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## Personal and official letters to Lewis Pelly from colleagues and friends in India.

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### About this record

Correspondence relating to affairs in the Persian Gulf from colleagues and friends in India and Britain, including Patrick Ryan, Abraham Hojel Nickson and Robert Brown.

Other correspondents of note include Hubert Izaak Walton (Director of the Indo-European Telegraph Company), Sir Bartle Frere (Governor of Bombay), and Pelly's brother Saville Marriot Pelly.

The correspondence focuses primarily on affairs in Muscat from 1863-1866 discussing the Muscat and Wahabee [Wahhabi] dispute; Syed Thoweynee [Thuwaini bin Said]'s position and attempts by Azzan ben Ghes [Azzan bin Qais] to seize power. Also discussed are developments in the extension of the Telegraph through Persia; Persian attempts to claim Gwadar [Gwadar]; Pelly's journey to Riyadh; and affairs in Bahrain.

The correspondence with Abraham Hojel Nickson relates to the creation of two new posts as assistants to the Political Resident and his interest in being appointed either as an assistant or as the Residency Surgeon. Hojel's letters also contain information regarding Pelly's family as his wife Catherine Frances Hojel is the sister of Deborah Elizabeth Pelly and Jane Billings Pelly, the wives of Lewis Pelly's brothers Henry Joseph and Saville Marriot.

MSS EW F126/47  
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Bombay 28<sup>th</sup> March 1853

My dear Sir,

I have some interesting particulars to communicate to you by this opportunity. Captain Felix Jones, as probably you are aware, arrived here on the 24<sup>th</sup> of last month, and applied to Govt for permission to return to duty. His experience, he stated, of the tracts & people in the Gulf being deemed of some value, he had readily foregone a moiety of his leave, and returned to Bombay with the sanction of the Secy. of State. The Bombay Govt. however, had received no intimation whatever from the Home Govt. regarding Captain Jones.

It is true that Colonel Patrick Stewart  
had mentioned in one of his semi-  
official communications that the  
services of Captain Jones would  
be valuable in connection with  
the Electric Telegraph, and indeed  
~~stated~~ that it had been arranged in the  
India office to depute him to  
the Persian Gulf specially for  
this duty. The communication  
I refer to was made in November  
last. In the meantime Captain  
Jones suffered from a recurrence  
of fever, and all further discussion  
on the subject appears to have  
dropped. The Govt here <sup>replied</sup> accordingly

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very peremptorily to Captain's  
application, pointing out to him  
that they had no instructions  
regarding him from the Secy of  
State, and that no occasion  
is likely to arise requiring  
his services in connection with  
the telegraphs, and further  
that another officer having  
been appointed to act for  
him during his absence, he  
could not return to ~~his~~  
duty till the expiration of  
his leave.

Captain Jones was in  
no way prepared for this  
reply. He was, when he  
received it, completing his

preparations to return to Berkshire.  
His position was a most awkward  
& pitiable one, but he had his  
own precipitateness to blame in  
the matter. He has now removed  
from the Esplanade to a cottage  
at Wandora, (a marine retreat  
near Bombay) and will hold  
out there ~~the~~ during the remainder  
of his leave - a period of  
about nine months I believe.

Captain Playfair left for  
Lansdown, accomp<sup>d</sup>. by Dr Seward,  
in the last mail steamer via  
Aden. The "Pleiad" preceded him  
by a week - He objected to sail  
in the latter vessel, owing to the  
inefficient manner in which it was man-

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He will arrive at Tandarban in time  
to escape that monster nuisance -  
the periodical visit of the northern  
Arabs. The twenty Dhows which  
the Agent at Shajah reports to  
have left for the Persian Gulf  
in the beginning of the present  
year, will in all probability  
form part of the Piratical  
fleet which will visit Tandarban  
this season.

Intelligence has been  
received by telegraph from  
Paris of the death of Sir  
James Outram. The Indian Army  
have lost a heroic friend and  
supporter, and will feel his loss  
keenly at this juncture. India

too must mourn the loss of one  
 who had her true interests and  
 welfare at heart.

Colonel Marriott has arrived  
 by the mail just in. It is  
 confidently reported that  
 Major Meredith will be  
 appointed to the Residency  
 at Aden. The only difficulty  
 in the way is the separation  
 of the Political and Military  
 authority, which since their  
 combination in one of the  
 same office, attracted those  
 acrimonious disputes which at  
 one time paralyzed the administration  
 of Aden. You will be doubt hear more  
 about this from a higher source than myself

I hope we may hear from you very truly yours  
 P. Ryan

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Malabar Point  
10th April 1864

My dear Pelly.

The Governor thinks  
that you ought to  
know how much  
Pat Stewart has  
expressed himself  
indebted for the help  
you have rendered  
him & bids me send

an extract from one ✓  
of his letters. he says  
"Nothing can exceed the  
kindness & zealous  
aid Col. Pelly has given  
me during the days  
we have been here  
It is quite a pleasure  
to work with such  
an officer." ~~James~~  
~~Andrews~~ J. E. was  
quite sure that

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Stewart would obtain  
valuable help from  
you & would be  
grateful for it - we  
are expecting my  
sister out & therefore  
remain in Bombay  
longer than we should  
otherwise have  
desired - I hope we  
are before long to  
have the pleasure  
of seeing you in

This part of the world  
is of sincere  
Latimer.


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Blackhouse, Ayr,  
Sept<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1885.  
My dear Pelly,  
Your note of the  
27<sup>th</sup> of August reached  
me only this morning  
and as this is the day  
on which you proposed  
to start I fear my  
answer may not  
reach you in time  
to be of any use.

You will not meet  
anyone at Suzelli,  
but you have no  
occasion to remain  
there. You cross the  
lagoon in a boat  
to near Reslet, from  
which place you  
set post horses  
to Schwan.

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The steamers from  
the mouth of the  
Volga touch at  
Petroffskoë, Darbend  
the Bakoo, Lankoran &  
Astera. The three  
intermediate places  
are well worth the  
seeing. I wish you  
a pleasant journey.  
Yours very sincerely  
R. G. Watson

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Many thanks for  
your congratulations  
R.G.W.


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Kurrachee  
23 Oct 1865.

My dear Colonel:-

I am very  
glad to hear of your  
return and write a note  
to welcome you back to  
100° Fahrenheit & all the  
other luxuries of the Persian  
Gulf. I trust you have  
enjoyed your holiday and  
that the trip has braced  
you up for another spell




of your arduous &  
fatiguing duties, -  
We have been  
going on very steadily  
since you left. - [The work  
on the line has increased  
to that extent that another  
line must be constructed  
without loss of time & the  
only feasible route is via  
Gwadar, Brander Abbas,  
Shiraz & Teheran where  
the Russian system

joins air. - Newspapers <sup>(9)</sup> are  
taking from twelve to  
fifteen days between  
England and Kurrachee  
via Constantinople, viz.  
-ly because there are  
twice the number of  
newspapers accepted for  
despatch than can by  
any possibility be sent  
through one wire worked  
by such indifferent signals  
as those in the Ottoman  
offices. - The same  
newspapers via Russia

in 50 hours & they arrive  
very correctly indeed so.  
I do trust that all that  
nonsense about political  
difficulties on the Metran  
Coast side be allowed  
to drop - If Sir Bartle  
would only give me the  
order to join Grouard  
and Bruden - Abbas I  
would finish the whole  
affair before the Shah  
could interfere - I would  
the two Queens, Pop and

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all who have studied the  
subject at all, know that  
to appear in doubt about  
Persian claims or to go  
about making enquiries  
on the subject only does a  
deal of mischief - If  
we were to seek to work an  
extend the line beyond  
Sardine to Bussan Abbas  
the Persians would at  
once join Shiraz and  
the latter place & me




would then have an alter-  
-native and duplicate  
line - the cable would  
carry all the newspapers  
sent & received via Turkey  
and the Russian newspapers  
would all go by aerial  
line - In case either  
failed for a short time  
we would not come to  
a dead stop as at present -  
There is quite enough  
traffic for both routes

8 if the alternative line <sup>(11)</sup>  
is constructed our rates  
might be greatly reduced.  
Champlain writes me  
that he is urging on the  
opening of the Russian  
line but that his Char.  
Wood cannot see the  
necessity of the case!  
Will you kindly let me  
know if you heard any-  
thing about it at home.  
I very much fear  
that the Govt of Bombay  
must think me an infernal

nuisance as I am constantly  
writing in the same strain  
& complaining of the  
impossibility of satisfac-  
= torily performing our work  
under present arrangements  
neither can matters improve  
until the alternative route  
is open. - Then again the  
India Office <sup>the</sup> authorities  
have ignored the systems  
of dealing with the Pers-  
= ian authorities as matured  
by Ad. Stewart & which was  
certainly the most business-like

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arrangement he ever made  
& to which they had fully  
assented - We were to receive  
all the money for Indian  
news-paps both ways & were  
to pay the Porte once a  
quarter after deducting  
all expenses & the refined  
on account of construction  
expenses. - Thus we should  
have had full control over  
all Indian news-paps and  
should have made sure of



our money - This system  
was not adopted & the  
news-papers are left to chance  
& we will whistle for  
payments, besides which  
we cannot check lost &  
mutilated news-papers.


I received a newspaper  
from the Director Genl. Ottoman  
Is at Constantinople  
yesterday in three hours &  
get our latest dates from  
England on the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst! !  
Is not this annoying?

I have one third <sup>(13)</sup>  
of the distance to England  
under my direction & the  
average time occupied  
never exceeds two hours  
for any message or I should  
at once start off & find  
out the cause - the other  
two thirds of the distance  
require twelve days & yet  
the ~~same~~ authorities will  
not see the necessity for the  
alternative line. - My  
division will make a clear  
profit of Rs 75,000 this  
month & if we had two


lines we would clear a  
lac of rupees monthly  
after reducing our charges  
by one fourth.

I fear I have  
quite tired out your patience  
with this telegraphic letter  
but my excuse must be  
that I know what an  
interest you have always  
taken in the enterprise &  
also that your representations  
to Govt. will assist very  
materially in enabling  
them to come to a definite

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decision about the extension  
of the land-line. -  
There is a subject  
of considerable importance  
about which I should feel  
greatly obliged would you  
kindly write to me before  
you leave Bombay & that  
is - how we are to deal  
with Europeans (British  
subjects) who are guilty of  
any serious crime while  
serving in British or  
Persia generally. - From



What Mr. Edwards tells  
me it appears that through  
some over-sight you have  
not been gazetted as  
Consul or Consul-General  
at Bombay or the matter  
would be much simplified.  
For instance a signaller  
lately committed forgery  
at Bombay - the evidence  
was quite clear & the man  
afterwards acknowledged  
that he was guilty - but I

could only get rid of him<sup>(15)</sup>  
at once. — I had no means  
whatev'er of punishing him.  
If his consular authority  
you might have made him  
a prisoner & sent him to  
Bombay for trial. — There  
are so many rapallers  
now in Persia that it would  
be as well if this matter  
was placed on a proper footing.  
I wrote in to Gov. a  
short time ago suggesting that  
we should build an office  
at Bushire on the same terms

as we erected that at Fas  
for the Turkish fort. but as  
I hope to meet you before  
long I will not go into the  
subject now. I intend to  
visit the Gulf before the  
end of the year. - I am only  
awaiting the arrival of  
some stones from England.  
I do not know of  
any British vessels to find  
you. - Mr. Edwards has been  
most attentive and obliging  
during your absence. -  
Believe me your's sincerely  
H. Izaak Walton  
 Lt. Lewis Pelly  
 9th Dec 7

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Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1865  
My dear Sir,  
I write a few lines by the  
outgoing steamer to mention that  
Mrs. "Severn" arrived here a day  
or two after the departure of  
the "Mercury". Commodore Montresor  
has prepared himself ready to  
cooperate with the Bombay Govt  
in any way which the Genl. may  
order. He has summoned two of  
his Steam Tenders to join him from  
Puncomalee, and will despatch one  
of these to Muscat. Meanwhile  
he is reading up the correspondence  
regarding the position of affairs  
in Oman, so as I suppose to give



Commencement of the  
 The screen is about to return  
 to England.

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his own instructions to the Commander  
 of the Cruiser which may be sent up  
 to your assistance.

Your first report from Amoy  
 has just been delivered. The seizure  
 of Beccinee by the Sultan would  
 give him a splendid strategic  
 position, but he would incur the  
 undying hatred of the Wahabees  
 for taking this cherished possession  
 of theirs - and Showenee would  
 have to prepare for war to the  
 knife. Having once got him there,  
 the British Gov will have to support  
 him effectually to enable him  
 to ~~retain~~ <sup>maintain</sup> his hold on the place.  
 Guns & Ammunition will always  
 be forthcoming but not money.  
 The pretensions of Fyong to  
 ... man is on a



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Bombay  
19<sup>th</sup> Feb/66.

My dear Sir,

I write to explain, with  
ref<sup>er</sup> to the supply of two Wheel  
Hoses requested from the  
Precision Mill, that the word  
'agent' used in the official  
letter merely designated a  
servant for the purpose of  
taking care of the Consignment.  
Of course the supply could  
only be made thro' the  
influence of J. Franks perhaps  
it would be well were you  
kind to send an intelligen-  
t person in charge giving say a  
months' notice beforehand

in order that the experimental  
manning which it is proposed  
to form may be put under  
an eye.

In my opinion that I went  
to Cayton for the purpose of  
getting a supply of lead but  
failed owing to the exhaustion  
of the beds.

To keep the system which it  
would be necessary to have  
shallowish tubs, with large  
holes at top for air, well secured  
with salt water keelband,  
and with bumps at bottom to  
admit of the water being changed  
daily. For many systems  
in fact but would be fatal,  
and need as you know

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is injurious. Even changing  
the water constant if it  
would be a good precaution  
to use a syringe every 2 or 3  
hours.

I trouble you with the above  
detail as the cause each  
of a recent importation  
of a few *Samachet* *Bekes*.

If you could also add  
a small specimen of the  
insects of which the larvae  
are composed I should feel  
much indebted to you.

Perhaps you are not  
aware that the *Sy* for the  
*Cobria* has recently sent  
out a <sup>margin</sup> letter about to  
Caylen. I have sent him a  
copy of your letter in the

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Naher beds, and I am sure  
we would be very grateful  
for any specimens you could  
spare of the shells you are  
collecting. (See Holdsworth's  
Catalogue of the Ceylon  
Gulf Corals in the same  
title address.)  
Colonel Lewis Pelly  
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Believe me  
yours truly  
H. E. Jacomb  
P.S. A pre-arranged parcel  
in the Persian Gulf is  
sent by the same ship

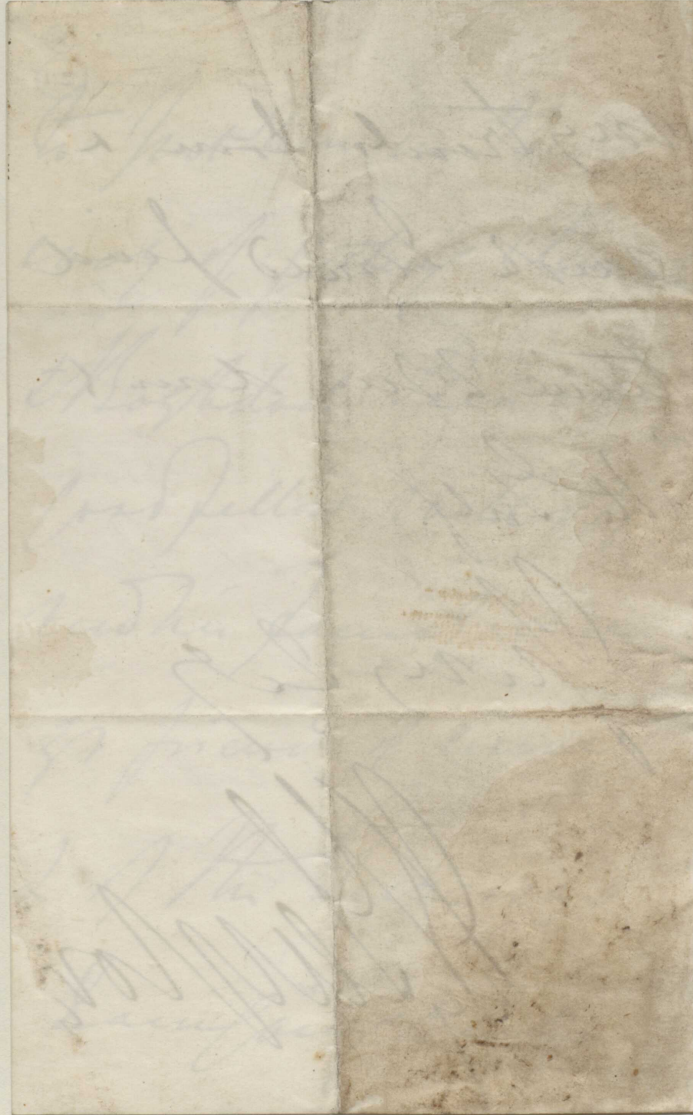
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Guzeroon  
March 27<sup>th</sup> 1851  
My dear Pelly  
Allow me to introduce  
to my friend Mr.  
R. Helme who is on  
Sporting and general  
improvement tour.  
Pray be kind enough

To put him in the way  
of getting Bush  
Kashdad. His away  
good fellow well  
and his family are  
of friends of mine  
& of the Gurneys.  
I am going to be in

Letter from Henry? Taylor, Guzeroon [Kāzerūn?] to Colonel Lewis Pelly [21r]  
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my trouble some &  
I wish I could find  
time to see you &  
the Gulf.  
Yours truly  
Henry Taylor

Letter from Henry? Taylor, Guzeroom [Kāzerūn?] to Colonel Lewis Pelly [21v]  
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John (22)  
25<sup>th</sup> March 68

My dear Sir

I am all right  
this morning - I'll try to  
write you soon and also  
tell Mr. Smith the  
news. I was off the 25<sup>th</sup>  
last night and have  
not been in the States  
been any certainty of your  
coming, but the Lord is your  
right. Perhaps I shall see  
you might you see her here  
and in the centre of Arabia.  
I wanted ten days - whether  
P. S. I. had. Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 68

a wish that I should be off  
Sharp as there was a very  
junior officer in charge -  
I send Ajilo's telegram that  
you had arrived - but I had not  
in hand - I had as I should  
have been to see you -  
I am that you had been for some  
time with the troops with  
a whole skin, and I should  
be glad to see you here  
and to see you again by  
putting every thing to rights at  
Dussak - I will stand for  
a "face" which will show  
you of service to you - I  
believe rightly of you you  
are some time ago -

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Is there any chance for  
me copying those 12 sheets  
to Moscow? I should anything  
like a large sum but I  
should like to see for it.  
What have you done in the way  
of Natural History? I suppose  
you have and mind how  
has much occupied with  
matters of your day  
more for science. How  
do you get on any shells for  
me? I suppose there is little  
plenty and I am sure you will  
take care of them for me.  
As is I believe at present  
they have not yet got up  
his mind to me. He  
left Moscow I am afraid.

My Nils has a few post-arrived  
things he started from Khounduk  
at the same time but did not  
the important Pishes books  
which had come out of a flour  
-mill. I fully expected them  
of his being scuttled up by one  
of the rangers which I saw  
on the road.

There are lots of letters for  
me to right old days &  
journal of the present.  
Write as often as you can  
and with much love to  
the Hojels even believe  
I am your aff. brother

S. Pelly

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Kurrachee.  
30<sup>th</sup> March 1886.

My dear Pelly-

I have heard that  
there is little chance of  
Sir Bowles' return to India.  
If this is true do you  
think I should have any  
chance of getting the  
Appointment -

My present brother is  
a very good one for an

an ambitious man, but  
does not suit my restless  
disposition & love of travel.

I have been in bad  
health for some time, chiefly  
the effect of stagnation,  
but should get all right  
quickly if I could get a  
bath with sufficient mineral  
& responsibility to make me

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Want ones own individuality -

At present I am nothing  
but a clerk, blunter of Gold  
lace, but with too many  
Masters have an opinion  
of my own.

China - I don't care about  
a lonely life I prefer, so  
if I succeeded in getting  
any thing in Persia, Arabia  
or any where out of India

I should be happy.

It is hardly fair to  
trouble you as you must  
have so much to bother you  
most now, but if you can  
find time to send me a line,  
I shall feel greatly obliged -

With kindest regards from  
your wife & children  
I am, dear Mr.  
Ronald Campbell.

Bombay 15<sup>th</sup> April 1866. <sup>(26)</sup>  
My dear Pelly  
I saw Sir Parthe Lore  
on Thursday last when I  
mentioned to him the  
conversation we had on the  
morning the day you left. He  
said he had not the slightest  
objection to the arrangement  
and that he would <sup>wish</sup> you had  
people about you in Persia  
in whom you thought you  
could place reliance at the  
same time he feared that

perhaps the Medical Authorities  
might object to my being  
taken out of the department  
(Med<sup>l</sup>) on account of the present  
paucity of Medical Officers  
but that this might be managed  
by putting me in order to  
perform the duties of Residency  
Surgeon in addition to those of  
Assistant, for a month or so.  
\* When quietly installed in  
the appointment of Assistant  
Resident & Residency  
Surgeon might be appointed in

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I told him that if such an  
arrangement was made I would  
willingly undertake the extra  
duties for term: if you had  
no objection -  
So the matter stands, he has  
promised me that no steps  
will be taken to fill the  
appointment until he hears  
from you -  
We had a letter from Turle  
today he is quite well & seems  
to pass a very jolly life up at  
Orhow - out at parties nearly  
every night in the week & never  
in bed before 1 o'clock in the morning

We had your brother Augustus  
in here for a day or two last  
week, he is not at all well  
either in body or mind -  
Mr Pelly is, to judge from her  
letters to Betty, wearing in health  
& spirits, probably because she  
cannot find anyone to sympathize  
with her ailments real or  
supposed -  
I hope you have found everything  
going on straight in the July  
& will be able to return next  
month as you expected.  
Yours very sincerely  
A. N. Hojel

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Office of the Superintendent of Marine,  
Bombay, May 15 1866

My dear Colonel Pelly

The Clyde sailed for  
Mussorie on Sunday, May 7. -  
I had no steamer available or would  
have given her a tow some 200  
300 miles into offing - She is fitted  
up with the best new screened Coal  
& 10 Tons of Oil in addition which  
I reckon should steam her 900. -  
Her Captain W. Miller appears an  
intelligent Seaman & has orders  
with the engine to make all the  
use he can of his sails. - I  
was unable to give her an European  
Crew they are so scarce & both

as soon as they can - So I suggested to  
a Guard of 1 Mate & 9 Privates - for  
with the Sarsar Crew - the officer the  
Engineer & Quarter Master could  
work the fire if required - the

The single Rose sails in a day  
or so for Guader. - I send you  
your Dredges by mail steamer - also  
stores for Comet & Biscuits - I  
have been able to send you 1000  
Tons of coal to Baddore

300 Tons in Buffalows  
500 " in French Bourque  
200 " in Buffalows

Several people applied to know of  
I could supply them with the 100

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ted I was for their next mail steamer  
- from Bassadore Stock - I told them  
they must apply to you - they  
d can now coal there in six weeks  
they say - our stock here is out  
& I am just able to borrow too  
d I was from P. & O. Company. -  
to Both the gunboats have been  
put in the rough repair & steamer  
better than I see ever before  
since then - the "Screened"  
Coal is I think the best &  
the Coke will be a very good  
addition - A supply of food  
direct from England & beef has  
I believe been ordered by the  
Government. -

Letter from George T Robinson, Office of the Superintendent of Marine, Bombay to  
Lewis Pelly [29v] (4/4)

My Coat & Pleasent here - with  
J. W. & W. J. W. Woids to W. W.  
Watters of Seale. -  
Believe me  
my dear Colonel Pelly  
Yours very truly  
Geo. T. Robinson

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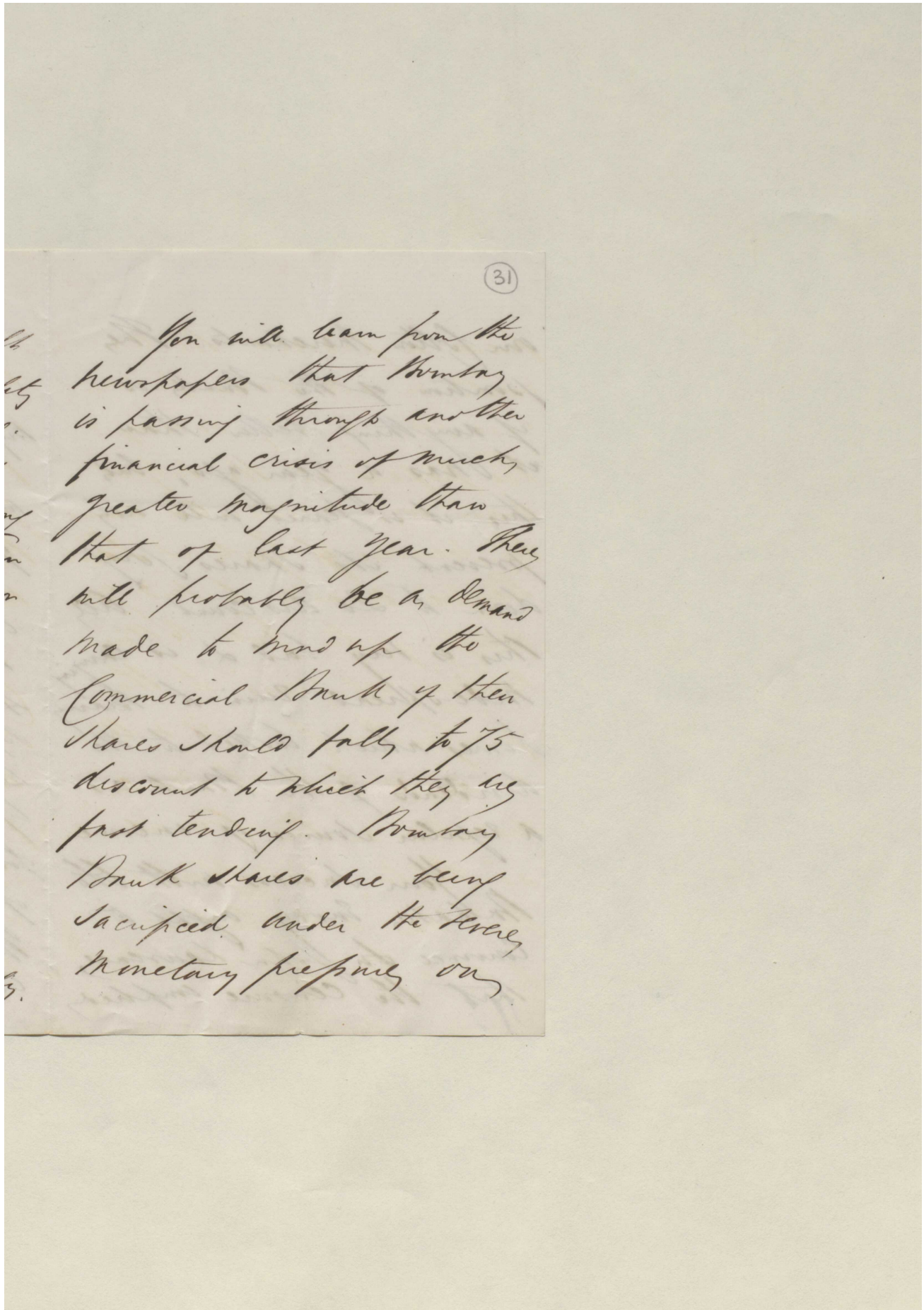
Bombay  
17<sup>th</sup> May 1866.

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your  
welcome note of the 25<sup>th</sup> ultimo.

Your letter vindicating your proceedings  
in the Persian Gulf from the  
closure of the Gut of India was  
only forwarded to Simla on the  
4<sup>th</sup> instant. It was strongly  
supported by His the Governor, who  
held that the measures adopted  
by you were warranted by the  
your instructions & the traditions  
of your office, & that but for  
the Murder of Shownee, a  
Crime which you could not

foresee or prevent, the results  
would in all human probability  
have been highly successful.  
The papers on the subject  
have been re-circulated among  
the members of Govt & I am  
therefore unable to send you  
a copy of the Govt. Order  
handing up yours to the  
Govt. Govt. inf. It will  
no doubt lead to some  
discussion in the Council  
at Simla, & sufficient  
time has not elapsed  
to obtain the Govt's reply.



(31)  
You will learn from the  
newspapers that Bombay  
is passing through another  
financial crisis of much  
greater magnitude than  
that of last year. There  
will probably be a demand  
made to wind up the  
Commercial Bank if their  
shares should fall to 75  
discount to which they are  
fast tending. Bombay  
Bank shares are being  
sacrificed under the severe  
monetary pressure on

our fellow Merchants. The  
position of the Bank is  
if anything better than  
it was a year ago, but  
this it is feared will not  
prevent its shares going  
down to 20 discount. Altho  
this is very bad & is causing  
wide-spread ruin to many  
homes which looked to the  
dividends of the Bank as  
a regular source of income.  
Your success with the  
Mahabes Envy ought to  
convince Sir John Lawrence  
that the course implied

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in his Secretary Mr. Pelly's  
letter is wholly unmentio-  
ned apart from the fact that  
your services in the Political  
Dept have been more ~~than~~  
distinguished than those of  
any other office on this  
side of India.

No reply has yet  
come from the Raja of  
Puthala about the horses.

Your letter on Bahrein  
affairs has been allowed  
to lie in I fear in one  
of the pigeon-holes of the

Governor's death, with a  
few other letters which  
continue undisposed of. We  
have asked <sup>you</sup> for duplicates  
of them. In such a poor  
portion of our records ~~now~~  
~~are~~ relating to Amusat affairs  
remained still in the hands  
of His Excellency, & he has  
put to a great deal of  
inconvenience on the arrival  
of every Persian mail by  
the references made by you  
to letters & proceedings which  
are not forthcoming.

(33)

Colonel Disbrow has been recommended to go on leave - but what his intentions are we know not. Mr. Nozani will no doubt arrange for the removal of his kit &c. which the Govt. is anxious to see effected.

Colonel Goldmid returned from Simla a few days ago and is now on a visit to the Govern at Mahabeshwar. He is describing the

practicability of a line of  
telegraphs via Bunder  
Aban & Keenan. Major  
Smith who accompanied him  
to Simla leaves by the  
steamer to-day for Bushire  
& Zepheran.

I shall not fail to  
telegraph to you about  
the horses as soon as the  
Major's answer comes.

Hoping your health  
is not suffering from the trying  
weather in the Gulf  
I remain  
Yrs very faithfully  
Patrick Ryan

No. 1  
Bombay 10<sup>th</sup> May 1861 (34)

My dear Sir -

Will you be kind enough  
to place my name before H. E.  
The Governor as an applicant  
for the Appointment of 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant  
to H. E.'s Political Agent in the  
Persian Gulf?

Should any difficulty  
arise on the score of my being a  
Medical Officer, perhaps you would  
be good enough to inform His  
Excellency that as the duties of  
the Presidency Surgeon in the Gulf  
are comparatively light, I would  
be glad (Should H. E. deem it fit)

to perform ~~them~~ <sup>in</sup> addition to those of the Substantive  
Appointment of Assistant to the  
Political Agent, until another  
Medical <sup>Man</sup> is available.

In Conclusion may I ask  
the favor of an early reply, because  
if His Excellency the Governor is  
disposed to look favorably on my  
application I would make  
preparations for sending my  
family <sup>from</sup> and join the Appointment  
before the monsoon sets in —

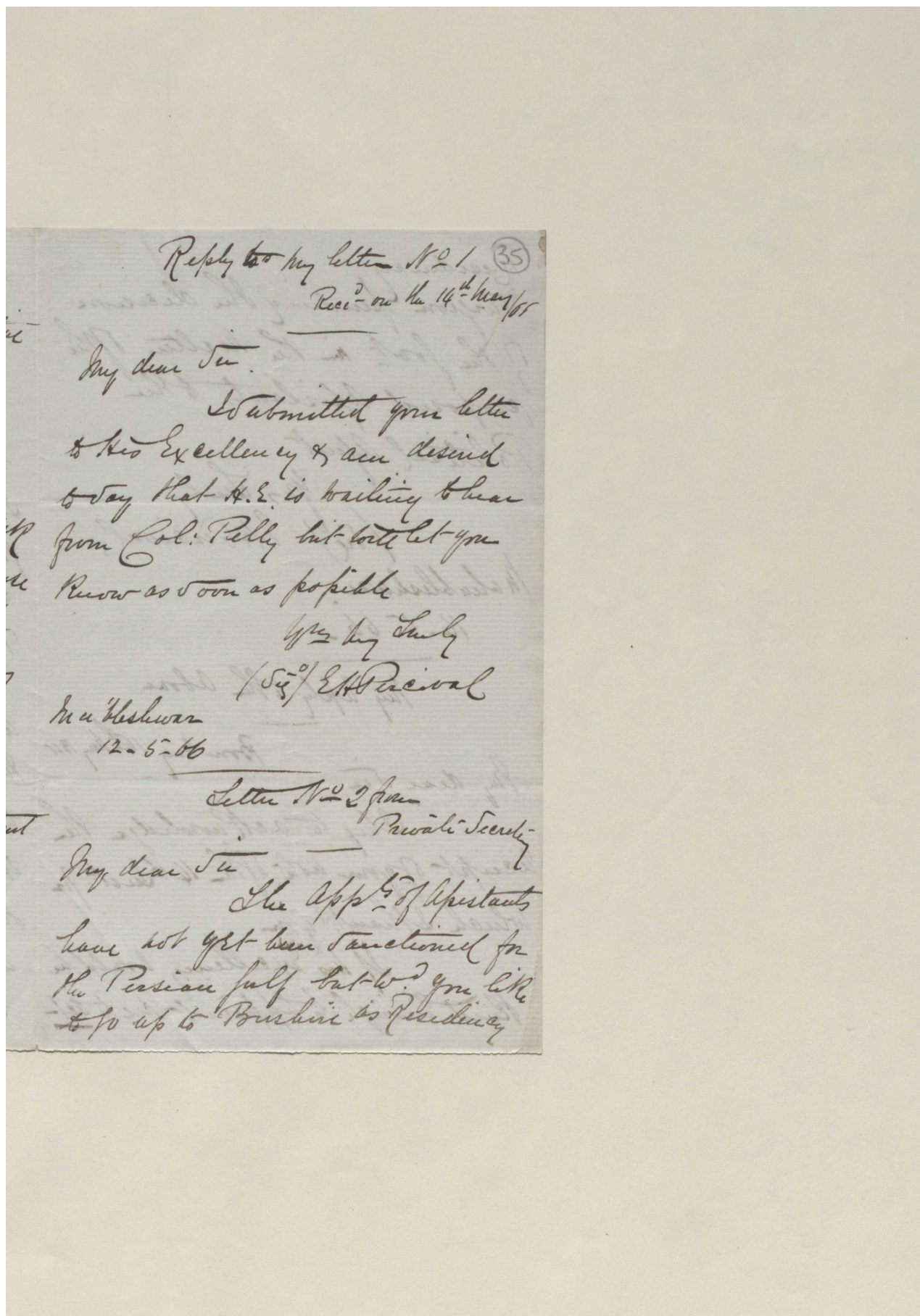
Believe me

My dear Sir

Yours Truly

The Private Secretary (Sg<sup>d</sup>) A. N. Hojel  
to H. E. the Gov<sup>r</sup>

Letter from Abraham Nickson Hojel, Bombay to Edward Hope Percival, Private Secretary to the Governor of Bombay [35r] (3/8)



Residuary  
Surgeon pending the decision  
of the Govt in the matter of the  
proposed Assistant to the  
Political Agent  
Yrs Truly  
(Sd) E Hope Percival  
Malabeshwar  
14.5.66

My reply to the above  
Bombay 16<sup>th</sup> May 1866

My dear Sir  
I beg to acknowledge the  
receipt of your note of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst: for  
which I thank you  
If His Excellency would be  
kind enough to appoint me to dep-

act  
as Presidency Surgeon at Pashin <sup>(36)</sup>  
I should like very much to go up  
to the Persian Gulf with the hope  
of getting one of the Apistantships  
when they are sanctioned - But  
were I to be forgotten to the Presidency  
Surgeon as a permanent thing  
I would have to give up any substitute  
appointments in Bombay altogether  
whereby I would be a considerable  
loss in a pecuniary point of view  
if I did not succeed to the Apistant  
Presidency at some future period -  
If His Excellency is  
disposed to confer the appointment  
of Acting Presidency Surgeon on  
me perhaps he would be kind enough

enough  
to have it stated in the order  
appointing me, that I am to proceed  
to join the appointment at the  
"Public Expense" - as I would be going  
to take up employment - the documents  
of which will be less than those I  
am already in receipt of -

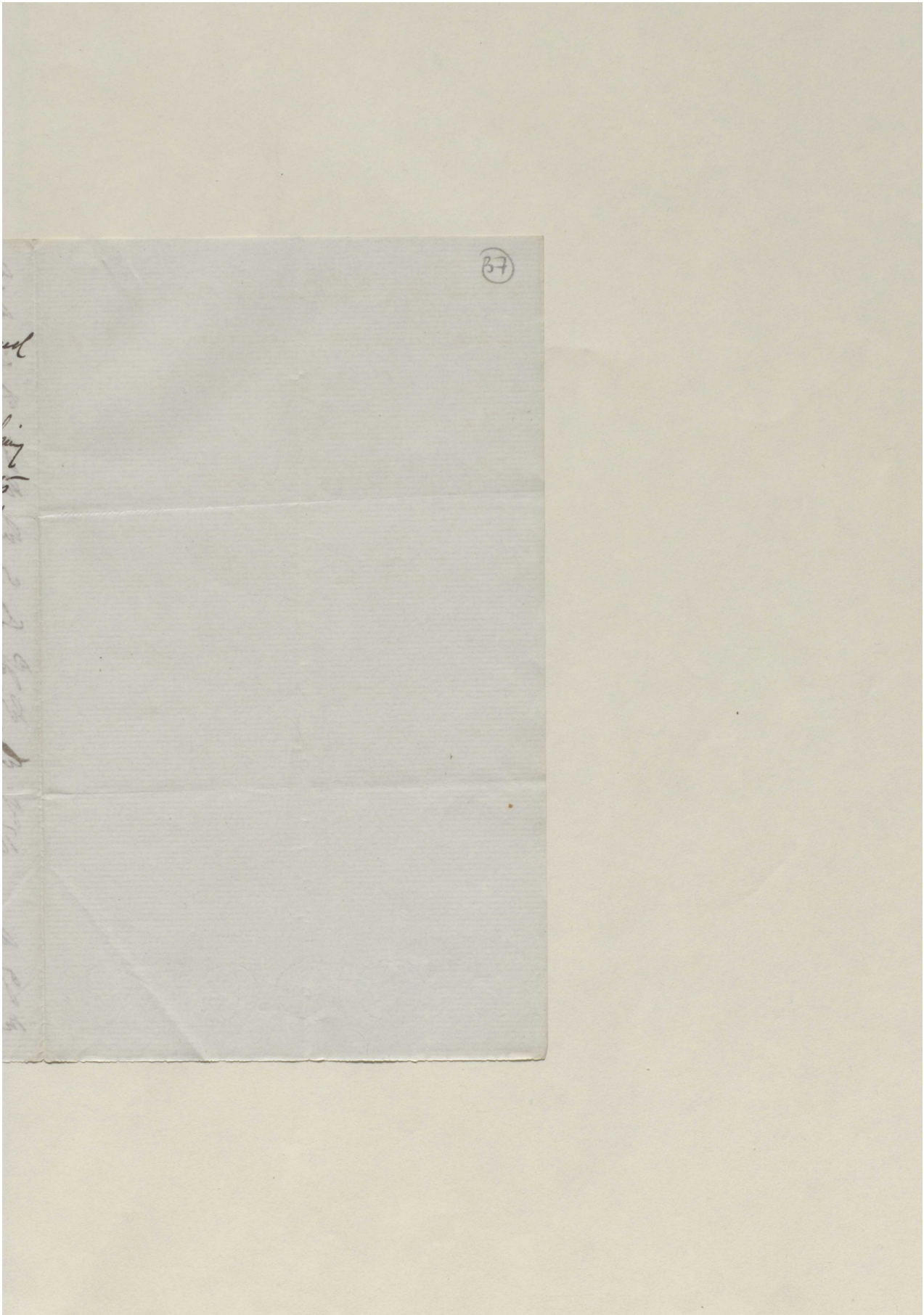
Believe me

Yours Truly

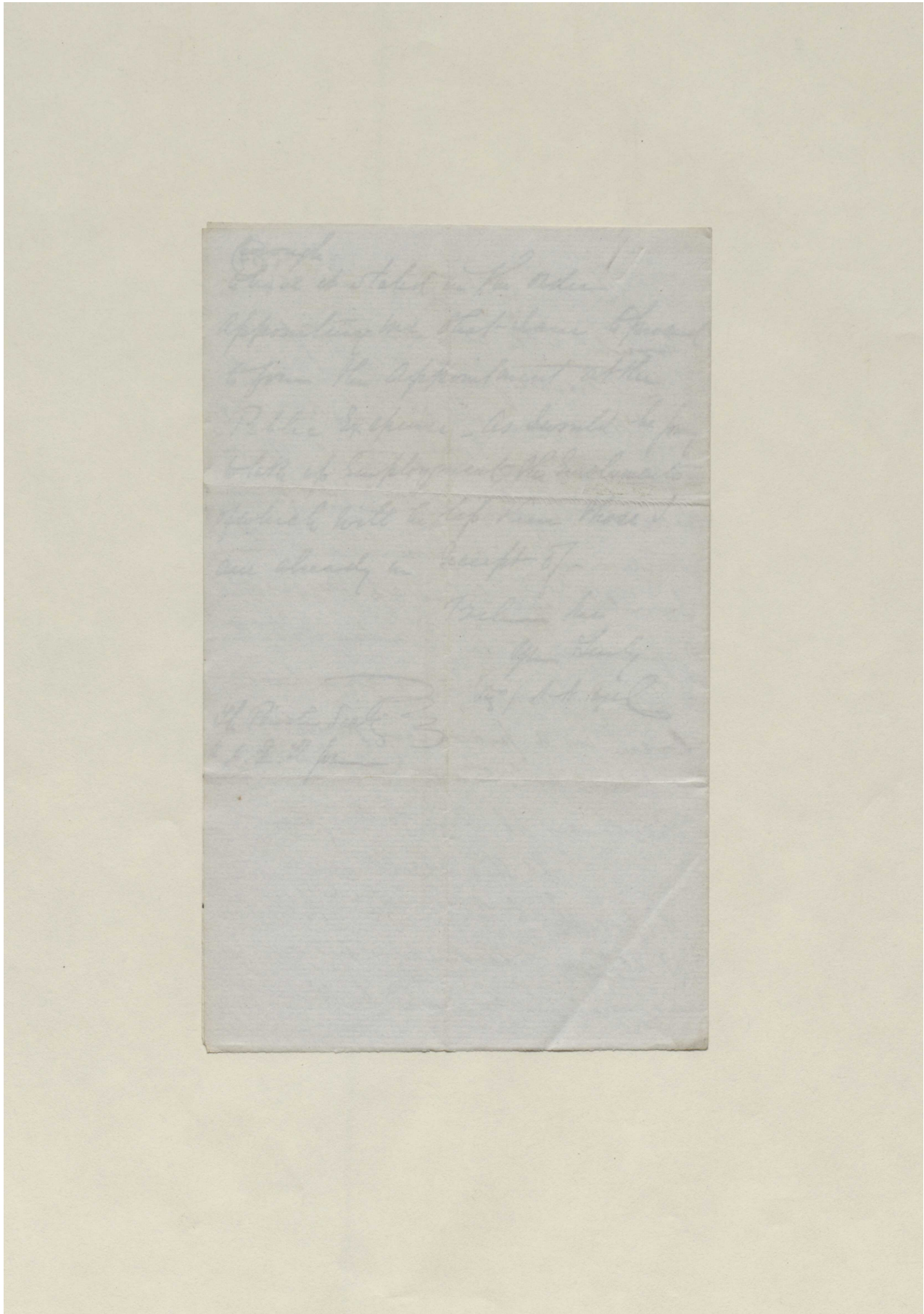
Edw. H. Percival

The Private Secy  
to H. E. the Govr

Letter from Abraham Nickson Hojel, Bombay to Edward Hope Percival, Private  
Secretary to the Governor of Bombay [37r] (7/8)



Letter from Abraham Nickson Hojel, Bombay to Edward Hope Percival, Private Secretary to the Governor of Bombay [37v] (8/8)



(38)  
Office of the Superintendent of Marine.  
Bombay. May 24 1866  
My dear Colonel Pelly  
The gunboat H. Rose  
left this for Guader on afternoon  
of 22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in tow of the  
Dalhousie which Ketch has  
only just arrived from Rurnah,  
I told Captain Beville to tow  
her out into a good offing  
whick up the S. W. winds  
now reported blowing moderately  
down this about 150- to 180  
miles of Bombay - so as to

Letter from George T Robinson, Office of the Superintendent of Marine, Bombay to  
Colonel Lewis Pelly [38v] (2/4)

enable the Subast being sel  
Kurrachee under her Sa. was  
I have asked Captain Pdes to two  
give you immediate information ke  
of the arrival of either - They you  
have both been thoroughly re- any  
-filled - I have had great the  
trouble to pick up officers & sub  
Crew & have taken many pains to  
to secure the best material a w  
in my power - So as to save  
troubles hereafter - to this the  
and also are their inquiries for  
the

selected - They ought not <sup>(39)</sup>  
want refitting for another  
two years and might be  
ators kept at their stations, unless  
you wish them put down &  
any changes effected by  
the steamer visiting the  
Gulf - They are unsatisfactory  
vessels to have to do with in  
a nautical point of view.  
Niols' people told me  
they expect plenty of coal  
for the Gulf - I suggested  
they should ask your

permission to land it at Rassadore  
until Mescat is opened -

Bombay is suffering from  
Coal Scarcity 48 to 53 tns per

Ton. - We are quite out -

borrowing from P & O. - Bad

policy to keep Government stocks

so low - Your Coal in Gulf ought

never in all ports to be under

1000 Tons - & ours in Bombay

5000 Tons. -

Always glad to meet your  
wishes in anything you want  
done -

Believe me  
yours very truly

Geo T Robinson

Bombay 4<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 11

My dear Pelly

It is not my fault  
that I am not a passenger  
by the steamer which  
brought this letter to you.

Since I last wrote to  
you I have been asked  
by the private Secretary  
if I would like to go to the  
fall as Residency Surgeon  
and so and "yes very much"

But I have heard nothing  
further about it since, &  
fancy the Governor is so  
busy that he has forgotten  
all about it - but I suppose  
it will all come right in  
the long run -  
Kitty went home by  
last mail (24<sup>th</sup> ult:) and  
I suppose is well high  
Sunday by this time -  
The Governor has

just now Commenced (41)  
(6 a.m.) - You will see by  
the papers the Monetary price  
that exists - Bombay just  
now -  
Yours Sincerely  
A. N. Hojel



Bombay 10<sup>th</sup> June 1865 (42)  
My dear Pelly -  
I have just learned  
that the Mail Steamer for  
the Gulf leaves today. So I  
thought I would drop you  
a line to let you know  
that I was in orders on the  
6<sup>th</sup> Inst. to officiate as Civil  
Surgeon at Bushire until  
further orders. I wish to

Stedman who is at home & to whom he  
has written ~~to~~ asking them to come out  
at once, but he cannot well expect an  
answer for two months. I intend going  
up to Poona for a few days next week  
to thank the Genl for the Appt<sup>n</sup> & will  
at the same time ask his permission  
to join it -  
Yours very sincerely  
A. N. Hojel

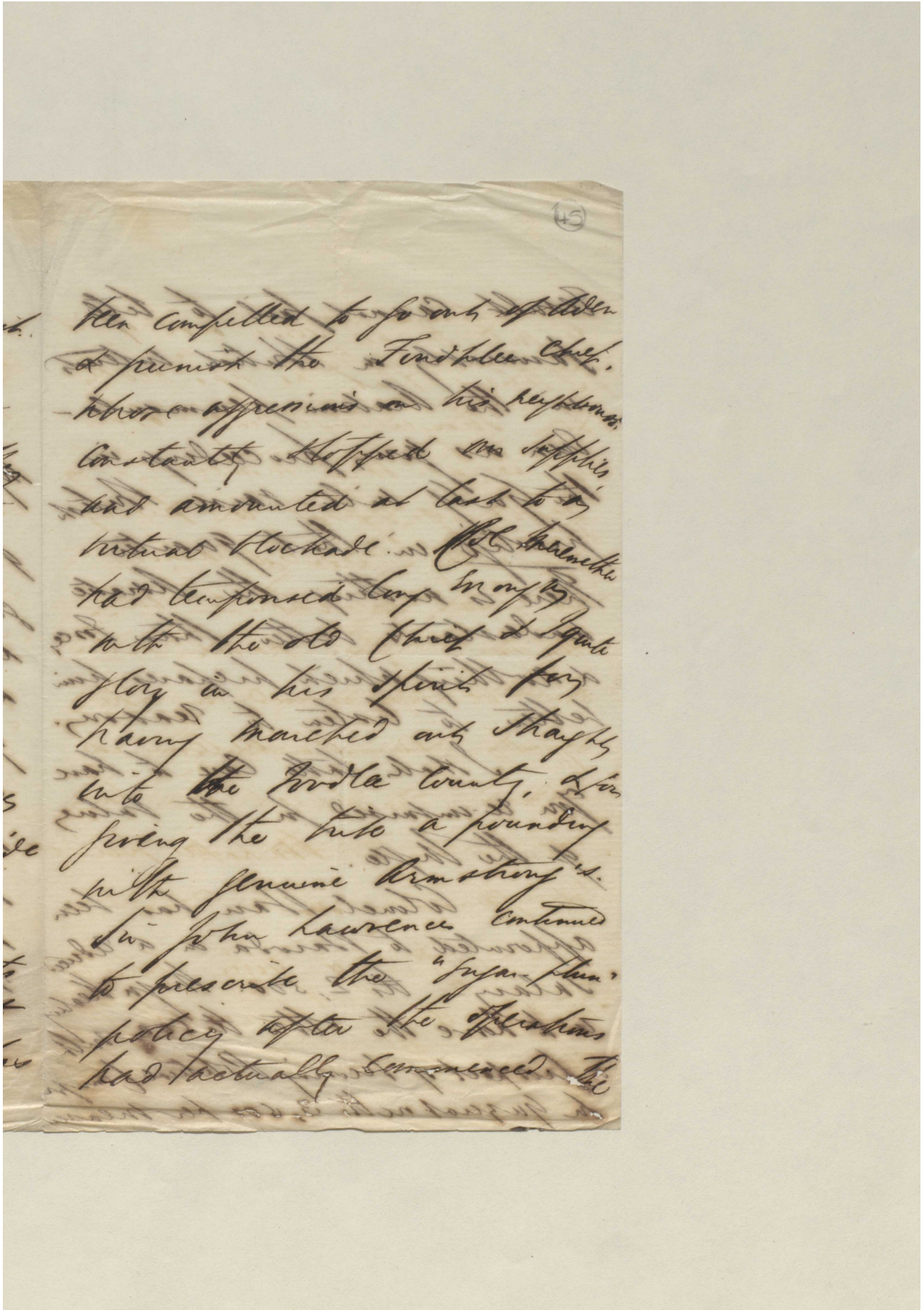
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I join you by this mail, but the  
Medical Authorities will  
not let me go, as they say  
they cannot get any one  
to take my place, but this  
must be all nonsense, as  
from a service like ours there  
must be many men who  
would be competent to hold  
the appointment; but the fact  
I believe is that the President  
of the College wants me to  
keep the berth warm for

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Dear Sir,  
I received your very kind letter of the  
9<sup>th</sup> January and am glad to learn from your reports that  
no serious blow is to be struck  
at the Mahabes on the coast.  
Your proceedings at Mahabes have  
created quite a sensation among  
the Port merchants of Bombay.  
The moral effect will be complete  
when they learn that the  
Mahabes boats have been cancelled.  
Avenge's opportunity has now  
come & it is to be hoped that

he will make some use of it.  
I believe that he has never  
been stronger politically than  
he is at this moment. The  
death of Jervis is pretty  
generally credited among  
the best merchants in  
Bombay. Your name will  
long be remembered in the  
Gulf for the determined  
manner in which you have  
dealt with the Mahata pride  
& factionism.  
Copies of your reports  
will be duly forwarded to  
Colonel Mervin. We have

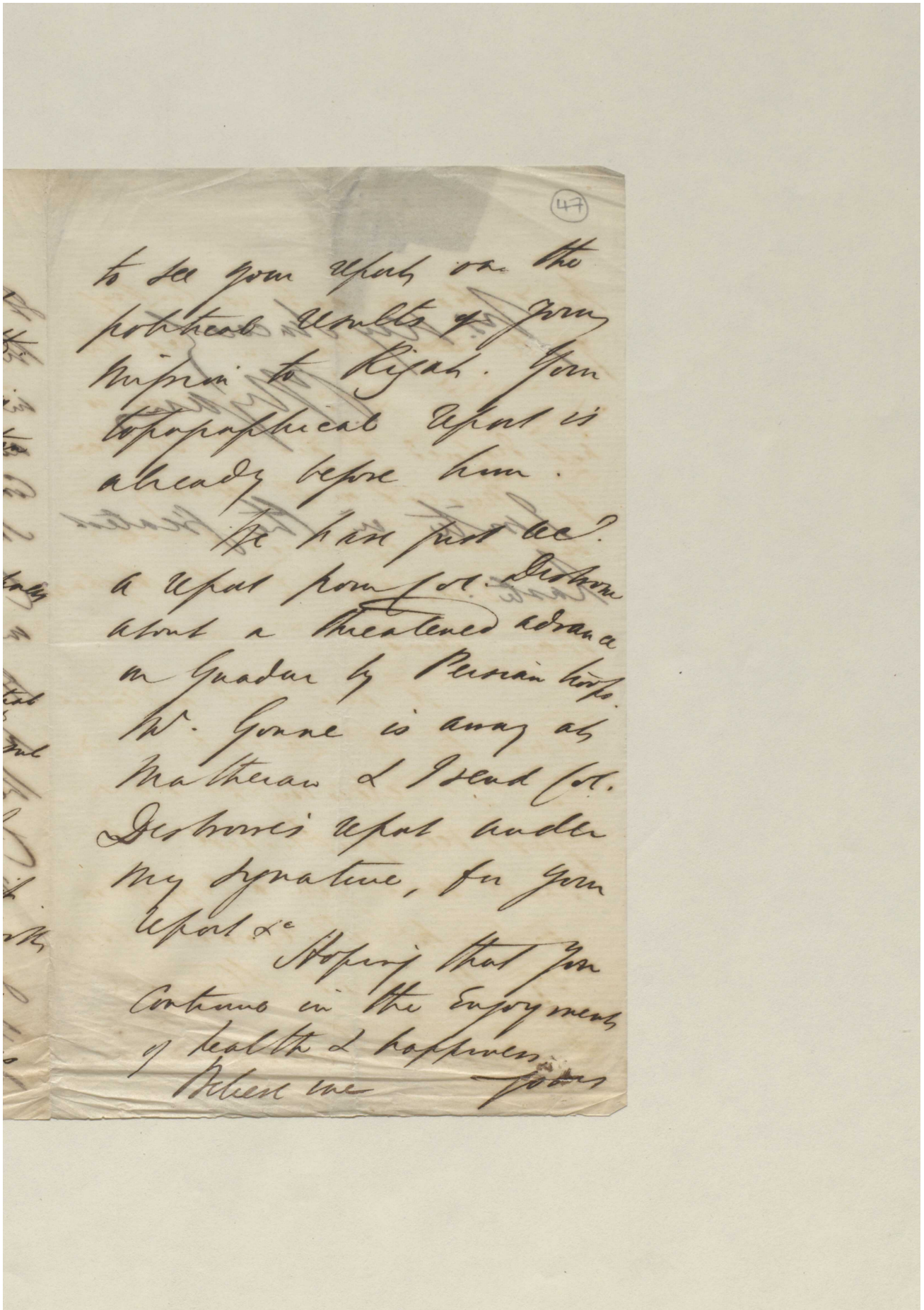


Small cannot fail to tell  
favorably on Dutch interests  
in the Arabian peninsula -  
Over as your proceedings in  
the Gulf will raise Dutch  
precepts in that quarter.  
There is nothing the Senate  
understands better than to see  
a doer thing which prepares him  
better to listen to reason.  
I shall take care to have  
you reimbursed in the value  
of the paper.  
Colonel Van has been  
appointed to Maroda on a reduced  
Salary of £2,500. Major Keating  
is to have the other £500 with  
a prospect of becoming Political Comptroller  
in Gujarat on £3,500 per Annum.

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It is doubtful however whether  
this highly paid appointment  
with the contractors, especially  
as it is fettered with the  
condition of making Hawday  
intermediate to the Political  
Commission whose head quarters  
will be in Kattywar. They  
Anne Govt will not listen  
to this arrangement, while  
the Govt is as the leading  
Chief in Western India, would  
resent it if it had not  
been made. It is a pity that  
Governor's visits to whom  
that hotbed of the Holy Land  
Lady Pelly arrived by the last

that steamer and is looking  
quite renovated in health  
for John Lawrence is  
not disposed to aid the Sultan  
of Muscat with the money  
but ~~the~~ appears to be  
more inclined to his ~~benefit~~  
than guns.  
A new work on ~~the~~  
and by the ~~author~~ <sup>subject</sup> ~~of~~  
at Petersburg has  
just been published. I  
shall send you a copy of it  
with Mr. Polignac's book  
by the next steamer.  
The Secretary



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Mr. Pelly  
Bombay  
Dear Sir  
I have the pleasure  
to inform you  
that the  
letter of the 14th  
inst. has been  
received  
and the  
same is  
now  
under  
consideration  
of the  
Board  
of Directors  
of the  
Company  
and  
it is  
hoped  
that  
it will  
be  
approved  
in due  
time  
I am  
Dear Sir  
Yours  
Very  
Obedtly  
Patrick Ryan

F.O.  
July 4/68

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Dear Mr. Pelly,

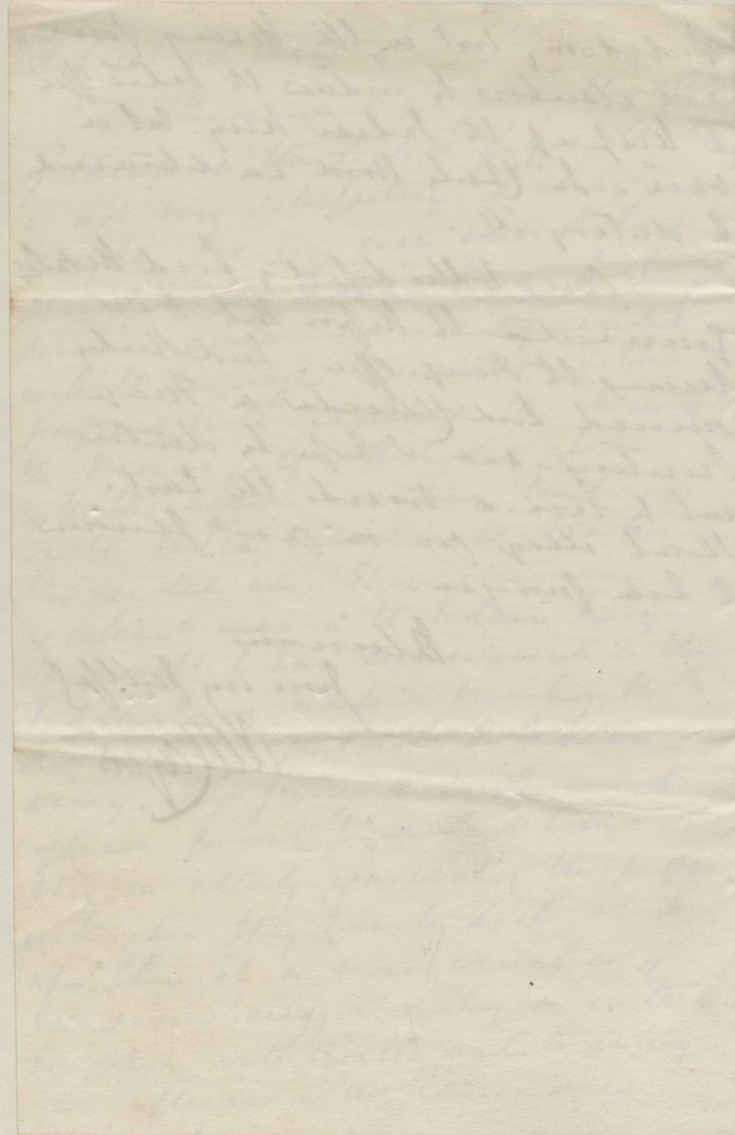
I am very much obliged to you for your very interesting letter and the Memorandum about Kellogg. I showed them to Lord Curzon and to Mr. Chamberlain & Mr. Robinson as you requested - The statements you see are all the other show that there is truth in Kellogg's account of his trial - After that may be a good deal of exaggeration and book-making. He appears to have lived as a Mohammedan and is depicted as one who under attack venturing very viciously for being done the same thing - His new duty to return to England, and the fact received a kind of promise of employment from Lord Curzon - But now that we are short of office and Lord Stanley succeeds to the Foreign Office I do not know whether to

with out anything -

The account regarding the state  
of things in the Persian Gulf & Arabian  
is not very satisfactory. I always  
thought it a very great error to have  
abolished the Indian Navy. Especial  
service, containing necessary  
with the Europeans, mission of the  
people & tribes inhabiting the shores  
of the Persian Gulf & Red Sea, not  
with the various countries bordering  
on the Indian Ocean, would be  
the greatest one. There are many  
valuable men in the Indian Navy -  
They ought to have been retained in the  
Indian Navy under the command of the  
Royal Navy - just like the Indian  
army. Now many of the experienced  
officers go out for short times -  
they are utterly ignorant of the people  
with whom they have to deal, & look  
upon them as a mere variety of  
the same 'nigger' - they encounter  
so often into trouble and to destroy  
our influence in the Eastern seas.

I did my best in the Turkey Commission  
and elsewhere to induce the Indian Office  
to keep up the Indian Navy. but in  
vain - Sir Charles Wood was determined  
to destroy it.  
Owing to the defect of Lord Salisbury's  
Government the Reform Bill I was  
leaving the Foreign Office - Lord Salisbury  
succeeded Lord Curzon as Foreign  
Secretary, and I I pushed attention  
was returned towards the East.  
I went down in my great pleasure  
to hear from you -  
Believe me  
Yours very truly  
Austen Henry Layard

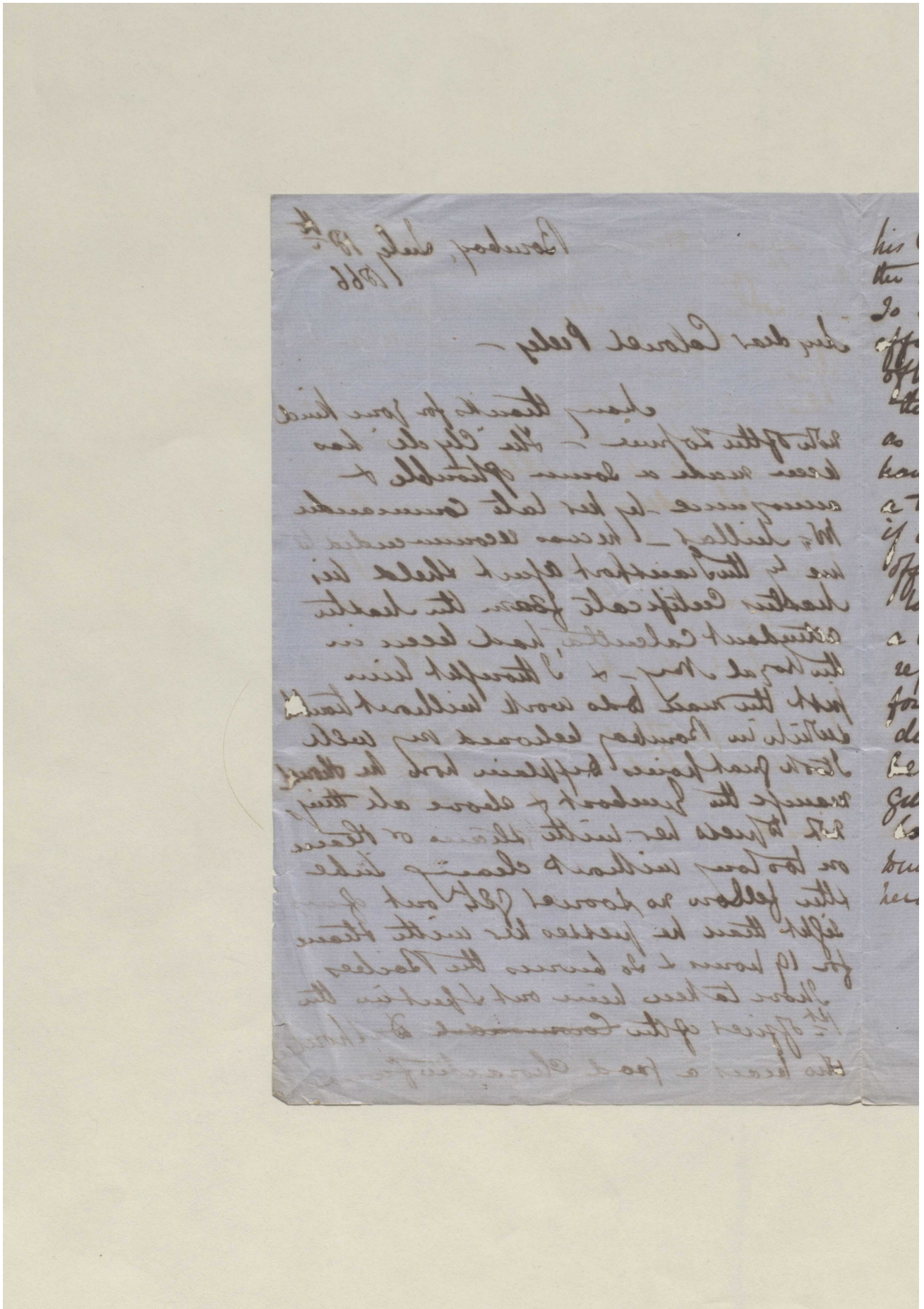
Letter from Austen Henry Layard, Foreign Office to Colonel Lewis Pelly [49v]  
(4/4)



Bombay, July 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

My dear Colonel Pelly -

Many thanks for your kind note of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst - The 'Clyde' has been made a source of trouble & annoyance by her late Commander Mr. Seiler - he was recommended to me by the Transport Agent & held his Master Certificate from the Master attendant Calcutta, had been in the Royal Navy - & I thought him just the man to do work without trouble & which in Bombay behoved my well I took great pains to explain how he should manage the Greenock & above all things not to press her with steam or keel on too long without clearing the after fellow no sooner get out of my sight than he presses her with steam for 19 hours & so buries the Boilers I have taken him out & put in the 1<sup>st</sup> officer of the Commodore Dalhousie who bears a good Character from



his Captain (Hewitt) I have also taken <sup>(51)</sup>  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Officer out of the in another  
So I hope now, she will be found  
efficient for the Service you require  
of her - I am very much annoyed  
that all this should have occurred  
as I so wished both the Embarks to  
have proved serviceable to you - such  
a trouble & disappointment - I think  
if we could resume employment to  
Officers of the Merchant Service for  
longer periods - we could obtain  
a better class than now offer - I  
expected about 12 or 15 in selecting  
for the two Embarks had to  
discharge three out of the apparently  
best selected - your Galleys is  
getting on quite as a beautiful  
boat. - Any little thing I can do  
to meet your wishes while I hold office  
here I shall only be too happy -

Believe me  
Yours very truly  
George T Robinson

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Letter from Patrick Ryan, Poona [Puna] to Colonel Lewis Pelly [52r] (1/4)

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Poona  
24<sup>th</sup> July 1866

My dear Sir,

I was very glad to hear from  
the office of your return to Bombay.  
Your letter to His Excellency was  
duly forwarded to him this  
morning.

We have written to the  
Govt of India, telling them  
that your report on the  
Journey to Rajahmundry had been  
received and put into  
the hands of the Printer.

The Report and Manuscript  
appendices have been printed,  
but the Map and Inscriptions  
which require face manipulation  
have not yet been executed.

I have requested the  
Printer to send you a  
complete copy of the  
Report &c. as far as  
the work has been completed,  
before finally striking off.

The Governor desired  
that all passages in the  
Report commenting on Mr. G.

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Palgrave's journey, as in  
allusion to it, should  
be expunged. This sh<sup>ould</sup>  
done without sh<sup>ould</sup>  
marring the symmetry  
or sense of the narrative.  
But you will have  
an opportunity of judging.  
The Appendix containing  
the instructions comm<sup>unicated</sup>  
to you by the Foreign Office  
has been altogether suppressed.  
I trust that the  
Governor will see fit to

Give your Report to the  
Public, by whom it cannot  
fail to be appreciated  
for the graphic and life  
like pictures you have  
given of your journey  
and interview with  
the blind old tales of  
Rajd.  
I write in haste  
to catch the post.  
Believe me,  
Yrs very faithfully  
Patrick Ryan  
When may we hope to see  
you in Poona?

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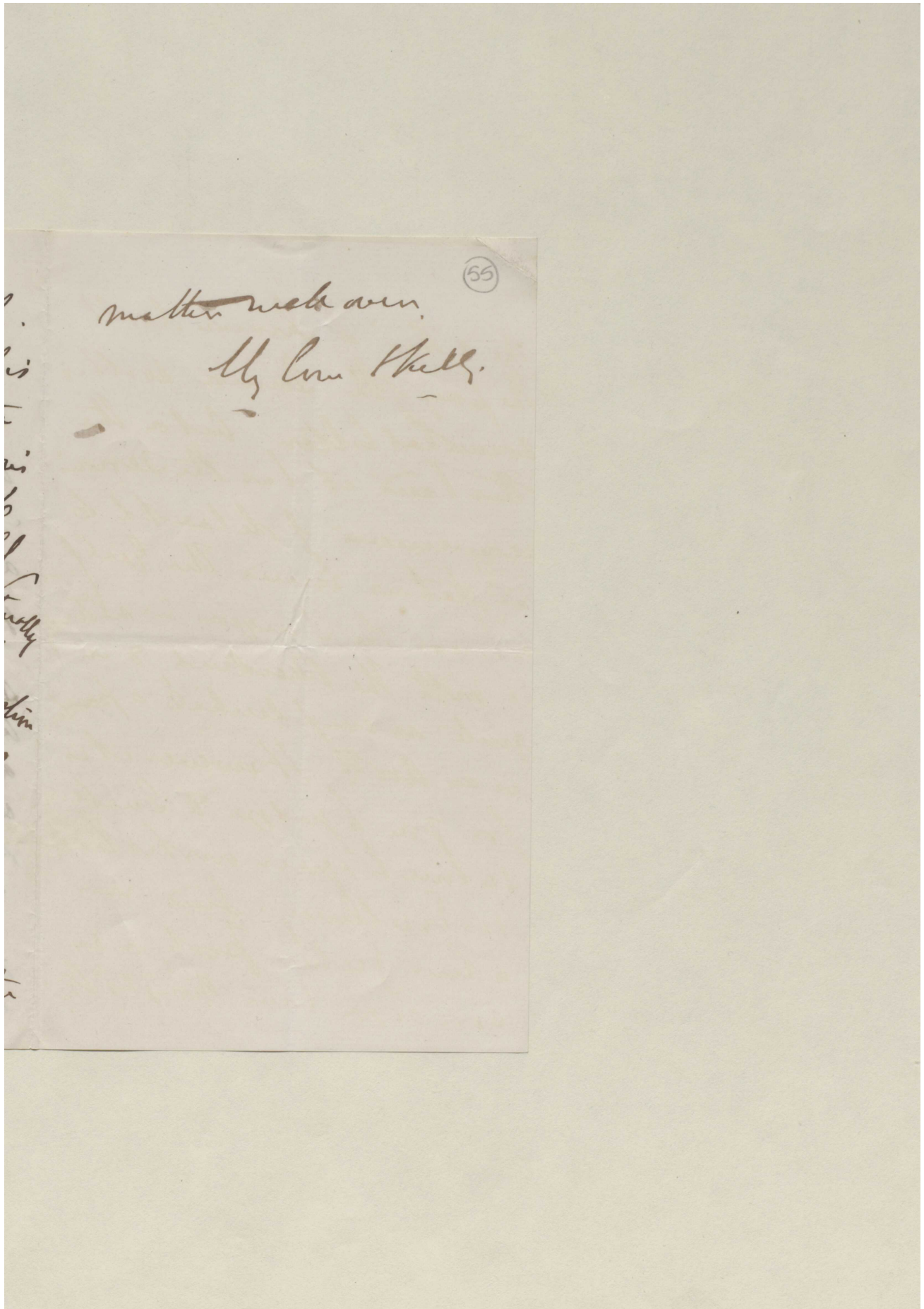
15 August. 1886

My dear Hojel. I hope to  
be down at the Claudow on  
Monday. - I shall arrive  
at the Pygullah Station about  
4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> after 5 o'clock P.M.

The home gov<sup>t</sup> have  
sanctioned two Artichops but  
before taking up permanently  
any appl<sup>t</sup> in the full course  
well whether it<sup>1</sup> you really  
prefer that one to remaining  
in Monday.


If you do prefer it  
there are the two best is the  
one you have already joined &

the other of Irons do<sup>th</sup>.  
The pay of Mr Irons do<sup>th</sup> is  
somewhat better, but on the  
other hand it has the serious  
inconvenience of delay to be  
two stations in the Gulf  
whereas the Surgeon is naturally  
with the President & in  
quite as confidential a position  
as an do<sup>th</sup>. However it is  
for you to judge & I will  
submit your wishes to  
His Excellency. Send me  
a line return post, or so  
soon as you have thought the



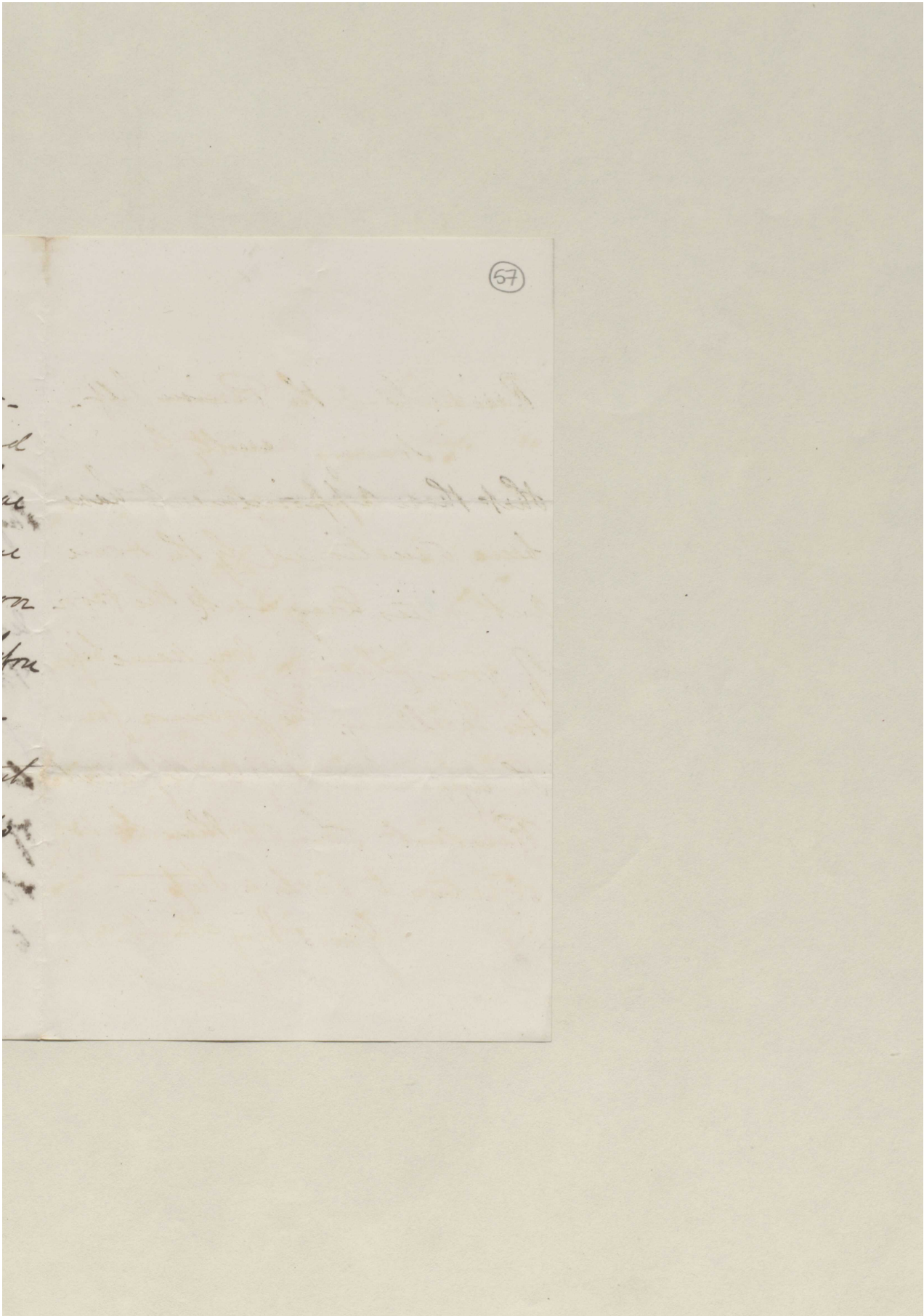


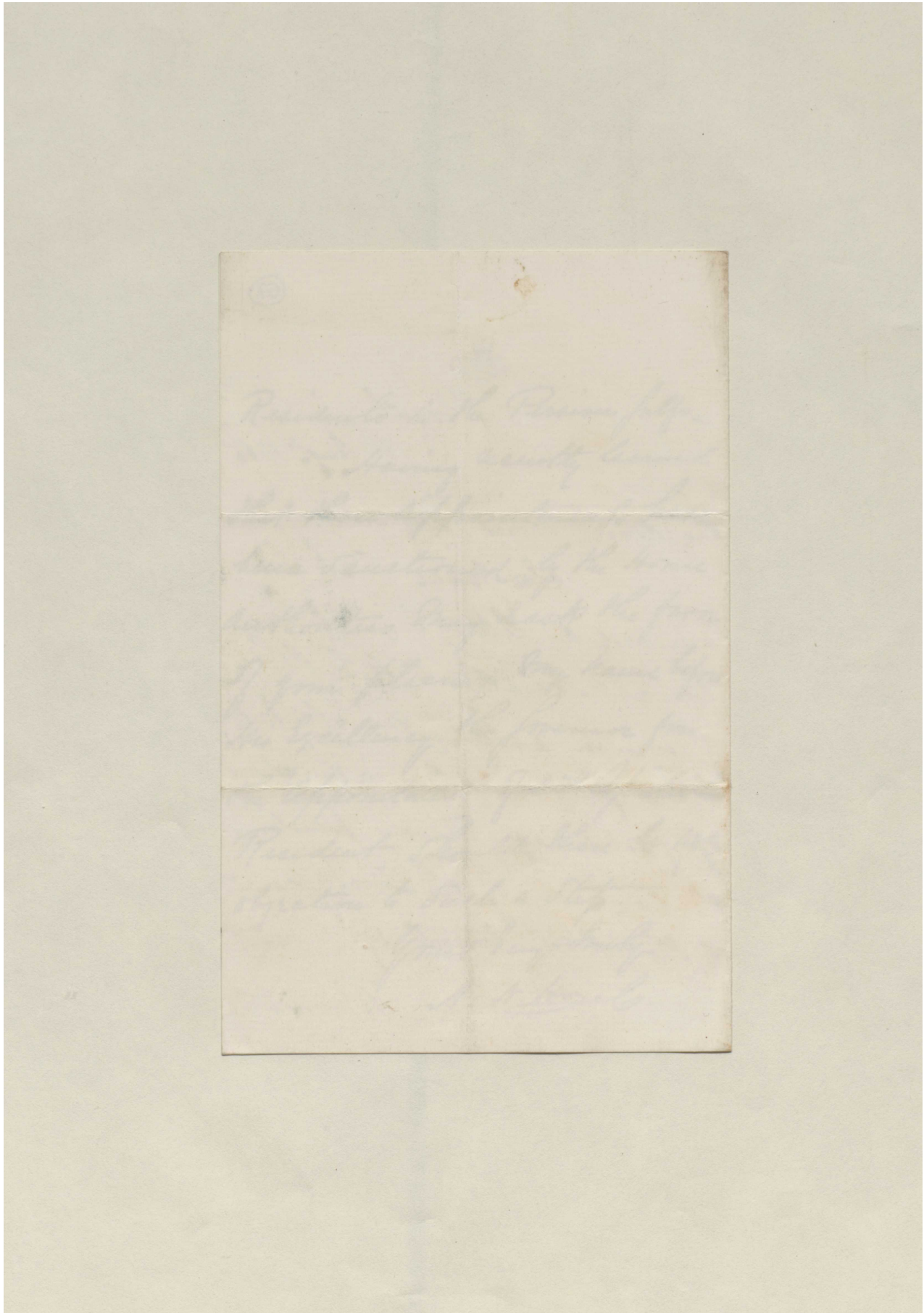
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Poonah  
18<sup>th</sup> Aug: 1856

My dear Colonel Pelly  
In June last I  
received a letter from the  
Poonah Secretary to H.E. the  
Governor, asking me if would  
like to go to Poohine in the capacity  
of Residentary Surgeon, pending  
the sanction by the Home Govern-  
to the appointments of Assistant  
Resident

Residents in the Persian Gulf -  
Having recently learned  
that those appointments have  
been sanctioned by the Home  
authorities, may I ask the favor  
of your placing my name before  
His Excellency the Governor for  
the appointment of 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant  
Resident, should there be no  
objection to such a step.  
Yours very truly  
A. N. Hojel





Letter from Patrick Ryan, Poona [Puna] to Colonel Lewis Pelly [58r] (1/4)

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Poona  
1<sup>st</sup> Oct 1866.

My dear Sir,

I now send a complete copy (in type) of the Journal of your Journey through Affghanistan, which I have been asked to bring out with your Majesty's Report in the shape of a Government Selection.

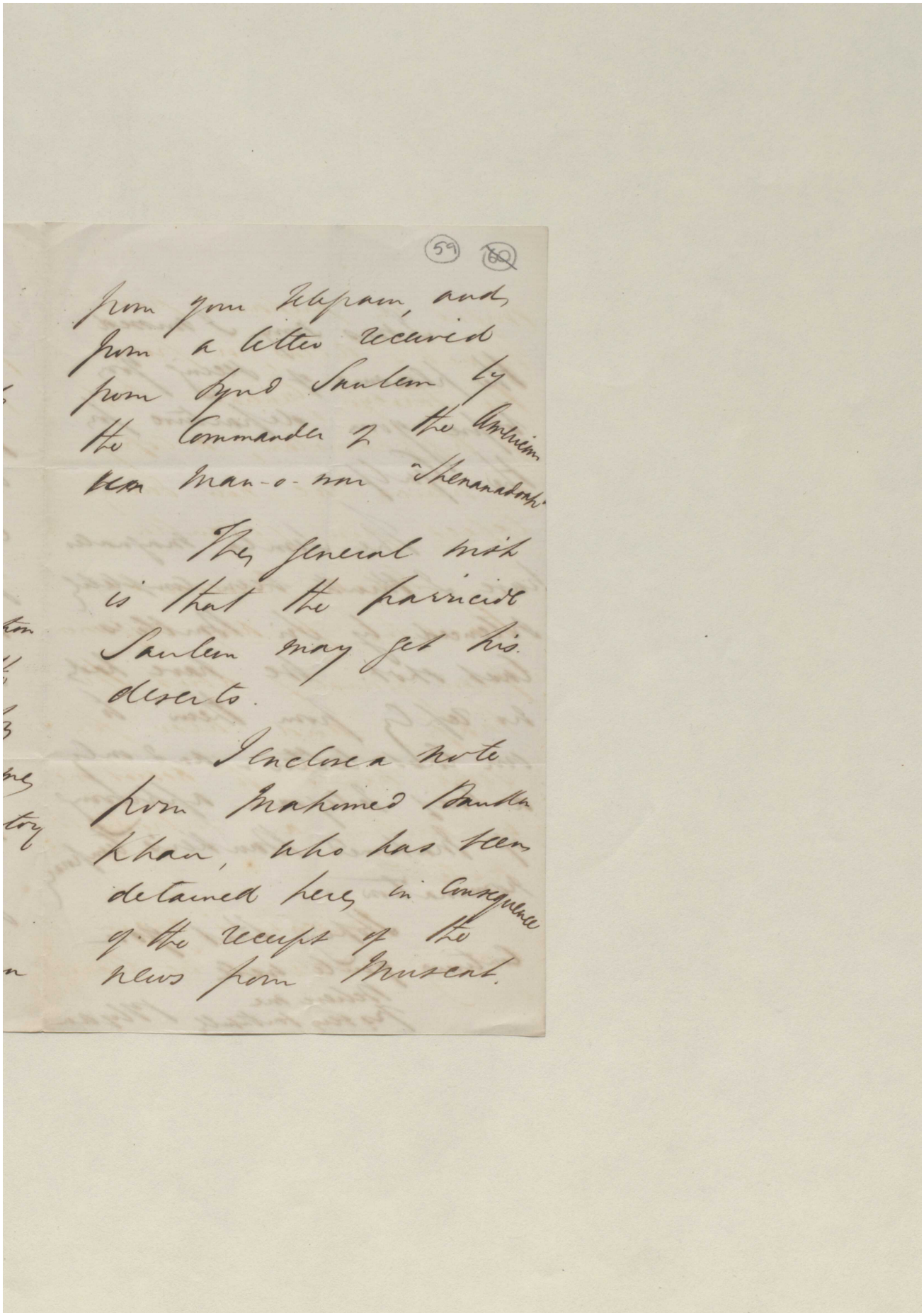
But to make the Journal fully complete a map is required to illustrate your route. This

might be prepared from  
Black's Atlas, or from  
the Survey General's Map  
of Affghanistan, a copy  
of which we now daily  
expect from Calcutta.

I shall however be  
thankful for any suggestion  
from yourself about the  
Map, and also for  
some hints to assist me  
in writing an Introductory  
note.

Muscab is again  
giving trouble as we learn

Letter from Patrick Ryan, Poona [Puna] to Colonel Lewis Pelly [59r] (3/4)



I was sorry I missed  
the pleasure of seeing you  
before your departure for  
the Gulf.

The Semla Magnates  
have I think been completely  
silenced by Sir Bartle's  
last shot. We have had  
no reply from them to  
our last letter - and only  
a brief telegram approving  
of Mahomed Banker's temporary  
nomination.

Hoping that you  
continue quite well,  
Believe me  
Yrs very faithfully P. Ryan

Dear Mr. Pelly,  
 I am a bit to  
 late in writing at  
 present - I am  
 sorry to hear of  
 your illness - I  
 hope you will  
 be better soon.  
 I am  
 very  
 truly  
 yours  
 Godfrey Clerk

The box arrived all  
 safe - & I lose no time in  
 writing to thank you for the  
 "Mémoires du Roi Joseph" - I  
 hope one of these days I may  
 find time to get better ac-  
 quainted with them - (& with  
 the part of stirring events & times  
 of which they treat) - Since I

how are - & I have no doubt  
but that I shall find them  
in every way as interesting &  
instructive as you said they  
were - I only hope that in  
your goodness to me you have  
not deprived yourself of an  
old friend & constant companion.  
How absent you will much  
miss. - Your letter to Maria I  
sent on after showing it to  
the Gov. - Peruvial was away at

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at the time & I didn't like to delay the  
letter to show him - I am sorry I  
didn't manage to see down to  
Bombay to have a look at the  
house you sent. - Perine went  
down to Rangoon to try & change  
of air - but came back no better  
so Wickham has decided upon  
sending him home - & he's off next  
mail - he is looking very ready for  
going home with it's many  
pleasur, & nowhere else to be had.  
computers will soon eat him all

right. - His Ex<sup>ty</sup> rather of going to  
Sind next month - but when  
I don't know - we shall be here  
till the end of this month as  
we are to leave a Durbar on the  
24<sup>th</sup> & on the 20<sup>th</sup> a "function"  
on the occasion of the presentation  
of His Ex<sup>ty</sup>'s "State picture" (as  
he calls it) - of His Ex<sup>ty</sup>. I hope you  
managed to bag a hare & that  
you had a pleasant trip - I made  
over to Lady Freese & His Ex<sup>ty</sup> - respec-  
tively their parcels of Miss Freese

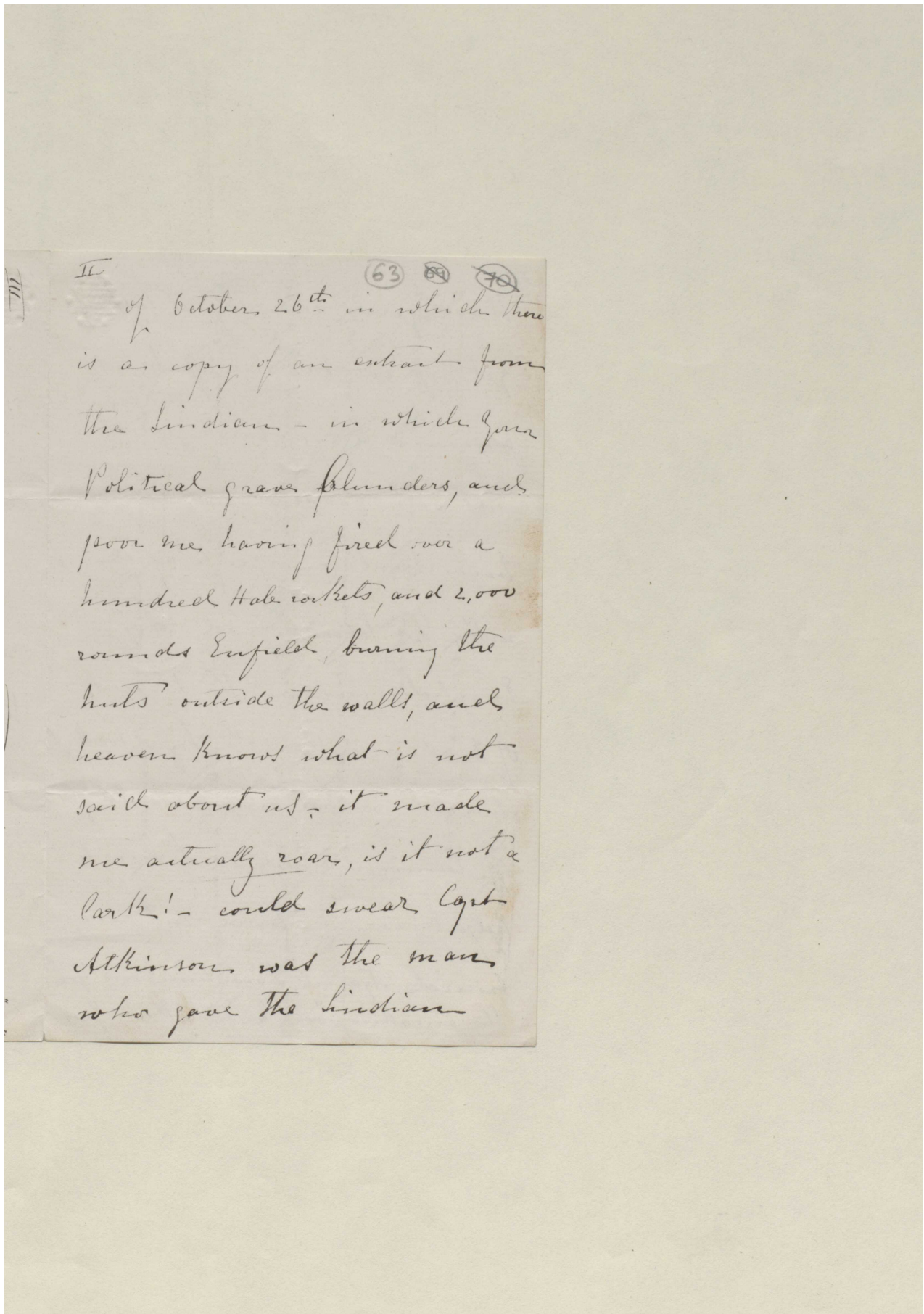
62 68  
Matheran  
Alexandra Hotel  
October 30<sup>th</sup>  
[1868]

My dear Pelly

— I have been  
nearly a week up here now  
and have already begun to feel  
the good effects from the change  
of air. You ought to come up  
here for a few days, it is such  
a different climate. —  
Some kind friend for-  
warded me the Ocean Herald

Letter from Robert Brown, Alexandra Hotel, Matheran to Colonel Lewis Pelly [62v] (2/4)

such good information - further states "listen"  
 in the D.H. paper that Syed Ham - bin Jhes and his  
 minister Shaikh Salah bin - Hil intended addressing Government  
 on the subject, protesting not only against the part taken by  
 our marines on the night of the 6<sup>th</sup> in defence of a Kulis  
 whom the Arabs expediated and whose castle was already  
hopelessly lost - (mark that expression I would swear had  
 come from our friend A.J. but also against the wanton  
 destruction of the Bedouins (you remember what the  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer of Hugh Rose told us about his seeing them  
 pulling down huts out side the wall - ha! ha! is it not good



Letter from Robert Brown, Alexandra Hotel, Matheran to Colonel Lewis Pelly [63v]  
(4/4)

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 Have you seen Lord Tenterden  
 yet? if so tell me if he is  
 anxious to go back, and  
 will our government send  
 him back. I quite agree  
 with the letter signed Sir  
 Englishman in the Times  
 of 20th of the 20th. Lord Tenterden  
 should be free, and I would go  
 tomorrow. I feel as I am to  
 help him, I will turn out my  
 friend again, I owe him one for  
 the sneaking way he took that Jan.

64 62 63  
Matheran  
14<sup>th</sup> November  
[1865]

My dear Colonel

Could not get my  
letter about Muscat up in time  
to catch the Governor, on whom  
I called but sorry to say rather  
late, he had gone out - at  
daylight next day he was off  
I asked Bainbridge, who has  
been up here for a couple of  
days to take the letter back and  
get it forwarded to the Governor  
before he goes to sea - in command

the same effect. on the whole he  
approved of my going up the Gulf -  
wonder what faults he will find  
with Muscat affairs - ?

Forgive this hurried scrawl, Bainsbridge  
time is up for the train - any more news  
about Muscat affairs?

Believe me

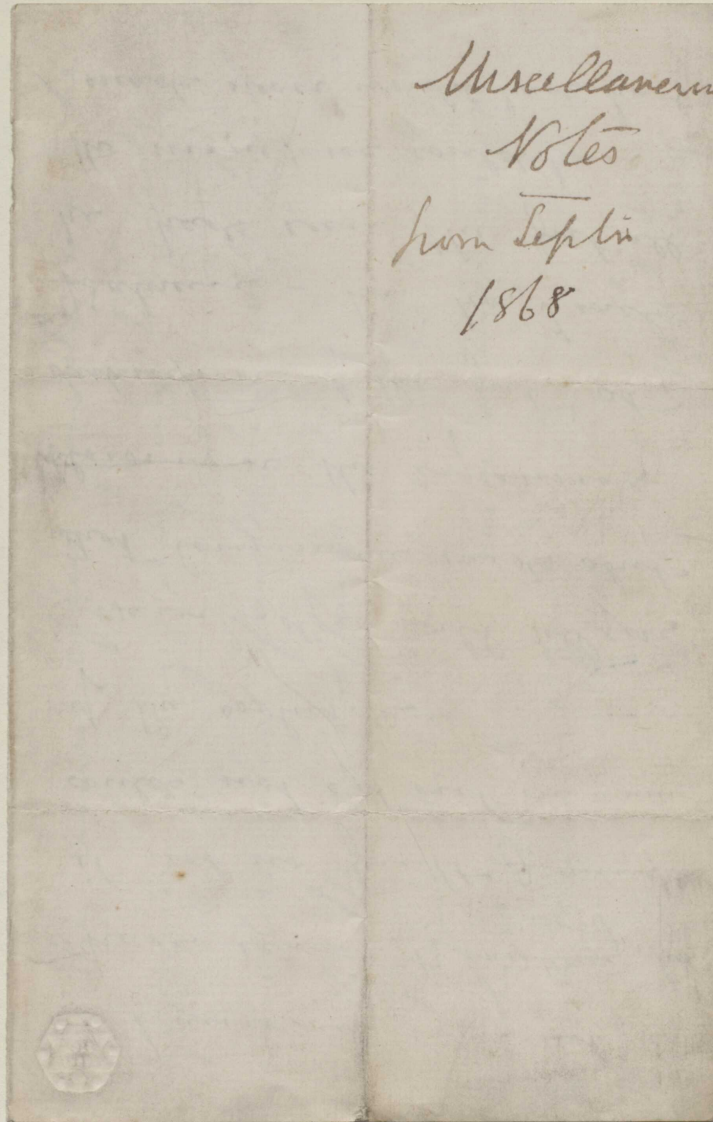
Sincerely Yours

R. Brown

65 63 64  
I am very sorry not to  
have seen H. Ingleby, but  
it was no fault of mine -  
could not get out on account  
of the cooies. ~~See~~  
Bainbridge will tell you  
what Commodore said about  
~~blowing~~ the expensive  
destruction of the fort at  
Bahrein - ha! ha! I wish  
he had seen the fort, all  
the mines we could have  
made never would have had

the same effect on the whole he

Letter from Robert Brown, Matheran to Colonel Lewis Pelly [65v] (4/4)



[1269] Feb 5<sup>th</sup>  
Bombay.  
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My dear Pelly  
Many thanks for your  
letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> January the hon<sup>ble</sup>  
"Forte" has not turned up as yet,  
and as the "Diyad" under Colonel  
is going up the gulf to pay you  
a visit. I cannot allow her to  
go without scribbling few lines  
to you and to let you know  
that Lt Colonel is a first rate  
fellow and a very good Officer.  
and I am sure you will like him  
very much - I hope you got my  
telegram about Elton, he would do

do very well for the "Dalthonia"  
and it would be promotion to a  
him and better pay; if I get your  
telegram giving me a hint that  
you would like him - I shall  
only be to glad to go to Col Marriott  
and tell him what I think of him.  
I dare say you have not much  
time to write, but I do want you  
to send me a copy of the answer  
you got to your letter of proceedings  
about Muscat, as I cannot get one  
out of Fitzgerald, he promised it to  
me very often, but devil a bit does  
he send it - I must see the Governor about it.

(67) (68) (66)

I am scribbling this while on  
a court of inquiry; so you must  
excuse it. The Commadore you be  
sorry to hear has been reduced to  
2<sup>d</sup> class, which ~~does~~ does him out of a  
heape of pay, neither does he share  
in dhorat! - I am sorry that I made  
the mistake about after roses, shall  
try to get some here. - Lots of parties  
and dancing dinners, killing a fellow  
cannot stand it, require to be made  
out of iron - Trusting we soon  
see one another in town Believe  
me  
very sincerely yours  
R. Brown



Letter from Patrick Ryan to Lewis Pelly [68r] (1/4)

Private

My dear Sir;

I have just time for  
a few hurried lines, which  
Mr de Gill has kindly  
offered to hand to you.

The Supreme Govt have  
replied to our letter, handing  
up your vindication. While  
acknowledging your excellent  
services, they adhere to  
the opinion previously  
expressed. This is their

Might have been expected  
from one of Sir Lawrence's  
stubborn will. Sir Bantle  
will have no doubt  
deal effectually with  
Sir John's rejoinder. The  
papers now go to the  
Secy of State.

You will have learnt  
of the financial disasters  
which have beset Bombay.  
Hardly one amongst

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... us here have escaped  
heavy loss. The ruin  
is wide-spread.

The Govt of India  
have assumed a more  
positive attitude towards  
the Subordinate ones  
of Bombay in relation  
to all Muscat matters.  
You will see this when the  
Correspondence reaches

Letter from Patrick Ryan to Lewis Pelly [69v] (4/4)

Your hands. Mr Shuttle  
retains the correspondence  
for the present.

I am sorry your  
health has been so  
poorly. When may  
we expect to see you  
in Bombay?

Believe me,  
Yours very faithfully  
P Ryan

4<sup>th</sup> May

Letter from Patrick Ryan to Lewis Pelly [70r] (1/2)

(7) 70  
[1868]

My dear Sir,  
You will see from the  
accompanying letter that the Govt  
of India has sanctioned the  
appointment of two Assistants  
for the Resident in the Persian  
Gulf - one on Rs 1000 & the  
other on Rs 700 per mensem.  
It is only proper that you  
should see this letter before  
your departure. Kindly return  
it after perusal.  
Yrs very faithfully  
Pelly

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Letter from Patrick Ryan to Lewis Pelly [70v] (2/2)

