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## Notes and Memoranda by Lewis Pelly on the Situation in Baroda

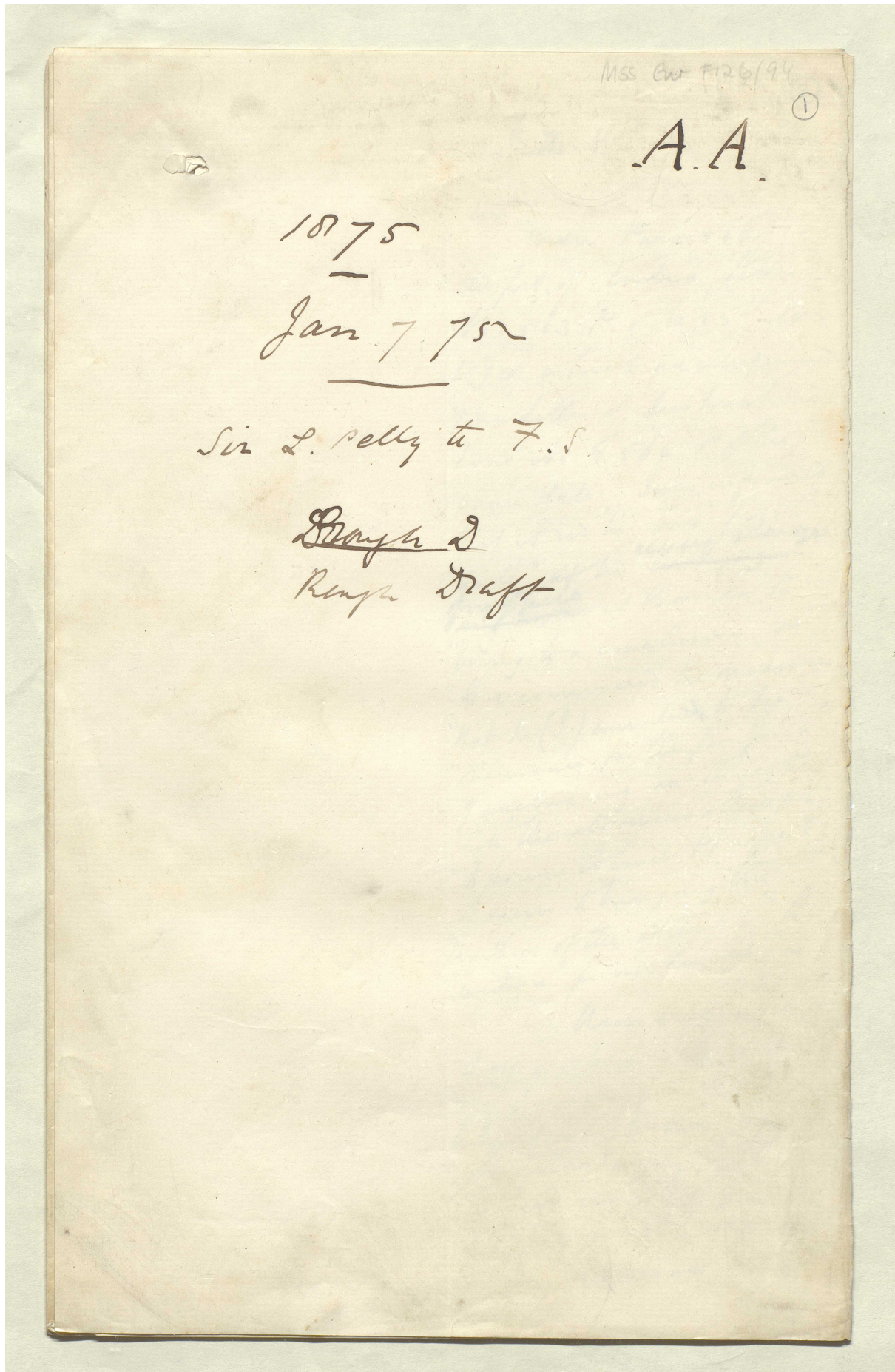
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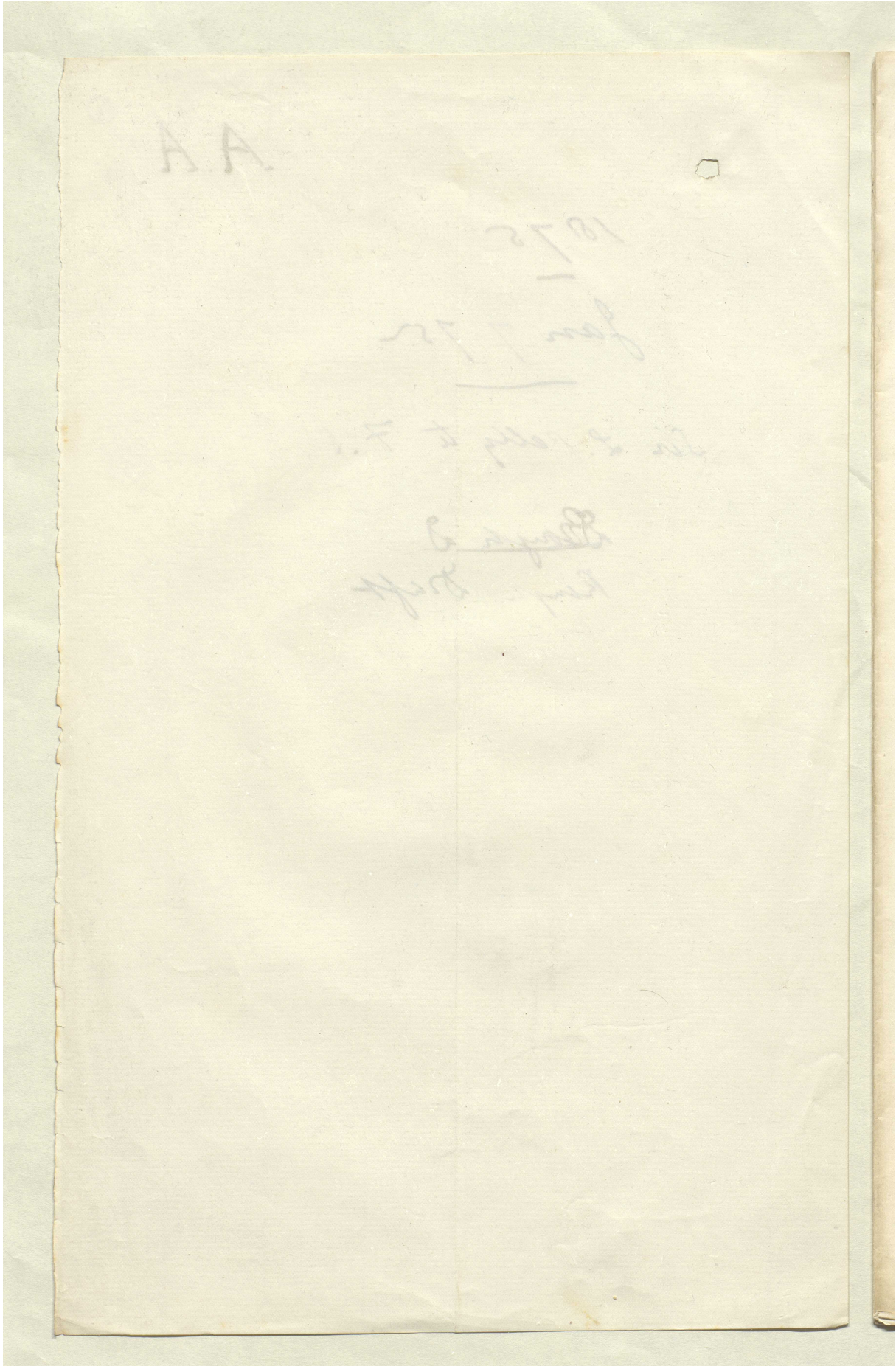
### About this record

Drafts and copies of Pelly's reports, memorandums and notes on the situation in Baroda following his appointment there as Special Commissioner.

The notes recount the period 1873-1874 and give background information on how the situation in Baroda arose; and the draft reports and memorandum consider the measures taken to resolve matters in Baroda, Colonel Robert Phayre's investigation into the attempt to poison him, the attitude and decisions of the Gaekwar of Baroda, Malharrao during the time in question, and the evidence in the case against the Gaekwar.



'Jan 7 1875 - Sir L. Pelly to F.S. [Foreign Secretary] Rough Draft' [1v] (2/34)



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To the F.S.

Sir

Under Paragraph 5 of  
the part of India Letter  
No 2583 P of the 25th Nov  
1874 which accompanied  
your letter of instructions  
bore No 2584 P of the  
same date I was informed  
that it was my <sup>very</sup> ~~high~~ <sup>urgent</sup> ~~duty~~ <sup>responsibility</sup> of Sir ~~James~~ <sup>W. P. Wood</sup>  
~~Wood~~ to  
"bring to a conclusion" or  
to recommend the measures  
"that he (I) considered to be"  
"necessary for the purpose"  
of "concluding an investigation"  
into the atrocious attempt  
"to poison Colonel Phayre"  
in view to bringing the  
"authors of the attempt" to  
"condign punishment."

Accordingly on the  
day on which I entered on  
my I commenced work I  
delivered to the first  
Monday afternoon that  
the services of the  
Police might be placed  
at my disposal, & that

It might be unbecoming  
to make the necessary  
arrangements to join me  
at Hardec.

On the same day  
I submitted a letter <sup>418</sup> No. 1376  
of sketching the mode  
of procedure I proposed to  
follow. And in your office  
letter No 2801/19 I saw that  
the V. Off in Council was  
pleased to approve my  
Proceedings. -

~~Mr. Southey, the  
Gov. of Peshawar~~

I found that  
the late Resident had been  
instructed on enquiry, and  
reported the result in his  
letter No

It did not appear that  
Col. Playe had collected  
any evidence tending to  
incriminate. Though the  
undesignated persons  
were left in confinement  
or suspicion.



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Mr. Soutter commenced  
the inquiry de novo  
on the  
and down to the 22  
idea the Proceedings  
continued to be of an  
ordinary Police character  
with which I am fully  
acquainted from experience  
unless on the direct orders  
of the Gov. -

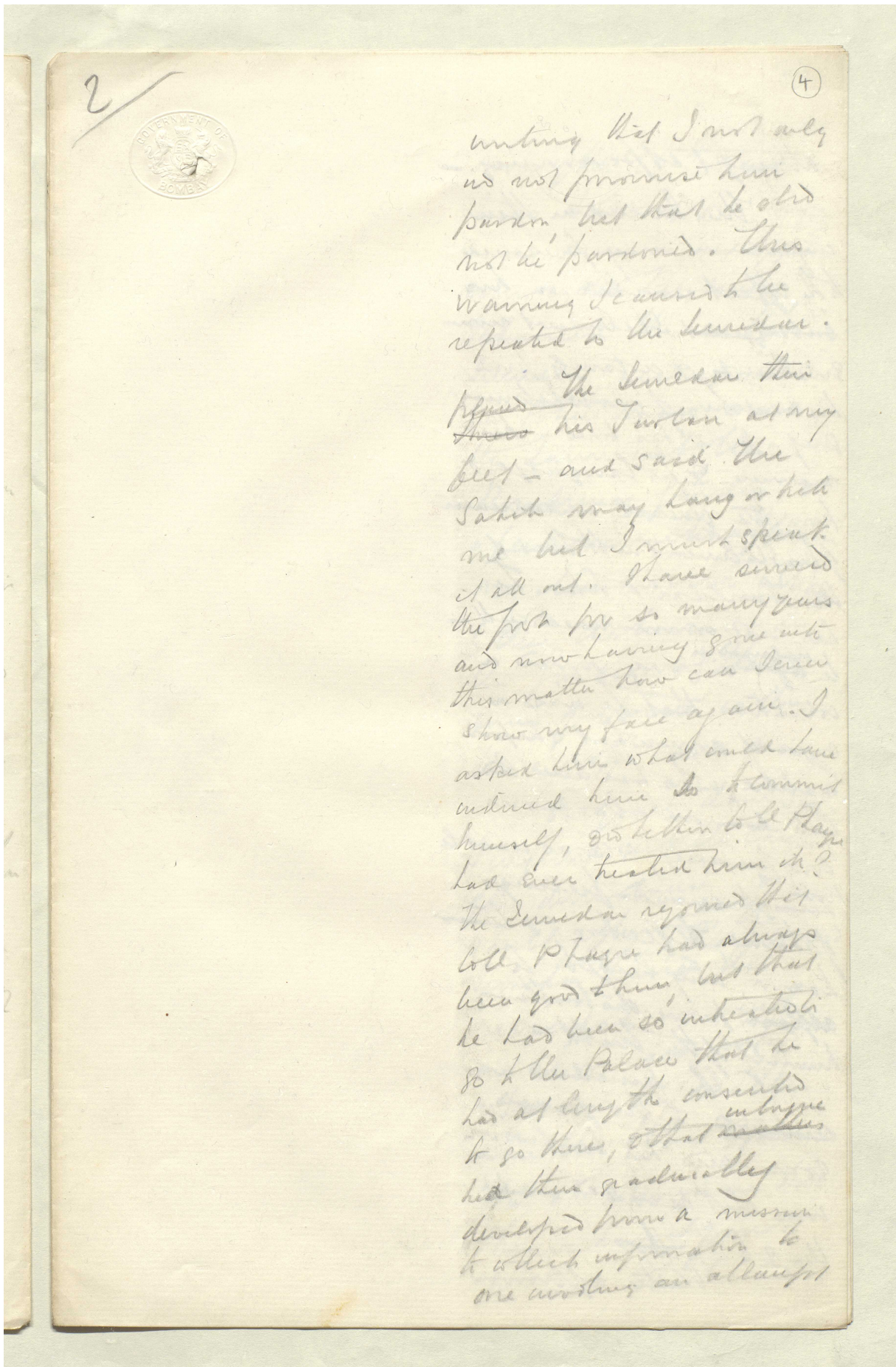
on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Gen  
Lorimer, the <sup>one</sup> ~~Police~~ <sup>Handlar</sup>  
of Police at the Residence  
made some observations to  
the Inspector of Police  
tending to incite  
himself, & direct to impede  
the Gov. in the  
attempt to proceed. Then  
the Gov. of Police reported to  
me on the 23<sup>rd</sup> morning  
of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and as the Proceeding  
from this point onward seems  
a political aspect I took  
a more direct interest in them.  
During the forenoon  
of the 23<sup>rd</sup> I heard Rowce  
repeat his statement before  
the Gov. of Police & his  
manner impressed me as  
being those of a man

man endeavoring to  
speak the truth. At the  
same time in view that  
Pelly was confessing under  
a promise of pardon that  
a ~~statement~~ <sup>statement</sup> was made <sup>before the Police</sup>  
of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~fact~~ <sup>fact</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup> ~~kind~~ <sup>kind</sup>  
of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup> ~~kind~~ <sup>kind</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~made~~ <sup>made</sup> ~~by~~ <sup>by</sup> ~~him~~ <sup>him</sup>  
or in any other <sup>circumstances</sup> or other  
evidence.

On the same ~~day~~ <sup>day</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup> ~~day~~ <sup>day</sup>  
the ~~word~~ <sup>word</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Police~~ <sup>Police</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Devedan~~ <sup>Devedan</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~Paris~~ <sup>Paris</sup> ~~made~~ <sup>made</sup> ~~a~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~confession~~ <sup>confession</sup>  
without promise of pardon  
that his confession <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ ~~corroborated~~ <sup>corroborated</sup>  
that of the Harildars

Desirous of having no  
room for subsequent doubt  
as to the conditions under  
which the Devedan might  
have made his confession,  
I entered the room where  
the ~~proceedings~~ <sup>proceedings</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~about~~ <sup>about</sup>  
to be proceeded with, and  
columns ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Devedan~~ <sup>Devedan</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> ~~must~~ <sup>must</sup>  
clearly understand before  
~~commencing~~ <sup>commencing</sup> ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~statement~~ <sup>statement</sup>  
was taken down in writing

P on the morning  
of the 24<sup>th</sup> of the Devedan  
said me his usual  
visit & I then in the  
presence of Mr. Southey  
mentioned to H.H.  
that his name  
had been intruded  
as having been  
directly concerned  
in the attempt to  
poison the late  
President, & that  
my advice to him  
was to afford  
every facility for  
a search into the  
truth of the facts of  
the case. This  
H.H. promised to  
do.



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writing that I not only  
did not promise him  
pardon, but that he did  
not he' pardon. This  
warning I could be  
repeated to the Serindar.

The Serindar then  
~~showed~~ his Turban at my  
feet - and said. The  
Sahib may hang or kill  
me but I must speak  
it all out. I have served  
the job for so many years  
and now having gone into  
this matter how can I ever  
show my face again. I  
asked him what could have  
induced him to commit  
himself, did he know to be Phage  
had ever treated him ill?  
The Serindar rejoined that  
both Phage had always  
been good to him, but that  
he had been so interested  
in the Palace that he  
had at length consented  
to go there, & that <sup>intrigue</sup> ~~intrigue~~  
had then gradually  
developed from a mission  
to collect information to  
one involving an attempt

attempt at perjury. -  
The Sumner then  
confessed in my presence  
to the effect recorded in his  
subsequent Statement now  
enclosed, & certainly from  
his conduct of over-whelming  
proof - from his looks - his  
manner - & his language - &  
from the general consensus  
of his Statement with that of  
the Herald as from he  
had not communicated with  
me <sup>in any way</sup> ~~at all~~ on my mind a  
conviction that he was a  
man of somewhat stupid  
nature, who had been led  
into ~~his~~ an atrocious  
conspiracy, & was unable  
to ~~express~~ <sup>express</sup> ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~own~~ <sup>own</sup> feelings  
of shame, regret, & ~~loss~~  
honor, any longer to  
appear before the ~~tribunal~~  
honorably of the truth -  
The Sumner was  
remanded to the prison  
from and his confession  
was not recorded until  
the 26<sup>th</sup> ~~th~~  
in the afternoon



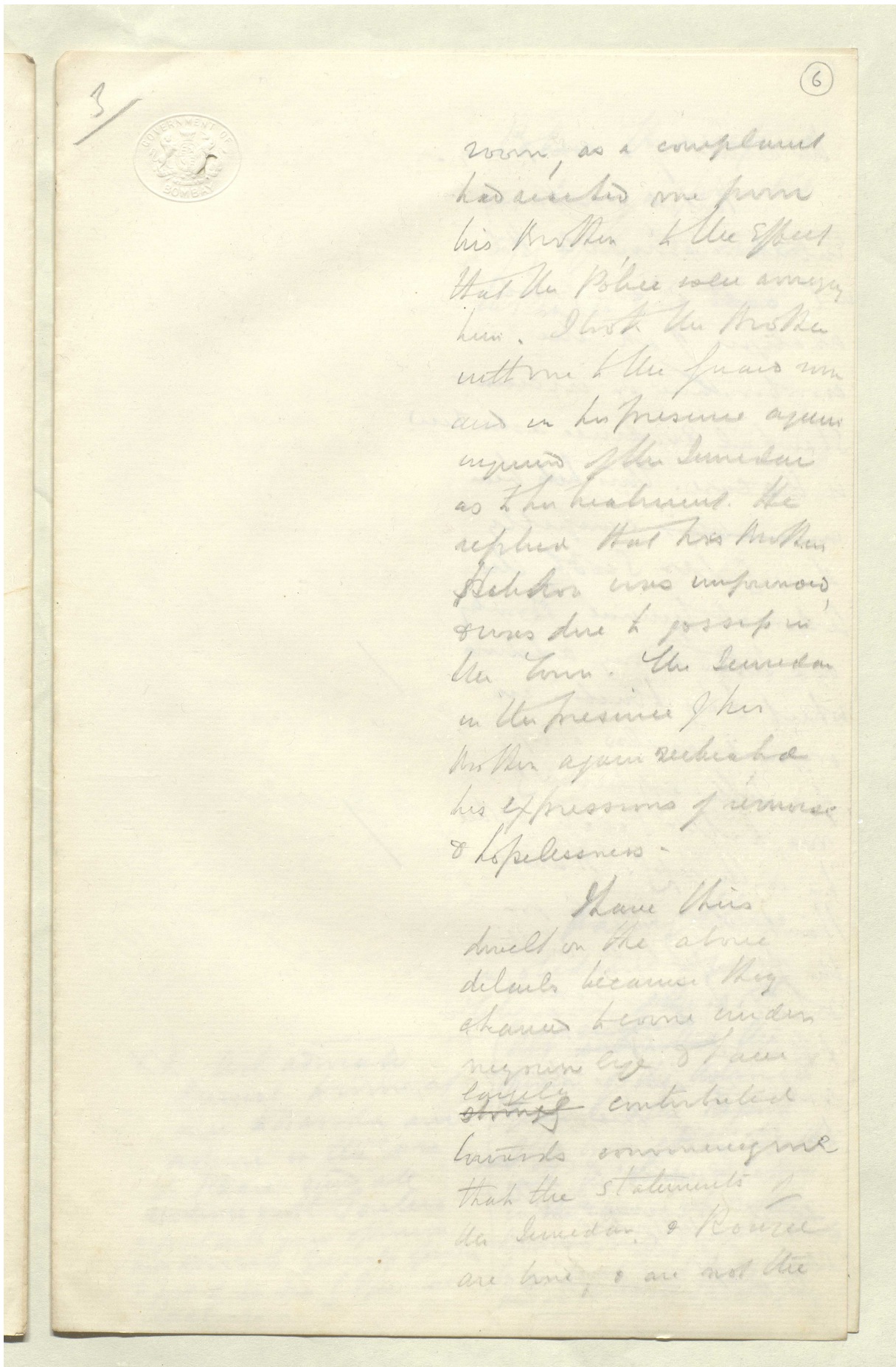
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mon of the 26.4 which  
I was dressing for my  
evening drive in an upper  
room in the Residence,  
I observed the seer's  
Semedan, accompanied  
by a Pohni man cross  
the lawn into the  
Residence garden. &  
a few minutes after  
my attention was attracted  
by the disturbance in  
the garden of the  
sound of voices calling  
for a rope and assistance  
to go down stairs.  
I inquired into the cause  
of the disturbance &  
about 1/2 afternoon <sup>early</sup> the  
Semedan <sup>dropping</sup> <sup>with</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>guards</sup> <sup>passed</sup> the  
verandah. I went  
out to them and asked  
what was the matter  
when the Pohni explained  
that the Semedan had  
thrown himself into  
the well, & had been

recovered with great  
difficulty - I desired that  
he might be wrapped  
up in a warm blanket  
other questions were as  
to his reason for this  
act - and also as to  
whether he had received  
any other treatment or  
annoyance? He replied  
that he had not received  
any annoyance, but  
that after concluding  
his confession he had  
gone to the garden that  
he was surprised that  
he had thrown himself  
into the well. He then  
repeated his former  
explanation as to the  
impossibility of his  
ever showing his face  
again - of his long sorrow  
and of his remorse for  
the part he had played.


On the following  
morning I again saw  
the Semadar in the prison room



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room, as a complaint  
had reached me from  
his brother to the effect  
that the Police were annoying  
him. I took the brother  
with me to the guard room  
and in his presence again  
inquired of the Surgeon  
as to the treatment. He  
replied that his brother  
Heister was unharmed,  
& was due to gossip in  
the town. The Surgeon  
in the presence of his  
brother again repeated  
his expressions of remorse  
& helplessness.

I have thus  
doubt on the above  
details because they  
cannot become under  
my own eye & have  
~~strongly~~ contributed  
towards convincing me  
that the statements of  
the Surgeon, & Rouse  
are true, & are not the

The result of a conspiracy -  
But it is not my  
intention to trouble H  
in C. with a complete  
analysis of all the  
circumstances or circum-  
stantial evidence adduced  
in the case. This has been  
more ~~ably~~ <sup>carefully</sup>  
done by Mr Scotch, the  
Advocate General Bombay  
in a letter to my address  
which I by return in  
original as also a copy  
of a letter addressed by  
me to Mr Scotch to whom  
he is the resp. I have to  
thank Mr Scotch for  
the promptitude with  
which he proceeded  
& Haroda for his  
valuable advice during  
his sojourn here. -  
I enclose also an  
copy original the  
report of the work  
of Police ~~at Bombay~~



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Pohar. This report  
encloses a printed  
copy of the evidence  
taken in the case.

XX Ask Advocate  
General to write at  
once to Parda and  
advise in the case  
X Please send all  
evidence with Soulters  
report with your opinion  
and Advocate General's opinion  
to Sir J. Lubbock & Special  
Messengers

James Clerk  
in obedience to your  
telegram of the 5th  
ult. <sup>enjoined</sup> ~~submitted~~ the  
opinion of the Advocate  
General & the Report  
of the two officers together  
with the evidence taken  
in the case - it now  
becomes my grave duty  
to submit my own opinion  
and in doing so I trust the





and finally to poison  
 the Representatives of the  
 British ~~Prin~~  
 Proceeding to <sup>2<sup>d</sup></sup> considering the case  
~~near~~ the case in connection  
 with the antecedents of  
 H. M. the record shows  
 that this is the third  
 occasion where H. M.  
 name has ~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> ~~mentioned~~ <sup>mentioned</sup>  
~~in connection~~  
 with alleged attempts  
 to poison State ~~Prin~~  
~~with~~ <sup>two previous</sup> alleged attempts were against  
 G. H. M. ~~Prin~~  
 Sovereign ~~Prin~~ Khurden  
 Ras ~~Prin~~  
 2<sup>d</sup> The late Khur  
 Sindhia on and one ~~Prin~~  
 to the ~~Prin~~ Khurden Ras  
~~Prin~~  
 Rumson alleges that  
 the above are not the  
 only instances of capital  
 crime <sup>committed</sup> ~~in the~~ ~~Prin~~  
 But it is unlikely that  
 the ~~Prin~~ <sup>Prin</sup> in respect  
 to these alleged instances  
 will ever assume the  
 form of proof unless  
 all have concerned them

summarised



in the first instance  
therein shall be removed  
from positions where  
they may possess the  
power of exercising  
their action or witness.

I come now to  
the third point that  
the mutual relations  
of a protector and a  
Paramount Power -  
~~the first is under~~  
It is on record that  
the Commission recently  
assembled at ~~London~~  
established so serious an  
amount of general  
misgovernment in Kanda  
as to necessitate decided  
intervention on the part  
of the United States. The  
details of this matter  
- mentioned on one ~~page~~  
explained in the report  
of the Commission ~~which~~  
I in its ~~appendices~~  
My own observation  
has assured me that  
the cultivating classes are  
disorganized to an unusual  
degree, & were until recently

recently in a state of  
 almost passive resistance  
 to the collection of the land  
 revenue. The Nobility  
 again <sup>would very recent information with them</sup> were combined against  
 the Authority of H.H.  
 The general voice was  
 loud and justified  
 in its protest against <sup>an expenditure of his</sup> ~~an expenditure of his~~  
~~our people's property~~  
~~at the expense of~~  
 Purses, out of a Revenue  
 of 94 Lacs: Thus <sup>causing</sup> ~~causing~~  
 a total expenditure the revenue  
 outlay to figure at 170 Lacs  
 against an income of 94 Lacs  
 Again I found our <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~  
 officers employed <sup>immediately</sup>  
 without the ~~delicate~~  
 borders of the Kandahar  
 State which so numerous  
 interfere with our own  
 interests, general in their  
 accusations of land  
 neighbourhood in the past  
 the ~~past~~


under my report  
 N. 1

under my report  
 N. 2

unprecedented  
 of procedure S.H.H.  
 his own  
 in person. Further  
 relations of Palace  
 It appears that during  
 the past year H.  
 H. has expended 70  
 Lacs in the above  
 manner. Thus causing  
 a total  
 of Purses  
 N.

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5 / *Agree it is not for  
matters of general interest that*



*Parade act of 1868, and ~~as the~~  
word of bond  
character of Subjugation  
man over man districts  
There is the violation of the  
hospitality of the Sabudians  
one of a foreign representative  
for the condition of  
compromis - partnership -  
paralyzation of the  
executive - Subjugate -  
and crime which  
appears has been reduced to  
was wholly ~~absolutely~~  
~~relations~~ <sup>relations</sup> ~~of the~~ <sup>of the</sup> ~~State~~ <sup>State</sup> ~~alone~~ <sup>alone</sup> in  
this*

*I do not mean  
for 0  
to say that in all the  
instances referred to the  
in his part is wholly a  
Greece. In the workmen  
I think that <sup>some of</sup> the  
the preceding acts may  
be, in part, ~~due to~~  
~~attributed~~ to the  
following causes*

*1. ~~Government~~ <sup>Government</sup> mis-  
- Government during <sup>one</sup>  
or more previous <sup>successive</sup>  
~~reigns~~ <sup>reigns</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> the ~~disturbance~~  
in ~~republic~~ <sup>republic</sup> ~~caused~~  
the abnormal rise in  
the ~~price~~ <sup>price</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> the  
Cotton during the ~~course~~  
Rebellion.*

*2. To mention  
interference in our part  
and the appointment  
here as ~~President~~  
an officer who had  
been trained in the  
French ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~French~~  
Army who has then been  
and ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~appointed~~ <sup>appointed</sup> ~~summed~~  
him ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~receive~~ <sup>receive</sup> ~~of~~*

*and so to some  
mistakes into which  
we have been led in our  
relations ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Nanda~~ <sup>Nanda</sup>  
State.*

*It is however  
is ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> ~~a~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~general~~ <sup>general</sup>  
and dispassionate review  
of the whole situation  
I am of opinion that the*

~~andro he was quite  
unfamiliar in our  
Native Courts.~~

Some now of the  
question of change or  
remedy without a game  
change.

~~The alternative <sup>proposed</sup>  
is in my~~

The compliance of the  
in the recent attempt to procure  
Coke in connection with the  
subsidies whether personal  
or administrative under its  
obligation on the <sup>one</sup> ~~part~~  
to accept the alternative  
which in my letter of 21<sup>st</sup>  
of the 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. I alluded  
to as a possibility; and to  
express my "solemn  
recommendation that the  
Saskatchewan State be saved  
of the disposal from power  
of the ruler of the Inauguration  
of a Ministry or other <sup>mode</sup> ~~form~~  
of government under suitable  
conditions.

The questions  
then immediately suggests

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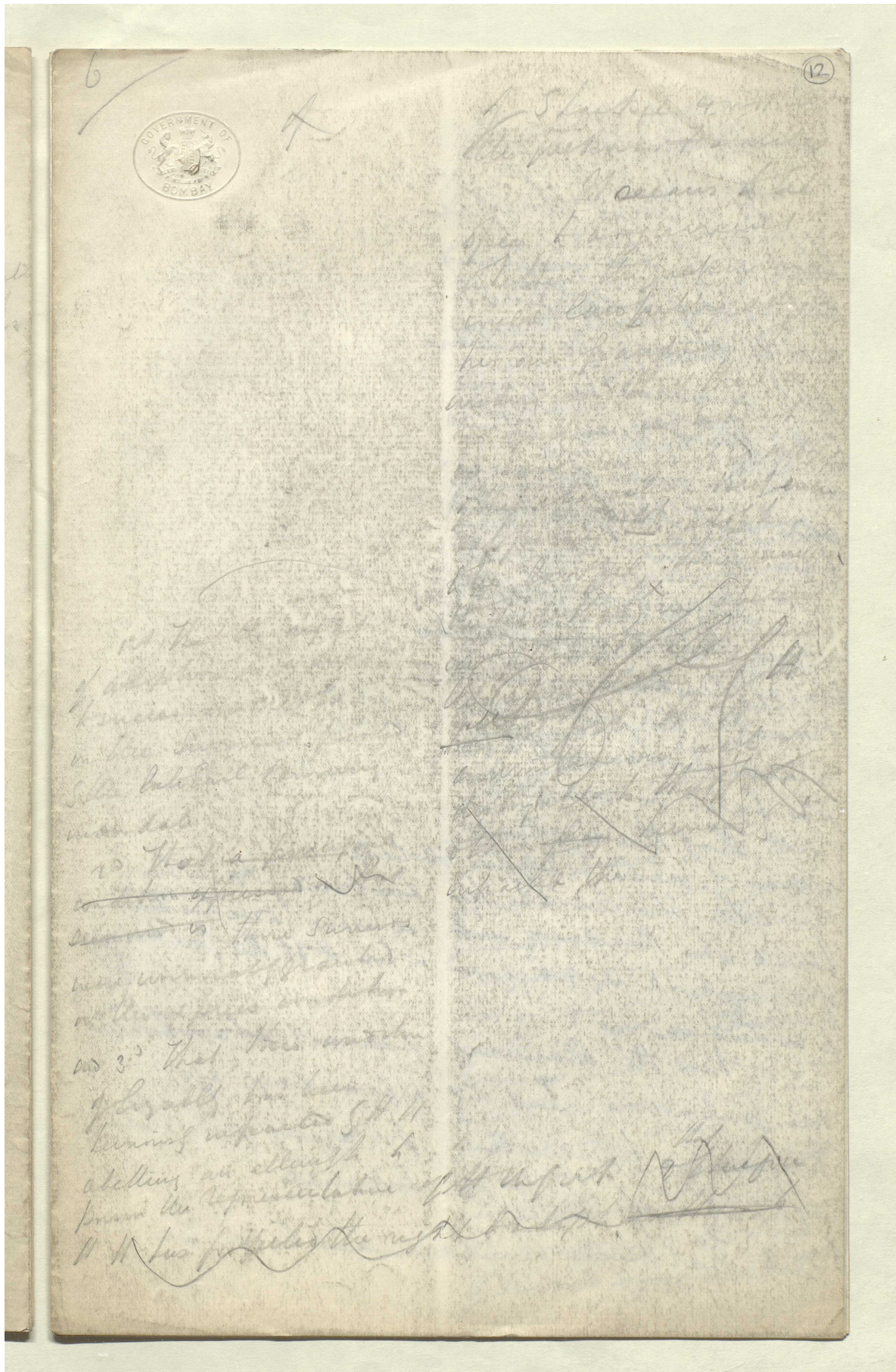
themselves  
What shall be  
the character of the  
change ~~is~~ are  
the persons who possess  
apparent or presumed claim to the  
Succession?

The Genealogical  
Tree of the Supplemental  
Tree now enclosed, have  
been extracted from the  
records of this office &  
have been brought filled  
in down to the present  
time. So far as I can  
ascertain their documents  
may be accepted as correct.

Mr. Michelson  
in his Book of Treaties  
(Bechoo Guekwan) expressly  
states that ~~the~~ Khundt  
Rao and Mulhar Rao

If these two  
be the descendants of Khundt  
Rao, the late Guekwan is  
deceased leaving no son





It follows therefore  
that H. H. has forfeited  
his right of adoption,  
and if the express condition  
of the Summa he wanted  
is H. H. the King, that  
he is an act of grace;  
and act therefore habili  
tatione.

As regards the  
infant son of Summa  
as present summoned  
Parvula the following  
circumstances with him  
the bone in mind

1<sup>st</sup> That there is certain  
a man of mean extraction & state  
who still claims the her husband, & who  
claims this Residence, ~~and~~ in new restriction  
of commercial rights, even when H. H. the Queen  
is ~~nothing~~ <sup>nothing</sup> ~~or me~~

2<sup>d</sup> That the Claimant has not abandoned  
his pretensions. Just only a few days ago  
telegraphed to Calcutta praying for the  
extradition of her to the Summa

3<sup>d</sup> That whether the Claimant be or be

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he not the husband  
of Luxmee, it is an  
unquestioned fact that  
she <sup>became</sup> pregnant some  
months prior to her  
marriage with the  
Sarkway.

4<sup>th</sup> That that  
the connection of ~~the~~  
with this woman of  
low caste and extraction  
of persons employment is  
generally distasteful  
to the <sup>people</sup> of the  
Baroda State, & that  
the elevation of her son  
& the father is repugnant  
to the feelings of the town =  
= murmur.

5<sup>th</sup> and in so far  
as we are concerned perhaps  
principally, it is to be  
conceivably far in mind  
that in the ancient of the  
pretence of his ~~Baruch~~  
being removed from from  
such evidence may be  
fatherly which fear  
now smothered. If there ~~is~~  
~~old before~~ we said  
now recognize the son  
of Luxmee, & ~~proposed~~ ~~we~~

~~he~~ and at some  
undoubtedly subsequent  
time find proof that she  
was the wife of the Claimant  
at the time when she became  
pregnant or performed  
the marriage ceremony  
with the factswan. She  
she find ourselves in  
the predicament of having  
to repudiate our own  
act of recognition, & of  
having undoubtedly  
outraged the feelings of  
a Protected State.

A reference to  
the genealogical tree  
shows that before Syasa  
Rao came to the fadder  
his Elder Brother Hullah  
Sing had adopted a son  
named Goundras. This  
Goundras was the son  
of Gumpahis who was  
a lineal descendant of Sengorie  
and therefore directly honest  
to the state antecedent to the  
and creation of the factswan  
State under Pihase Rao.  
Goundras has a  
son still living named

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Gound Rao Sahib who  
as I inform pretends to be  
Jadde.

But a reference  
to Pages 233-234 of  
Col. Walker's book on our  
relations with the Satara  
State shows that in the  
adoption of Gound Rao  
there was a "proviso" that  
he was not entitled to  
"his adoption to any rights"  
or pretensions to the  
succession.

In consequence  
of reference I annex  
an extract from this  
passage

Hence it appears  
that Gound Rao ~~cannot~~  
~~claim~~ had no claim  
to succession by reason of  
lineal descent - nor  
claim to succession by  
reason of adoption. Thus  
Gound Rao son of Rao Sahib  
has no claim ~~to~~  
based on a ~~adoption~~ -

It will be for H  
to settle on all the  
foregoing statements. But  
whatever may be the  
ultimate decision I

I do respectfully and  
earnestly encase H.M.C. ~~and~~ to  
avoid himself of the present impotence  
to ~~bring under his~~ bring under his  
deliberate consideration the following  
questions

1. That of the practicability of read-  
justing the boundaries of the Baroda  
Territories, so that they ~~do not~~ contain  
so inconveniently interlaced with our own. I  
found it impossible, or almost here to obtain  
from the office from the Surveyor General,  
from the fort of Bombay, or from the  
Sur of India any maps ~~which~~ or sketch  
of the Baroda State. Eventually I was  
favored with a Map S.H.M. and I beg  
to enclose it for facilities of reference. But  
I do beg the favor of its being returned to me  
at your earliest convenience, for I find it of  
essential use in my present work -

2. That of the necessity of our taking  
the direct ~~management~~ management of  
the Baroda State <sup>into</sup> our own hands  
for a specified or limited period in order that  
the administration may be thoroughly analyzed

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analyzed and reworked; its form  
be placed on a sound and economical basis.  
a revenue survey & settlement be undertaken  
and completed, and <sup>the</sup> enquiry into all claims  
to alienated land, & money advances  
be carried out. —

3<sup>d</sup> That when a Prince <sup>shall</sup> is again  
installed his powers shall in the first instance  
be limited, & be extended only in proportion  
as he shall show aptitude, & willingness to  
decide & give rule.

4<sup>th</sup> That the Budget shall  
never be subject to the inspection  
of the <sup>any</sup> Prince's representatives

5<sup>th</sup> That the procedure of the  
Princely States in the procedure of the Prince  
of the procedure of what his State  
is protecting included, shall be expressly  
included.

6<sup>th</sup> That it shall be expressly  
stipulated that on occasion of the  
Princely being invited to a Durbar  
or other grand public ceremonial & the  
Viceroys of India H. H. shall be bound  
to attend (unless <sup>on plea of absence</sup> ~~on reasons satisfactory to the~~  
Viceroys)

and shall accept such seat as  
the Director or other place as the  
Viceroy in his <sup>disposal</sup> ~~equity~~ <sup>wisdom</sup> ~~may direct~~ <sup>deem expedient</sup>  
pleased to assign him

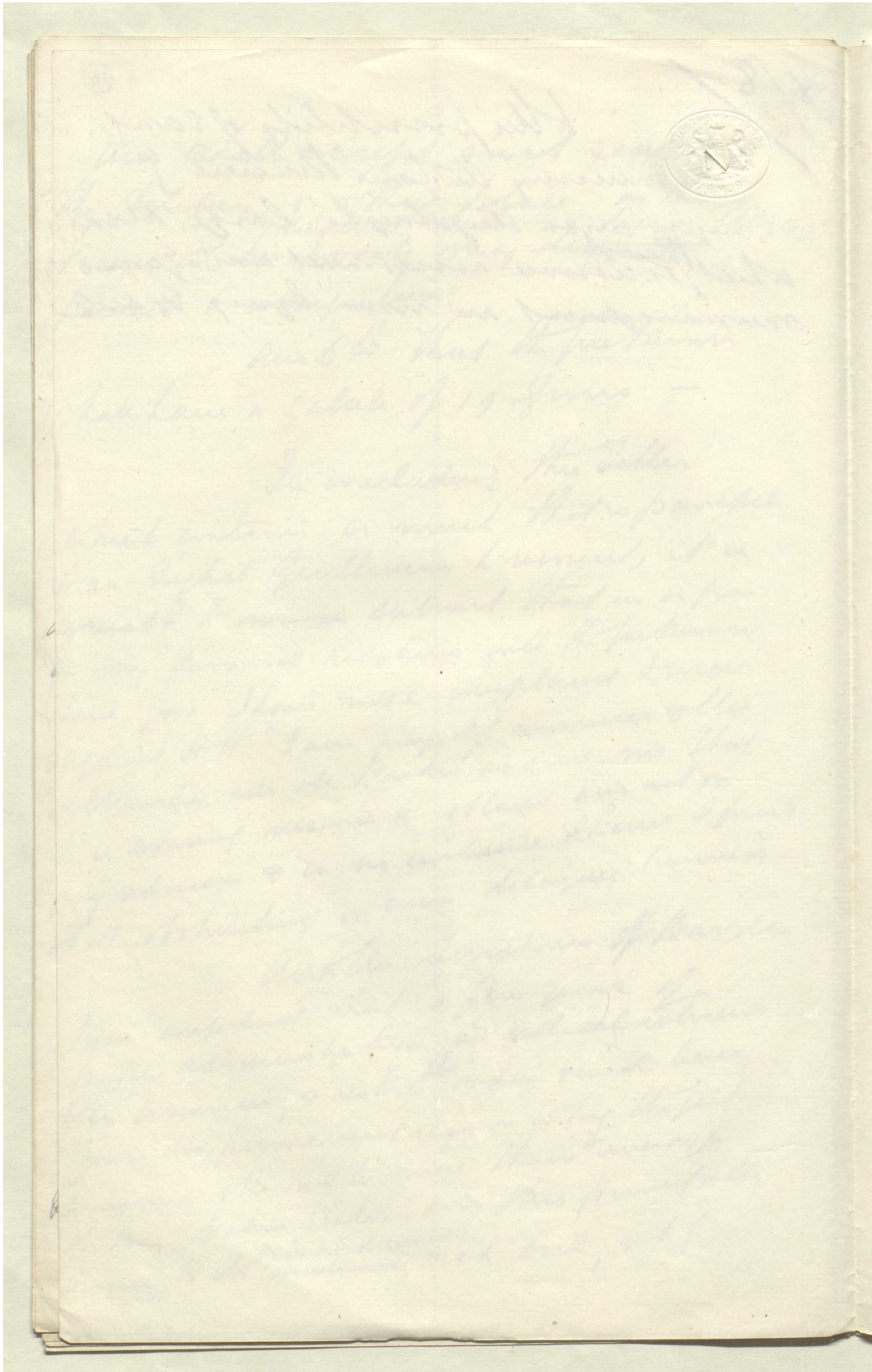
and 6<sup>th</sup> That the petitioner  
shall have a salary of 19 Guineas. -

In concluding this letter  
which contains so much that is painful  
to an English Gentleman to record, it is  
agreeable to ~~see~~ submit that in so far  
as my personal relations with the petitioner  
have gone I have made complaints & been  
against H.W. I am myself convinced & the  
attention and all Parties assure me that  
he is anxious to obtain and act on  
my advice - & in no instance I have I found  
H.W. obstructing or even delaying business.

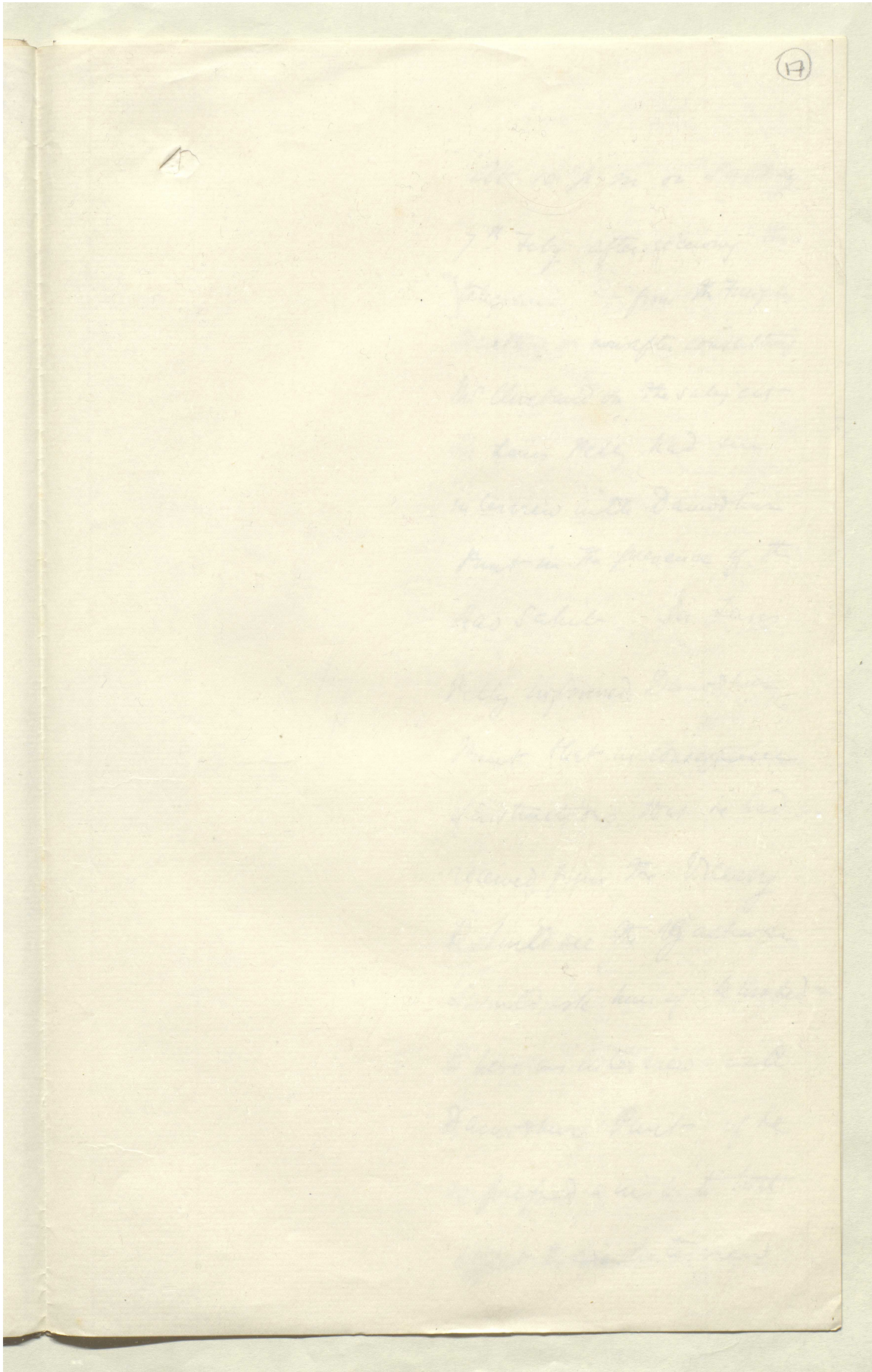
As to the ~~business~~ <sup>business</sup> of the  
I am confident that a few years of  
proper administration ~~is not my return~~  
the finances, & restore the order & well being.  
There is no permanent reason why the Jackson  
Government should be more than <sup>an</sup> average  
thing Native State; and this principally  
owing to its ~~extraneous~~ <sup>extraneous</sup> ~~disorder~~ <sup>disorder</sup>, & to the

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The possibility of saving  
increasing the land Revenue of  
Muzayy upon the ploughed large areas  
which <sup>has</sup> excessive assessment and general  
mismanagement are now being waste.

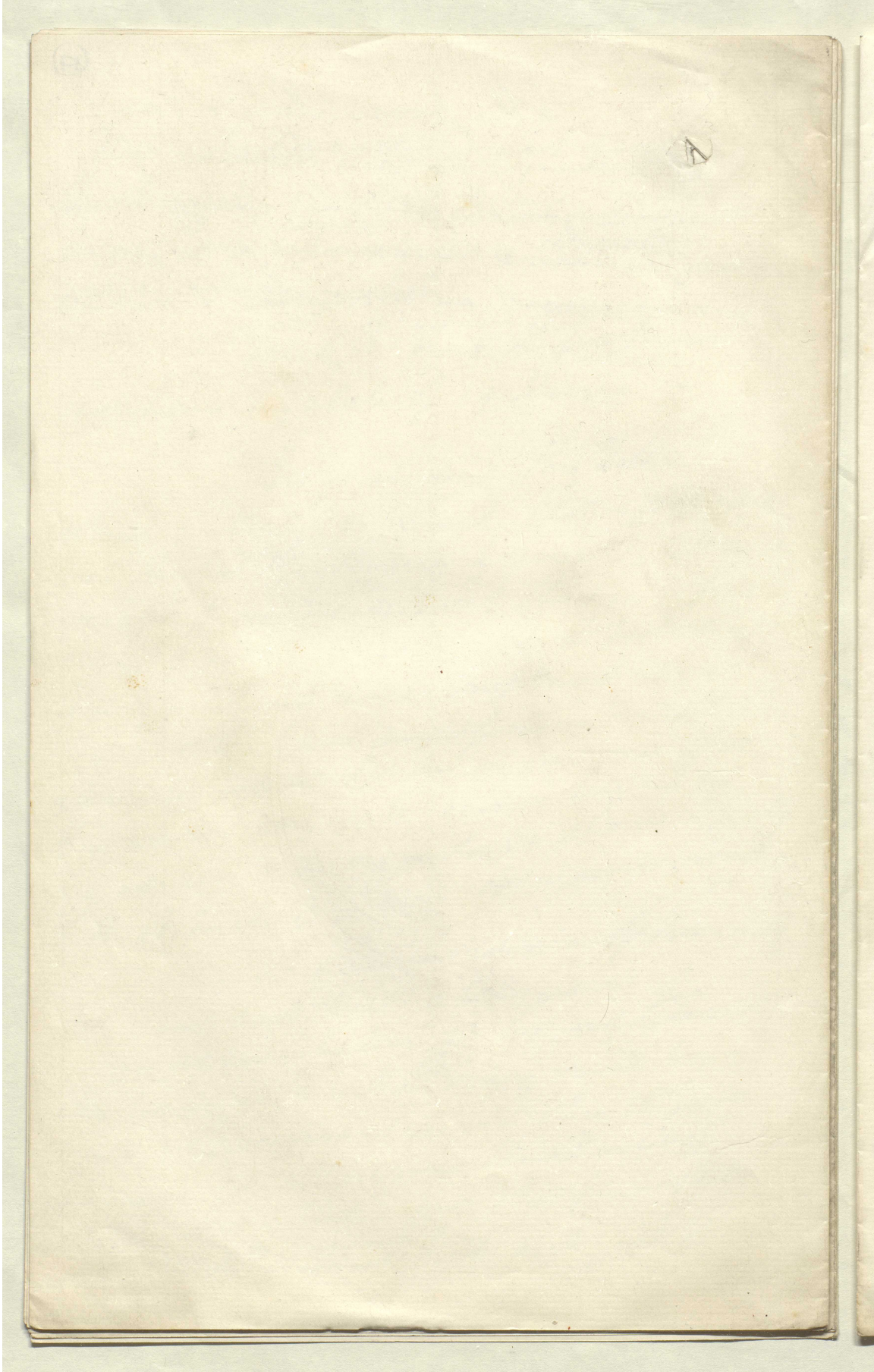
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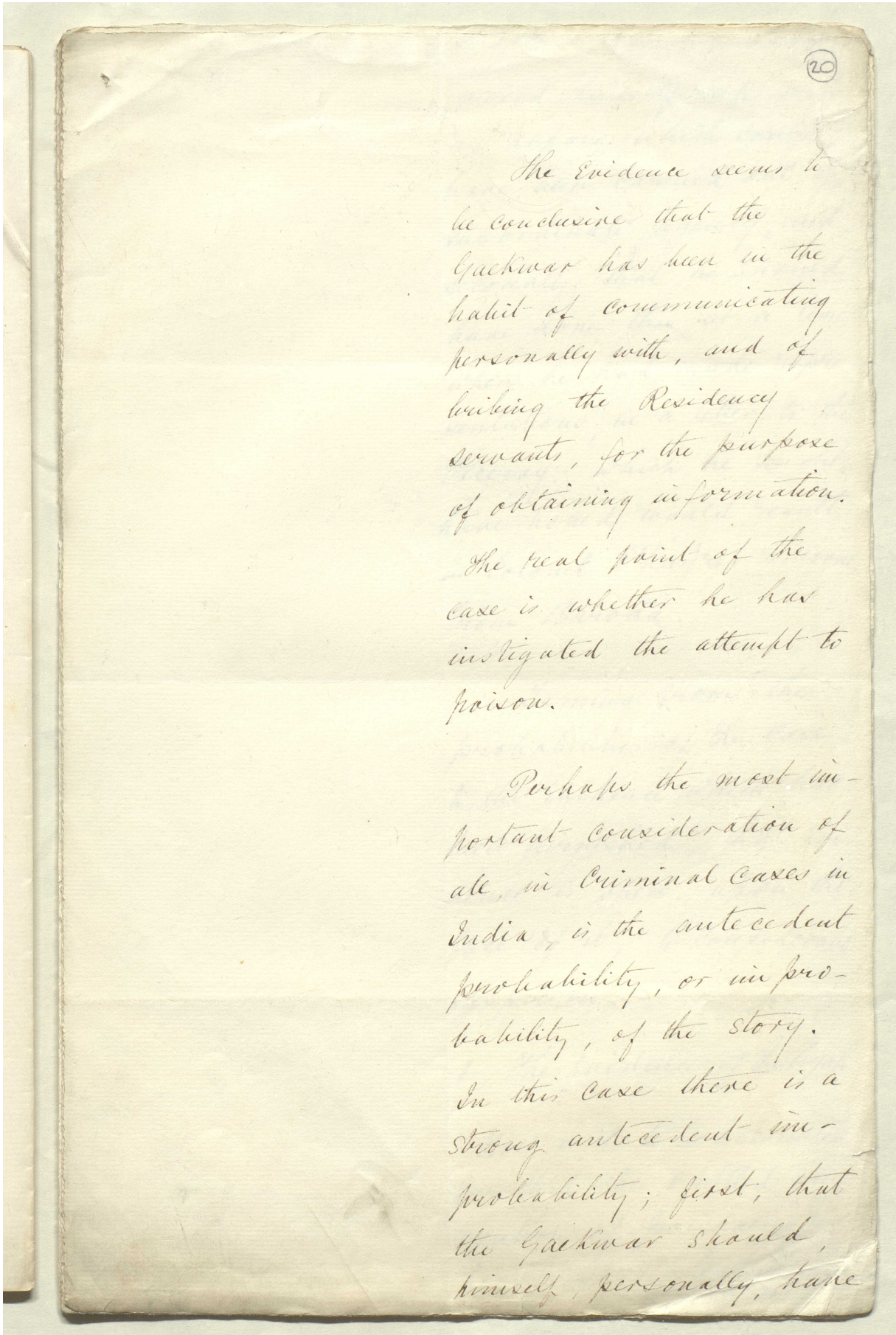
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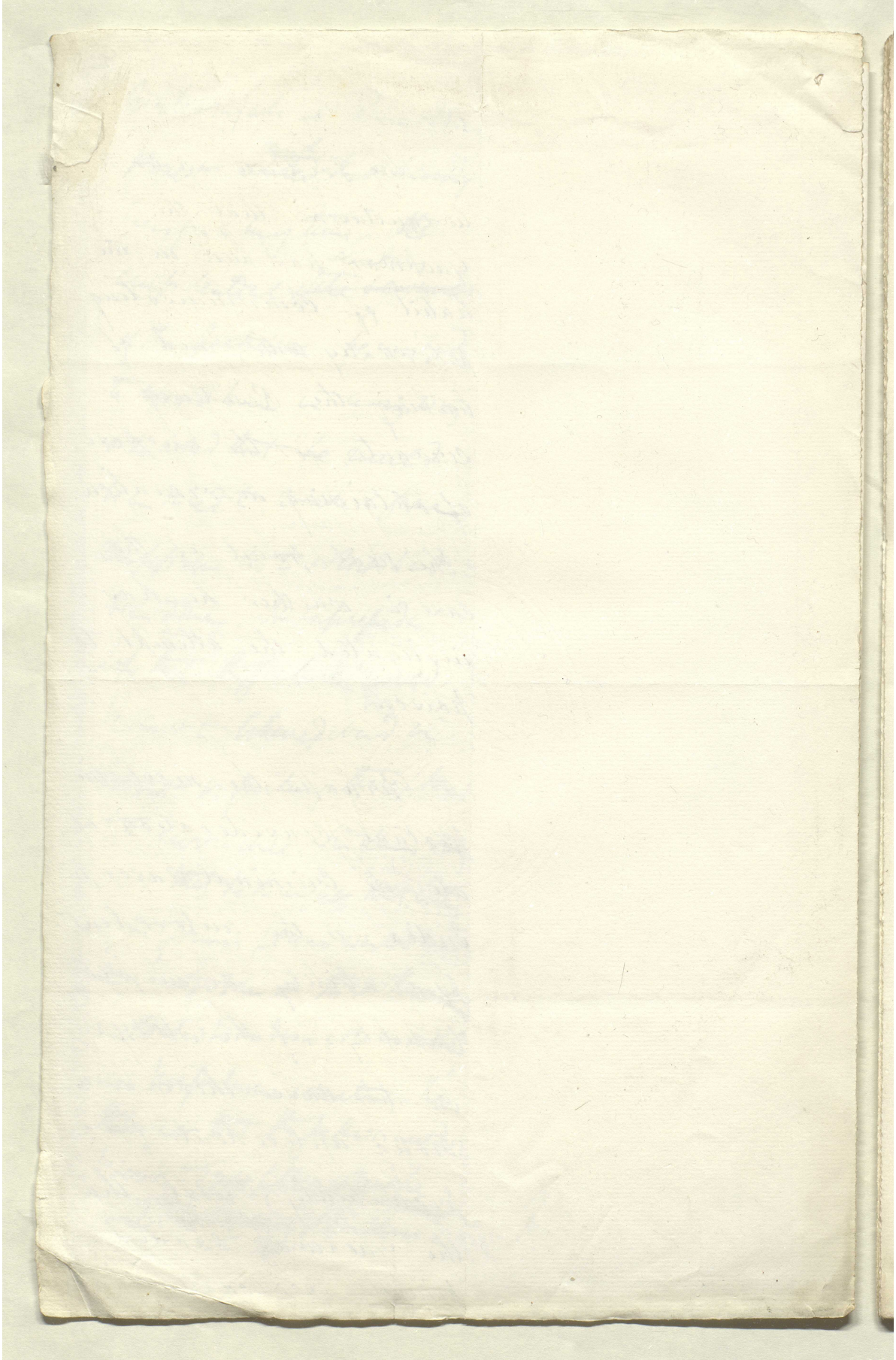
At 10 p. m on Sunday  
7<sup>th</sup> Feby after receiving the  
Telegram from the Foreign  
Secretary & ~~and~~ after consulting  
Mr Cleveland on the subject -  
Sir Lewis Kelly had an  
interview with Daudhur  
Pant in the presence of the  
Nao Sahib - Sir Lewis  
Kelly informed Daudhur  
Pant that in consequence  
of instructions that he had  
received from the Viceroy  
he should see the Begum  
and would ask him if he wished  
to have an interview with  
Daudhur Pant; if he  
expressed a wish to that  
effect the view in interview

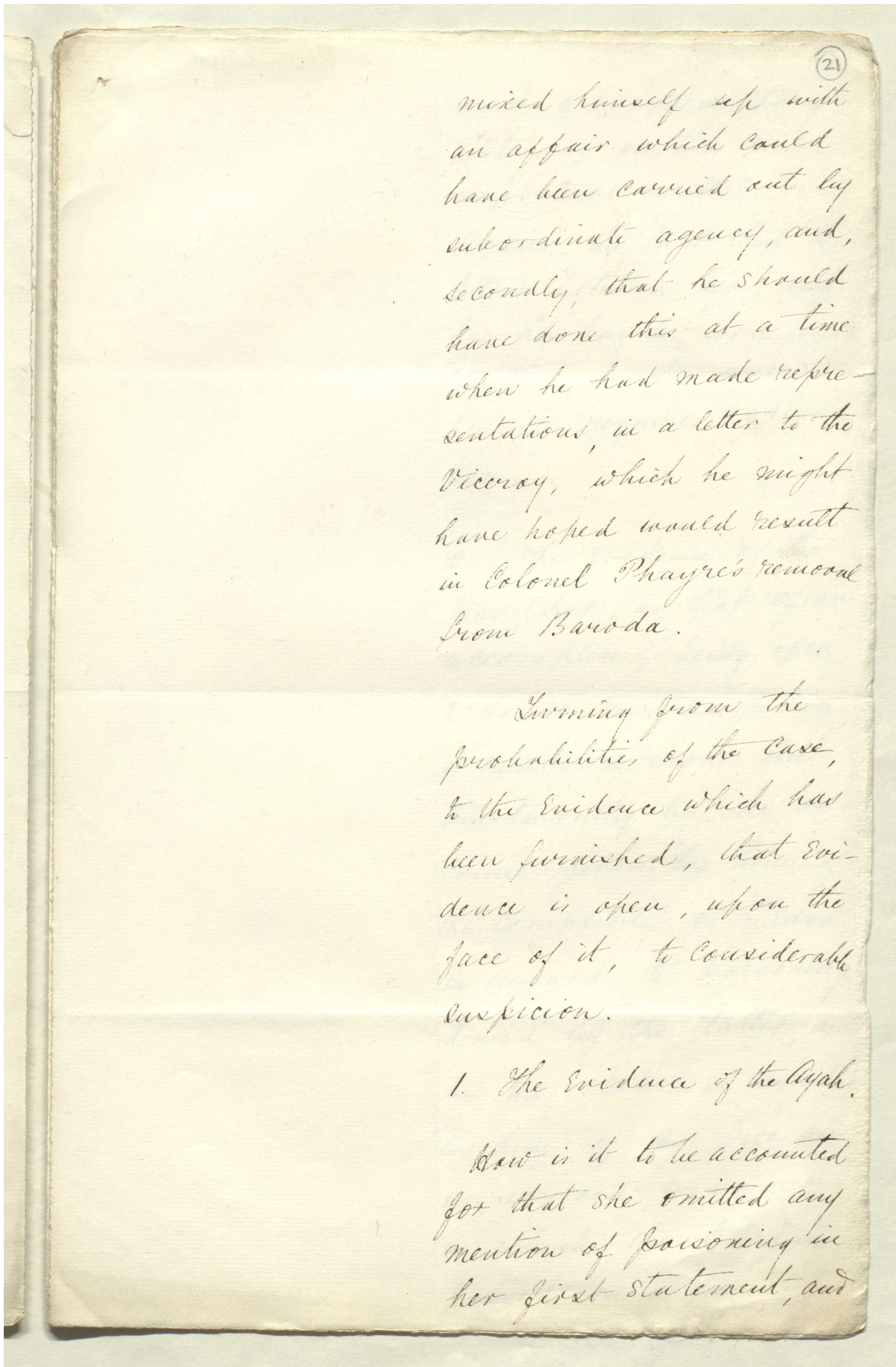
would take place in presence  
of himself (Sir L. P) and  
if some officer well  
acquainted with the  
vernacular language. If  
the Maharijah ~~expressed~~  
<sup>desired it</sup>  
~~wish to that effect~~ his  
attorney should also  
be present. I am of the  
opinion that the  
Maharijah's statement should  
be read out & Sir Lewis  
Pelly would then ask  
the Maharijah if he wished  
to make any statement; he  
would tell him that if  
he did not wish to say  
any thing I am of the  
opinion that he should be dismissed  
from his presence & Sir

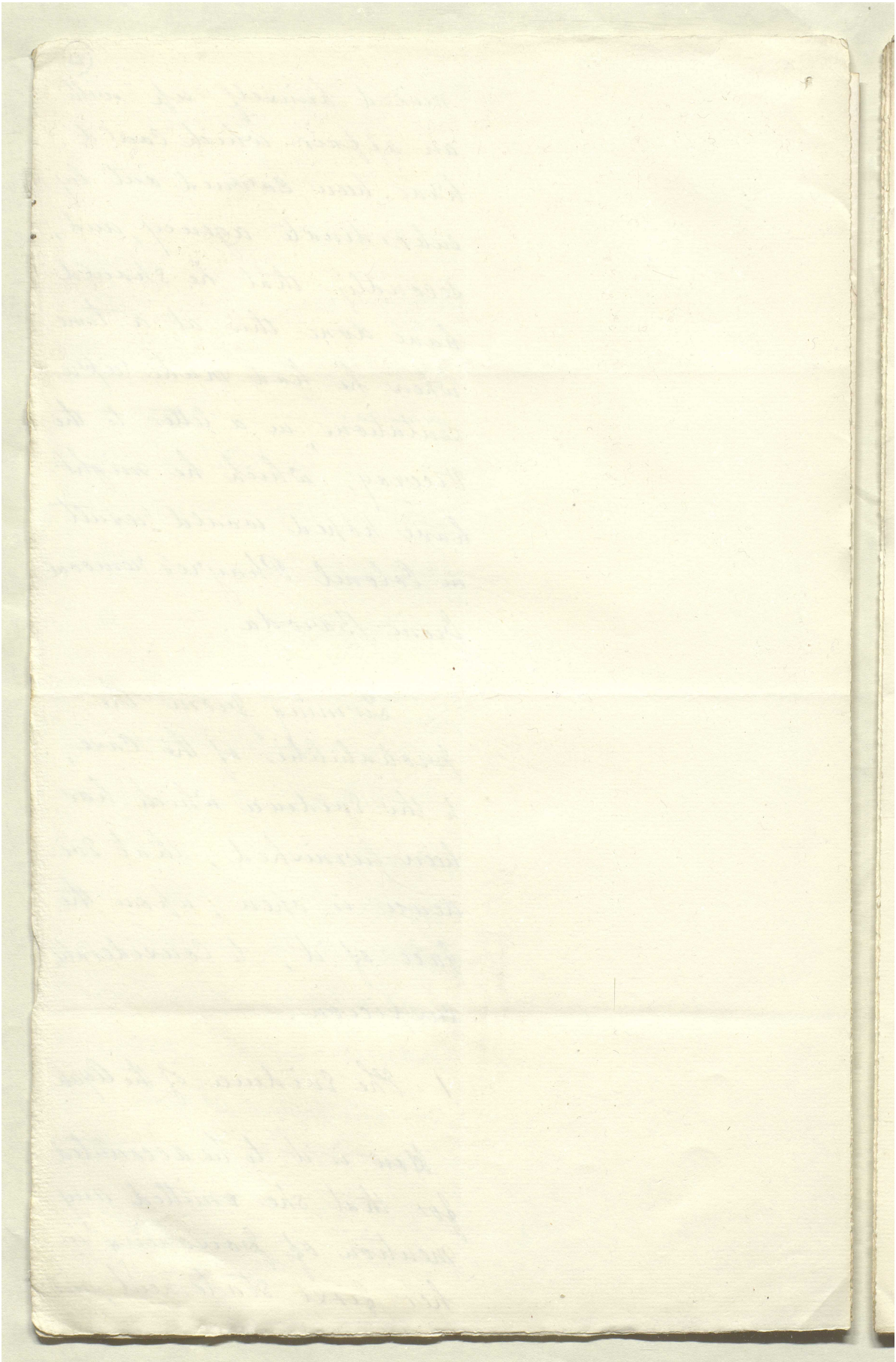
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Lord Kelly would decline  
to interfere further personally  
with any further  
personal interviews with  
the Maharajah on the subject  
and the question would be  
left for the decision of the  
Special Commission. The  
Maharajah would be told that  
if he desired to make a full  
statement of what had taken  
place the greatest punishment  
death would be inflicted on  
him and the confinement  
in some place in British  
India & that the society of  
his wife & children  
would be allowed him.  
This condition would only  
hold if such a state was  
was made by the

On 7th Feb - Said Khan  
 said that having  
 been for a long time <sup>the</sup>  
 confidential <sup>secretary</sup> ~~state~~ ~~secretary~~  
 of the fakir he wanted  
 to assist him in any way  
 & he hoped that he would  
 be induced to make a free  
 confession as to what had  
 been done. He expressed  
 hope that the fakir would  
 be sent to Ahmedabad or  
 Surat or further there places  
 to Kurrachee. Sir Lewis Kelly  
 said that he thought that either  
 of the former places would be  
 inadvisable & that Kurrachee  
 would also be unwise as trading  
 was a principal concern; he  
 thought that the fakir would  
 be sent to some place where he  
 would be causing the least







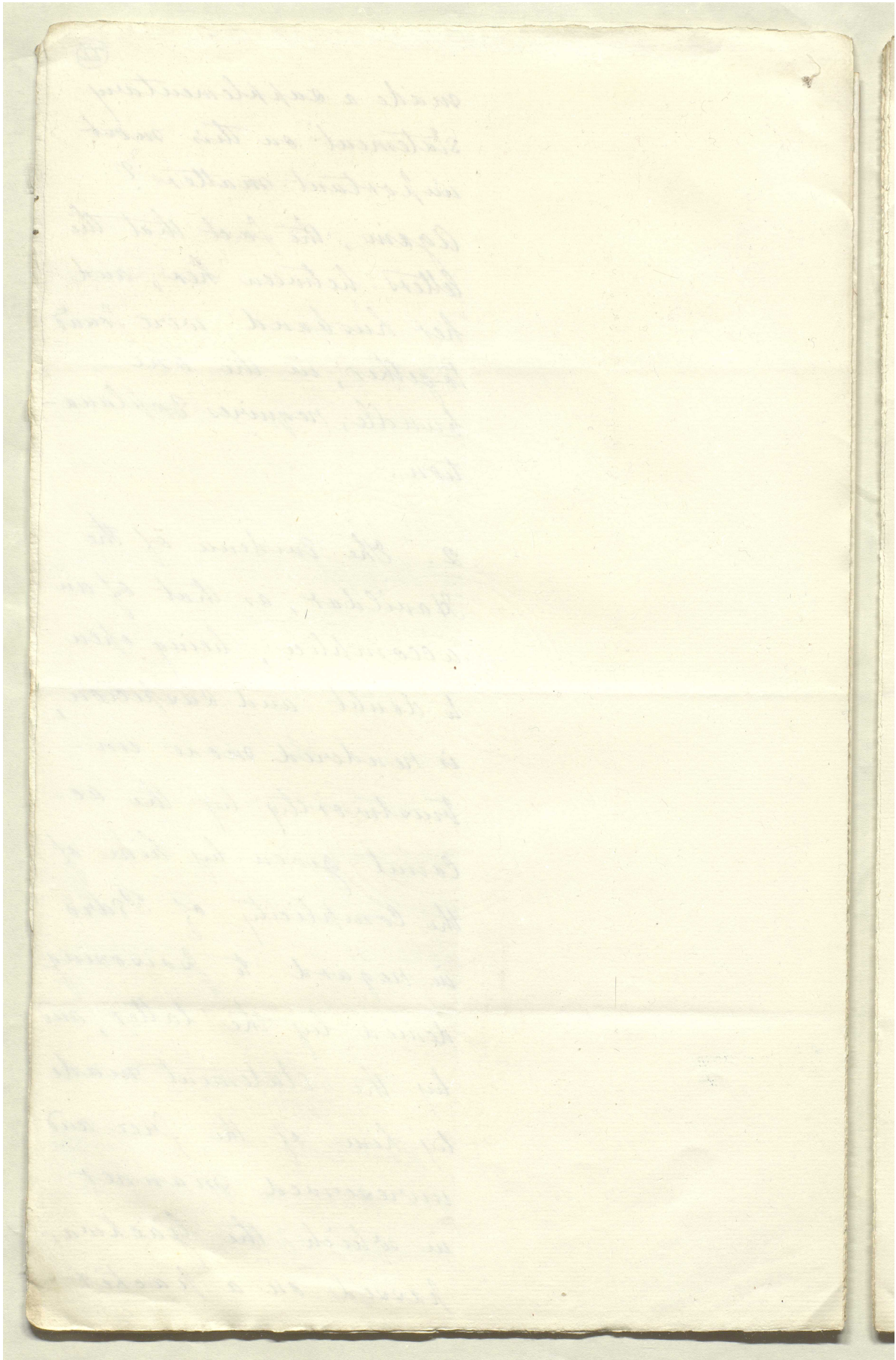


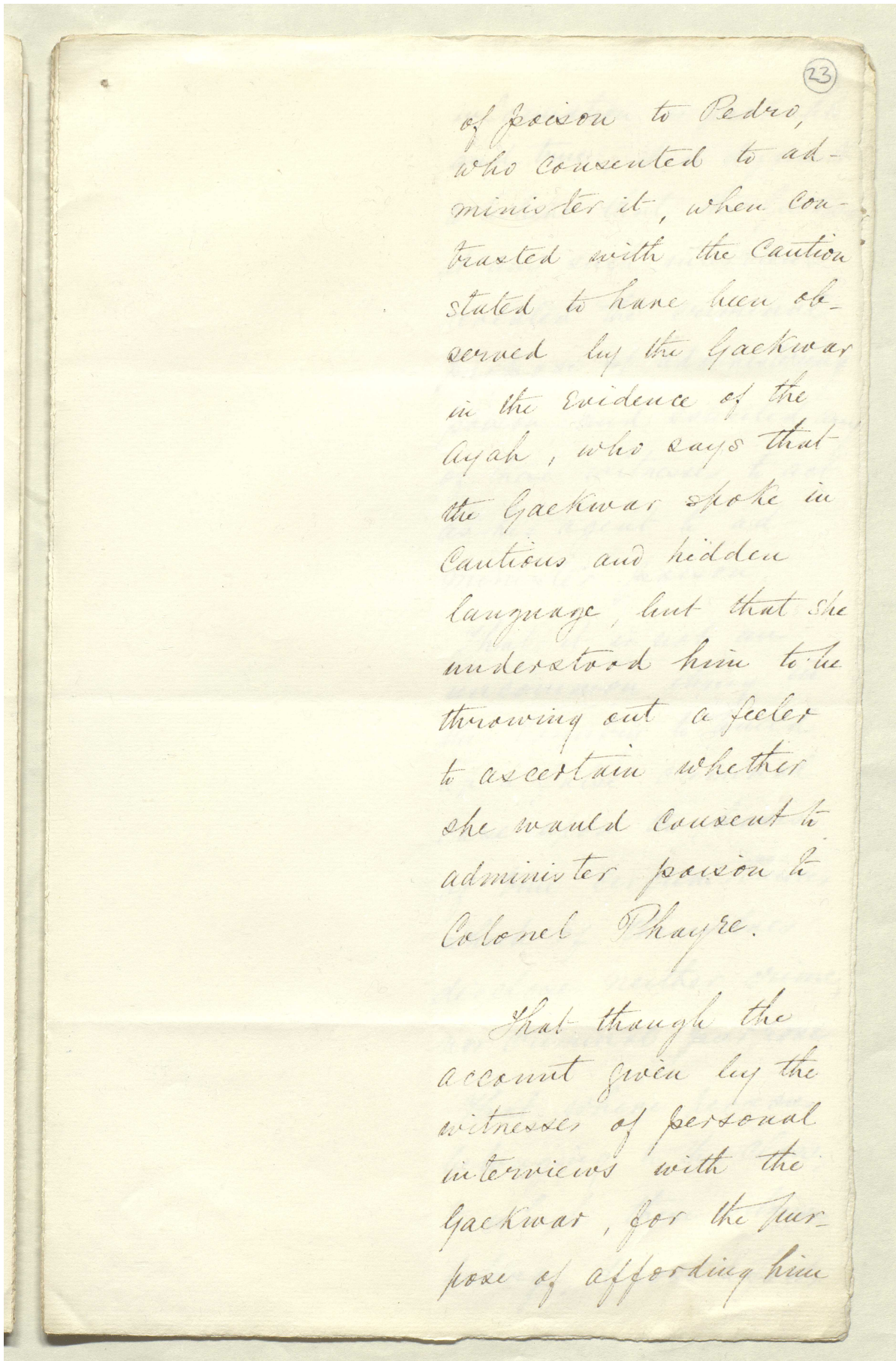
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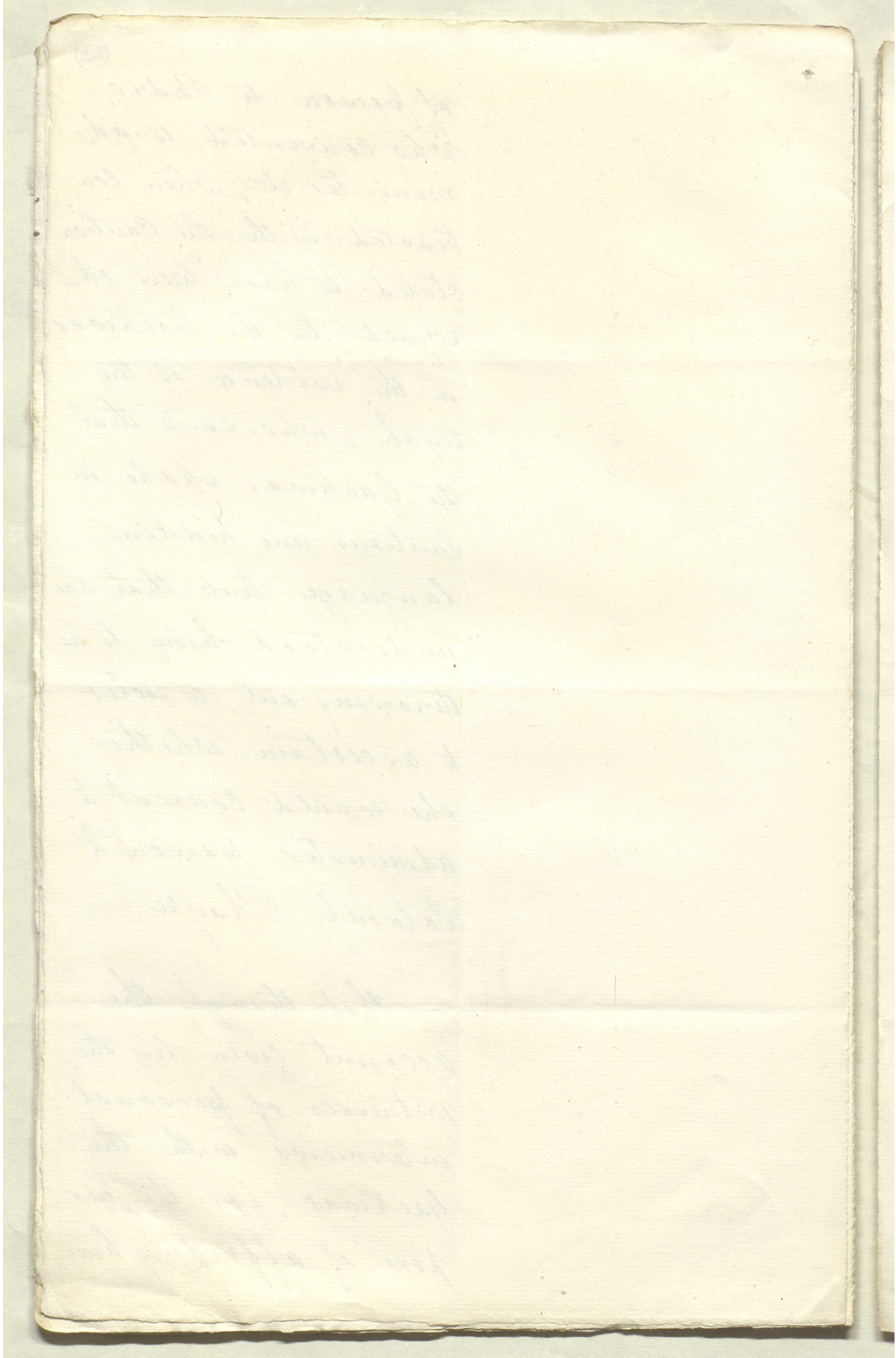
made a supplementary statement on this most important matter?

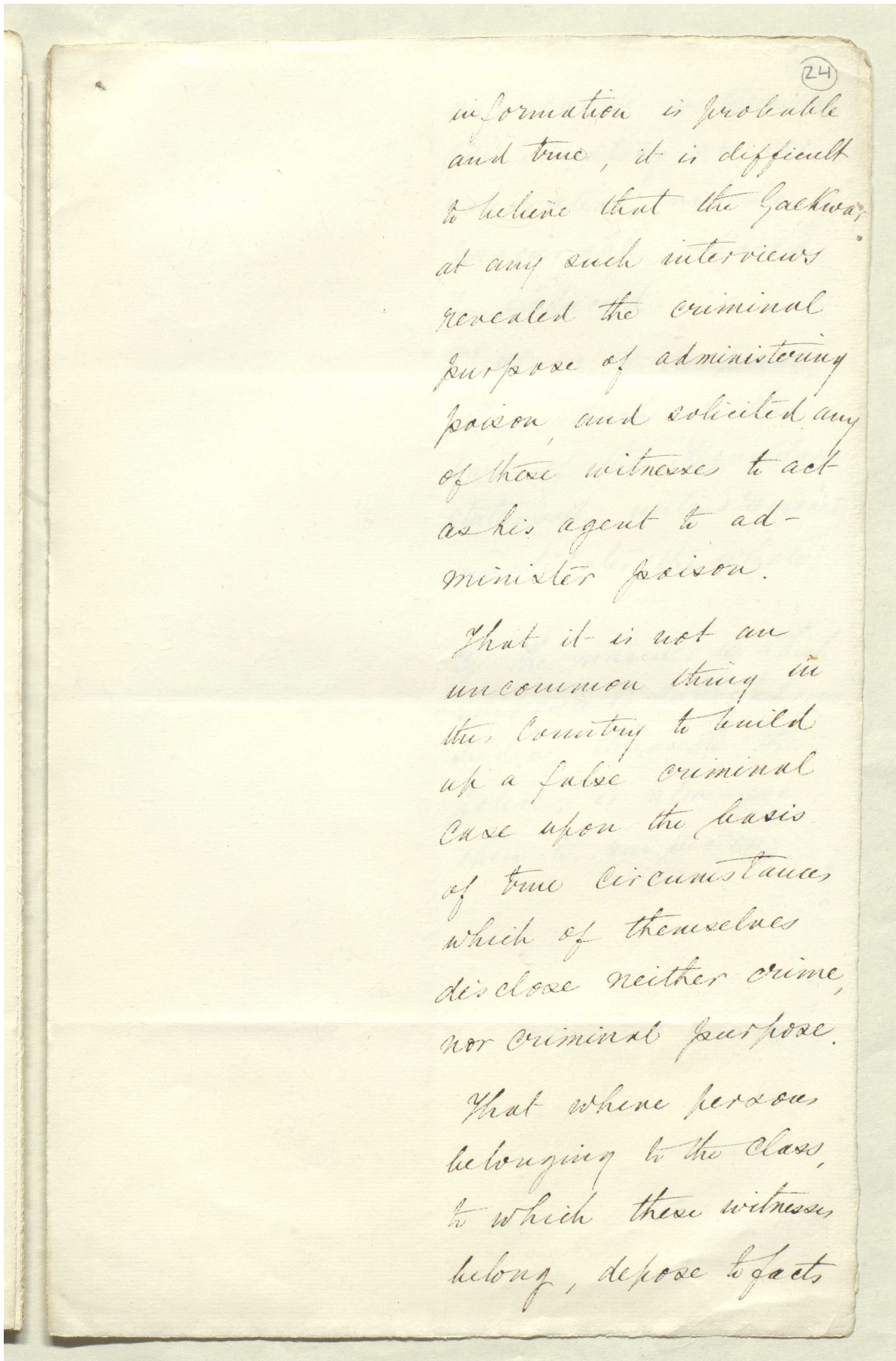
Again, the fact that the letters between her, and her husband, were found together, in the one bundle, requires Explanation.

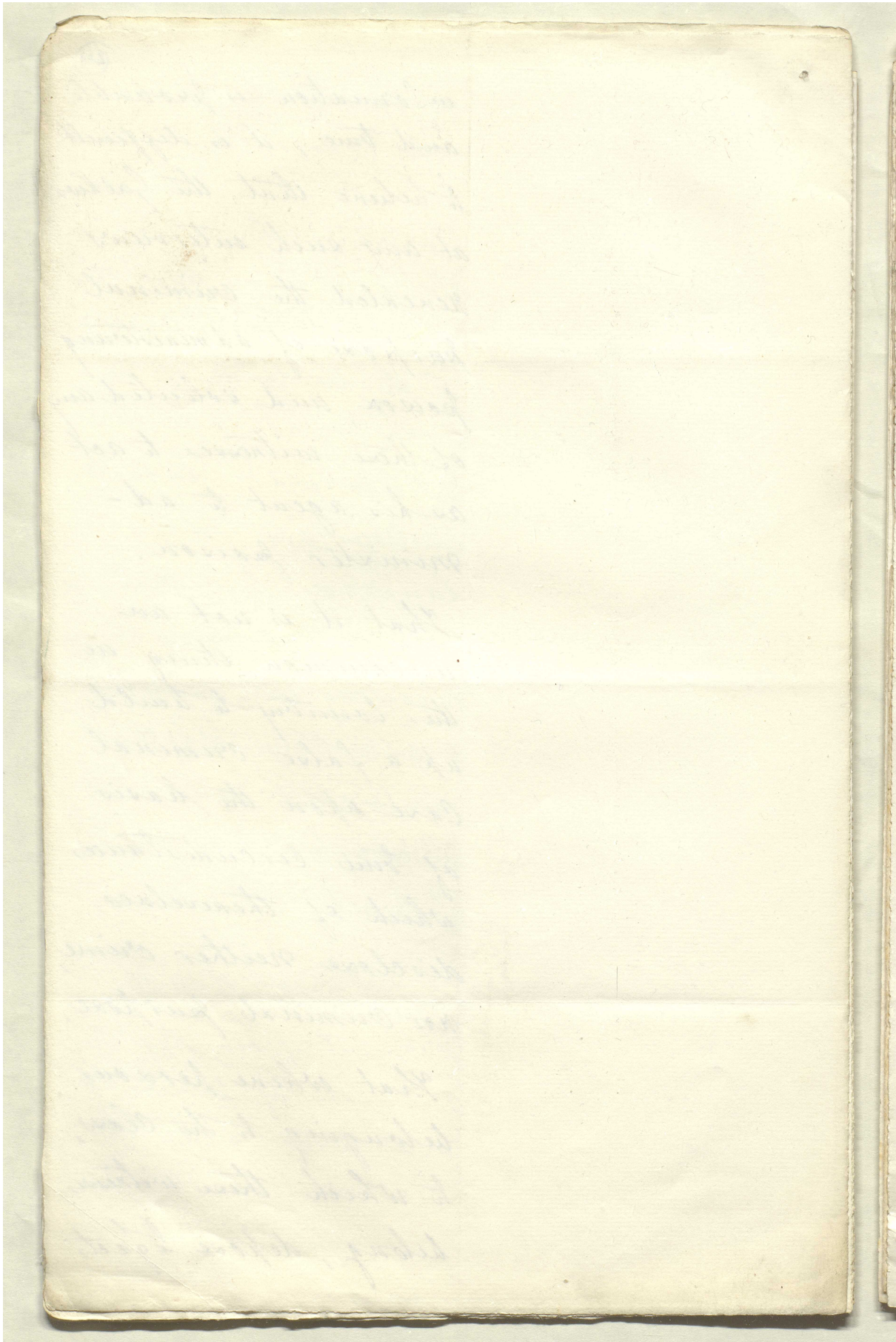
2. The Evidence of the Havildar, as that of an accomplice, being open to doubt and suspicion, is rendered more untrustworthy by the account given by him of the Complicity of Pedro in regard to poisoning denied by the latter, and by the statement made by him of the free and unreserved manner in which the Gaekwar passed on a packet

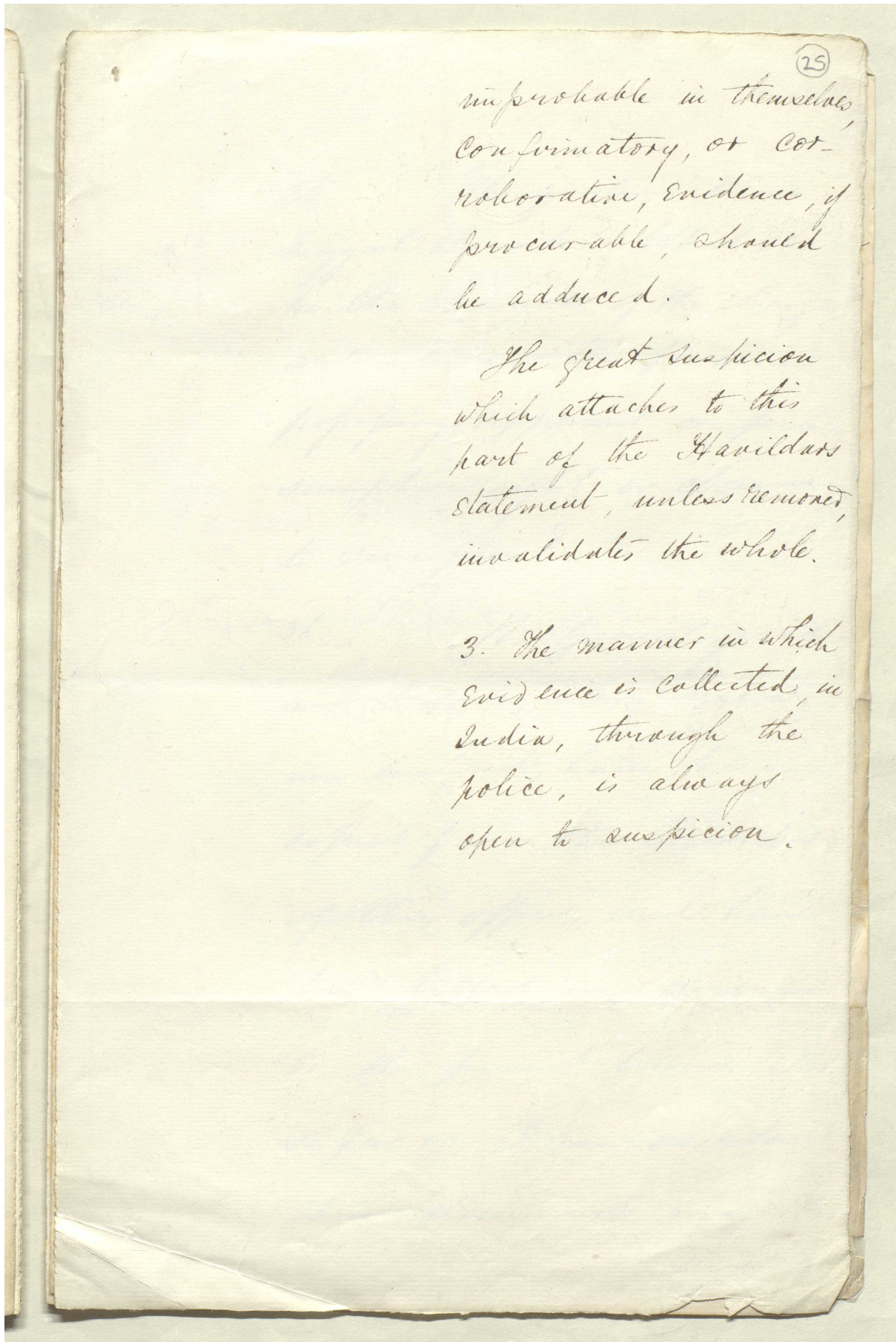


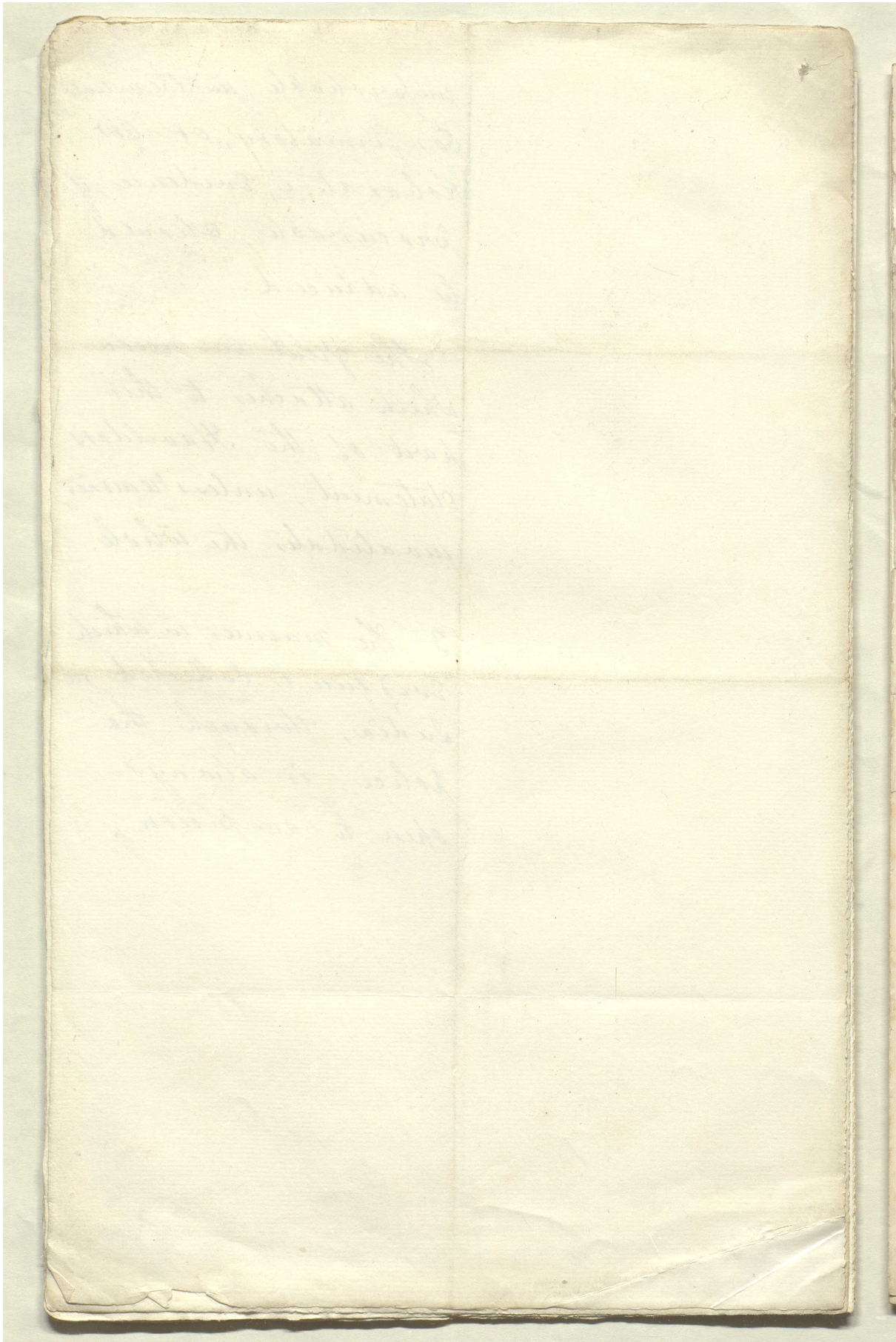












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35. The questions thus suggest themselves: What shall be the character of the charge? and who are the persons proposing apparent or presumptive right or claim to succession?

36. The Genealogical and Supplementary Trees now enclosed, have been copied from the Records of this office, and have been filled in down to the present time. In so far as I can ascertain, these documents may be accepted

accepted as correct.

37. Mr. Atchison,  
in his Book of Treaties (Section  
Gaekwar - Preliminary Observations),  
expressly states that "Khundi  
" Rao and his brother Mulhar  
" Rao are the only legitimate  
" lineal descendants of Peelajee  
" Gaekwar." And Peelajee  
was the founder of the  
Gaekwar dynasty as Rulers  
of the Baroda State.

38. Of these two lineal  
descendants Khundi Rao  
(the late Gaekwar) is  
deceased leaving no

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no son whether lineal or adopted.

39 There remains His present Highness Mulhar Rao, who lawfully married

1<sup>st</sup> Bhagabai, by whom he had a daughter Kamebai, who is still living, & has a son by her husband Jata Sahib, of the Sirkar Family.

2<sup>d</sup> Mahalsabai by whom His Highness had a daughter, now deceased

3<sup>d</sup> His Highness has recently intimated to the Viceroy that he had <sup>been</sup> married a third time viz to Surmee, and that she had borne him a son.

4.0 As regards the grandson of His Highness, that child being the issue of ~~of~~ His Highness's daughter has no lineal claim to succession because, according to Hindu Law, a girl by marrying, becomes incorporated with the family of her husband, & loses her relationships to her natal family. Hence the grandson's succession or heirship would lie in the family of his father & not in that of his mother.

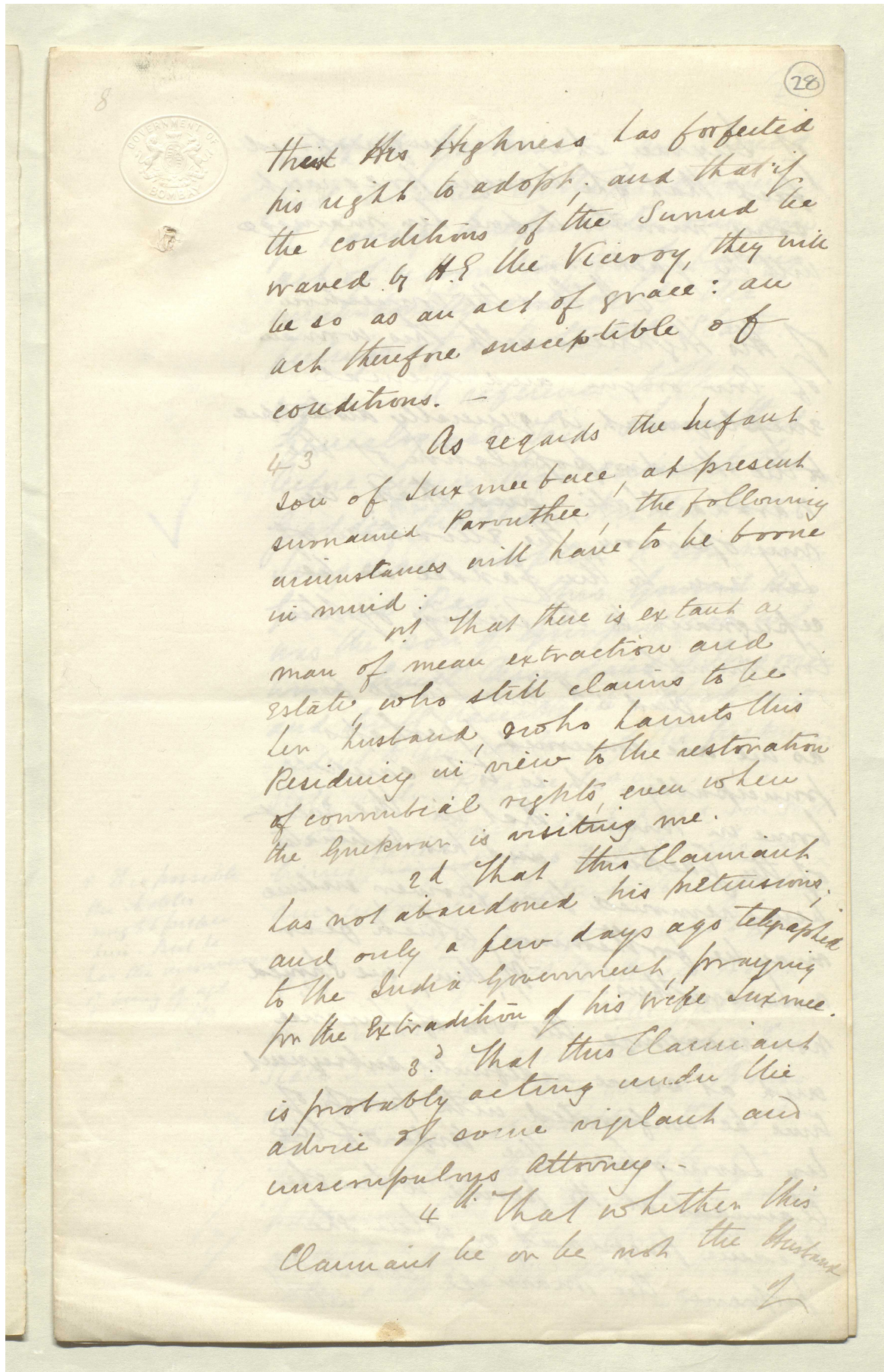
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It seems to be open

open to argument whether as  
a general rule, a Guekwan could  
adopt his own grandson. I do not  
recollect any instance in which  
an adoption of this nature has  
been recognized by us. But sup-  
-posing such adoption to be  
admissible by law, the case  
of the present Guekwan would  
remain an exceptional one. Because

the right to adopt a  
Successor rests on the Sunud  
granted by the late Earl Canning  
under date 11<sup>th</sup> March 1862. And  
that Sunud expressly declares that  
the engagement is not to be disturbed  
"so long as your House is loyal  
to the crown, faithful to the conditions  
of the Treaty, and which record  
its obligations to the British Go-  
-vernment."

42 Now these conditions  
of loyalty, & faithfulness to  
obligation have been flagrantly  
infracted by His Highness's attempt  
for an attempt to poison a British  
Representative accredited to His  
Highness's Court. Hence it follows  
that



of Luxmee, it is an unquestioned fact that she became pregnant some months before her marriage with the Gaekwar.

4<sup>th</sup> That the connection of His Highness with this woman of low origin and menial employment is generally distasteful to the Hindu population of the Baroda State; and that, in my opinion, the elevation of her son to the Gadder wd be repugnant to the feelings of the Community.

and 5<sup>th</sup> And in so far as we are concerned / perhaps principally - it is to be carefully borne in mind that in the event of the Gaekwar and his intimates being removed from power, evidence may be forthcoming, which bear now smothered. - If then, we should now recognise the son of Luxmee, and at some indefinite subsequent time be confronted with proof of her having been the wife of the Claimant at the period when she became pregnant, or when she performed the marriage ceremony with

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with the Gackwar - we should find ourselves in the predicament of having to repudiate our own act of recognition & of having unintentionally outraged the feelings of a Protected State. -

44 A reference to the Genealogical Tree shows that before Syave Rao came to the Gadder, his elder brother Fattich Sing had adopted a son named Gornid Rao. This Gornid Rao was the son of Gumpud Rao who was a direct descendant of Singjee and directly traceable to a stock antecedent to the creation of the Gackwar State under Peltaree Rao.

45 Gornid Rao has a son still living called Rao Sahib, who, as we are informed, pretends to the Gadder.

But a reference to Pages 233 - 234 of Col Wallaces Book on our Relations with the Gackwar State shows that in the adoption of Gornid Rao there was a "Proviso" that he "was not entitled through his adoption to any rights or pretensions to the Succession." I annex an extract from the above pages, and also a copy of the Memo. therein referred to

\* It is possible the Nobles might prefer him. but he has the inconvenience of being of age 14

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47 It is evident, that, Gounda  
Ras had no claim to succession whether  
by lineal descent, or by reason of  
adoption. Therefore Gounda was son  
Ras Sahib can have no claim.

48 It will be for His Ex  
cellency the Viceroy in Council to  
resolve on all the foregoing questions  
and statements. But whatever may  
be the ultimate decision in respect  
to the future destinies of the Baroda  
State, or its Ruler - I would respectfully  
counsel His Excellency to avail him-  
self of the present conjuncture, for  
bringing under his deliberate  
consideration the following matters:

1st That of the practicability  
or otherwise of so readjusting the  
boundaries of the Peshwa's Territories,  
as that they should cease to be in-  
=vitably interlaced with our  
own. This of course, would be fairly  
done only after obtaining the consent  
of the Inhabitants of the Districts  
concerned. - I enclose a map  
with which His Highness has favored  
me showing the Baroda Province  
shaded like Islands among our  
own Dominions. And it is indistinct

8/ Please return  
Up

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indicative of our imperfect acquaintance  
with the topography of this State  
that I was unable to ~~send~~ <sup>forward</sup> a Map  
or even a Sketch of its possessions  
whether from this office, or from that  
of the Surveyor General - or from  
either the Govt. of Bombay or of India.  
They the favor of your returning the  
Map at your early convenience,  
as it is essential to come in my  
present work.

i? That of the necessity  
of our accepting the direct Govern-  
ment of the Baroda State, at all  
events for a limited period, in order  
that the administration may be  
thoroughly analysed and reconstituted,  
its finances be placed on a sound  
and economical basis; its Land  
be subjected to a Revenue Survey  
and Settlement; its Tenures of alienation  
whether Inam, Grass, Wanta, Rajpoots  
Muhlatiy or other, be carefully surveyed  
into and equitably determined and  
recorded. its liabilities in regard  
to Cash Allowance the same; its relation  
to the British Govt. be reconsidered;  
the drain on the Finances consequent  
on the maintenance of a feud and  
a despotic Govt. be checked. The

The services of useless or worn  
out employes be dispensed with  
on fair terms. The public works &  
roads be set in order. The exorbitant  
outlays on Charities & Religious Idles  
be reduced - and the State as a  
whole be made healthy & prosperous.

3<sup>d</sup>. That when hereafter  
a Prince may again be installed  
his Powers shall in the first instance  
be limited; & be extended only in  
proportion as he shall evince op-  
-titude and willingness for healthy  
good rule.

4<sup>th</sup>. That the Budget  
of Income & Outlay, & the accounts  
of the State shall, until otherwise  
arranged, be subject to the in-  
-spection, and criticism of the  
British Government through its  
Representative.

5 That it shall be  
expressly stipulated that on  
occasions of a Prince's  
being invited to a Durbar or  
other grand public Ceremony  
the Viceroy of India, His Highness  
shall be bound punctually to

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to attend, unless for valid  
and satisfactory reasons excusing  
his absence. — Whether that the  
Guekwan shall accept such seat  
at the Durbar, or other place, as  
the Viceroy in his Imperial  
justice may be pleased to assign.

It that the Guekwan  
shall be entitled to a salute  
of 19 guns. —

49. — In concluding this letter  
which contains so much that is  
painful to an English Gentleman  
to recount — it is agreeable to add  
that, in so far as my personal  
relations with the Guekwan have  
gone, I have not a complaint to  
urge against His Highness. I am  
highly convinced, and the Ministers  
and all Parties assure me that he  
is sincerely anxious to obtain and  
act on my advice. — In no instance  
have I found his Highness, obstructing  
business, or otherwise than ready and  
even eager to accelerate it.

50 As to the Territories  
of Baroda, I am confident that,

that a few years of proper  
administration would relieve  
its finances, restore its general  
prosperity. There is no permanent  
cause or reason why the Gujars  
possessions should not constitute  
more than an average thriving  
Native State; and this principally  
owing to an extraordinarily rich  
soil and to the possibility of  
readily increasing the Land  
Revenue by bringing under the  
plough large tracts which through  
excessive assessment and general  
mismanagement are now lying  
waste.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most obedient servant,

Lewis Pelly Colonel  
A. J. and S. J. Pelly  
Baroda -

P.S. I have deemed expedient  
to give the present Report and

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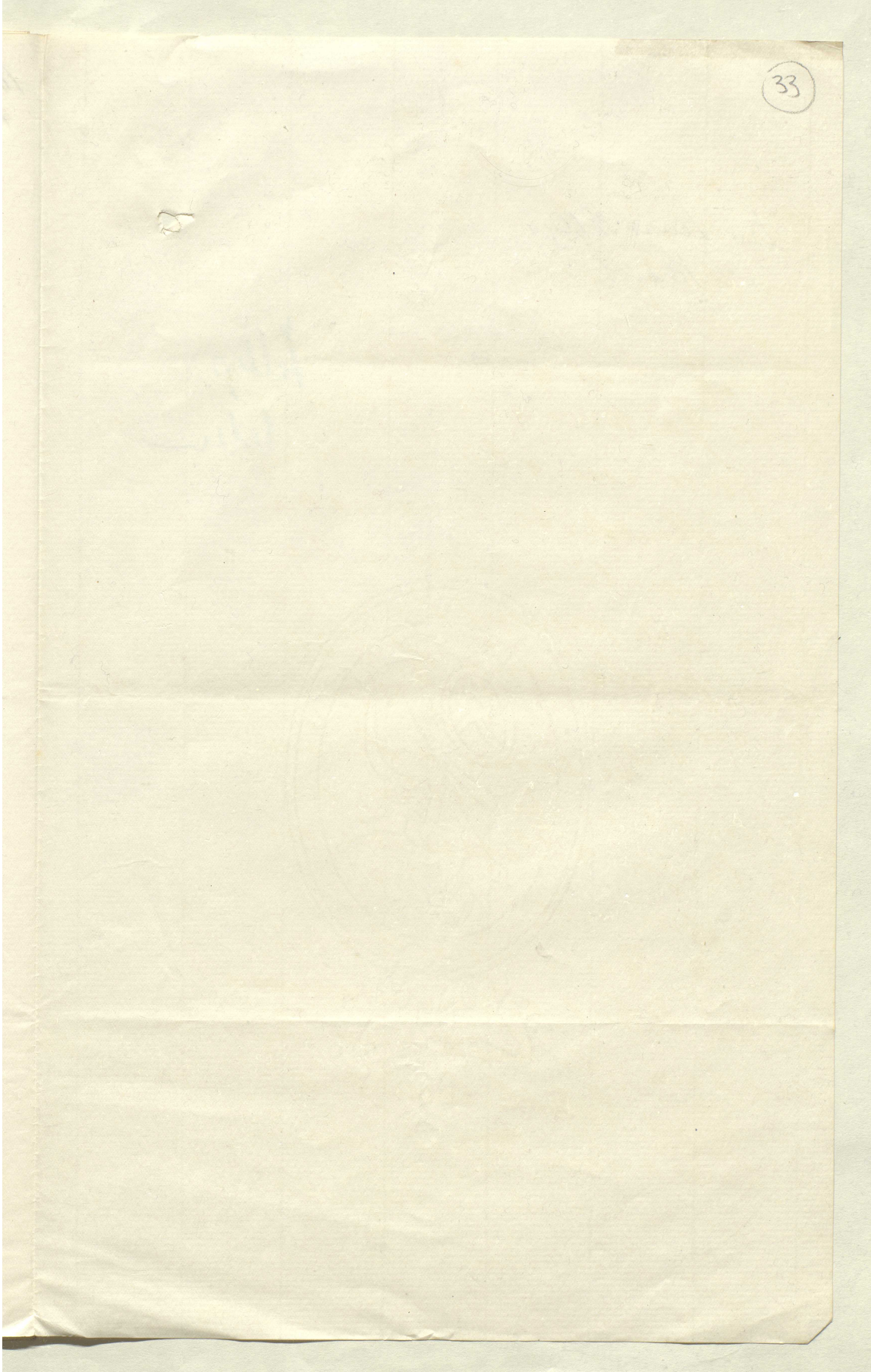
and its accompaniments in  
charge of the Commissioner  
of Police himself - with instructions  
to convey them direct to Calcutta  
and deliver them to you in person.  
I got with this from Mr. Souter  
on the spot answers to any  
further questions or enquiries  
which they may wish to  
make. I have intimated to  
the Government of Bombay the  
despatch of Mr. Souter, and  
have expressed my trust that  
his being absent from his  
duties in Bombay for a few  
days longer may not prove  
inconvenient to his Excellency  
the Governor of Bombay in  
Council. —

I learn from the  
Chief Commanding at  
Baroda that he could not

not safely spare more  
than two hundred men  
for duty beyond Camp  
limits. I would advise  
therefore that in the event  
of the Garkwan being deposed  
the force here <sup>shd</sup> be promptly  
strengthened so as to enable  
me to maintain peace in the  
Town and prevent damage  
to or pilfering of State  
property. -

The sooner a decision  
is arrived at the better as  
all Parties & Classes here are  
on the qui vive.

Forward me with a copy  
of this Report at your convenience -  
as I dare not trust any of  
my Office Establishments to  
prepare a fair copy; and I  
have no time to copy it myself  
before the Train leaves tomorrow  
morning. Lewis Pelly. -



not safety of the...  
Sir Lewis Pelly  
Report on Baroda  
Council, would advise  
them that in the case  
of the Gujarati being...  
the force here & be...  
strengthened so as...  
no...  
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property.  
The source of...  
is covered at the...  
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my office...  
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Notes on the  
Baroda business

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Repl of the Govt of  
India conveying instructions  
to the Govt of Bombay after  
receipt of the Commission  
report. -

Para 3. special measures  
not needed for the protection of  
the interests of British subjects.

3. 0. census an account  
of <sup>general</sup> misgovernment at Baroda  
advt. of the measures of the  
Commission as to necessitate  
decided intervention on the part  
of the British Government with  
a view to bring about a  
thorough reform of the Ad-  
-ministration.

a consolidation  
a Reforms.

Para 4. Mr. Jackson's suggestions  
of tenure & unpropable - Mr  
J's to purchase

5. The removal of Bombay  
unusual form of the of certain  
officials of the Baroda State  
and efforts of a Minister not  
liable to removal without  
the special order of the  
British Govt.

Note There may sphere  
of them and action is  
limited, & this process of  
elimination. There was  
to consider or choose between  
a number of courses - but  
have sought to accept &  
carry into effect that course  
which after on advice  
consideration the Viceroy has  
decided to follow.

6. The Viceroy prefers  
holds the Jackson himself  
responsible for the part  
of the State, under a warning  
that if 31 Dec 75 he does not  
reform the Administration he  
will be deposed from power.

7 Jackson to have a fair trial - we are to assist him to the utmost in his efforts - If he ask for the aid of British Officers European or Native to assist him in the work prepare endeavours to be made to grant of pieces more approved conditions as to powers and employment - Resident to give advice & help in administration to the best of his ability when sought.

8 Jackson to be called on to report through and carrying reform of his part in those matters in which Commission has shown its requires reform. Do not stop give the British fullest support in reforms but not paralyse action of Native part & organization or carrying reforms out however Honor & dignity of MP to be studied in conveying advice.

9 Resident authorized to advise Jackson to adopt following measures:

- 1<sup>st</sup> In consultation with Resident to have general rules for the police so that in reduction of number of Military classes compensation be given in provision made for old and hereditary Military servants who in otherwise be left destitute.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To settle the Ghasdara claims

He has asked - request not cordially received  
S. W. H. J. P. - ...  
Jackson has obtained the services of four Native officials from us  
vide No 5812 of 8th Feb from post Bombay  
No 12 C P 70 bet from post of ...  
No 38 P 30 bet from ...  
Wanted post defunct

Yad 1460 of 17 August  
Status information has to be collected & the matter to be fully thought over with communicate further.

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Proclamation issued  
5 June 1894 and letter  
from the Hon'ble Secy No  
6160 of 23 Oct 1894  
Mad No 1787 of 29 Sept  
states this advice will receive  
attention No 1727 of 2 Oct 1894  
advice came out  
In his Mad to Govt dated  
17 August the Governor  
states that a complete Revenue  
code is being prepared which  
will come into force on 1st  
Jan 1895. In same date in Mad  
the Governor gives assurance  
of following Revenue advice on  
settlement making 4 states  
Note - attached state Governor's plan  
released General survey the  
revenue Judicial Dept  
and Administration -  
repeal Salt Management  
& Police. - More satisfied  
introduce some code  
of Criminal & Civil Procedure.  
Introduce a Land Survey  
and Settlements.  
Arrange the Wulluh  
and Inams difficulty -  
x Mad No 1485 of 5  
promises adoption of measures  
to put a stop to further  
Mad No 1485 of 6 states  
better regulations for better civil  
criminal & revenue matters  
under preparation -  
Mad No 1518 of 9  
denies existence of possible  
abduction & promises punishment  
of any of concerned therein

data claims for a period  
of years. 3 To forbid the levy  
of muzzarava on apprentices.  
Issue proclamation notifying  
same, furnishing copy to Govt.  
4 To take no action  
muzzarava where there is a  
fixed settlement.  
5 To prohibit the  
barbarous processes employed  
for realizing revenues, &  
introduce a moderate and  
equitable settlement. -  
6 To prevent the  
practice of torture on the part  
of the subordinate officials.  
7 To deal equitably  
with the Wulluh and Inams  
so as to remove all ground for  
anxiety and discontent among  
the holders of these.  
8 Punishments of  
officers to bear reasonable  
relation to crimes committed.  
9 To put a stop to  
arbitrary and spoliation  
Proceedings towards respectable  
Barkhans and Trading House  
holders.  
10 Stop & prevent abduction  
of women - Prohibit infliction  
of corporal punishment on  
women. and issue Proclamation  
absolutely interdicting under  
severe penalties the personal  
or treatment of females to be  
in Salt before Court or under  
examination of Police. Copy  
of Proclamation to be sent Govt.  
Para 10-13. Governor to be  
required to treat relatives and  
dependents of late Chief  
with due consideration; &  
to make suitable provision

for the immediate  
members of the late  
Garkun's family - friends  
who will be paid their  
allowances 'according to lists  
approved' first of Bombay  
the money to be recovered from  
the Mysore State.

Mad. 1560 of 4 Sept  
trust Government will not  
interfere with the Garkun's  
family affairs -

The Garkun is to  
be held to be a civil official  
and his reasonable provision  
is appointed more suitable  
persons.

Garkun has caused  
these officials to receive  
order letter from Bombay  
sent to 31 p of 17 Sept

11 - Resident to report progress  
of repairs not later than 31  
Nov 75, but immediately as  
often as it may be occasioned.

11 Mad No 1534 C 12  
promises that a Proclamation  
shall be issued prohibiting  
expulsion, imprisonment of women  
or other oppression on their behalf  
in person or in Court, or Police  
offices

12 - Question of frontiers  
will be dealt with separately.

The Viceroy's Letter  
to Garkun

Viceroy's Khurela  
to Garkun 25 July  
1874

That the British Govt  
has the right, both of the  
terms of Treaties and by  
constant usage, of advising  
the Garkun in public concerns  
affecting the good of the  
country and of requiring  
the settlement according  
to equity and reason  
of any measures shown  
to be improper or unjust.

Mad No 1668 of 23  
Sept sends copies of  
Proclamation against  
misgovernment in app. No

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That the British Govt has repeatedly intervened not only in regard to guarantees - but by investing the Resident with power of control over the finances, by assuming for a time the management of portions of the State, by the removal of evil advisers.

Intervention further increased on the British Govt because the Guikwar & his State protected and defended in part by a subsidizing force of British troops.

Still it is not the wish of Govt to interfere in the details of Baroda administration. The immediate responsibility for the government of the State rests and must continue to rest upon the Guikwar for the time being. He is responsible for exercising his Sovereign powers with proper regard to his duties and

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affairs of Baroda  
Lumina Vstare  
Kurkoma Whare  
State Persons  
already pretty well  
settled with Govt  
Govt - debate  
subject - lending  
to the Govt with  
Government has  
already made  
certain proposal  
regarding revenue  
relations - dependent  
Proposals given  
Govt - which  
cannot help -

and obligations alike to  
the British Government  
and to his subjects. -

If Guernon do not  
listen to present advice and  
reform administration,  
the only course <sup>left</sup> with me to  
remove him from the exercise  
of power, and to make  
other arrangements consistent  
with the maintenance of the  
integrity of the Baroda  
State. I have given I a few  
lines. If Guernon wants  
assistance of officers of  
British and French of Bombay  
is instructed to do all in  
his power to meet I wishes.

Resident to convey  
authoritative advice to G.

Resident reports  
31 Dec 75 progress made  
in improving administration  
I hope I will carry out  
reforms & thus obviate  
the severe but inevitable  
alternatives to which I  
be most reluctant to have  
recourse. -

The Durbar had to the  
Resident No 14 58 of  
19 August gives a  
series of assurances and  
at the close promises to  
commitment at short in-  
tervals for the carrying out  
the progress made towards  
reform in each of the matters  
set forth - I hope that the  
confidence reposed in him will  
not go for nothing, and that  
every advice of I will be  
really carried out as soon  
as possible



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Get one good man with a status equal to that of our collectors appointed to each of the Districts of the Gachwan pr.

- 1 for the Kattywar & Bkha <sup>Mahals</sup>
- \_\_\_\_\_ Puttur District.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Baroda District.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nowasaree &c

Lord Rowley recommended that pay of Asst. Commr. Baroda be temporarily raised to Rs 1500 per mensem, necessary to secure such an officer similar to that of India to that of Rowley No 2181 P. of 6 Oct. state that before passing order to change report of proceedings submitted the receipt of the Gachwan of the order of Govt of India on the Baroda Commissioner's report will be awaited.

Withdrawal of subsidiary force - why not see was Sub Force raised? Sub Force cannot be see past revenues paid yet are not to be used as Subsidiary?

Council of India Letter  
No. 2209 P of 19 Sept  
1873. authorizes the  
assembling of a Commission  
and gives instructions. —

Read to Mr Playfair  
Letter No 106 - 561 of <sup>26</sup> 74  
June —

What are my  
relations to the Hindus  
of the former State —  
what is the real state  
of those Hindus —  
what are the debts of the  
chief of the State —

Call for papers  
concerning the Police  
of Bundee & Ambegur  
in Kattywar, &c



on the Pleas  
His Administration  
report No 11  
399/29  
April 1873. -

The Introduction of the  
criminal Procedure  
Bill will require an  
efficient Police being  
available.

Note  
What are the present  
available forces in the  
Baroda Territories to take  
in general or Kathiawan,  
Police  
Contingent  
Subsidiary -  
other than the forces and  
what their Pay - Pension  
arrangement - duties -  
degree of efficiency - also  
present state and distribution

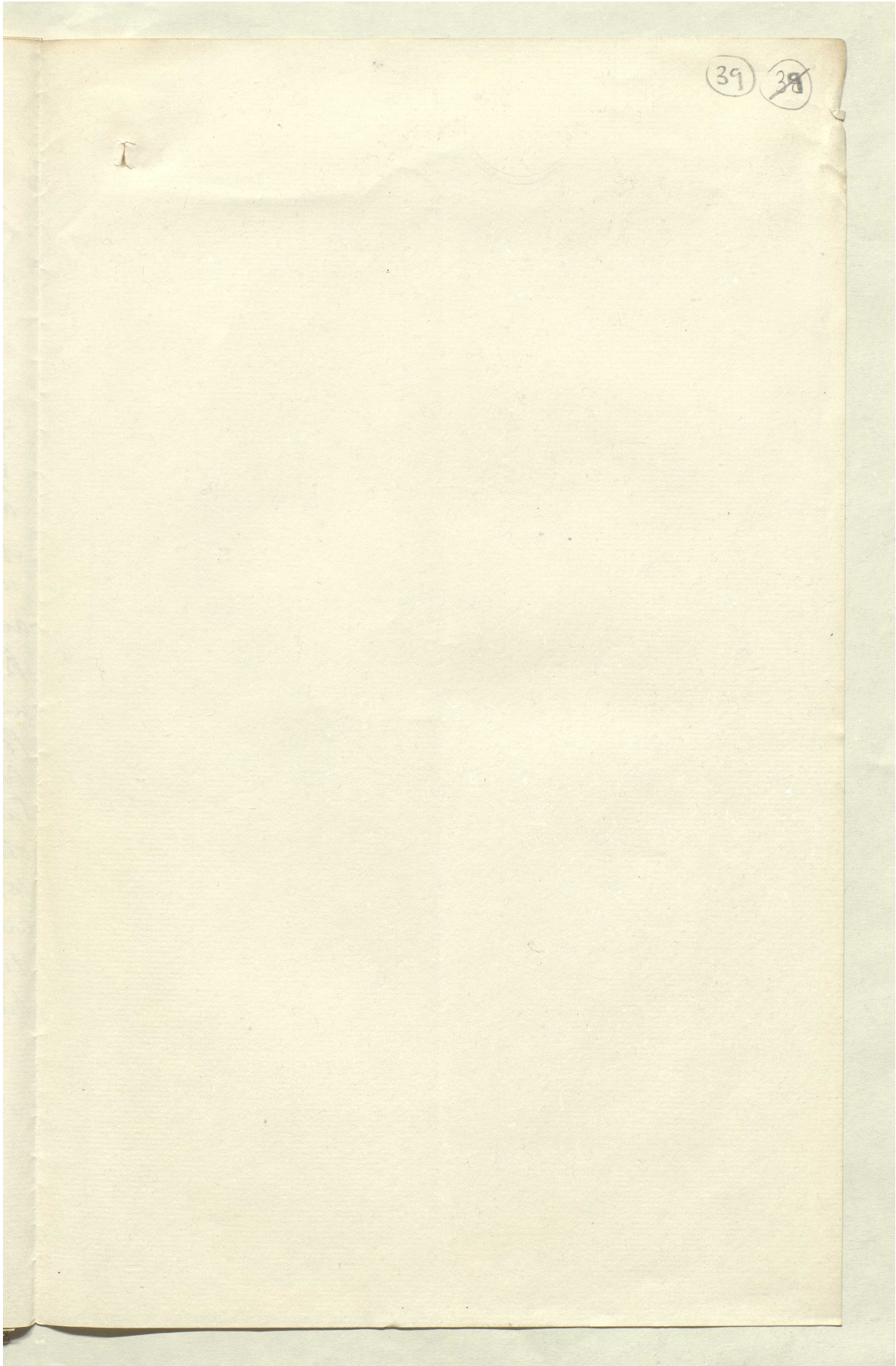
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look over Coll. Short's  
high estimate of the force  
and of the utility of the  
Baroda State

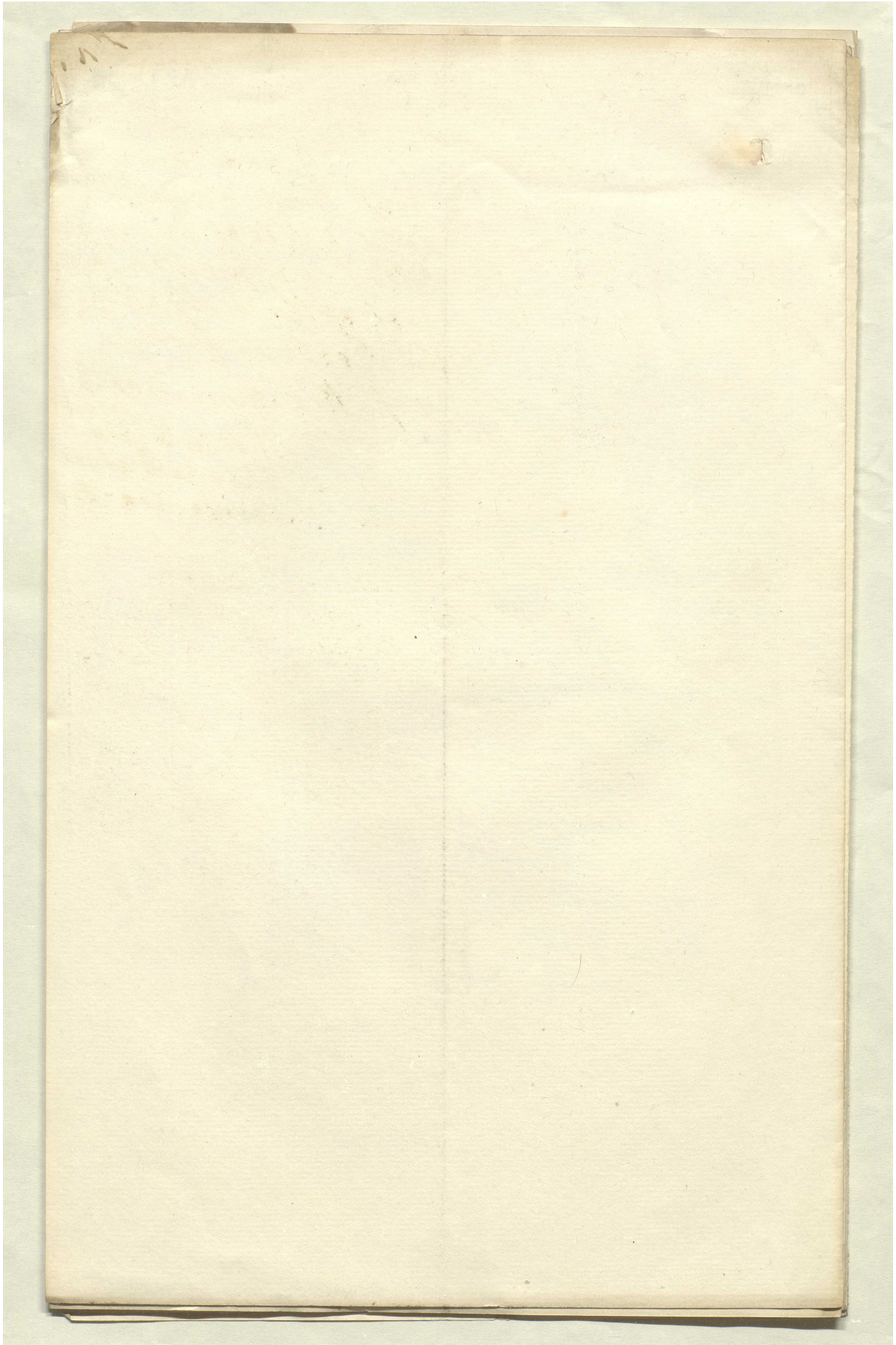
Introduction of Police  
Settlement - High District  
Courts of Justice introduced  
within the last few years.  
Enam and Jagher Commission  
established about 4 years  
ago - Police and Military  
forces have received  
attention -



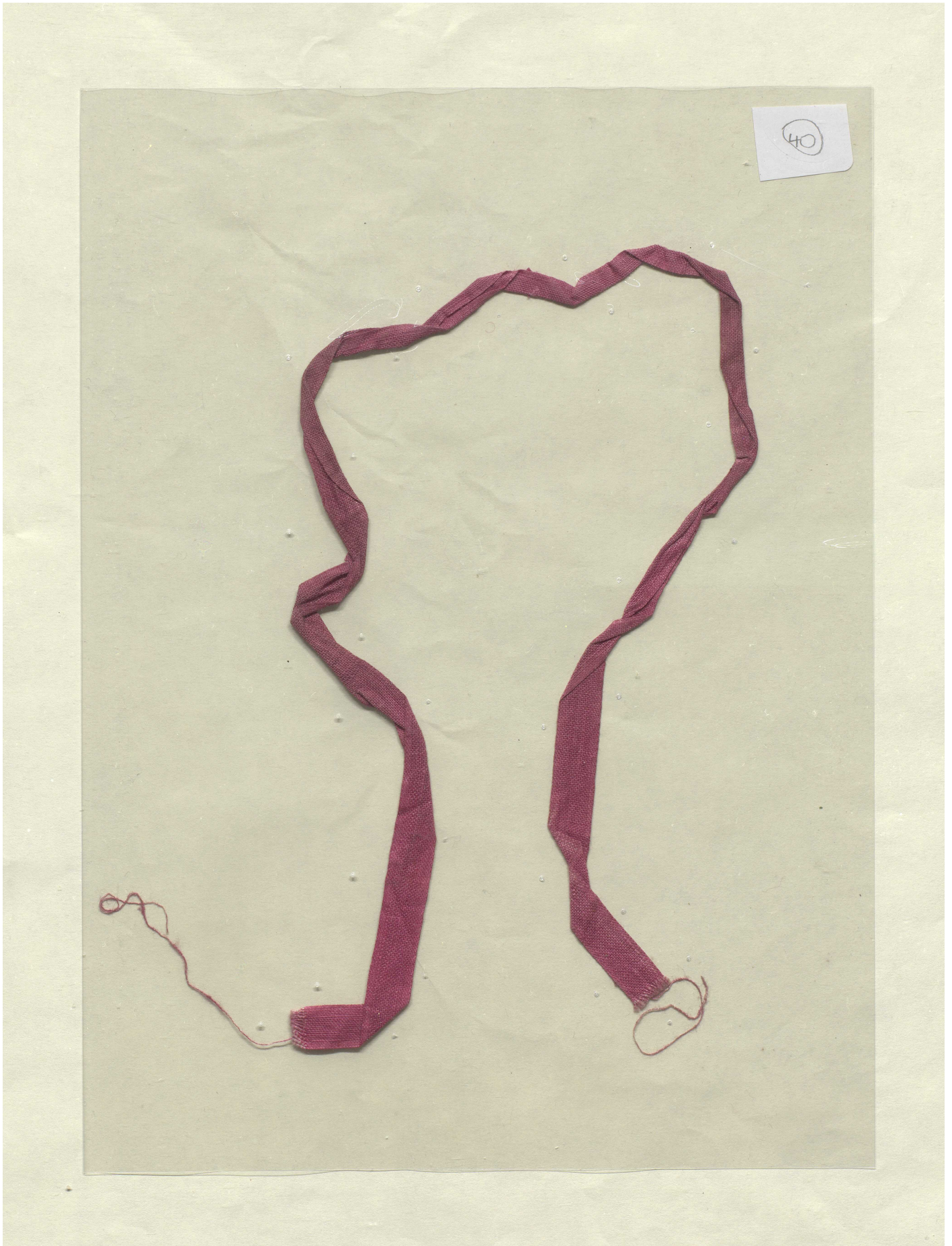
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