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'Rajpootana [Rājasthān] - Drafts. Issue. Demi-Official File 1873'

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About this record

The file consists of correspondence from Colonel Lewis Pelly, Agent to the Governor General for Rajpootana [Rājasthān] to the Political Agents and other officials in Rajpootana; and officials within the Government of India, including Charles Umpherston Aitchison, Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, and Captain Evelyn Baring, Private Secretary to the Viceroy of India (Thomas George Baring, 2nd Baron Northbrook).

The correspondence focuses on day to day matters in Rajpootana; and major events such as the Durbars at Agra and Bīkāner; vacant appointments within the state.

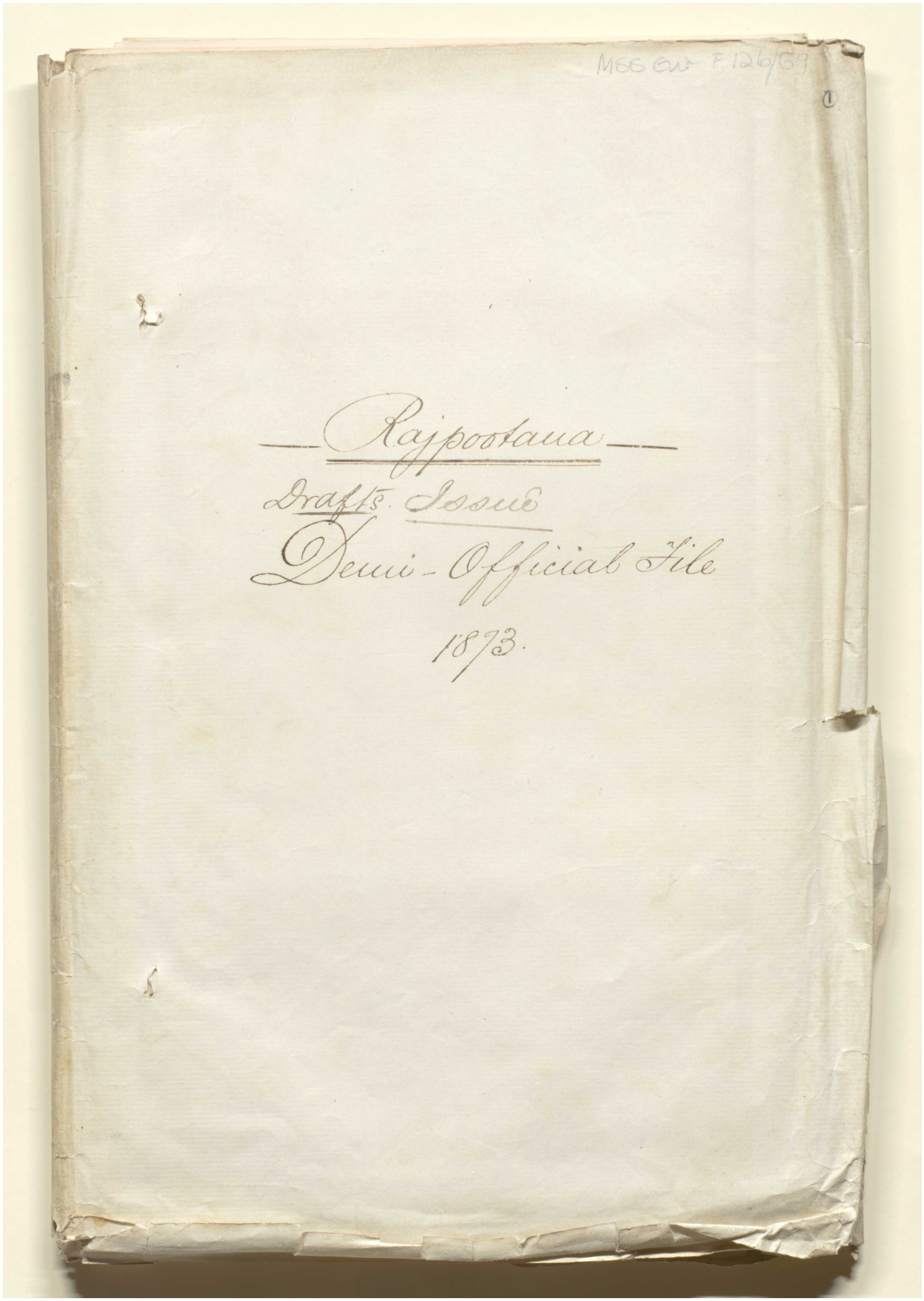
The Political Agents and officials in Rajpootana that Colonel Pelly was communicating with included Captain Thomas Cadell, Captain Arthur William Roberts, Colonel William Howell Beynon, Colonel Alexander Ross Elliot Hutchinson, Major Charles Kenneth Mackenzie Walter, Captain James Cavan Berkeley, Colonel William Carnell, Captain Charles Shuttleworth, Leslie Saunders, Henry Byam Abbott, Charles William Burton and Adelbert Cecil Talbot.

Also included in the file, on folios 92-95 is a letter from Lewis Pelly, in response to a request from the Government of India, giving his thoughts on the advisability or otherwise of Her Majesty's Government developing Pearl Fisheries in the deeper channels of the Persian Gulf.

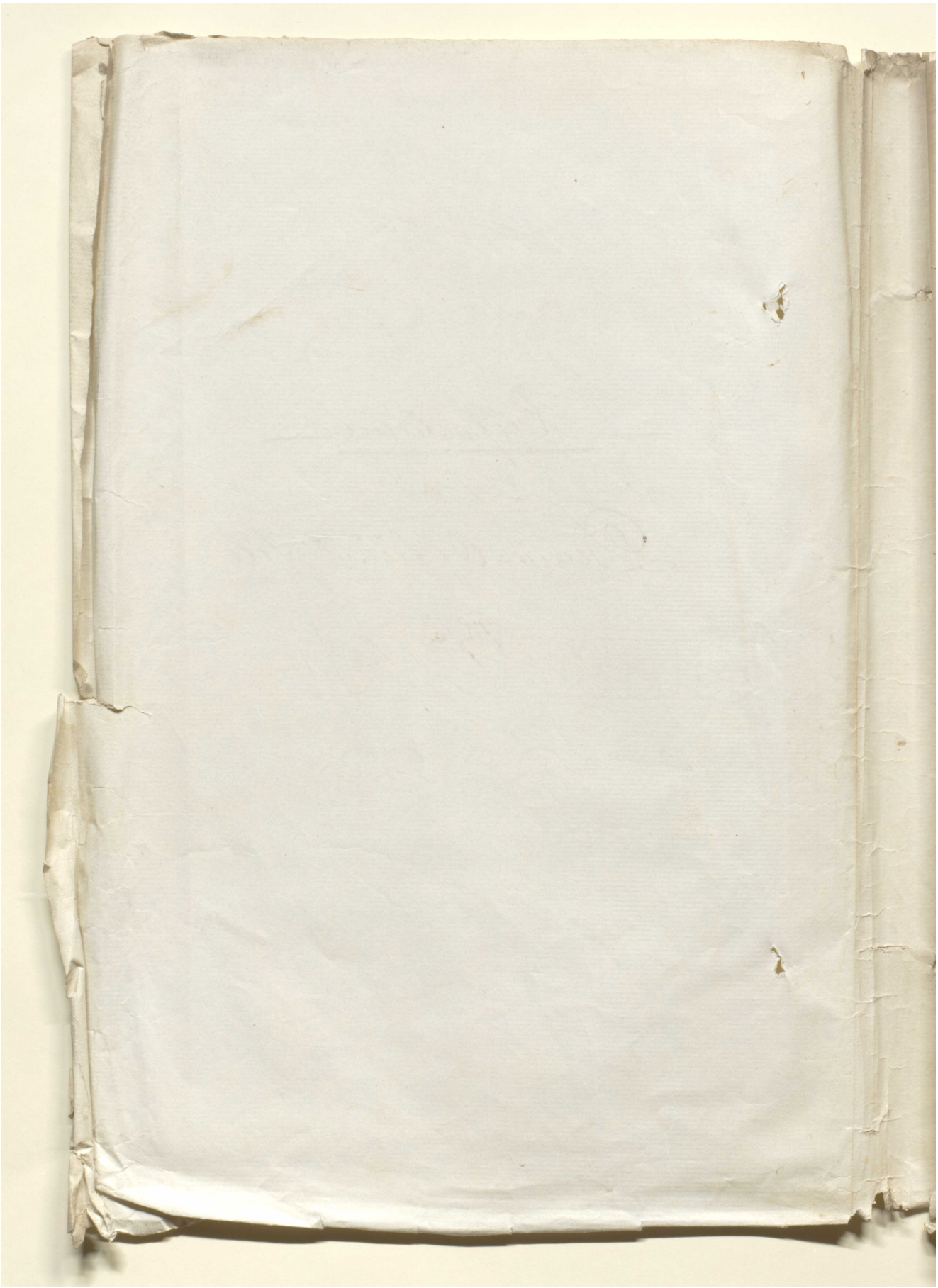
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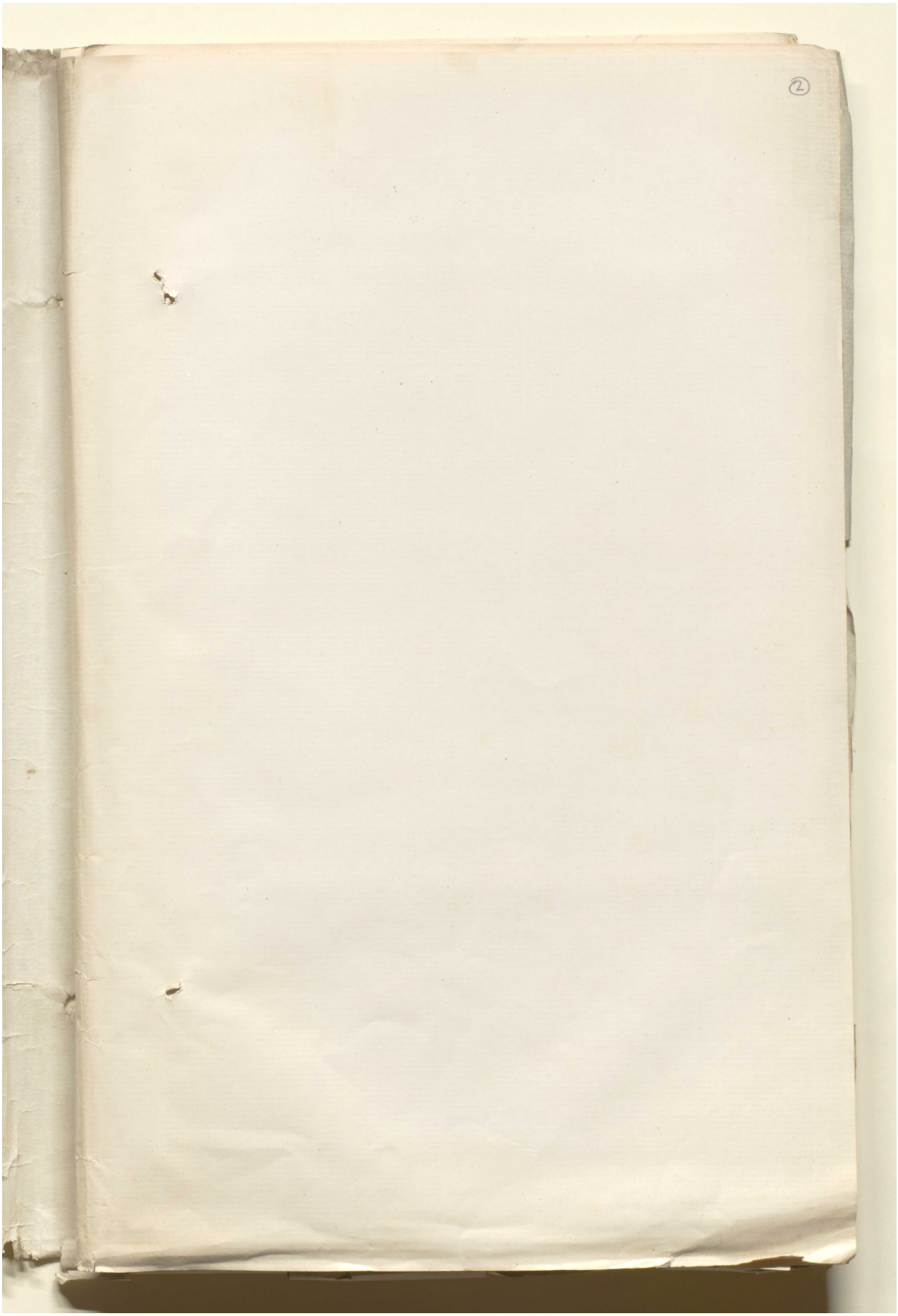
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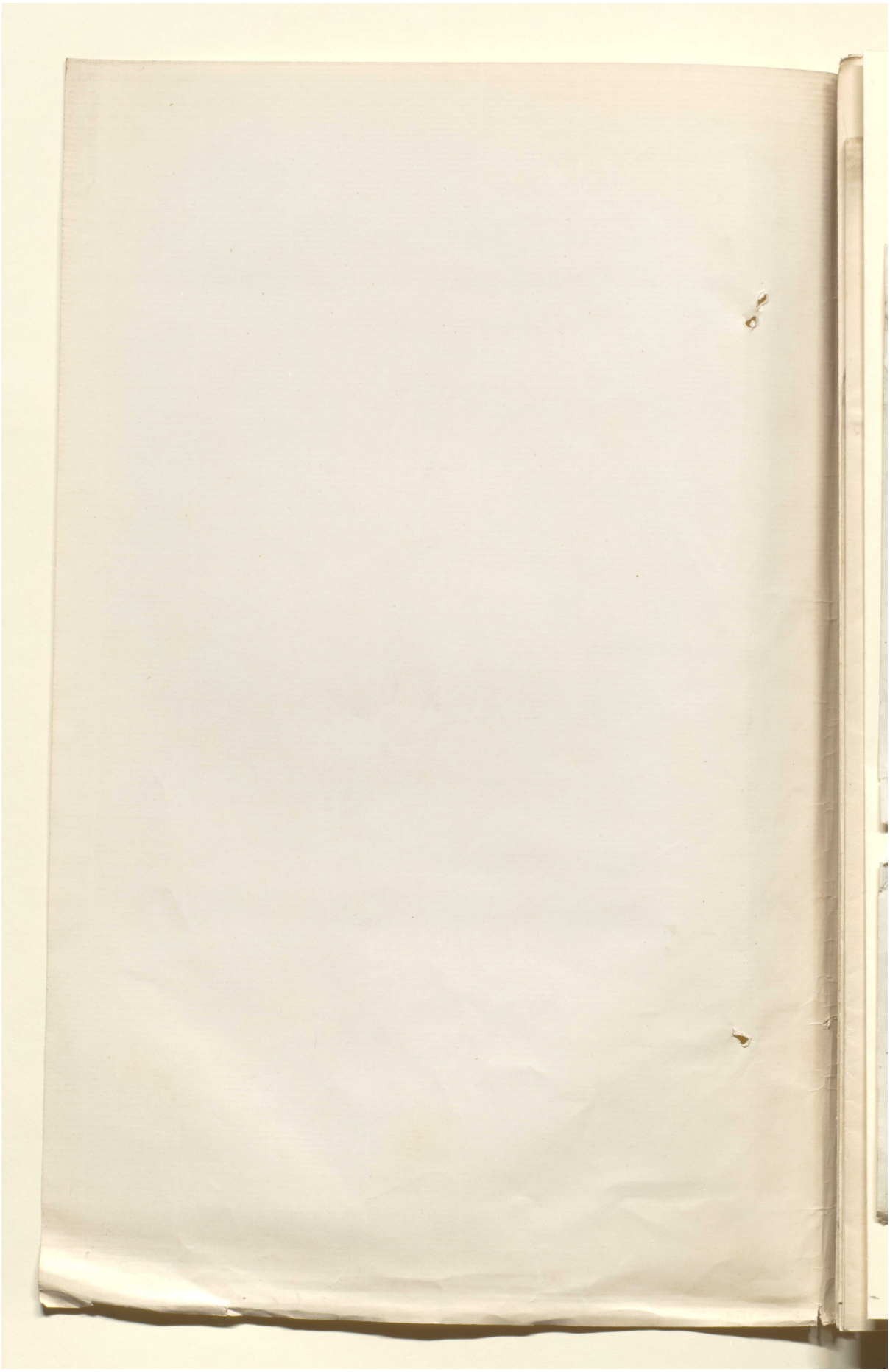


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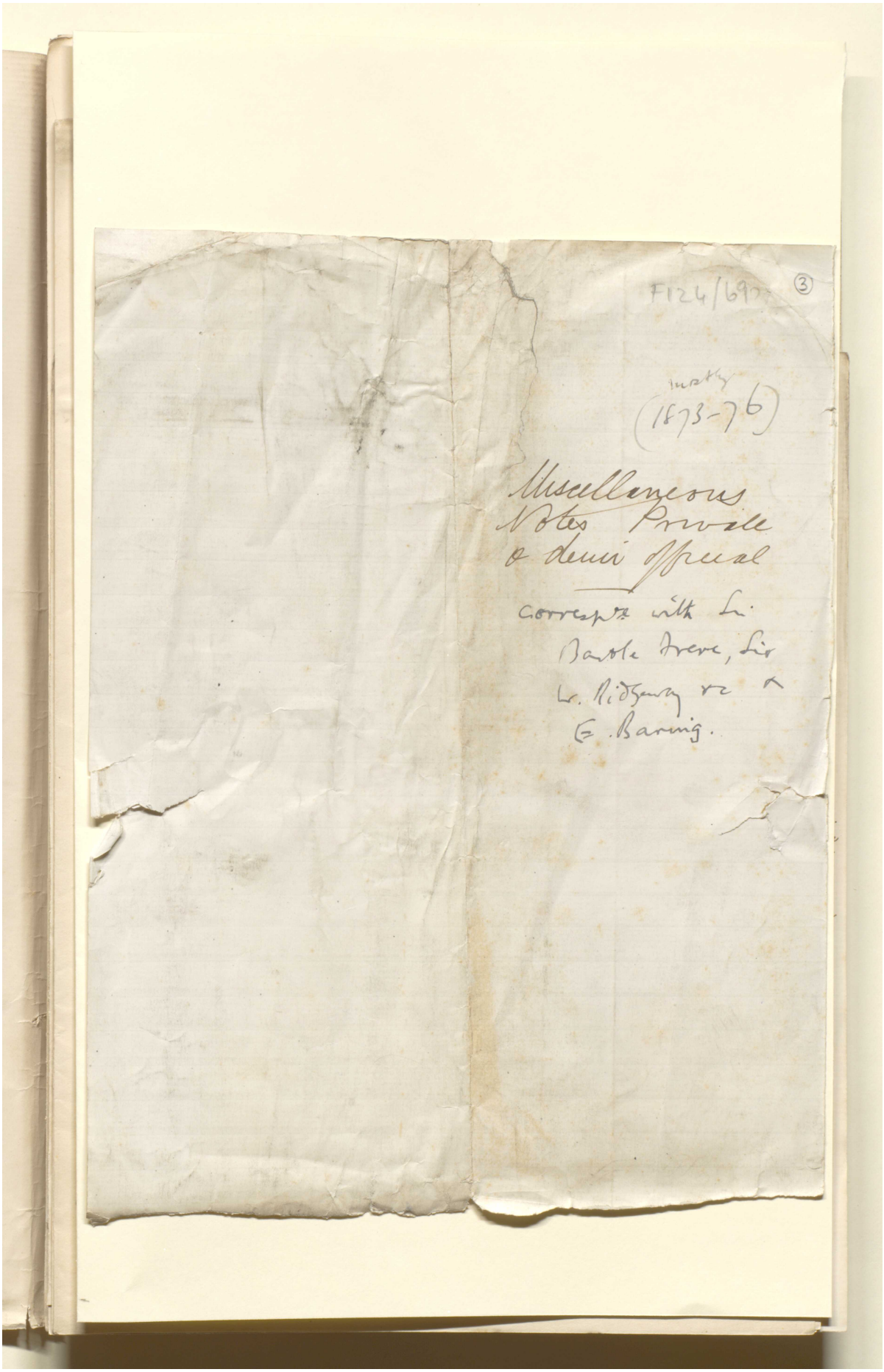


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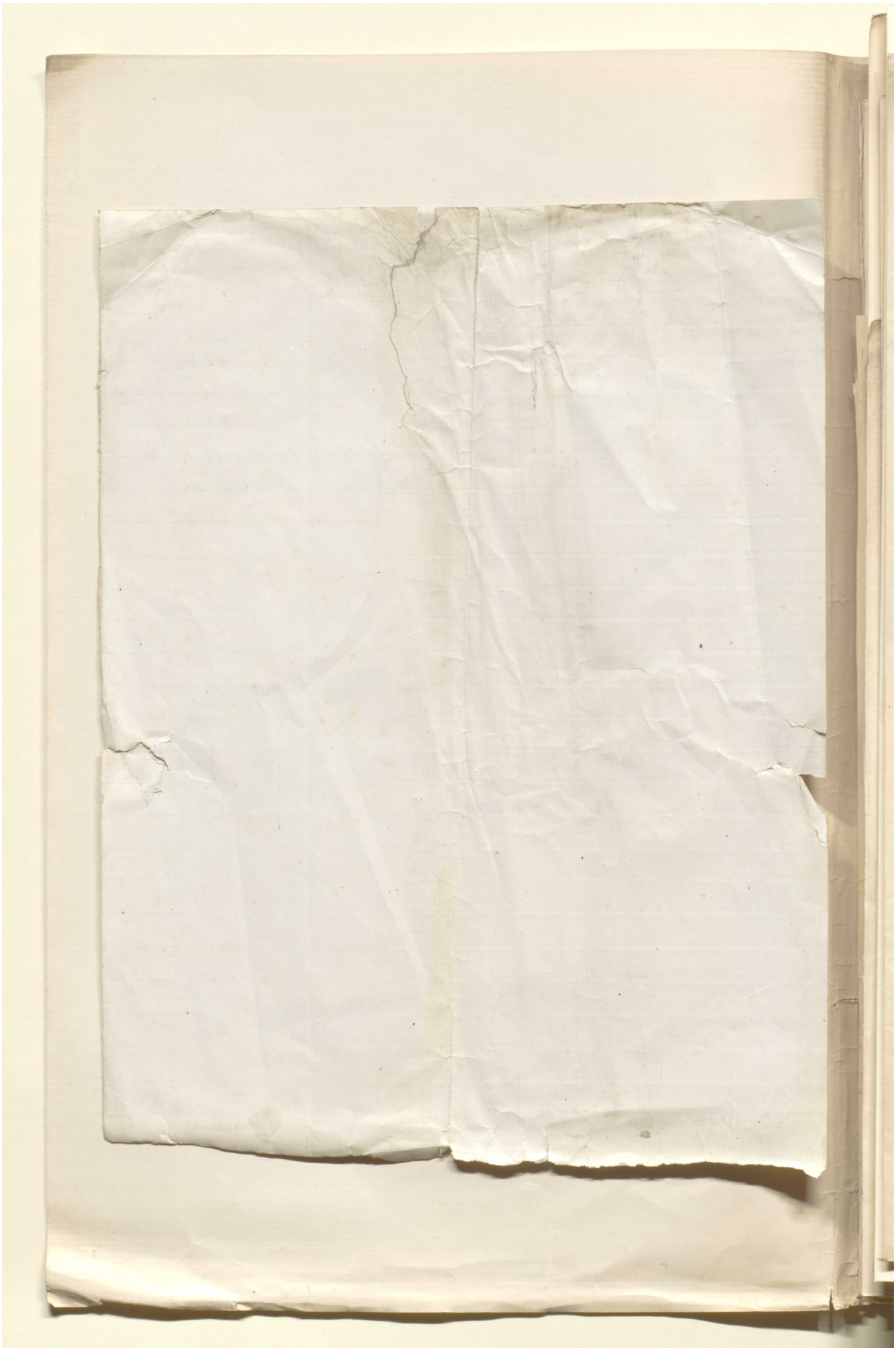




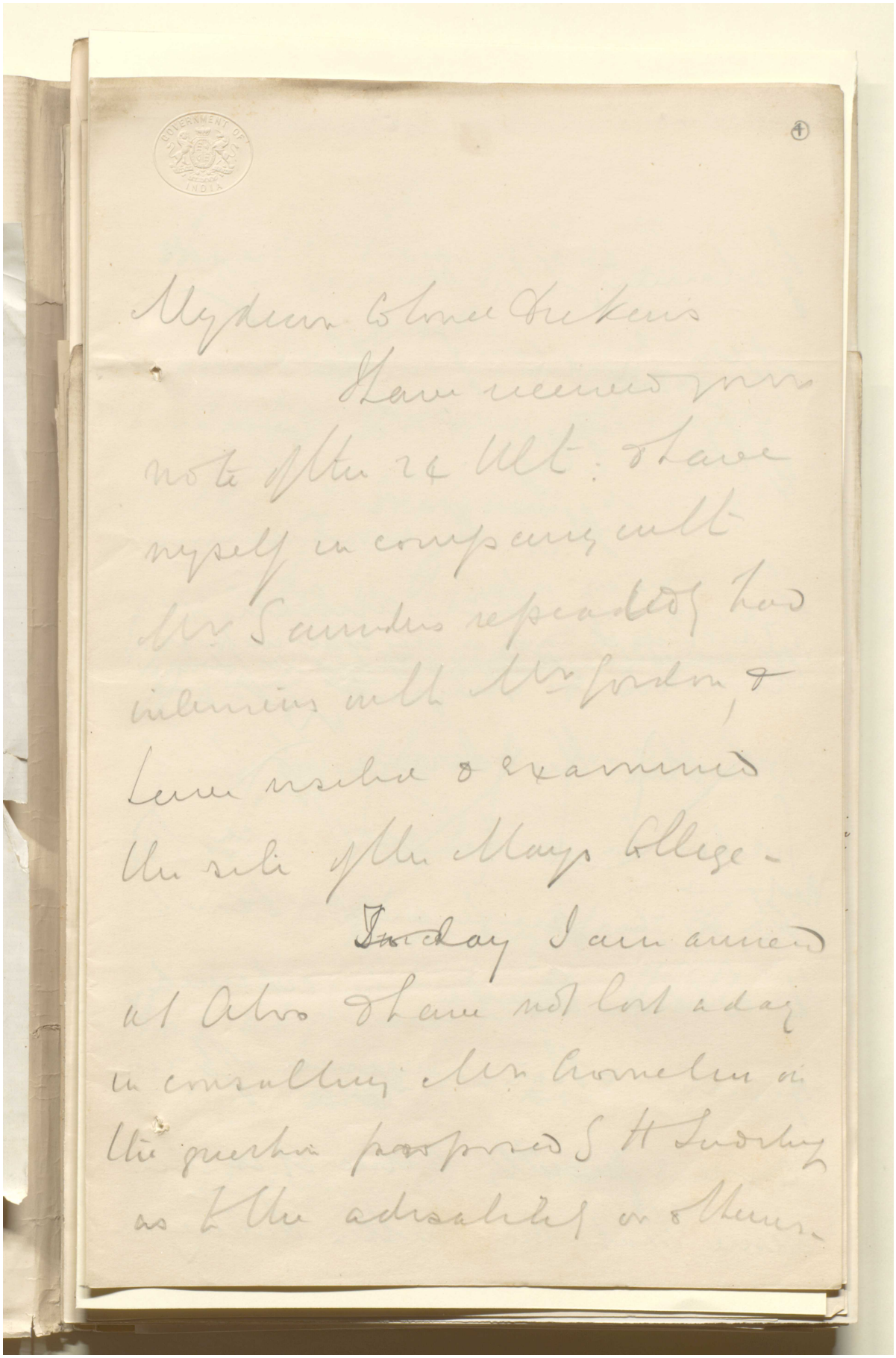
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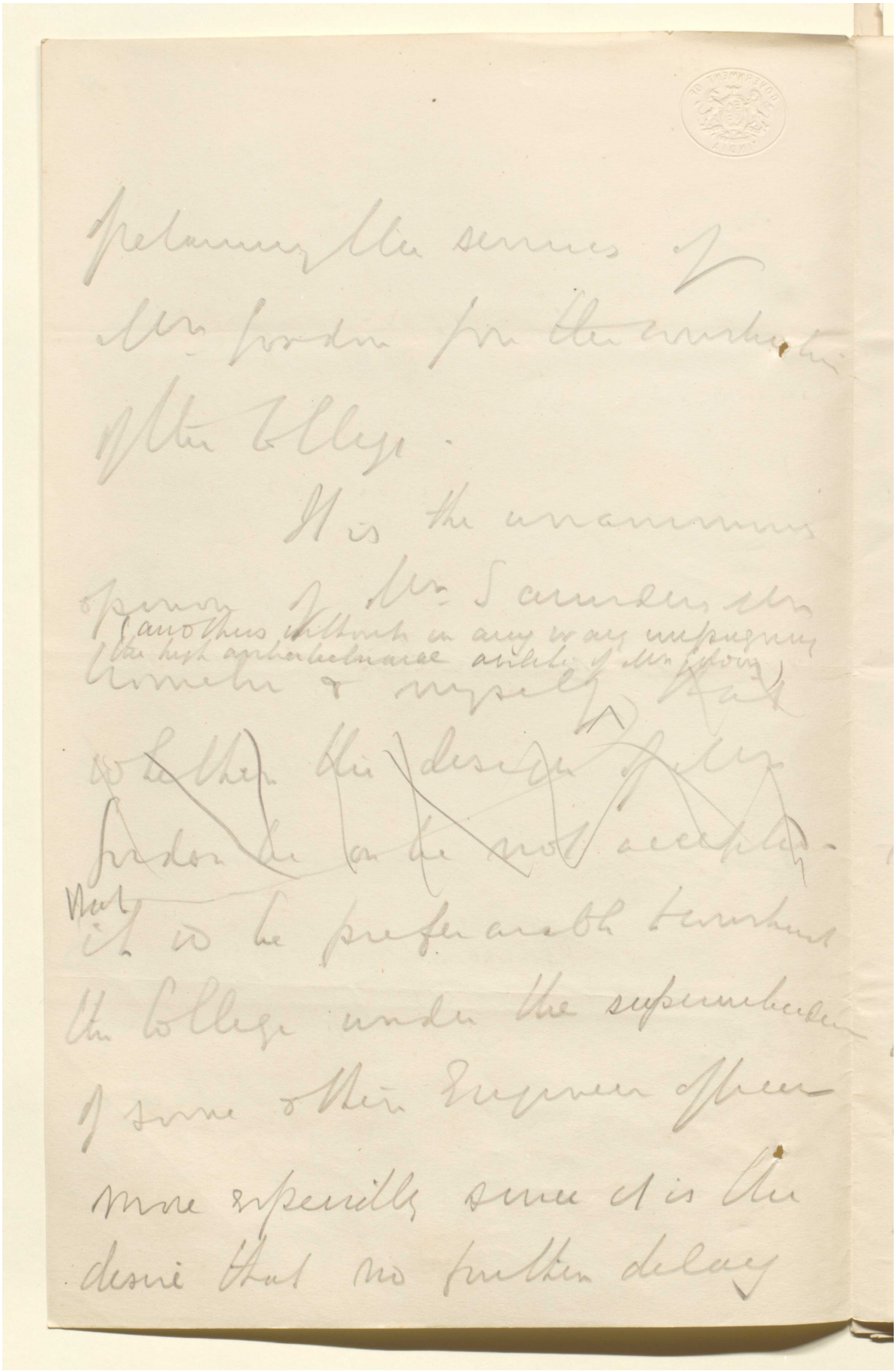
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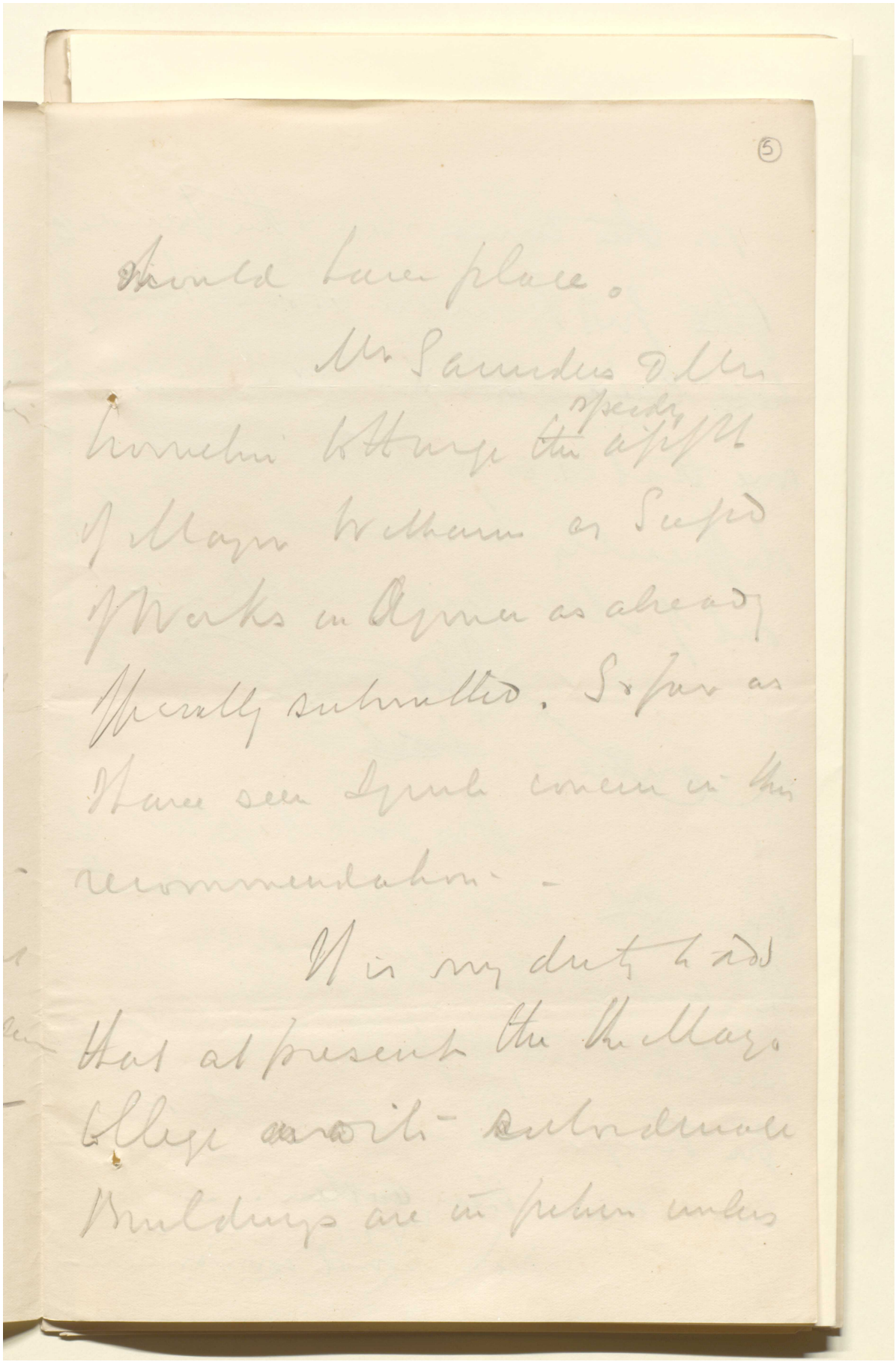


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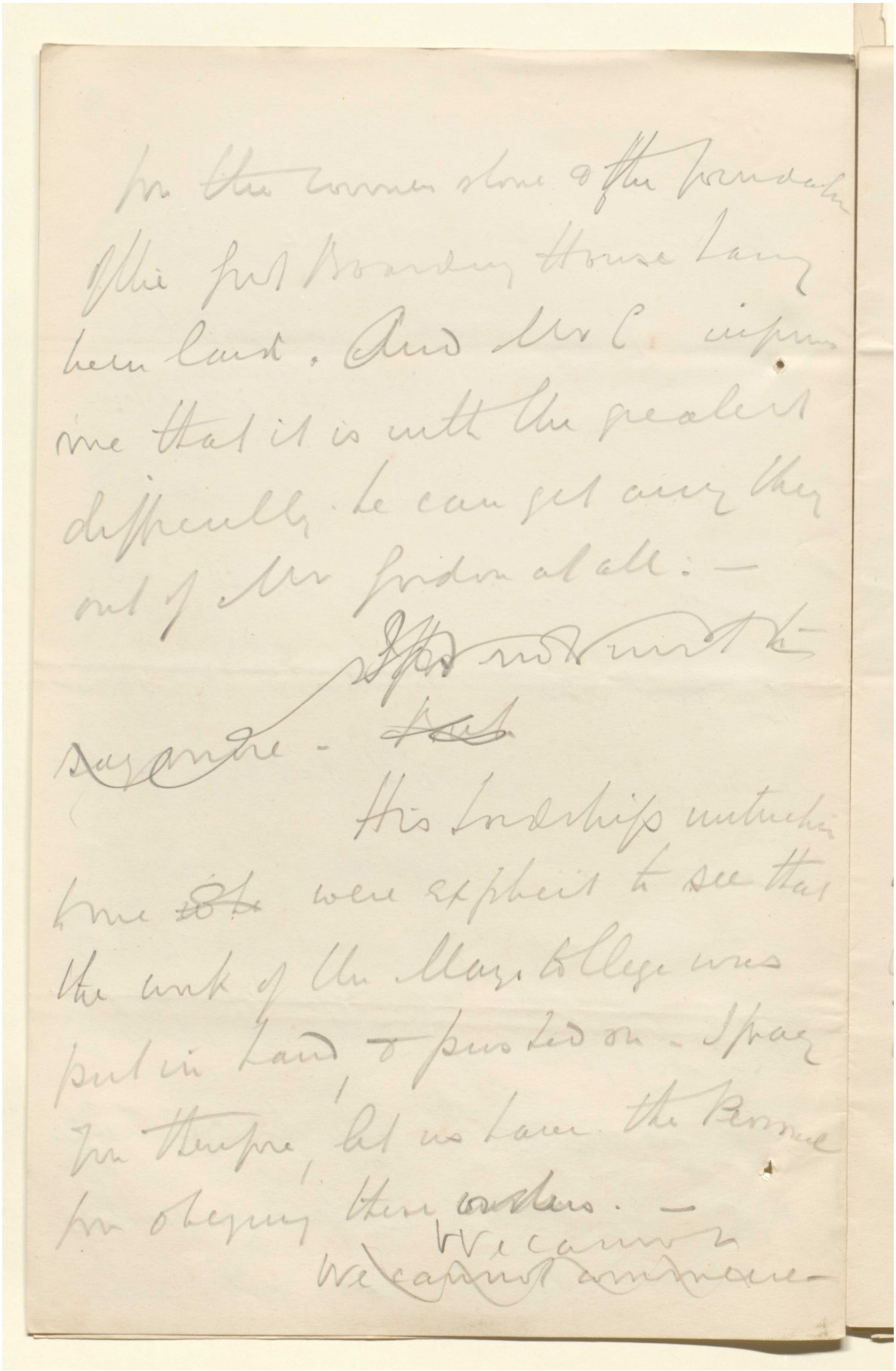


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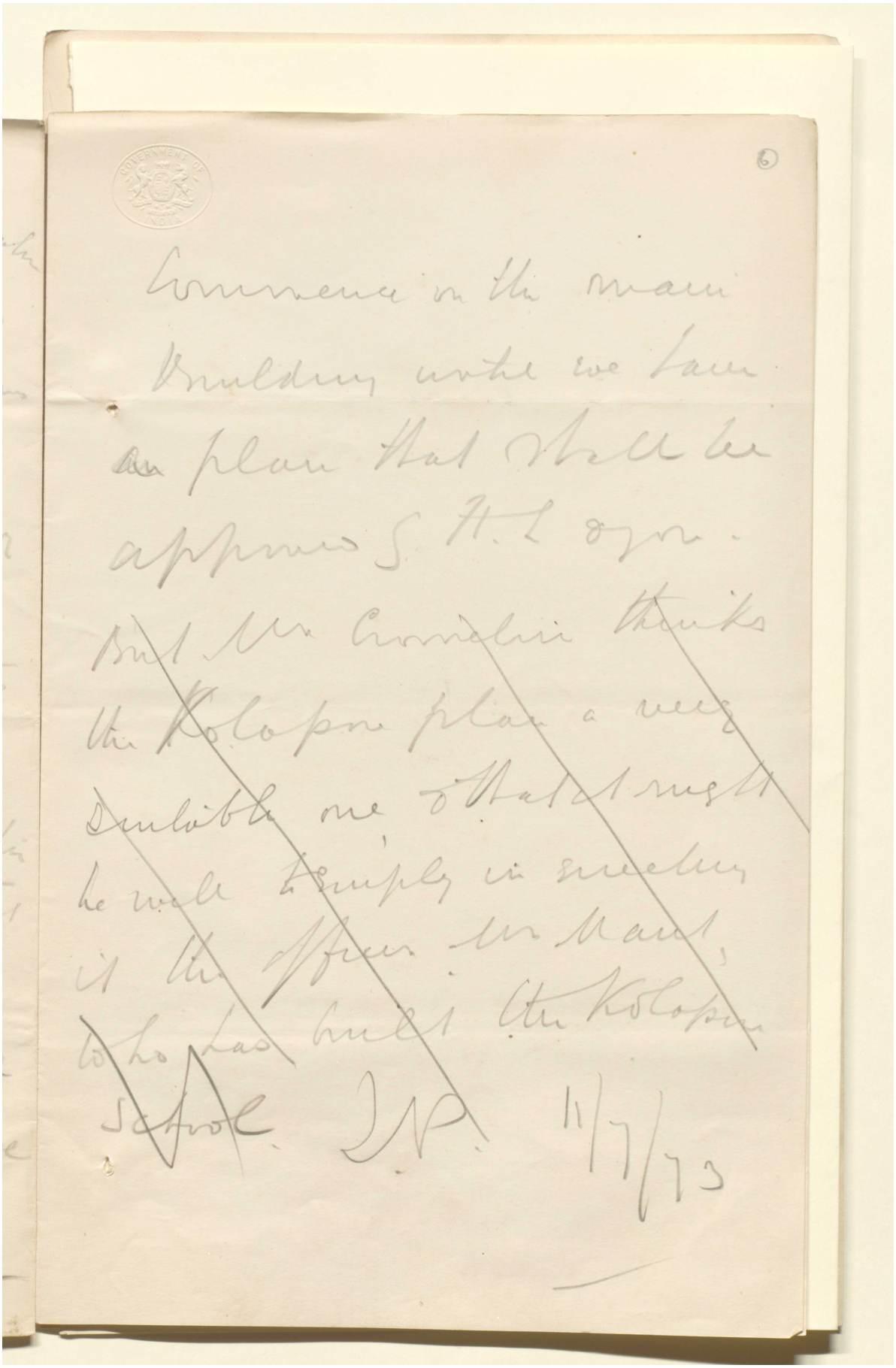
should have place.

Mr Saunders Deputy
Secretary to the Govt
of Bengal Public Works
Department and Superintending
Works in Ajmere as already
officially submitted. So far as
I have seen I quite concur in his
recommendations.

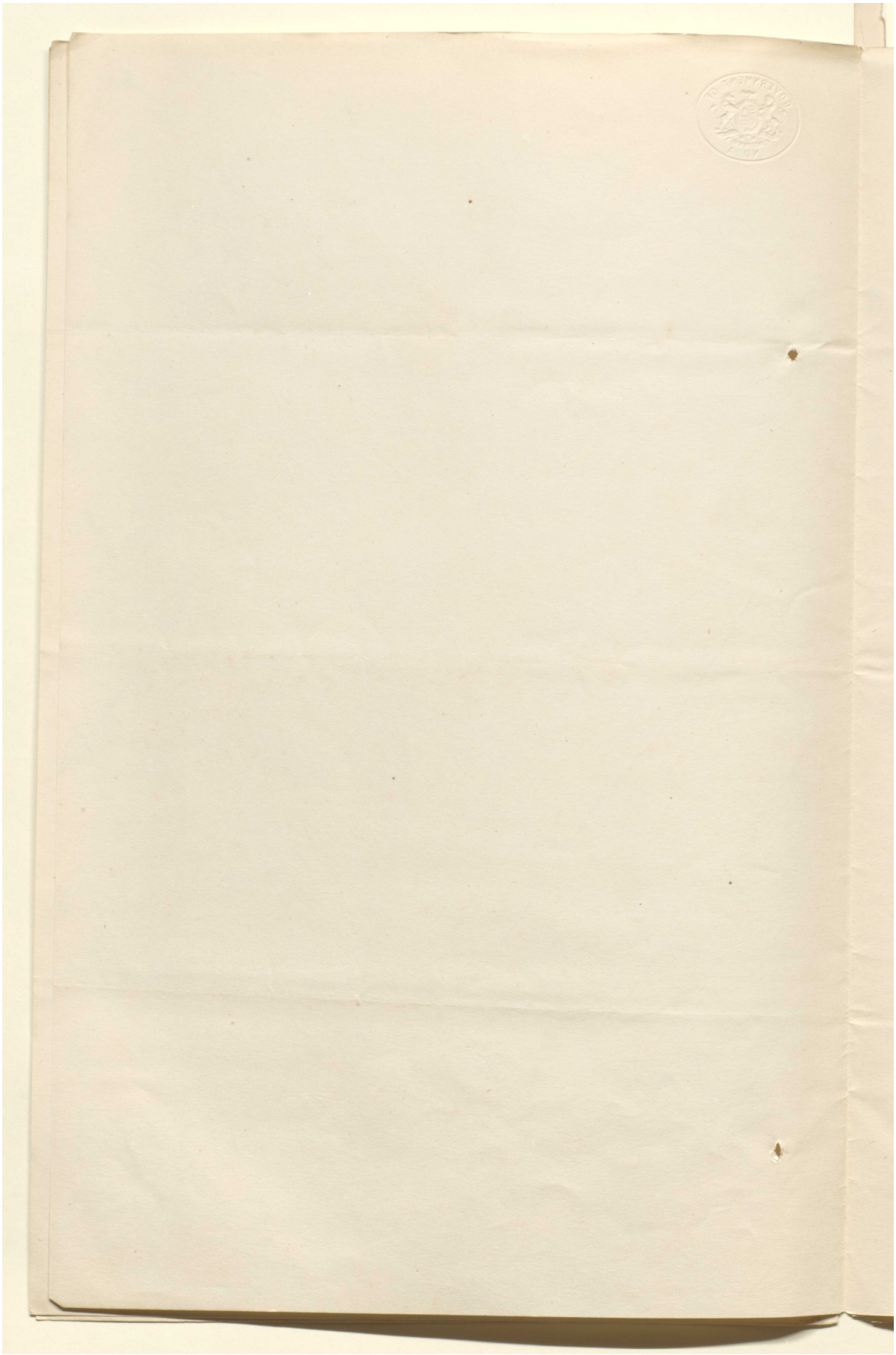
It is my duty to add
that at present the Mallaya
Village water-supply and
Buildings are in private under



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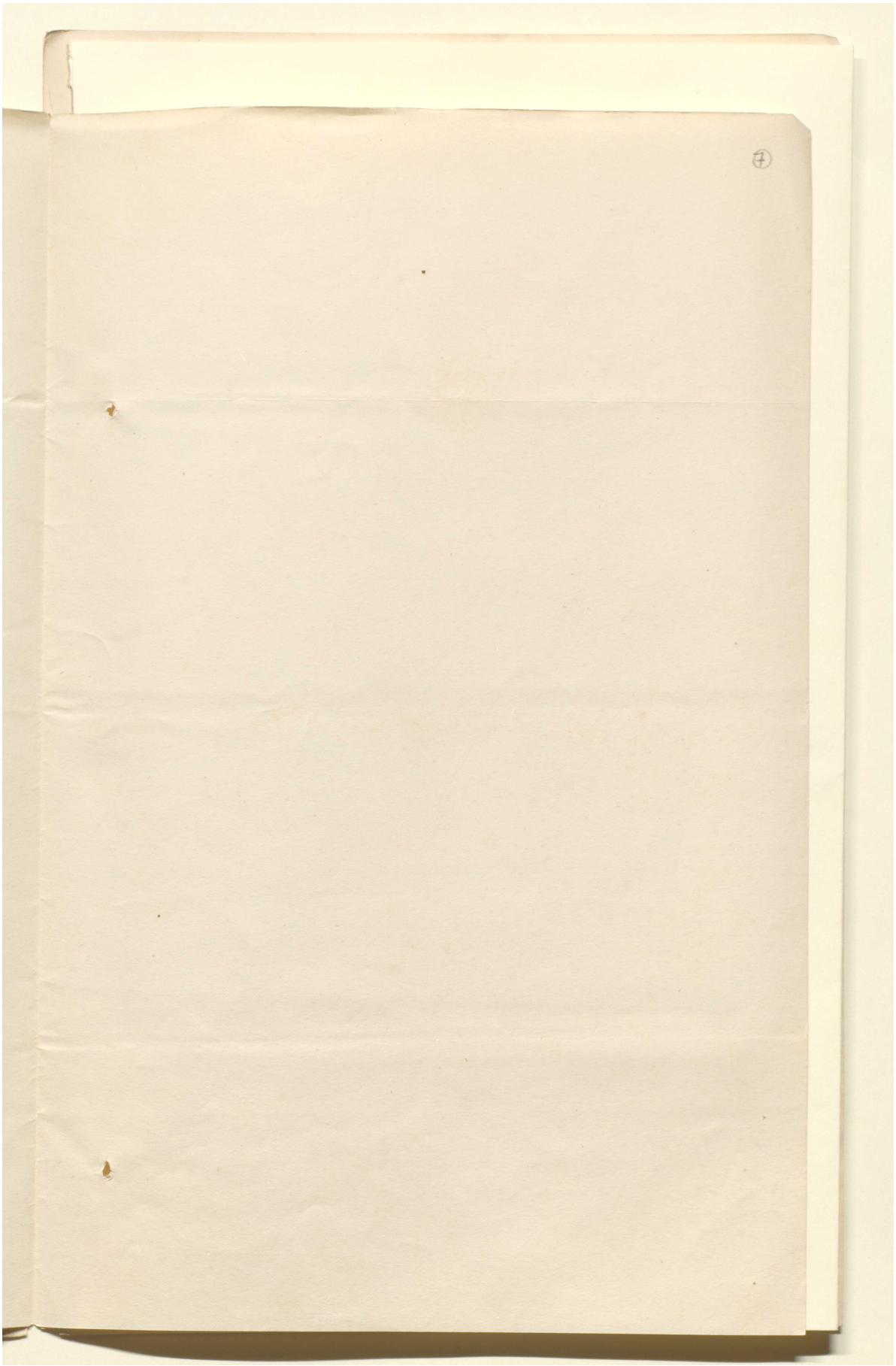


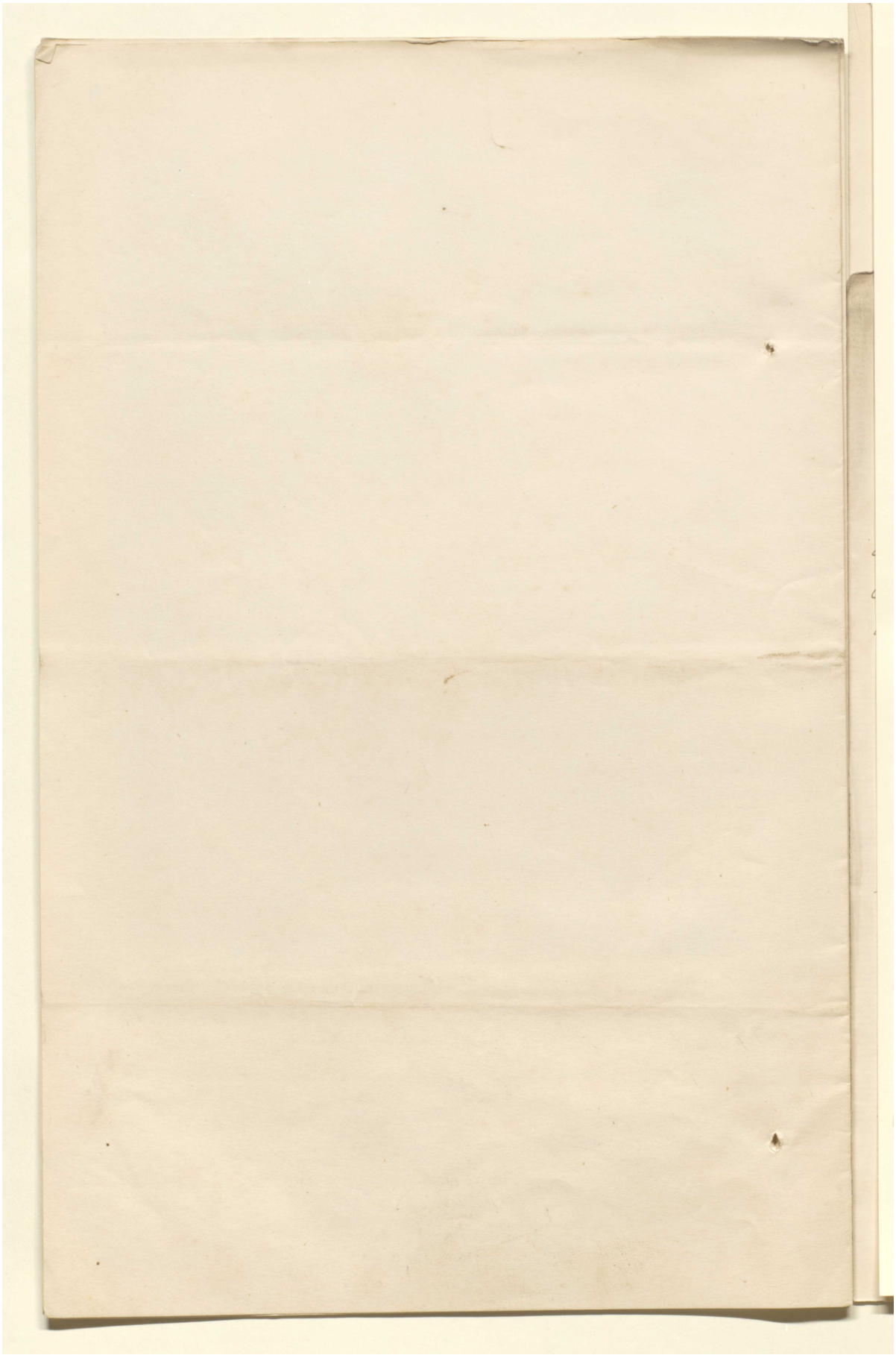
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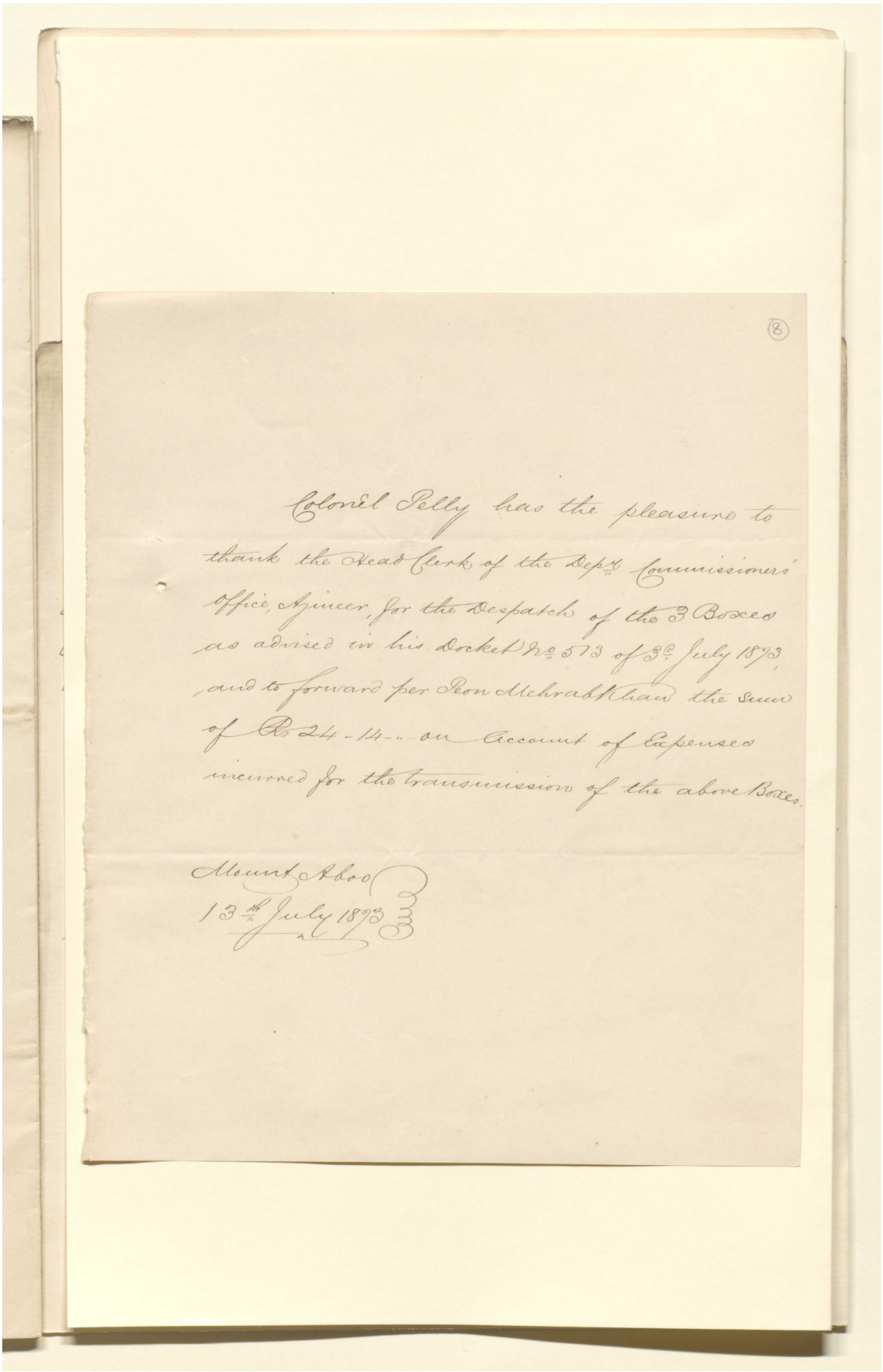


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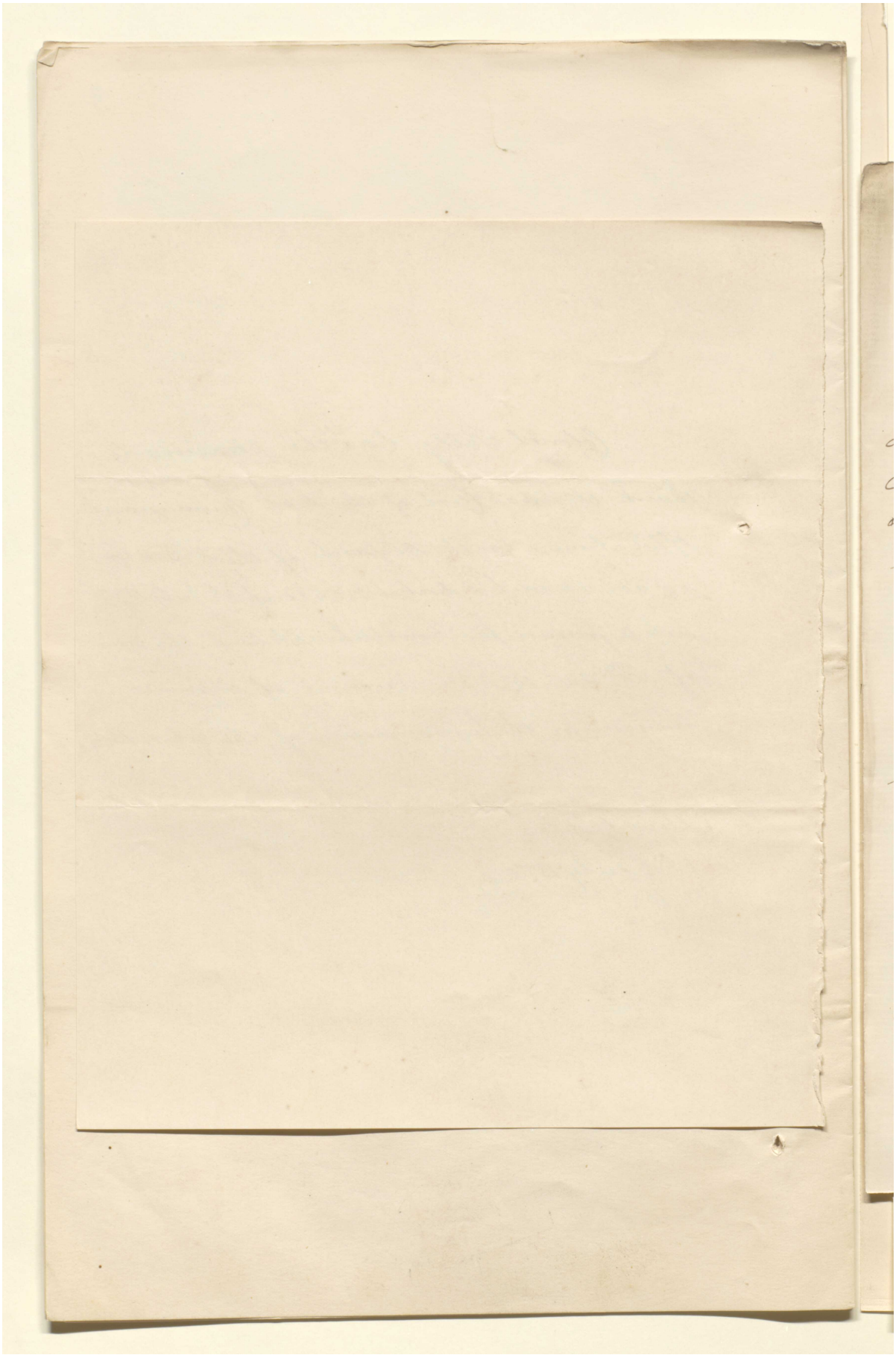


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Colonel Pelly has the pleasure to thank the Head Clerk of the Dep.ty Commissioners' Office, Ajmeer, for the Despatch of the 3 Boxes as advised in his Docket No. 573 of 3d July 1873, and to forward per Peon Mehrabkhan the sum of Rs 24-14-0 on Account of Expenses incurred for the transmission of the above Boxes.

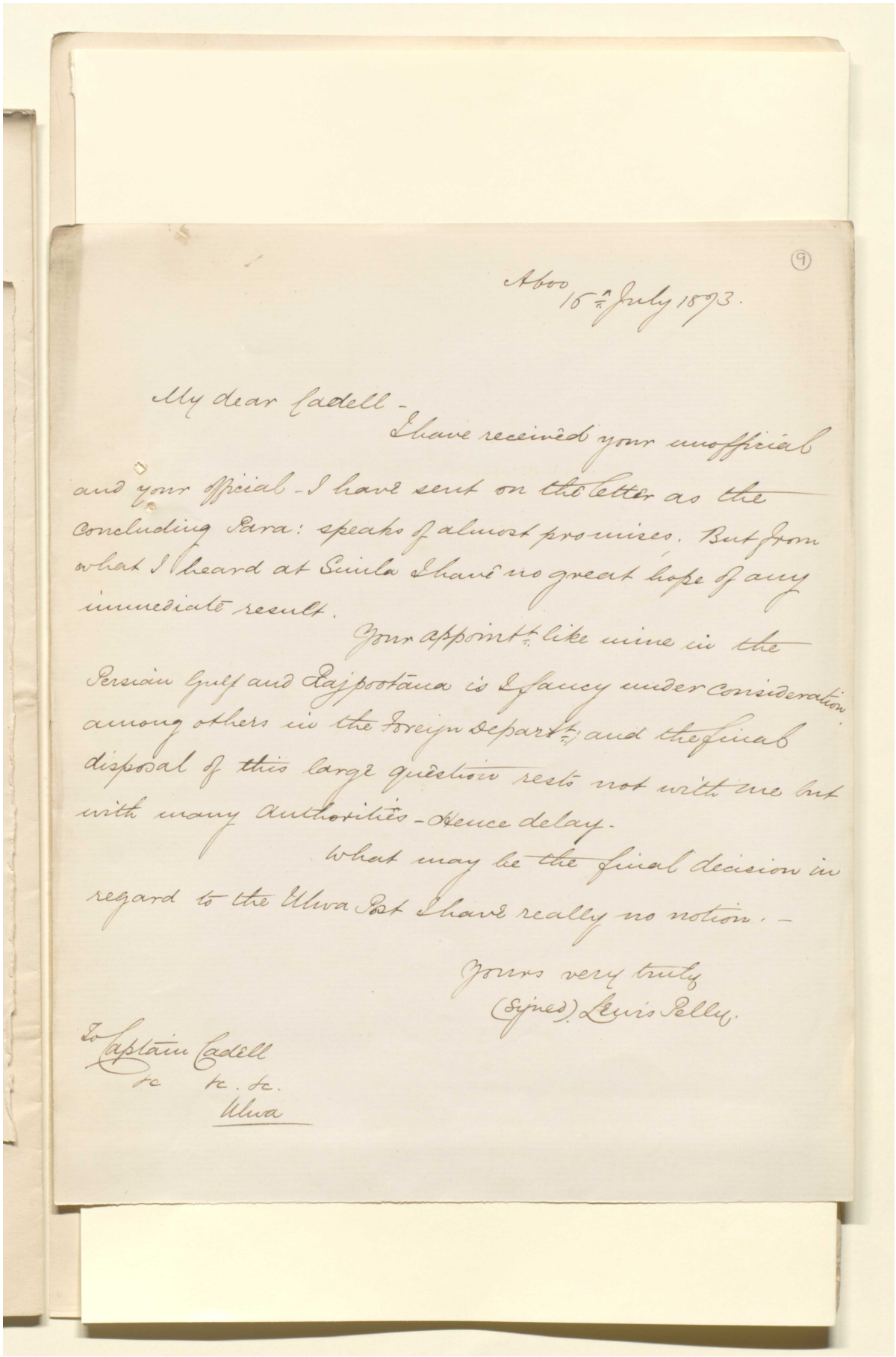
Mount Aboo
13th July 1873

Letter from Lewis Pelly, Mount Aboo [Ābu] to the Head Clerk, Deputy Commissioners' Office, Ajmeer [Ajmer] [8v] (2/2)



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Aboo 16th July 1893.

My dear Cadell -

I have received your unofficial and your official - I have sent on the letter as the concluding Para: speaks of almost promises. But from what I heard at Simla I have no great hope of any immediate result.

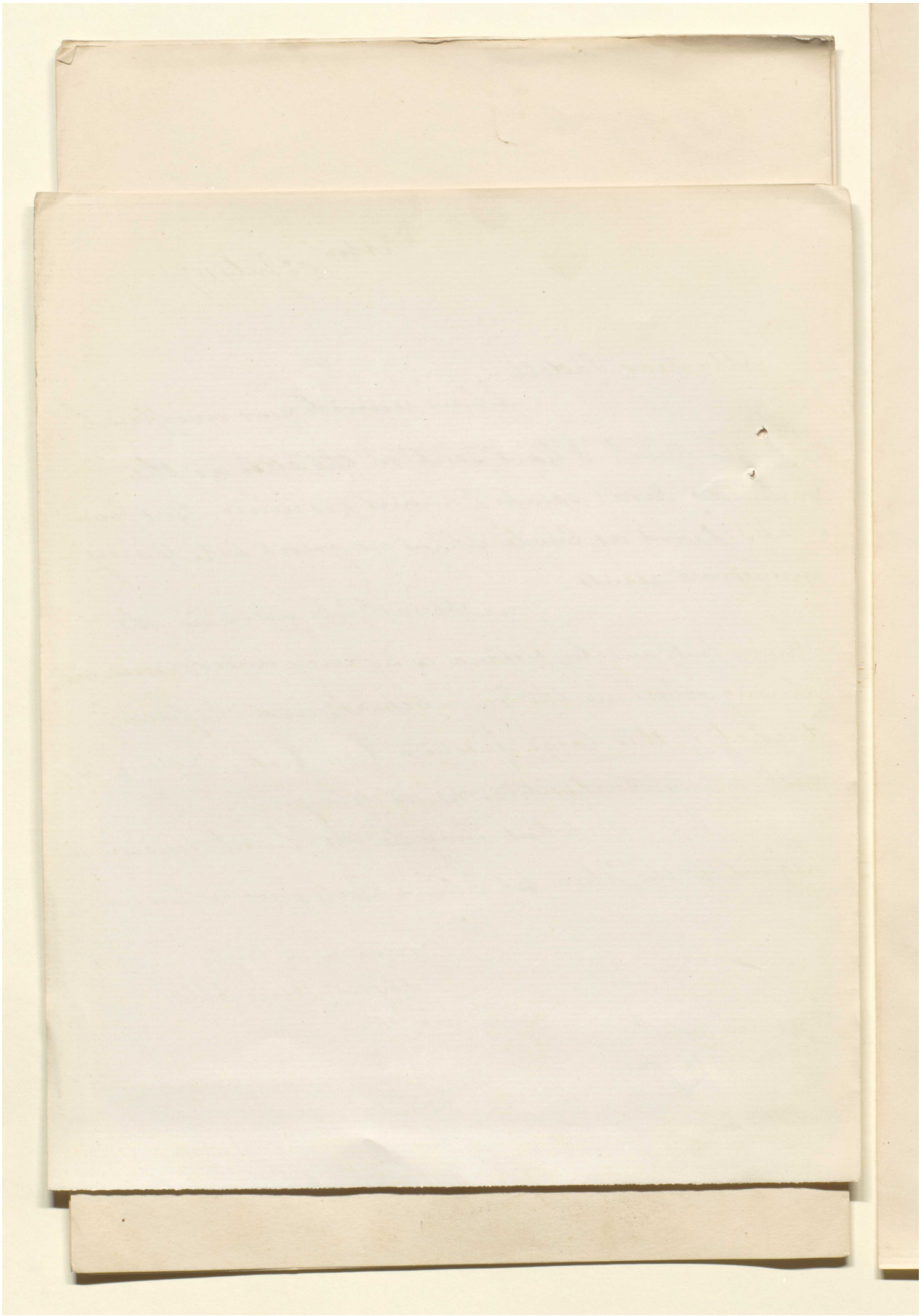
Your appointt like mine in the Persian Gulf and Rajpootana is a fancy under consideration among others in the Foreign Departt and the final disposal of this large question rests not with me but with many authorities - Hence delay.

What may be the final decision in regard to the Ulwa Post I have really no notion. -

Yours very truly
(Signed) Lewis Pelly.

To Captain Cadell
&c &c. &c.
Ulwa

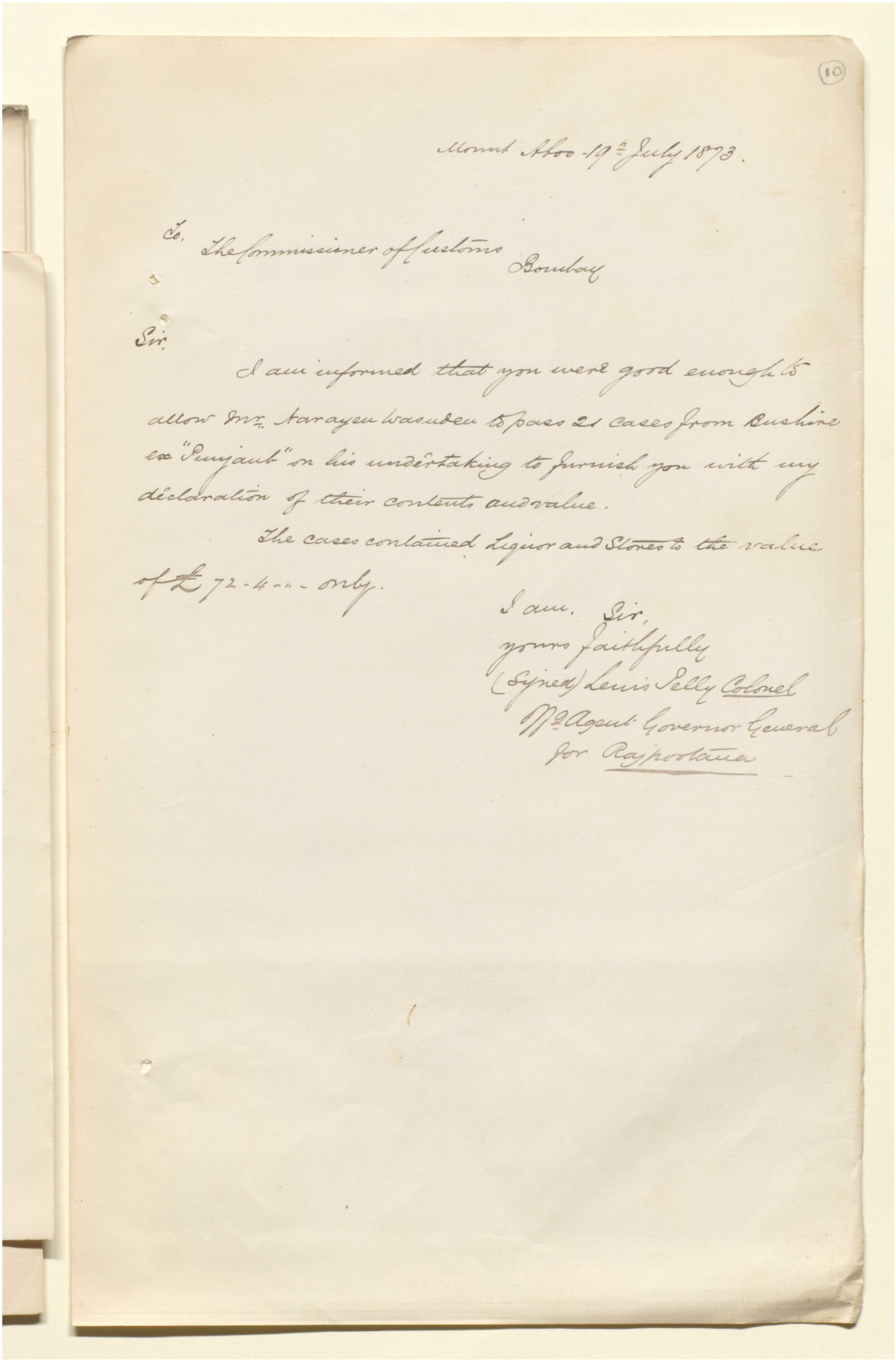
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Mount Aboo 19th July 1873.

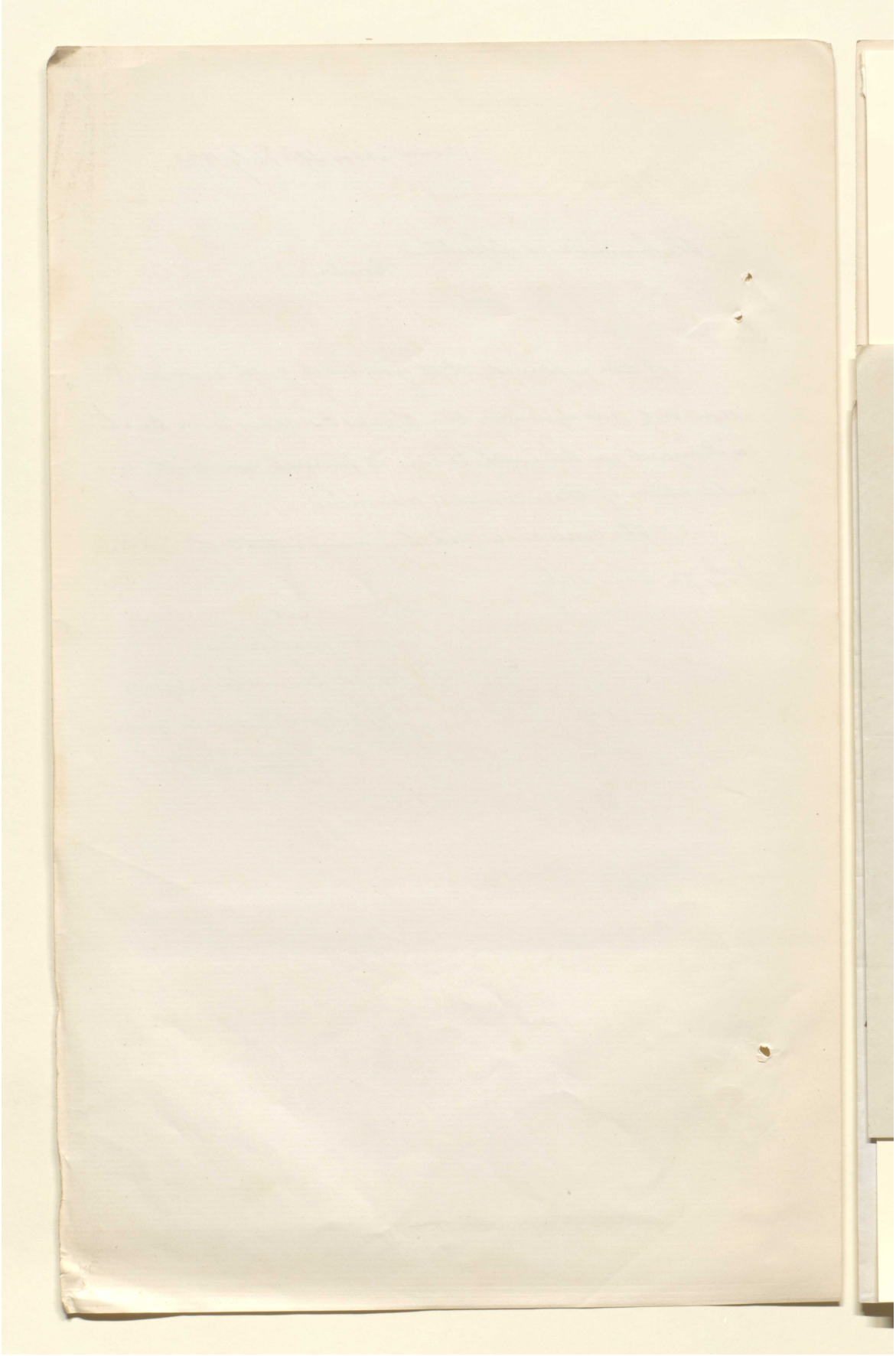
To. The Commissioner of Customs Bombay

Sir

I am informed that you were good enough to allow Mr. Narayen Wasudeo 5 pacs 21 cases from Bushire ex "Punjaub" on his undertaking to furnish you with my declaration of their contents and value.

The cases contained liquor and Stones to the value of £72-4-0 - only.

I am, Sir,
your's faithfully
(Signed) Lewis Pelly Colonel
Offg Agent Governor General
for Rajpootana



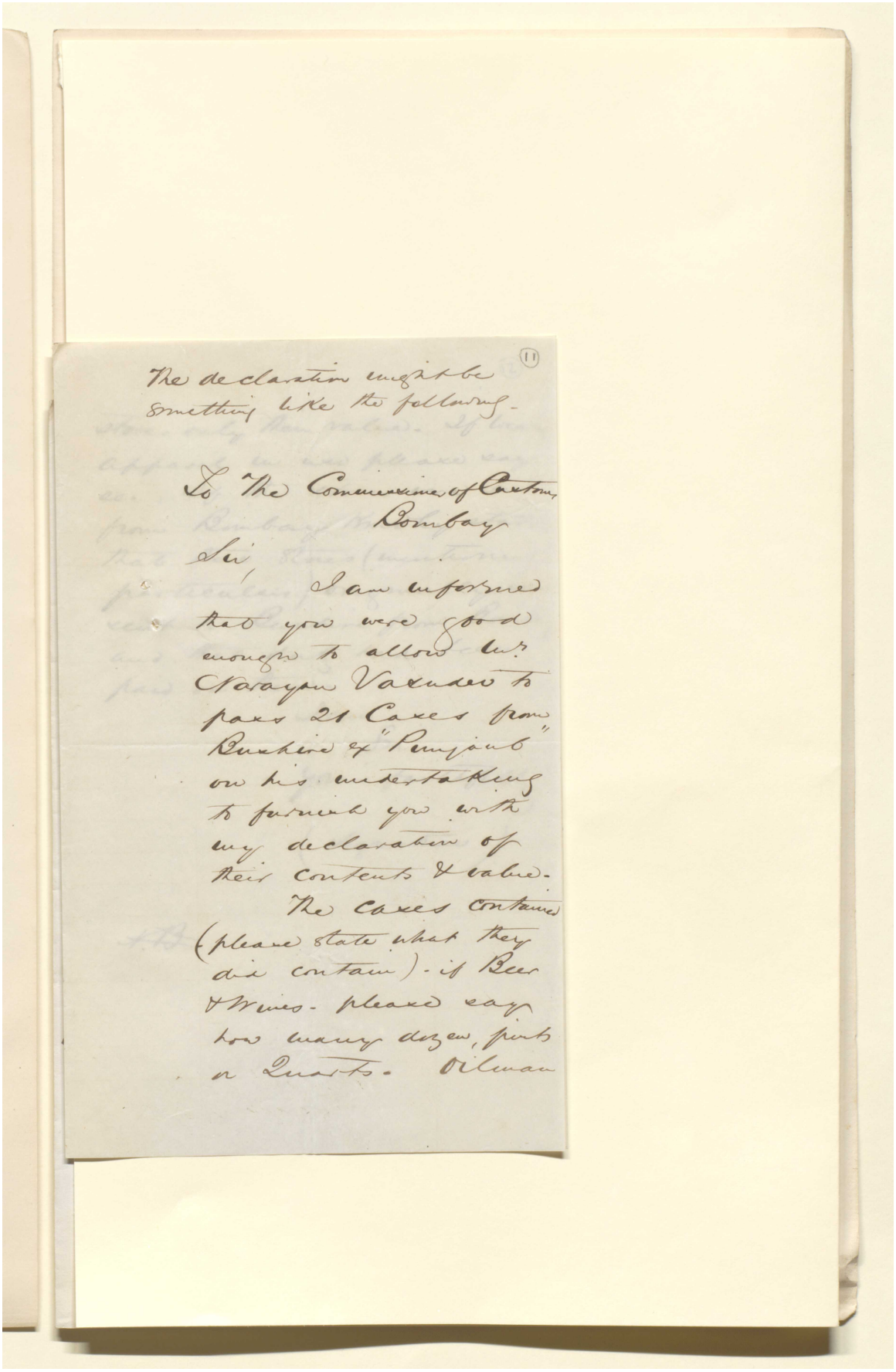
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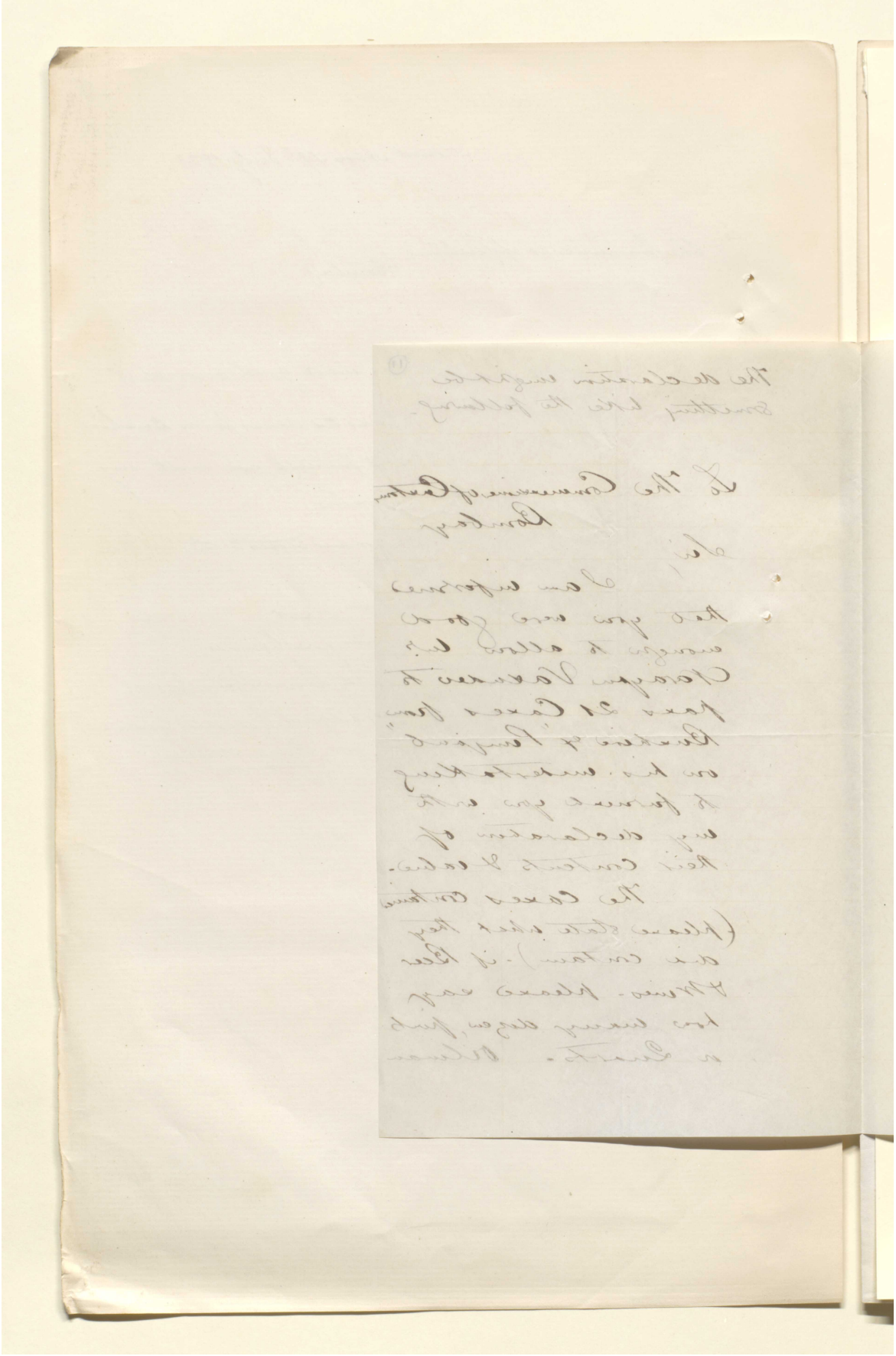
To The Commissioner of Customs,
Bombay

Sir,

I am informed that you were good enough to allow Mr Narayan Vasudev to pass 21 Cases from Burhina by "Punjaub" on his undertaking to furnish you with my declaration of their contents & value.

The Cases contains (please state what they do contain). if Beer & Wines. please say how many dozen, pints or Quarts. Oilman

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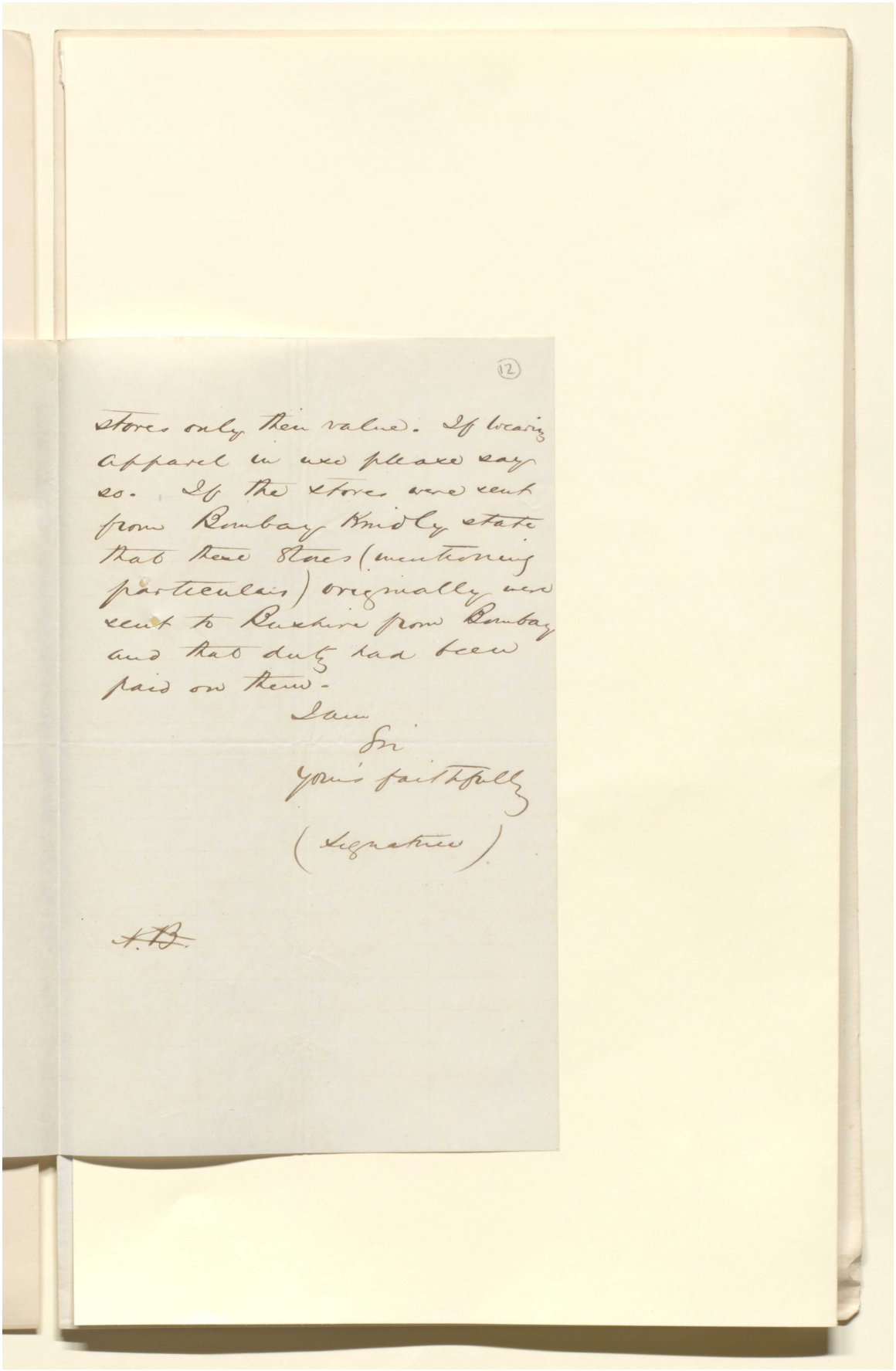


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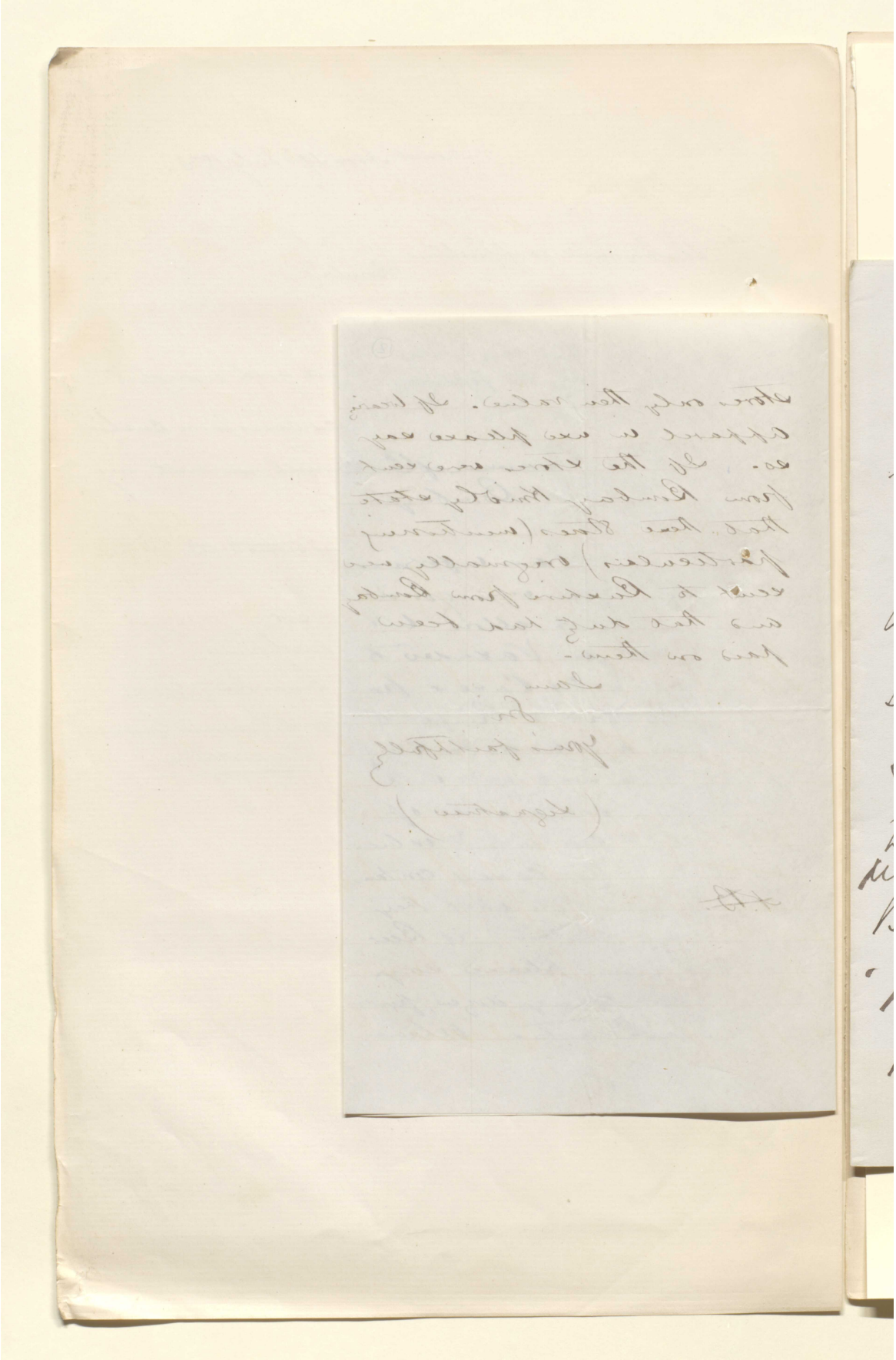
stores only their value. If wearing apparel is not please say so. If the stores were sent from Bombay kindly state that these stores (mentioning particulars) originally were sent to Ruskin from Bombay and that duty had been paid on them.

I am
Sir
Your faithfully
(signature)

A.B.

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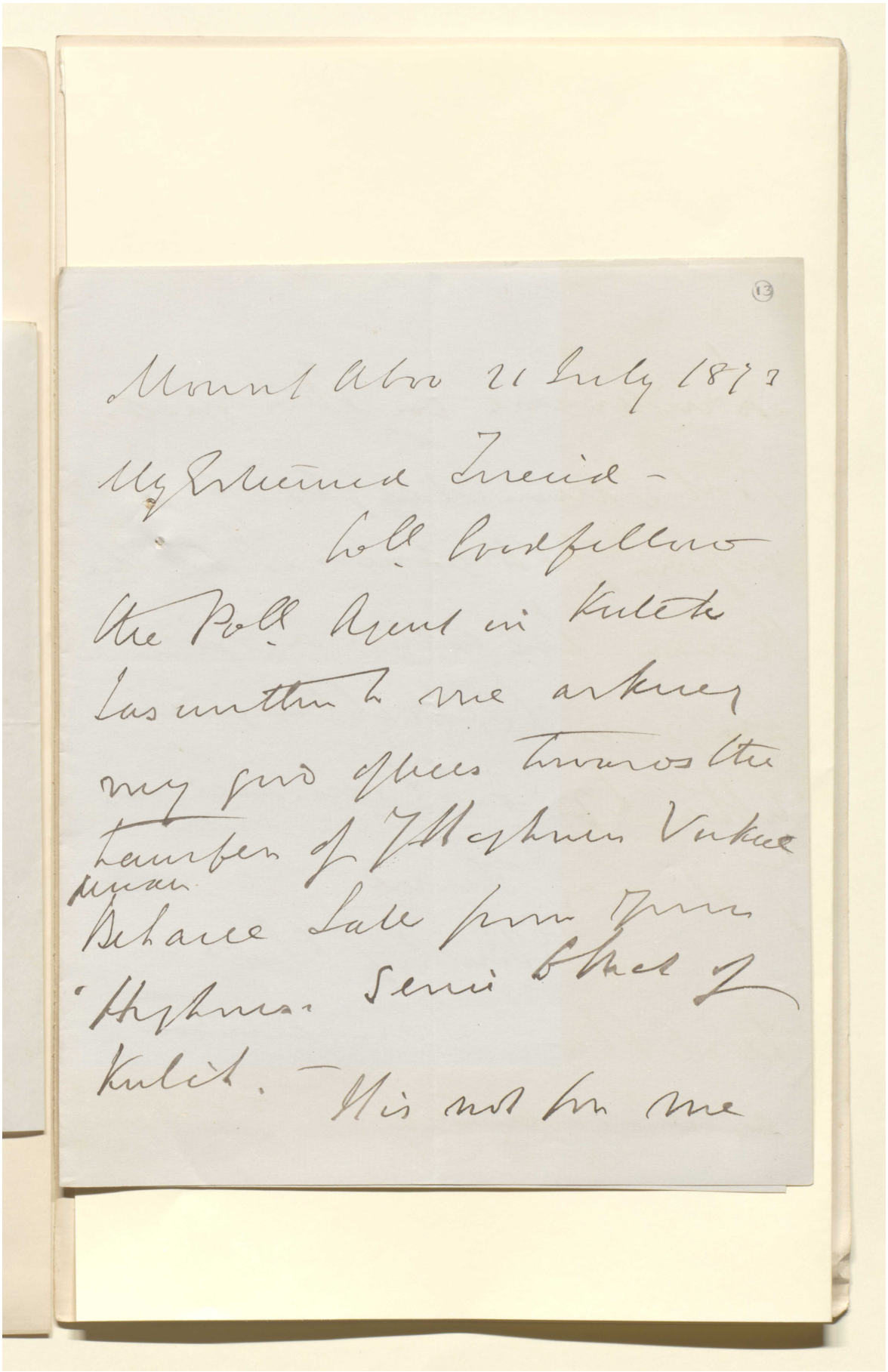


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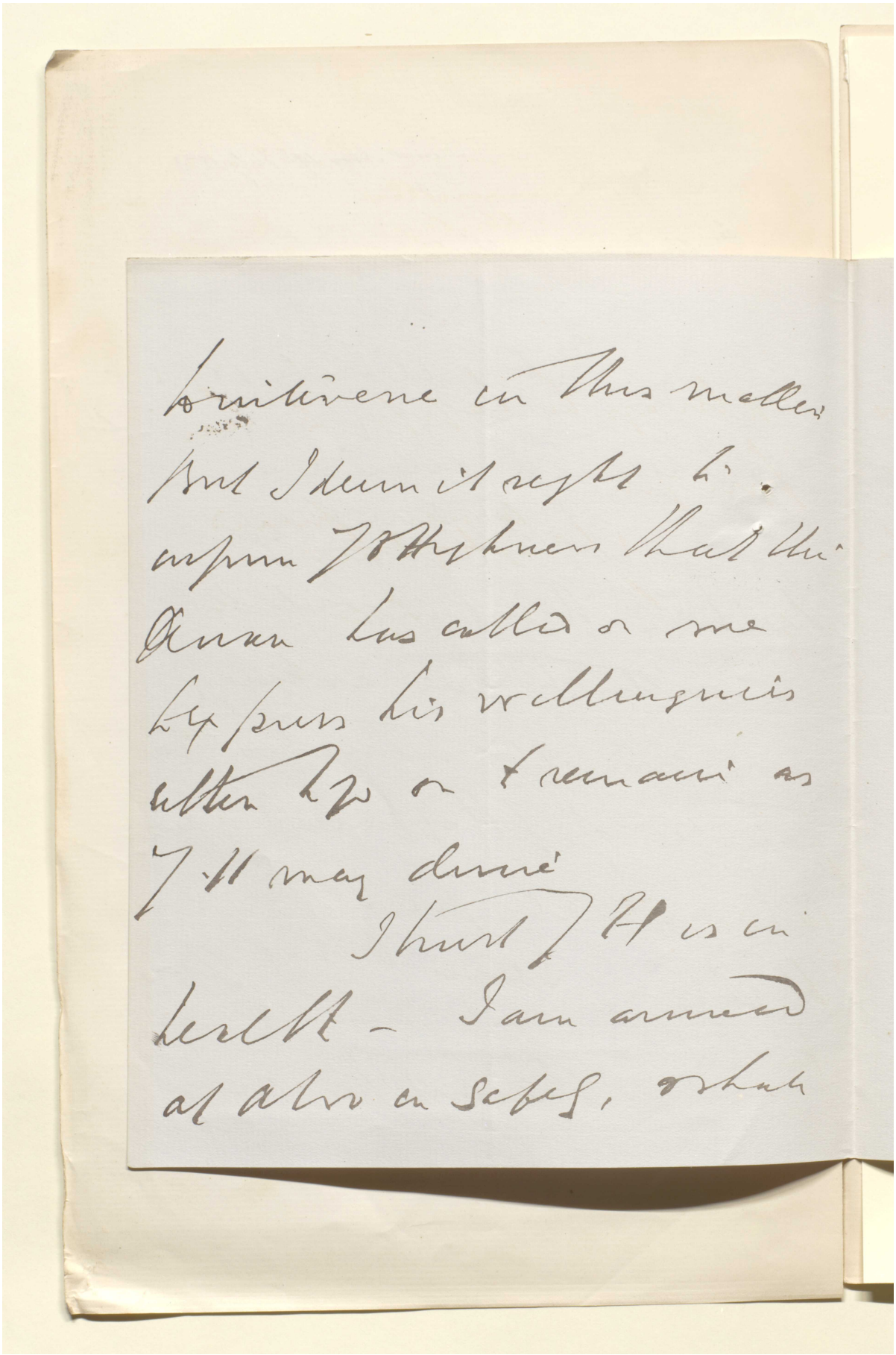
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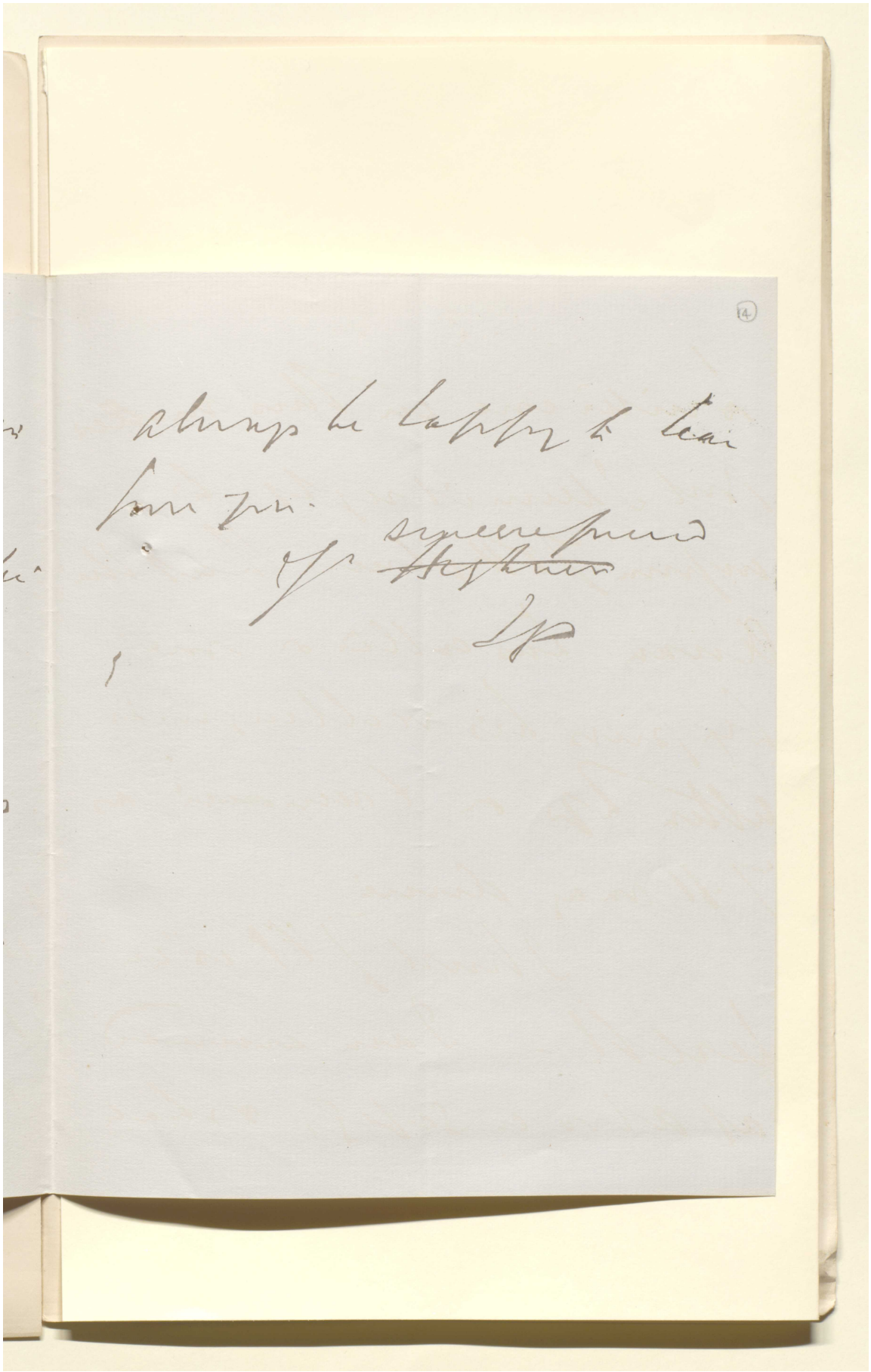
Mount Aboo 21 July 1877

My Esteemed Friend -

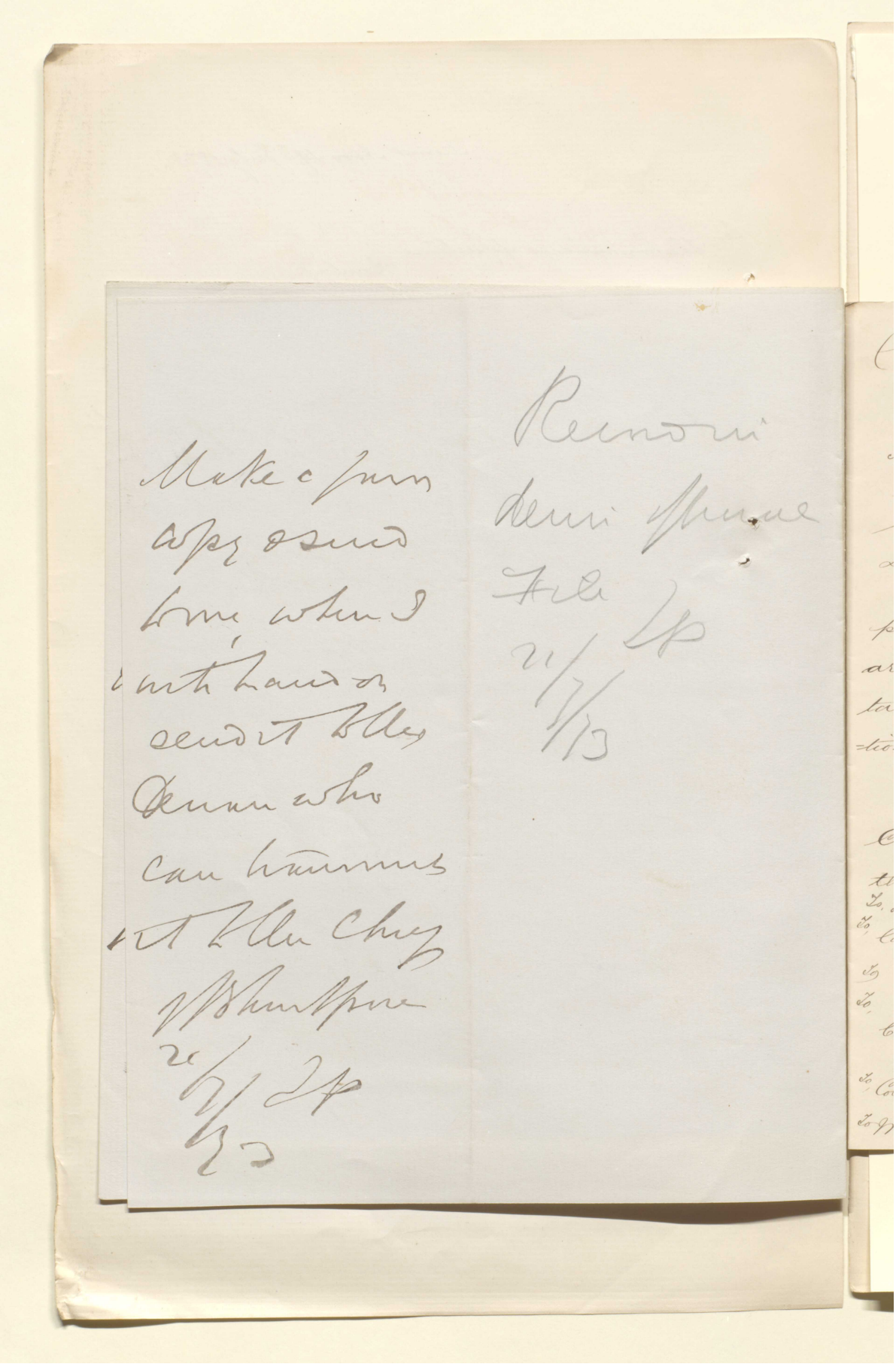
Col. Goodfellow the Pol. Agent in Kutch has written to me asking my good offices towards the [illegible] members of Mathuria Vaka [illegible] Balance Sale from [illegible] Mathuria Semi Shah [illegible] Kutch. - His not [illegible] me



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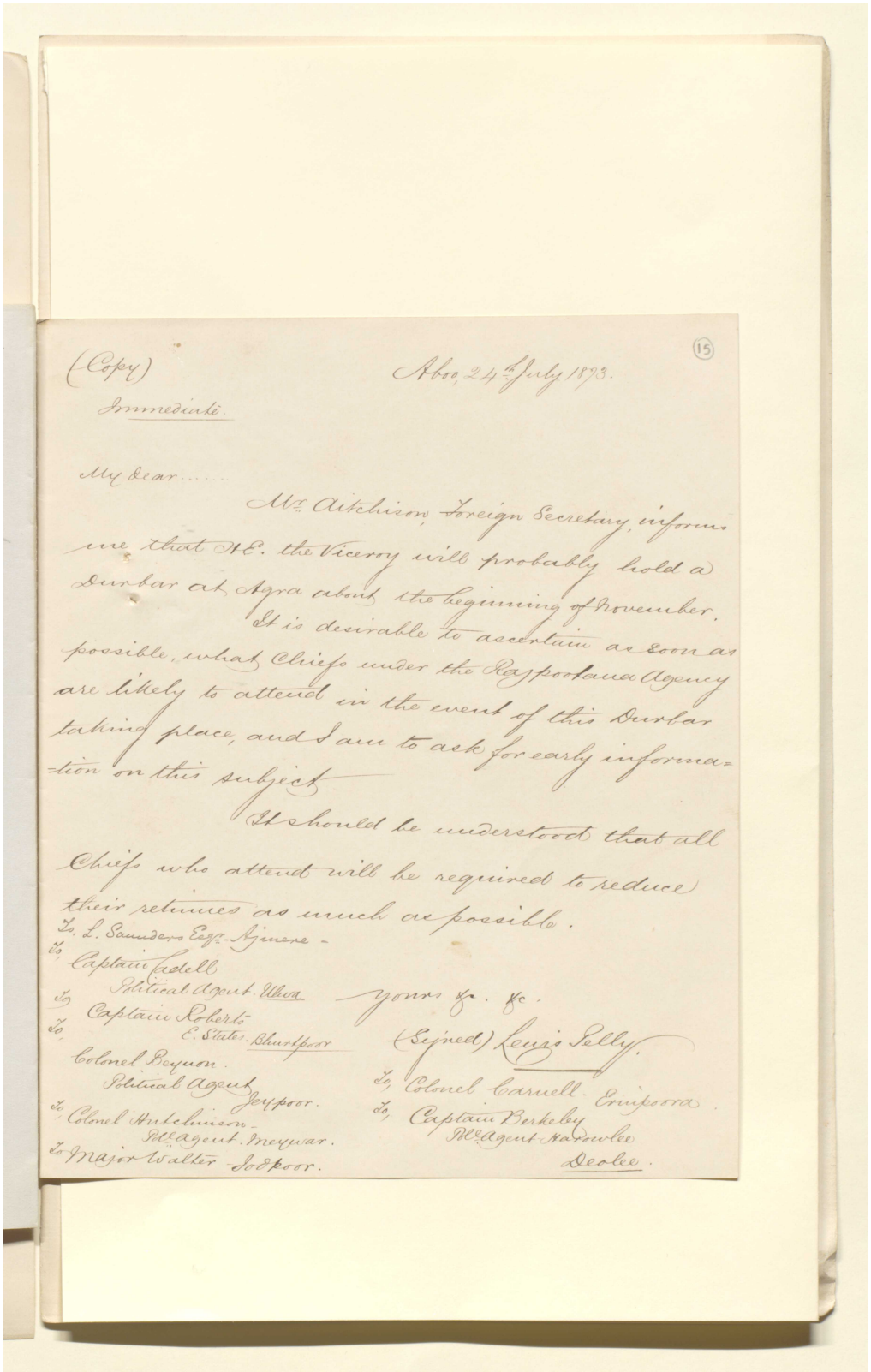


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(Copy) Aboo, 24th July 1873.

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Immediate.

My dear .....

Mr Aitchison, Foreign Secretary, informs me that H.E. the Viceroy will probably hold a Durbar at Agra about the beginning of November.

It is desirable to ascertain as soon as possible, what Chiefs under the Rajpootana Agency are likely to attend in the event of this Durbar taking place, and I am to ask for early information on this subject.

It should be understood that all Chiefs who attend will be required to reduce their retinues as much as possible.

To L. Saunders Esqr. Ajmere -
To Captain Cadell
Political Agent Ulwa
To Captain Roberts
E. States Bhurtpoor
Colonel Beynon.
Political Agent
Jeypoor.
To Colonel Hutchinson -
Pol. Agent. Meywar.
To Major Walter Jodpoor.

yours &c. &c.

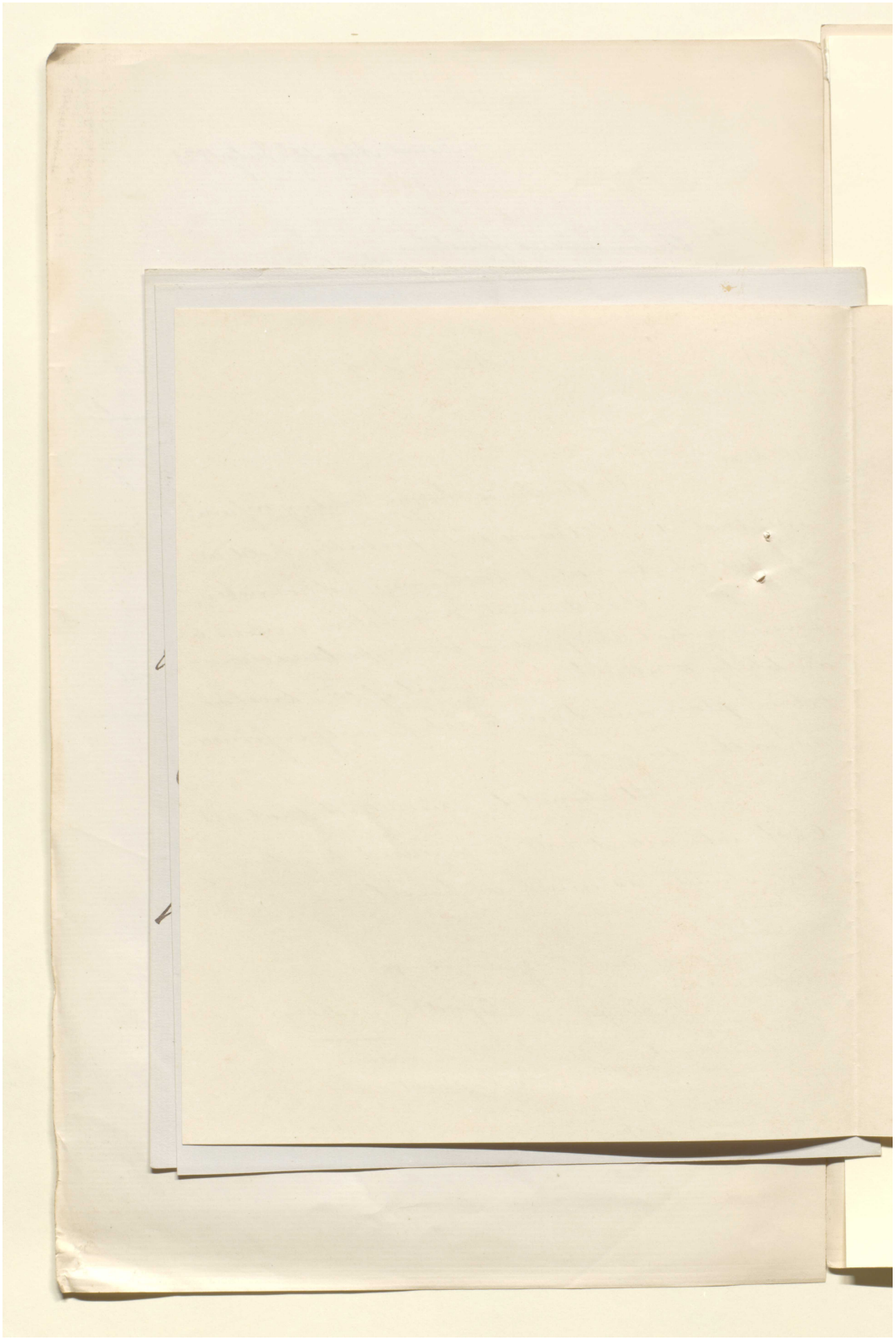
(Signed) Lewis Pelly.

To Colonel Carnell. Erinpoora.
To Captain Berkeley
Pol. Agent Harowlee
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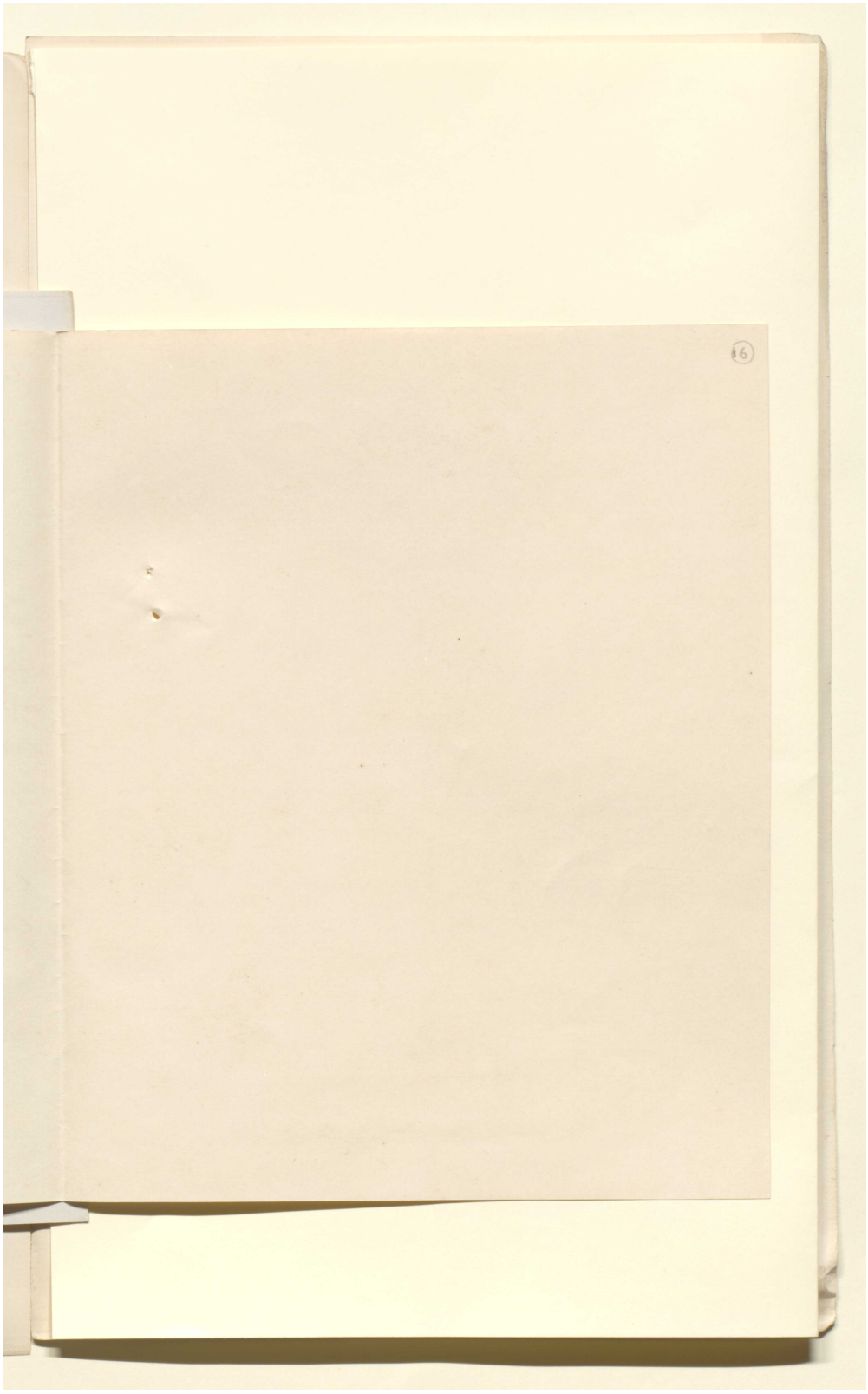
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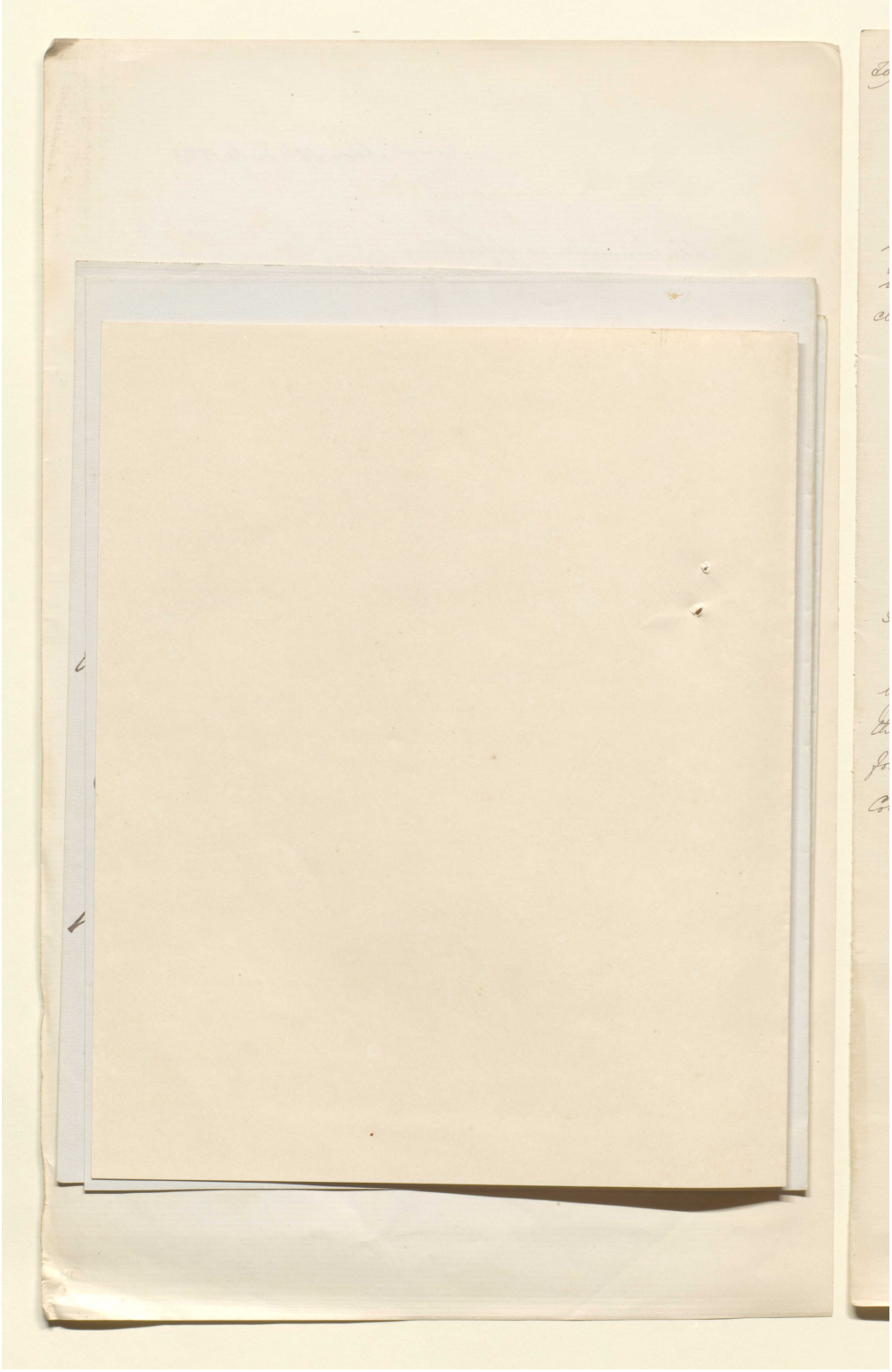


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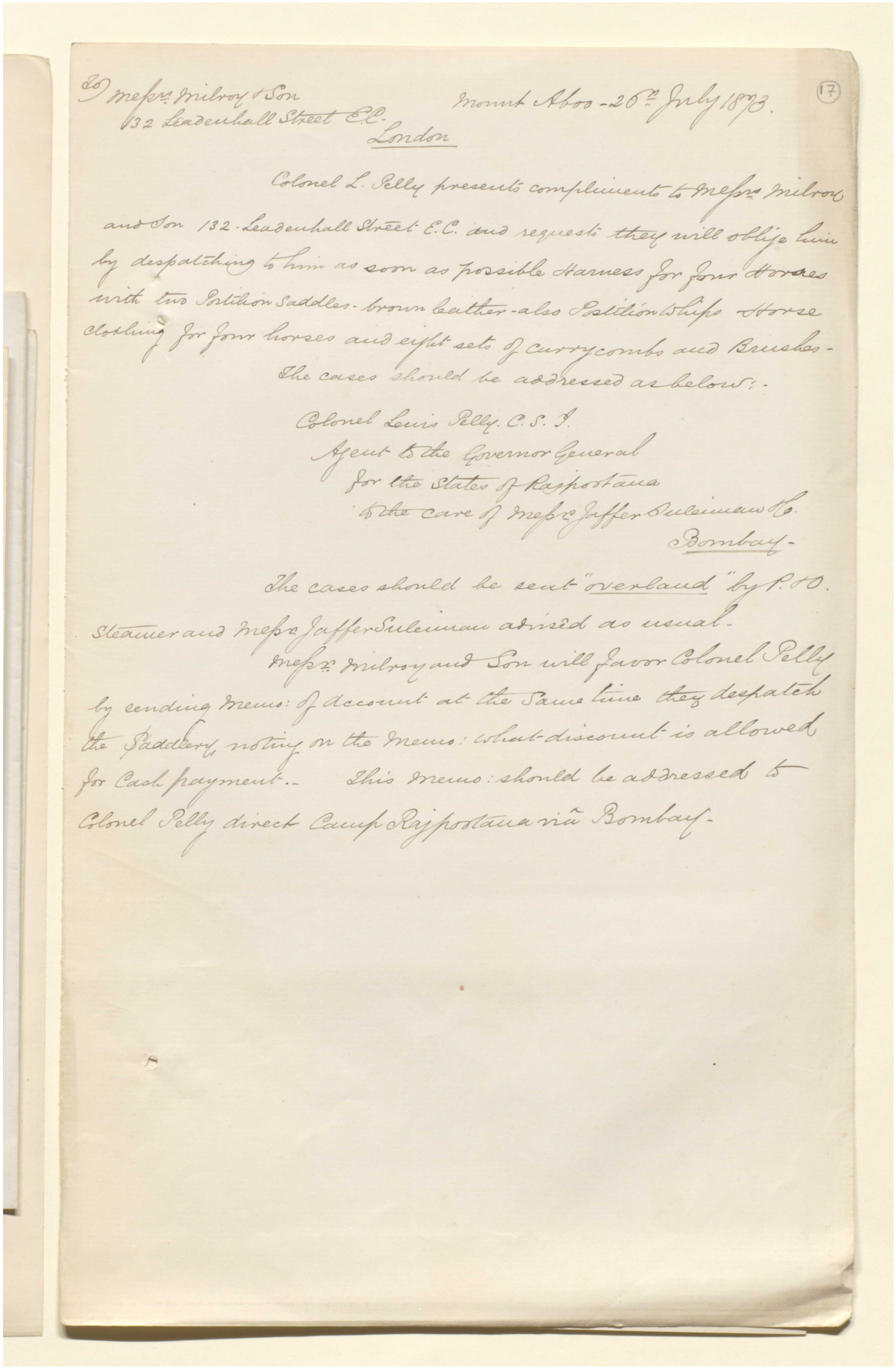
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Letter from Colonel Lewis Pelly, Agent to the Governor General for the States of Rajpootana [Rājasthān], Mount Aboo [Ābu] to Messrs Milroy and Son, 32 Leadenhall Street, E.C., London [17r] (1/2)



To Messrs Milroy & Son
32 Leadenhall Street E.C.
London

Mount Aboo - 26th July 1873.

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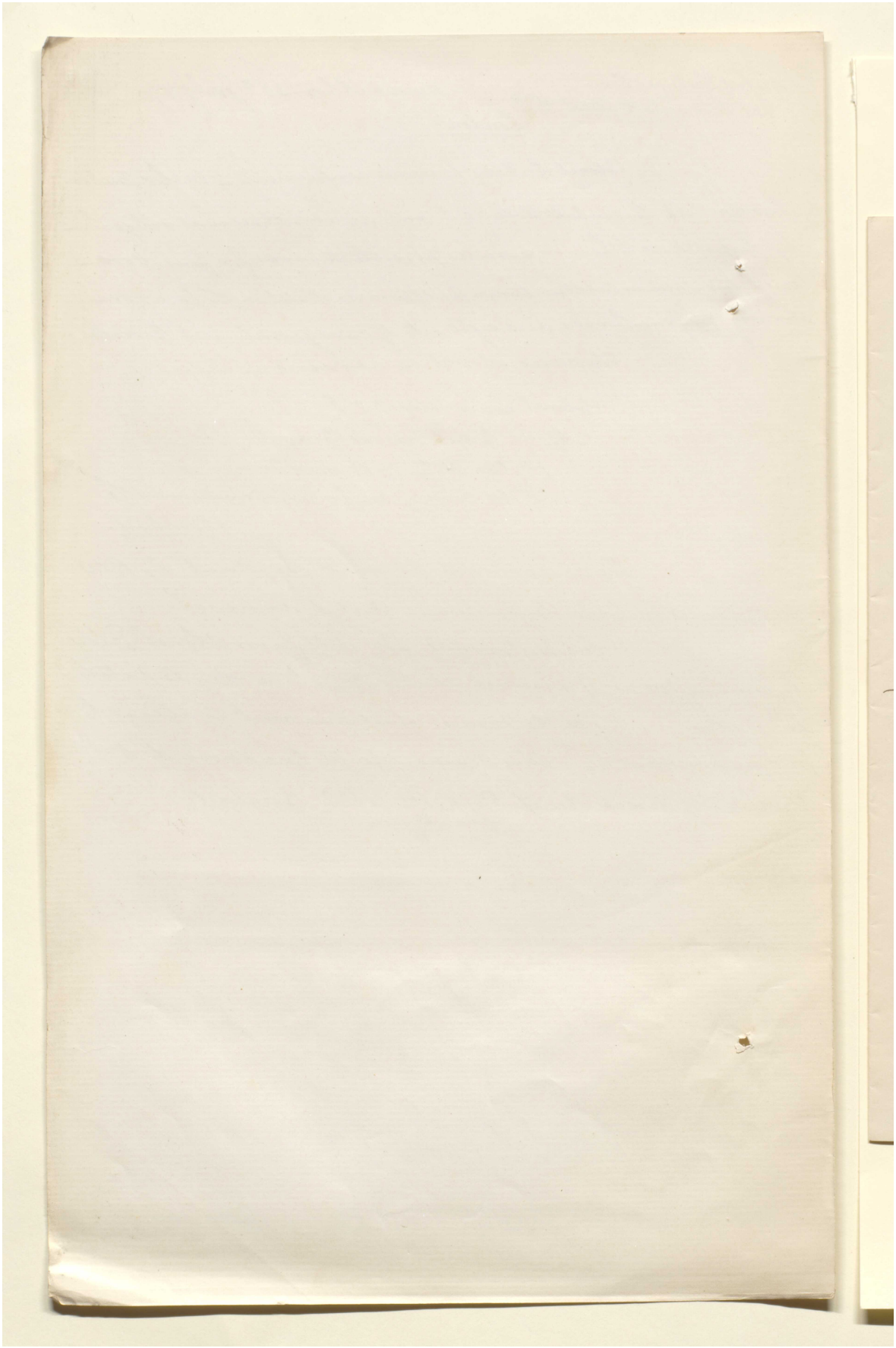
Colonel L. Pelly presents compliments to Messrs Milroy and Son 32 Leadenhall Street E.C. and requests they will oblige him by despatching to him as soon as possible Harness for four horses with two Position Saddles - brown leather - also Position Whips Horse clothing for four horses and eight sets of curry combs and Brushes -

The cases should be addressed as below: -

Colonel Lewis Pelly. C.S.I.
Agent to the Governor General
for the States of Rajpootana
& the care of Messrs Jaffer Sulieman & Co.
Bombay -

The cases should be sent "overland" by P. & O. Steamer and Messrs Jaffer Sulieman advised as usual -

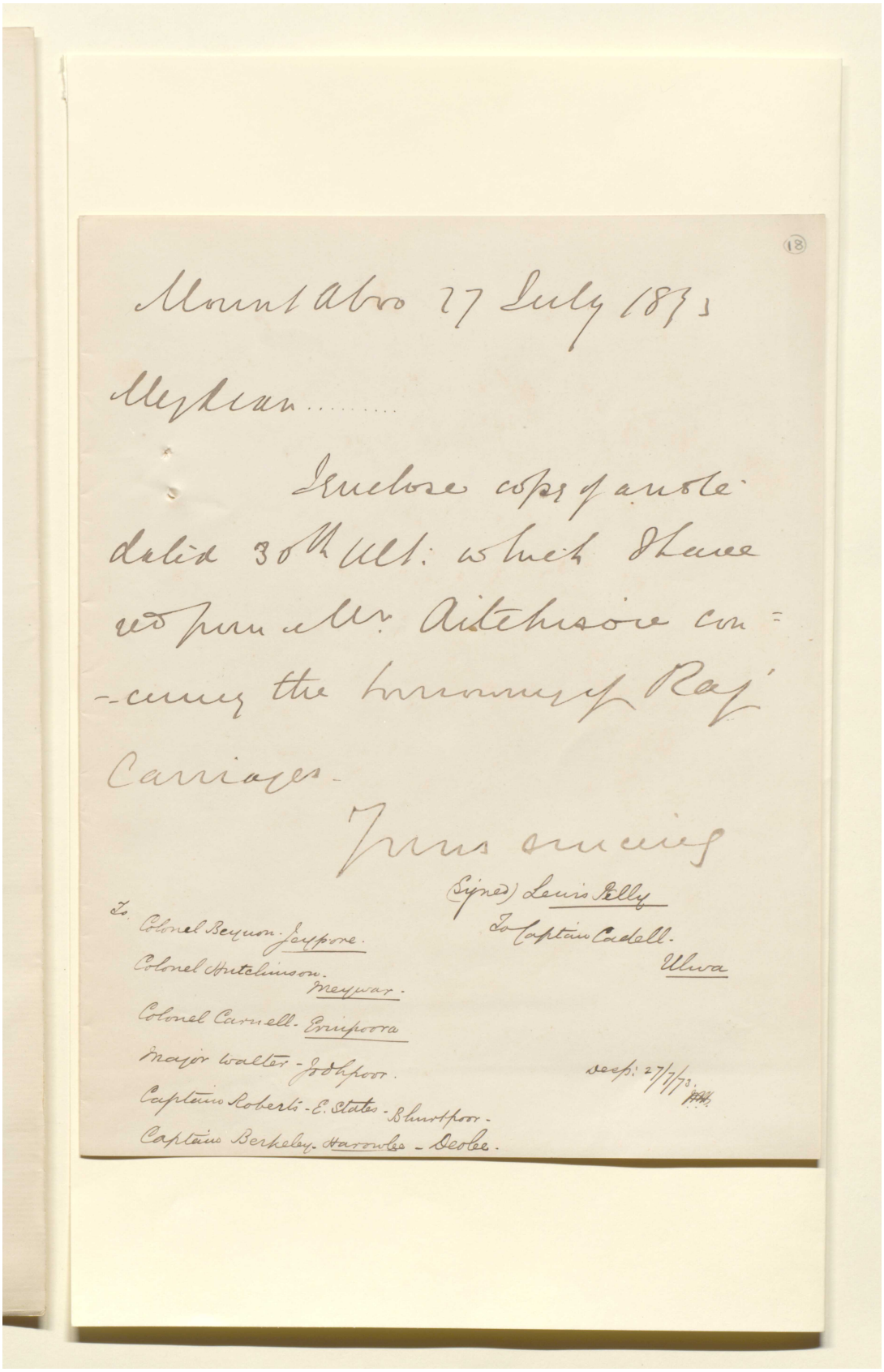
Messrs Milroy and Son will favor Colonel Pelly by sending Memo: of Account at the same time they despatch the Saddery, noting on the Memo: what discount is allowed for Cash payment. - This Memo: should be addressed to Colonel Pelly direct Camp Rajpootana viâ Bombay -



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Mount abo 27 July 187[illegible]

Meywar.....

Enclose copy of circular dated 30th Ult: which I have received from Mr. Aitchison concerning the transmission of Raj Carriages.

I am sincerely

(Signed) Lewis Pelly

To Captain Cadell.

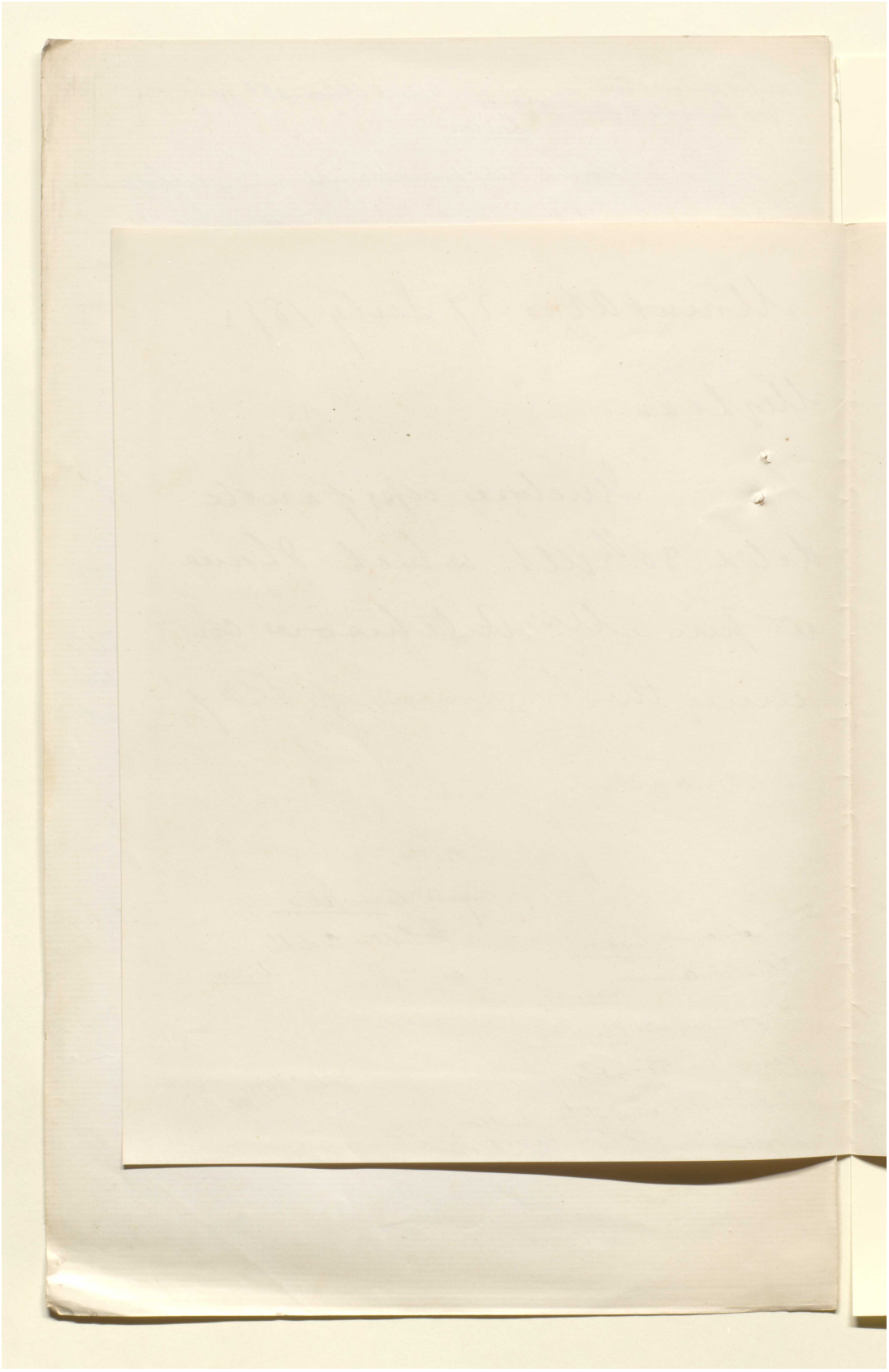
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To Colonel Beynon. Jaypore.
Colonel Hutchinson. Meywar.
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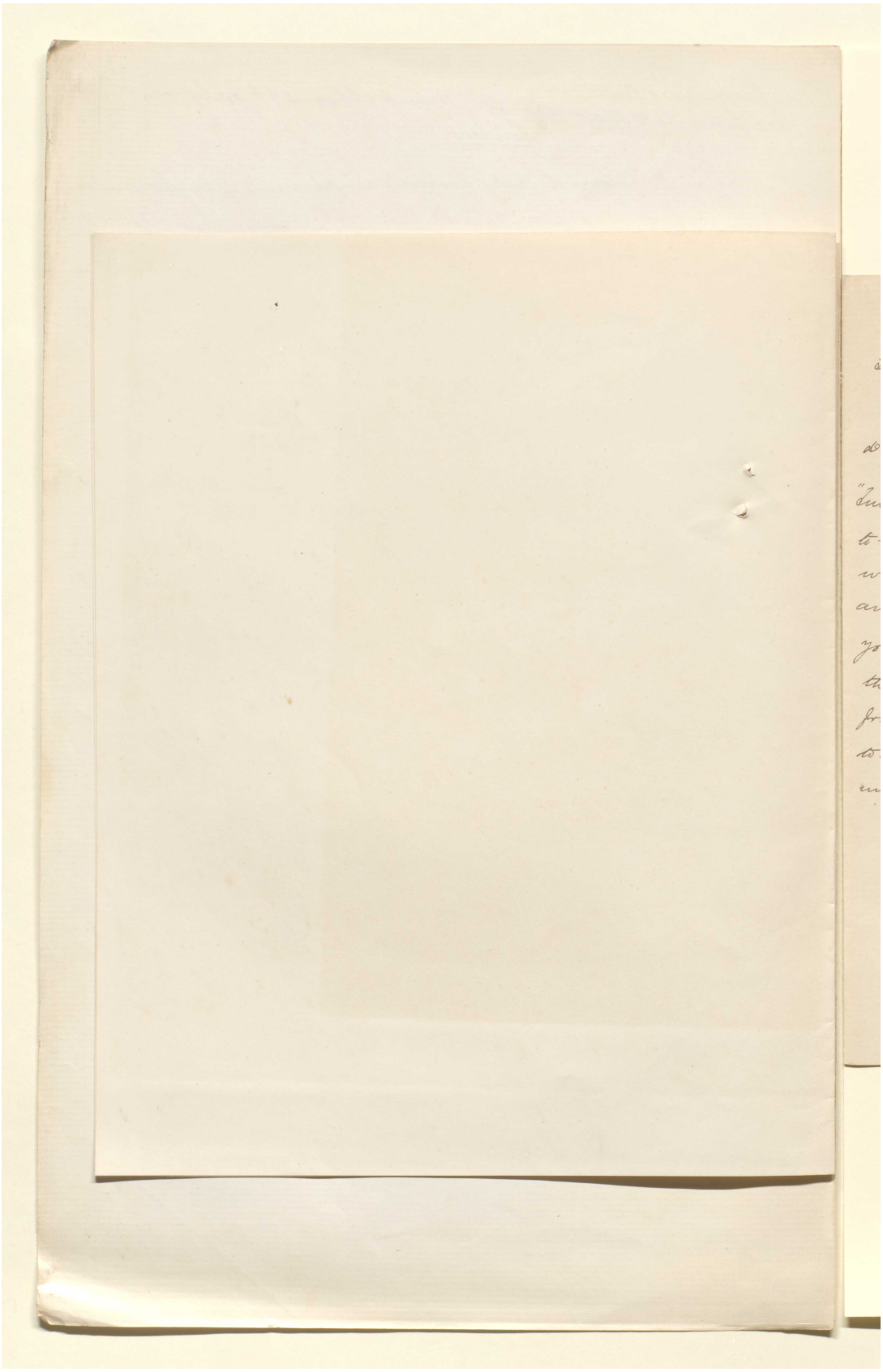


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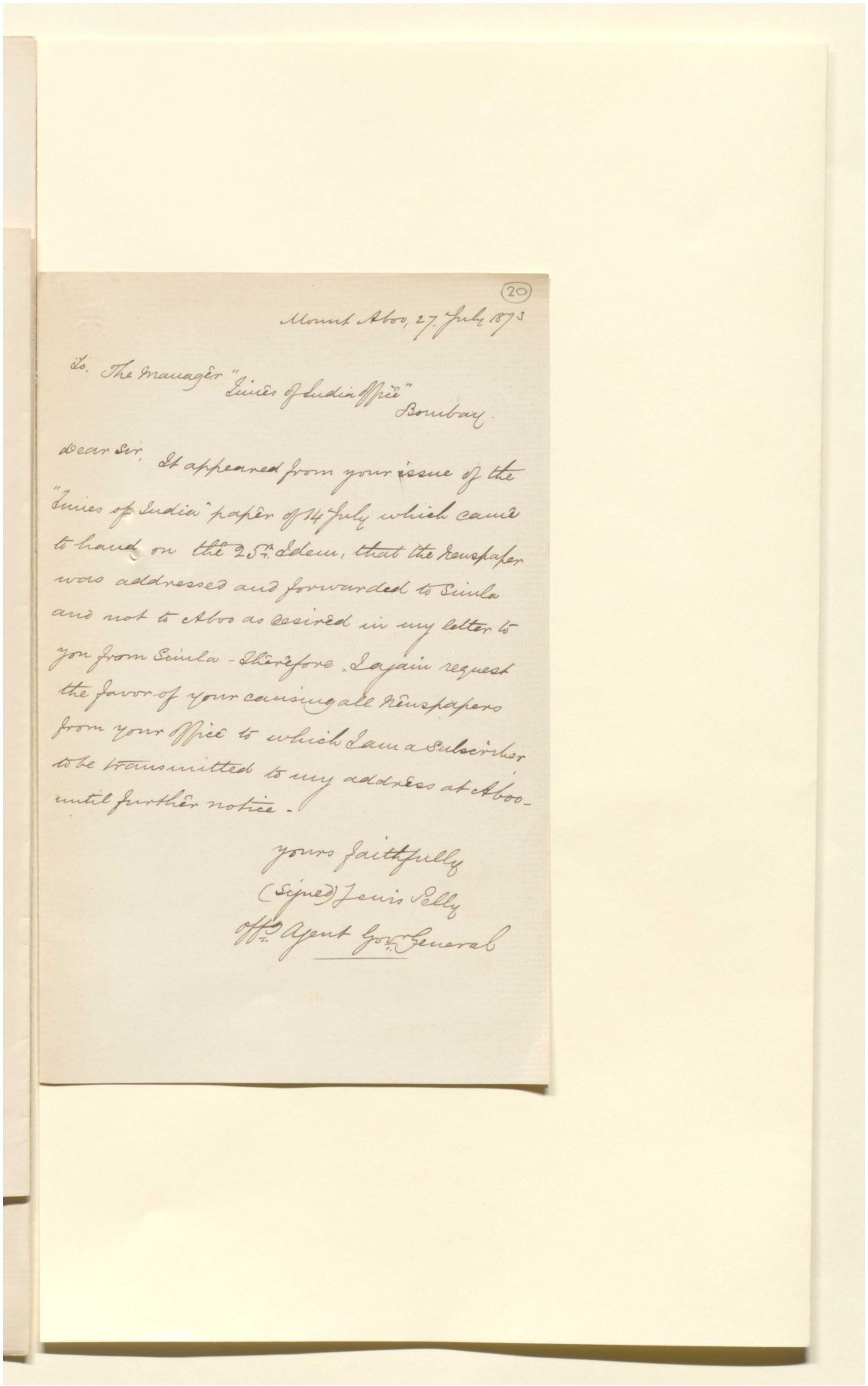


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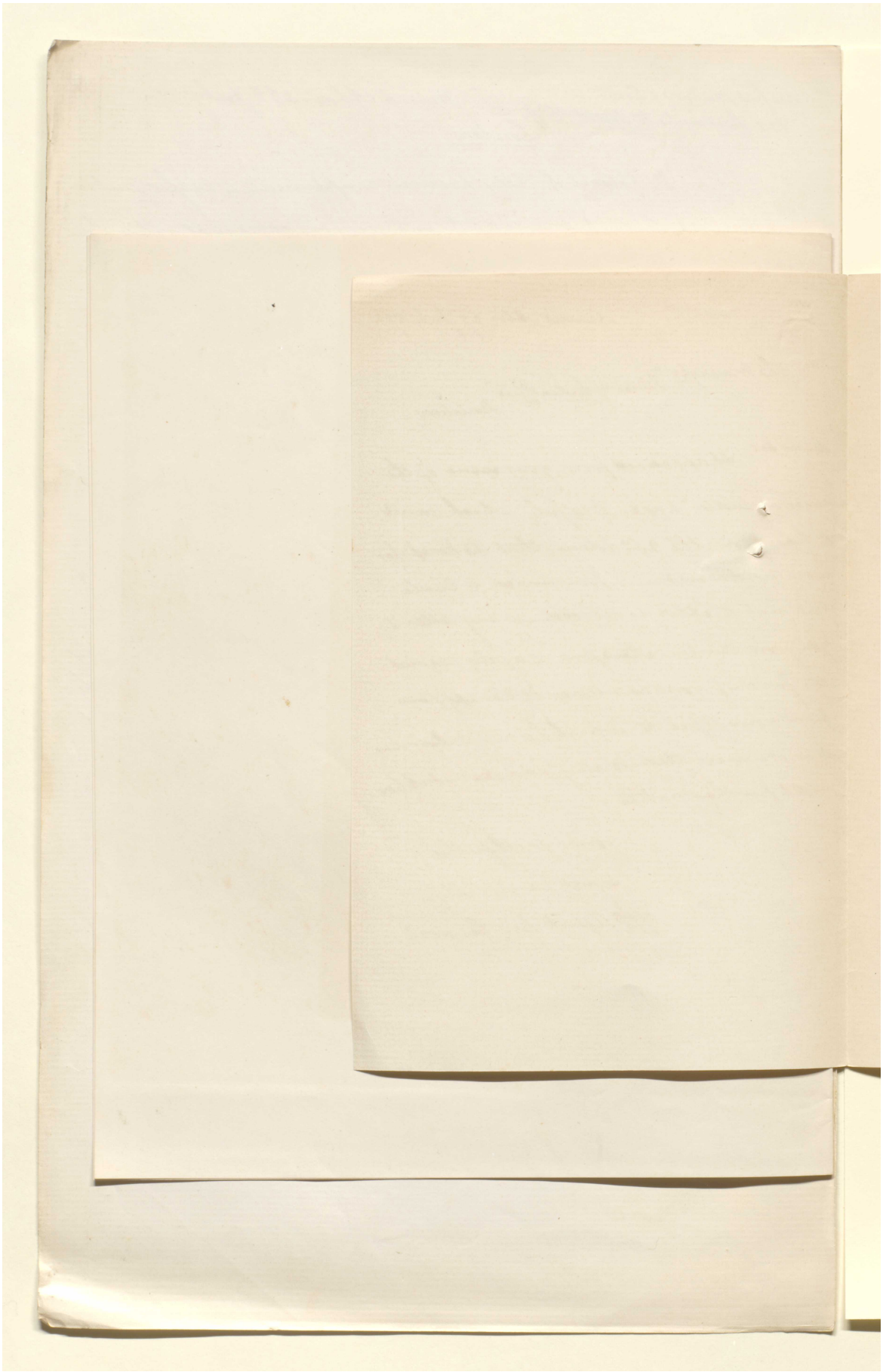
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Mount Aboo, 27 July 1873

To. The Manager "Times of India Office"
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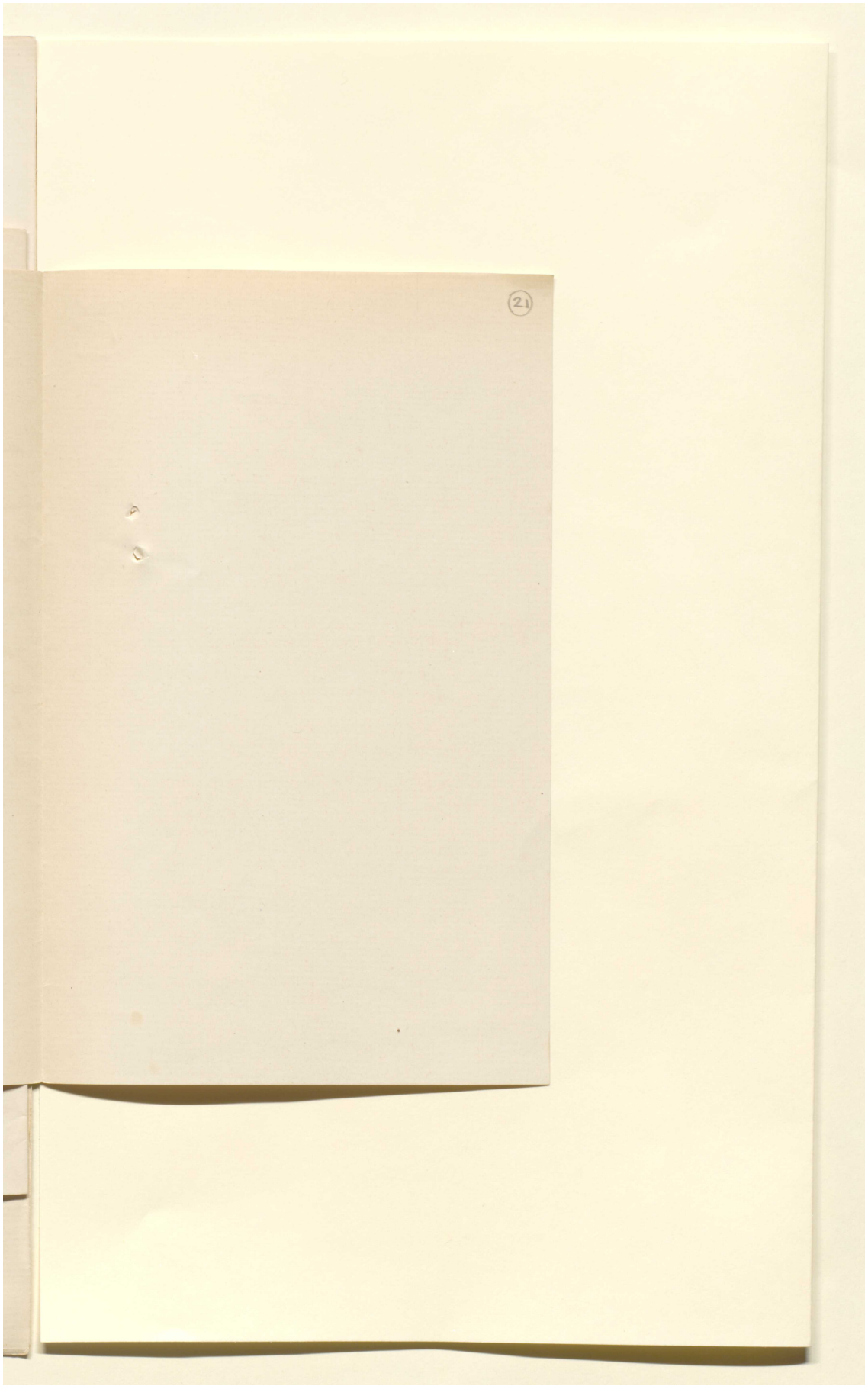
Dear Sir. It appeared from your issue of the "Times of India" paper of 14 July which came to hand on the 25th Idem, that the newspaper was addressed and forwarded to Simla and not to Aboo as desired in my letter to you from Simla - Therefore I again request the favor of your consigning all Newspapers from your Office to which I am a Subscriber to be transmitted to my address at Aboo- until further notice.

Yours faithfully
(Signed) Lewis Pelly
Offg. Agent Gov. General

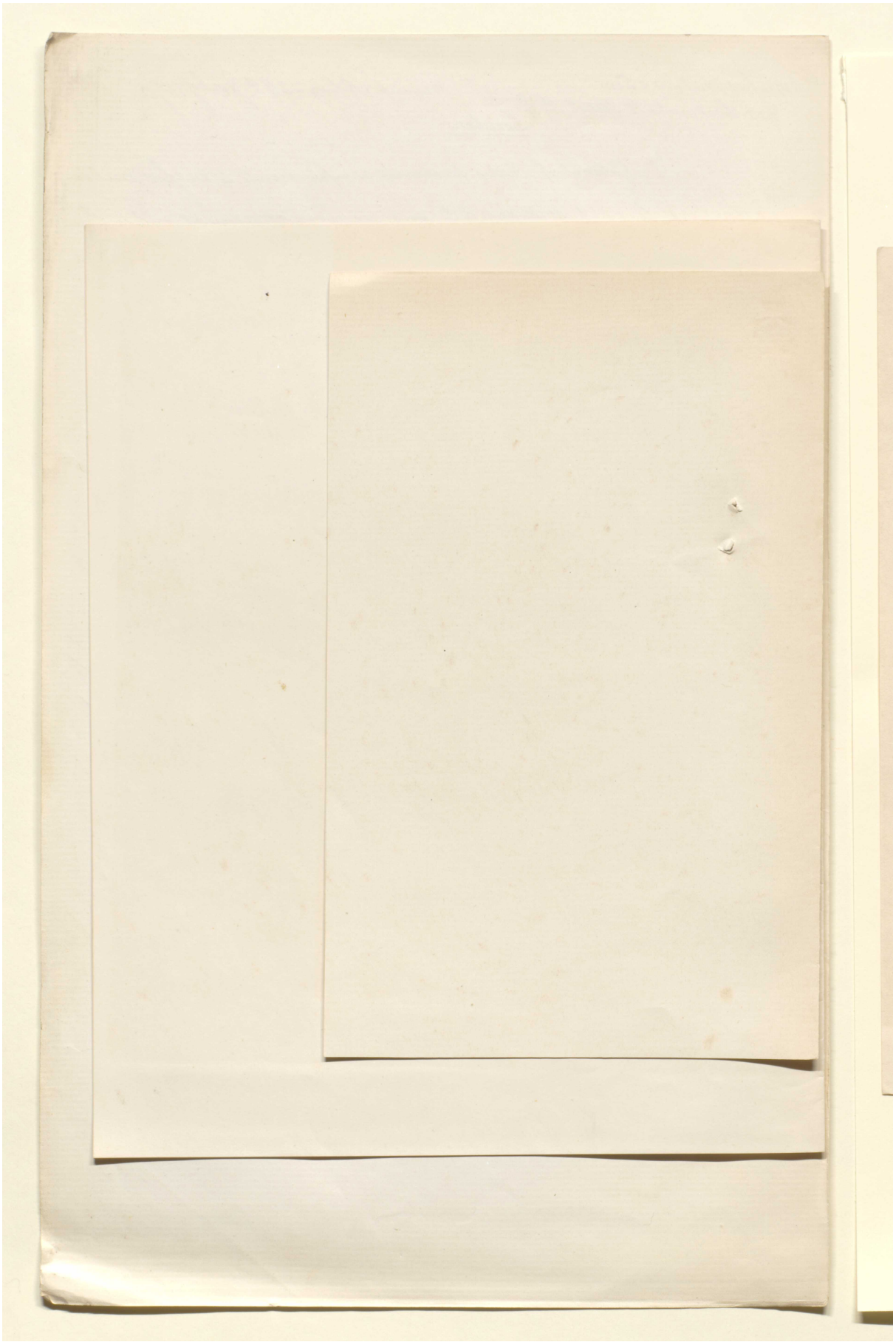


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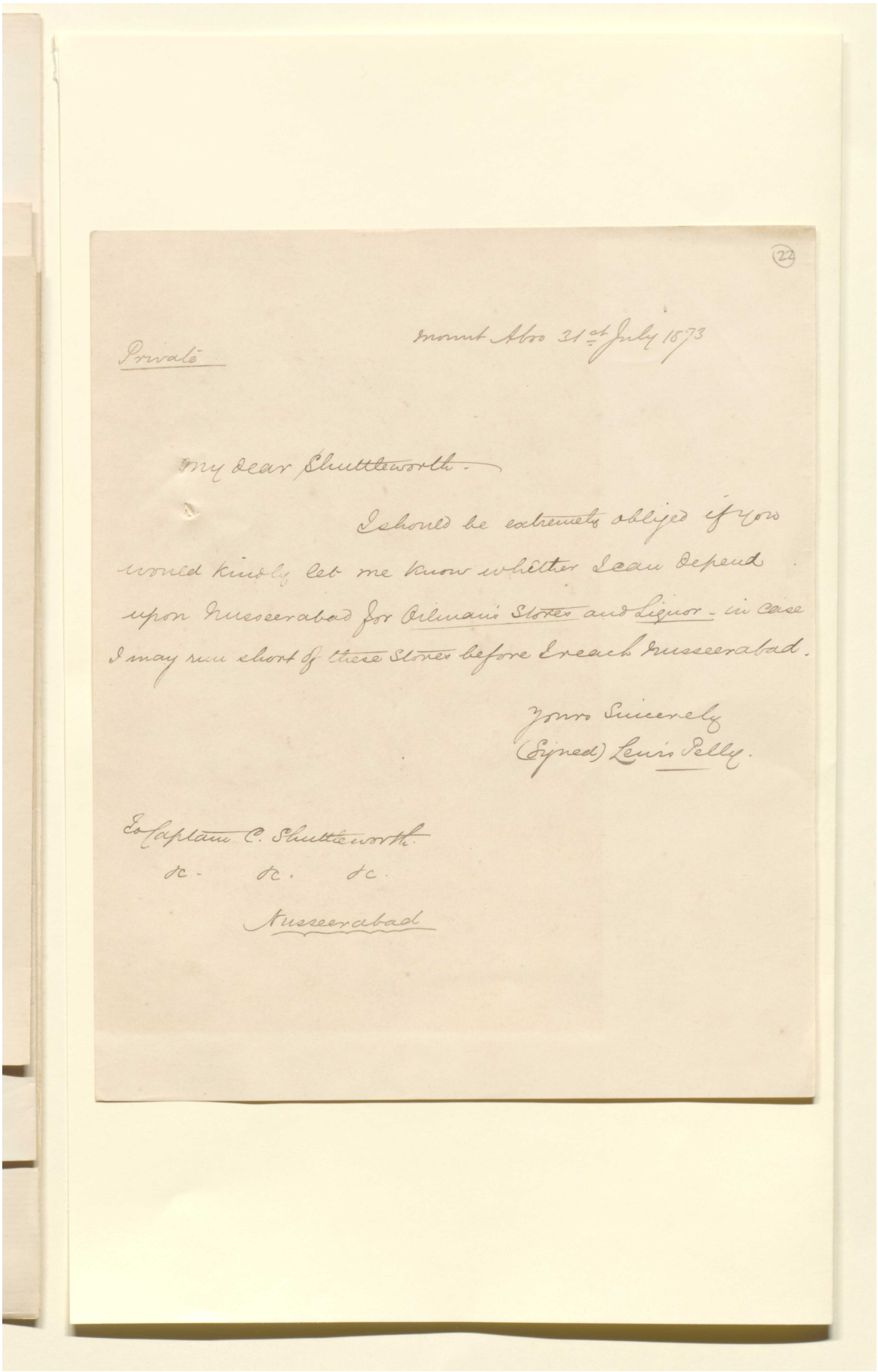


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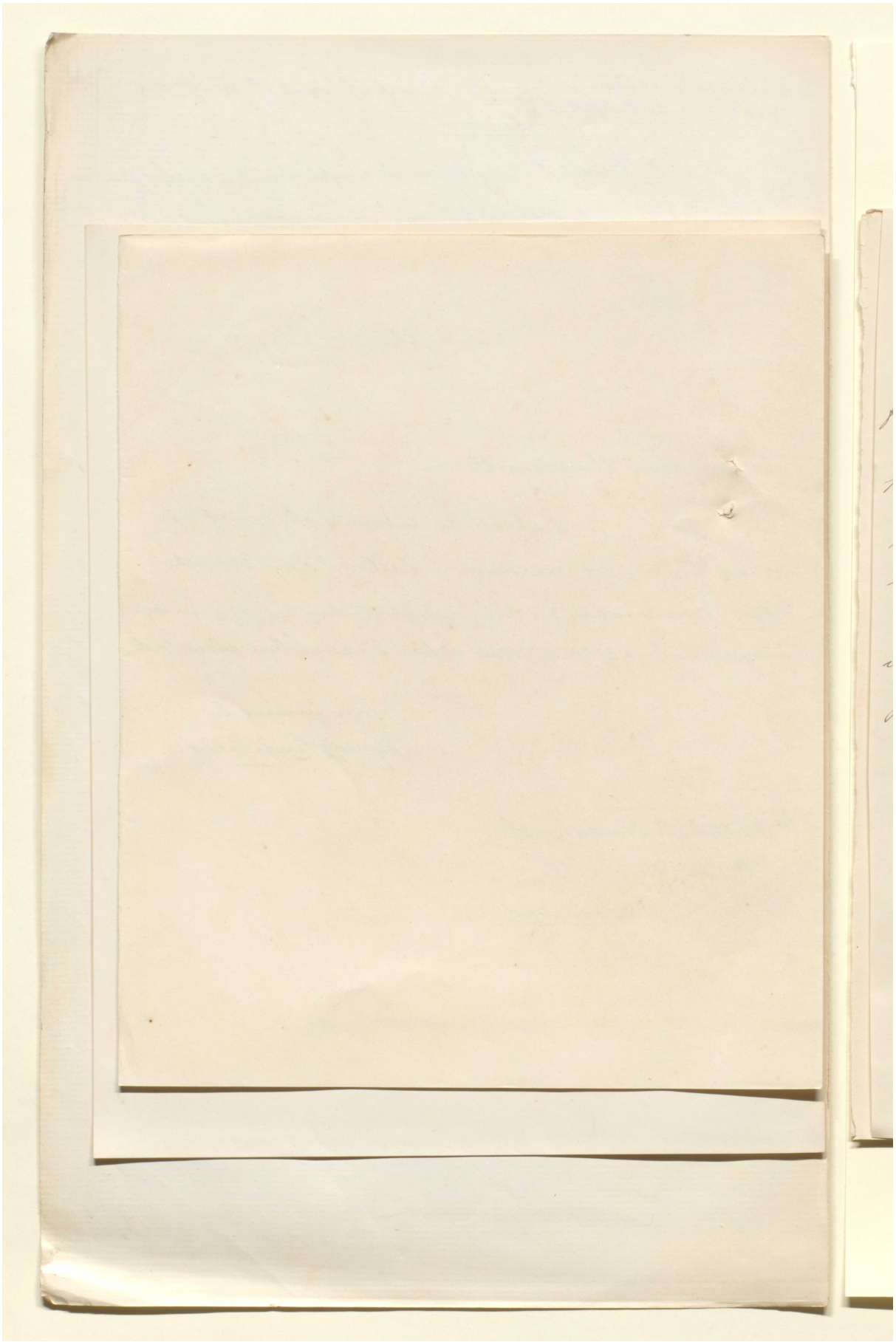
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My dear Shuttleworth -

I should be extremely obliged if you would kindly let me know whether I can depend upon Nusseerabad for Oilmans Stores and Liquor - in case I may run short of these Stores before I reach Nusseerabad.

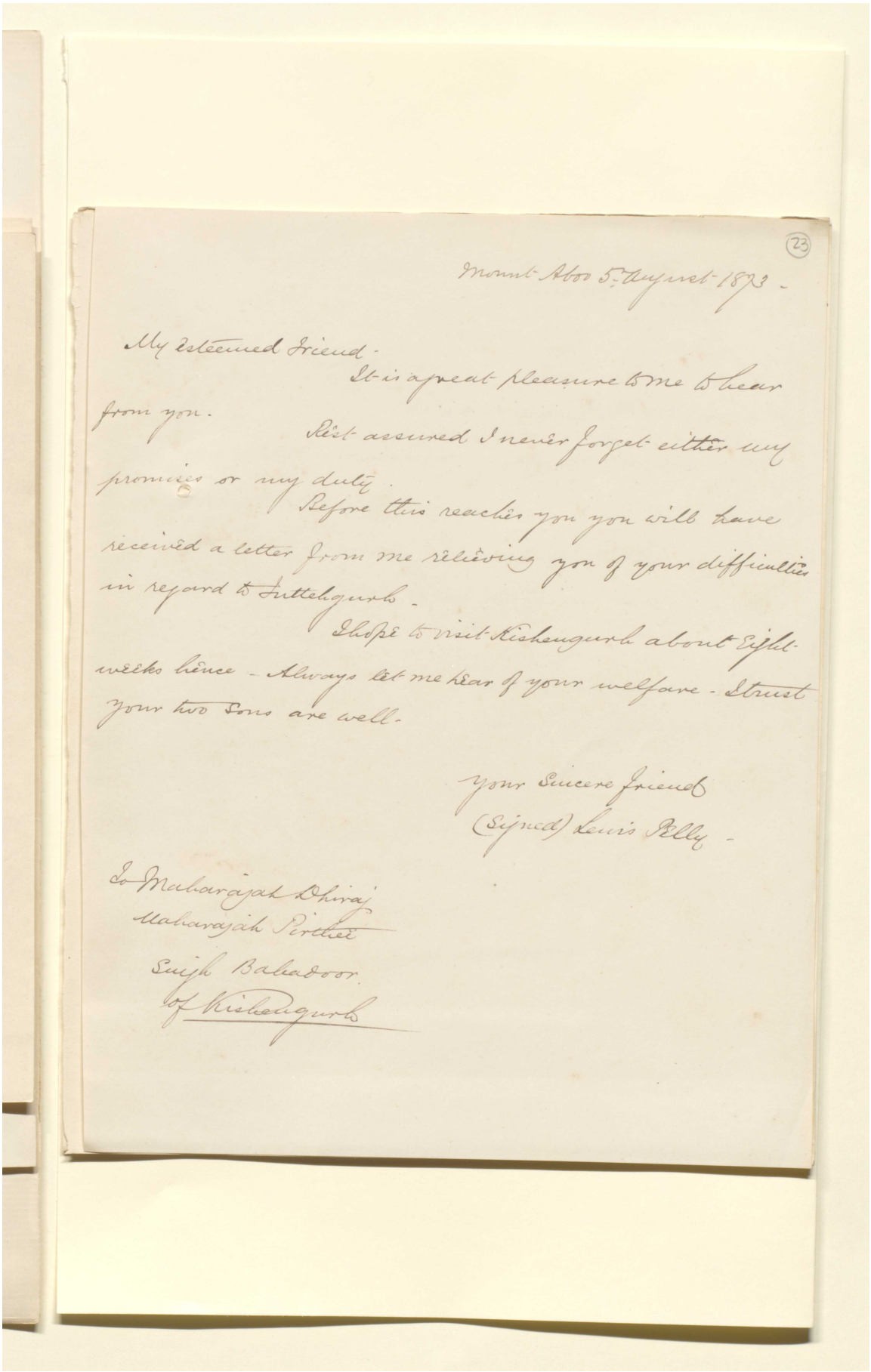
Yours Sincerely
(Signed) Lewis Pelly.

To Captain C. Shuttleworth
&c. &c. &c.
Nusseerabad



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Mount Aboo 5th August 1873 -

My esteemed friend -

It is a great pleasure to me to hear from you.

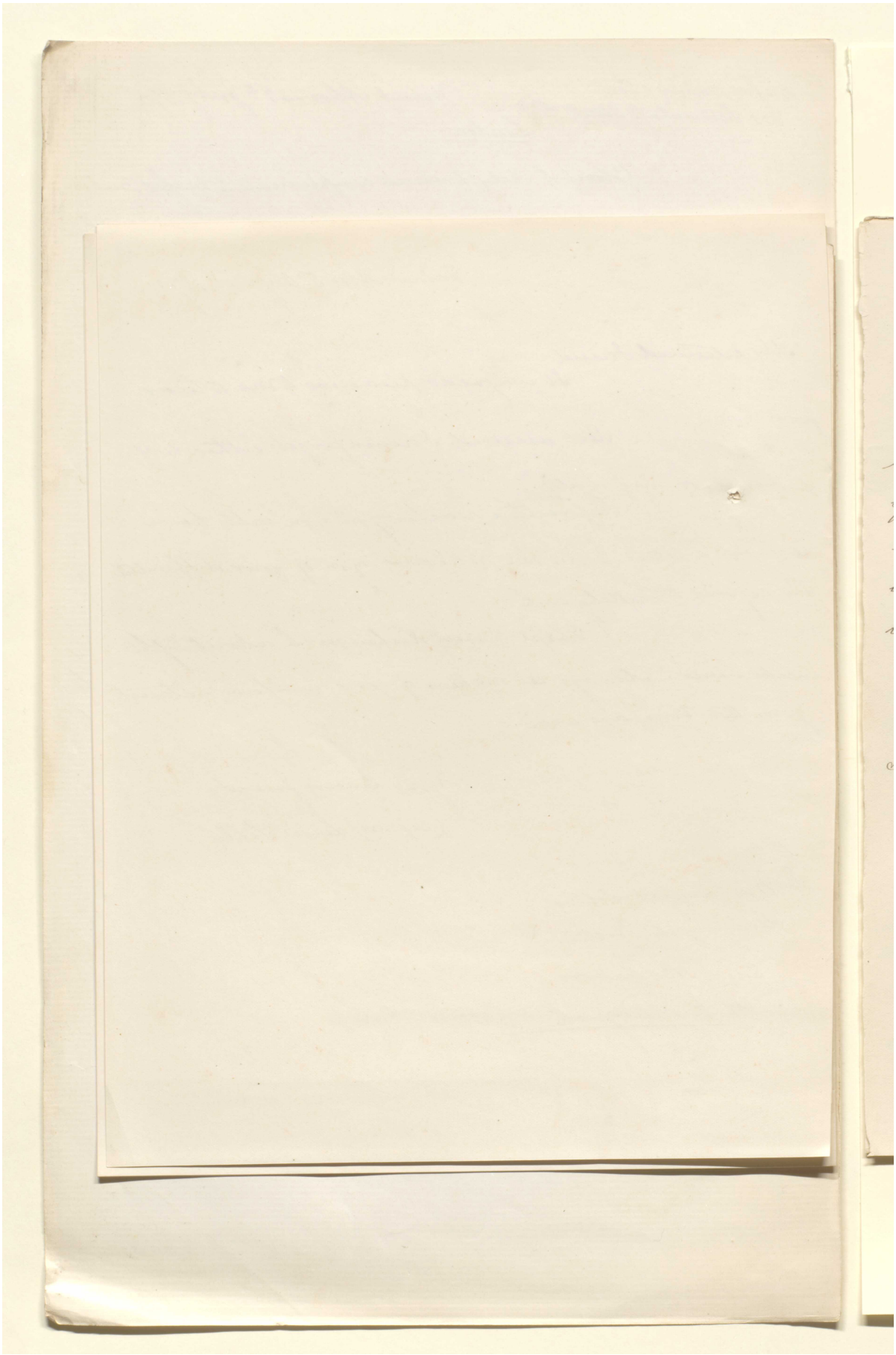
Rest assured I never forget either my promises or my duty.

Before this reaches you you will have received a letter from me relieving you of your difficulties in regard to Futtehgurh -

I hope to visit Kishengurh about Eight weeks hence - Always let me hear of your welfare - I trust your two Sons are well -

Your Sincere friend
(Signed) Lewis Pelly -

To Maharajah Dhiraj
Maharajah Prithei
Singh Bahadoor
of Kishengurh

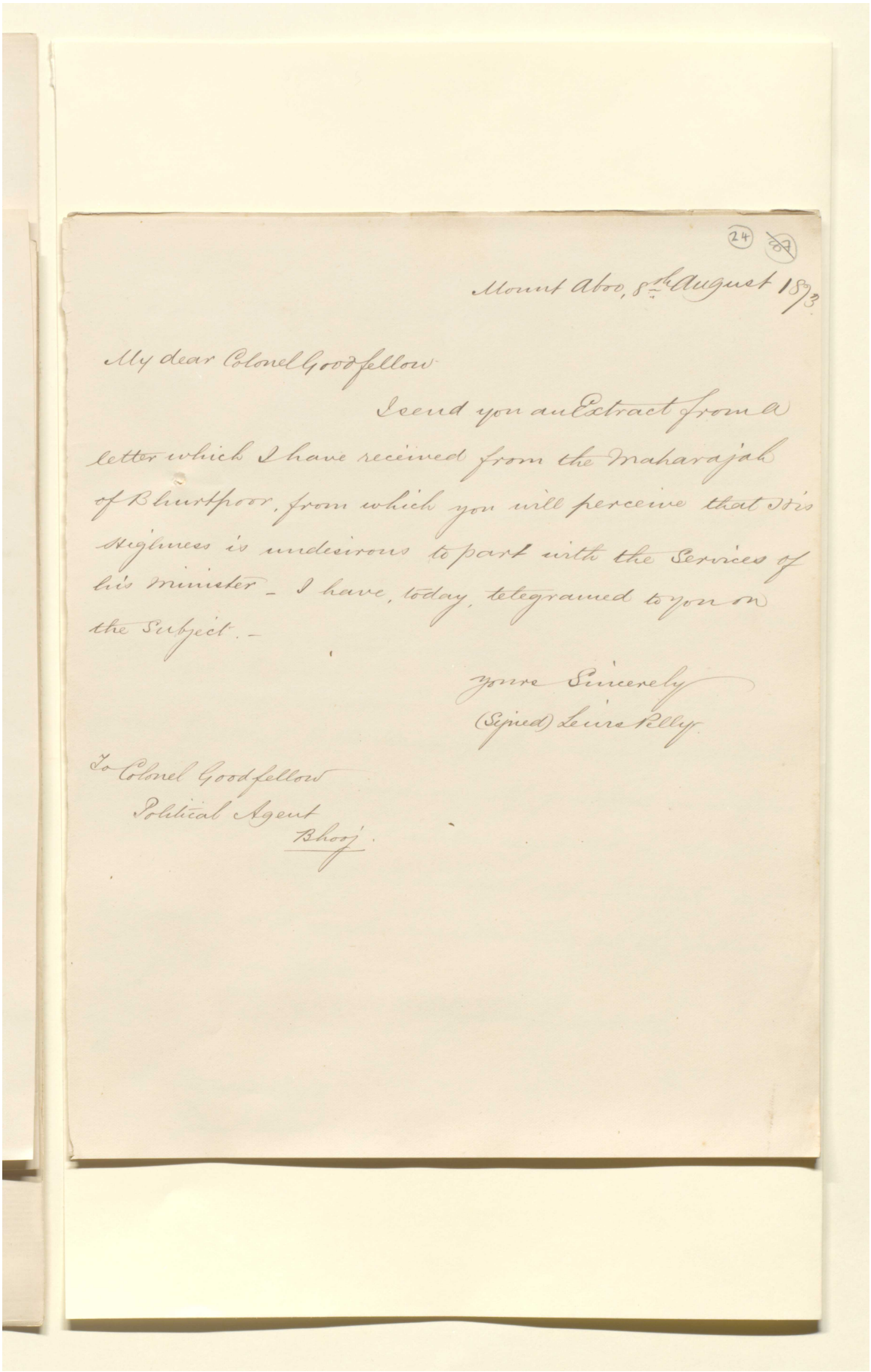


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Mount Aboo, 8th August 1873

My dear Colonel Goodfellow

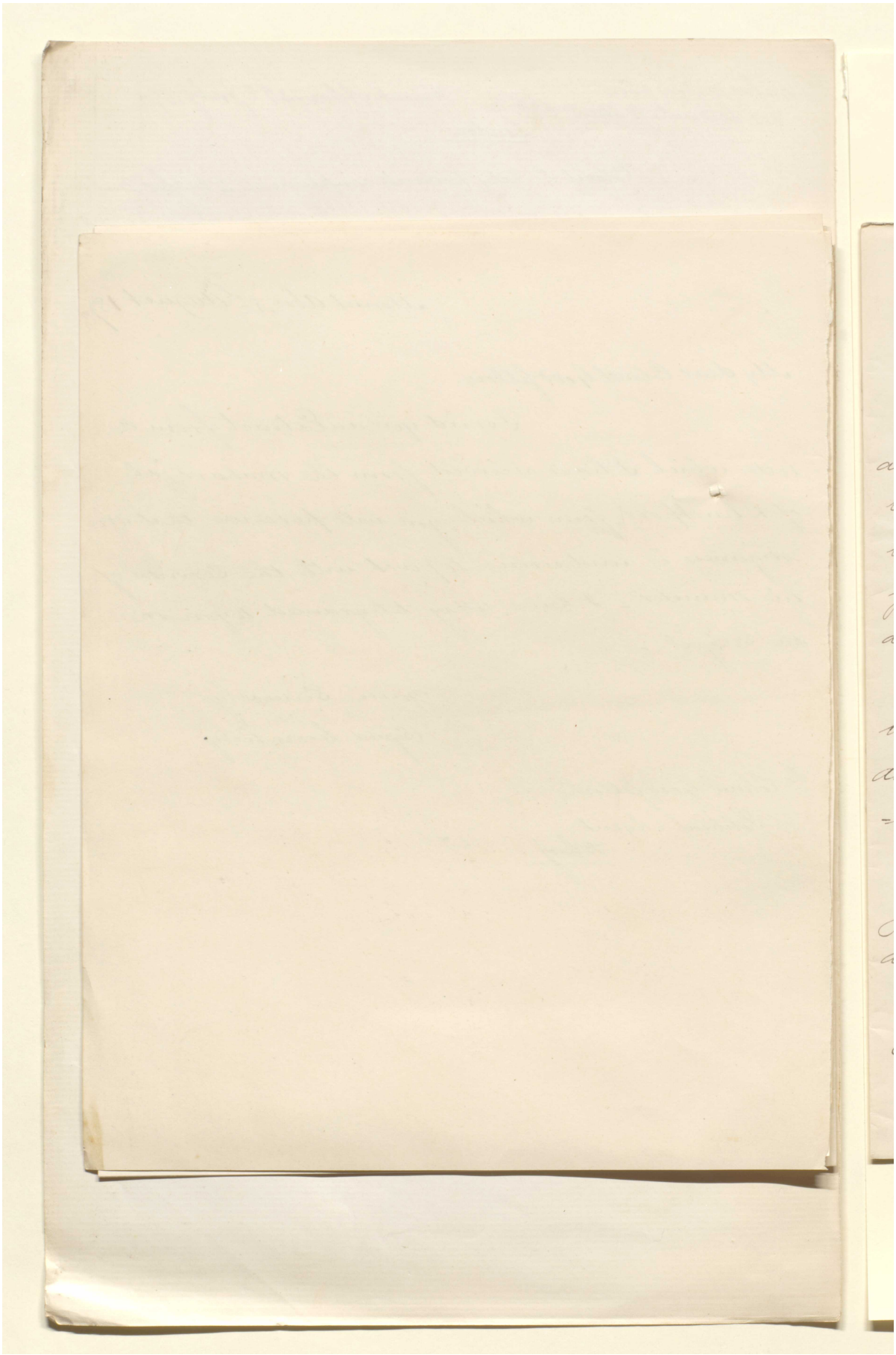
I send you an Extract from a letter which I have received from the Maharajah of Bhurtpoor, from which you will perceive that His Highness is undesirous to part with the Services of his Minister - I have, today, telegramed to you on the Subject. -

Yours Sincerely
(Signed) Lewis Pelly

To Colonel Goodfellow
Political Agent
Bhooj.

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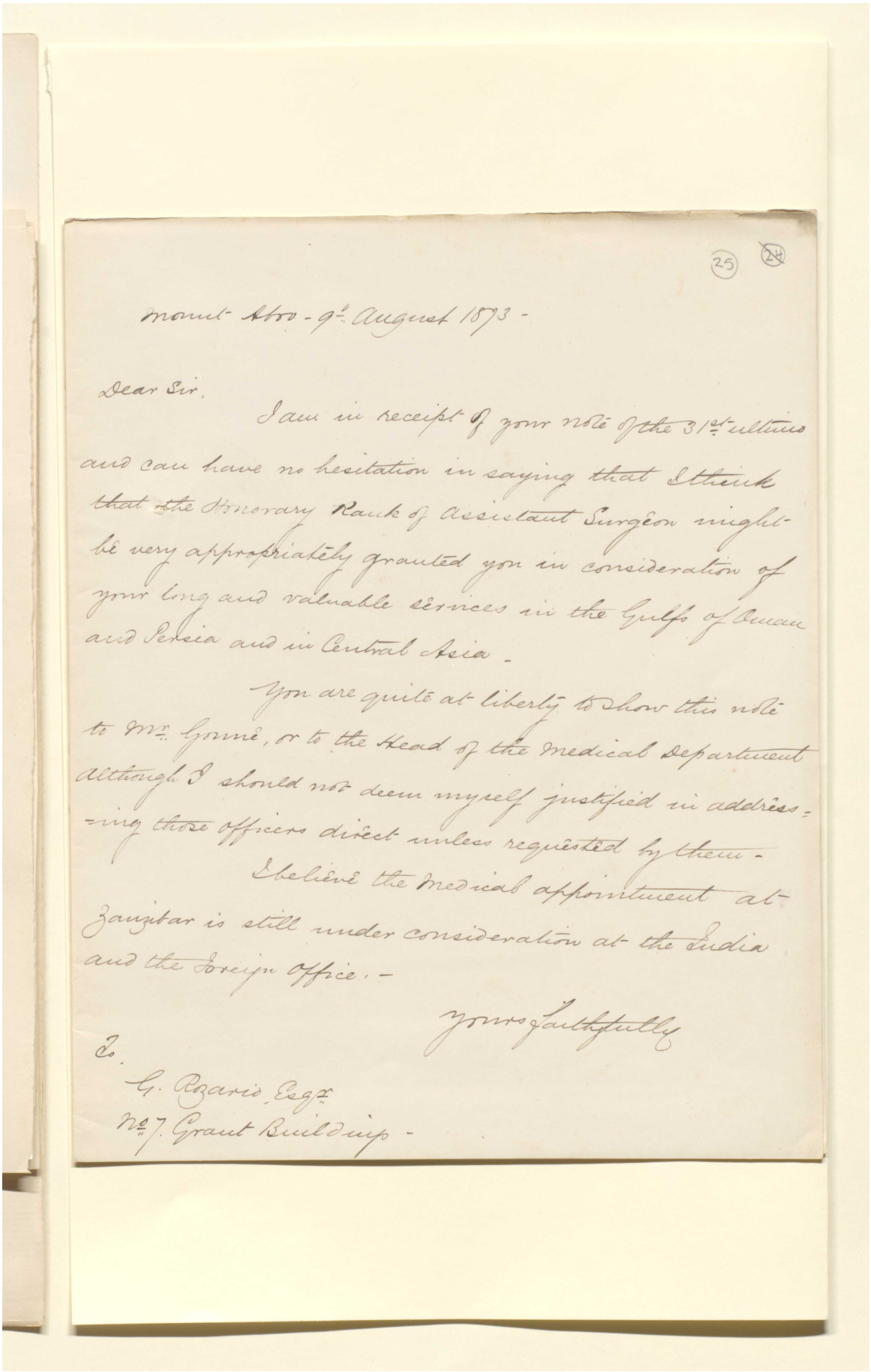


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Dear Sir,

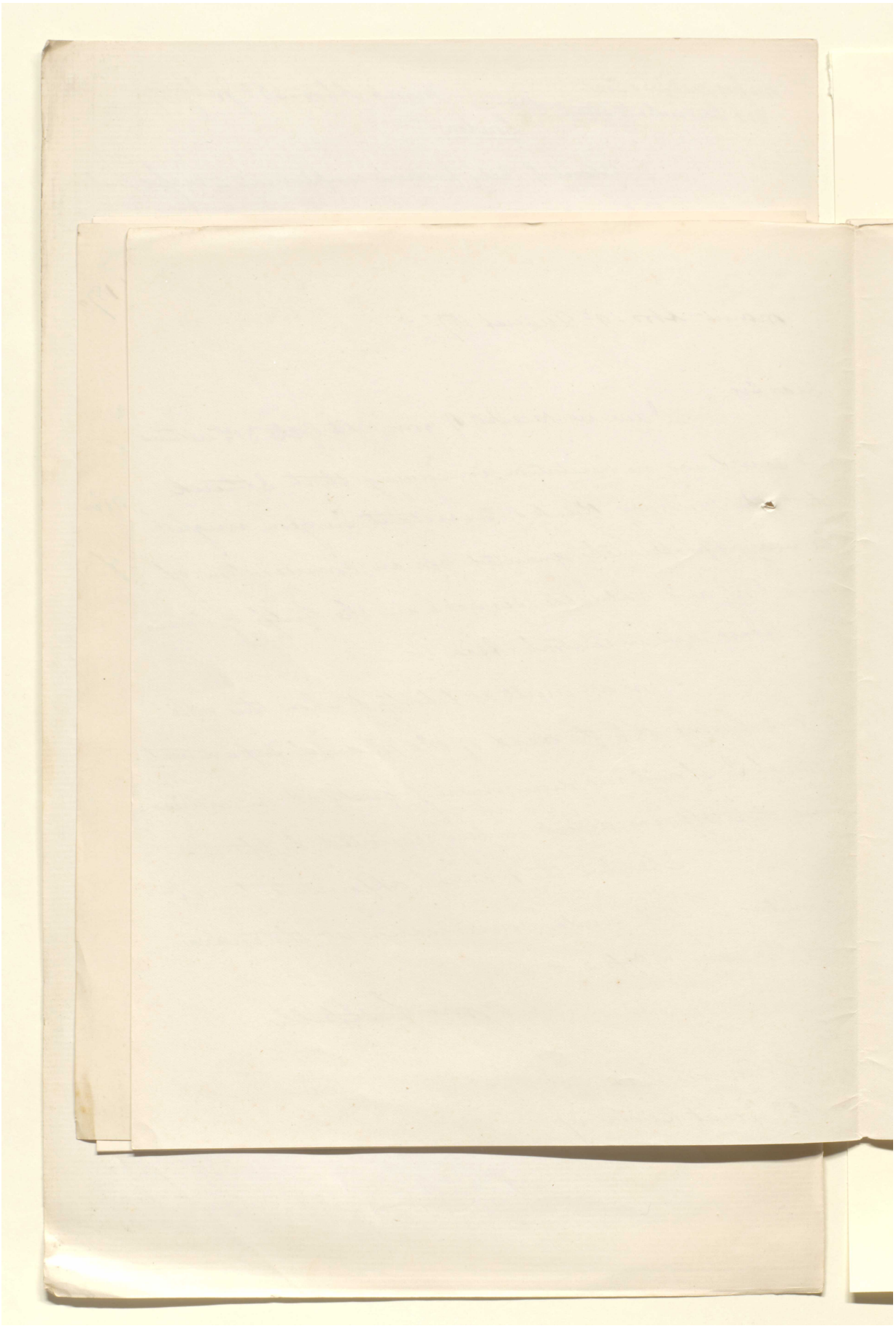
I am in receipt of your note of the 31st ultimo and can have no hesitation in saying that I think that the Honorary Rank of Assistant Surgeon might be very appropriately granted you in consideration of your long and valuable services in the Gulfs of Oman and Persia and in Central Asia.

You are quite at liberty to show this note to Mr. Lyons, or to the Head of the Medical Department although I should not deem myself justified in addressing those officers direct unless requested by them.

I believe the Medical appointment at Zanzibar is still under consideration at the India and the Foreign Office. -

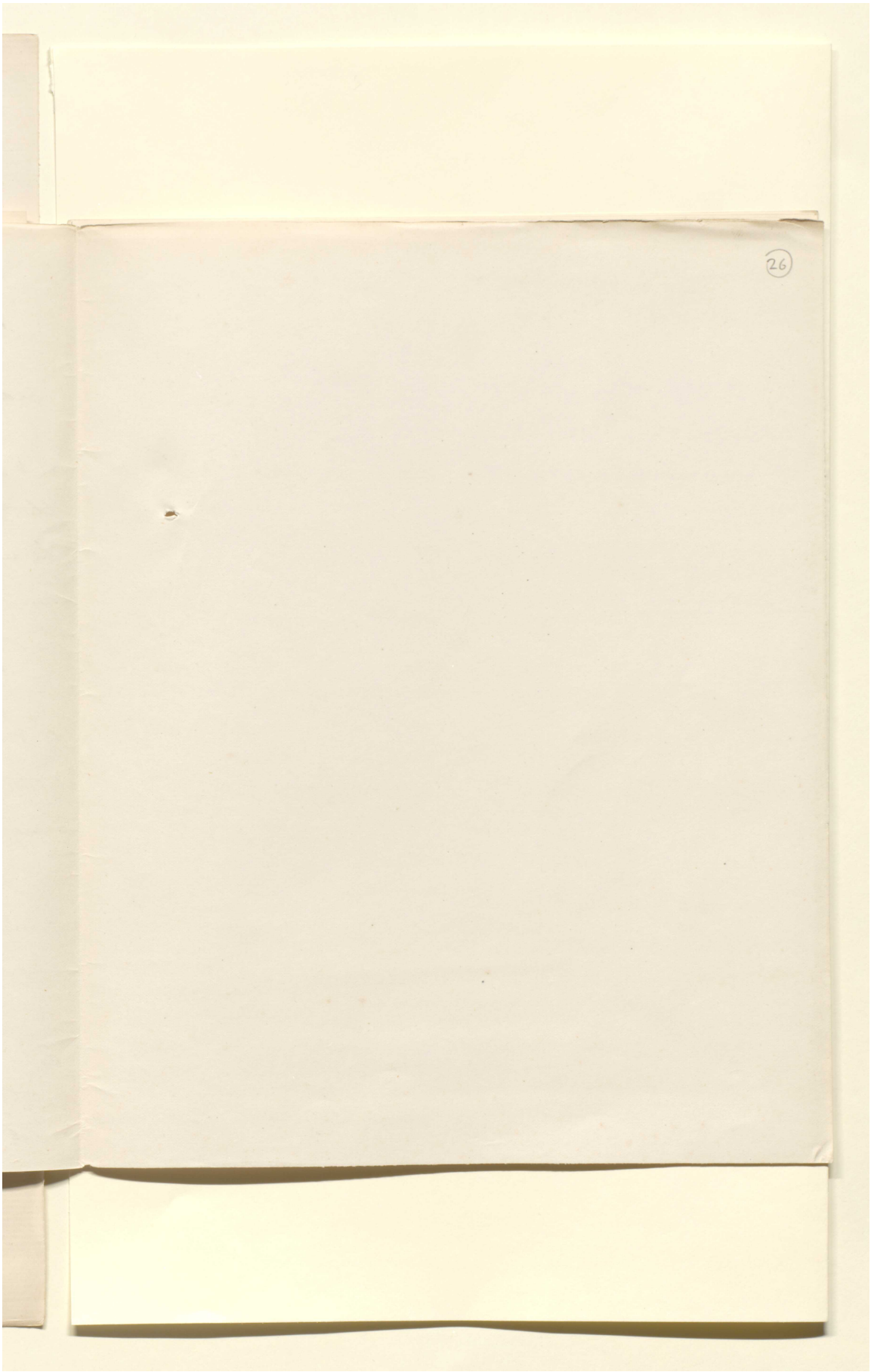
Yours faithfully

To.
G. Rozario Esqr
No. 7. Grant Building -

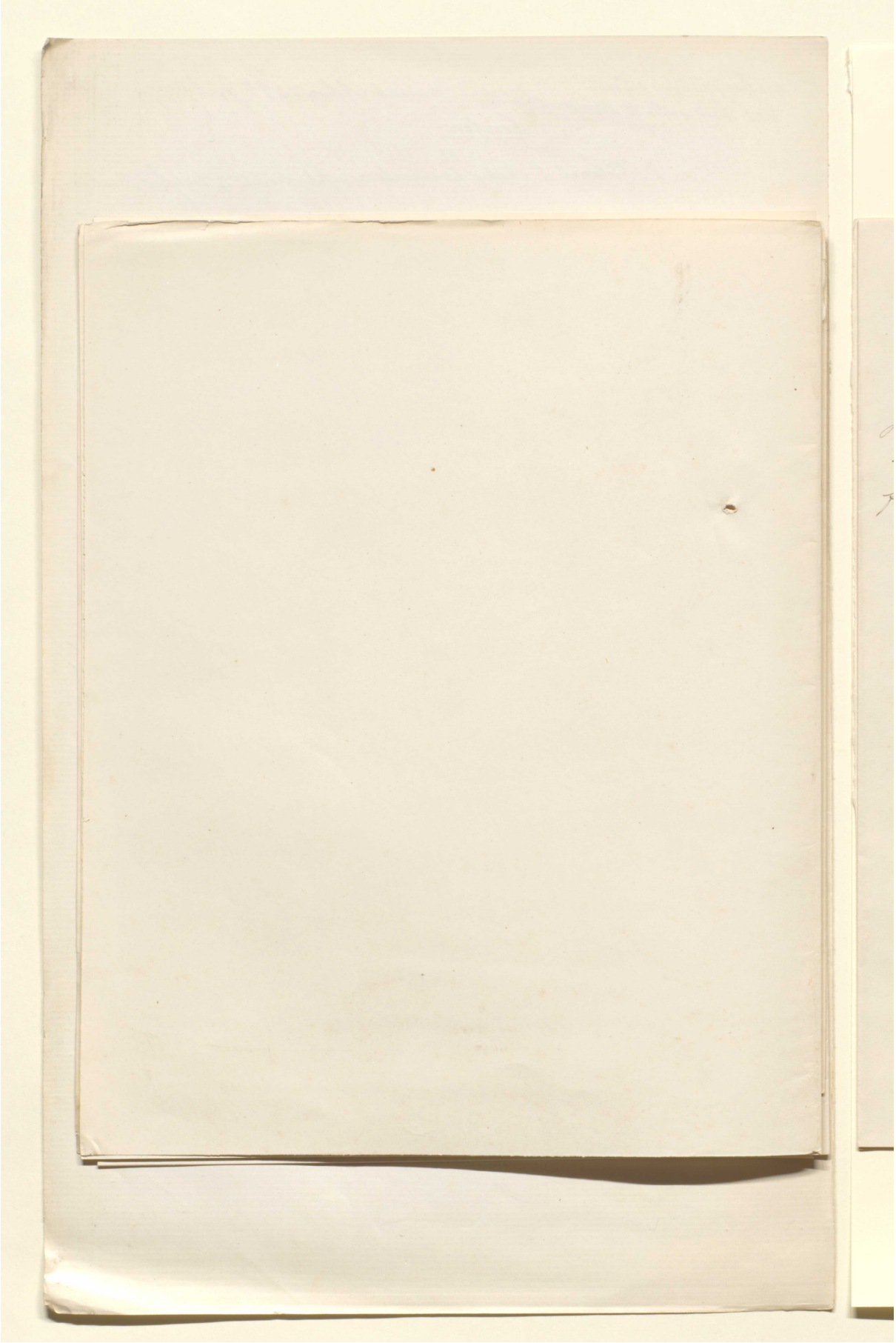


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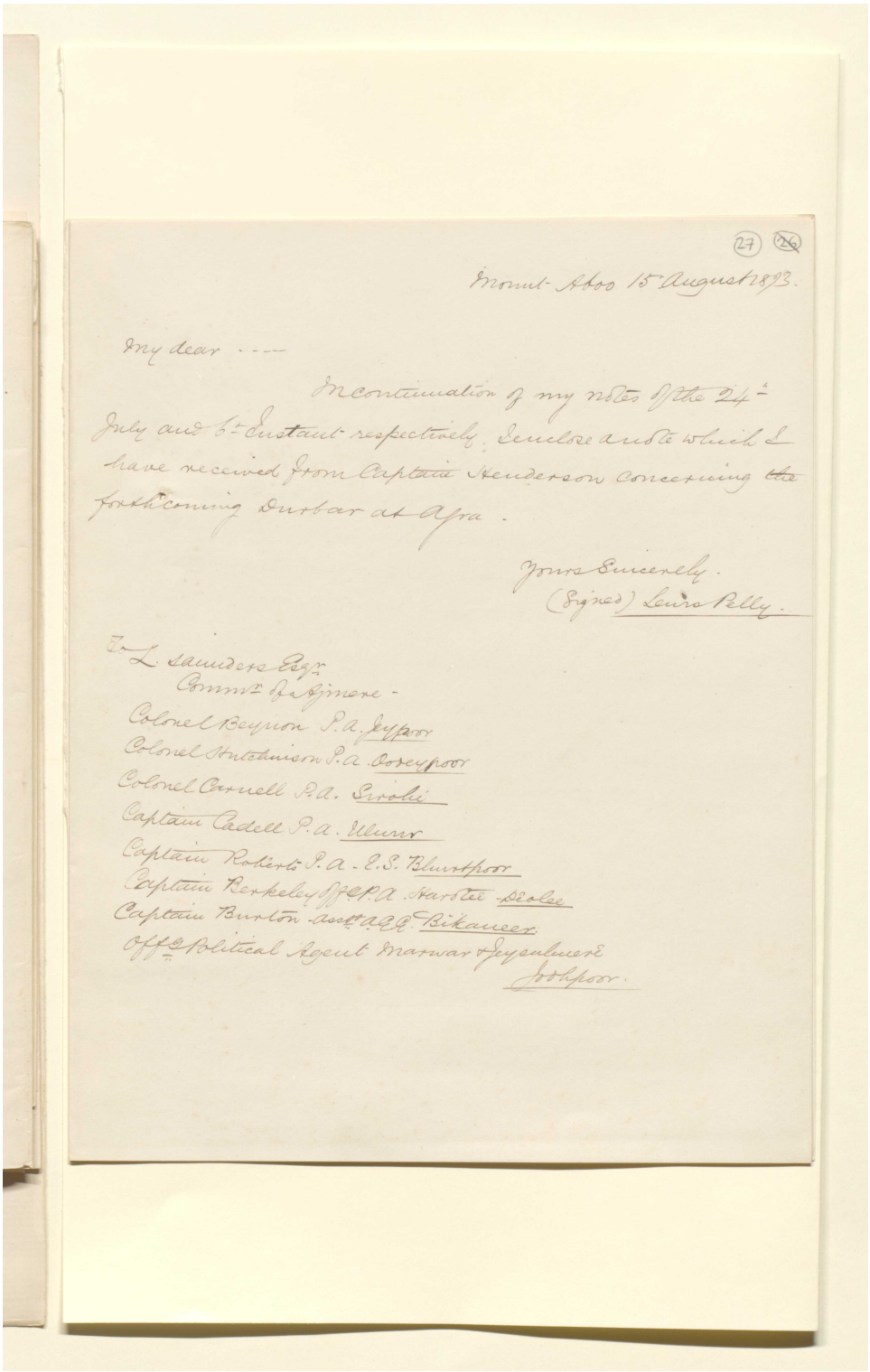
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Mount-Aboo 15th August 1893.

My dear ----

In continuation of my notes of the 24th July and 6th instant respectively, I enclose a note which I have received from Captain Henderson concerning the forthcoming Durbar at Agra.

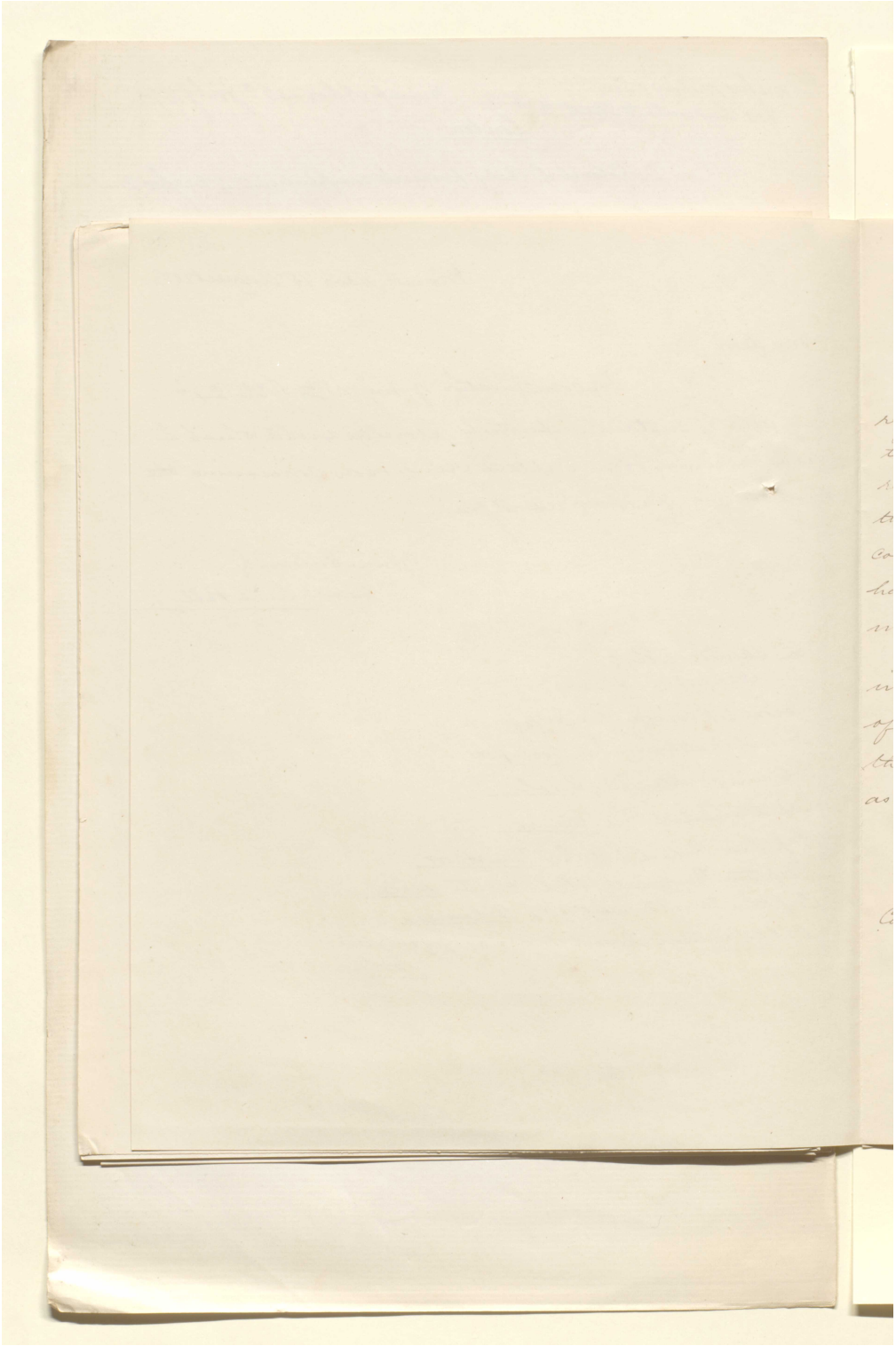
Yours Sincerely.
(Signed) Lewis Pelly.

To L. Saunders Esqr
Commr. of Ajmere -
Colonel Beynon P.A. Jeypore
Colonel Hutchinson P.A. Oodeypoor
Colonel Carnell P.A. Sirohi
Captain Caddell P.A. Ulwur
Captain Roberts P.A. E.S. Bhurtpoor
Captain Berkeley Off.g P.A. Harotee Deolee
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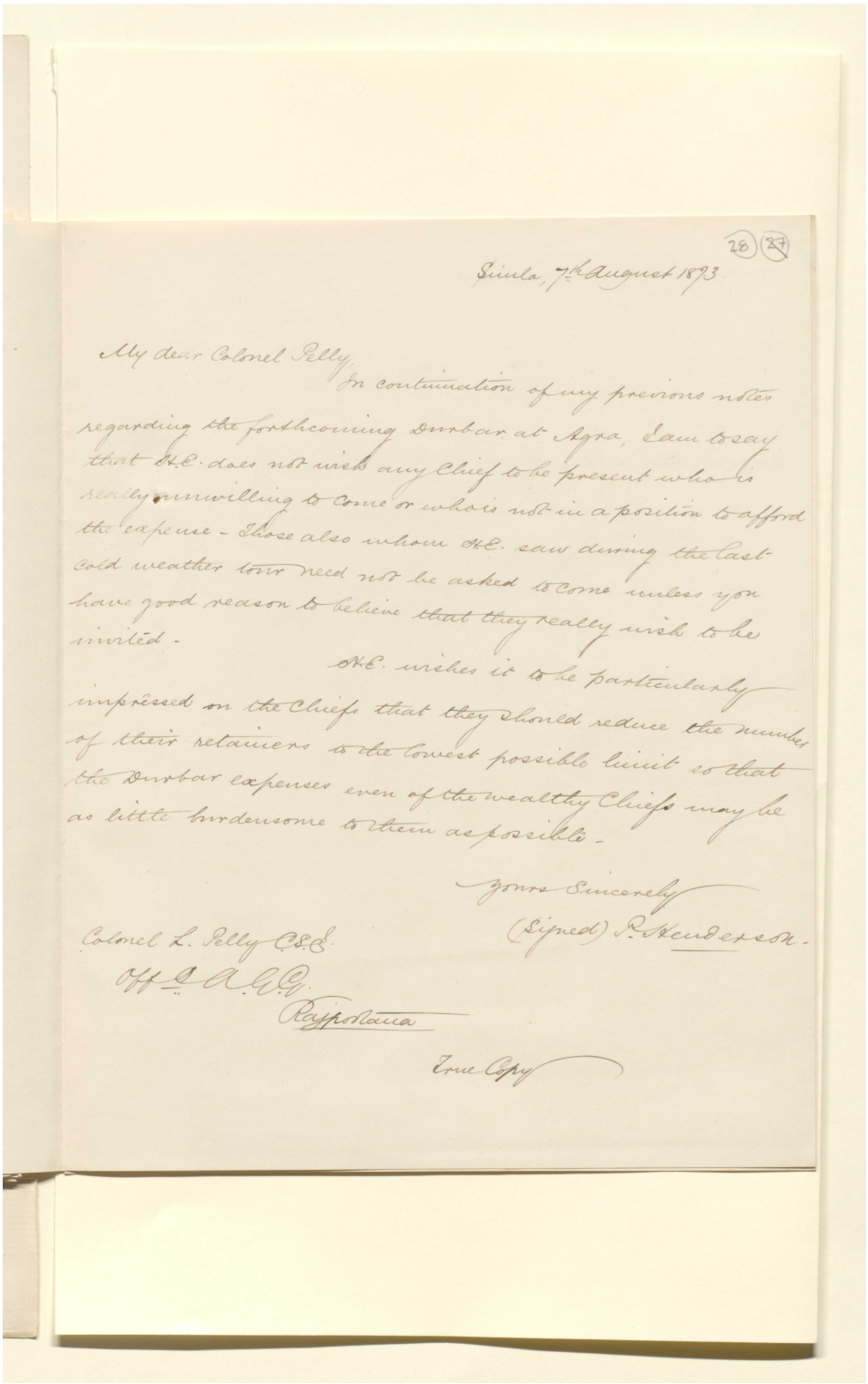
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Simla, 7th August 1873

My dear Colonel Pelly,

In continuation of my previous notes regarding the forthcoming Durbar at Agra, I am to say that H.E. does not wish any Chief to be present who is really unwilling to come or who is not in a position to afford the expense - Those also whom H.E. saw during the last cold weather tour need not be asked to come unless you have good reason to believe that they really wish to be invited.

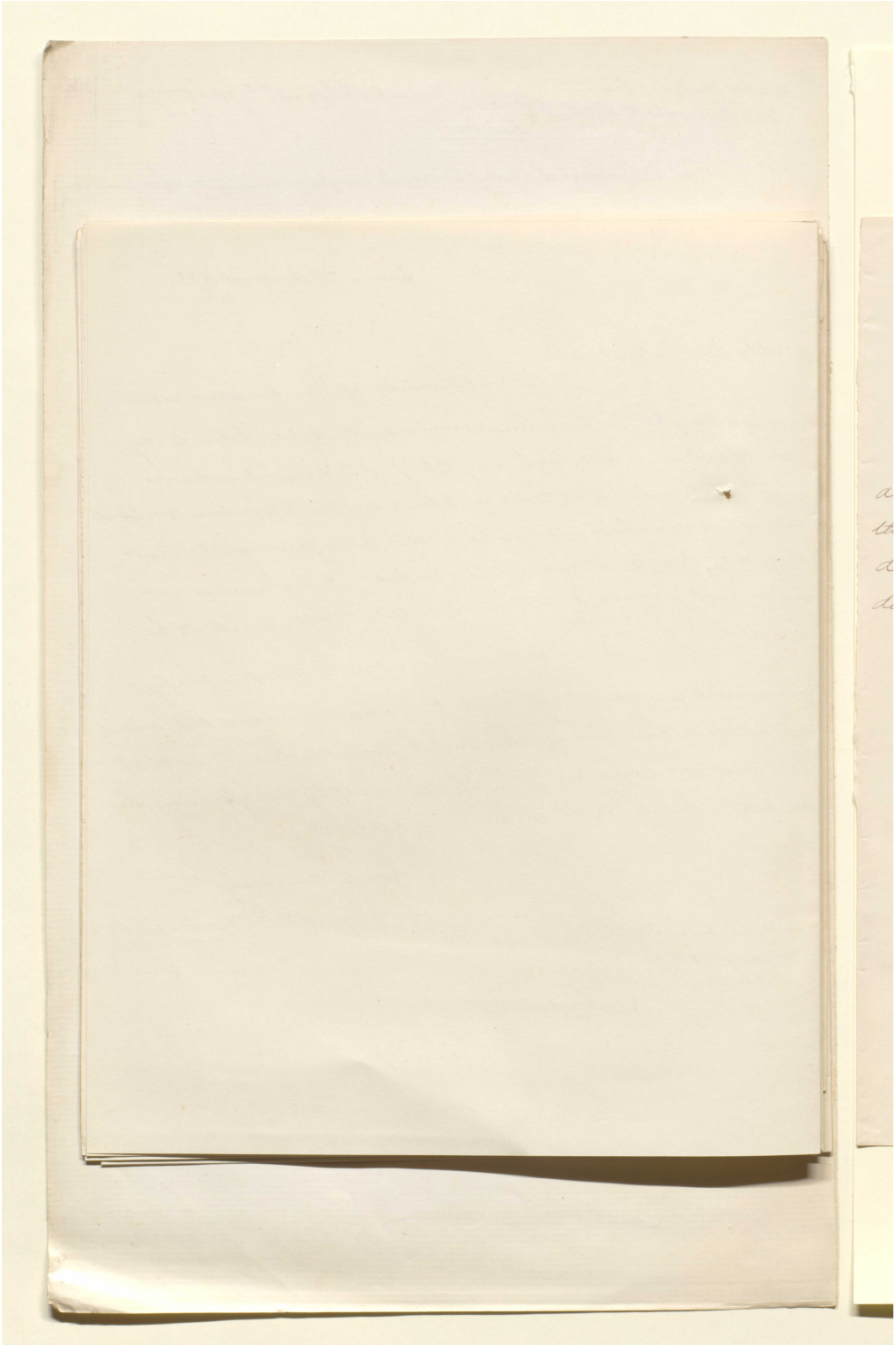
H.E. wishes it to be particularly impressed on the Chiefs that they should reduce the number of their retainers to the lowest possible limit so that the Durbar expenses even of the wealthy Chiefs may be as little burdensome to them as possible.

Yours Sincerely
(Signed) R. Henderson.

Colonel L. Pelly C.S.I.
Offg. A.G.G.
Rajpootana

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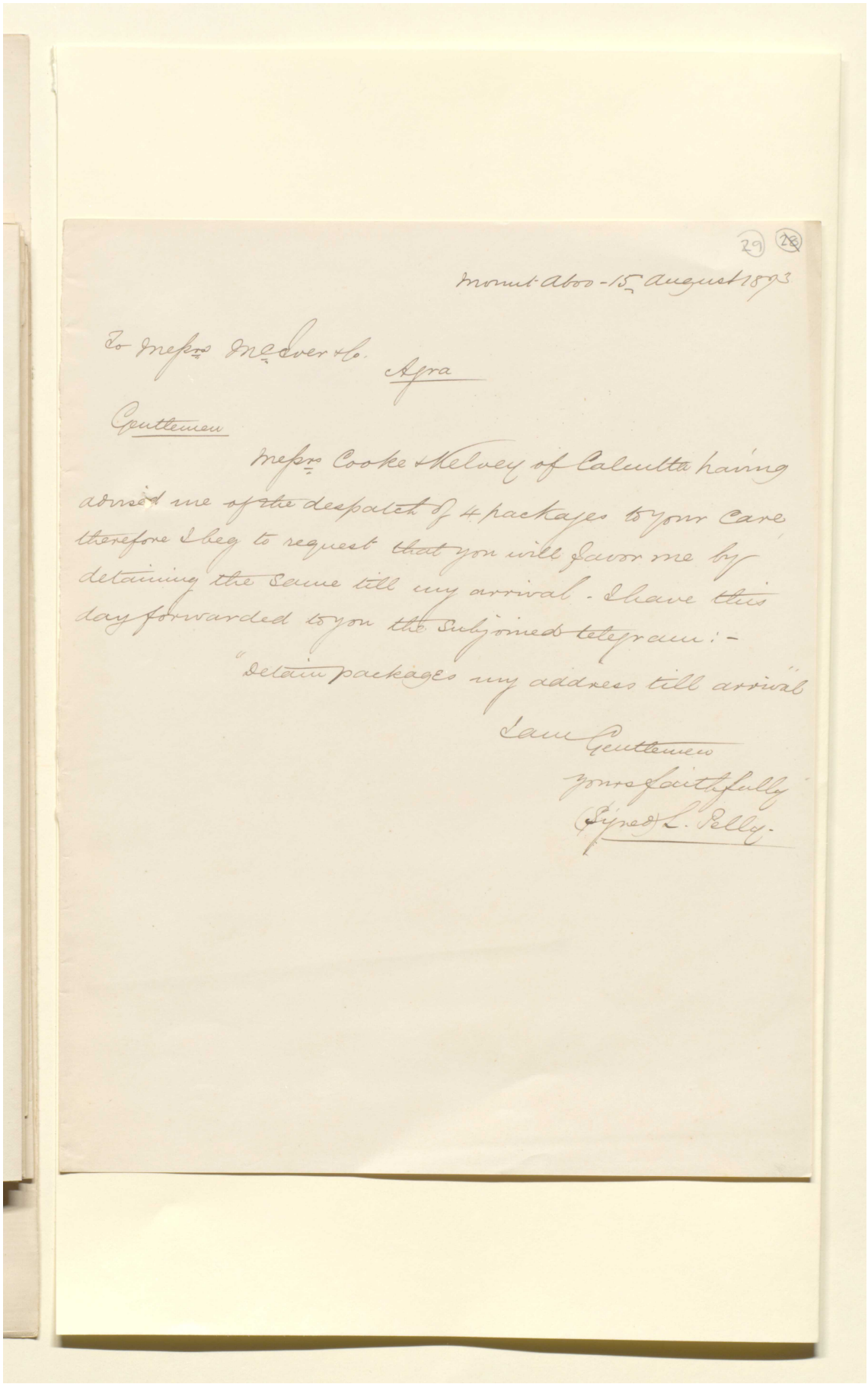
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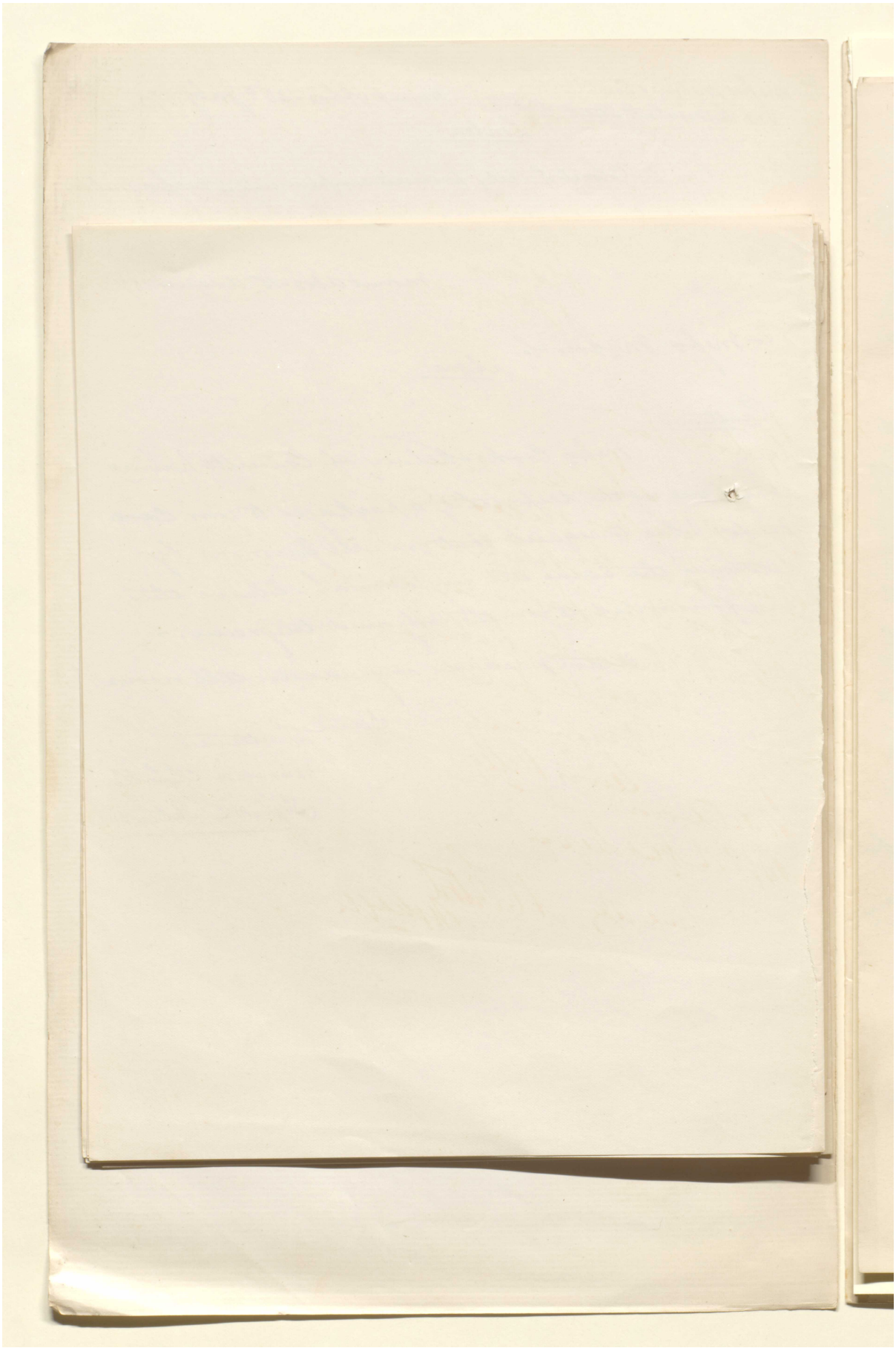
To Messrs McIver & Co. Agra

Gentlemen

Messrs Cooke & Kelvey of Calcutta having advised me of the despatch of 4 packages to your care therefore I beg to request that you will favor me by detaining the same till my arrival. I have this day forwarded to you the subjoined telegram:-

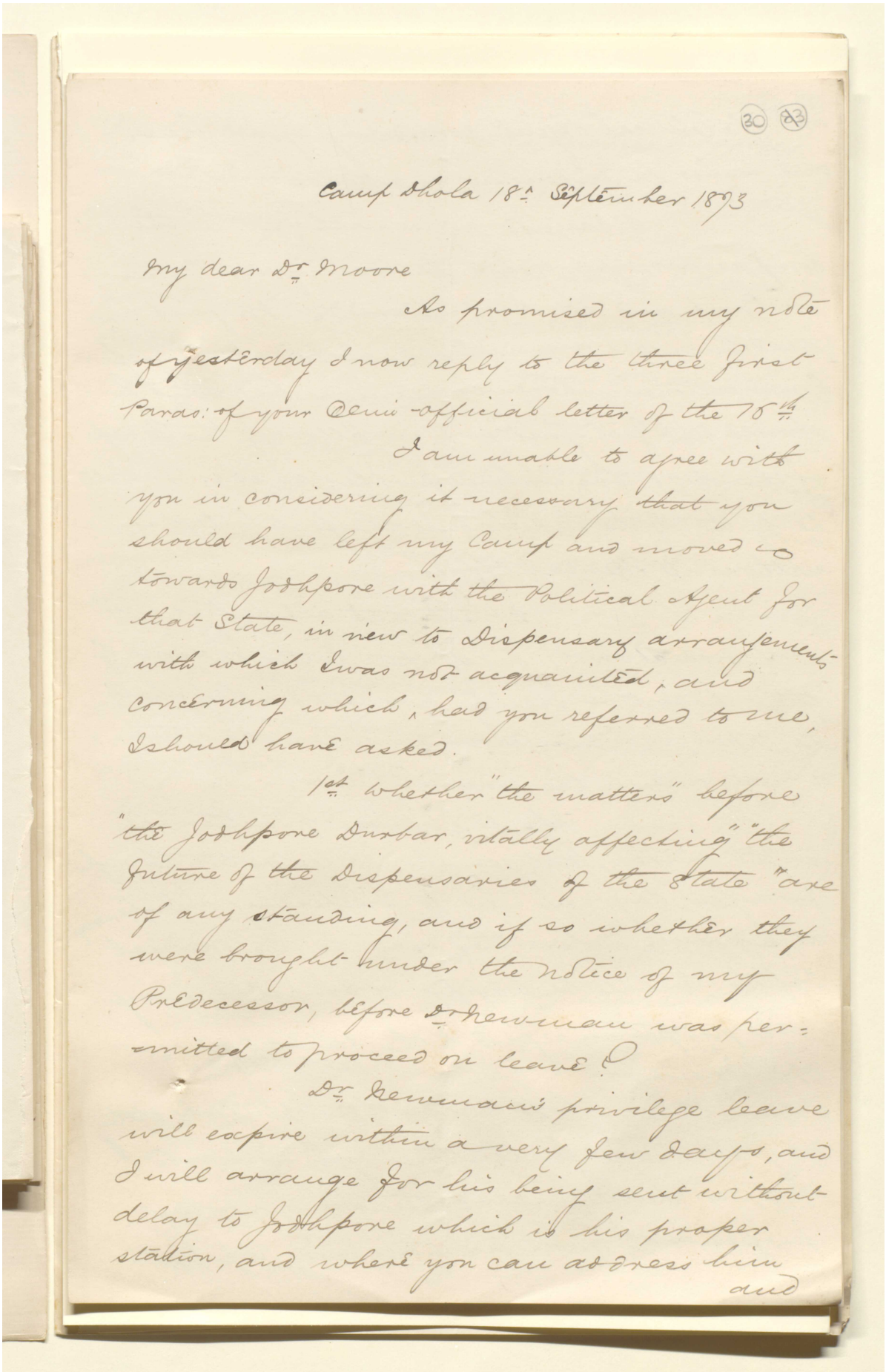
"detain packages my address till arrival"

I am Gentlemen
Yours faithfully
Signed L. Pelly.



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Camp Dhola 18th September 1893

My dear Dr Moore

As promised in my note of yesterday I now reply to the three first Paras: of your Demi-official letter of the 15th

I am unable to agree with you in considering it necessary that you should have left my Camp and moved towards Jodhpore with the Political Agent for that State, in view to Dispensary arrangements with which I was not acquainted, and concerning which, had you referred to me, I should have asked.

1st whether "the matters" before "the Jodhpore Durbar, vitally affecting" "the future of the Dispensaries of the State" are of any standing, and if so whether they were brought under the notice of my Predecessor, before Dr Kennaan was permitted to proceed on leave?

Dr Kennaan's privilege leave will expire within a very few days, and I will arrange for his being sent without delay to Jodhpore which is his proper station, and where you can address him

and

and the Political Agent concerning your views and wishes on dispensary matters

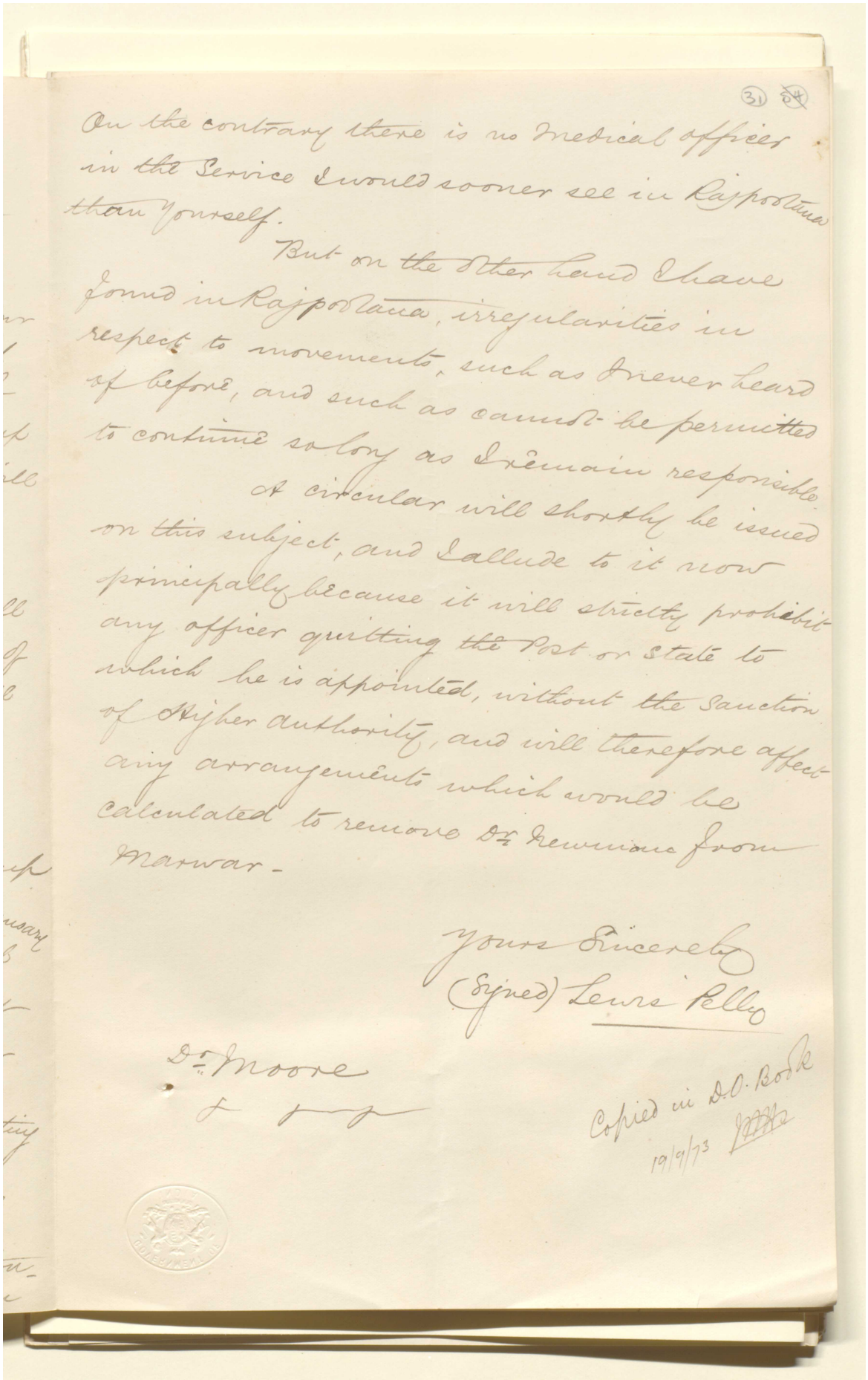
I cannot agree with you in the comparison you draw between your duties in Camp and at Head Quarters - In fact your Head Quarters are with the A.E.F. and Chief Commissioner wherever he may be, and I should not feel justified in allowing the Camp of the A.E.F. encumbered further as it is or will be by that of the Vakeels and chiefs, to be left without its Medical Officer.

I trust that all duties will still go on at Aboo; but if these latter or some of them have to be freshly provided for they shall be taken into consideration when the time arrives, and in the ordinary way -

Should it prove practicable on the march, that you should leave the Camp for a few days, in view to Inspecting a Dispensary at a point where they may be no Medical Officer, I shall be happy to do what may seem proper in regard to the same, on your application -

I hope that in thus plainly stating my views and intentions you will not suppose that I underestimate your high professional qualifications and reputation.

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On the contrary there is no Medical officer in the Service I would sooner see in Rajpootana than yourself.

But on the other hand I have found in Rajpootana, irregularities in respect to movements, such as I never heard of before, and such as cannot be permitted to continue so long as I remain responsible.

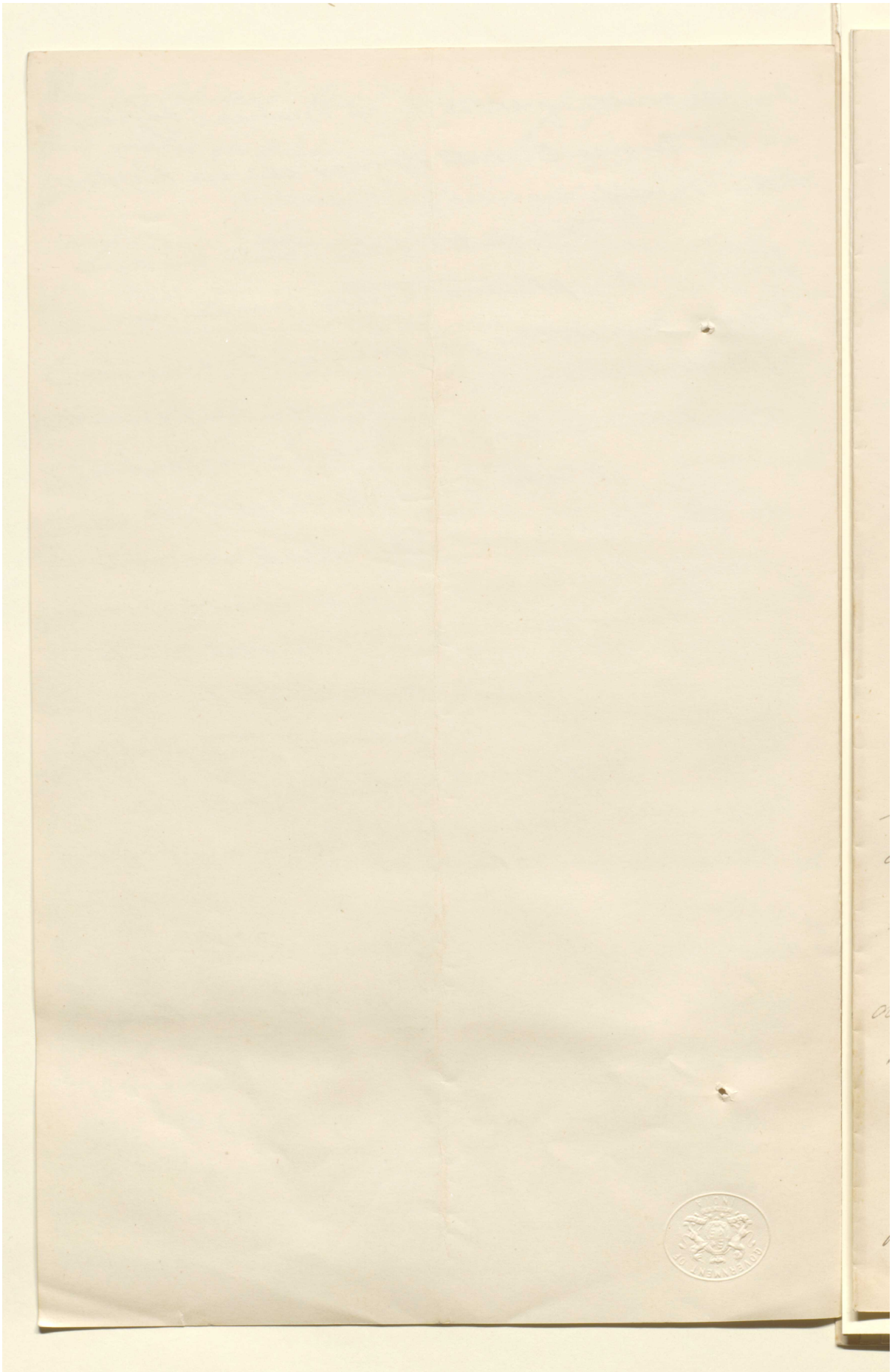
A circular will shortly be issued on this subject, and I allude to it now principally because it will strictly prohibit any officer quitting the Post or State to which he is appointed, without the sanction of Higher authority, and will therefore affect any arrangements which would be calculated to remove Dr's Remmins from Marwar -

Yours Sincerely
(Signed) Lewis Pelly

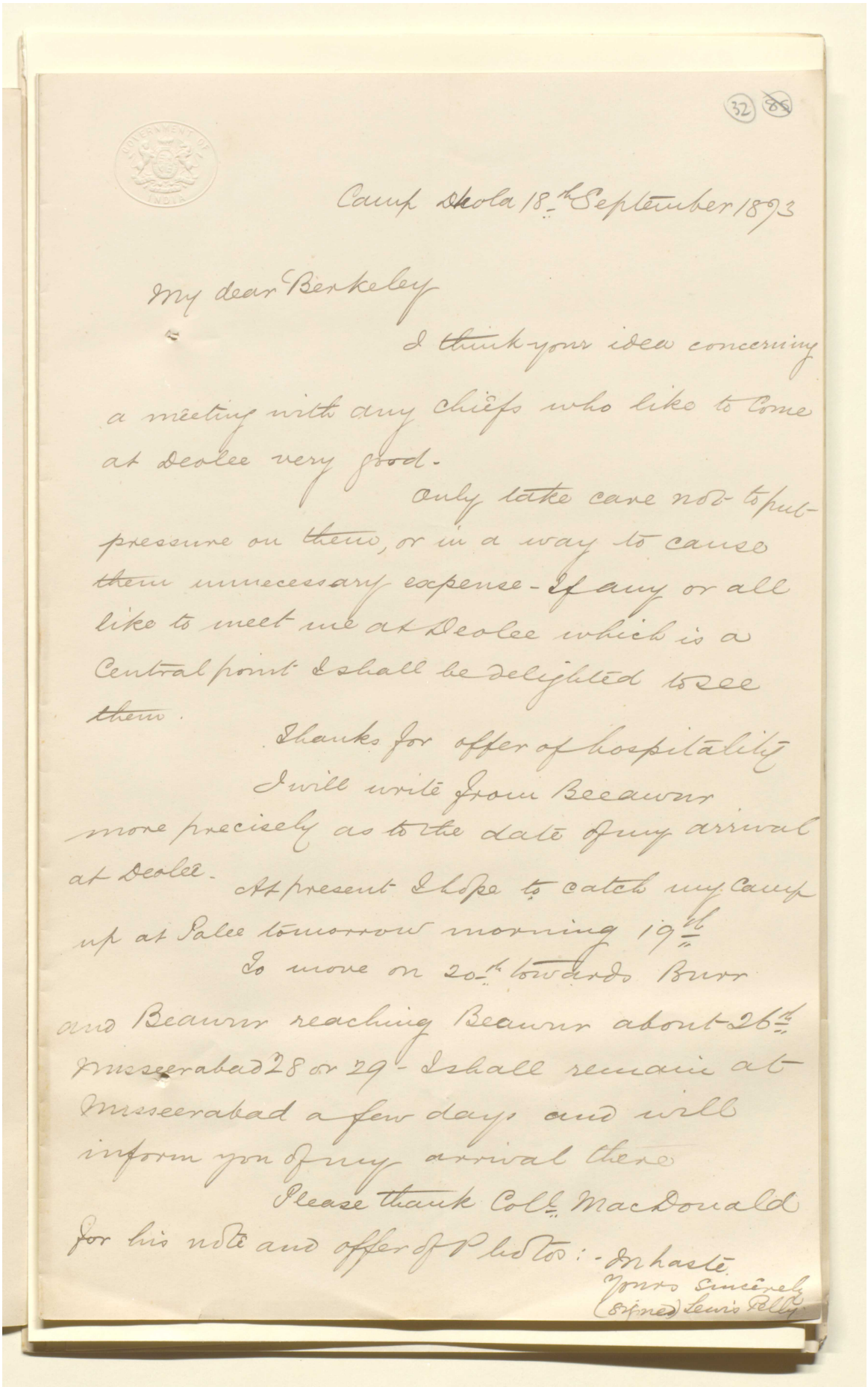
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Camp Dhola 18th September 1893

My dear Berkeley

I think your idea concerning a meeting with any chiefs who like to come at Deolee very good.

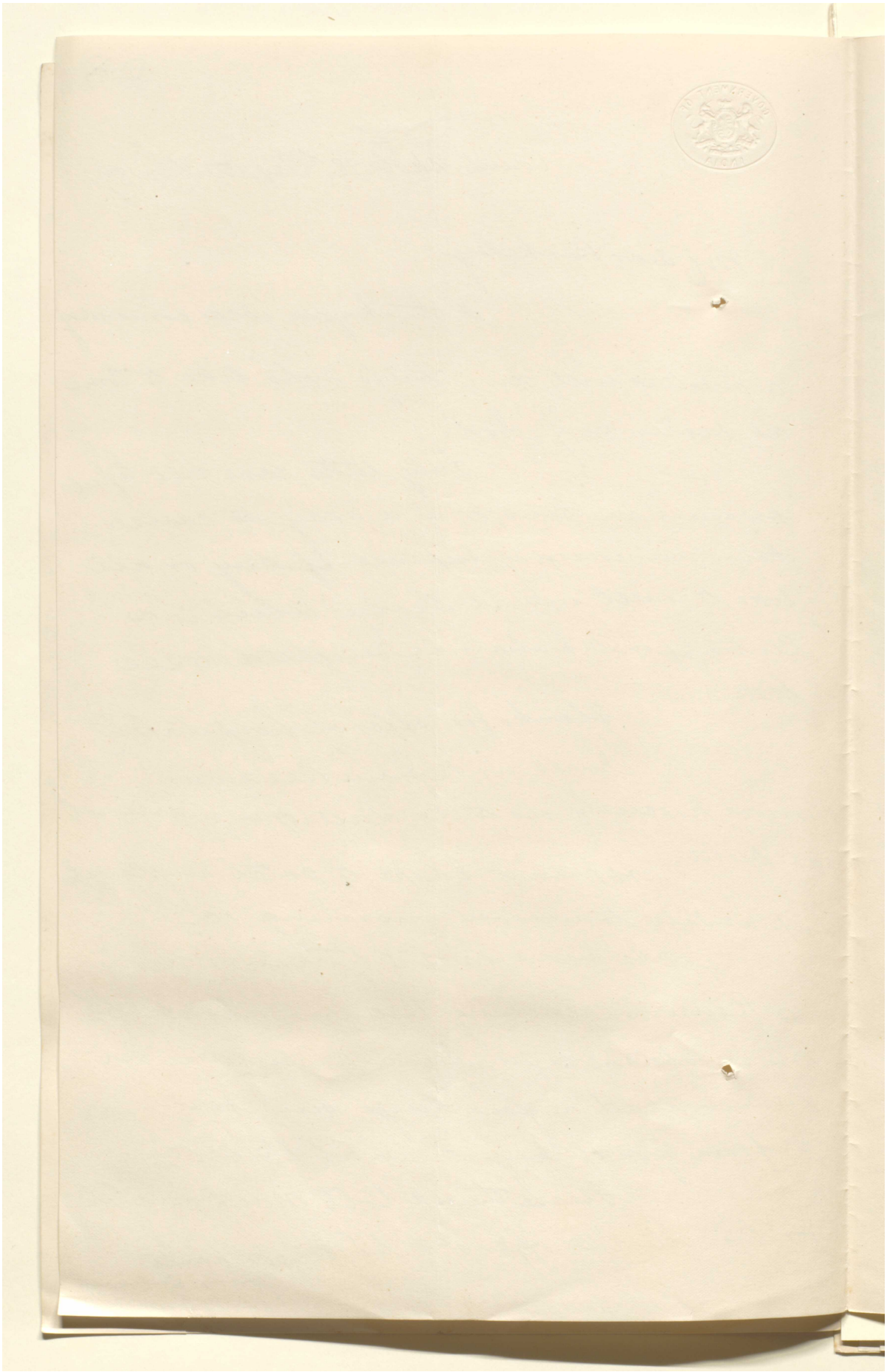
Only take care not to put pressure on them, or in a way to cause them unnecessary expense. If any or all like to meet me at Deolee which is a central point I shall be delighted to see them.

Thanks for offer of hospitality I will write from Beawar more precisely as to the date of my arrival at Deolee. At present I hope to catch my camp up at Palee tomorrow morning 19th

To move on 20th towards Burr and Beawar reaching Beawar about 26th Masseerabad 28 or 29. I shall remain at Masseerabad a few days and will inform you of my arrival there

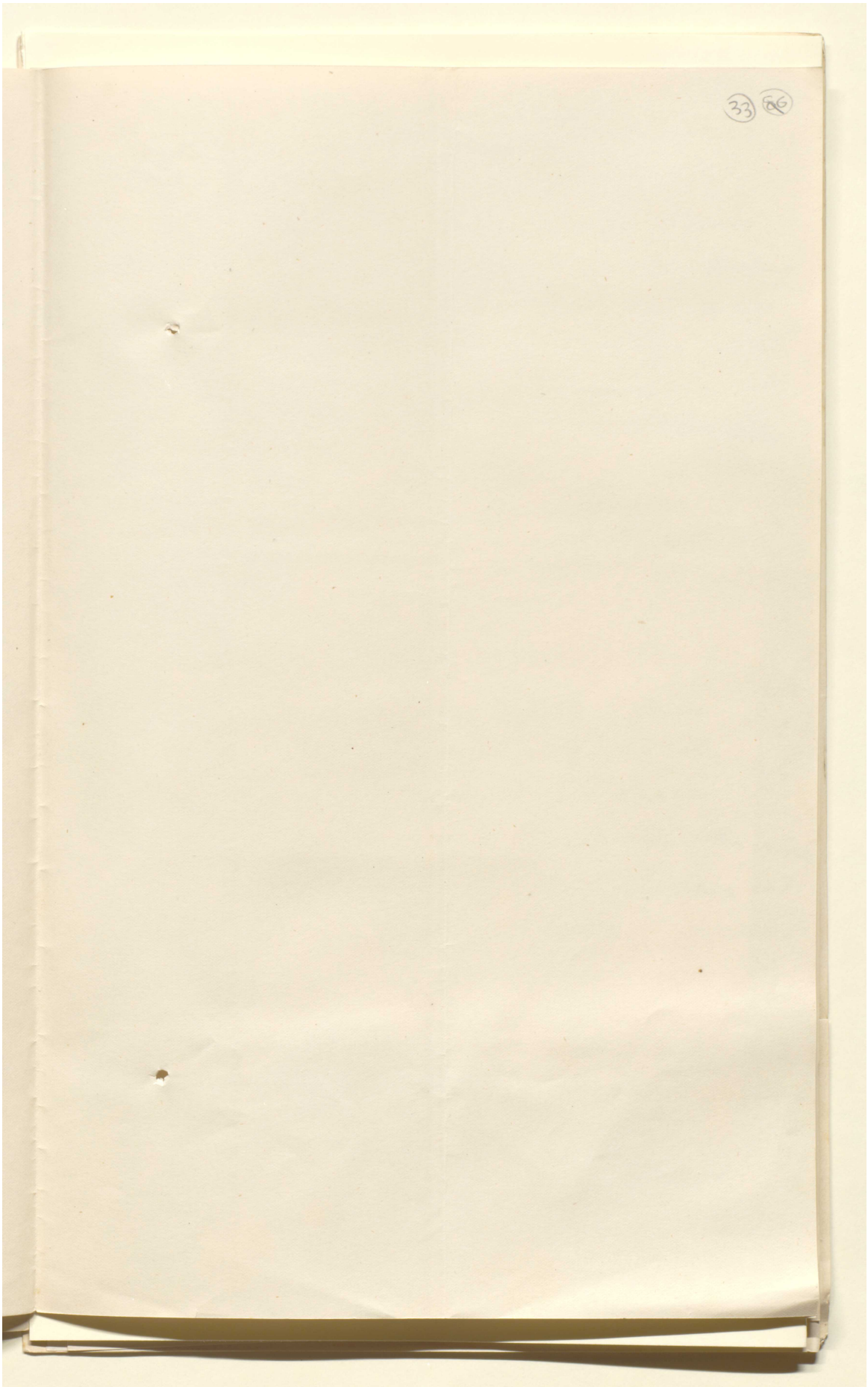
Please thank Colr Macdonald for his note and offer of Pilot to:- In haste

Yours Sincerely
(Signed) Lewis Pelly

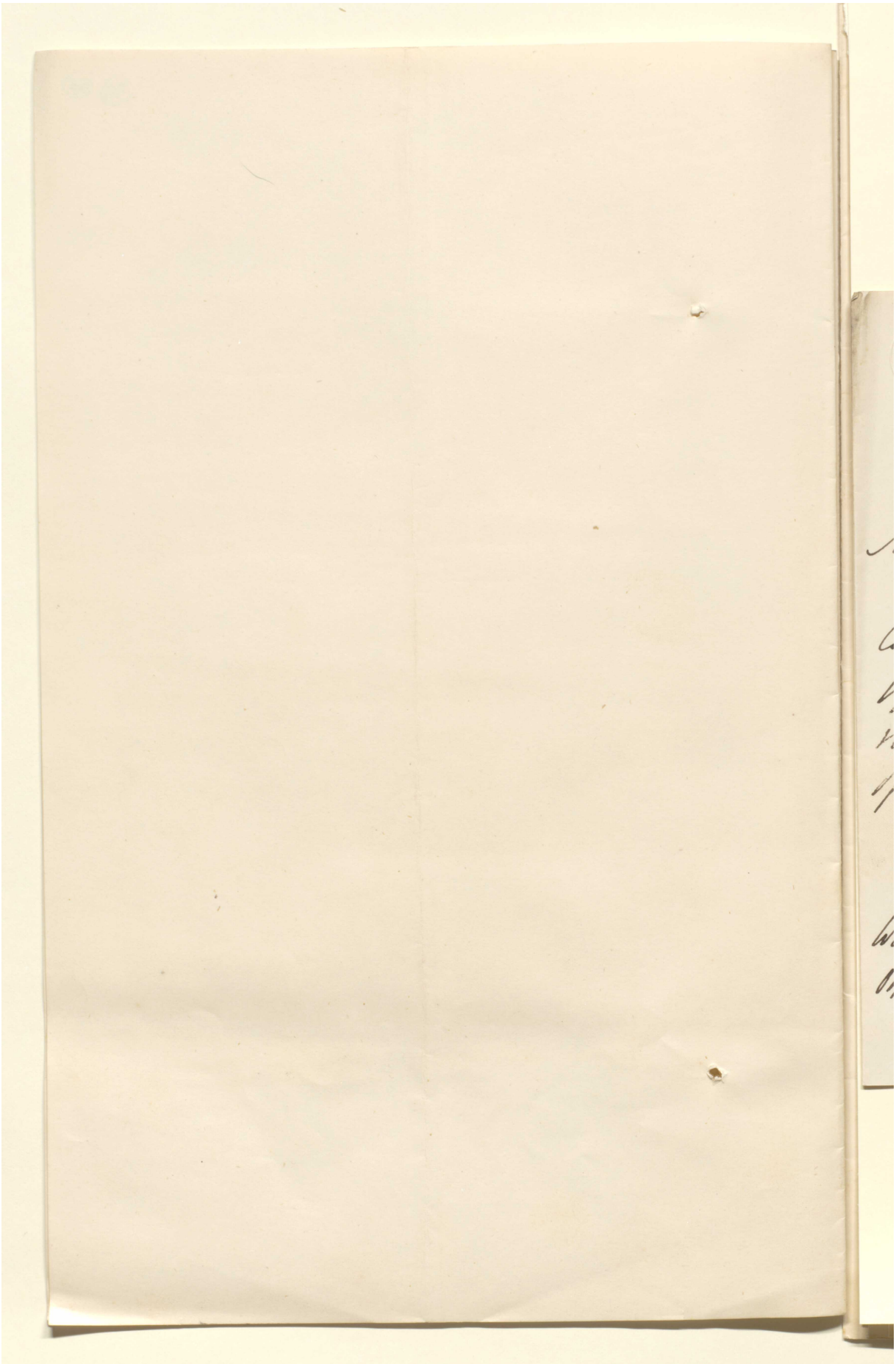


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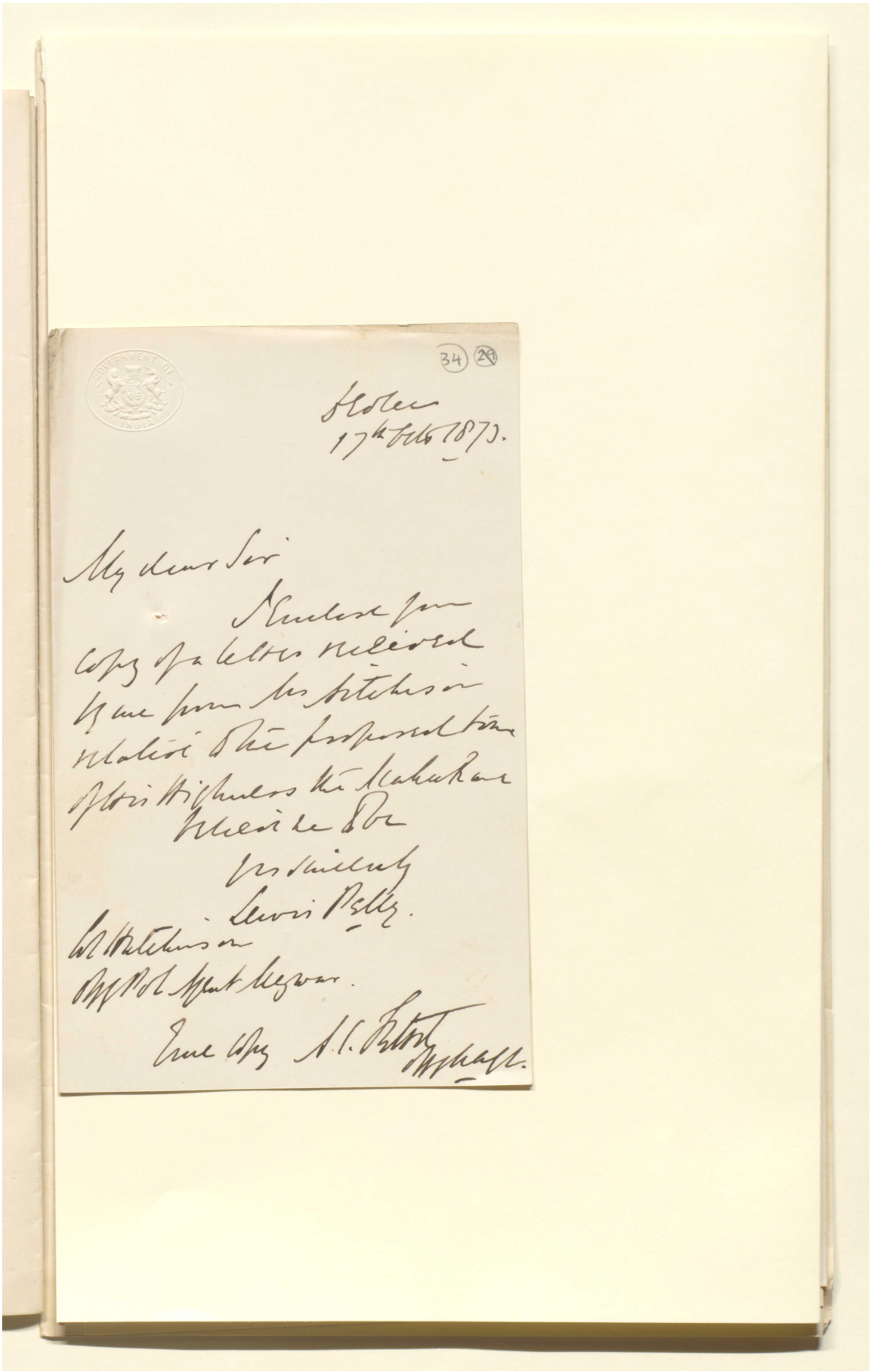


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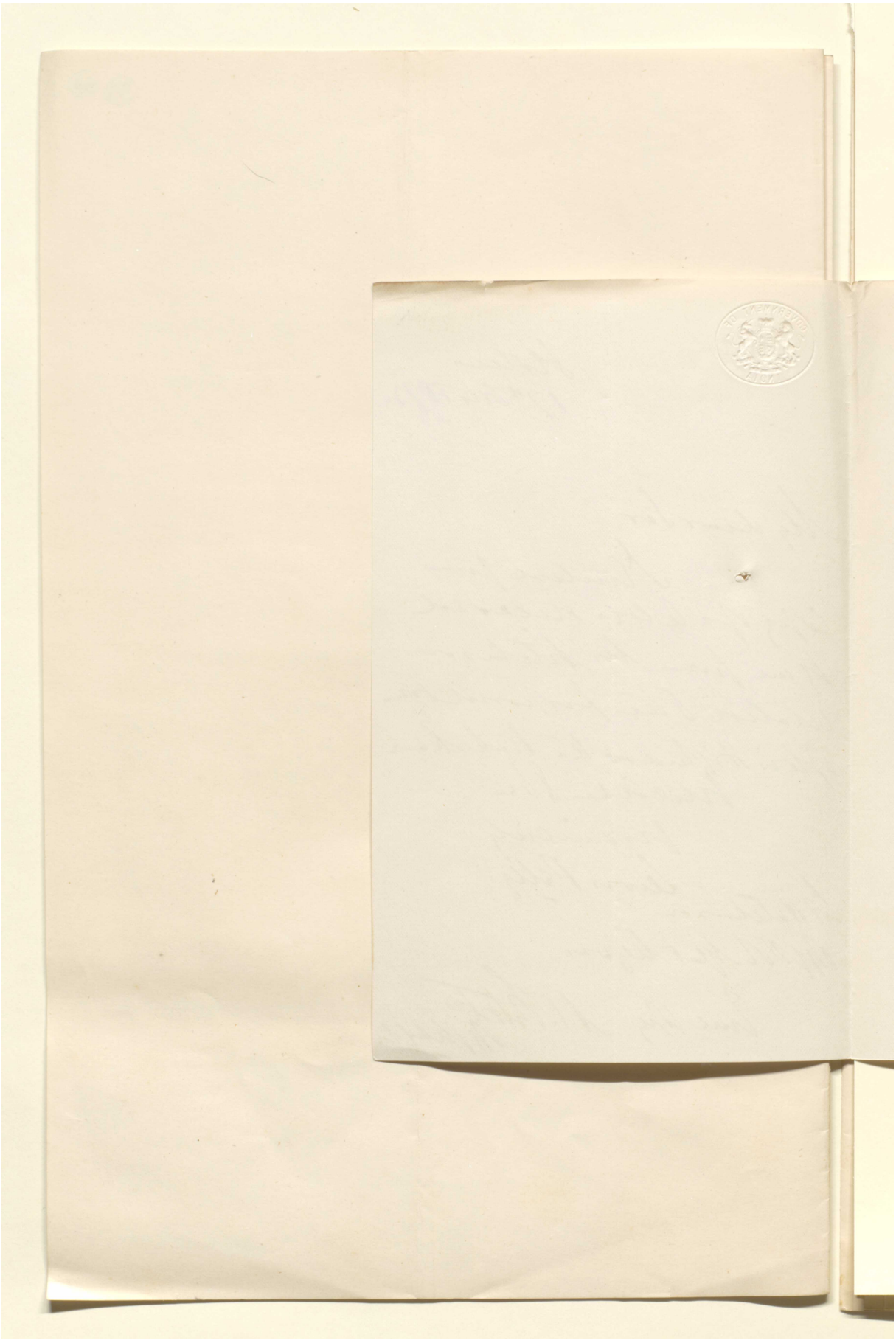


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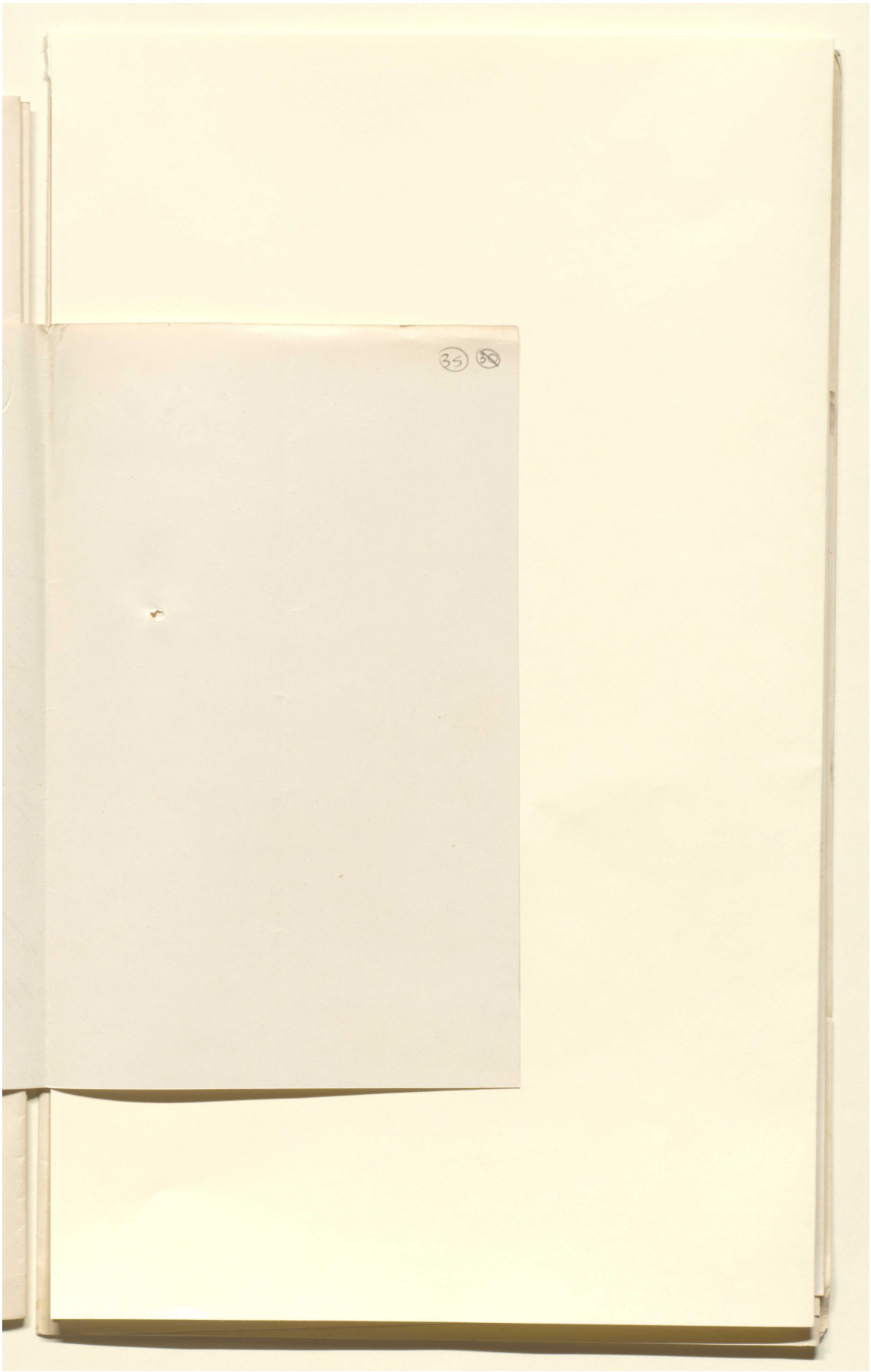


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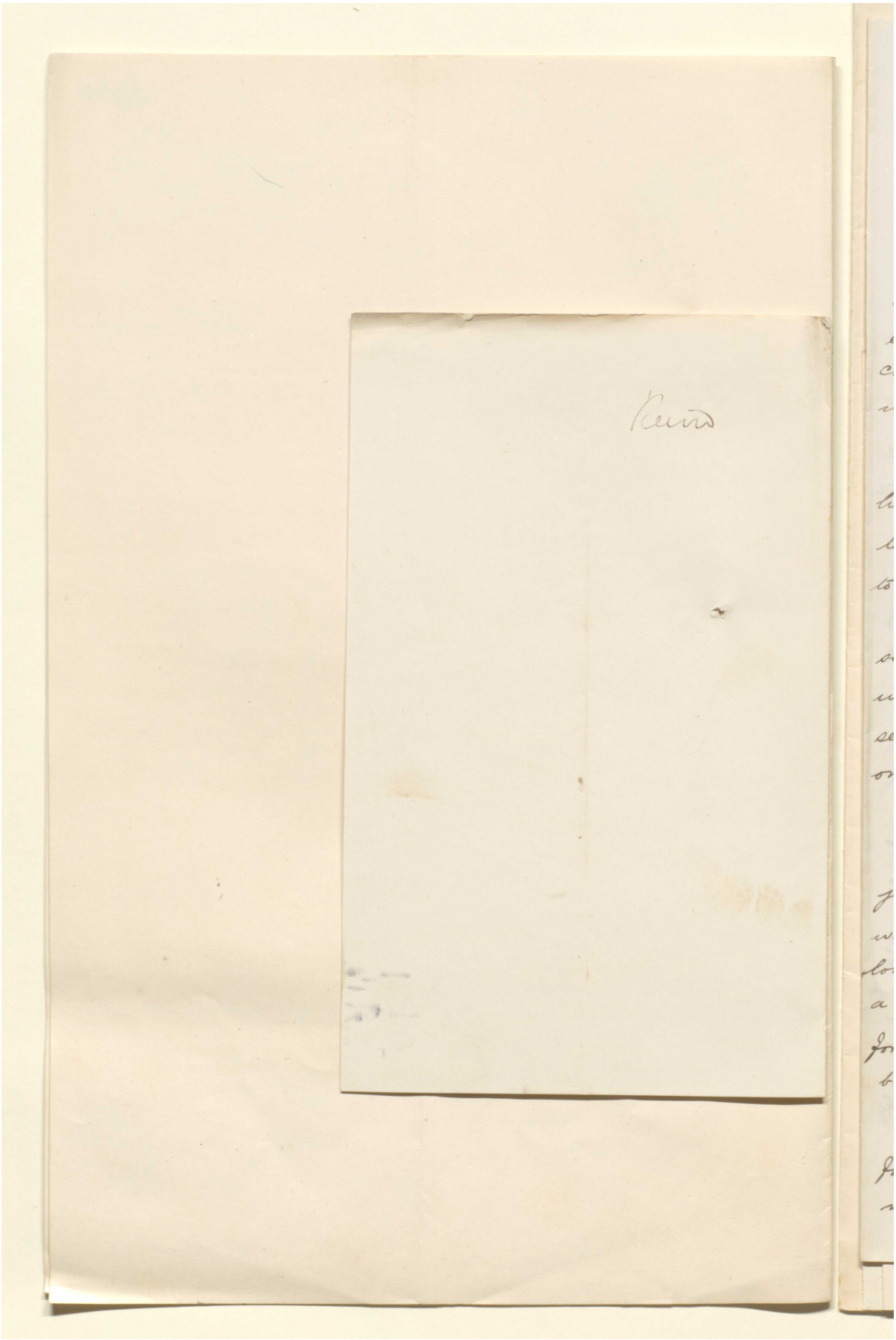


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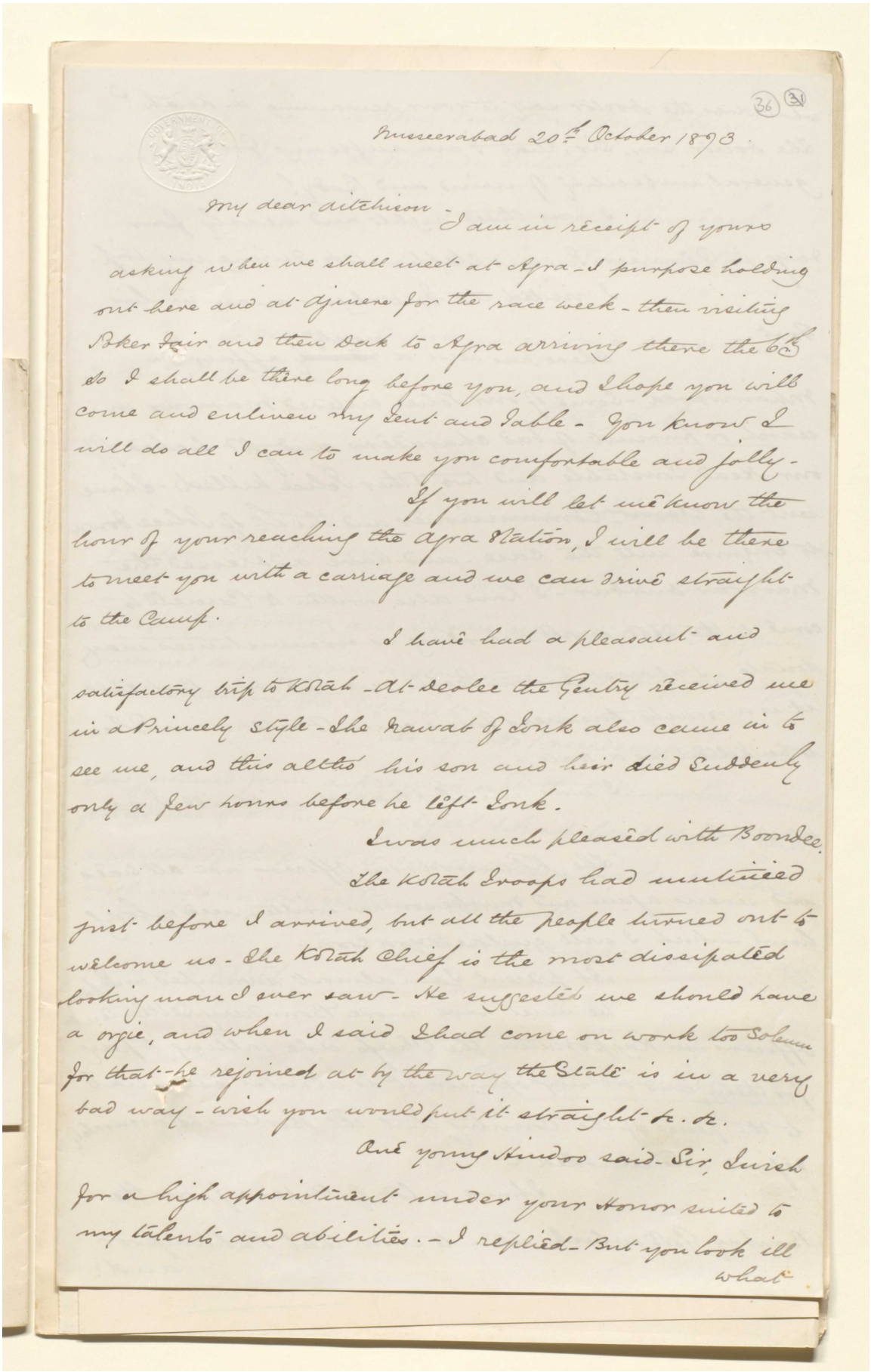
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Letter from Lewis Pelly, Nusseerabad [Nasīrābād] to Charles Umpherston Aitchison, Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department [36r] (1/4)



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Nusseerabad 20th October 1873.

My dear Aitchison -

I am in receipt of yours asking when we shall meet at Agra - I purpose holding out here and at Ajmere for the race week - then visiting Beker Fair and then back to Agra arriving there the 6th so I shall be there long before you, and I hope you will come and enliven my tent and table - You know I will do all I can to make you comfortable and jolly -

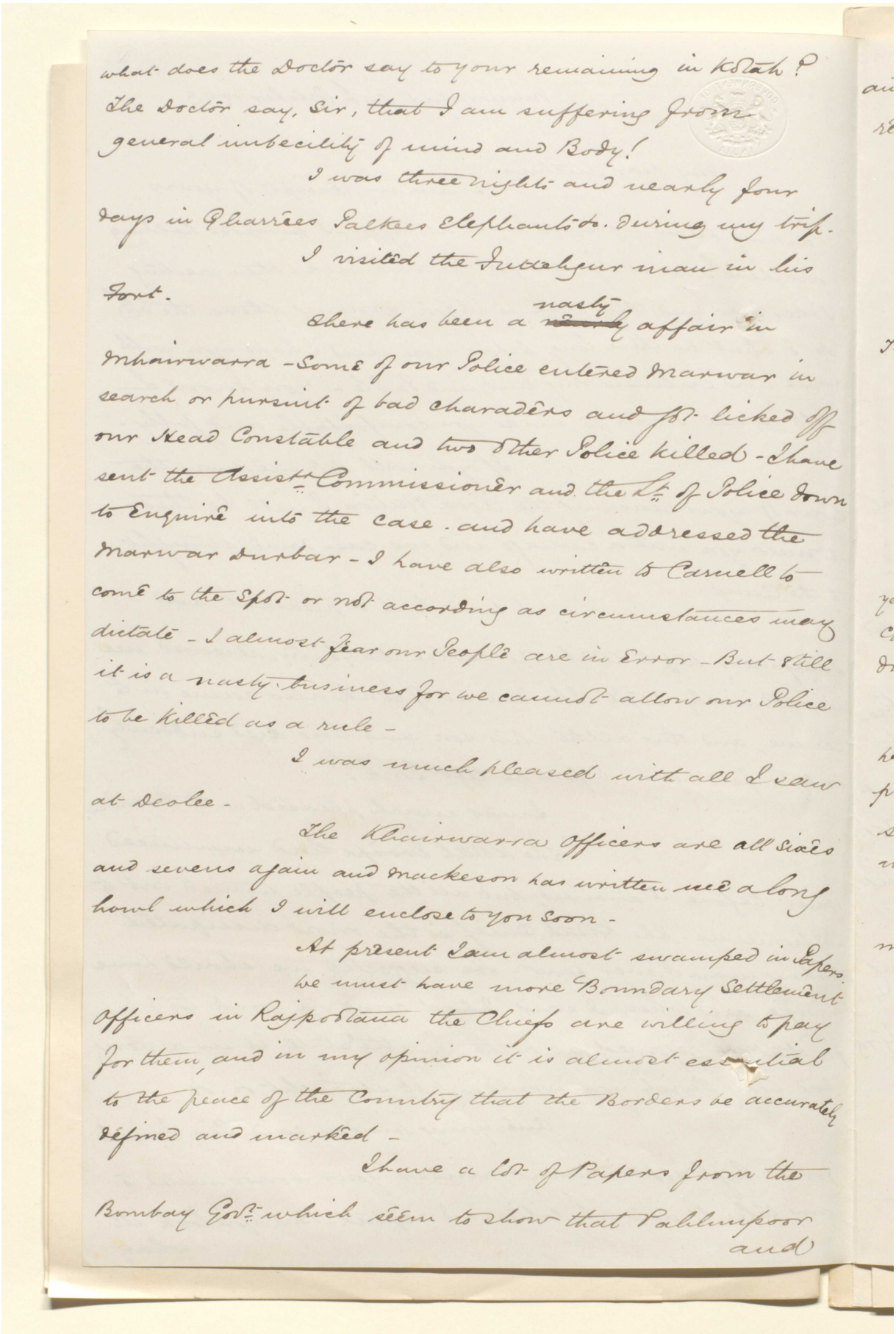
If you will let me know the hour of your reaching the Agra Station, I will be there to meet you with a carriage and we can drive straight to the Camp.

I have had a pleasant and satisfactory trip to Kotah - At Deolee the Gentry received me in a Princely style - The Nawab of Tonk also came in to see me, and this altho' his son and heir died suddenly only a few hours before he left Tonk.

I was much pleased with Boondee. The Kotah Troops had mutinied just before I arrived, but all the people turned out to welcome us - The Kotah Chief is the most dissipated looking man I ever saw - He suggested we should have a orgie, and when I said I had come on work too Solemn for that - he rejoined ah by the way the State is in a very bad way - wish you would put it straight &c. &c.

And young Kindoo said - Sir, I wish for a high appointment under your Honor suited to my talents and abilities. - I replied - But you look ill what

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what does the Doctor say to your remaining in Kotah?
The Doctor say, Sir, that I am suffering from general imbecility of mind and Body!

I was three nights and nearly four days in Pharrees Pahtees Elephantoda during my trip.

I visited the Dutteajeer man in his Fort.

There has been a nasty affair in Mhairwarra - Some of our Police entered Marwar in search or pursuit of bad characters and got licked off our Head Constable and two other Police killed - I have sent the Assist. Commissioner and the Lt. of Police down to Enquire into the case. and have addressed the Marwar Durbar - I have also written to Carnell to come to the Spot or not according as circumstances may dictate - I almost fear our People are in Error - But still it is a nasty business for we cannot allow our Police to be killed as a rule -

I was much pleased with all I saw at Deolee -

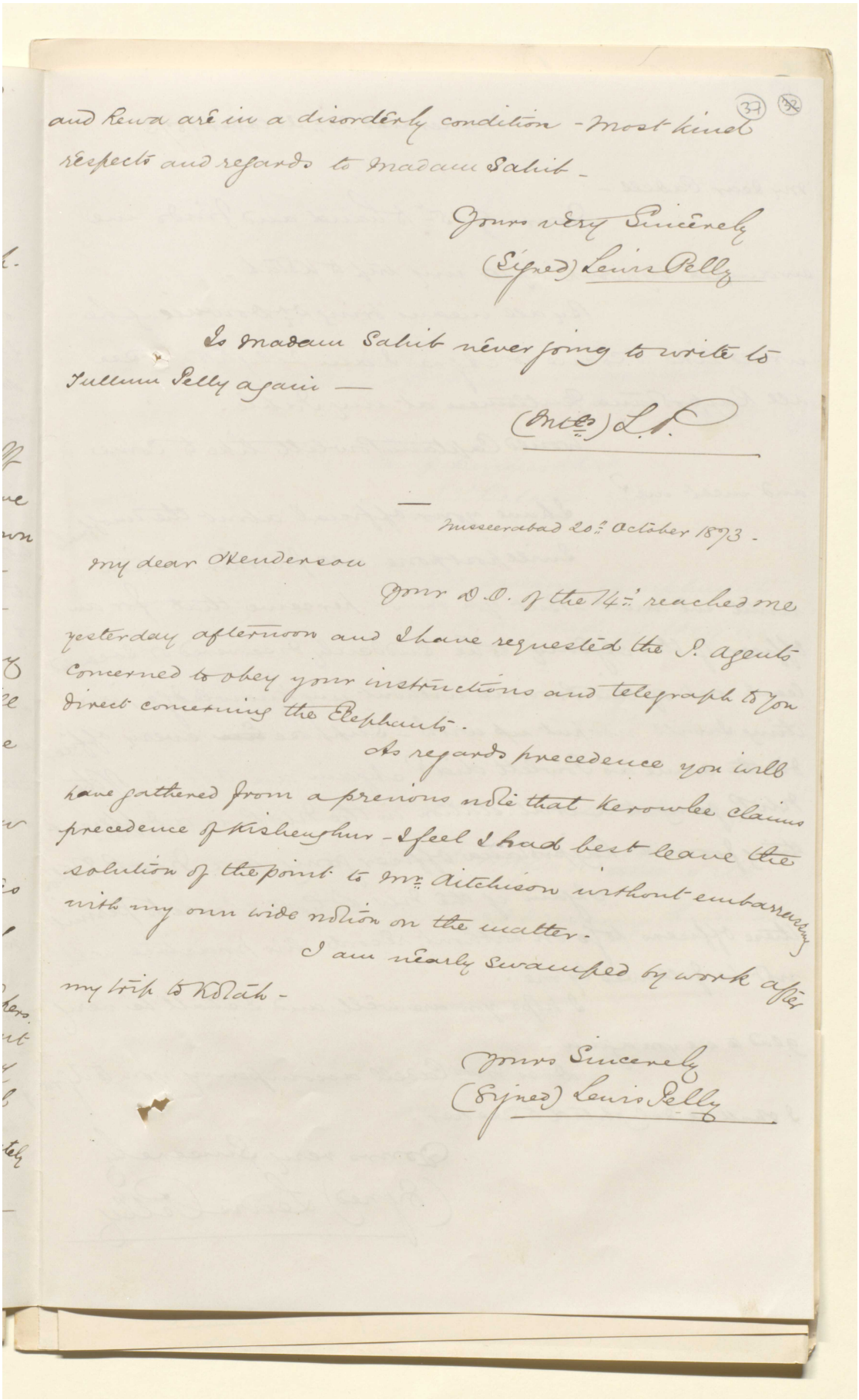
The Khairwarra officers are all sixes and sevens again and Mackeson has written me a long howl which I will enclose to you soon -

At present I am almost swamped in Papers. We must have more Boundary Settlement officers in Rajpootana the Chiefs are willing to pay for them, and in my opinion it is almost essential to the peace of the Country that the Borders be accurately defined and marked -

I have a list of Papers from the Bombay Govt. which seem to show that Pahlunpoor and

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and Kerwa are in a disorderly condition - Most kind
respects and regards to Madam Sahib -

Yours very Sincerely
(Signed) Lewis Pelly

Is Madam Sahib never going to write to
Sullum Pelly again —

(Initials) L.P.

—

Nusseerabad 20th October 1873 -

my dear Henderson

Your D.O. of the 14th reached me
yesterday afternoon and I have requested the P. Agent
Concerned to obey your instructions and telegraph to You
direct concerning the Elephants.

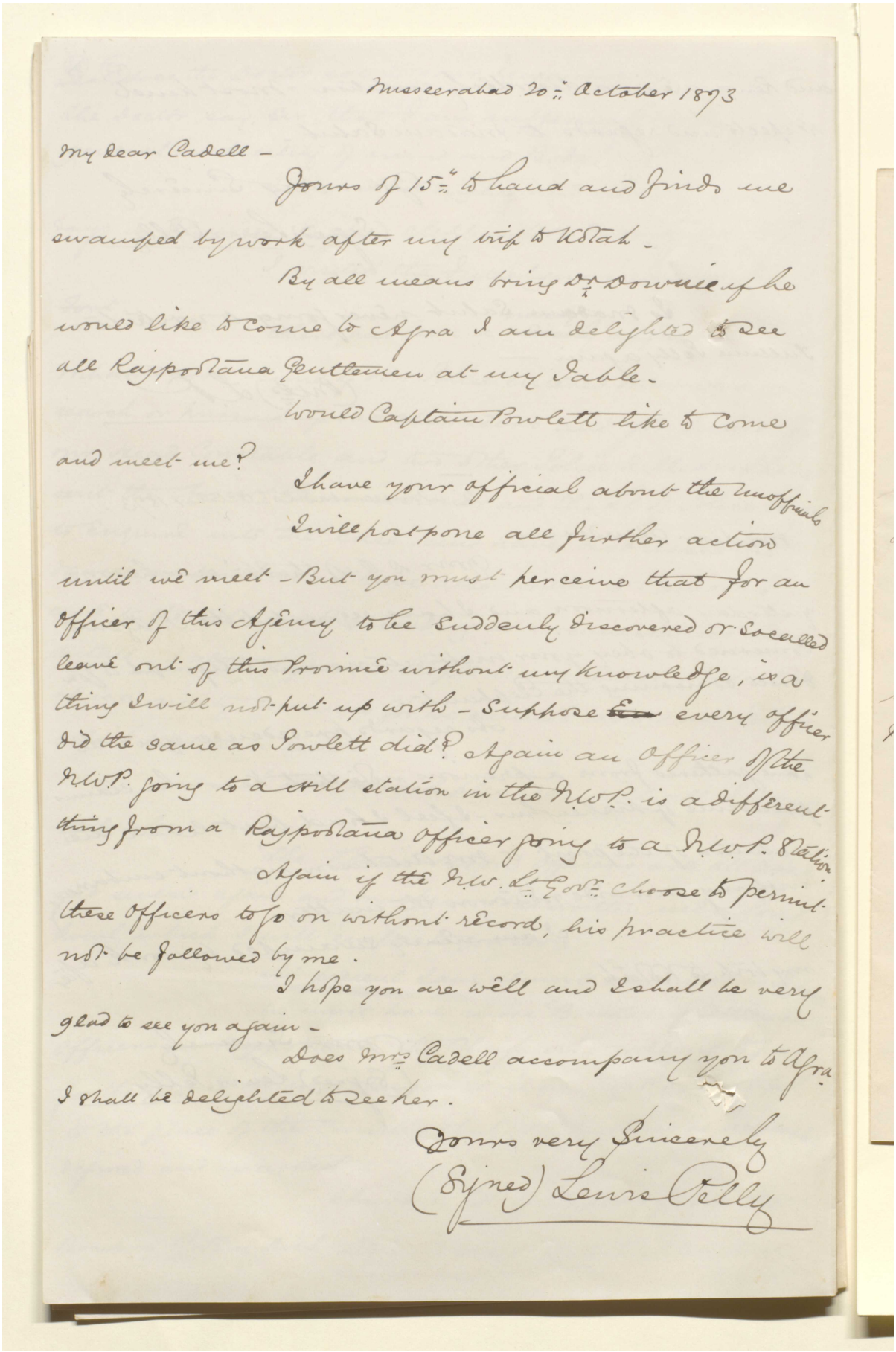
As regards precedence you will
have gathered from a previous note that Kerowlee claims
precedence of Kishengurh - I feel I had best leave the
solution of the point to Mr Aitchison without embarrassing
with my own wide notion on the matter.

I am nearly swamped by work after
my trip to Kotah -

Yours Sincerely
(Signed) Lewis Pelly

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Nusseerabad 20th October 1873

My dear Cadell –

Yours of 15th to hand and finds me swamped by work after my trip to Ulwar.

By all means bring Dr Downie if he would like to come to Agra I am delighted to see all Rajpootana Gentlemen at my Table.

Would Captain Powlett like to come and meet me?

I have your official about the unofficials I will postpone all further action until we meet – But you must perceive that for an officer of this Agency to be suddenly discovered or secretly leave out of this Province without my knowledge, is a thing I will not put up with – Suppose ~~Eno~~ every officer did the same as Powlett did? Again an officer of the N.W.P. going to a still station in the N.W.P. is a different thing from a Rajpootana officer going to a N.W.P. Station Again if the N.W. Lt Govr choose to permit these officers to go on without record, his practice will not be followed by me.

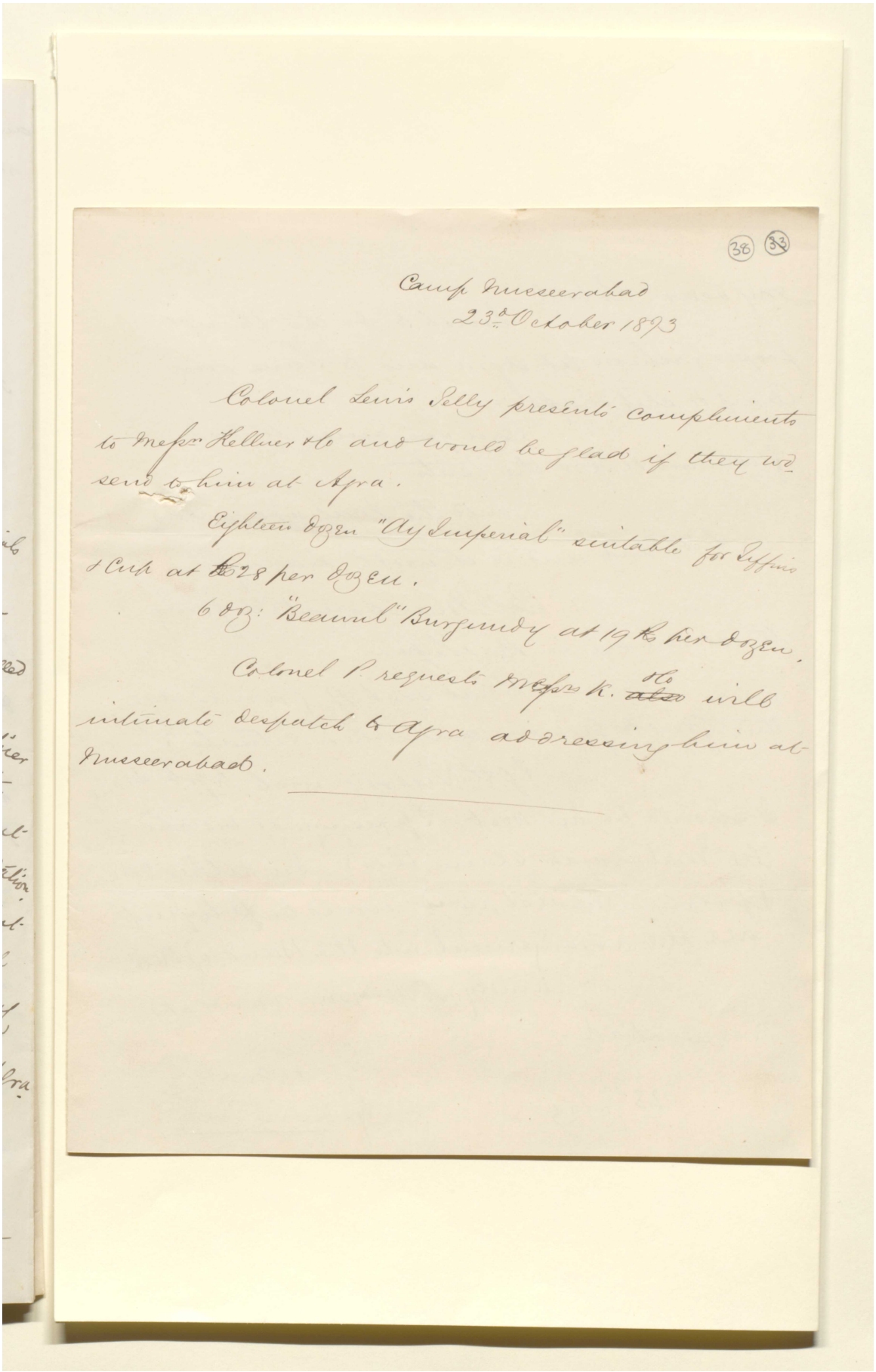
I hope you are well and I shall be very glad to see you again –

Does Mrs Cadell accompany you to Agra I shall be delighted to see her.

Yours very Sincerely
(Signed) Lewis Pelly

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Letter from Lewis Pelly, Camp Nusseerabad [Nasīrābād] to Messrs Kellner & Co [38r] (1/1)



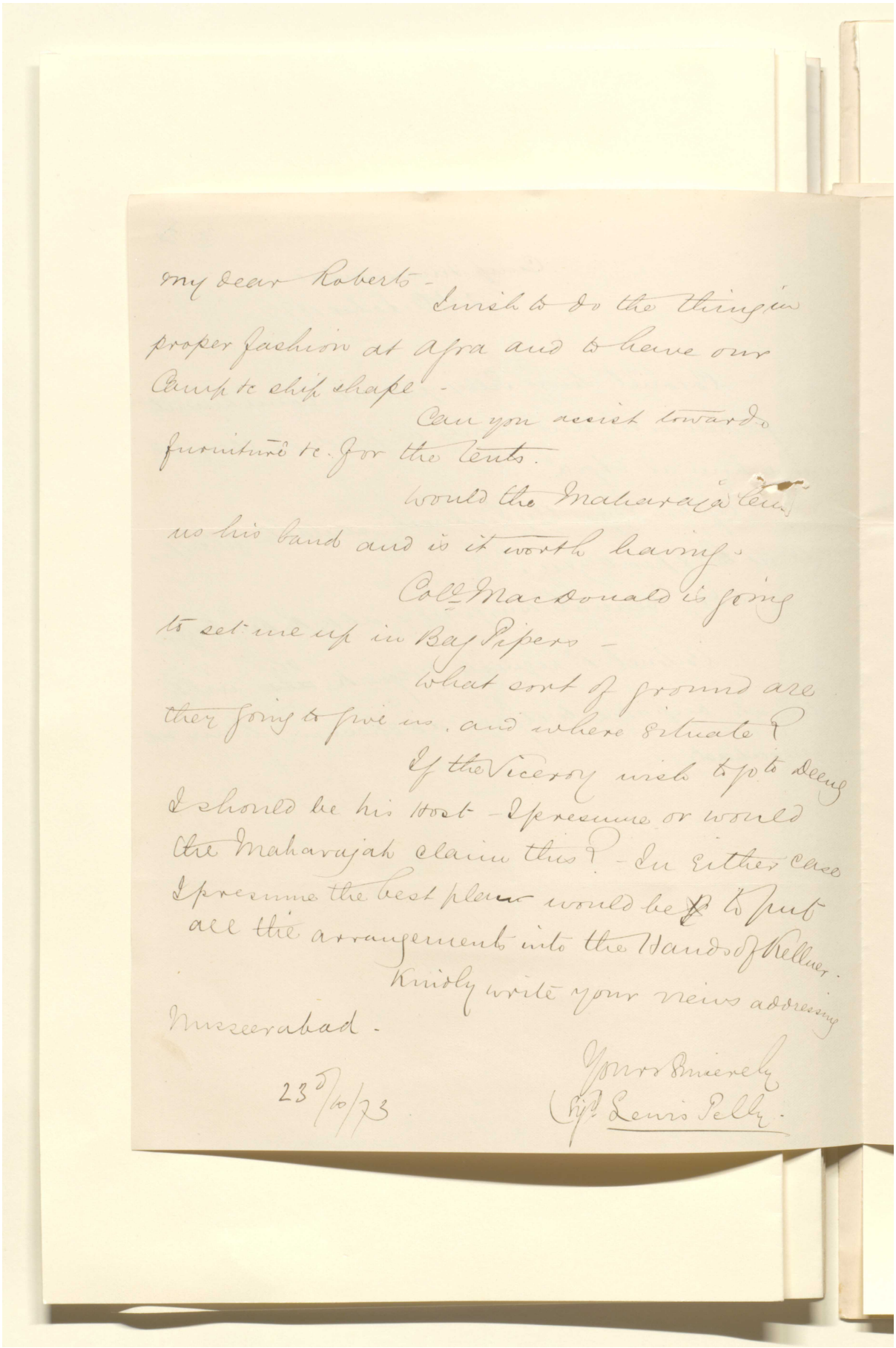
Camp Nusseerabad
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Colonel Lewis Pelly presents compliments to Messrs Kellner & Co and would be glad if they would send to him at Agra.

Eighteen Dozen "Cly Imperial" suitable for Iffins 1 Cask at Rs 28 per Dozen.

6 Doz: "Beaune" Burgundy at 19 Rs per Dozen.

Colonel P requests Messrs K. Co will intimate despatch to Agra addressing him at Nusseerabad.



my dear Roberts -

I wish to do the things in proper fashion at Agra and to have our Camp tc chit shape -

Can you assist towards furniture tc. for the tents.

Would the Maharaja's tents as his band and is it worth having.

Col= Macdonald is going to set me up in Bay Papers -

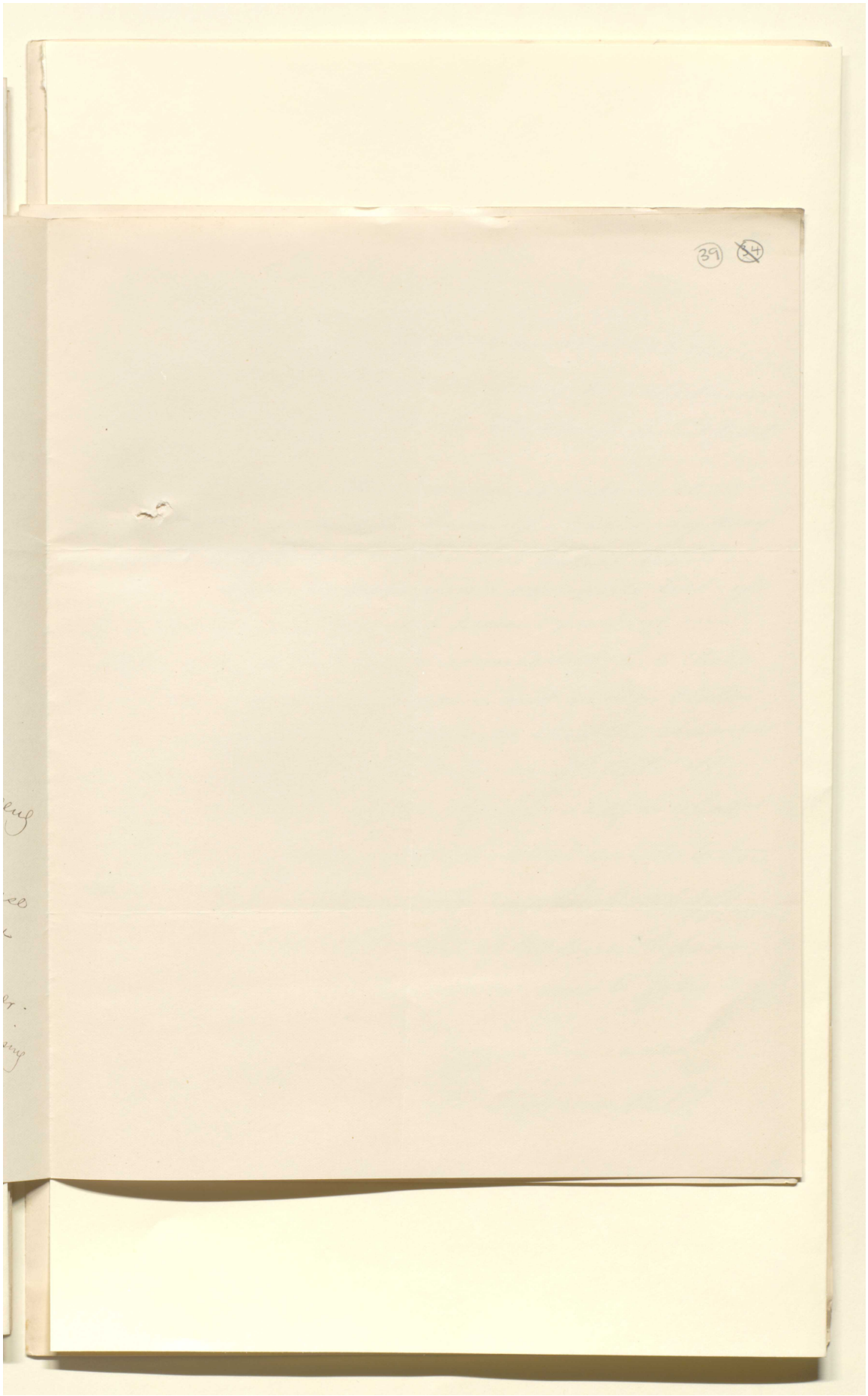
What sort of ground are they going to give us. and where situate?

If the Viceroy wish to go to Deeg I should be his host - I presume or would the Maharajah claim this? - In either case I presume the best plan would be to put all the arrangements into the Hands of Keller.

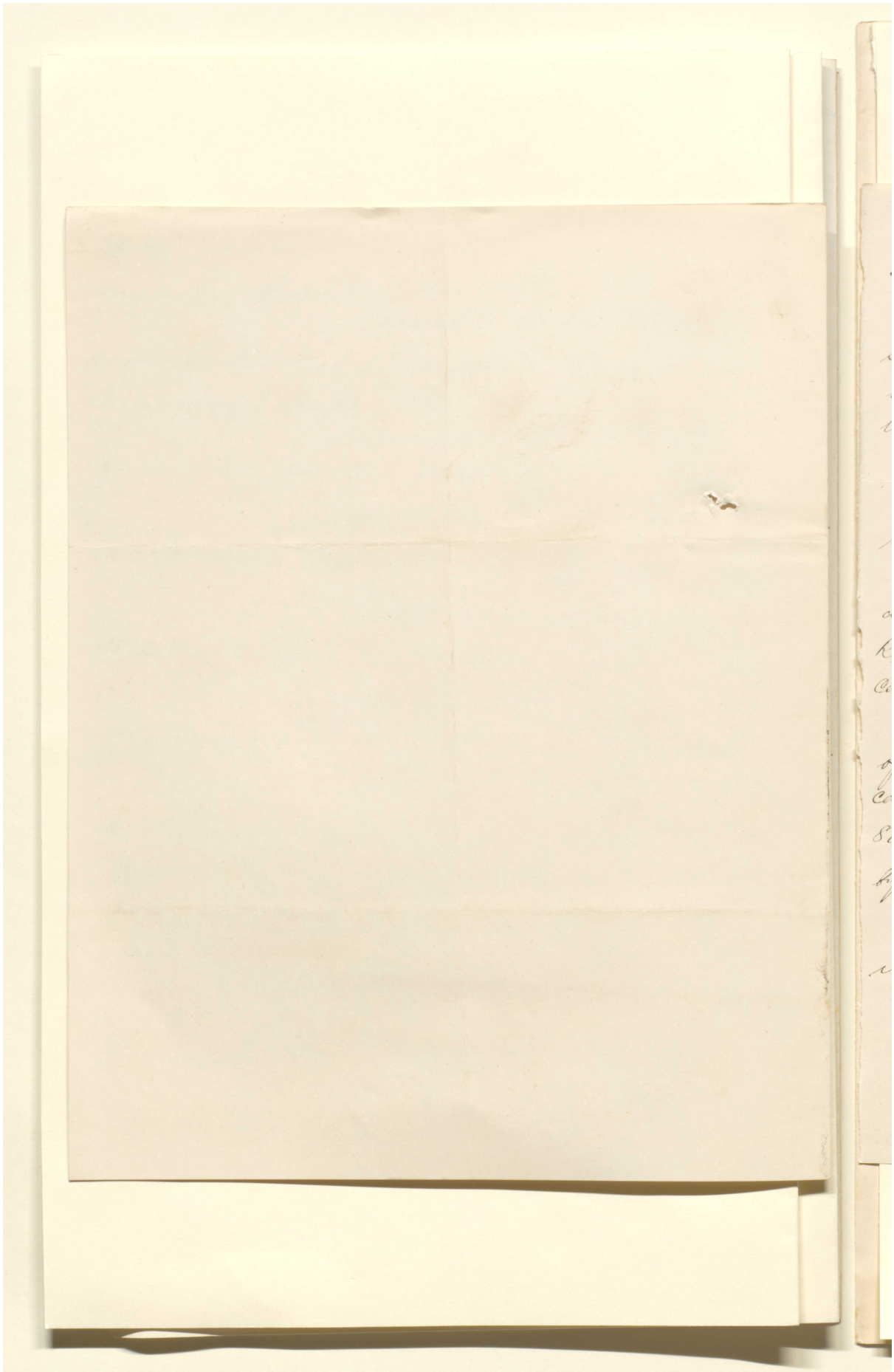
Kindly write your views addressing Nusseerabad -

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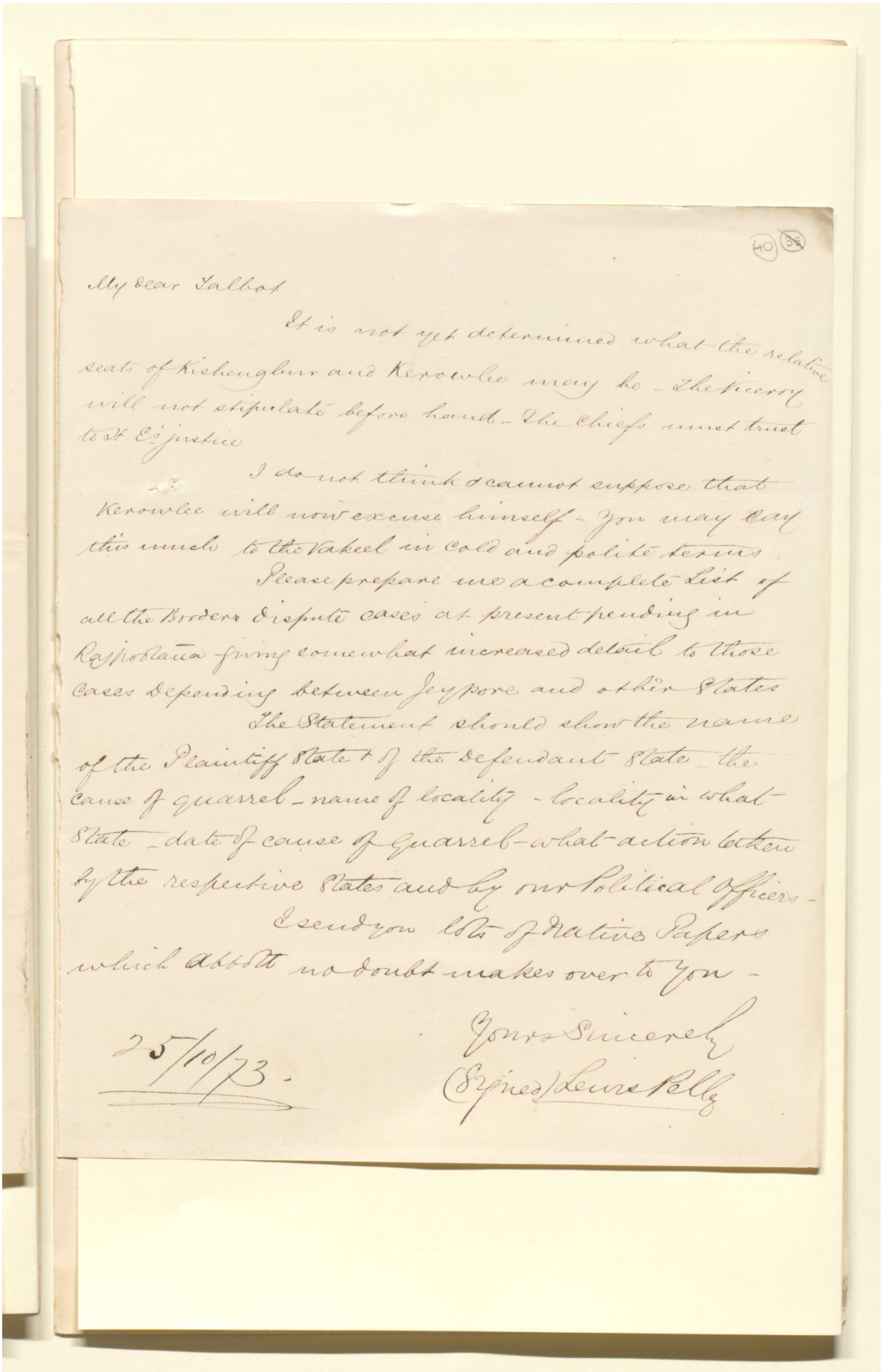
Yours Sincerely
Lewis Pelly.



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My dear Talbot

It is not yet determined what the relative seats of Kishengurr and Kerowlee may be - The Viceroy will not stipulate before hand - The Chiefs must trust to H.E's justice

I do not think & cannot suppose that Kerowlee will now excuse himself - You may say this much to the Vakeel in cold and polite terms.

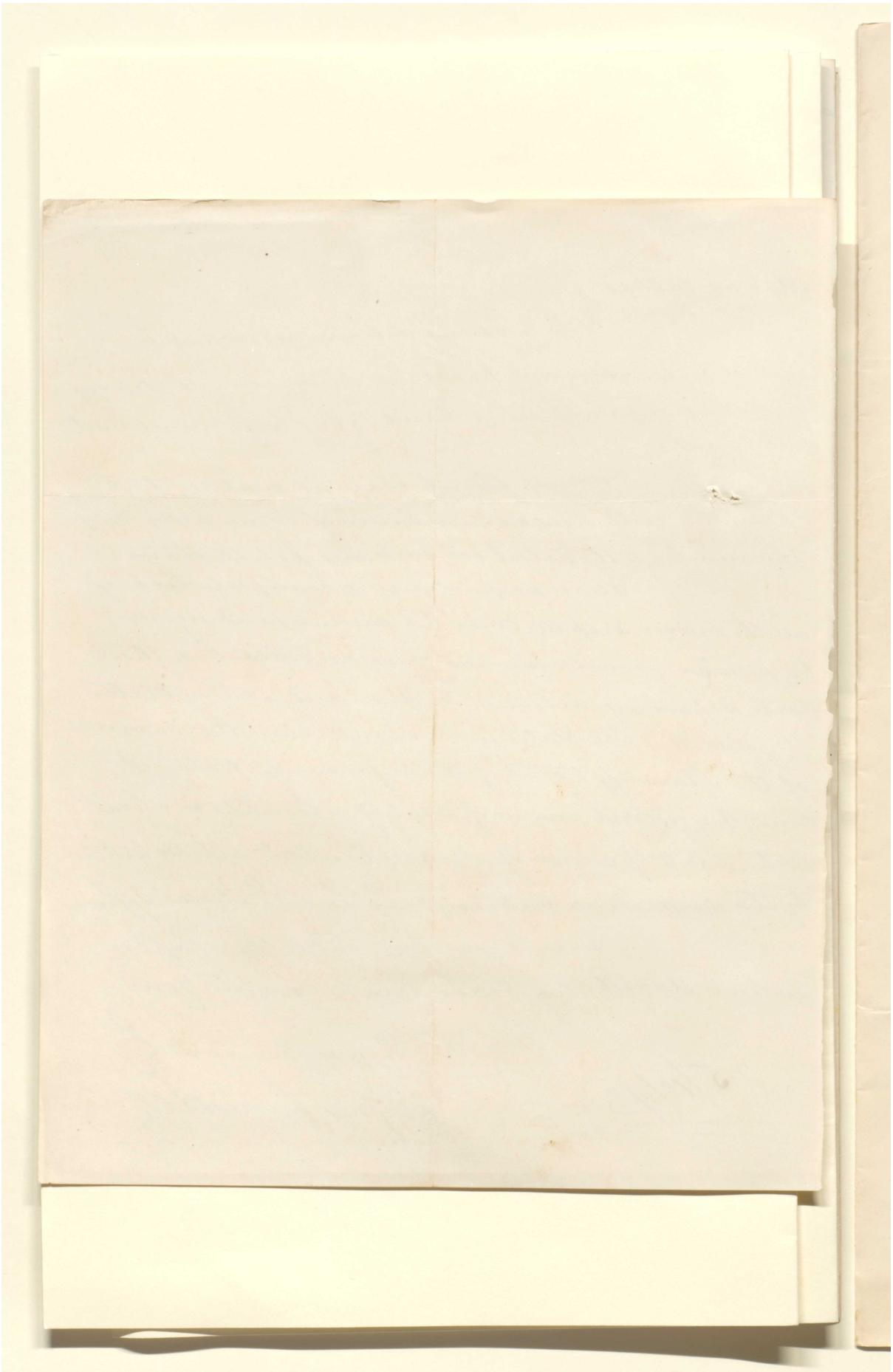
Please prepare me a complete list of all the Borders dispute cases at present pending in Rajpootana giving somewhat increased detail to those cases depending between Jeypore and other States

The Statement should show the name of the Plaintiff State & of the defendant State - the cause of quarrel - name of locality - locality in what State - date of cause of quarrel - what action taken by the respective States and by our Political Officers -

I send you list of Native Papers which Adc St no doubt makes over to you -

Yours Sincerely
(Signed) Lewis Pelly

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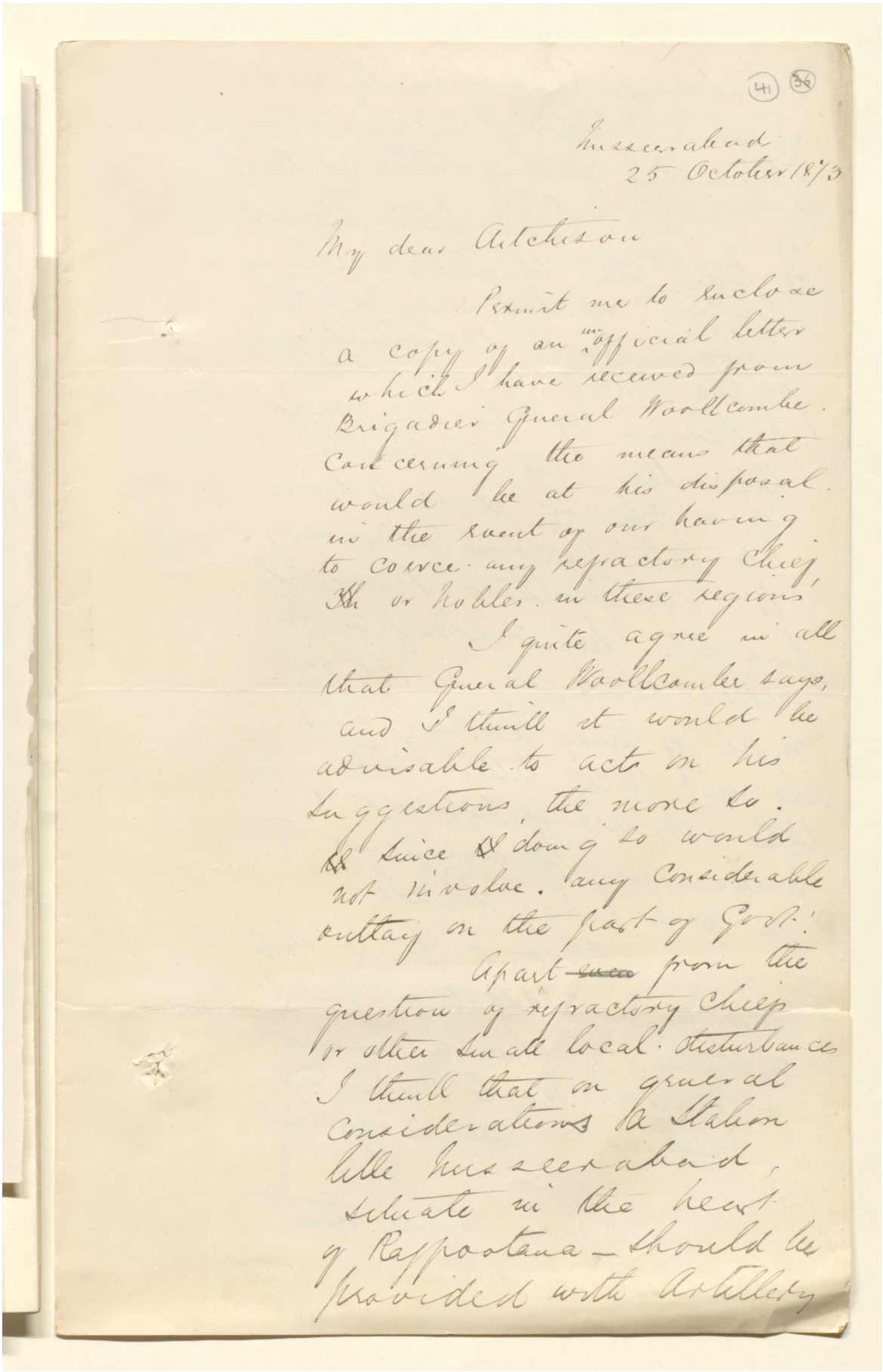
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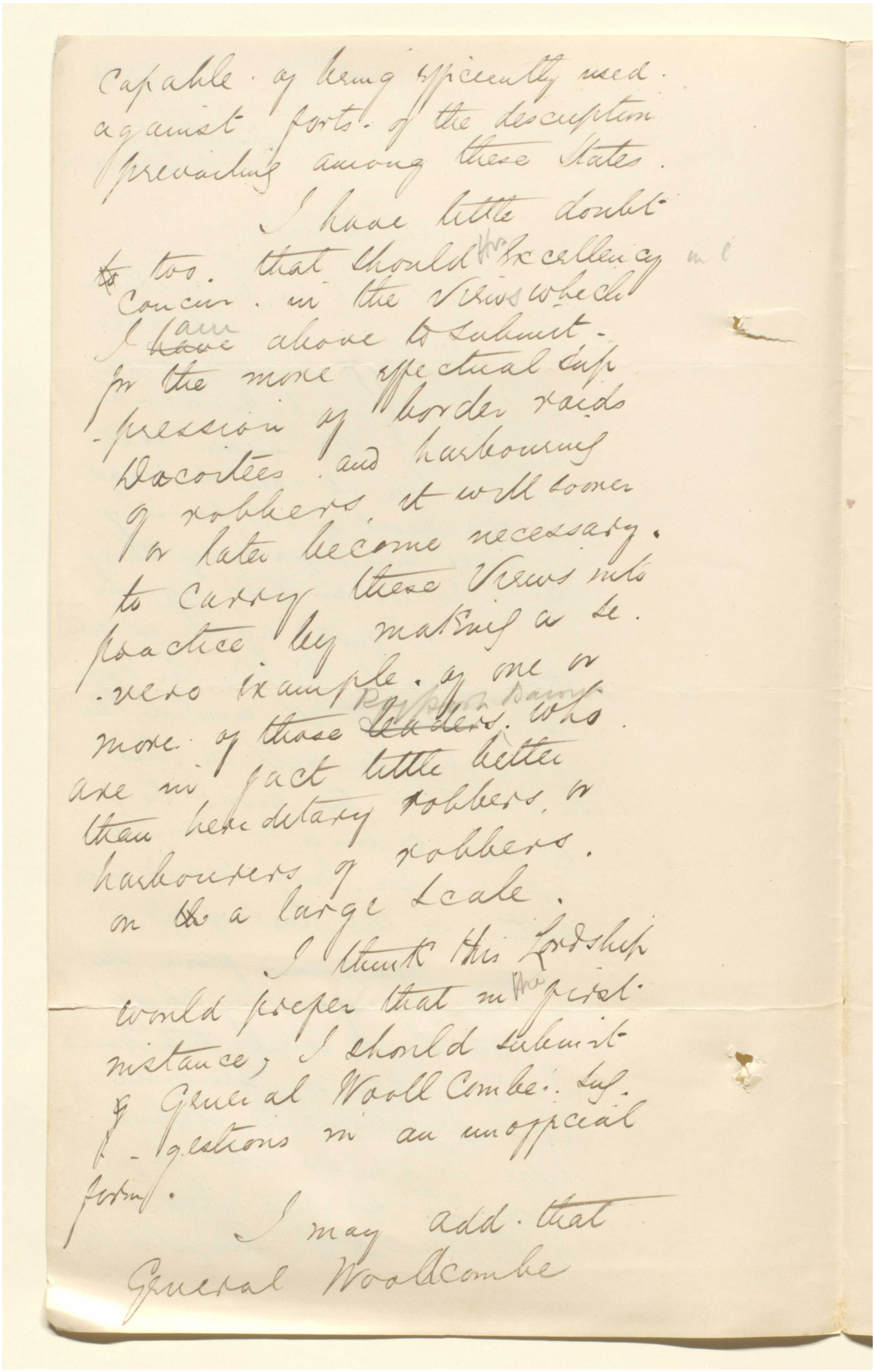
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25 October 1873

My dear Aitchison

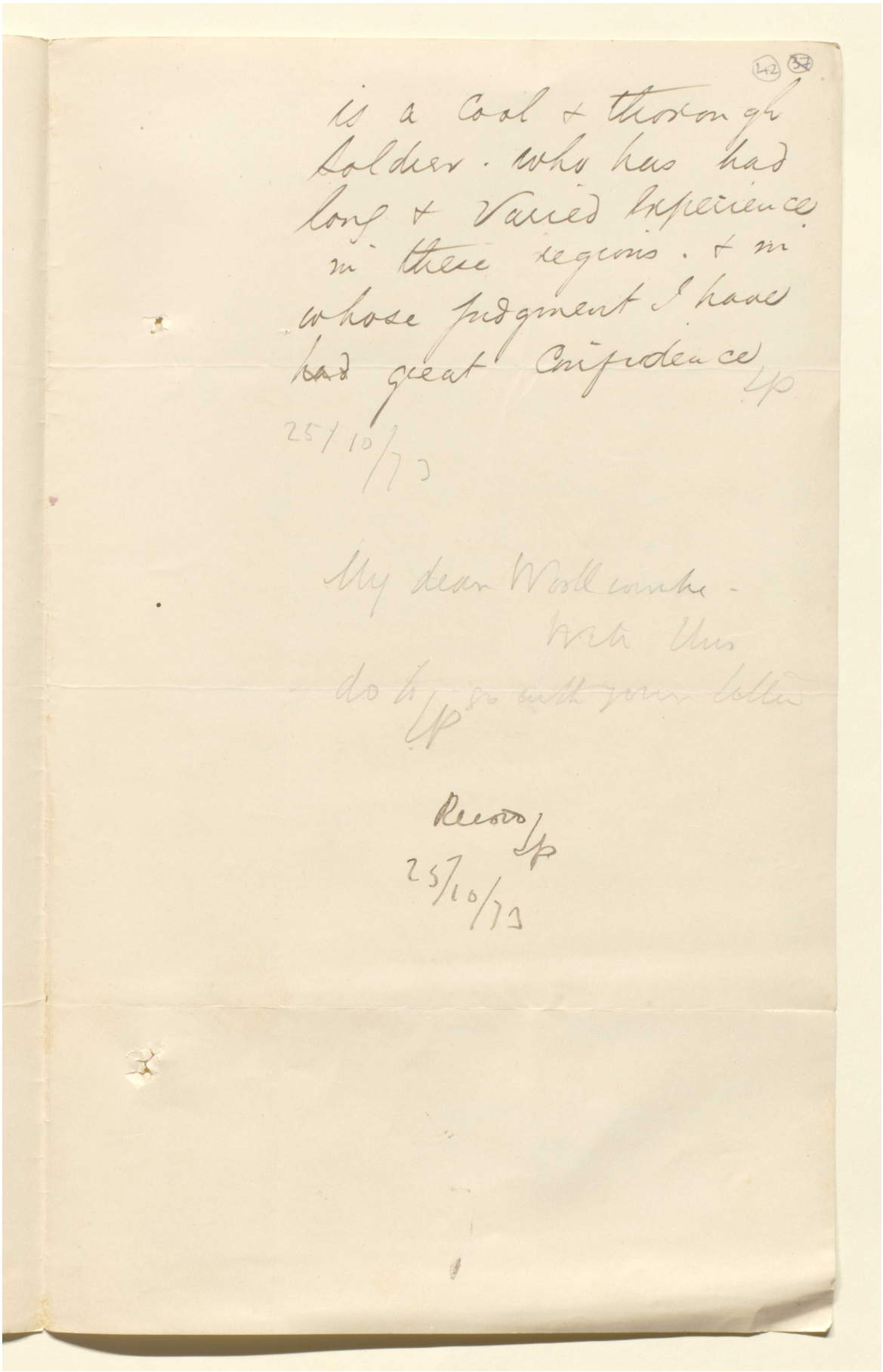
Permit me to enclose a copy of an unofficial letter which I have received from Brigadier General Woollcombe. Concerning the means that would be at his disposal in the event of our having to coerce any refractory Chief, Rāo or Nobles in these regions.

I quite agree in all that General Woollcombe says, and I think it would be advisable to act on his suggestions the more so. since doing so would not involve any considerable outlay on the part of Govt.

Apart from the question of refractory Chiefs or other local disturbances I think that on general considerations a Station like Nusseerabad, situate in the heart of Rajpootana – should be provided with Artillery



capable of being efficiently used
against parts of the description
prevailing among these States.
I have little doubt
too, that Your Excellency will
concur in the views which
I have above submitted
for the more effectual sup-
pression of border raids
dacoities and harbouring
of robbers. It will sooner
or later become necessary
to carry these views into
practice by making a se-
vere example of one or
more of those Chiefs who
are in fact little better
than hereditary robbers or
harbourers of robbers
on the a large scale.
I think His Lordship
would prefer that in the first
instance, I should submit
to General Woollcombe's Sug-
gestions in an unofficial
form.
I may add that
General Woodcombe



is a cool & thorough Soldier. who has had long & varied experience in these regions. & in whose judgment I have had great confidence

LP

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My dear Wollcombe -

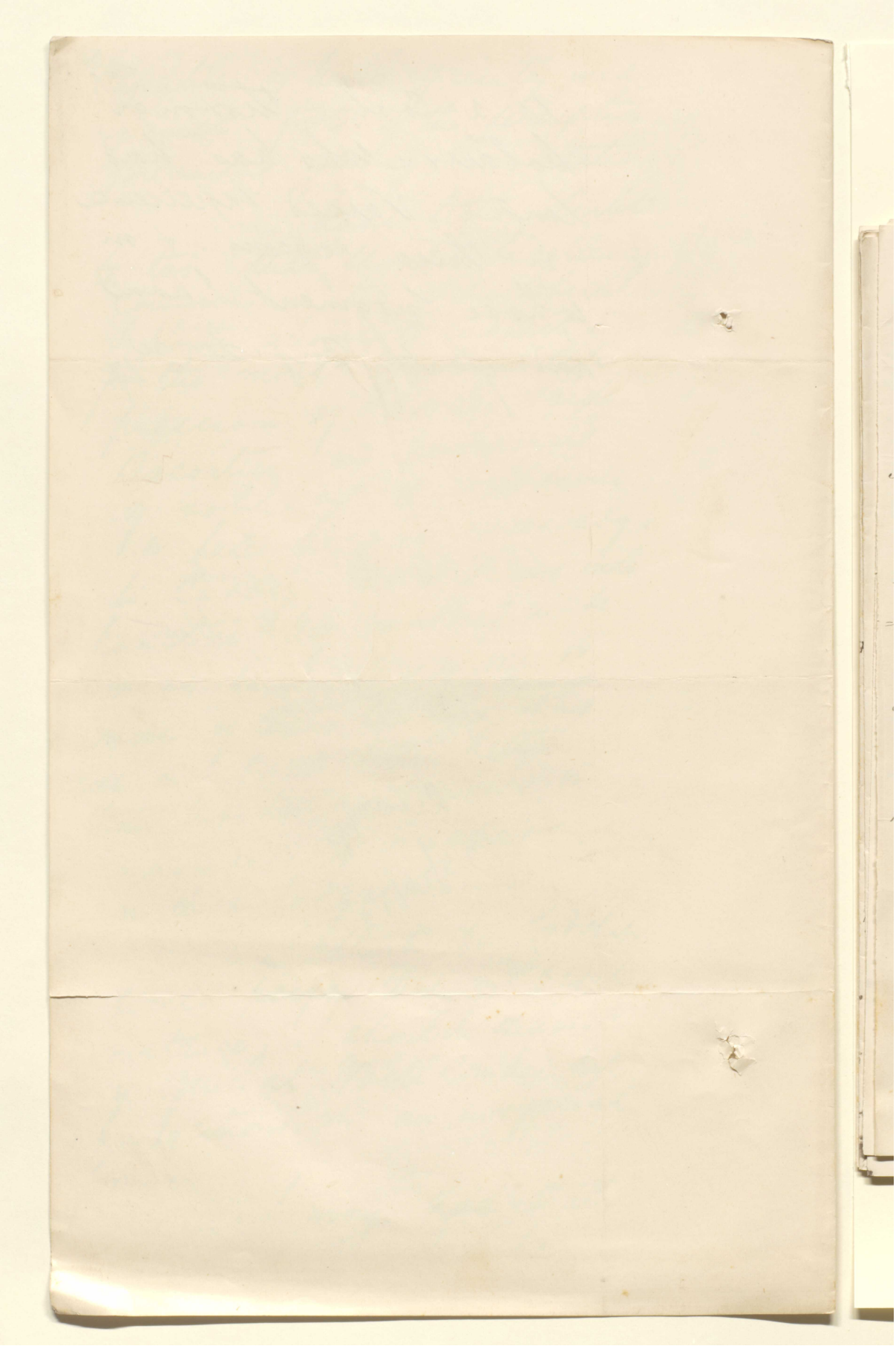
With this do I go with your letter

LP

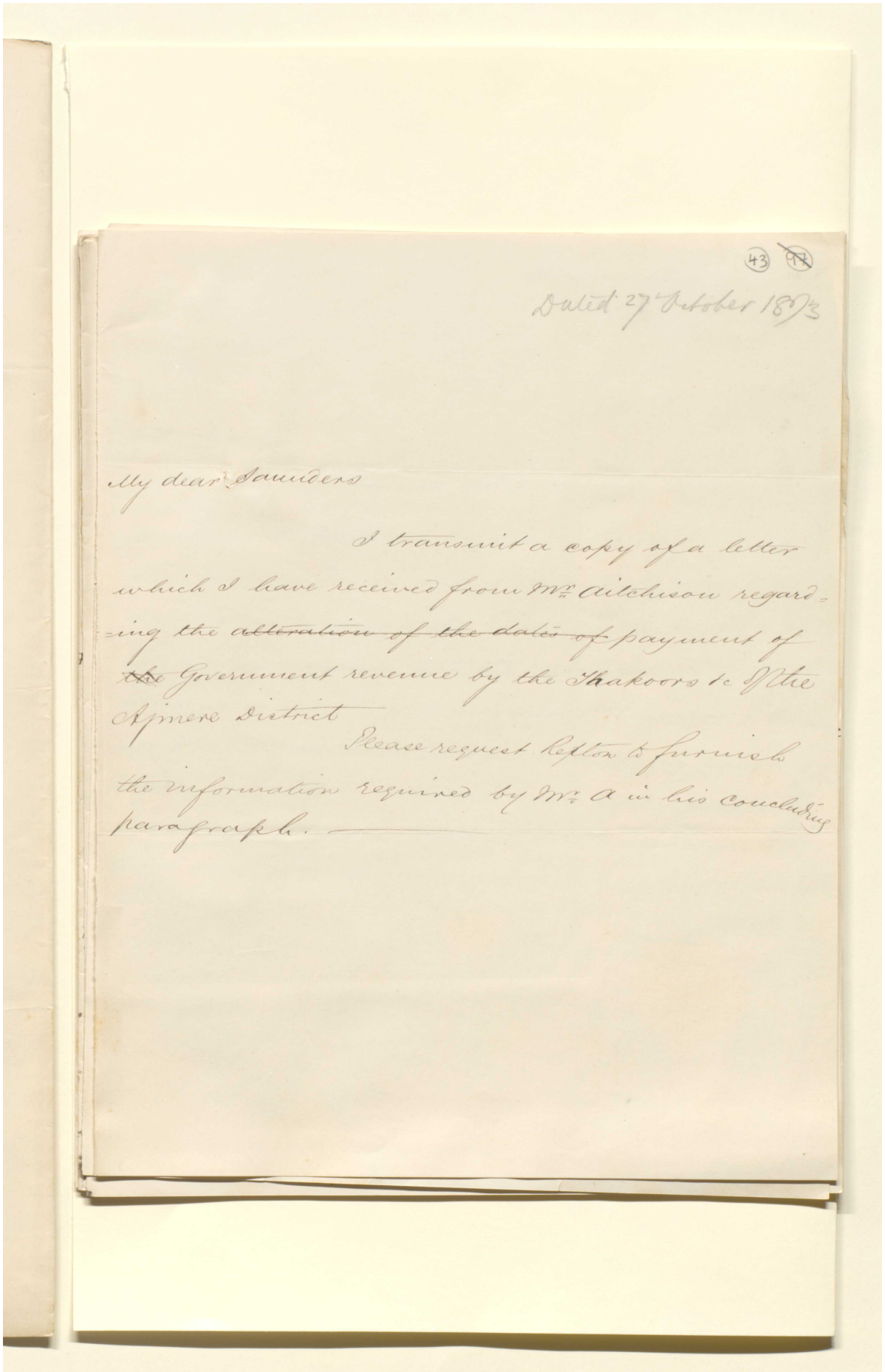
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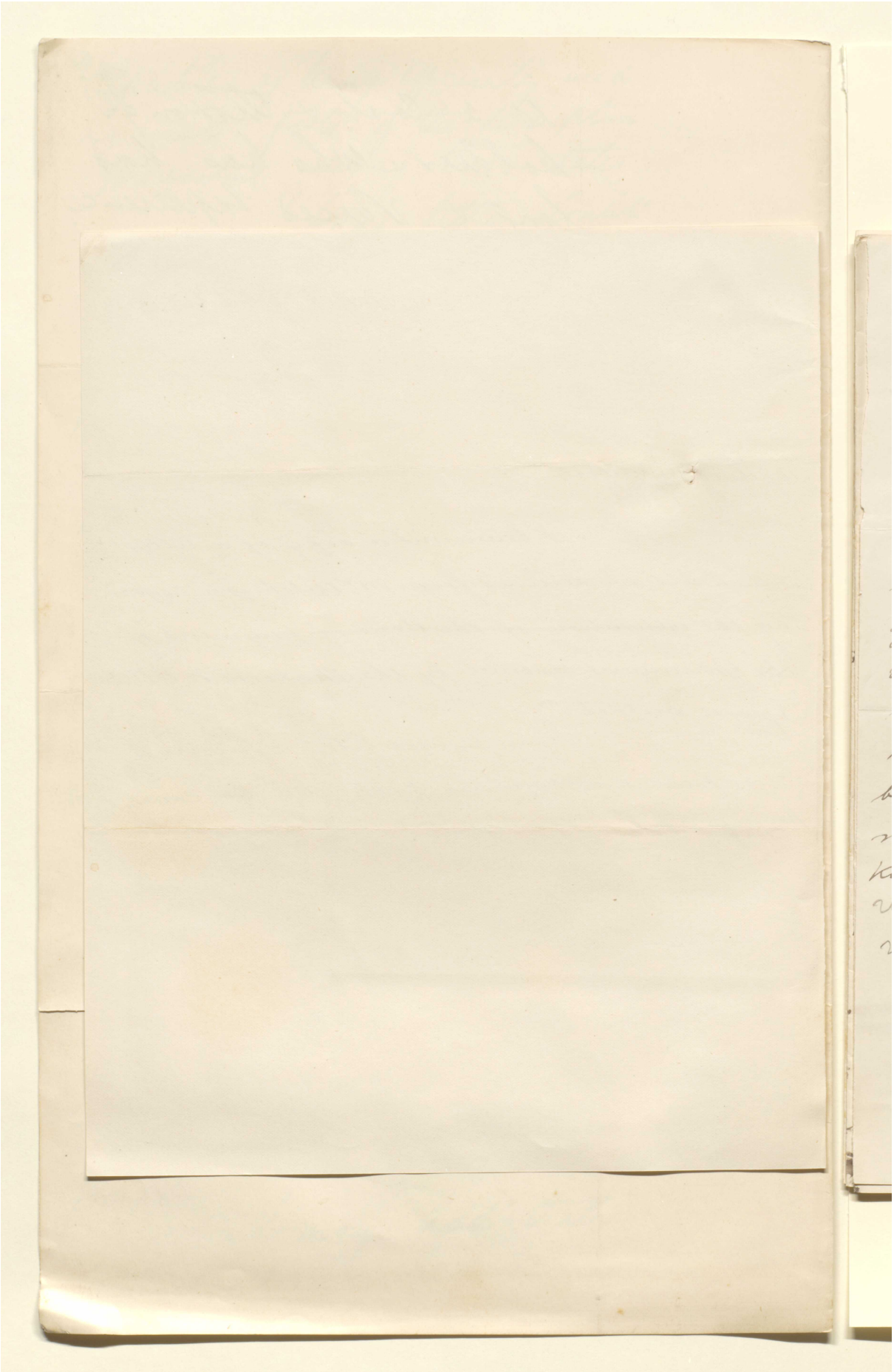
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Dated 27th October 1873

My dear Saunders

I transmit a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr. Aitchison regarding the ~~alteration of the dates of~~ payment of ~~the~~ Government revenue by the Thakoors to the Ajmere District

Please request Repton to furnish the information required by Mr. A in his concluding paragraph.

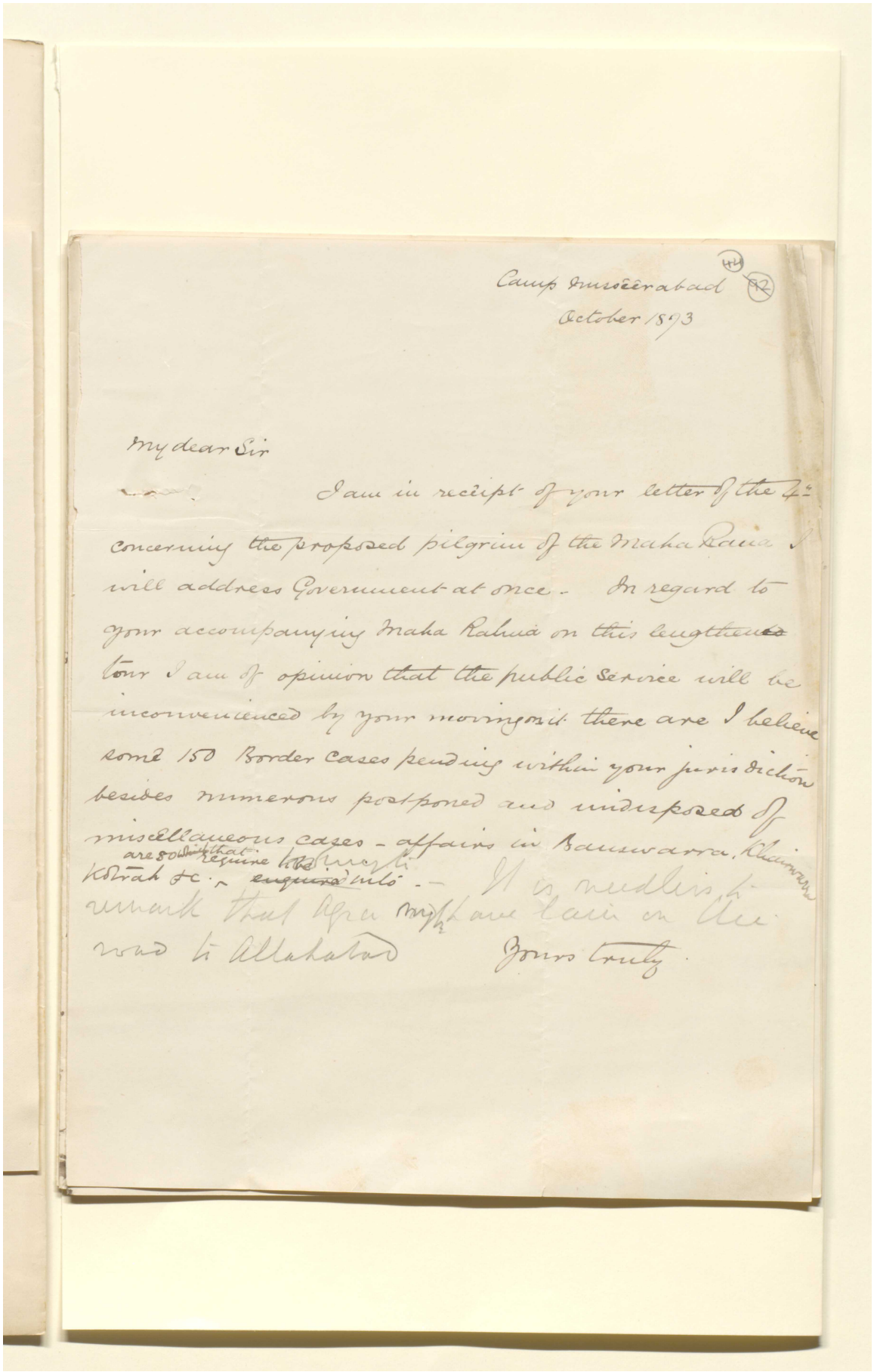


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Letter from Lewis Pelly, Camp Nusseerabad [Nasīrābād] to an undisclosed recipient [44r] (1/2)

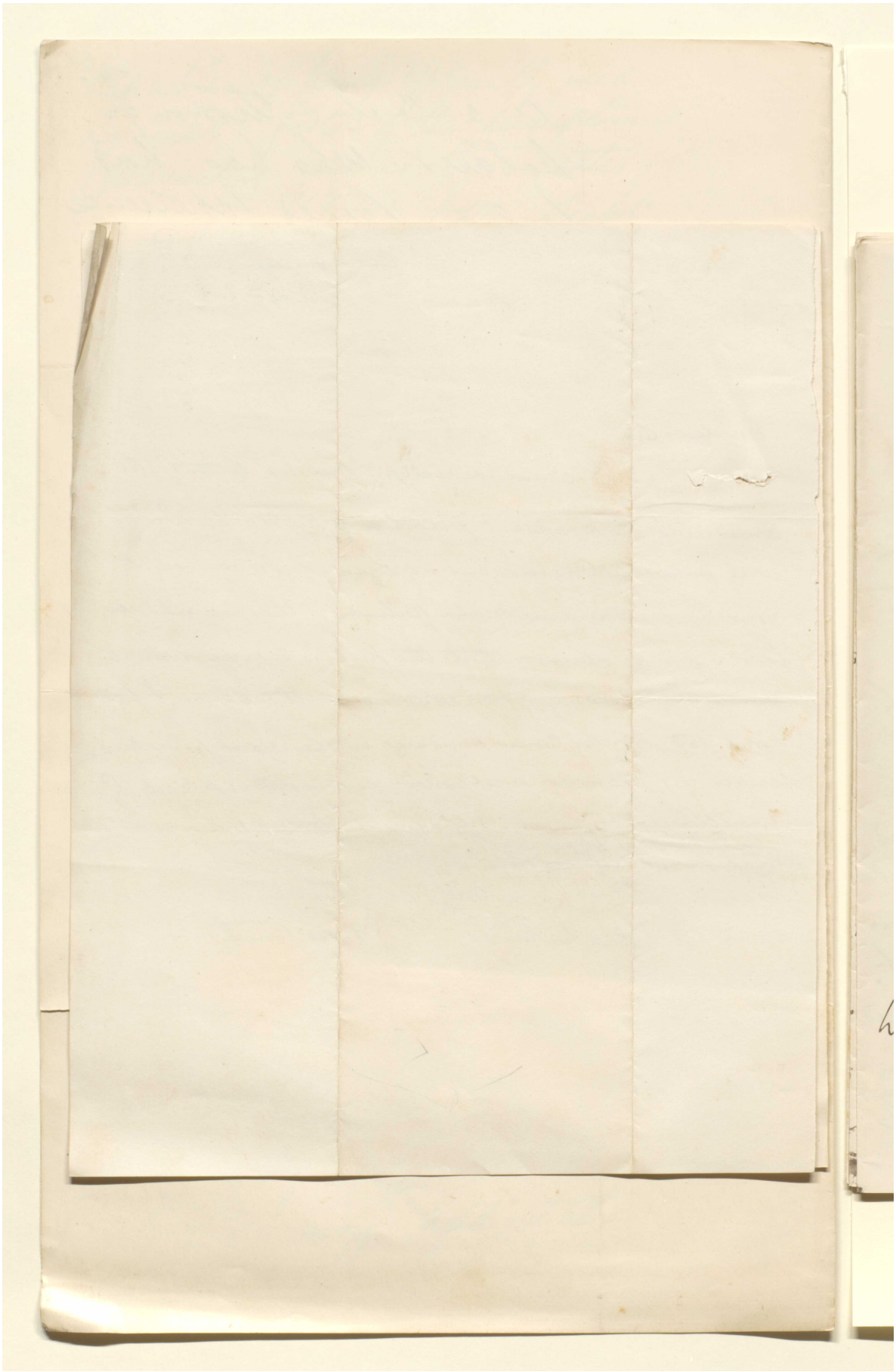


Camp Nusseerabad
October 1873

My dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th concerning the proposed pilgrim of the Maha Rana I will address Government at once. In regard to your accompanying Maha Rana on this lengthened tour I am of opinion that the public service will be inconvenienced by your moving as there are I believe some 150 Border cases pending within your jurisdiction besides numerous postponed and undisposed of miscellaneous cases - affairs in Banswara, Khairwara Kotrah &c. are so circumstanced that require your personal enquiries into. - It is needless to remark that Agra must have claim on the road to Allahabad

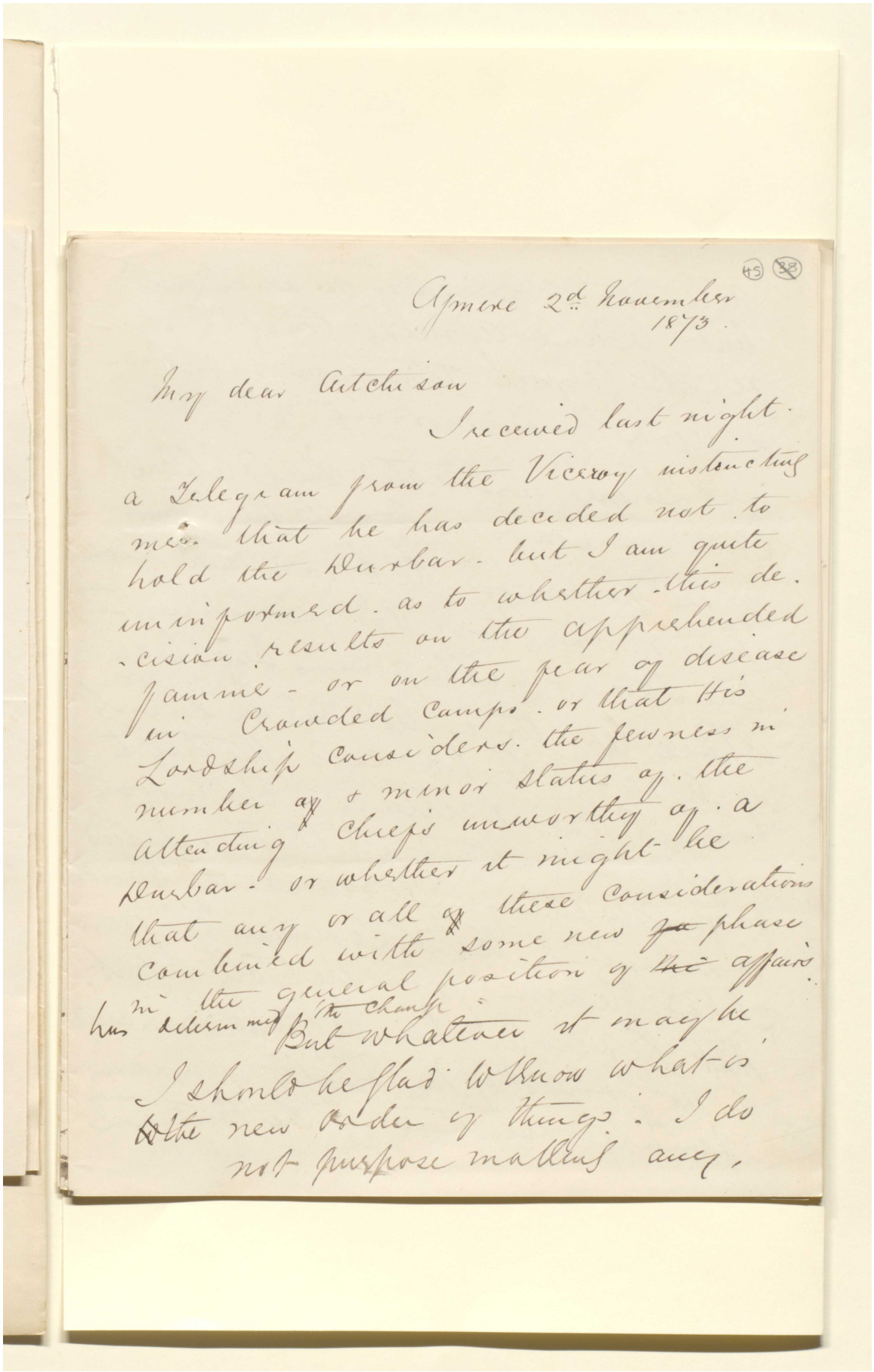
Yours truly



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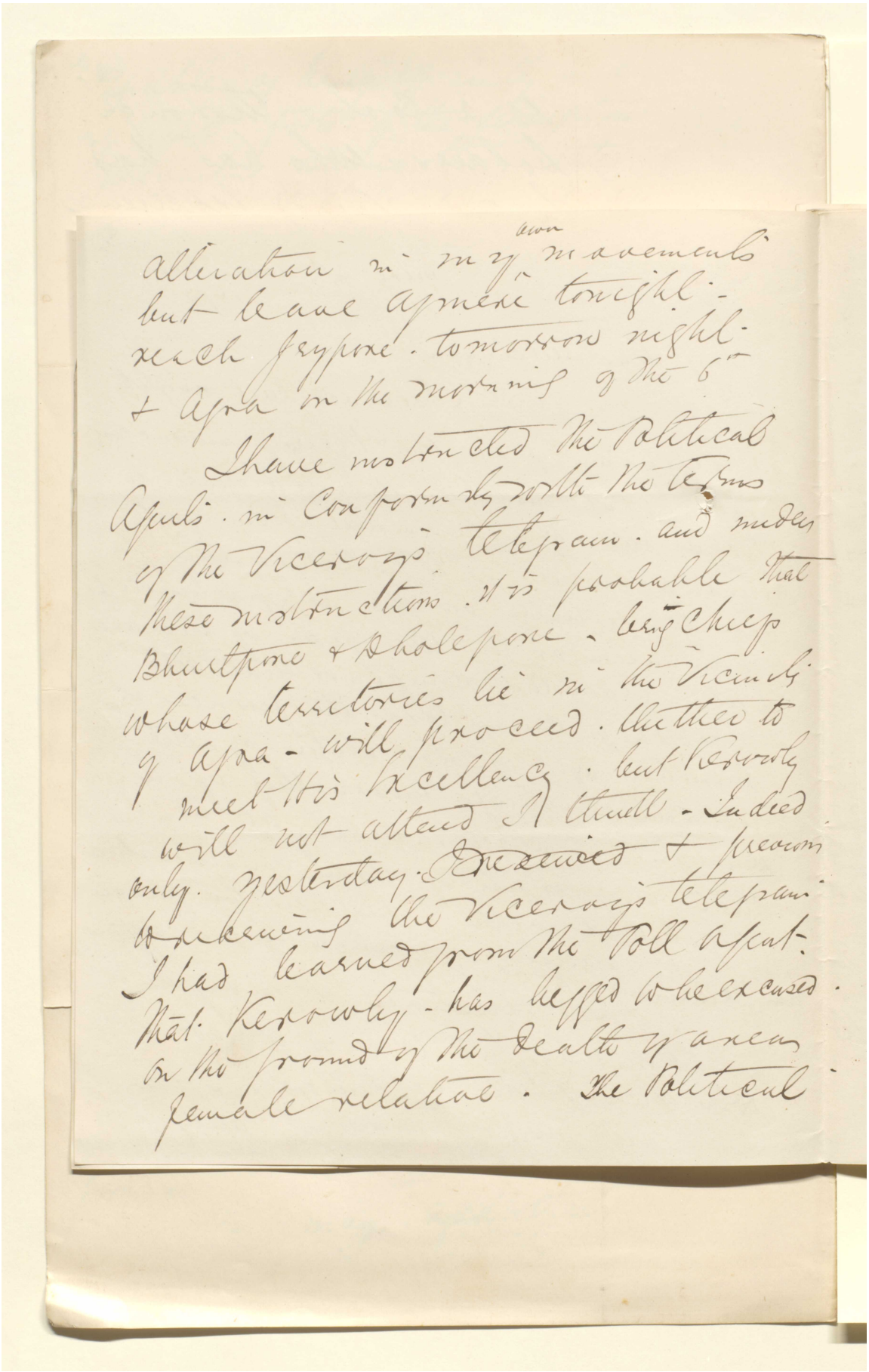
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Ajmere 2d. November
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My dear Aitchison

I received last night
a Telegram from the Viceroy instructing
me that he has decided not to
hold the Durbar. but I am quite
uninformed. as to whether this de-
cision results on the apprehended
famine - or on the fear of disease
in Crowded Camps. or that His
Lordship considers. the fewness in
number of minor States at the
attending Chiefs unworthy of a
Durbar. or whether it might be
that any or all of these considerations
combined with some new phase
in the general position of affairs
has determined the change.
But whatever it may be
I should be glad to know what is
the new order of things. I do
not purpose making any.

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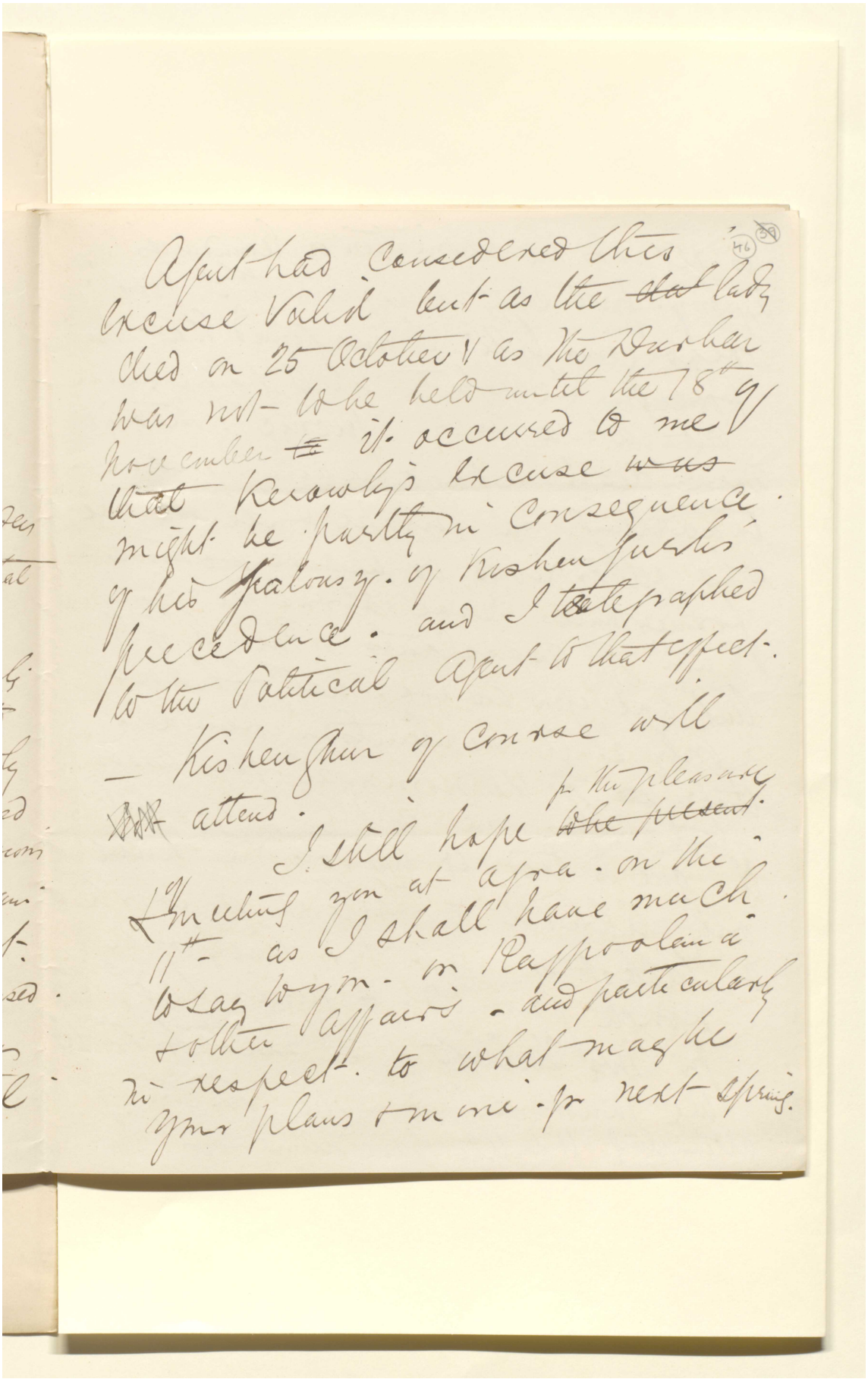
allocation in my movements
but leave Ajmere tonight.
reach Jeypore. tomorrow night.
& Agra in the morning of the 6th

I have instructed the Political
Agents in Conformity with the terms
of the Viceroy's telegram. and under
these instructions it is probable that
Bhurtpore & Dholepore. being Chiefs
whose territories lie in the Vicinity
of Agra - will proceed. whether to
meet His Excellency. but he only
will not attend I think - Indeed
only yesterday. Dr Lawrie & I reason
& reasoning the Viceroy's telegram
I had learned from the Doll agent.
that Kerowly - has begged to be excused.
on the grounds of the death of a near
female relative. The Political

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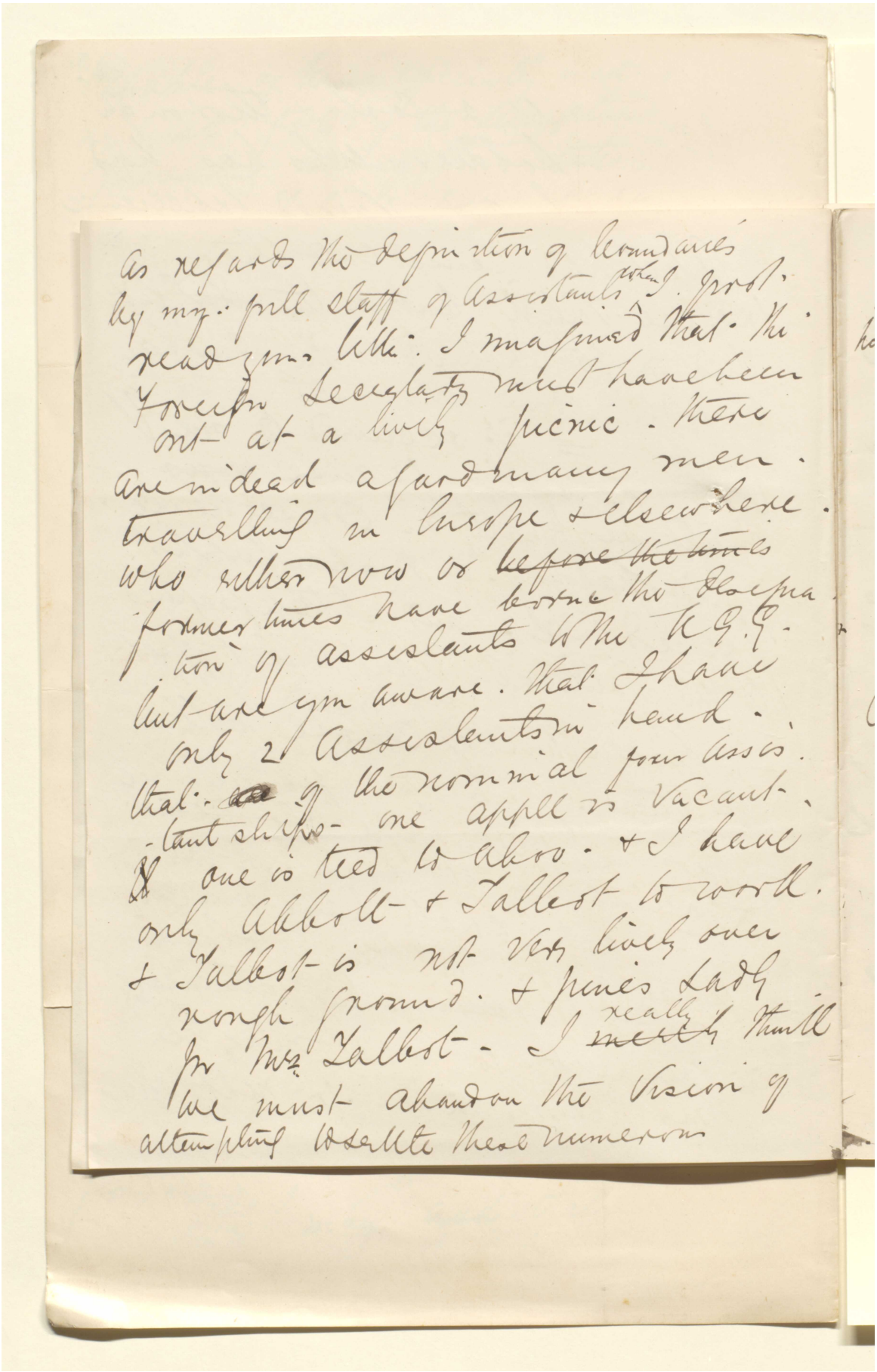
Letter from Lewis Pelly, Ajmere [Ajmer] to Charles Umpherston Aitchison, Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department [46r] (3/12)



Agent had considered this excuse valid but as the ~~that~~ lady died on 25 October & as the Durbar was not to be held until the 18th of November ~~=~~ it occurred to me that Kerawly's excuse ~~was~~ might be partly in consequence of his jealousy of Kishengurh precedence. and I telegraphed to the Political Agent to that effect.

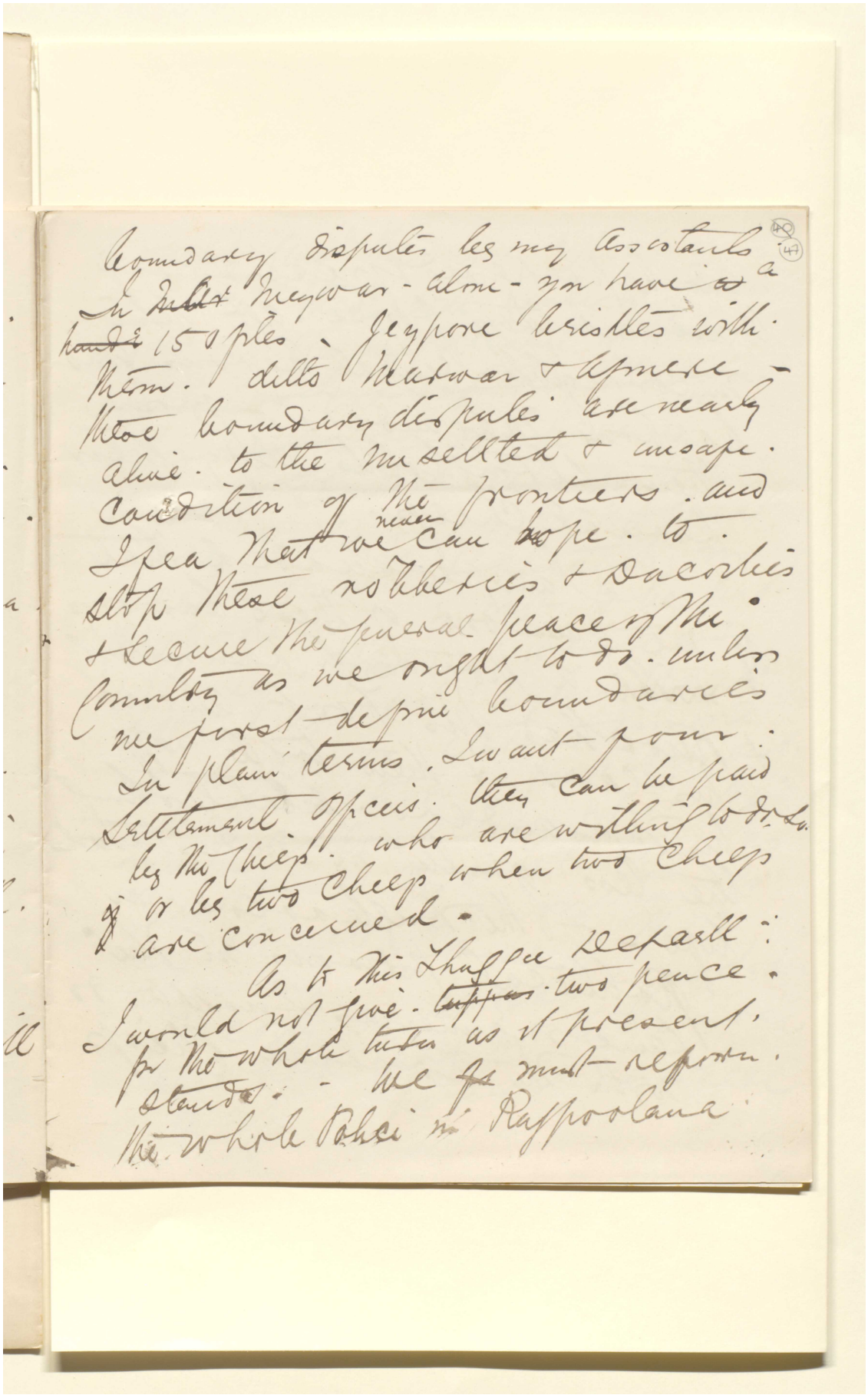
— Kishengurh of course will ~~XXX~~ attend.

I still hope ~~the Resident~~ to have the pleasure of meeting you at Agra on the 11th as I shall have much to say to you in Rajpootana & other affairs - and particularly in respect to what may be your plans & mine for next Spring.

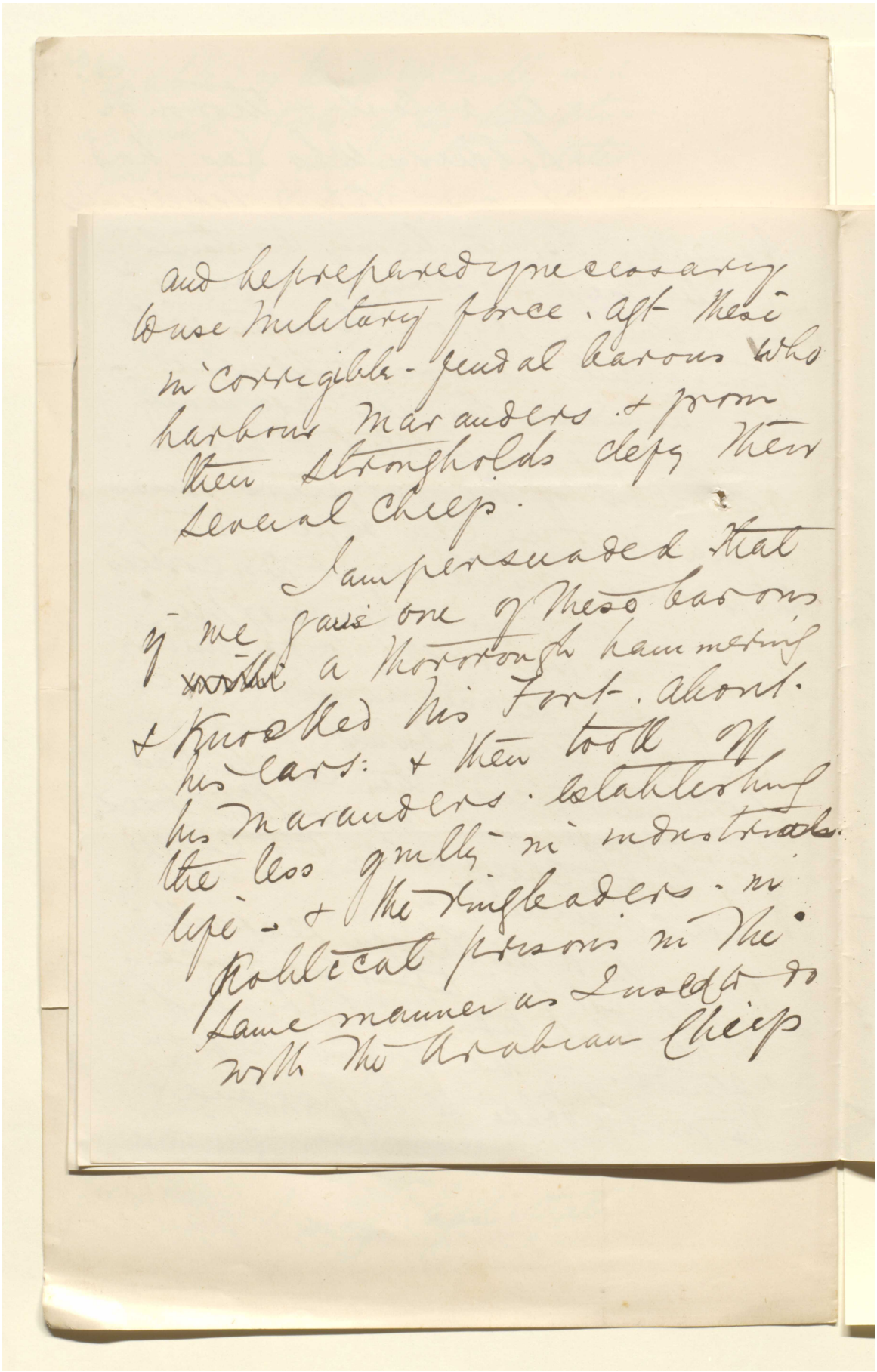


as regards the deputation of Commissaries by my full staff of Assistants. I grost. regret you tell me. I imagined that the Foreign Secretary must have been out at a lively picnic. There are indeed a hardy many men travelling in Europe & elsewhere who either now or ~~before the times~~ former times have borne the designation of assistants to the R.G. But are you aware that I have only 2 Assistants in hand. That of the nominal four assts. last ship- one appt is vacant. & one is tied to Abo. & I have only Abbott & Talbot to work. & Talbot is not very lively over rough ground. & pines Lady for Mrs Talbot. I really & truly must leave must abandon the vision of attempting to settle these numerous

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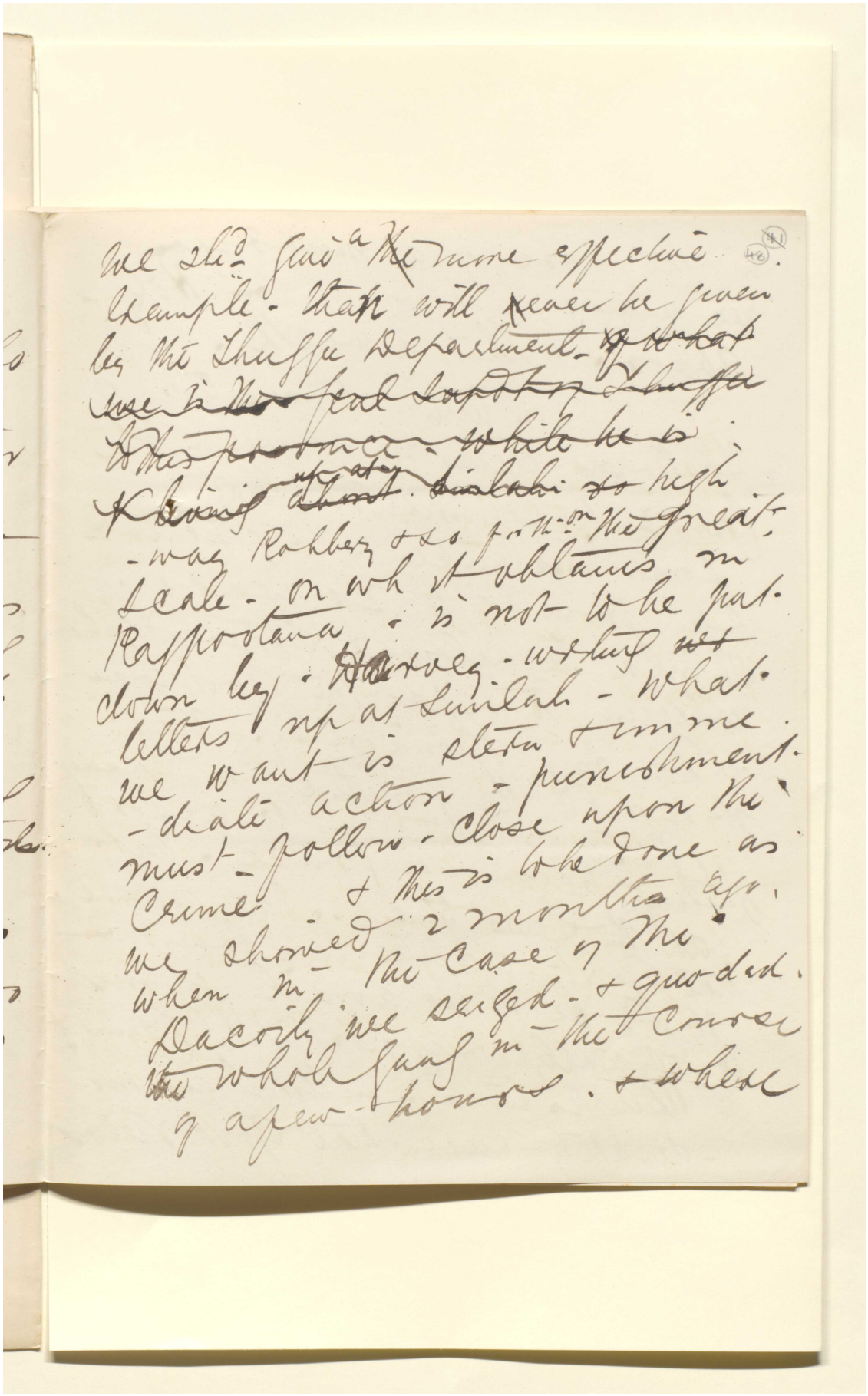
Boundary disputes beg my assistants
in Mewar - alone - you have a
hand 150 ples. Jeypore besides with
them. Delta Mewar & Ajmere -
these boundary disputes are nearly
alike to the unsettled & unsafe
condition of the frontiers. and
I see that we can hope to
stop these robberies & dacoities
& secure the general peace of the
country as we ought to do. unless
we first define boundaries
In plain terms. I want your
Settlement officers. then can be paid
by the Chiefs. who are willing to do so
if or by two Chiefs when two Chiefs
are concerned.
As to this Thuggee dept. I
would not give. two pence.
for the whole lot as it present
stands. - but it must reform.
The whole police in Rajpootana



and be prepared to use necessary
house military force. agt these
incorrigible feudal barons who
harbour marauders & from
their strongholds defy their
several Chiefs.

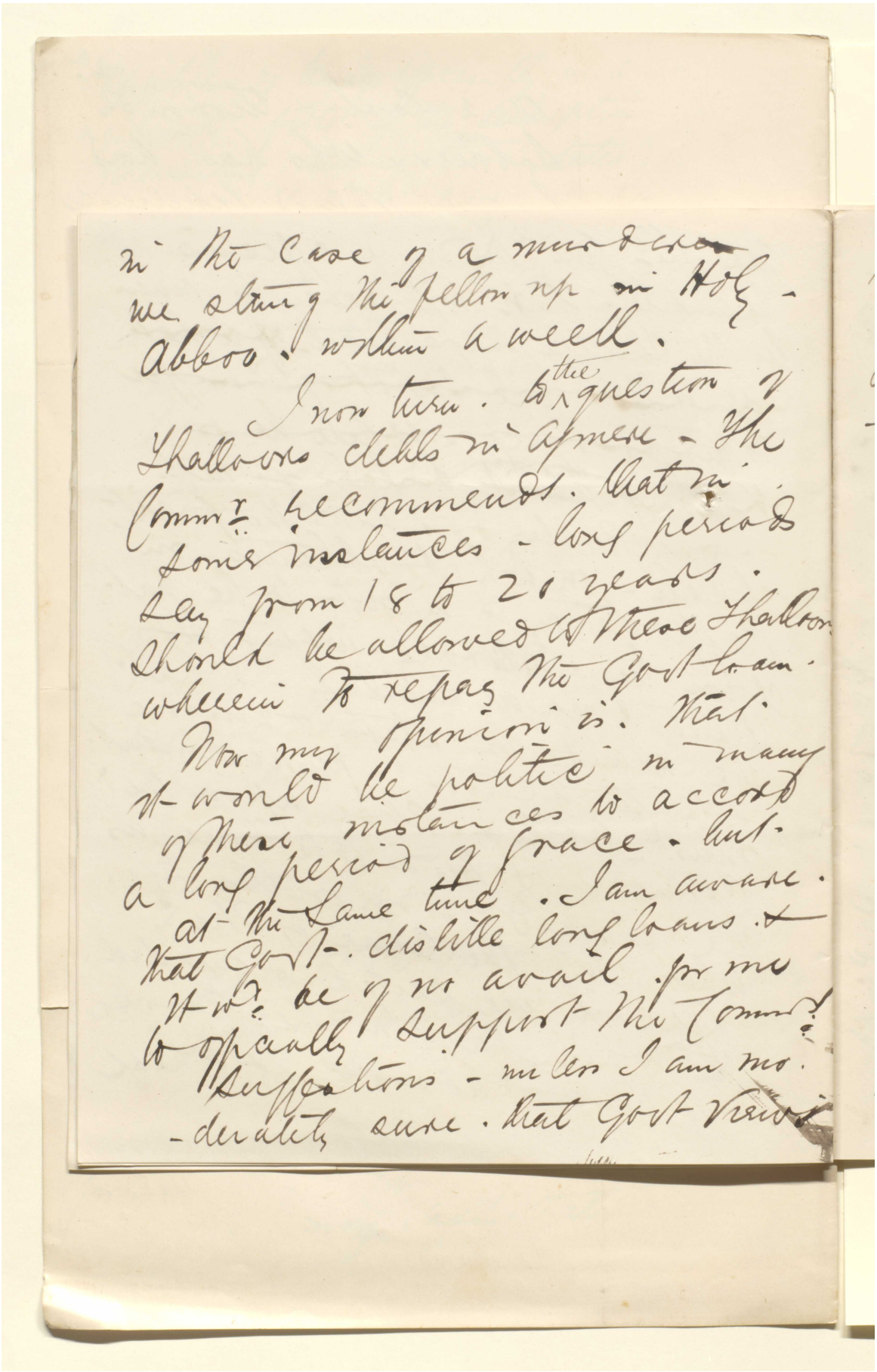
I am persuaded that
if we seize one of these barons
~~with~~ a thorough hanmering
& knocked his fort about
his ears: & then took all
his marauders establishing
the less guilty in industrious
life & the ringleaders in
political prisons in the
same manner as I would do
with the Arabian Chiefs

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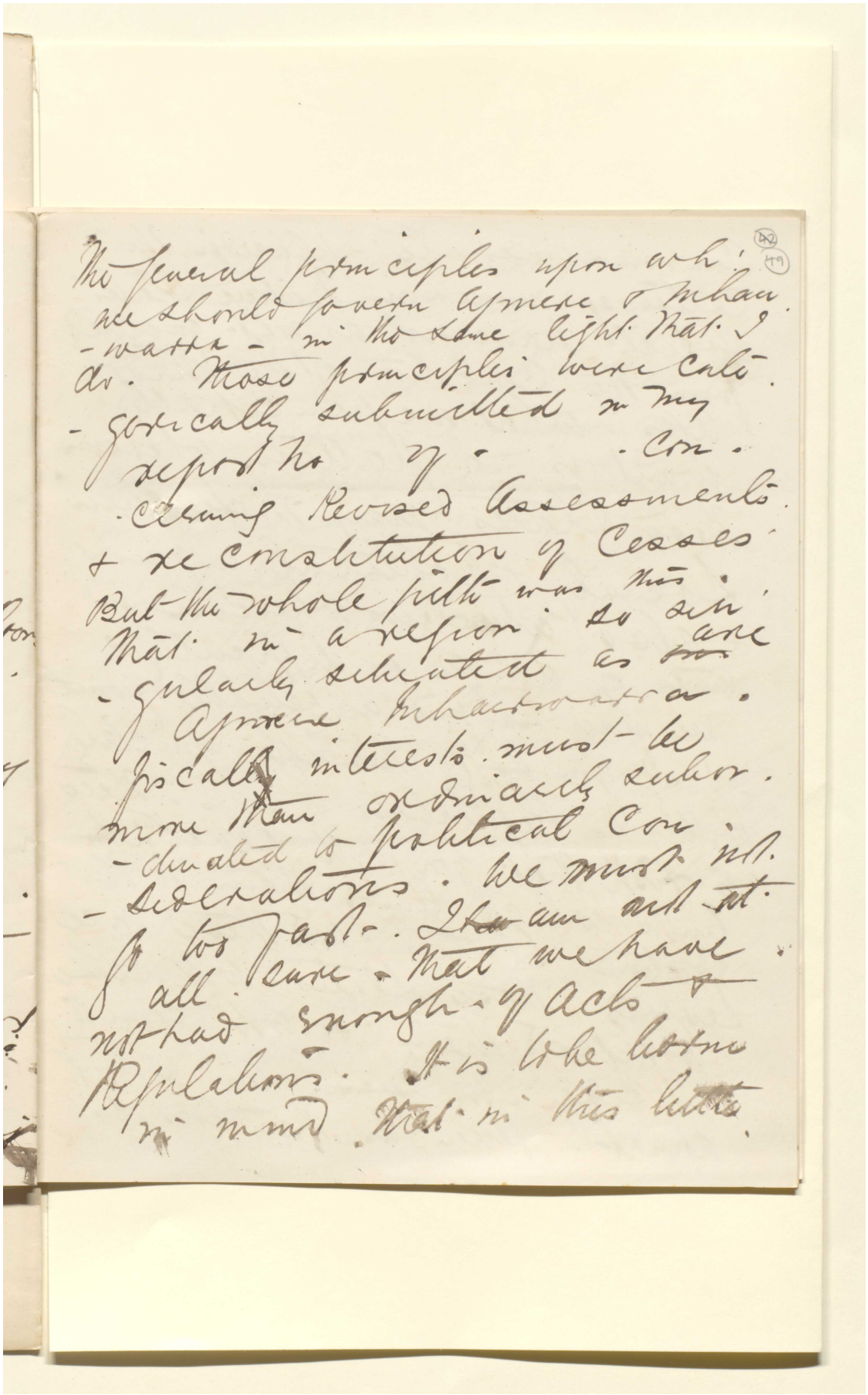
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in the case of a murderer
we stamp the pillow up in Holy-
abbos! within a week.

I now turn to the question of
Thakoors chiefs in Ajmere - the
Comm.r recommends that in
some instances - long periods
say from 18 to 20 years
should be allowed to these Thakoors
wherein to repay the Govt loan.
Now my opinion is that
it would be politic in many
these instances to accord
a long period of grace - but
at the same time I am aware
that Govt dislike long loans &
it will be of no avail for me
to specially support the Comm.r
suggestions - unless I am no
doubt sure that Govt views

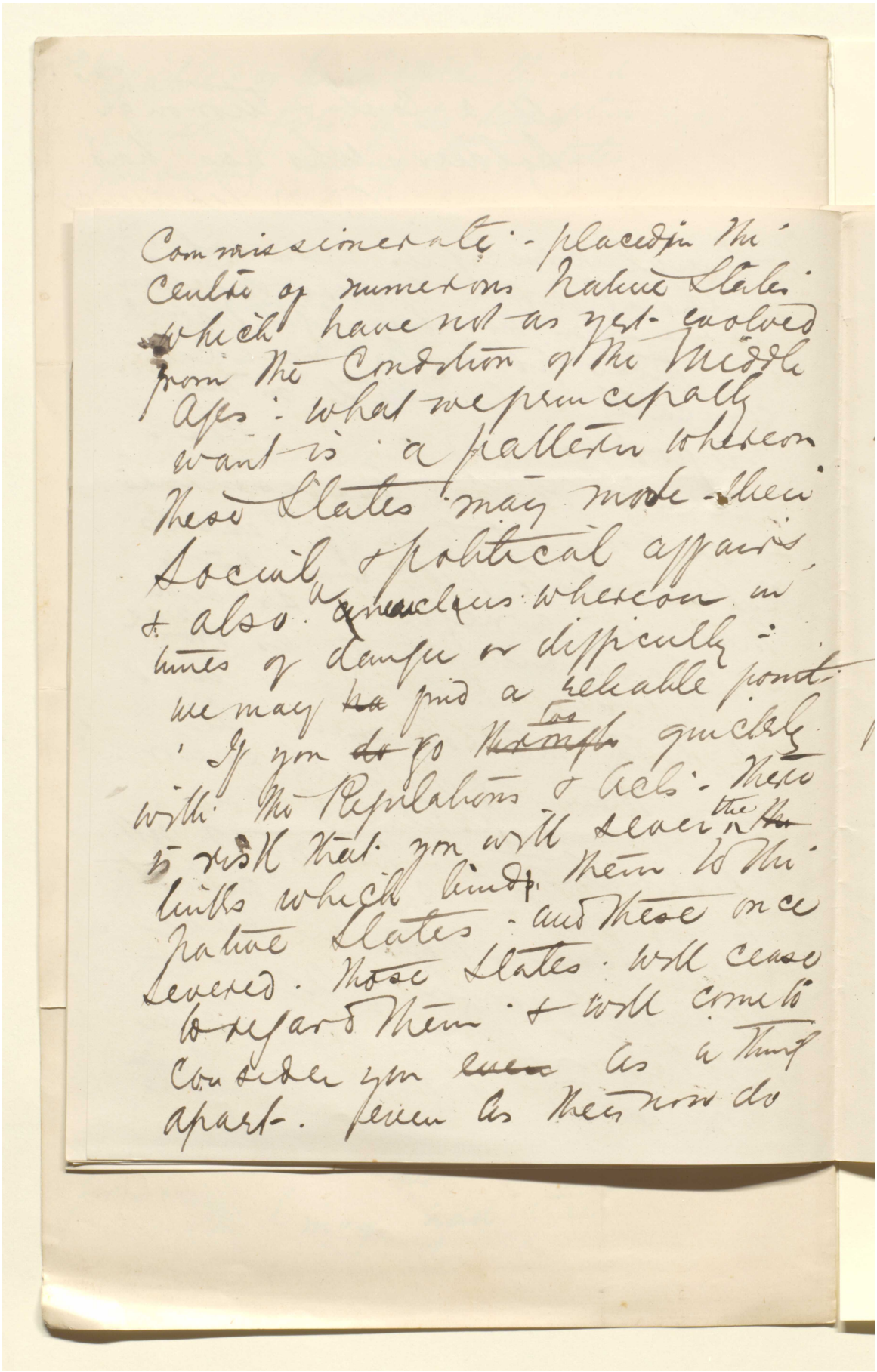
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The general principles upon which we should govern Ajmere & Mhairwara - with the same light that I do. Those principles were Categorically submitted in my report No 7 . . Con. Clearing Revised Assessments & re constitution of Cases. But the whole pith was this. That in a region so similarly situated as are Ajmere Mhairwara. fiscal interests must be more than ordinarily subordinated to political Considerations. We must in fact be just. I am not at all sure that we have had enough of Acts & Regulations. It is the latter in mind that in this letter

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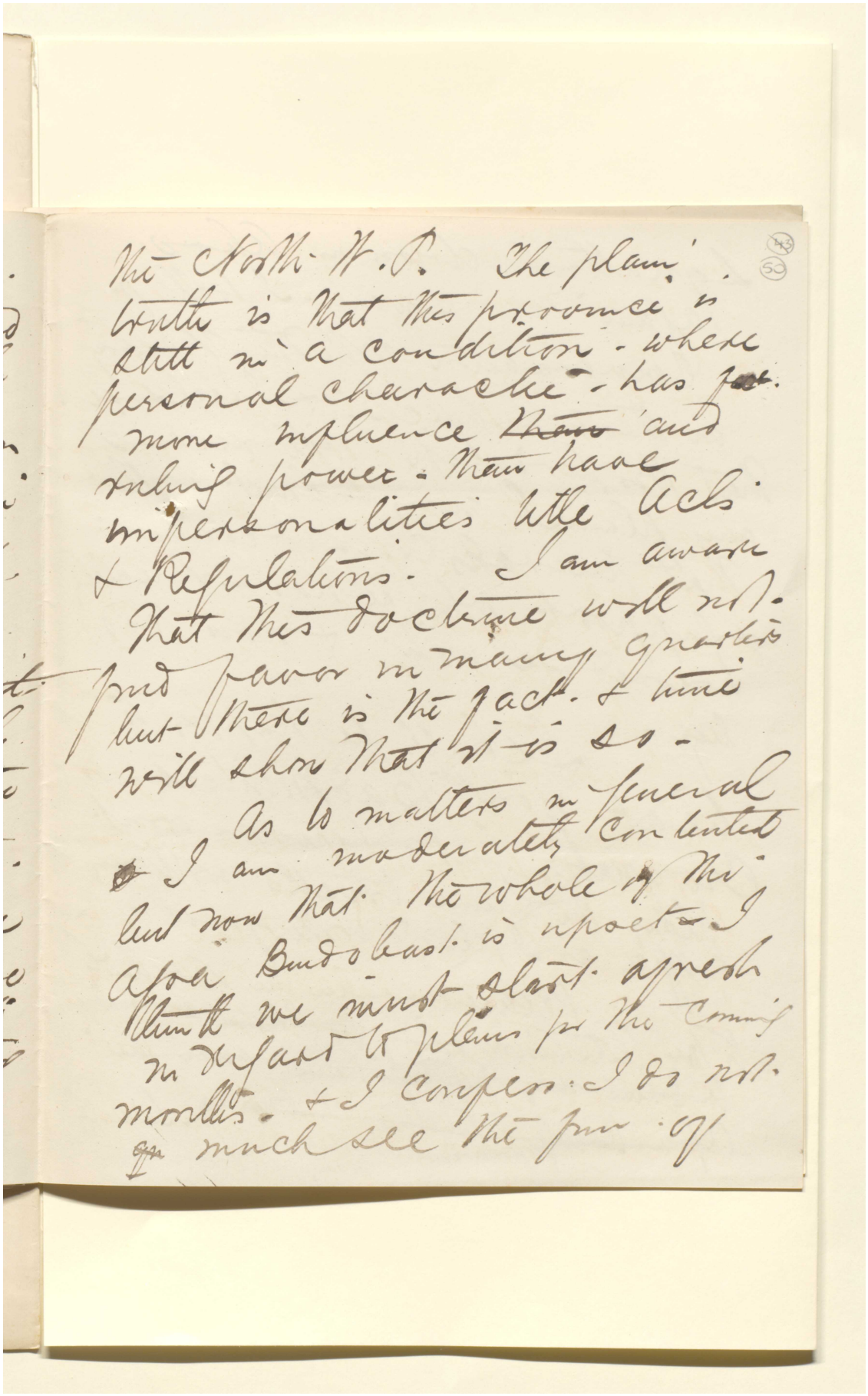
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Commissioner's - placed in the
Centre of numerous Native States
which have not as yet evolved
from the Condition of the Middle
Ages: what we principally
want is a platform whereon
these States may make their
Social & political affairs,
& also a Museum whereon in
times of danger or difficulty:
we may find a reliable point
of If you go to Kampta quickly
with the Regulations & Acts. These
is work that you will sever the
links which bind them to the
Native States - and these once
severed. those States will cease
to regard them & will come to
Consider you as a Thing
apart - perceive as they now do

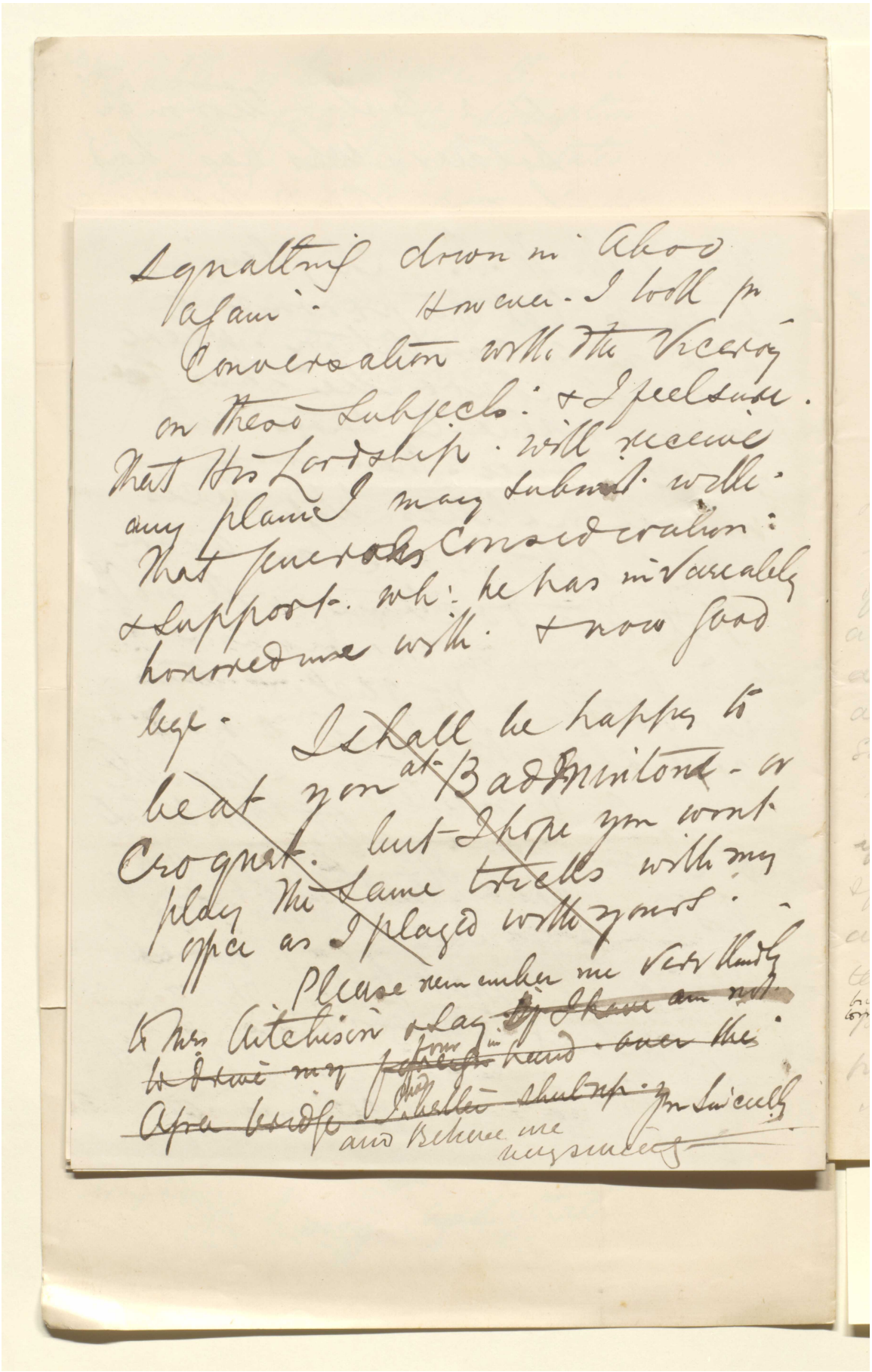
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the North W.P. The plain truth is that this province is still in a condition where personal character has far more influence than ruling powers than have impersonalities like Acts & Regulations. I am aware that this doctrine will not find favor in many quarters but there is the fact & time will show that it is so.

As to matters in general I am moderately contented but now that the whole of the Afghan Boundary is upset I think we must start afresh in regard to plans for the coming months & I confess I do not quite see the pros of

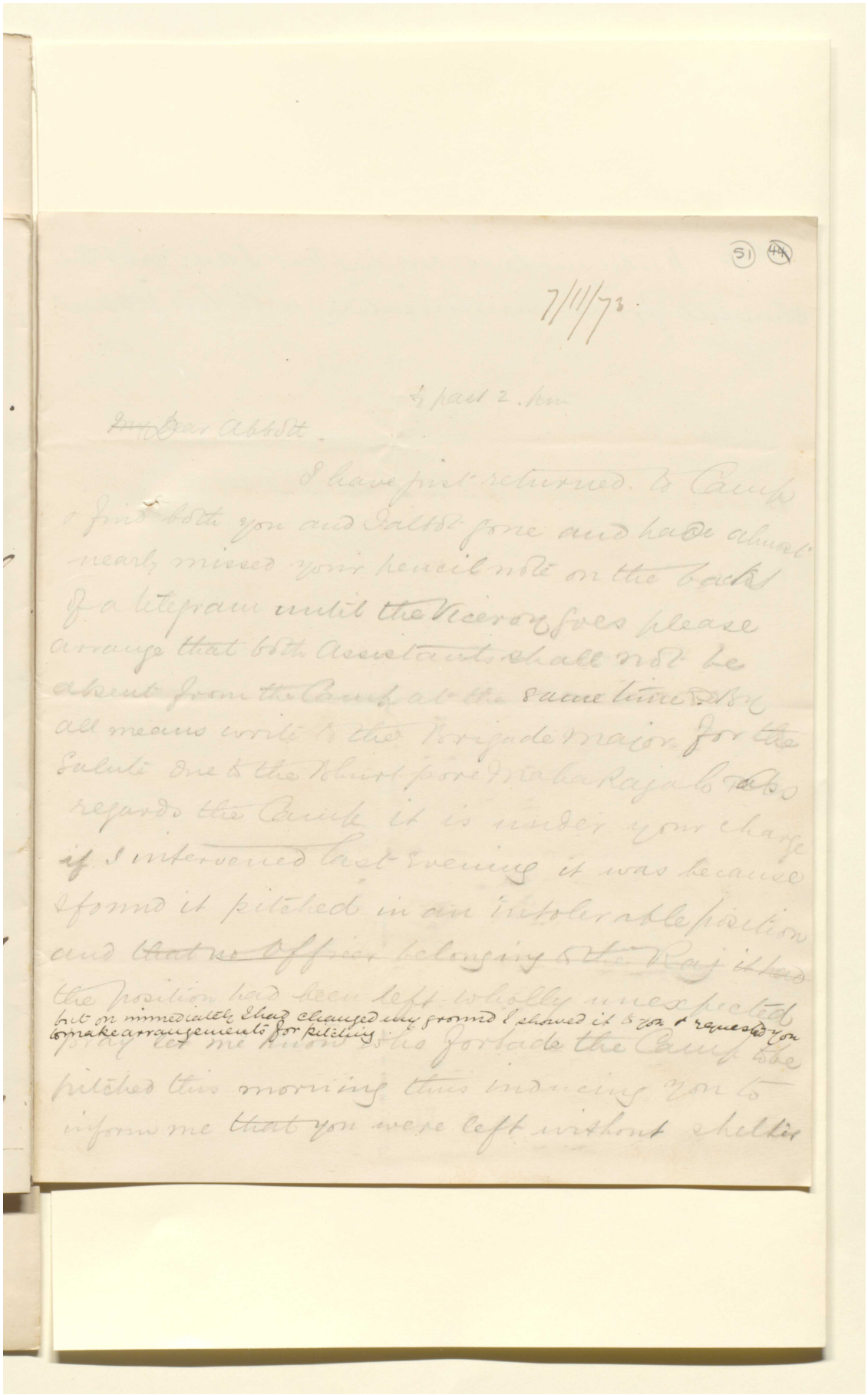


I gnalling down in Abo
Again. However. I look for
Conversation with the Viceroy
on these subjects: & I feel sure.
that His Lordship will receive
any plans I may submit with
that generous consideration
& support. wh: he has invariably
honoured me with. & now good
bye. I shall be happy to
beat you at Badminton - or
Croquet. but I hope you won't
play the same tricks with my
ppr as I played with yours.
Please remember me very kindly
to Mrs Aitchison & say ~~I have an~~
~~to draw my pencil from in hand. over the~~
~~Apes head~~ I shall shut up & sincerely
and believe me

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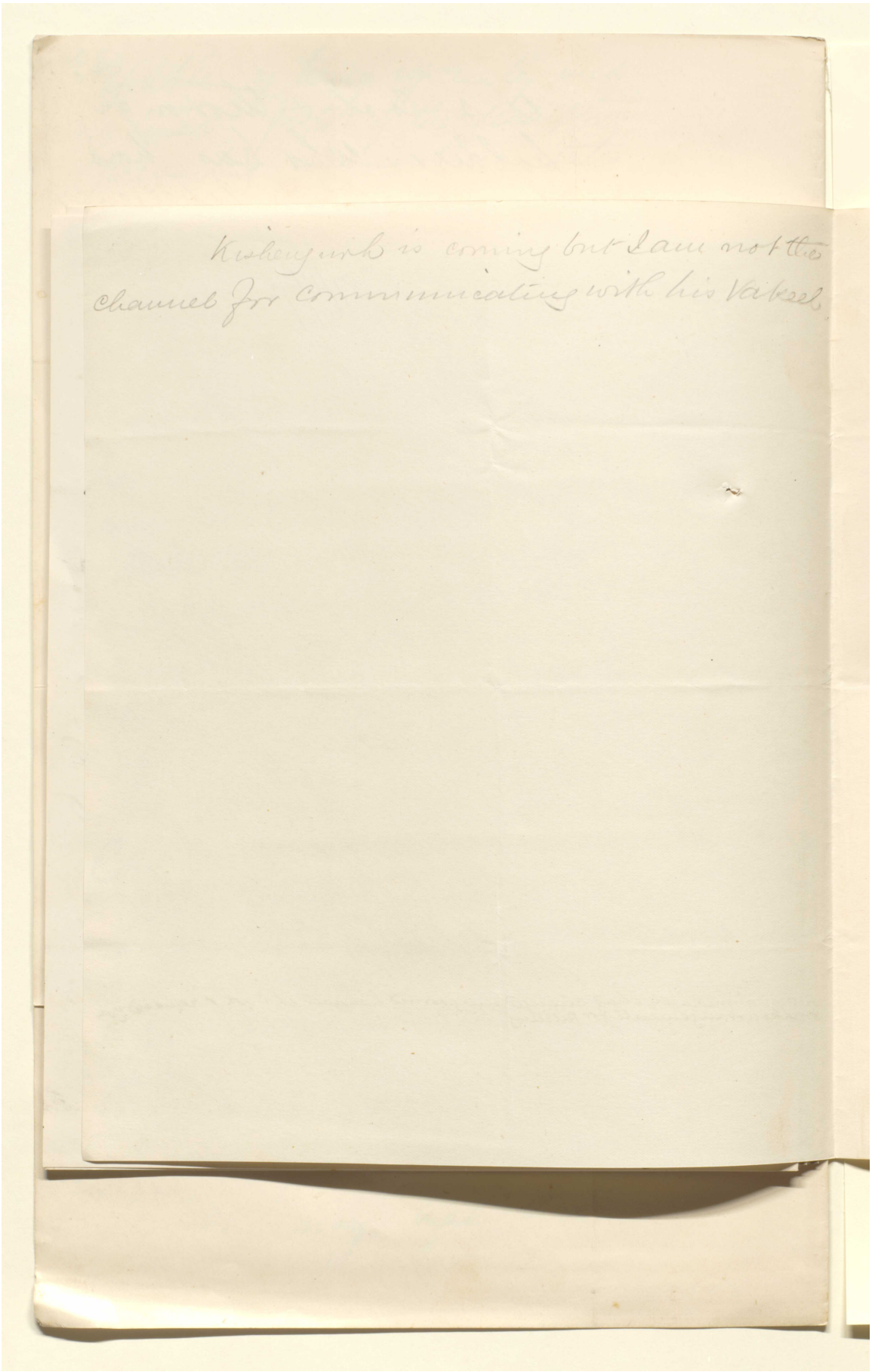
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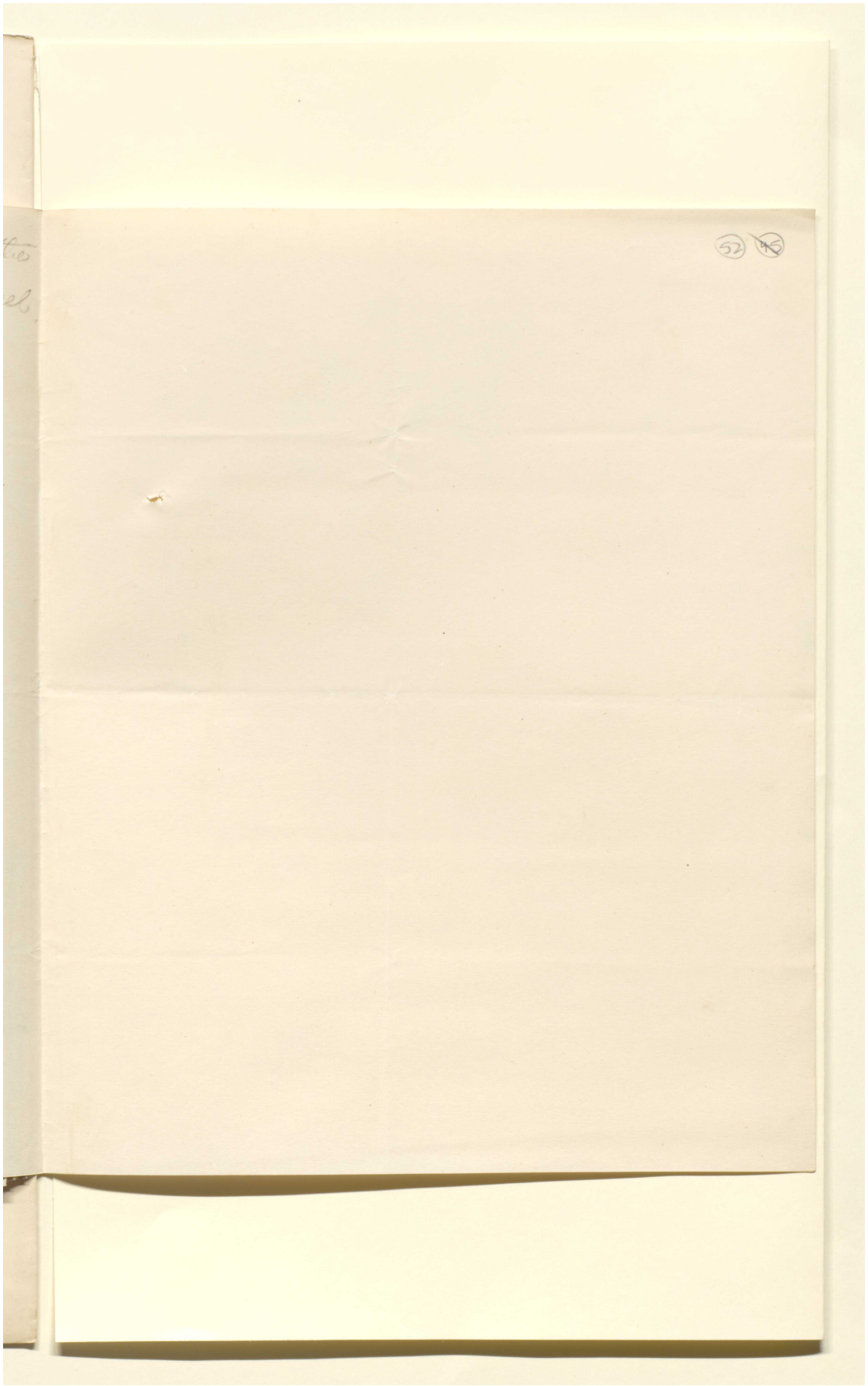
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Dear Abbott.

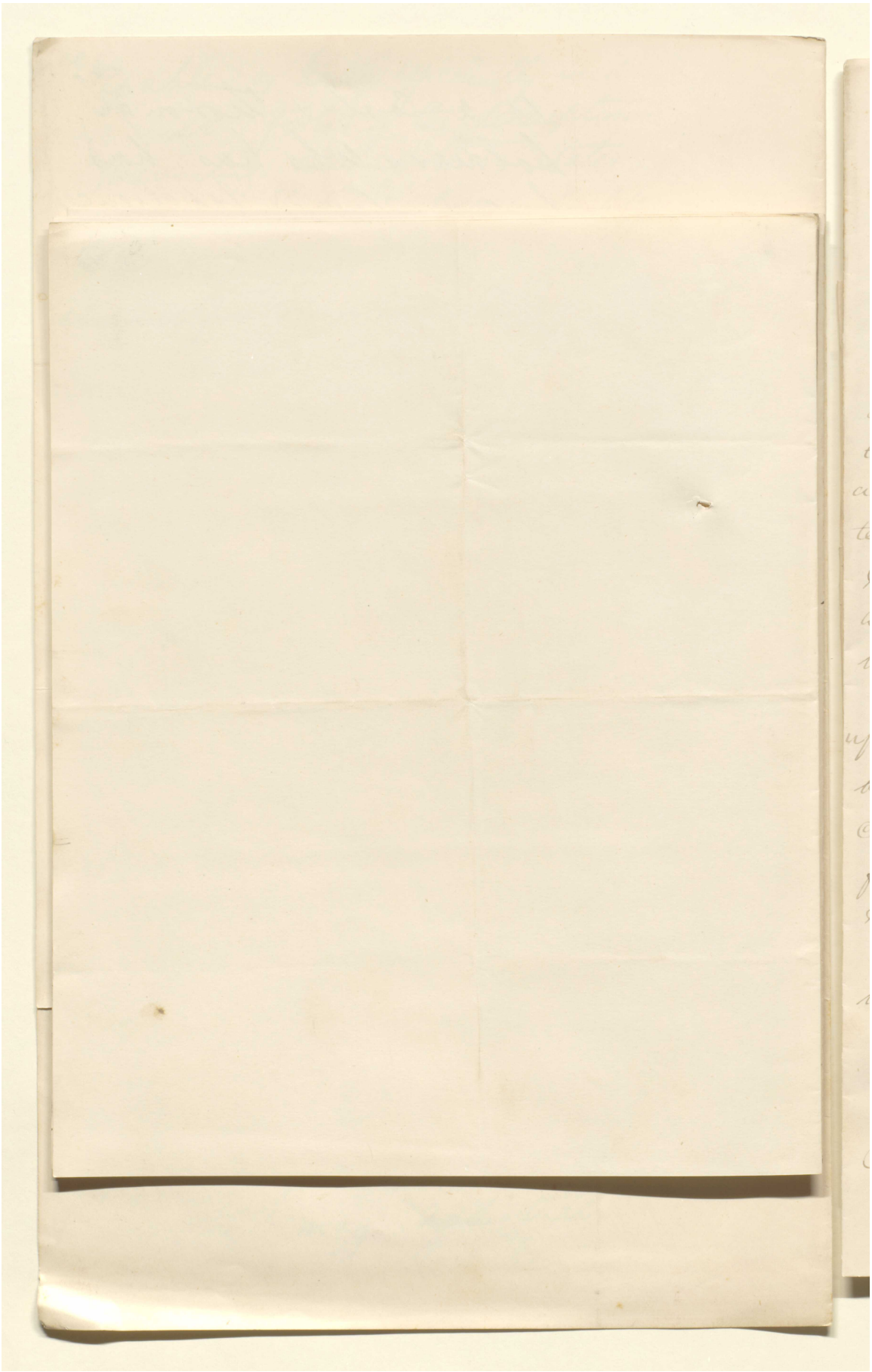
I have just returned. I Camp & find both you and Talbot gone and had almost nearly missed your pencil note on the back of a telegram until the Meerut forces please arrange that both Assistants shall not be absent from the Camp at the same time. By all means write to the Brigade major for the Salute due to the Khurt pore Maharajah but as regards the Camp it is under your charge if I intervened last evening it was because I found it pitched in an intolerable position and that no Officer belonging to the Raj had the position had been left wholly unexpected but on immediately I had changed my ground I showed it to you & requested you to make arrangements for pitching. Pray let me know if I do forbade the Camp be pitched this morning thus inducing you to inform me that you were left without shelter



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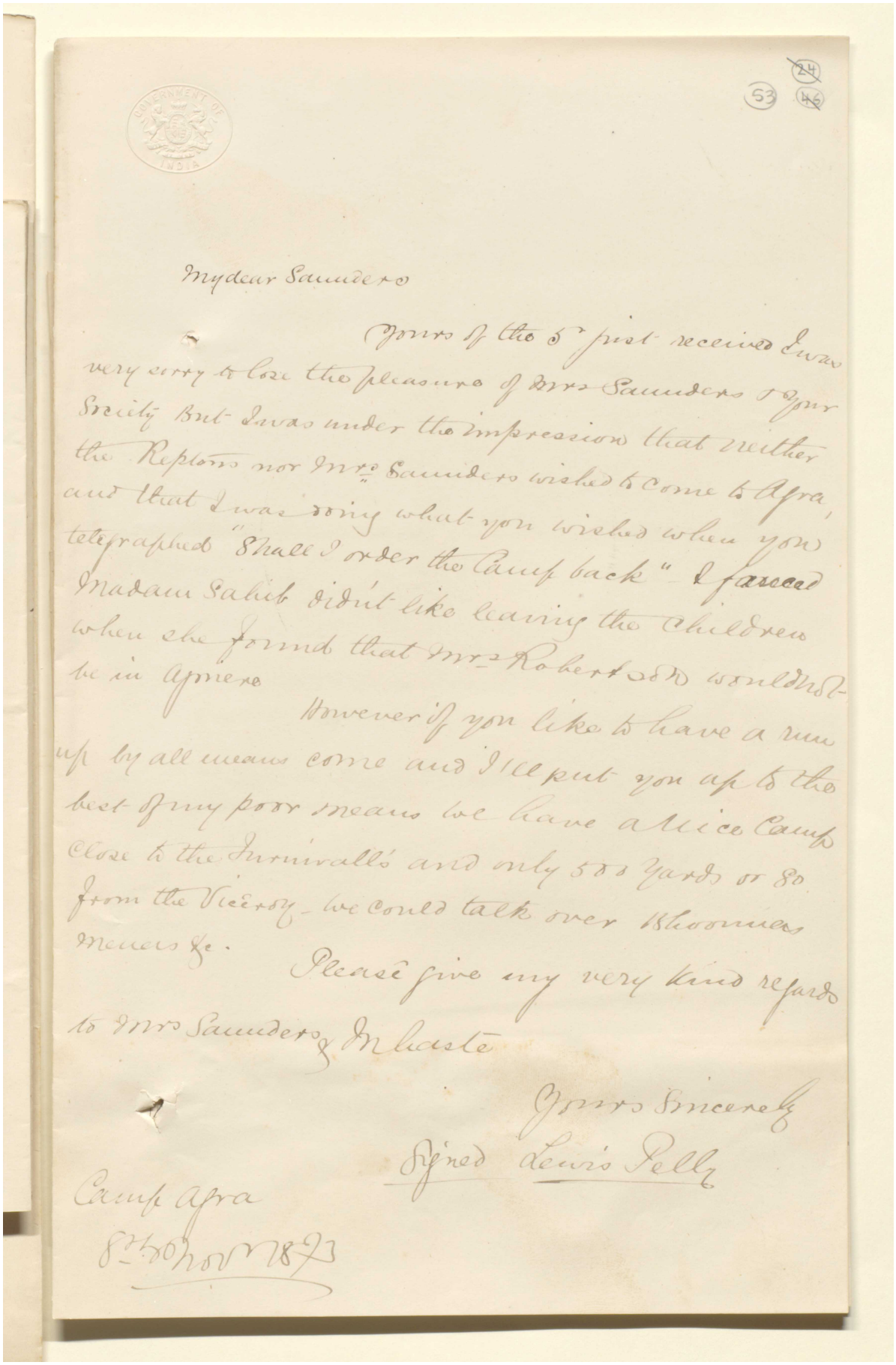


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Letter from Lewis Pelly, Camp Agra to Leslie Saunders, Commissioner at Ajmere [Ajmer] [53r] (1/2)



My dear Saunders

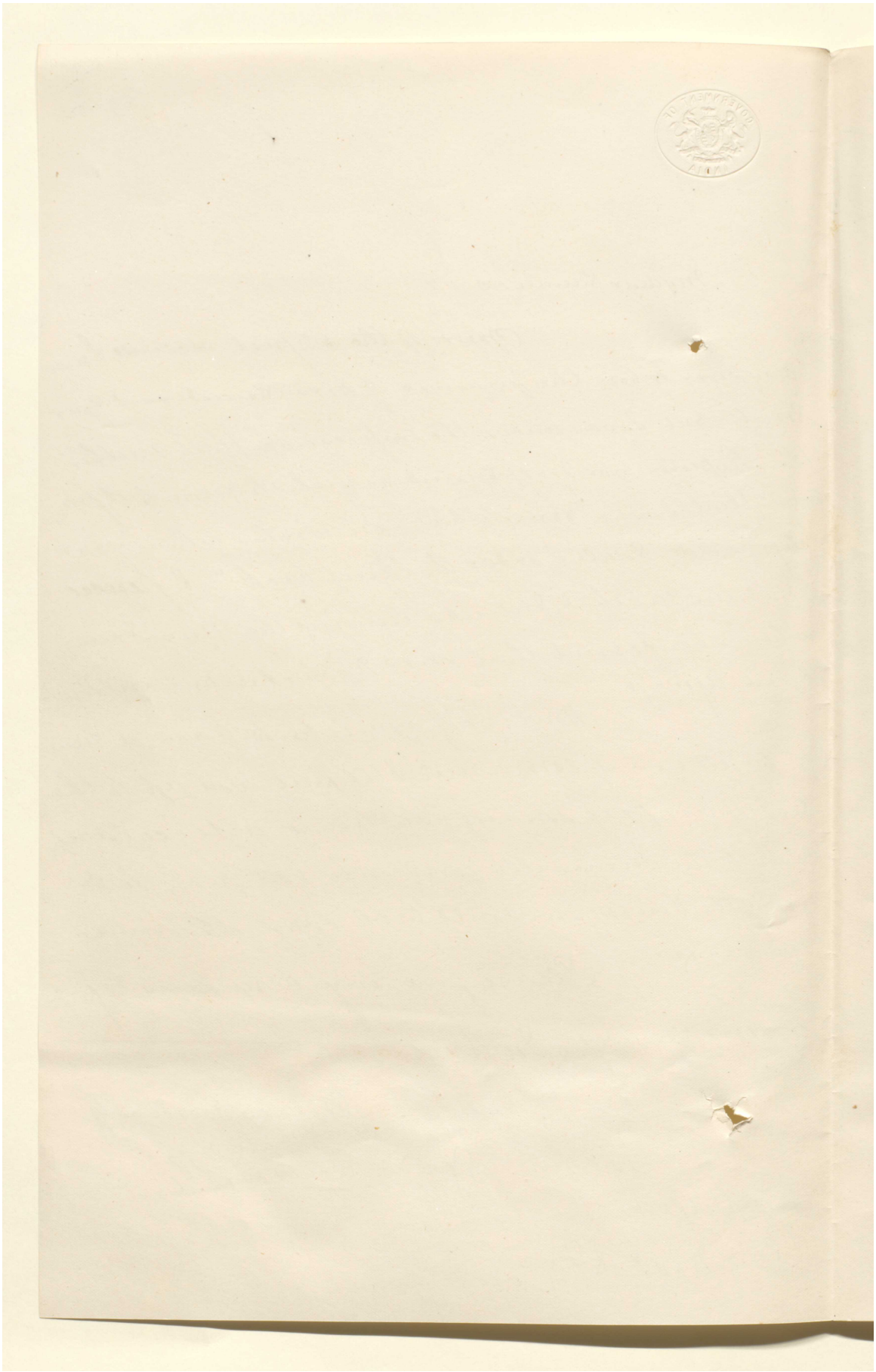
Yours of the 5th just received I was very sorry to lose the pleasure of Mrs Saunders & your Society But I was under the impression that neither the Reptons nor Mrs Saunders wished to come to Agra, and that I was doing what you wished when you telegraphed "Shall I order the Camp back" I fancied Madam Sahib didn't like leaving the Children when she found that Mrs Roberts would not be in Ajmere

However if you like to have a run up by all means come and I'll put you up to the best of my poor means we have a nice Camp close to the Durrivalls and only 500 yards or so from the Viceroy - we could talk over Khoomers means &c.

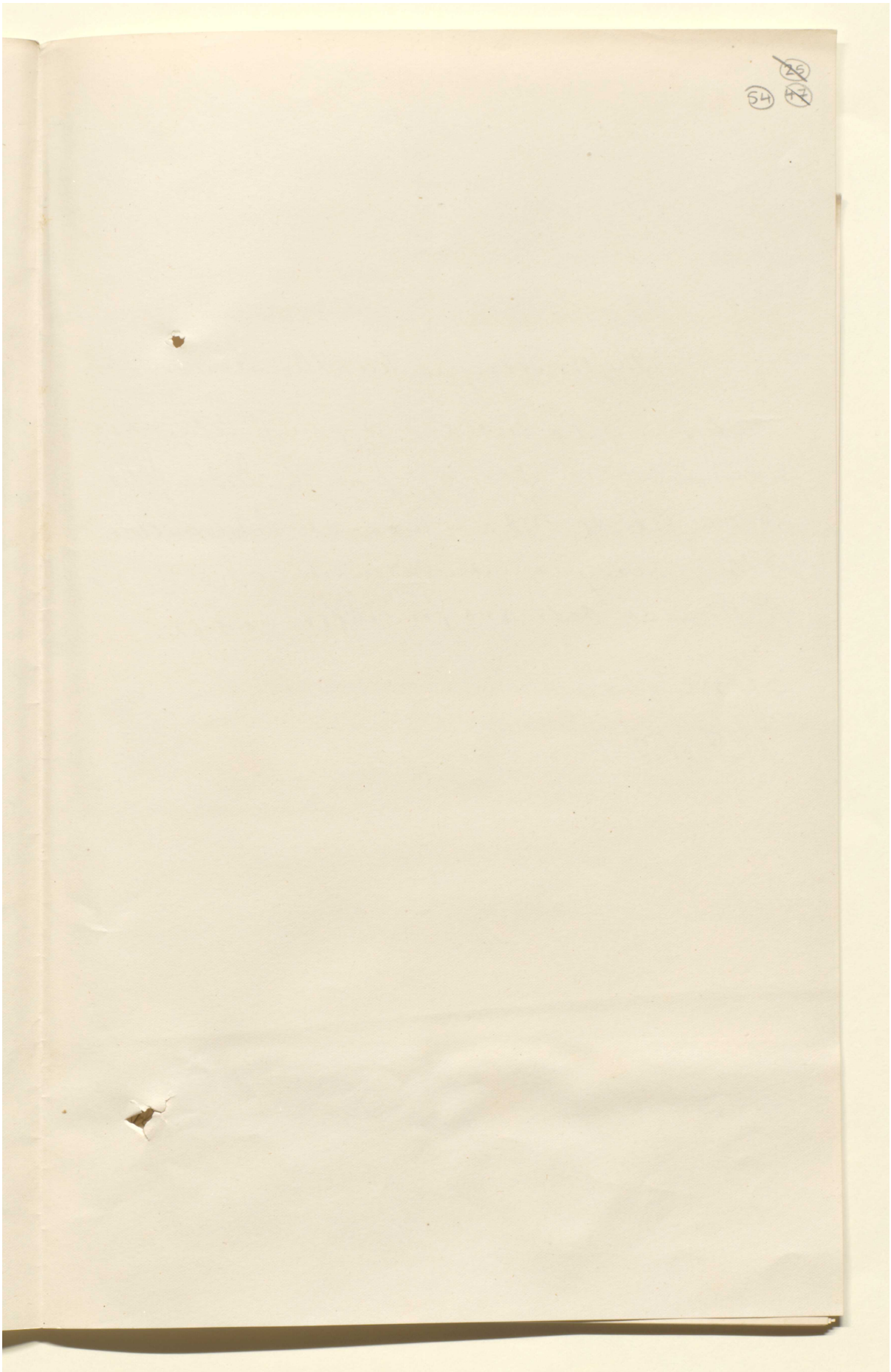
Please give my very kind regards to Mrs Saunders & Miss

Yours Sincerely
Signed Lewis Pelly

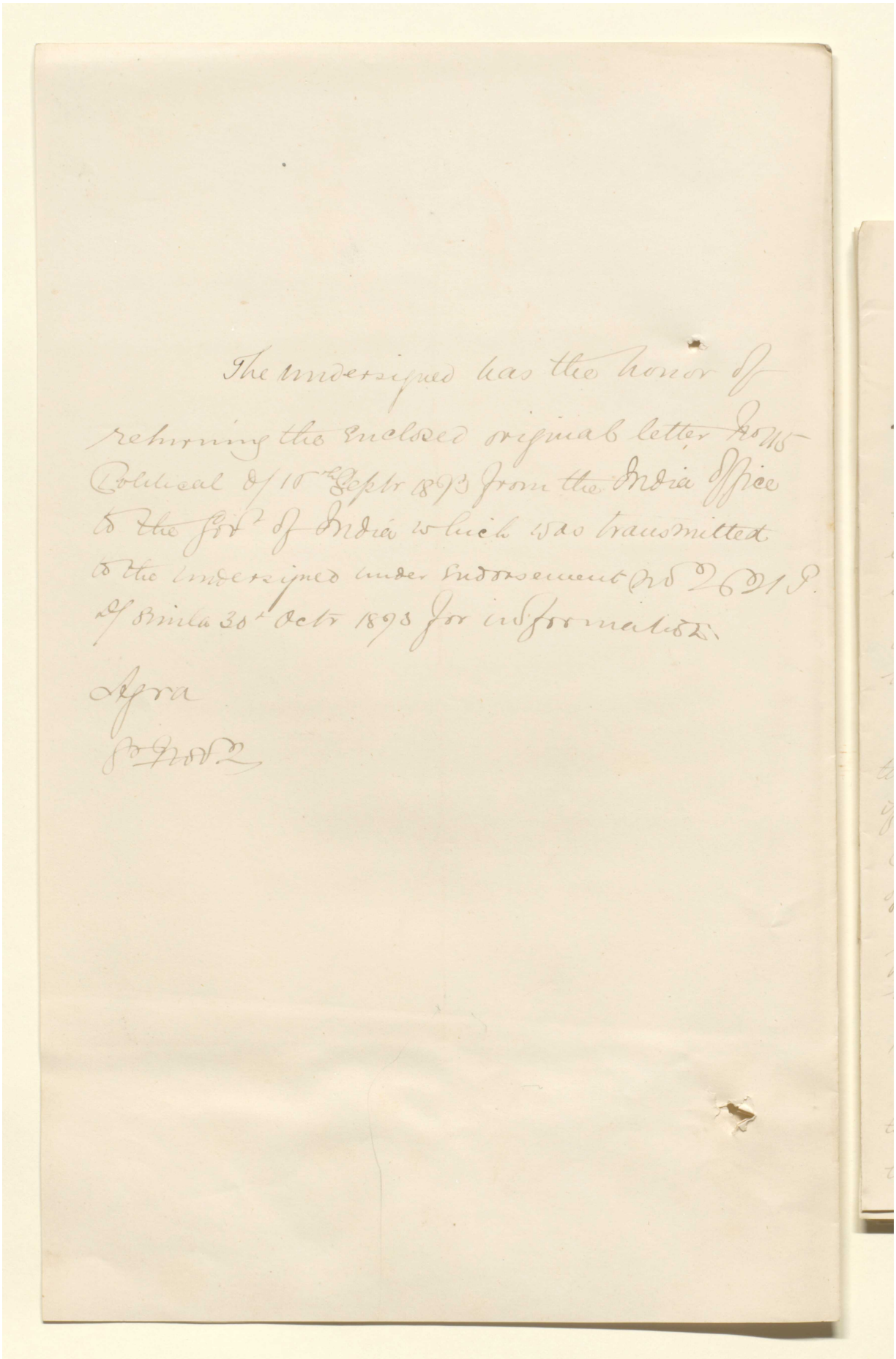
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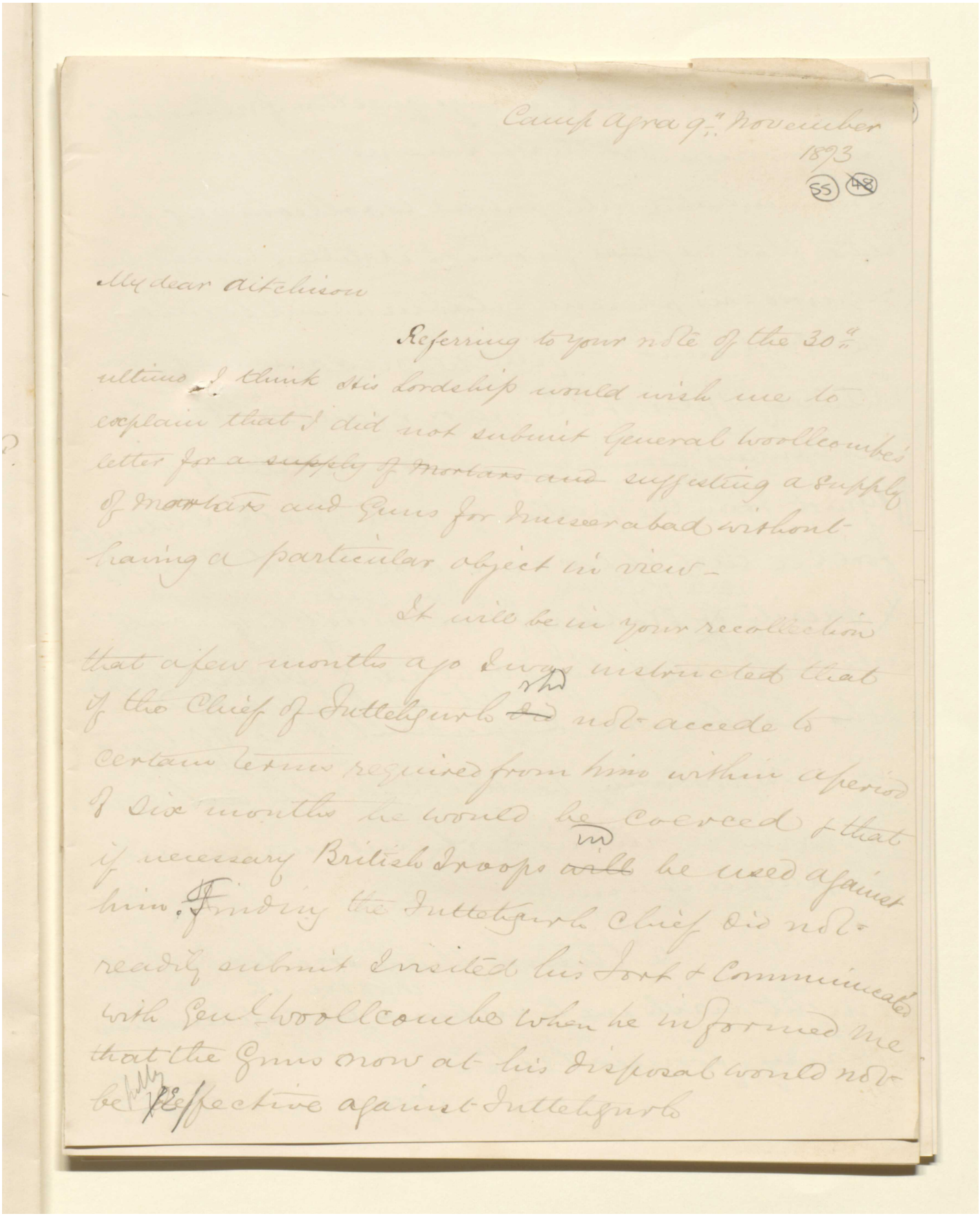
The undersigned has the honor of returning the enclosed original letter No 15 Political d/ 15th Septr 1893 from the India Office to the Govt of India which was transmitted to the undersigned under endorsement No 2691 S. of Simla 30th Octr 1893 for information.

Agra
30 Nov 93

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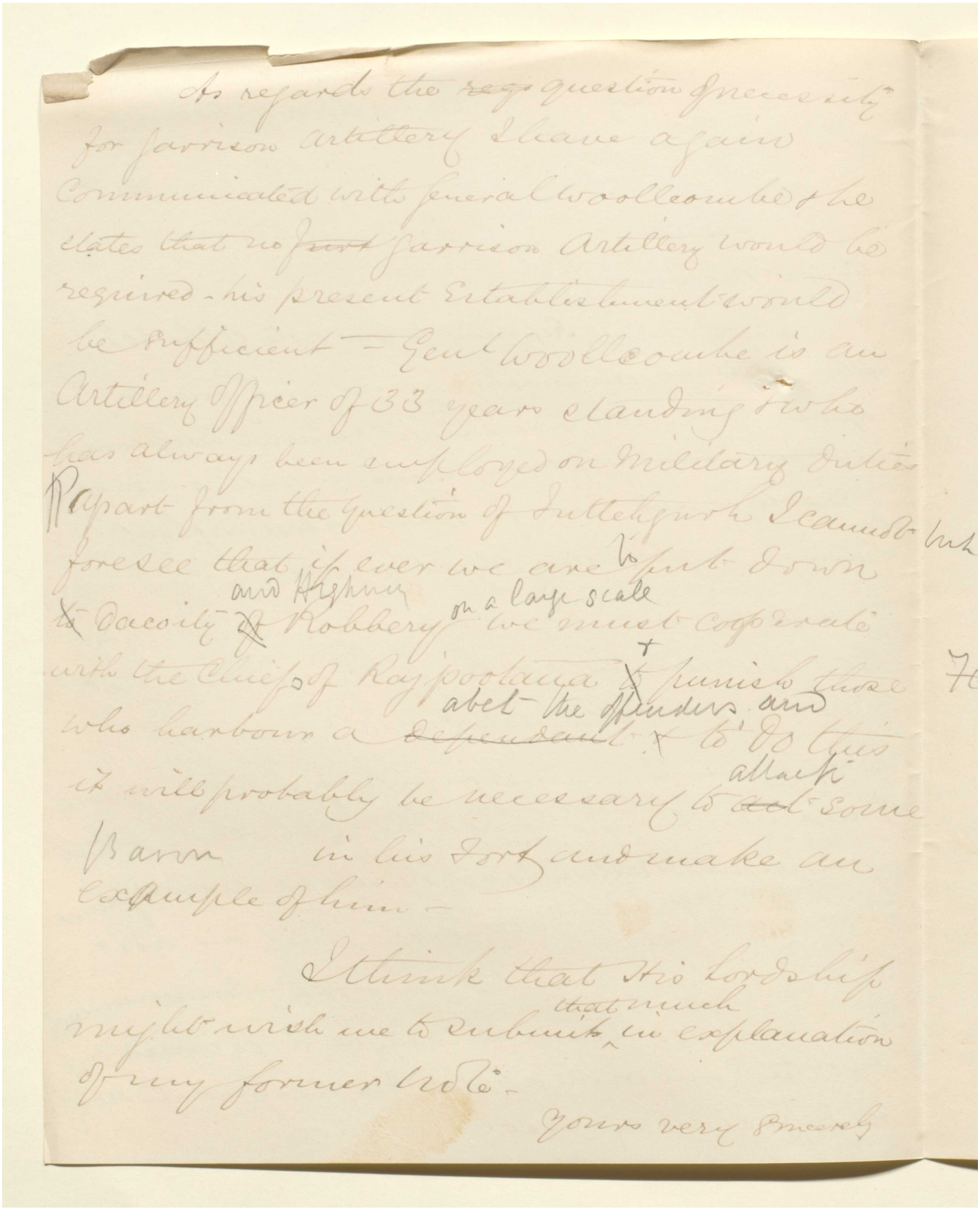
My dear Aitchison

Referring to your n&c of the 30th ultimo I think His Lordship would wish me to explain that I did not submit General Woollcombe's letter for a ~~supply of mortars~~ and suggesting a supply of mortars and Guns for Nuseerabad without having a particular object in view –

It will be in your recollection that a few months ago I was instructed that if the Chief of Juttelgurh did not accede to certain terms required from him within a period of six months he would be coerced & that if necessary British troops will be used against him. Finding the Juttelgurh Chief did not readily submit I visited his Fort & communicated with Genl Woollcombe when he informed me that the Guns now at his disposal would not be effective against Juttelgurh

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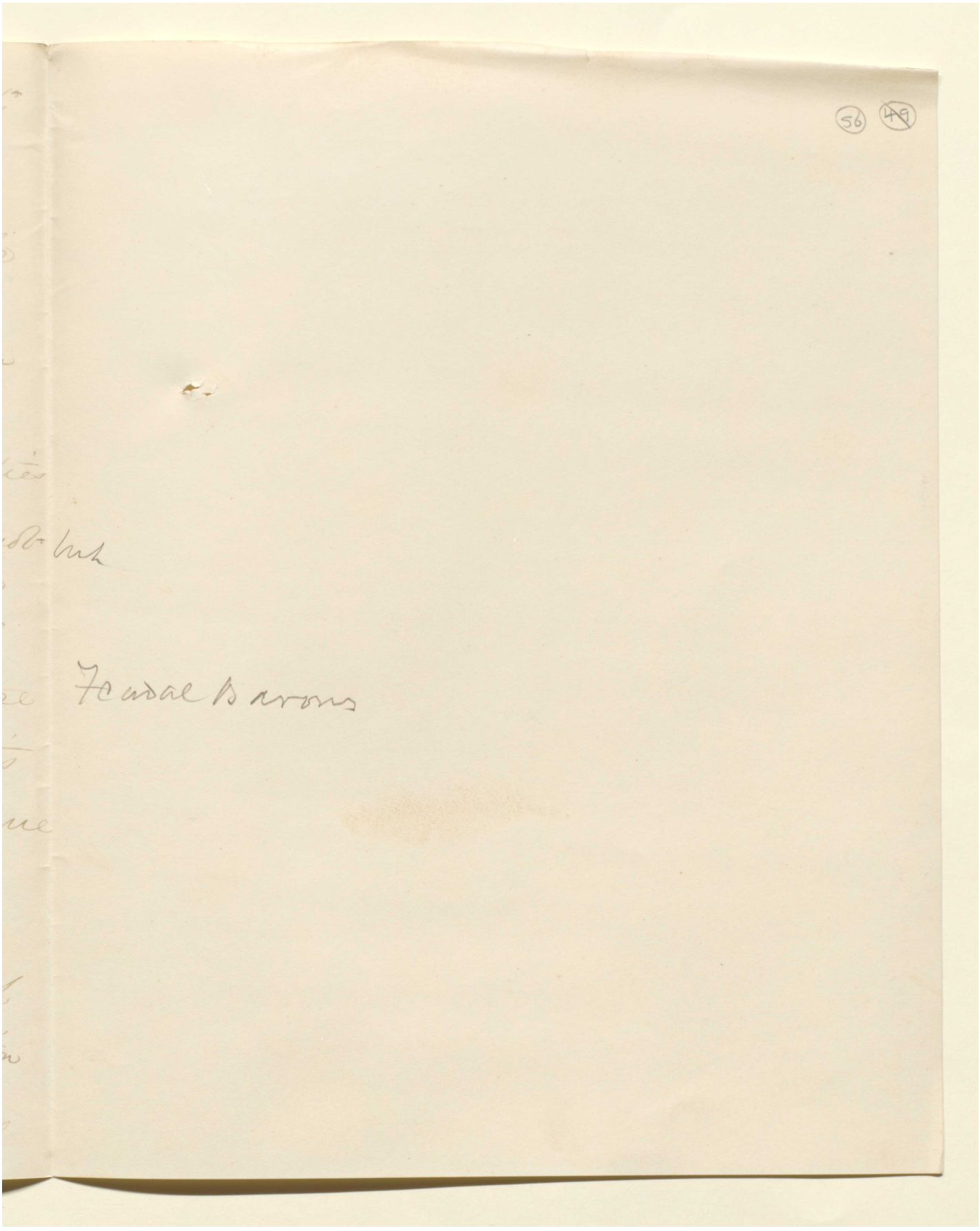


As regards the ~~req~~ question of necessity for garrison artillery I have again communicated with General Woollcombe & he states that no ~~fort~~ garrison Artillery would be required - his present Establishment would be sufficient - Genl Woollcombe is an Artillery Officer of 33 years standing & who has always been employed on Military duties

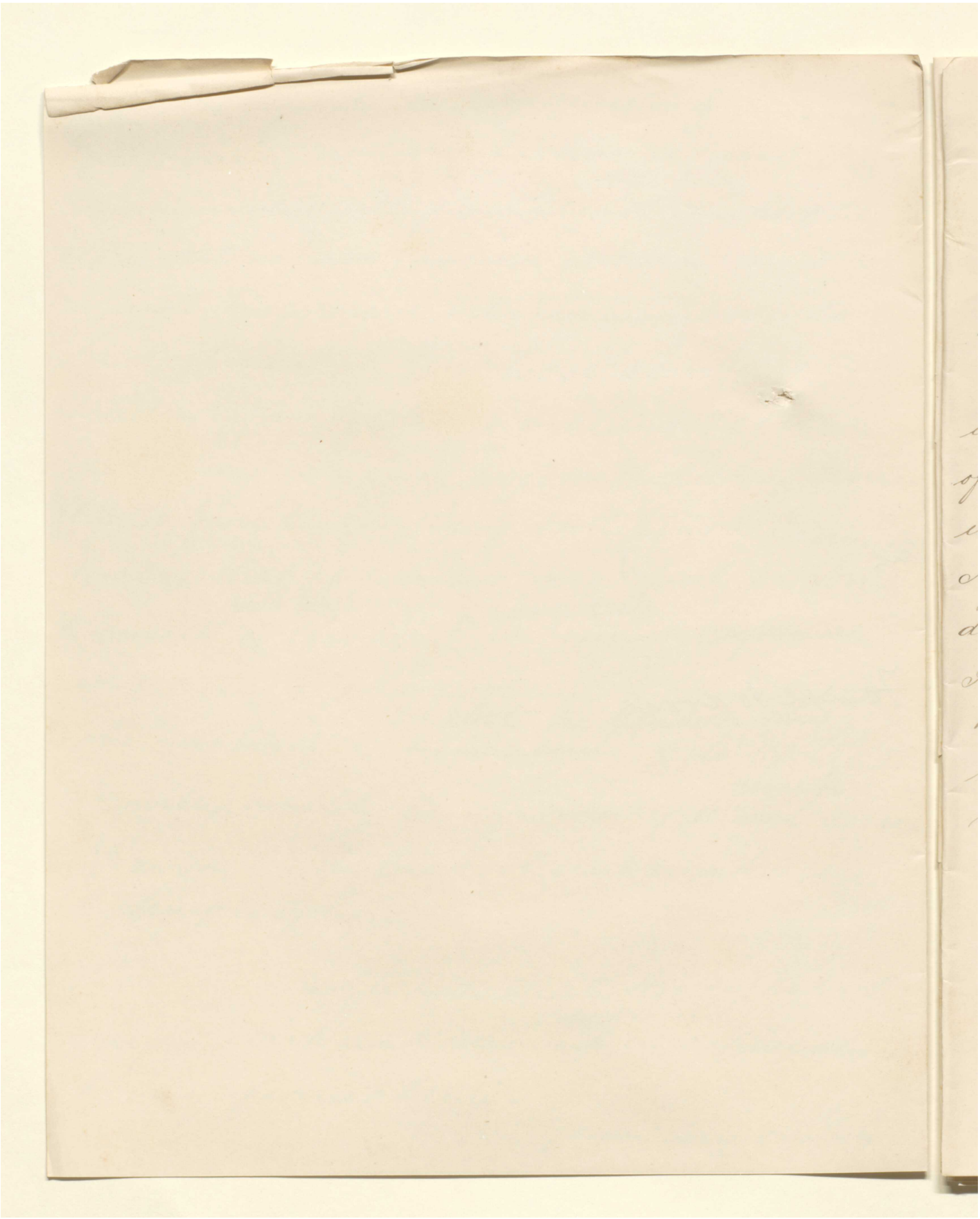
Apart from the question of battlements I cannot but foresee that if ever we are to put down Dacoity & Robbery and Highway on a large scale we must co-operate with the Chiefs of Rajpootana to punish those who harbour & abet the offenders and ~~defendant~~ to do this it will probably be necessary to attack some Garrison in his Fort and make an example of him -

I think that His Lordship might wish me to submit that much in explanation of my former note -

Yours very Sincerely



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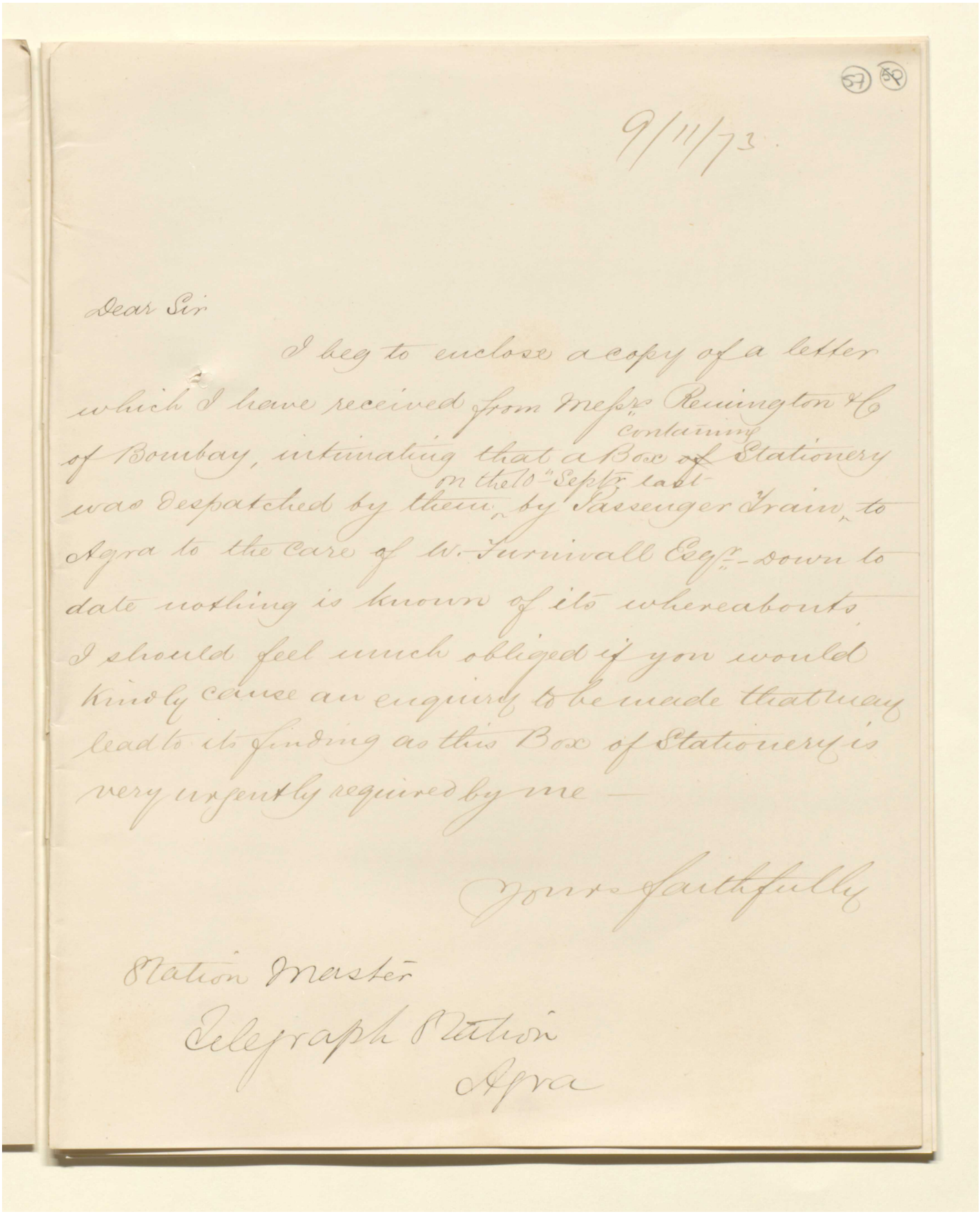


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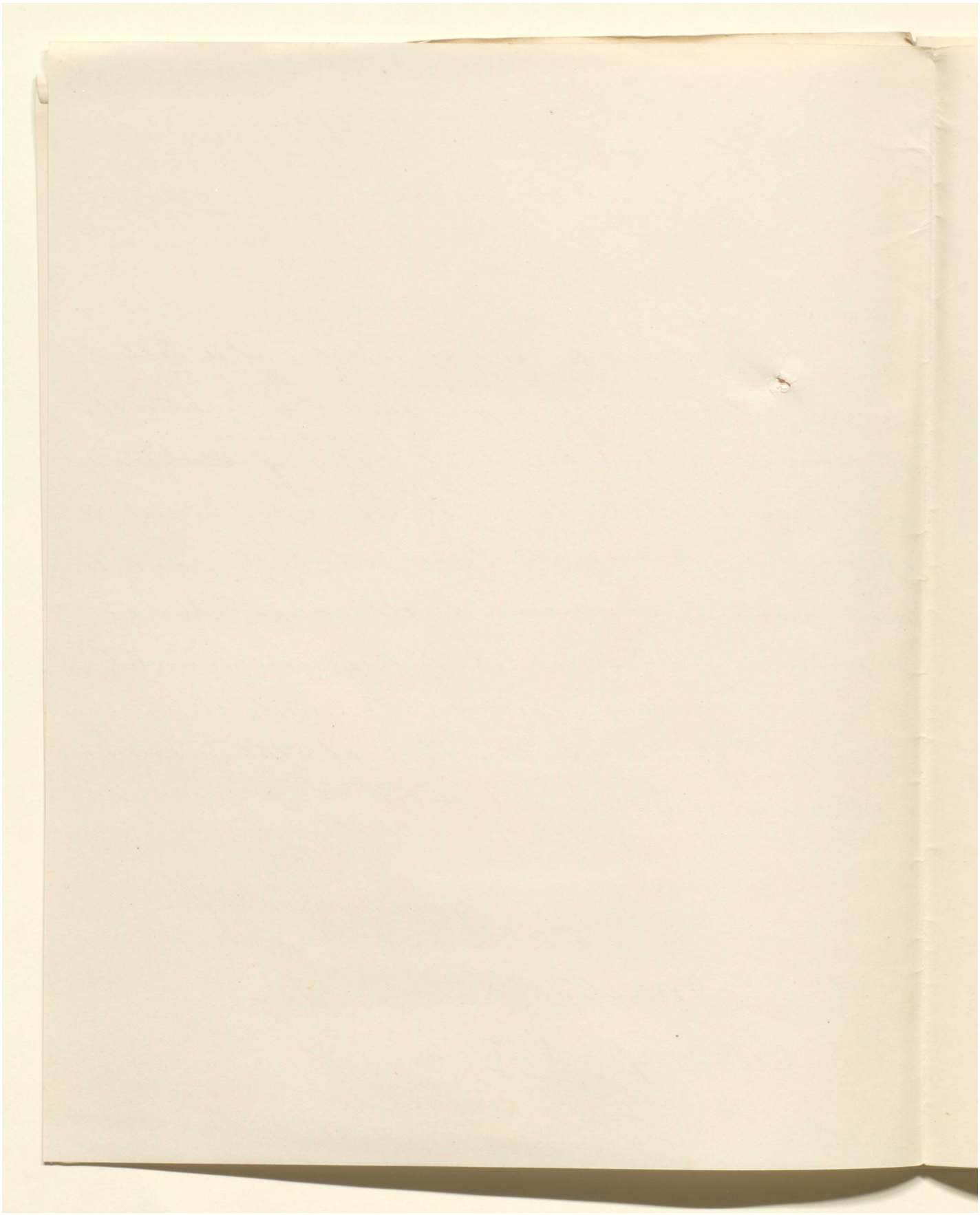
Dear Sir

I beg to enclose a copy of a letter which I have received from Messrs Remington & Co of Bombay, intimating that a Box of Stationery containing was despatched by them on the 10th Septr last by Passenger Train to Agra to the care of W. Turnivall Esqr - down to date nothing is known of its whereabouts. I should feel much obliged if you would kindly cause an enquiry to be made that may lead to its finding as this Box of Stationery is very urgently required by me —

Yours faithfully

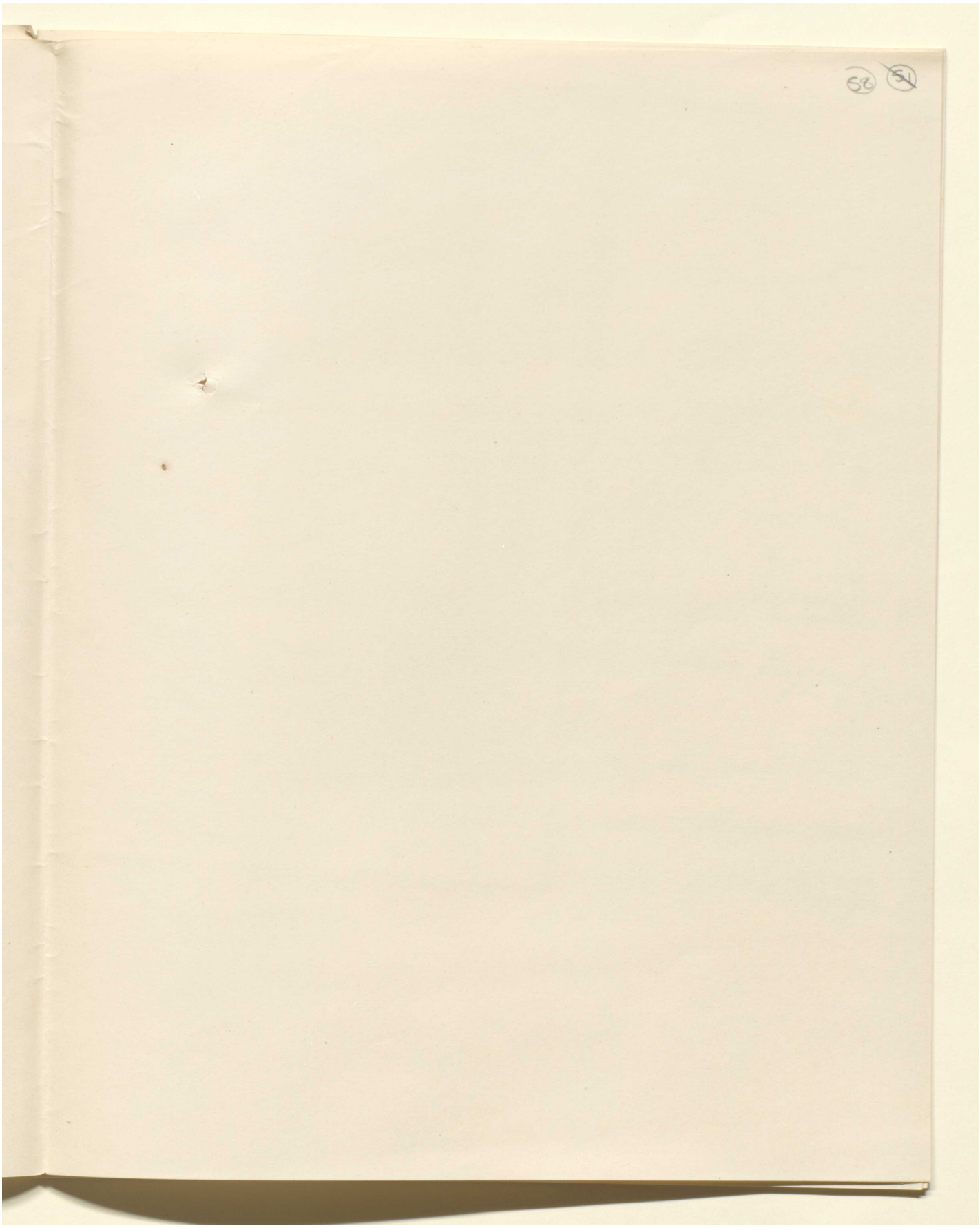
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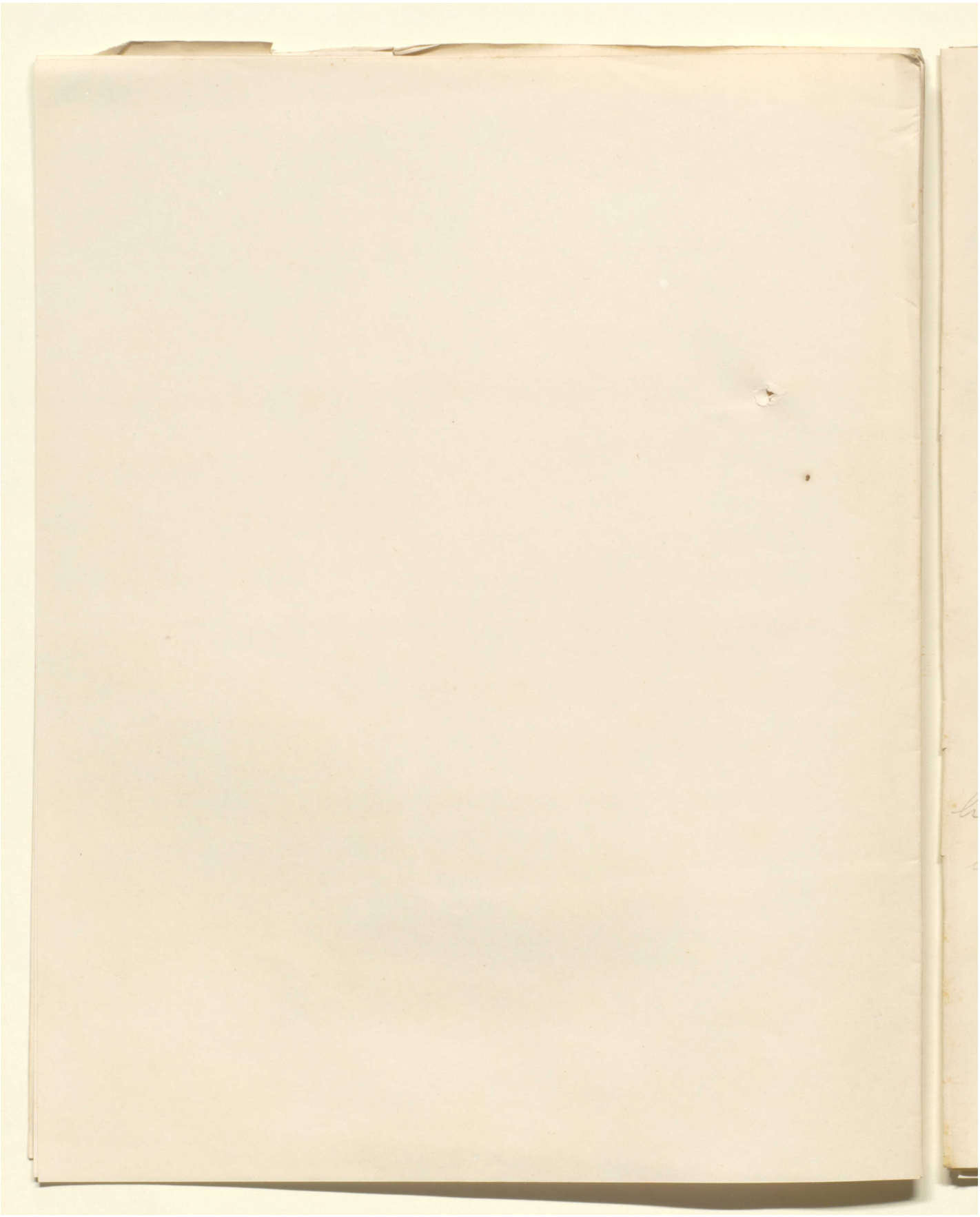
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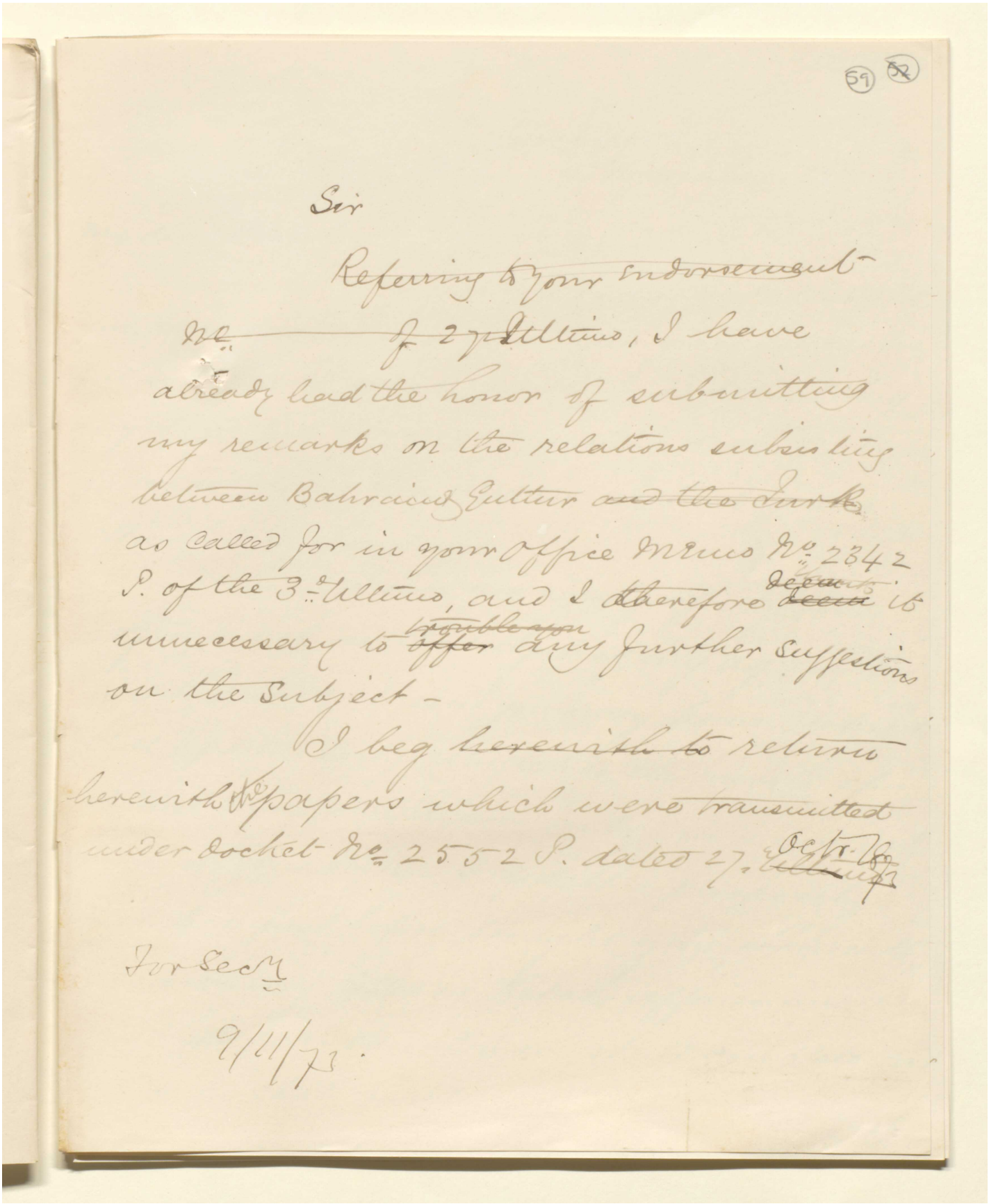


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Draft letter from Lewis Pelly to Charles Umpherston Aitchison, Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department [59r] (1/2)



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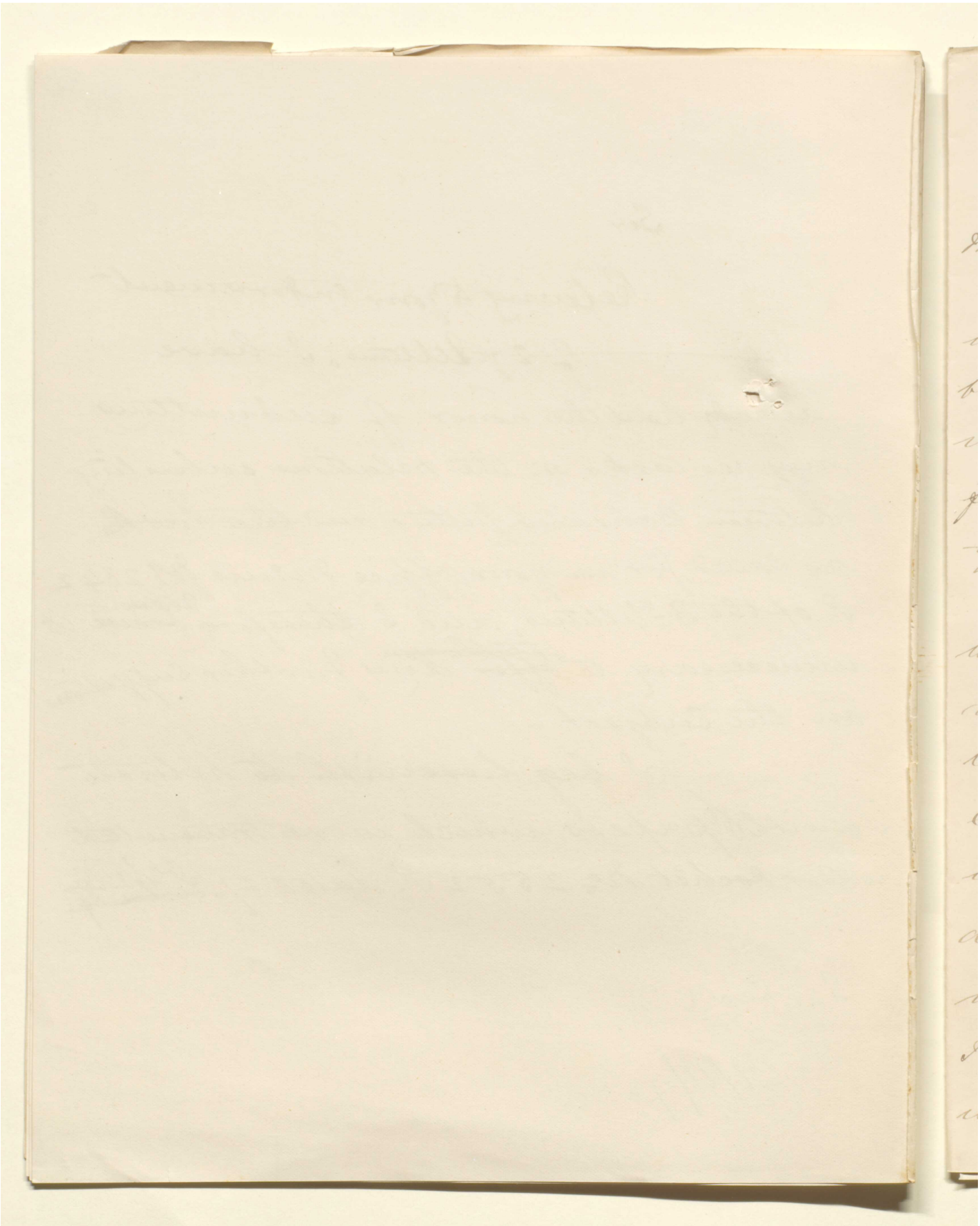
Sir

Referring to your endorsement
No. ~~of 27th Ultimo~~, I have
already had the honor of submitting
my remarks on the relations subsisting
between Bahrain & Guttur ~~and the Turk~~
as called for in your Office Memo No. 2342
S. of the 3rd Ultimo, and I ~~therefore~~ decem
unnecessary to ~~offer~~ trouble you any further suggestions
on the Subject -

I beg herewith ~~to~~ returns
herewith the papers which were transmitted
under docket No. 2552 S. dated 27th Oct. 1871

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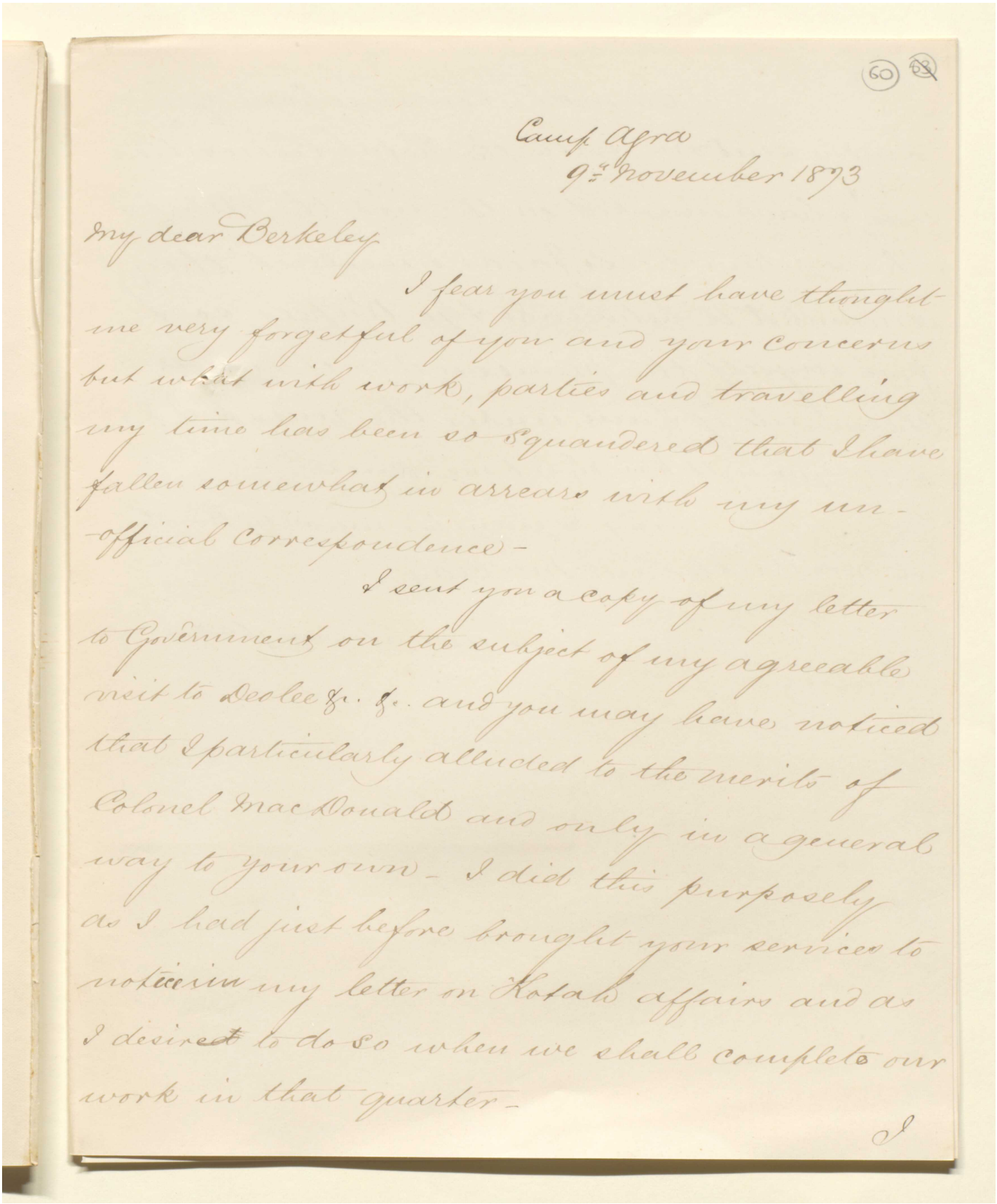
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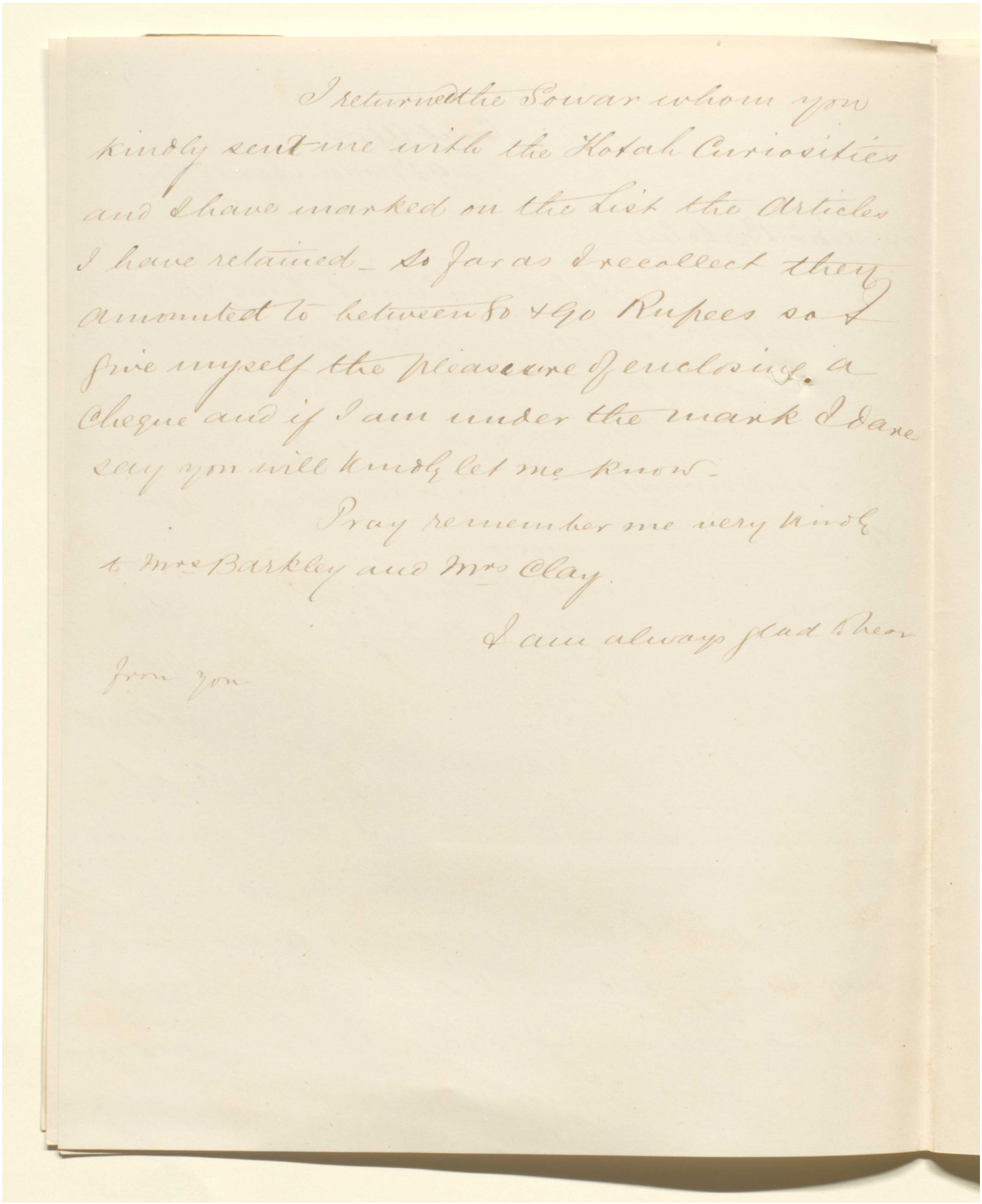
Camp Agra
9th November 1873

My dear Berkeley

I fear you must have thought me very forgetful of you and your concerns but what with work, parties and travelling my time has been so squandered that I have fallen somewhat in arrears with my un-official Correspondence -

I sent you a copy of my letter to Government on the subject of my agreeable visit to Deolee &c. &c. and you may have noticed that I particularly alluded to the merits of Colonel MacDonald and only in a general way to your own - I did this purposely as I had just before brought your services to notice in my letter on Kotah affairs and as I desire to do so when we shall complete our work in that quarter -

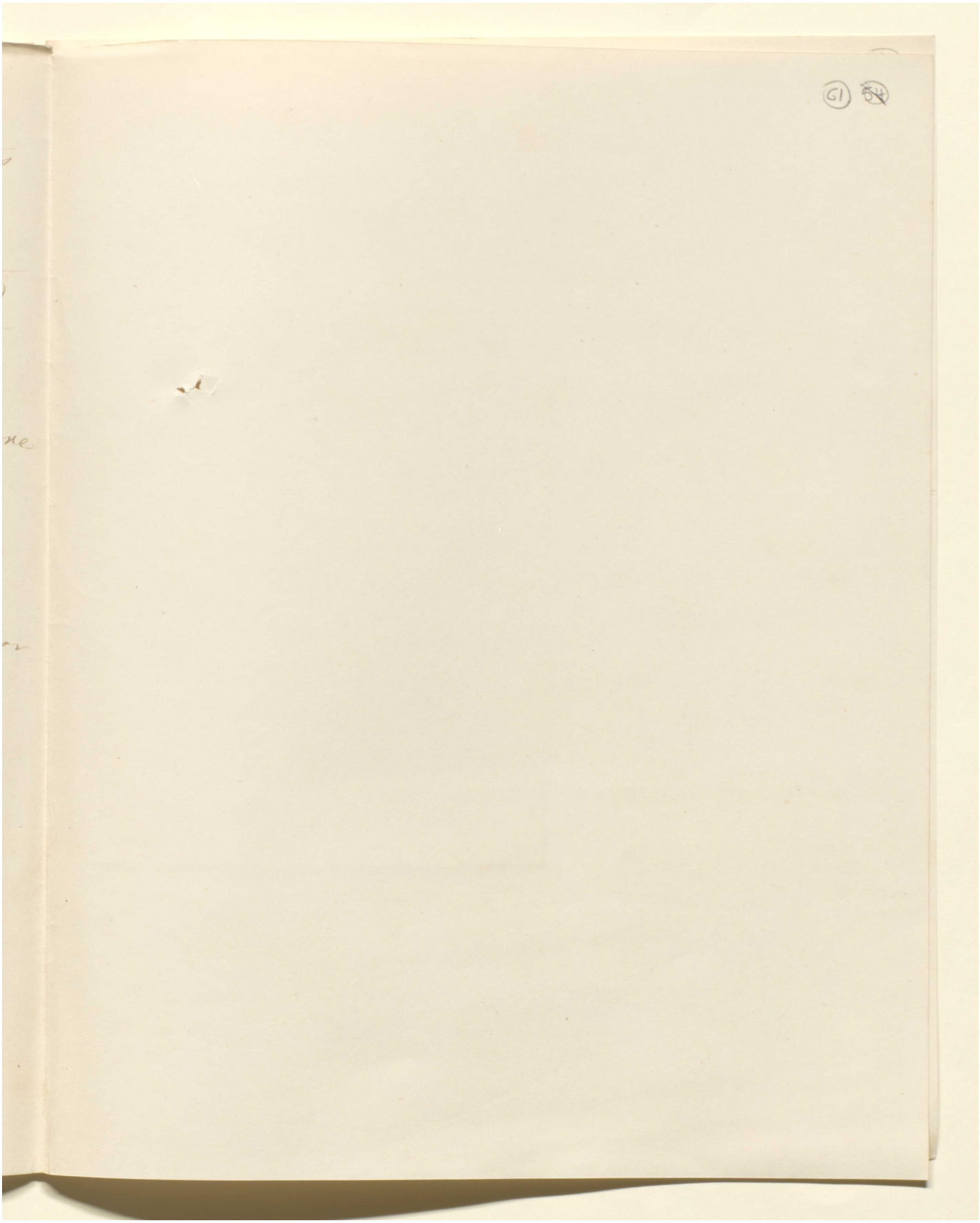
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I returned the Sowar whom you kindly sent me with the Kotah Curiosities and I have marked on the list the Articles I have retained_ As far as I recollect they amounted to between 80 & 90 Rupees so I give myself the pleasure of enclosing a Cheque and if I am under the mark I dare say you will kindly let me know_

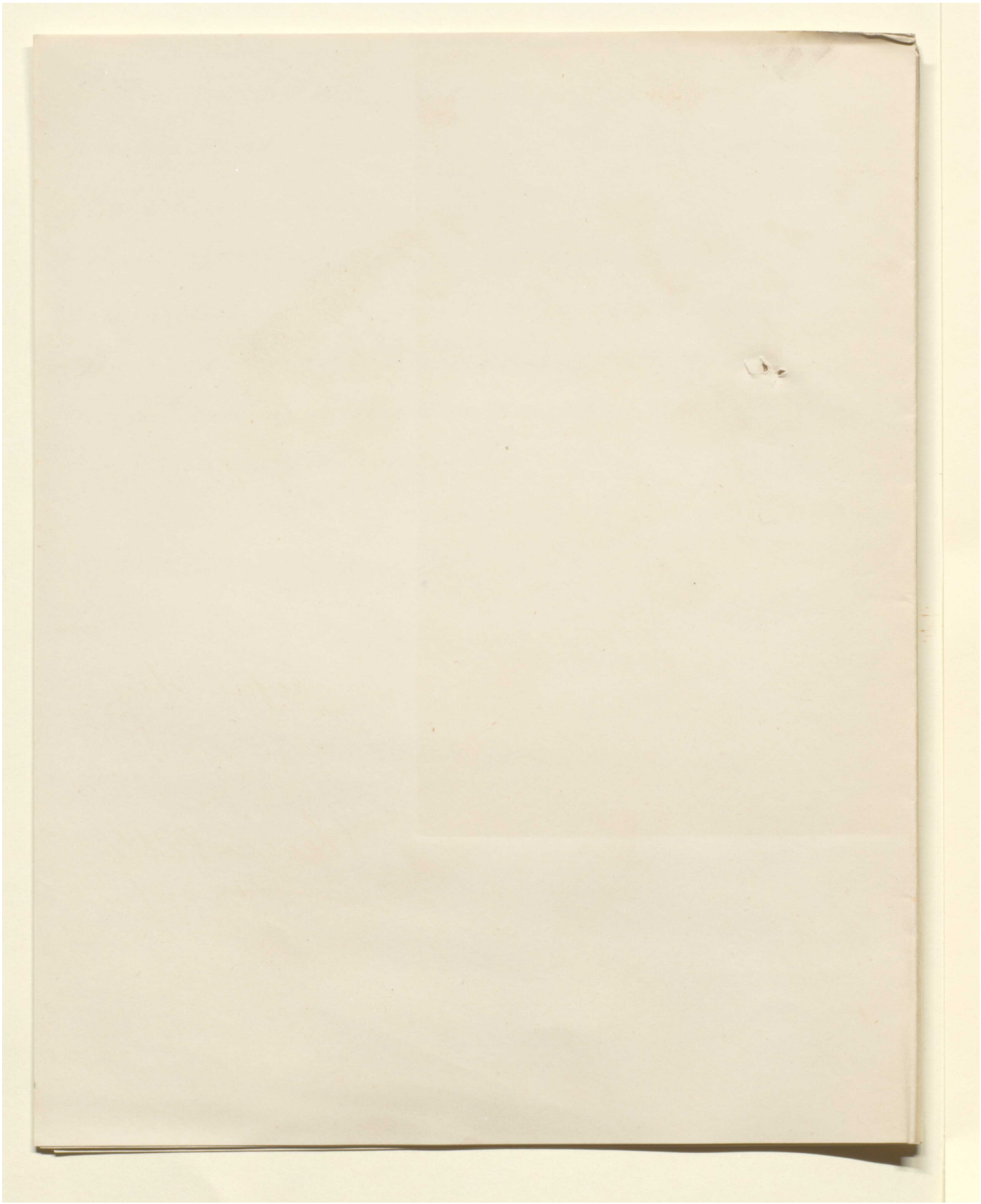
Pray remember me very kindly to Mrs Barkley and Mrs Clay.

I am always glad when from you



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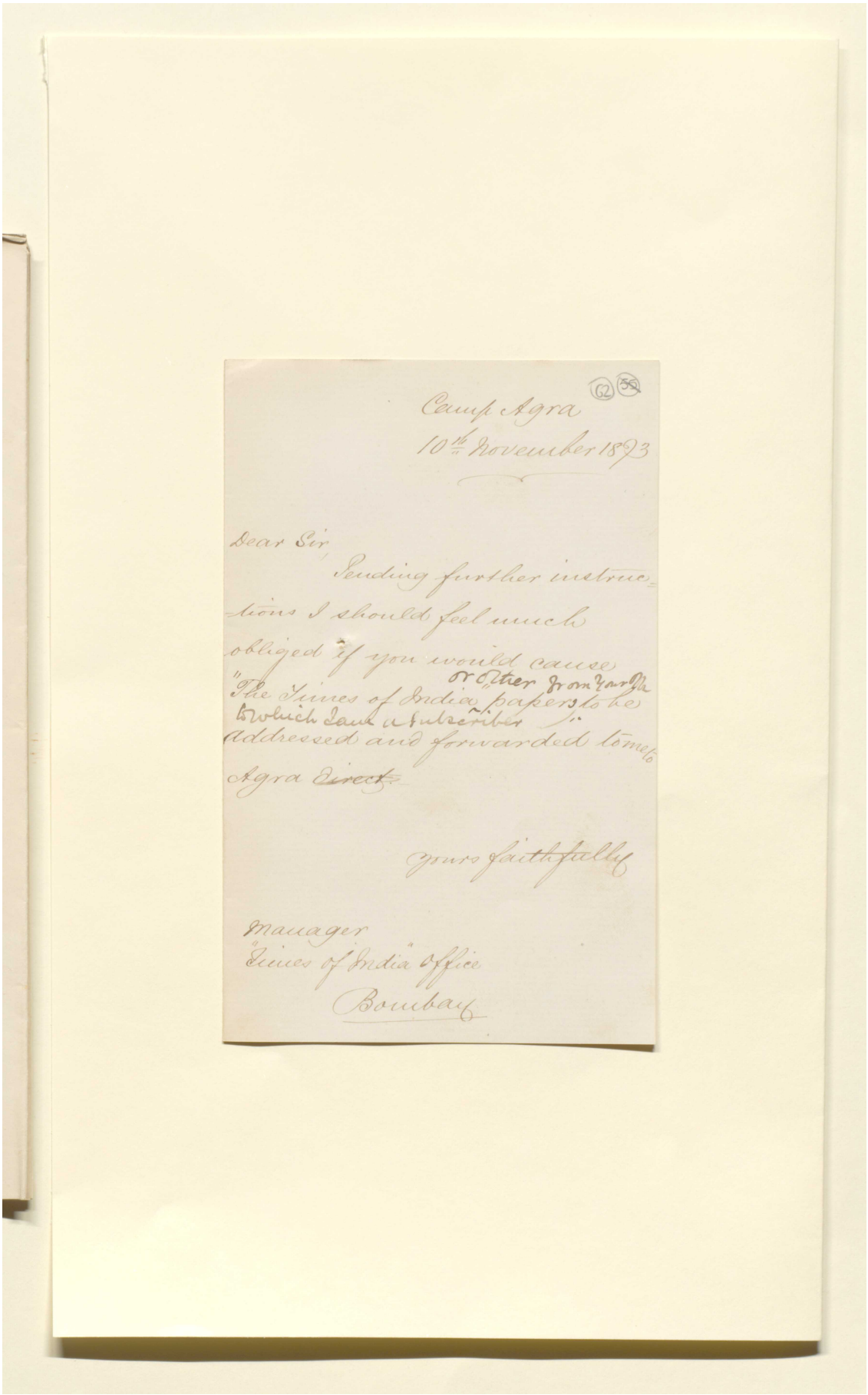


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Letter from Lewis Pelly, Camp Agra to the Manager, Times of India Office, Bombay [62r] (1/2)



Camp Agra
10th November 1873

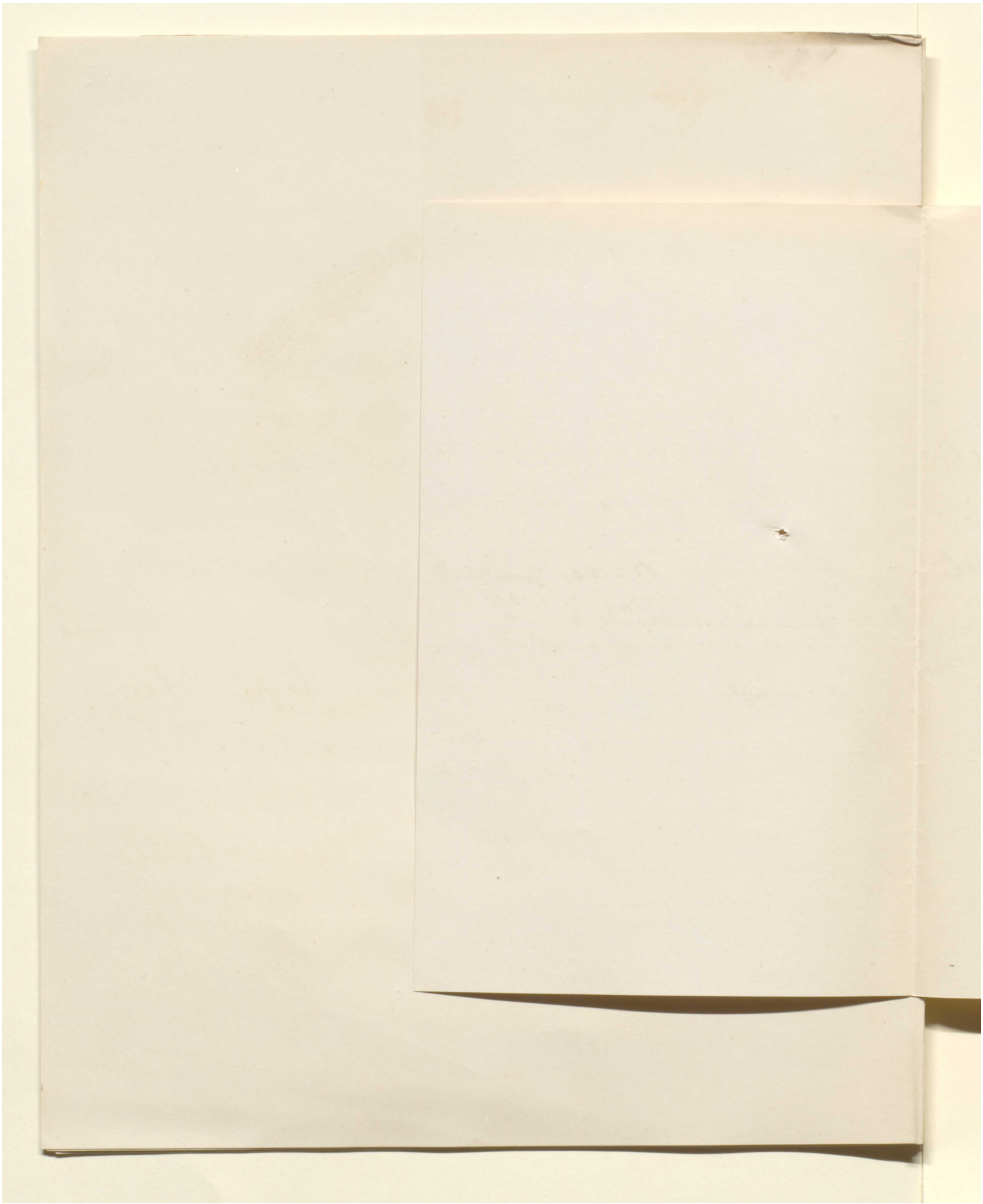
Dear Sir,

Sending further instructions I should feel much obliged if you would cause "The Times of India" papers to be addressed and forwarded to me at Agra Direct

Yours faithfully

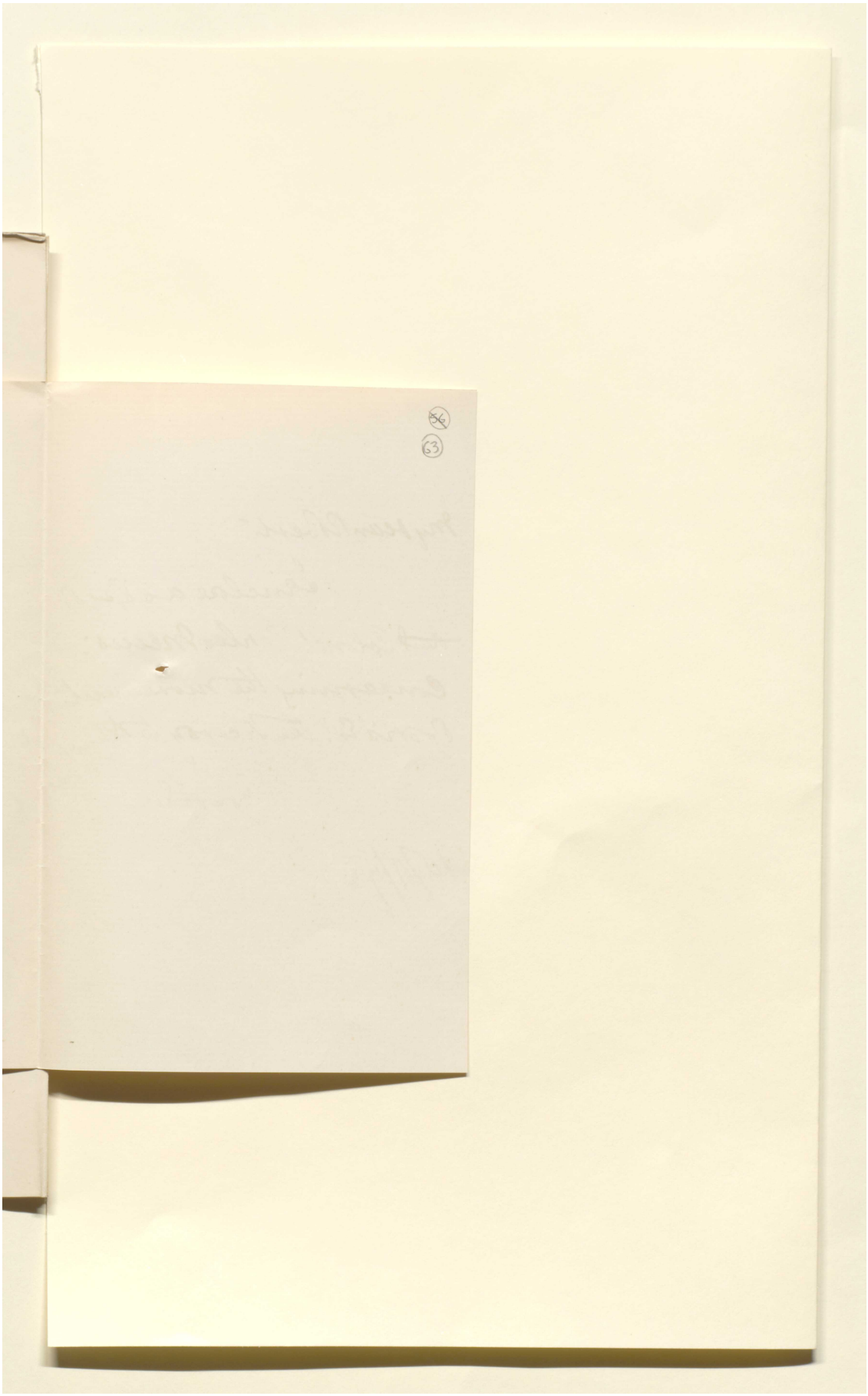
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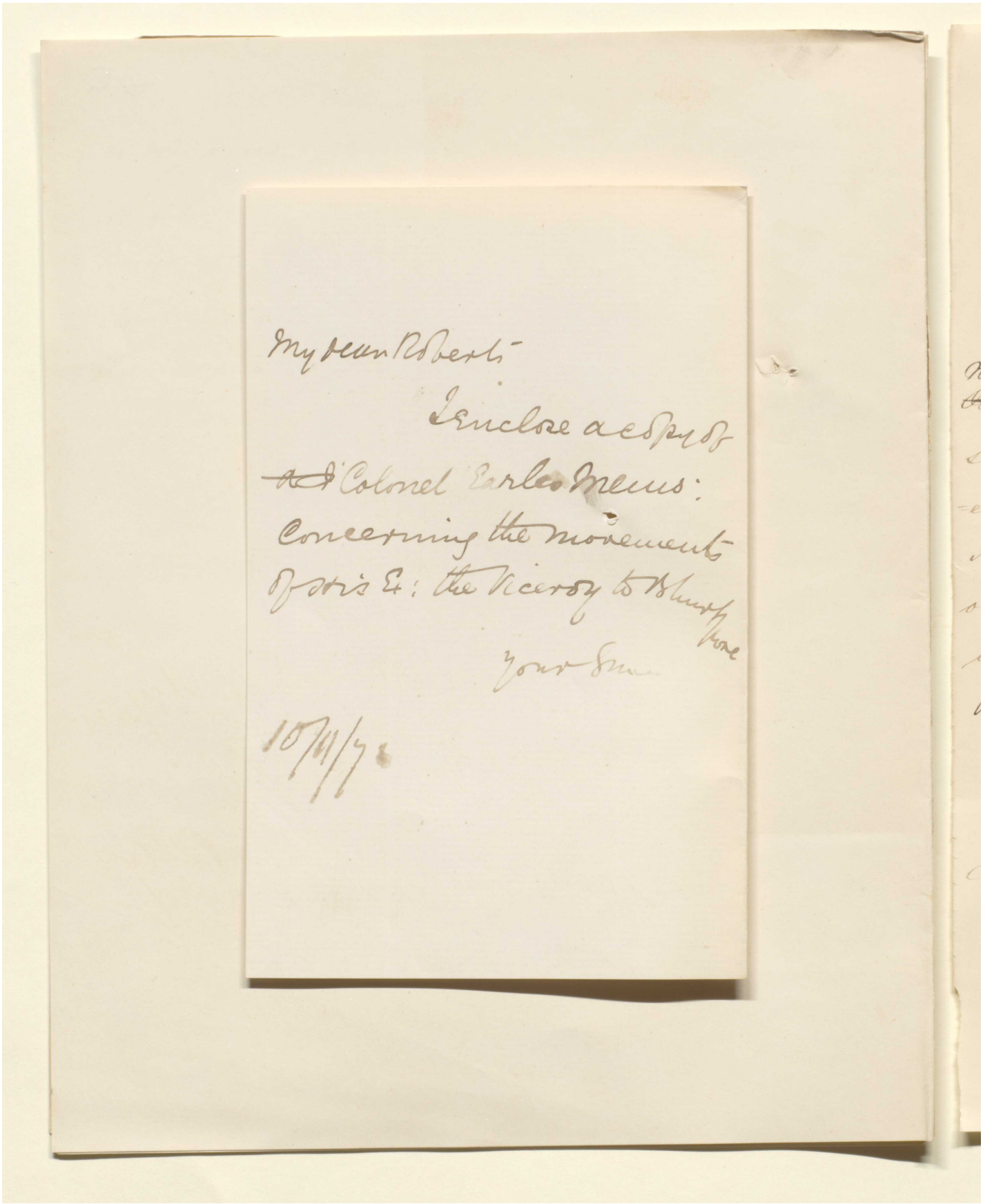
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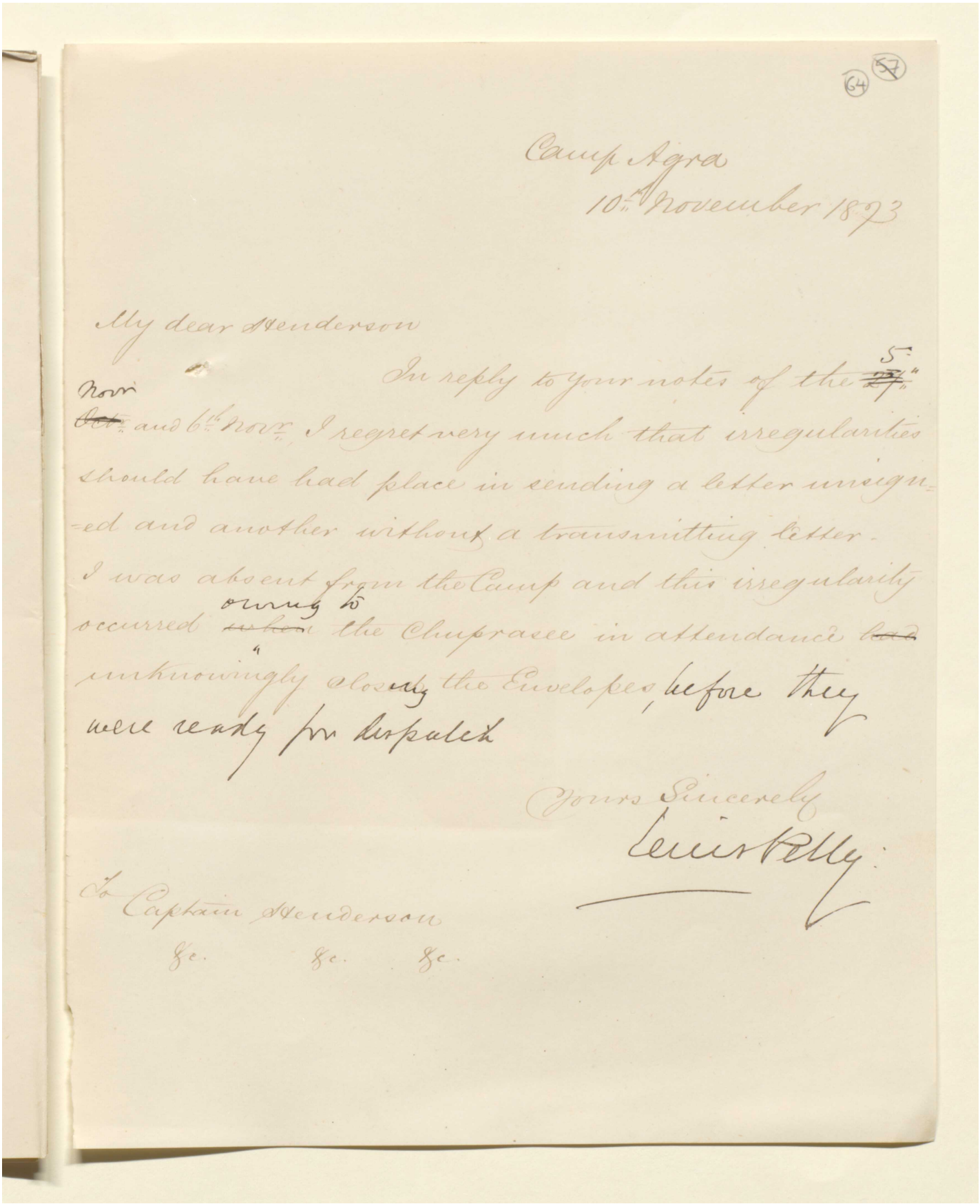
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My dear Roberts-

I enclose a copy of
~~a~~ Colonel Parlo Memo:
Concerning the movements
of Sir's E: the Viceroy to Bhurtpore
Yours Sincerely

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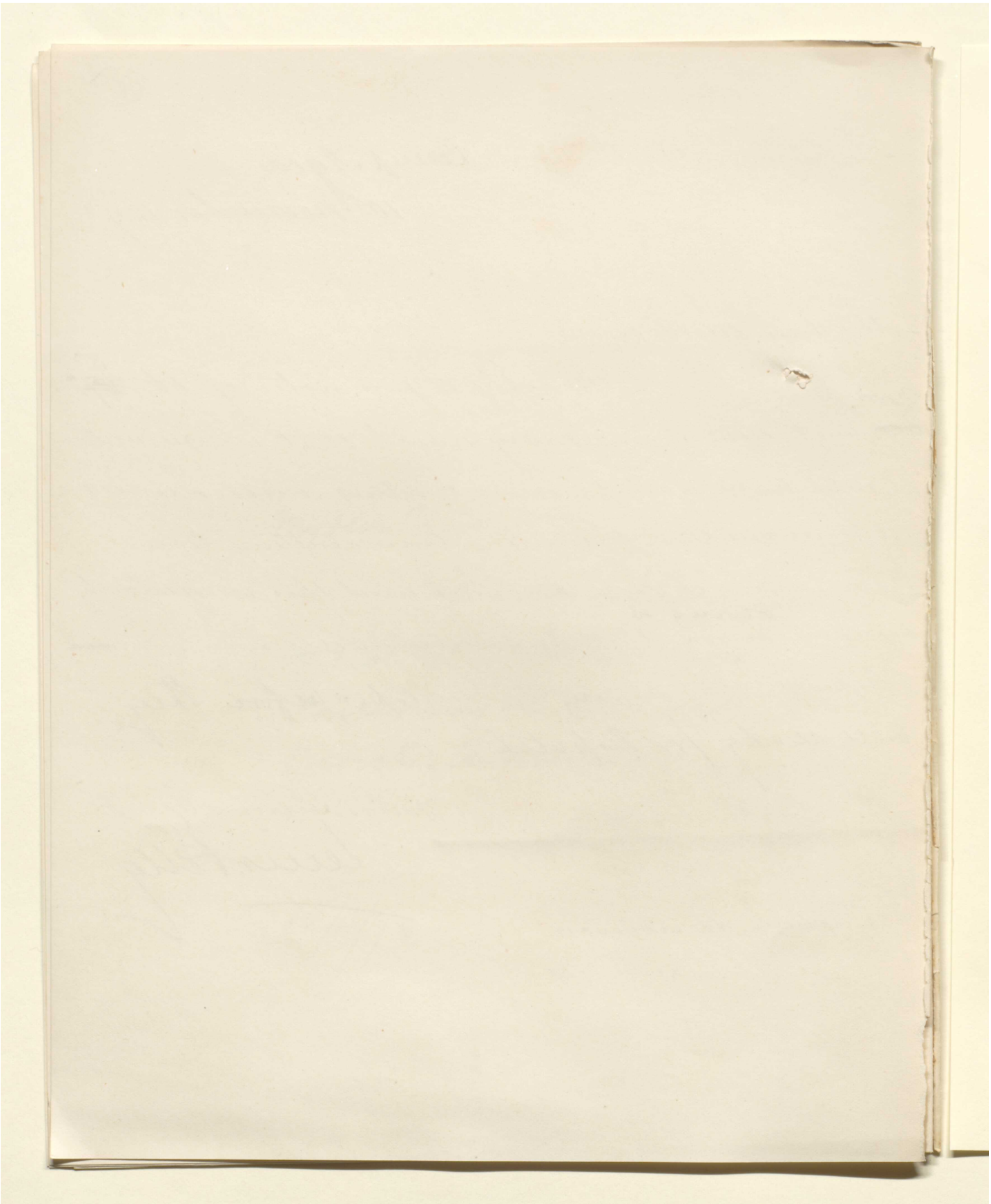
Camp Agra
10th November 1873

My dear Henderson

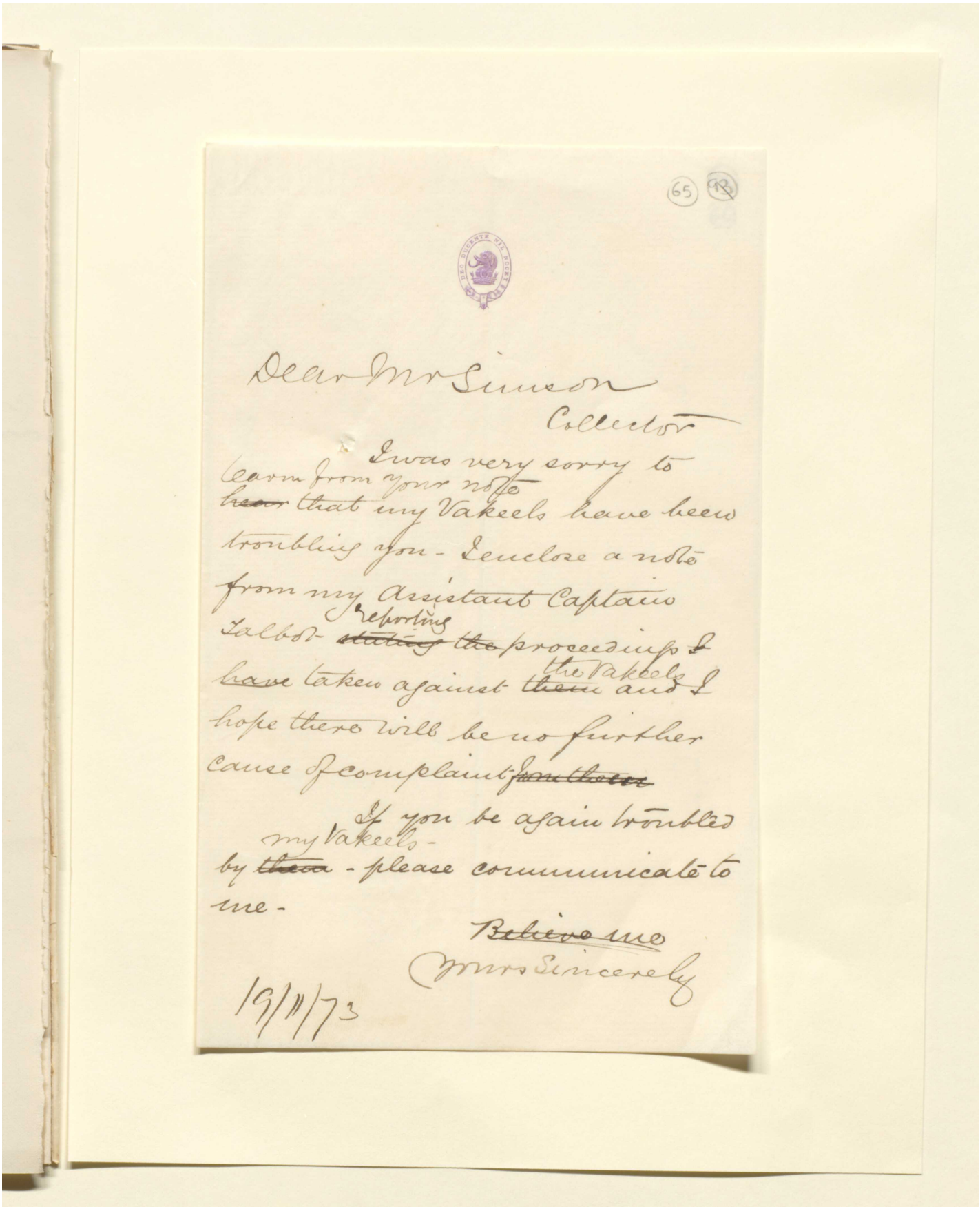
In reply to your notes of the 5th Nov. and 6th Nov. I regret very much that irregularities should have had place in sending a letter unsigned and another without a transmitting letter. I was absent from the Camp and this irregularity occurred owing to the Chuprassee in attendance unknowingly closing the Envelopes before they were ready for despatch

Yours Sincerely
Lewis Pelly.

To Captain Henderson
&c. &c. &c.



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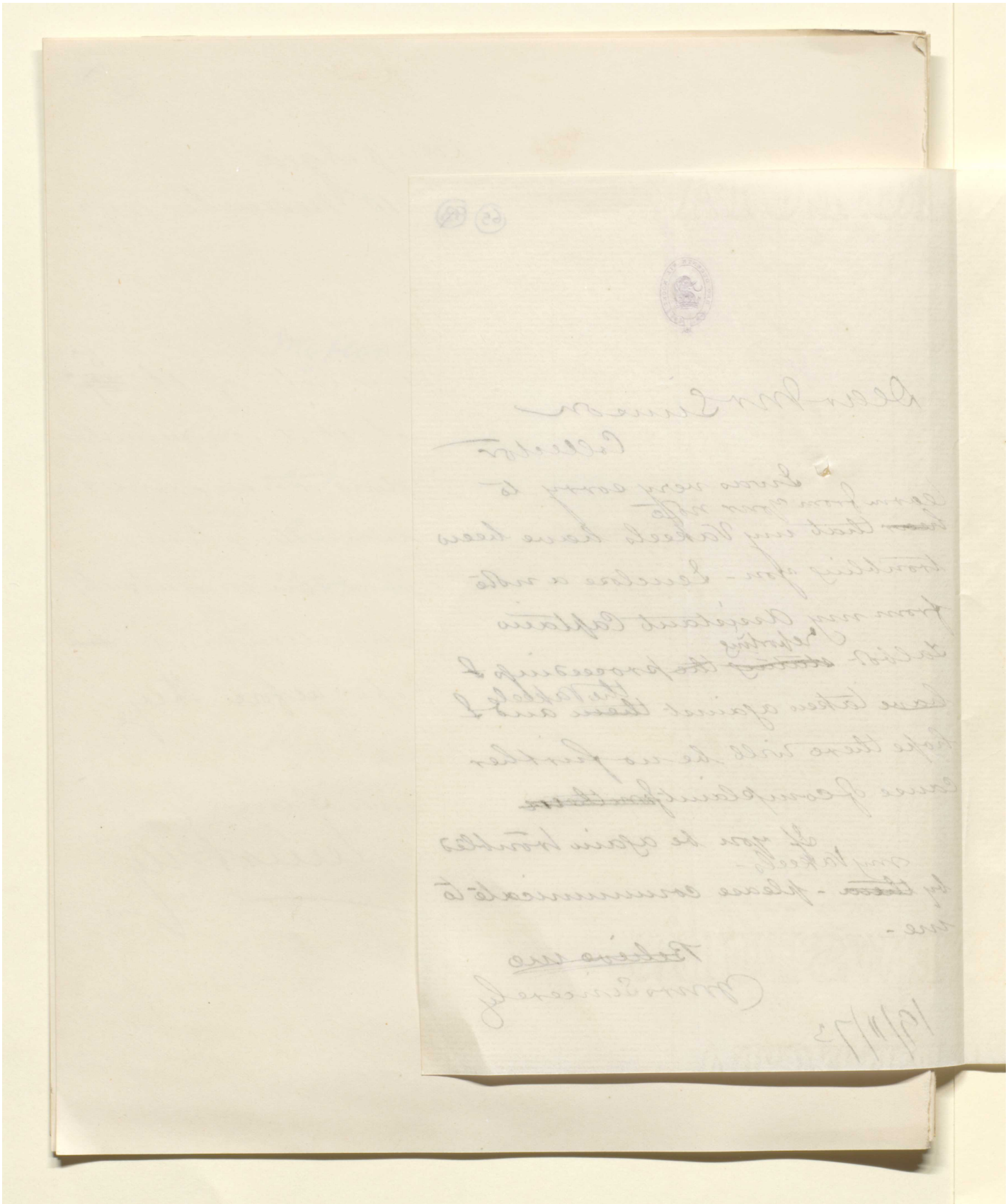
Dear Mr Simson
Collector

I was very sorry to learn from your note ~~hear~~ that my Vakeels have been troubling you - I enclose a note from my Assistant Captain Talbot reporting ~~stating~~ the proceedings I ~~have~~ taken against the Vakeels ~~them~~ and I hope there will be no further cause of complaint ~~from them~~

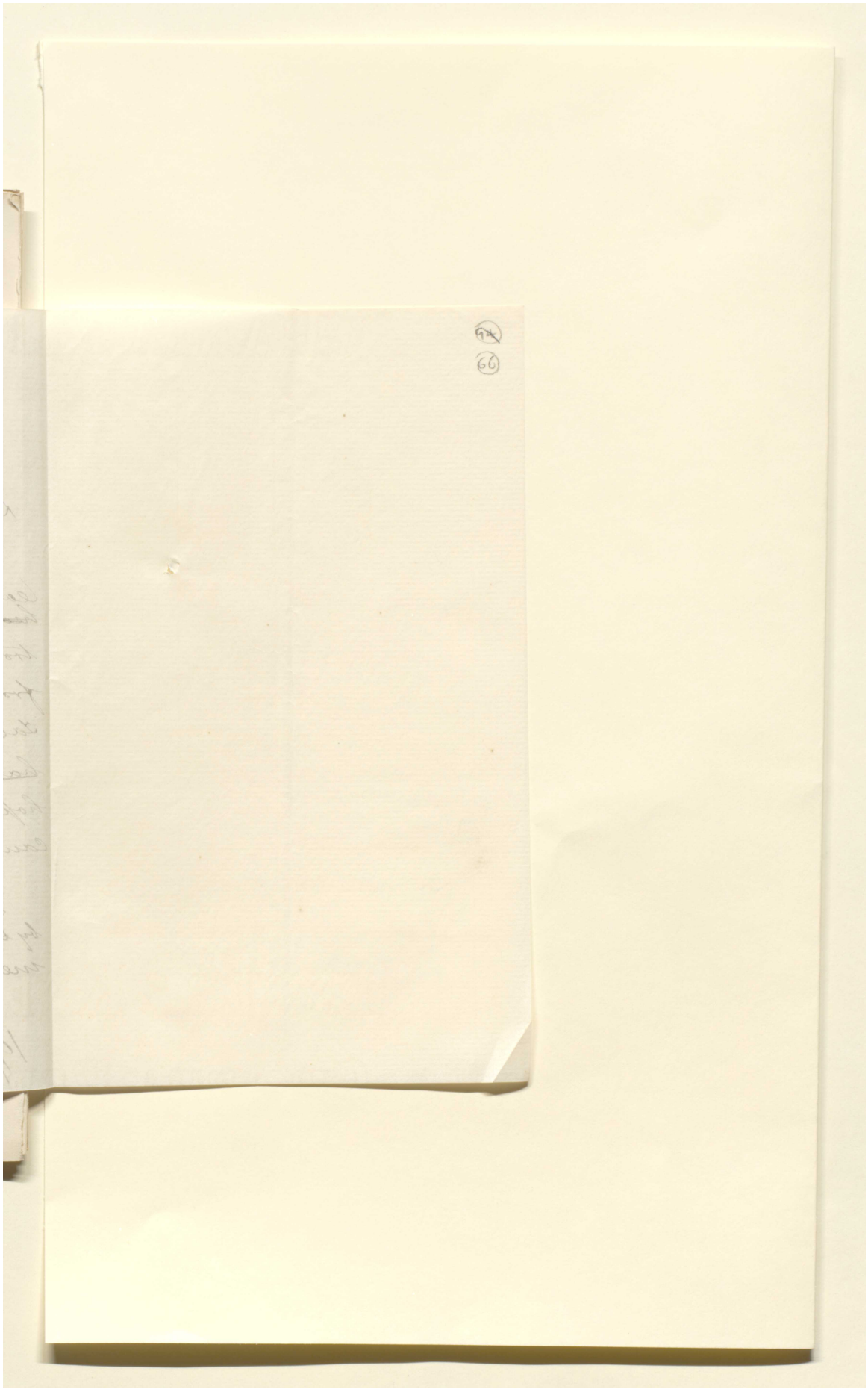
If you be again troubled by my Vakeels ~~them~~ - please communicate to me -

~~Believe me~~
Yours Sincerely

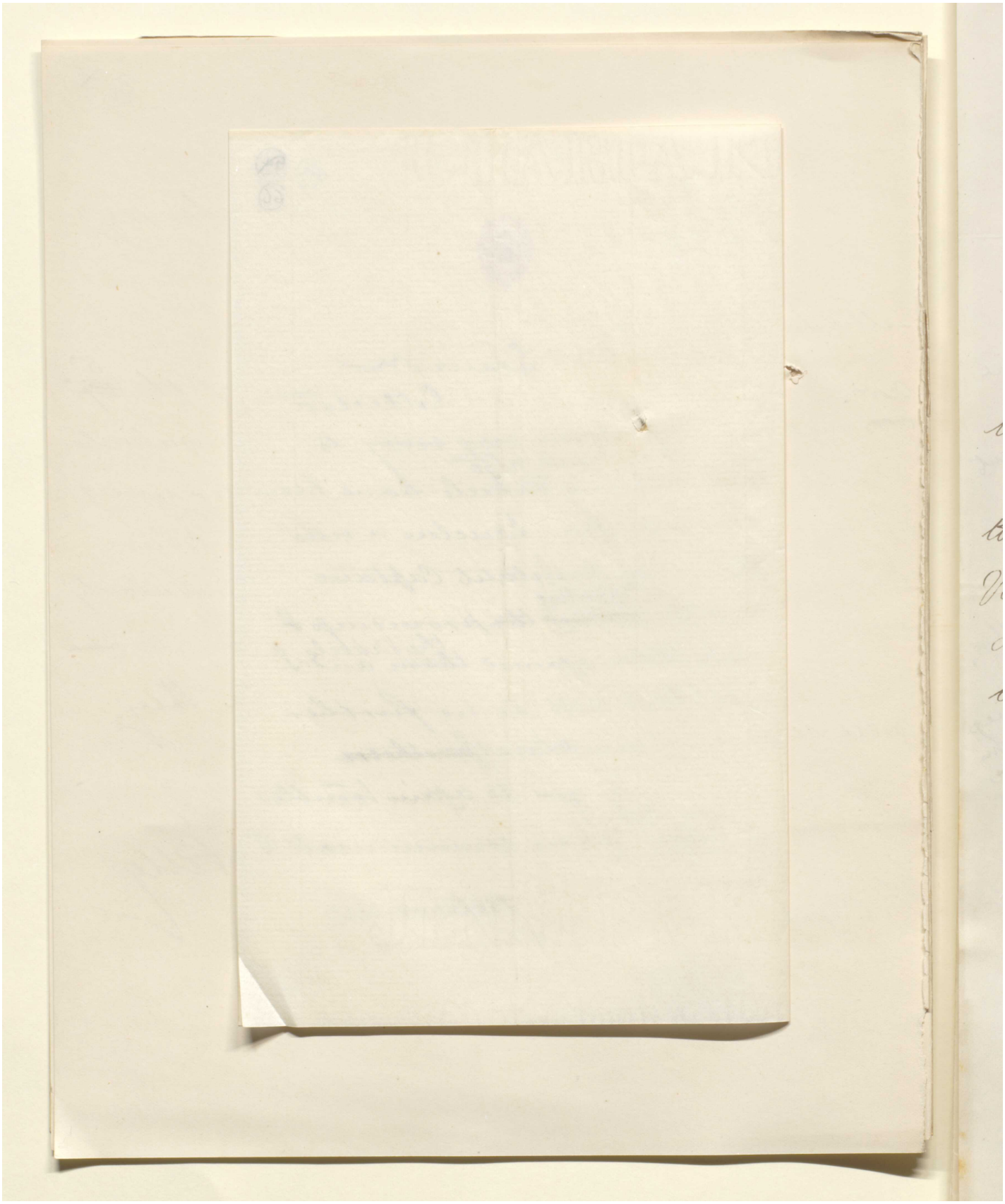
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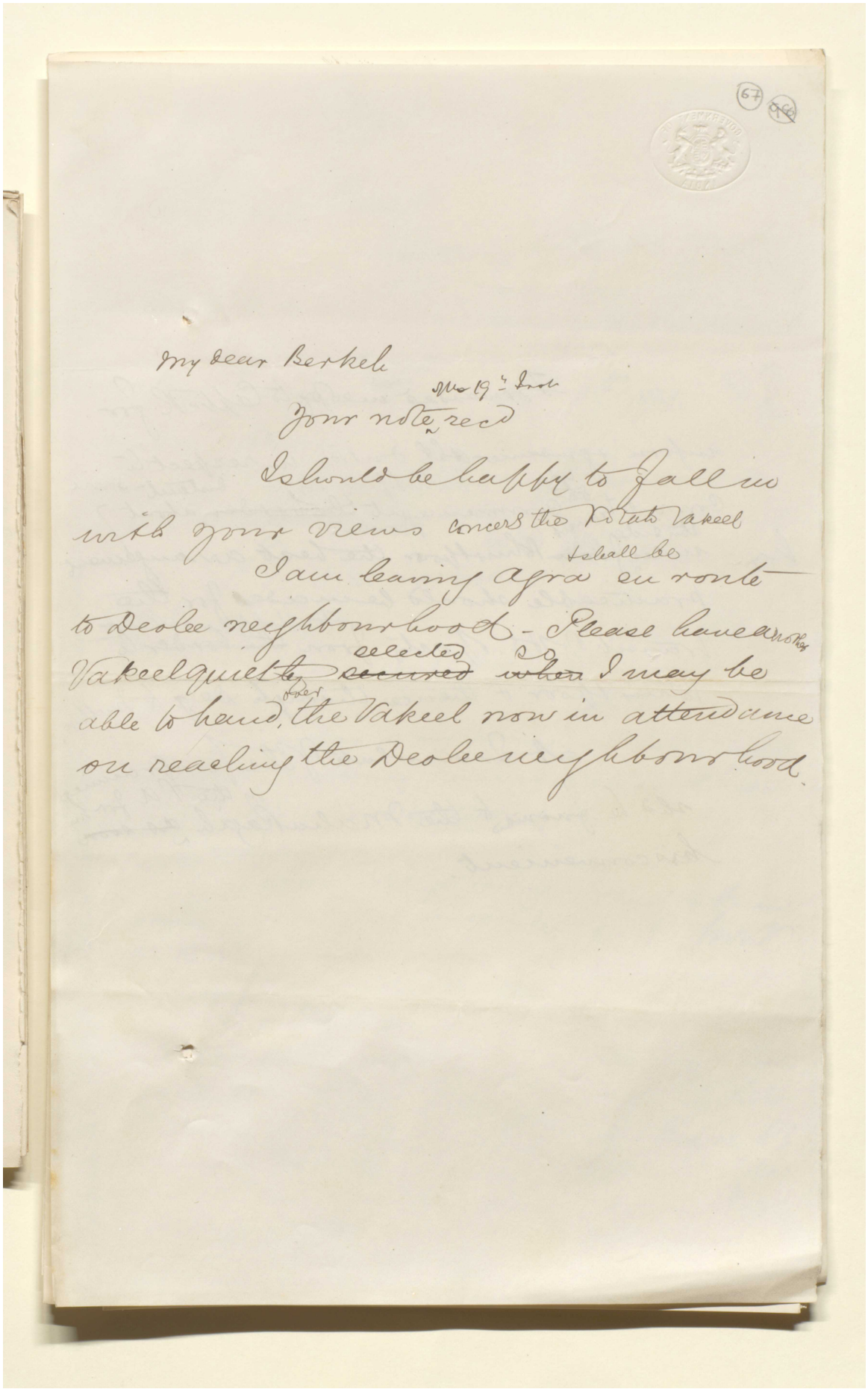
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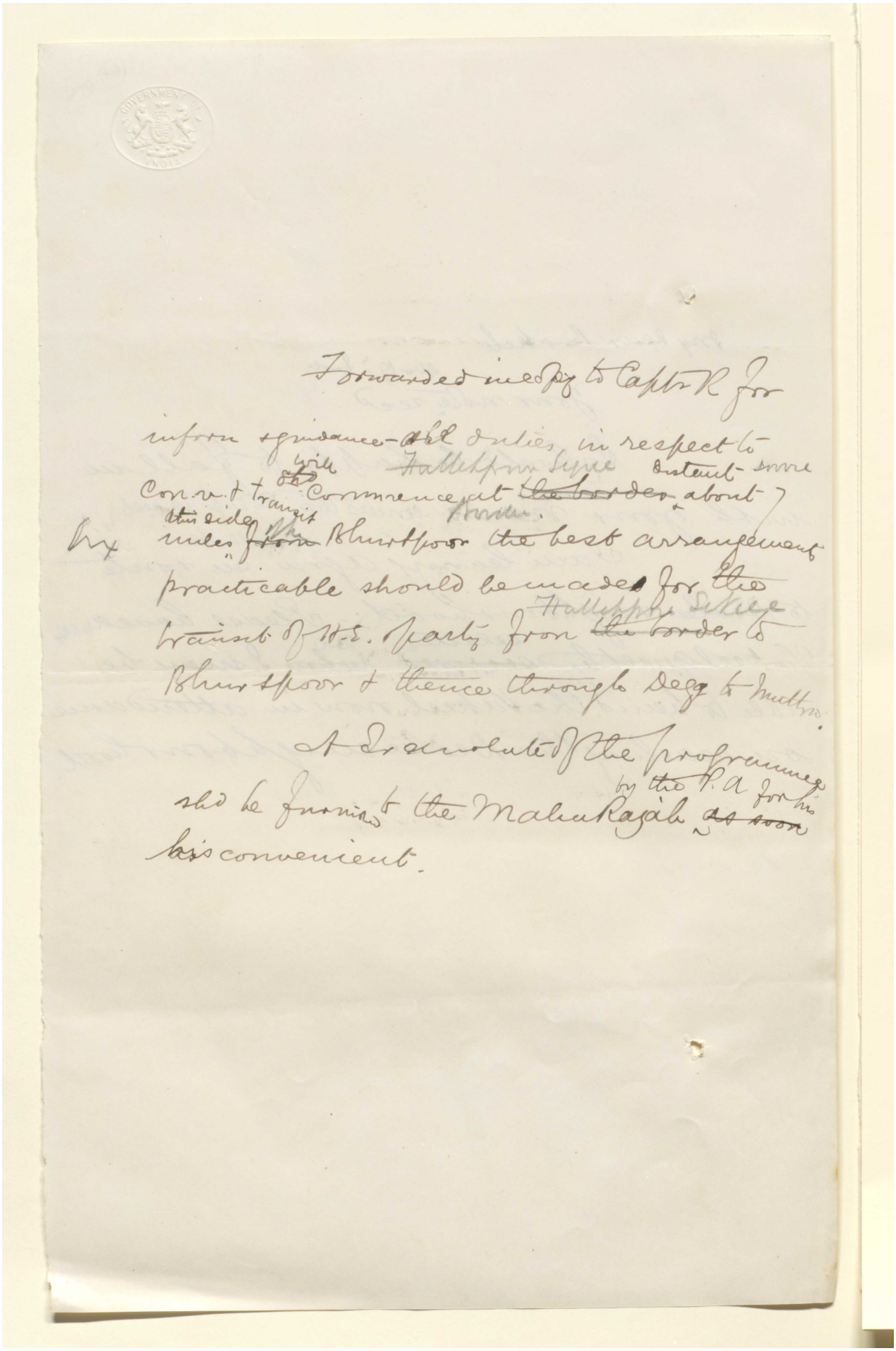
My dear Berkeley

No 19 2nd Inst

Your note rec'd

I should be happy to fall in with your views concerning the Rotab Vakeel

I am leaving Agra shall be en route to Deolee neighbourhood - Please have another Vakeel quietly selected so that when I may be able to hand over the Vakeel now in attendance on reaching the Deolee neighbourhood.

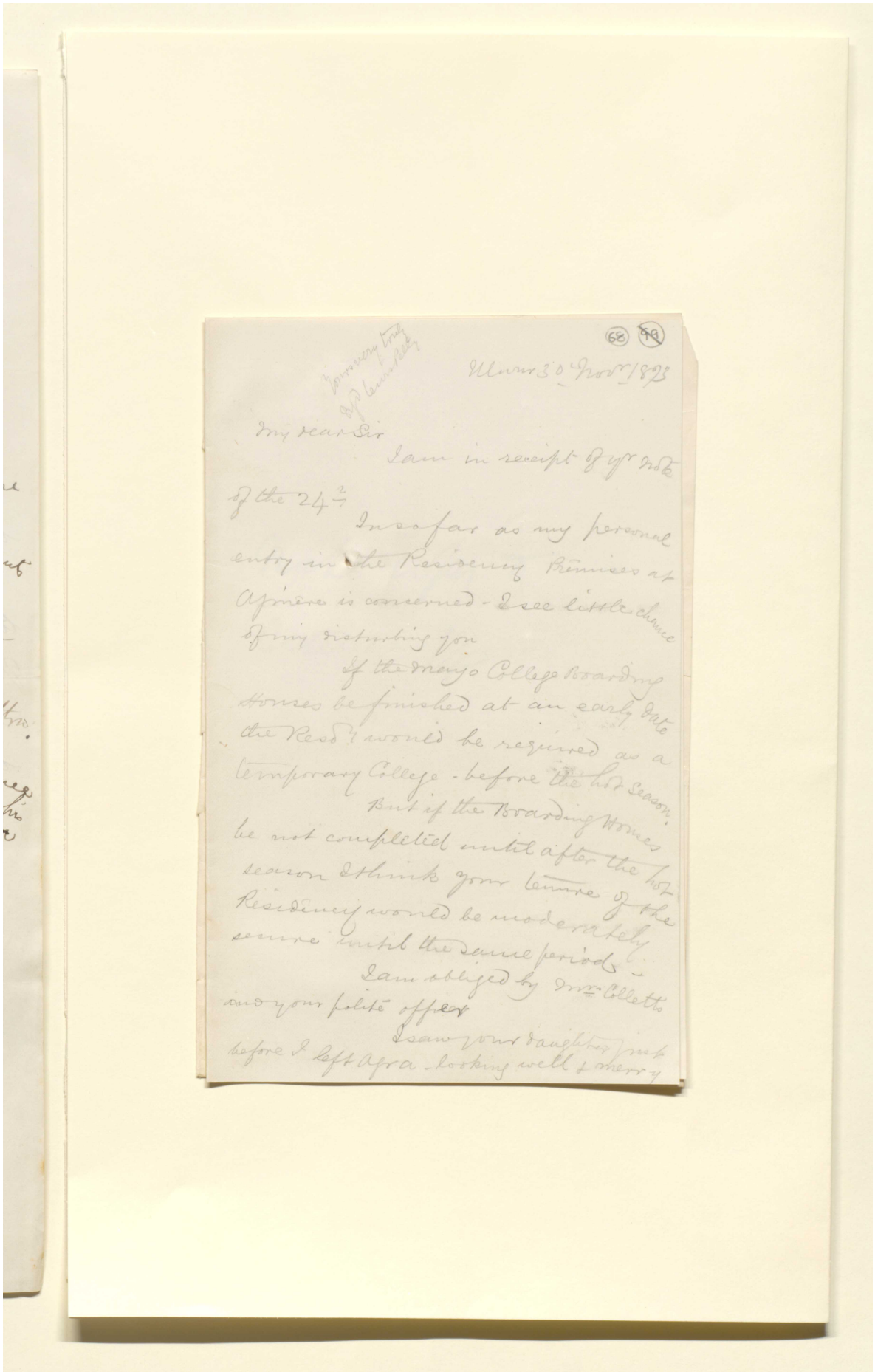


I forwarded me by to Capt R for
inform + guidance - all duties in respect to
will Hallifax Sepoy Detail some
Conv. + transit of Commence at the border about 7
this side Bhurtpoor.
Dy rules from Bhurtpoor the best arrangement
practicable should be made for the
Hallifax Sepoy
transit of H.E. party from the border to
Bhurtpoor & thence through Deeg to Mutra.

A Dr. circulate of the programme
by the P.A. for his
shd be furnished the Maharajah as soon
his convenient.

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Ajmere 30th Nov 1873

My dear Sir

I am in receipt of yr note of the 24th inst.

In so far as my personal entry in the Residency Premises at Ajmere is concerned - I see little chance of my disturbing you

If the Mayo College Boarding Houses be finished at an early date the Resd't would be required as a temporary College - before the hot season.

But if the Boarding Houses be not completed until after the hot season I think your tenure of the Residency would be moderately secure until the same period -

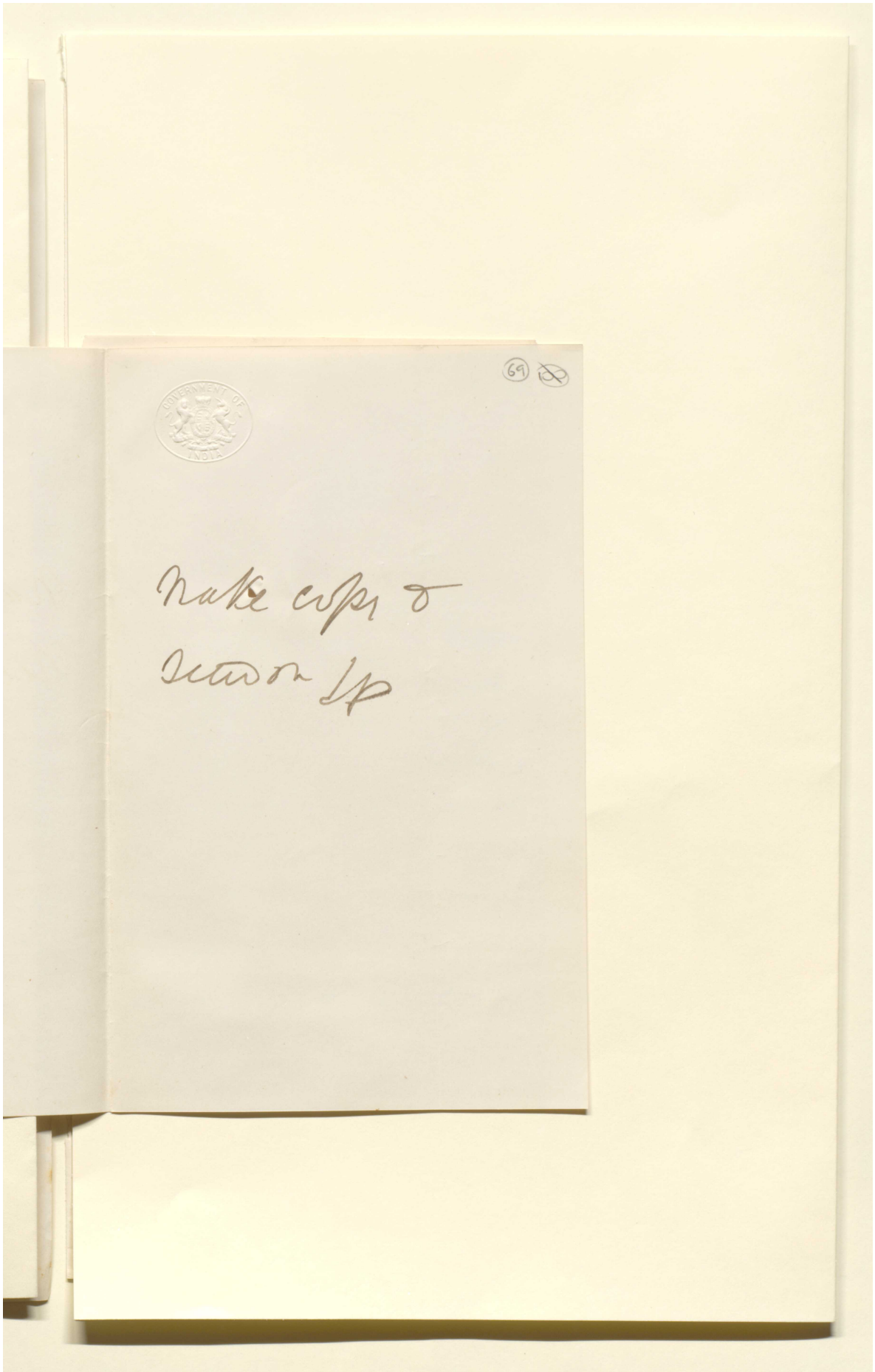
I am obliged by Mrs Collett's and your polite offer

I saw your daughter just before I left Agra - looking well & merry

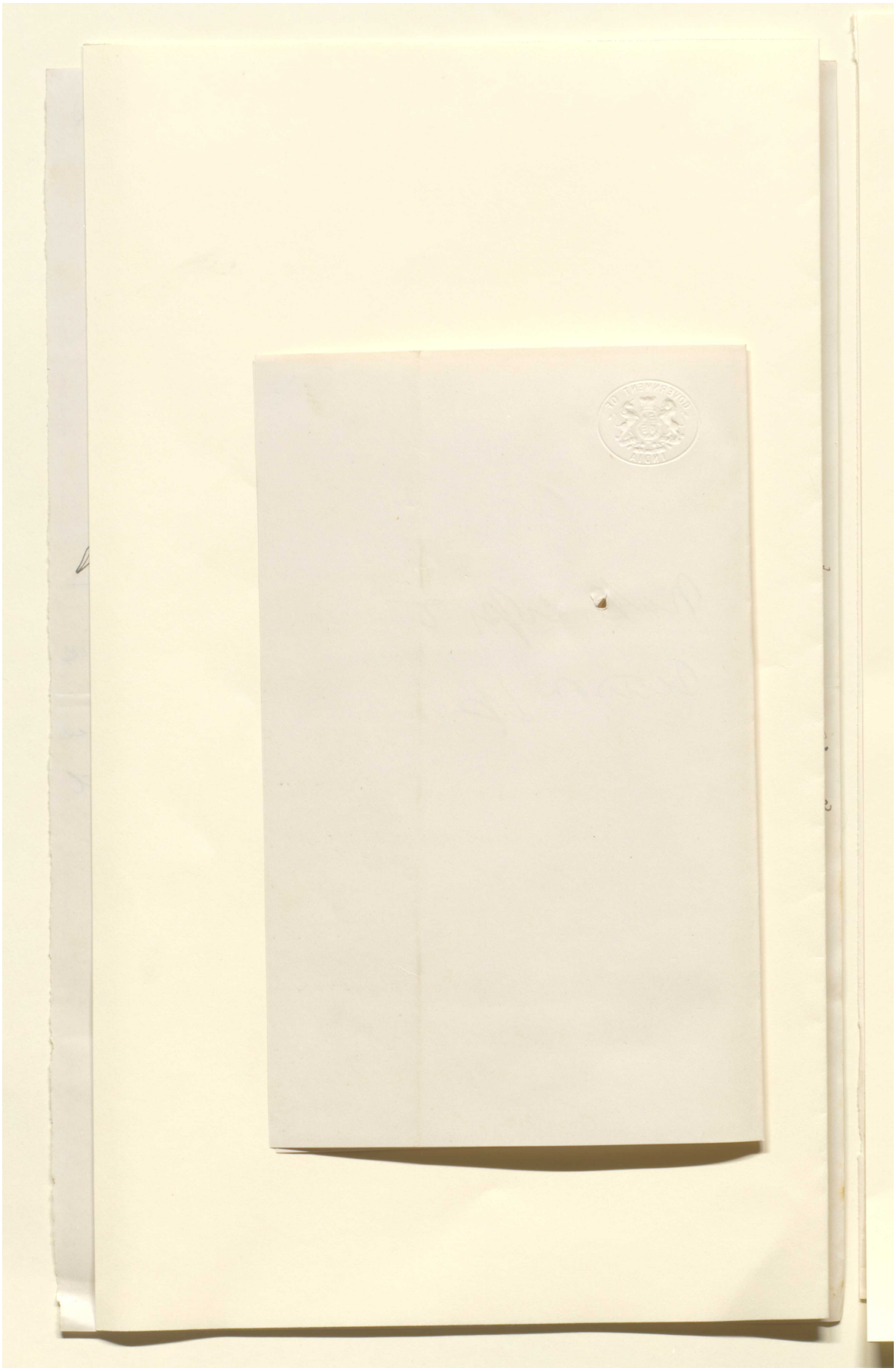


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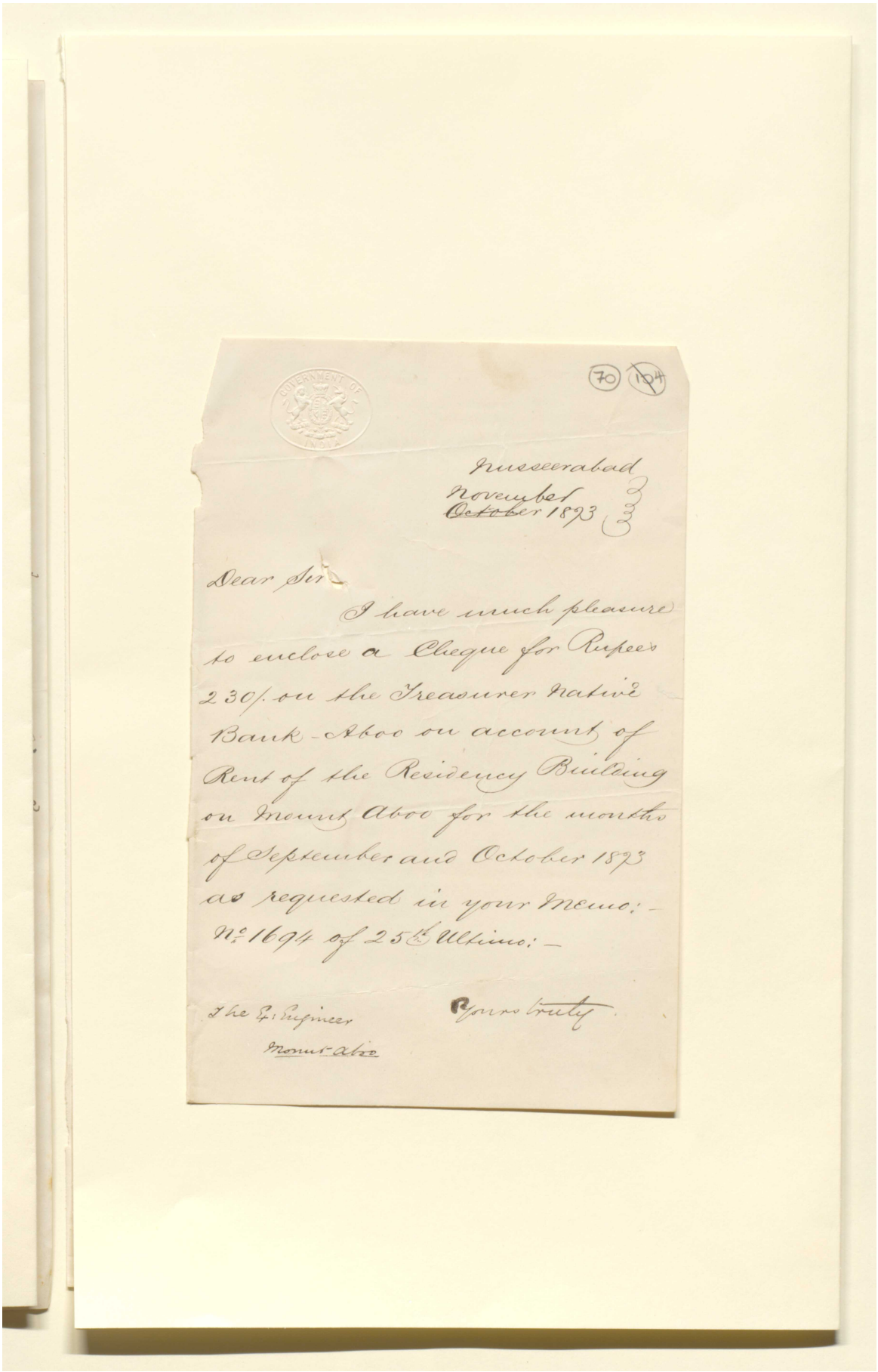


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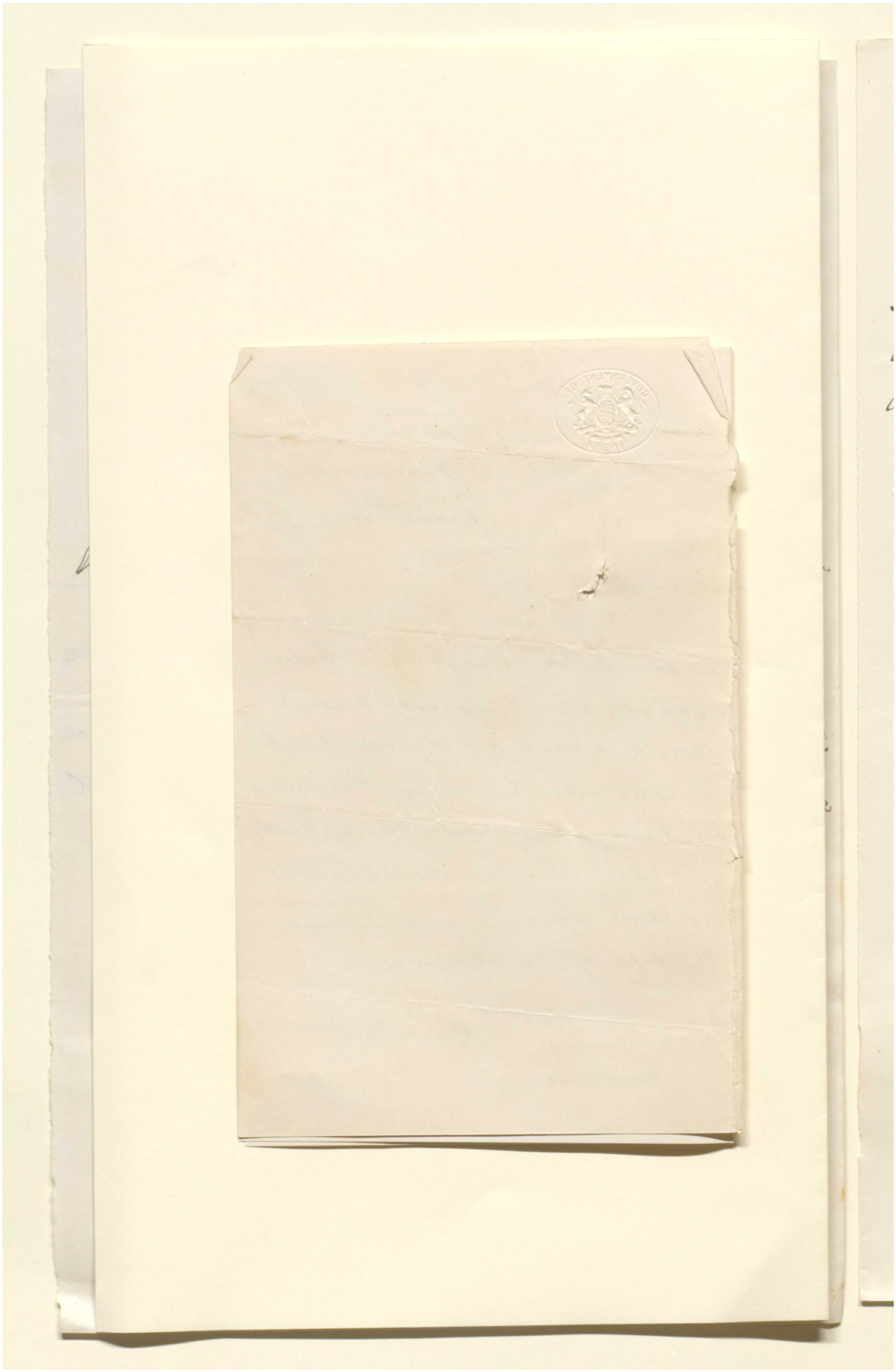
Dear Sir –

I have much pleasure to enclose a Cheque for Rupees 230/- on the Treasurer Native Bank - Aboo on account of Rent of the Residency Building on Mount Aboo for the months of September and October 1893 as requested in your Memo:- No. 1694 of 25th Ultimo:-

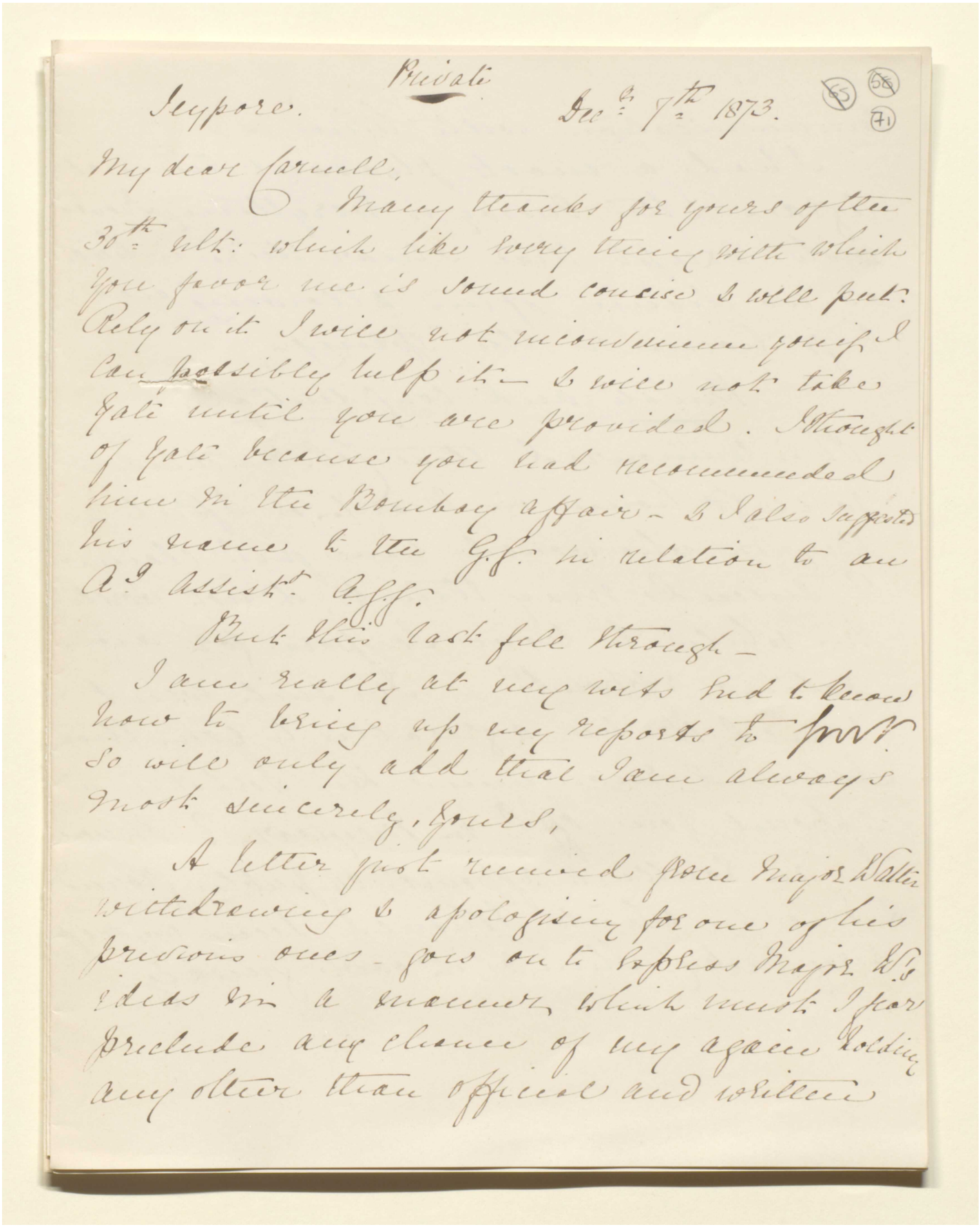
Yours truly

The Ex. Engineer
Mount abo

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Private

Jeypore. Dec^r 7^th 1873.

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My dear Carnell,

Many thanks for yours of the 30th ult: which like every thing with which you favor me is sound concise & well put: Rely on it I will not misdemean myself I can possibly help it— & will not take Yale until you are provided. I thought of Yale because you had recommended him in the Bombay affair— & I also supported his name to the G.G. in relation to an A.D. Assist. A.G.G.

But this last fell through—

I am really at my wits end to know how to bring up my reports to par. So will only add that I am always most sincerely, Yours,

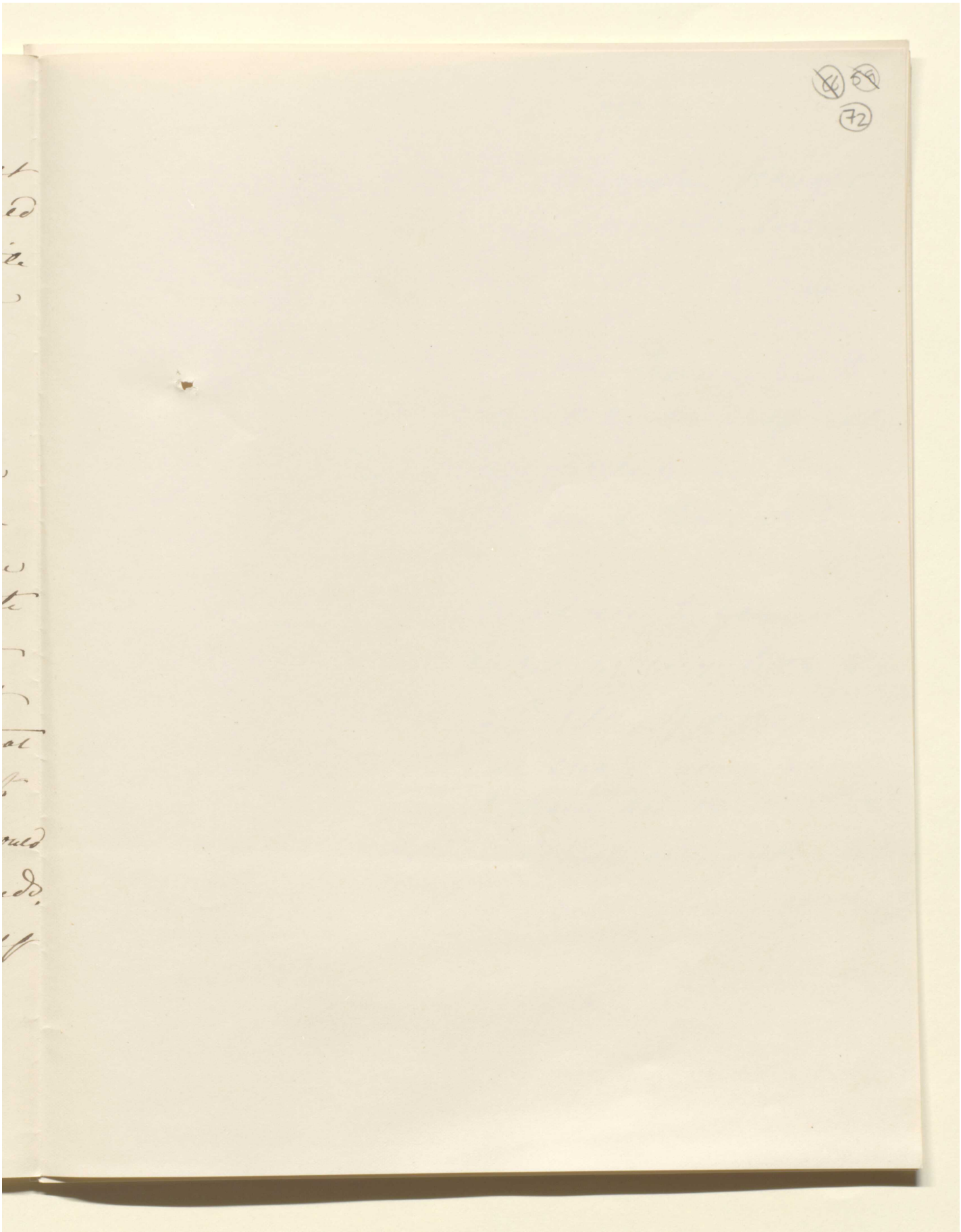
A letter just received from Major Waller withdrawing & apologising for one of his previous ones— goes on to express Major W.'s ideas in a manner which must I fear preclude any chance of my again holding any other than official and written

communication with him –

I had a most pleasant time at Agra – & the Viceroy is very kind & would wish & expect that I should remain there in his absence & no chance of his allowing me to go home in the Spring –

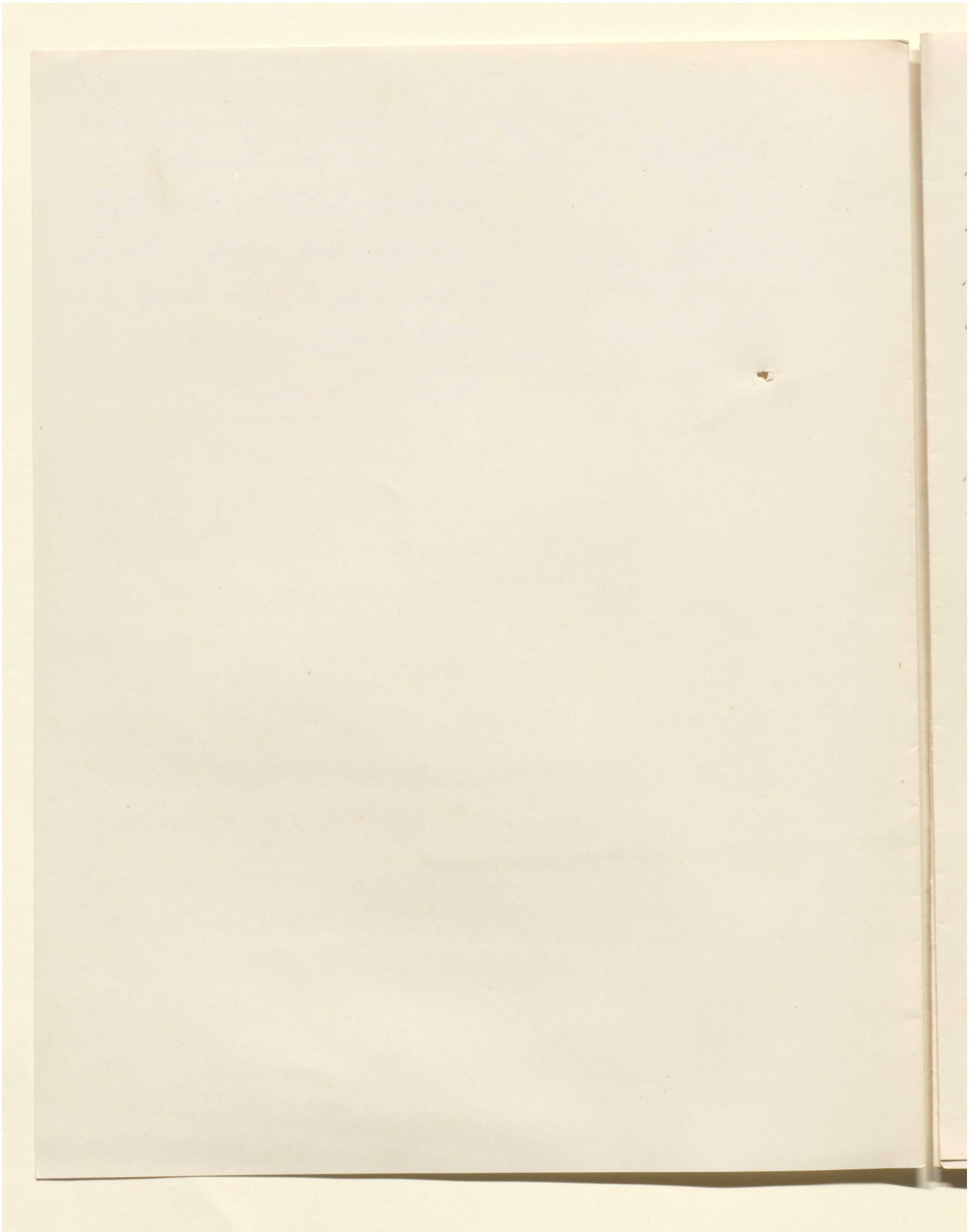
Private and confidential.

It is rumoured that Col: Hutchinson will go home in March or April – Beynon who would have first claim to succeed may think it not worth his while to leave Jeypore for an acting appointt – In such a case would it be agreeable to you that I should recommend his Lordship to appoint you Offg in Jeypore? It would be an excellent appointt on public grounds & one in which I should secure myself very handsomely. Think it over quickly –



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Jeypore. 7th December 1873.

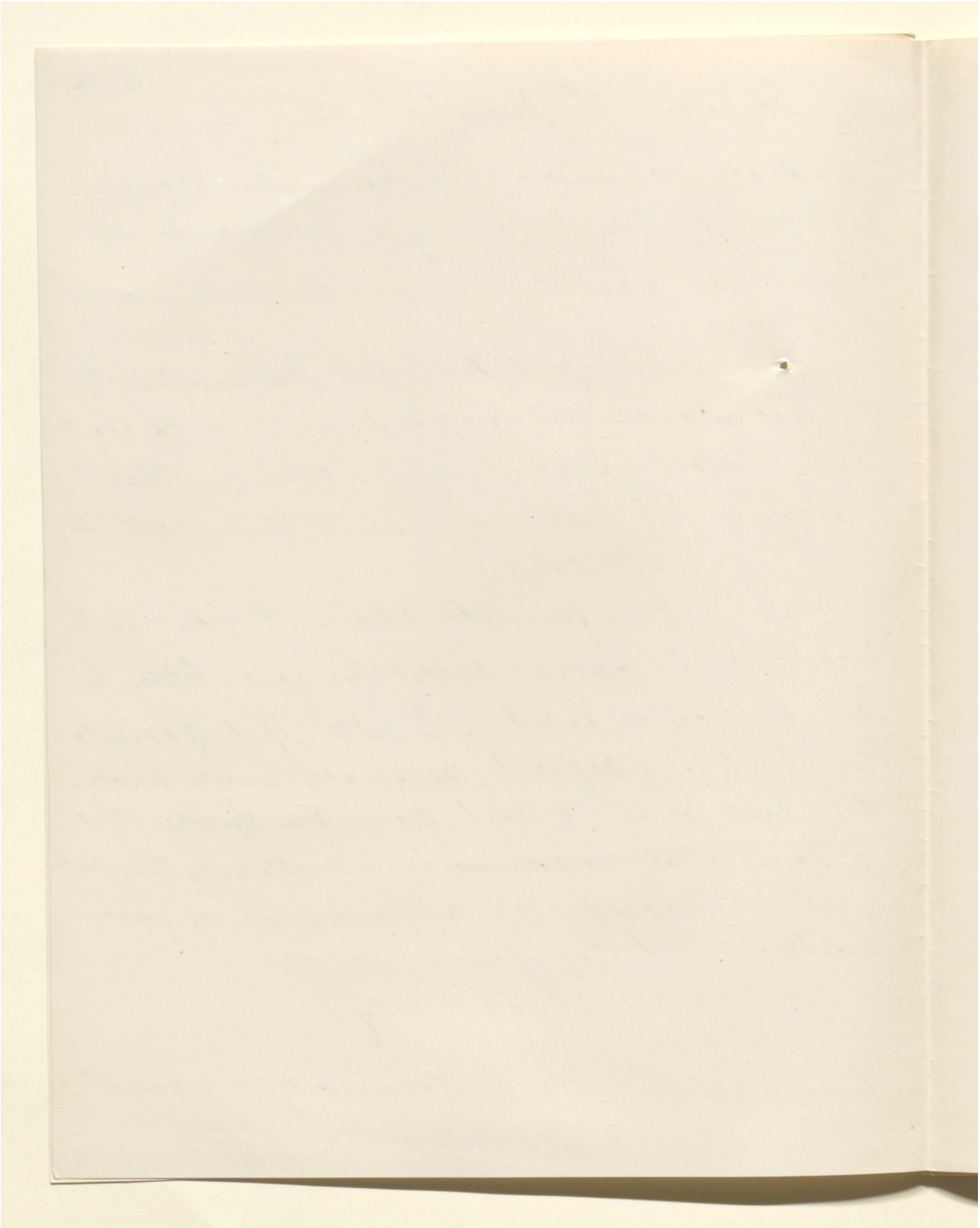
My dear Saunders, Mr. Connellan brought me the enclosed copy of a correspondence which has passed between Colonel Williams and you.

I suggested to Mr. Connellan to let me have the papers in an unofficial form before proceeding further in the matter. He has now sent them with his note of yesterday.

My friendly advice to you is to recall and express regret for your letter to Col. Williams dated 27th ult. If it gets into the Military Depart. we shall never hear the last of it. A word from an officer who is somewhat experienced in matters of this sort will be enough for a Gentleman of your intellect and reputation.

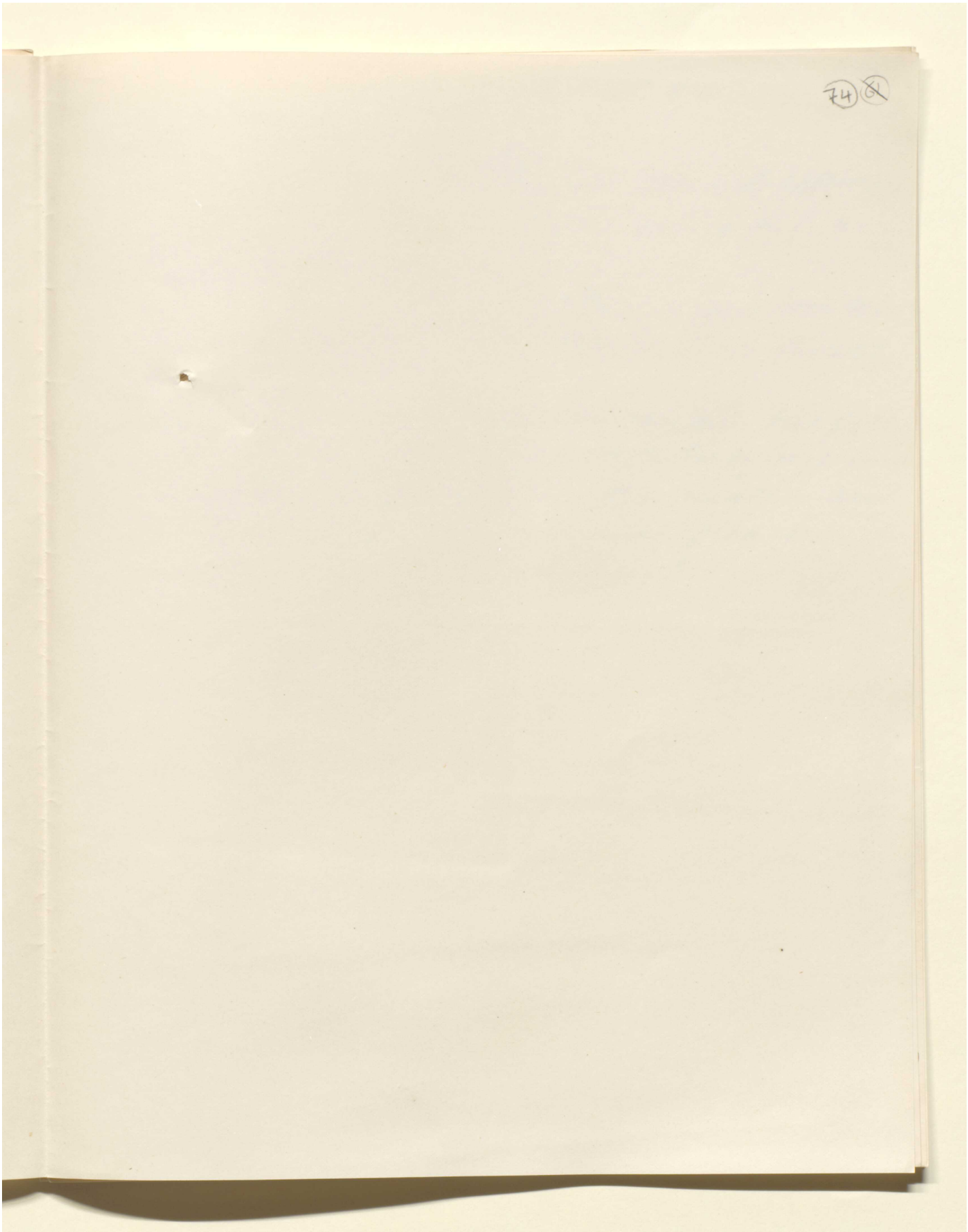
Yours sincerely

Kindly return the enclosures after perusal.



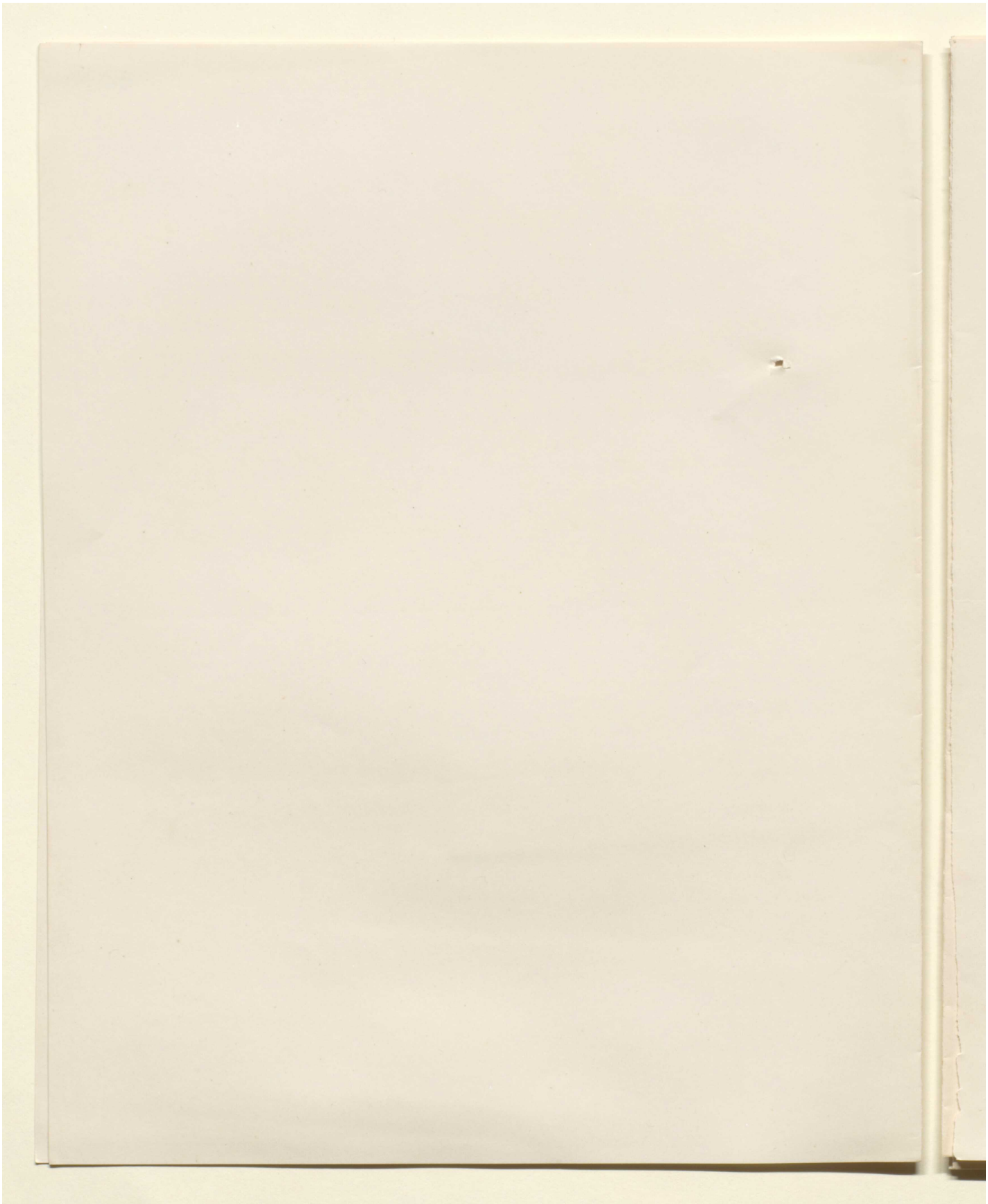
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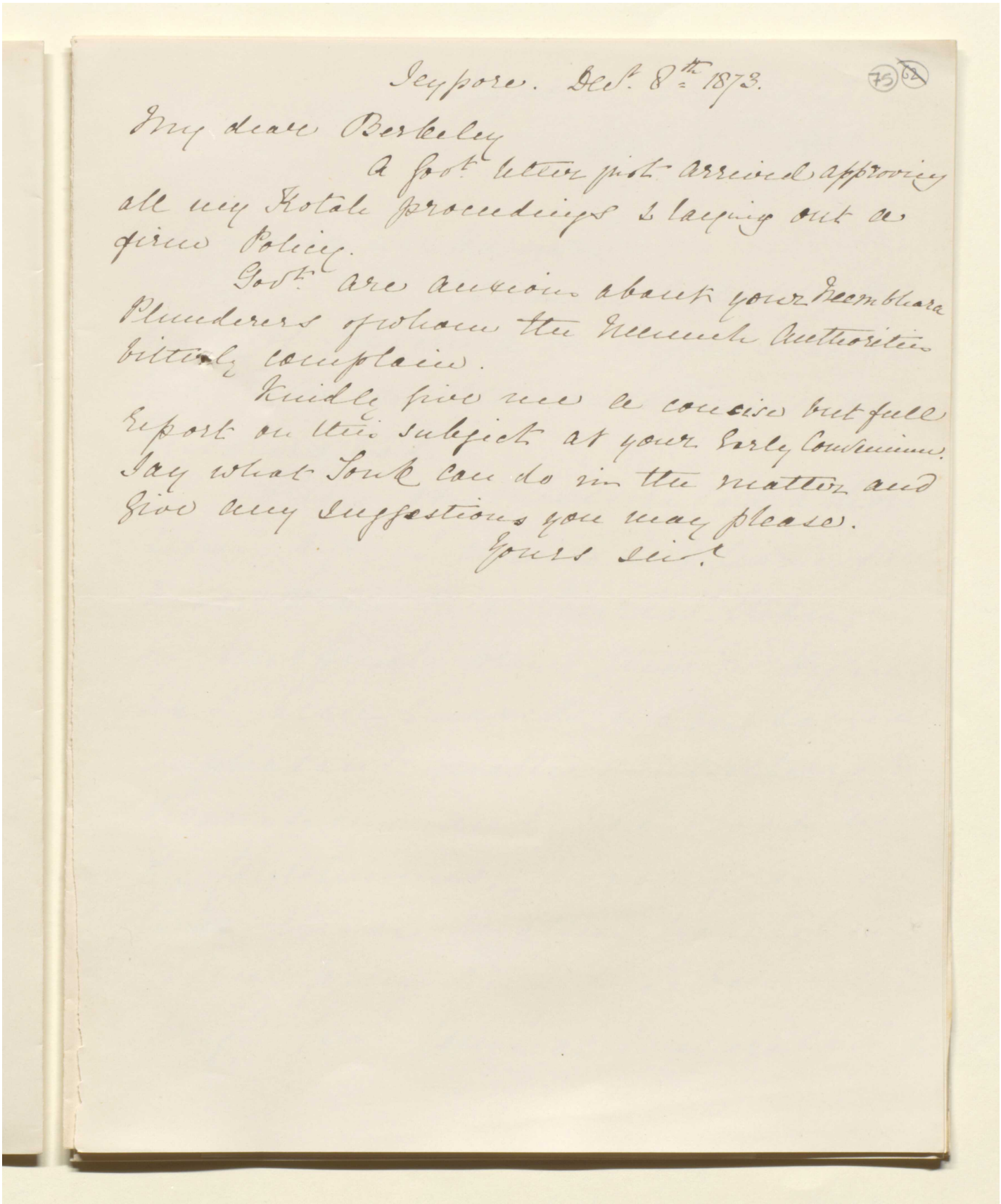
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My dear Berkeley

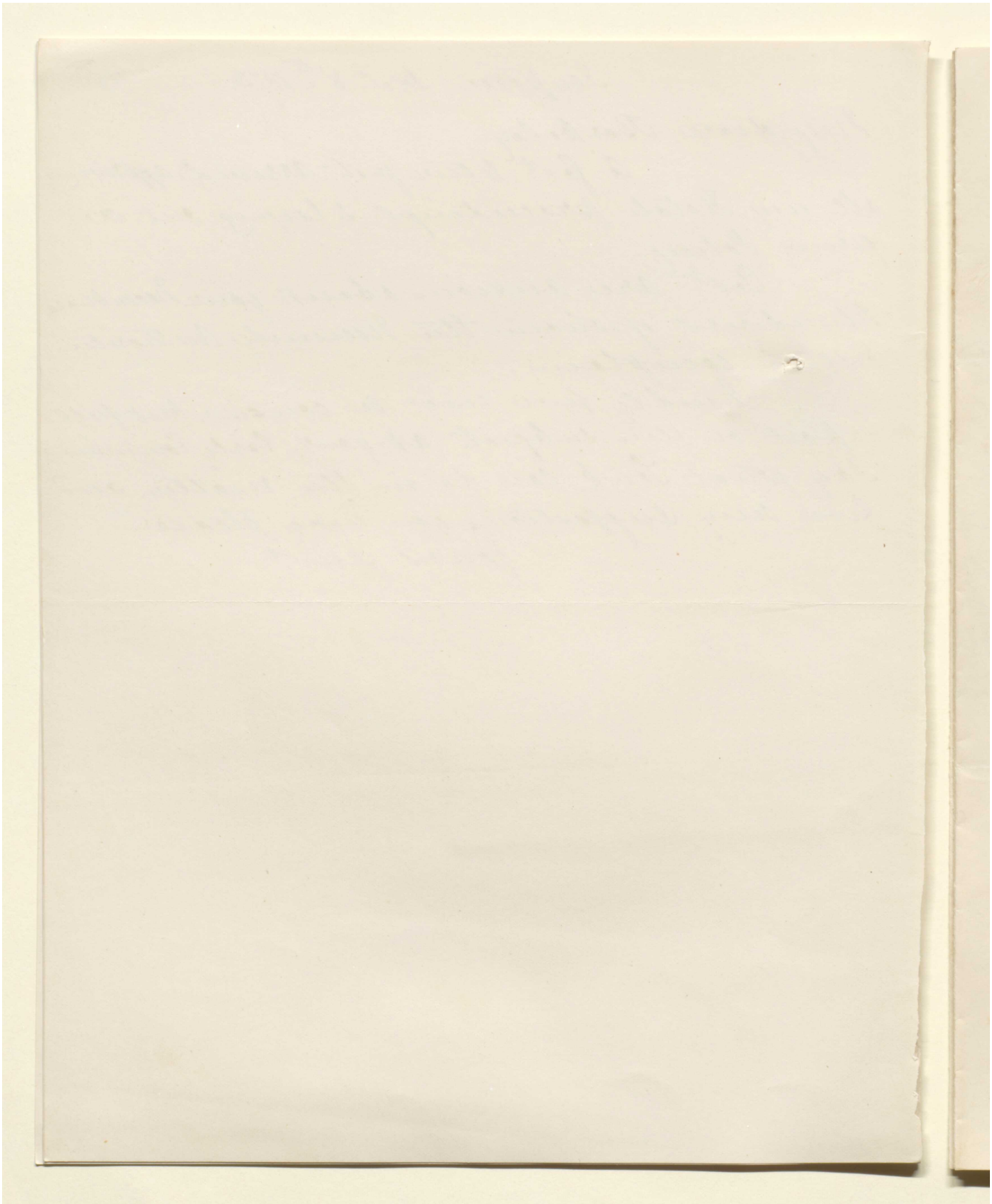
A Govt letter just arrived approving all my Kotah proceedings & laying out a firm Policy.

Govt are anxious about your Decumbaza Plunderers of whom the Nizam Authorities bitterly complain.

Kindly give me a concise but full report on this subject at your early convenience. Say what Govt can do in the matter and give any suggestions you may please.

Yours sincl

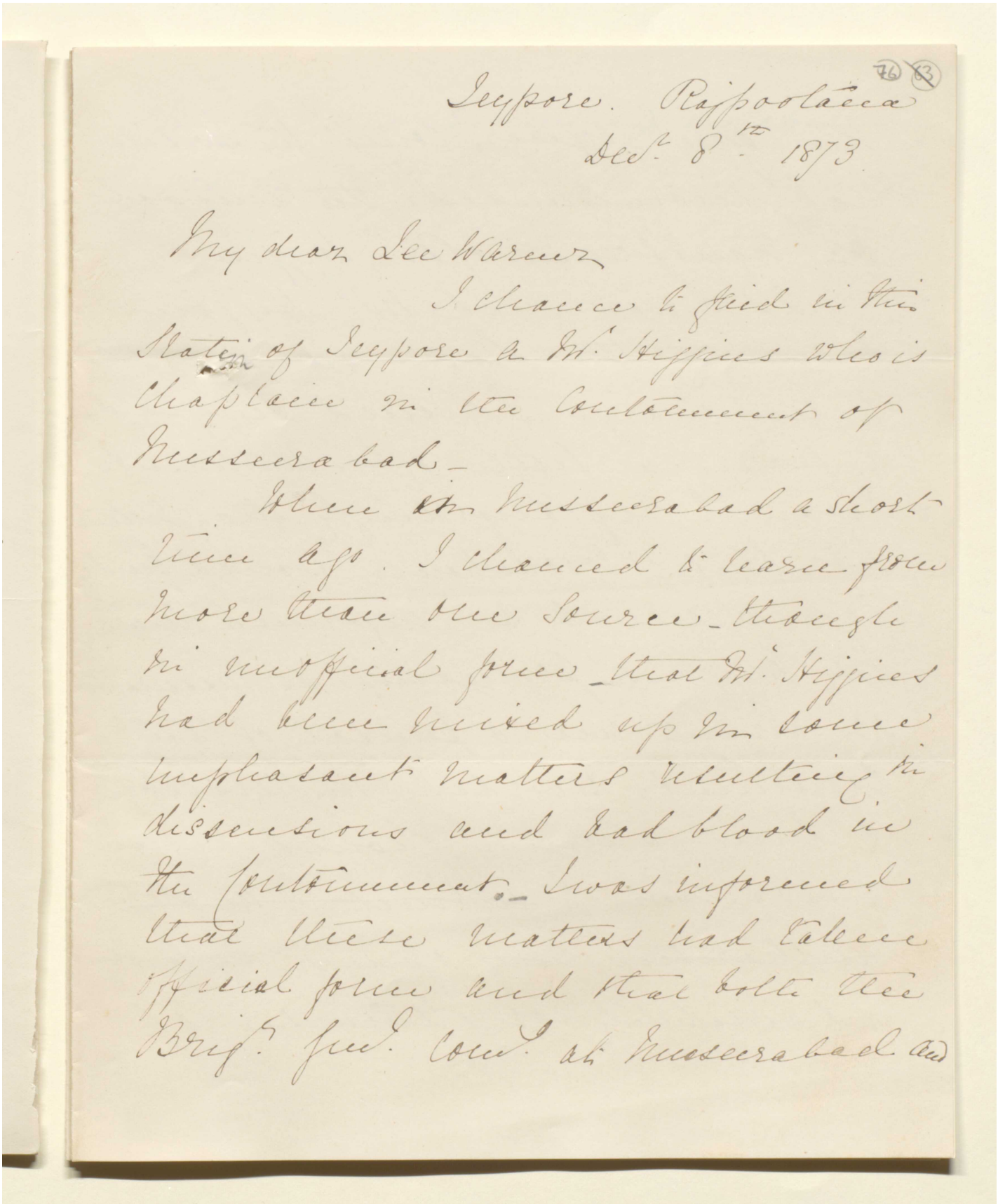
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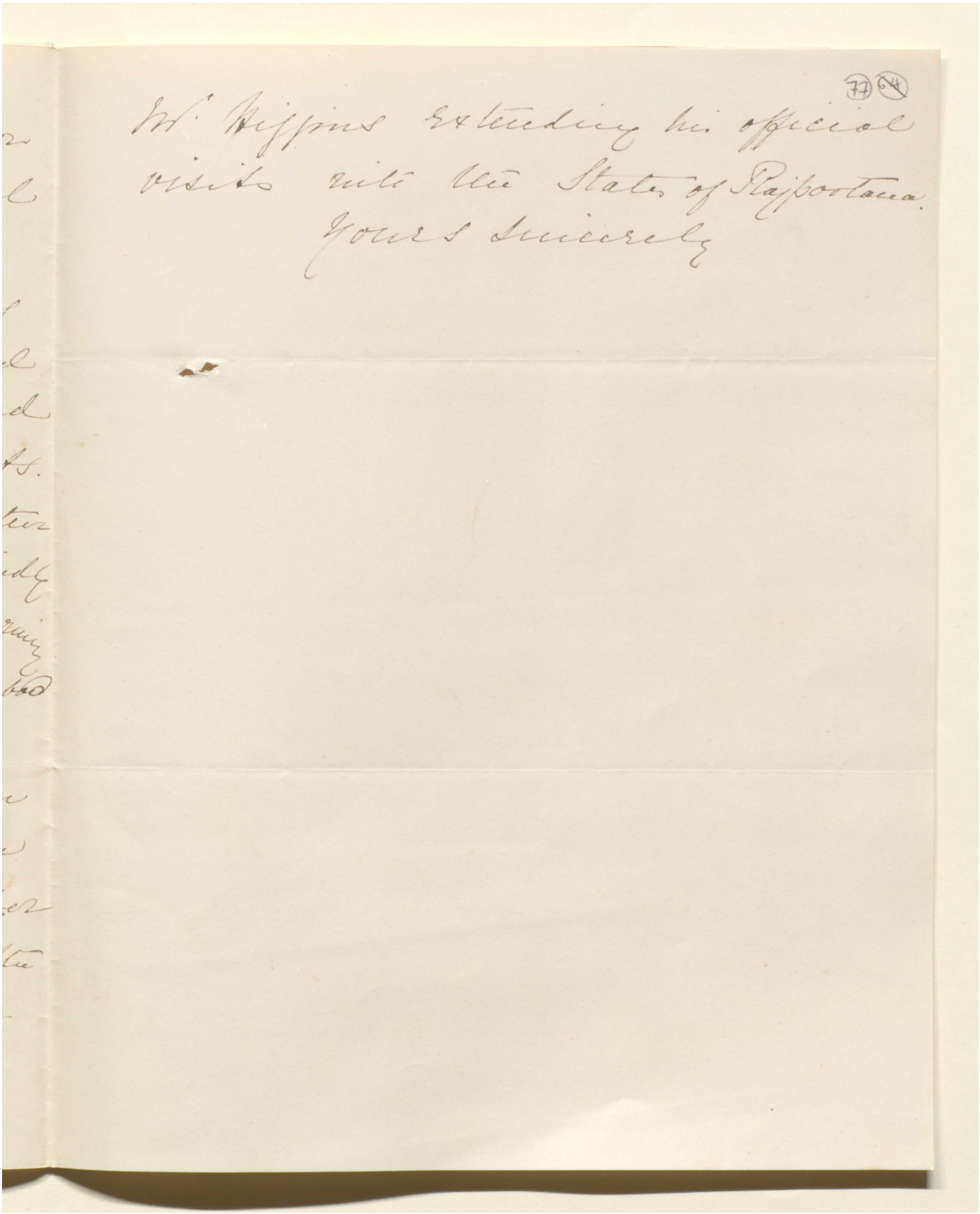
My dear Lee Warner

I chance to find in the State of Jeypore a Mr. Stiffies who is Chaplain in the Cantonment of Nusseerabad.

When in Nusseerabad a short time ago. I chanced to learn from more than one Source, though in unofficial form, that Mr. Stiffies had been mixed up in some unpleasant matters resulting in dissensions and bad blood in the Cantonment. I was informed that these matters had taken official form and that both the Brig.r Jud. Com.r at Nusseerabad and

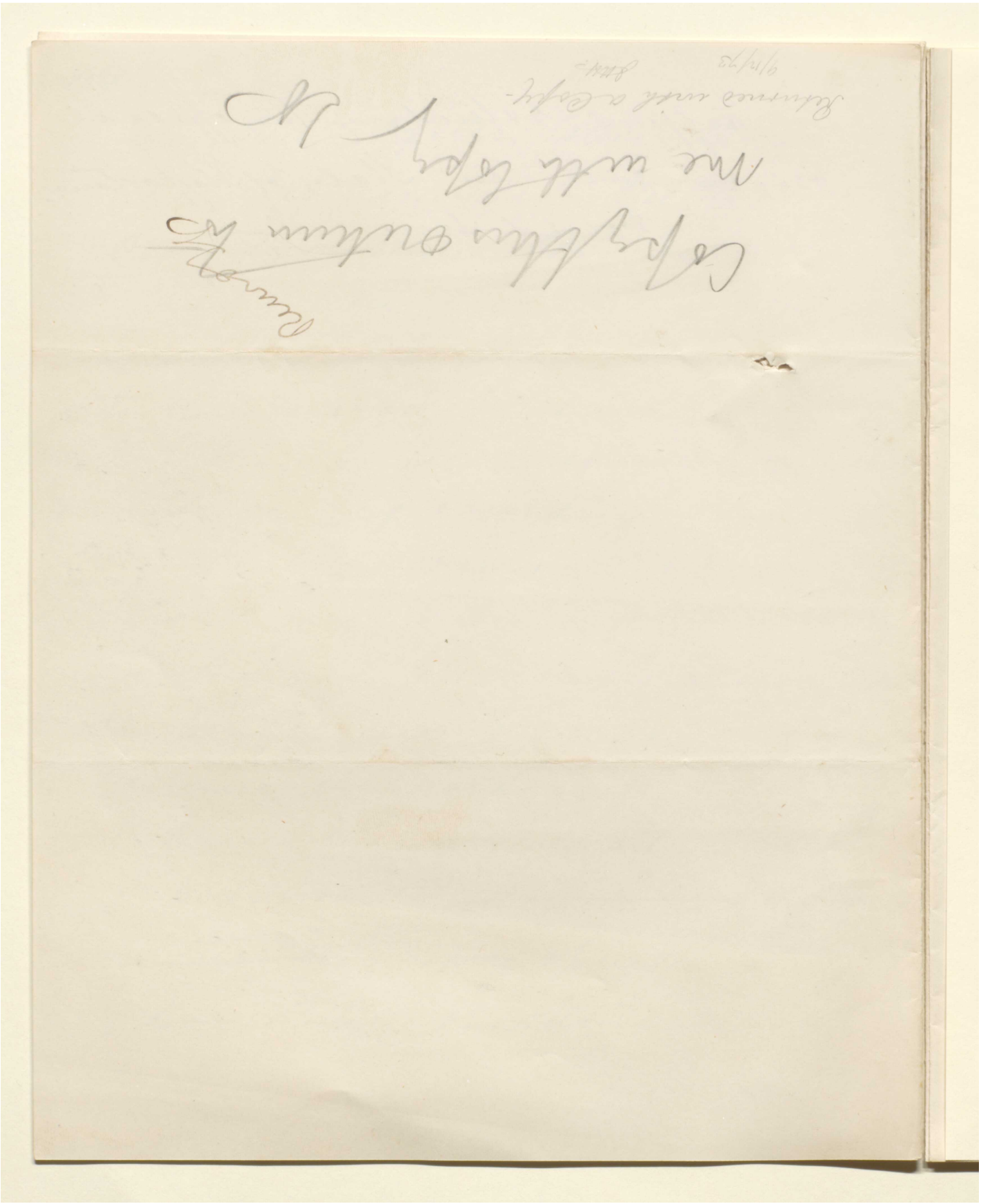
the Govt. Officer concd. the Division had recommended the removal or transference of Mr. Higgins.

As I now find Mr. Higgins visiting the States committed to my charge I should be glad to learn a little of his antecedents. I would beg accordingly that Sir Philip Woodhouse would kindly cause me to be informed concerning Mr. Higgins' proceedings at Muscat or permit me a perusal of the documents recorded in relation to him, when I should be in a position to ~~submit~~ Govt. an ~~to the proper authorities~~ my opinion as to the advisability or otherwise of



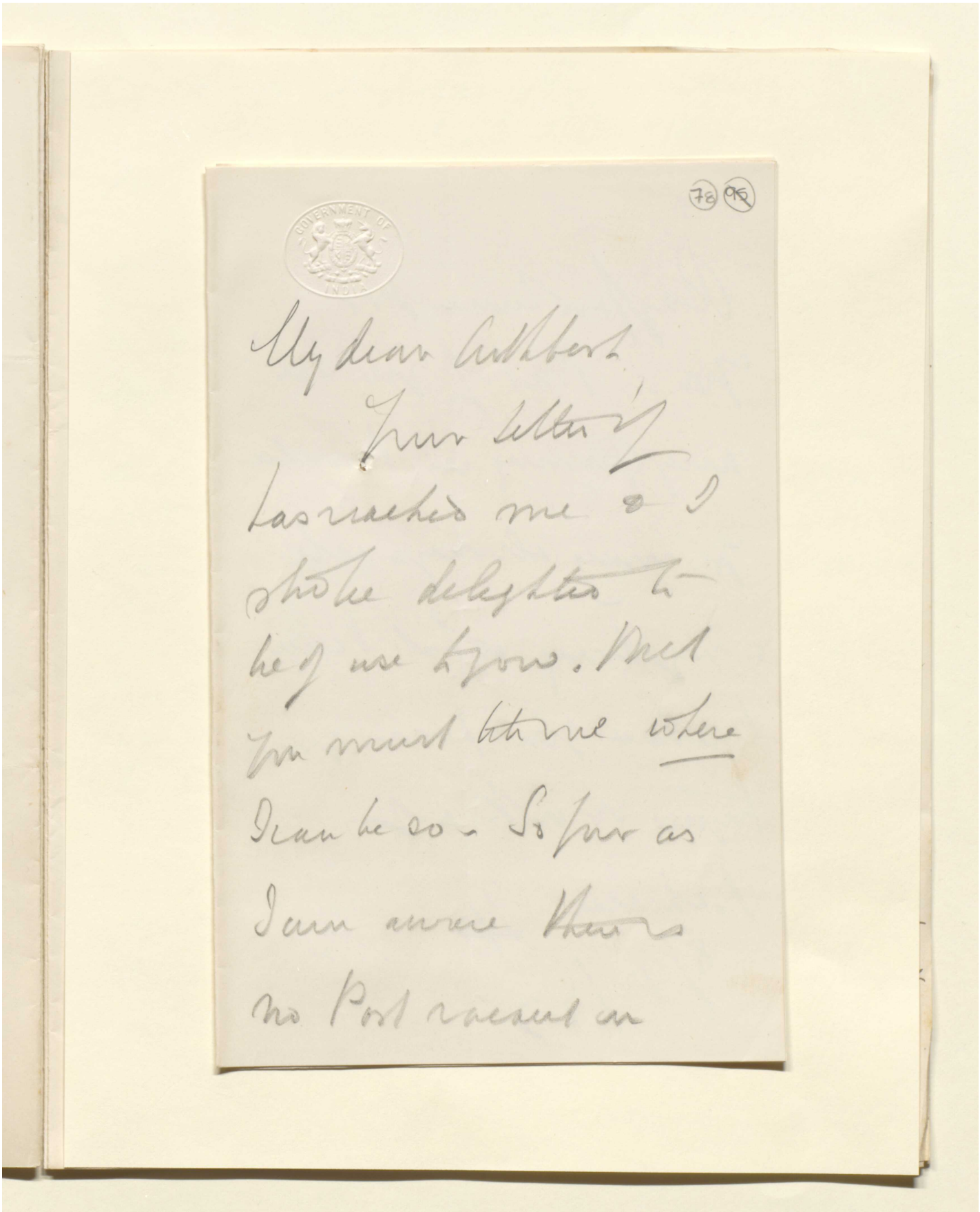
Mr. Biggins extending his official visits into the States of Rajpootana.

Yours sincerely

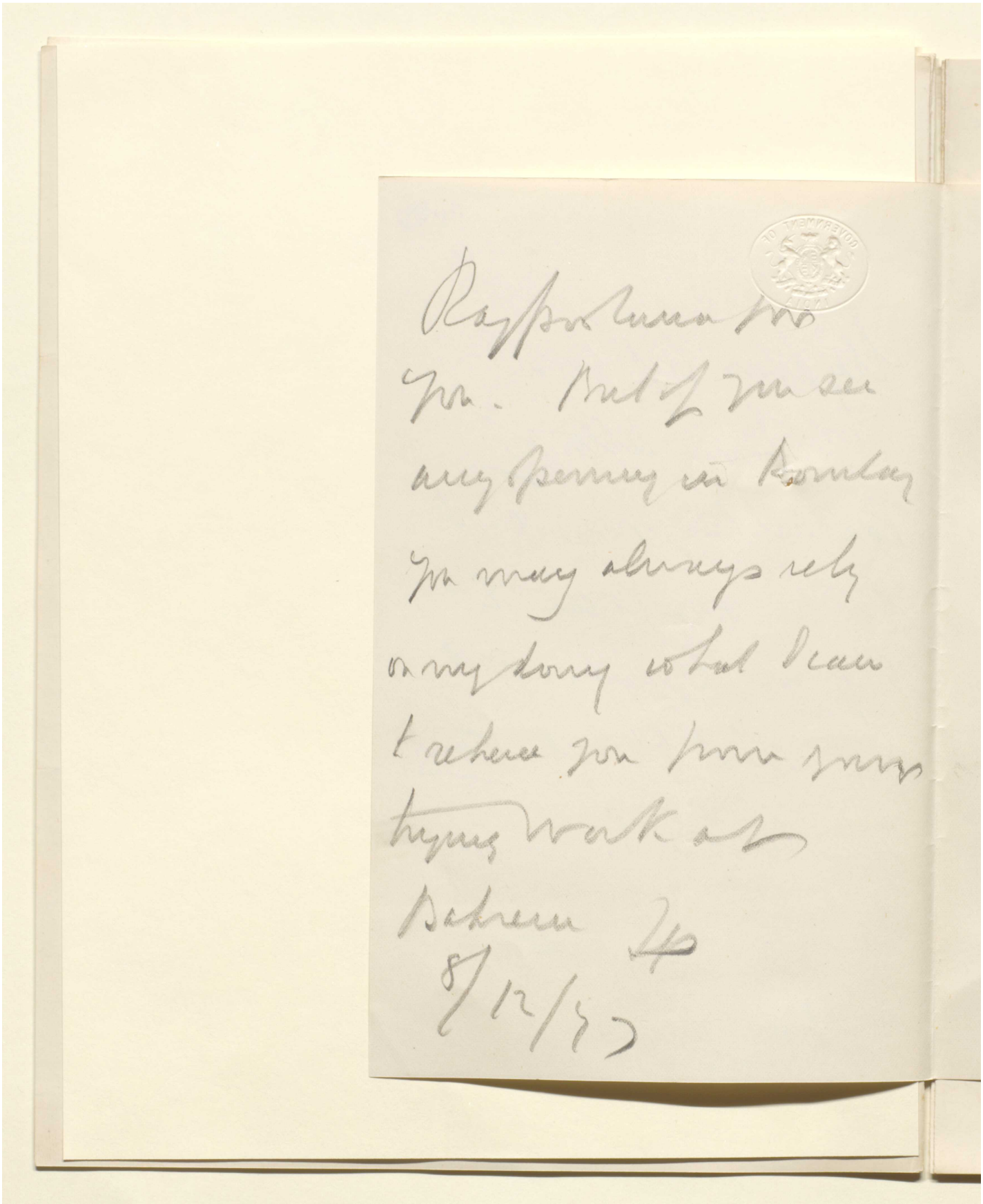


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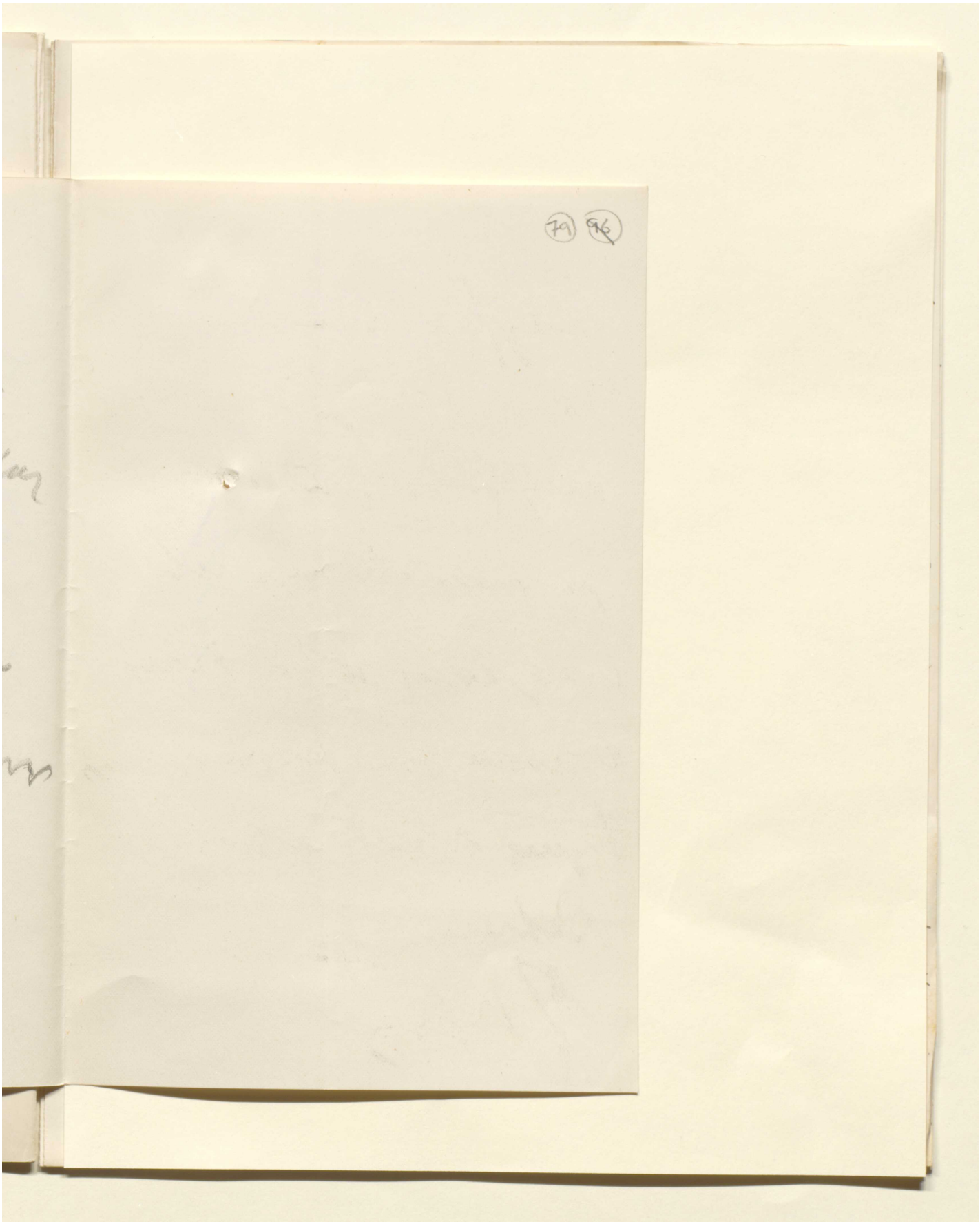


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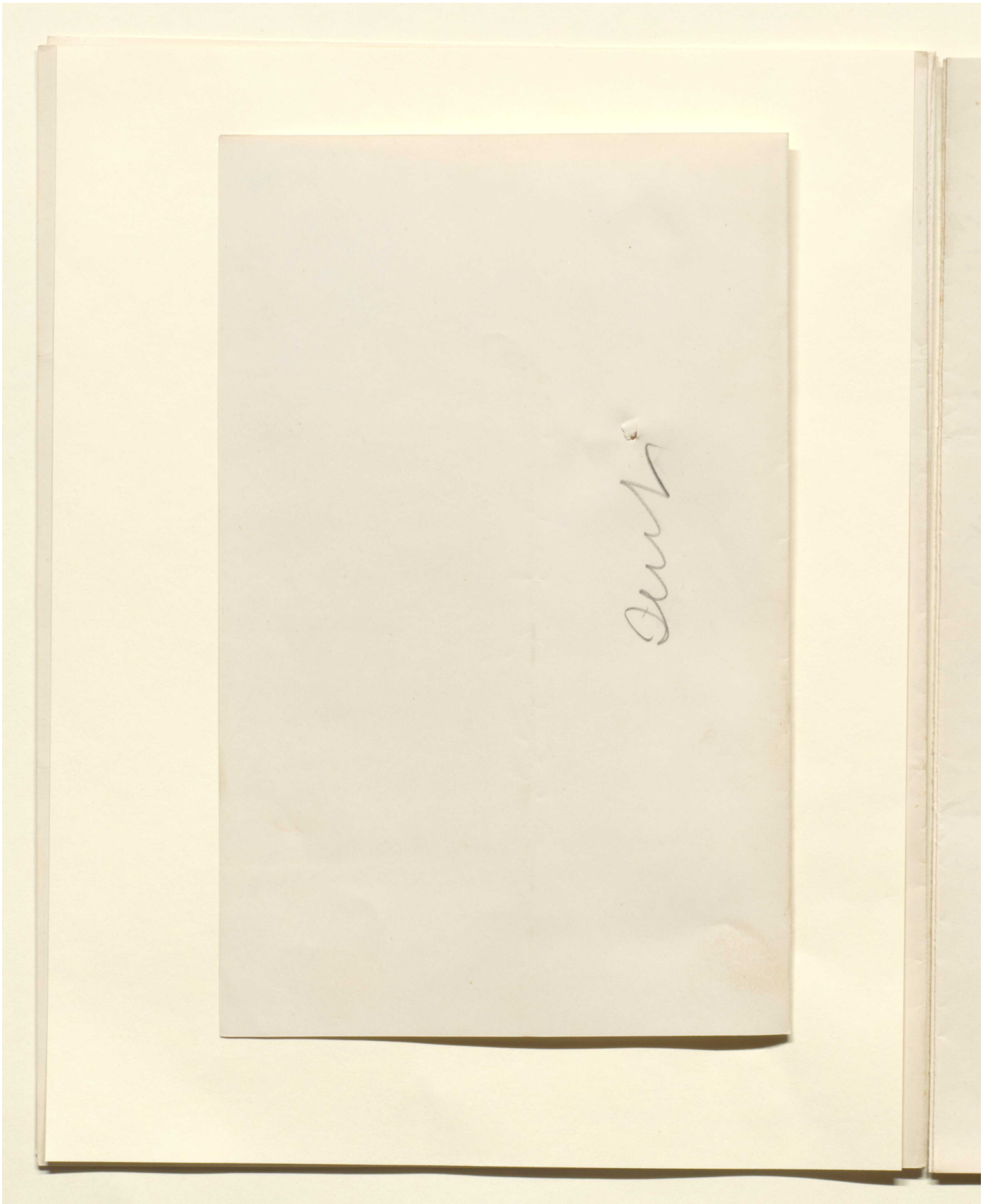
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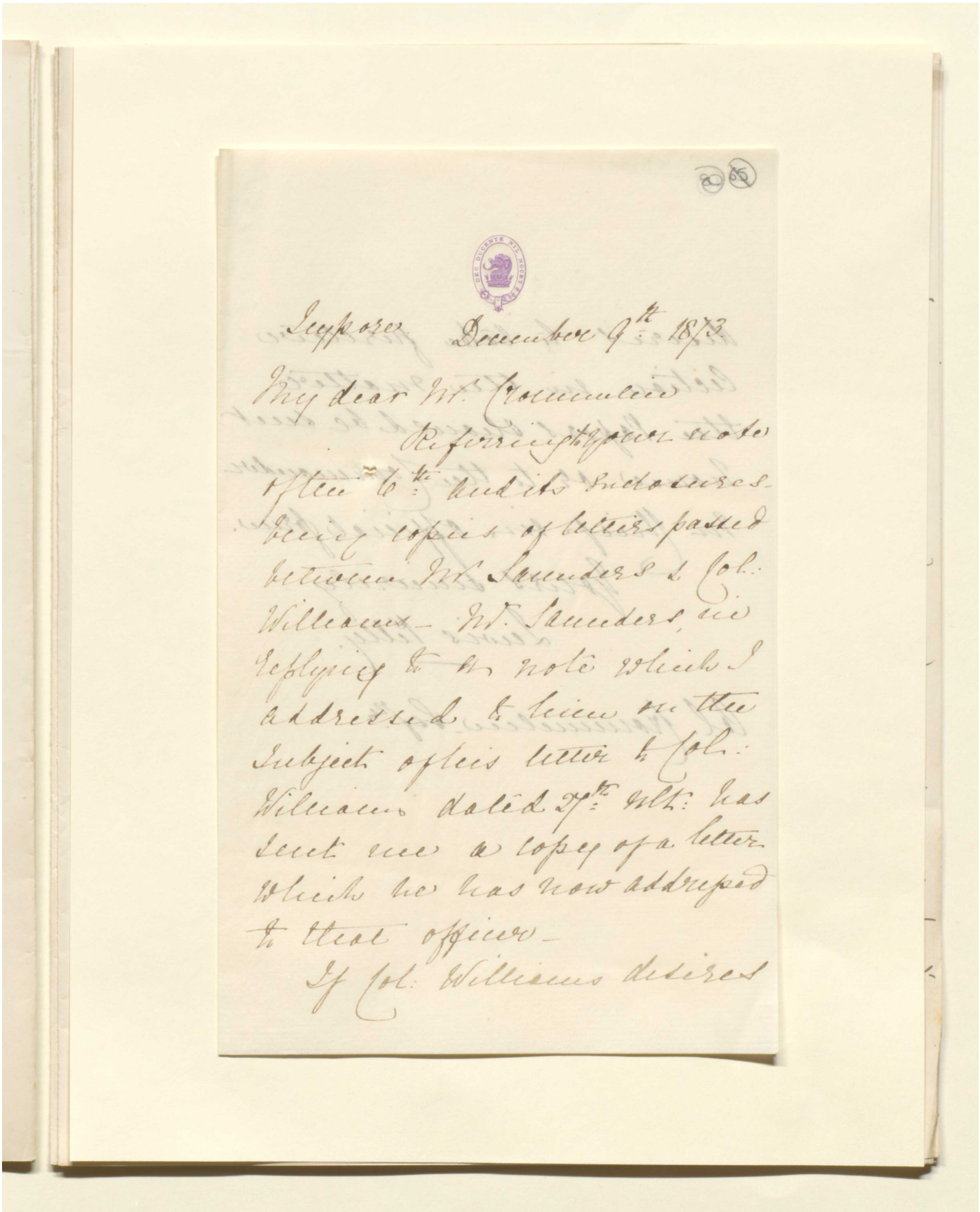


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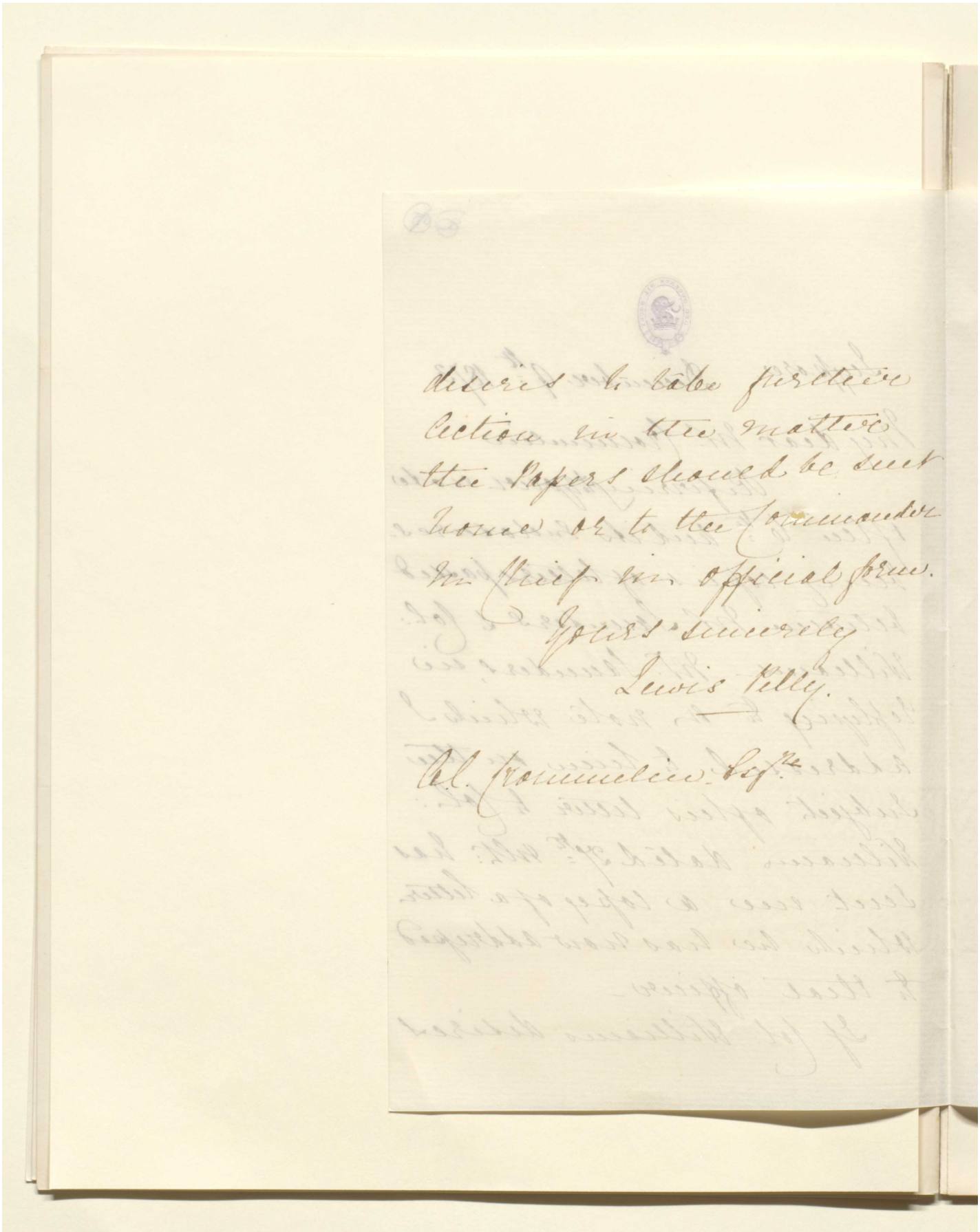


Jeypore December 9th 1873

My dear Mr. Crommelin

Referring to your note of the 6th and its enclosures being copies of letters passed between Mr. Saunders & Col. Williams – Mr. Saunders, in replying to my note which I addressed to him on the subject of his letter to Col. Williams dated 27th ult: has sent me a copy of a letter which he has now addressed to that officer –

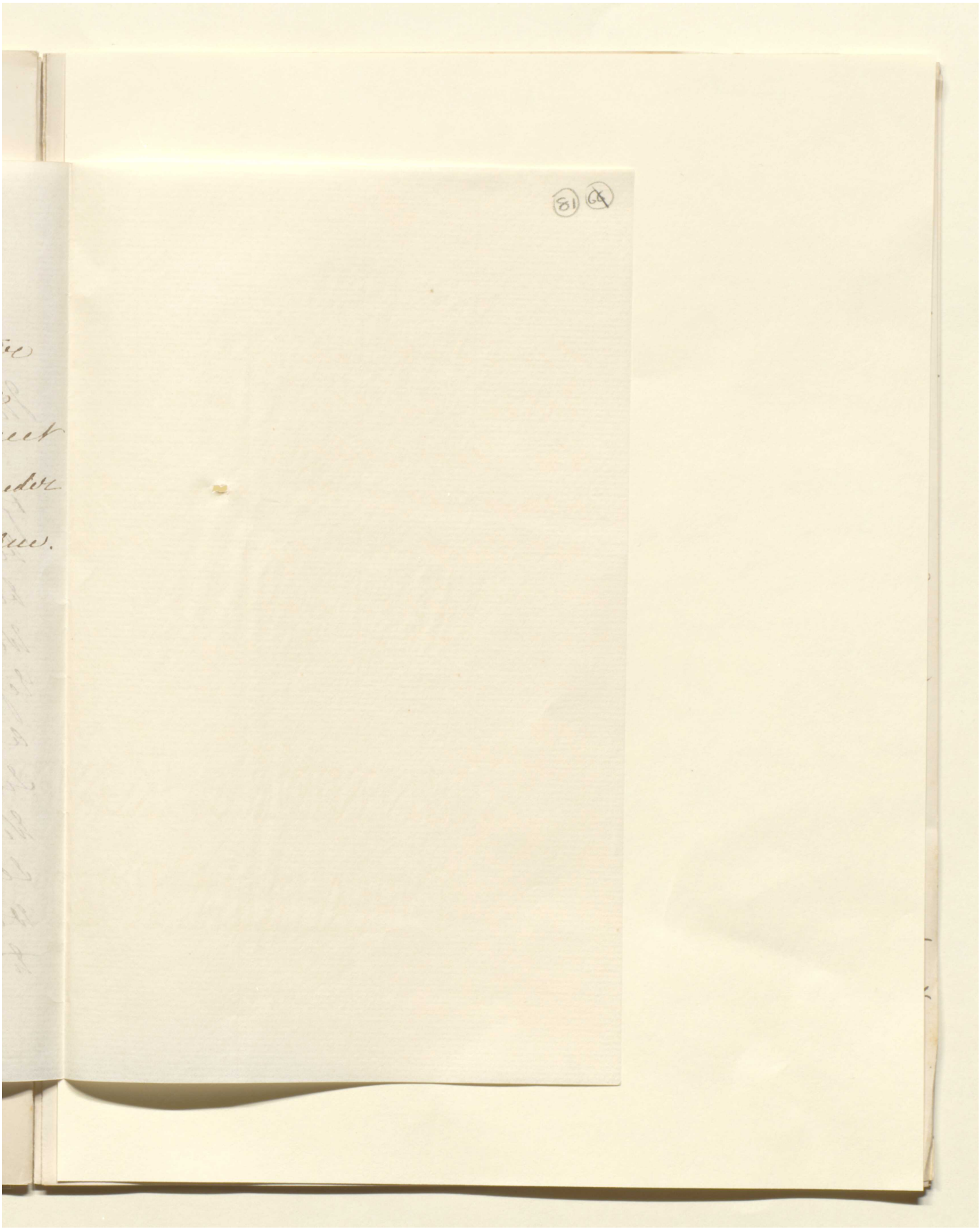
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desires to take further
action in the matter
the Papers should be sent
home or to the Commander
in Chief in official form.
Yours sincerely
Lewis Pelly.

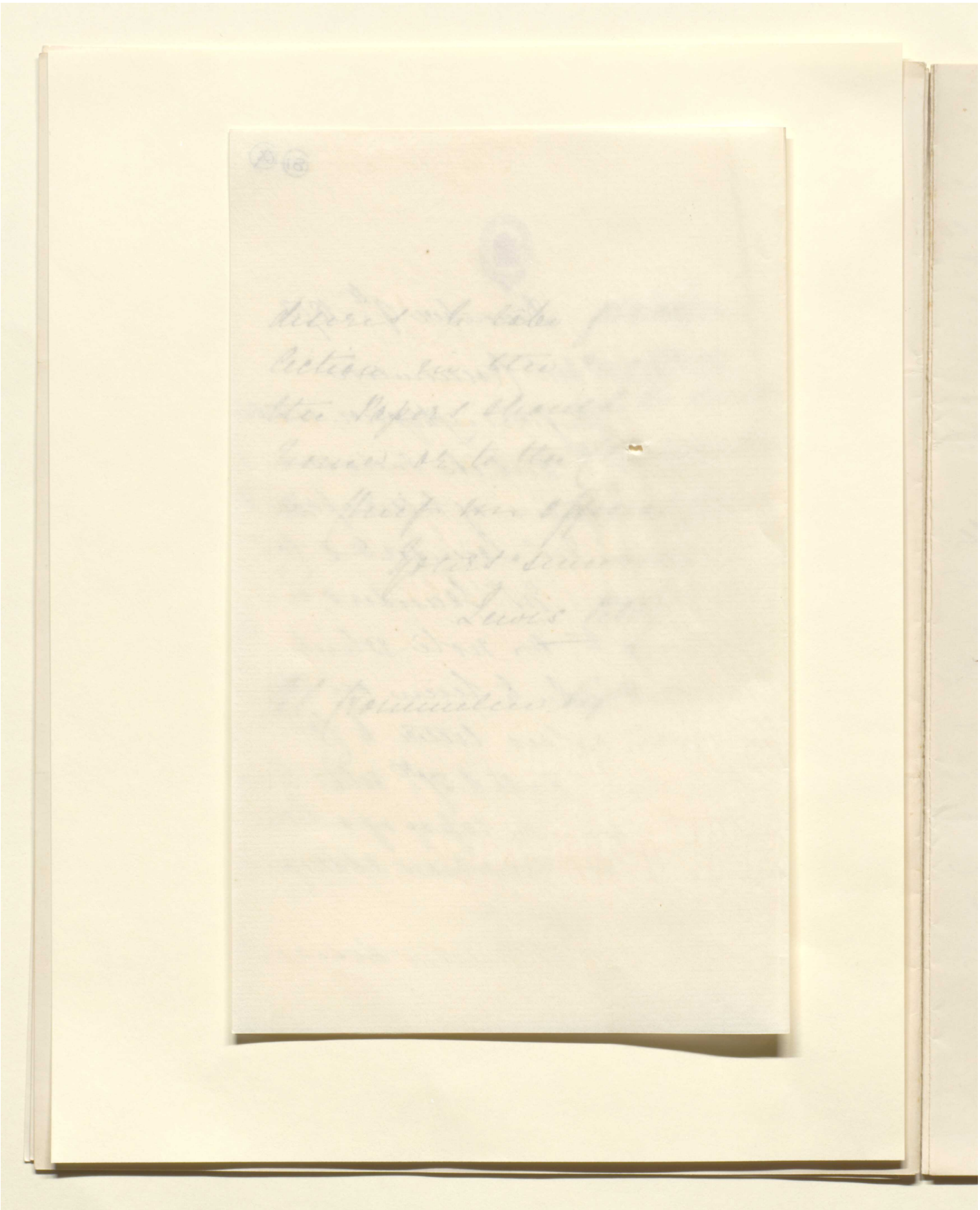
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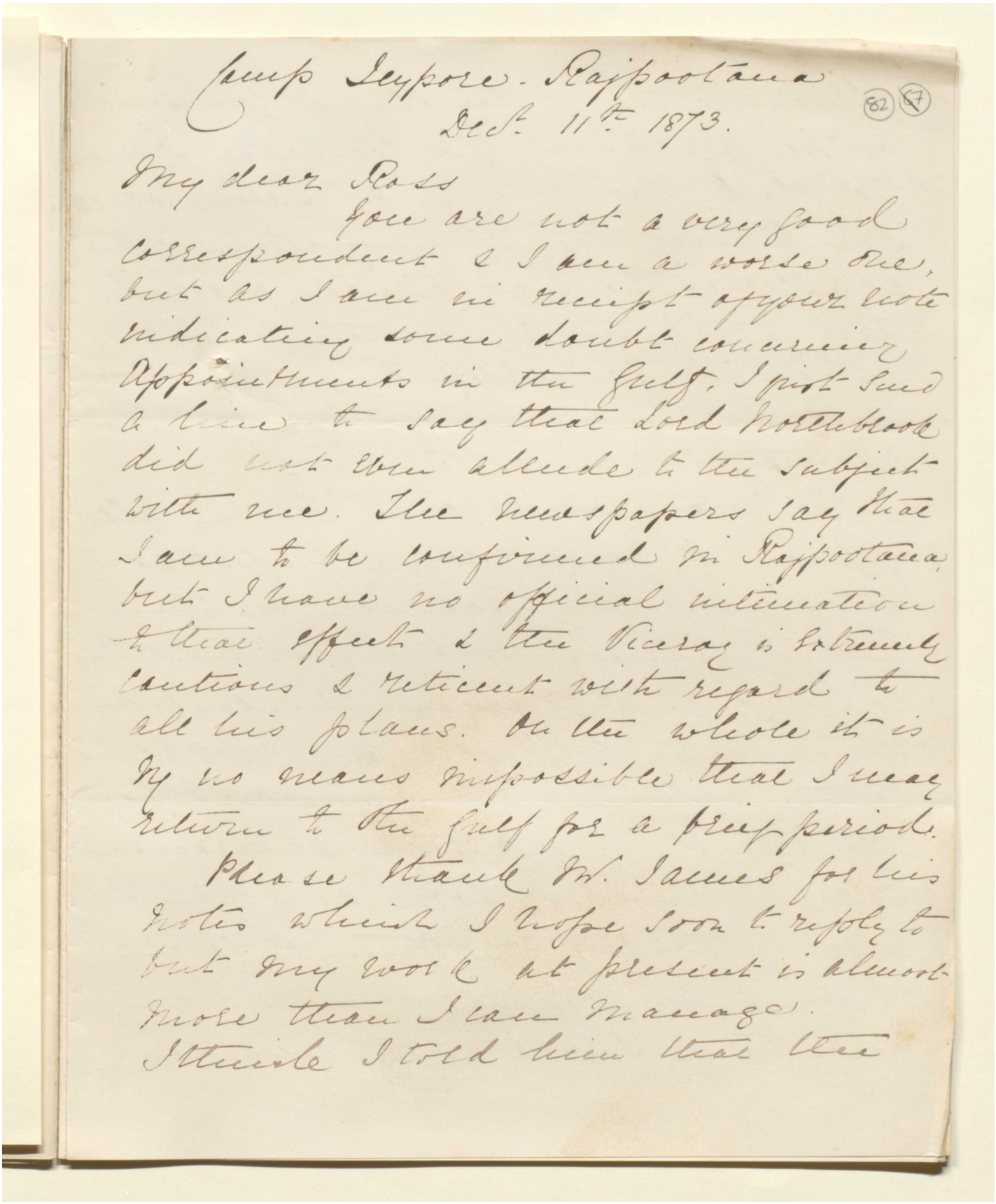


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My dear Ross

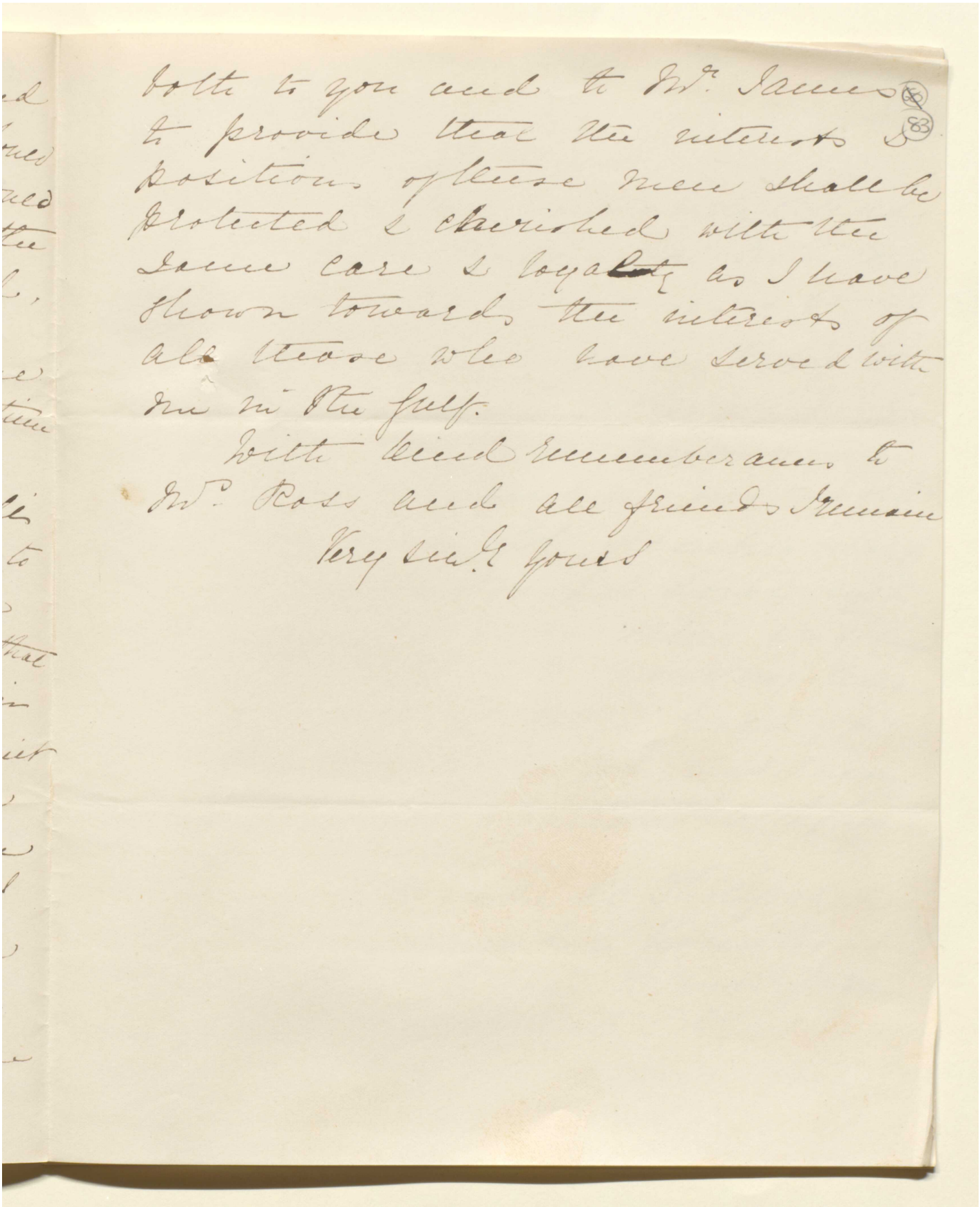
You are not a very good correspondent & I am a worse one, but as I am in receipt of your note indicating some doubt concerning Appointments in the Gulf, I just send a line to say that Lord Northbrook did not even allude to the subject with me. The newspapers say that I am to be confirmed in Rajpootana, but I have no official intimation to that effect & the Viceroy is extremely cautious & reticent with regard to all his plans. On the whole it is by no means impossible that I may return to the Gulf for a brief period.

Please thank Mr. James for his notes which I hope soon to reply to but my work at present is almost more than I can manage.

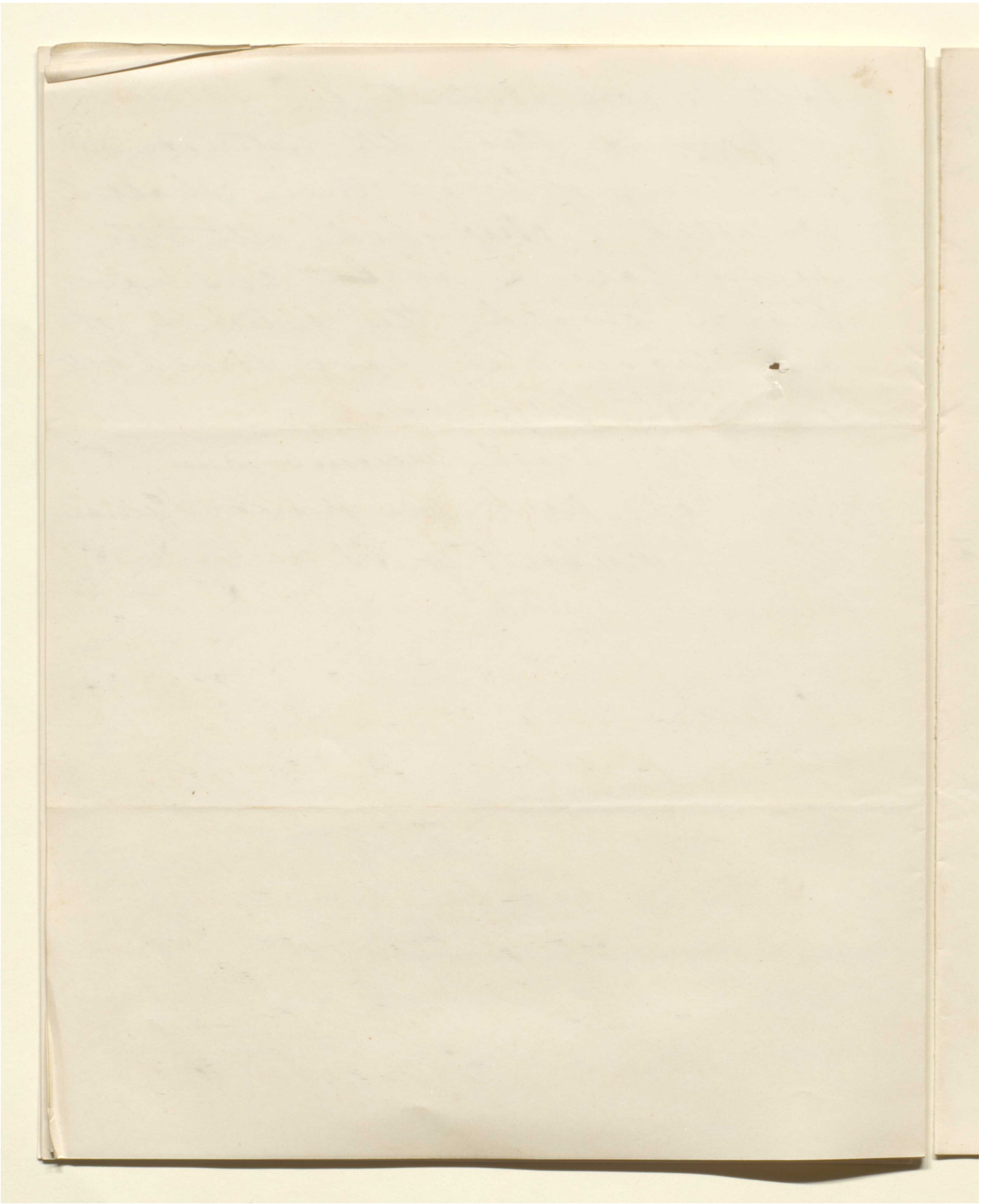
I think I told him that the

Illumination of the Play is considered by Mr. Aitchison to be too costly. I shall be glad therefore if Mr. James would send me the Illuminations of the few scenes he has already ordered, and postpone all further orders. I should be obliged also if he would send me with the same time all the scenes of the Play.

Mr. Hayward and Khyrat Ali appear to be in some fright as to their respective positions in the Gulf Residency but I feel sure that so long as I remain Resident in the Persian Gulf you will not permit either of these subordinates to be injured through their adherence to my service. So soon as I can I will either return them or cause them to be provided for in India — Meantime I look with confidence



bolts to you and to Mr. Ross
to provide that the interests
position of these men shall be
protected & cherished with the
same care & loyalty as I have
shown towards the interests of
all those who have served with
me in the Gulf.
With kind remembrances to
Mr. Ross and all friends I remain
Very sincerely yours



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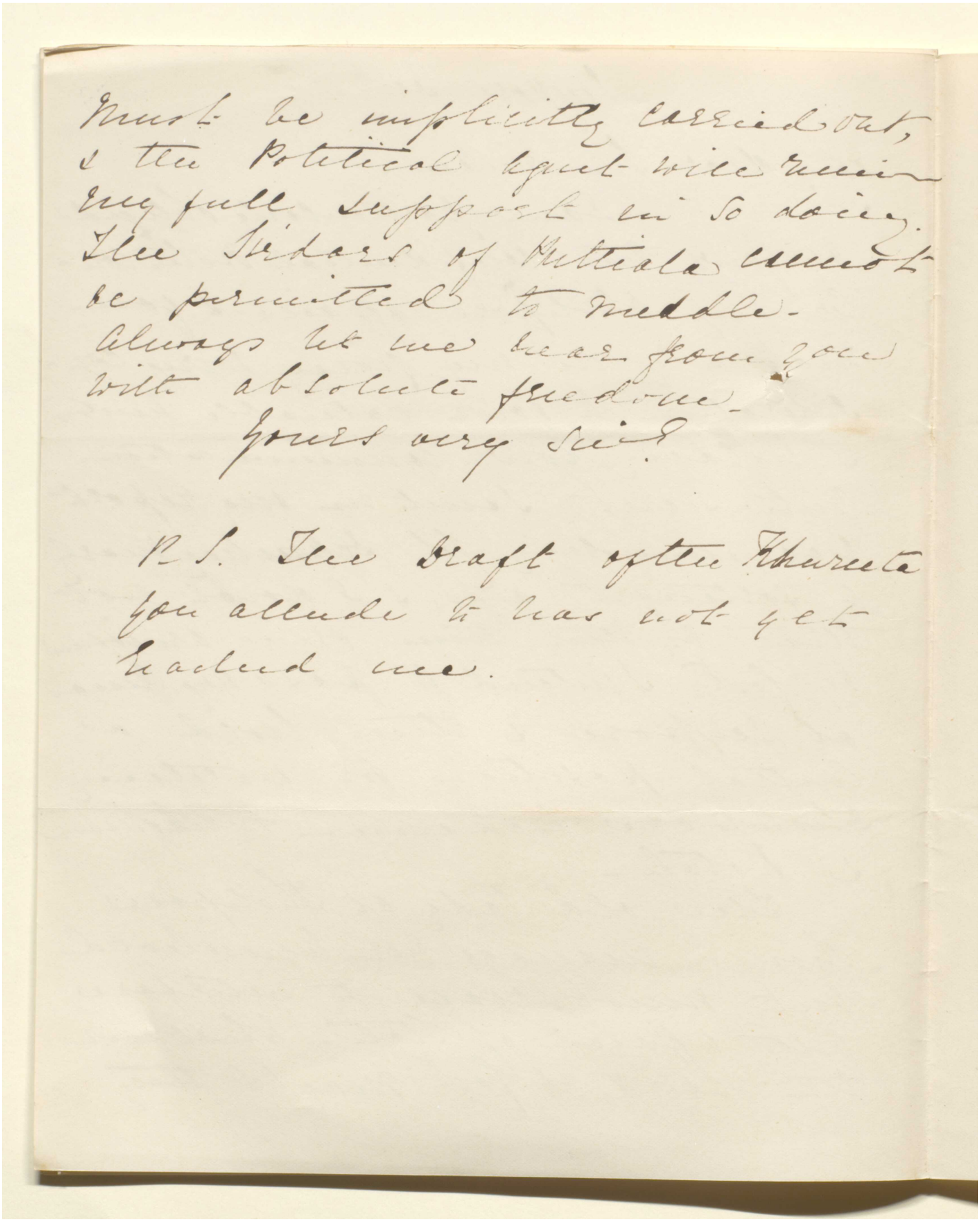
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My dear Sir Dinker

I am particularly obliged by your two confidential notes concerning Dholepore affairs & you may rely on my giving every consideration to your valuable hints & holding your communications quite secret. I sent in my report recommending Col. Schaeche early a fortnight ago; & I doubt not that by this time orders are issued by Govt. I intend to pass my time at Jeypore & thus hold a central position for watching Dholepore Bikaneer Futtehgheer & Kotah.

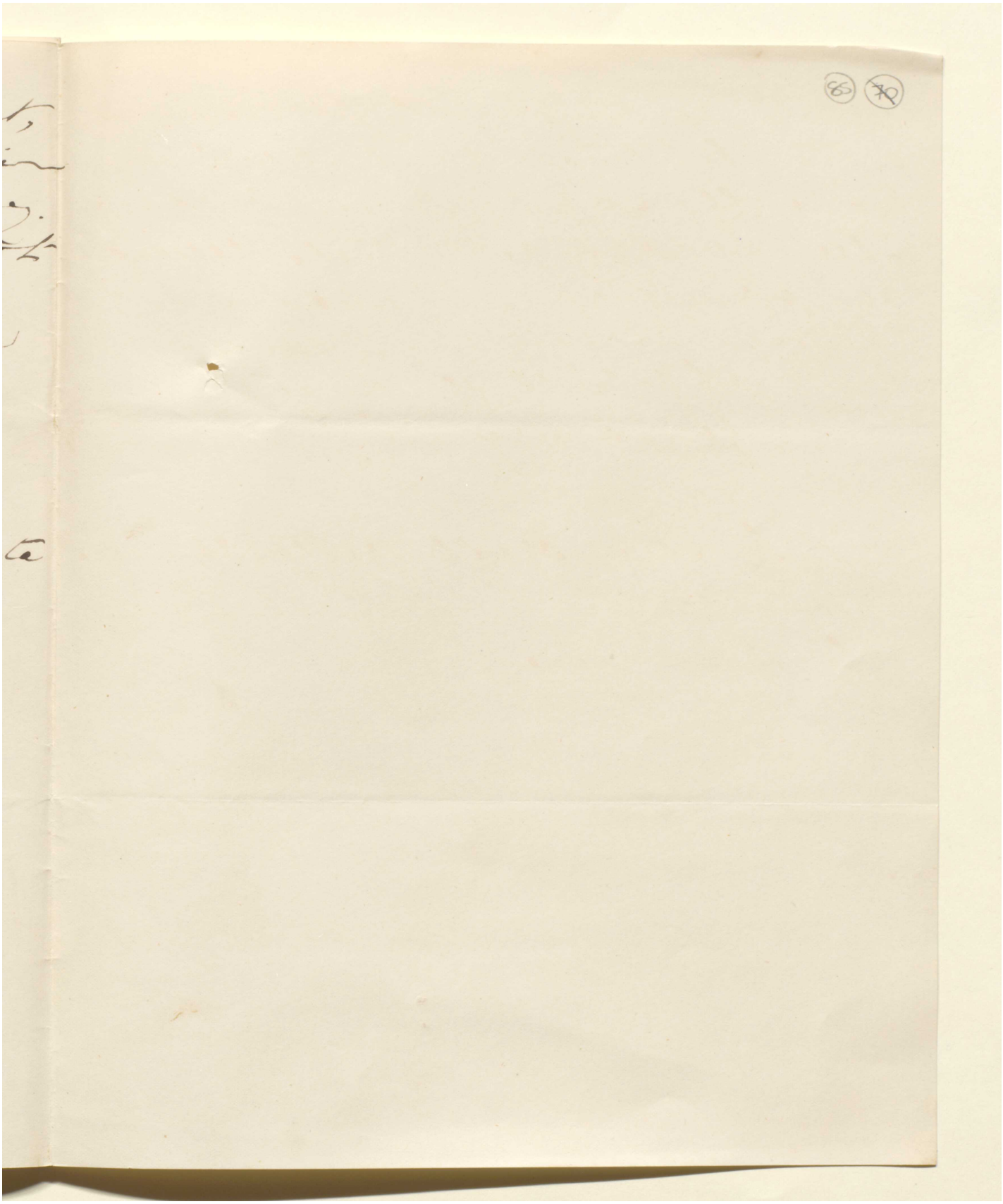
The old lady at Dholepore should manage her household but must cease to interfere with affairs of State. What ever the orders of Govt. may be they



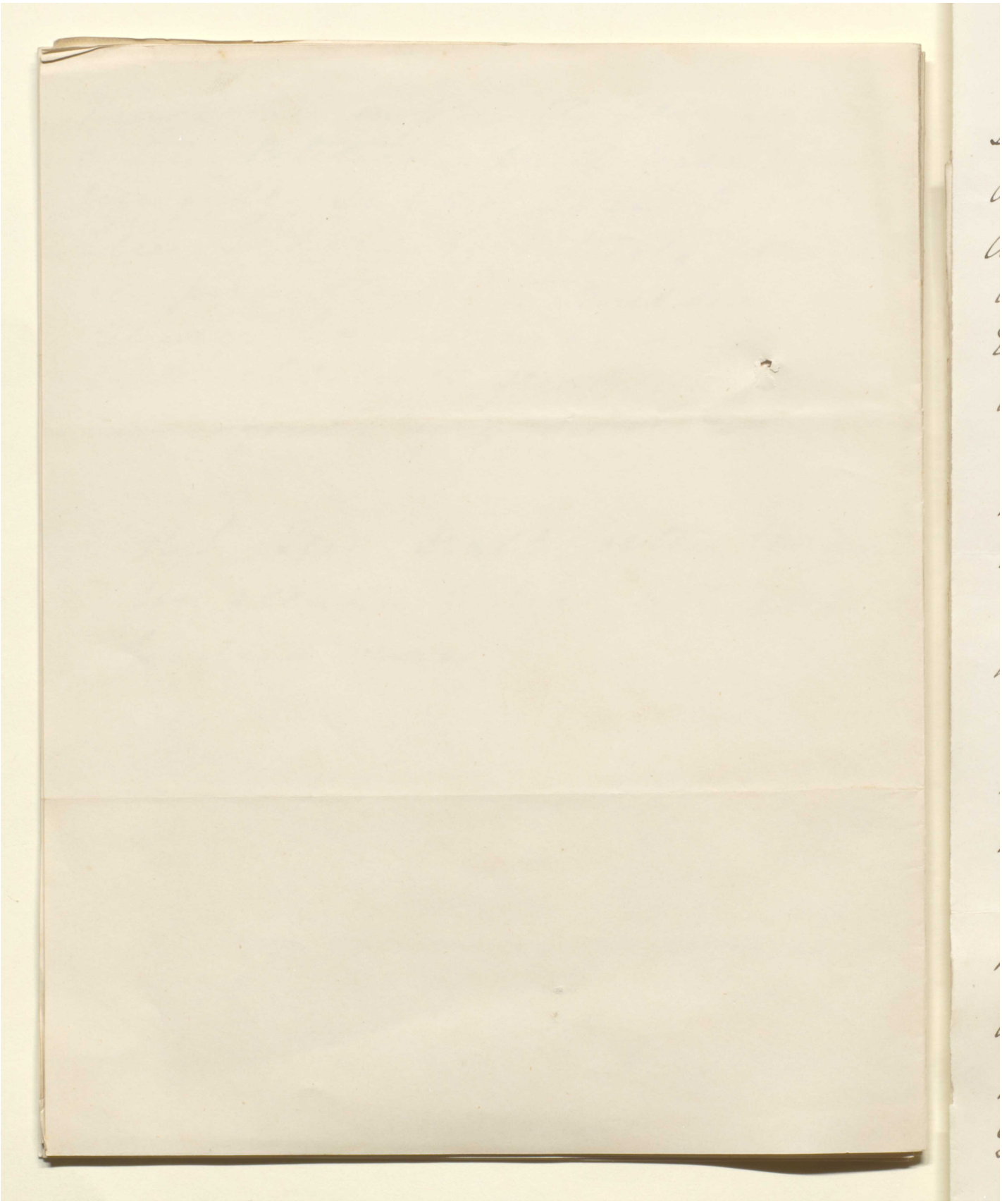
must be implicitly carried out, & the Political Agent will remain my full support in so doing. The Sirdars of Patiala cannot be permitted to meddle. Always let me hear from you with absolute freedom.

Yours very sincerely

P.S. The draft of the Khureeta you allude to has not yet reached me.



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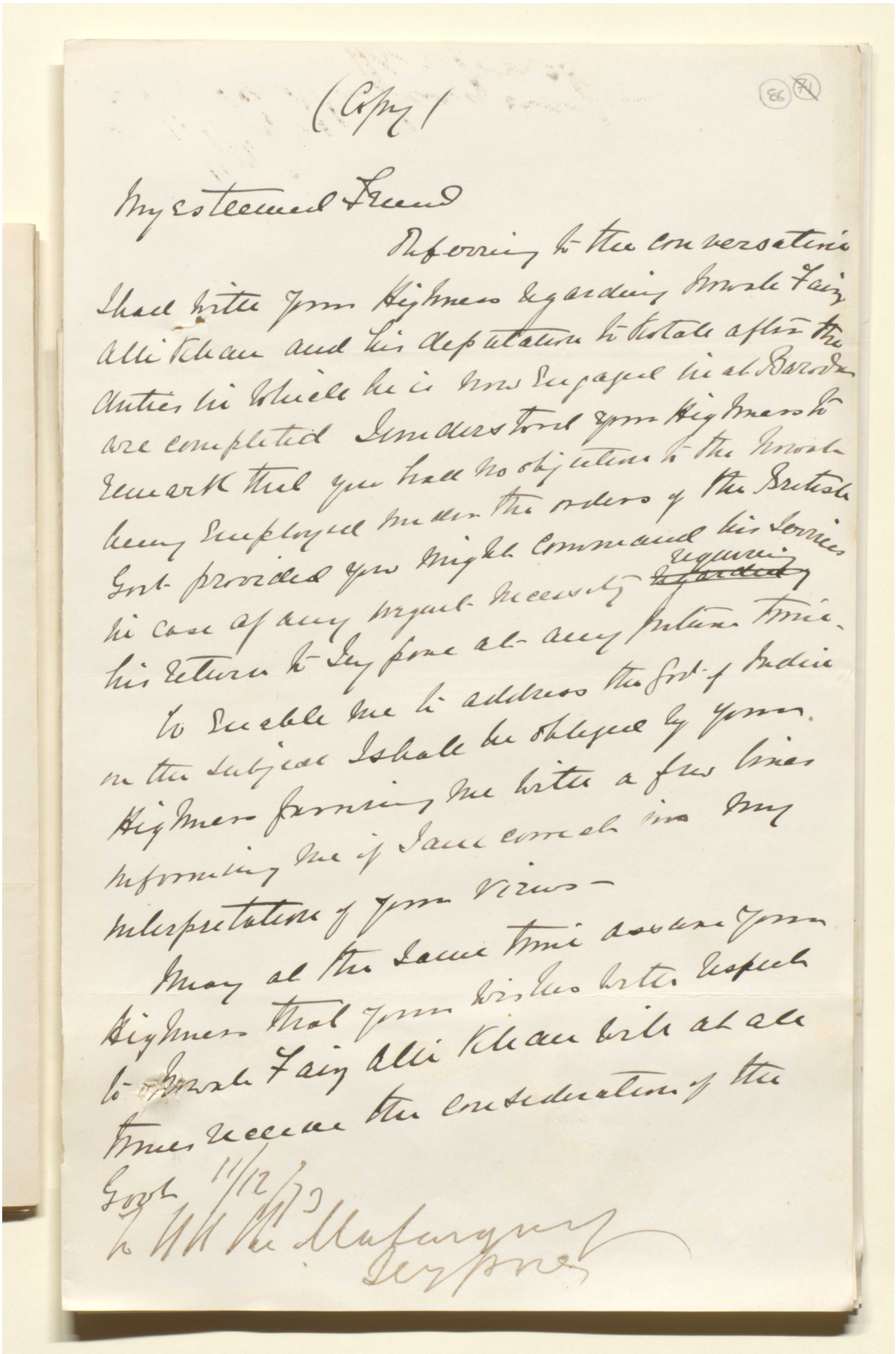


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Letter from Lewis Pelly to His Highness the Maharaja of Jeypore [Jaipur] (Sawai Ram Singh II) [86r] (1/2)



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My esteemed Friend

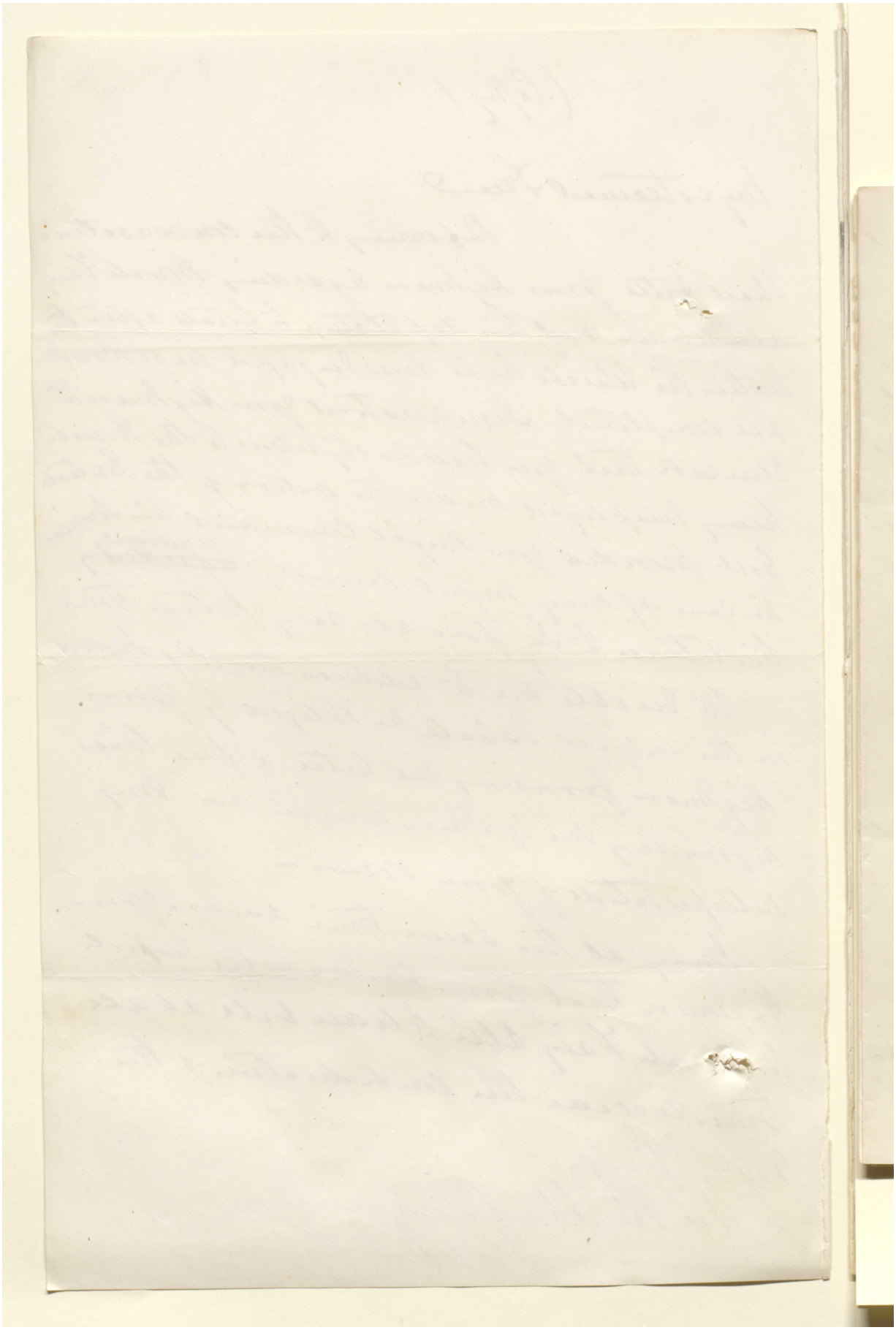
Referring to the conversation I had with your Highness regarding Munshi Faiz Ali Khan and his deputation to Kotah after the duties in which he is now engaged in at Baroda are completed I understood your Highness to remark that you had no objection to the Munshi being employed under the orders of the British Govt. provided you might command his services in case of any urgent necessity ~~hereafter~~ during his return to Jeypore at any future time.

To enable me to address the Govt. of India on the subject I shall be obliged by your Highness forwarding me a few lines informing me if I have correctly ~~in~~ my interpretation of your views.

I may at the same time assure your Highness that your wishes with regard to Munshi Faiz Ali Khan will at all times receive the consideration of the Govt.

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To HH the Maharajah
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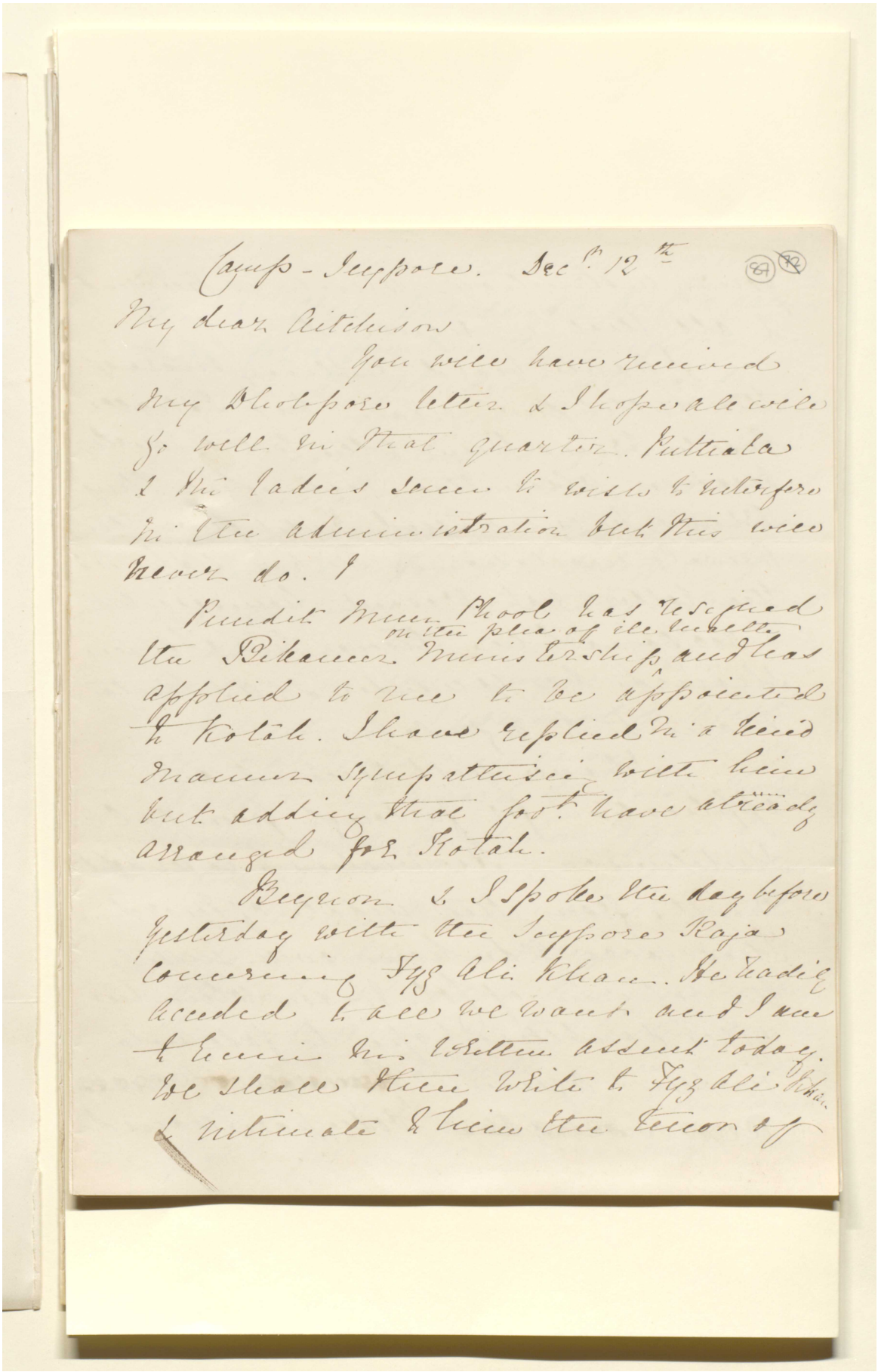


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Letter from Lewis Pelly, Camp - Jeypore [Jaipur] to Charles Umpherston Aitchison, Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department [87r] (1/4)



Camp - Jeypore. Dec^r 12^th

My dear Aitchison

You will have received my Dholepore letter & I hope all will go well in that quarter. Futtiala & Jhi Jadeis seem to wish to interfere in the administration but this will never do. I

Pundit Mun Phool has resigned on the plea of ill health the Bikaneer Ministership and has applied to me to be appointed to Kotah. I have replied in a kind manner sympathising with him but adding that I have already arranged for Kotah.

Yesterday & I spoke the day before yesterday with the Jeypore Raja concerning Fyz Ali Khan. He hadig acceded to all we want and I am to receive his written assent today. We shall then write to Fyz Ali Kha & intimate & then the terms of

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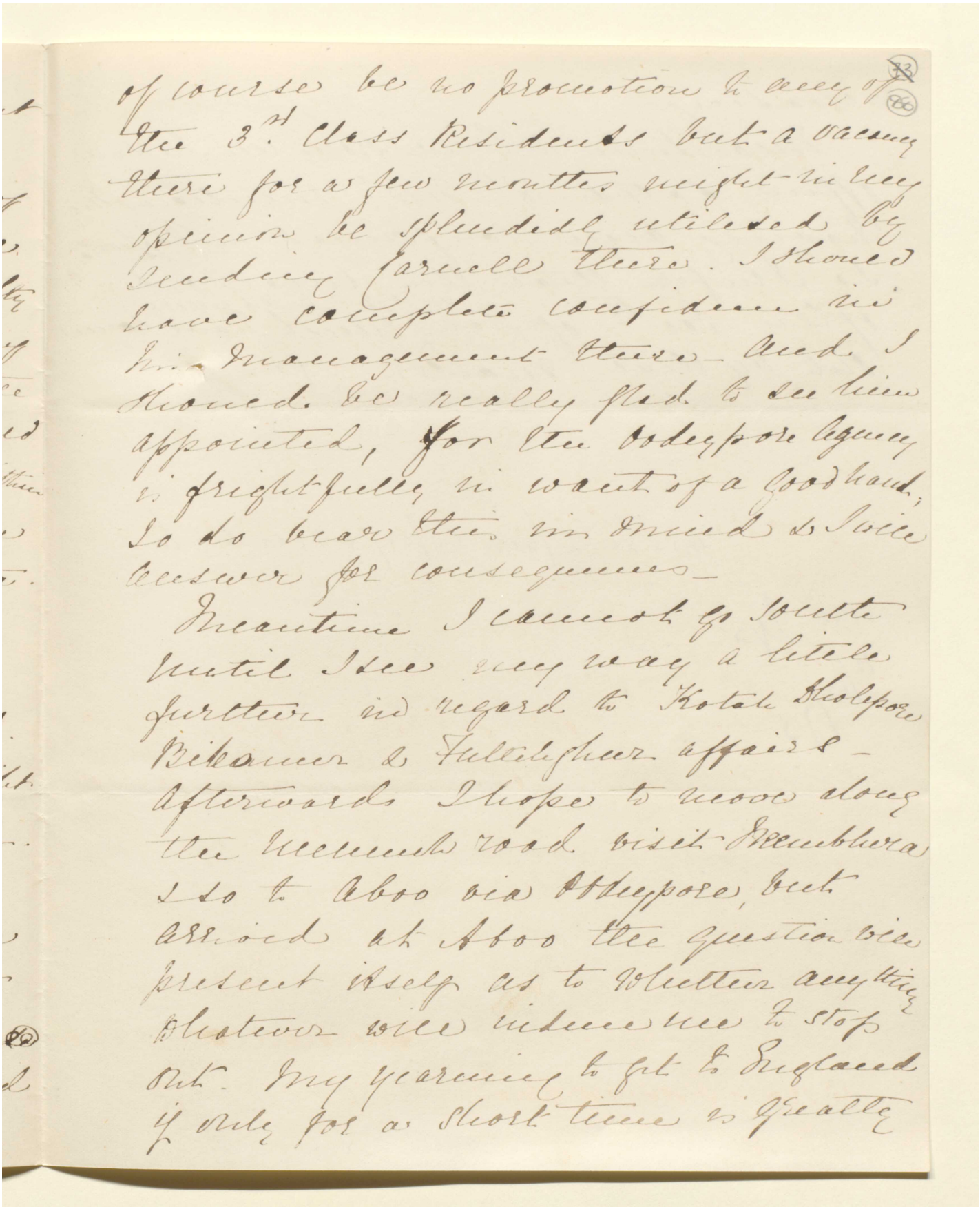
your instruction which is excellent & all that is required.

I have heard nothing more of the Futtehpur man but I attach little importance to the test of loyalty because when the Rishumpeen Chief advises he will send Futtehpur the usual invitation to Durbar & should the latter not present himself within a reasonable time his absence will be considered as tantamount to refusal.

I have just received an application for furlough from Col. Hutchinson. He wishes to go for eight months from the middle of March. This will ride him over until the return of Col. Dixon when he will doubtless hope to fall into [illegible] again. [illegible] Bodey pore moved

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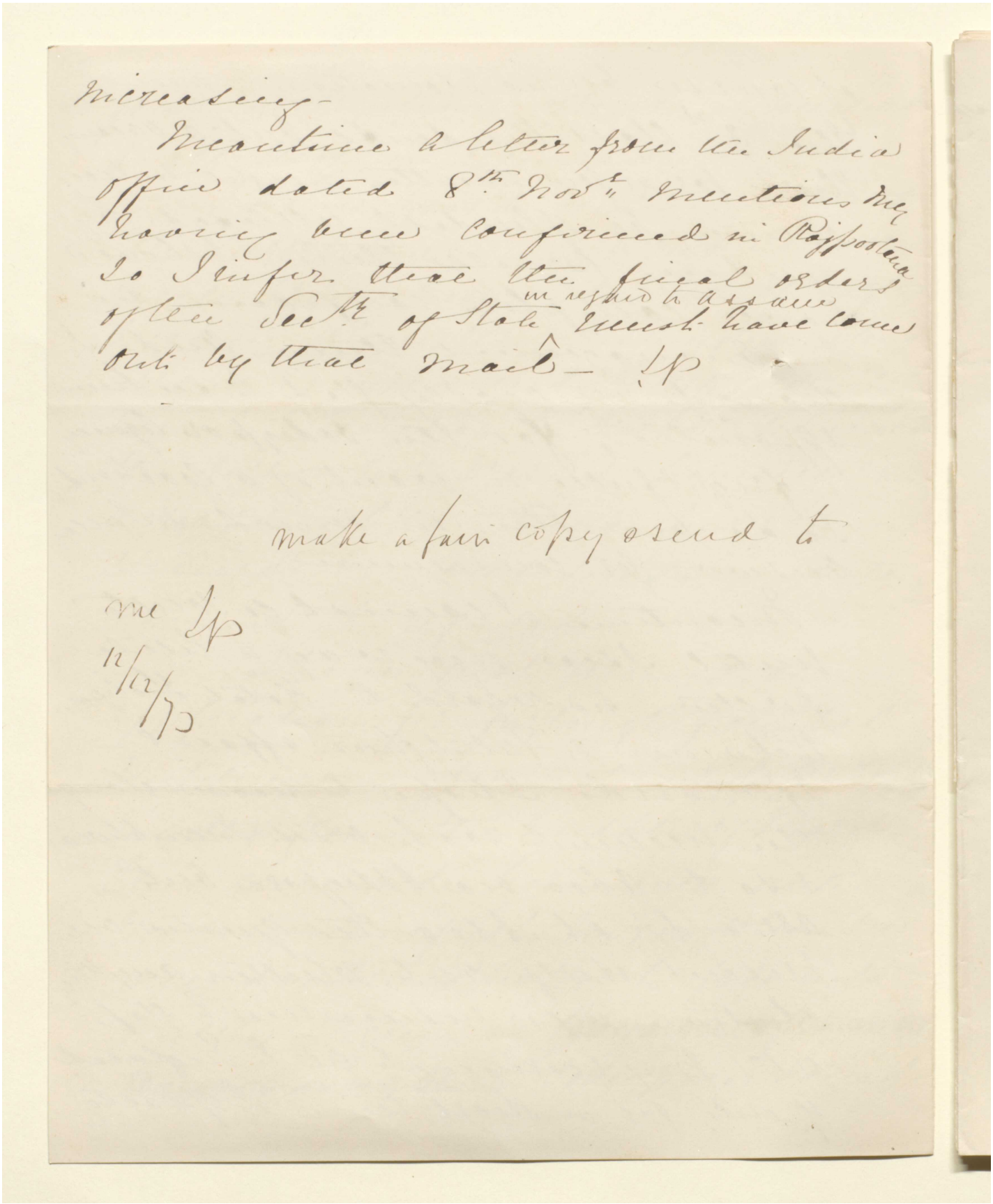
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of course be no promotion to any of the 3rd class Residents but a vacancy there for a few months might in my opinion be splendidly utilised by sending Carnac there. I should have complete confidence in his management there. And I should be really glad to see him appointed, for the Oodeypore Agency is frightfully in want of a good hand, so do bear this in mind & I will answer for consequences.

Meantime I cannot go South until I see my way a little further in regard to Kotah Kholpore Bikaneer & Tuliehpur affairs. Afterwards I hope to move along the Mewar road visit Neemhera & so to Aboo via Oodeypore, but arrived at Aboo the question will present itself as to whether anything whatever will induce me to stop out. My yearning to get to England if only for a short time is greater

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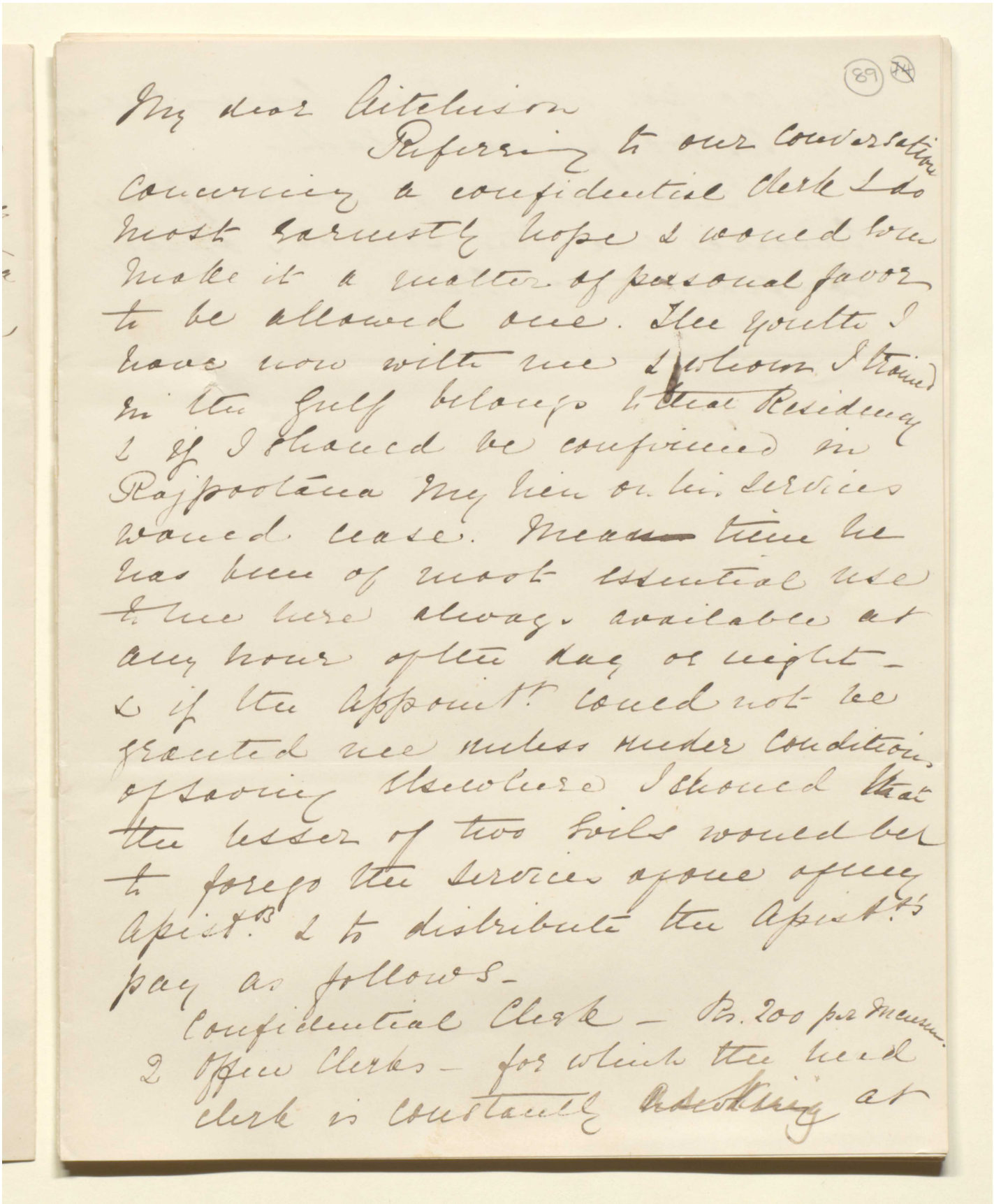


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Meantime a letter from the India Office dated 8th Nov. mentions my having been confirmed in Rajpootana so I infer that the final orders of the Secty of State in regard to Assaee must have come out by that mail - Yp

make a fair copy & send to me Yp
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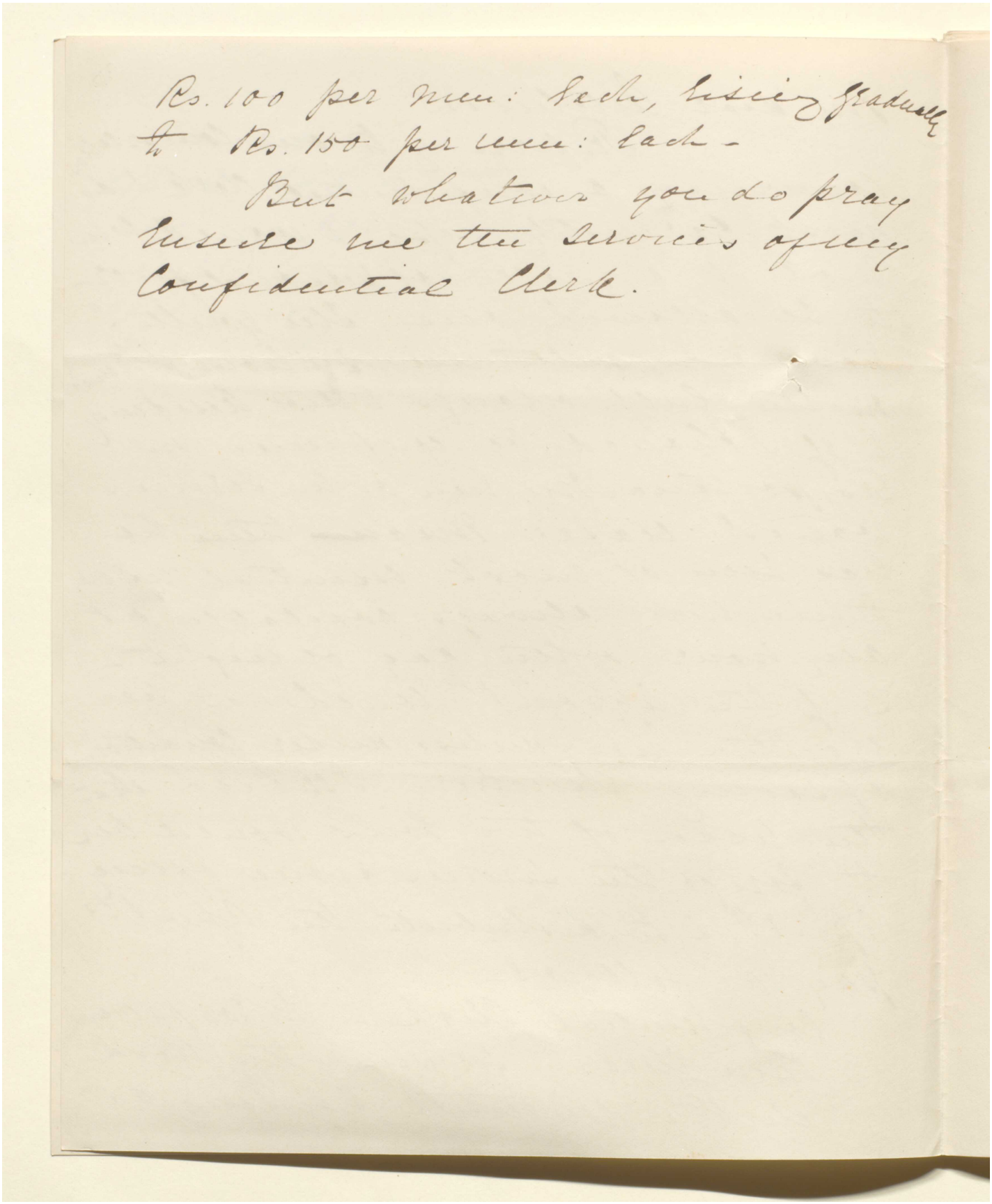
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My dear Aitchison

Referring to our conversation concerning a confidential clerk I do most earnestly hope I would be make it a matter of personal favor to be allowed one. The youth I have now with me I selected & trained in the Gulf belongs to that Residency & if I should be confirmed in Rajpootana my hen on his services would cease. Meantime he has been of most essential use to me here always available at any hour of the day or night - & if the Appointt. could not be granted me unless under condition of leaving Muscat I should think the lesser of two evils would be to forego the services of one of my Apists. & to distribute the Apist.'s pay as follows -

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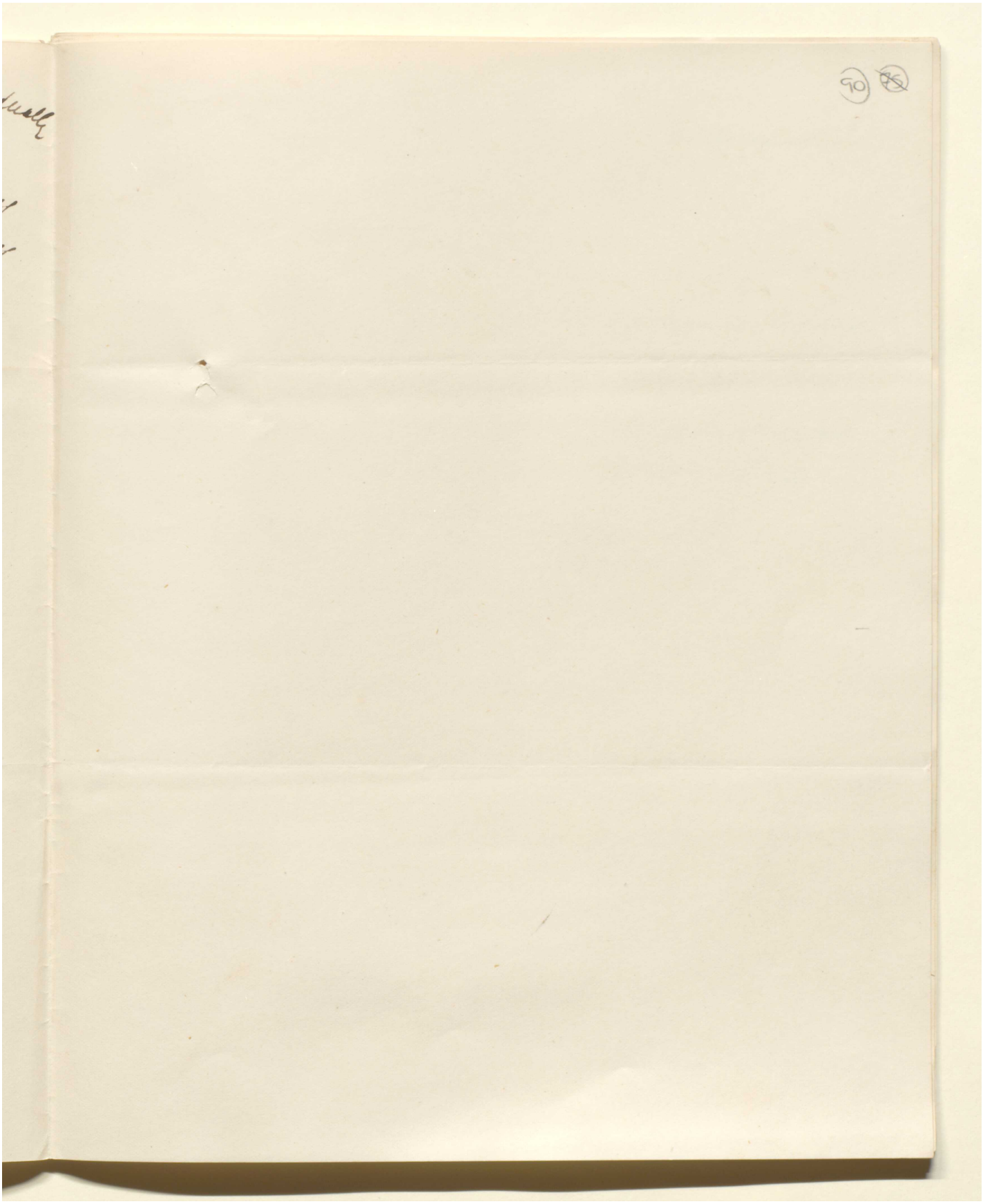
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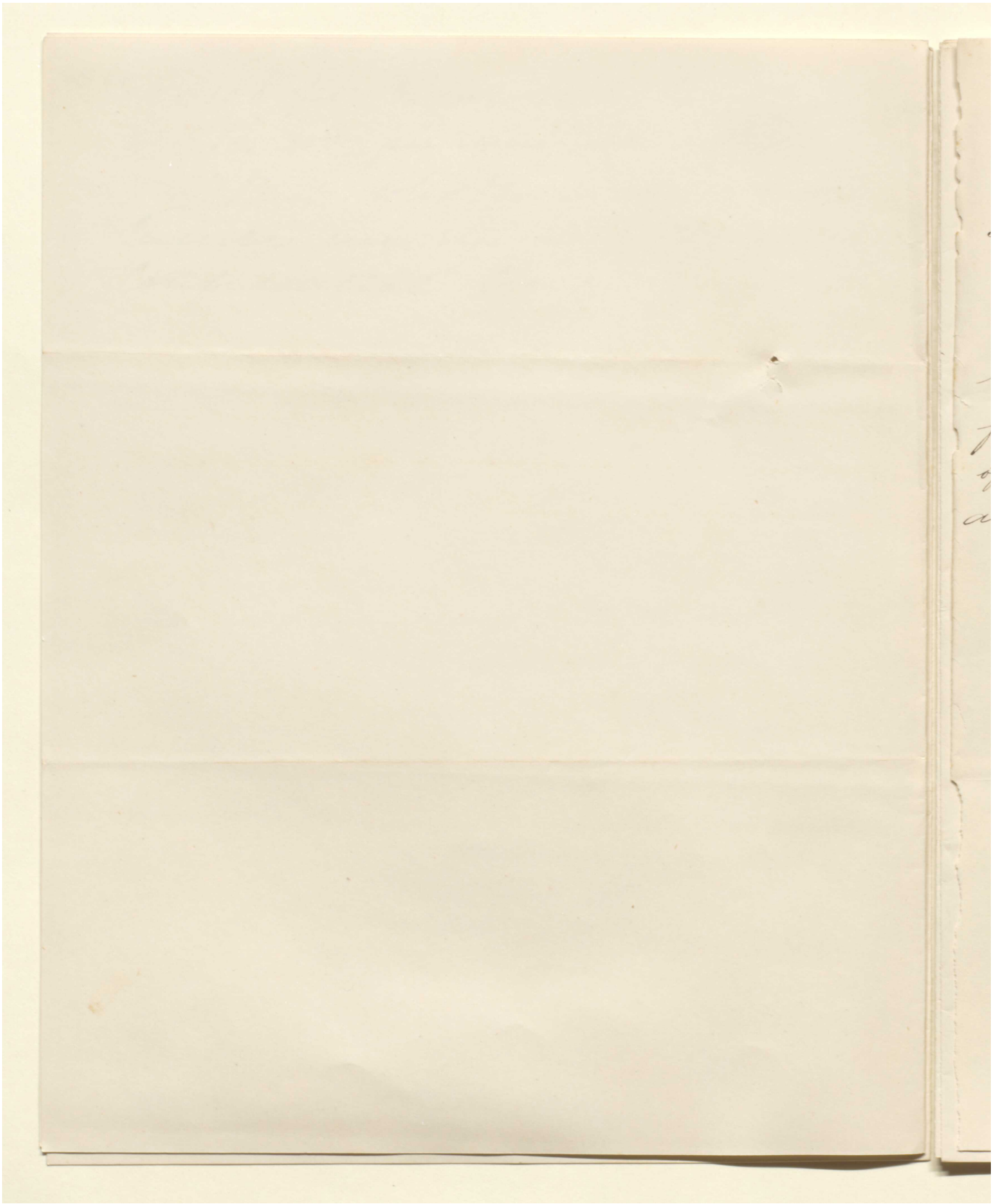
But whatever you do pray insure me the services of my Confidential Clerk.

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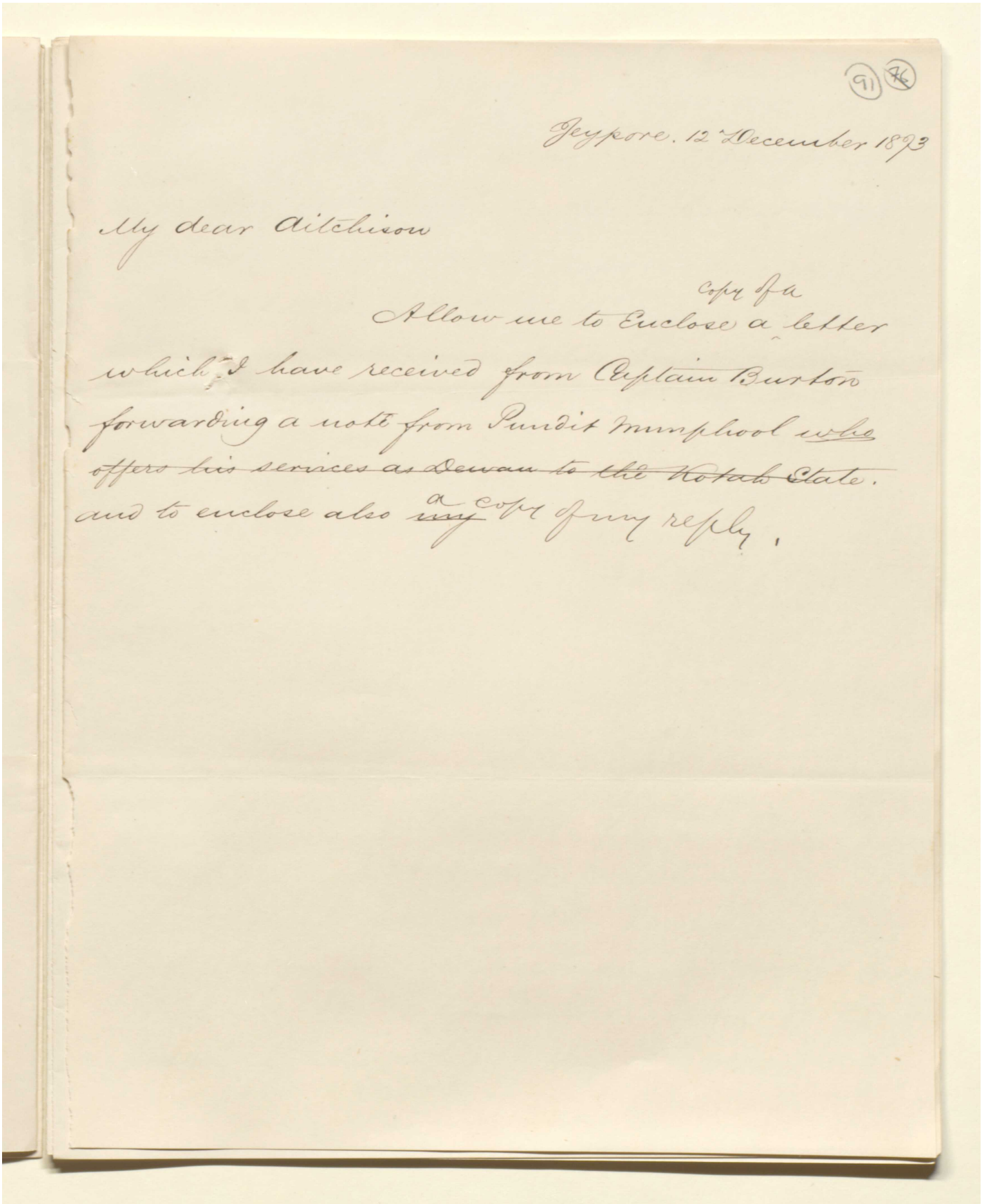
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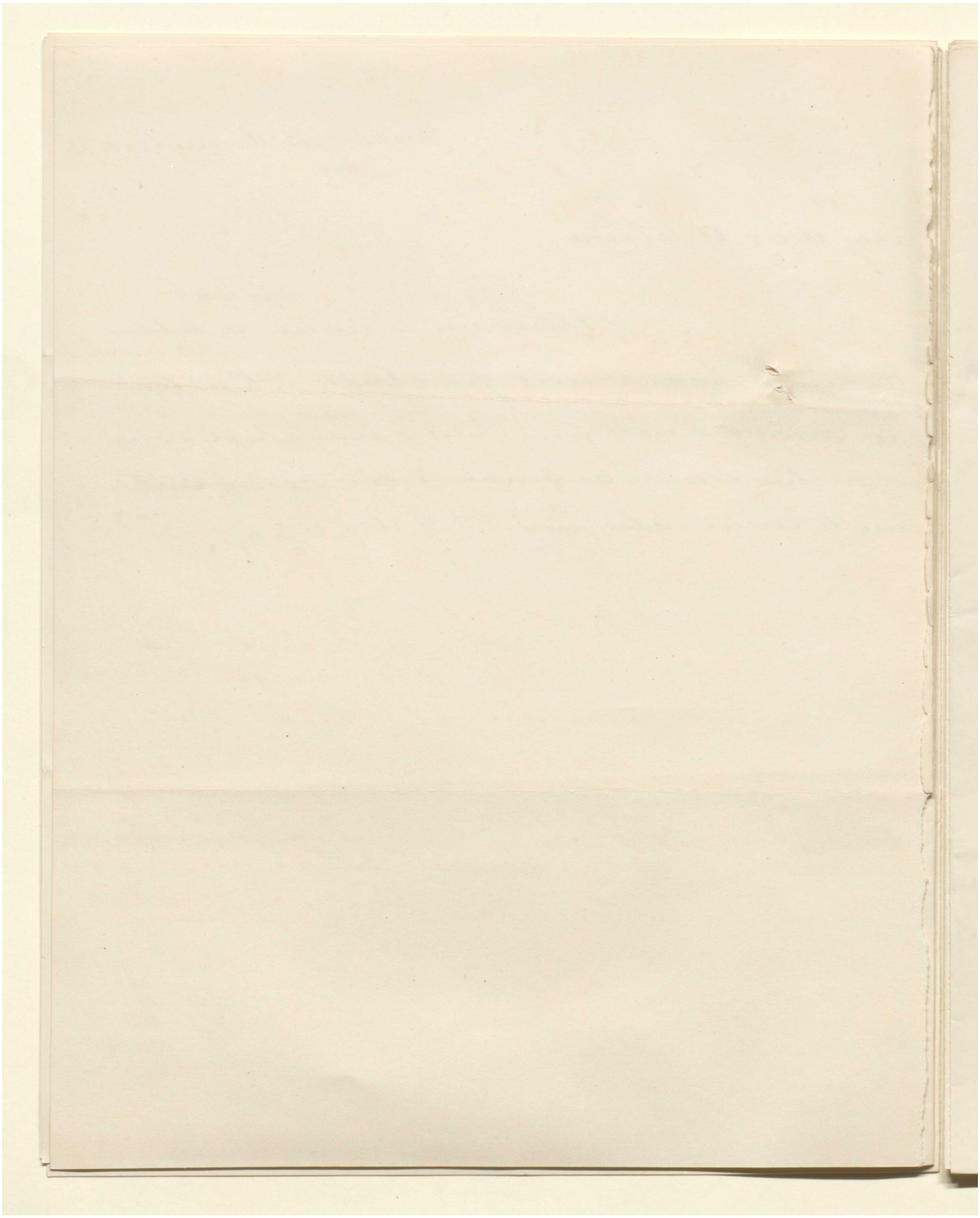


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Jeypore. 12th December 1893

My dear Aitchison

Allow me to Enclose a copy of a letter which I have received from Captain Burton forwarding a note from Pundit Munphool who offers his services as Dewan to the Kotah State. and to enclose also a copy of my reply.

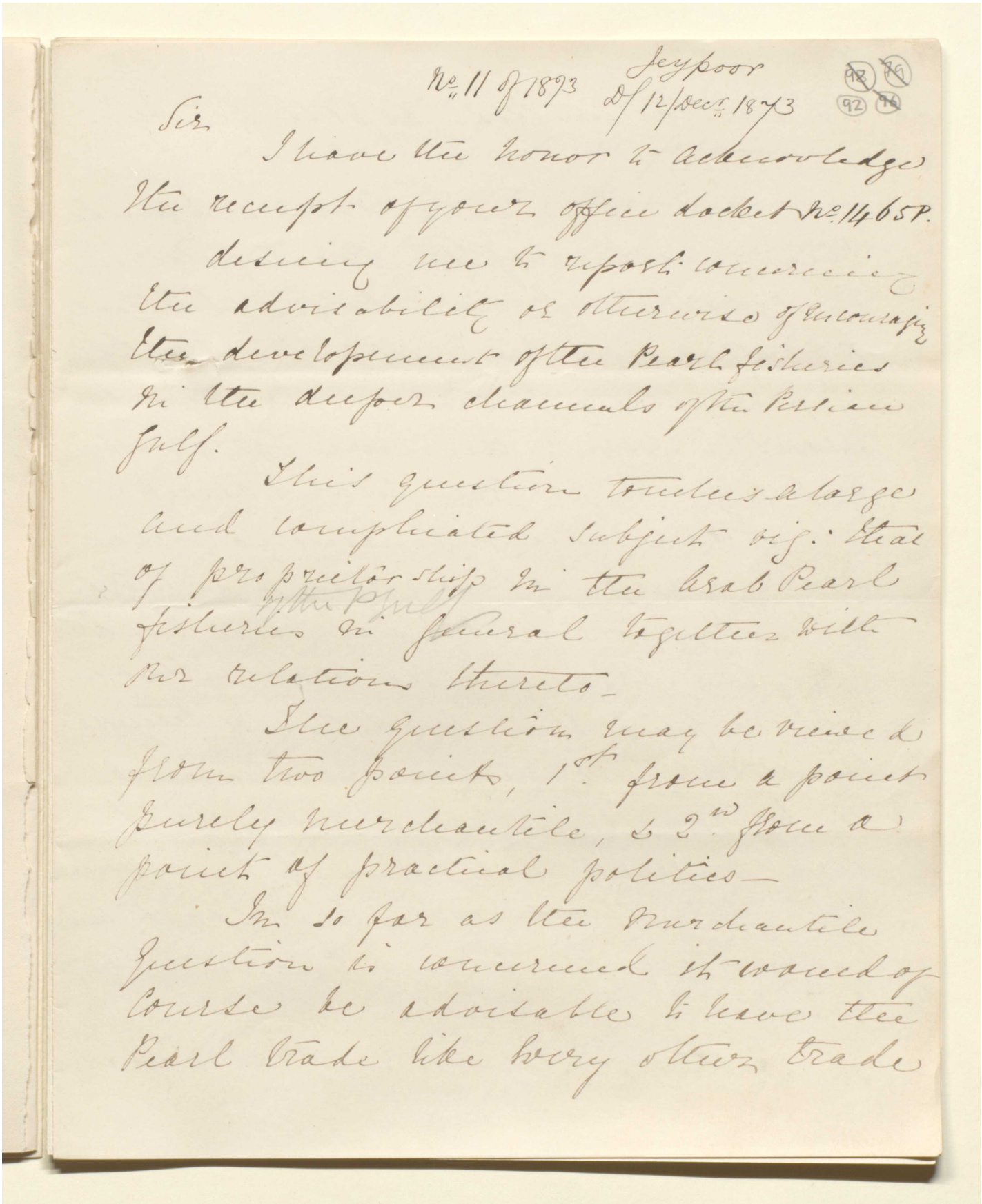


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Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your office docket No. 1465P. desiring me to report concerning the advisability or otherwise of encouraging the development of the Pearl fisheries in the deeper channels of the Persian Gulf.

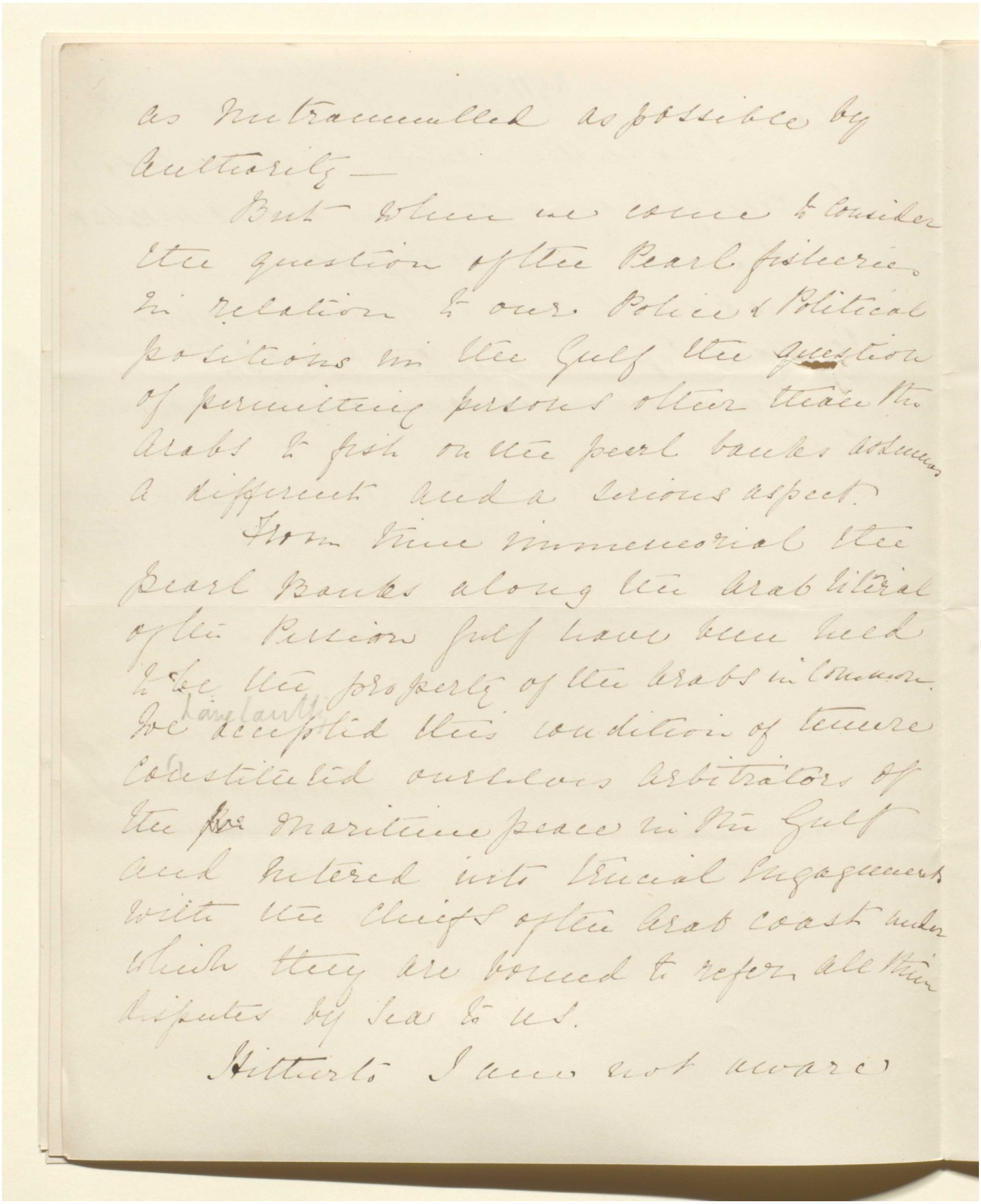
This question touches a large and complicated subject viz.: that of proprietorship in the Arab Pearl fisheries of the Gulf in general together with our relations thereto.

The question may be viewed from two points, 1st. from a point purely mercantile, & 2nd. from a point of practical politics.

In so far as the mercantile question is concerned it would of course be advisable to leave the Pearl trade like every other trade

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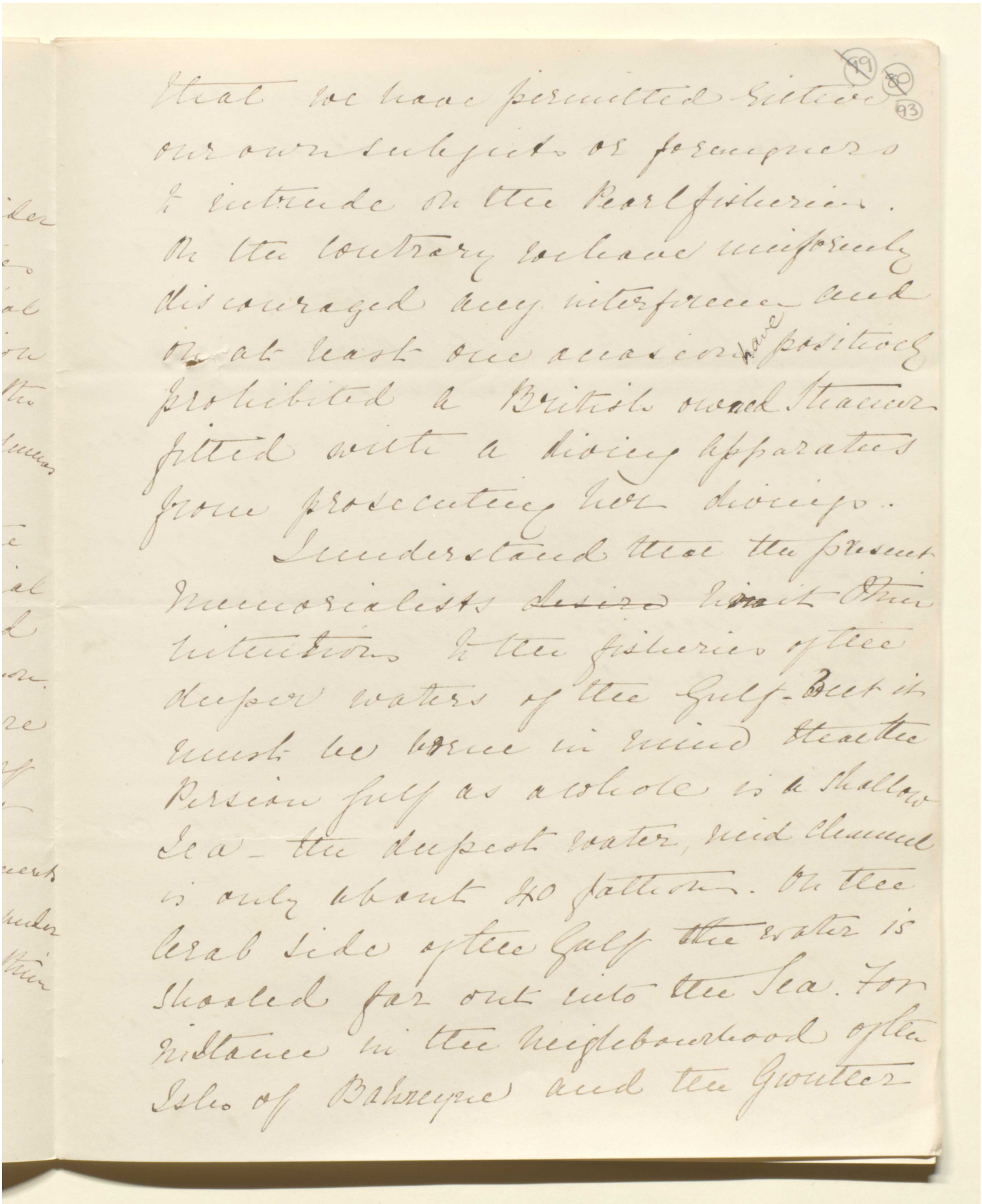
But when we come to consider
the question of the Pearl fisheries
in relation to our Political
positions in the Gulf the question
of permitting persons other than the
Arabs to fish on the pearl banks assumes
a different and a serious aspect.

From time immemorial the
Pearl Banks along the Arabian
of the Persian Gulf have been held
to be the property of the Arabs in common
& accepted this condition of tenure
constituted ourselves Arbitrators of
the for Maritime peace in the Gulf
and entered into Treaties Engagements
with the Chiefs of the Arab coast under
which they are bound to refer all their
disputes by sea to us.

Hitherto I have not heard

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that we have permitted Native
our own subjects or foreigners
to intrude on the Pearl fisheries.
On the contrary we have uniformly
discouraged any interference and
on at least one occasion have positively
prohibited a British owned Steamer
fitted with a diving apparatus
from prosecuting her diving.

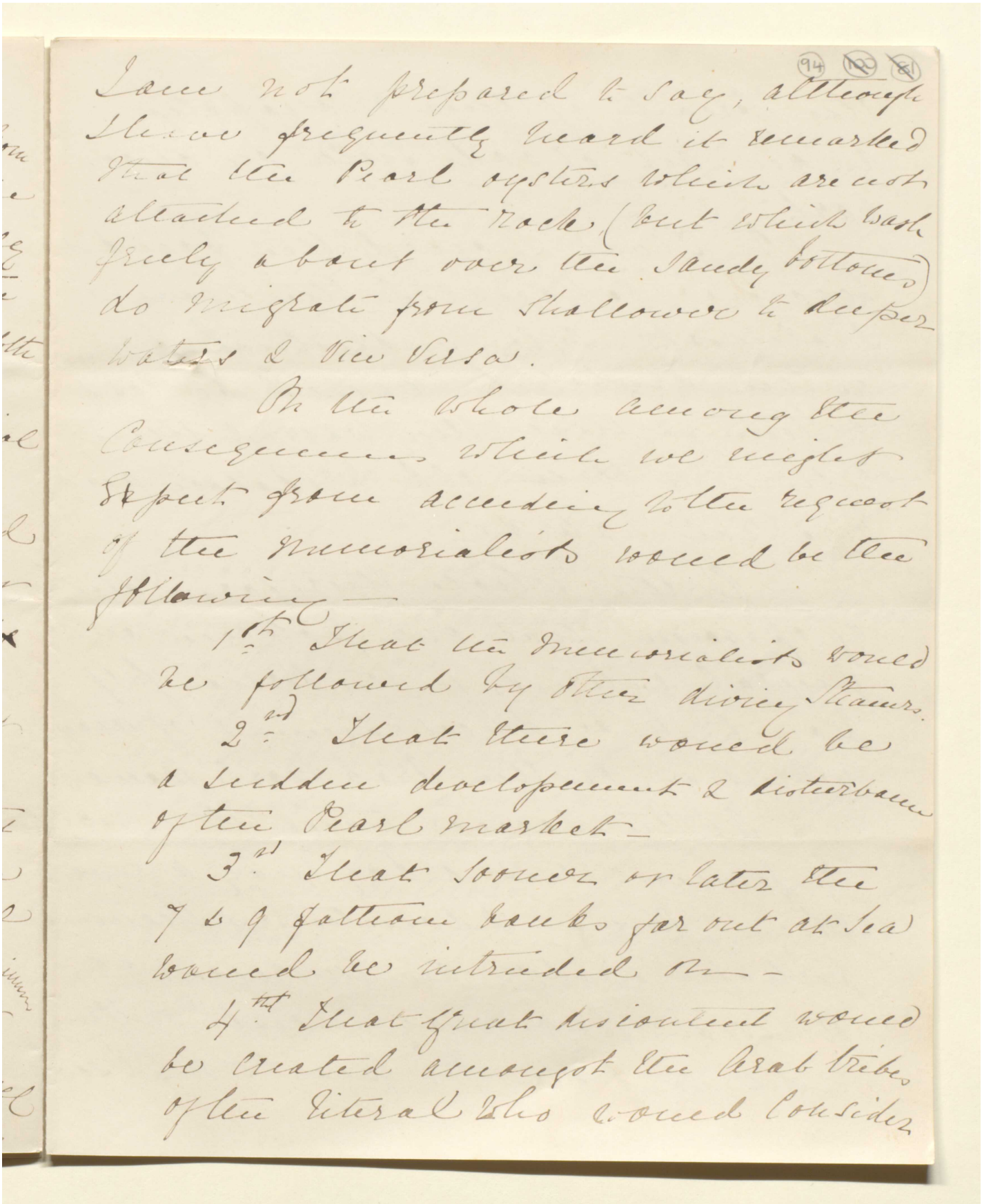
I understand that the present
Memorialists desire to limit their
intention to the fisheries of the
deeper waters of the Gulf. But it
must be borne in mind that the
Persian Gulf as a whole is a shallow
Sea - the deepest water, mid channel
is only about 120 fathoms. On the
Arab side of the Gulf the water is
shoaled far out into the Sea. For
instance in the neighbourhood of the
Isle of Bahreyne and the Pearl

coast there is 7 & 9 fathoms water at from 15 to 25 miles distant from the Shore line and it is in these depths that the Arabs habitually dive. Along the Pirate coast the Pearl Banks with a similar depth of water lie outside of what is Internationally known as Territorial Water, so that in point of fact if the question should come to be argued upon the basis of Territorial or Extra Territorial Waters the Arab tribes would at once lose their claim to almost all their most valuable Banks—

But it may be contended that the memorialists would confine their diving to the Mid channel of the Gulf, that is to say to a minimum depth of 21 to 28 fathoms, & what the result of diving in that channel would be upon the shallower banks

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I am not prepared to say, although I have frequently heard it remarked that the Pearl oysters which are not attached to the rock (but which wash freely about over the Sandy bottom) do migrate from Shallower to deeper waters & vice versa.

On the whole among the Consequences which we might expect from acceding to the request of the Memorialists would be the following —

1st That the Memorialists would be followed by other diving Steamers.

2nd That there would be a sudden development & disturbance of the Pearl market —

3rd That sooner or later the 7 & 9 fathom banks far out at Sea would be intruded on —

4th That great discontent would be created amongst the Arab tribes of the Literal who would consider

the breach of their monopoly as an act of bad faith on our part.

5th That should the Banks become exhausted the main & almost sole industrial pursuit of the Arab tribes would be lost to them, & that they would then return to their old predatory and piratical habits.

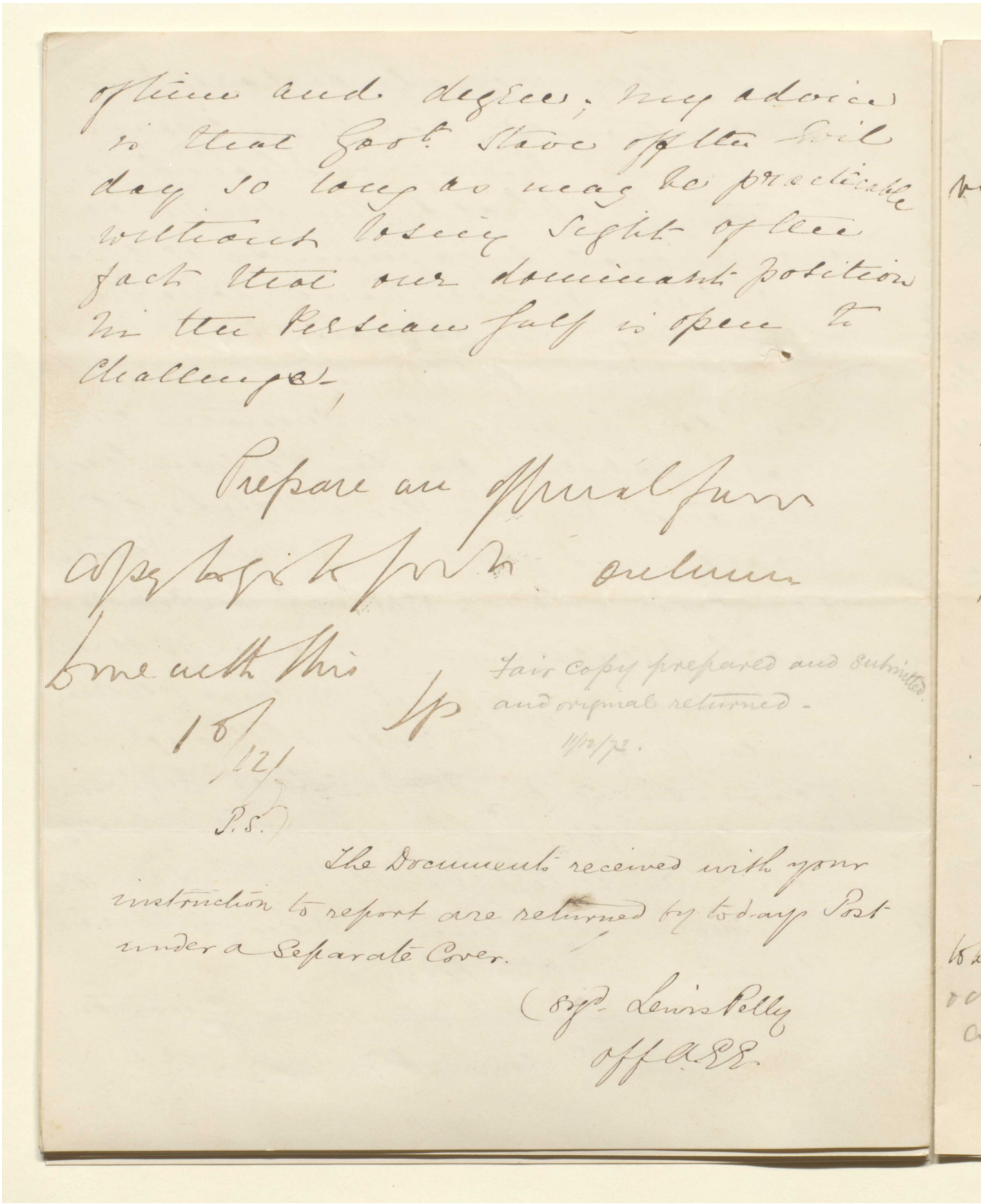
On the whole therefore I am of opinion that our political and general interests in the Persian Gulf point to a discouragement of any intrusion on the Arab Pearl Banks.

At the same time it is easy to foresee that a day may arrive when some Adventurers steaming perhaps under an American or Russian flag may insist on their right to fish for pearls in a Sea

which they would declare to be
Internationally Not more Assumed.
In such Event we should have
Either to uphold the Spirit of
our Treaty Engagements or else
to retire as we have done from
other Treaty Engagements.

In the minute I have not
wandered into the question of the
Pearl fisheries on the Persian Coast
although round the Islands of
Karack and at other points there
are fine & comparatively unexplored
pearl fisheries — we are not bound
to Persia in respect to these fisheries
while Persia herself although not
possessing a Stick afloat supposes
herself sufficiently powerful to protect
her own Interests. If Intruders are
to arrive let them arrange their
Claims with Persia.

Finally In the whole the question
practically considered is one



of time and degree; my advice is that Govt. stave off the evil day so long as may be practicable without losing sight of the fact that our dominant position in the Persian Gulf is open to challenge.

Prepare an official form of this & submit for orders

Fair copy prepared and submitted and original returned - 4/2/73.

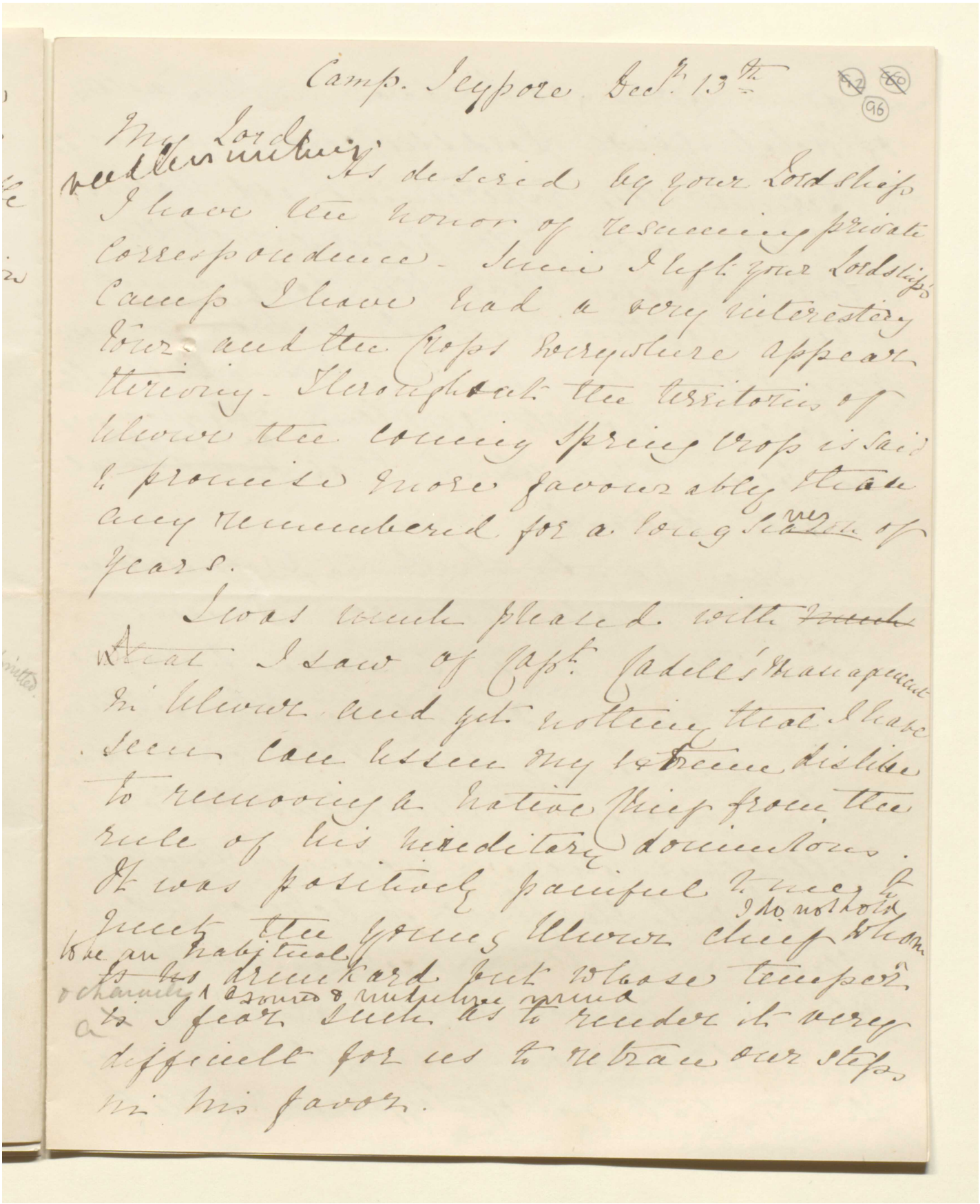
P.S.

The Documents received with your instruction to report are returned by to-days Post under a Separate Cover.

(Sd) Lewis Pelly
Off A.G.G.

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Camp. Jeypore Dec.r 13th

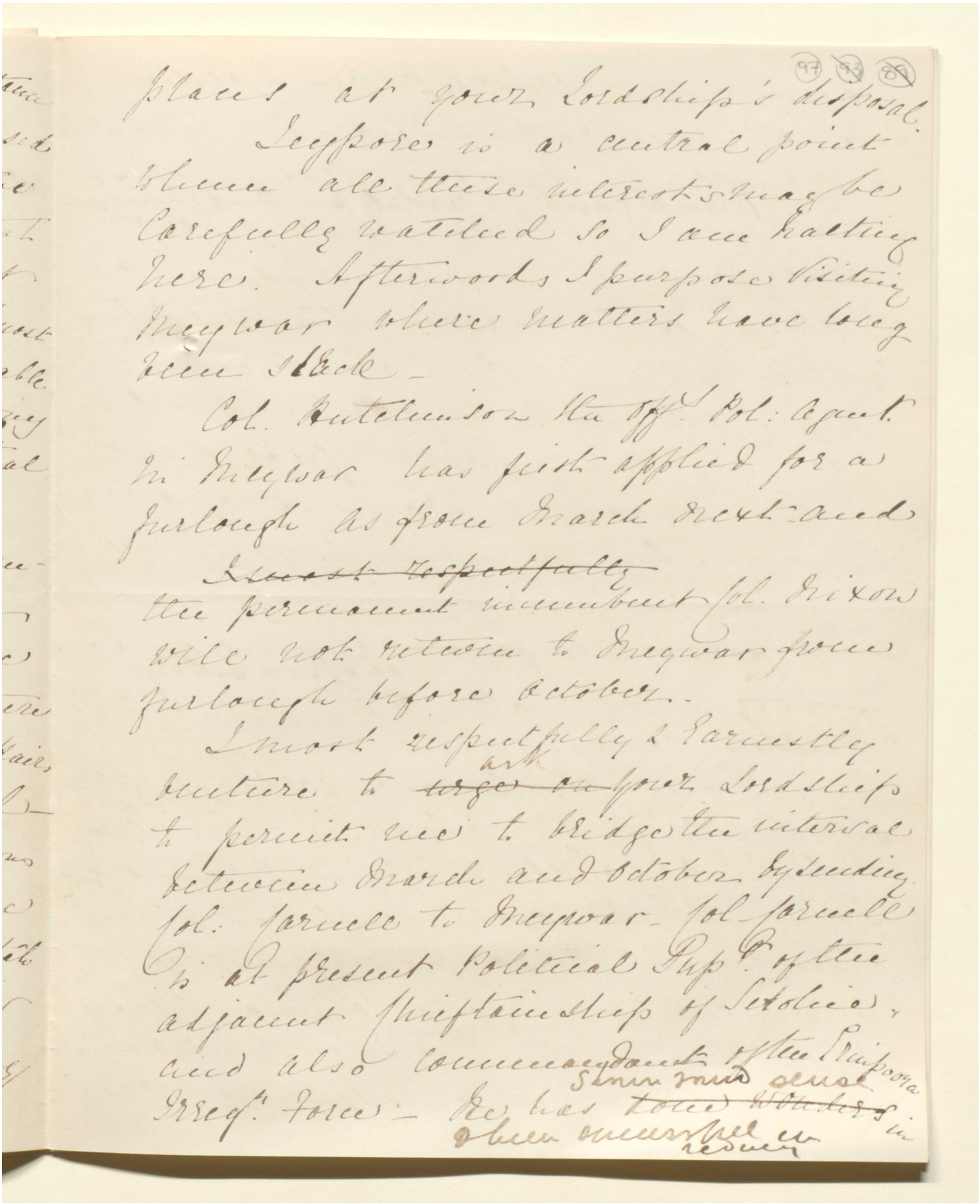
My Lord

I have the honor of receiving private correspondence. Since I left your Lordship's Camp I have had a very interesting tour and the crops & cultivation appear throughout. Throughout the territories of Ulwar the coming spring crops is said to promise more favourably than any remembered for a long series of years.

I was much pleased with that I saw of Capt. Jadell's management in Ulwar and yet nothing that I have seen can lessen my strong dislike to removing a native Chief from the rule of his hereditary dominions. It was positively painful to me to meet the young Ulwar chief who has an habitual drunkard just whose temper is I fear such as to render it very difficult for us to retrace our steps in his favor.

I am very glad that in the instance of Kotah your Lordship has been pleased to permit the experiment of native Ministers with full powers; not that I feel certain that the experiment will altogether succeed but ~~that~~ almost any alternative is thought preferable to forcing growth and then withdrawing the forces upon which that artificial growth depends.

The points which at present demand my attention are Bikaneer where there is a sudden change of Ministry — Dholepore where there is a tendency to muddle with affairs of State before Col. Stumbley's arrival — Futtehpur where I have instructions to compel the Chief to acknowledge allegiance to the Jeypore and Kotah where I have to install the two Ministers whom I am glad to say the Maha Raja of Jeypore selected



places at your Lordship's disposal.

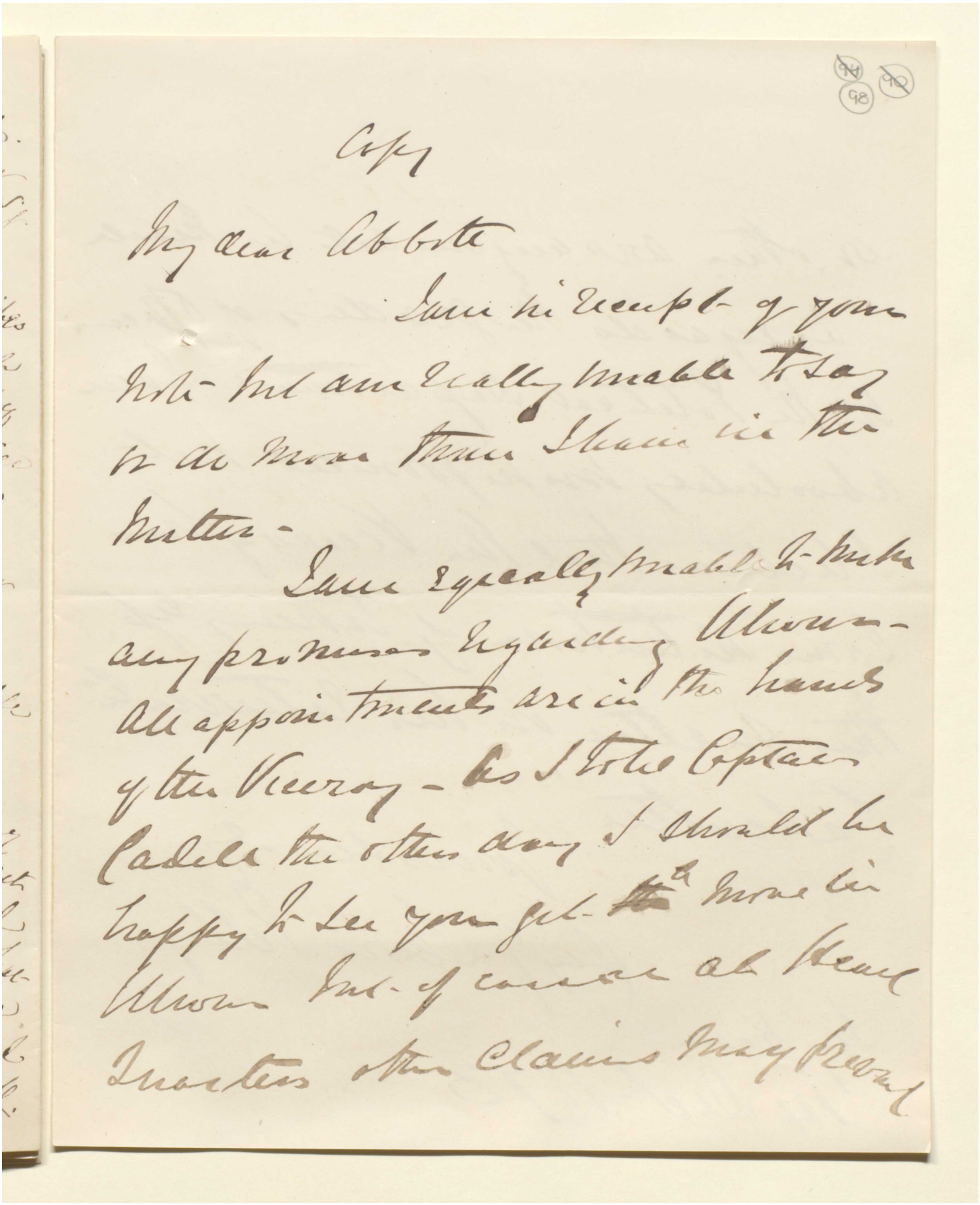
Jeypore is a central point where all these interests may be carefully watched so I am halting here. Afterwards I purpose visiting Meywar where matters have long been black.

Col. Eutelmison the Offg. Pol: Agent in Meywar has just applied for a furlough as from March next and ~~I most respectfully~~ the permanent incumbent Col. Dixon will not return to Meywar from furlough before October.

I most respectfully & earnestly venture to ~~urge~~ ask your Lordship to permit me to bridge the interval between March and October by sending Col: Pearce to Meywar. Col Pearce is at present Political Supt. of the adjacent Thikanas of Sirohi, and also commands the Jeypore Irreg.l Force. He has twice been ~~there~~ in Meywar on service

reducing his border tribes to order & to be at once respected, feared & liked. His method of work is precisely what I approve & I think that if he could prompt, caution, resolute, & thorough to organize he would introduce a method of managing the wild tribes in the hilly tracts & boundaries which might afterwards be pursued by ordinary men, with great advantage to the peace & prosperity of the country concerned. I would have gone so far as to urge his appointment as a personal favour to myself & I write undertake to be answerable for the consequences.

I am glad your Lordship is sending fresh blood to the Railway Police appointments. I wish I could get some fresh young bachelor blood introduced amongst my assistants. What is wanted is jealous conservatives and youngsters with strong constitutions & always anxious for movement & work.

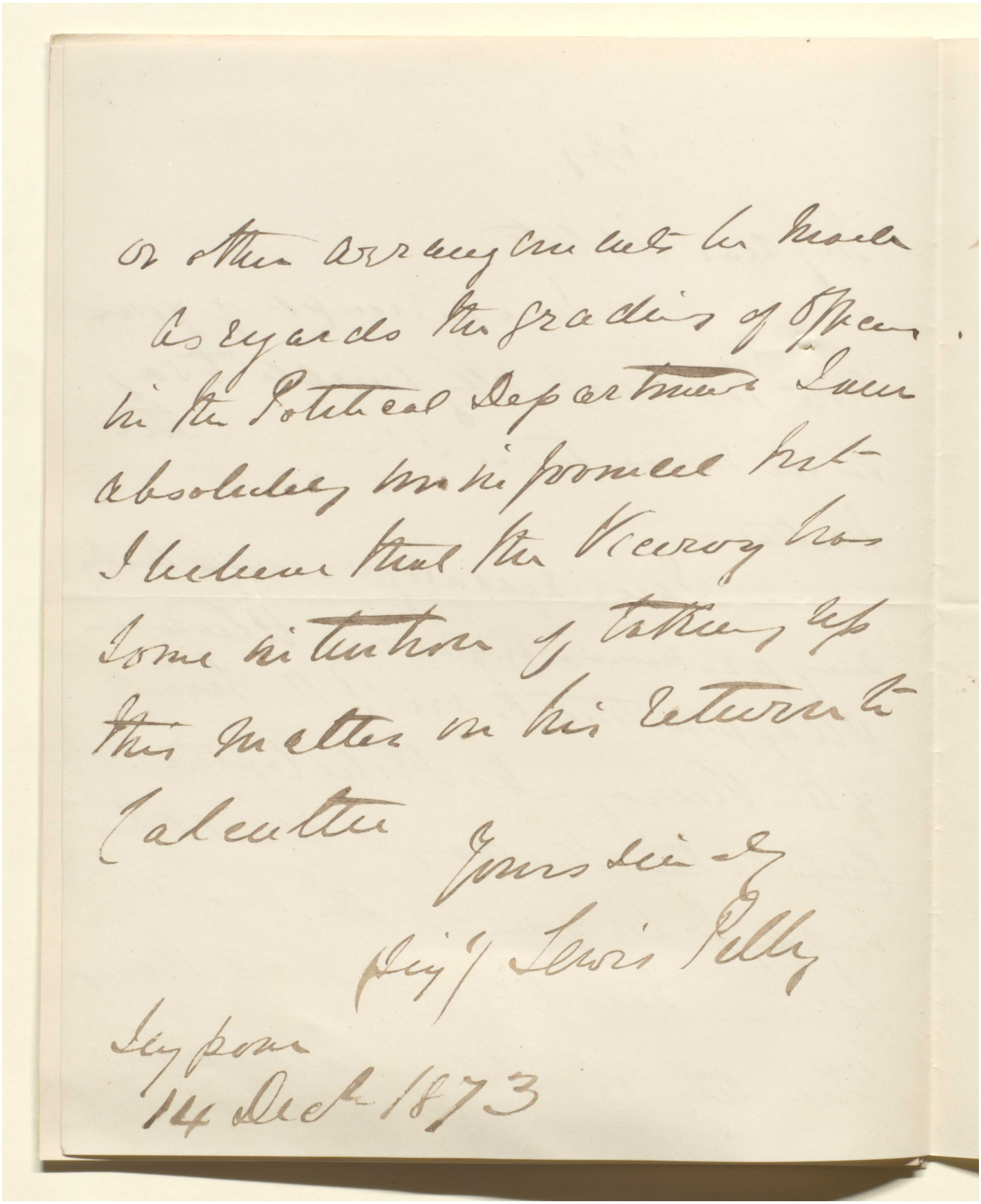


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My dear Abbott

I am in receipt of your
note but am really unable to say
to do more than I have in the
matter -

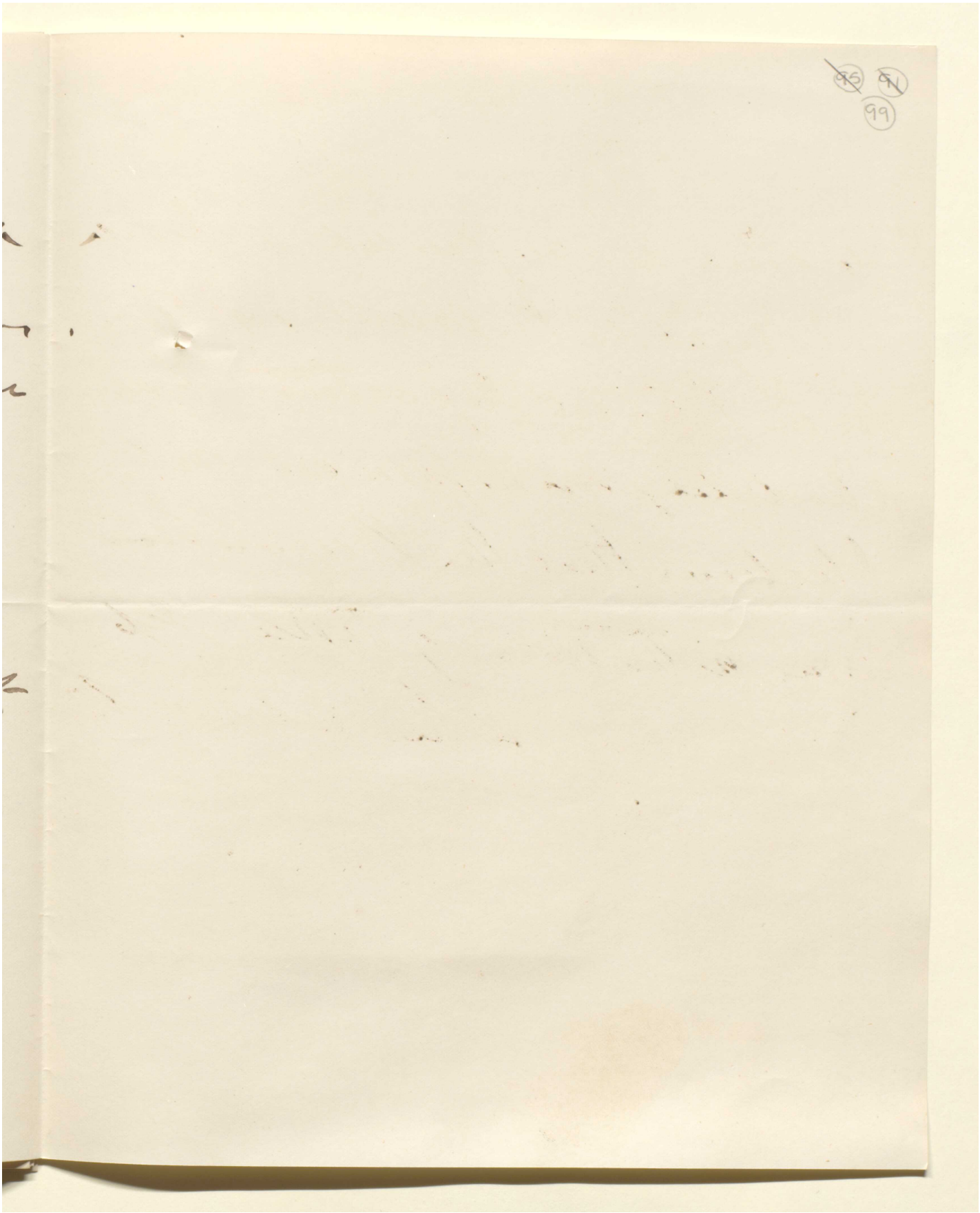
I am equally unable to take
any promise regarding Ulwar -
All appointments are in the hands
of the Viceroy - As I told Captain
Cadell the other day I should be
happy to see you get the Ulwar
Ins - of course all I can
Trustees the claims may have



or other Arrangement must be made
as regards the grading of Officers
in the Political Department I am
absolutely unprejudiced but
I believe that the Viceroy has
some intention of taking up
this matter on his return to
Calcutta

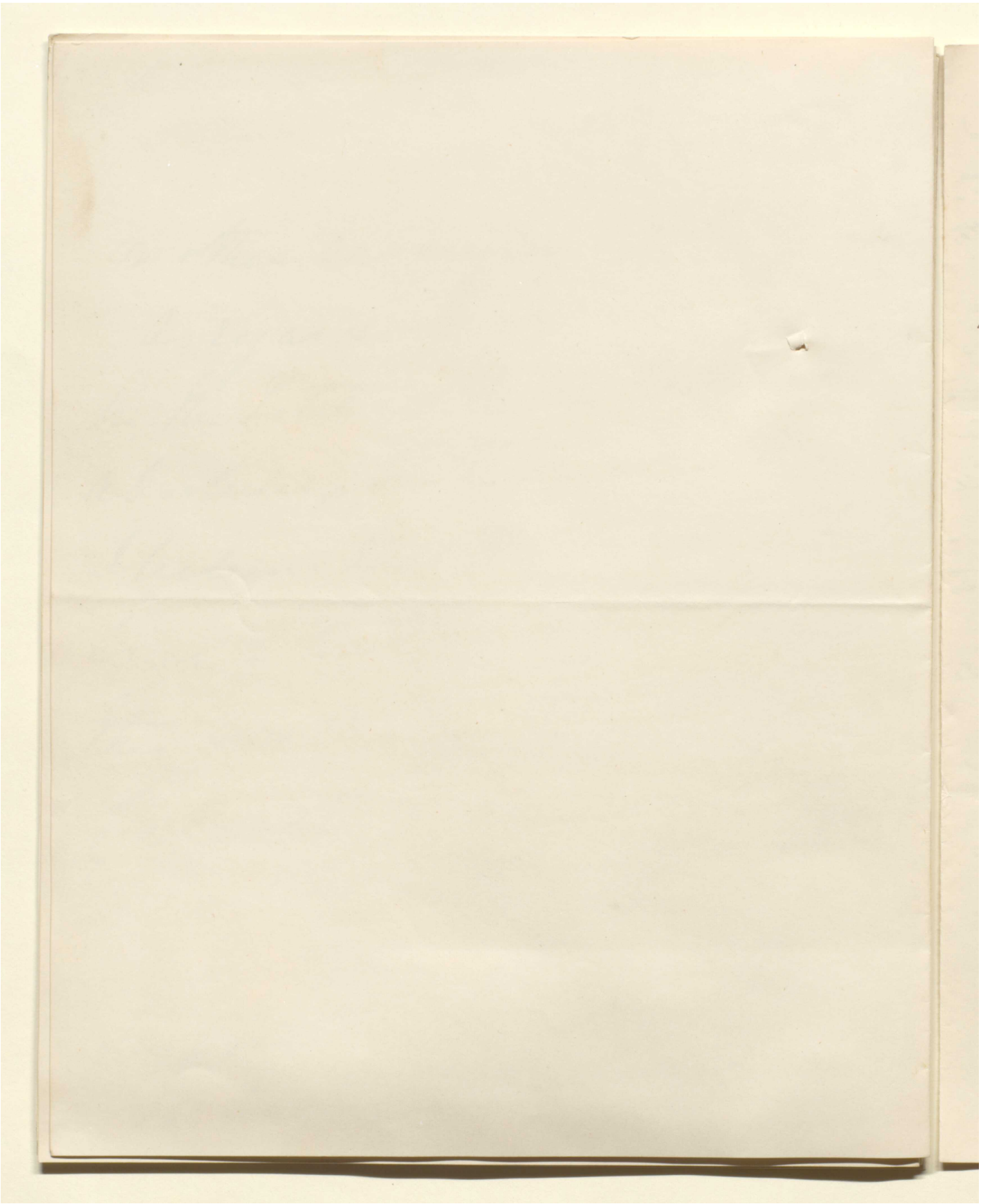
I have the
honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Lewis Pelly

Jeypore
14 Dec 1873



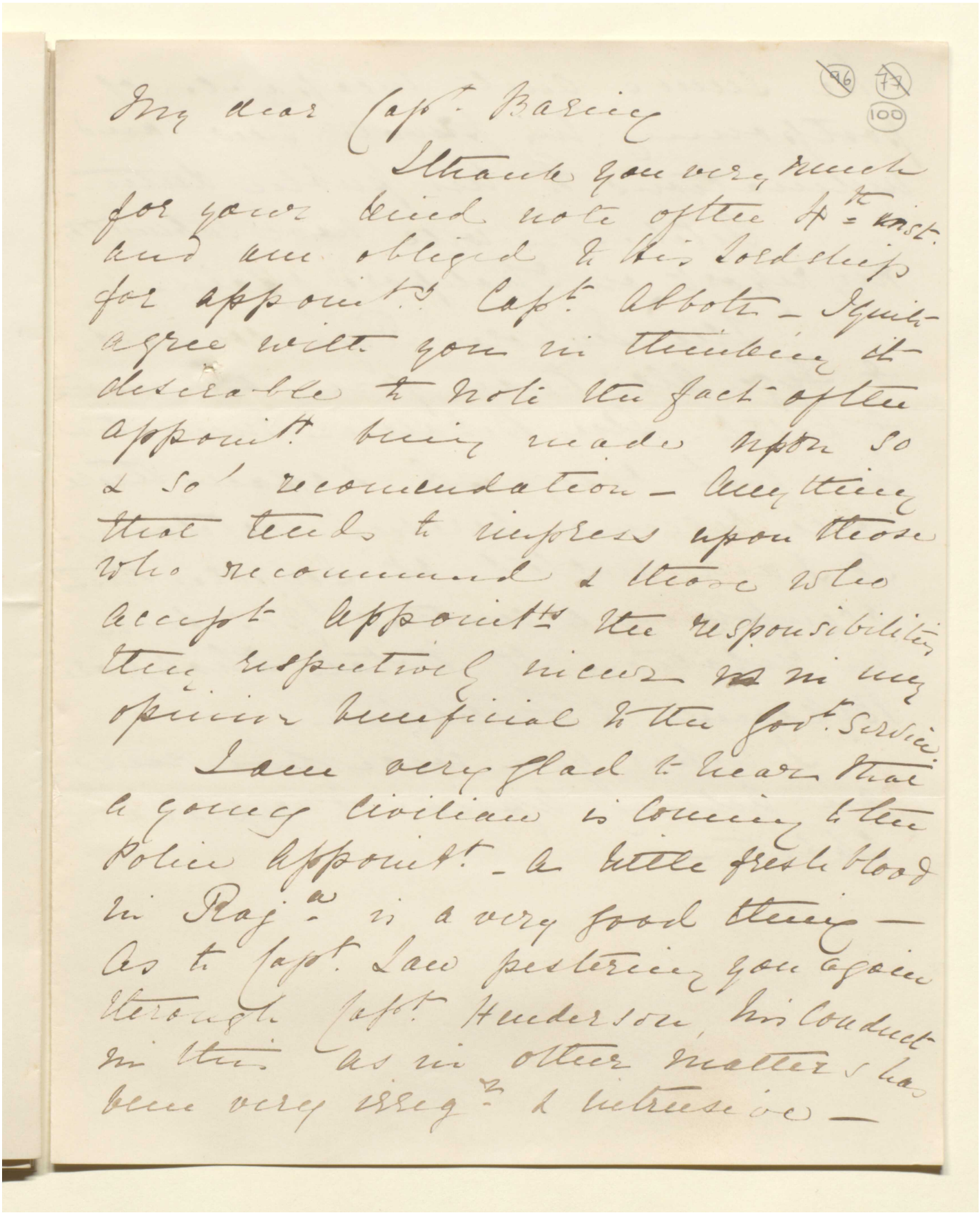
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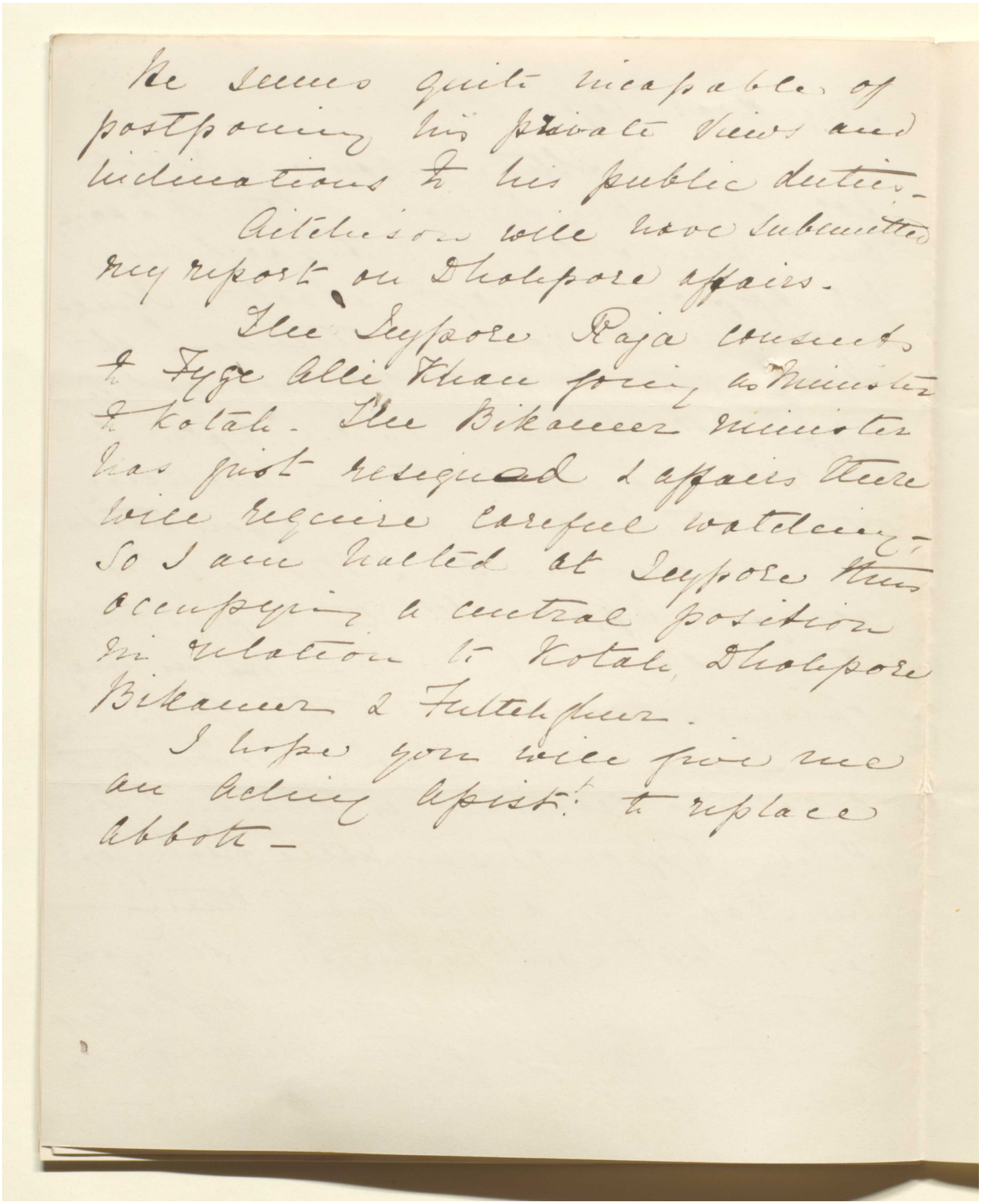


My dear Capt. Baring

I thank you very much for your kind note of the 4th inst. and am obliged to his Lordship for appointg Capt. Abbott – I quite agree with you in thinking it desirable to note the fact after appointt being made upon so & so's recommendation – anything that tends to impress upon those who recommend & those who accept appointts the responsibility they respectively incur is in my opinion beneficial to the Govt. Service

I am very glad to hear that a young Civilian is coming to the Police appointt – a little fresh blood in Raj-a is a very good thing – As to Capt. Law yesterday you again through Capt. Henderson, his conduct in this as in other matters has been very irreg.r & intrusive –

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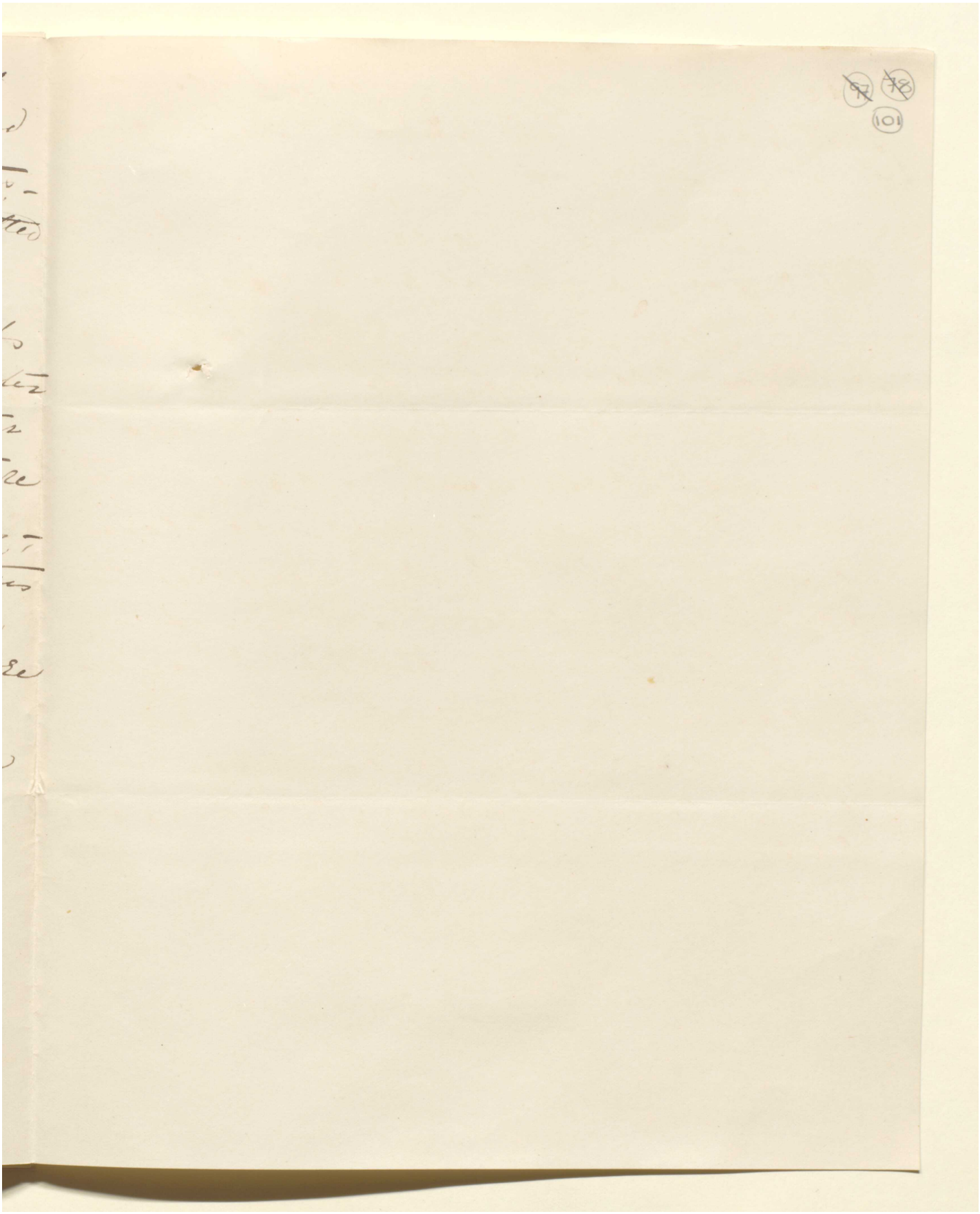


He seems quite incapable of postponing his private views and indications to his public duties.

Attachison will have submitted my report on Dholpore affairs.

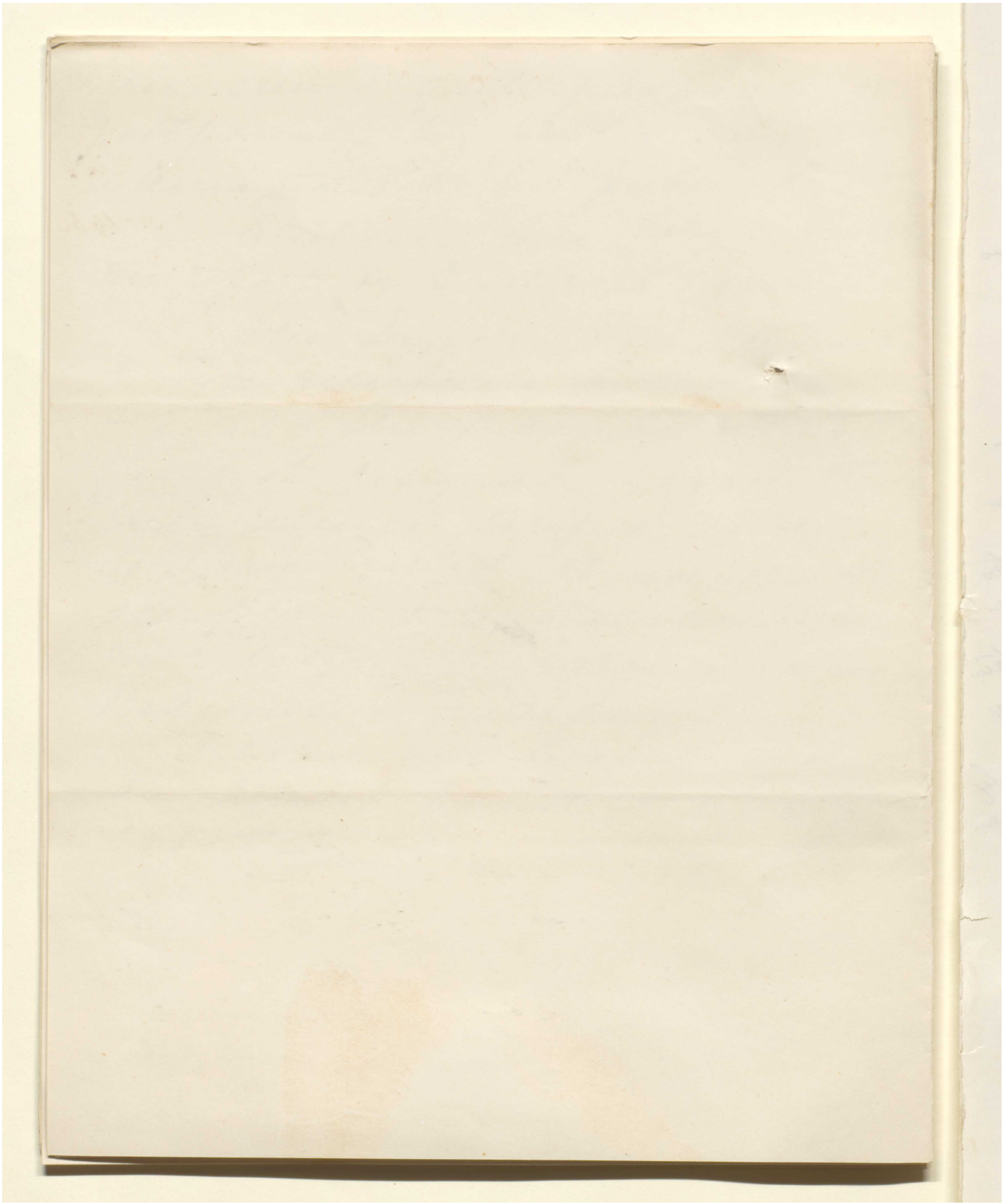
The Seypore Raja consents & Fyze Alli Khan goes as Minister to Kotah. The Bikaneer minister has just resigned & affairs there will require careful watching. So I am invited at Seypore thus occupying a central position in relation to Kotah, Dholpore Bikaneer & Futtehpore.

I hope you will give me an Acting Assist: to replace Abbott.



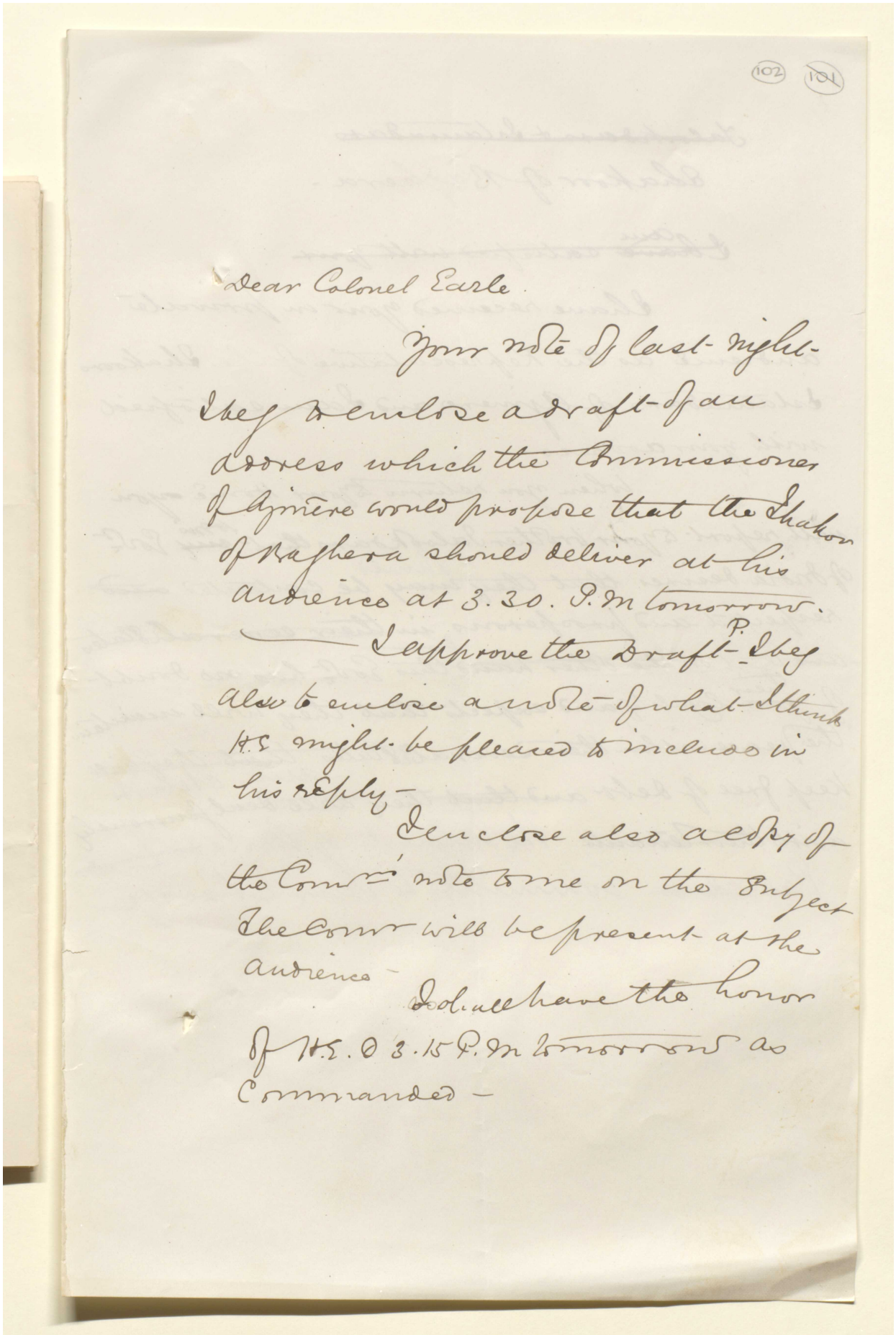
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Dear Colonel Earle.

Your note of last night they enclose a draft of an address which the Commissioner of Ajmere would propose that the Thakor of Kaphera should deliver at his audience at 3.30. P.M tomorrow.

I approve the draft P. They also to enclose a note of what I think H.E might be pleased to include in his reply –

I enclose also a copy of the Comr's note to me on the subject The Comr will be present at the audience –

I should have the honor of H.E.'s 3.15 P.M tomorrow as Commanded –

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~~Jalookdars & Islamadars~~
Thakoor of Baghera -

~~I have~~ I am ~~satisfied with your~~

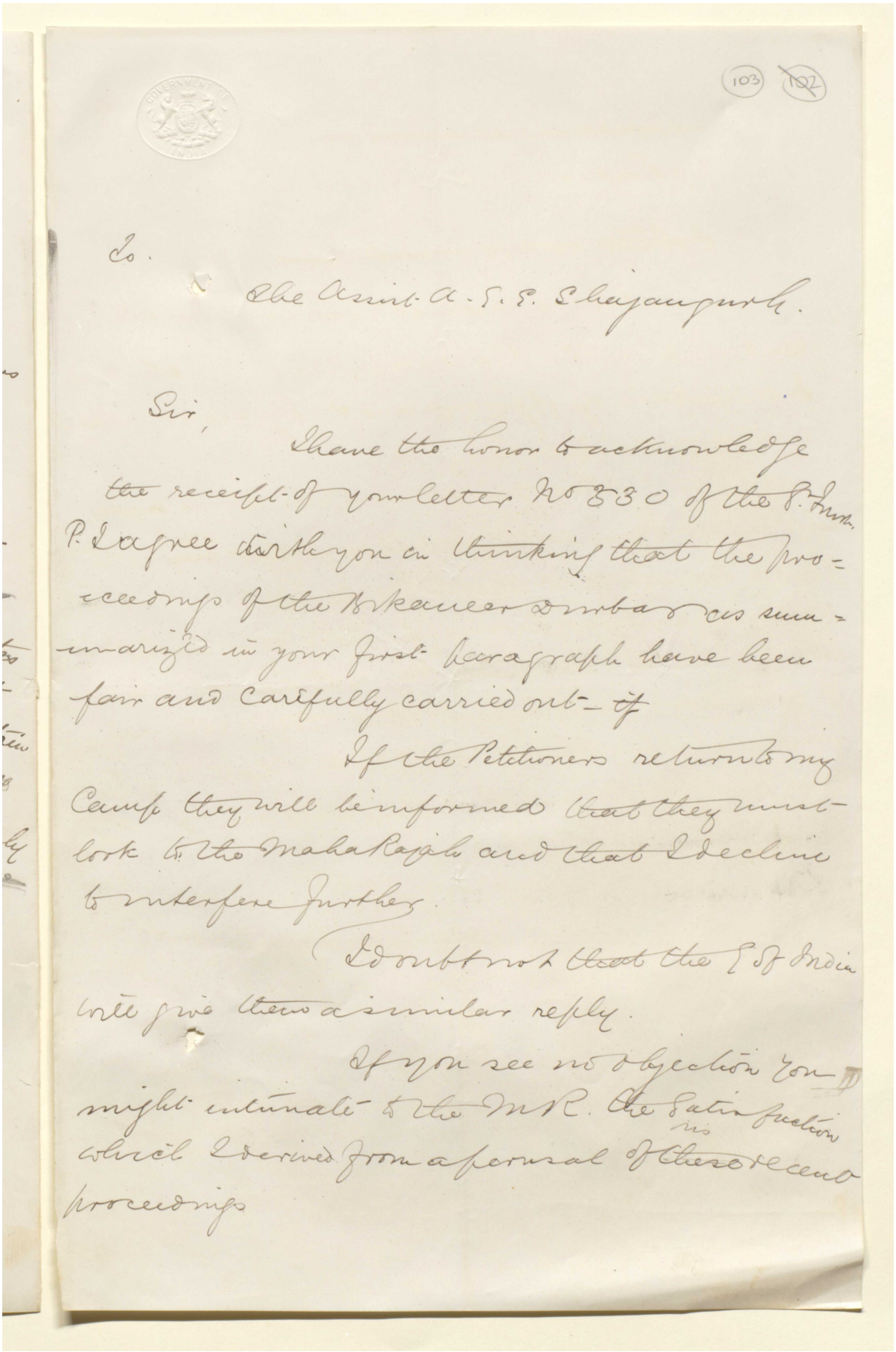
I have received your in private audience as the Representative of the Thakoors Islamadars of Ajmere and I am satisfied with your address -

When you return to your home you will report to your brother Jalookdars that ~~to me~~ Govt of India desires that they may be contented ~~and~~ respected and prosperous in ~~their~~ several States and that on the other hand this Govt has no doubt of ~~your~~ their loyality, and expects that they will maintain the peace within their several States that they will keep free of debt and that they will deal generously with their tenants the inhabitants of their Pargunas ~~committee~~ & their charge

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Letter from Lewis Pelly to the Assistant to the Agent to the Governor General, Shajangurh [Sajjangarh] [103r] (1/2)



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To.

The Asst. A. G. G. Shajangurh.

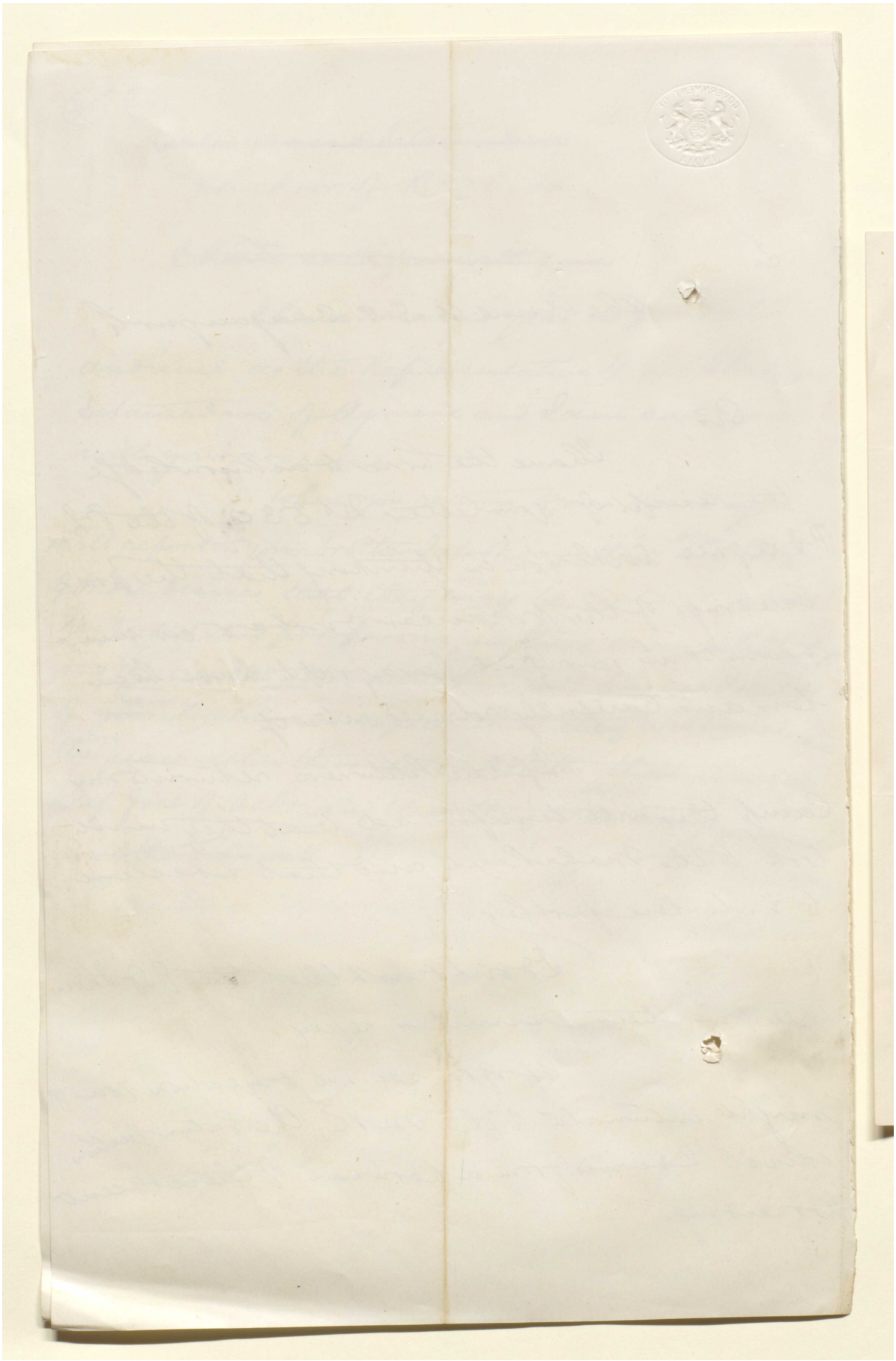
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 330 of the 8th inst. I agree with you in thinking that the proceedings of the Bikaneer Durbar as summarized in your first paragraph have been fair and carefully carried out.

If the Petitioners return to my Camp they will be informed that they must look to the Maha Rajah and that I decline to interfere further.

I doubt not that the G of India will give them a similar reply.

If you see no objection you might intimate to the M R. the satisfaction which I derived from a perusal of these proceedings

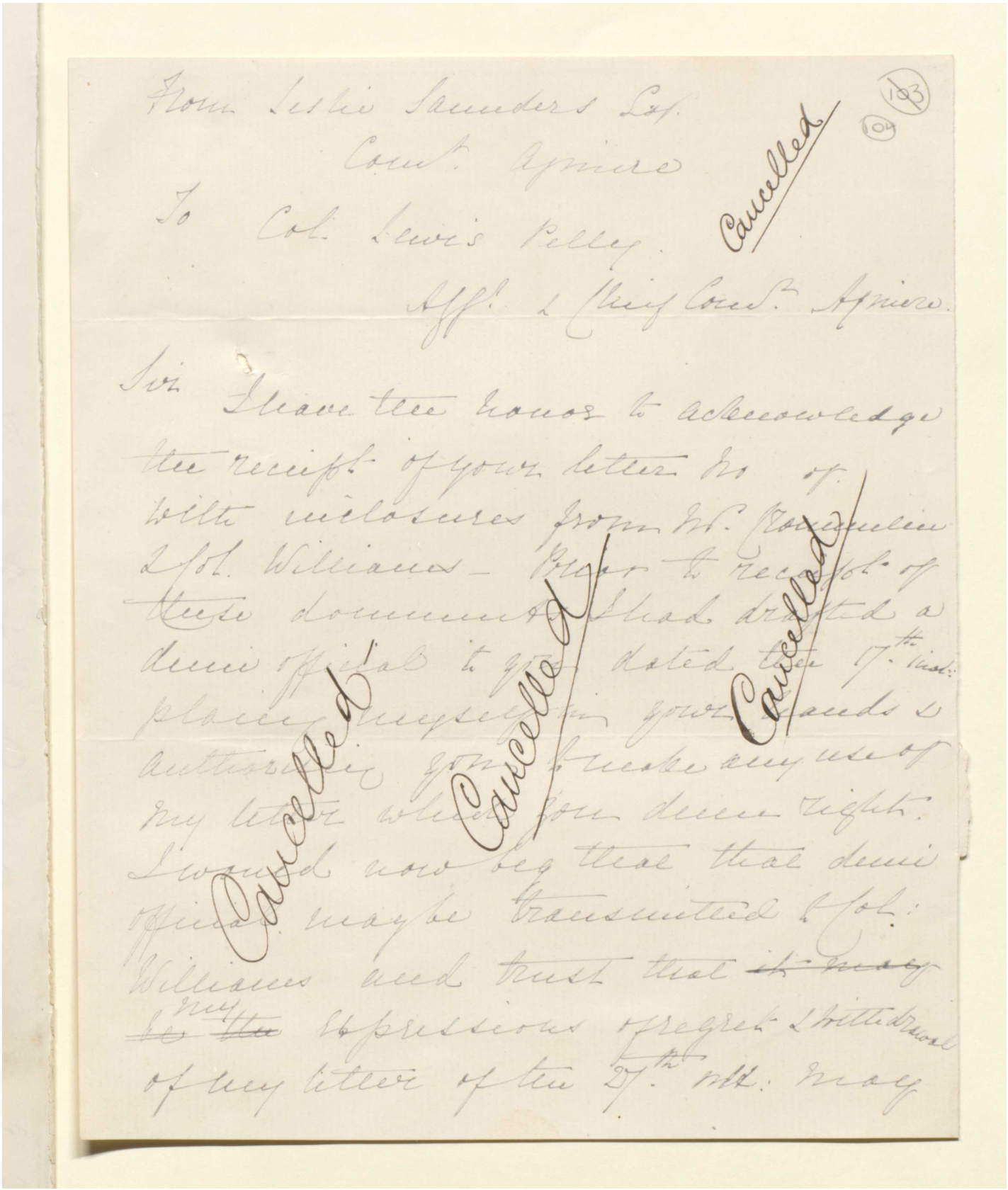


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From Leslie Saunders Esq.
Commr. Ajmere
To Col. Lewis Pelly.
Offg. Chief Commr. Ajmere.

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Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. of with inclosures from Mr. Secretary Col. Williams – Prior to receipt of these documents I had drafted a demi official to you dated the 17th inst. placing myself in your hands & authorizing you to make any use of my letter which you deem right. I would now beg that that demi official may be transmitted to Col. Williams and trust that it may be my expressions of regret & withdrawal of my letter of the 27th ult. may

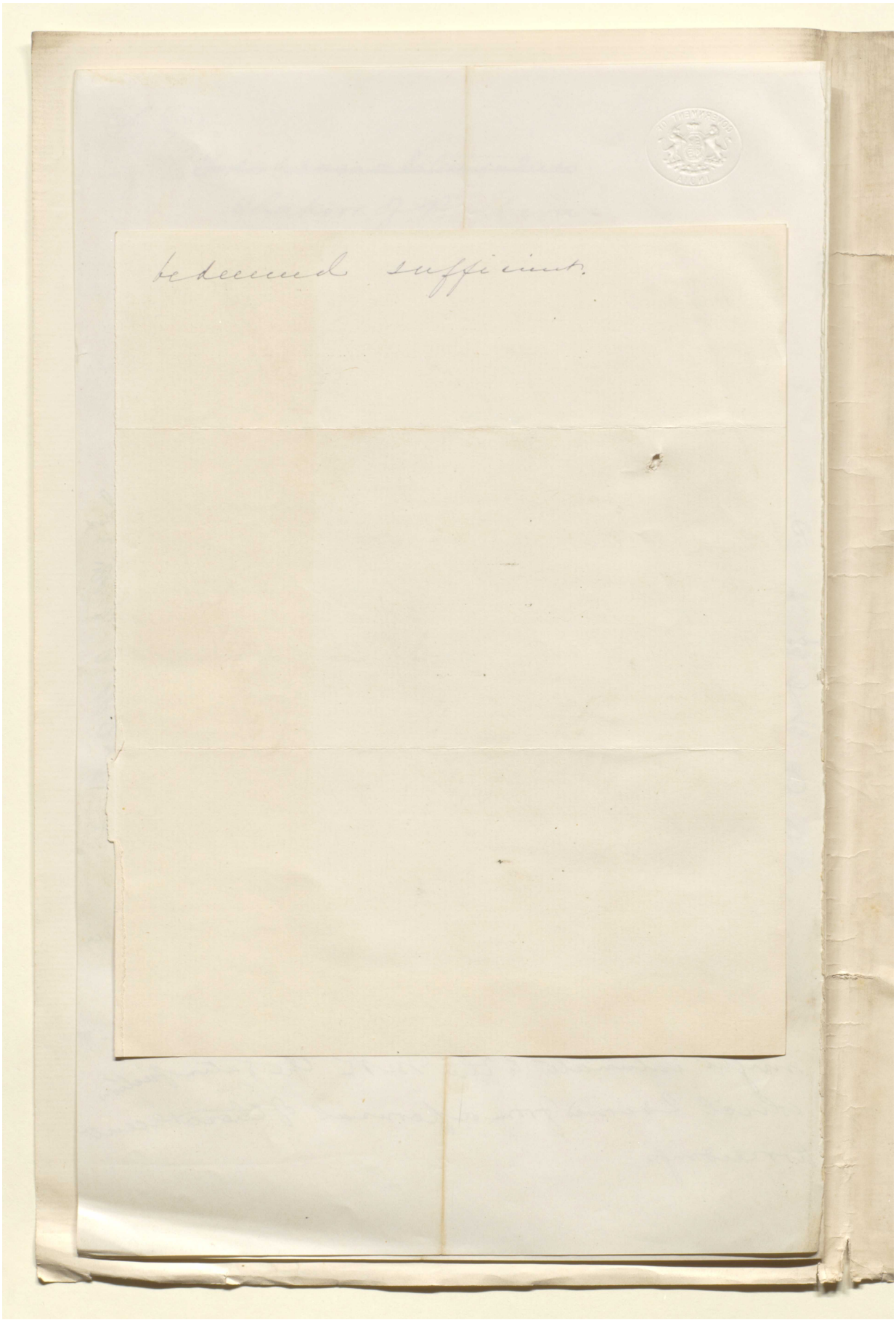
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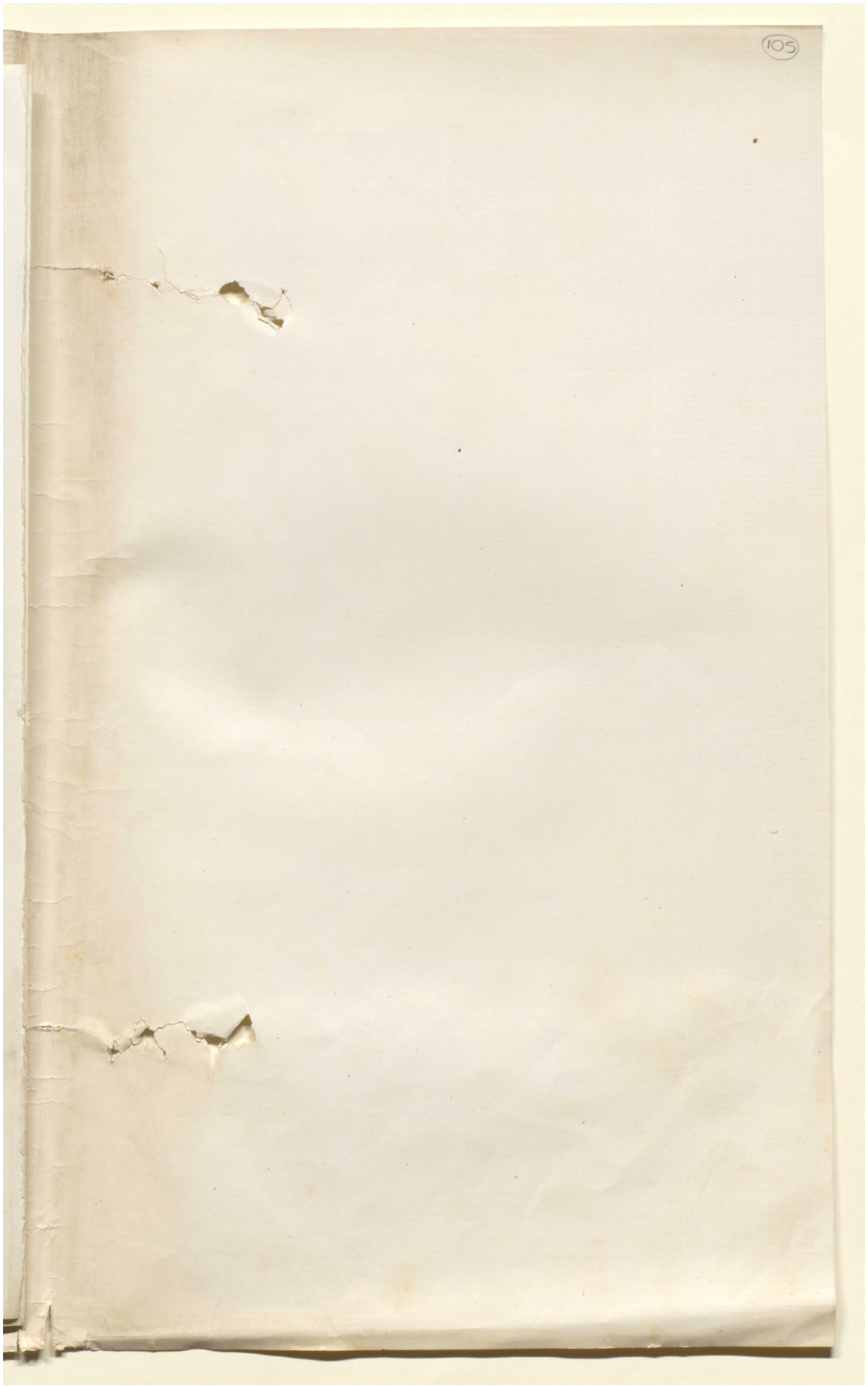
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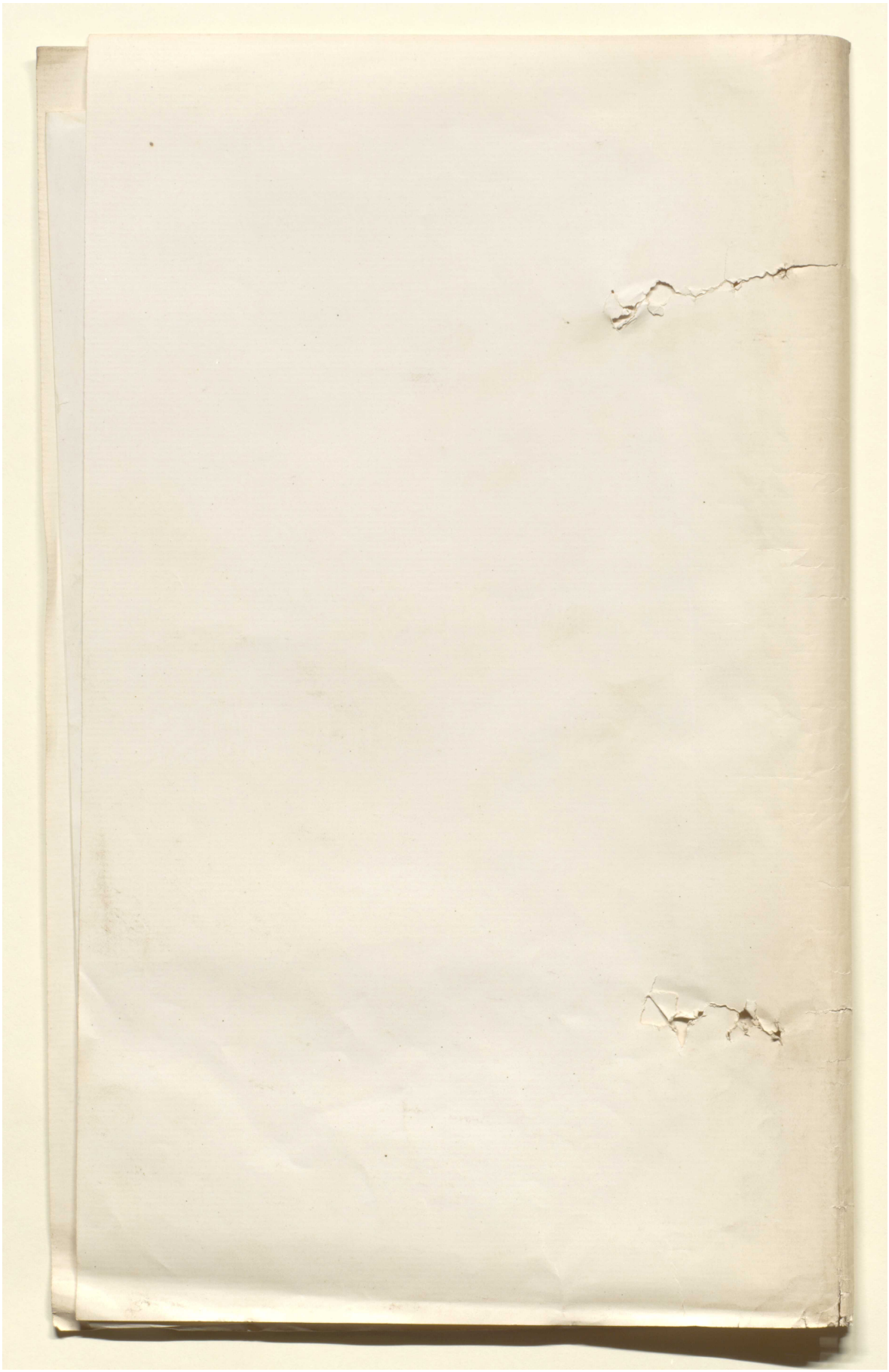
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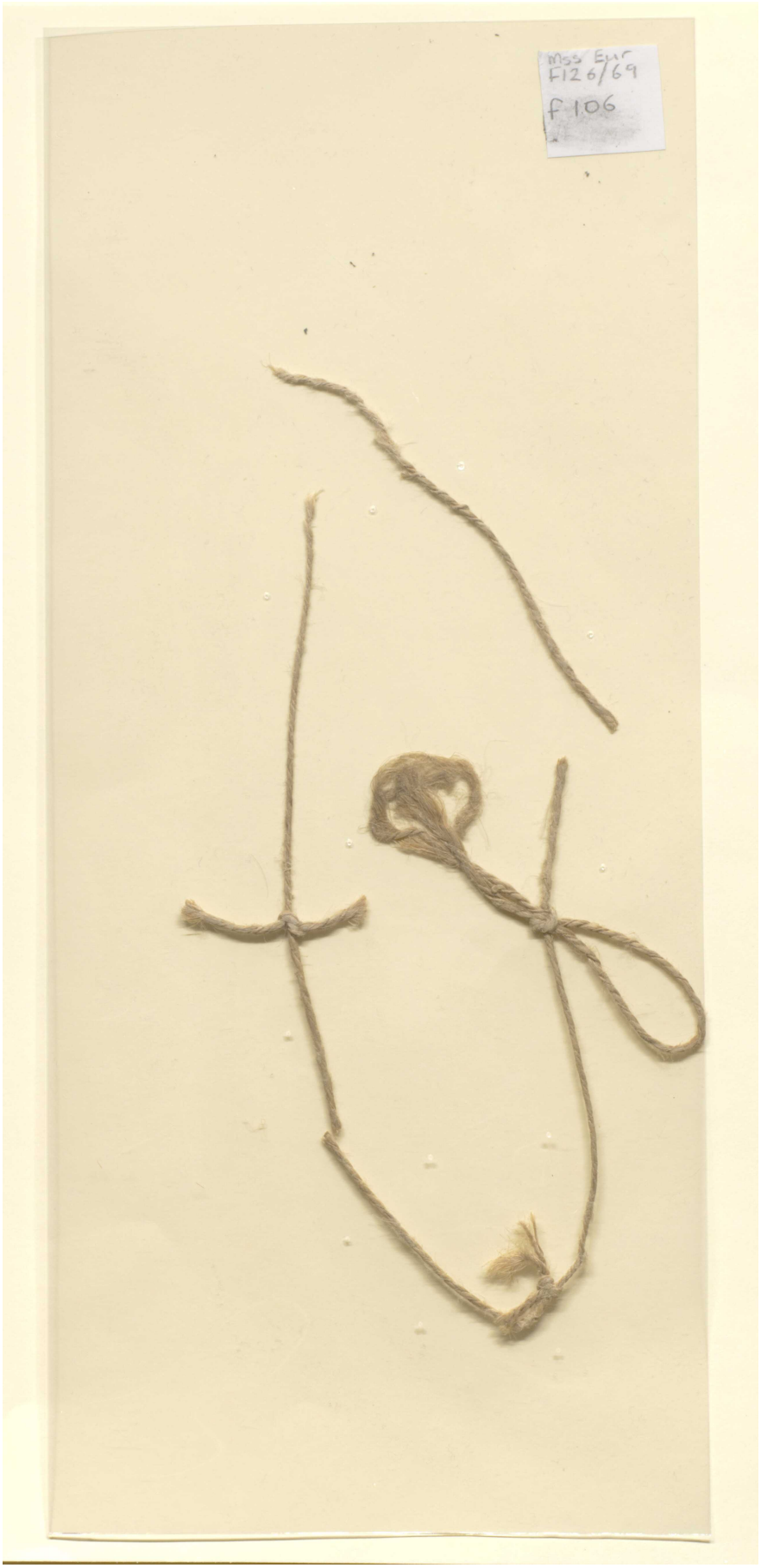
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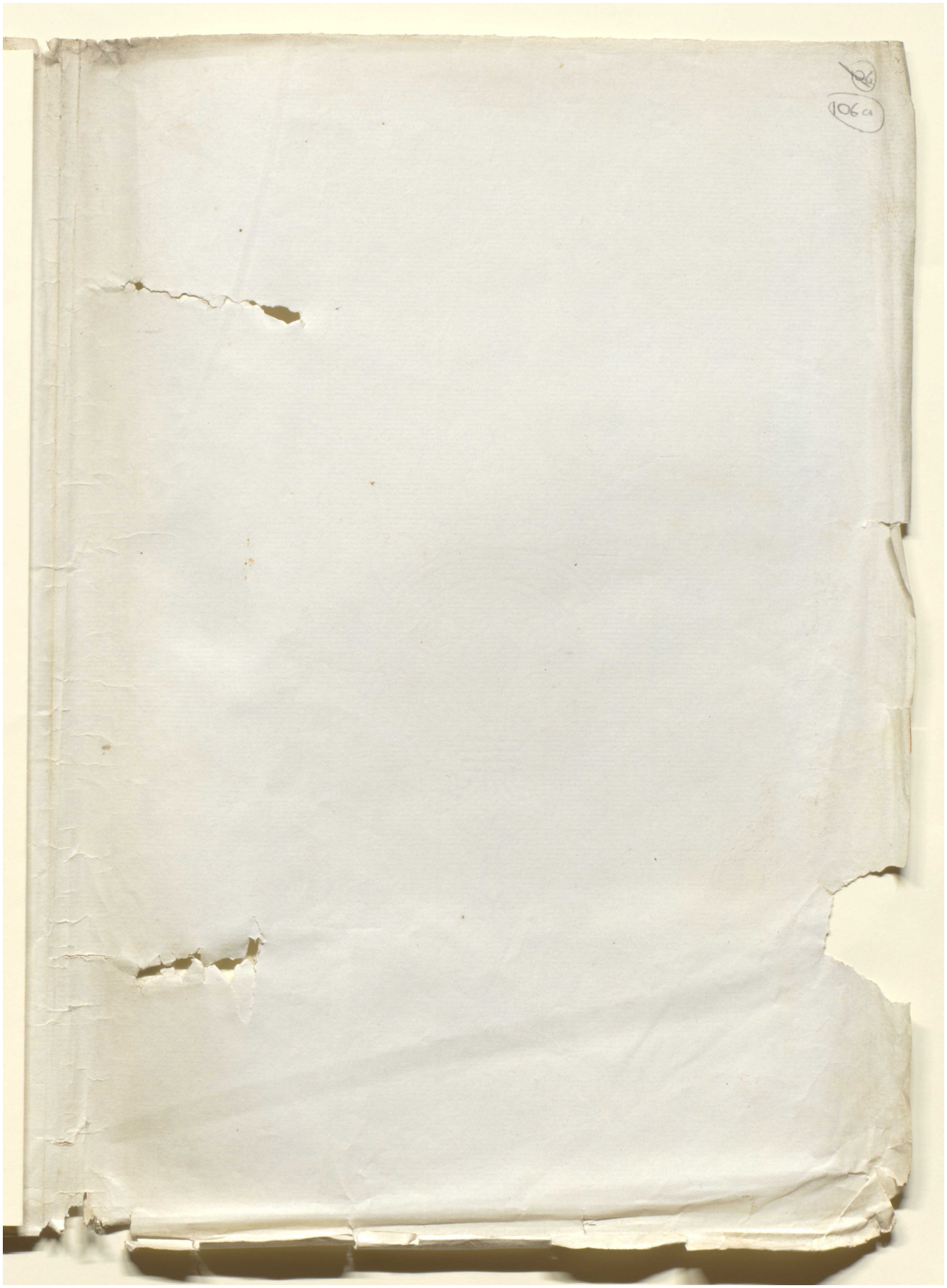


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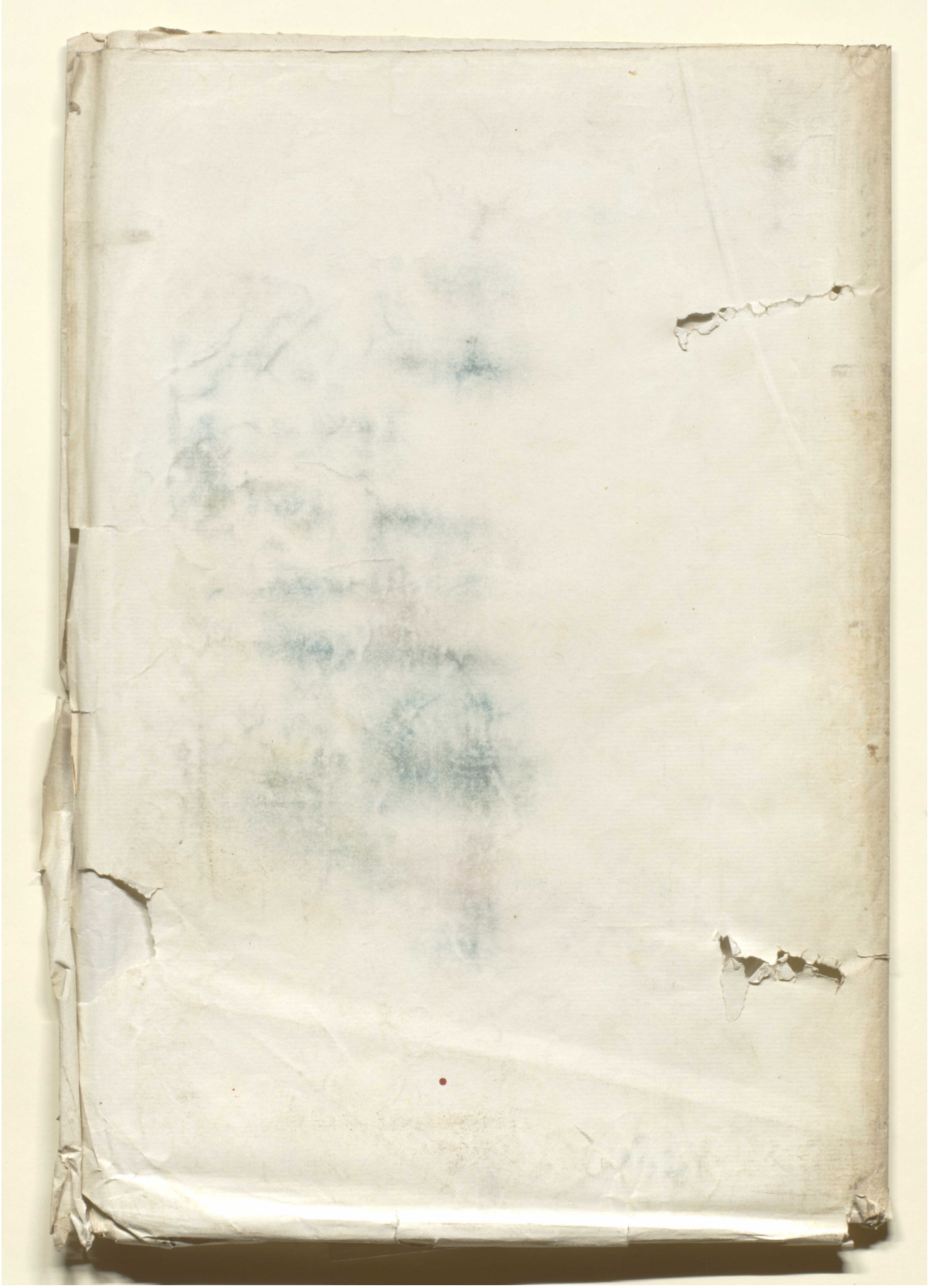


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