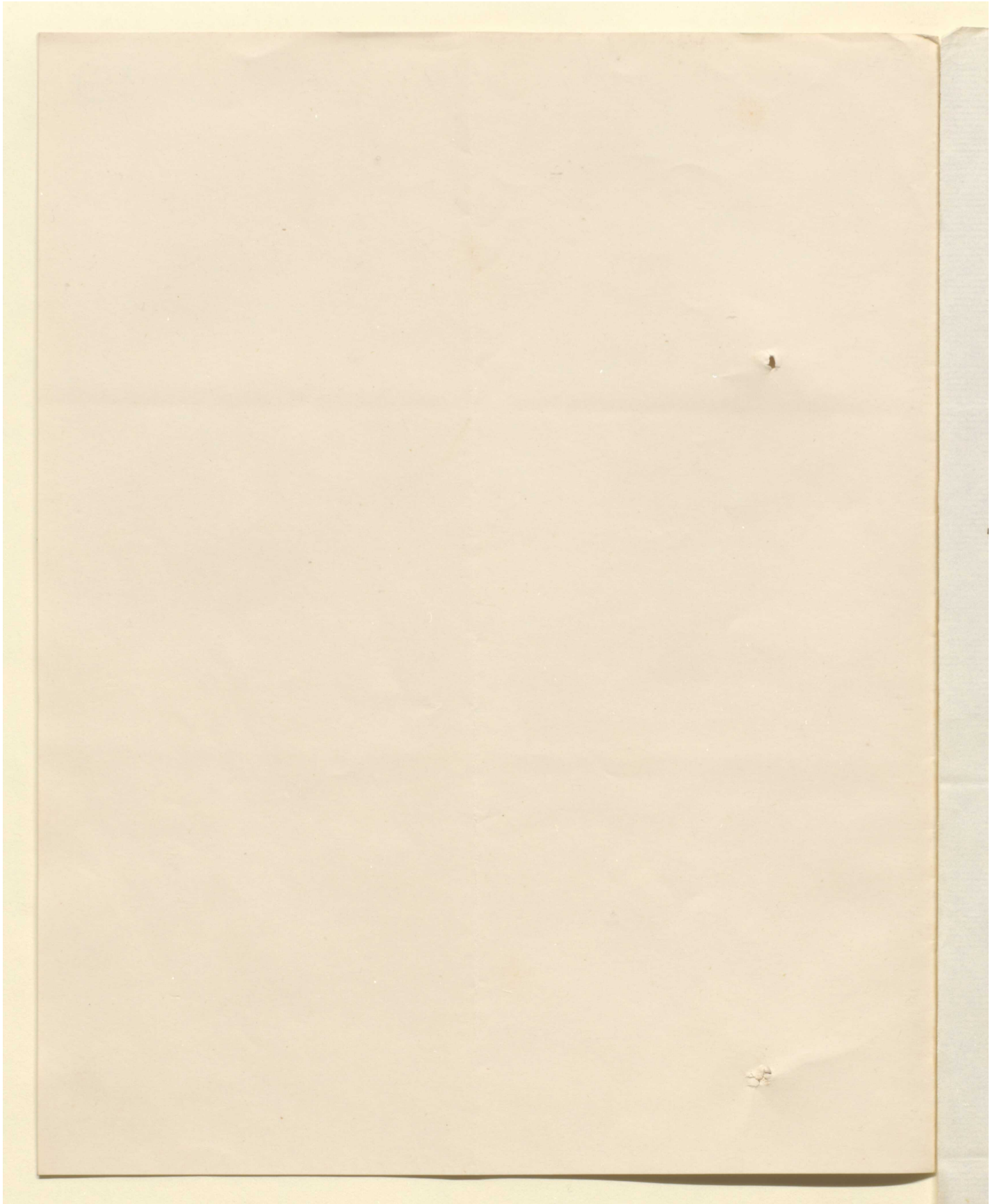
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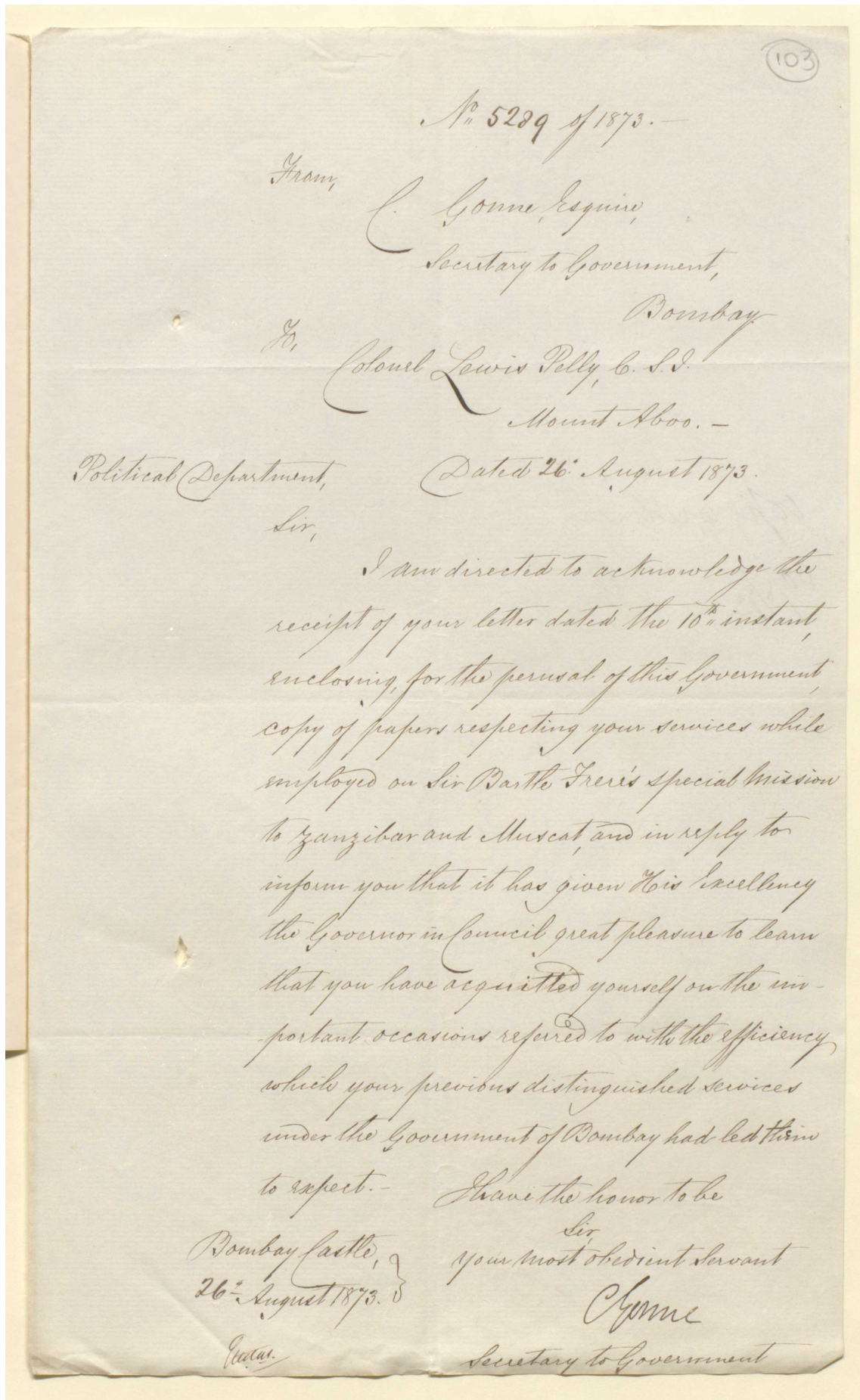
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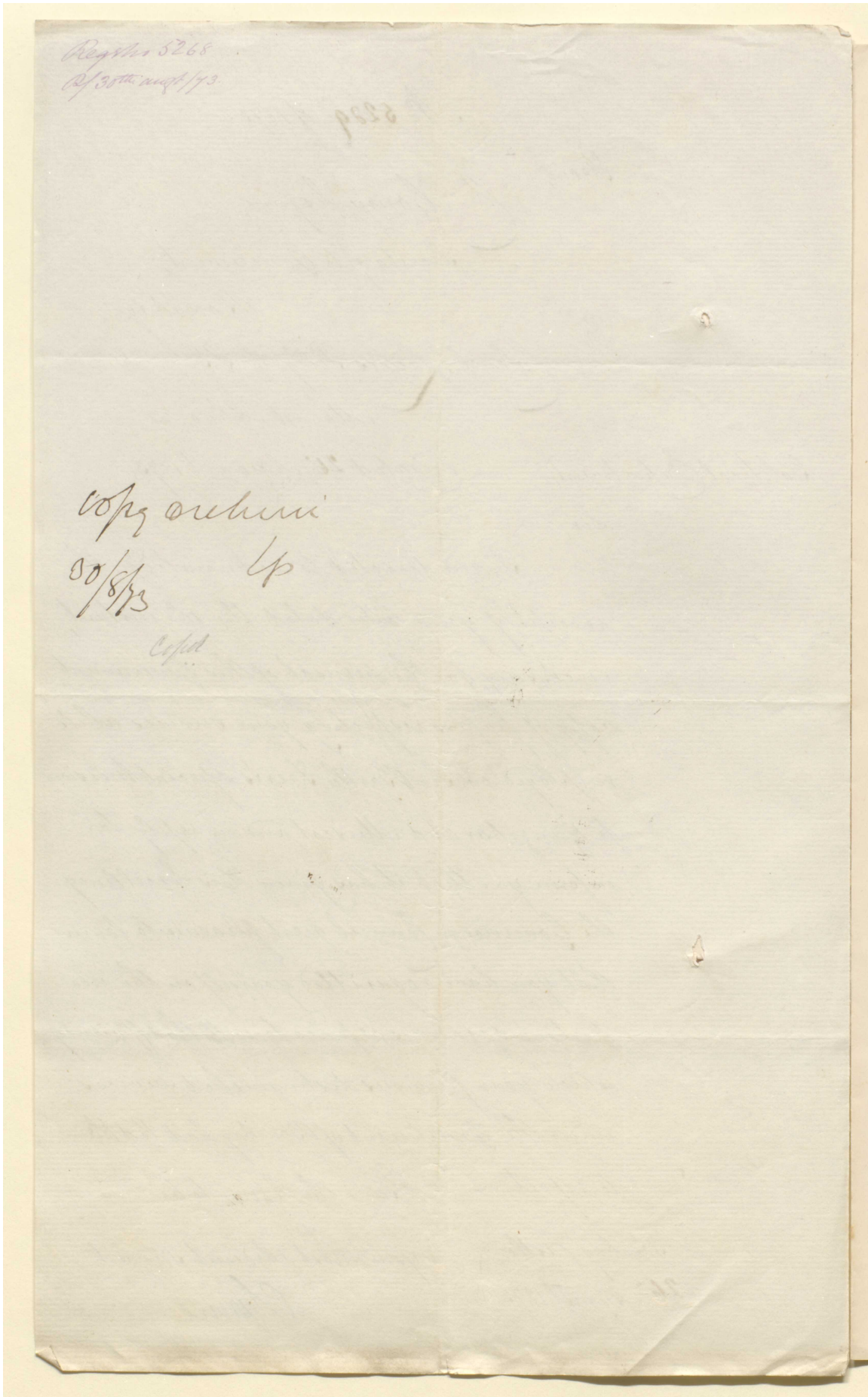














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No. 5289

From C. Gomme Esq. Secretary to
Government Bombay, to Colonel
Lewis Kelly C. S. I. dated 26th Augt: 1873.

Political Department

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter, dated the
~~10th~~ instant enclosing, for the
perusal of this Government, copy of
papers respecting your services while
employed on Sir Bartle Frere's special
mission to Zanzibar and Muscat,
and in reply to inform you that it
has given His Excellency the Governor
in Council great pleasure to learn
that you have acquitted yourself on
the important occasions referred to

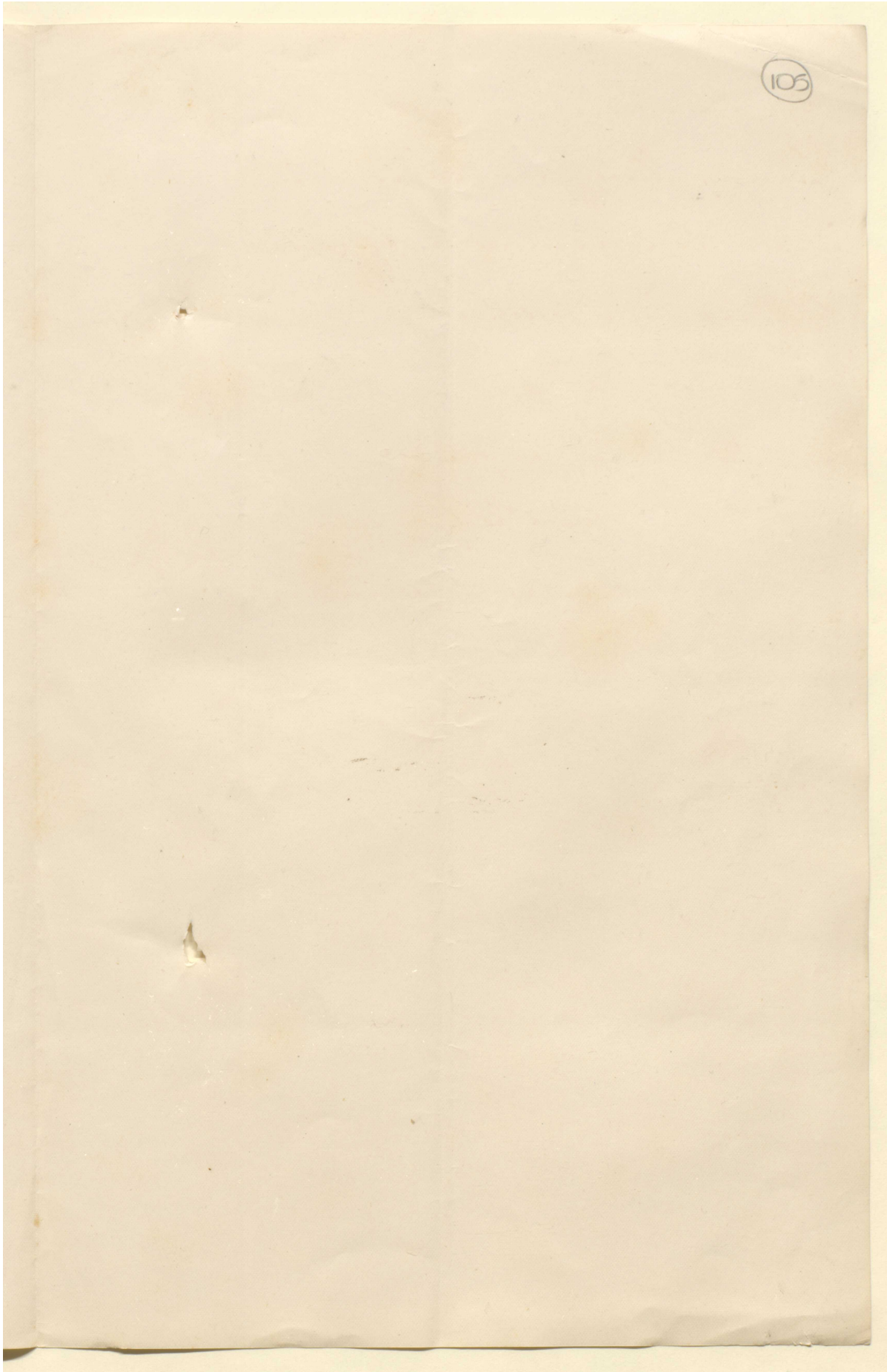
with the efficiency which your
previous distinguished services
under the Government of Bombay
had led him to expect.

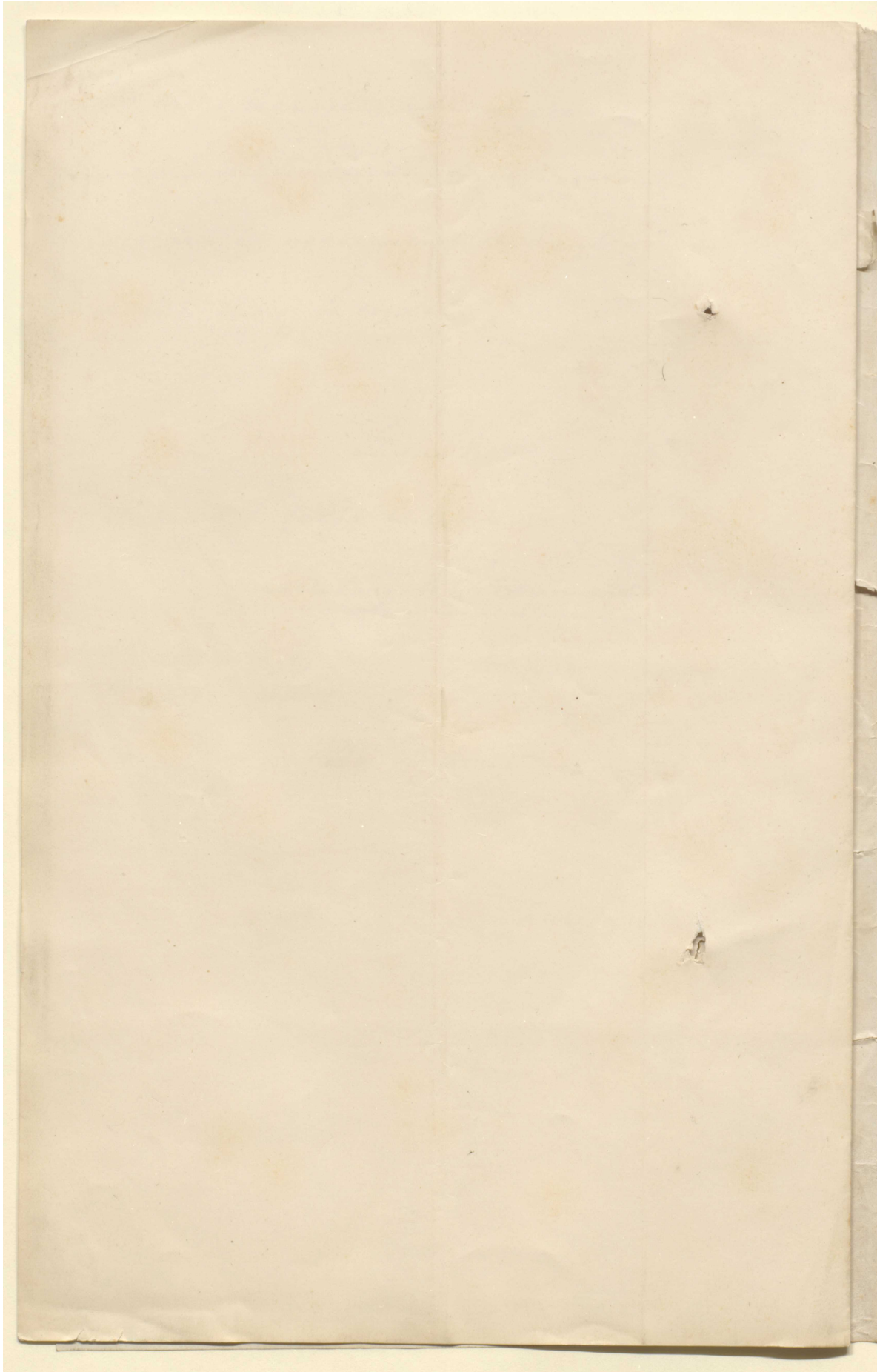
I have the
Liaison Officer
Secretary to Government.

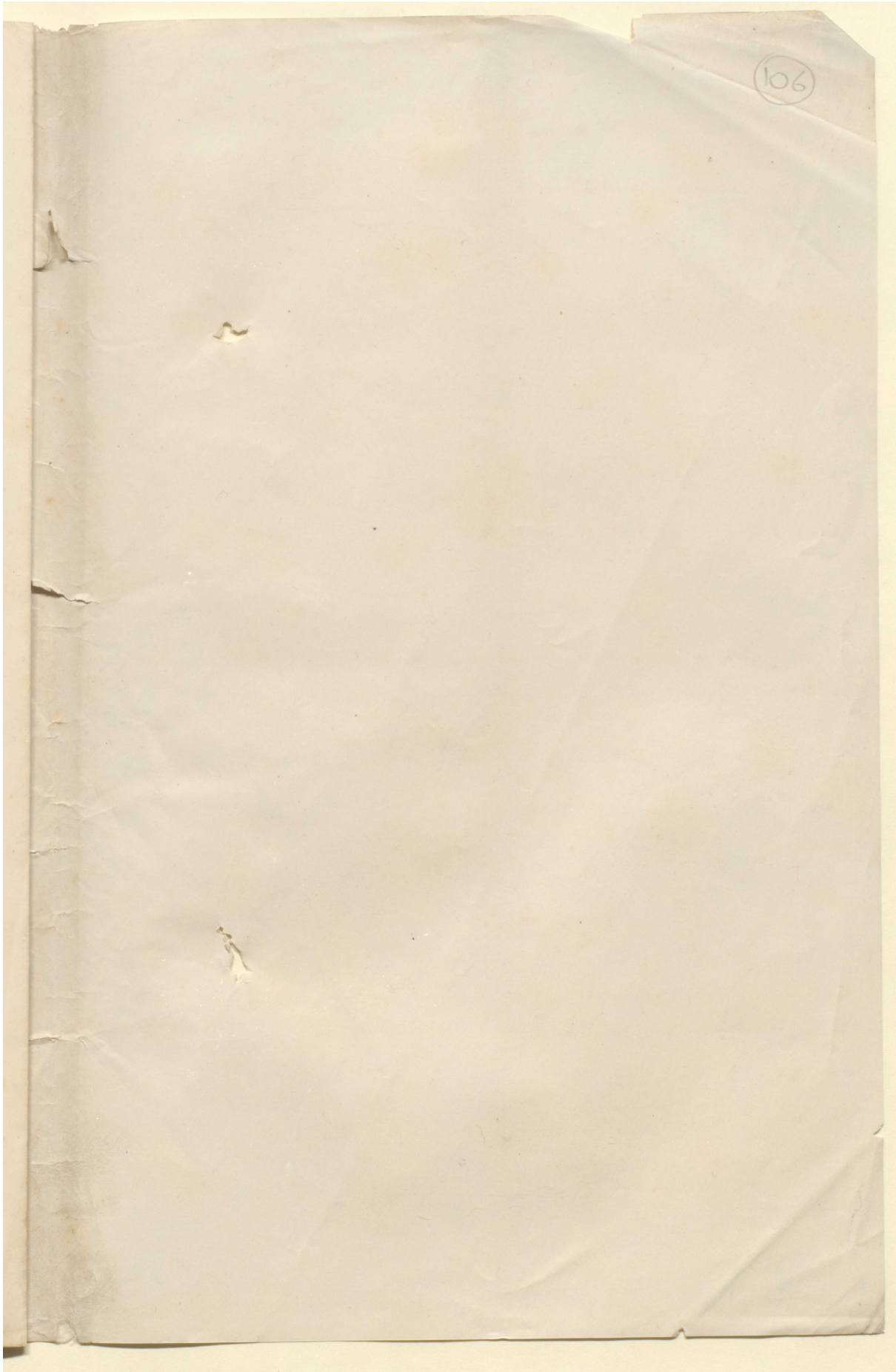
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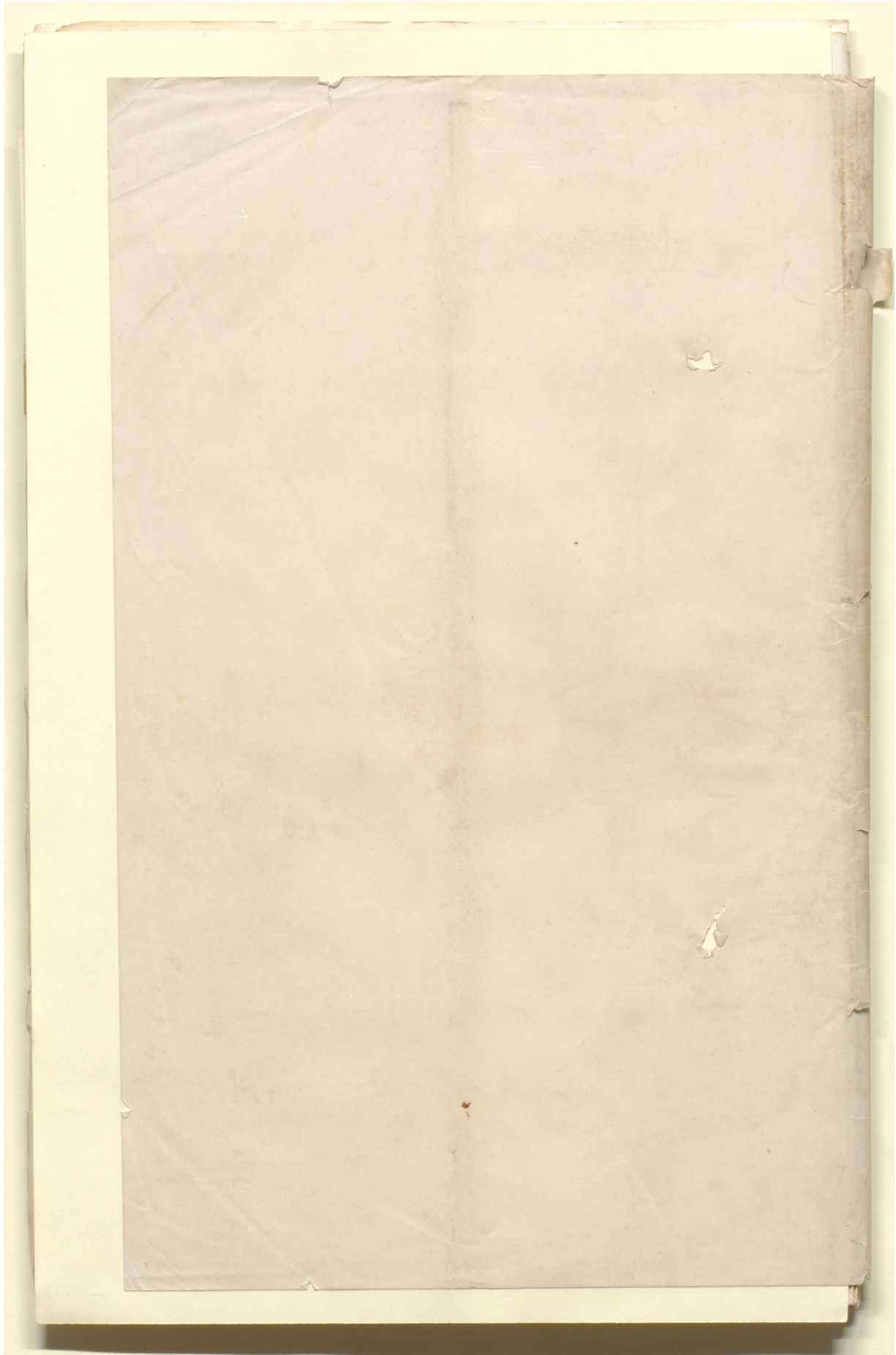
H. W. Abbott
P. A. aff.

Forwards

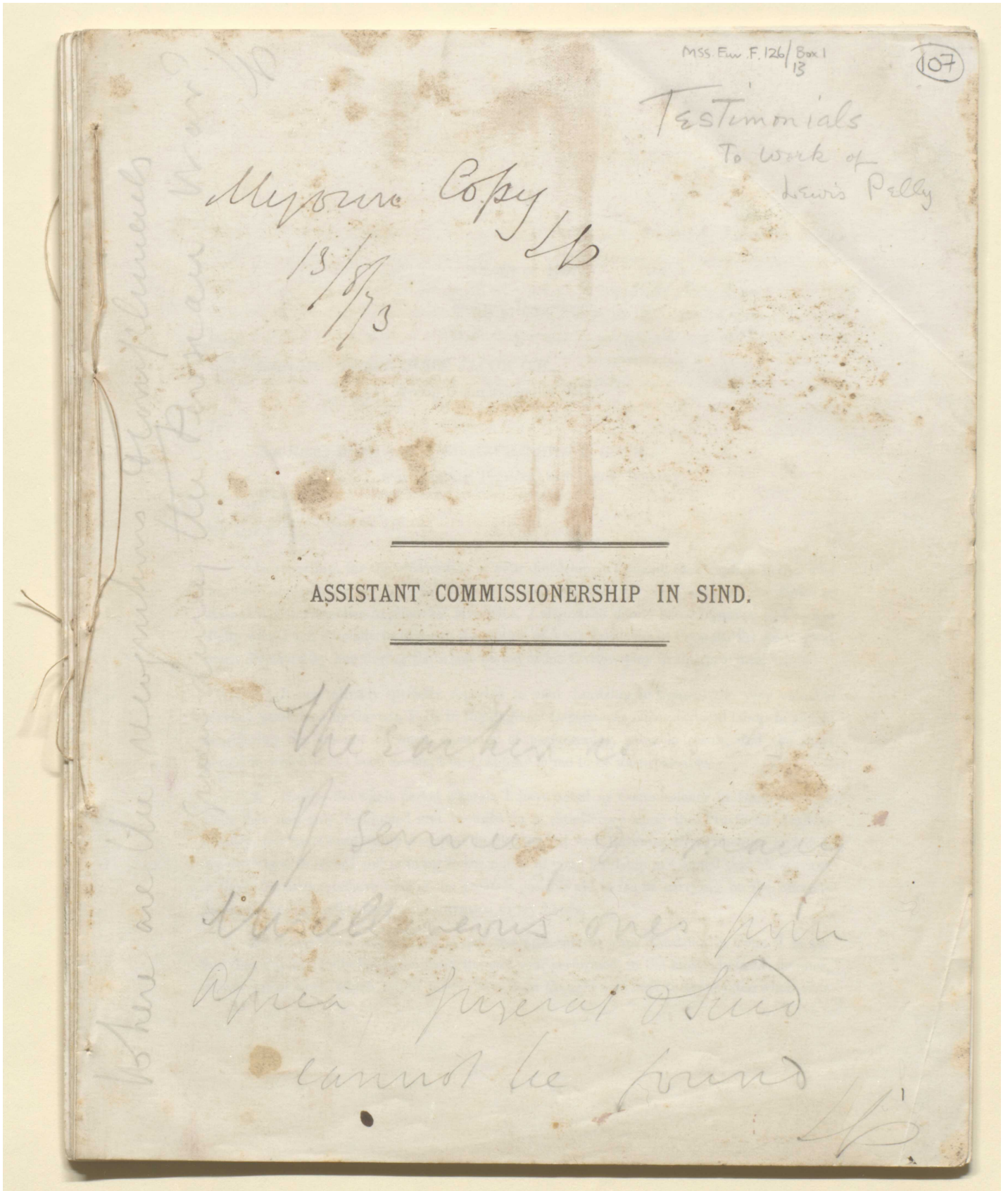




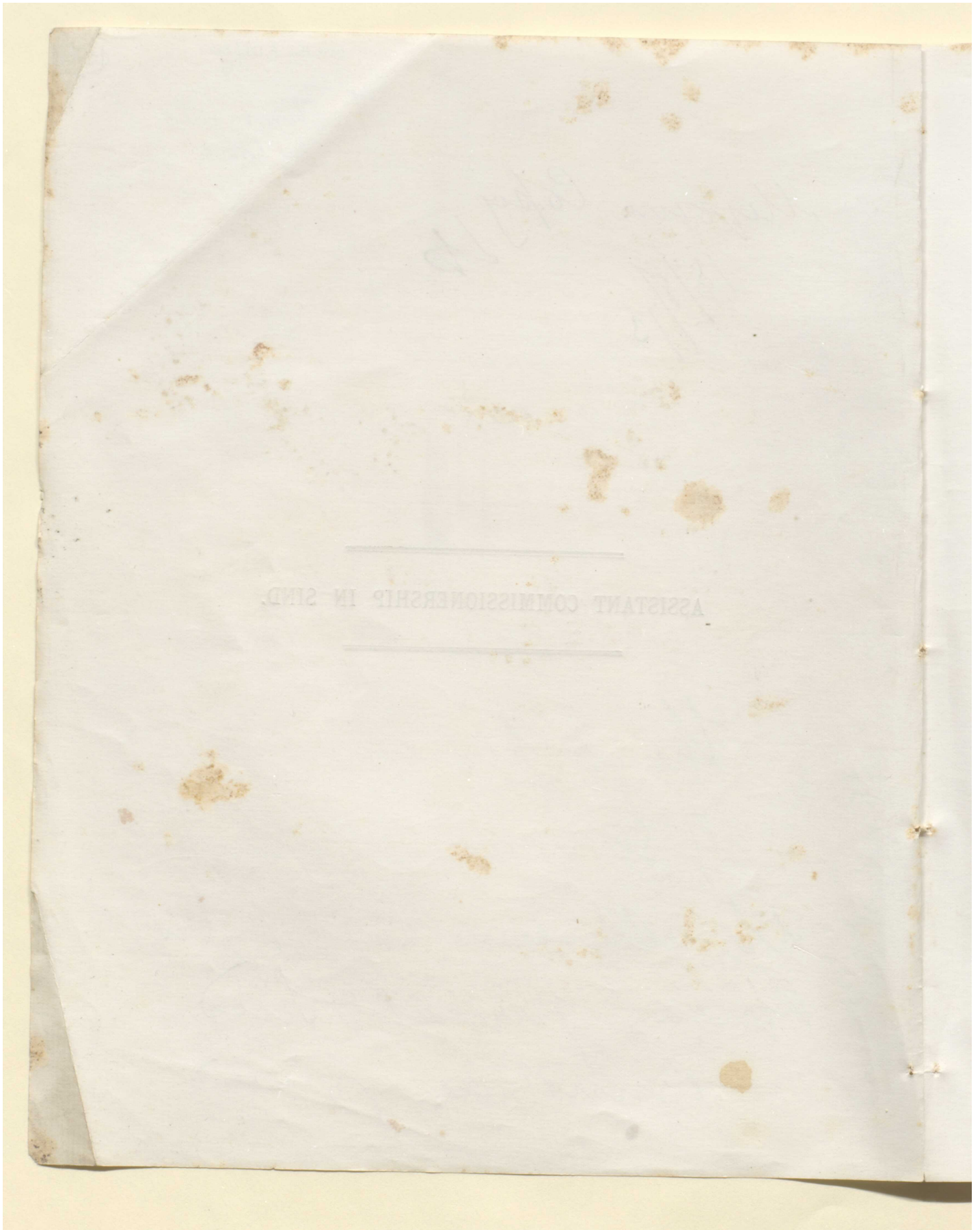




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'Testimonials to work of Lewis Pelly' [107v] (2/48)



'Testimonials to work of Lewis Pelly' [108r] (3/48)

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No. 40 of 1857.

Revenue Department.

From

BRIGADIER-GENERAL JOHN JACOB, C.B.,
Acting Commissioner in Sind,

To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD ELPHINSTONE, G.C.H.,
Governor and President in Council, Bombay.

MY LORD,

In reporting, for the information of your Lordship in Council, that Captain Pelly, who has been appointed to my personal staff in Persia, was this day relieved from the duties of Assistant Commissioner in Sind by Mr. Ellis, I should be doing great injustice to Captain Pelly were I not specially to bring to the notice of your Lordship in Council, the very great merit displayed by him during the whole period of his Civil employ in this province.

2. I have already specially reported to your Lordship in Council the very valuable services performed by Captain Pelly in the Jagheer Department; his successful labors in which, considering the amount of work, accuracy of performance, valuable result, and the short period in which it has been accomplished, appear to me to be unsurpassable.

3. During the whole period wherein I have acted as Commissioner in Sind, Captain Pelly has not only conducted and brought to a satisfactory close the Provincial Jagheer enquiry, but has served as my Assistant in the General and Revenue Departments; and it is my duty now to record and to bring to the notice of your Lordship in Council that his services in those Departments have been of the greatest possible aid to me in carrying on the onerous duties of the high office for a time entrusted to my hands.

4. I beg leave respectfully to call the attention of your Lordship in Council to the fact that Captain Pelly has throughout the past year performed, in the most admirable manner, an amount of work which might justly have been thought sufficient to occupy the whole time

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of three active and efficient officers, and for the performance of which duties three officers have been usually allowed.

5. I am deeply indebted to Captain Pelly for his most able, zealous, and indefatigable exertions in every branch of his duty, especially in the Revenue and Public Works Departments. And I can most conscientiously assure your Lordship in Council that I have never, in the whole course of my service, met with an officer of higher worth, capacity, and attainments, or one more justly entitled than Captain Pelly, as a most able and valuable public servant, to the favor of Government, for which I beg leave to recommend him.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. JACOB, Brigadier-General,

Acting Commissioner in Sind.

Commissioner's Office,
Kurrachee;
11th February 1857.

No. 849 OF 1857.

Territorial Department, Revenue.

Dated Bombay Castle, 21st February 1857.

To

THE ACTING COMMISSIONER IN SIND.

Copy of Resolution passed by Government on a letter from the Acting Commissioner in Sind,
—No. 40, dated 11th February 1857.

“ Government receive with gratification the honourable testimony borne by the Acting
“ Commissioner in Sind to the merits of his Assistant, Captain Pelly, and His Lordship in

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“ Council gladly avails himself of this opportunity of recording the favorable opinion Govern-
“ ment entertain of the industry, zeal, and ability with which he has performed the duties of
“ his late office.

(Signed) “ H. YOUNG,
“ Officiating Chief Secretary to Government.”

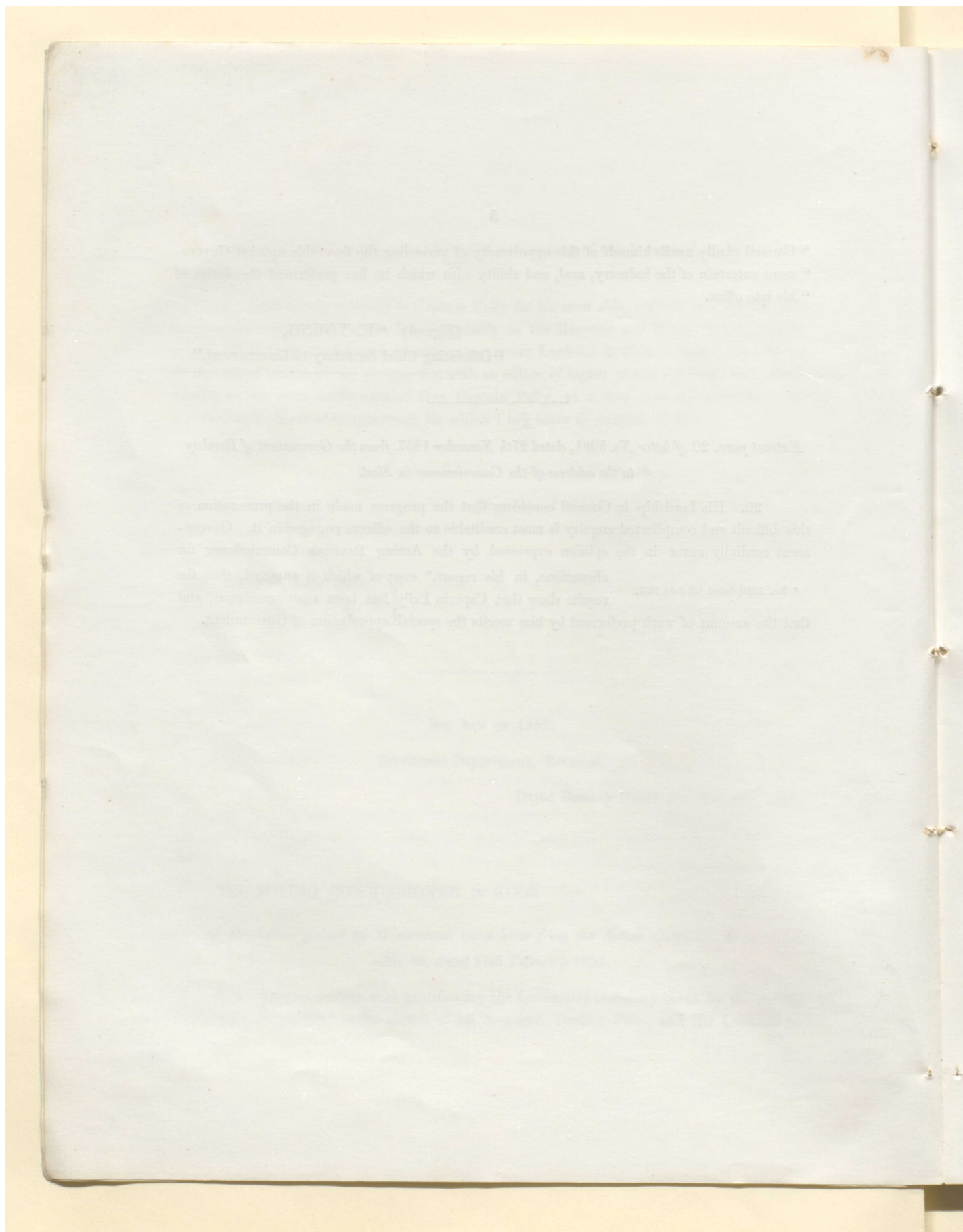
*Extract para. 20 of letter No. 5091, dated 27th November 1857, from the Government of Bombay
to the address of the Commissioner in Sind.*

20. His Lordship in Council considers that the progress made in the prosecution of this difficult and complicated enquiry is most creditable to the officers engaged in it. Government cordially agree in the opinion expressed by the Acting Revenue Commissioner for alienations, in his report,* copy of which is annexed, that the results show that Captain Pelly has been most assiduous, and that the amount of work performed by him merits the special approbation of Government.

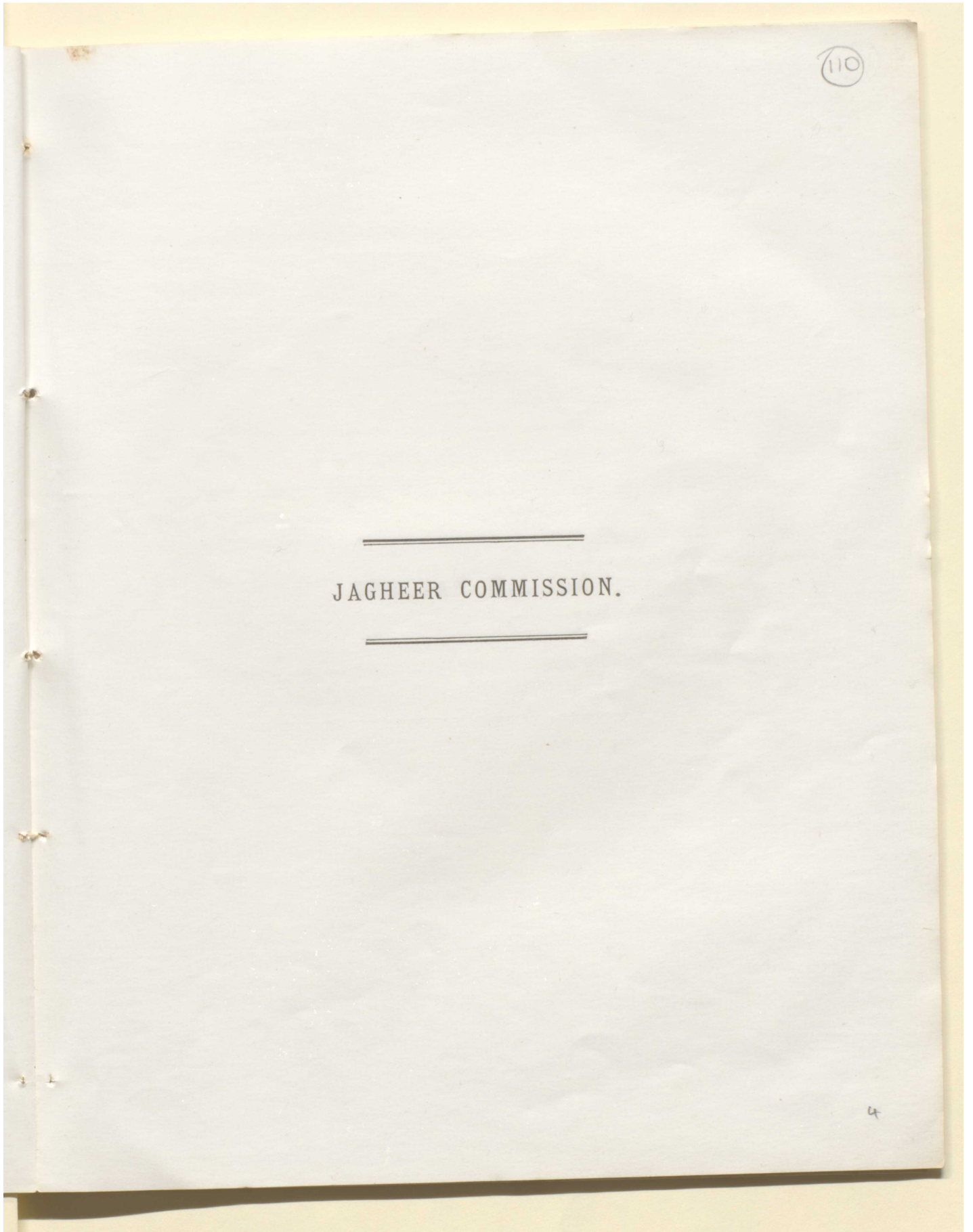
* No. 1840, dated 4th July 1857.

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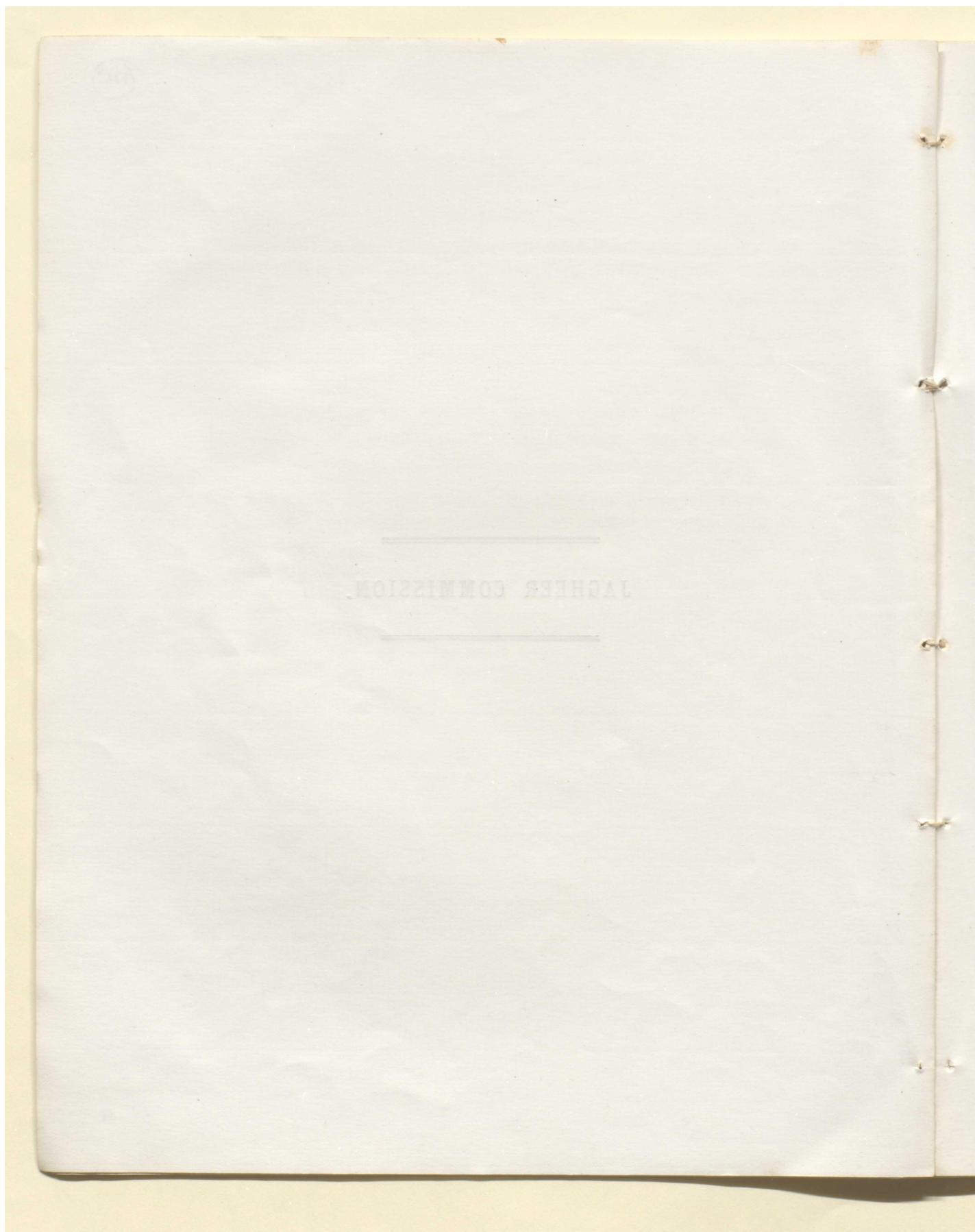
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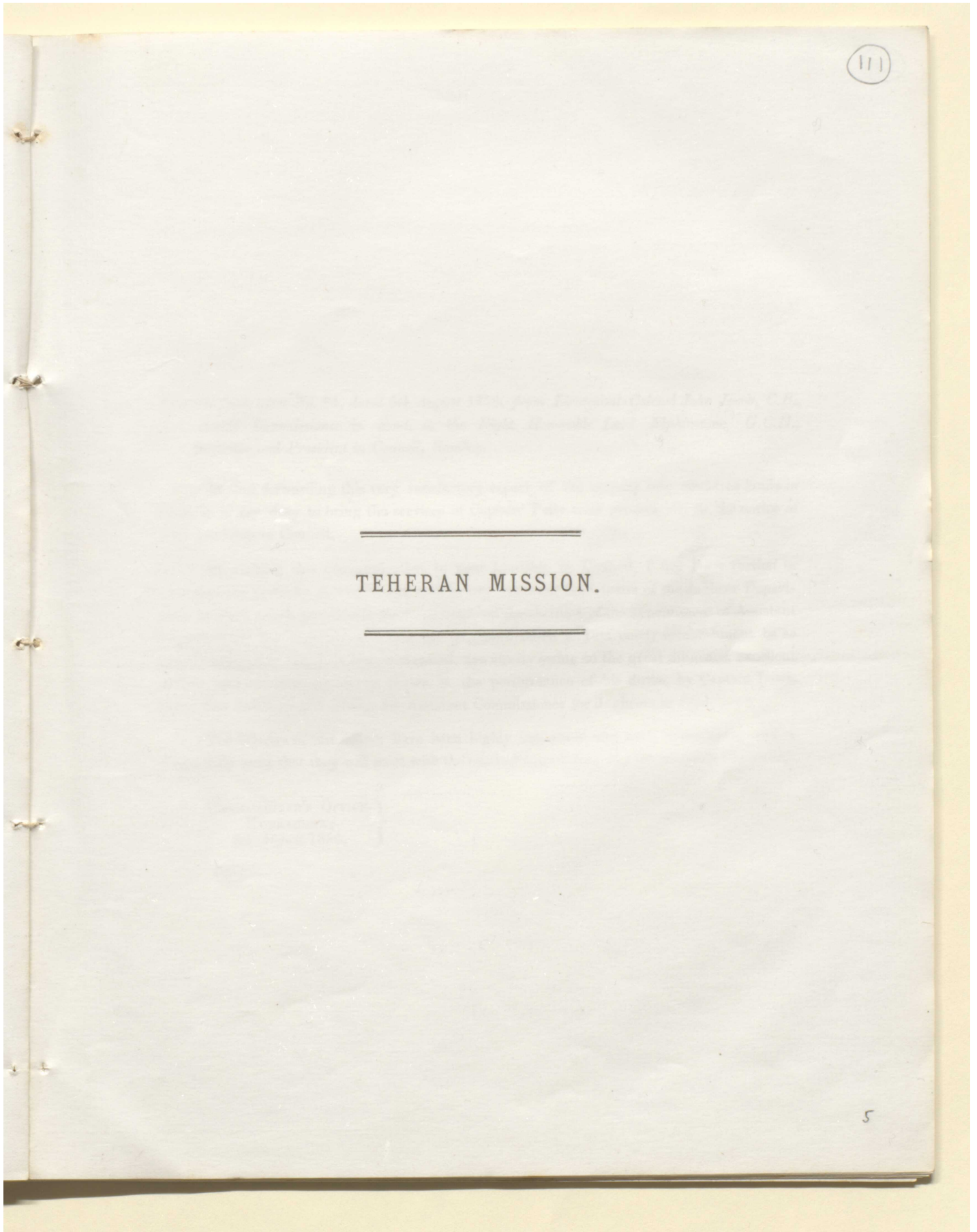
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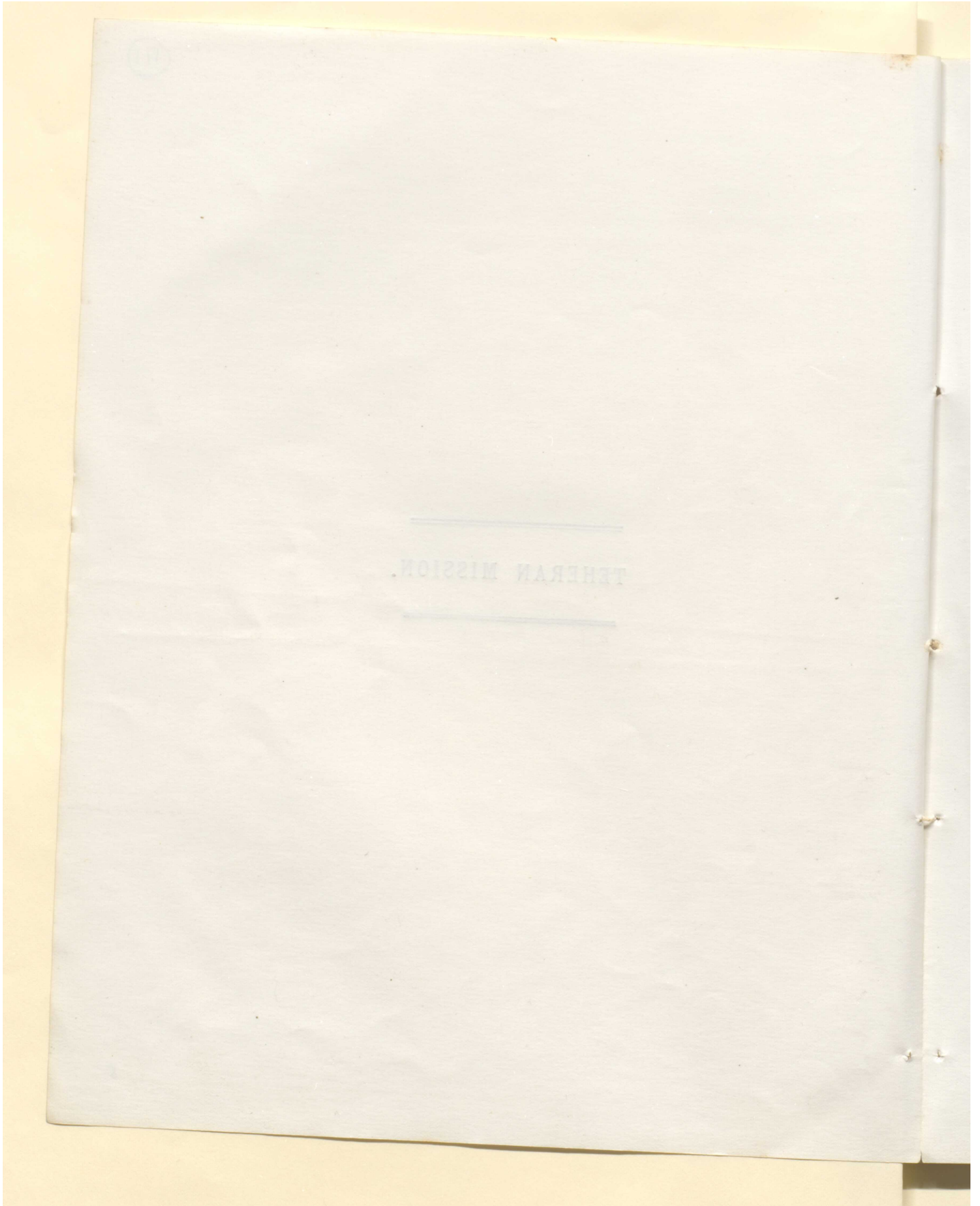
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'Testimonials to work of Lewis Pelly' [111v] (10/48)



'Testimonials to work of Lewis Pelly' [112r] (11/48)

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*Extracts from letter No. 94, dated 8th August 1856, from Lieutenant-Colonel John Jacob, C.B.,
Acting Commissioner in Sind, to the Right Honorable Lord Elphinstone, G.C.H.,
Governor and President in Council, Bombay.*

In thus forwarding this very satisfactory report of the enquiry into rent-free lands in Sind, it is my duty to bring the services of Captain Pelly most prominently to the notice of your Lordship in Council.

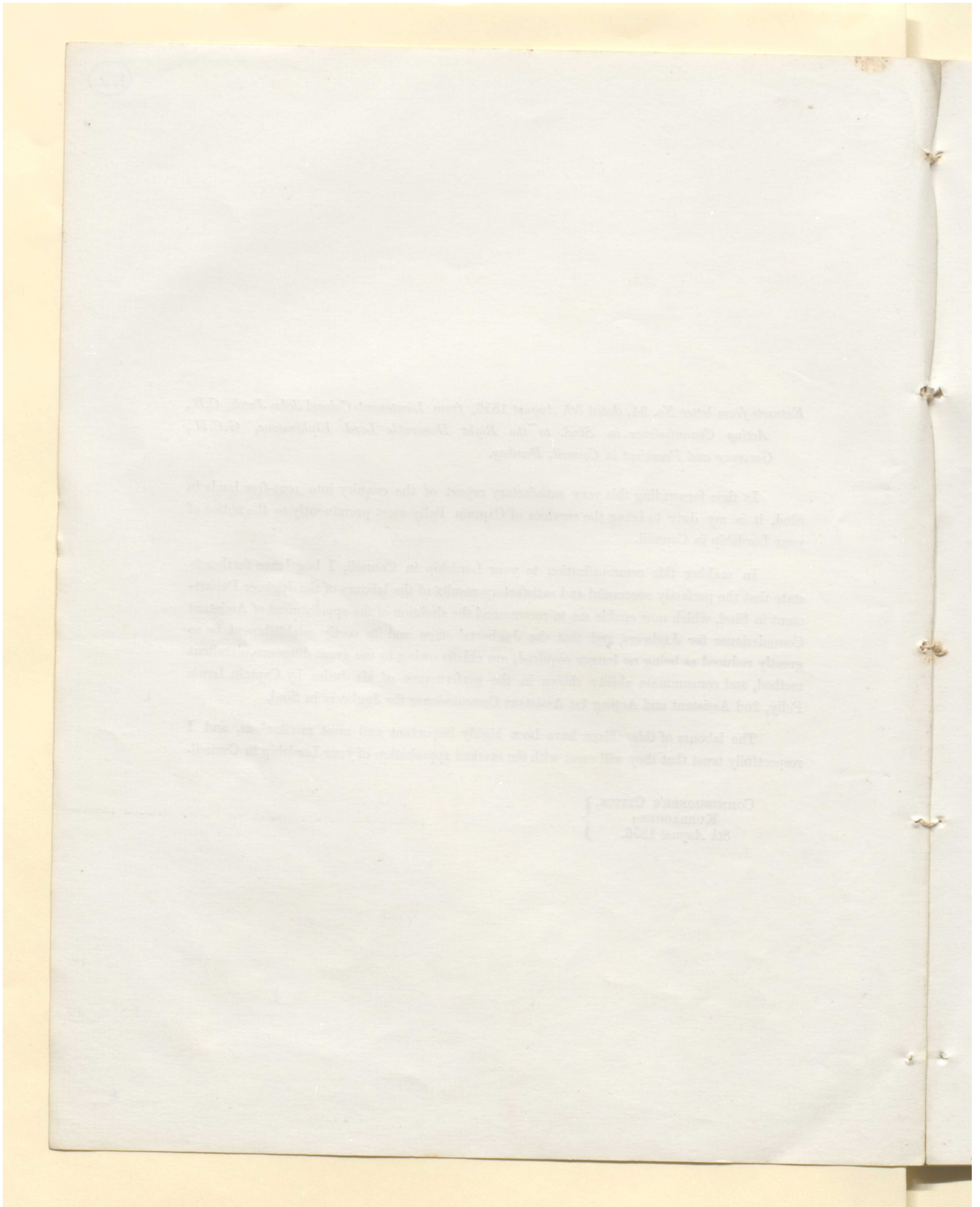
In making this communication to your Lordship in Council, I beg leave further to state that the perfectly successful and satisfactory results of the labours of the Jagheer Department in Sind, which now enable me to recommend the abolition of the appointment of Assistant Commissioner for Jagheers, and that the Jagheers' office and its costly establishment be so greatly reduced as being no longer required, are chiefly owing to the great diligence, excellent method, and consummate ability shown in the performance of his duties by Captain Lewis Pelly, 2nd Assistant and Acting 1st Assistant Commissioner for Jagheers in Sind.

The labours of this officer have been highly important and most meritorious, and I respectfully trust that they will meet with the marked approbation of your Lordship in Council.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, }
KURRACHEE; }
8th August 1856. }

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'Testimonials to work of Lewis Pelly' [113r] (13/48)

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*Extract from a despatch, dated India Office, 9th July 1859, from Sir Henry Rawlinson to
Sir George Clerk, K.C.B.*

“ I have no private interests to serve in the matter, but on public grounds, and public grounds only, I would bring forward the name of Captain Lewis Pelly, of the Bombay Army, who has successively filled the posts of Political Secretary to the Chief Commissioner in Sind and to General John Jacob during his command in Persia, and also has given unqualified satisfaction to his superiors on all occasions, as an officer peculiarly fitted for the Teheran appointment, and as one in whom I shall have the utmost confidence.”

India Office, 26th July 1859.

SIR,

I am desired by Sir Charles Wood to inform you that he has recommended you to Her Majesty for employment in Persia, as Secretary of Legation, during the absence of Mr. Doria, and that he has intimated your appointment to the Government of Bombay, from whom you will hold yourself in readiness to receive instructions.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) H. R. GRENFELL.

CAPTAIN LEWIS PELLY.

Foreign Office, September 19th, 1860.

SIR,

I have received your despatches to No. 115 inclusive of the 16th of July last, and I have to acquaint you that Her Majesty's Government approve the judicious conduct pursued by

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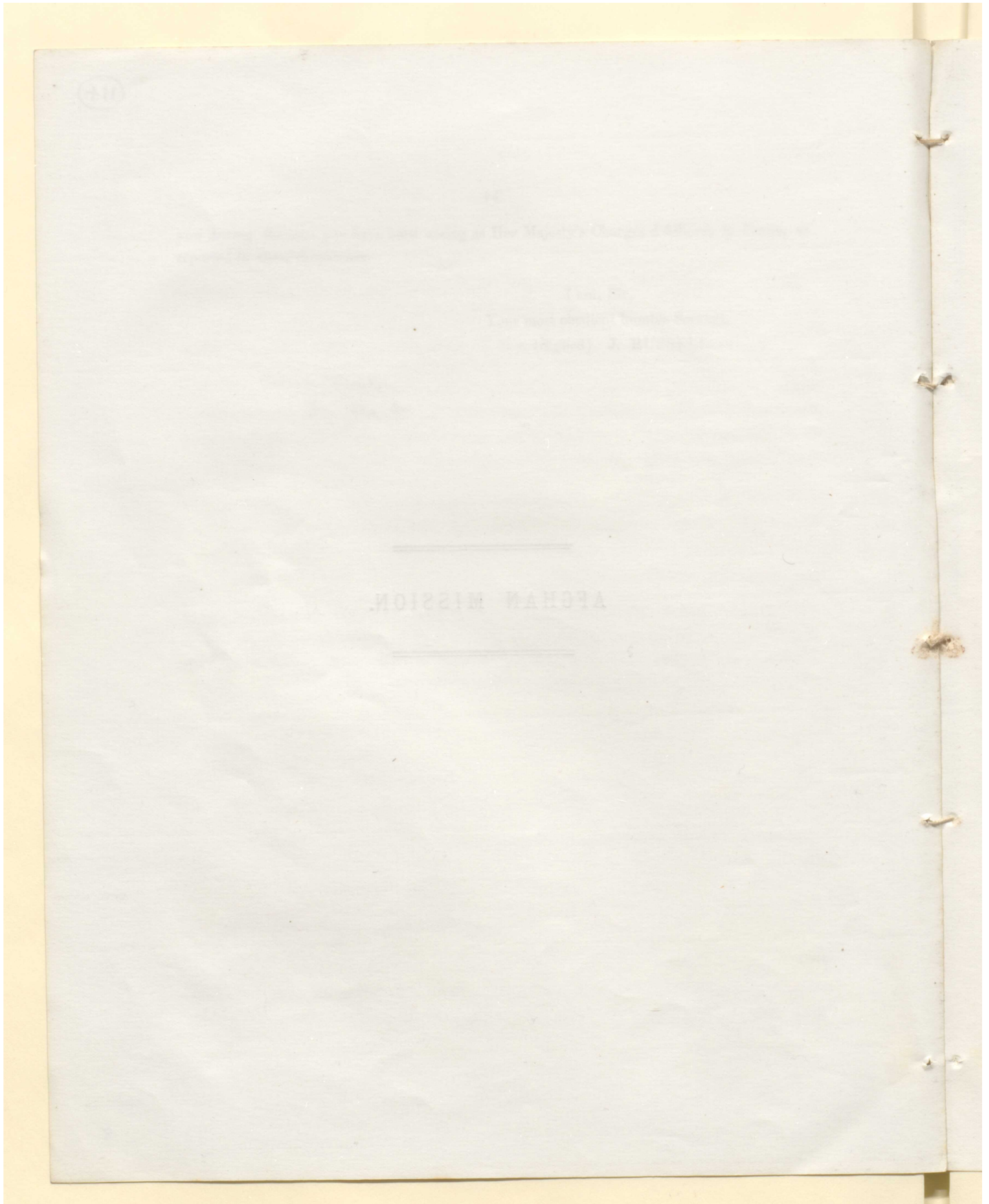
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Teheran, September 10th, 1860.

SIR,

You are at liberty, under my instructions from the Foreign Office, to return to India.

It is desirable that you should take the direct route through Afghanistan instead of the more uncertain one by Bushire, or that round by Constantinople and Egypt.

You will endeavour, on your passage through Meshed, to procure some reliable information respecting the Persian Expedition against Mero. The Persian authorities themselves admit the army to be in a state of considerable embarrassment, its line of operations being partly intercepted by the Turcoman hordes.

At Herat you will have an opportunity of communicating personally with the Sirdar, to whom you will present the accompanying letter, with suitable compliments, on my part. You will renew to Sultan Ahmed Khan the assurance of Her Majesty's Government, that their sole wish is to see him independent and prosperous within the limits of his own territory.

You will likewise present him with the fowling-piece and pair of pistols, now given in your charge, in token of the friendly feelings of the British Government. It is probable that a rifle and sword (forming part of the presents intended for the Sirdar) may reach me in time for them to overtake you *en route*. In that case you will present them simultaneously with the other arms.

In the event of the state of the weather permitting you to proceed onwards by Cabul, you will make suitable friendly assurances, on the part of Her Majesty's Government, to Dost Mahomed Khan, to whom you will likewise present the accompanying letter of introduction on my part, with proper compliments. Should you, however, on reaching Candahar, find yourself overtaken by the winter, you will be at liberty to move onwards by the Bolan Pass, through that portion of our frontier already familiar to you.

You will be careful *en route* to collect all practicable information on the present condition and prospects of Afghanistan. Your access to the archives of this mission has made you fully acquainted with the views of Her Majesty's Government respecting those States. I nevertheless enclose to you, for your more perfect guidance, an extract of the instructions

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addressed by the India Office to Sir Henry Rawlinson, under date the 24th August 1859, relative to that subject.

You will telegraph your arrival at the Indian frontier to Earl Canning, and solicit His Excellency's orders as to whether you are to proceed to Head-Quarters with your Report, or to transmit it thither.

On leaving Teheran you will take up Bills for such amount as may be necessary to meet your travelling expenses, with due economy of the public money. The amount so advanced I will cause to be adjusted with Her Majesty's Government in India.

This journey is not unattended with its discomforts and hazards; but I rely with confidence on the experience and conciliatory spirit, which I have had occasion to admire during my short official acquaintance with you in Persia, for ensuring your safe passage to our Indian frontier.

I am with truth and regard,

Sir,

Your obedient faithful Servant,

(Signed) C. ALISON.

To

MAJOR PELLY,

&c., &c., &c.

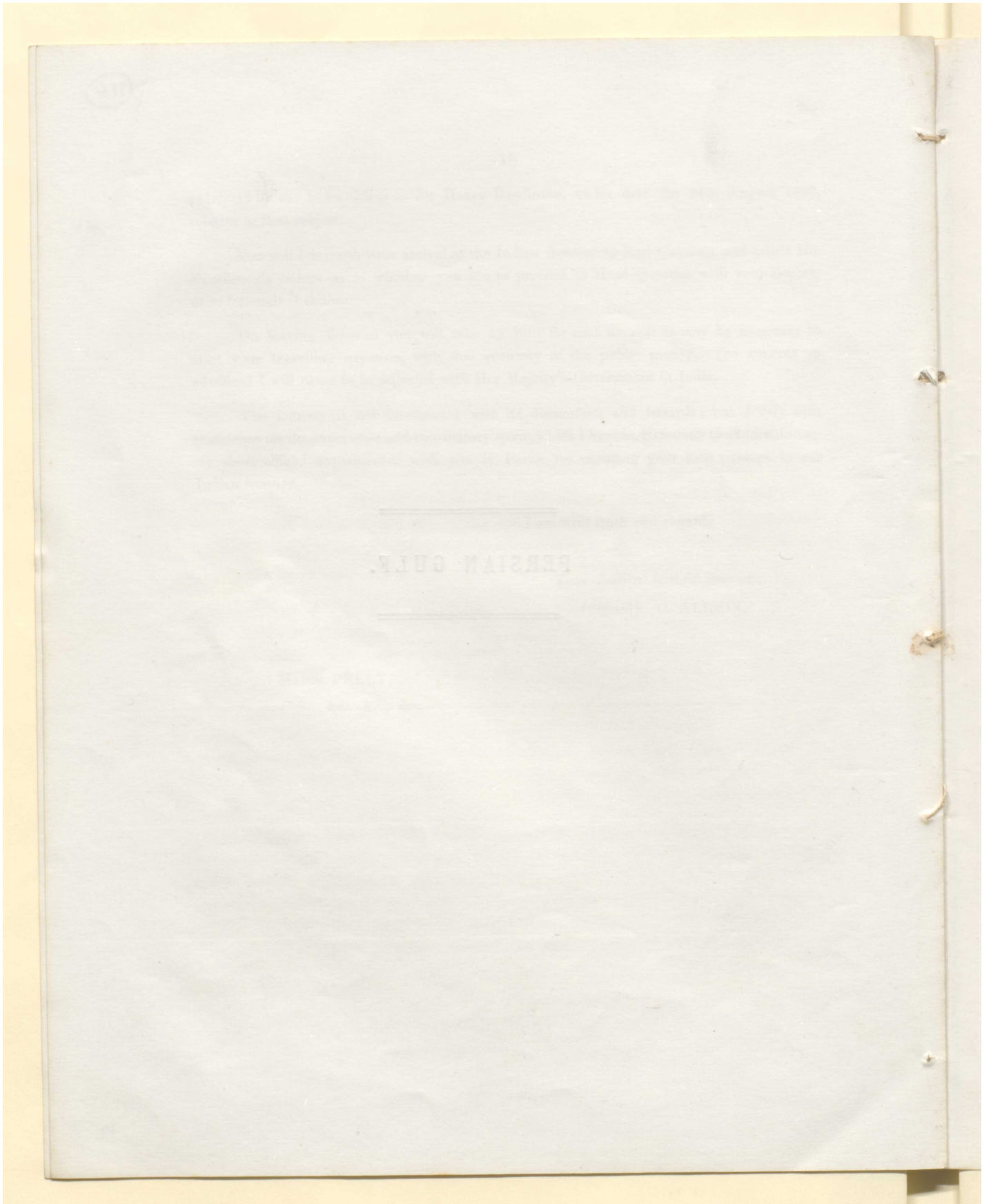
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The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, No. 1572, dated the 21st May 1863—

Forwards for information copy of Resolution passed by Government on Colonel Pelly's communications Nos. 1A, 2A, and 6A, dated 12th January and 1st and 16th February 1863, suggesting the concentration of the Political Residency in the Persian Gulf, the main telegraph station, and a coal depôt at some spot near Cape Mussendom, &c.

Resolution by the Honorable Board, dated 13th May 1863 :—" These letters, like every thing that proceeds from Colonel Pelly's hands, have a merit apart from their immediate purpose. The Government may or may not be able to act on the Resident's suggestions, but the letters will constitute a valuable contribution to our knowledge of the Gulf, and will supply facts and considerations which may hereafter exercise an unexpected influence in discussions connected with Persian or Arabian complications." * * * * *
" The Honorable the Governor in Council does not then deem it expedient to take action in any way on Colonel Pelly's suggestions, but, in justice to that intelligent and able officer, he will forward copies of his communications for the consideration of the Government of India."

*Extract from a despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India,
—No. 7, dated 9th February 1864.*

" The remarks contained in this very interesting paper are creditable to the intelligence and zeal of Colonel Pelly," &c.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, No. 2228, dated the 16th July 1863—

" I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with enclosures, dated 13th April last, No. 67, and to communicate the thanks of this Government for the elaborate and useful report therein submitted on the tribes, trade, and resources around the shore line of the Persian Gulf, which is considered by His Excellency the Governor in Council to be a valuable contribution to our knowledge of the quarter."

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*Extract para. 5 from a despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India,
dated 9th February, No. 5 of 1864.*

"The report by Lieutenant-Colonel Pelly on the tribes, trade, and resources of the Persian Gulf has been perused with much attention, and I concur in the sense you have expressed of its value."

The Officiating Secretary to the Government of Bombay, No. 41, dated 7th January 1864—

"I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with accompaniments, dated the 14th October last, No. 129, submitting remarks on your recent journey to Shiraz, and, in reply, to communicate the cordial thanks of Government for this interesting report, which supplies much valuable information regarding the physical features, and the tribes, trade, and resources of the country between Bushire and Shiraz."

*Extract para. 2 from a despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India,—
No. 14, dated 8th June 1865.*

"I have perused this report and its accompaniments with much interest, and approve the commendations you have conveyed to Colonel Pelly."

The Officiating Secretary to Government of Bombay, No. 859, dated 28th March 1864—

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with enclosures, No. 6, dated 16th January last, submitting certain remarks on the port of Lingah, the island of Keshm, and the Port of Bunder Abbas and its neighbourhood, and in reply to communicate the thanks of Government for this report."

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Resolution passed by the Bombay Government, No. 2069, dated 14th July 1864, on Colonel Pelly's report No. 22, dated 26th April 1864, regarding the Chiefs of the Pirate Coast having signed additional articles binding them to prevent their dependents interfering with the telegraphic operations in or near their territories.

Resolution.—"The intelligence contained in this report is in the highest degree satisfactory, and reflects credit on the tact and judgment of the Resident."

The Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay, No. 3986, dated 31st December 1864—

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 65, dated the 18th ultimo, with accompaniments, and to inform you that your proceedings are fully approved of by His Excellency the Governor in Council, and that you are entitled to the cordial commendations of Government for the successful issue to which you have brought your negotiations with the Sultan of Muscat for the extension of the Mekran line of telegraph."

The Secretary to the Government of India, No. 72, dated 24th January 1865—

"I am directed to inform you that the Governor-General in Council is pleased to ratify the articles of agreement, and to approve of Lieutenant-Colonel Pelly's proceedings. I am further to state that His Excellency in Council quite concurs with the Bombay Government that Lieutenant-Colonel Pelly deserves the commendations of the Government of India for the successful termination of the negotiations."

*Extract from a despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India,
dated 16th October 1865, No. 31.*

"The agreement concluded with the Sultan of Muscat, for the construction and protection of telegraph lines in His Highness' dominions, is satisfactory, as providing for the extension of the telegraph line from Gwadur to Bunder Abbas. The successful negotiation of this convention is creditable to Colonel Pelly, whose report on the tract of country traversed by him in the course of these proceedings contains much valuable information."

Extension of the land line of telegraph
from Gwadur to Bunder Abbas.

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Telegram.

Dated Bombay, 27th March 1865.

To

COLONEL PELLY,

Bushire.

This Government heartily congratulates you on your extraordinary success. Exact names, and latitude and longitude of Wahabee capital, indistinct in your telegram. Please repeat them. When shall you be in Bombay?

SIR BARTLE FRERE.

Telegram.

Dated 28th March 1865.

To

COLONEL PELLY,

Bushire.

Gonne has telegraphed to you to act as you propose of Muscat, and to come to Bombay. We shall heartily welcome you. Do not try any more experiments, so hazardous to yourself, *en route*.

SIR B. FRERE.

The Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay, No. 905, dated 11th April 1865—

“ I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with enclosures, No. 73, dated the 31st December last, containing information as to the practicability of the proposed extension of the Mekran line of telegraph.

“ In reply, I am desired by the Honorable the Governor in Council to state that the information submitted by you will be of great value in the event of arrangements being concluded for establishing a land line of telegraph from Gwadur to Bunder Abbas.”

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The Secretary to the Government of India, No. 347, dated 29th April 1865—

“I am to state, in reply, that the information submitted by Lieutenant-Colonel Pelly is very interesting, and may, as the Bombay Government remark, prove useful at a future time. Lieutenant-Colonel Pelly has shewn much enterprise and judgment in successfully accomplishing his expedition, and is entitled to the thanks of the Government.”

Extract from a despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated 16th October 1865, No. 31.

“The successful negotiation of this Convention is creditable to Colonel Pelly, whose report on the tract of country traversed by him in the course of these proceedings contains much valuable information.”

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay, No. 1364, dated 3rd June 1865—

“I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 58, dated 16th October 1864, narrating the result of your visit to the plateau of Geesakoon and its adjacent hills, and to convey to you the thanks of His Excellency the Governor in Council for this interesting report.”

Extract paras. 6 and 7 from a despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated 16th October 1865, No. 31.

“The settlement of the differences between the Sultan of Muscat and the Wahabees is creditable to the tact and energy of Colonel Pelly. The views of that officer, which are concurred in by your Excellency's Government, as to the course to be adopted by the British Government, should any further disagreement arise, meet with my approval.”

“A copy of Colonel Pelly's memorandum on the Wahabee territory has, in accordance with your suggestion, been forwarded to the Royal Geographical Society.”

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The Secretary to the Government of Bombay, No. 821, dated 24th March 1866—

“ I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 17 of the 14th instant, reporting on the occurrences connected with the death of His Highness Syud Thoweynee, the late Sultan of Muscat, and the proceedings adopted by you in consequence.

“ In reply, I am desired to state that you appear to have conducted yourself, under circumstances of great personal peril and difficulty, with remarkable coolness, judgment, and courage ; and His Excellency in Council considers that the thanks of Government are due to you for the course of conduct by which you secured the safety, lives, and property of a large number of British subjects, and rescued from almost certain destruction Syud Torkee, the brother of the late Sultan, in whom the circumstances of his past history had given the British Government a special interest.”

HIS EXCELLENCY THE HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,

Bombay.

India Office,

London, 28th February 1867.

Political—No. 16.

SIR,

I transmit herewith, for the information of your Excellency's Government, copy of a despatch which I have addressed to the Government of India on the affairs of the Persian Gulf, disposing of all the correspondence received from your Government on the subject.

No. 37, dated 28th February 1867.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) CRANBORNE.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. C. EDWARDS,

Assistant Resident, Persian Gulf.

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India Office,
London, 28th February 1867.

Political—No. 37.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE
THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

SIR,

I have considered in Council the letters of your Excellency's Government, and of the

* India Foreign letters, dated	16th June 1866, No. 108.
" " " "	30th June 1866, No. 117.
" " " "	30th June 1866, No. 118.
" " " "	30th June 1866, No. 119.
" " " "	31st July 1866, No. 133.
" " " "	21st Sept. 1866, No. 160.
" " " "	21st Sept. 1866, No. 162.
" " " "	8th Oct. 1866, No. 169.
" " " "	8th Oct. 1866, No. 170.
" " " "	23rd Oct. 1866, No. 183.
" " " "	23rd Nov. 1866, No. 188.
" " " "	22nd Dec. 1866, No. 200.
" " " "	22nd Dec. 1866, No. 201.
" " " "	22nd Dec. 1866, No. 204.
" " " "	22nd Dec. 1866, No. 206.
Bombay Political letters, dated	23rd Aug. 1866, No. 49.
" " " "	28th Sept. 1866, No. 64.
" " " "	28th Sept. 1866, No. 65.
" " " "	13th Dec. 1866, No. 78.
" " " "	13th Dec. 1866, No. 80.
" " " "	28th Dec. 1866, No. 82.

Government of Bombay, of the dates and numbers noted in the margin,* and proceed to notice such points as require remarks or instructions from Her Majesty's Government.

2. I approve your having, in pursuance of the policy already indicated by your previous communications, and which received the approval of Her Majesty's Government, recognised Syud Saulem as the *de facto* successor to his late father, Syud Theyneec on the musnud of Muscat. Colonel

Pelly, however, exercised a wise discretion in not coupling his visit of recognition with a "visit of condolence" as desired by Syud Saulem.

3. A natural consequence of this formal recognition was, that you were bound to discourage, or at least not to countenance, any attempts to expel Syud Saulem from Muscat; you properly fulfilled this obligation by prohibiting your pensioner, Syud Torkee, from invasion of Muscat, and in withdrawing your support from him on his attempting it. When, in addition to withholding his subsistence allowance, you threatened to regard him as a public enemy, in the event of his disturbing the maritime peace by further hostile attempts against his nephew's throne, you acted in accordance with the well-known principle of putting down all disturbers of the maritime peace, which we have always followed in the Persian Gulf.

4. Her Majesty's Government learn with much satisfaction, not only that the Wahabees have withdrawn their troops from Muscat territory, in pursuance of the arrange-

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ment effected under the mediation of Colonel Pelly, but that the two lately contending parties are on a footing of amity. This result appears to be, in a great measure, due to the exertions of the Political Resident, and to the tact and conciliatory demeanour which enable him to impress on the Wahabees the conviction that the British Government had no wish for Oman, but to see its people governed by its Chiefs of their own choice, and that their only object in interfering in any way is to prevent a possible return to the lawless and piratical practices of former times.

5. It is unnecessary for me, at the present time, to express my opinion upon certain measures taken by Colonel Pelly, which have been the subject of much discussion between your Government and the Government of Bombay. But I cannot let this opportunity pass without emphatically expressing my concurrence in the high estimate which both your Excellency and the Governor of Bombay have formed of the merits of that distinguished officer.

6. It only remains for Her Majesty's Government to refer to that portion of the correspondence under reply which relates to the island of Bahrain, and to express their approval of your having at once informed Mr. Alison that the British Government are not prepared to admit the Persian pretensions to sovereignty over it.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) CRANBORNE.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. COWAN,

Assistant Secretary.

Telegram.

Dated 13th September 1867.

To

COLONEL PELLY.

Viceroy highly approves your action respecting Syud Torkee, and regards result eminently successful.

FOREIGN SECRETARY.

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*Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 94, dated the 23rd November 1867,
extract para. 3.*

"The arrangement mediated by Colonel Pelly, in virtue of which Saulem is to pay
"Torkee a monthly pension of \$600, while the latter agrees to reside in British India, is
"satisfactory ; and the conduct of both Colonel Pelly and Captain Atkinson, in difficult
"circumstances, entitles them to much credit."

(Copy.)

Service Message.

From Simla, 29th July 1868.

From FOREIGN SECRETARY.

To Shiraz.

To COLONEL PELLY.

Your message of 28th very satisfactory, and the Viceroy thanks you for your successful
exertions.

FOREIGN SECRETARY.

Telegram.

From Simla, 5th August 1868.

From FOREIGN SECRETARY.

To COLONEL PELLY.

Your telegram of fourth. Viceroy considers the settlement of the Bunder Abbas lease
question satisfactory.

FOREIGN SECRETARY.

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No. 1228.

Foreign Department—Political.

From

W. S. SETON-KARR, Esq.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

To

C. GONNE, Esq.,

Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 241, dated 9th instant, with its enclosures, from the Resident in the Persian Gulf, reporting the measures adopted by that officer, with the co-operation of the Commander of H. M.'s ship *Vigilant*, for punishing the Chiefs of Bahrain and Aboothabee.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council entirely approves of Colonel Pelly's proceedings, and considers that he has given a very proper lesson to these turbulent Arab Chiefs not again to disturb the peace of the Persian Gulf.

3. His Excellency in Council, moreover, trusts that the measures adopted by Colonel Pelly on this occasion will have a lasting good effect.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) W. S. SETON-KARR,

Secretary to the Government of India.

SIMLA,
22nd October 1868. }

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. COWAN,

Assistant Secretary.

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No. 2901.

Political Department.

Bombay Castle, 28th October 1868.

The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, No. 111, dated the 25th September 1868—

With reference to his letter No. 85 of 1868, reports his further proceedings in connection with the affairs of Bahrain, Guttur, and Aboothabee.

Resolution.—Colonel Pelly's proceedings should be fully approved, and the thanks of Government should be conveyed both to him and to Captain Brown for the way in which they have vindicated the position of the British Government in the Persian Gulf.

(Signed) C. GONNE,

Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

To

THE POLITICAL RESIDENT, Persian Gulf.

CAPTAIN R. A. BROWN, R. N.,
Commanding H. M.'s S. *Vigilant*. } (By letter.)
The Government of India.

The Officiating Under-Secretary to the Government of India, No. 1062, dated 31st July 1869—

"With reference to your letter, dated the 12th July 1869, No. 287, and its enlo-

* No. 100 of 21st May 1869.

"sures,* I am directed to communicate the approval of the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council to the prompt and judicious measures adopted by Lieutenant-Colonel Pelly to restore the maritime peace in the Persian Gulf, which had been disturbed by the Chief of Shargah."

The Officiating Under-Secretary to the Government of India, No. 1066A, dated 31st July 1862—

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 14th July 1869,

* No. 104 of 19th June 1869.

"No. 240, forwarding a copy of a letter* from the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf relative to the progress and present aspect of trade in the Gulf, and to request that the thanks of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council may be conveyed to Lieutenant-Colonel Pelly for his interesting report."

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Telegram.

Dated Calcutta, 9th December 1869.

To
— COLONEL PELLY,
Angaum, Persian Gulf.

I congratulate you on your success at Bahrain.

THE VICEROY.

Telegram.

Dated Calcutta, 10th December 1869.

To
COLONEL PELLY,
Angaum.

Your telegram of eighth. Viceroy has learned with great satisfaction your success at Bahrain, and congratulates you.

FOREIGN SECRETARY.

No. 154P, dated 20th January 1870.

From
C. U. AITCHISON, Esq.,
Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department,

To
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY,
Political Department.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 12, dated 8th January 1870, giving cover to a report from Colonel Pelly of his proceedings for the punishment of the offenders concerned in the raid upon Bahrain.

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2. In reply, I am directed to state that the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council has perused the report with great interest, and he instructs me to communicate to you his entire approval of Colonel Pelly's proceedings.

3. His Excellency in Council is of opinion that Colonel Pelly has conducted the whole affair with great prudence, discretion, and courage, and he desires that the warm congratulations of the Government of India may be conveyed to that officer on his success.

4. His Excellency in Council likewise requests that the thanks of this Government may be communicated to Captain Douglas, and to the other officers associated with Colonel Pelly, for their exertions on the occasion.

5. With reference to paragraph 55 of the report, His Excellency in Council sanctions the proposal therein made, regarding the message of the officers for the time they were on detached duty with the gun-boats, and requests that Colonel Pelly will state definitely the total expenditure incurred on this account.

6. The Marine Department will be asked to take into consideration the question of the survey of the Kateef and Bahrain reef channels, referred to in paragraph 54 of Colonel Pelly's report.

No. 3243 of 1870.

Political Department.

From

W. WEDDERBURN, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to Government,
Bombay,

To.

THE POLITICAL RESIDENT
in the Persian Gulf.

Dated 17th October 1870.

SIR,

Referring to your report on the trade between India and the Gulf of Persia and Oman, dated 23rd April last, No. 86/34, I am directed to communicate to you the following observations and order of the Government of India thereon.

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2. His Excellency the Governor-General in Council prefers that you should continue to be responsible for collecting statistics concerning trade, and that the work should not be delegated to any private firm. You should accordingly decline in courteous terms the offer of Messrs. Gray, Paul & Company, and take such measures as may enable you still to obtain trustworthy particulars on the subject.

3. With reference to the question raised by Messrs. Gray, Paul & Co., regarding trade with the interior of Persia, the Government of India remark that Persia is bound by treaty*

* Vol. VII. of Aitchison's Treaty, page 162.

to place British subjects and trade "on the footing of the treatment of the subjects and commerce of the most favored nation."

Messrs. Gray, Paul & Co. can, therefore, claim only the same concession, in respect of internal transit dues, as are accorded to the traders of other countries. In this view it would not be proper, the Government of India think, to grant that firm the right to deliver goods in the interior under the Resident's permit, if transit dues are charged on trade generally.

4. The inconvenience brought to notice by Messrs. Gray, Paul & Co. in regard to the non-allowance of drawbacks on goods, which, after having been landed at a Persian port, are re-exported to another mart, will be represented to Her Britannic Majesty's Minister at Teheran by the Government of India, in the hope that the Shah's Government may be induced to grant some relief.

5. In conclusion, I am to convey to you the acknowledgments of the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council for your interesting and valuable report, and I am to request that you will be so good as to express to Messrs. Gray, Paul & Co. the thanks of the Government of India for the trouble they have taken in supplying them with much important information.

I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed) W. WEDDERBURN,

Acting Secretary to Government.

BOMBAY CASTLE, }
17th October 1870. }

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No. 1296A.

Political Department.

Bombay Castle, 29th March 1871.

The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, No. 153/3, dated the 13th February 1871—

Reports, in continuation of his letter No. 141/29 of 3rd February 1871, further proceedings concerning His Highness Syud Torkee before and after his entry into Muscat. States that His Highness informs him it is his intention to address a letter to the Right Honorable the Governor, which he hopes to send by a later letter by the present opportunity.

Resolution.— Copy of these papers should be forwarded to the Government of India.

The proceedings of Colonel Pelly should be approved. He appears to have acted promptly, but with caution and judgment.

(Signed) W. WEDDERBURN,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To

THE POLITICAL RESIDENT, Persian Gulf.
The Government of India (By letter).

No. 151P.

Foreign Department—Political.

From

C. U. AITCHISON, Esq., C.S.I.,
Secretary to the Government of India,

To

W. WEDDERBURN, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letters noted in the margin, forwarding copies of communications regarding the affairs of Bahrain and Nejd in connection with the Turkish operations in the Gulf.

No. 5680, dated 25th November 1871.
No. 5688, dated 25th November 1871.
No. 5691, dated 27th November 1871.
No. 5862, dated 5th December 1871.
No. 6164, dated 20th December 1871.

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His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council is pleased to express his entire approval of the proceedings of Colonel Pelly in connection with the misunderstanding between Midhut Pasha and the Chief of Bahrain, arising out of the murder of the messenger at Bahrain ; and I am desired to request that you will convey to that officer the commendations of His Excellency in Council for the prudence displayed by him, and the sagacity with which he has conducted the very difficult business.

I have the honor, &c.,
(Signed) C. U. AITCHISON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

FORT WILLIAM, }
17th January 1872. }

(True Copy.)
(Signed) G. C. GILDER,
Superintendent.

No. 3411.
Political Department.

Bombay Castle, 10th June 1872.

Letter from the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, No. 696-180, dated the 6th May 1872, reporting his proceedings consequent on the receipt by him of the instructions of Government to bombard Sohar, in case of Ibrahim bin Gais refusing to comply with the demand stated.

Resolution.—Copy of these papers should be forwarded to the Government of India.

2. The Political Resident should be informed of the entire approval of his proceedings by this Government.

(Signed) C. GONNE,
Secretary to Government.

To
THE POLITICAL RESIDENT, Persian Gulf.
The Government of India (By letter).

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No. 1449P.

Foreign Department—Political.

From

C. U. AITCHISON, Esq., C.S.I.,
Secretary to the Government of India,

To

C. GONNE, Esq.,
Political Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

Dated Simla, the 1st July 1872.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters noted on the margin, and, in reply, to state that His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council approves of Colonel Pelly's proceedings at Sohar in demanding redress for the violation of the rights of British subjects by Ibrahim bin Gais.

No. 3067, dated 27th May 1872.
No. 3349, dated 6th June 1872.

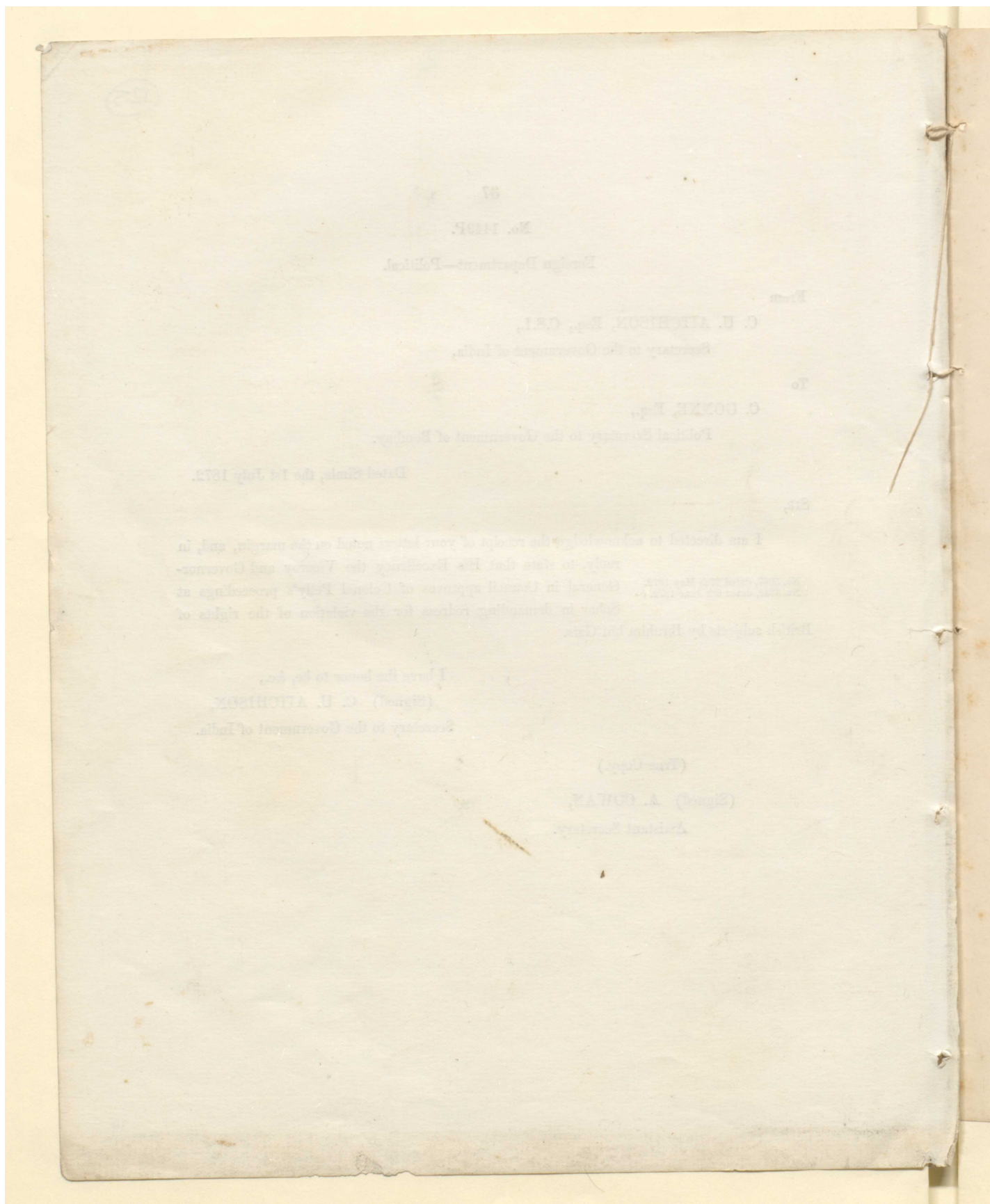
I have the honor to be, &c.,
(Signed) C. U. AITCHISON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. COWAN,
Assistant Secretary.

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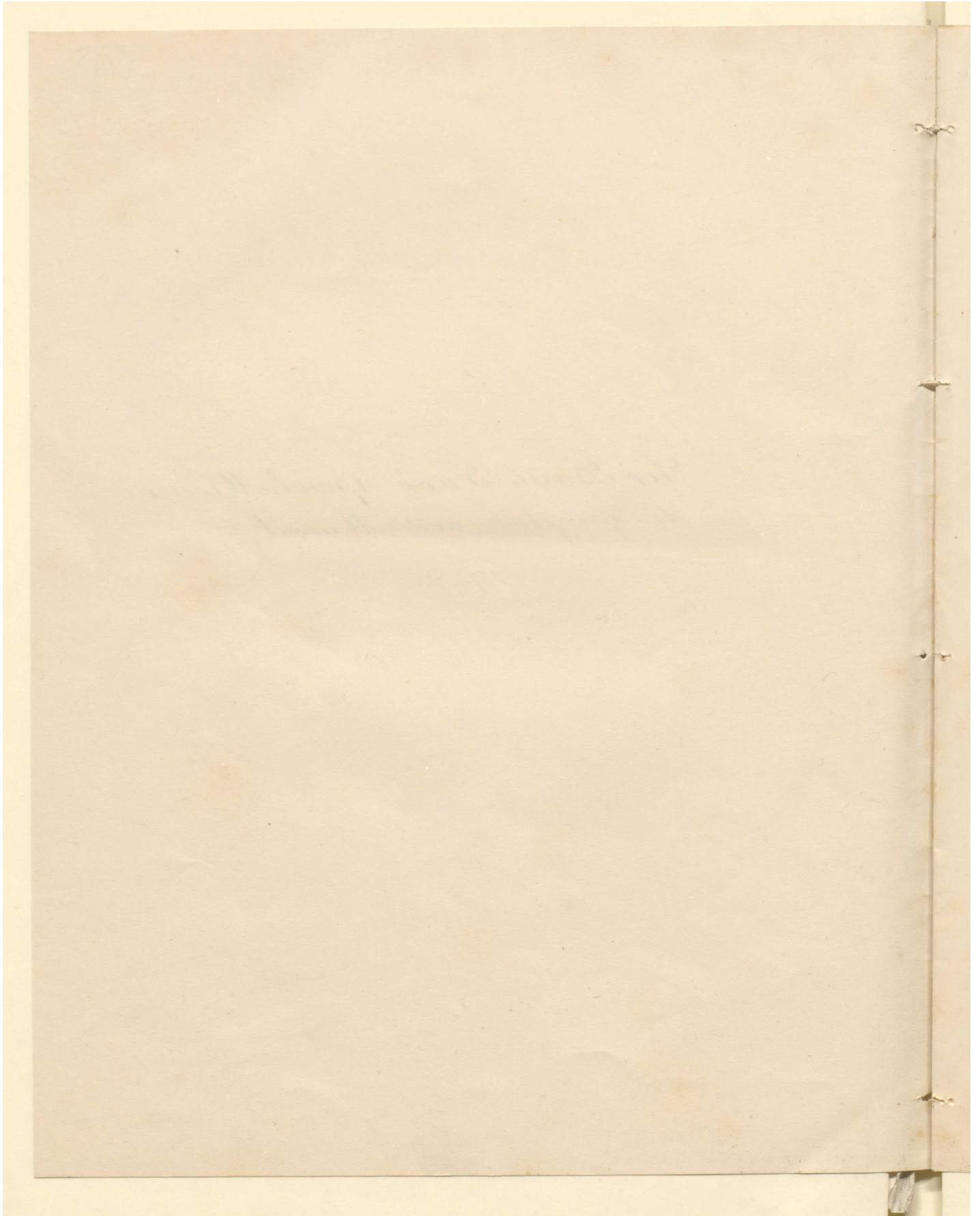
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From,
The Secretary to the Government of India
To,
Colonel L. Pelly, C.S.I.

Dated Simla, the 13th June 1873.

Foreign Department
Political.

Sir

His Excellency Sir Bartle Frere having brought to the notice of Government the success with which you have carried out the instructions given you to hold the Arab Chiefs on the shores of the Persian Gulf to their engagements for the suppression of the Slave Trade, and your good service in the course of the negotiations for a new Treaty with Muscat, and generally your zealous discharge of the duties for which you were deputed under the instructions conveyed in my letter N^o 8. C.S. dated 16th November last, His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council directs me to communicate to you the cordial thanks of the Government of India for your services in connection with Sir B. Frere's mission.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) W. Aitchison.

Secretary to the Government
of India -²¹

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Foreign Office
July 9. 1873.

Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding to you the accompanying Extract from a letter which I have received from Sir Bartle Frere, and I have at the same time to express to you the gratification with which I have read this Testimony to the Value of your Services while employed on Sir Bartle Frere's Mission to Zanzibar and Muscat.

I am, Sir,

your most obedient,
humble servant
(Signed) Granville.

To Colonel L. Pelly, C.B., C.S.I.
&c. &c. &c.

Extract from a Letter of Sir Bartle Frere's to Earl Granville,
dated June 30. 1873.

Colonel Pelly was summoned to Simla by the Viceroy of India, on matters unconnected with my mission and left me at Bombay.

I forwarded by his hands, for the Viceroy's Information, complete Copies of all my public Correspondence as far as they could be of Interest to the Government of India; and I requested Colonel Pelly to furnish to the Viceroy any further Information or Explanation which the Documents

documents so sent might be found to require, and (128)
which I had hoped myself to have afforded had time per-
mitted me to go on to Suirah -

I take this opportunity of bringing to your
Lordship's special notice the great utility of the Services
which Colonel Pelly rendered to the Mission, not only as
regarded the scene of his former official labours, whilst
Consul at Zanzibar, but on the Arabian Coast - I found
the way well prepared by the attention he had for a long
time past devoted to the Subject, and he had anticipated
your Lordship's Instructions to me regarding the
Chiefs in the Persian Gulf, from all of whom he had
required and obtained Agreements recognizing and
reiterating, in more emphatic Terms, their obligations,
under former Agreements, to exert themselves for the
suppression of the Slave Trade - It is due to Colonel
Pelly to state my conviction that the Speedy and
complete success which attended our negotiations
with the King of Johanna, the Duke of Macallah
and the Sultan of Muscat, were, in my opinion,
to a great extent due to the judgment of Colonel Pelly,
and to the high Character he has Established,
wherever he has been Employed, for Firmness and
Straight

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straight forward dealing - It will afford me great
satisfaction to know that Colonel Pelly's services to my
mission have met with the marked approval of your
Lordship and Her Majesty's Government.

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From,

C. Gouné, Esquire

Secretary to Government

Bombay

To,

Colonel Lewis Pelly, C.S.I.

Mount Aboo.

Political Department.

Dated 26th August 1873.

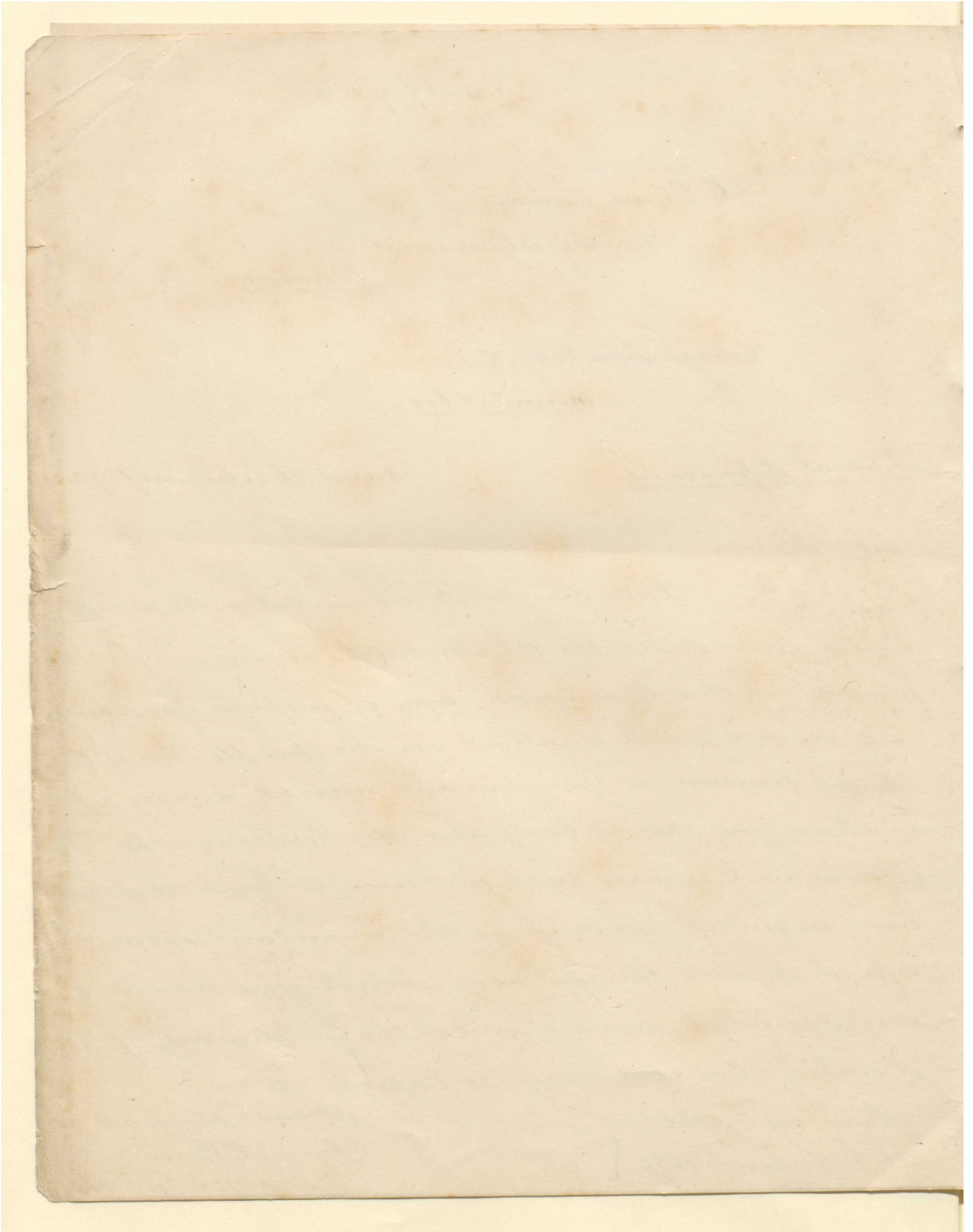
Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 10th Instant, enclosing, for the perusal of this Government, copy of papers respecting your services while employed on Sir Bartle Frere's special mission to Zanzibar and Muscat, and in reply to inform you that it has given His Excellency the Governor in Council great pleasure to learn that you have acquitted yourself on the important occasions referred to with the efficiency which your previous distinguished services under the Government of Bombay had led them to expect.

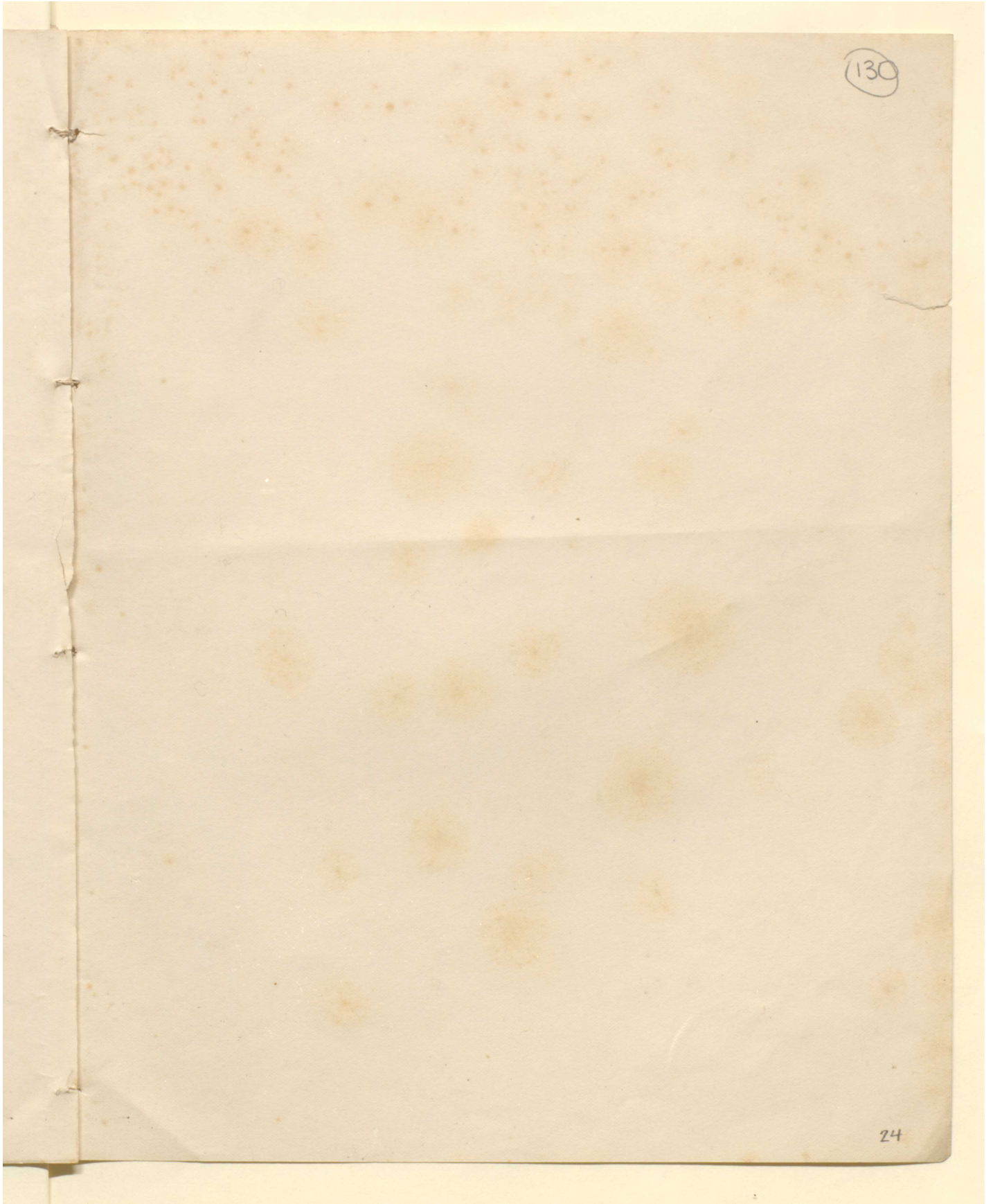
Bombay Castle
26th August 1873.

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) C. Gouné
Secretary to Government.

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