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Political Department report No. 67 of 1863 from Lewis Pelly to the Chief Secretary to Government, Bombay, giving specific details based on his personal observation and hearsay concerning the tribes, trade and resources of the Gulf littoral which are divided into seven areas according to political administration. The report also includes statements of Imports and Exports for the region, a Sketch map and statements relating to the activities at Joasmee [Qasimi] Ports covering various dates ranging from 1826 to 1864.

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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

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To

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BUSHIRE, 13th April 1863.

SIR,

I submit some superficial remarks, based on personal observation and hearsay, concerning the tribes, trade, and resources, around the shore line of the Persian Gulf.

2. As you enter the Gulf, the town of Bunder Abbass, with its adjacent historic Island of Ormuz, lies on your right, and Cape Mussendom on your left.

3. As you leave the Gulf, after traversing its entire length North-Westward, and pass up the Shat-ul-Arab, or Busreh River; the town of Busreh is on your left, and the fort of Mahomera on your right.

4. All the Territory from Mahomera to Bunder Abbass, is directly or indirectly under the Persian Government. And all the Territory from Cape Mussendom to Busreh, is either directly or indirectly under Turkey; or else is held by independent Arab Chiefs.

5. A map is annexed, showing the several jurisdictions and their principal Ports, all round the Gulf: beginning at Mahomera, and ending at Busreh.

6. These jurisdictions may be classified, and their Ports named as follows:

1st. Territory owning the Sovereignty of the Shah of Persia, but

The Chaab Arabs from the Karoon to the Hindecan, including Mahomera, Dorack, Bunder Mashoor, Hindecan, and Zeitoon.
Minor Arab settlements to the southward of the Hindecan, but which are in this report included under class II for specified reasons.

administered by its Native Arab Chiefs; subject, however, to visitation from the

Finance Department of the Persian Prince Governor at Shuster.

2nd. Territory directly under the local Officers of the Shah; and of which

Bushire, Congoon, Asseeloo, Nabend, Nakheeloo, Cheroo, Khelat, Charrack, Mogoo and Lingah.
There are many other small Hamlets along this line; but they are unworthy of particularization.

the Customs and Revenues are either contracted for by Her Majesty's Govern-

nors, or accounted for, in detail, to the Persian Treasury.

3rd. Territory farmed by the Shah to the Sultan of Muscat, for

1. Bunder Abbass with its adjacent district, northwards to a point near Lingah, and southwards to a tract whose political jurisdiction is not determined under Treaty entered into, and recognised by every body concerned. 2nd. Island of Kishm and Dependencies.

a term of years, under a Treaty entered into between the late Imaum of Muscat

and His Majesty, in 1856.

The Mussendom Promontory inclusive of Khoomzar, and Khussub. The Frontier between Muscat and Ras-ul-khyma Territory, is near where the plain and mountains meet at Shaam.

4th. Territory directly under the Sultan of Muscat.

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5th. Territories held by those independent Maritime Arab Chiefs, formerly the pirates of the Gulf; now partially commercial; and bound by the terms of a permanent Truce to keep the peace at sea: the English Resident in the Gulf, being mediator and quasi guarantee for

the observation of this Truce, by all the subscribing Chiefs; more especially during the season of diving, on the Pearl Banks.

6th. Territories recognising the Suzereignty of the Turkish Government; but practically independent under their own Chiefs.

Kateef or Nejd Territory, Koweit or Grane.
Busreh Zobeir.
Faon with intermediate small Ports along right bank of the Busreh River.

7th. Territory directly under the Pashas of the Turkish Government.

7. The largest territory falling under the first class, is that of the Chaab Arabs. It may be generally described as a vast, well-watered, and fertile plain, contained between the lines of the river Karoon to the north, and the Hindeean river to the south; and sloping imperceptibly from the lower spurs of the Khogiloo mountains, and that upper portion of Khuzistan, which lies along the Ram-Hormuz* and Shuster route, South-westward to the Huffar Cutting, and the Bamsheer river: to the Westward of which channels, the Chaab Territory further extends (under a separate branch Tribe, at Mahomera) to the left bank of the Shat-ool-Arab.

8. The Chaab plain* is intersected in its entire length from the Eastward (northerly) to the head of the Persian Gulf, by one fine stream, which, receiving affluents from the mountains, at various points lying between Ram-Hormuz and Behbahan, flows through the Chaab Territory under the name of Jerahee; throwing off numerous natural, improved, or wholly artificial water channels; more especially from its right or northern Bank. The Jerahee is navigable for boats of 4 or 5 Tons, throughout its length; until within some 12 miles of Ram-Hormuz. When it reaches nearly the latitude of Dorack (or Fellahiah), the chief town of this Territory, it supplies a broad canal, which, after flowing about 6 miles, passes through Dorack, throwing off several agricultural water courses, from both sides; or wasting itself in floods, until it is reduced to a small canoe channel, which opens on the Huffar or lower Karoon, and so communicates with Mahomera, and the main River.—Two ancient canals coming from the Karoon, cross the Dorack canal at right angles, and flow south towards the sea. They are named respectively, Mourad, and Sooleymanya.

9. After passing the point (called Kazenah or the sluices) whence the Dorack water is supplied; the Jerahee curves south, passing Zoobeeah within one fursac of Dorack, there throws off several more broad offshoots; and then flows onward to the sea having its Port at Boozeah. Zoobeeah is the point to which small sea-going craft come up for the supply of Dorack; and goods are carried to and fro Zoobeeah and Dorack, by land.

10. Tracking from the Huffar up the canoe channel towards Dorack, you can easily see the sails of boats passing up the Karoon. But on reaching Dorack, the Karoon is distant some nine fursacs. The Jerahee, at the sluices, and for the few miles I passed further up it, has a midchannel of 8 feet in depth; gently curving, and well defined banks, irregularly fringed with date trees; and showing on either hand, a well farmed breadth of land, with cattle and horses; the lower lands on the right bank over towards the Karoon line, are in rice.

11. Bunder Mashoor is a seaport of the Chaabs, and distant from Dorack from 30 to 40 miles in an E. S. E. direction. And an irregularly curved line, passing a little within Mashoor, through a point a little lower down the canoe canal than Dorack, and so rounding to the left bank of the Karoon, would, during the winter or inundatory season, trace the blending of the grassy plain with swamp or flooded land. Indeed, as you pass up the Dorack canoe channel, your horizon

* Called in common parlance Hormuz.

* A sketch of the Chaab plain, and of the coast line in general round the head of the Gulf, has now been very carefully prepared by Dr. Colvill, from our recent marches round that line. I suggest a reference to that sketch, which accompanies my report, No. 65 of this day, sent by this opportunity.

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is bounded by flooded land, whether you look towards the Karoon, or towards Mashoor and the Gulf line. It seems that the Towns, in fact, have been built on the margin of the flood; and it is needless to add that as the water subsides, these towns and the pasture lands so opened up to the wandering tribes, are poisoned by Malaria.

12. Still riding in a general E. S. E. direction, from Bunder Mashoor to Hindeean (being the sea town on the river of that name) you are on the same vast green plain; here rough with low brush wood, there dotted with the tents and flocks of the Arabs. This year, the rain being unusually scant, the grass was short; fit indeed for sheep, but not for cattle. I was informed, however, that in ordinary seasons, the grass is above a horse's knees. Barley was to be bought. But the straw of last year being exhausted, and that of this season not yet cut, I was hard pushed to find it anywhere in the Chaab country; and held myself fortunate to collect some of inferior quality at Dorack; and carry it not only to the Hindeean, but to Bunder Dillum.

13. Hindeean is one of two entrepôts (the other being Dillum) for the Behbahan line of Trade. At the town of Hindeean the river is unfordable; I found no ferry-boat, and was lucky in getting my baggage across in a chance Bugla, lying in the river. The Hindeean is navigable for light boats and canoes to within a short distance of Behbahan. Zeitoon, formerly Zeidoon, is a central point higher up the stream, and distant 10 fursacs from Hindeean, where trade from Hindeean and Dillum converges. Goods go up by land, passing to Deh Moollah, then Arab, and then Zeitoon. These three marches are level;—but the fourth and last march of 5 or 6 fursacs, from Zeitoon to Behbahan, is stony; and through the lower spurs of the mountain range.

14. The view looking inland from Behbahan is fine. The stream a hundred yards wide, deep, between high steep soil banks; a noble plain on either side. An old cedar tree or two and an old Tomb break the middle ground; backed by reddish, sulphurous-looking castellated, low ridge of hills; behind which a higher deep indigo range; and far in the distance, overlooking all, the snowy peaks of the Khogiloo Tribes.

15. Crossing the Hindeean, and moving South East, the grass plain, becomes barren; and covered with a saline efflorescence; then pierced by salt water creeks, round the heads of which are strewn the ruins of Guebre, or as the natives call them Hindoo Buildings. The plain then contracts, rugged spurs of the hills coming finally down to within 3 or 4 miles of the sea, until you reach the narrowest neck, at the frontier village of Sheikh Abool Sheikh of the Chaabs; or Shah Abool Shah of the Persians.* This village was the site of a Guebre, Temple, or other holy place. It is now, like so many of its fellows, an Imam Zadeh. The village possesses all the essentials of vileness, filth, and ruffianly rascality, viz., the congregation of a set of ill-conditioned semi-barbarians, on an ill-favored spot; for the guardianship of a Shrine, and exempted, on condition of such office from all taxation, supervision and law.

16. I subjoin a statement of the principal Chaab Tribes: but the numbers of their fighting men are I think overstated.

Alboogbesh	Chief Moraid.....	6,000	grown men	Boozeeah	their principal Town.
Asarkeerah	„ Zair Kraidee ...	4,000	„	Oushar	near Boozeeah.
Mukasebah	„ Saadoon	2,500	„	Anayetee	more S. & E.
Alboalee	„ Saadoon	2,500	„	On a creek	no name.
Sowayhat	„ Showash	2,500	„	do.	do.
Almukhudum	„ Shureeb	4,500	„	Khoot	near Dorack.

* NOTE.—It is remarkable that those shrines which date from a period anterior to that of the Prophet, and which had previously been consecrated as Fire Temples, Lingam Rubbers, or Poojah places &c., have since been confirmed as shrines or places of Pilgrimage by both Soonees and Sheeahs. Whereas those shrines which are now resorted to by only one of the two principal sects of Islamism, date from a time subsequent to that of the Prophet's birth. Again where a shrine had been resorted to by infidels, and subsequently seized by the Moslems, the country in which it was situate remaining the frontier between the two religions, such shrine continued to be resorted to by the old infidels, and by the Mahomedan invaders and their converts.

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Al Khaferah Chief Hajee Hamdan	5,000 grown men	On road to Dorack from Mahomerah.
Bhawee	„ Akheel 8,000	„ On the Jerahee creek or mouth.
Zoorgan	„ Jubbur 8,000	„ On pastoral grounds.
Sherayfat	„ Meer Muhanna.10,000	„ Hindean and Deh Moolla and on the plains.
Amoor	„ Shooheetee .....10,000	„ Wandering and pastoral.
Beni Khaled	„ Shadee..... 5,000	„ ditto ditto.

These tribes are scattered throughout the pasturage during winter and spring; and concentrate at or near Fellahiah towards summer, for provisions and Trade.

17. It is interesting and necessary, when considering the Arabs, to distinguish between a series of grades towards civilization, in which they may, at present, be found. There is the Bedouin, wandering, pastoral, tent loving, disdaining to trade, yet avaricious, and willing to sell his ghee, his mutton, or his horse. But the Bedouin is always found in wide and open wastes, unpressed upon by adequate exterior power. Yet, even the Bedouin bends to circumstances. He accepts the region allotted for his pasture grounds. Plunder has its laws; and vengeance its chivalry. If he will not trade, he has still wants; and suffers the presence of a Jew or Saleebah; * as the Afghan suffers that of the Hindoo.

18. A little higher in the scale you find, as with the Chaabs, the original wandering pastoral Arab, in a district, where, he is pressed upon from without; and where boundless plunder and roaming are restrained by exterior force. The Arab then partly turns to agriculture, and for this he must in some degree settle. Society harmonizes to this level. Trade is possible. Corn is sold. Abbas are woven and exported. Dates are planted. The appetite for trade grows by what it feeds on. Huts of reeds replace tents; and one sees in their feeble efforts at reed ornamentation, and in their rough twisting of thick reed rope for their Bunds, the possible germ of some of the architectural efforts of our own savage ancestors. Man, at first accepts from nature, what she spontaneously affords; and feebly, through thousands of years, thinks towards artificial means.

19. Yet higher in the scale, you find the Arab flourishing, as an experienced and wealthy merchant in a town; or administering a well-ordered, and comfortable rural district.

20. What recurs to one in passing among these people, is, that, here, before you, is society, in the making; or in its transitional state towards civilization. It is probable that the Law under which human society now evolves, is that under which it has always evolved. The circumstances around you may then be data for the elucidation of a true theory. They are at least facts, fresh from nature.

21. As to the political condition of the Dorack Territory, it is really tributary to Persia; paying, I believe, a considerable sum into the Shuster Provincial Treasury. Its element of greatest commercial strength and military weakness, lies in its bountiful supply of water. It would be difficult to find a territory of equal extent, where, fresh water containing sufficient silt, is poured along the plain, in all directions, through channels, so numerous, and so easily manageable. But it was by damming the exits of this water towards the sea, that the Persians flooded the country, and reduced the Chaabs.

22. The district of Mahomera originally formed part of the Dorack Chieftainship. But the present Sheikh of Mahomera separated his clan; fostered the naturally excellent position of his Fort for commerce; and has since remained at

* NOTE—I saw some men of this tribe at Koweit, and elsewhere. They worship the cross (Saleb) and perform many ceremonies, more nearly allied to the corruptions of Asian Christianity than to Islamism. Men and women dance round a sort of May Pole. They wear a carter's smock, coming down to the feet, and which, like a boys' Pinafore, ties behind. They possess a beautiful breed of donkies, which they ride, without girths, upon a saddle made like a cottage wooden chair bottom. They squat on this seat, and twist their legs over a pommel peak; crossing them over the donkey's neck. They seem to prize their saddles, as an Arab does his mare; and would not sell them. They seemed a merry quick-witted, disreputable lot, with retrouse noses, and Irish features. There they stood, eyes twinkling (legs and hands always on the fidget) and pelted as with the peelings of their fun.

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feud with his old Chief. When I was at Dorack, both Sheikhs had been called before the Prince Governor, for the settlement of their mutual grievances.

23. As to the commerce of the Chaabs, it is limited; and flows in different channels, according to the season of the year; some of it reaches Mahomera via the Huffar, and is mixed up with the trade of that Port, which, in turn, is sometimes included under the general trade of the Shat-ool-Arab, or Busreh line. The wealth of Mahomera as of the Shat-ool-Arab in general, consisting, mainly, in dates.

24. Dorack itself exports some wool, and abbas (the Arab cloak). Of rice also, about 600 Karehs (each Kareh 100 Hashem, maunds of 124 lbs. each). It possesses fine reaches of dategroves along its streams. But these are wholly for home consumption.

25. The principal sea Ports of the Chaabs are Bunder Mashoor and Hindeean. And the total duty collected on the exports and imports at each of these open towns may be about 40,000 Krans, or something less than 20,000 Rupees, eventually paid into Shuster.

26. The exports from Bunder Mashoor may be approximately analyzed as follows:—

Wool to the value of one lac of rupees shipped to Koweit or Bushire for ultimate transport to India.
Grain, mainly wheat, and barley to the value of 22,000 rupees.
Rice from the Jerahee and Ram Hormuz fields to the value of 10,000 rupees.
Rogun to 5,000 rupees in value for Koweit and Busreh.
Some 10,000 sheep per annum are shipped for Busreh and Koweit also.
Grain pays an export duty of 32 Krans per Kareh
Wool 32 Krans on the 1,000 lbs. weight.
Rogun $\frac{1}{2}$ Kran per Dubbeh.
And each sheep $\frac{1}{4}$ Kran.

27. The imports at Bunder Mashoor are,

Piece goods to the value of 50,000 Krans, paying a duty of 2 Krans on an average of 10 yards piece per 20.
Dates 10,000 Karehs paying 5 Krans per Kareh.

28. Hindeean imports.

About 1,000 Karehs of dates from Busreh, each Kareh paying 5 Krans duty.
And Piece goods to the value of 20,000 Krans.

29. The exports of Hindeean may be.

Grain, mainly wheat and barley to the value of 2,00,000 Krans, coming down from the Behbehan and Hormuz lines, and paying a duty of $\frac{1}{2}$ Kran per Hashem maund.
1,00,000 Krans worth of wool from the upper country.
10,000 Krans worth of Rogun. And some 10,000 sheep paying $\frac{1}{2}$ Kran export duty each.

30. As to a possible development of trade in Chaab, I am of opinion that this will always be confined to the territory of Chaab itself, and to the Provinces of Shuster, and Behbehan. The passes leading into the plateau of Persia from these points, may possess strategic advantages, but they are not lines that trade could work to a profit, in competition with Bushire, Abbass, and Baghdad.—Rice, corn, ghee, and the products generally, of semi-pastoral and semi-agricultural tribes enjoying a rich soil and fine water command, are what might be expected from the territory contained between the Karoon river, the Bahktyari, and Khogiloo mountains, the Hindeean, and the Bamsheer. Dates of course might form an item, and be grown, as might also be cotton, over a large area.

31. I consider the Chaab* territory by no means an easy one to traverse.

* NOTE—The Chaabs like some other Arab tribes, settled along the Persian Coast of the Gulf, have become Sheeahs. They are partly persianized also in costume and habits. An old Soonee observed to me with regret, that these Chaabs should wear a Syud's dark green Turban; and fold angle with tea urns and uniforms. The aseel Arab of the other River bank would never intermarry with a Chaab. But a Chaab would not only marry thence if he could, but accepts also a Persian in his bed. It is very amusing as you cross the head of the Gulf, to hear the Arab apologizing for some illhap, by saying that the offender is a Mogullee, a Sheeah; while the Persian excuses all gaucherie by the nasal words, they are Arabs, goats. A young Sheikh who was hawking in the desert with me, explained a miss-flight, by saying that his bird was a Mogullee. Had he been bred a Soonee, he would never miss. I noticed, however, that the hawk dined hastily off his first Ooboura. This lad told me, also, the best way to hawk as to raid, was for two people to sit dos a dos on a camel: thus, as it were, giving the birds assurance of a man, looking before and after.

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My baggage animals were delayed nearly a fortnight at Mashoor, unable to reach Dorack. The direct road to Dorack from the Huffar was quite impassable when I dragged in a canoe from Mahomera to Dorack. There is a circuitous road going round near the Karoon, which leads from Dorack to the Huffar, but even that is almost impassable in the wet season. During the subsidence this territory would be fatal to horses and men whether from Masma, or the marsh insects. Grass is plentiful over boundless plain, in the spring of favorable years. But in dry years your horse may famish. For the old chopped straw of last year is out; the grass is too short for a horse to crop; and young corn is findable only in patches near the towns.

32. The water is brackish along the entire line, unless when drawn from the river: that of the Hindecan and Huffar is delicious. The water in the Dorack canal, through the marsh portion of it, is rough, and distasteful. It is reputed also unwholesome; especially during the summer months.

33. In former times, a series of circles of Arab villages, lying along the coast to the southward of Hindecan, would have fallen under the class of territories which, though inferior in size and power to that of the Chaabs, were yet tributary to Persia, but administered by their native Chiefs or Sheikhs.

34. At present, however, all these Settlements have fallen so much under the jurisdiction of Shiraz or Bushire, and are so intermingled with their affairs, that it seems preferable to notice these Settlements under the heading of territory directly under the local Officers of the Shah.

35. I pass accordingly to the second class; of which the nearest Port to the Chaab Territory is that of Deelum, situate a few miles below Shah Abool Shah, above alluded to. Bunder Deelum is under the Government of Bushire; and the constitution of this sea board provincial Government, is somewhat complex. Down to a period of recent date, Bushire was, like other Ports along the coast, governed by its own Sheikhs. Eventually the Bushirees fell out with the neighbouring tribes of the Dashties and Tungistoonees. Persia availed herself of the dissension to press on Bushire; establish a Government there, and reduce both Dashties and Tungistoonees, together with some minor tribes, such as the Rohillas immediately around the Bushire creek, to a condition subordinate to Bushire.

36. At the present moment, the Government extends from Deelum on the North to near Congoon on the South; embracing a series of petty tribes both Persian and Arabic, living in their own circles of villages, and interfered with by the central Government very much in proportion to their several means of resistance.

37. Southward from Congoon to Lingah, both inclusive, lies a chain of coast villages or small Ports, whose revenues and affairs are subordinate to the Provincial Government of Fars at Shiraz; although the Governor of Bushire, in his capacity of High Admiral of the sea and Ports (Persia does not possess a vessel of War), has charge of their maritime interests.

38. Thus then, after leaving the Hindecan, we find a coast line from Deelum to Lingah, more or less subordinate to Bushire; and of which, the Settlements and tribes, from Deelum to Congoon, may be approximately estimated at $\frac{3}{4}$ Persians and $\frac{1}{4}$ Arabs, and those from Congoon to Lingah $\frac{1}{4}$ Persians and $\frac{3}{4}$ Arabs.

39. As a general rule, the Arab circles of villages are farmed and administered by their own Sheikhs, who arrange their own civil disputes, and pay a lump sum of revenue per annum. Murder would be compensated by blood money; but the Sheikh would not send the murderer to Bushire for punishment. The Sheikh in turn would levy rent on the farmers by the cow. A cow is supposed to plough land enough for 4 maunds of seed barley, and 4 maunds of seed wheat. A farmer asks his neighbour, for instance, how many cows he is sowing. The crop borne by a cow of land, pays 15 or so Krans per annum, in money; and one maund of wheat, and one of barley, apparently for Kurneh, or expenses in collecting.

40. But in case of a Persian circle of villages, or a Persian Port, (not like the Dashties sufficiently strong to defend itself), the Hakem or Sheikh, or Moolah

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would be removed from his Government at the pleasure of the Bushire Governor. Criminals would be sent to Bushire; and revenue, if not punctually paid, would be levied by Mohussil, or failing this way, by force.

41. Reviewing the trade of this coast line as you pass along it from the North, Southward; the first Port that comes under notice is that of Bunder Deelum. It is a small, busy, open town clustering round a square fort. It is

Vide paragraph 13. one of two points, the other being Hindeean already remarked on, where sea borne trade lands, to follow the Behbehan line; Zeitoon, the point of general trade convergence on the Hindeean river, is distant from Deelum about $5\frac{1}{2}$ fursacs. The stream is crossed by a raft, or in the low season at a ford, a mile or two before you reach Zeitoon. Formerly Zeitoon returned 9,000 Tomans customs, per annum, but now yeilds only 3,000 Tomans. This falling off, like that of both population and revenue along the entire coastline from Mashoor to Congoon, is attributed to the absence of attraction between the Government and the people; and to the consequent emigration, or idleness of the latter. Deelum, like all other Ports along this coast, is a mere entrepôt; and the number of its resident inhabitants does not adequately represent the extent of its commerce. Zeitoon is a fine agricultural district. The trade of Deelum may be roughly stated as follows:

Exports.

Wheat and Barley to the value of.....	30,000	Krans to Busreh, Koweit and Lingah.
Wool ditto	100,000	ditto Bushire and Koweit for India.
Rogun cherag ditto	10,000	ditto.
Grapes and Raisins ditto	20,000	ditto to Koweit and Busreh.
Rogun ditto	30,000	ditto.

Imports.

Piece goods	150,000	Krans value	} From Bushire and Koweit.
Sugar	50,000	ditto	
Tea	10,000	ditto	
Dates	50,000	ditto	

These imports go to Behbehan and also Ram Hormuz.

The Customs receipts may be from 15,000 to 20,000 Krans per annum, on both exports and imports together.

42. Between Bunder Deelum and the next Port of Bunder Reegh lie the traces of the ruins of an ancient Port; and of ancient cities of immense extent. This tract has been known as Genaweh from time immemorial. Its upper portion is a confused tumbling of low, grotesquely shaped, sand stone and earthy hills; in parts intersected with vertical lines of gypsum, cropping up like the jagged edges of broken plate glass, or strewn over the slopes, like pieces of ice. Leaving this rugged, confused region, you emerge on the beautiful plain of the ancient Geramha, the chief town of Genaweh, whose extensive ruins still hillock the soil for miles around. Some hindoo looking Temples still stand on the outskirts, towards the beach; with their acorn shaped domes of spiral brick or stone work, and with their invariable accompaniments of two or three Banyan trees, the only ones to be found in the country. The architecture of these temples, and of their neighbouring wells, seems still to tell of a time, when Kafirs, whether Hindoos (as tradition asserts) or others, flourished on this plain. Perhaps, from that Port of Grai, the wealth of the lowest layer of debris in yonder mounds, the earliest Geramha, was exchanged with that coming from Edom or Chaldea, through the earliest Geranheusis near the present Grane or Koweit. It has happened to me to wonder over the traces of many ancient cities. But no re-iteration of the scene ever mitigates the solemnity of its reflection or the gloom of its forebodings. Whatever may have been the histories of their rise and fall, one feels, in digging down these strata of silent homes, that they formed, not one city, but successive cities; each leaving a conglomerate of what it used, as its only record; each showing that man had come of age, ere history began; and one and all revealing as from the grave, the common doom of human power, on earth.

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43. To the South of the Geramha ruins, lies the bed of a once abundant river, the Kuleel. It passed close under the walls of the city, with Fort Teesko, seemingly an old citadel, on its northern side. A massive gateway stood on the southern bank. The channel of the Kuleel is now a saltwater creek. An earthquake changed the course of the fresh water stream at its source. And its dry or salty bed still explains the cause of the ancient prosperity, and present comparative desolation of the Genaweh plain. I picked up some spirally grooved cylinders* of baked clay. Tradition says they were what the Kafirs hurled from leathern slings, when Geramha was attacked. It is possible, war may, as usual, have aided time and nature, in destroying art. The quickest destroyer of men, is man.

* Called Gopals. They are picked up in other places along the Coast.

44. Bunder Reigh is very inferior in size and importance to Deelum. It imports only for its own wants; and for those of its neighbourhood. It is not a port for any route to the interior. Its trade may be somewhat as below:—

Exports.

Wheat and Barley.....	20,000	Krans worth.
Wool	10,000	Ditto.

Imports.

100 Karchs of Dates and Piece goods to the value of 10,000 Krans; also a few miscellaneous articles for home consumption.
The gross of the Customs may be 10,000 Krans.

45. To the South of Bunder Reigh, and immediately North of Bushire creek, lies a flat, corn-growing circle of some ten Arab villages, known as Rohilla. indeed, it may be remarked that, coming southward from the Chaab territories, the plain, there wholly pastoral, becomes gradually patched with corn, until, towards Rohilla, large breadths are found under the plough. A fresh waterstream, fordable only in one or two places, runs through this district which, none the less, depends solely on rain. It is traditioned that, this Rood-hulla, or Hulla river, received a portion of the waters, turned by the earthquake, from the Kuleel river of Genaweh: the remainder of that stream having burst northward, towards Behbahan; and found exits in the Hindecan (Ab Sheereen); in an affluent of that river meeting it near Zeitoon, and in the southermost tributary of the Gerahee.

46. Sheaf, a small Port on the northern shore of the Bushire creek, is a sea outlet for Rohilla produce; and is distant only some 3 miles from the nearest hamlet in this circle. The corn† of these districts, being dependent upon uncertain and scant rain fall, is sparsely sown, broad cast; and carelessly ploughed in with the old scratch. But there is little doubt that, under proper management of water, and free of restriction and unequal taxation, the country around the Bushire creek, might export corn and cotton to a considerable quantity.

47. I come now to Bushire itself. And as this is the principal Port in the Gulf, I append the least erroneous, and most detailed statements I have been enabled to collect, of its export and import trade; drawn up with care and diligence, by Mr. James Edwards, the Head Accountant in this Presidency. These statements‡ may form a rough index to the general character of the trade of the

† These districts rear a good half-bred discription of horse, half Persian, half Arab. They pass currently under the general name of the Chaab Arab horse. The principal defects of this half-breed are found in a small arm, and falling off of the hind quarter. They are better roadstirs than the pure Arab. But they lack his quietness, intelligence and endurance. By recrossing the Rohilla Chaab with a pure Arab it is found that a good looking and serviceable horse of large bone and height is obtained. But on the whole no cross is a satisfactory animal. And he is never so gentlemanly whether in manners or appearance as the real Hamadane Saglair, Khaltan, or Anezee.

‡ These Statements have been framed by taking the opinions and estimates of several Native traders, upon the details of trade at the Ports, and concerning the articles in which they were severally interested.

These estimates have then been reviewed by an intelligent and experienced member of a long established European Firm; and subsequently considered by the Head Accountant.

I consider that though not exact, they are sufficiently near approximations to correctness to prove serviceable guides.

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remaining Ports in these waters. But not only are similar statements not available for those other Ports, but it is probable that, if procured, their submission might only tend to mislead. For the articles which would appear as imports by large craft, at one Port, might again appear as exports from this same place, and as imports again at some other point. And the data do not exist for analyzing these complications, and presenting a complete statement of the trade in the Persian Gulf, considered as a whole.

48. I note below a list of the principal Exports and Imports of Bushire, obtained from independent mercantile sources.

Exports from Bushire.

Cotton	60,000	Tabreez maunds.
Madder root	100,000	"
Raw Silk	10,000	"
Gall Nuts	7,000	"
Almonds	50,000	"
Raisins	50,000	"
Tallow	30,000	"
Tobacco	120,000	"
Rosewater	6 to 20,000	Carboys.
Ditto	15,000	Flasks.
Assafetida	3,000	Tabreez maunds.
Salep	1,200	"
Gum Persia	25,000	"
Wool	100,000	"
Wheat	1,500,000	"
Opium	4,700	"
Ghee	10,000	"
Cummin seed	40,000	"
Bees wax	4,000	"
Dates	20,000	Baskets.
Gram	26,000	Tabreez maunds.
Carpets	5,000	Pieces.
Wine	500 to 1,000	Carboys.

Imports at Bushire.

	Rupees.
Cashmere shawls to value of	2,500,000
Cocoanut oil	2,000
Preserves (Ginger)	5,000
Sealing-wax	1,000
Alum	5,000
Piece goods, Europe	600,000
Yarn Europe	35,000
Flints for Guns	6,000
Lead	7,000
Tin, Pig	70,000
Tin Sheet	5,000
Stationery	2,000
Leather	4,000
Spices	50,000
Pepper	50,000
Sugar	9,50,000
Sugar-candy	40,000
Tea	80,000
Camphor	2,000
Coffee	40,000
Blackwood	30,000
Brazil wood	4,000
Iron	10,000
Sal Ammonia	6,000
Drugs	7,000
Steel	3,000
Glassware	7,000
Candles, wax	2,000
Gold cloth	75,000

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Zinc to value of.....	Rupees.
Quicksilver „	4,000
Sundries „	4,000
	100,000
Total Imports	Rupees. <u>4,706,000</u>

49. An Abstract of the Bushire trade prepared last year, is also subjoined.

Abstract Statement of the estimated Exports and Imports at Bushire.

Exports to	Rupees.	Imports from	Rupees.
Bombay	1,000,000	Bombay	3,700,000
Java.....	350,000	Java	1,000,000
Jeddo	180,000	.....	.....
Total approximate Exports } Rupees.....	1,530,000	Total approximate Im- } ports Rupees	4,700,000

50. Some clue may be found to the trade of Bushire in the terms upon which it is farmed by the Governor. For the revenue system throughout is one of farming, the terms of the annual contracts remaining a constant quantity; while it is only the douceur that varies.

51. The revenues of the Bushire government then are farmed* for a gross amount of some 30,000 Tomans, of which 15,000 Tomans may represent the Customs; and the balance octroi receipts, and land and poletax from the tribes and villagers.

52. Suppose the Governor to clear 10,000 Tomans on the year, and 5,000 Tomans more to stick to the fingers of underlings. Take the low rate of 5 per cent (being that of the most favored Foreign nation) as an average custom due on both exports and imports; and the gross value of the entire trade of Bushire, so estimated, would amount to Tomans 900,000 or about £4,50,000 Sterling.

53. Trade reaches Bushire from Batavia, Mauritius and in part from India, in square rigged vessels. But perhaps the bulk of the Indian trade comes in native Craft, of from 100 to 200 and 300 Tons burthen.

54. A small portion of the Imports are subsequently re-exported to other Gulf Ports in a smaller class of seagoing native craft. But the large bulk of it, finds its way into the interior of Persia by mule caravan. After reaching Shiraz, it divides: a part passing to Yezd; and the remainder to Ispahan, with a sprinkling round these cities.

55. A caravan shows large; but there may be a good deal of bell-tinkling under the pony's neck, without much wool or cotton on the mules' backs. It would take some 3,000 mules to carry off the cargo of a small vessel of 500 Tons. And it is probable that, a year's traffic, along a well frequented Persian road, might be stowed away in the shipping of an average London yard. The imaginative mind of Persia attributes to this her almost sole sea-port, an incomparable commerce. But the commonplace sense of an Englishman weighs upon the facts of the terms of the farm from a Government not celebrated

* NOTE—One of the consequences of this system of farming is that the Agriculturalist is called on for a much larger rent than the State receives from him. e. g. A farms a Governorship from the Shah, for an amount B+C the douceur. A in turn farms his circles of villages: of which D. takes one circle. D. again sublets a hamlet or one of his villages to E., who deposes F. to collect the rents. Each of course expects a profit on his contract. And consequently the Agriculturalist instead of having to pay the amount which benefits the State B., is called on for his share of B+C. (+ D+E's + F's profits). He cannot pay. F. complains to E. and E. to A., who is damned for his contract sum from the capital. A gives to his sub-farmers permission to collect revenue by force. This is done. Next year some of the peasants are fled, some of the land is lying waste. The country, in brief, is revenued, as if the Government were to end, with the expiry of the Governors lease.

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for generosity; of the paucity of squarerigged vessels in the roads, there is at this moment not one of the straggling in from time to time of a single Bombay Bugla, three parts in ballast, having dropped the bulk of her cargo at Abbass or Lingah; of the closing of the native craft trade with India, during the South-West Monsoon; of Bushire being a town containing some 10,000 inhabitants only; of the paucity of fodder and supplies along the Shiraz road; of the smallness of the caravans, numbering from 50 to 60 mules, and finally on the fact that when Bunder Abbass was blockaded a few years ago, and its trade thrown for the moment along the Bushire road, the price of carriage at Bushire to Sheraz, a distance of some 180 miles, rose from 15 or 17 Krans per mule to 80 Krans.*

56. The physical disadvantages of Bushire as a Port, are considerable. It is a roadstead, only partially protected against the prevailing winds from the north-west. The anchorage is 4 miles from the landing place. Communication with shipping by boats is always slow, either to or from the Bunder; and is sometimes wholly cut off for days together, during a strong north-wester.

57. The Port enjoys a management differing from ours. Boats cannot go off after sunset, nor move to land cargo until the manifest has been seen by the Governor.† English trade is rated, under Treaty, in and out, at 5 per cent, without further inland demand. But native trade loses on the import, as compared with ours; and, perhaps, in some articles, gains on the export; *e. g.* on exportation of corn. Twice, since I arrived in the Gulf, now four months ago, the export of corn has been interdicted, and an English Barque, for which corn had been stored, when no prohibition existed, and, which, for the lading of this corn, had foregone a cargo of dates at Busreh, was obliged, a few weeks past, to purchase stone ballast at Bushire, and proceed in ballast to England, owing to a sudden local interdict on corn. In one instance, the Governor relaxed the interdict, out of friendly feeling towards me. I am sensible of the kindness. But trade cannot thrive under considerations of personality or arbitrary interference. A British merchant assured me that the prosperity of English trade at Bushire, hinged much on the terms subsisting between the Resident and the Persian authorities. Again, a flight of locusts, or absence of rain is sufficient cause for a sudden Corn Law. Douceurs, &c. are said to be almost essential to the conduct of trade at all. The Governments of countries are probably as good as the governed deserve. But it is none the less true, that, among the principal difficulties in the development of the Persian Gulf trade, must be numbered that resulting from the action of Governmental authority. It is just, however, to add that since the foregoing was written, the Shah has disapproved his Governor's interdict.

58. Some few years ago, 6 to 7 squarerigged vessels came from Mauritius annually, in ballast, and ran back, corn. This trade has ceased, or turned towards Kurrachee: owing, as I am assured, to the vexations it suffered in the Gulf.

59. The Cotton trade at Bushire has, as elsewhere, received a considerable impetus by the American Civil War. 60,000 Tabreez maunds (7 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. each) have been shipped, and it is said that, during the coming season, ten times that quantity may be thrown on the market. Prices rose so high that it would have paid to bring Cotton from Tabreez some 12 or 13 hundred miles on mules, and export it at Bushire. Persia can grow Cotton from Tabreez West, to Meshed East, and southward to the Cotton fields of Reshire, four miles from Bushire. These latter

* NOTE.—Of course carriage at Bushire being adjusted to its average trade, any sudden influx of extraneous goods would have temporarily raised the rates of carriage to an arbitrary maximum. Still, the distance to Shiraz being so short, and the rise so enormous in rate, tend to show that the Bushire trade cannot bear those calls, which really large trade usually can sustain without ruinous effects.

† The landing of goods and the embarkation of goods at Bushire are a monopoly in the hands of a man called a Hamal Bashee. He farms this business and no person other than he is allowed to land or embark goods.

It is true that it would be open to an English merchant to introduce his own cargo Boats. But then he must also have his own Boatmen; and these, not Persian subjects, otherwise they might be interfered with.

In my opinion any steamer line in the Gulf Trade should render itself wholly independent of the shore, for the landing and embarkation of its goods.

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returned good crops, until changes in taxation, stopped the sowing, and the cultivators decreased in numbers.

60. The Sugar trade with Java has increased during the past 20 years from 5,000 Peculs (17 Tabreez maunds each) to 50,000 Peculs. This sugar drives those of Mysore, Bengal, Mauritius, and Siam, out of the market. The Refiners find that the Java sugar yields a larger quantity of loaf sugar per maund, than the other sugars.

61. A considerable trade in Opium has sprung up of late years with Yezd; and I believe also Ghayn. Their light yellow colored stick Opium, when unadulterated, is of excellent quality. Accounts differ as to the place it now occupies in the market: one of the China Journals asserting that excessive adulteration had destroyed its chance in that country. While, here, it is asserted that, large quantities still reach China, *via* Batavia, and Singapoer.

62. The export of wool to the quantity of 1,00,000 Tabreez maunds is, I think, inconsiderable, as compared with what might take place. Some of the wool is imported at Bushire, in the first instance, from other and minor Ports. But I surmise that, if a regular demand were made known round the Gulf, and payment duly secured, a great development might be given to this trade.

63. Saltpetre brought in small quantities from Lar does not pay. It would have a better chance perhaps if manufactured at Kishm or Ormuz, or some other point on the sea board.

64. As to the route from Bushire inland, it is rugged, stony, mountainous, and thence to the point where trade diverges, Shiraz. Via the Dulikee Pass, Kazroon, and Tehran: a mule load of 340 lbs. or so may cost about 5 Tomans, or a little less, in carriage, from Bushire to Tehran.

65. Moving southward from Bushire you pass along a series of small coast villages, or insignificant Ports lying amid a skirting of date trees, and immediately below a precipitous range of barren mountains, which seen from a vessel's deck, seem to rise sheer out of the water, untrodden by human foot. Among these villages, Congoon was, at one time, a busy little place; but the Dashtee tribe, whose sea frontage is near, wasted and ruined it.

66. At length you come to Lingah, the Port next in importance to Bushire, of the 2nd Class, as now considered. The general character of the commerce of these two Ports is similar; that of Lingah, of course, being far less in extent, and smaller in variety. Its recent condition has been unusually prosperous. But the history of its rise is instructive. Comparatively a few years ago, it was almost unknown; and was farmed for 100 Tomans per annum, under the local Government of Lar. The farm subsequently rose to 200 Tomans. Presently the Sheikh of Lingah chanced to have a quarrel with the Sheikh of Abbass. The latter exposed the lightness of the demand made by government against Lingah, as compared with that made elsewhere. The trade of Lingah was enquired into; and the annual contract raised to 2,000 Tomans. The increase of trade then slackened. It may at present have a trade equivalent to about one* fourth that of Bushire. The principal attractions of the place are that goods can be dropped there more quietly than at Bushire; and with less interference and cost. They can then sometimes find their way through the dilapidated walls of Shiraz without a second demand; while a caravan coming from Bushire, is generally advertized to the authorities at Shiraz.

67. But Lingah, in point of position and lines of road to the interior, is less favorably situated, perhaps, than any other Port. The route to Shiraz is arduous, ill-supplied, and unsafe. It is probable, its commerce, as compared with that of other Ports, would rather decrease than otherwise, under a thorough development of the Gulf trade.

68. Apart however from its landwards trade, Lingah enjoys a sea carrying

* I suspect its trade is more than one fourth as large.

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trade. She imports timber from India; and may possess some twelve Buglas of from 200 to 300 Tons each; some 50 smaller craft of from 50 to 60 Tons; and 500 or 600 small coasting Buggarehs. But the number of boats belonging to a Port in the Gulf, is no sufficient criterion of the trade of that Port. Bunder Abbass possesses scarcely any Boats. Craft call there en route to the northward, or to India, drop and take in cargo, and pass on. The newly established line of Steamers, follow the same practice.

69. I pass southward to the 3rd Class of territories; among these the Bunder Abbass with its adjacent districts northward to a principal Port is Bunder Abbass. point near Lingah, and southwards to a tract, whose The trade of this Port is variously estimated. All admit it to be thriving. I am inclined to suppose it may be three-fourths as large as that of Bushire; perhaps even more.

70. The means for collecting any detailed account of the trade of Bunder Abbass are not at my disposal: this Port being temporarily farmed by Muscat, and thus excluded the region of communication with this Residency. It is, however, the principal Port of entry for piece goods into Persia. It imports also coffee, tea, sugar, spices and miscellaneous goods. Among its exports are wool and fruit; the latter drawn from a fertile district a little inland.

71. I have noticed that Bunder Abbass has been somewhat decried as a Port; but I am of opinion that it is the point where trade coming to and fro a vast area of southern Central Asia, naturally meets the sea. At present its trade is said to be in a partially abnormal condition, owing to its following a route which, if Bushire were less interfered with, would not fall to Abbass. For instance, Bunder Abbass, in some degree, supplies the Shiraz market; and this although the road thither is twice as long as from that Town to Bushire, besides being less safe. In its normal condition, perhaps, the proper sphere of Bunder Abbass trade would be along the Yezd and Kerman routes to points found along a line extending from Furrah, through Herat, Ghayn, Tong, Tubbus, Meshed Nishepoor, and so to Teheran. The Bunder Abbass trade should, in brief, be a central one; meeting the Kurrahee trade via Candahar, on its eastern flank; the Russian trade of the Oxus and Caspian, on its north; and the Tabreez and Bushire trade on its western side. No doubt, a large area in the region thus described, is, at present, comparatively desert; while those portions of it known politically, such, for instance, as the States of Herat, Khion, and Bokhara are poor consumers. Still, the total area to be supplied is so extensive, that even an infinitesimally small trade per 10 square miles would endow Bunder Abbass with a rich commerce. Moreover, some of the States referred to, were once comparatively wealthy, and still contain the soil, the positions, and the men, for becoming so again. Political circumstances, and the slow permeation of thought through those regions, may, any day, give them an impulse, as welcome in the commercial, as it may prove startling in the political world. I chanced, some little time ago, to read the History of Genghis Khan, with an Heratee, who formerly administered the Illyat districts of that principality. I asked him how it was no Genghis arose now, to redeem his country? He replied, "We possess too many of them. In old times men were beasts of burthen. A Chief of character could do what he liked and they would follow. But people travel now, and think and look to money results. Caravans come from Hind and Russ and tell them what is what. Heratees would not follow a Genghis or Nader now;* but if a Sahib were to go and lead them on in advance of what they now are, as Genghis did in advance of what they were in his time, and if he would pay them properly (for men will not

* I remember coming on some two thousand families of the Jumsheedee Tribe, of the Bala Moorghab. They had refused to fight for the Herat Sirdar; had been attacked by him; had been worsted and led into captivity. When I fell in with them, they had just reached the bank of the Herat river. Some were urging on their cattle, some helping on their children. Many, particularly of the women, were seated in a most desponding manner on the river bank. The 137 Psalm was before you. "By the river, there we sat down, yea we wept when we remembered * * * Oh daughter of Babylon who art to be destroyed, &c.

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work continuously now without pay), he might, in three or four years, render the country more flourishing than it was under the sons of Timour Lang."

72. To return: as illustrative of the manner in which trade meets, competes, and finds its level at points along the line towards which that of Bunder Abbass naturally flows, I may mention that when I was at Herat in 1860-61, I found piece goods from the Teheran and Candahar lines, bearing their respective English and Russian marks, competing on the same counter, in the Herat Bazaar; and their respective qualities severely criticized by the Traders. They seemed, on the whole, to prefer the Teheran goods, but those from India were cheaper. True, it was surmised that, the Teheran goods came originally, in greatest part, from England. Again, I found Russian brick tea, meeting tea from all other quarters; and commanding the highest price as the best in the Market. The retailers told me, Kurrachee tea was driving a hard bargain with others to maintain their ground; but the retailers added that some tea had arrived from Kurrachee, during the preceding year, not in boxes like the Bombay tea, but in small packets, and that this latter was so execrable, as to have injured the general repute of Kurrachee borne teas. I was puzzled at the moment to distinguish the tea in question, but it was practically explained to me on subsequent arrival at Kurrachee, that tea was brought to Sind in packets, for the use of troops and others; that this tea, after being drunk by the Soldiers, was recollected, dried, and repacked, in the old packets, by the barrack boys; and then sold in the Kurrachee Bazar for a mere song, to be exported *via* the Candahar line. Again, I found some stick Opium of excellent quality from Ghayn, and on showing it at Bombay, attention was drawn to the circumstance *via* the Gulf, and a considerable trade from the Ghayn direction has since sprung up. I was struck all along the route of North Persia with the unvarying presence of the Russian lumbersome tea-urn (Samawar) brought from the great Fairs beyond the Caspian; would it not be possible to bring into competition with it a lighter, handier article?

73. That Bunder Abbass is situate in a position, favorable for trade, is, in some degree to be inferred from the history of the neighbouring island of Ormuz. No island could possibly look more unpromising. It is, in brief, a confused looking mass of spongy earth mounds, and saline efflorescence. Yet, under European management, in times gone by, it was described as follows:

"Instamond in his history of the East Indies says:—At the mouth of the Strait of Mocandon, which leads into the Persian Gulf, lies the island of Gombroon. In the eleventh century an Arabian conqueror built upon this barren rock the city of Ormuz, which afterwards became the capital of an empire, comprehending a considerable portion of Arabia on one side, and of Persia on the other. Ormuz had two good harbours, and was large and well fortified; its riches, and strength were entirely owing to its situation. It was the centre of trade between Persia and the Indies, which was very considerable, if we remember that the Persians at that time caused the greatest part of the merchandize of Asia to be conveyed to Europe from the ports of Syria and Caffa. At the time of the arrival of the Foreign merchants, Ormuz afforded a more splendid and agreeable scene than any city in the East. Persons from all parts of the Globe exchanged their commodities, and transacted their business with an air of politeness and attention, which are seldom seen in other places of trade.

"These manners were introduced by the merchants belonging to the ports, who induced Foreigners to imitate their affability. Their address, the regularity of their police, and the variety of entertainments which their city afforded, joined to the interests of commerce, invited merchants to make it a place of resort. The pavement of the streets was covered with mats, and in some places with carpets; and the linen awnings which were suspended from the tops of houses prevented any inconvenience from the heat of the sun. Indian cabinets ornamented with gilded vases, or China filled with flowering shrubs or aromatic plants, adorned their apartments; camels, laden with water, were stationed in the public squares; Persian wines, perfumes, and all the delicacies of the table were furnished in the greatest abundance; and they had the music of the East in its

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highest perfection. In short, universal opulence and extensive commerce, a refined luxury, politeness in the men, and gallantry in the women, united all their attractions to make this city the seat of pleasure.

"An English traveller, Ralph Fileh, who visited this island, describes it thus:"—

"Ormuz is an island in circuit about five and twenty or thirty miles, and is the driest island in the World, for there is nothing growing on it, but only salt; for the water, wood, or victuals, and all things necessary, come out of Persia, which is about twelve miles from thence. All thereabout is very fruitful, from whence all kinds of victuals are sent into Ormuz. The Portuguese have a castle here which standeth near unto the sea, wherein there is a Captain for the king of Portugal, having under him a convenient number of soldiers, whereof some part remain in the castle, and some in the town. In this town are merchants of all nations, and many Moors and Gentiles. There is a very great trade of all sorts of spices, drugs, silk, cloth of silk, fine tapestry of Persia, great store of pearls, which come from the isle of Bahrein, and are the best pearls of all others, and many horses of Persia, which serve all India."

74. That the island instead of the present Port, was, at that time, made the entrepôt, was due probably to the circumstance that, a foreign settlement of merchants preferred to sustain the cost of a double landing and shipment, rather than run the risk to property and person, incident to a residence on the main land.

75. When, however, Shah Abbas, a Sovereign, whose Serais for the accommodation of trade, are among the noblest and most enduring architectural structures in Persia, turned his keen commercial eye towards the Gulf; he put his finger on its entrance; preferred the mainland to the island; established a Port; and gave it his own name. It is possible we may have put a finger down too.

76. As to the Customs of Bunder Abbass, they are lumped in the farm with its inland revenues for 16,000 Tomans per annum; of which 10,000 may represent Customs. The farm has some thirteen years yet to run, and the terms of the Treaty including it, are hostile to the intrusion of foreigners; and afford Persia considerable room for interference. The Sultan of Muscat in turn farms both the Muscat and Abbass Customs to a Bunya for 95,000 Tomans; of which, perhaps, 20,000 Tomans may represent Abbass dues; but on the whole the trade of the Muscat State is in a partially transition condition, owing to the division of the Imaumship into the two separate Sultanuts of Zanzibar and Muscat, under the arbitrement of the late Earl Canning. The web and woof of the home trade is, of course, for the moment, rent asunder; and commerce takes time to re-adjust itself along new groves, under altered circumstances.

77. The small town of Kishm, on the southern end of the island of that name, is another Port, farmed from Persia by Muscat. Its principal export is salt, which it sends eastwards. Its imports are mainly for consumption on the island. Perhaps a sulphur and saltpetre trade might succeed at Kishm.

78. The islet of Angaum, on the sea-side of Kishm, might be a convenient point for a coal depôt. The Sound is always calm on one side, with a channel of 6 or 7 fathoms; but it should be borne in mind that, this islet, like Kishm itself, may revert to Persia a few years hence; and that Persia is jealous of any footing whatsoever being gained on her territory by an European.

79. My suggestion is, that, in developing the trade of the Persian Gulf, we keep as free as may be convenient of dependence upon foreign States. I believe we can do so whether we regard our trade, our Telegraph, or our coal stations.

80. Before crossing to the other side of the Gulf, it may be well to turn a general glance over Persian trade, considered as a whole; and as it may be expected to develop.

81. The greatest consumers in Persia, area for area, are to be found within an obtuse angled triangle, of which a line drawn from Tabreez on the West, along the southern shore of the Caspian to Meshed on the East, would form the base; and of which lines drawn from Meshed and Tabreez respectively, to Ispahan,

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would form the other two sides. Now trade must reach these consumers along one or more of the following routes:

- 1st. Via Turkish Armenia from Trebizond to Tabreez.
- 2nd. Via the Russian Caucasian Provinces from Poti to Tabreez.
- 3rd. From the line of the Volga across the Caspian to Resht or Asterabad.
- 4th. From Kurrachee via the Candahar line to Furrah; and thence either through Herat to Meshed, or through Ghayn to the Nishapoor portion of the Teheran road.
- 5th. From Bunder Abbass through Yezd or Kerman.
- 6th. From Bushire via Shiraz; and thence through Ispahan or Yezd.
- 7th. From some Port on the Persian Gulf other than Bushire and Bunder Abbass, or.

8th. Along some line between the head of the Gulf and Baghdad, and thence continuing either into the plateau of Persia via Kermanshah, or Shuster, or else keeping northward through the Kurds.

82. But trade coming by the first route has to meet the Turkish Custom Houses; to traverse 500 miles of mountainous country, sometimes impassable from snow, and oftener unsafe from plunderers until it reach Tabreez. It has then to meet the Persian Customs, and if sent on to Teheran to make another land journey of 700 miles; or if to Ispahan of 800 or more. If finally it go on to Meshed it has a further land route of 800 miles along a frontier road, scant of water and supplies, and broken in upon by the Turcomans of the Attruk and Goorgan.

83. If trade come via Georgia, it has the Russian duties to pay; many difficulties of carriage from Poti to Khoi; then to meet the Persian Customs at Tabreez; and so on, as above detailed. If it debouche on the Caspian at Lenkeran, it has re-shipment, re-landing, and the tropical, unroaded provinces of Ghelan or Mazanderan to traverse, before it ascends the Ghats to Casween, or debouches on the Meshed road, at Bostan.

84. The Volga line, though enjoying lengthened water carriage, has also to bear a long landjourney to meet Custom houses; repeated re-shipments sometimes the cost of steam transit, and eventually to land at Resht or Asterabad, and proceed as above described.

85. If trade come from Kurrachee it must pass up either Sind or Beloochistan to the Afghan Frontier, near Shawl, a distance of some 500 miles; a road singularly rocky and mountainous if by Beloochistan, and involving the Bolan pass if by Sind. From Shawl it has a journey of 200 miles nearly to Candahar, and of 300 miles on to Furrah, subjected en route to Afghan interference and dues. At Furrah it must diverge either 200 miles to Herat or 400 or 500 miles to the Teheran road; and in either case to traverse a wild region, where the Borderers of Persia, Seistan, Afghanistan, and Herat meet on their conterminous frontiers. From Herat to Meshed 200 miles it must travel along a Border tramped and desolated by the Saloor, Sarookh and Tekkee Turcomans of the Moorghab and Merve. These plunderers have already carried into slavery, the men, women, and children, of hundreds of villages along this line; and those villages still lie waste and tenantless. From Meshed and the Neshapoor point the route is as before noticed.

86. For trade to proceed from any point on the Gulf other than Bushire or Bunder Abbass would involve the opening up of a new line, along a route more arduous, less safe, and not shorter; and the same remark would apply to the Shuster line.

87. As to Baghdad, it seems at first glance to possess some advantages in that trade could reach the triangle sought by shortening its land and lengthening its water transit. But merchants object, that this route would involve sailing seagoing craft up to Busreh; of their running the gauntlet of the Turkish Custom houses; of changing to river craft; breaking bulk; and of eventually having to cross an unsafe tract between Baghdad and Kermanshah; there meeting the Persian duties. Hence, this line is not availed of unless for the trade of the

* The direct road to the Fort of Herat leaves the Port of Furrah to its left, and passes by Geraneh.

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Shat-ool-Arab, Tigris, and Kermanshab, and Hamadan lines of consumption. But I am ill-acquainted with this line; although I find among my recollections a passing visit, that the walls of Baghdad appeared to have been built for a bigger city, and that there were few trading craft on the Tigris.

88. Similar remarks would apply with increased force to any route running North from Baghdad towards the Kurds.

89. If to the foregoing glance along these routes, I might add a fact or two, drawn from personal observation, I would remark that, I met comparatively little traffic between Trebezond and Tabreez; although Tabreez itself seemed a considerable commercial town, with well-cultivated environs. The road from Tabreez to Teheran was as unfrequented, until one arrived at Casween, the nearest town of any importance to the Capital. Between Teheran and Meshed I met very few caravans; and they were principally engaged in carrying dead bodies, or pilgrims from Bokhara and Meshed to Kurbella, Nejd, and Mecca; or in carrying pilgrims eastwards to the Shrine at Meshed. From Meshed to Herat and from Herat through Furrak to Ghiriskh on the Helmund, I did not meet a single Kaffa; although I came on the track of one, which was utterly destroyed next morning near Laush Jowain, and although I met at the Koli Doozdan on the Kash Rood, the Seistanees, who had a night or two before smitten the only Kaffa they had been able to fall in with.

* I went half way down the Moolla Pass, but I did not meet any traffic there. It was in December.

90. Between Candahar, Quetta, Khelat, and the head of the Bolan, I met now and then a string of camels;* but I found between Khozdar and Kurrachee, a larger bulk of goods on camels than I had met along the entire route from Meshed to Khozdar; I might perhaps add from even Teheran to Khozdar. I fling these facts out, without wishing to strain them into a theory, for determining the proportions of trade along any given distance. And it is possible, had I returned to Teheran, the facts might have been different.

91. I think, however, all circumstances considered that trade, if left free, or even if only moderately harrassed, should be able, when landed at Bunder Abbass, to command the markets of Kerman and Yezd—the latter one of the wealthiest and most enterprising towns in Persia*—that it should further be able to compete with trade coming along any of the lines above enumerated, to Ispahan, Teheran, and Meshed; and then that it should flow along the Tabreez line until overpowered by the countercurrents of the Russian and Turkish Armenian lines. Bunder Abbass would naturally absorb also any little trade that might be needed for Western Mekran.

92. I think, secondly, that trade without smuggling at Lingah, should command the immediate neighbourhood of Lar, and the adjacent coast line.

93. Thirdly, that trade landed at Bushire, should command those districts below the passes; and also the market of Shiraz and the province of Fars in general. It might compete with other routes as far North as Ispahan, but not I think, at Teheran. Finally it might be able to throw a sprinkling of goods towards Yezd.

94. The advantages of Bunder Abbass as a Port for the supply of the markets under notice, may be compared with those of Bushire, as follows:—

95. Bunder Abbass is less interfered with by authority. The dues are more moderate, and are levied without needless delay or injury to goods absence of octroi no subsequent governmental demand, unless at Yezd, where it is moderate, readily levied, and whence trade moves on direct to the Capital; (while trade at Bushire sustains en route not only octroi, but a heavy demand and delay at Shiraz; and a third demand at Ispahan); an easier and more level road; an abundant supply of camels instead of a limited supply of mules: each camel carry-

* The principal merchants at Yezd are Guebres; also some Hindoos, and a few Ispahanees. The Hindoos are from Mooltan. It is remarkable that on the Herat and Bokhara line the Indian traders come from Shikarpoor principally. Then towards South Persia from Mooltan. At Zanzibar they are principally from Kutch and that neighbourhood. At Bushire there is not a single Banyan. The fact is, a Banyan will stand any tyranny, any misery, any thing you please, except permanent loss of profits; when this last calamity arrives, he goes away, as he has done from Bushire.

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ing 450 lbs. against a mule's 340 lbs, and costing one-third less; avoidance of delay and risk incident to seapassage up the Gulf against the prevailing Nor-Westers.

96. The disadvantages of Bunder Abbass are :—

1st.—That its town and road are considered less safe; but this objection is mitigated by the largeness of caravans. An Abbass Kafa may number from 1,000 to 2,000 camels. In Bushire, it is rare to see 100 mules in the same Kafa.

2nd.—That the distance from Bunder Abbass to Teheran *via* Yezd, is longer than that of Bushire from Teheran *via* Ispahan and Shiraz; but then the Yezd road, as before mentioned, is easier, and less interfered with: hence less delayed.

97. Looking forward to the possible development of Persian and Central Asiatic trade from the Gulf line, I should say that, compared with its area, it must always be small; but that the area for the supply of which the Persian Gulf is the only continuous Ocean line, is so immense, that the trade, naturally seeking its waters would, if not stifled by authority, rapidly increase; and be very considerable, regarded as a whole. The Persian peasant is a frugal, avaricious, trade-seeking man. The climate over the entire area to be served necessitates clothing. I have never met a man without a hat or turban of some sort. The Persian Khula is an article of fashion, and may cost anything from 10 Shillings to £10. The Illyat wears a felt; the Persianized Arab, a holy turban. Every body carries a pair of shoes or sandals on his feet, or in his hands. Trowsers obtain in towns; but are wisely discarded in country, as an impediment to free walking. As to coats they are universal, of the length of the body, and of all colors and descriptions. The Persian usually carries all he possesses on his back; looks cool during his visit; and unpeels seven, eight, or a dozen outer garments, when he gets home. In chinaware, he is a connoisseur; and it is difficult to deceive him. Arms of all sorts are in request; but a double-barrelled over and under pistol, is wisely preferred to a revolver. It is remarkable how long the awkward match or flint-lock holds its ground; and I cannot but think that it is in some degree due to the want of a thorough trial of our modern rifles. They appreciate our fowling-pieces. All this means trade.

98. But the fact is, that in Central Asia as elsewhere if you want to trade especially in the retail or fancy line, you must study fashion. If you throw red broad-cloth into a Persian town; or stone-color, black, or sky-color, among the Bedouins, they may remain on hand. Exchange the bales across the Gulf, and they may sell off hand. When I was at Zanzibar, last year, an enterprising Hanseatic merchant hit upon the idea of imitating the famous Muscat turban. He found he could import from Hambro an equally good (in my view better) looking article at a reduced price; but the Arabs and Sowahailee men about town, decided the colors were a little too bright: the article was forthwith gossamer to a beaver. Another gentleman sampled a large pink bead. The only objection possible to it, was, that it did not sell in Uniamesi, among the mountains of the moon. Similar accidents happened in piece goods: a stripe too broad, or a line too little, was sufficient to make the conversative ladies of the Negro races doubt quality; and stick to the original Surat, Broach, or Bengal.

99. In the articles of ghee, cotton, madder-root, opium, and wool, there is room for indefinite extension. It might be possible to create a trade in horns, glue, hides, saltpetre and sulphur. Persia possesses great mineral wealth, and coals, and sooner or later these must come to market. The coal we used at the Teheran Legation was fetched some 10 or 12 miles from near Damawend. It was of good quality, and I am of opinion that similar coal is findable in the hills near Bushire at Gesakoon and Halila Hill.

100. But it is rash to foretell the future of trade, or to prefer one route to another, so long as the arbitrary interferences of authority may, by a stroke of the pen, ruin one line or force another.

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101. I cross the Gulf to Mussendom. It is on this deeply indented and fantastically outlined cape that the territory directly under the Sultan of Muscat, lies. A singular race of men inhabit the headland, and seem to be an early race, driven by stronger growths of humanity into this remotest corner. They appear as though they had paused here, only because precipiced over the sea.

Class No. 4.

Koomzar Khussub.

No. 1 A dated 13th January 1863.
No. 2 A dated 2nd February 1863.
No. 6 A dated 16th February 1863.

102. As to the Ports of this Territory, they are of no present commercial value. But, as submitted more in detail, in my letters now noted, I am of opinion that the neighbourhood of Khussub, at the outer entrance of the Elphinstone Inlet, is a convenient point for the immediate establishment of an English Free Port, under a clear, written, permanent, unquestionable, title to be obtained from our ancient Ally of Muscat: concentrating there our coal and telegraph main stations for the Gulf, together with our Political Residency. Politically and strategically considered, this point might be rendered the key of the Persian Gulf. As a coal depôt it affords calm, and good anchorage, and would save colliers the risk, time, and cost of working up and down the Gulf. As a Telegraph station, it is on the Elphinstone creek, whose head touches the neck of the promontory at its narrowest part; and after a land passage of some 400 yards, meets the head of a deep water inlet opening on the eastern side of the cape. A trading steamer taking in coal at Khussub, could run to Busreh or Koweit, and back, without filling up. The entrance of the Gulf is the natural terminus for your square-rigged vessels, and trade should be delivered round the Gulf, and up the Busreh river, or Koweit creeks, in suitable native Gulf craft, or steamers. A large bugla can run cheaper than a square-rig, ton for ton, under particular circumstances. For instance, between Bombay and East Africa, they run down with the North East, and return with the first breezes of the South West monsoons. But the argument fails to apply when the length of voyage and the variability of winds, and the intervening of heavy weather, impede, endanger or stop Pattimar sailing.

103. The case of Ormuz is a precedent for a like station. The interferences, incertitude, and want of accurate knowledge of the market all round the Gulf, point to the alleviation of these evils, by the creation of a general entrepôt, at a convenient point, where all vessels passing near the Gulf, outside, would, if they pleased to call, find cargo ready; whereto all boats finding a favorable chance for exports from their several jurisdictions, could run a cargo, in a few days; and whereto all trade might converge, as circumstances admitted, from Ports subjected to sudden, but not permanent arbitrary interference.

104. My respectful suggestion to Government is, that the formation of a Port, so concentrating all our interests, would do more to create, and to develop the trade of the Gulf and Busreh line, and would do more to keep the Government accurately informed as to their relations, and the condition of commerce in the Gulf; and would, further, do more to keep the Maritime Arabs quiet, and to afford an issue for whatever capabilities of trade may be possessed by Arabia; than could all the Reports, all the figured Statements, and all the amicable interviews, of all the Residents, and all the Native authorities, that ever had, or may have place, round these waters.

105. But the Port must be really free, and all tribes and people must know and feel it to be free; and that once there, their goods and persons are secure, and unmolested. Let the authorities of the Port limit their functions to keeping the peace, removing obstacles, enforcing valid contracts, and punishing mercantile crime. For the rest, leave all to private enterprise; and leave trade free as the tide to flow in and out. I think that thus only can we practically test the commercial capabilities of the Gulf: perhaps, in no other manner, can trade attain its full and undeformed growth, all round the Globe.

106. The next class of territory to be noticed is that of the independent Maritime Arabs. These tribes yield a tithe to the Ruler of Nejd, whose capital,

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centred at Rias, near Daryah, has an advanced Fort Beymer, astride the North Eastern portion of Arabia midway between Ras-ul-khyma and the Towns of Muscat. And as the Ameer of Nejd is, himself, a tributary of Turkey, it follows that all the Arab Maritime Chiefs are quasi sub-Feudatories of the Sultan, although they do not acknowledge his Suzerainty, unless, as on one or two occasions has been the case with Bahrein, it suits their convenience. Bahrein once hoisted in succession Turkish, Persian and English flags. It is even added, she has been known to hoist all three at once.

107. These Maritime Tribes are located along the West Coast of the Gulf from Ras-ul-khyma to Bahrein, both inclusive. They may be distinguished into Chiefdoms headed along the so-called Pirate Coast, and separated by a long reach of barren shore and desert, from the most northerly Sheikdom of the island of Bahrein, with its subject district of Guttur, on the main.

Ras-ul-Khyma.
Shargah.
Amulgavine.
Ejmaun.
Debaye.
Aboothabee, properly Boozabee.

Joasmees.
Beni Yas.
Uitoopees.

108. It is unnecessary to trace the intricate and lengthened genealogies of these tribes: suffice it to note that as at present found they are named as per margin.

109. Their settlements are mainly dependant for subsistence upon the proceeds of their Pearl divers. They possess little territory, and perhaps even less real authority beyond their own immediate suburbs, and date groves; the latter, too, are scant. As to the Pearl banks, these are held in common by the

* Sheik of Bahrein. The gross yieldings
Sheik of Ras-ul-khyma. are given in margin of
Seikh of Debaye. paragraph 117. They
Sheikh of Amulga- may be for Bahrein itself
vine. 350,000 Dollars, and for
Sheikh of Aboothabee. the other Ports 400,000
Sheikh of Ejmaun. Dollars.

† No. 39 Political Department of 2nd February 1863.

circumstances.

110. The Maritime Arabs trade also with Zanzibar, and the Malabar Coast; Mangalore being their favorite port, I hear, on the latter. They export dried fish; and import from Malabar, rice, and some teakwood; and from Africa, masts for their boats, (for which a capital kind of wood of great strength and pliability is found up the Pangany river, on the hill-land of Tangaty, and, I believe, further northward, in Usambarah), cloves of which Zanzibar grows enough for the World's consumption; and rice, which was expelled the island of Zanzibar (to the great improvement of its salubrity) to make room for cloves; but which is still grown of good quality on the opposite African mainland. It is worthy of remark, however, that, although rice may be grown to a practically unlimited extent on portions of the Gulf districts, yet, that the Indian rice is imported, and is preferred to all others: the explanation seems to be that Indian rice is lighter, and swells more in the boiling; hence it is more filling at the price, and takes longer to digest: a sufficiently nutritive substance being granted, the essentials of a poor man's food are, the greatest possible bulk, at a minimum cost. Cocoanuts are also brought to some extent from Zanzibar and Pembeh; but the market for these, and there is a rapidly increasing one, is towards Marseilles and Hambro. It is possible, indeed, that cocoanuts may soon replace the clove plantations. At present the fruit leaves Zanzibar, in pulp, dried. It is obvious, however, that, if circumstances should favor the expression of the oil on the spot, a larger quantity of oil might be thrown into the European markets, from a reduced tonnage. It is surmised that a salad and olive oil of good repute is refined from the Zanzibar cocoanuts. When in Africa I suspected the salt-fish trade with Arabia to be a ruse for running a return cargo of slaves; it is possible some of Her Majesty's Naval Officers still think so. The salt-fish trade is, however, a bonâfide one; and not only so,

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but, it is, pearls alone excepted, the sole export of these Maritime Arabs. Men must export what they can produce and spare, or else they must go without Imports. If men situate like these Arabs do not export salt-fish and pearls, they must either turn pirates, or starve.

111. So long ago as 1823 Captain McLeod reporting on the Joasme tribe (being then at Ras-ul-khyma and Shargah) described them as possessing "no articles of export, since their pearls are generally purchased by merchants on the spot, and the produce of their country is not even sufficient for their maintenance. Their only employment is fishing, diving for pearls and importing dates, grain and other necessaries of life, which they purchase with the price of those pearls. Their dates are chiefly brought from Bahrein and Busreh; grain and cloth from Muscat and the Persian Ports. They are very poor, and, perhaps can never find much employment in commerce unless in carrying for others, although it is said they at one time possessed a very extensive trade. The Joasmees procure all their materials for building, as well as their warlike stores from Muscat, Bahrein and the Persian Ports in the lower part of the Gulf."

112. Colonel Kemball writing in 1845, remarked:—

"Upon the success of the Pearl fishing, and the profits of the carrying trade, which it brings into operation, must depend the means of obtaining the positive necessaries of life, and those trifling luxuries desirable to an Arab. It is needless to observe how materially their own condition, and by an easily deduced corollary, the safety of the Gulf, might be affected by the failure of a single season." Hence "the anxiety and care attended with great expense which has been devoted" by our Government "to the maintenance of perfect tranquillity and security on the Pearl banks."

113. The Maritime resources of the Arab (or Piratical) Ports are stated to be as follows:—

Ports.	Buglas engaged in the Indian and African trades.	Their tonnage in morahs.	Smaller vessels for Gulf trade from 500 to 1,000 morahs.	Pearl Boats.	Remarks.
Ras-ul-khyma.....	11	24,000	15	15	
Ramse.....	1	1,000	5	.....	Pays 800 Drs. annually to Ras-ul-khyma.
Jazirat-ul-Hamra ...	.....	.....	6	35	Do. 900 to 1,000 Do. do.
Himreeah .....	.....	.....	.....	30	Do. 200 Do. do.
Shargah	6	14,750	25	400	Do. 1,500 Do. do.
Heyrah .....	.....	.....	.....	25	Do. 50 to 75 Do. to Shargah.
Fasht .....	.....	.....	.....	25	Do. 100 Do. do.
Khan	1	2,000	5	50	Do. 100 Do. do.
Total...	19	41,750	56	580	In addition to the places here enumerated as Joasme territory, Sheikh Sultan ben Suggur possesses several small places on this as well as Coomza, Dibah, and Khore Facavn, and others on the other side of Cape Mussendom, which yields him a small revenue. His supremacy over Cassaab is merely nominal.
Amulgavine'.....	3	9,500	10	60	
Ejman.....	4	6,000	10	50	
Debaye .....	.....	.....	.....	4	90
Aboothabee	2	4,000	10	600	

The tax levied upon each diver and his attendant varies, under the different Arab Chieftains, from 1½ to 7 Dollars. The amount, too, fluctuates each season, at the will of the Sheikh.

114. The population varies in these towns; and the frequent convulsions sustained by society have precluded any permanent increase. The Ports of

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Aboothabee, Shargah and Ras-ul-khyma may contain 3,000 households. Those of Amulgavine, Ejman, Debaye 1200 or so; the lesser settlements at Khan, Heyrah, Fasht 600. I append for more detailed information, as to resources, a statement of the number of inhabitants, vessels, houses and datetrees of the Joasmees.

115. But the richest of the Maritime Arab States, is Bahrein; which island is, in part, fertile, and well watered. It is also singularly picturesque for this unfinished part of the world. The Sheikhs of Bahrein enjoy a revenue of some two lacs of rupees levied on the land, or on boats engaged in the Pearl fishery, whither this State may send some 1200 boats annually. The gross trade may be 28 lacs of rupees, dependant principally on pearls. No Custom dues are levied; but society has suffered many convulsions to the retardment and even falling off of population. The principal exports are pearls, dried-fruits and dates. About 3,50,000 Crowns worth of pearls are annually collected by craft belonging to Bahrein; and something more than this quantity is brought from other part of the Gulf for sale. The imports are mainly from India: rice, cotton, piece-goods, and spices. Of these, one fourth may be consumed in Bahrein; and the remainder be re-exported to other Ports, in the Gulf.

116. The Chief of Bahrein possesses a greater number of craft than any other Arab Sheikh round the Gulf. His Marine has been quoted as per margin.* It is asserted that the

*12 Buglas not trading.
25 Buglas of large size trading with India.
12 Batteels ditto ditto.
1000 or 1200 Boats Pearl fishing.
This statement relates to the Sheikh, not the whole of Bahrein.

trade of this island was greater 30 years ago than it now is.

117. Forty miles to the northward of Bahrein commence the Ports of the 5th class namely, those acknowledging Suzerainty of Turkey; but practically independent. Kateef the first of these, is the Port of the Wahabee Ruler or more strictly of the Nejd Arabs, whose chief town of Rais, near Durayah, lies 11 days march westward, in the interior of Arabia. The present ruler of Nejd is the Ameer Fysul, highly reputed for his stern, effective, and just authority. Kateef, however, is considered unhealthy; and is not frequented by the Arabs coming down for exchange towards the coast. These stop at Lahsa, distant some ten fursacs from Kateef, and rather inland. Lahsa itself is healthy, and produces a large quantity of dates, stated to be equal in quality with those of Busreh. Few dates, however, find their way to the sea; unless for a small portion sent to Bahrein, which is distant from Ojair the old, but now abandoned Port of Lahsa, only 14 miles.

118. It is this Nejd power, occupying the wide centre of Adnan Arabia, and composed of Nomadic or only partially stationary Arab tribes; some now in revolt, and some now used for quelling revolt, that threatens or dominates all round the shore line from the back of the Euphrates and Shat-ul-Arab, down along the pirate coast above described, and thence round Cape Mussendom along Muscat, Oman, to Ras-ul-Had, on the Aden line.

119. It was a Cazeer or Moollah of Busreh, named Wahab who, (or whose son) permeating these tribes with the metamorphic agency of a religious idea, fused them into an aggressive mass, which cropping out along the shore lines of Muscat and the western coast of the Persian Gulf, compelled all these subdued tribes into plunder and piracy. Hence the once notorious appearance of the maritime Arabs as pirates; hence our expeditions to the West coast of the Gulf; and hence the Ras-ul-khymas and Beni-Boo-Alis, blending with our colors. An Arab Sheikh endeavoured to explain to me the nature of this unenduring Wahabee power, by likening it to the agency of Lord Clive, in conquering India with a sepoy army. The leading tenets of Wahab's faith seem to have been those common to Prophets, to proclaim himself and the Unity of the Creator, and kill or plunder his immortal creatures.

120. I confess that during my recent journey to Koweit, I was much impressed by the Arab character: I found in it, an aplombe, sound sense, thought-

Exports.

Pearls, dried dates bullion, of which some 8 Lacs Rs. worth of pearls may first reach Bahrein from the other Ports.

Imports.

Principally from India rice, cotton, cloths, calicoes, and spices of which $\frac{1}{4}$ may be consumed in Bahrein, and $\frac{3}{4}$ re-exported.

16 Lacs rupees.

12 Lacs rupees.

28 Lacs rupees.

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fulness and ready energy, which contrasted favorably with at least one other Oriental people. It is worthy of notice that, whatever the Arabs possess, seem to be the best of their kind; their horses, dogs, poultry; their mules and donkeys; their dates; their coffee; their pearls; their spices and their frankincense.

121 They have been called, for centuries, vindictive, cruel. It is remarkable, however, that in no country in the world is the brute creation so much the friend of man; in no country is there that mutual confidence between man and beast; nowhere else that I have passed, does the horse, and even the greyhound seem so thoroughly to comprehend language addressed to them by man.

122. I crossed the desert, when it was in blossom; in the spring. The plain had recently been trampled by the feet of Bedouin Camps, where every man's hand is against his neighbour. Yet even the birds seemed to welcome me. The lark, rising trustfully, just in front of my bridle, startled the solemn silence of the desert with its happy song, and again breasting earth, all was still. Anon, a little lady of the Finch tribe, would trip along, beside me; evidently quite glad of a chance for prettily chirping the news: pity, I could not make out what she said.

123. Meeting these Arabs, you readily comprehend how they once stormed across the world; and you leave them, persuaded that they still possess qualities which may again render them renowned, should outward circumstances favor. I could well understand how the tragic pastoral of Job was written by an Arab. The originals of the Patriarchs were before you: their life; their manners and the results of these. I thought to myself these Pentateuch people carry out the principle of simplicity in its integrity; yet I felt, also, that our present civilizations, may have to return, in part, to natural sources, before humanity can progress towards perfection.

124. I left the Arabs, impressed that, their vices and their virtues; their customs; their manners and their government have been, in a great degree, formed by physical and accidental circumstances. A man who finds himself doomed to live in the Bedouin desert cannot render his life similar to that of a man born of the same original stock, who finds himself among the natural bounties of Arabia Felix. Perhaps the names of Adnan and Khaitan, of the earliest recorded times were only impersonations of the tribes who wandered for pasturage in the open, and of the tribes who had settled down to agriculture on some favored spot. Both would naturally trace their origin to some one Head; and this Head would receive a name, as well as Adam. On the whole, the Arabs, like most other people I have met, seem to cut their coat very much according to their cloth. Ubi homines sunt, modi sunt; and as soil is, so the mind of man.

125. I beg pardon for this seeming digression; but it is, I think, of importance, from a commercial point of view, to bear the character and country of these Arabs, in mind. A tract whose people can suddenly appear in force on the lines of the Red Sea, Persian Gulf and Euphrates, must be sufficiently numerous, and possess qualities to affect markets, along those lines for good or for ill. A country that possesses so many articles of commerce, unequalled in their kind, may create an increased demand and supply in the general markets under European management. The Arabian, and perhaps other portions of the Gulf coast line, may be capable of supplying at a profit, hides, horns, glue, saltpetre, wool.*

* I observed both on East Coast Africa, at Magadosha and Brava; and also to some extent at Kurra- chee, that when the trade came to be opened up by English or Continental merchants, these articles, especially hides, horns and wool were rendered

Vide appended Statements of Exports and Imports to and from Kateef Lahsa, and Bushire.

Total Trade of Kateef may be annually 50,000 Dollars.

of the Nejd coast line in general, is, as per margin.

127. The next Port falling under the class of those recognising Turkish Suzerainty, but practically independent, is Koweit; and the history of this settlement is, in my opinion, so illustrative of what may be done in the Gulf by common sense applied to the creation of trade, that I shall venture to occupy a moment of the Government time with a brief summary of its history, as jotted down in my

126. The least erroneous notion I can convey of the exterior trade of Kateef, and

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Diary, during my recent journey, from the lips of the present Chief and other Sheikhs of Koweit.

128. The family of the present Sheikh, have ruled at Koweit, some five generations or about 250 years; for, as these men live to the good old age of 120 years, their generations are, of course, nearly double ours; or about 50 years each. Originally, the Sheikh's progenitors dwelt in a small Fort called Moom-gussur; situate at the head of the Kore Abdullah, near Bunder Zobier. They were the pirates of the North of the Persian Gulf and lower channels of the Shat-ul-Arab. But about 250 years ago, the Busreh authorities attacked and expelled them. The original Sheikh then came down the Boobian creek with his followers, and debouched on the bay, at present known as that of Koweit or Grane. Crossing the bay, he settled on its southern shore; and there erected a Fort or Khote: hence the name Khote, or Koweit. The term Grane, is rather applied to the shore line of the entire Bay; from its resemblance to the curve formed by two horns: Keor or Ghern, meaning horn. The settlement was subsequently increased by the son of the founder, who erected the longer portion of the present walls; which however, have since been again extended along the shore line, as the increase of population, from time to time, demanded.

129. Perhaps no conjuncture of circumstances could have seemed less favorable to the creation of a thriving commercial settlement, than the arrival of a band of Arab Pirates on a barren shore, with brackish water, and back grounded by a series of Bedouins. Yet what is the fact? Here is a clean, active town, with a broad and open main bazaar, and numerous solid stone dwelling houses, stretching along this strand, and containing some 20,000 inhabitants; attracting Arab and Persian merchants from all quarters by the equity of its rule, and by the freedom of its trade. It imports from Malabar and Bombay, some two lacs of rupees value, principally in longcloths, rice, coffee, planks and spices. It exports some 800 horses at an average value of 300 rupees each. 40,000 rupees worth in wool; 60,000 rupees of dates, and perhaps, 40,000 rupees worth in miscellanies, or say approximately nearly four lacs of rupees worth of exports against two and a half lacs, Imports. Of the horses some 600 are shipped direct from Koweit; the remaining 200 from Busreh. The horsedealers of Koweit have their agents among the Shemma Anizee and other Nejd and miscellaneous tribes; collecting accurate detailed information as to all the pedigrees of horses, and as to all the foals coming on. These Agents, towards the commencement of the Bombay season, in July and August, bring down their purchased horses, overland to Koweit; preferring this tedious route, with its cost of protection by the way, to running the gauntlet of the River Custom Houses, bad climate of Busreh, and other inconveniences.

130. The sailors of Koweit are highly reputed, and there may be some 4,000 of them afloat; but Koweit sends to Muskat for boat-builders, as they are esteemed superior workmen. Among a long row of native craft of all sizes, I observed two small boats made at Cochin.

131. Koweit* sends about 30 boats annually to Bombay, each boat on an average of 100 tons, containing 2,000 baskets of dates; worth, say, 1,000 French rials. Hence the date export of 30,000 rials or 60,000 rupees. The dates are received or shipped from the Shat-ul-Arab. Horse forage comes in part down the Boobian creek, from Bunder Zobeir. Mutton, which is good, and milk, butter &c., they receive from the Bedouins, who flock to the town and are pitched in tents or huts all along the outside of its walls. These Bedouins are not allowed to enter the town armed; but they sell at the gate, where the Chief daily sits, and looks on. Koweit may boast of some 6,000 fighting men within its walls; but the policy has been to keep the peace internally, and with all its neighbours. It pays no tribute to the Ameer Fysul; but maintains friendly relations with him. It receives no tribute, customs or revenue from any

* I found English saddles much esteemed among the Arabs at Koweit, and it occurred to me that if among the presents made by Government in this part of the world to the Native Chiefs, useful articles like a saddle were included, not only would the receivers benefit by them, but some want might be created, whose supply would involve subsequent trade.

valuable, and demand rapidly increased.

The same remark applies to Sessamum seed, at Lamoo.

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one; save small offerings at the gate, or from merchants, amounting perhaps to 20,000 Rials per annum, and a complimentary present of dates from Busreh, in token of Suzerainty; and for the supposed protection of the mouths of the Busreh river. The Government is patriarchal; the Sheikh managing the political, and the Cazeer the judicial Departments. The Sheikh himself would submit to the Cazeer's decision. Punishment is rarely inflicted. Indeed there seems little government interference anywhere; and little need for any. When my father was nearly 120 years old, remarked the Sheikh to me, he called me and said "I shall soon die. I have made no fortune, and can leave you no money; but I have made many and true friends; grapple them. While other States round the Gulf have fallen off from injustice or ill-government, mine has gone on increasing. Hold to my policy, and though you are surrounded by a desert, and pressed on by a once hostile and still wandering set of tribes you will flourish." It is thus under the fostering care of a succession of common sense Rulers, and by means of a policy wisely originated, and systematically pursued, that an Arab band of pirates appear as the masters of a thriving Port, the refuge of the oppressed, and the peaceful free home of all. I confess that I looked round with something like amazement at finding such a political and commercial structure, in such a region, and the work of such hands.

132. If Arabs can do all this in the remotest corner of the Persian Gulf, what might not we do if we held its key gained the confidence of our neighbours by justice, and forwarded their material interests by the exercise of those moral qualities and that intellectual superiority, which the civilization of our country bestows on every English gentleman of common capacity, over an Asiatic?

133. No doubt, much of the prosperity of Koweit may be due to position, and to a comparatively healthy climate. It was in ancient days the point where the sea trade took to caravans, or river carriage. It still maintains its natural advantages; and, although I would not recommend the artificial forcing of trade from its present course, I would still keep an eye on Koweit, for future purposes. It is, in my opinion, by no means impossible that Koweit, under an effective development of the Gulf trade, would become the terminus for our sea-going steamers; a coal station, and a telegraph station. The more you analyze the question, the more you will probably be struck by the fact that the trade of the East and West has a marked tendency to resume its old lines under improved means of transit. Koweit appears to me a preferable Port to Busreh for the same reasons that Kurrachee is preferable to Tatta. The climate of Busreh is fatal; that of Koweit, comparatively good. The water of Koweit, it is true, is brackish; yet fever is unknown. Dysentery and ophthalmia are rare, and when men commence begetting new families at 80, and die at 120, the climate cannot be considered as prematurely exhausting.

134. The only remedies in use are firing, accompanied by doses of senna. If a man suffer from indigestion, he is fired in spots round the navel. If he have chest complaint, he is fired on the back, near the shoulder blade. The sores are kept open for months, as issues. And the efficacy of the treatment is much applauded. Their constitutions are strong, however.

135. The prevalent North-wester is tempered from the desert by blowing over ten miles of Bay; yet it does not, in that space, gain that muggy, relaxing character, with which it arrives on the opposite coast at Bushire. Koweit is always approachable by ships; and affords good and ample harbourage. Busreh is 70 miles up a river. Koweit has a fine broad channel of creek water running from its Bay up to within 12 miles of the Busreh point of the river. I landed close alongside the Zobeir Bunder, in 4 fathoms; and this was the least water I found in a mid-channel of an average width of one mile, from the Koweit end of the creek up to its head, within sight of the date-trees on the Shat-ul-Arab, near Busreh. The cutting of a canal across these twelve miles of flat soil, would be a work of little cost and labor.

136. On the whole, and without endeavouring to change trade from any

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present channel, I would bear Koweit in mind, as a convenient point for a telegraph station; for a coal depôt; for the meeting of sea-going and river steamers and other craft; and as a possible future Port of importance.

137. I was a little surprised to find the Sheikhs at Koweit well informed as to distant politics. They took in an Oriental Paris Gazette. They admired the generosity of our policy towards Turkey, but wondered we did not do as much for Christian Greece. They thought 90 millions sterling a heavy fee for the temporary restoration of an invalid friend. One white-beard said that with States as with individuals, when their hour strikes, it is of no use for man to alter the Clock. To bind a crumbling government, was like darning a Bedouin's coat. Too worn out to be mended, too rotten to be even washed, it would fall to pieces in spite of you. They considered our efforts against the slave trade more humane than successful; and they thought we might spend the money to better purpose on our own poor, with whose condition they were unfavorably impressed, as summarized in the "*Paris Gazette*."*

138. The chief Sheikh was a remarkable man in all respects, as he sat in the gate, his eyes undimmed by 80 years, and his patriarchal hands grasping a plated watch of the description, commonly known as warming pan. (I am now sending him a gold watch and chain). He never wears shoes; and his feet seem to have been the original of the Hercules at Florence. He has a voice like a trumpet; stopping every now and again, with a loud Hah, something between that of the Patriarch of the Flock, and the sudden blast and pause in a favorite polka. His speech recalls the large utterance of the early gods. He told me that among the heirlooms of his family was an injunction, still daily religiously observed, to relieve the stranger: a large dinner, in an allotted hall, is prepared every evening for all wanderers and strangers who may wish to share it. The sole restriction is that arms must be left at the gate. Practices like this may perhaps account for much of the peace, good will and neighbourhood, and mercantile prosperity of this Town. Charity; attraction of sorrow; relief of actual want; these are sentiments little thought of. Yet they are, perhaps, beyond all else, unless justice, the keys of personal power throughout the East.

139. The Sheikh said that his family had always been tributary to Turkey. But I learned from another source, that during some years, they had hoisted their own flag. They found, however, that the Customs levied on their exports to Bombay, were more inconvenient when levied against an unrecognized flag, than when levied against a Turkish craft. Koweit, shrinking from this foreign pressure turned to her Sultan, and suddenly changed color. Truly, trade is sensitive as woman's modesty.

140. Be the Suzerainty of the Sublime Porte, however, of old or recent date, it is merely nominal; the Arabs acknowledge the Turks, as we do the 39 Articles; which all accept, and none remember.

141. The territory directly under Turkey is that of Busreh. It does not fall within my charge, nor on the Gulf shore, unless at one point not worthy of analysis, Faon.* One is struck by the extent of the ruins at Ashureeah, out in the desert, near Zobeir; but on examining the country it is found that this site was well chosen as being the last healthy spot, not flooded and a point the nearest practicable at once to the Zobeir Bunder; to the land still covered with a network of hundreds of Bunds lying between the Zobeir creek and the Busreh river, and to the line of the Shat-ul-Arab itself.

* One green young Sheikh asked me why we took so much trouble to protect Dhows from piracy; while we ourselves took more Dhows than any other tribe. At this another Sheikh asked if it were true that I was enquiring into the facts of our recent seizures? The old Chief sat silent looking in at his nose with crunched features like the rings round the gnarl of an Olive stump. All evidently awaited an explanation, which I did not accord.

* In my opinion Faon would ill suit our purposes. Its climate and locality amid Delta marshes would render it fatal to Englishmen.

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142. As to Busreh itself, whose revenues may be as per margin, it looked to me, when seen from a house top, like a blending of Roree and Nuggur Tatta in Sind; the same out-skirt of date-trees, and half discarded canals; the same

Goods to the value of from 15 to 20 lacs rupees from Bombay, in piece goods, pepper, sugar, miscellanies.
Goods to the value of from 5 to 10 lacs rupees from Baghdad.
Exports nearly 40 lacs rupees worth of dates of 3 qualities known as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sorts.
Customs dues are levied according to a Tariff of from 5 to 10 per cent; the average may be 8 per cent.

river fringing; the same irregular tumble down piles of mud-brick houses; with a gleam here and there from a ruined tessellated minaret, or mosque of better days; the same dirty picturesque children; the same flat roofs, walled in for privacy, yet everywhere overlooked; the same wonder how the place ever got half built; and whether any thing was ever new, finished, or repaired?

143. Yet the little creek that leads from the town steps to the main river, if unwholesome, was still very welcome. The apricot and almond, in full blossom, hanging bonnily over the hedges, called back the apple and the cherry-tree gladdening the orchard and greeting the road side, in a country where these objects were something more to us, than to the passing foreign employé.

144. I may perhaps be expected to offer a remark or two upon the prospects that any extension of the present steam communication through the Gulf would have. I infer that the present line pays well; and that the steamers running from Busreh to Baghdad also pay. Having had occasion to visit Busreh with part of my establishment by the mail steamer, I found her first class accommodation all occupied, and was glad to be permitted sitting and dining room in the orlop deck forward. I calculated that the receipts for that upward trip of twelve days steaming from Bombay to Busreh, must have been 45,000 rupees; and from what I subsequently learned, that her return trip must have brought in 30,000 rupees.

145. I think that some descriptions of goods would readily avail themselves of steam communication along this line; such for instance, as bales of shawls and other costly packages; also copper and stores. I further presume that a considerable passenger traffic is waiting; and might be indefinitely increased by the supply of means. Merchants would gladly pay a higher passage-money to save their time, and be in advance of their coming goods. A wealthy and numerous class of Mahomedans seek Baghdad, Kurbella, and Nejd, for purposes of religion and pleasant residence. The numbers of this class would doubtless augment were the ease and rapidity of the journey to become known and appreciated.

146. But my suggestion to any merchants embarking in this enterprise would be to render their arrangements from the first public and definite, and as convenient as may be to all parties concerned.

147. Let them publish as early as practicable their probable dates of arrivals and departures; and then adhere to these. If it once becomes the general notion that the steamer will wait, Oriental traders will certainly dally; and then either the company must lose their cargo, or lose their time.

148. Be careful in the selection of agents, and see that they fulfil their duty.

149. If it be found that the cargo-boats from the shore cannot be depended on for punctuality or in a breeze, establish independent cargo-boats, and include this charge in the Bill of Lading.

150. Let the cargo brought, be delivered in good condition.*

151. If a promise be made to drop even the lowest class of passenger at a certain point, let the promise be fulfilled. It is better to lose a little time in anchoring, and to expend a few extra pounds of coal, rather than to allow a whisper of breach of contract to find its way into the interior.

* Since writing this I have received an official complaint from the Governor of Bushire of the non-delivery of goods, and of the departure of the steamer for Busreh carrying the Bushire goods on with it.
A second complaint of the injury sustained by goods, while on board.

A third complaint that the steamer gives no notice of departure, and last time left a passenger who had paid his passage-money.

In my opinion there are faults on both sides.

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152. If a berth be once regularly secured, never infringe its tenant's rights in favor of a more advantageous offer: stick to contract.

153. Adapt the accommodation of the vessels to the description of passengers frequenting the route. An upstart native will push anywhere; but there are many Mahomedan gentlemen whose families were old before England was born, and who yet, partly from modesty, partly from religious prejudice, and partly from a pardonable reserve, cannot bring themselves to intrude into the European Saloon. Let the best arrangement practicable be made to accommodate Orientals according to their class in some other part of the ship.

154. I would suggest to the Government to require from steamers carrying their mails, that punctuality and those rates of speed which are usually now required from similar steamers on other lines. At present the dates are named only for Kurrachee and Bombay. And the result is that if a mail steamer finds herself late at Busreh, she gives up all thought of reaching Kurrachee in time, loiters for cargo, thus detaining the Gulf, Baghdad and Teheran letters, and trusts to some other steamer taking her place at Kurrachee on the specified day.

155. It is not my duty to speculate on the general opening up of this route as a main artery of communication between England and India; but analyzing the map one spontaneously recalls the first lesson of Geometry that the shortest road between two points is a straight line. A line drawn from London to a point on the western coast of the Peninsula of India, traverses the Persian Gulf. Kurrachee seems to be pointed out by nature as the place where our English Telegraphic cable, should enter our Indian Empire. It would of course be an advantage to have our Telegraph line identical with our line of trade, and post, and passengers.

156. In conclusion, His Excellency having directed me to report on the trade of the Persian Gulf, I have now woven a thread through these sheets; but I confess at the same time that I write on trade with much diffidence and some reluctance. The remarks of a non-trader must be superficial and theoretic. In trade as in other professions there can be no real school but experience, acting on original capacity. And all that an outsider can do of useful, is to bring a little grist to that mill. The principles of Political Economy mathematically true in the abstract, may be rendered by circumstances ruinous in detailed practice. The merchant knows there is no workable law of commerce but to watch the market, and mistrust general maxims. To costly experience he must add continued care and forethought. His combinations are not less comprehensive and complex than those of a General. Like him, too, he must first fight the campaign in his head; and when the time comes to leave strategy for tactics, fight it over again on the decisive field of competition. Ruin or Fortune hangs on a day. And when all is done that can be done, that day may still be adverse. A touch at the other side of the Globe may vibrate through the whole mass he is dealing with, and disconcert his combinations at the last hour; and this, I presume, is the reason why, the best laid plans of merchants, as of mice, do still go off awry.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

LEWIS PELLY, Lieutenant Colonel,

Acting Political Resident and Consul General, Persian Gulf.

P. S.—I apologize to the Government for sending in the office copy of this Report; but my clerk really has not time to make a fair copy of it before the outgoing steamer starts.

LEWIS PELLY, Lieutenant Colonel

Acting Political Resident and Consul General, Persian Gulf.

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13th April 1863. } *Acg. Pol. Rt. and Consul General, Persian Gulf.*

Approximate Annual Imports by sea from England to Bushire present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL IMPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL IMPORTS.				Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Mounds.	Value in Bombay Rupees.	Article.	Quantity.	Value.		Duty in Bombay Rs.
Crushed Sugar	50,000	87,500	.....	.....	.....	1,000
Leaf Sugar.....	16,000	40,000	.....	.....	.....	640
Flint Stones	400 Cases.	10,000	.....	.....	.....	Free.
Cotton goods of all descriptions.	.....	2,00,000	.....	.....	.....	10,000
Guns, pistols, gold and silver watches and chain.	10,000	Watches are imported free, but duty at $\frac{3}{4}$ Bombay rupees is levied upon every case of guns or pistols whether the case contains one or more of them.
English iron	14,000 Tabreez Mds.	5,000	300

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Approximate Annual Exports by sea from Bushire to England present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL EXPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL EXPORTS.			Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.	
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rupees.	Article.	Quantity.		Value.
Wheat	64,000	11,000.	.....	.....	.....	This quantity was ready and about to be shipped for England on account of an English Mercantile House in the month of February 1863 per English barque the "Lavinia," Captain Hadden, when the local authorities prohibited its exportation.

Approximate Annual Imports by sea from the Mauritius to Bushire present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL IMPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL IMPORTS.		Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.
Article.	Quantity.	Article.	Quantity.	
.....	Mauritius sugars are not cheap enough for this market. Vessels from Mauritius come on ballast.

Approximate Annual Exports by sea from Bushire to the Mauritius present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL EXPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL EXPORTS.			Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rupees.	Article.	Quantity.		Value.
Wheat	480,000	72,000			
Dates	96,000	12,000			
Tallow	10,000	10,000			
Ghee	10,000	20,000			
Grain	40,000	10,000			
Raisins	10,000	2,500			
Cuminseeds	5,000	3,000			
Almonds	3,000	1,500			
Mules	300	35,000			
Asses	100	2,500			
Horses (common)	100	10,000			
Sheep	300	750			

The Export trade with Mauritius is never regularly carried on. It would, however, be much enlarged if traders were not subjected to great inconveniences by the Governors of Bushire placing sudden embargo on the exportation of wheat. Should merchants be able to trade with Mauritius without any let or hindrance from the local authorities, the following articles would form the Annual exportation from this place for the first few years with a fair prospect of gradual increase. English merchants and others sometimes engage in the trade, but there have been no exportations this year.

Approximate Annual Imports by sea from India via Bombay to Bushire present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL IMPORTS.			APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL IMPORTS.			Remarks as to cause of increase and decrease.
Article.	Quantity.	Value in Bombay Rupees.	Article.	Quantity.	Value in Bombay Rupees.	
Cashmere Shawls.....	10,000 Pieces.	15,00,000	Cashmere Shawls	10,000 Pieces	15,00,000	
Copper	60,000 Mds.	3,00,000	Copper	60,000 Mds.	3,00,000	13,600
Piece Goods, Europe	2,00,000 Mds.	6,00,000	Piece Goods, Europe	2,00,000 Mds.	6,00,000	Not known.
Sugar	2,500 Boxes.	2,00,000	Sugar	2,500 Boxes.	2,00,000	30,000
Ten	14,000 Mds.	1,00,000	Ten	14,000 Mds.	1,00,000	2,000
Gold Cloth	75,000	75,000	Gold Cloth	75,000	75,000	500
Tin, Pigs of	50,000 Mds.	50,000	Tin, Pigs of	50,000 Mds.	50,000	1,250
Spices	50,000 Mds.	50,000	Spices	50,000 Mds.	50,000	1,000
Pepper	25,000 "	40,000	Pepper	25,000 "	40,000	350
Sugarcandy	20,000 "	40,000	Sugarcandy	20,000 "	40,000	1,200
Coffee	120,000 Mds.	30,000	Coffee	120,000 Mds.	30,000	Free.
Yarn	13,500	10,000	Yarn	13,500	10,000	Free.
Blackwood	1,140 Mds.	2,000	Blackwood	1,140 Mds.	2,000	Free.
Iron	300 Boxes.	5,000	Iron	300 Boxes.	5,000	75
Cocoanut Oil	350 Mds.	2,000	Cocoanut Oil	350 Mds.	2,000	.....
Preserves, chiefly Ginger	7,000 Mds.	6,000	Preserves, chiefly Ginger	7,000 Mds.	6,000	.....
Wax, Sealing .....	.....	1,000	Wax, Sealing .....	.....	1,000	.....
Flints, Gun .....	.....	2,000	Flints, Gun .....	.....	2,000	.....
Lead .....	.....	7,000	Lead .....	.....	7,000	Free.
Tin, Sheets .....	.....	5,000	Tin, Sheets .....	.....	5,000	140
Paper and Stationery .....	.....	2,000	Paper and Stationery .....	.....	2,000	.....
Leather .....	.....	4,000	Leather .....	.....	4,000	.....
Camphor .....	.....	2,000	Camphor .....	.....	2,000	100
Wood, Brazil .....	.....	4,000	Wood, Brazil .....	.....	4,000	150
Drugs .....	.....	7,000	Drugs .....	.....	7,000	20
Steel .....	.....	3,000	Steel .....	.....	3,000	.....
Glass Ware .....	.....	7,000	Glass Ware .....	.....	7,000	80
Zinc .....	.....	4,000	Zinc .....	.....	4,000	.....
Quicksilver .....	.....	4,000	Quicksilver .....	.....	4,000	.....
Sal Ammoniac	2,400 Mds.	6,000	Sal Ammoniac	2,400 Mds.	6,000	.....
Indigo	100 Boxes.	1,00,000	Indigo	100 Boxes.	1,00,000	125

N. B.—It has been found very difficult to obtain a satisfactory estimate of the Import Trade with India, owing to the multitude of petty dealers and the variety of articles, each of them deal in, in very small quantities. A reference to the Bombay Custom House would furnish a much more correct estimate of it than could be conjectured at Bushire.

Approximate Annual Exports by sea from Bushire to India via Bombay present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL EXPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL EXPORTS.				Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.	
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rupees.	Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rupees.		Duty in Bombay Rupees.
Cotton.....	2,50,000	700,000	Cotton	500,000	1,40,00,000	2,500	The increase is expected from the continuance of the Civil War in America.
Madderroot.....	100,000	55,000	Madderroot	100,000	55,000	1,000	
Raw Silk	10,000	500,000	Raw Silk	10,000	500,000	500	
Gallnuts	7,000	28,000	Gallnuts	7,000	28,000	70	
Almonds	50,000	25,000	Almonds	50,000	25,000	500	
Raisins	40,000	20,000	Raisins	40,000	20,000	400	
Rosewater, Carboys	10,000	12,500	Rosewater in Carboys.....	10,000	12,500	500	
Do. in Flasks	10,000	2,500	Do. in Flasks.....	10,000	2,500	50	
Assafœtida	6,000	20,000	Assafœtida	6,000	20,000	240	
Saleb	1,200	6,000	Saleb.....	1,200	6,000	60	
Gum Persia	25,000	10,000	Gum Persia	25,000	10,000	250	
Wool	100,000	1,50,000	Wool.....	1,00,000	1,50,000	1,000	
Wheat.....	300,000	45,000	7,600	Wheat is not usually exported to Bombay. The present exportation was owing to a rise in price in the Bombay market.
Ghasp Dates, Baskets	20,000	40,000	Ghasp Dates, Baskets.....	20,000	40,000	200	
Cuminseeds.....	4,000	2,500	40	This article is seldom exported to Bombay. The present exportation has been owing to a demand in the Bombay market.
Carpets, different qualities, Wine, Carboys .....	.....	2,500	Carpets different qualities, Wine, Carboys.....	.....	2,500	50
.....	.....	1,000	.....	.....	1,000	100

Approximate Annual Imports by sea from Java to Bashire present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL IMPORTS.			APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL IMPORTS.			Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.
Article.	Quantity in Tabrez Maunds.	Value in Co.'s Rupees.	Article.	Quantity in Tabrez Mds.	Value in Co.'s Rupees.	
Sugar	13,60,000	1,700,000	Sugar	900,000	1,125,000	21,600
Cassia	8,500	8,500	Cassia	8,500	8,500	150
Coffee	3,400	8,500	.....	.....	.....	68
Rum, Cases	300	2,250	Rum	None.	.....	.....
Tin	None.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Approximate Annual Exports by sea from Bushire to Java present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL EXPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL EXPORTS.				Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.	
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Co's. Rupees.	Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Mds.	Value in Co's. Rupees.		Amount of duty leviable in Bombay Rs.
Wheat.....	850,000	1,27,500	Wheat	5,10,000	76,500	12,000	The expected decrease will be owing in a great measure to want of confidence in the Bushire Government, which will prevent merchants from storing grain for fear of a prohibition.
Cuminseeds.....	35,000	21,875	Cuminseeds	10,000	6,250	350	The decrease is apprehended from the unpromising state of the cultivation, and want of demand in the Java market.
Bee's Wax	4,000	30,000	Bee's Wax	4,000	30,000	60	The increase is expected from an extension of the cultivation this year in Shiraz and Casroon.
Gram.....	5,000	1,250	Gram.....	5,000	1,250	50	
Raisins	16,000	8,000	Raisins	16,000	8,000	160	The present annual exportation is very small owing to the dearness of the article here, but in good years it sometimes amounts to 20,000 mds, valued at Bombay Rs. 30,000.
Rosewater, Flasks.....	10,000	2,500	Rosewater, Flasks	10,000	2,500	50	
Almonds.....	8,000	5,000	Almonds	8,000	5,000	80	
Black Seeds.....	8,000	5,000	Black Seeds.....	16,000	10,000	80	
Opium.....	8,000	400,000	Opium	8,000	400,000	2,800	The annual exportation varies from four thousand to twelve thousand boxes, valued at Bombay Rs. two thousand @ six thousand.
Gallnuts	3,000	12,000	Gallnuts	3,000	12,000	30	
Ghee.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	About 30,000 baskets Bussora, and 3,000 baskets Lahsa are annually re-exported hence to Java, whereof value amounts to one hundred thousand Bombay Rs, and duty three hundred and thirty Rupees.
Dry fruit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dates.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Approximate Annual Imports by sea from Aden and Jeddah to Bushire present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL IMPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL IMPORTS.				Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.	
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds	Value in Bombay Rs.	Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Mds.	Value in Bombay Rs.		Amount Period as duty at Bushire in Bombay Rs.
Nothing is imported from Aden.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Osta Ghoddos (drug)	2,000	3,000	Osta Ghoddos.....	2,000	3,000	20	From Jeddah.
Senna Leaves	4,000	1,000	Senna Leaves.....	4,000	1,000	120	From Jeddah and Hodayda.
Cassia.....	4,000	4,000	Cassia	4,000	4,000	40	From Hodayda.
Limejuice, Carboys	200	400	Limejuice, Carboys	200	400	20	Ditto Ditto.
Egyptian, Loaf Sugar	2,400	6,000	Egyptian, Loaf Sugar ...	2,400	6,000	80	Ditto Ditto.

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Approximate Annual Exports by sea from Beshire to Aden and Jedda present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL EXPORTS.			APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL EXPORTS.				Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rupees.	Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rs.	Amount leviable in Bombay Rs. as duty.	
Tobacco	28,000	17,500	Tobacco	28,000	17,500	550	To Aden.
Rosewater, Carboys	500	625	Rosewater, Carboys	500	625	50	Do.
Wheat	32,000	4,800	Wheat.....	32,000	4,800	800	Do.
Carpets	2,500 Pieces.	25,000	Carpets	2,500 Pieces.	25,000	500	To Jedda.
Wheat	8,000 T. mds.	1,200	Wheat.....	8,000 T. mds.	1,200	200	Do.
Tobacco	7,000	4,375	Tobacco	7,000	4,375	137½	To Mooka.

Approximate Annual Imports by sea from Kurrachee to Bushire present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL IMPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL IMPORTS.		Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rupees.	Article.	
Lamp Oil	2,400	3,600	Lamp Oil	Duty free.

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Approximate Annual Exports by sea from Beshire to Kurrachee present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL EXPORTS.			APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL EXPORTS.			Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.
Article.	Quantity.	Value.	Article.	Quantity.	Value.	
None	

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Approximate Annual Imports by sea from Muscat to Basihire present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL IMPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL IMPORTS.			Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rupees.	Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	
Mat-bags (Kafat)	200,000	40,000	Mat-bags (Kafat)	200,000	It is expected to be cheaper next year.
Empty rice gunny-bags.....	200,000	35,000	Empty rice gunny-bags	200,000	
Coffee	4,000	10,000	Coffee	6,000	
Pepper	4,000	5,500	Pepper	4,000	
Bengal Sugar.....	28,000	31,500	Bengal Sugar	28,000	
Turmeric	4,000	3,000	Turmeric	4,000	
Sugarcandy	800	1,600	Sugarcandy	800	
Swedish Iron.....	4,800	3,600	Swedish Iron	4,800	
Steel	500	500	Steel	500	
Hides of all kinds	6,000	3,000	Hides of all kinds	6,000	
Tin	1,000	5,000	Tin	1,000	This article was largely imported some years ago, but the importation has gradually decreased, so that there has been none imported this year, owing to its having got out of use in Persia. About forty years ago Cloves were worth 40 Krans the Tabreez maund and at present only 2½ Krans.
Cardamums	150	3,000	Cardamums	150	
Dry Lemon	20,000	25,000	Dry Lemon	20,000	
Fathanee (Cutch Leather) ..	8,000	12,000	Fathanee (Cutch Leather).....	8,000	
Chundles (Rafters)	4,000	4,000	Chundles (Rafters).....	4,000	
Cloves.....	
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Lamp Oil (Cutch Manufacture.)	5,000	6,500	Lamp Oil (Cutch Manufacture.)	5,000	Free.
Jampoore Indigo (Sind Manufacture.)	4,000	40,000	Jampoore Indigo (Sind Manufacture.)	4,000	800

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Approximate Annual Exports by sea from Bushire to Muscat present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL EXPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL EXPORTS.				Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rupees.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rs.	Amount of duty payable in Bombay Rs.	
Opium	1,000	30,000	1,000	30,000	360	
Wheat	80,000	12,000	80,000	12,000	2,000	
Raw Silk	1,000	50,000	1,000	50,000	50	
Ghee	3,000	6,000	3,000	6,000	45	
Rosewater, Carboys	4,000	5,000	4,000	5,000	400	
Cuminseeds	8,000	4,000	8,000	4,000	120	

Approximate Annual Imports by sea from Bunder Abbas to Bushire present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL IMPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL IMPORTS.			Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.	
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds	Value in Bombay Rs.	Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.		Value in Bombay Rs.
Grind Stones.....	150 Pairs	200	Grind Stones	150 Pairs.	200	Free.
Henna Leaves	1,000 T. mds.	500	Henna Leaves	1,000 T. mds.	500	16
Minao Indigo.....	1,600 "	11,200	Minao Indigo.....	1,600 "	11,200	Uncertain.

A large quantity of Minao Indigo goes to Yezd through Bunder Abbas to the detriment of the Indian Indigo. Its being cheaper, it is preferred by the Dyers.

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APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL EXPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL EXPORTS.			Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.	
Article.	Quantity in Tabrez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rupees.	Quantity in Tabrez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rs.		Amount of duty levied in Bombay Rs.
None

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Approximate Annual Imports by sea from Ports on the Persian Coast (not Bandar Abbas) to Bushire present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL IMPORTS:				APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL IMPORTS:				Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.
Article.	Quantity in Tahreez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rs.	Article.	Quantity in Tahreez Mds.	Value in Bombay Rs.	Amount of duty paid in Bushire in Rupees.		
Pepper	5,000	6,250	Pepper	5,000	6,250	120	From Linga.	
Coffe.....	3,600	7,200	Coffe.....	3,600	7,200	60		
Cotton piecegoods (English) ..	.....	8,000	Cotton piecegoods (English) ..	.....	8,000	400	
Tobacco	2,800	1,750	Tobacco	2,800	1,750	55	From Assaloo.	
Tobacco	2,800	1,750	Tobacco	2,800	1,750	55		
Tobacco	7,000	4,375	Tobacco	7,000	4,375	137½	From Taharee.	
Firewood	1,280,000	36,000	Firewood	1,280,000	36,000	2,000	From Taharee, Charek and Ghoran.	
Salt.....	8,000	150	Salt	8,000	150	Free	From Kelat.	

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Approximate Annual Exports by sea from Bushire to Ports on the Persian Coast (not Bunder Abbass) present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL EXPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL EXPORTS.				Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds	Value in Bombay Rs.	Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rs.		Amount of duty levied at Bombay.
Wheat	80,000	12,000	Wheat.....	80,000	12,000	2,000
Barley.....	48,000	4,500	Barley.....	48,000	4,500	1,200
Tallow	1,600	2,000	Tallow.....	1,600	2,000	27½
Myrtle Leaves	4,800	750	Myrtle Leaves	4,800	750	120

Hardly any thing is exported from Bushire to other Ports on the Persian Coast.

Approximate Annual Imports by sea from Ports on the Oman Coast to Bushire present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL IMPORTS.			APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL IMPORTS.			Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rupees.	Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rs.	
Dry Lemons	9,000	11,250	Dry Lemons.....	9,000	11,250	From Sohar.

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Approximate Annual Exports by sea from Bushire to Ports on the Oman Coast present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL EXPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL EXPORTS.			Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.		
Article.	Quantity in Tabrez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rupees.	Article.	Quantity in Tabrez Maunds.		Value in Bombay Rs.	Amount leviable as duty at Bushire in B. Rupees.
None

Approximate Annual Imports by sea from Bahrein to Bushire present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL IMPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL IMPORTS.		Amount of duty leviable in Bombay Rs.	Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rupees.	Article.			Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.
Empty rice gunny-bags ...	20,000 Pieces.	3,500	Empty rice gunny-bags ...	20,000	35
Maddia Mats	10,000 "	7,500	Maddia Mats	10,000	37½
Juddoo	5,000 "	1,250	Juddoo	5,000	62½
Date Sticks (Gorz.)	200 Bds.	80	Date Sticks (Gorz.)	200 Bds.	4
Khullas Dates	2,000 Baskets.	4,000	Khullas Dates	2,000 Baskets.	20
Sirup of Date	3,200 T. mds.	1,200	Sirup of Date	3,200 T. mds.	40
Canvass (Bahrein Manufac- ture.)	400 "	2,000	Canvass (Bahrein Manu- facture.)	400 "	Free.
Pearls	100,000	Pearls	Do.

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Approximate Annual Exports by sea from Beshire to Bahrein present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL EXPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL EXPORTS.			Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Bombay Rs.	Quantity in Tabreez Mds.	Value in Bombay Rs.	
Tobacco	28,000	17,500	28,000	17,500	550
Madderroot	8,000	5,000	8,000	5,000	110
Cotton	12,000	36,000	12,000	36,000	165
Ahlook (Nuts)	800	200	800	200	40
Nokhod (Gram)	800	200	800	200	40
Jafth (Dye)	3,200	800	3,200	800	20
Sugar	500	625	500	625	2½

Approximate Annual Imports by sea from Kateef and Lalhsah to Bushire present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL IMPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL IMPORTS.			Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.		
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Mounds.	Value in Bombay Rupees.	Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Mounds.		Value in Bombay Rs.	Amount of duty levied in Bushire.
Dates (Khuzaze)	1,000 Baskets.	1,000	Dates (Khuzaze).....	1,000 Baskets.	1,000	5	From Katif.
Juddoo	3,000 Pieces.	750	Juddoo	3,000 Pieces.	750	37½	Do. do.
Date Sticks (Gorz)	2,000 Bundles.	500	Date Sticks (Gorz)	2,000 Bundles	500	20	Do. do.
Ghel (Washmud)	50,000 T. mds.	1,000	Ghel (Washmud)	50,000 T. mds.	1,000	40	Do. do.
Madda Mats	3,000 Pieces.	2,500	Madda Mats	3,000 Pieces.	2,500	100	Do. do.
Dates (Khullass)	50,000 T. mds.	12,500	Dates (Khullass)	50,000	12,500	50	From Lalhsa.
Black Ghelan Abba (Cloak) ...	200	2,000	Black Ghelan Abba (Cloak)	200	2,000	50	Do. do.

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Approximate Annual Exports by sea from Bushire to Kateef and Lahsah present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL EXPORTS,		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL EXPORTS,		Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.
Article,	Quantity in Tobeez Maunds,	Quantity in Tobeez Maunds,	Value in Bombee Rs,	
Silk-thread, untwisted.....	100	100	7,500	} To Lahsah.
Carpets, different sorts.....	250	250	2,500	
Wheat.....	32,000	32,000	4,800	} To Kateef.
Tobacco	7,000	7,000	4,375	
				137½

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Approximate Annual Imports from sea into Bushire from Koweit present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL IMPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL IMPORTS.			Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds	Value in Bombay Rs.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Rs.	
Coffee (Malabar)	4,000	8,000	4,000	8,000	60
Pepper (Do.).....	5,000	6,250	5,000	6,250	120
Cotton piecegoods (English) ...	1,500 Pieces	18,000	1,500 Pieces (English).	18,000	750

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Approximate Annual Exports by sea from Bushire to Koweit present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL EXPORTS.		APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL EXPORTS.			Remarks as to cause of increase or decrease.
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Mamma.	Value in Rs.	Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Mds.	
Tobacco	14,000	8,750	Tobacco	14,000	
Madderroot	2,000	1,250	Madderroot	2,000	
Ahlook (Nuts)	3,000	750	Ahlook (Nuts)	3,000	
Nokhod (Gram)	3,000	750	Nokhod (Gram)	3,000	
Carpets, different sorts	500 Pieces.	5,000	Carpets, different sorts ...	500 Pcs.	
					Amount of duty leviable in Rupees.
					275
					27½
					20
					20
					150

Approximate Annual Exports by sea from Bushire to Busreh present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL EXPORTS.			APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL EXPORTS.			Remarks as to cause of future increase or decrease.
Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Rupees.	Article.	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds.	Value in Rupees.	
Rice	8,000	3,000	Rice.....	8,000	3,000	
Madderroot	40,000	25,000	Madderroot.....	40,000	25,000	
Tobacco	35,000	22,000	Tobacco	35,000	22,000	
Sugar (Bengal).....	14,000	10,500	Sugar (Bengal).....	14,000	10,500	
Ditto (Java).....	14,000	10,500	Ditto (Java)	14,000	10,500	
English Iron.....	6,000	3,000	English Iron	6,000	3,000	
						Amount of duty leviable in Bombay Rs.
						200
						550
						560
						125
						108
						60

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Approximate Annual Imports by sea into Bushire from Busrah present and future.

APPROXIMATE PRESENT ANNUAL IMPORTS.			APPROXIMATE FUTURE ANNUAL IMPORTS.			Remarks as to cause of future increase or decrease.
Article,	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds,	Value in Rupees,	Article,	Quantity in Tabreez Maunds,	Value in Rupees,	
Dates, Baskets	20,000	50,000	Dates, Baskets.....	20,000	50,000	200
Kidney Beans	3,000	750	Kidney Beans	3,000	750	60
Date Sirup	3,200	1,200	Date Sirup	3,200	1,200	80
Reed Mats (Booria)	50,000	12,500	Reed Mats (Booria)	50,000	12,500	Free.

Approximate statement of the principal exports from Bushire to Bombay [30r] (1/2)

APPROXIMATE Statement of the principal Exports from Bushire to Bombay during the
1862-63, *i. e.*, October 1862 to May 1863.

1862-63, <i>i. e.</i> , October 1862 to May 1863.				1863-64, <i>i. e.</i> , October 1863 to May		
Articles.	Approximate Quantity.	Approximate Weight.	Approximate value in Rupees.	Articles.	Approximate Quantity.	Approximate Weight.
Cotton.....	10,000 Bales.	2,00,000 Mds.	5,50,000	Cotton A	40,000 Bales.	8,00,000 Mds.
Opium.....	600 Boxes.	10,000 ,, .	4,80,000	Opium B	900 Boxes.	15,000 ,, .
Silk.....	1,000 Bales.	10,000 ,, .	3,50,000	Silk	500 Bales.	5,000 ,, .
Wool-Arab.....	3,000 Bags.	60,000 ,, .	2,25,000	Wool-Arab ..	2,000 Bags.	40,000 ,, .
Wool-Persian...	3,000 ,, .	60,000 ,, .	1,50,000	Wool-Persian.	1,000 ,, .	20,000 ,, .
Gallnuts	200 ,, .	10,000 ,, .	30,000	Gallnuts	100 ,, .	5,000 ,, .
Horses.....	None.....	.....	.....	Horses C	350 in No.	.....
	Total Rupees		17,85,000		Total Rupees	

- A. Purchasers for the Russian market were busy at Ispahan in 1863-64, and exported as and Tiflis.
 B. 200 boxes went from Bunder Abbass.
 C. About 100 horses perished at sea in native crafts during bad weather.
 D. Fall of prices at Bombay has much depressed market in Persia, but cultivators are
 E. Crops reported to have suffered, else a larger supply would have been produced.

Note.—One mun is equivalent to 7½ English pounds. I roughly estimate

season 1862-63 contrasted with that of 1863-64, and the probable Exports for the season of
natory remarks.

1864.		1864-65, <i>i. e.</i> , October 1864 to May 1865.				REMARKS
Approximate value in Rupees.	Articles.	Approximate Quantity.	Approximate Weight.	Approximate value in Rupees.		
32,00,000	Cotton D	50,000 Bales.	10,00,000 Mds.	25,00,000	Rates declining.	
8,55,000	Opium E	900 Boxes.	15,000 ,, .	7,65,000	Attention of merchants more drawn to cotton.	
2,25,000	Silk	500 Bales.	5,000 ,, .	2,25,000	Speculators thinking more of cotton.	
1,20,000	Wool-Arab ..	2,000 Bags.	40,000 ,, .	1,00,000	} Dealers laying out their capital in cotton on account of its obtaining a heavier market and higher profits.	
30,000	Wool-Persian.	1,000 ,, .	20,000 ,, .	30,000		
20,000	Gallnuts	50 ,, .	2,500 ,, .	15,000	Scarce, but in great demand for the Java market.	
87,500	Horses	200 in No.	.....	50,000	Speculators disheartened by the small profits obtained and great losses incurred by bad weather last year.
45,37,500		Total Rupees		36,85,000		

many bales as the Indian traders permitted them to buy. These were sent to Tabriz

determined to have a good crop in hopes of a fresh rise.

that in all from 2,500 to 3,000 boxes of Opium will leave Persia this year.

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'Sketch Map of the Gulf of Persia' [32r] (1/2)



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'Sketch Map of the Gulf of Persia' [32v] (2/2)



'Statement of the number of inhabitants, vessels, houses and date trees of the Joasmee [Qasimi] Ports' [33v] (2/2)

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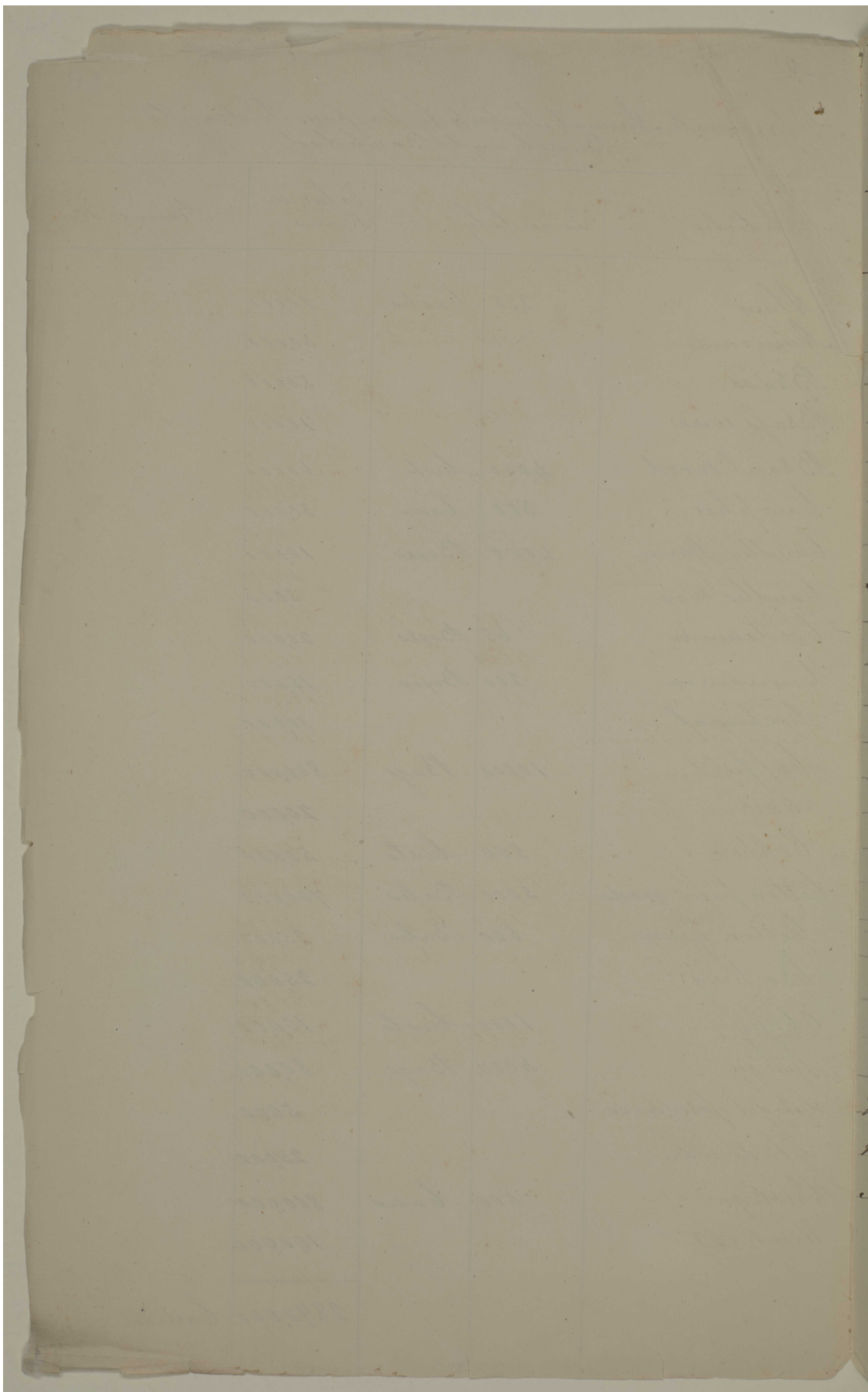
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*Approximate Annual Imports by Sea from India to
Bussrah and Baghdad.*

Articles	Quantity	Value in Krans	Remarks
Mum	250 basks	10,000	
Ammonia		30,000	
Brass		50,000	
Brass wire		10,000	
Brasil wood	4,000 cwts	60,000	
Sulphur	300 basks	30,000	
Candles sperm	4,000 Boxes	10,000	
Candles wax		5,000	
Cardamum	65 Boxes	20,000	
Cinnamon	200 Boxes	15,000	
Cochineal		10,000	
Coffee	10,000 Bags	800,000	
Coir		20,000	
Copper	500 cwts	50,000	
Cotton piece goods	5,000 Bales	700,000	
Cotton yarn	500 Bales	25,000	
Crockery		25,000	
Ebony	1000 cwts	10,000	
Ginger	3,000 Bags	80,000	
Ginger preserves		5,000	
Glass ware		25,000	
Indigo	500 basks	800,000	
Kinkob ^{va}		100,000	
		2890,000	Carried over

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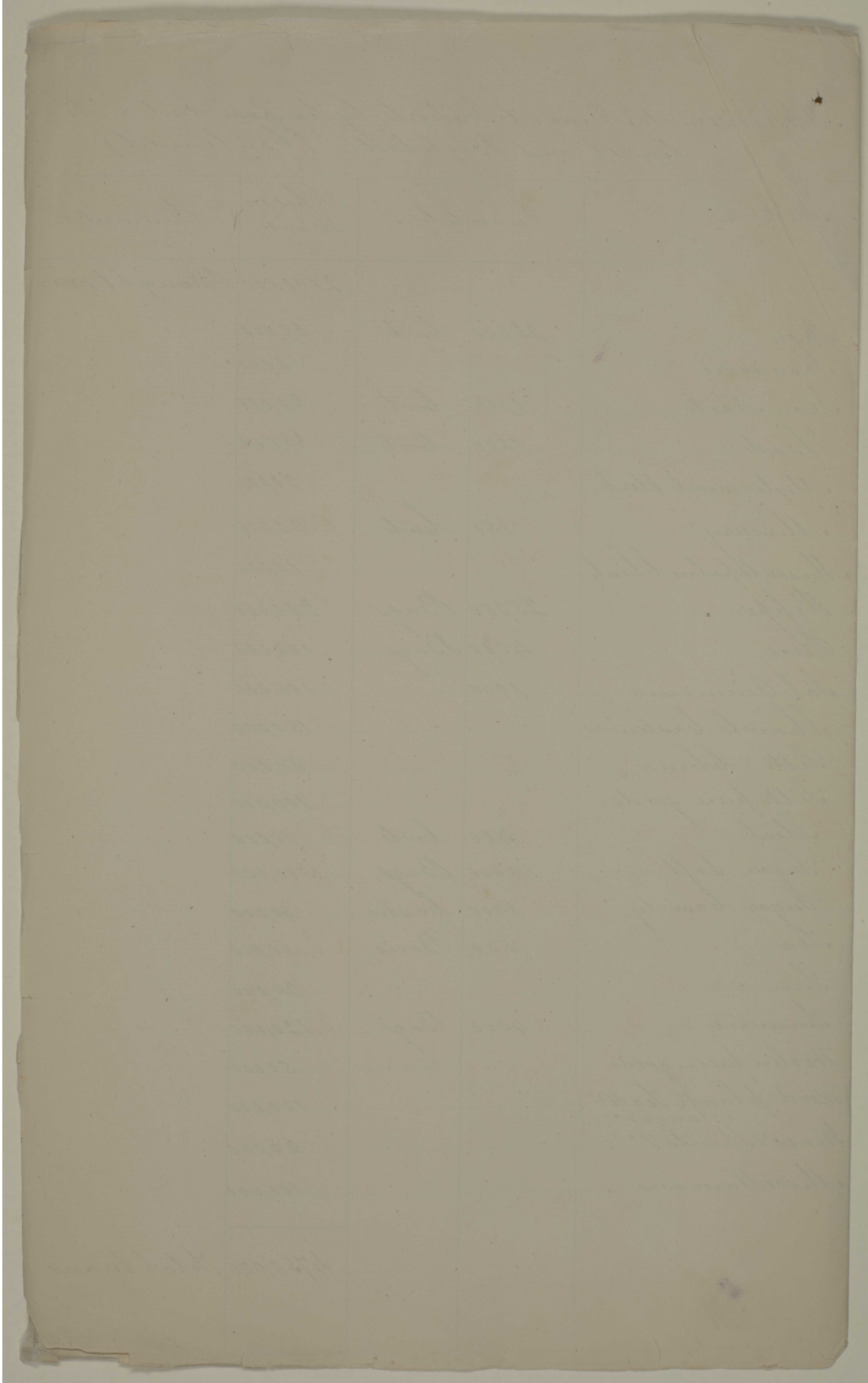
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*Approximate Annual Imports by sea from India to
Bussrah and Baghdad (Continued)*

Articles	Quantity	Value in Mans	Remarks
		2890,000	Brought over
Iron	25,000 cwts	30,000	
Iron wire		5,000	
Iron nails	1,000 cwts	20,000	
Lead	1,500 cwts	35,000	
Medicinal Herbs		20,000	
Mercury	150 cwts	20,000	
Mussulpatan Chinty		10,000	
Pepper	25,000 Bags	200,000	
Rice	4000 Bags	100,000	
Sal Ammonia	1000	100,000	
Shawls Cashmere		150,000	
Silk China		50,000	
Silk piece goods		100,000	
Steel	300 cwts	10,000	
Sugar soft	10,000 Bags	500,000	
Sugar Candy	1000 Casks	40,000	
Tea	500 Boxes	60,000	
Tin		20,000	
Spermac	4000 Bags	120,000	
Woolen piece goods		50,000	
Wood plank Teak Mango &c		100,000	
Wines & Spirits &c		20,000	
Miscellaneous		100,000	
		4750,000	Total Mans

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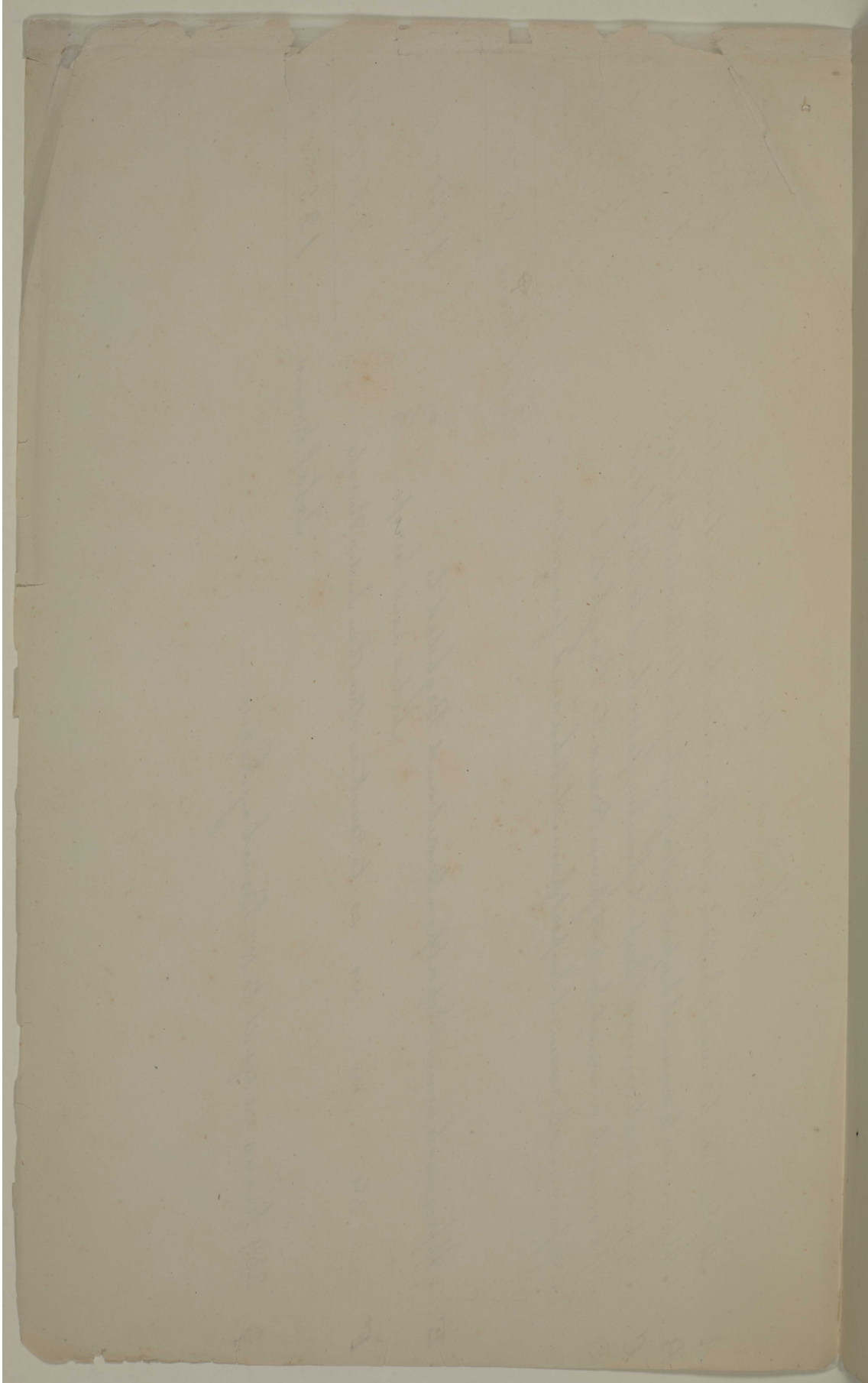
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A.	Approximate annual imports by sea from India to Bussorah & Bagdad.	Krans 4,750,000 -
B.	Approximate annual imports by sea from England to Bussorah & Bagdad.	1,675,000 -
C.	Approximate annual imports from Europe overland to Bagdad.	1,075,000 -
D.	Approximate annual import from Persia to Bagdad.	500,000 -
	Approximate annual import from Mohaku and Janyibar.	500,000 -
	Total Krans. Φ 8,500,000 -	
E.	Approximate annual import from Bussorah and Bagdad to India and Europe.	10,000,000 -
F.	do. do. to Countries other than India & Europe.	2,500,000 -
	Total Krans	12,500,000 -

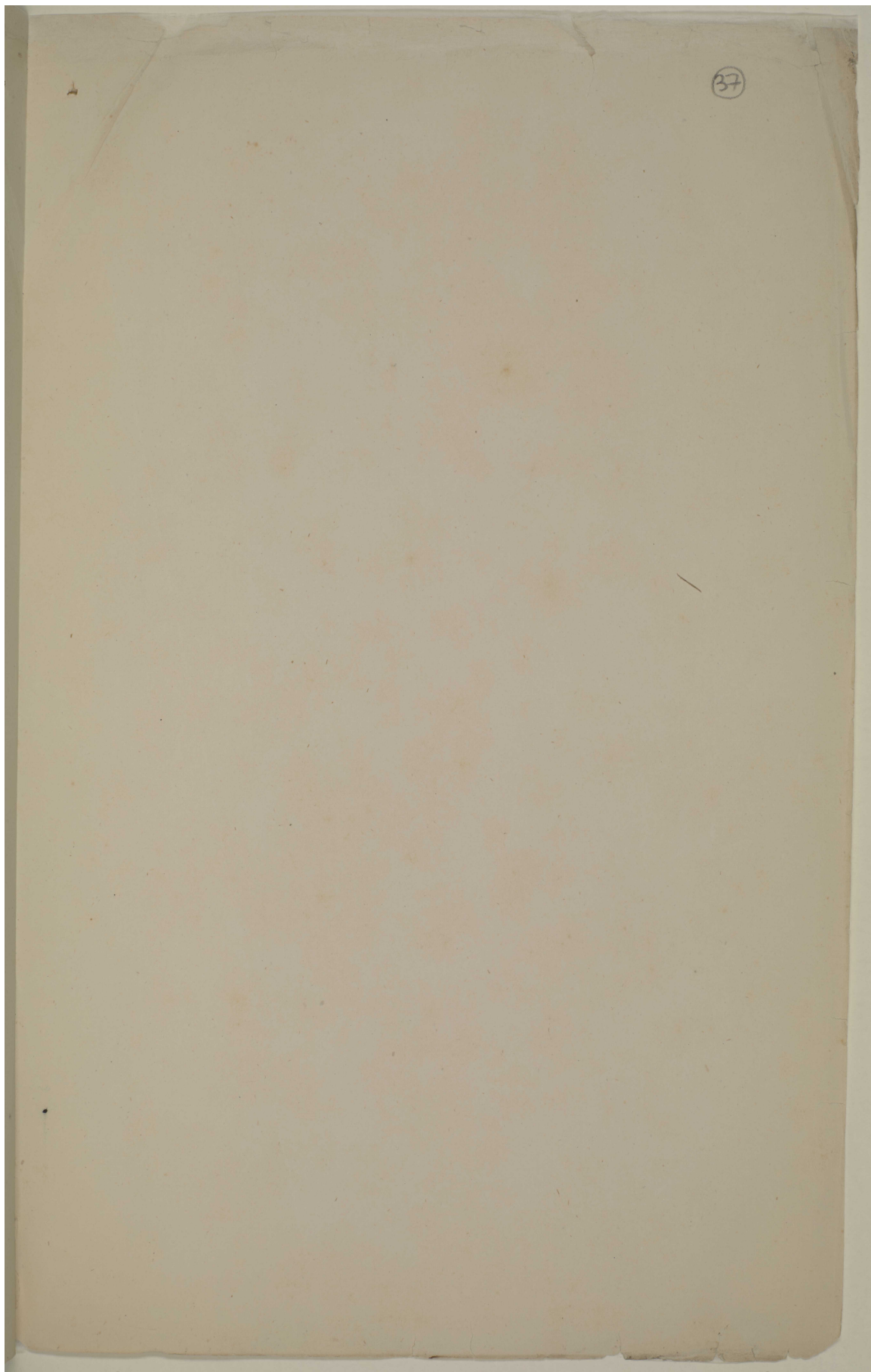
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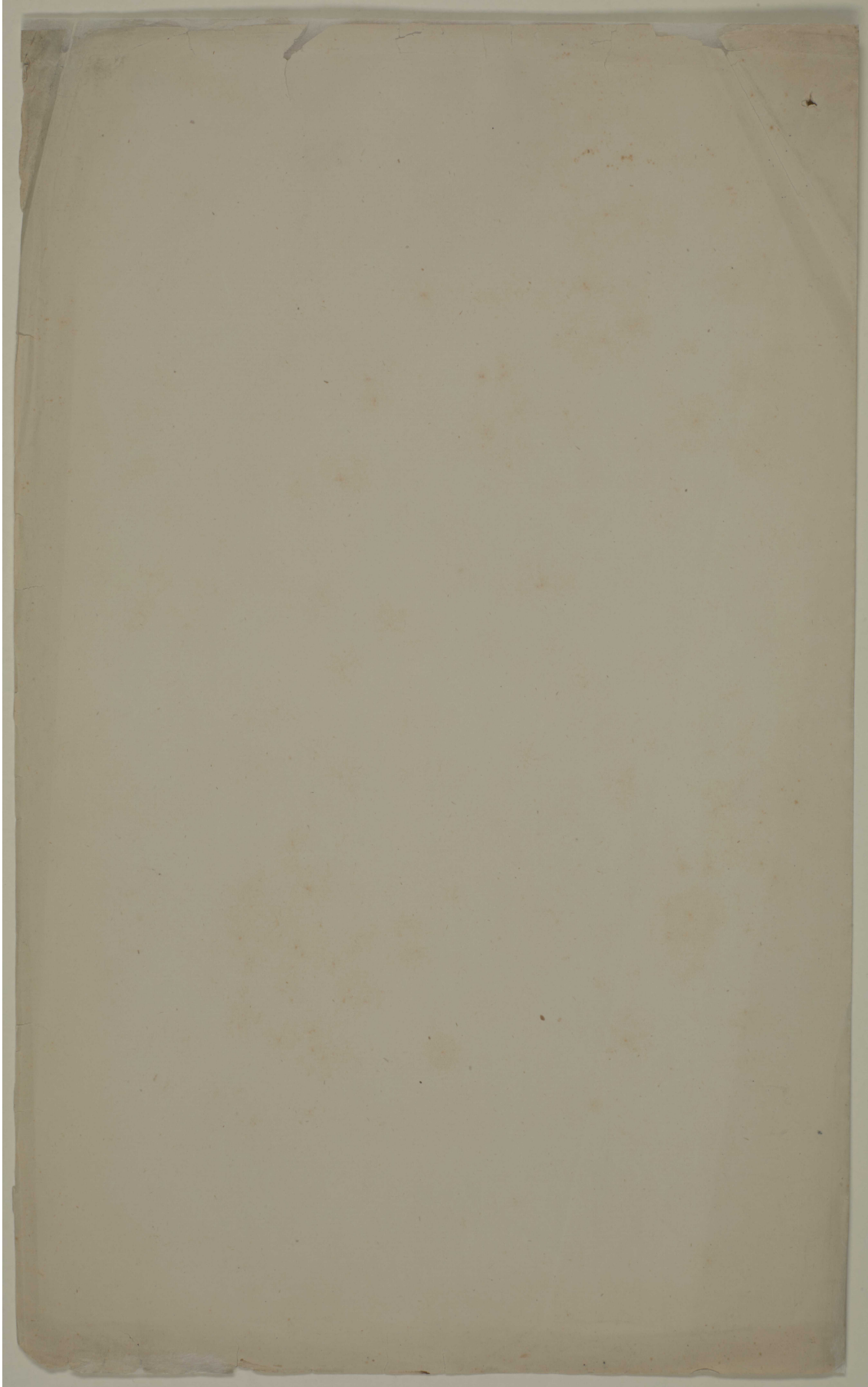
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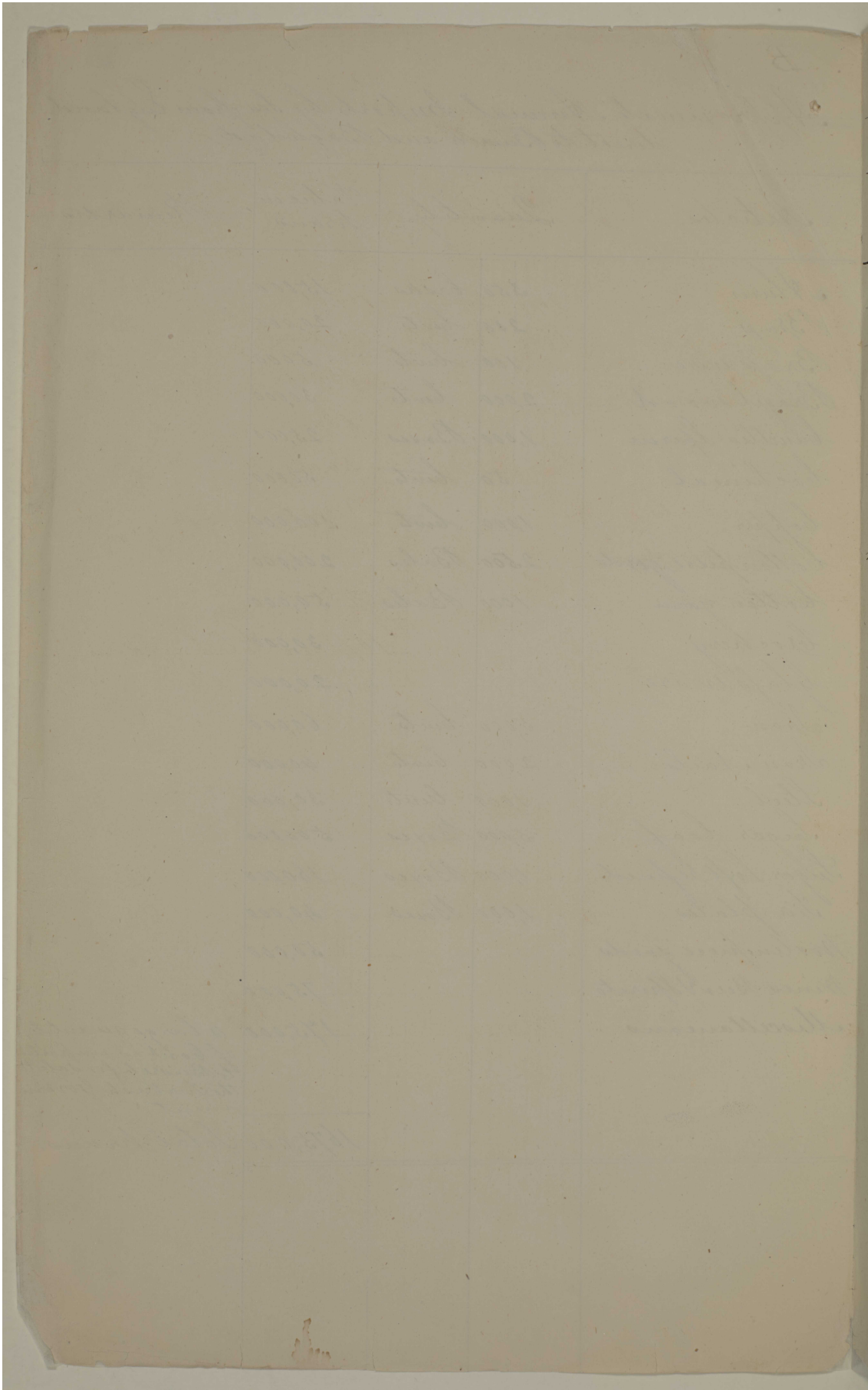


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Approximate Annual Imports by Sea from England direct to Bussrah and Baghdad

Articles	Quantity	Value in Krans	Remarks
Alum	350 basks	15,000	
Brass	200 cwts	20,000	
Brass wire	100 cwts	5,000	
Brazil wood	2,000 cwts	30,000	
Candles Sperm	1,000 Boxes	25,000	
Cochineal	50 cwts	50,000	
Copper	1,000 cwts	100,000	
Cotton piece goods	2,500 Bales	200,000	
Cotton yarn	1,000 Bales	50,000	
Crockery		30,000	
Glassware		20,000	
Iron	5,000 cwts	60,000	
Iron nails	2,000 cwts	40,000	
Steel	1,000 cwts	30,000	
Sugar loaf	5,000 Boxes	500,000	
Sugar soft refined	1,000 Boxes	160,000	
Tin plates	1,000 Boxes	40,000	
Woolen piece goods		50,000	
Wines Beer & Spirits		75,000	
Miscellaneous		175,000	a large quantity of Gont is imported to Bussrah for sale to the Turkish Government.
		1675,000	Total Krans

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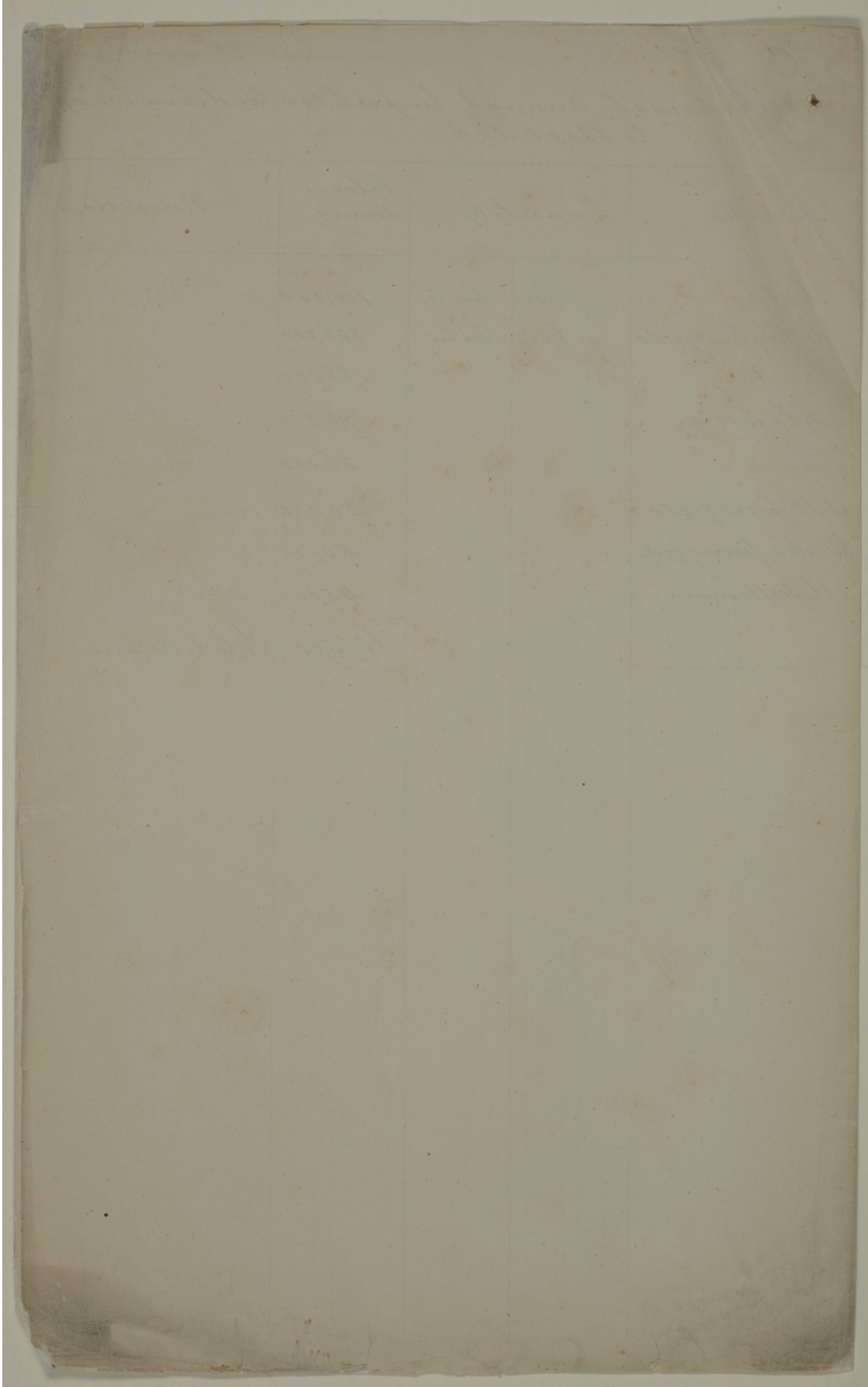
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Approximate Annual Imports overland from Europe
to Baghdad

Articles	Quantity	Value in Krans	Remarks
Copper	1,000 bwt	100,000	
Cotton piece goods	6,000 Bales	800,000	
Crockery		15,000	
Glass ware		15,000	
Linens		30,000	
Silk piece goods		20,000	
Woolen piece goods		50,000	
Miscellaneous		45,000	
		1075,000	Total Krans

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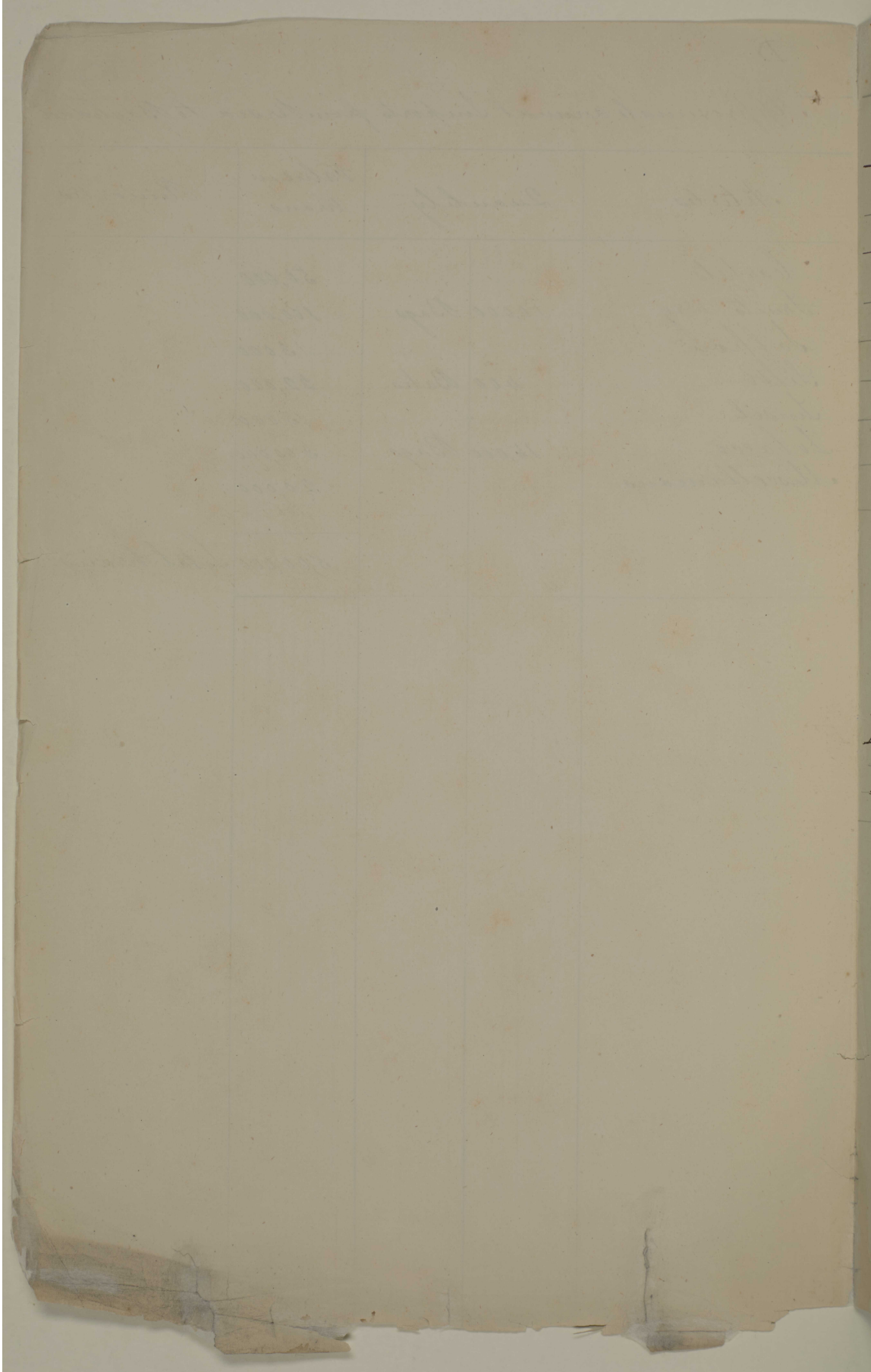
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Approximate annual Imports from Persia to Baghdad

<i>Articles</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Value in Krans</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
<i>Carpets</i>		<i>50,000</i>	
<i>Fruits Dry</i>	<i>10,000 Bags</i>	<i>100,000</i>	
<i>Saffron</i>		<i>3,000</i>	
<i>Silk</i>	<i>400 Bales</i>	<i>22,000</i>	
<i>Tinsel</i>		<i>5,000</i>	
<i>Tobacco</i>	<i>15,000 Bags</i>	<i>300,000</i>	
<i>Miscellaneous</i>		<i>20,000</i>	
		<i>500,000</i>	<i>Total Krans</i>

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Approximate Annual Exports from Busreh and Baghidad to India and Europe.

Articles	Quantity	Value in Kraus	Remarks
Cotton		100,000	
* Dates		7500,000	
Horses		500,000	
Spice		1,000,000	
Wheat		600,000	
Wool		300,000	
		10,000,000	Total Kraus
* E ^A Dates exported to Countries other than India and Europe		2500,000	

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